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Bayesian Experimental Design *in the Physical Sciences*

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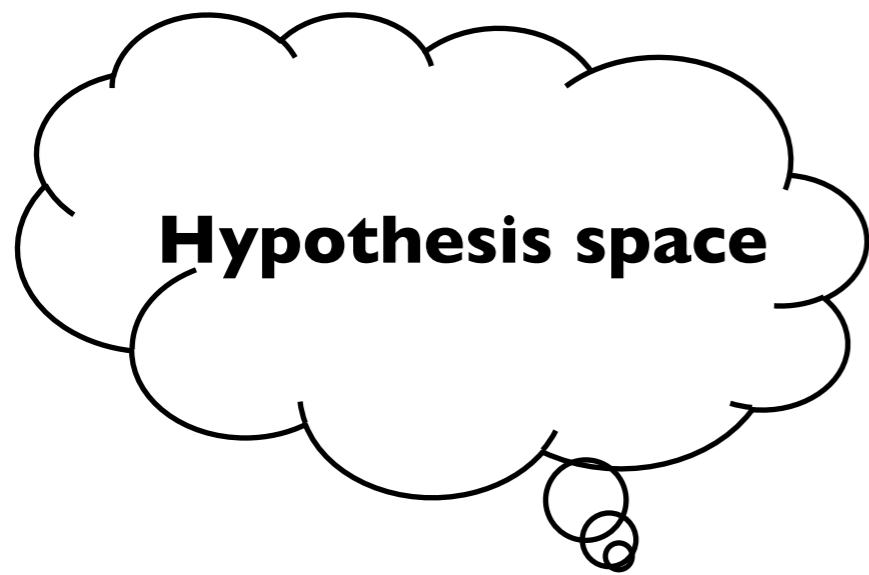
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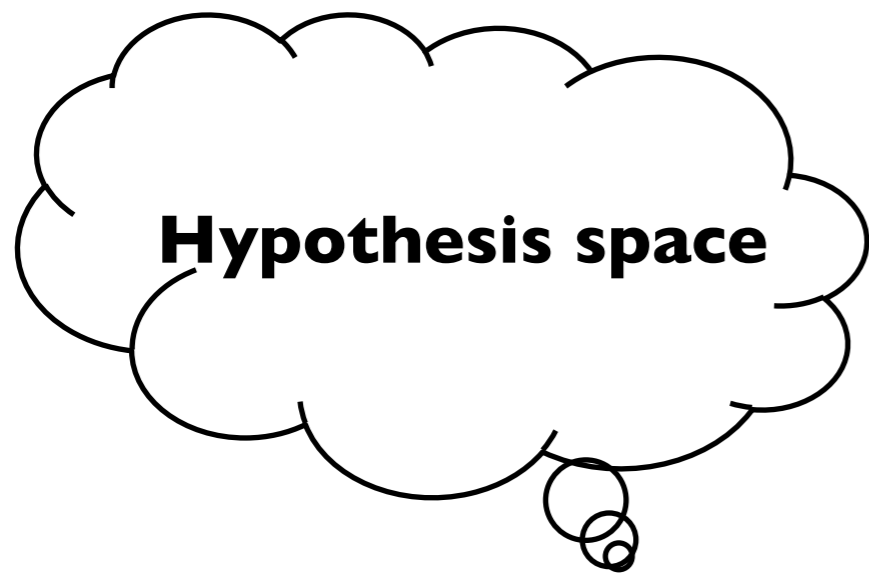
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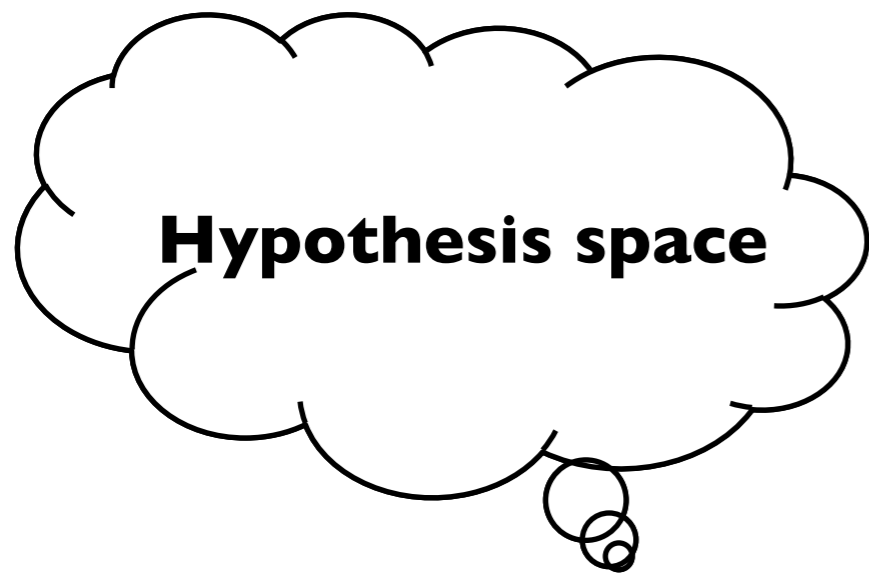
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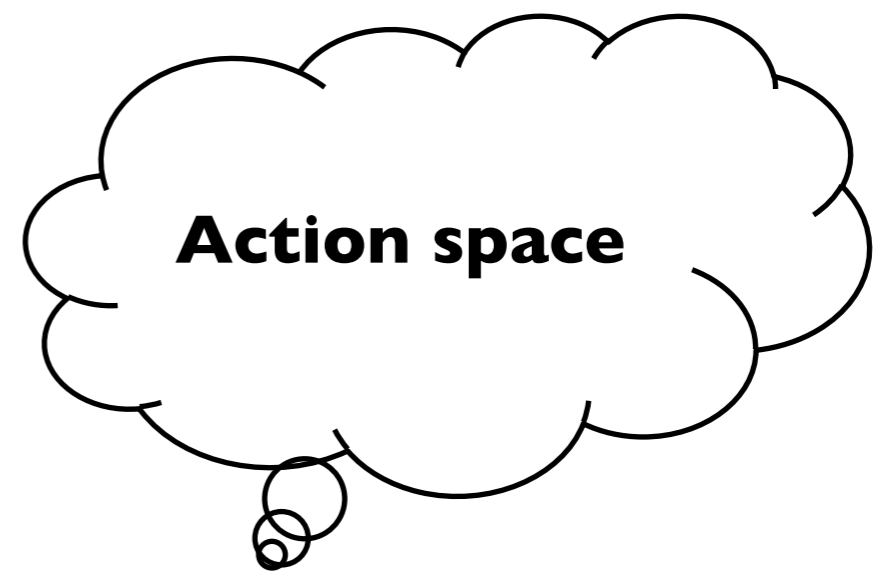


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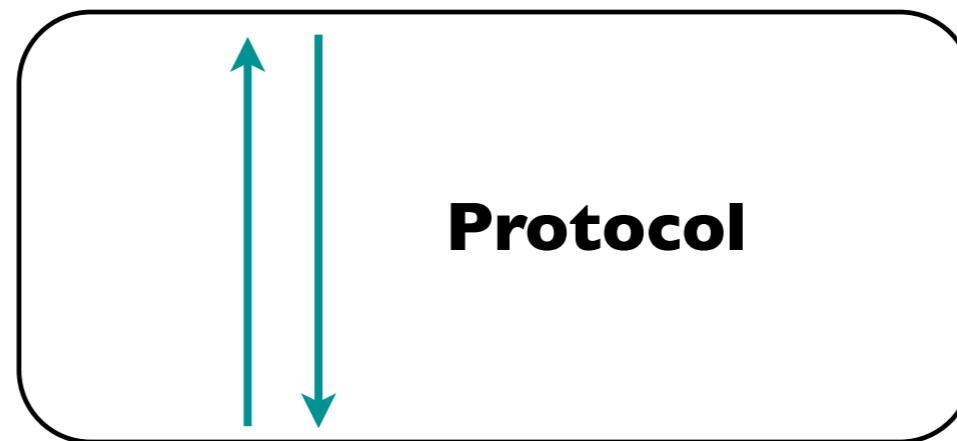


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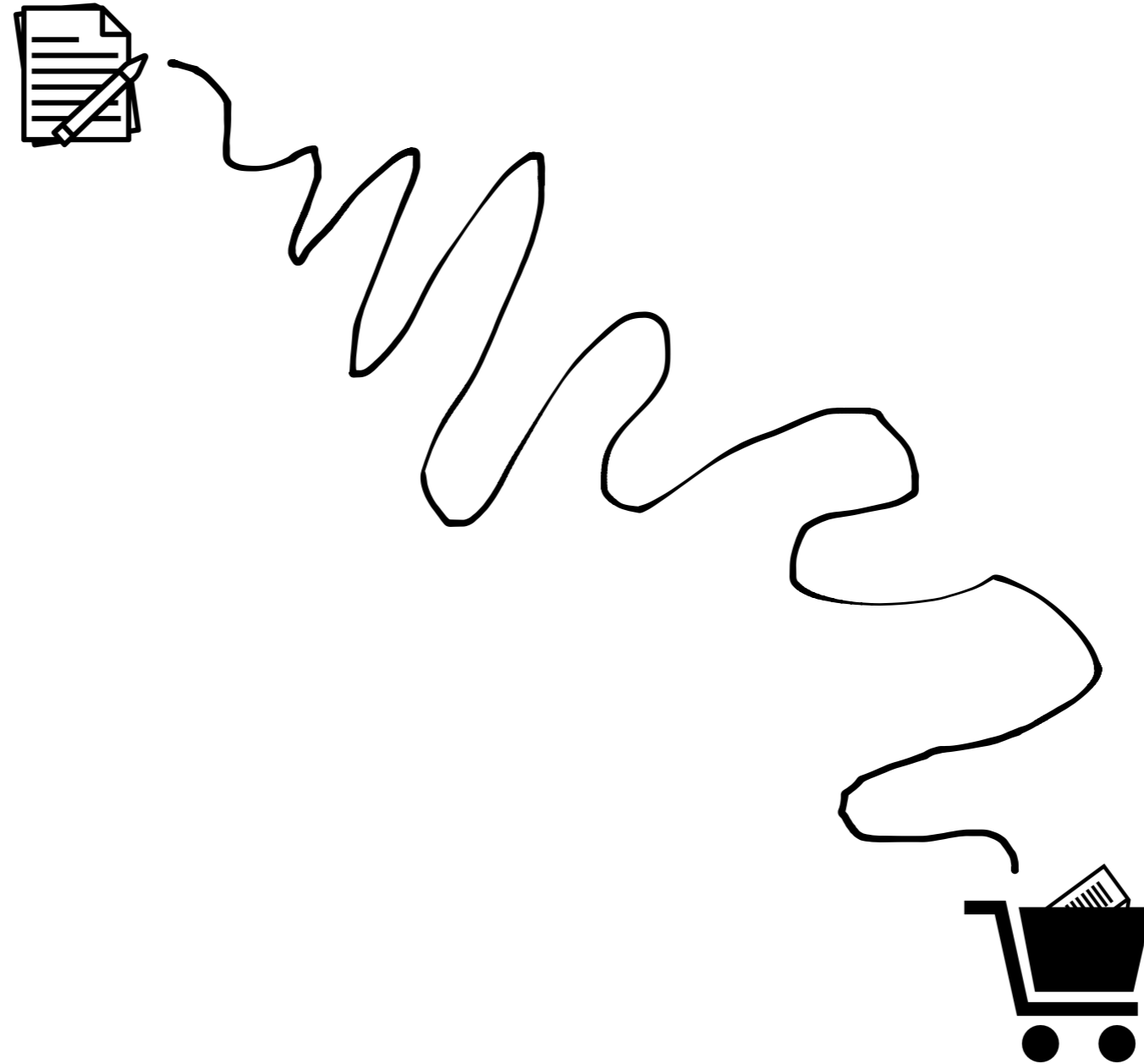
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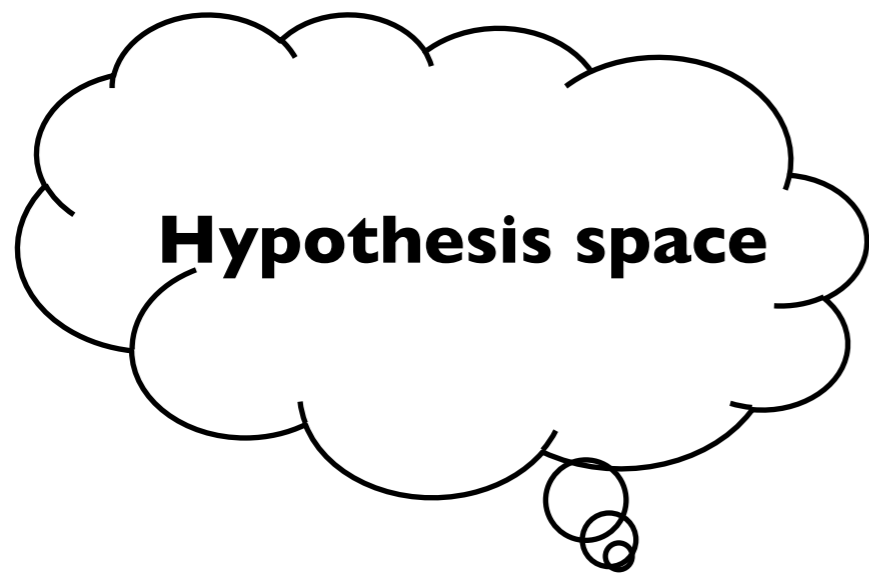


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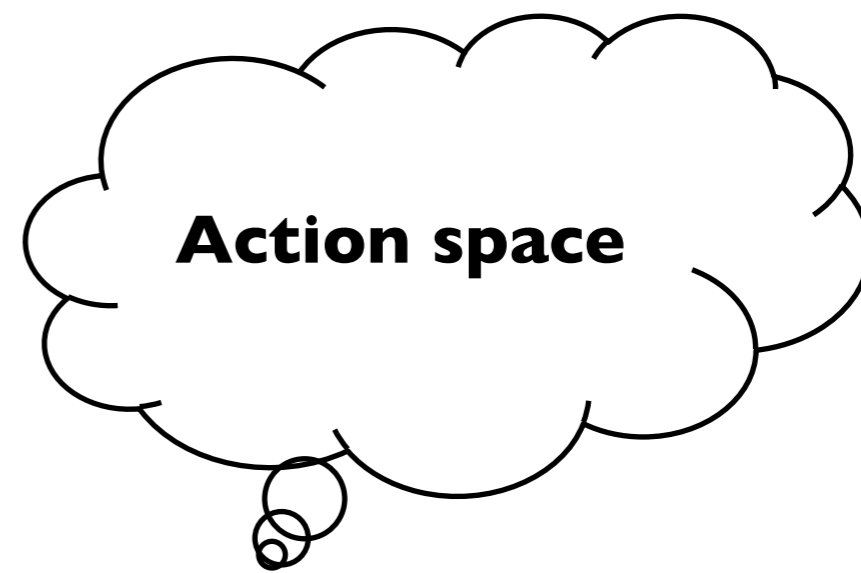


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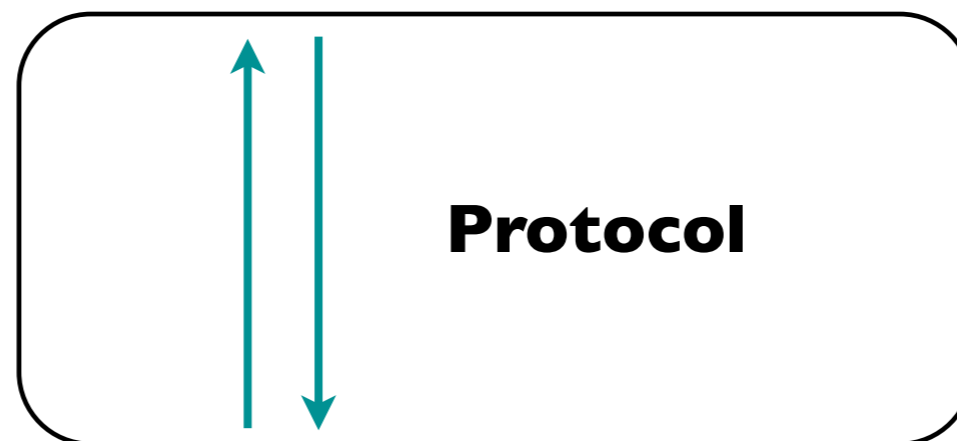


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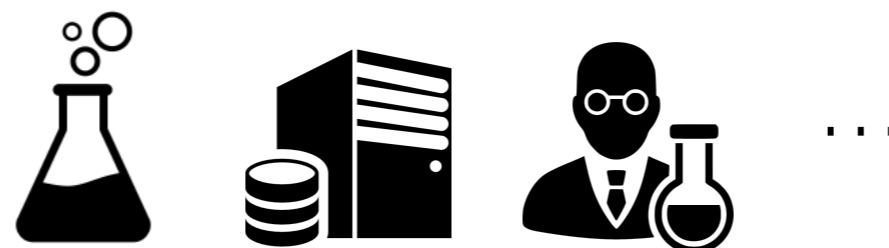


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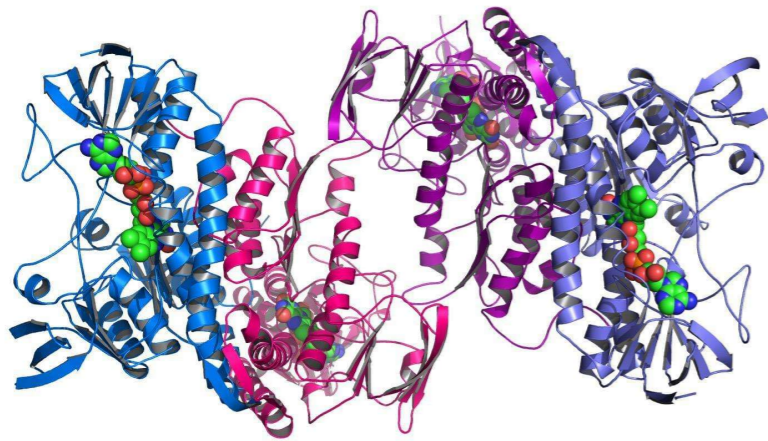
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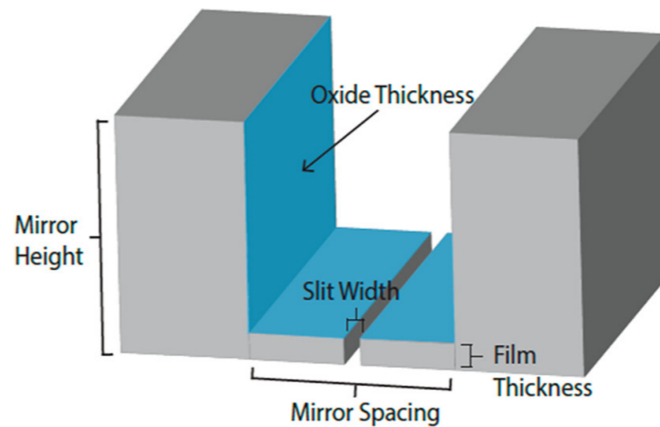


Applications of Exp. Design in the Physical Sciences



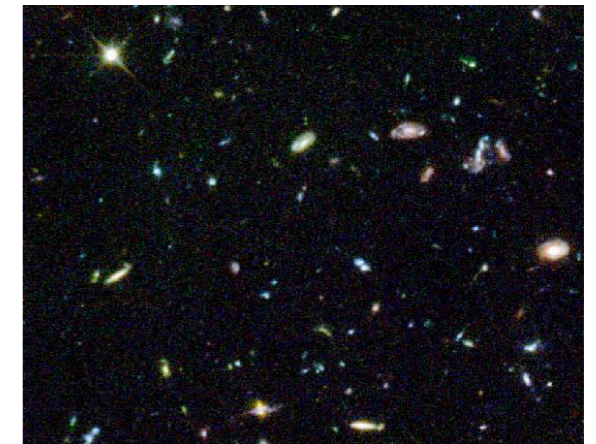
Protein engineering

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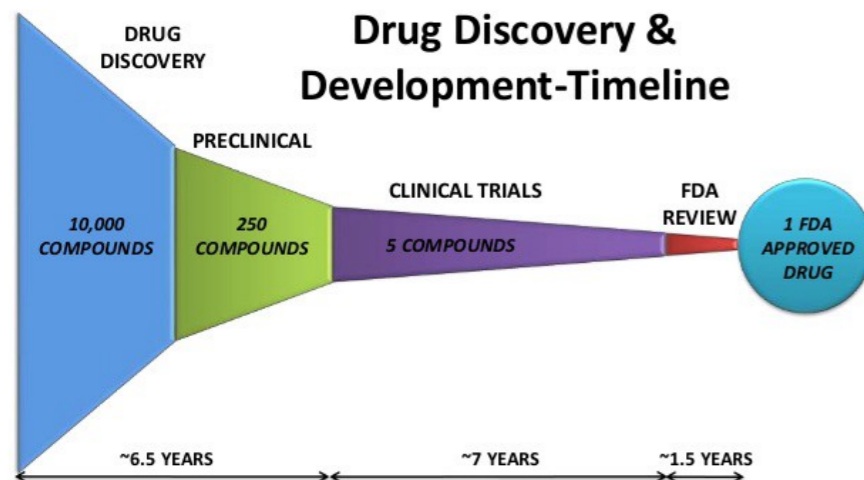


Nanophotonics

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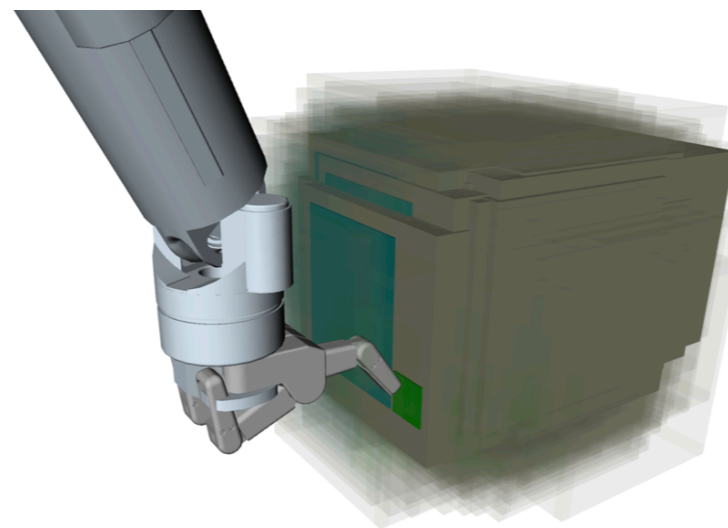


Cosmic survey



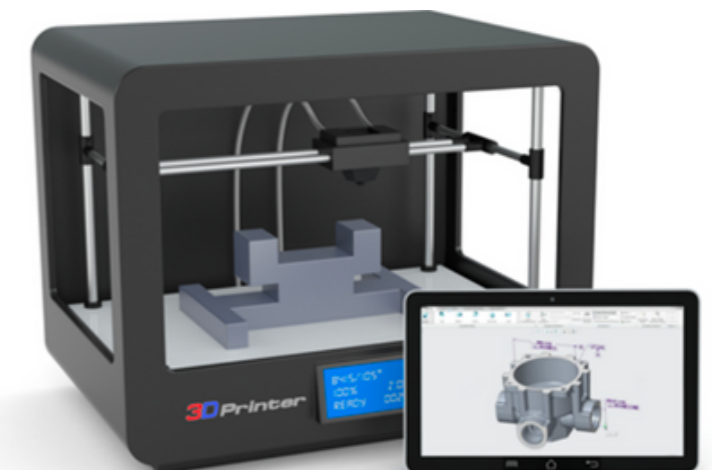
Drug discovery

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Control (policy design and calibration)

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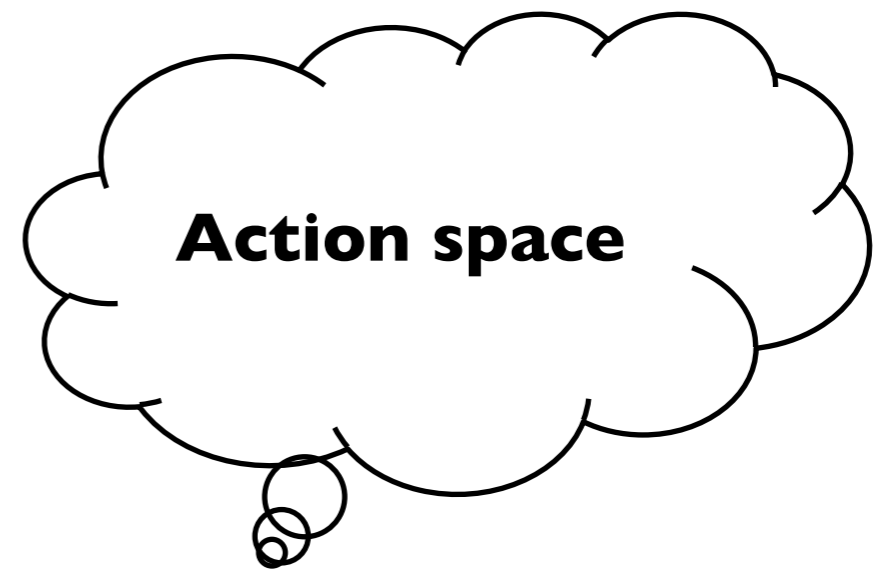
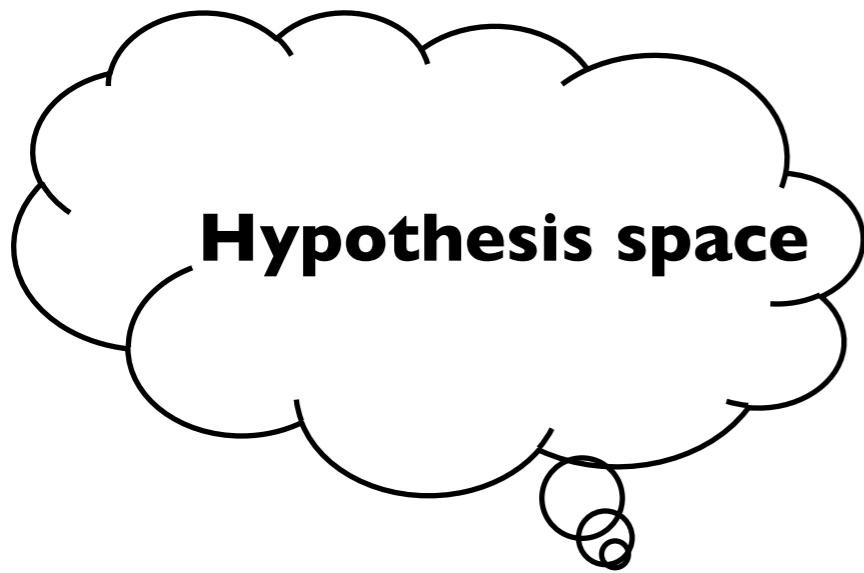
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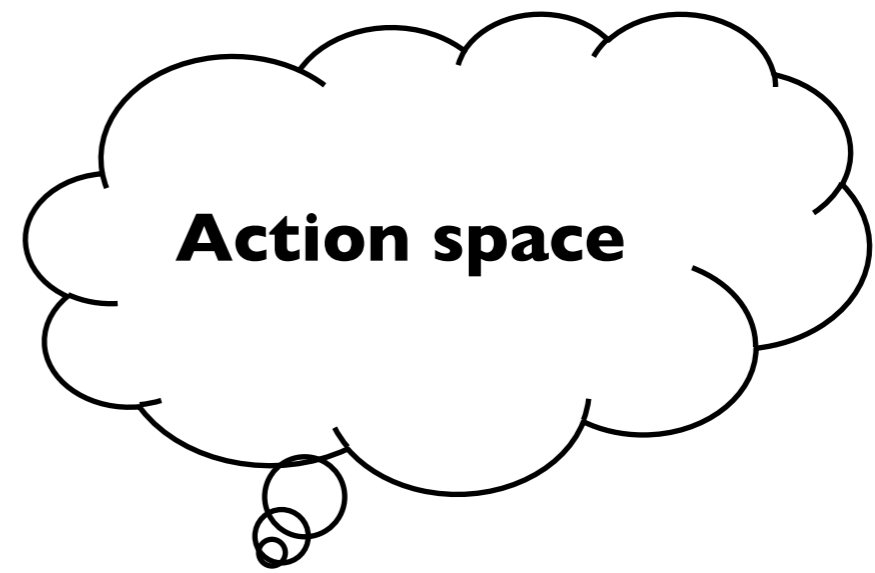
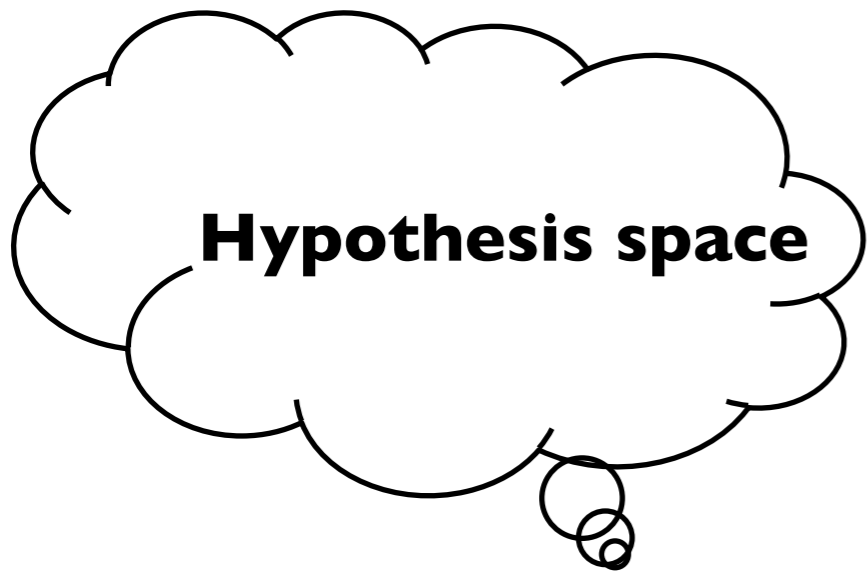
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given prior $P(f)$

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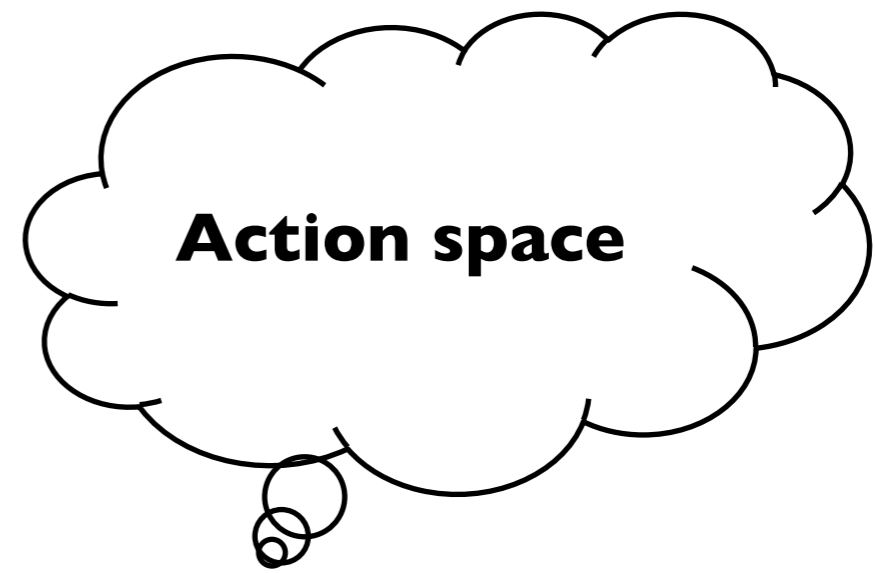
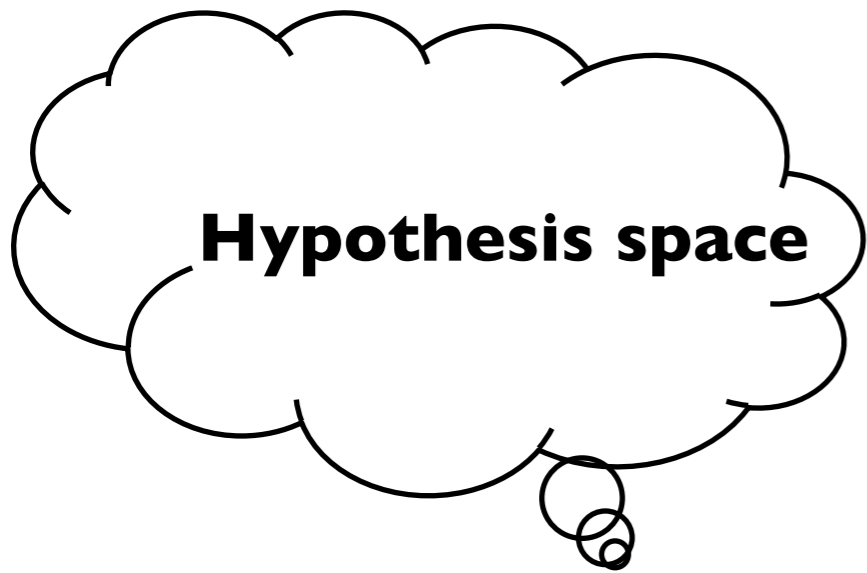
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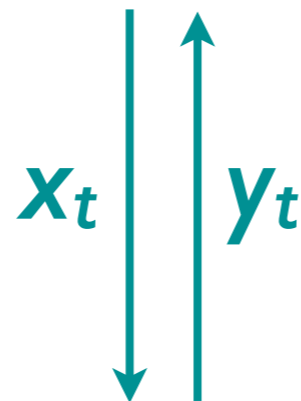
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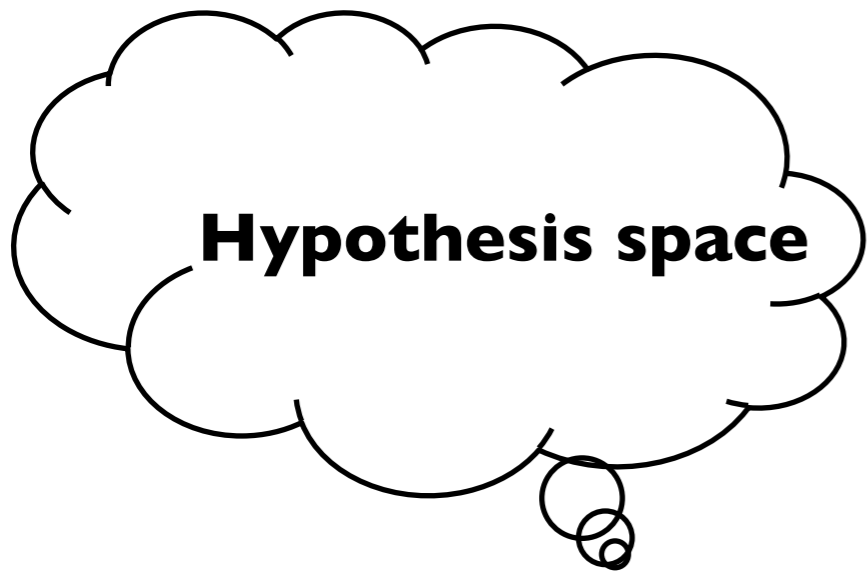
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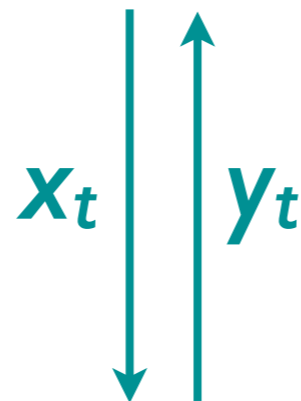
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Optimize a Blackbox Function

Modeling performance as a function of parameters

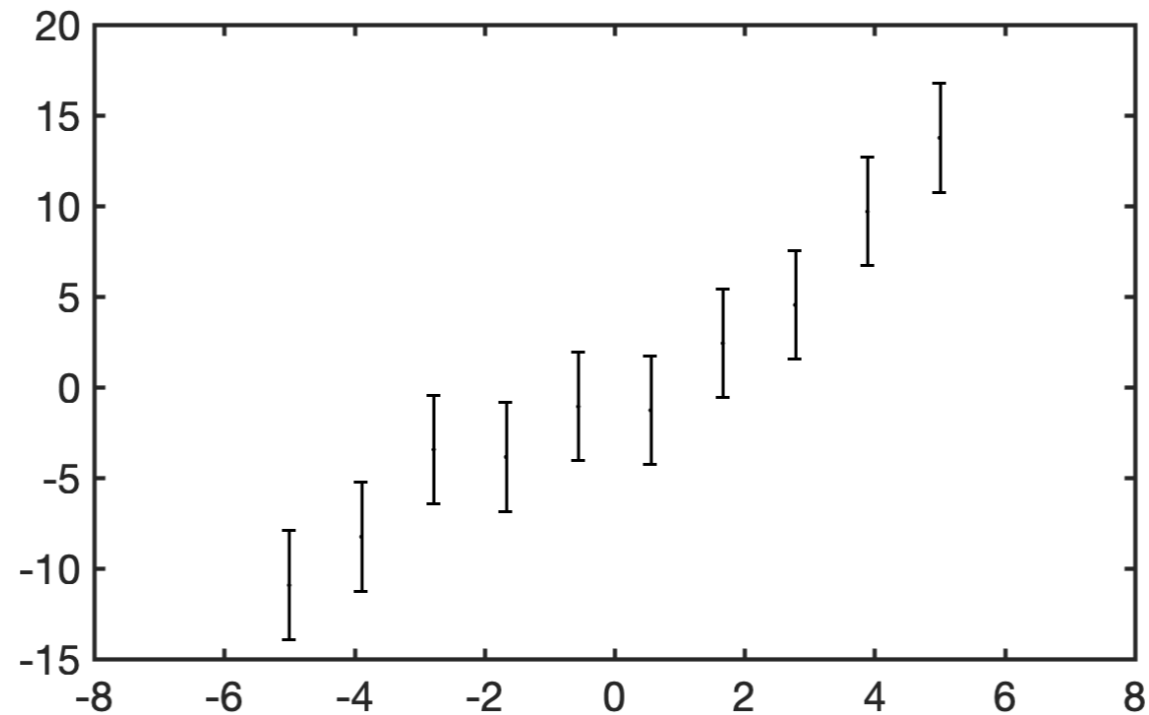
E.g., robotics/control, material science

Modeling structured/sequential data

E.g., biochemical engineering

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$$x^* = \arg \max_x f(x)$$



A Primer on Bayesian Optimization

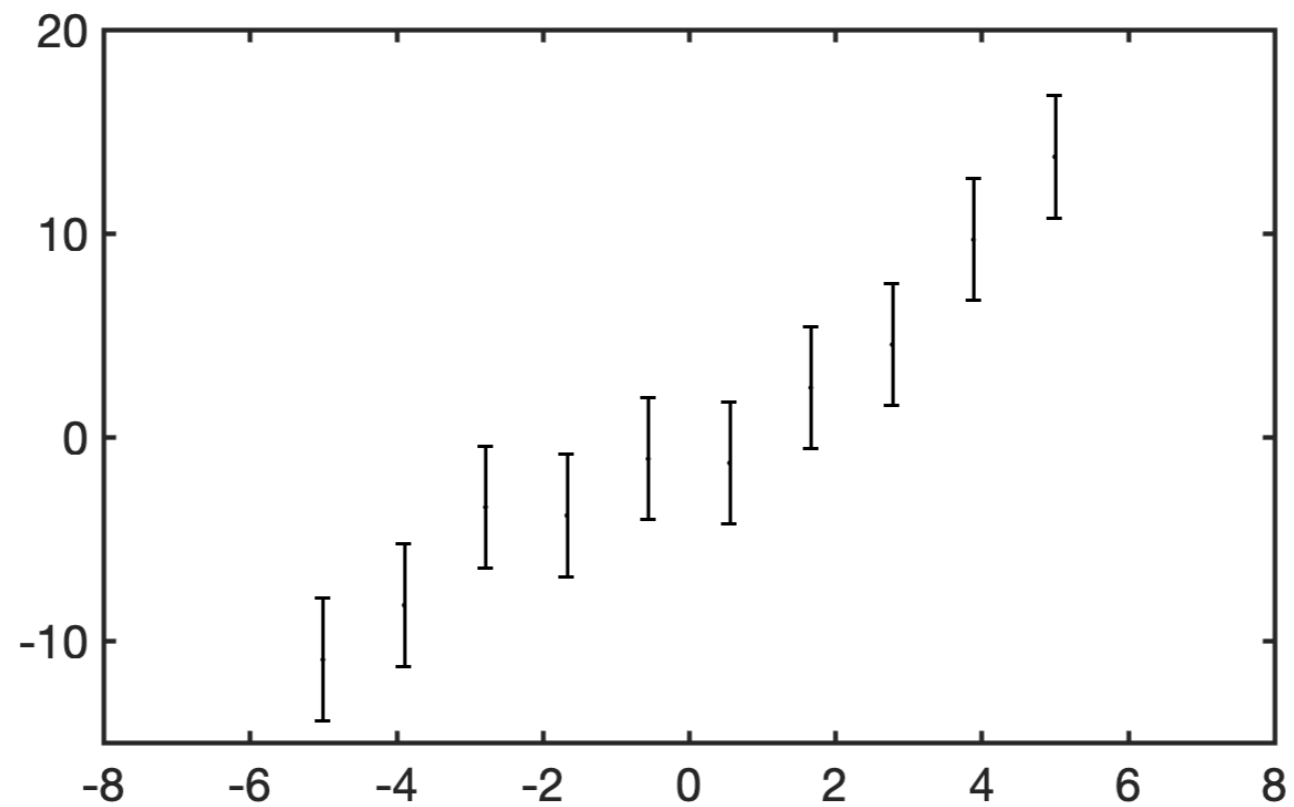
Bayesian Inference

$$f_X = [f_{x_1}, \dots, f_{x_N}]$$

$$p(f_X | y) = \frac{p(y | f_X)p(f_X)}{p(y)}$$

What can we do with this?

Given $y, p(y | f)$, what's f ?



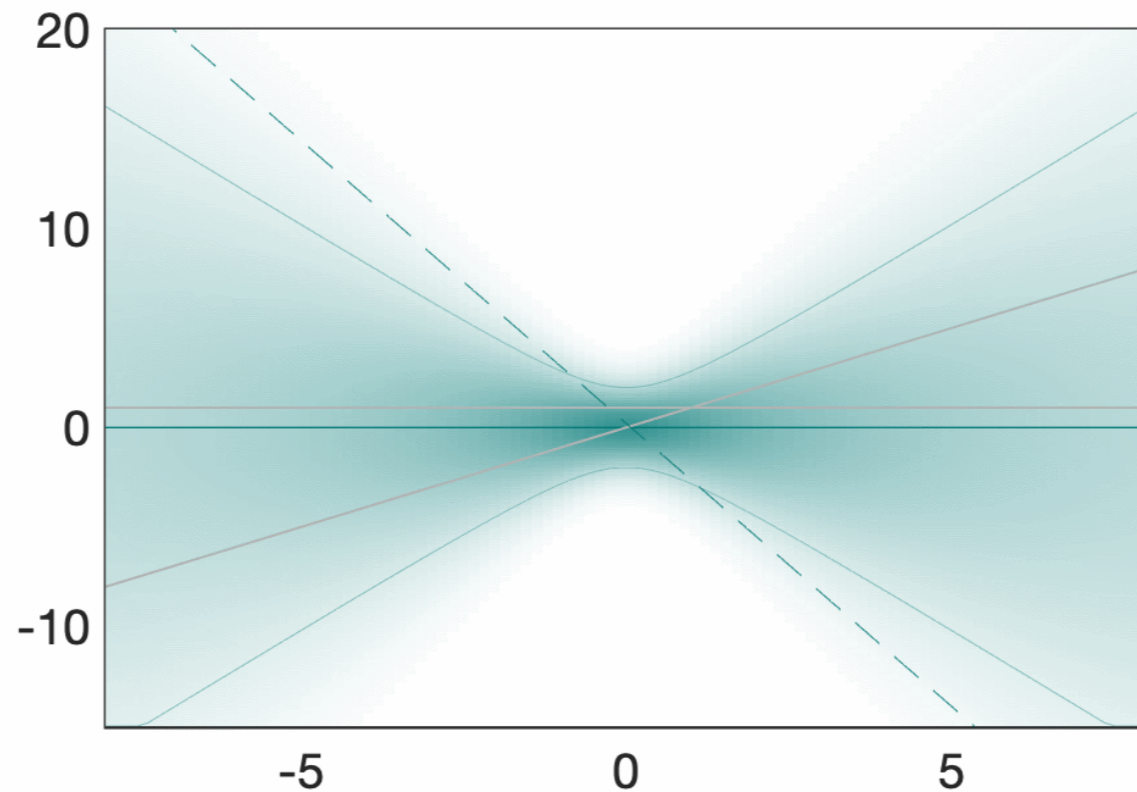
A Prior over Linear Functions

$$f(x) = w_1 + w_2 x = \phi_x^\top w$$

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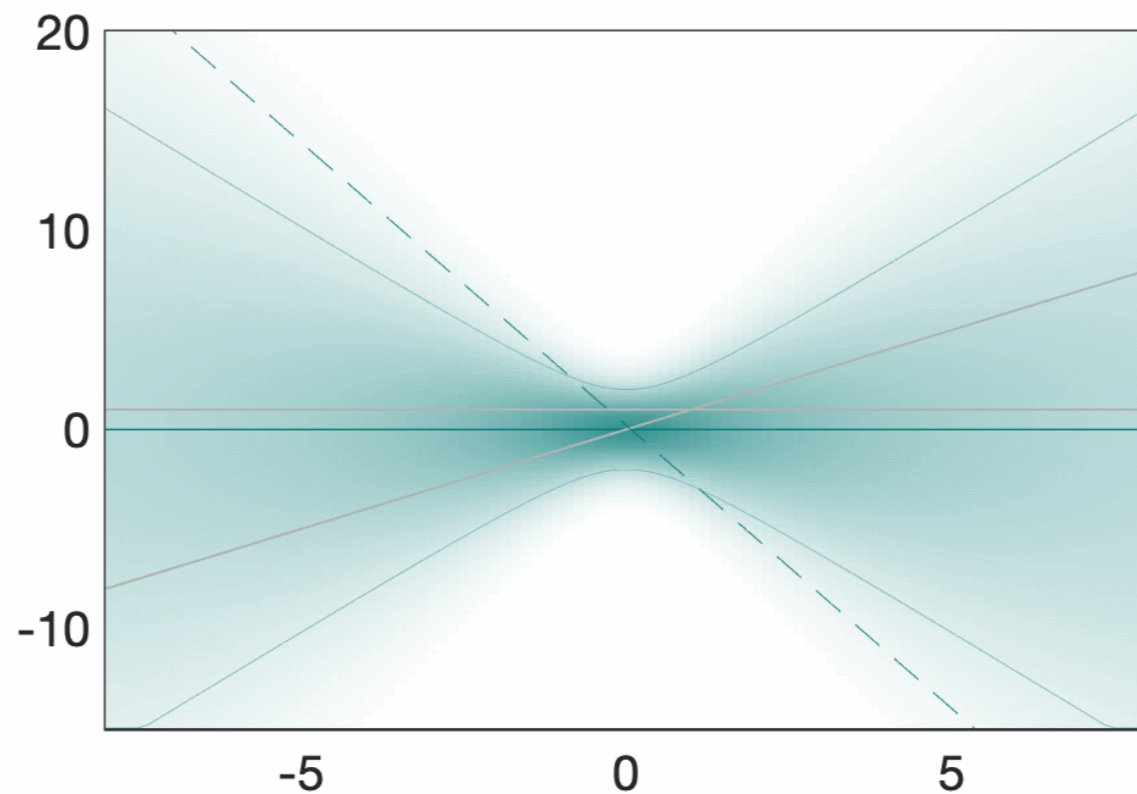
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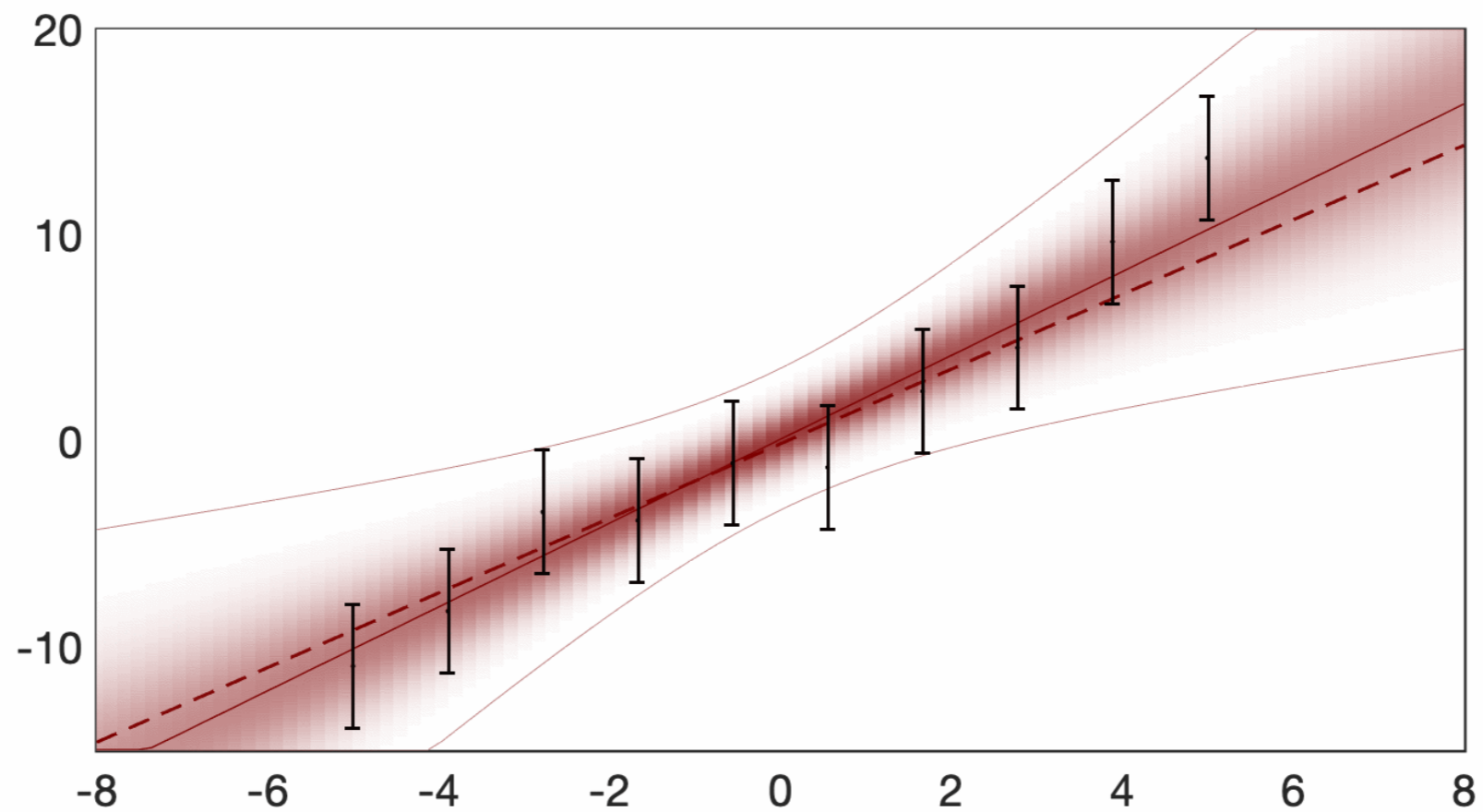
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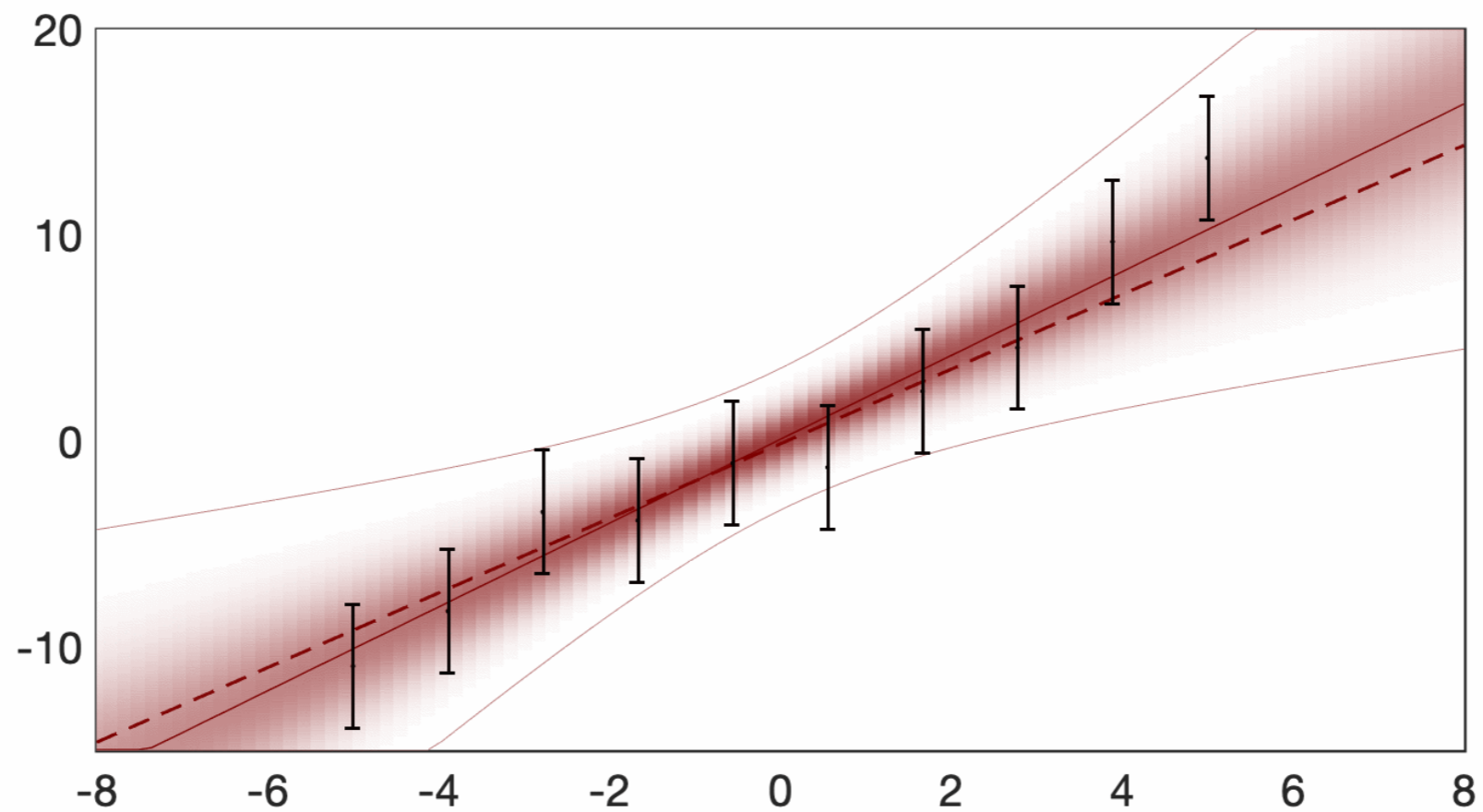
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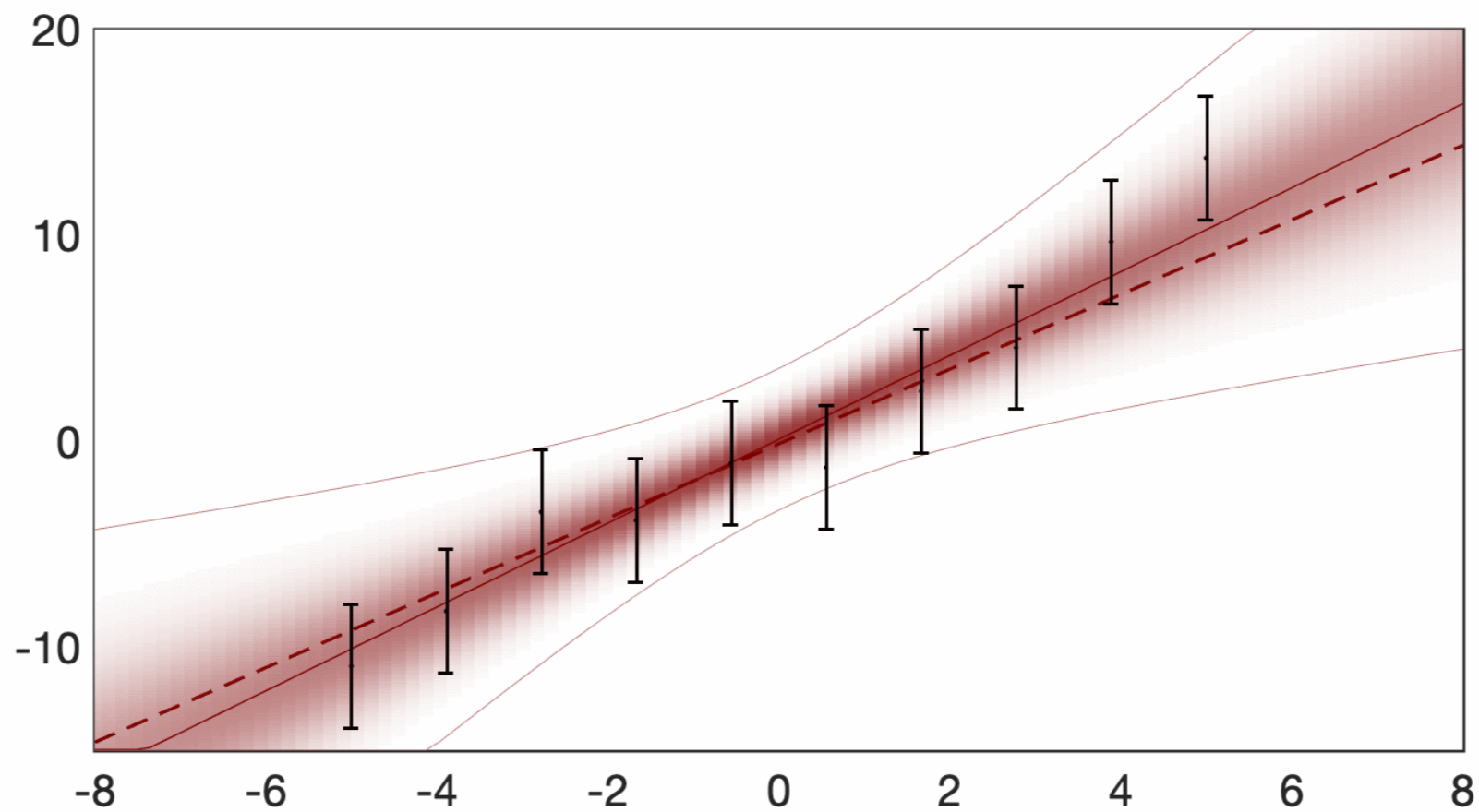
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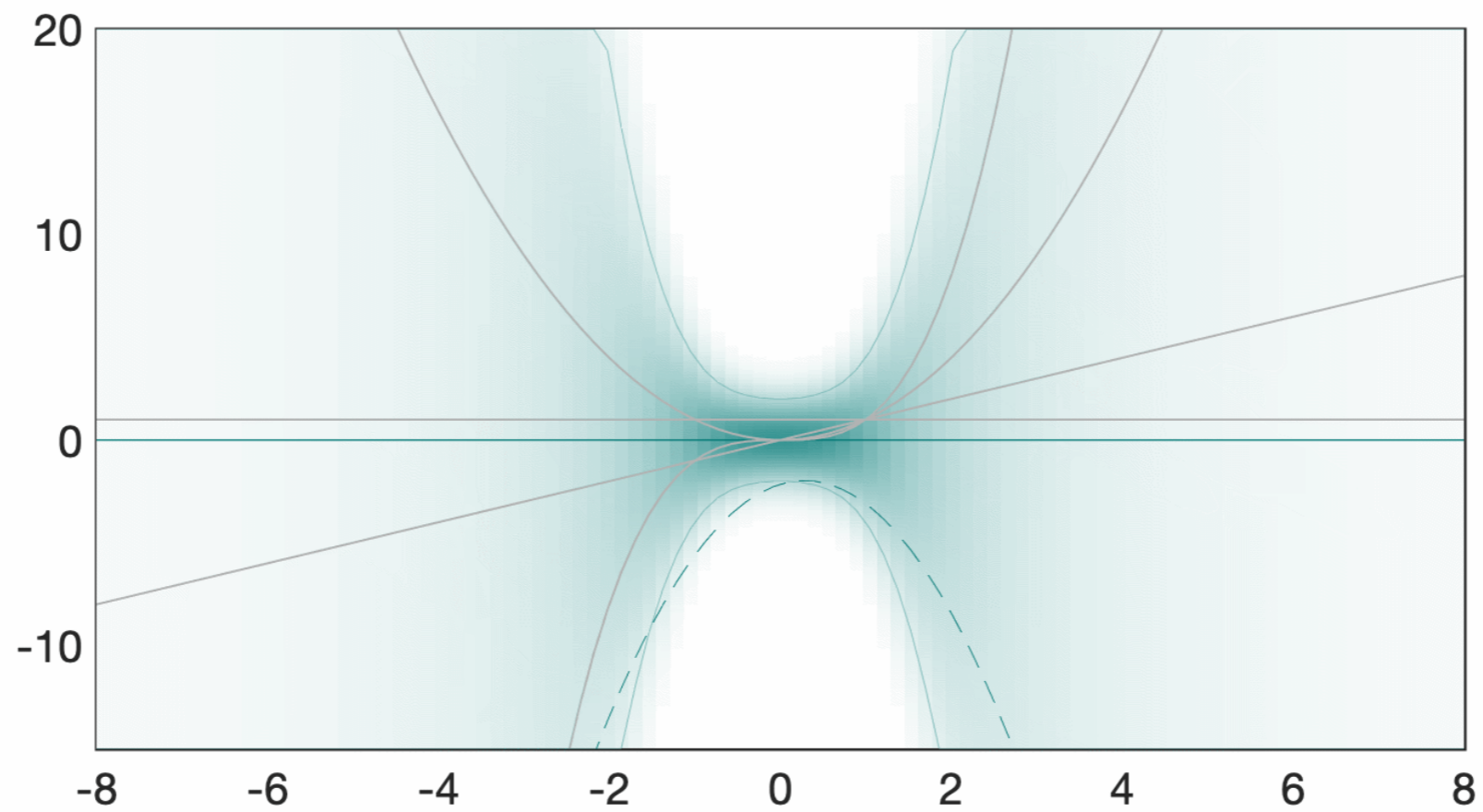
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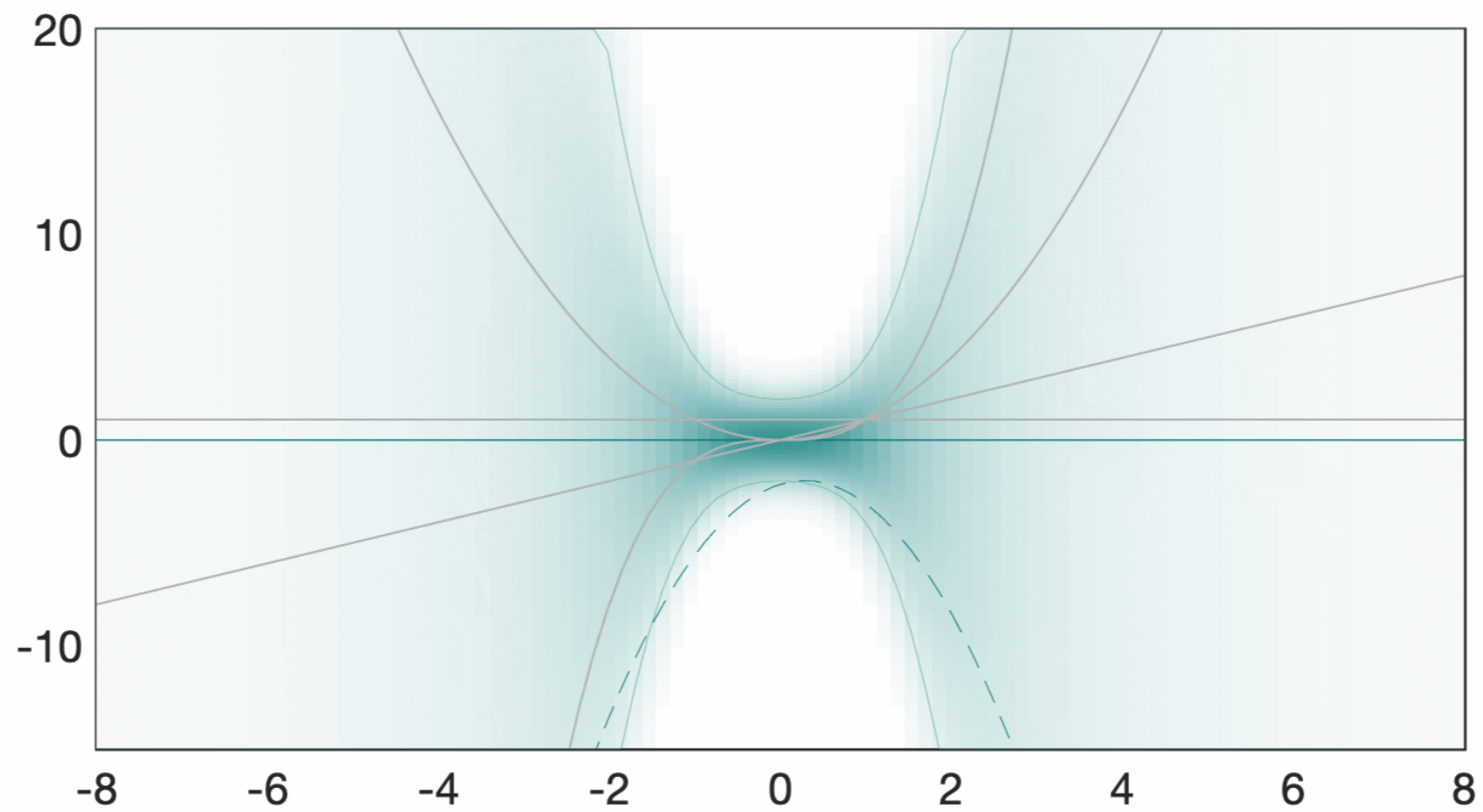
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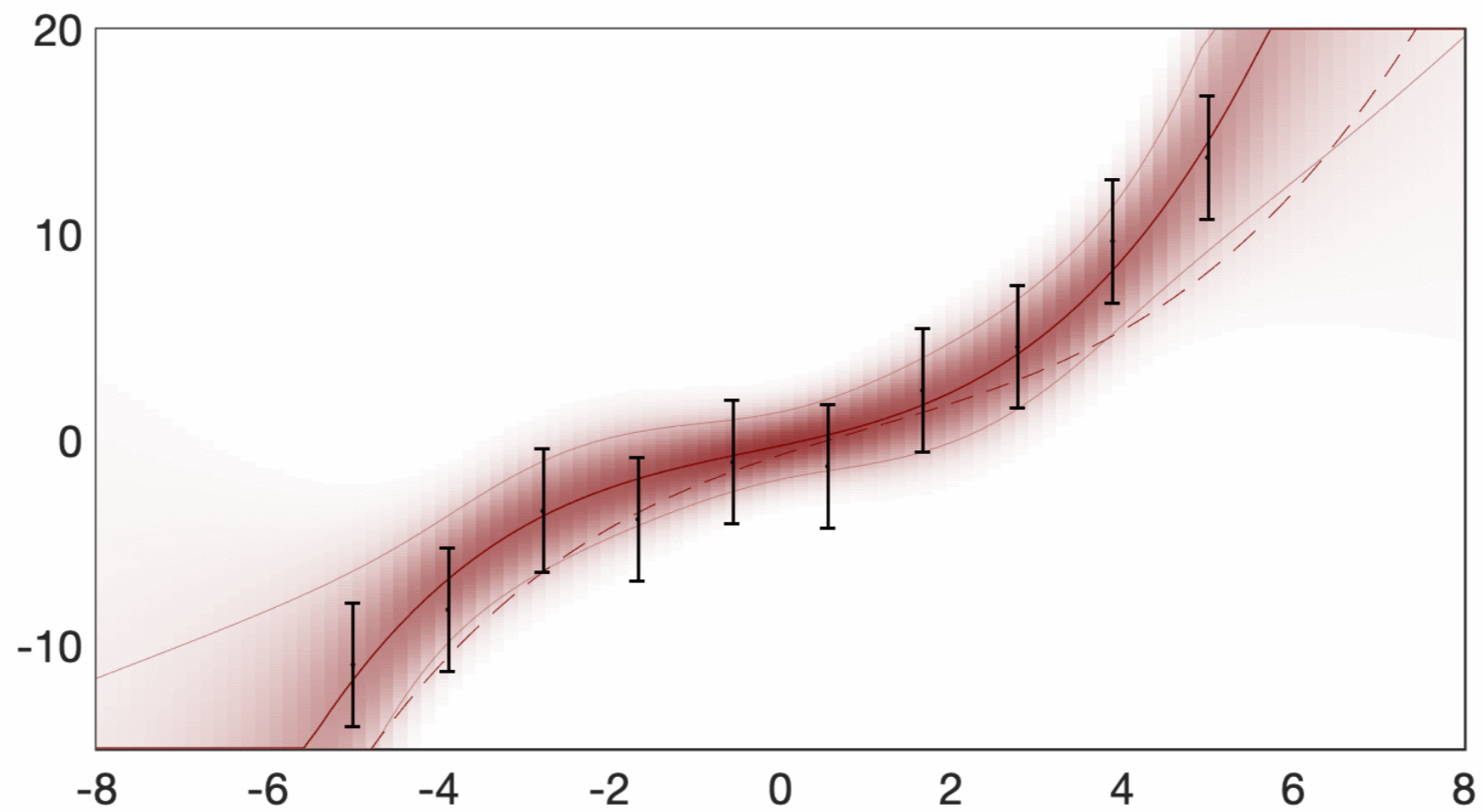
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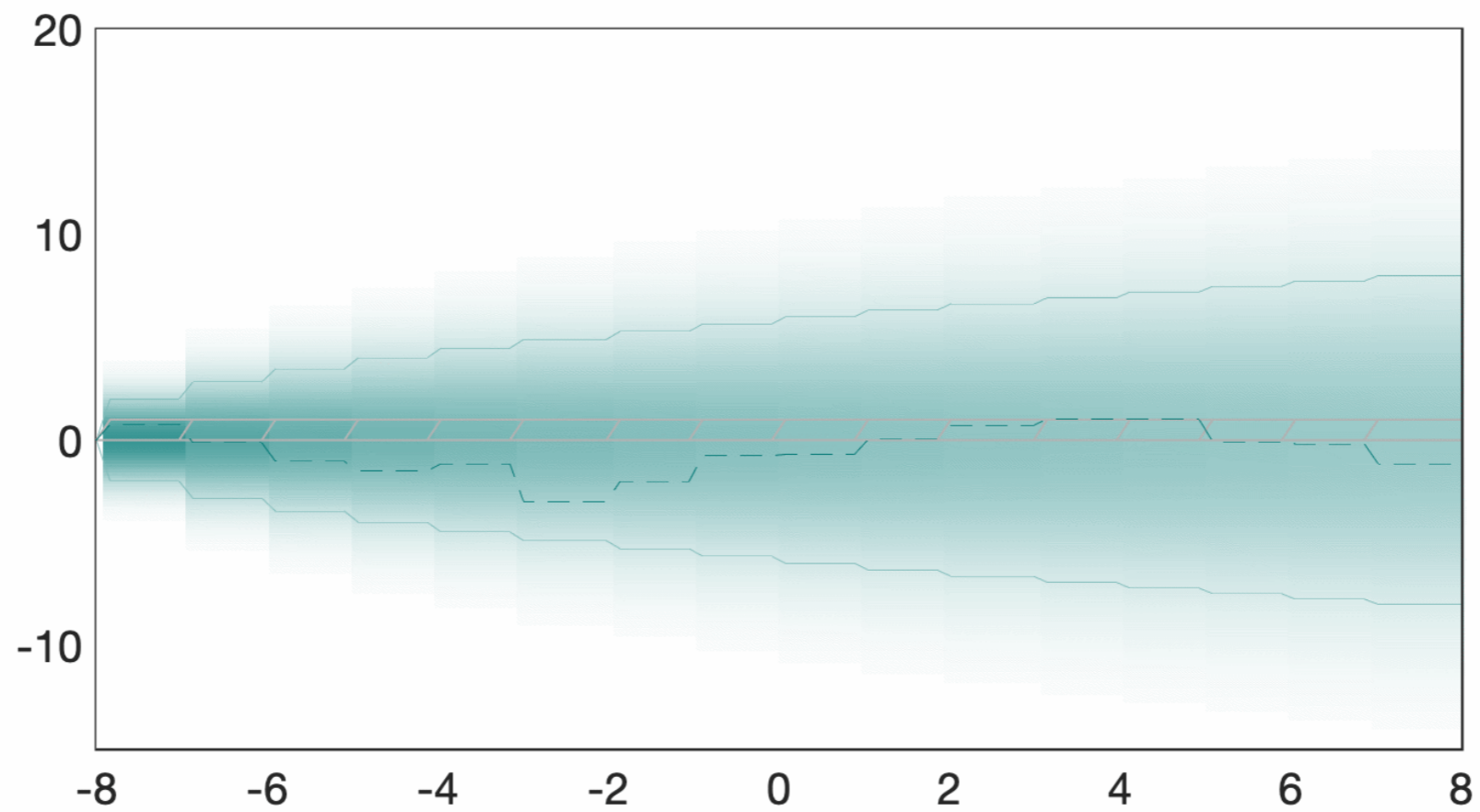
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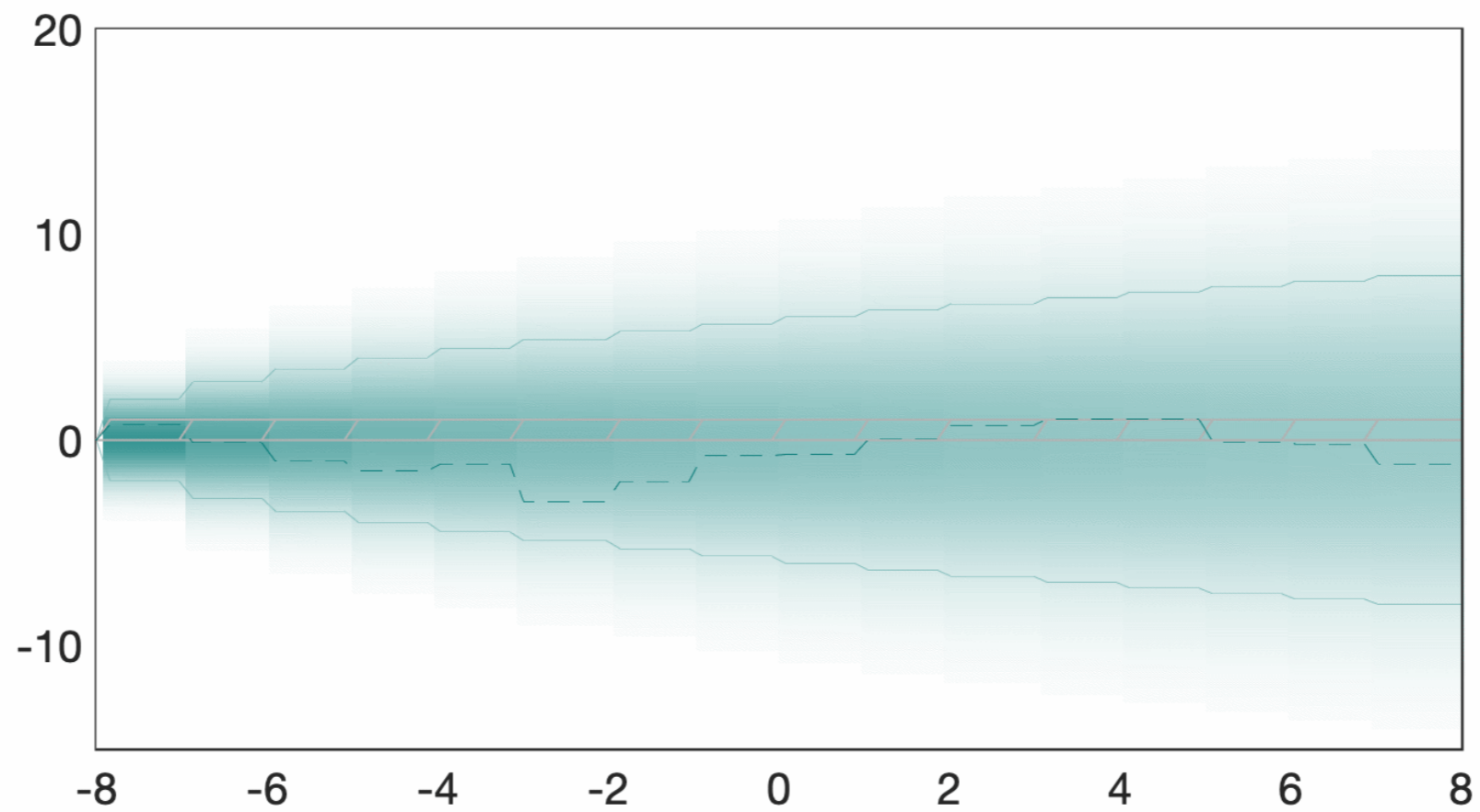
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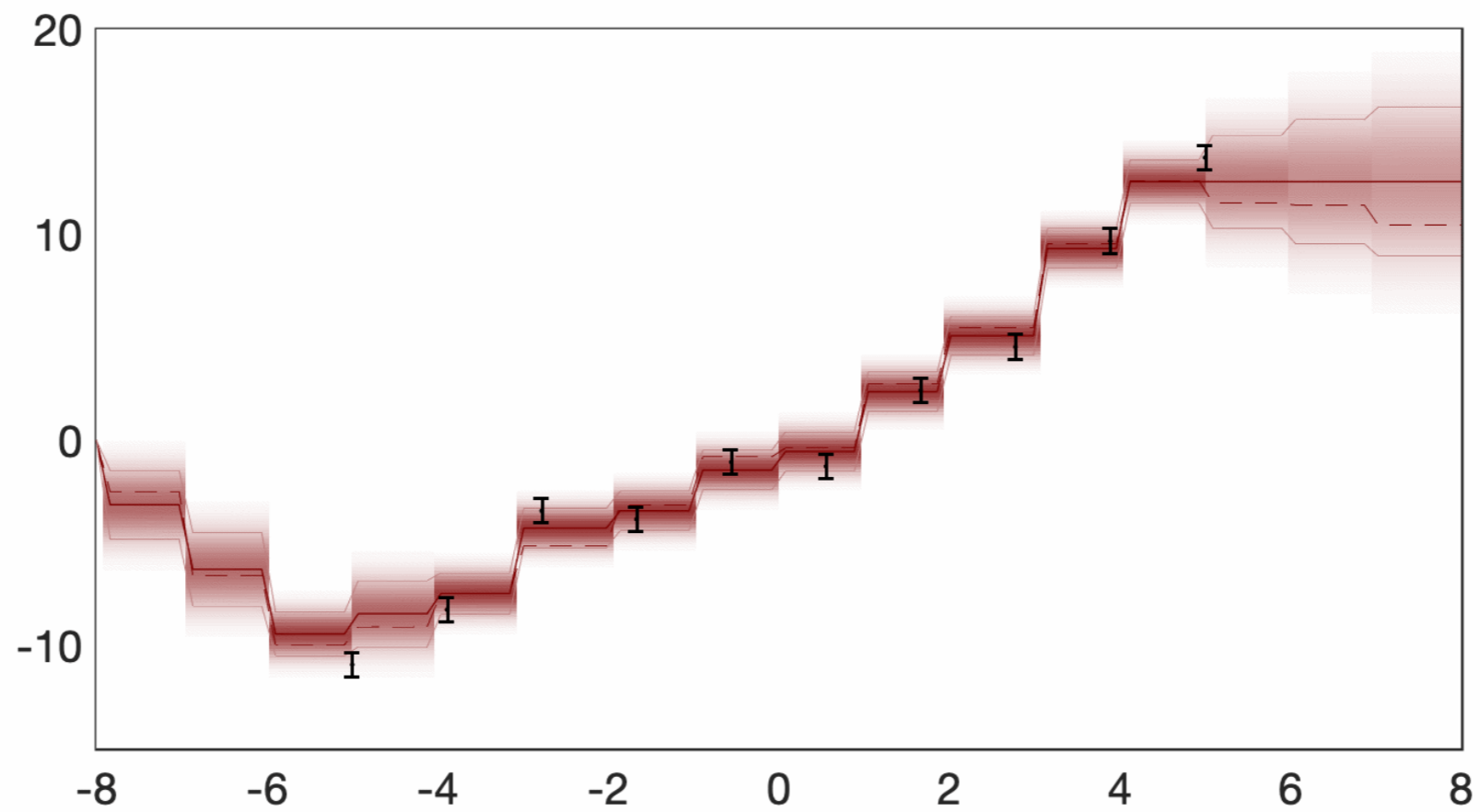
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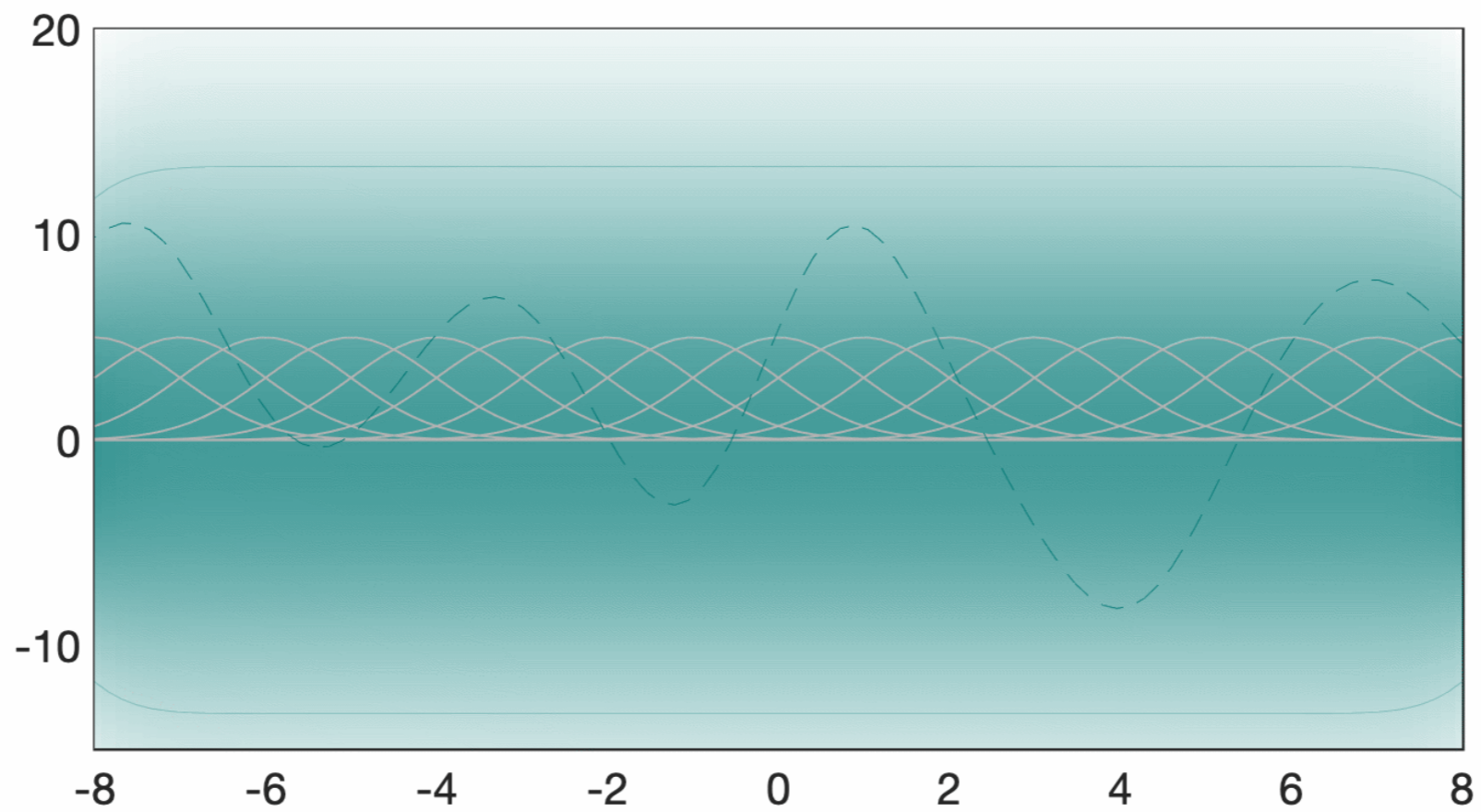
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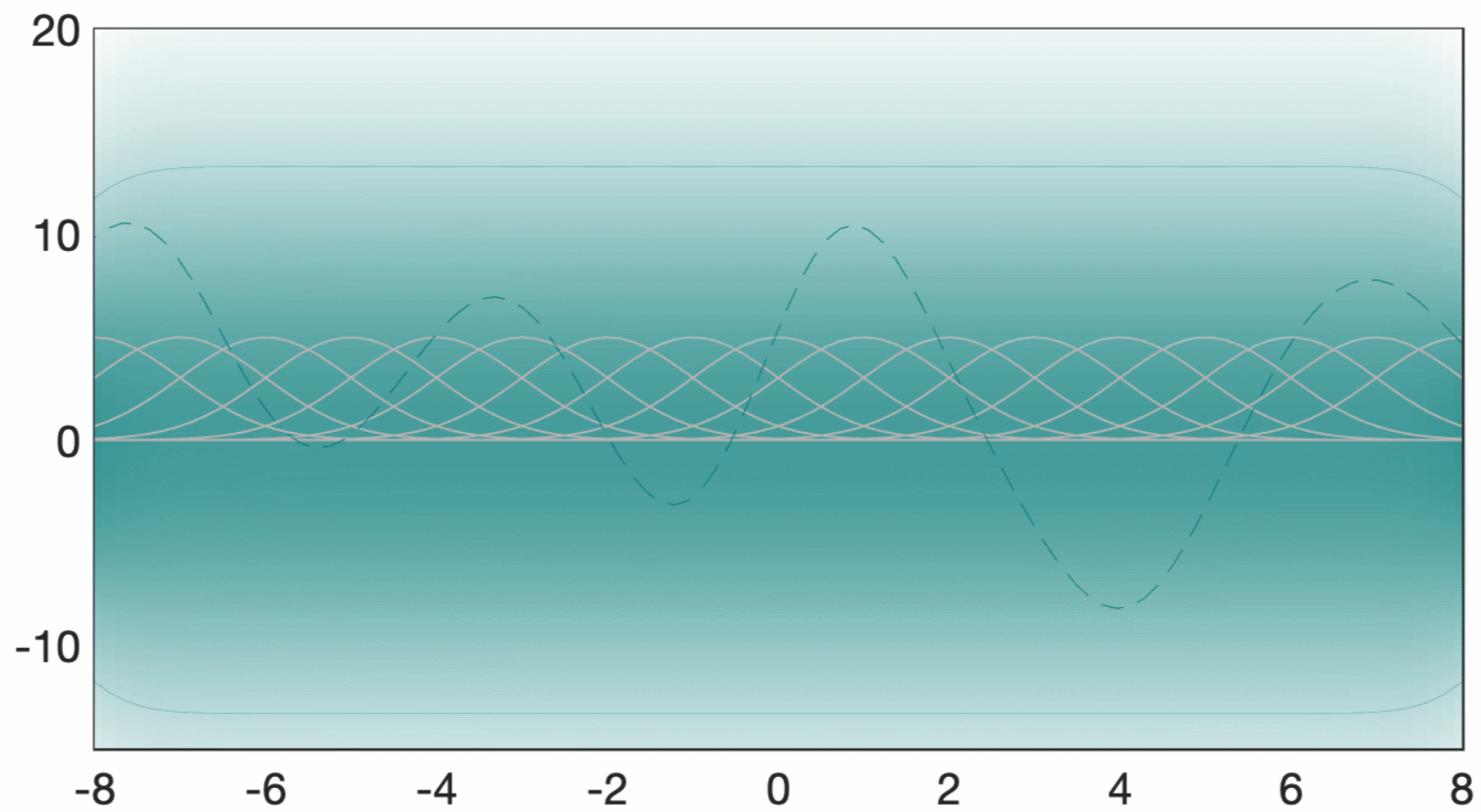
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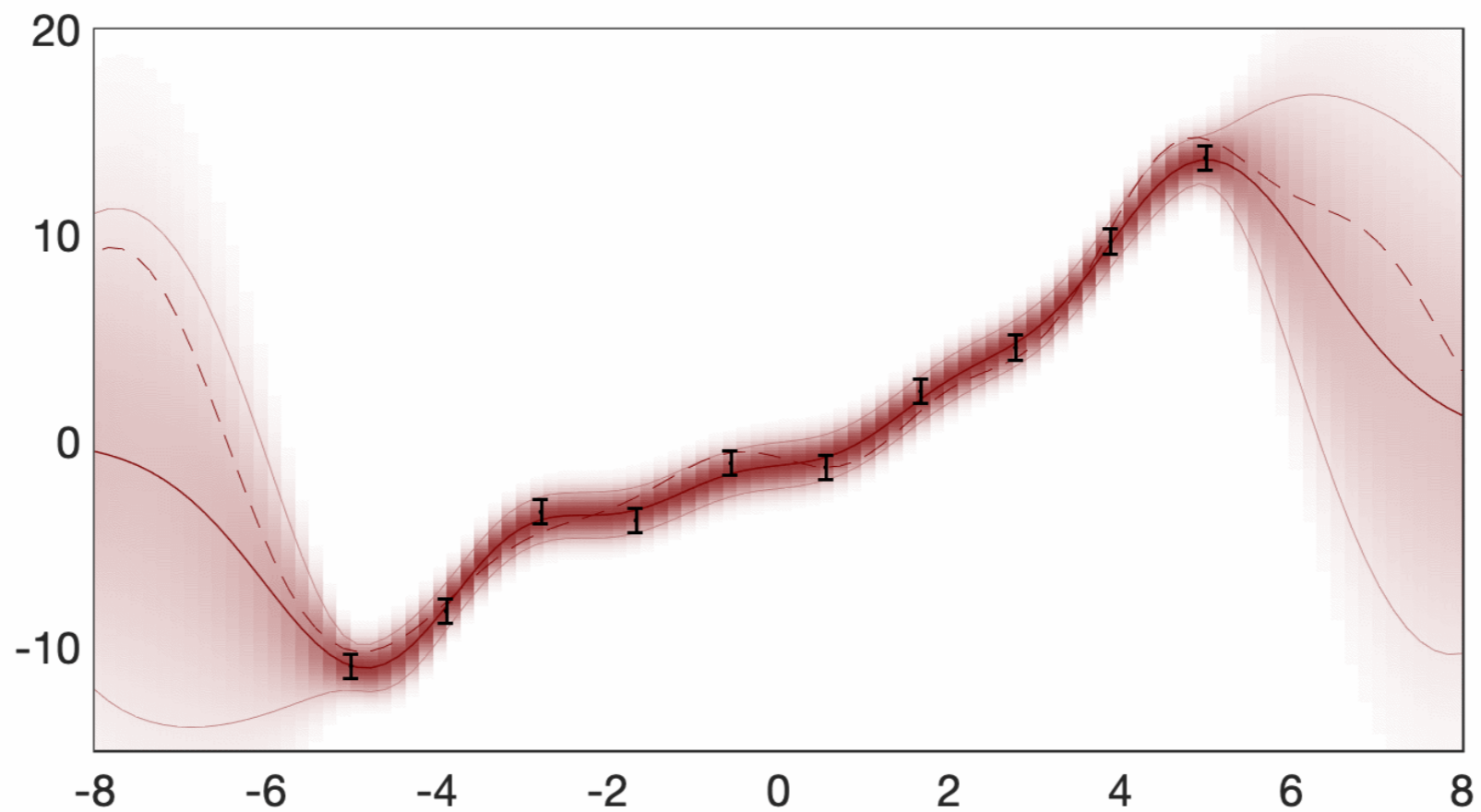
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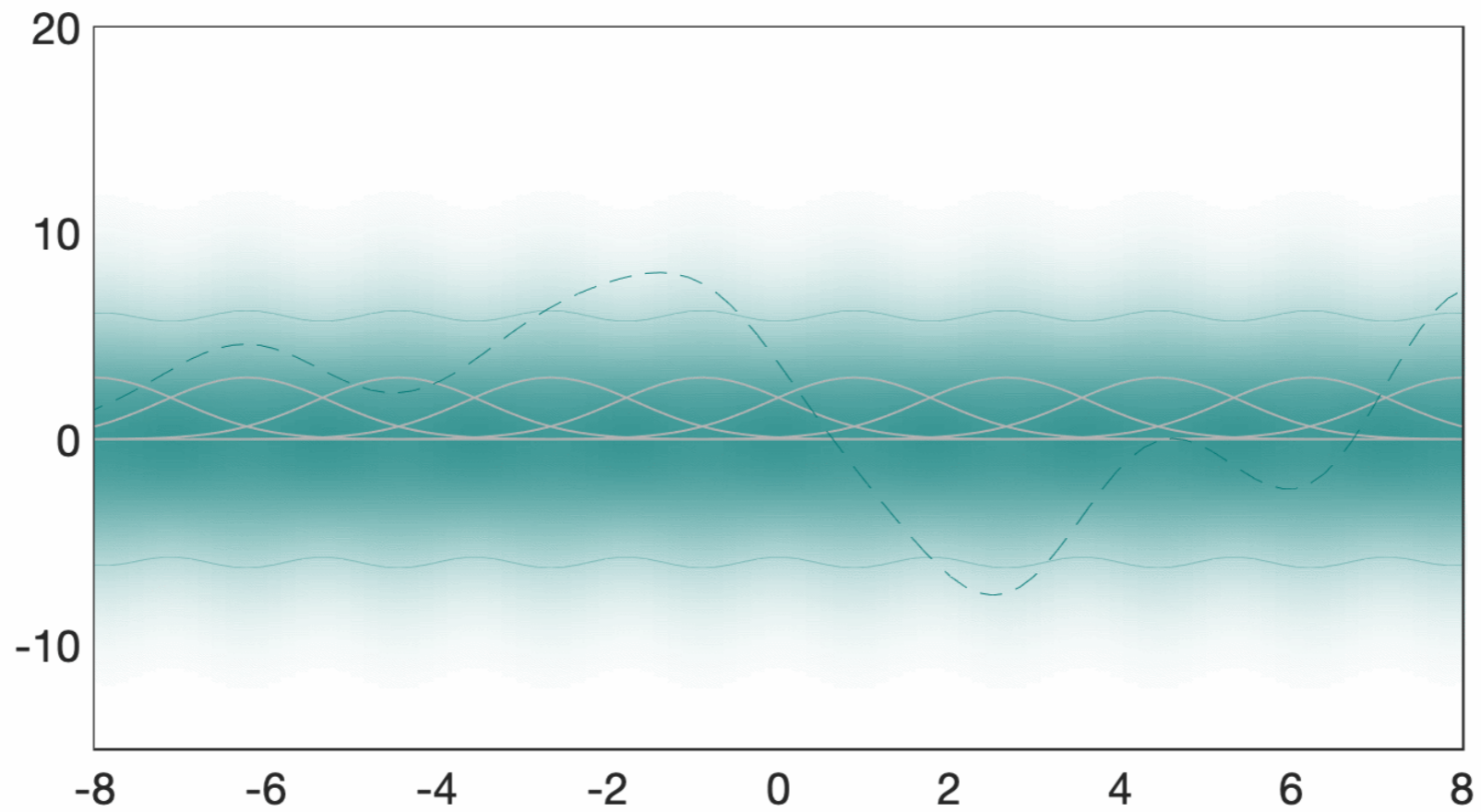
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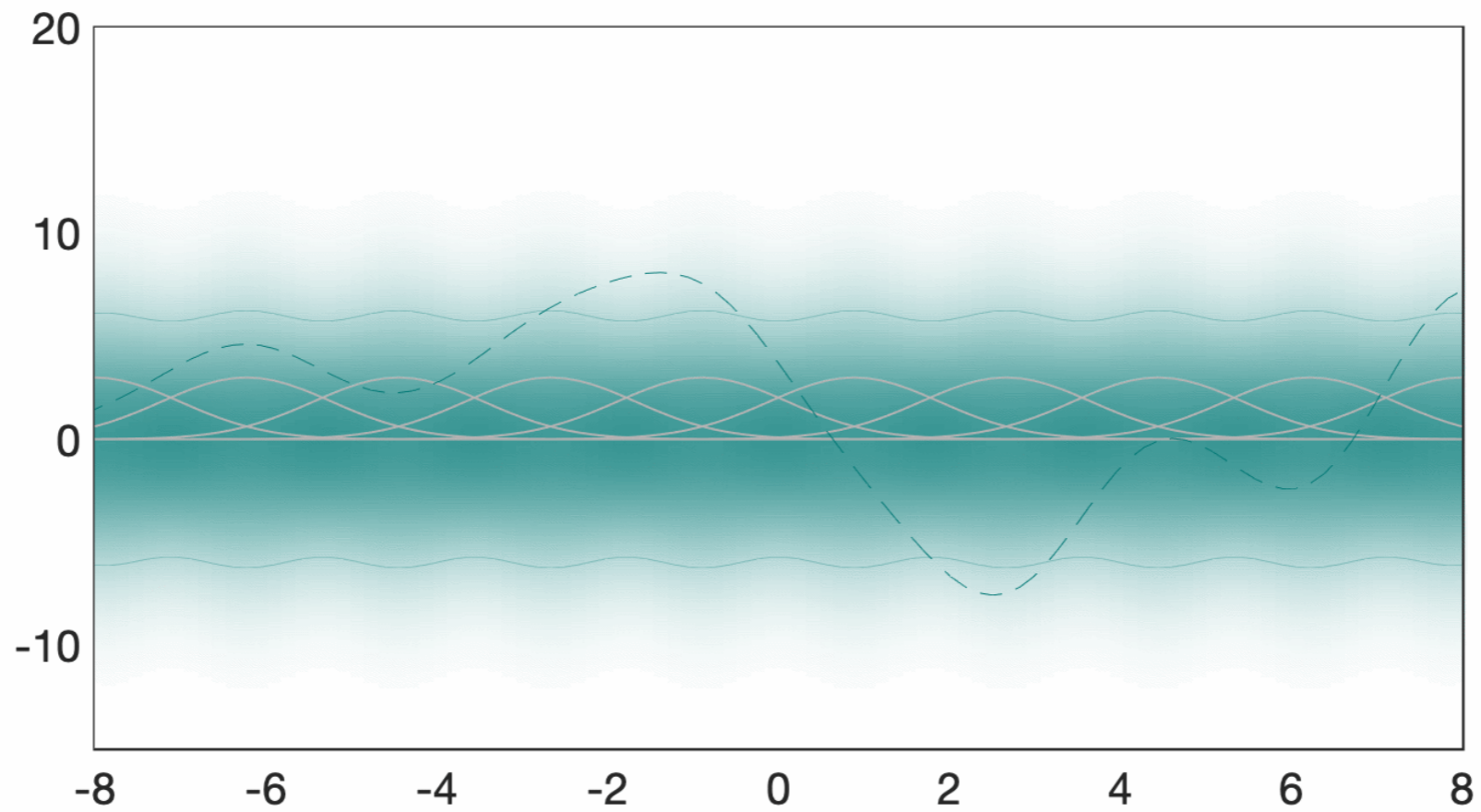
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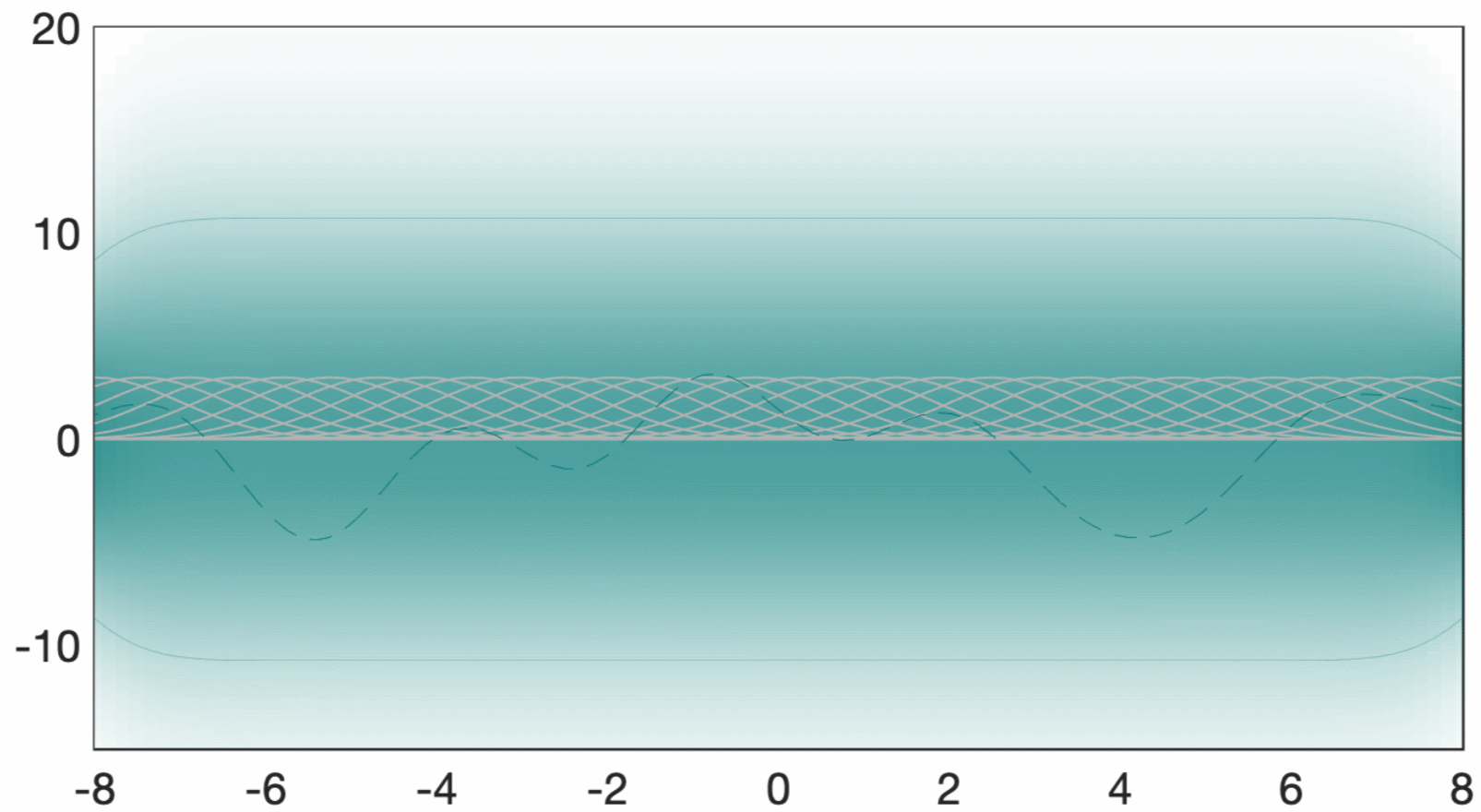
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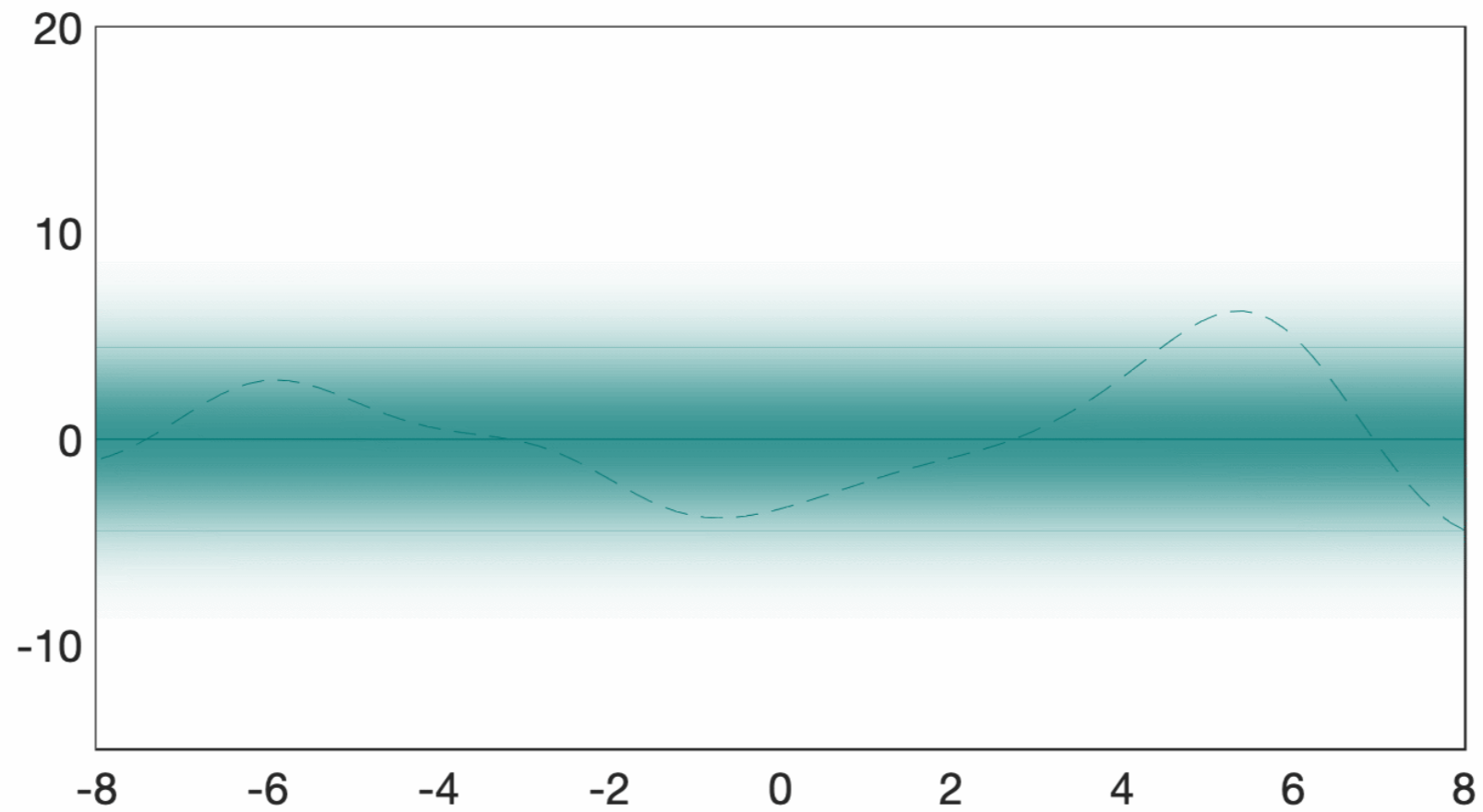
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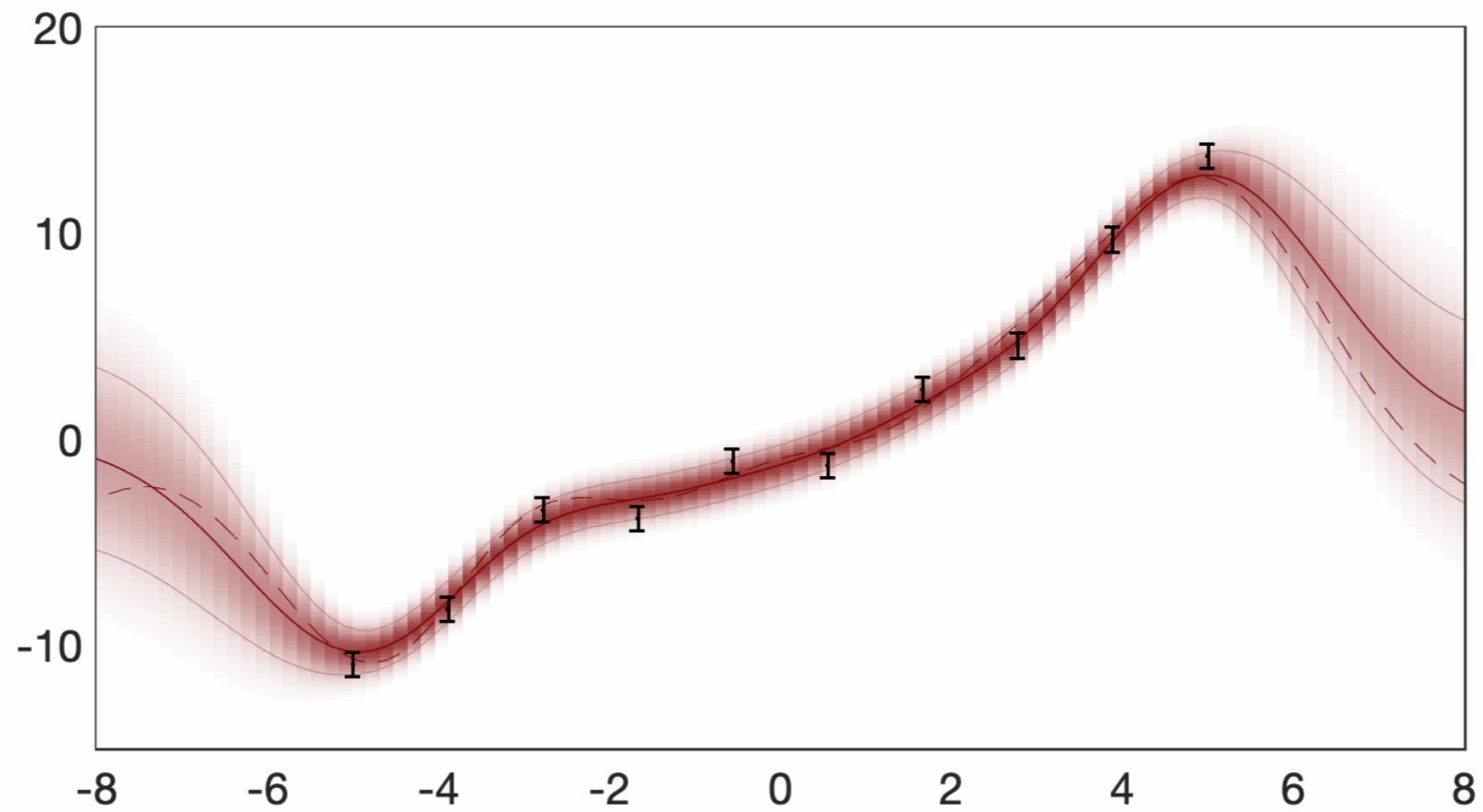
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Gaussian Process

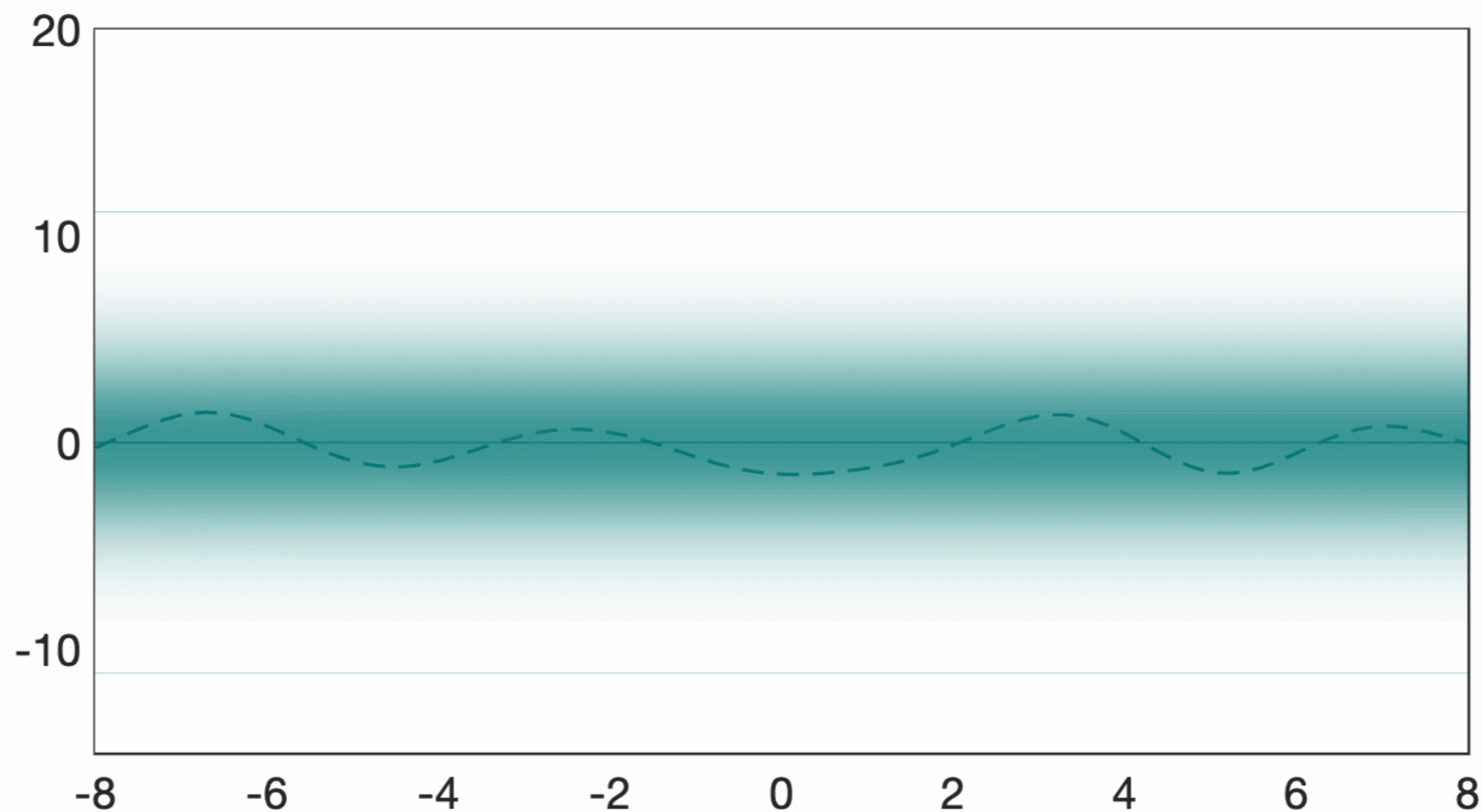
A Gaussian process

$$p(f) = \mathcal{GP}(f; \mu, k)$$

is a probability distribution over the function f , such that every finite restriction to function values $f_X = [f_{x_1}, \dots, f_{x_N}]$ is a Gaussian distribution $p(f_X) = N(f_X; \mu_X, k_{XX})$.

Gaussian Process Posterior

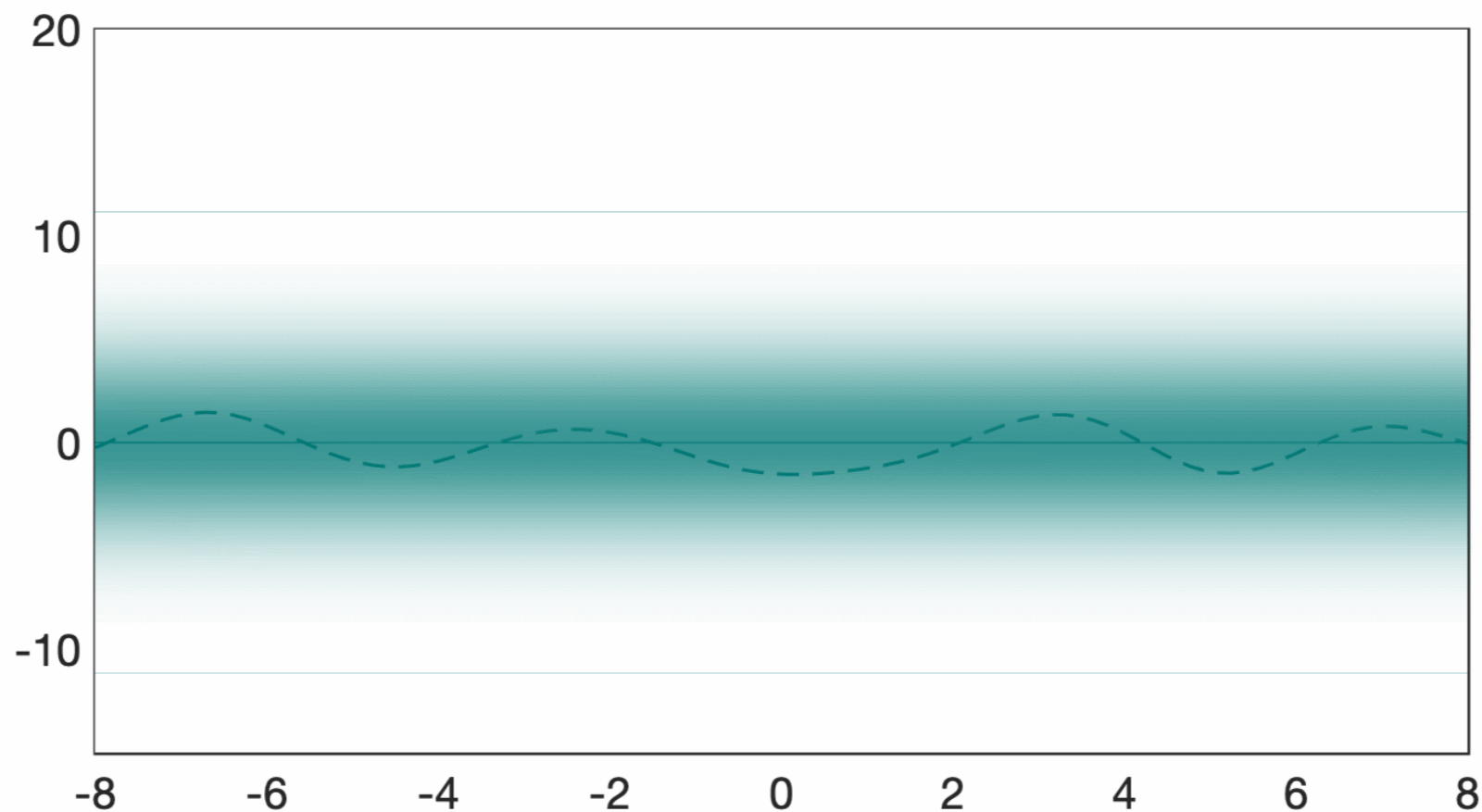
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The GP posterior mean is the **regularized least-squares** estimate (a.k.a. kernel ridge regression)

Gaussian Process **Bandit Optimization**

- Given: Unlabeled data U
- For $t = 1, \dots, T$
 - Select x from U
 - Query label y of x
 - Add (x,y) to labeled set S
 - Train $f(x)$ on S
- Goal:
 - Find x that maximize $f(x)$
 - Minimize “regret”:

$$Tf(x^*) - (f(x_1) + f(x_2) + \dots + f(x_T))$$

Best experiment only

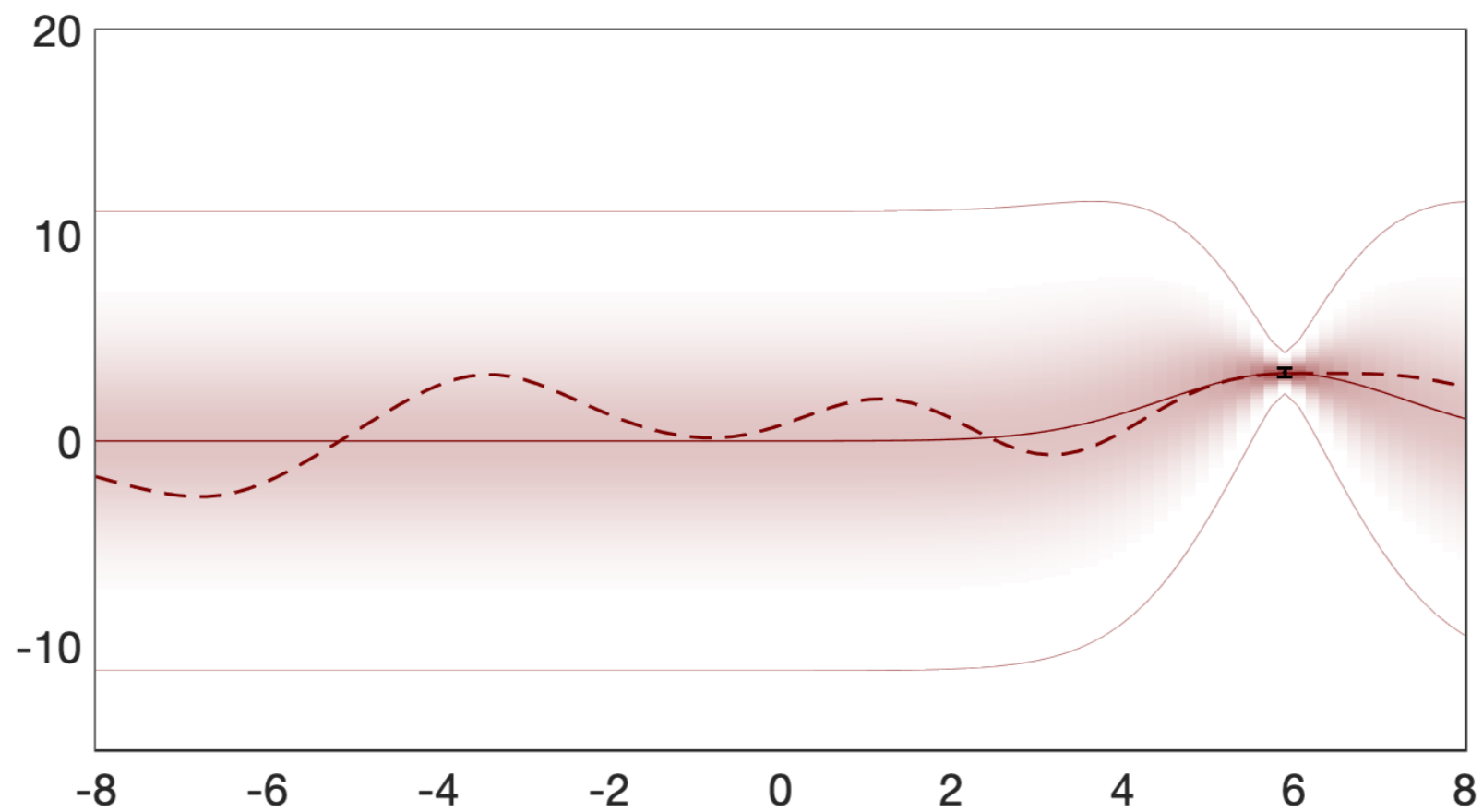
Each experiment matters

Thompson Sampling (TS) [Agrawal et al. '12]

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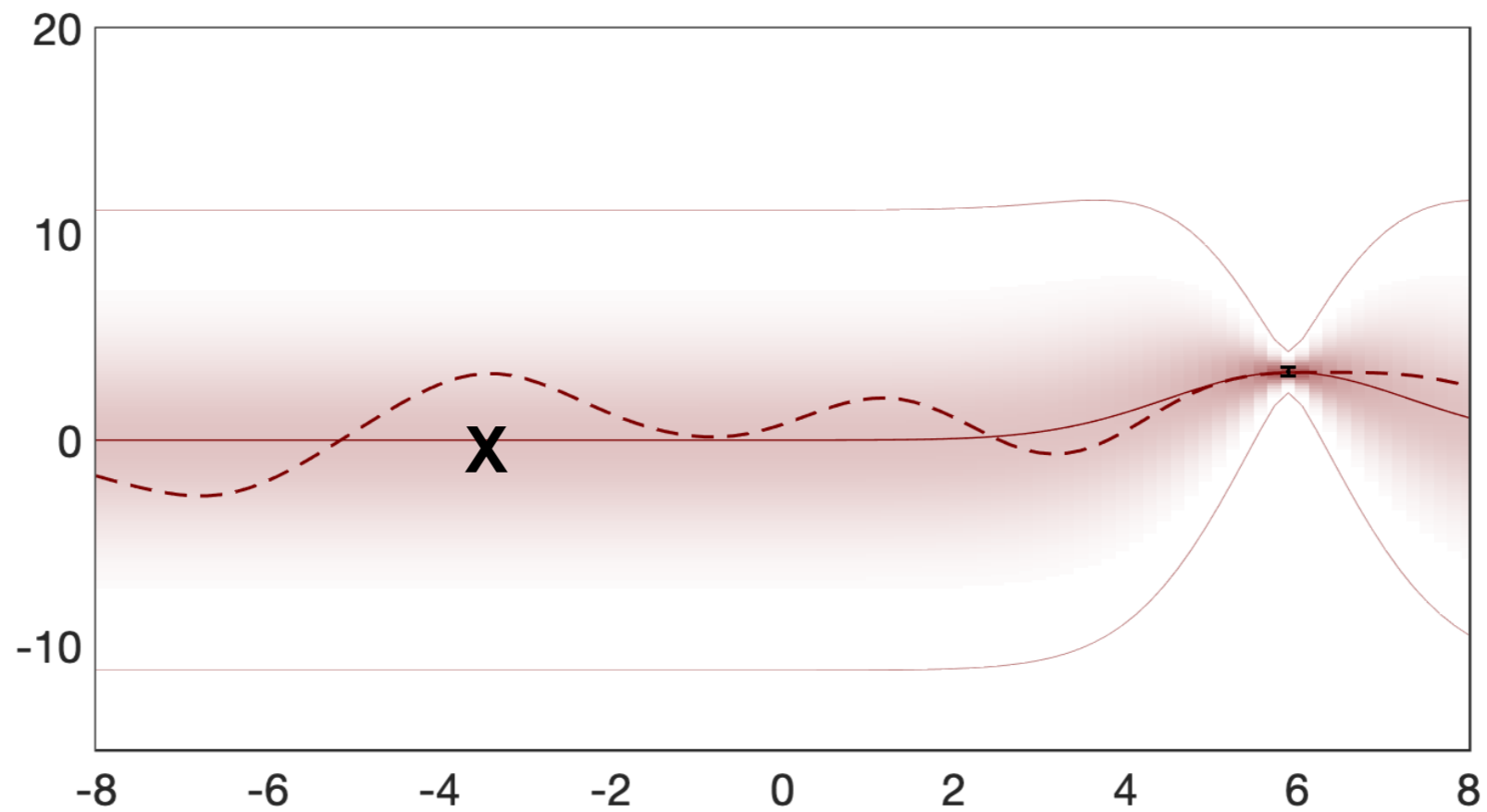
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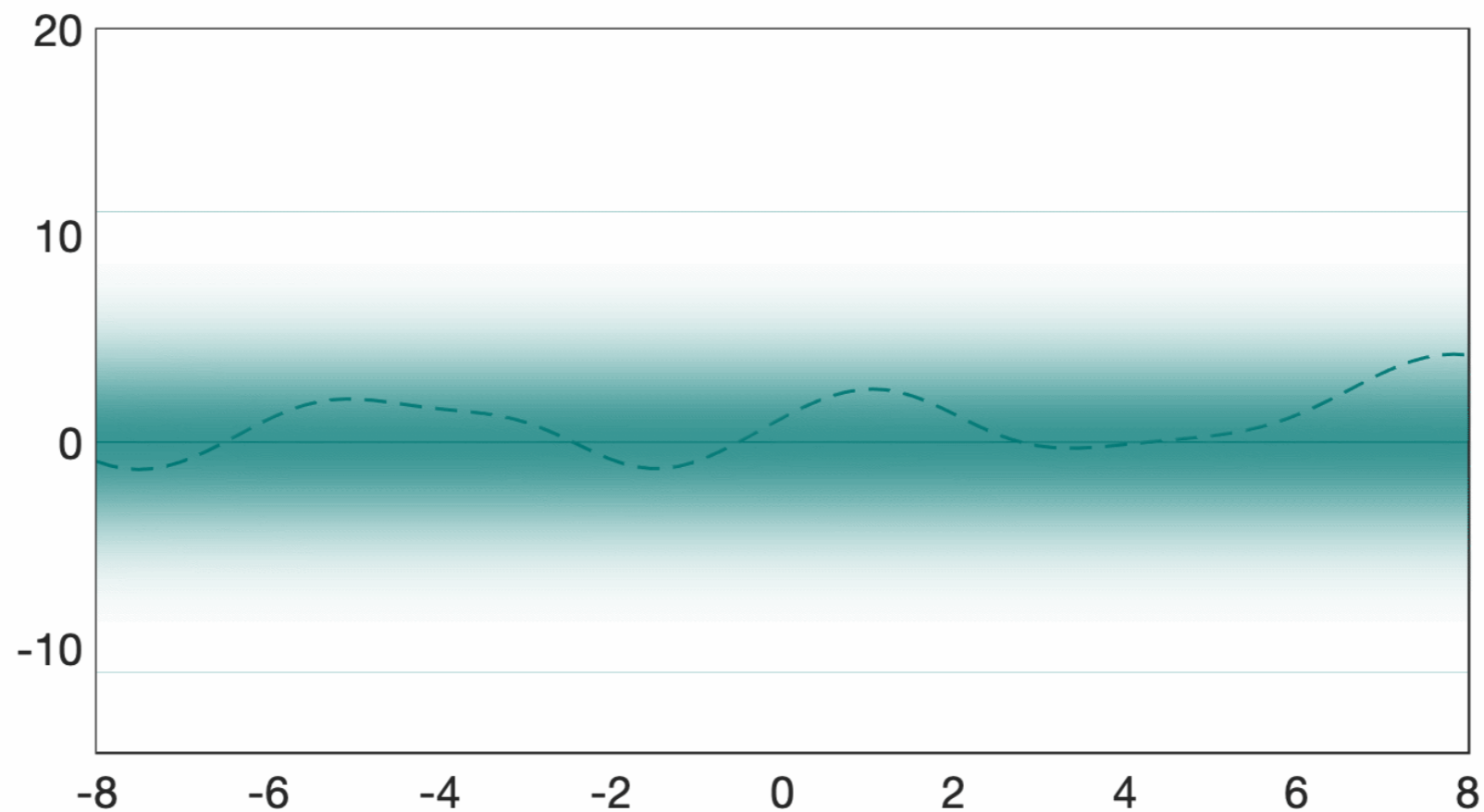
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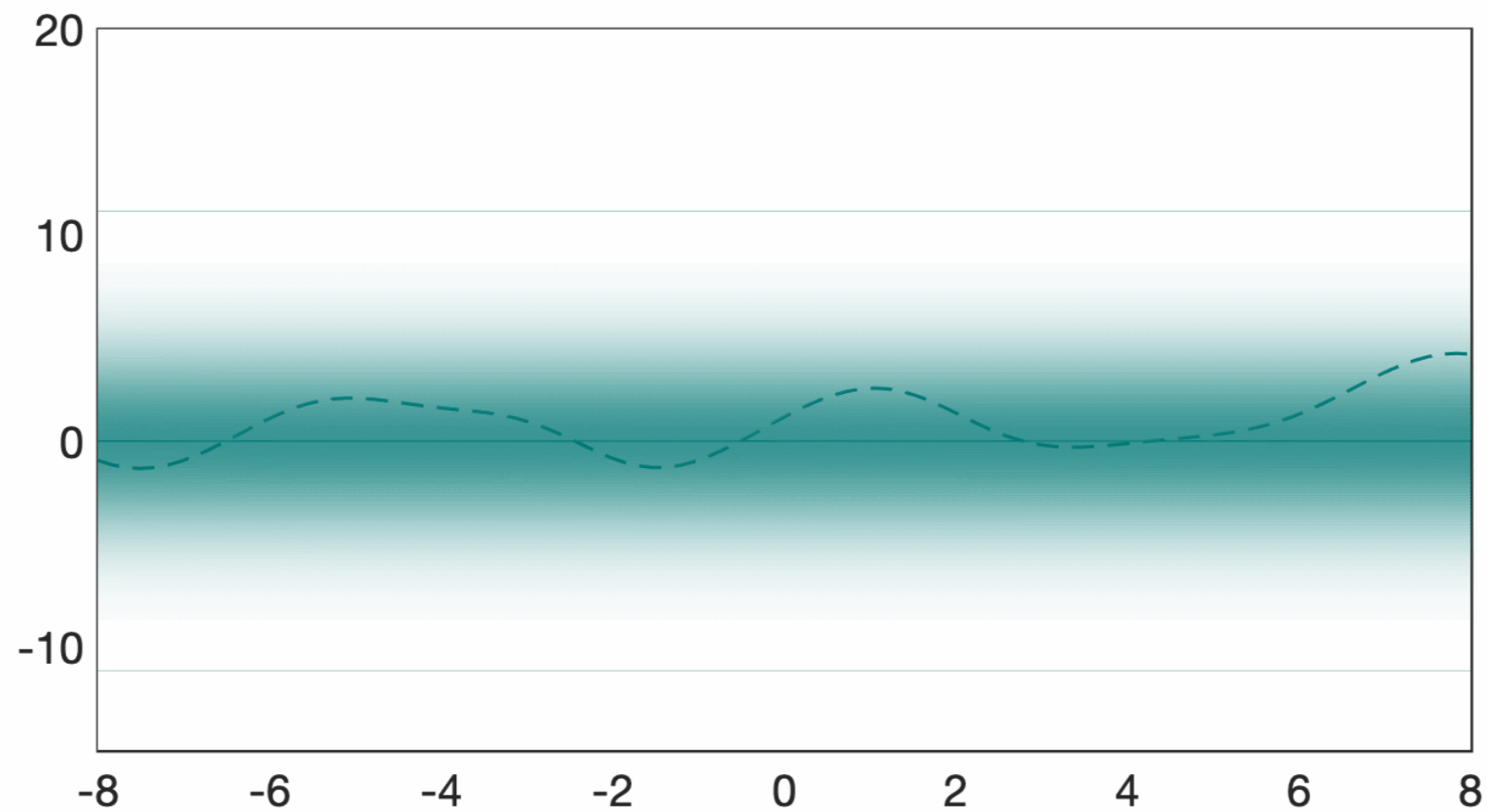
Algorithmic Questions

Analyze convergence to $f(x^*)$?

Corrupted or indirect measurements?

Efficiently search combinatorial design spaces?

Incorporate domain knowledge such as physics?



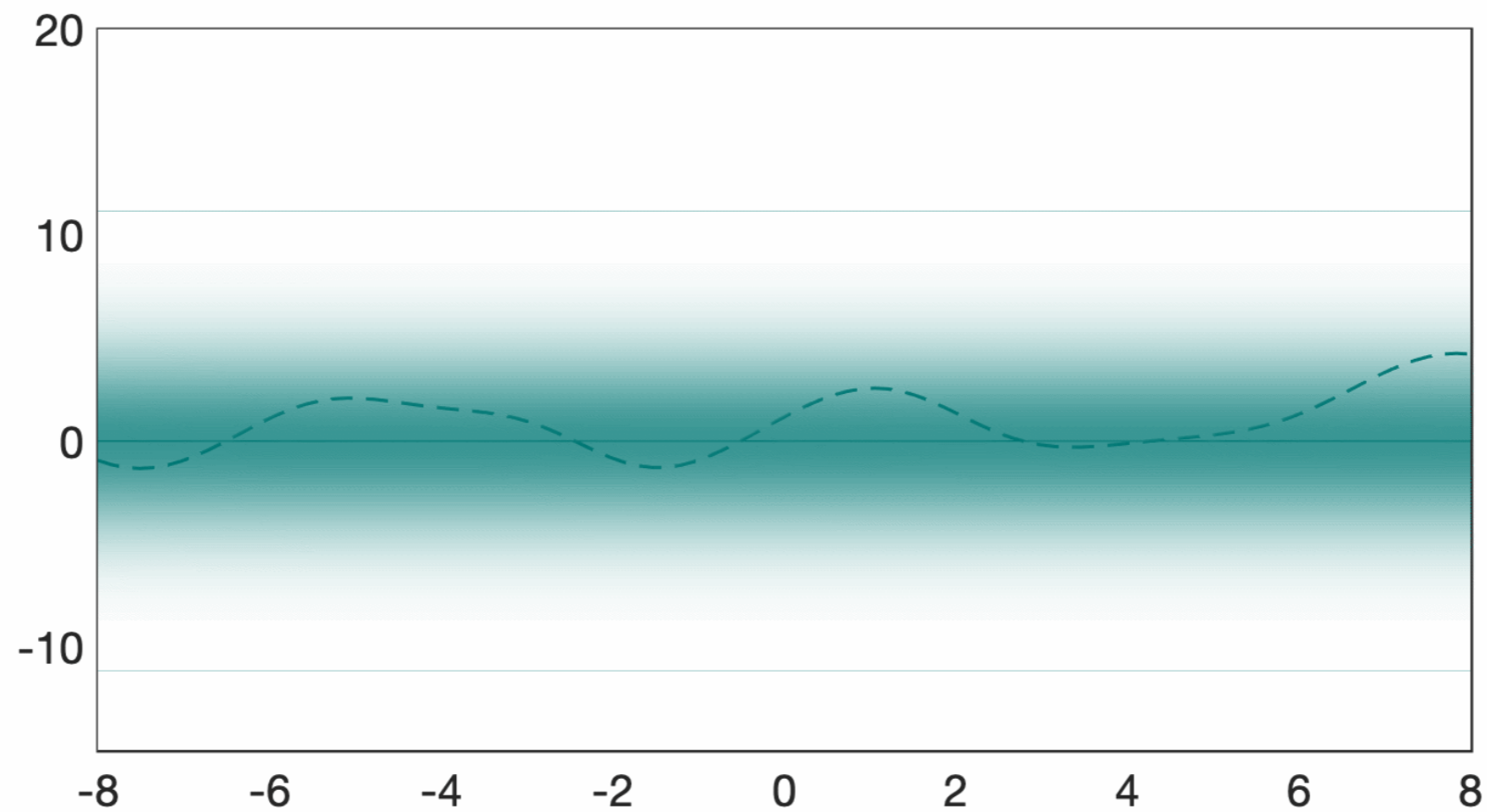
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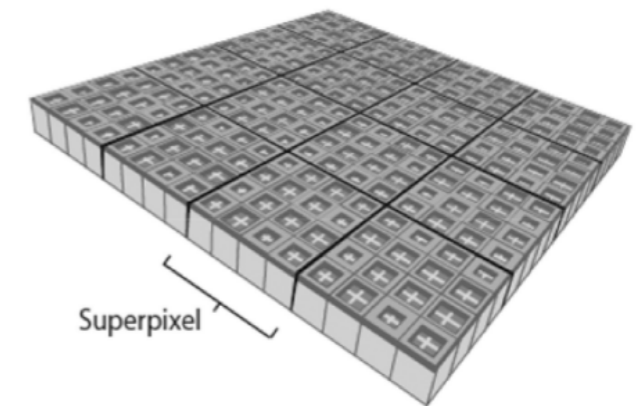
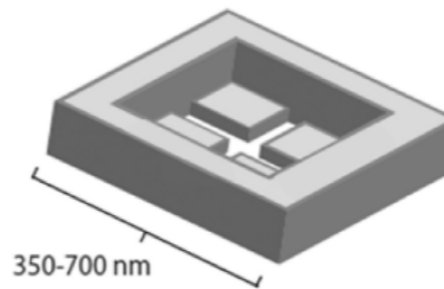
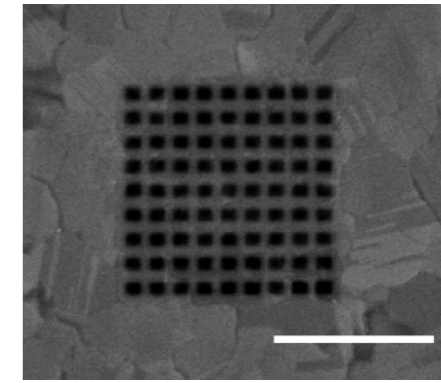
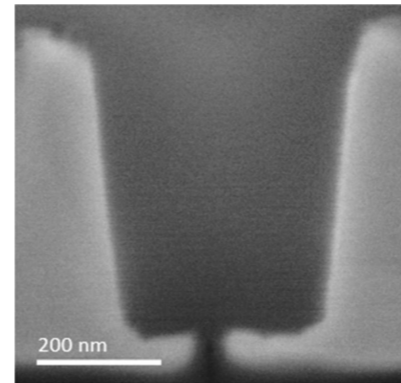
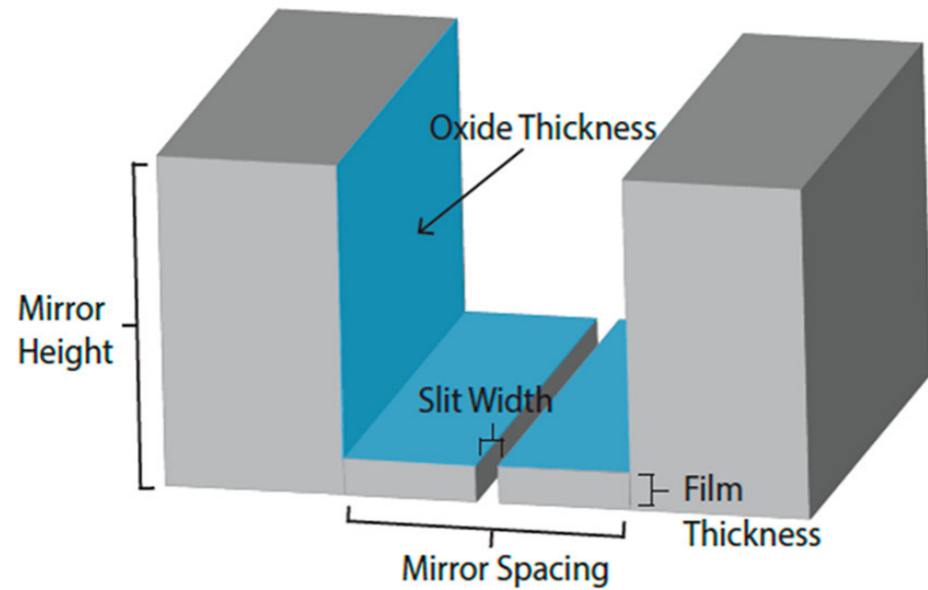
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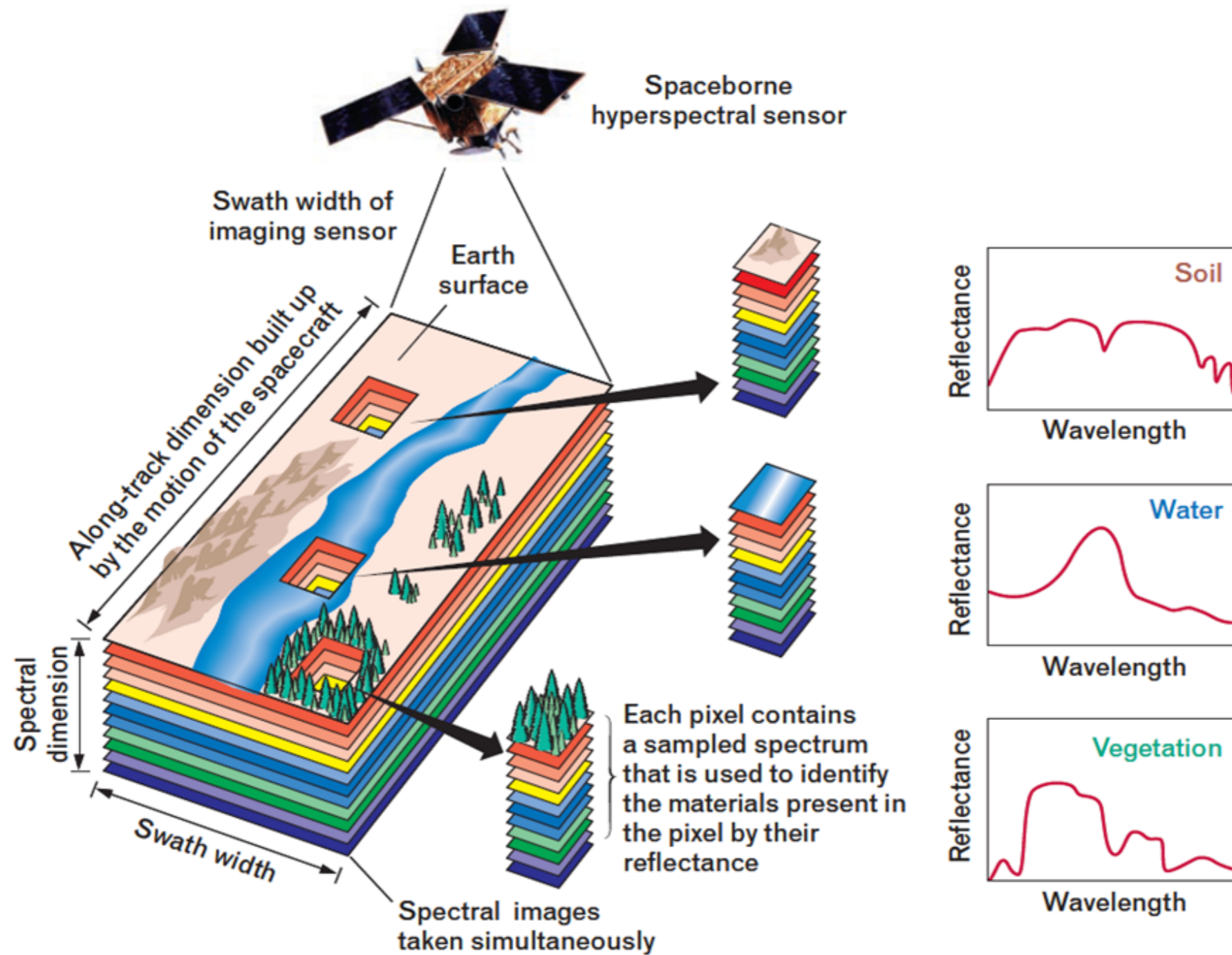
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Hyperspectral Imaging



Fitness Function (Figure of Merit)

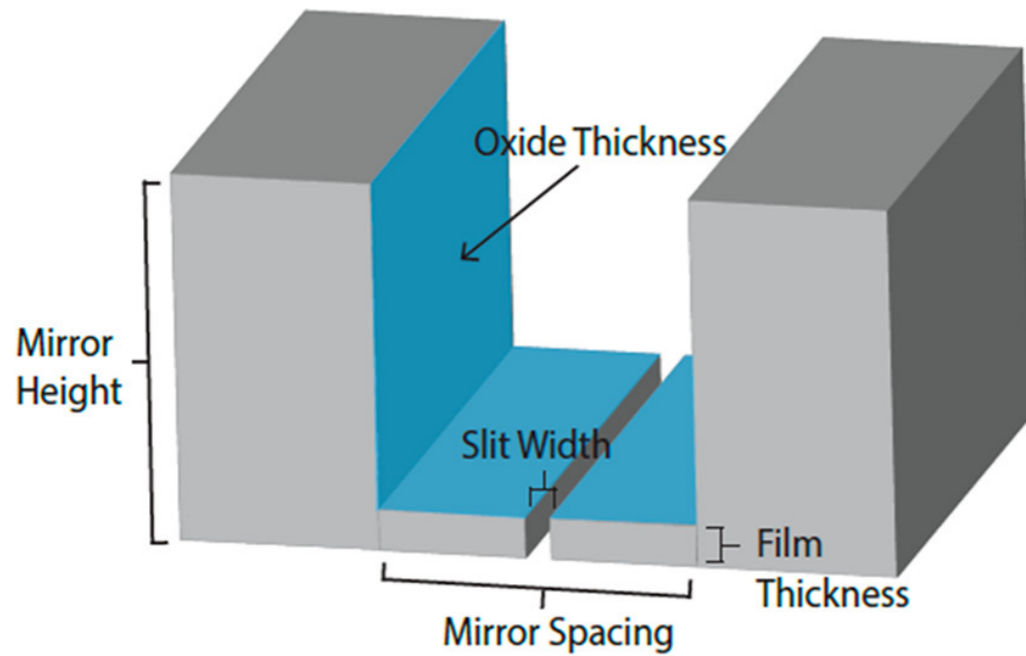
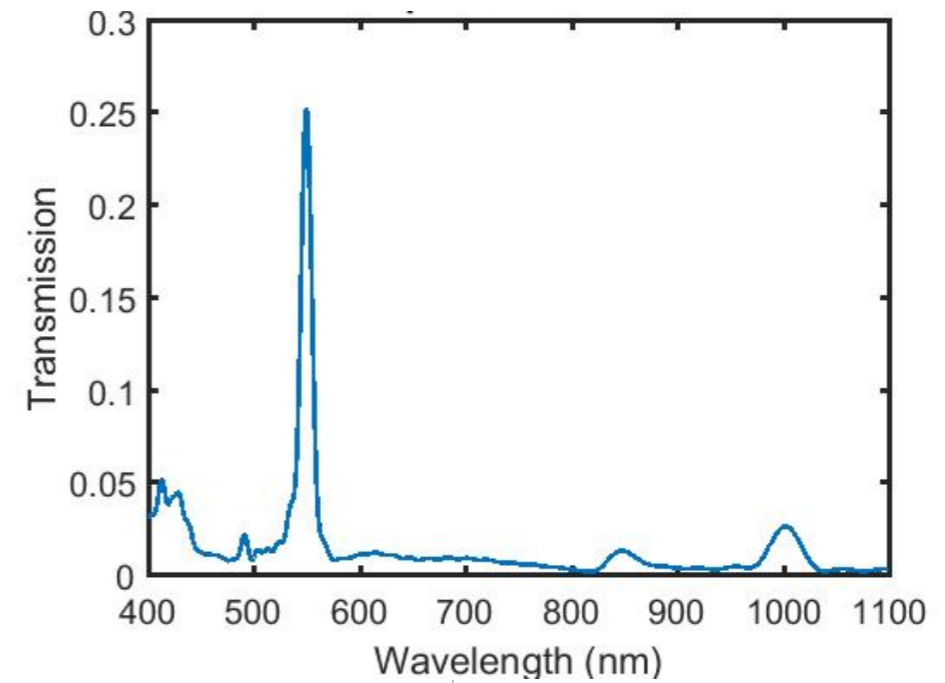


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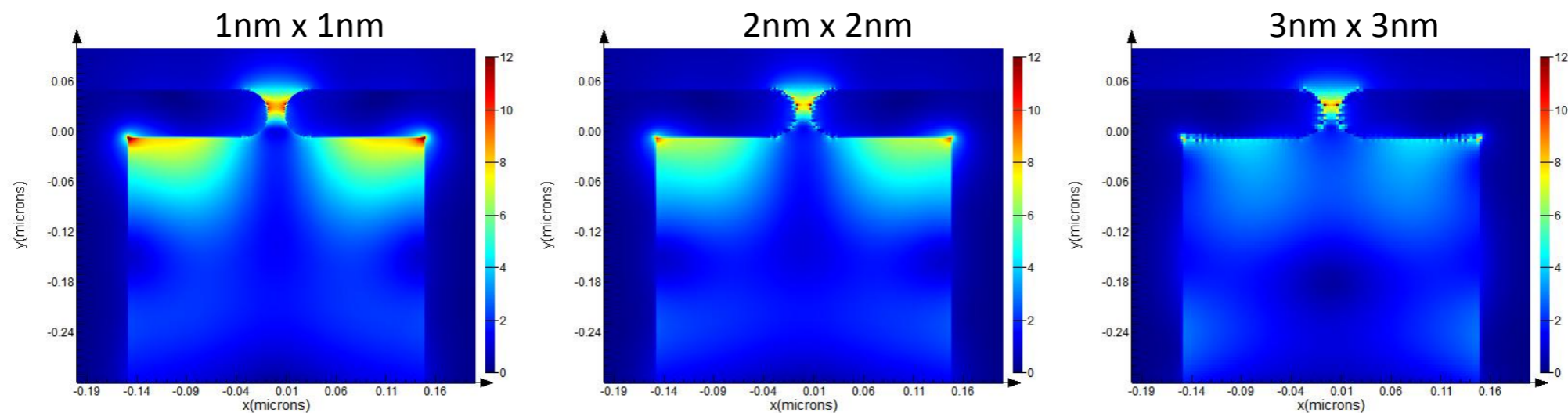
Maxwell's
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Fitness Function:
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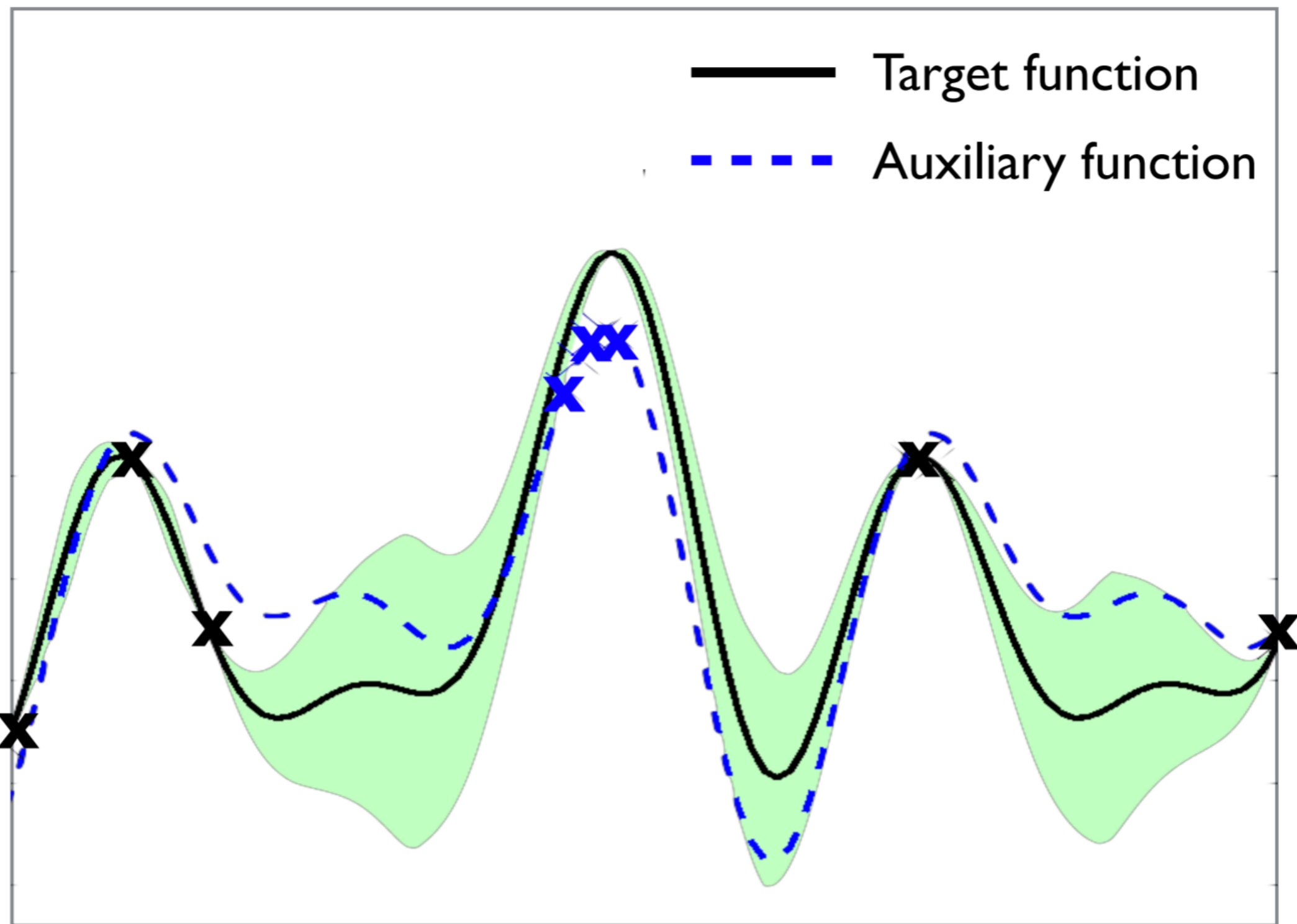
Multi-Fidelity Simulations

- Solve Maxwell's equations
- Fidelity depends on temporal and spatial resolution
- Do we need to accurately simulate bad structures?



Electric field profiles at 550nm for different mesh sizes

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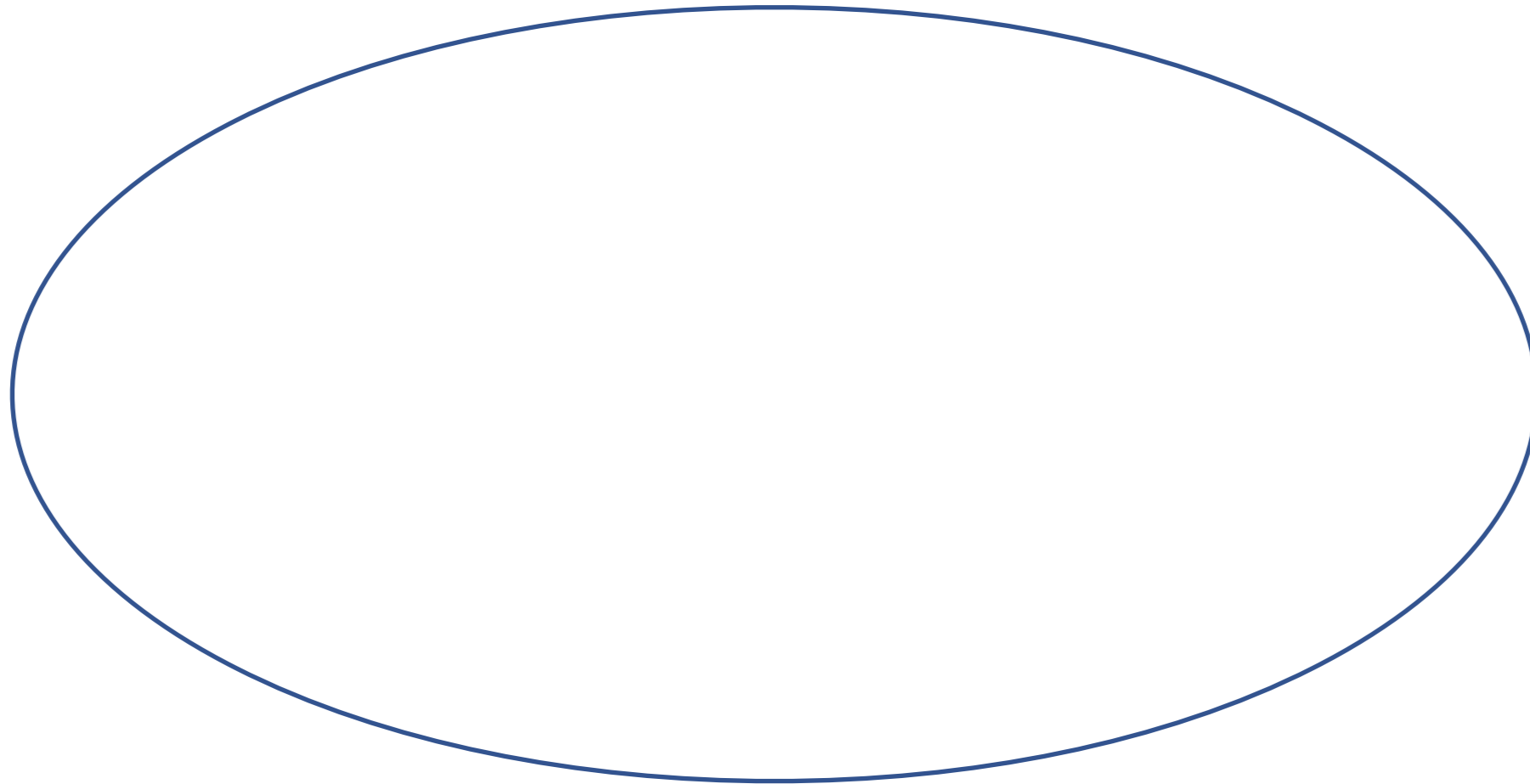
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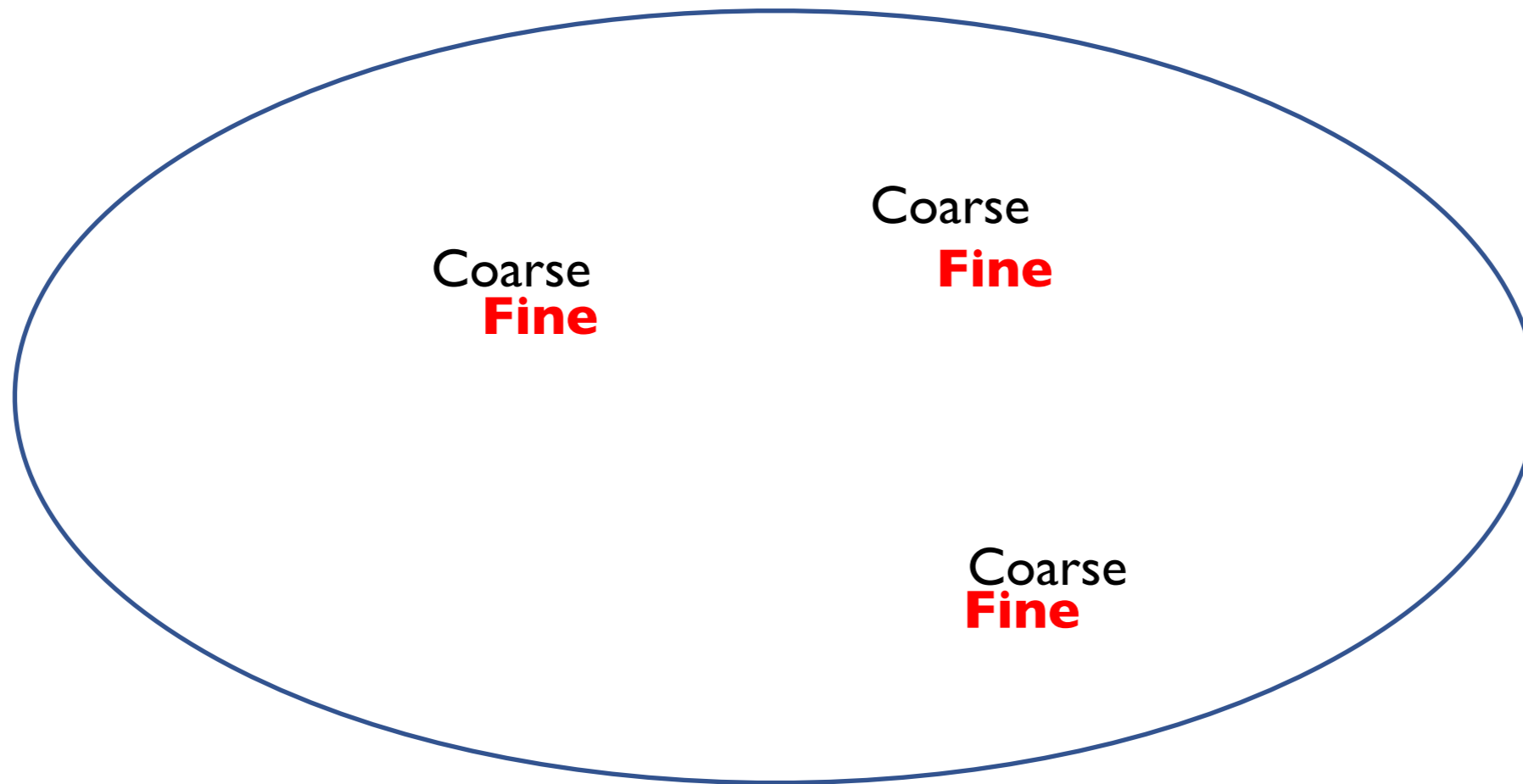
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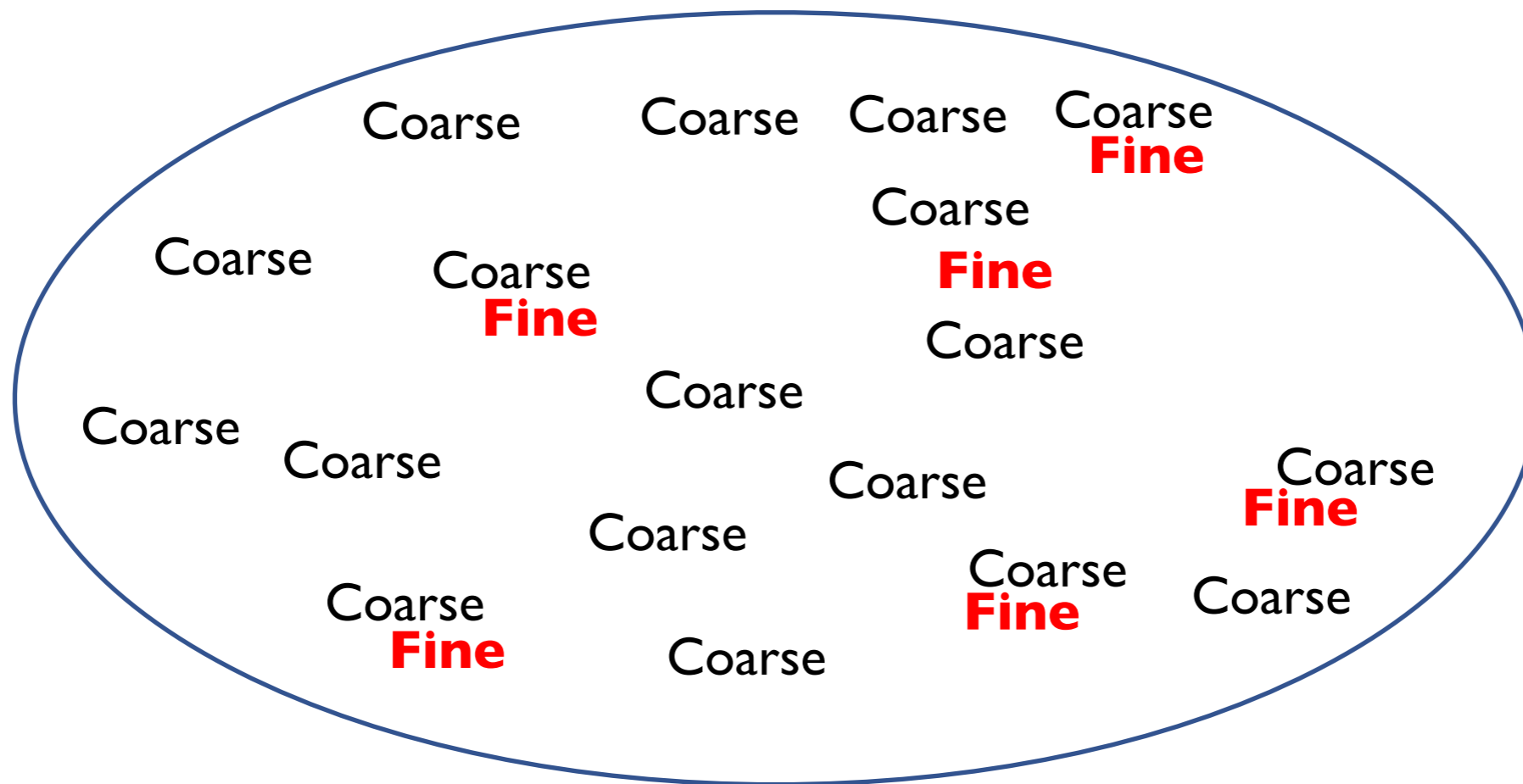
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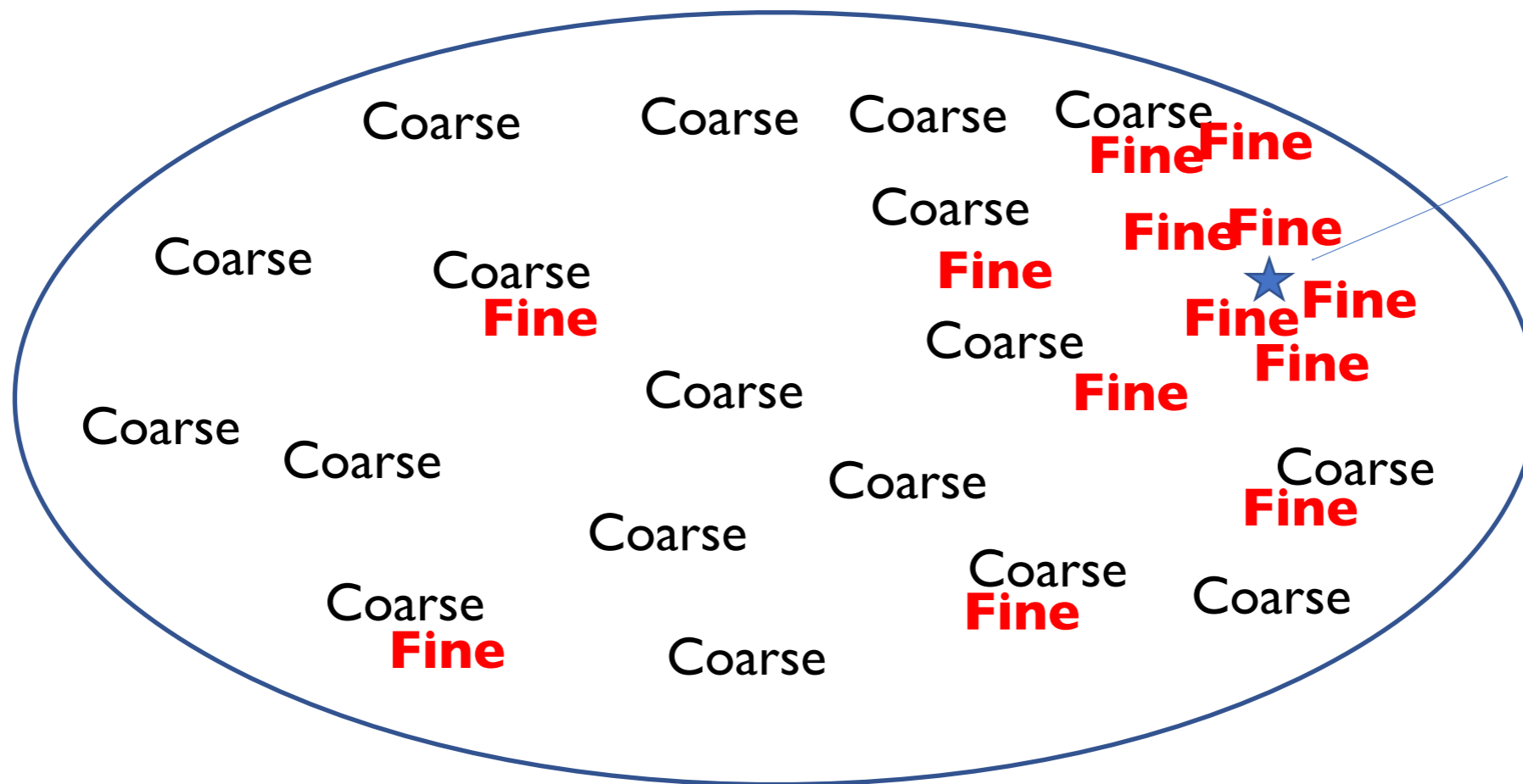
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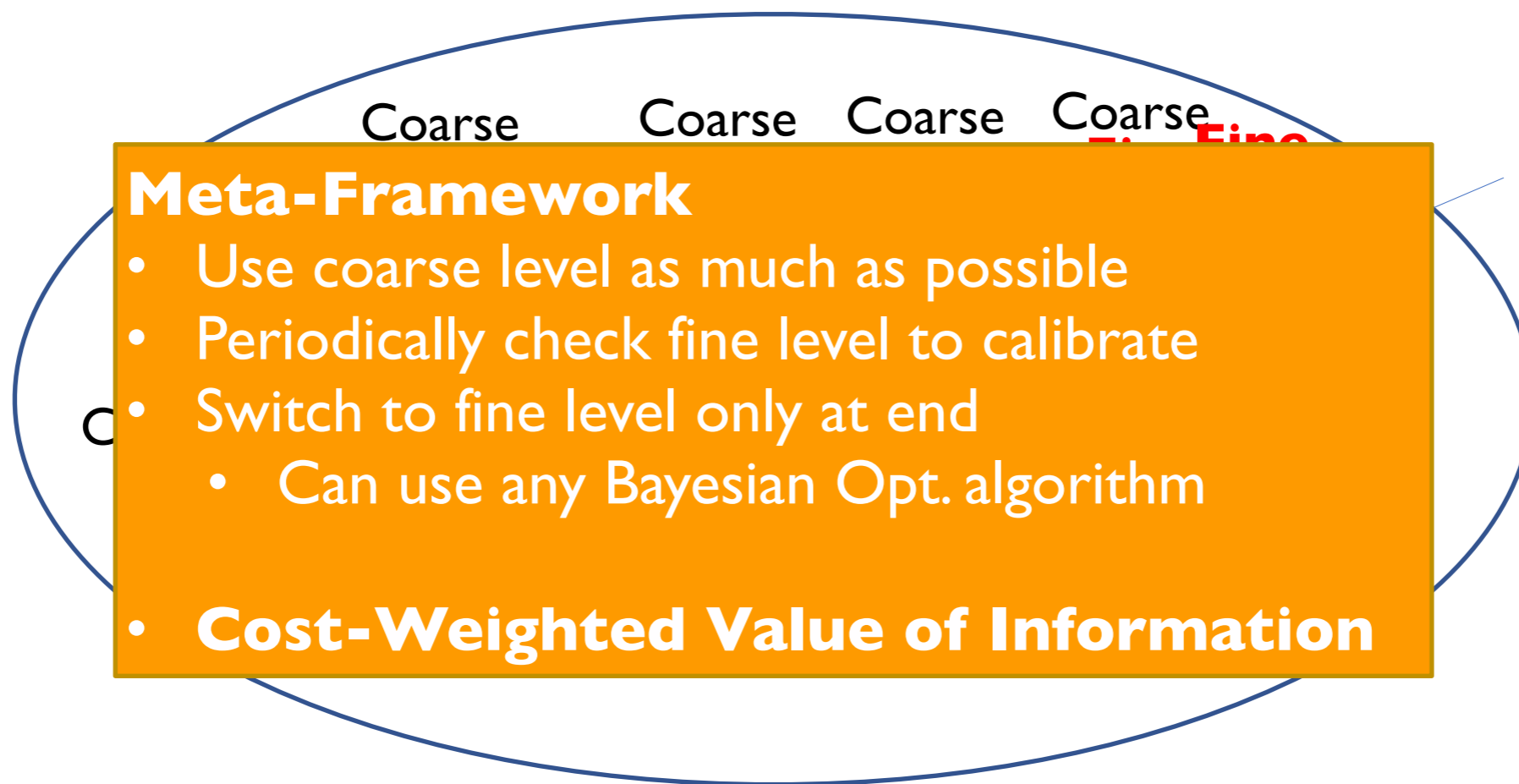
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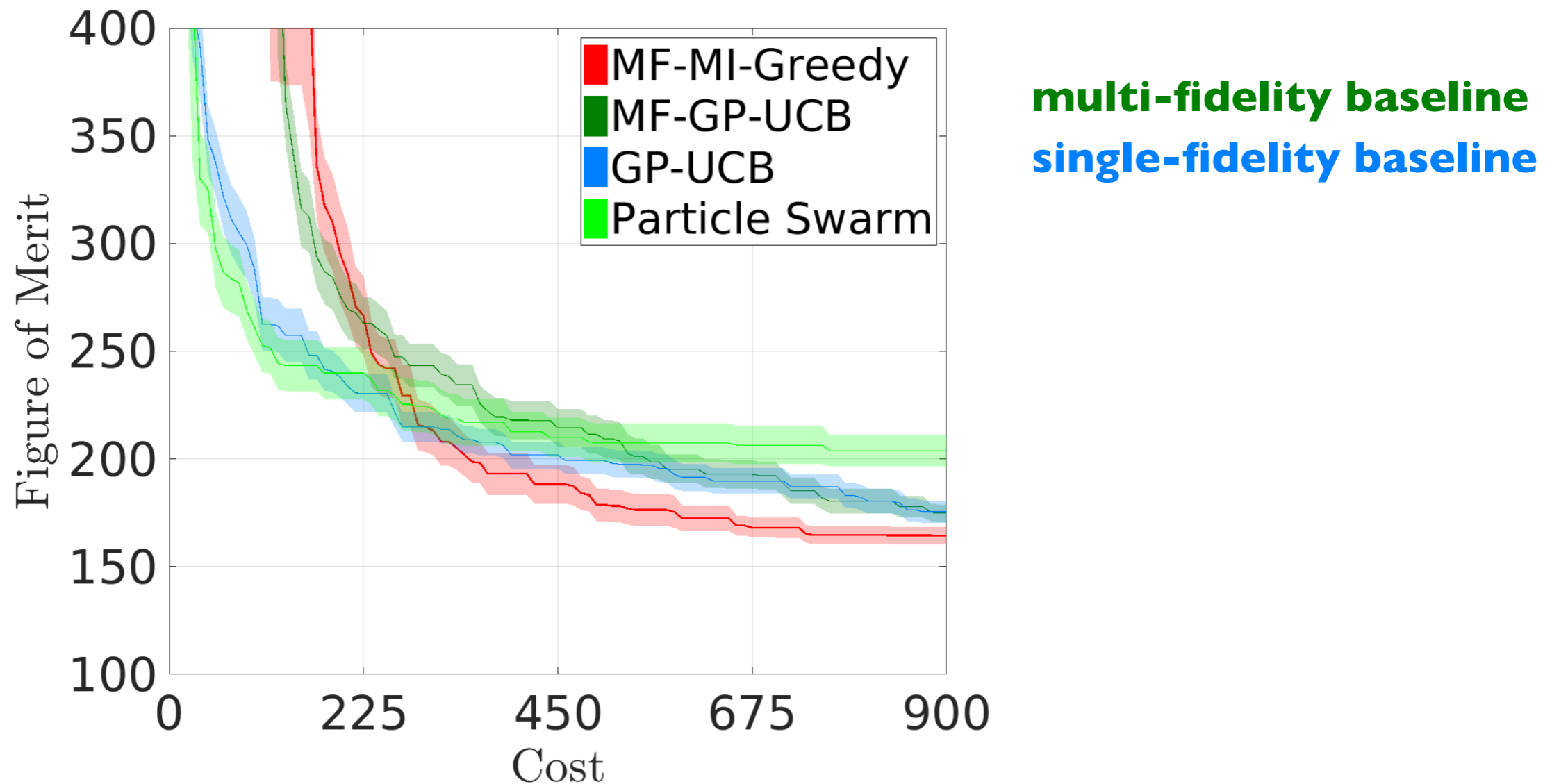
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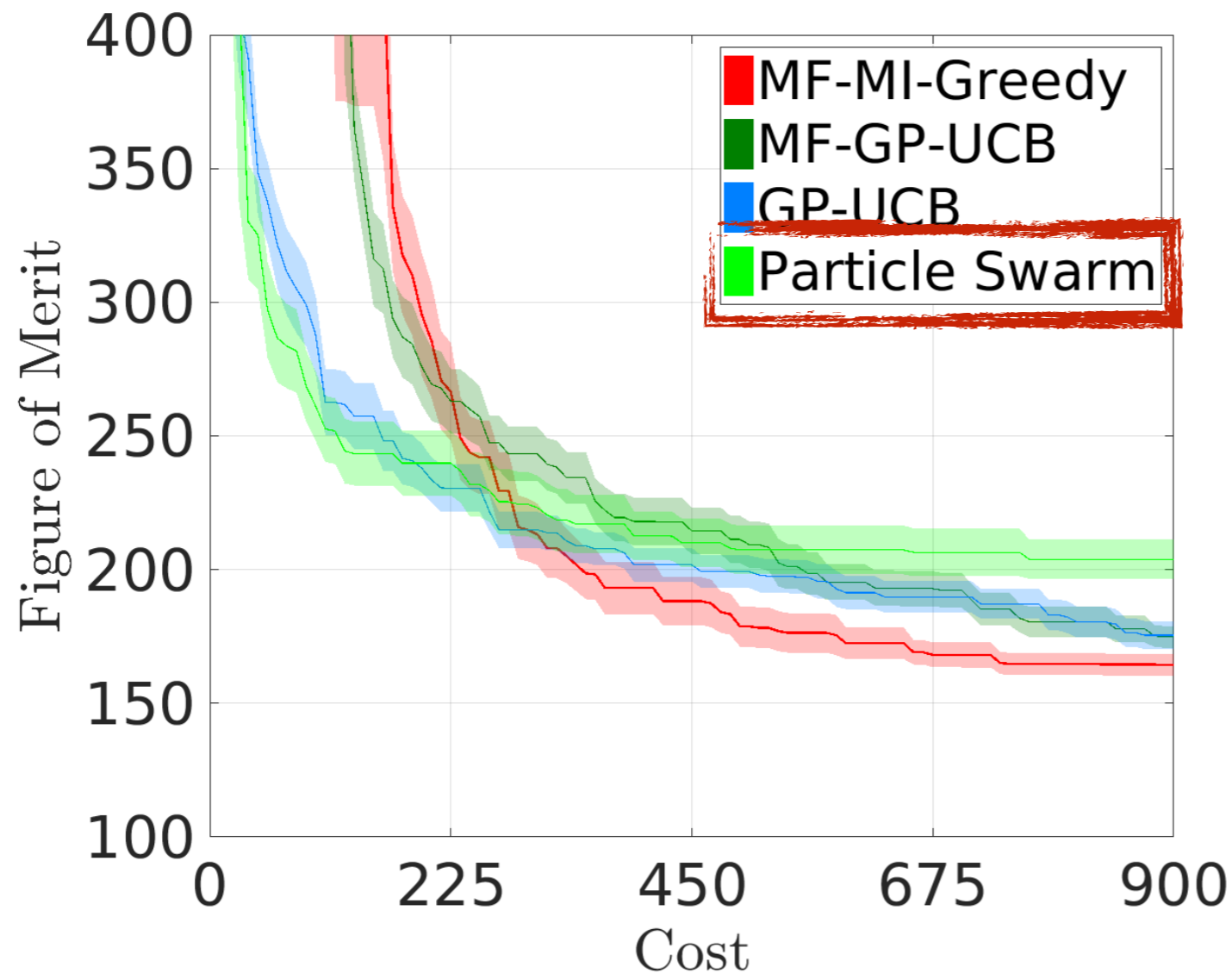
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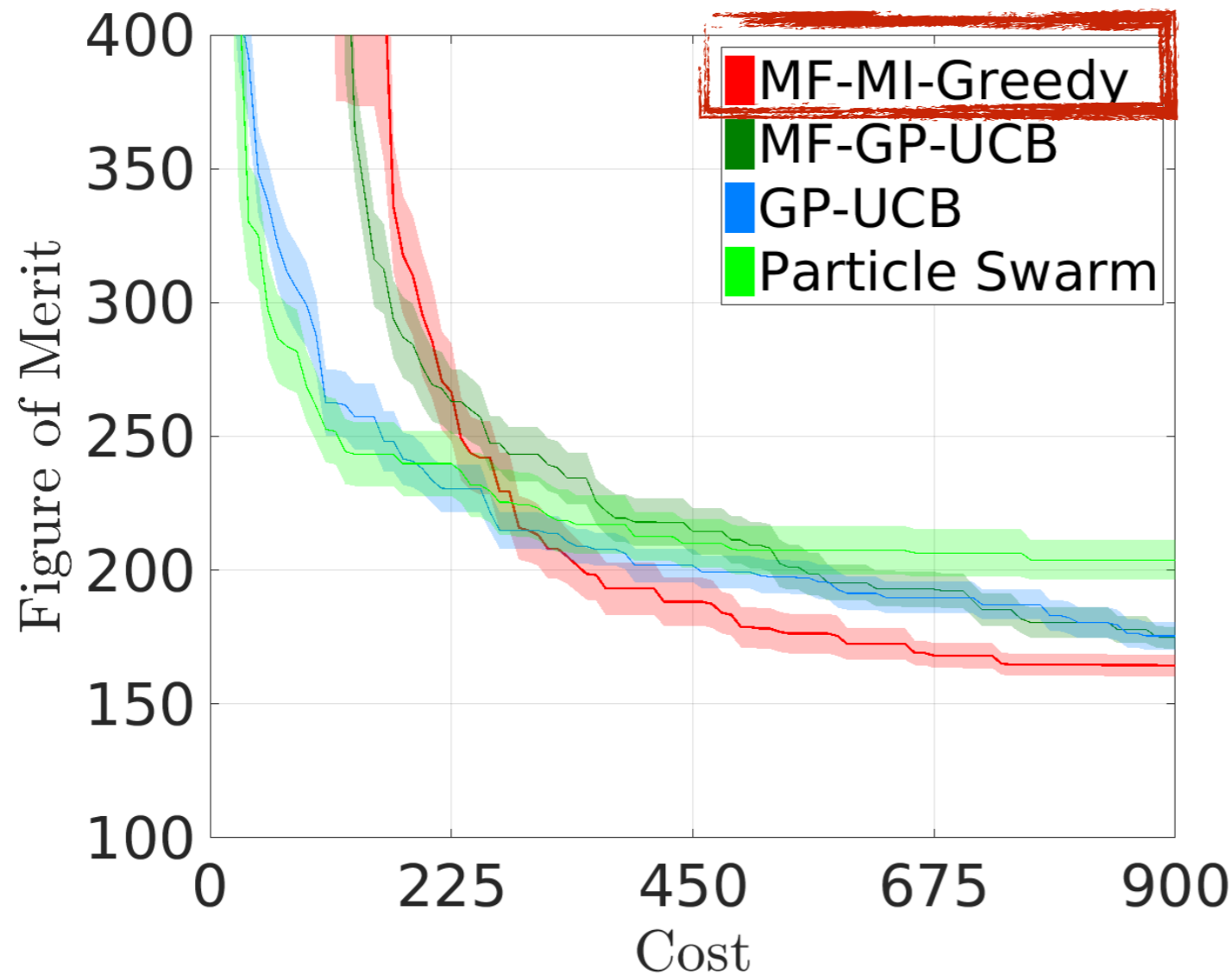


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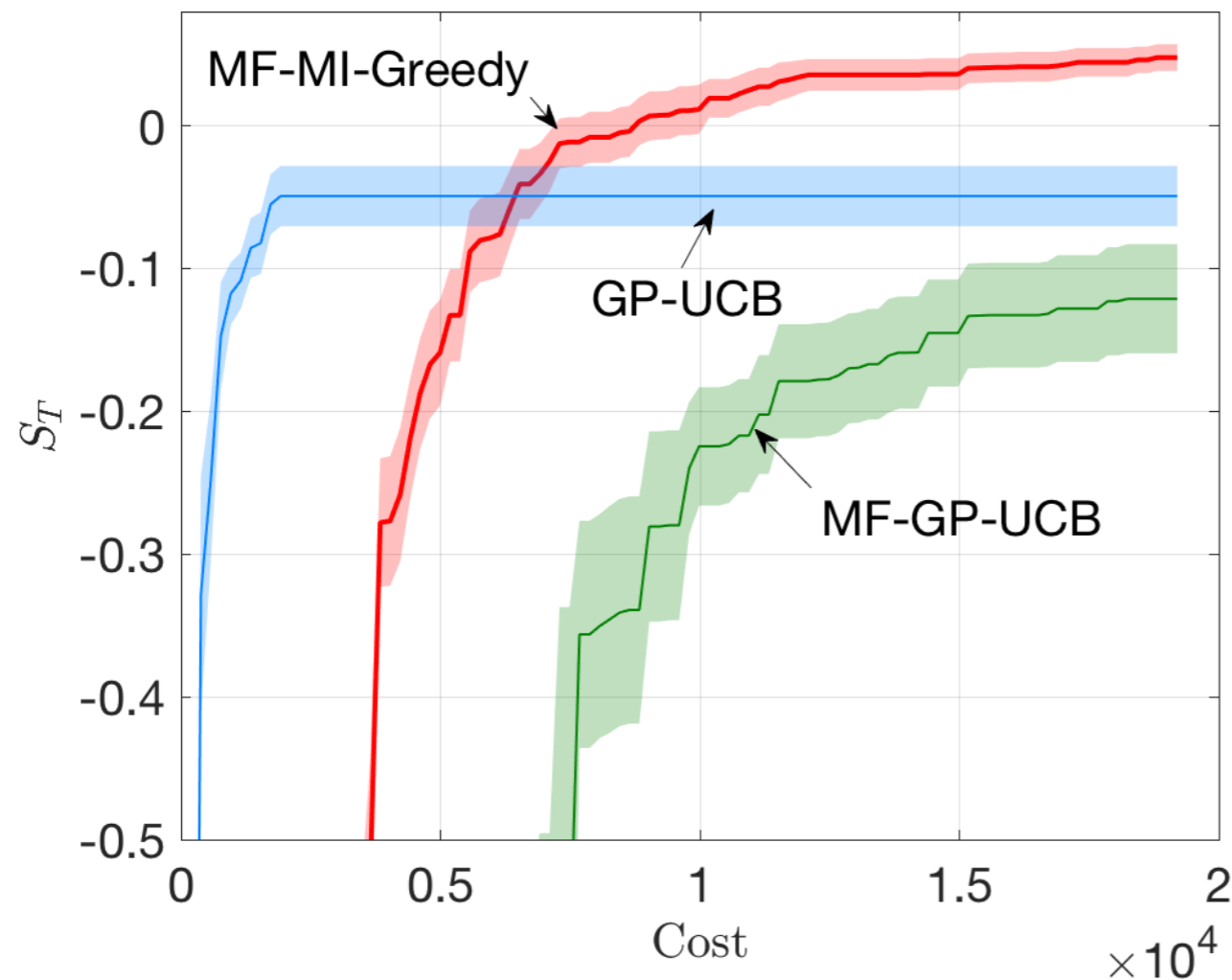
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Max. Likelihood Inference on three cosmological parameters:

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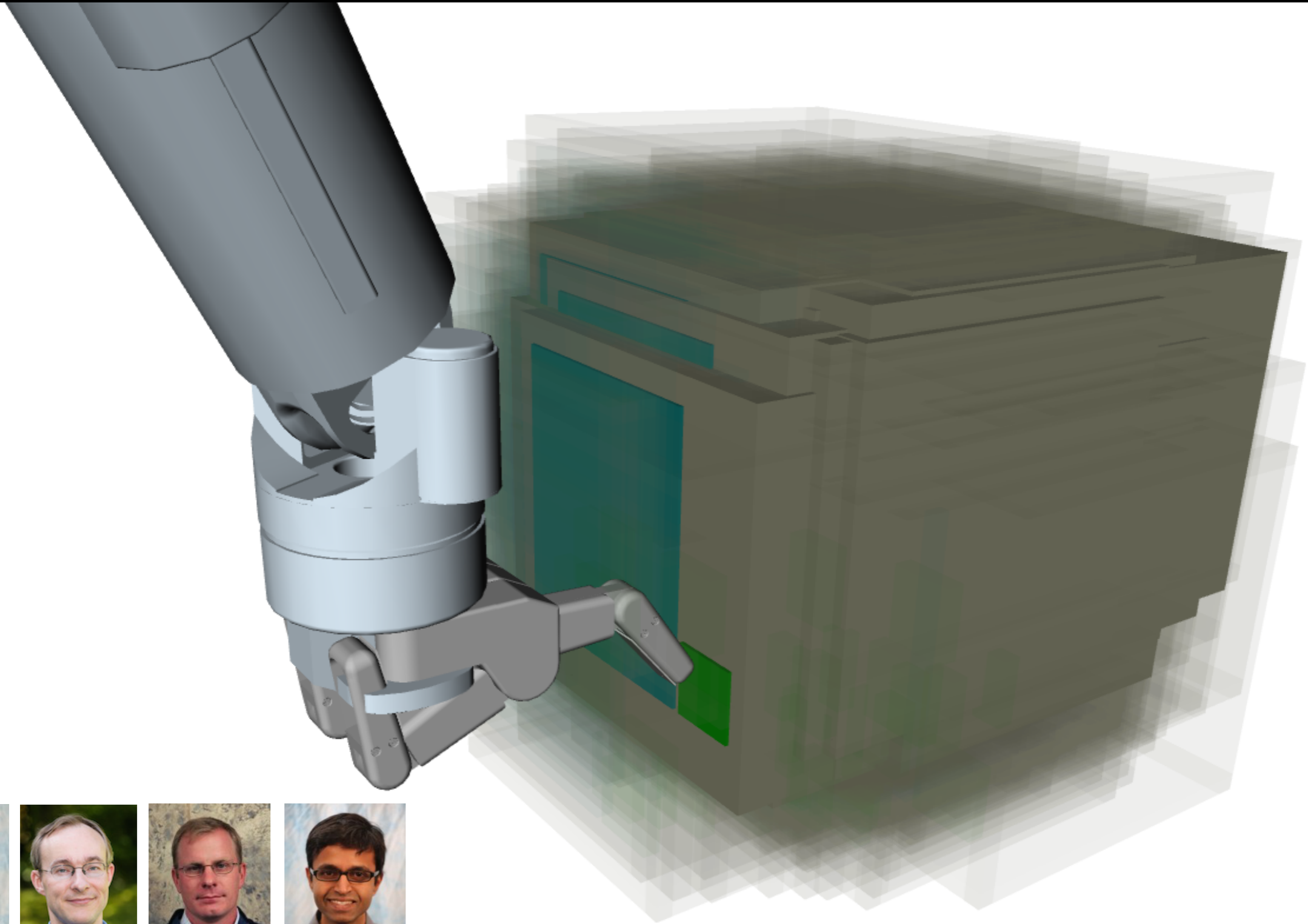
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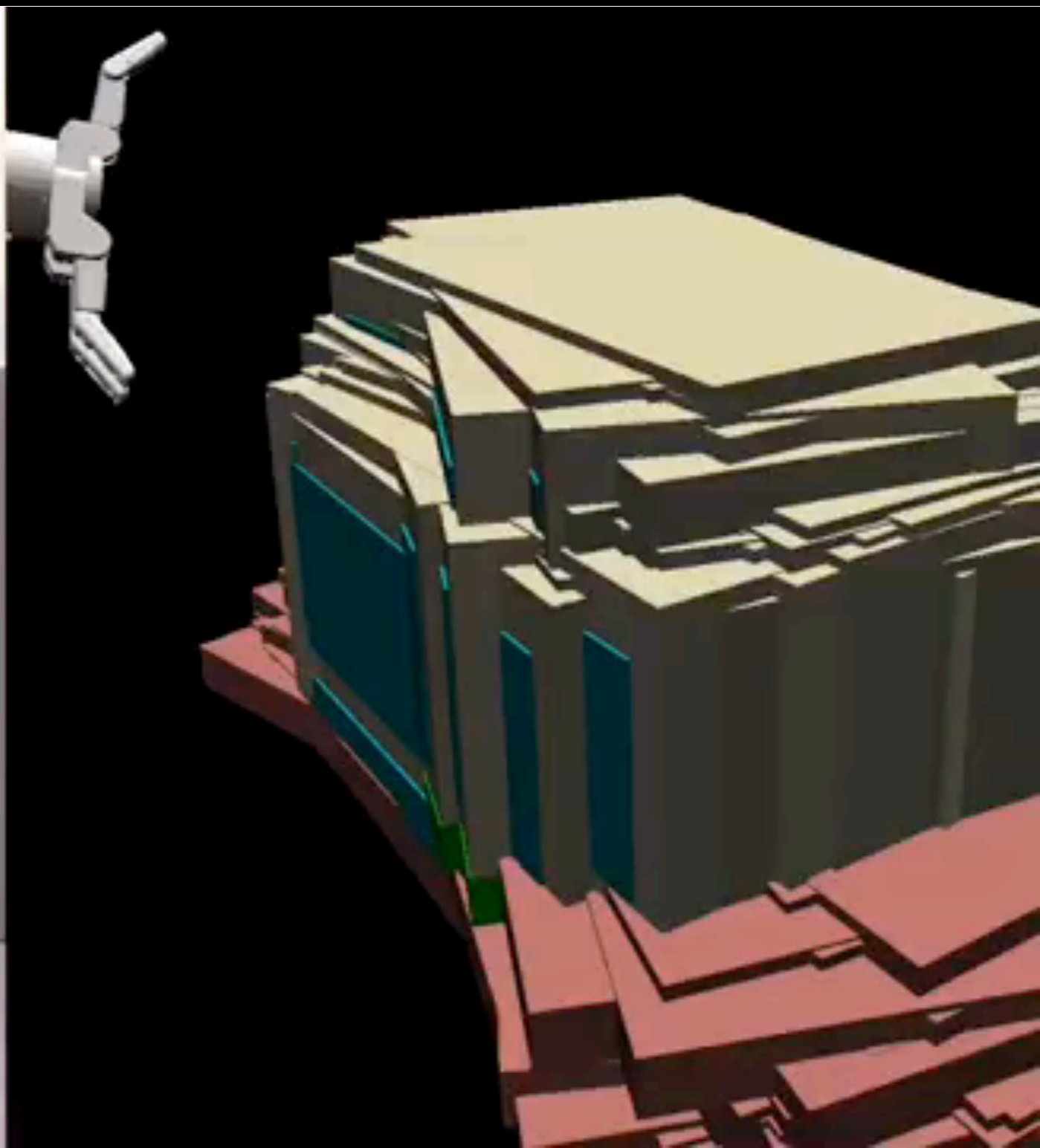
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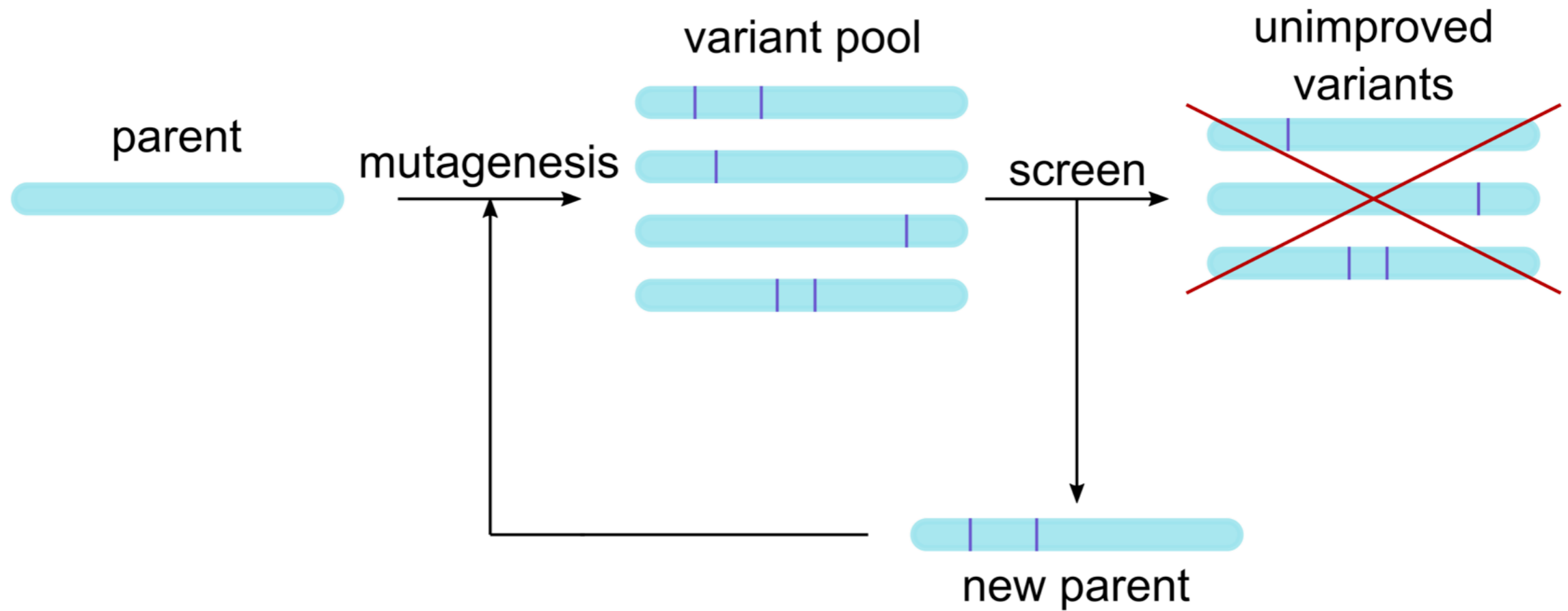
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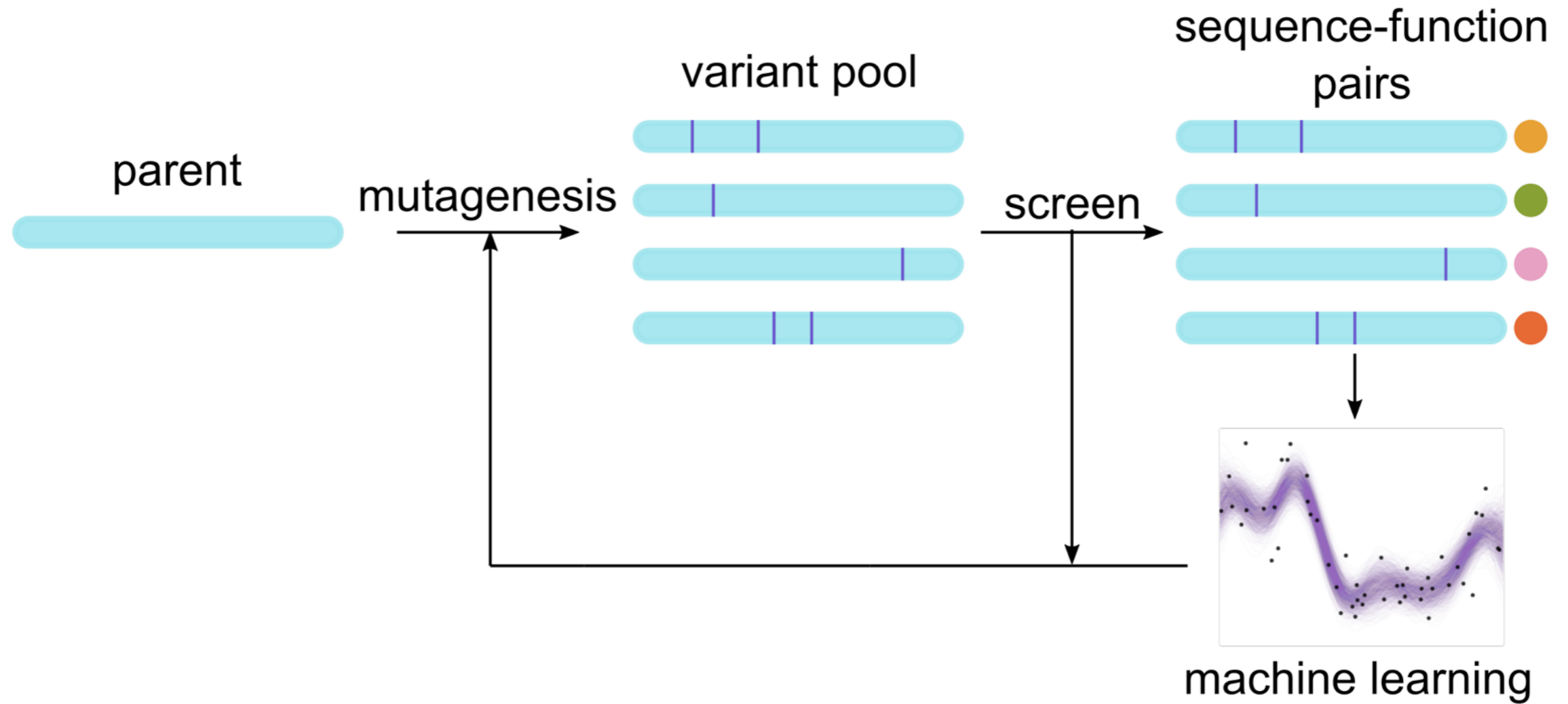
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Directed Evolution



Directed Evolution + AI



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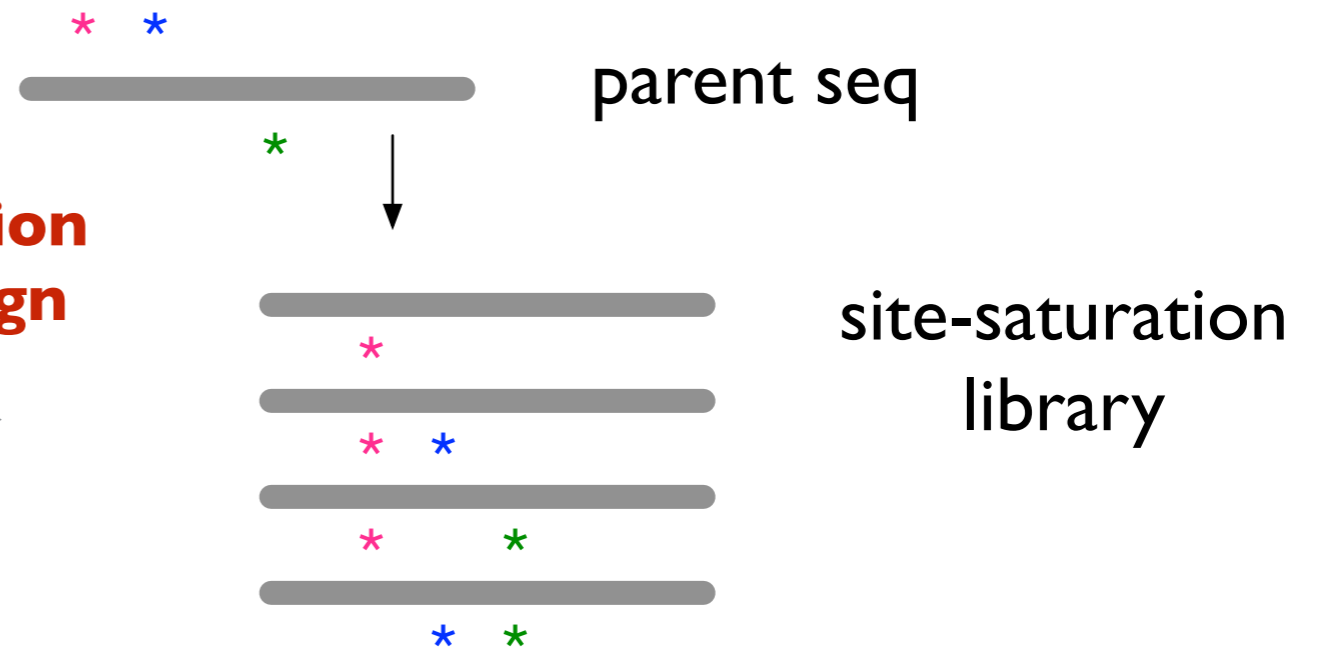
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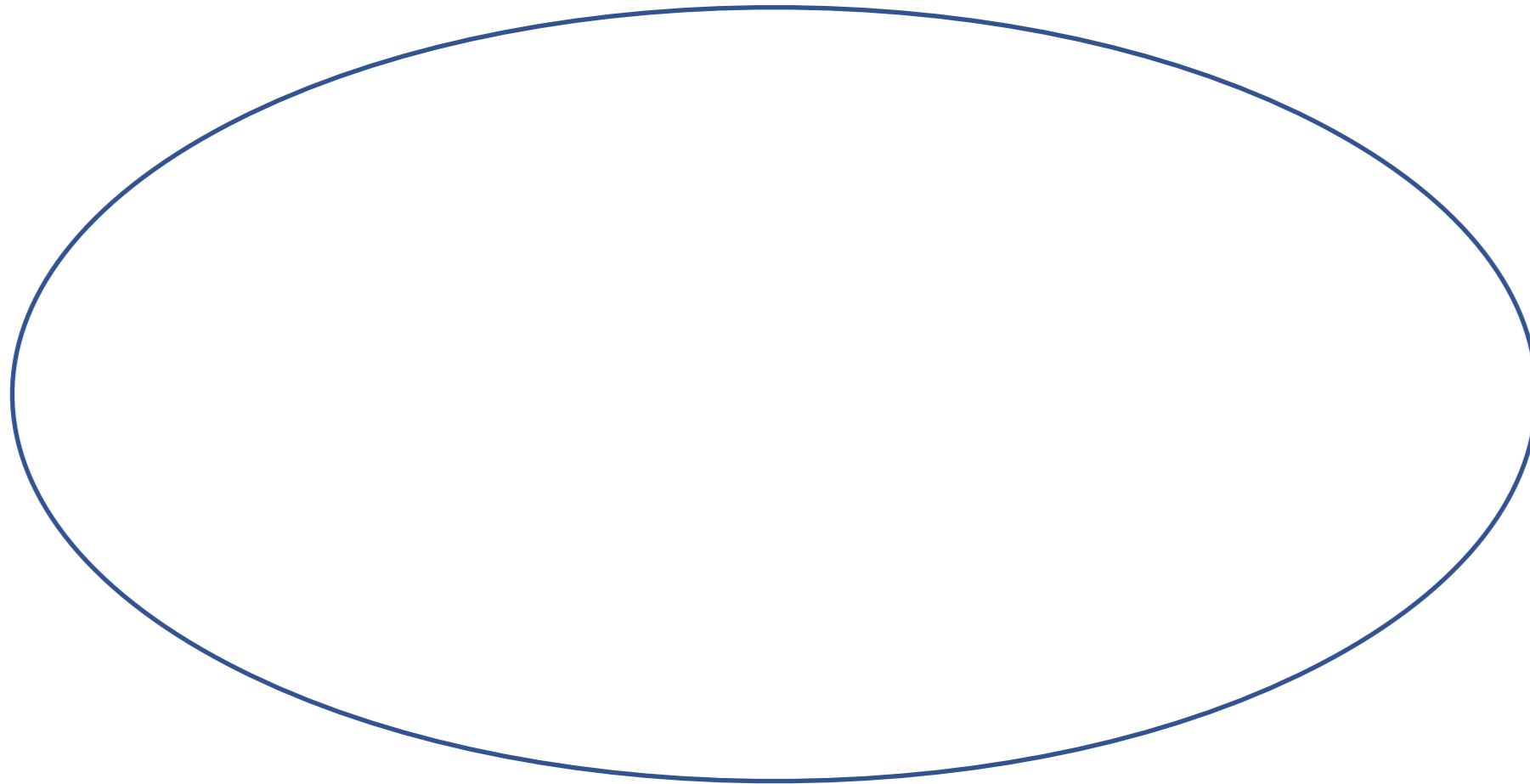
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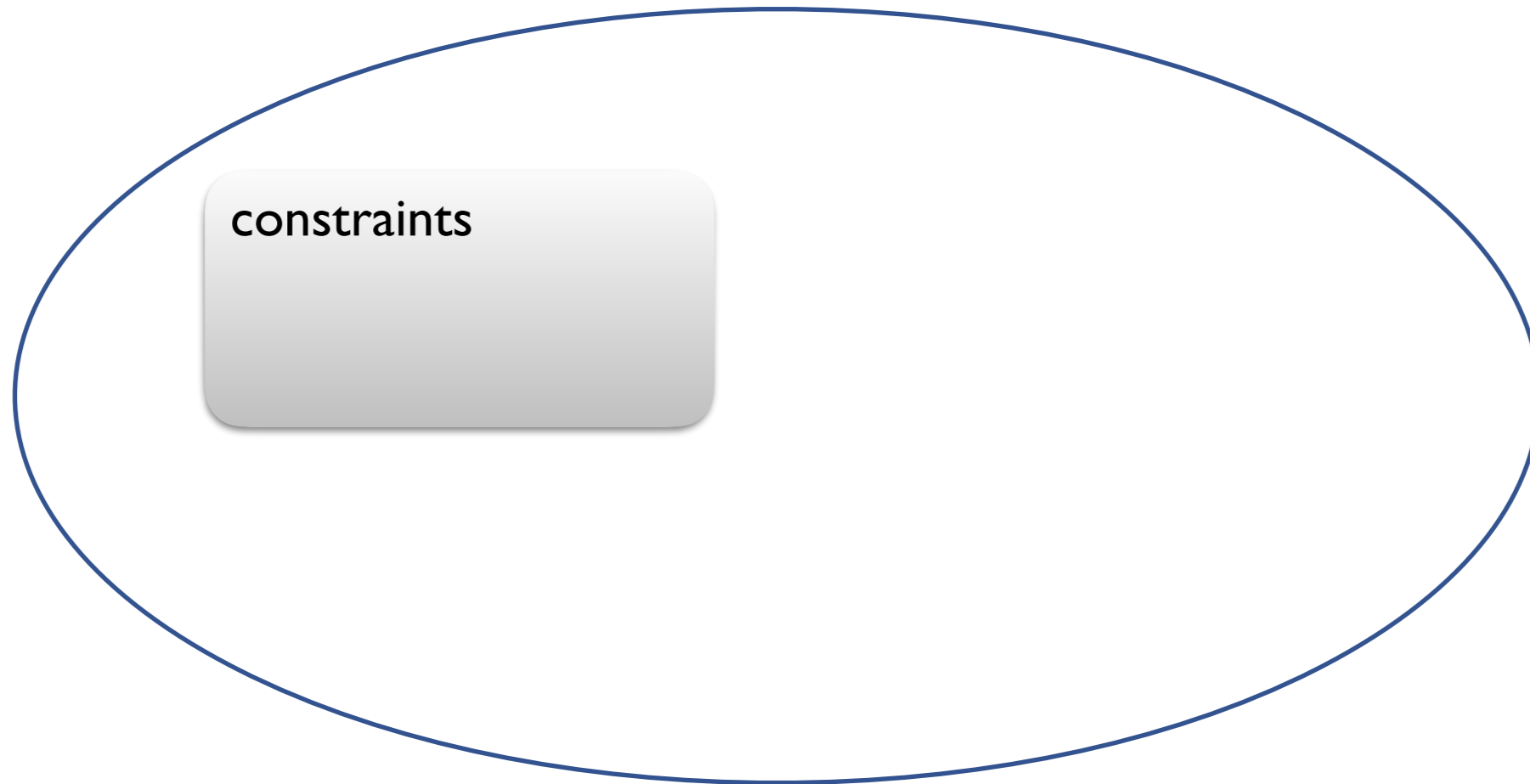


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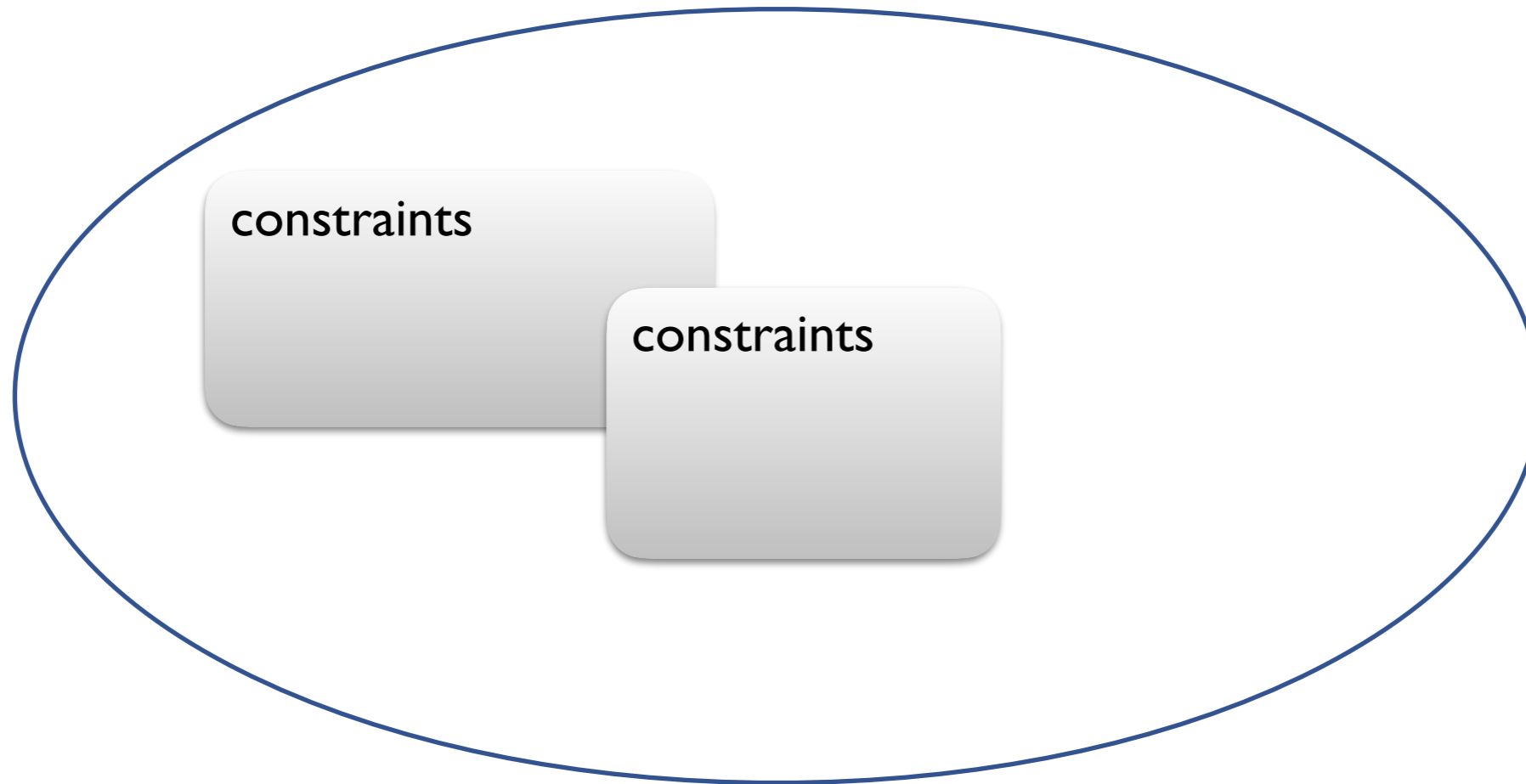
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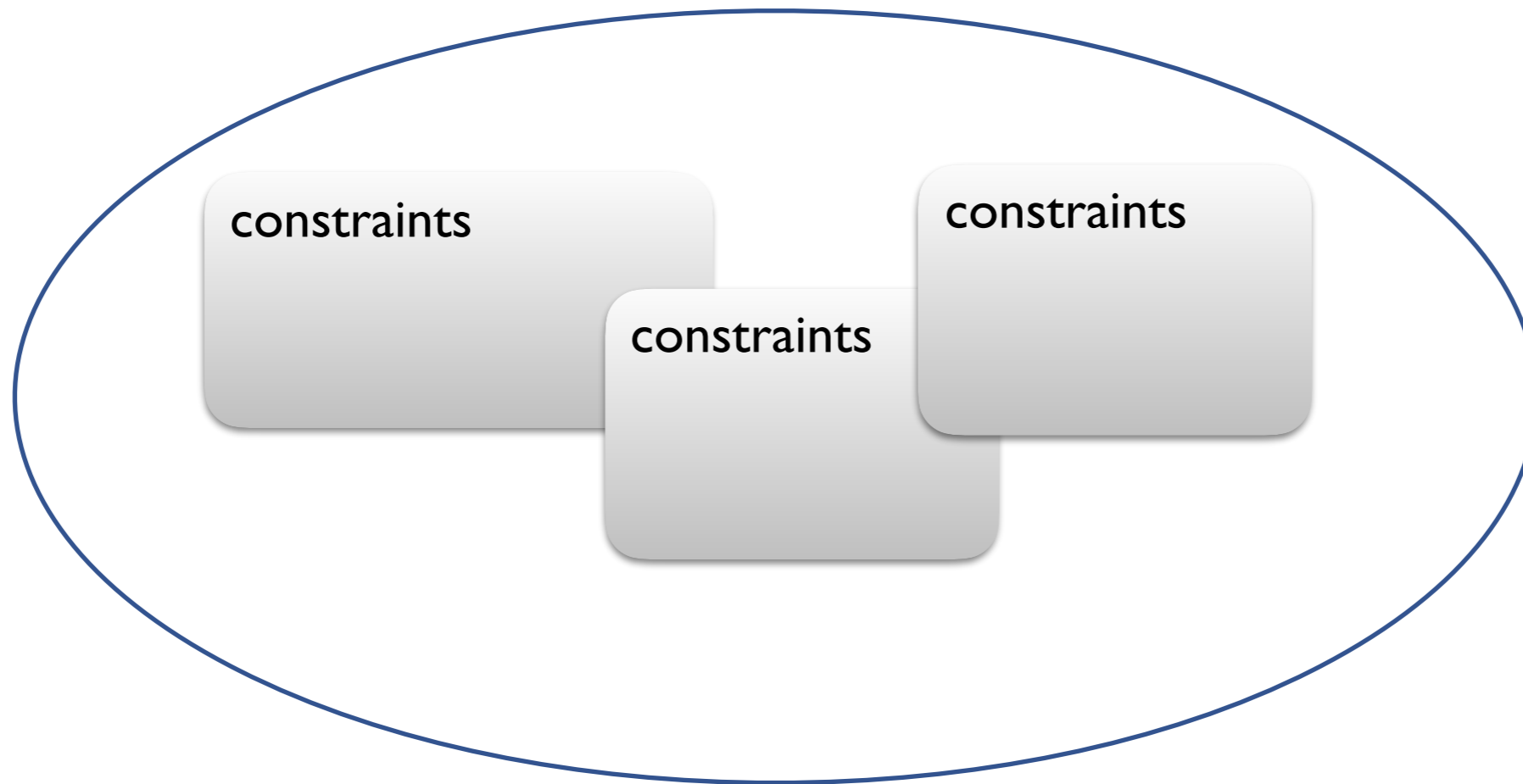
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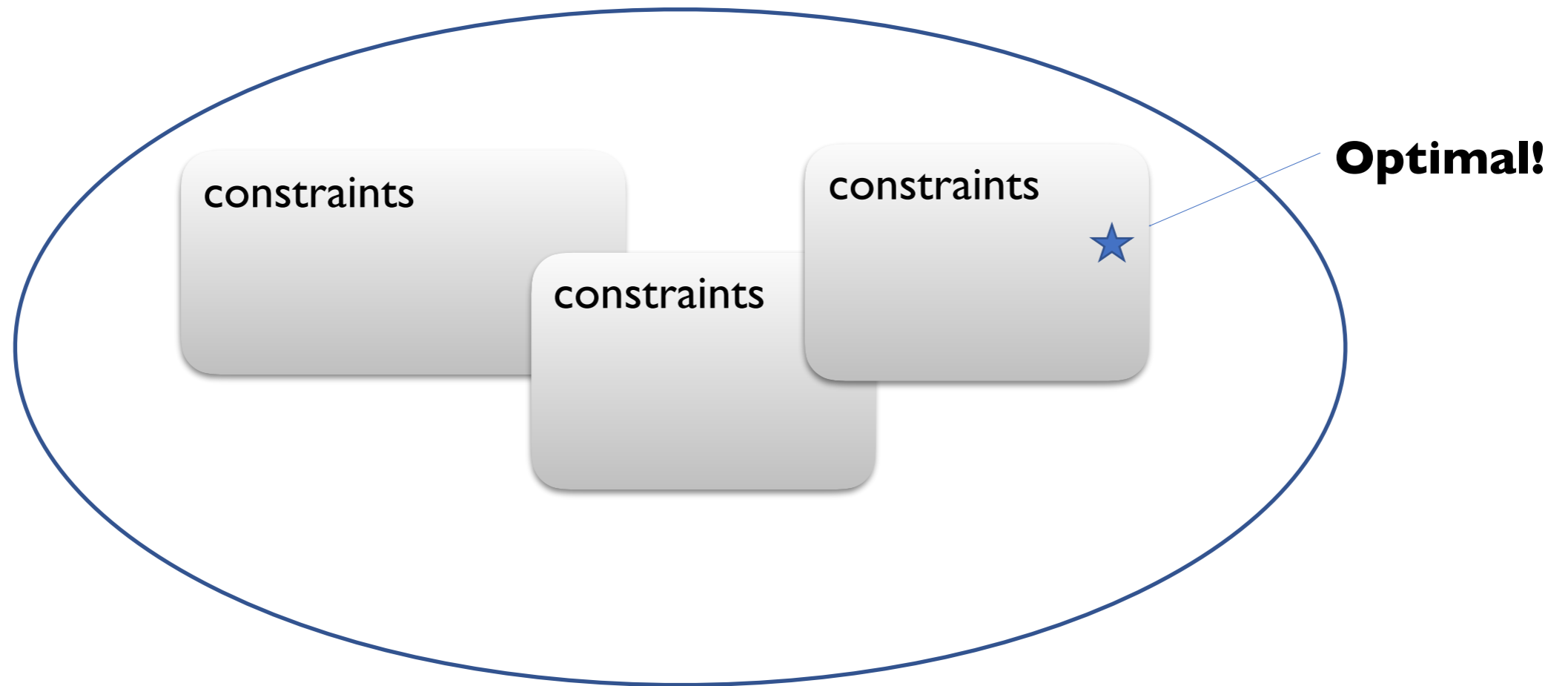
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Algorithmic Insights

Maximize Expected Improvement

- Define utility as the # of “good” sequences
- Solve a combinatorial optimization problem
- Represent the set function as the difference of two submodular functions (DS)

Provably convergence guarantees

Optimal!

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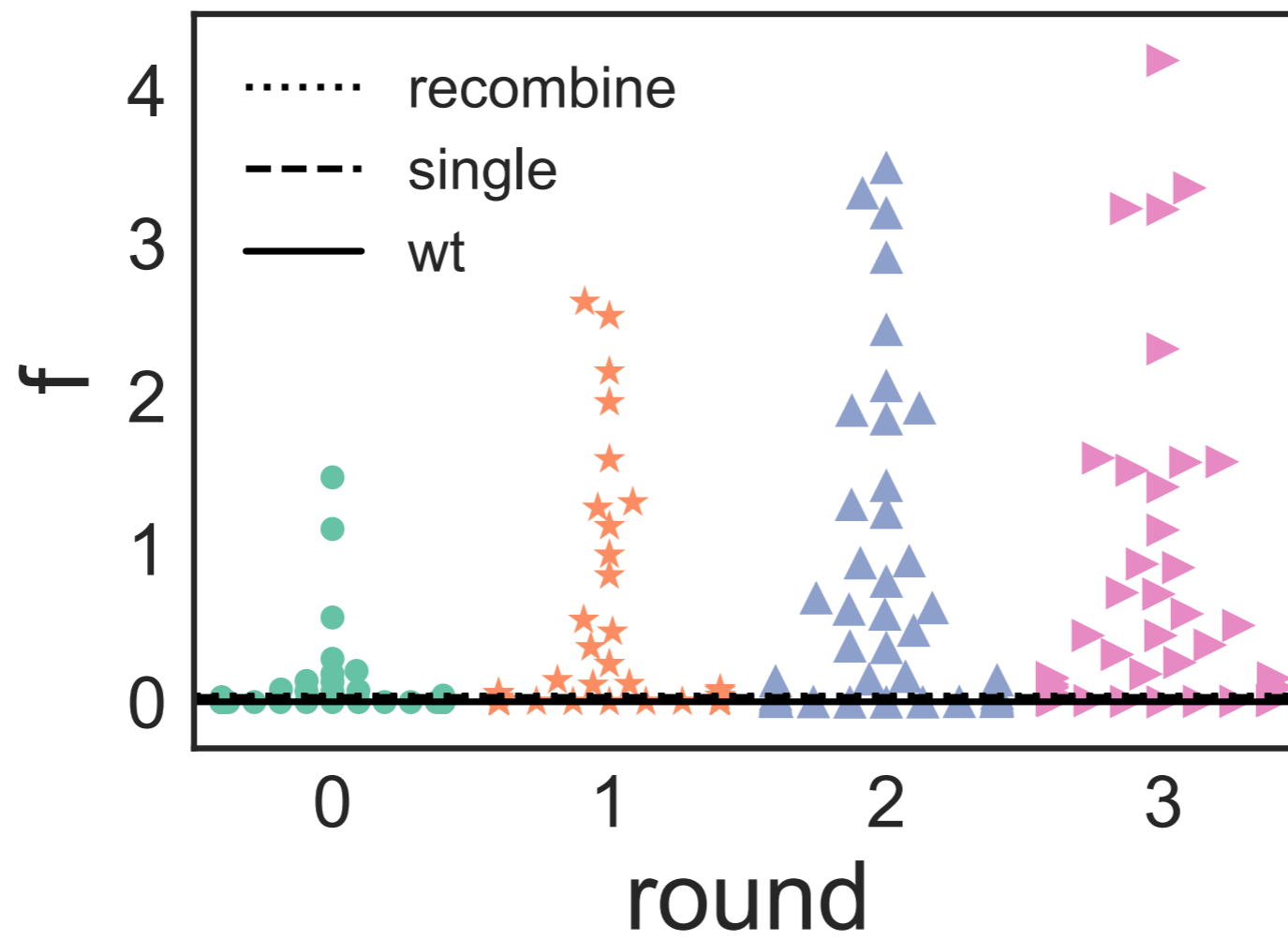
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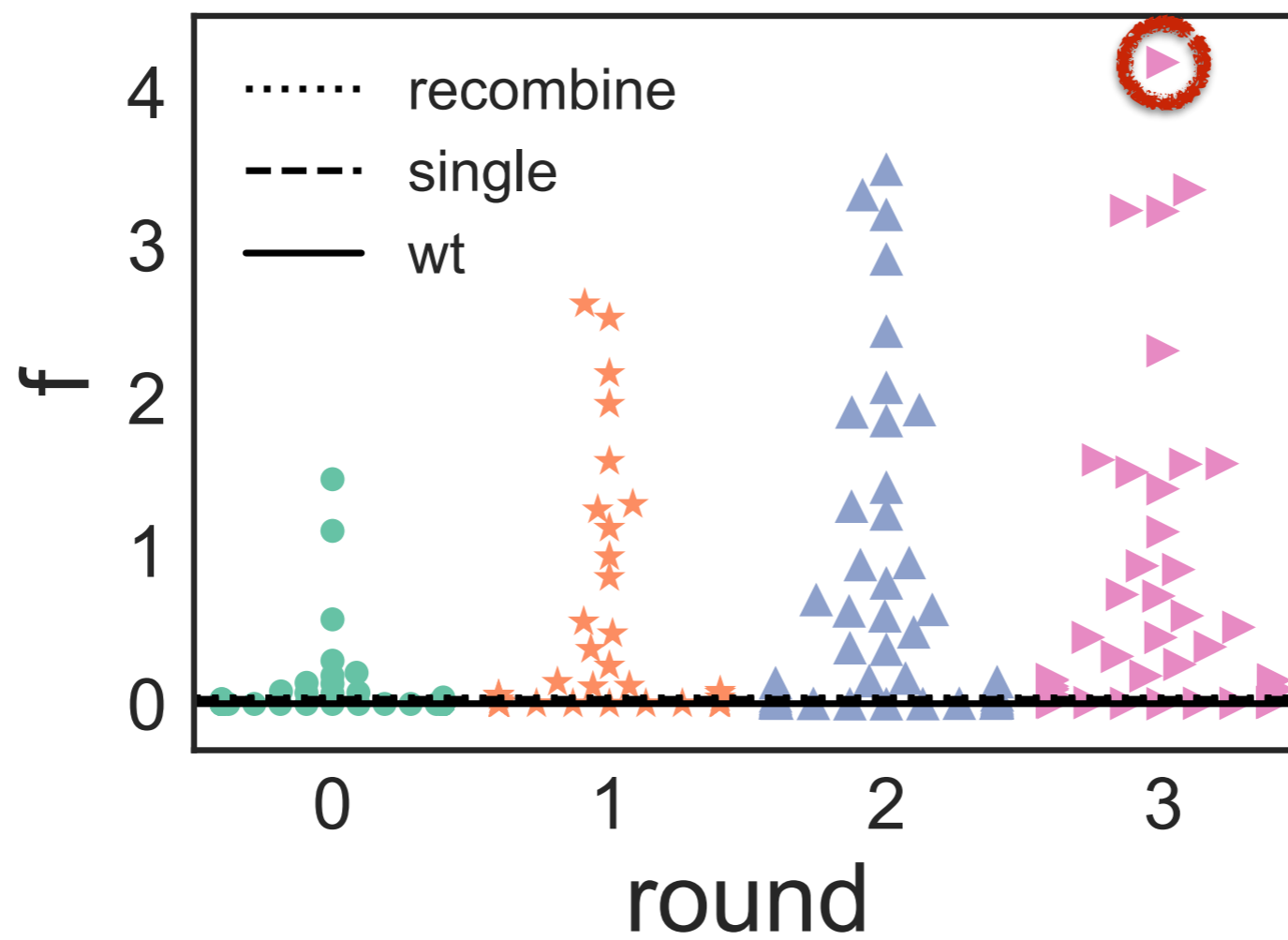
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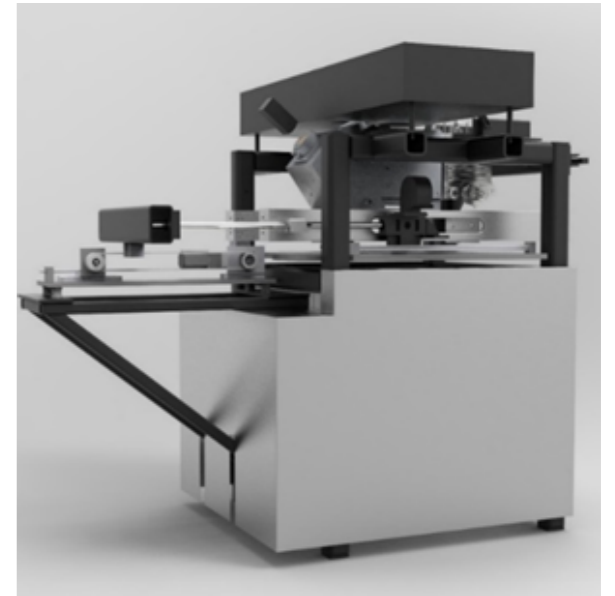
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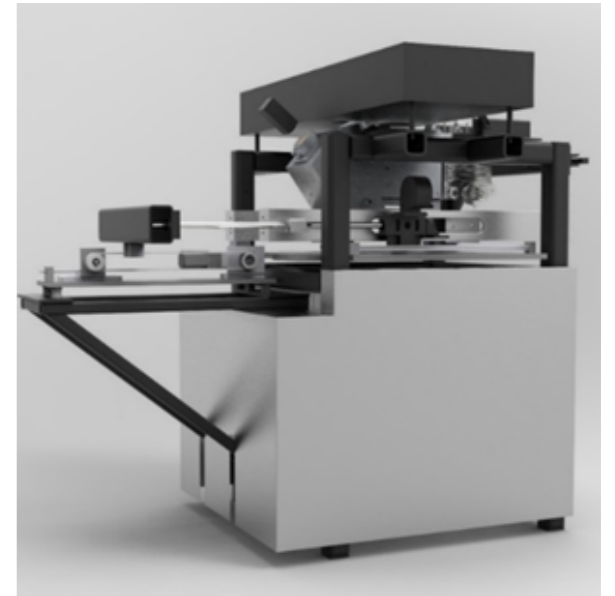
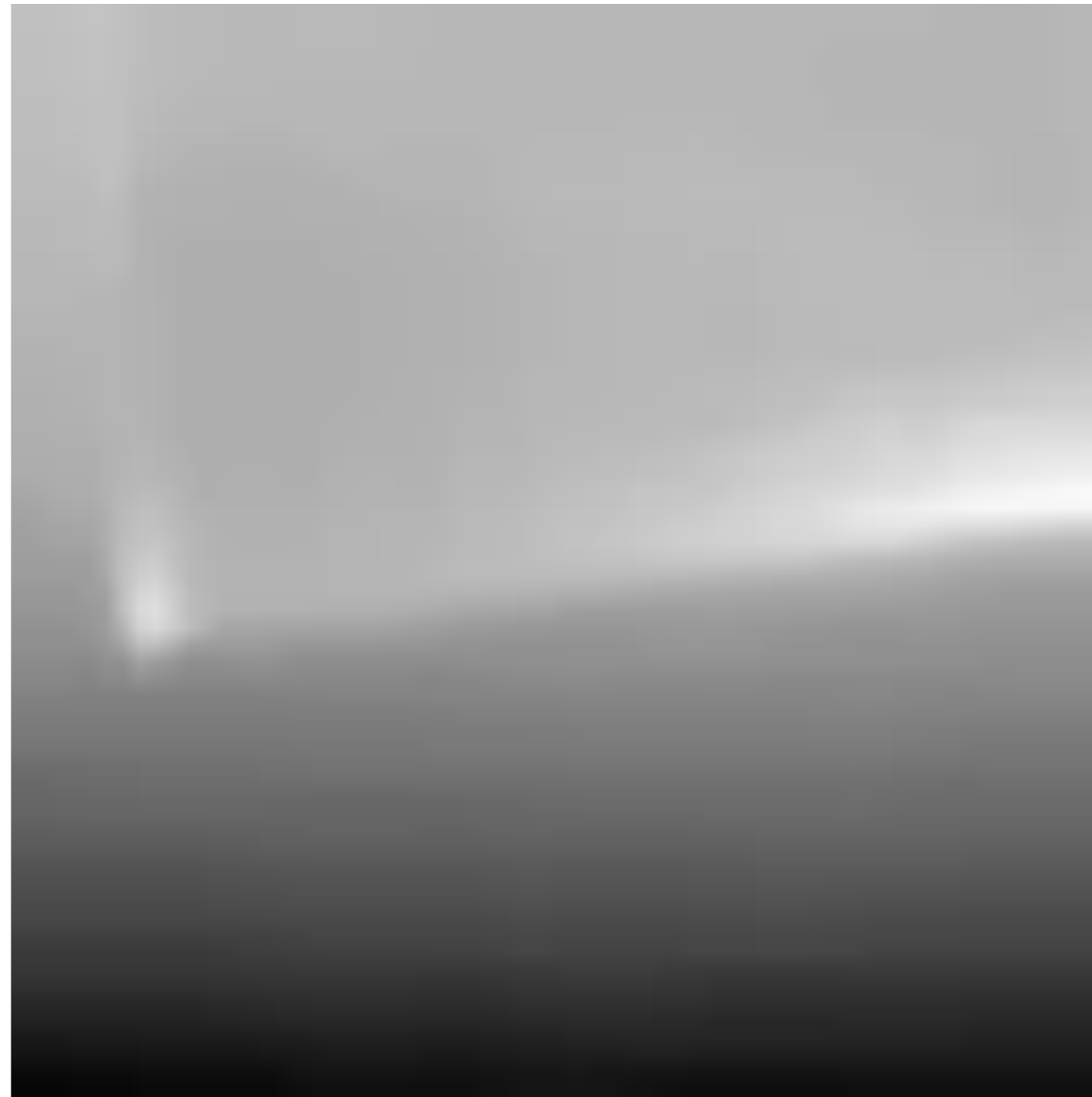


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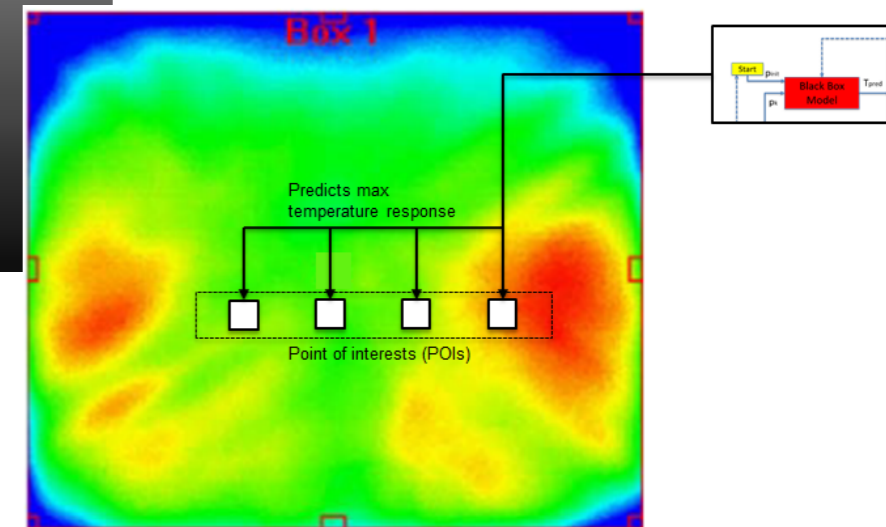
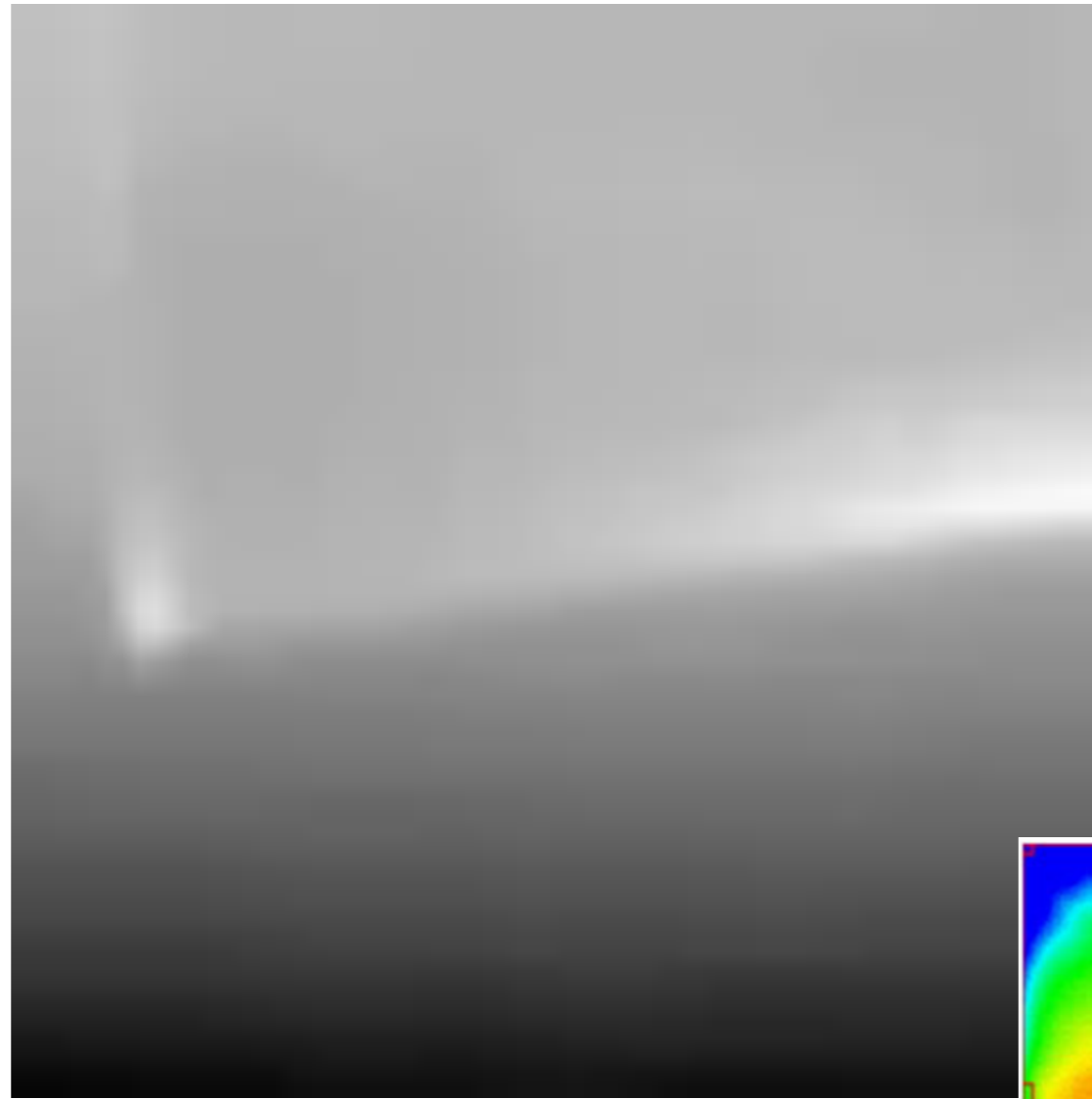


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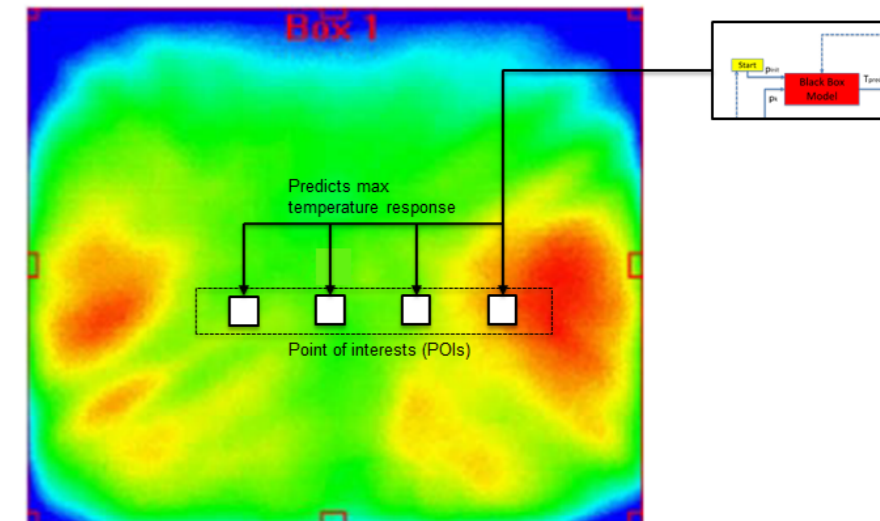
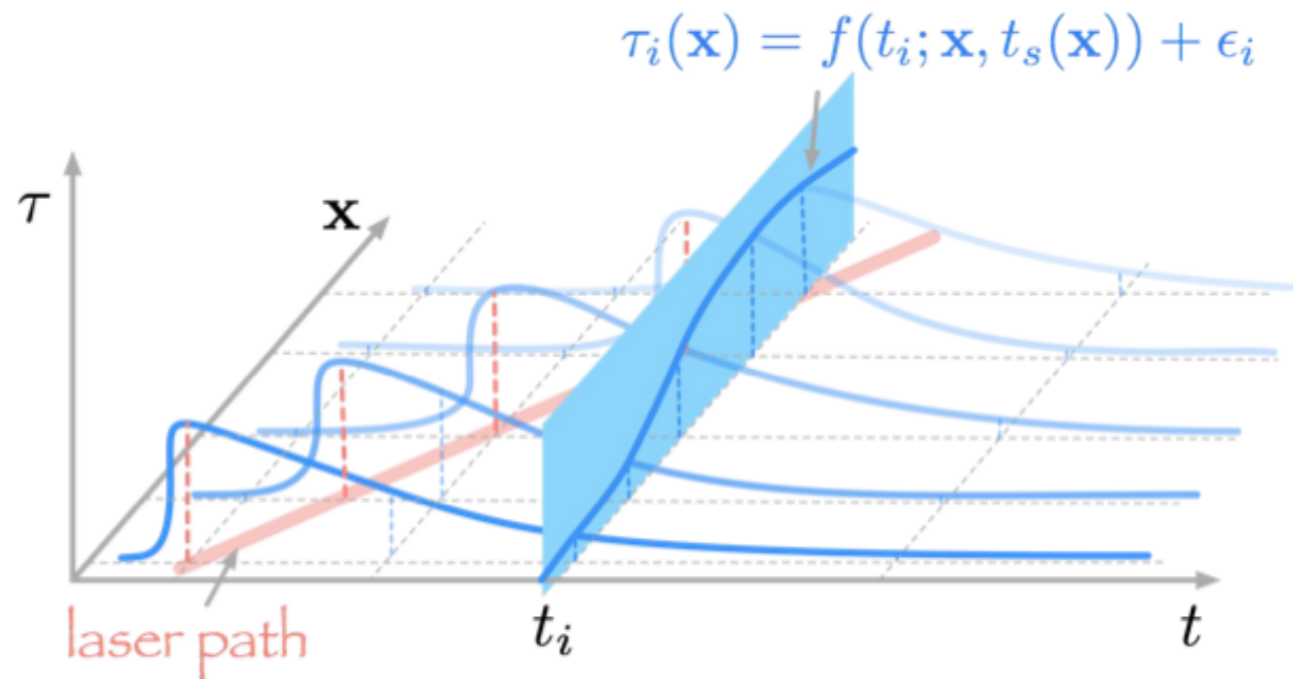
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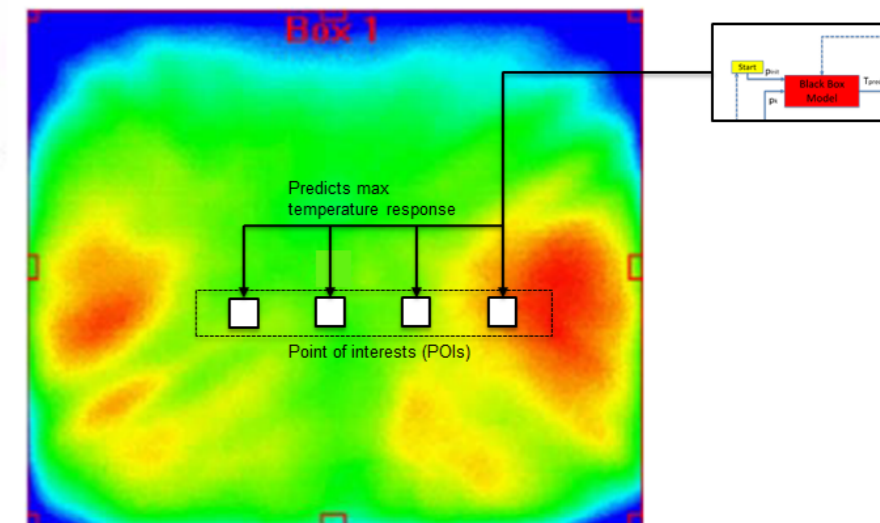
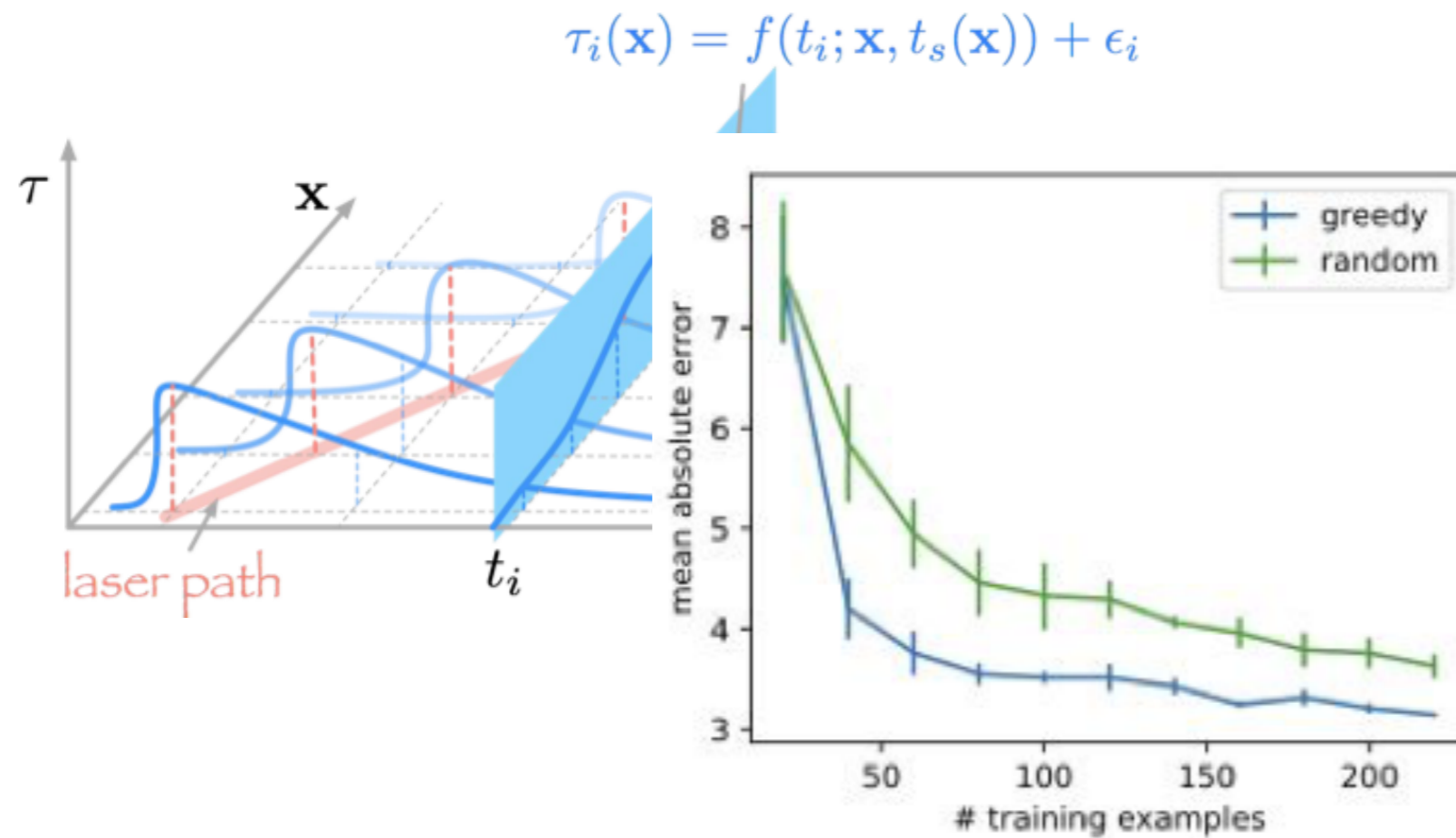
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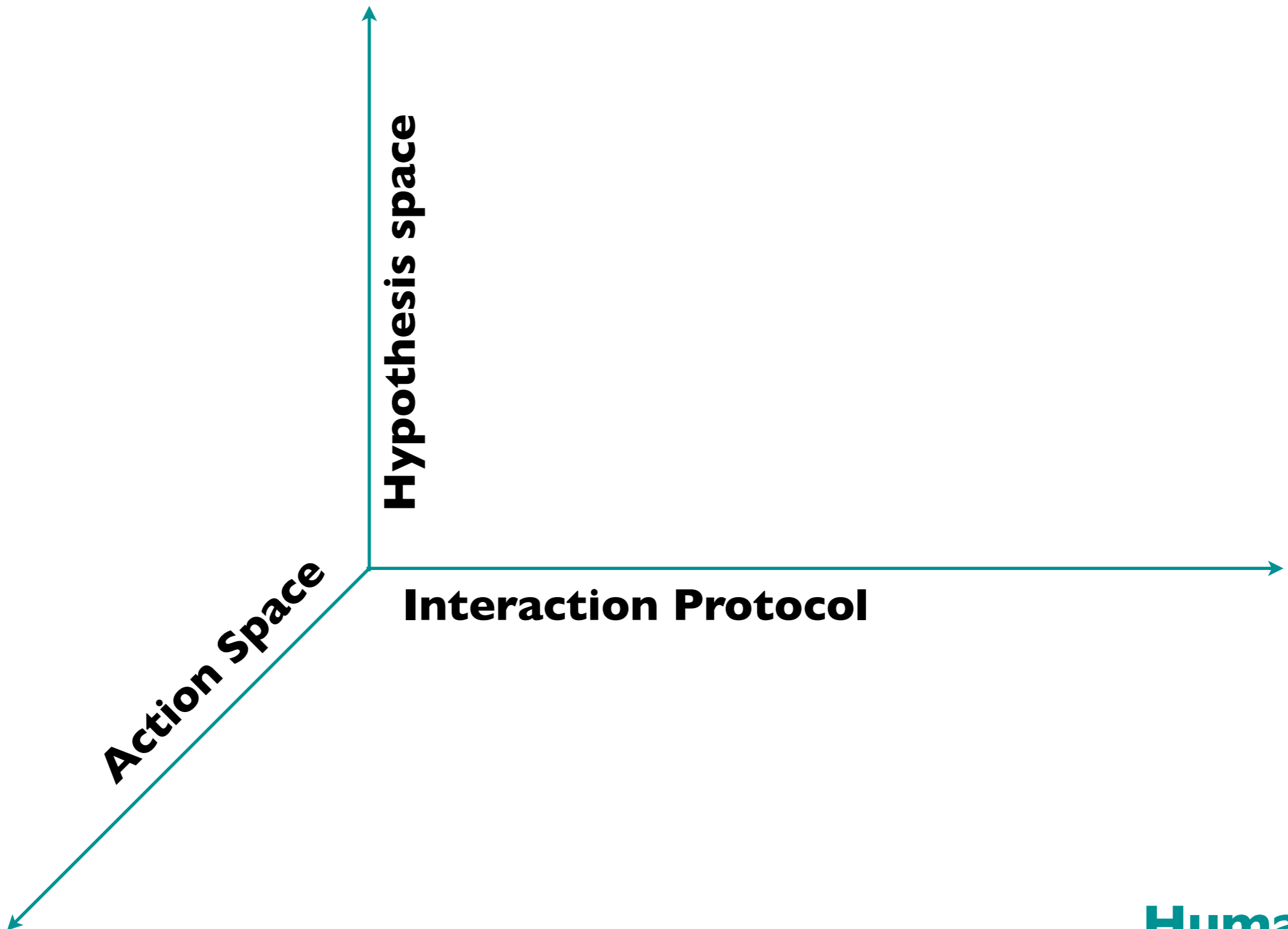
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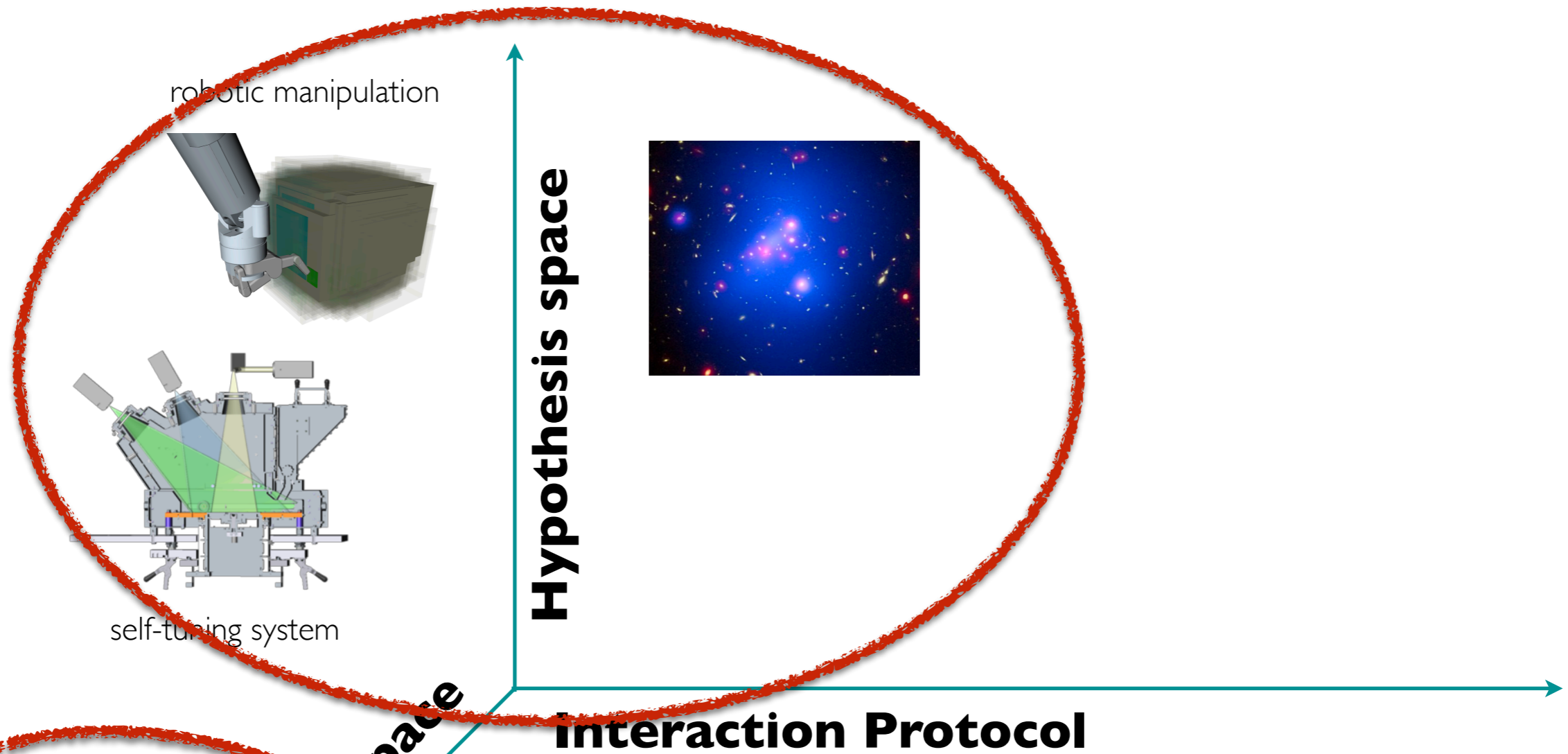
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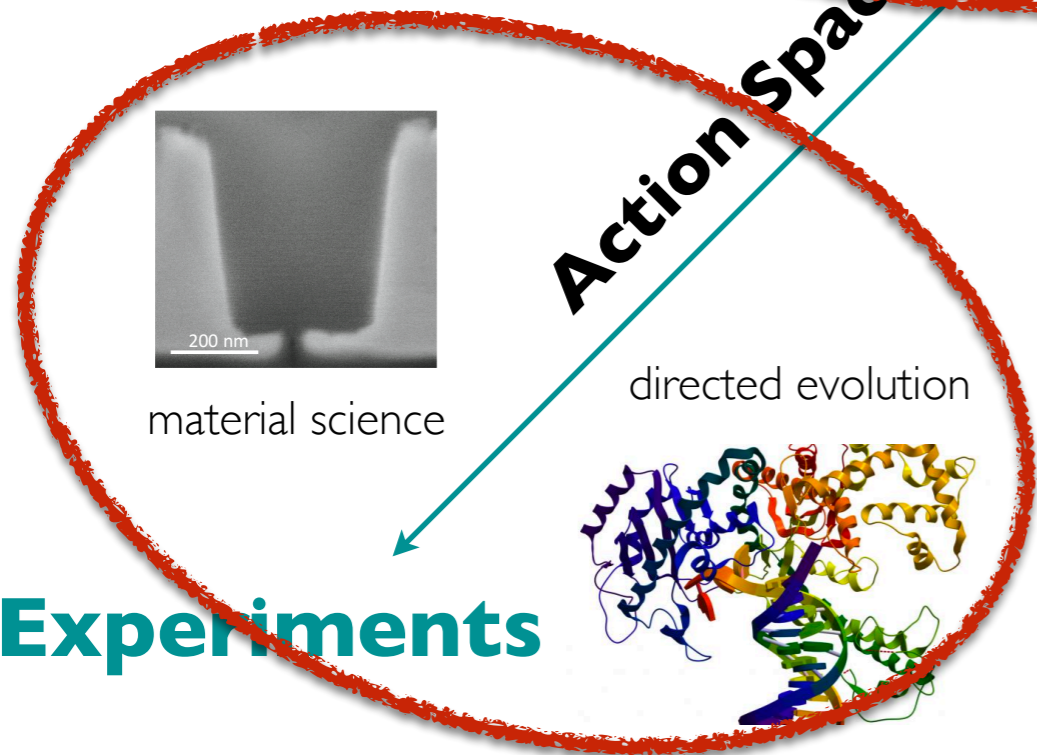
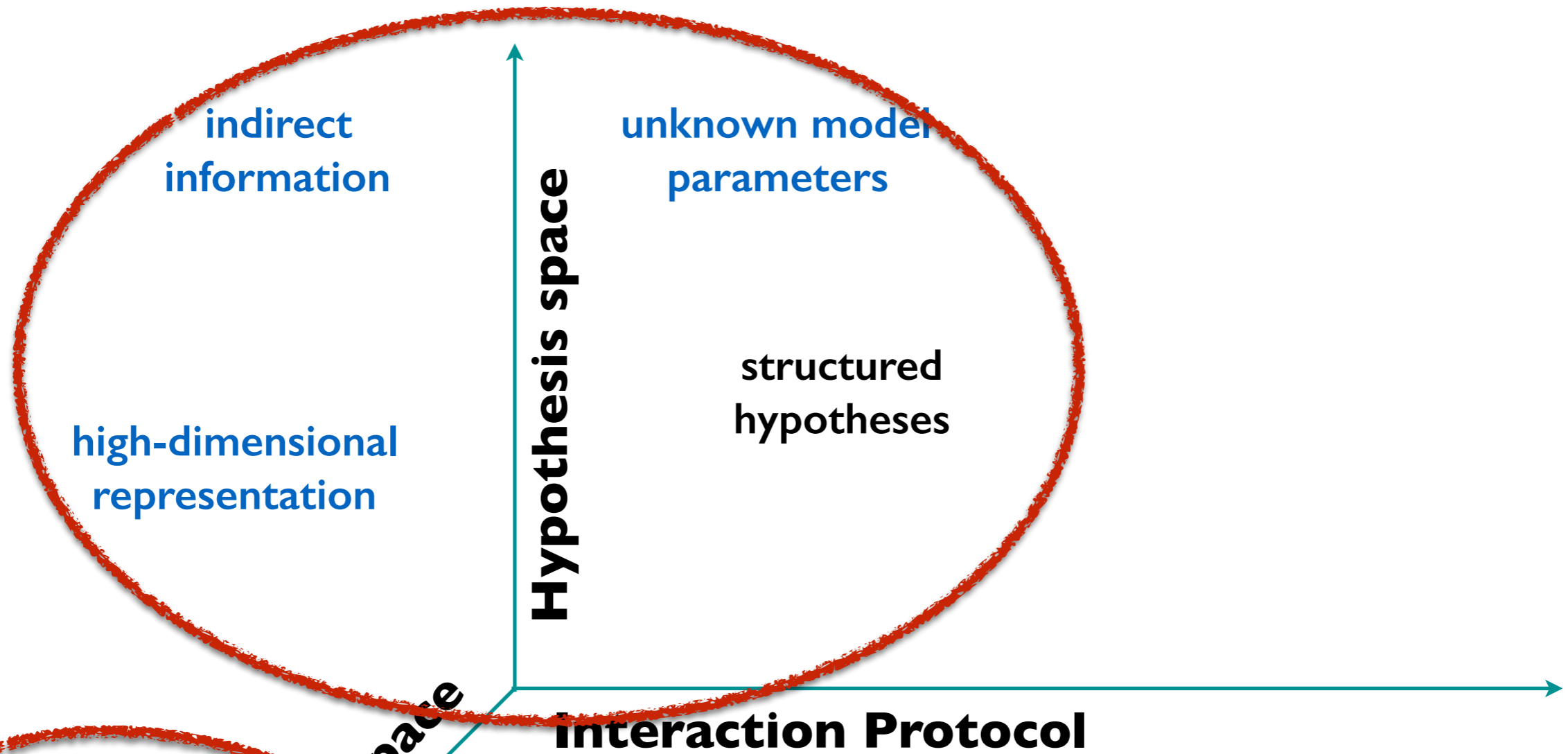
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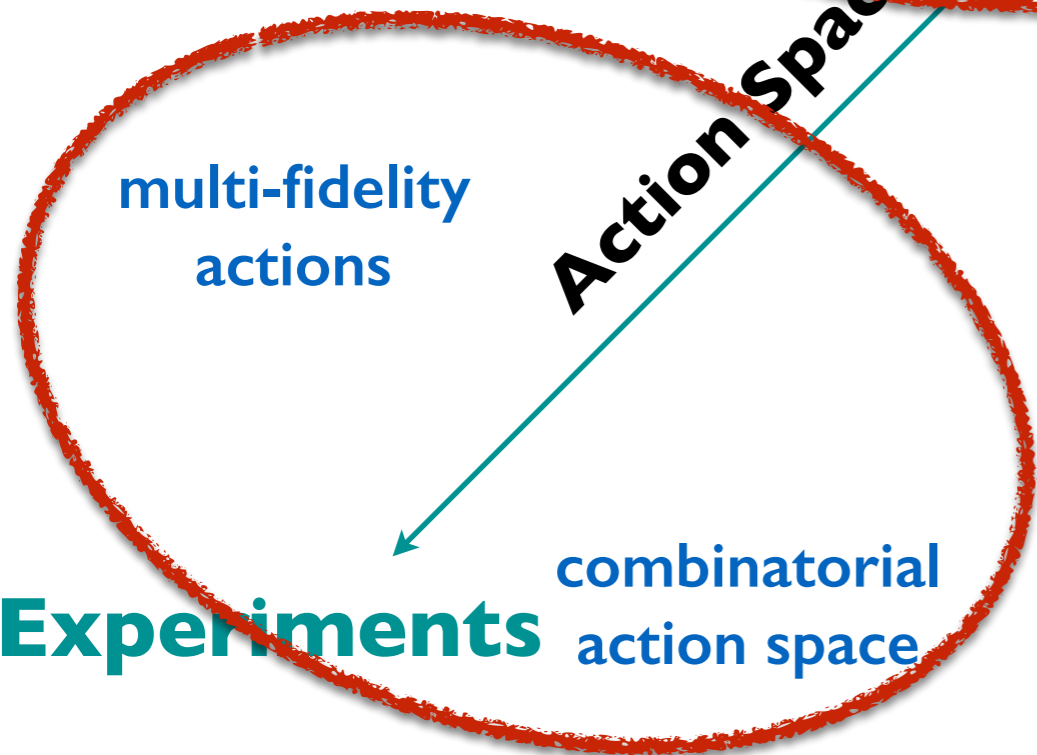
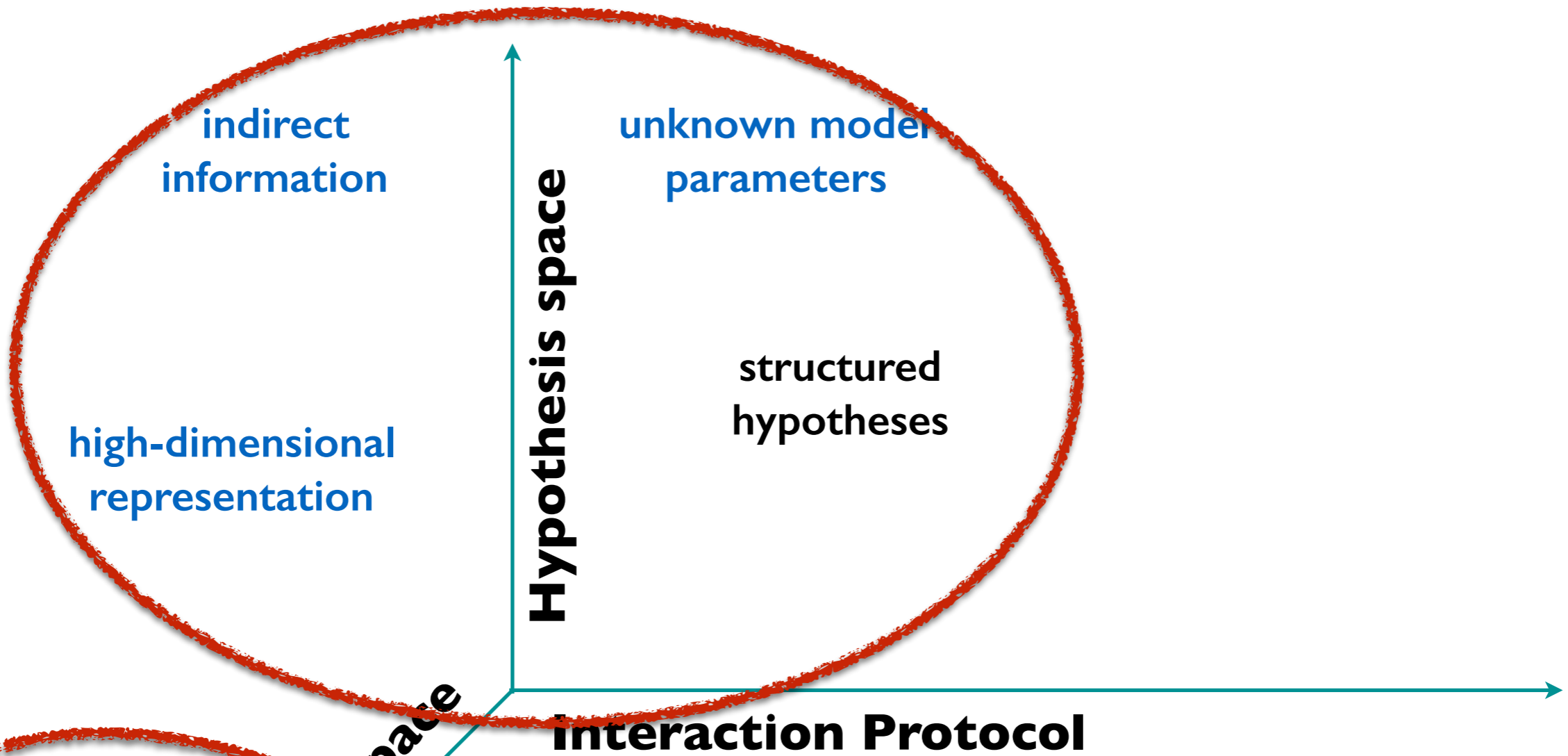
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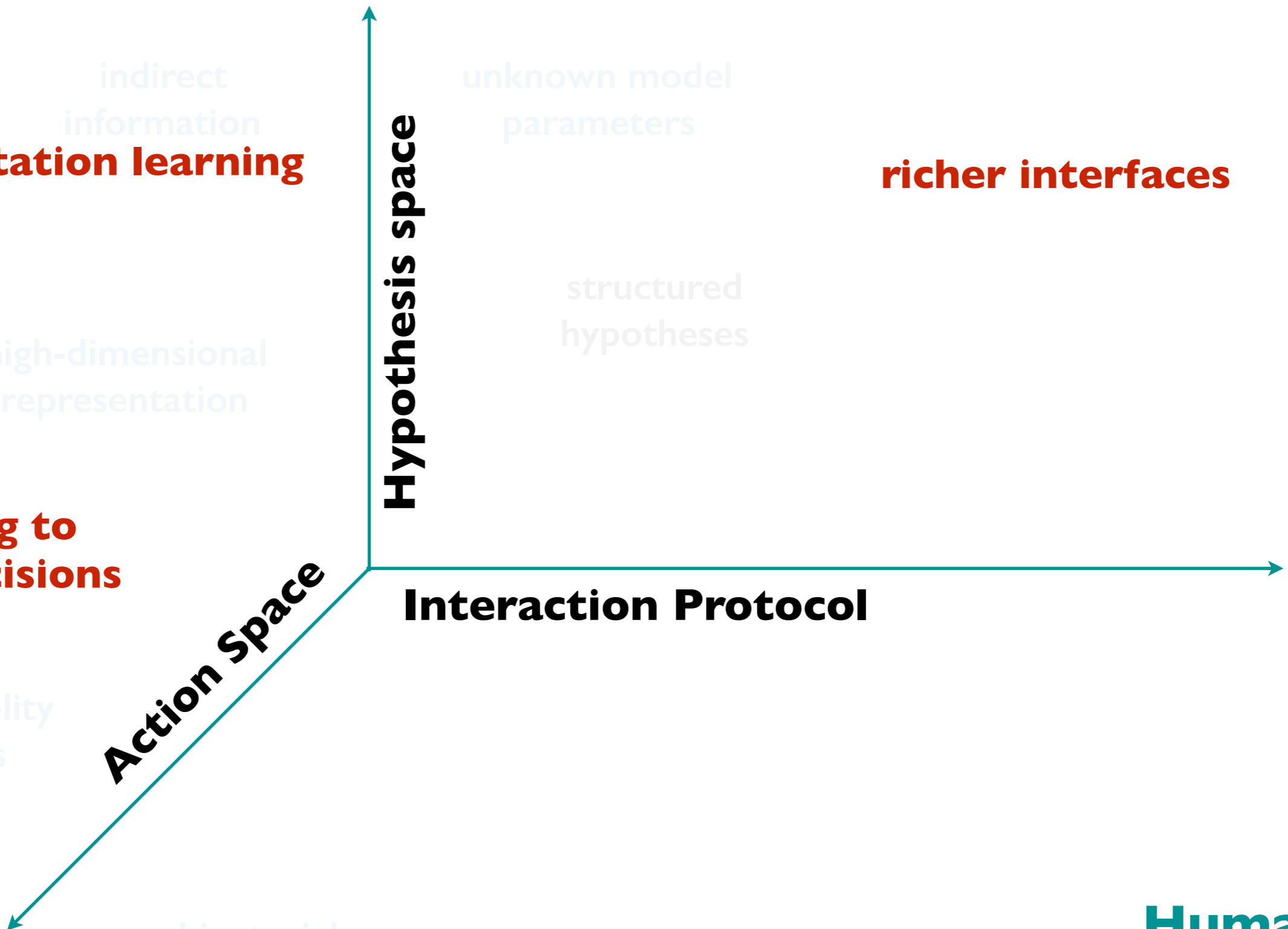
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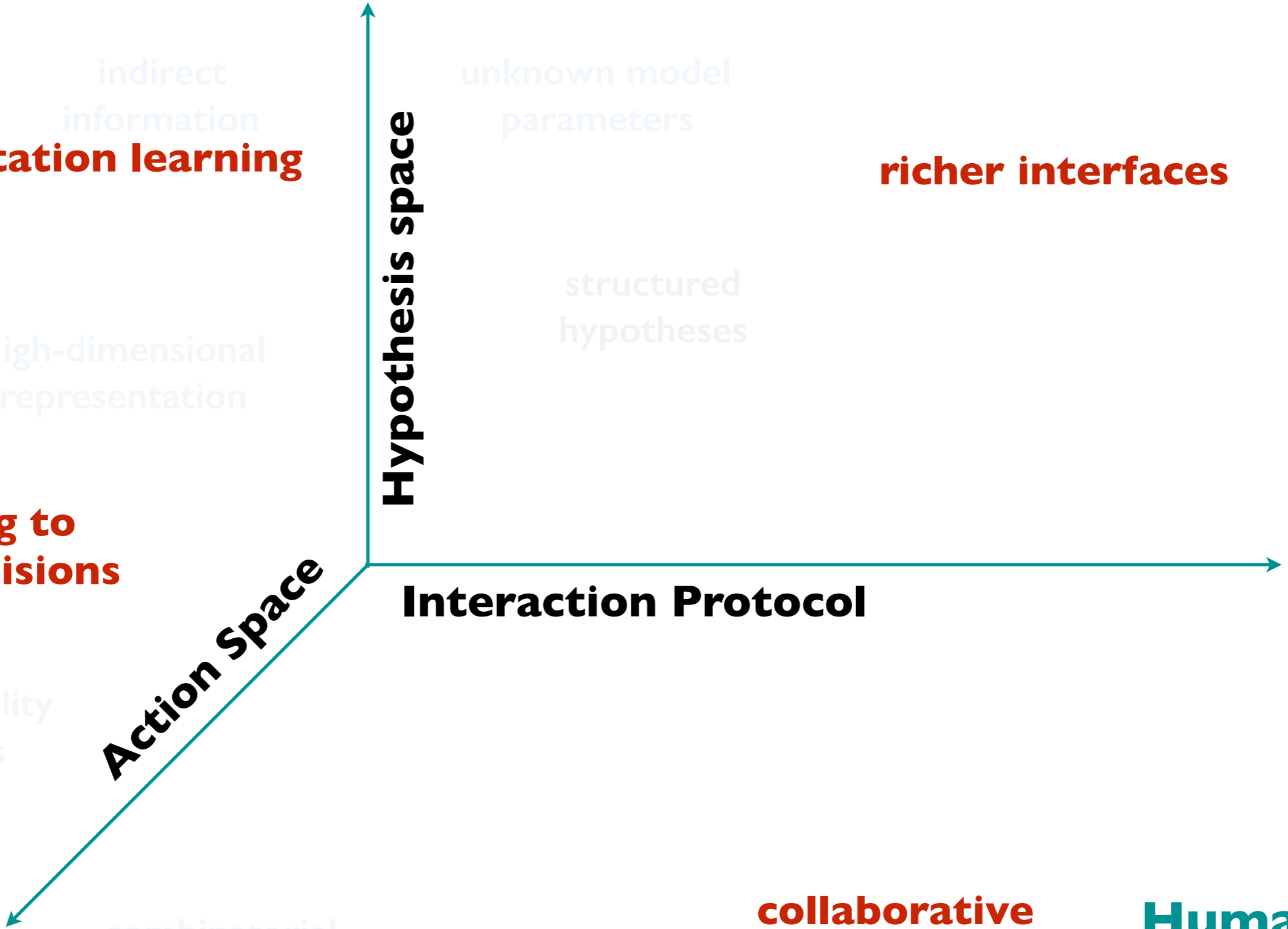
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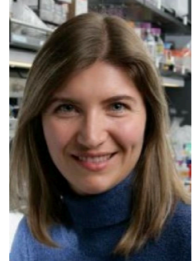
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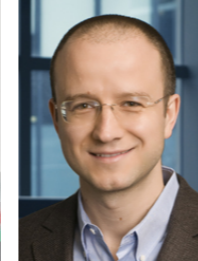
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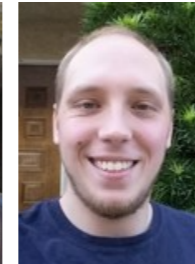
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