



Gaussian Processes for Regression: Models, Algorithms, and Applications

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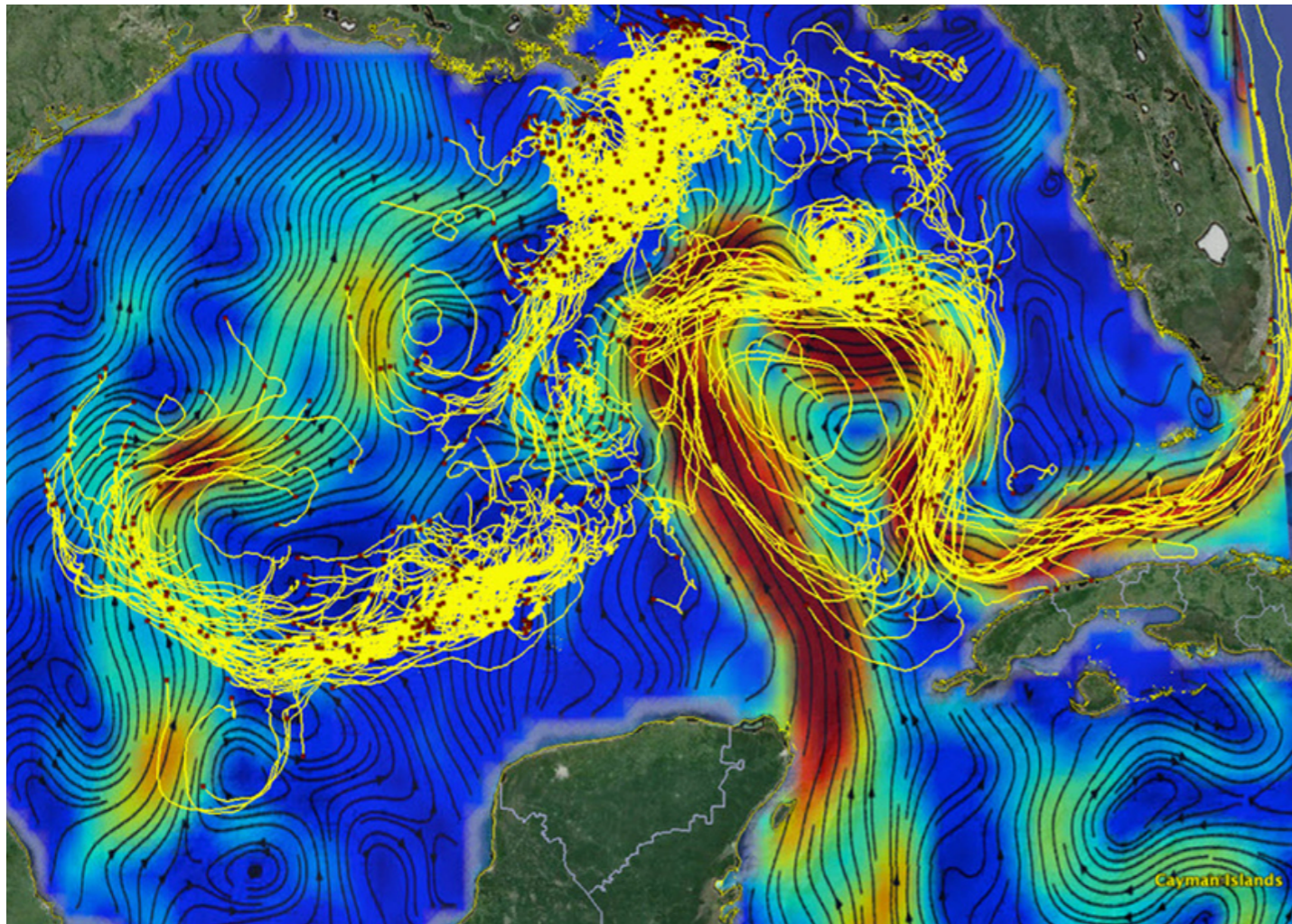
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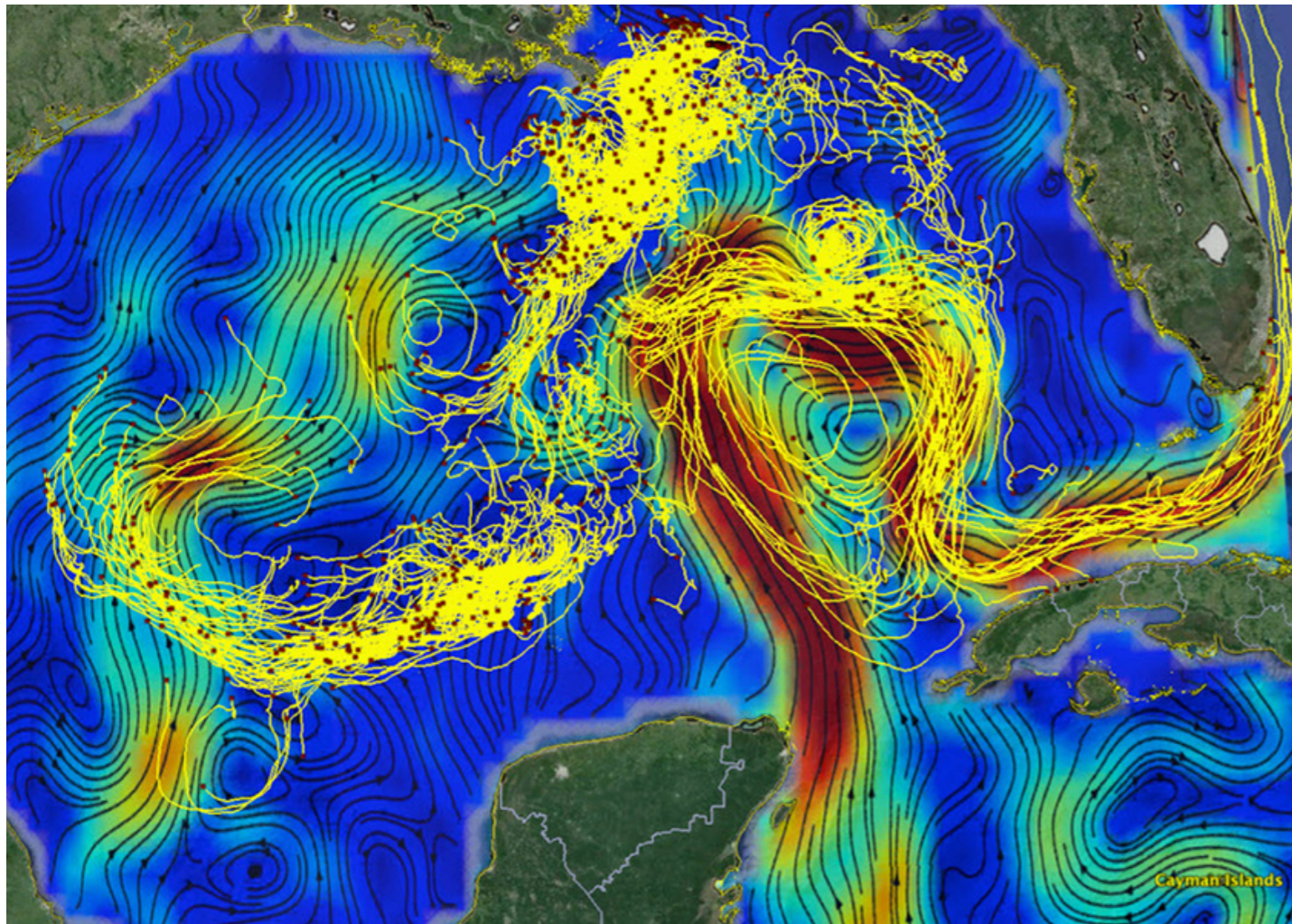


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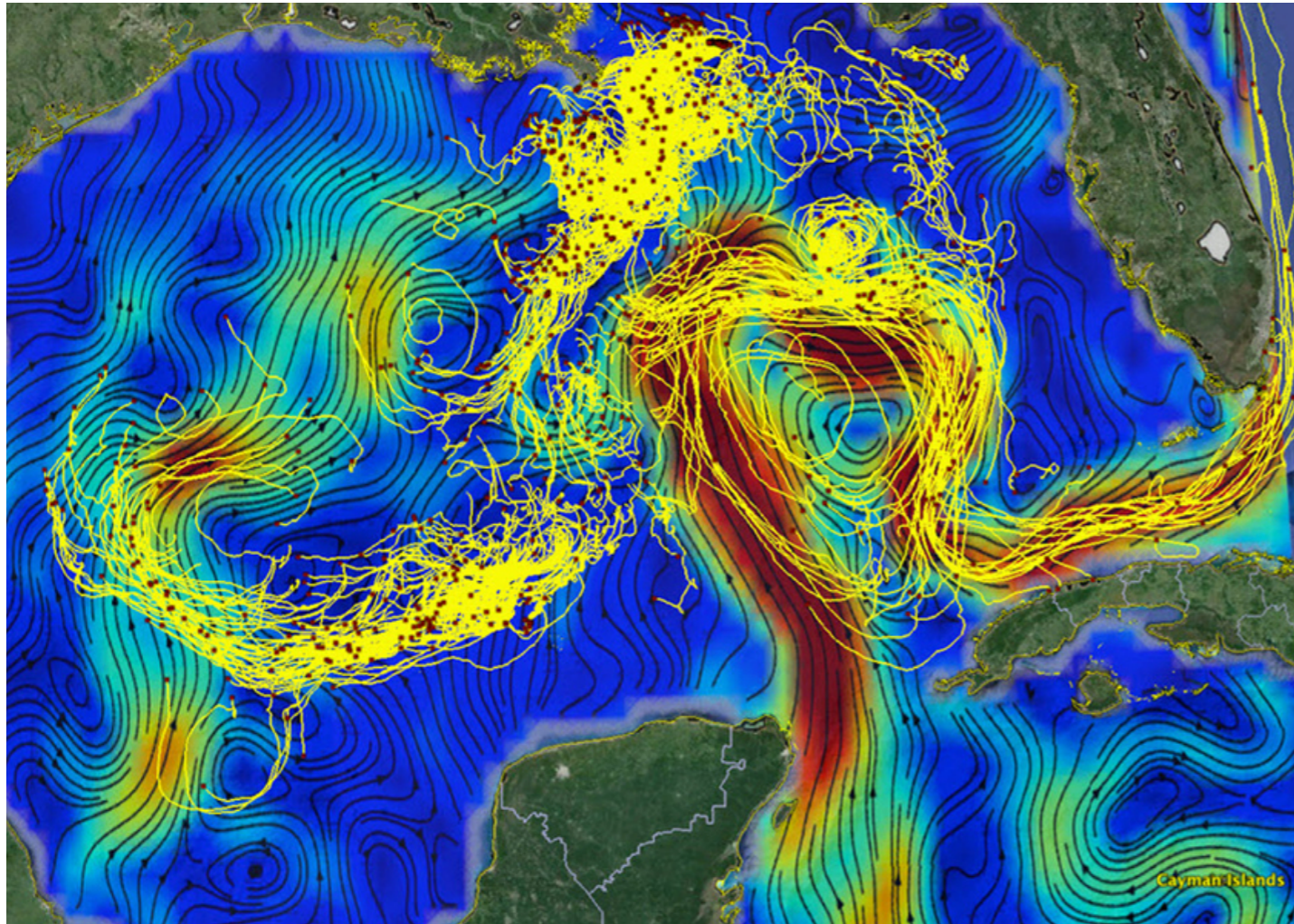
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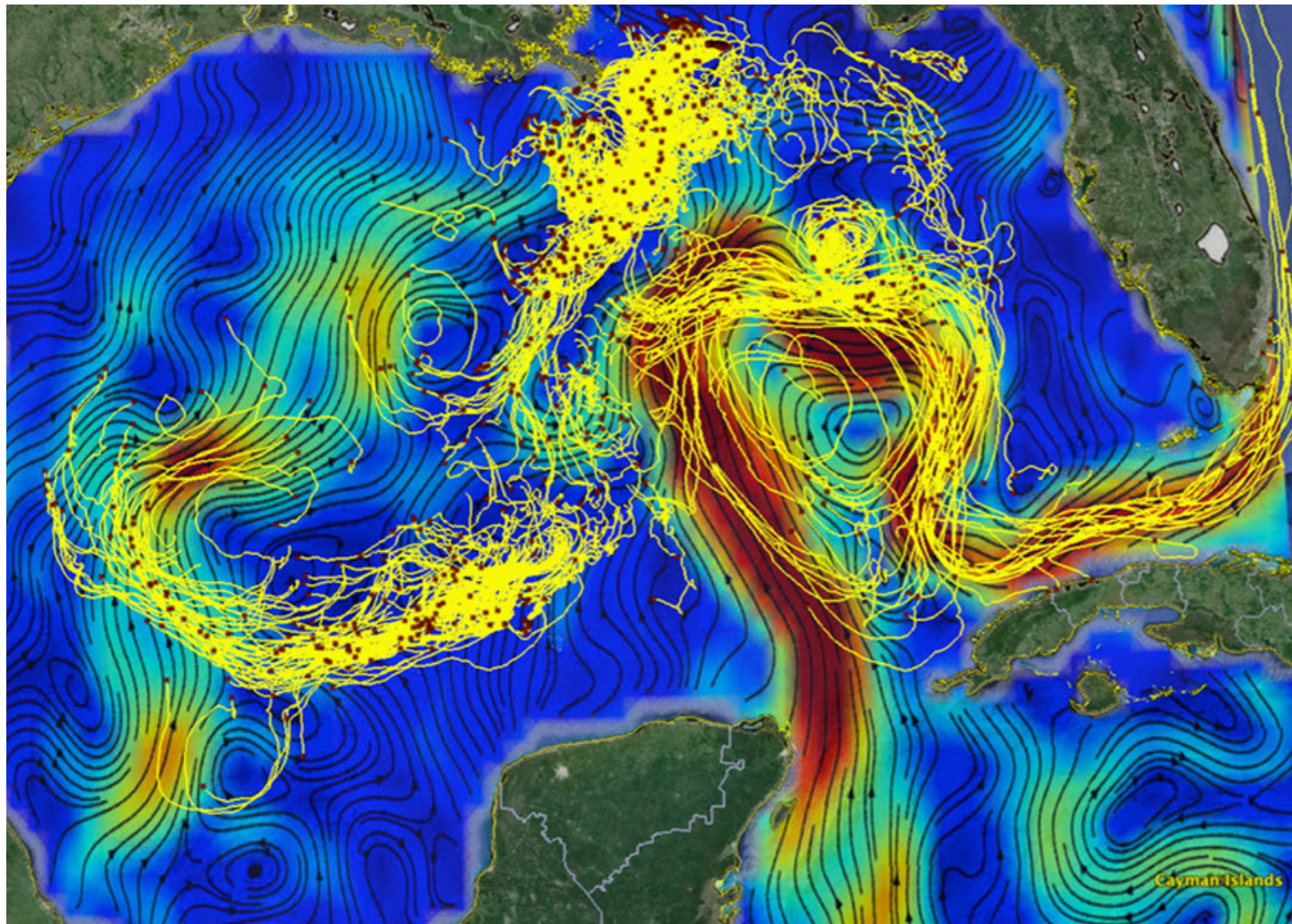
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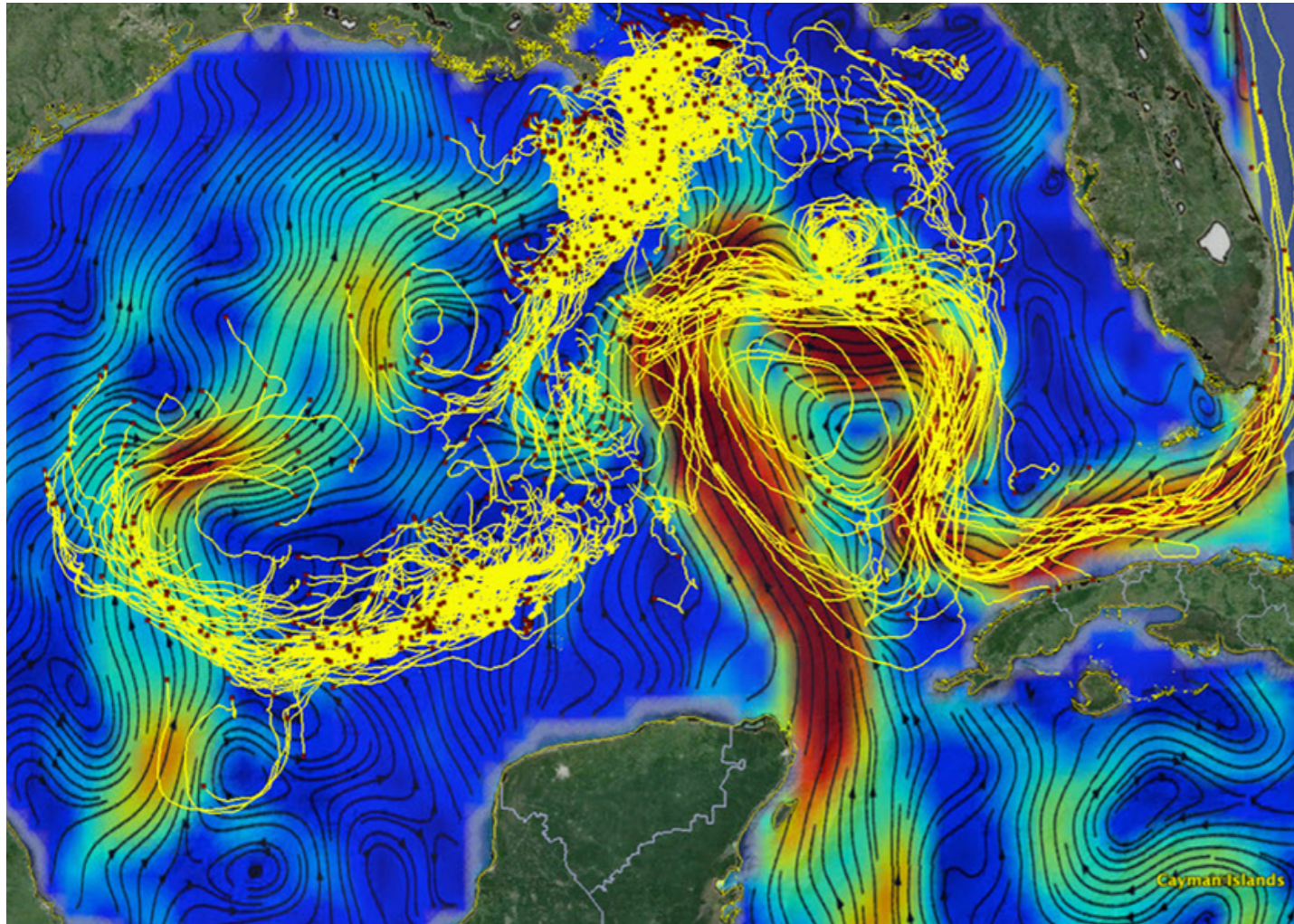
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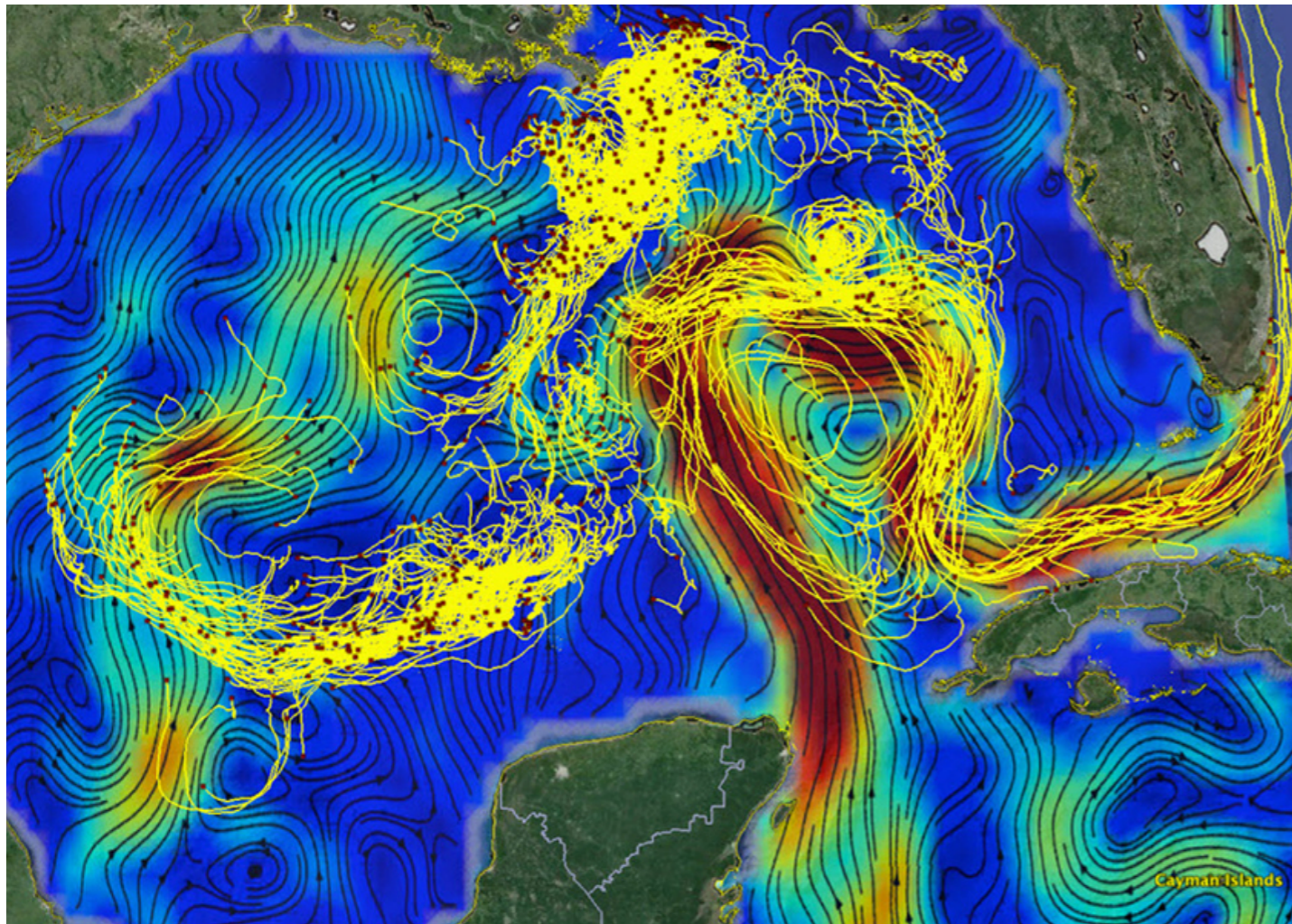
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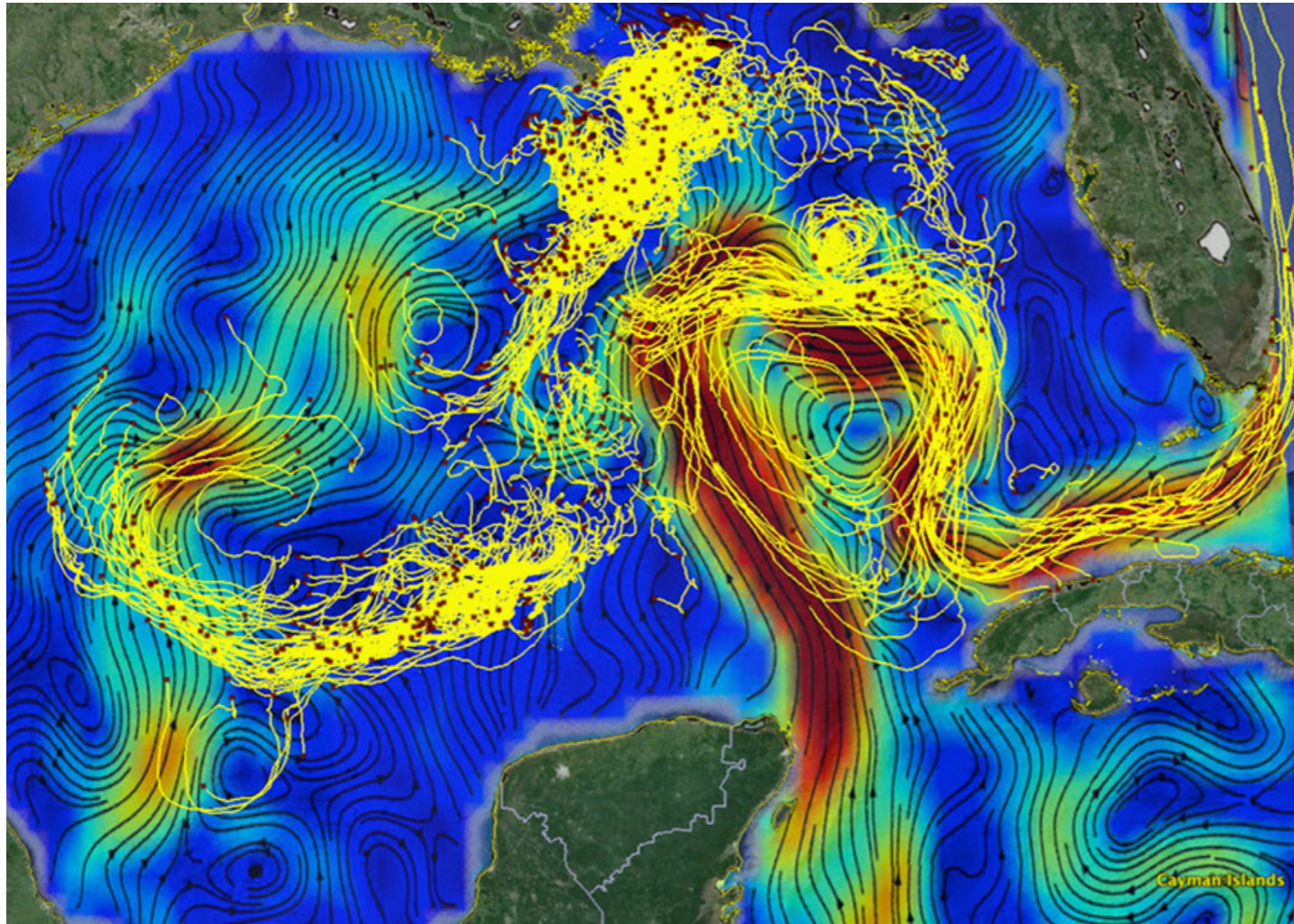
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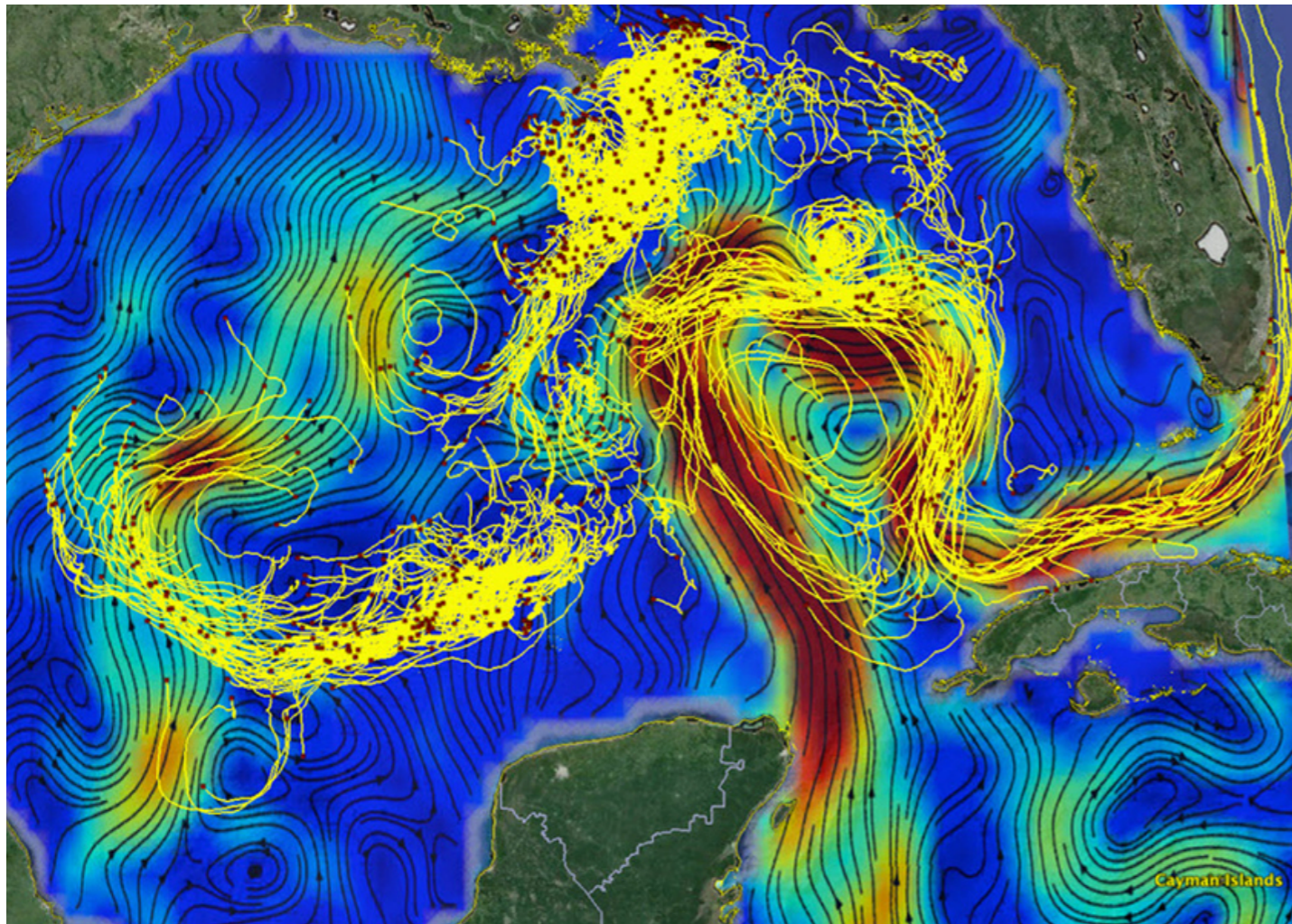
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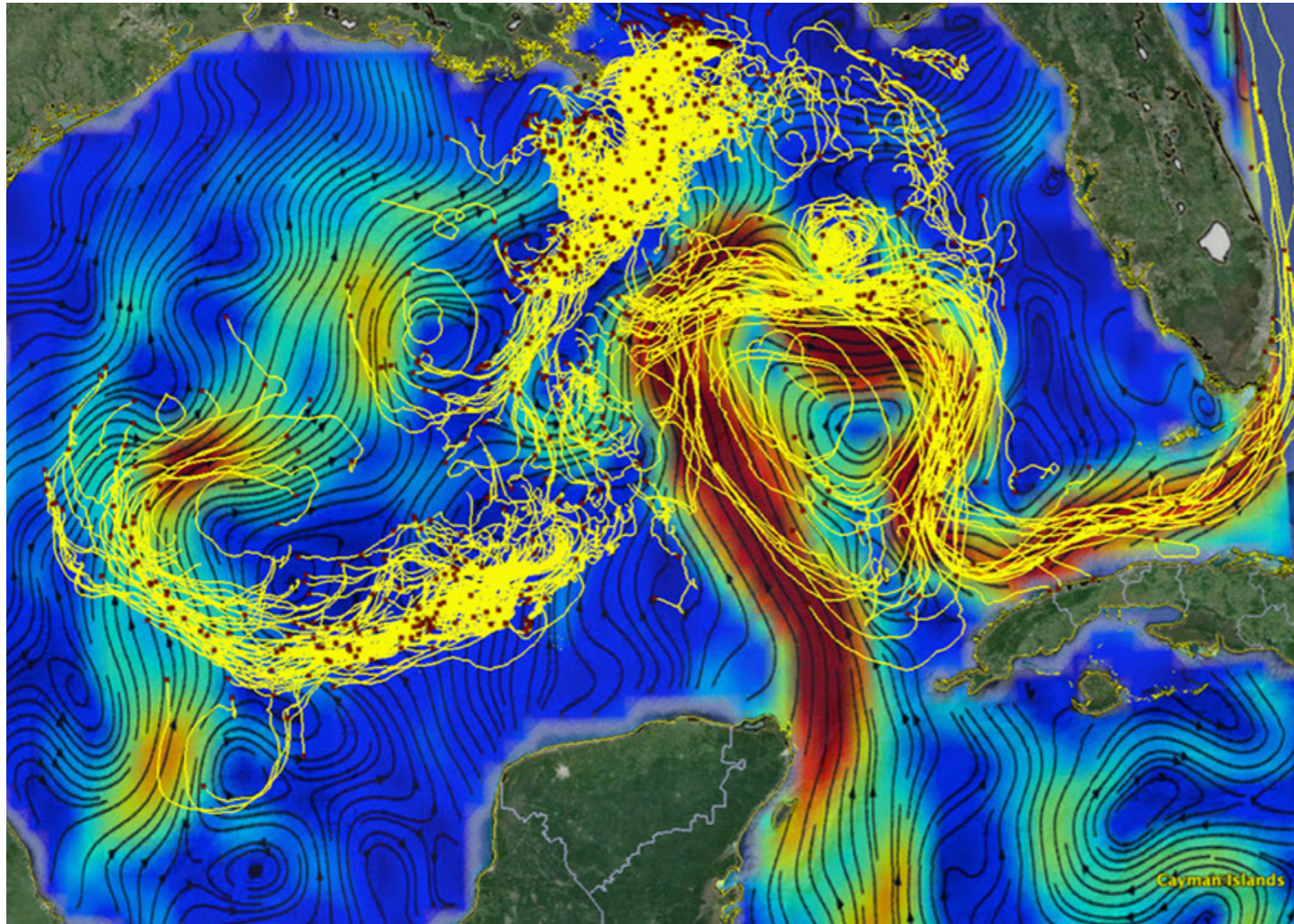
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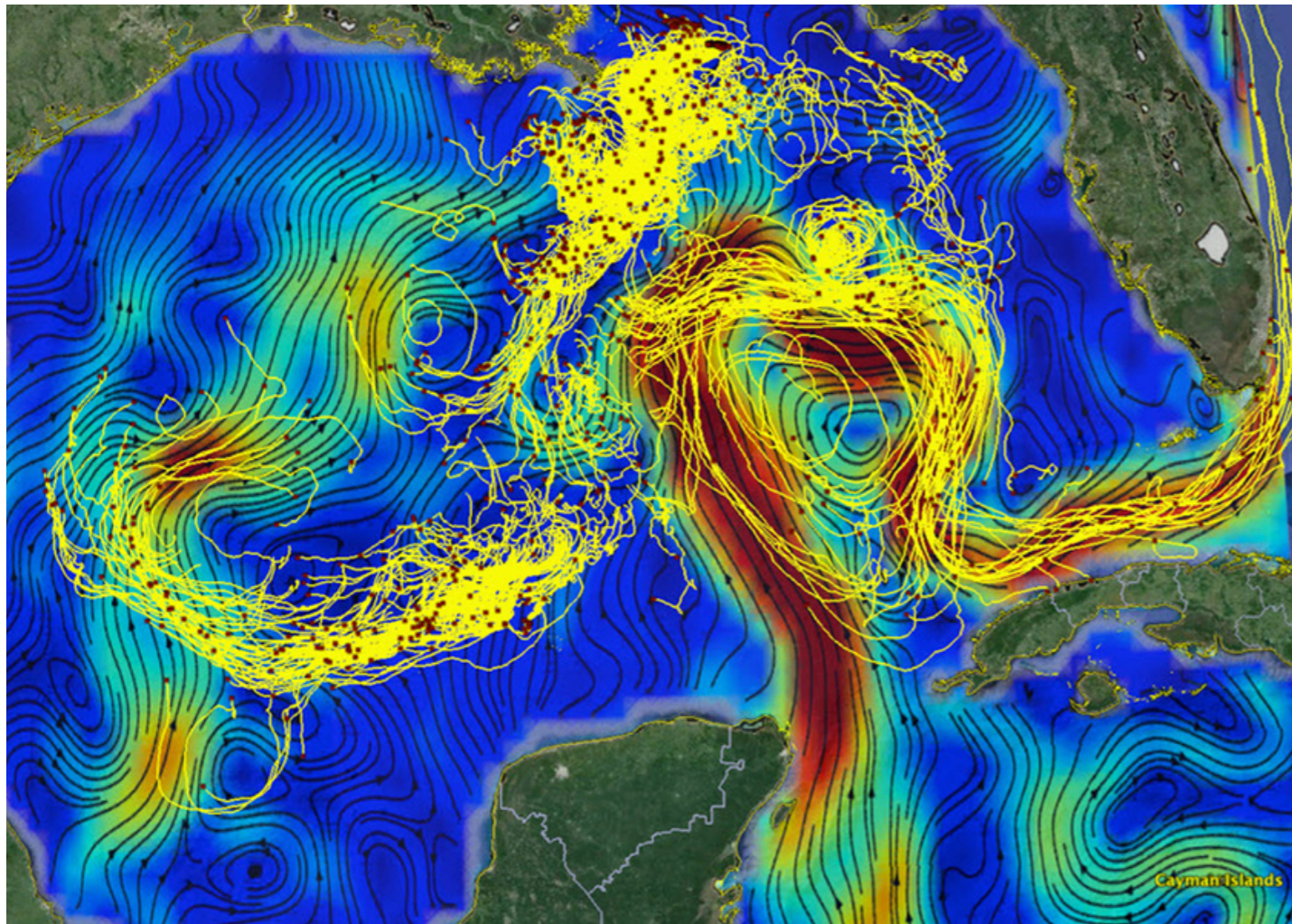
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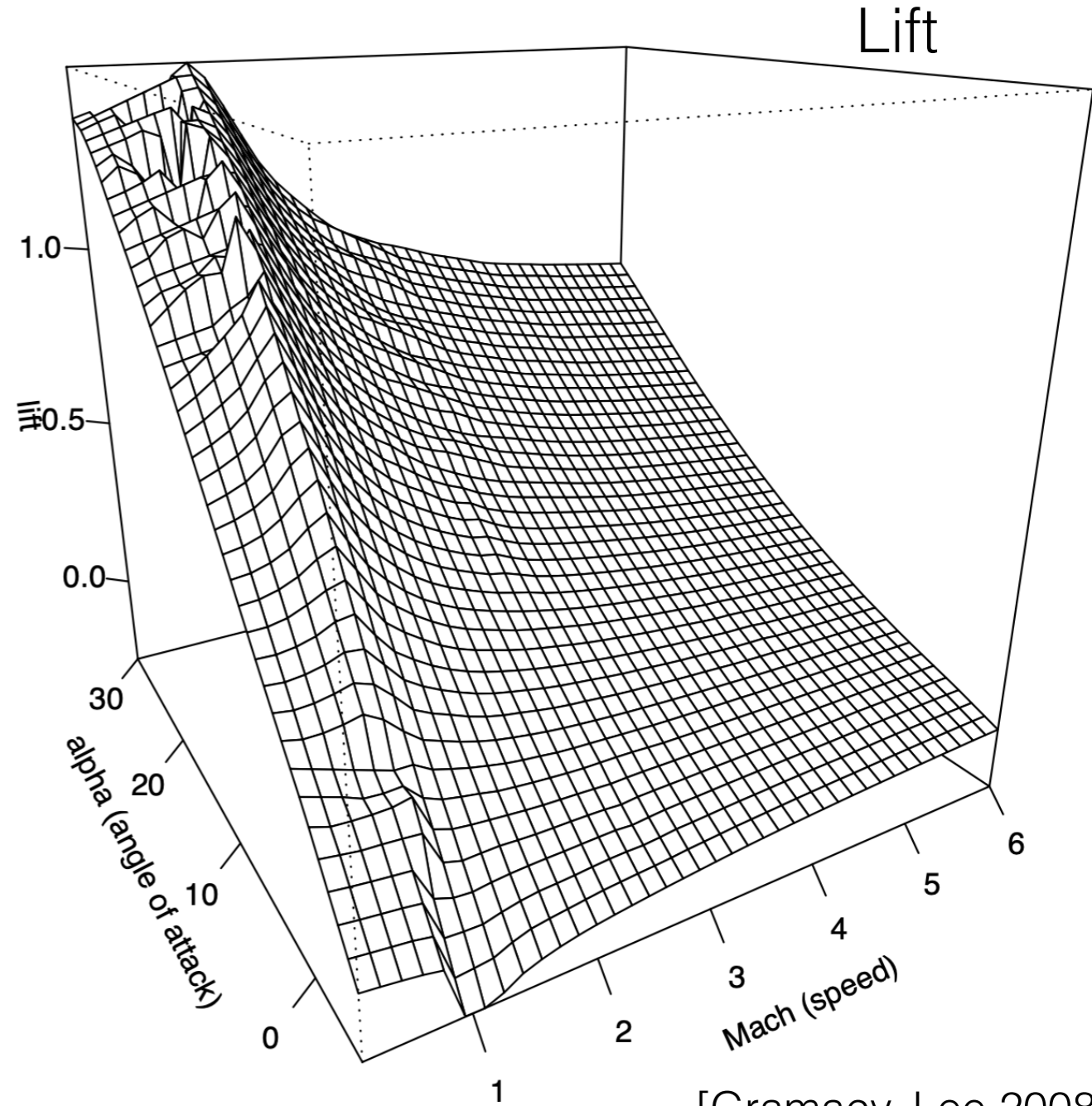
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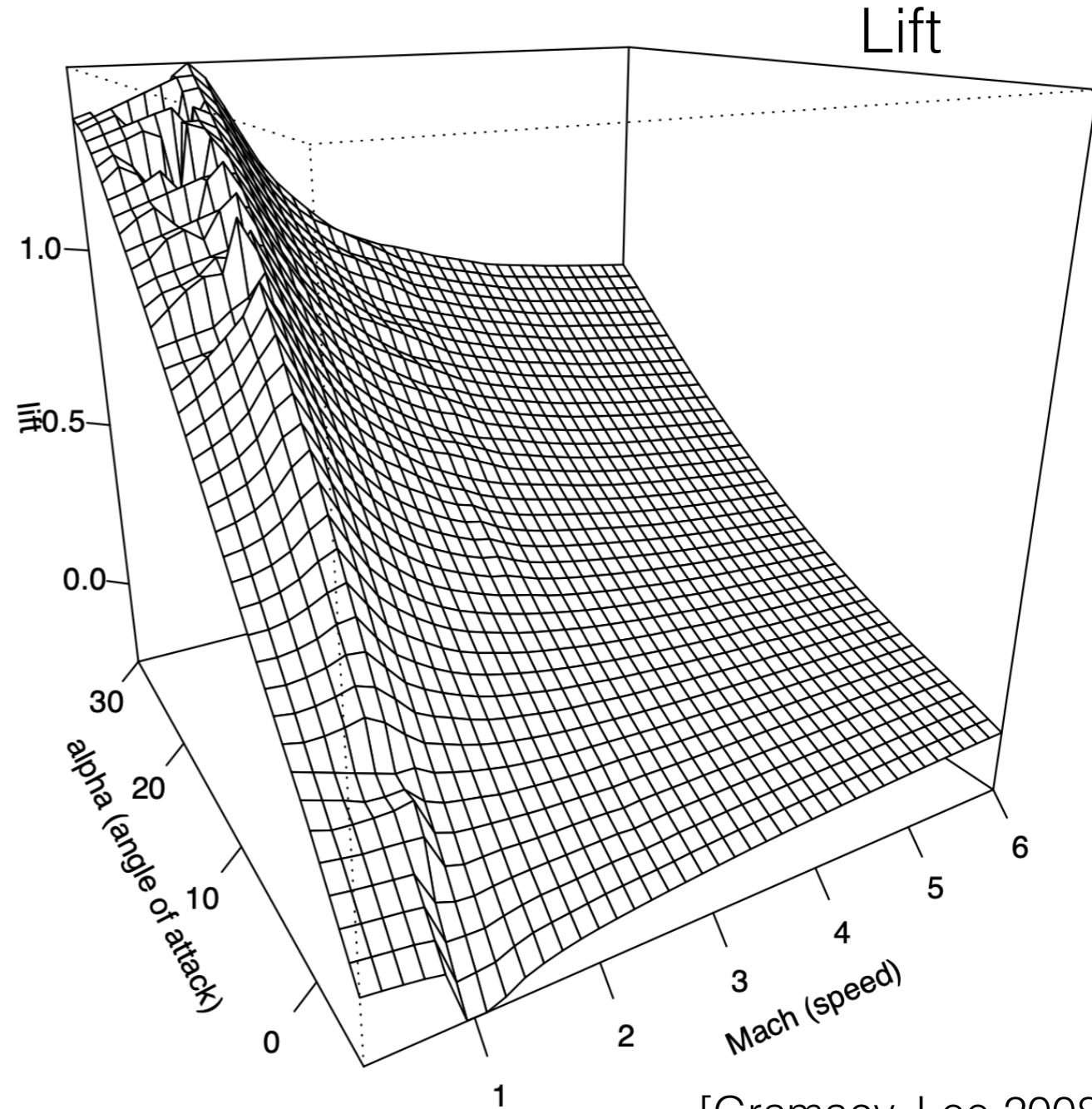
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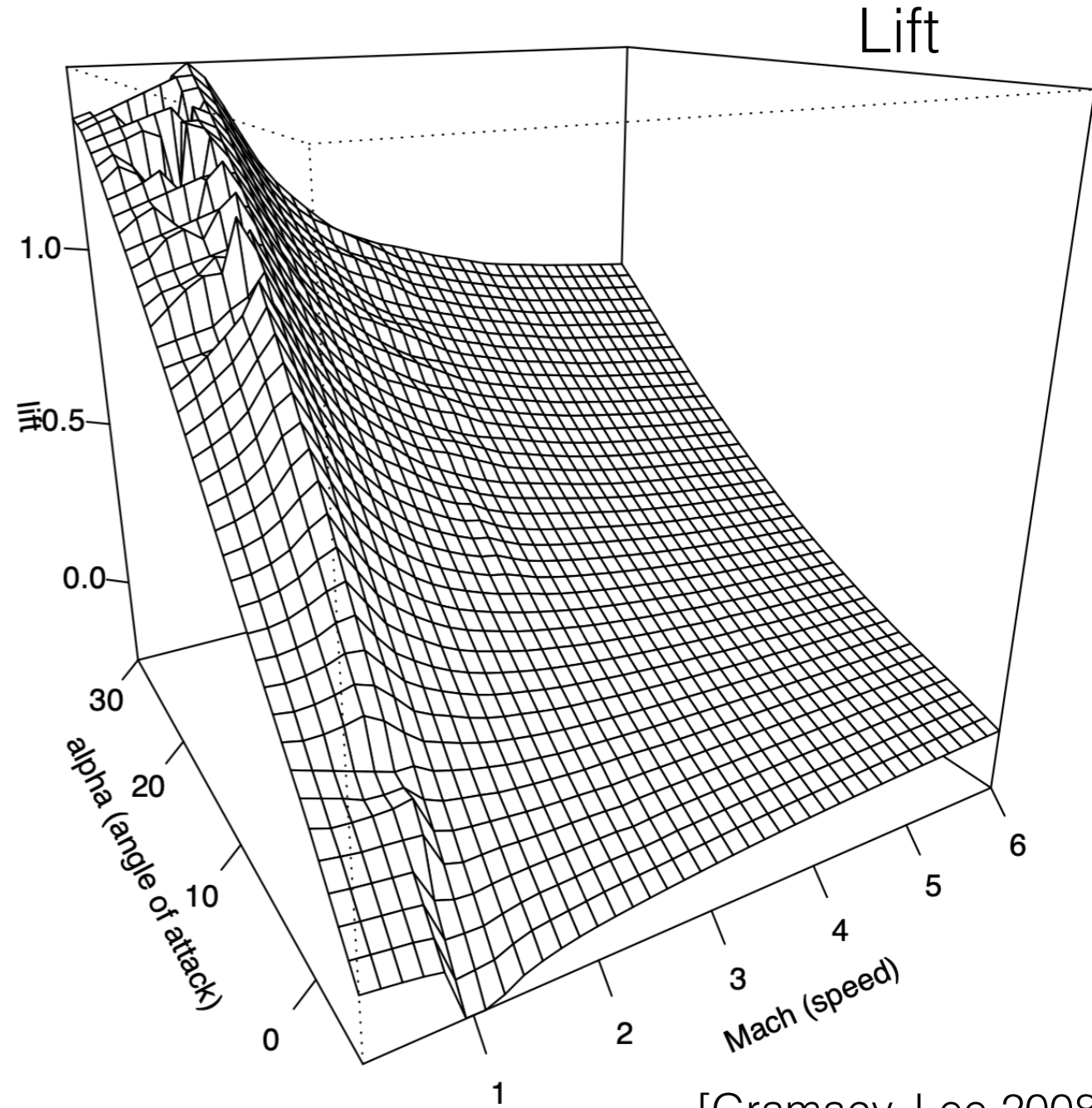
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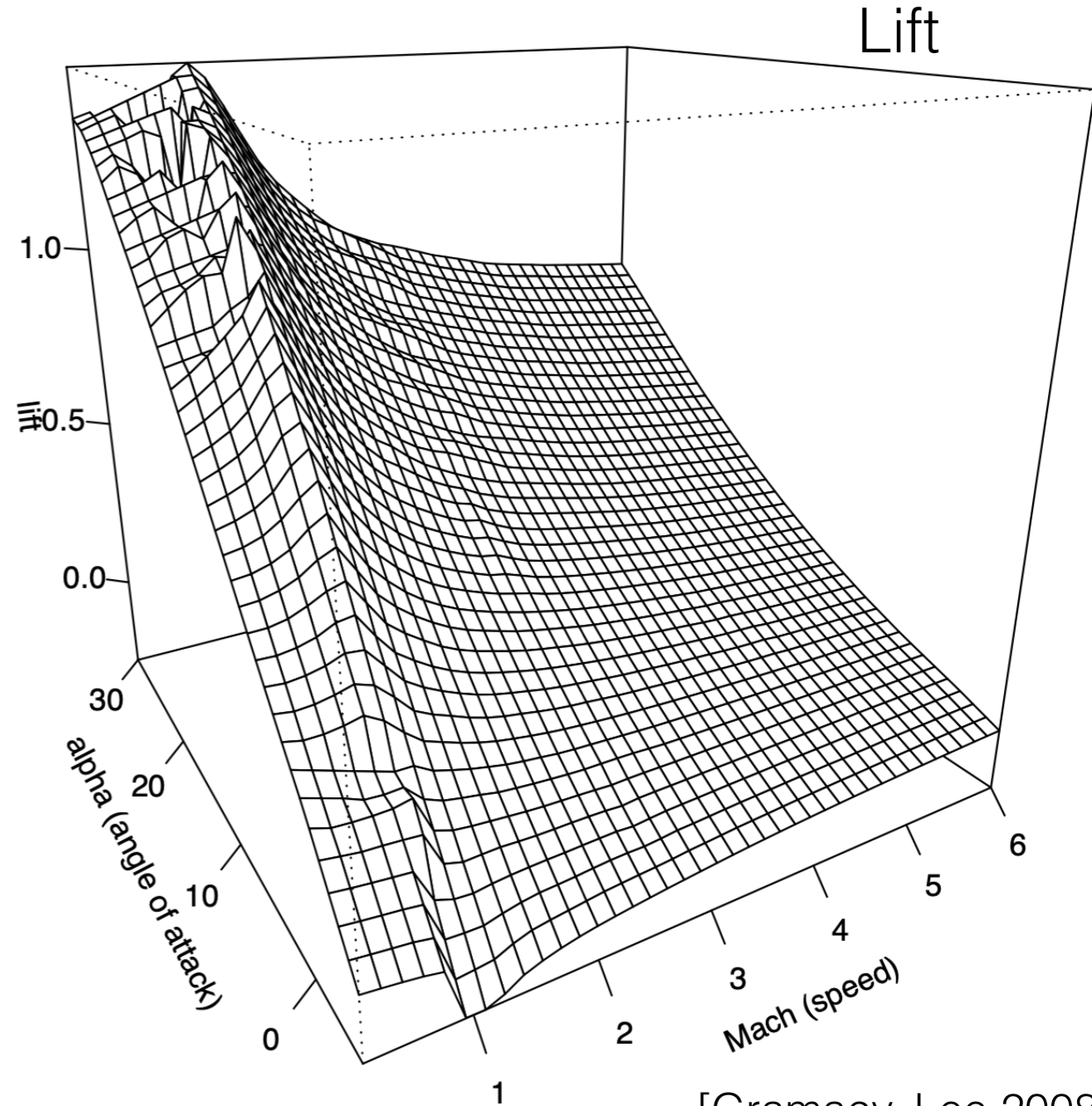
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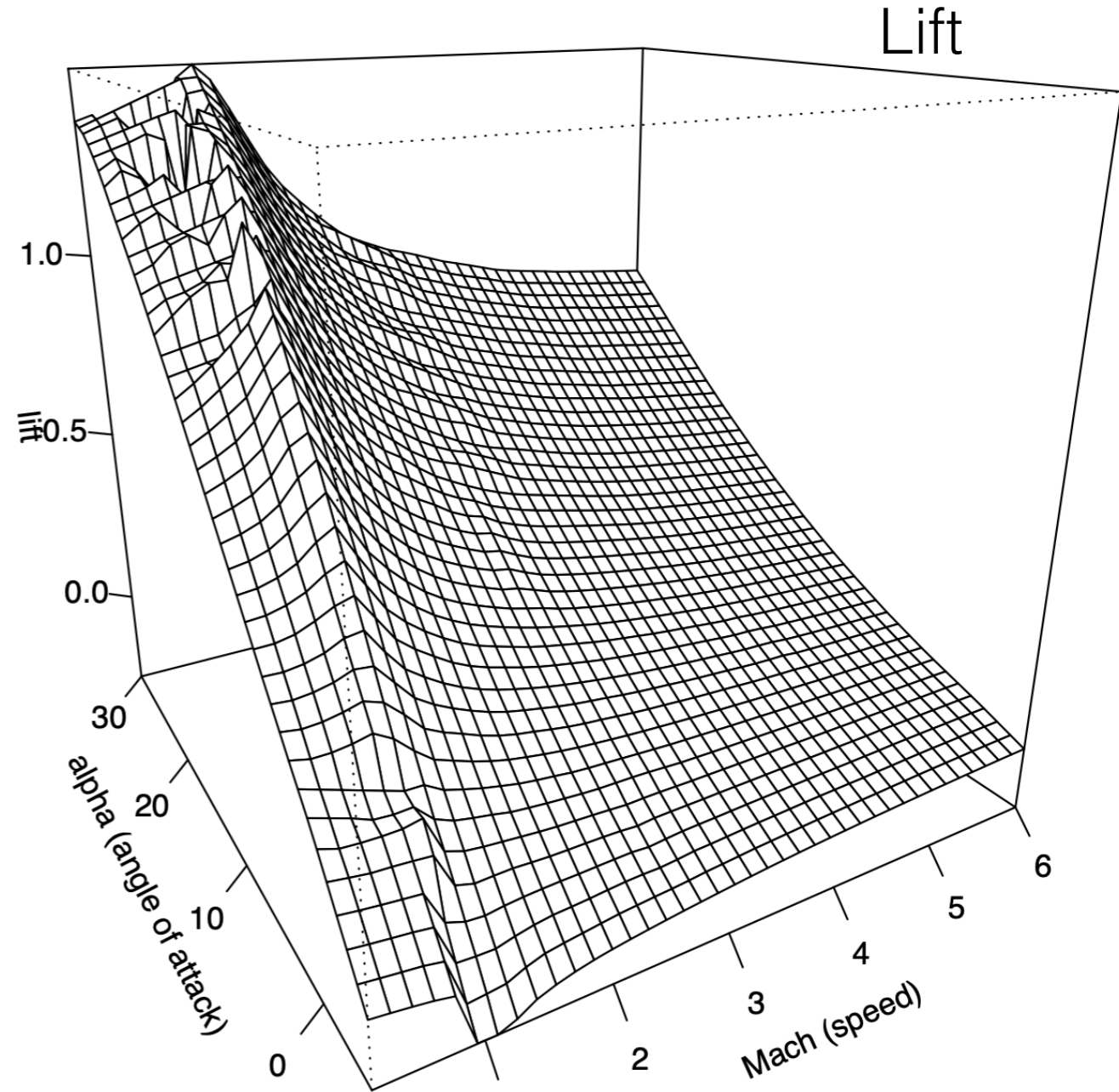
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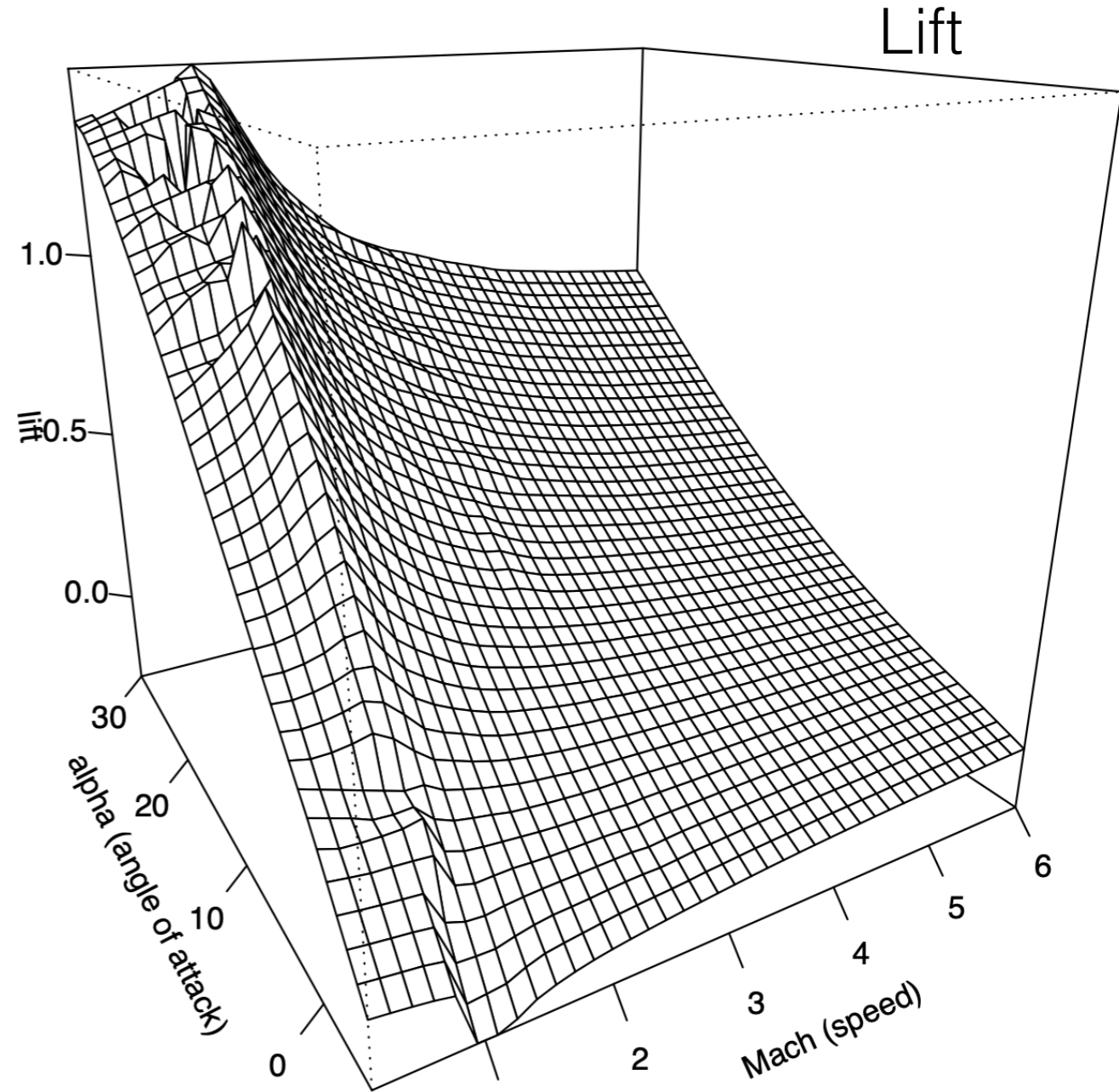
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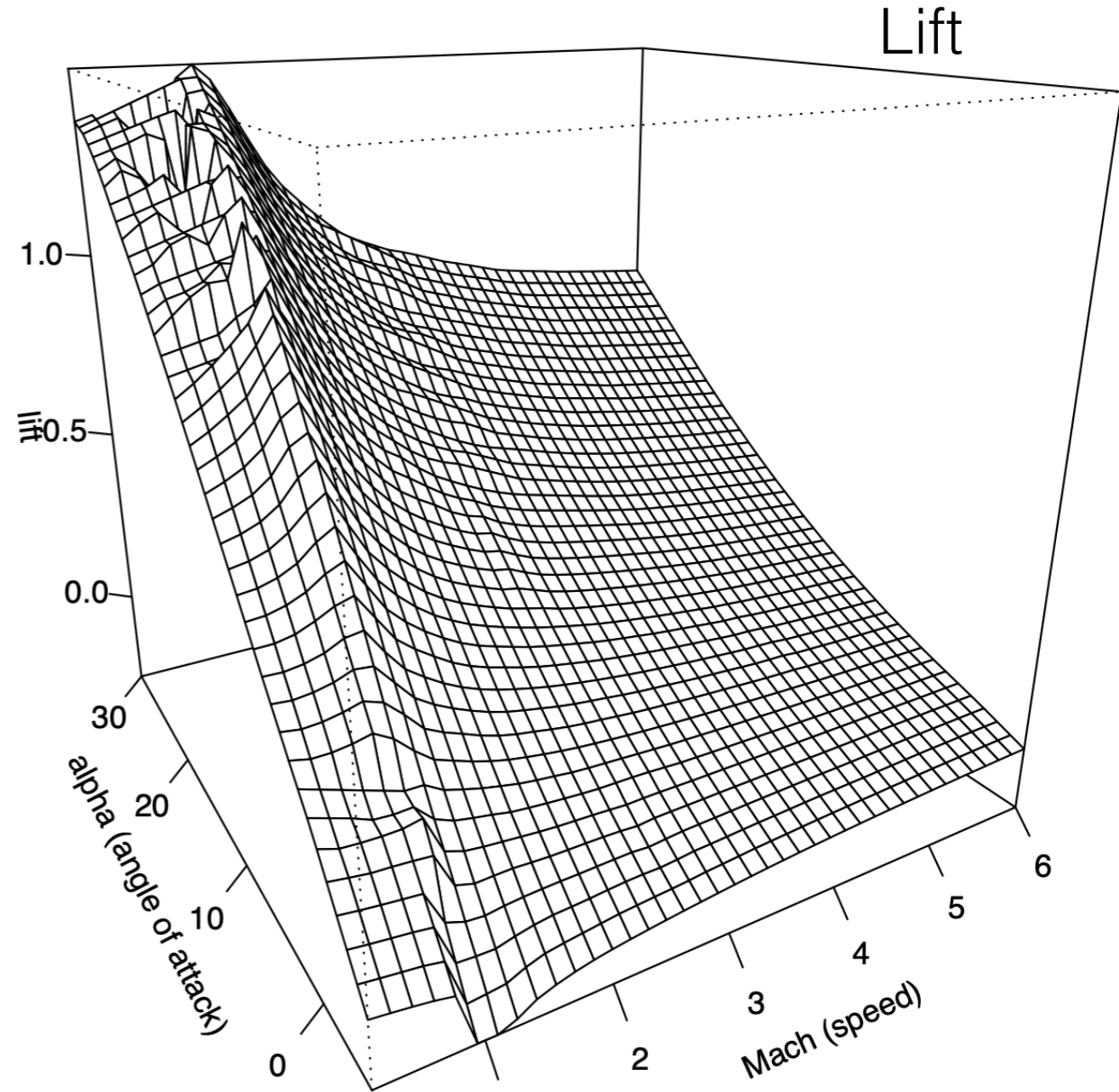
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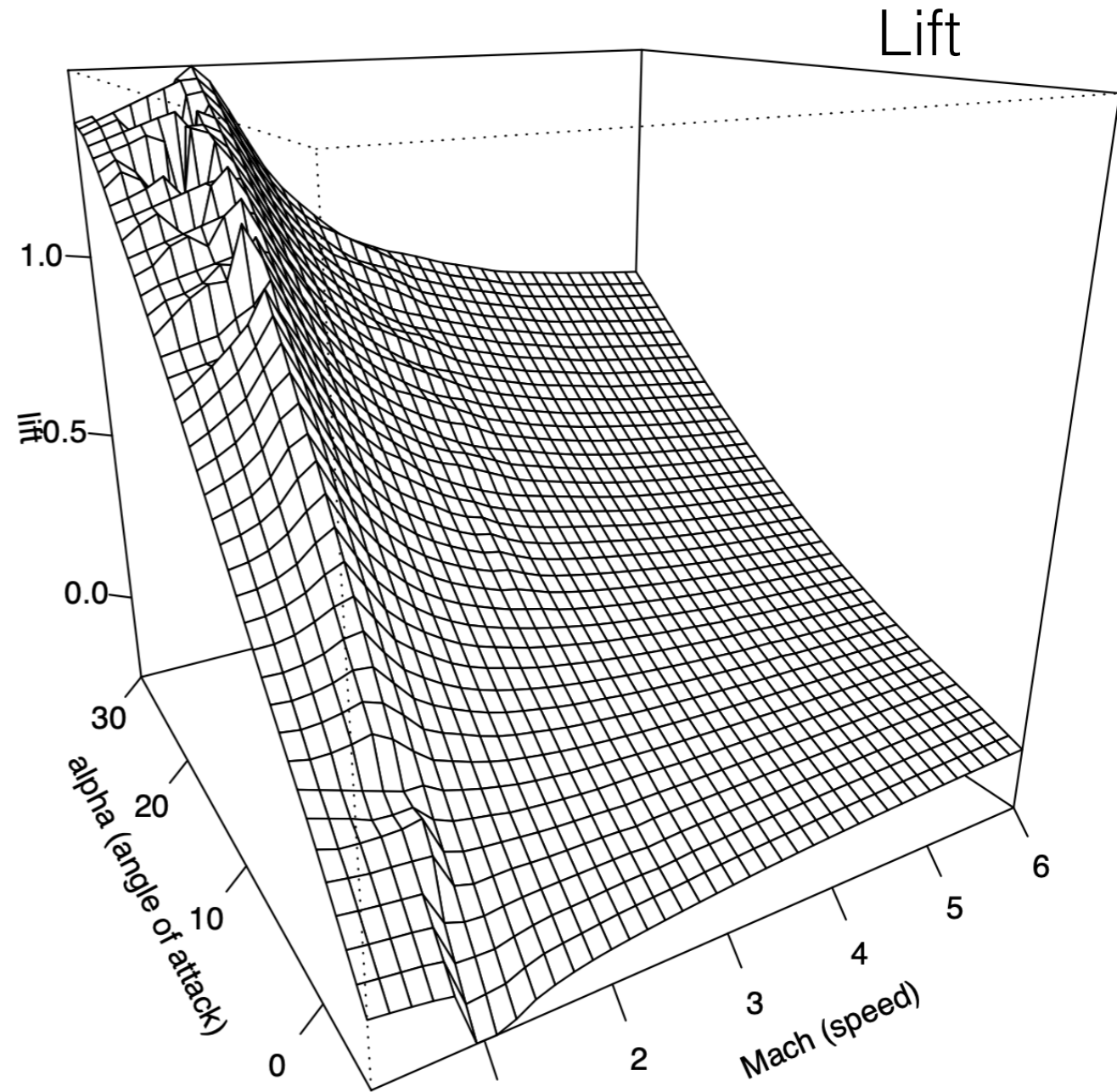
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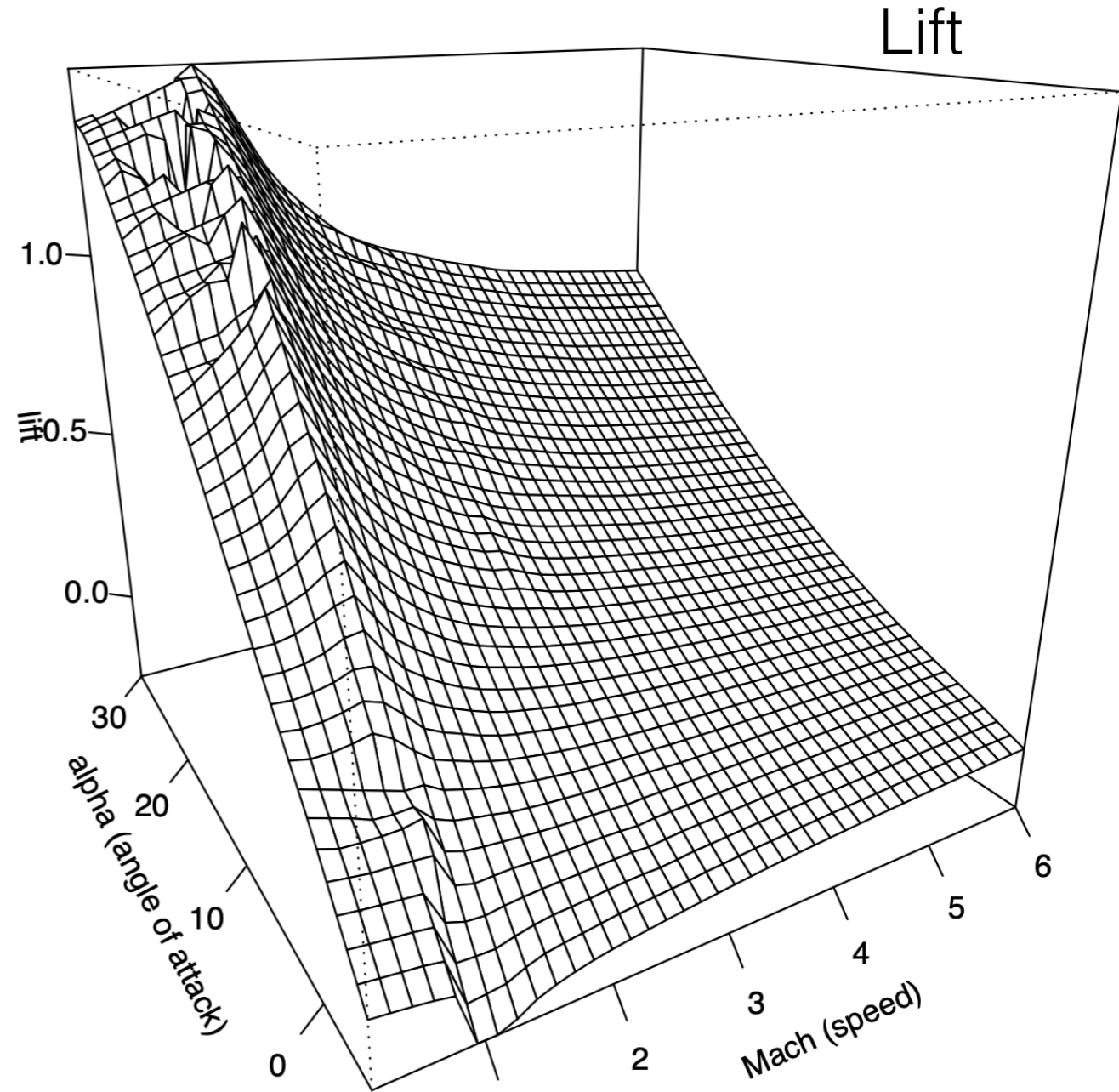
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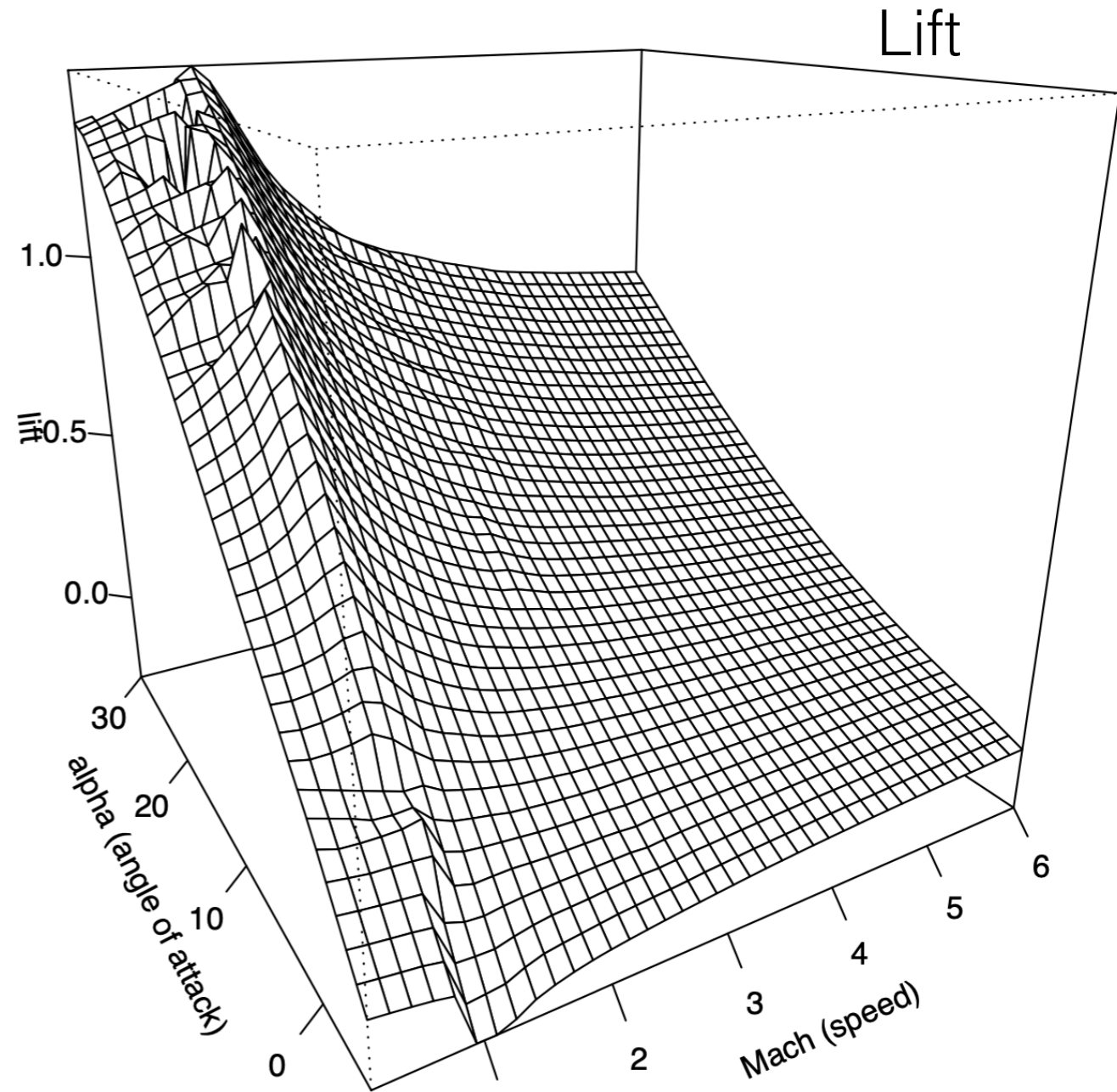
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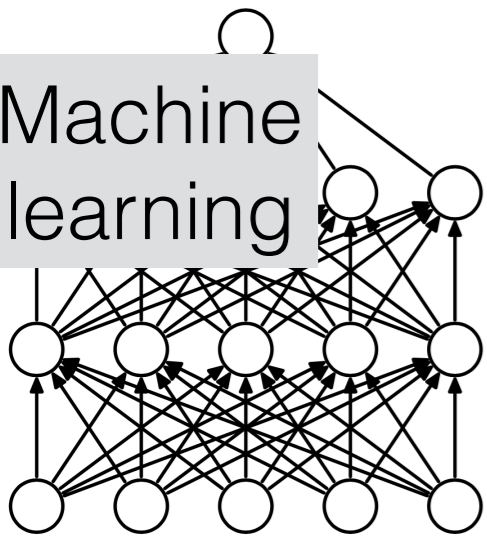
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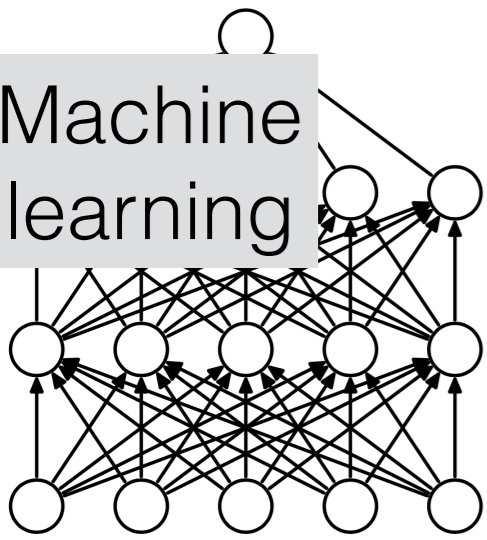
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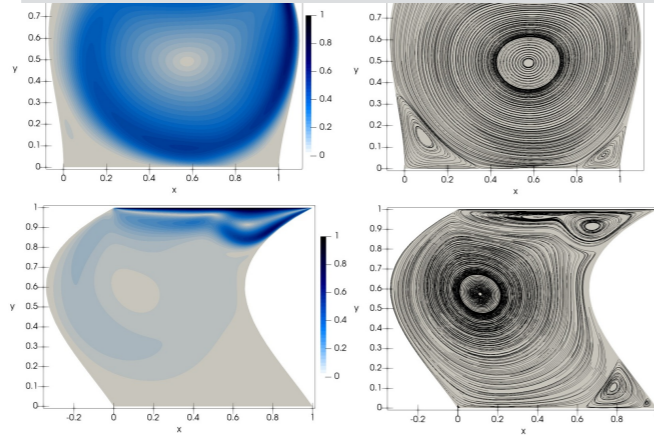
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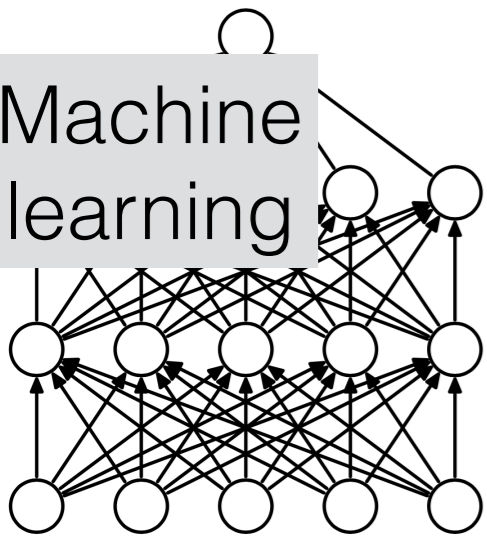
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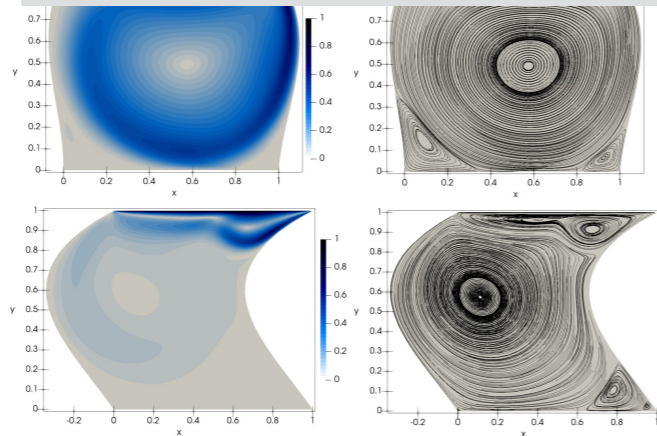
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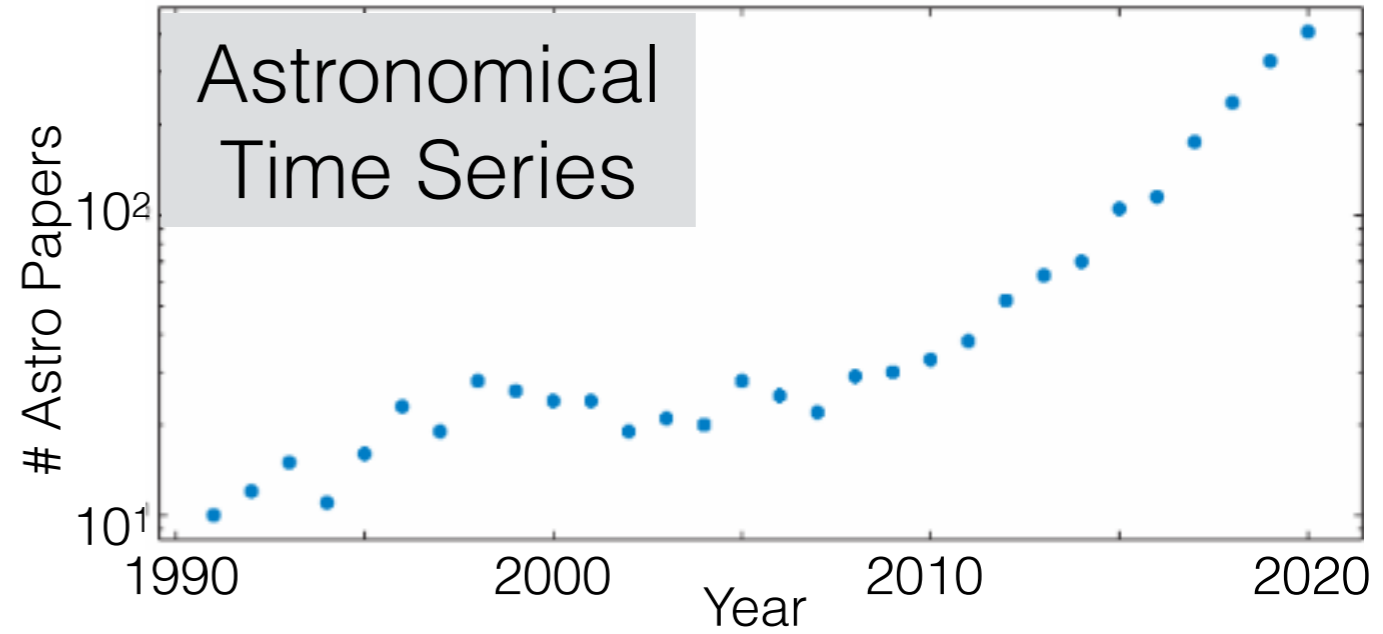
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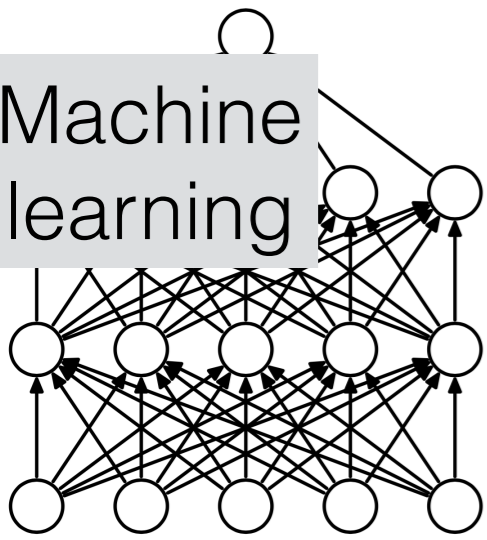
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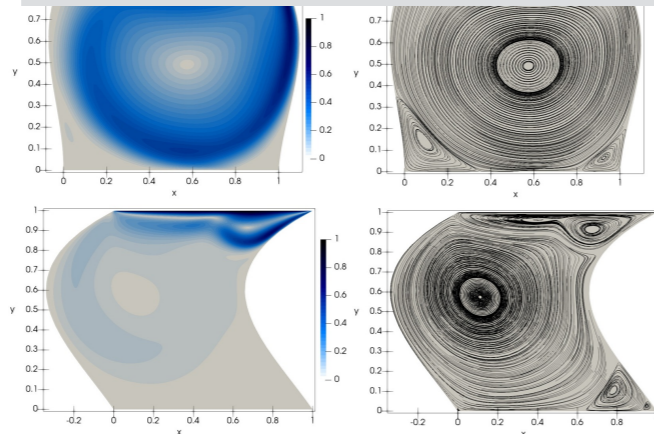
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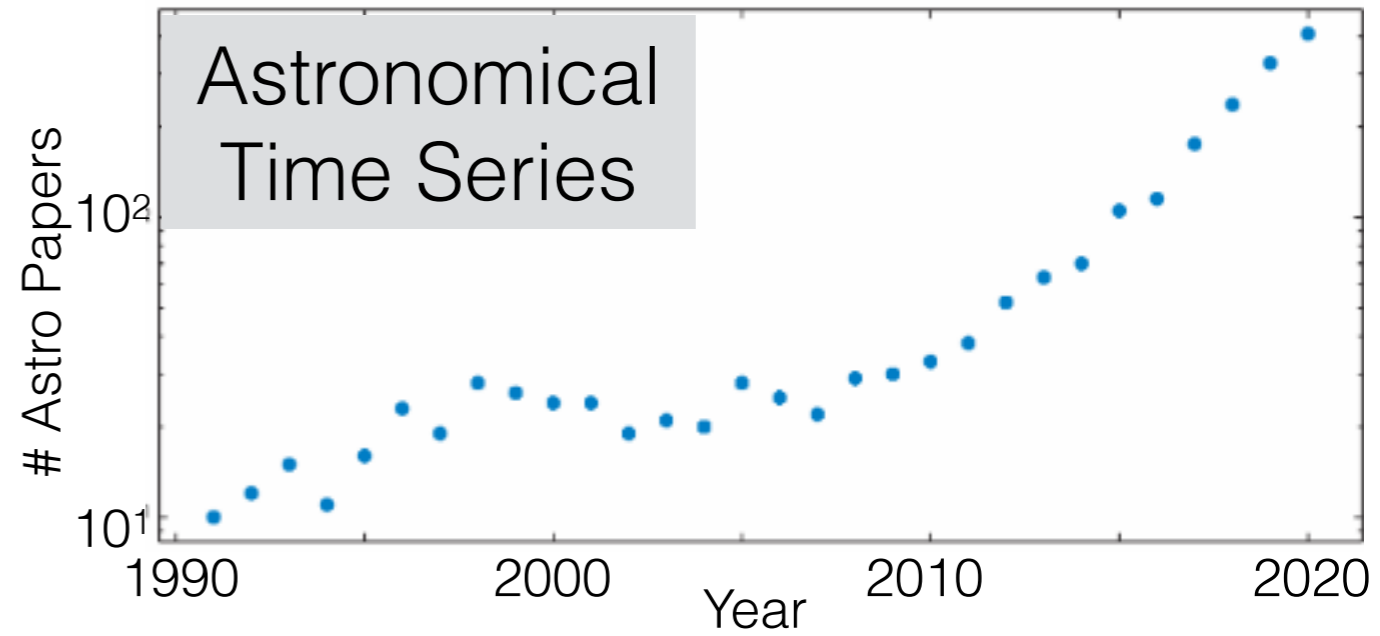
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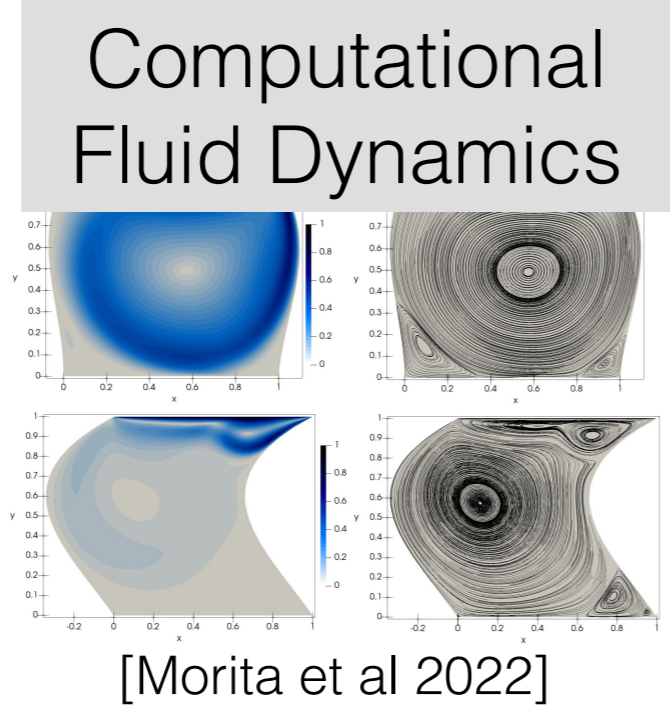
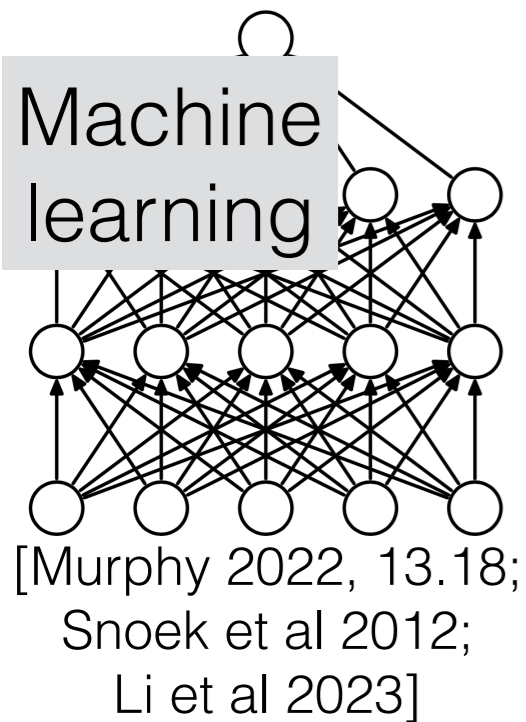
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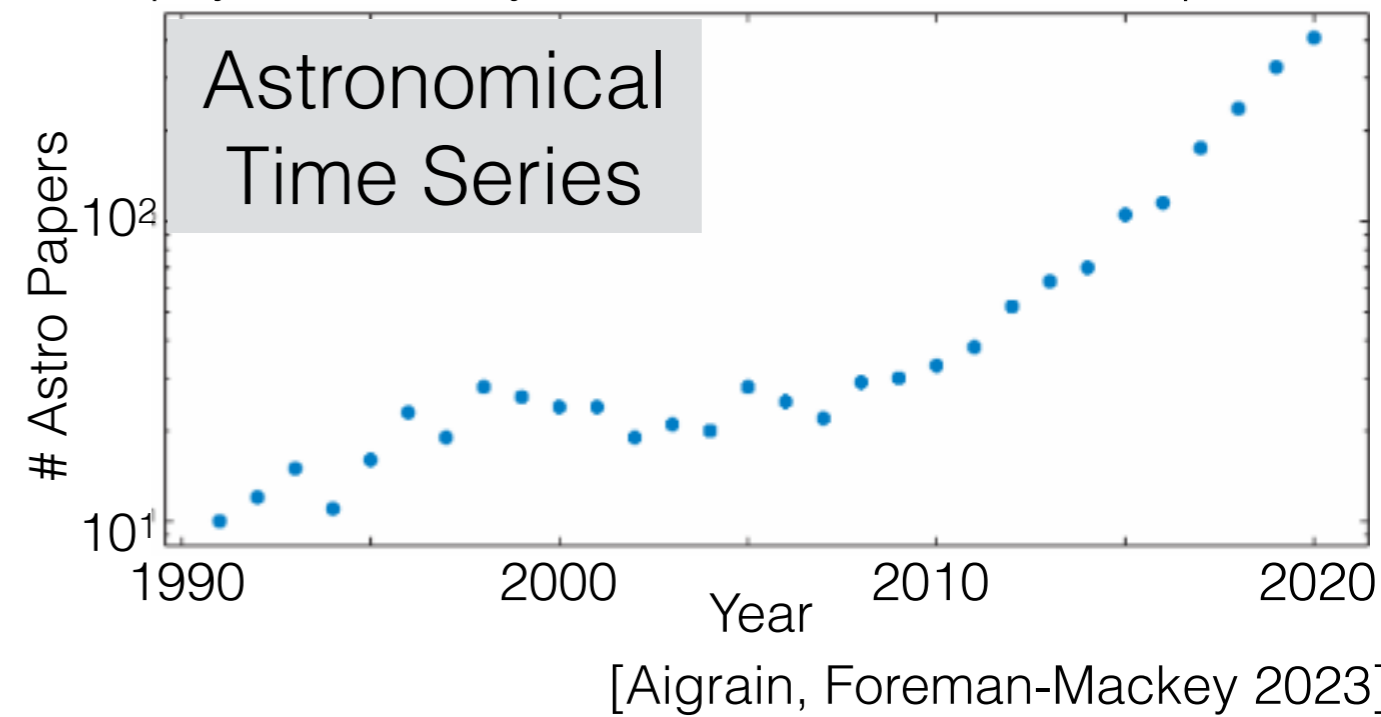
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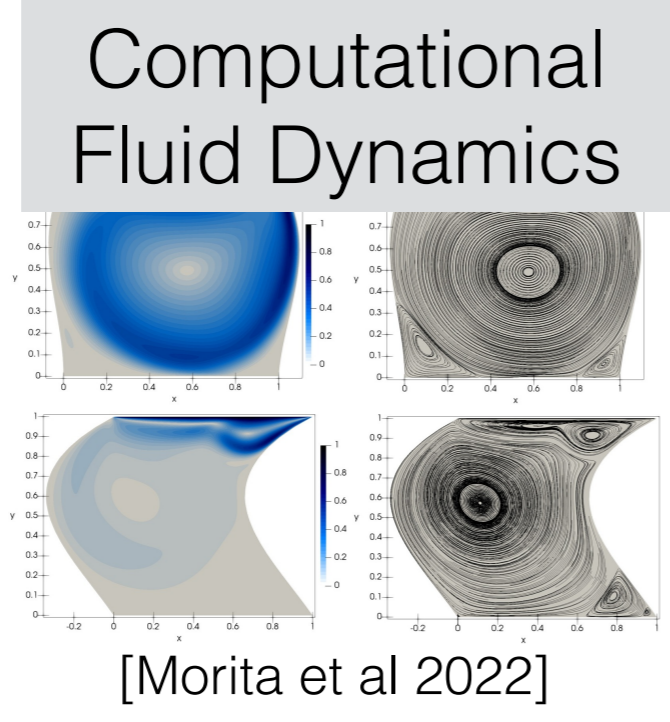
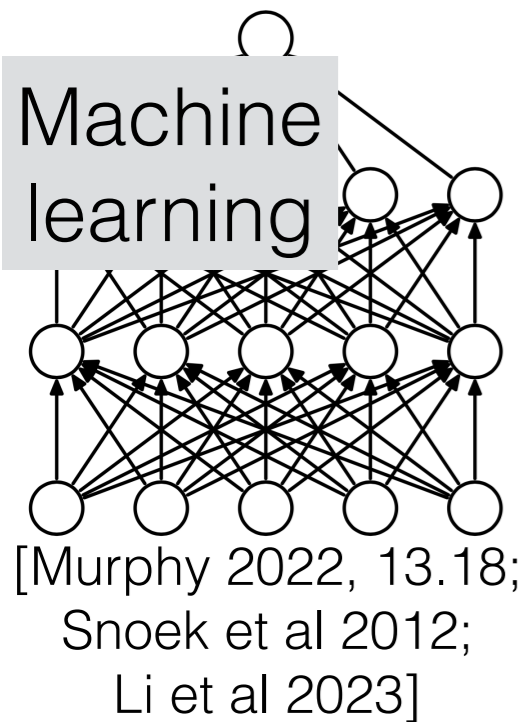
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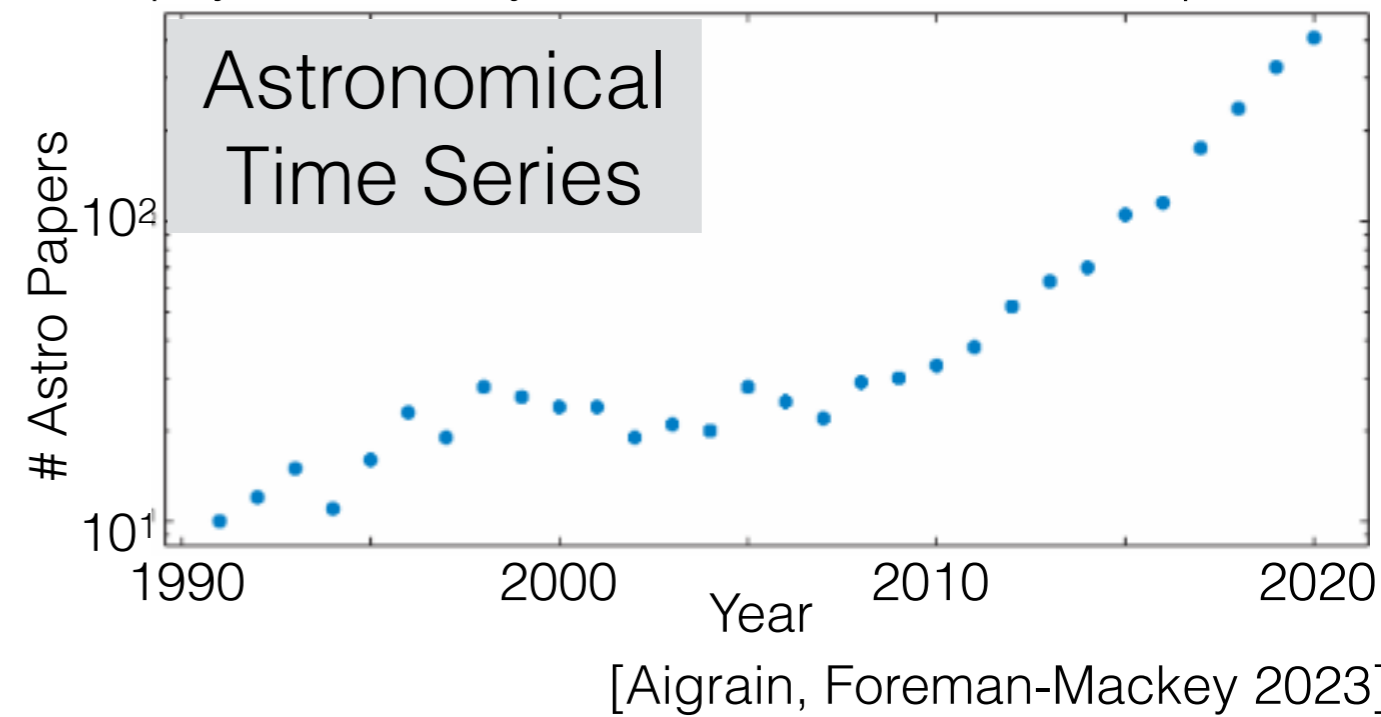
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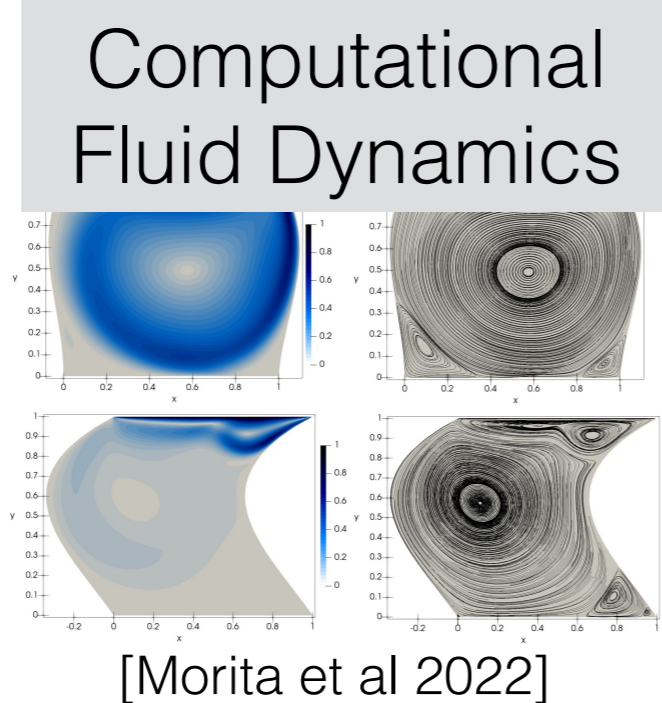
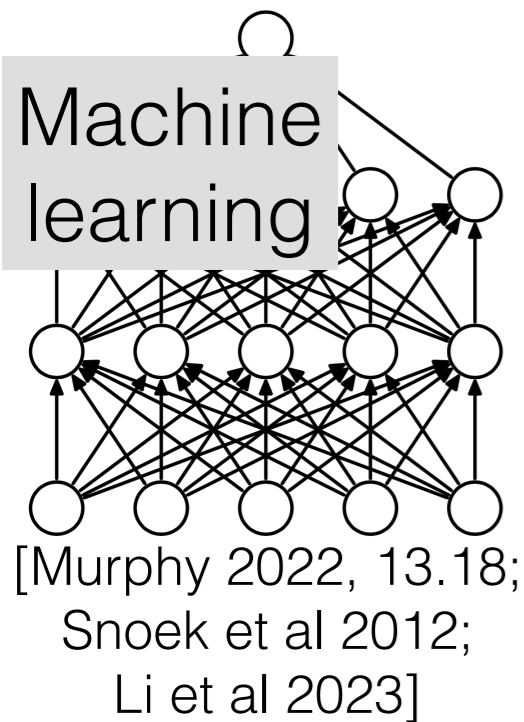
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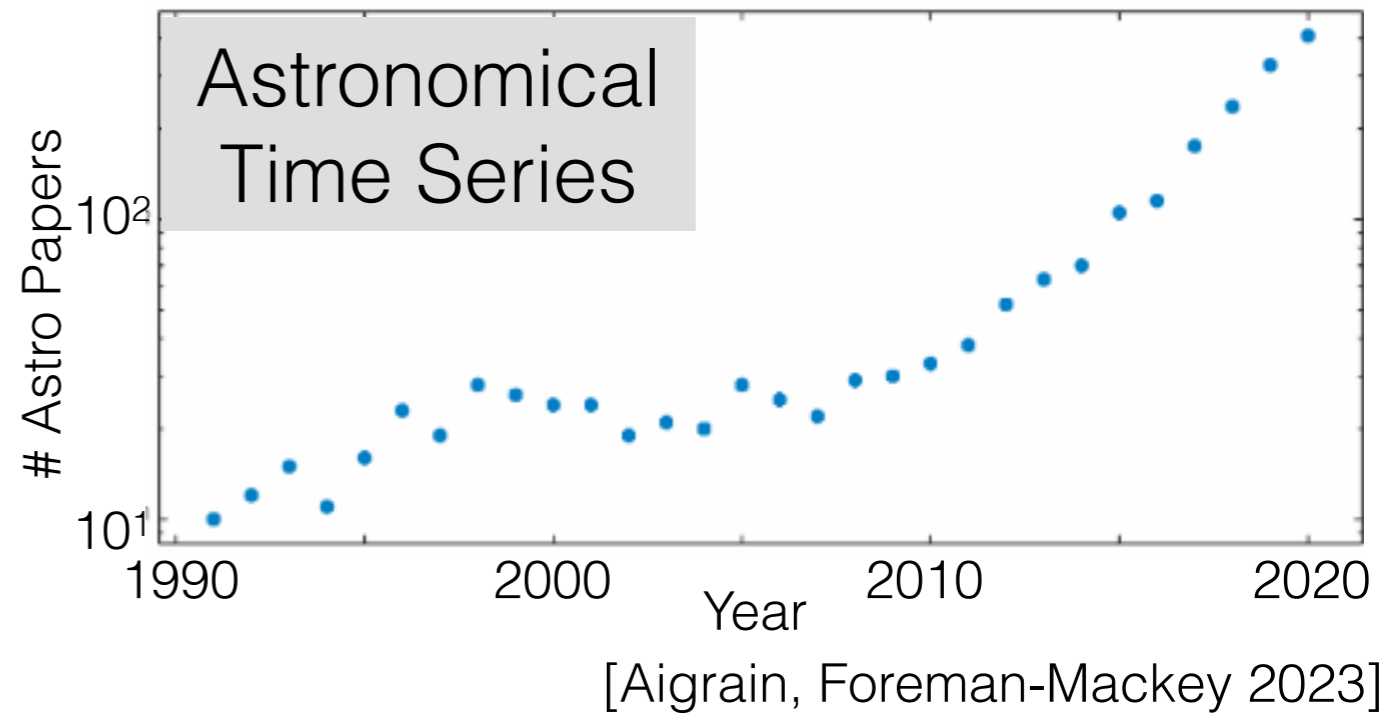
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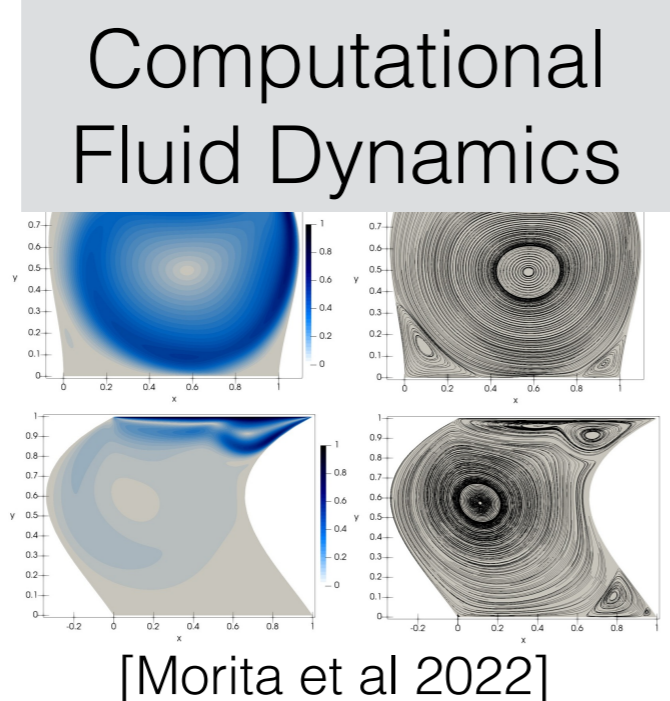
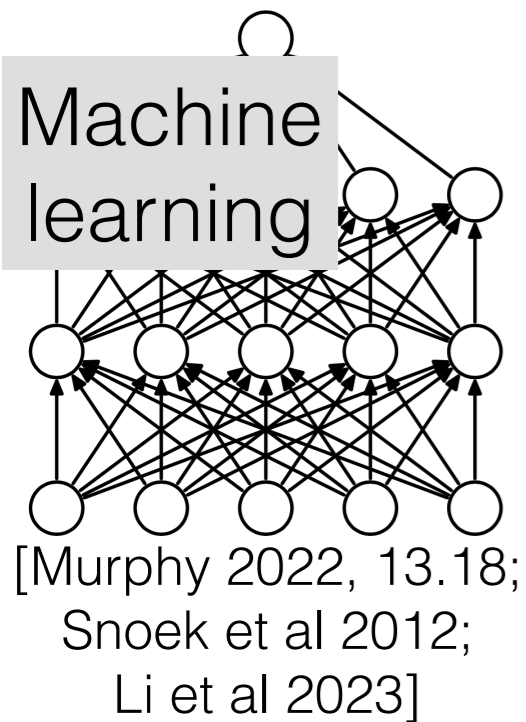
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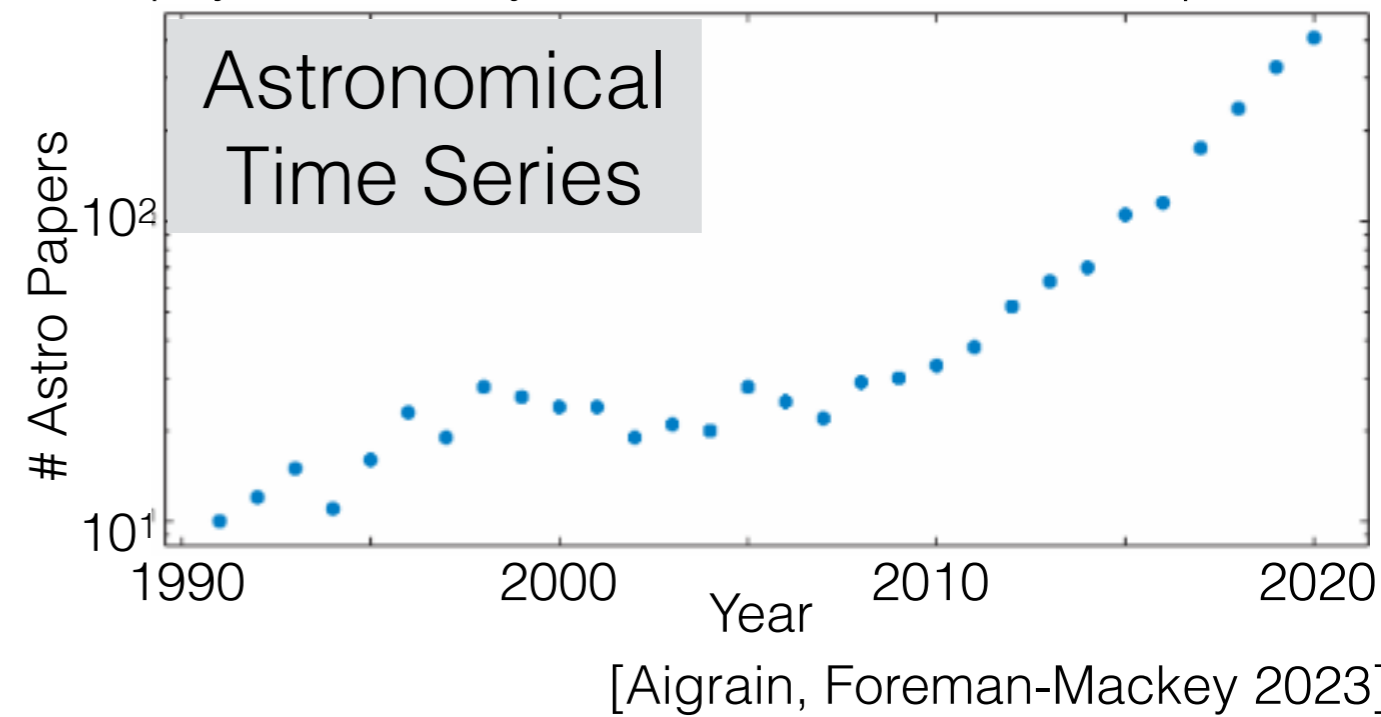
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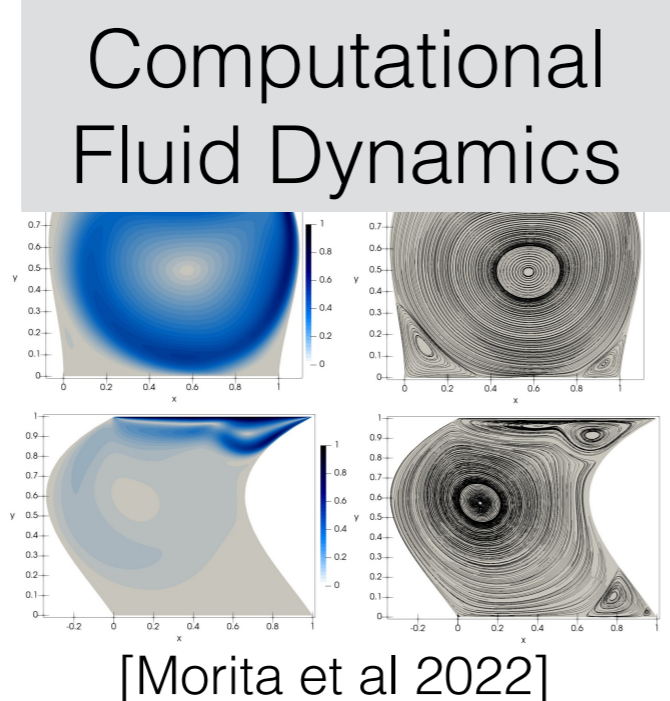
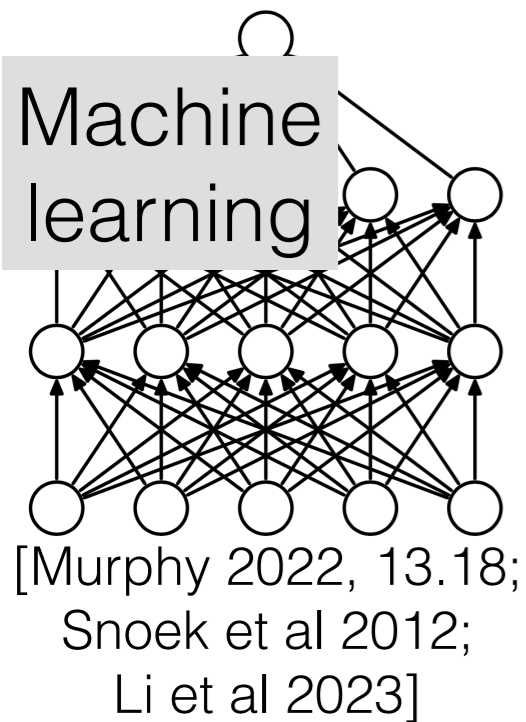


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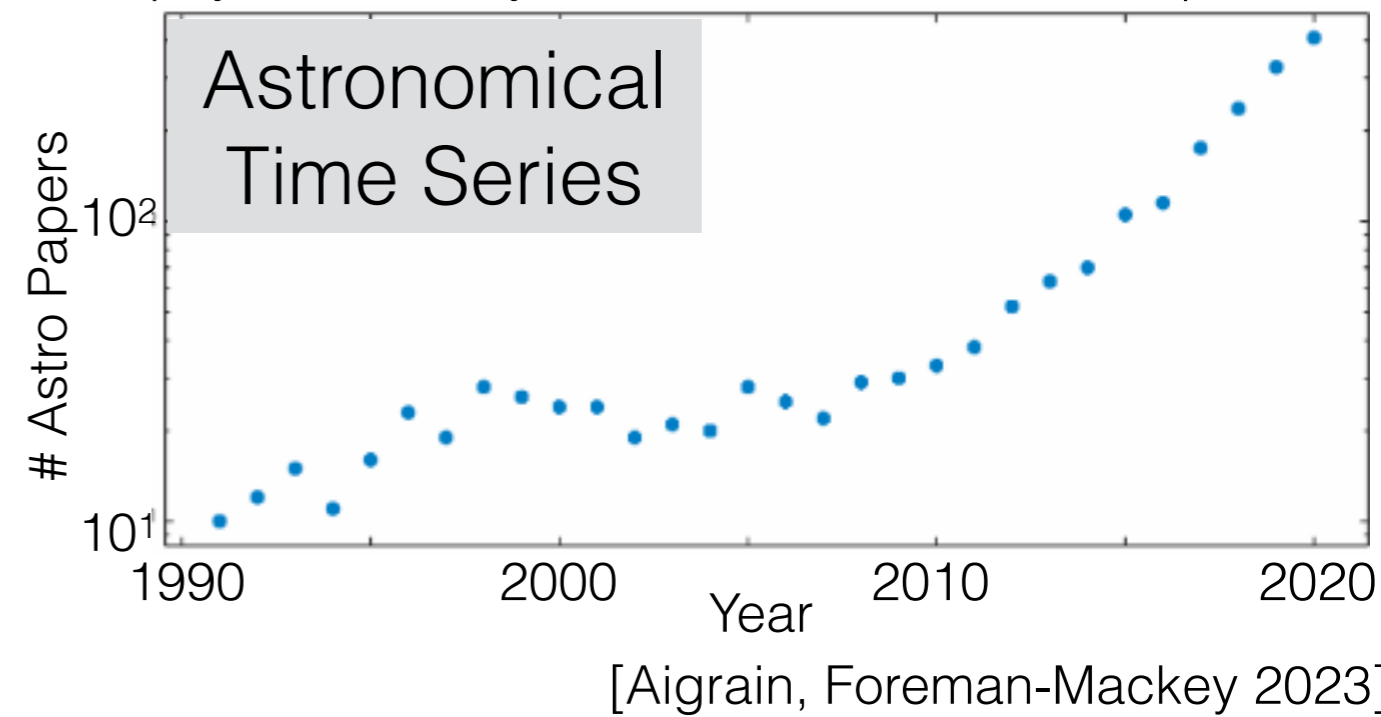
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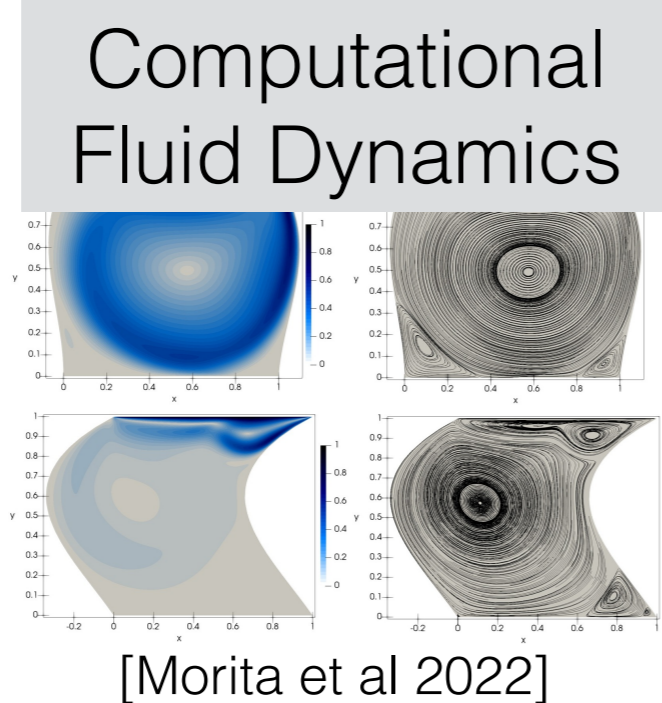
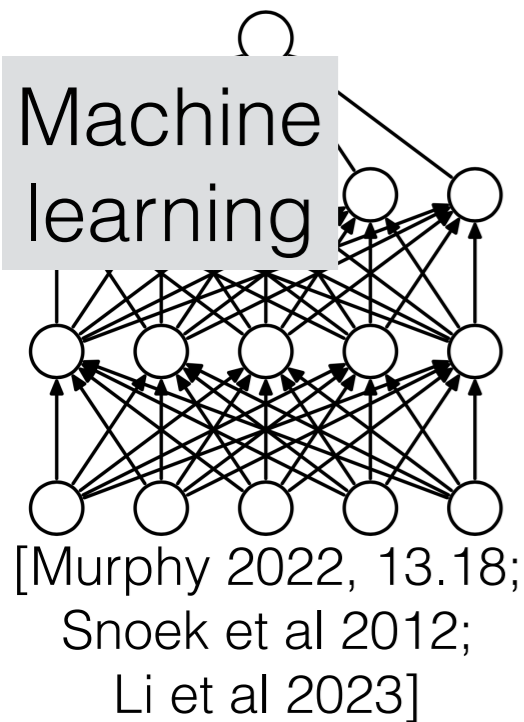


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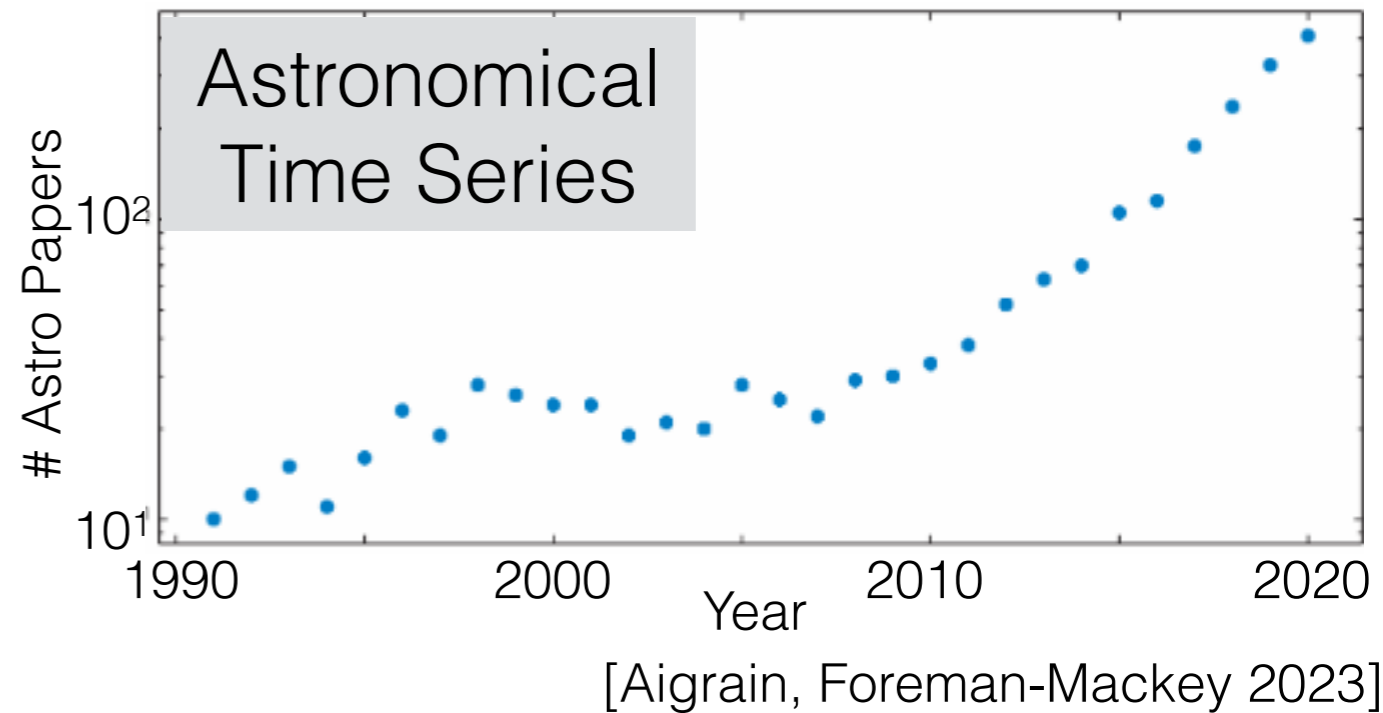
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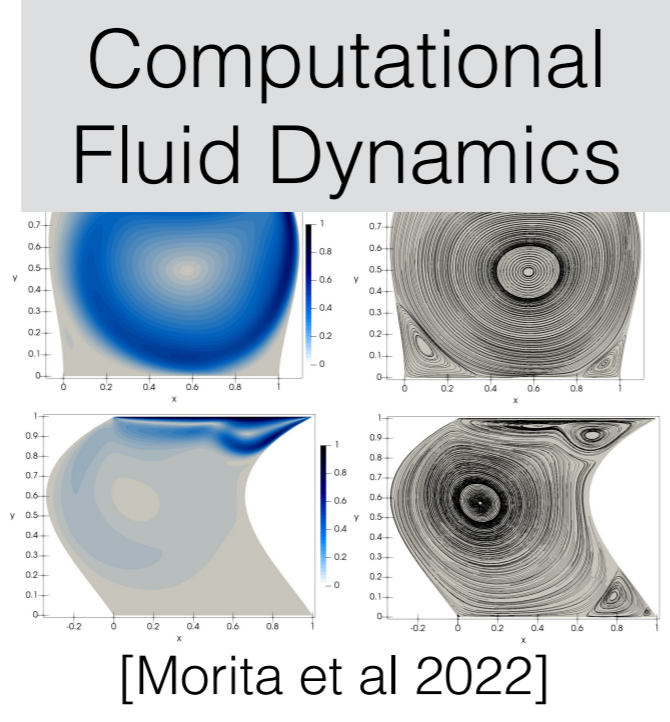
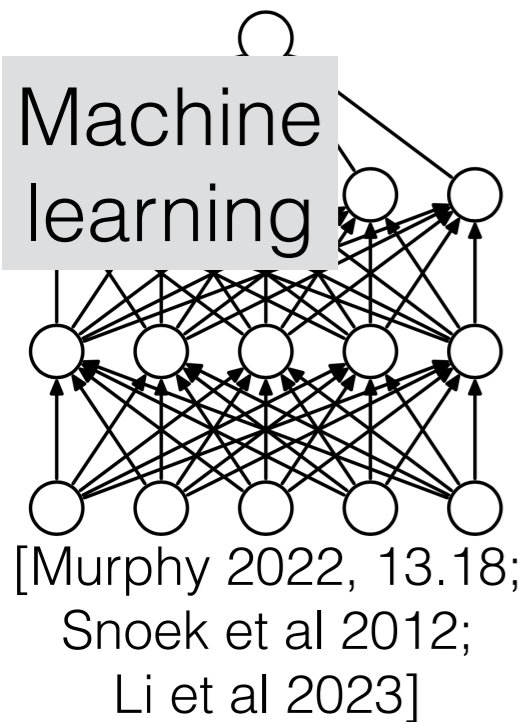


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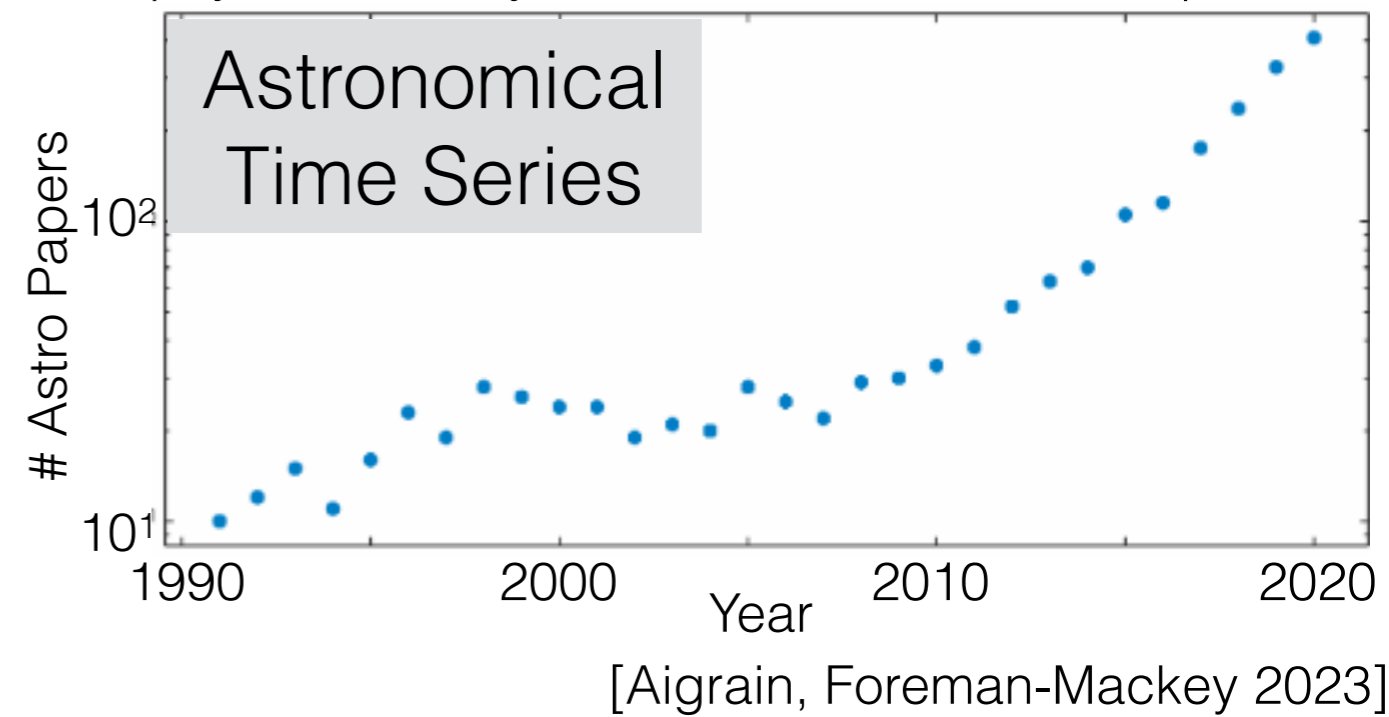
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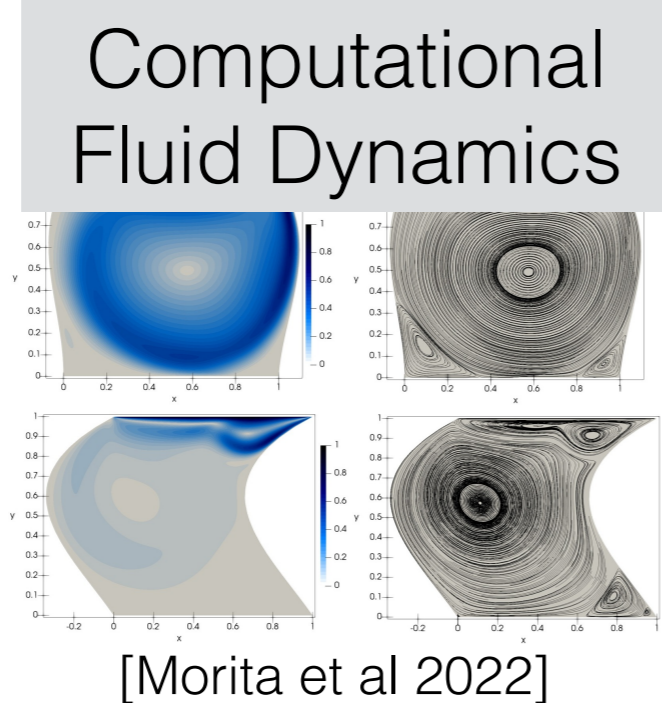
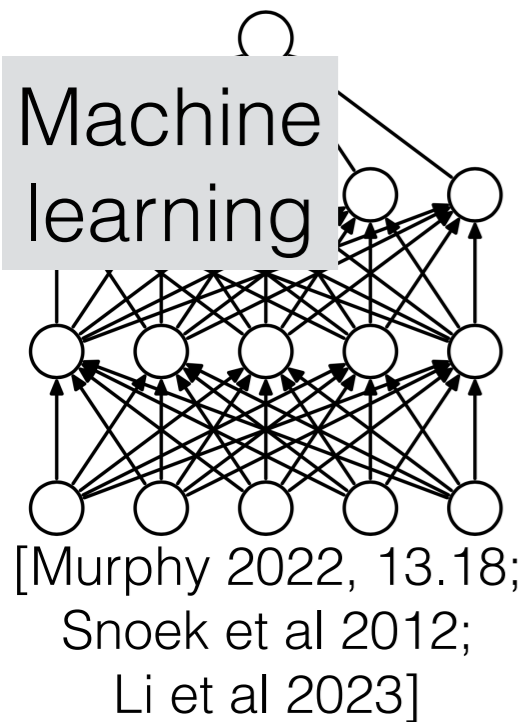


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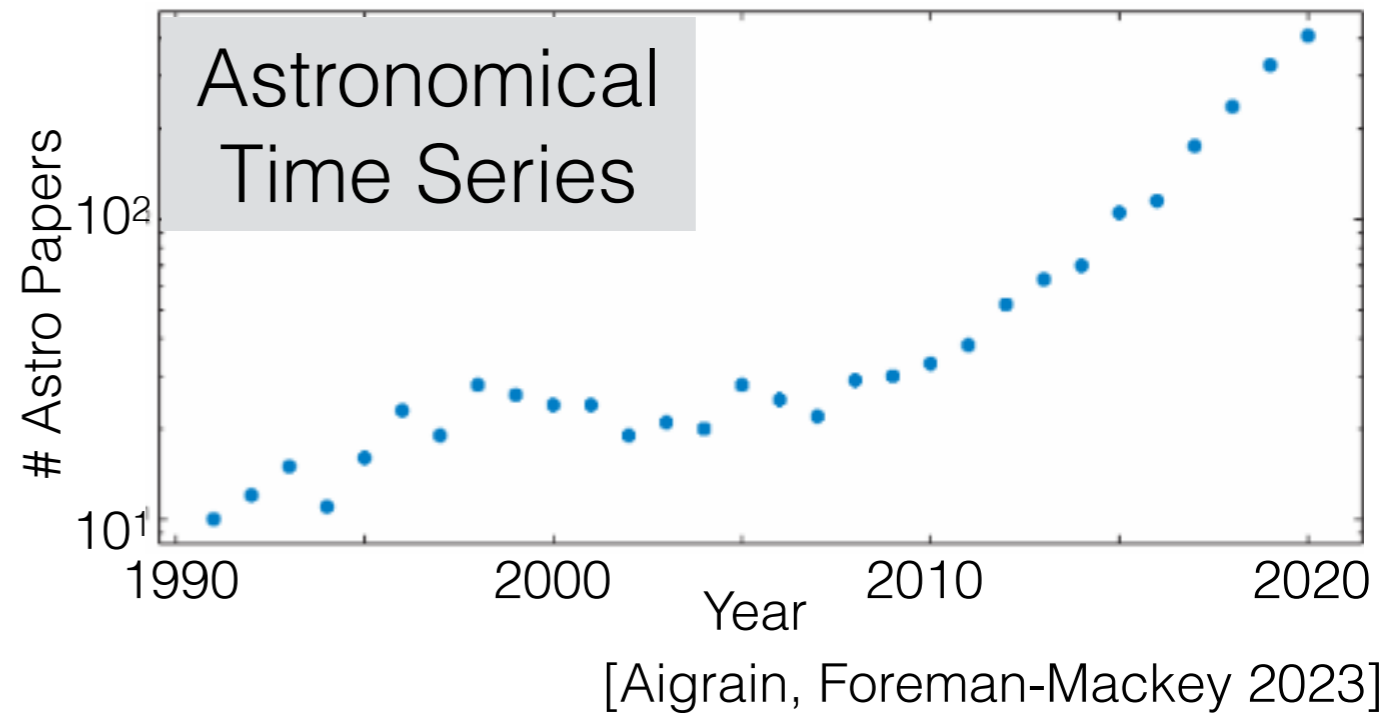
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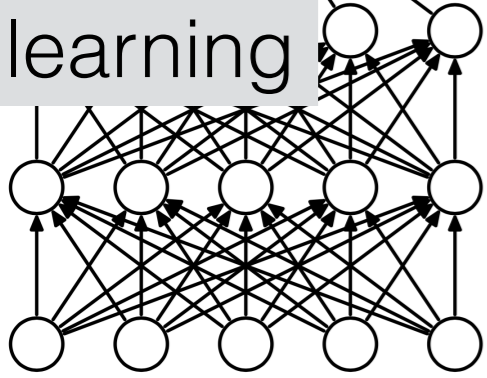
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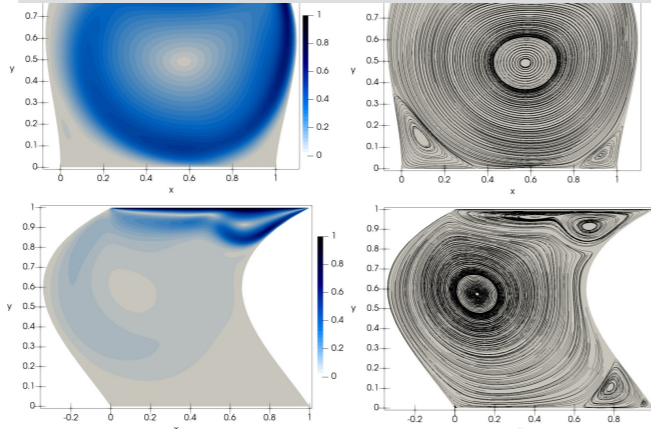
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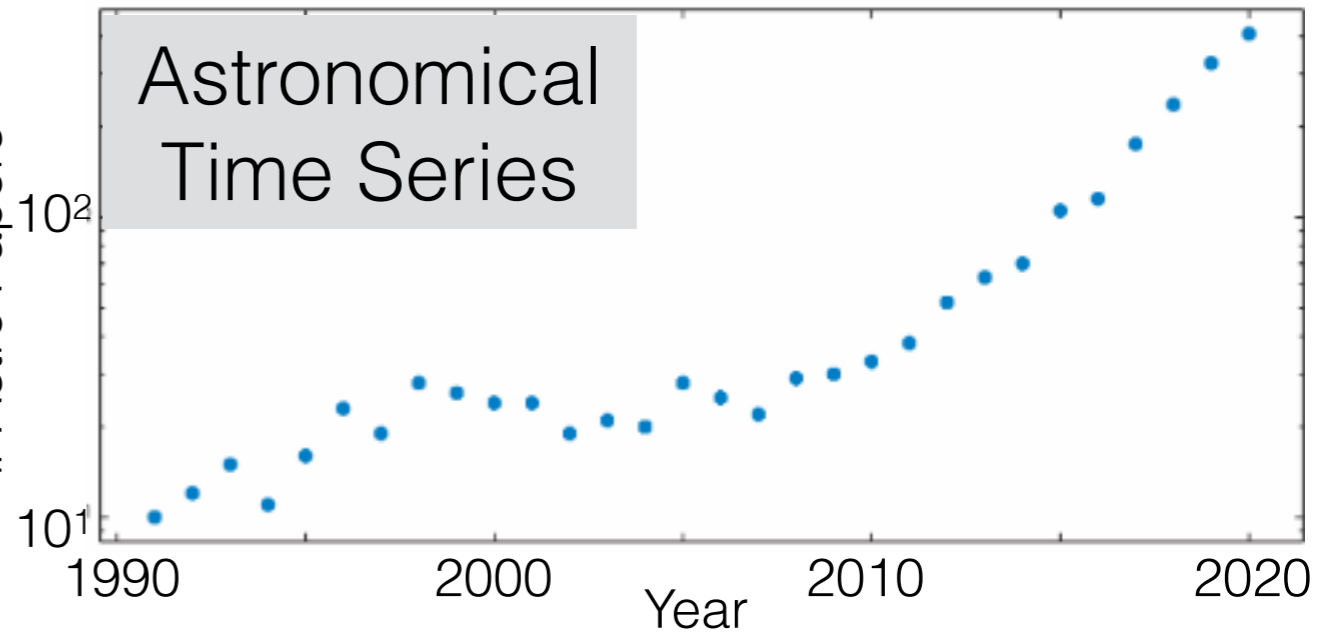
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- We'd like to estimate a potentially nonlinear but smooth function of a handful of inputs
- We have access to sparse (possibly noisy) observations of the function
- We'd like to quantify our uncertainty

Bonus benefits: • Ease of use (software, tuning) • Supports optimization of outcome • Predictions & uncertainties over derivatives & integrals • Module in more-complex methods

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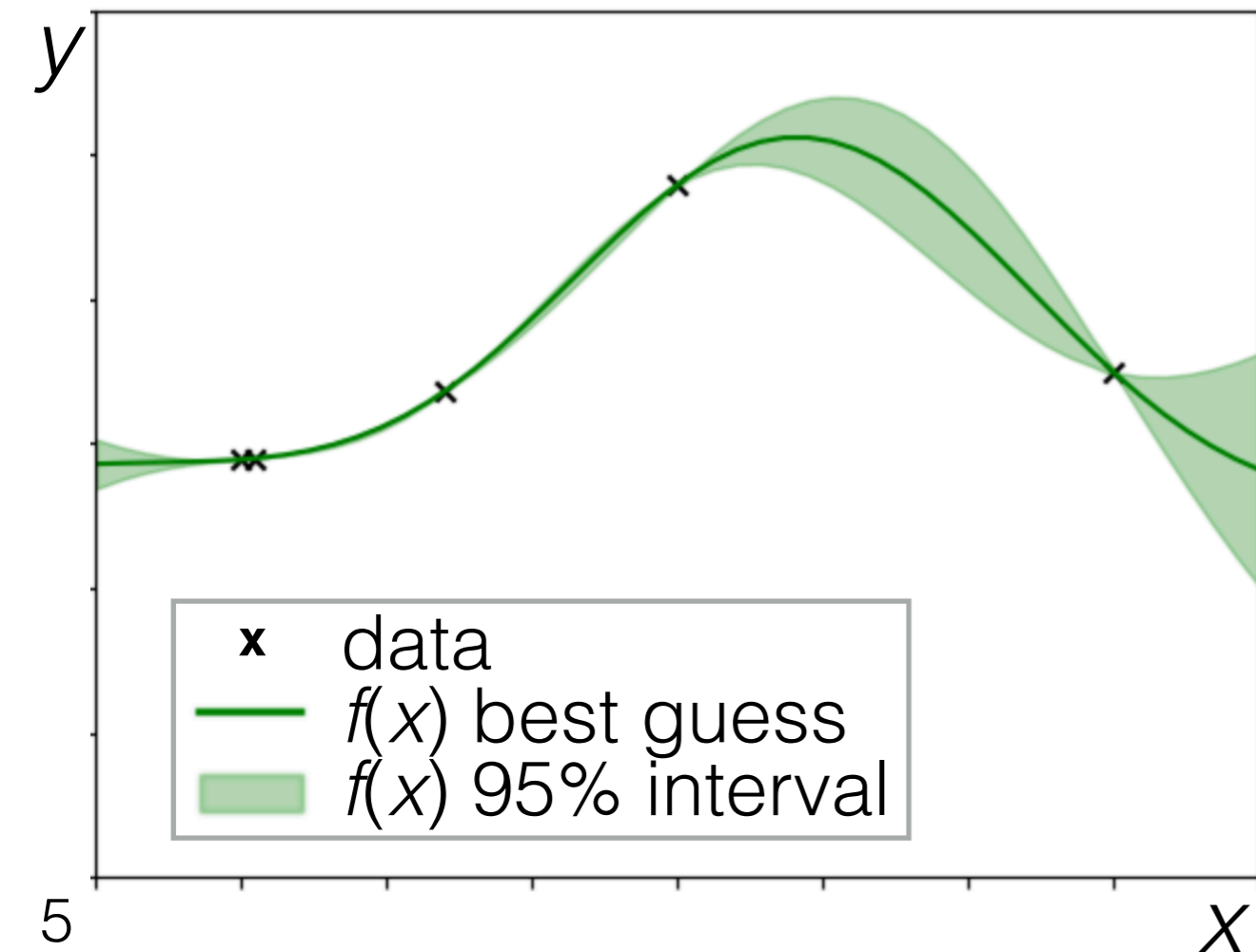


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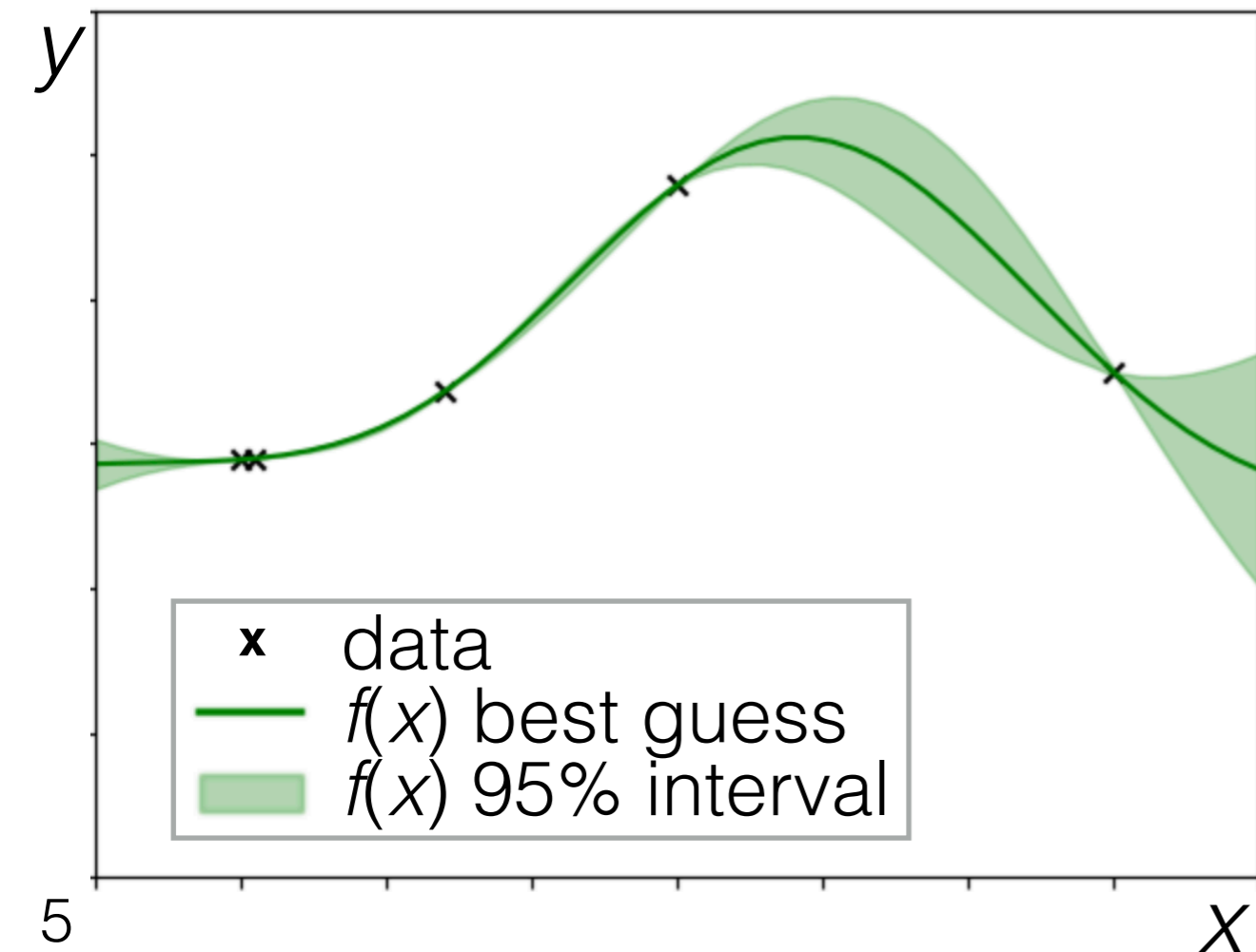
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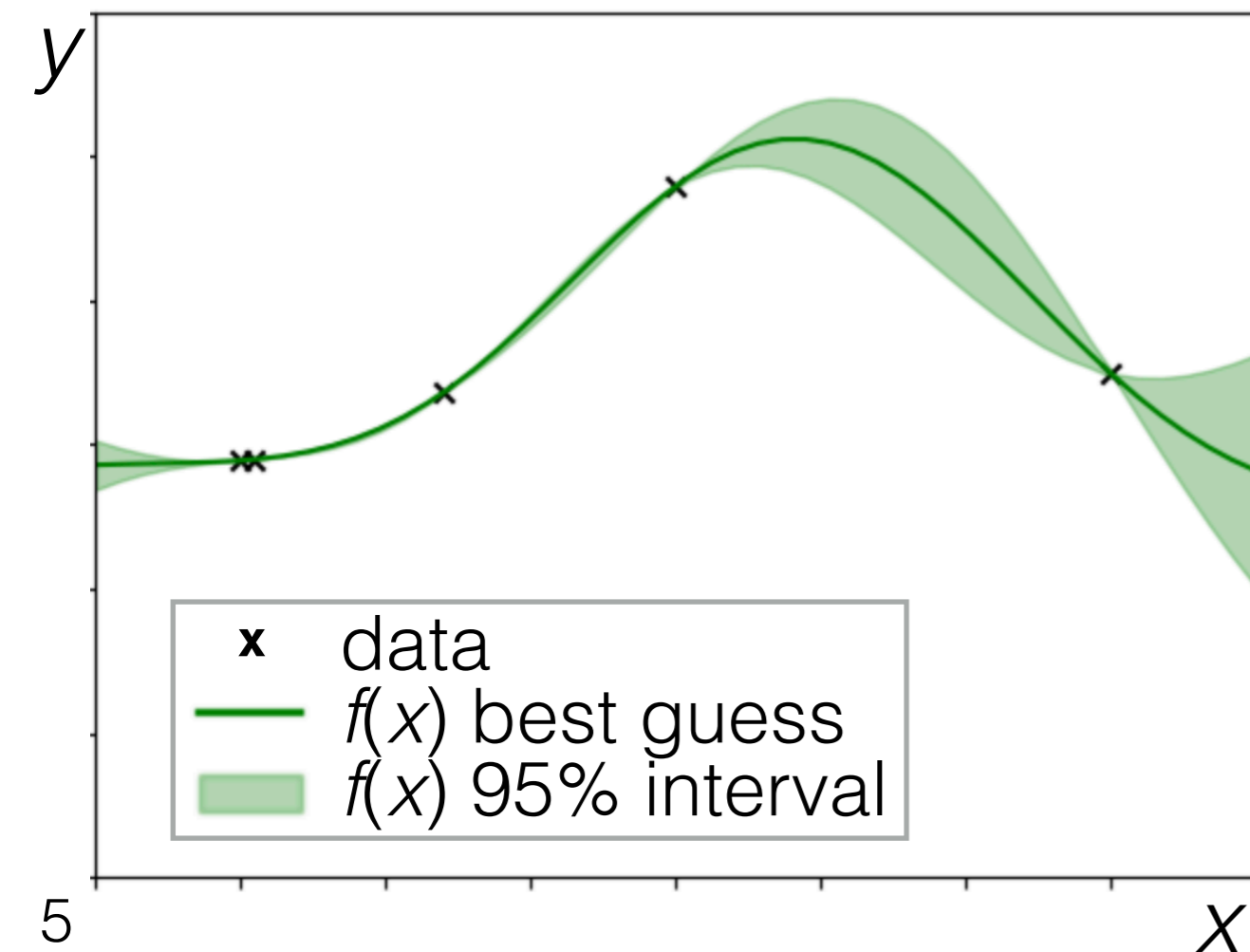


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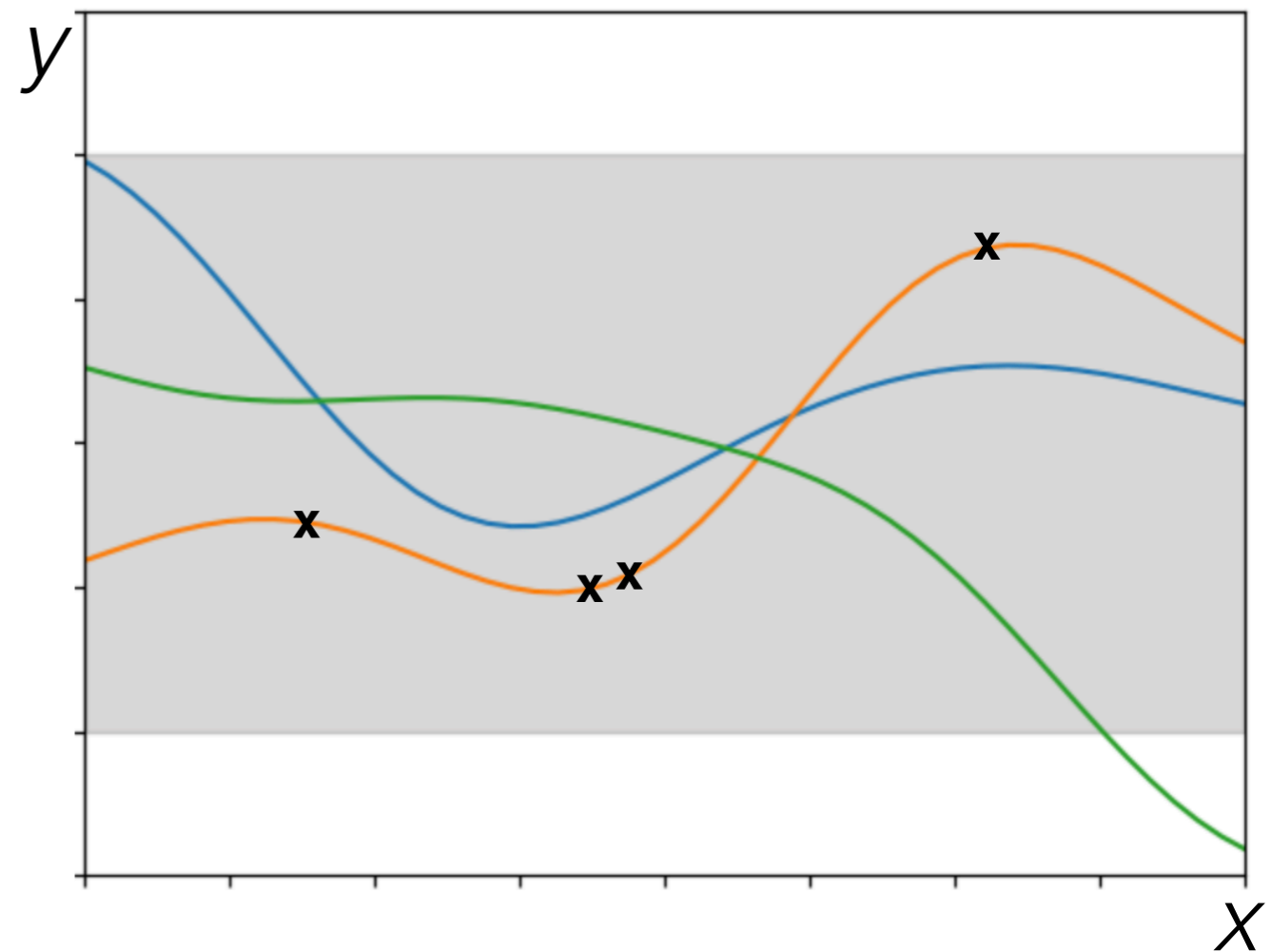
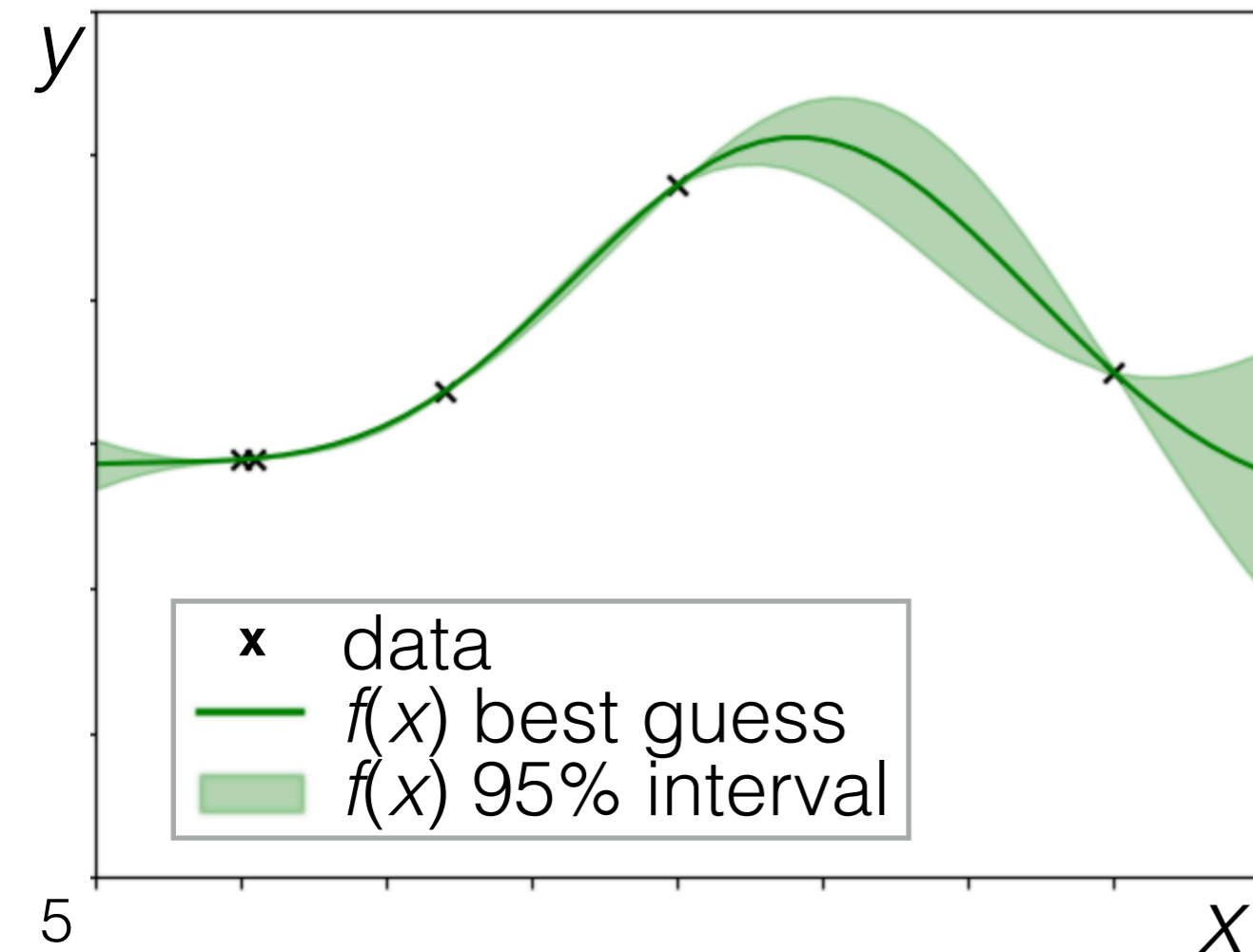


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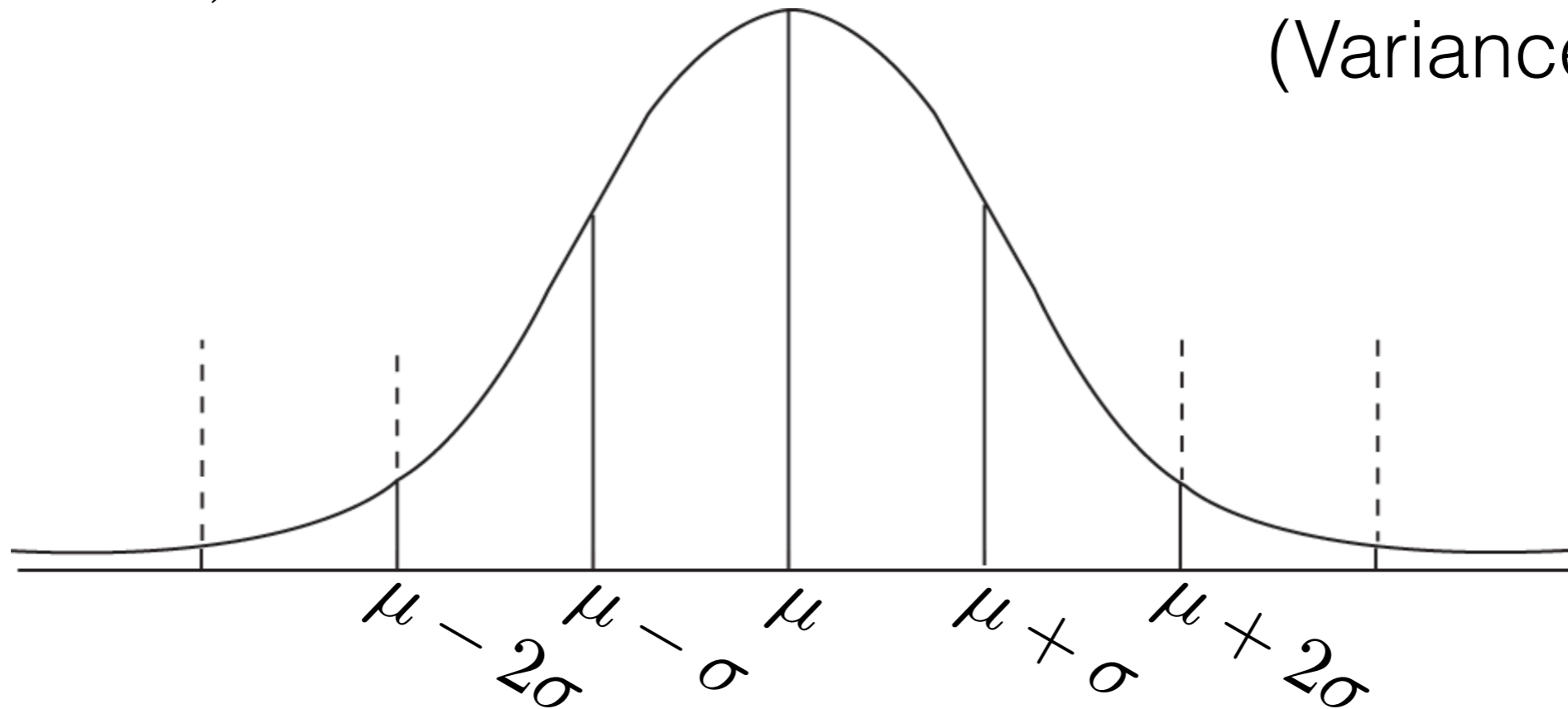
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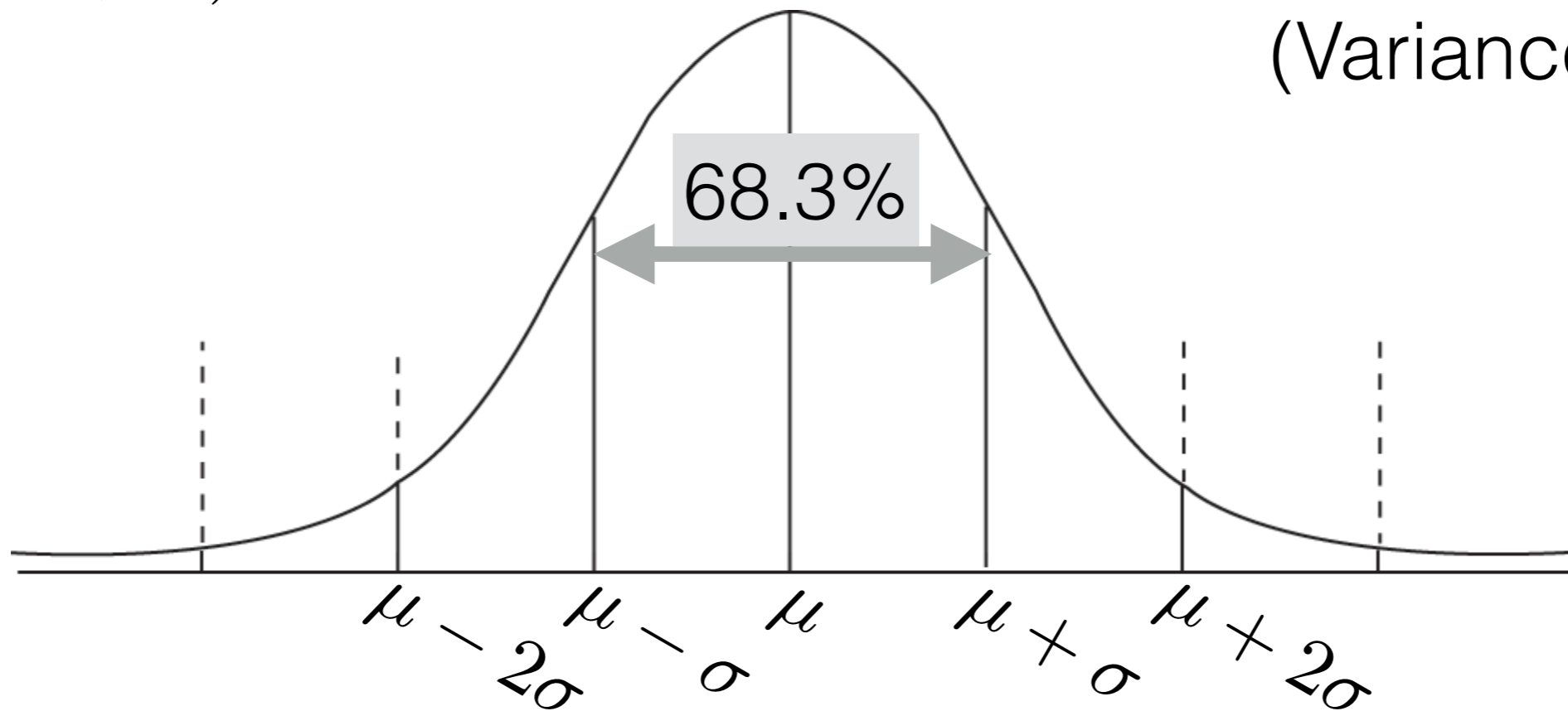
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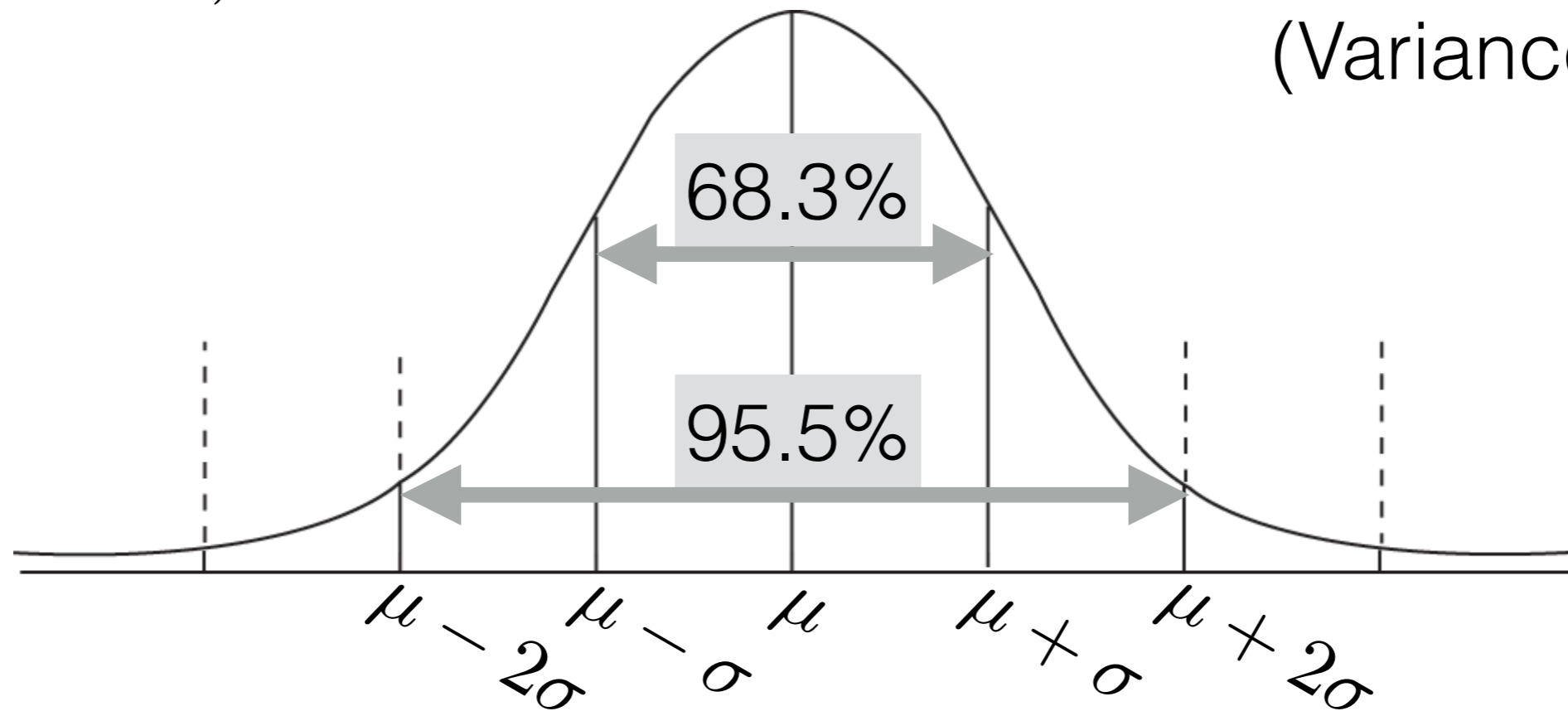
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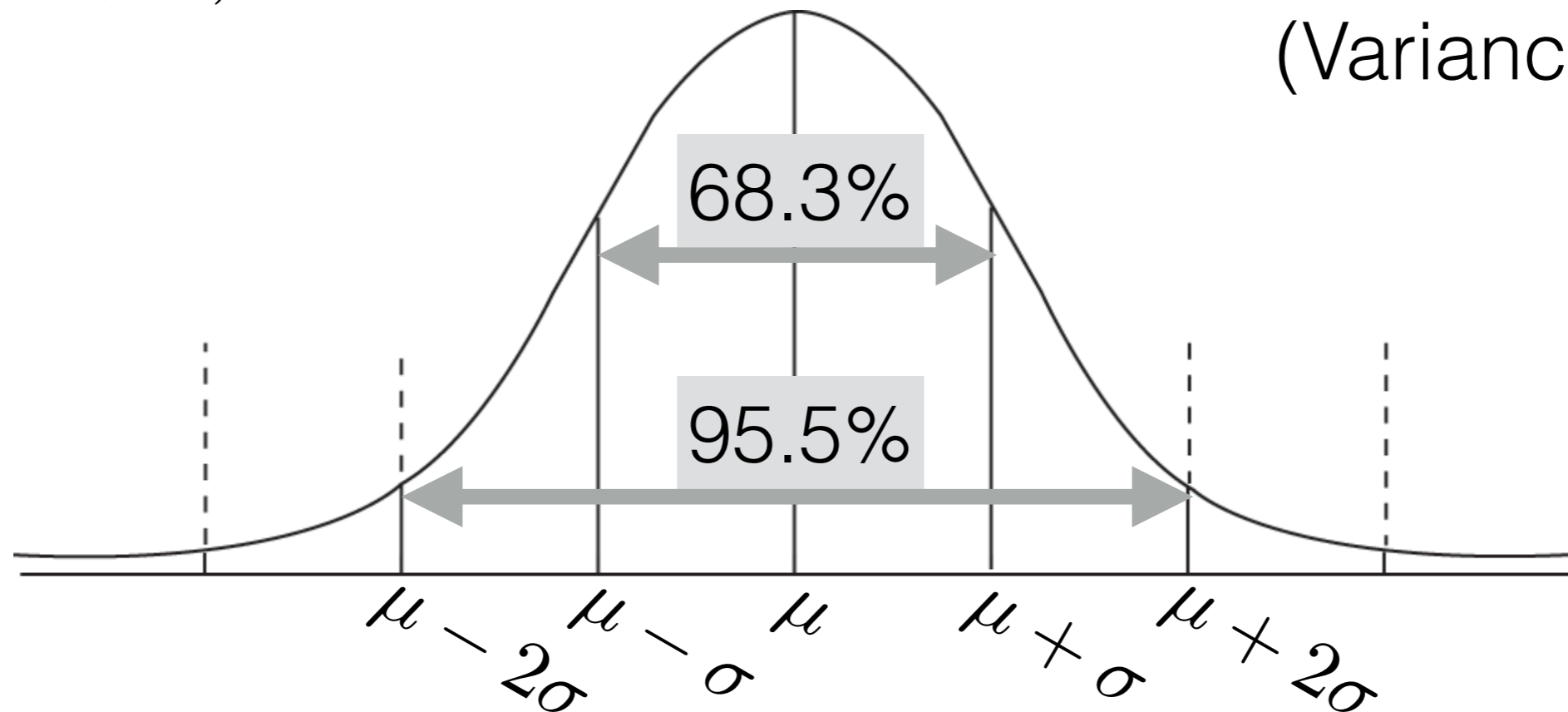
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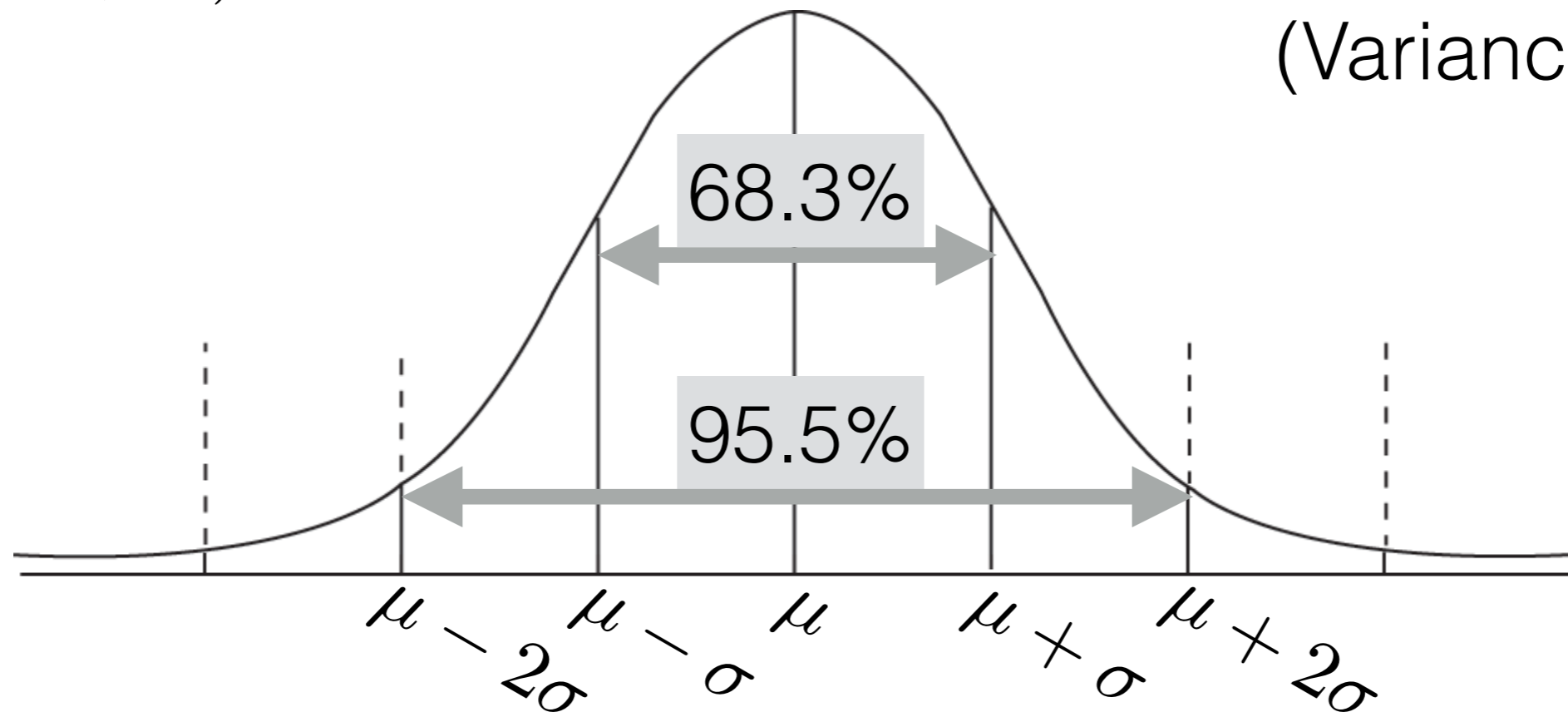
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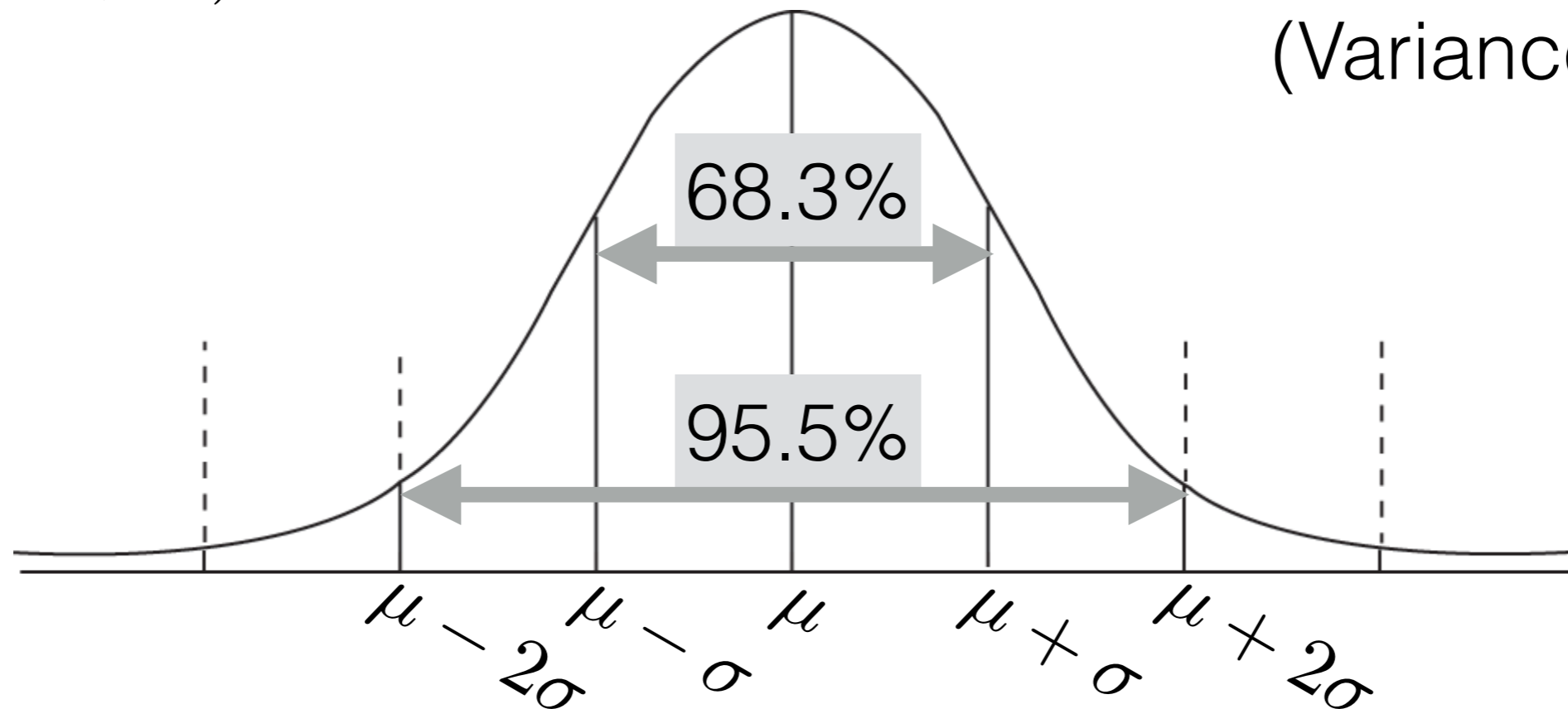
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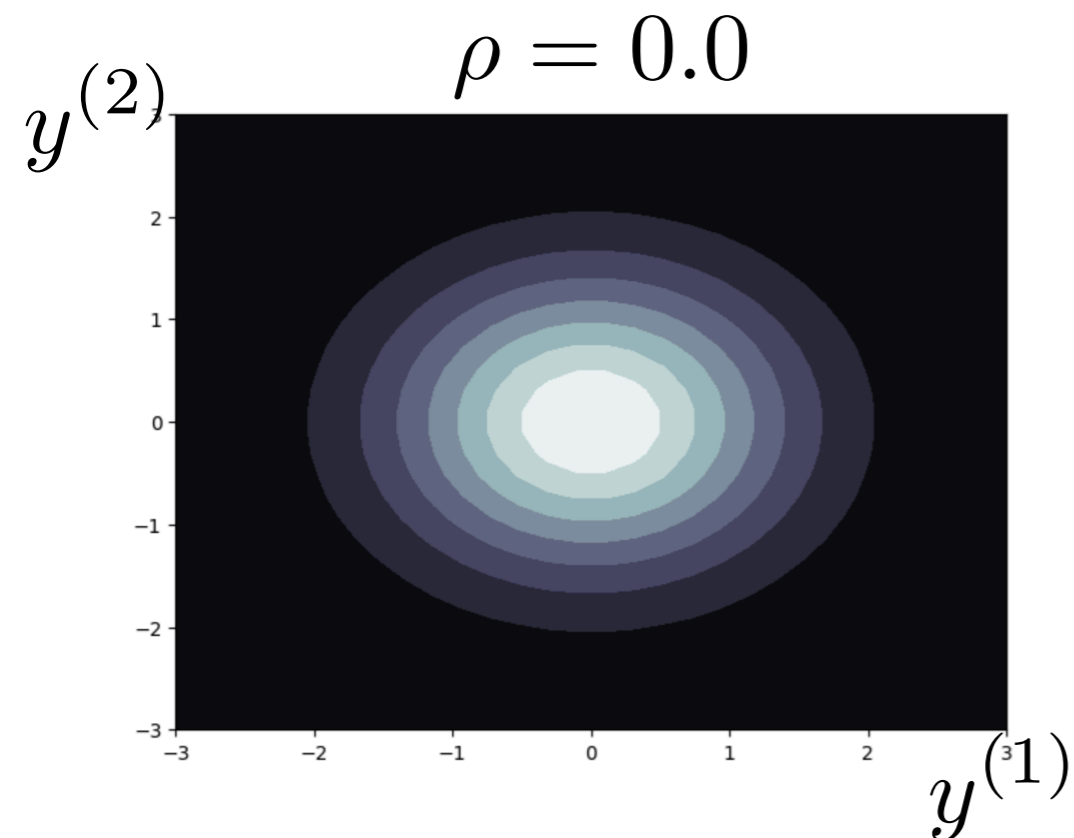
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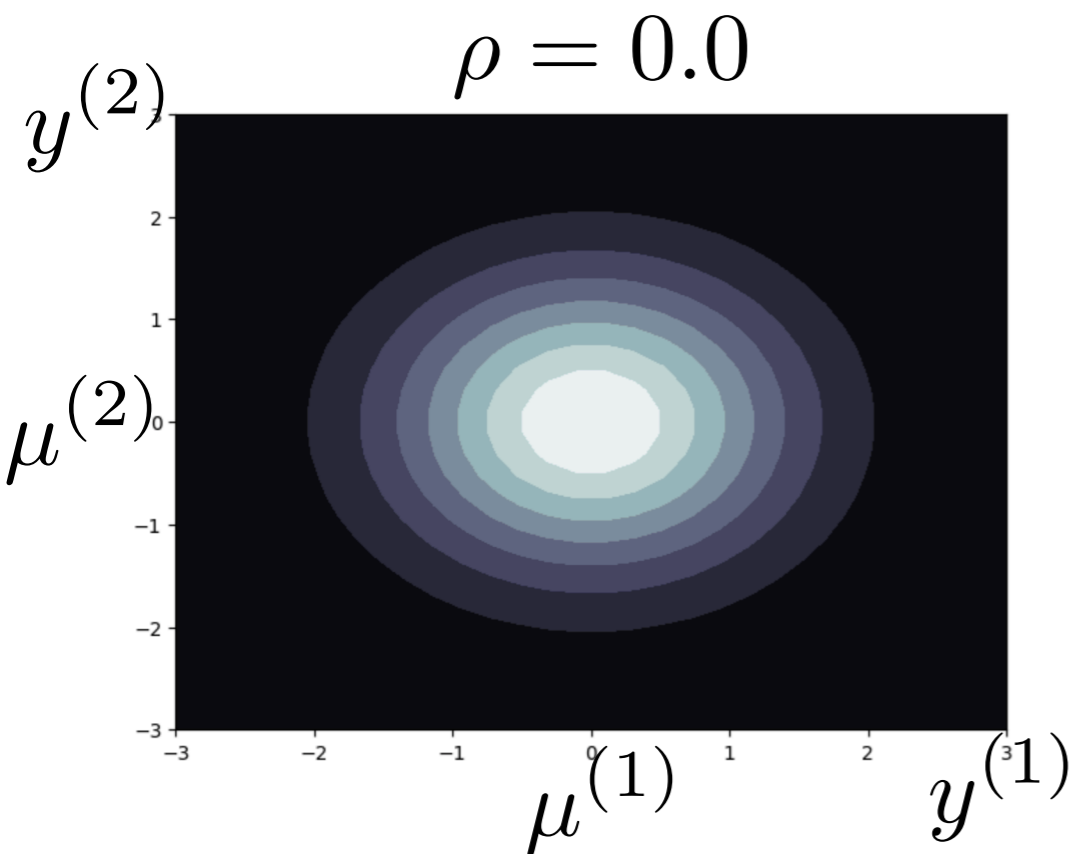
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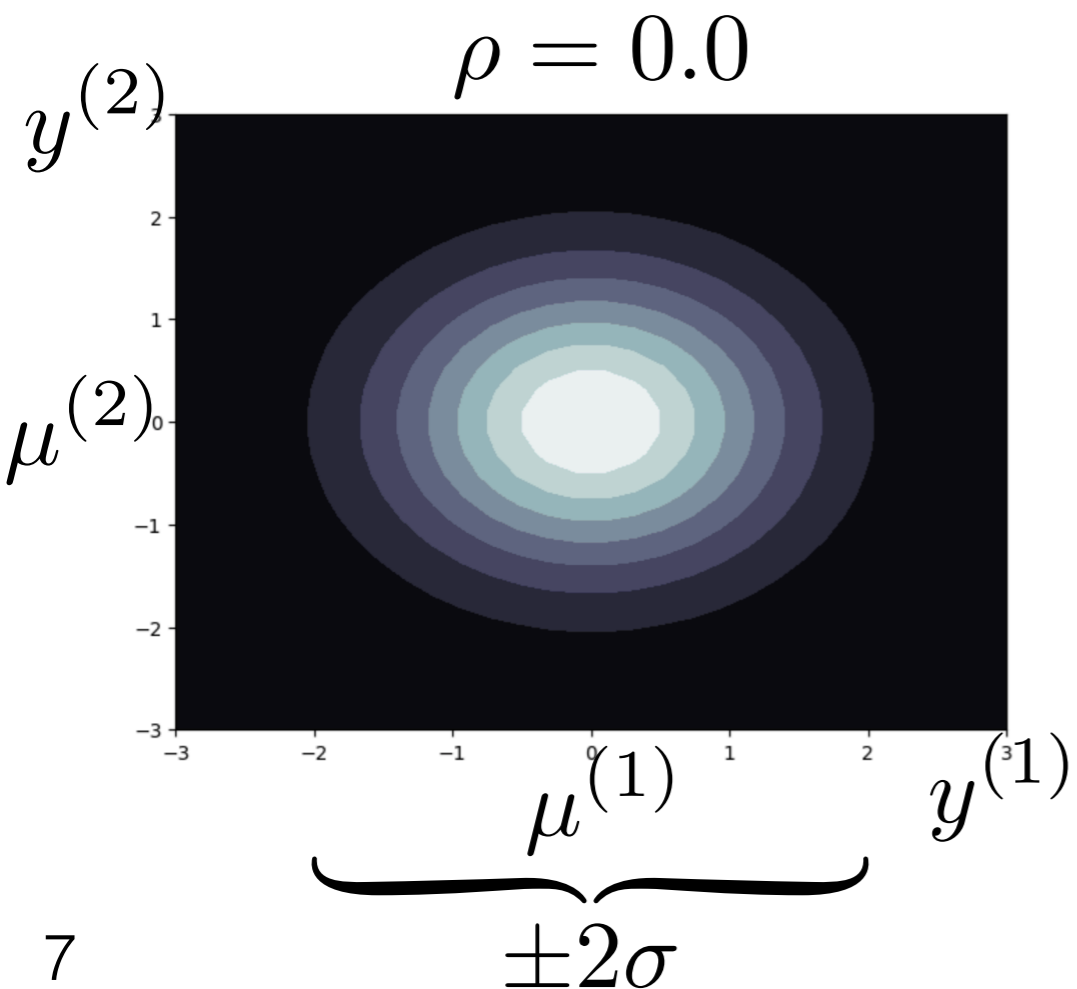
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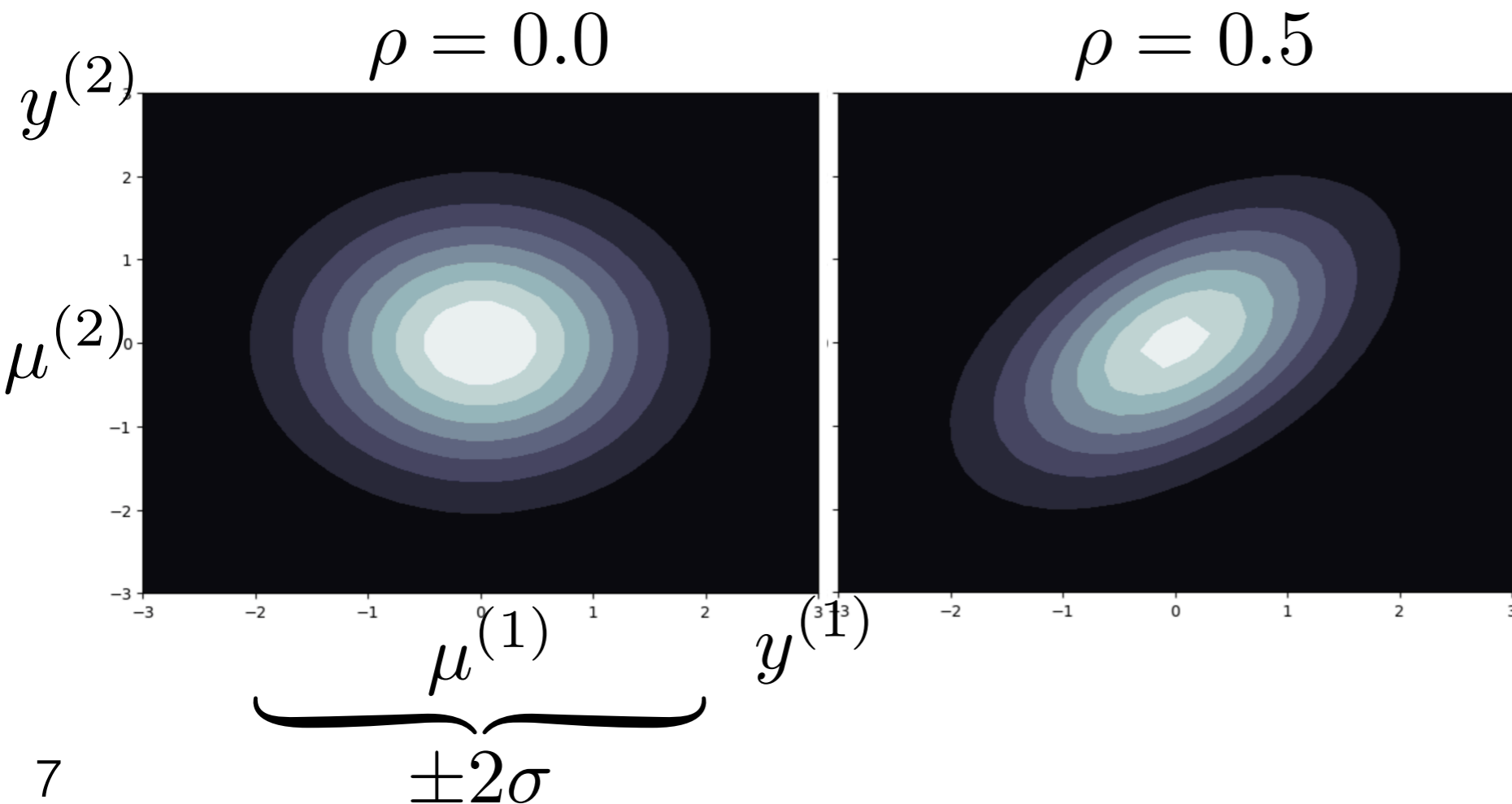
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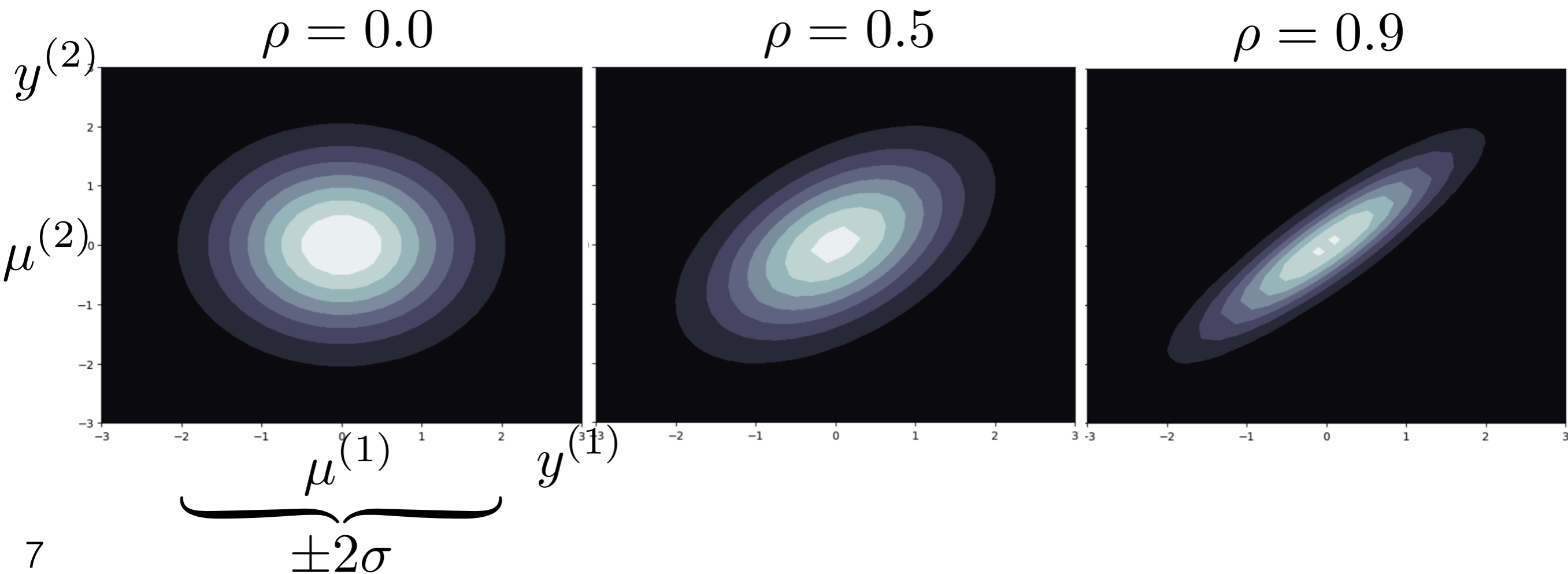
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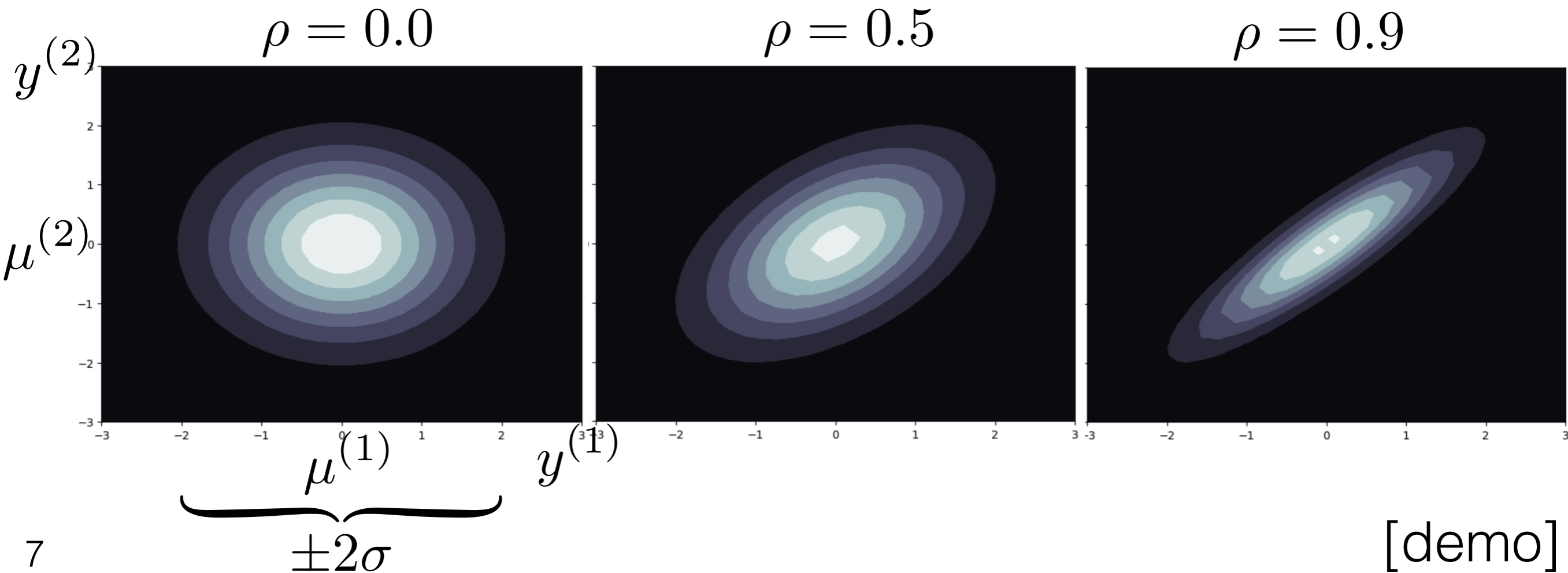
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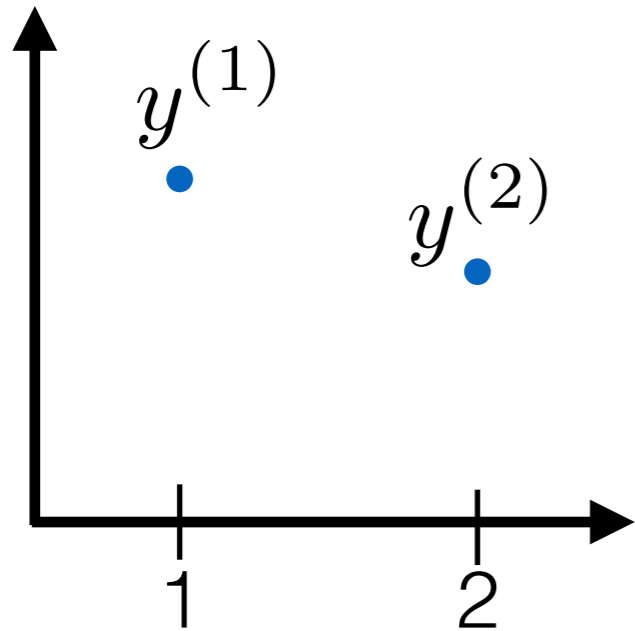
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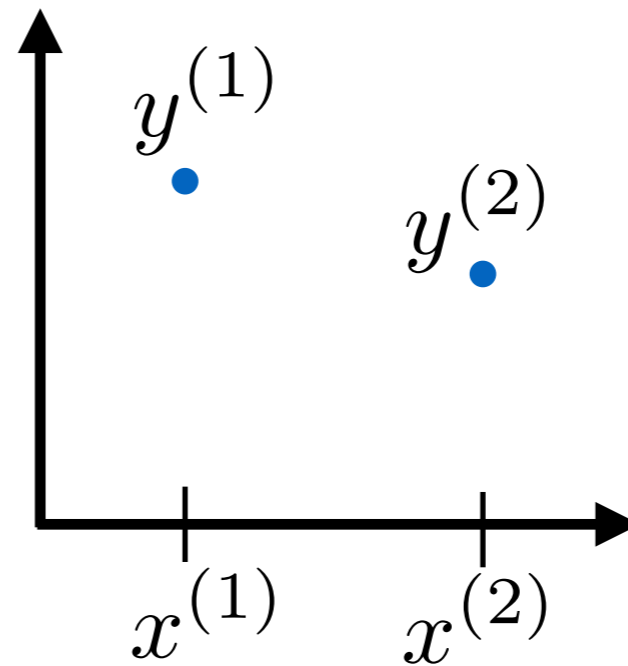
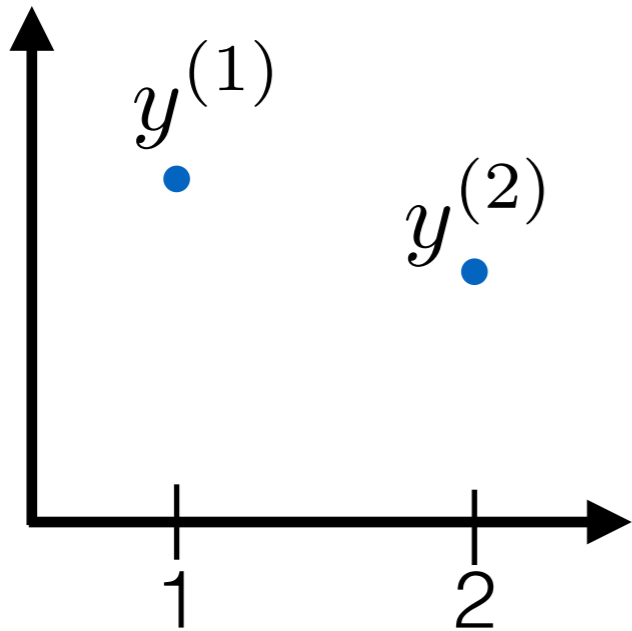
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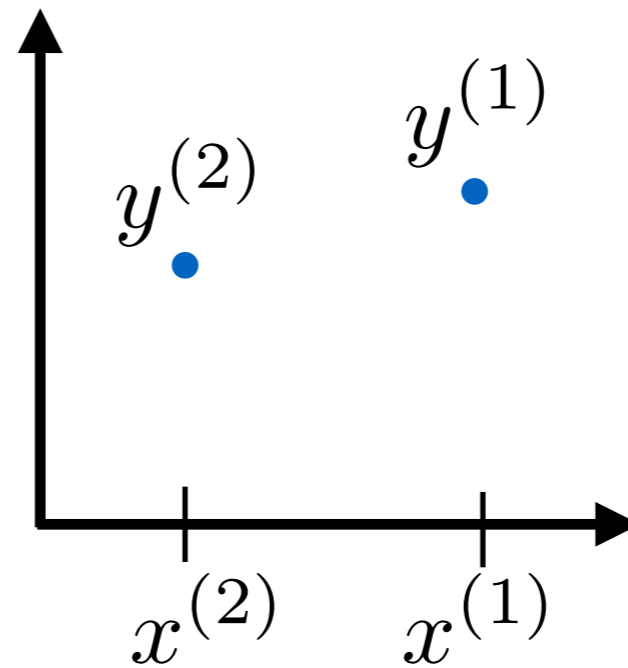
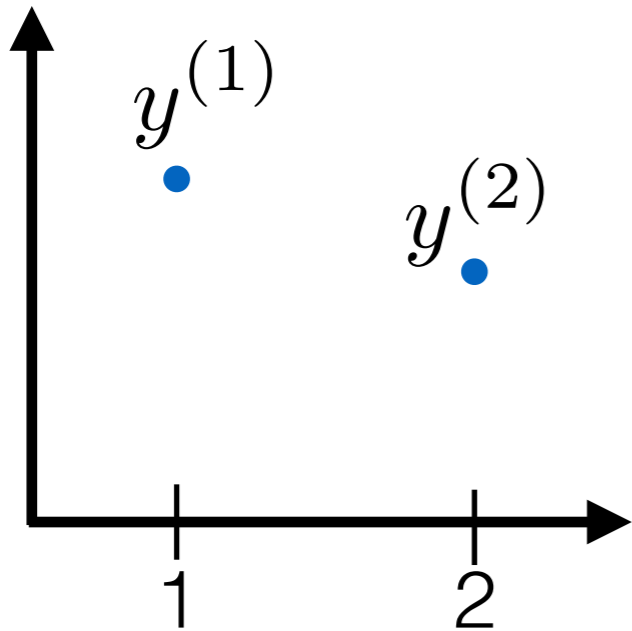
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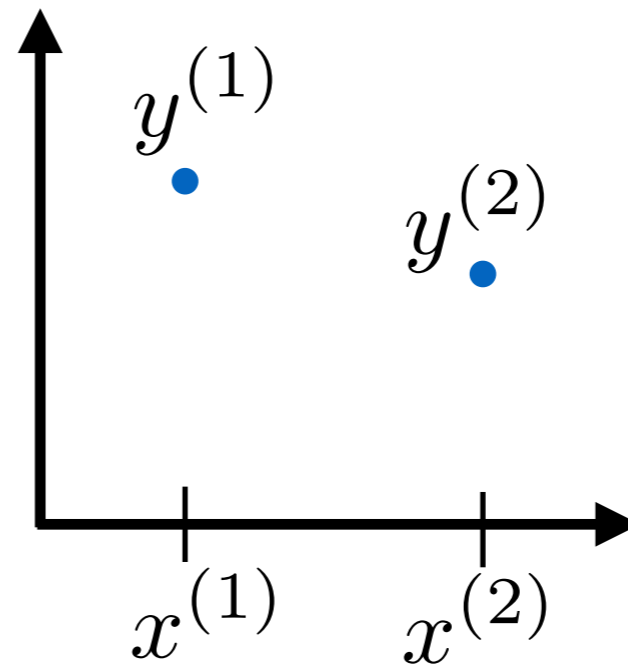
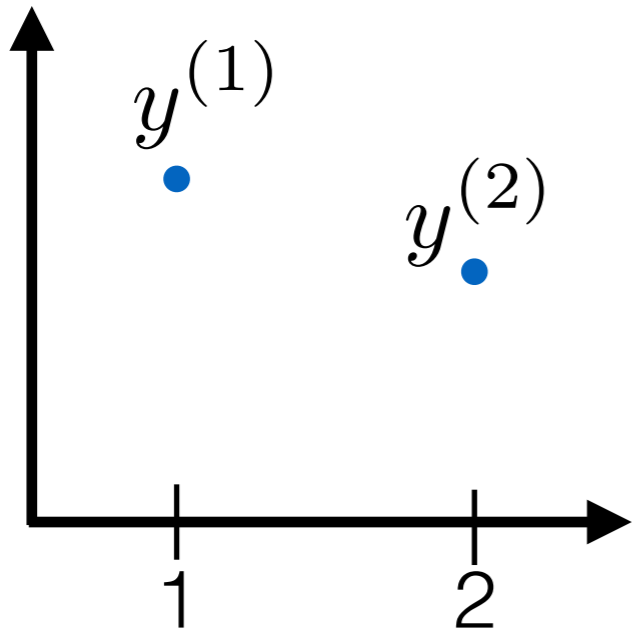
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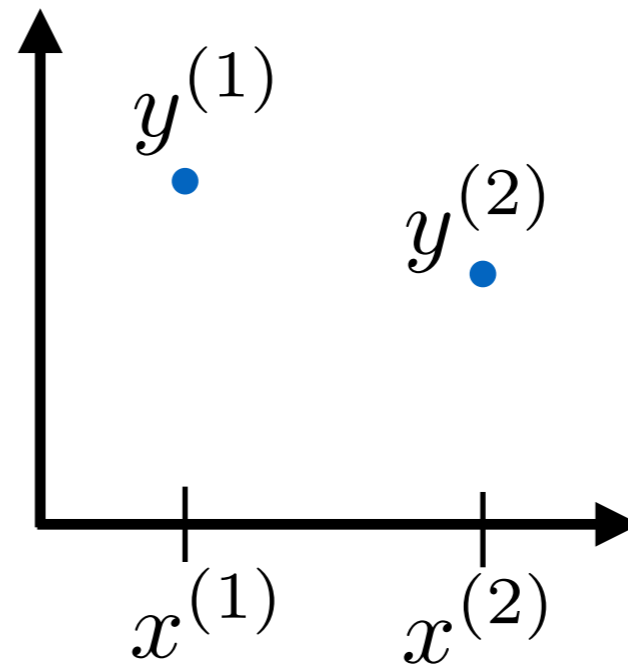
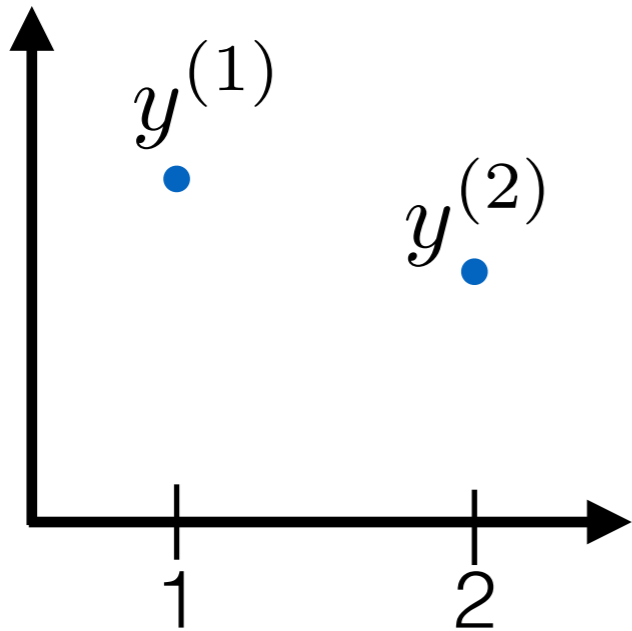
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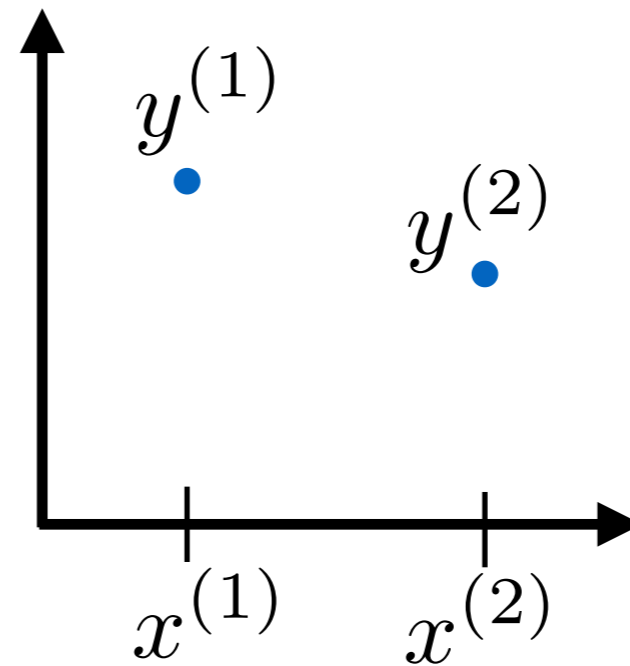
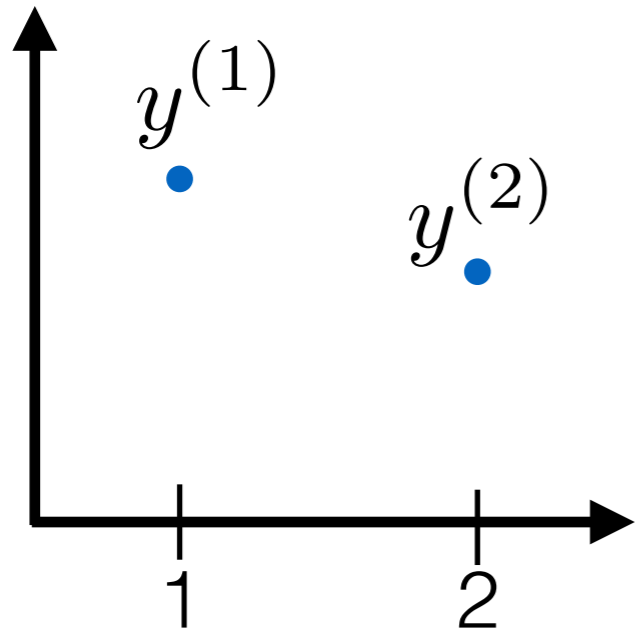
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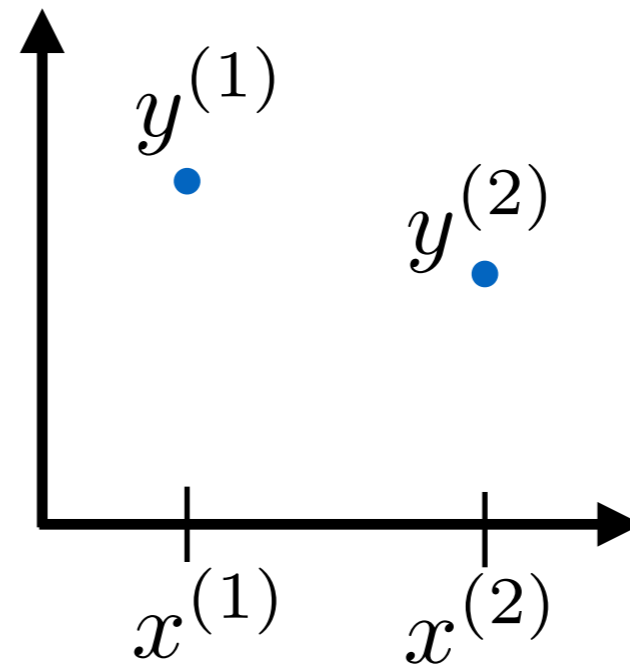
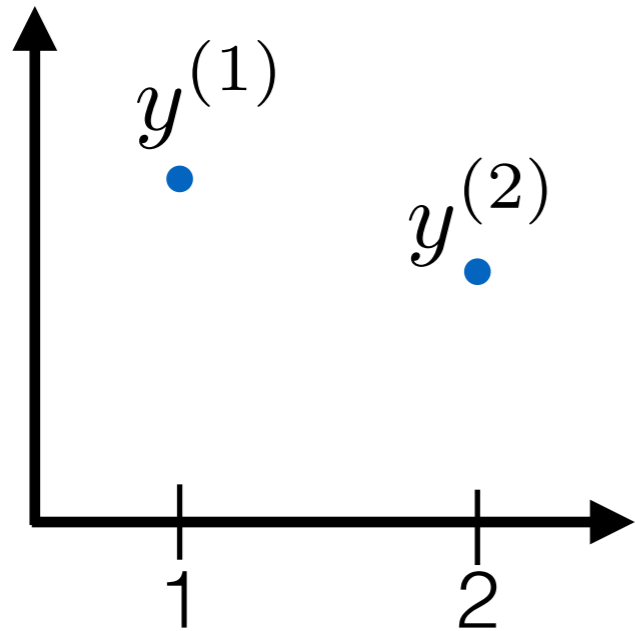
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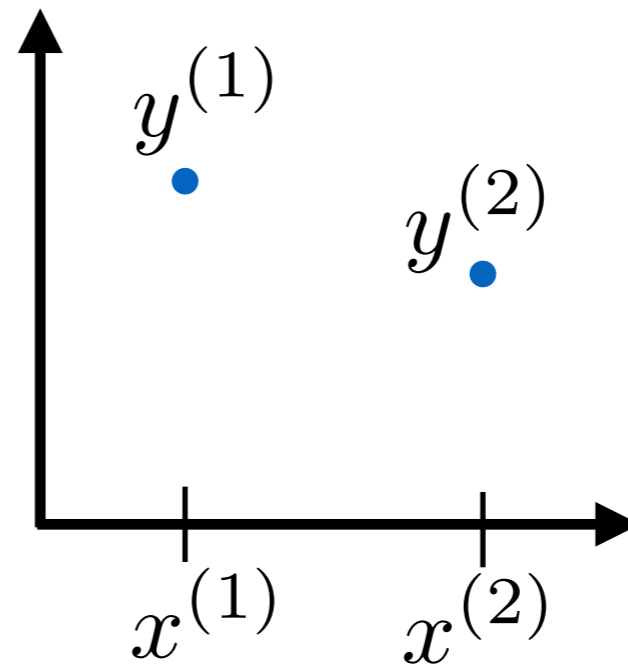
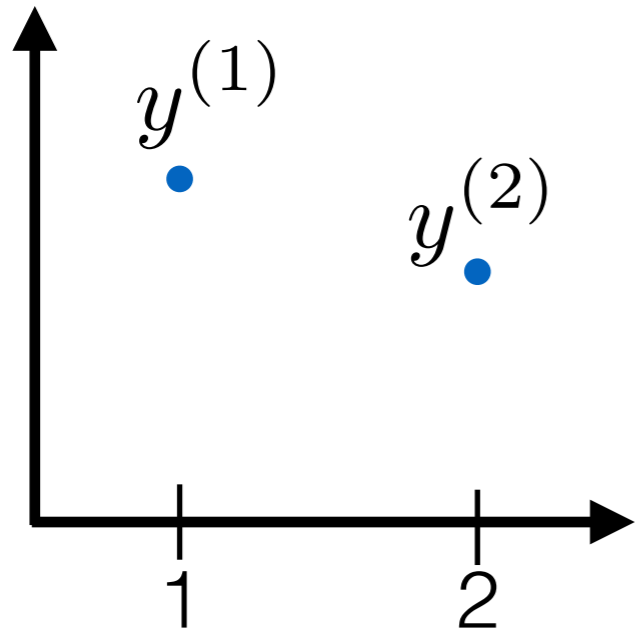
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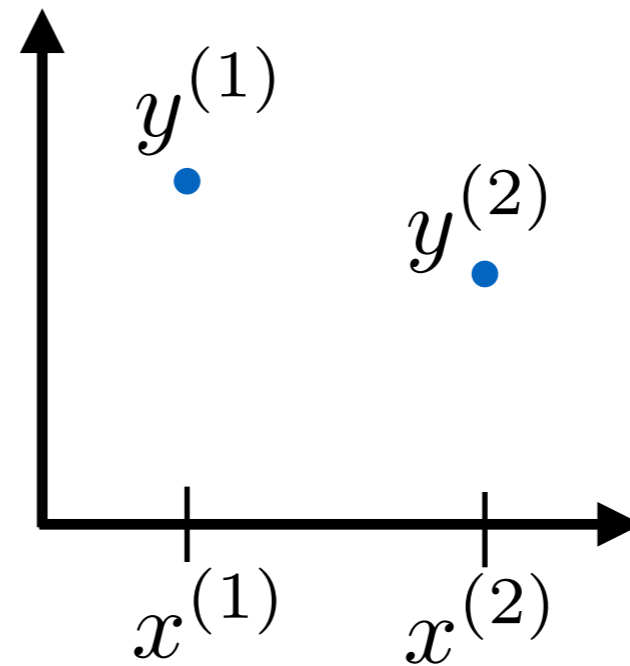
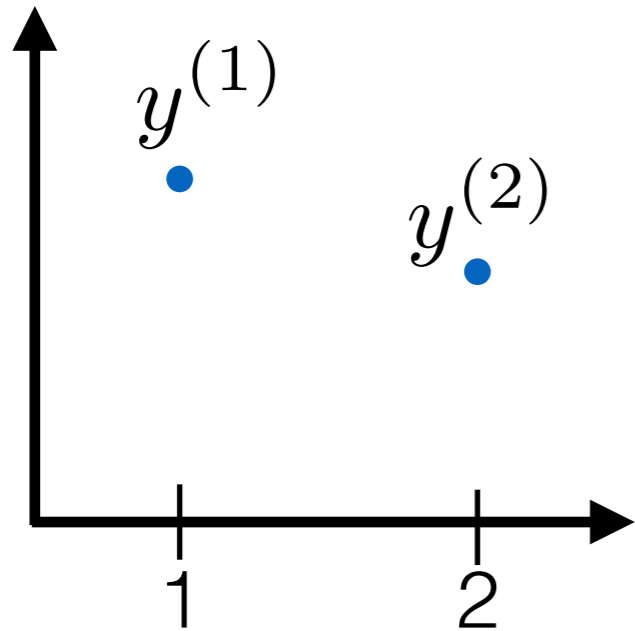
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