

# Fast Parameter Estimation for MBHBs with Normalising Flows

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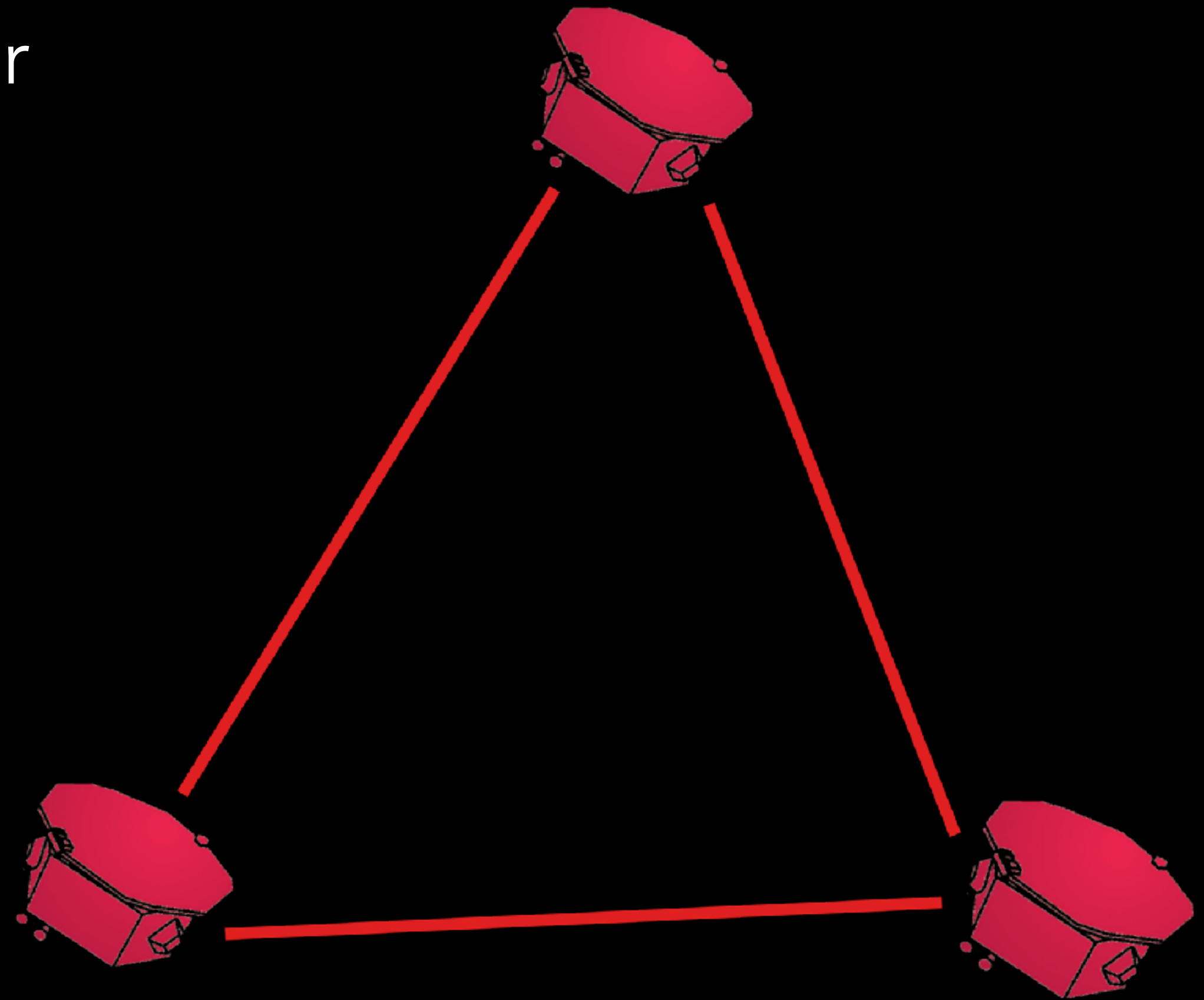
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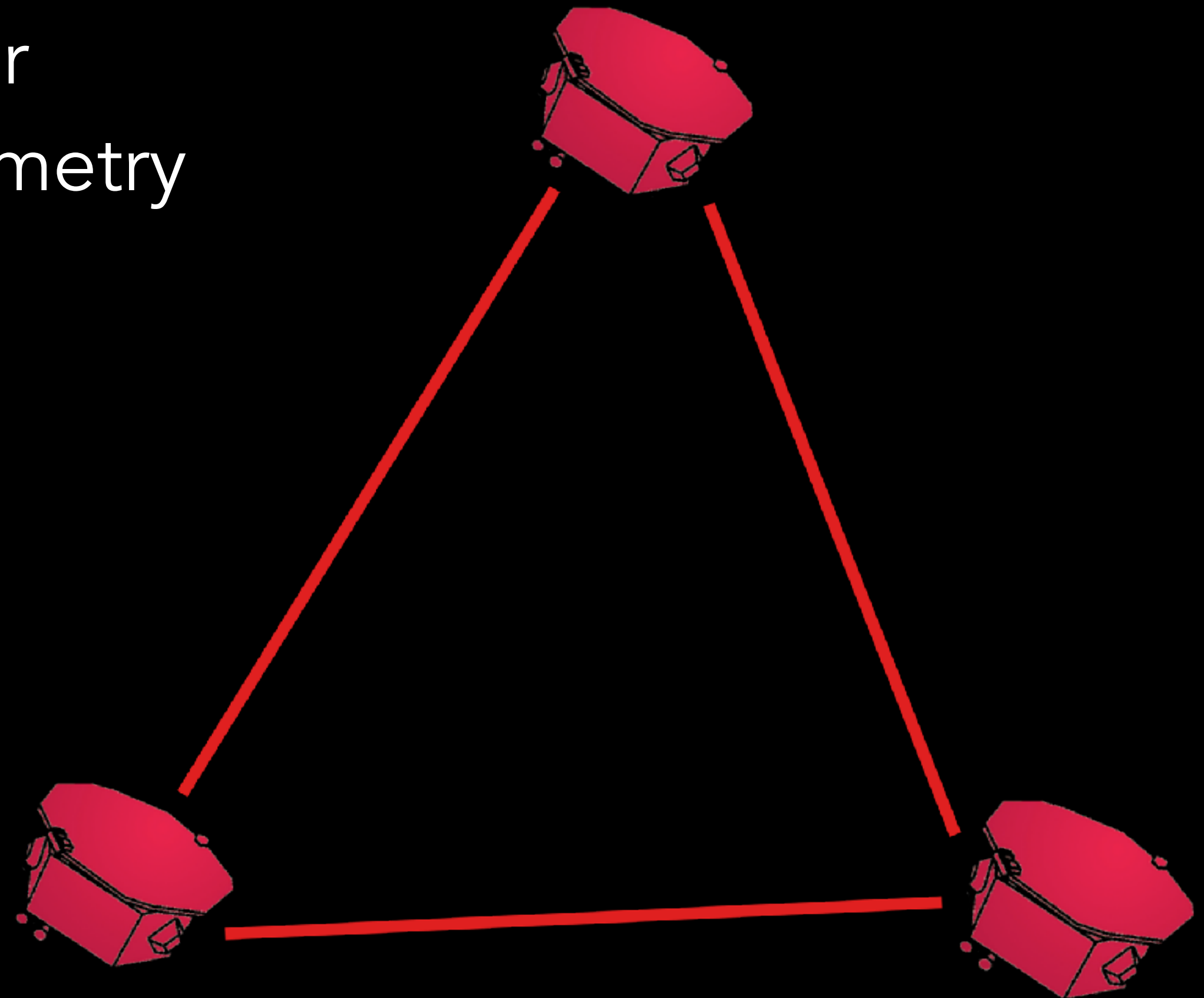
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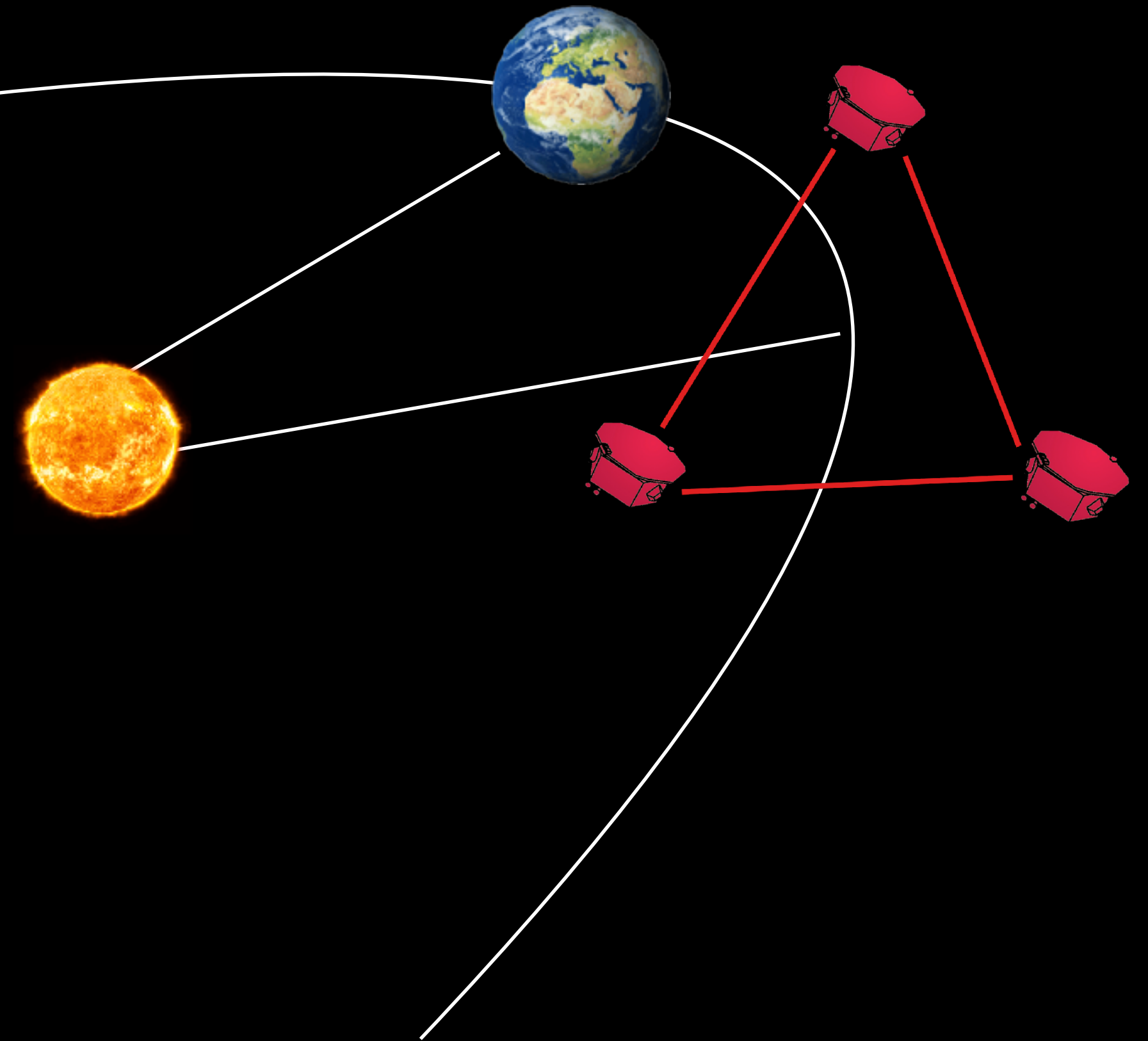
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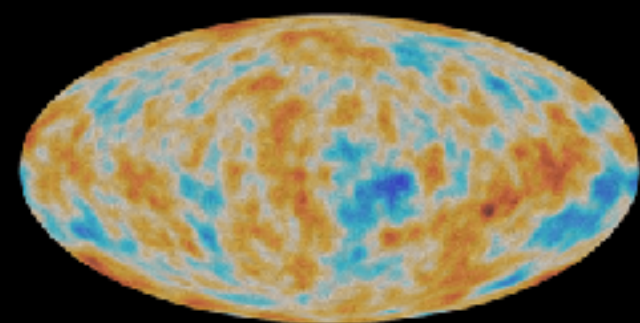
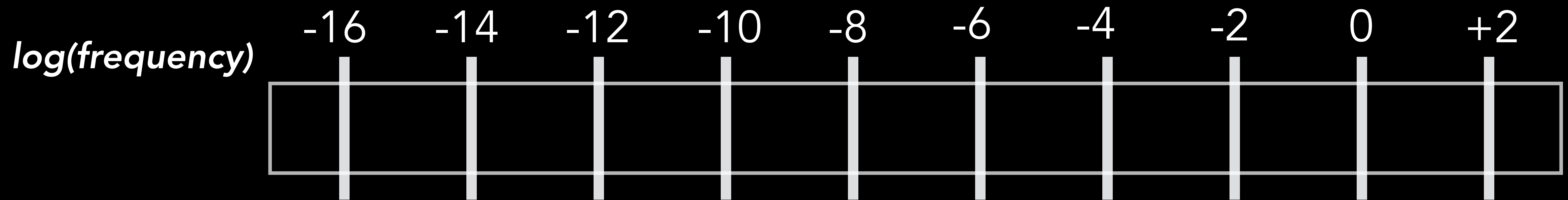
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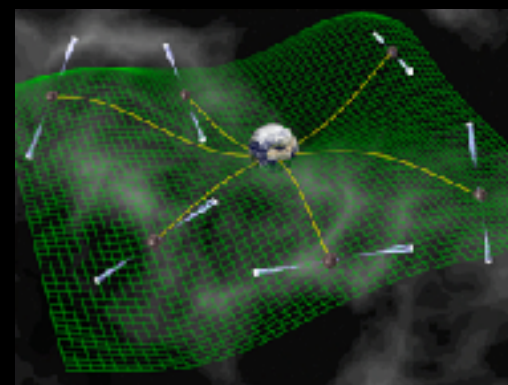


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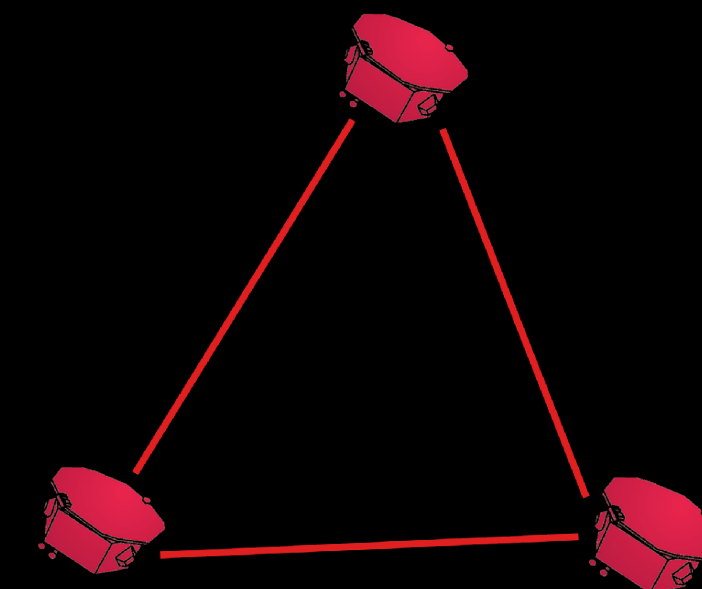
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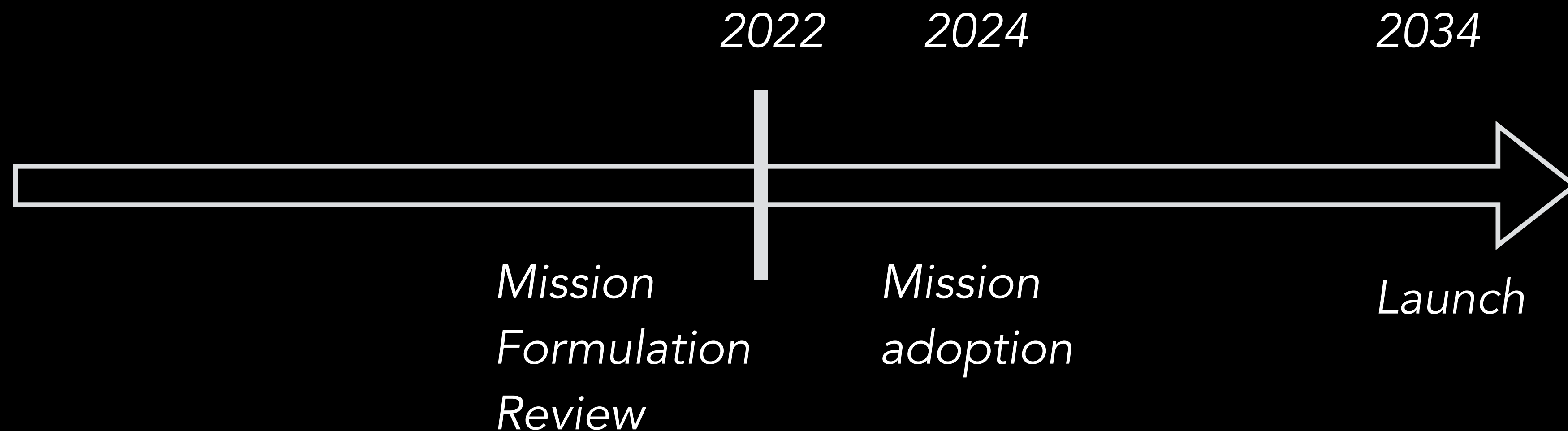
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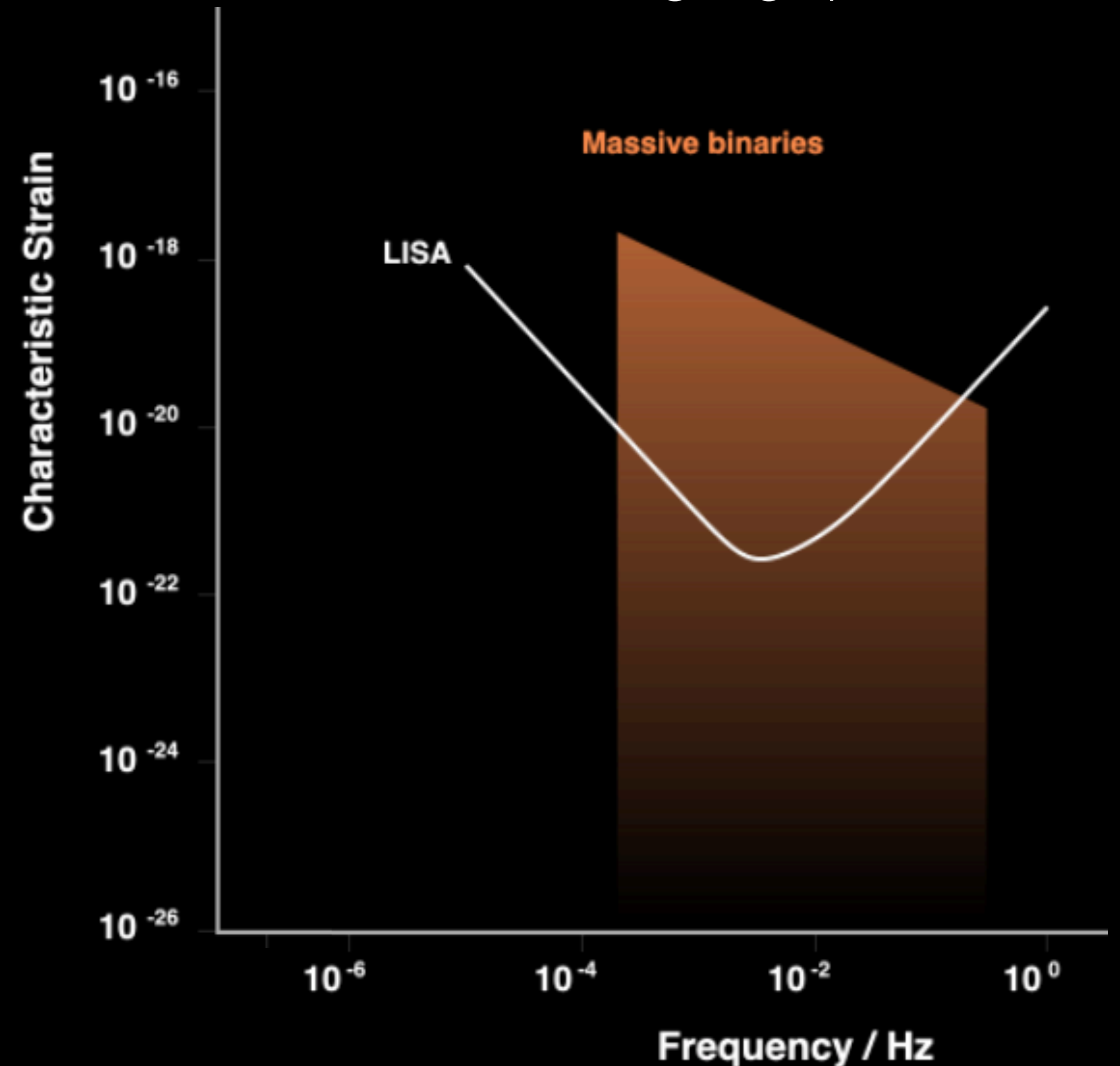
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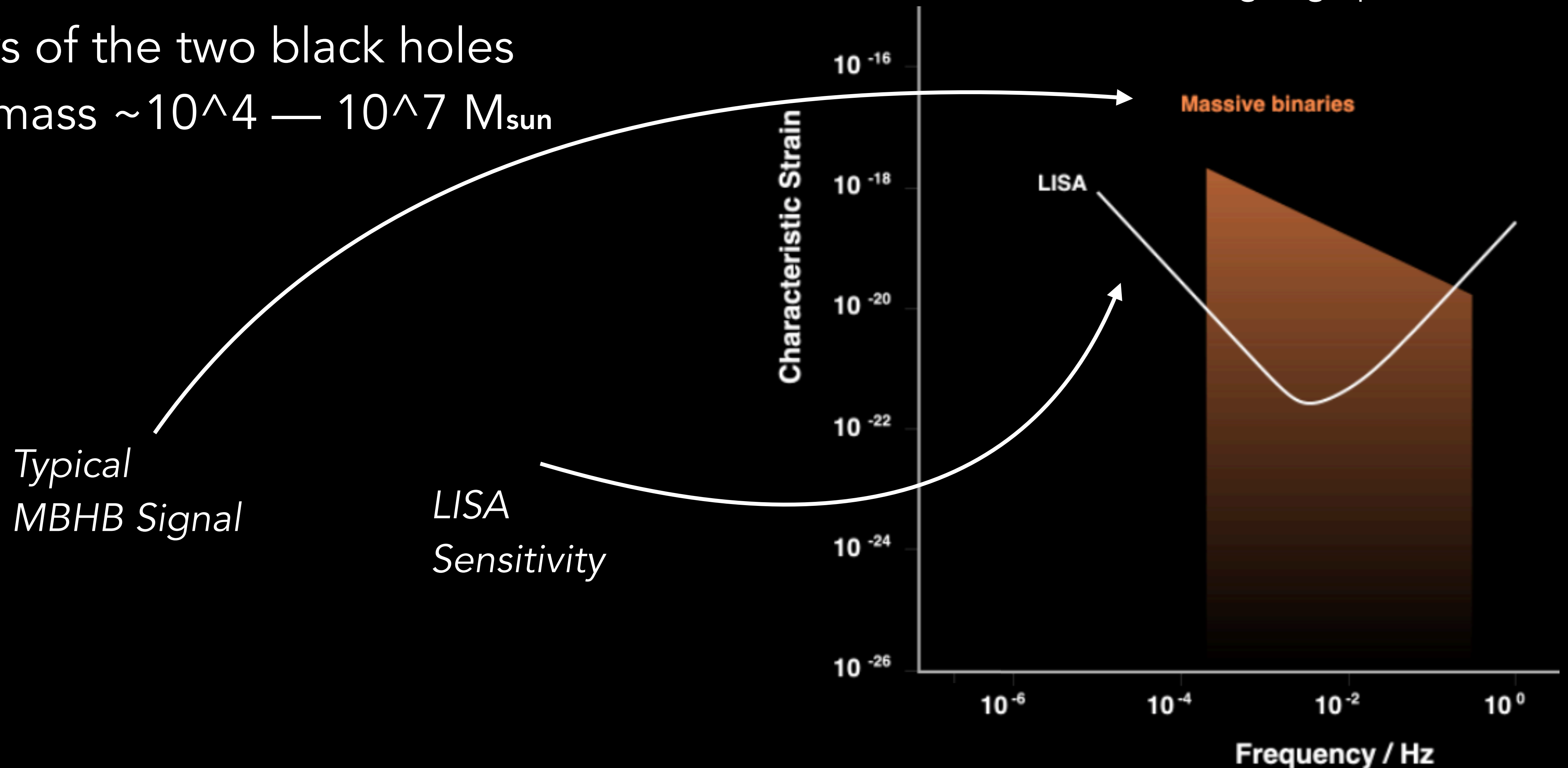
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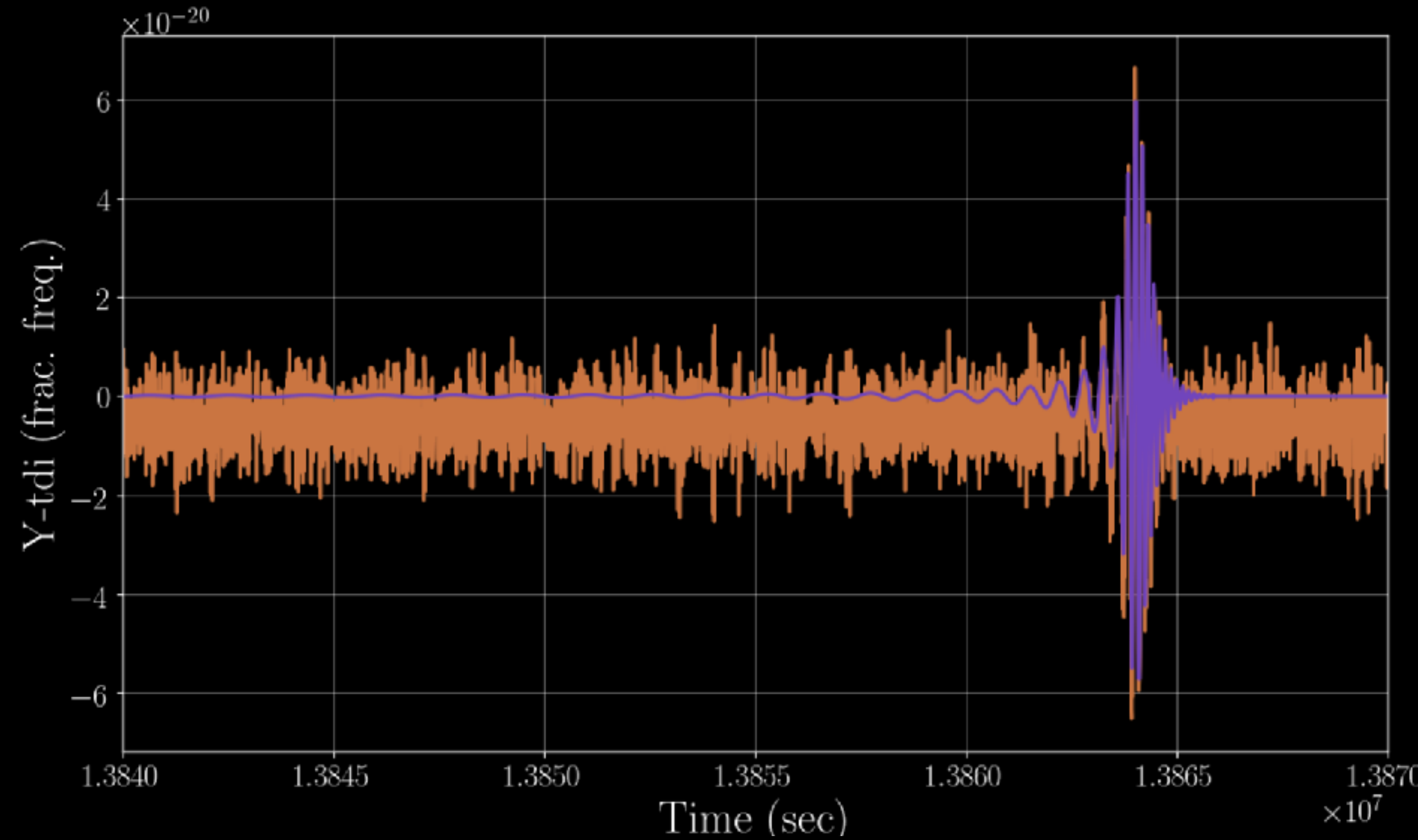
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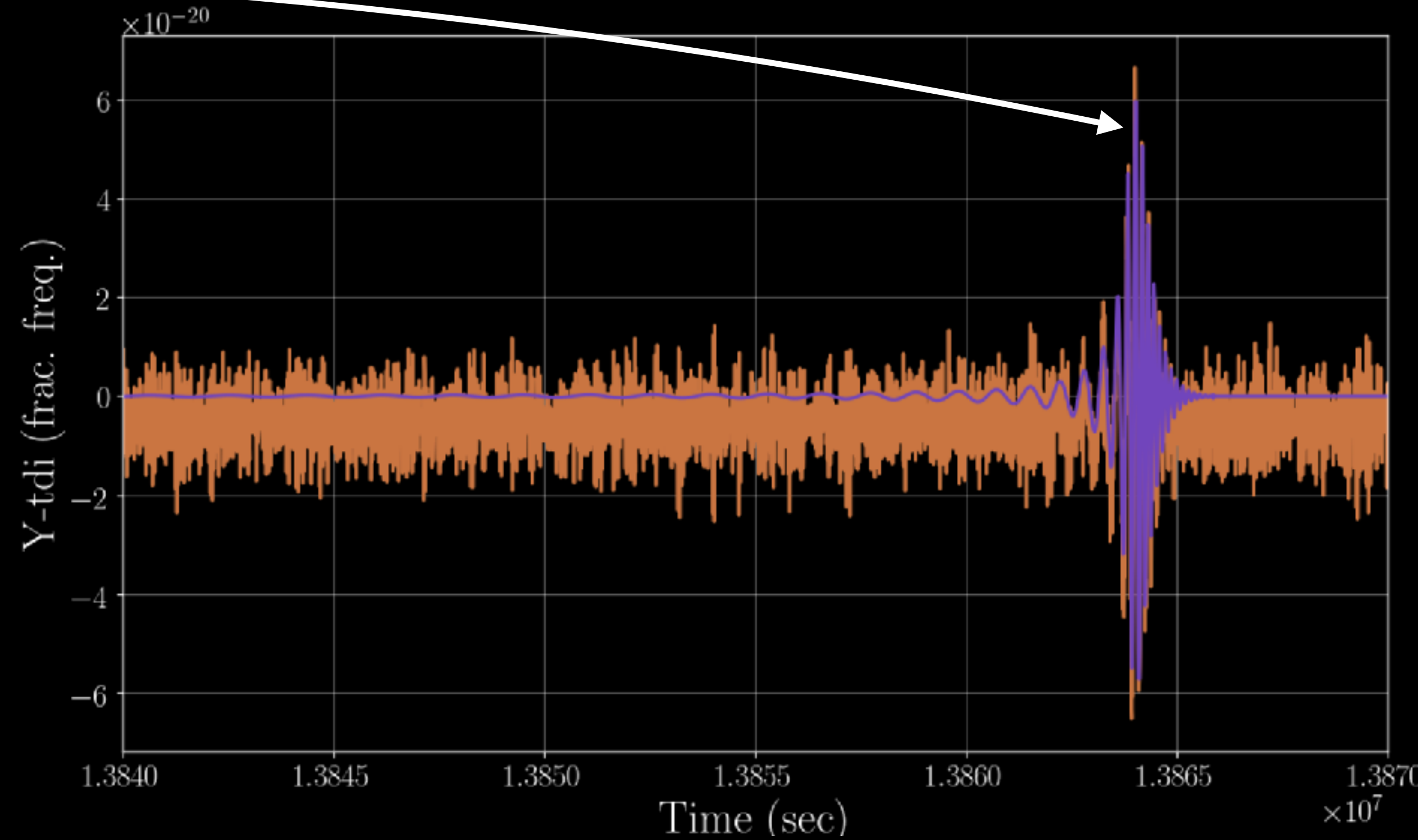
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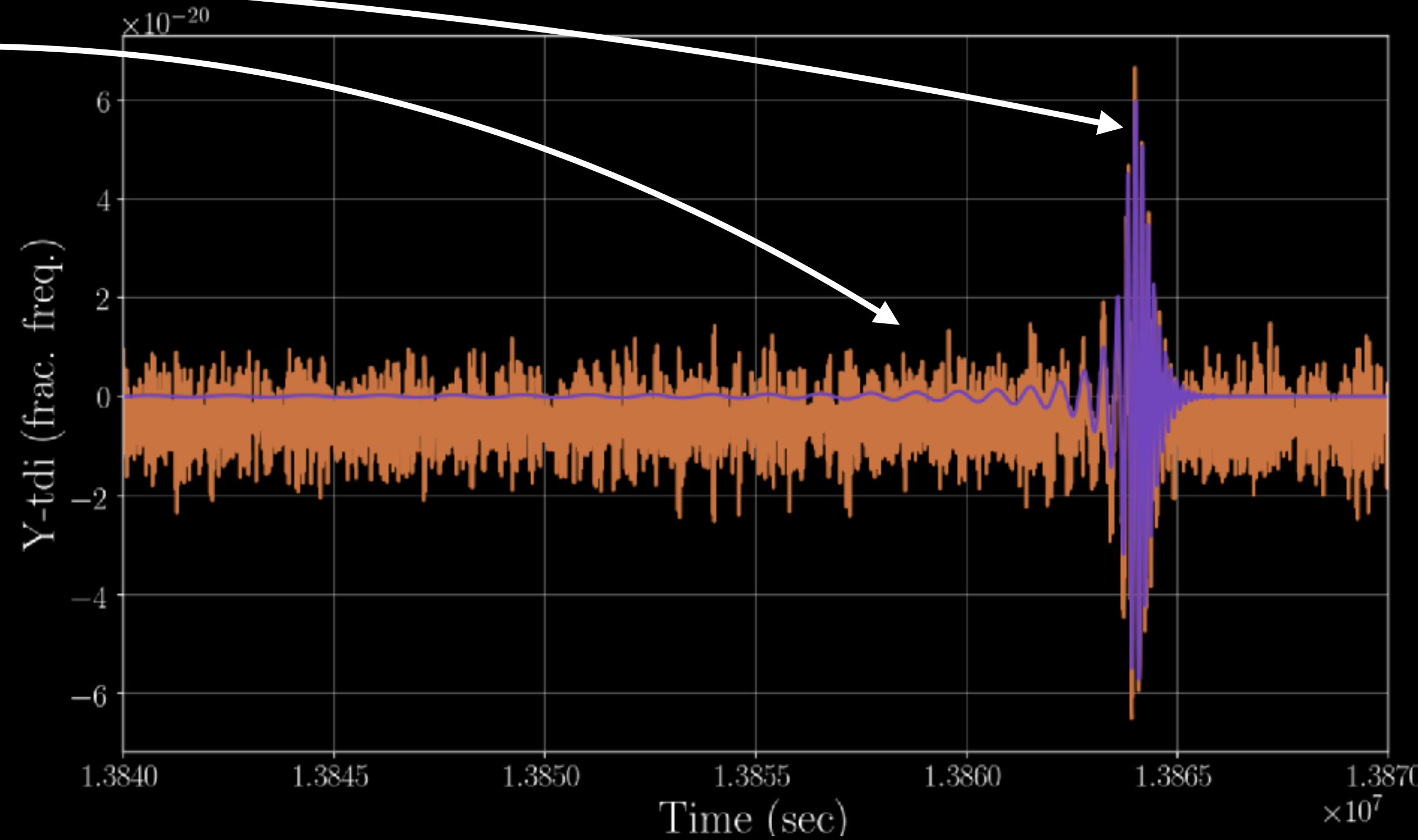
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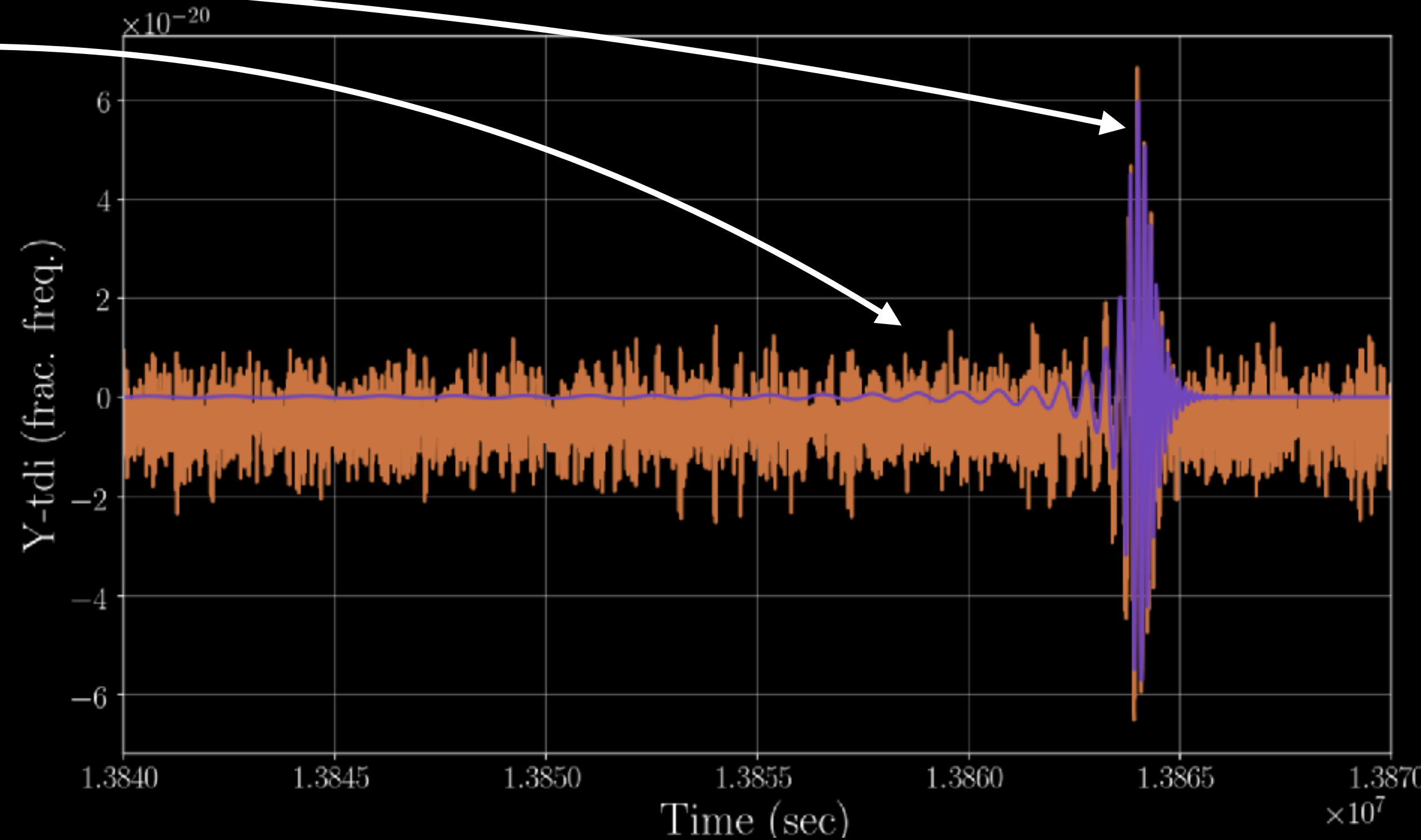
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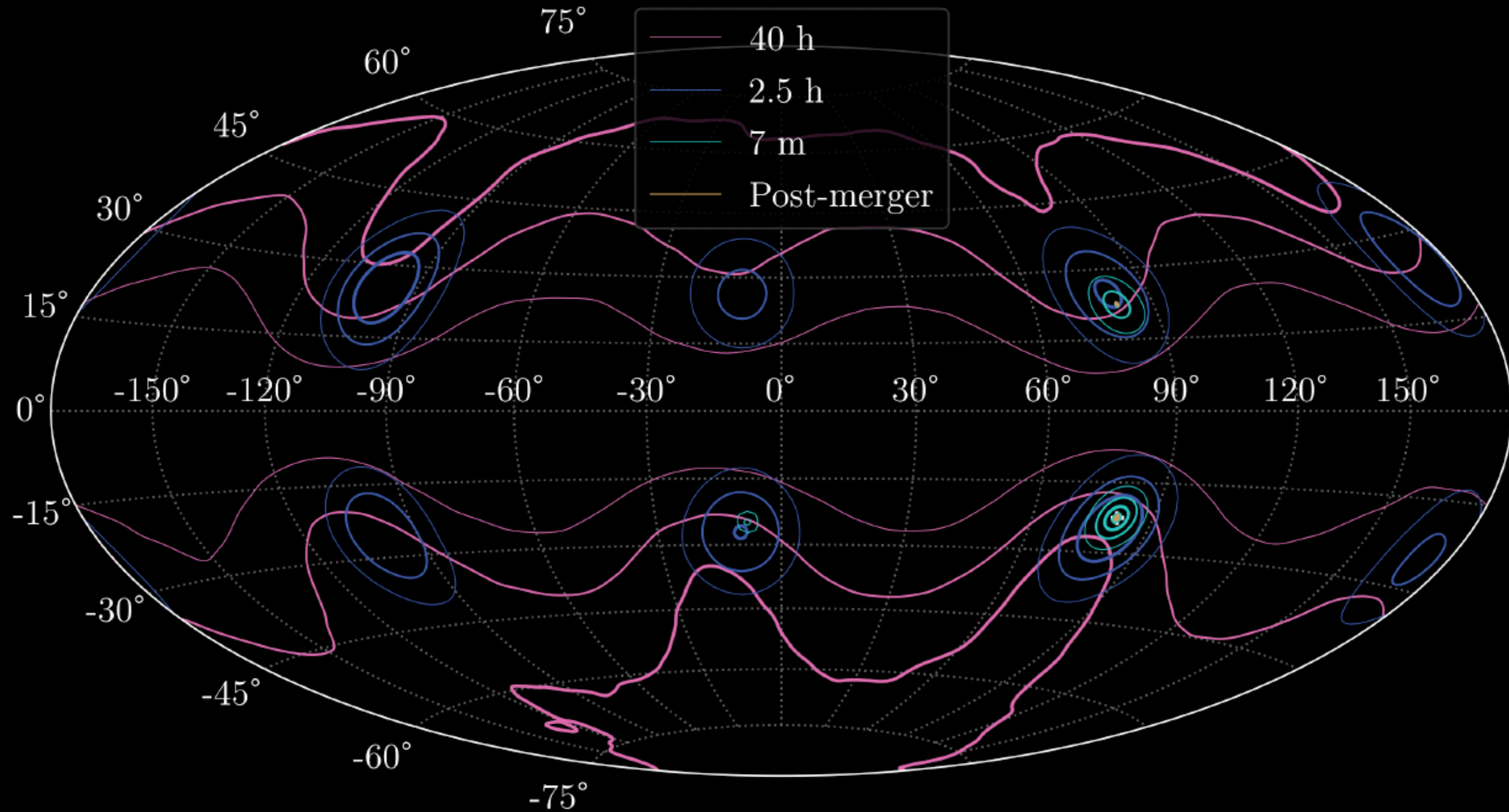


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marginal likelihood  
has no exact solution

$$p(x) = \int p(x|\theta)p(\theta)d\theta$$

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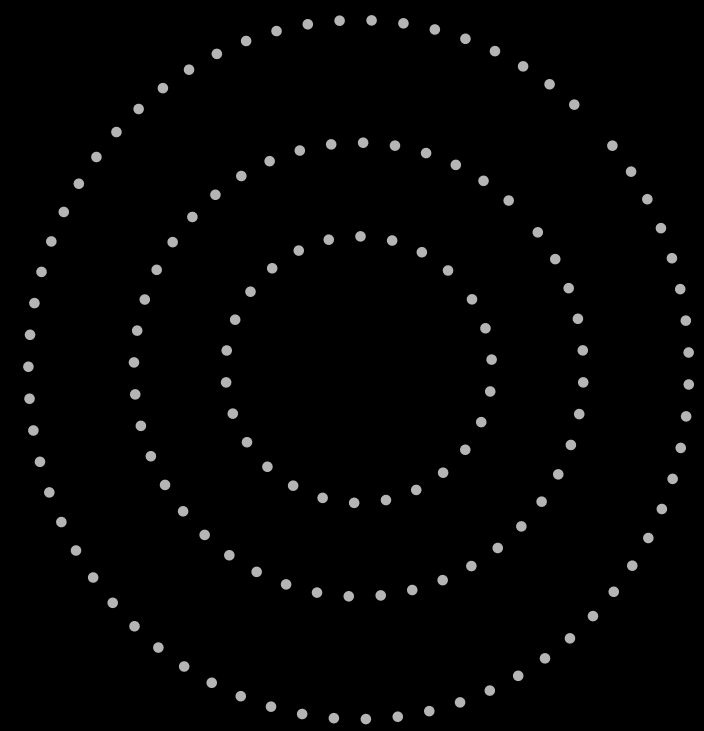
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  - Invertible models  
will talk about them today

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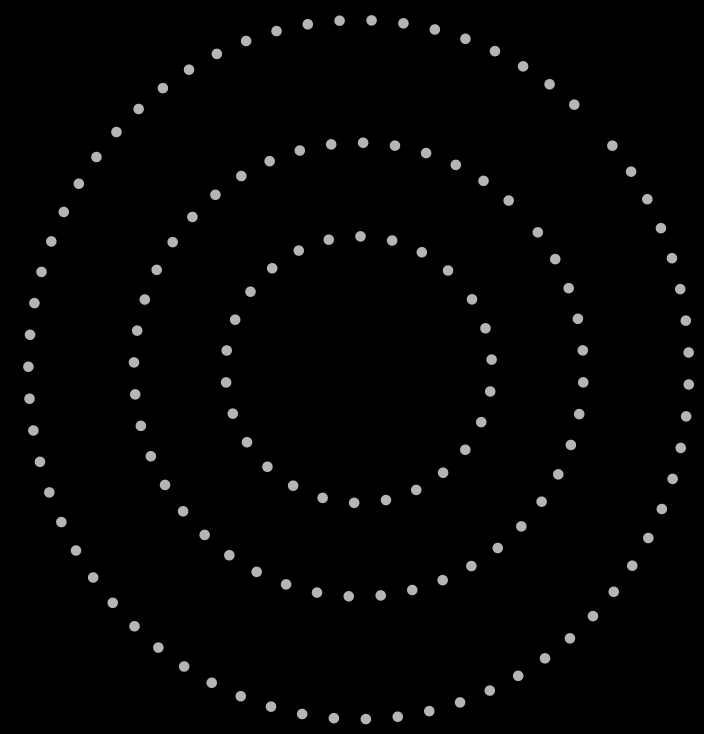
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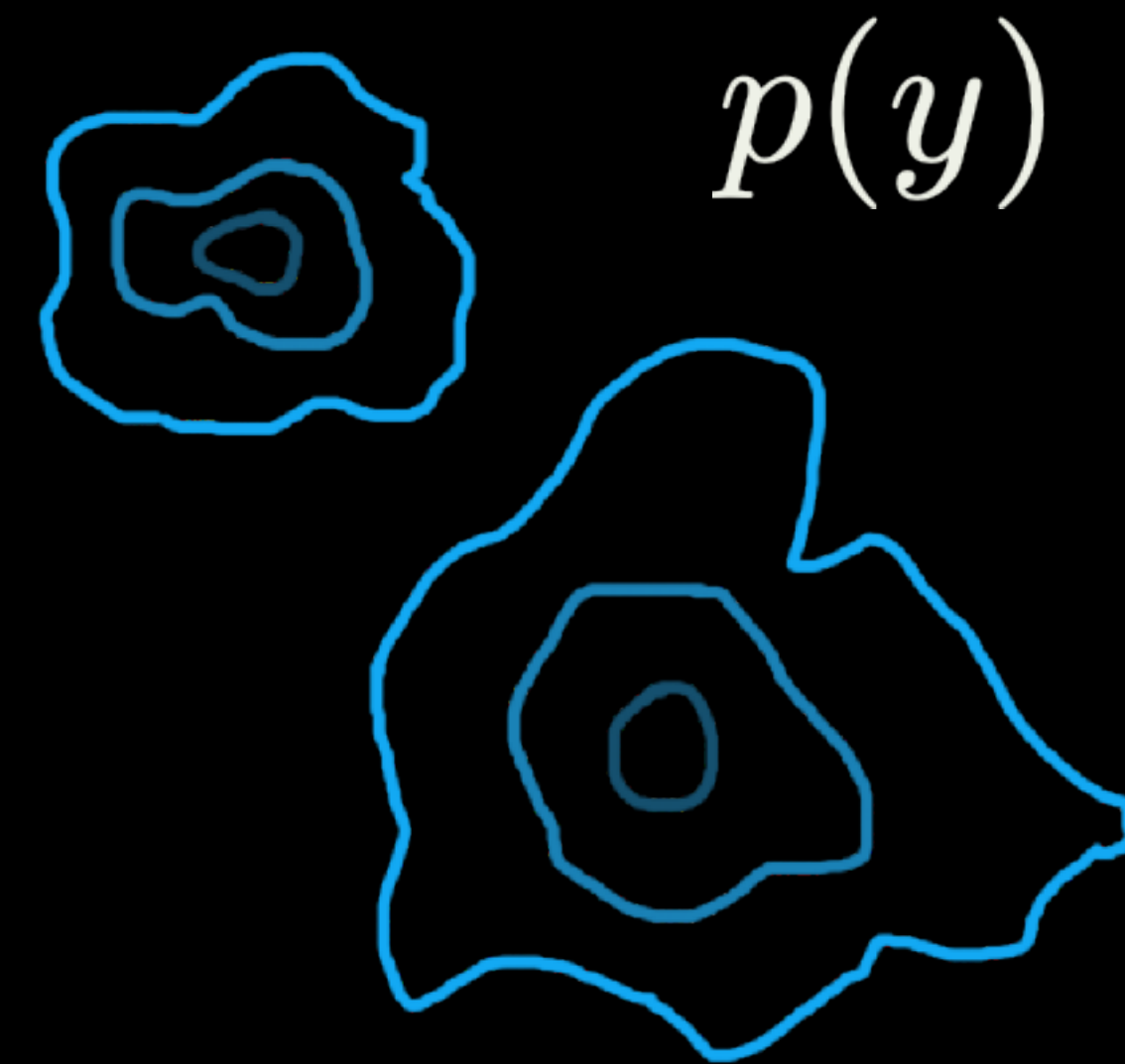
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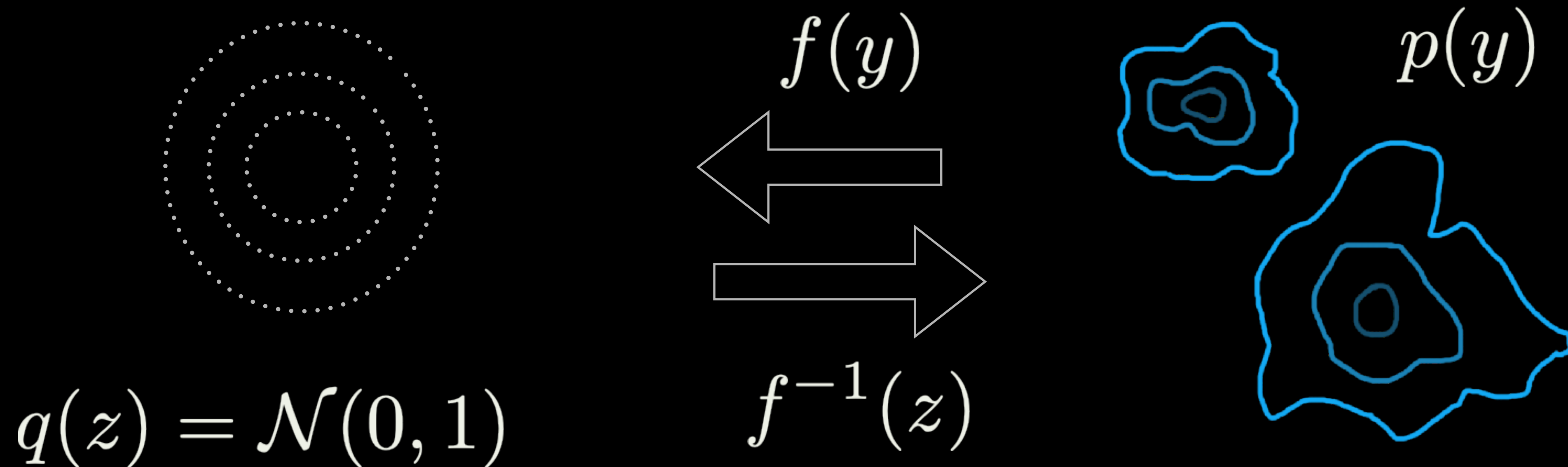
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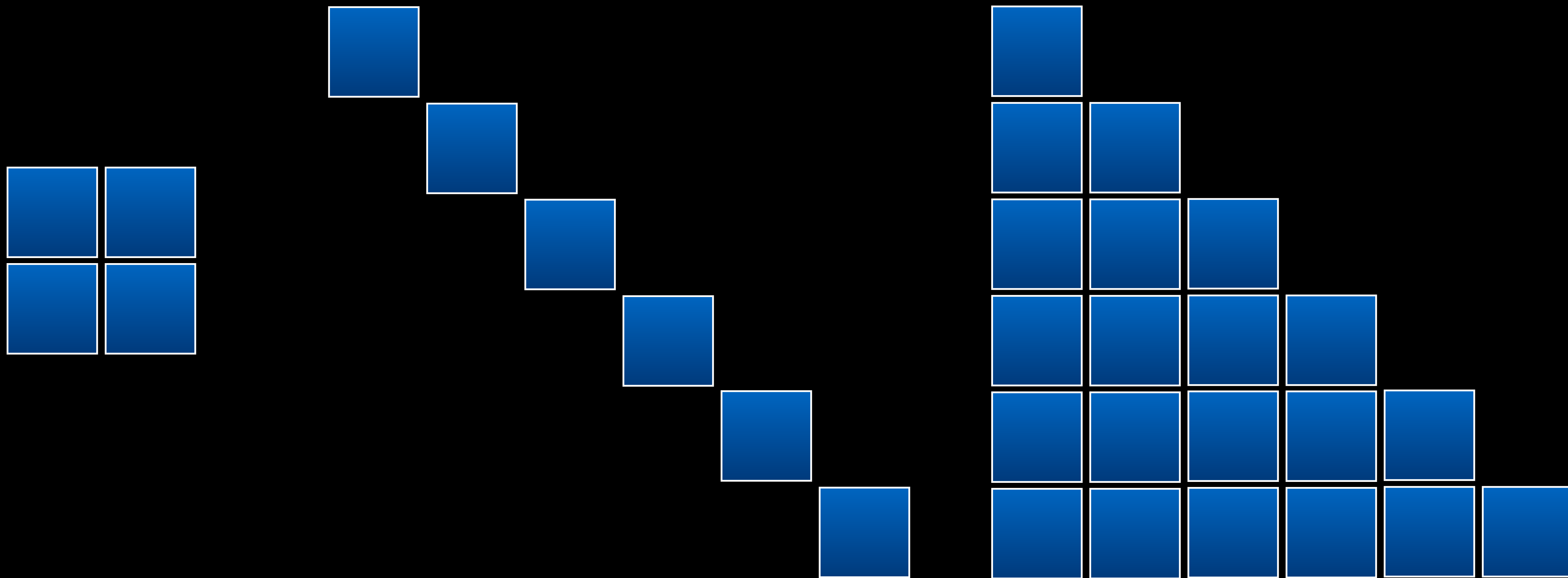
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- $f$  and  $f^{-1}$  have to be differentiable
- Jacobian determinant has to be tractably invertible

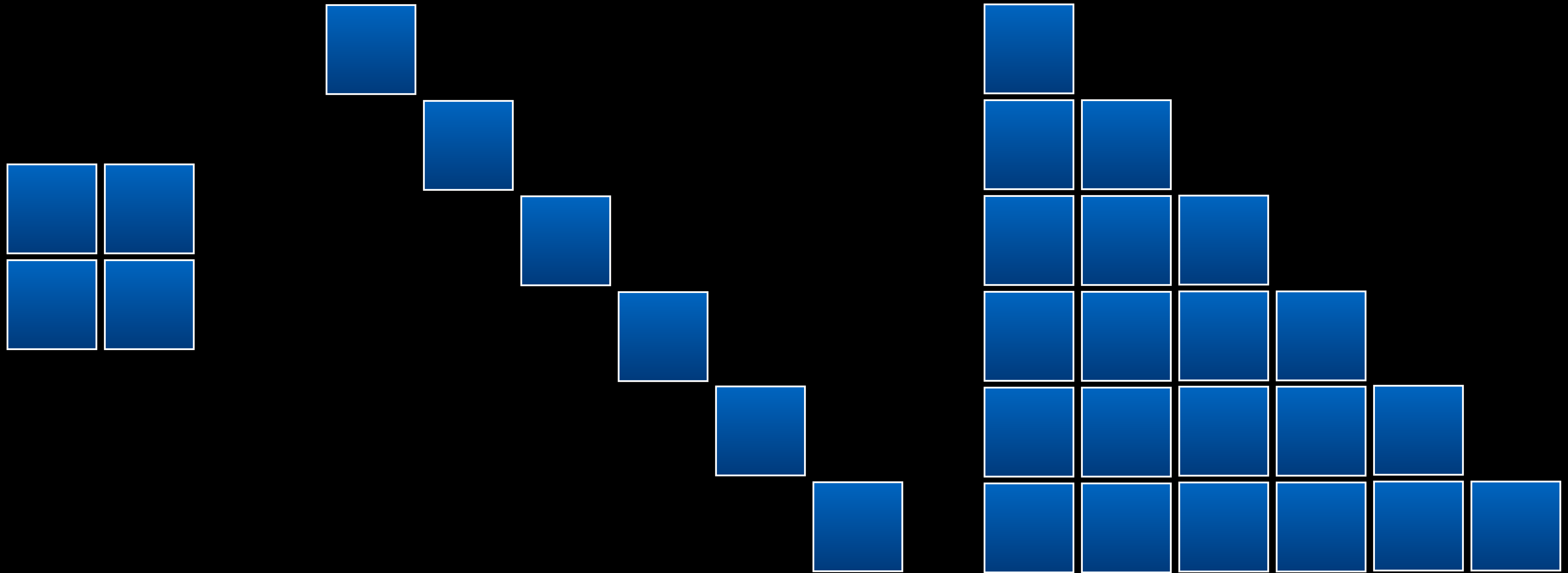
# JACOBIAN

- The calculation of determinant Jacobian will take  $O(N^3)$
- We need to speed it up
- For example, make Jacobian triangular matrix

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Determinant of triangular matrix is a product of the elements on the diagonal

# AFFINE TRANSFORM

Location-scale transformation

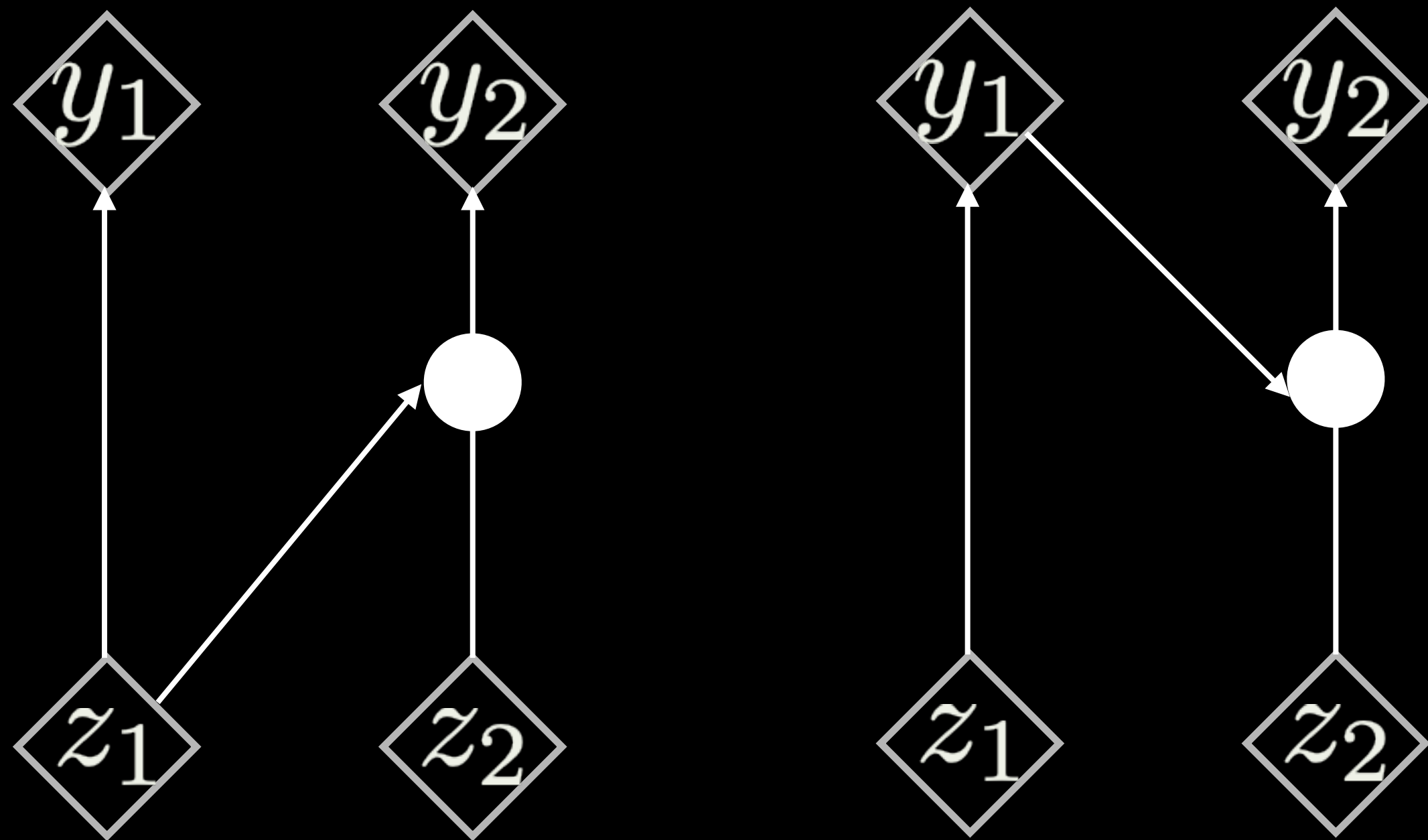
$$\tau(z_i) = \alpha_i z_i + \beta_i$$

log-Jacobian becomes

$$\log |\det J_{g^{-1}}(z)| = \sum \log |\alpha_i|$$



# COUPLING TRANSFORM



In each simple bijection, part of the input vector is updated using a function which is simple to invert, but which depends on the remainder of the input vector in a complex way. The other part is left unchanged.

# REAL NVP

Coupling transformation combined with affine transformation and its inversion

$$\begin{cases} y_{1:d} & = x_{1:d} \\ y_{d+1:D} & = x_{d+1:D} \odot \exp(s(x_{1:d})) + t(x_{1:d}) \end{cases}$$
$$\Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} x_{1:d} & = y_{1:d} \\ x_{d+1:D} & = (y_{d+1:D} - t(y_{1:d})) \odot \exp(-s(y_{1:d})), \end{cases}$$

What is  $t$  and  $s$ ?

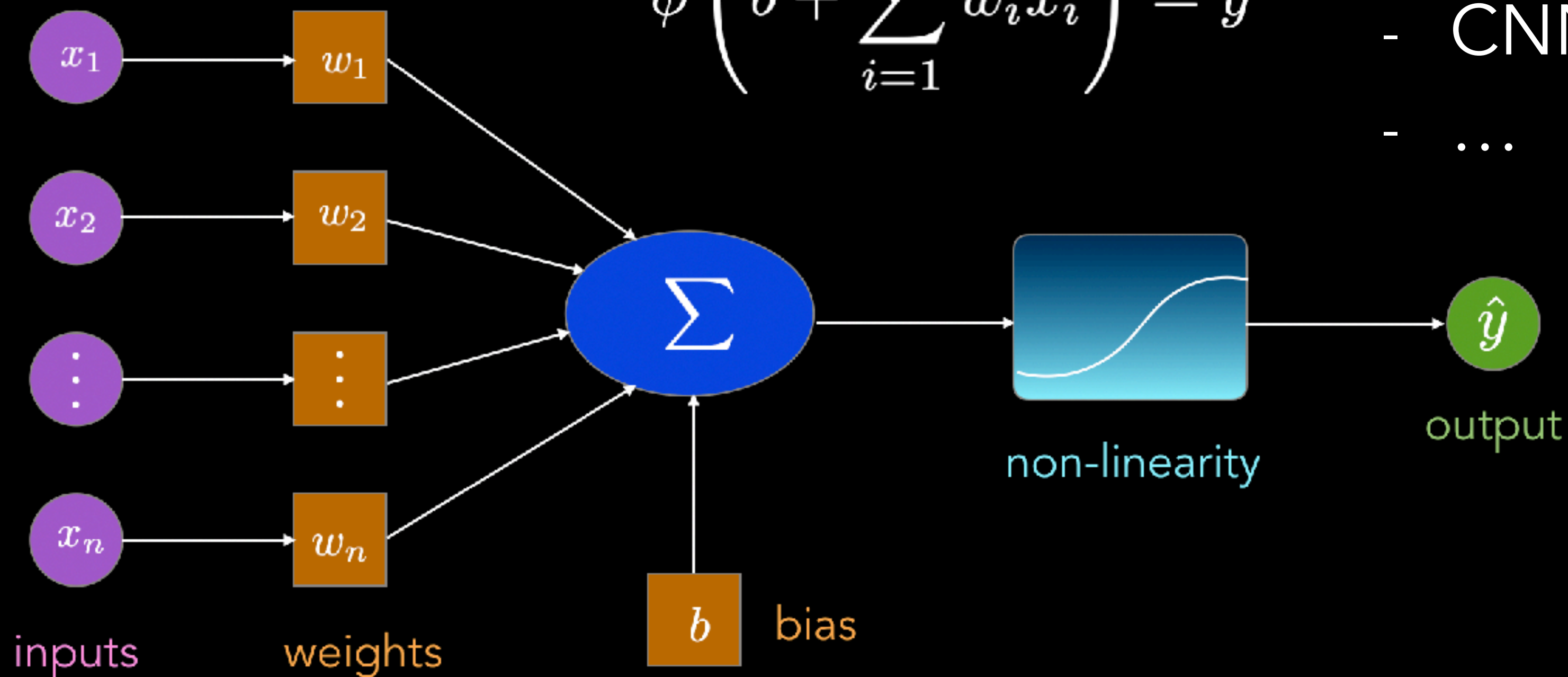
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# FUNCTION APPROXIMATION

can be parameterised by any NN:

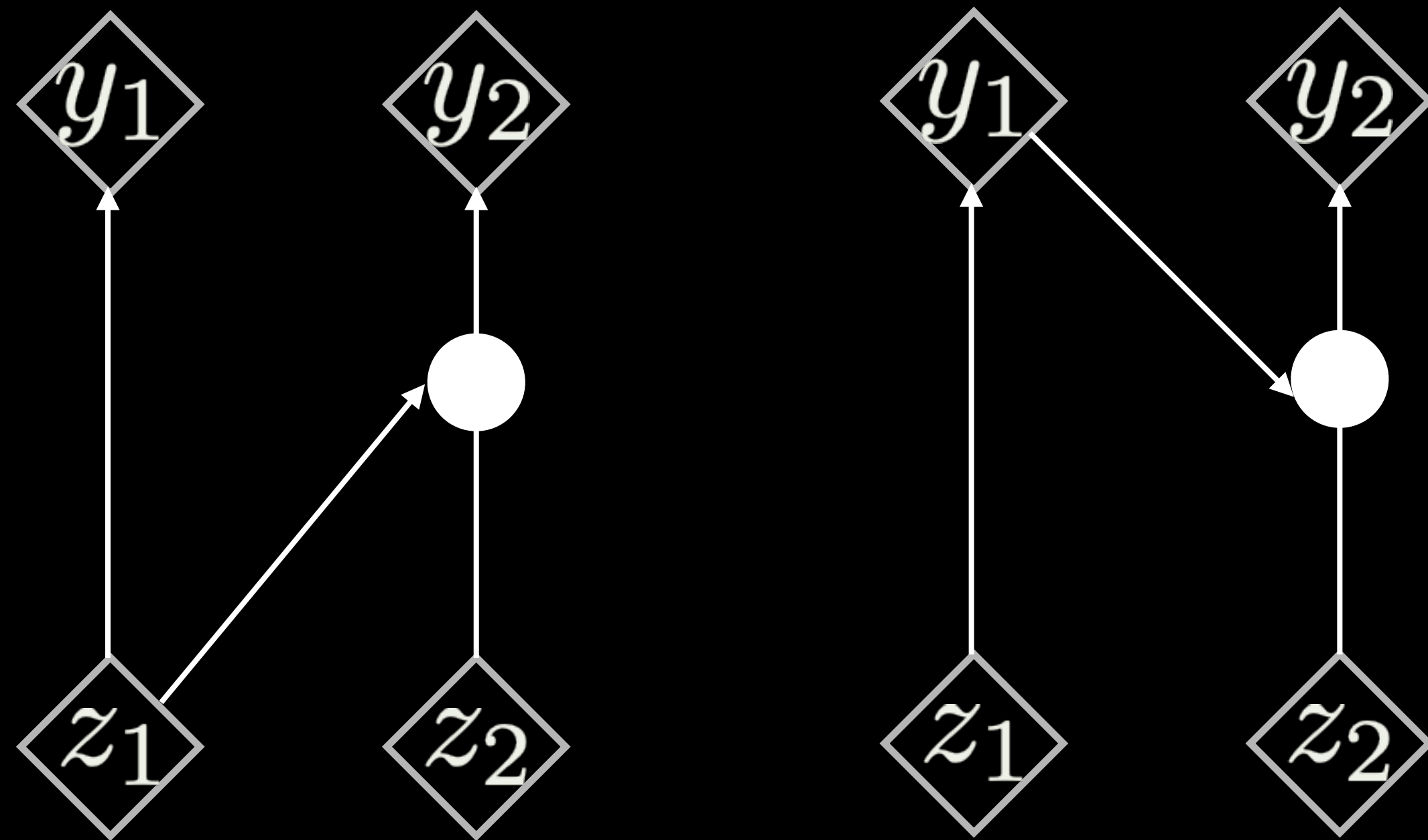
- Fully connected
- Residual
- CNN
- ...

$$\phi \left( b + \sum_{i=1}^n w_i x_i \right) = \hat{y}$$



# NEURAL SPLINE FLOWS

- Coupling transform



- Monotonic rational-quadratic spline transform

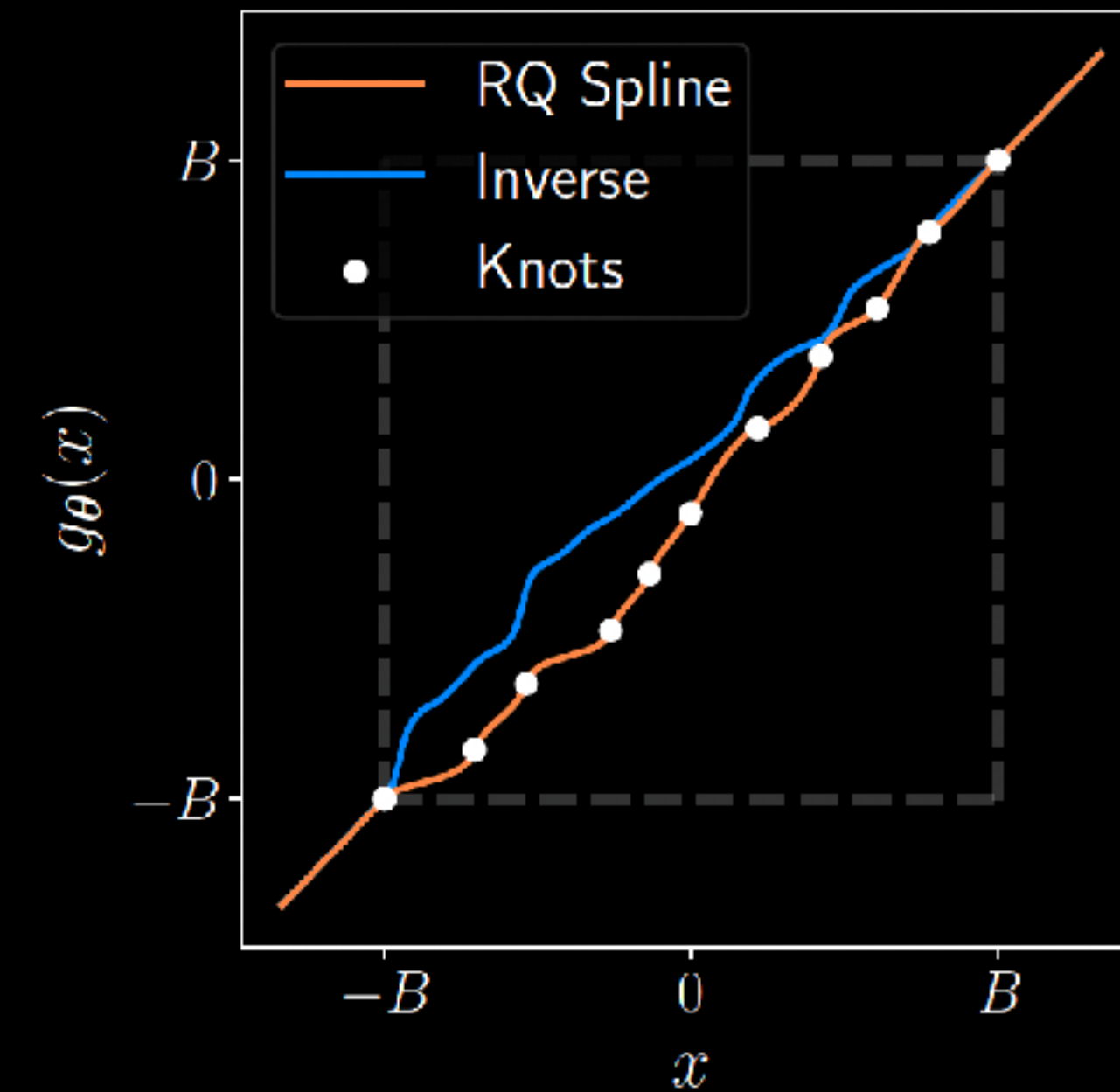
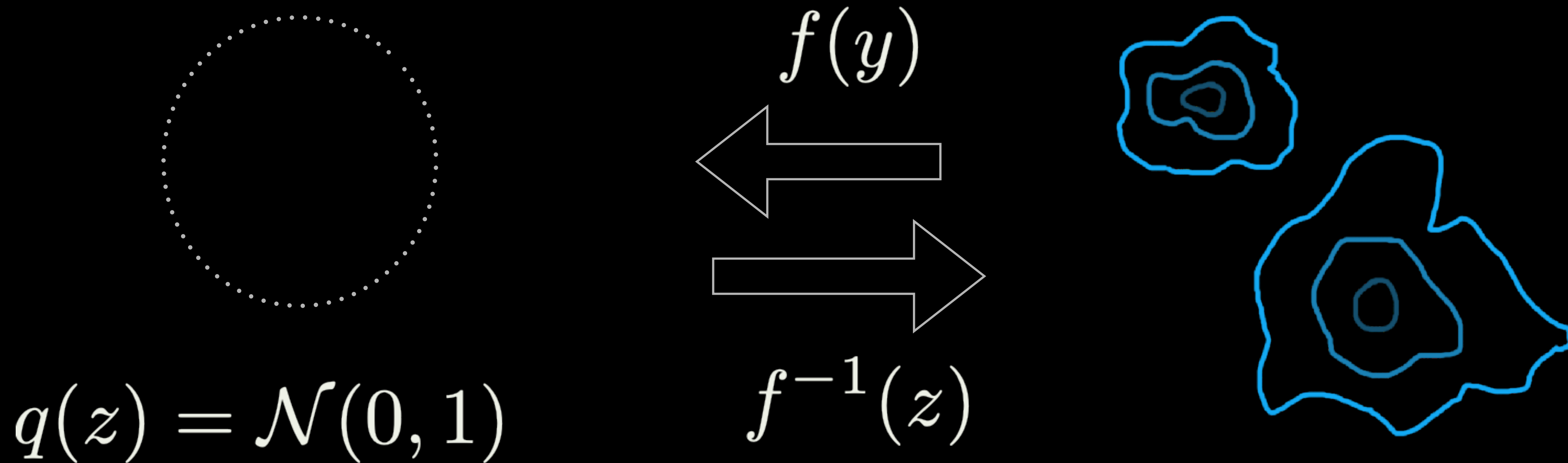


image: Duncan C. et al, Neural Spline Flows

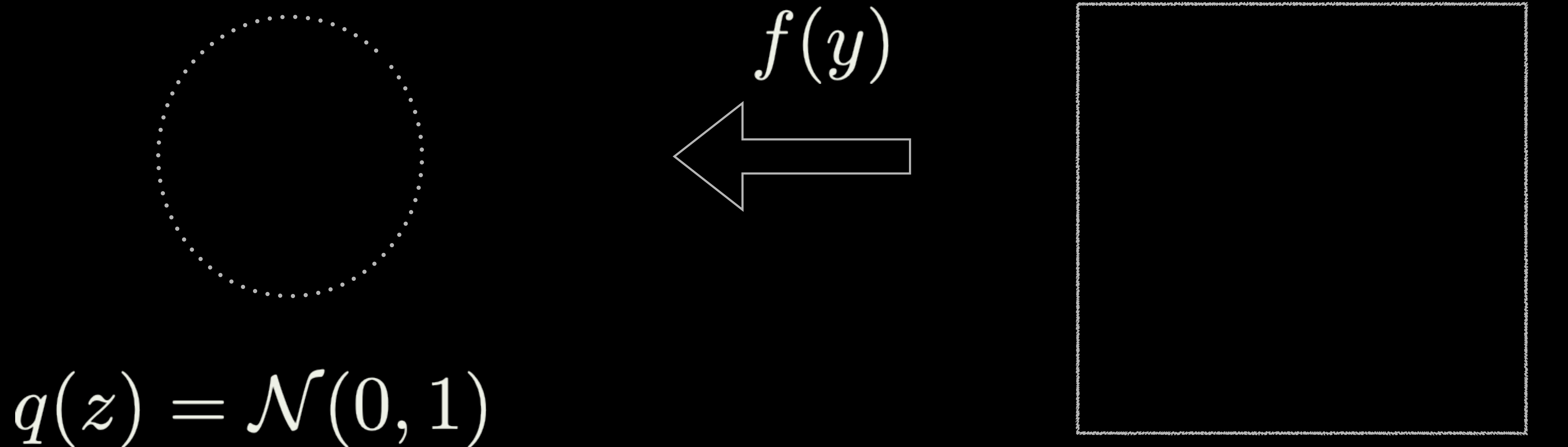
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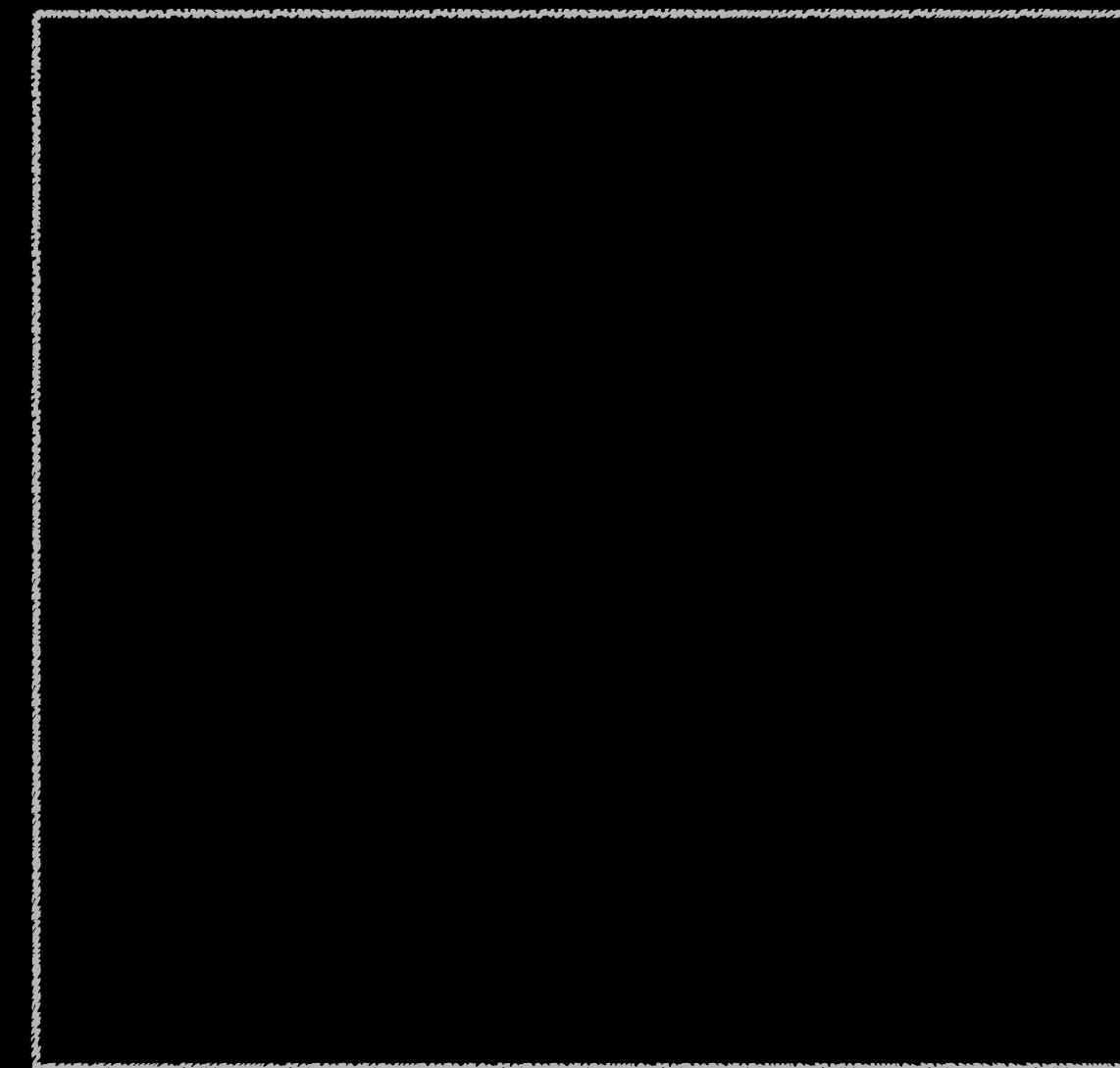
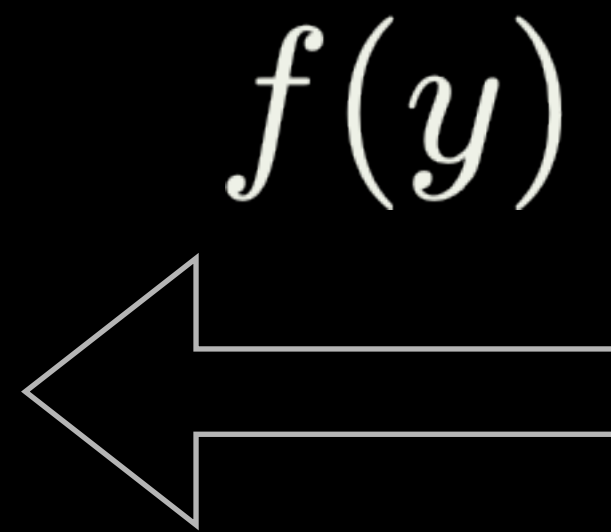
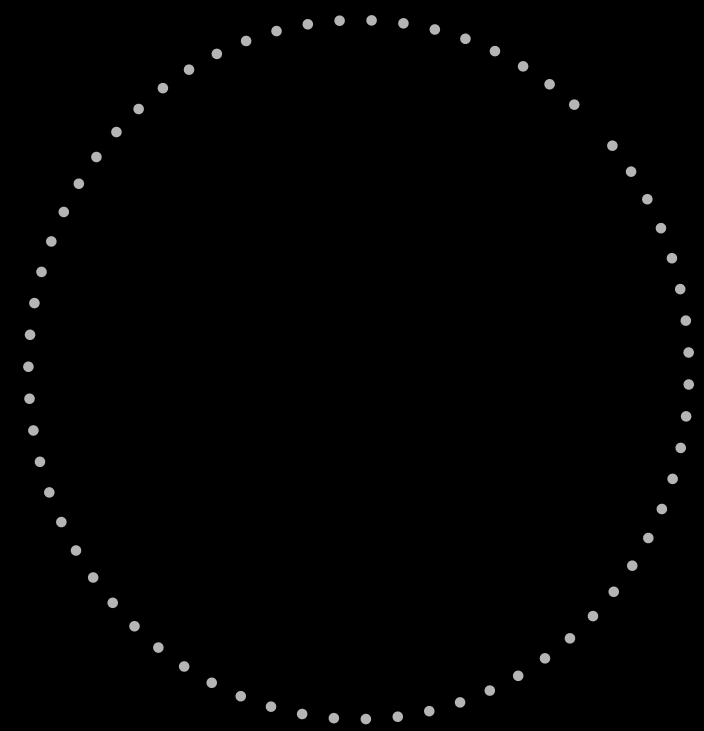
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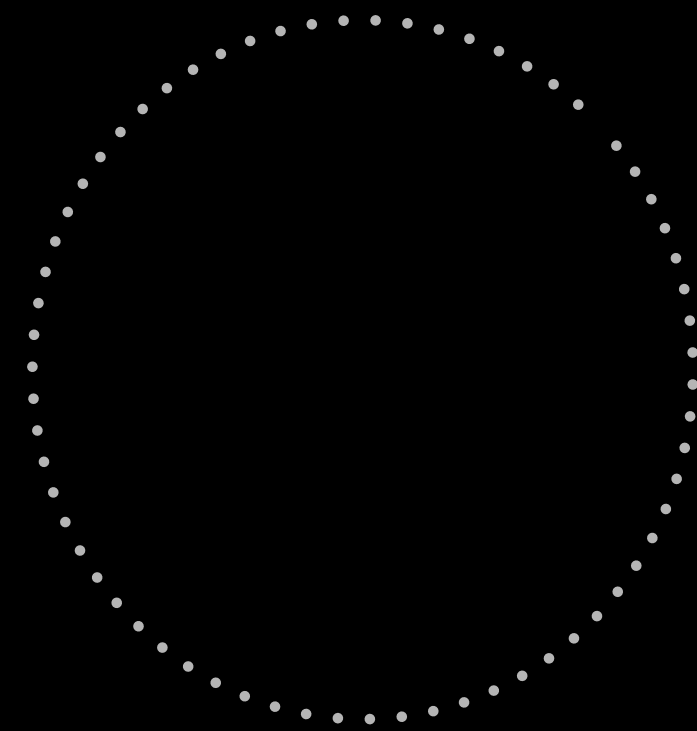


$p(\theta)$

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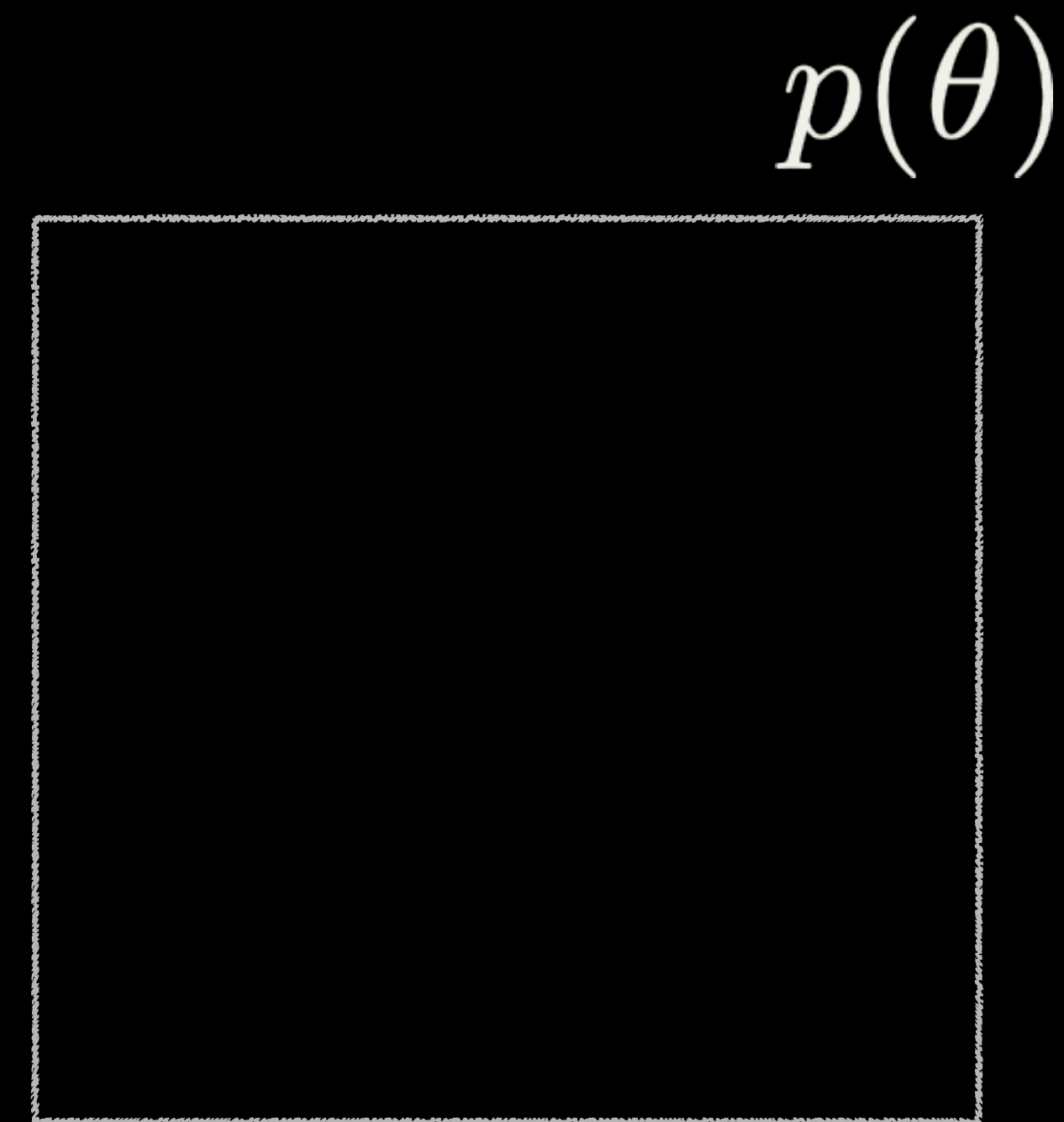
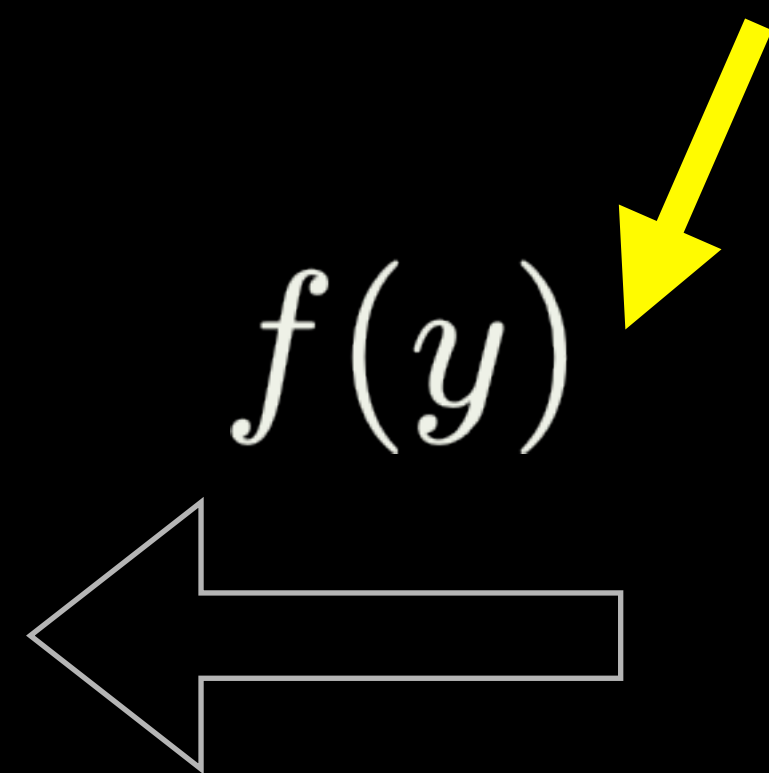
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Therefore have access to the joint sample



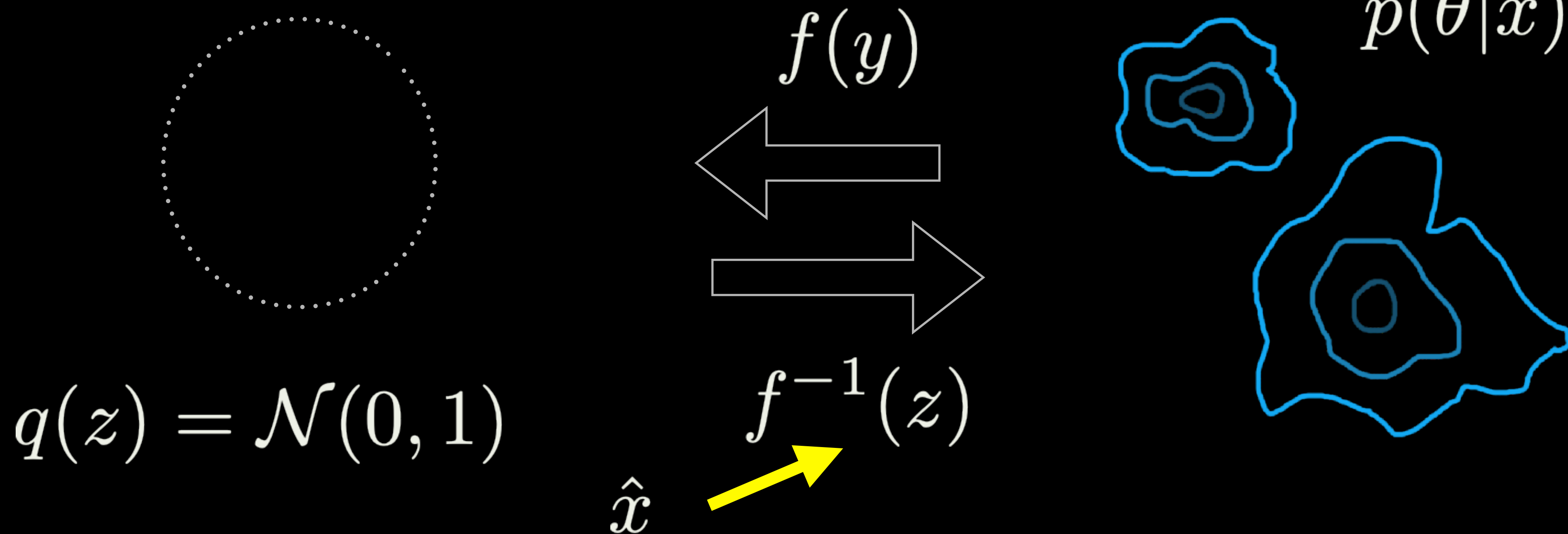
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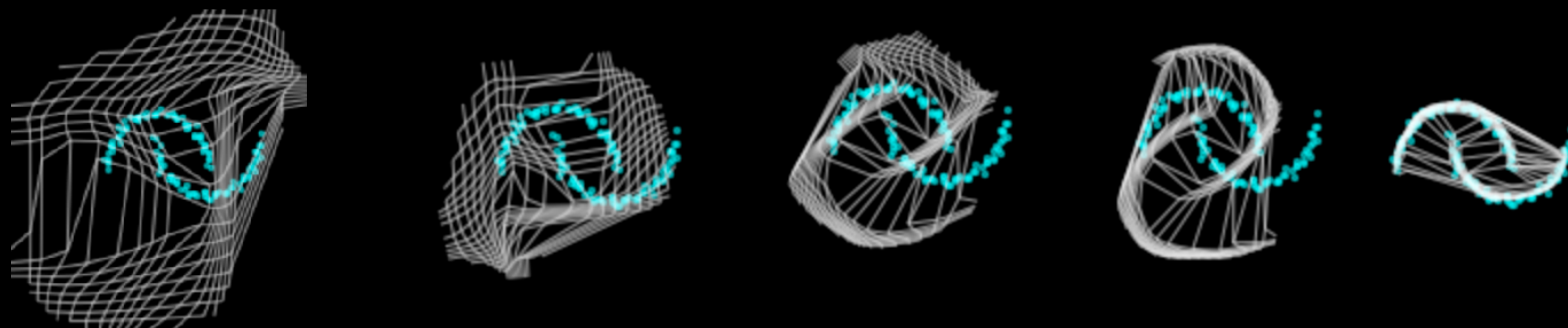
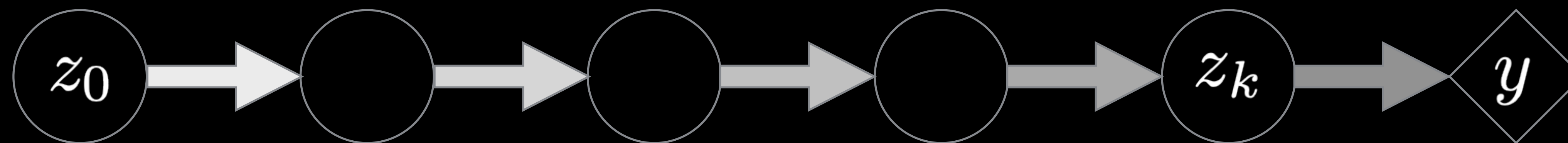
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Condition inverted map  
on real data

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# COMPOSING FLOW



# OPTIMISATION

- The flow is trained to maximise the total log likelihood of the data with respect to the parameters of the transform.

$$\log p(y|\lambda) = \sum_{i=1}^N \log [p(y'_i|\lambda)]$$

# WAVEFORM EMBEDDING

- Low frequency sensitivity -> long waveforms
- Construct reduced orthogonal basis
- Use coefficients of the waveform projection on a new basis

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Project sample simulated data on this basis

$$v'_{\alpha\mu} = \frac{1}{\sigma_{\mu}} \sum_{j=1}^N h_{\alpha j} u_{\mu j}$$

# RESULTS



PRELIMINARY

# CONCLUSIONS

- Alternative sampling method
- Can be used for low latency pipeline
- Can be used to approximate complex distributions
- Can use embedded data representations