



The Mess We're (Still) In

🌈🧘 Unbounded Parallelism, True Names, & Keeping CALM 🌐✨

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A distributed system is one in which the failure of a computer you didn't even know existed can ***render your own computer unusable***

— Leslie Lamport

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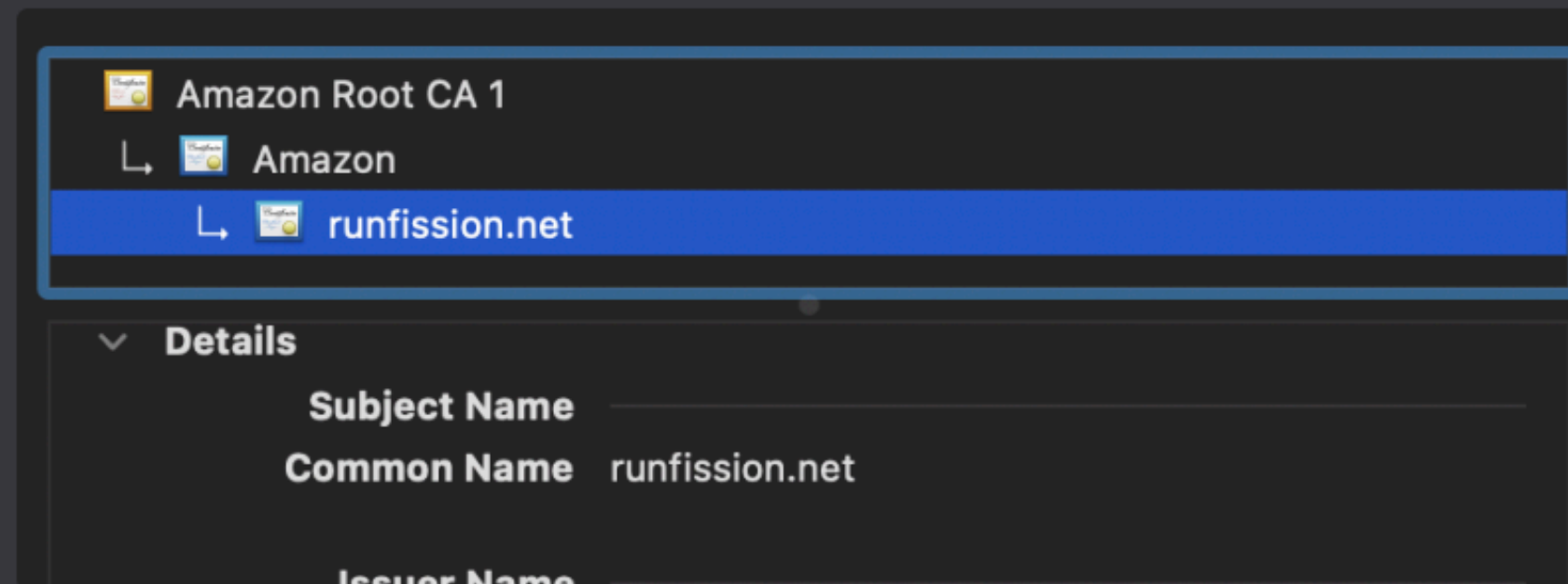
4:05 AM Brooklyn Hmm nope

Brooklyn 🙄

Brooklyn Where are you seeing that?

Brooklyn I have this:

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...who? 🤔



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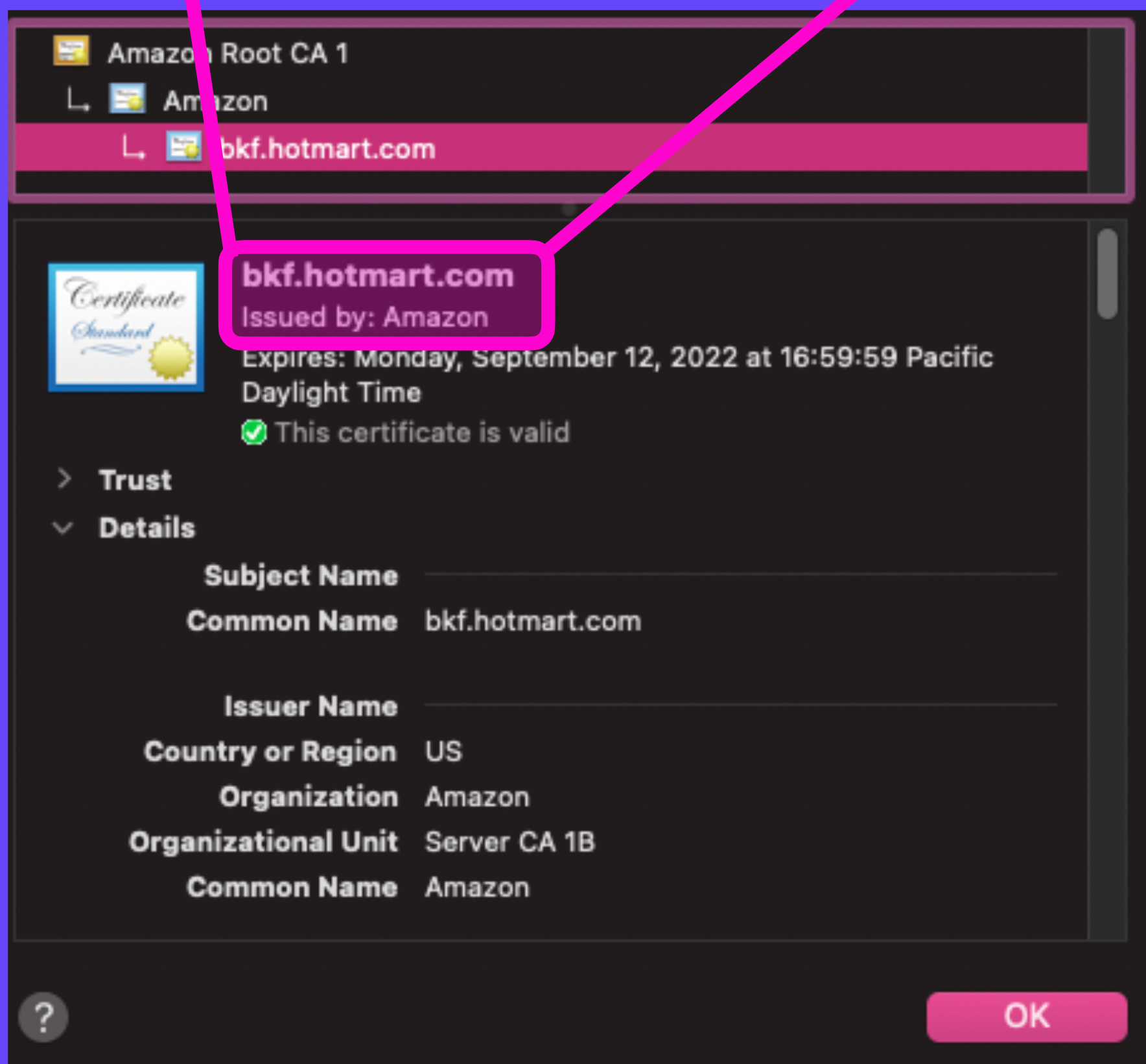
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
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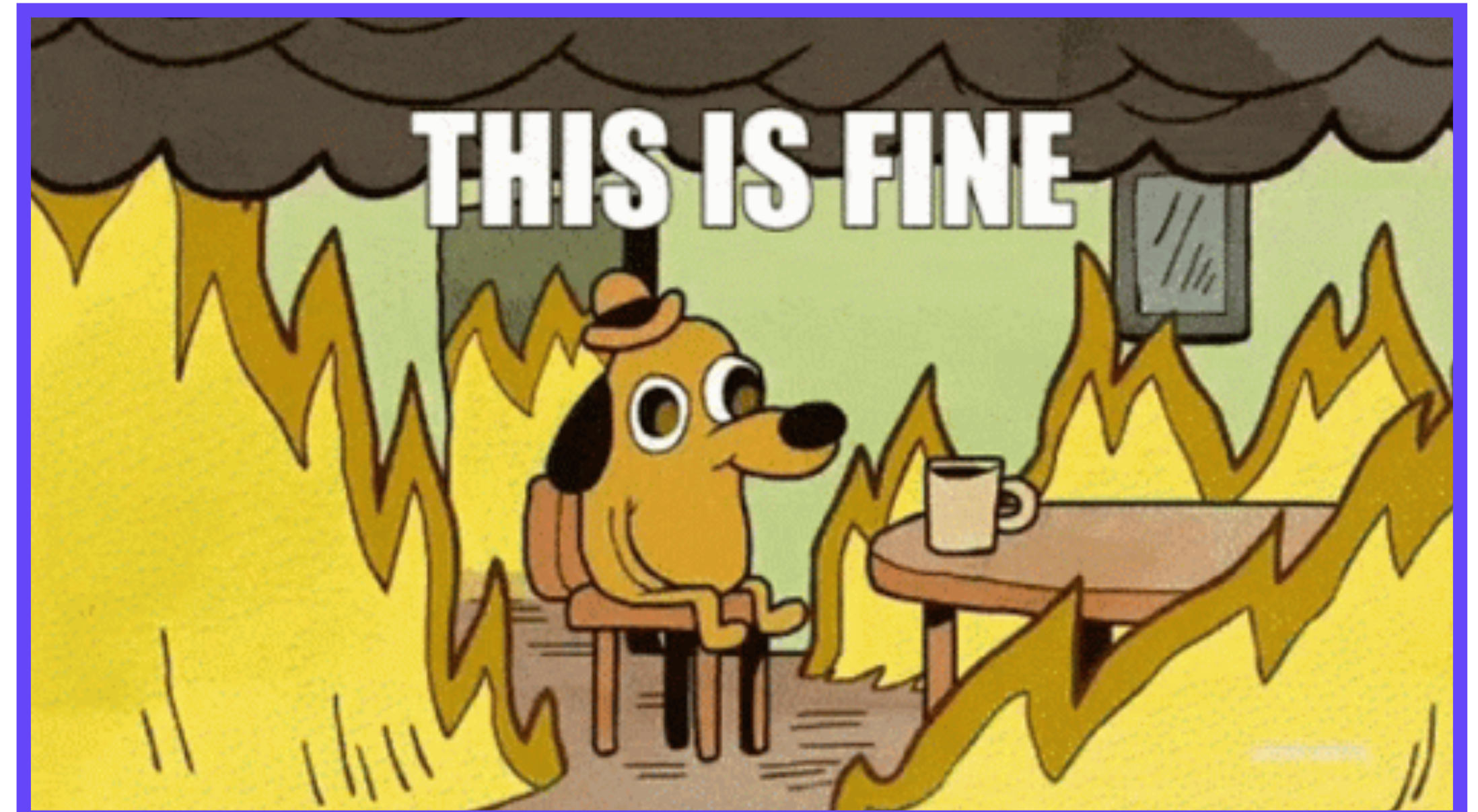
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Brooklyn Phew! Not hacked



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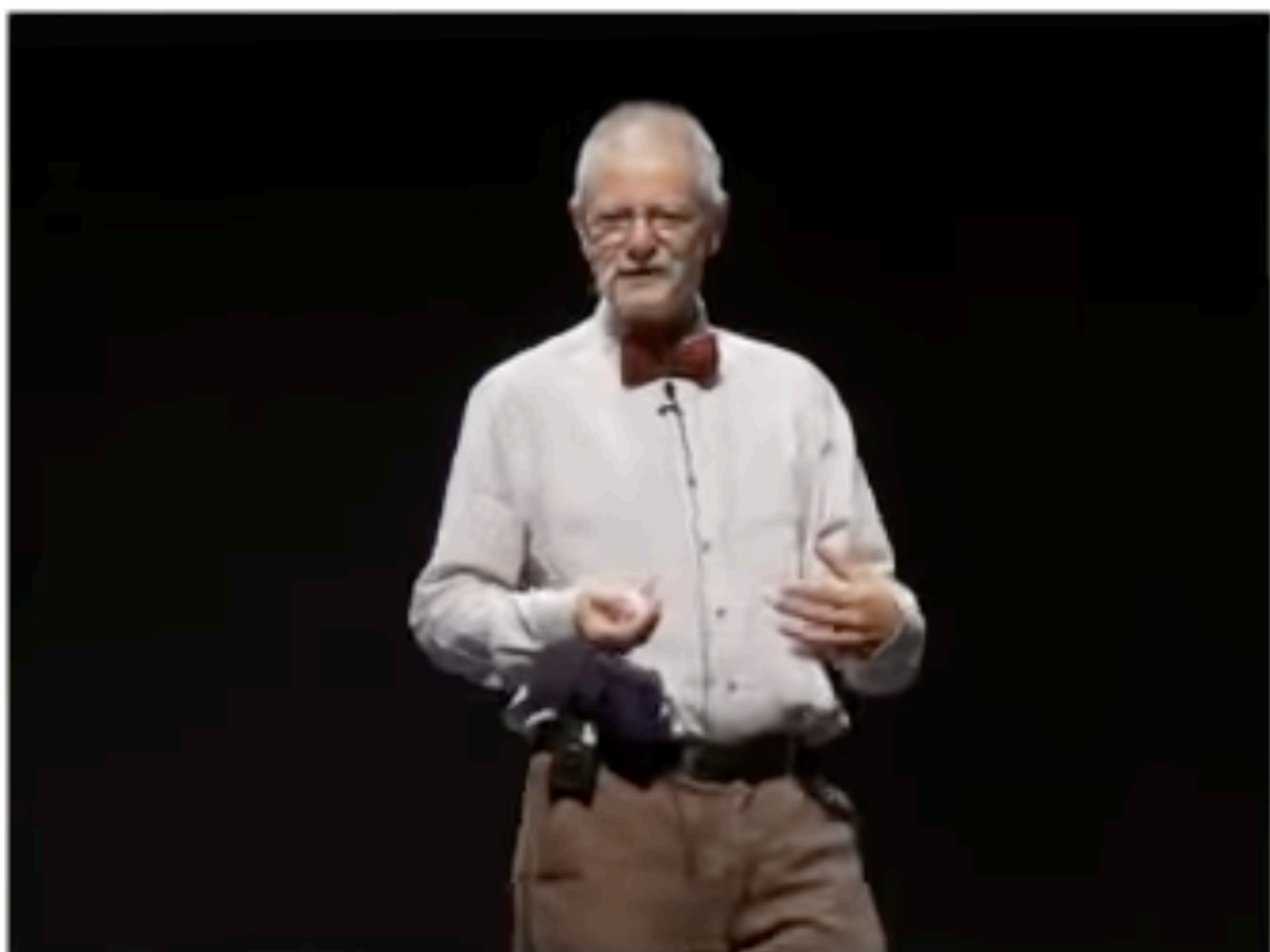
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SINCE IT
WAS DNS
(It's always DNS)

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3. Dependencies, Limited APIs, Inconsistency

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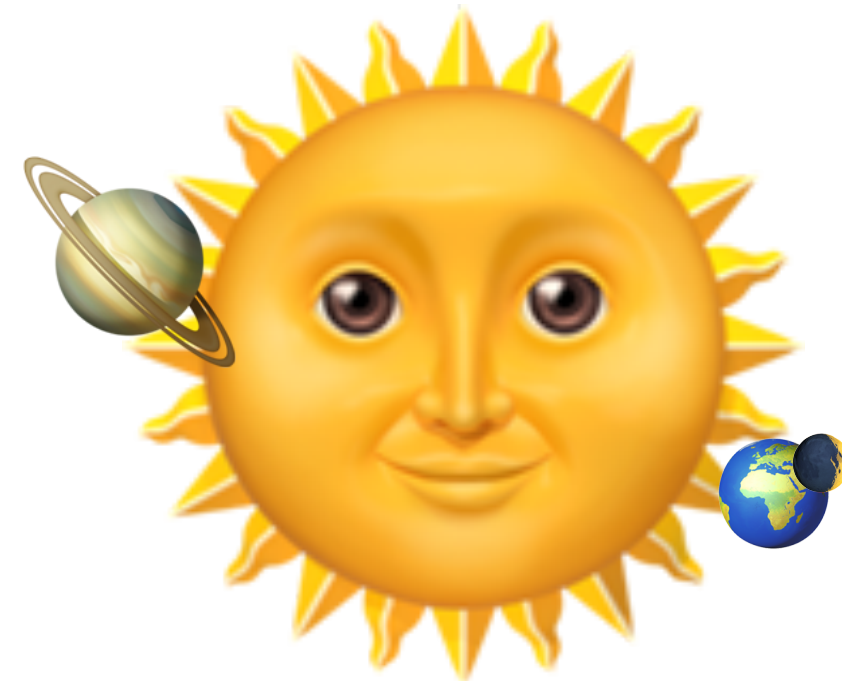
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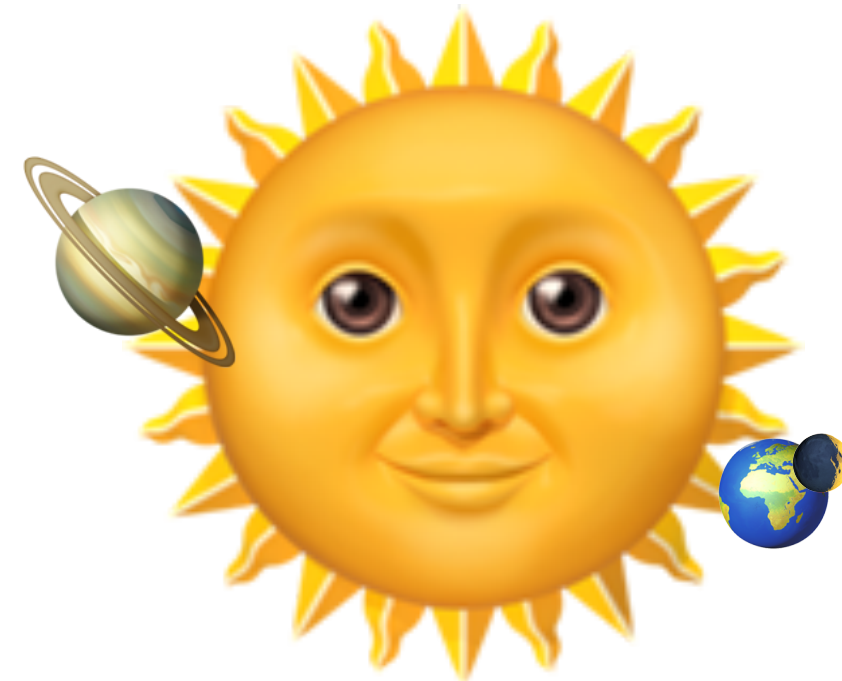
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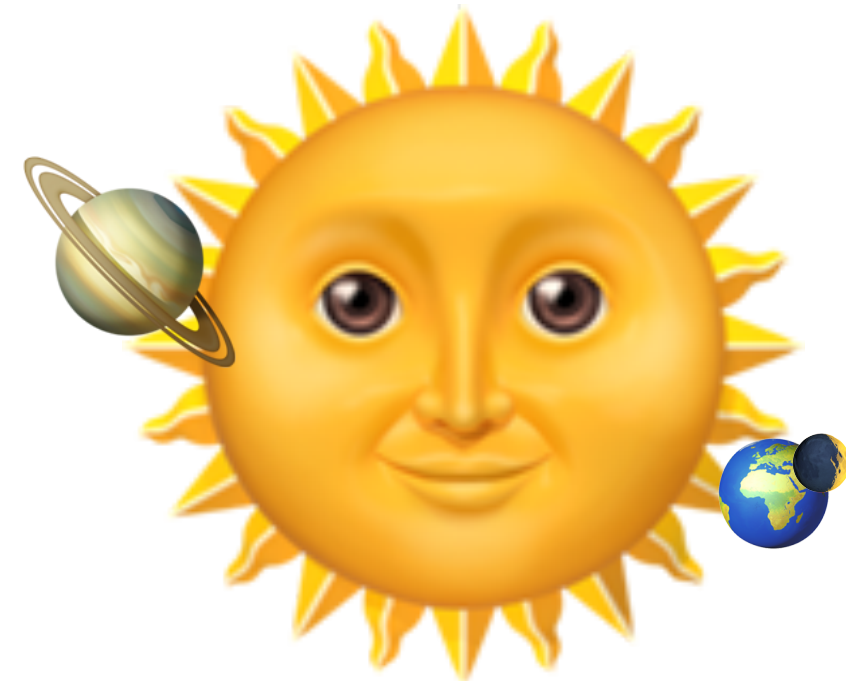
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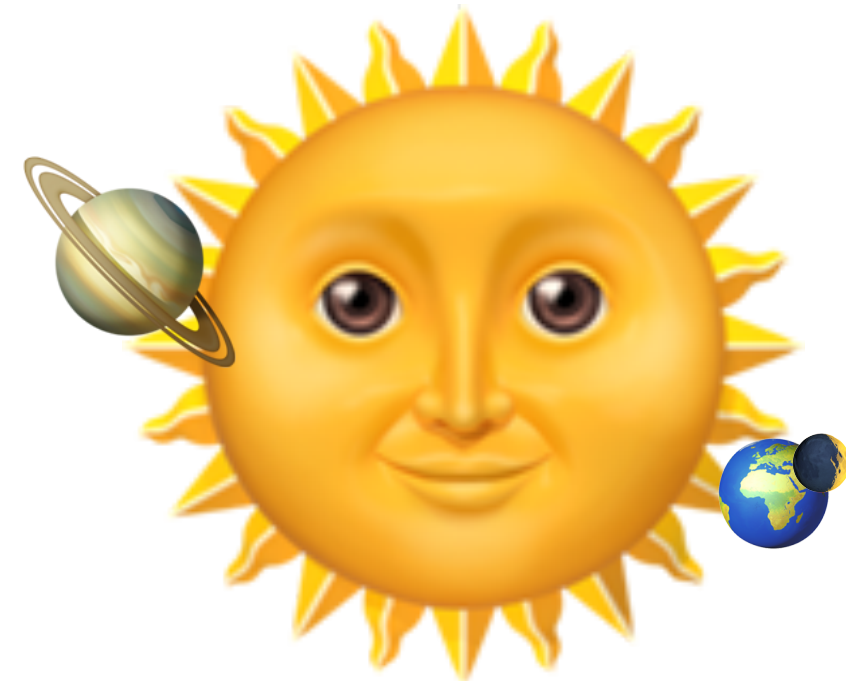
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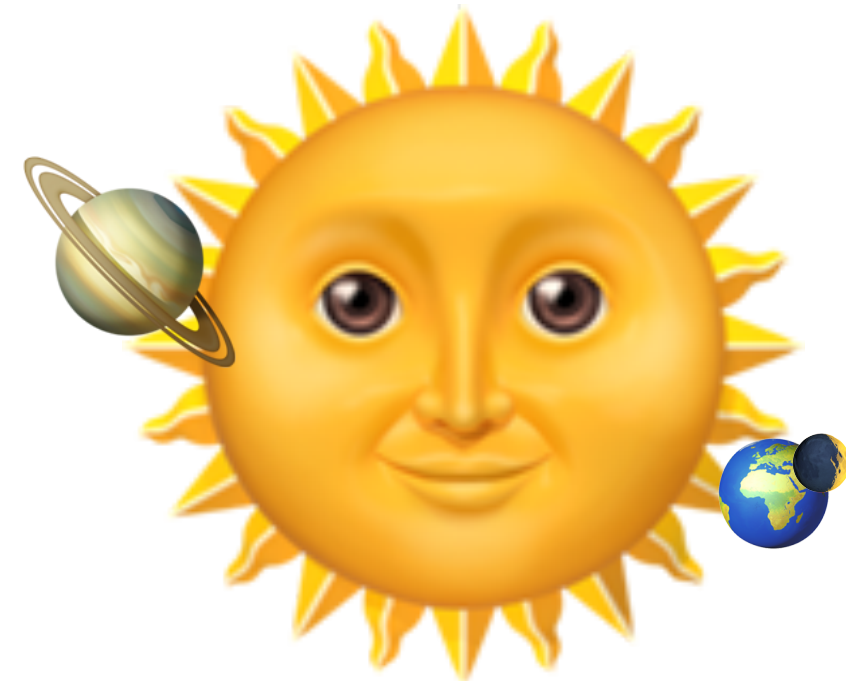
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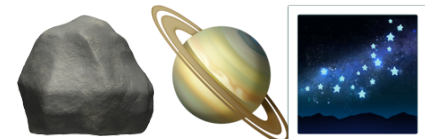
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More than
observable universe

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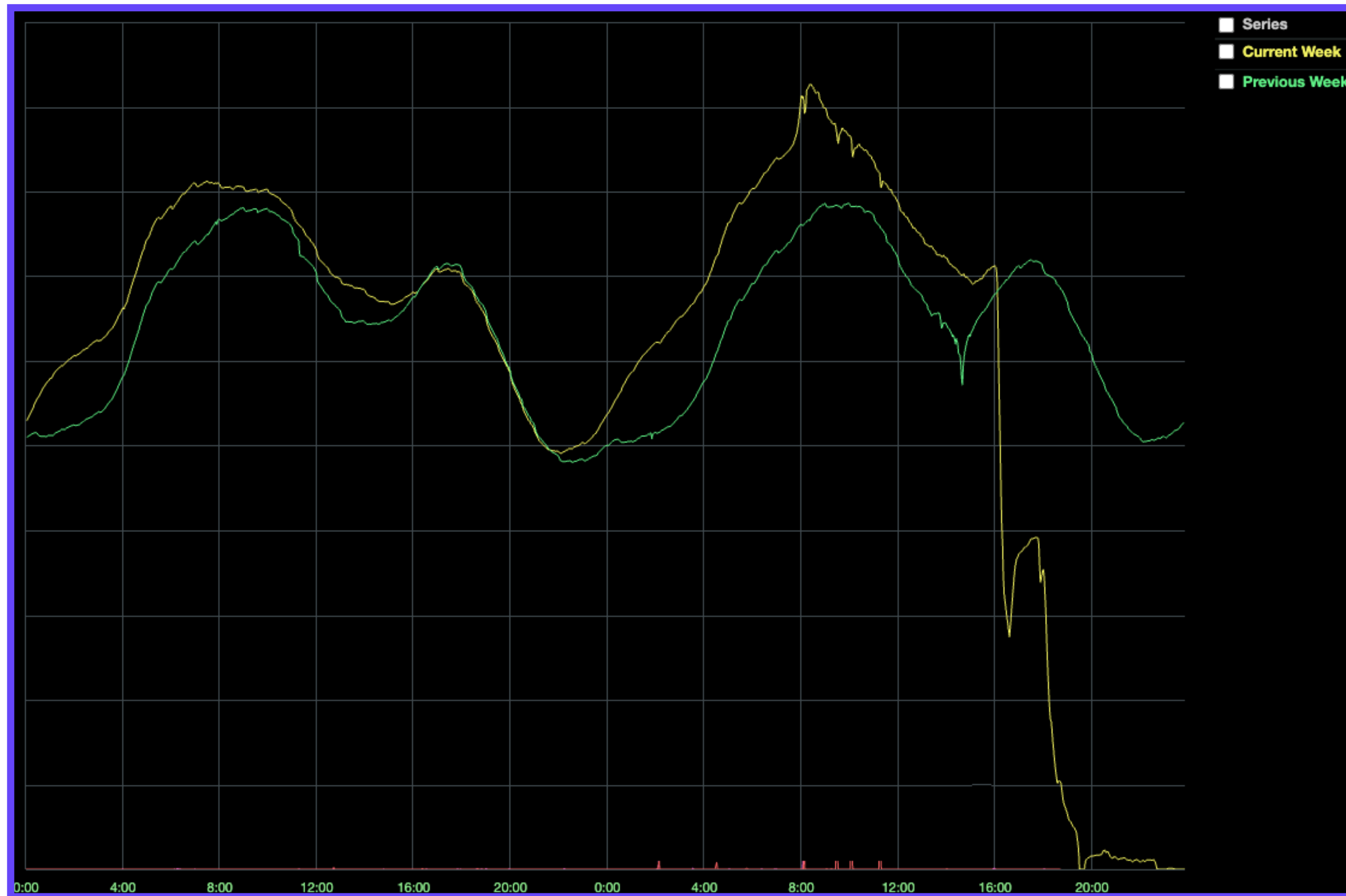
Roblox was down all weekend, and not because of Chipotle

Roblox had some major server issues

By **Tom Warren** and **Kim Lyons** | Updated Oct 31, 2021, 6:26pm EDT

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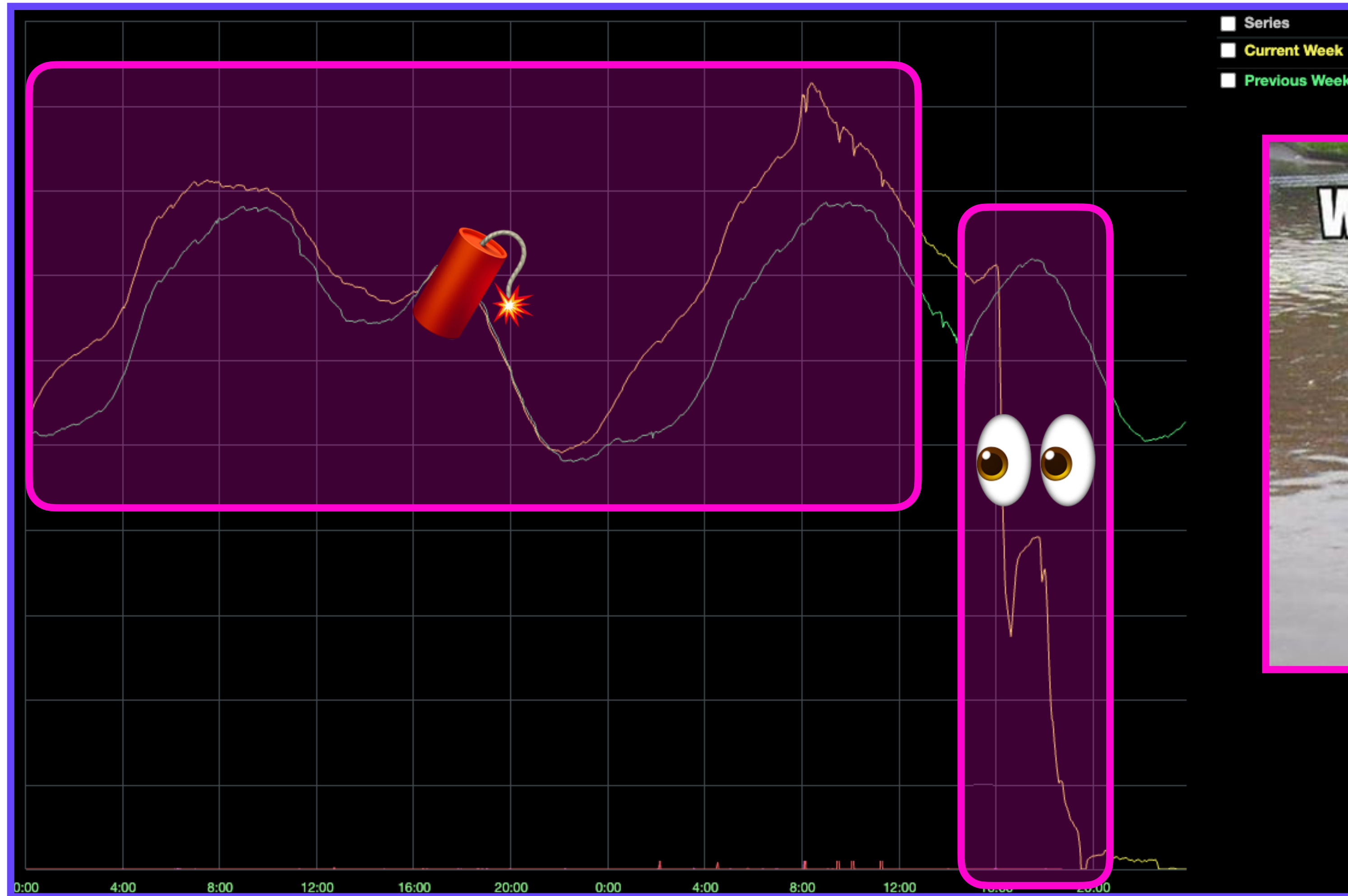
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These metastable failures have caused **widespread outages** at large internet companies, lasting from minutes to hours.

Paradoxically, the root cause of these failures is **often features that improve the efficiency or reliability of the system.**

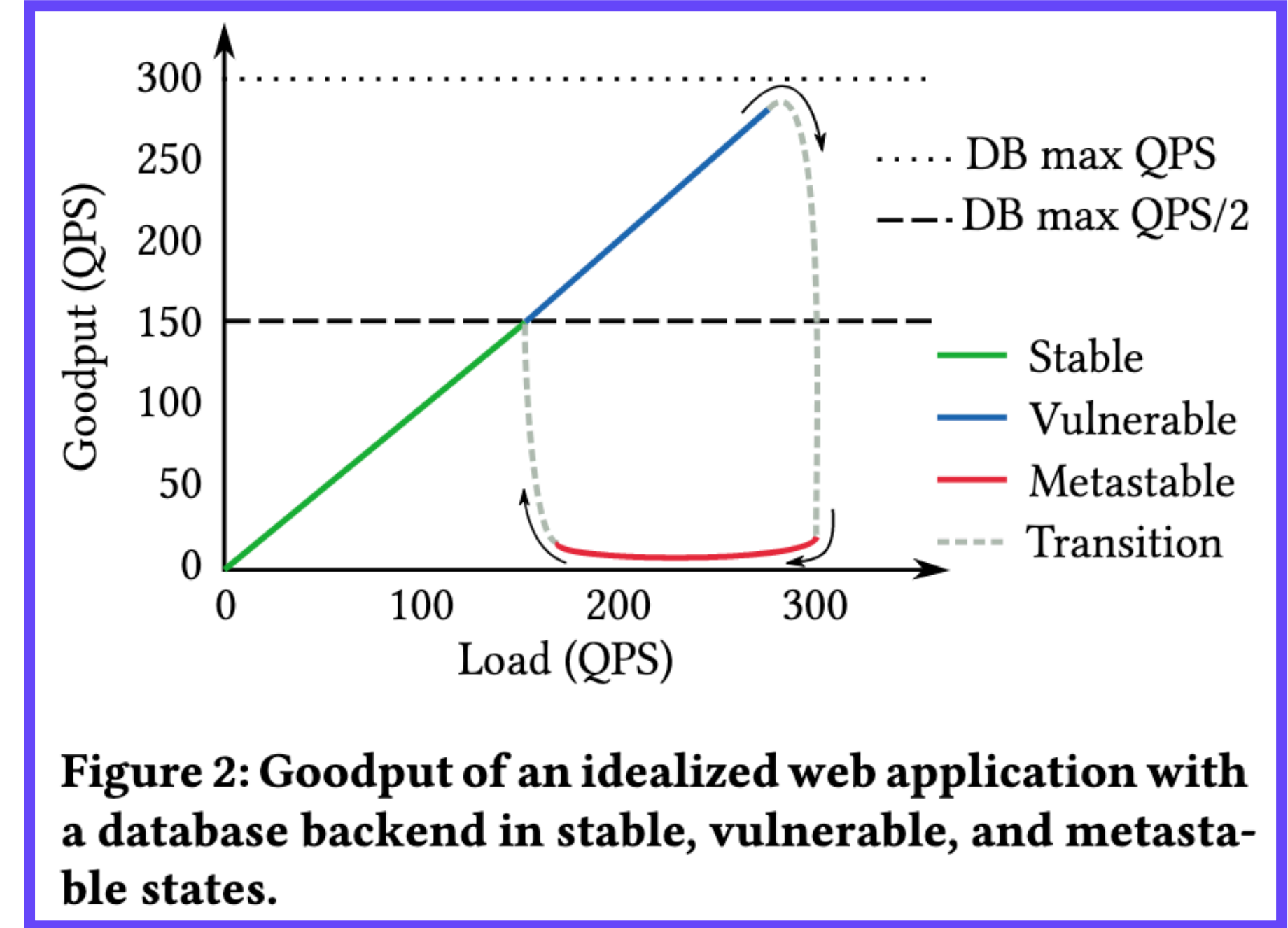
– Bronson et al, Metastable Failures in Distributed Systems

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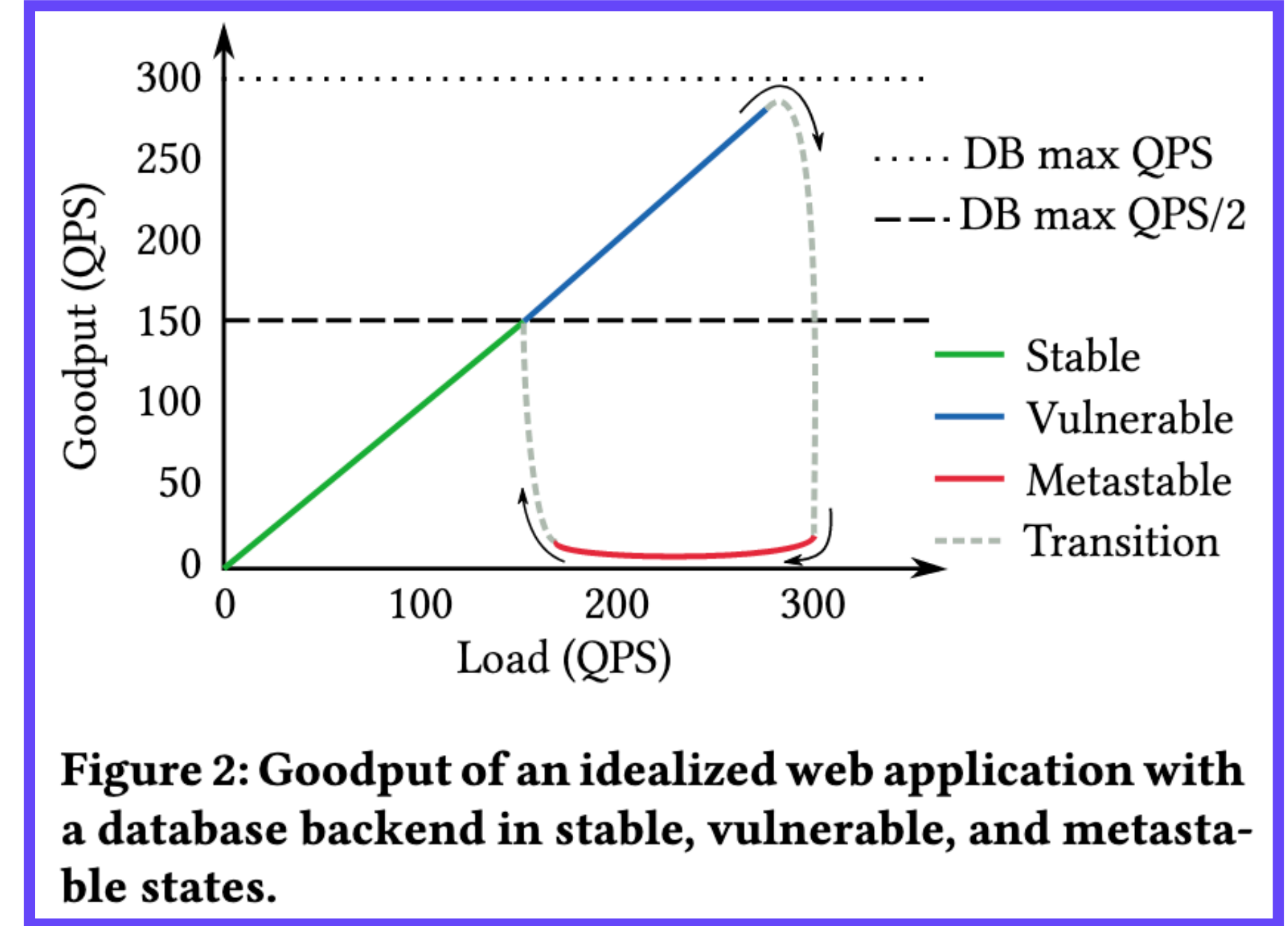
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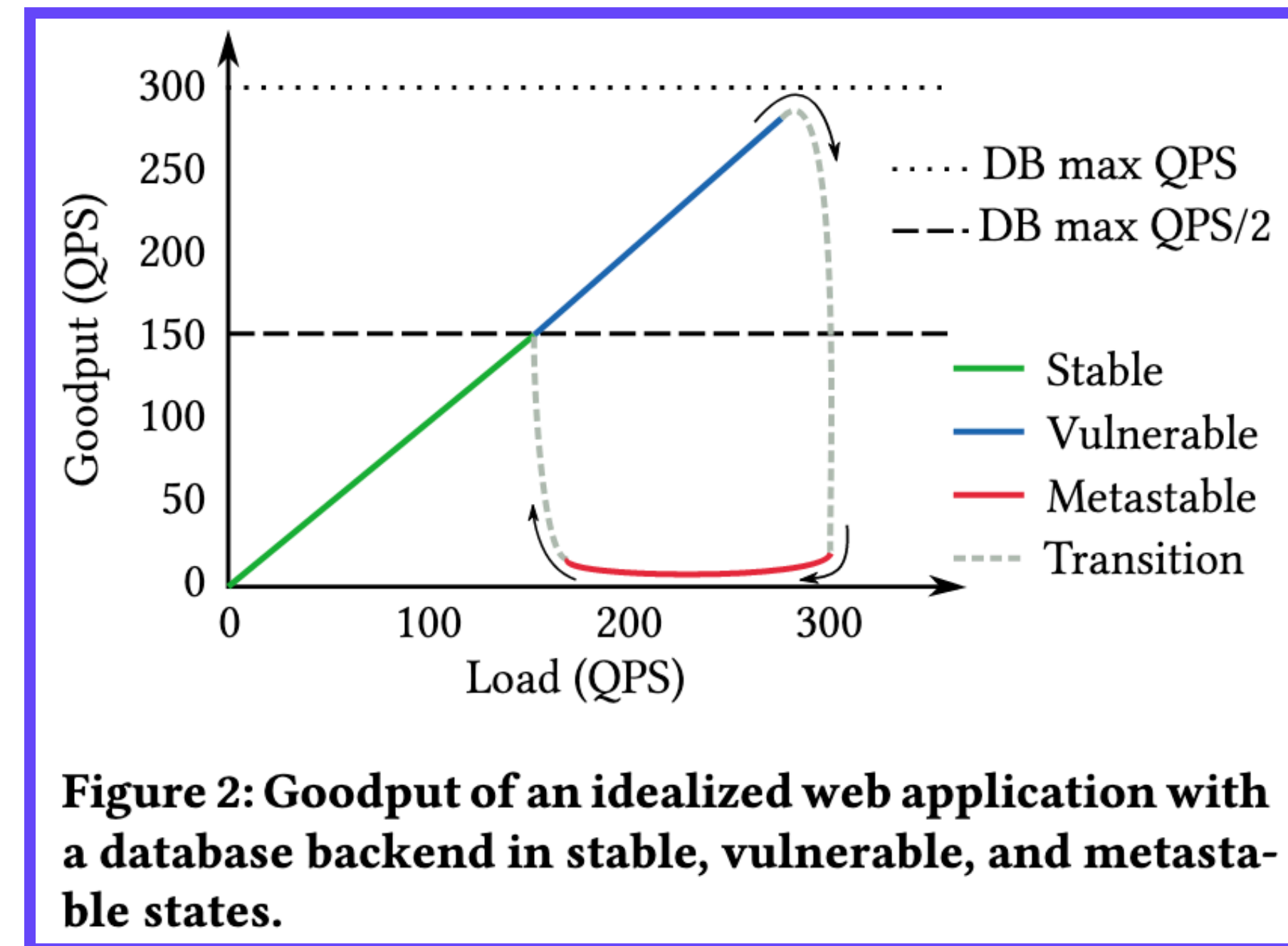
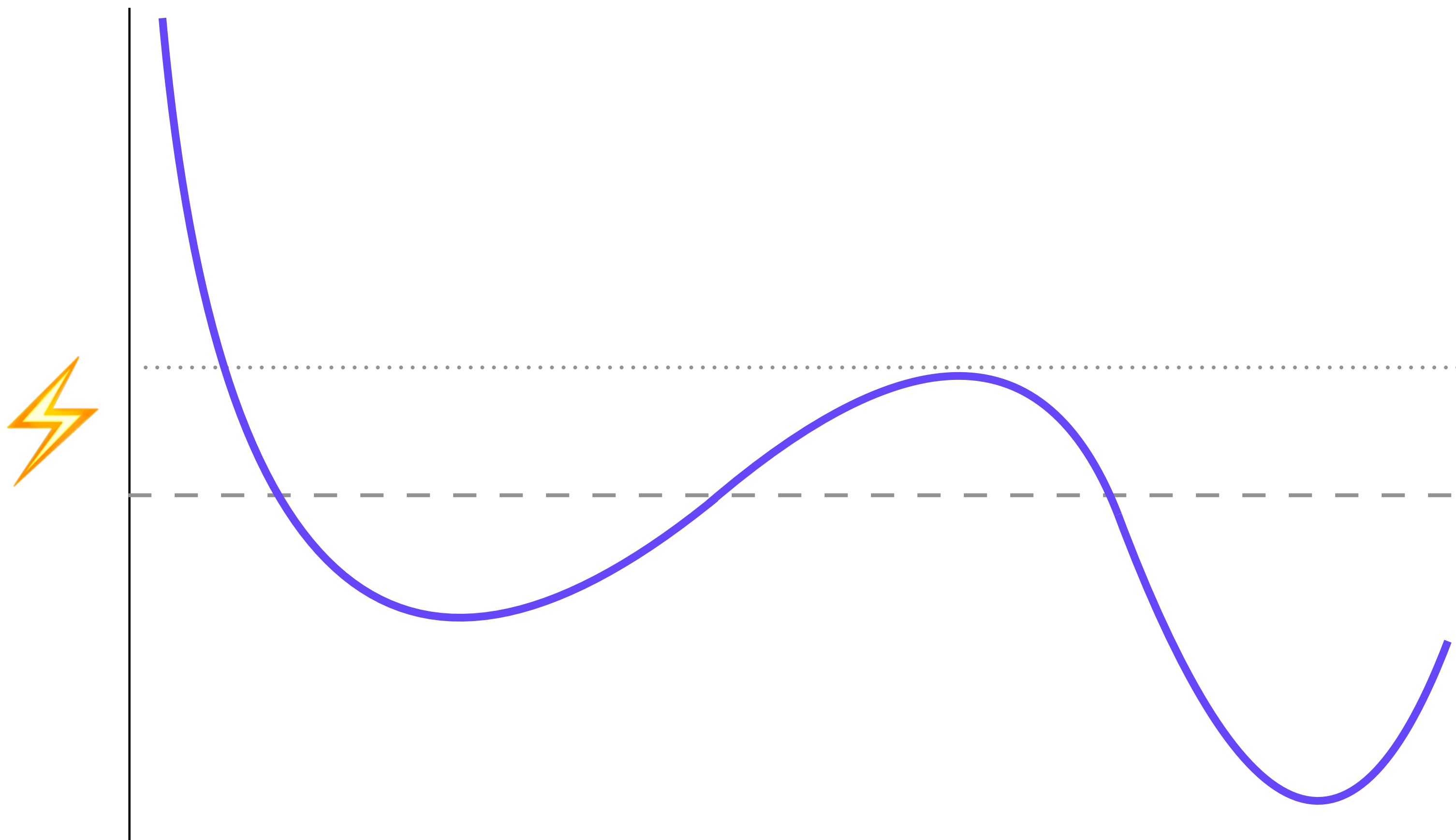


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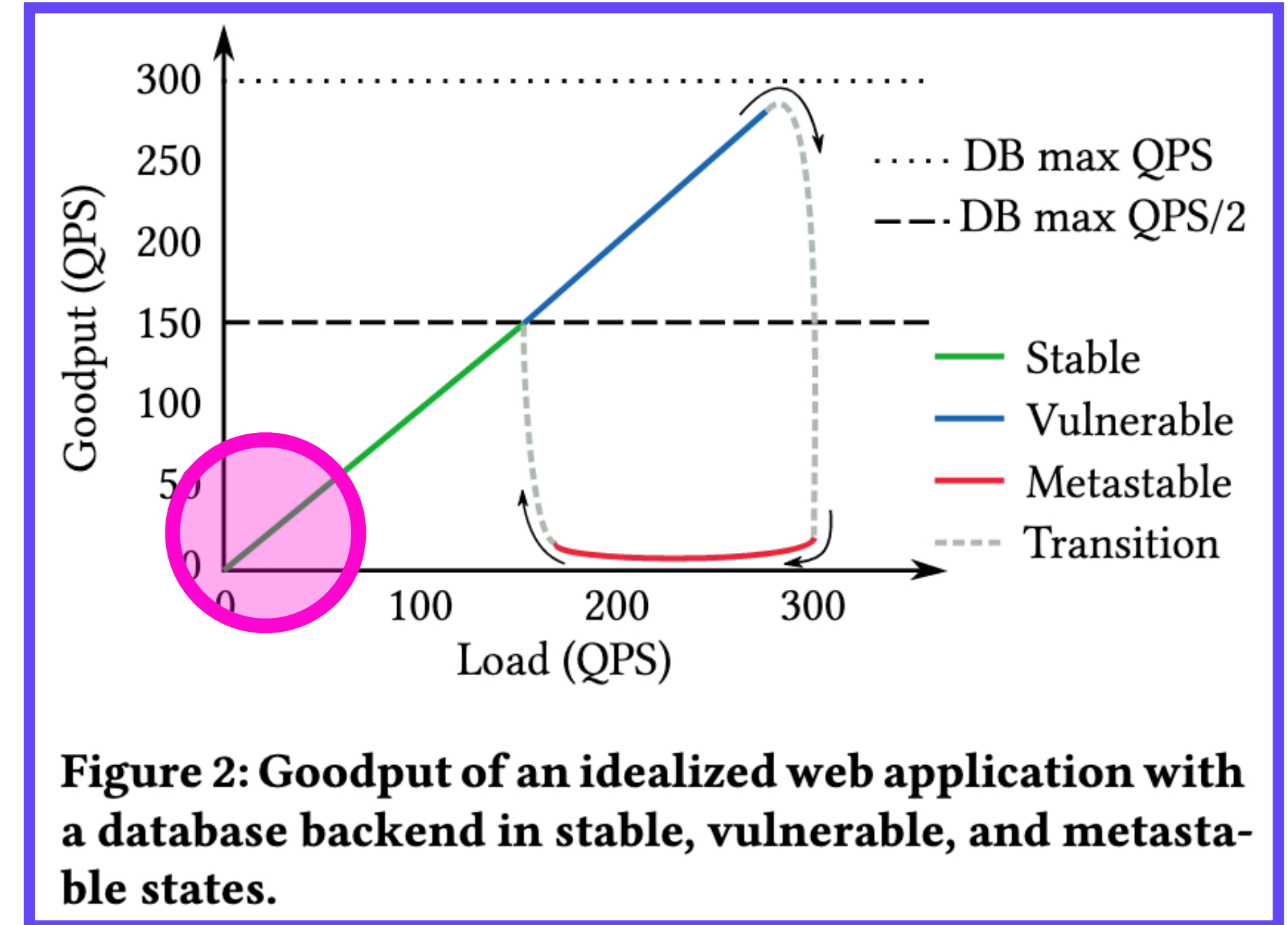
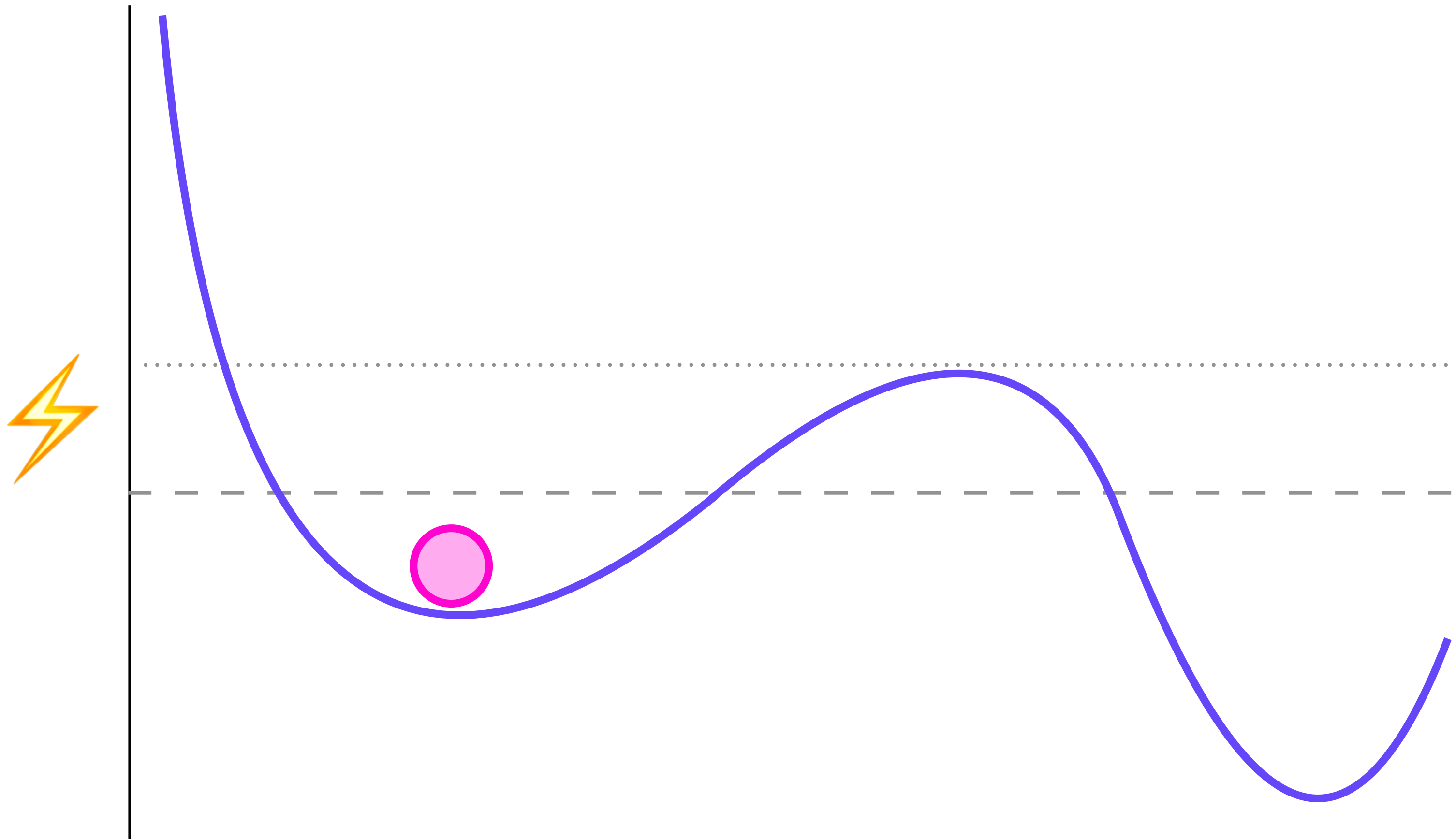


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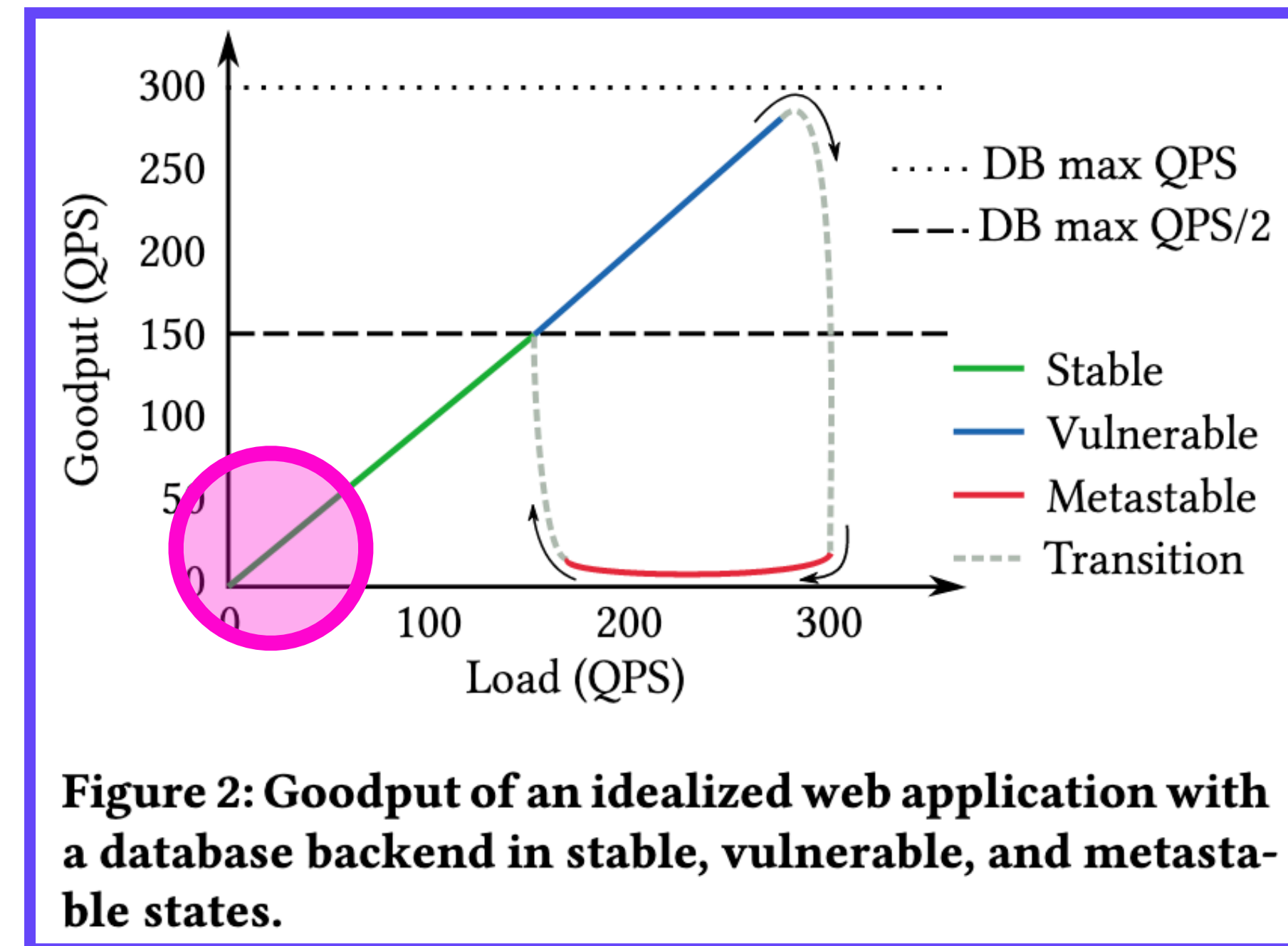
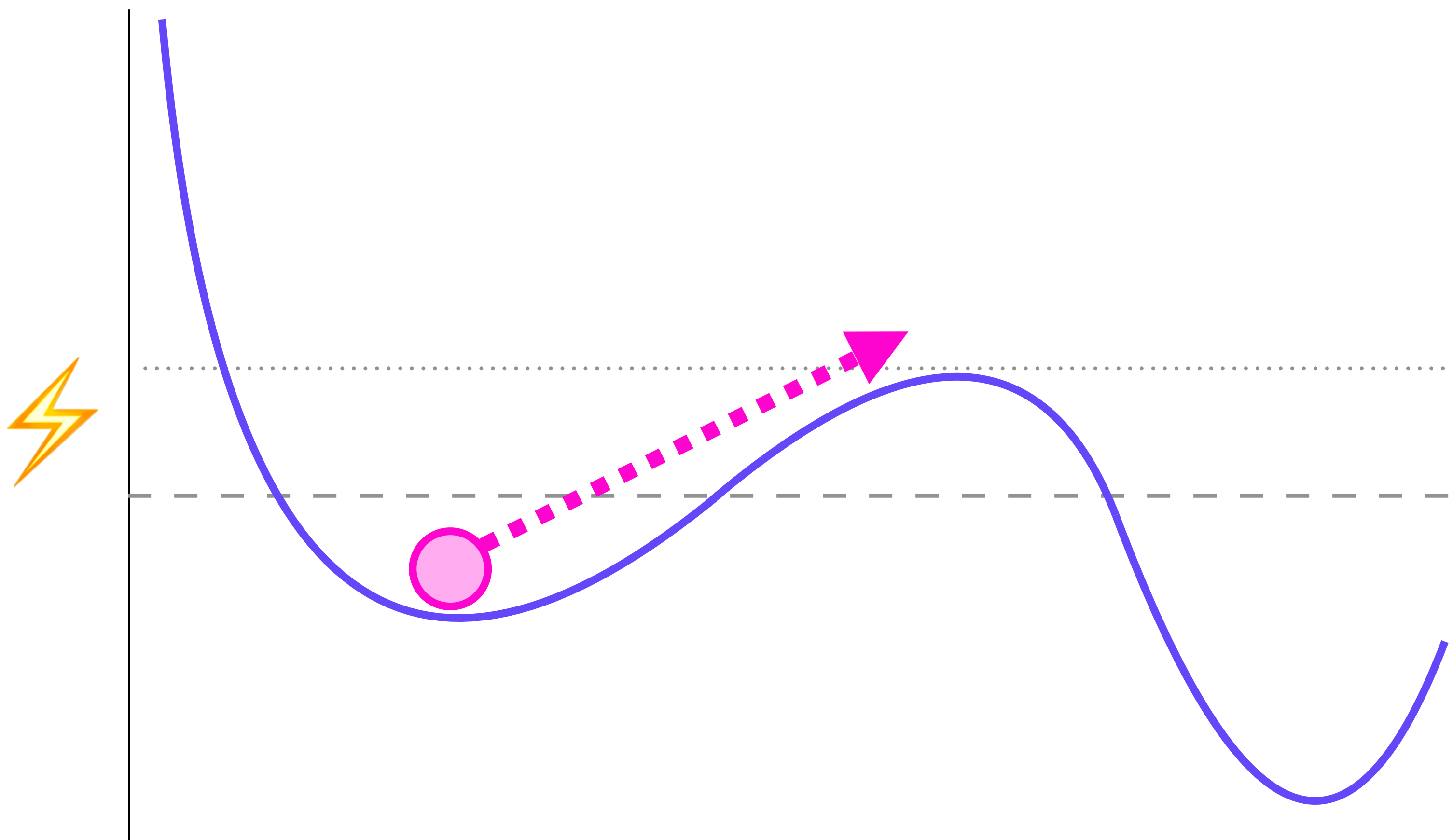
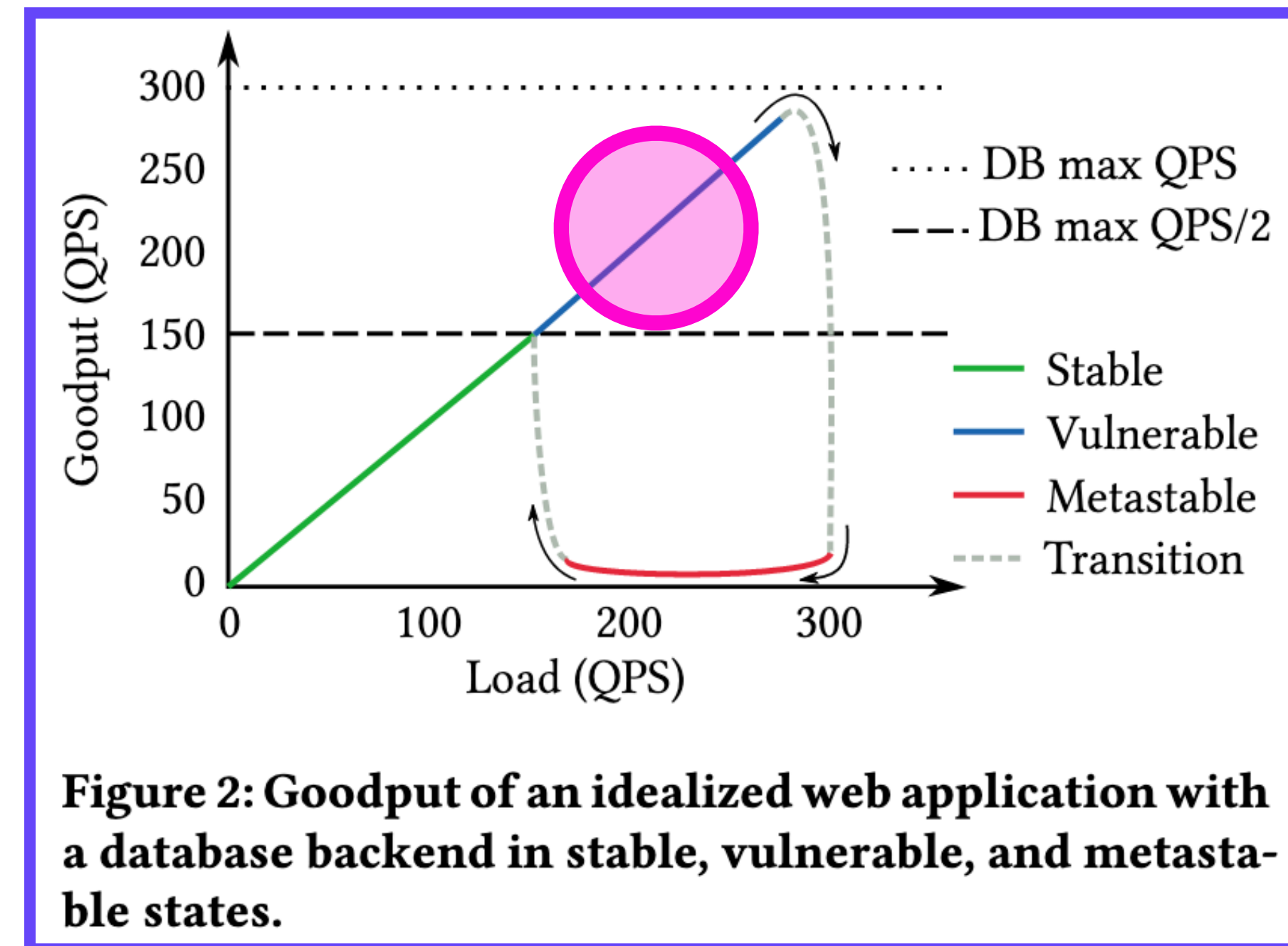
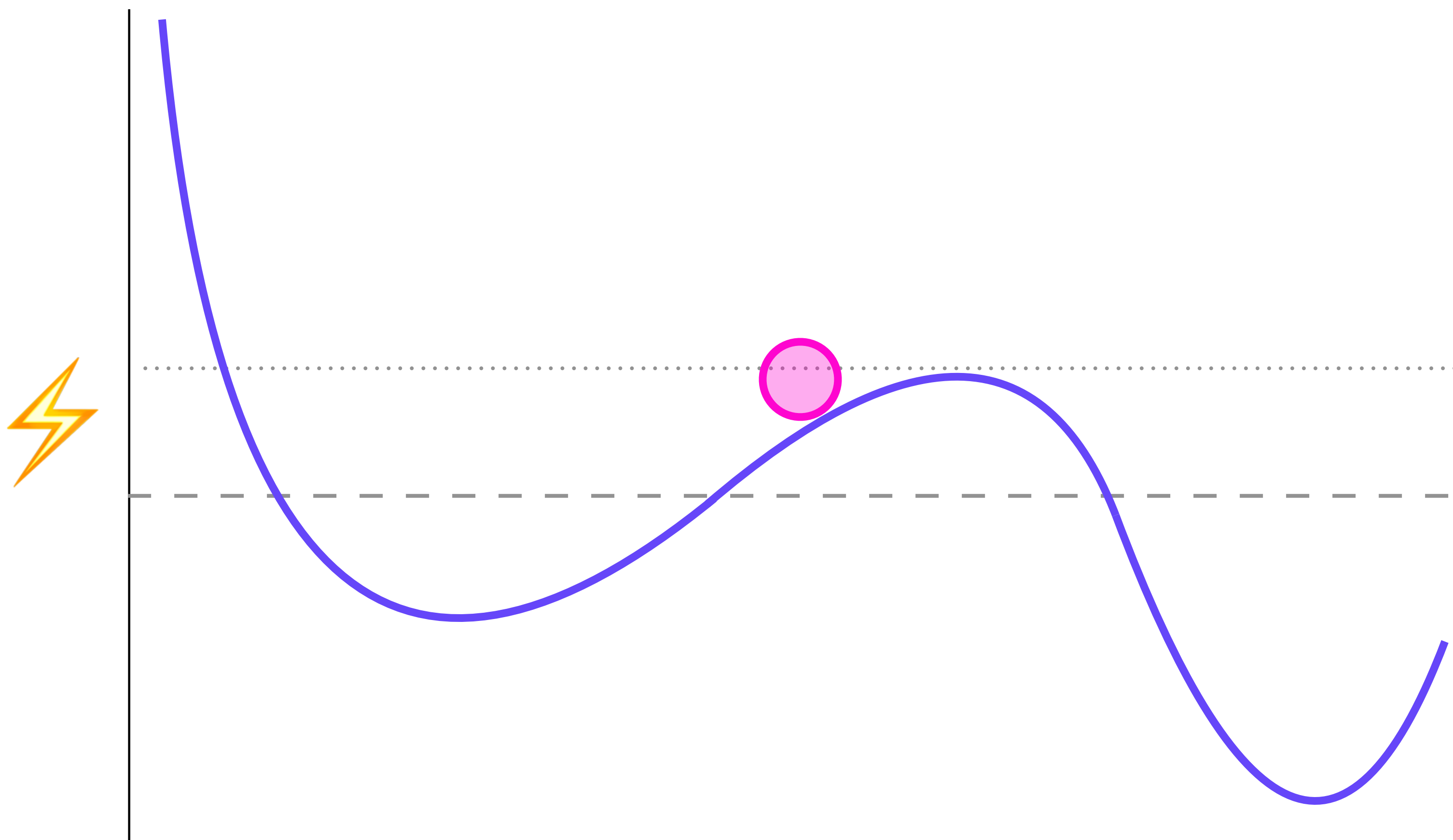


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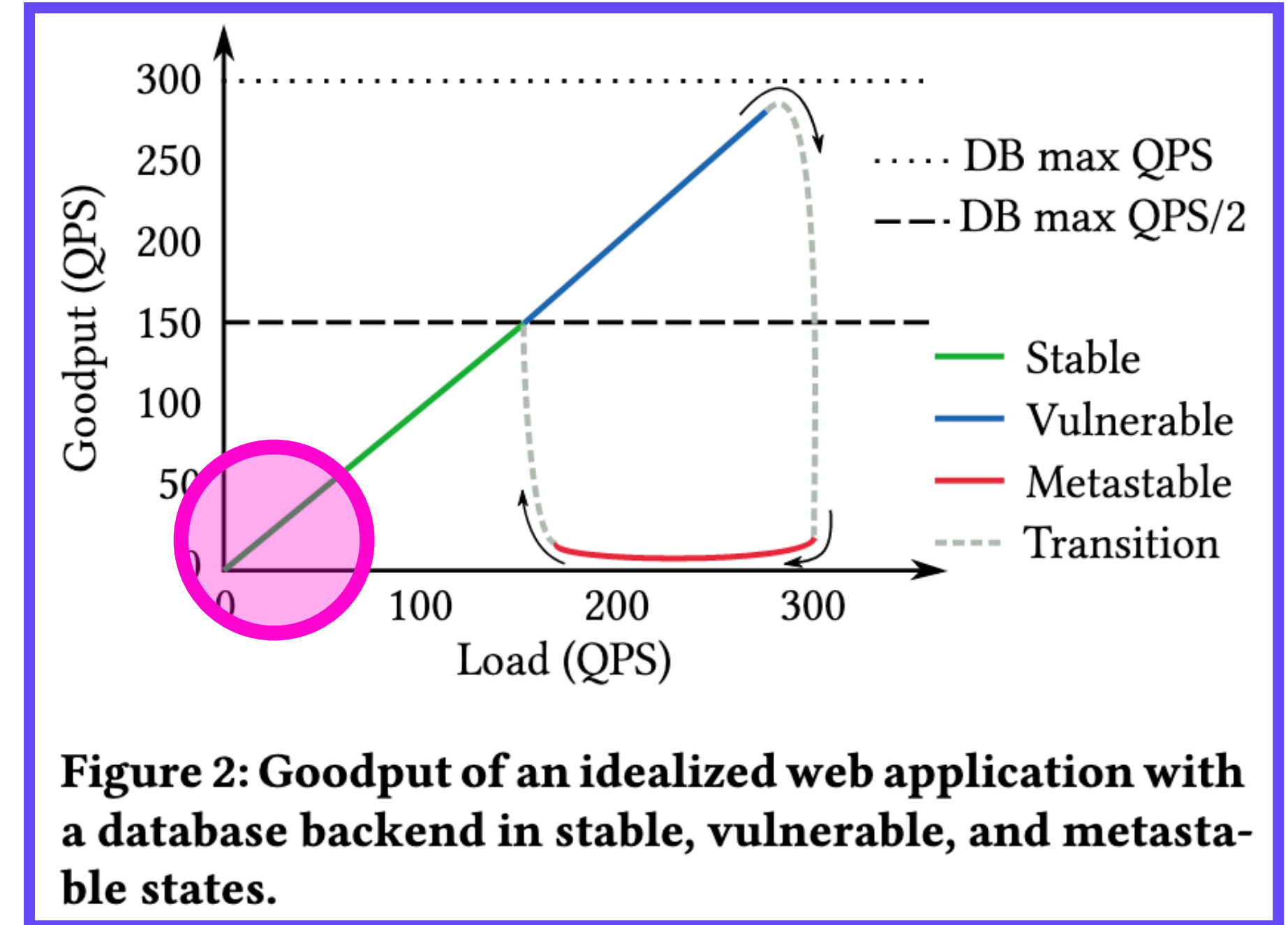
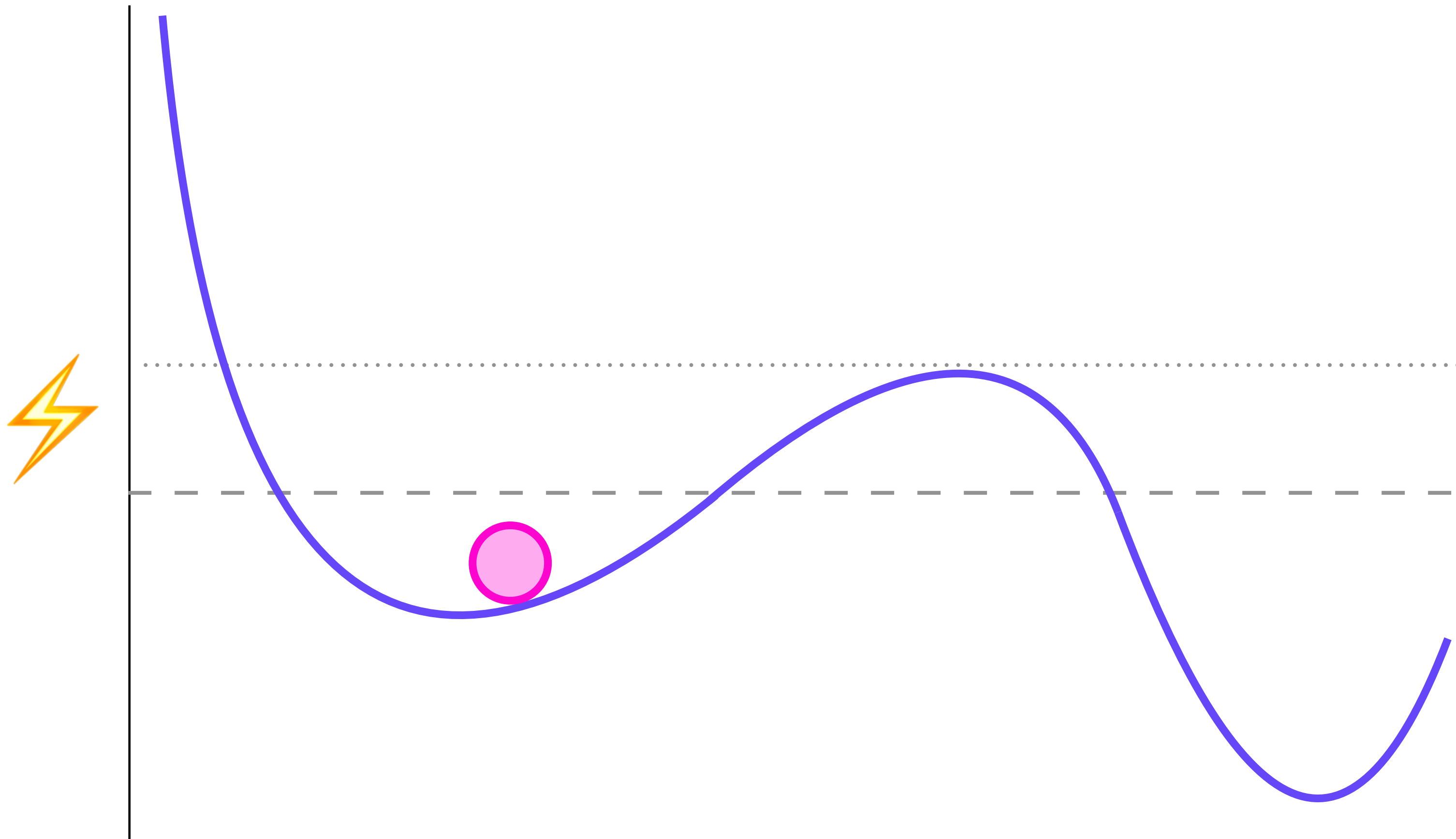


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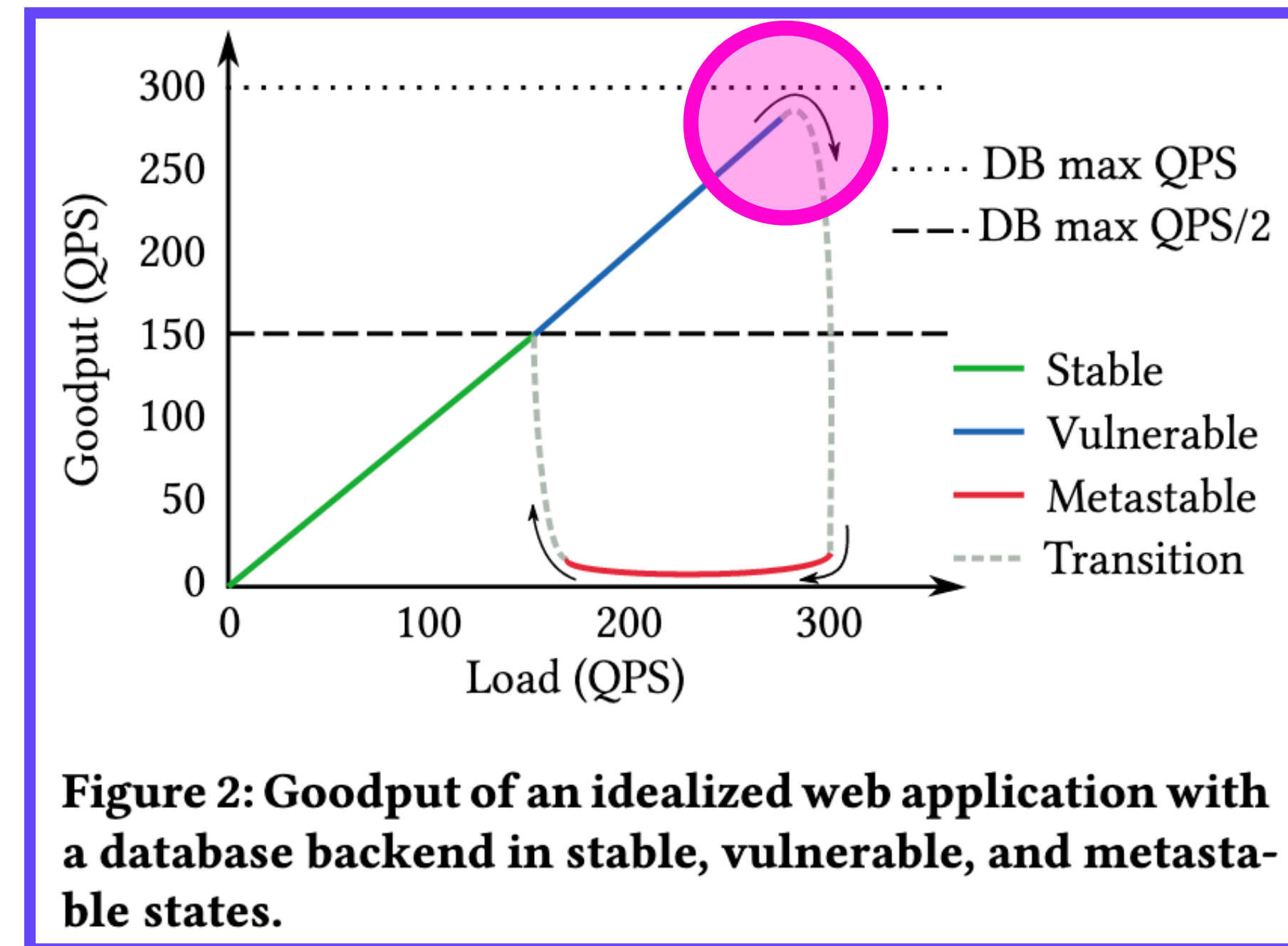
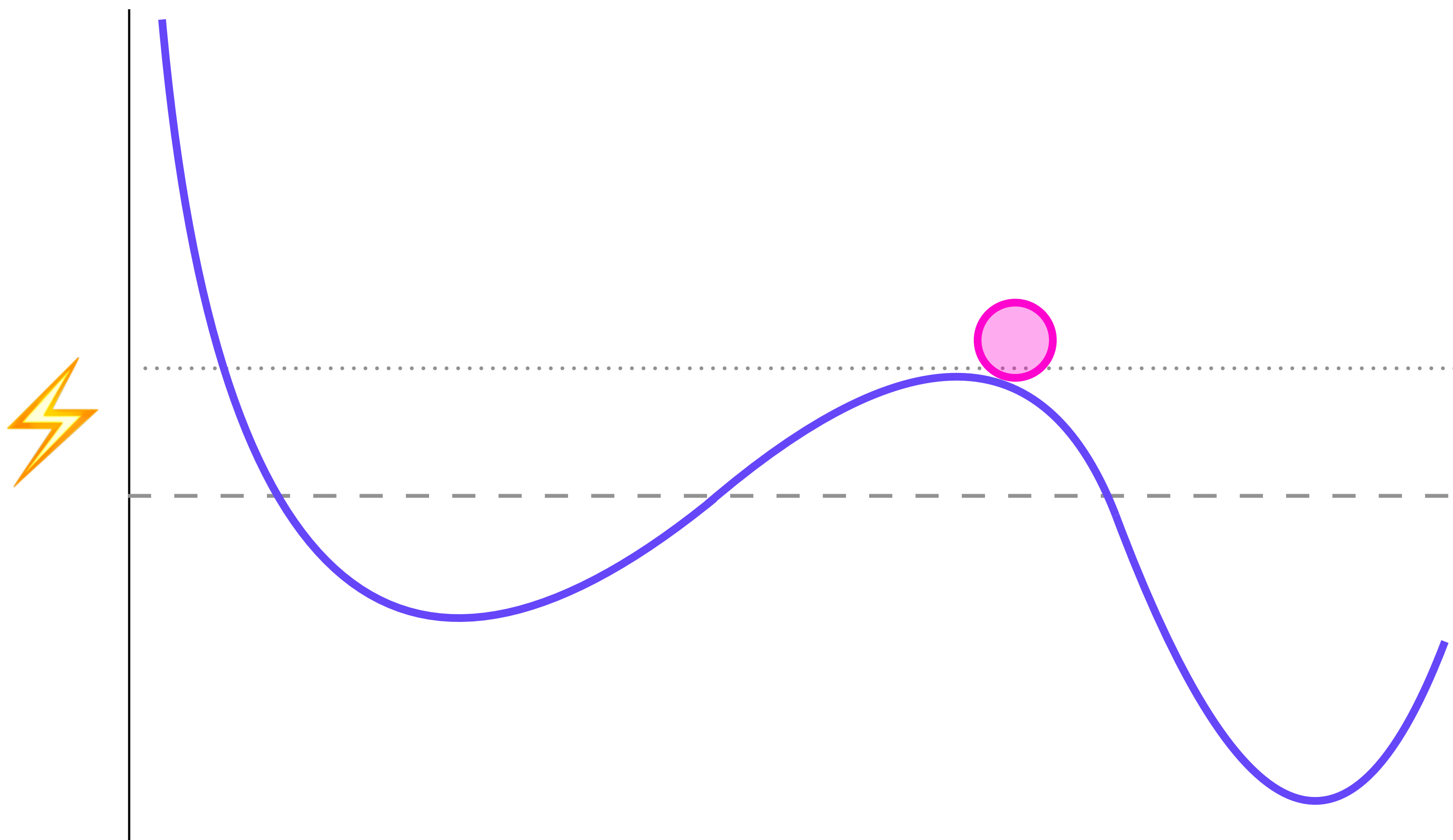


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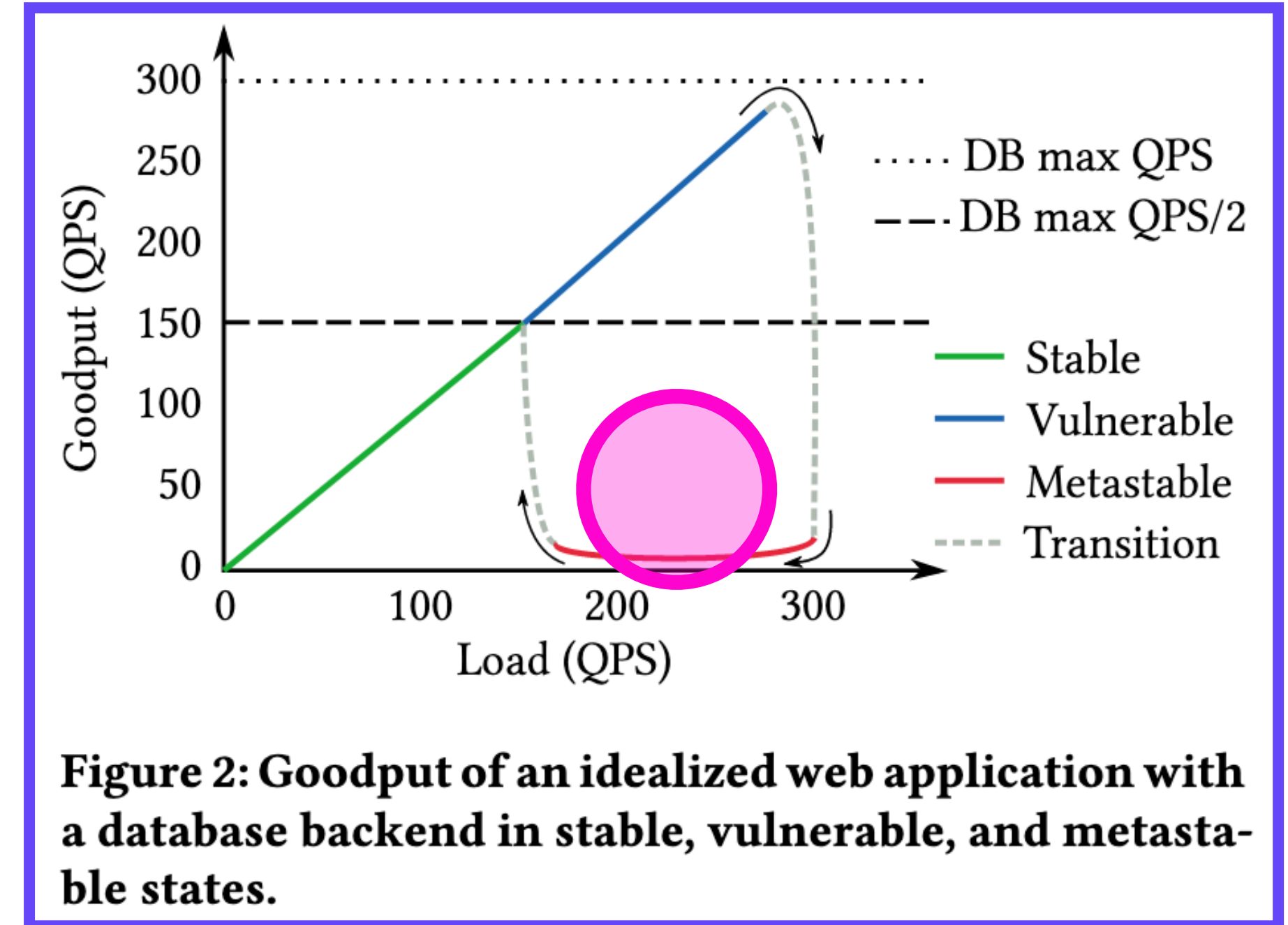
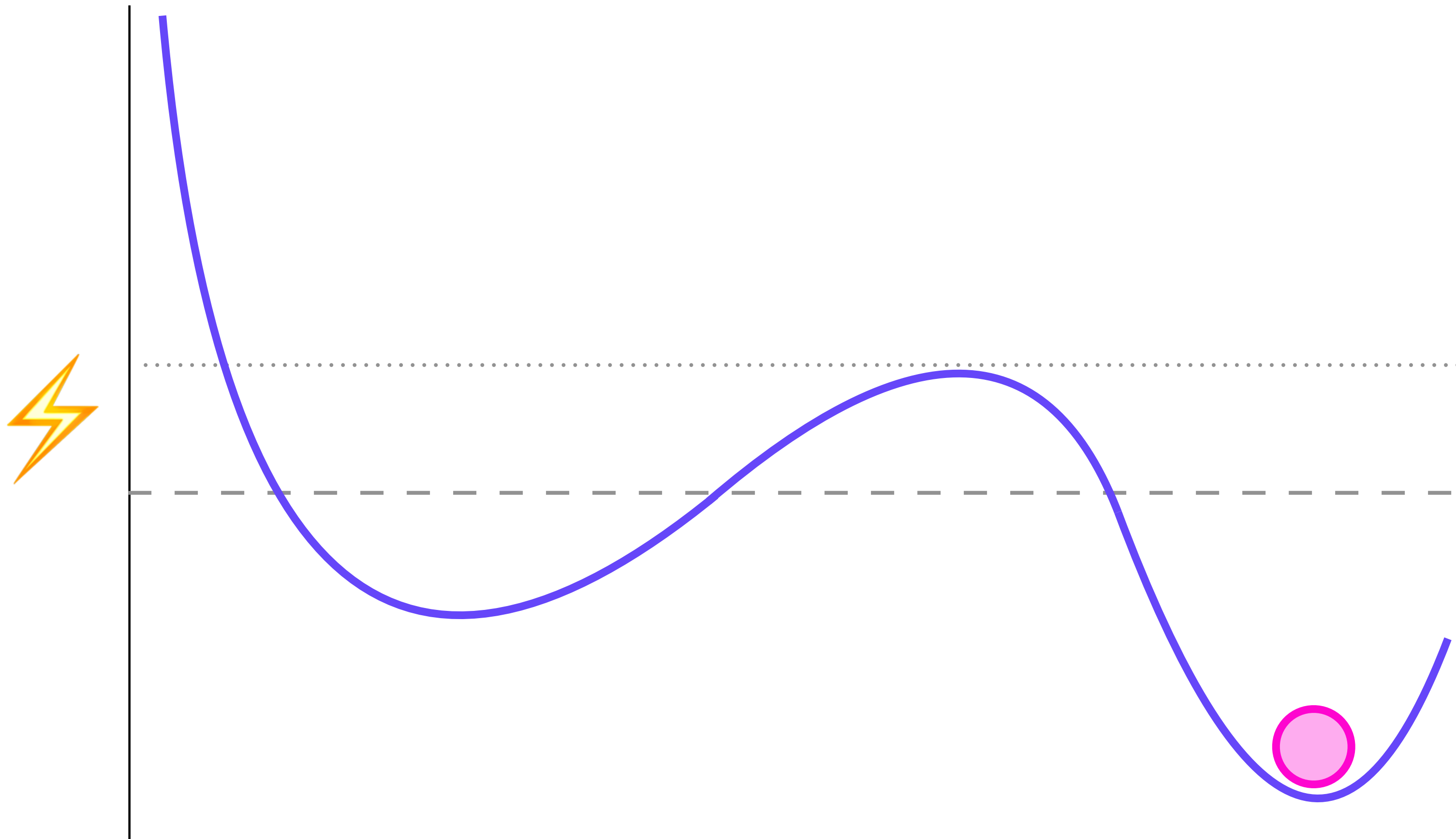


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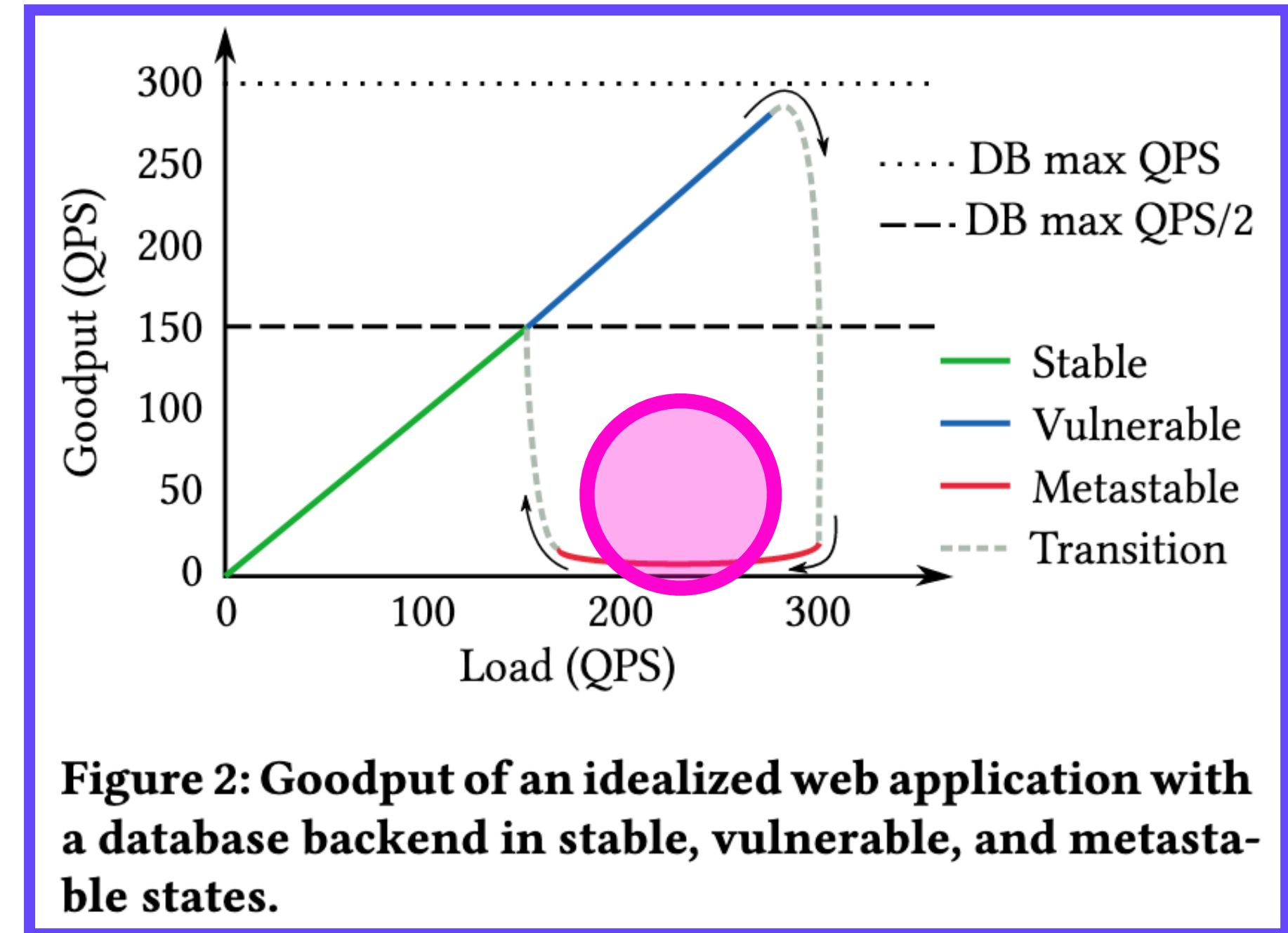
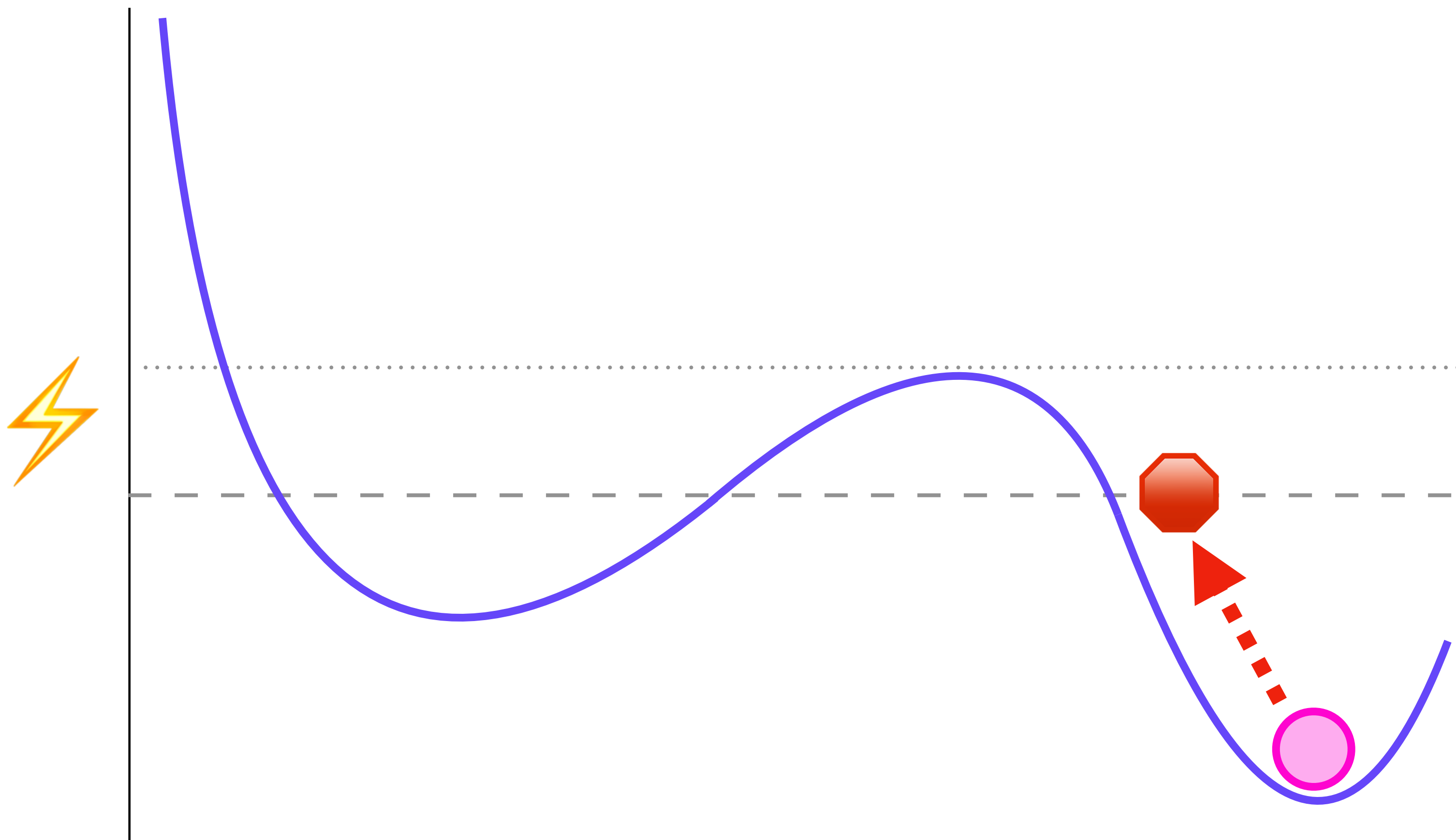


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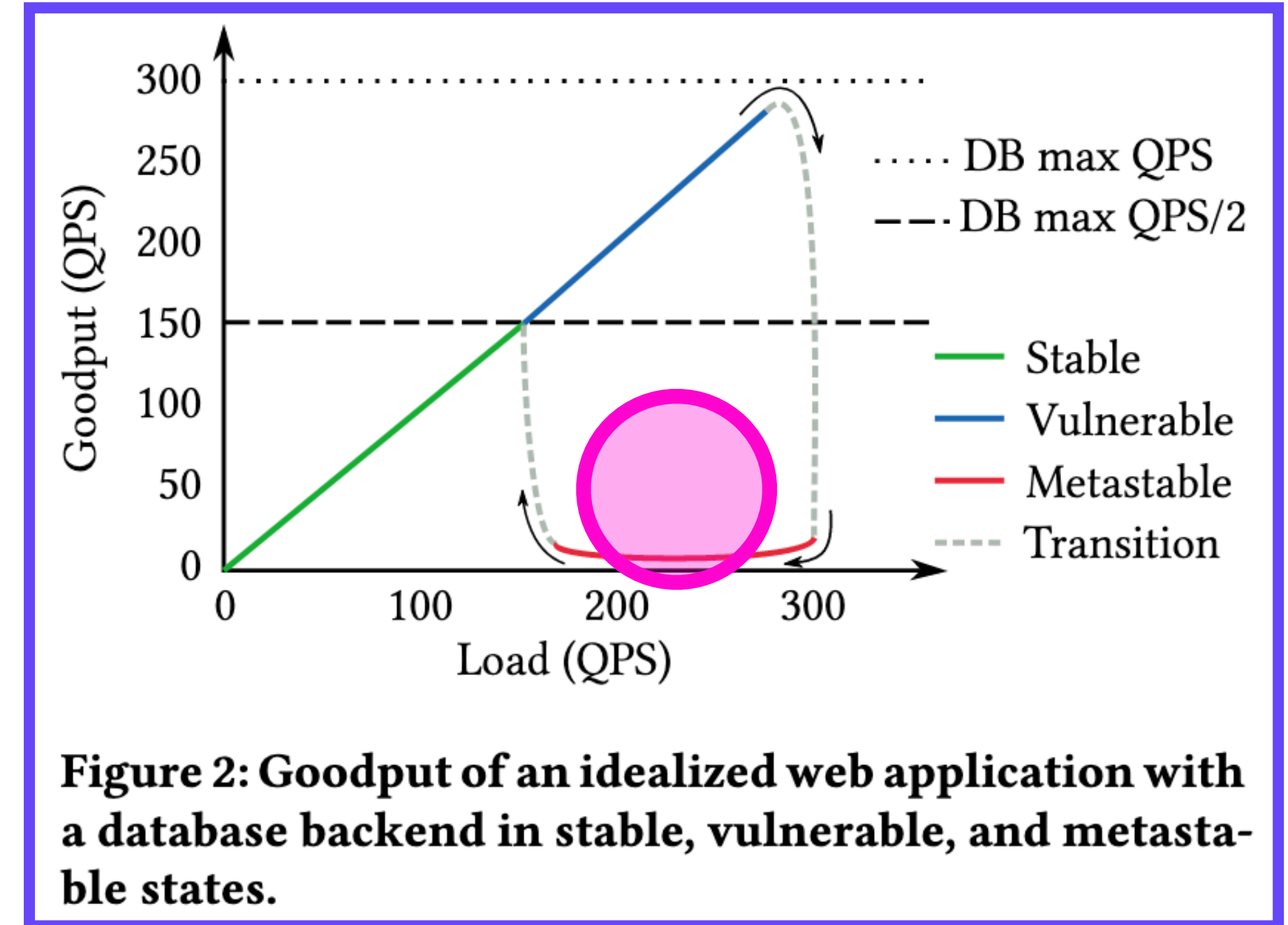
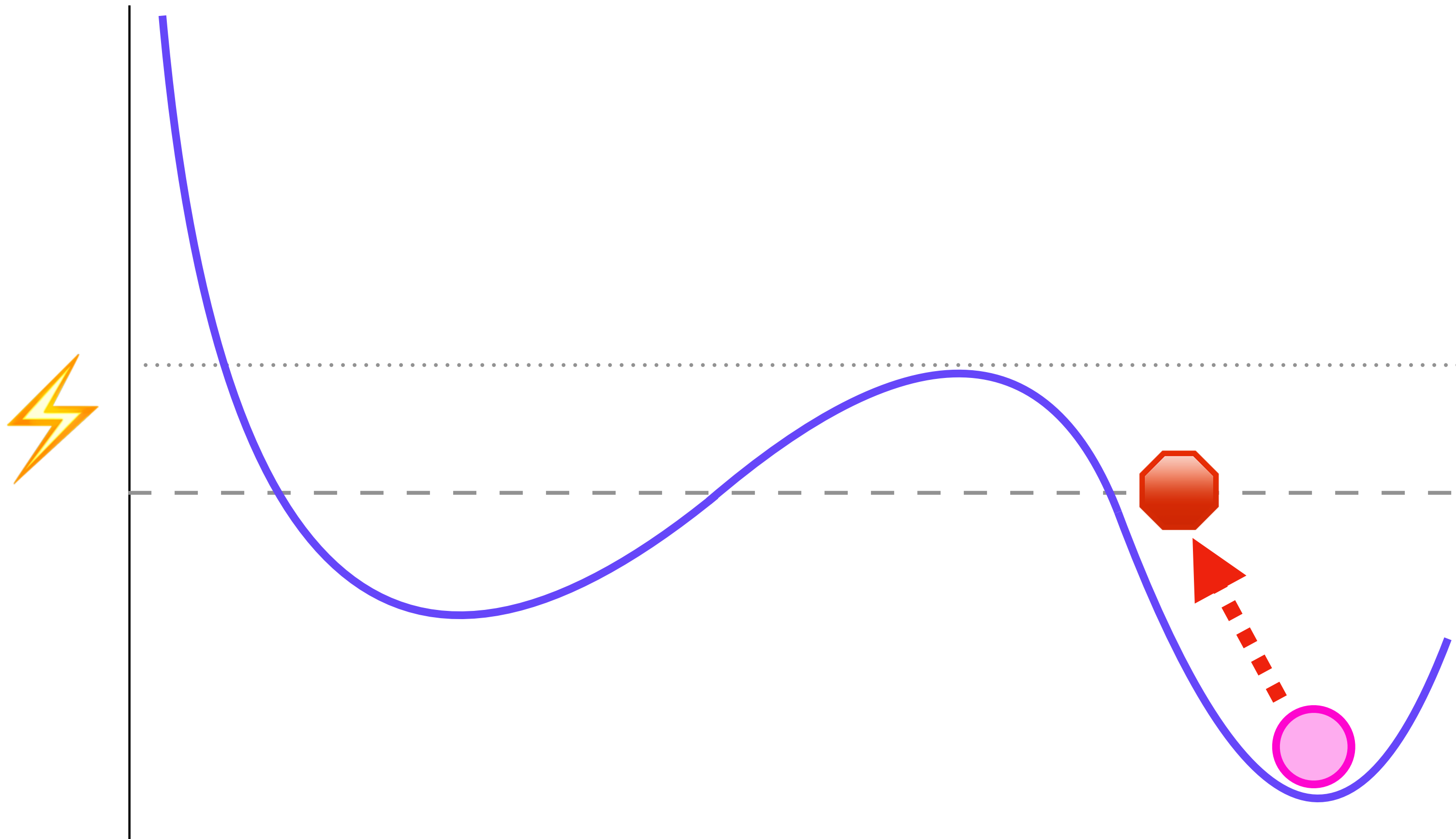


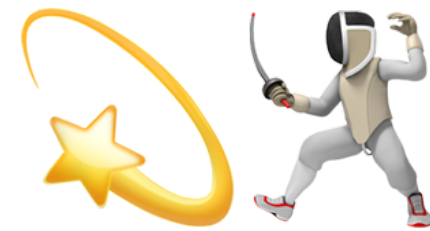
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- Work amplification
- General thrash 🤖

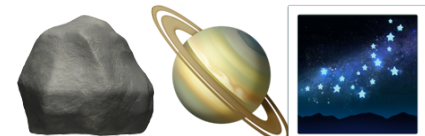
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The limitation of **local knowledge**
is the **fundamental fact**
about the setting in which we work,
and it is **a very powerful limitation**

– Nancy Lynch, A Hundred Impossibility Proofs for Distributed Computing

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Sending a "Direct" Message



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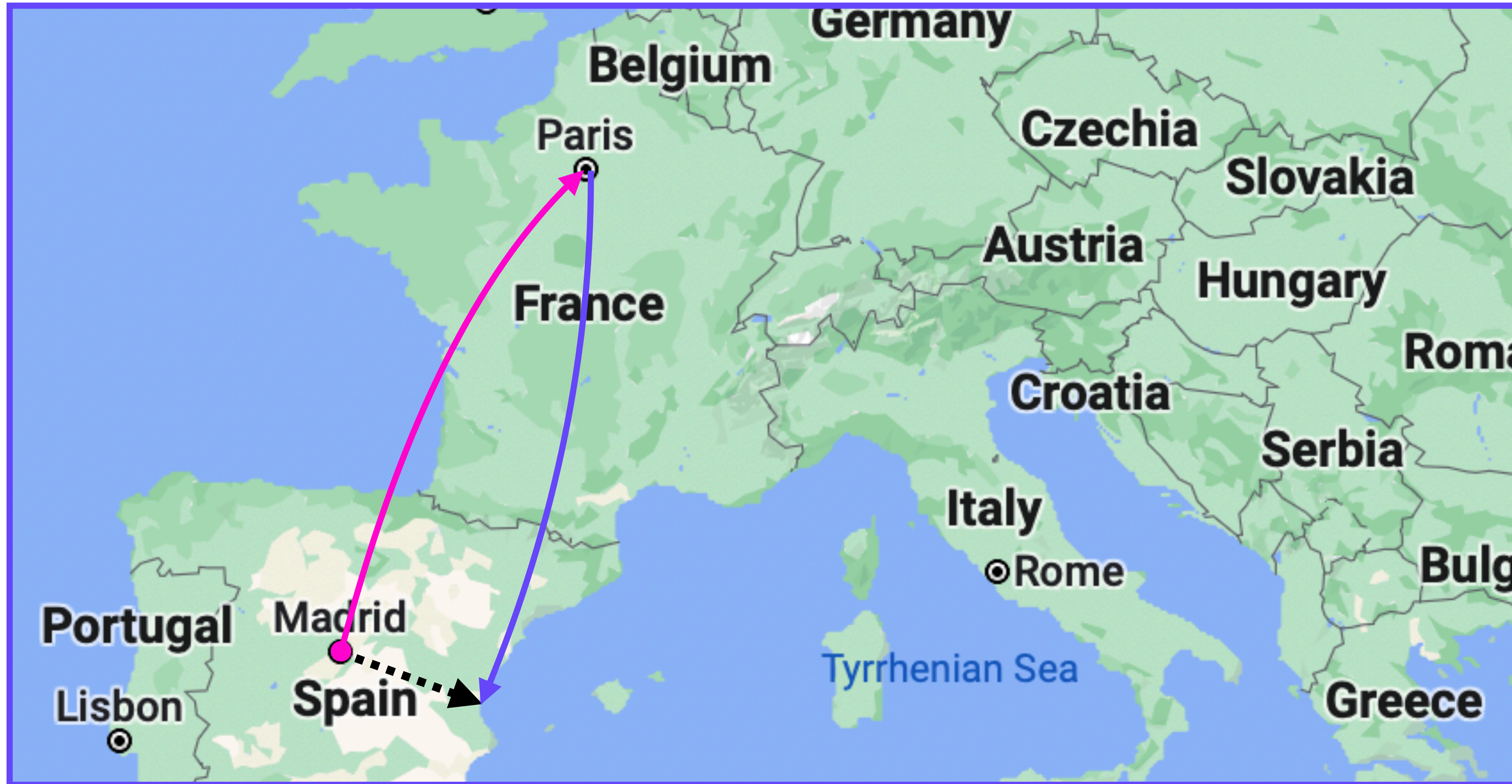
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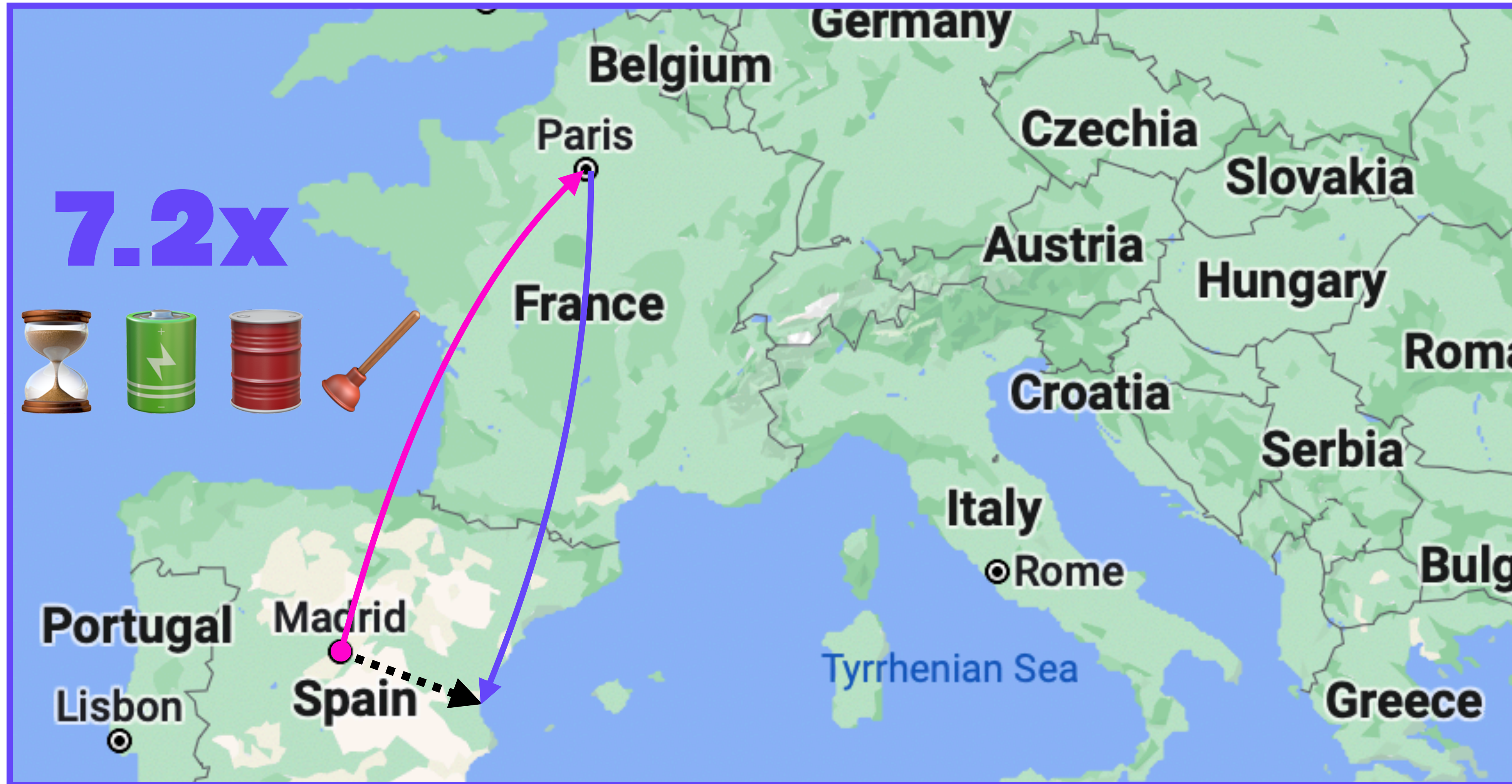
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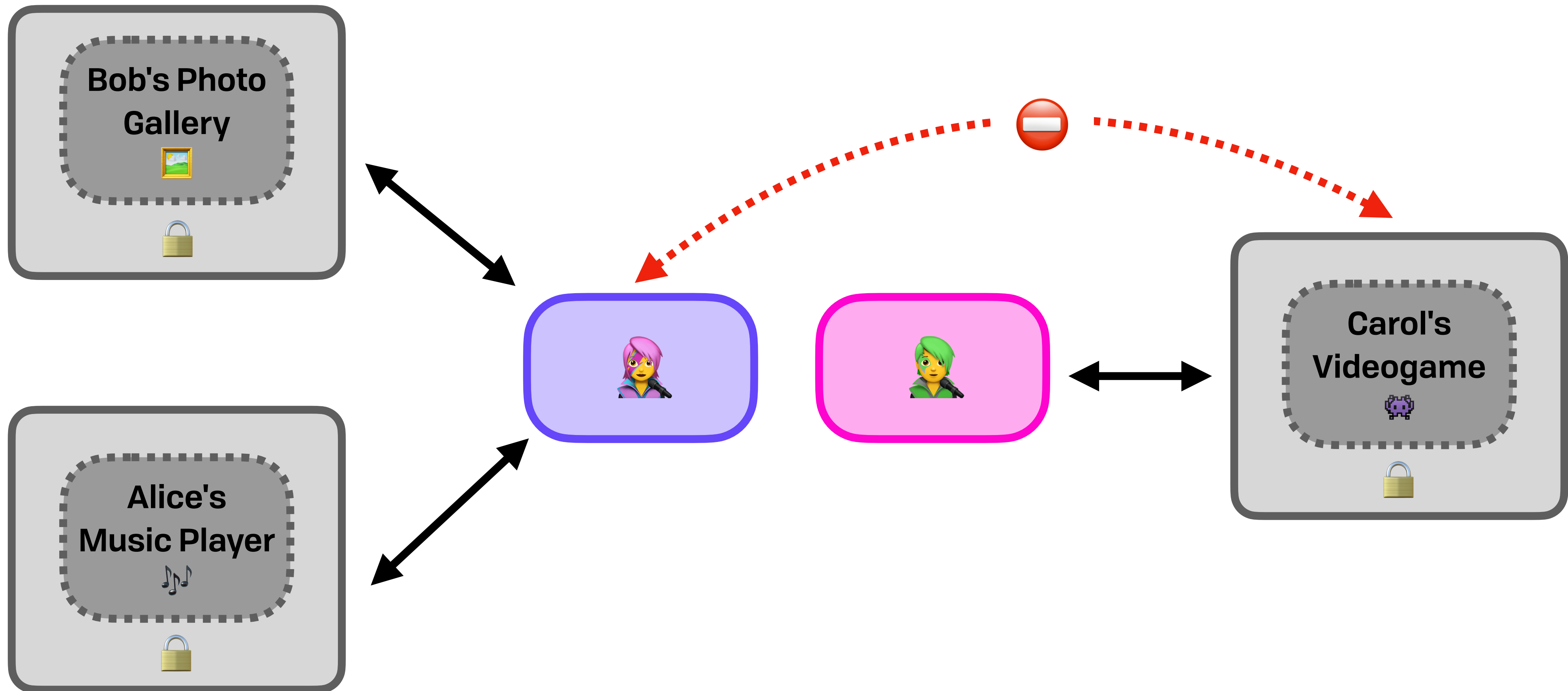
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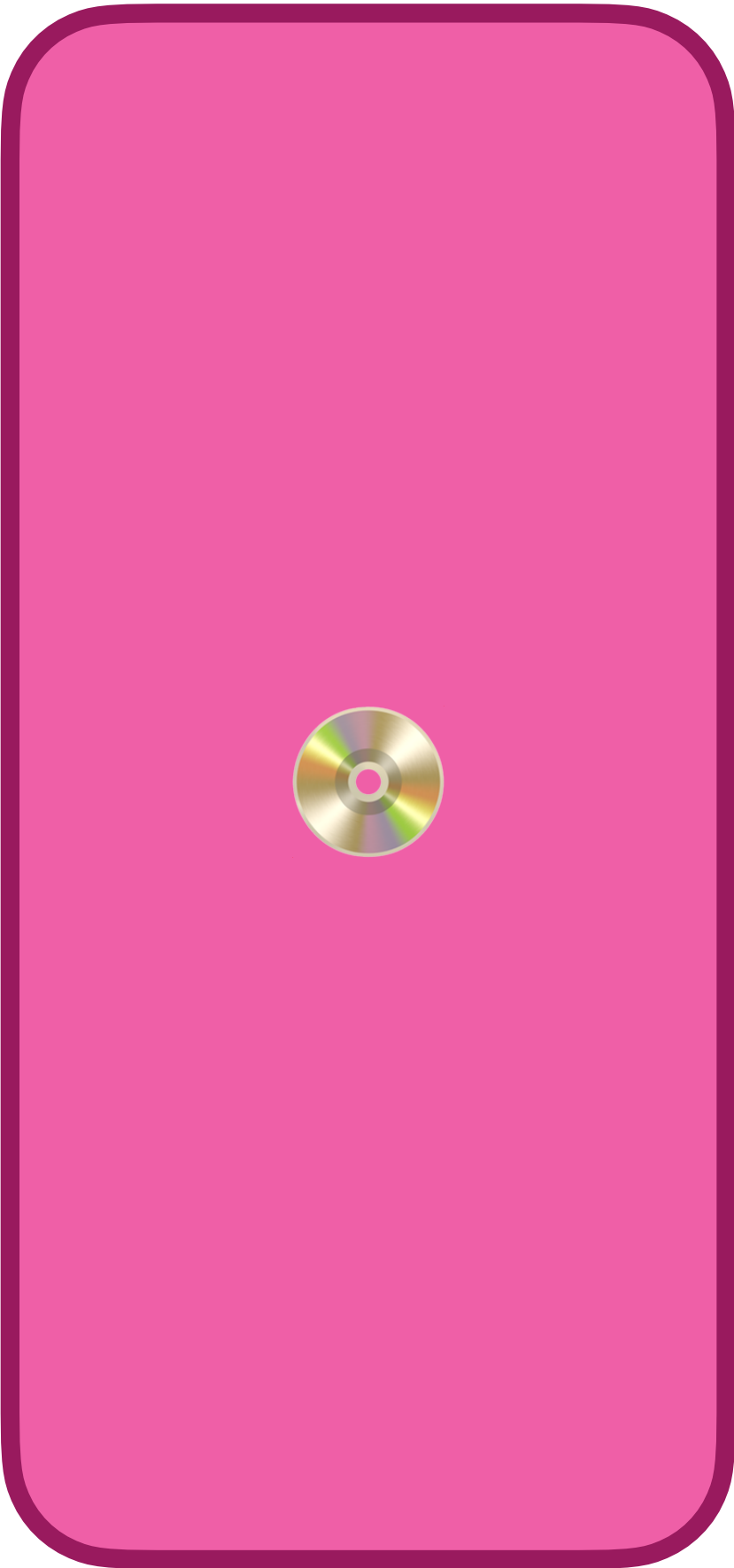
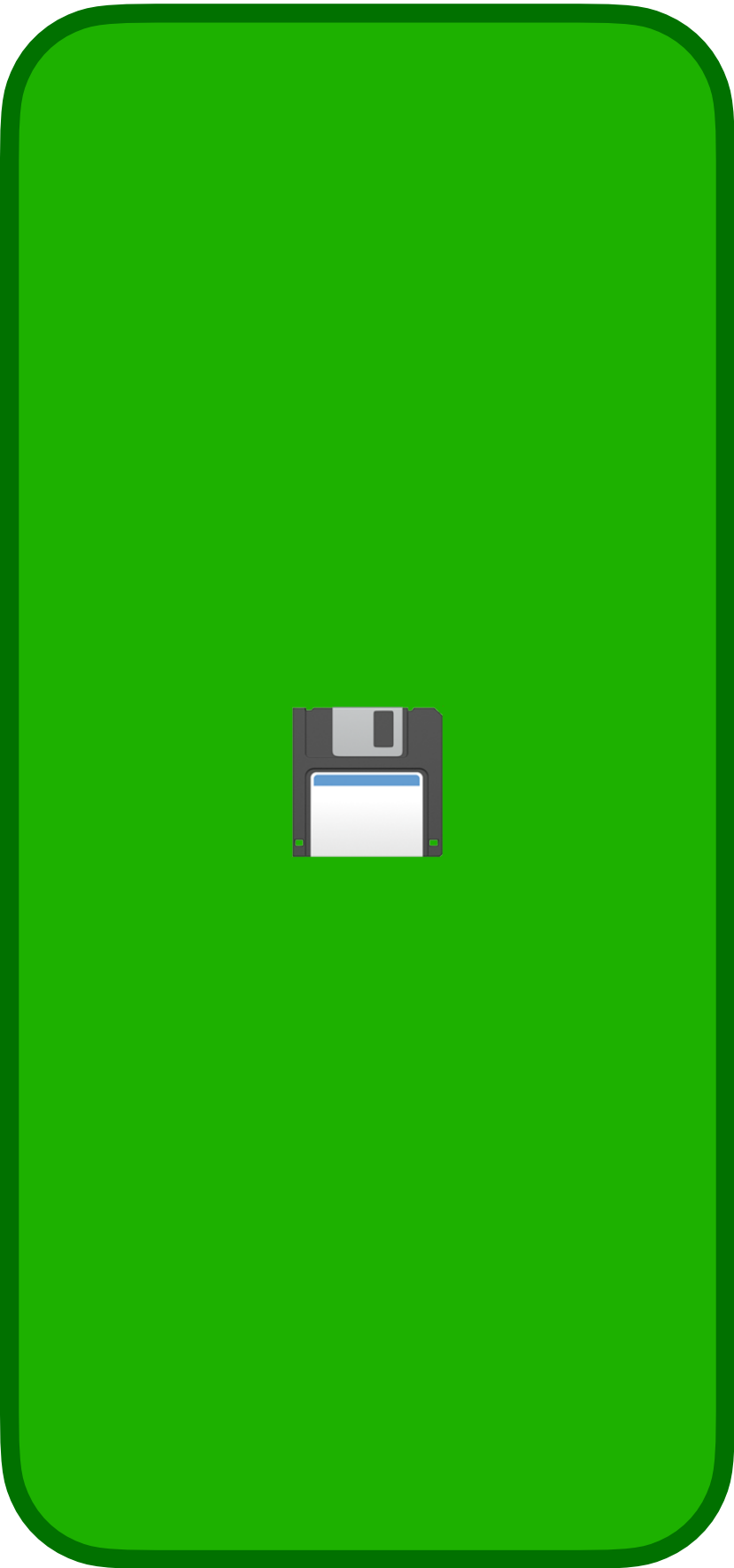
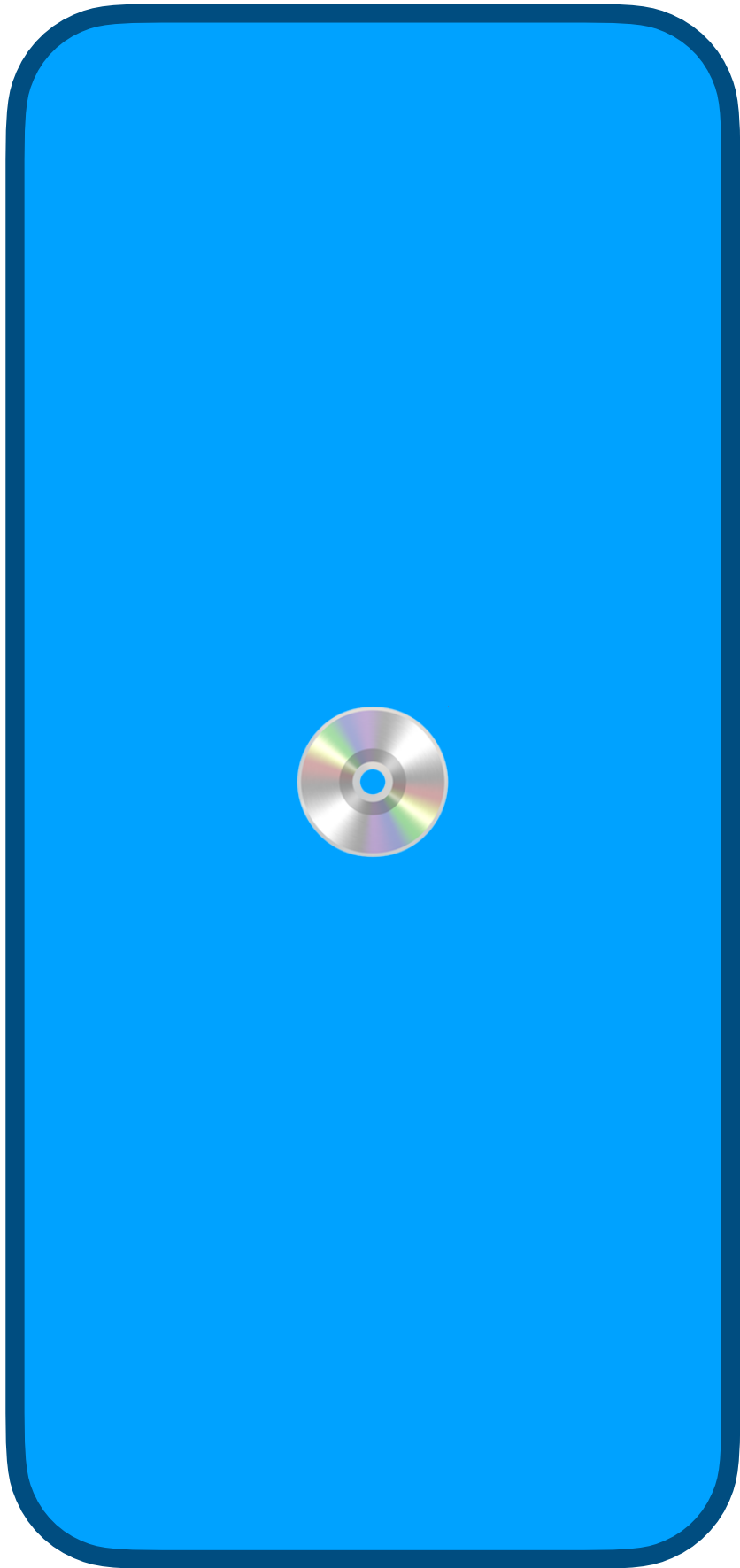
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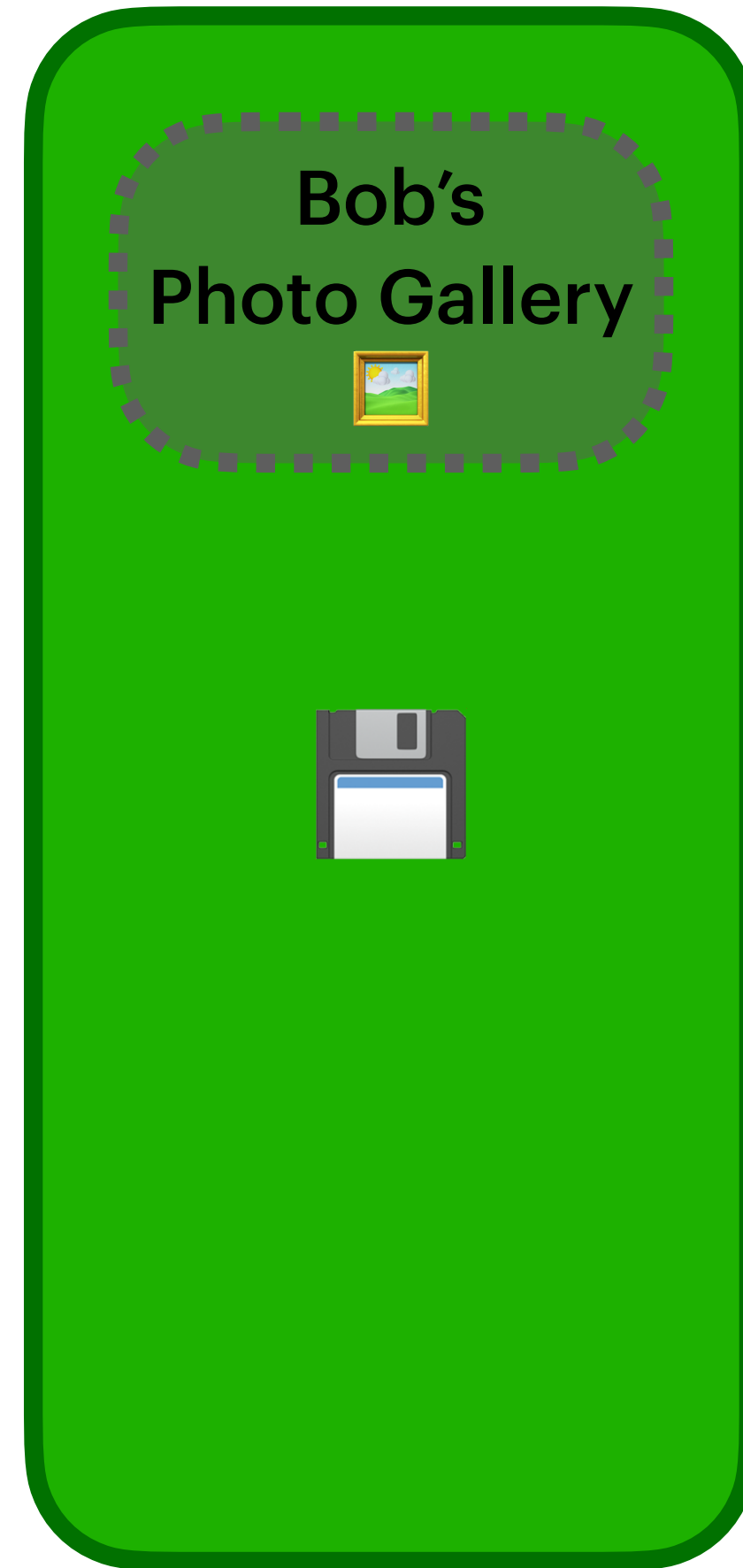
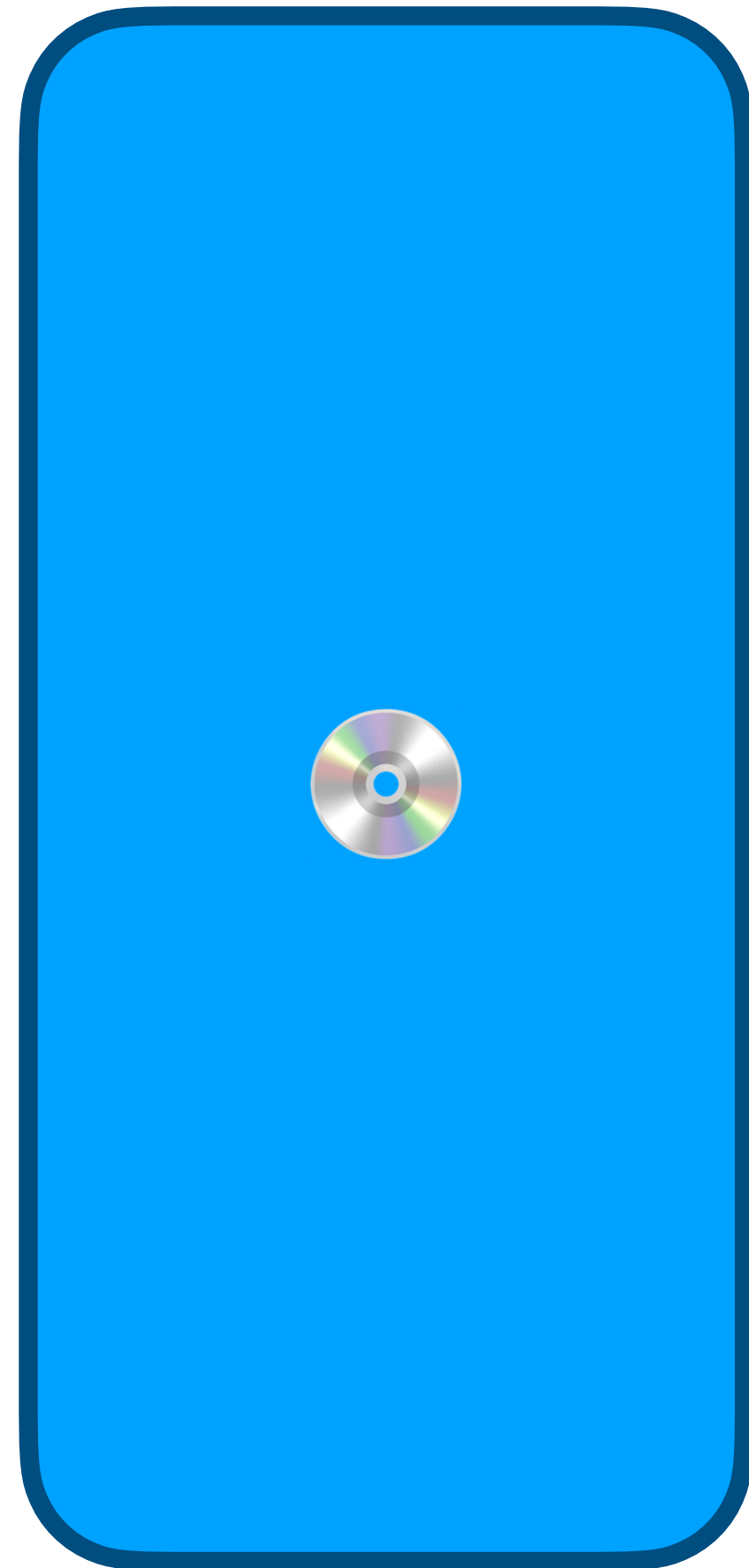
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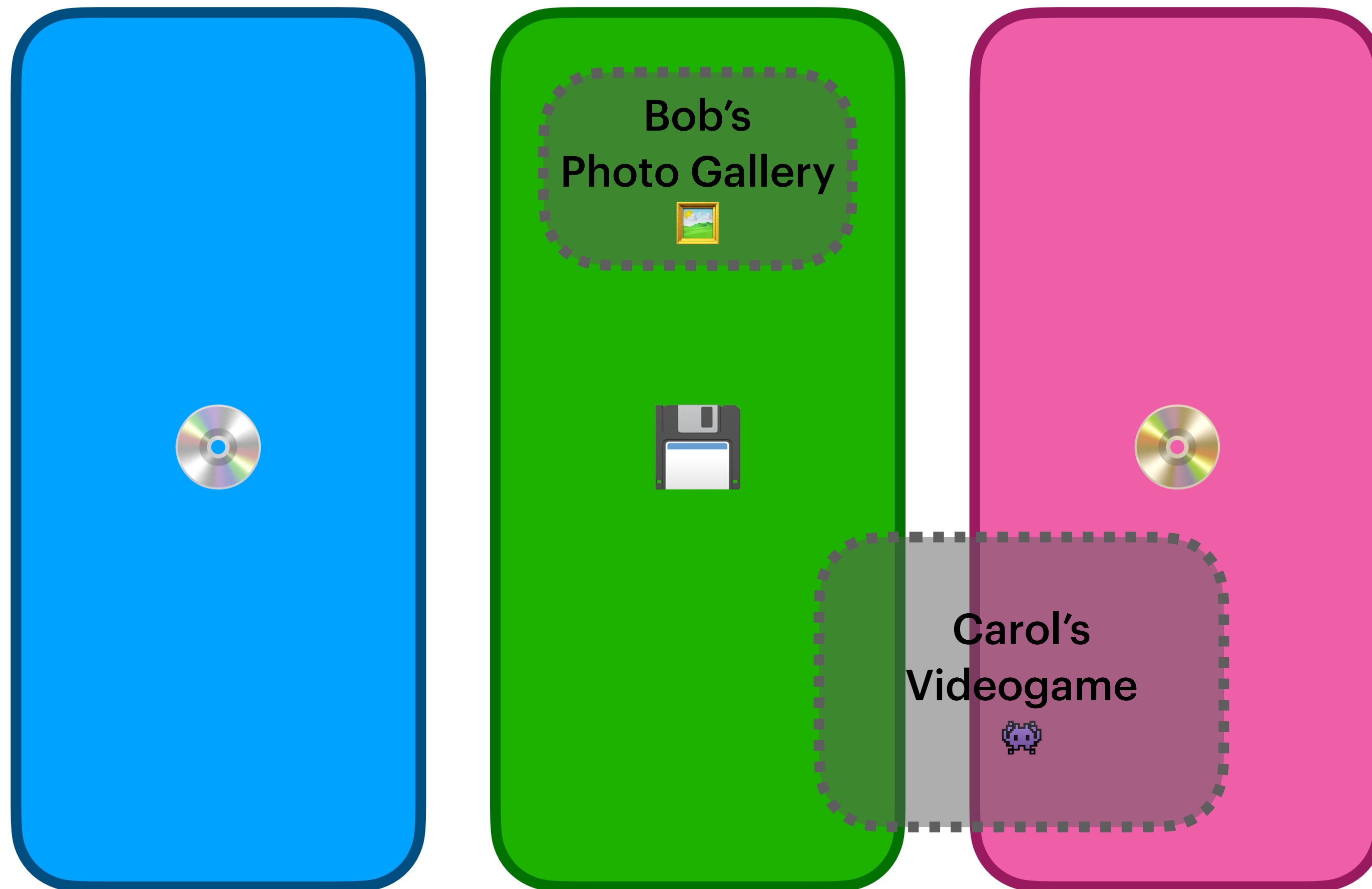
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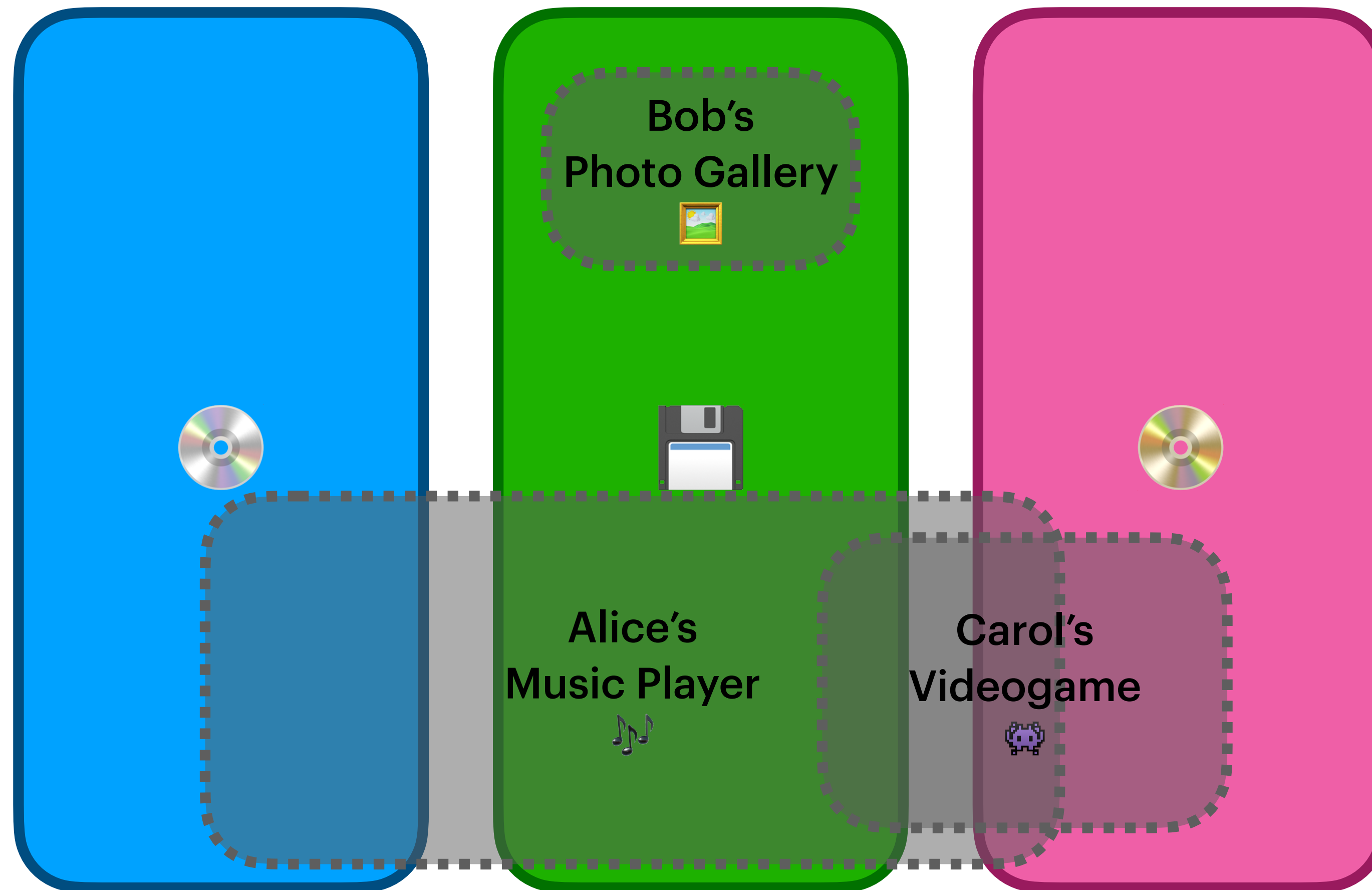
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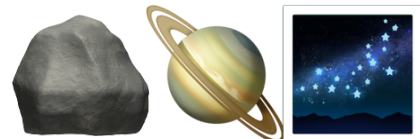
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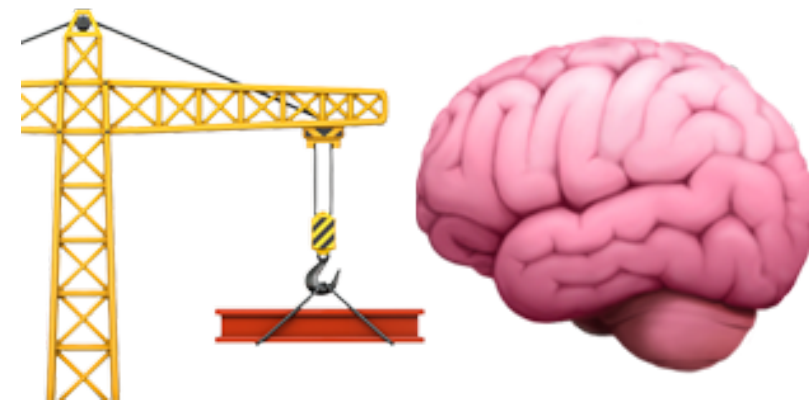
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— Joe Armstrong, Why Markdown Sucks

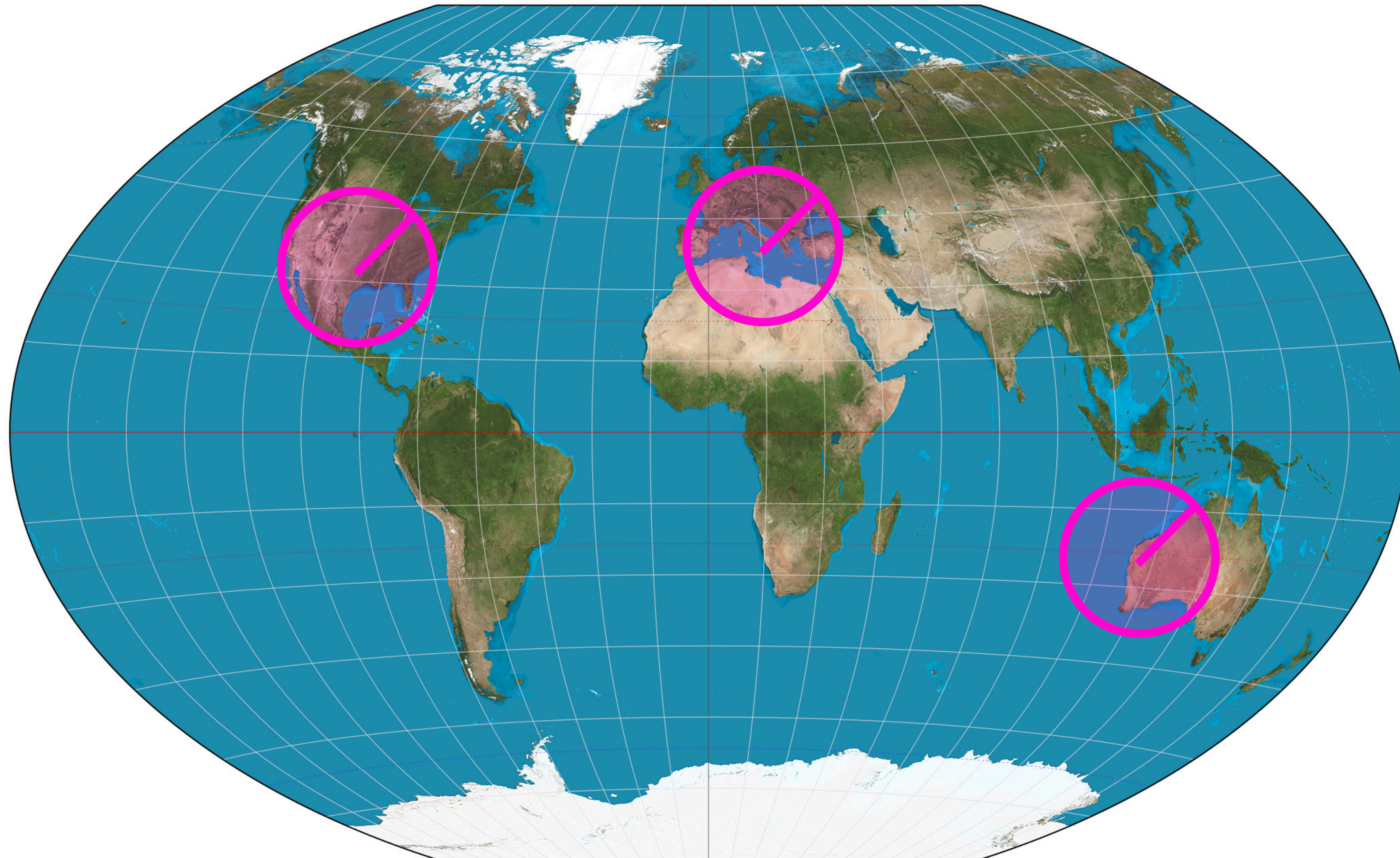
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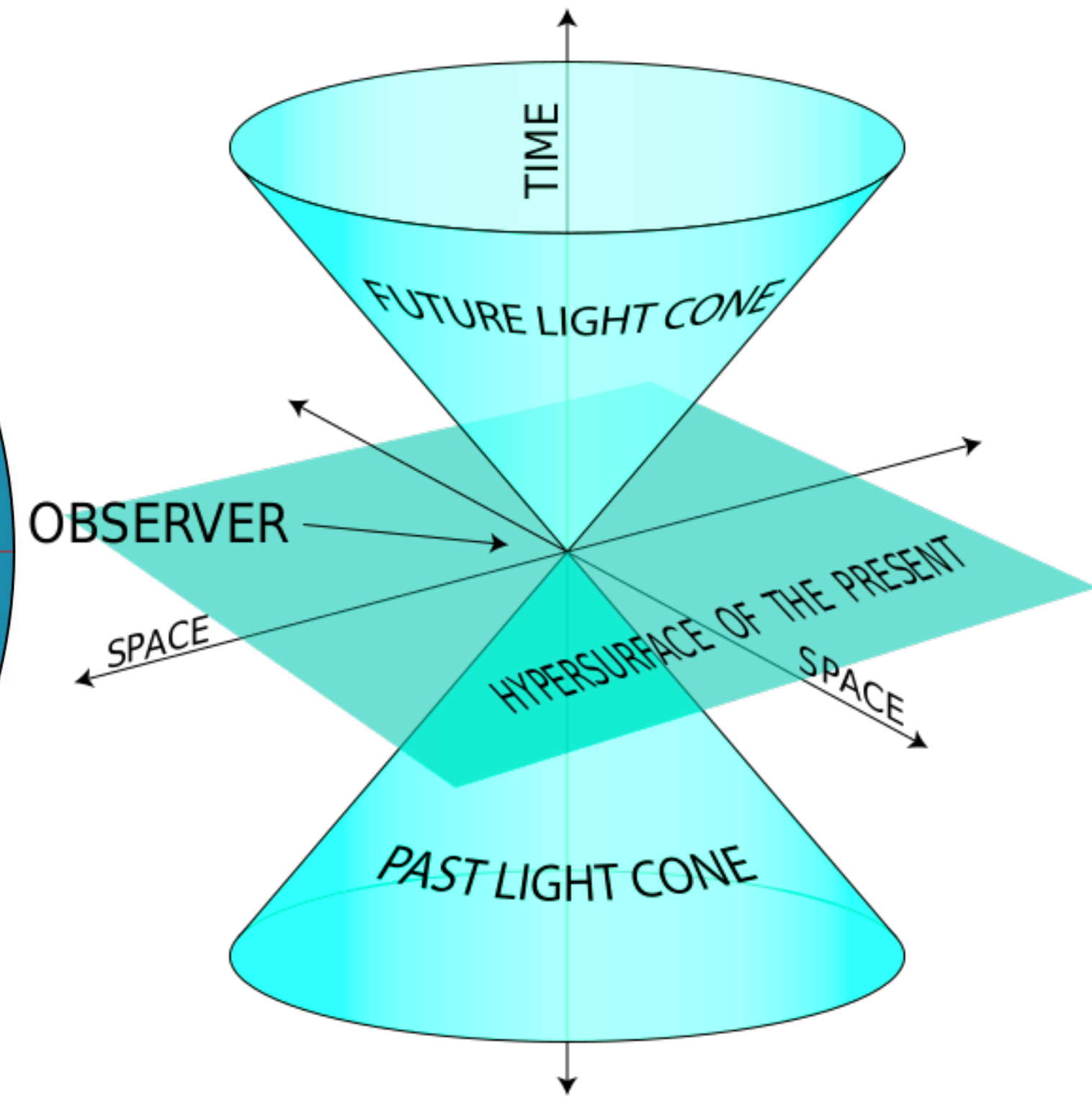
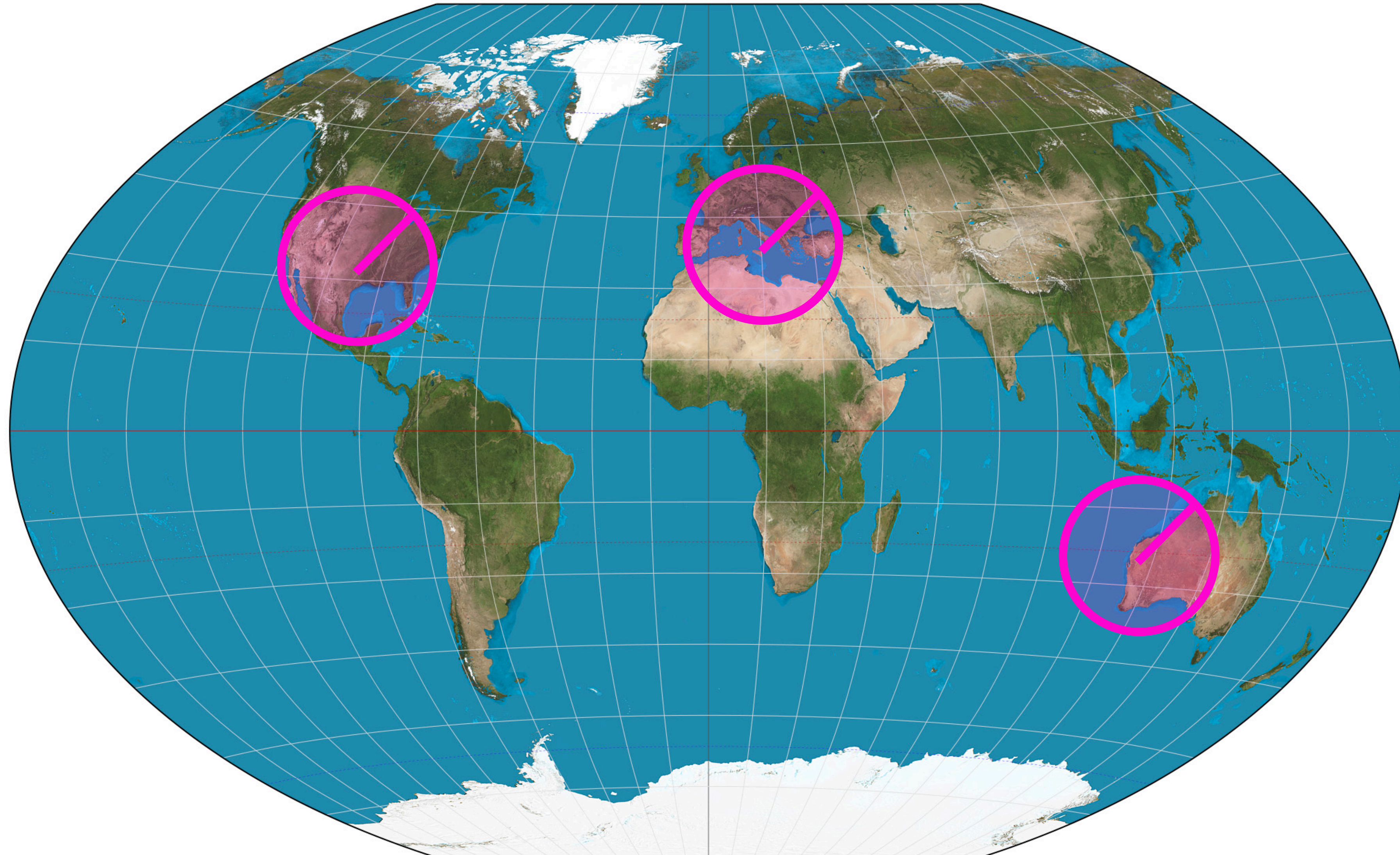
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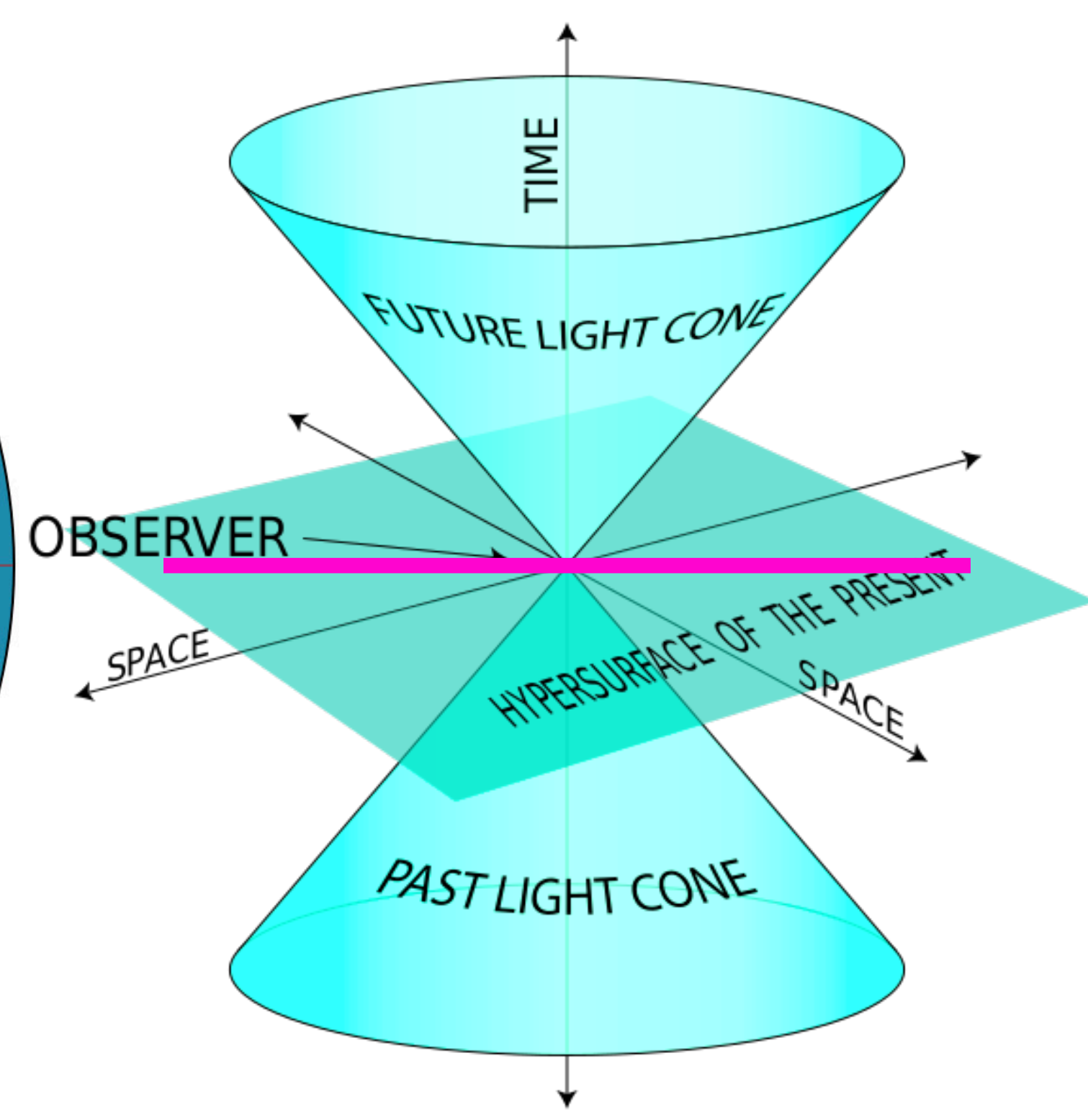
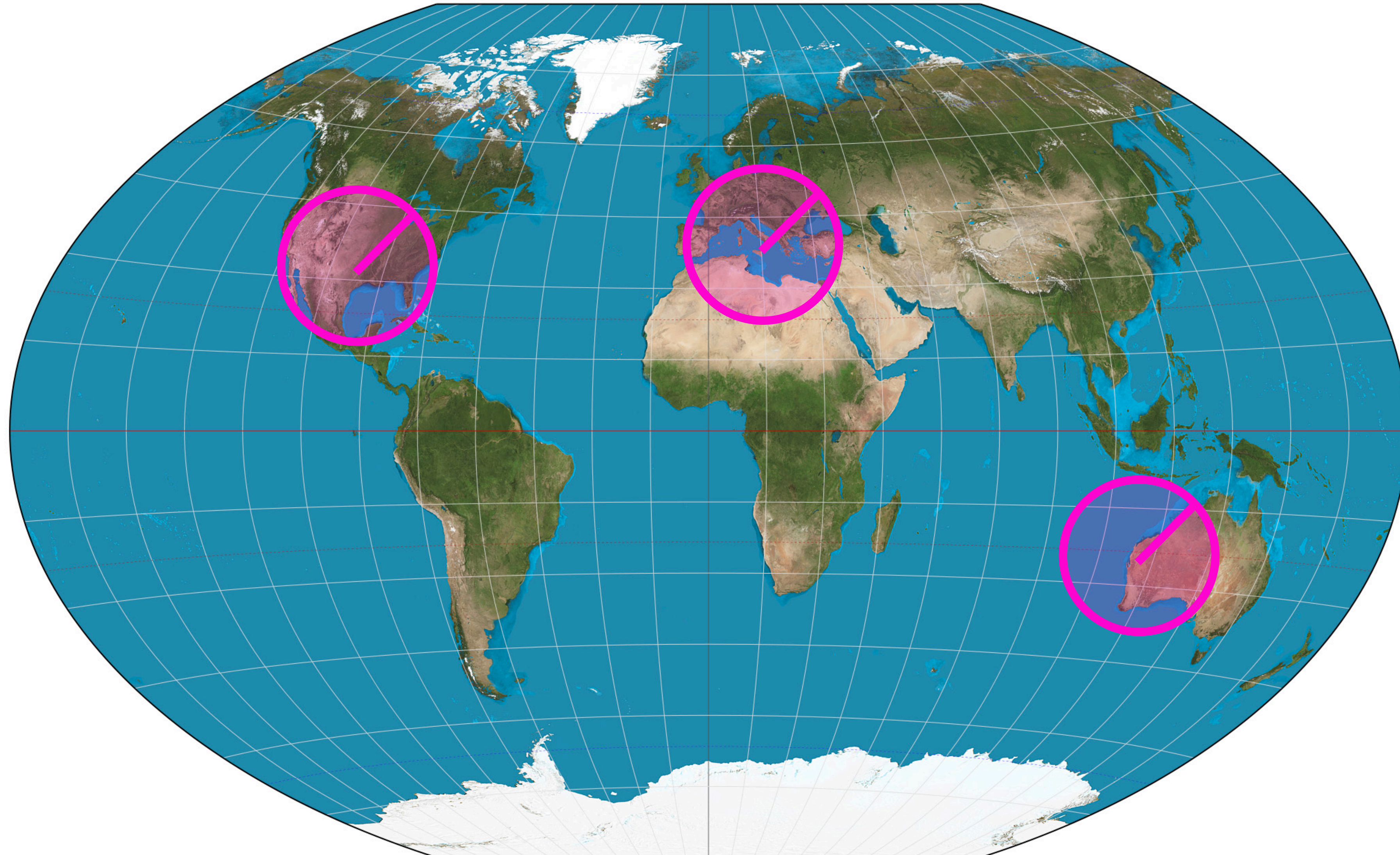
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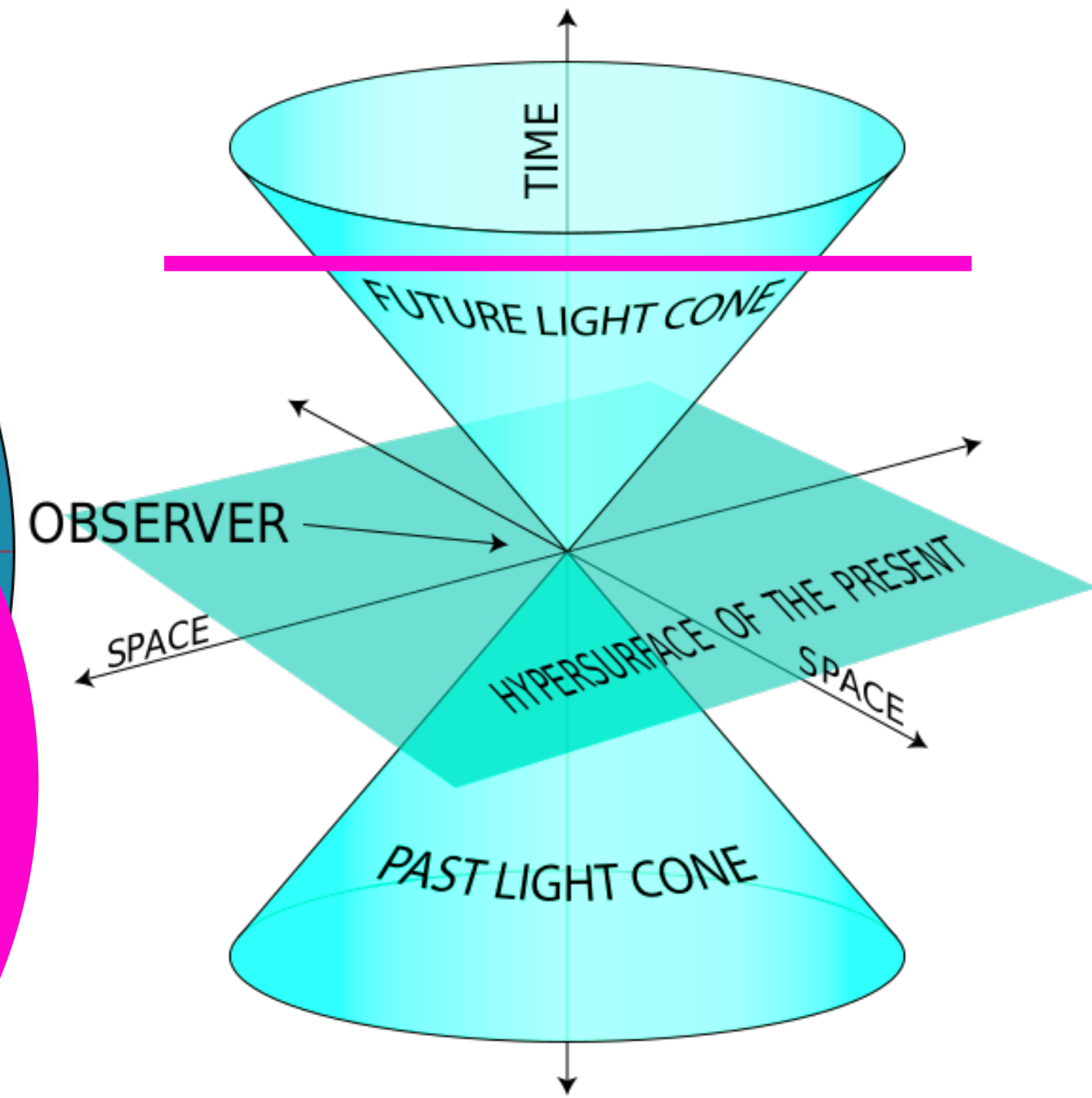
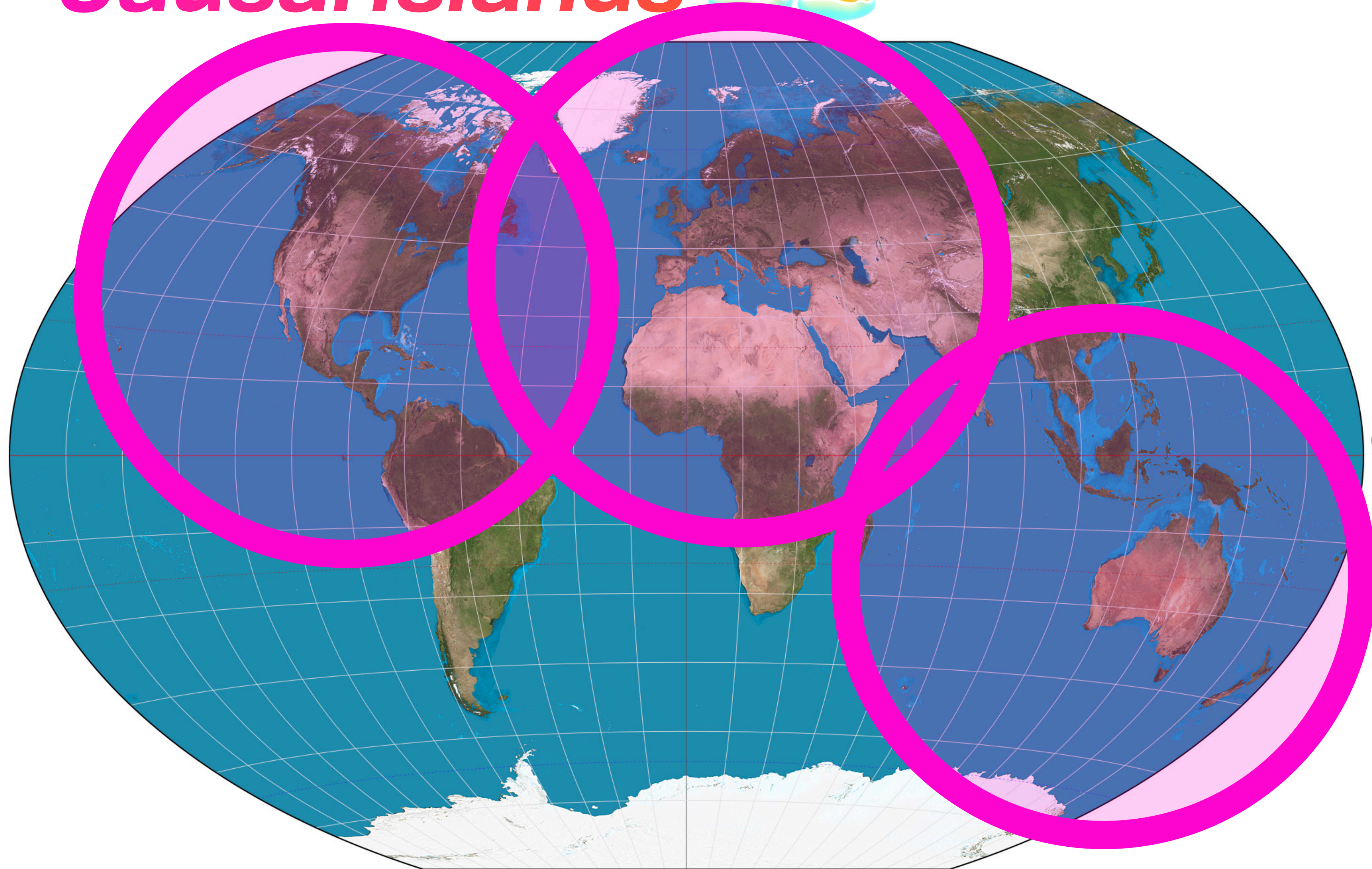
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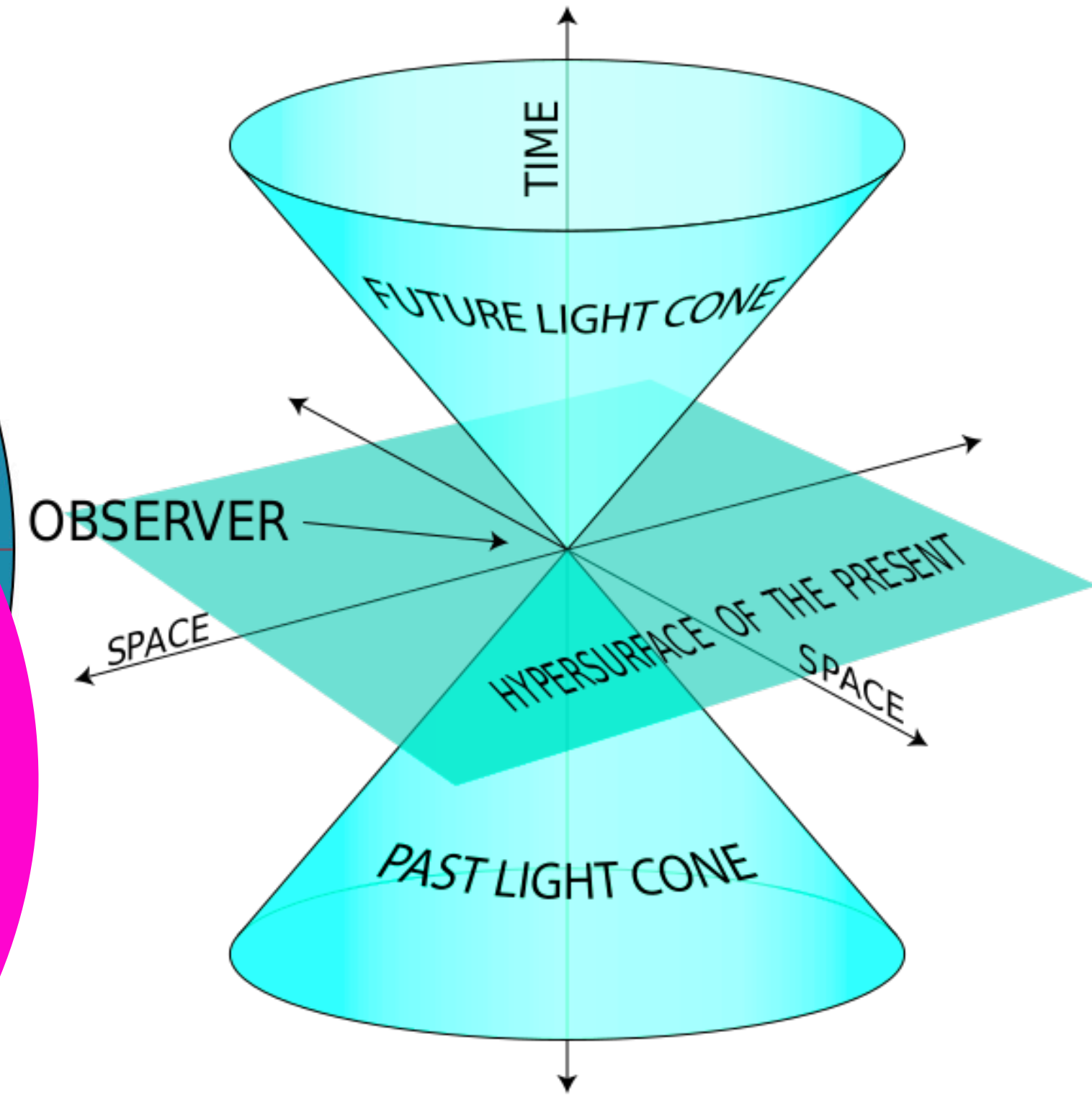
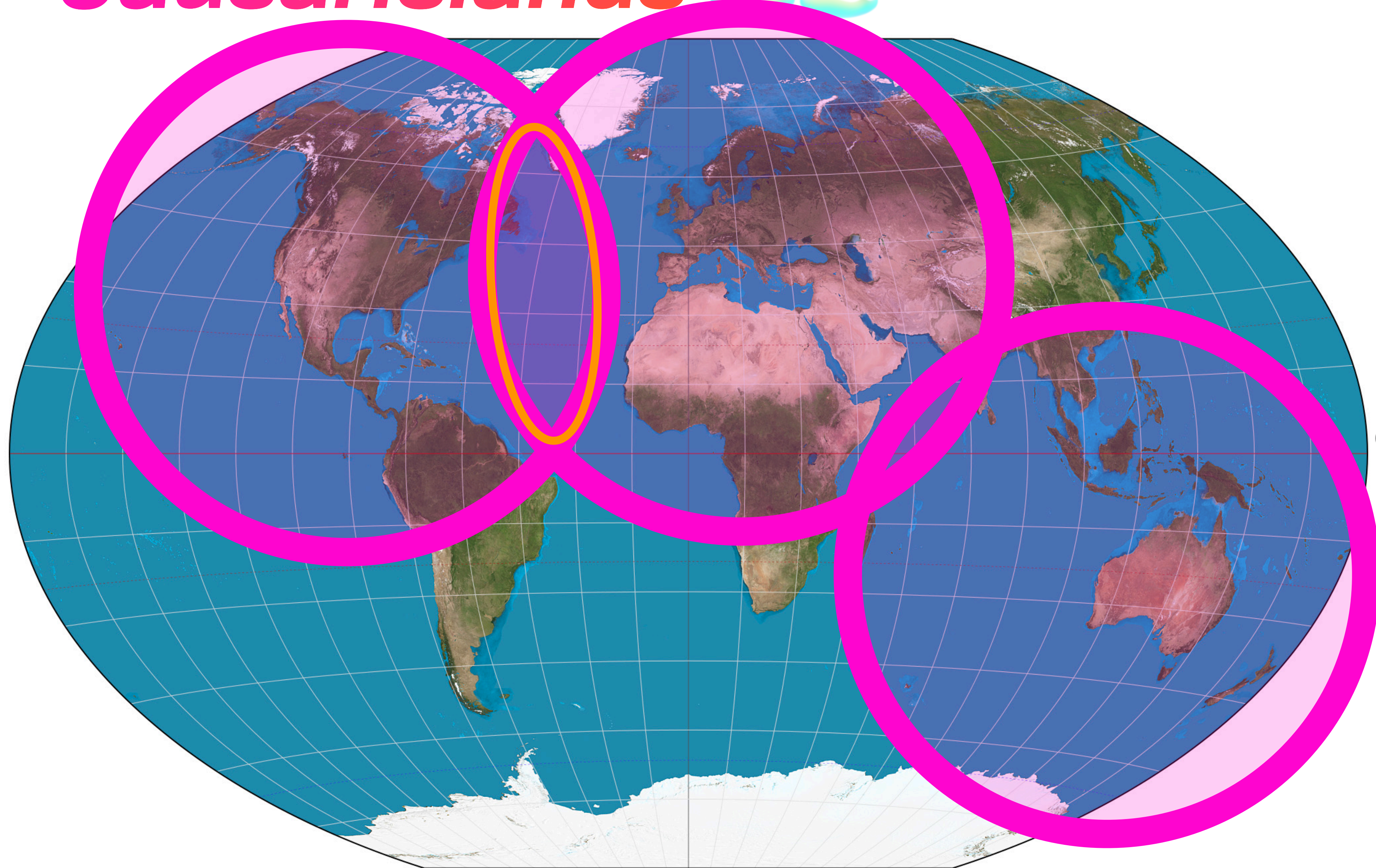
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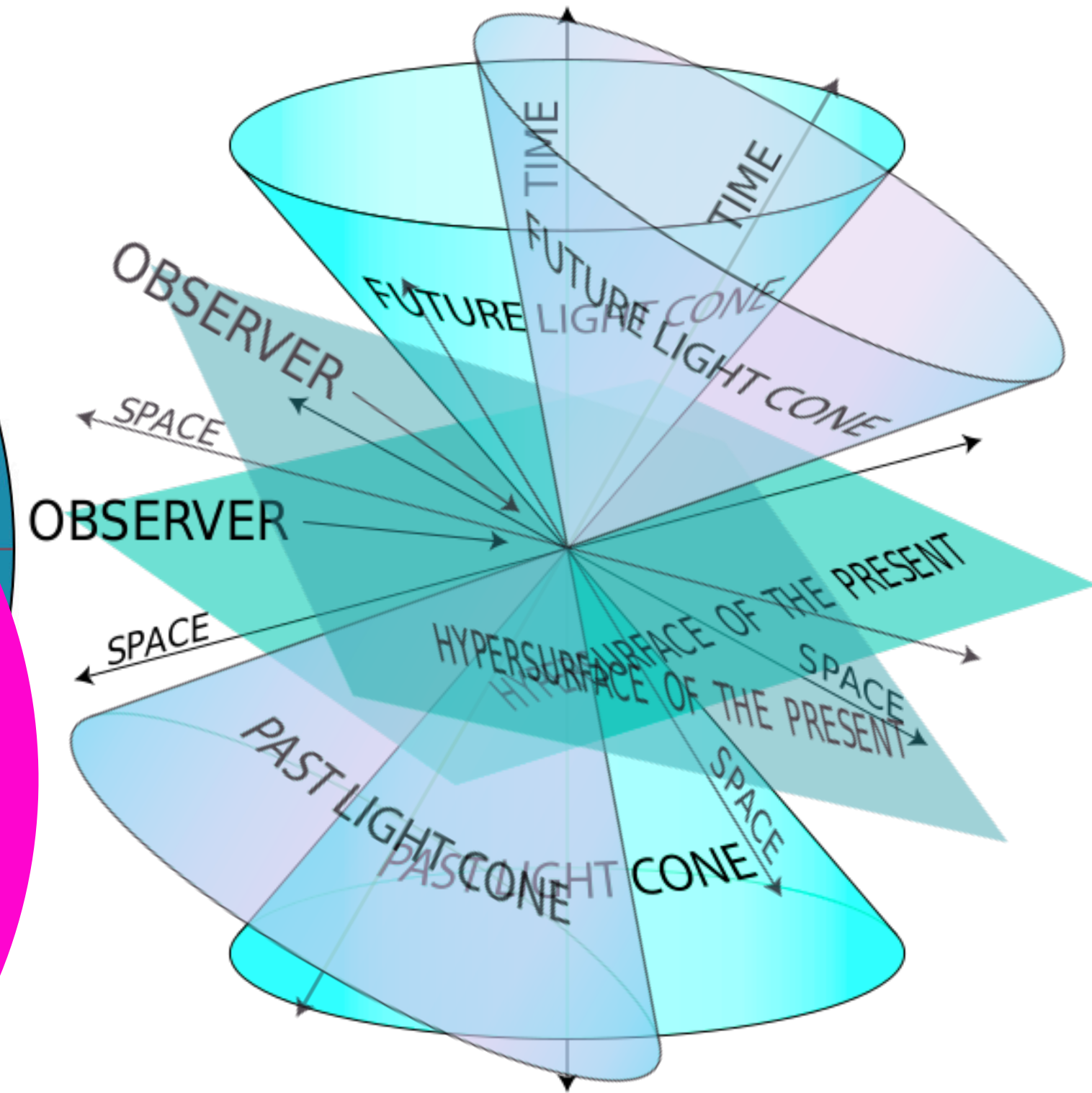
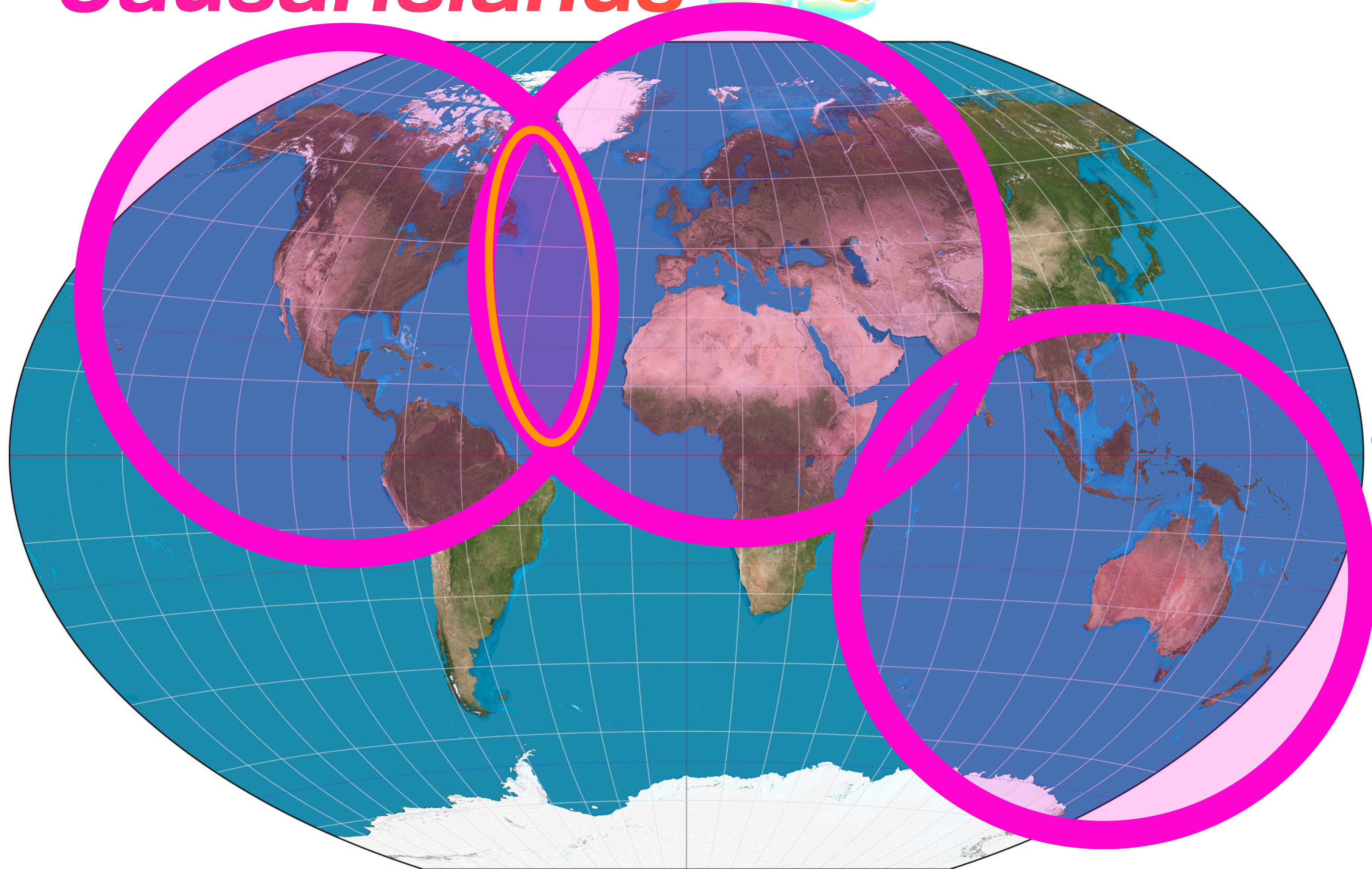
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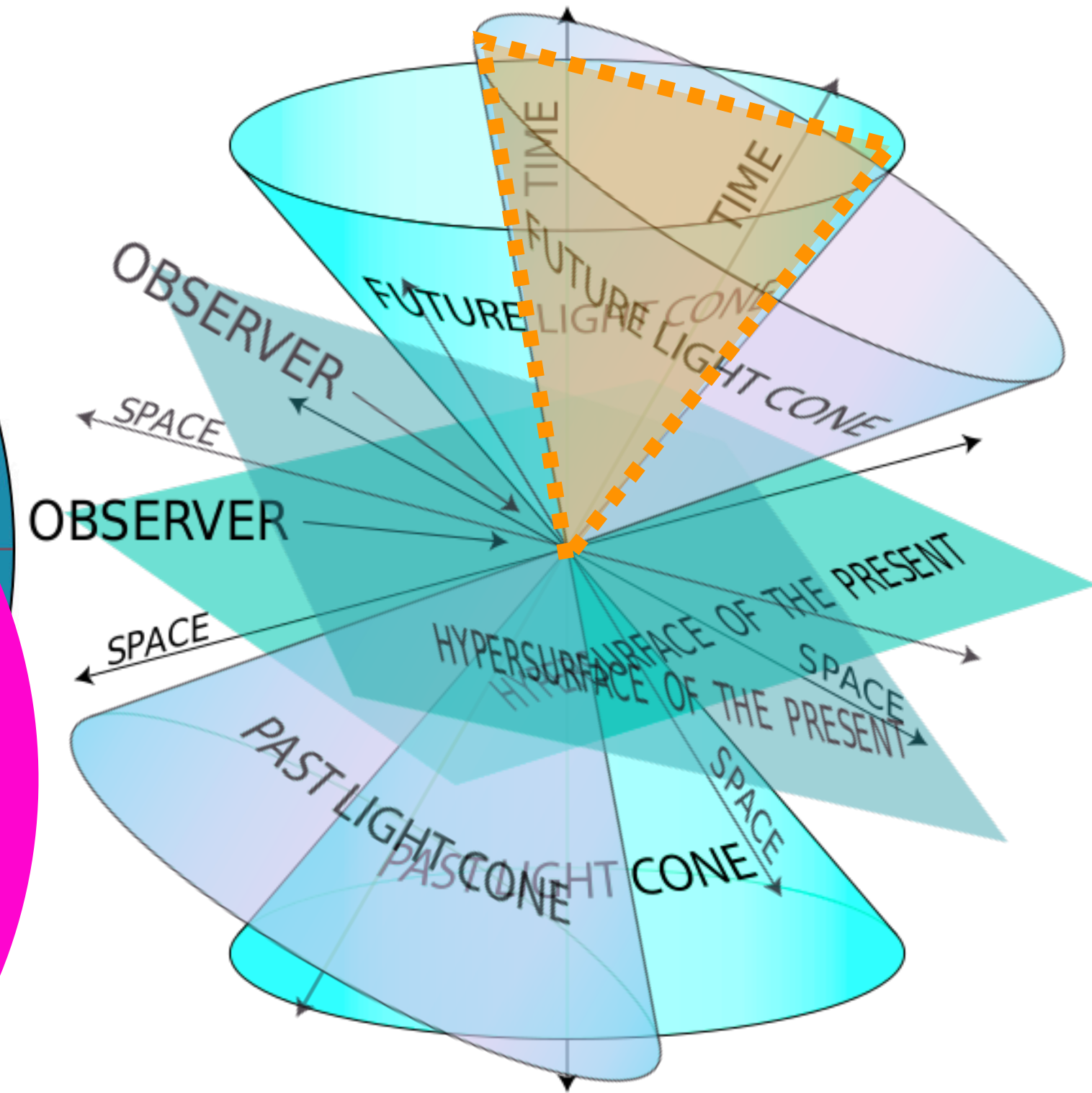
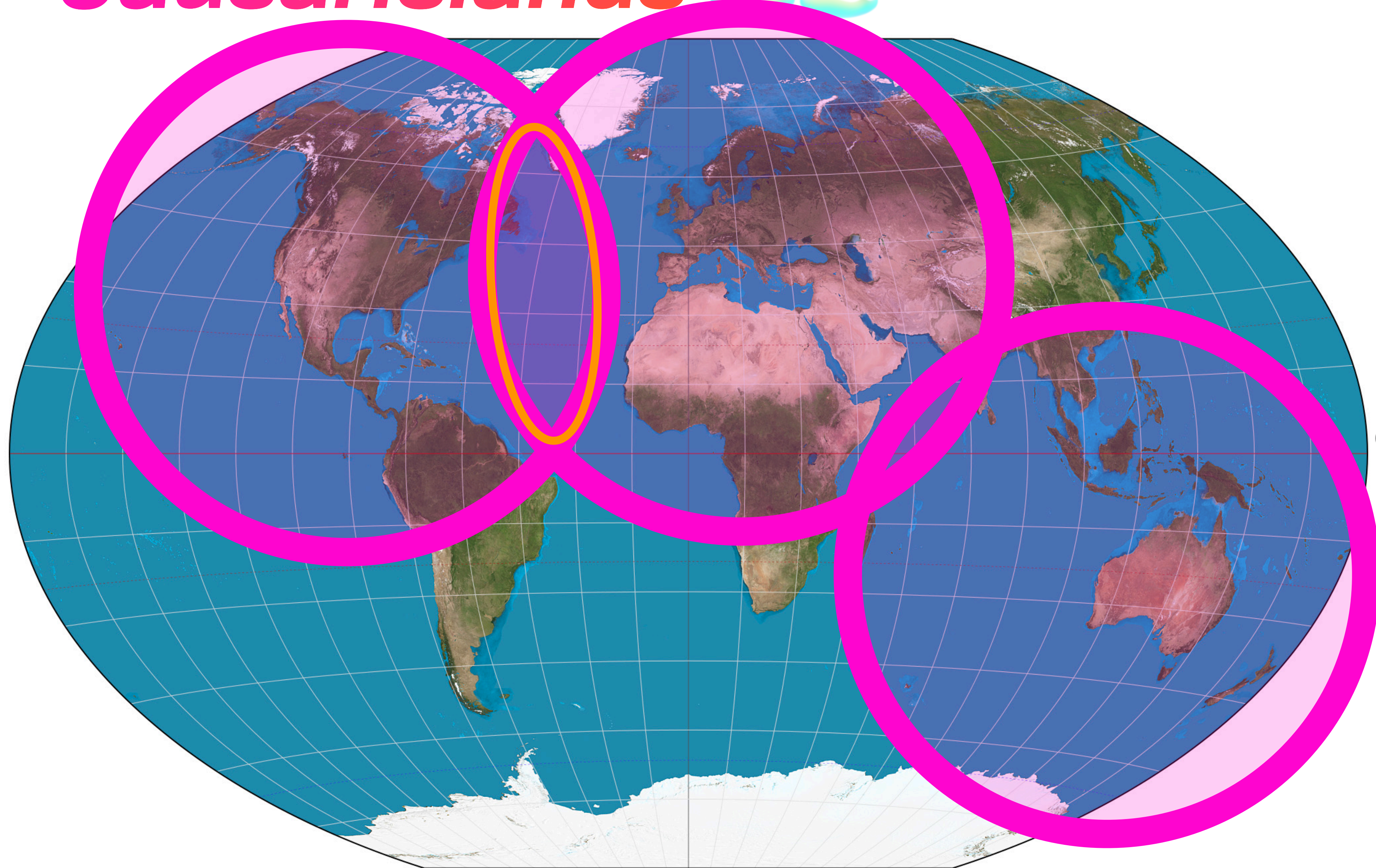
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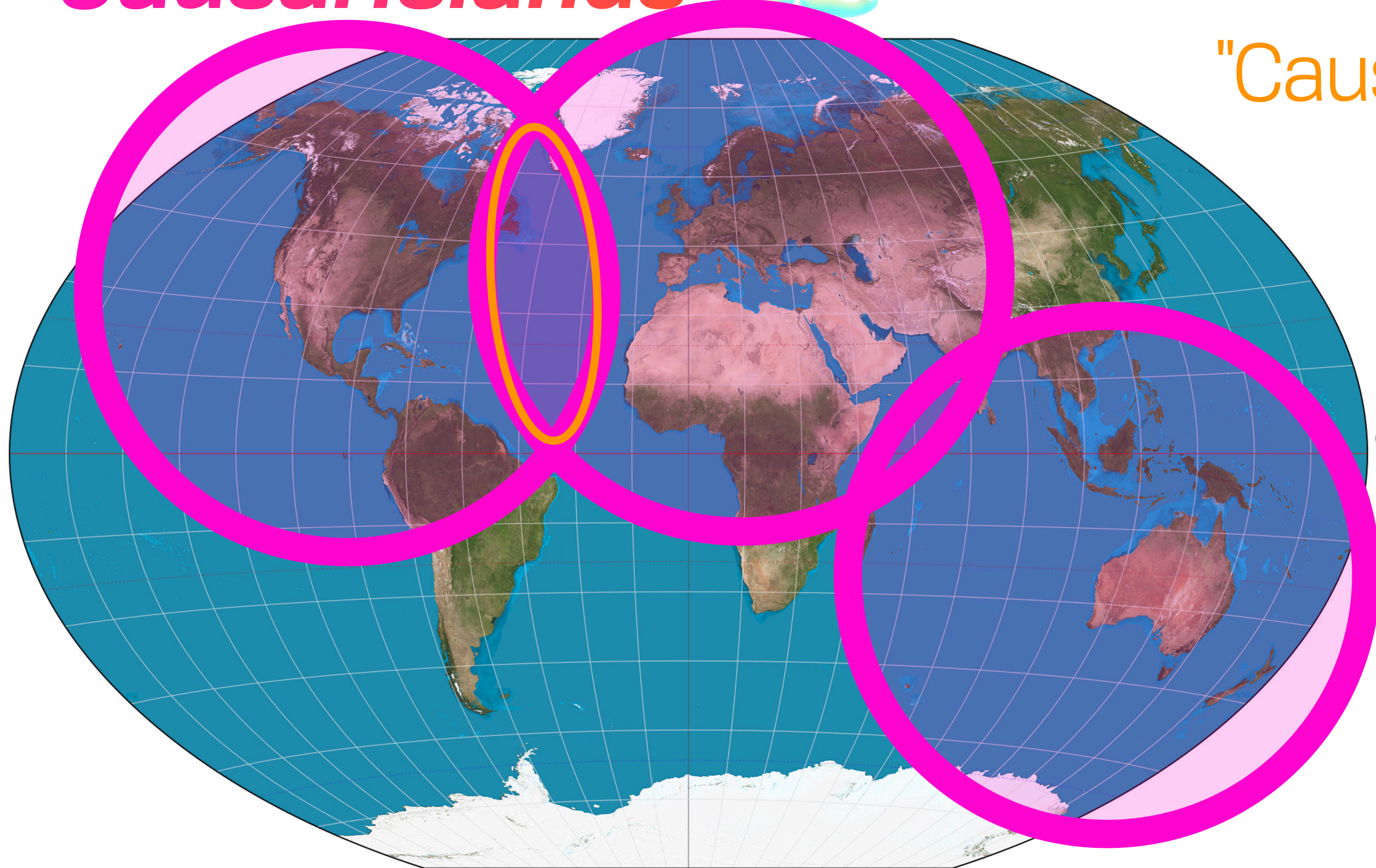
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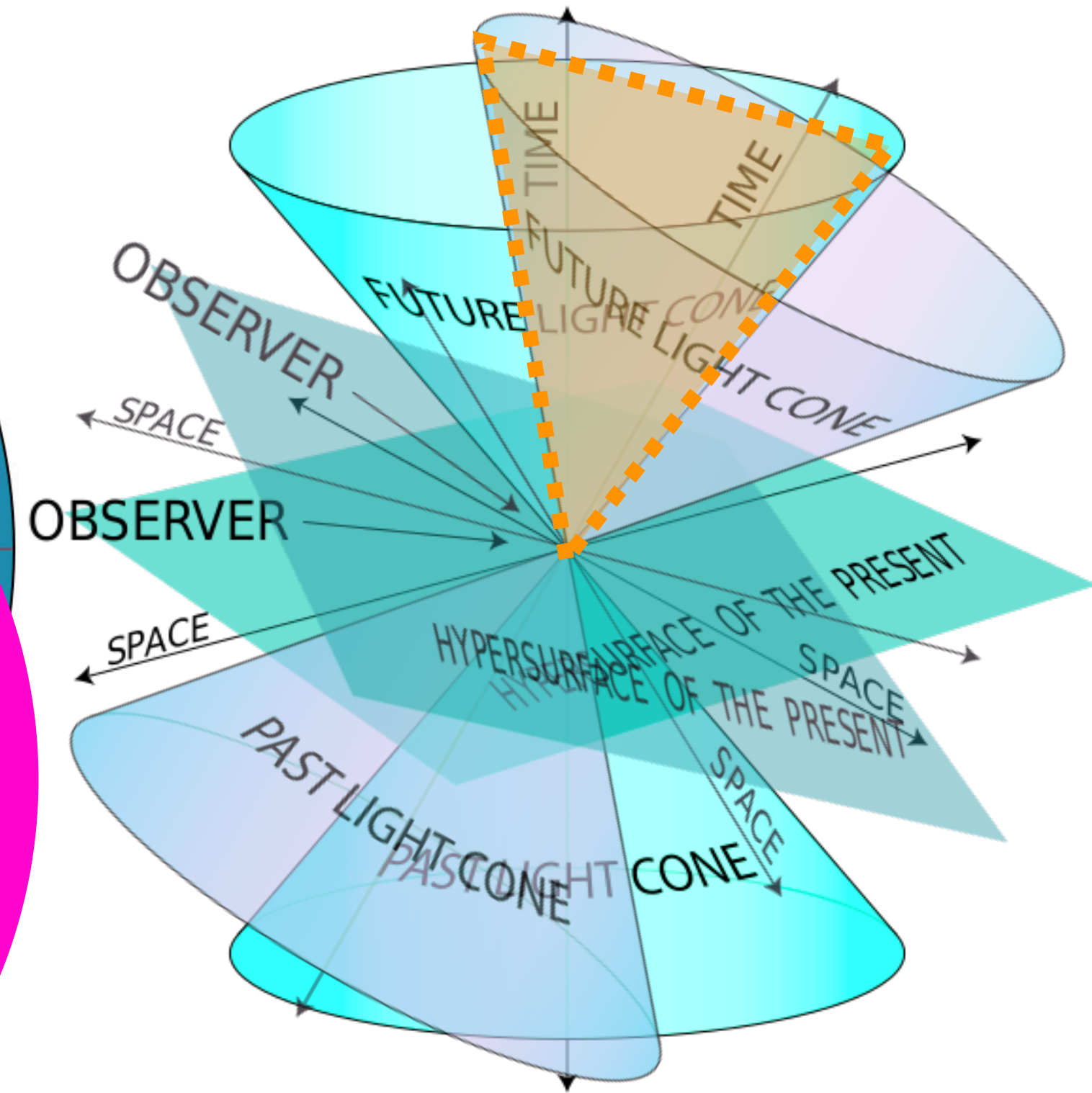


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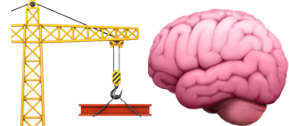
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"Causal Subjectivity"



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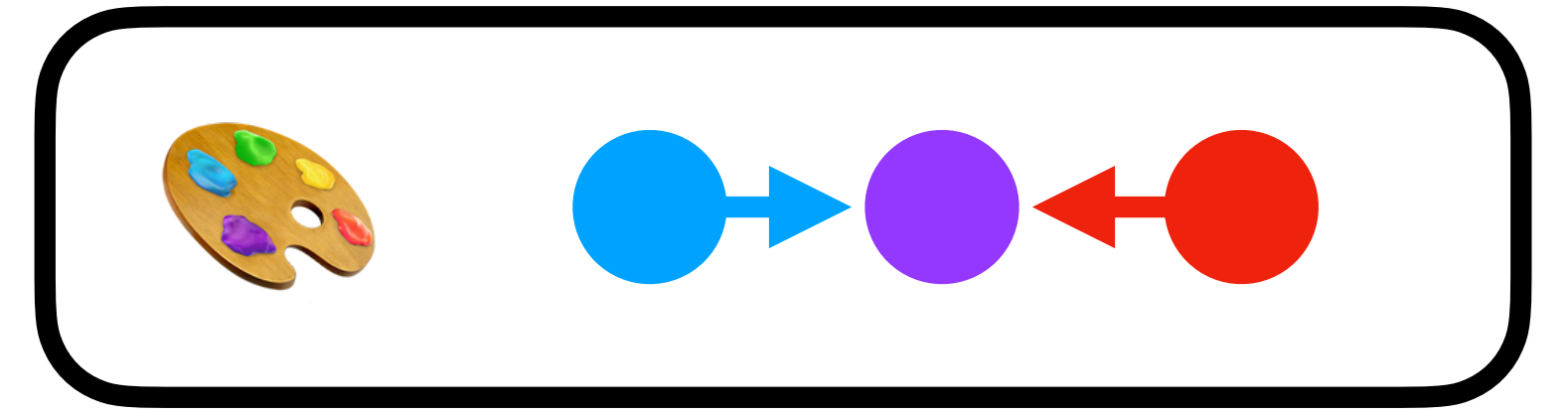
—Hellerstein & Alvaro, Keeping CALM: When Distributed Consistency is Easy

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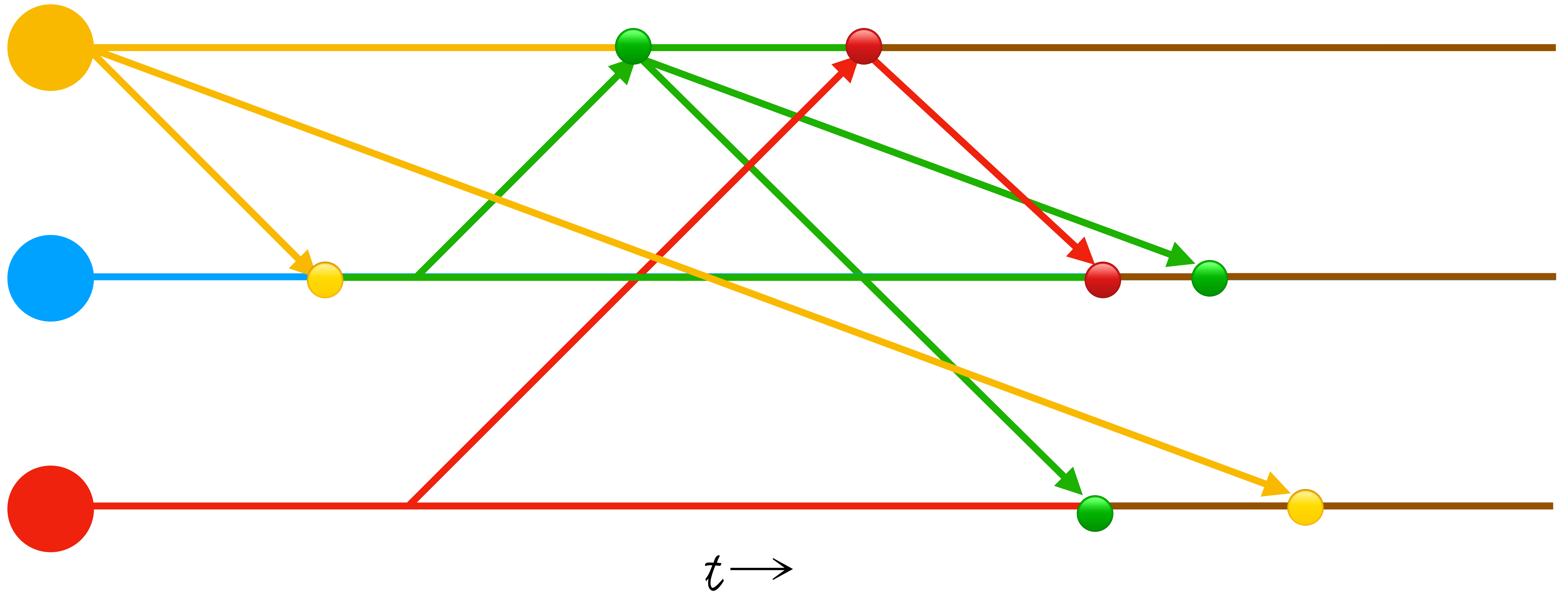
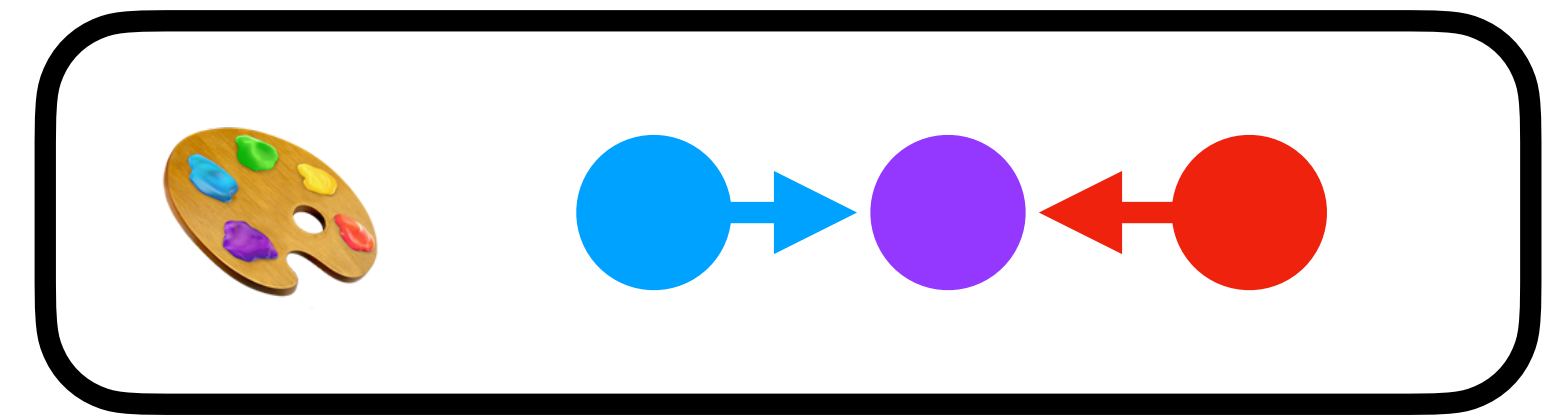
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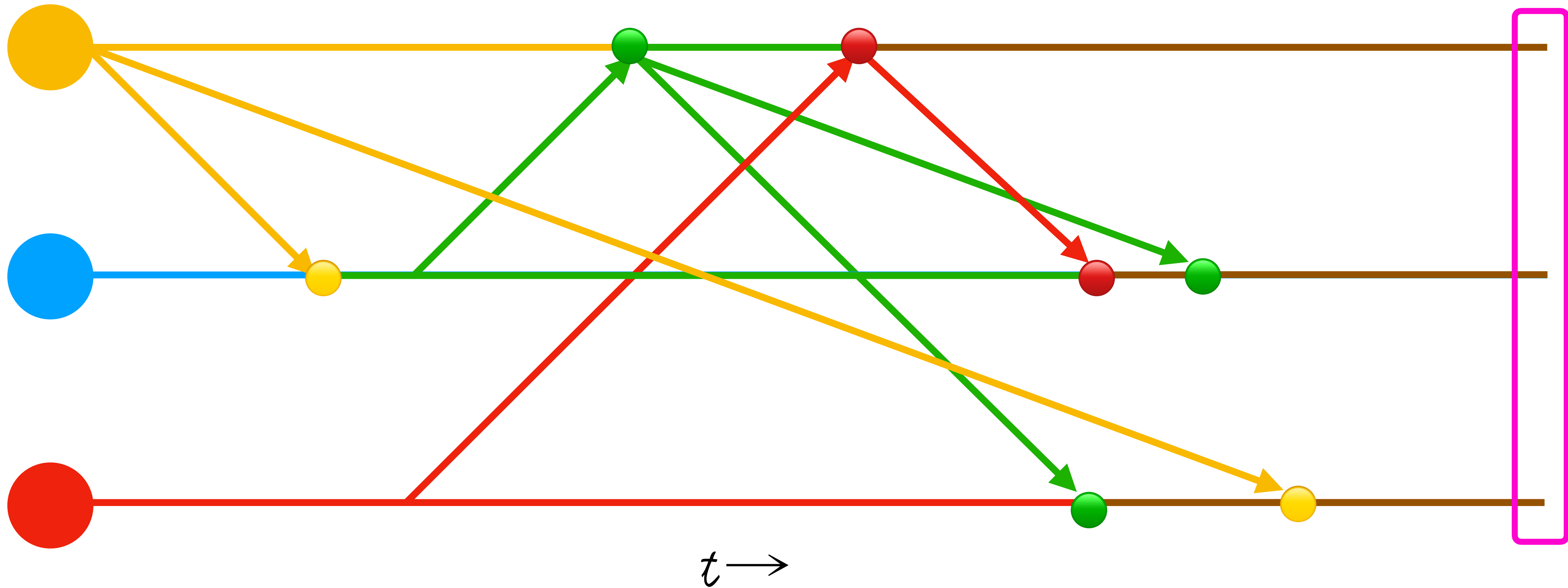
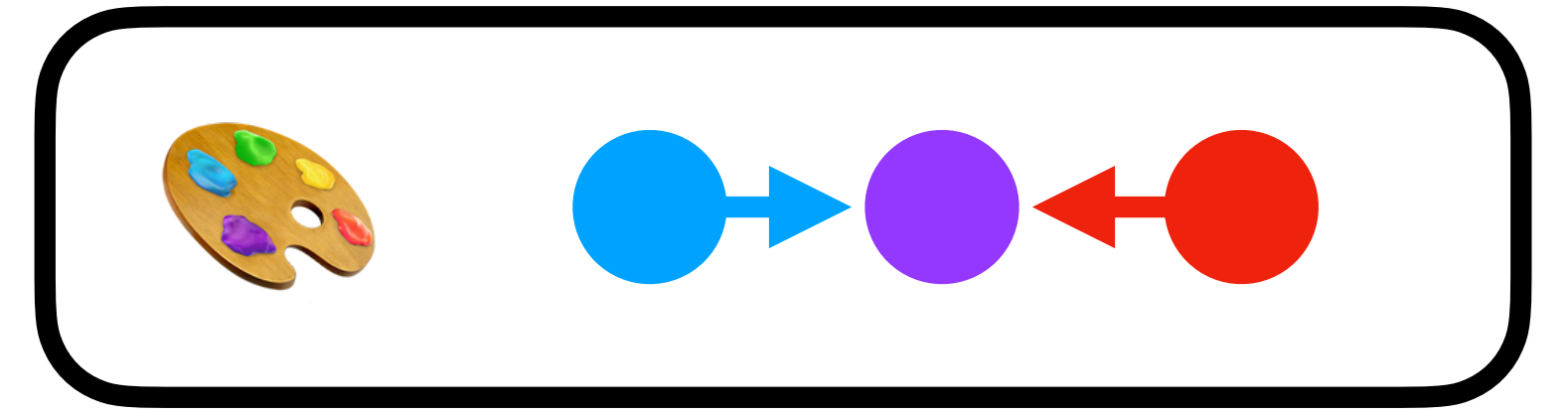
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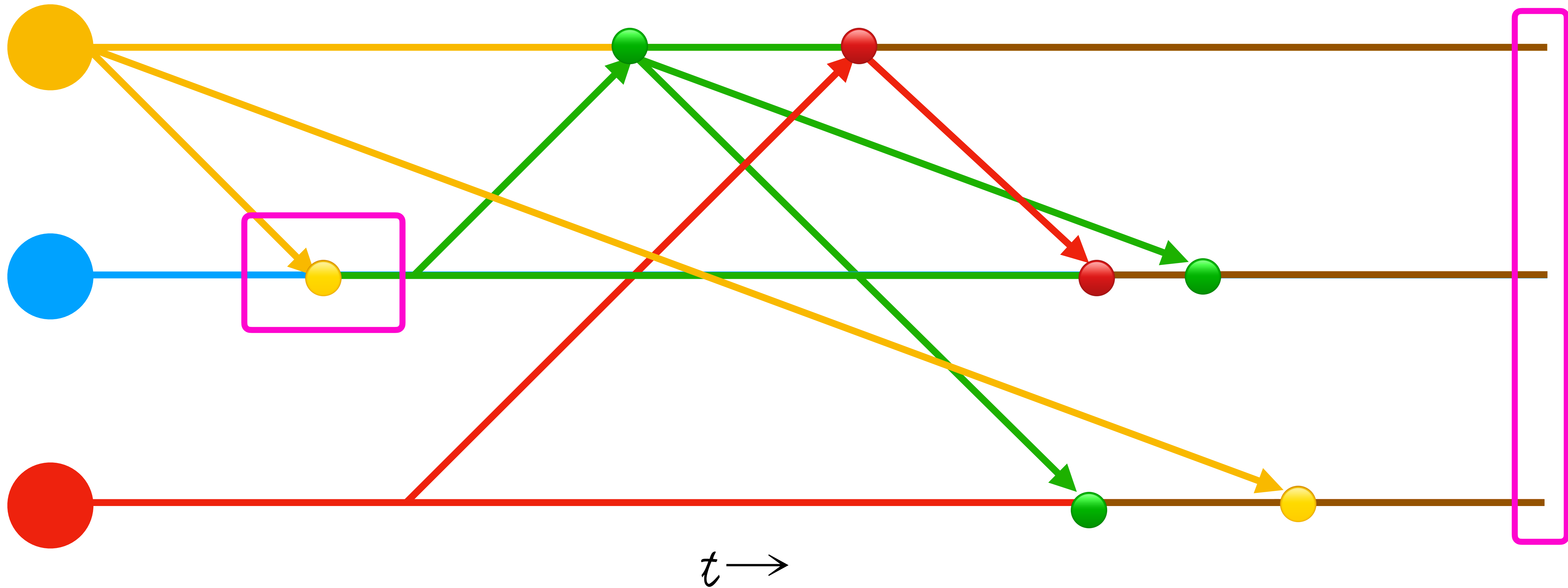
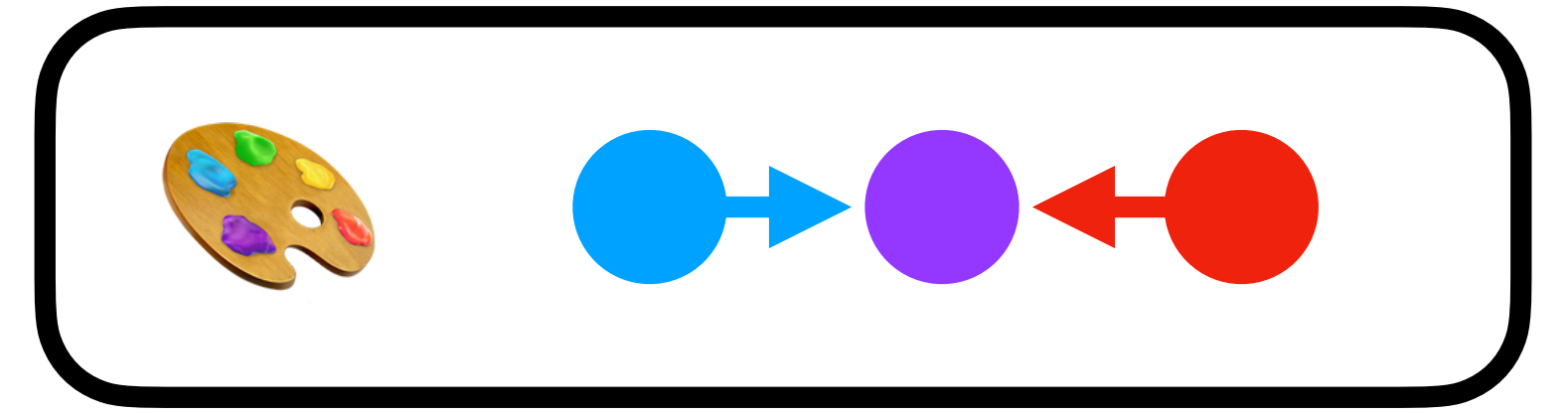
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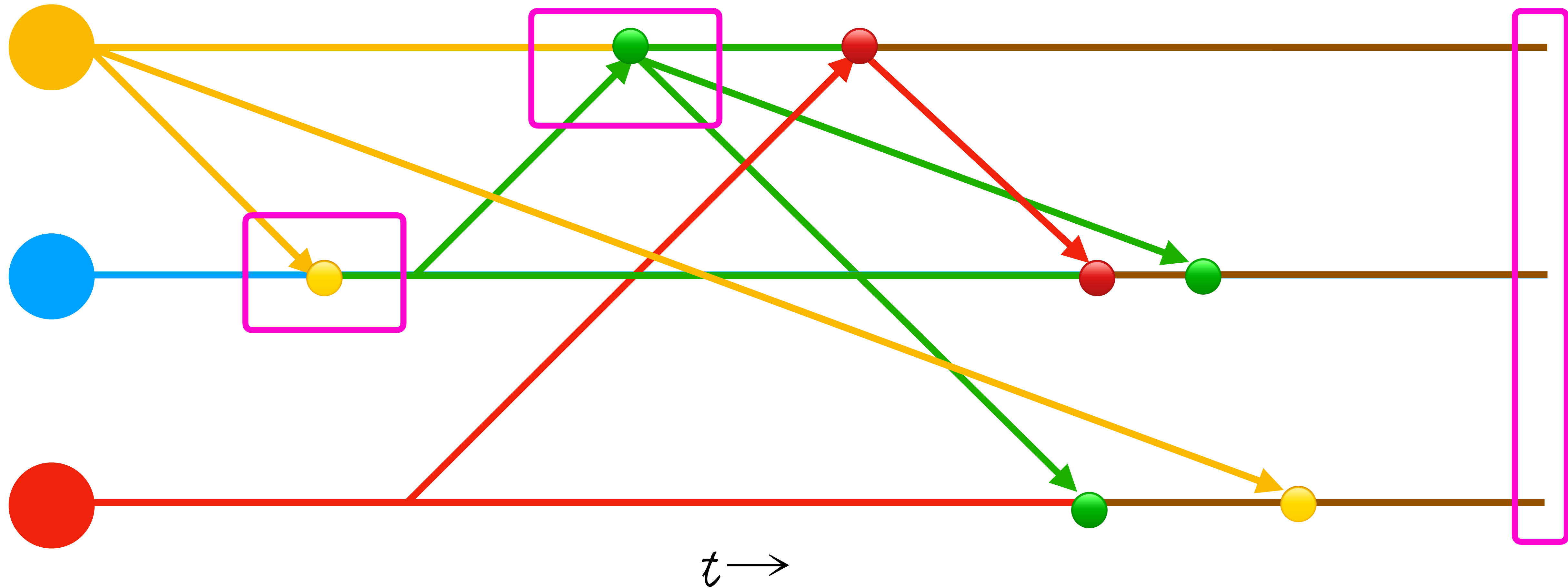
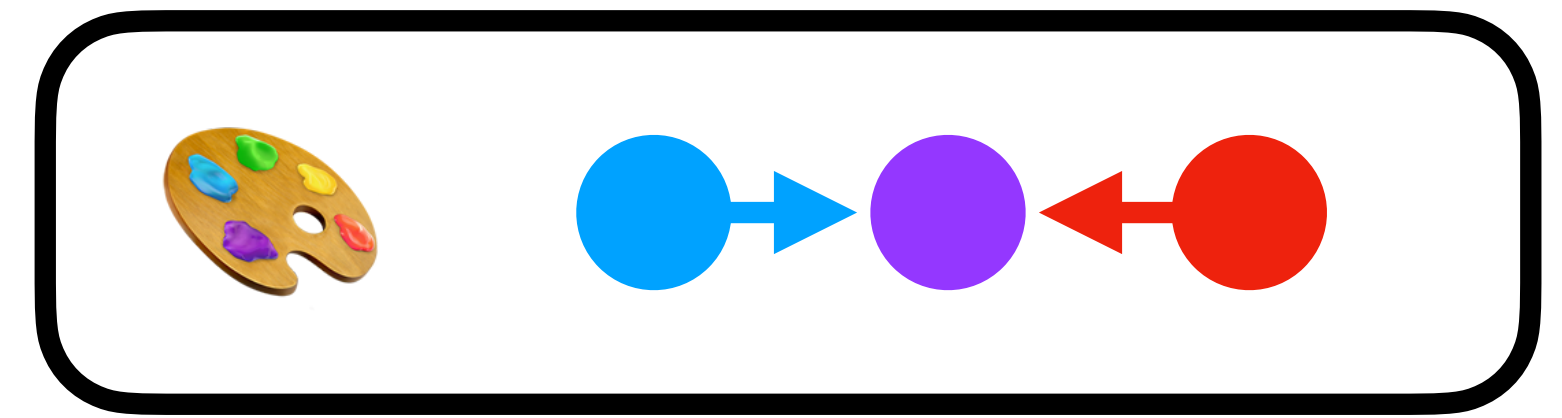
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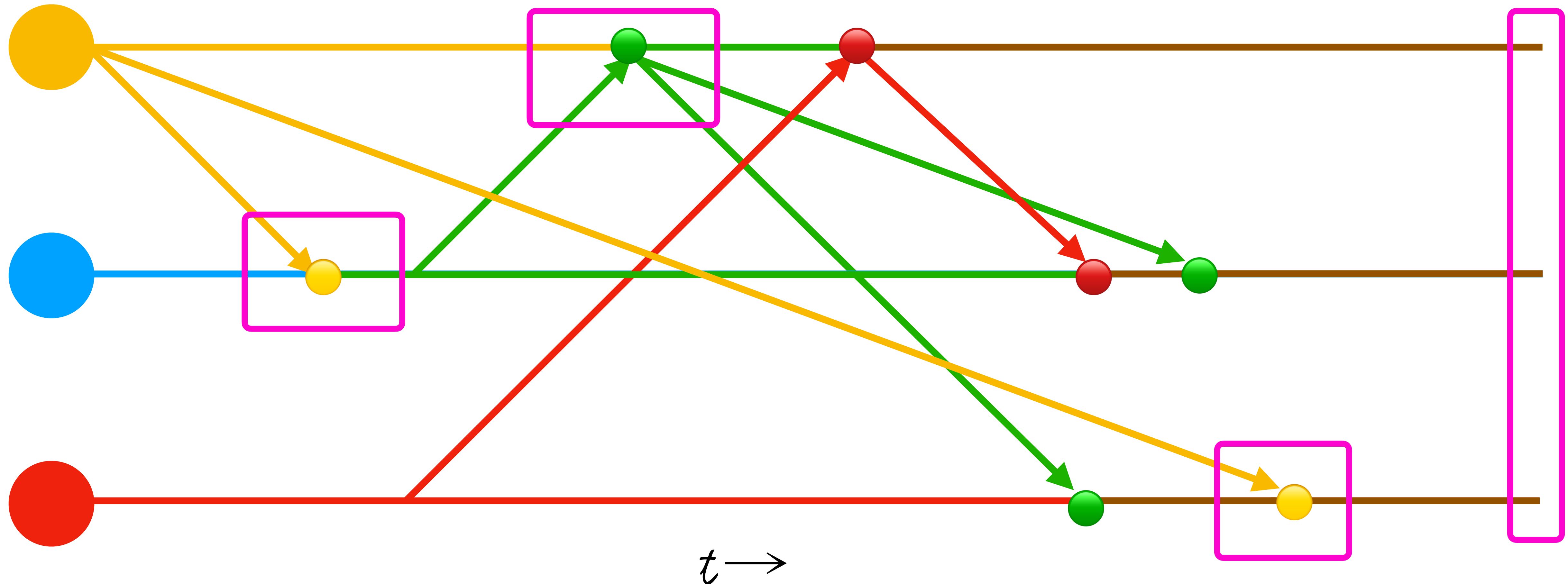
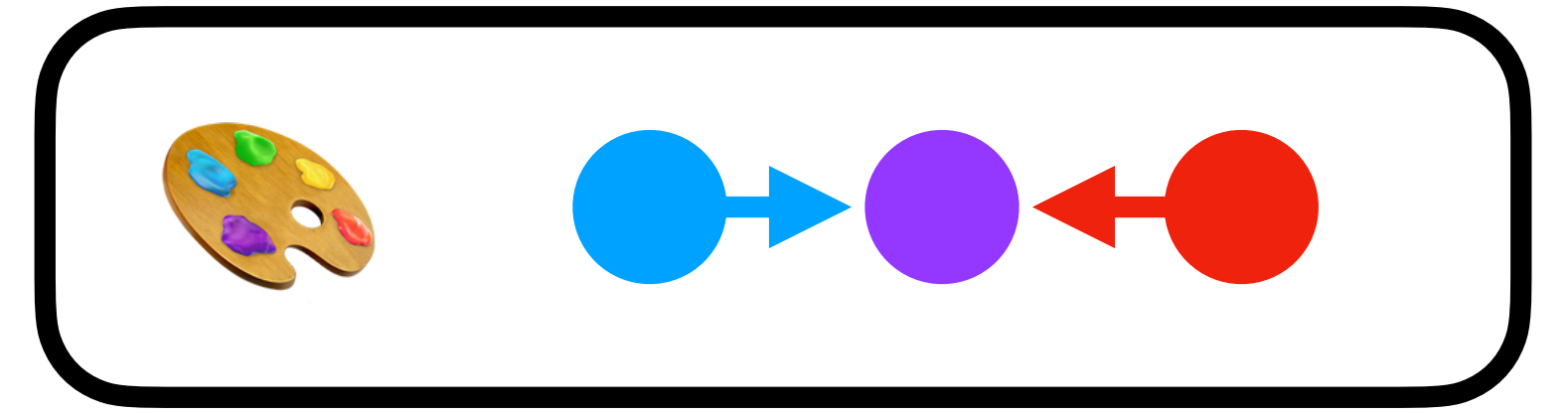
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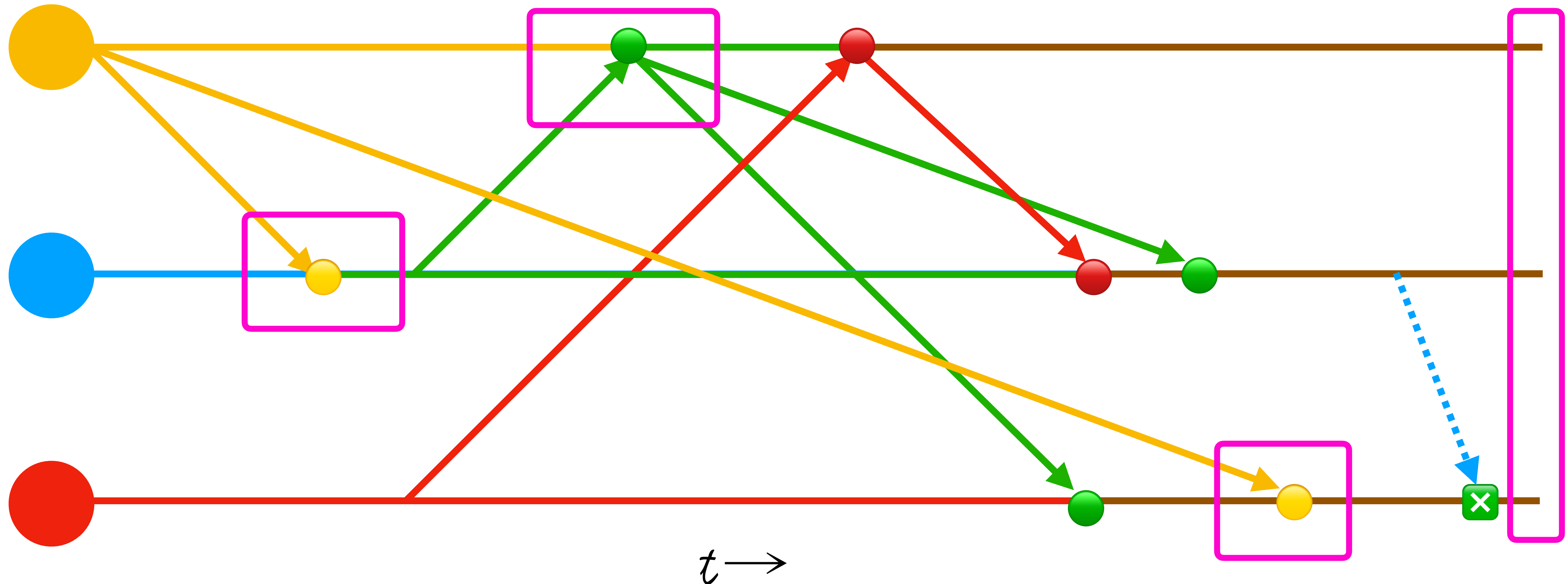
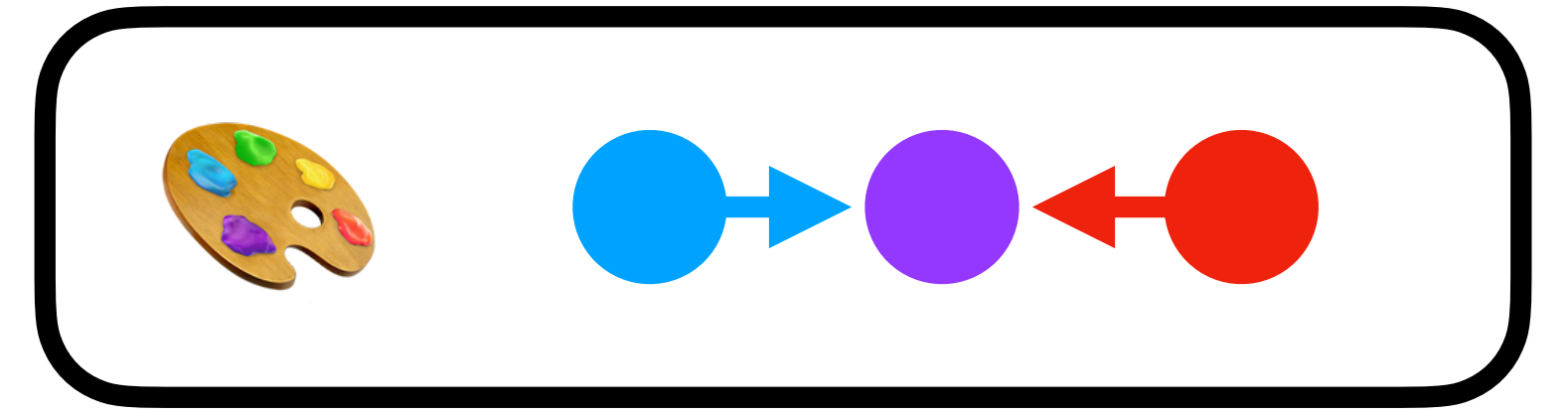
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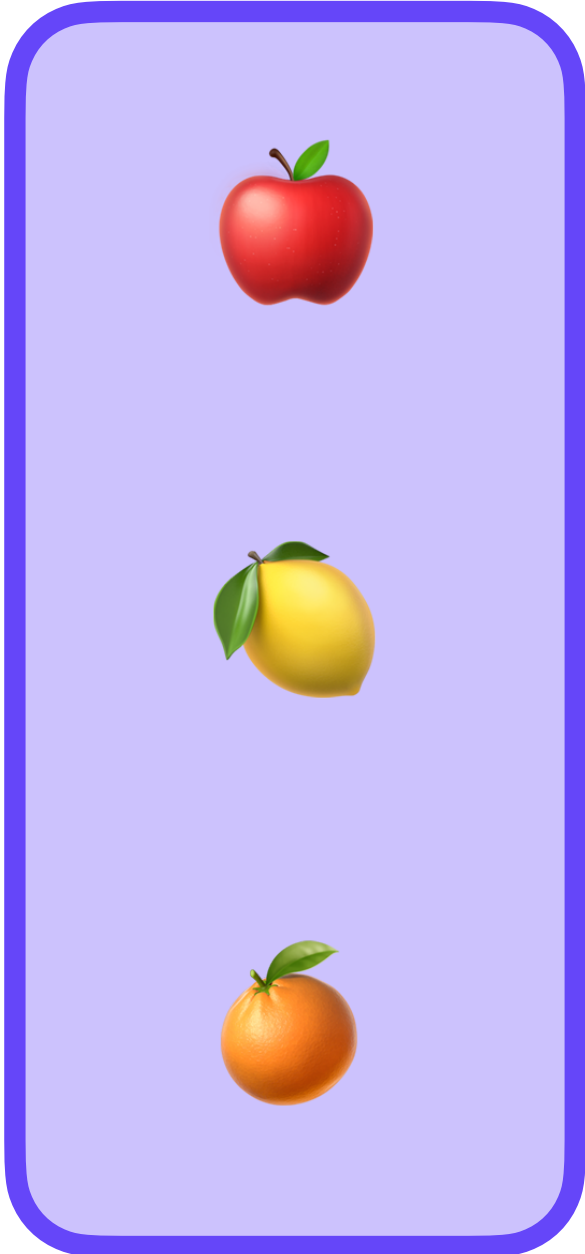


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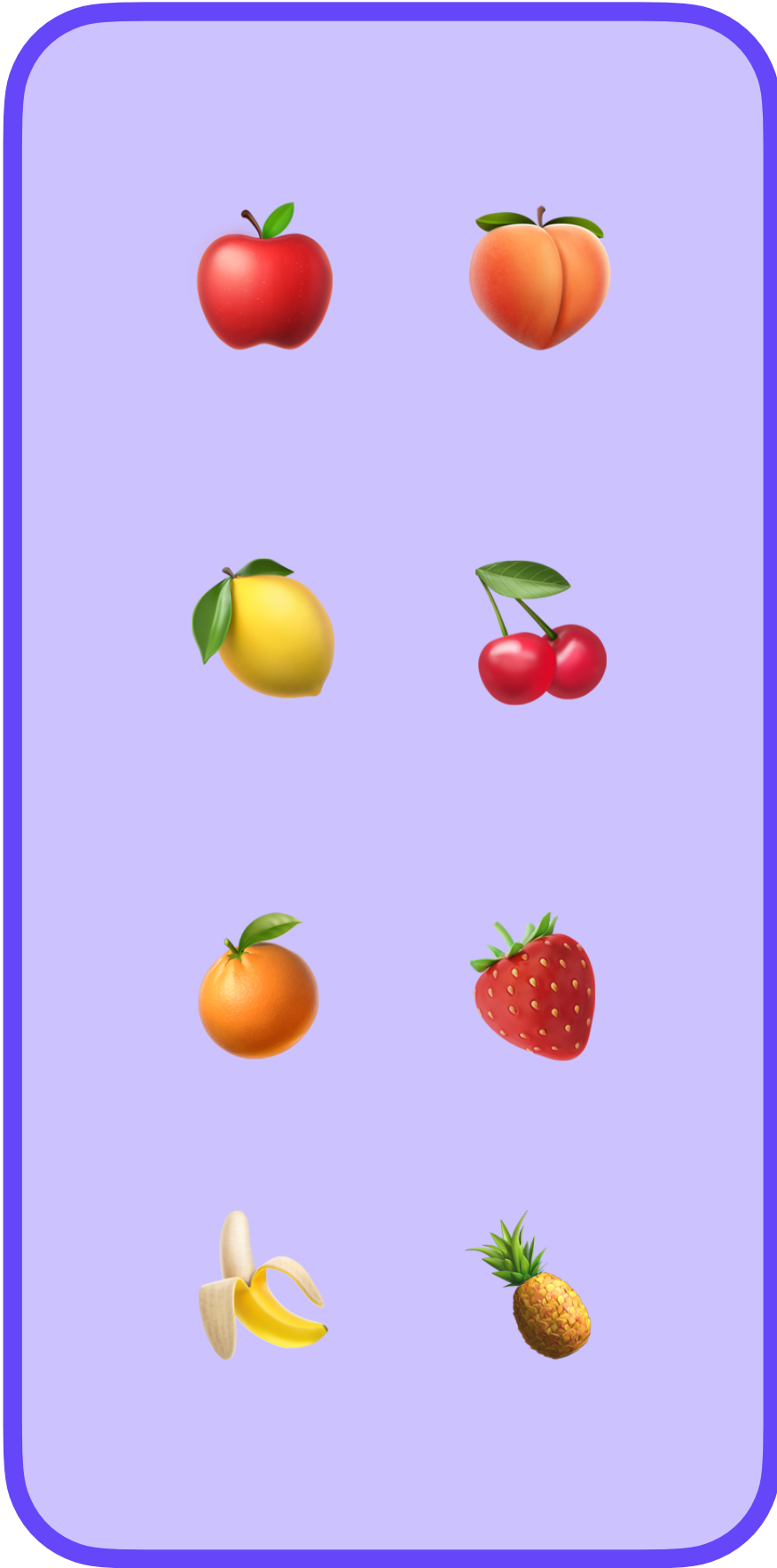
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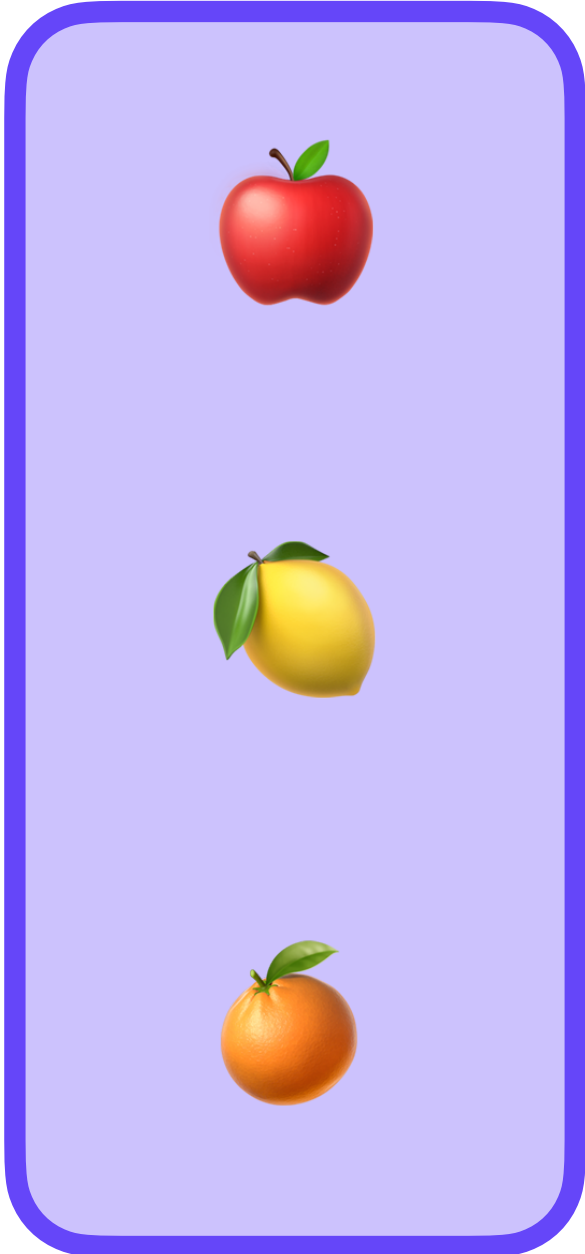
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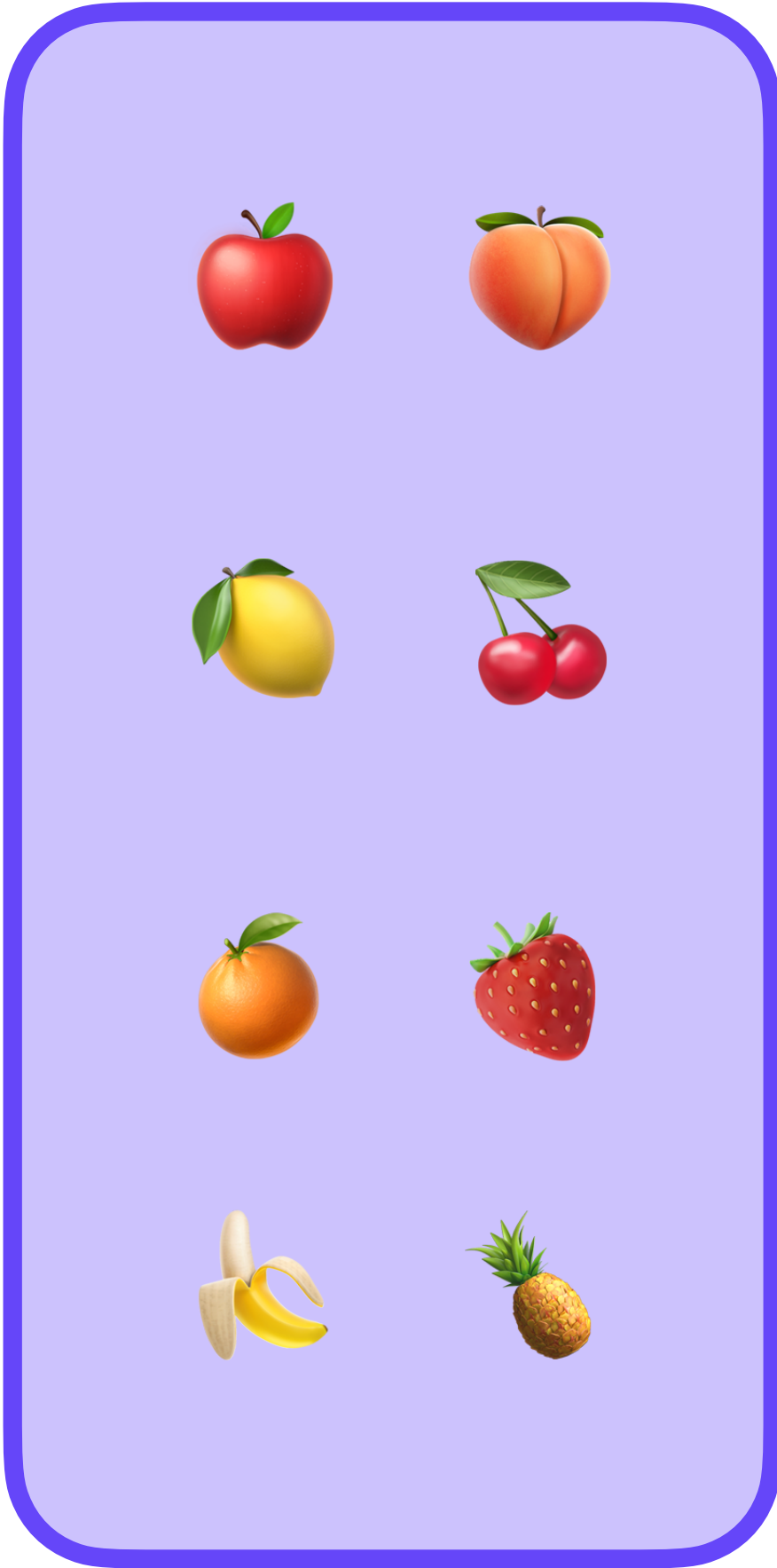


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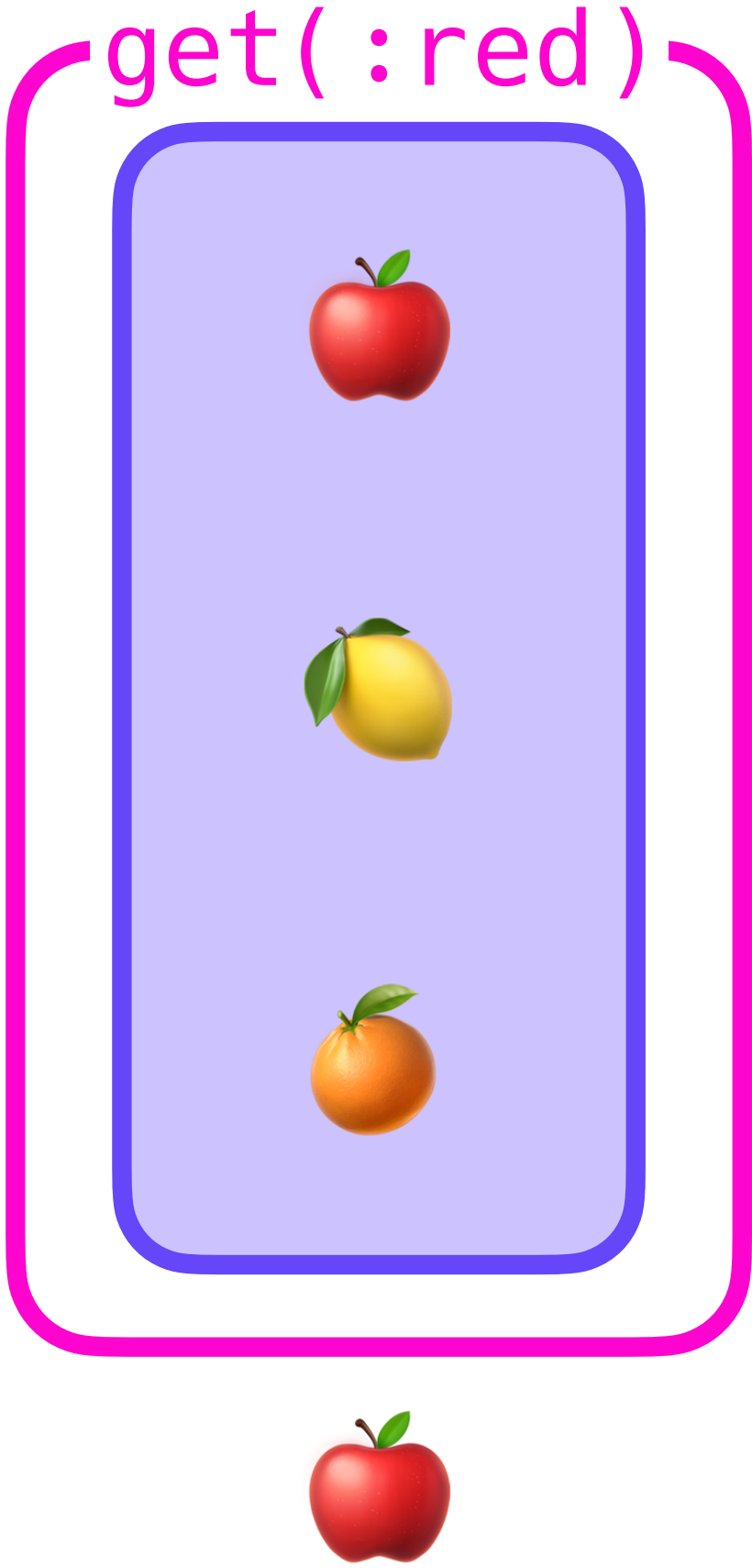


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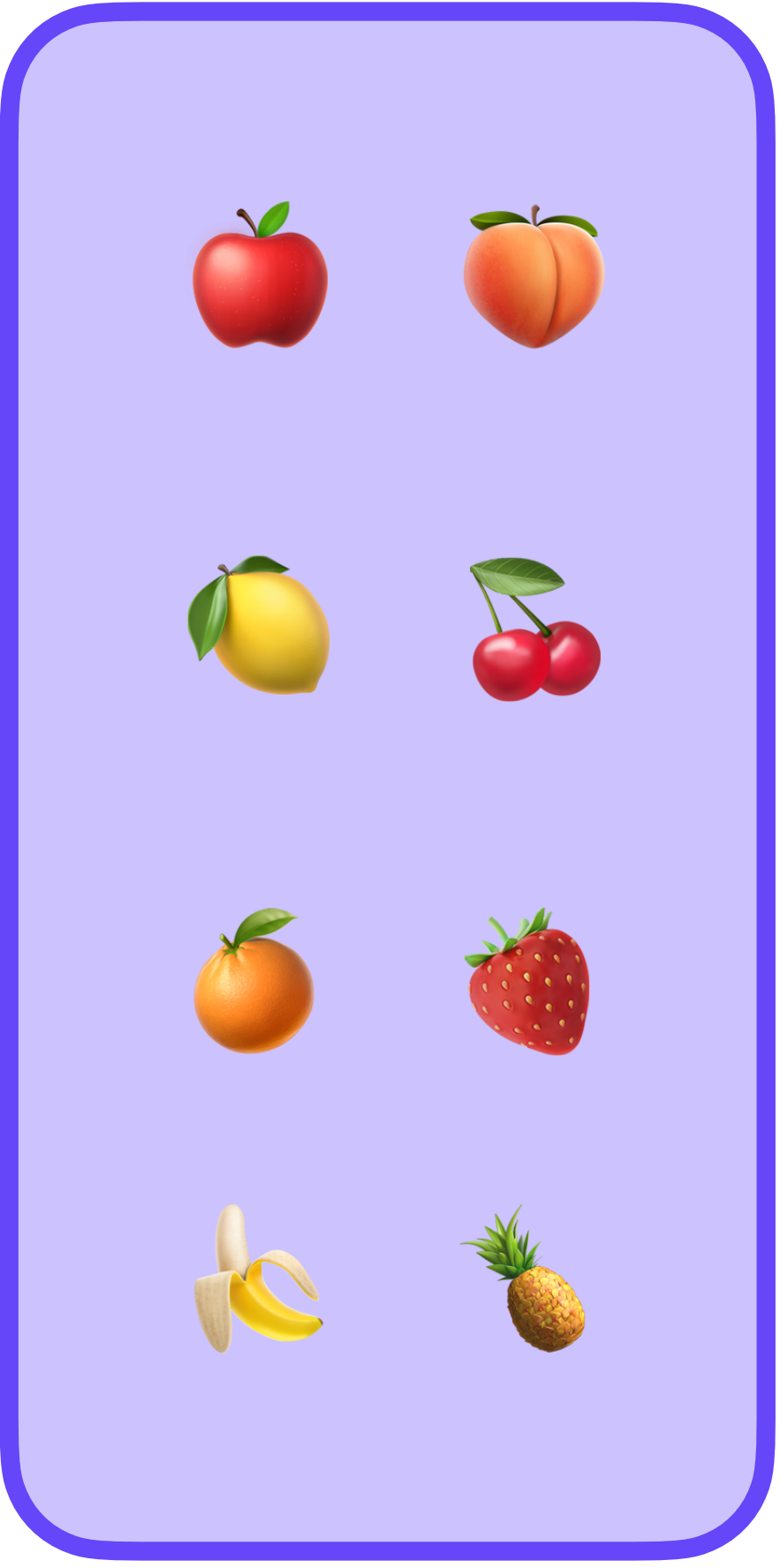


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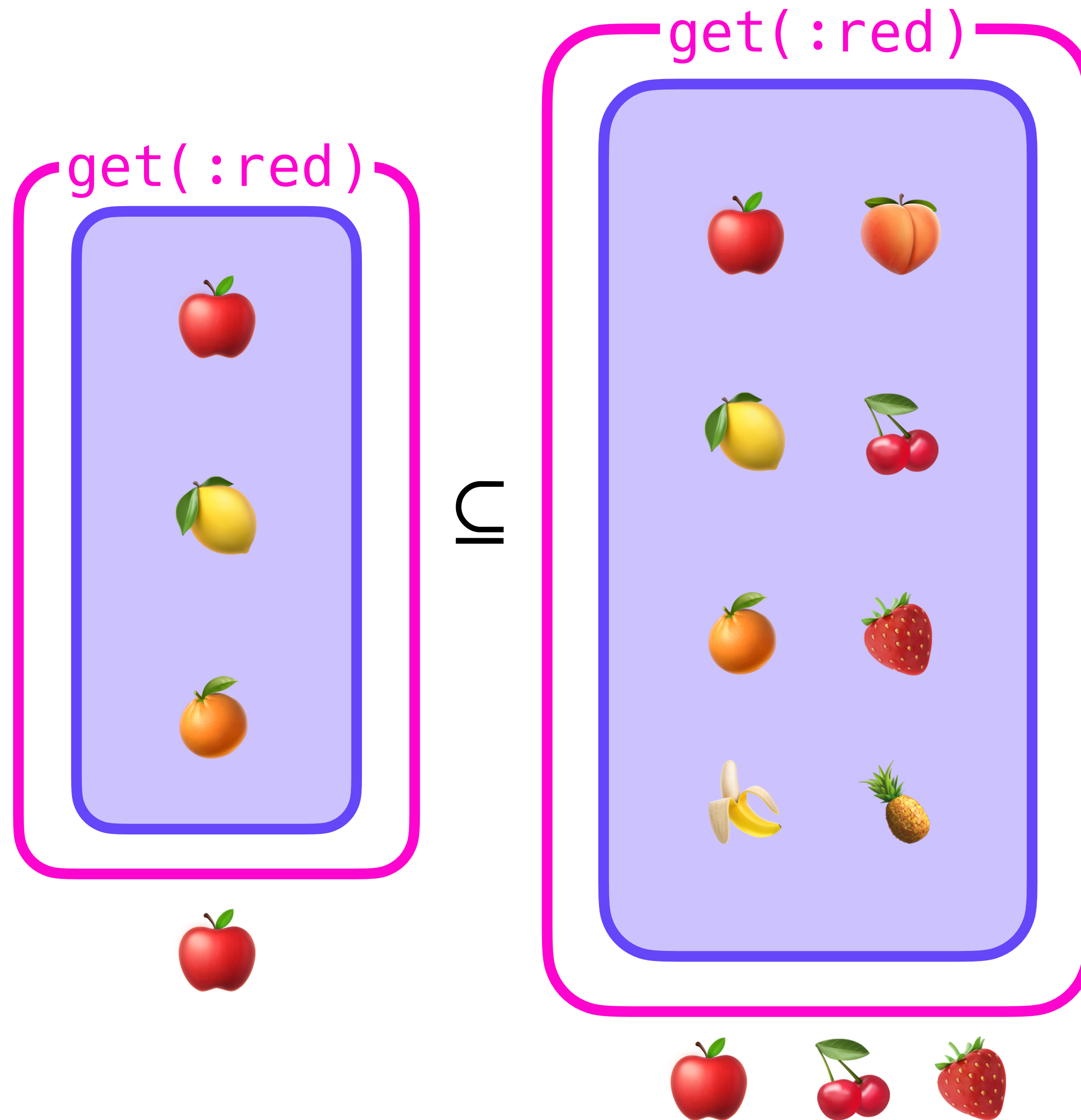
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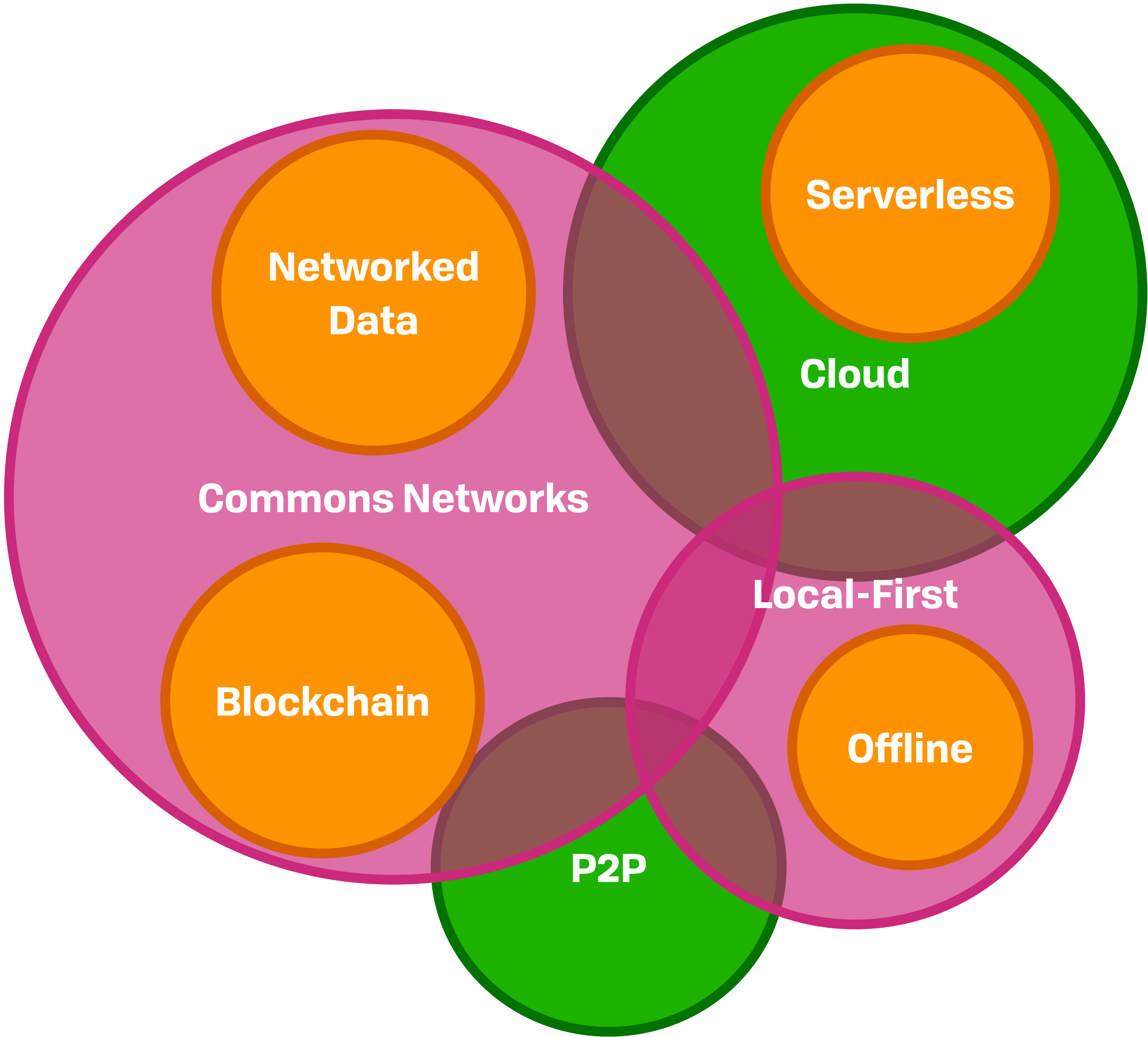
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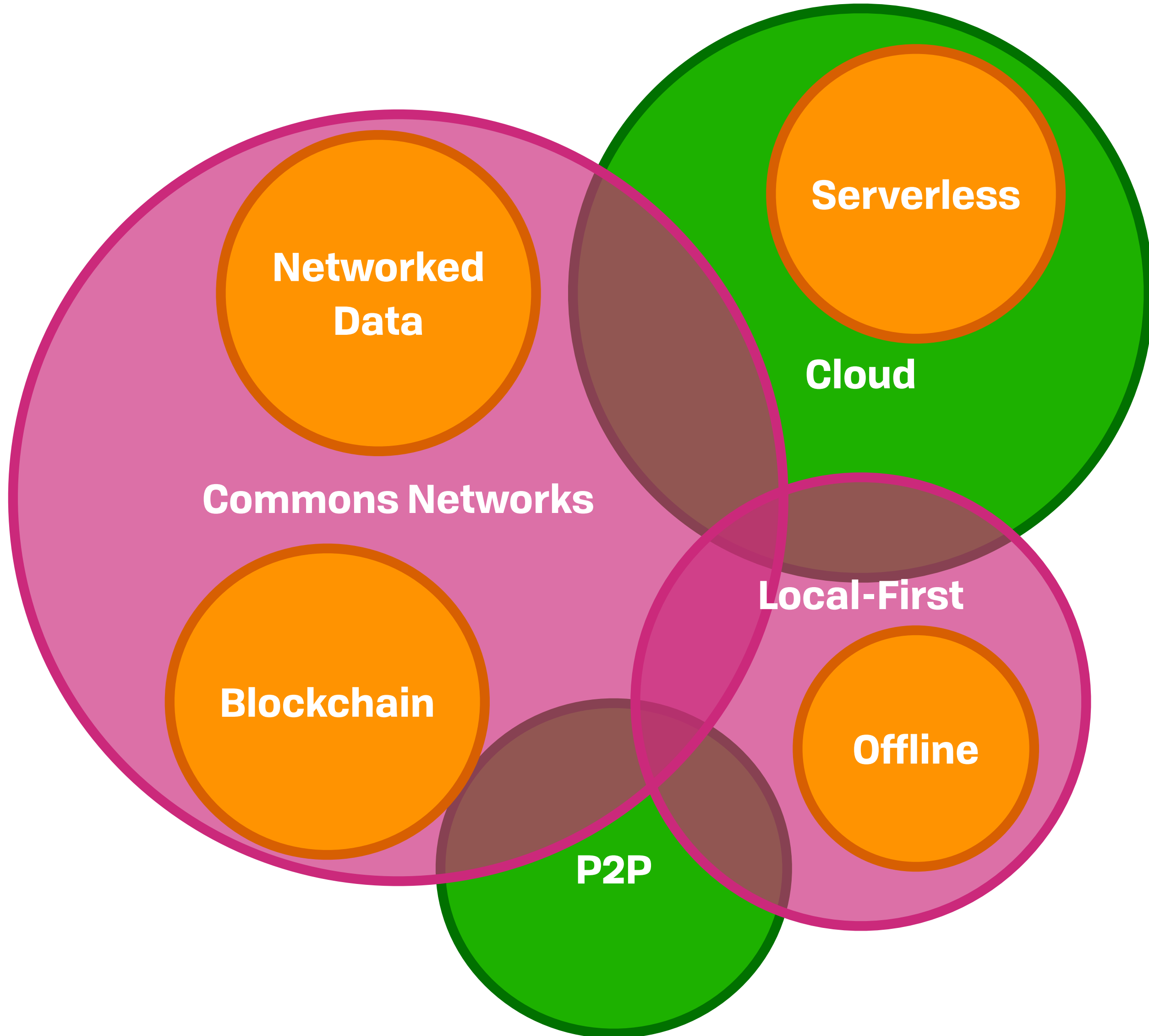
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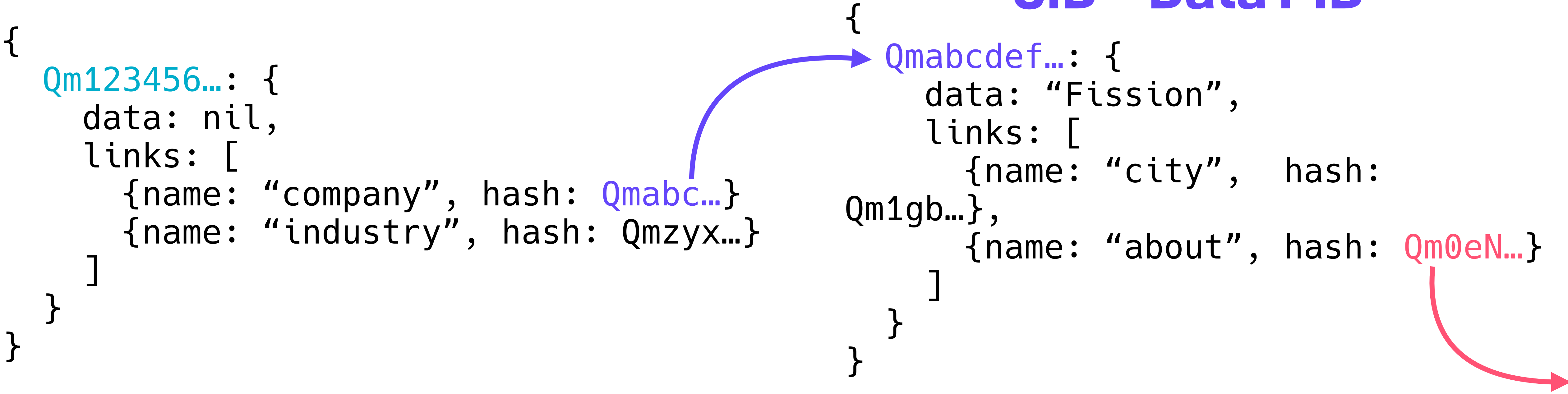
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```
{
  Qm123456...: {
    data: nil,
    links: [
      {name: "company", hash: Qmabc...}
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    ]
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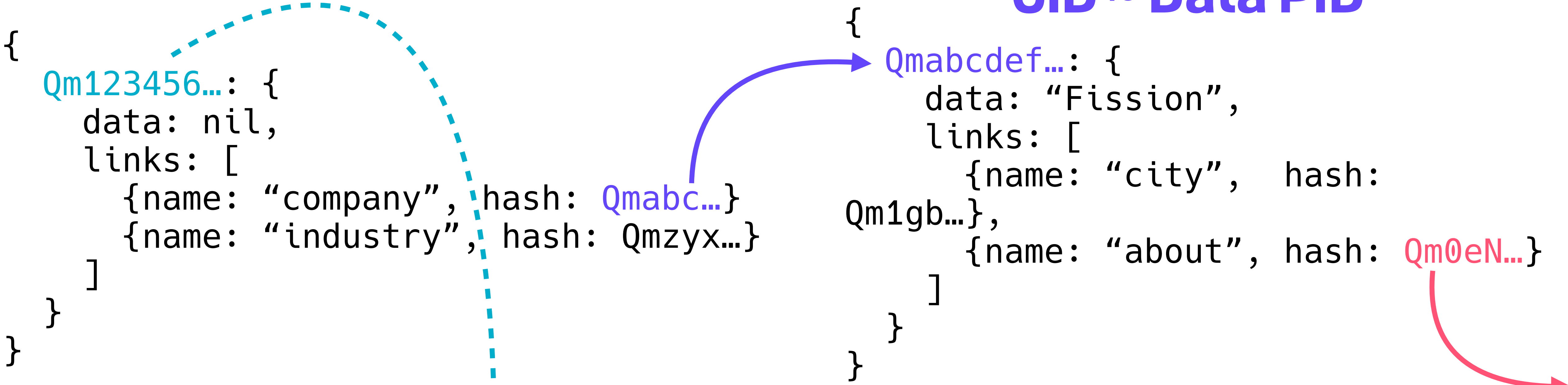
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Qm123456.../company/about/ceo
 ⇒ "Boris Mann"

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Content IDs Are Easy

```
defmodule ContentAddressed.Store do
  defstruct store: %{}

  def get(%Store{store: store}, cid), do: Map.get(store, cid)

  def set(%Store{store: store}, data) do
    case ExCrypto.sha256(binary) do
      {:ok, cid} -> {:ok, %Store{store: Map.put(store, cid, binary)}}
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    end
  end
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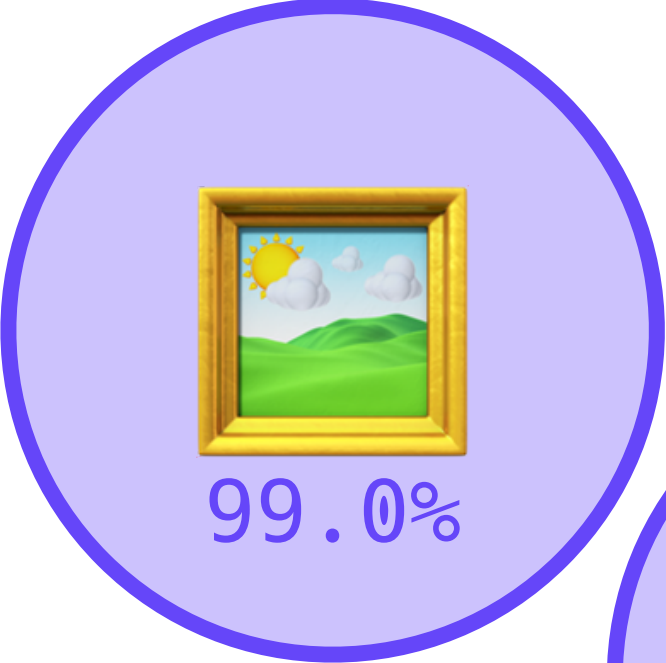
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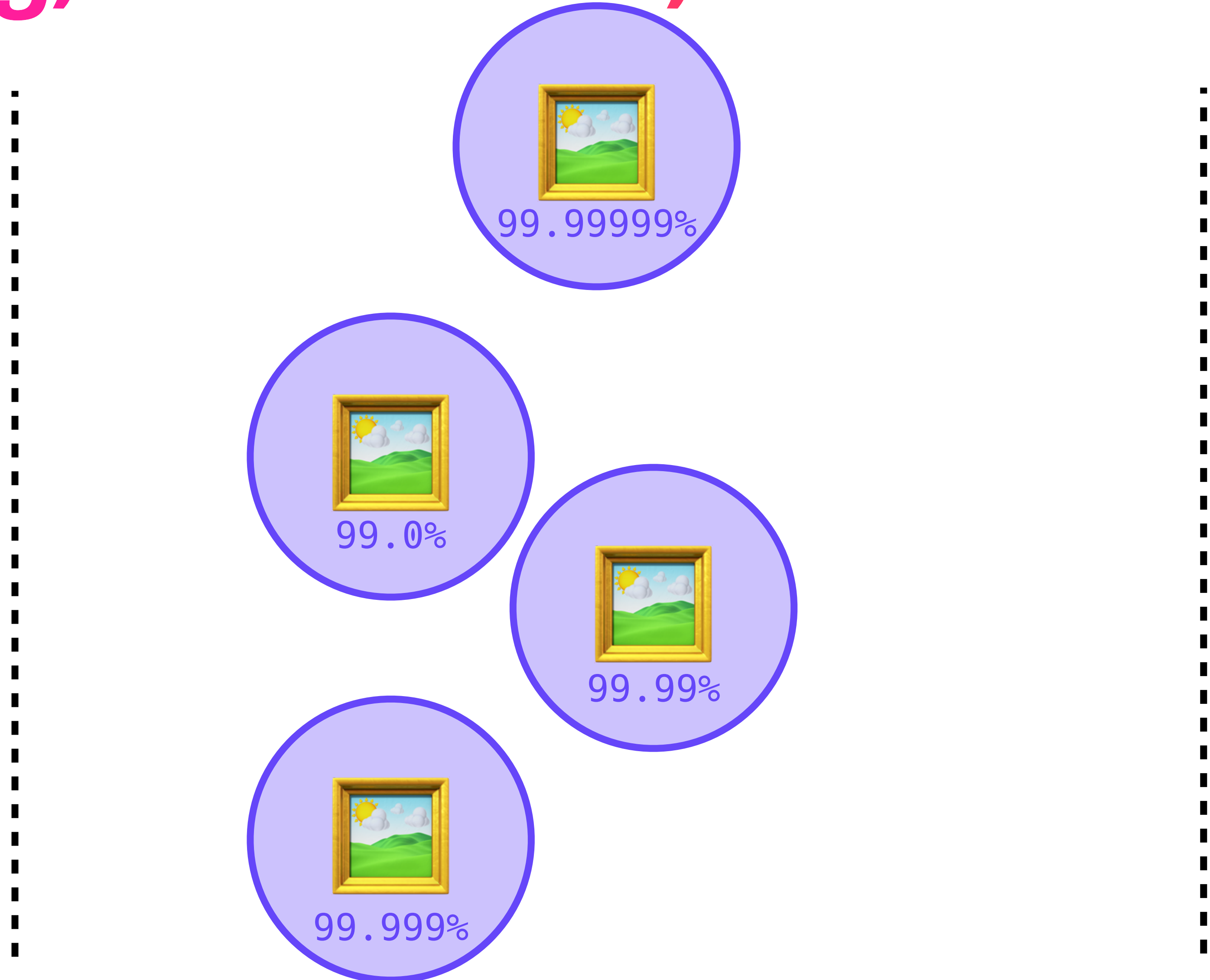
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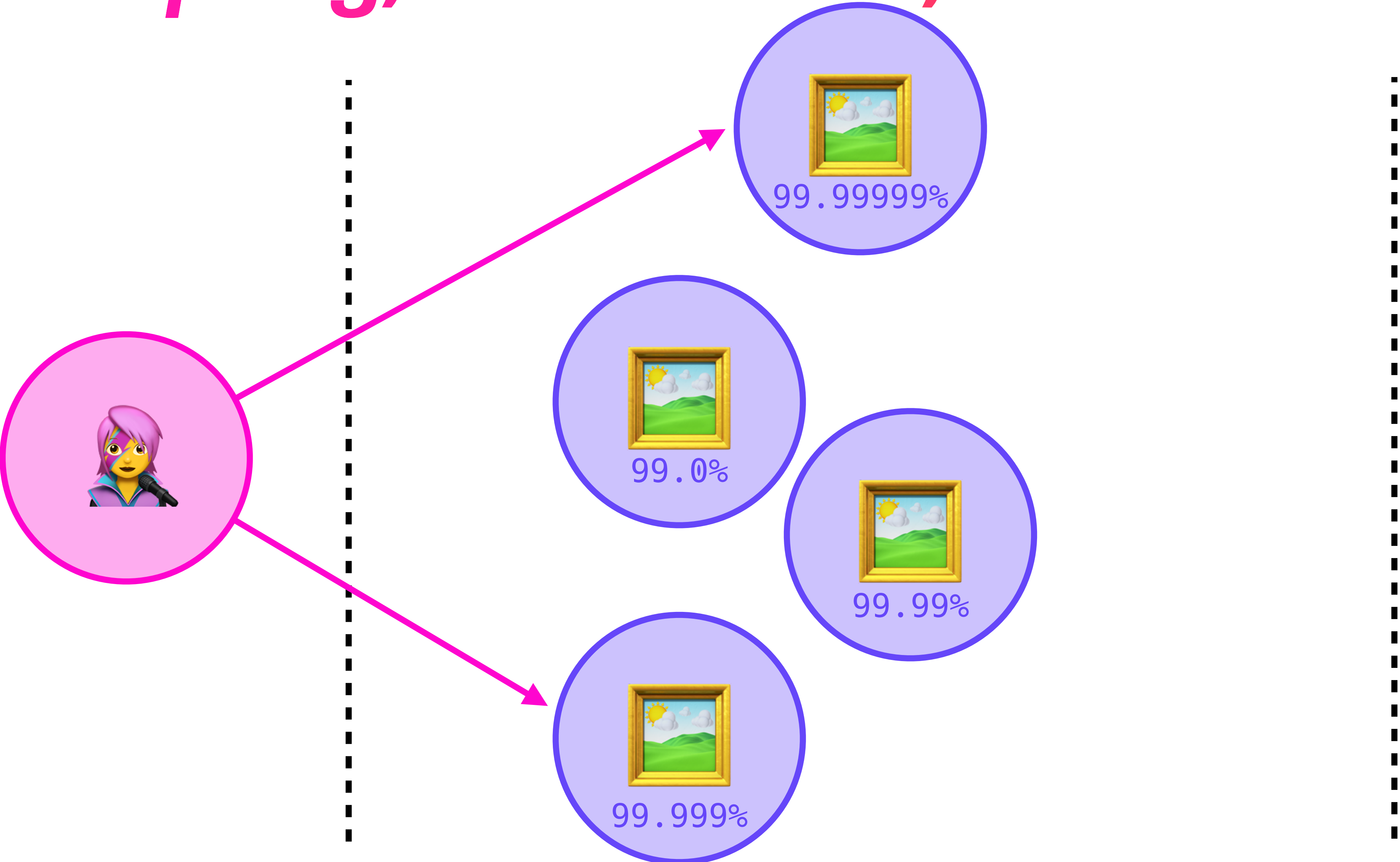
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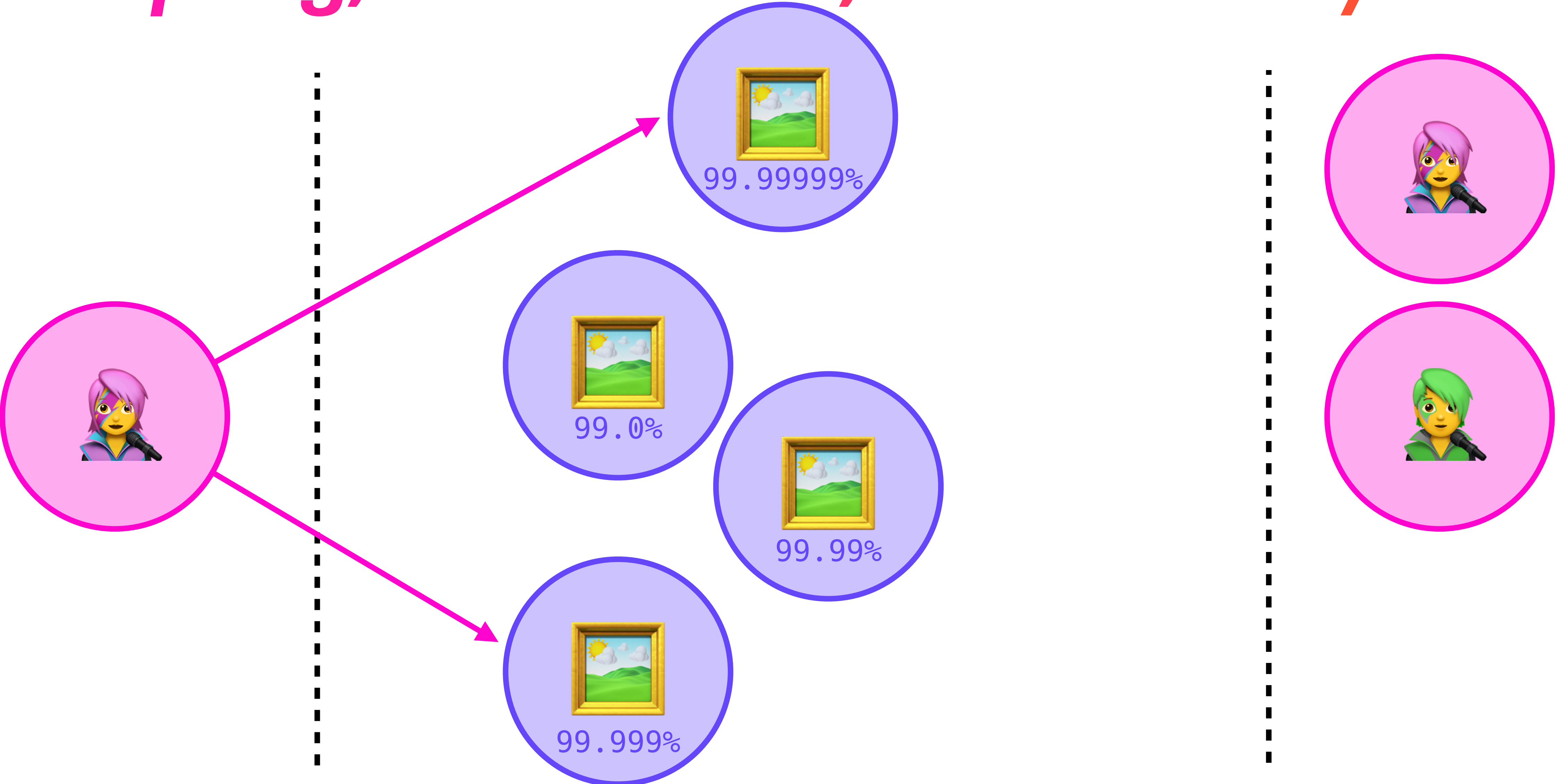
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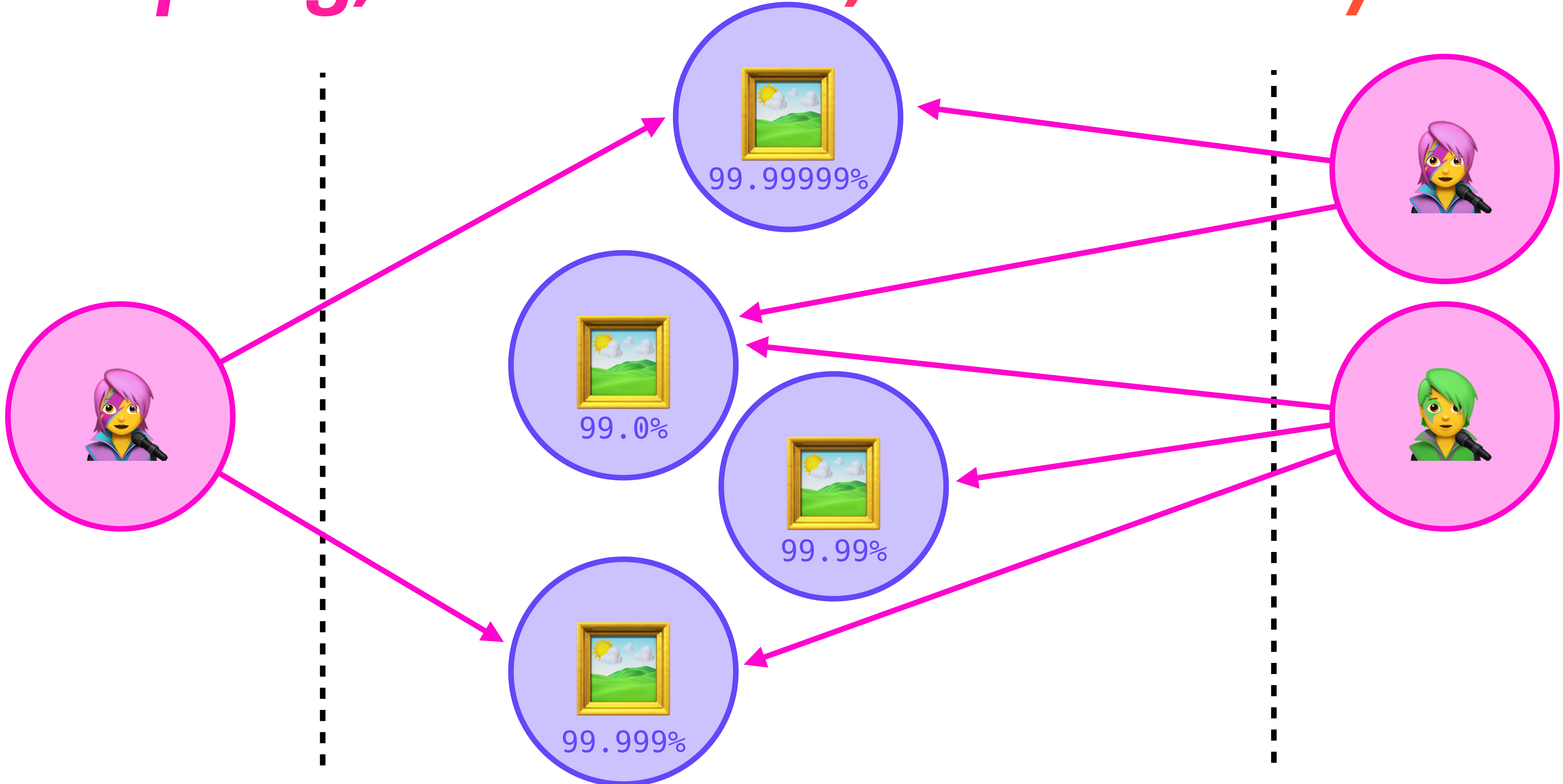
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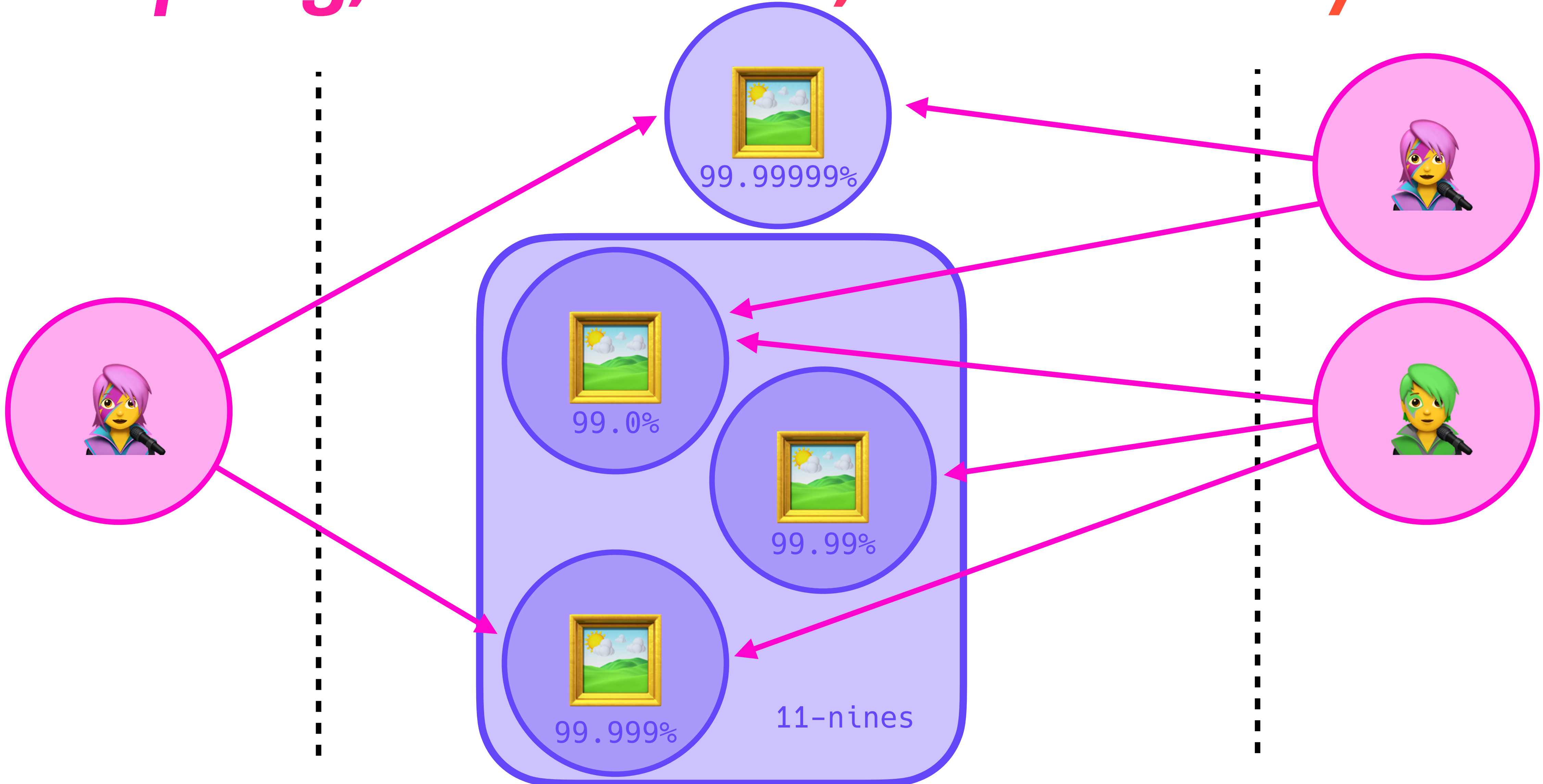
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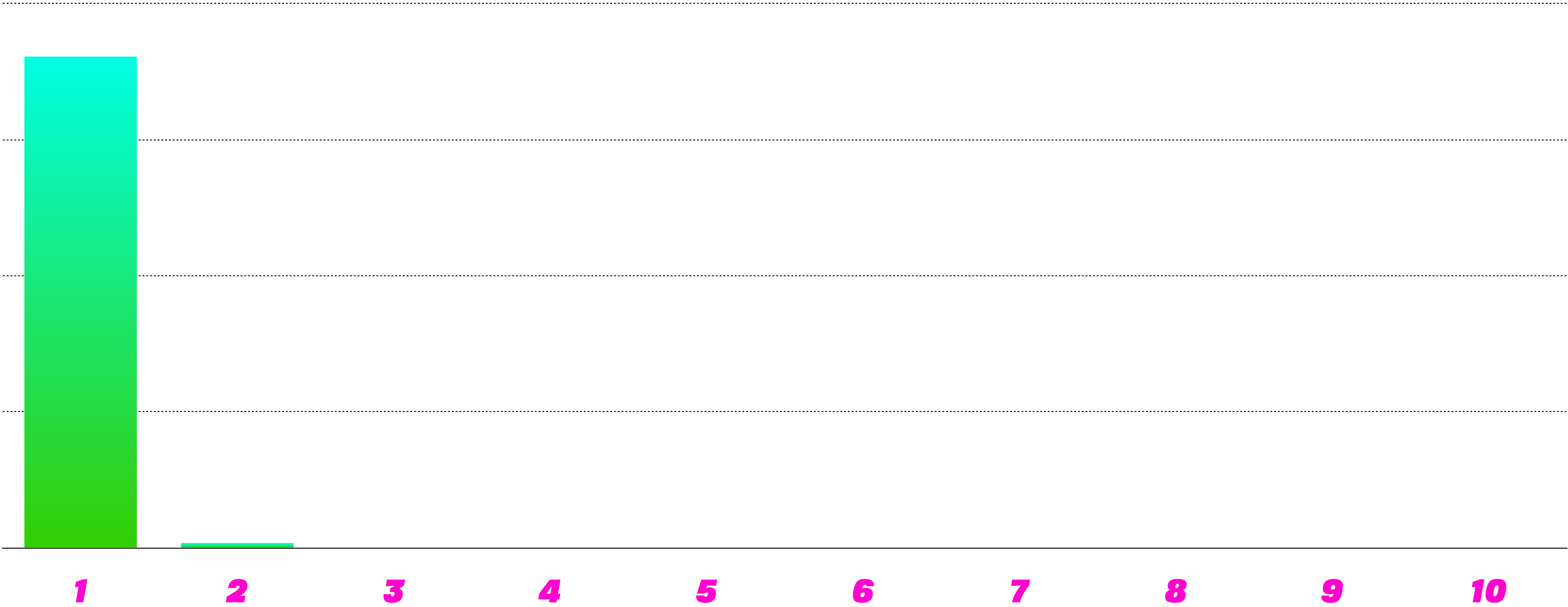


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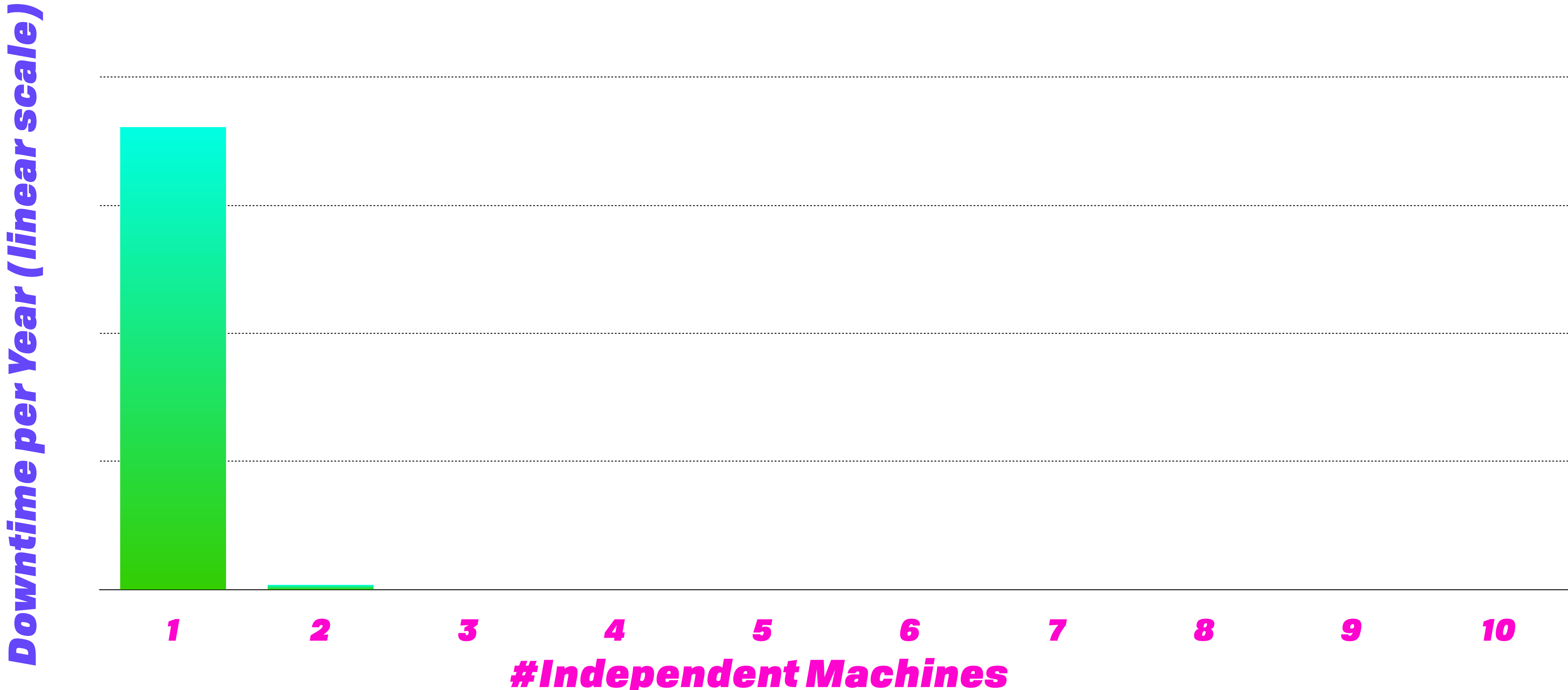
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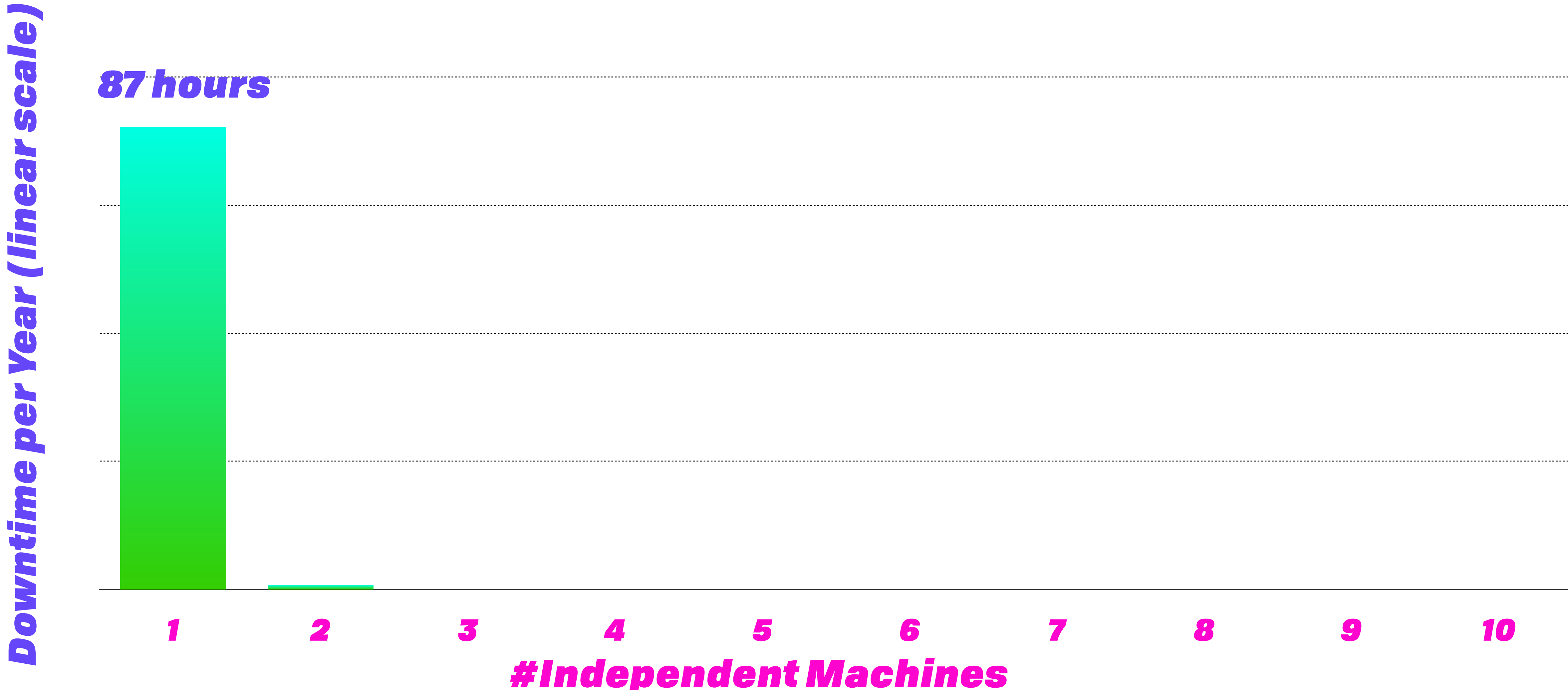
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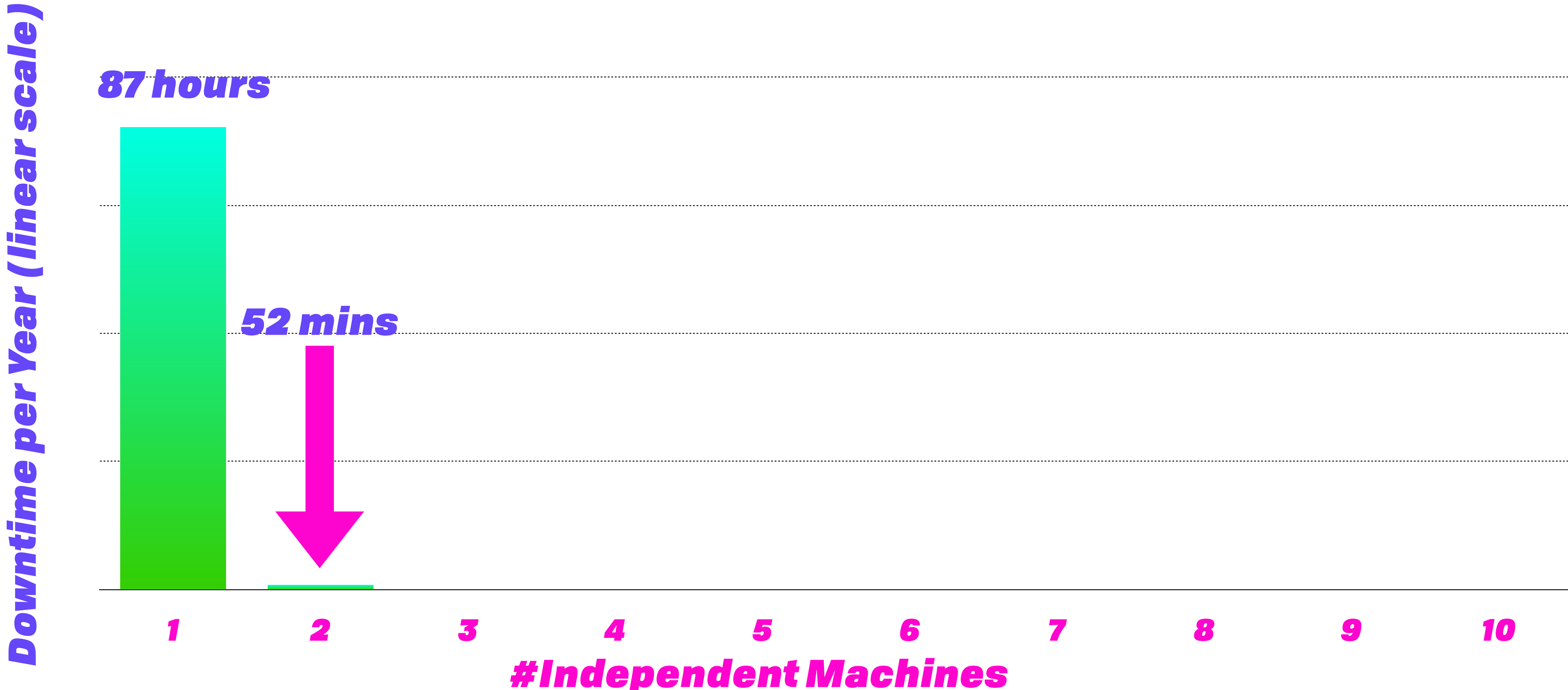
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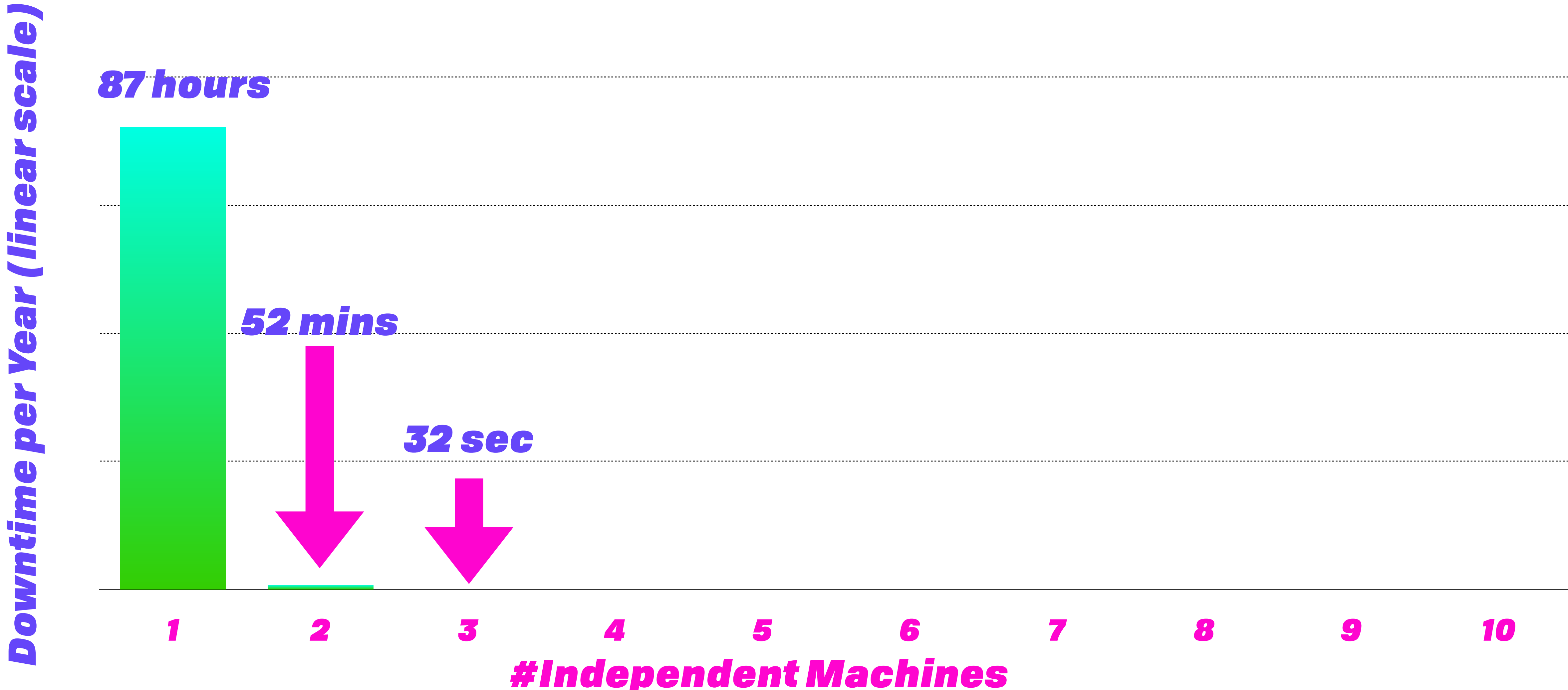
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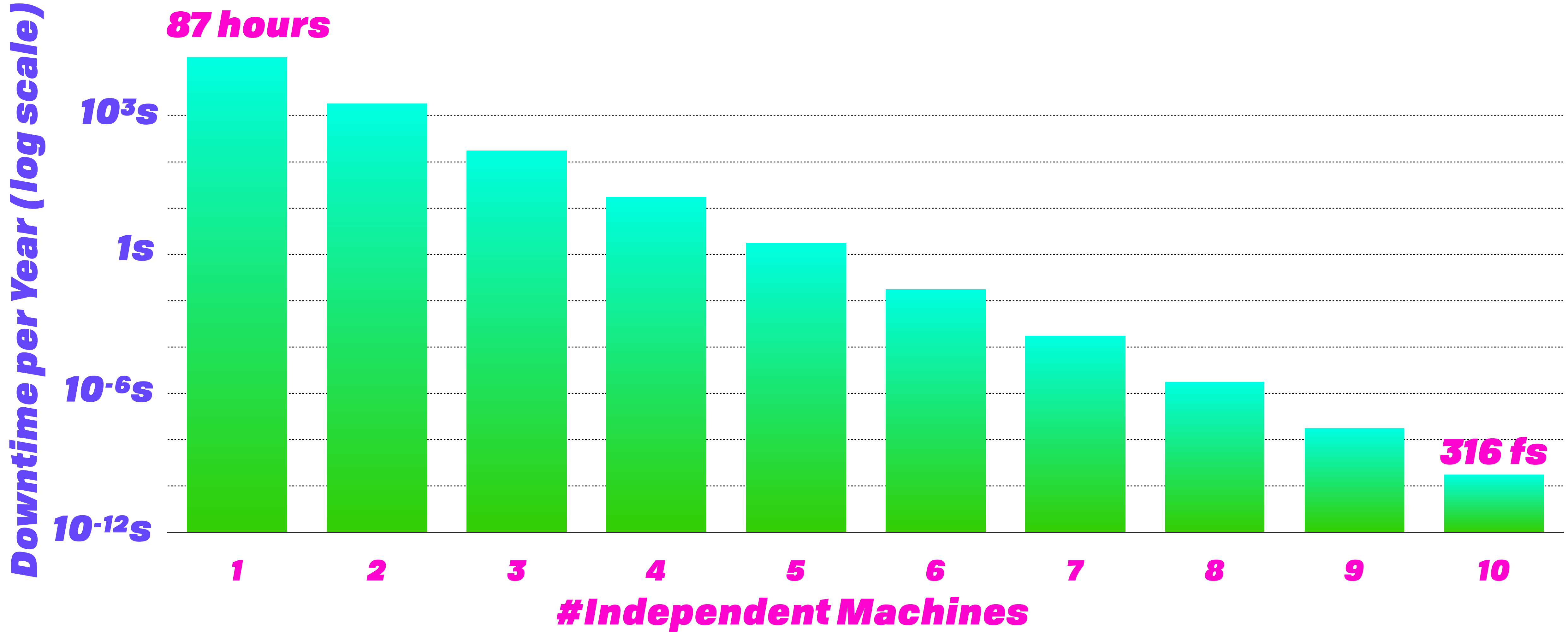
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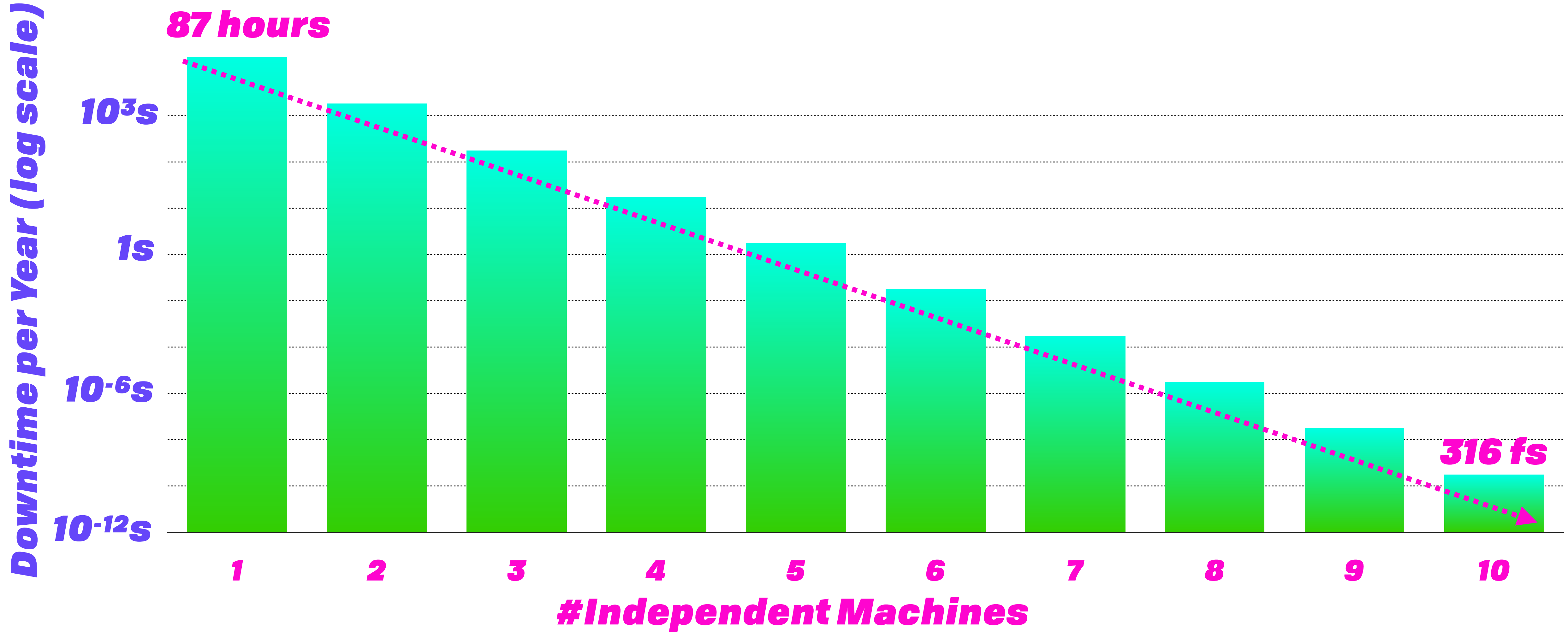
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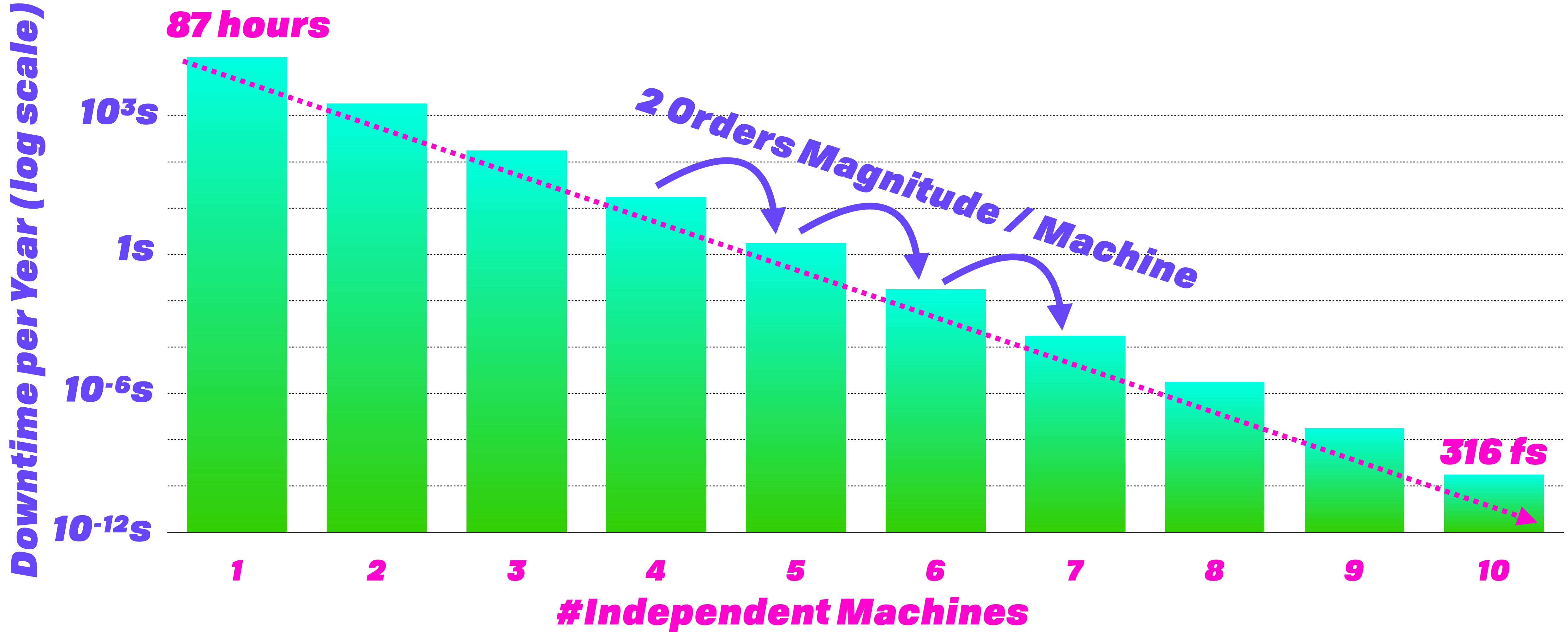
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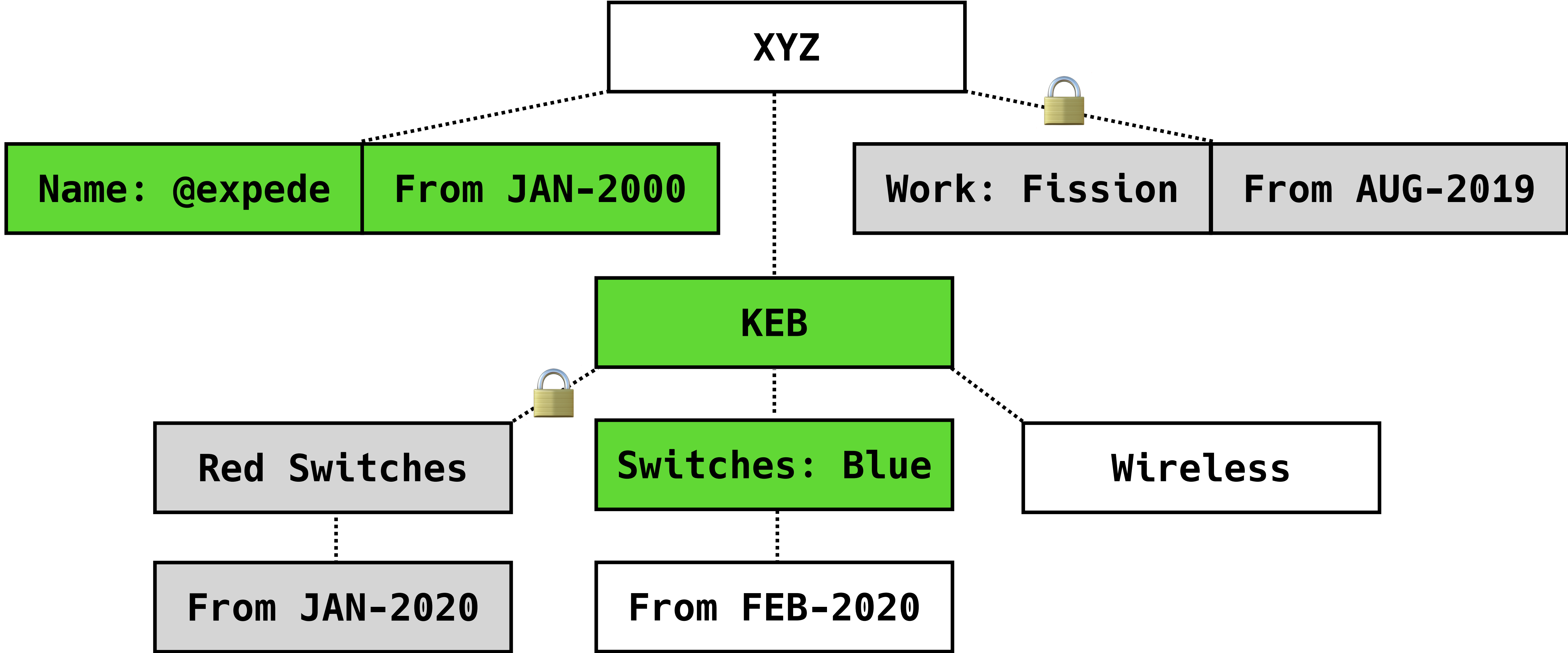
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Work: Fission From AUG-2019

KEB



Red Switches

Switches: Blue



Wireless

From JAN-2020

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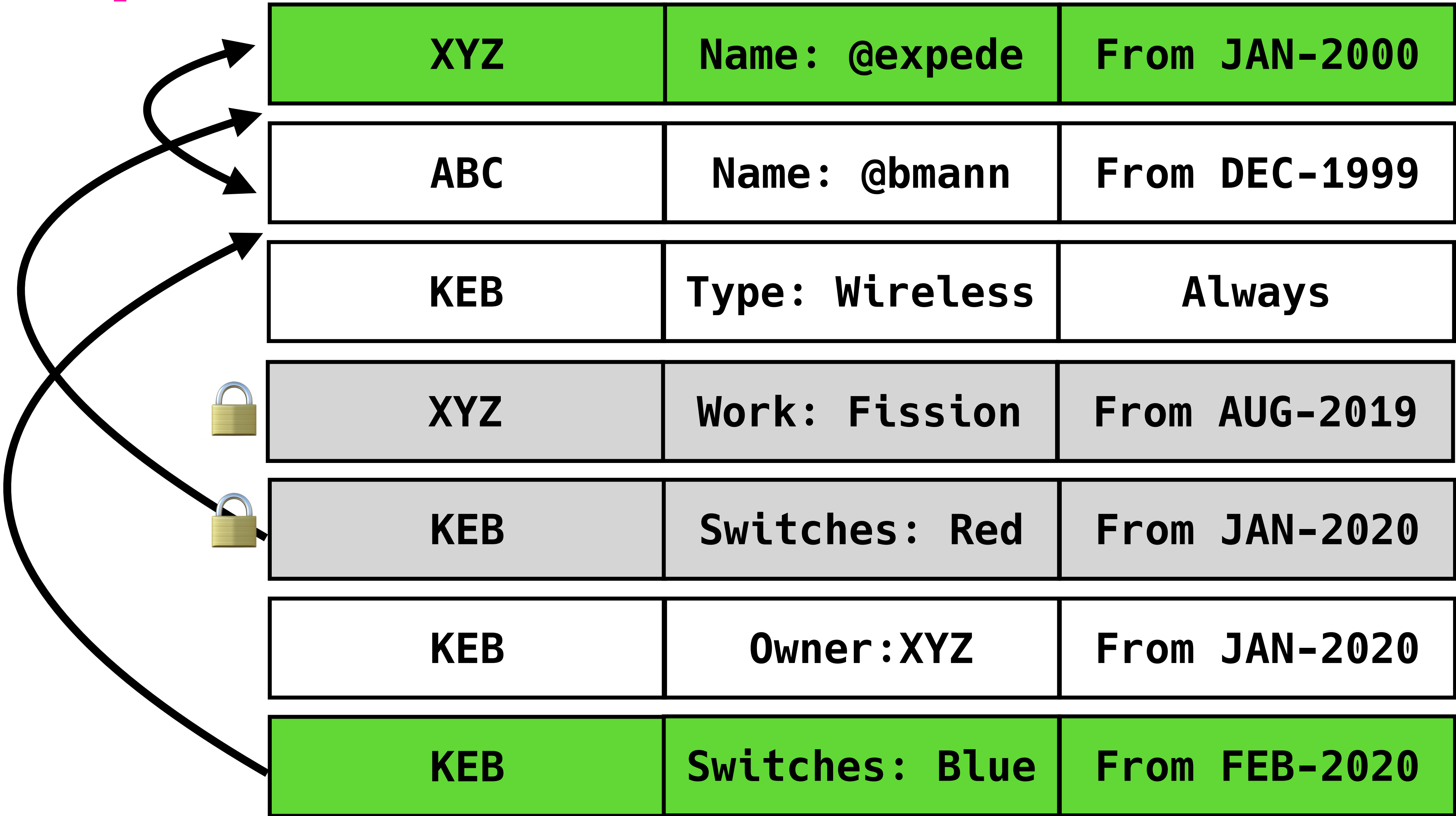
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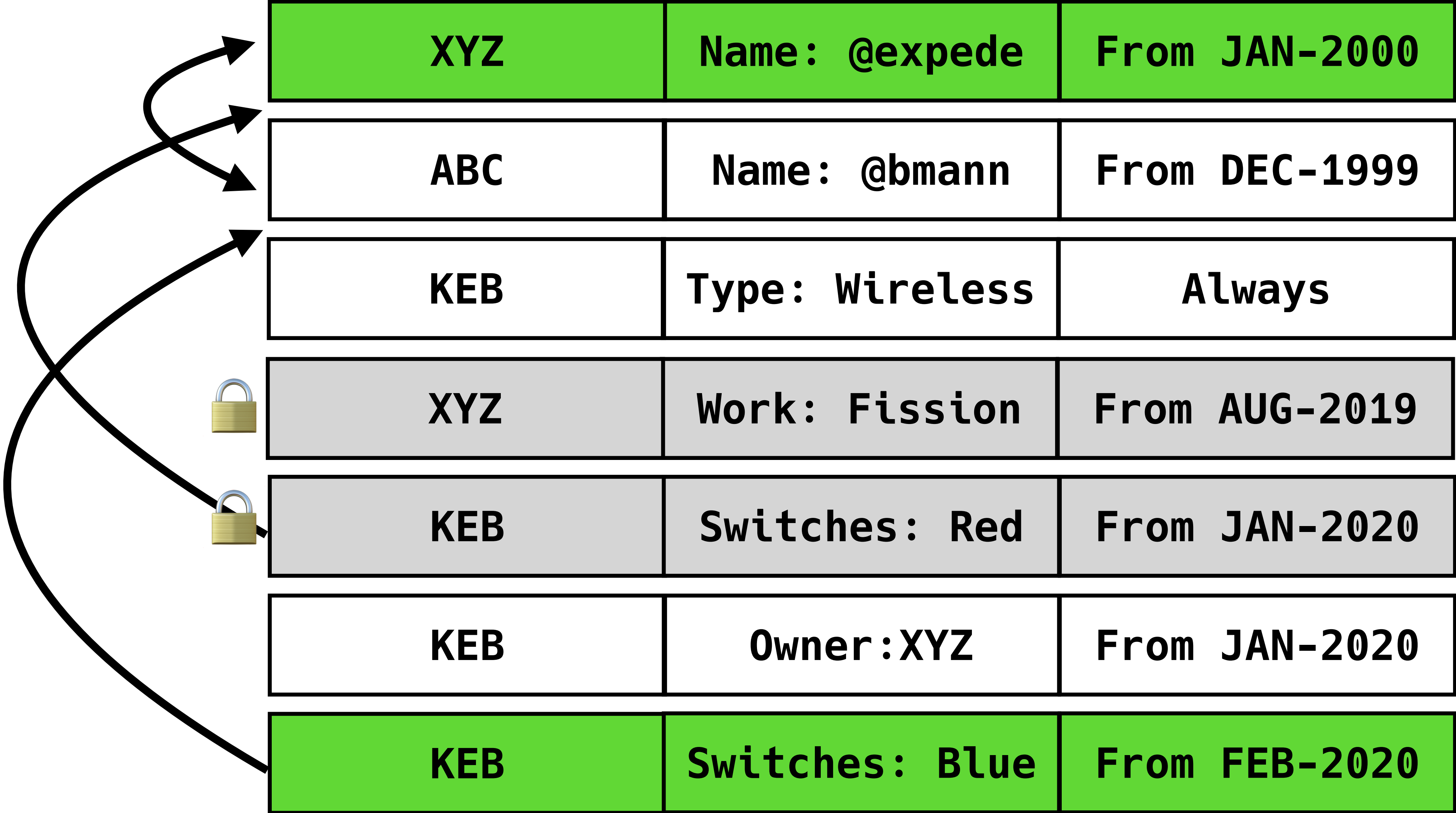
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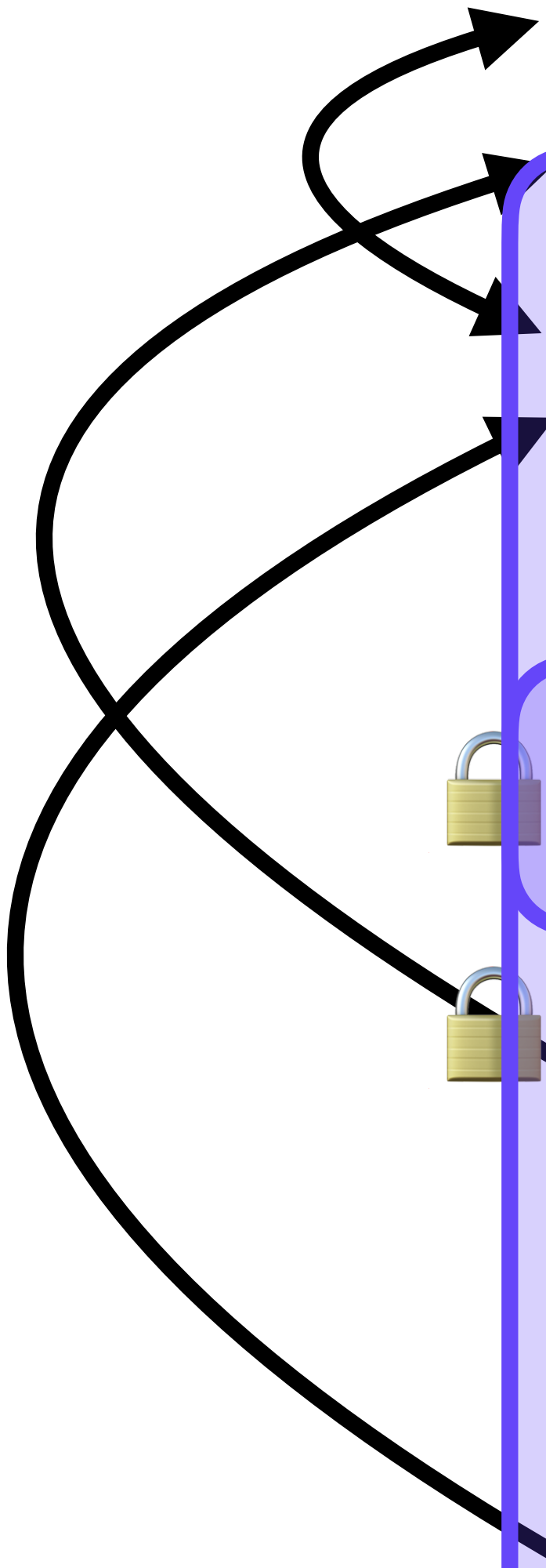
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Diagram description: A table with 7 rows and 4 columns. The top row (XYZ, Name: @expede, From JAN-2000) and the bottom row (KEB, Switches: Blue, From FEB-2020) are highlighted in green. The middle five rows are highlighted in light purple. A blue rounded rectangle encloses the middle five rows. On the left, three curved arrows point from the bottom row to the top row, the middle row (ABC), and the row (XYZ, Work: Fission). On the right, there are navigation arrows (➡️ ⬅️) and five icons: a person in a hard hat and a smartphone, a chef and a laptop, and a building.

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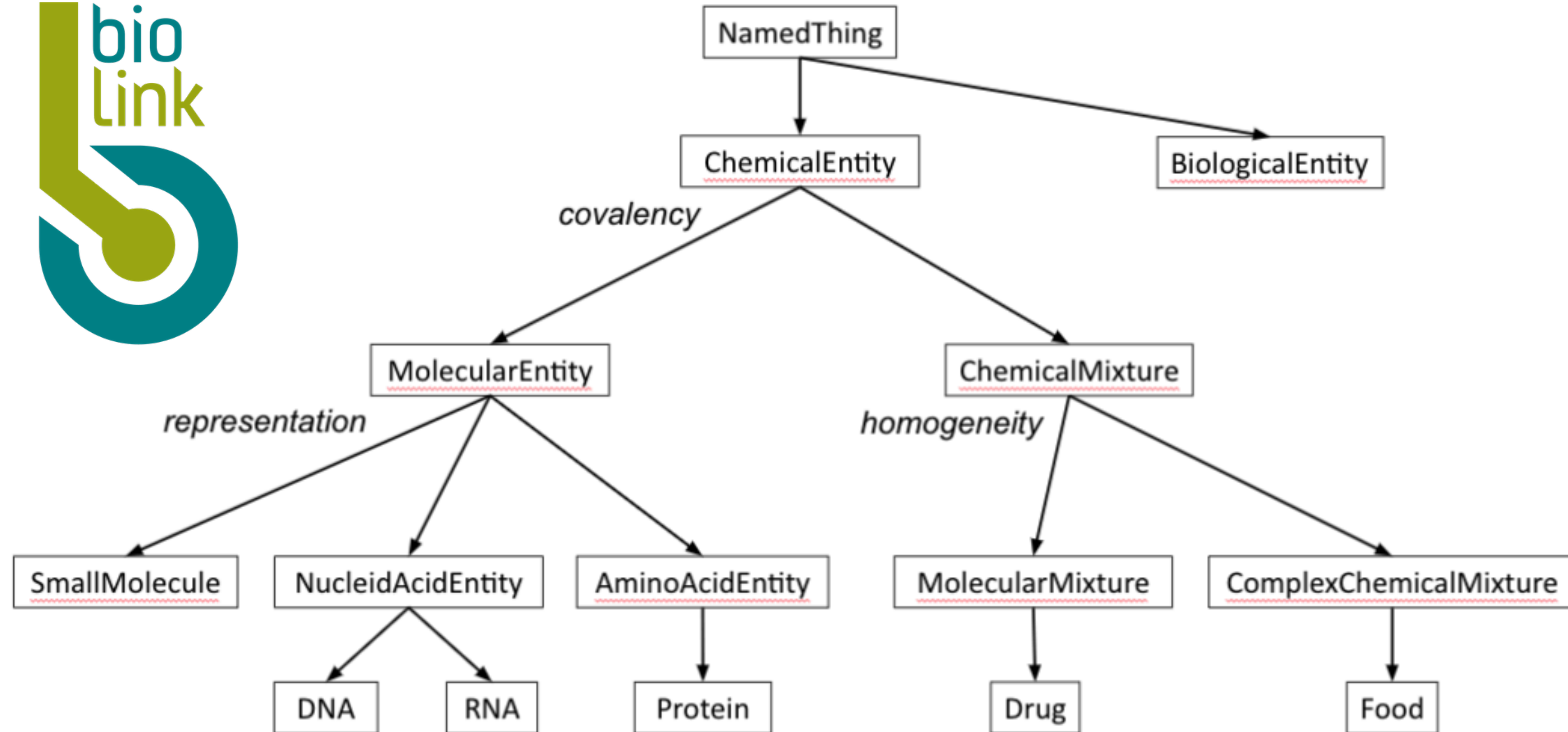
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– William E. Byrd et al, mediKanren: a System for Biomedical Reasoning

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Standardized Knowledge Graphs

new biolink:ChemicalEntity hierarchy



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      triple(x, "positively_regulates", y)

    rule drug_safe(x), do: triple(x, "trade_name", _)

  end
end
```

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{:ok, pid} = BiomedicalReasoning.start()

BiomedicalReasoning.query(pid, [_?drug_id, _?drug_name], fn →
  rhobtb2_gene = "CUI:C1425762"

  [
    drug(_?drug_id),
    drug_safe(_?drug_id),
    negatively_regulates(_?drug_id, _?y),
    gene_or_protein(_?y),
    positively_regulates(_?y, rhobtb2_gene),
    name_of(_?drug_id, _?drug_name)
  ]
end)
# => [[drug_id: "CHEBI:41423", drug_name: "celecoxib"], ..]
```

Towards a Solution 🧠✨

Data Integration

```
defmodule BiomedicalReasoning do
  use Crodline.DSL

  defdatalog do
    load KnowledgeGraph.SemanticMedline
    load KnowledgeGraph.GeneOntology

    input triple(subject, predicate, object)

    rule is_a(id, type), do: triple(id, "category", type)
    rule name_of(id, name), do: triple(id, "name", name)

    rule drug(id), do: is_a(id, "Drug")
    rule gene(id), do: is_a(id, "Gene")
    rule protein(id), do: is_a(id, "Protein")

    gene_or_protein(x), do: gene(x)
    gene_or_protein(x), do: protein(x)

    rule negatively_regulates(x, y), do:
      triple(x, "negatively_regulates", y)

    rule positively_regulates(x, y), do:
      triple(x, "positively_regulates", y)

    rule drug_safe(x), do: triple(x, "trade_name", _)
  end
end
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Thank You, A Coruña



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