



Identifying Correlations in Precessing Gravitational-Wave Signals with Machine Learning

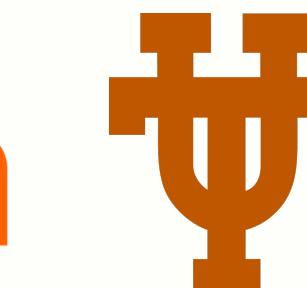
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01 Background & Motivation

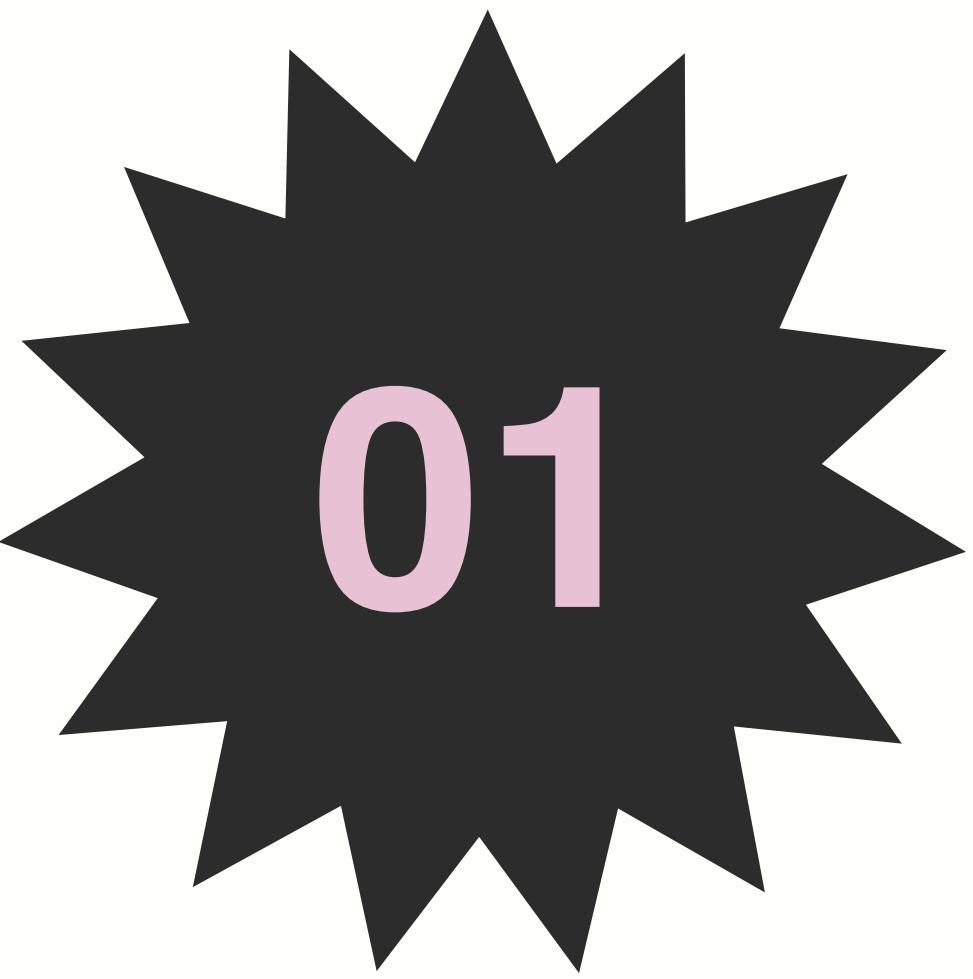
Matched Filtering,
NR & Modeling
Precessing BBHs

02 Methods

Neural Network &
Mapping Algorithm

03 Results

Correlation
Recovery & Future
Work



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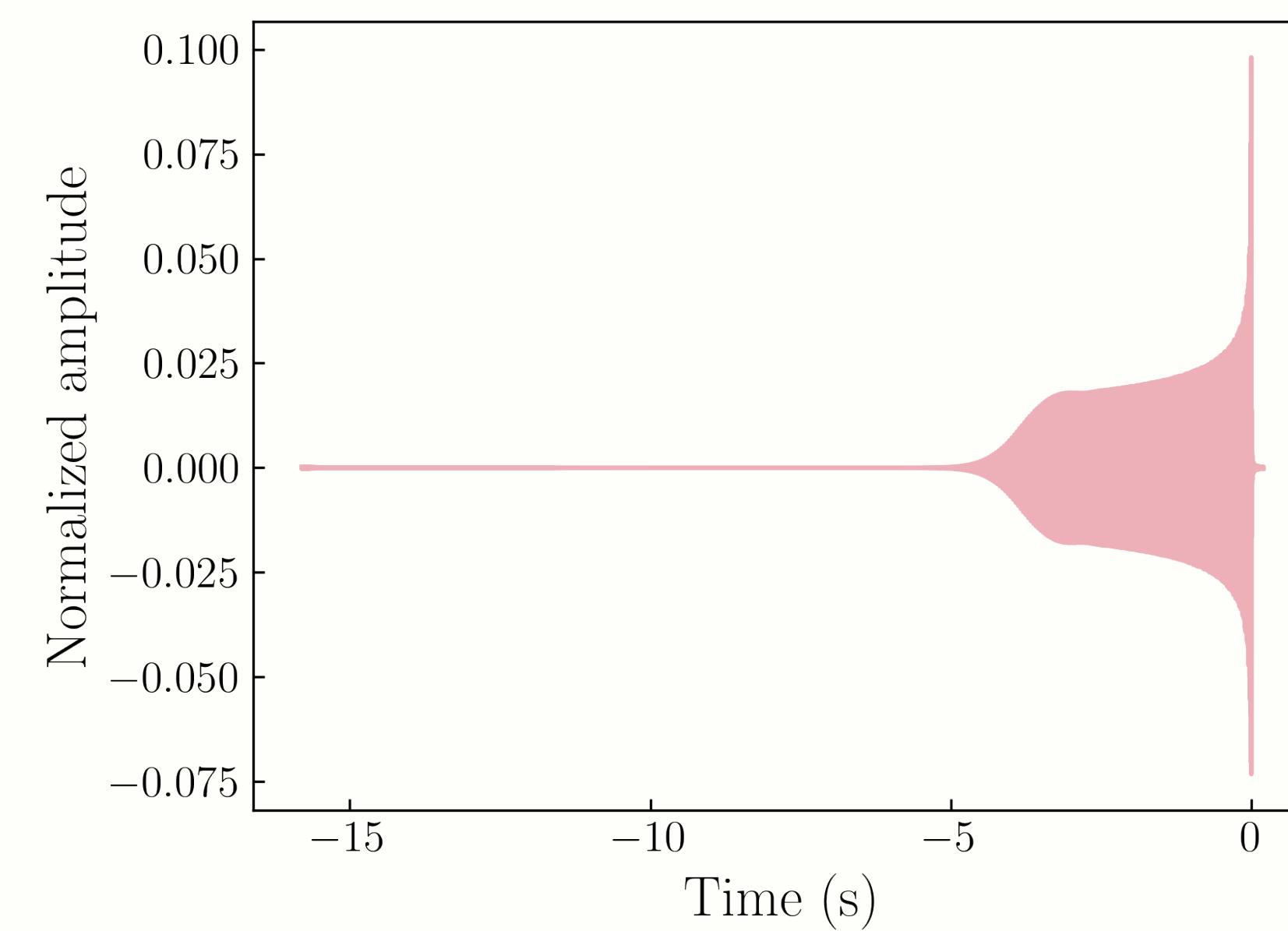
Searching CBCs: Matched Filtering

GW190521: Most Massive BBH Observed!

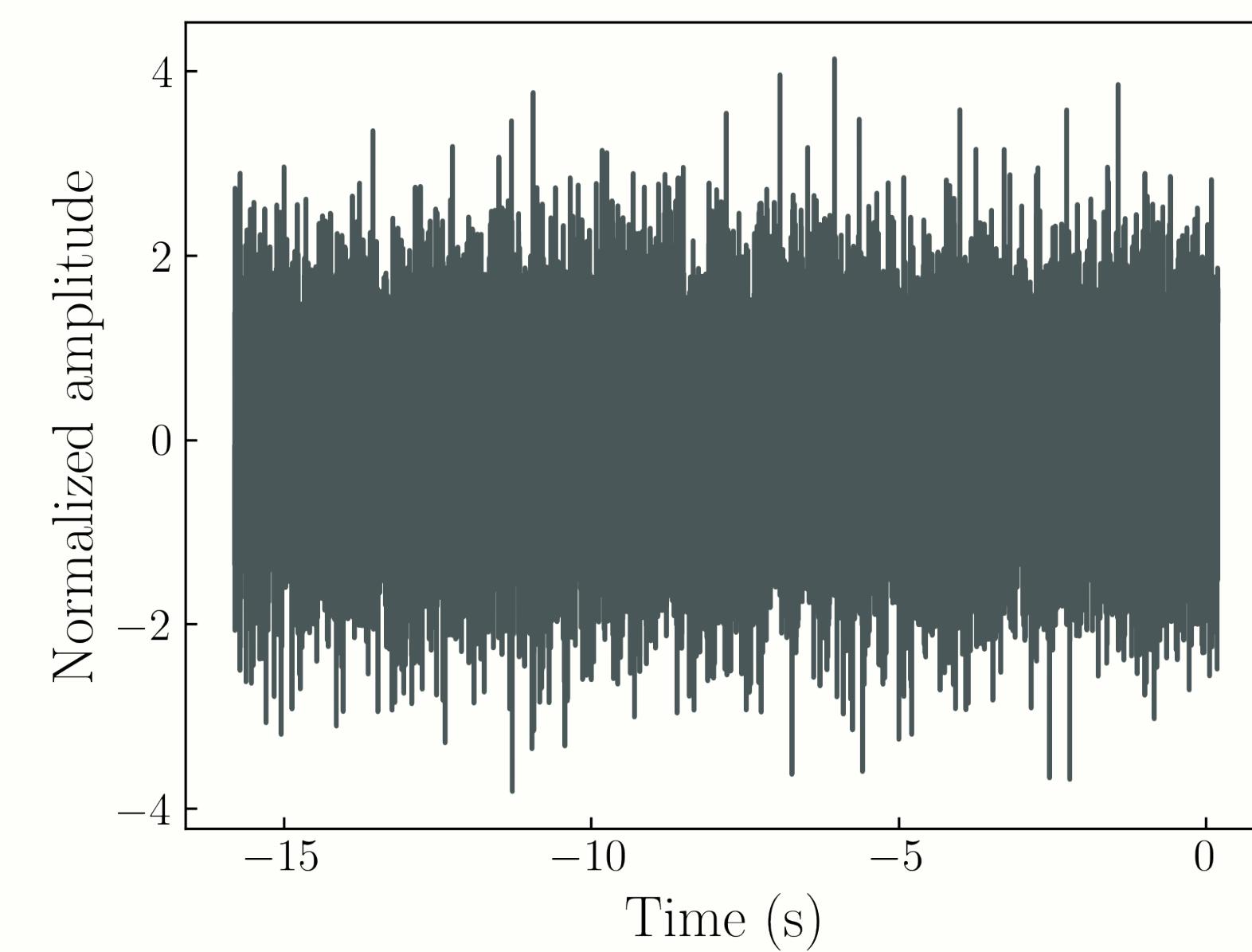
Waveform Correlations: Mass and
Precession

Matched-Filtering: Searching for Signal in Detector Data

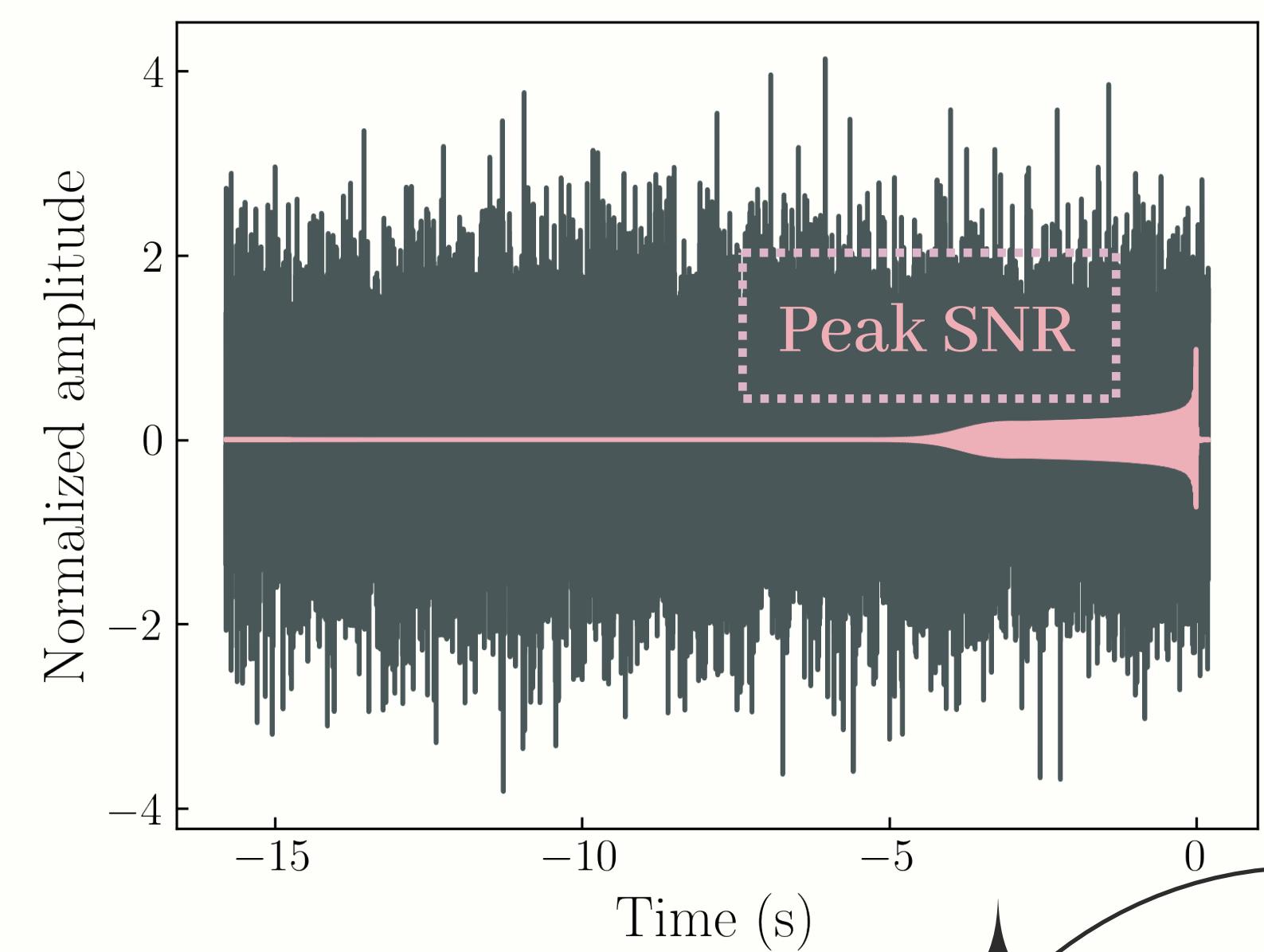
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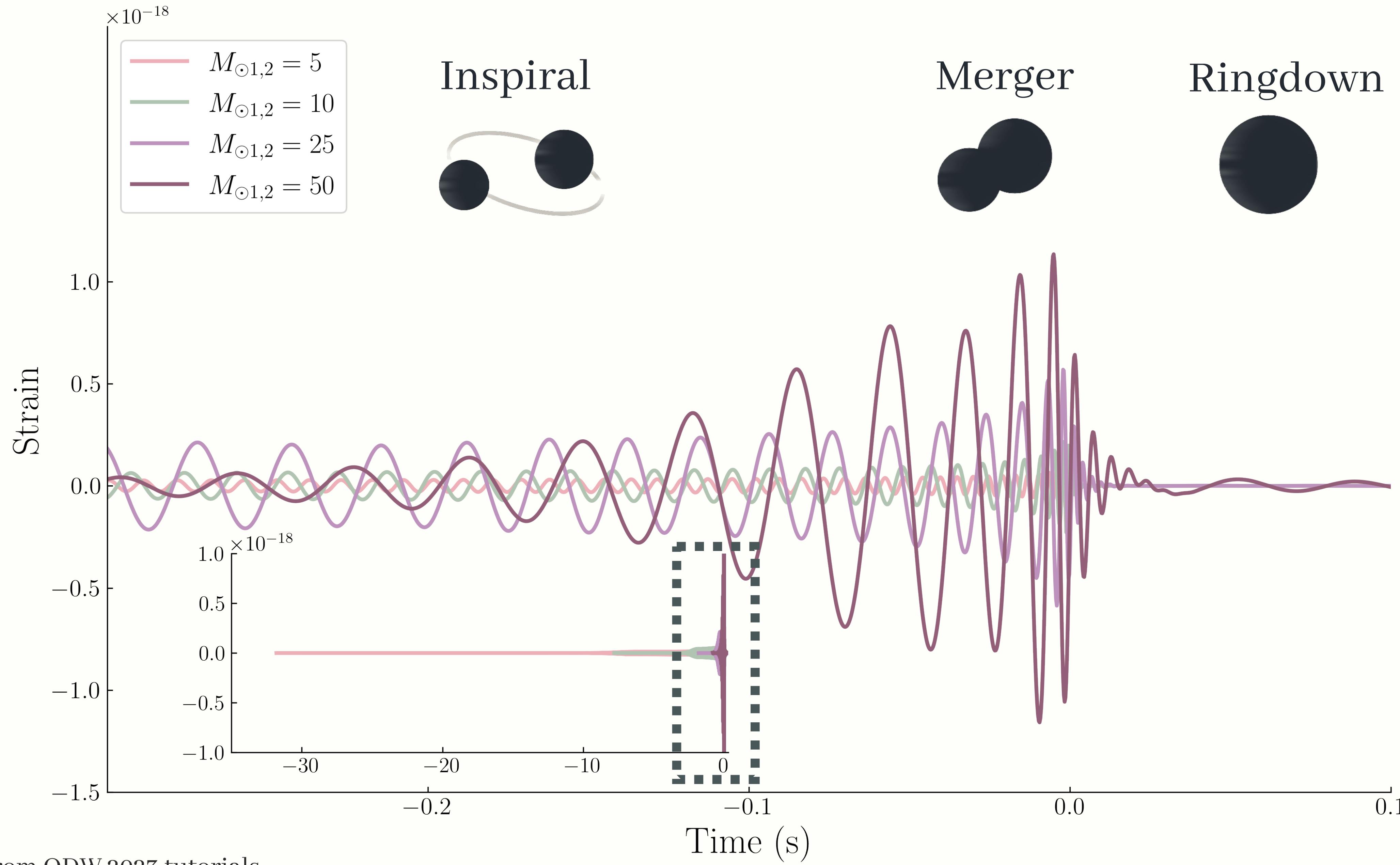
Detected Data

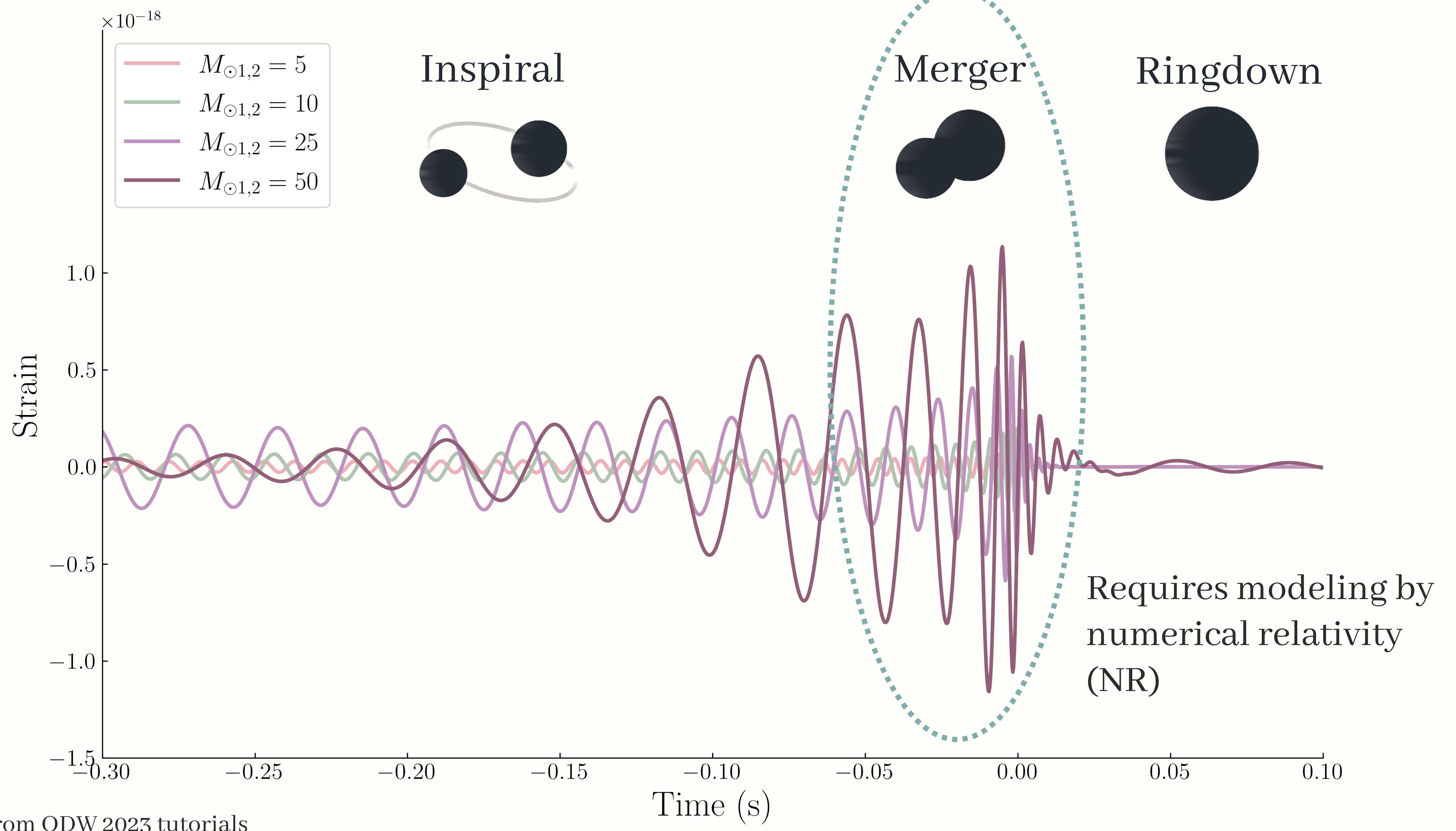


Identify Signal

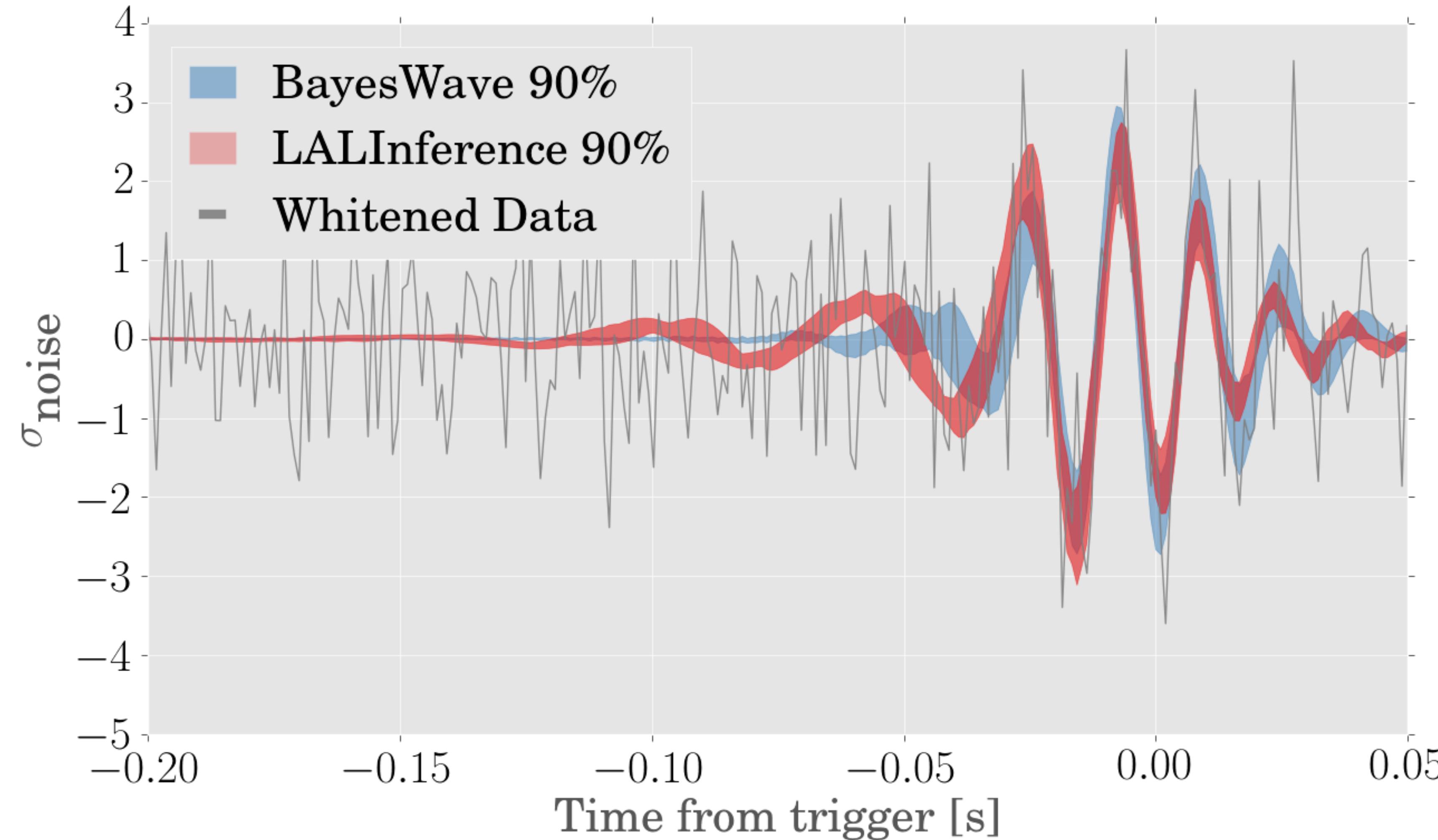


Adapted from ODW 2023 tutorials





GW190521 Waveform Reconstruction (LLO)



$$M_{\text{Total}} = 150 M_{\odot}$$

~5 cycles in the sensitive band

GraceDB

Motivation

Technical

Better informed

- matched-filtering searches
- NR template placement (~months)

Understand the **measurability** of parameters from GW signals

e.g. difficult to estimate parameters when two or more parameters are degenerate

Astrophysics

: GW190521: heaviest BBH system observed :

Merger-dominated waveforms

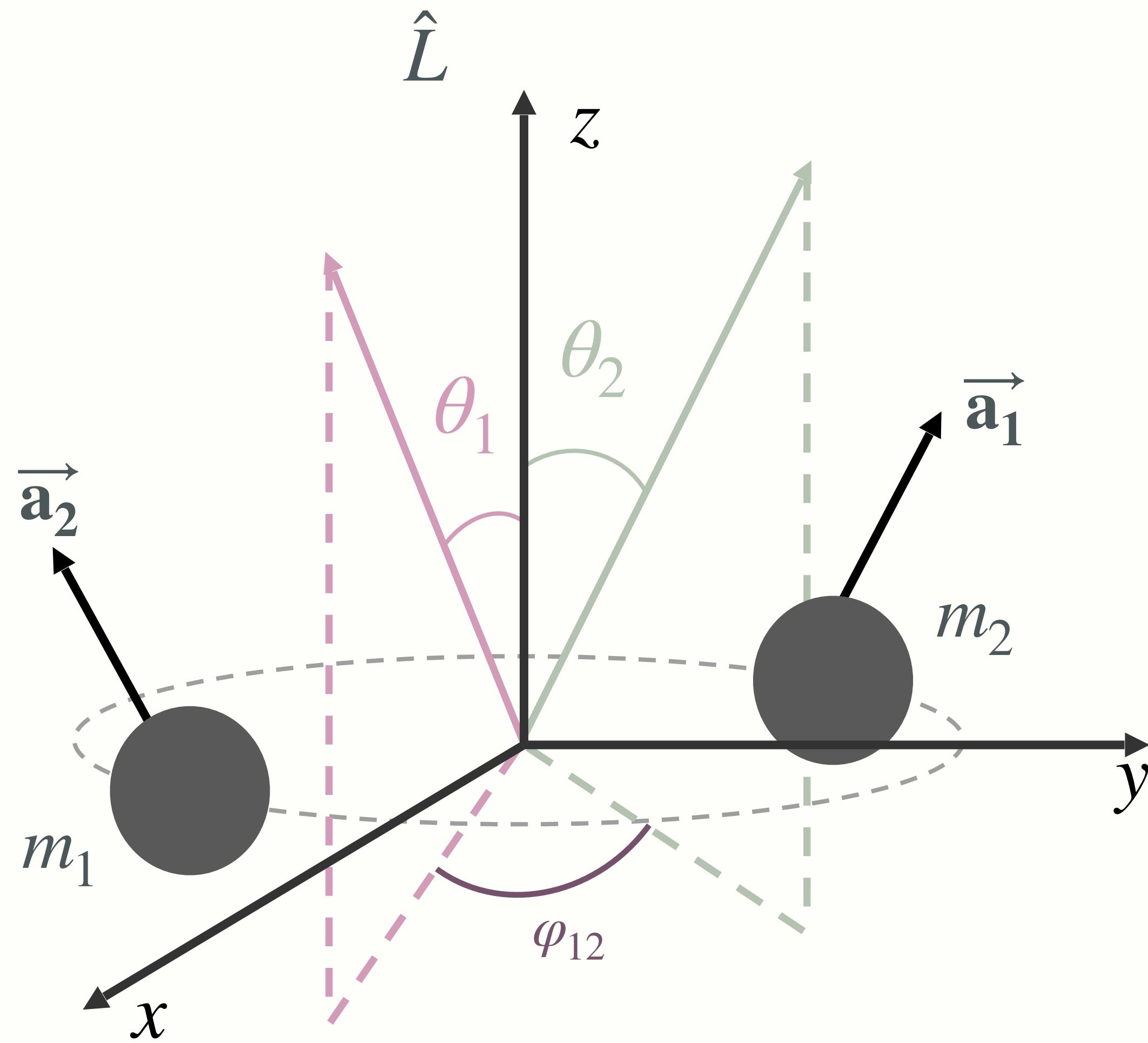
- Precession effects remain elusive
- Spin configurations indicative of orbital dynamics of progenitor

Intermediate-Mass black holes (IMBHs)



***How well can we measure spin
parameters of highly massive
BBHs from detected GW signals?***

Modeling Precessing BBH



- \hat{L} orbital angular momentum direction
- m_1, m_2 component masses
- \vec{a}_1, \vec{a}_2 spin vectors
 - * a_1, a_2 denotes the magnitude [0,1]
- θ_1, θ_2 polar angle between \hat{L} and \vec{a}_1, \vec{a}_2

Mass Ratios

Mass ratio

$$q = \frac{m_1}{m_2} \quad q \geq 1$$

Symmetric mass ratio

$$\eta = \frac{q}{(q + 1)^2} \quad 0 \leq \eta \leq 0.25$$

Equal mass

Effective Spin and Precession

Leading order spin effects on inspiral phasing

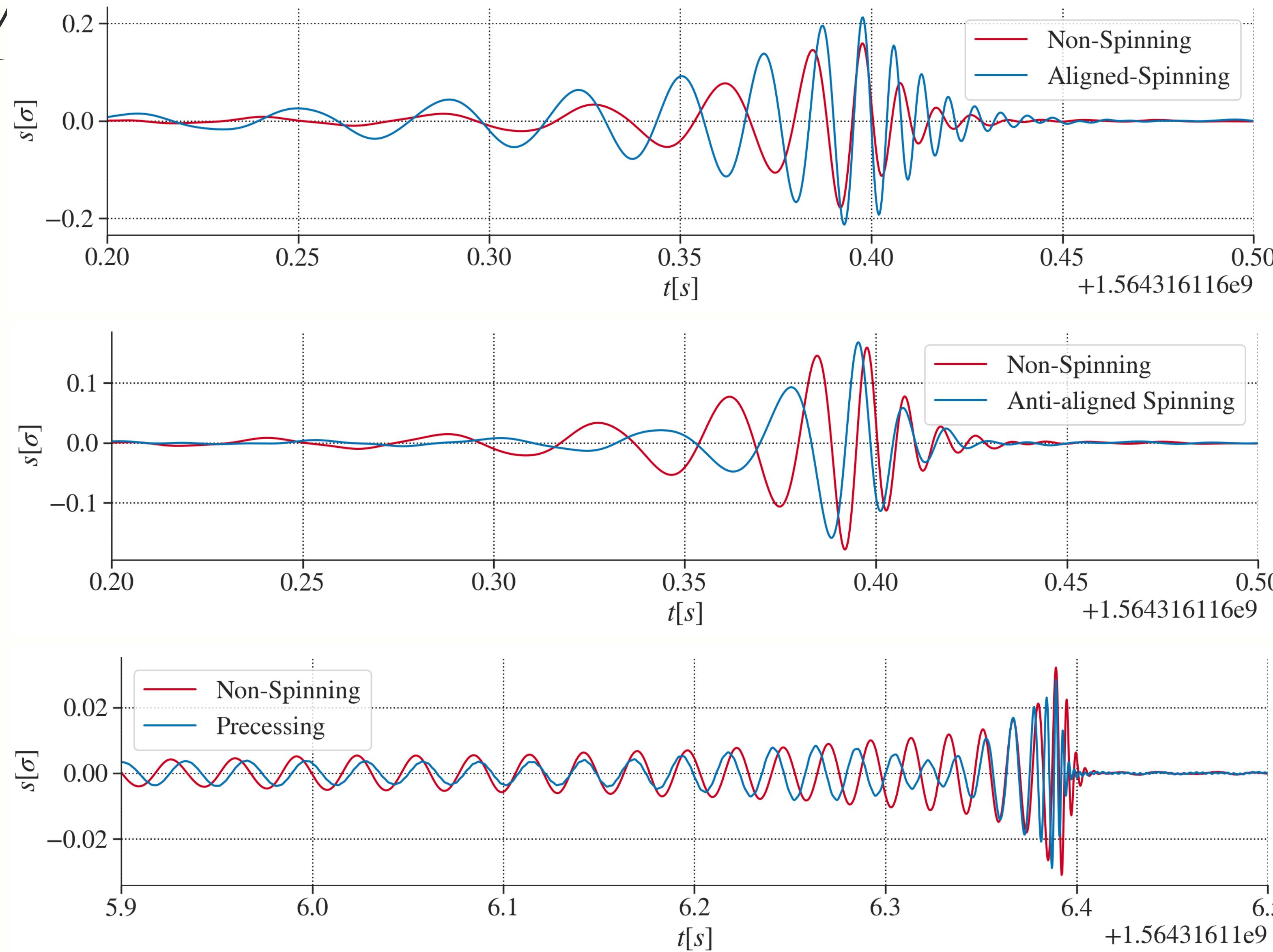
$$\chi_{\text{eff}} = \frac{qa_1 \cos(\theta_1) + a_2 \cos(\theta_2)}{q + 1} \quad -1 \leq \chi_{\text{eff}} \leq 1$$

mass-weighted average
of the component spins
aligned with \hat{L}

$$\chi_p = \max \left(a_1 \sin \theta_1, \frac{4q+3}{4+3q} qa_2 \sin \theta_2 \right) \quad 0 < \chi_p < 1$$

mass-weighted average
in-plane spin

Effects of Spin on GWs



$\chi_{\text{eff}} > 0$

\vec{a}_1, \vec{a}_2 aligned with \hat{L}

→ BHs inspiral to closer separation

→ longer, stronger GWs

$\chi_{\text{eff}} < 0$

\vec{a}_1, \vec{a}_2 anti-aligned with \hat{L}

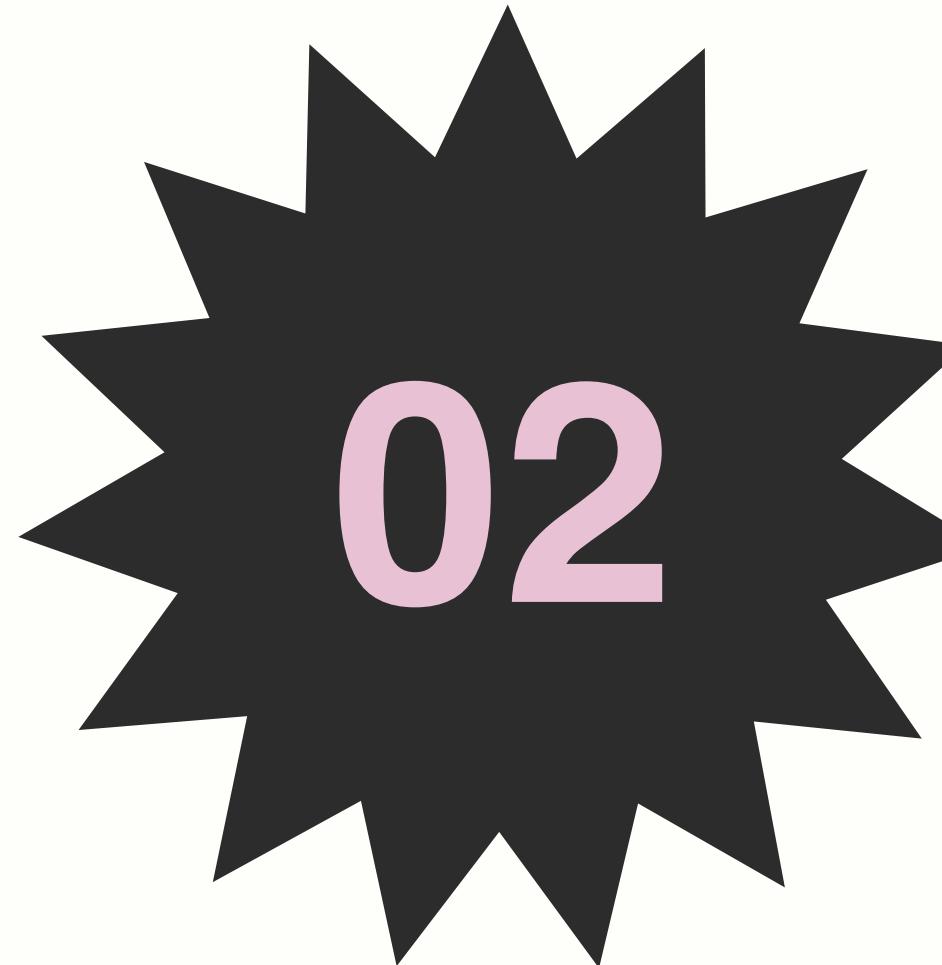
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$\chi_p \neq 0$

\vec{a}_1, \vec{a}_2 misaligned with \hat{L}

→ orbital precession

→ GWs with modulating amplitude and phase



02 Methods

- **Mismatch:** metric for waveform degeneracies
- **Predicting mismatches** with machine learning
- **Recipe** for mapping the parameter space

Calculating Waveform Mismatches

$$\mathcal{M}\mathcal{M} = 1 - \max_{t,\phi} \mathcal{O} [h_1, h_2] \equiv 1 - \max_{t,\phi} \frac{\langle h_1 | h_2 \rangle}{\sqrt{\langle h_1 | h_1 \rangle \langle h_2 | h_2 \rangle}}$$

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Maximize over time and phase of coalescence

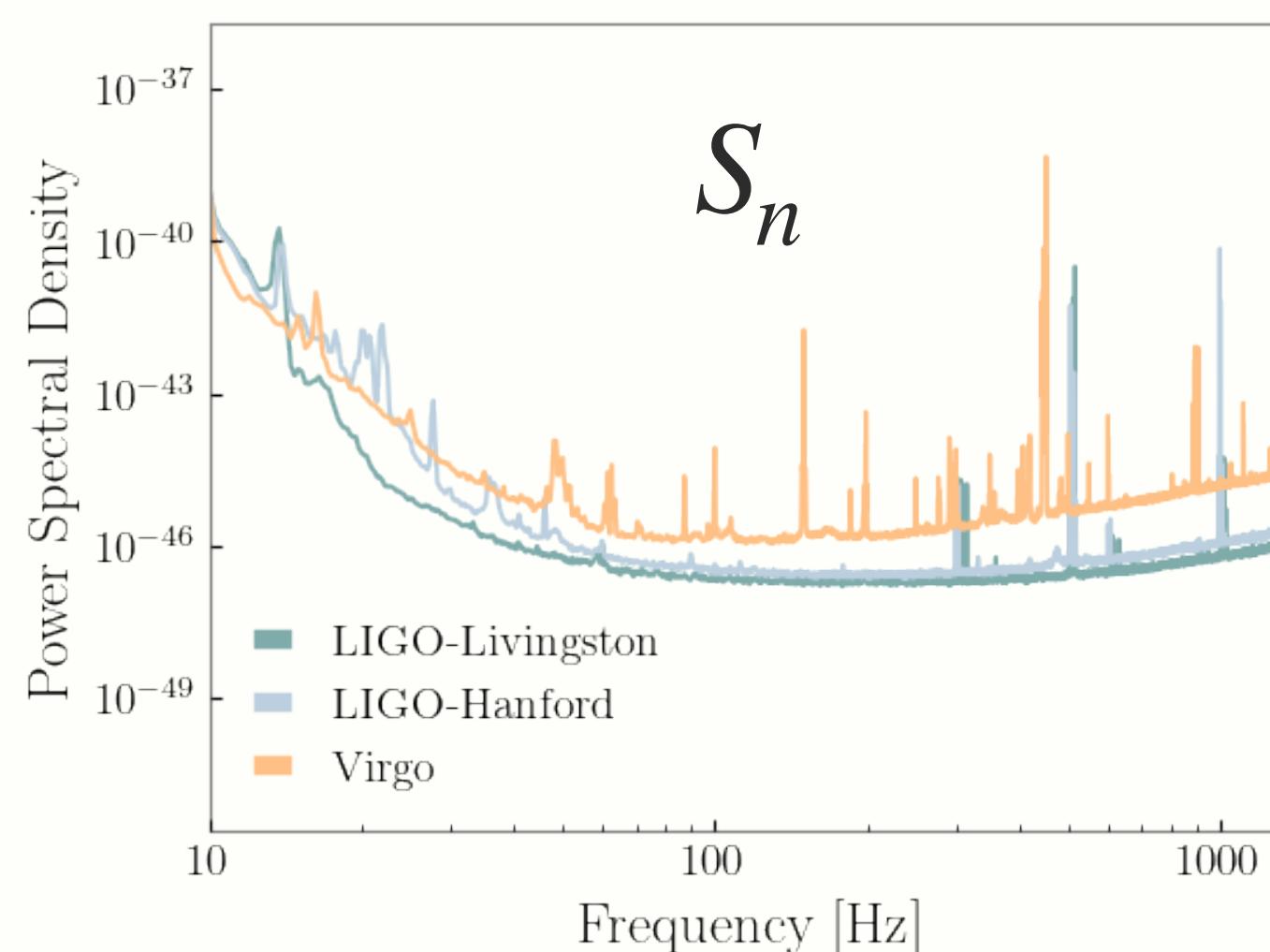
Normalized inner product of frequency domain strains

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One-sided PSD

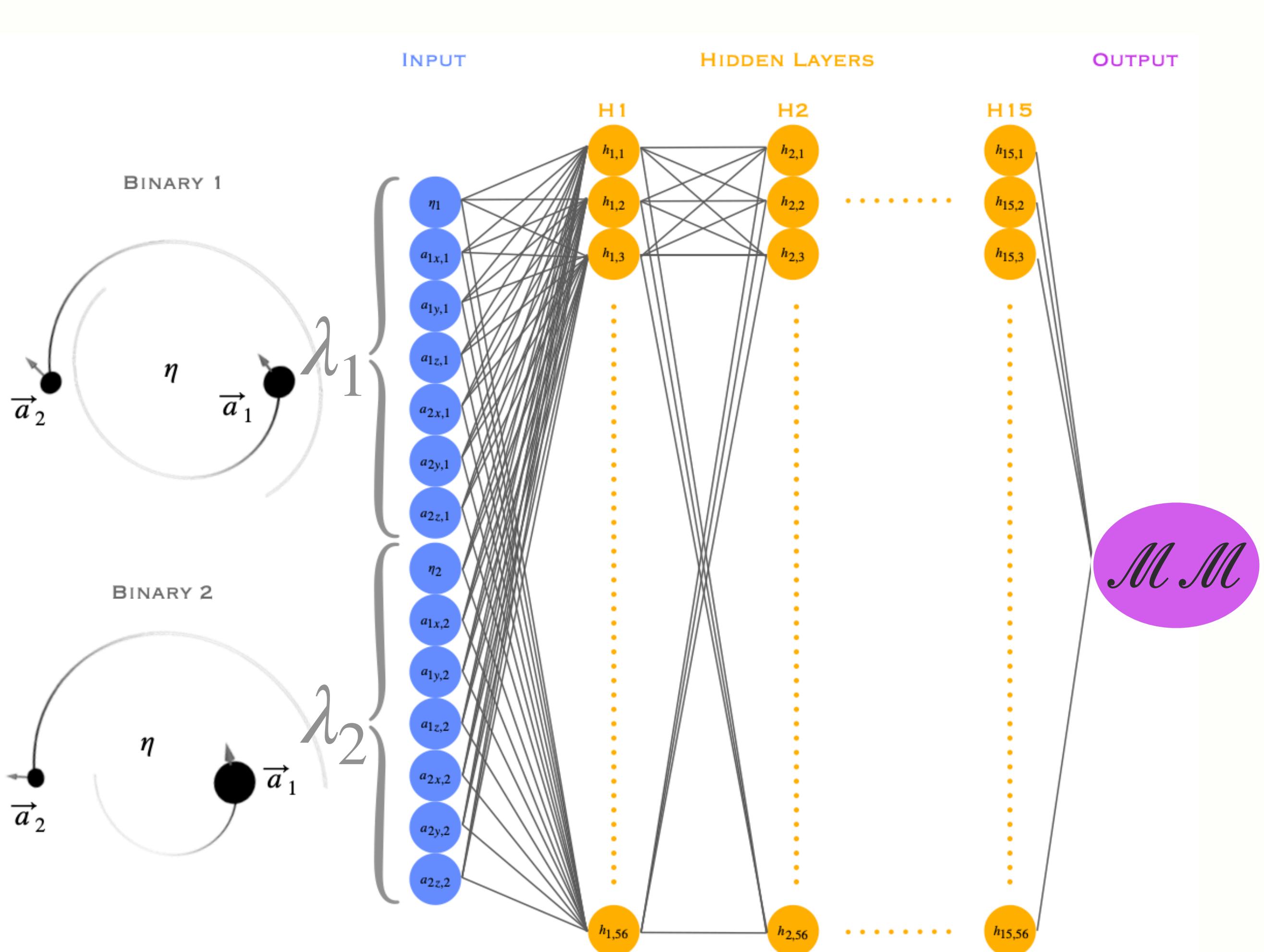
Identical

$$0 \leq \mathcal{M}\mathcal{M} \leq 1$$



Predicting Mismatches Using mismatch.prediction Network

$[\eta, a_{1x}, a_{1y}, a_{1z}, a_{2x}, a_{2y}, a_{2z}]$



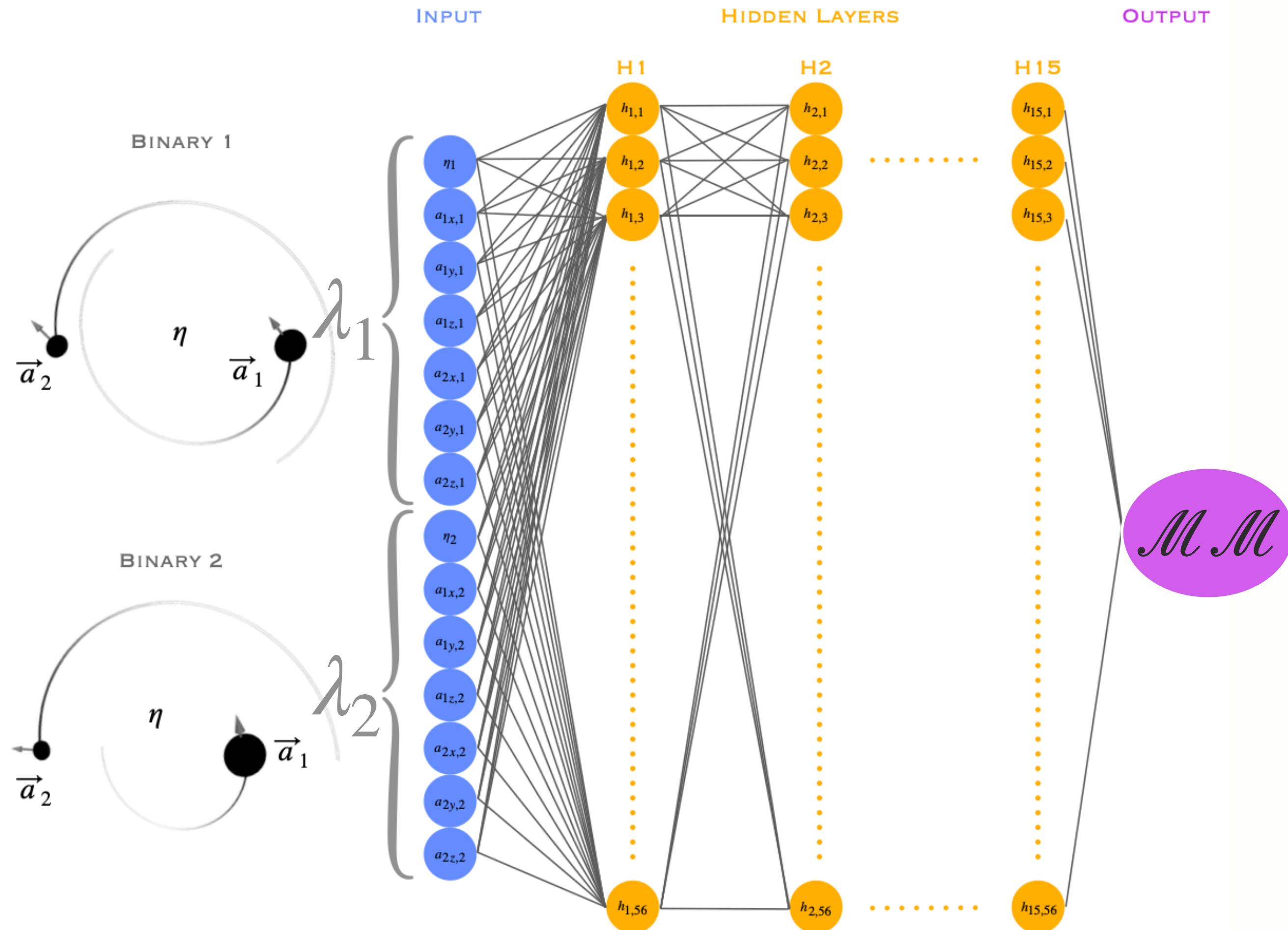
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Ferguson (2022)

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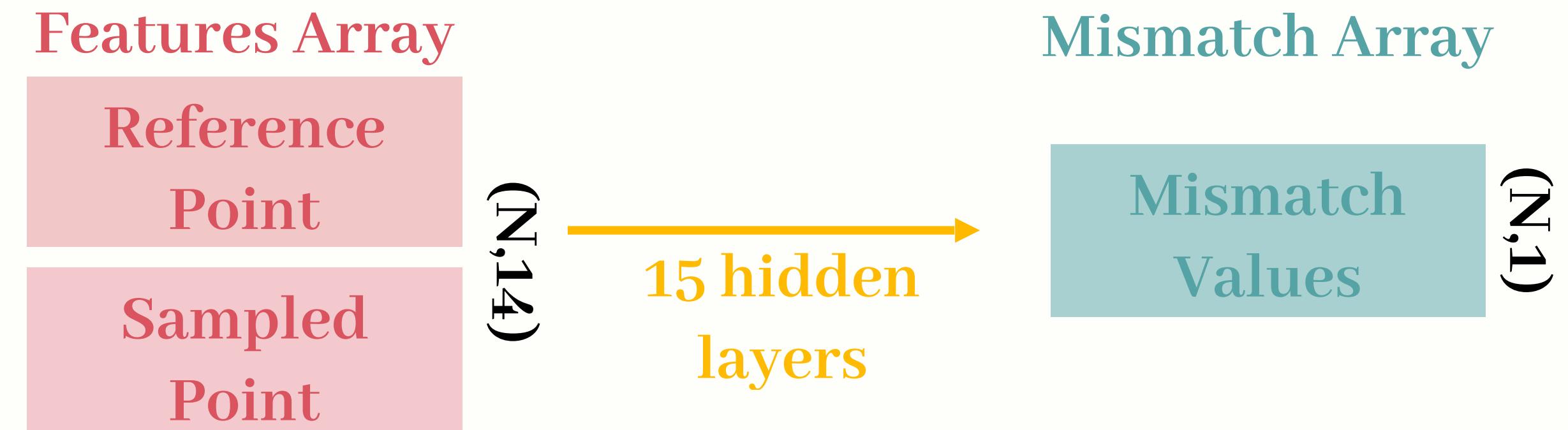
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To study spin parameter space of highly massive, precessing BBHs

- Trained on NRSur7dq4
Detector frame mass $270M_\odot$
Distance 5000 Mpc
- Includes higher order modes (HOMs)

Generating Parameter Space

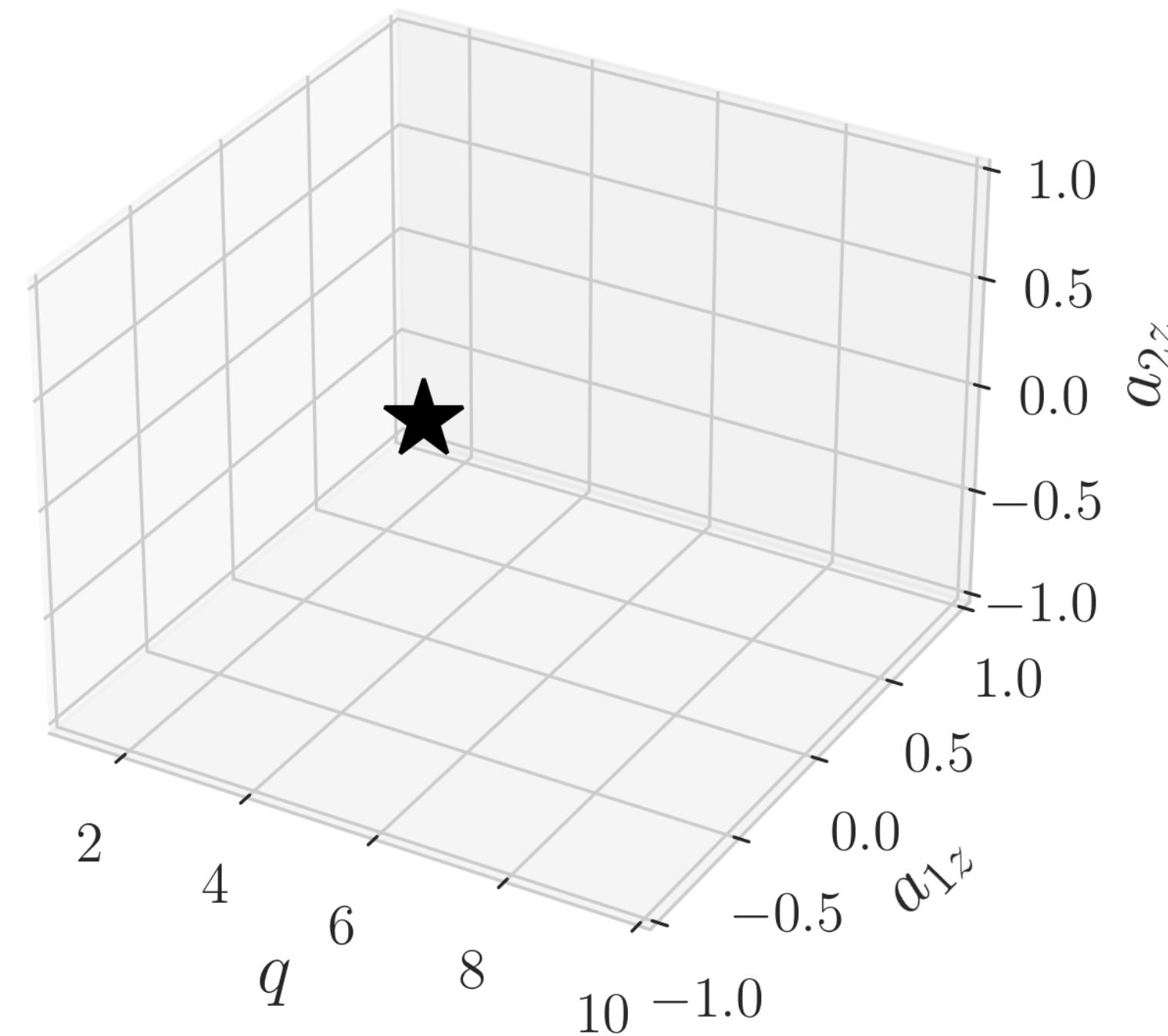


1. Pick reference point

$$\lambda = [0.16, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0]$$

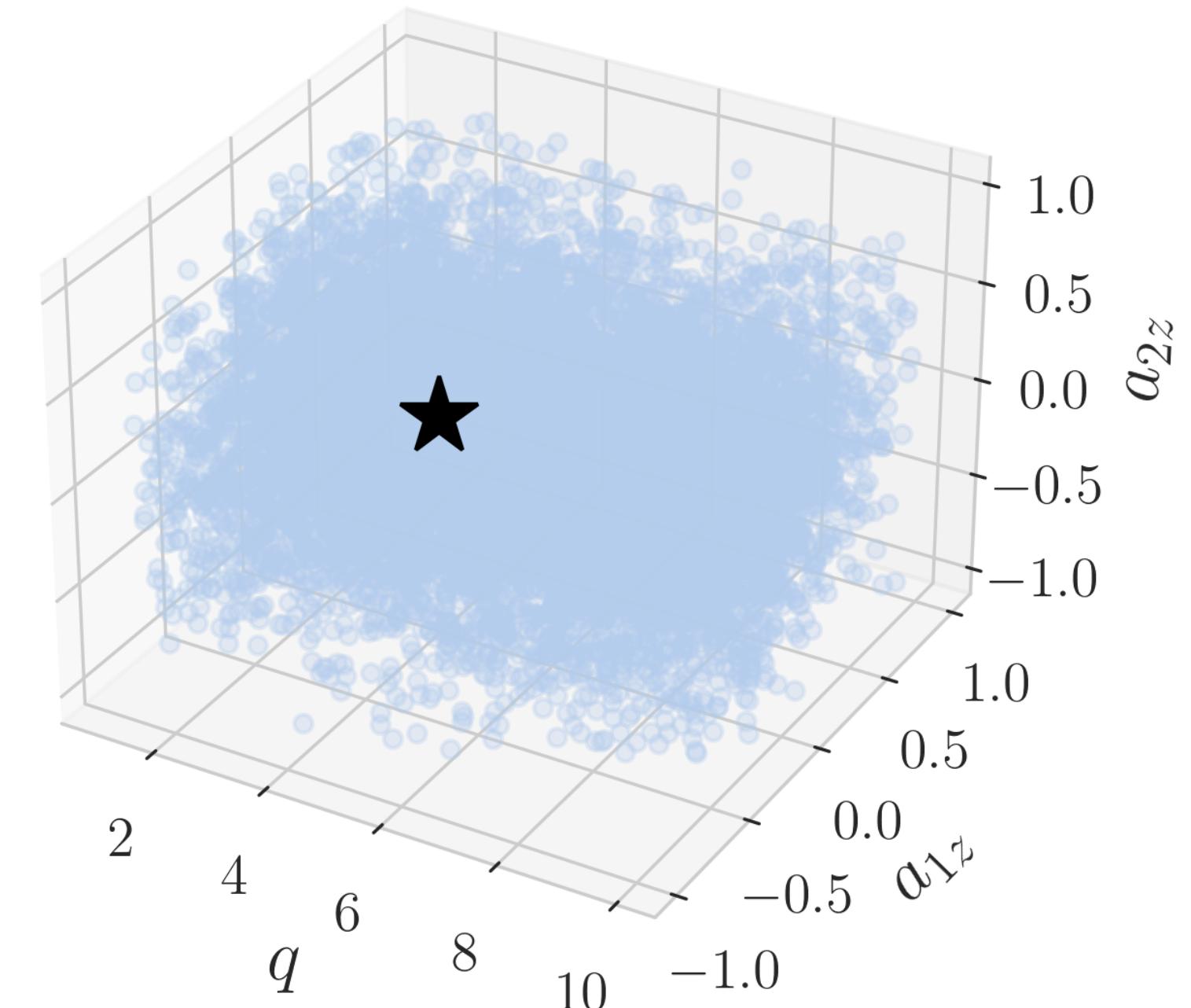
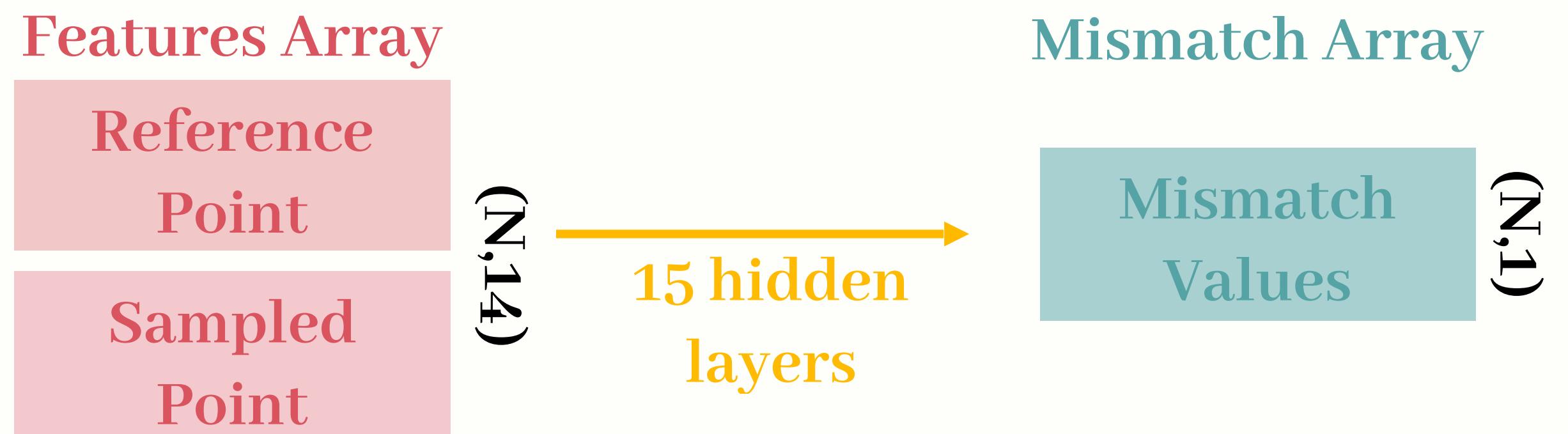
In the q, a_{1z}, a_{2z} space,

$$x = (4, 0, 0)$$



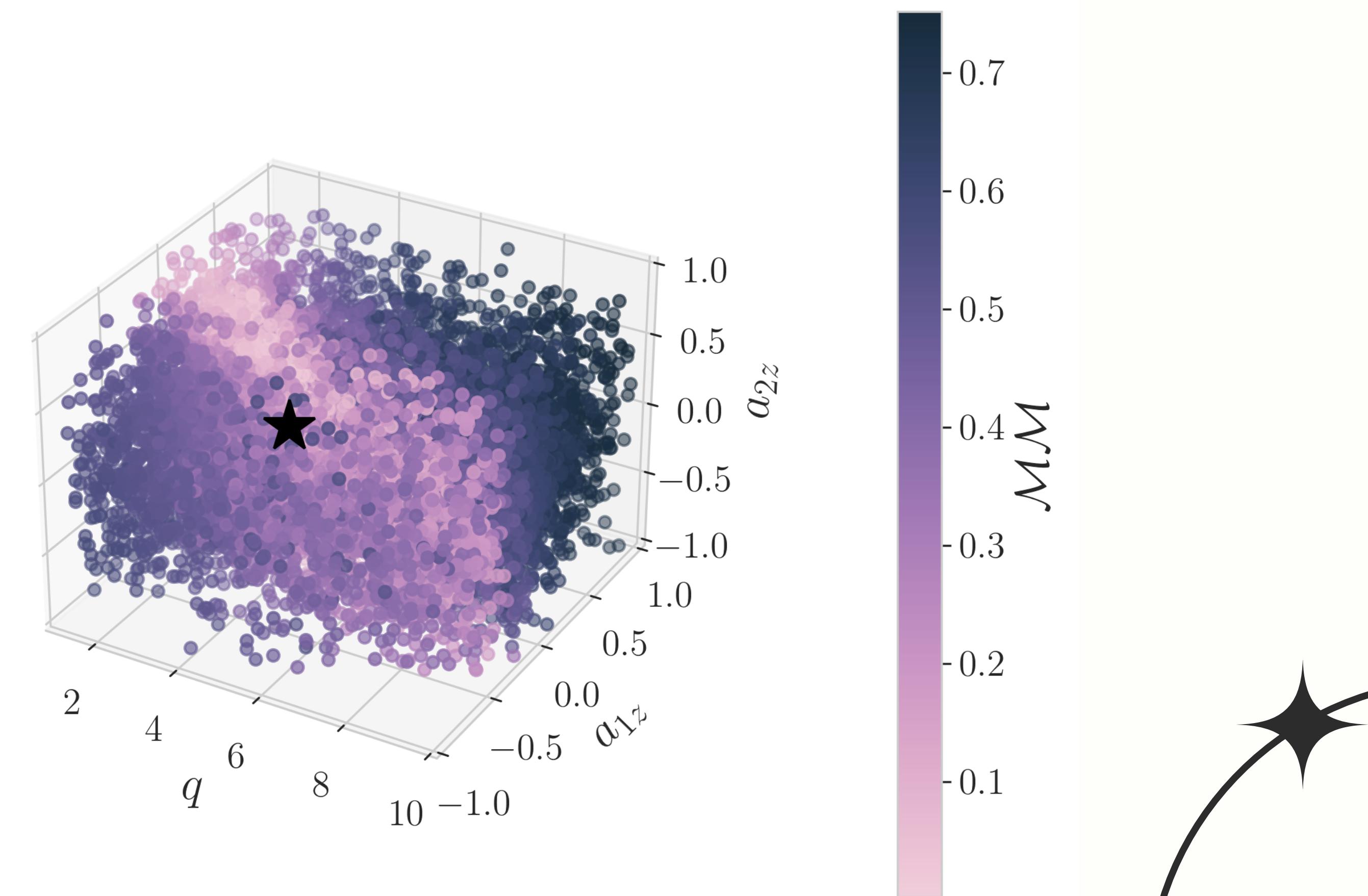
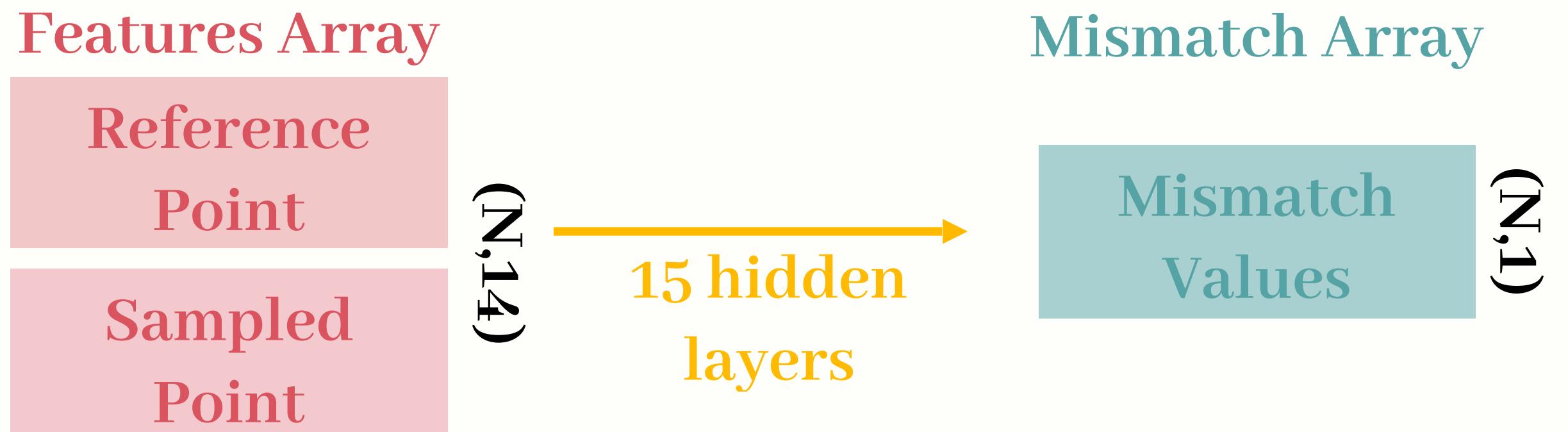
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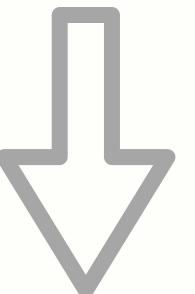
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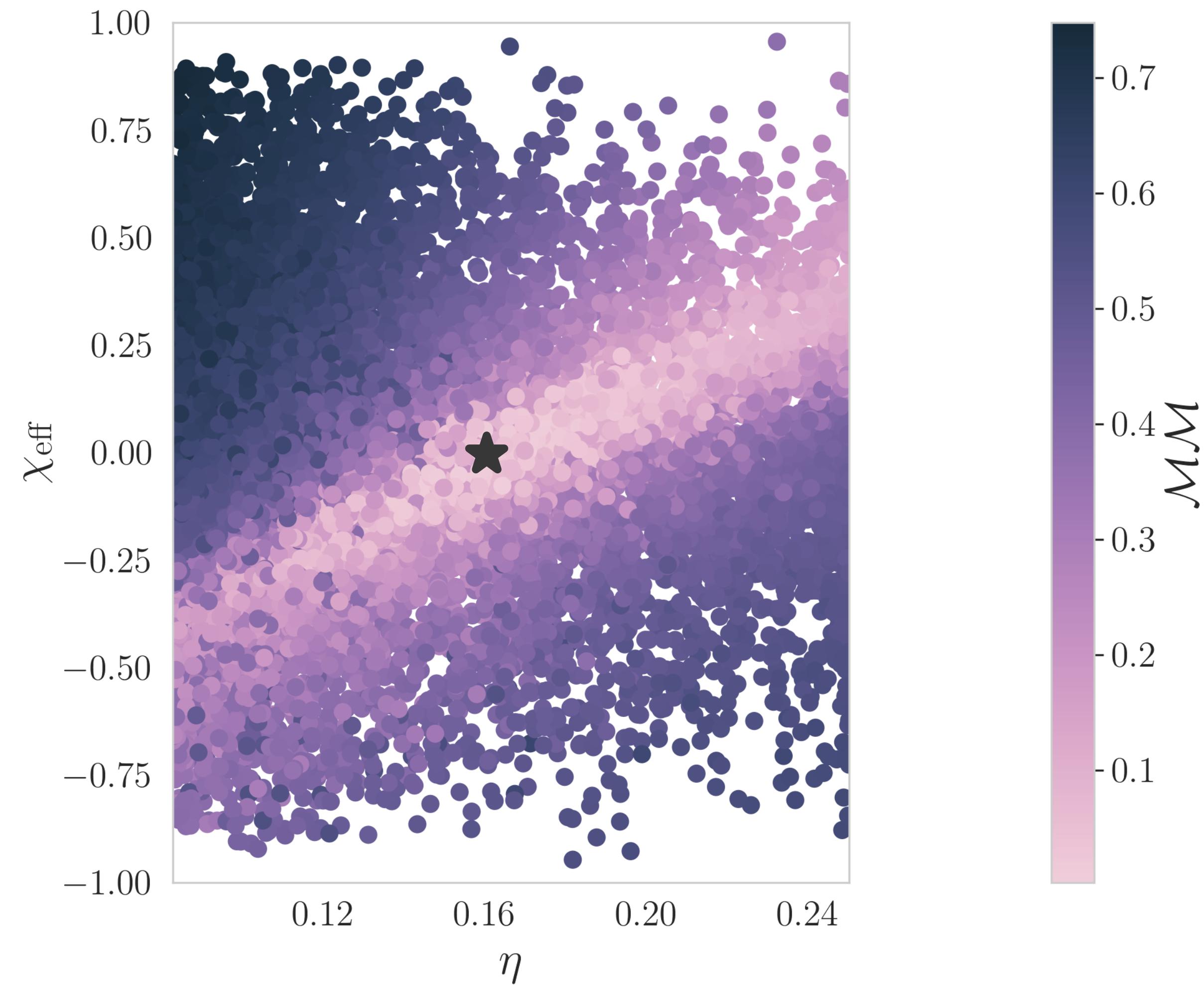
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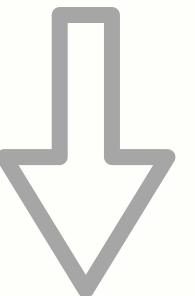
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~ 10000 pts



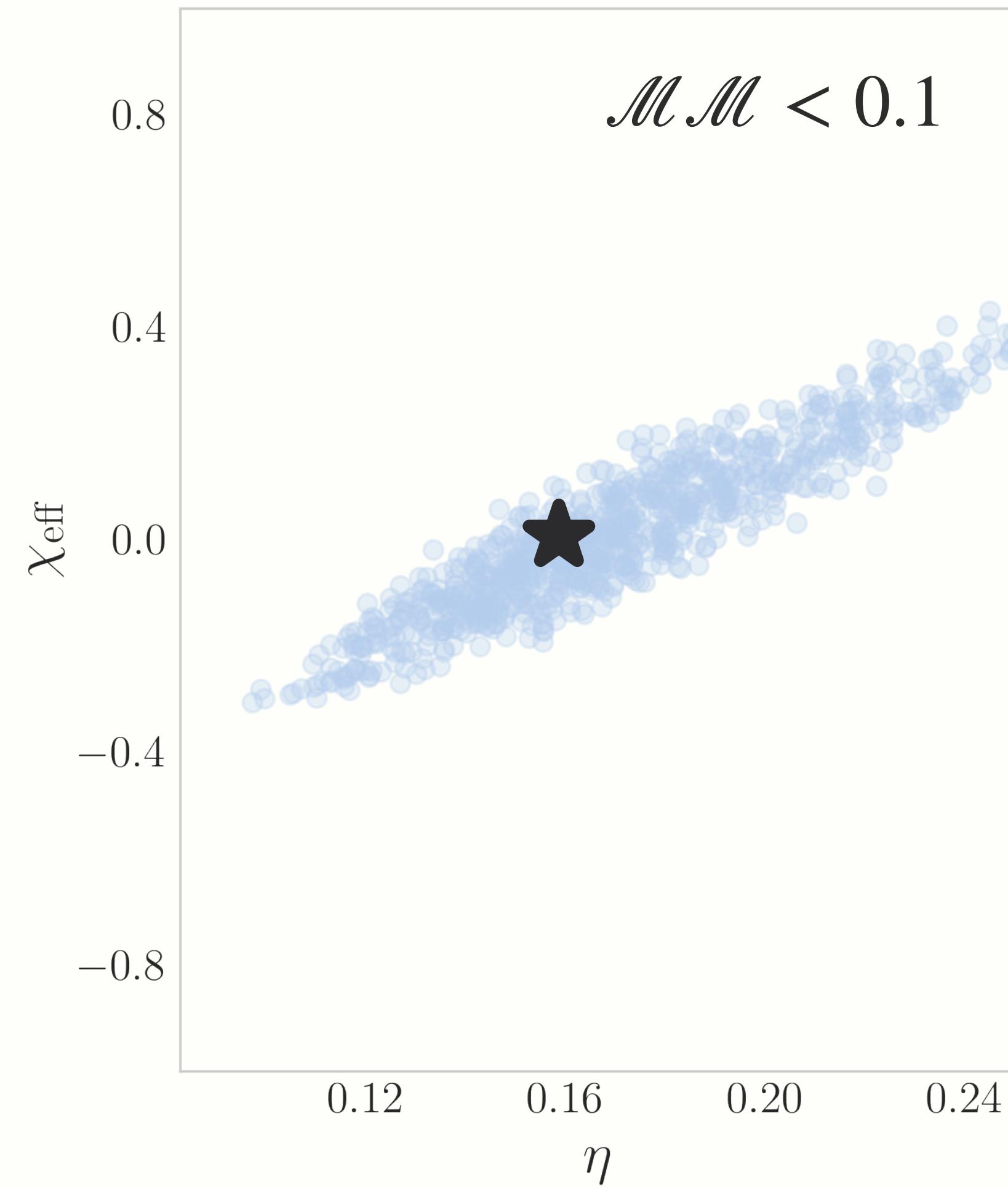
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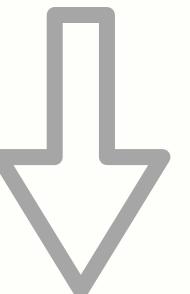
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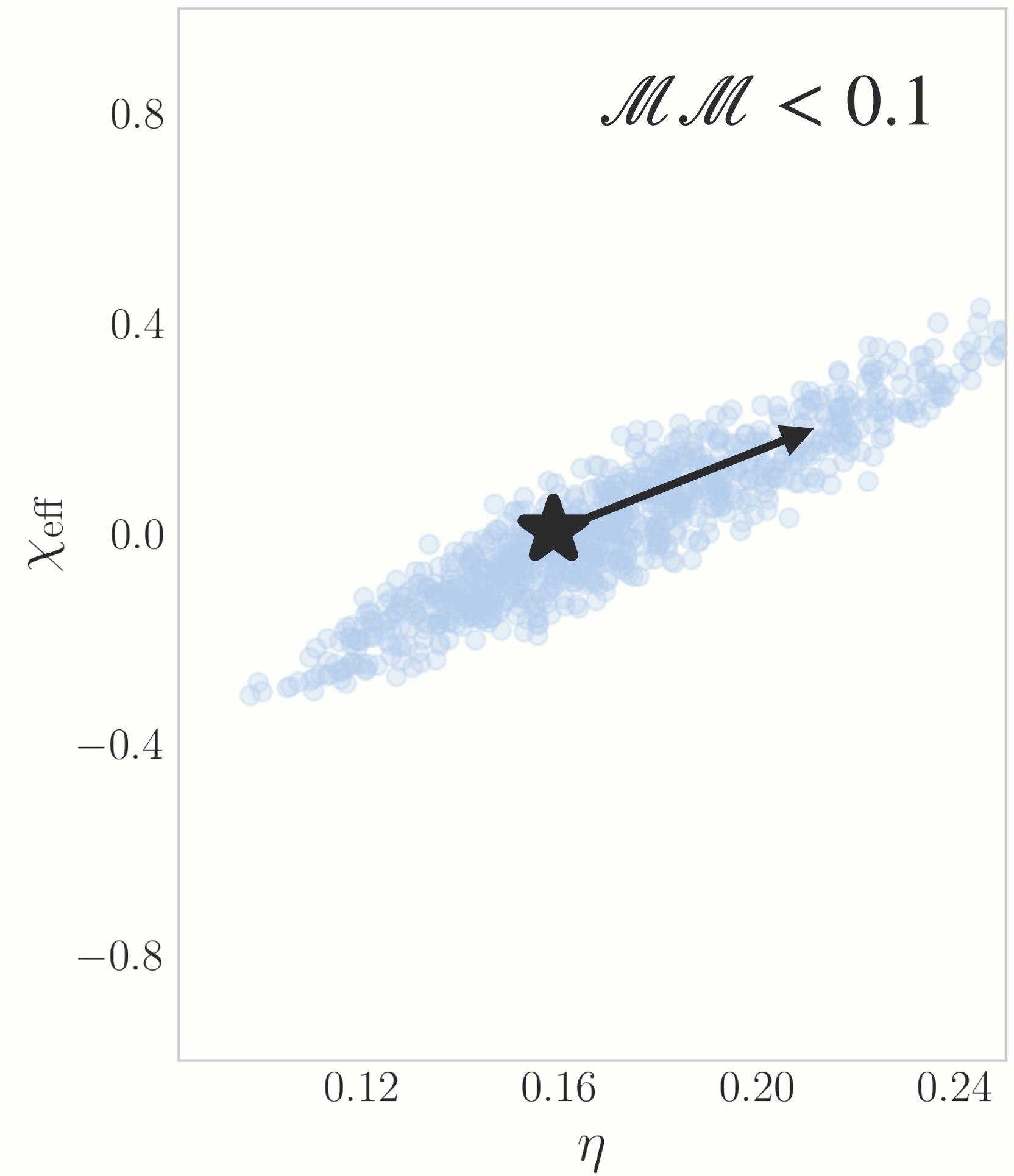


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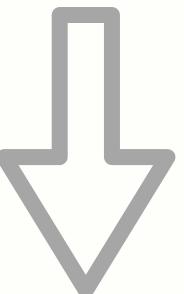
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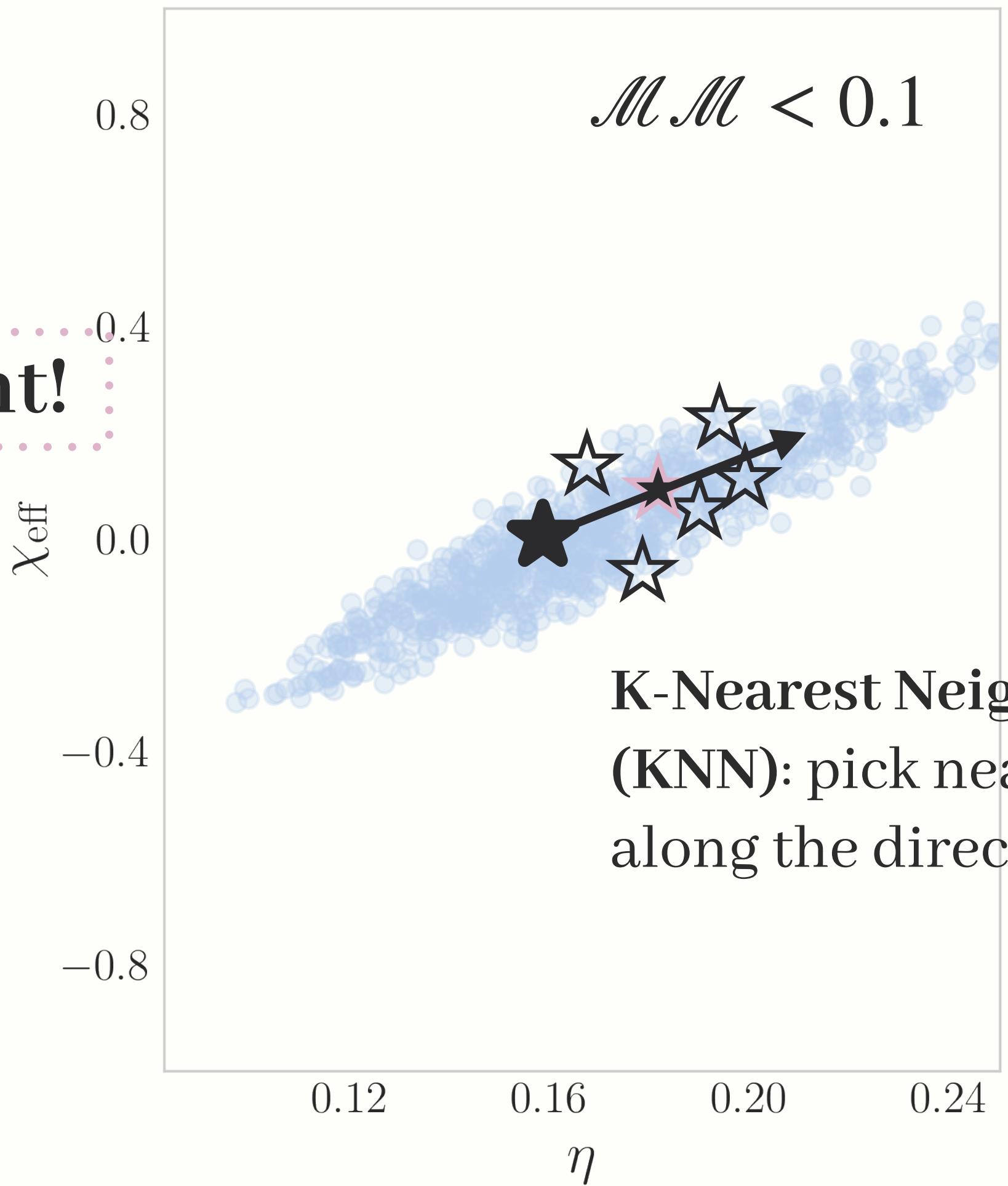
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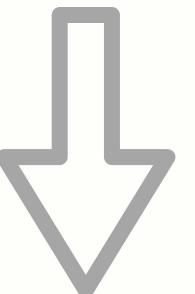
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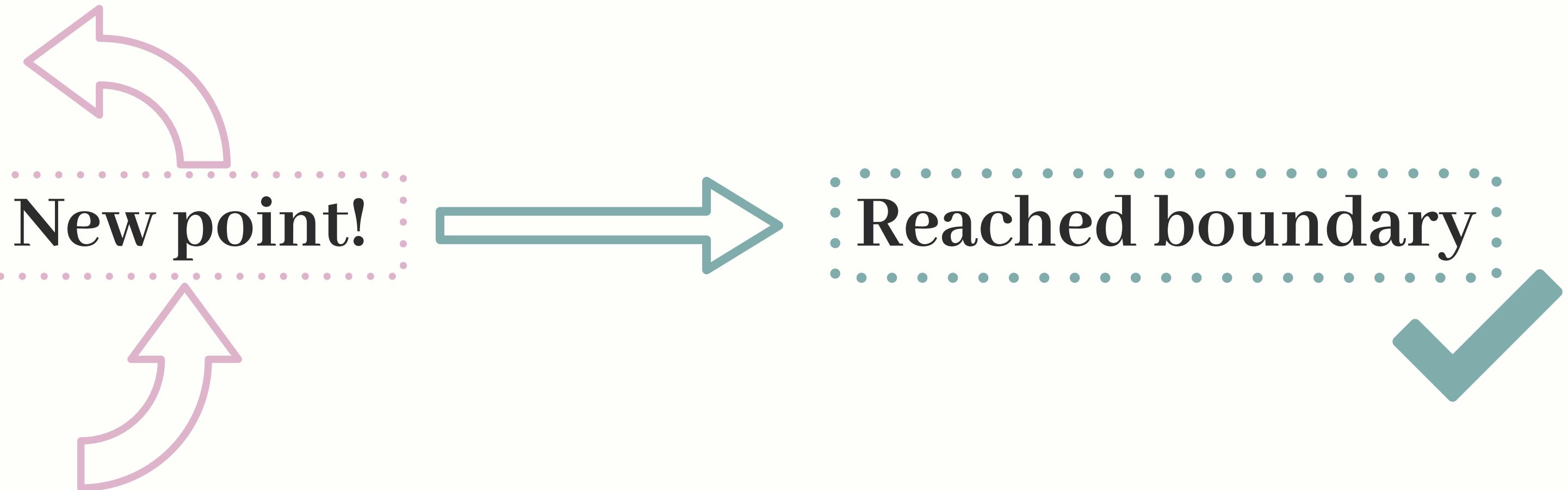
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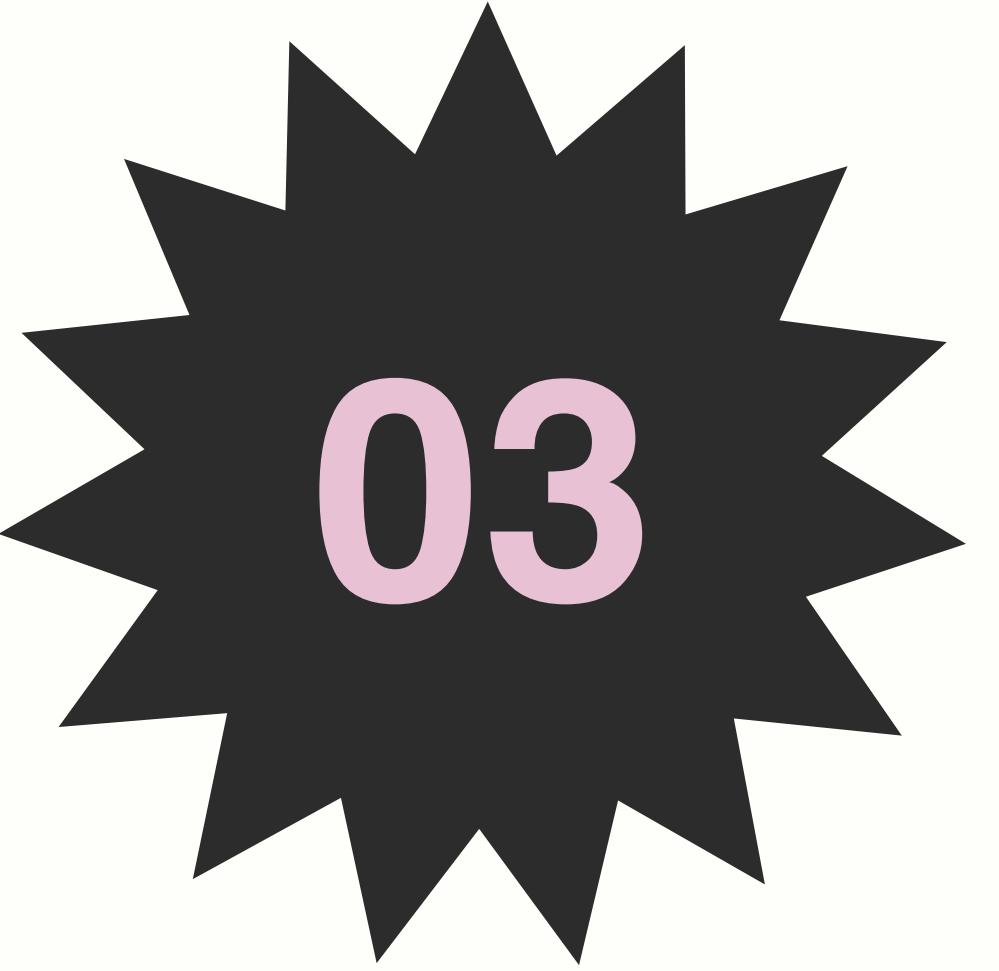


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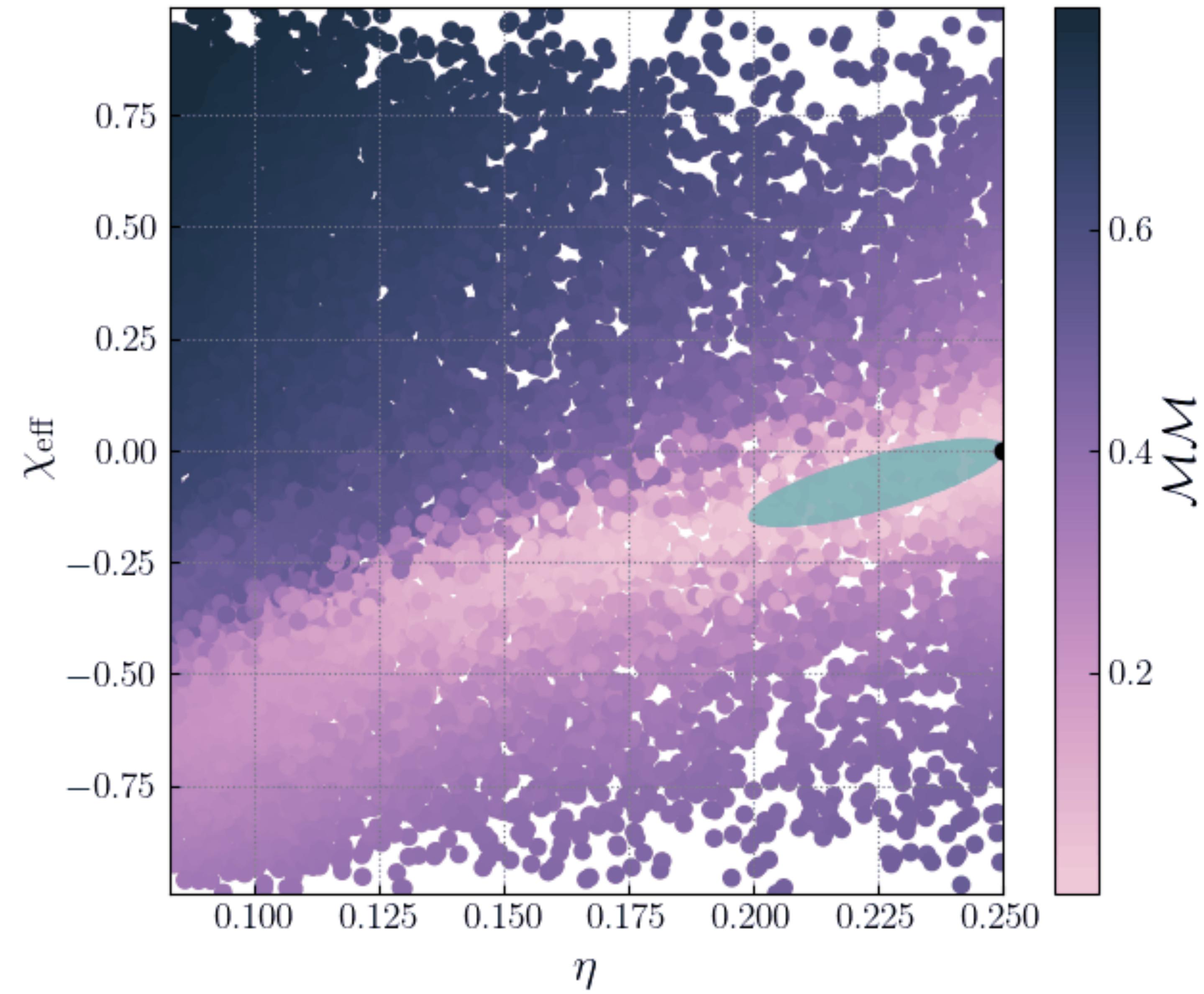
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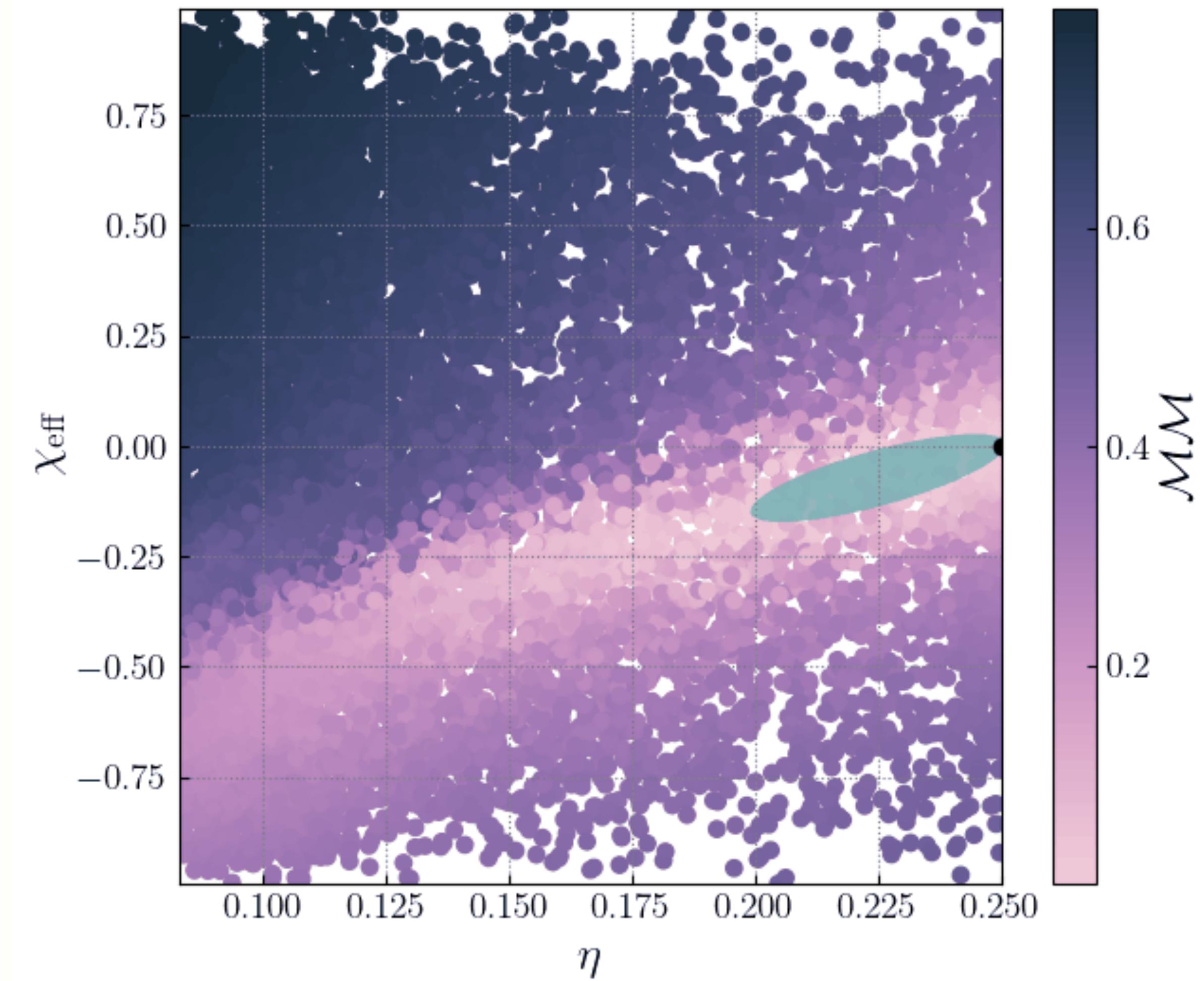




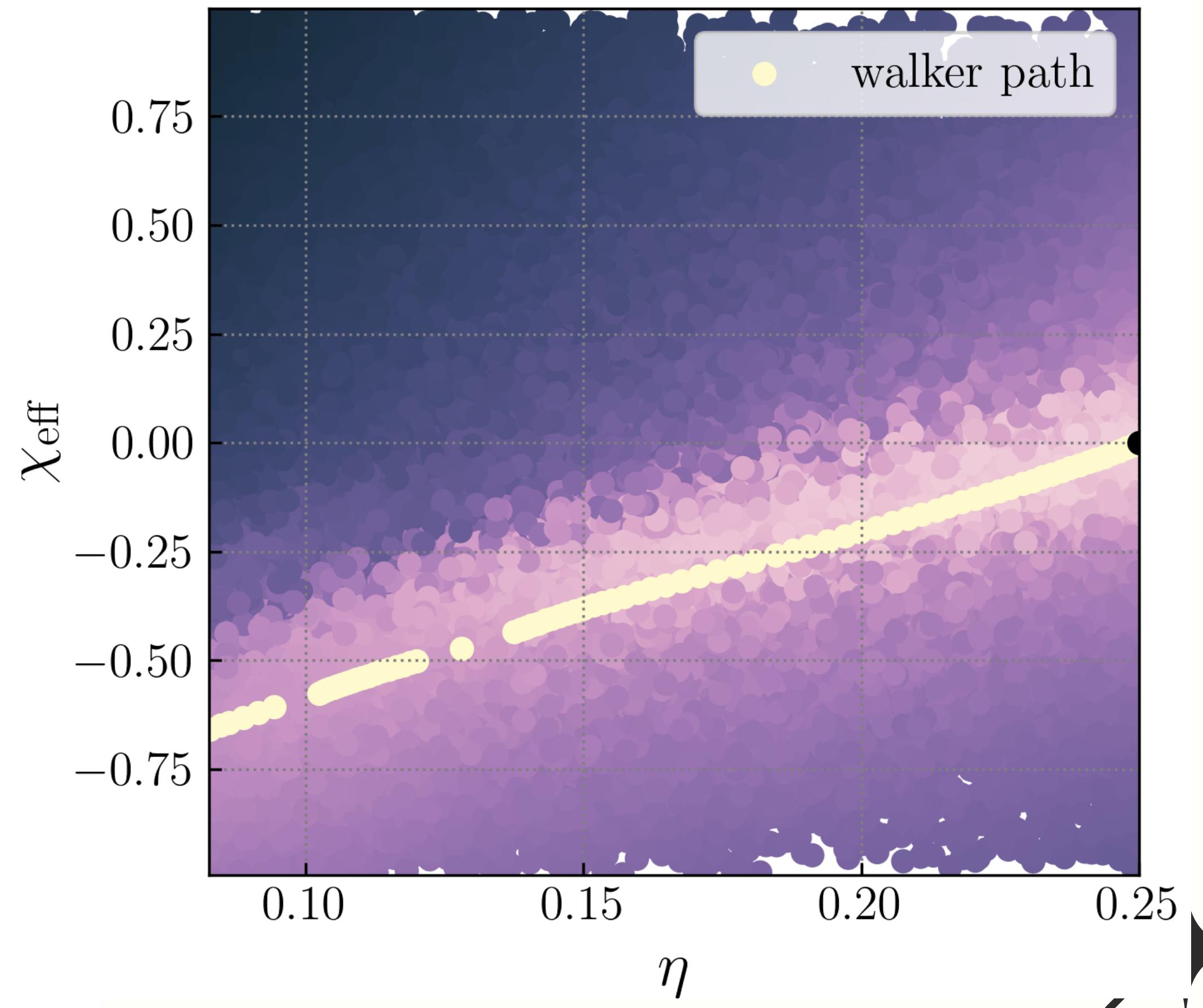
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Preliminary Results + Future Work





$$\lambda = [0.16, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0]$$



Vary mass ratio, χ_{eff}

$\eta = 0.1, 0.16, 0.25 \iff q = 7.87, 4, 1$

$\chi_{\text{eff}} = -0.5, 0, 0.5$

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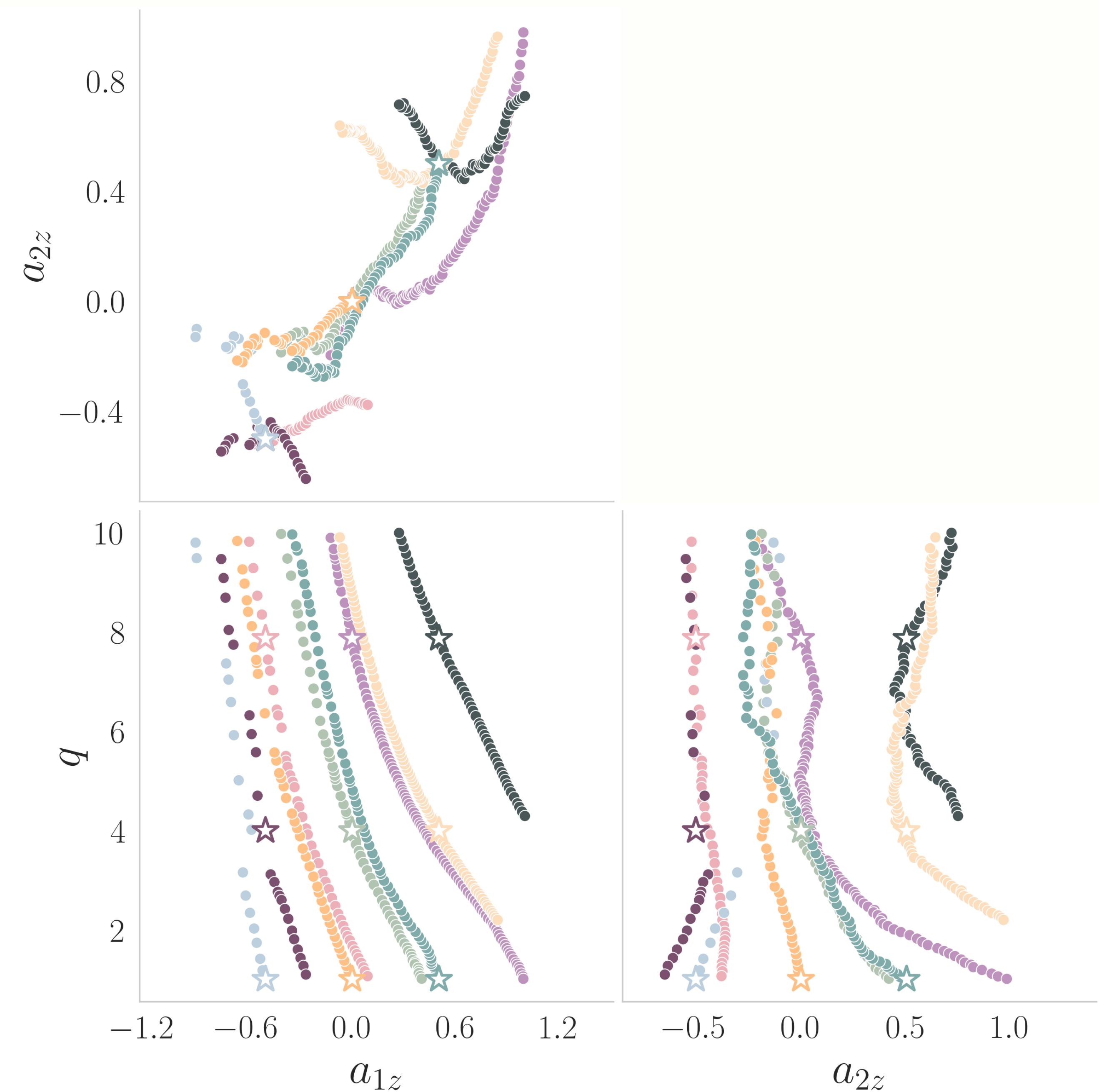
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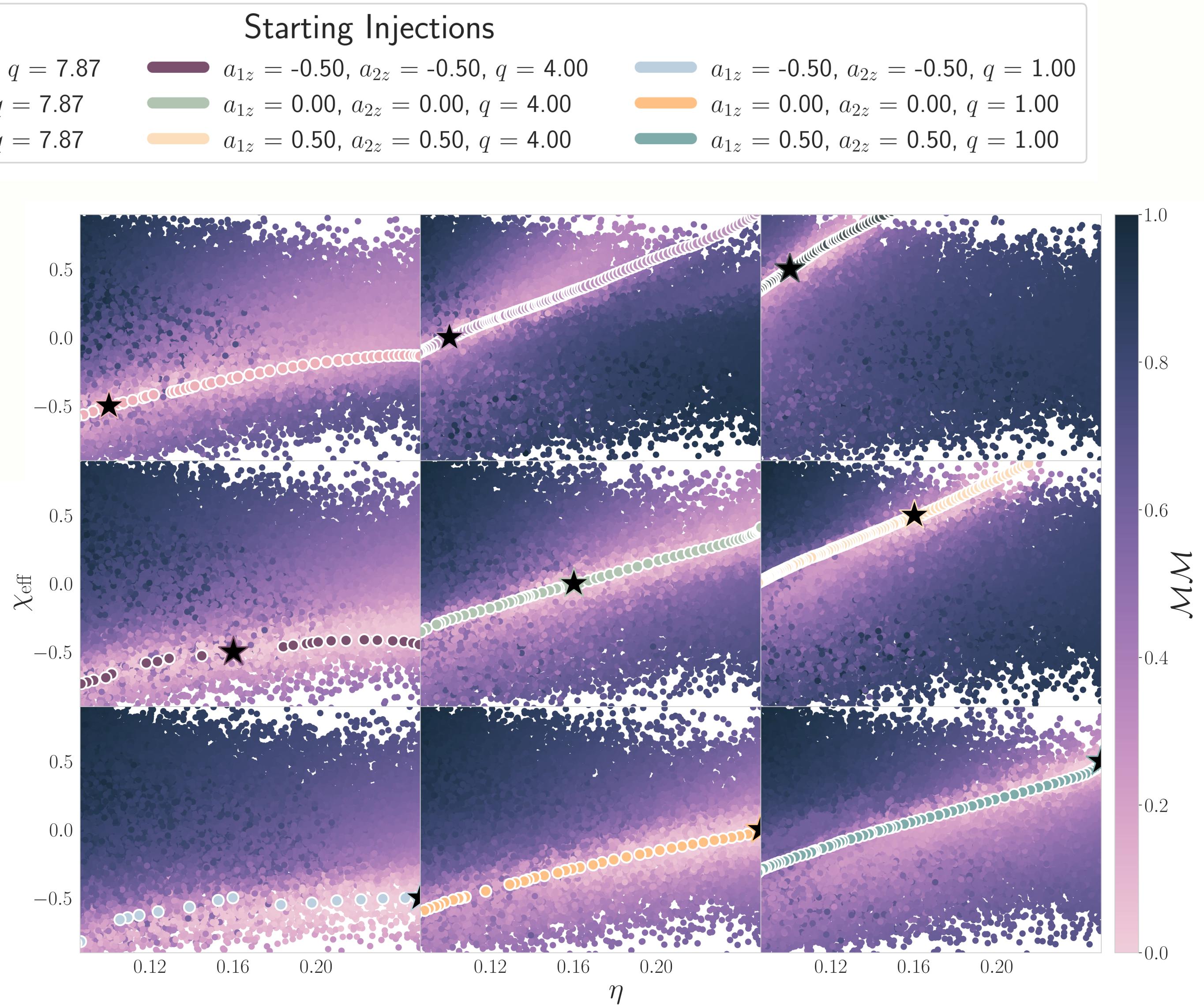
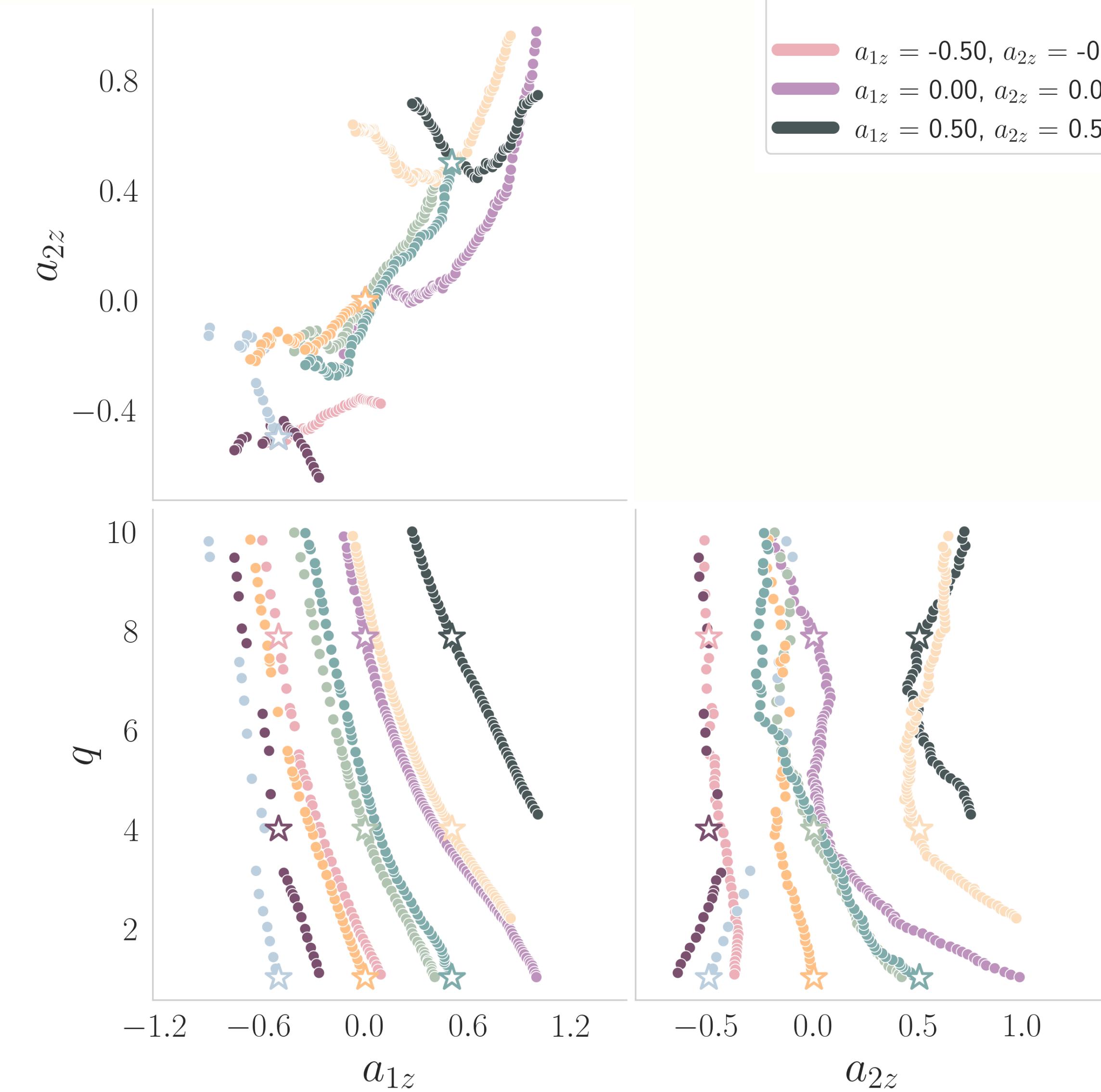
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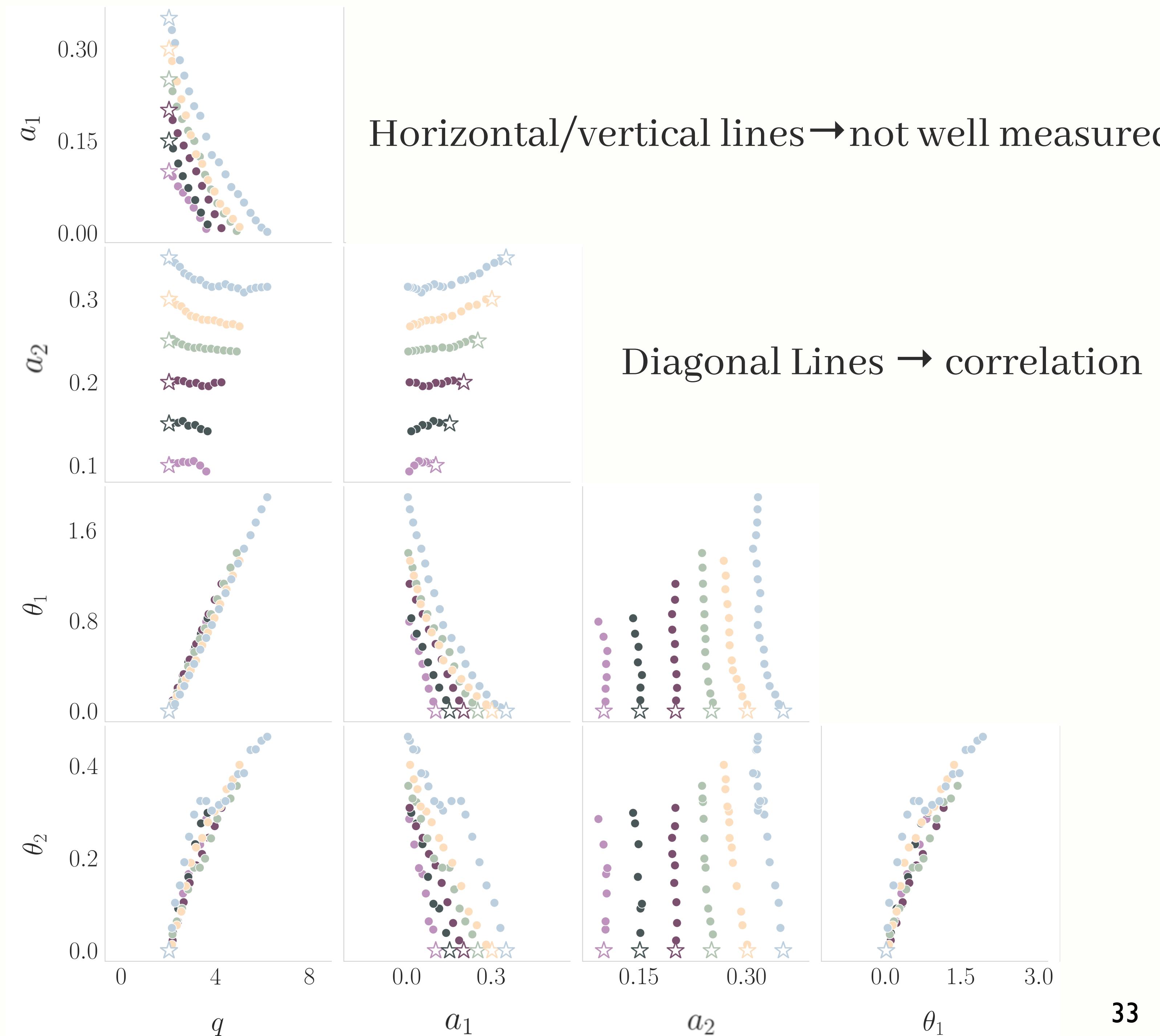




Vary Component Spins

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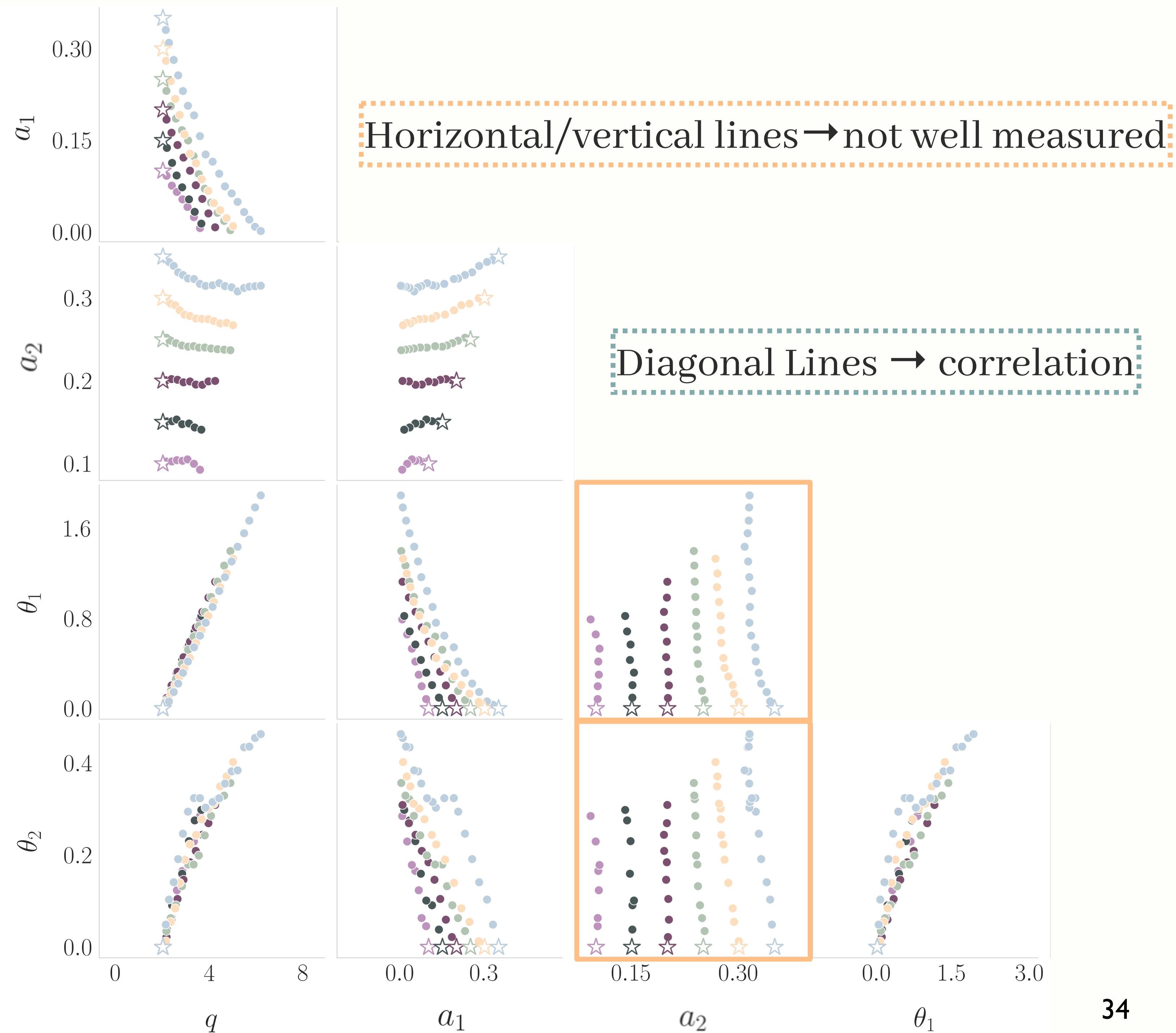
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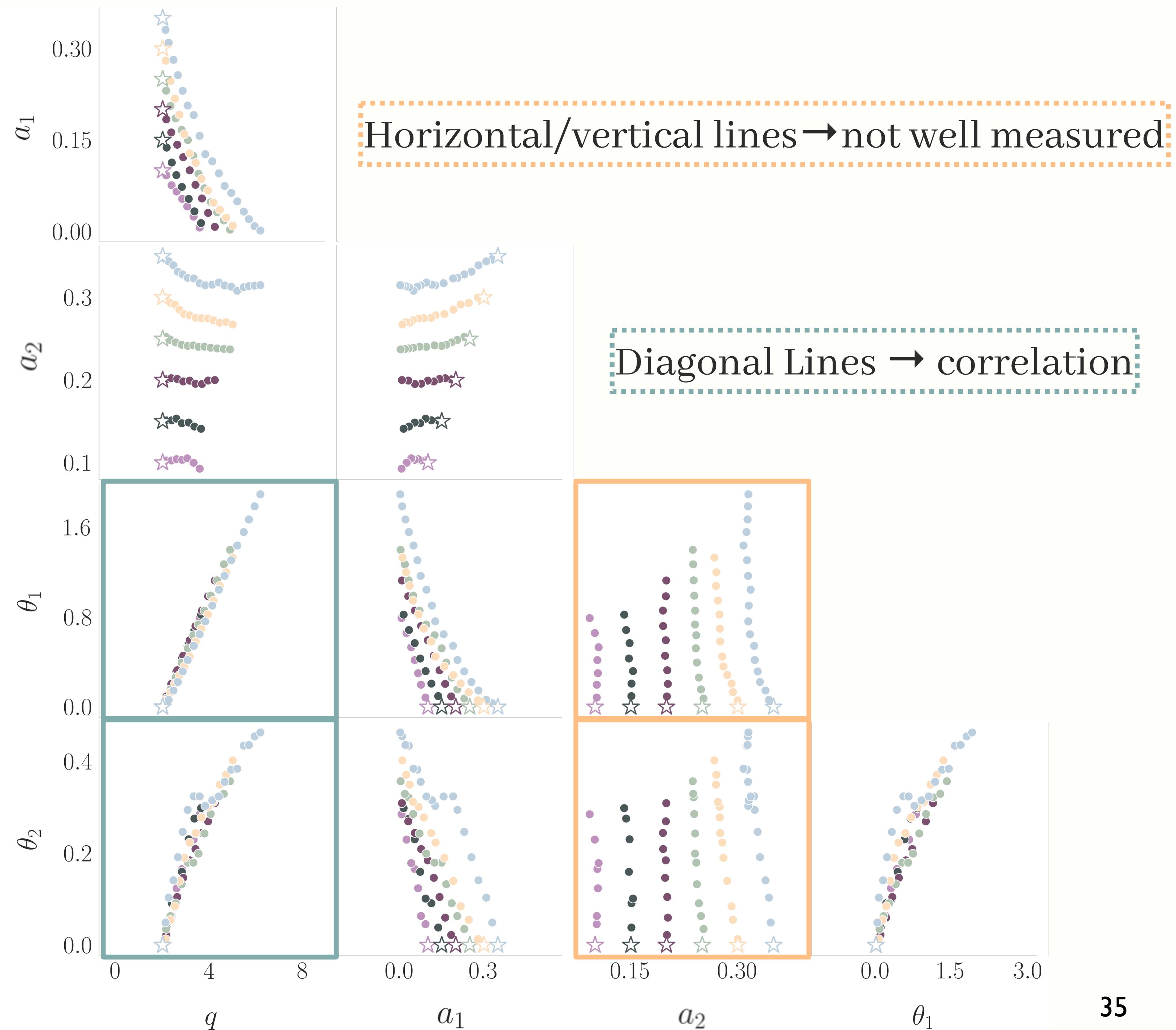
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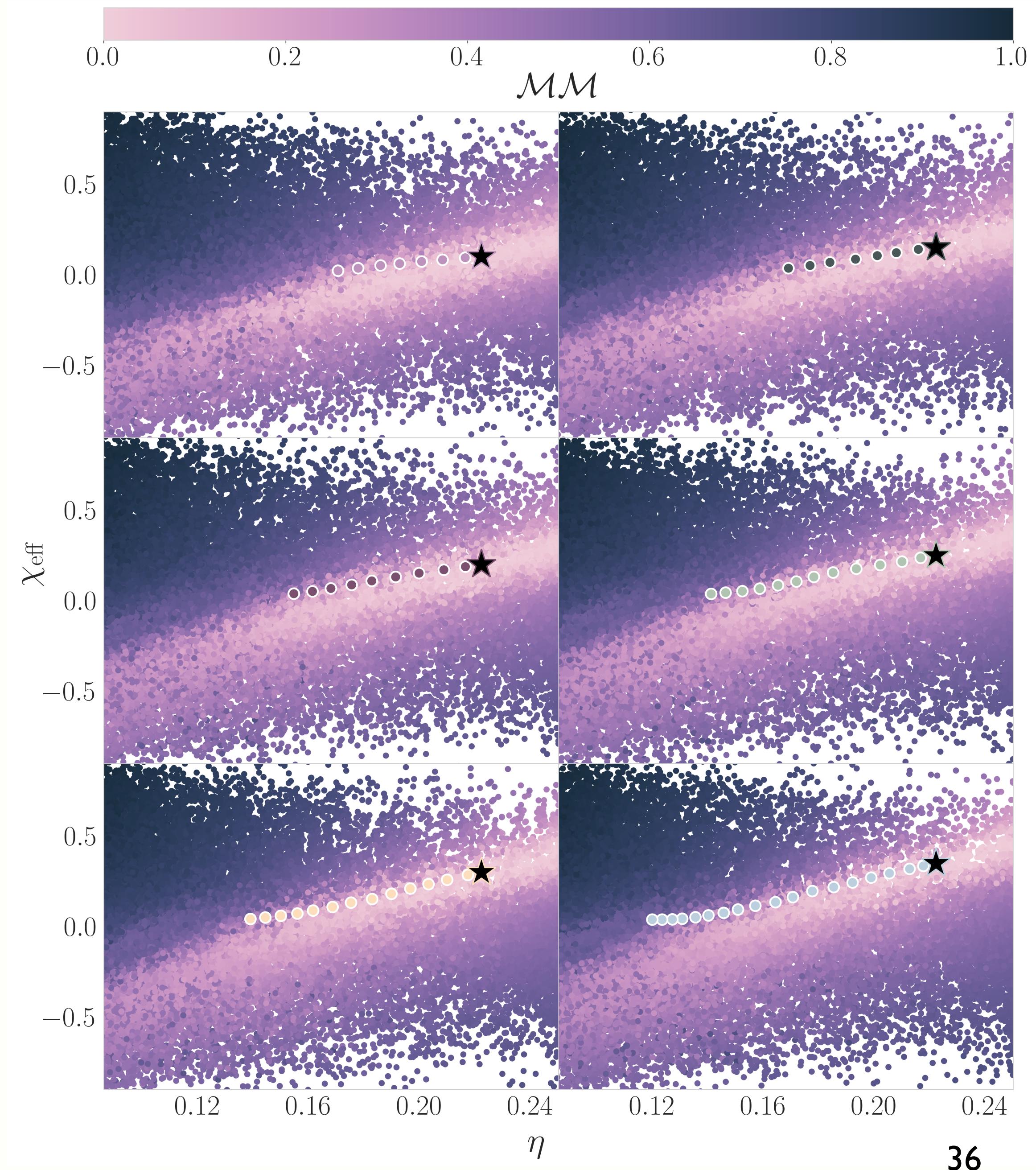
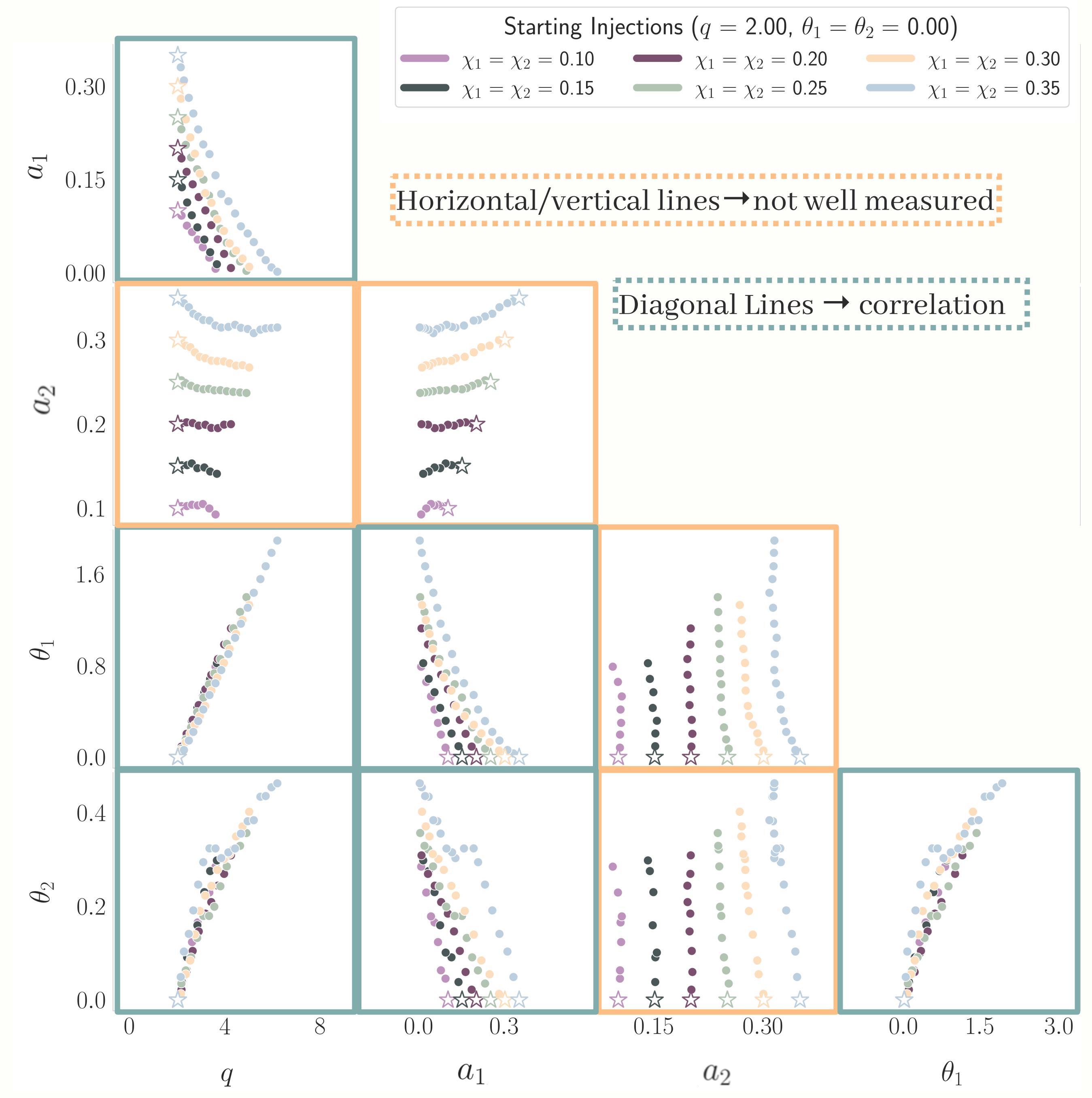


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Future Work

- Fix issues mapping points on boundaries
- Map correlations for high mass systems using the new network
 - Compare results
- Test mapping GW190521 maximum posterior region draws
- Analyze correlations
 - Decide whether spin parameters can be well-measured (under what circumstances)
 - Derive analytic expressions ($\chi_{\text{eff}} - \eta$ alike) for reappearing correlations

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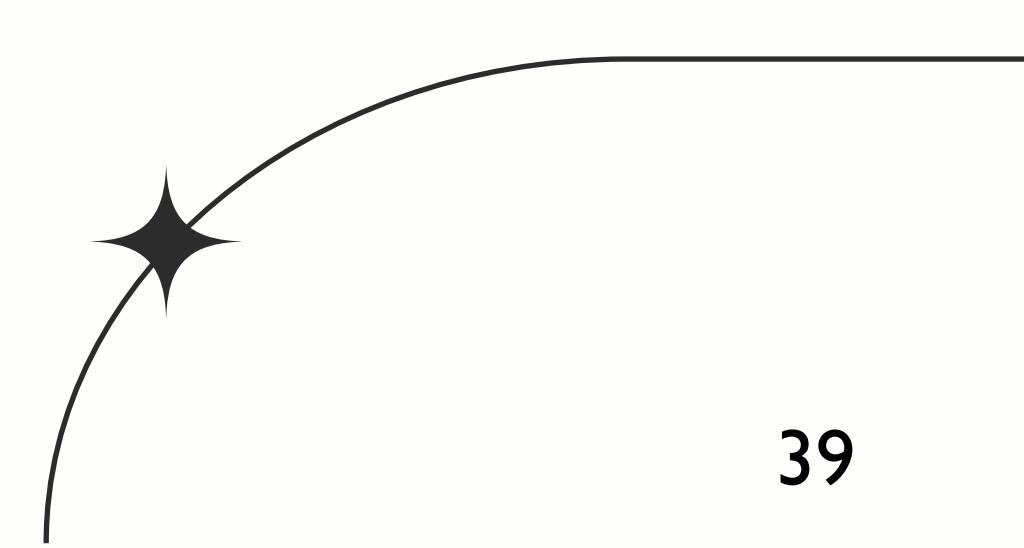
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Everyone in LIGO SURF!

:)





Questions?

Theory of Matched Filtering

Define inner product between two functions of time $a(t), b(t)$ as

$$\begin{aligned}\langle a | b \rangle &\equiv 2 \int_0^\infty df \frac{\tilde{a}^*(f)\tilde{b}(f) + \tilde{a}(f)\tilde{b}^*(f)}{S_h(f)} \\ &= 4 \operatorname{Re} \left[\int_0^\infty df \frac{\tilde{a}^*(f)\tilde{b}(f)}{S_h(f)} \right].\end{aligned}$$

Where $\tilde{a}(f)$ is the Fourier Transform of $a(t)$

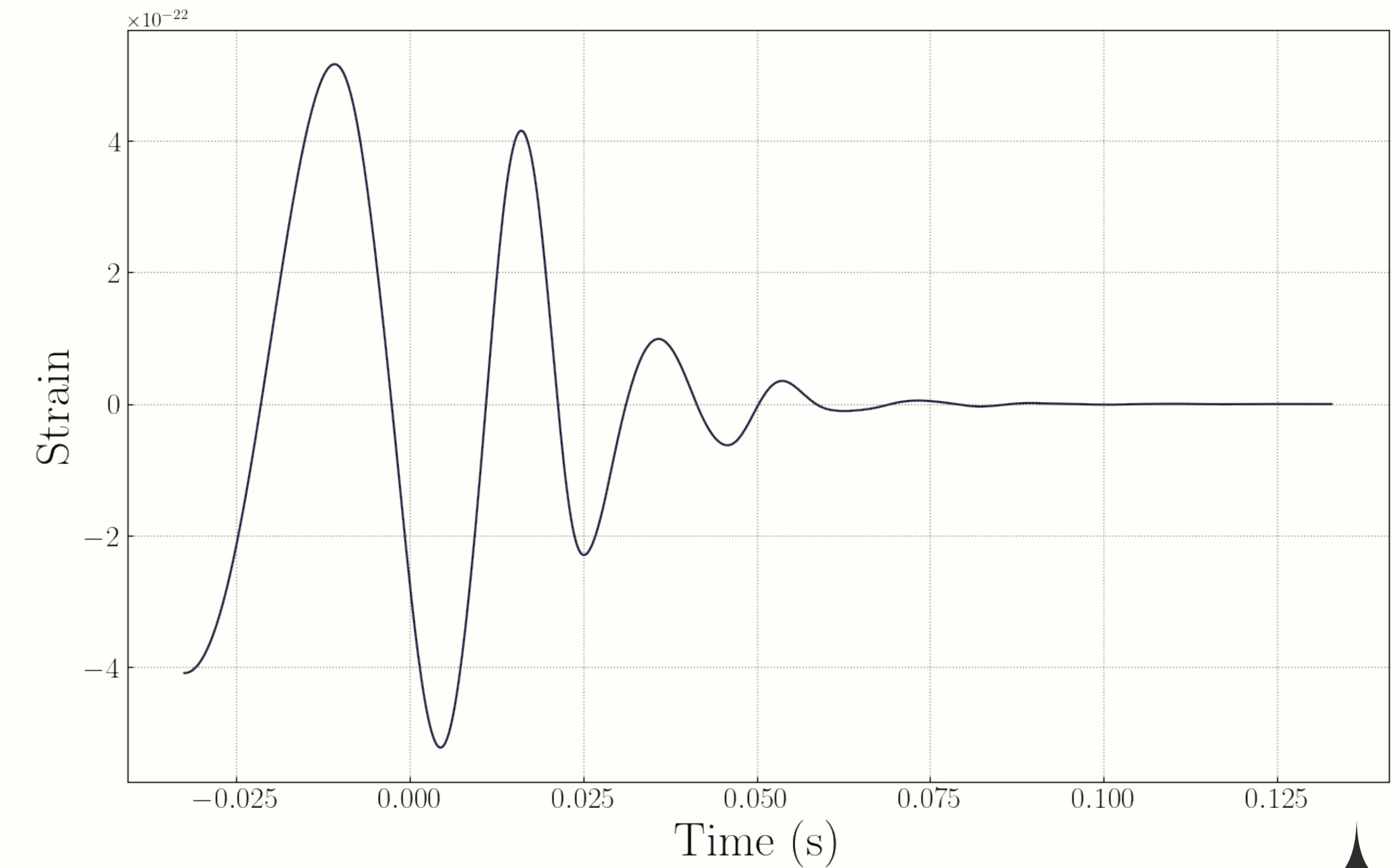
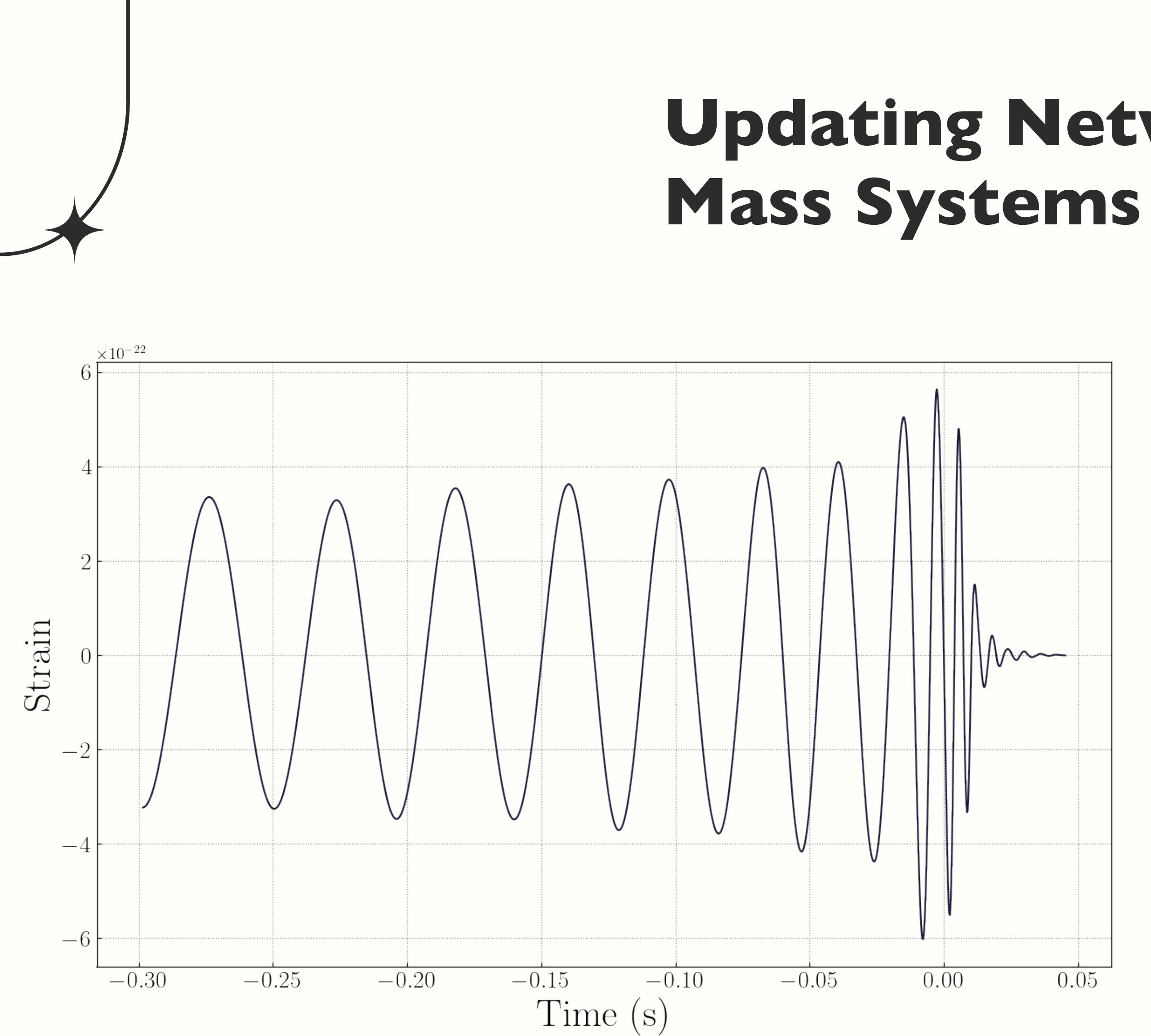
$$\tilde{a}(f) \equiv \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt e^{i2\pi ft} a(t)$$

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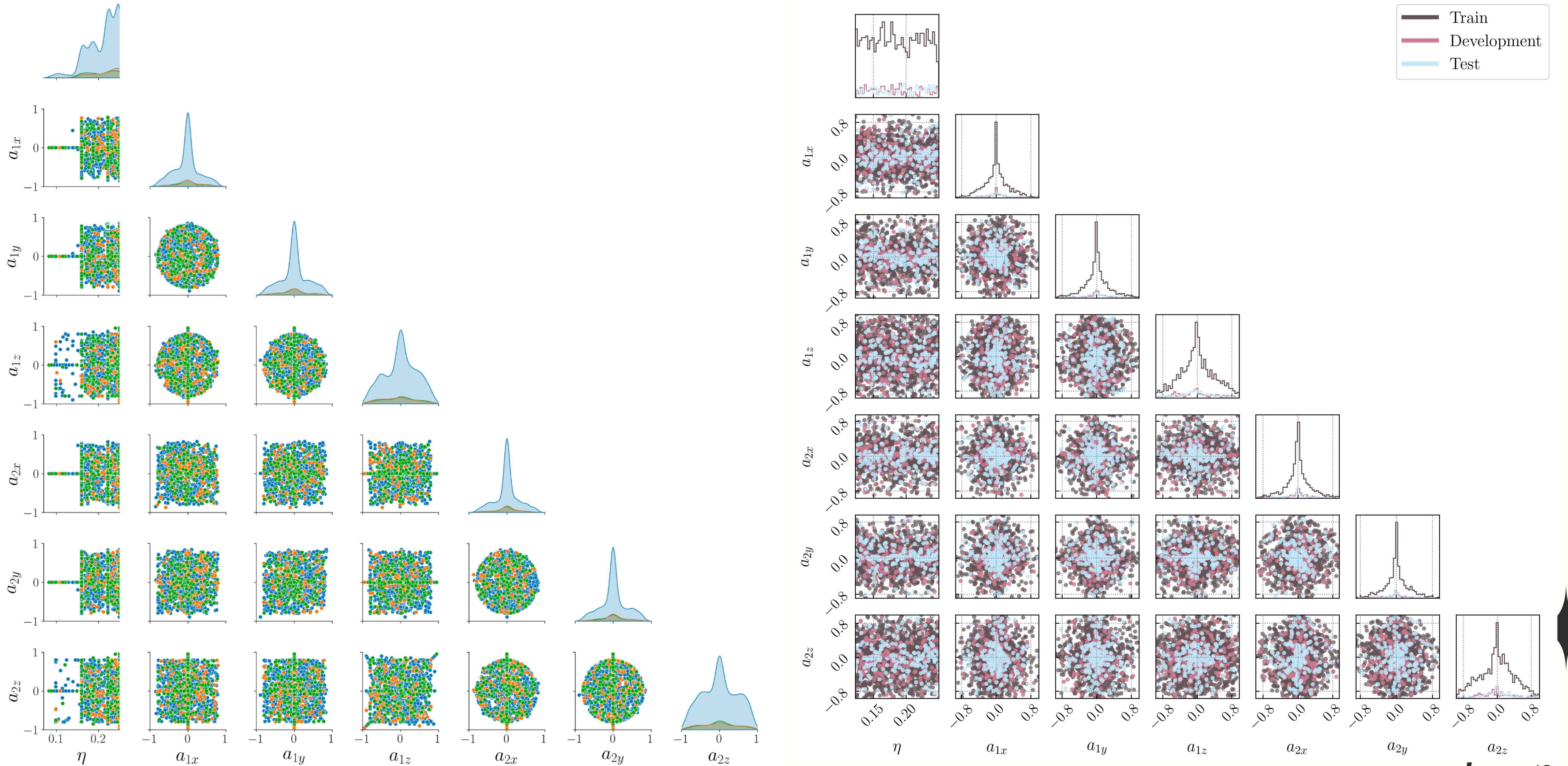
$f_{low} = 20\text{Hz}, f_{ref} = 1840\text{Hz}$

	Published	Updated
Waveforms	SXS Catalog	NRSur7dq4
Modes	$l = 2, m = 2$	All modes
Mass ratios	$0.0826 \leq \eta \leq 0.25$	$0.1224 \leq \eta \leq 0.25$
Detector Frame Mass	$92M_{\odot}$	$270M_{\odot}$

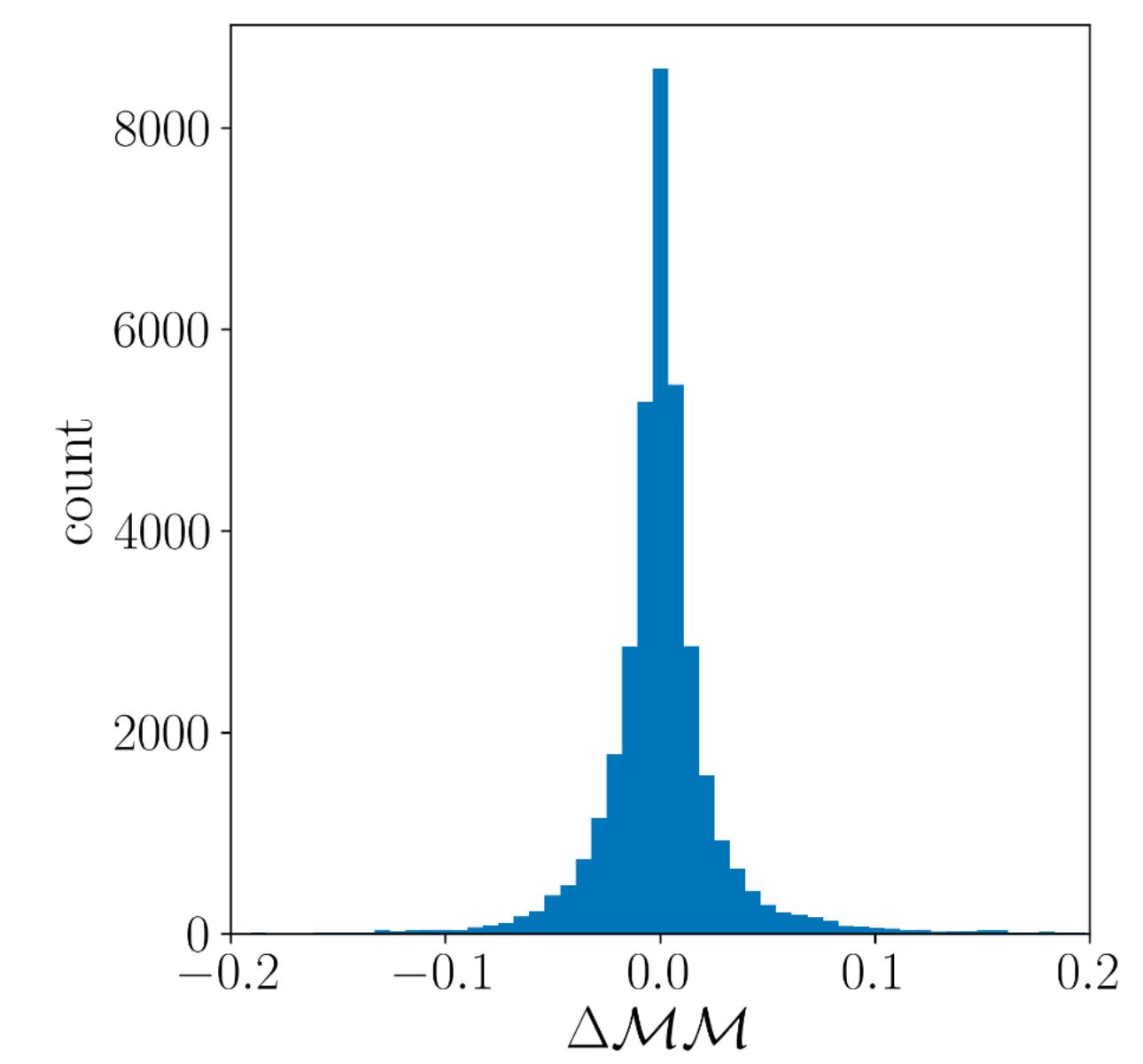
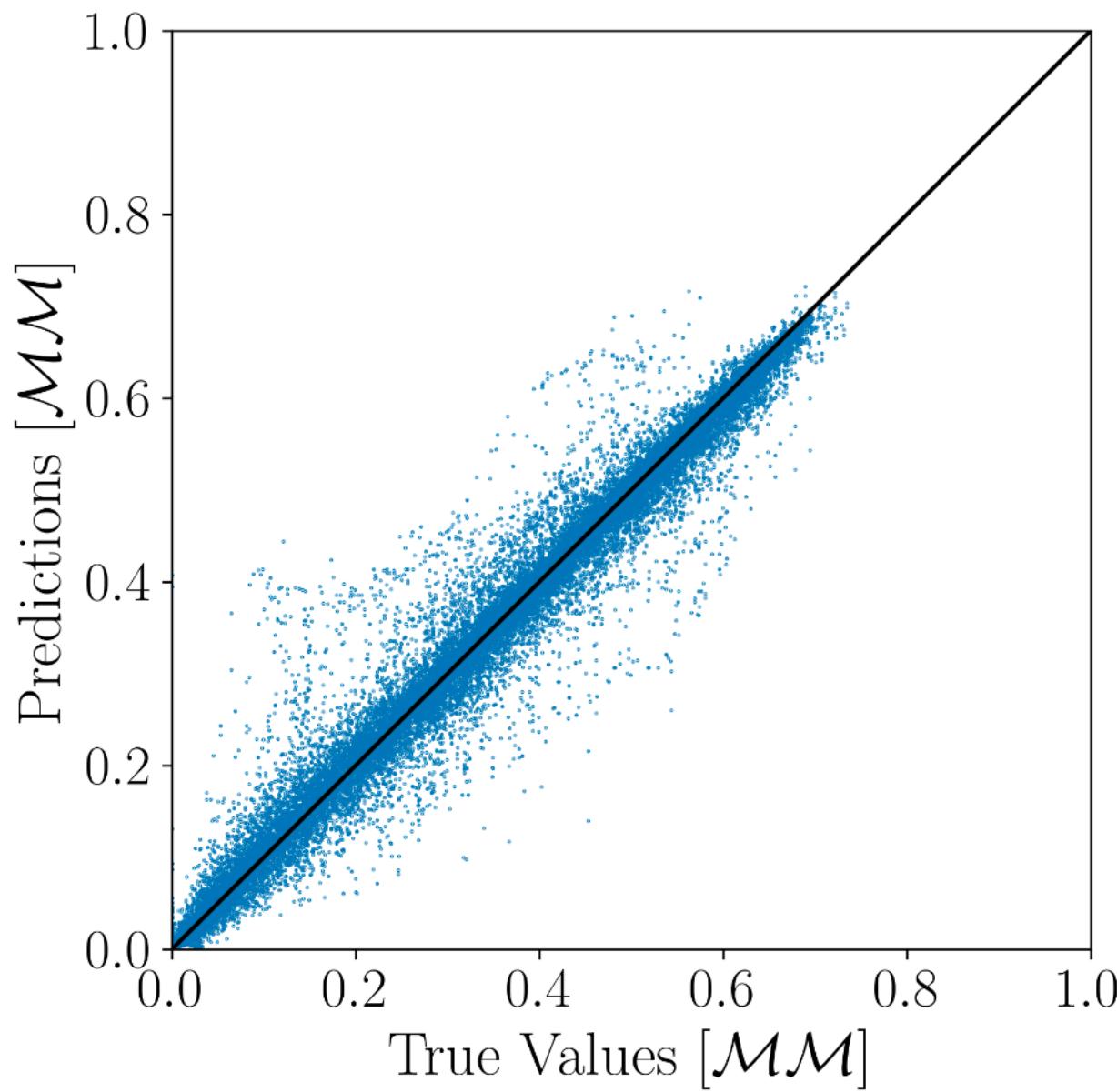
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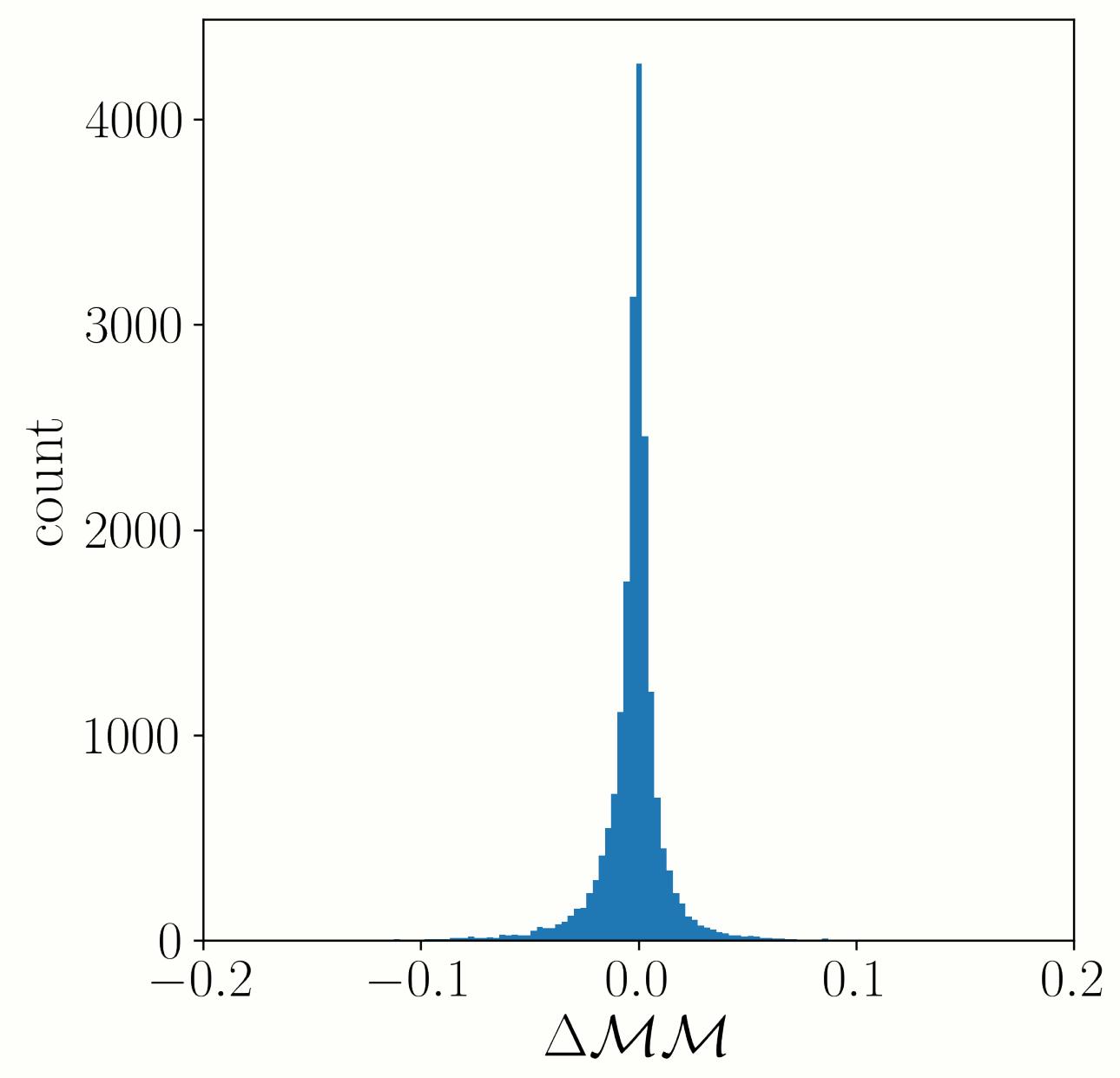
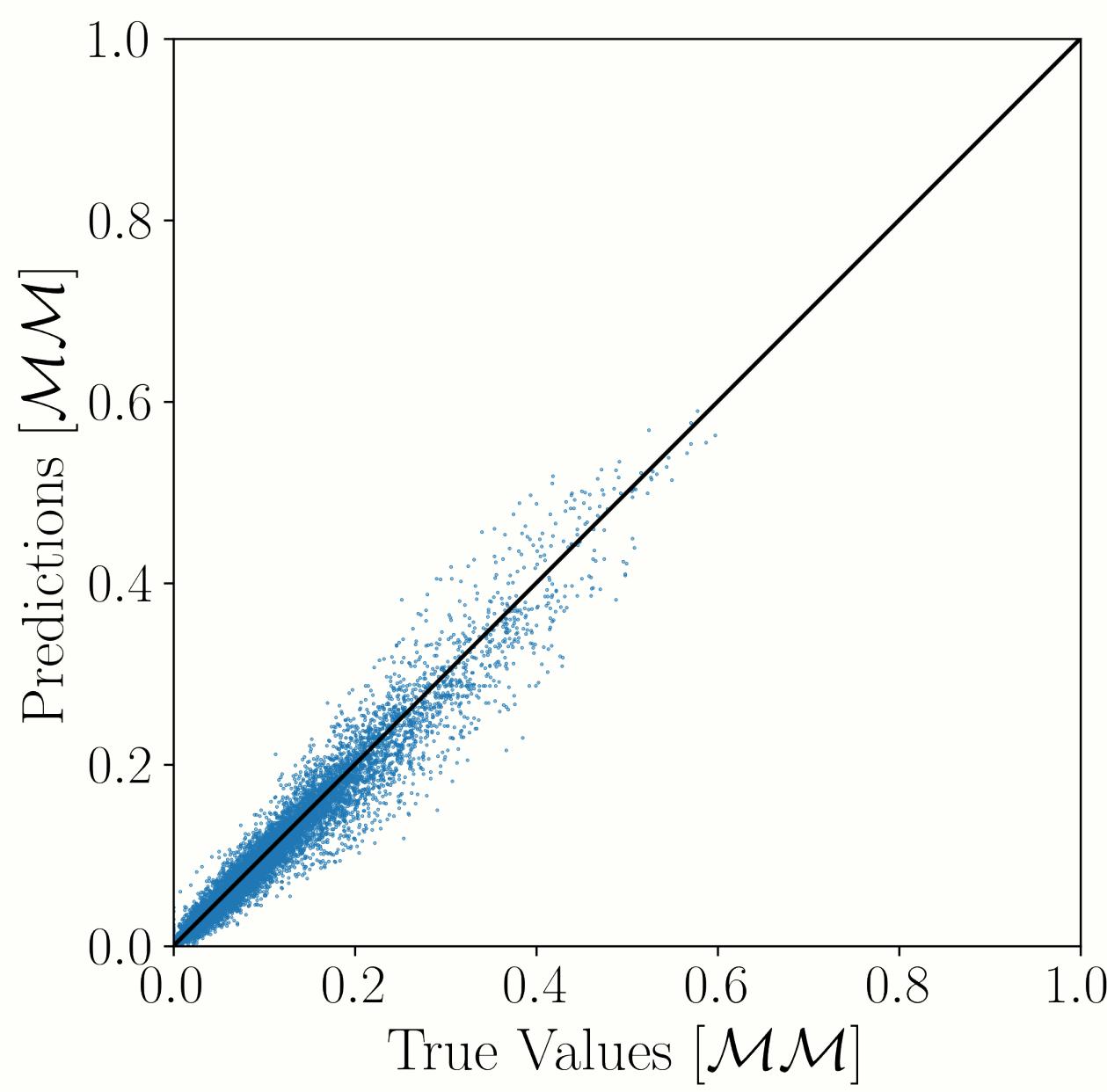
Parameter Space Coverage



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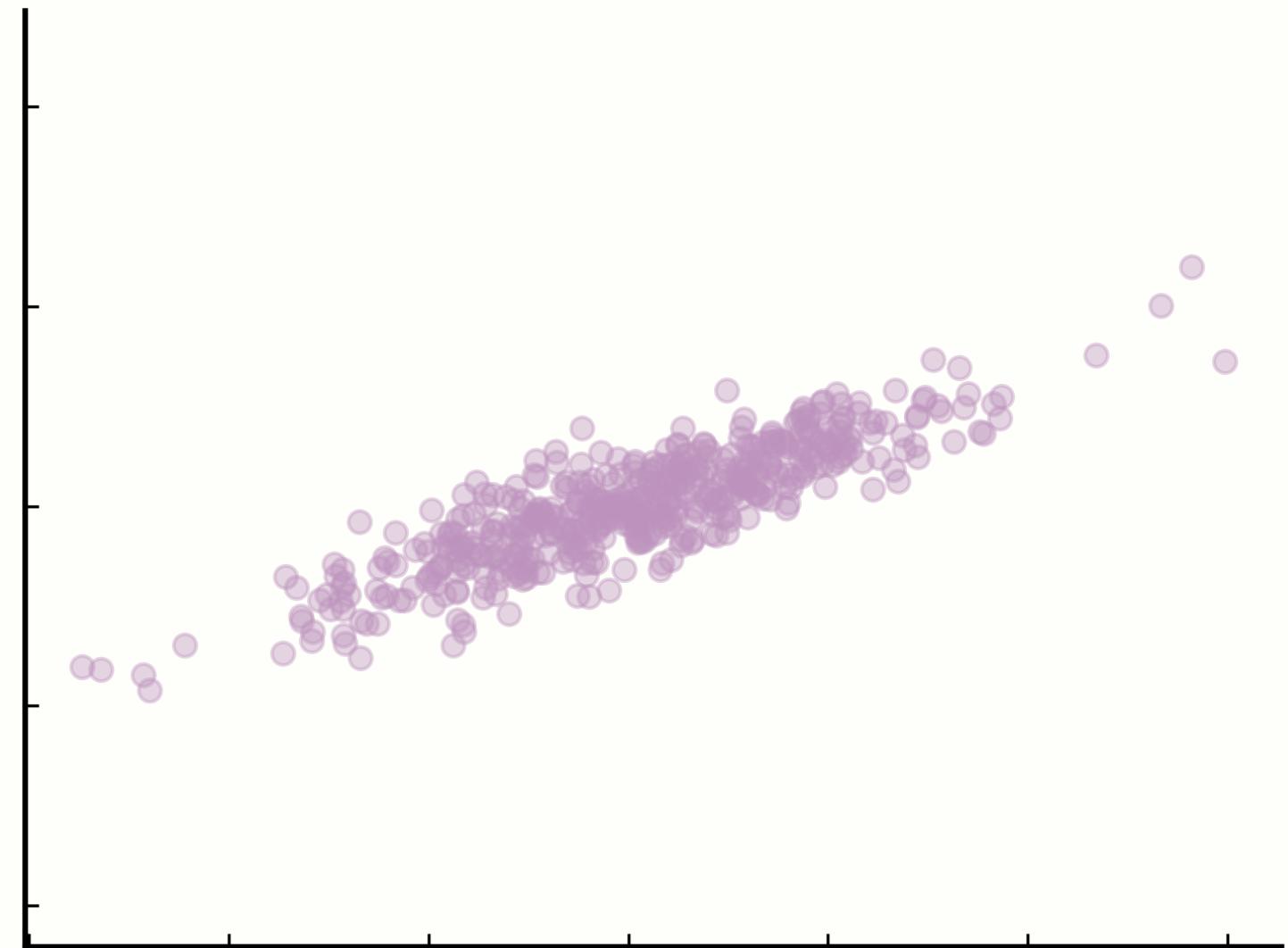


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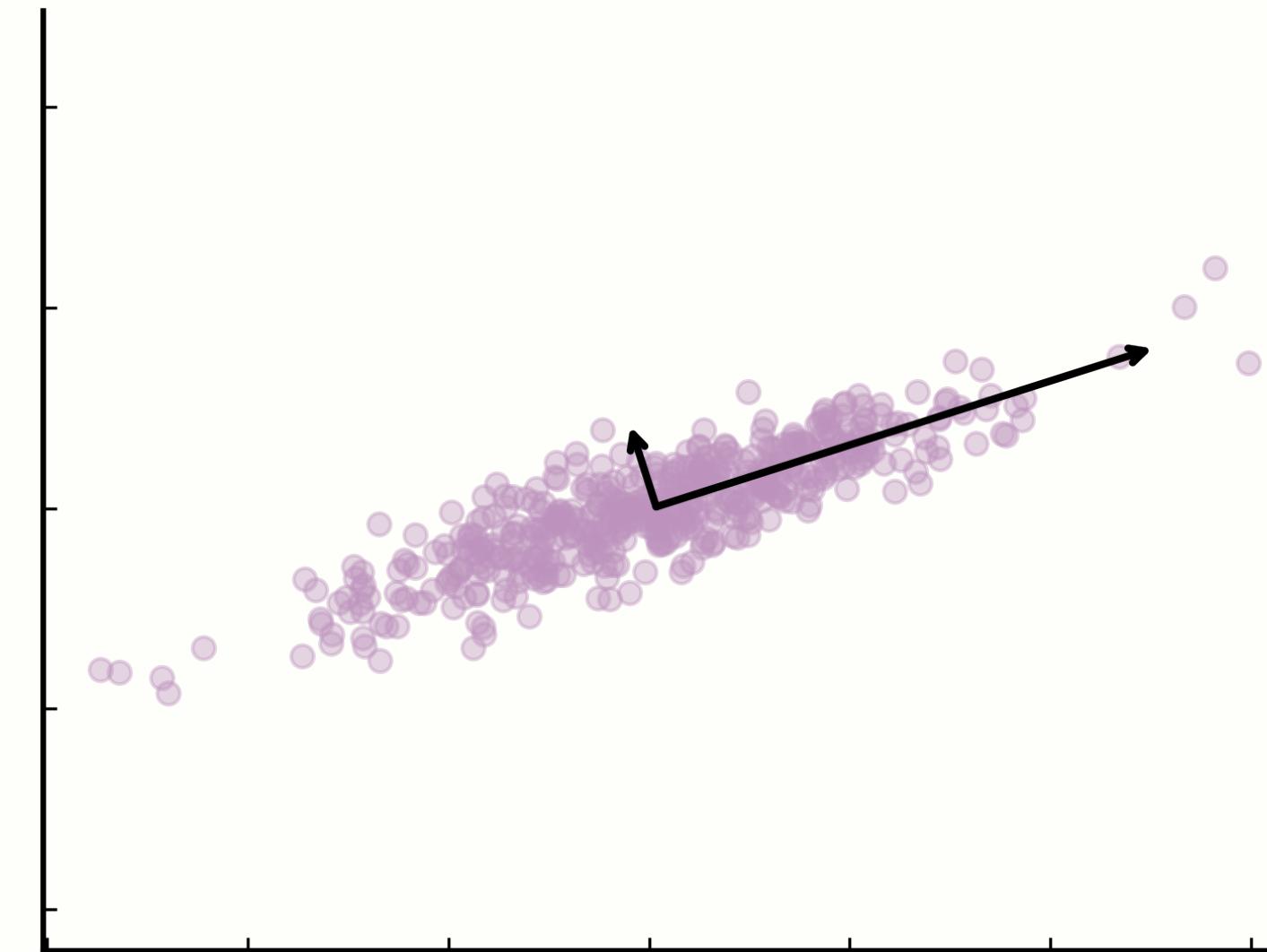


Modeling Spread of Distribution: 2D Example

Distribution



Model the spread with vectors



How do we find these vectors?

Recall: Eigenvectors in Linear Algebra

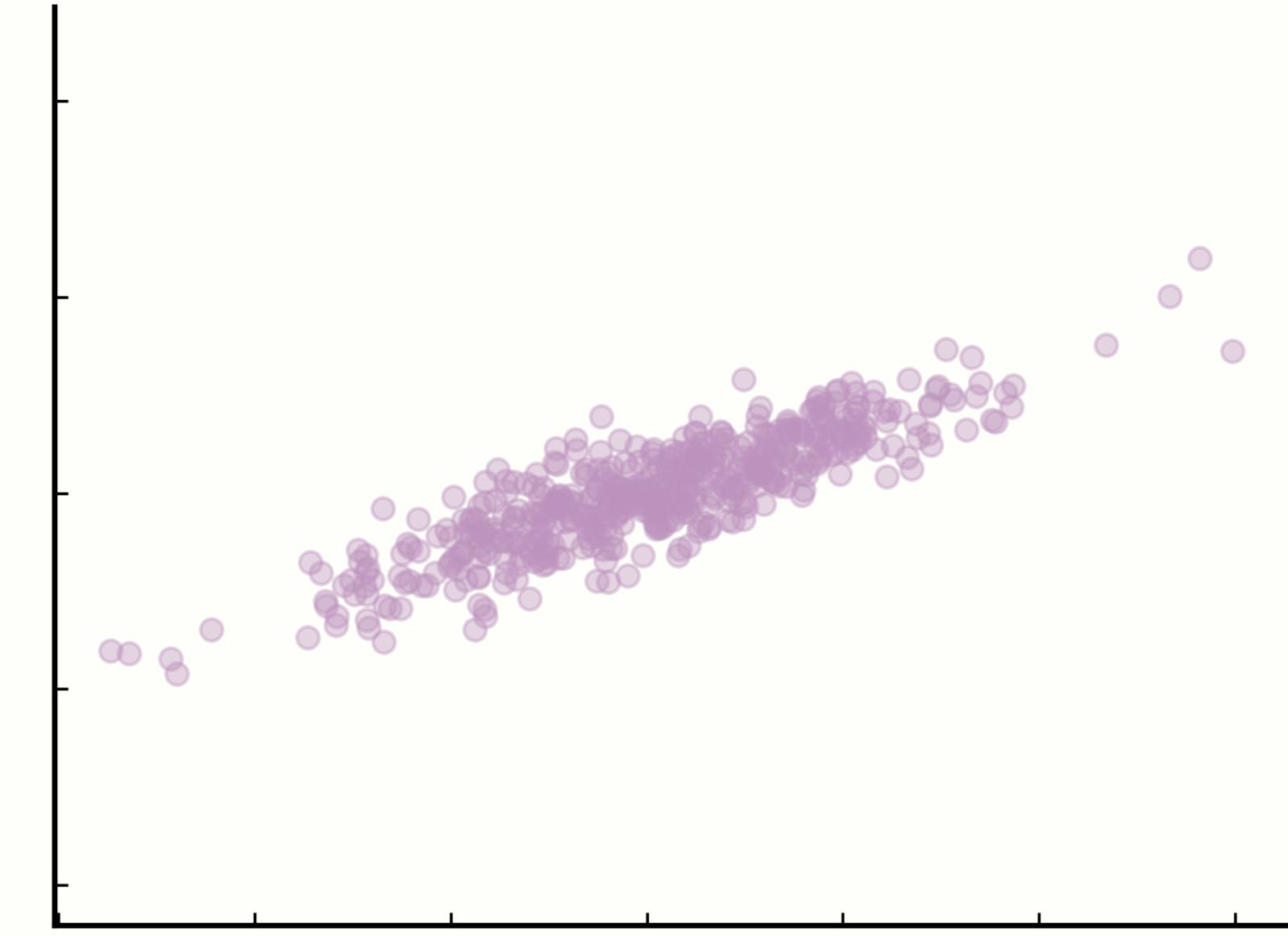
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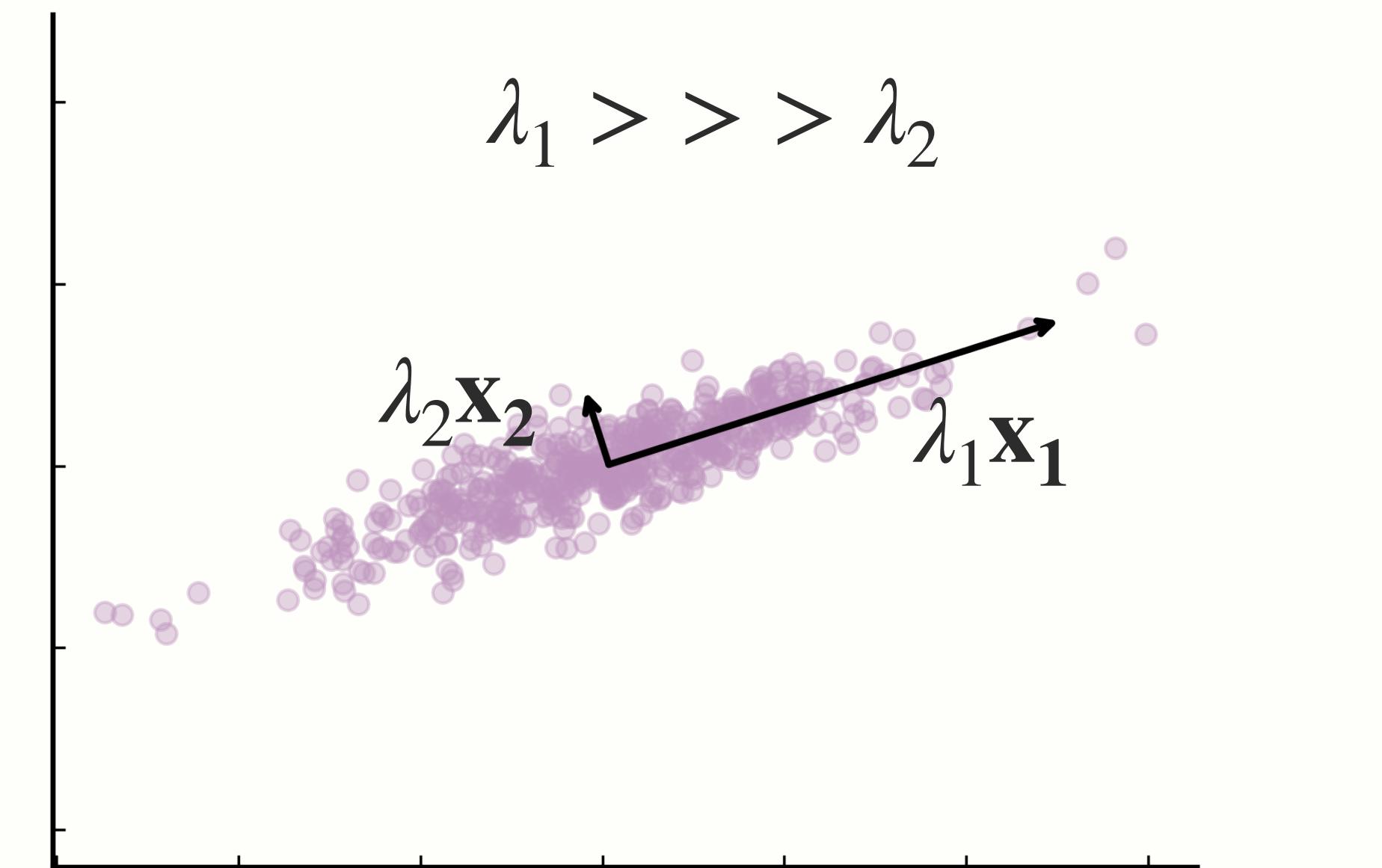
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Principal Component Analysis (PCA) & Bayesian Gaussian Modeling (BGM)

BGM

Fitting Gaussian to 2D distribution

Apply Bayes' Theorem

$$p(\mu, \Sigma | \mathbf{x}) = \frac{p(\mathbf{x} | \mu, \Sigma) \cdot p(\mu, \Sigma)}{p(\mathbf{x})}$$

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Data $\mathbf{x} = [\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}]$, mean $\mu = [\mu_x, \mu_y]$, covariance Σ

PCA

Let data \mathbf{X} be an $n \times p$ matrix,

features

data points

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_{11} & x_{12} & \dots & x_{1p} \\ x_{21} & x_{22} & \dots & x_{2p} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ x_{n1} & x_{n2} & \dots & x_{np} \end{pmatrix}$$

Principal Component Analysis (PCA) & Bayesian Gaussian Modeling (BGM)

BGM

Fitting Gaussian to 2D distribution

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Eigen-Decomposition(ED)

$$\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{U}\Lambda\mathbf{U}^T$$

$$\Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_x^2 & \sigma_{xy} \\ \sigma_{yx} & \sigma_y^2 \end{bmatrix} = [\mathbf{e}_1 \quad \mathbf{e}_2] \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{e}_1 \\ \mathbf{e}_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

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Singular Value Decomposition (SVD)

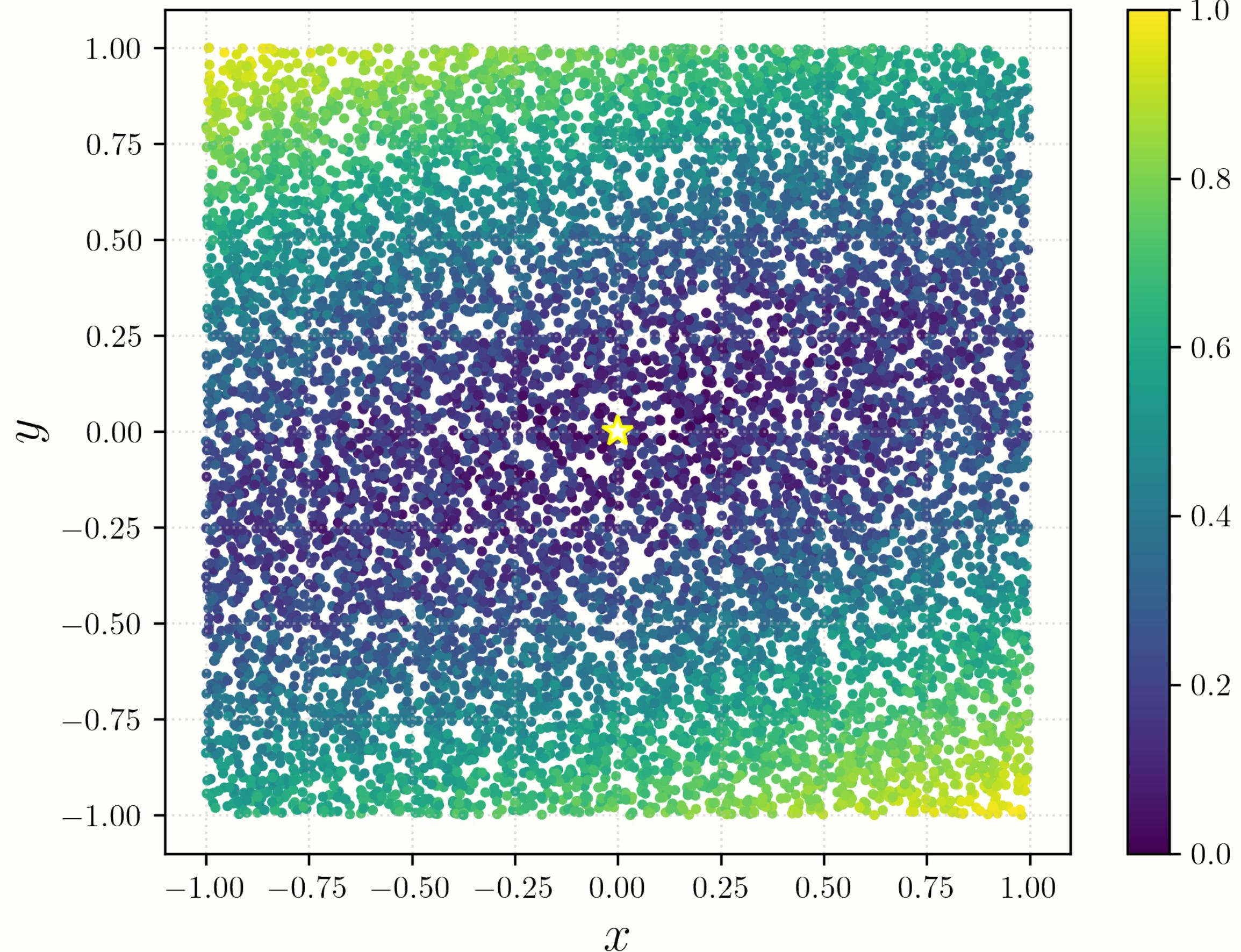
$$\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{U}\Sigma\mathbf{V}^T$$

For principal components
 $\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_1, \dots, \tilde{\mathbf{x}}_n$, $\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_i = \mathbf{X}\mathbf{v}_i$ with
variance σ_i^2 ($n = 2$)

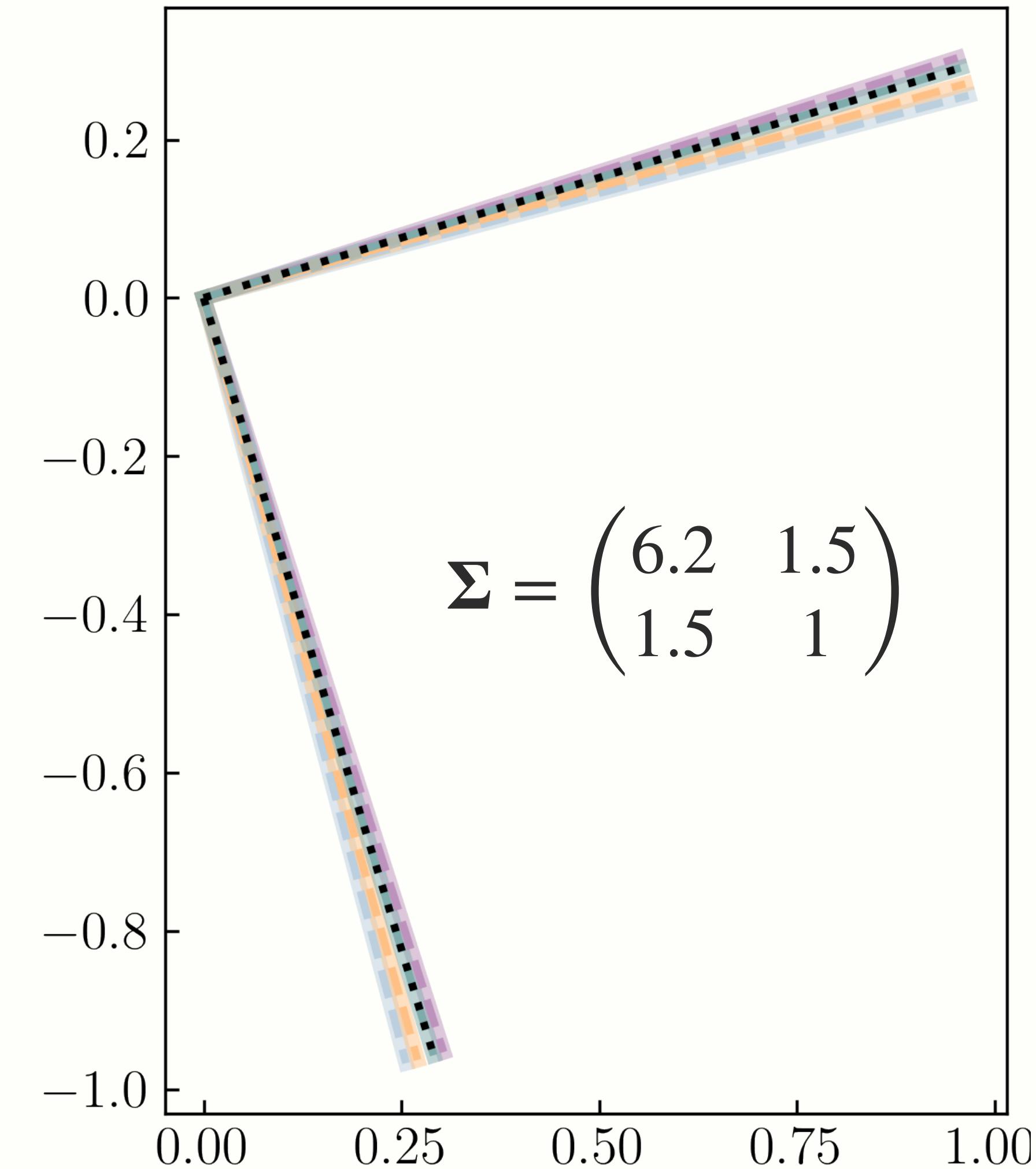
Verifying Effectiveness

n_samples = 10000

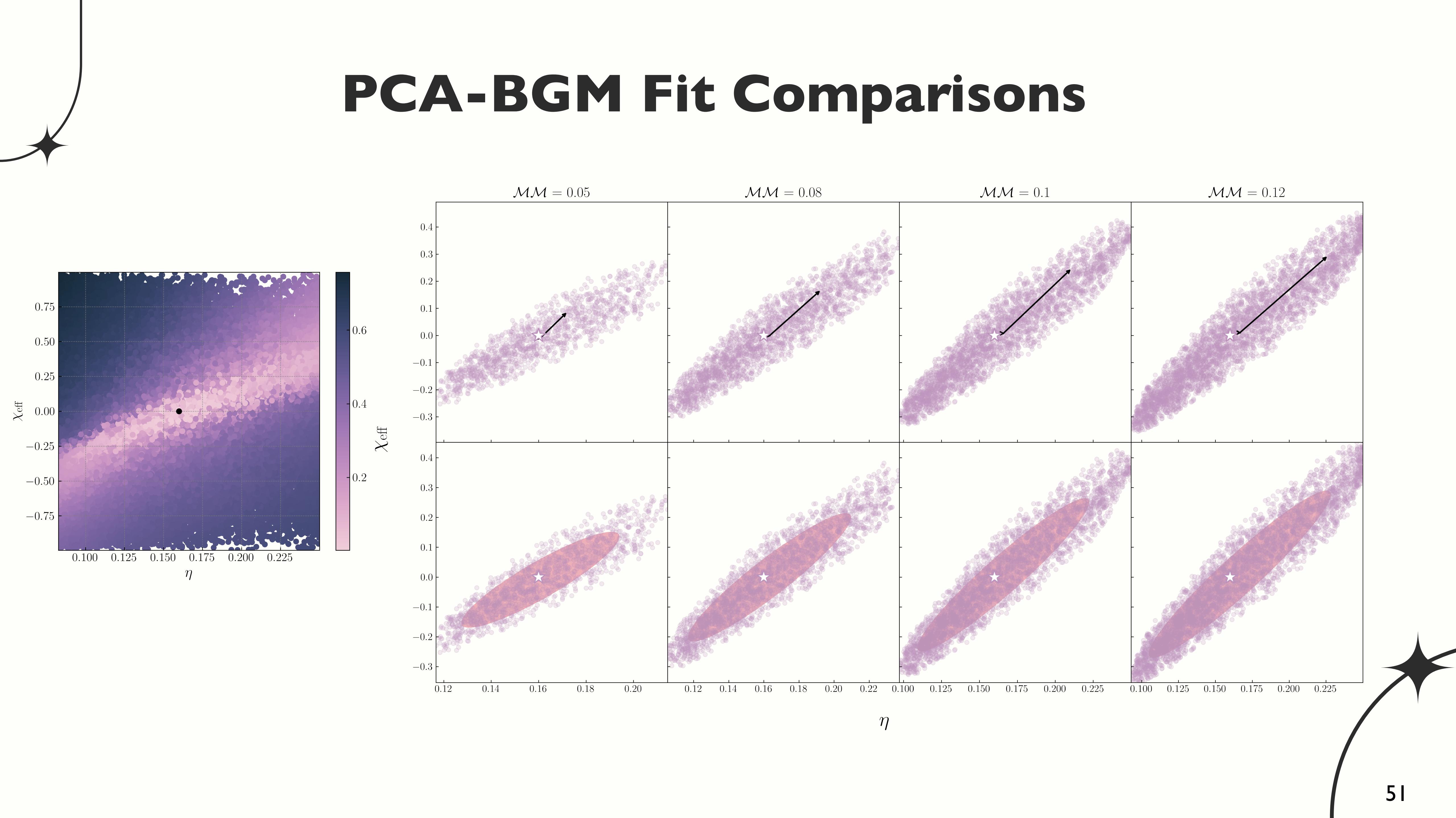
Gaussian values adjusted by
noise_factor within range [-1, 1].



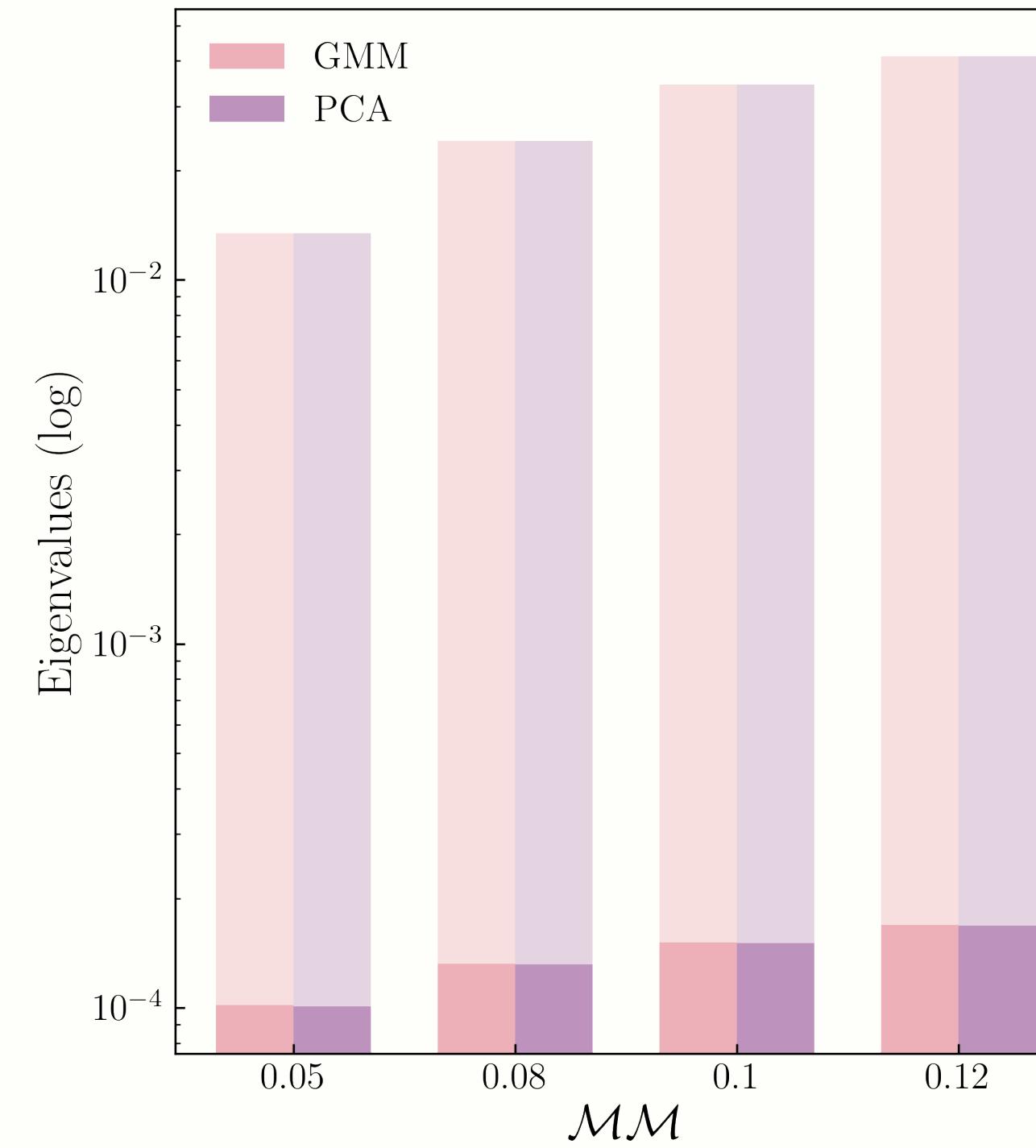
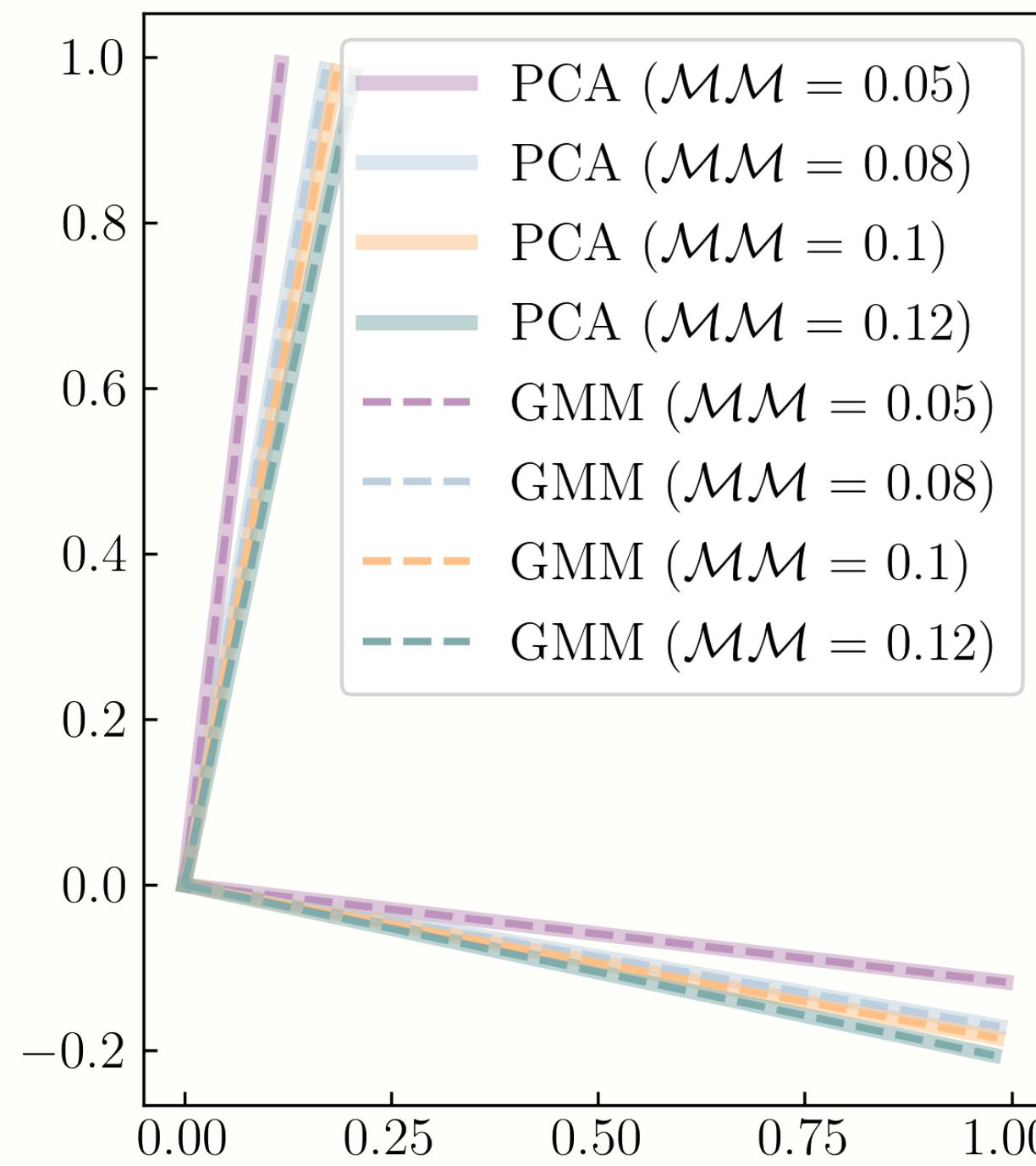
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|------------------------|------------------------|
| PCA (Threshold = 0.05) | GMM (Threshold = 0.05) |
| PCA (Threshold = 0.1) | GMM (Threshold = 0.1) |
| PCA (Threshold = 0.2) | GMM (Threshold = 0.2) |
| PCA (Threshold = 0.3) | GMM (Threshold = 0.3) |
| True | |



PCA-BGM Fit Comparisons



PCA-BGM Fit Comparisons Ctd.



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$$\sigma_i^2 \sim \lambda_i$$

$$\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_i \sim \mathbf{e}_i$$

Vary Mass Ratios

$$a_{1z} = a_{2z} = 0.50$$

$$a_{1x} = a_{2x} = a_{1y} = a_{2y} = 0.2$$

- $q = 1.00$
- $q = 2.00$
- $q = 3.00$
- $q = 4.00$
- $q = 5.00$
- $q = 6.00$
- $q = 7.00$
- $q = 8.00$
- $q = 9.00$

