

The ρ and K^* resonances from lattice QCD at physical quark masses

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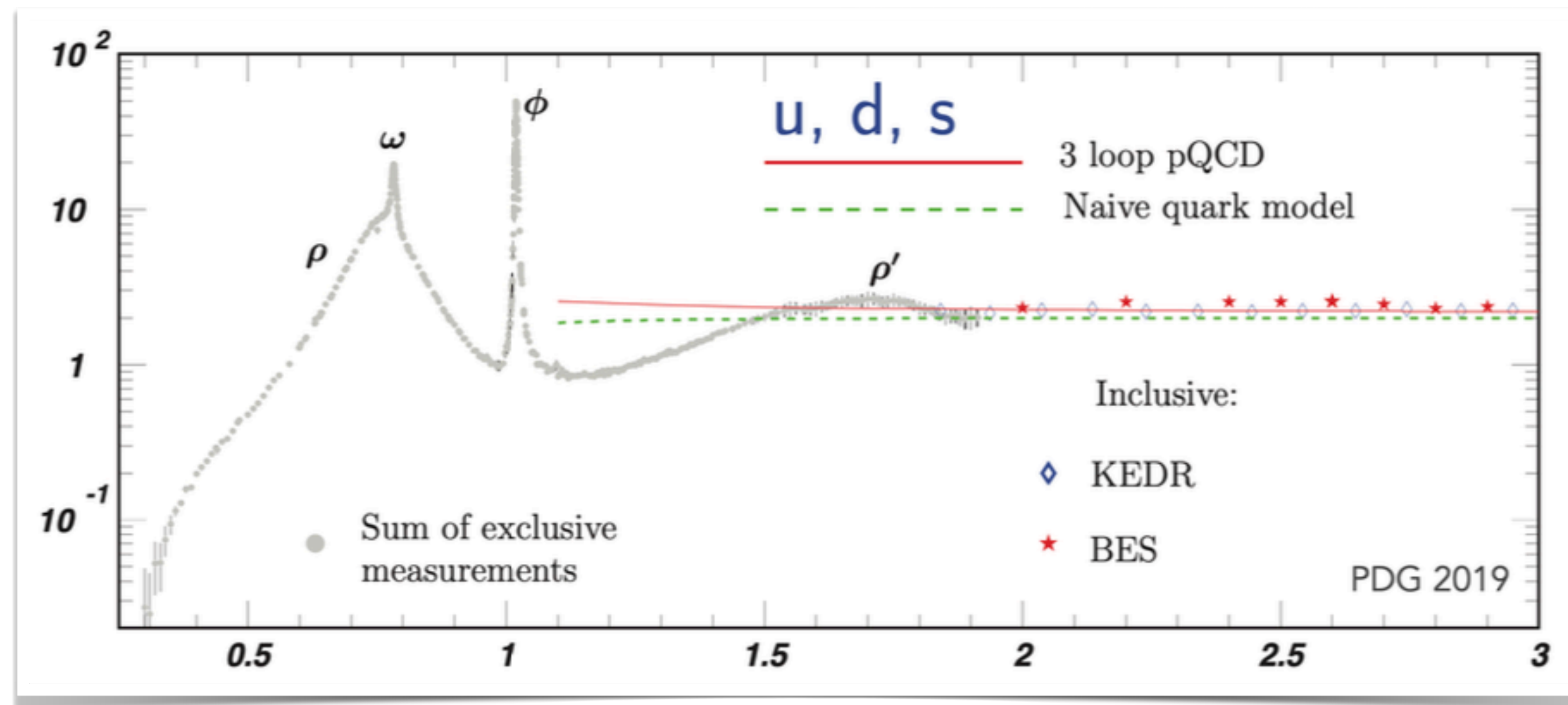
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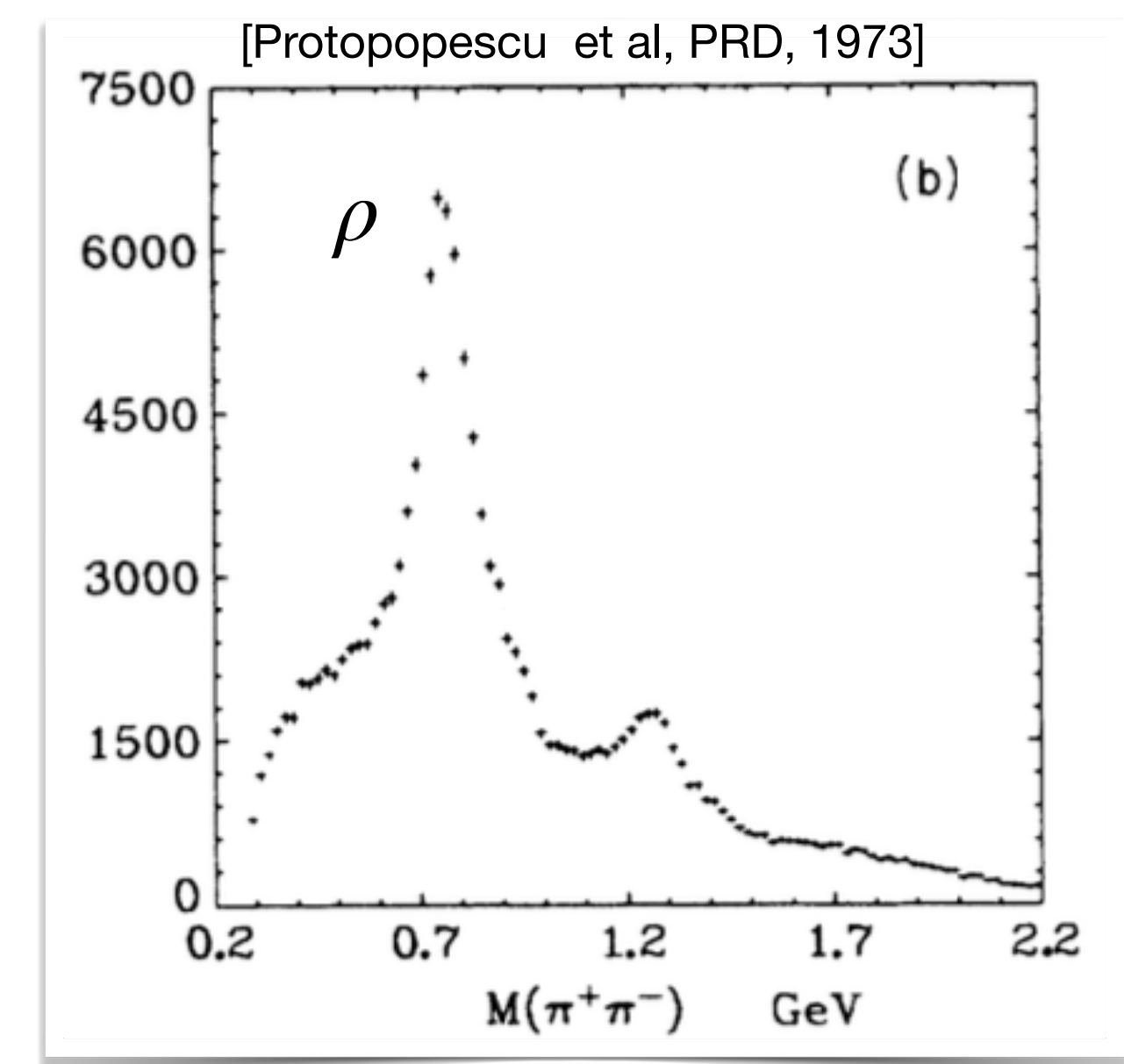
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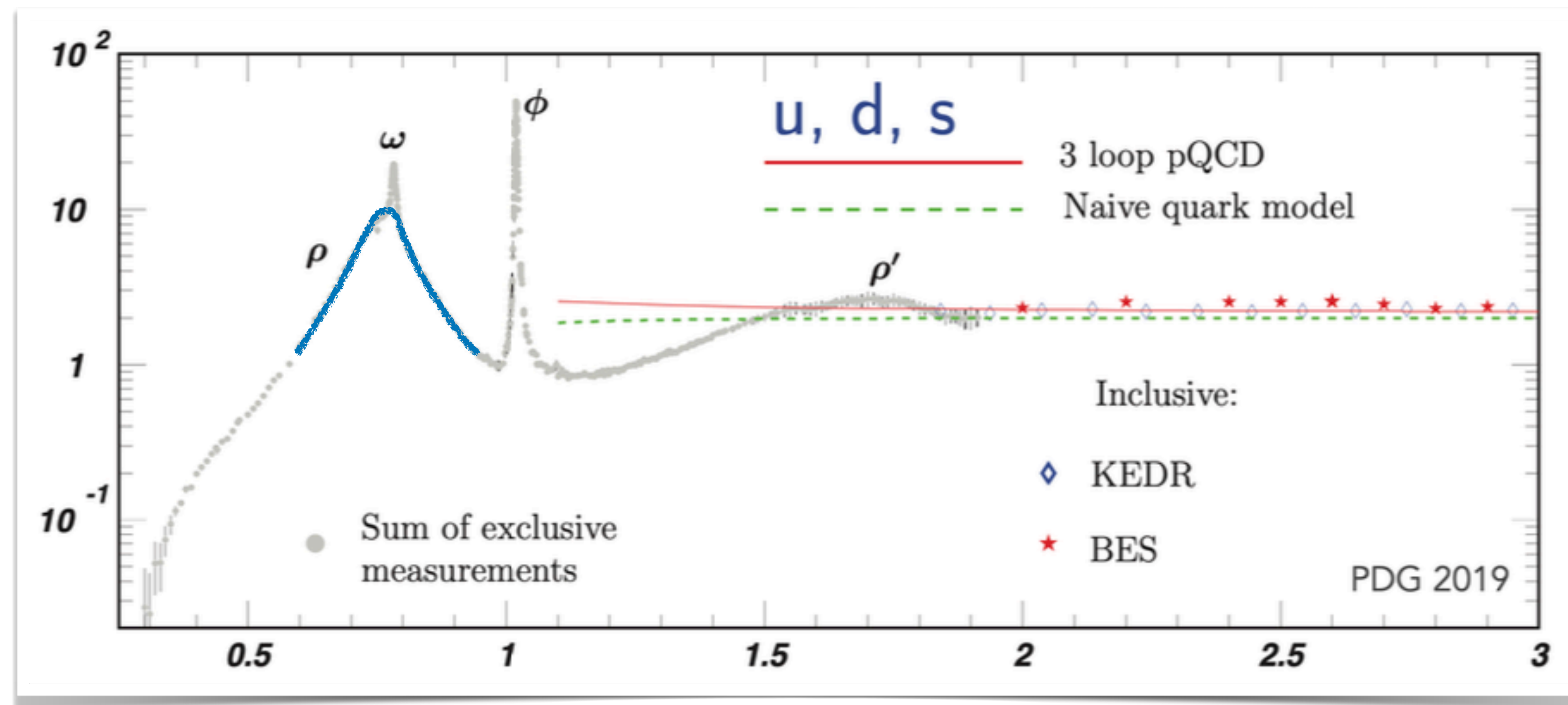
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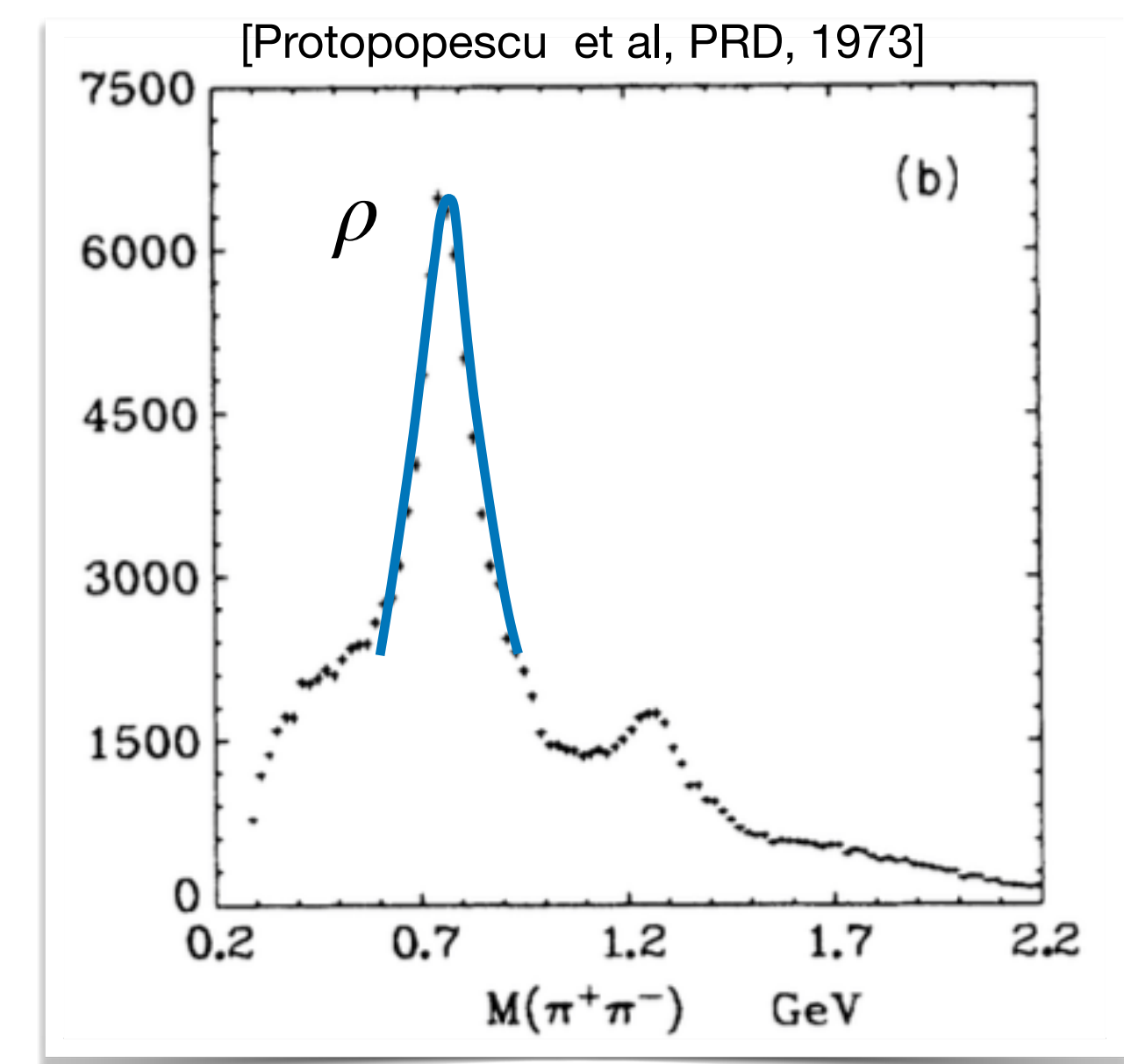
eg, Breit-Wigner

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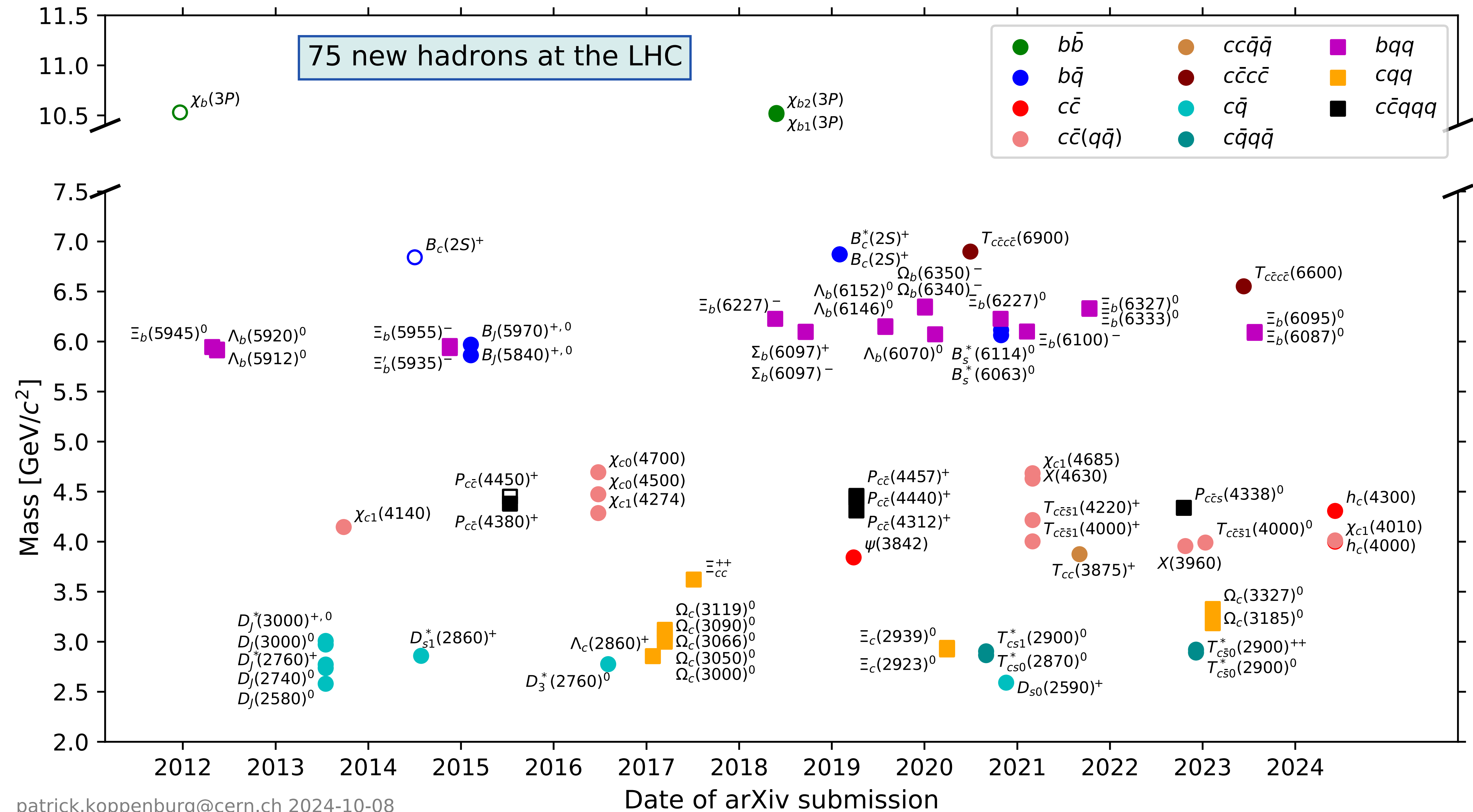
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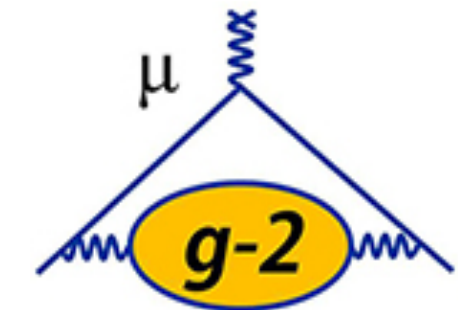
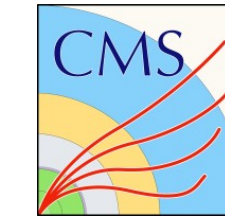


Resonance Spectroscopy



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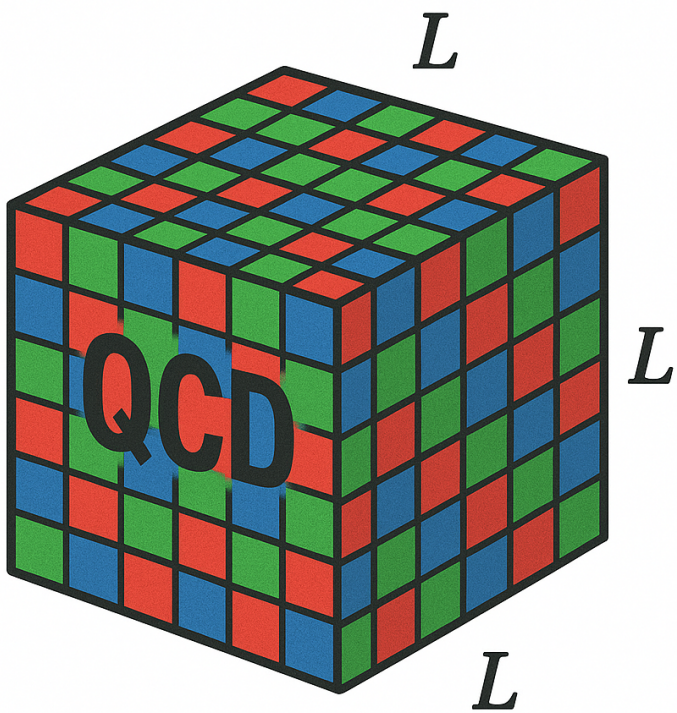
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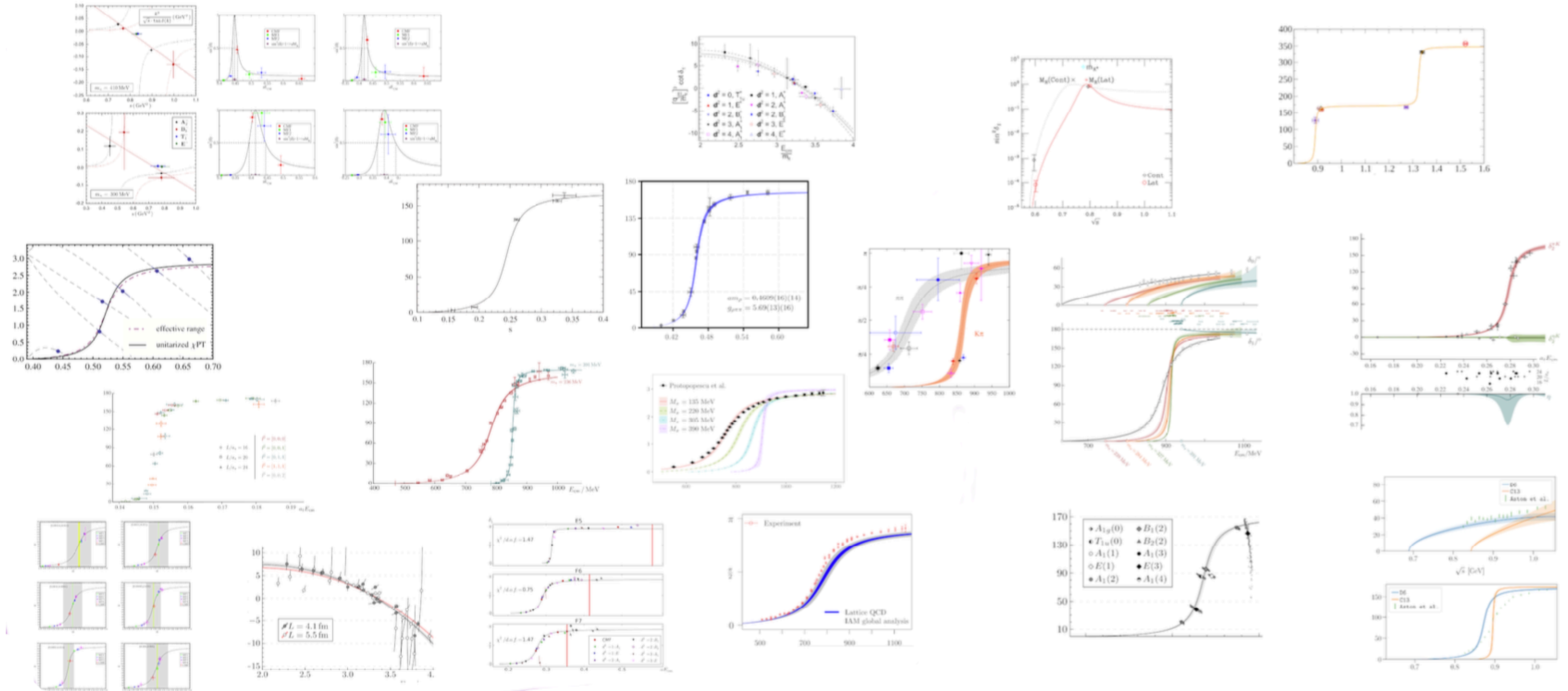
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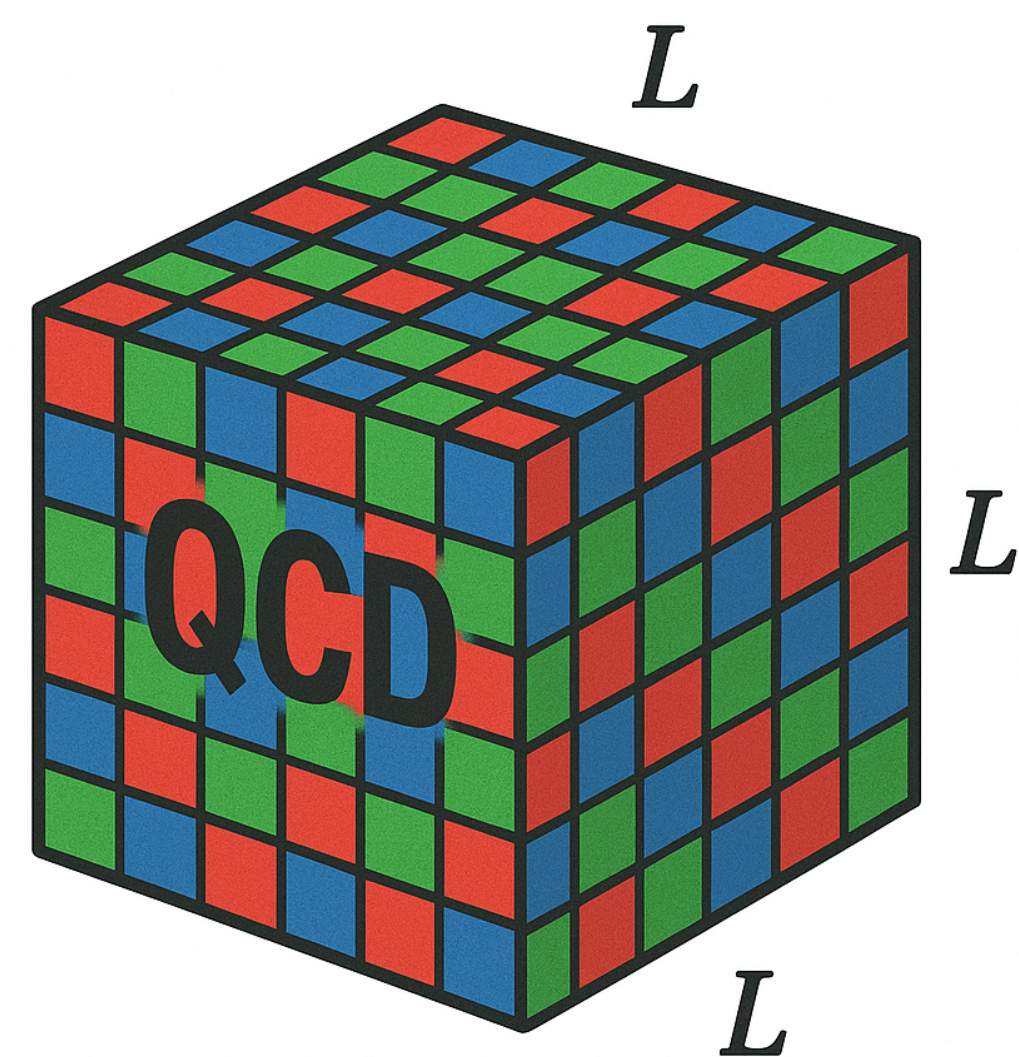
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Example: $\rho \rightarrow \pi\pi$ contributions to muon $g - 2$ at $\approx m_\pi^{phys}$

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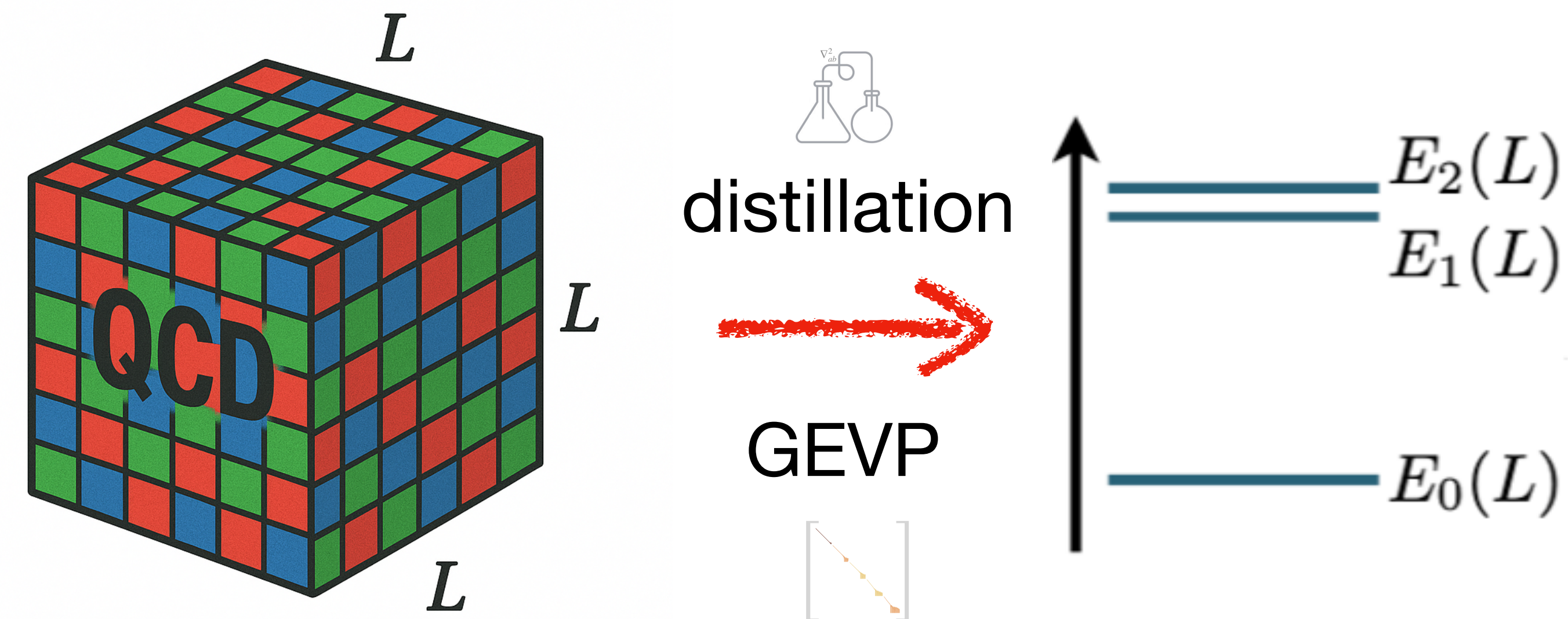
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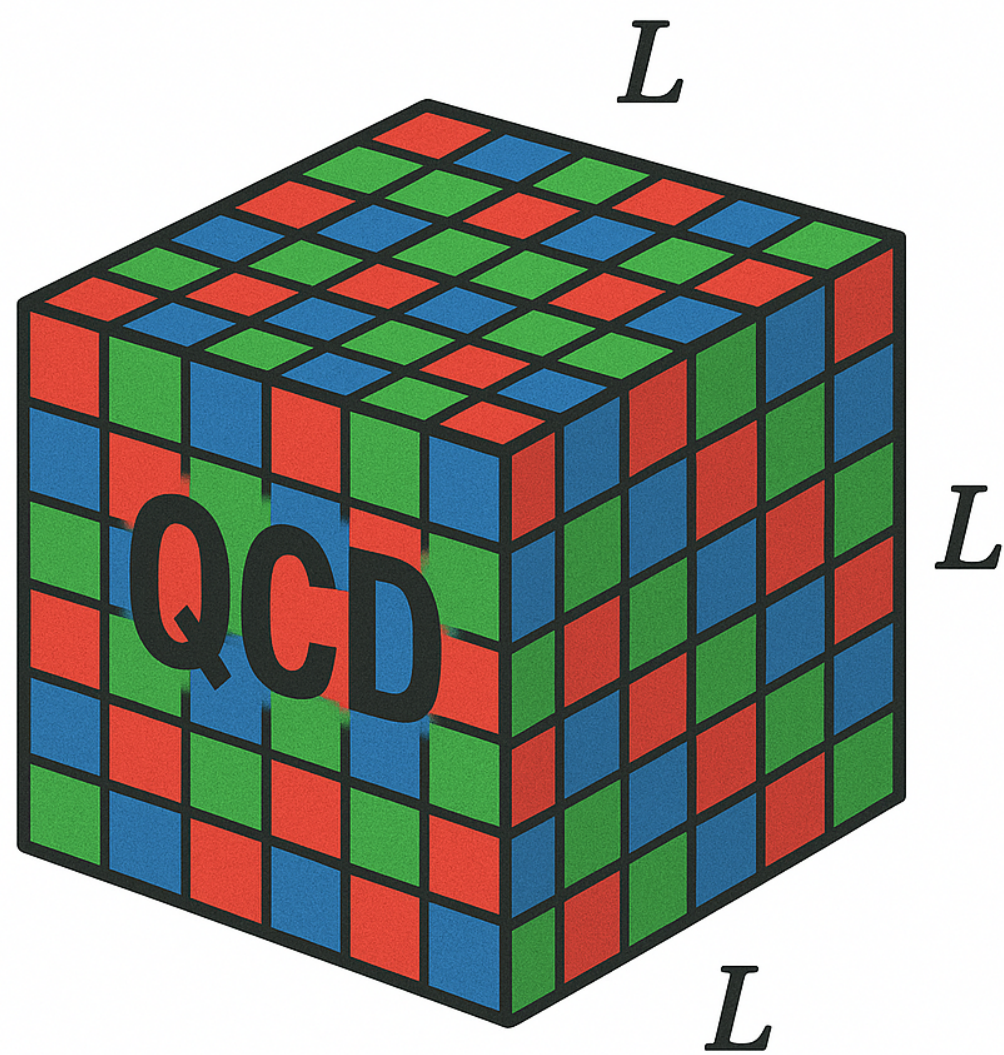
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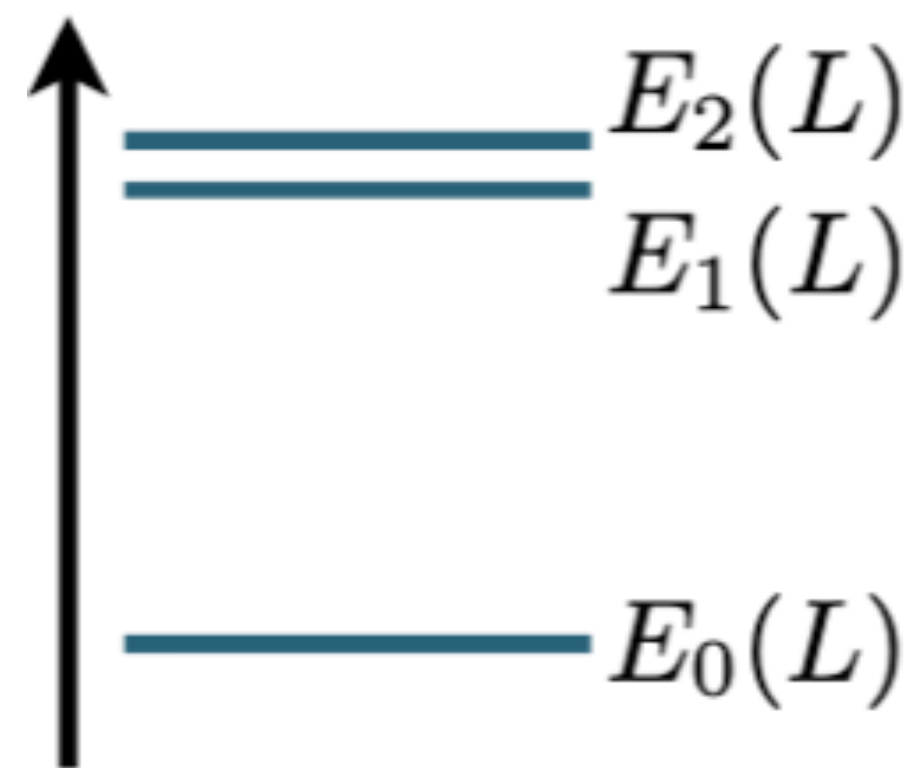
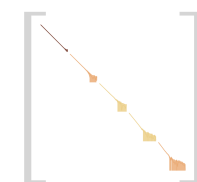
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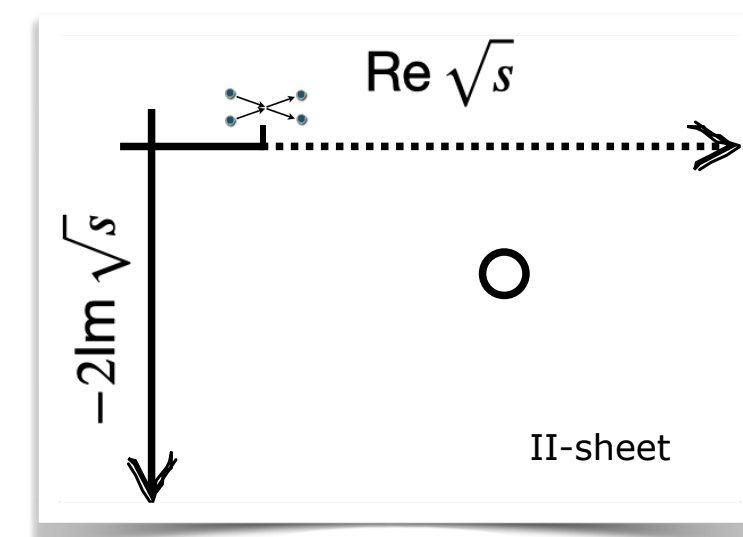
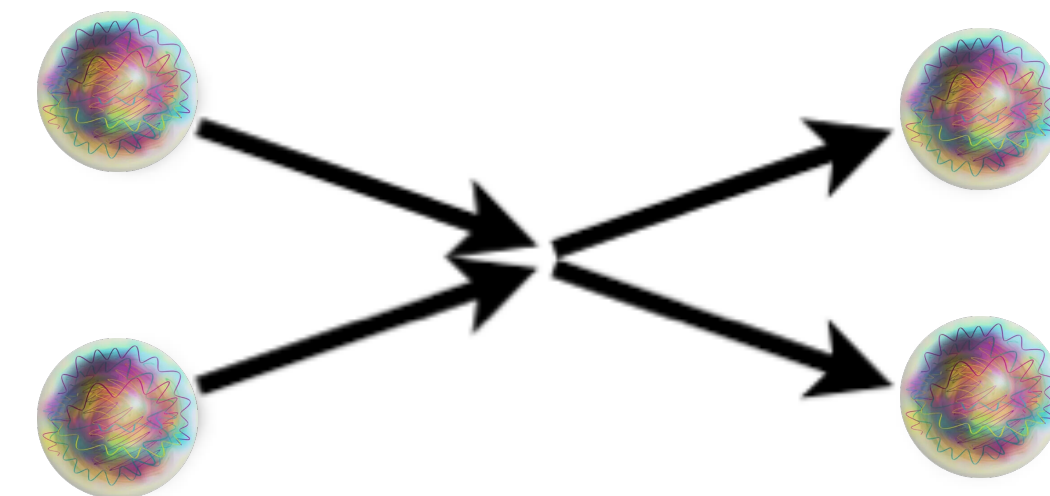
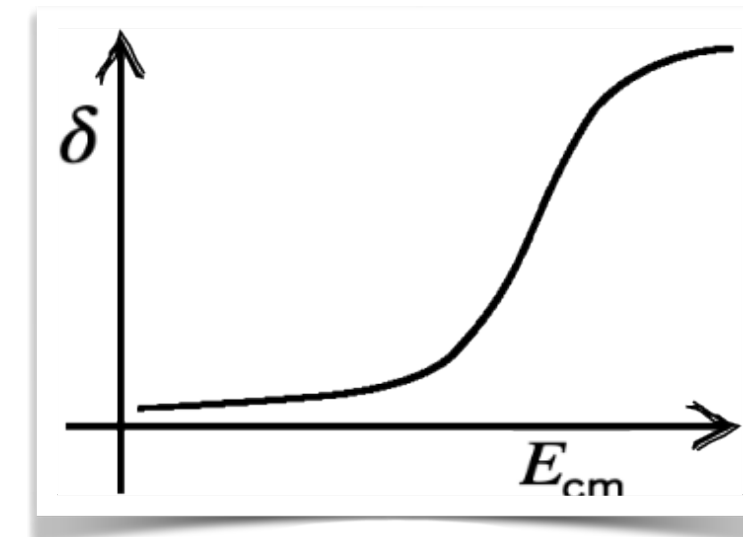
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GEVP



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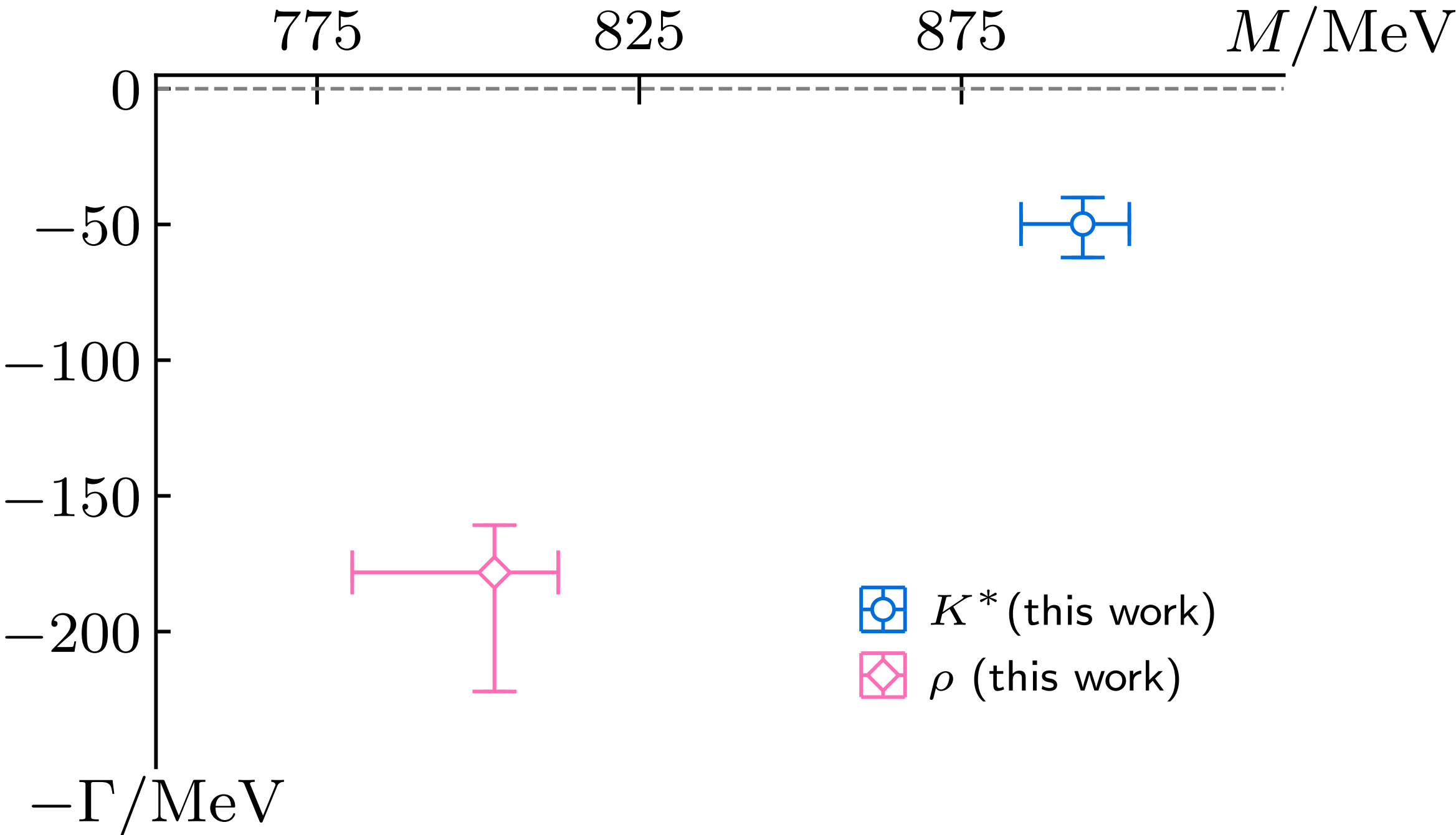
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Physical-mass ρ and K^*

Main decay products ($J = \ell = 1$)

$$K^*(892) \rightarrow K\pi, K\gamma, K\pi\pi, \dots$$

$$\rho(770) \rightarrow \pi\pi, \pi\gamma, 4\pi, \dots \quad [PDG, 2024]$$



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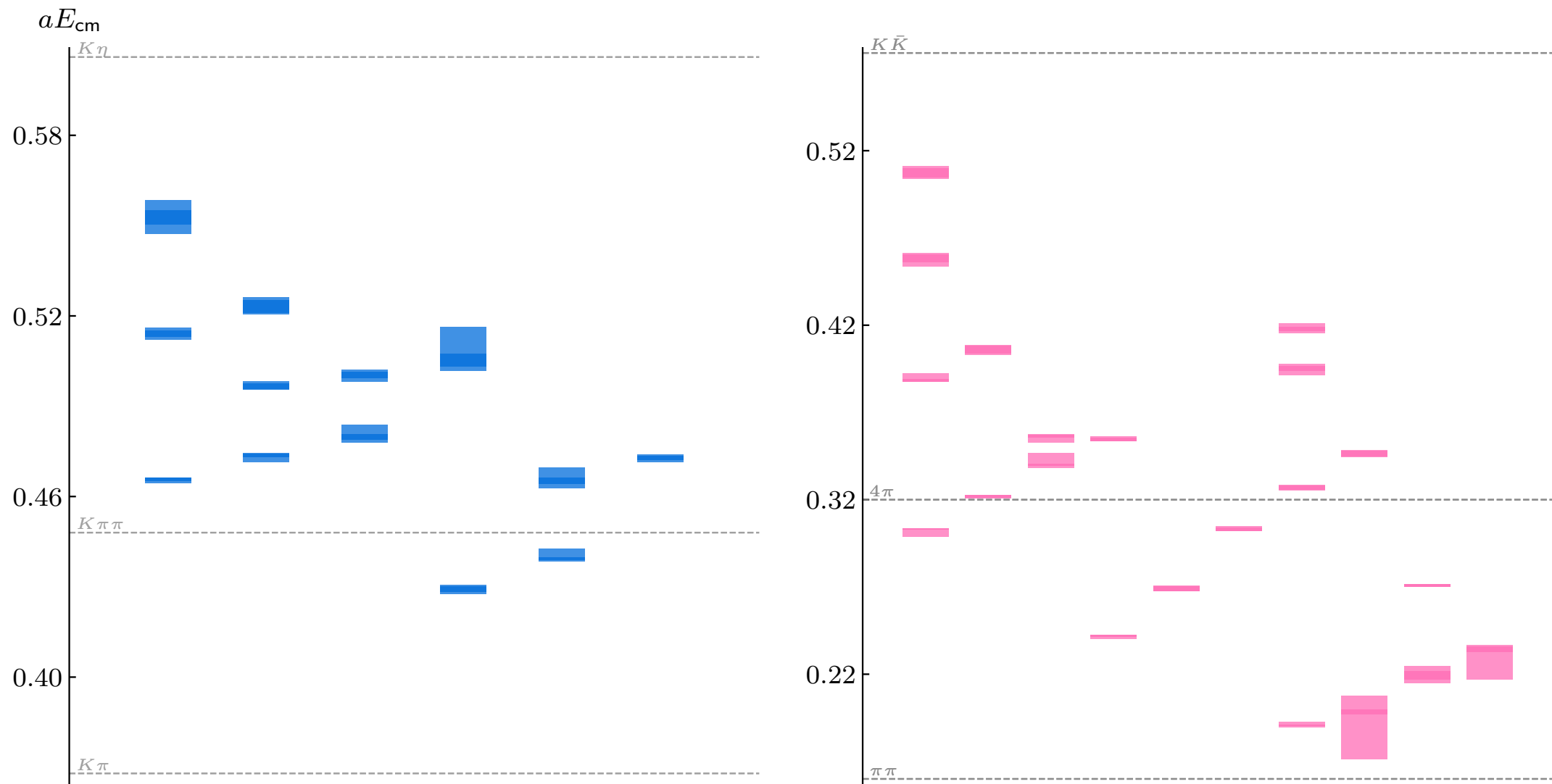
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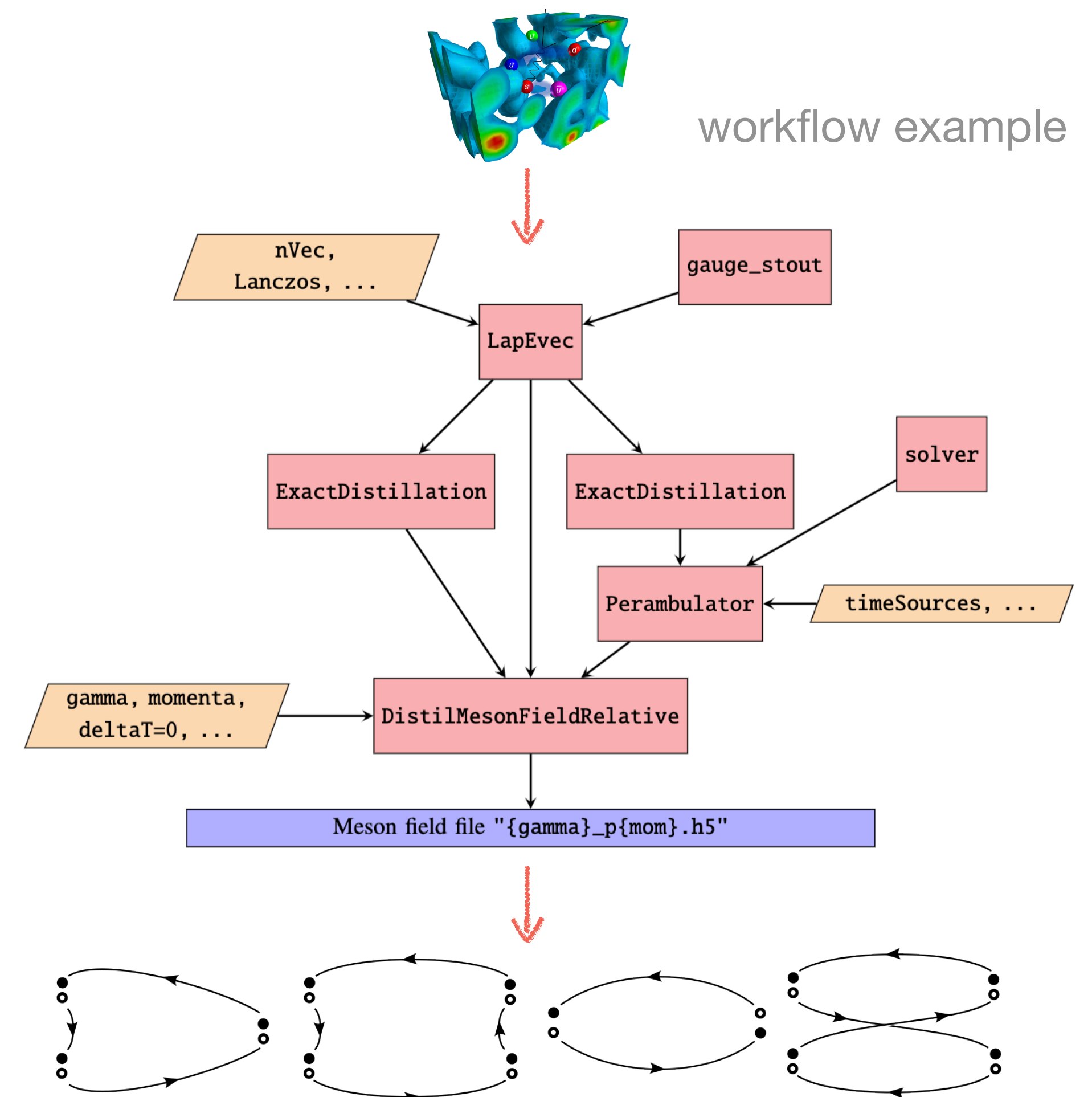


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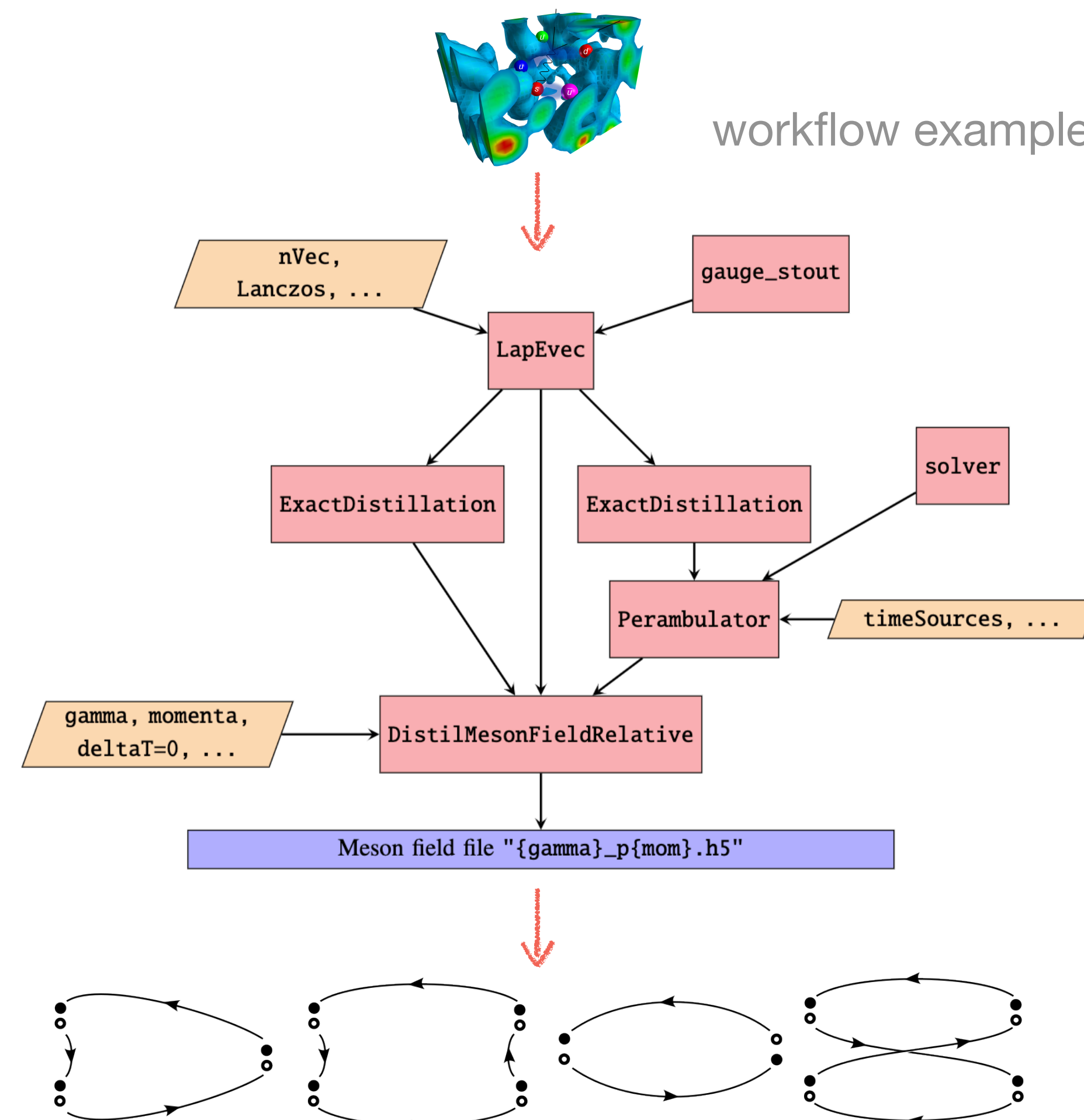
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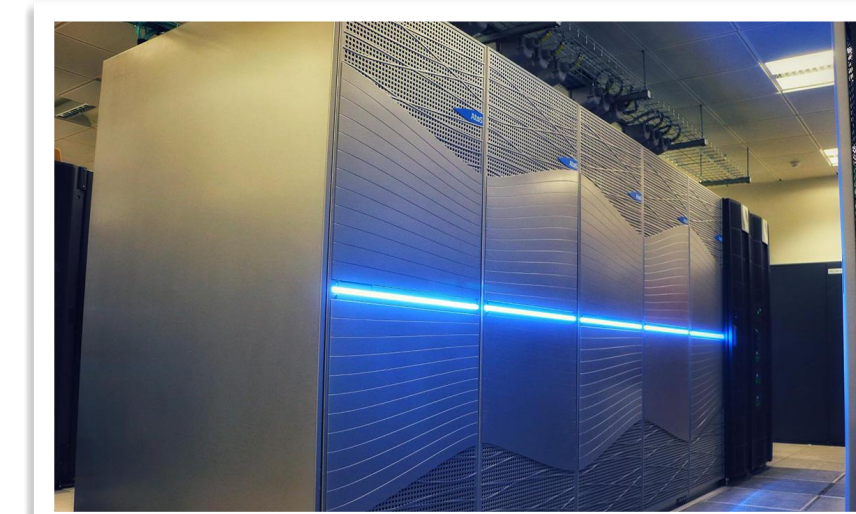
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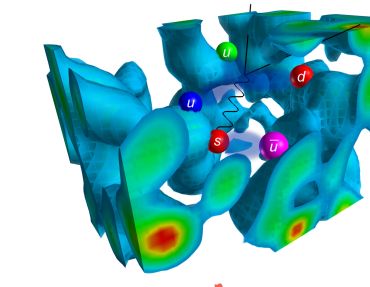


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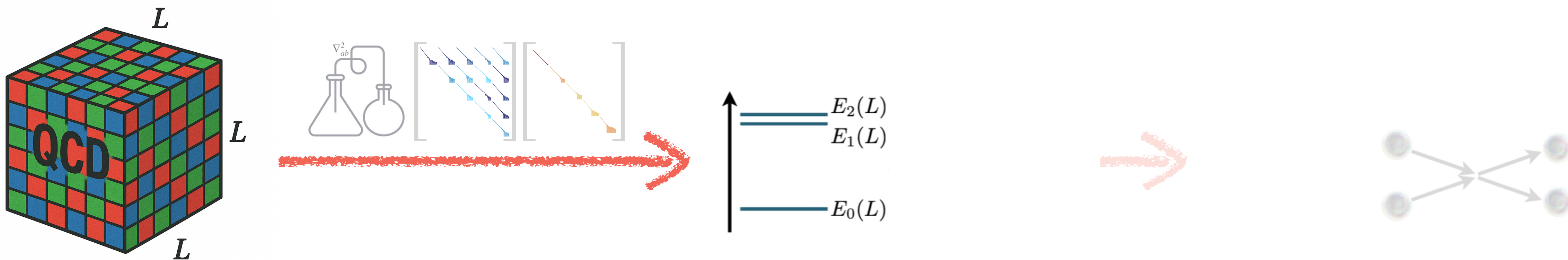
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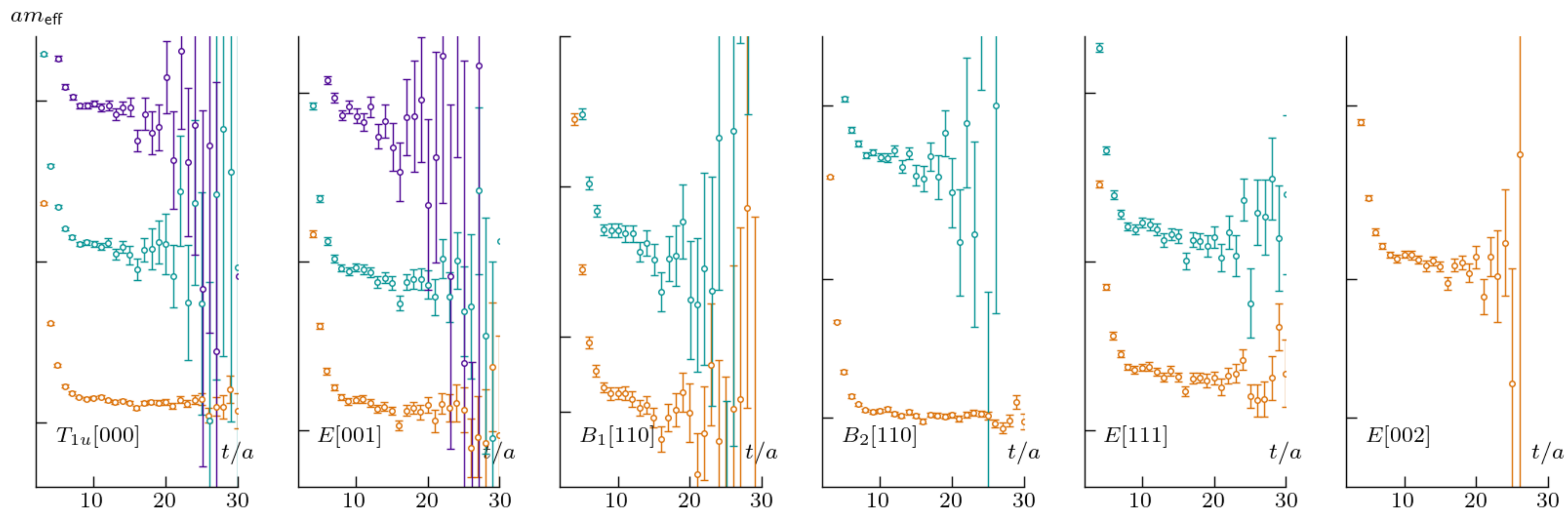
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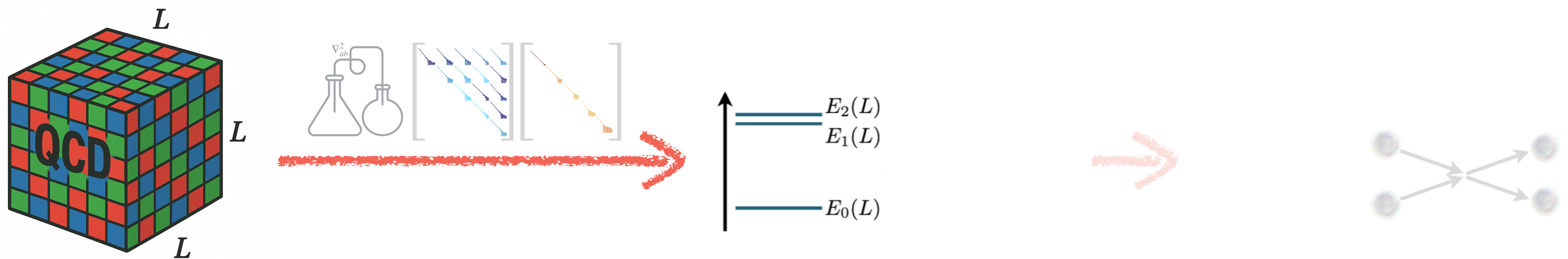
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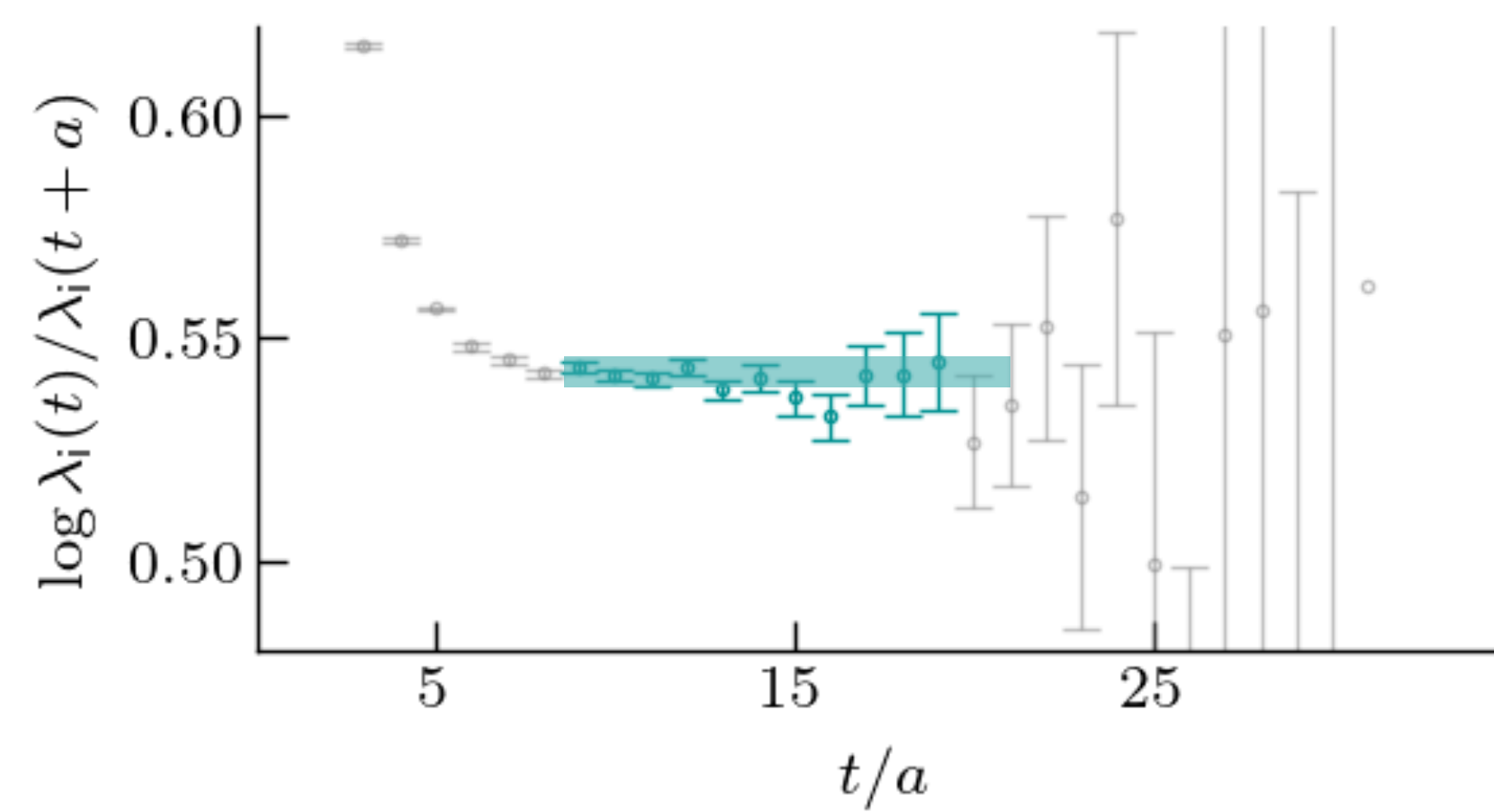
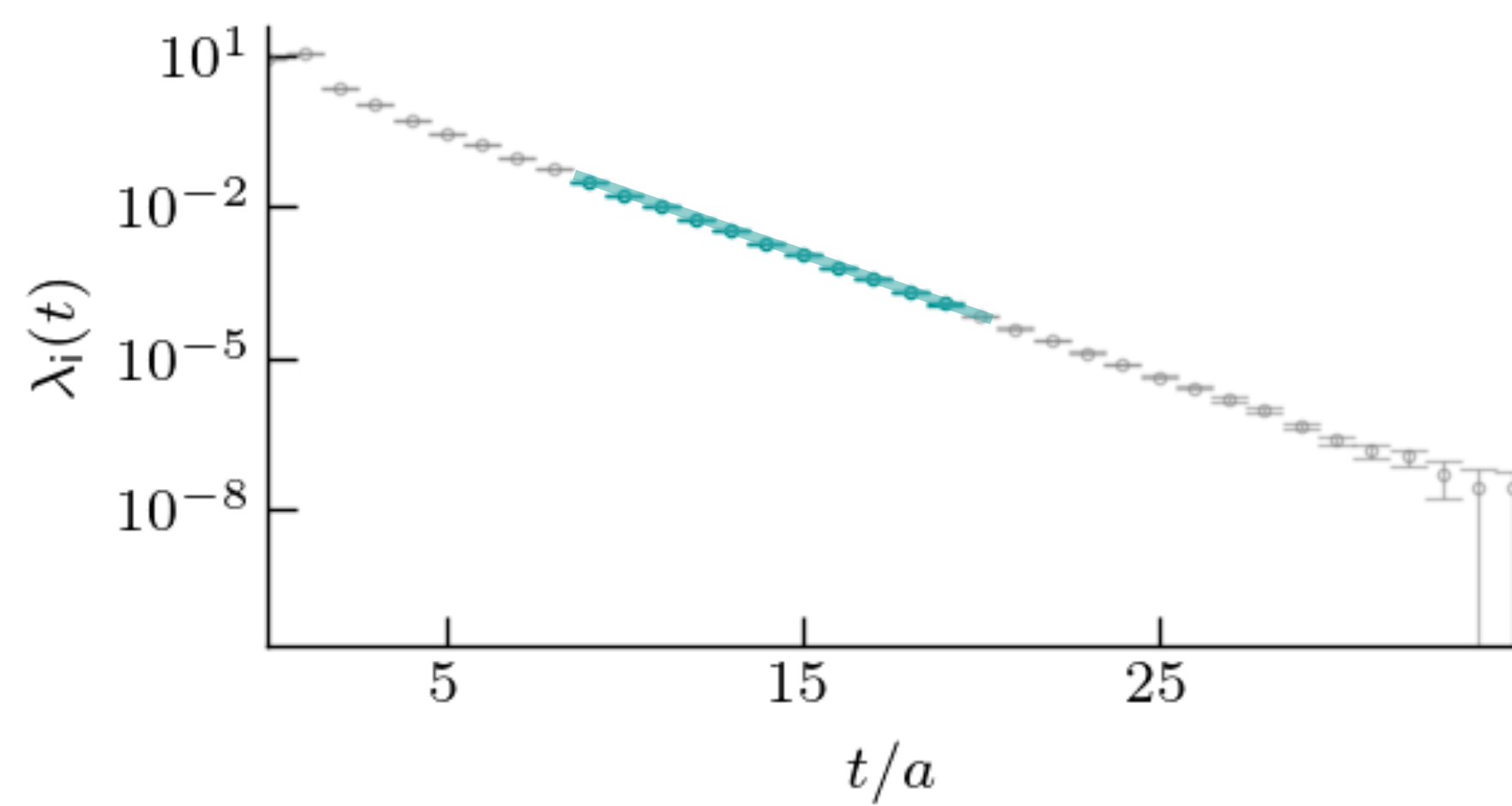


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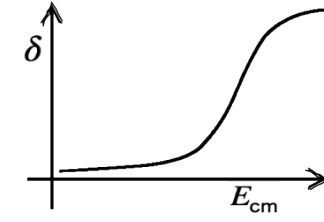




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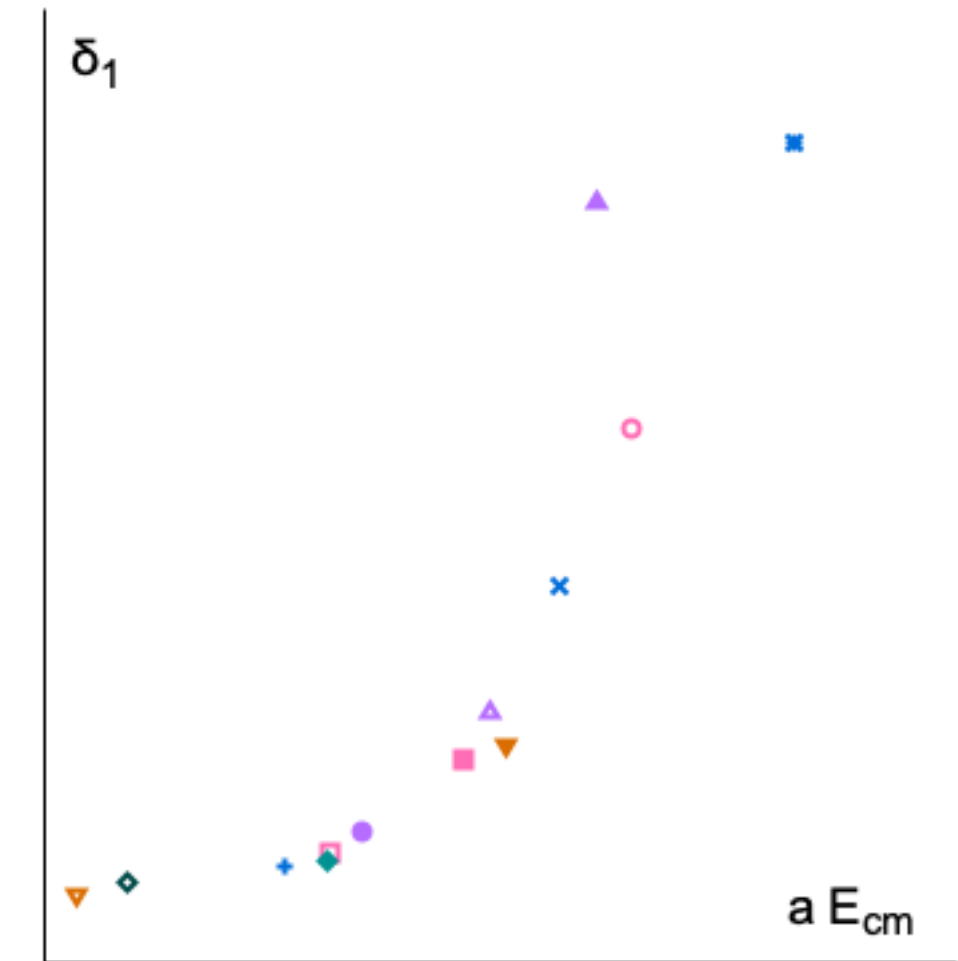
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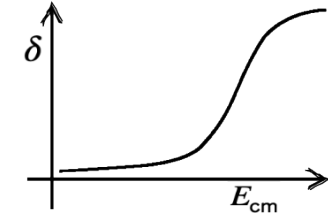
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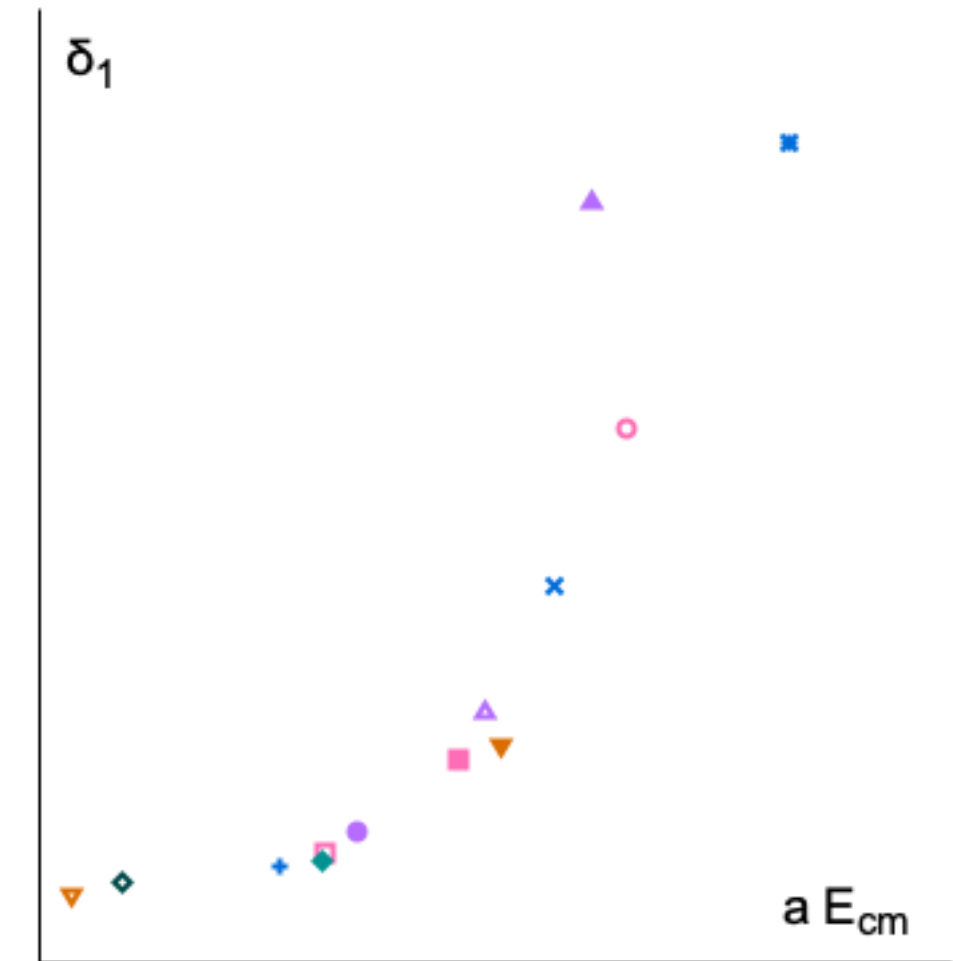
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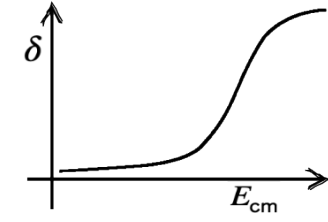
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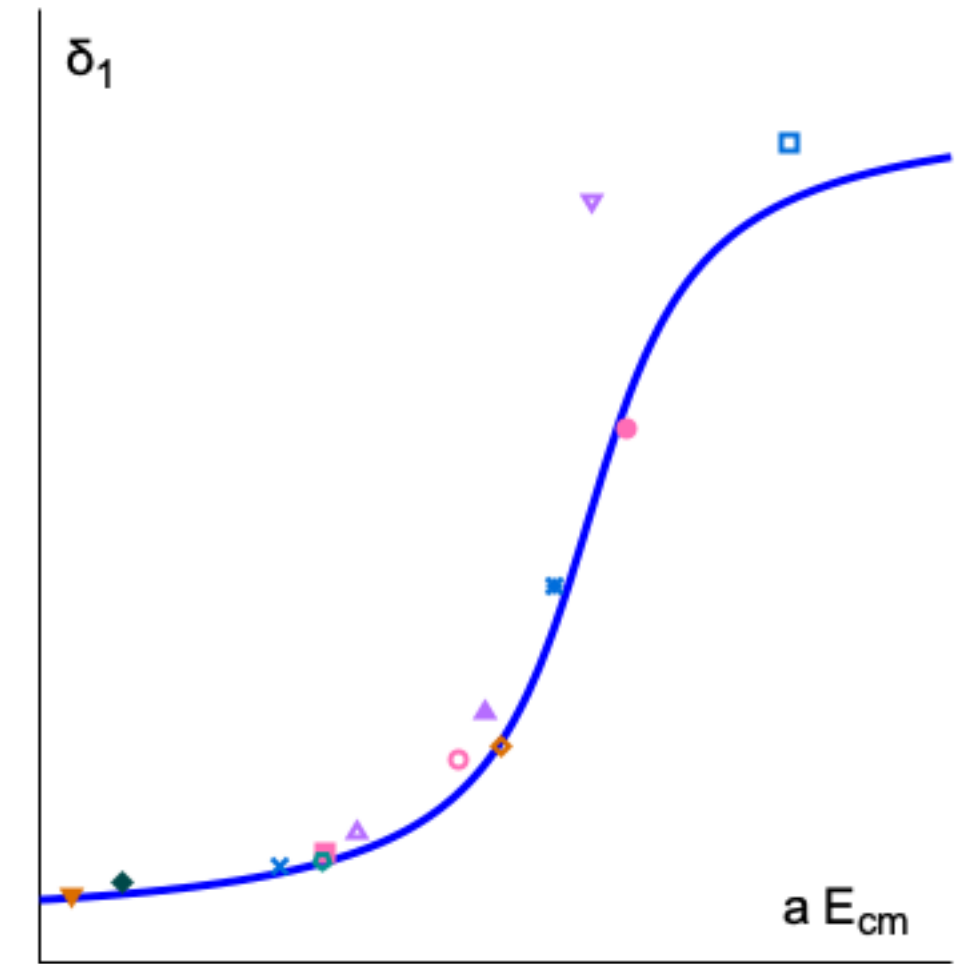
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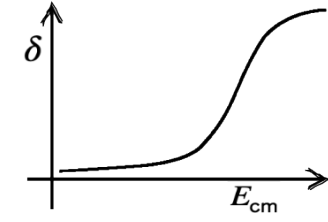
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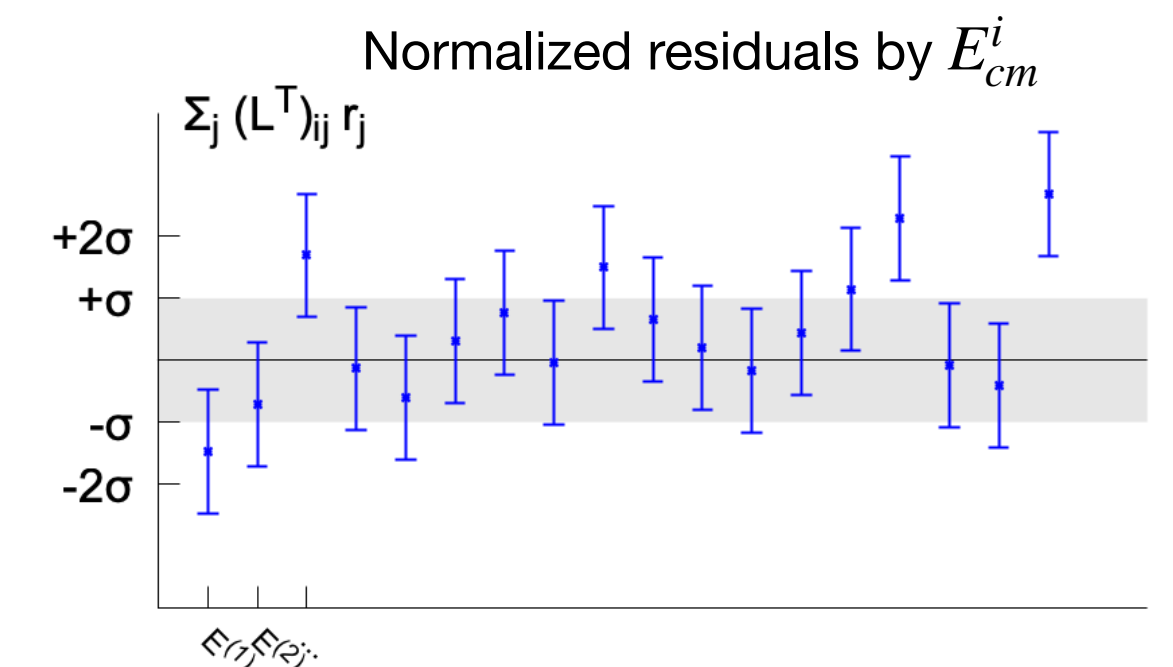
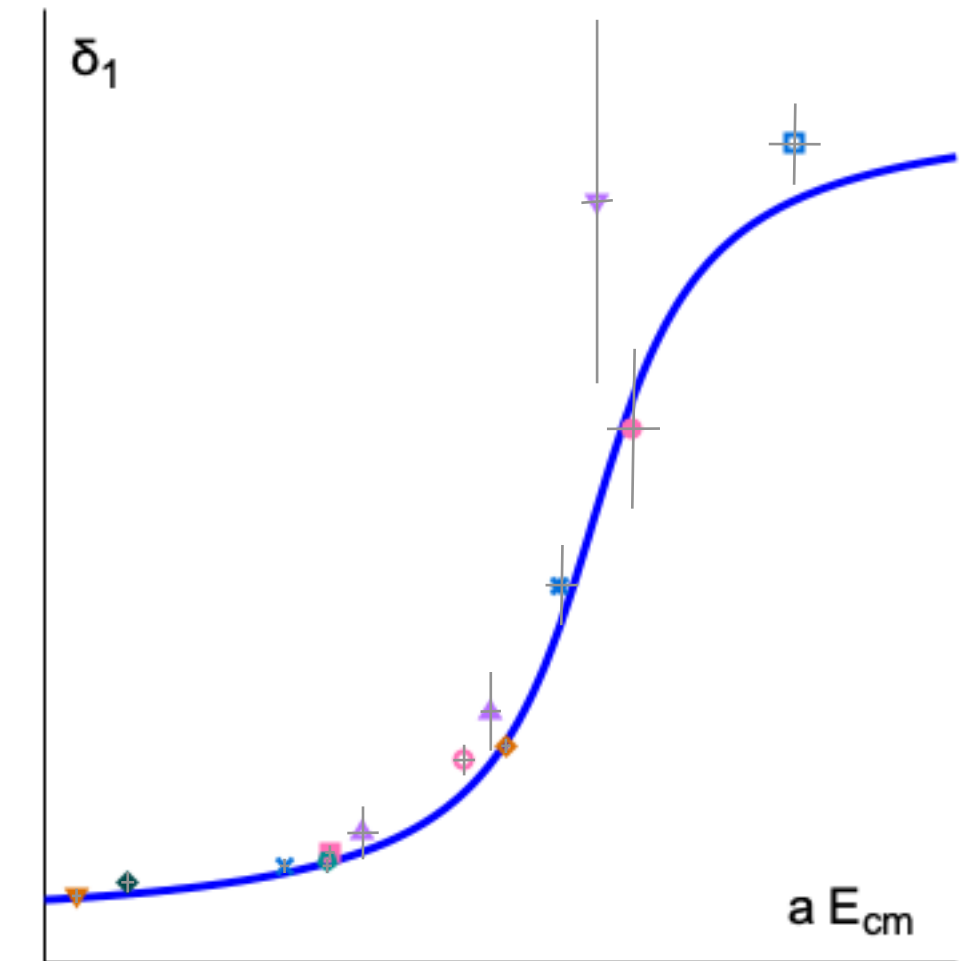
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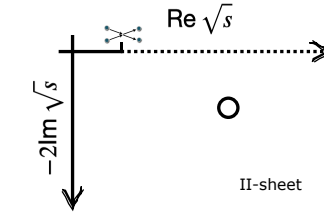
Minimise correlated

$$\chi_{\text{PS}}^2(\alpha^{\text{mod}}) = \sum_{i,j} [E_{\text{cm}}^i - \mathcal{E}_{\text{cm}}^i(\alpha^{\text{mod}})] (\text{Cov}^{-1})_{ij} [E_{\text{cm}}^j - \mathcal{E}_{\text{cm}}^j(\alpha^{\text{mod}})]$$

to constrain δ^{mod}



Resonance pole

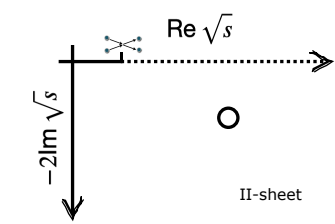


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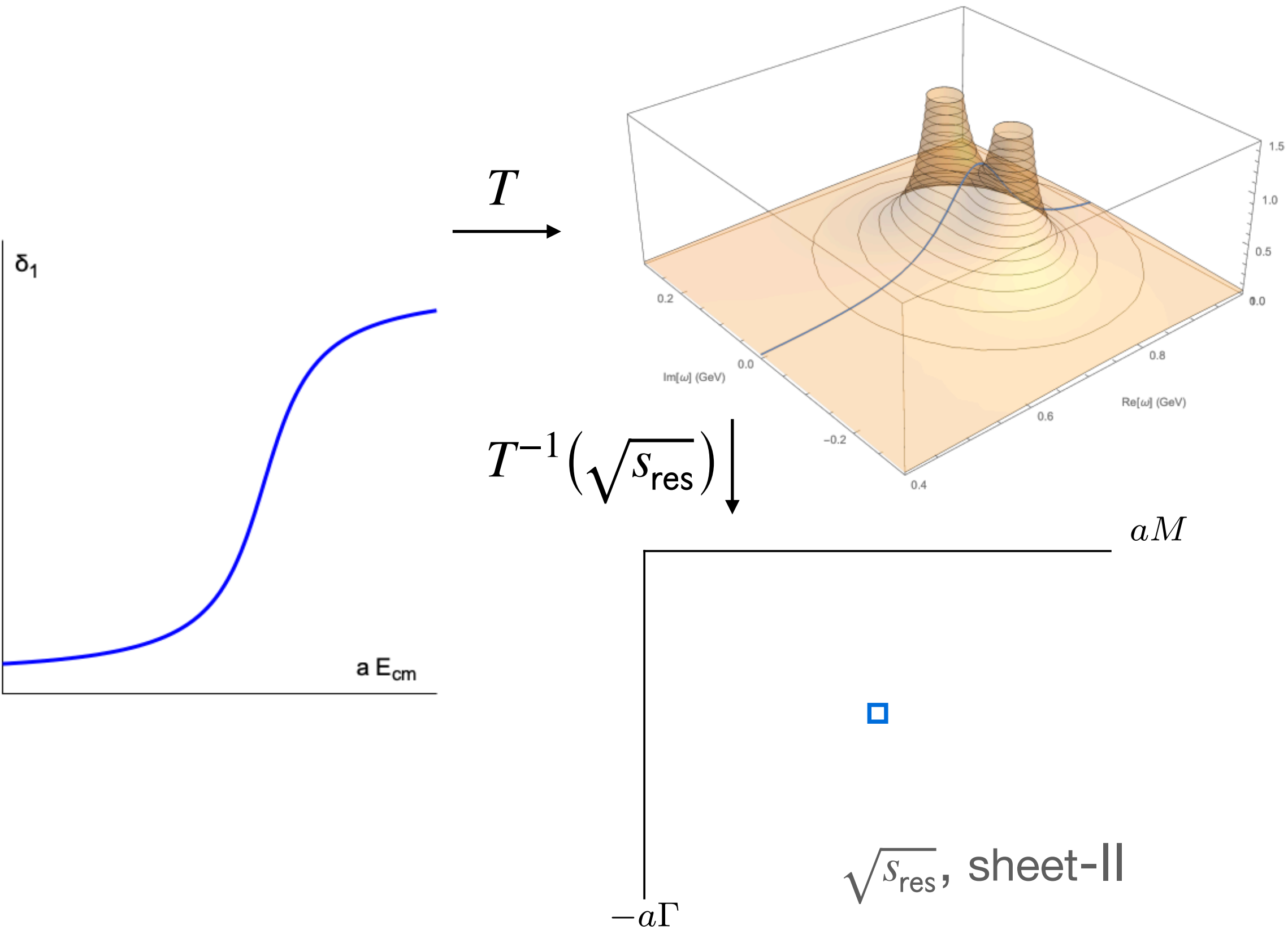
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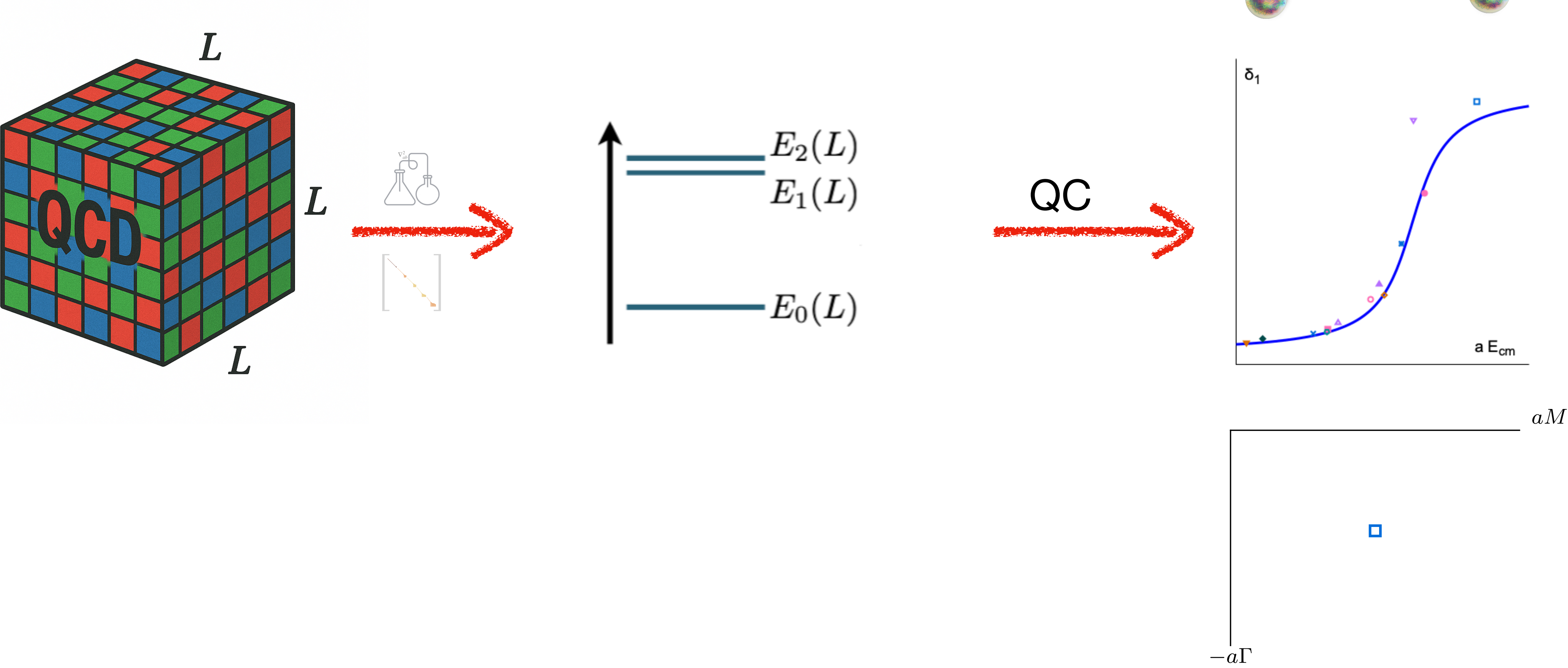
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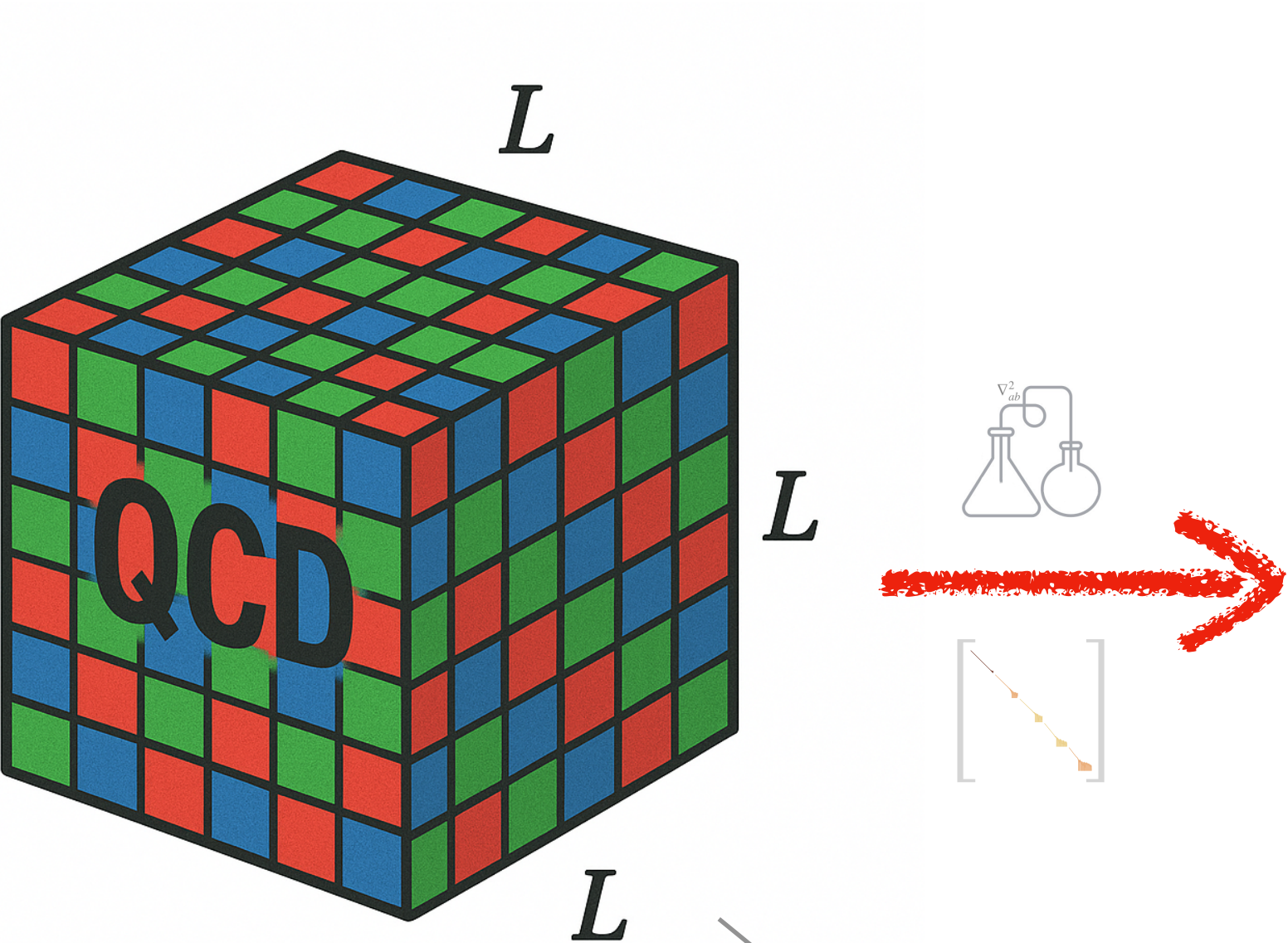
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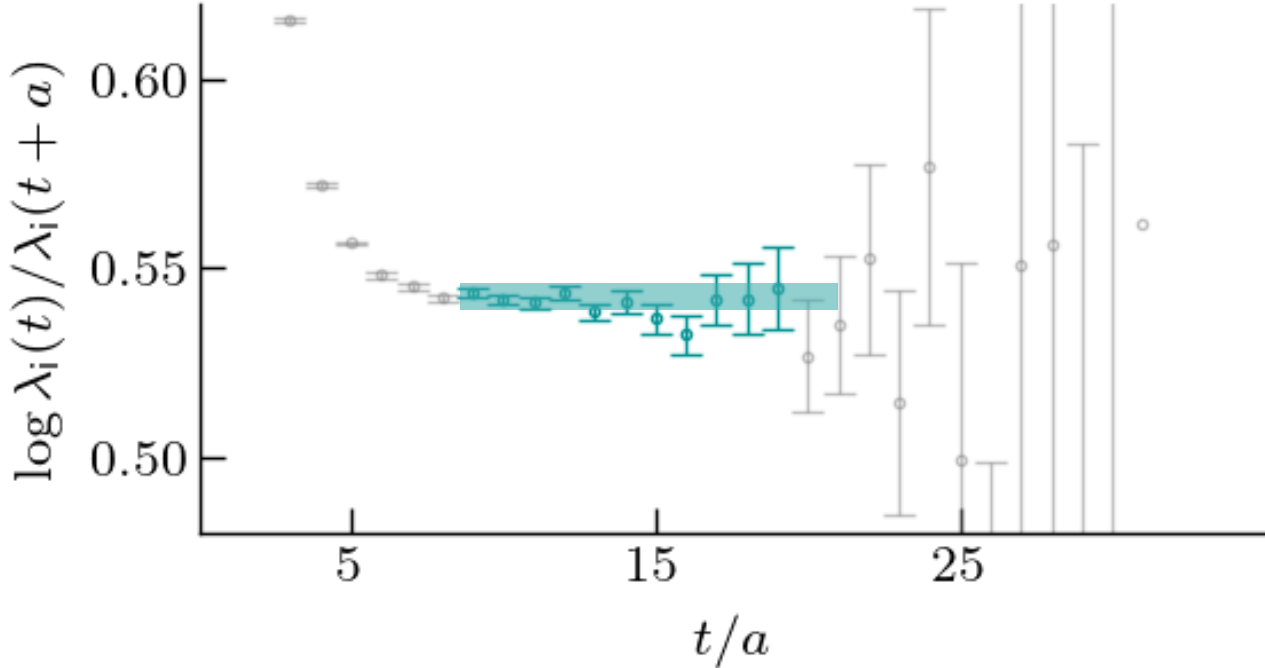
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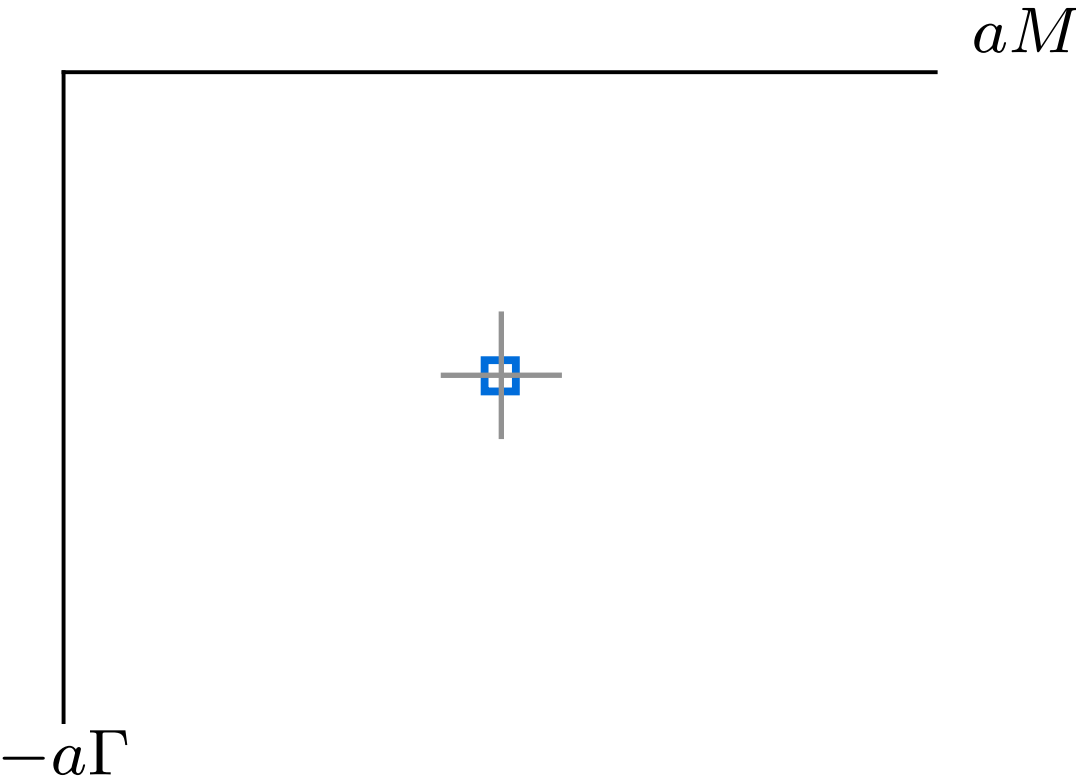
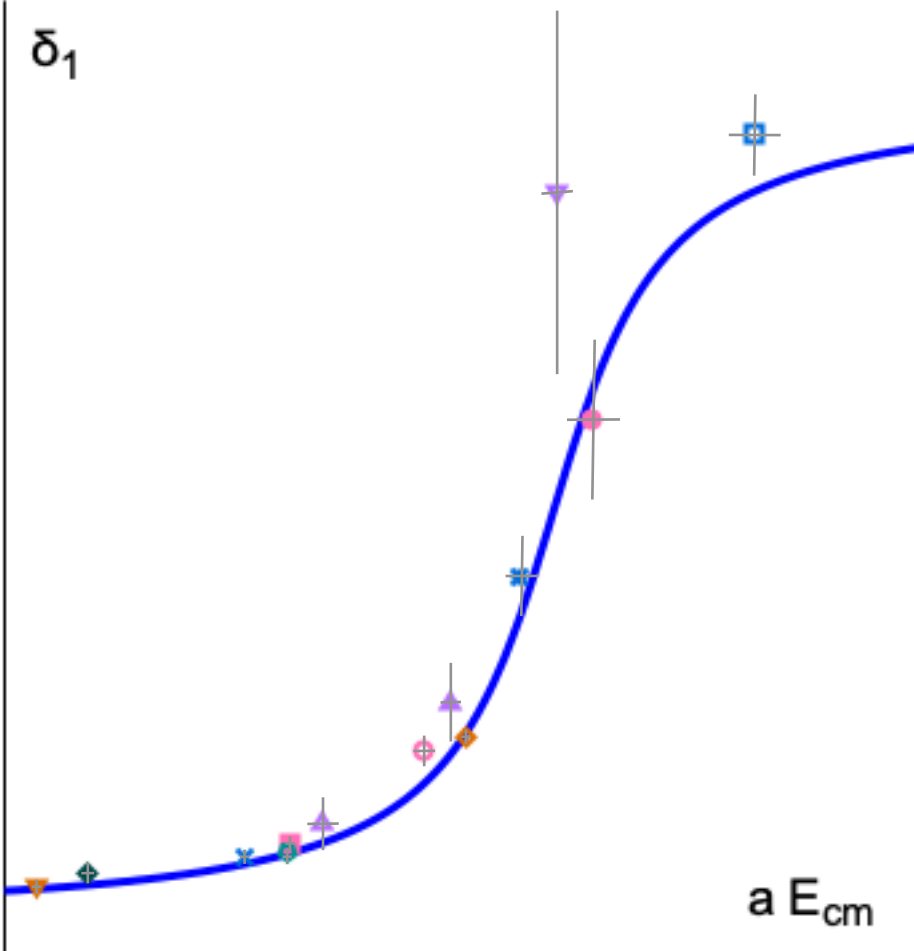
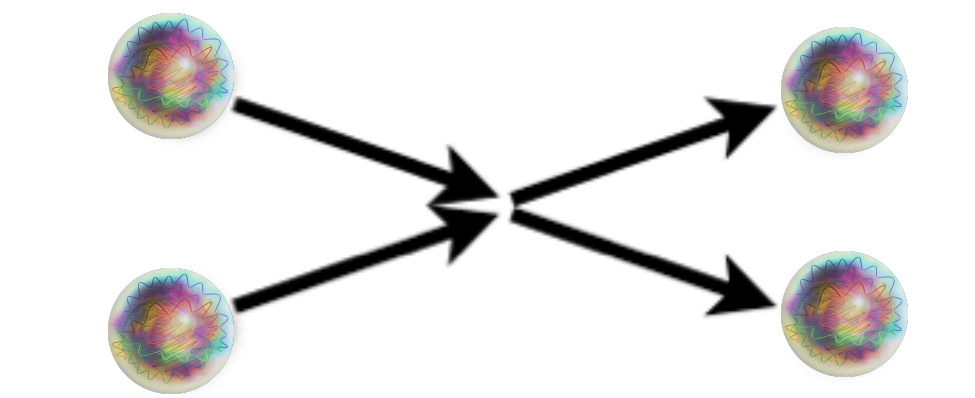
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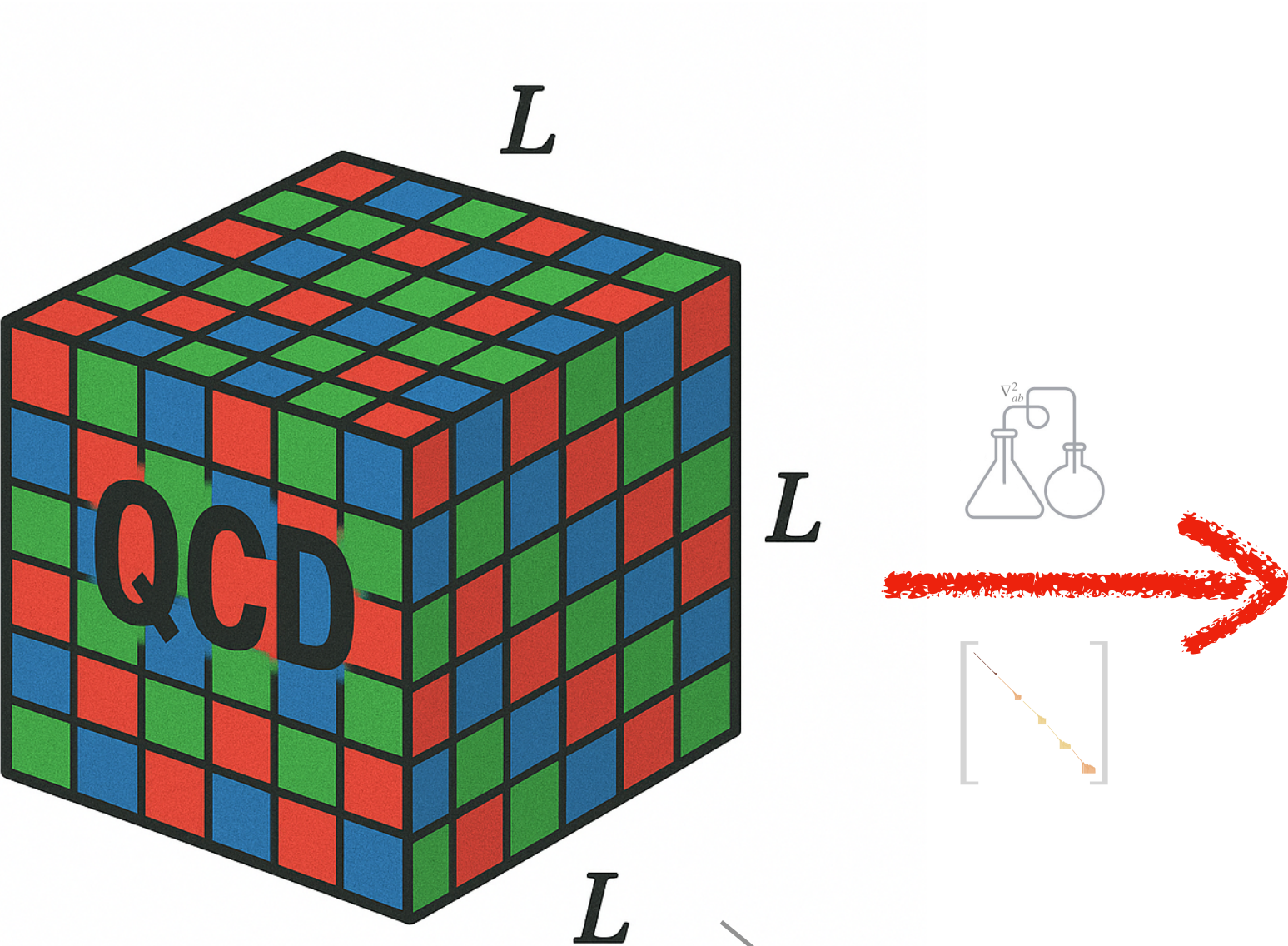
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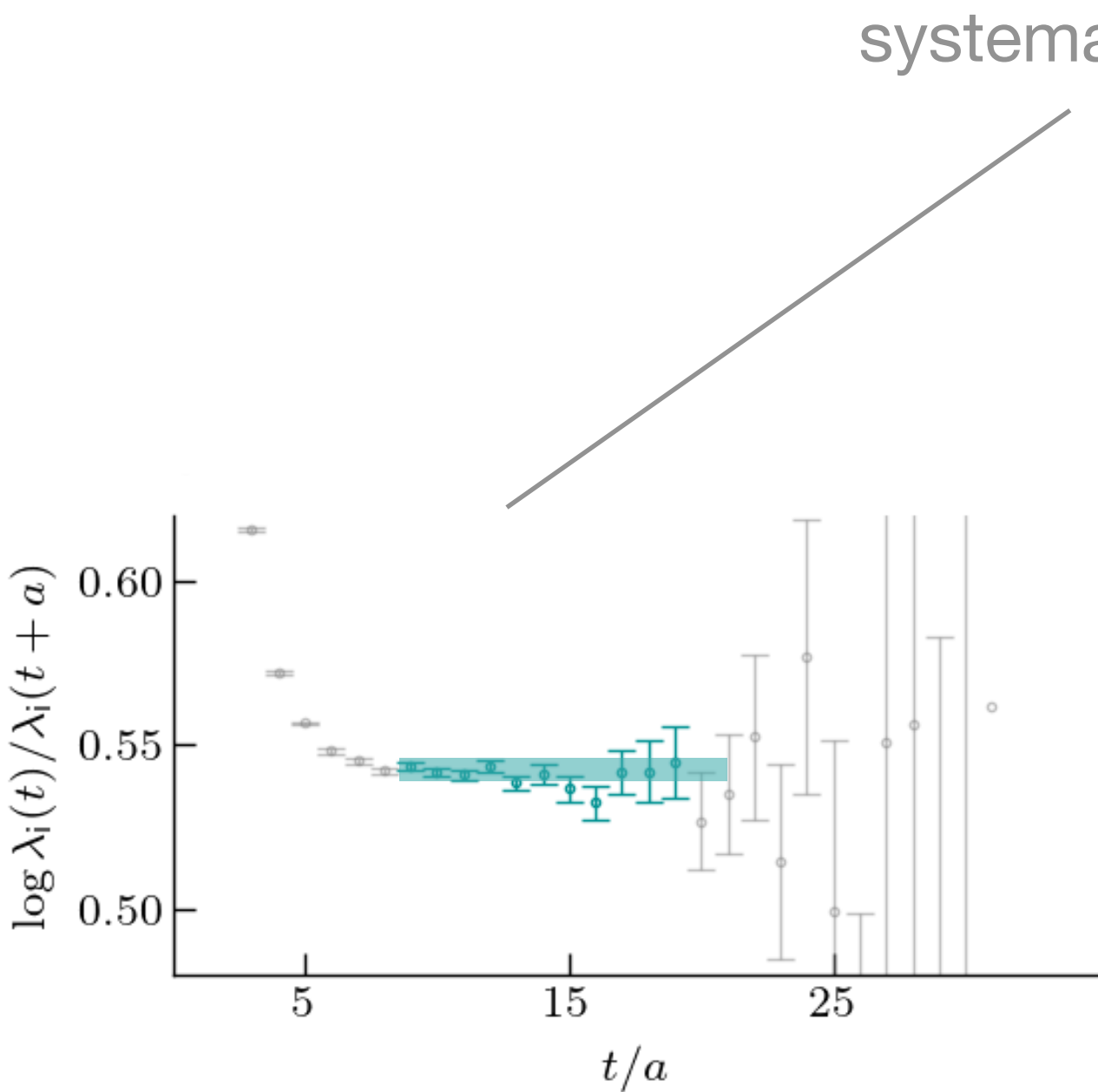
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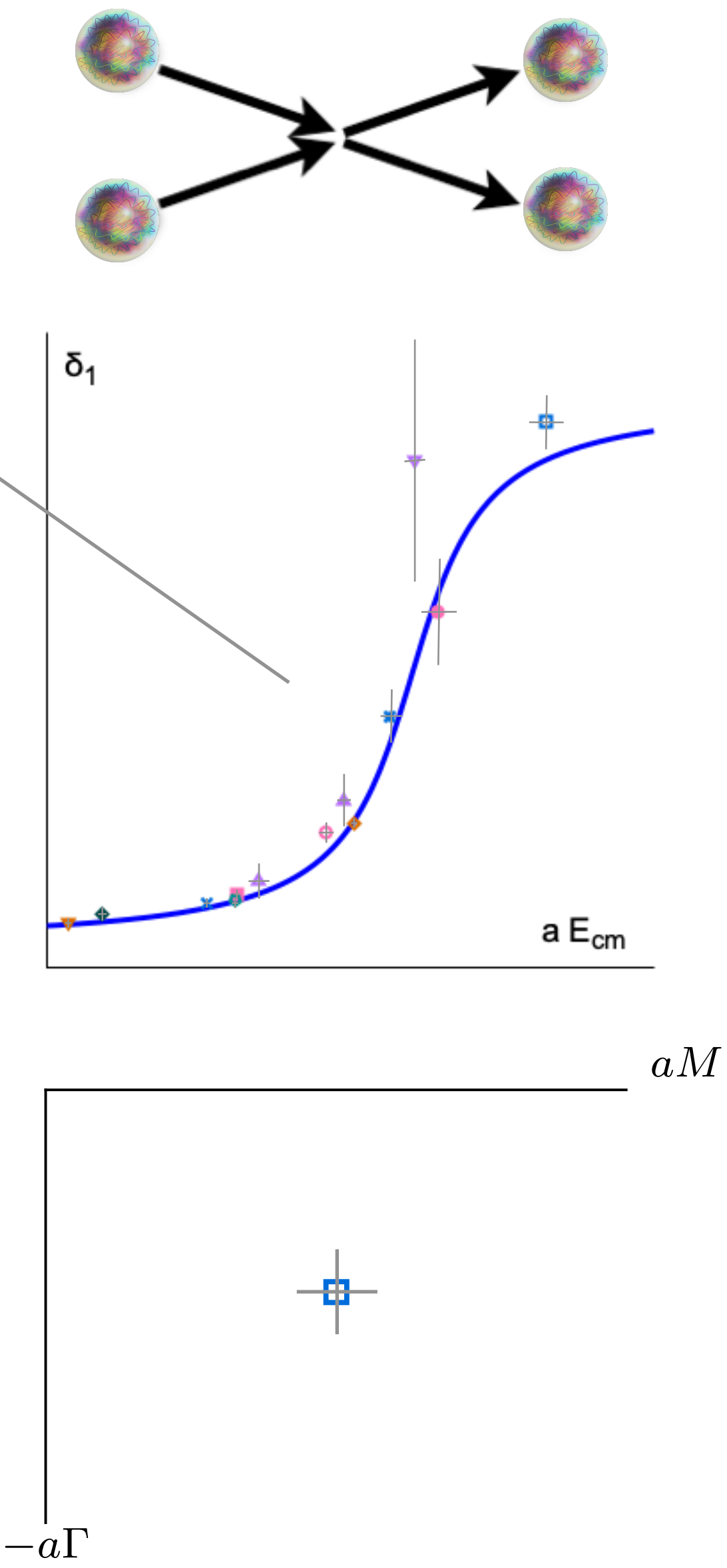
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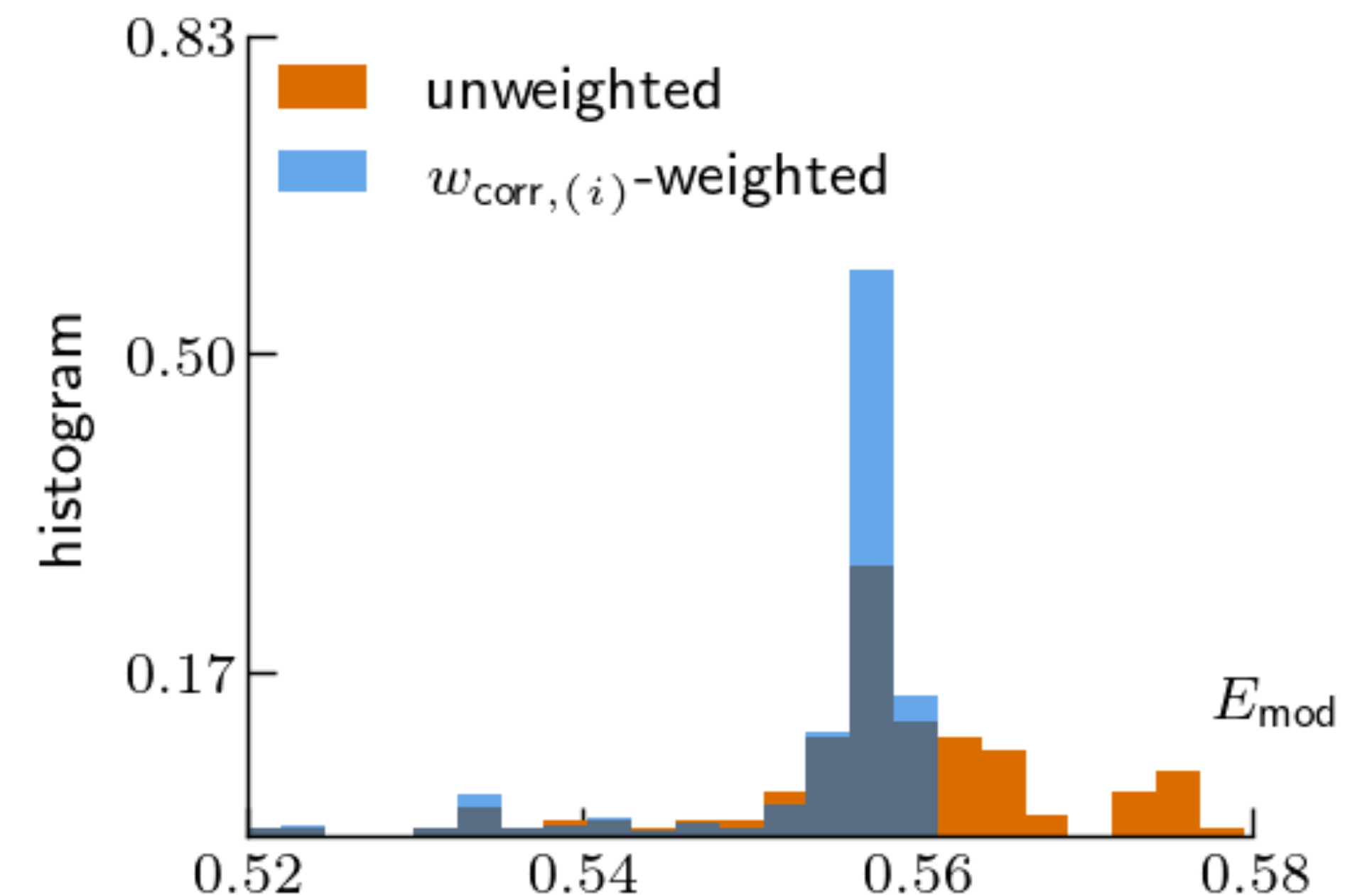
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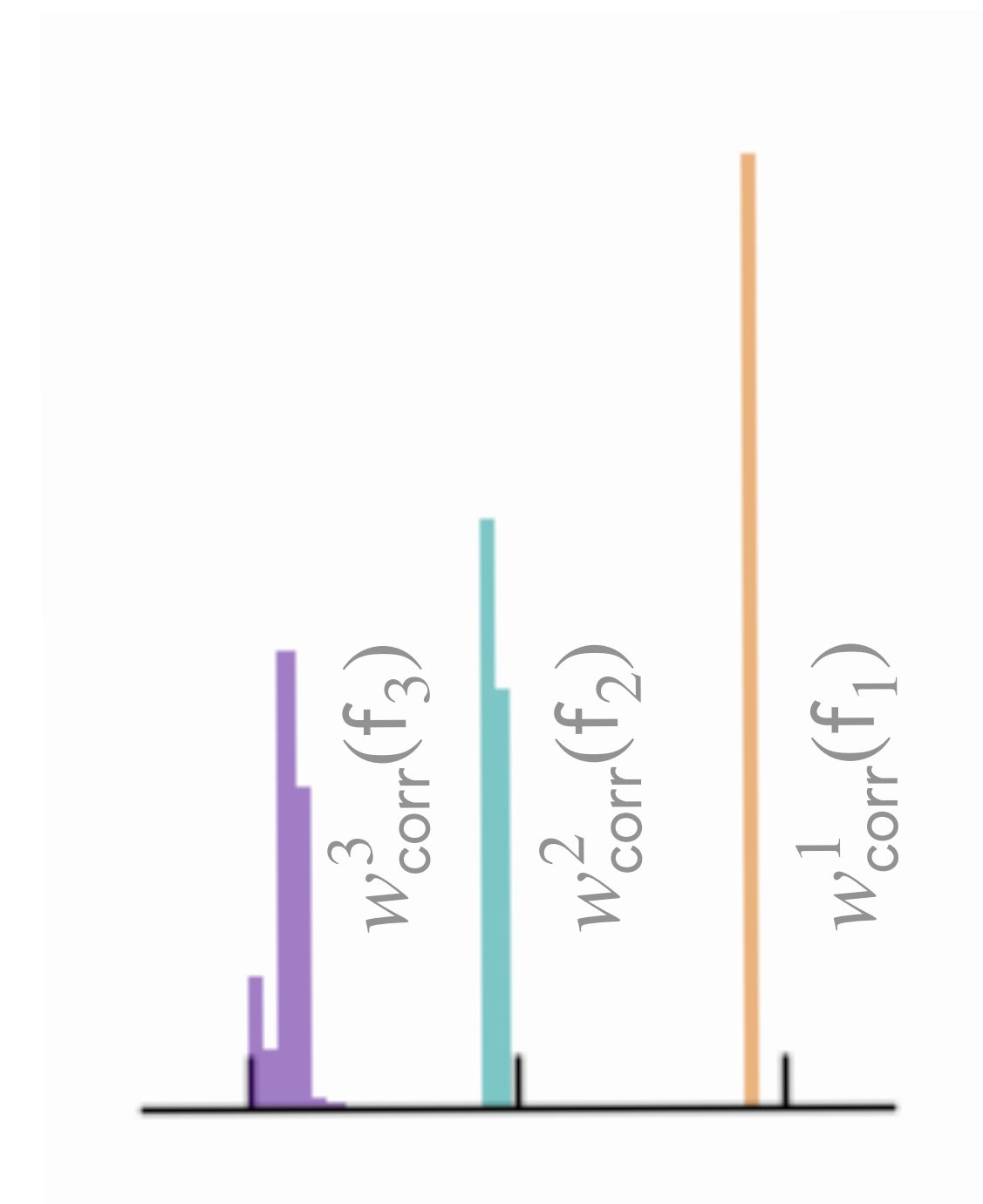
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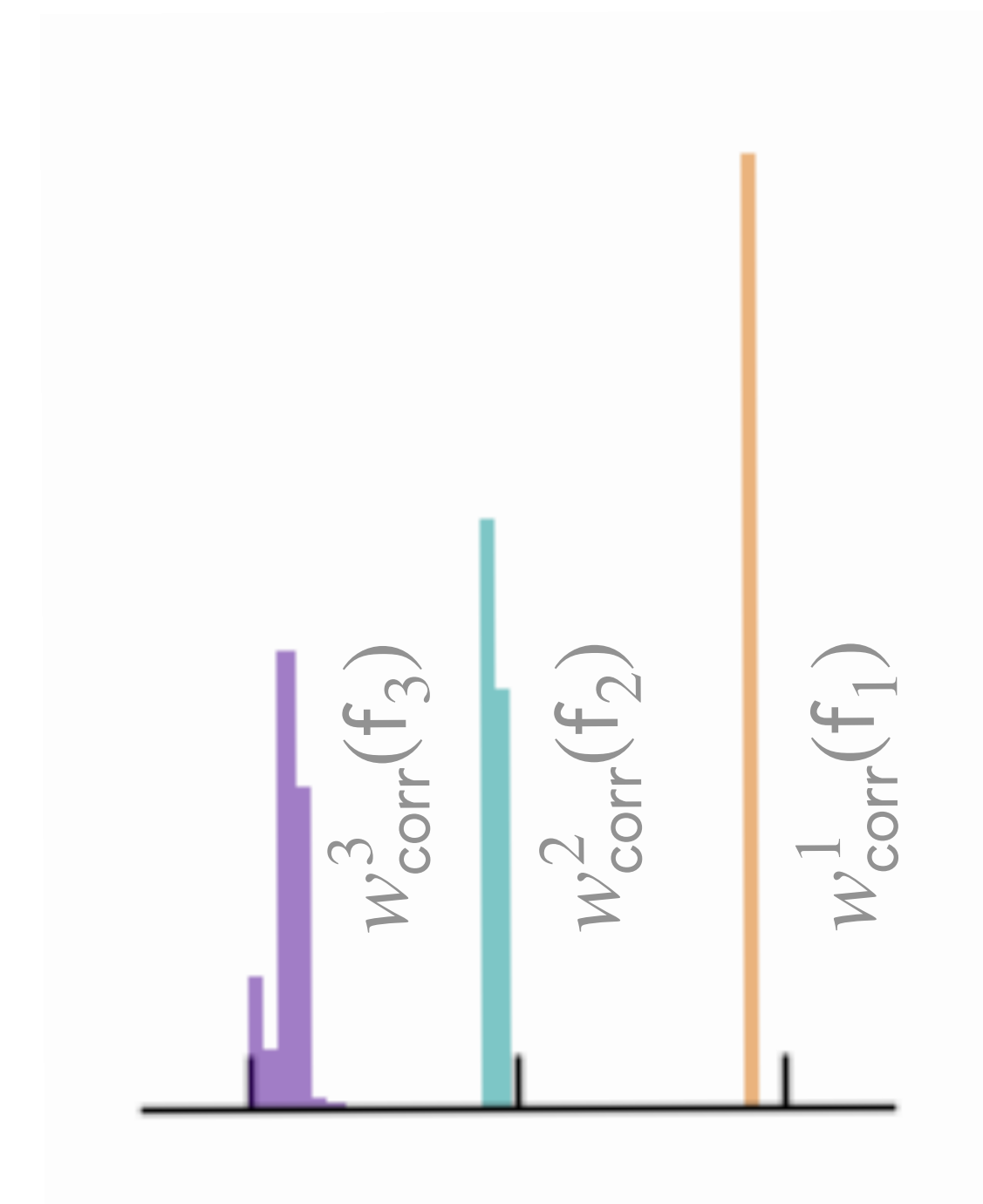
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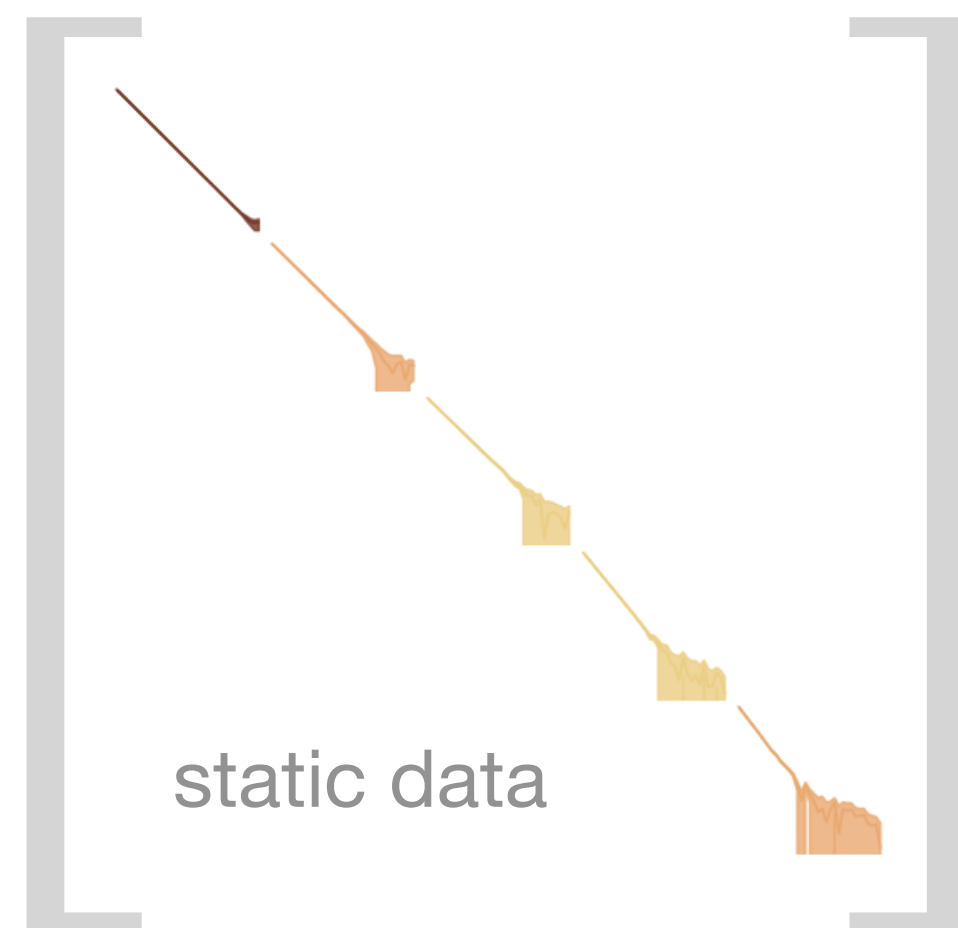
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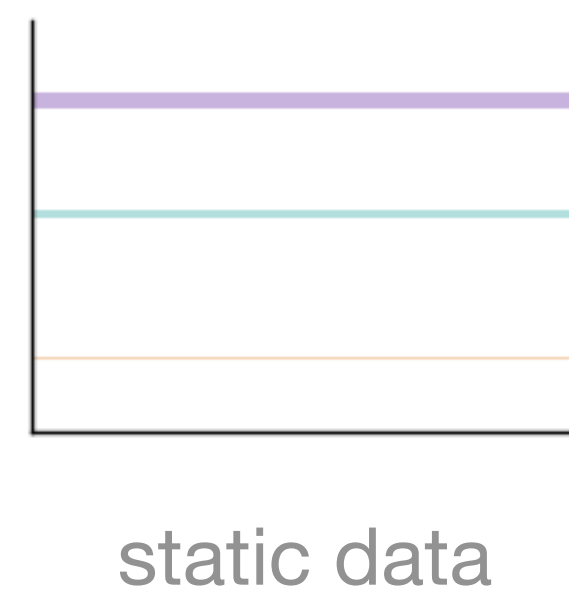
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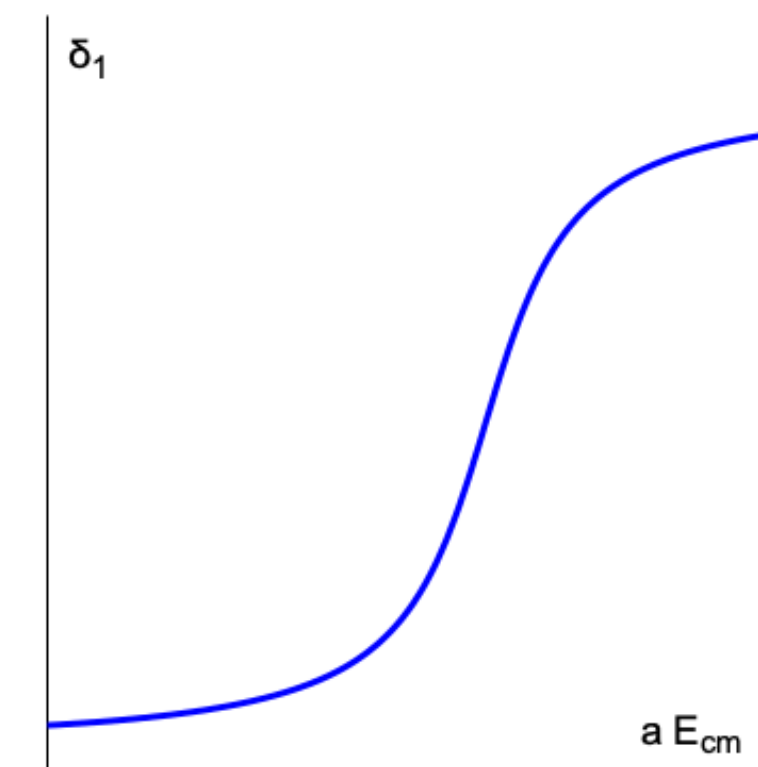


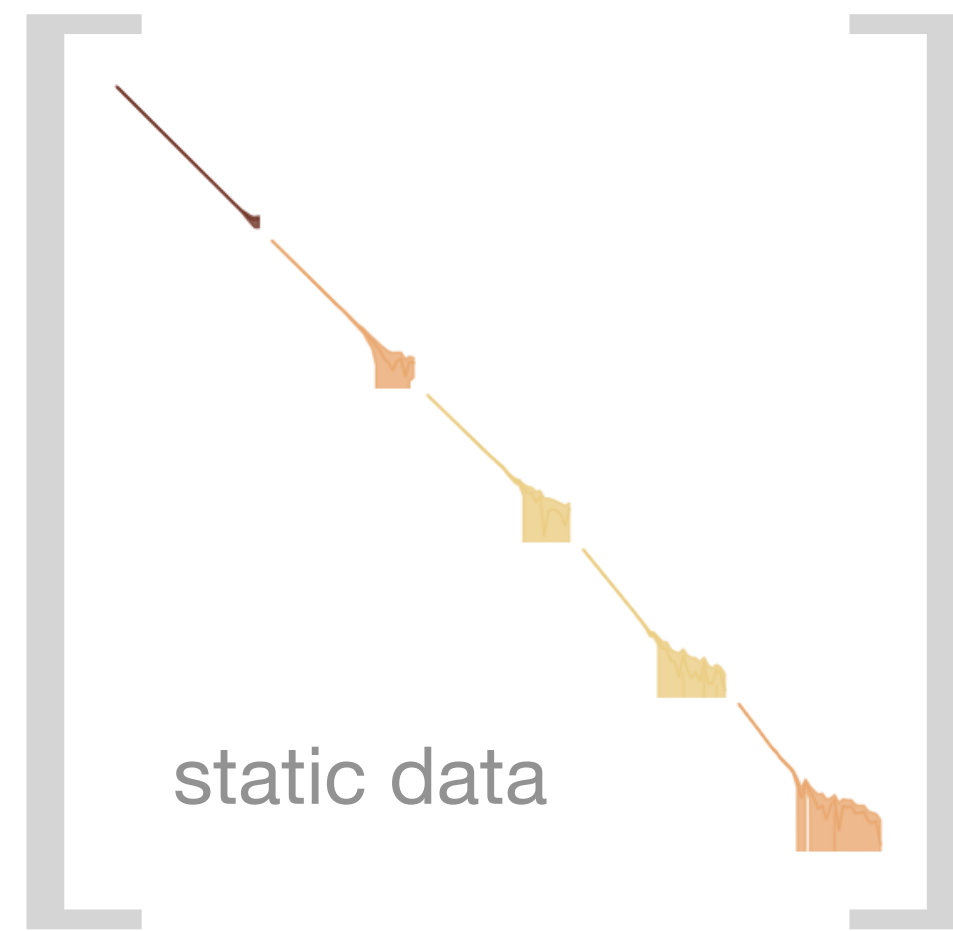


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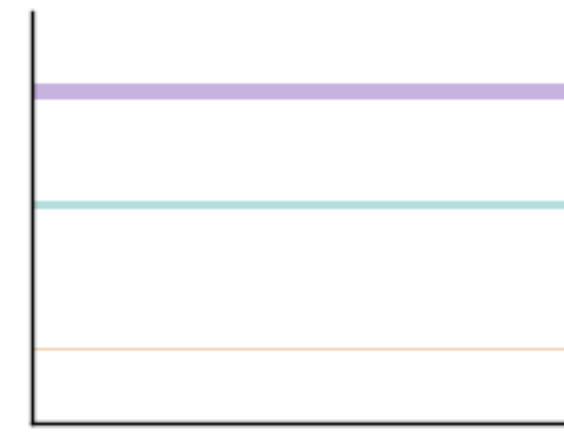


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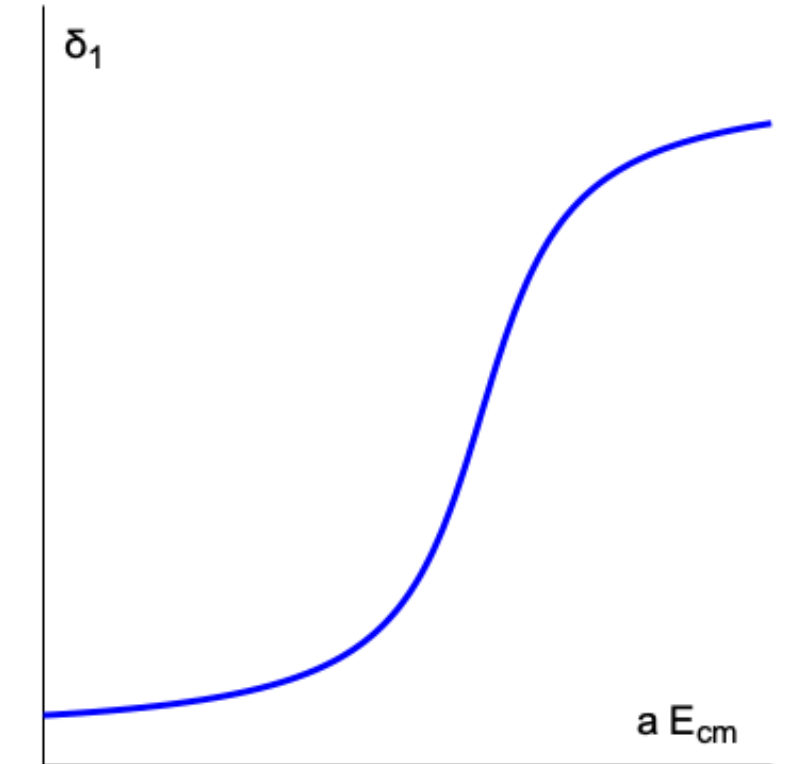


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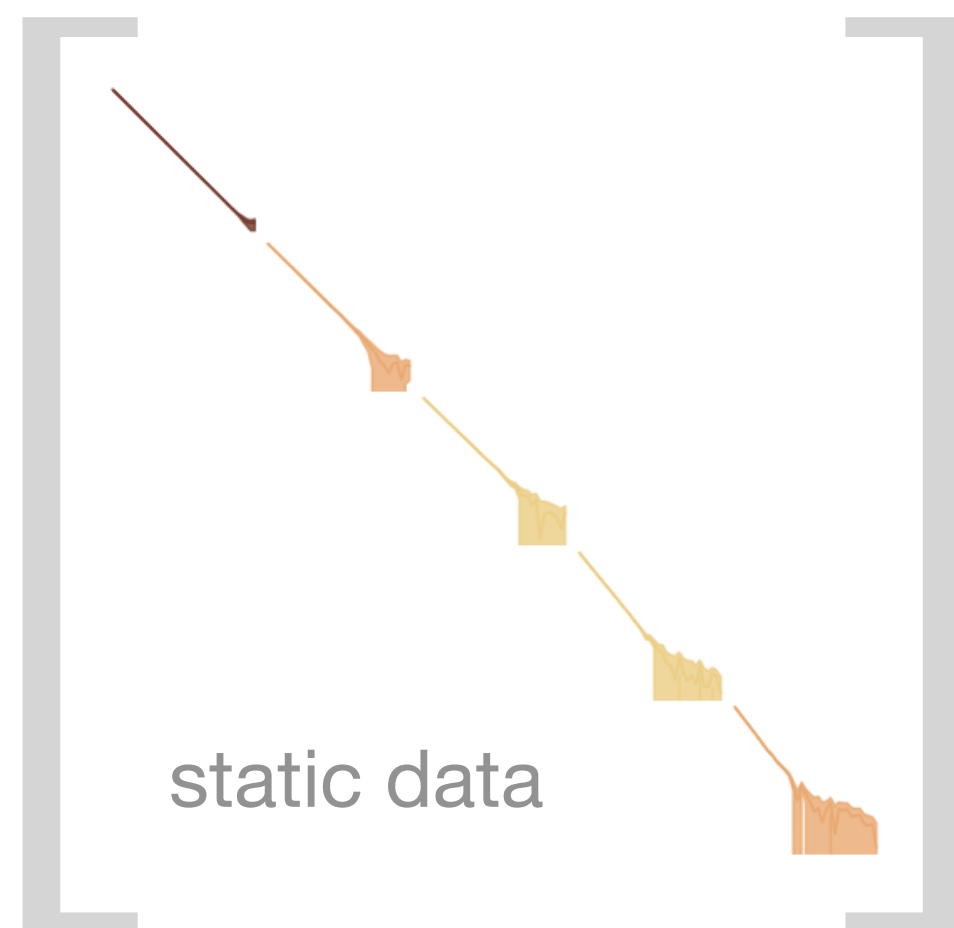


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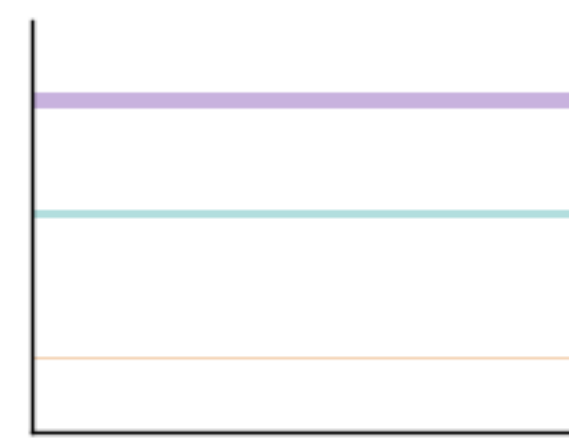
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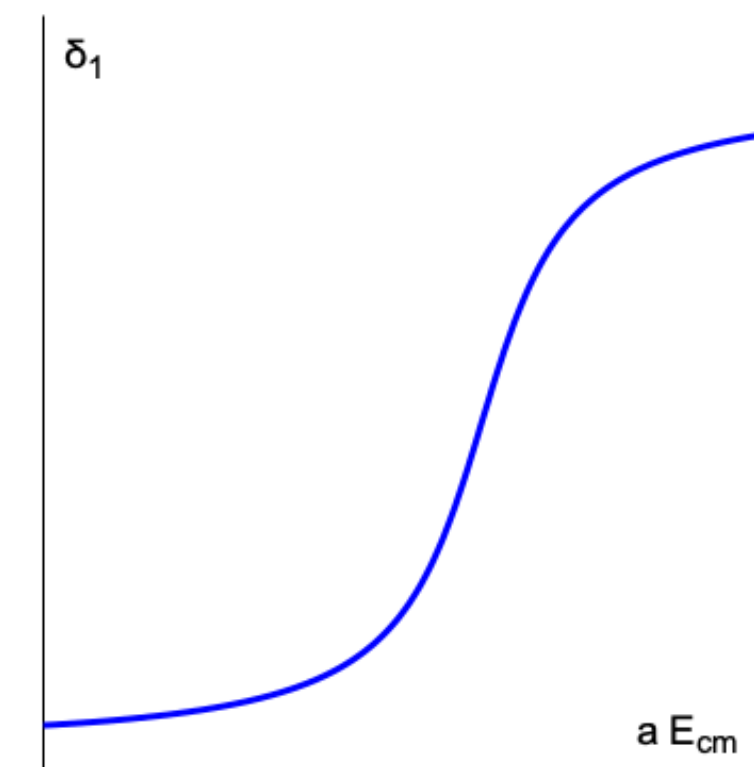


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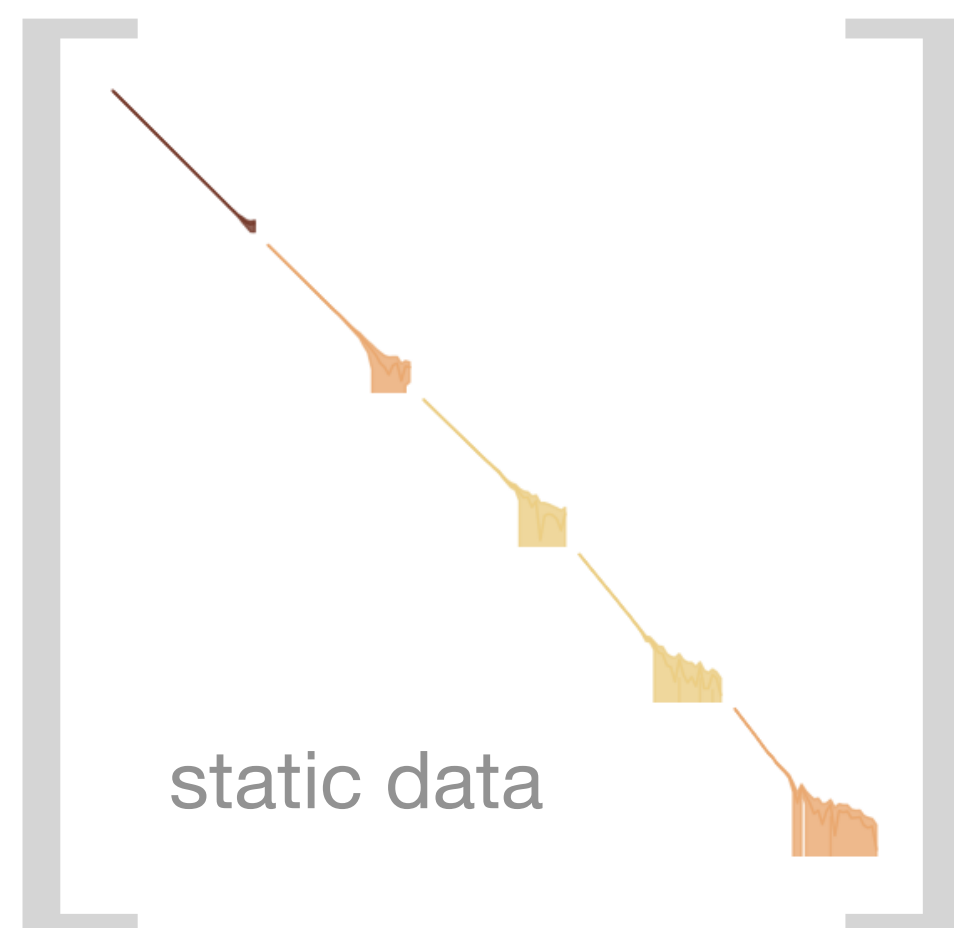
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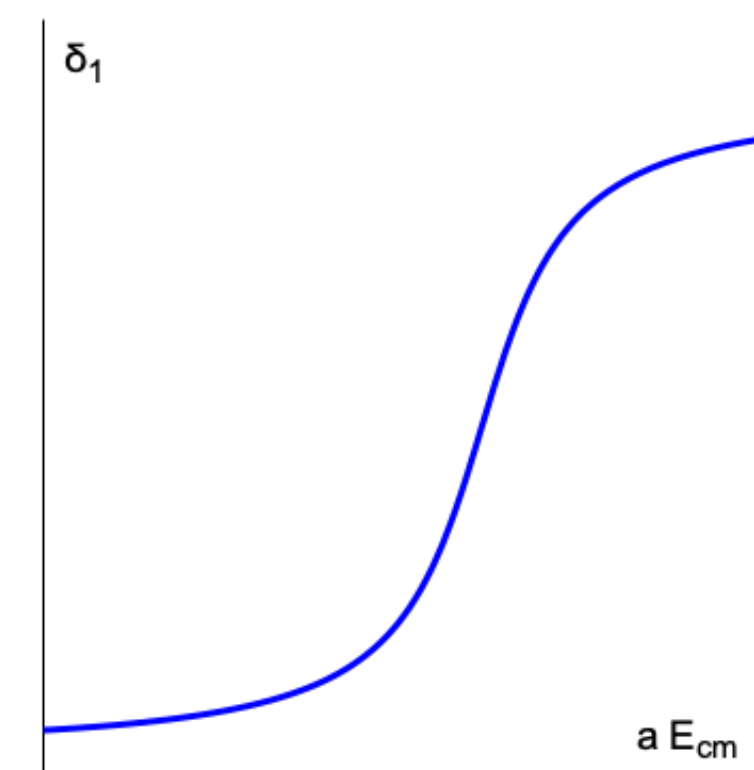
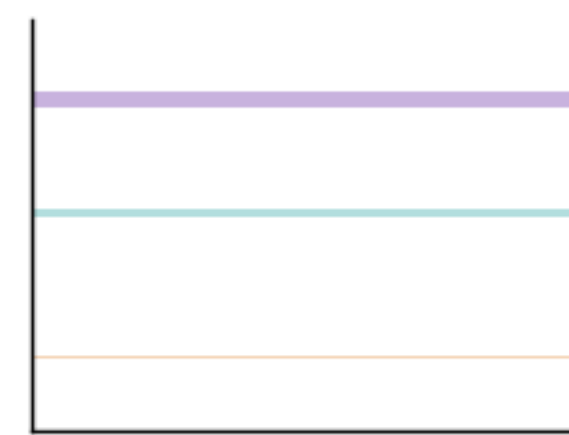
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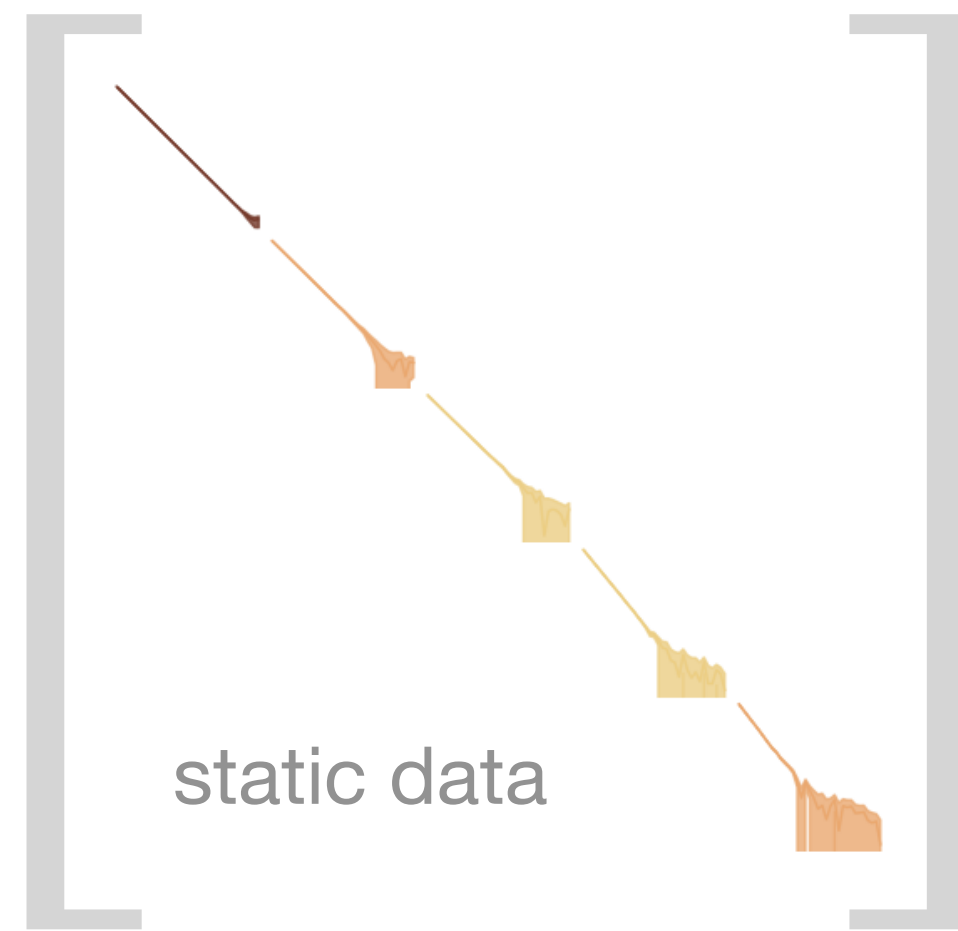
global minimisation unfeasible

intermediate

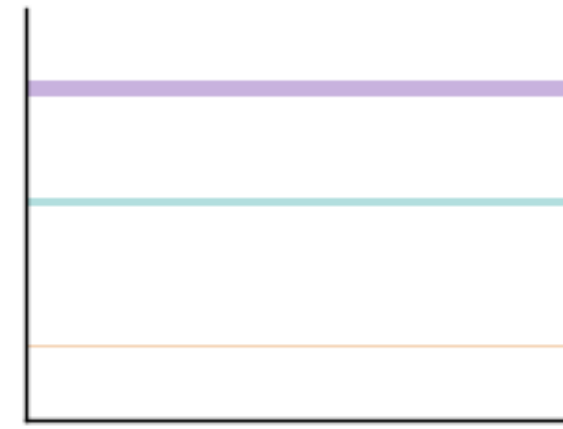


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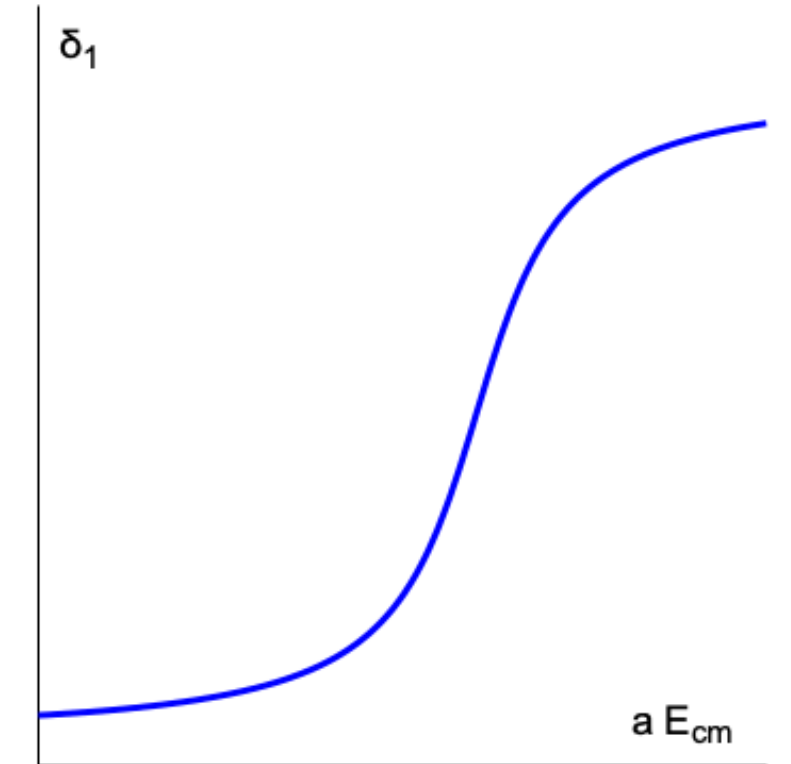
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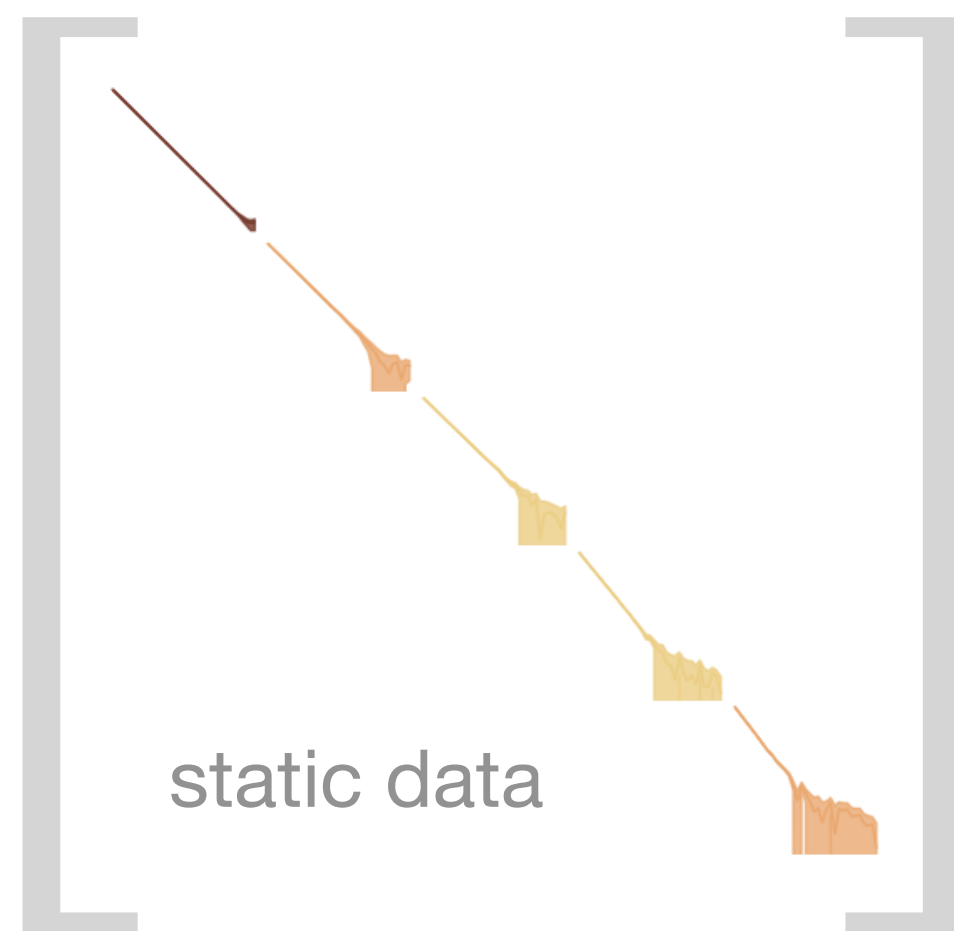


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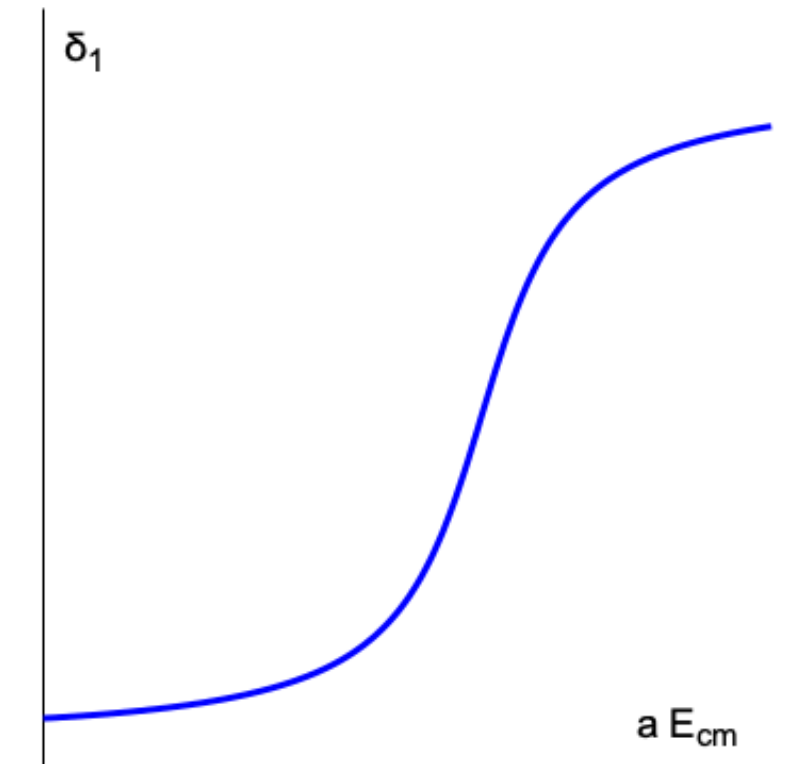
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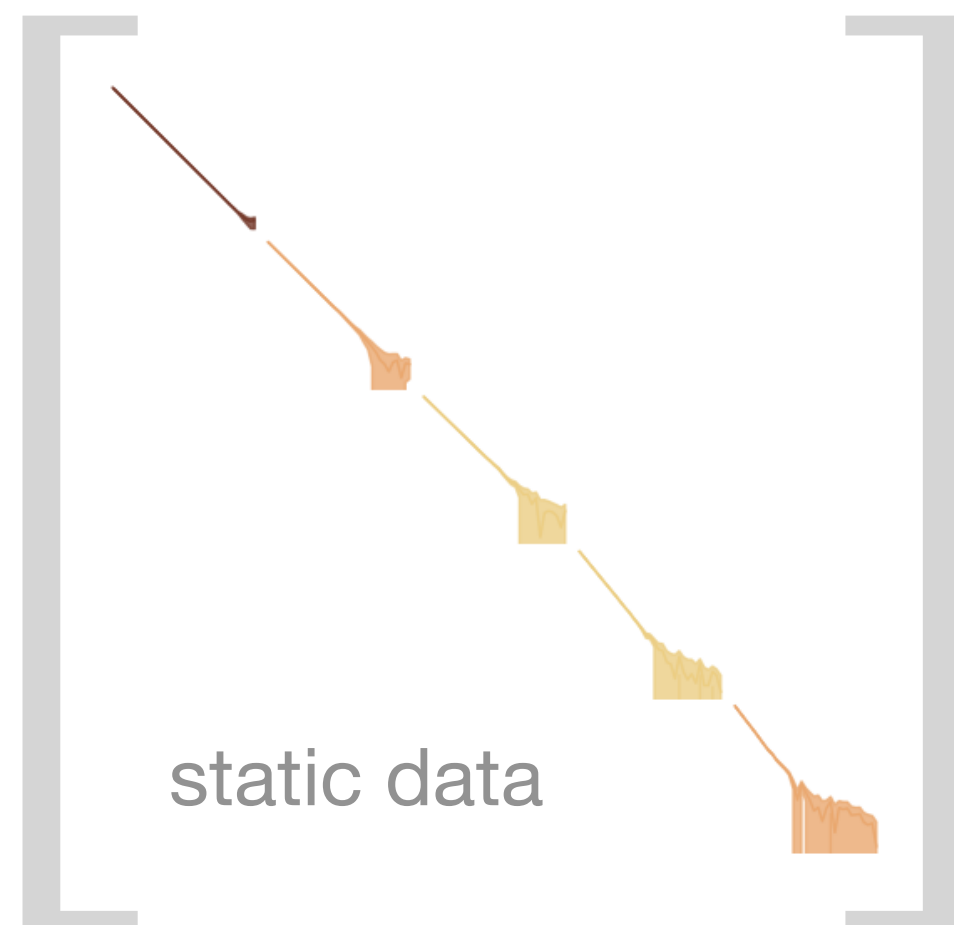
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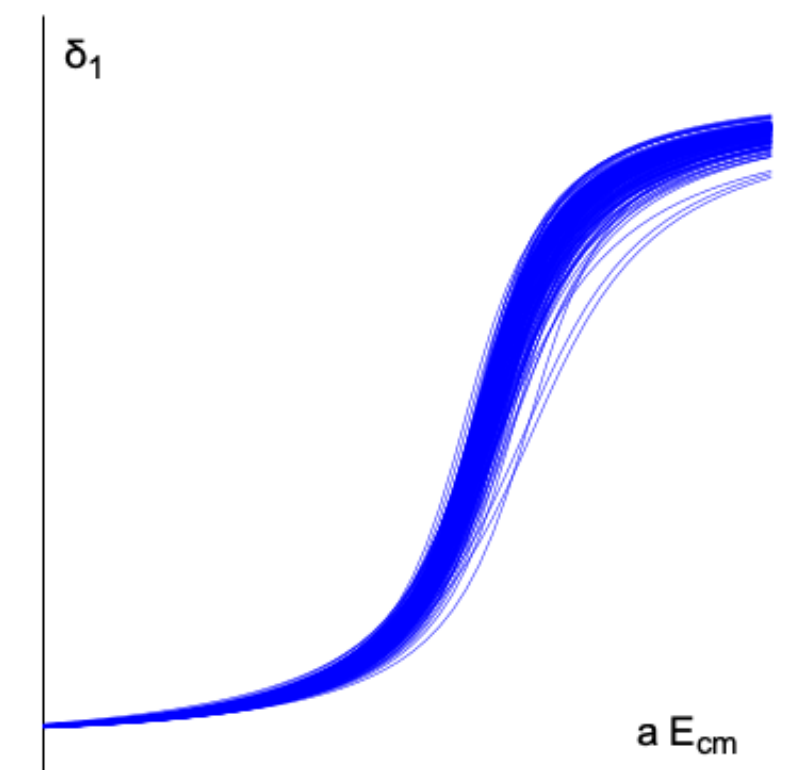
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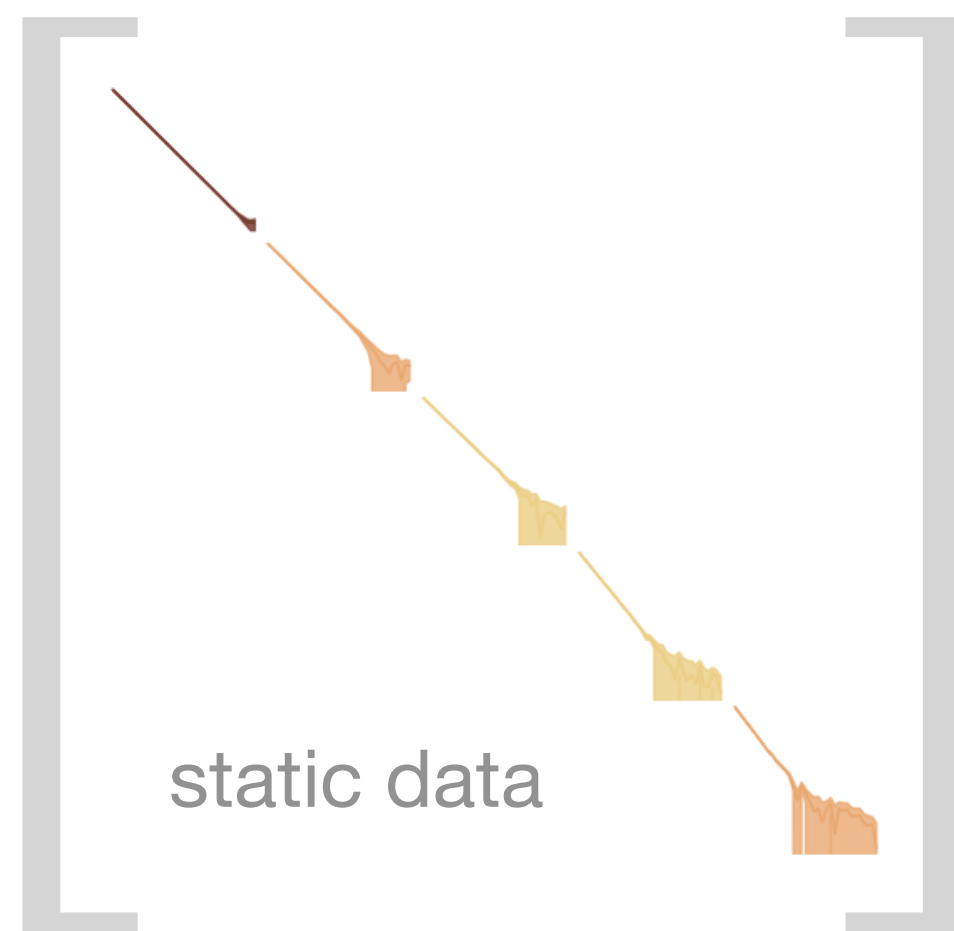


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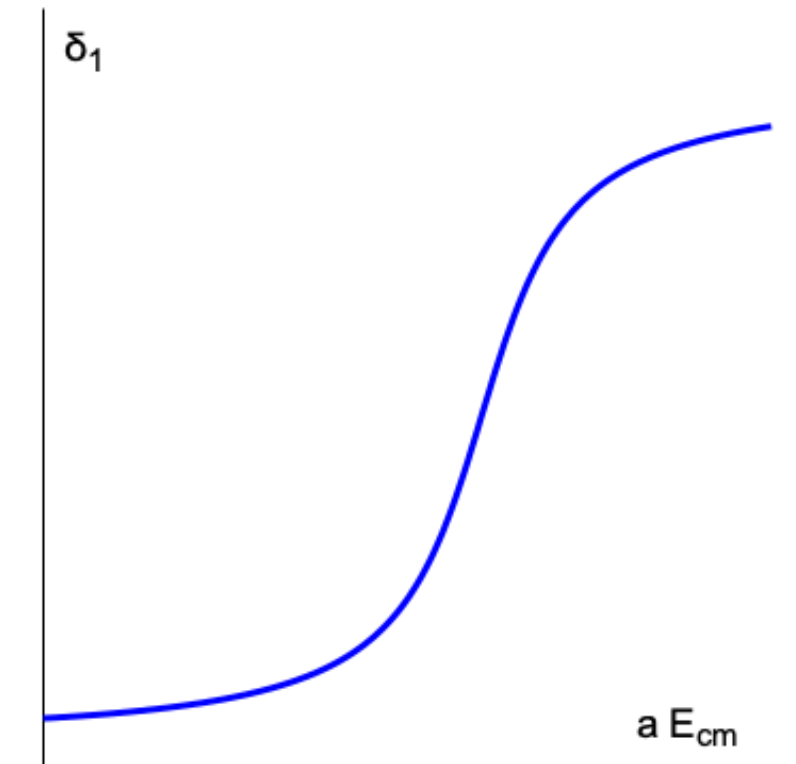




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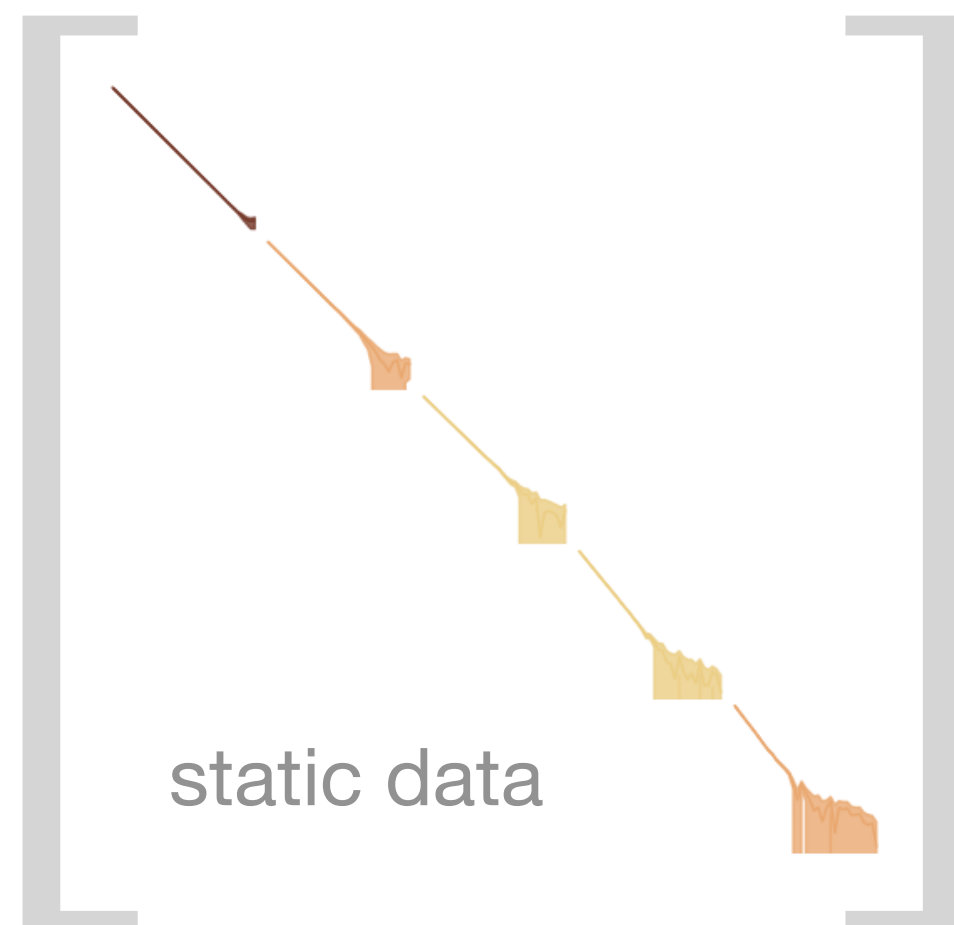
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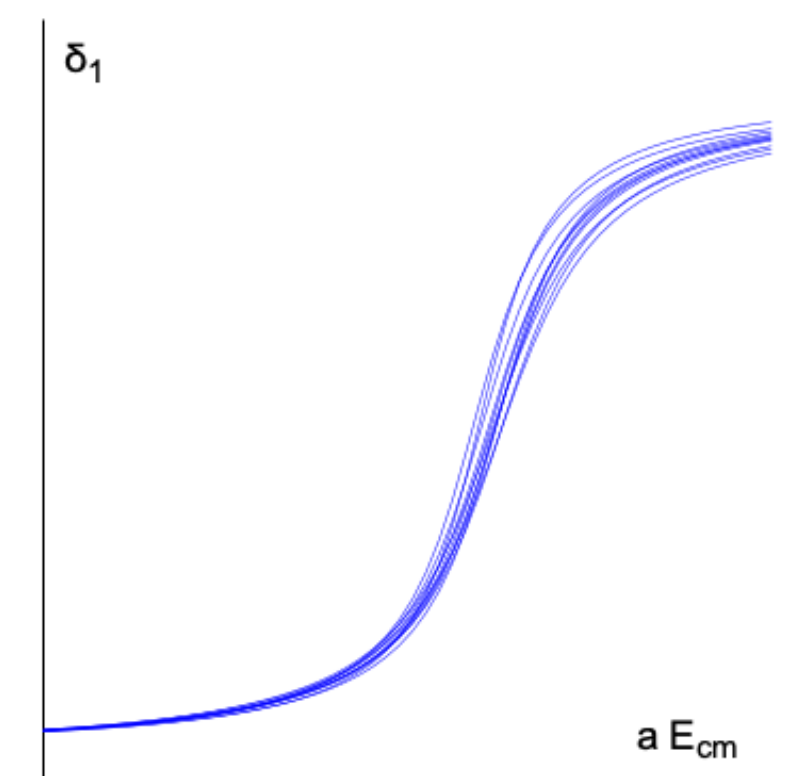
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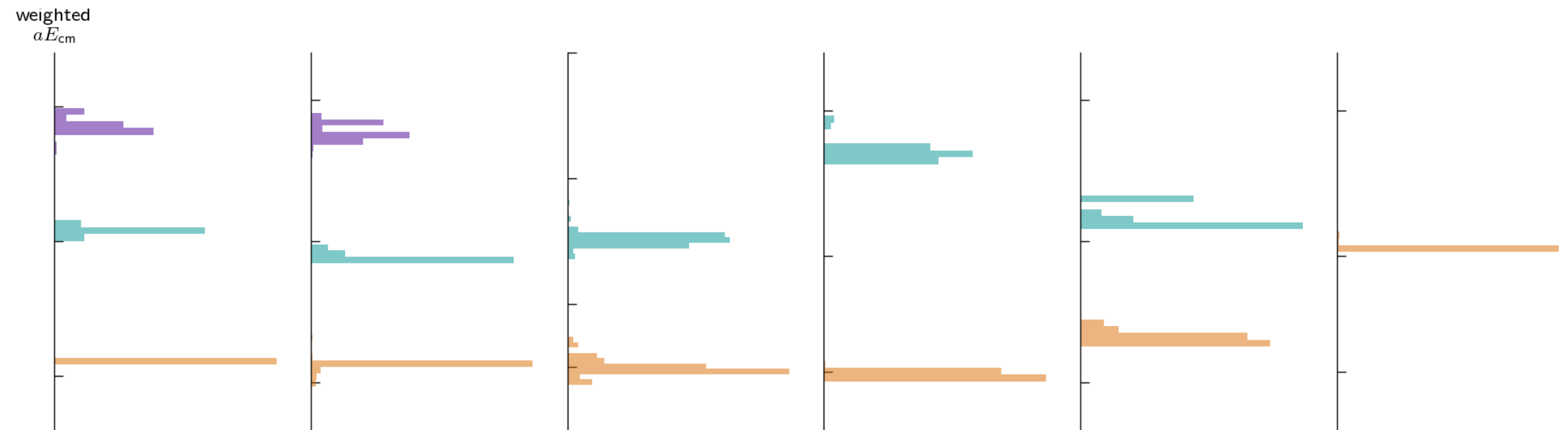


sampling?

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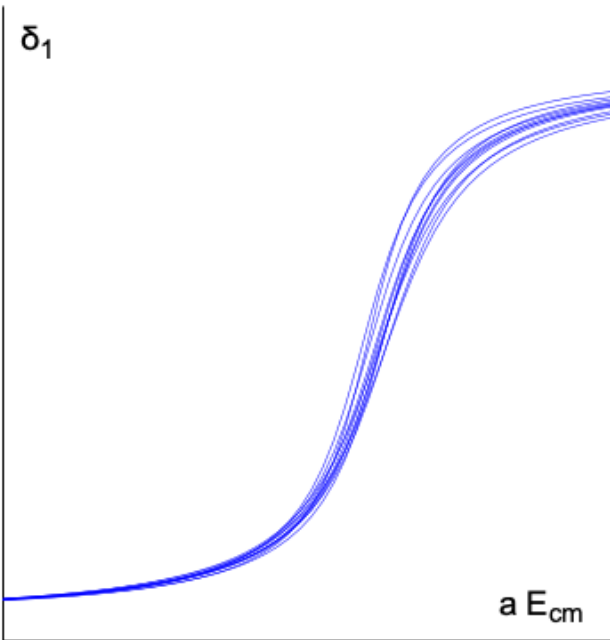
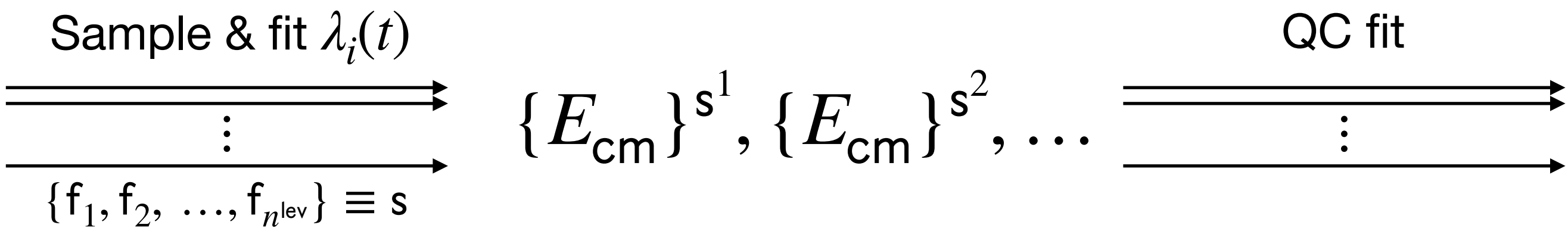
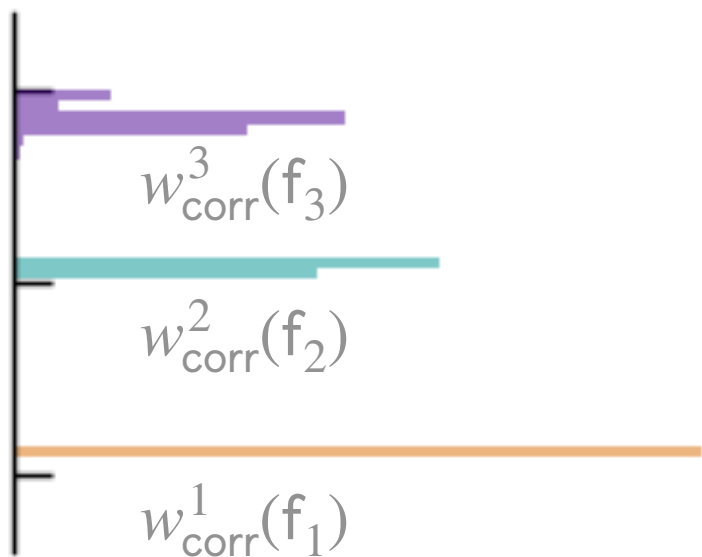
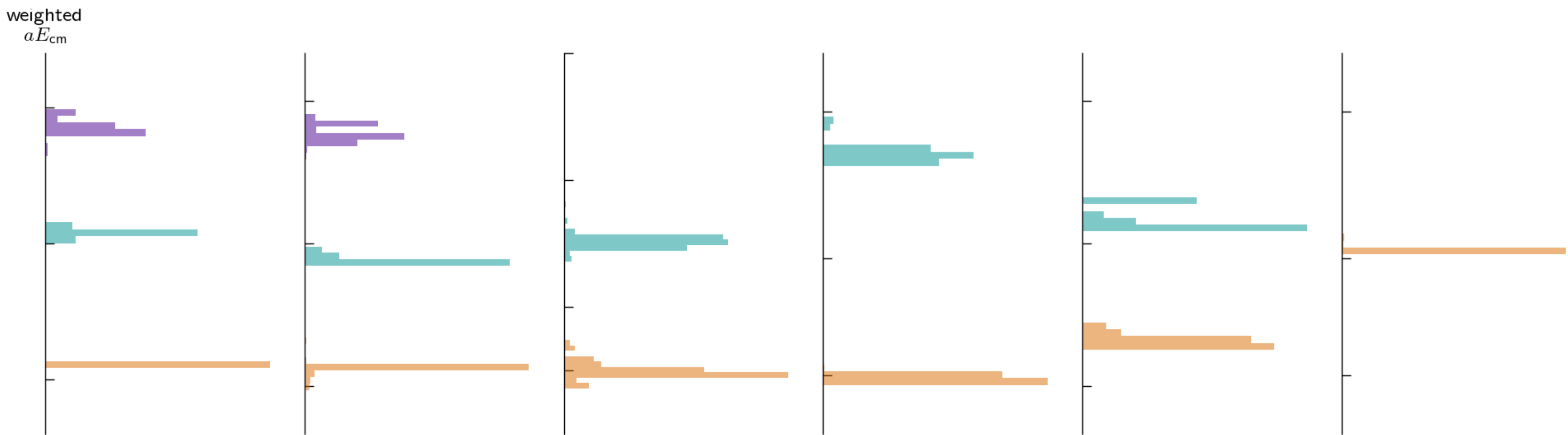
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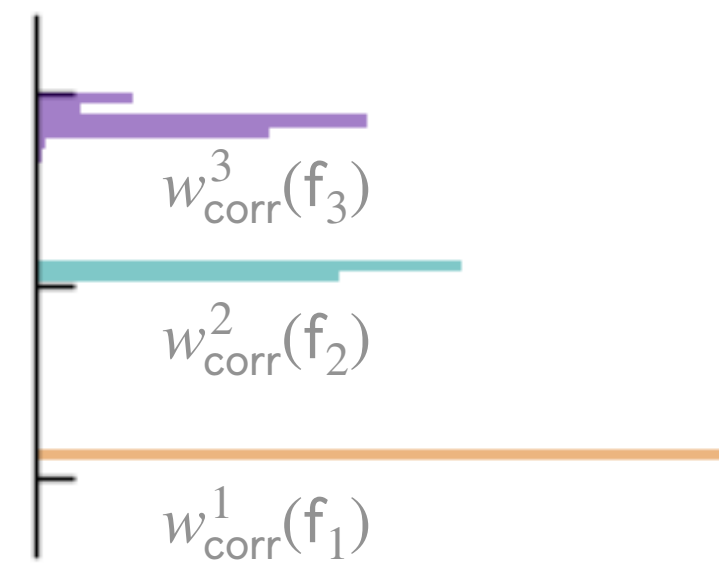
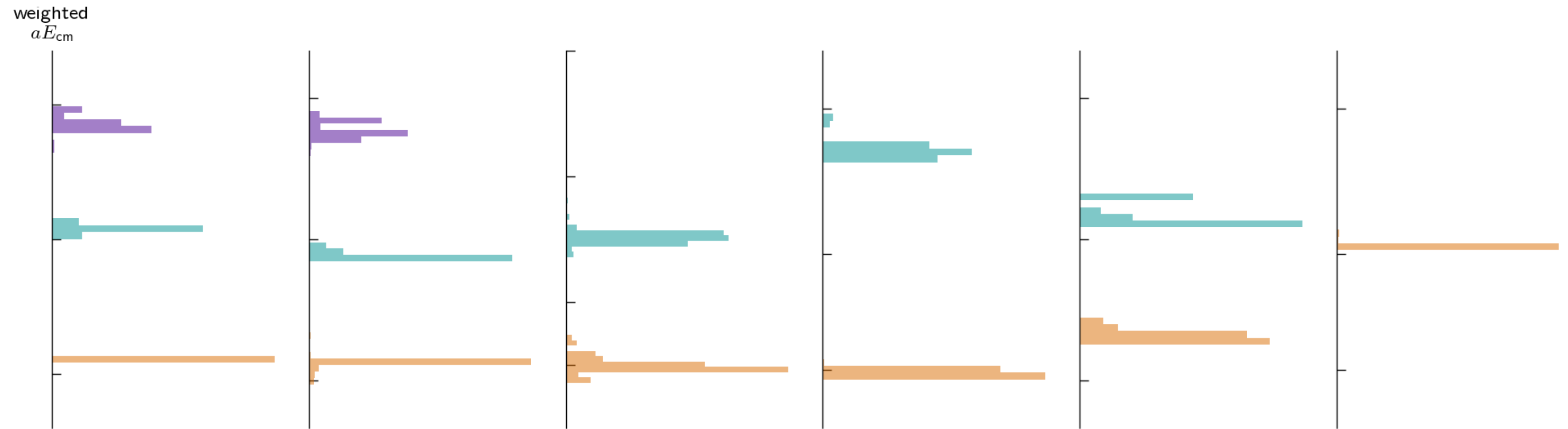
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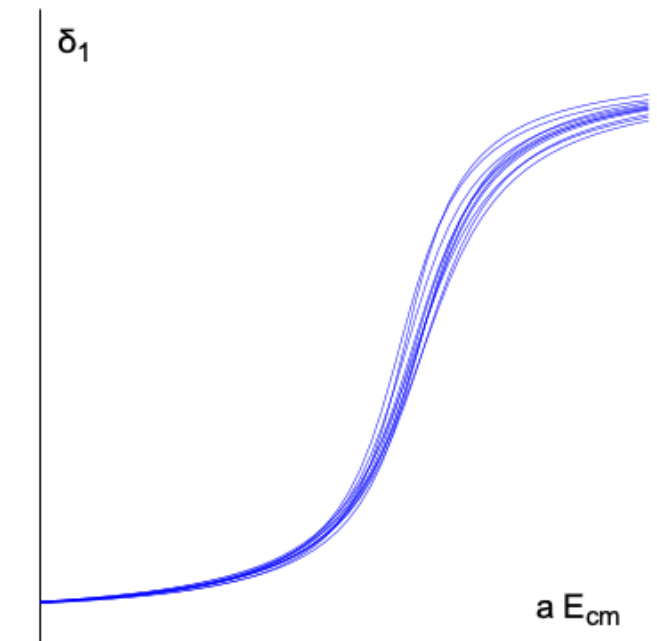
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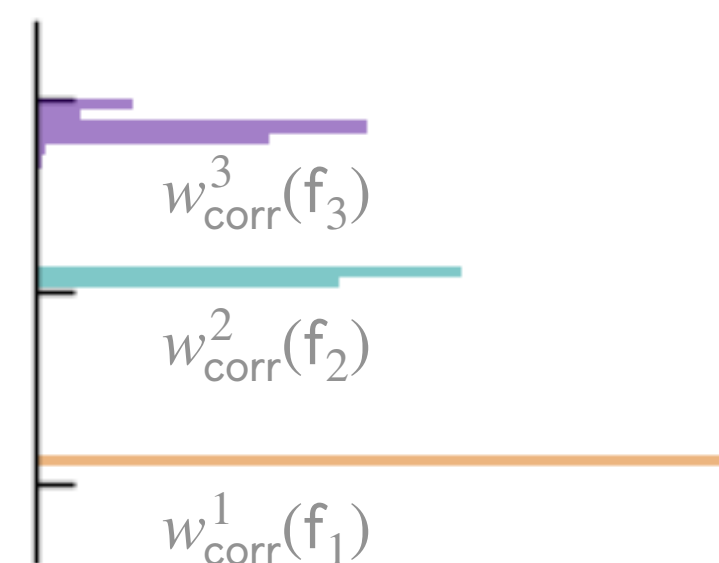
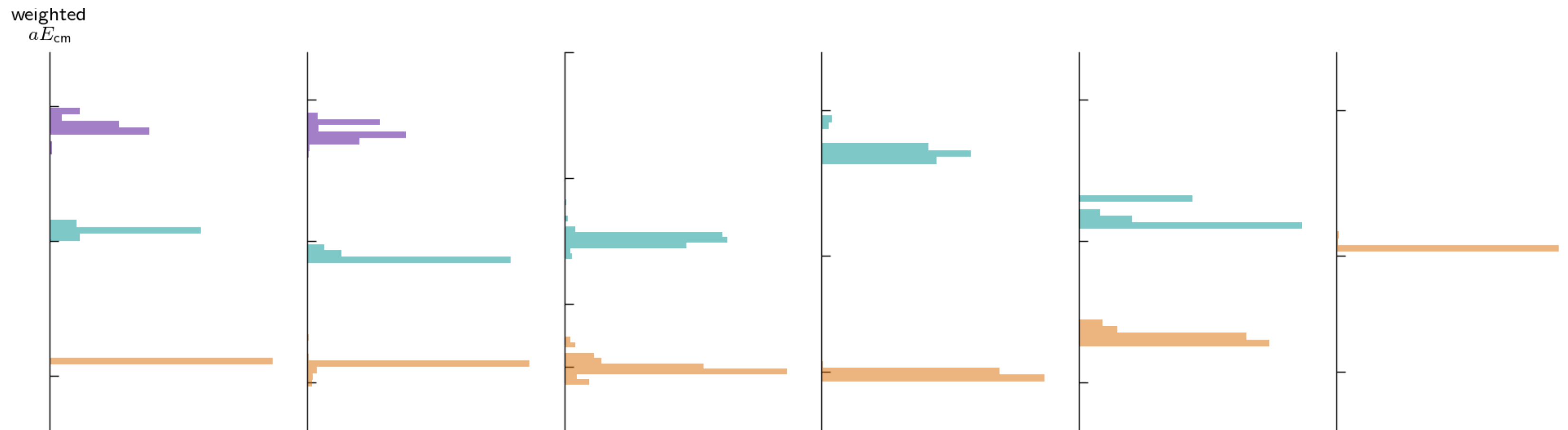
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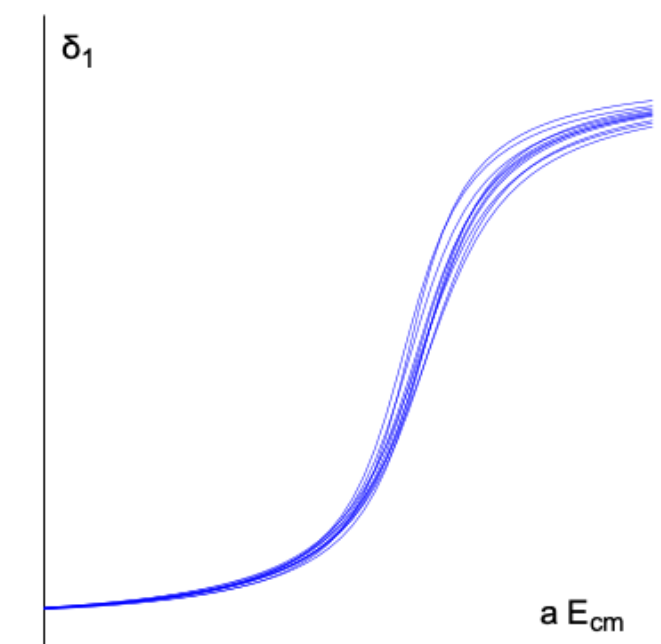
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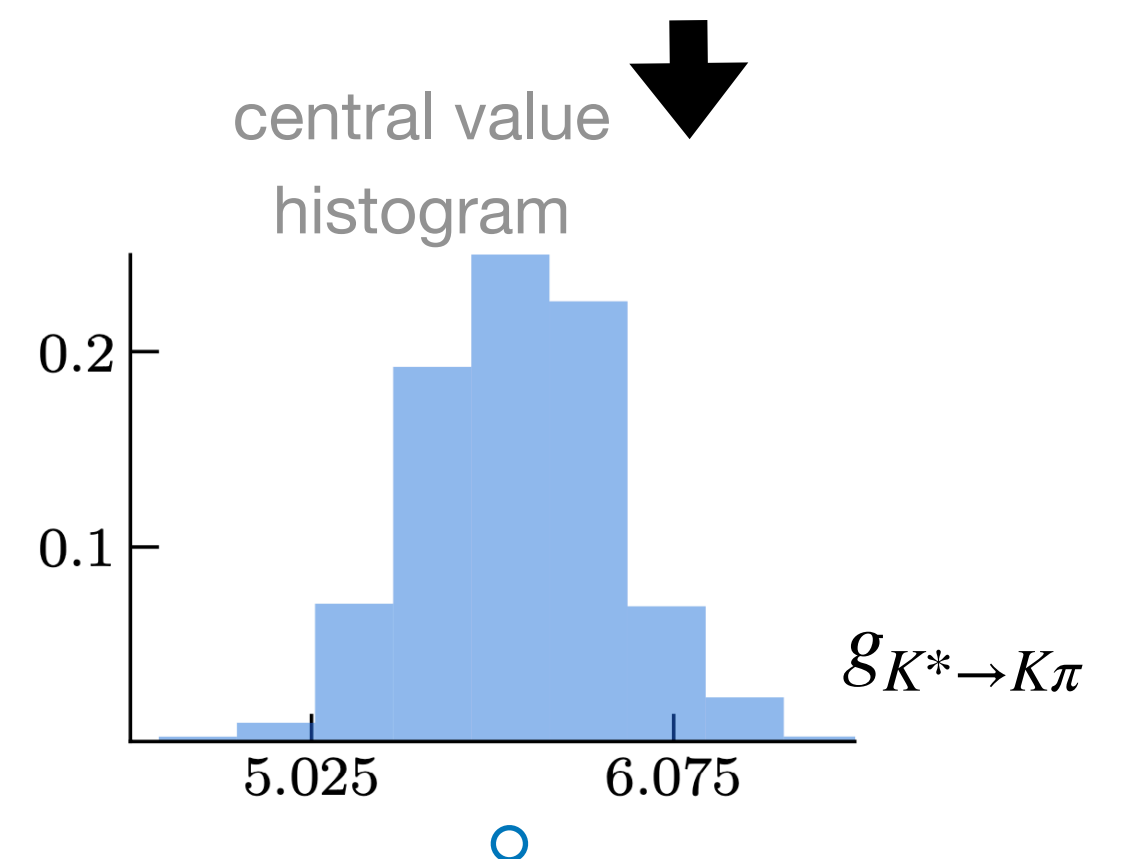


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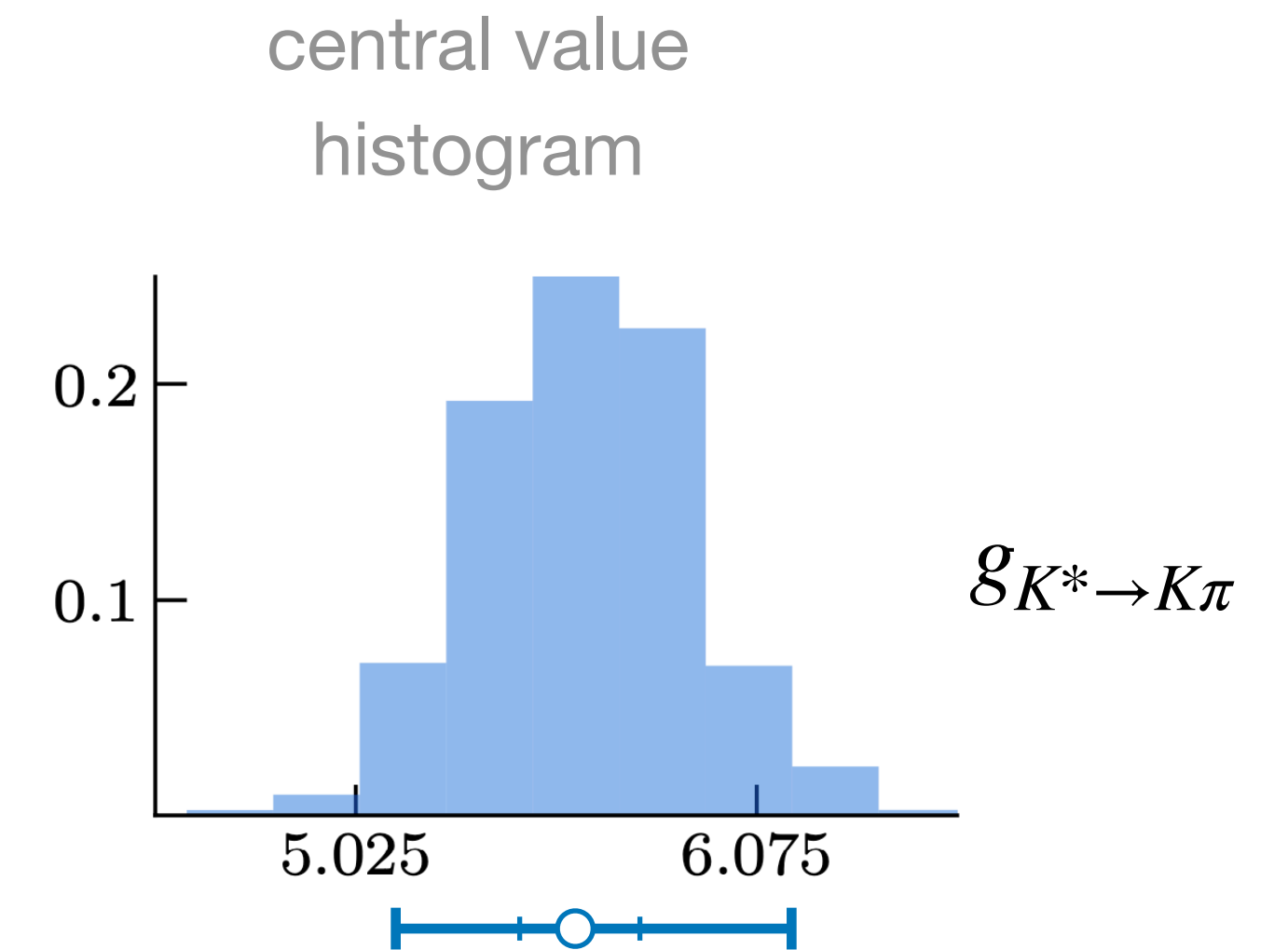
e.g. Breit-Wigner



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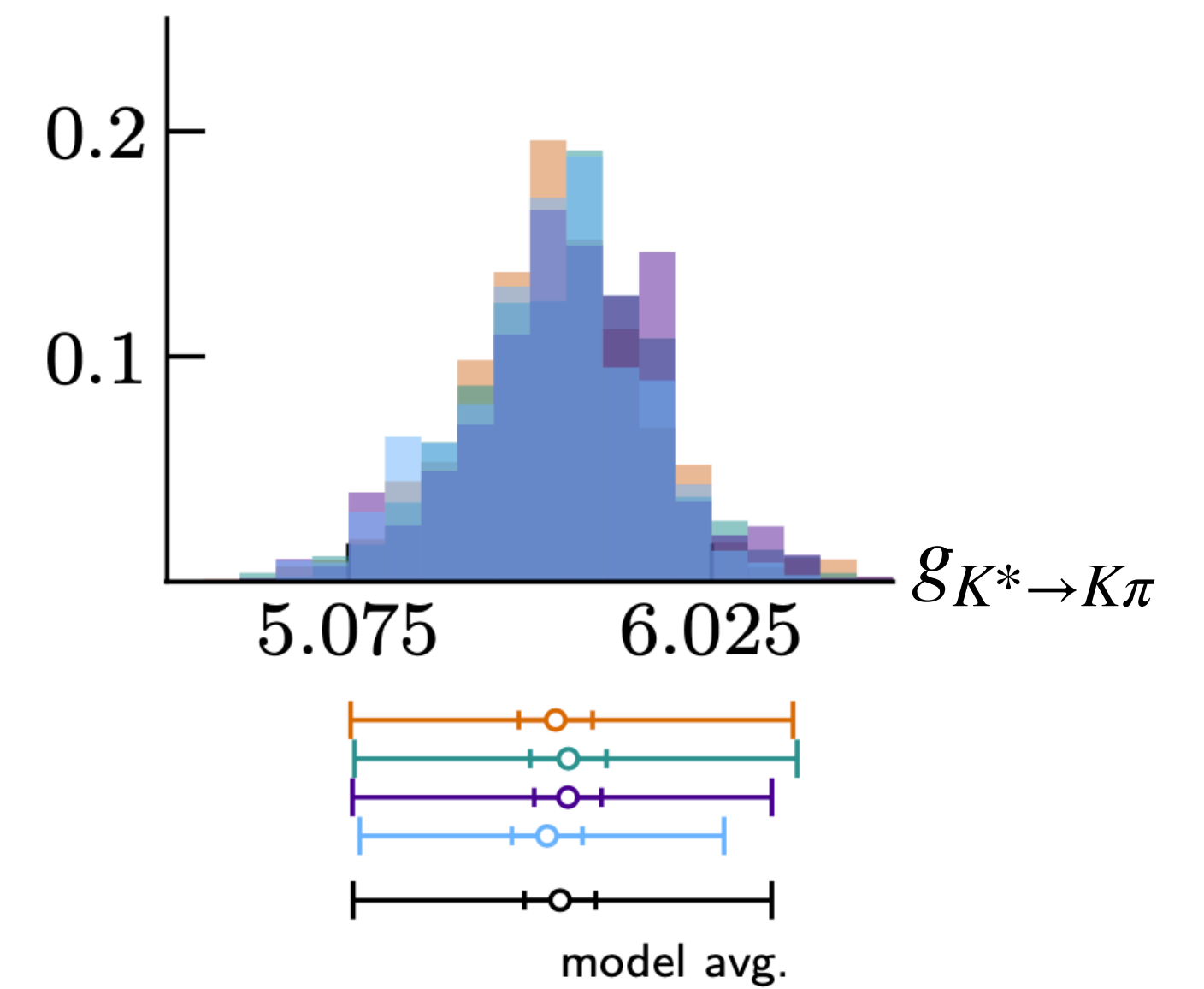
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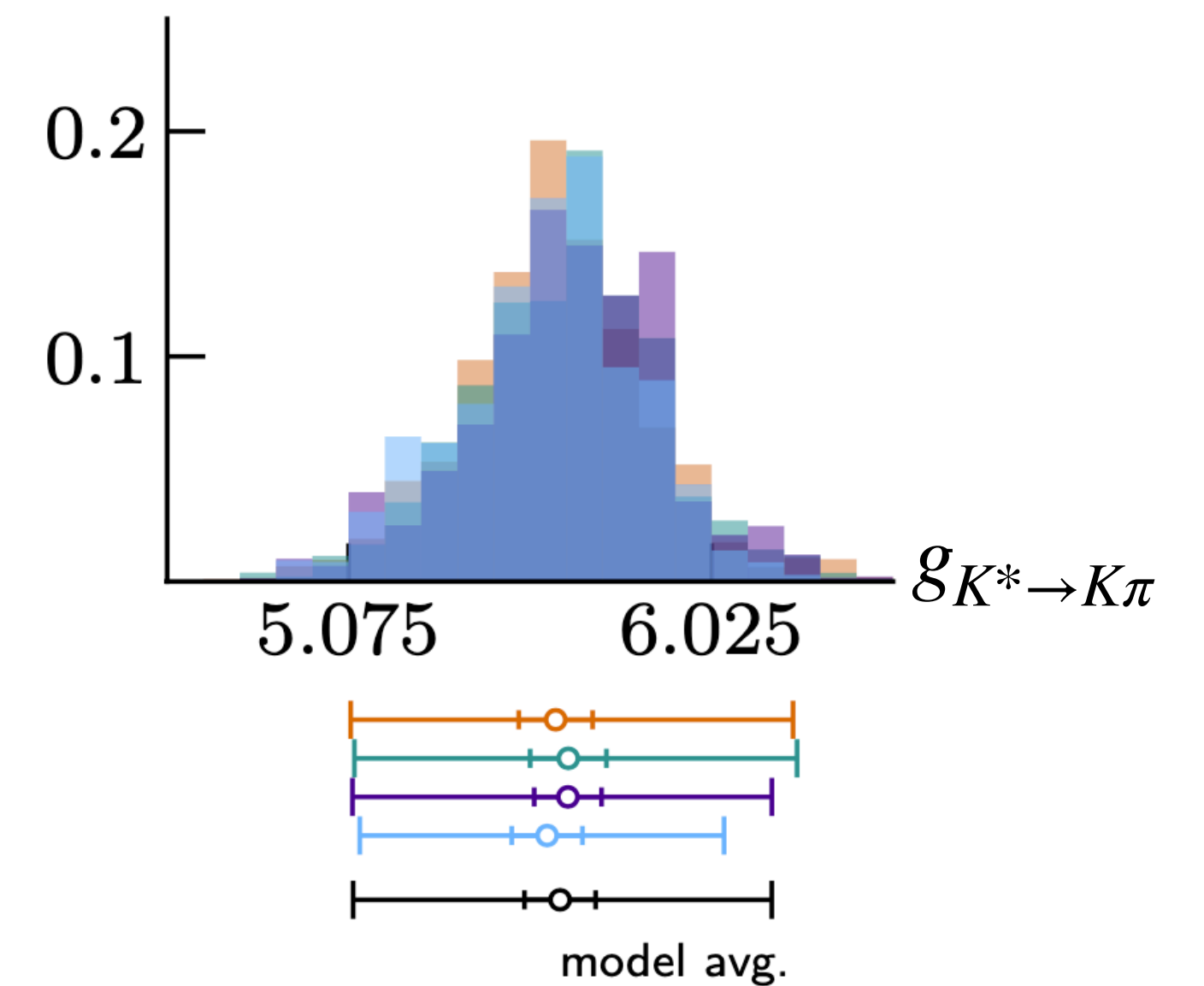
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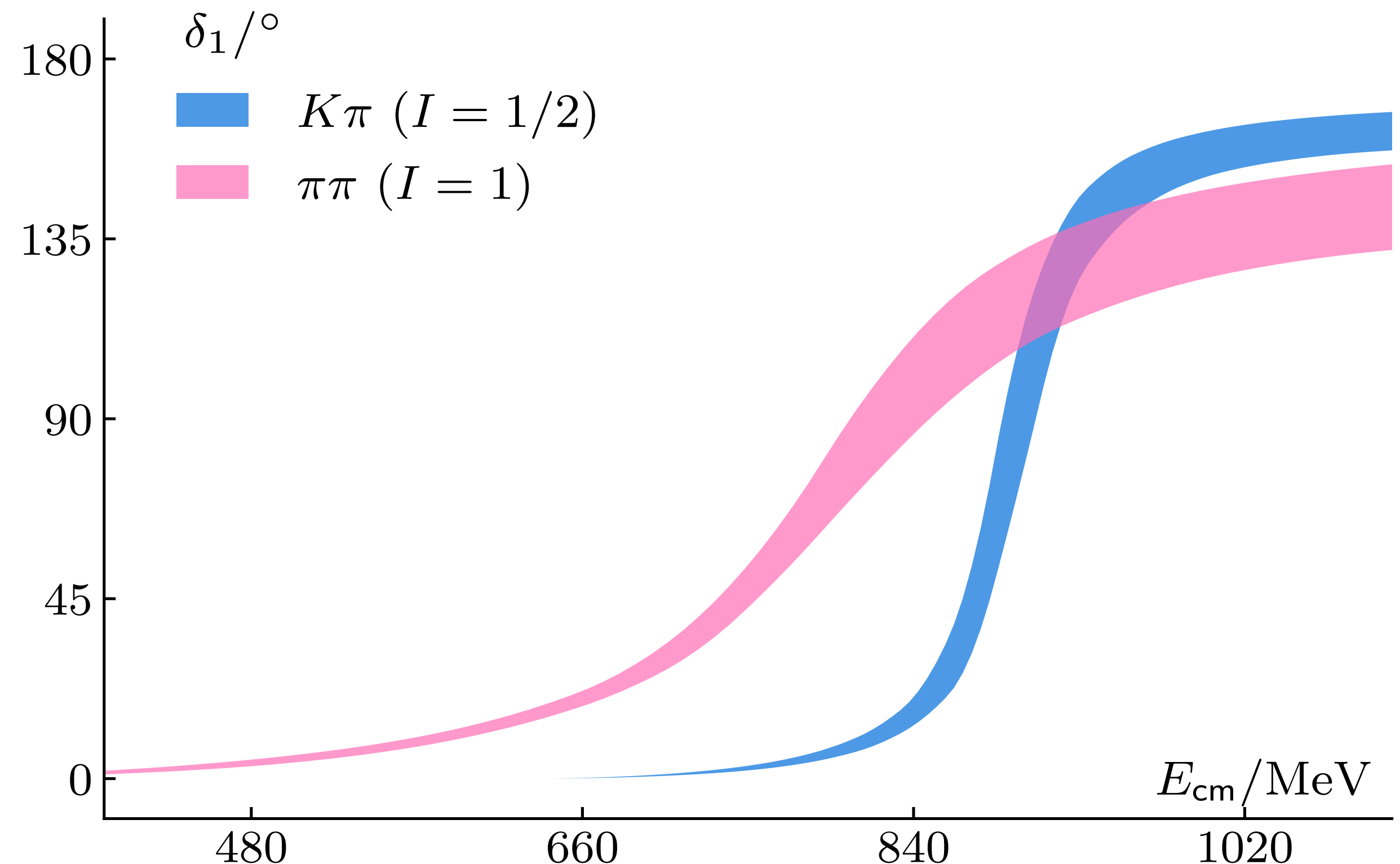
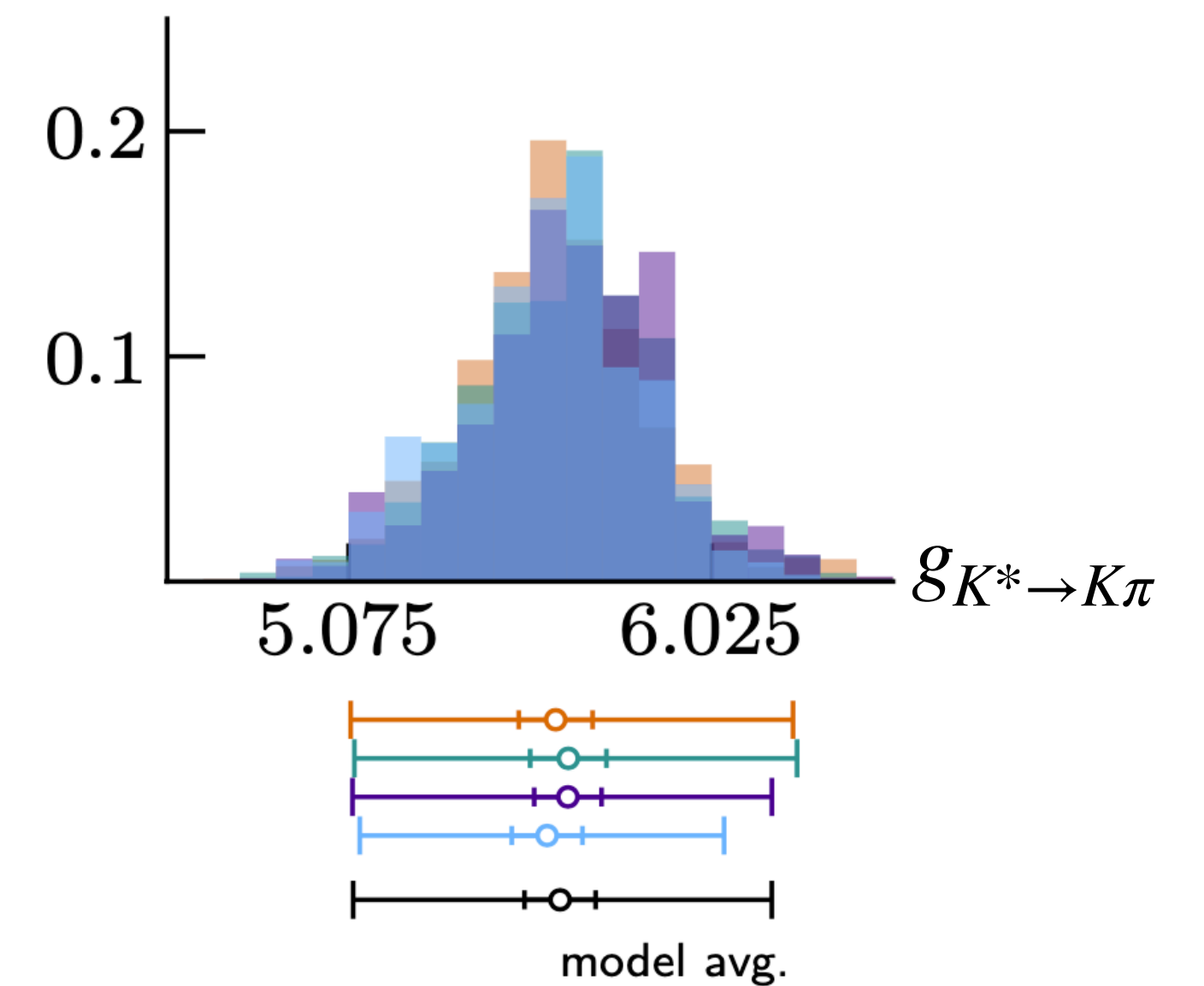
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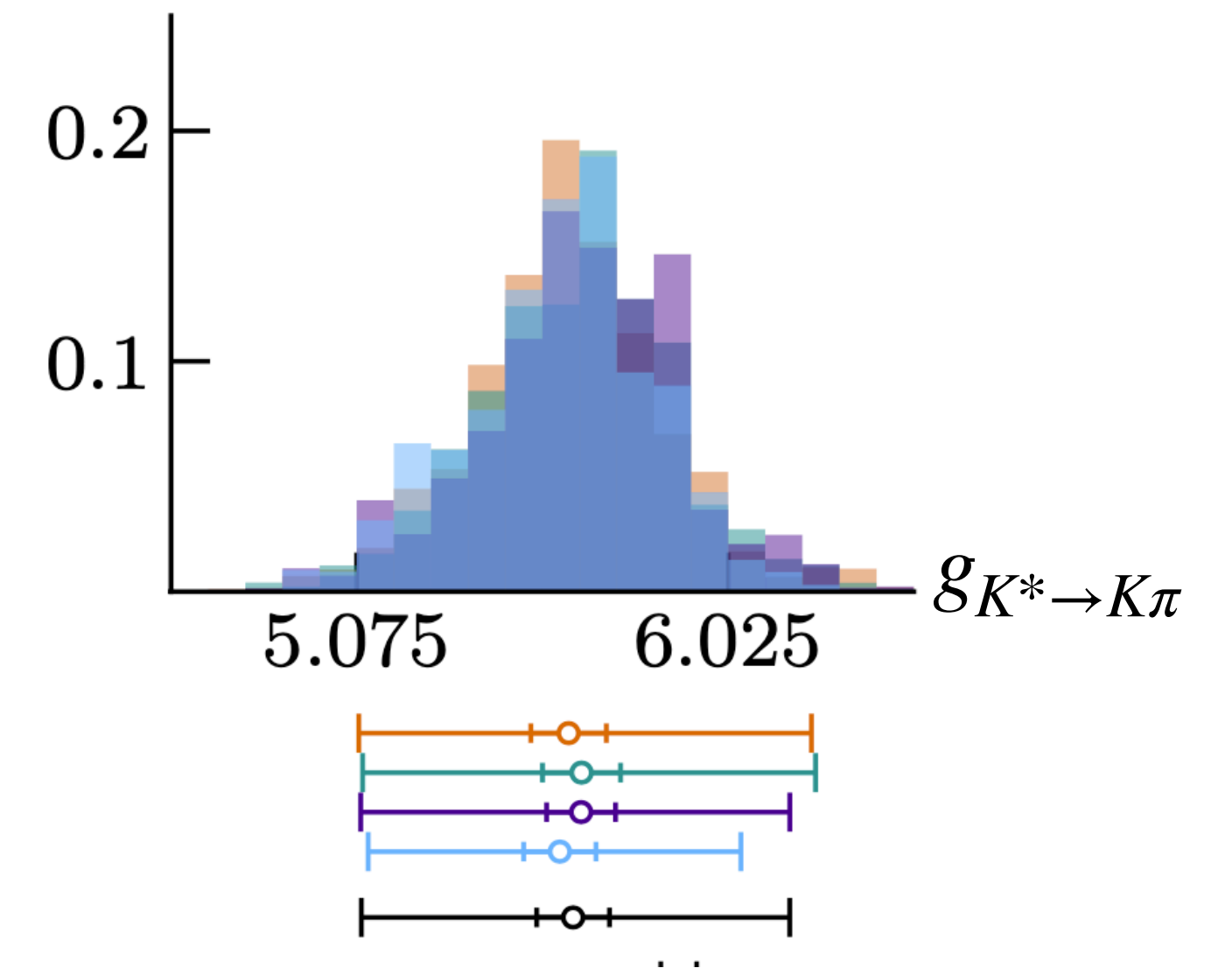
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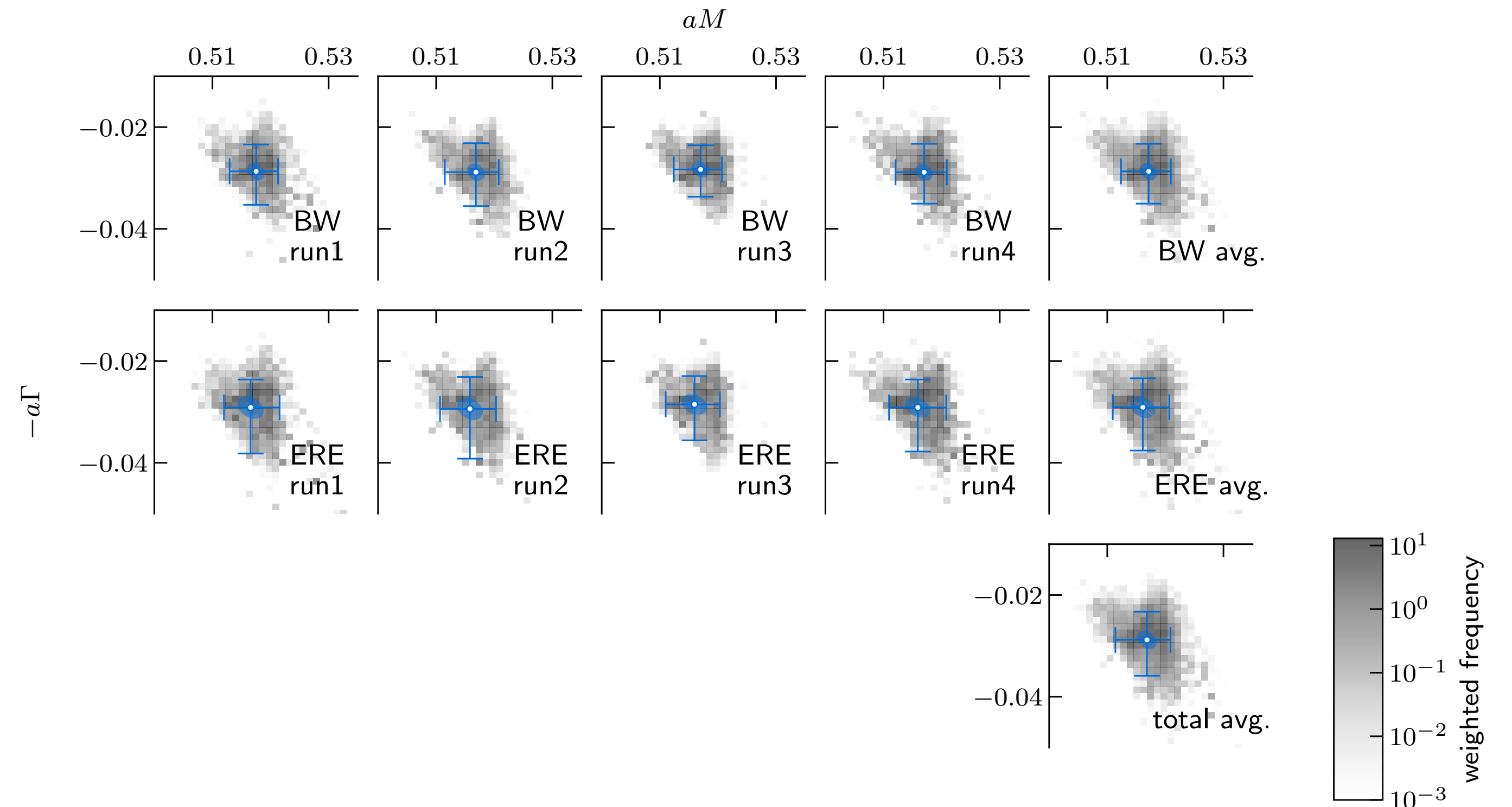


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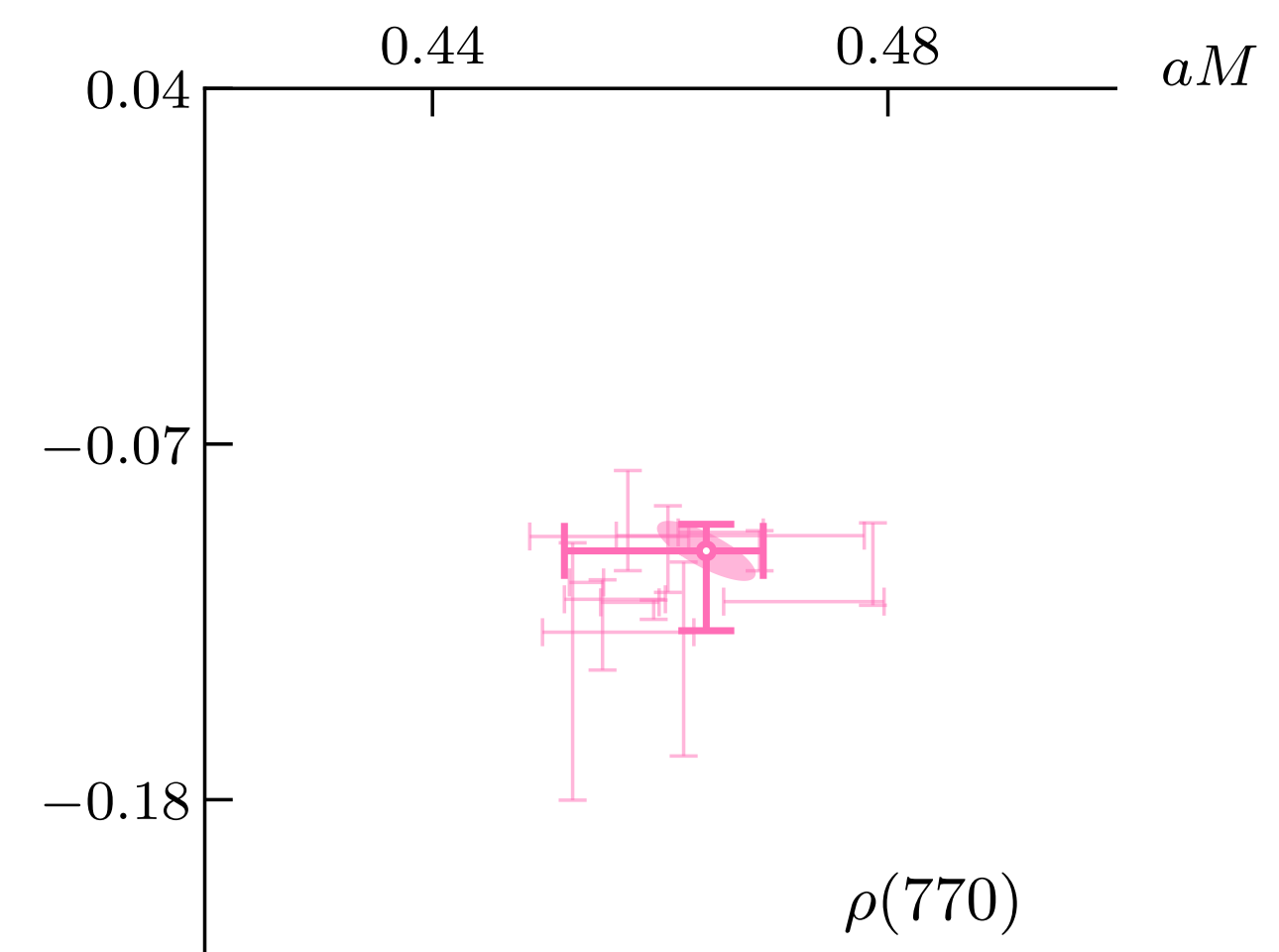
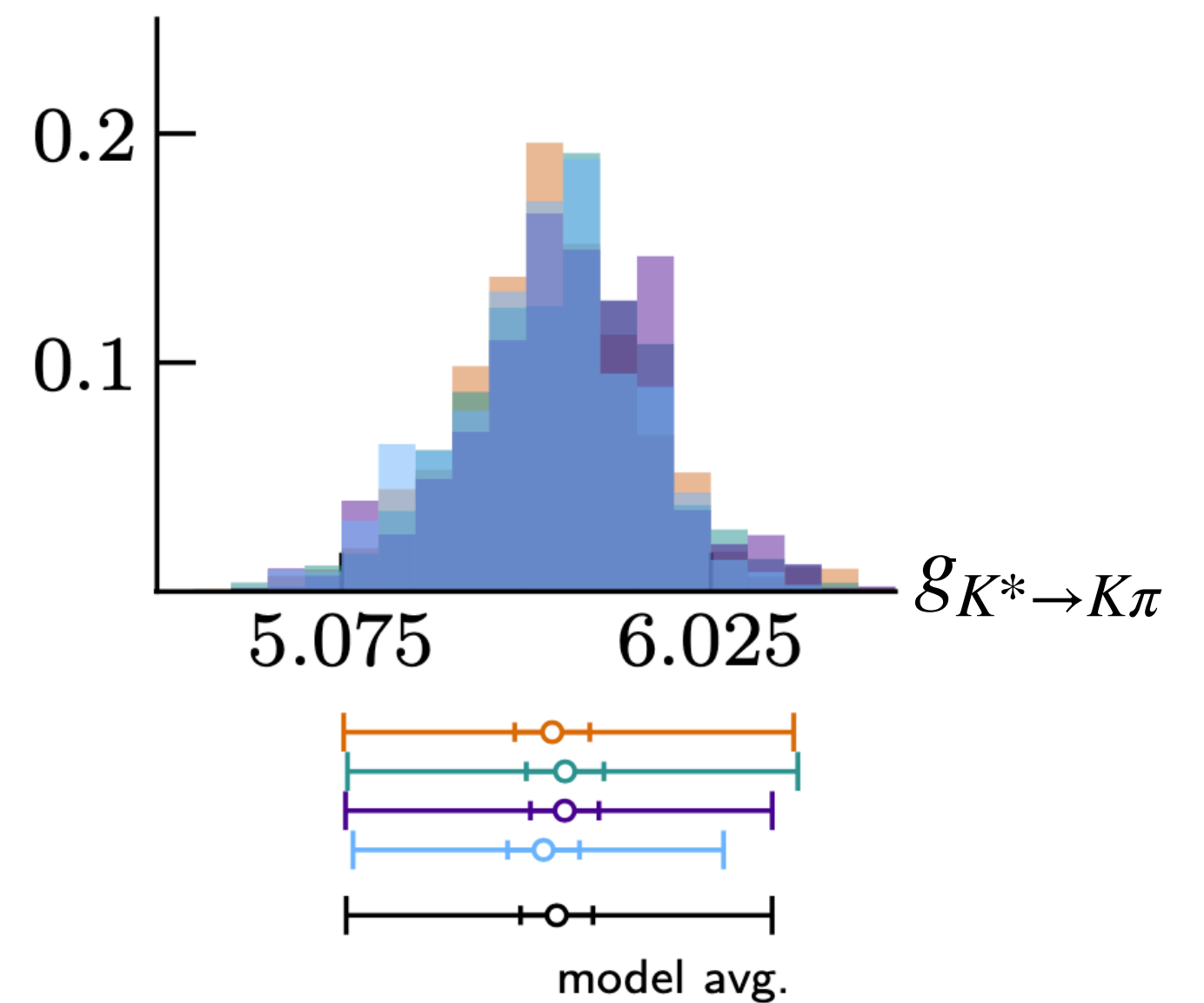
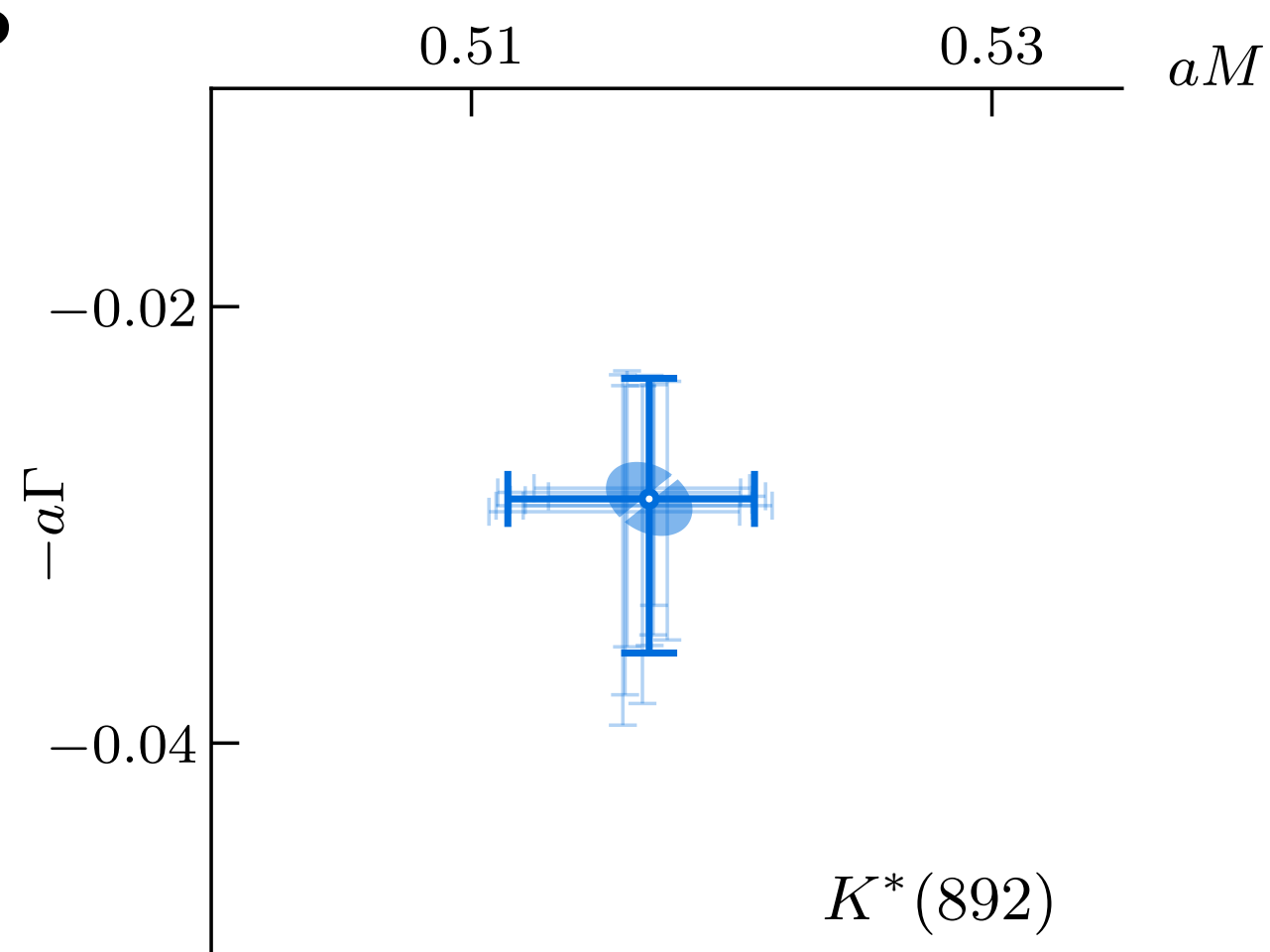
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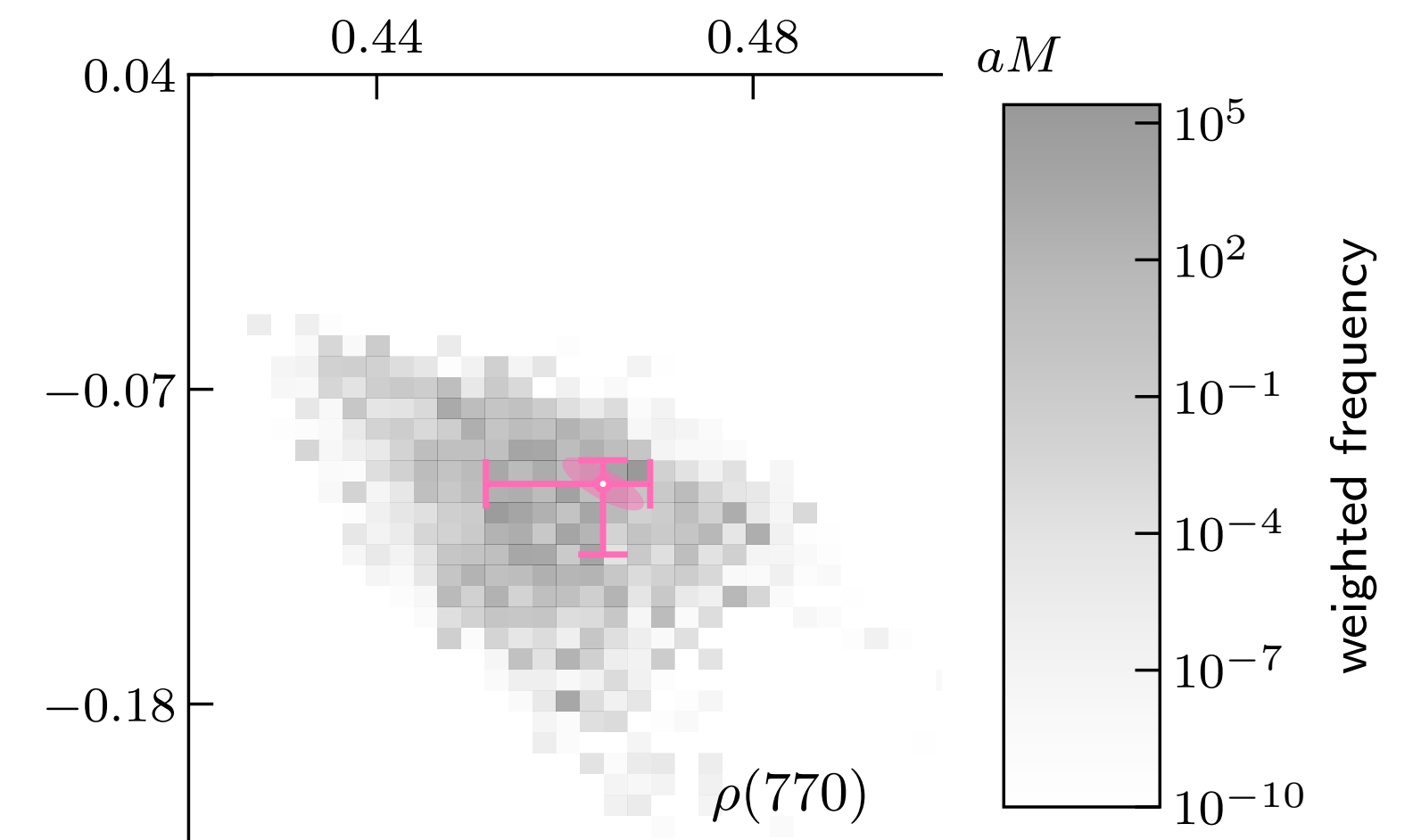
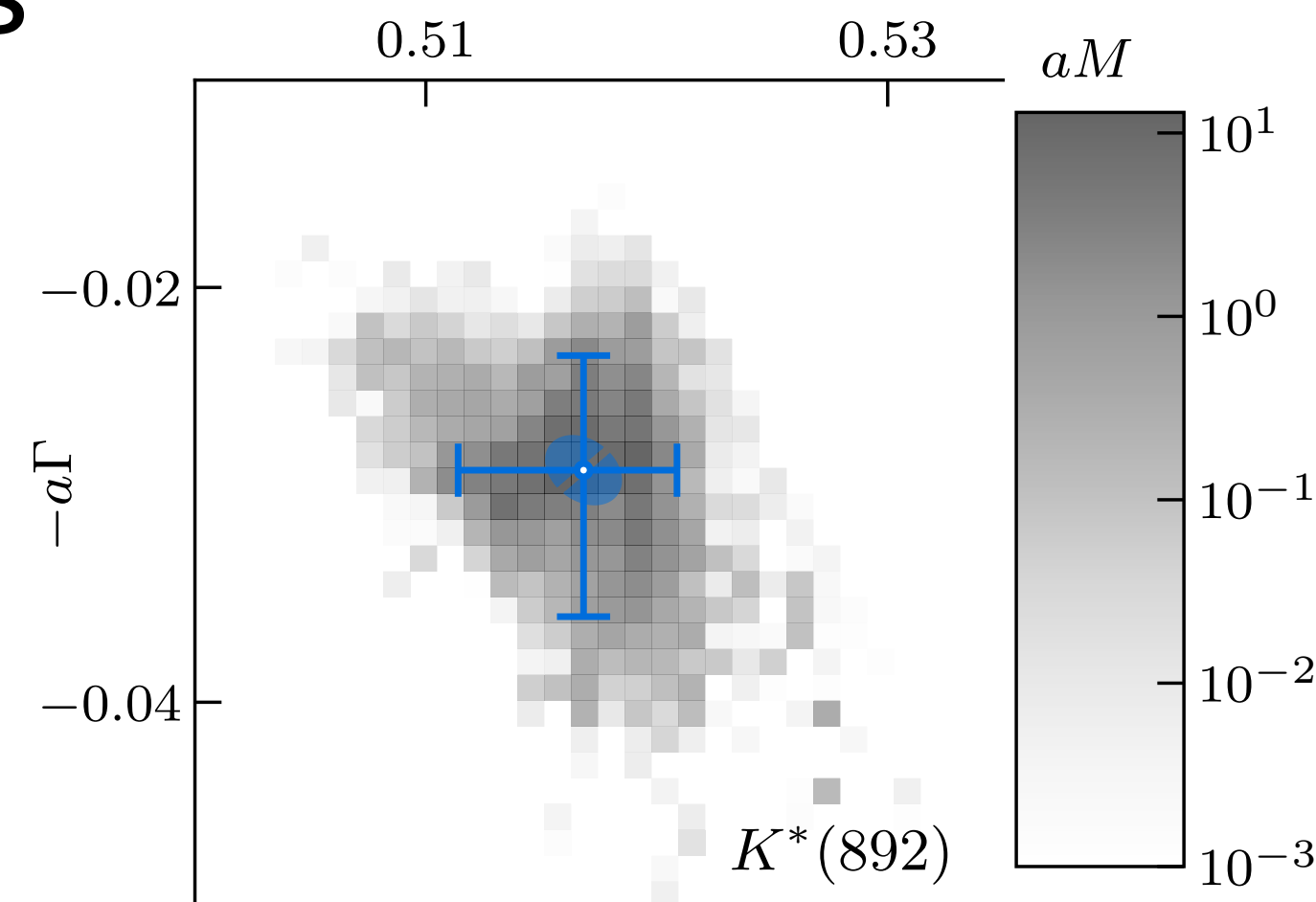
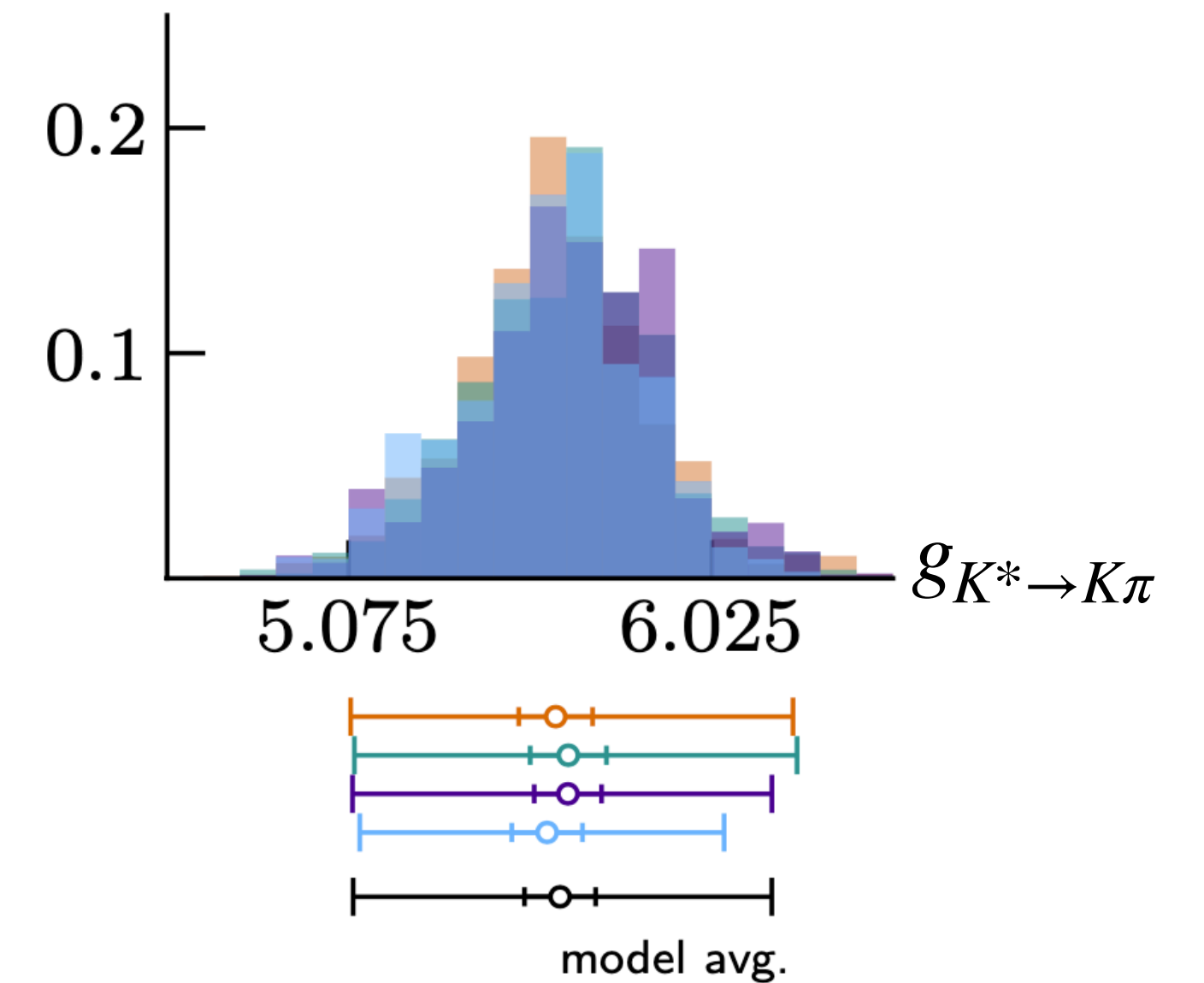
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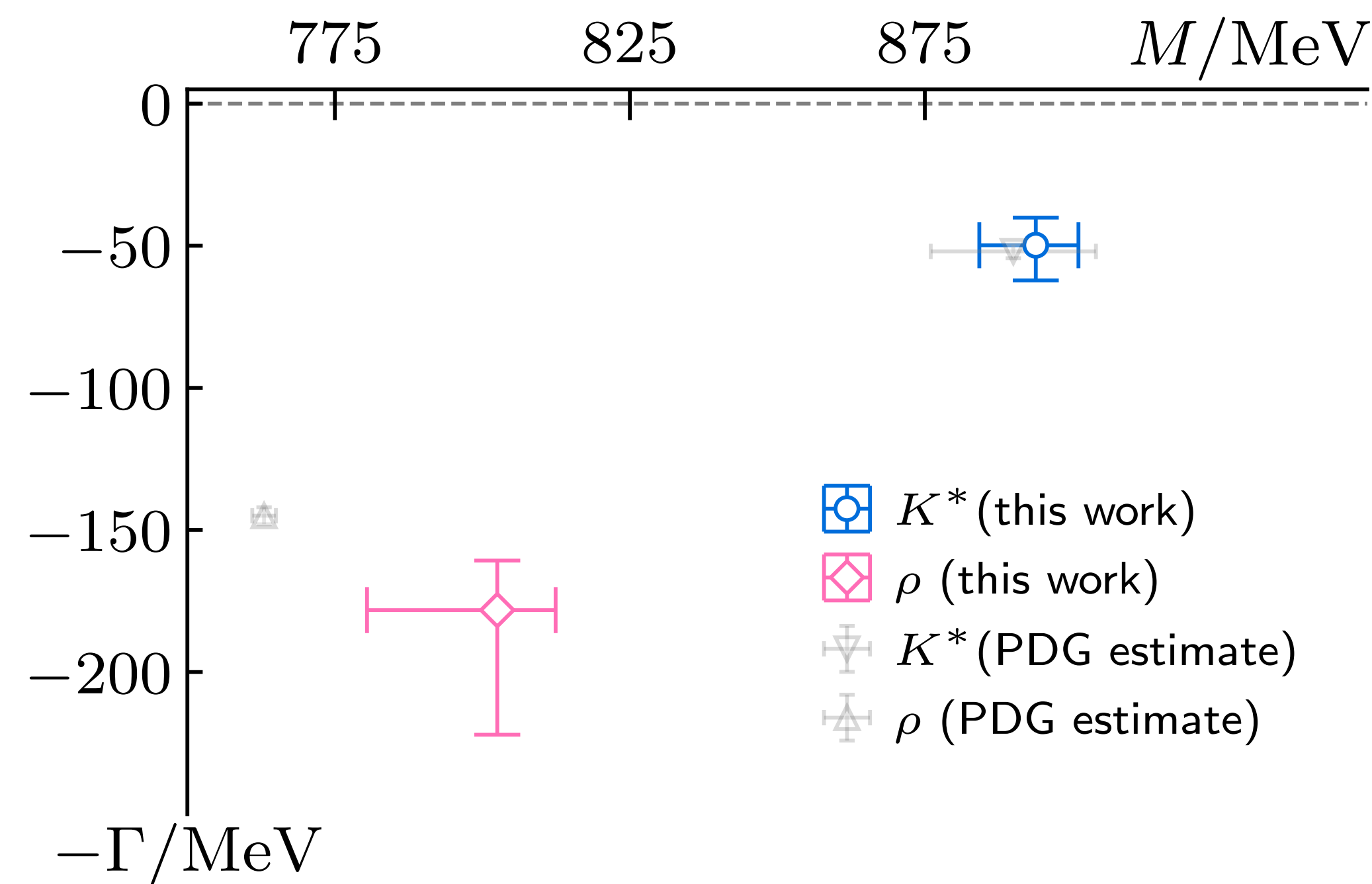
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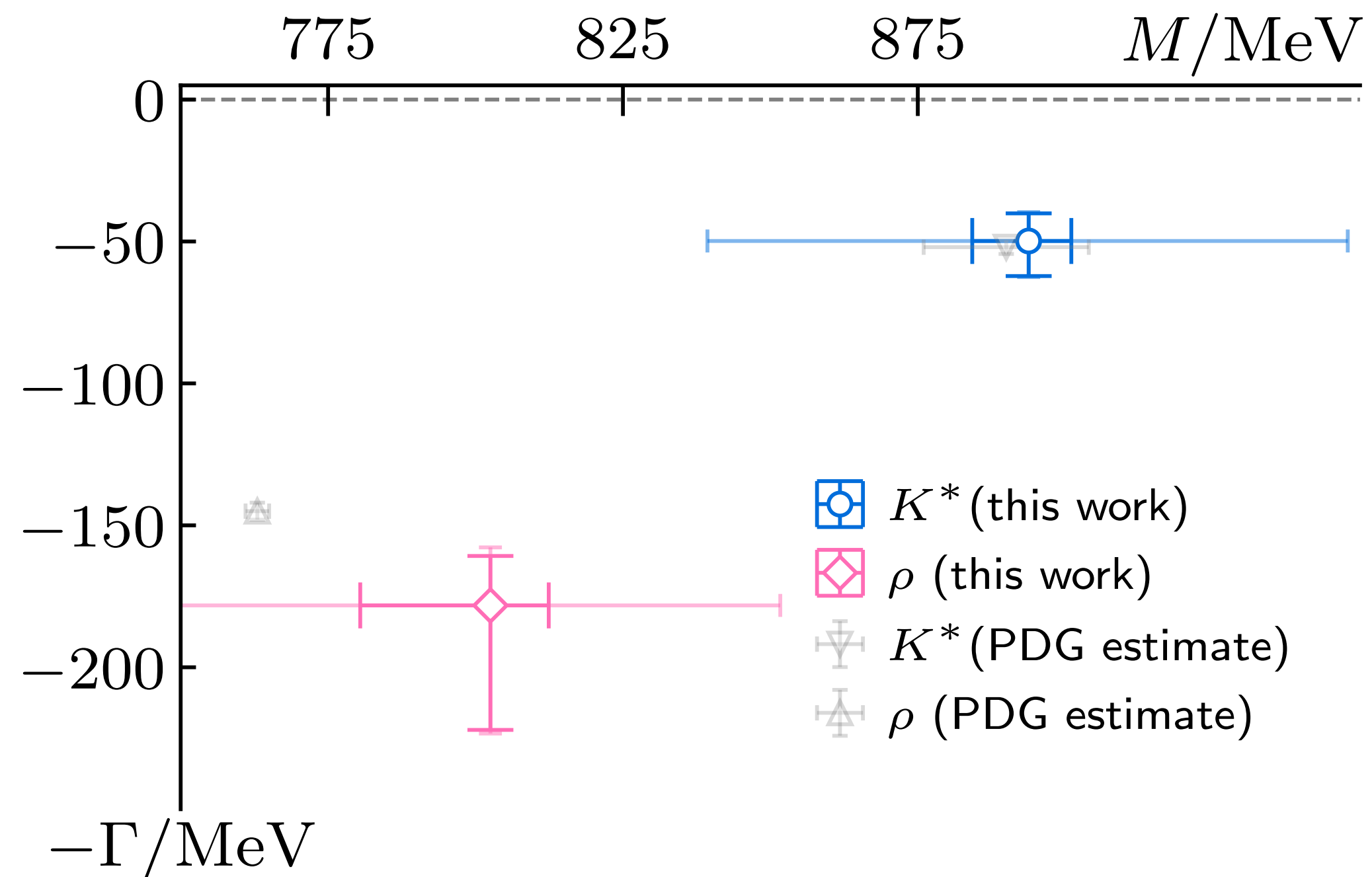


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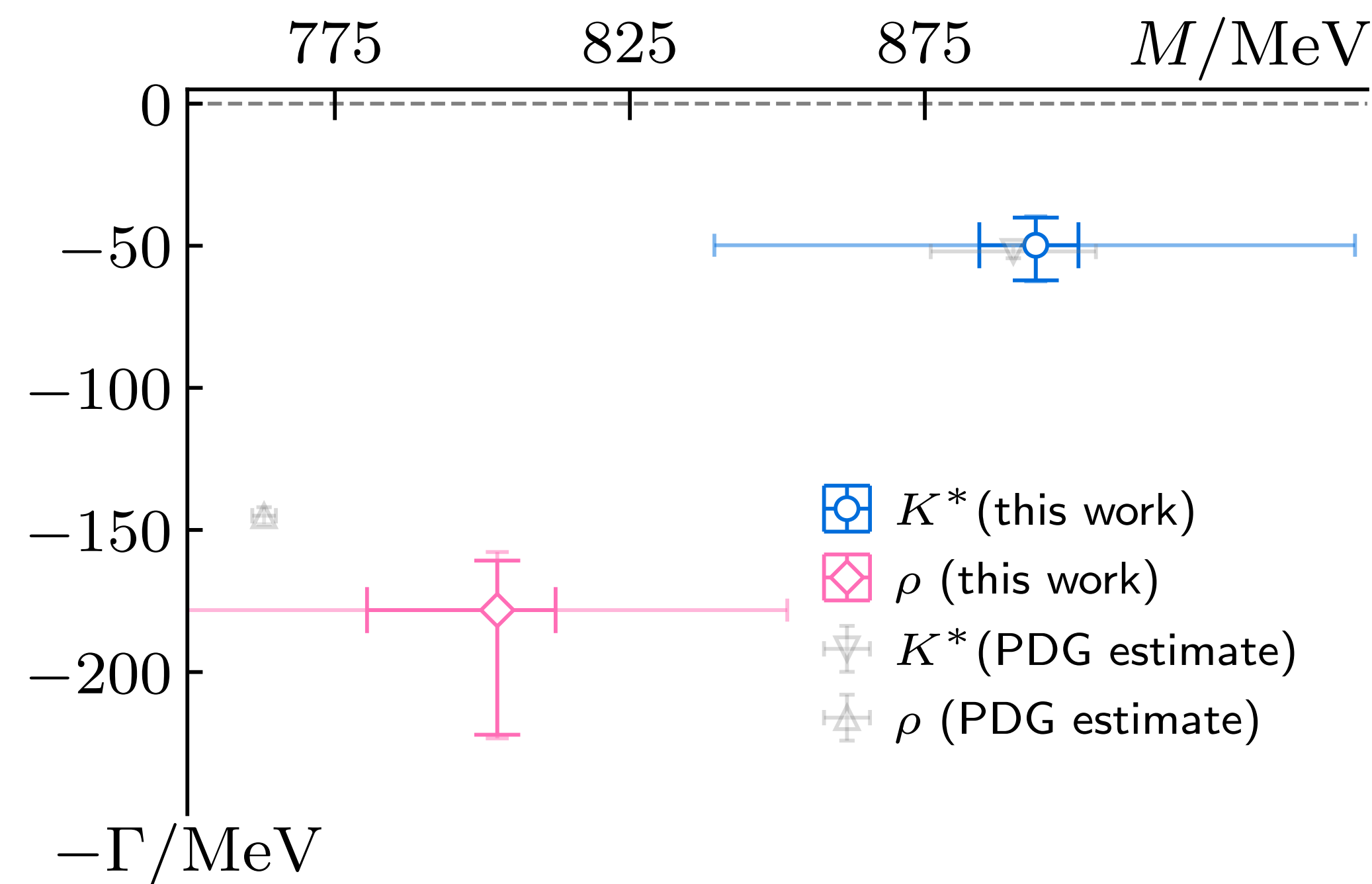
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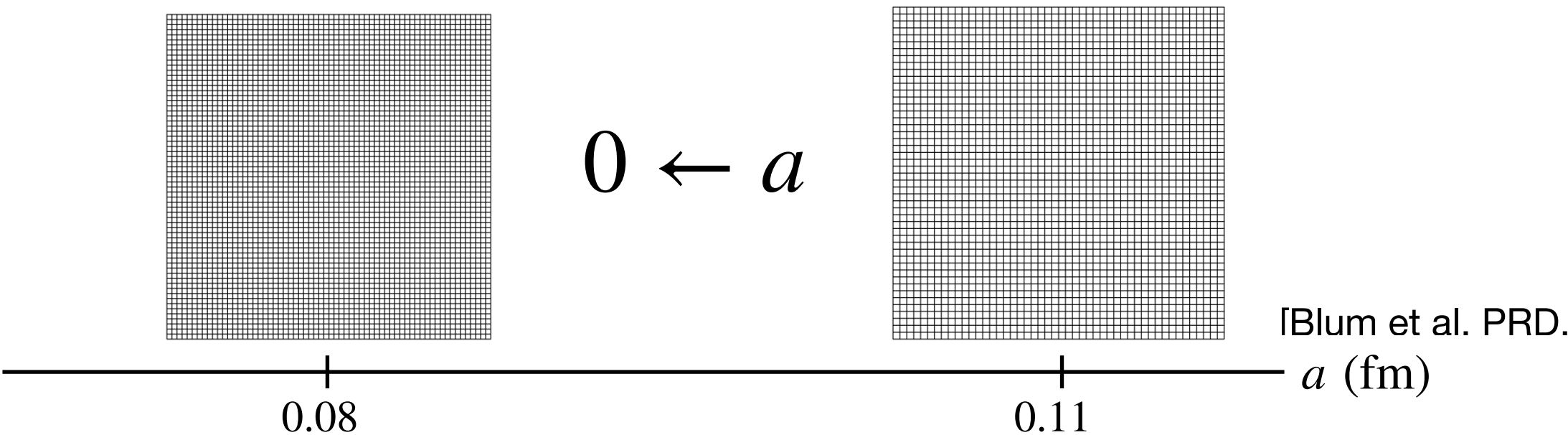
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next frontier:
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[Green et al, PRL, 2021]
[Peterken & Hansen,
2408.07062, 2024]



Outlook I

- Hadronic $D \rightarrow K\pi$ decays at $SU(3)_f$ point [Hansen, Black, Mukherjee, et al]

$$A(D \rightarrow h_1 h_2) = \mathcal{C}_{n,L,h_1,h_2}^{\text{LL}} \left[\lim_{a \rightarrow 0} Z^{\overline{\text{MS}}} \langle n, L | \mathcal{H}_W | D, L \rangle \right]$$

- Non-perturbative renormalisation of four-quark operators
- Reliable creation of excited multi-hadron final states
- Removal of discretisation effects
- Formalism to relate finite-volume matrix elements to the infinite volume
- Extraction of the matrix element from three-point correlation functions

["Charming Lattice QCD, 2025" talks:
M. Black, R. Mukherjee]

- Heavy-flavour weak decays into resonant scattering states [Erben, et al]

$m_\pi = 230 \text{ MeV}$
 { Domain-wall fermions good chirality
 Supercomputer time for 2025

3pt-functions

$$\langle n, \mathbf{P} | J^\mu(0, \mathbf{q}) | B, \mathbf{p}_B \rangle$$

e.g. see [Erben, Lattice2024 plenary]
[Leskovec et al, PRL, 2025]

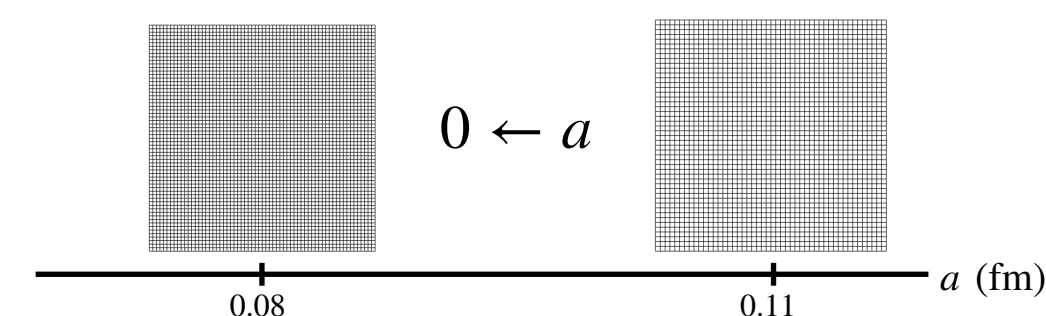
$$\begin{aligned}
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 B &\rightarrow \rho \ell \nu \\
 &\vdots
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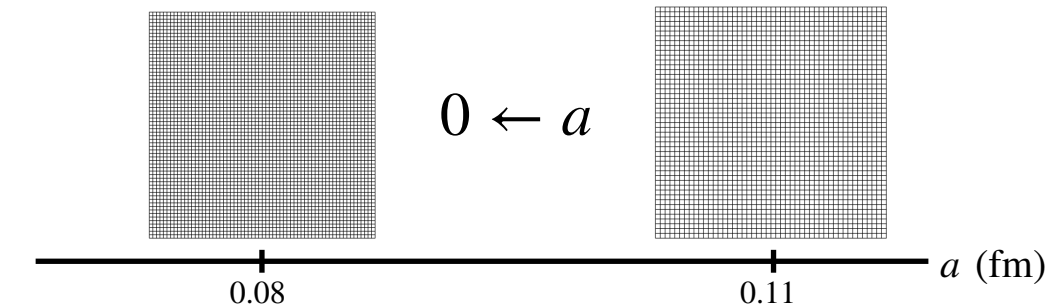


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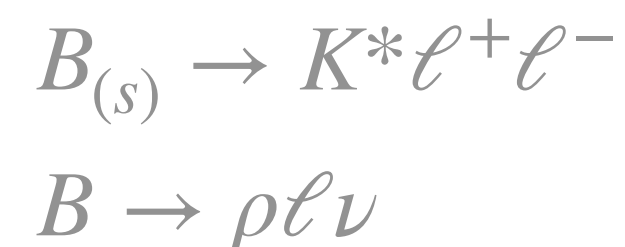
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Use data/code/infrastructure

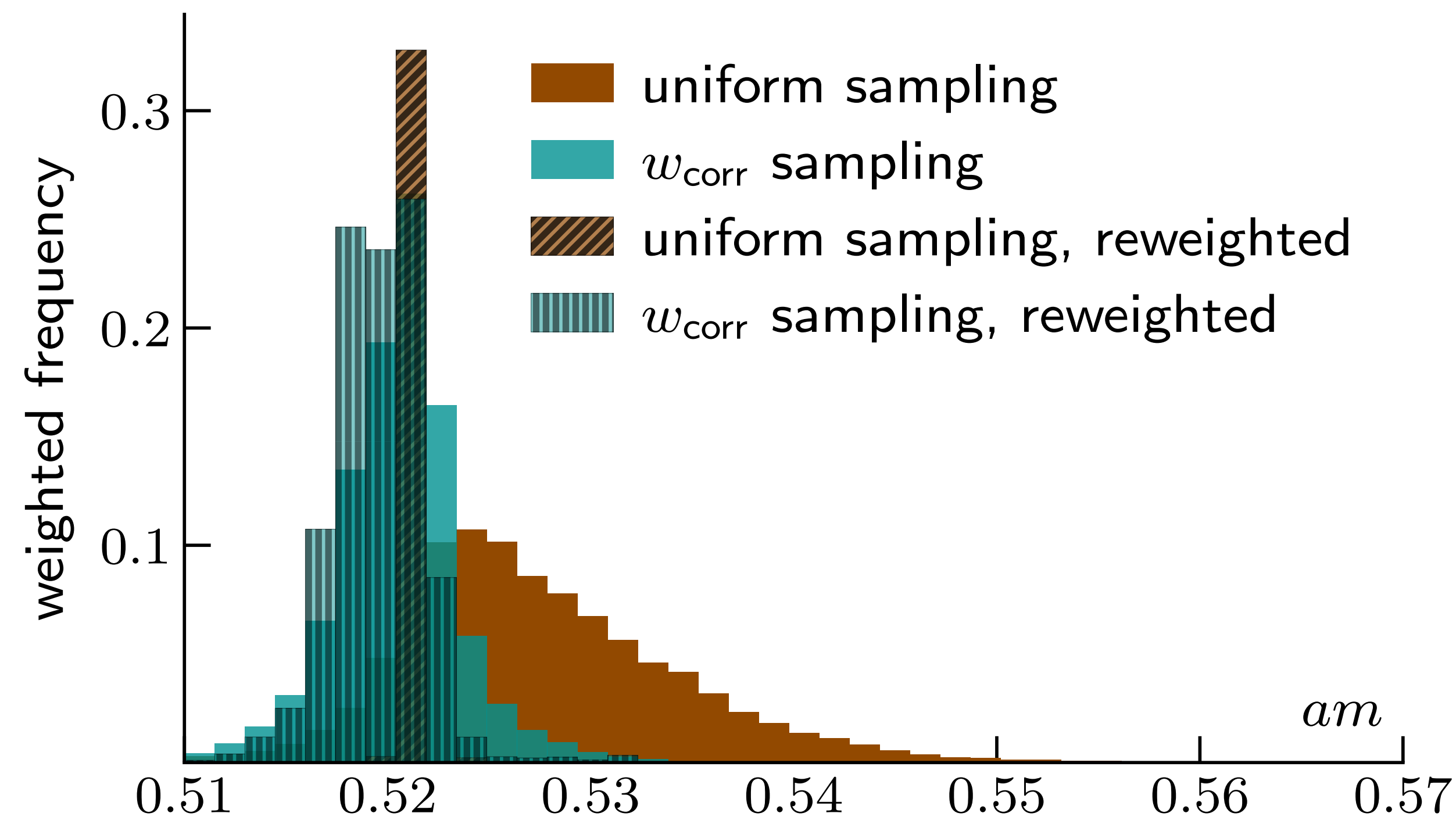
- hadronic decays $D \rightarrow K\pi, \dots$
- heavy flavour weak decays



Thanks for the
attention!

Extra

Uniform vs w_{corr}



Spectrum-scattering consistency

