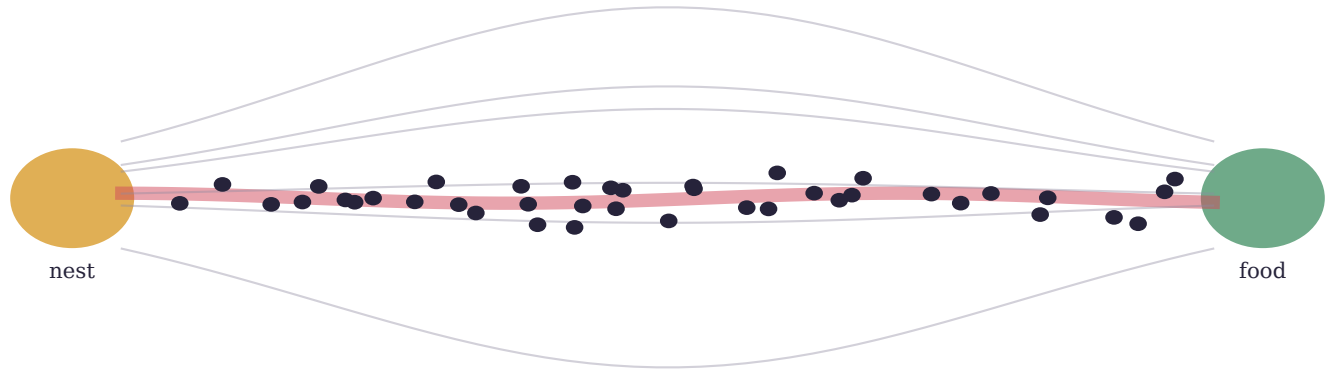


# The Hive Mind: Smart Crowds of Simple Parts

No ant knows the route. Each follows a simple rule  
(‘follow the scent, add your own’) — and the colony as a whole  
finds the shortest path. Intelligence with nobody in charge.



*the strongest scent trail (thick line) emerges as the optimal route*