

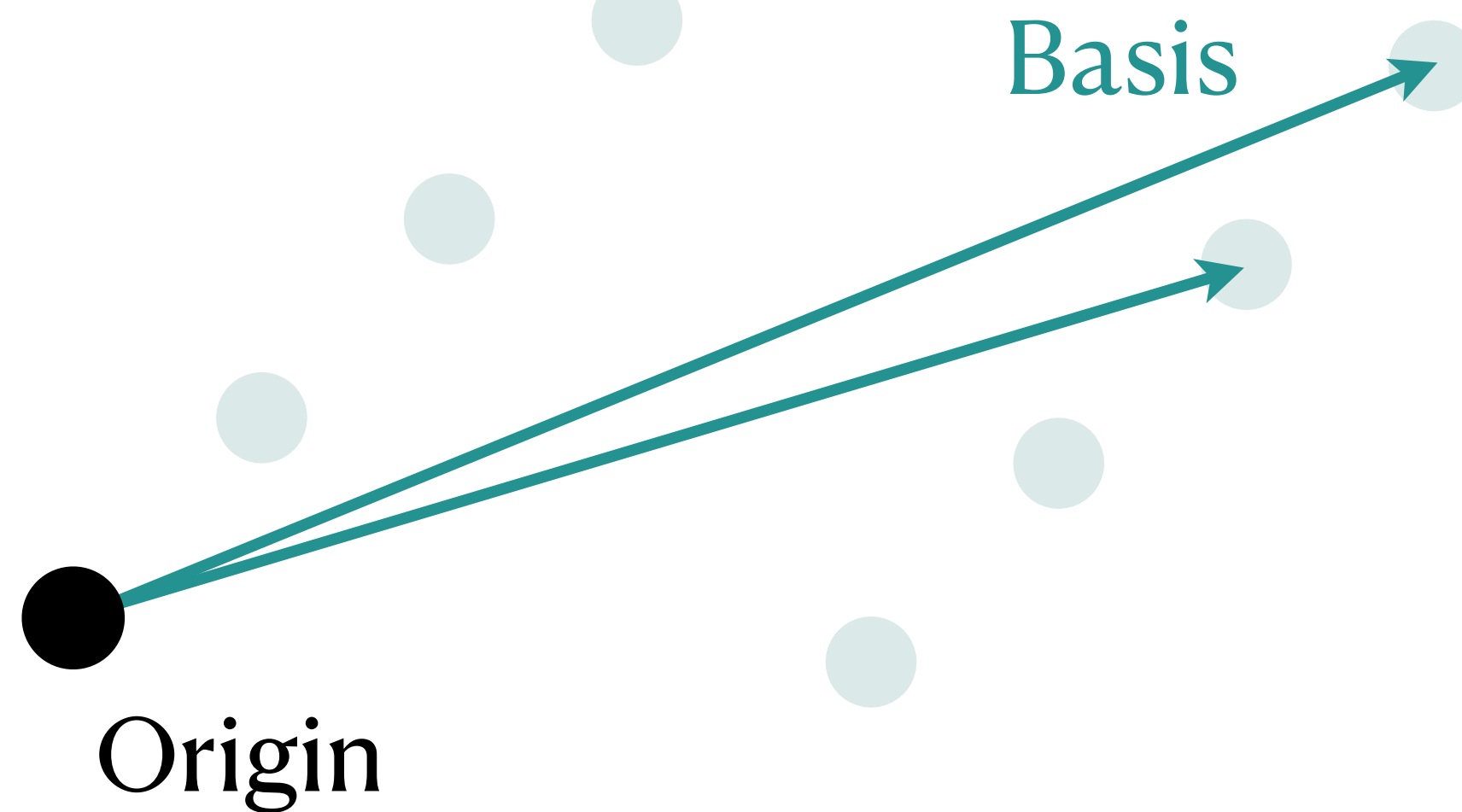
Ideal-SVP is hard for small-norm uniform prime ideals

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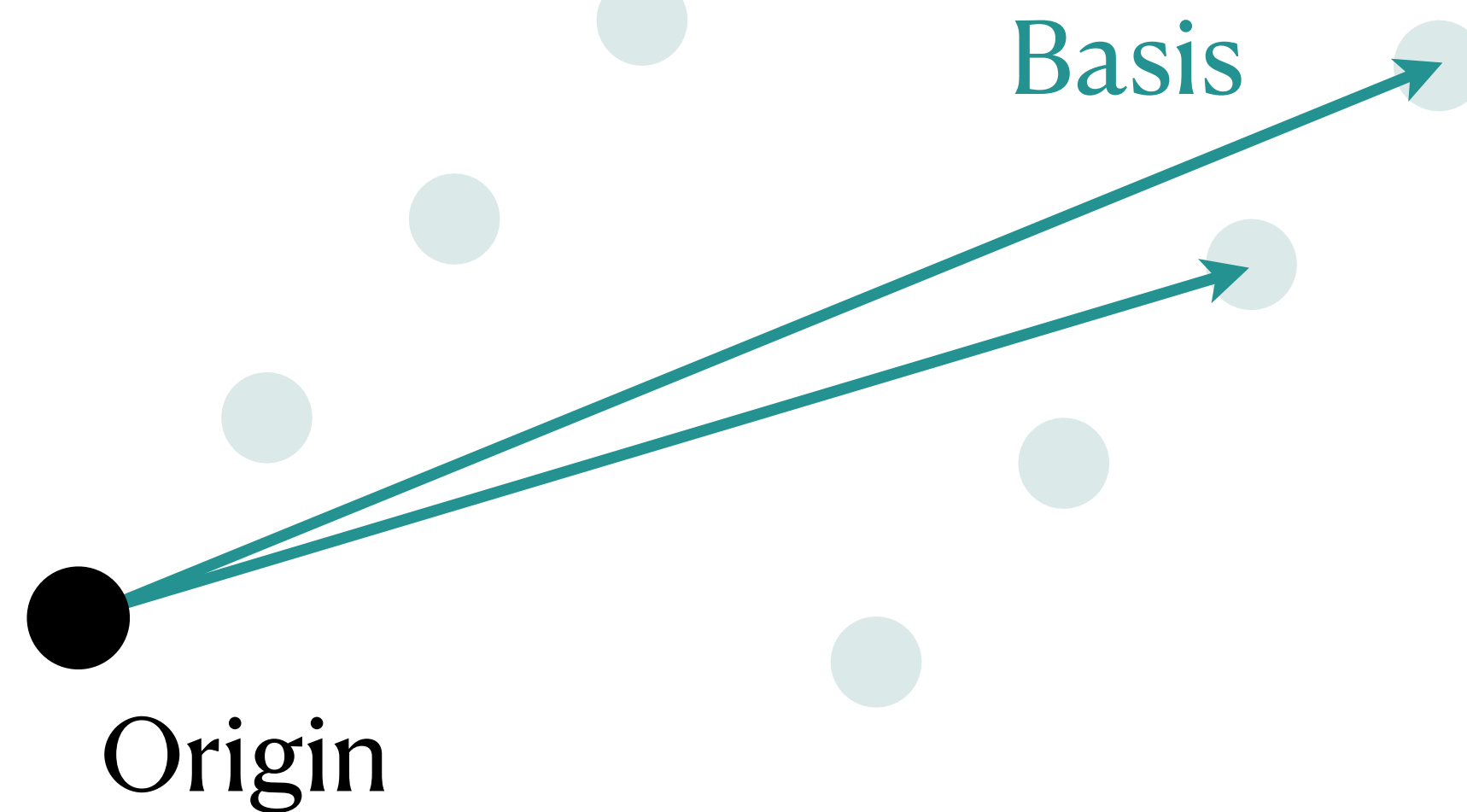
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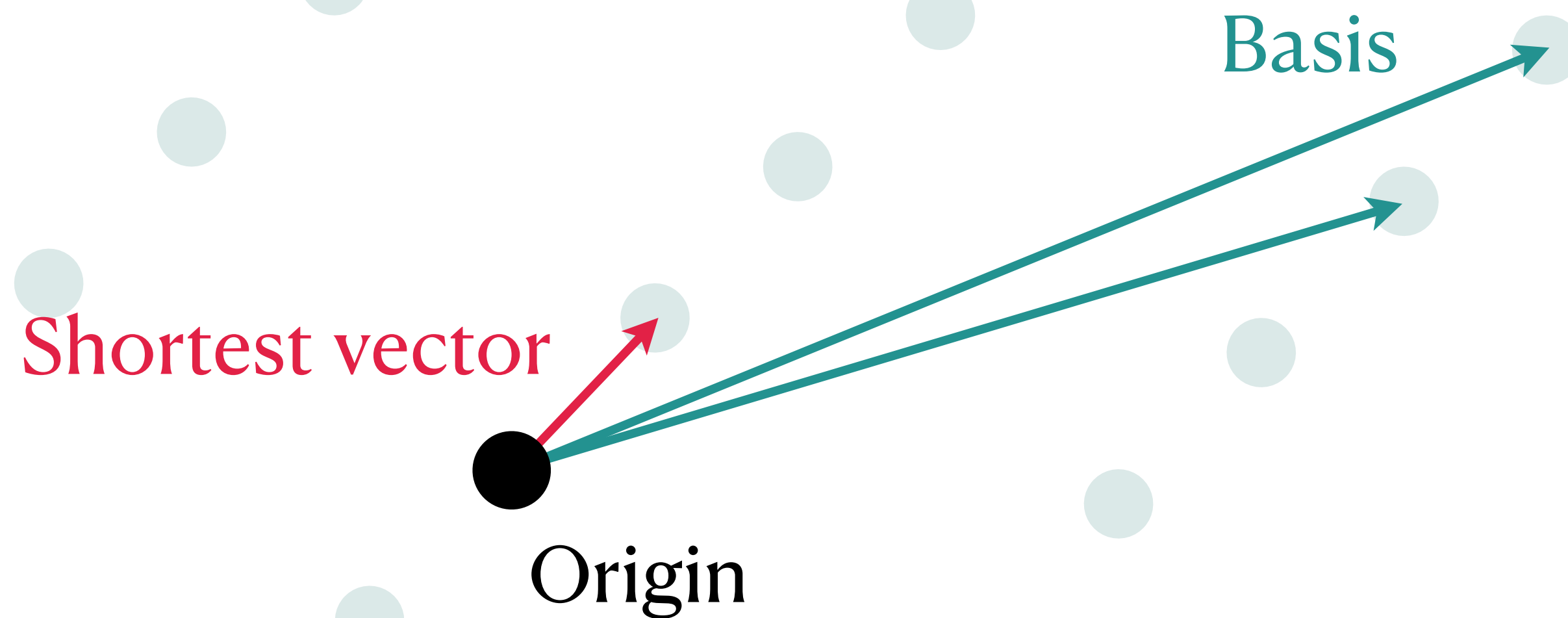
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 - There are specific algorithms for SVP in ideal lattices
 - Ideal-SVP still considered hard, but one can reach better approximation factors than SVP in generic lattices

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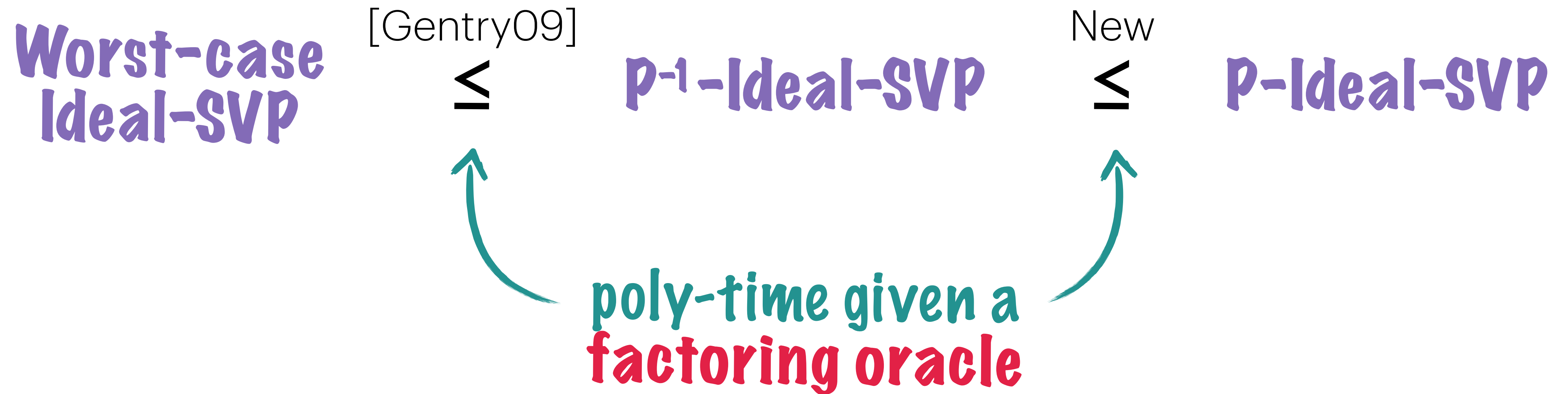
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- This work: **uniformly random prime ideal** of small norm *P-Ideal-SVP*
 - *Integral*, unlike [Gentry09], and *small*, unlike [BDPW20]
 - Composes with NTRU reductions! Links NTRU to worst-case Ideal-SVP

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- First distribution over NTRU instances with a polynomial modulus whose hardness is supported by a worst-case lattice problem
- Caveat: sampling $D^{\mathbf{NTRU}}$ needs factoring oracle