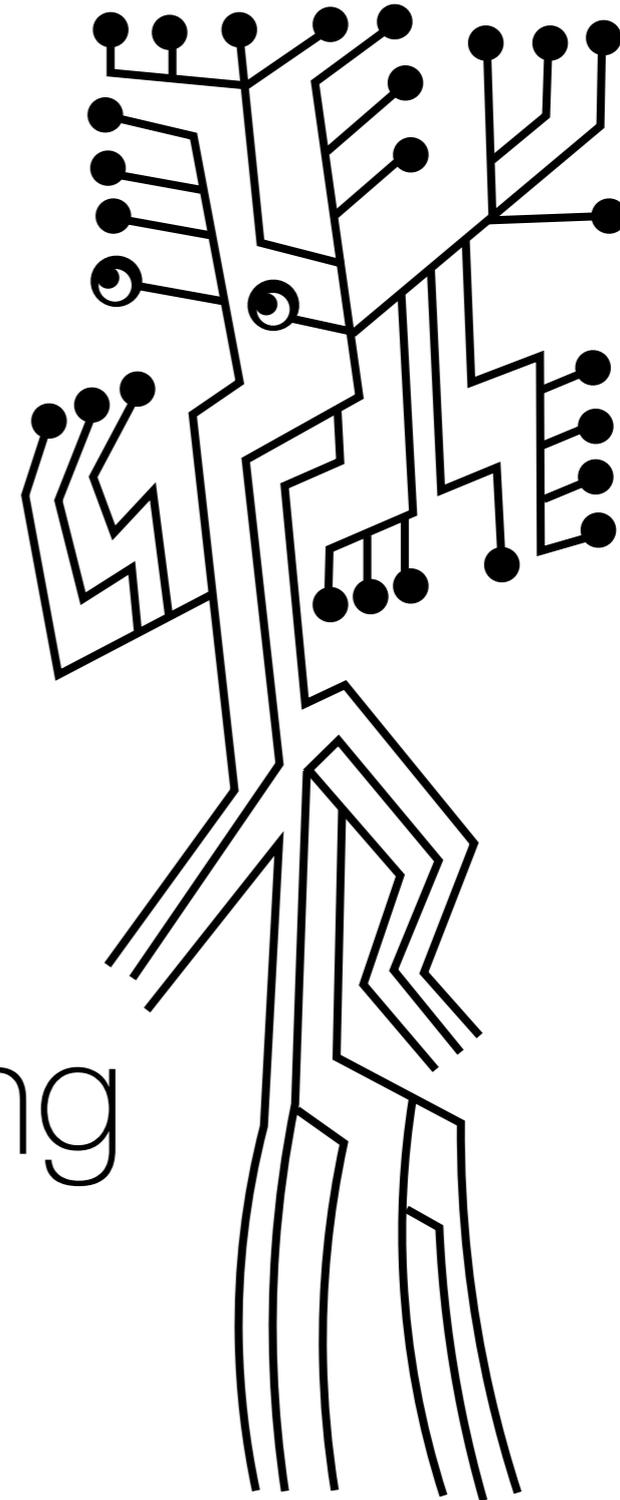


Tracking Machine Learning Challenge

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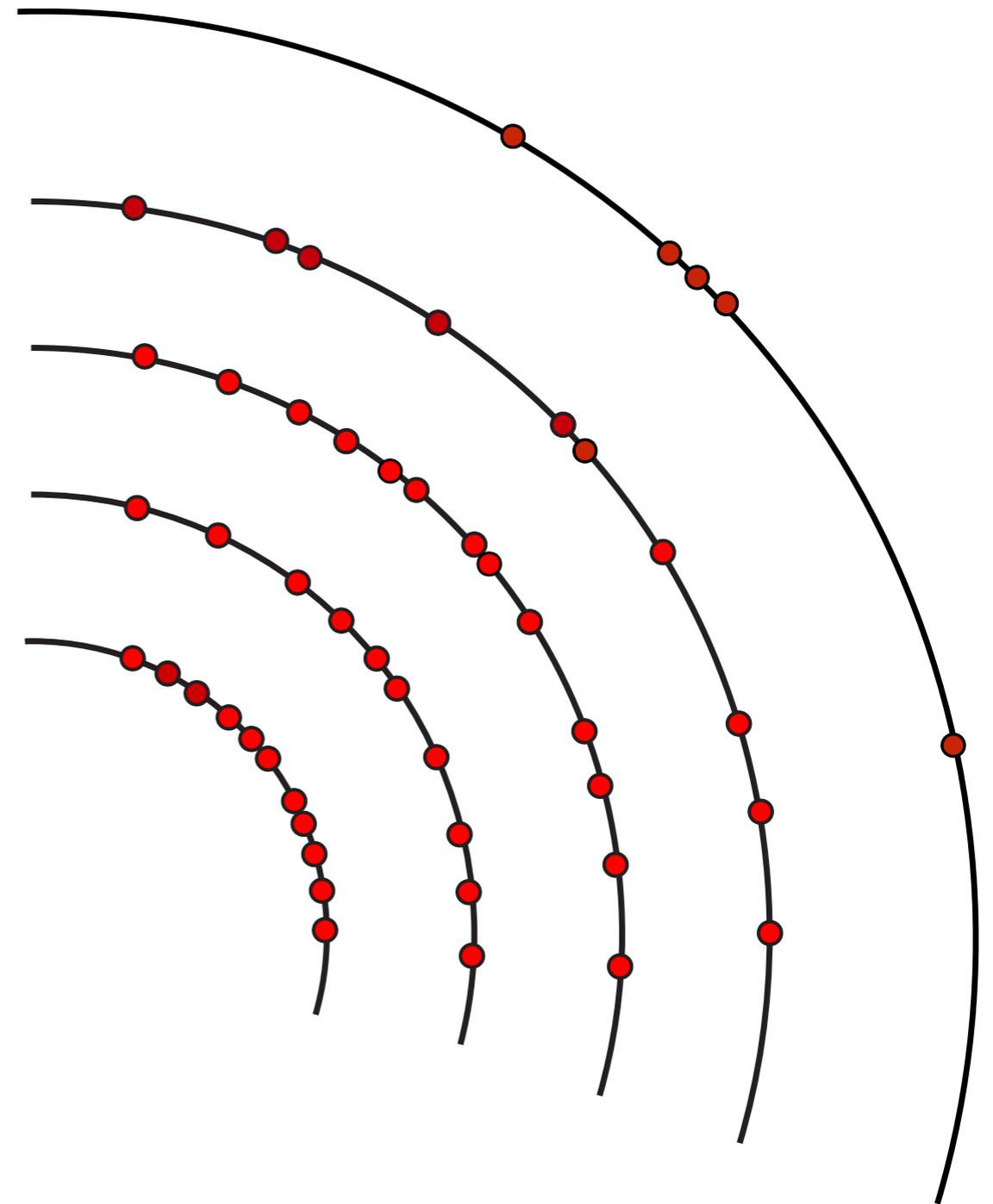
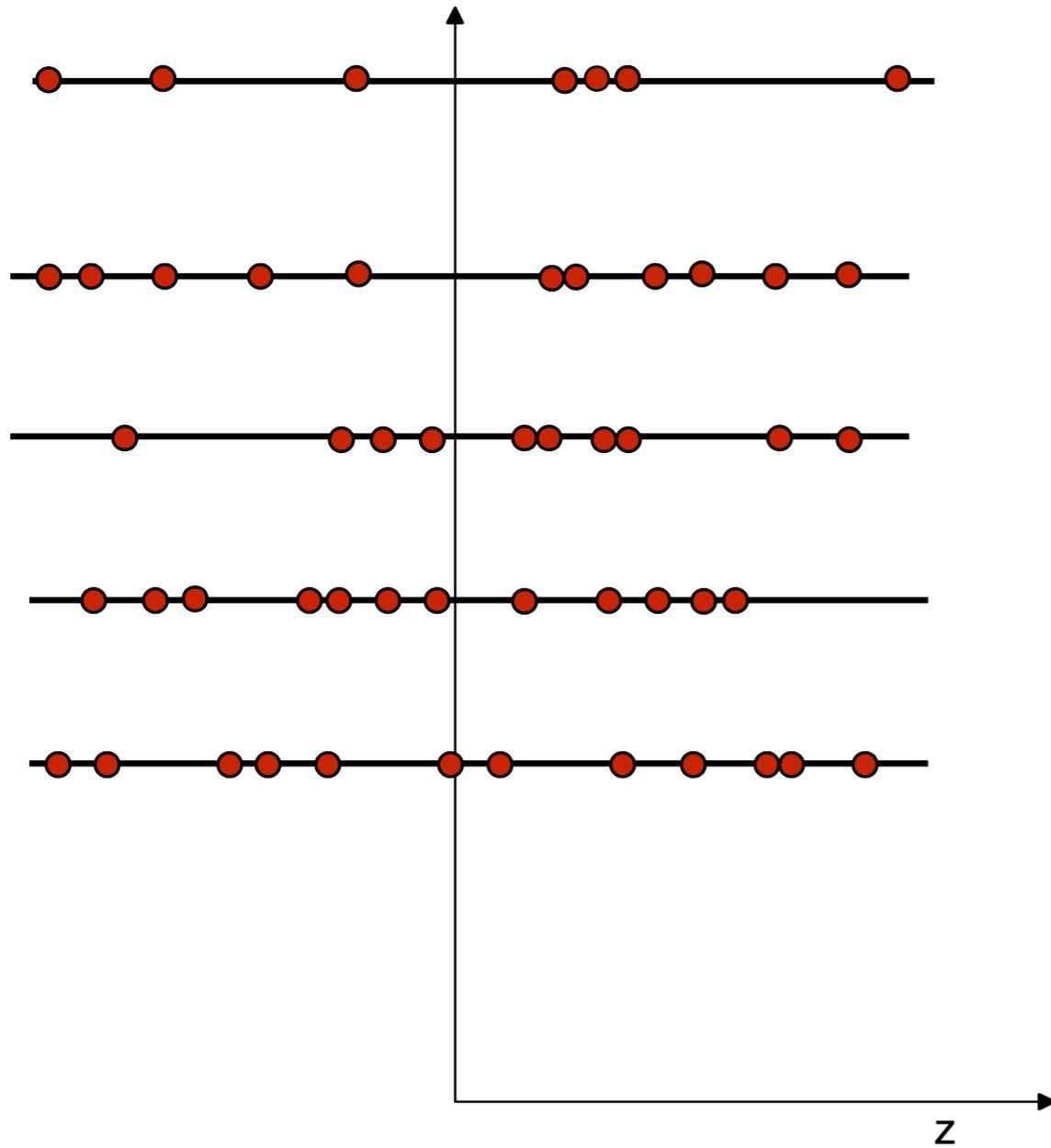
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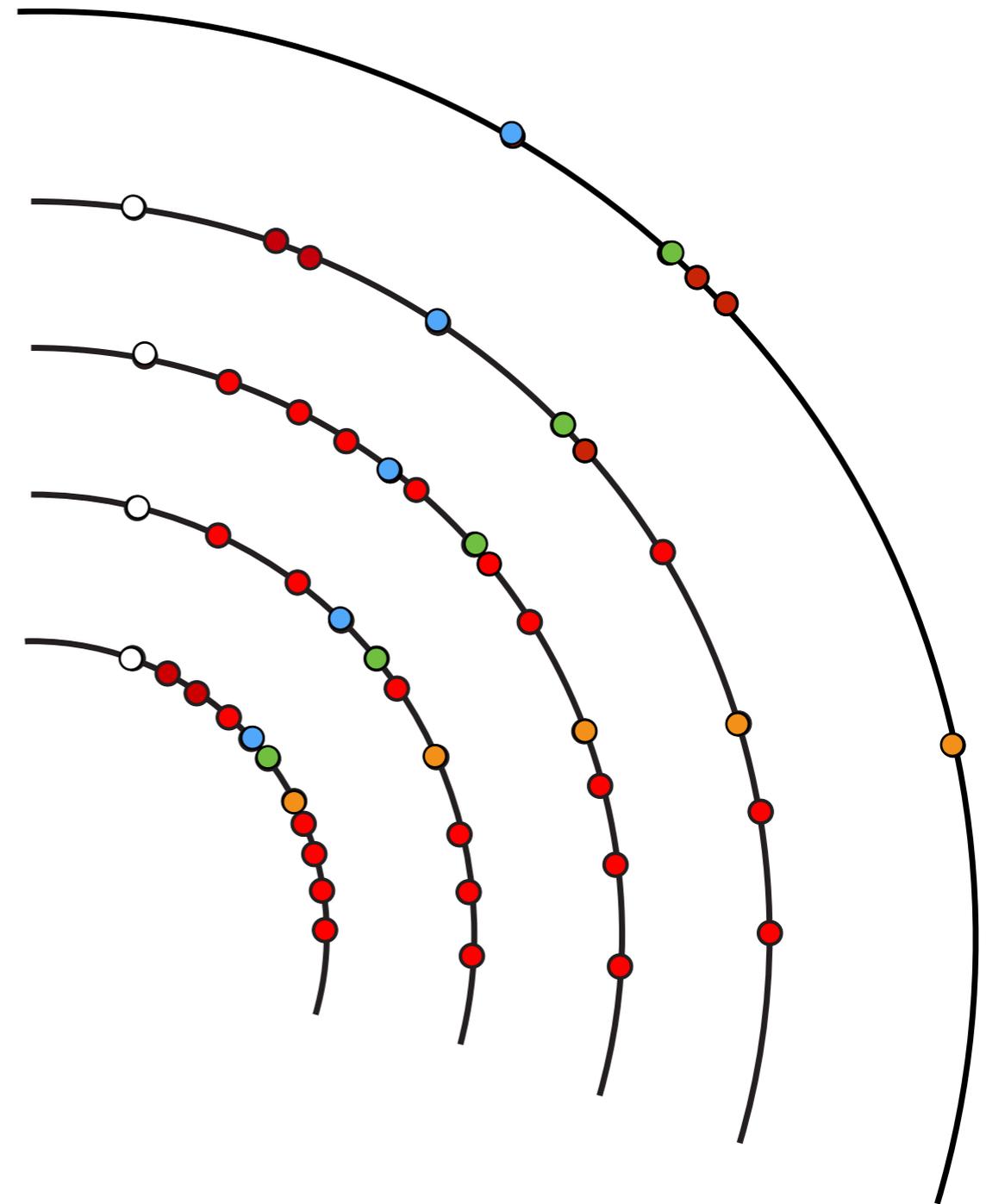
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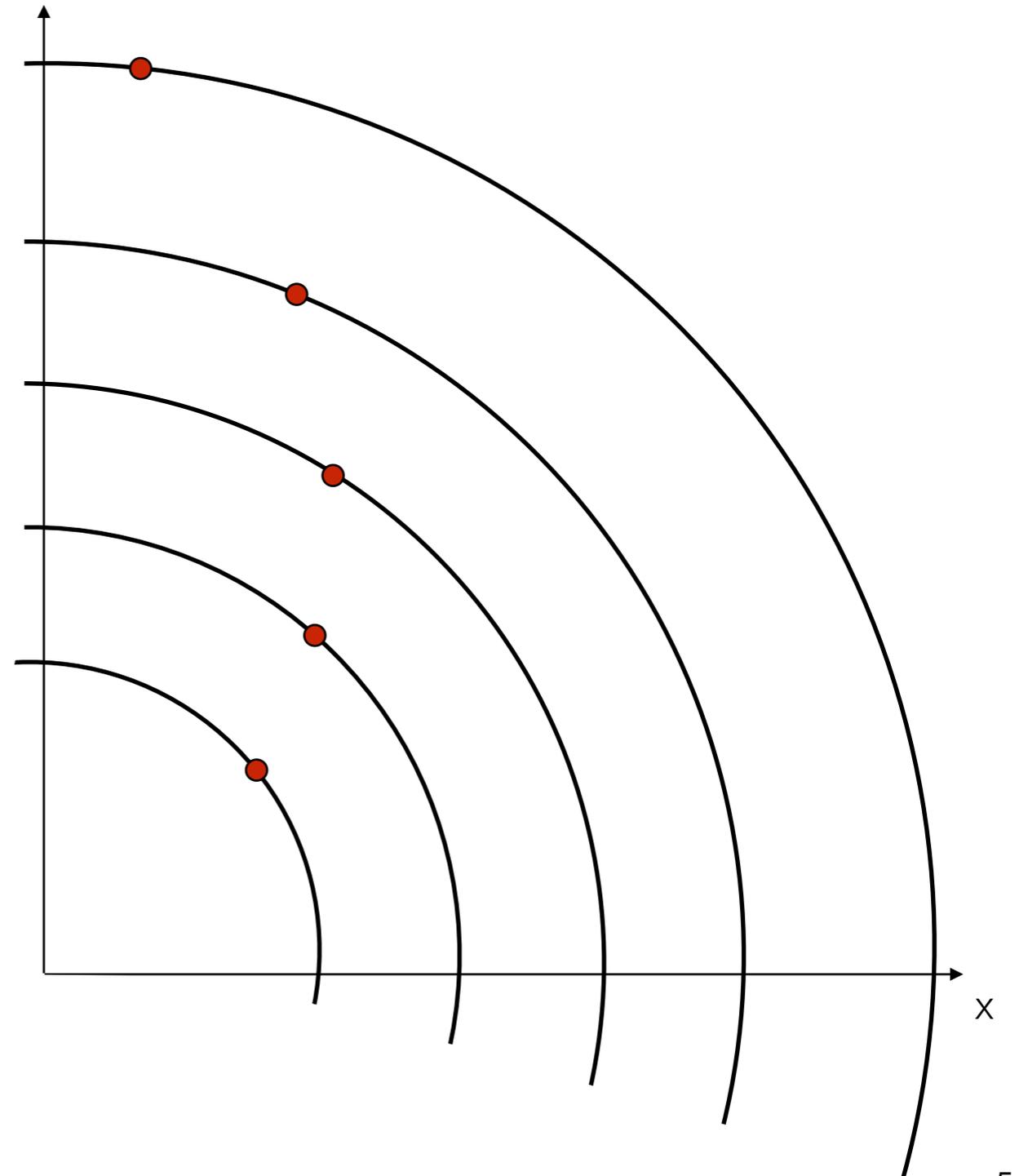


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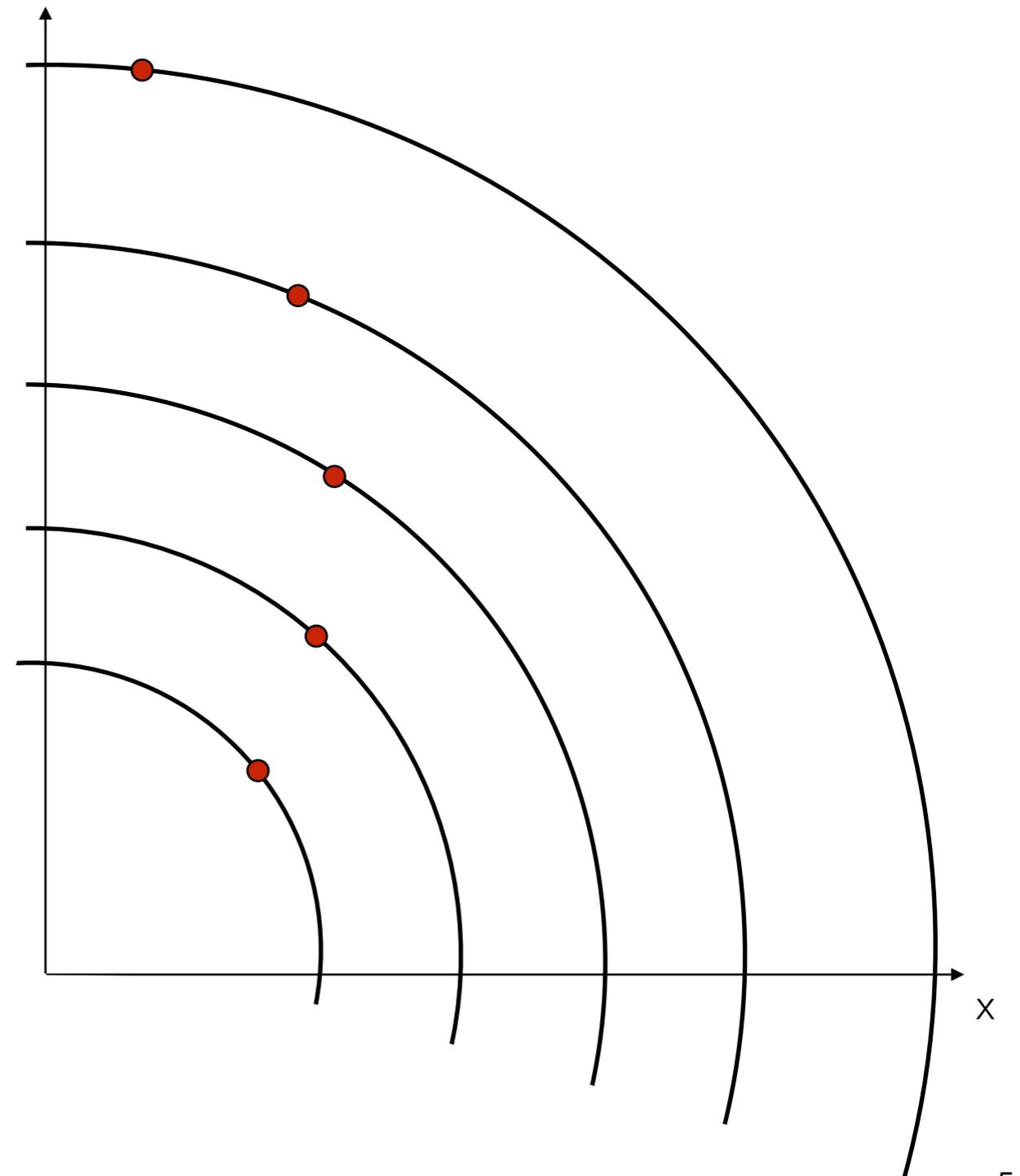
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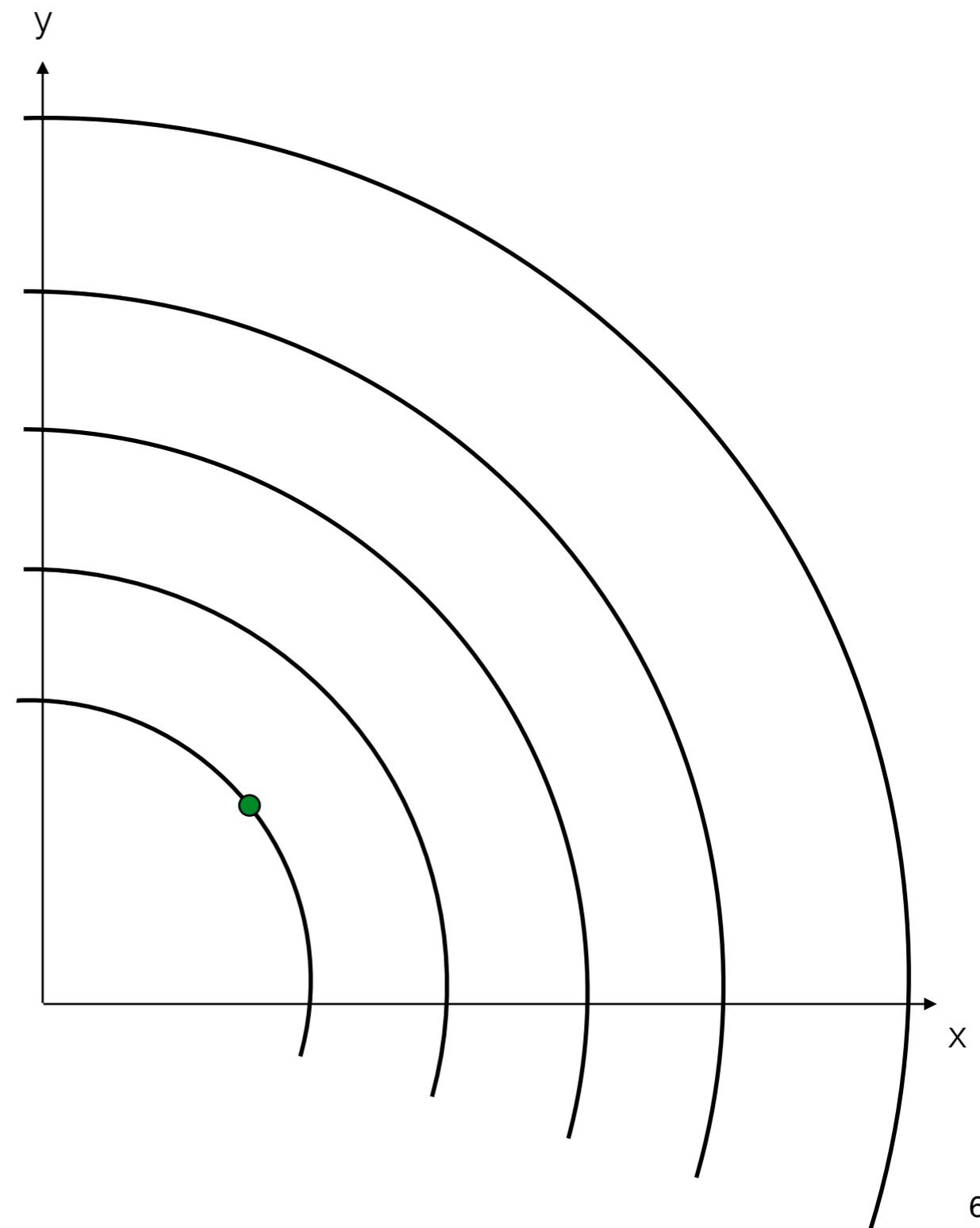
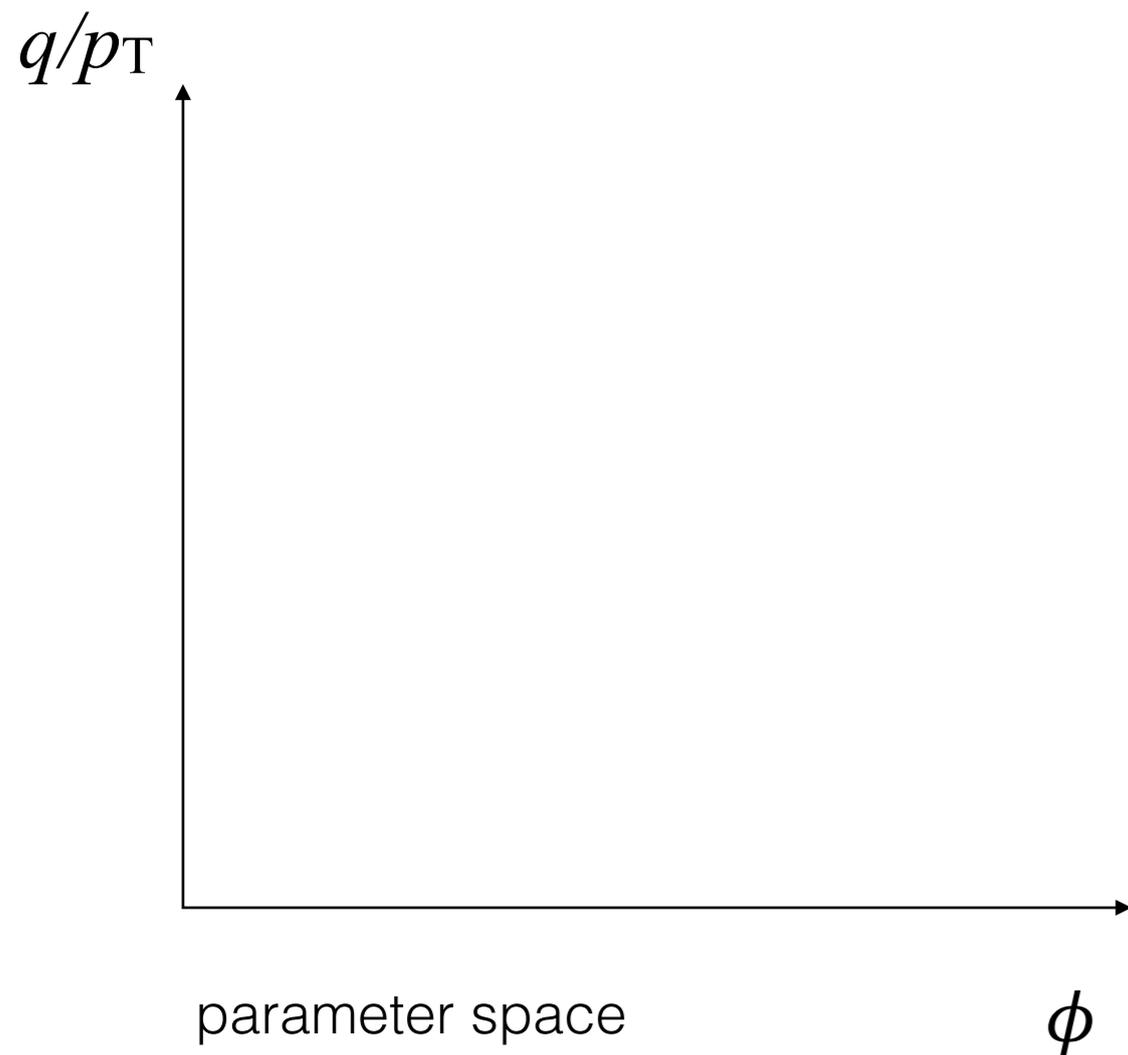


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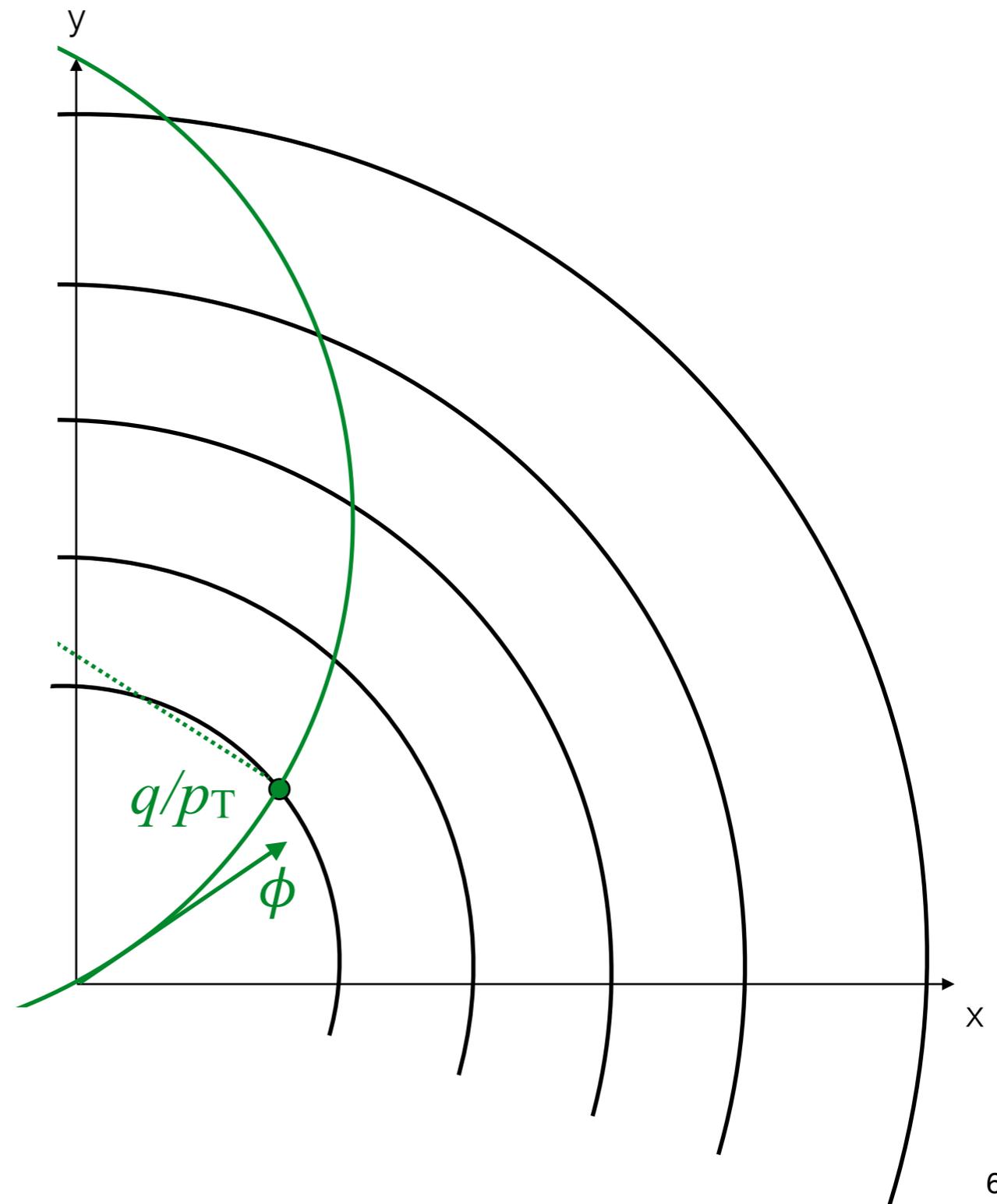
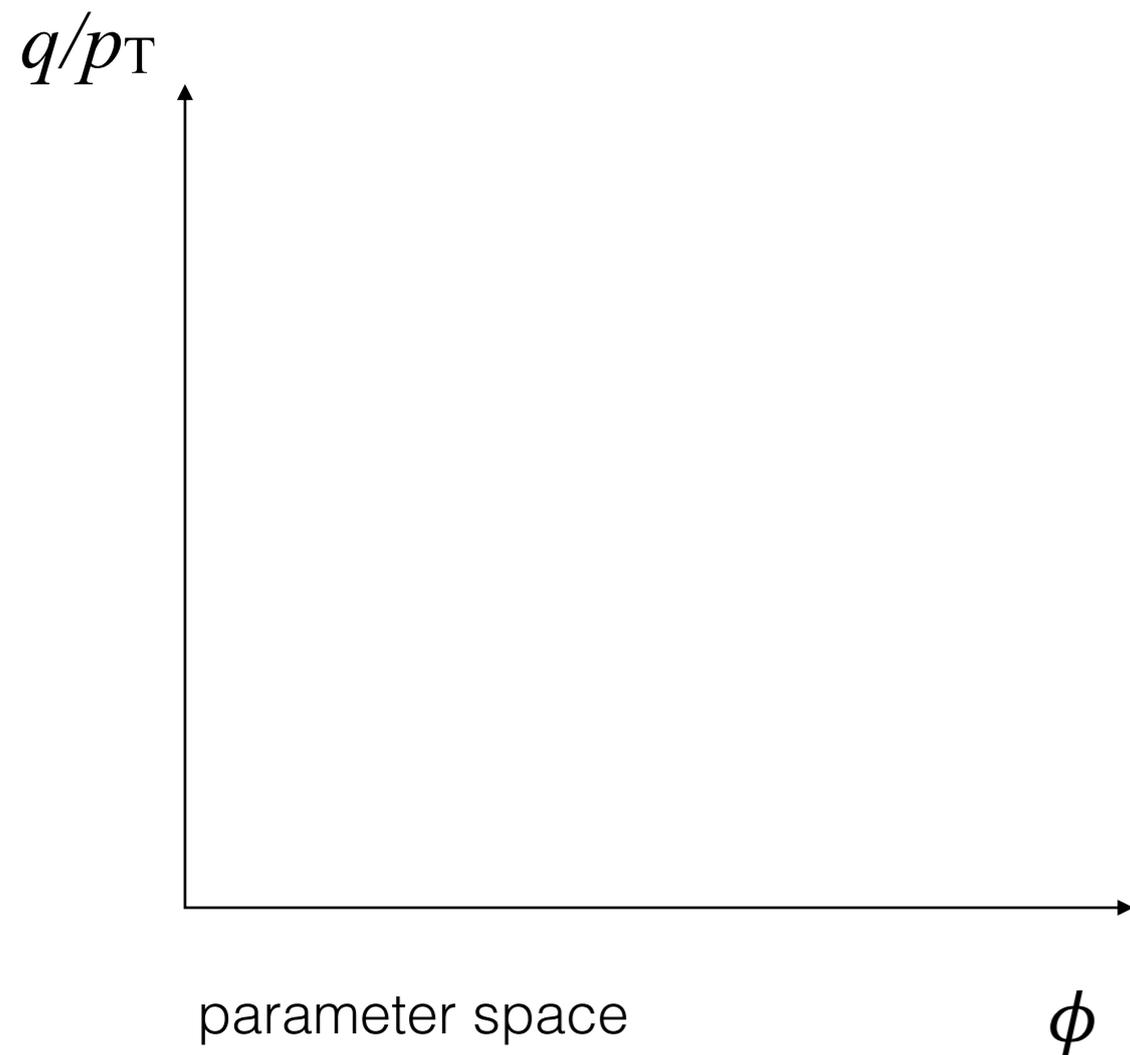


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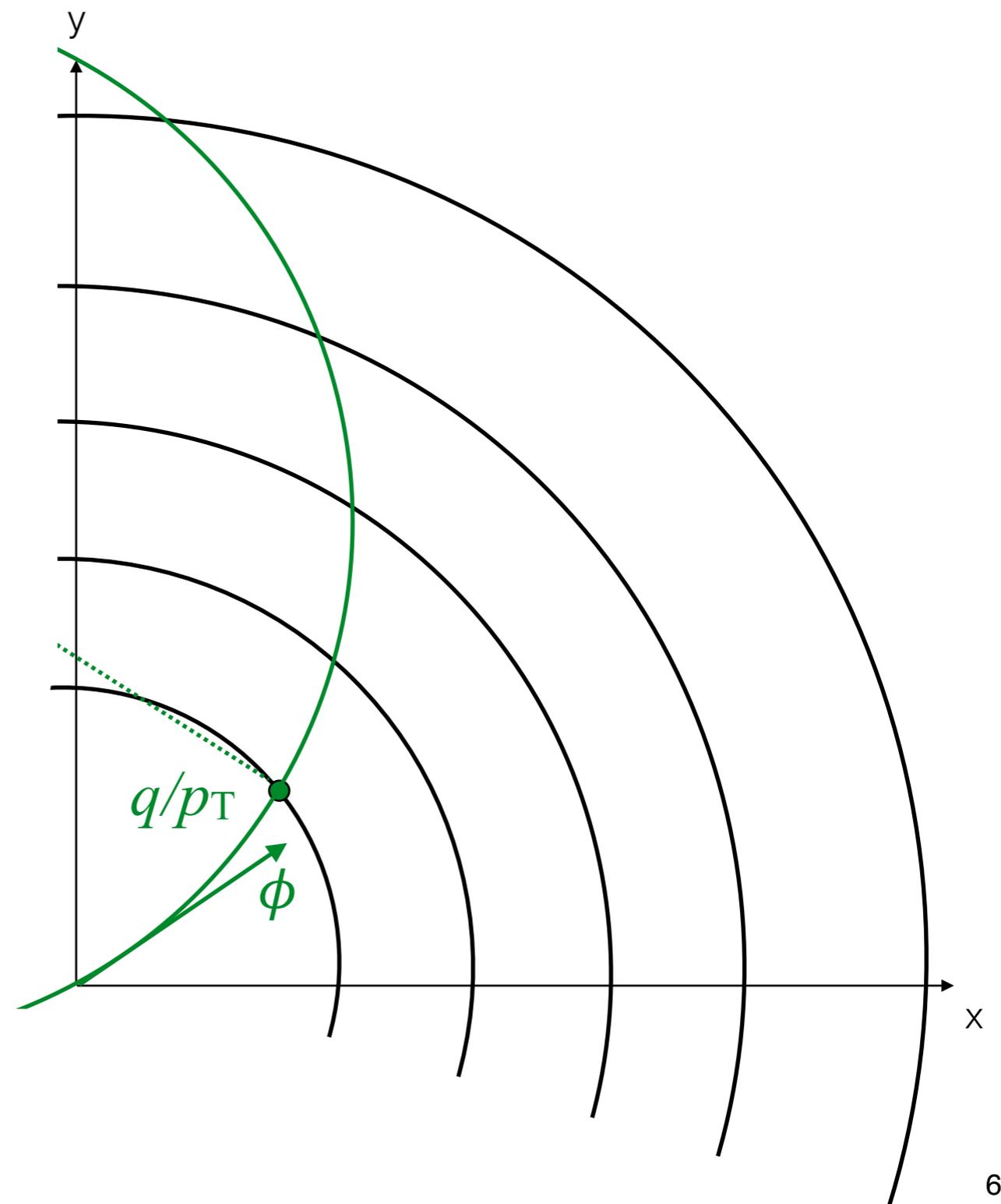
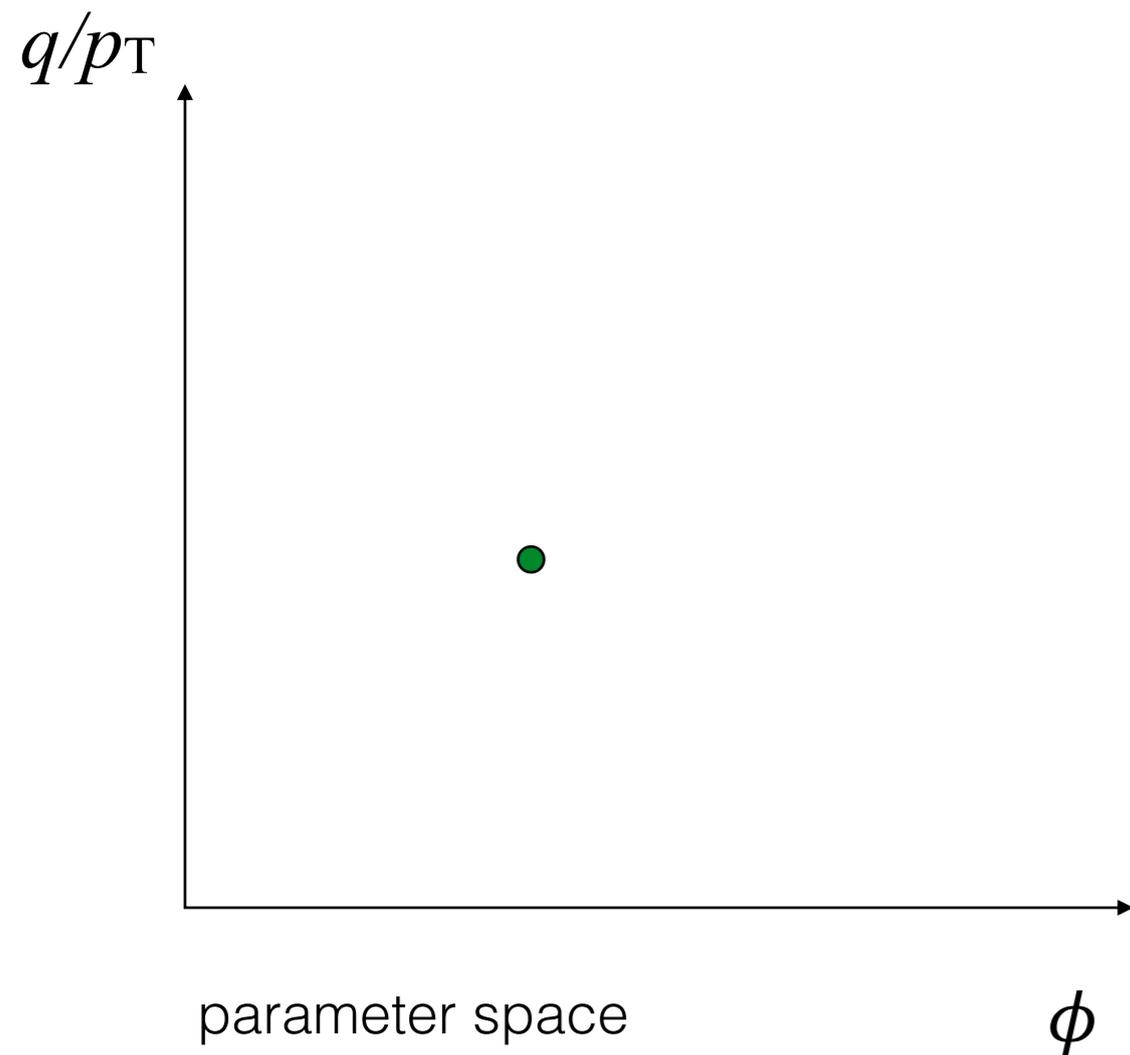


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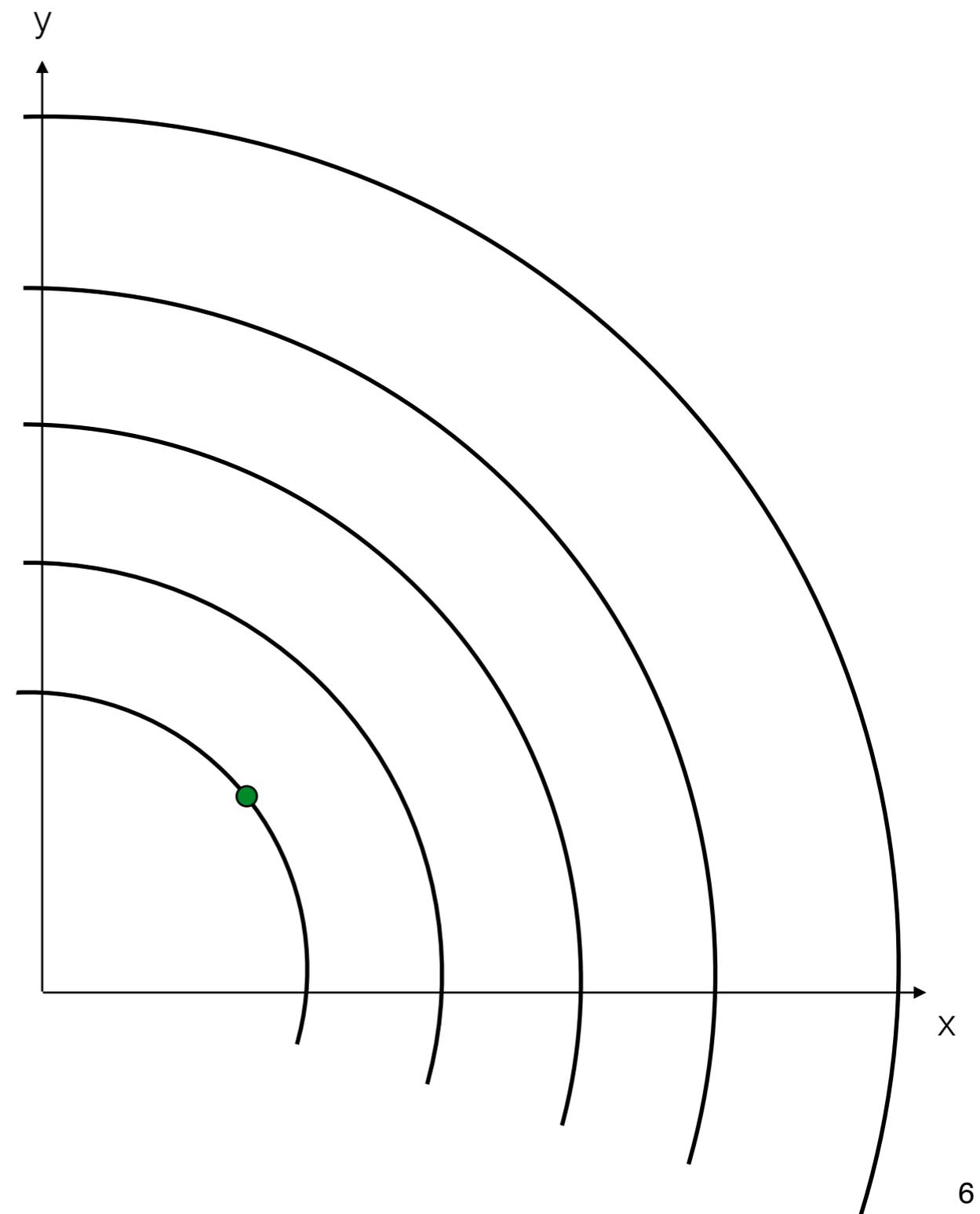
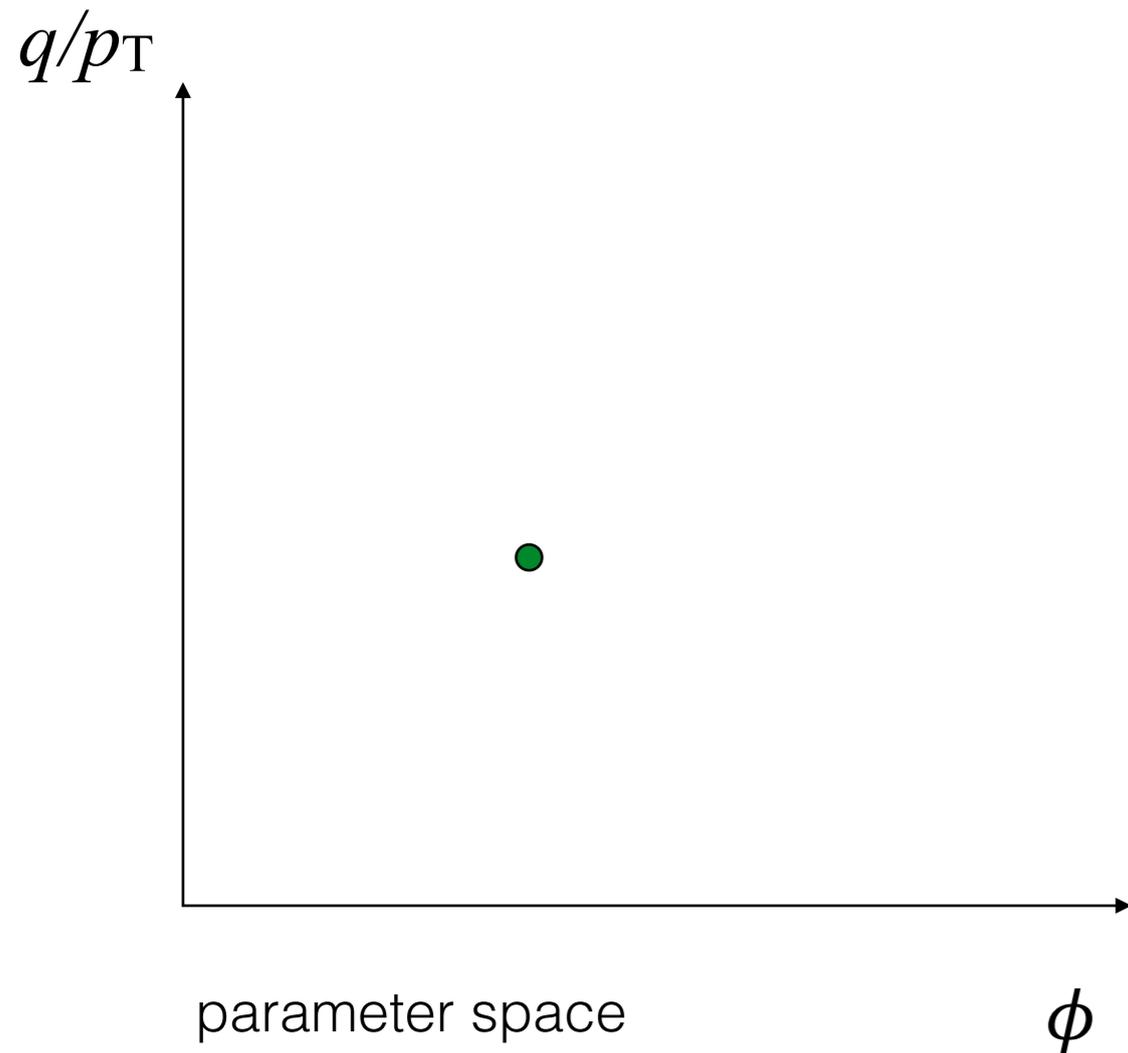


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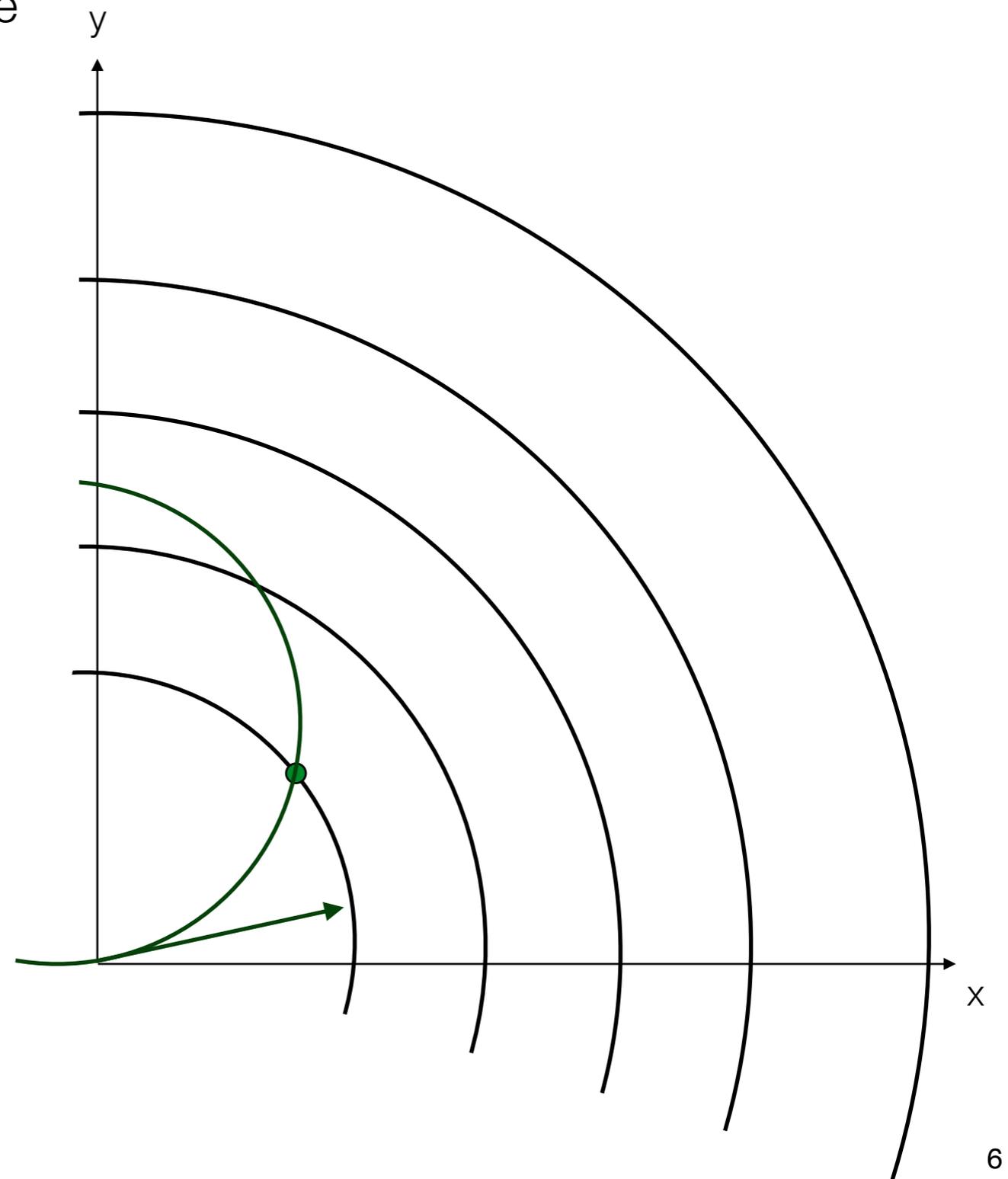
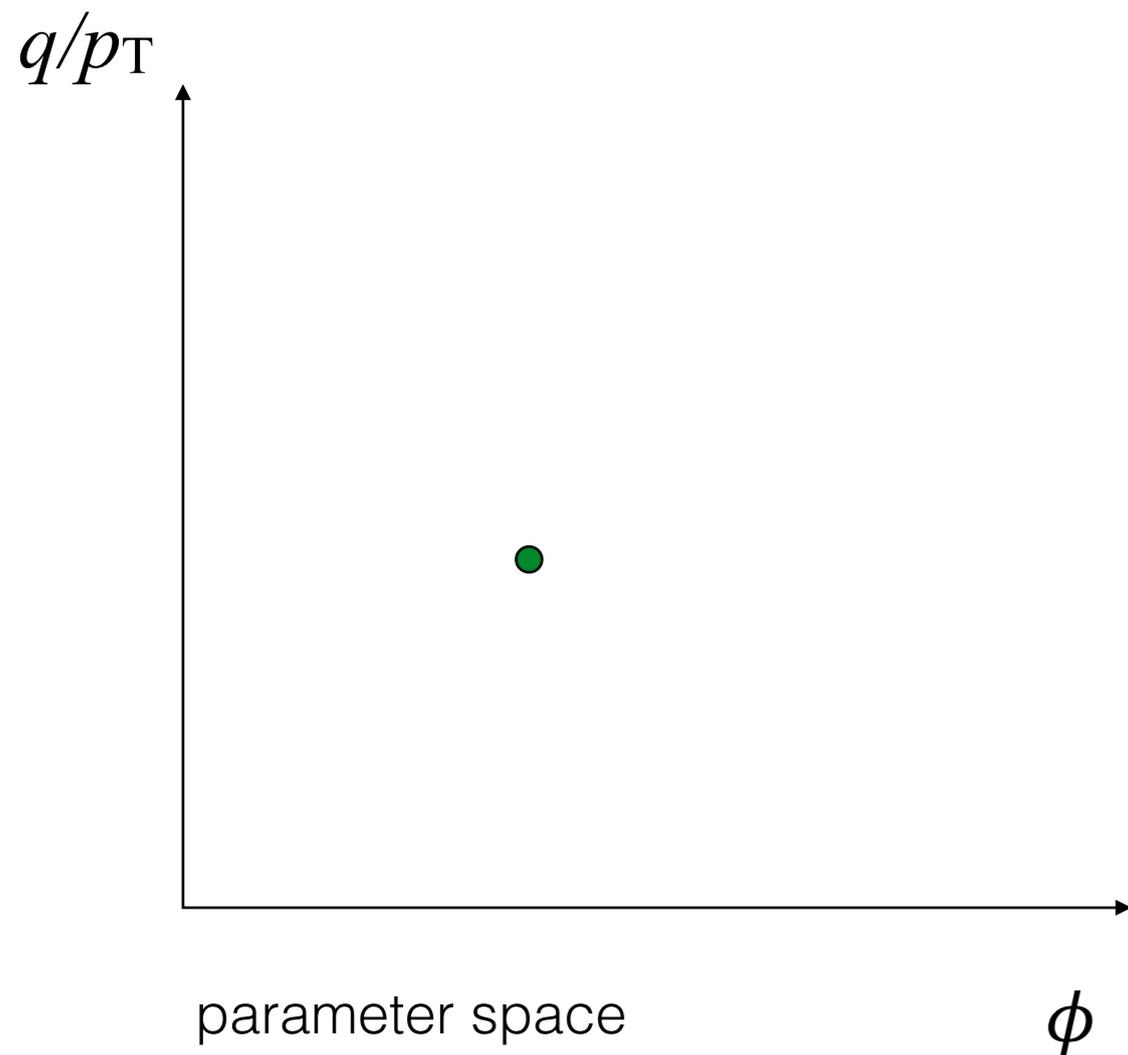


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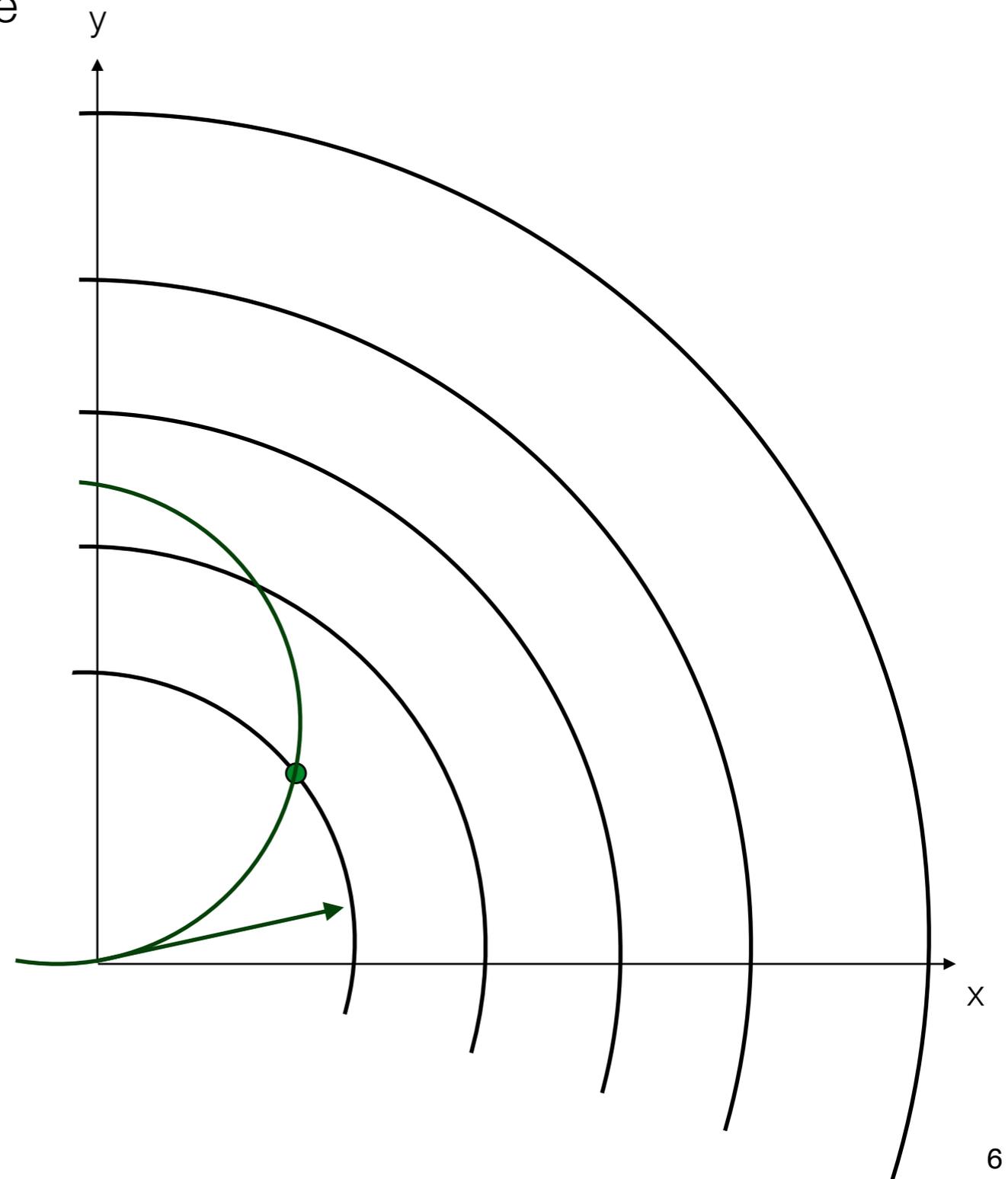
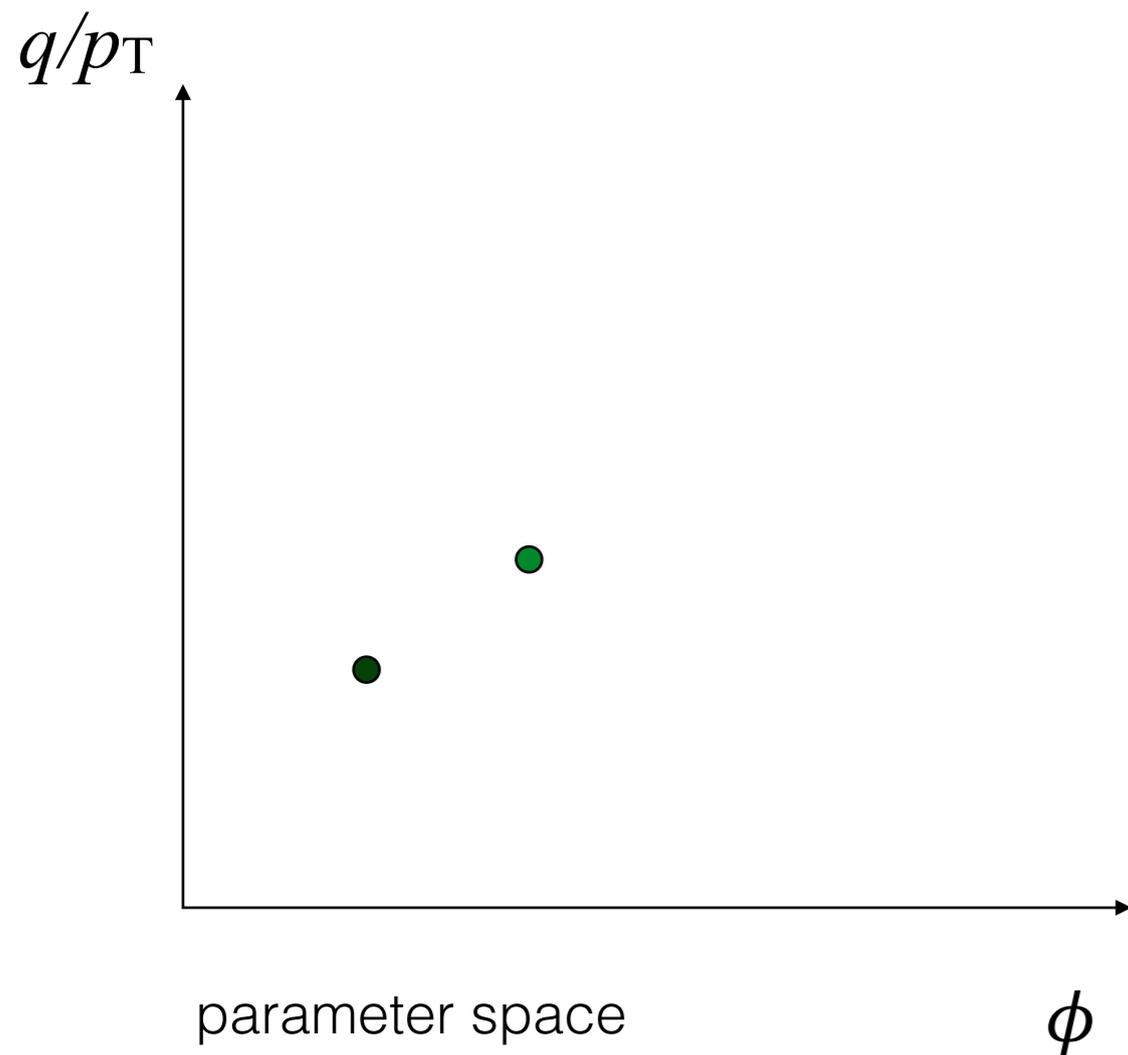


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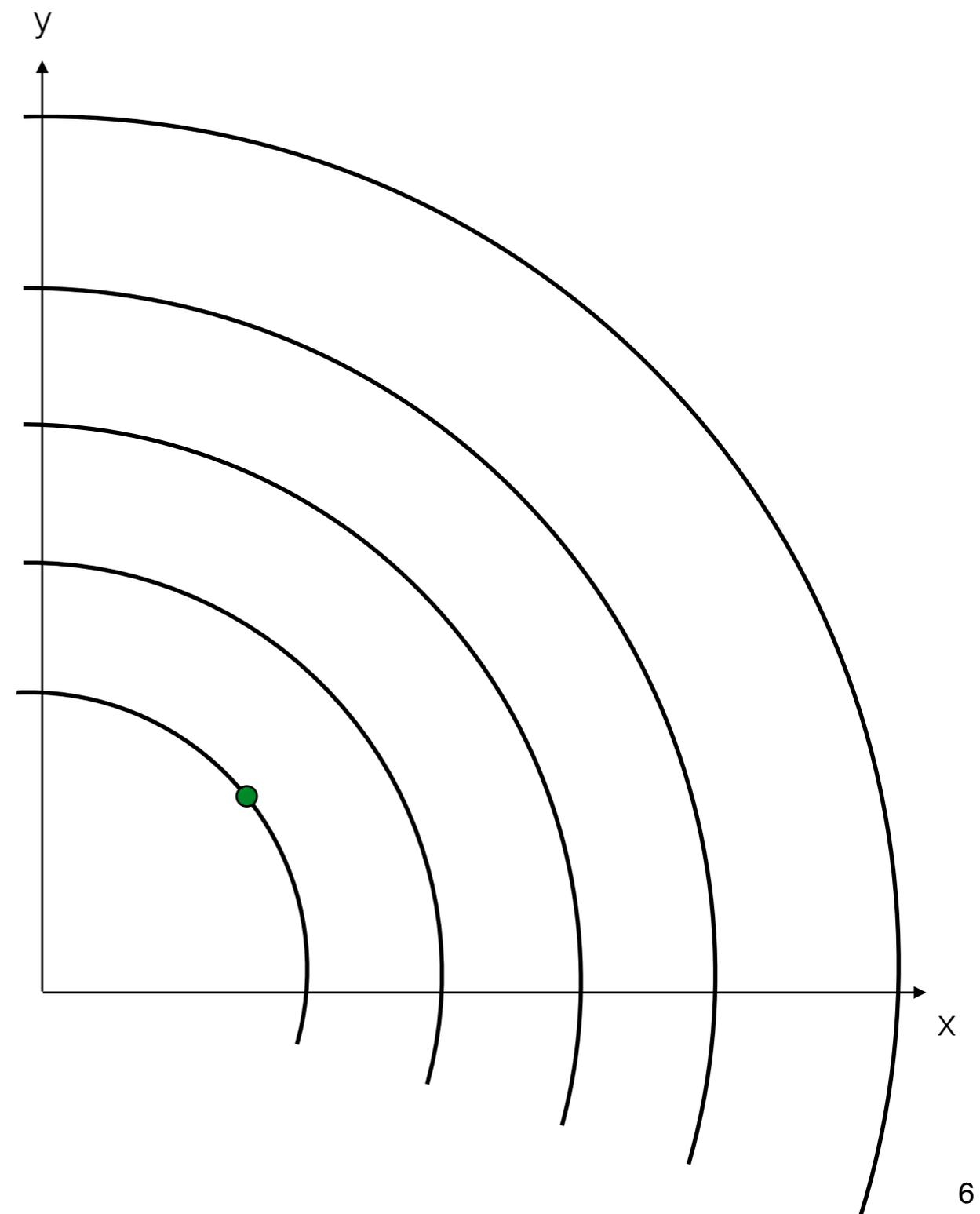
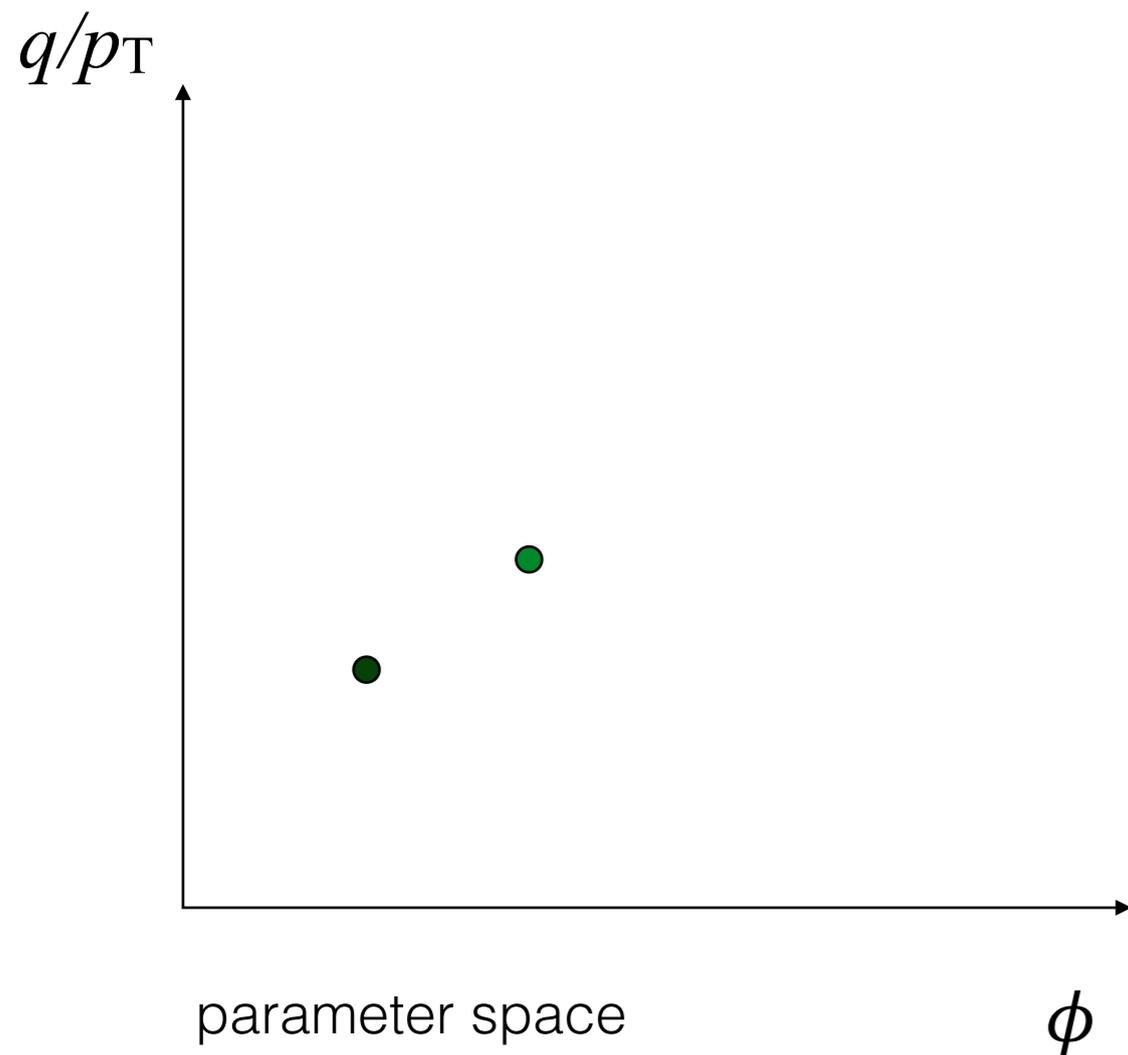


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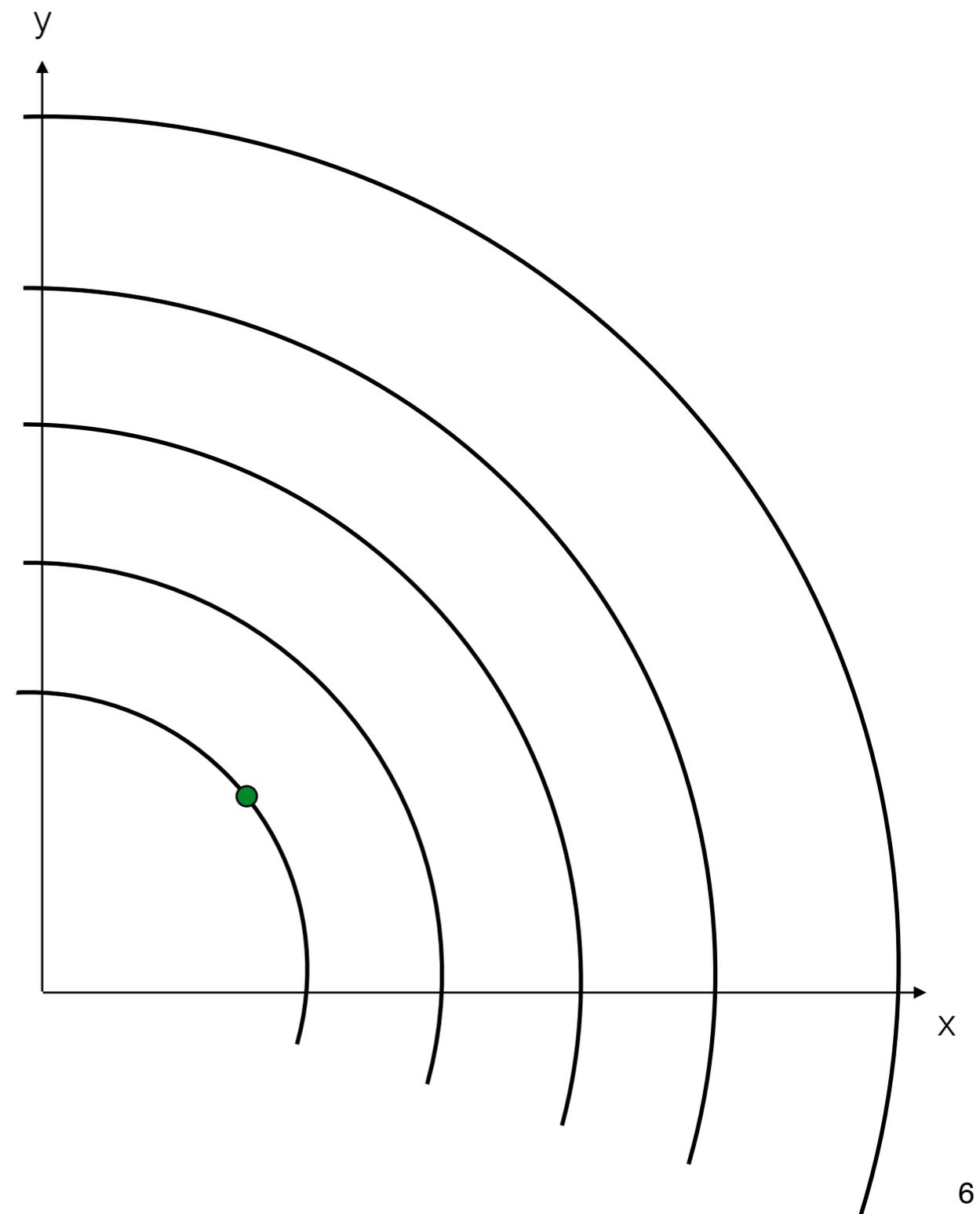
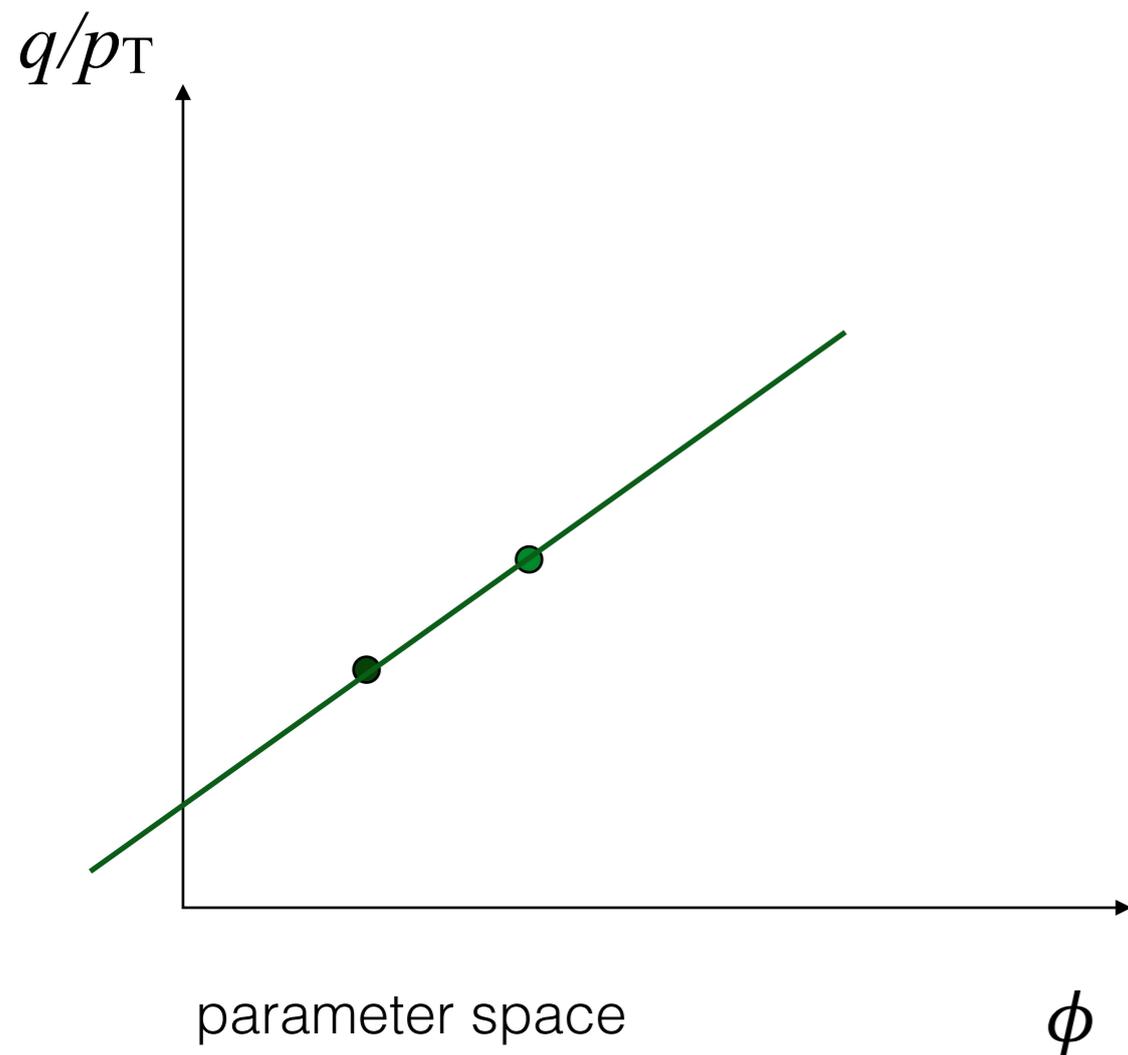


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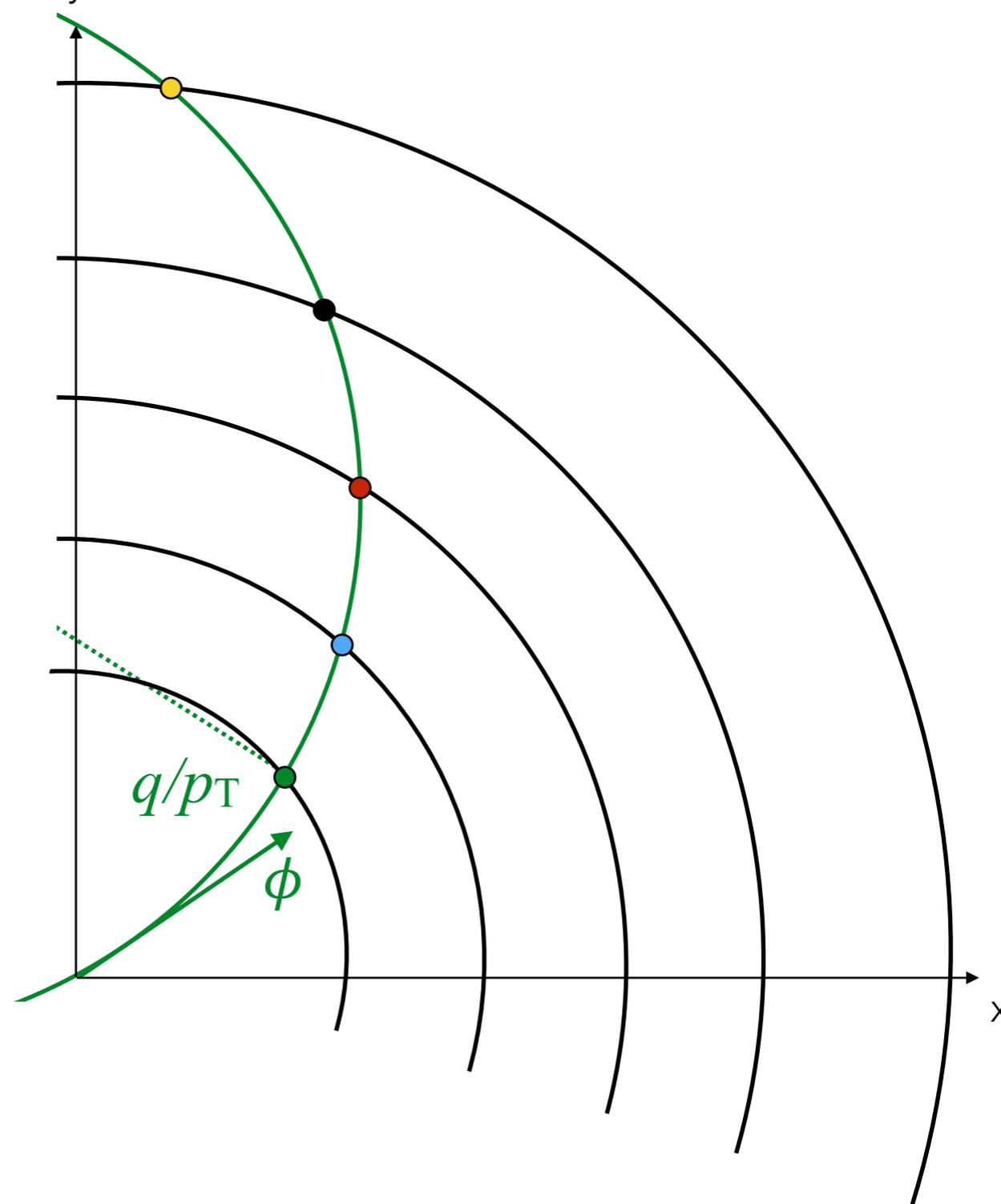
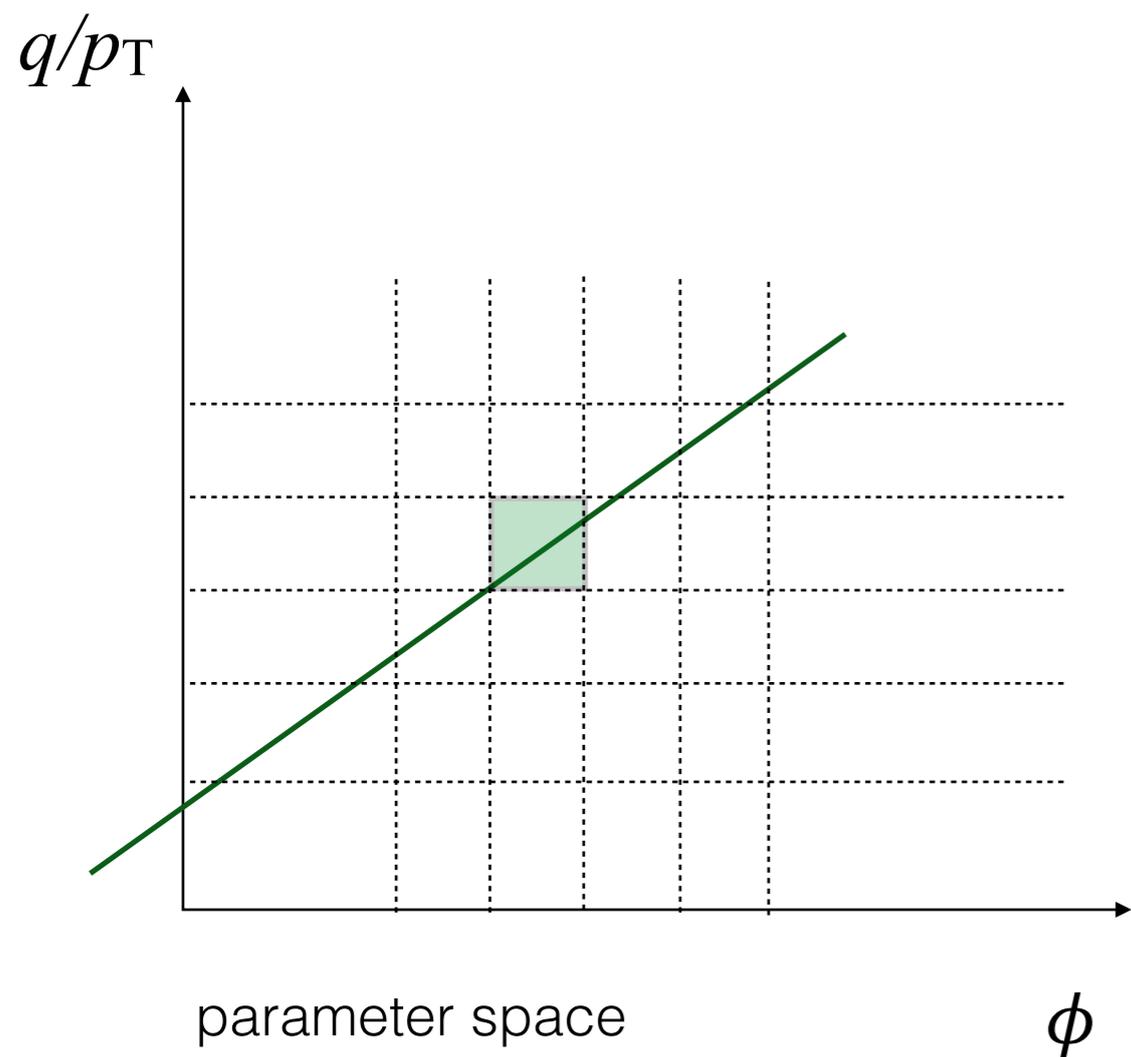


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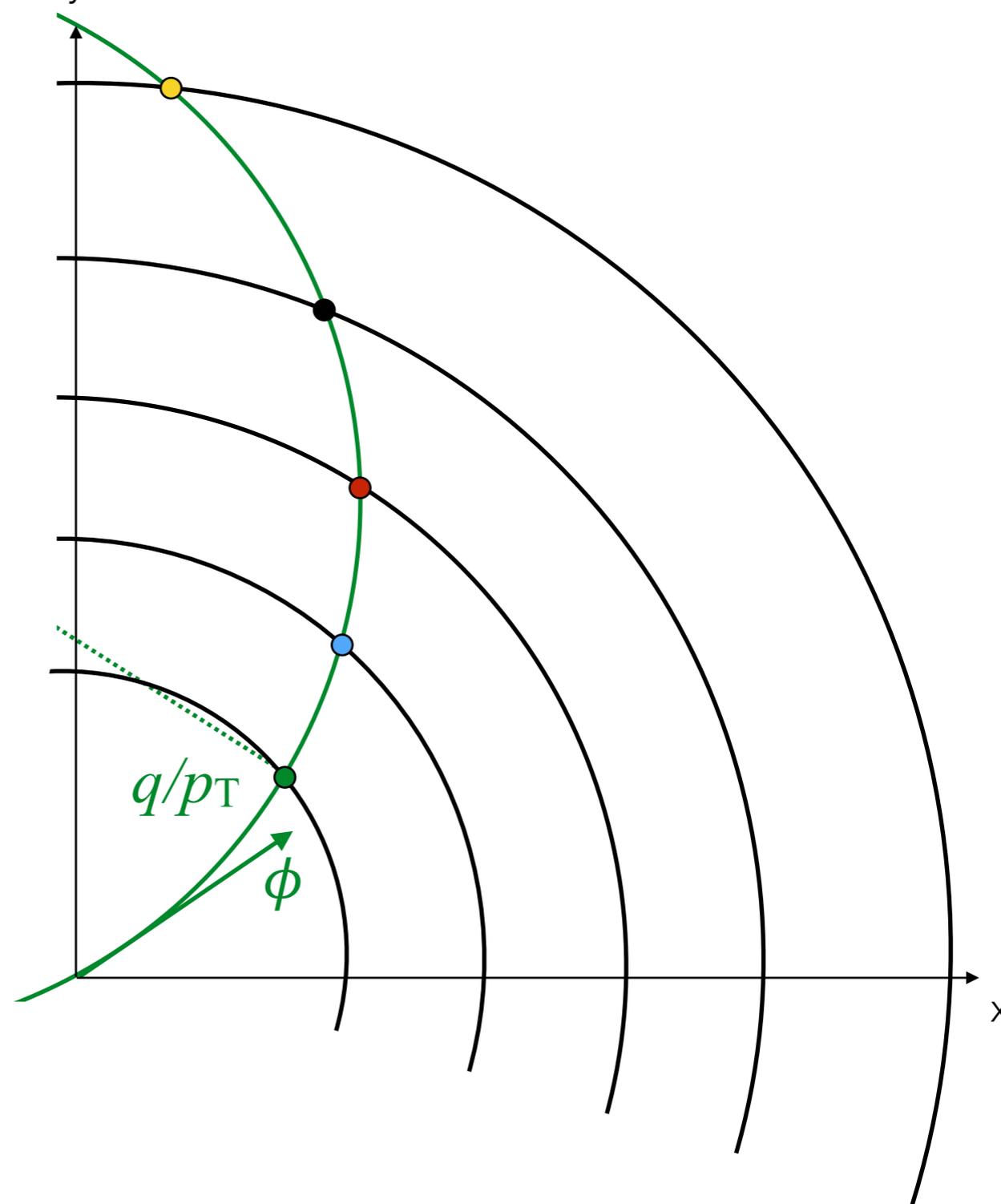
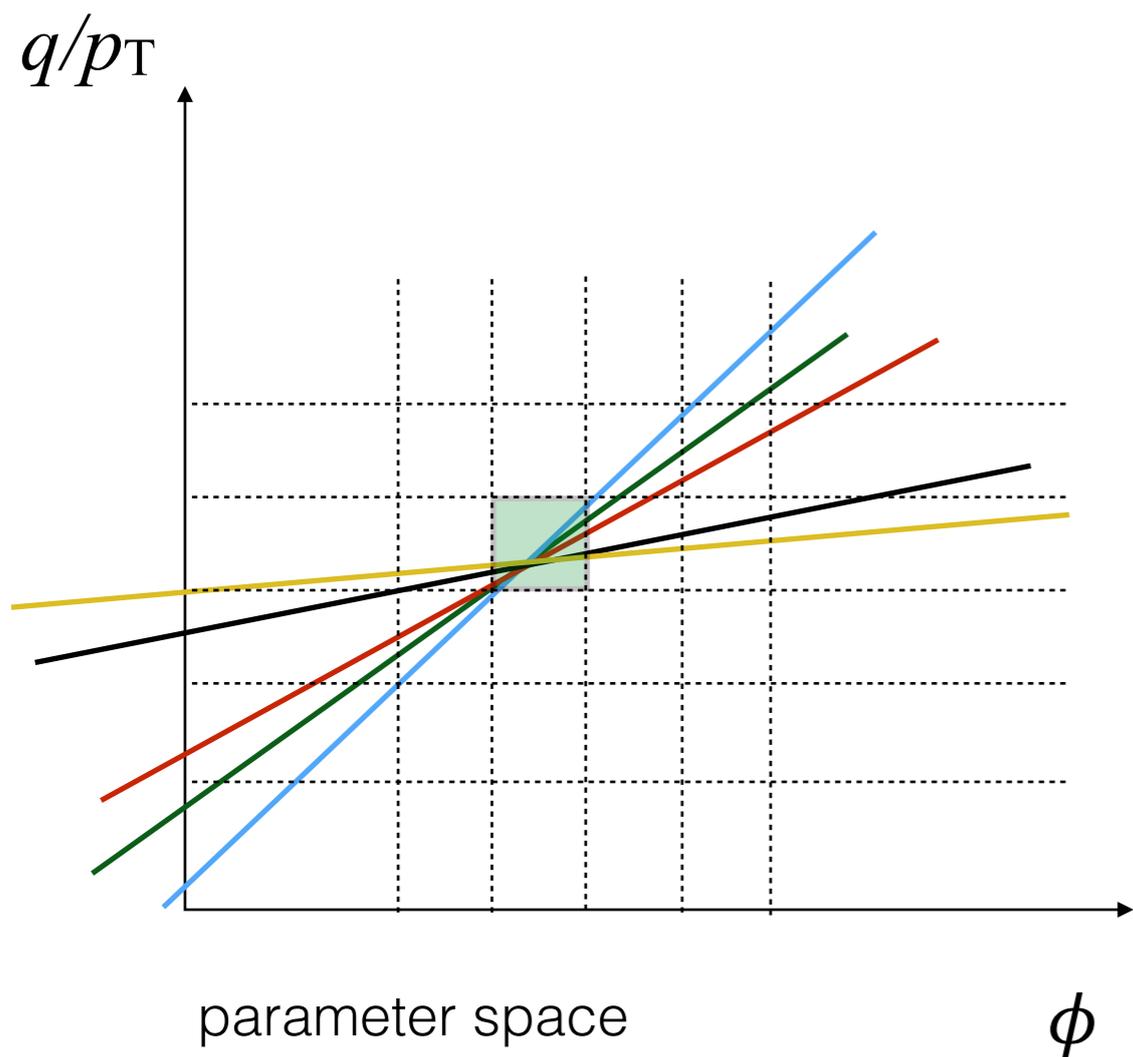
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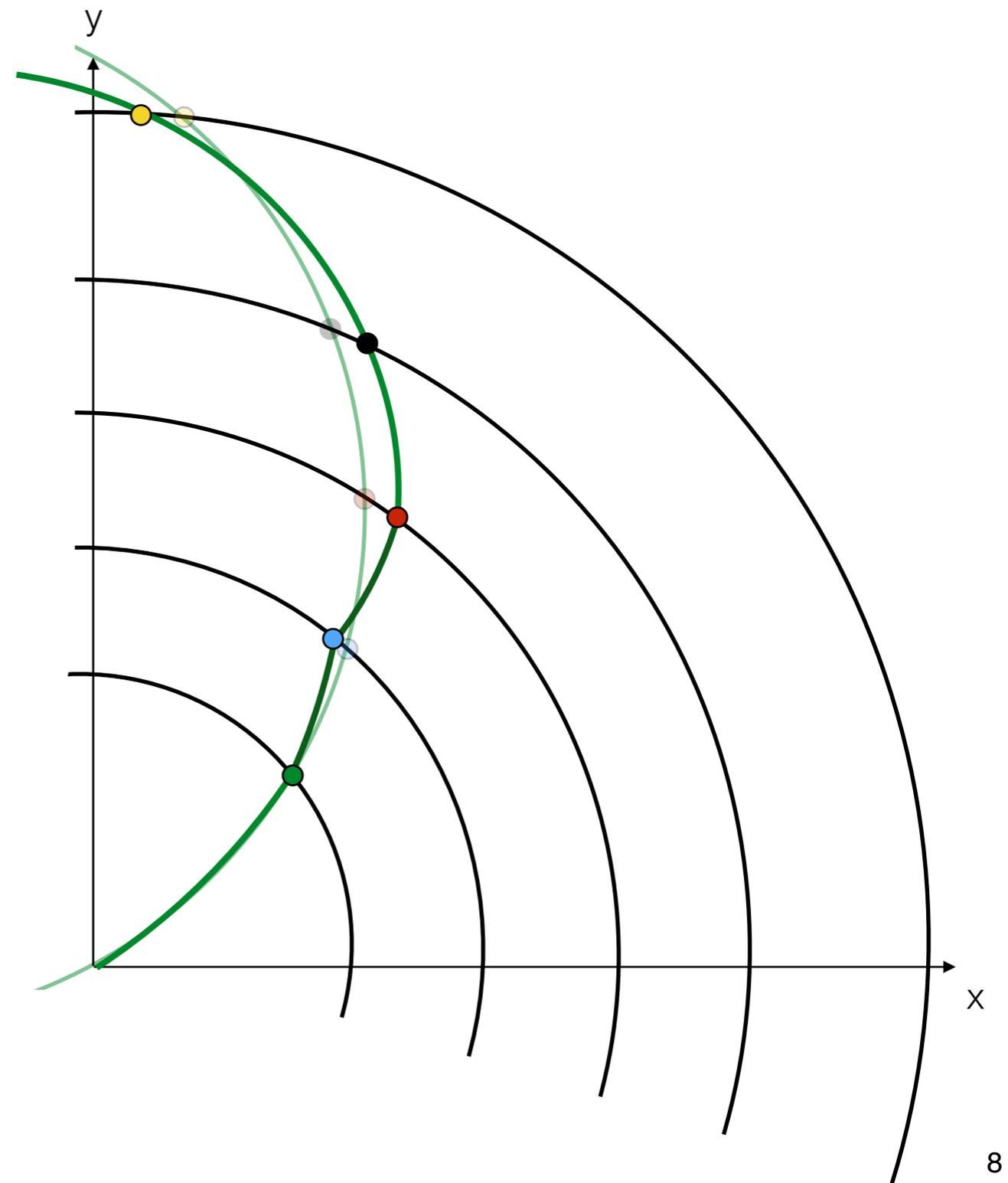
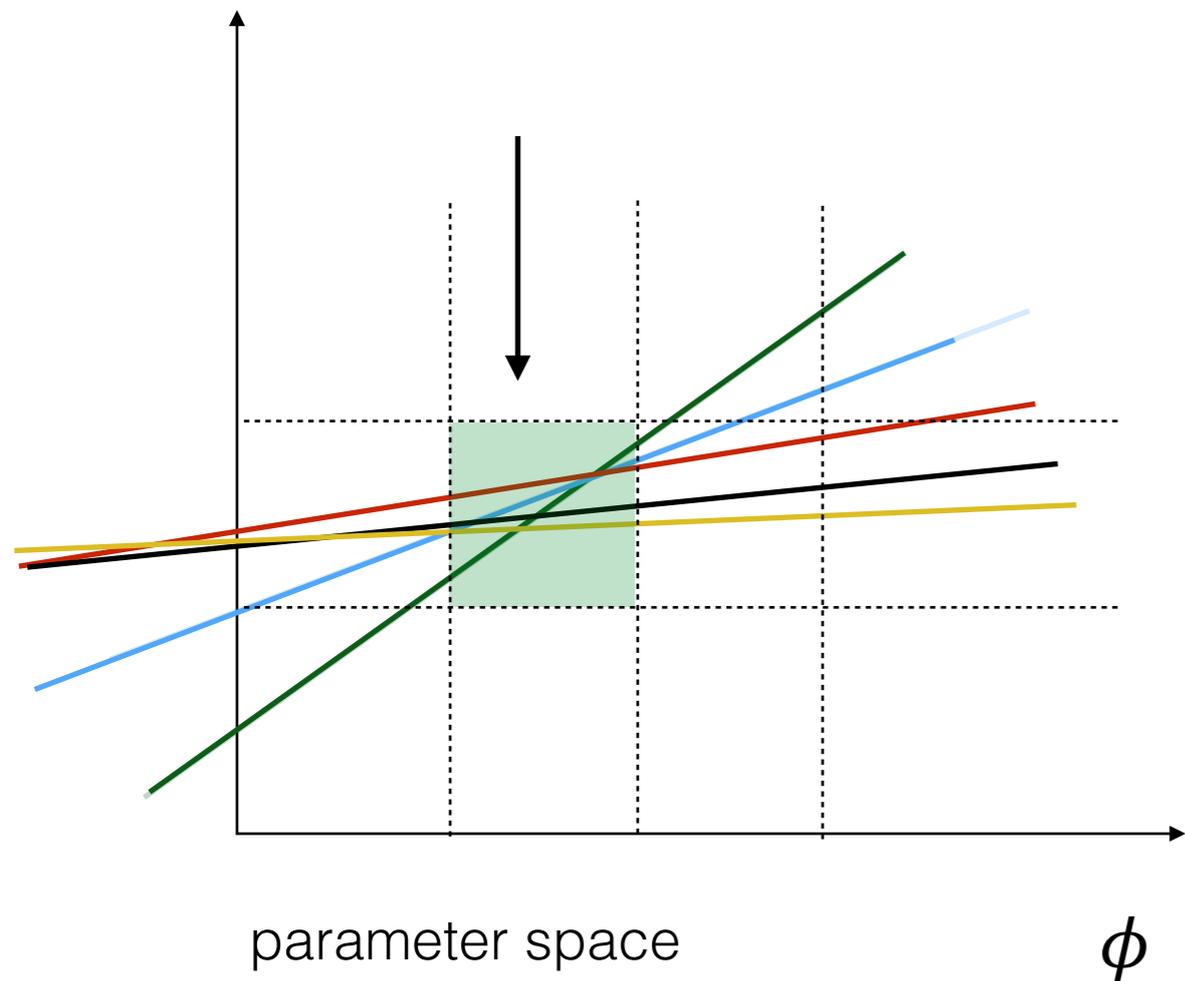
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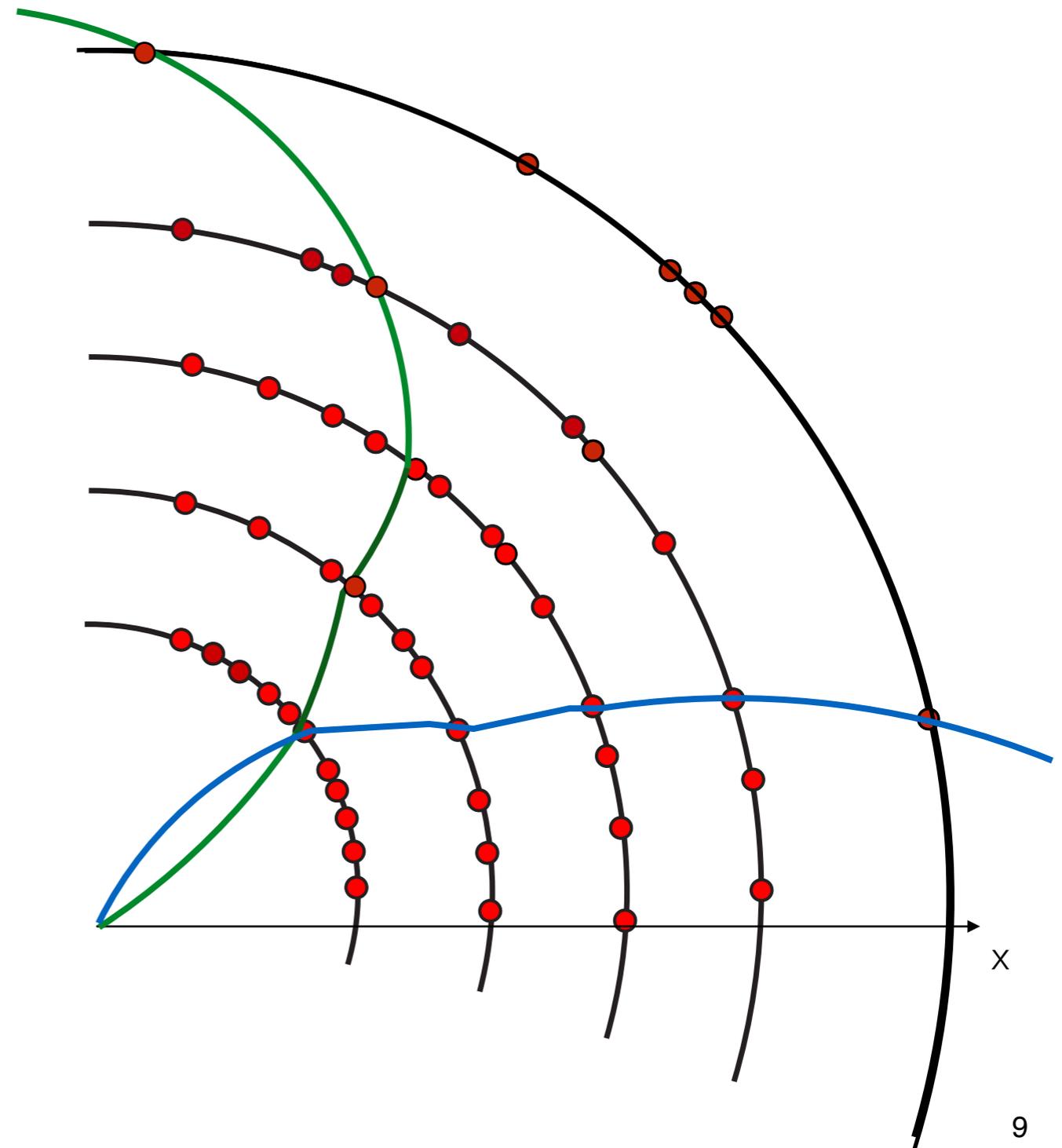
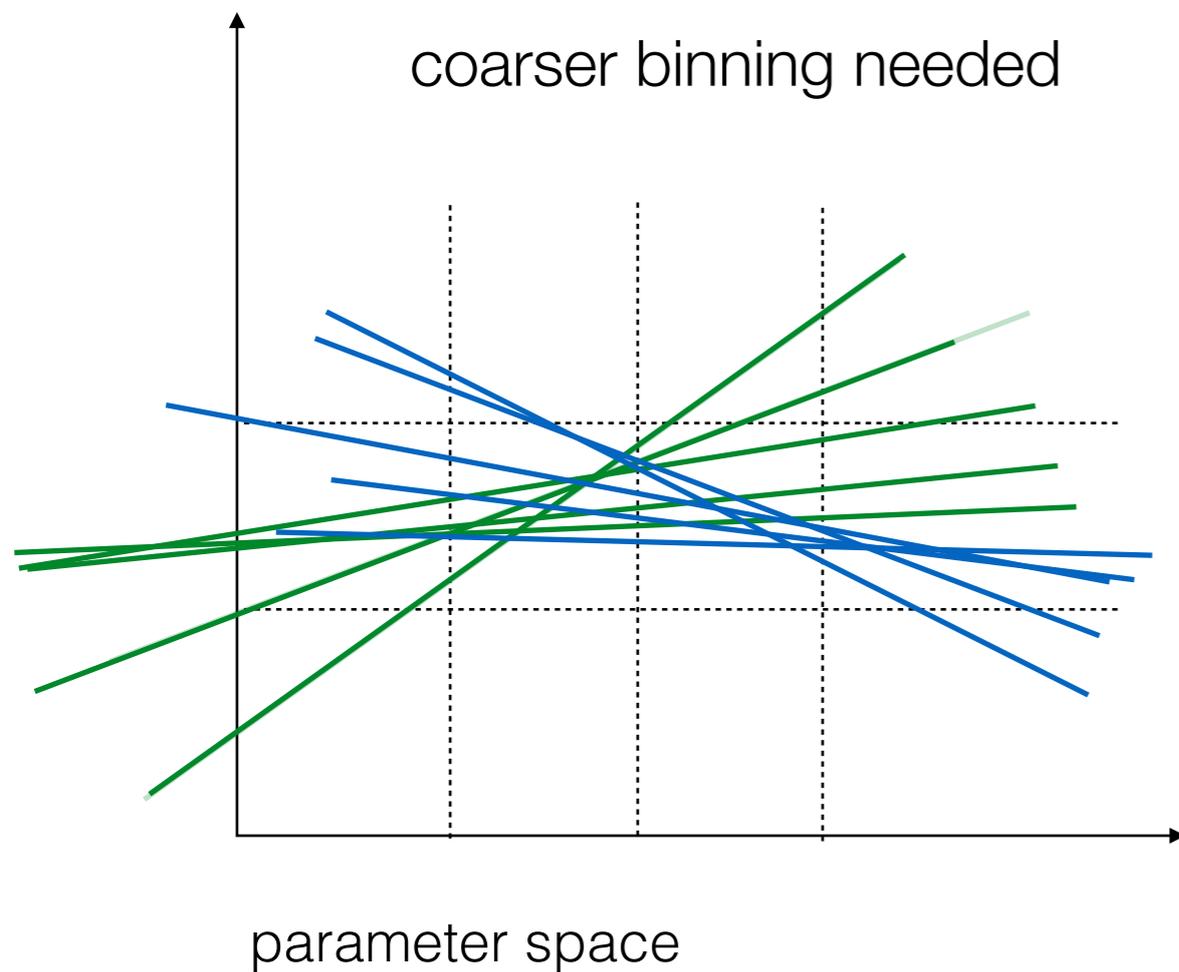
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 - reality is a bitch though:
material interaction, inhomogenous magnetic field



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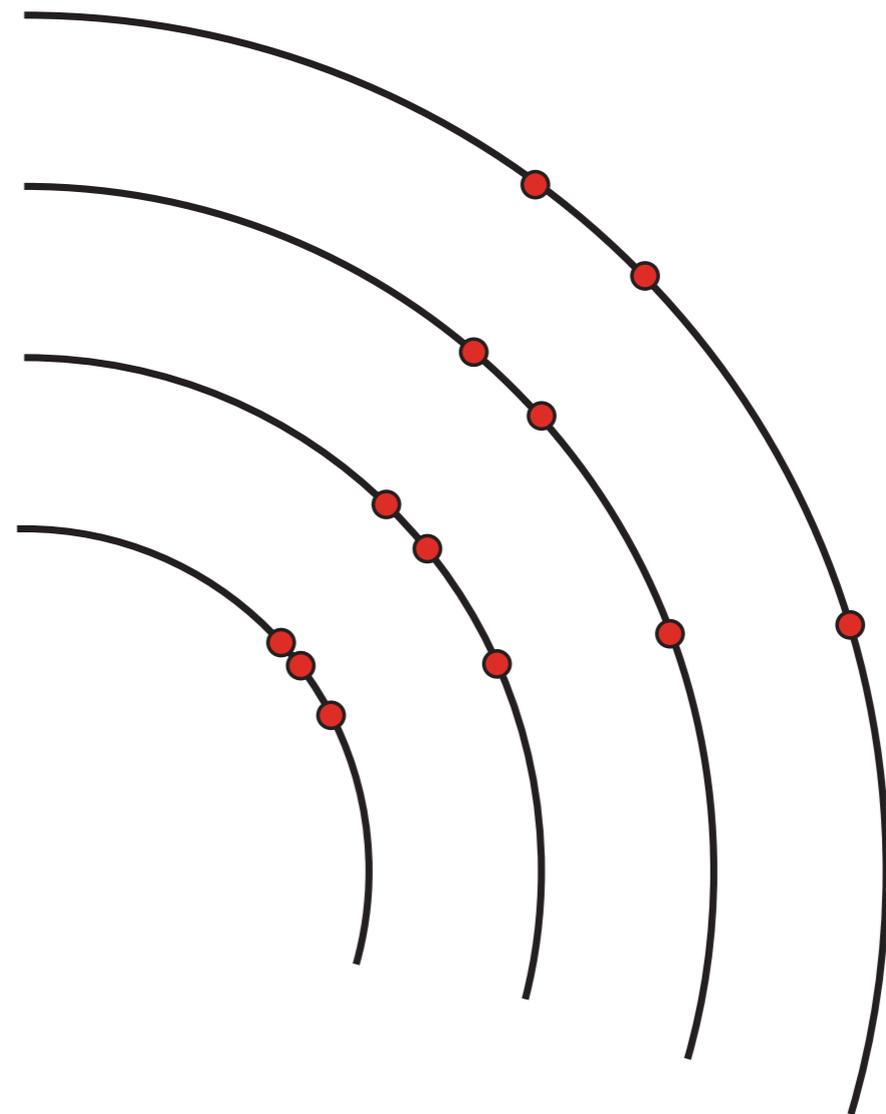
- ▶ Conformal mapping becomes difficult with high occupancy and project noise

this leads to inefficiencies



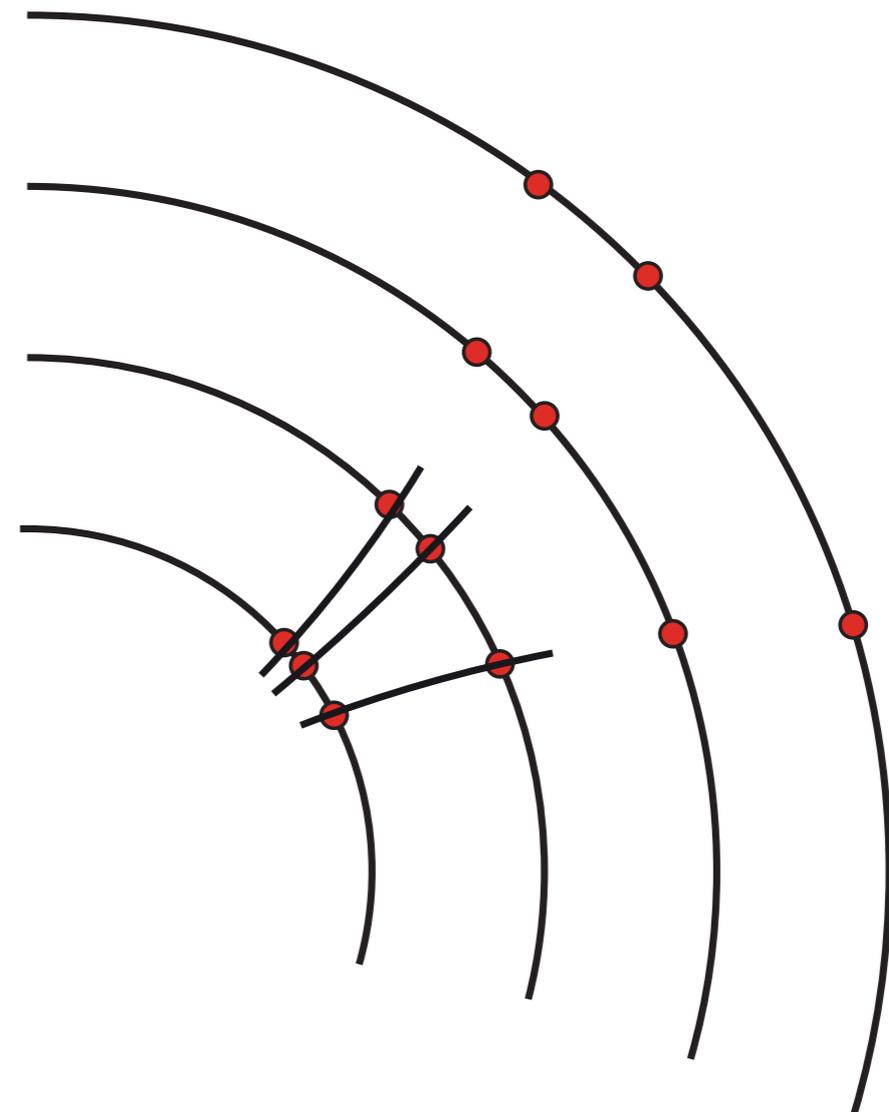
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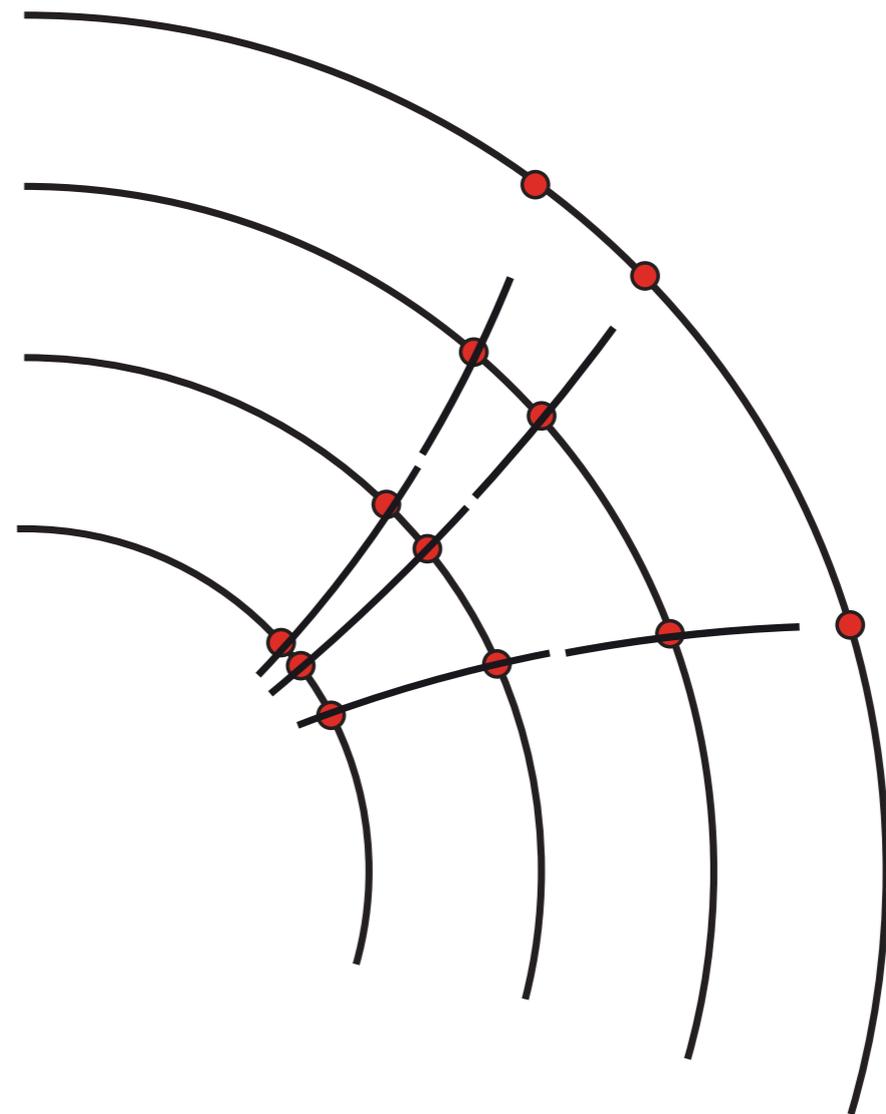
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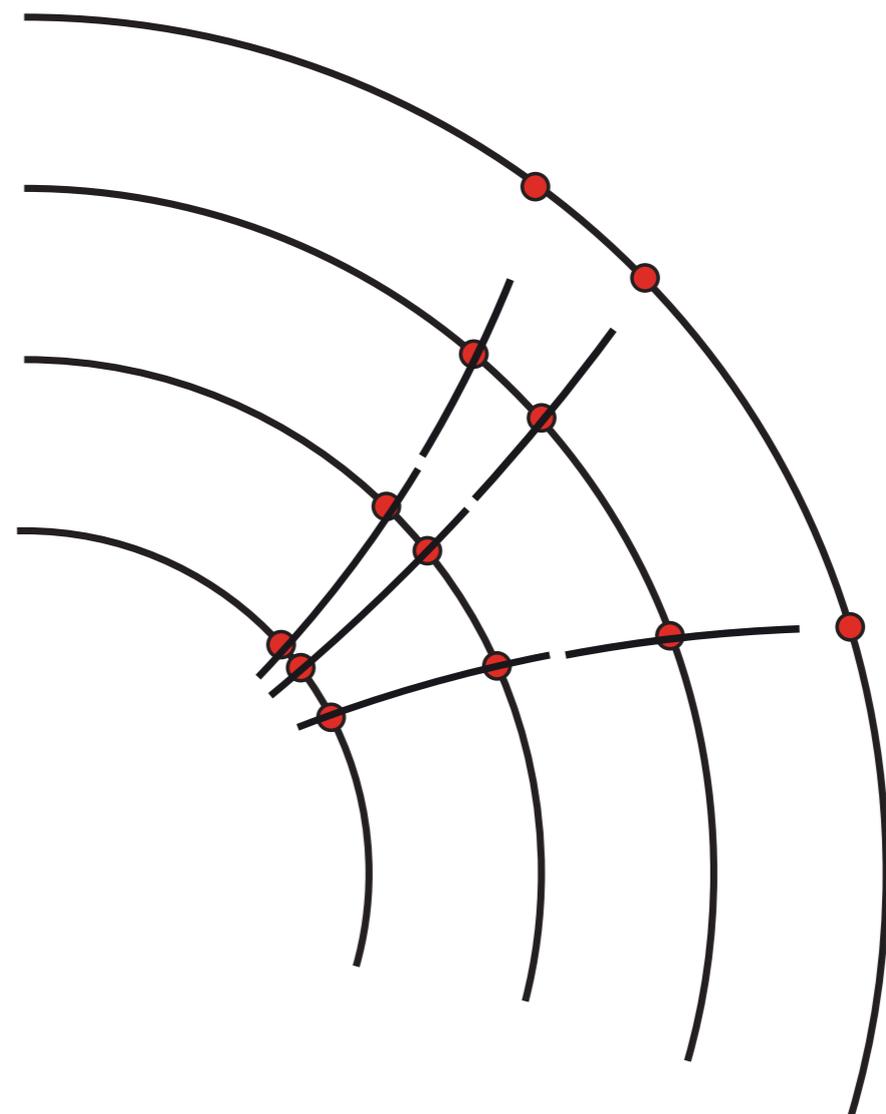
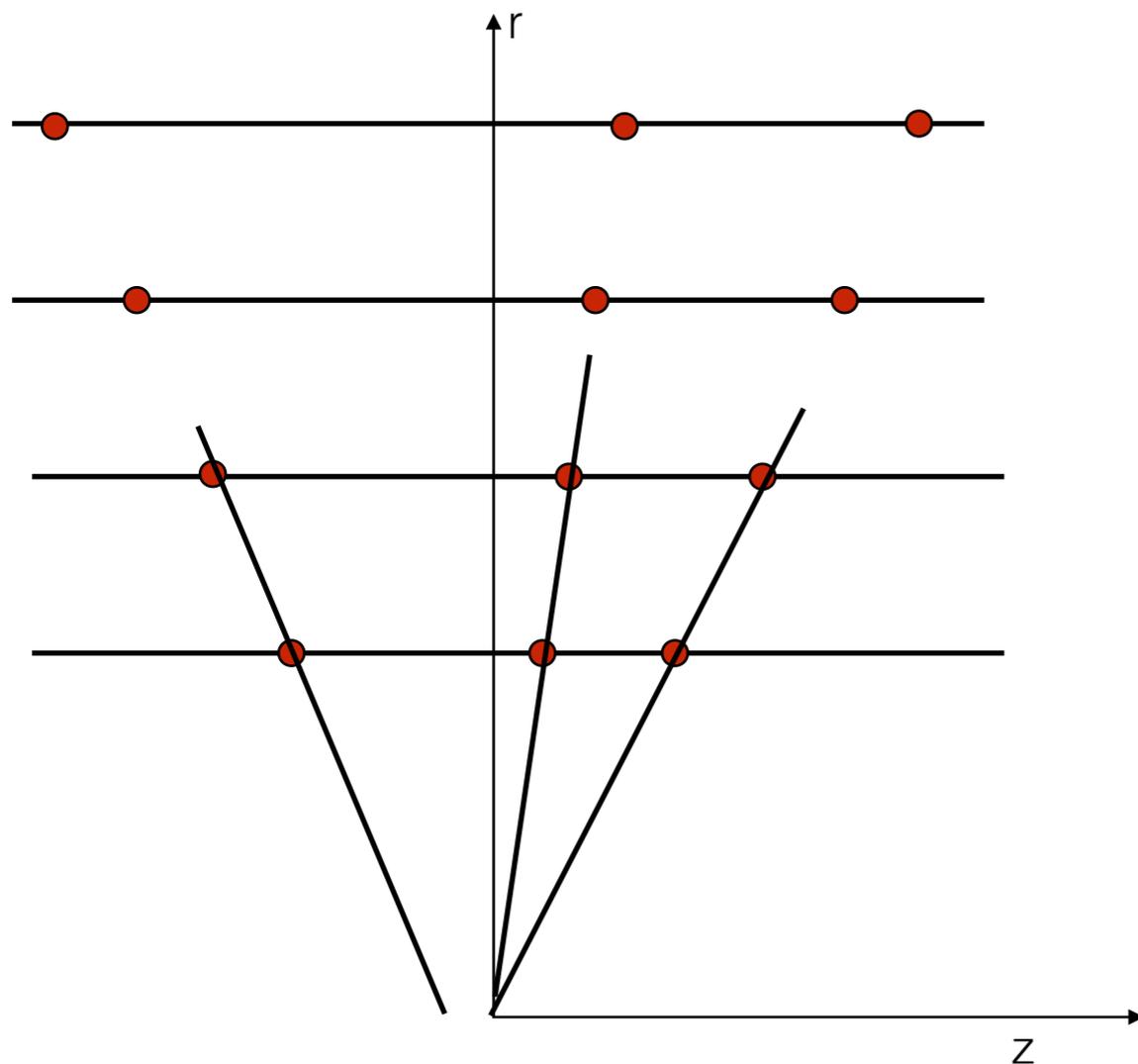
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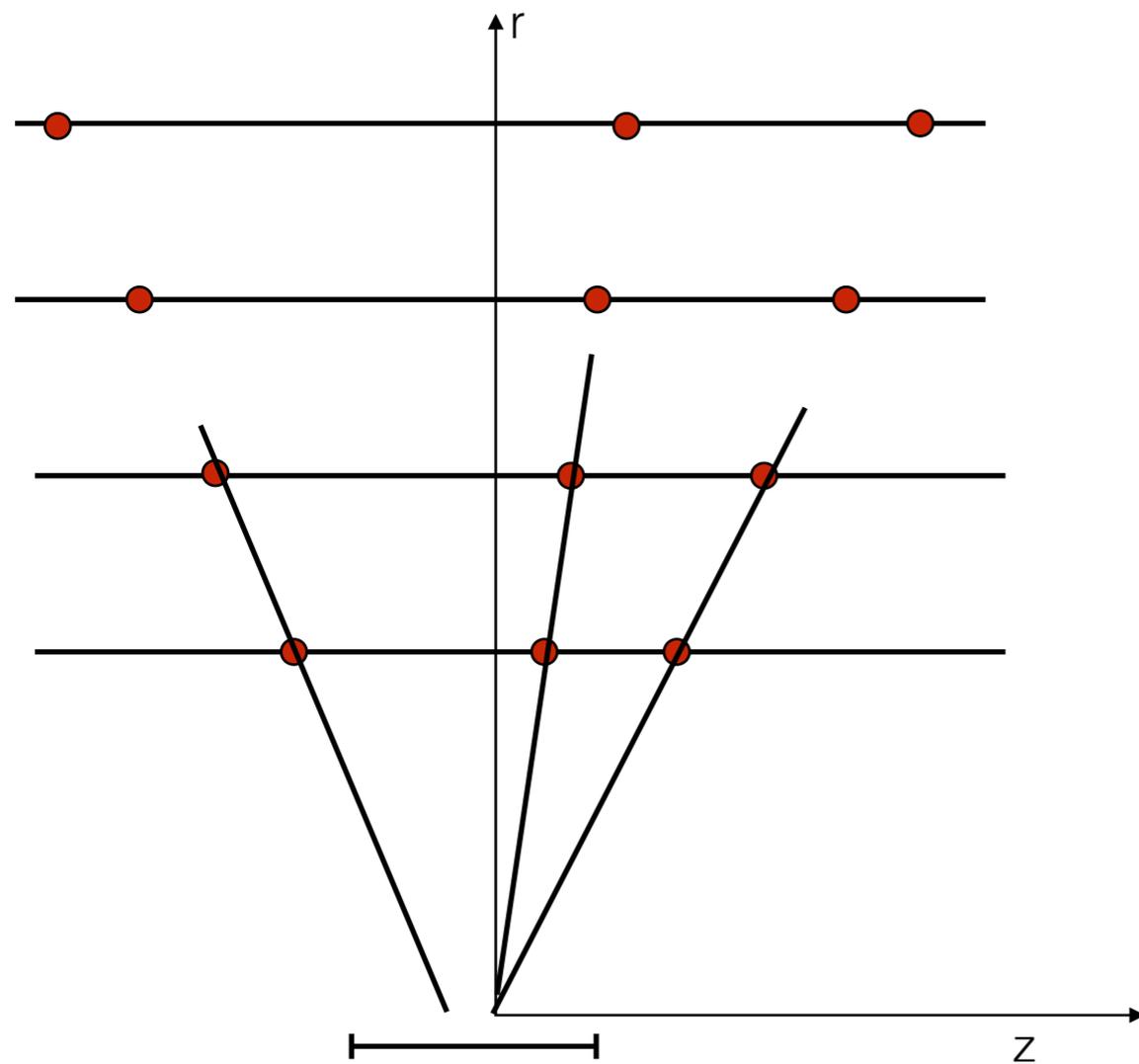
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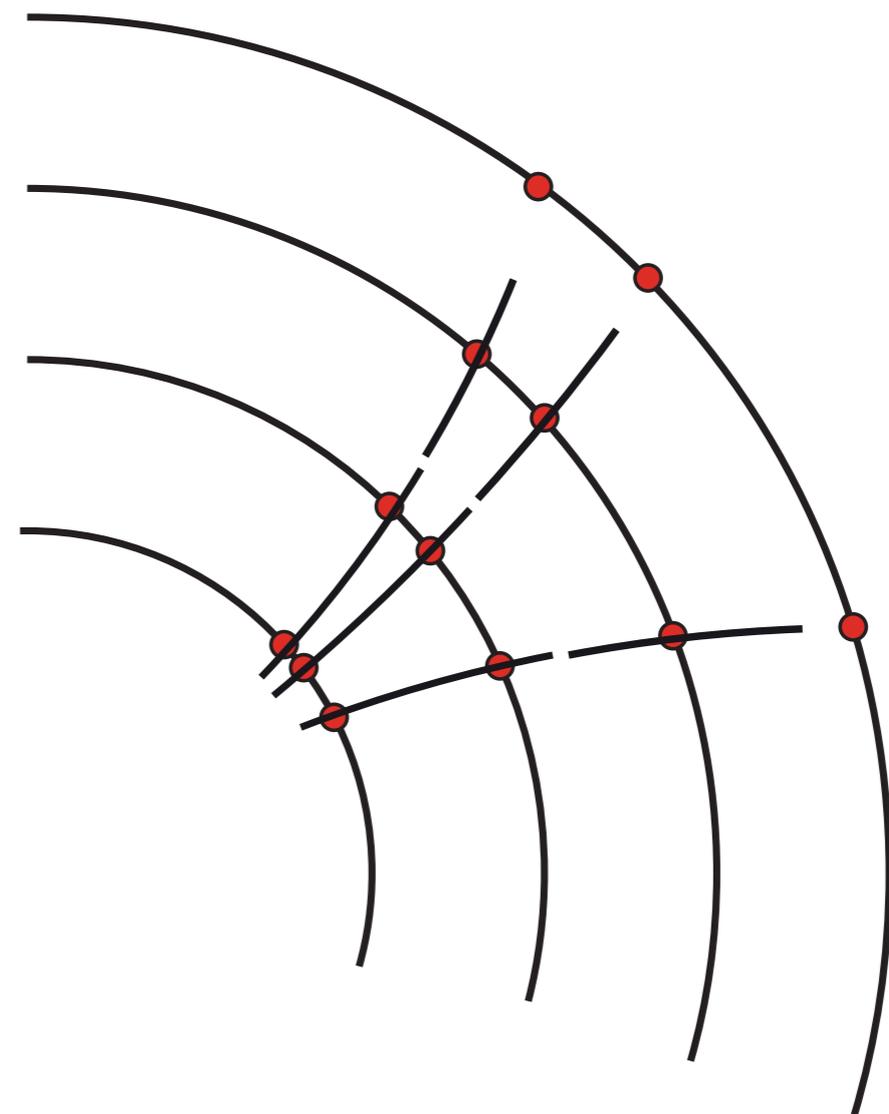


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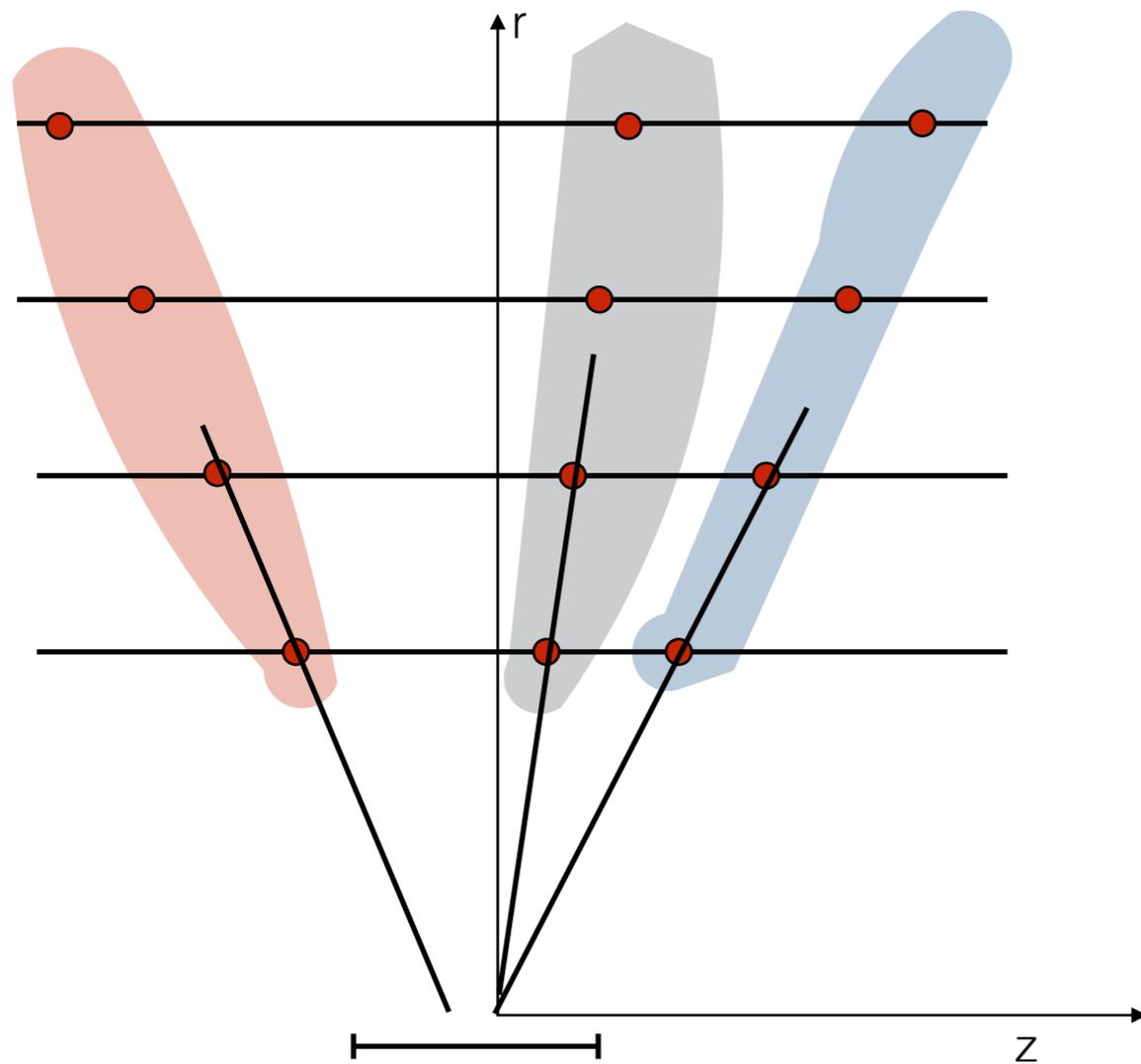


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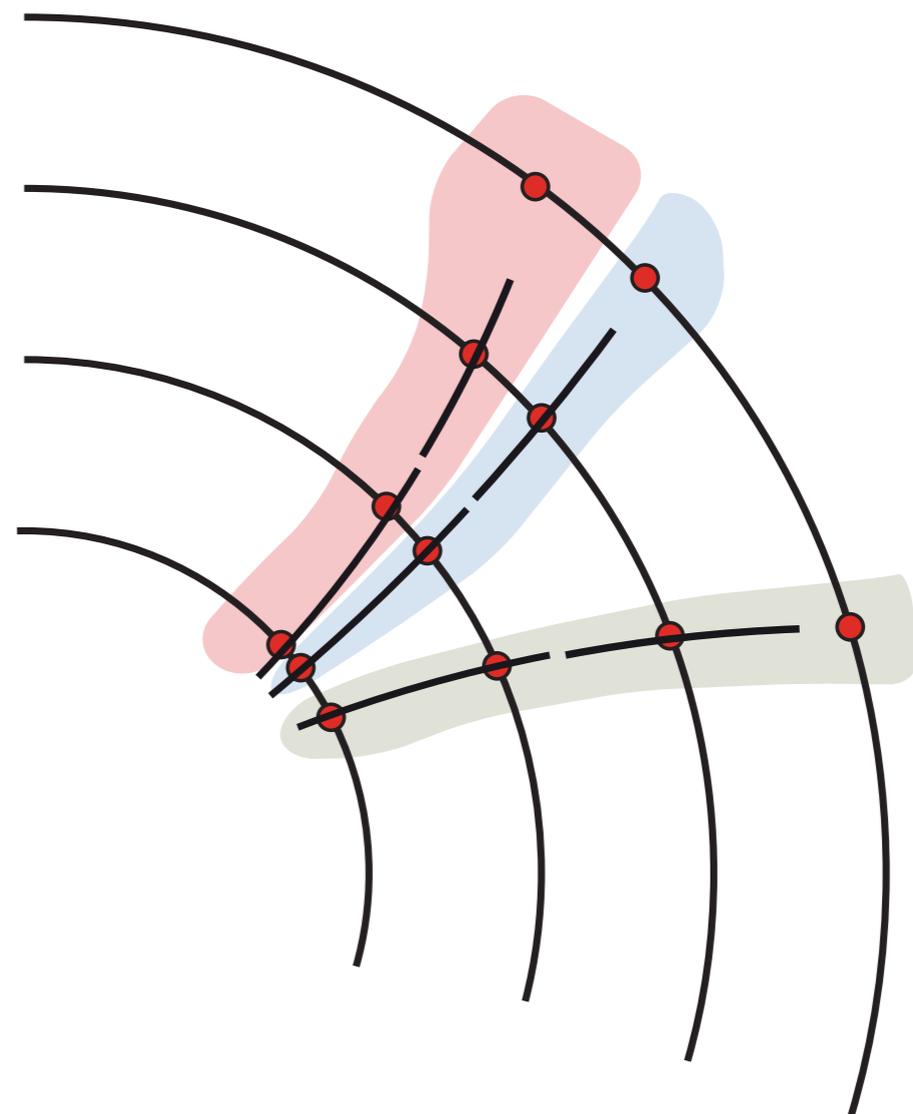


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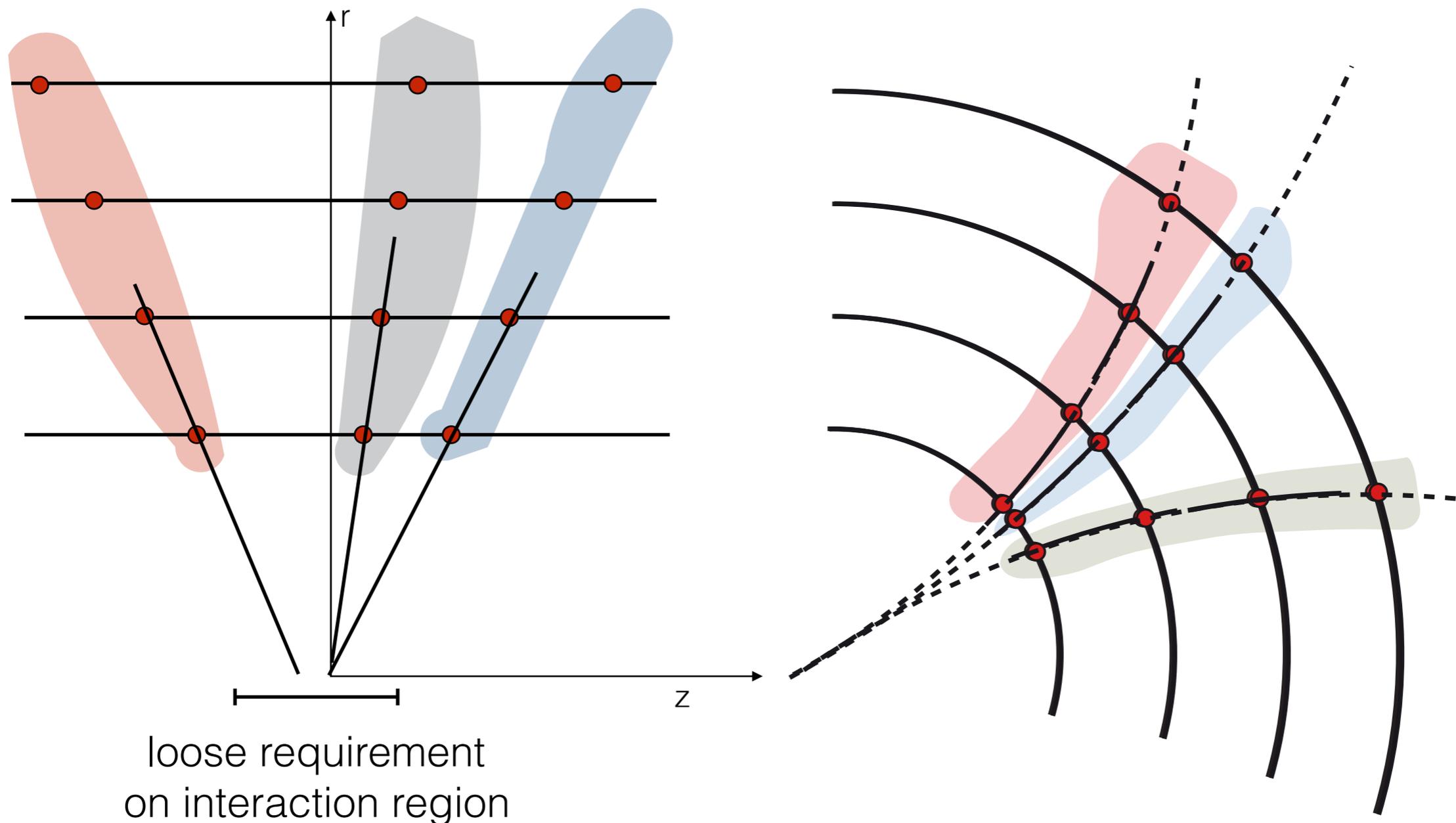


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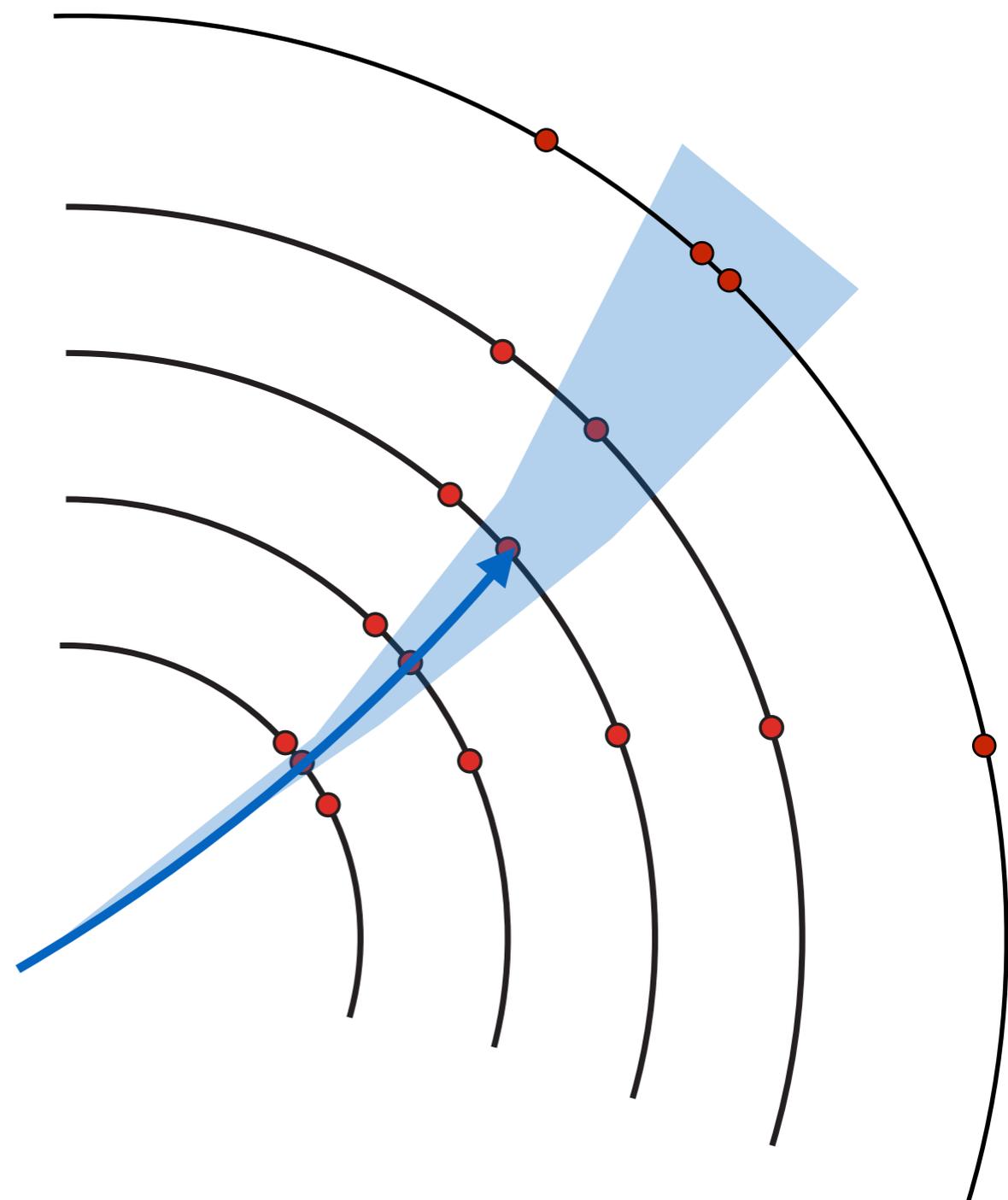
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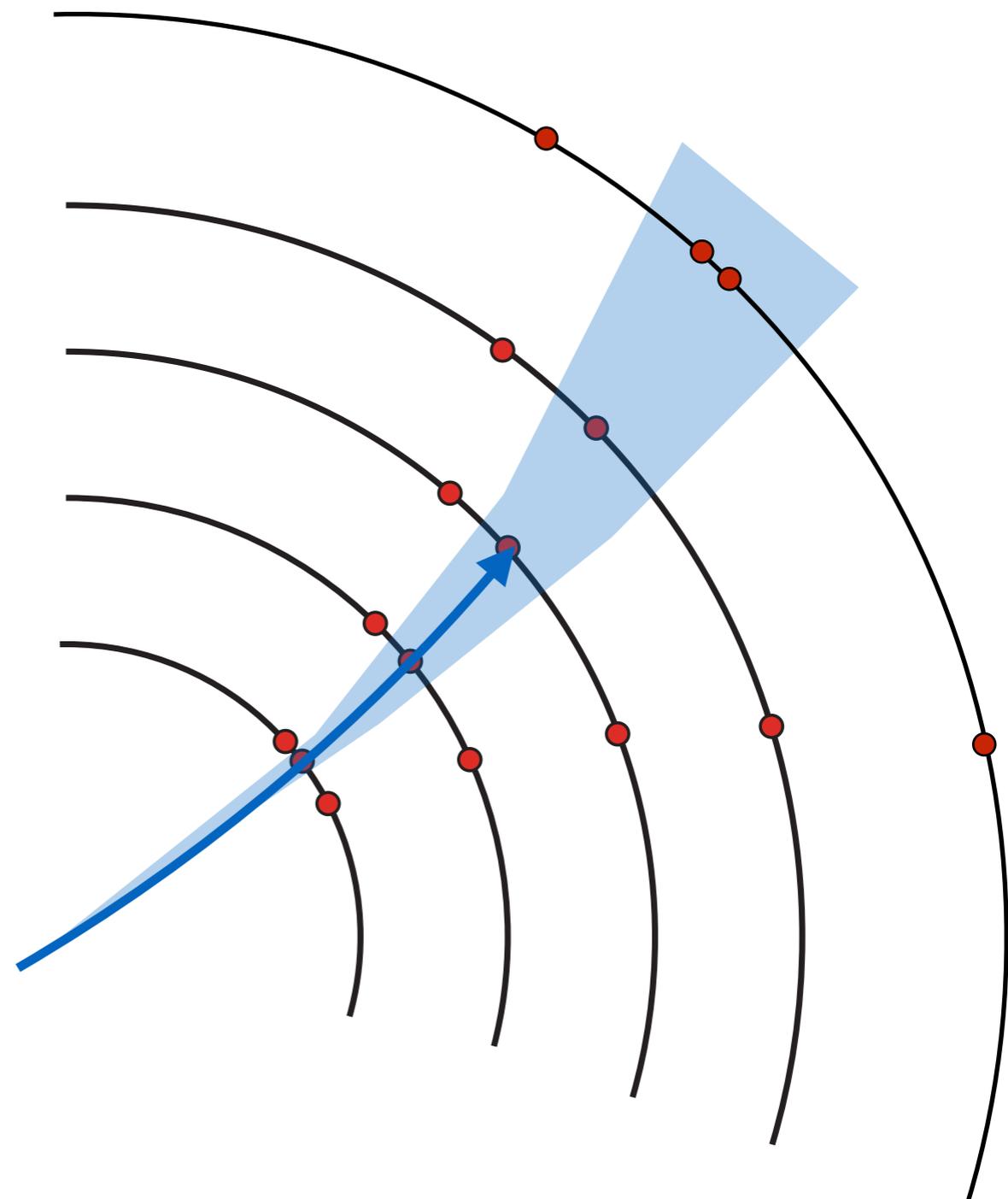
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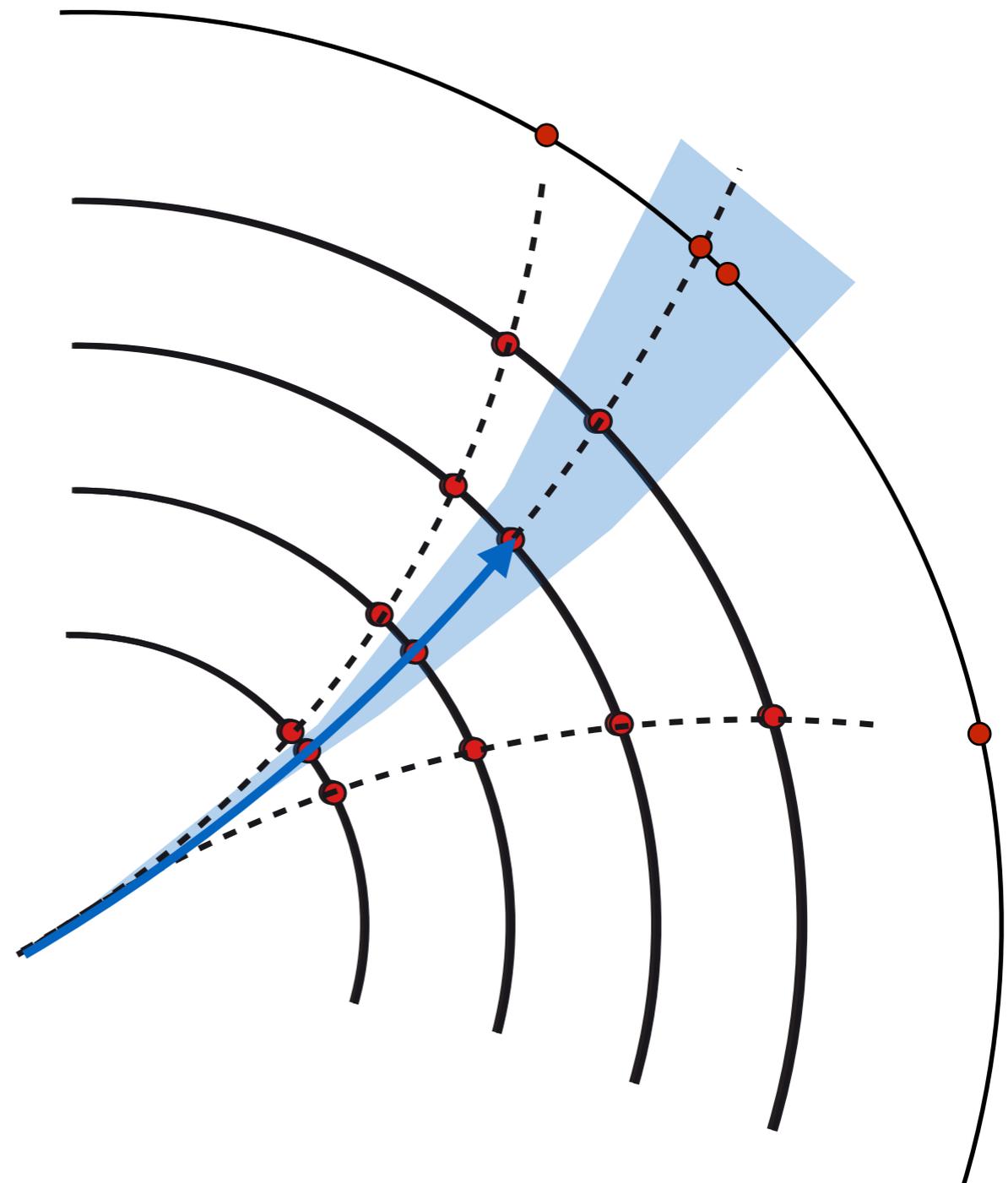
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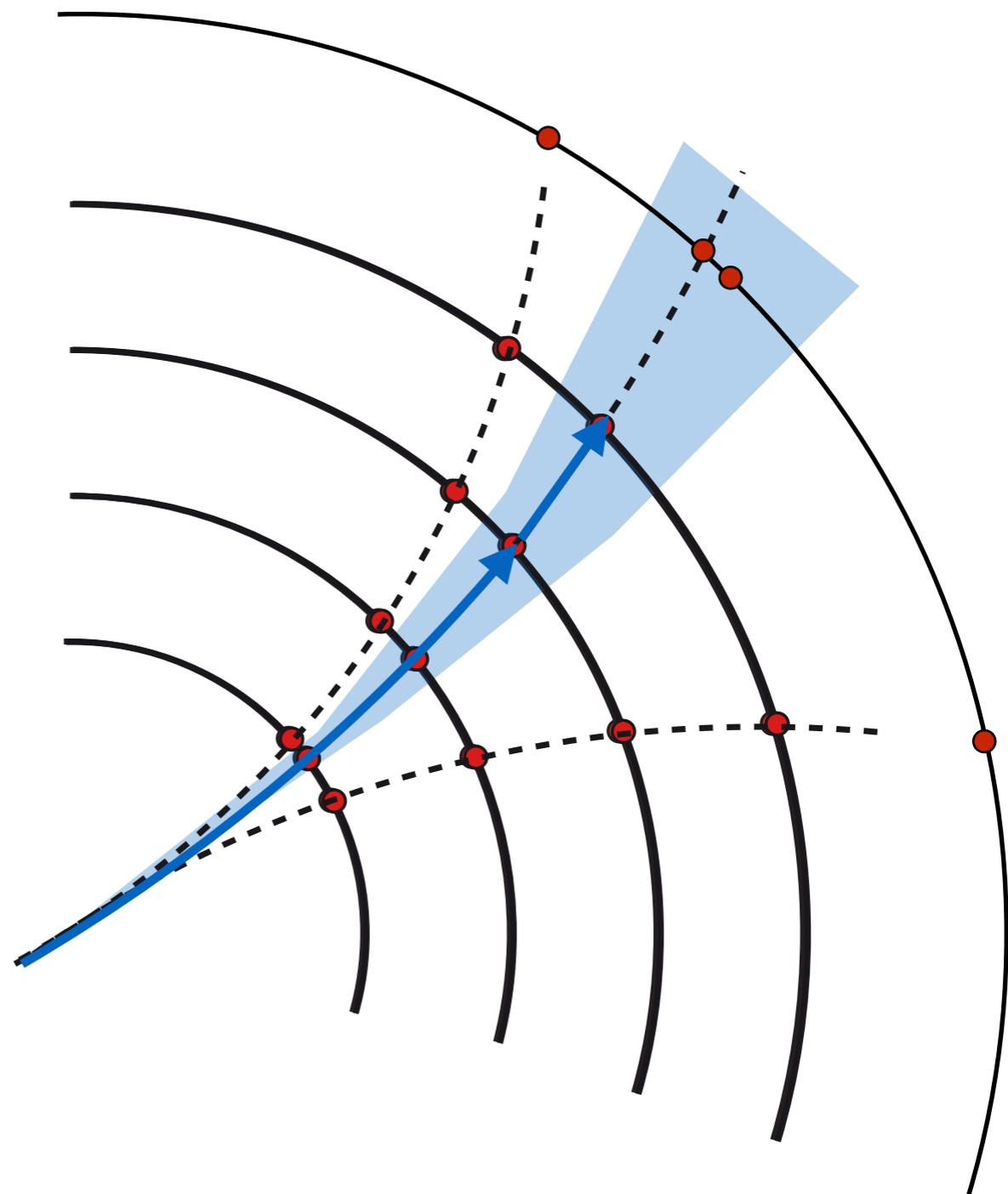
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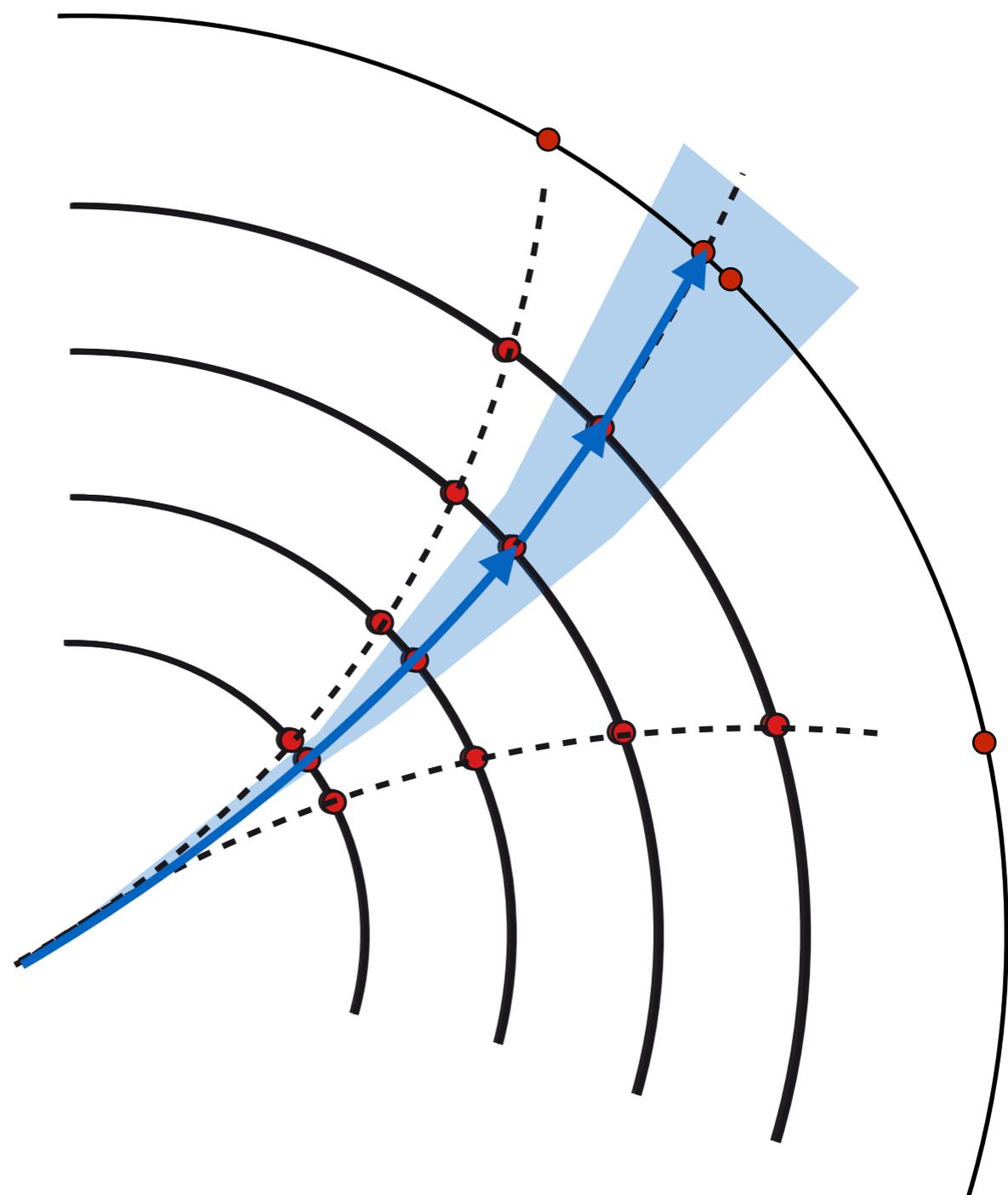
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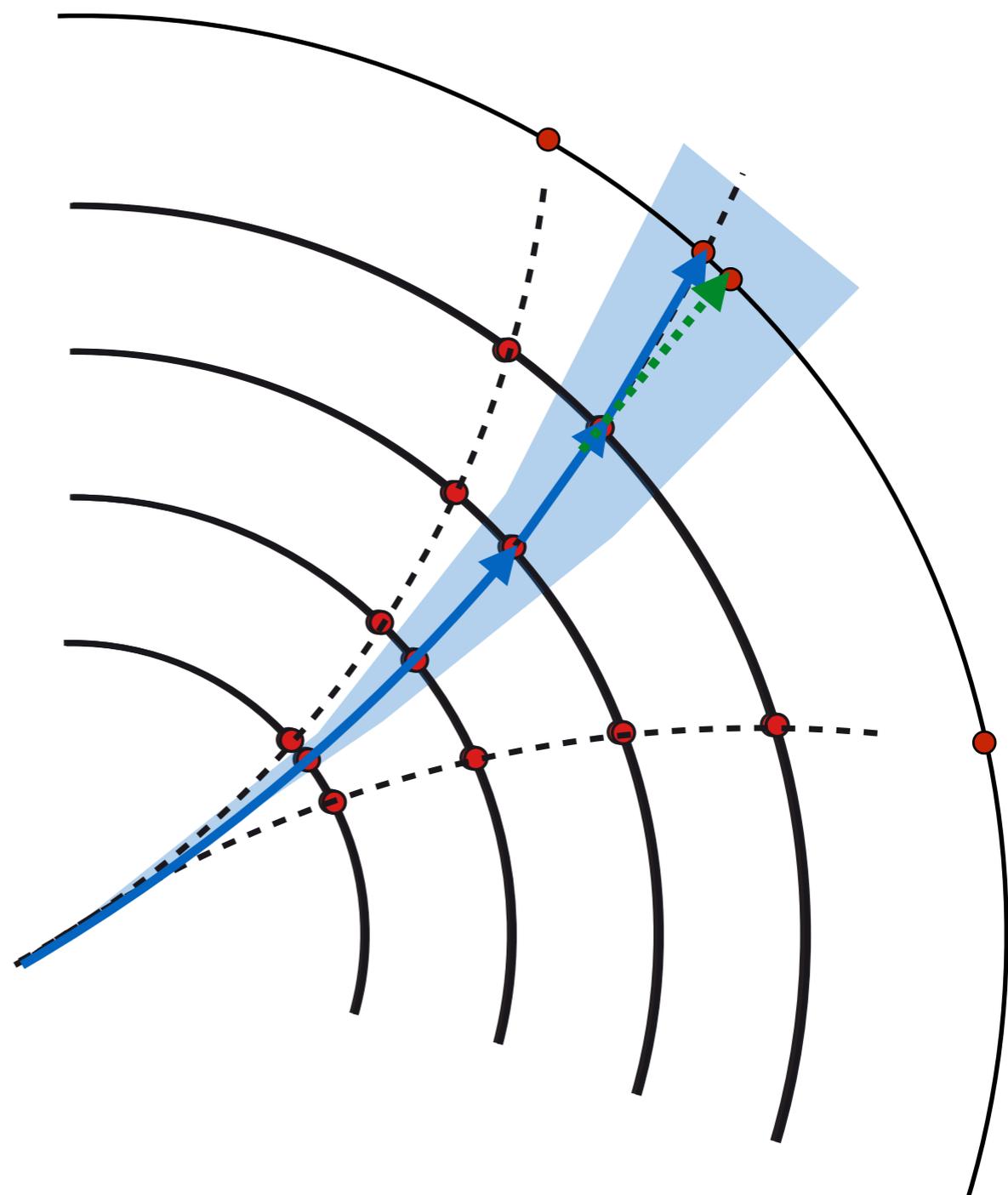
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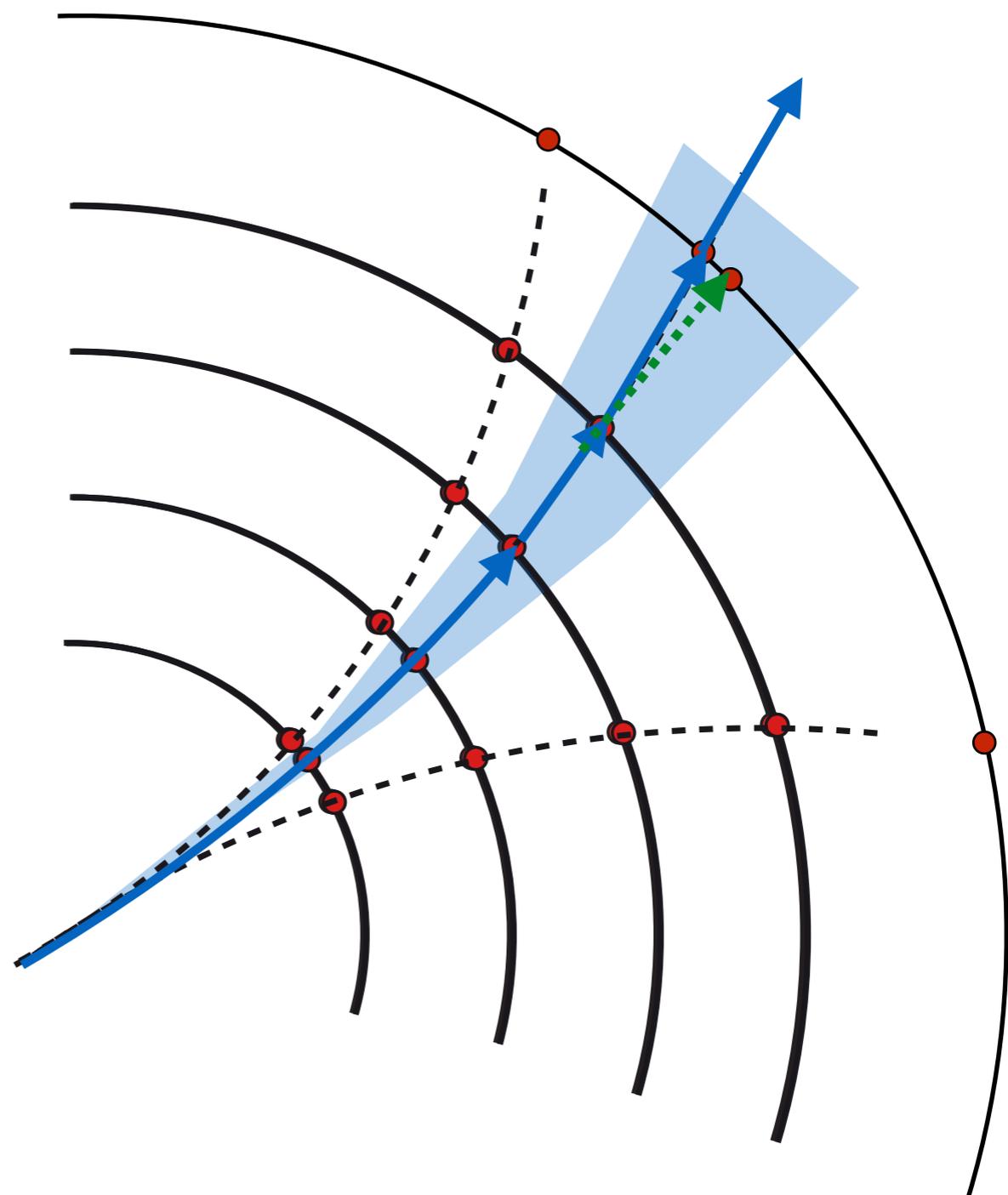
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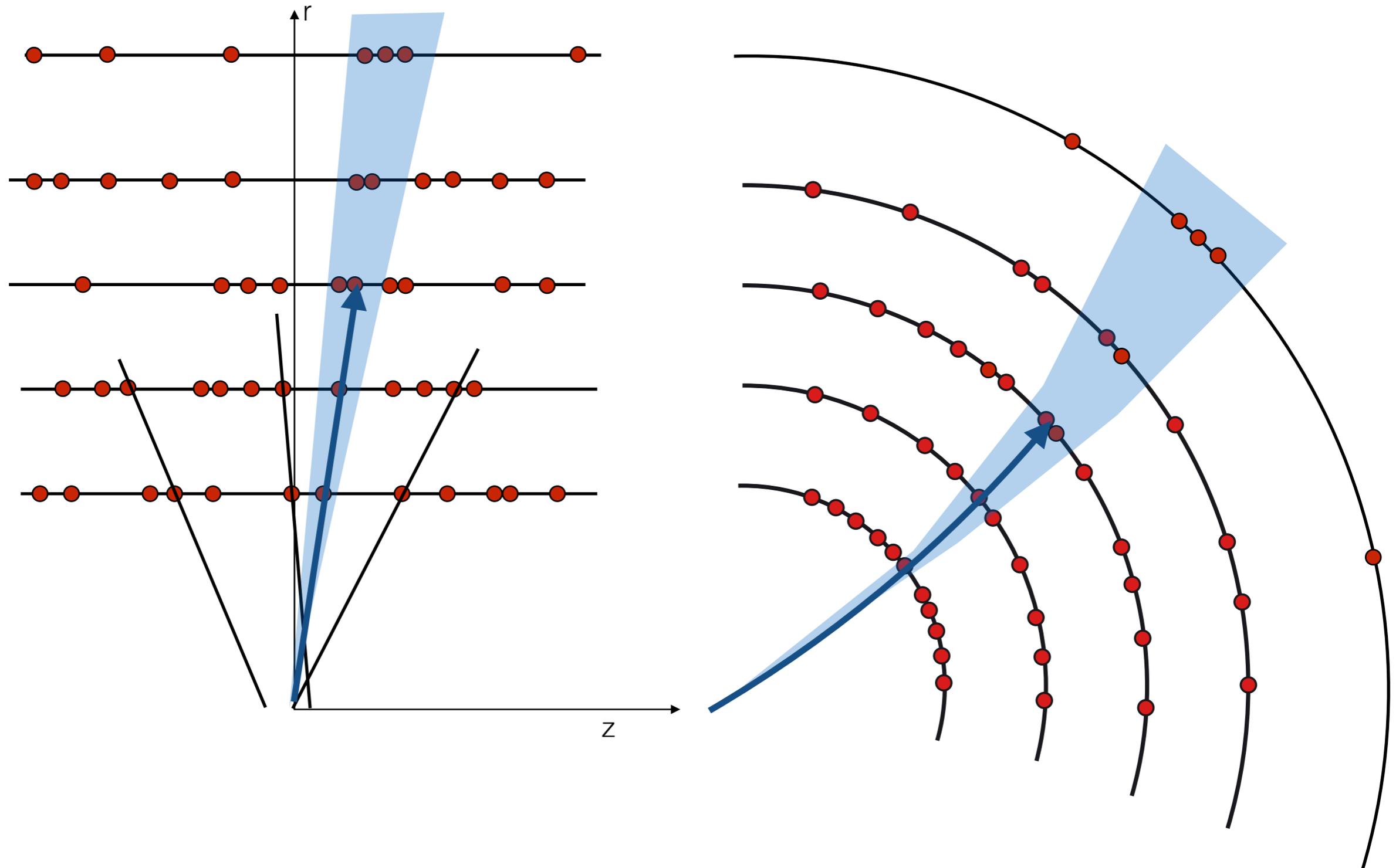
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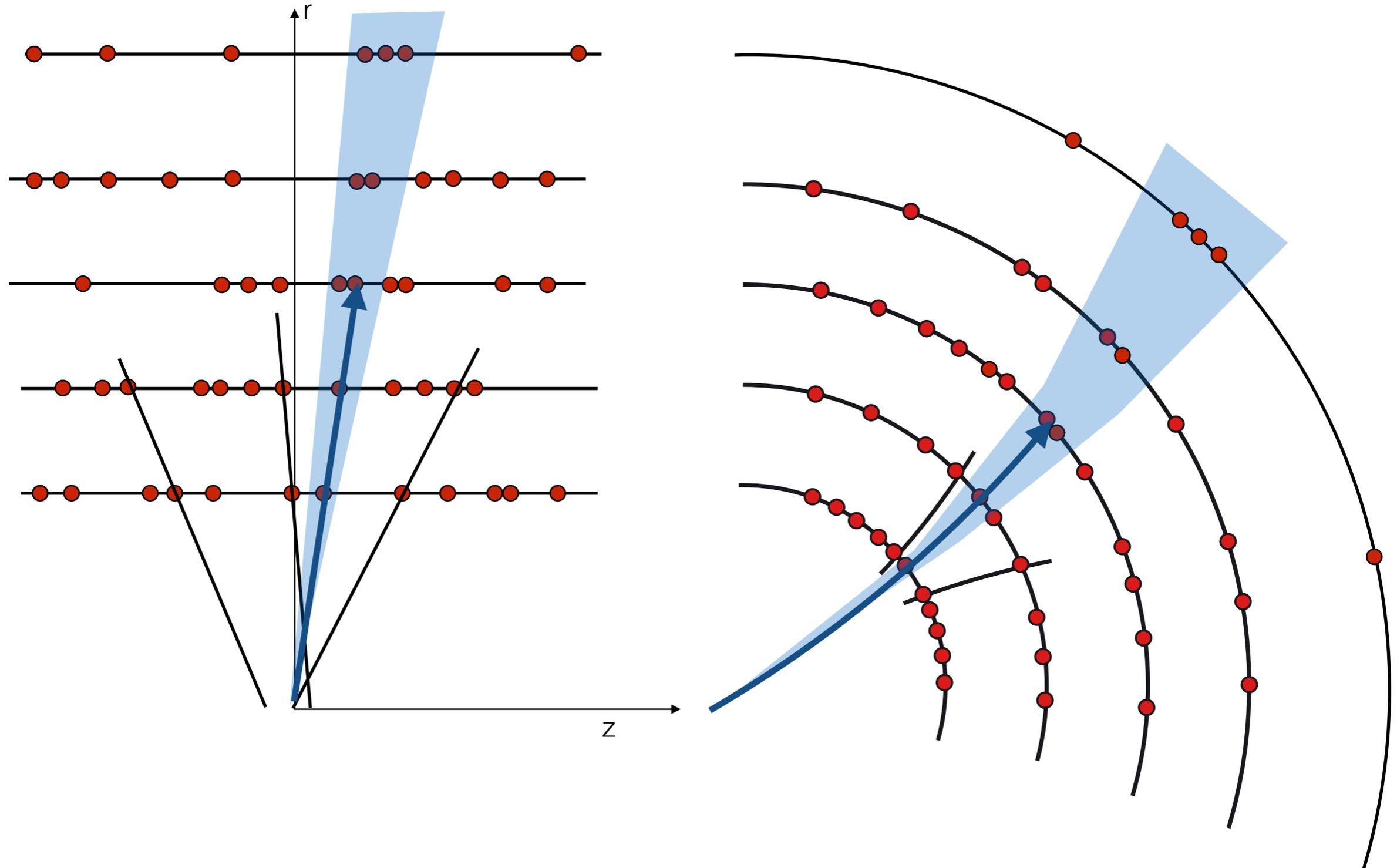
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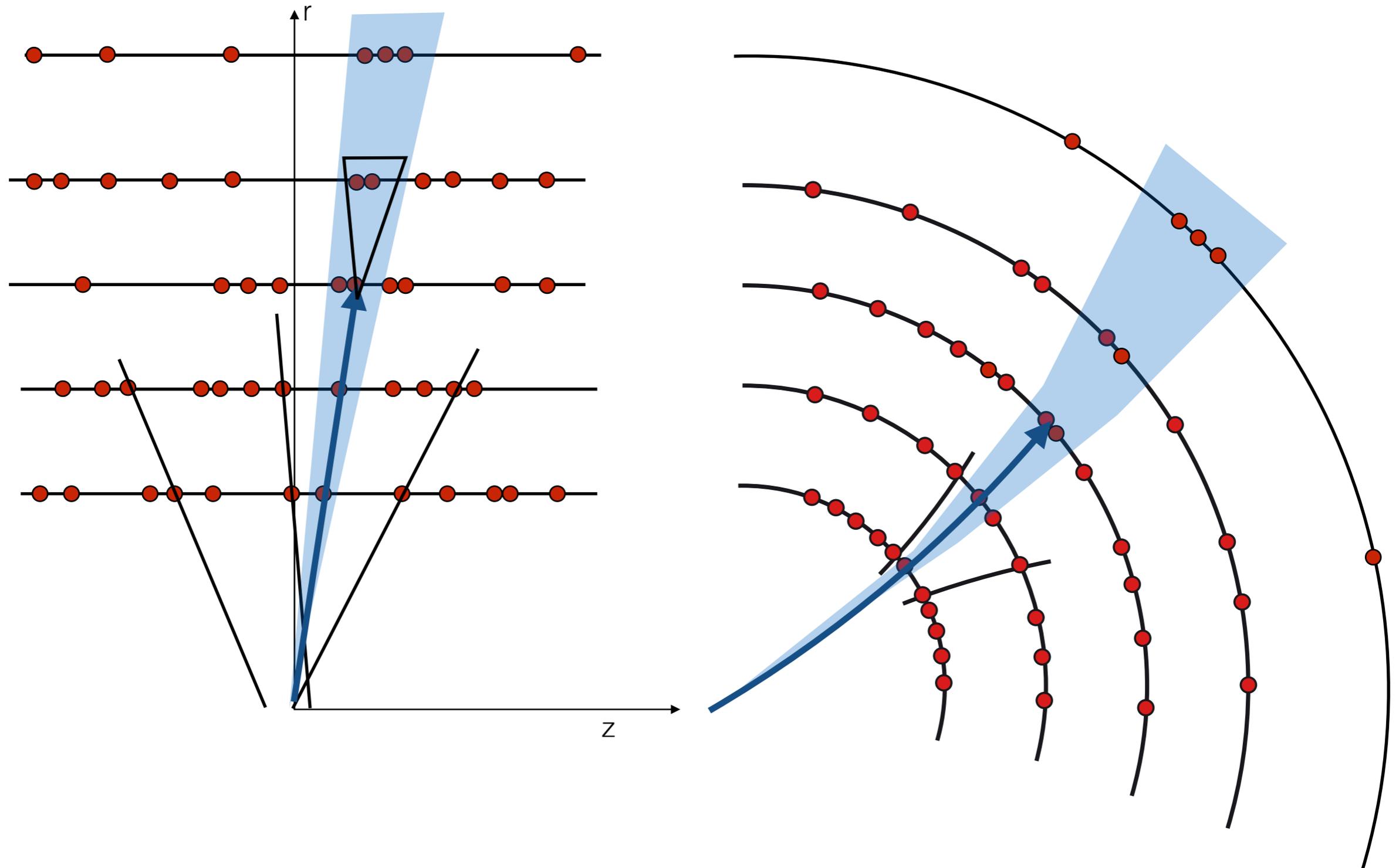
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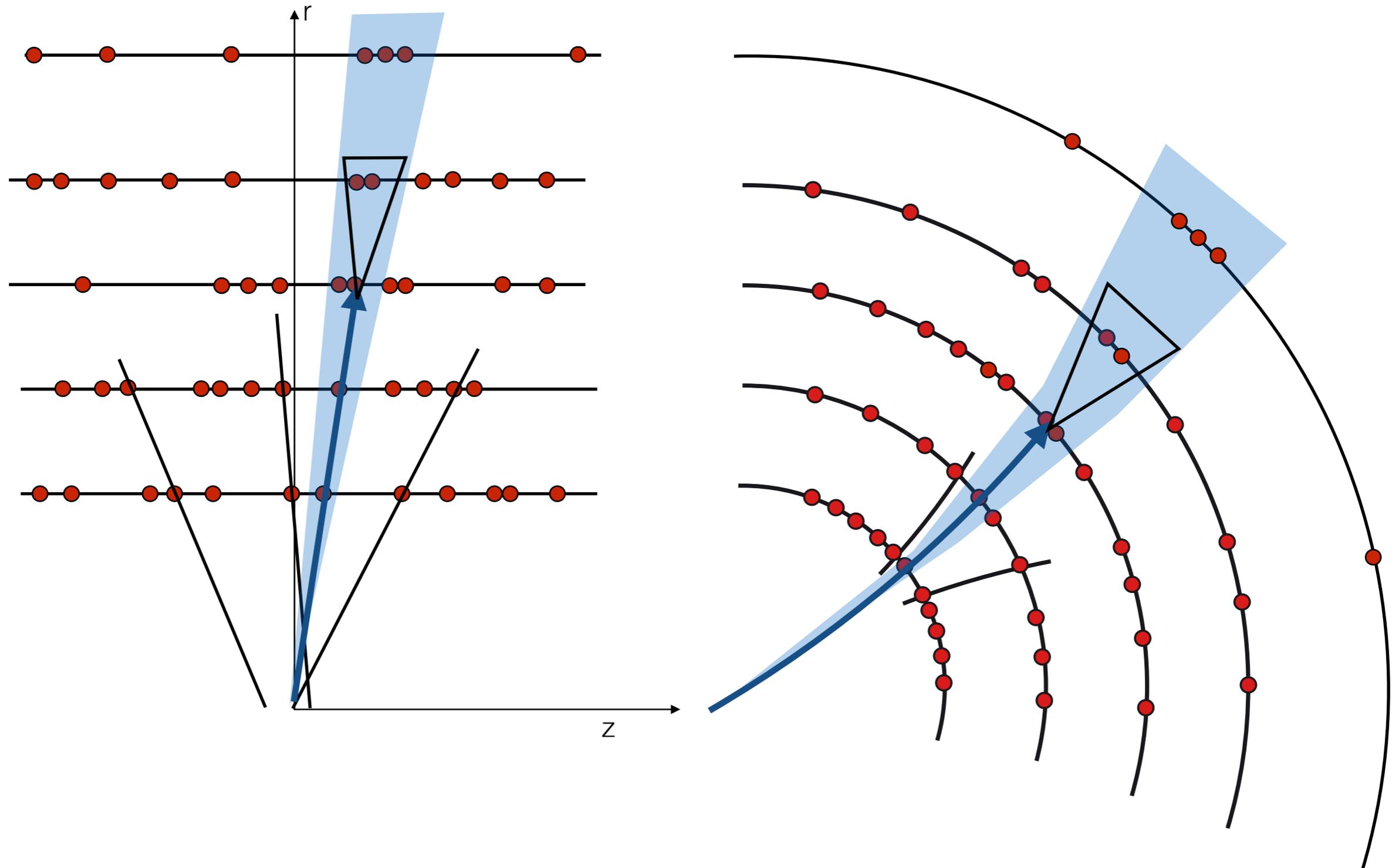
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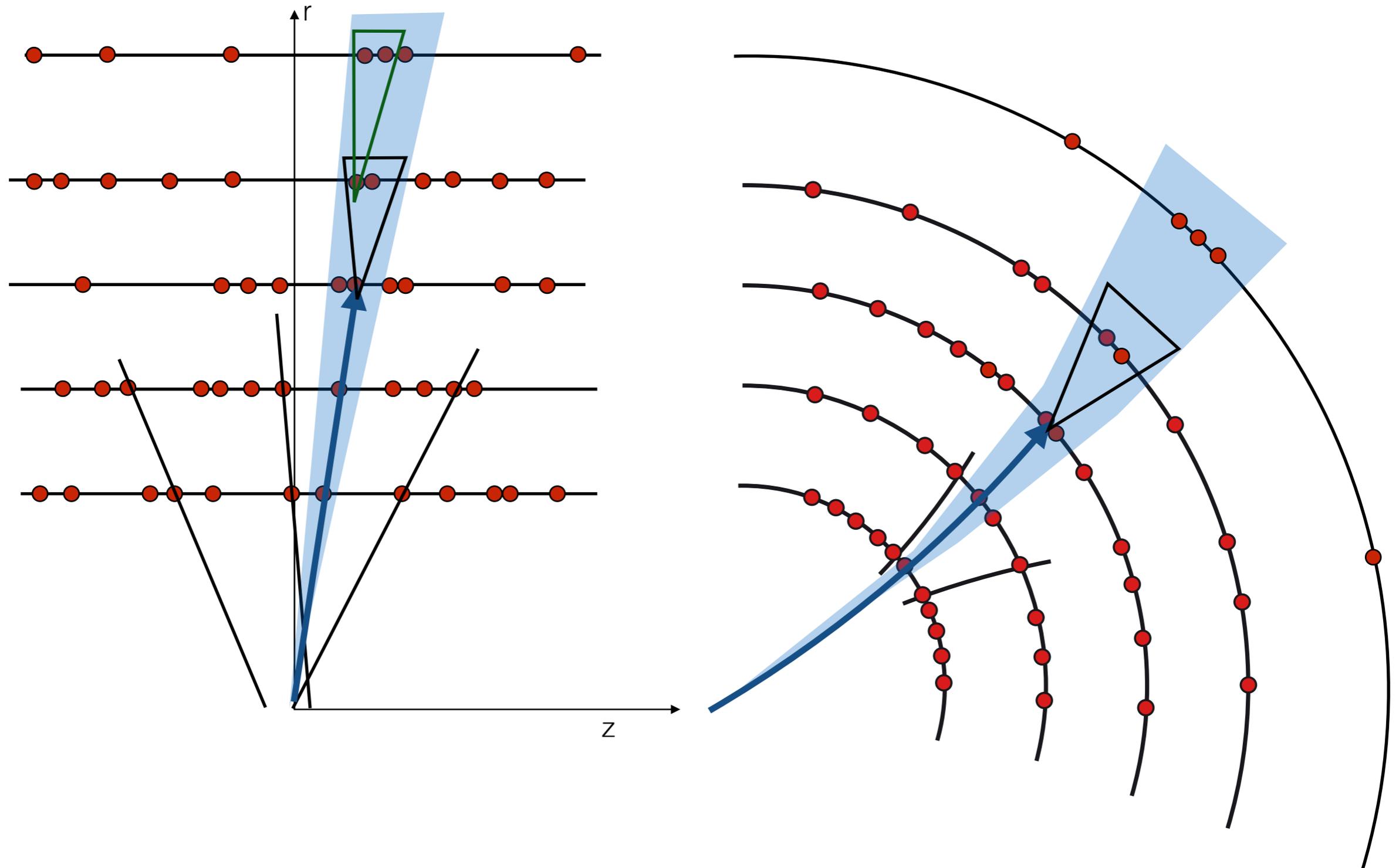
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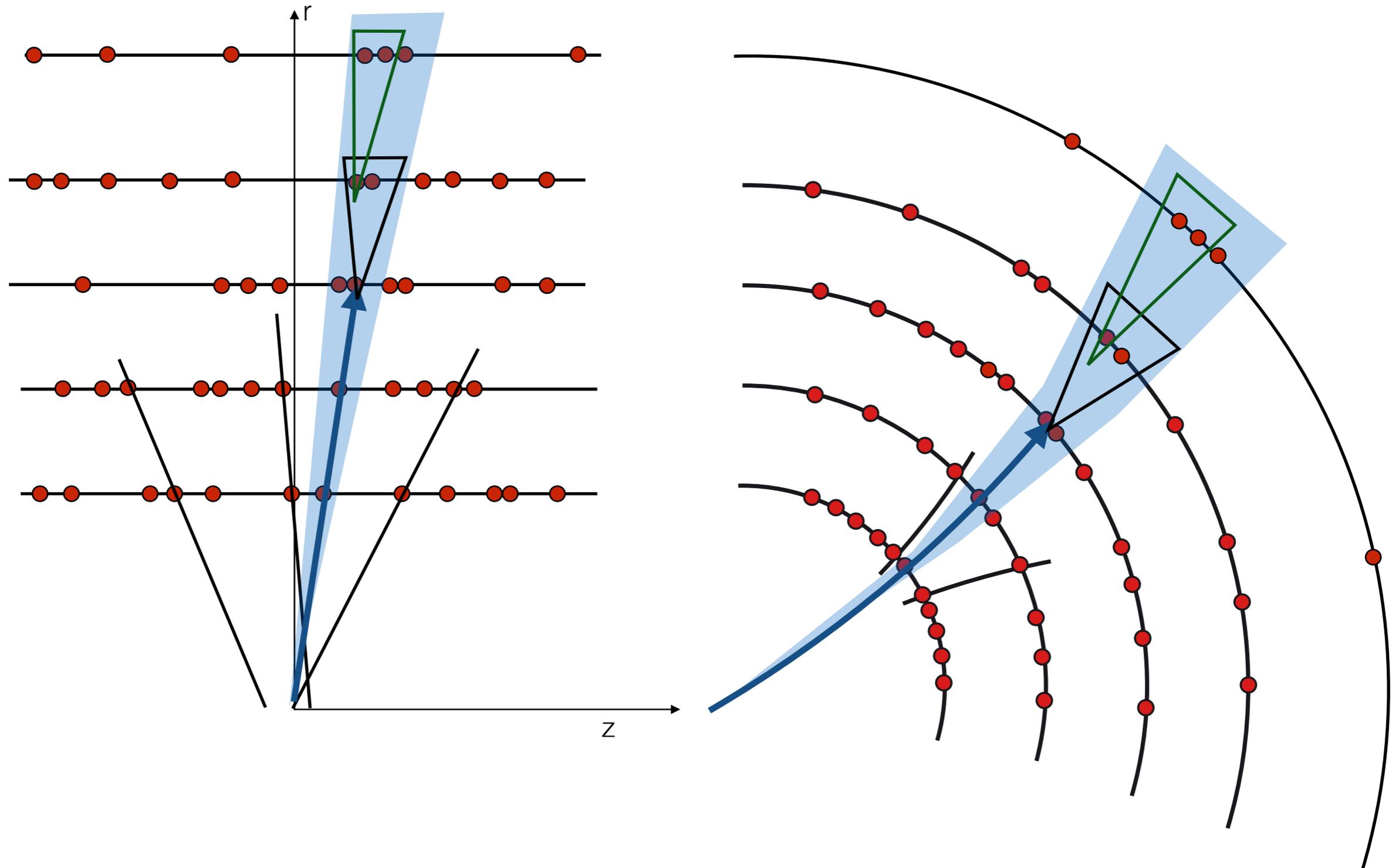
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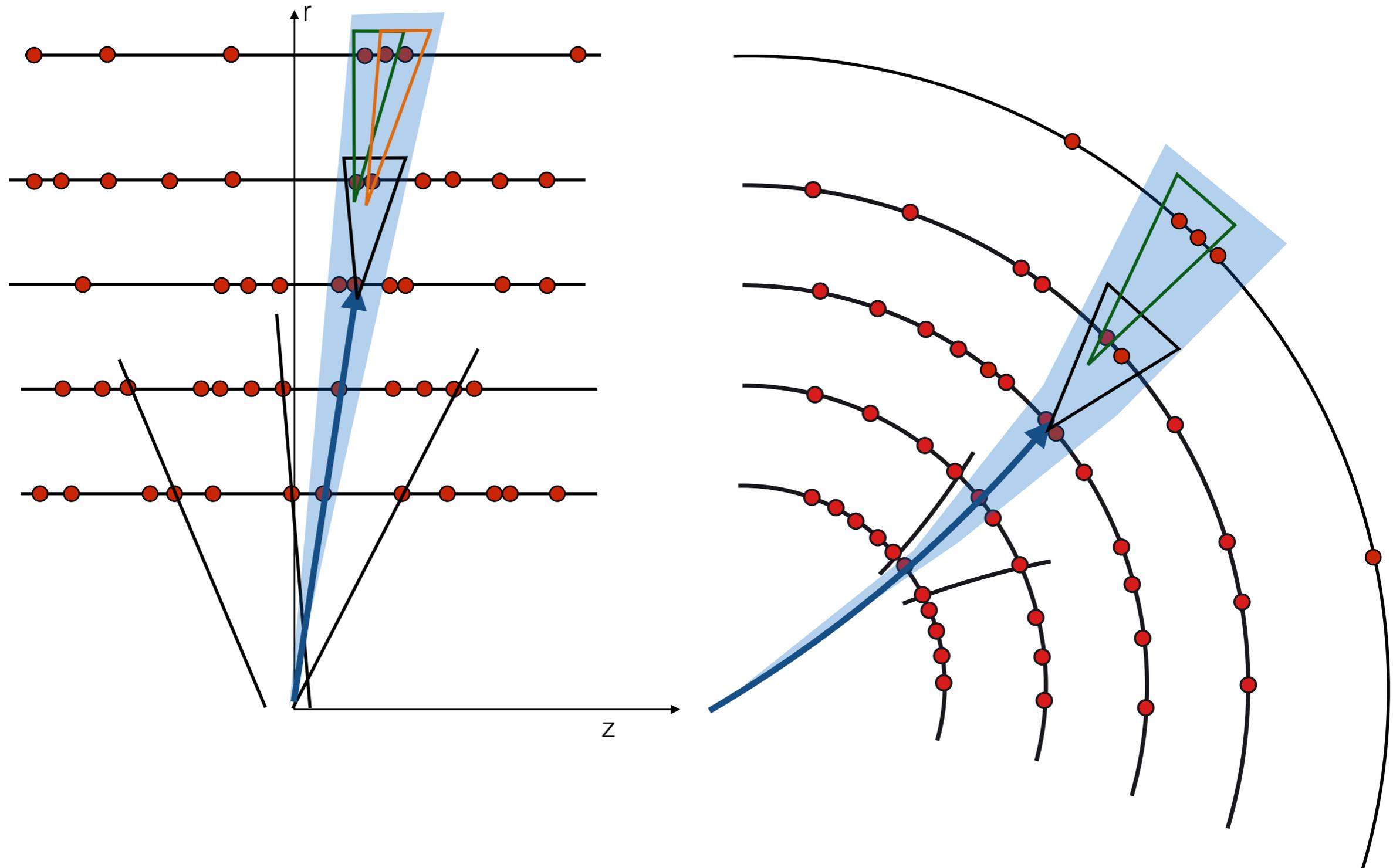
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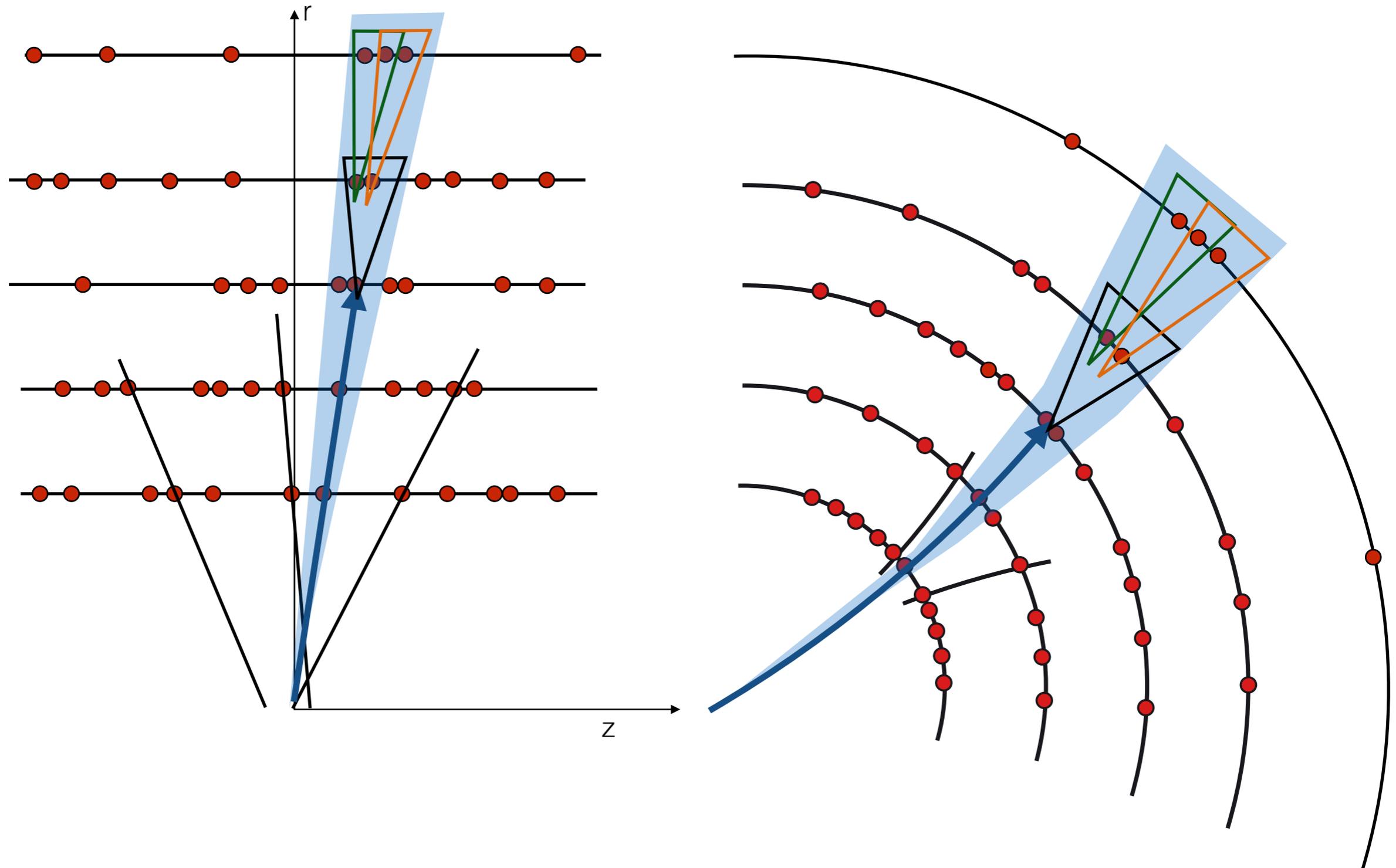
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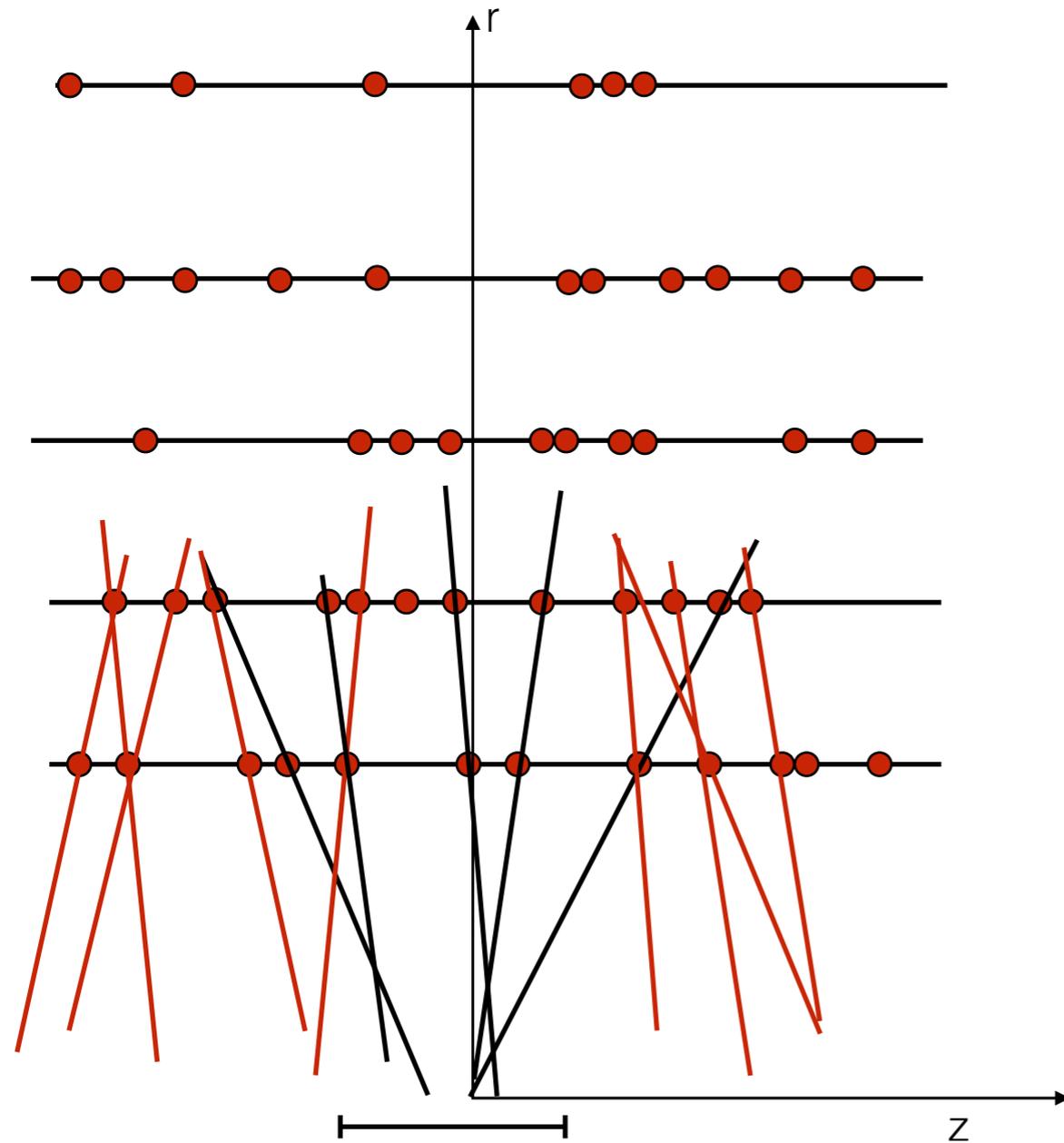
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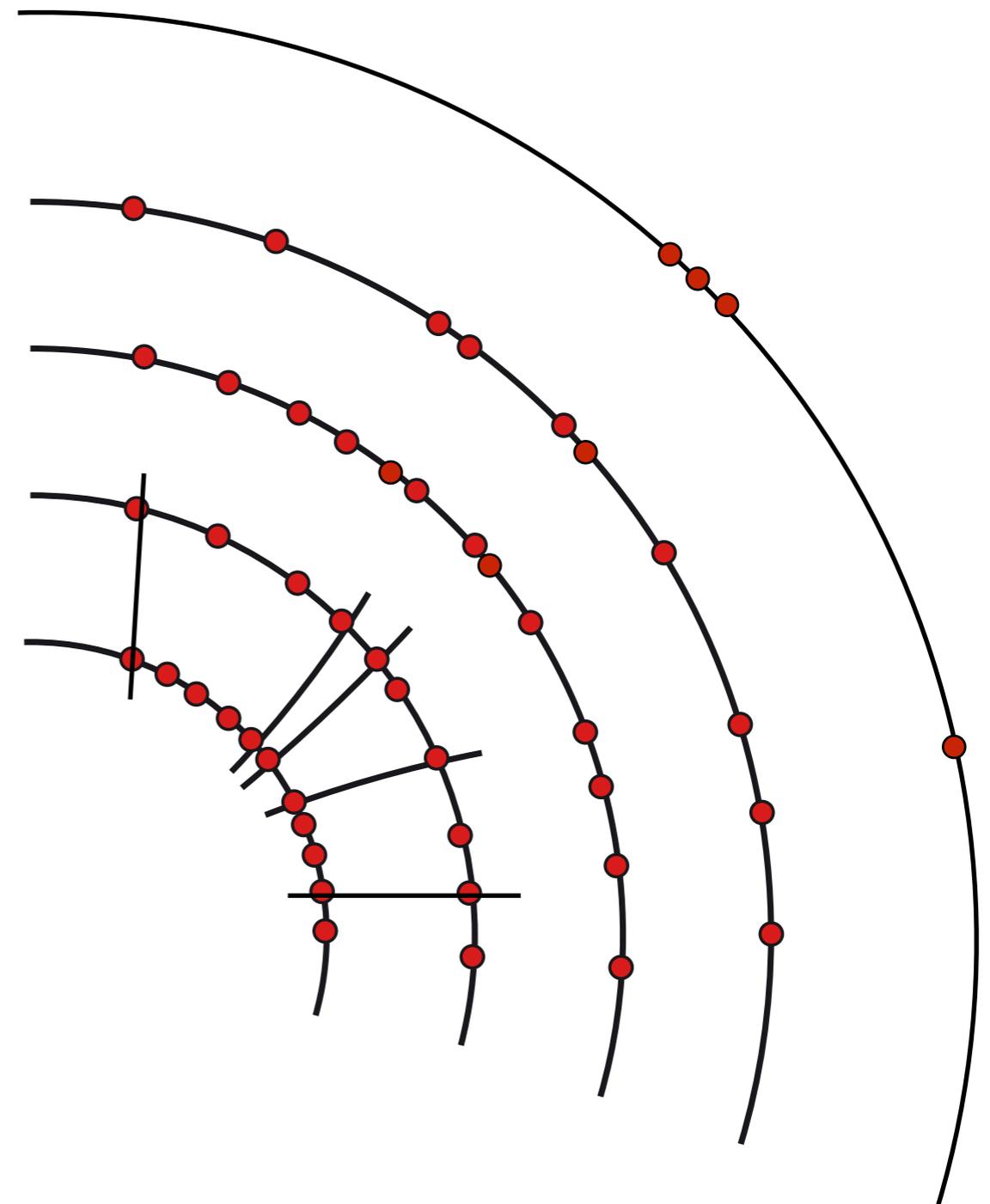


Enemy No. 2: **ghosts**

- ▶ avoid ghosts, i.e. fake combinations from simply combinatorial grouping
 - start off with high quality seeds (clearly 2 hit seeds are not very stringent)

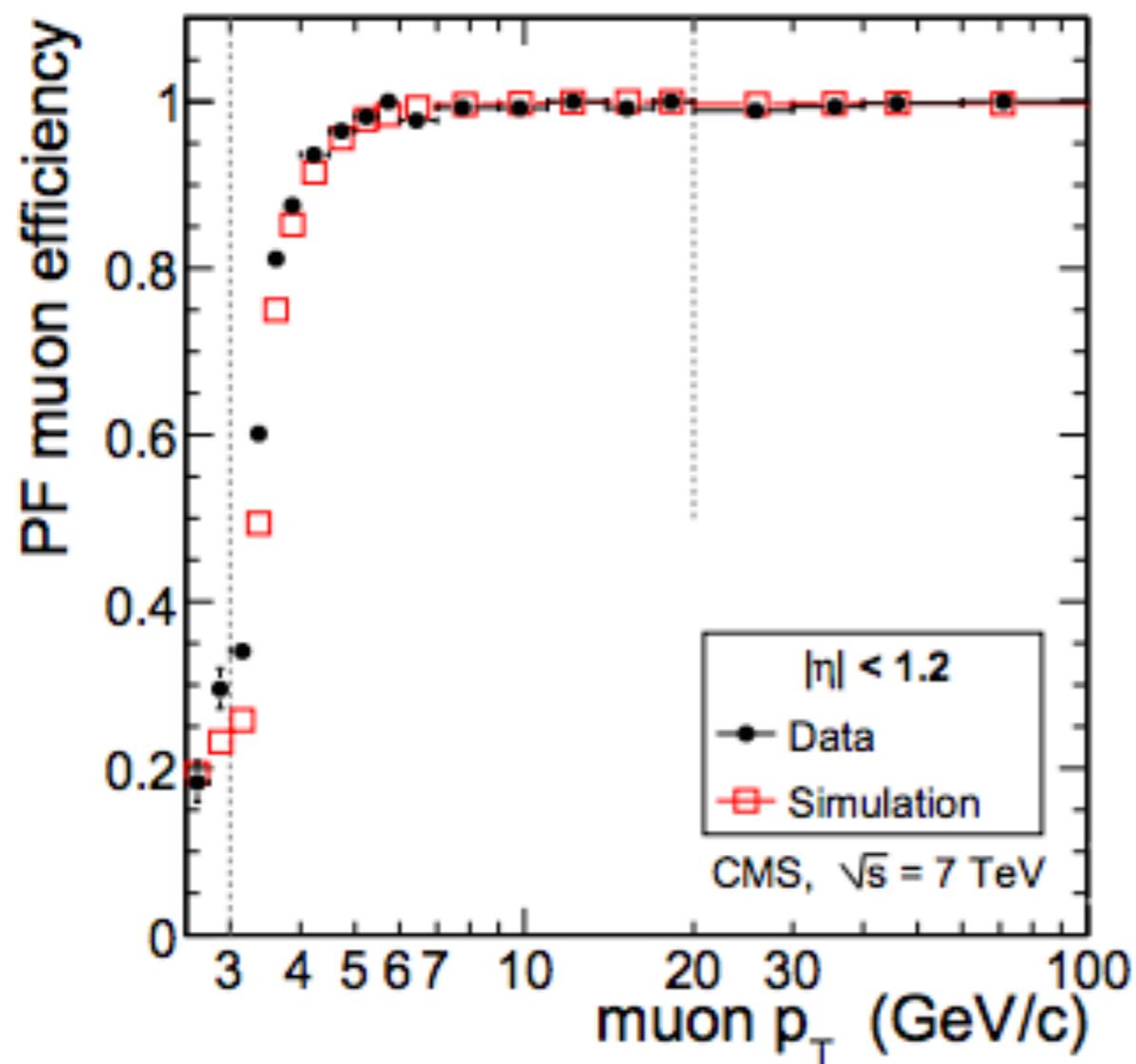


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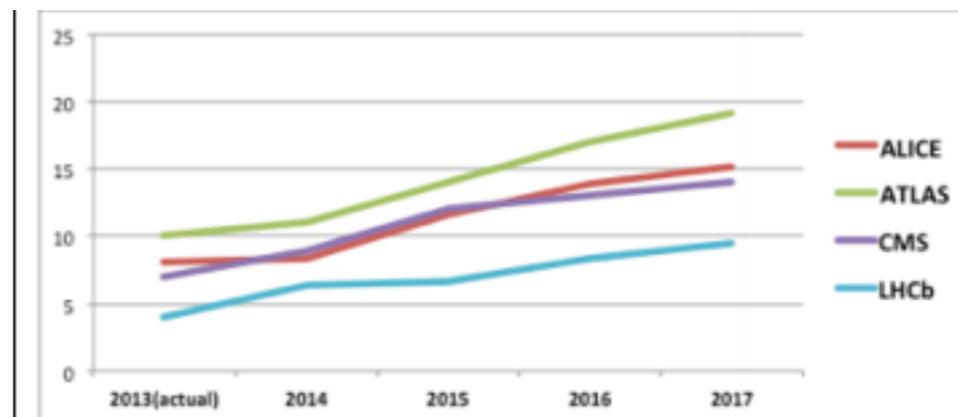
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- ▶ Excellent !
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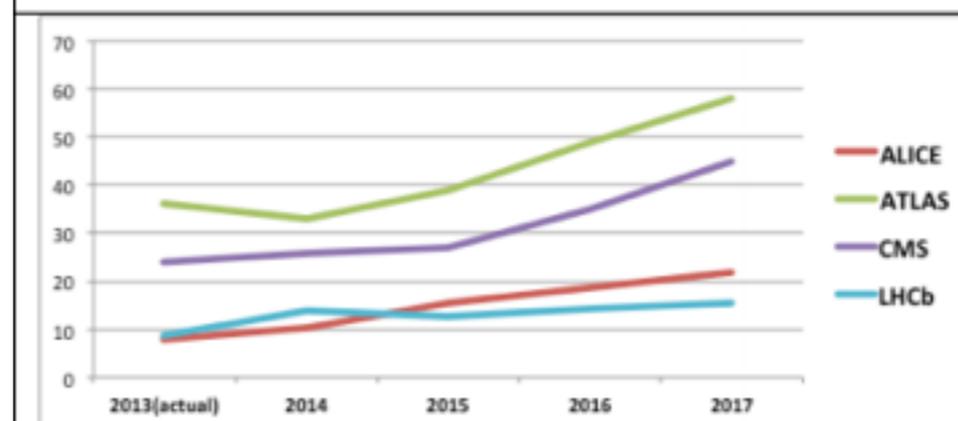


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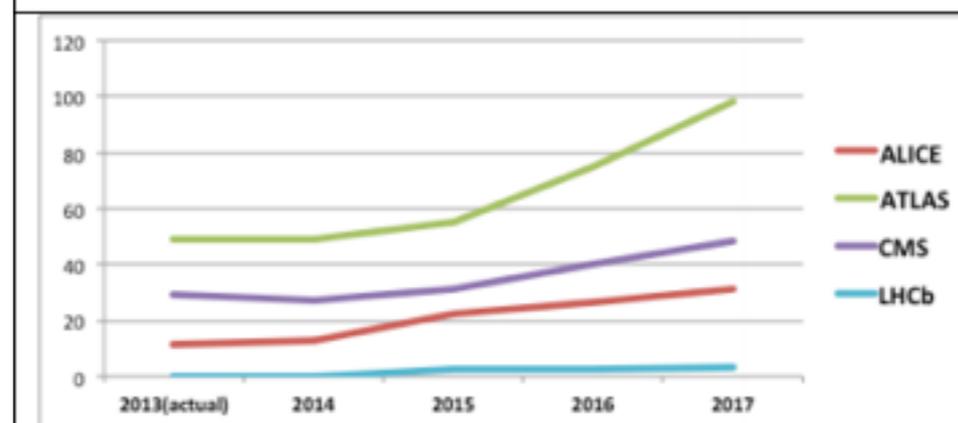
- ▶ So why ?



Tier0



Tier1



Tier2

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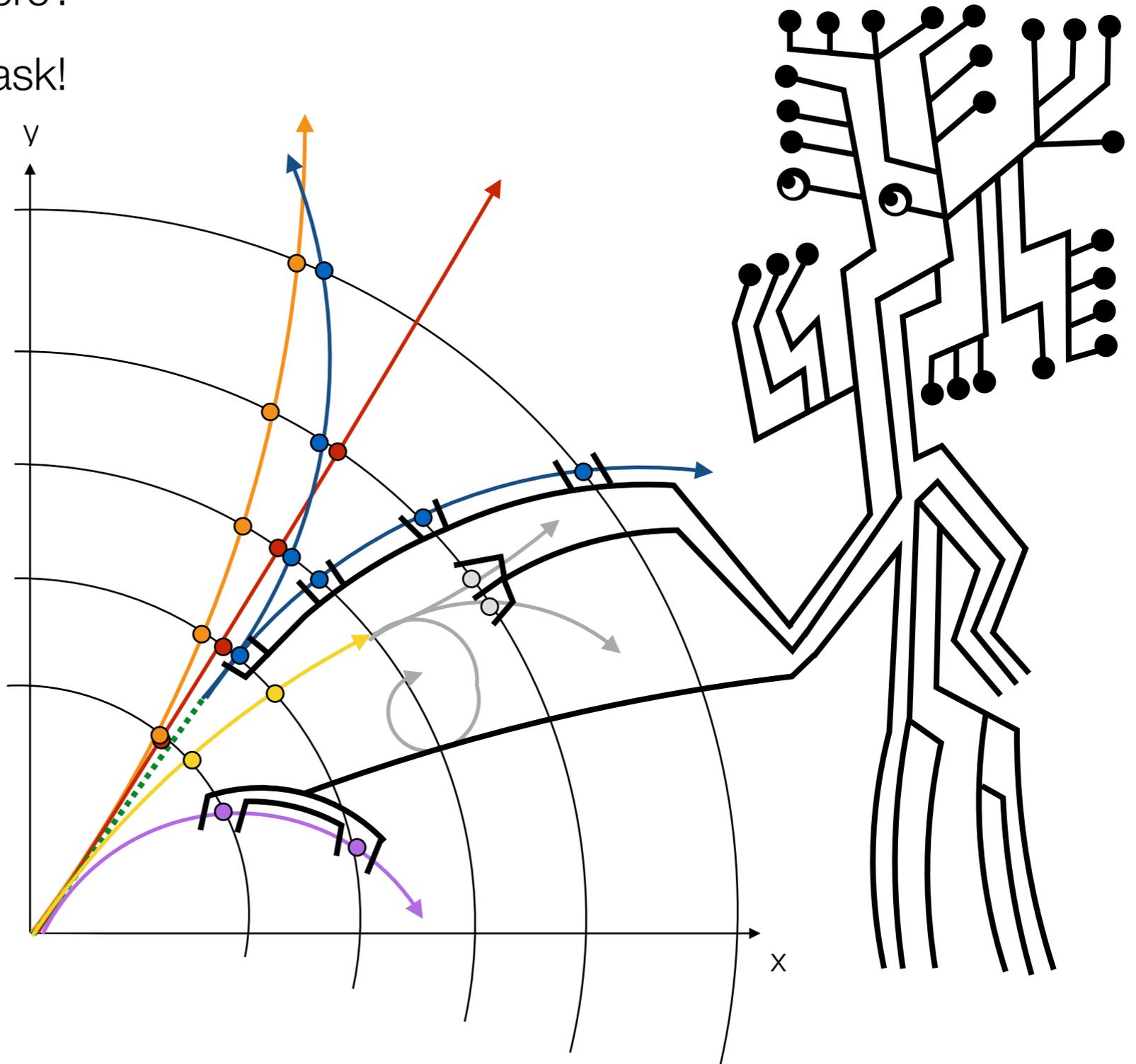
A new challenge lies ahead

► Are we using the most up-2-date approaches ?

- are there smarter kids out there?
- we never know if we do not ask!

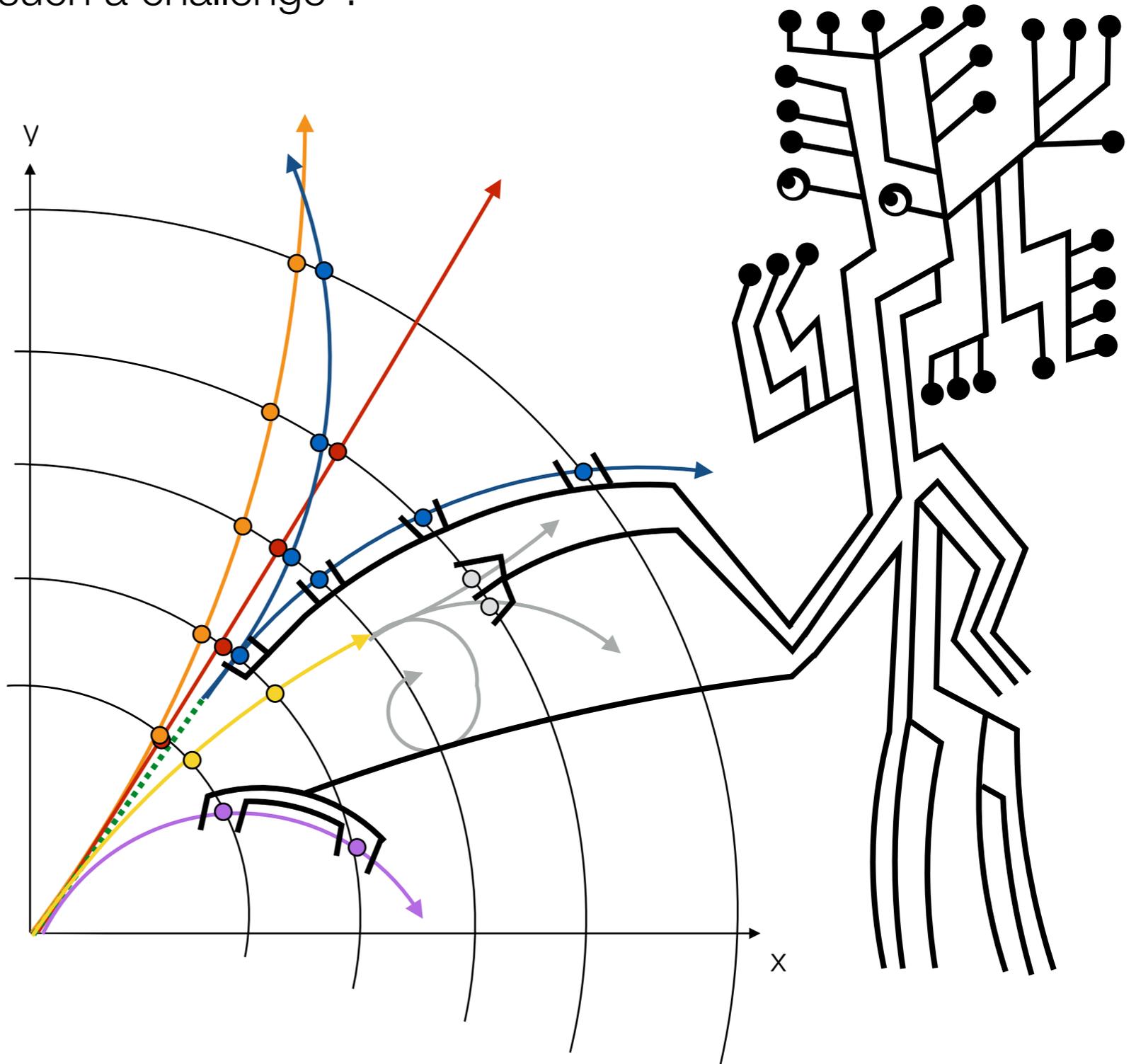
► HEP pattern recognition techniques are more than 25 years old

- machine learning techniques are flooding the market
- are they suitable for our complex problems ?



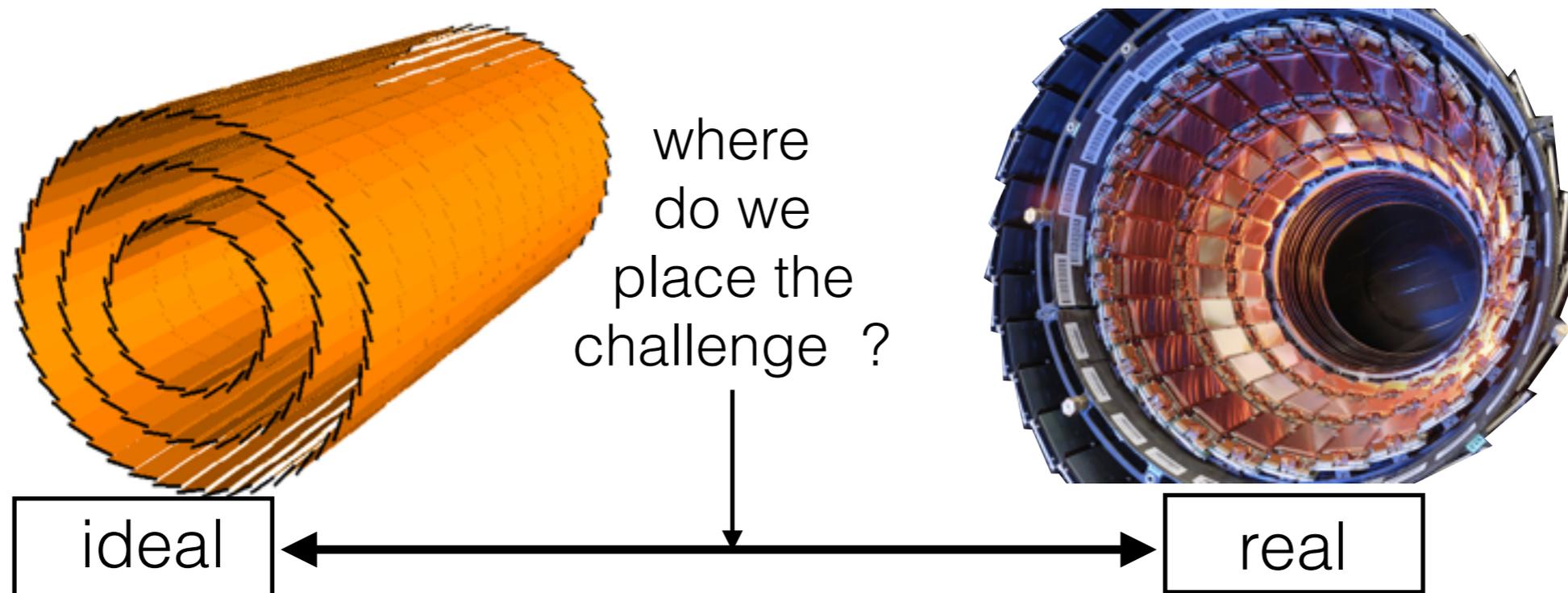
A HEP Tracking Machine Learning Challenge (1)

- ▶ Can we teach the computer to find tracks for us ?
 - what is the minimal input for such a challenge ?
- ▶ Formulation of the challenge is a challenge itself
 - balance of simplification versus complexity must be met to make such a challenge useful
 - formulation of the goal is similarly difficult
 - how can we take timing aspects into account ?



A HEP Tracking Machine Learning Challenge (2)

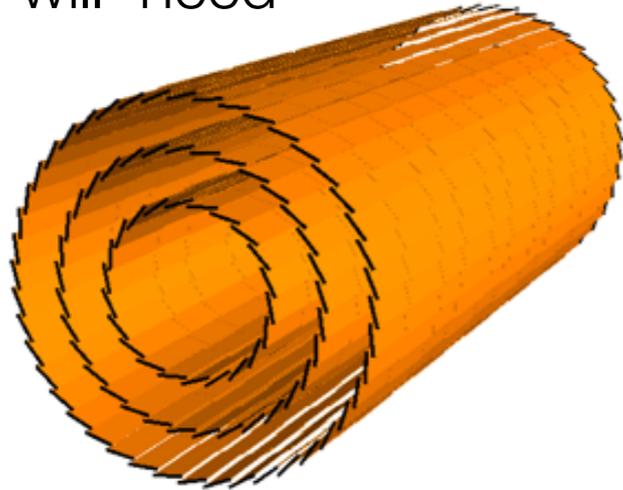
- ▶ Our current understanding - preconditions
 - difficulty of pattern recognition is not only due to combinatorics
 - ideal world (perfect magnetic) field and no process noise, there is an ideal solution: conformal mapping techniques have been successfully used in the past, e.g. Hough transformation, Riemann sphere
 - yet, only TPC-like detectors currently allow such semi-algorithmic approaches
FCC detector concepts actually bring more complexity rather than simplicity
 - process noise is a problem, they make the problem messy
multiple coulomb scattering, energy loss effects, hadronic interactions



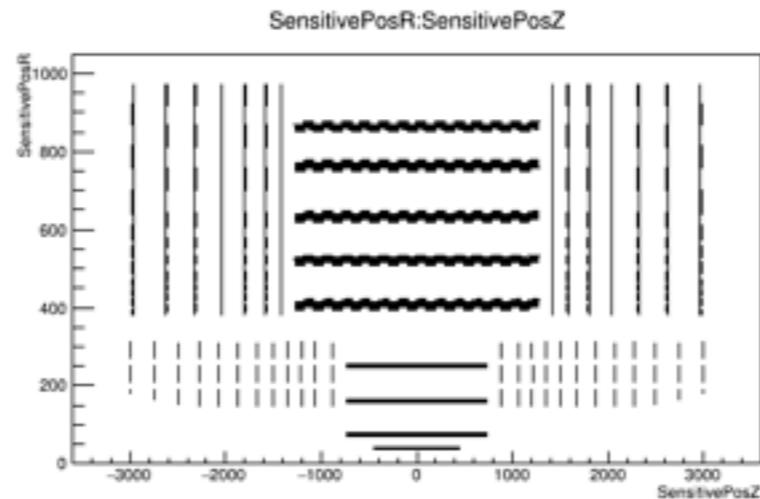
A HEP Tracking Machine Learning Challenge (3)

► Requirements

- we will need



detector geometry
planar barrel/EC type detector
pixel/strip system

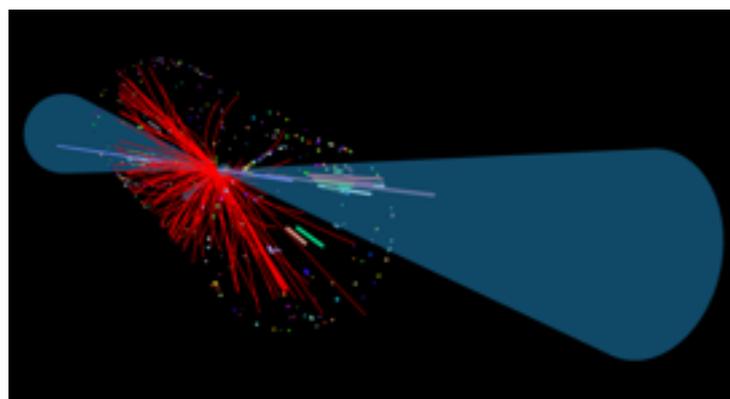


simulation
with the possibility to
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Valid JSON

event data
easily readable,
platform independent



visualisation
of geometry,
hits & found tracks

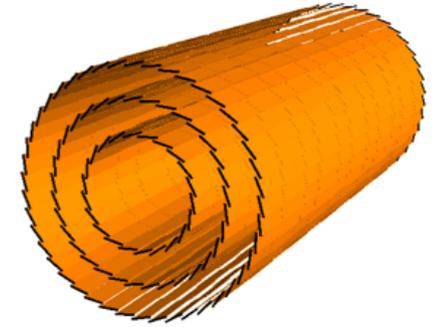


well defined goal
what is success
and how we measure them



different categories
for different
solutions

(1) Detector geometry



- ▶ Phase 2 and FCC tracker geometries are aiming into a similar direction
 - system of solid state planar detector sensors
 - high granularity (pixels) at inner and lower granularity (strips) at outer radii
 - material budget of such detectors can be well estimated
- ▶ Magnetic field setup will not homogenous
 - ATLAS/CMS Phase-2 aim towards $|\eta| < 4.0$
ATLAS solenoid reaches 0 field strength, CMS solenoid strongly different from 4 T
 - FCC-hh is planning a solenoid with forward dipole setup to exploit forward region
- ▶ Proposal of a n-layer cylindrical detector with pixels, strips
 - 9 layer setup (~ 13 hits)
 - ATLAS-like magnetic field

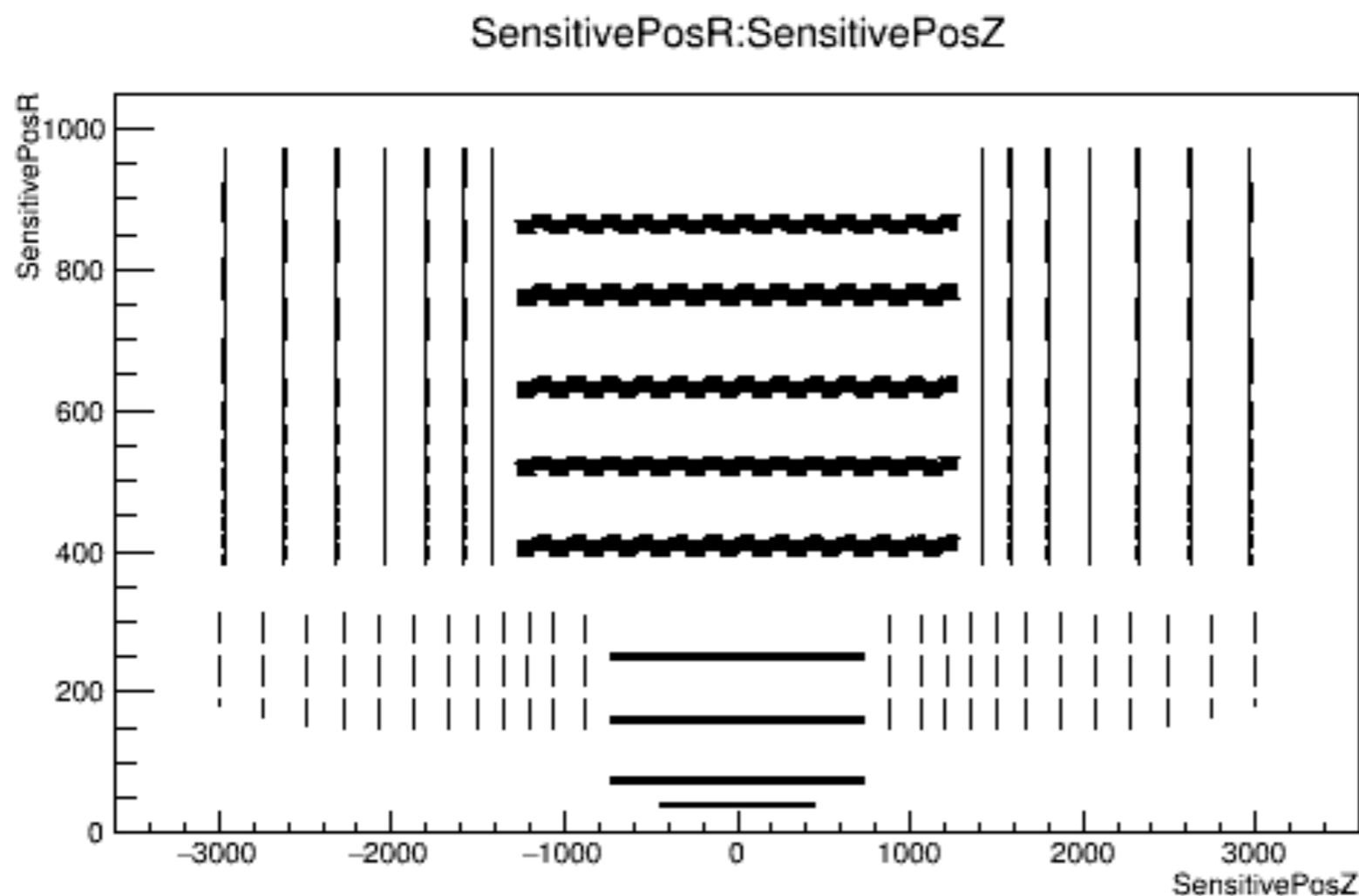
(2) Simulation, (3) Event Data

► Have established running this in the ATLAS Fast Track simulation

- within the FCC context trying to feed that also into Geant4

- limited material effects, but good to 5 % level

multiple scattering, ionising energy loss, radiative energy loss, hadronic interaction
(with possibility to switch on/off)



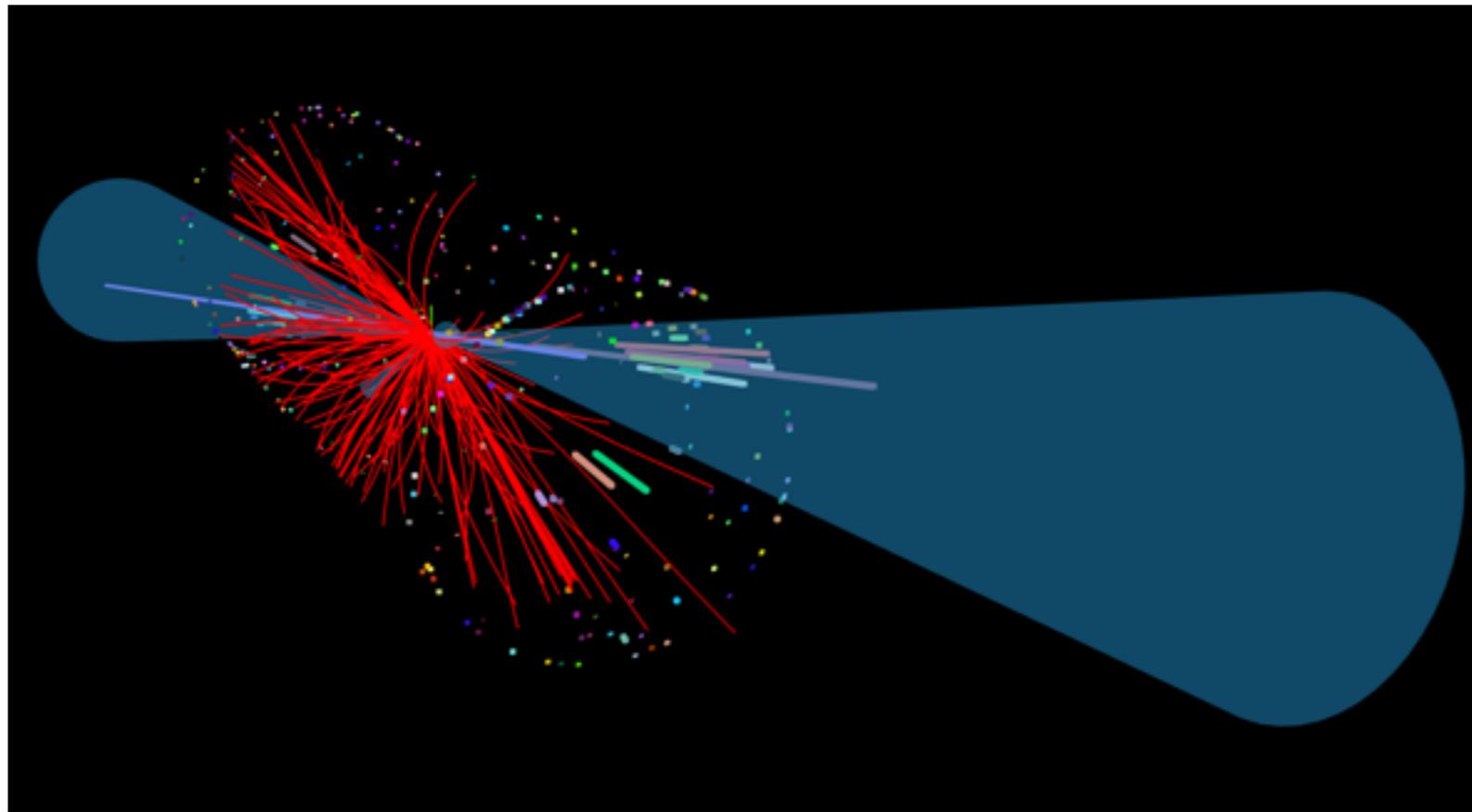
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(4) Visualisation

- ▶ Visualisation is absolutely necessary
 - with possibility to show geometry, hits, tracks (truth and found)
 - very simple web-based display developed by Edward Moyse



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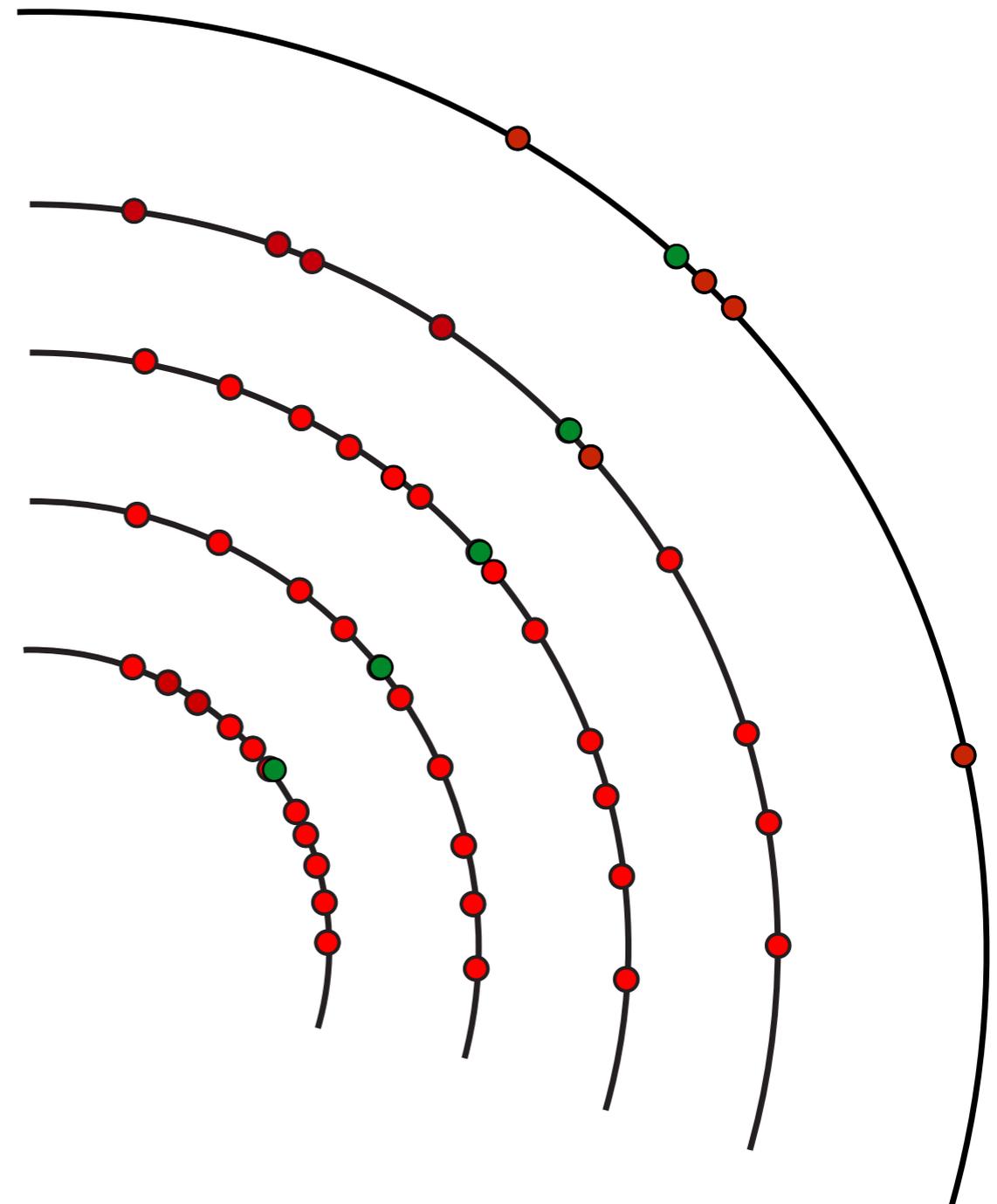
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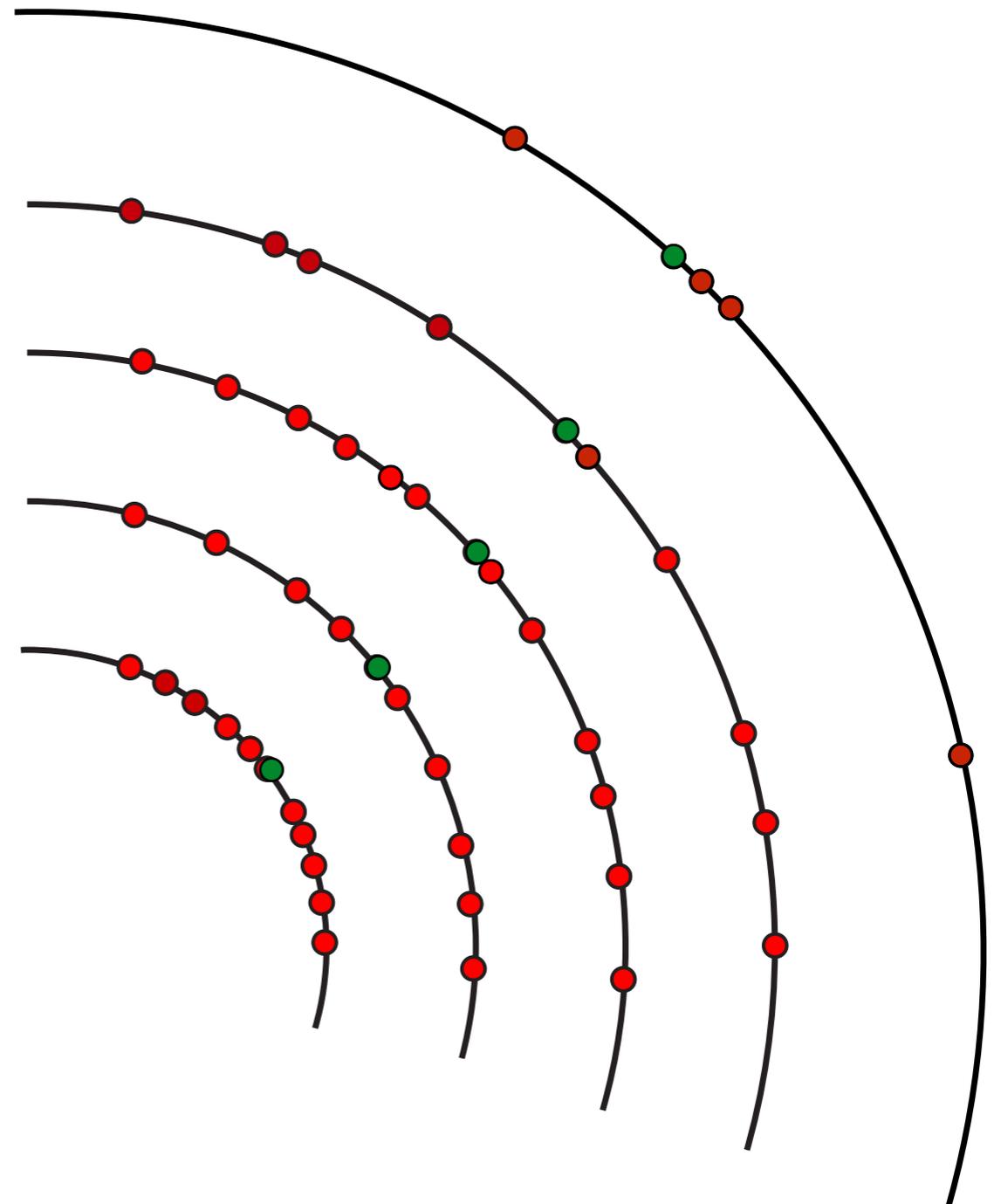
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completeness

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(for primaries)



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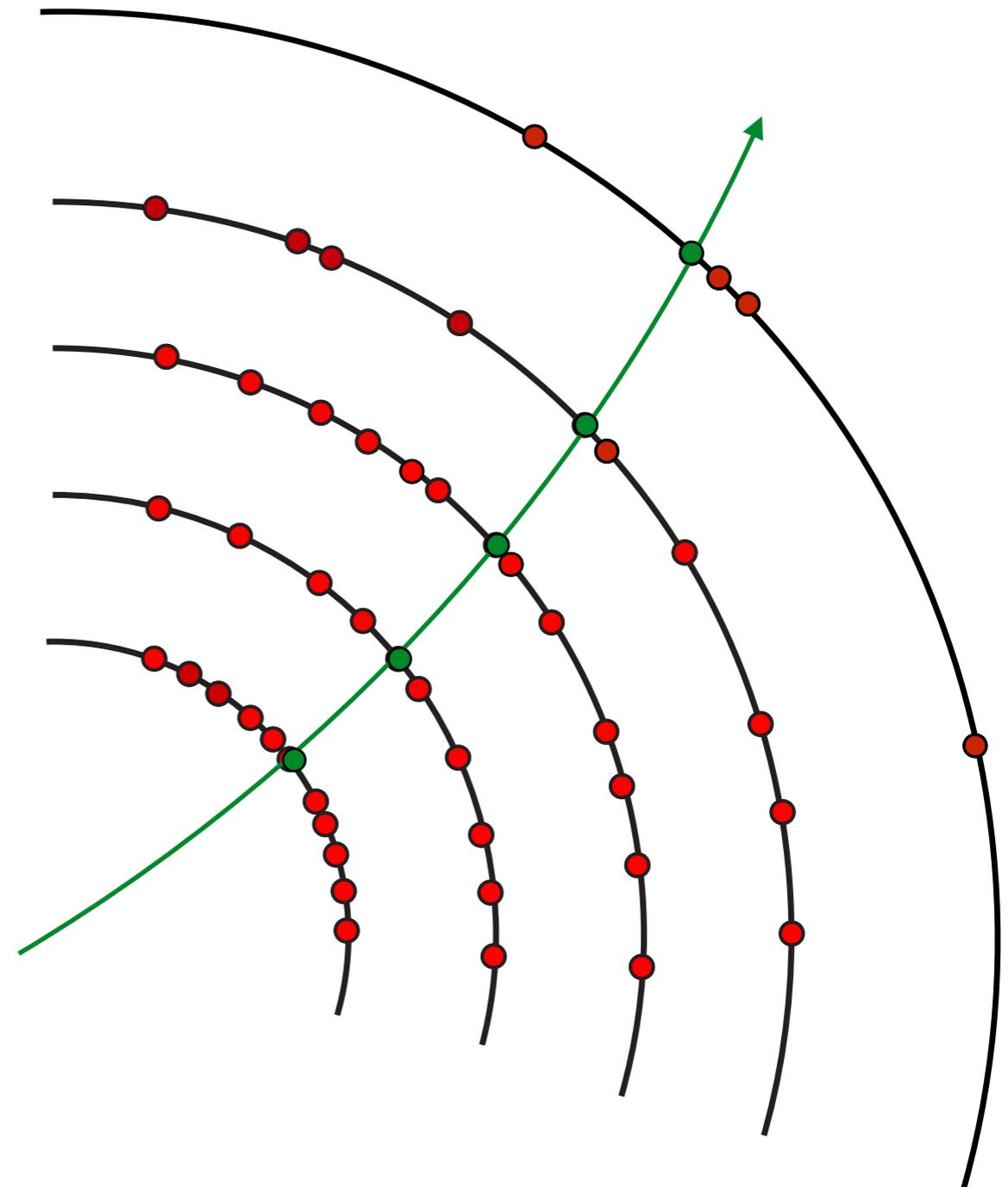
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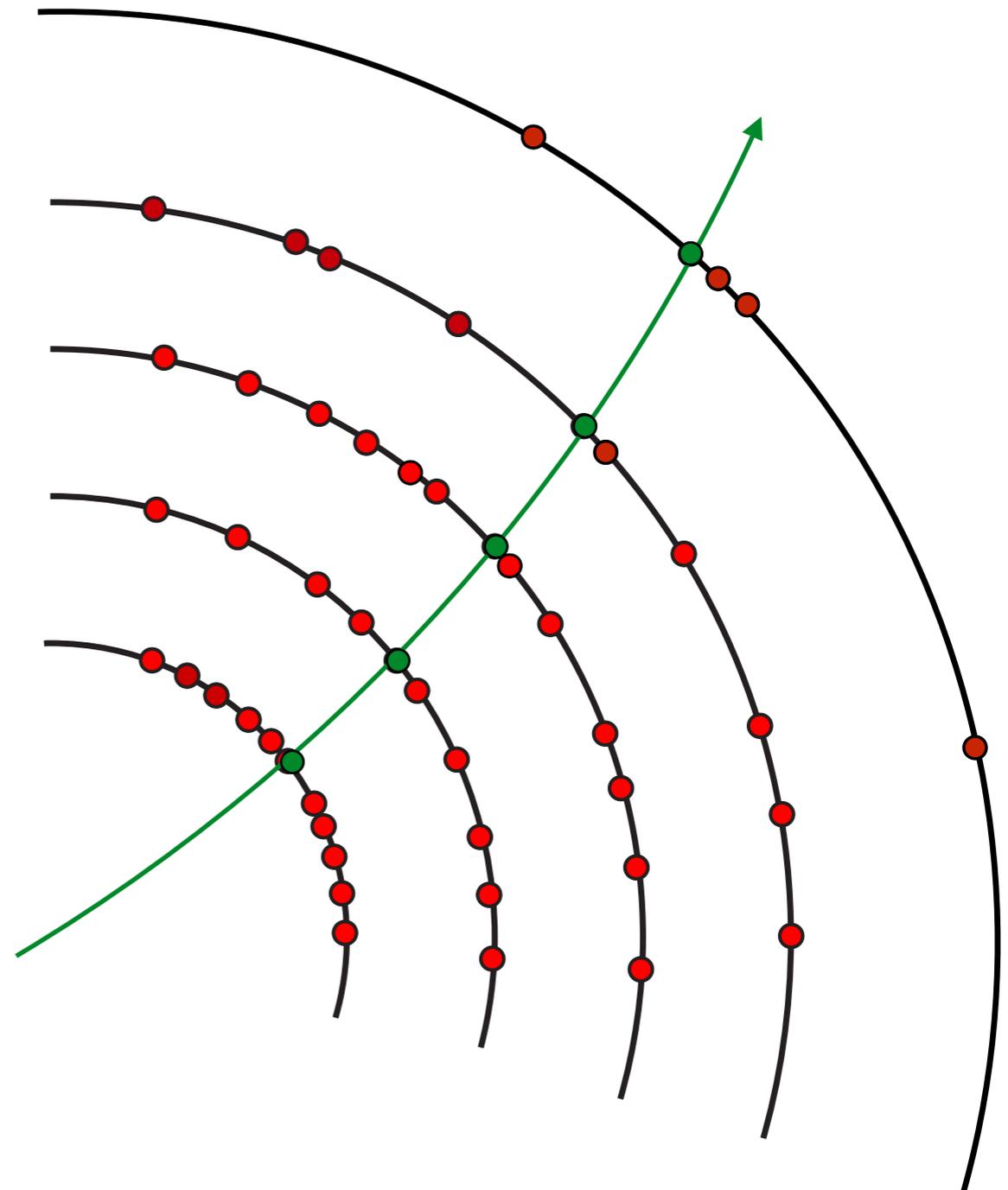
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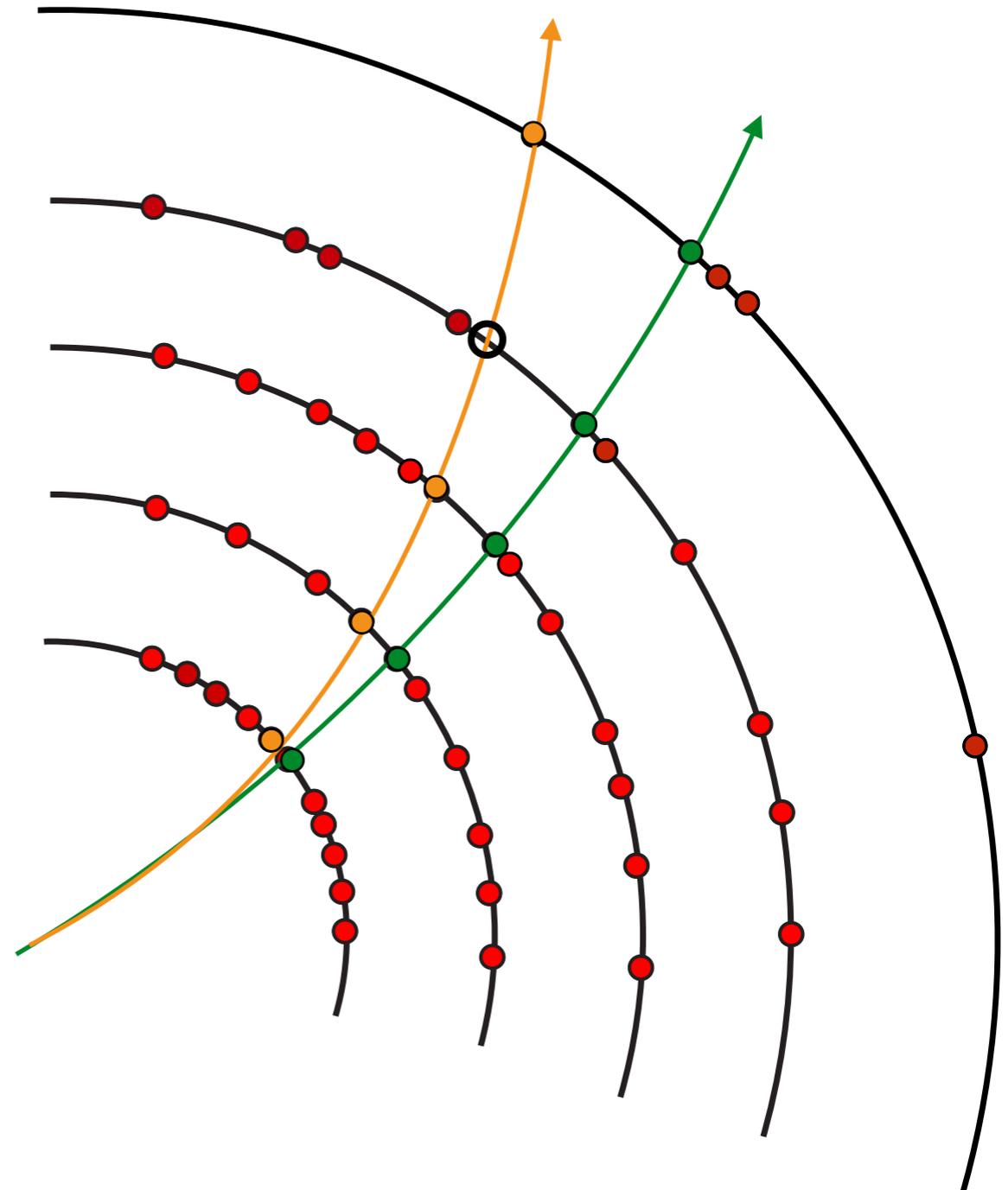
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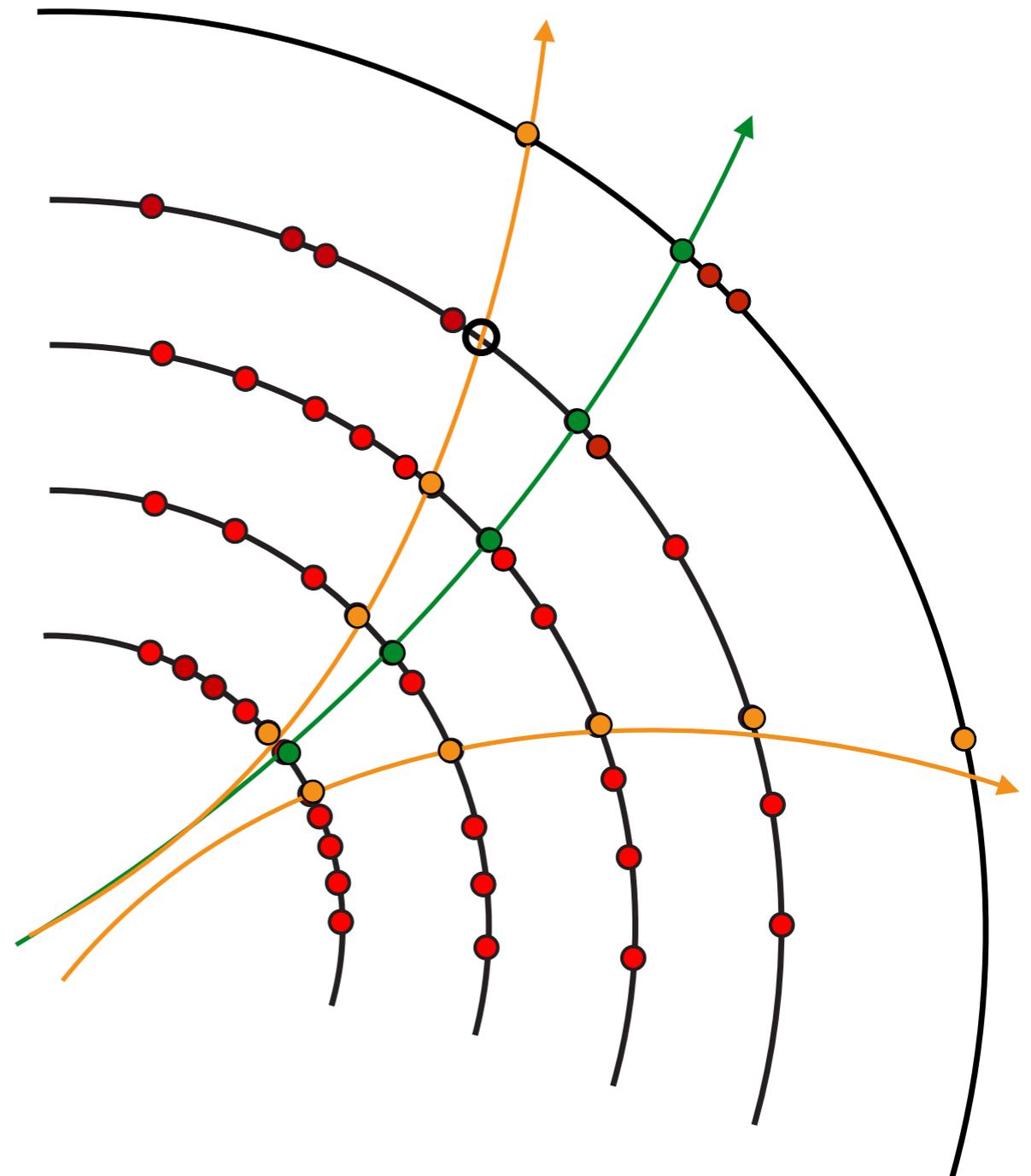
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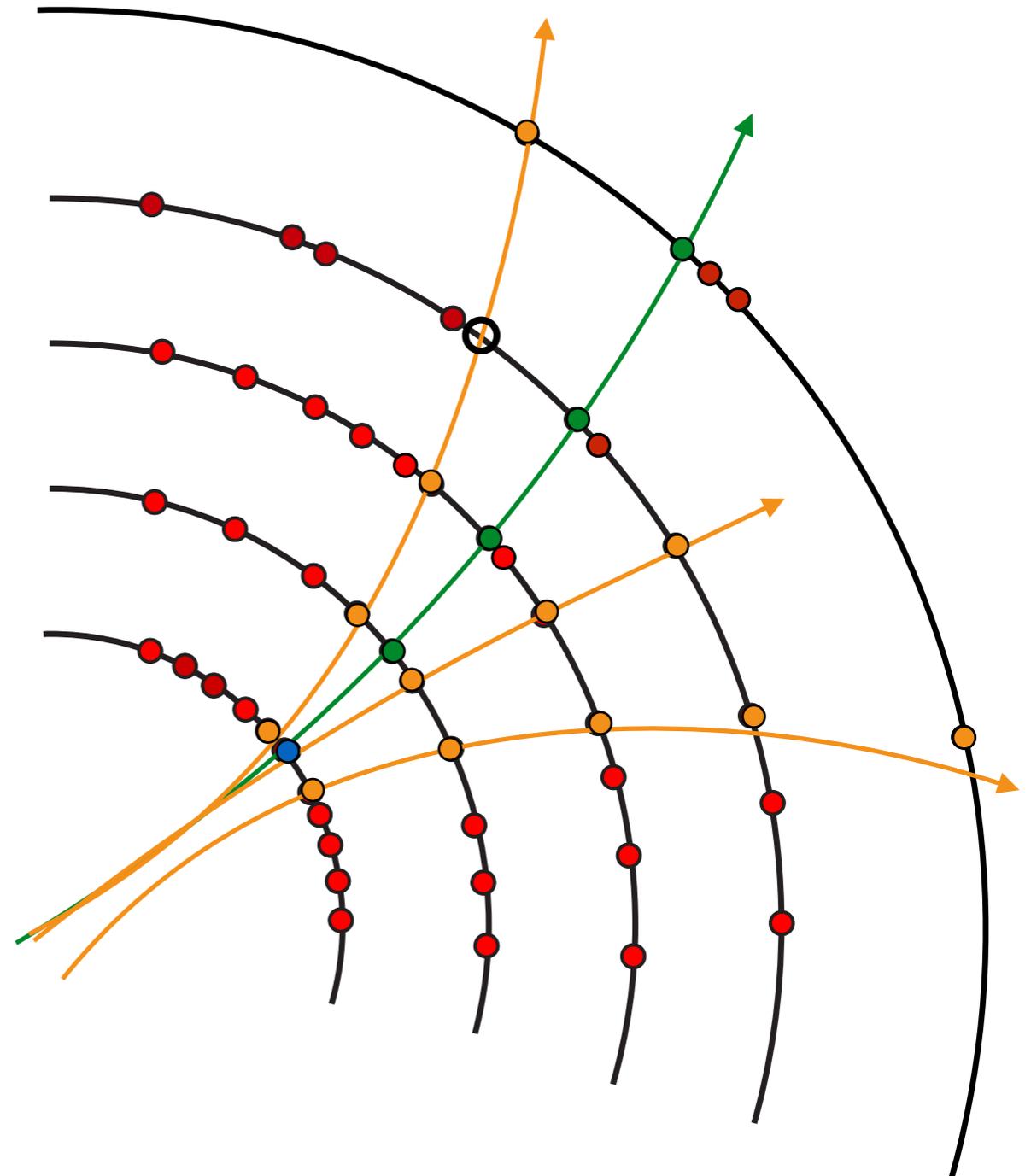
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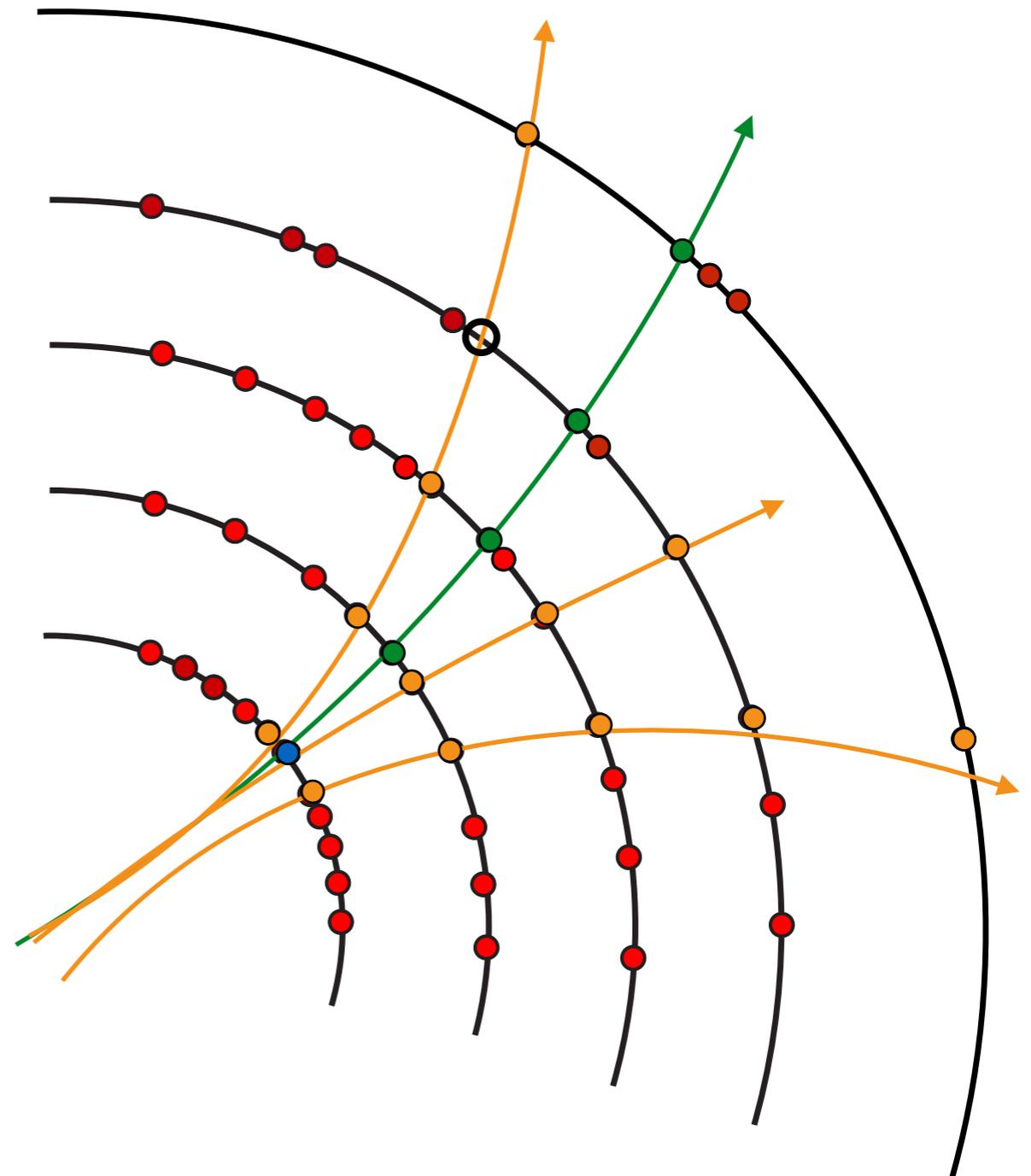
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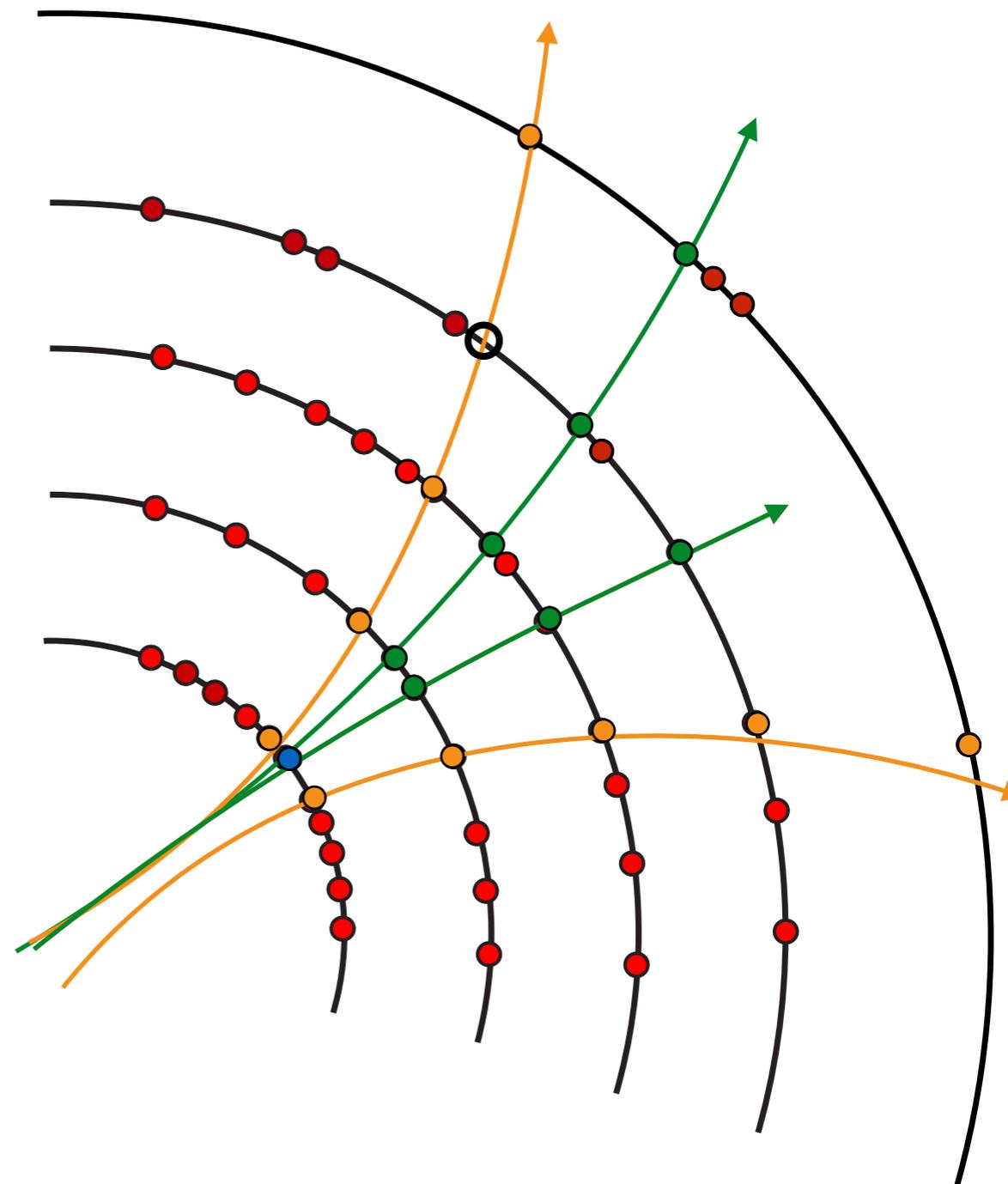
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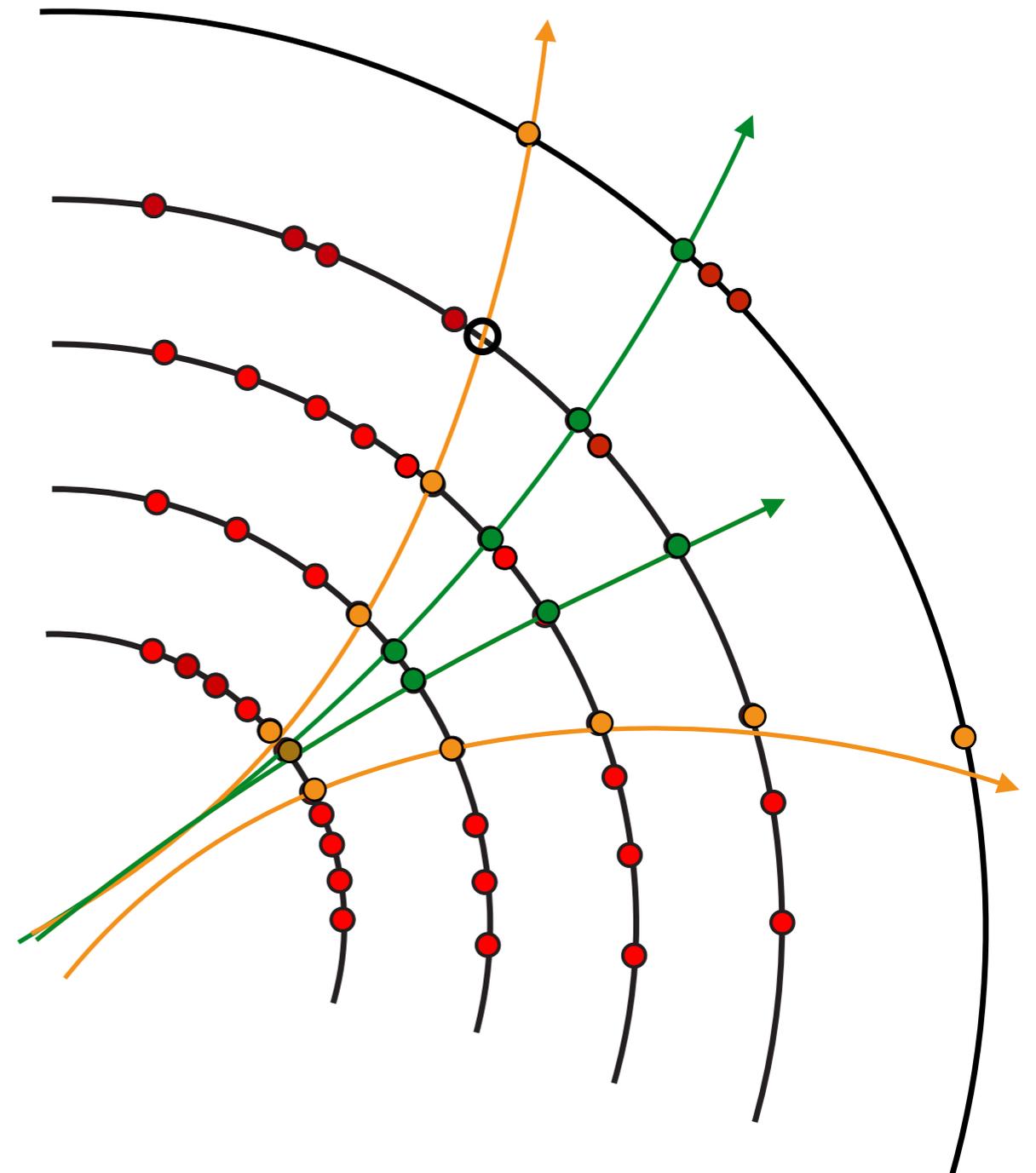
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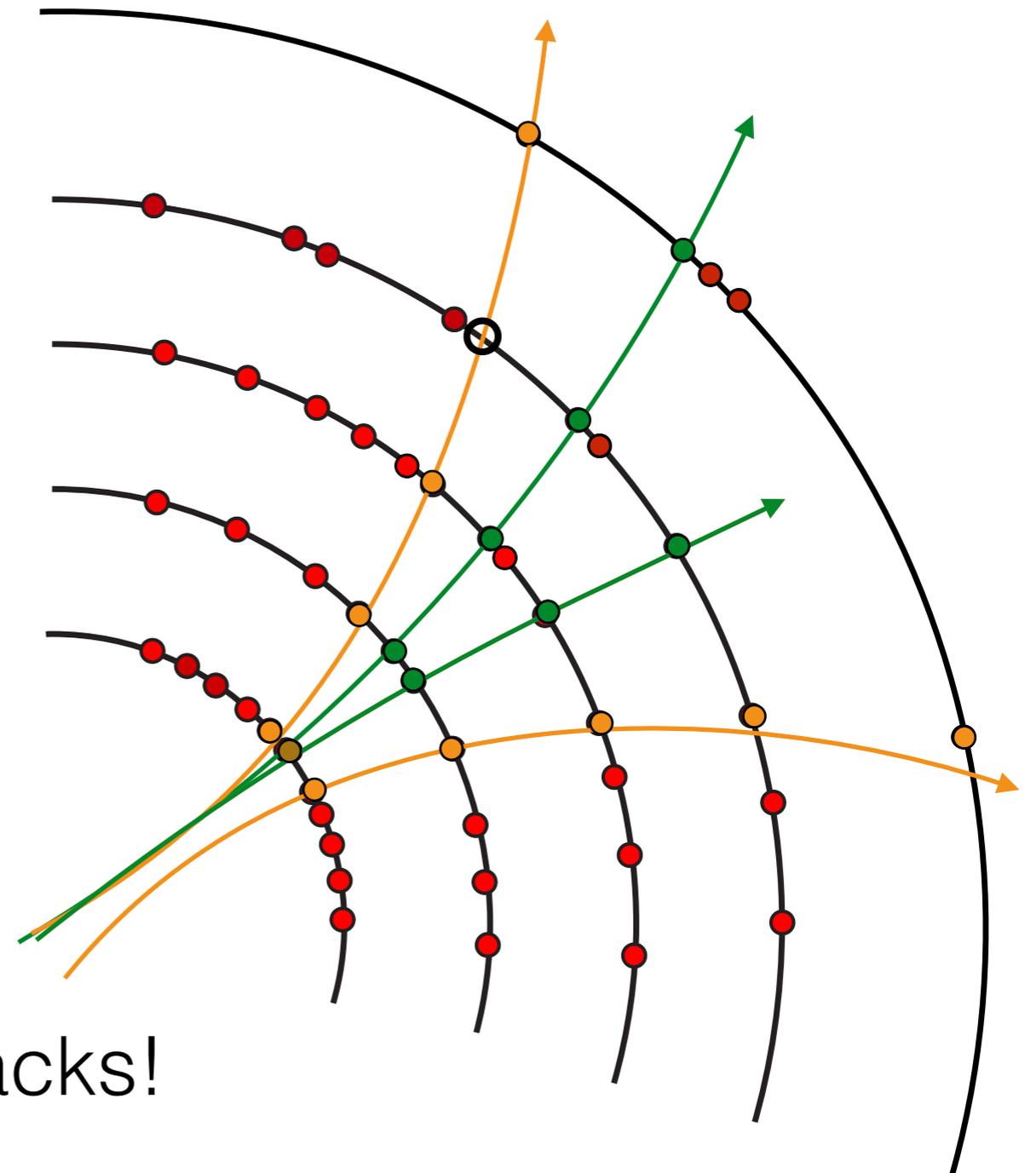
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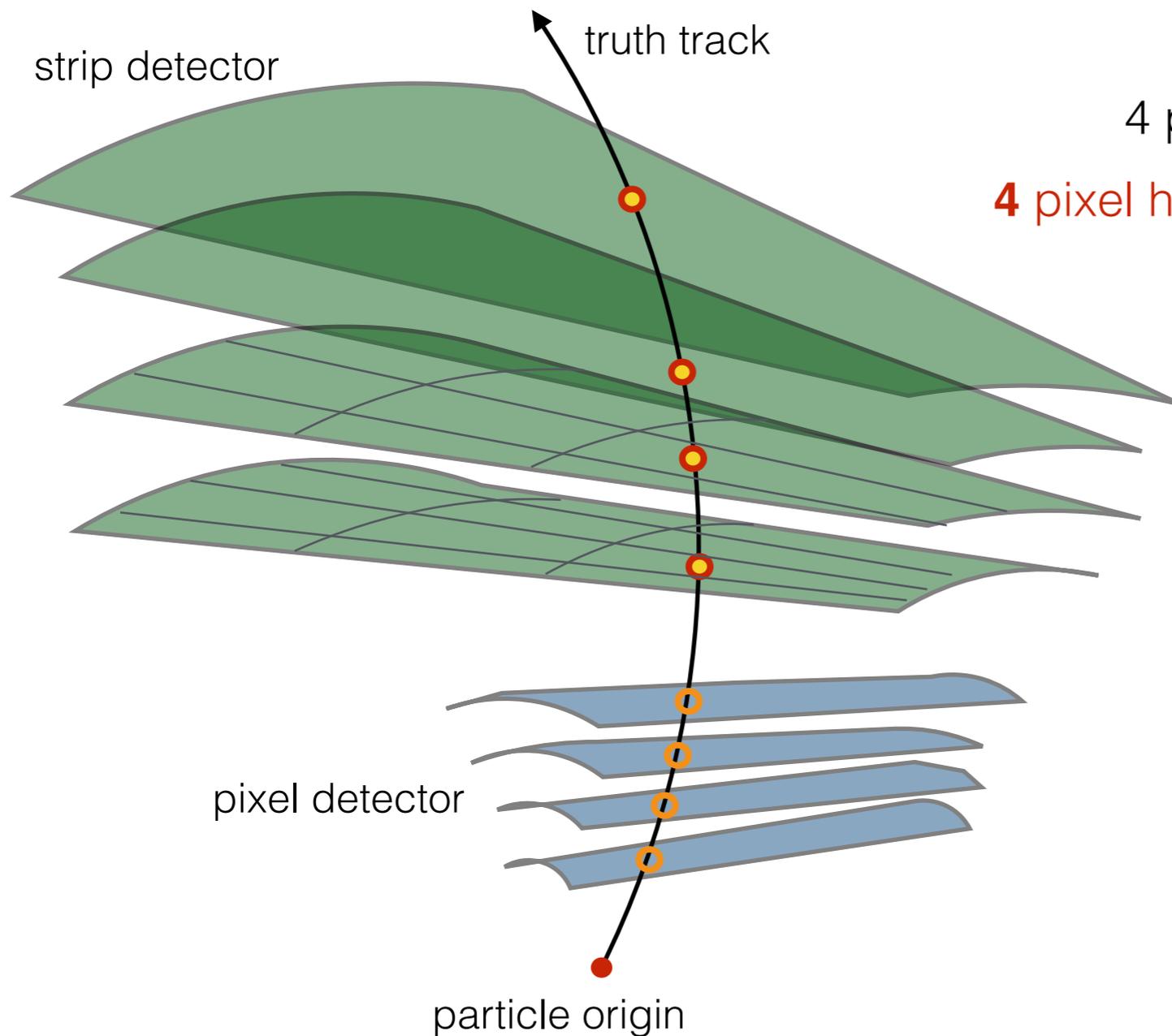
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give scores and rank the tracks!

(5) Goals - track ranking (1)

- ▶ There is no unique truth matching to define a found track
 - we use truth matching per hits



The perfect track

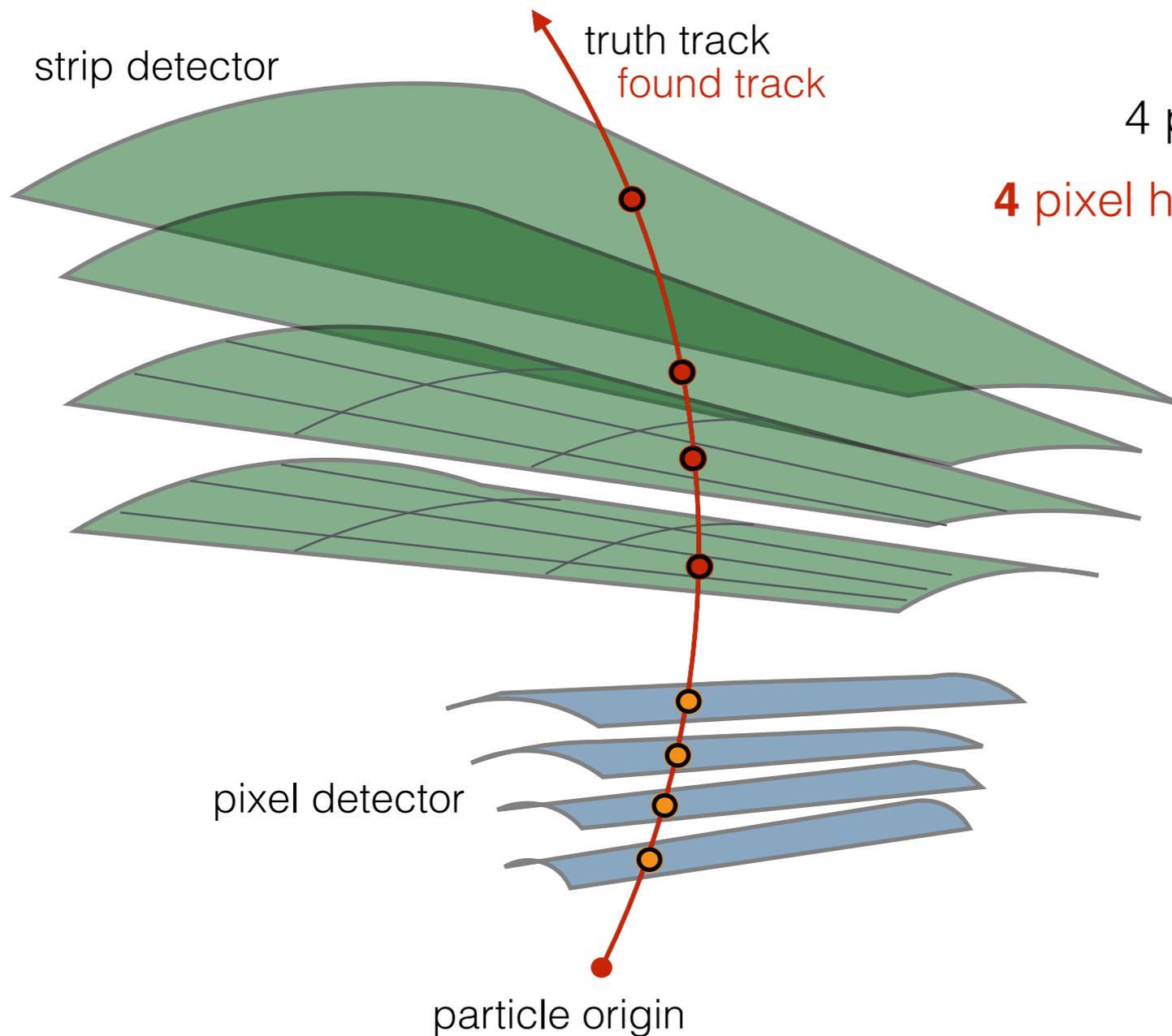
4 pixel hits, 4 strip hits created

4 pixel hits, 4 strip hits found and assigned

you can't do better,
score = 1

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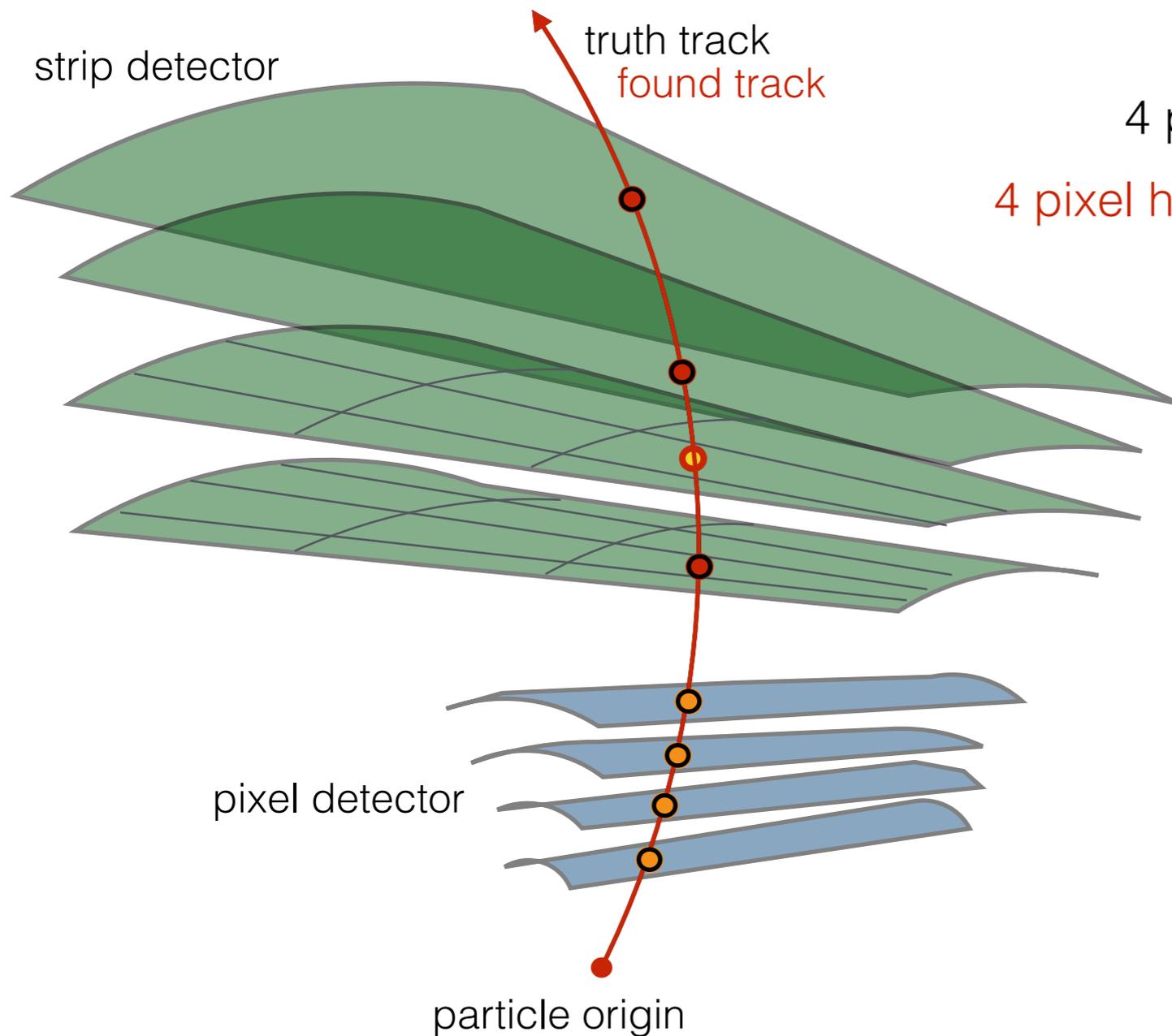
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(4) Goals - track ranking (2)

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A good track

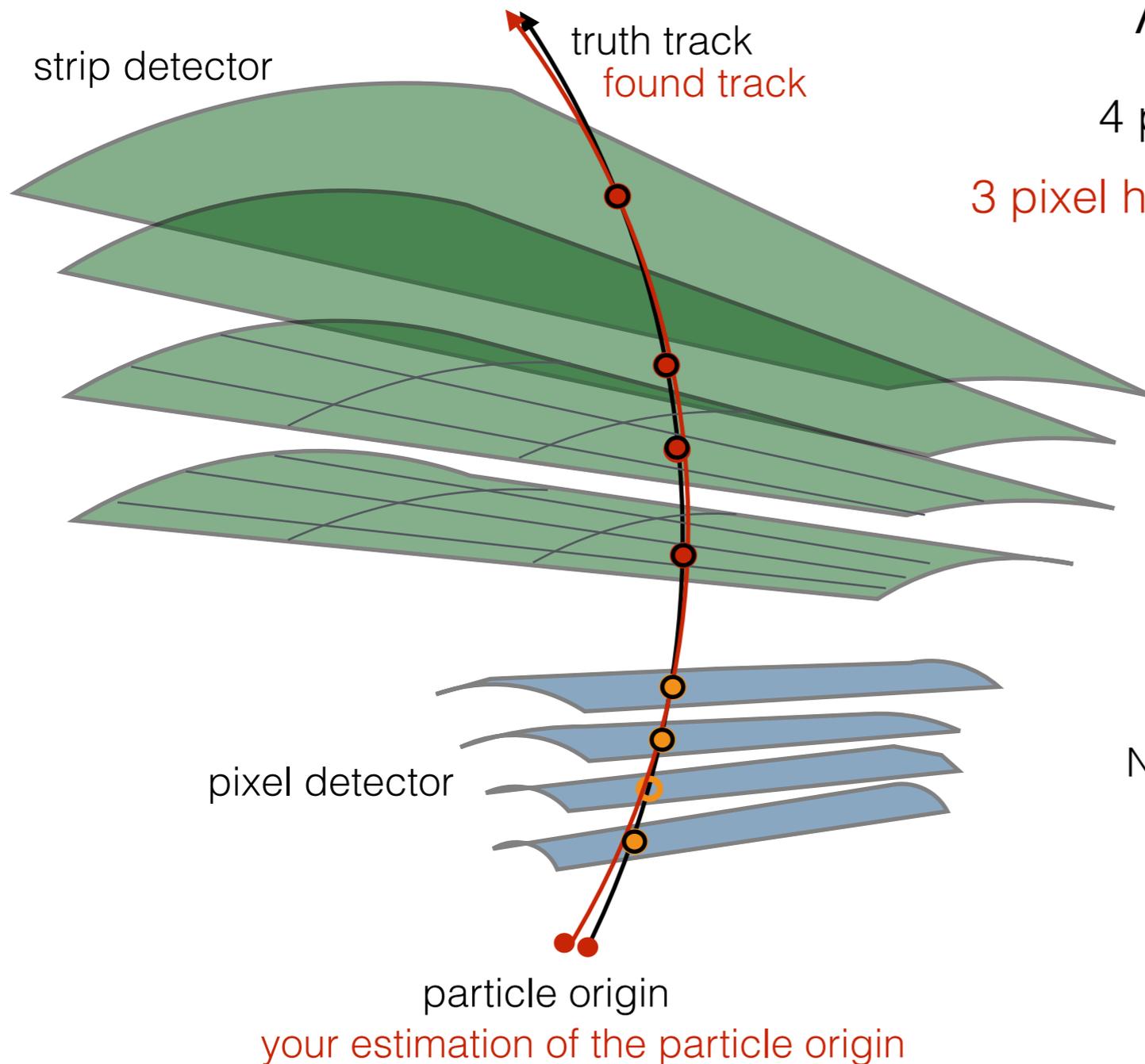
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that's an ok track,
you got 7 out of 8,
naive score = $7/8 = 0.875$

(4) Goals - track ranking (3)

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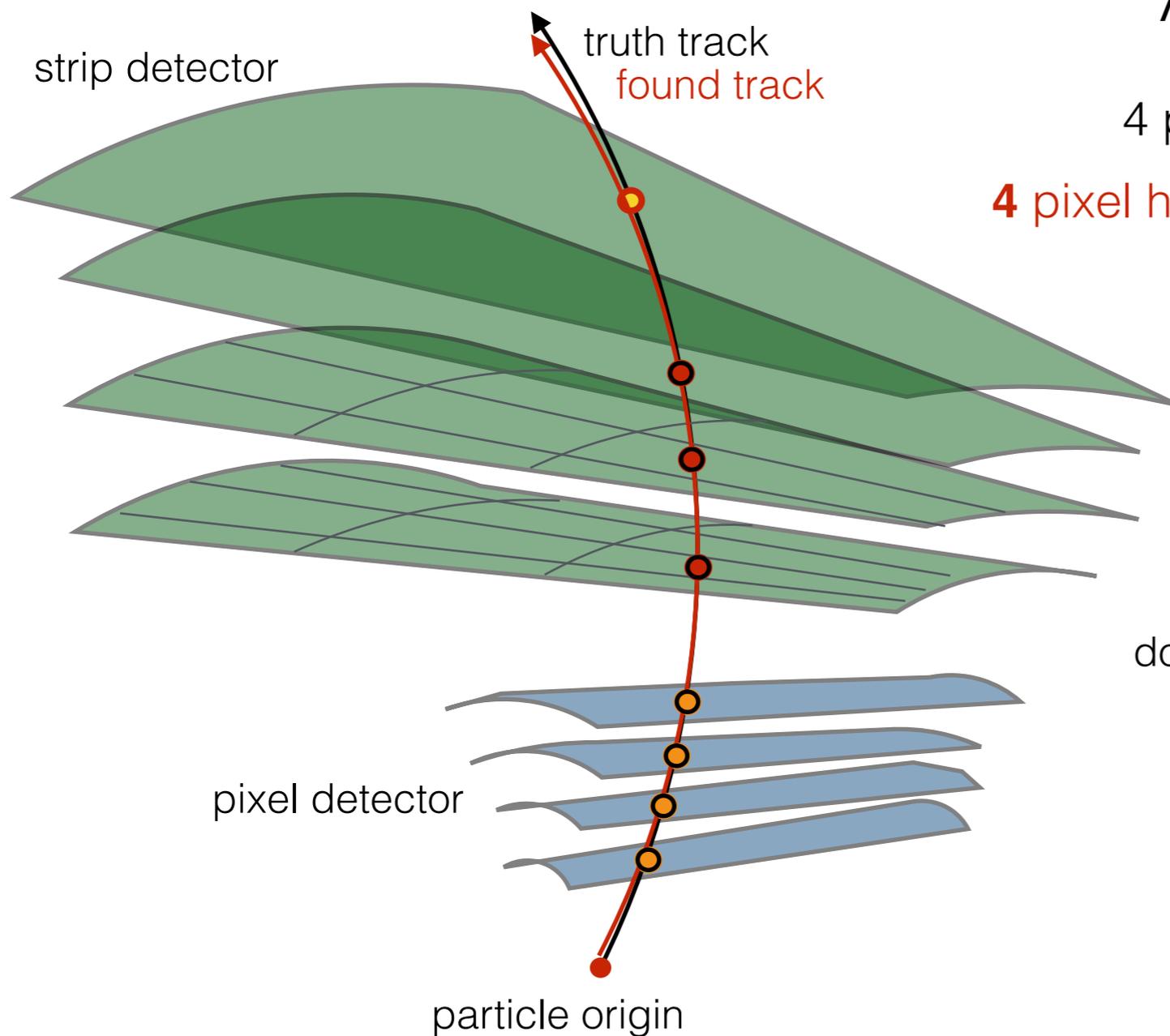
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does a pixel hit weigh the same
as a strip hit ?

NOT if we want to measure primary
particles !!!

(4) Goals - track ranking (4)

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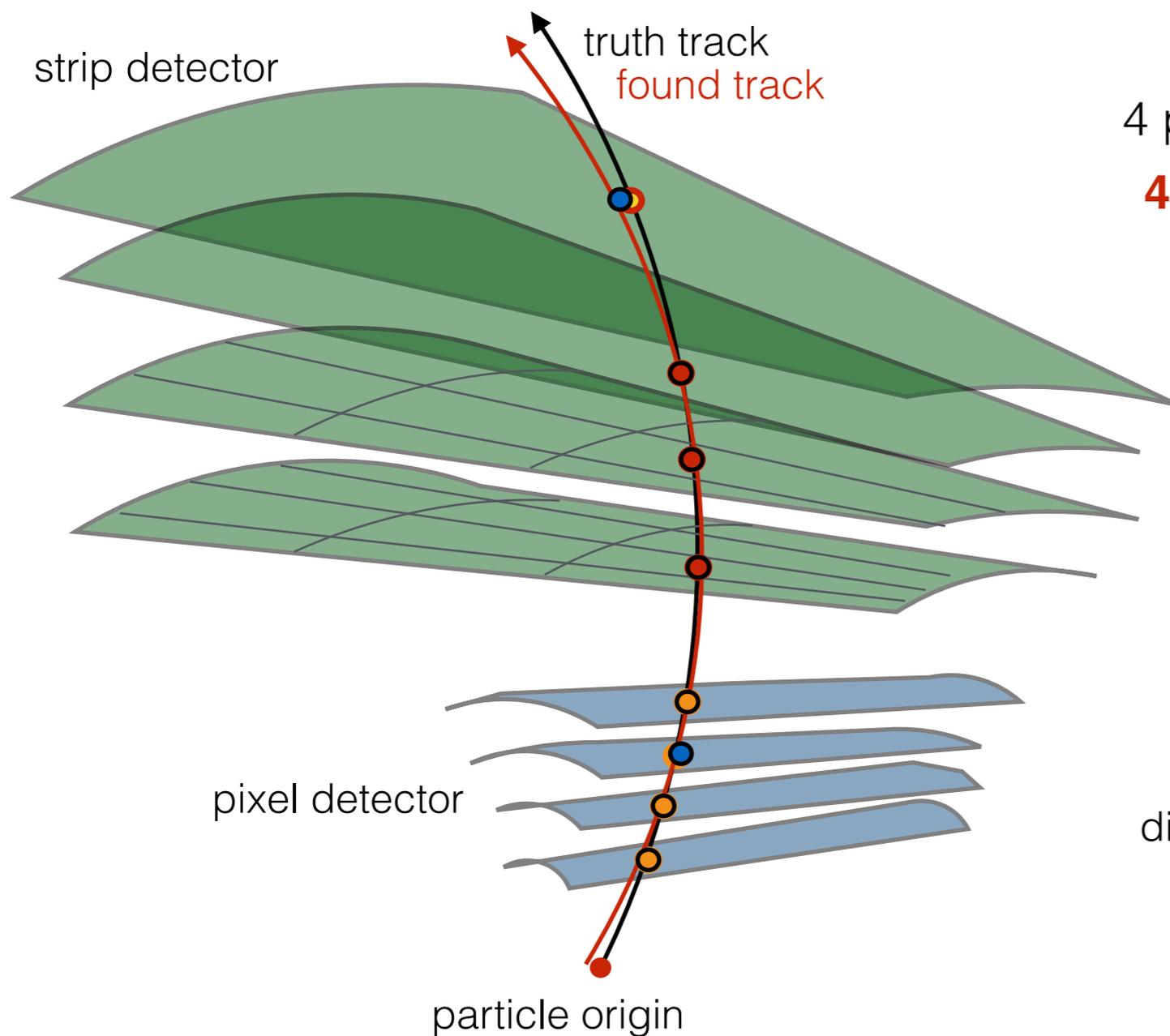
that's an ok track,
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does a hit at the end weigh the same
as a strip hit ?

NOT if we want to
measure the momentum
precisely !!!

(4) Goals - track ranking (5)

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A disturbed track

4 pixel hits, 4 strip hits created

4 pixel hits, 4 strip hits found
2 wrongly associated

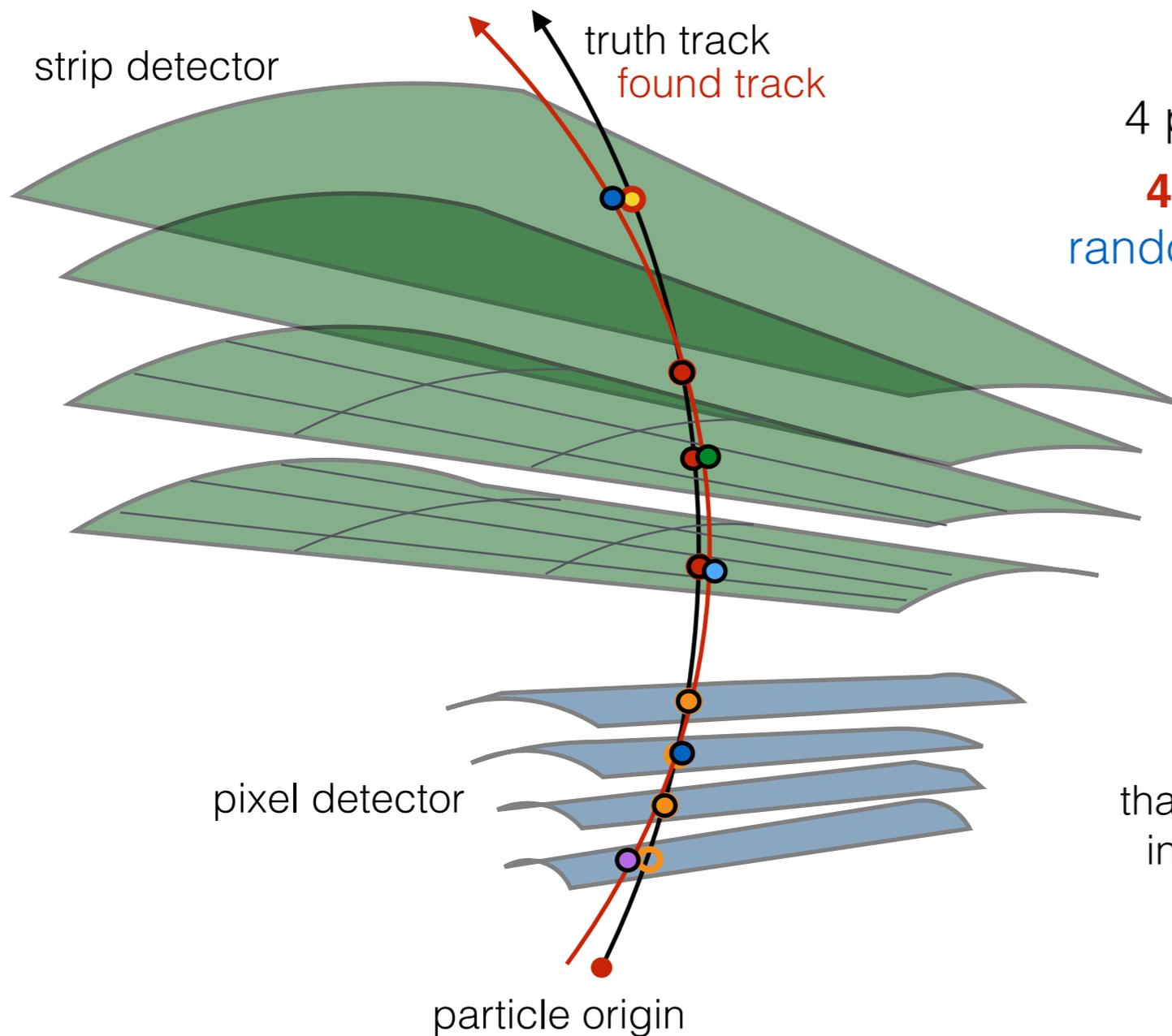
that's not very good
you got 6 out of 8,
naive score = $6/8 = 0.75$

your track is rather distorted

did you really measure the particle ?

(4) Goals - track ranking (6)

- ▶ There is no unique truth matching to define a found track
 - we use truth matching per hits



A ghost track

4 pixel hits, 4 strip hits created

4 pixel hits, 4 strip hits found
randomly associated (3 associated)

that's garbage
you got 3 out of 8,
naive score = $3/8 = 0.375$

your track is a ghost

that should not even give you a score !
in fact, it should count as score = -1

(5) Categories

Efficiency ?

Timing ?

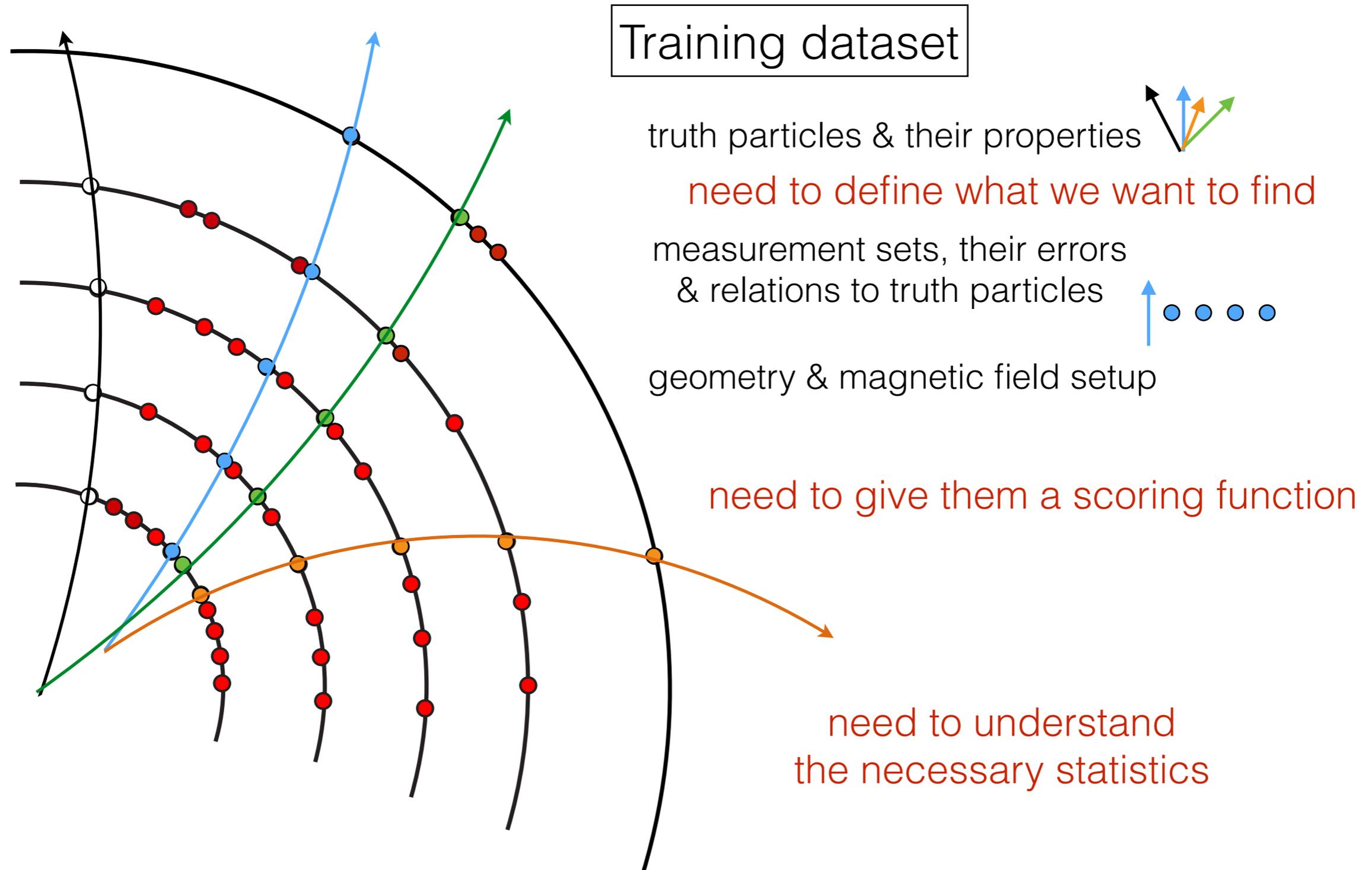


Purity ?

different categories
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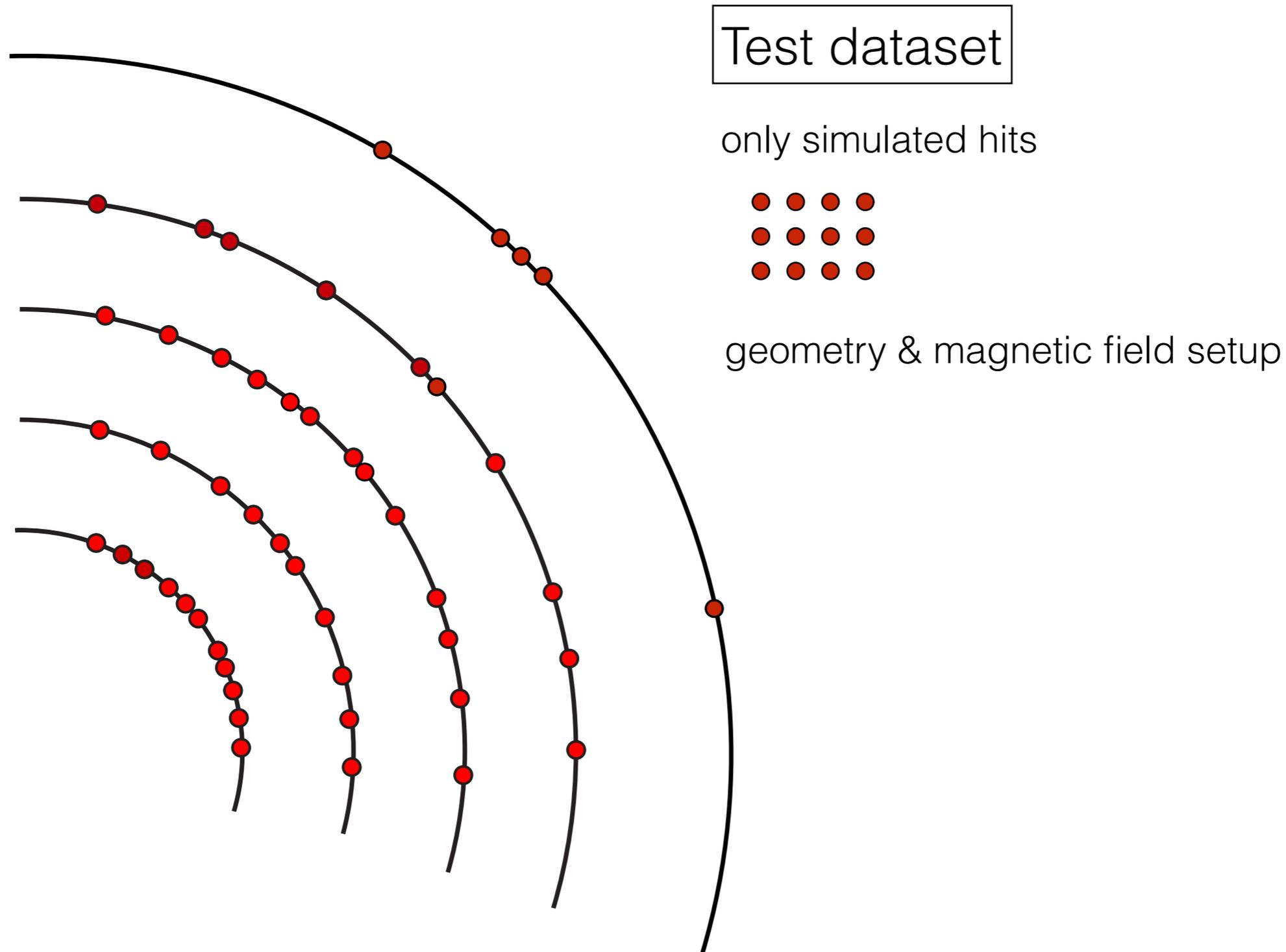
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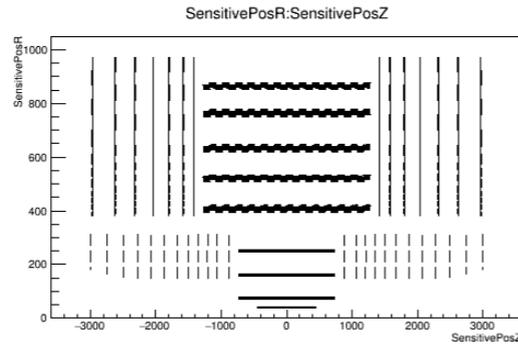
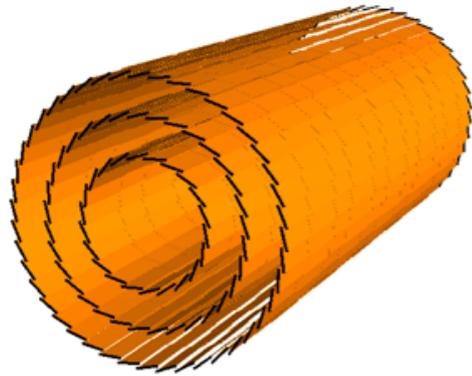


How could the challenge look like (2)

- ▶ We simulate a test (physics) sample with our generic, but realistic detector

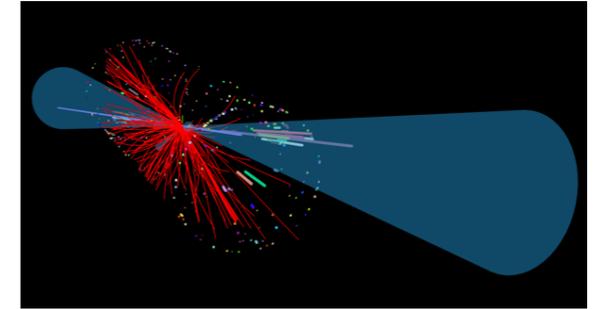


Some vague timescale considerations



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finalize dec 2015/jan 2016



finalize Q1/2016



finalize 04/2016

Training dataset

Q2/2016