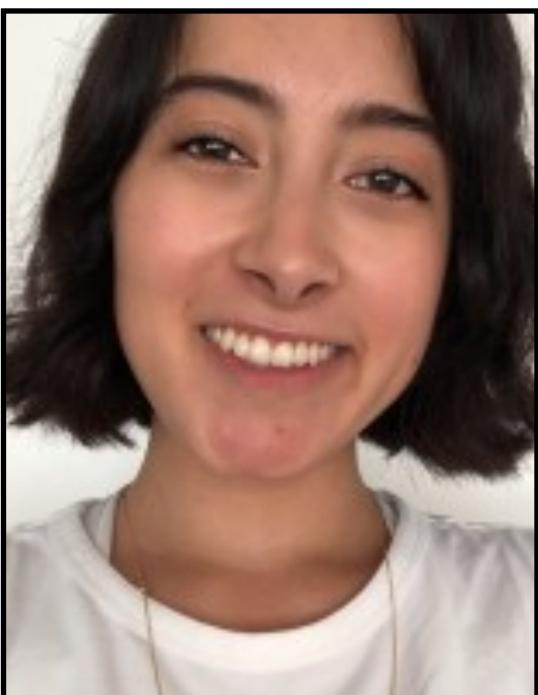


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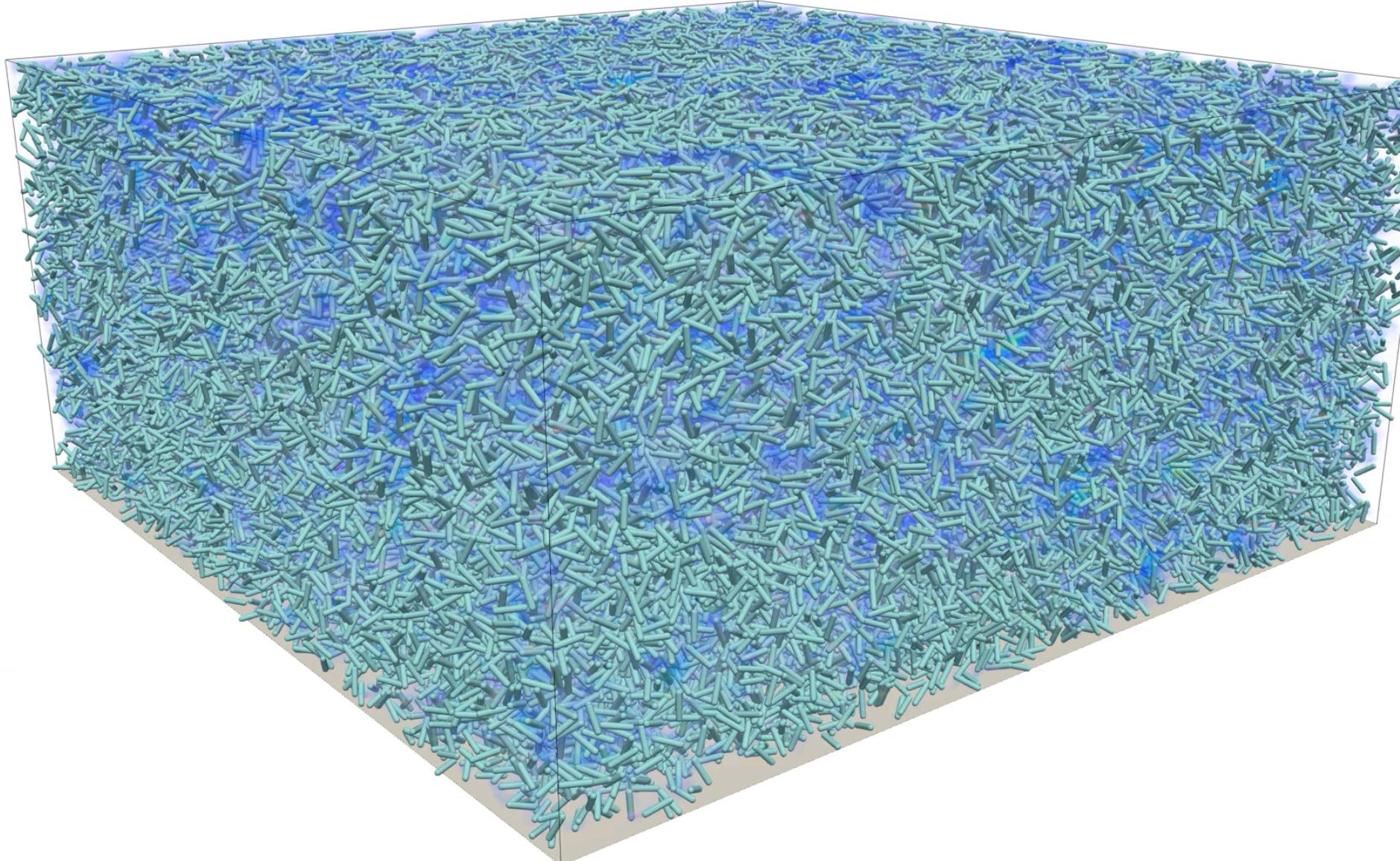
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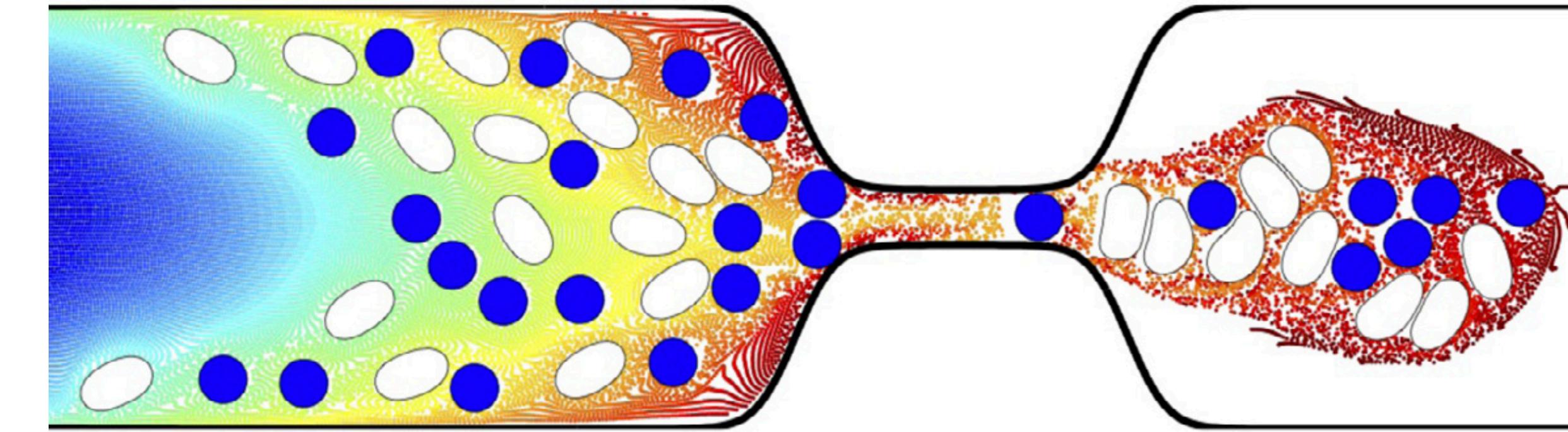
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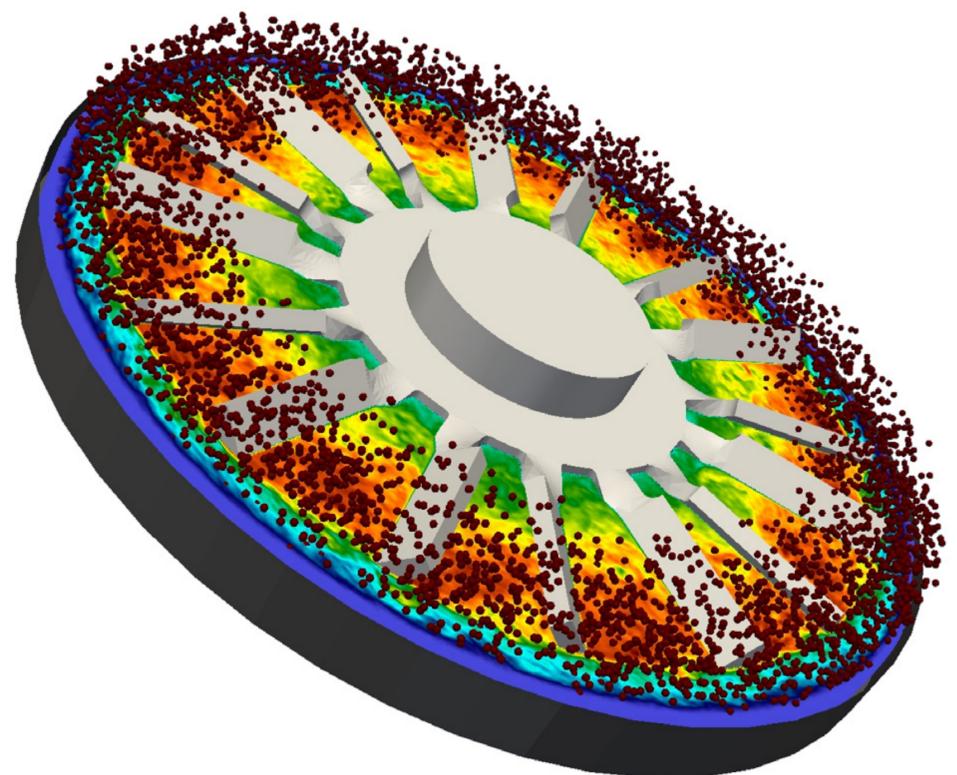
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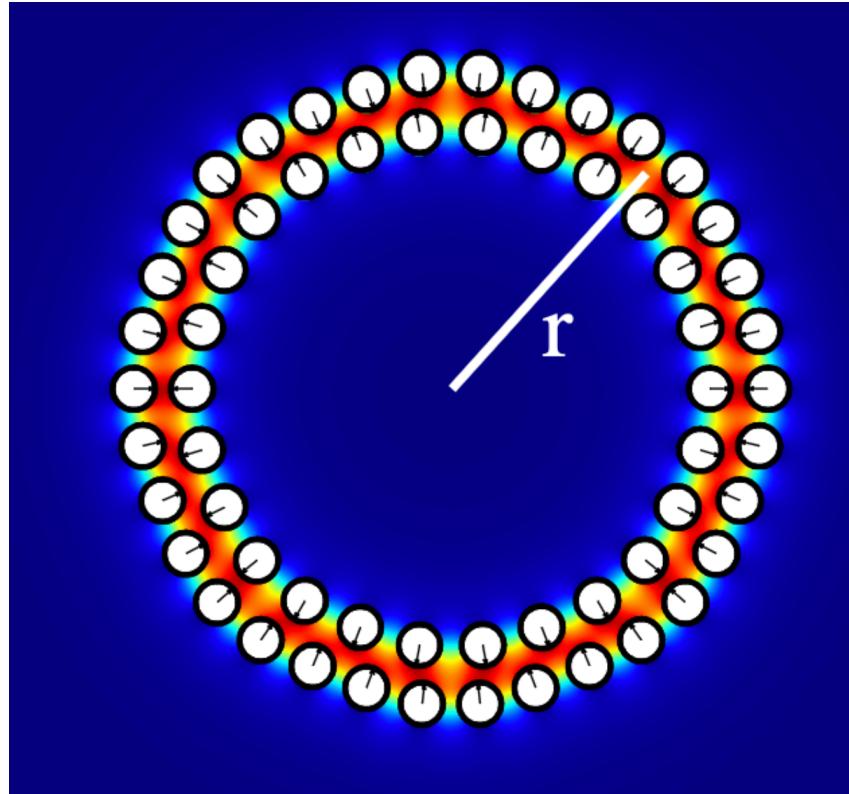
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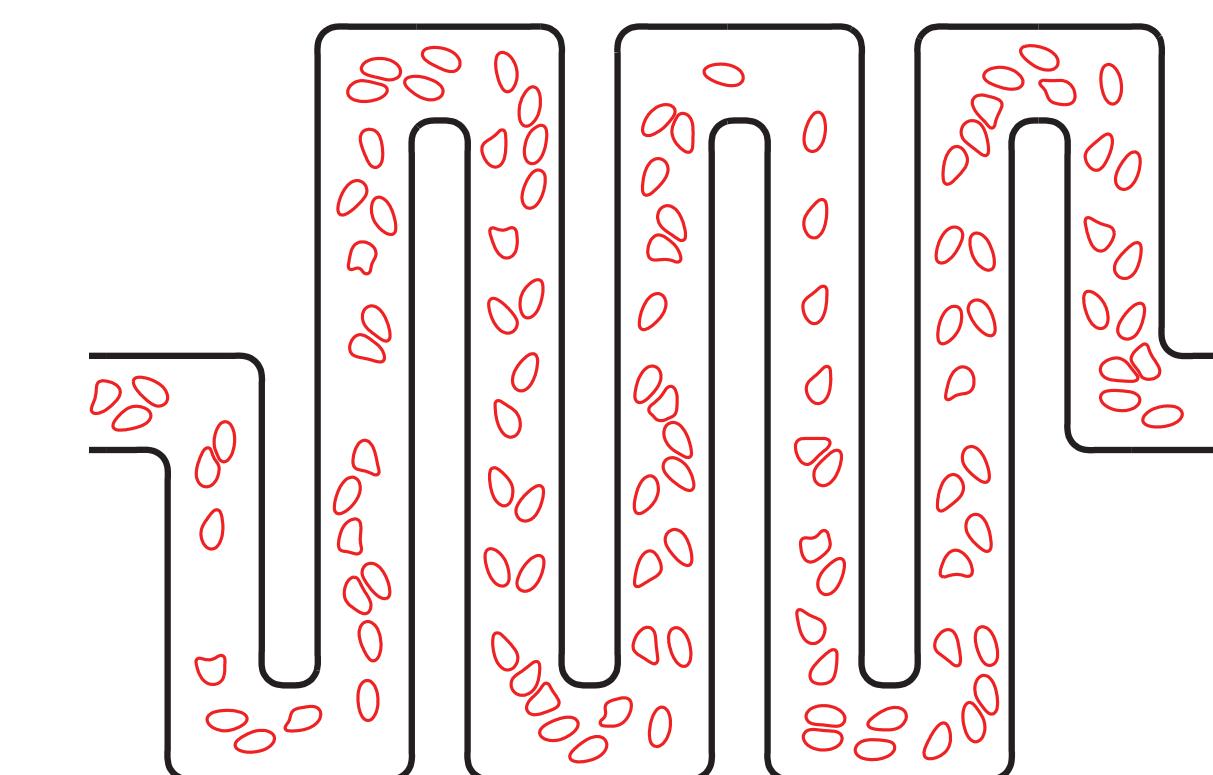
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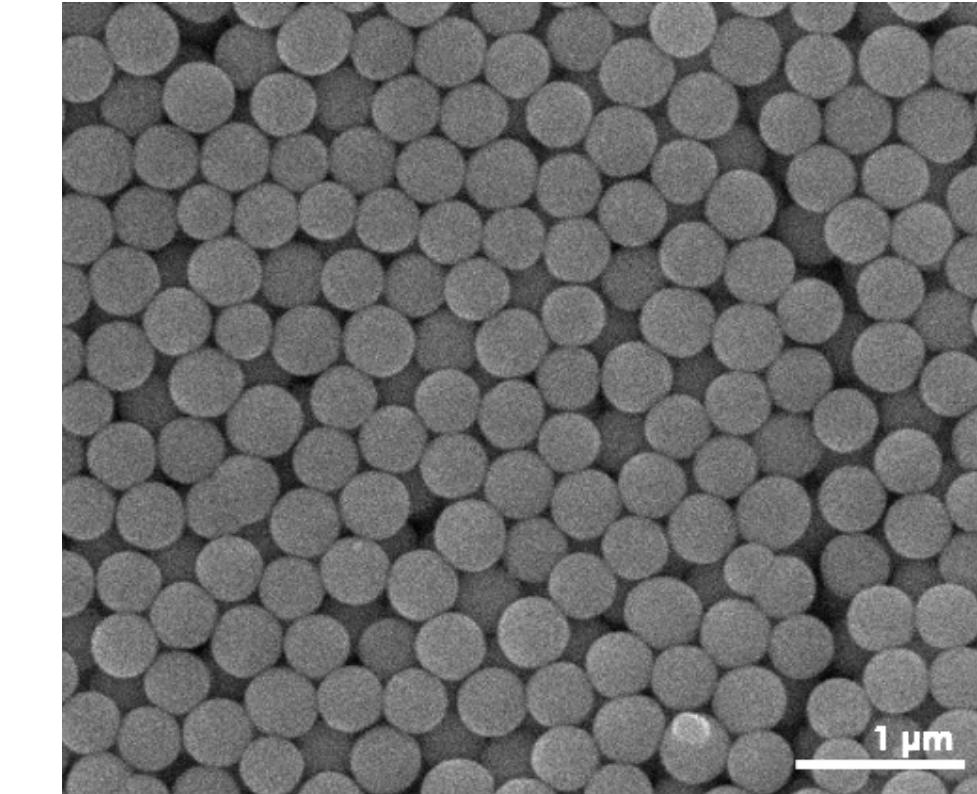
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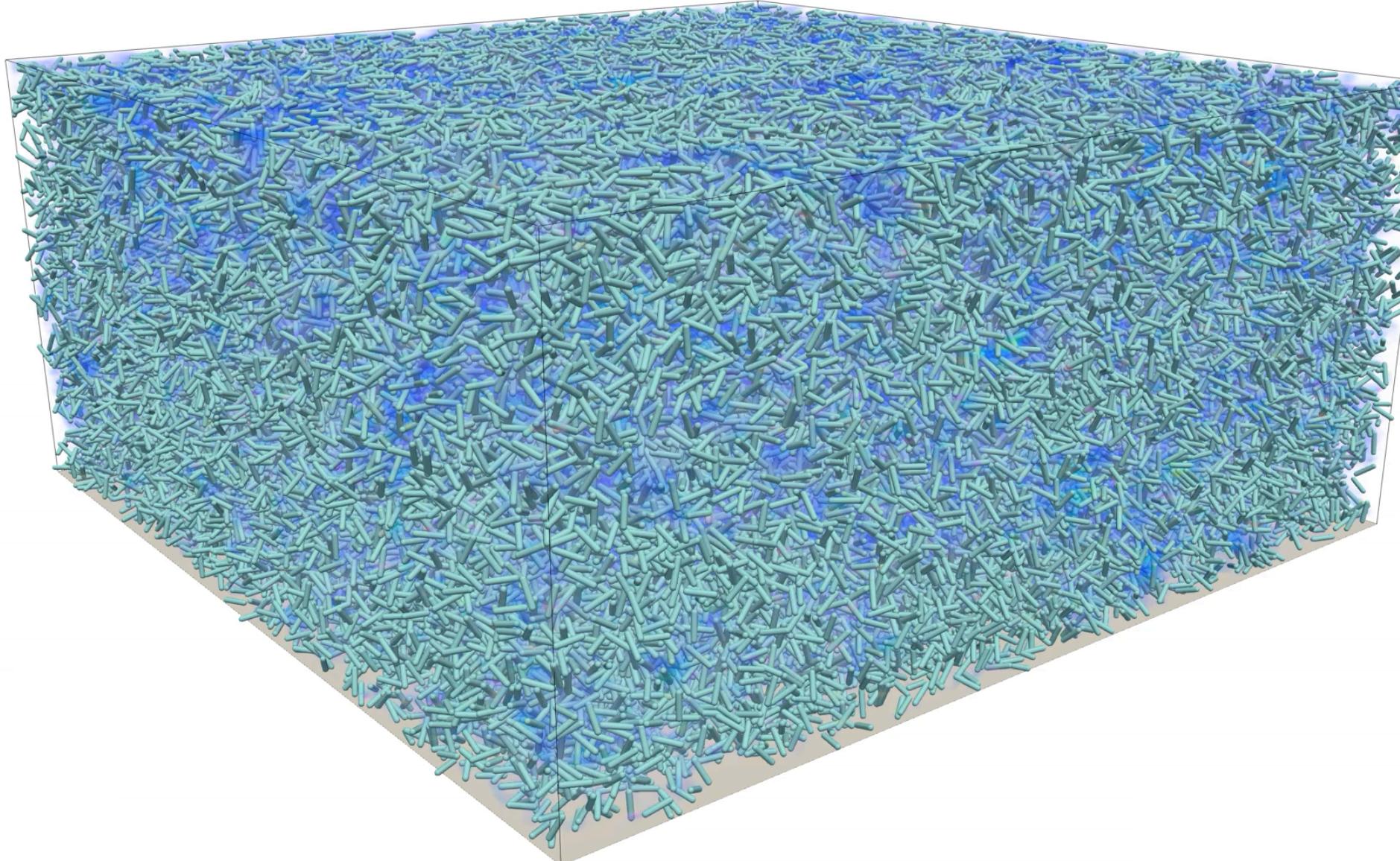
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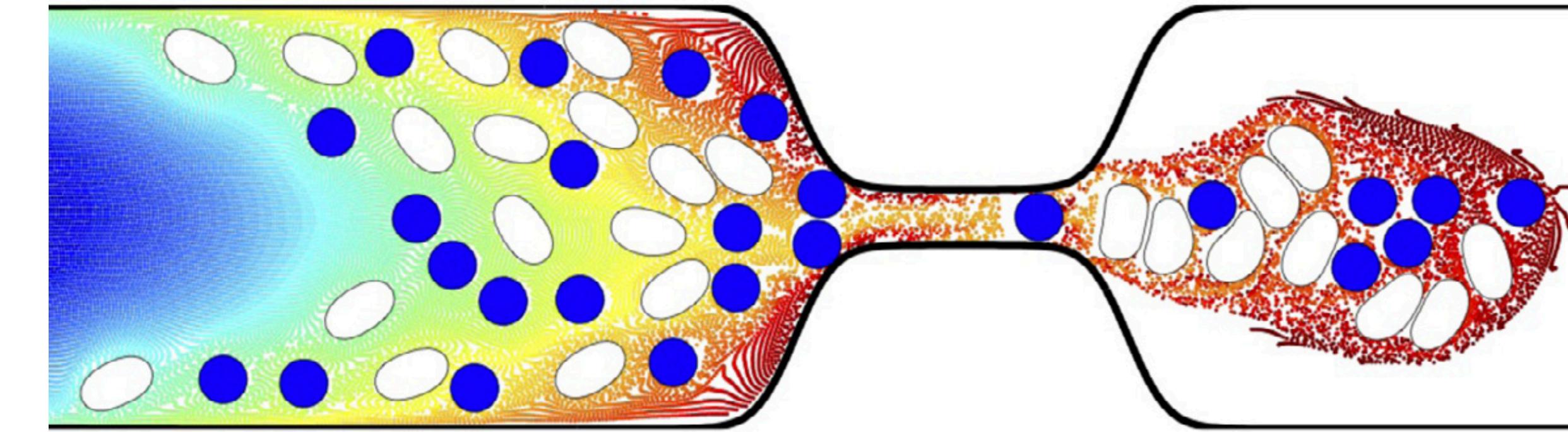
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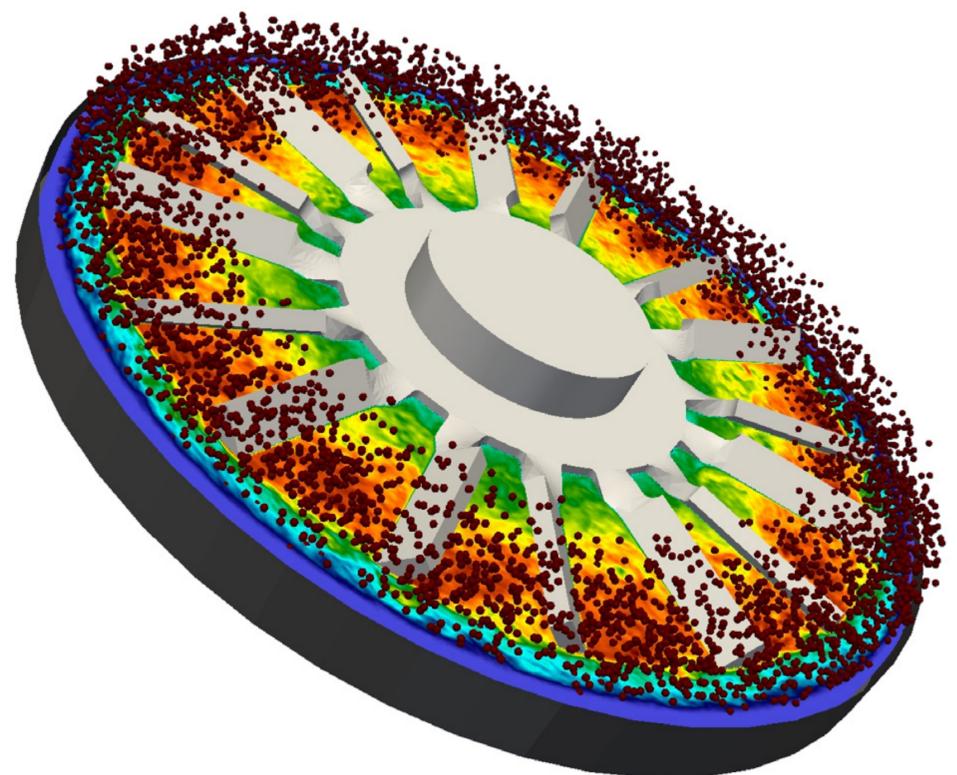
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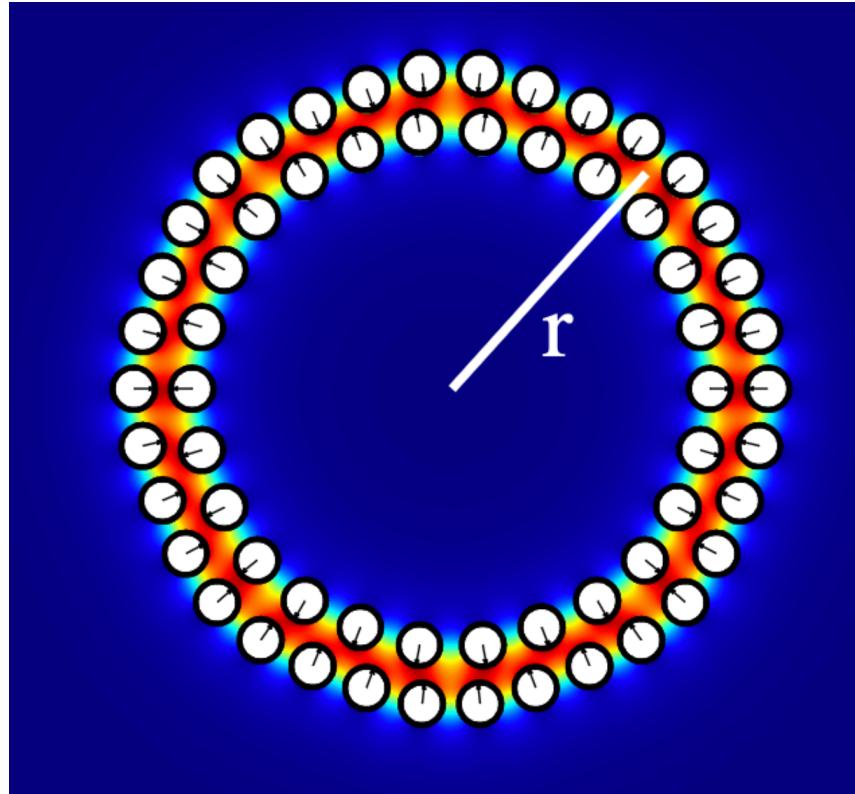
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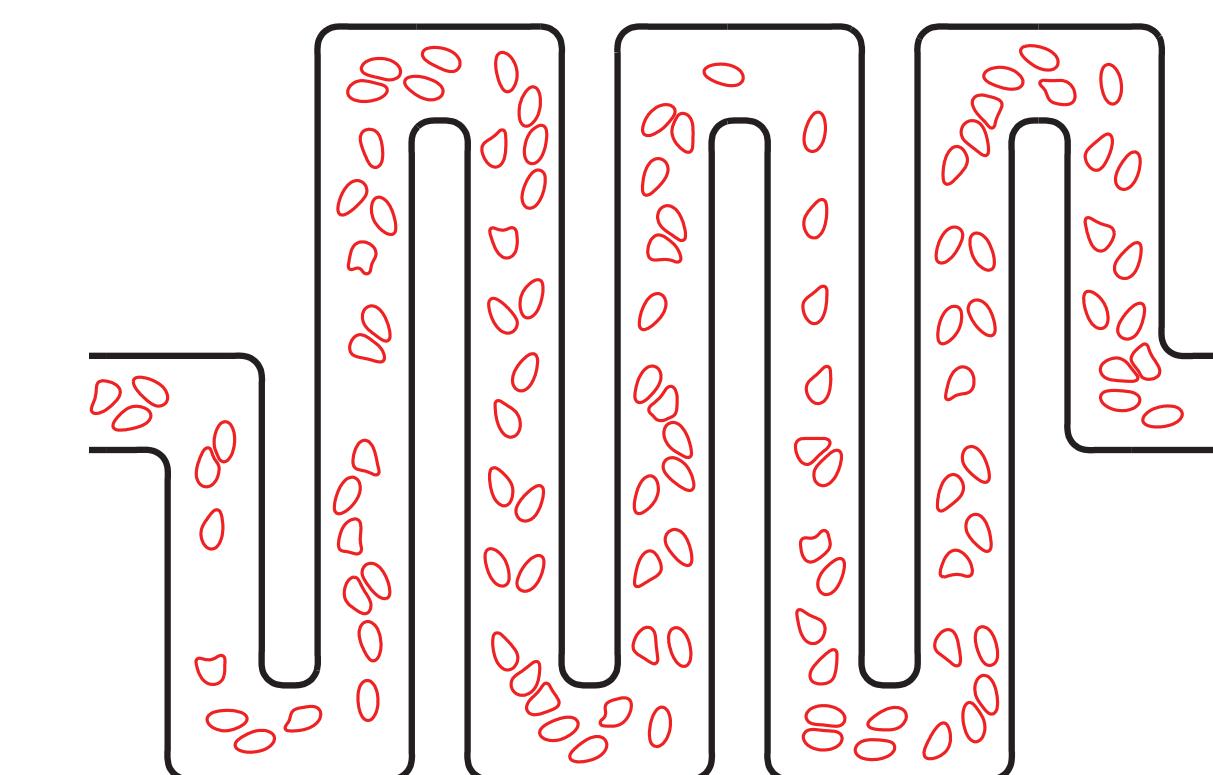
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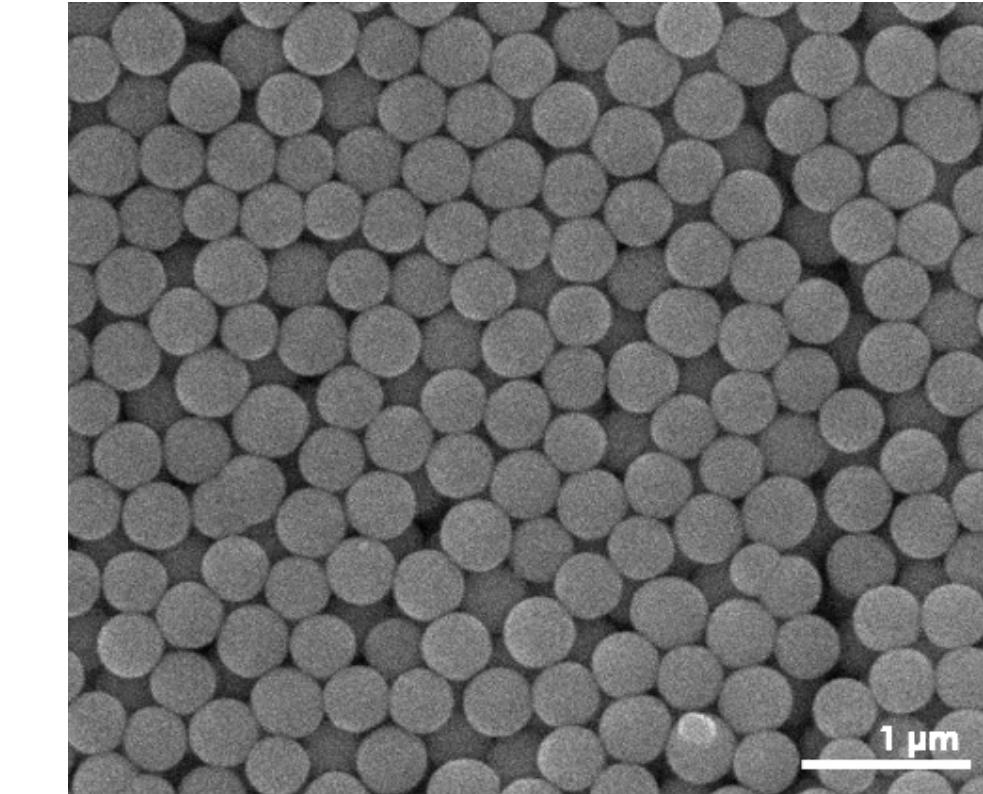
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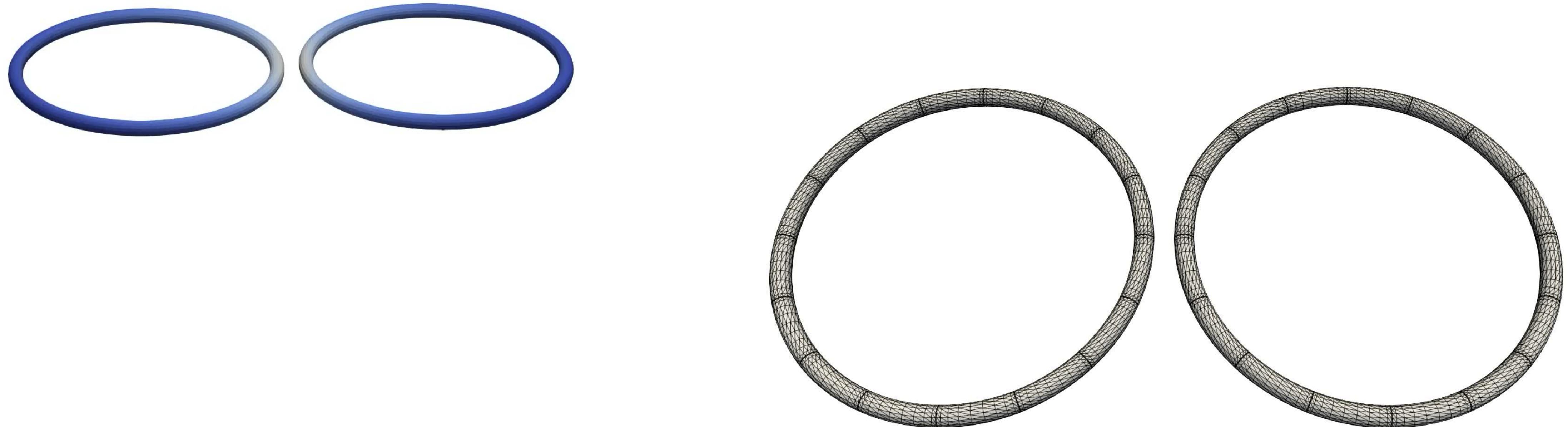
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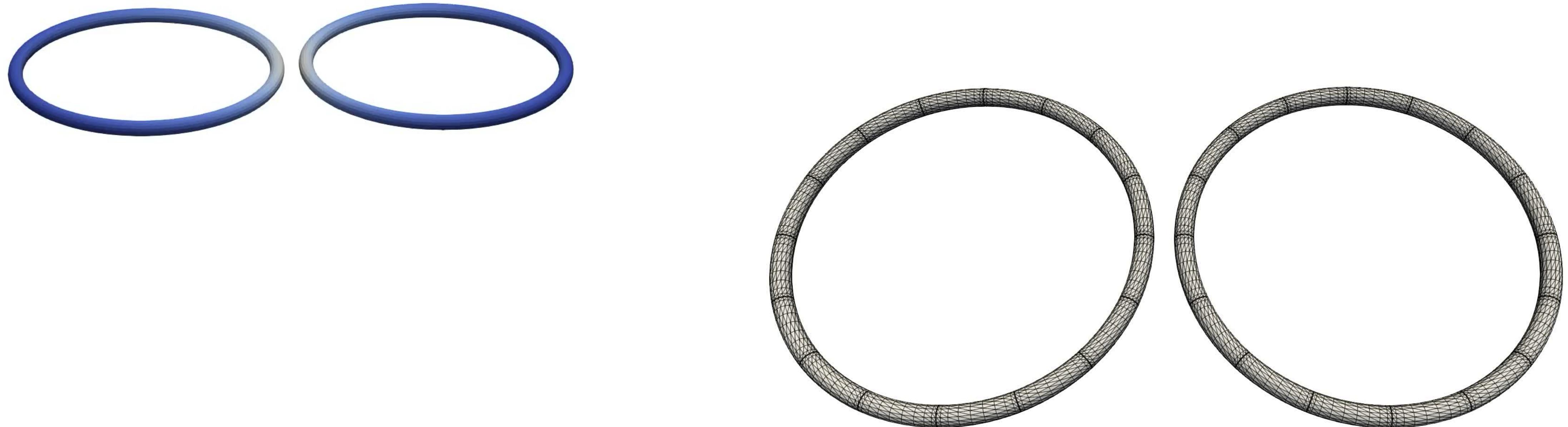


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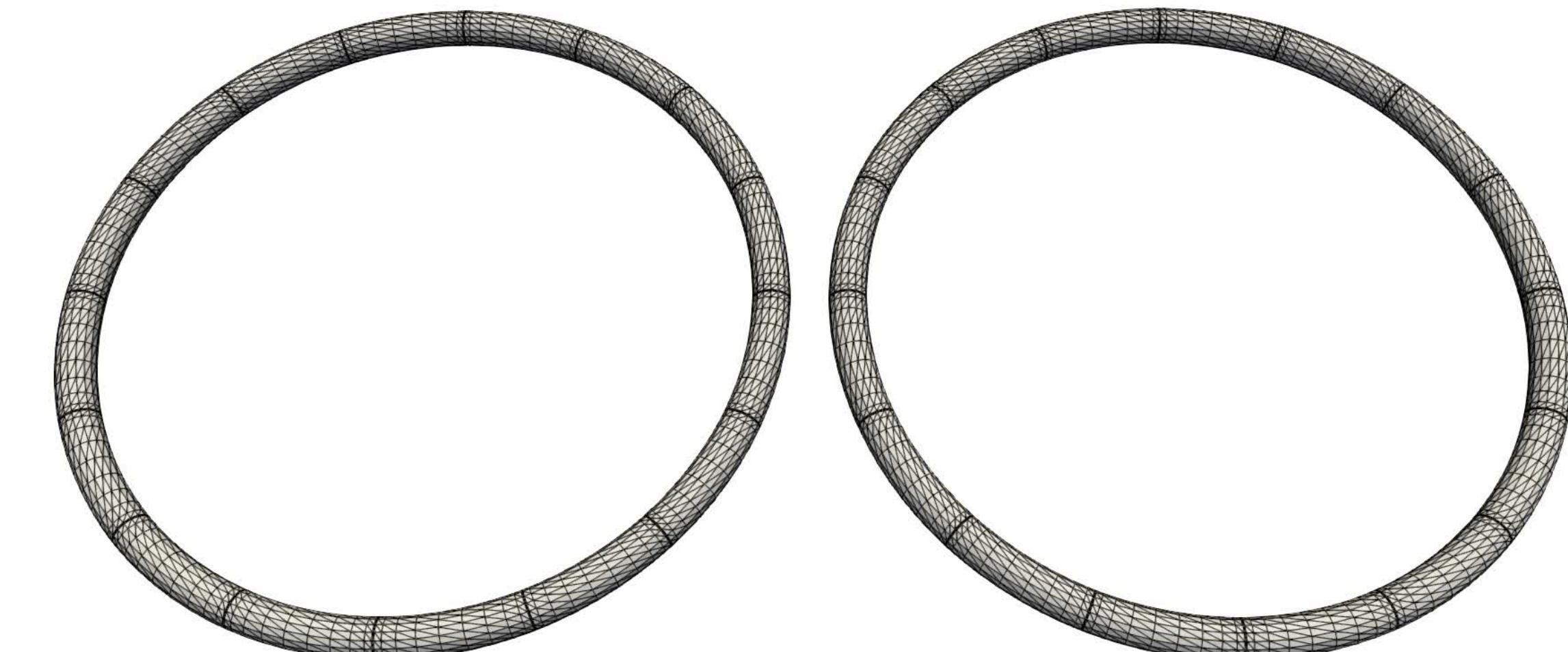
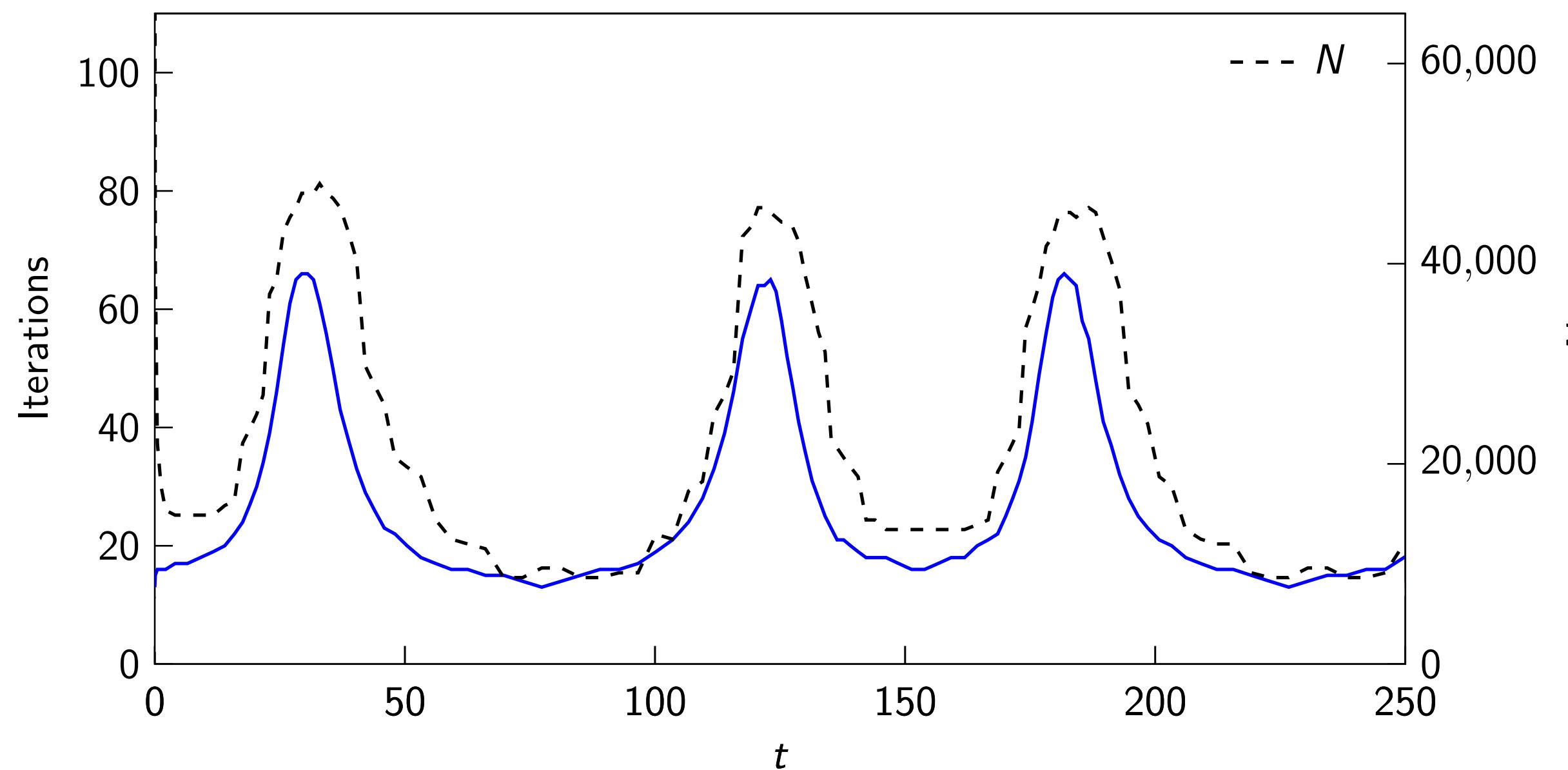


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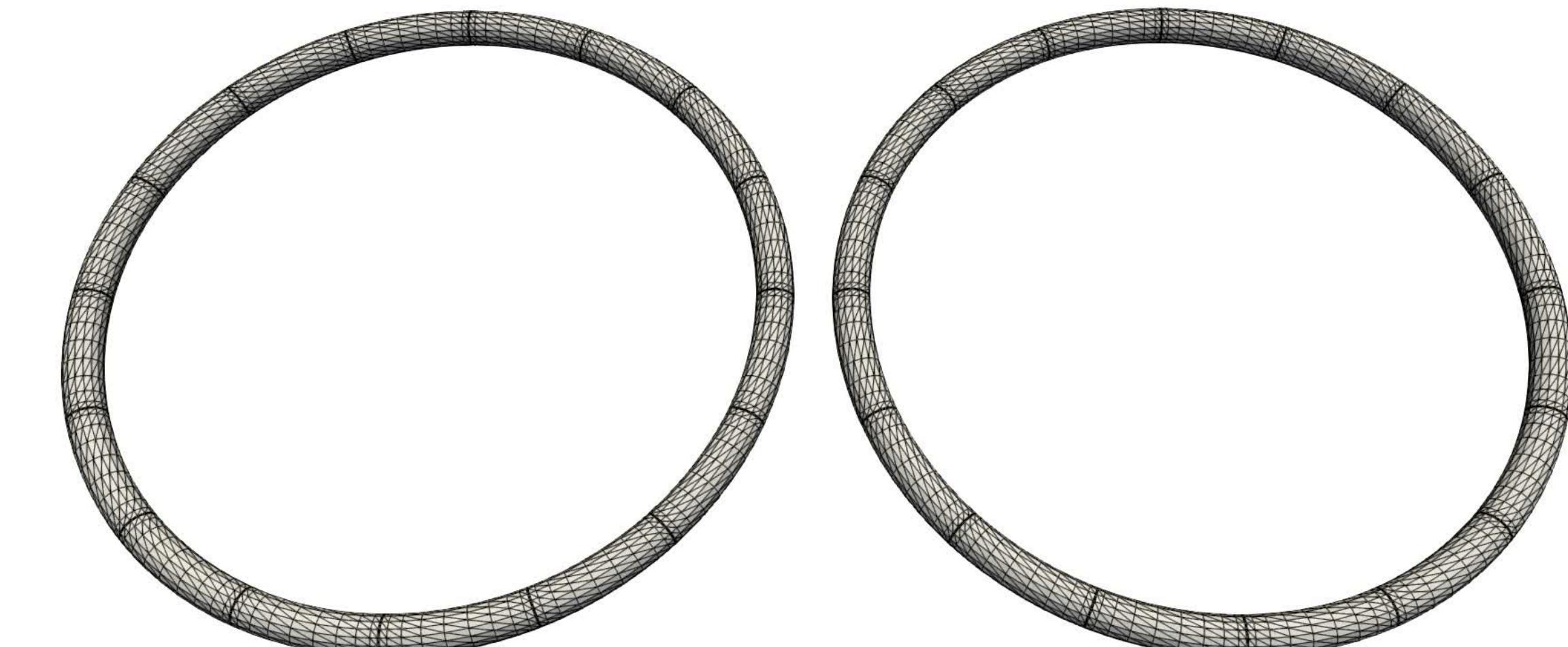
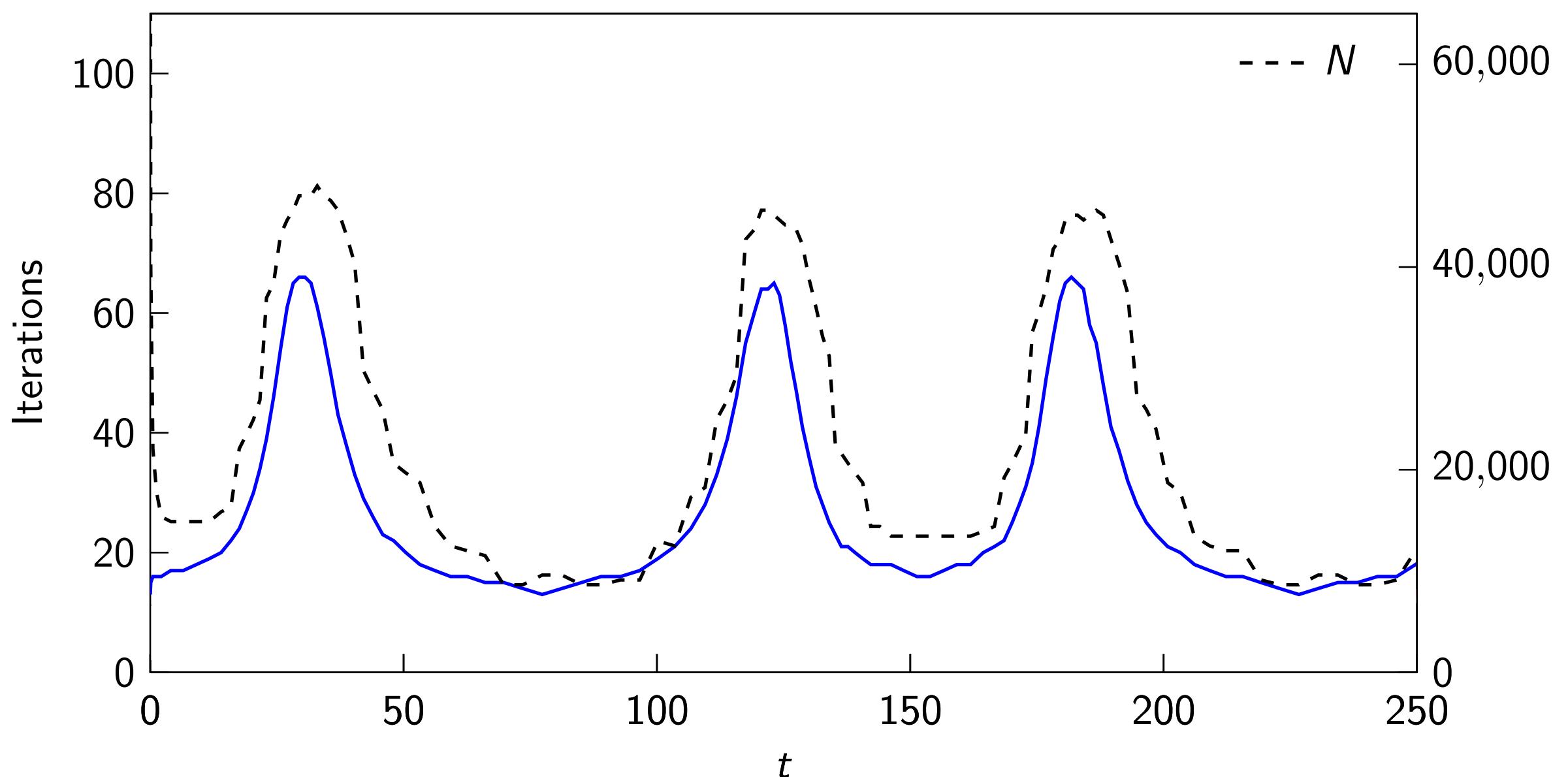


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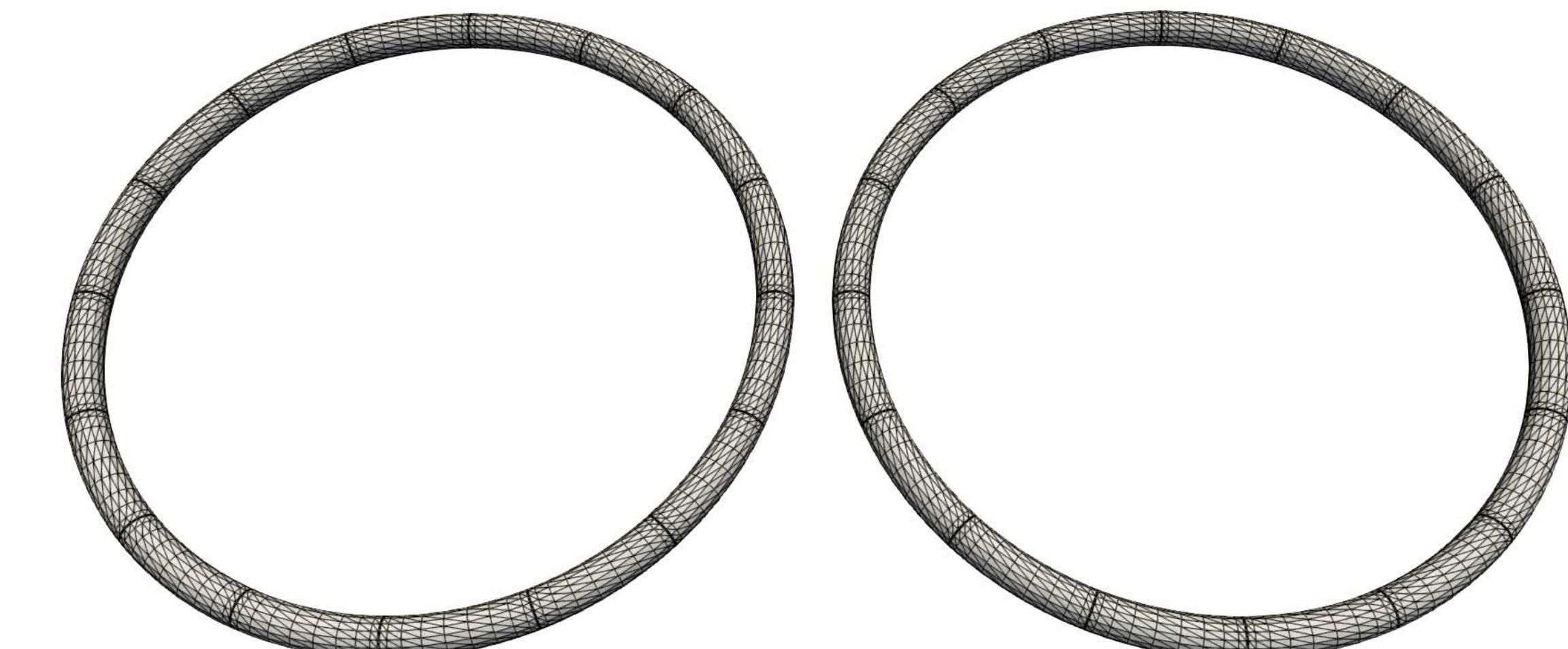
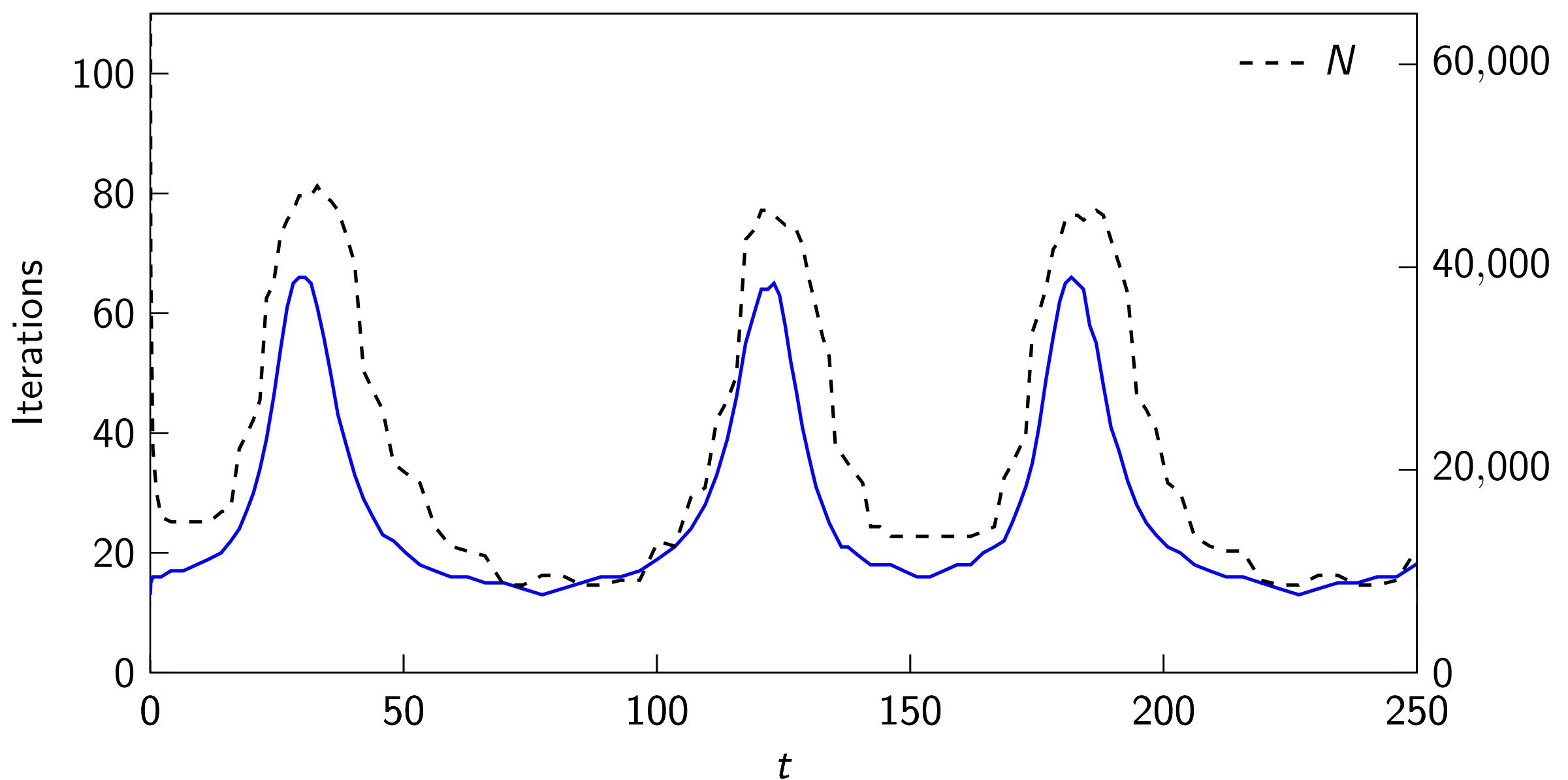
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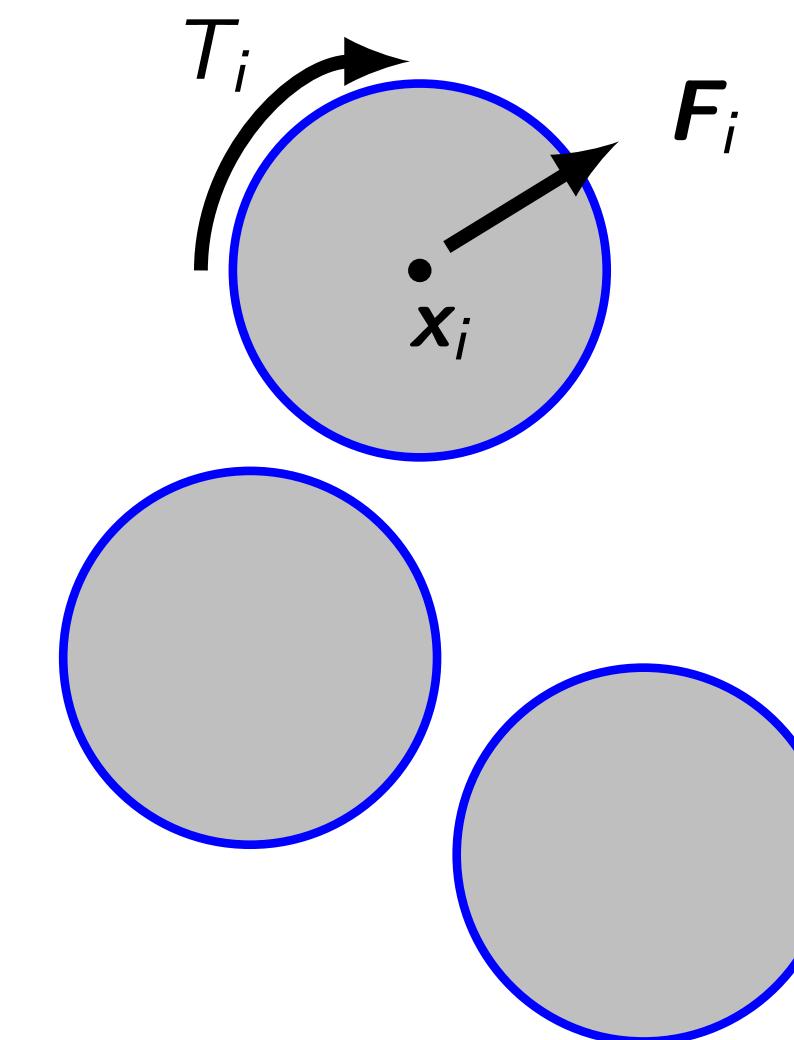
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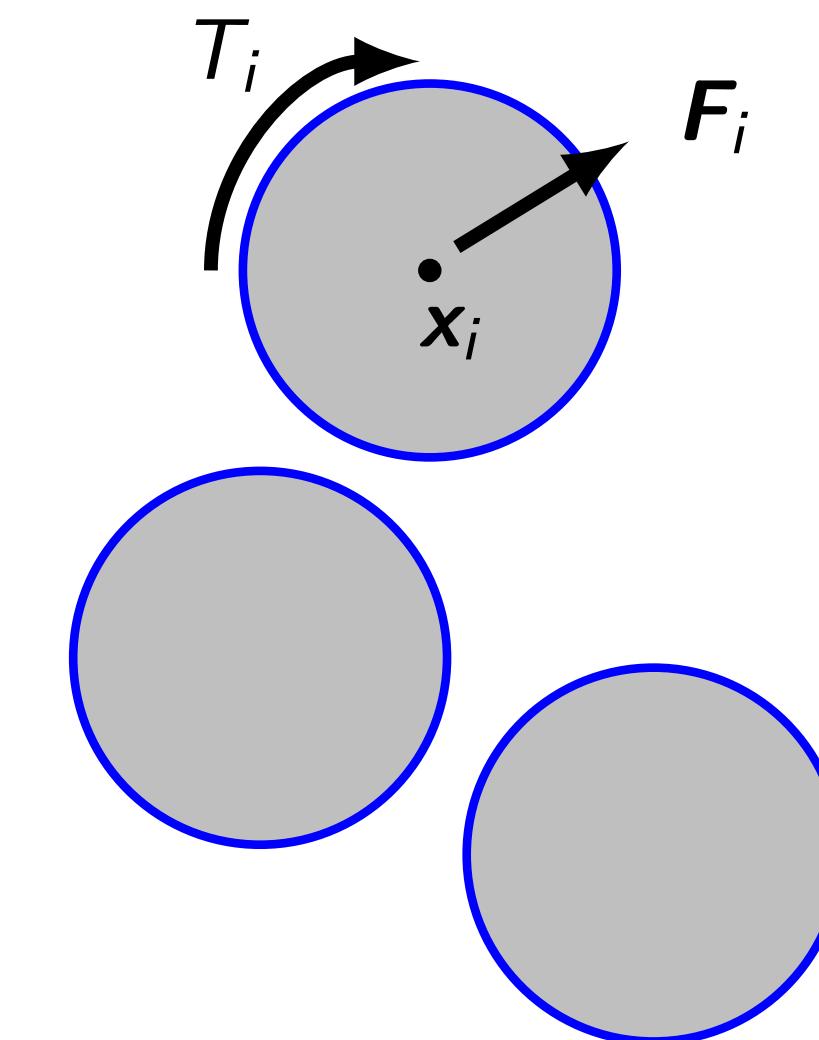
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*known ("completion flow")*

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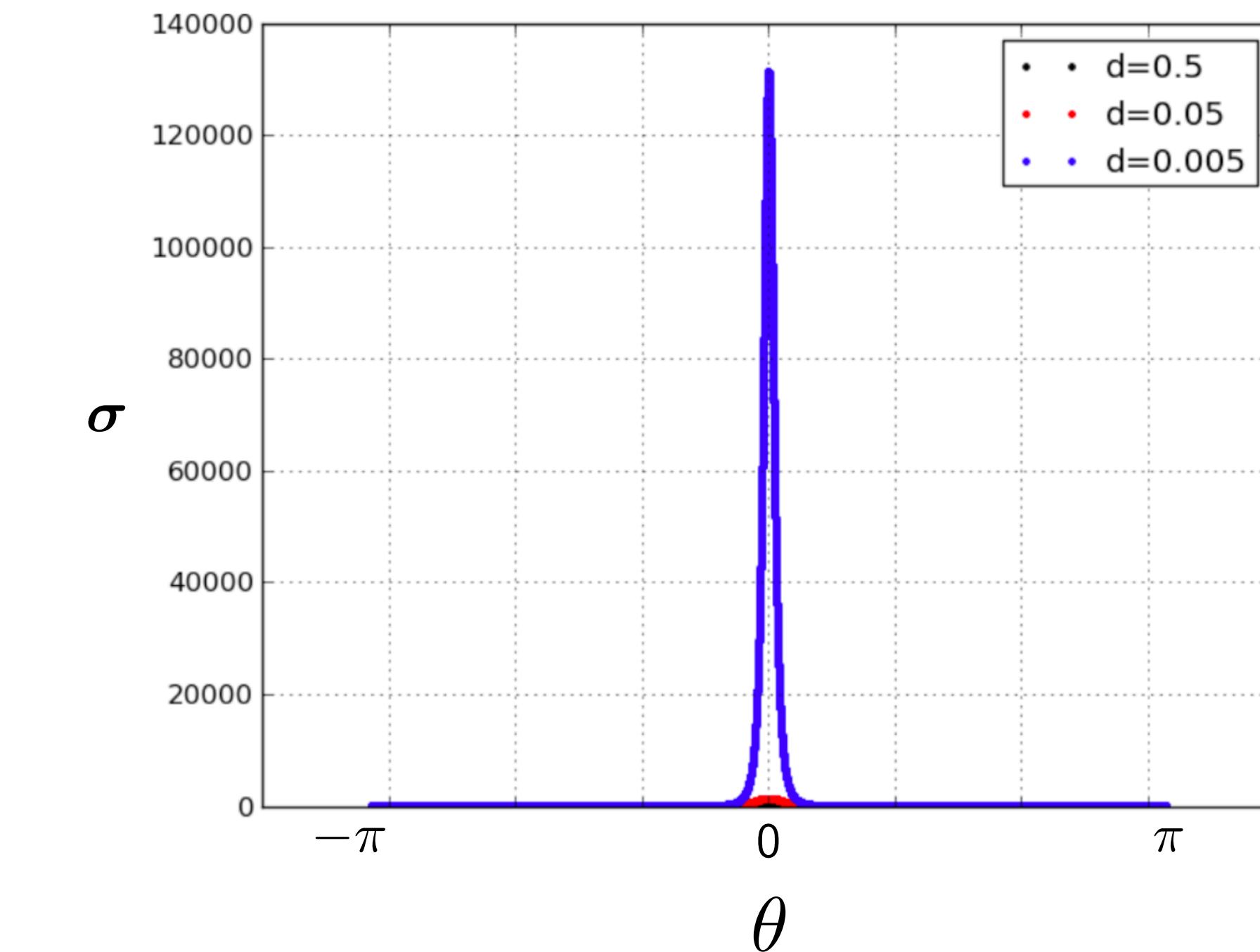
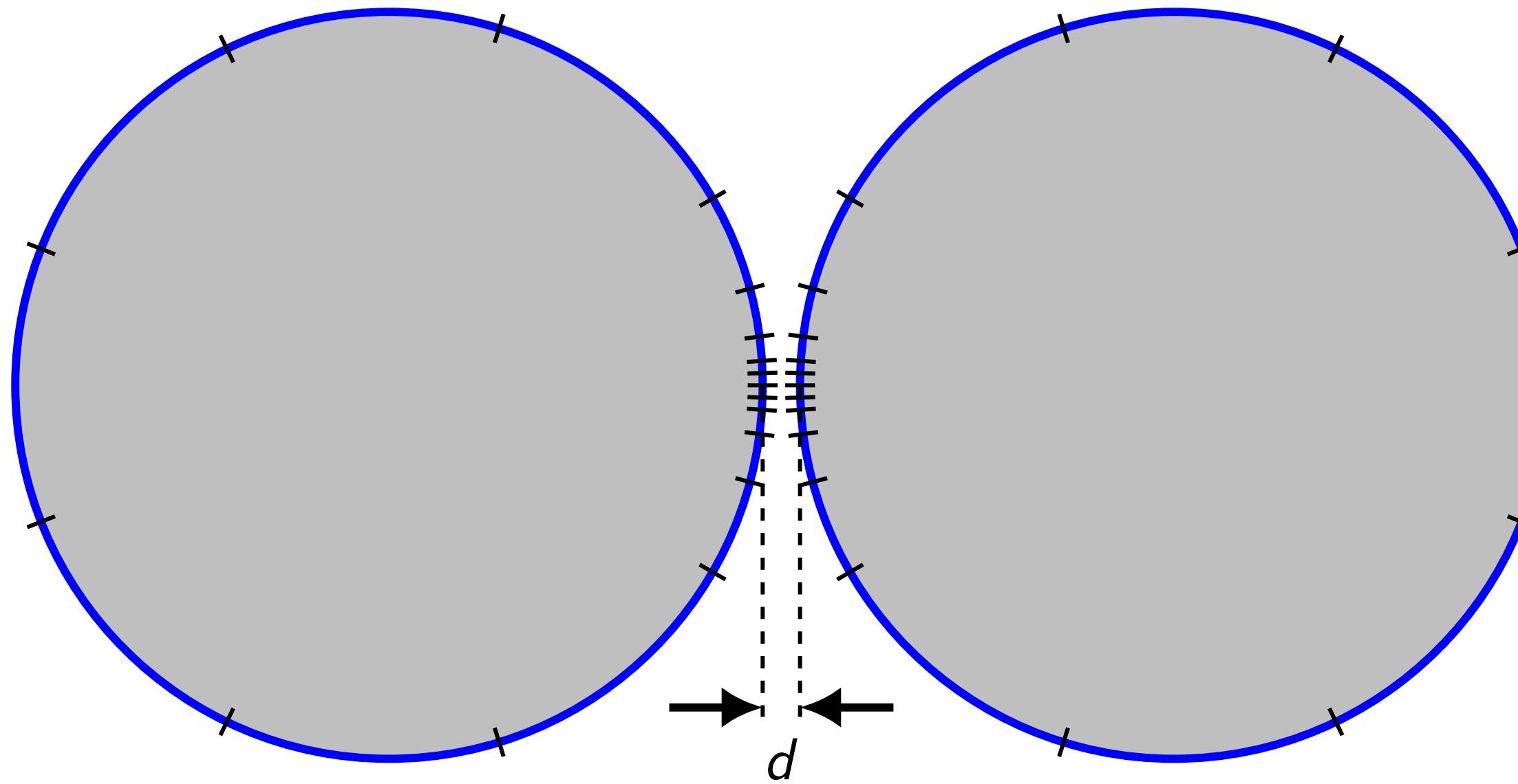
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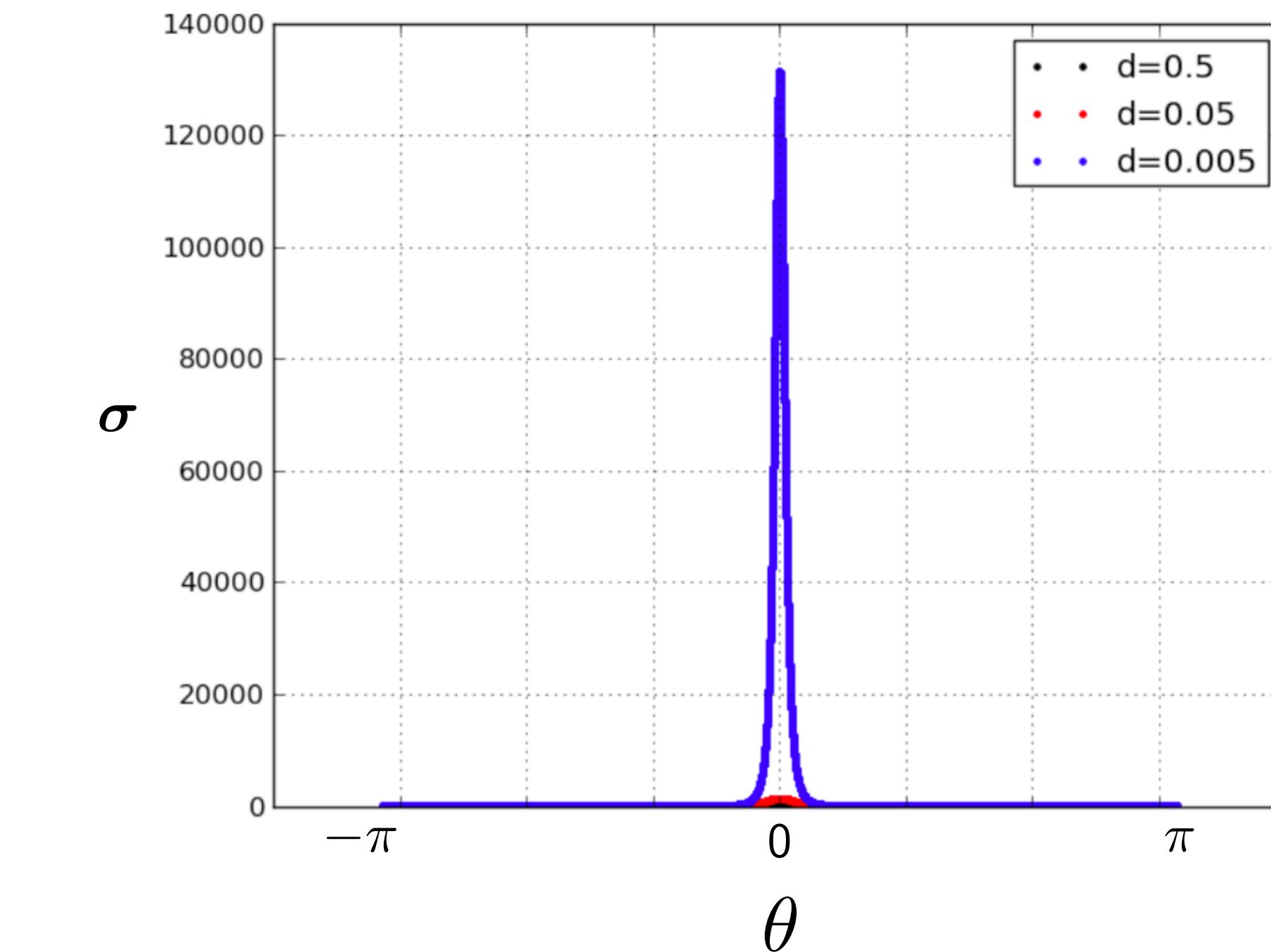
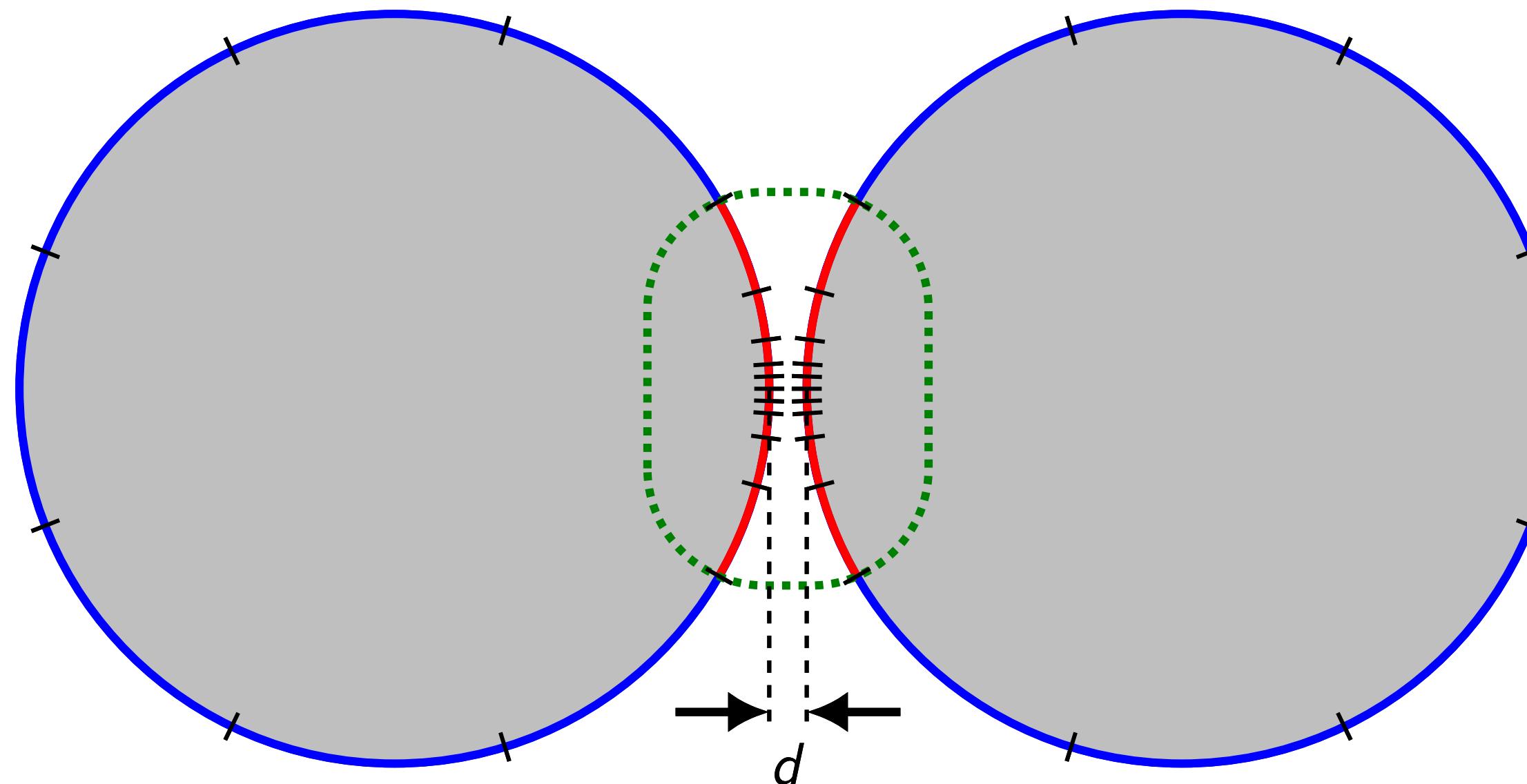
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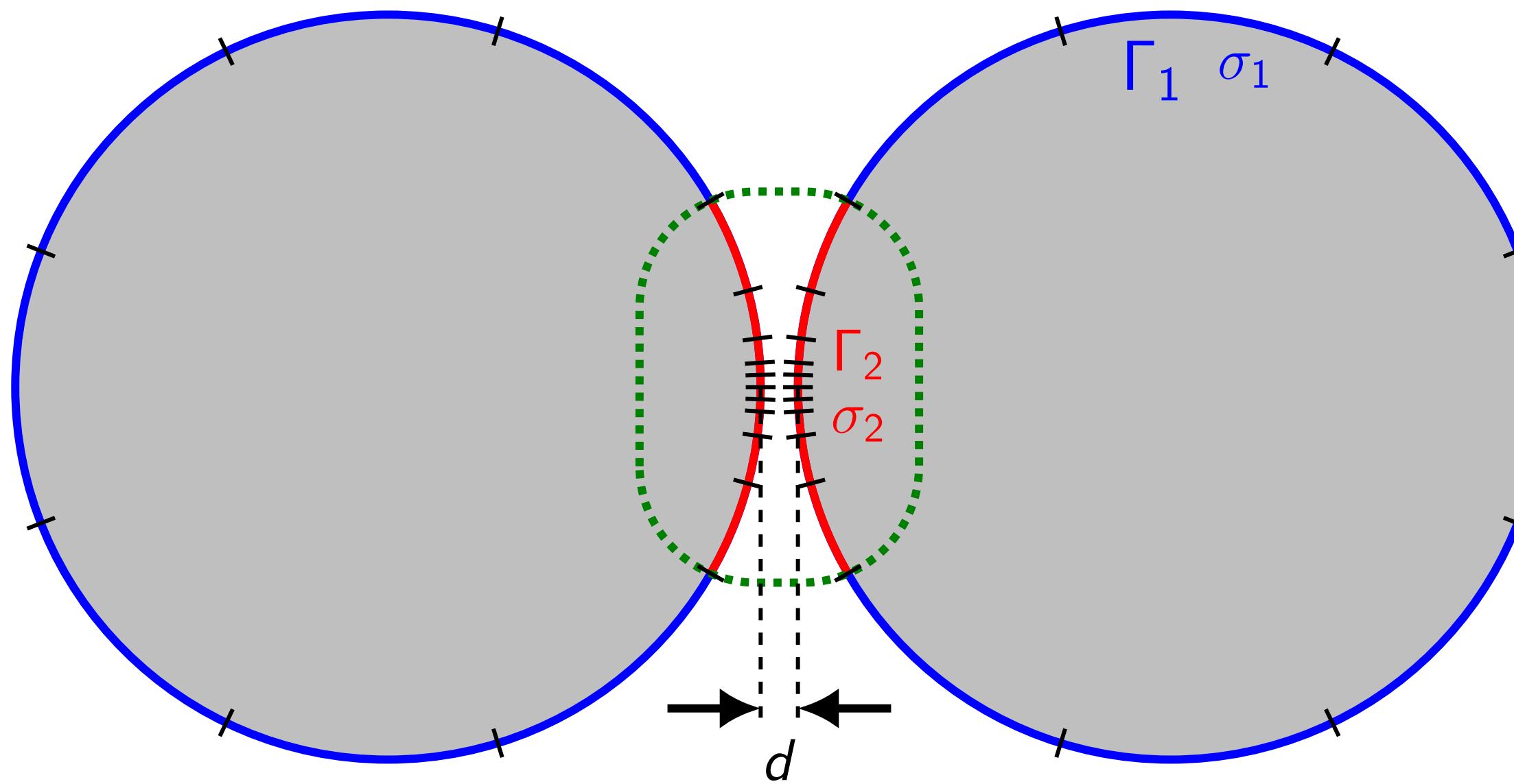


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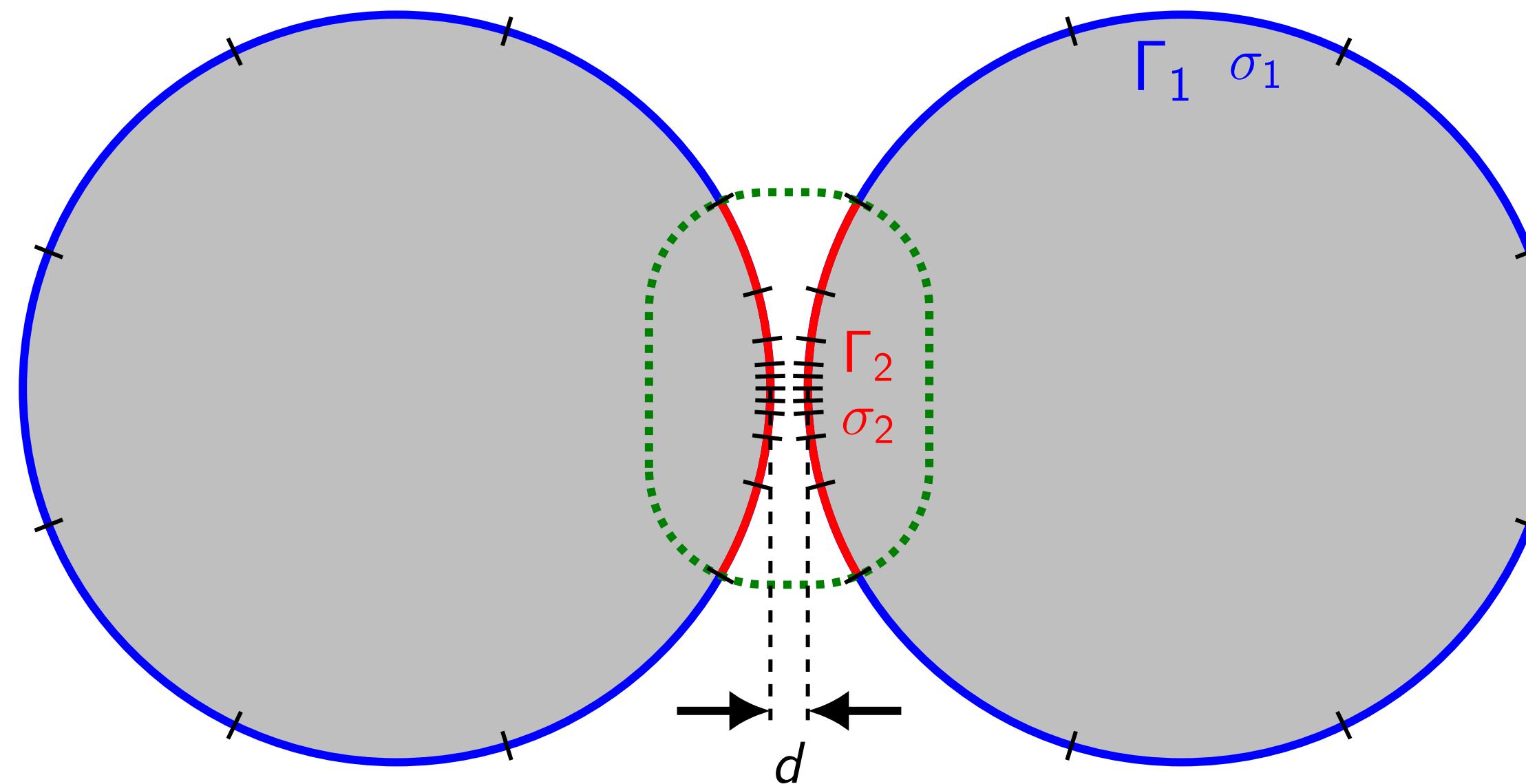
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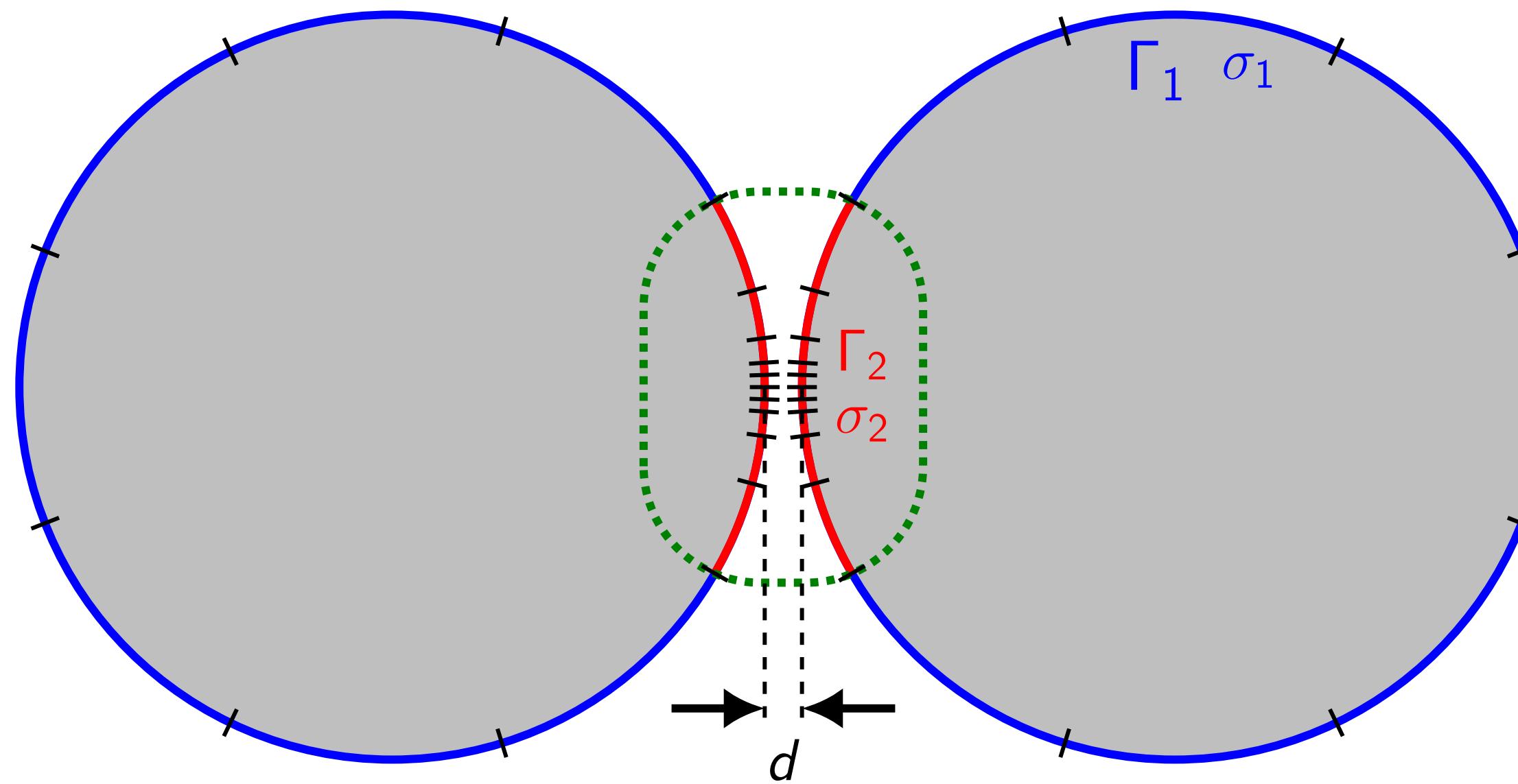


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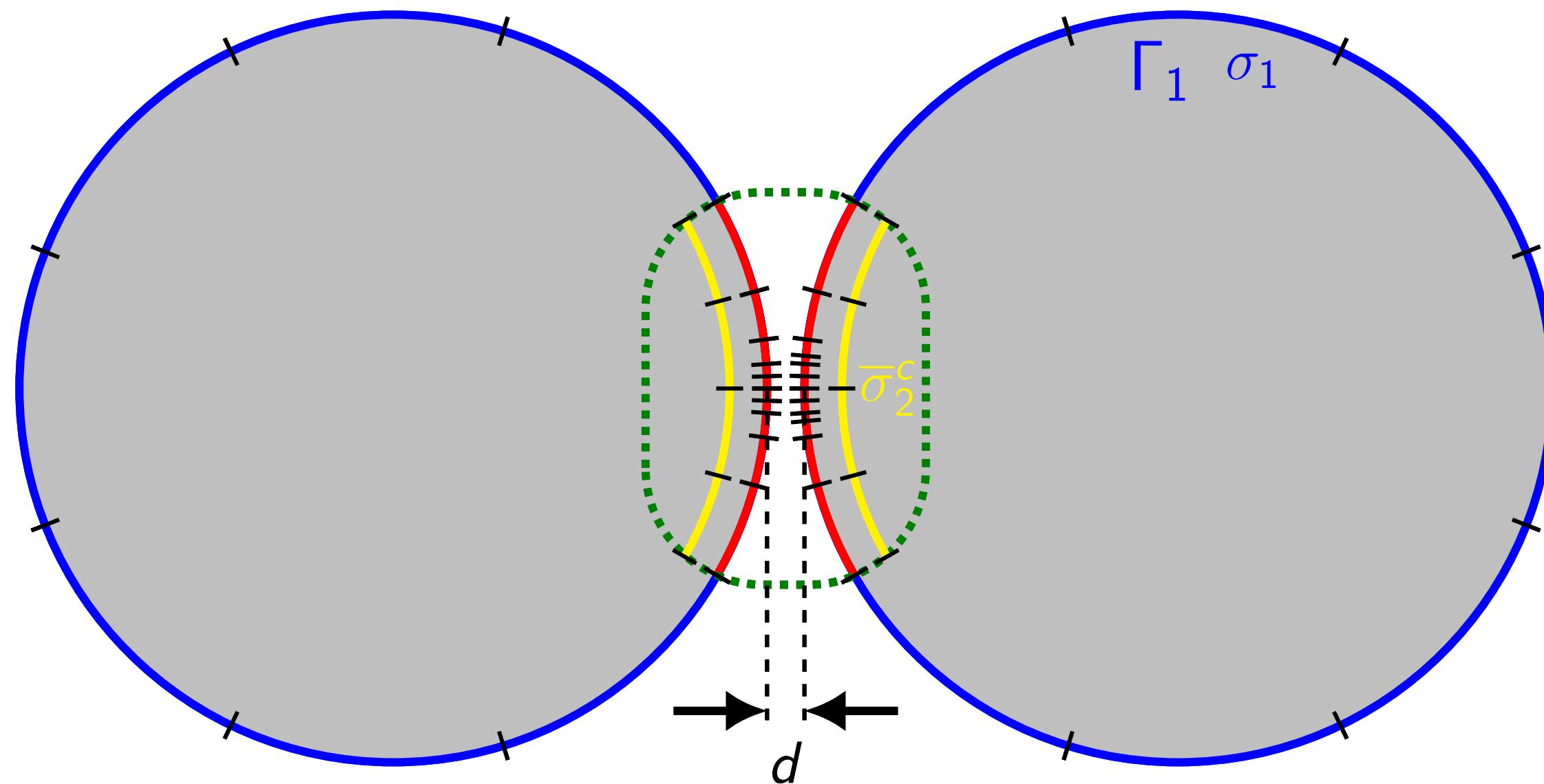
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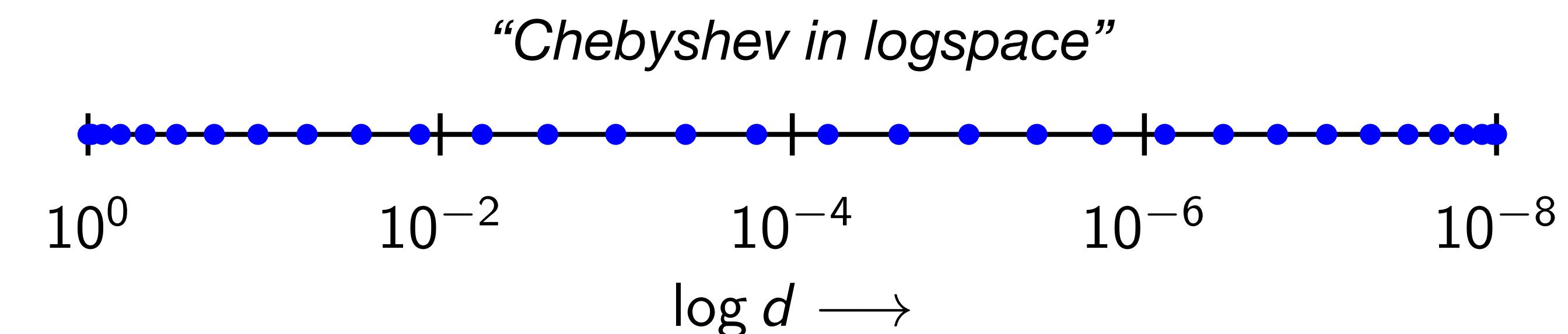
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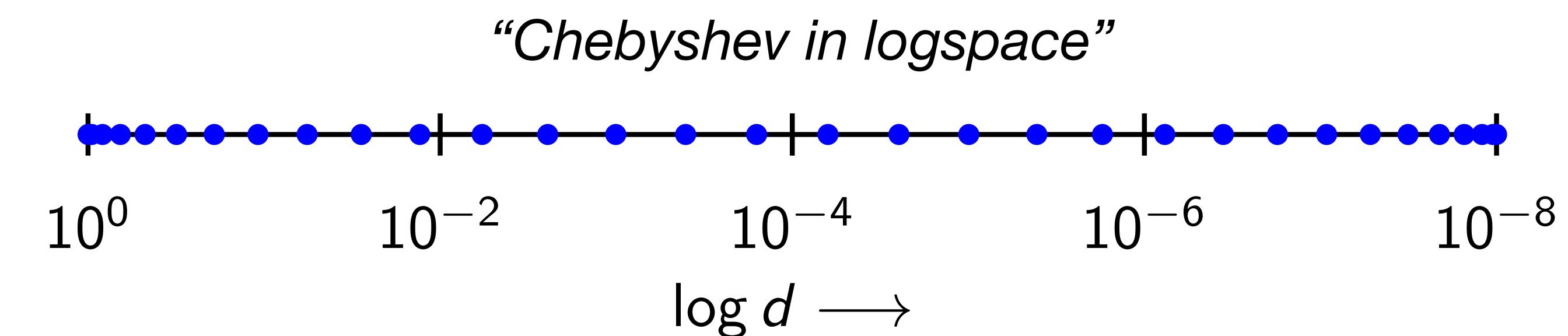
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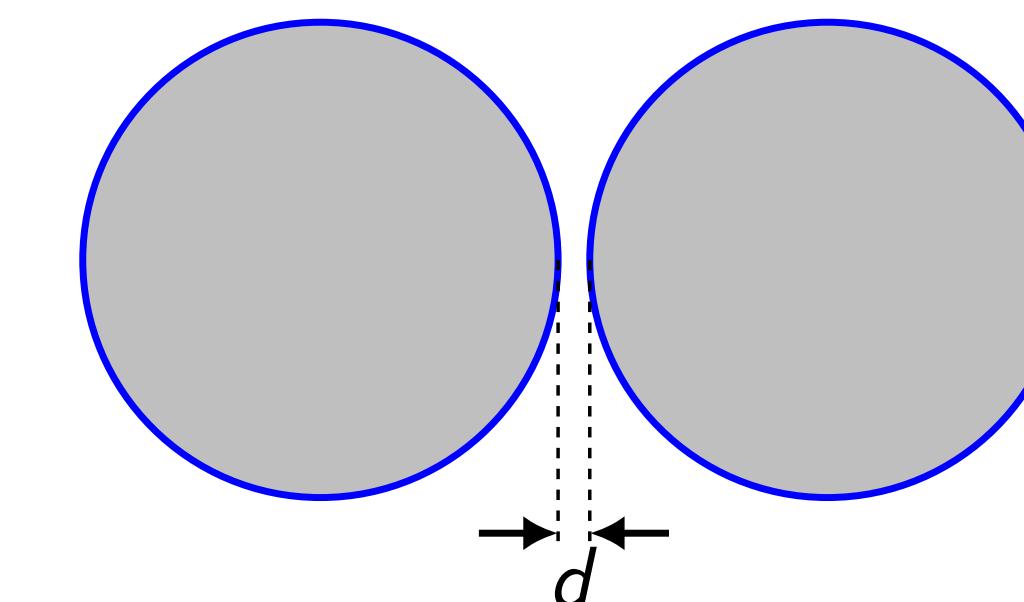


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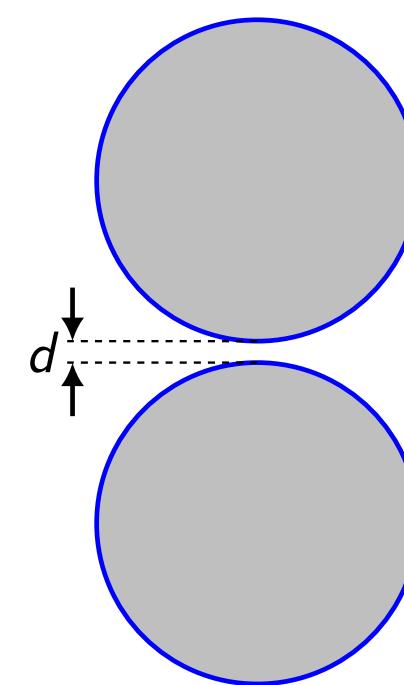
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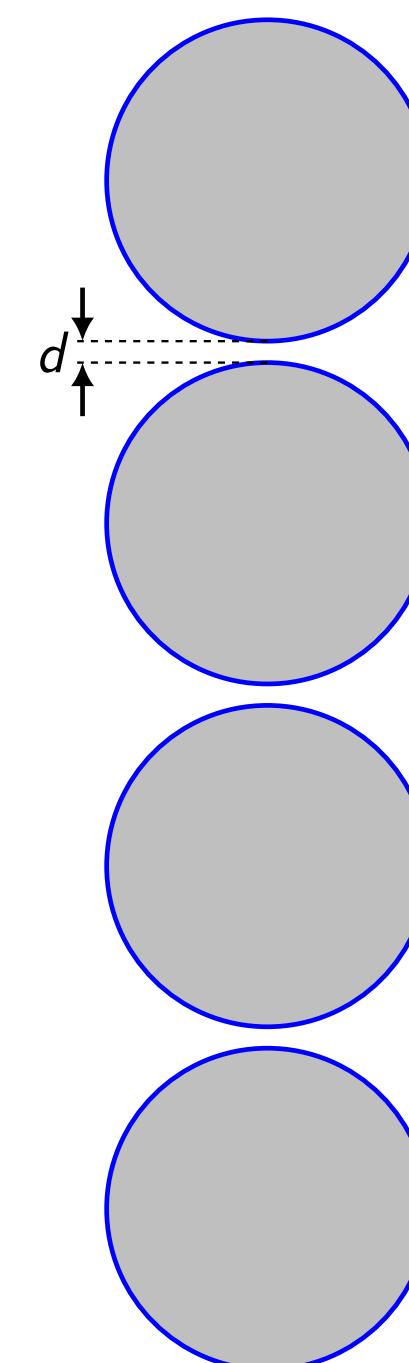
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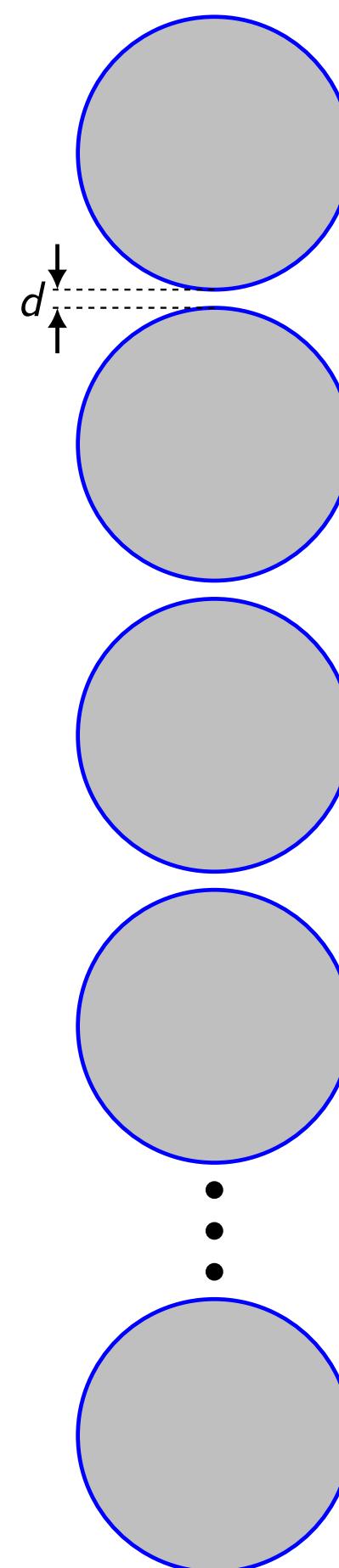
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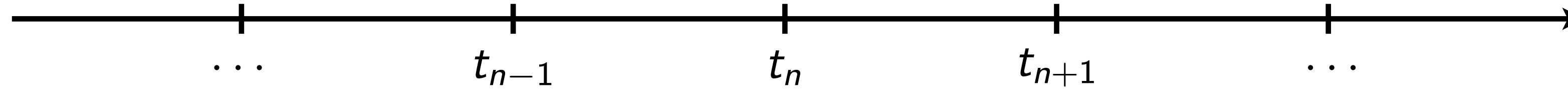
$N_{\text{disc}}$	$d = 10^{-1}$	$10^{-2}$	$10^{-3}$	$10^{-4}$	$10^{-5}$	$10^{-6}$	$10^{-7}$
2	15	37	104	337	1283	1848	2344
4	25	75	271	1134	3770	5301	6620
16	35	147	629	2754	8000+	—	—
64	36	148	683	3094	—	—	—
256	37	149	683	3094	—	—	—

### Interpolated compressed inverse preconditioning (ICIP)

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2	18	20	21	21	21	21	21
4	28	34	36	37	37	37	37
16	46	71	74	80	86	87	88
64	49	96	108	131	186	237	251
256	49	98	110	134	220	371	608

# Accelerating GMRES

## Krylov subspace recycling

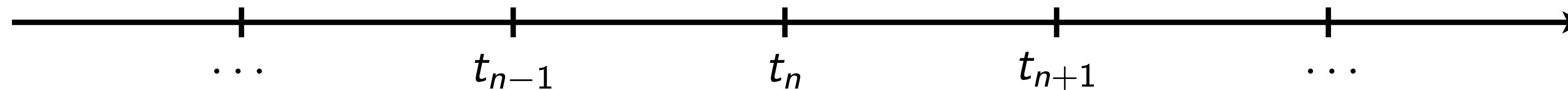


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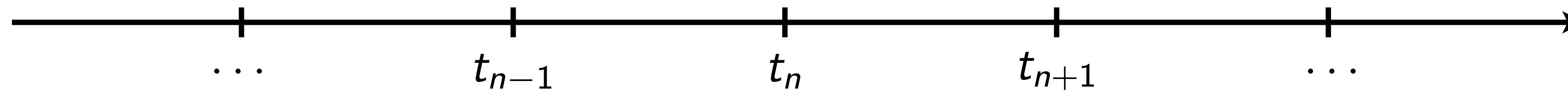
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**Question:** Can we use information from  $t_{n-1}$  to accelerate GMRES at  $t_n$ ?

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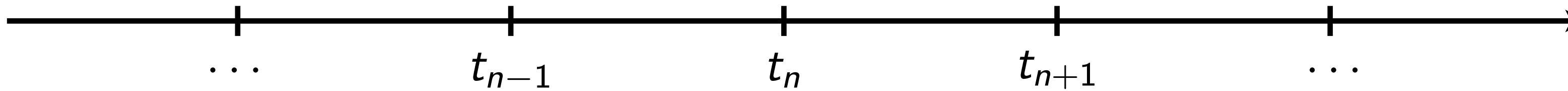
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**Idea:** Use  $\sigma_{n-1}$  as an initial guess to GMRES... doesn't help at all.

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**Idea:** Reuse Krylov subspace from previous time step... very effective!

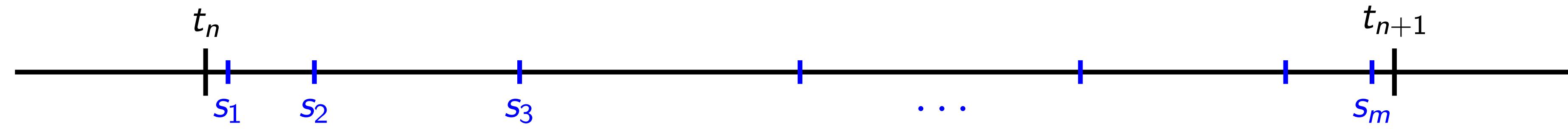
- Krylov subspace after  $k$  iterations:  $X = [b \quad Ab \quad \dots \quad A^{k-1}b]$
- Compute QR decomposition:  $QR = AX$
- Define preconditioner:  $P = I - QQ^T + XR^{-1}Q^T$

$$PAx = x \text{ for all } x \in \text{span}(X)$$

$$Py = y \text{ for all } y \perp \text{span}(X)$$

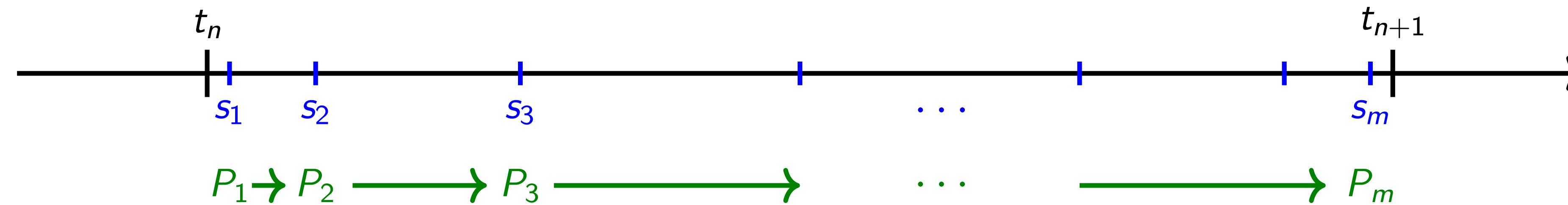
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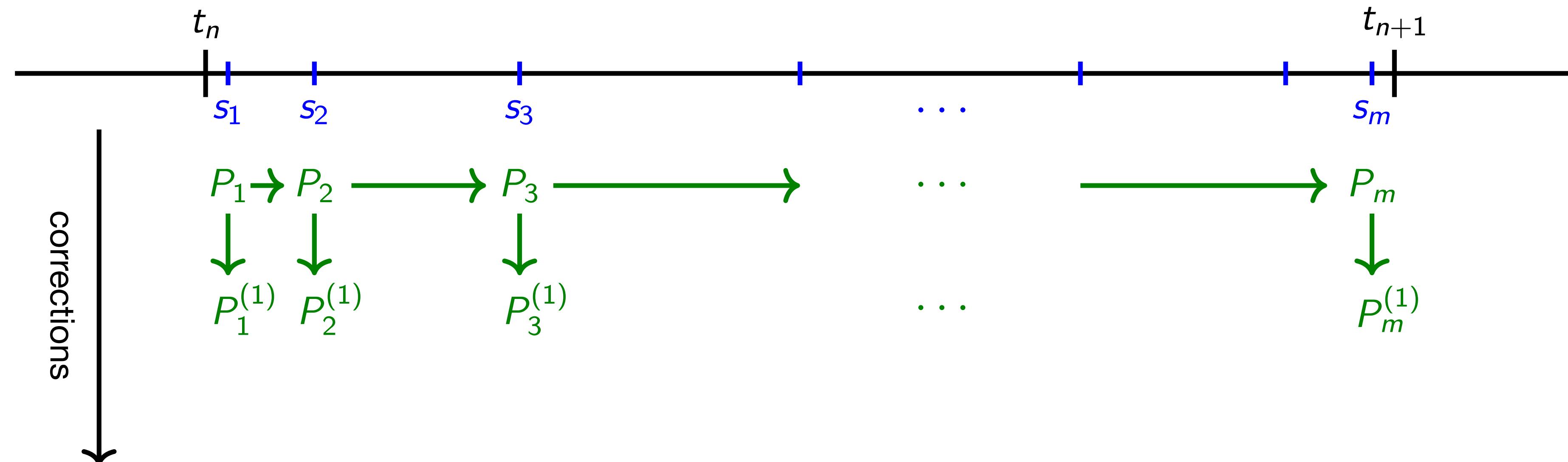
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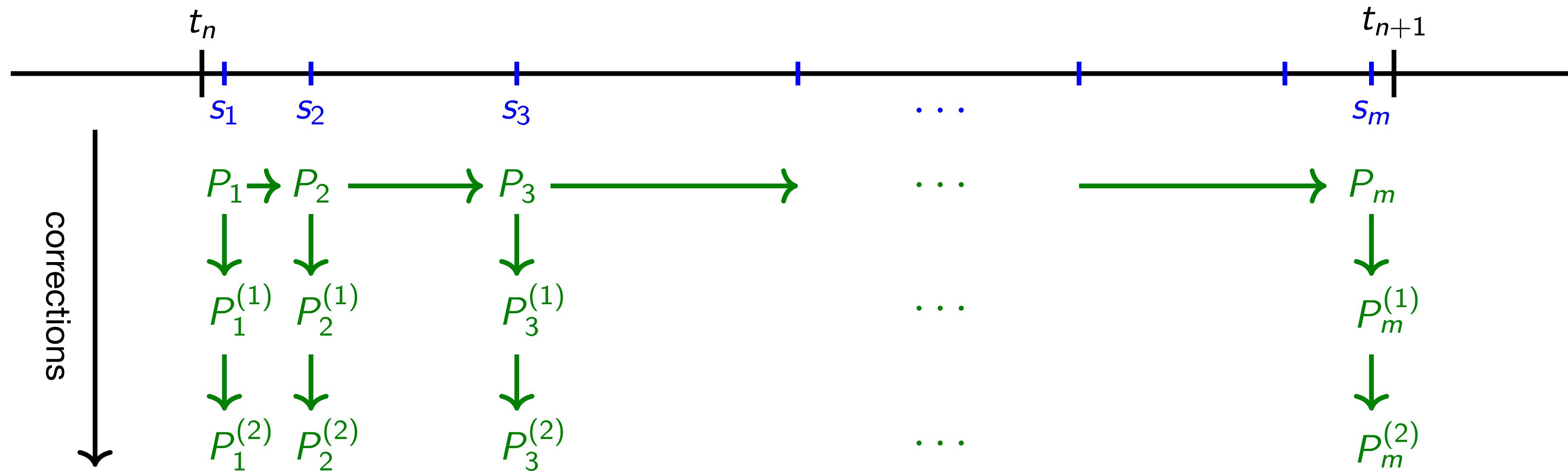
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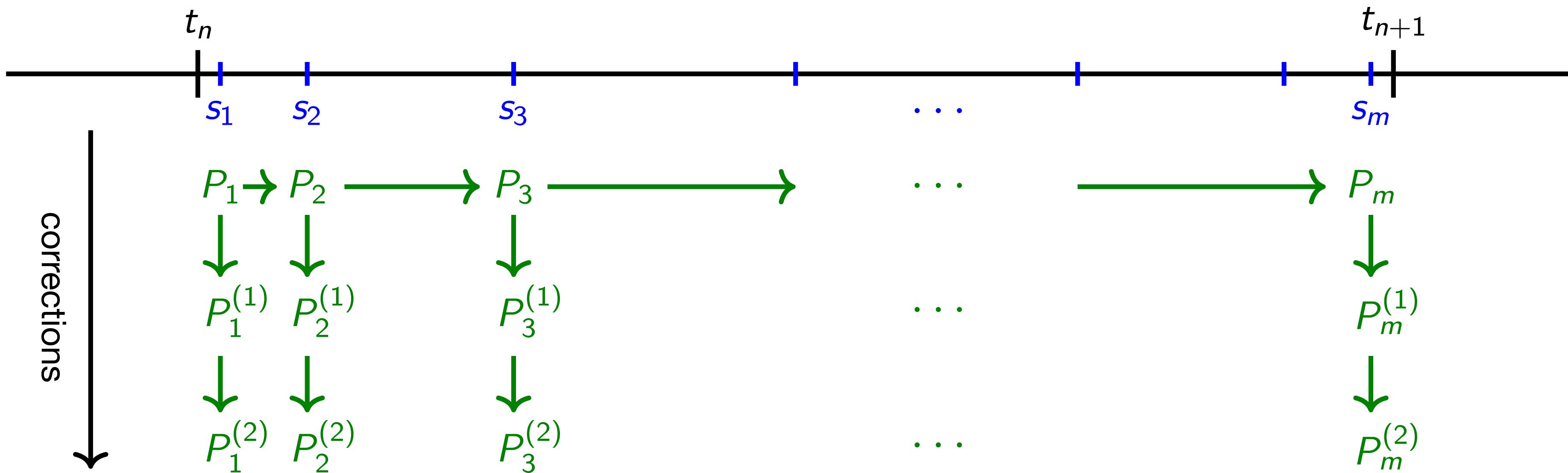
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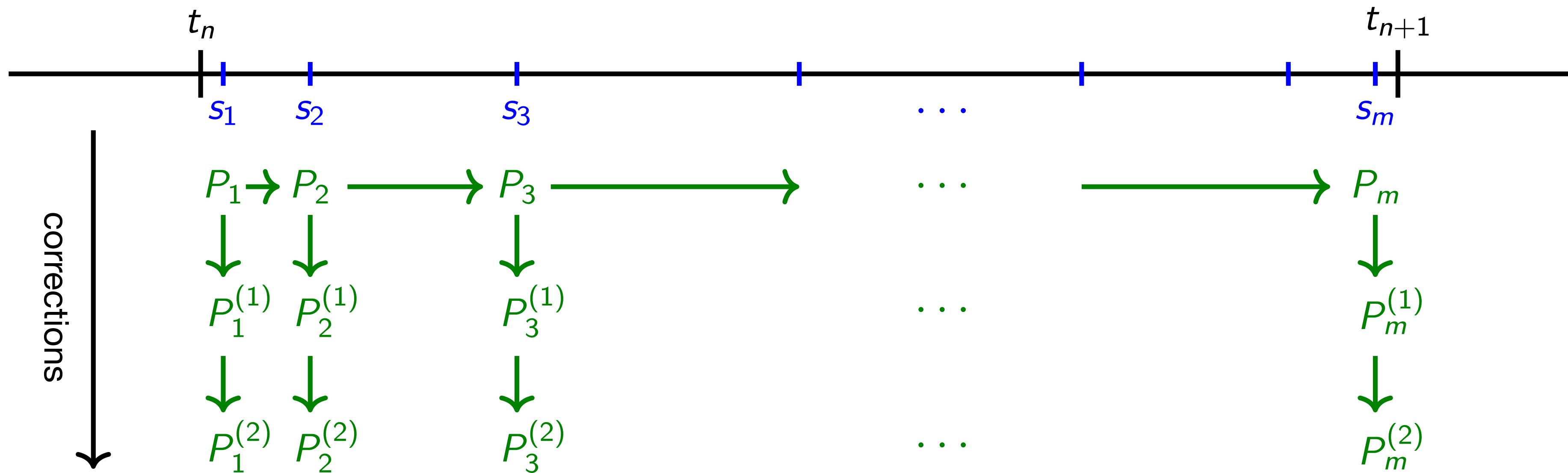


GMRES iterations **without** preconditioner

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correction →	66	66	66	66	66	
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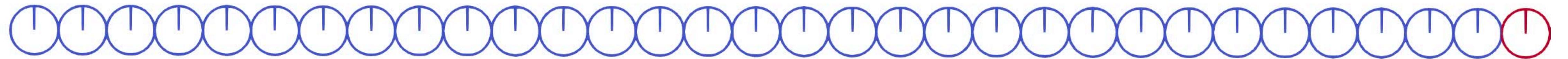
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	8	4	14	5	12
	1	1	2	2	4

# Results

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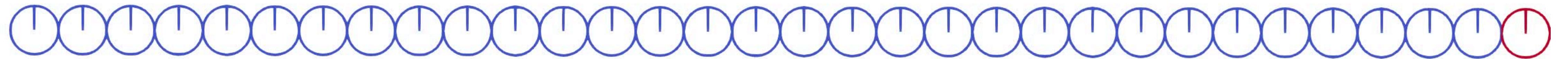


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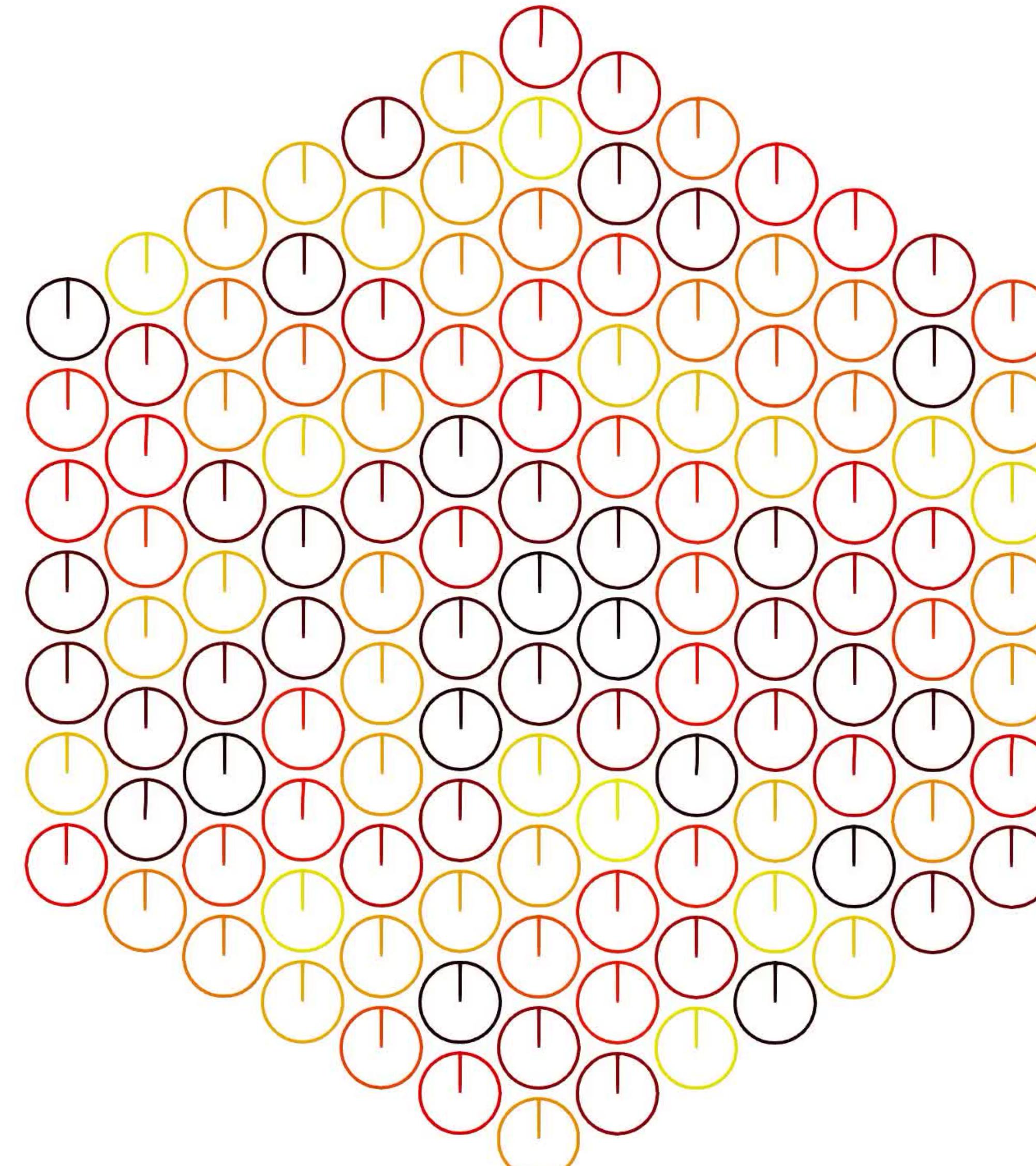


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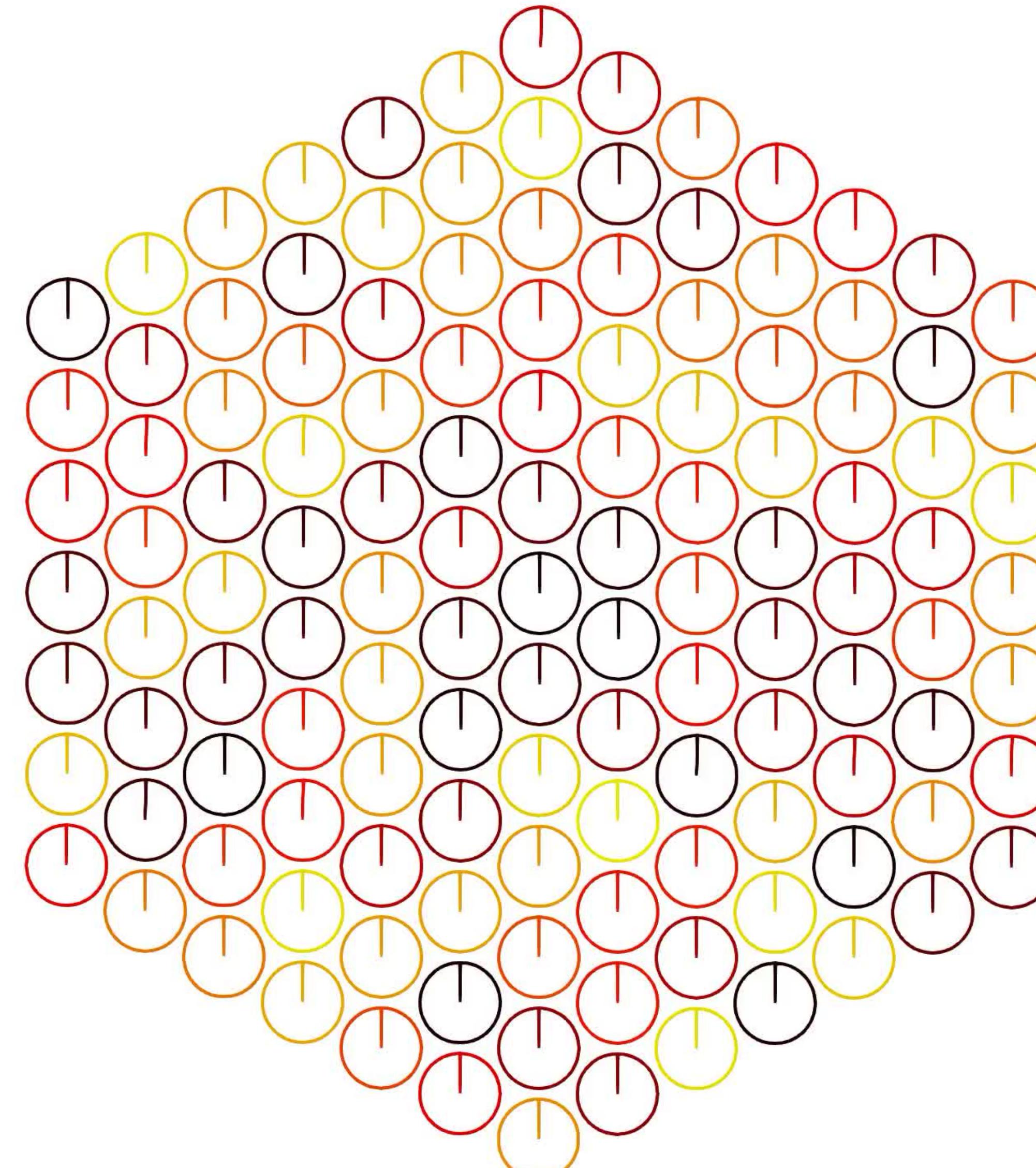
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