

Deep Learning Pairing Correlations from Neural-Network Quantum States

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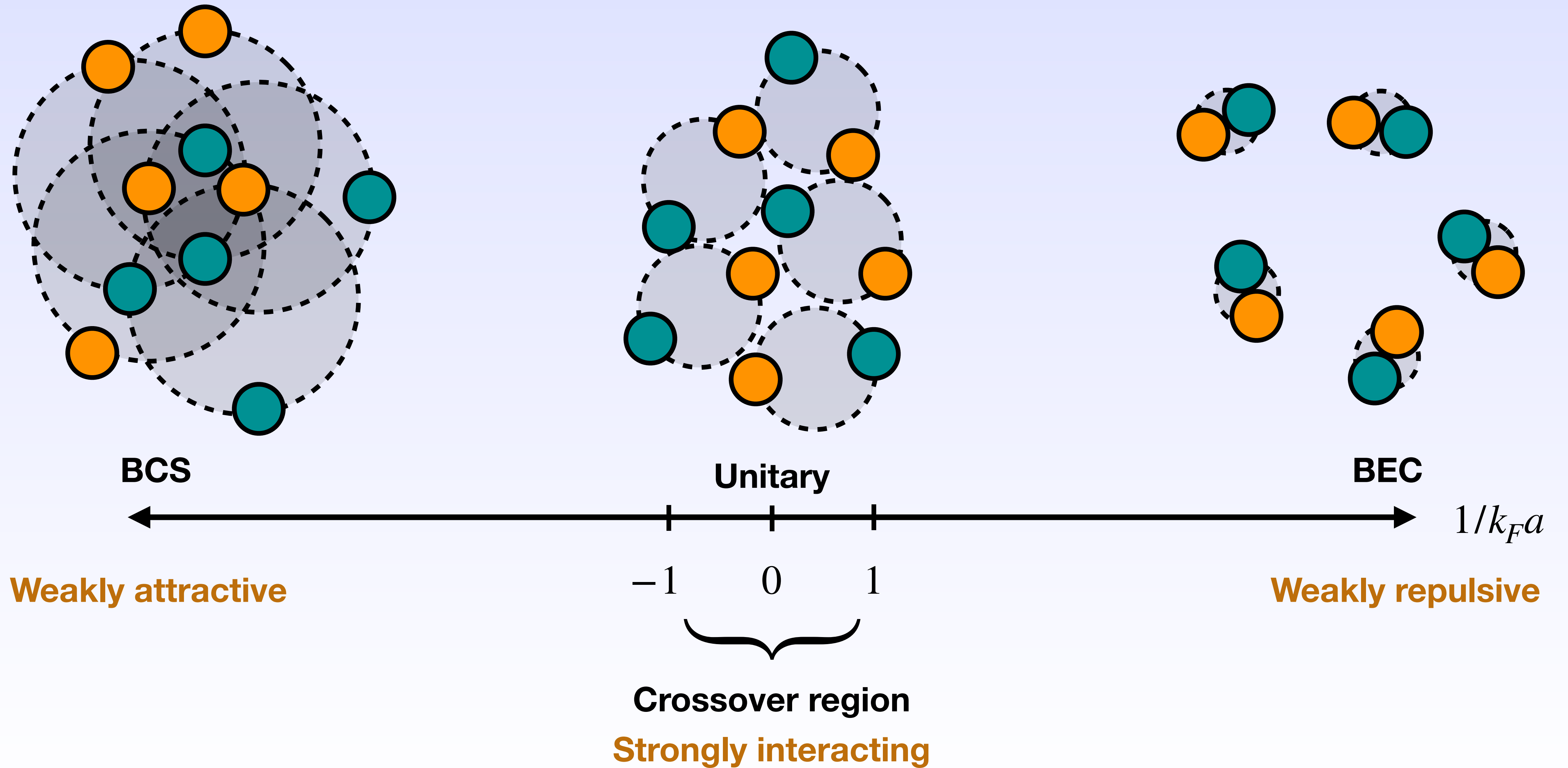
• See our recent preprint: **“Neural-network quantum states for ultra-cold Fermi gases”**
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Ultra-cold Fermi gases

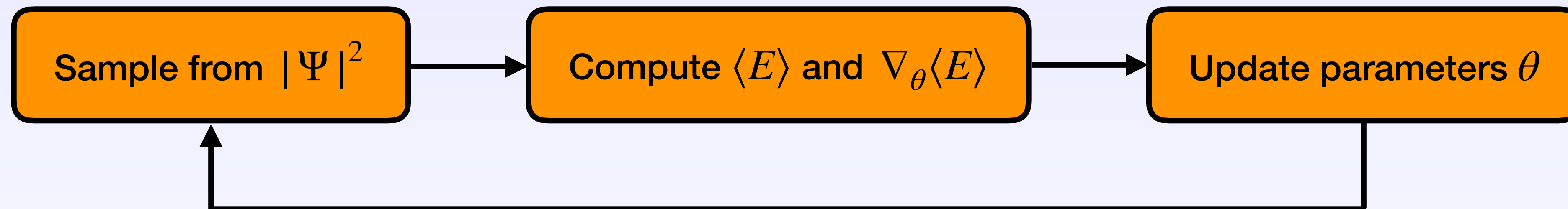
- Highly non-perturbative, short-range, attractive interaction
- Two component fermions (spin-up & spin-down, heavy & light, etc.)
- Dilute \rightarrow mostly s -wave
 \rightarrow behavior mainly governed by s -wave scattering length a and effective range r_e
- Can be created in the laboratory with variable scattering length a
 - $a < 0$ BCS regime of long-range Cooper pairs
 - $a > 0$ BEC regime of tightly-bound dimers
 - $|a| \rightarrow \infty$ Unitary limit (universal)
- Relevant for understanding superfluidity in fermionic systems, dilute neutron star matter, and development of many-body methods

The BCS-BEC Crossover



Our Approach

- Simulate unpolarized gas with N fermions in a periodic box of side length L
- Design a neural-network quantum state (NQS) that efficiently captures pairing and backflow correlations, while enforcing symmetries and boundary conditions
- Train NQS using variational Monte Carlo (VMC) method, i.e. minimize the energy $\langle E \rangle$



- Compare to state-of-the-art Diffusion Monte Carlo (DMC) calculations
- Compare to similar NQS based on Slater determinants, with and without backflow

Fermionic Wave Functions

- Wave function must be antisymmetric w.r.t. particle exchange

$$\Psi(X) = e^{J(X)} \Phi(X)$$

$X = (\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_N)$
 $\mathbf{x}_i = (\mathbf{r}_i, s_i^z)$

antisymmetric symmetric antisymmetric

- Typically use a Slater Determinant of single-particle pairing orbitals $\Phi(X) = \det [\phi_\alpha(\mathbf{x}_i)]$
- For ultra-cold Fermi gases, state-of-the-art calculations use a Slater determinant of spin-singlet pairing orbitals (aka geminal or BCS wave function) $\Phi(X) = \det [\phi(\mathbf{x}_{i\uparrow}, \mathbf{x}_{j\downarrow})]$
- However, BCS wave function relies on fixing the spins (not applicable for nuclear systems)

Pfaffian Wave Function

- Most general way to construct an antisymmetric wave function from a pairing orbital

$$\Phi(X) = \text{pf}[\phi(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j)]$$

where ϕ must be antisymmetric.

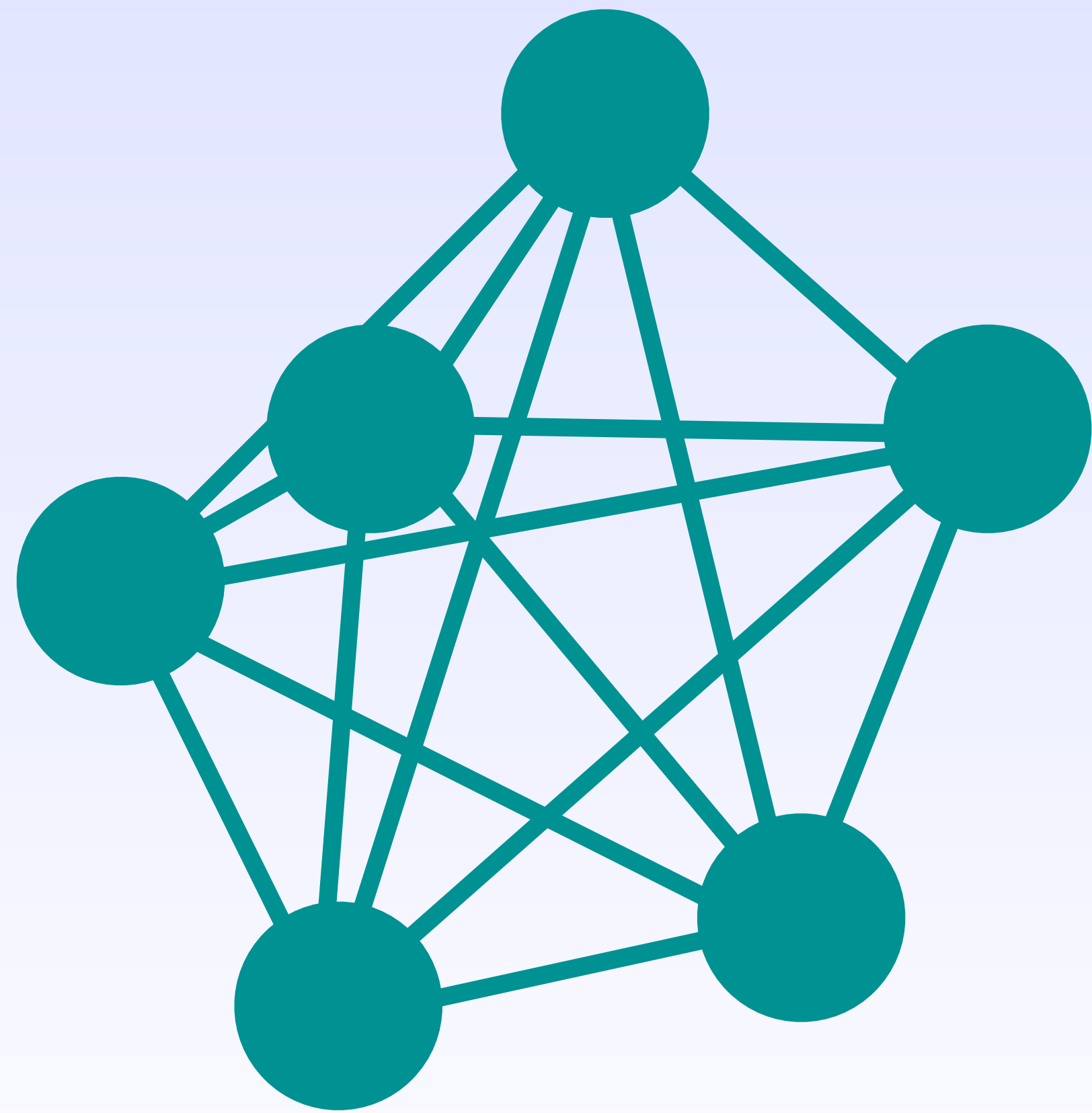
- For our NQS, we define

$$\phi(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j) \equiv \nu(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j) - \nu(\mathbf{x}_j, \mathbf{x}_i)$$

where ν is a neural network.

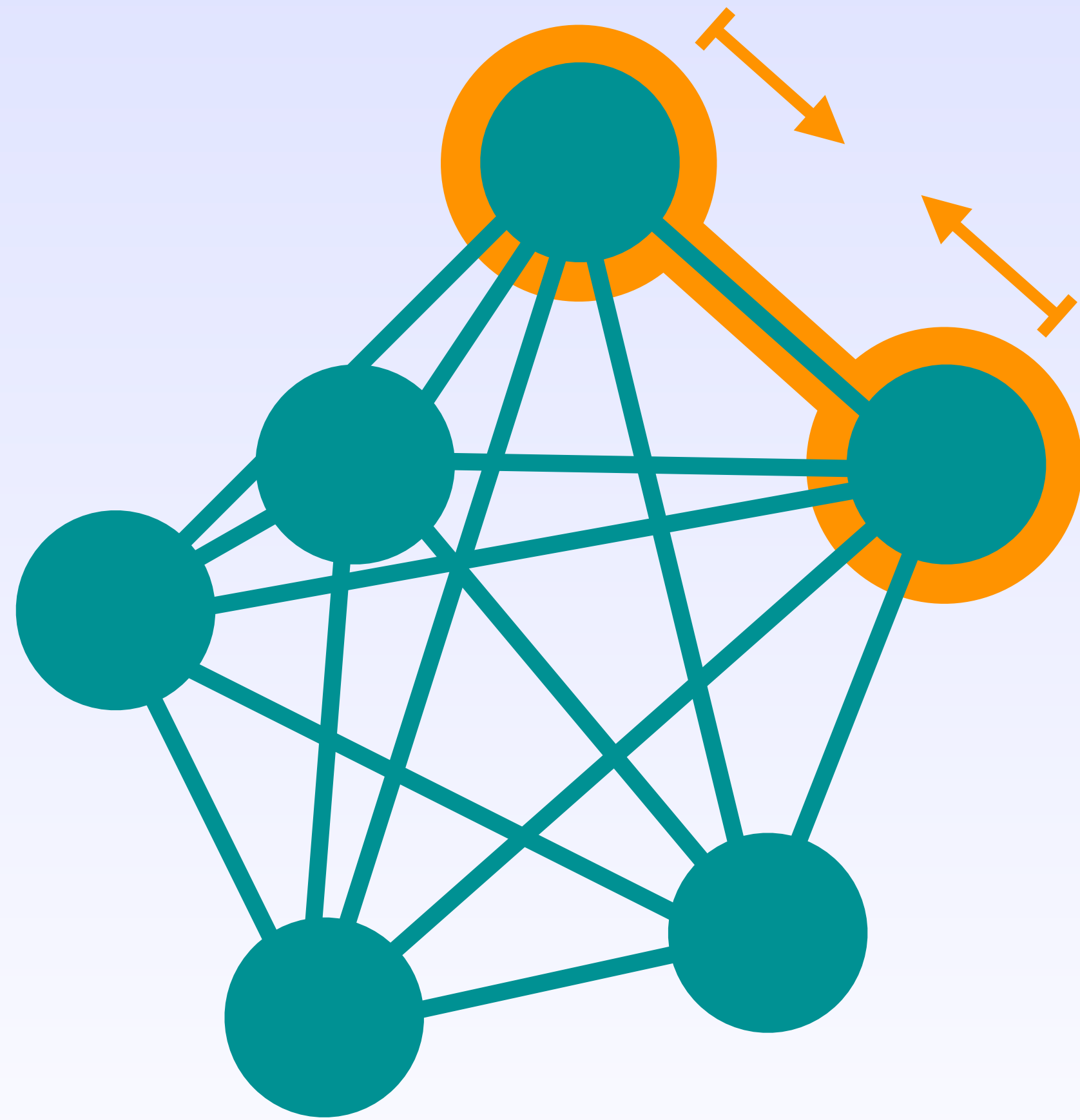
- Systematically improvable (universal approximation theorem)
- Naturally encodes singlet *and* triplet pairing because ν takes spins as input

Message-Passing Neural Network



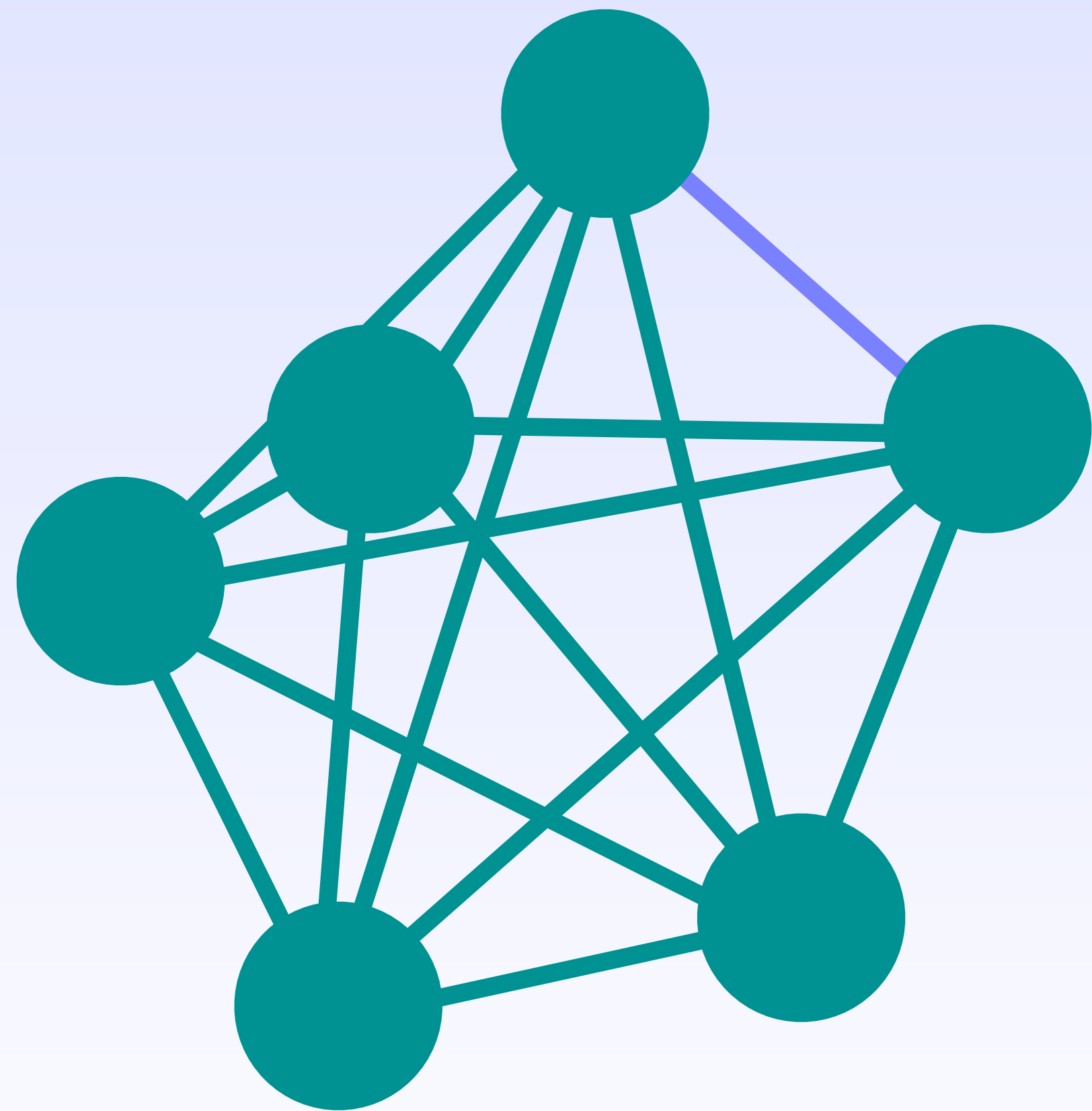
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- Iteratively build correlations into new one-body and two-body features from original ones
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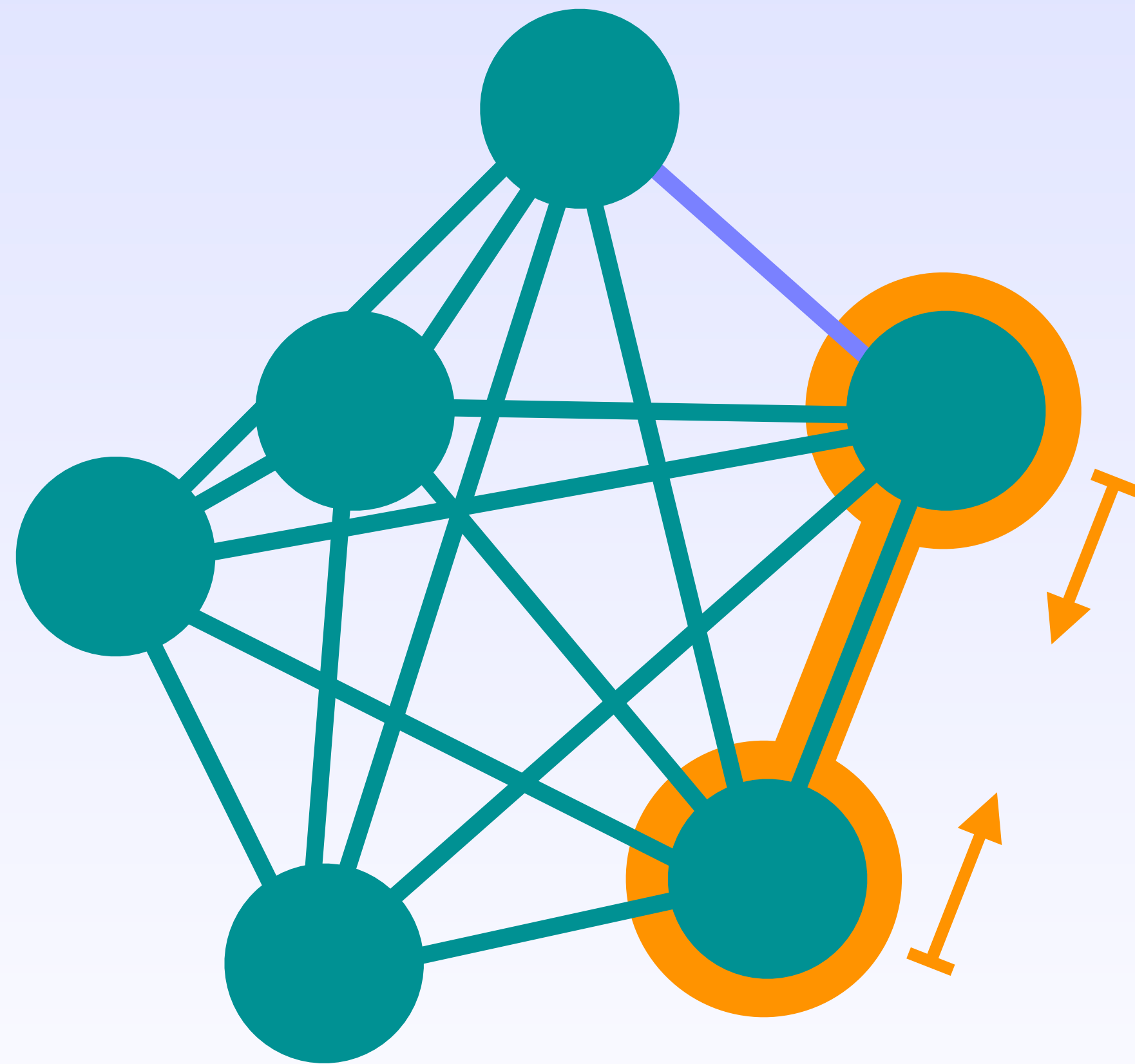
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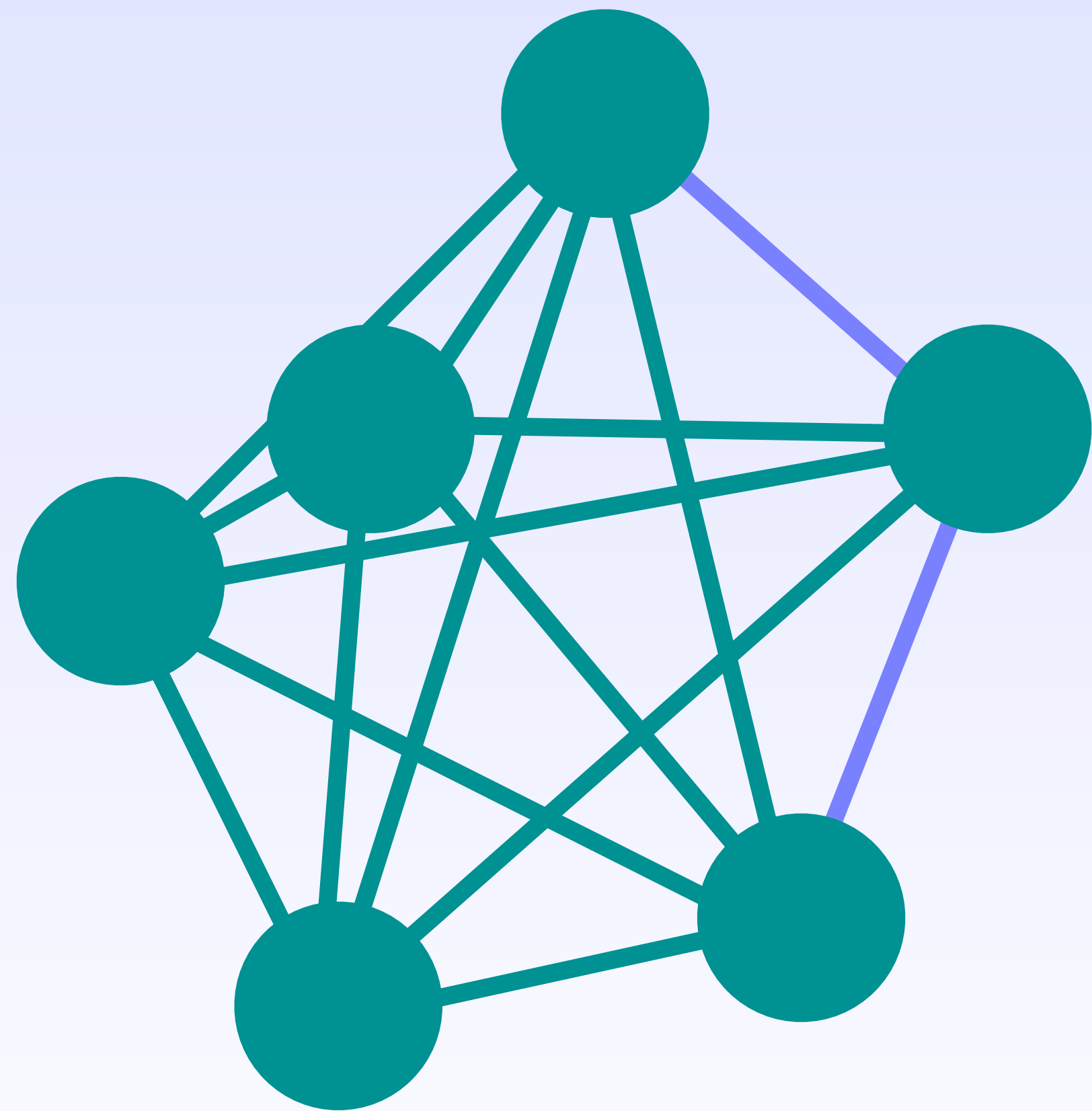
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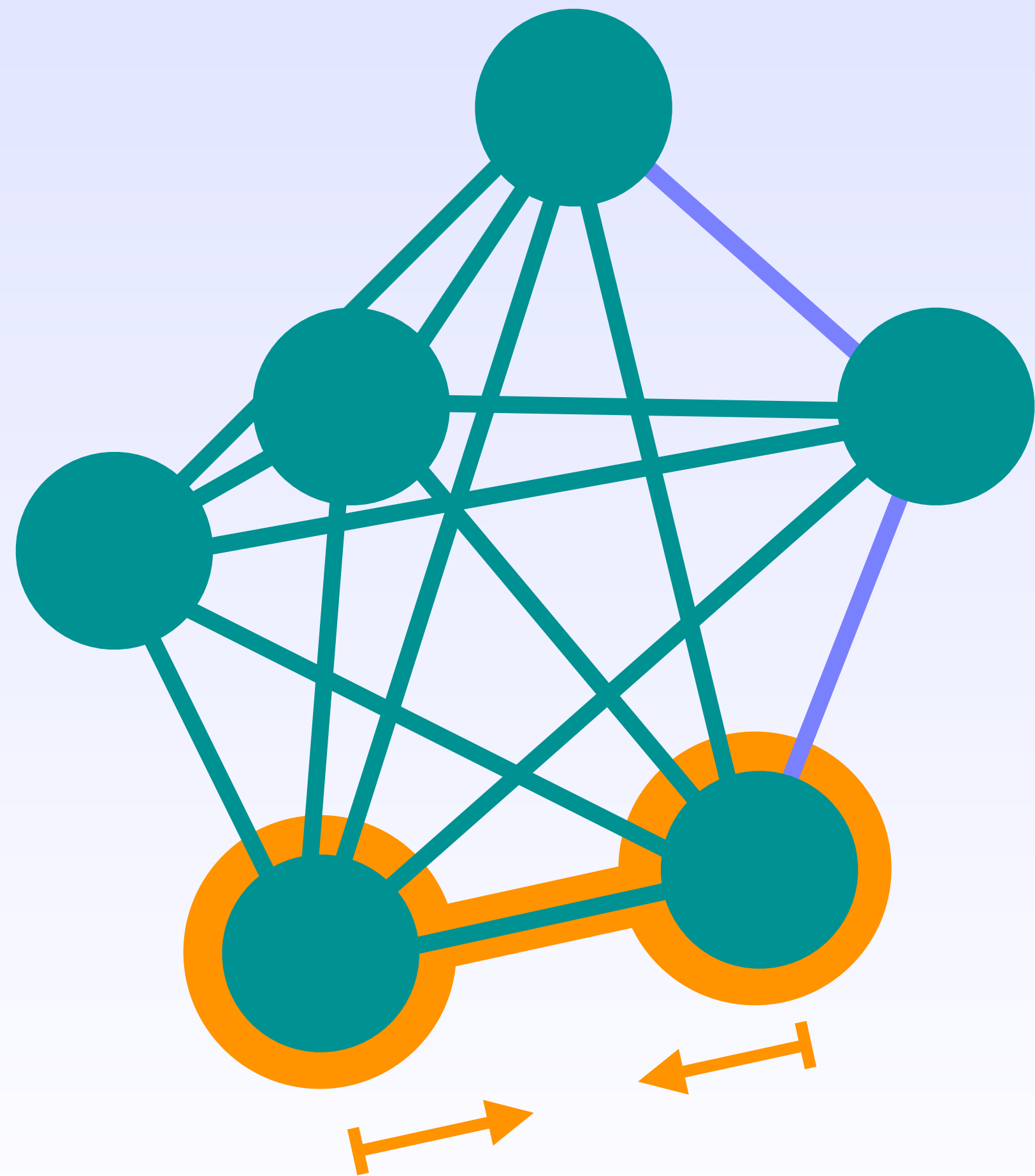
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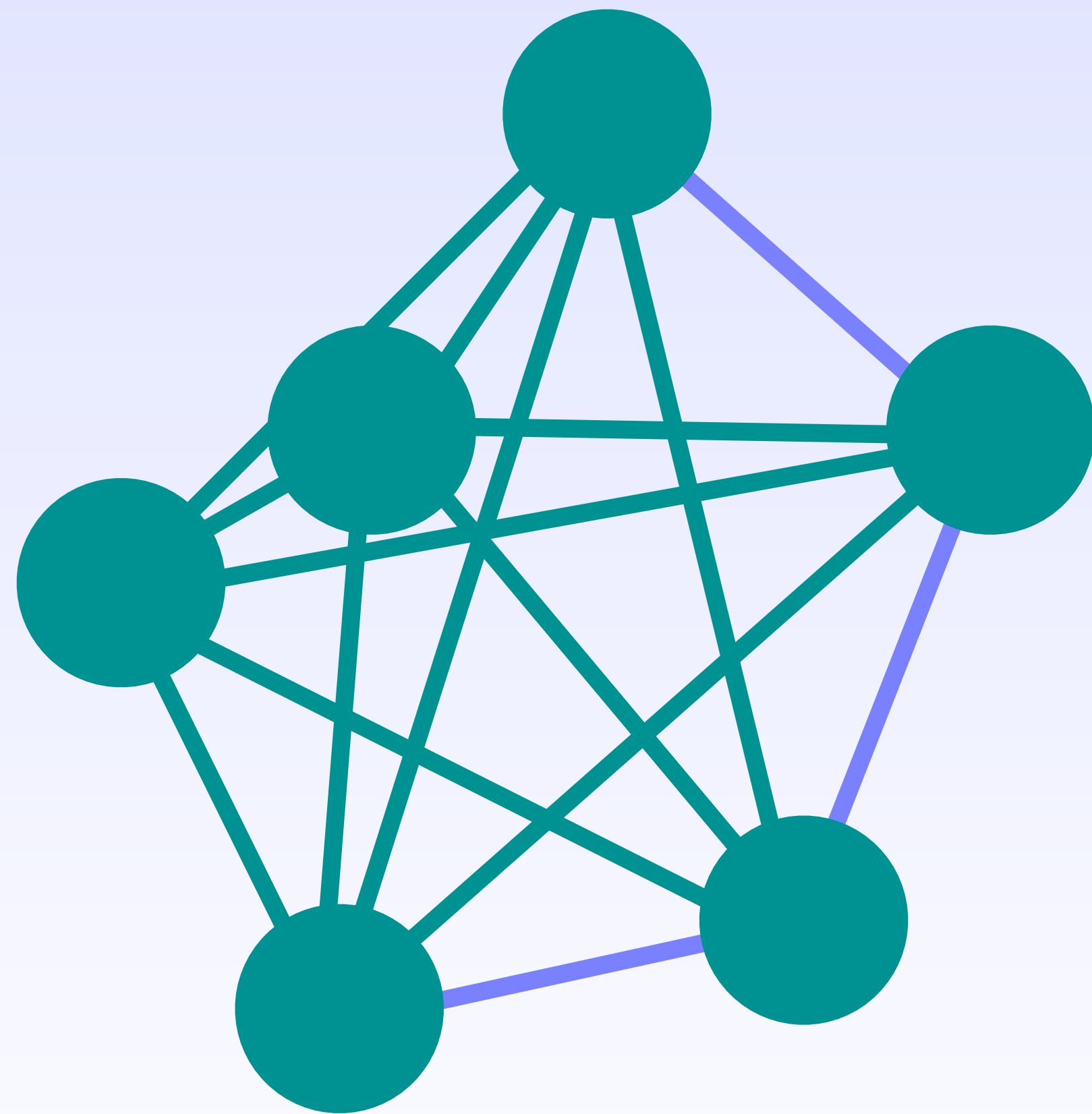
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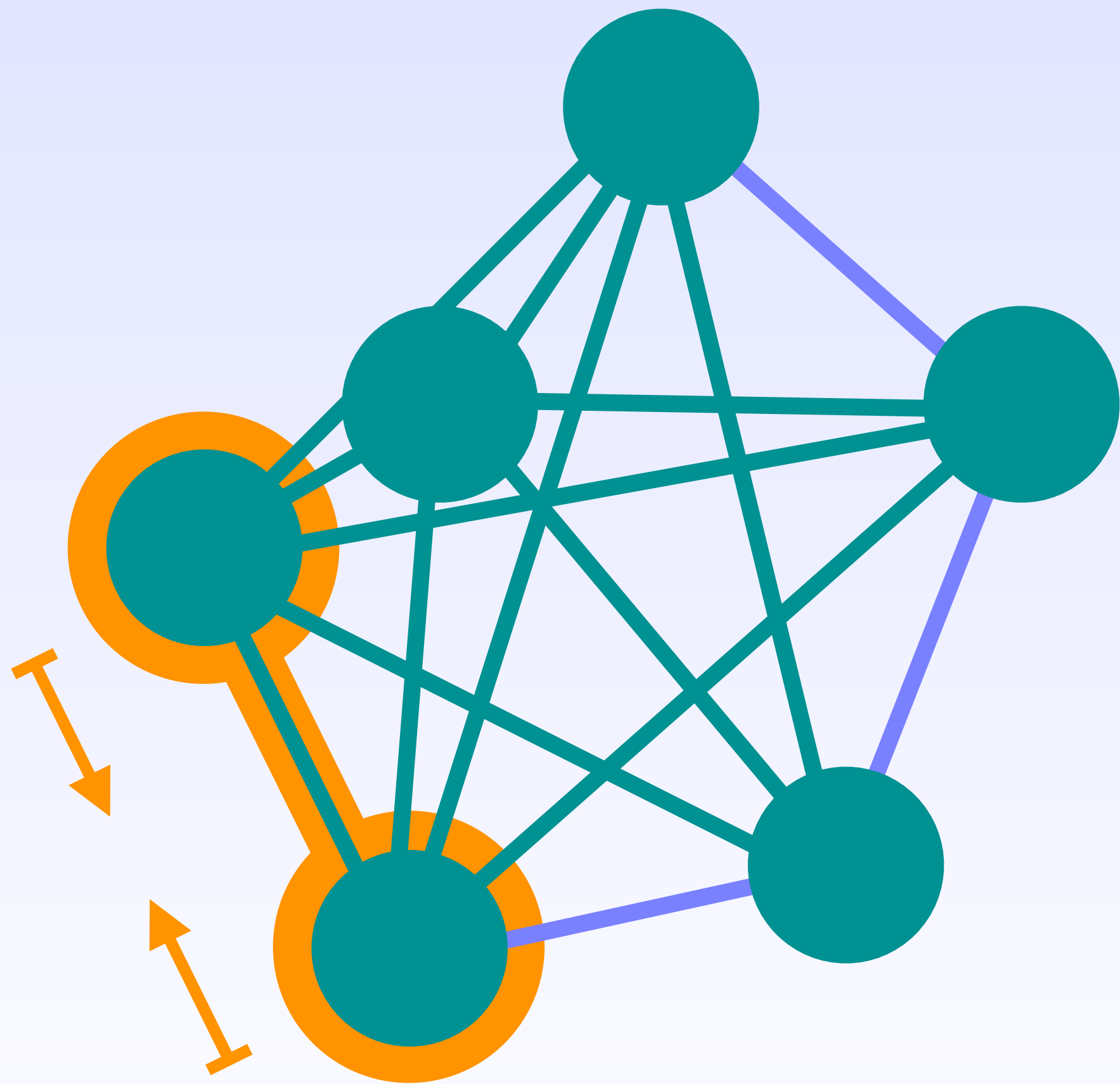
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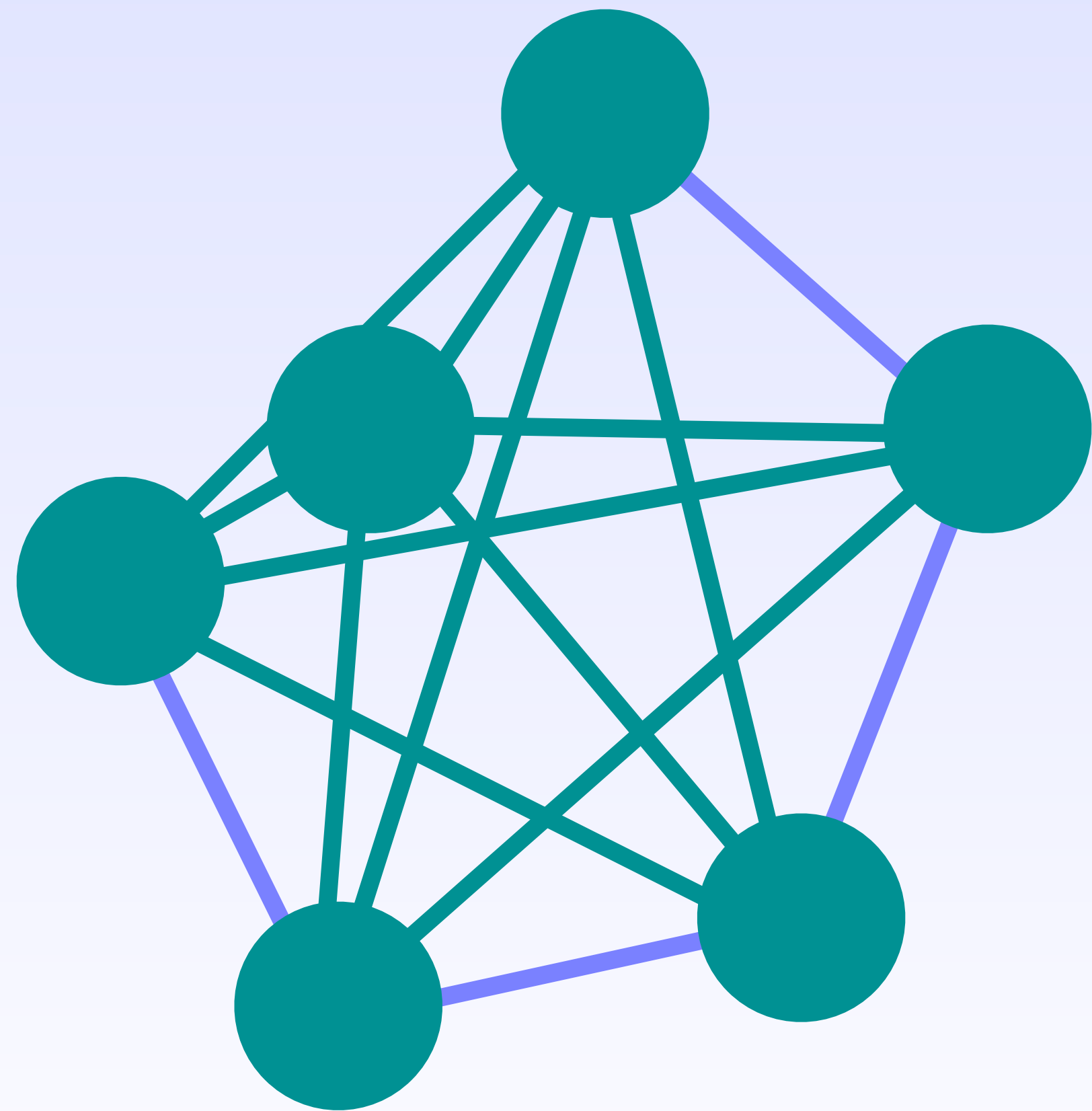
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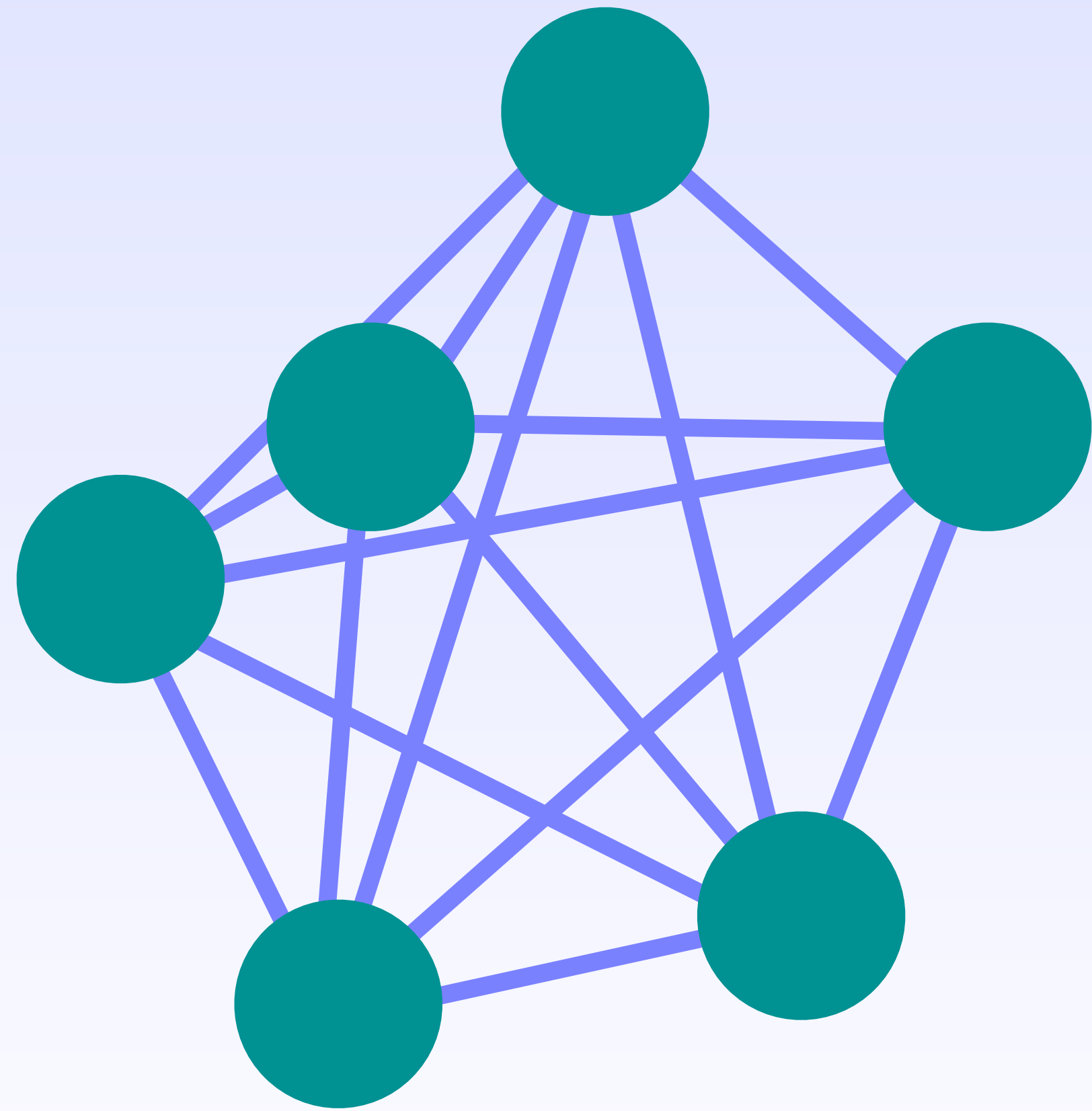
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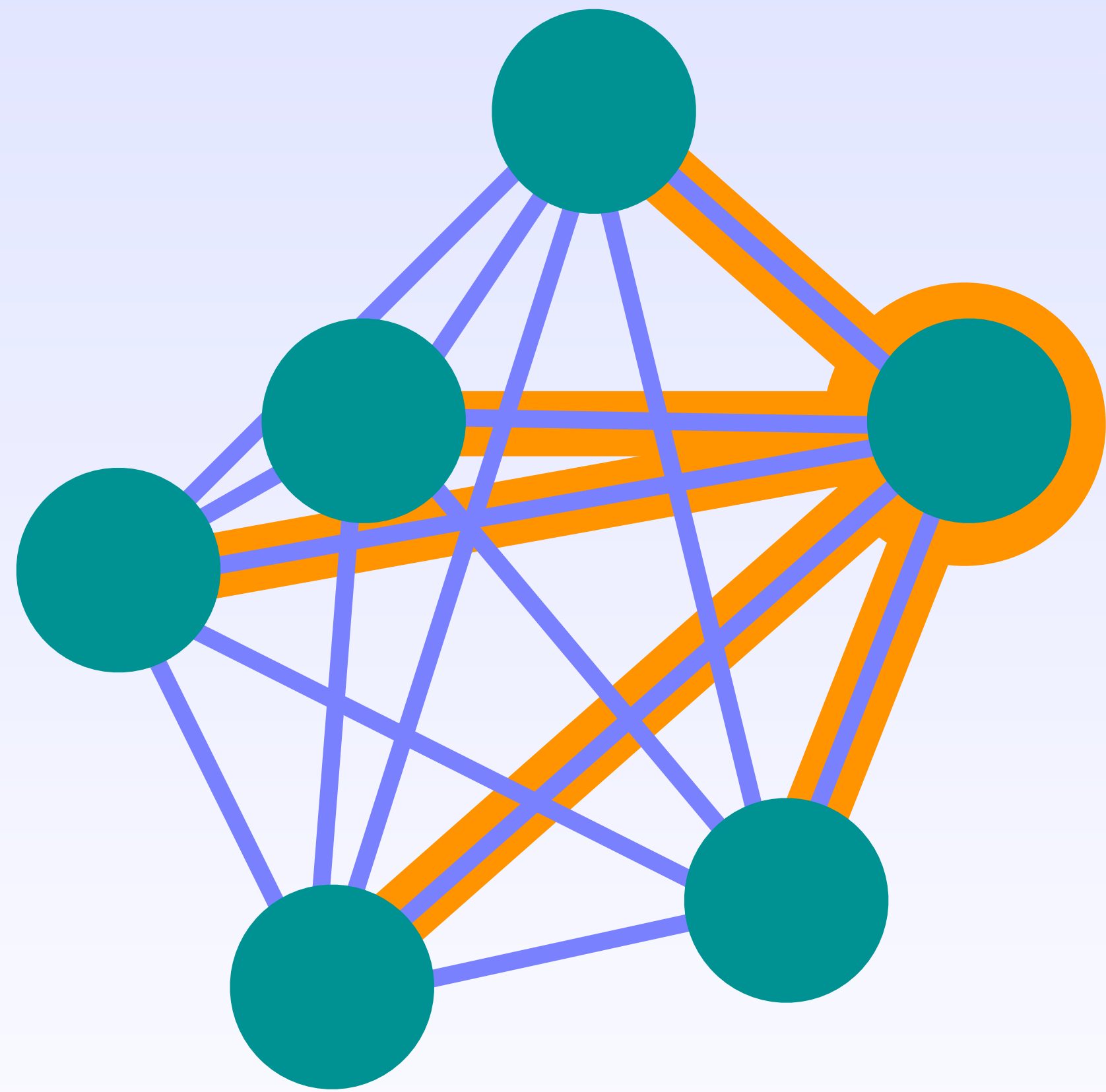
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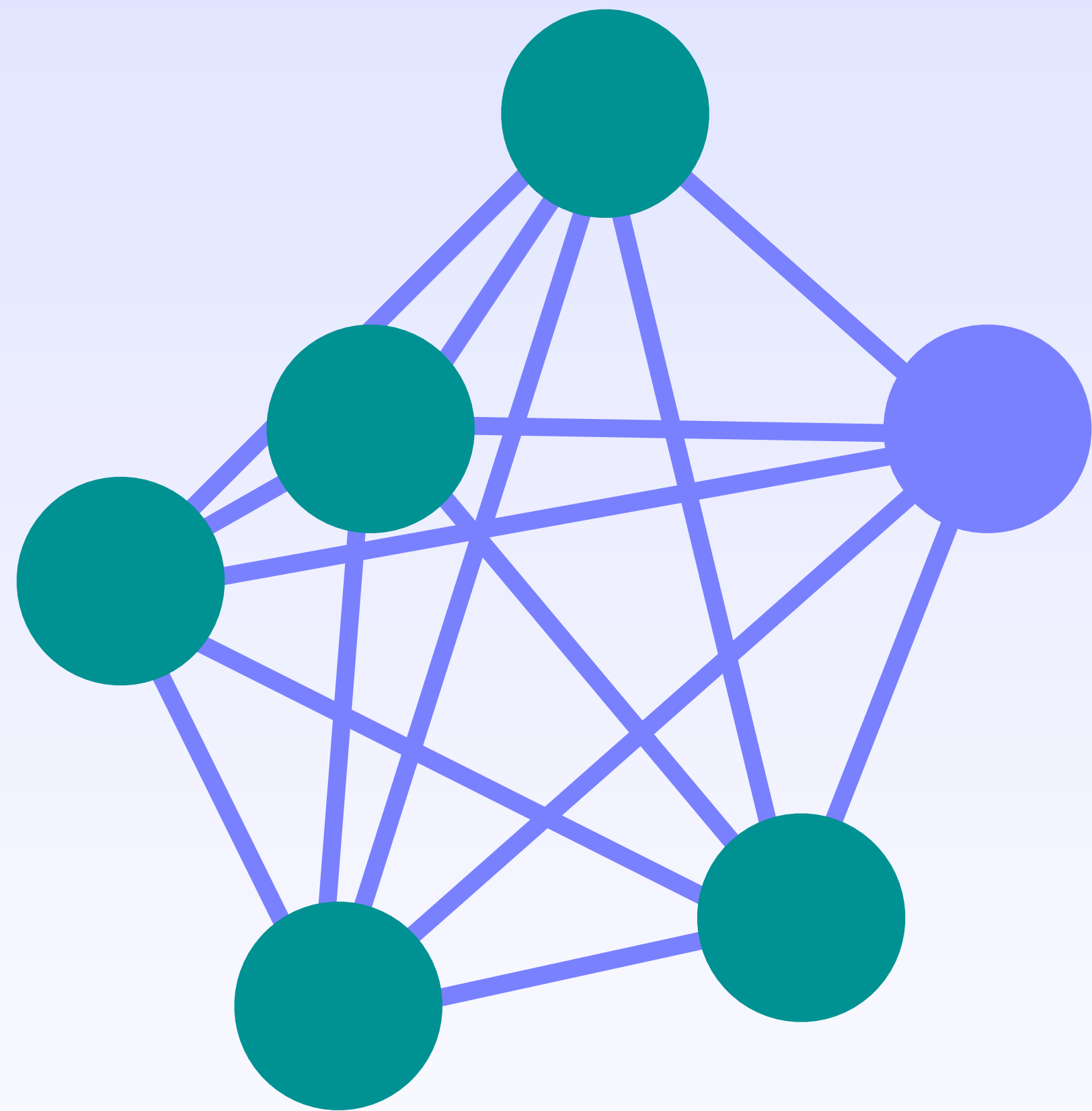
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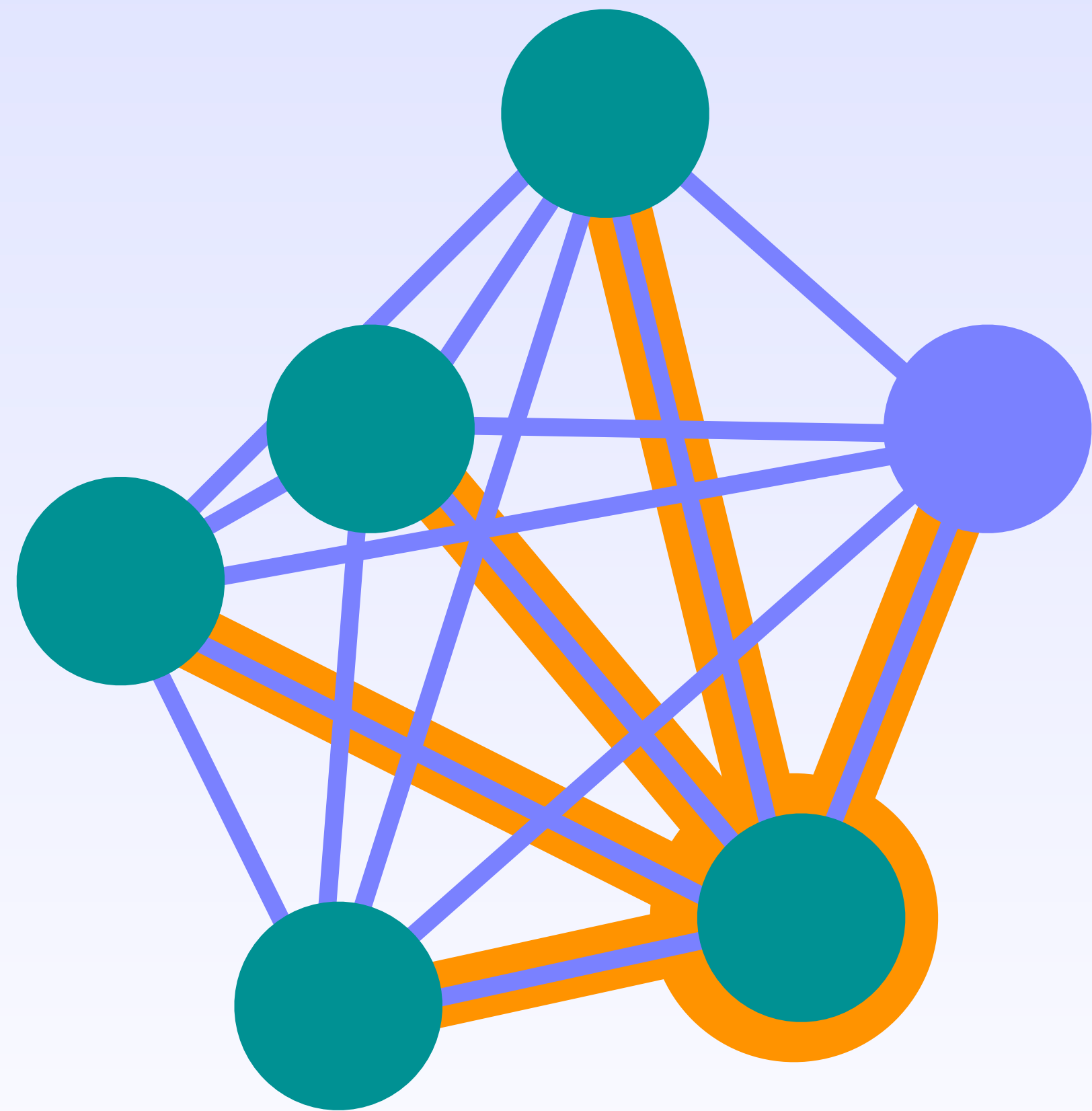
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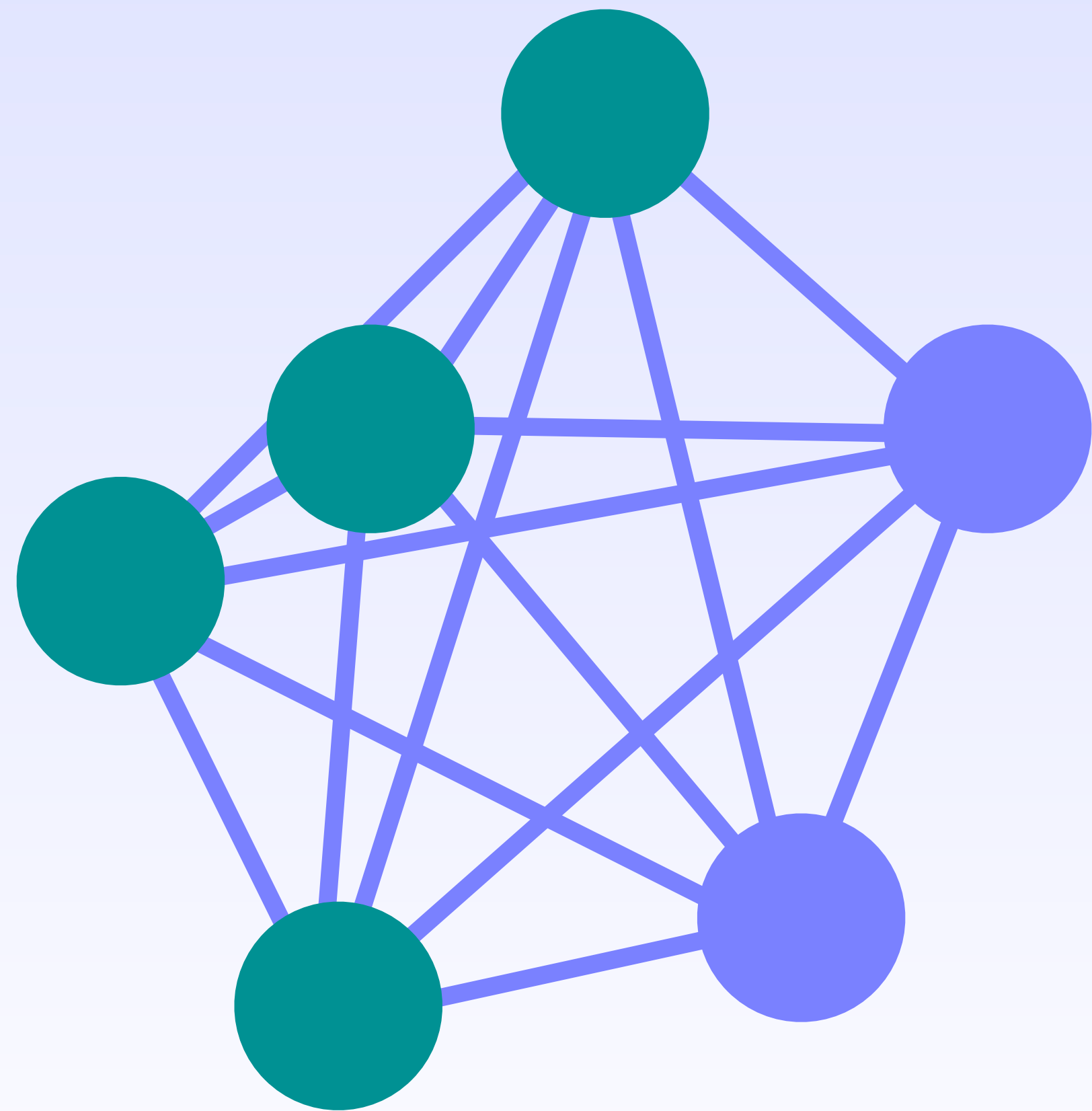
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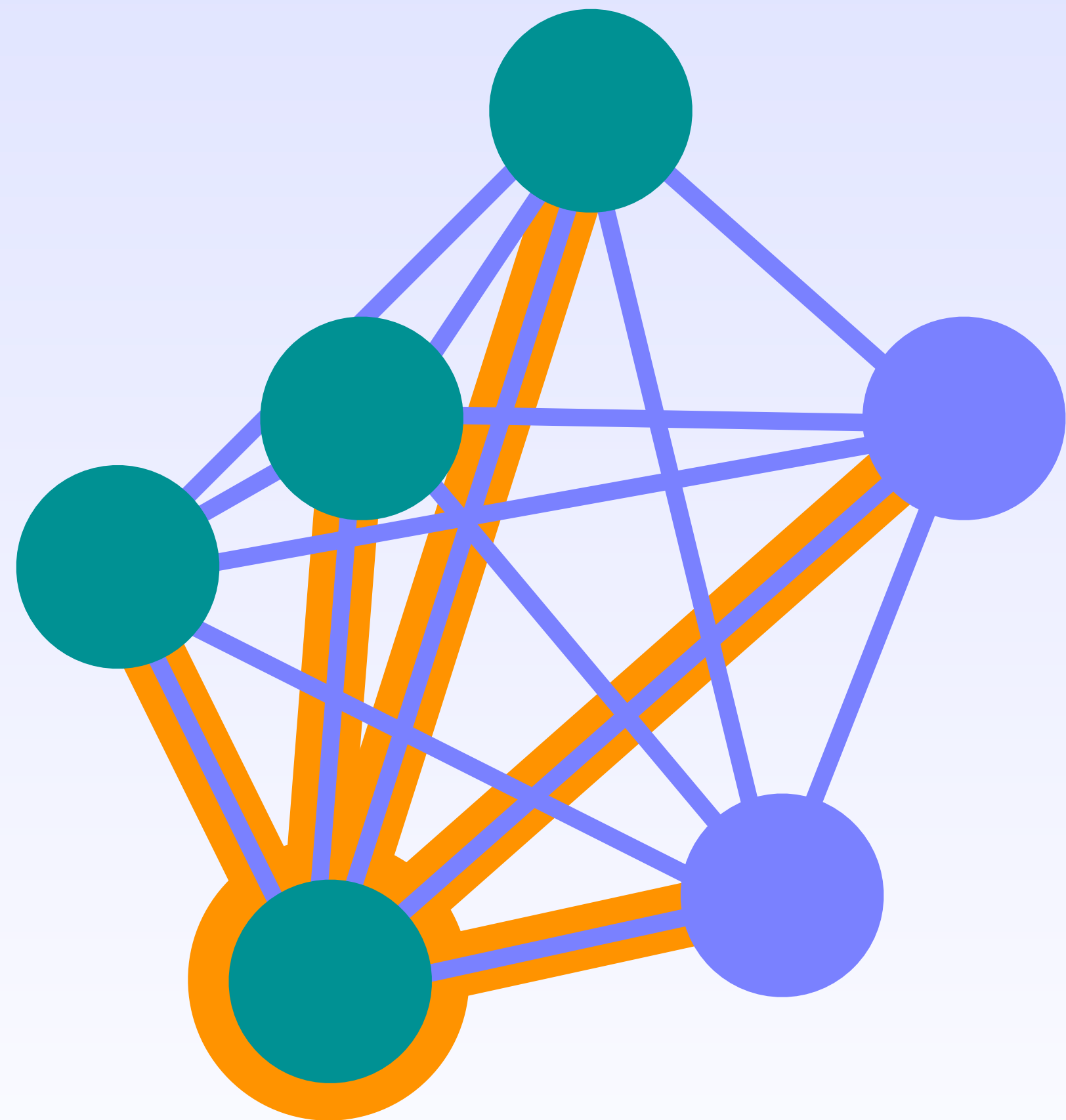
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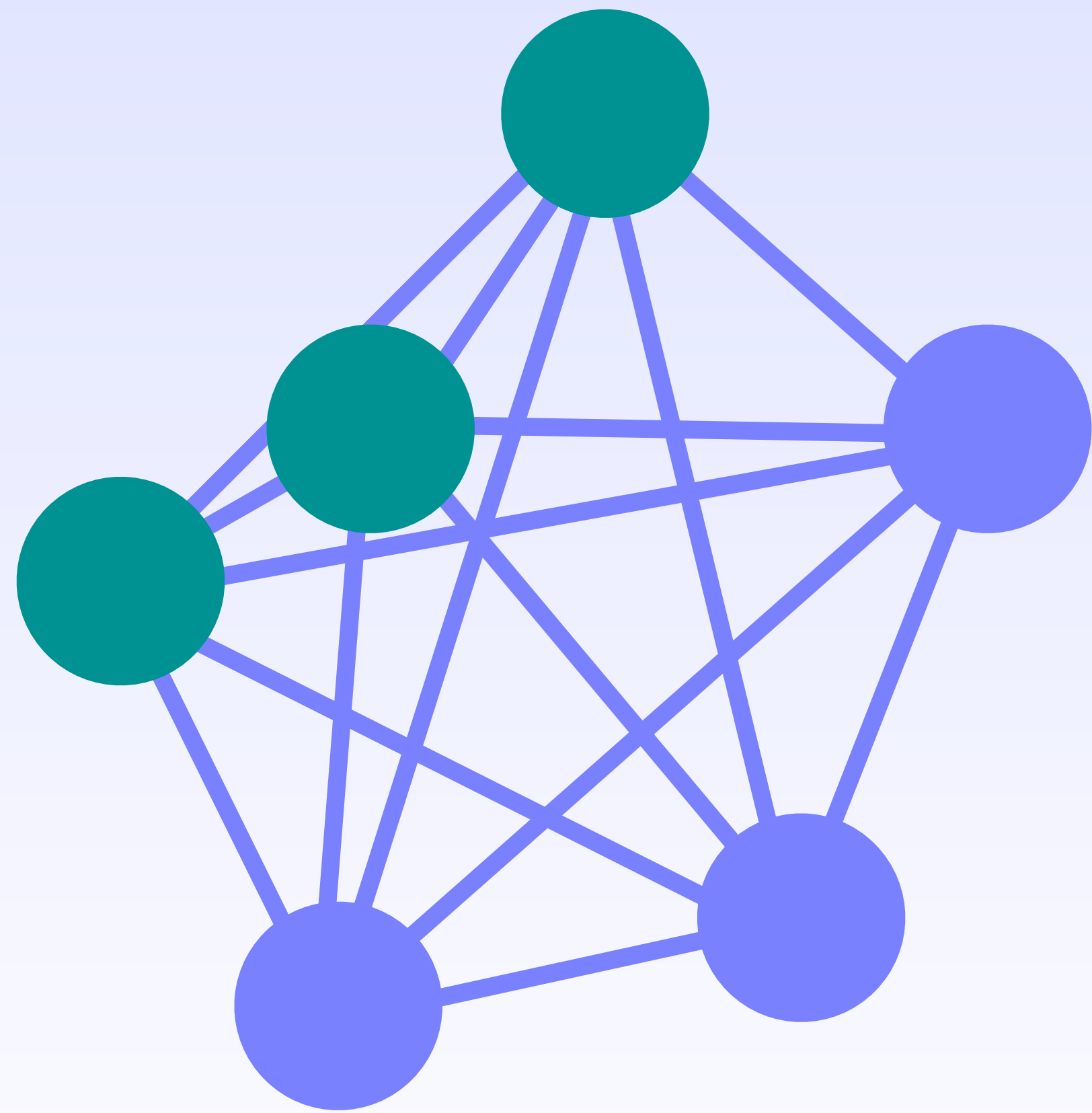
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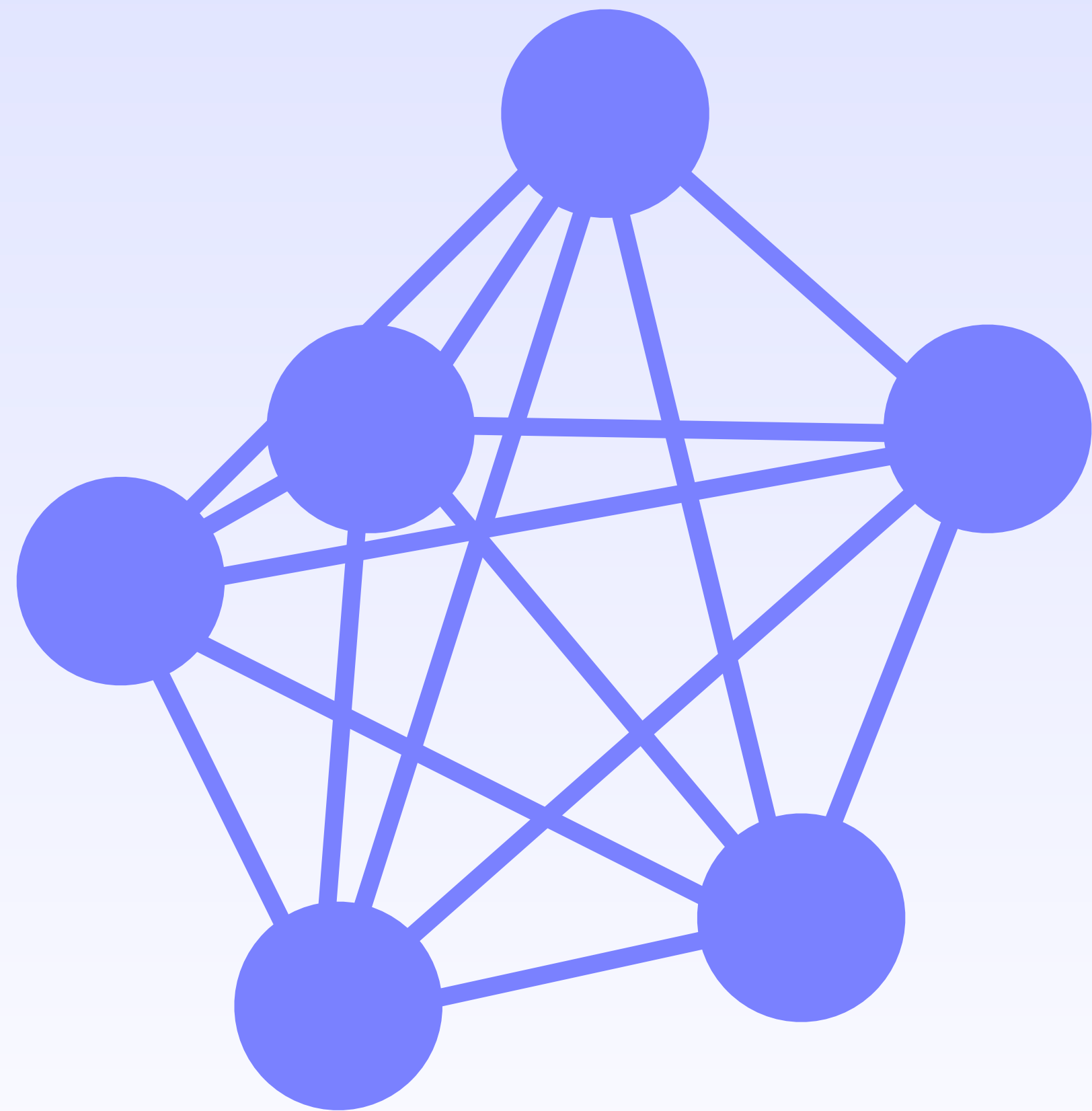
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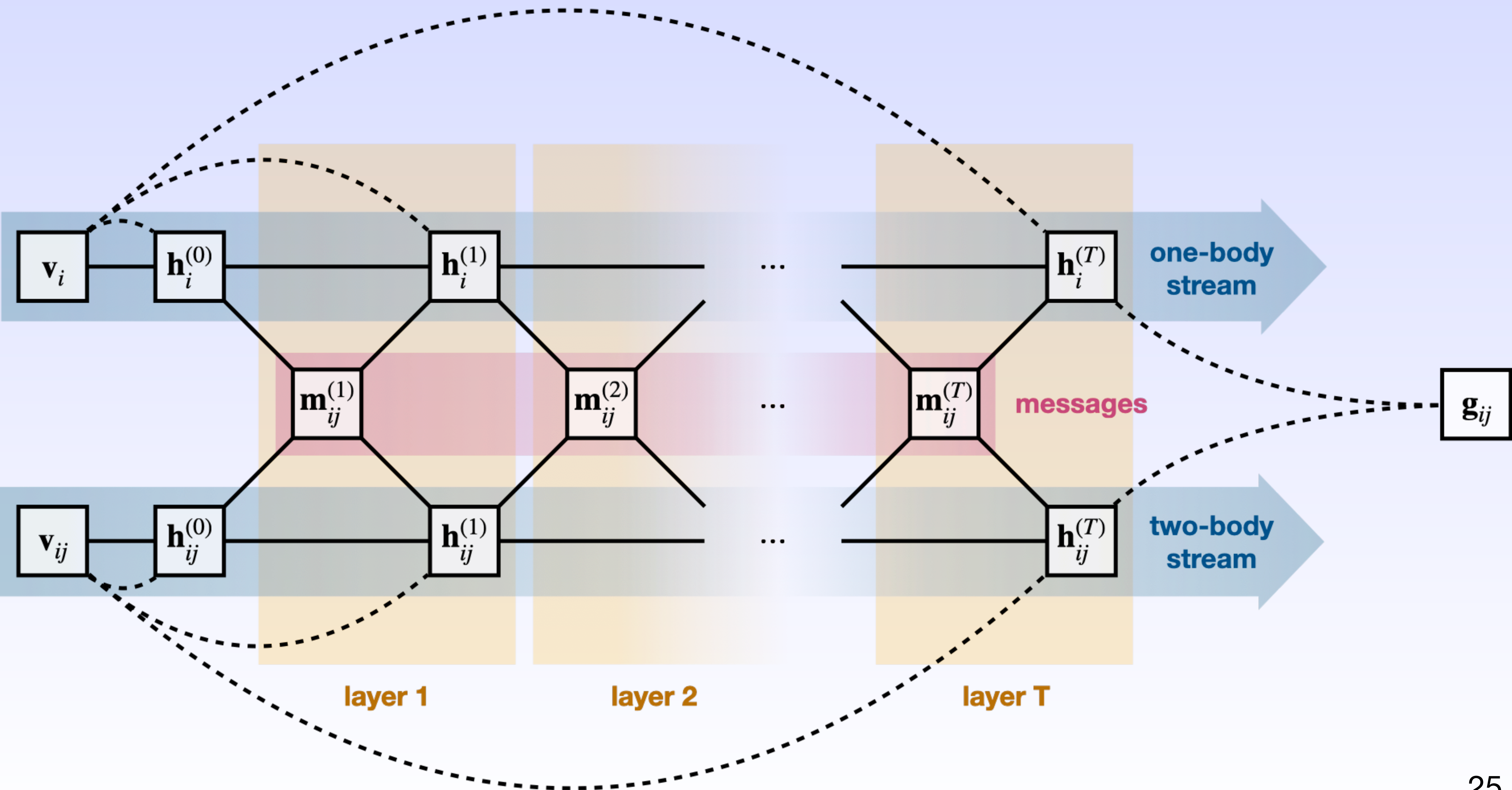


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Pfaffian Wave Function with Backflow

- Use output of MPNN as input to pairing orbital instead of raw coordinates

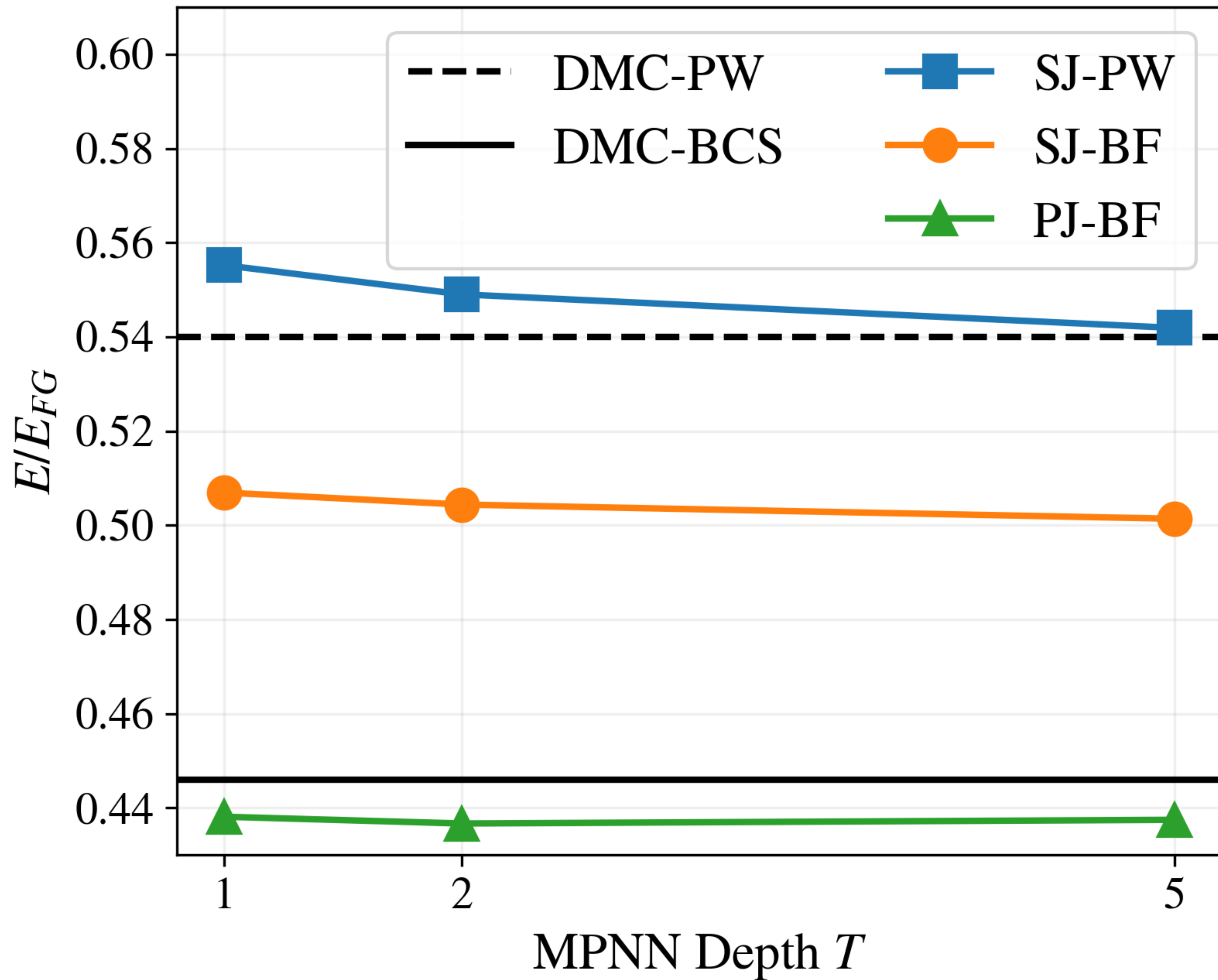
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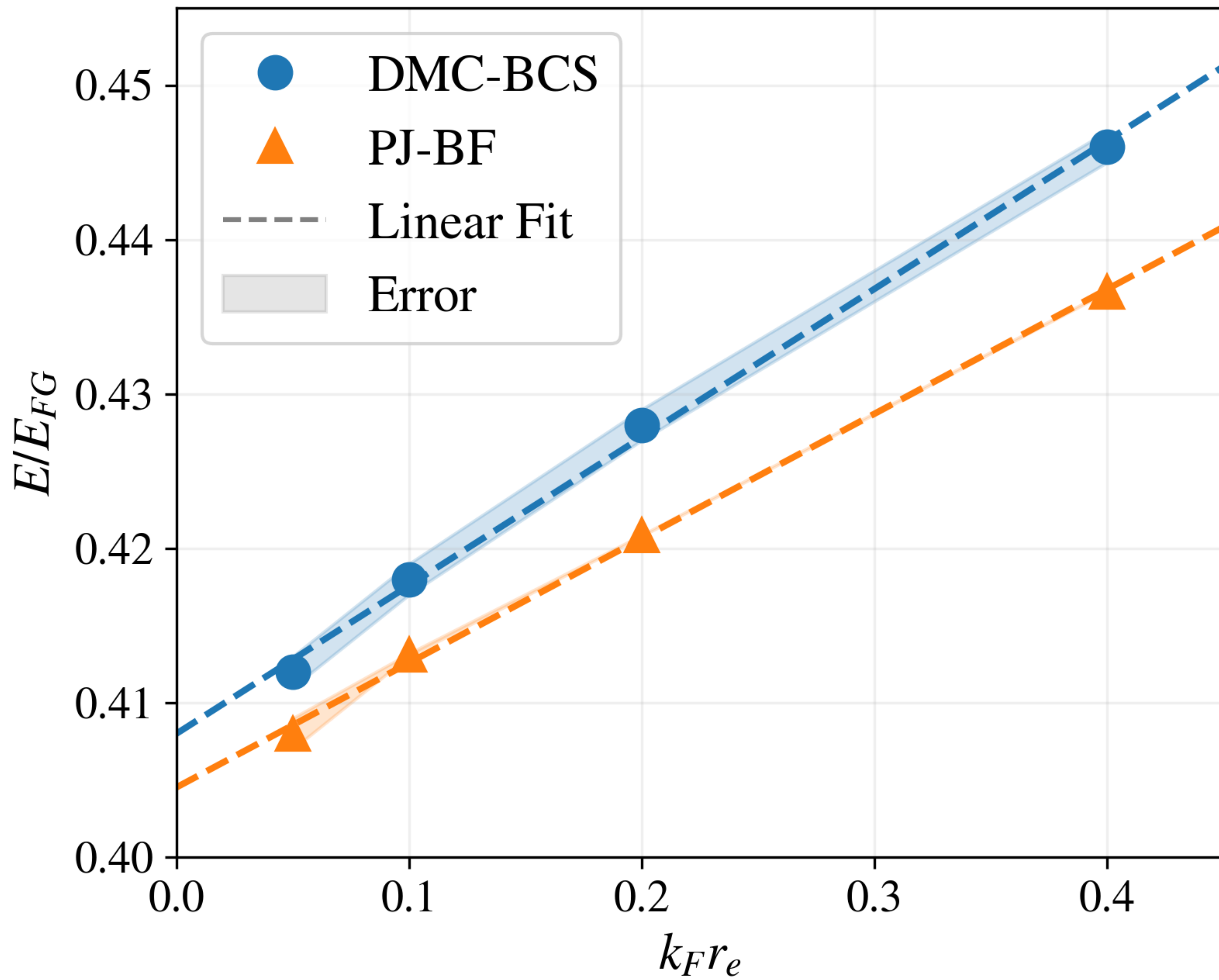
- Jastrow correlator based on a “Deep Set” (Zaheer et al. - arXiv:1703.06114)

$$J(X) = \rho \left(\sum_{i \neq j} \zeta(\mathbf{g}_{ij}) \right)$$

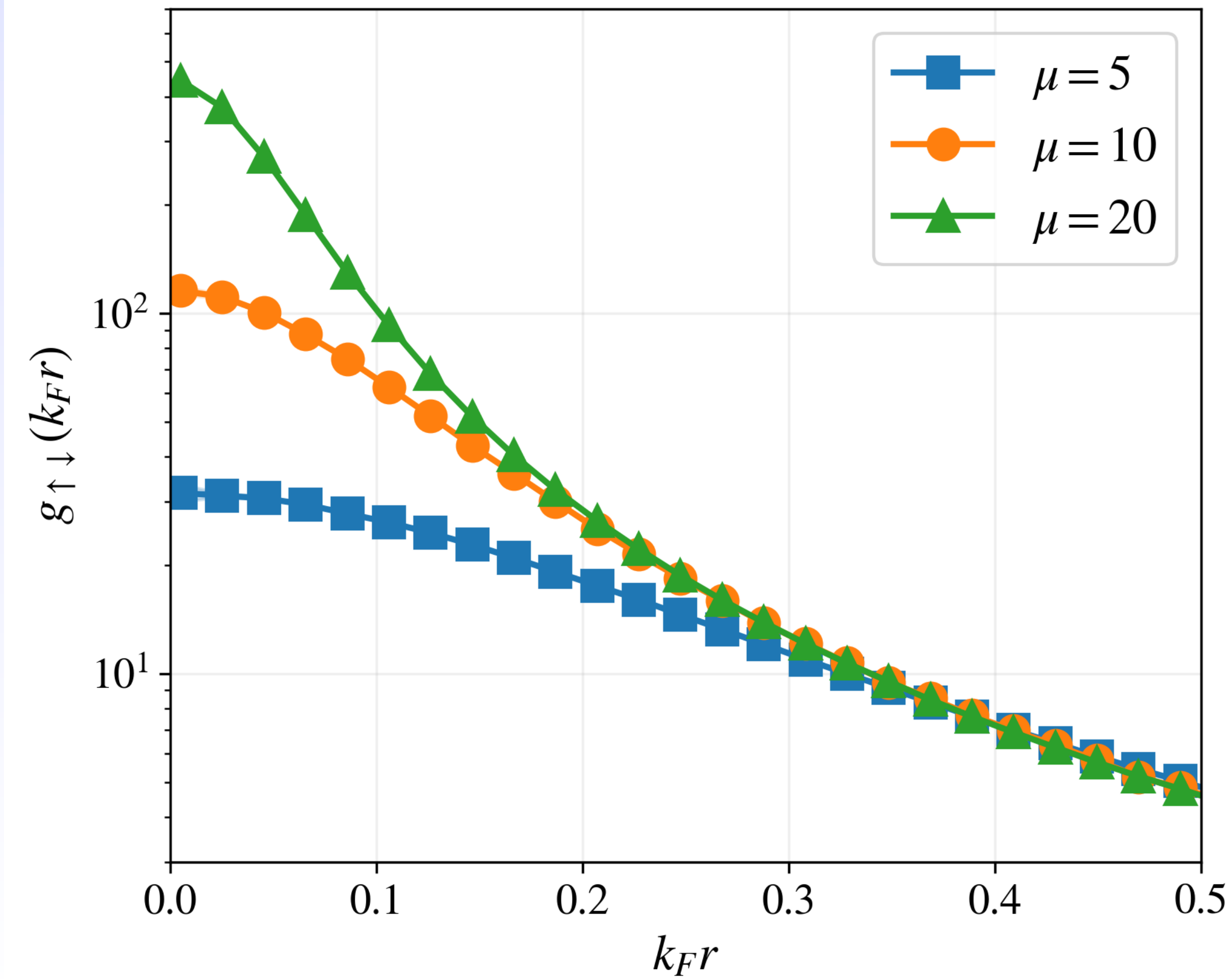
where ρ and ζ are neural networks.

- Most results shown use an MPNN with 2 iterations (~8500 parameters total)
- We also enforce periodicity, translational invariance, parity and time-reversal symmetry
- This is the first time neural backflow transformations have been applied to the Pfaffian :)

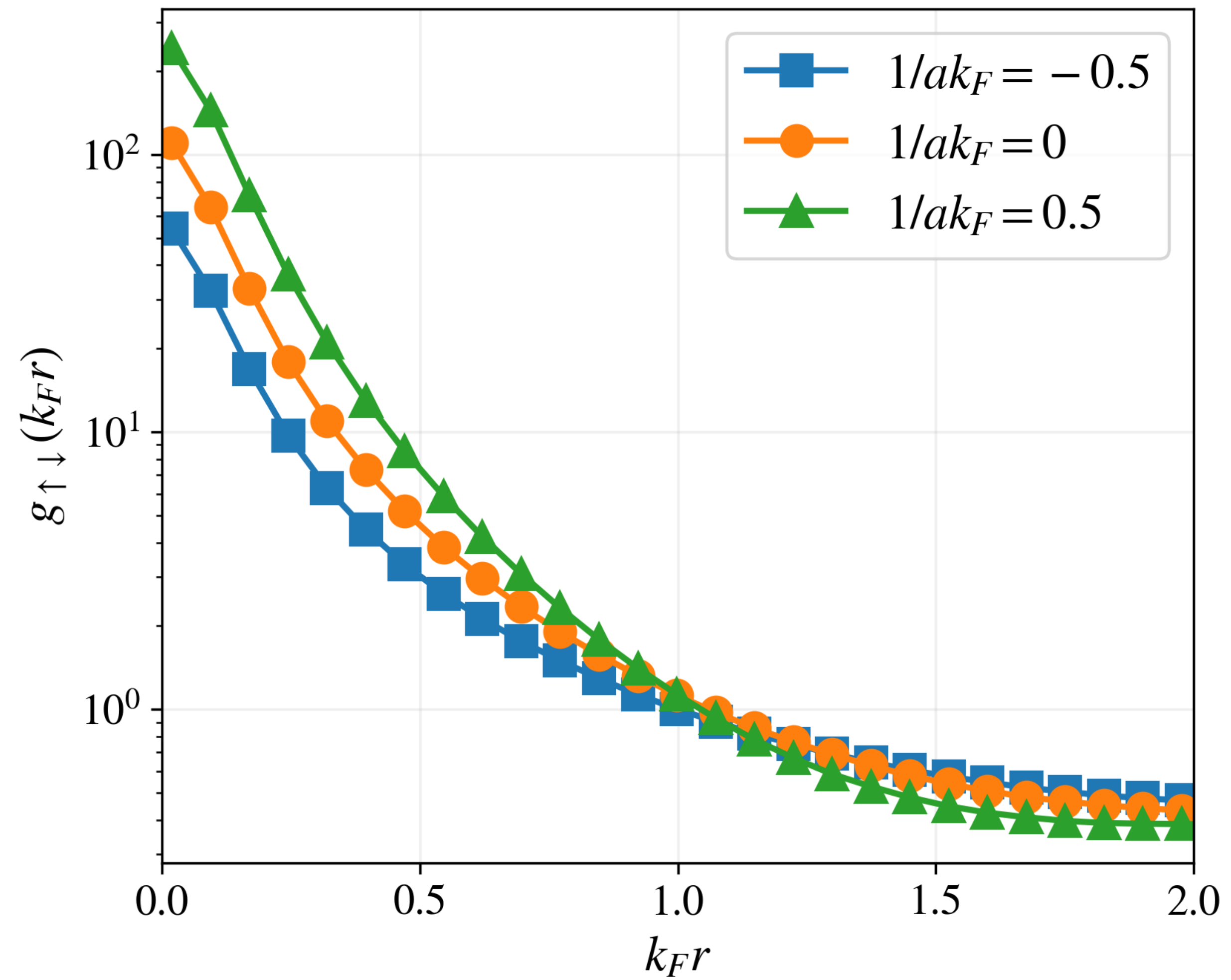


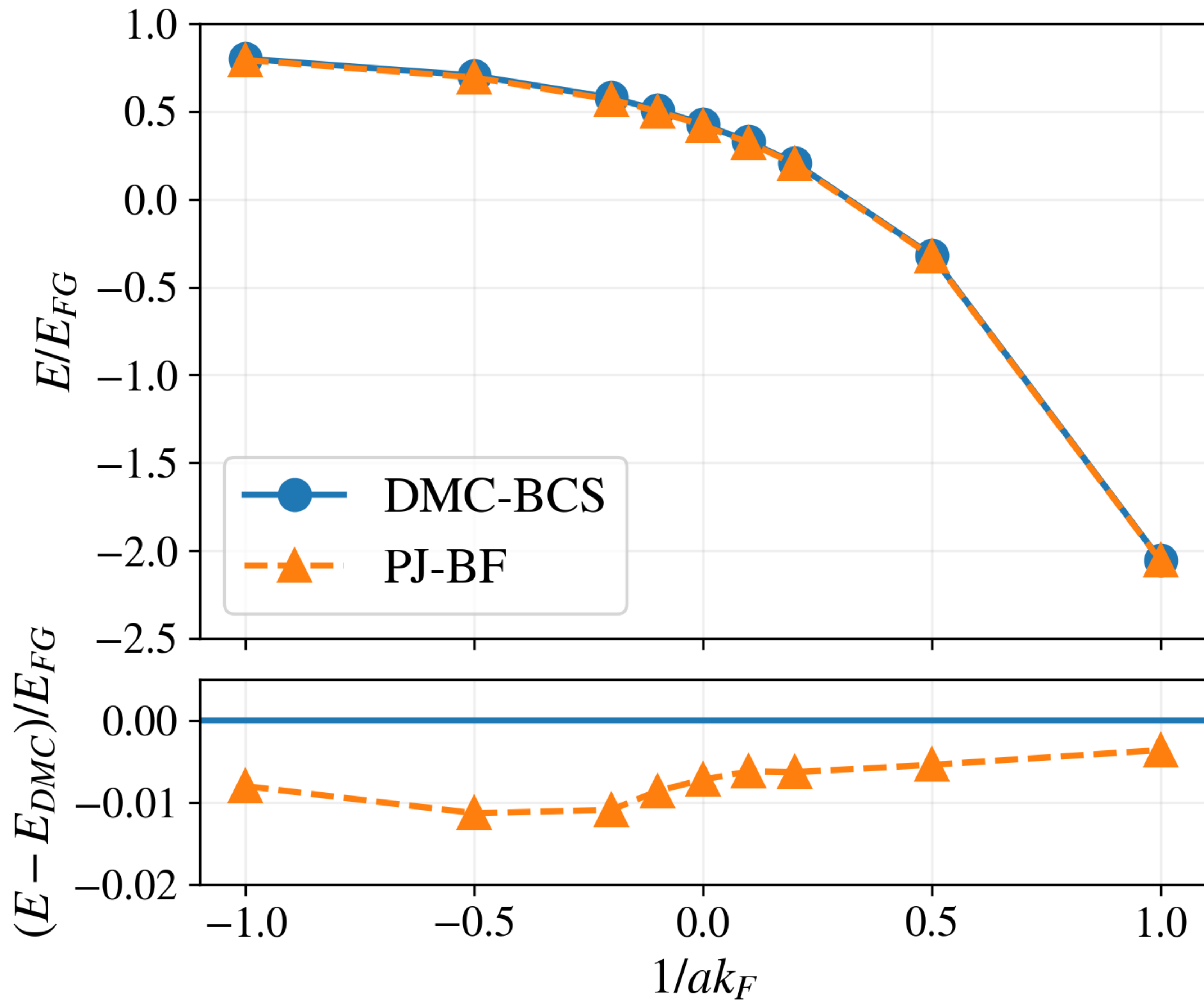


**Different effective ranges $r_e = 2/\mu$
at unitarity ($1/ak_F = 0$)**



**Different scattering lengths near unitarity
(fixed $r_e = 0.2$)**





Conclusions

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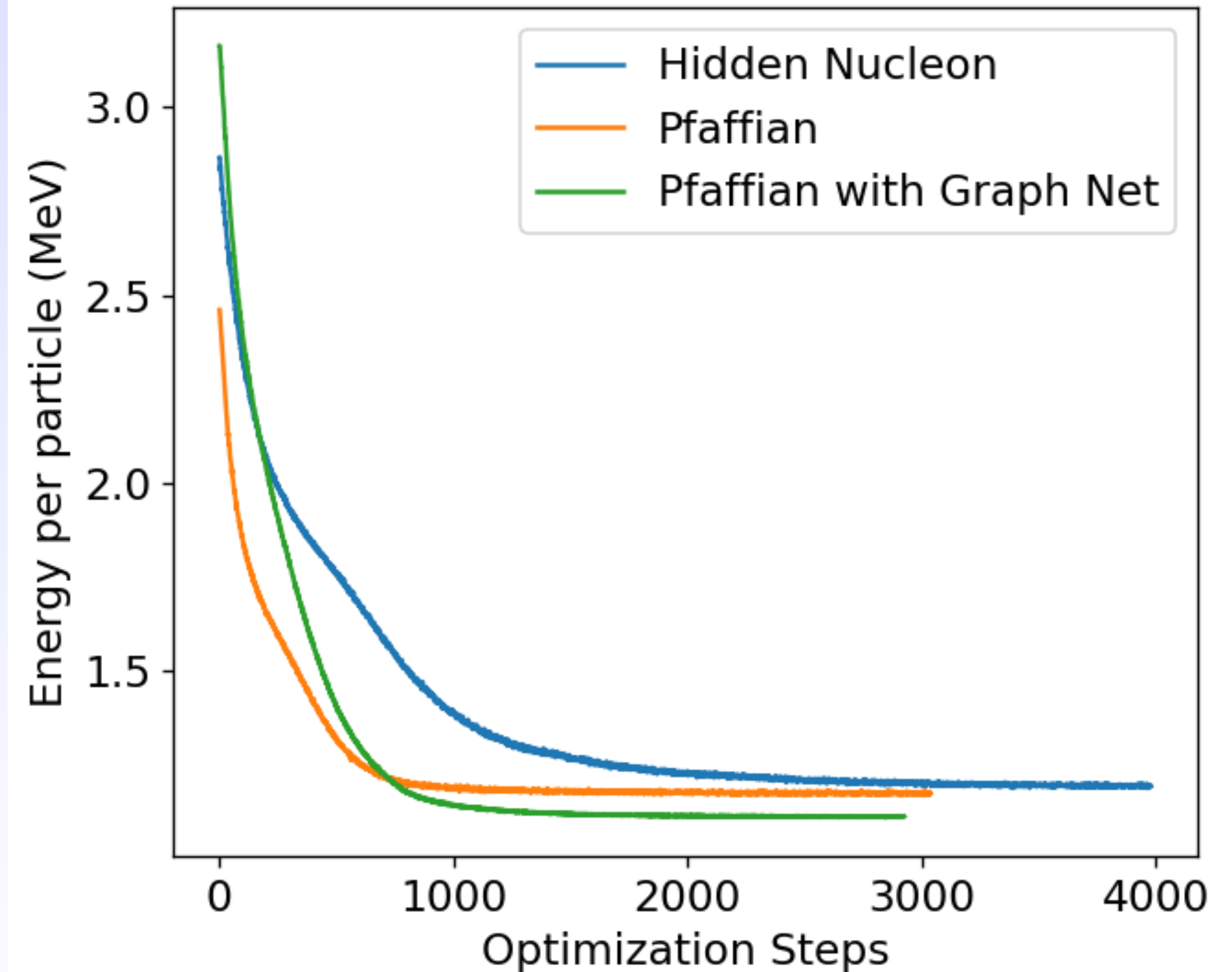
- Our Pfaffian ansatz is very general — works for any unpolarized system and any Hamiltonian (even those that exchange spin!)
- Can obtain lower energies than state-of-the-art diffusion Monte Carlo methods
- Our message-passing neural network efficiently builds pairing and backflow correlations
- We require far fewer parameters compared to other NQS applied to similar problems (~8500 vs millions)
- Future work:
 - Calculate the gap: expand the Pfaffian matrix to include one unpaired single-particle orbital
 - Smaller r_e : better linear extrapolation to the $r_e \rightarrow 0$ limit
 - Larger N : As an initial test, we only used $N = 14$

Thank you!

Questions?

Infinite Neutron Matter

- Preliminary tests at low density
 $\rho \approx 0.002 \text{ fm}^{-3}$
- Pfaffian with 1-layer MPNN (Graph Net) performs better than hidden nucleon and pfaffian ansatz

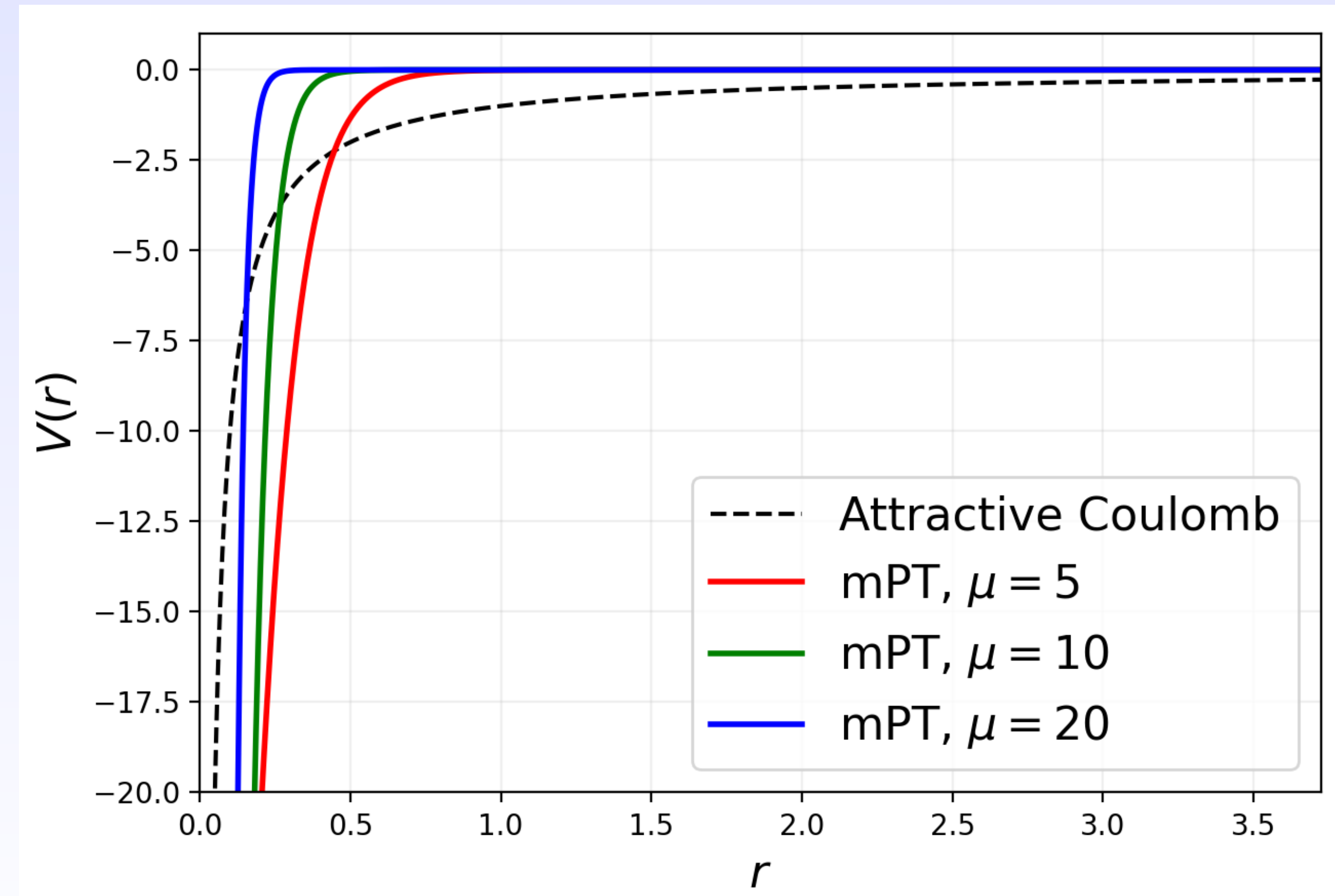


Pöschl-Teller Potential

- Regularized, short-range attraction between opposite-spin pairs

$$V_{ij} = (s_i^z s_j^z - 1) v_0 \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{\mu^2}{\cosh^2(\mu r_{ij})}$$

- Effective range $\approx 2/\mu$
- Keep v_0 fixed, pretrain with small μ
- Provides exact solution of two-body problem
- Other interaction potentials give similar results near unitarity as long as effective range is the same



Slater Determinant

$$\Phi(X) = \det[\phi_\alpha(\mathbf{x}_i)] = \det \begin{bmatrix} \phi_1(\mathbf{x}_1) & \phi_1(\mathbf{x}_2) & \cdots & \phi_1(\mathbf{x}_N) \\ \phi_2(\mathbf{x}_1) & \phi_2(\mathbf{x}_2) & \cdots & \phi_2(\mathbf{x}_N) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \phi_N(\mathbf{x}_1) & \phi_N(\mathbf{x}_2) & \cdots & \phi_N(\mathbf{x}_N) \end{bmatrix}$$

Number-projected BCS Wave Function

$$\Phi(X) = \det [\phi(\mathbf{x}_{i\uparrow}, \mathbf{x}_{j\downarrow})] = \det \begin{bmatrix} \phi(\mathbf{x}_{1\uparrow}, \mathbf{x}_{1\downarrow}) & \phi(\mathbf{x}_{1\uparrow}, \mathbf{x}_{2\downarrow}) & \cdots & \phi(\mathbf{x}_{1\uparrow}, \mathbf{x}_{N/2\downarrow}) \\ \phi(\mathbf{x}_{2\uparrow}, \mathbf{x}_{1\downarrow}) & \phi(\mathbf{x}_{2\uparrow}, \mathbf{x}_{2\downarrow}) & \cdots & \phi(\mathbf{x}_{2\uparrow}, \mathbf{x}_{N/2\downarrow}) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \phi(\mathbf{x}_{N/2\uparrow}, \mathbf{x}_{1\downarrow}) & \phi(\mathbf{x}_{N/2\uparrow}, \mathbf{x}_{2\downarrow}) & \cdots & \phi(\mathbf{x}_{N/2\uparrow}, \mathbf{x}_{N/2\downarrow}) \end{bmatrix}$$

Periodic Boundary Conditions

- Separation vector

$$\mathbf{r}_{ij} = \mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}_j \longmapsto \left(\cos(2\pi\mathbf{r}_{ij}/L), \sin(2\pi\mathbf{r}_{ij}/L) \right)$$

- Distance

$$\|\mathbf{r}_{ij}\| \longmapsto \|\sin(2\pi\mathbf{r}_{ij}/L)\|$$

- Absolute positions are ignored to enforce translational invariance

Parity and Time-Reversal Symmetry

- We carry out the VMC calculations for the unpolarized gas using $\Psi^{PT}(R, S)$ given by

$$\Psi^P(R, S) = \Psi(R, S) + \Psi(-R, S)$$

$$\Psi^{PT}(R, S) = \Psi^P(R, S) + (-1)^{N/2} \Psi^P(R, -S)$$

where R and S are the set of all positions and spins, respectively.

Message-Passing Neural Network Equations

- Iteratively builds correlations into new one- and two-body features from old ones
- Skip connections help stabilize training and avoid vanishing gradients
- Has been effective for the electron gas, despite having orders of magnitude fewer parameters compared to FermiNet

$$\mathbf{v}_i = (s_i^z)$$

$$\mathbf{v}_{ij} = (r_{ij}, \mathbf{r}_{ij}, s_i^z \cdot s_j^z)$$

$$\mathbf{h}_i^{(0)} = (\mathbf{v}_i, A\mathbf{v}_i)$$

$$\mathbf{h}_{ij}^{(0)} = (\mathbf{v}_{ij}, B\mathbf{v}_{ij})$$

for $t = 1, \dots, T$:

$$\mathbf{m}_{ij}^{(t)} = \mathbf{M}_t \left(\mathbf{h}_i^{(t-1)}, \mathbf{h}_j^{(t-1)}, \mathbf{h}_{ij}^{(t-1)} \right)$$

$$\mathbf{h}_i^{(t)} = \left(\mathbf{v}_i, \mathbf{F}_t \left(\mathbf{h}_i^{(t-1)}, \mathbf{m}_i^{(t)} \right) \right), \mathbf{m}_i^{(t)} = \text{Pool} \left(\{ \mathbf{m}_{ij}^{(t)} \mid j \neq i \} \right)$$

$$\mathbf{h}_{ij}^{(t)} = \left(\mathbf{x}_{ij}, \mathbf{G}_t \left(\mathbf{h}_{ij}^{(t-1)}, \mathbf{m}_{ij}^{(t)} \right) \right)$$

Determinant

Defined for $n \times n$ matrices

$$\det(A) = \sum_{\sigma \in S_n} \operatorname{sgn}(\sigma) \prod_{i=1}^n a_{i,\sigma(i)}$$

$$\det(A^T) = \det(A)$$

$$\det(A) \det(B) = \det(AB)$$

Pfaffian

Defined for $2n \times 2n$ skew-symmetric matrices

$$\operatorname{pf}(A) = \frac{1}{2^n n!} \sum_{\sigma \in S_{2n}} \operatorname{sgn}(\sigma) \prod_{i=1}^n a_{\sigma(2i-1), \sigma(2i)}$$

$$\operatorname{pf}(A^T) = (-1)^n \operatorname{pf}(A)$$

$$\operatorname{pf}(A) \operatorname{pf}(B) = \exp\left(\frac{1}{2} \operatorname{tr} \log(A^T B)\right)$$

$$\det(A) = \operatorname{pf}(A)^2$$

Unitary Fermi Gas ($\mu = 5$)

