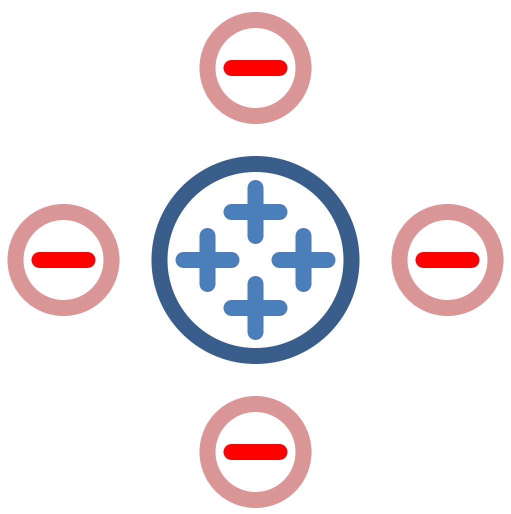

Silicon: **14 electrons**
4 in outer shell

Silicon at T=0K; Covalent bonds

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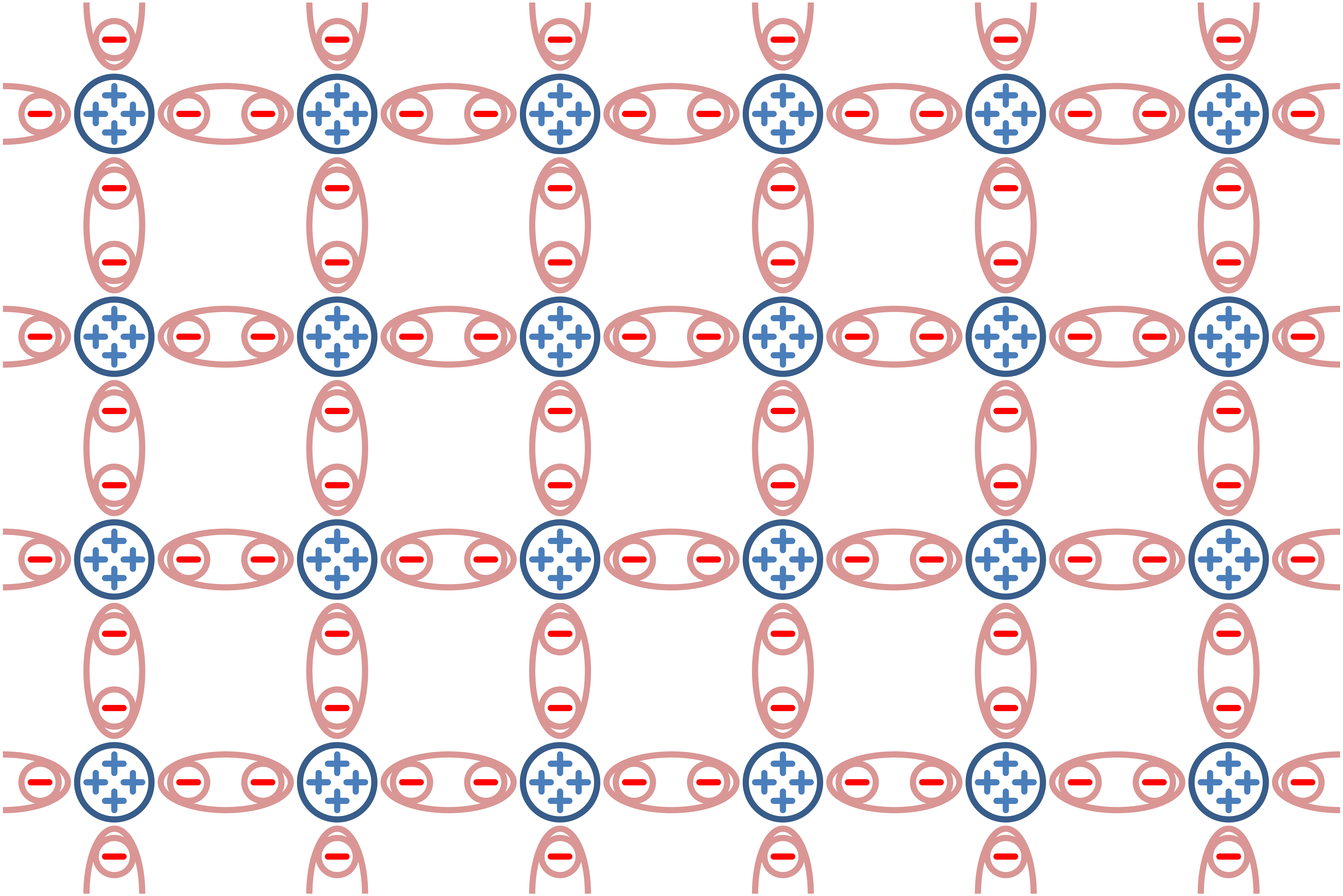

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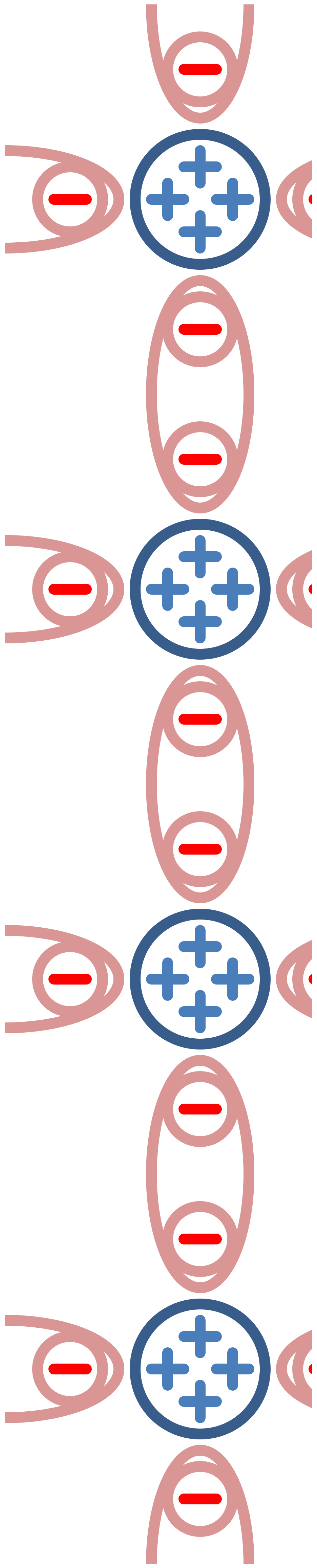

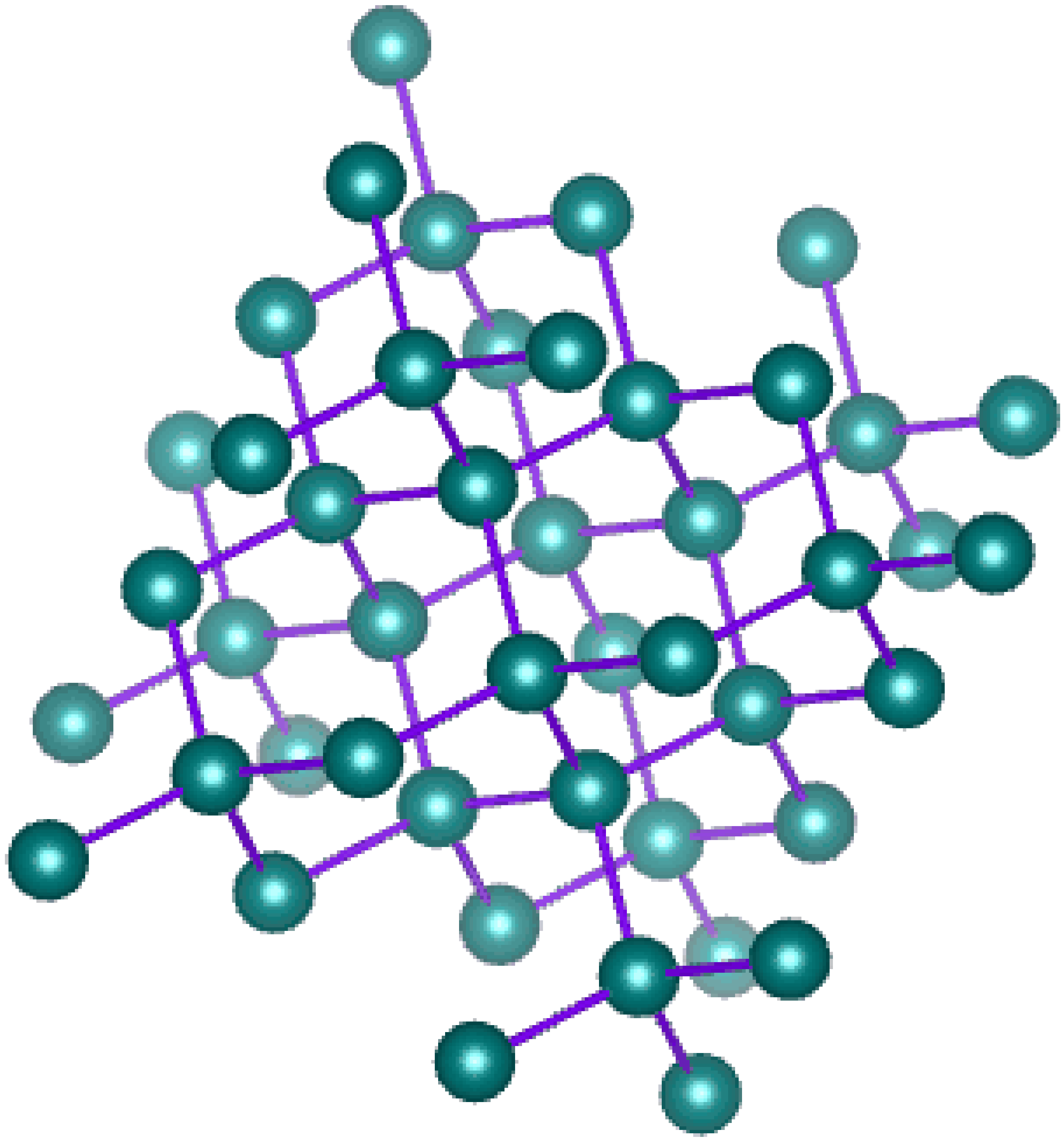

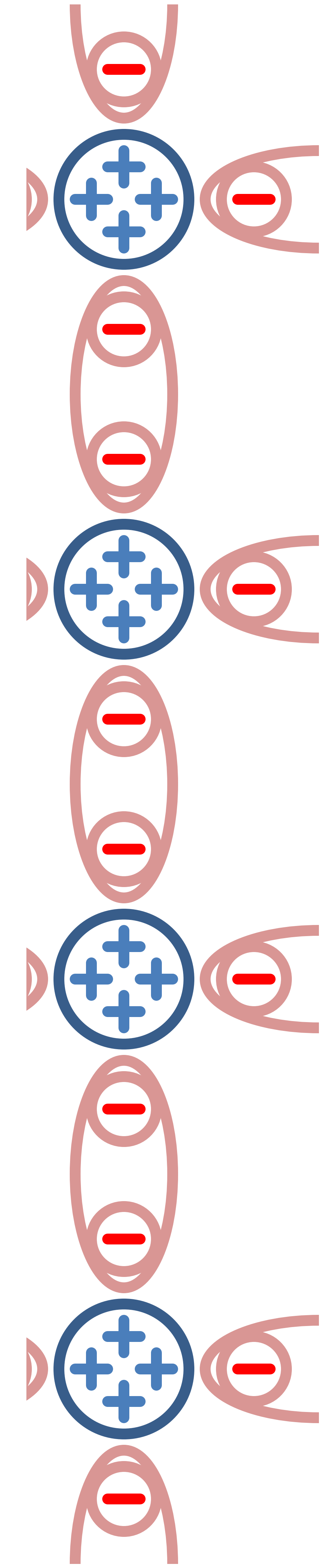

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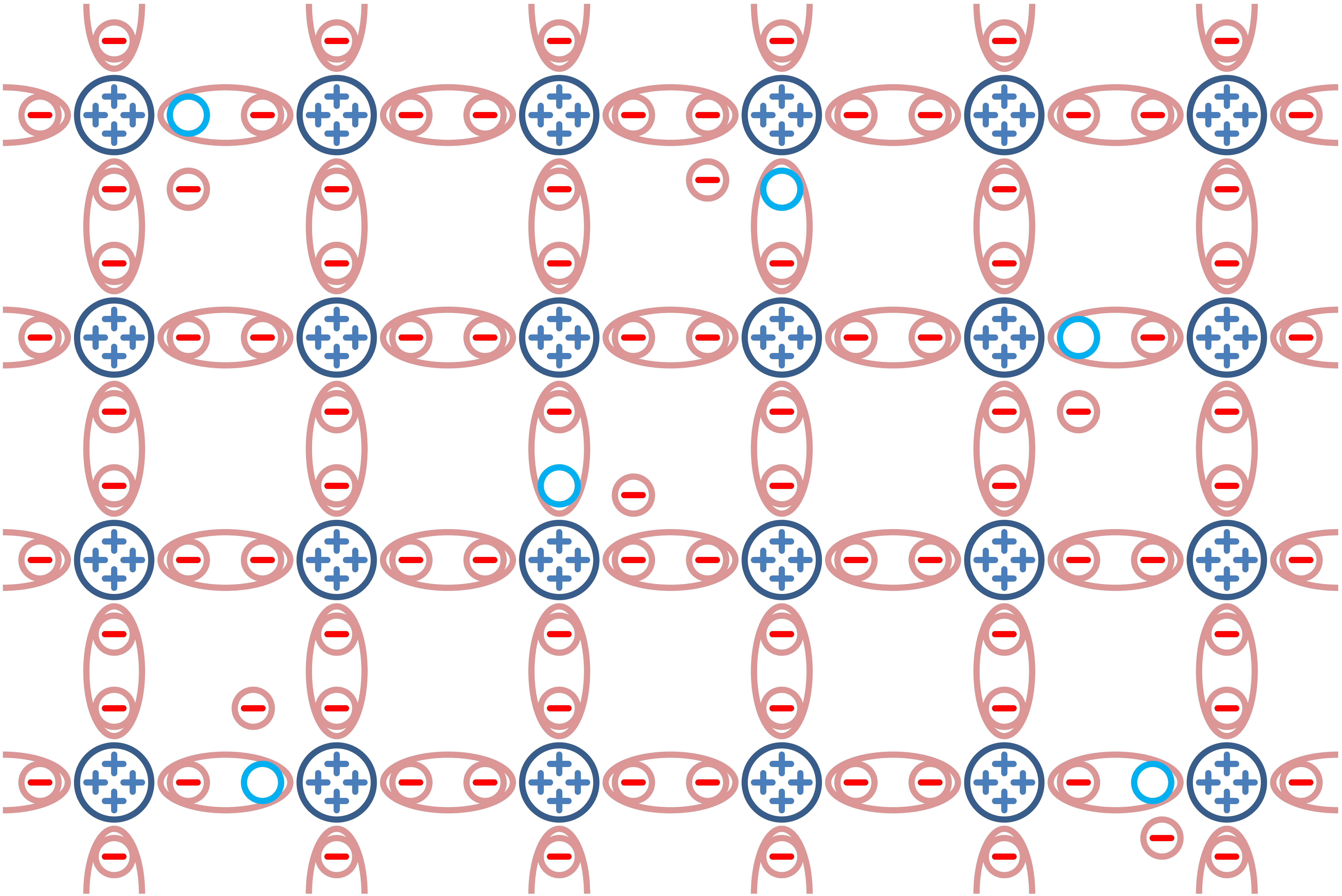
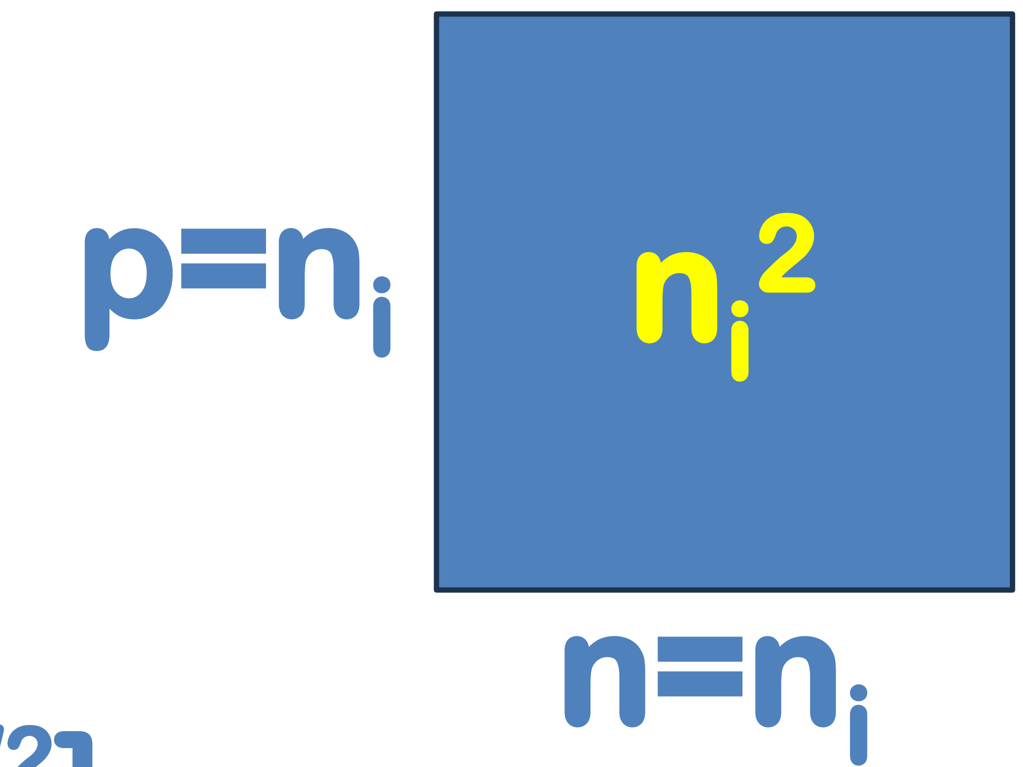


Silicon at T>0K; Better Conductor

Charge Carriers: free electrons and holes

n: number of f.e. per unit volume (cm^3)
p: number of holes per unit volume



Intrinsic (pure silicon)

$n=p=n_i$

$n_i=BT^{3/2}e^{-Eg/2kT}$ $B=7.3x10^{15}[cm^{-3}K^{-3/2}]$

$E_g=1.12[eV]$, $k=8.62x10^{-5}[eV/K]$

Commonly refer to the product

$pn=n_i^2$

Area (n_i^2) is set by temperature.
# of charge carriers is set by the perimeter.
Square is the worst shape to maximize perimeter (p+n).

Silicon at T>0K; Better Conductor

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27C = 300K

$p=n=n_i=BT^{3/2}e^{-Eg/2kT}$

$B=7.3x10^{15}[cm^{-3}K^{-3/2}]$

$E_g=1.12[eV]$ Electron Volt $1eV = 1.6x10^{-19}$ J

$k=8.62x10^{-5}[eV/K]$

$p=n=7.3x10^{15}\ (300^{3/2})\ e^{-1.12/(2*8.62e-5*300)}$

$=1.5x10^{10}$ carriers/cm^3

There are $5x10^{22}$ atoms/cm^3 for silicon, so only 1 out of every $5x10^{12}$ is ionized.

Current:

- **Free Electrons and Holes Moving.**
- **How do they move? (2 Types)**

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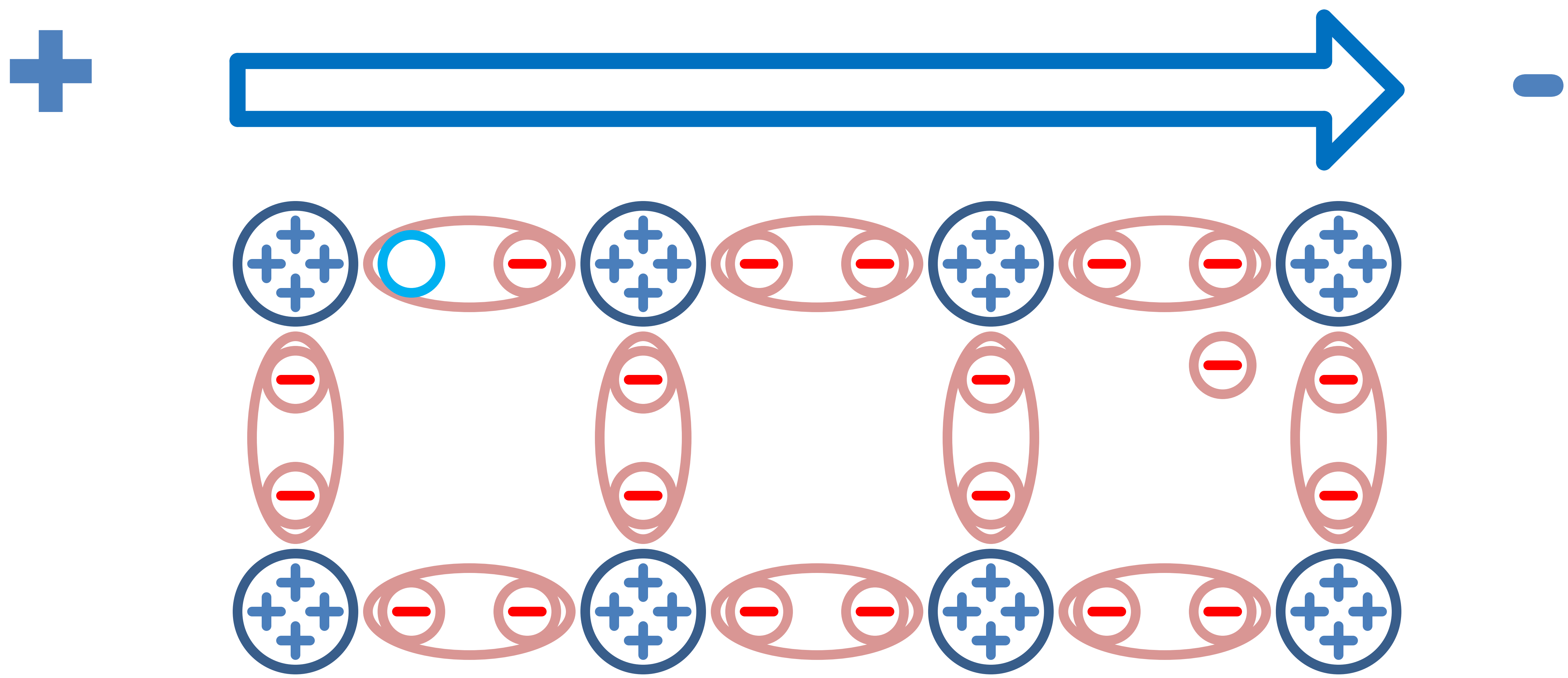

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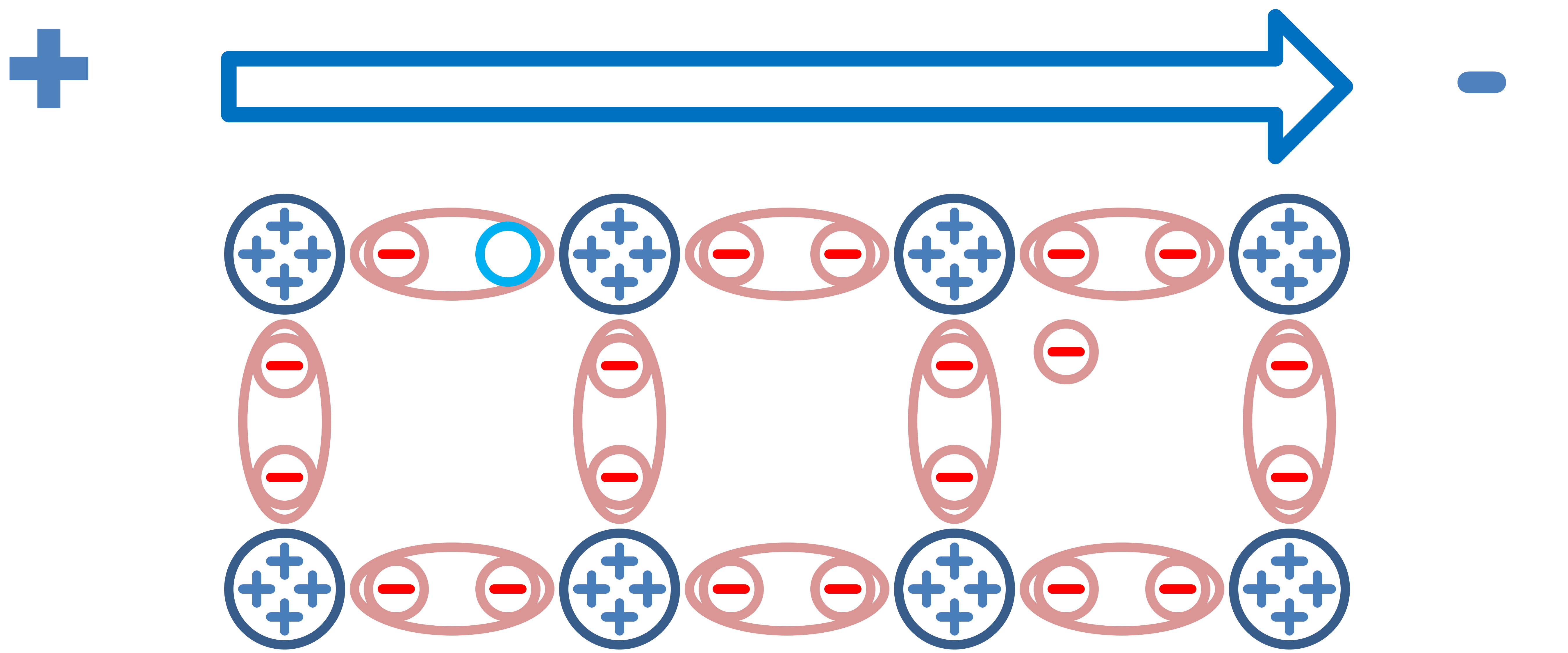

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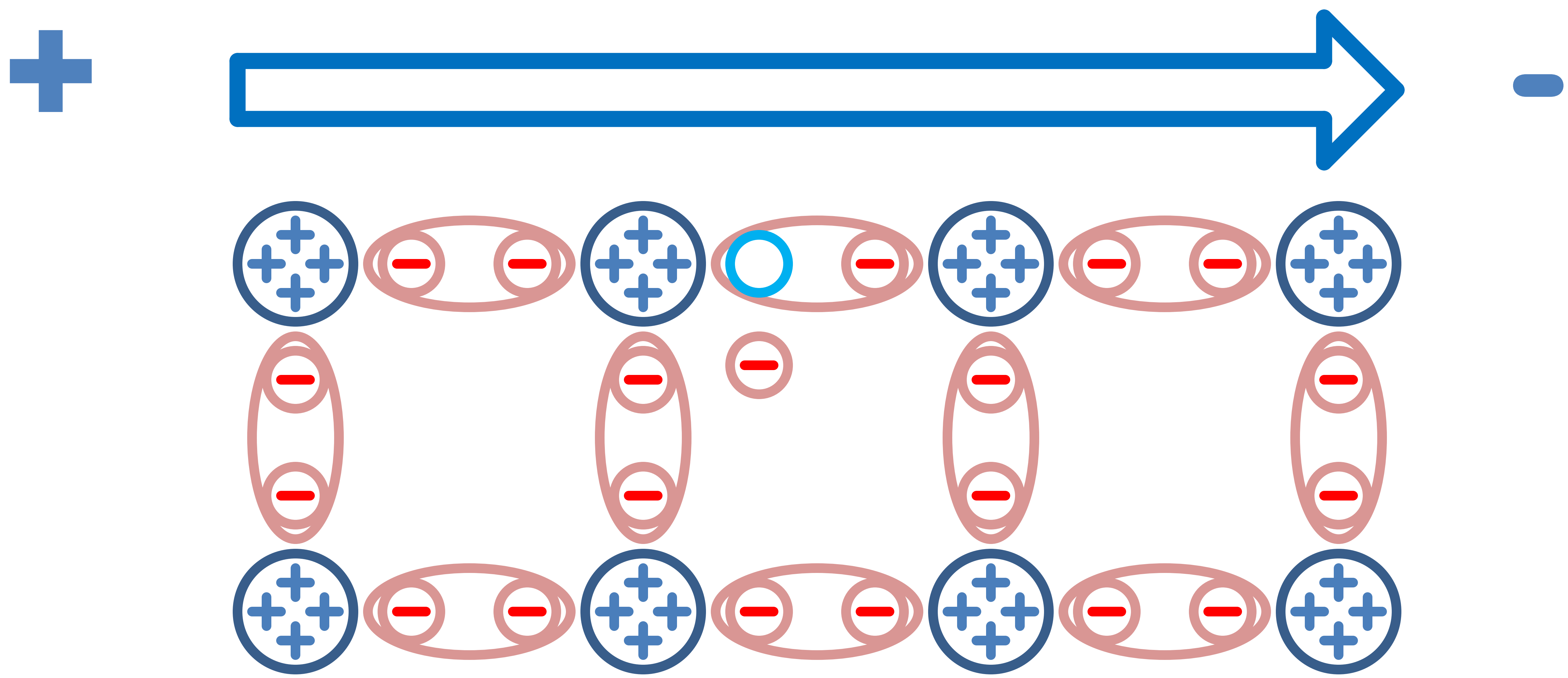

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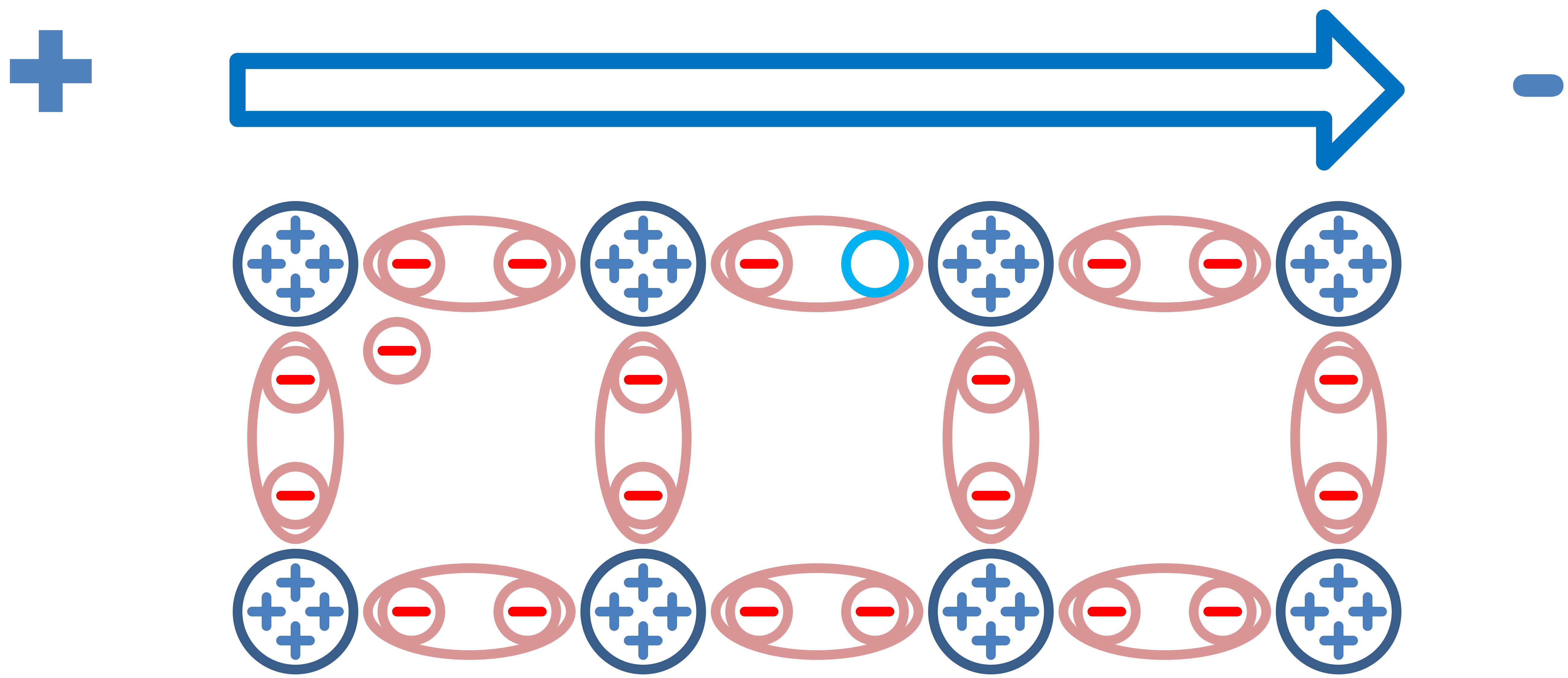

Drift Current: Current due to an e-field.

Force: Electric field (left to right)
Property: Charge

Equations:

velocity (cm/s) = mobility × Force (E=V/cm)

$v_{p\text{-drift}} = \mu_p E$ $\quad \mu_p$=480 cm^2/Vs (for silicon) depends on Temp

$v_{n\text{-drift}} = -\mu_n E$ $\quad \mu_n$=1350 cm^2/Vs (for silicon)

Current (A) = Area (cm^2) × (#/cm^3) × v (cm/s) × charge (q)

A = (#q)/s (left to right: same direction as E-field)

$I_p = A \cdot q \cdot p \cdot v_{p\text{-drift}} = A \cdot q \cdot p \cdot \mu_p \cdot E$

$I_n = -A \cdot q \cdot n \cdot v_{n\text{-drift}} = A \cdot q \cdot n \cdot \mu_n \cdot E$

Current Density = Current / Area = Conductivity × Force

$J_p = q \cdot p \cdot \mu_p \cdot E$ $\qquad J_n = q \cdot n \cdot \mu_n \cdot E$

$J = J_p + J_n = q(p \cdot \mu_p + n \cdot \mu_n)E = \sigma \cdot E$

Conductivity and resistivity

$\sigma = q(p \cdot \mu_p + n \cdot \mu_n)$ $\qquad \rho = 1/\sigma = 1/q(p \cdot \mu_p + n \cdot \mu_n)$

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$\rho = 1/\sigma = 1/q(p \cdot \mu_p + n \cdot \mu_n)$

$\rho = 1/(1.6e\text{-}19)(1.5e10*480 + 1.5e10*1350) = 2.28\times10^5\ \Omega\ \text{cm}$

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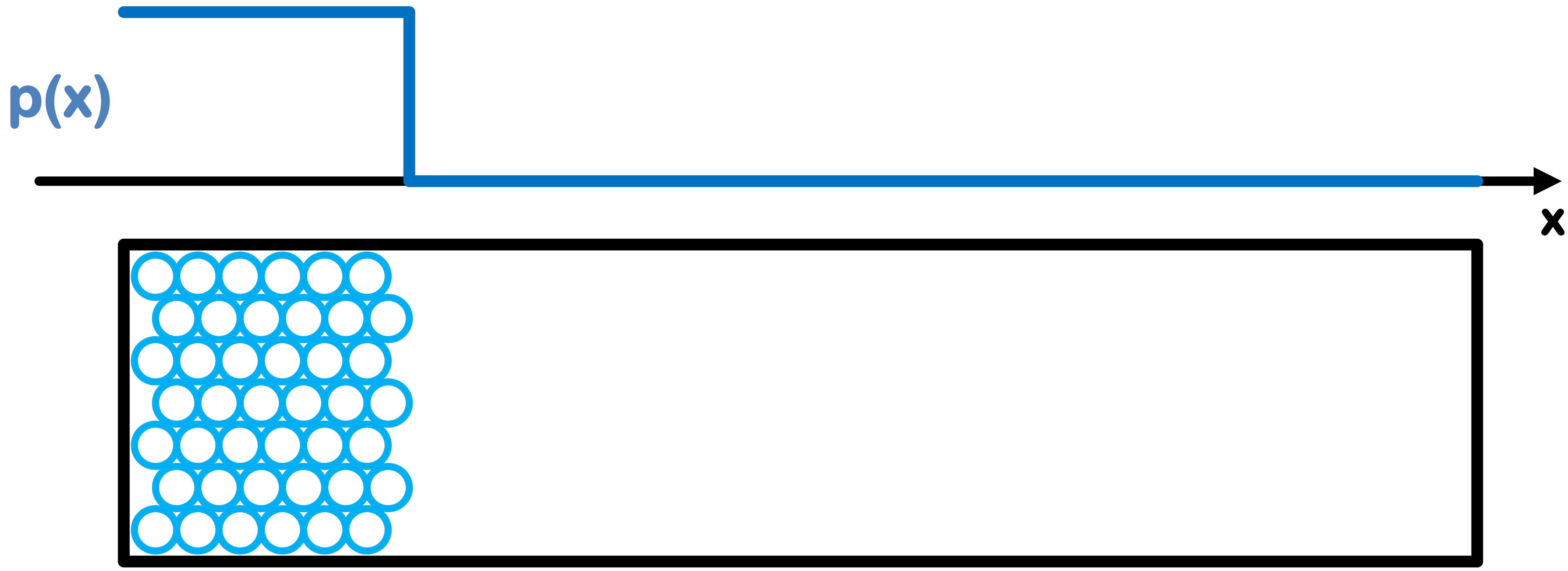

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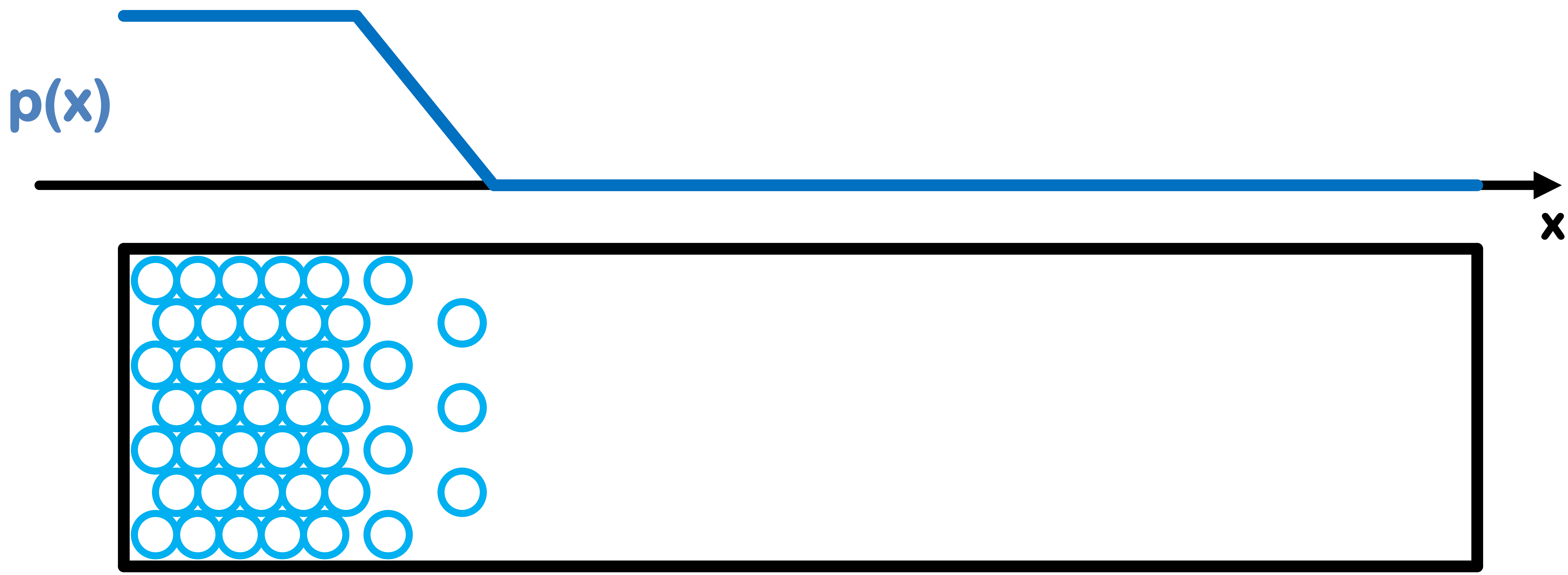

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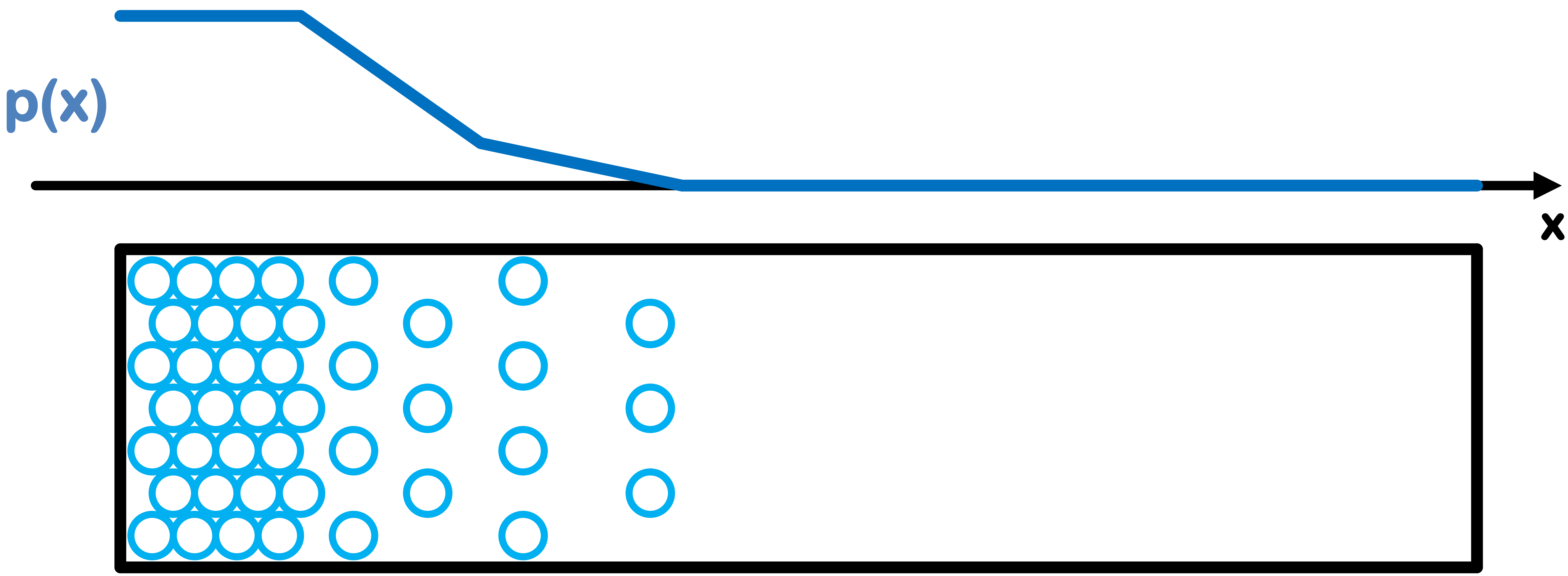

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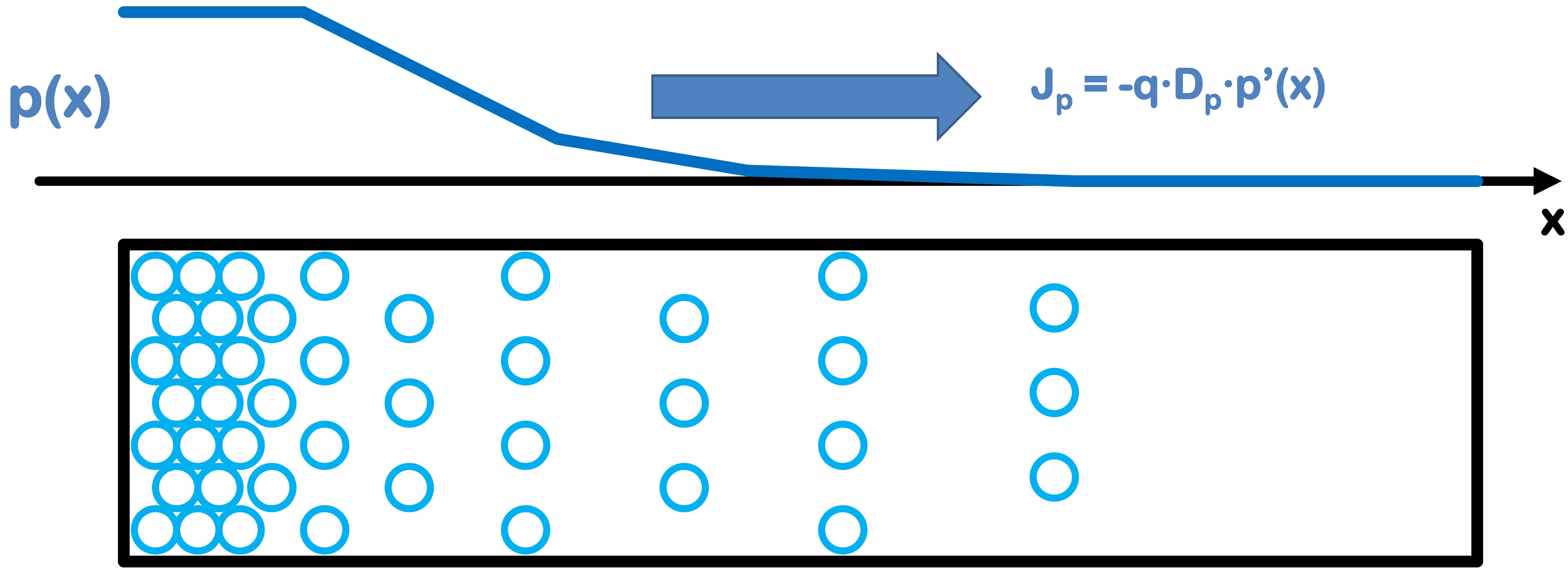

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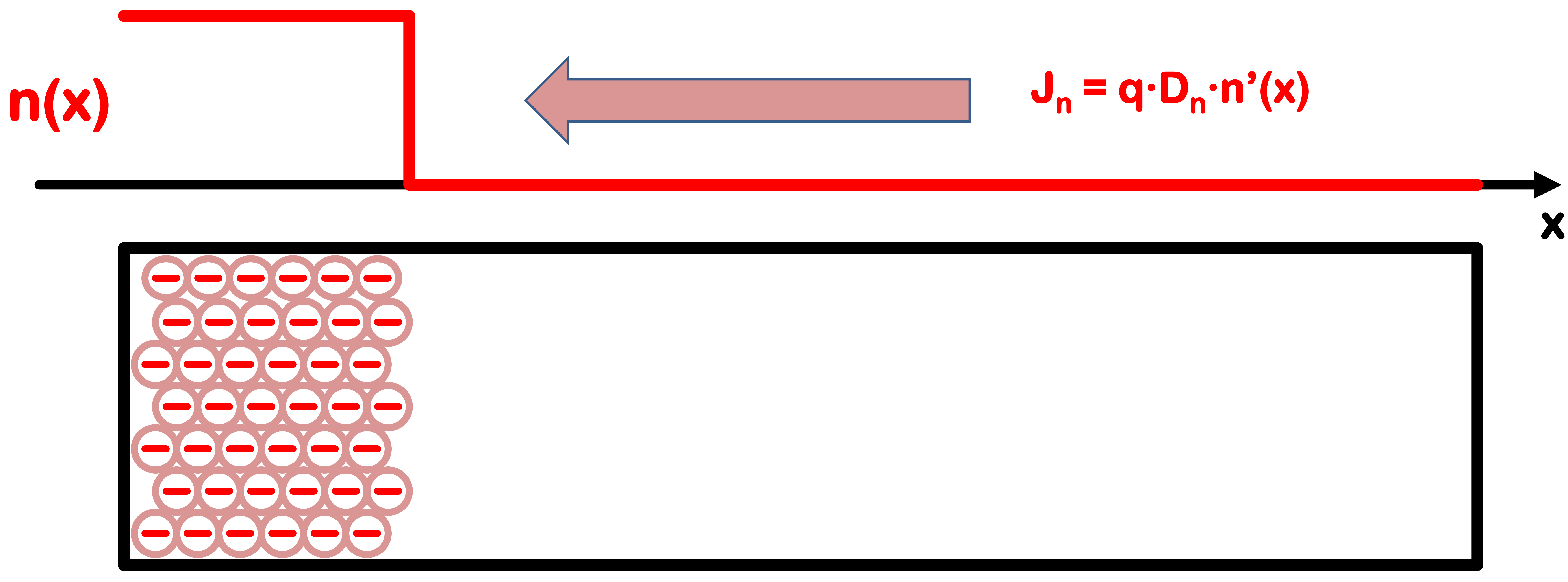


Diffusion Current: Current due to an mass, heat, and con. grad.

Force: Heat

Property: Mass and Concentration Gradient

Current Density = Current / Area = Conductivity × Force

$J_p = -q \cdot D_p \cdot p'(x)$ $D_p = 12 cm^2/s$ (for silicon)

$J_n = q \cdot D_n \cdot n'(x)$ $D_n = 35 cm^2/s$ (for silicon)

Remember, Current = Current Density × Area

$I_p = -A \cdot q \cdot D_p \cdot p'(x)$

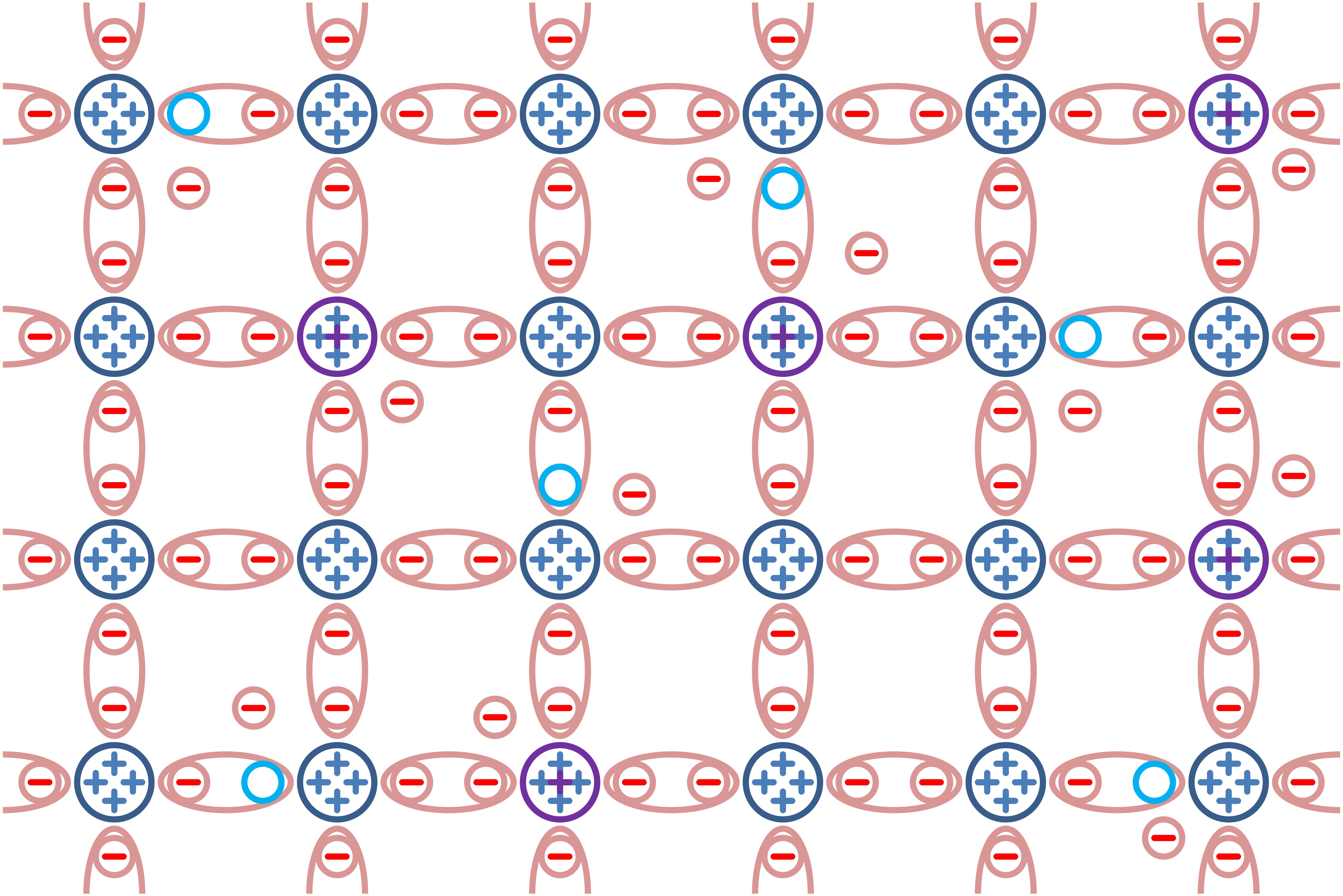
$I_n = A \cdot q \cdot D_n \cdot n'(x)$

$D_n/\mu_n = D_p/\mu_p = V_T$

The problem with pure (intrinsic) silicon is that p and n are small resulting in a poor conductor.

How can we increase the number of f.e. or holes?

Doped Silicon: With Phosphorus (15)



N-type Silicon:

Doped with Phosporus (Donor)

Excess of free electrons (negative)

$n_n = N_D$ Donor Concentration

$n_n >> p_n$

$p_n n_n = n_i^2$

$p_n = n_i^2 / N_D$

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Charge Carriers

free electrons: majority carriers

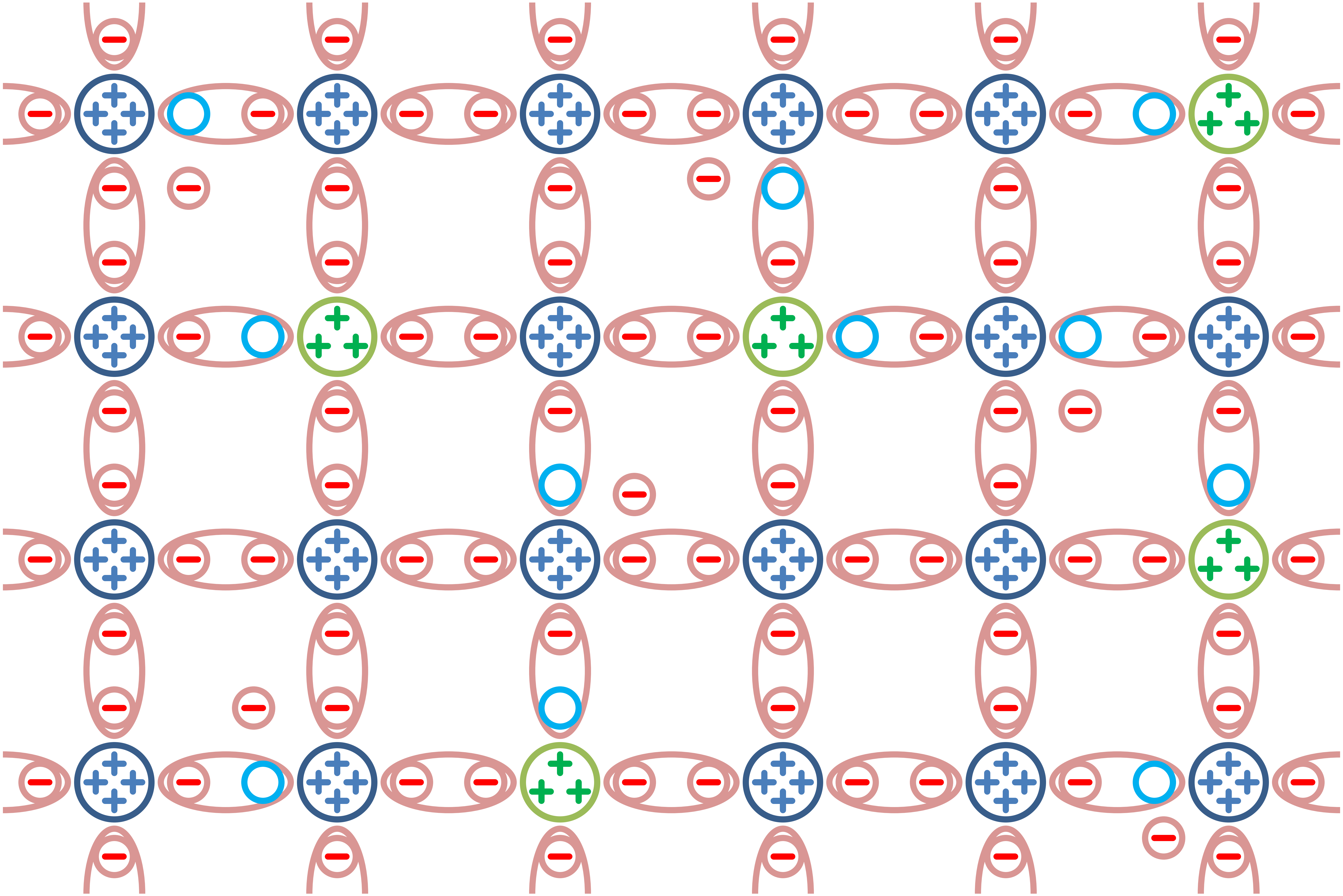
holes: minority carriers

If f.e. are removed to equalize holes and f.e.

The region becomes depleted (poor cond.)

The region becomes positively charged

Doped Silicon: With Boron (5)



P-type Silicon:

Doped with Boron (Acceptor)

Excess of holes (positive)

$p_p = N_A$ Donor Concentration

$p_p >> n_p$

$p_p n_p = n_i^2$

$n_p = n_i^2 / N_A$

Charge Carriers

holes: majority carriers

free electrons: minority carriers

If holes are filled to equalize holes and f.e.

The region becomes depleted (poor cond.)

The region becomes negatively charged

Review (Silicon):

- Silicon lattice (intrinsic, covalent bonds).
    - 0K – no charge carriers.
    - >0K – free electrons (negative), holes (positive).
        - n: concentration of free electrons.
        - p: concentration of holes.
            - $p=n=n_i$ which is a function of Temperature.

- Current (two types)
    - Drift – charge moving due to electric field.
    - Diffusion – charge moving due to heat and concentration gradient.

- Intrinsic silicon even at room temperature does not have a sufficient amount of charge carriers to be a good conductor

Review (Doped Silicon):

- N-Type: use Phosphorus to add extra electrons.
  - Majority carriers: f.e. – $n_n = N_D$
  - Minority carriers: holes – $p_n = n_i^2/N_D$
  - Depleted
    - Remove f.e. to equalize n and p.
    - Results in a positive charge.

- P-Type: use Boron to add extra holes.
  - Majority carriers: holes – $p_p = N_A$
  - Minority carriers: f.e. – $n_p = n_i^2/N_A$
  - Depleted
    - Add f.e. to fill holes and equalize n and p.
    - Results in a negative charge.

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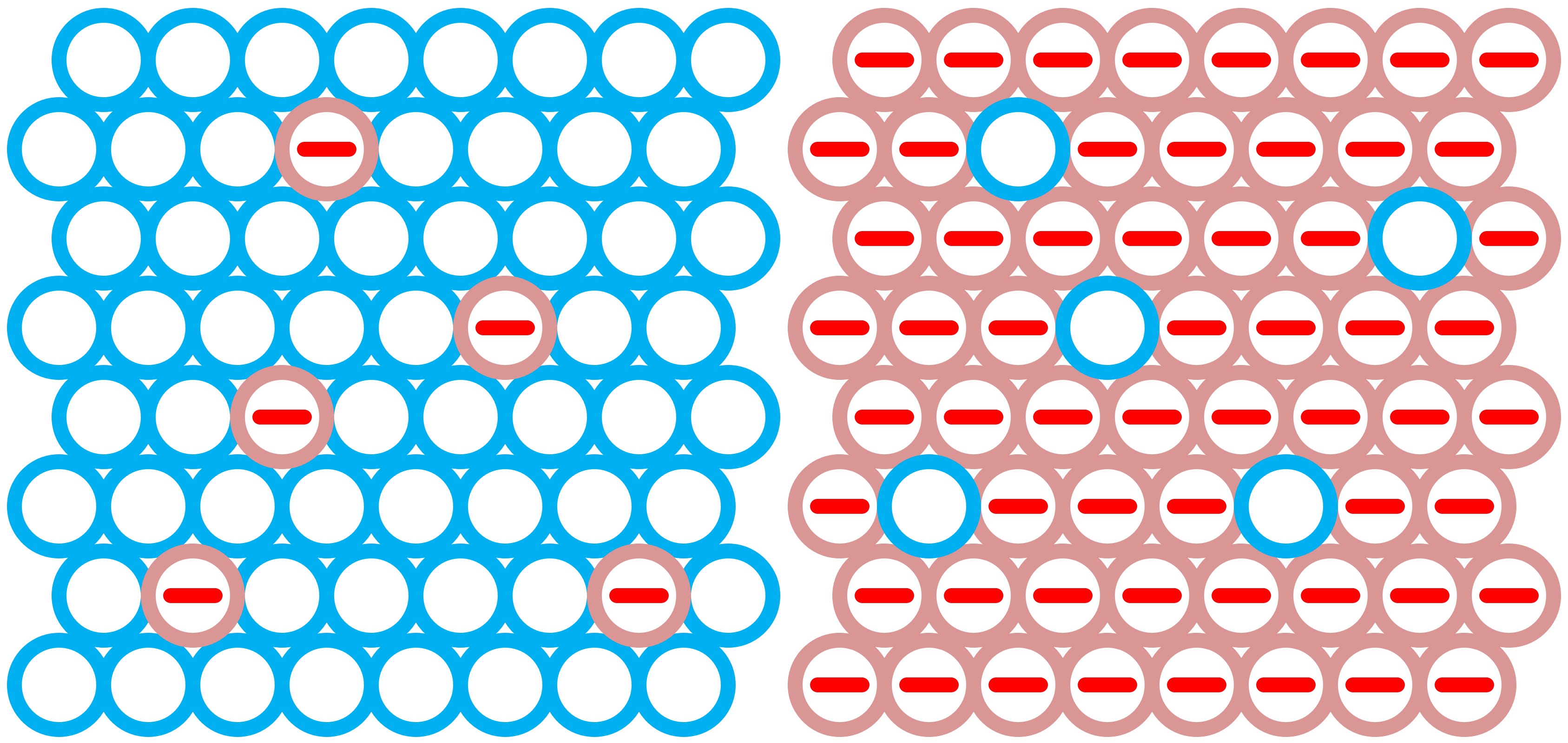
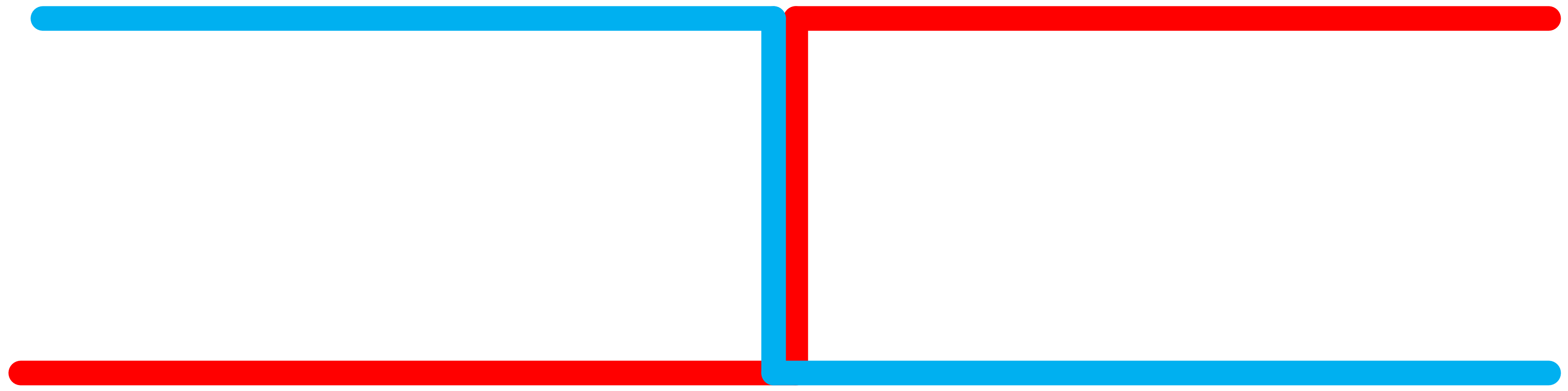


n(x),p(x)



Diffusion Current

Net Charge

E-field

NONE

Drift Current

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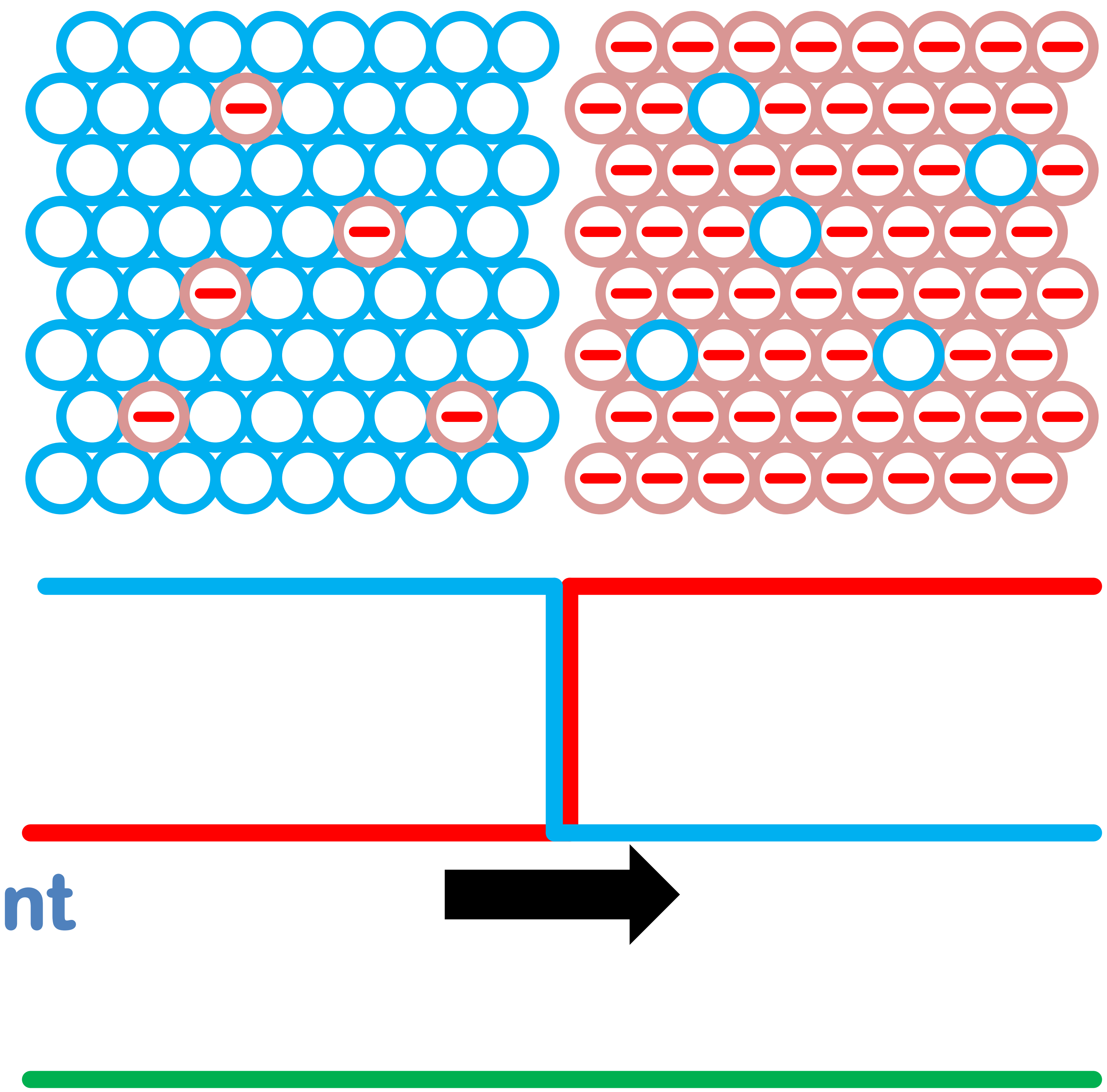

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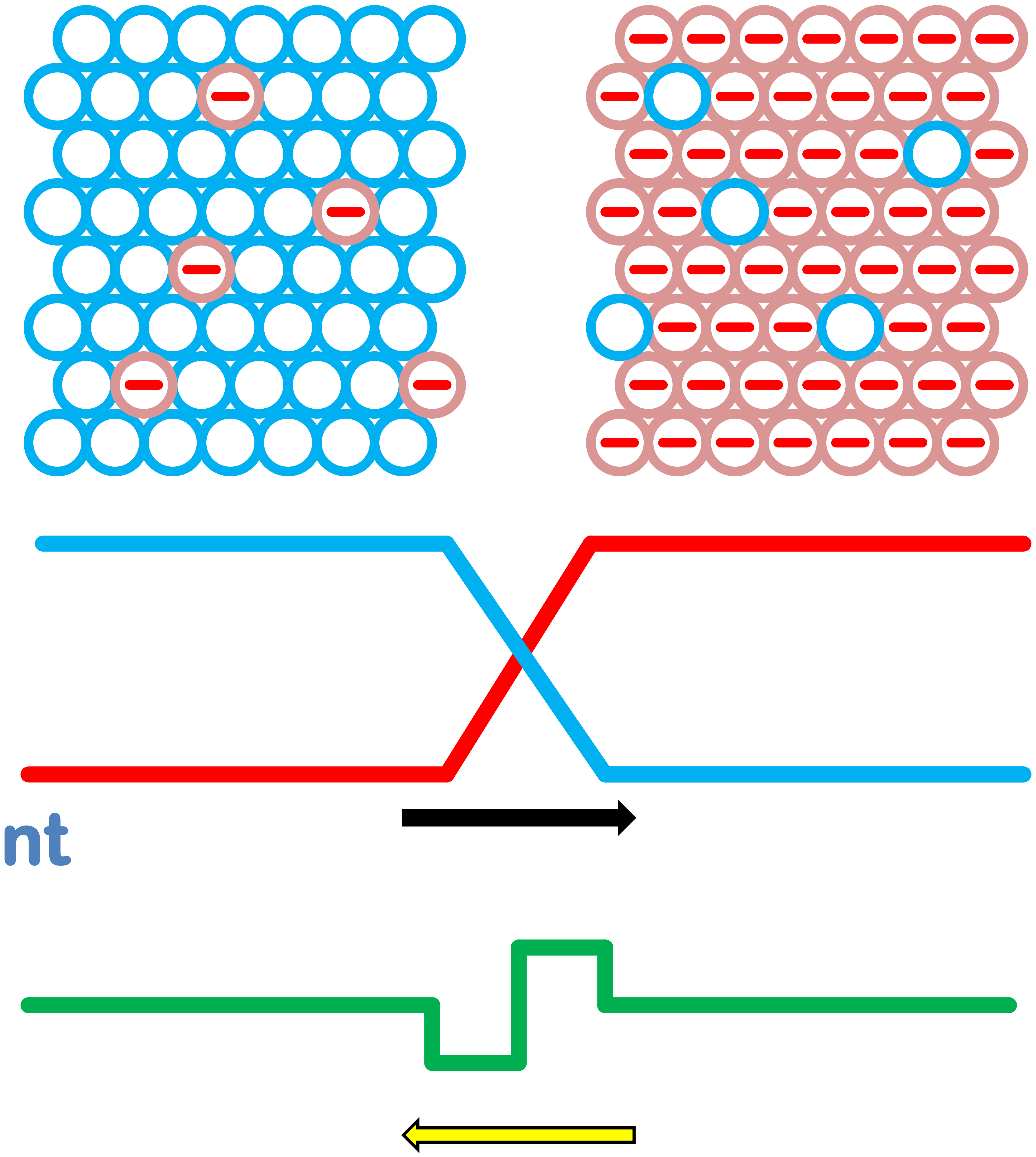

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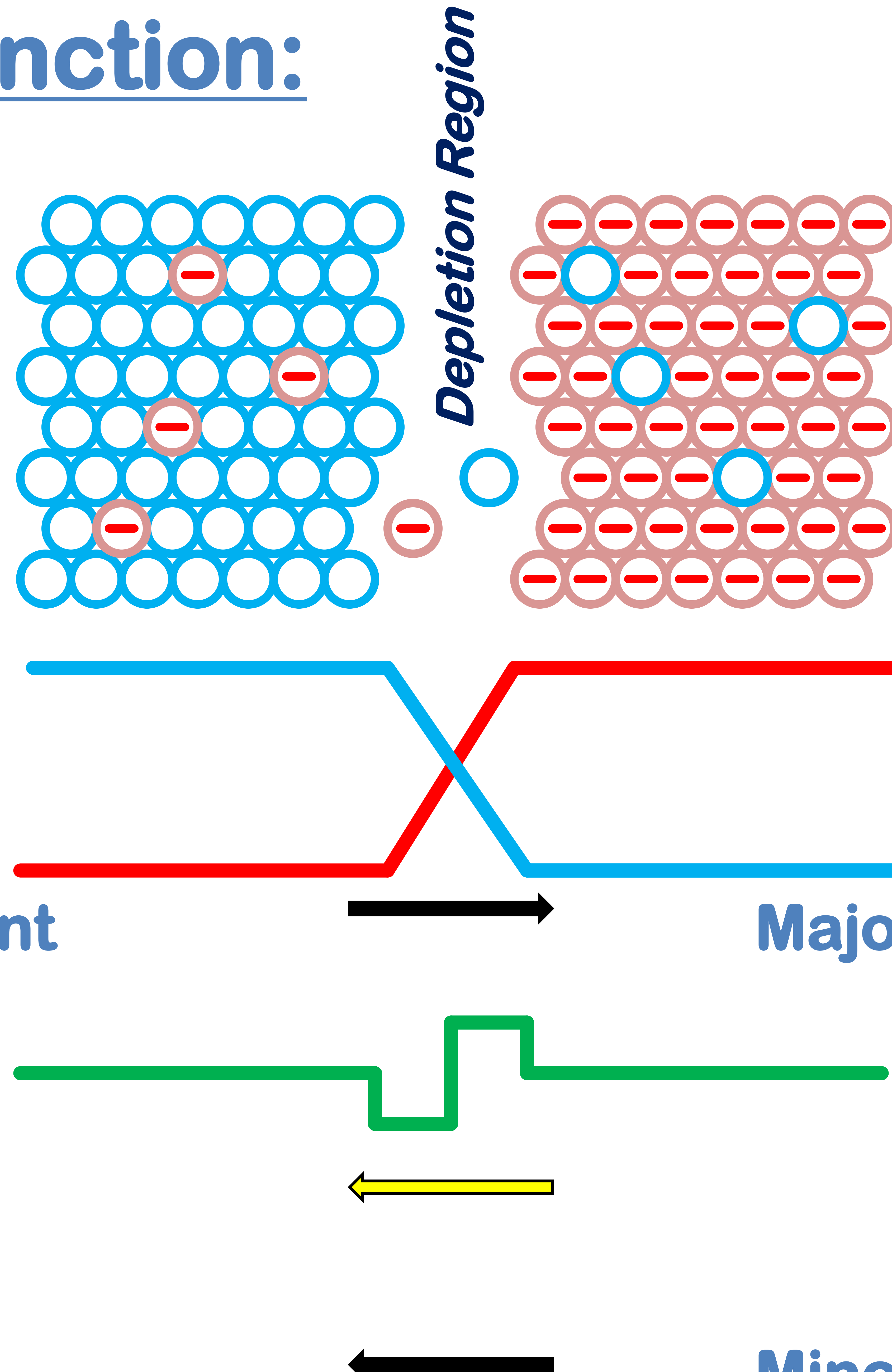

n(x),p(x)

Diffusion Current — Majority Carriers

Net Charge

E-field

Drift Current — Minority Carriers

The PN Junction:

Diffusion Current (anode to cathode)

- Majority Carriers
- Significantly blocked by the depletion region voltage.
- Dependent on voltage (overcome the depletion region voltage).

Drift Current (cathode to anode)

- Minority Carriers
- Not dependent on e-field, but rather the small number of available charge carrier.
- Significantly reduced by small number of minority carriers.
- Relatively constant.

Diffusion and Drift Currents are in opposite directions.

$$i_D = i_{Diffusion} - i_{Drift}$$

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Forward Biased PN Junction.

- v_D is from P to N, opposite that of the depletion region voltage.
- Diffusion current increases.
- The solution to a diffusion equation is an exponential.

$$i_{diffusion} = K\exp(v_D/nV_T)$$

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Drift Current

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Reversed Biased PN Junction.

- v_D is from N to P, enhances that of the depletion region voltage.
- Diffusion current is pushed to near zero.
- Drift current is constant.

$$i_{drift} = I_S$$

The PN Junction:

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Drift Current

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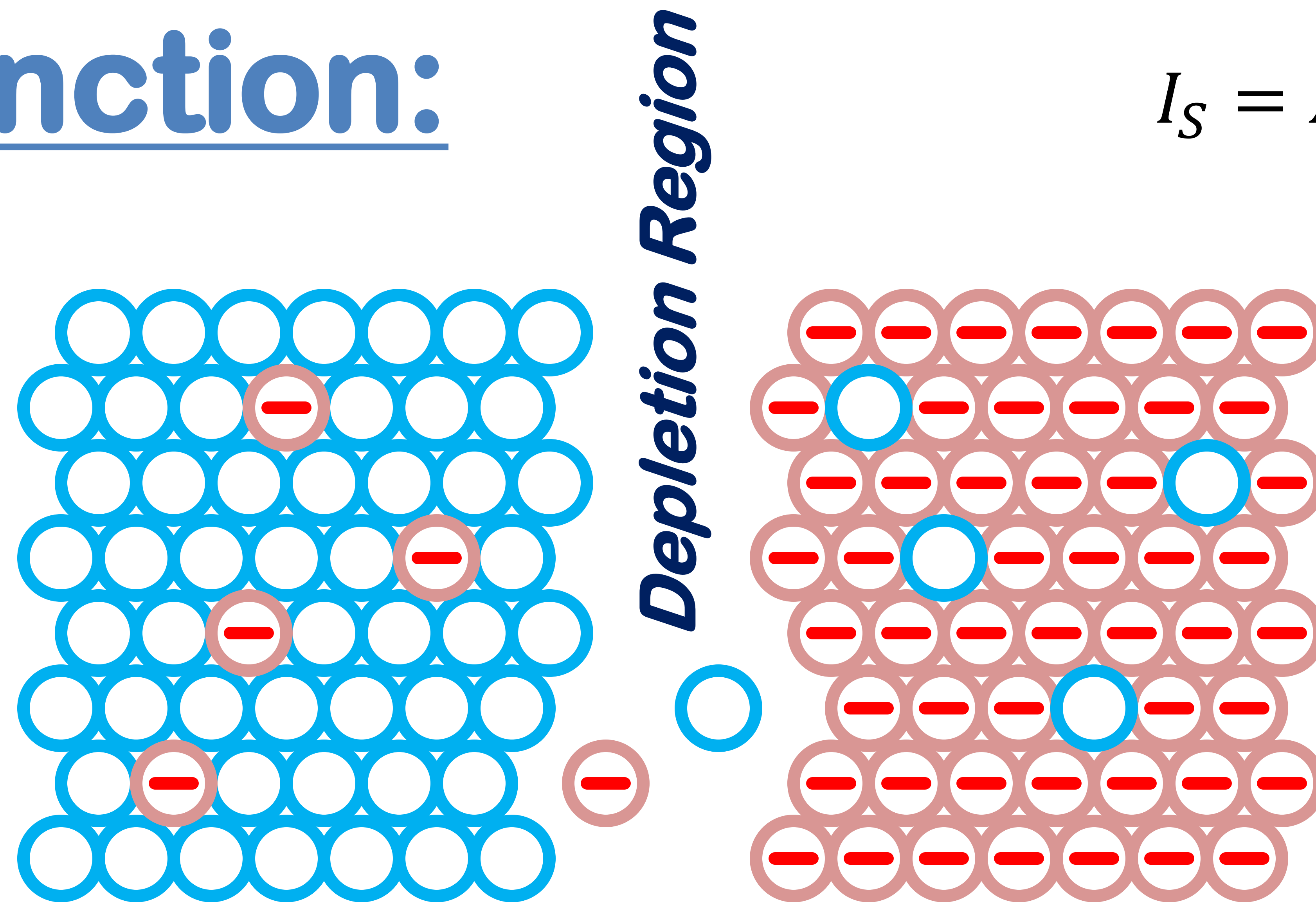
$$i_D = K\exp(v_D/nV_T) - I_S$$

Passive device $i_D(0) = 0$, so $K = I_S$.

$$i_D = I_S(\exp(v_D/nV_T) - 1)$$

The PN Junction:

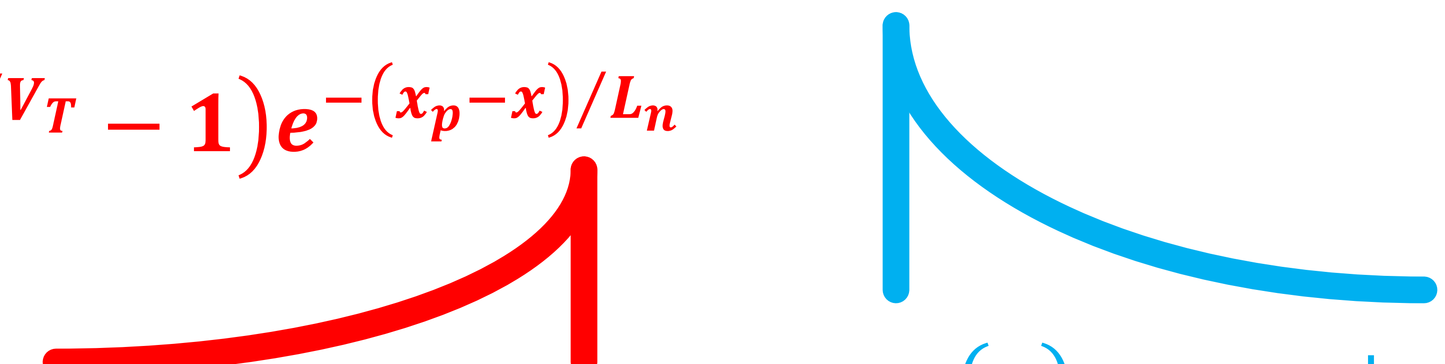
$$I_S = Aqn_i^2\left(\frac{D_p}{L_pN_D} + \frac{D_n}{L_nN_A}\right)$$



$I_n = A \cdot q \cdot D_n \cdot n_p'(x)$

$$n_p(x) = n_{p0} + n_{p0}\left(e^{V/V_T} - 1\right)e^{-(x_p - x)/L_n}$$

$n_p(x)$, $p_n(x)$



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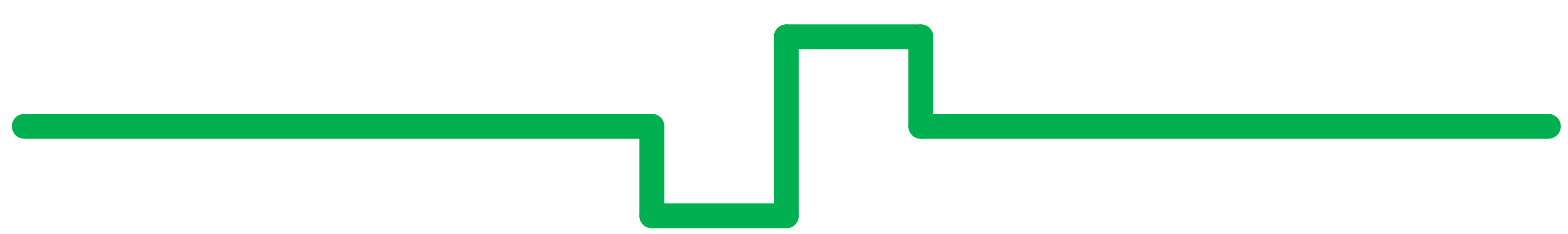
Diffusion Current → Majority Carriers

Net Charge



E-field ←

Drift Current ← Minority Carriers

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PN Junction in Breakdown.

- v_D is from N to P and is very large.
- v_D is sufficiently large (negative) to break covalent bonds (Zener).

- Rush of free electrons.

- Electrons collide with other bonds freeing those electrons (Avalanche).