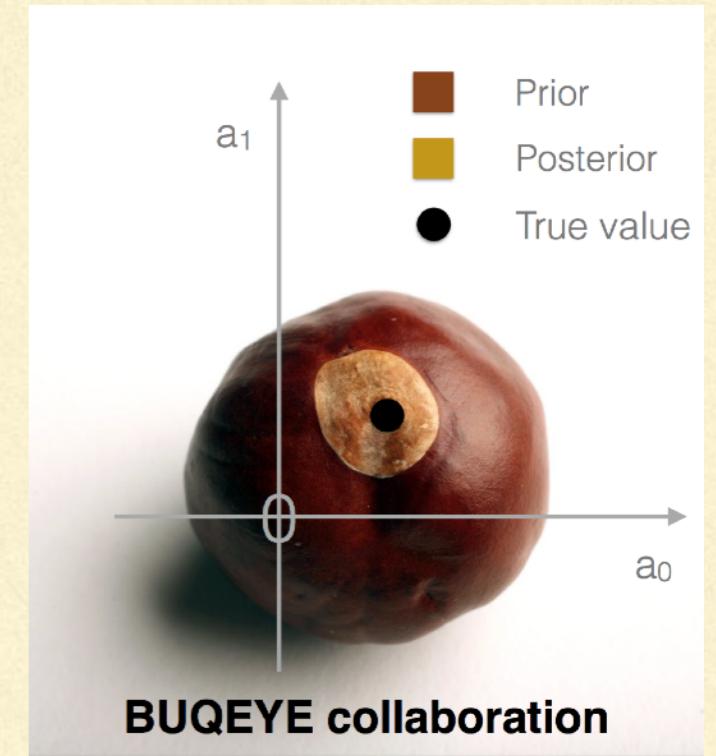


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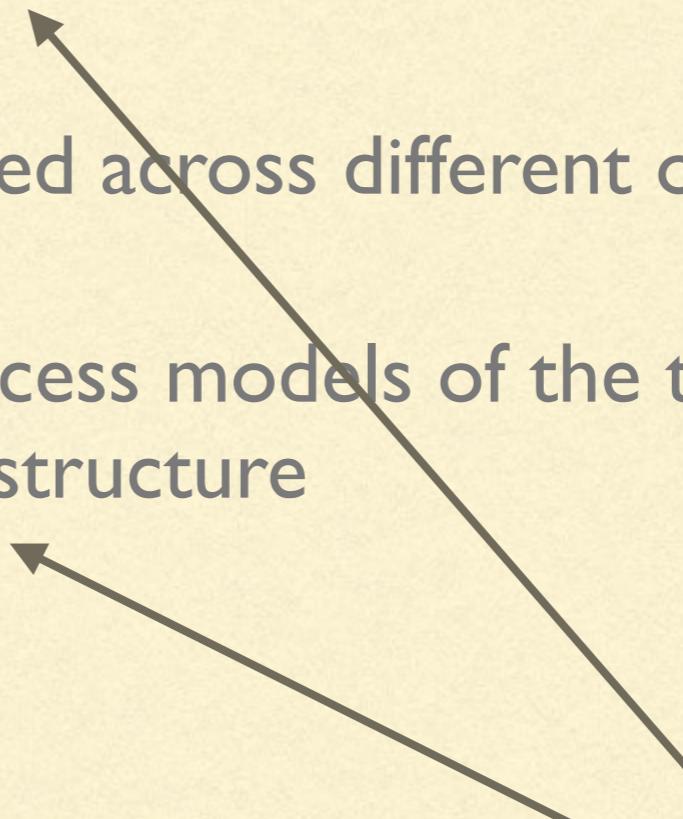
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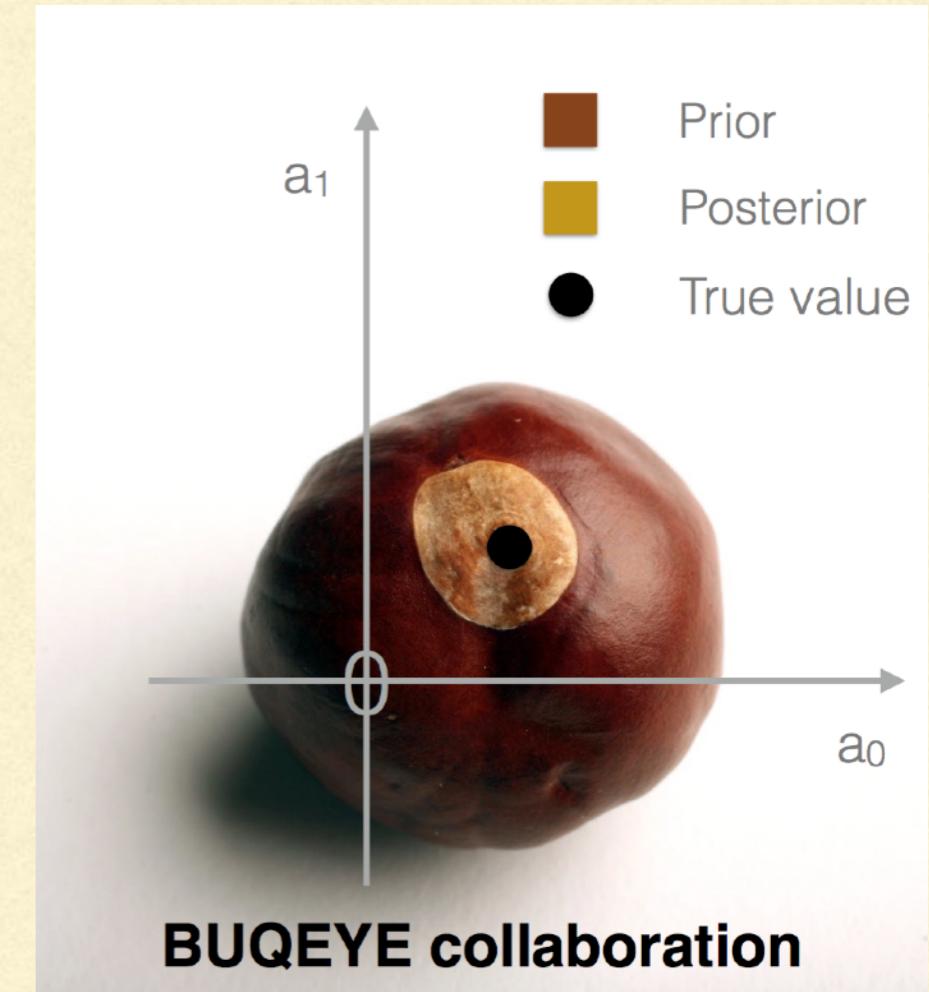
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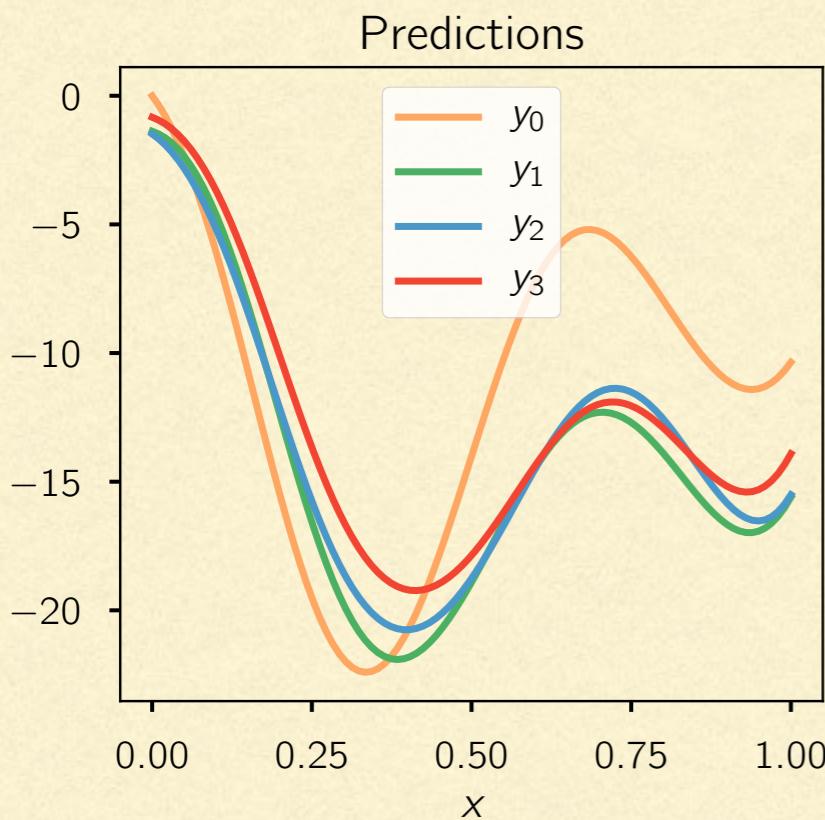
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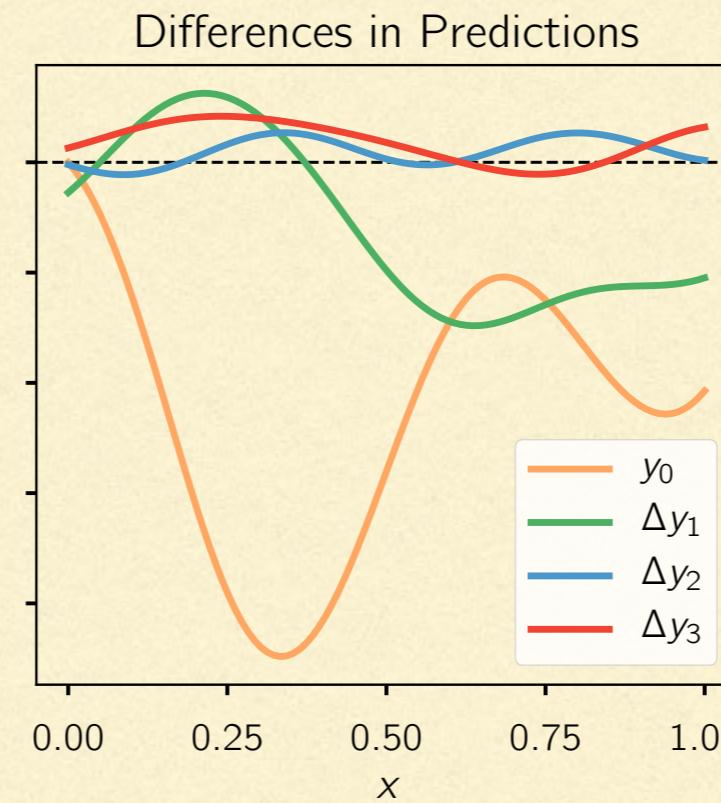
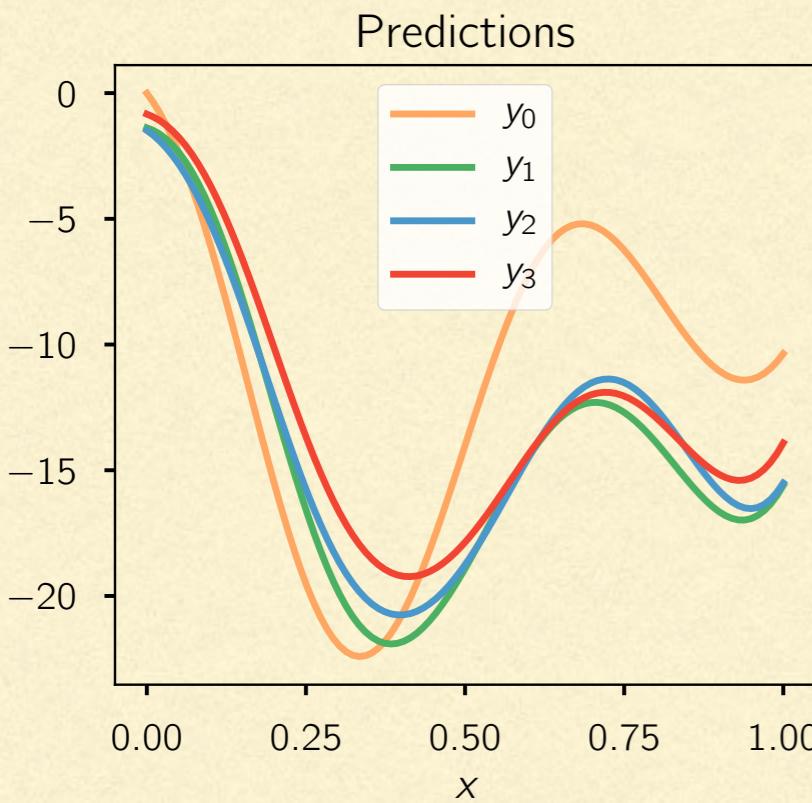
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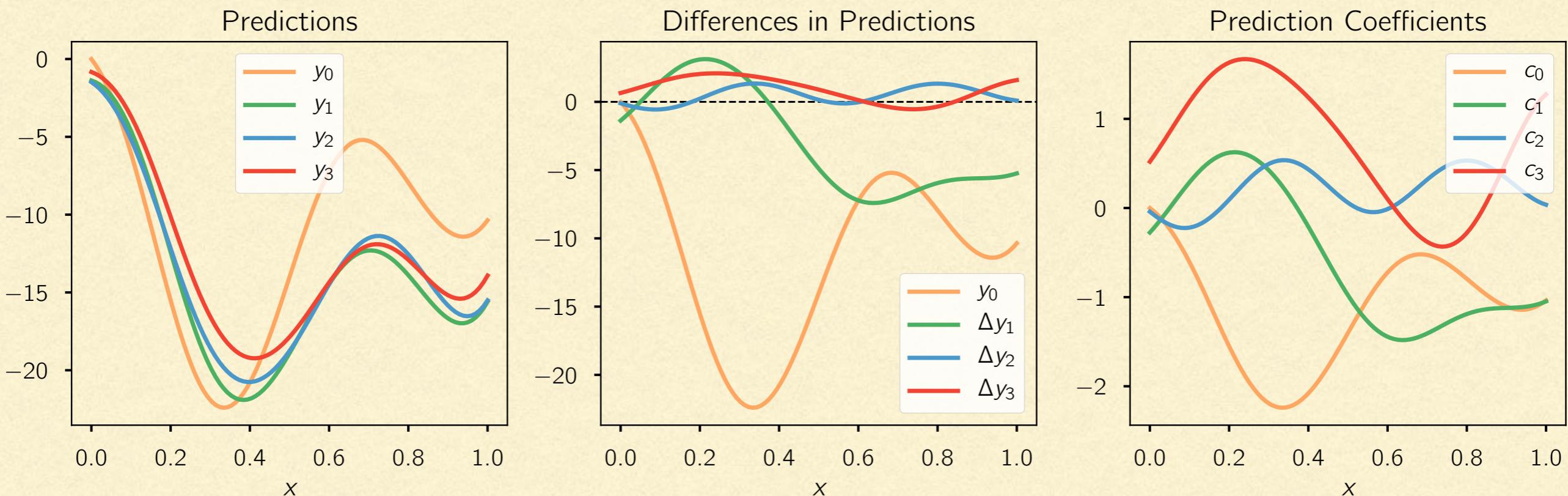
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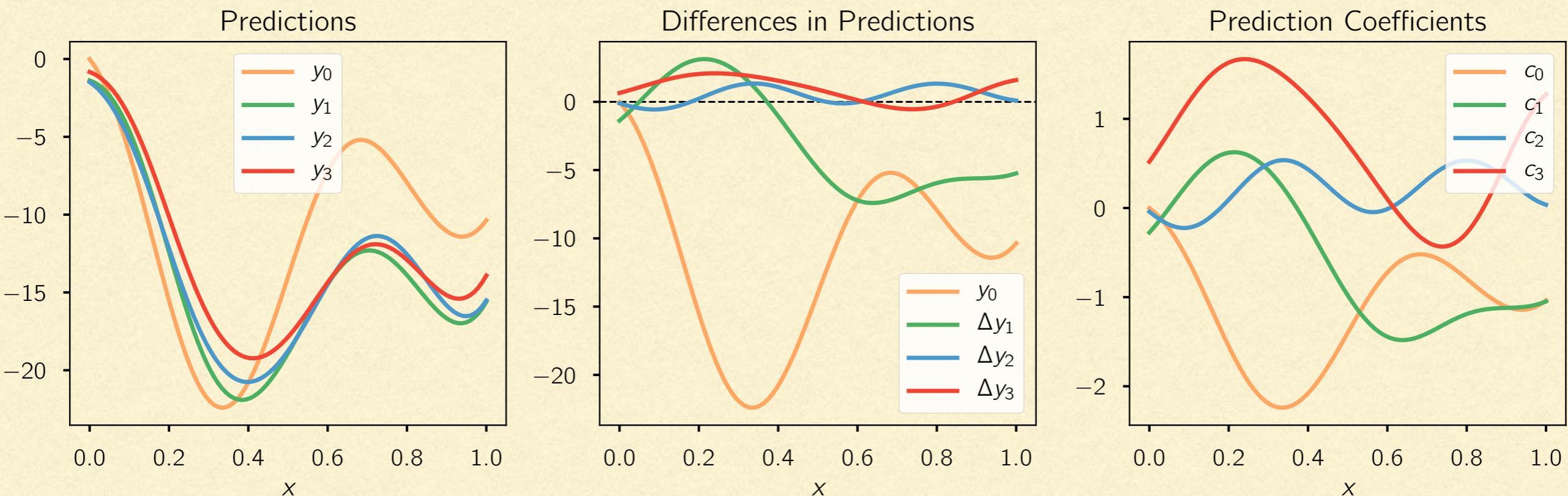
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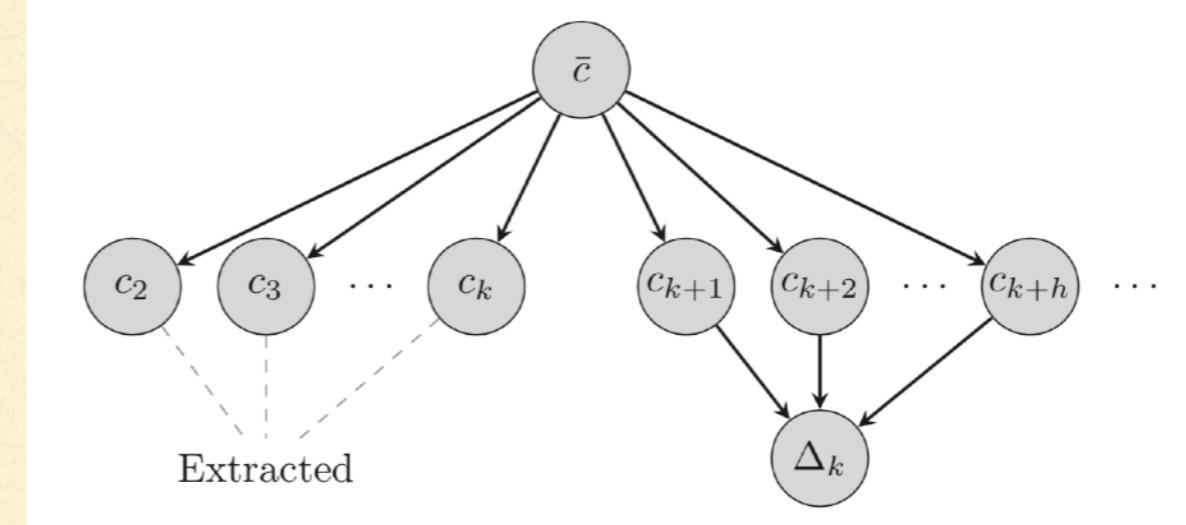
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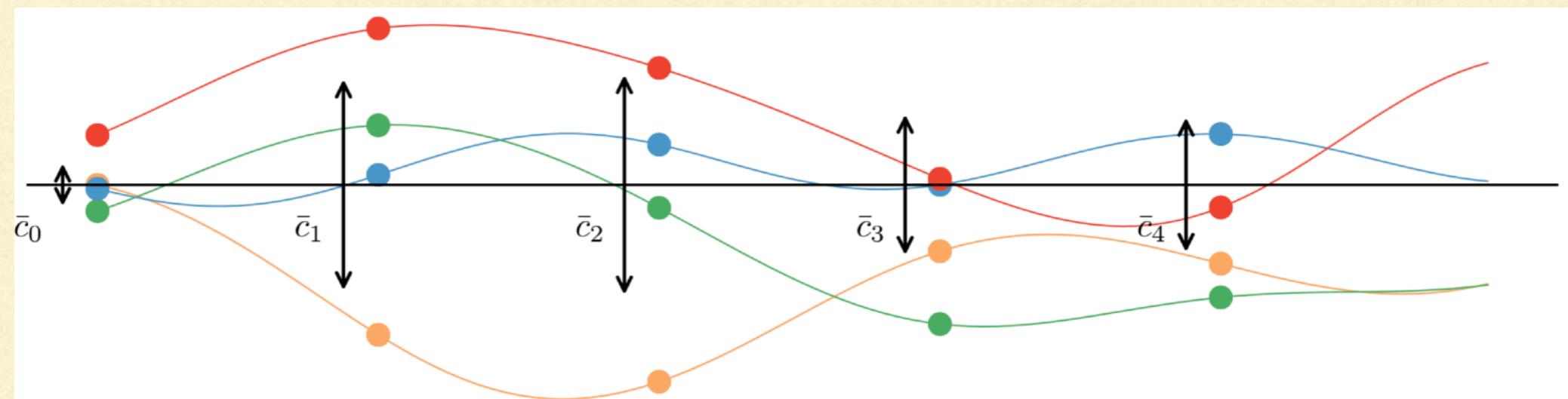
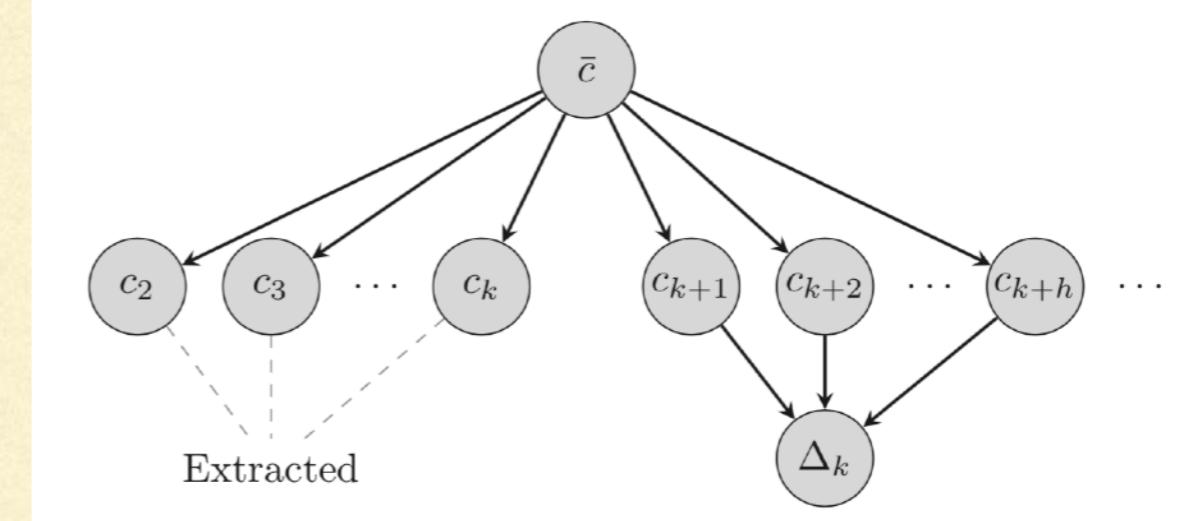
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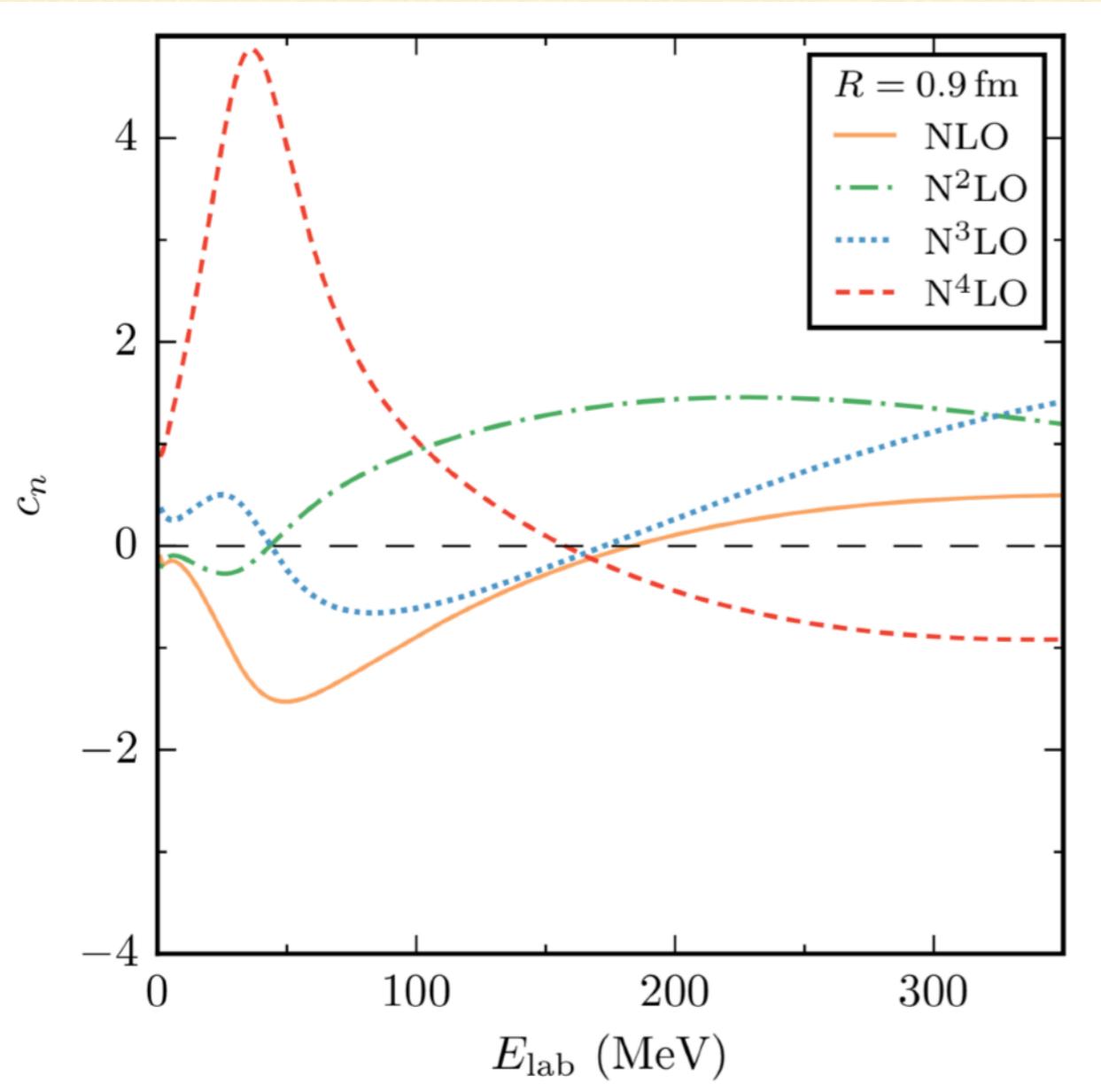
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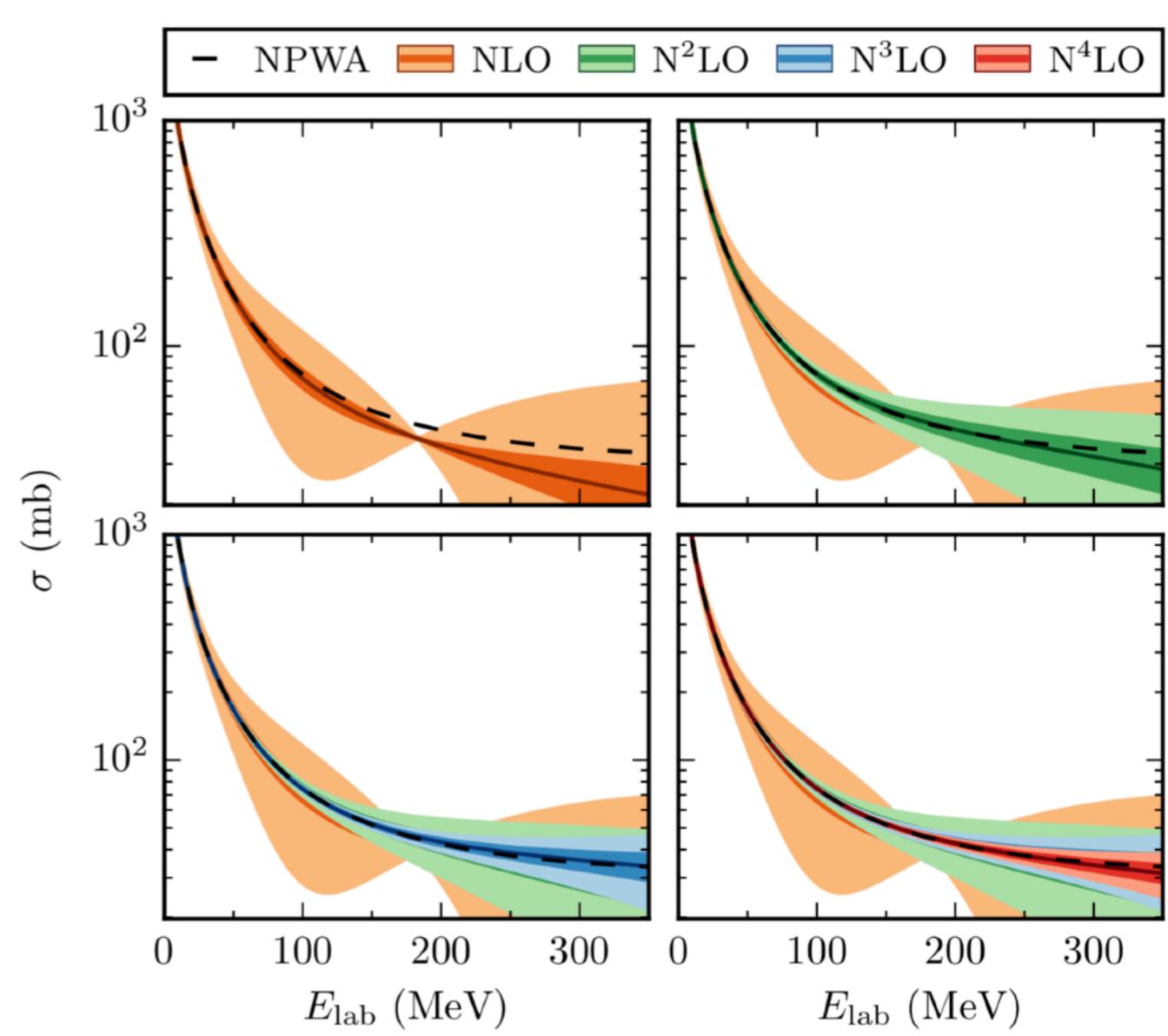
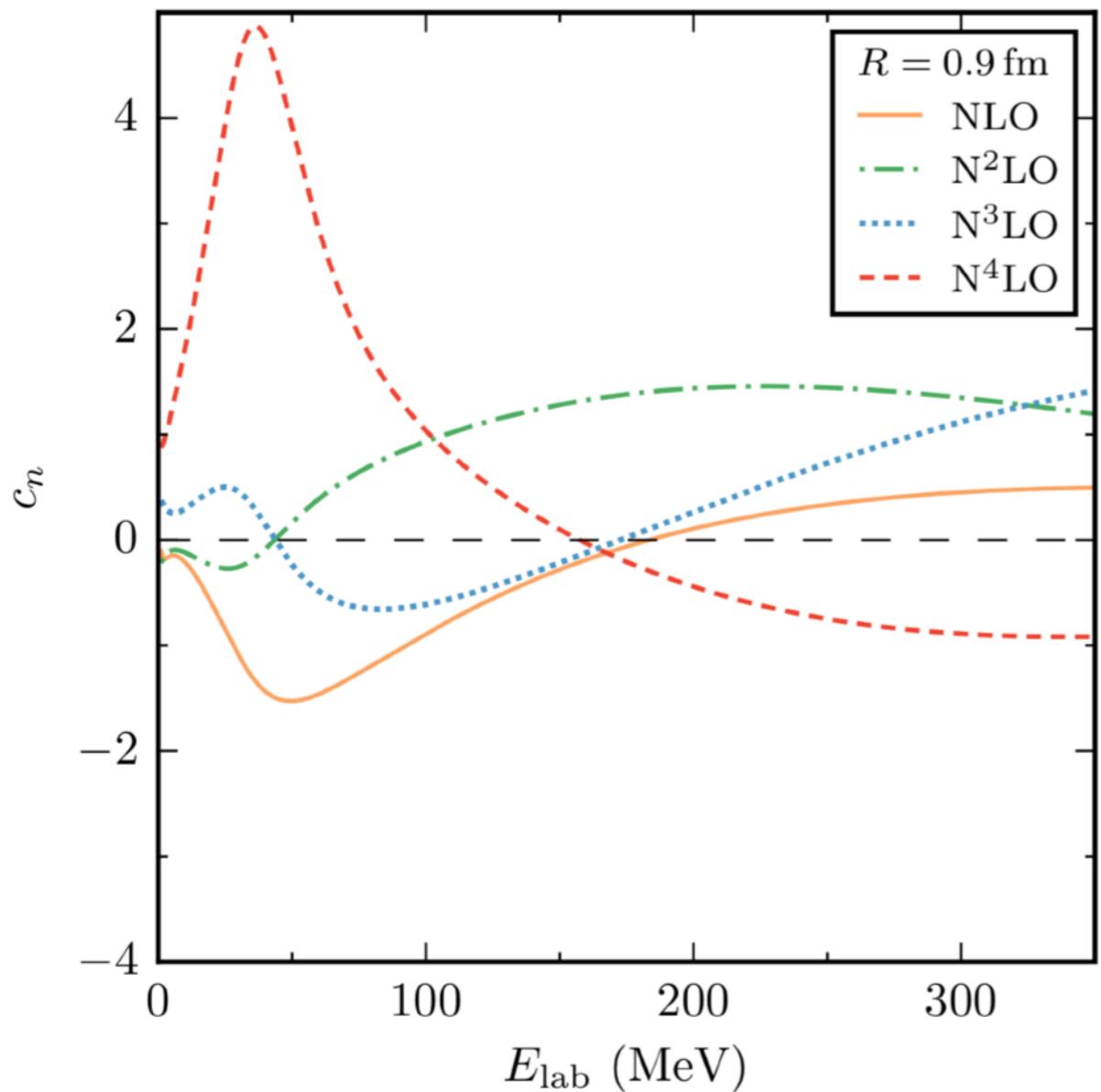
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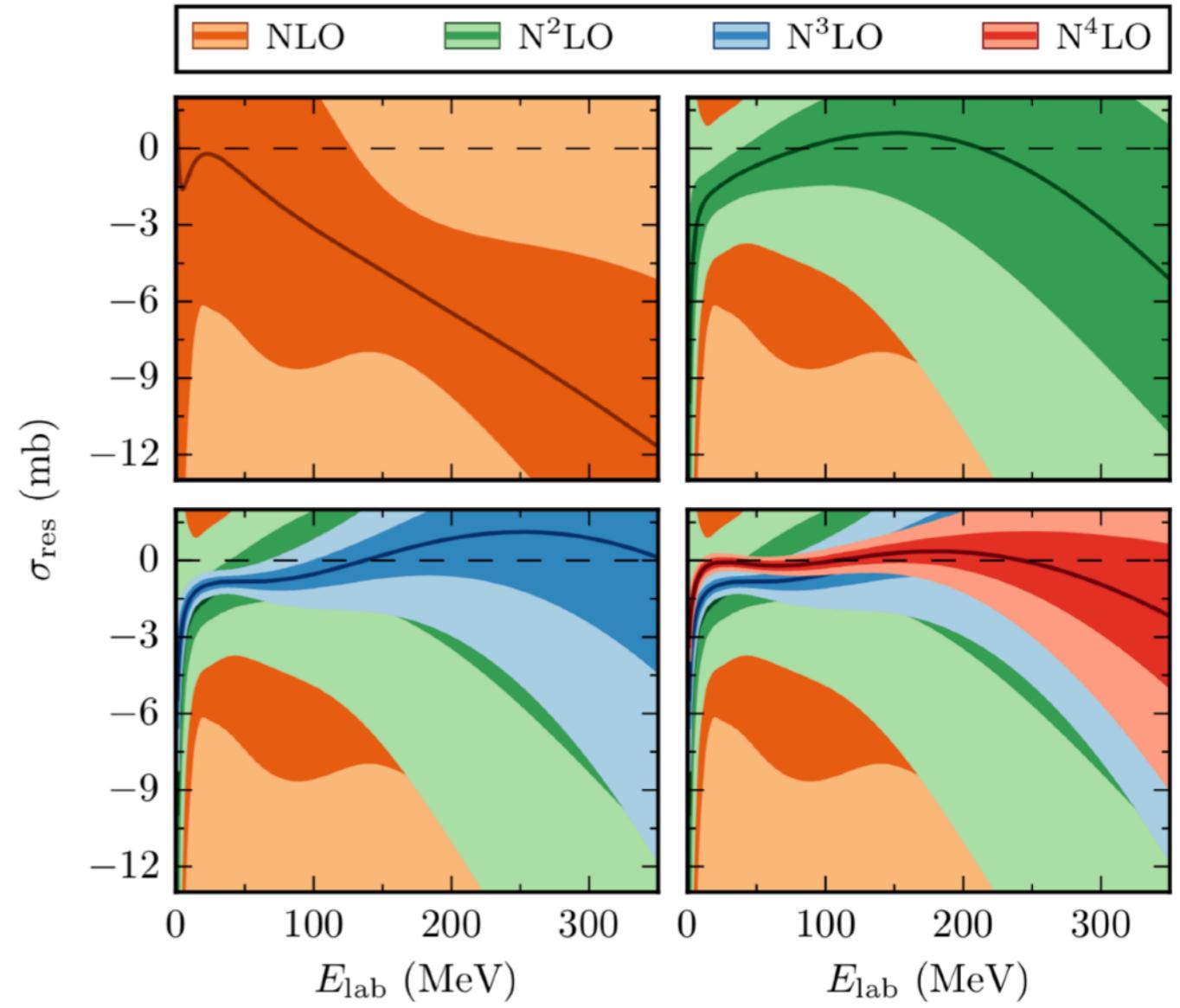
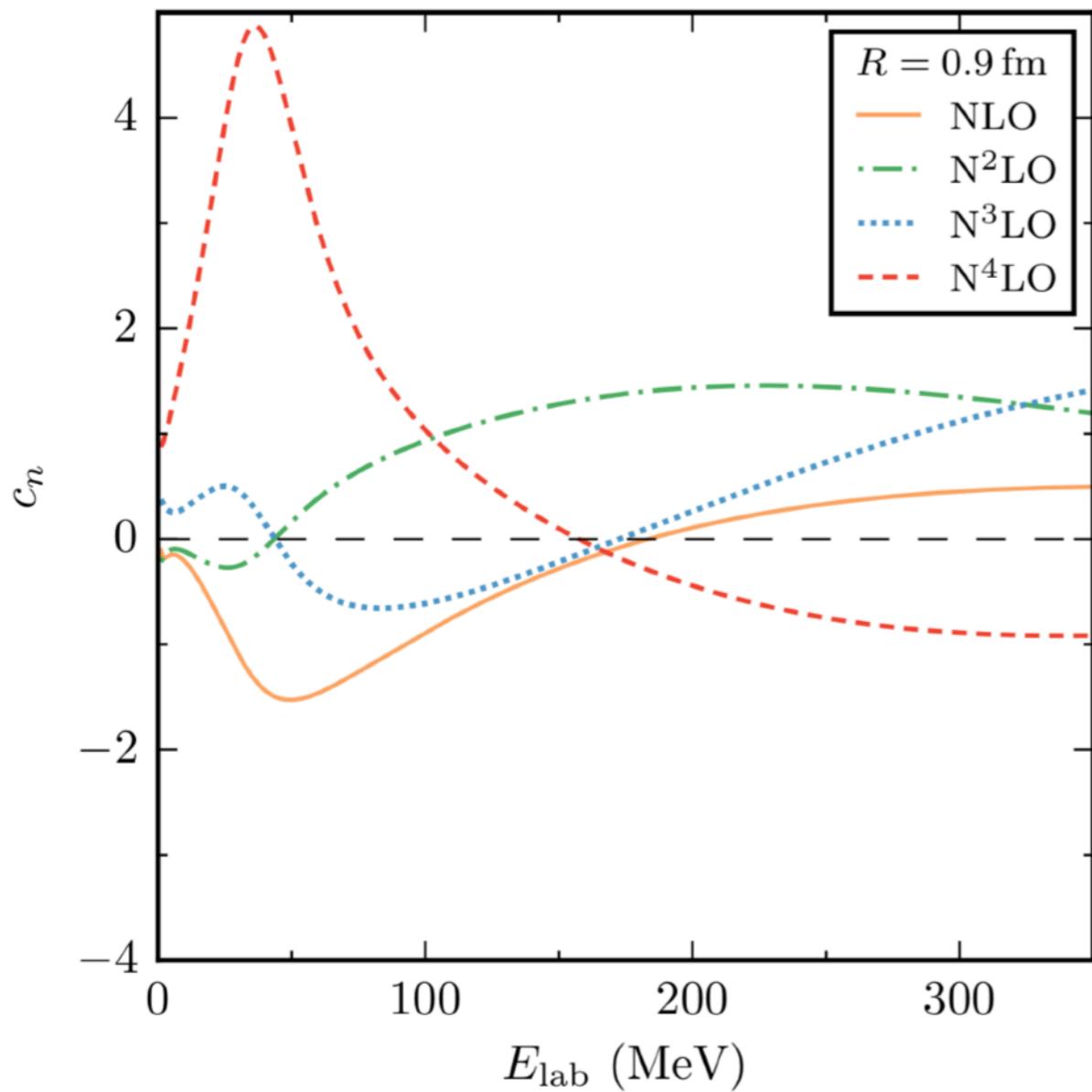
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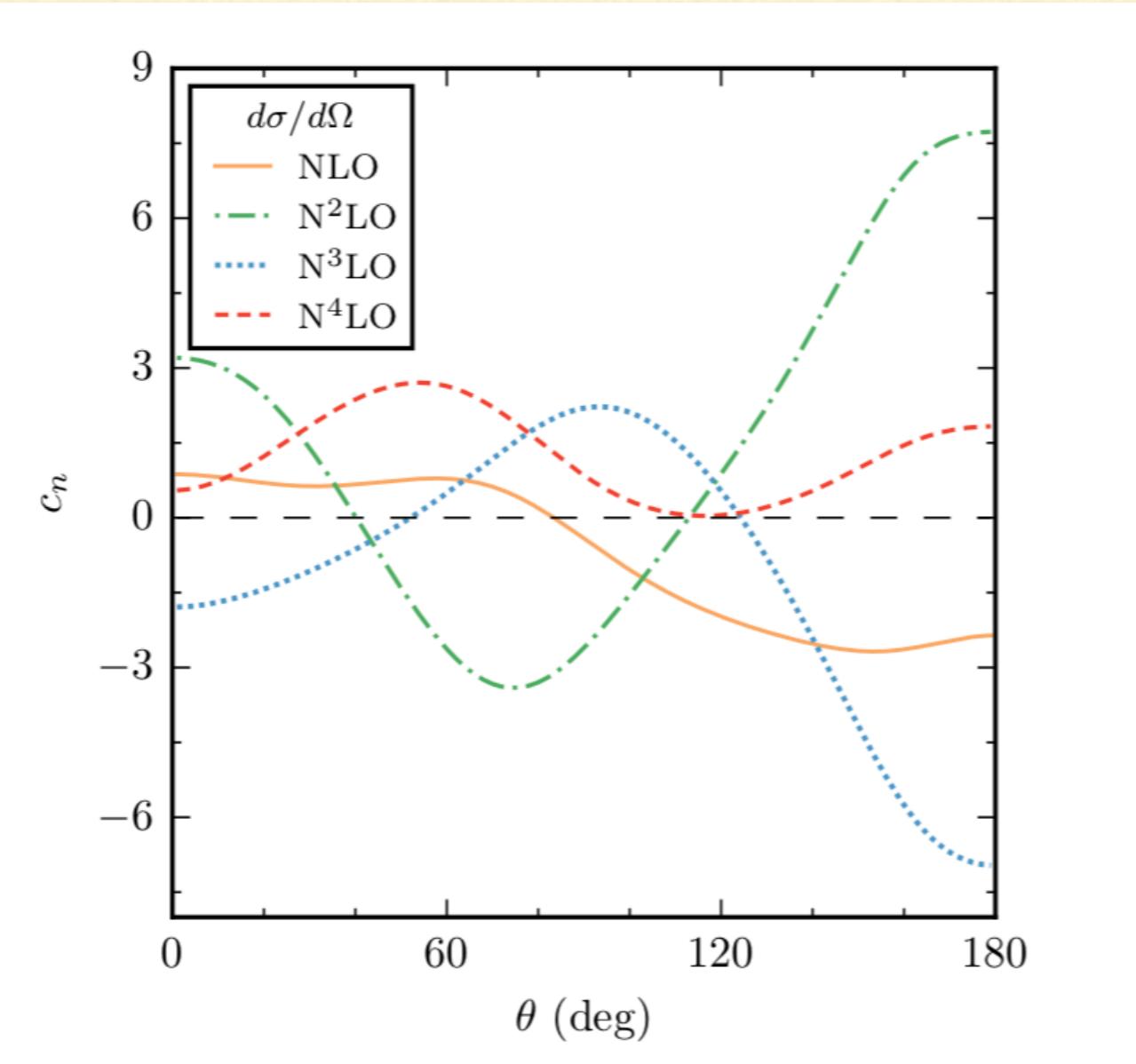
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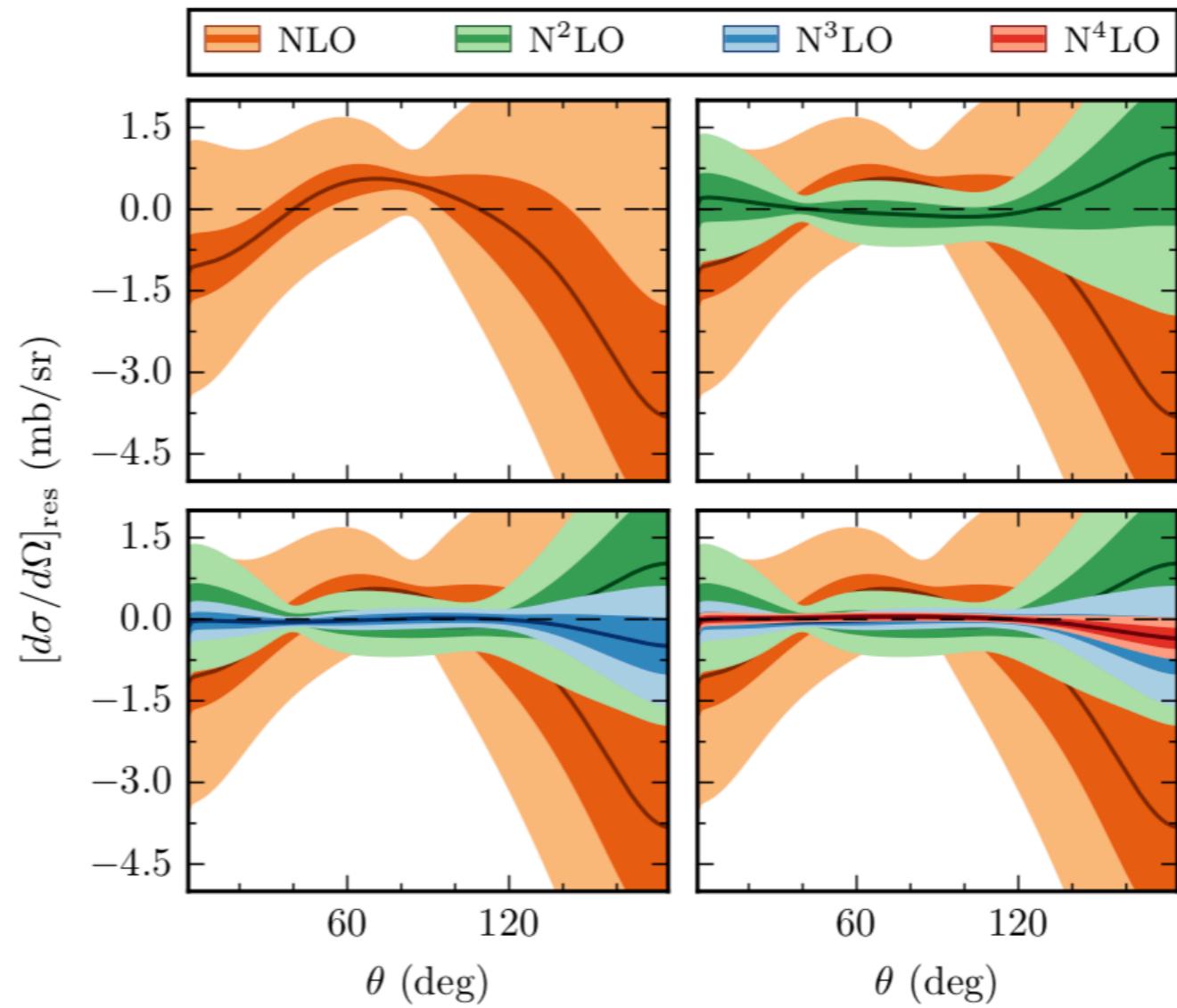
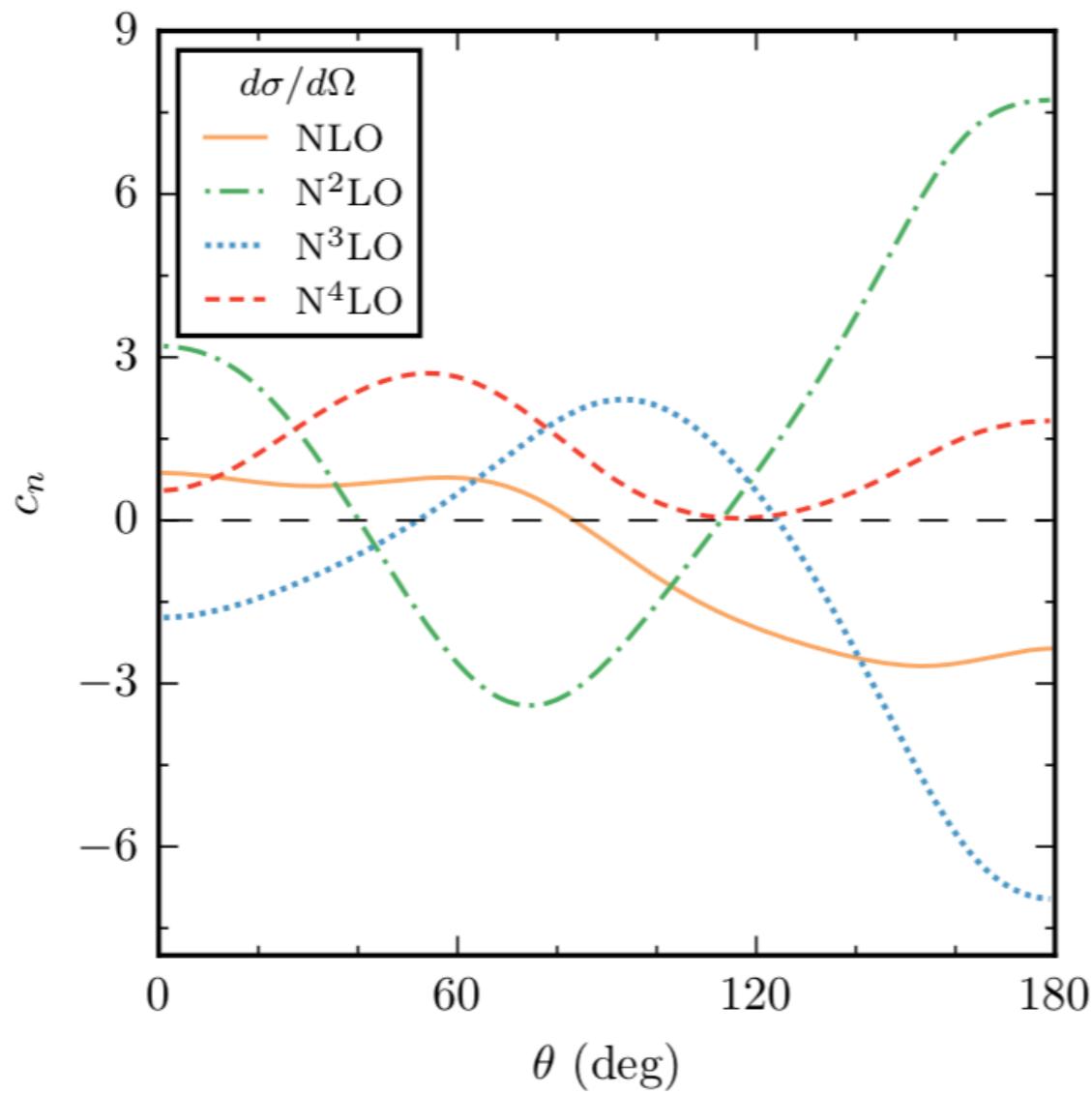


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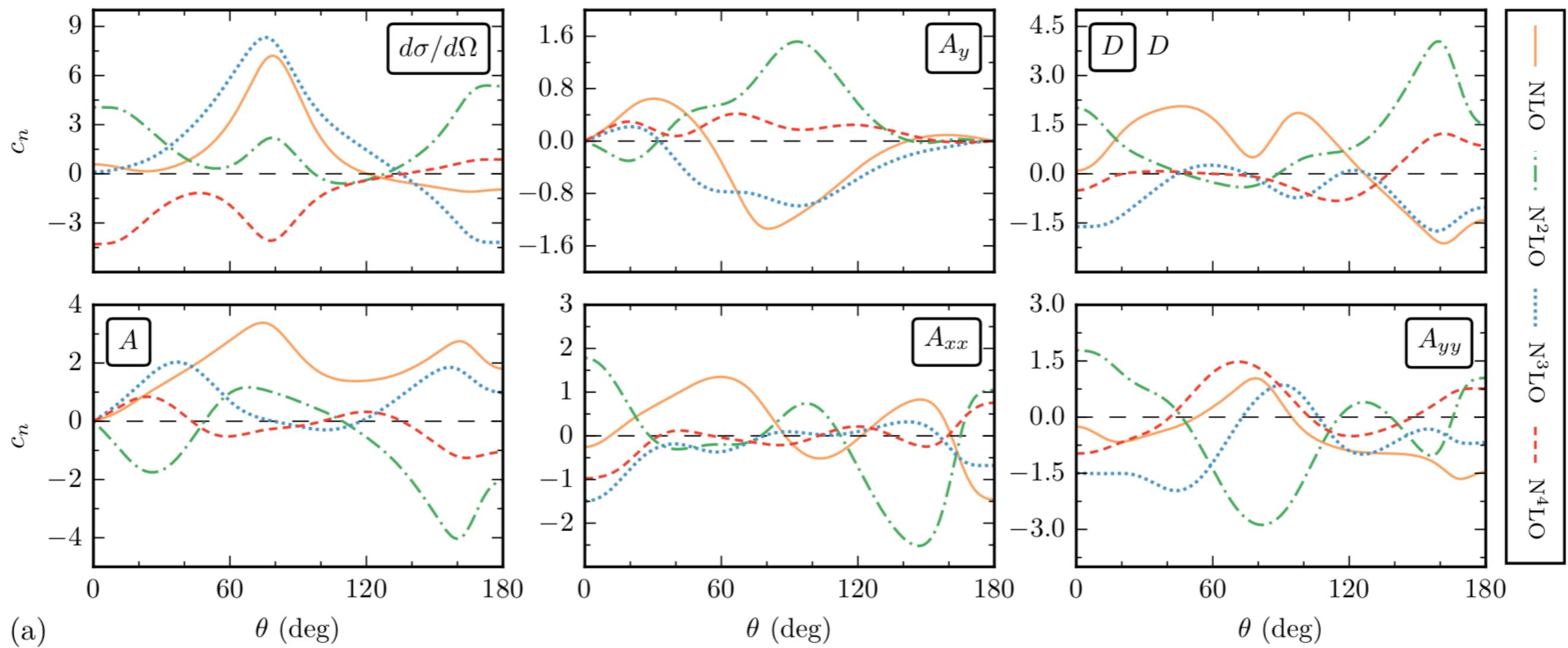


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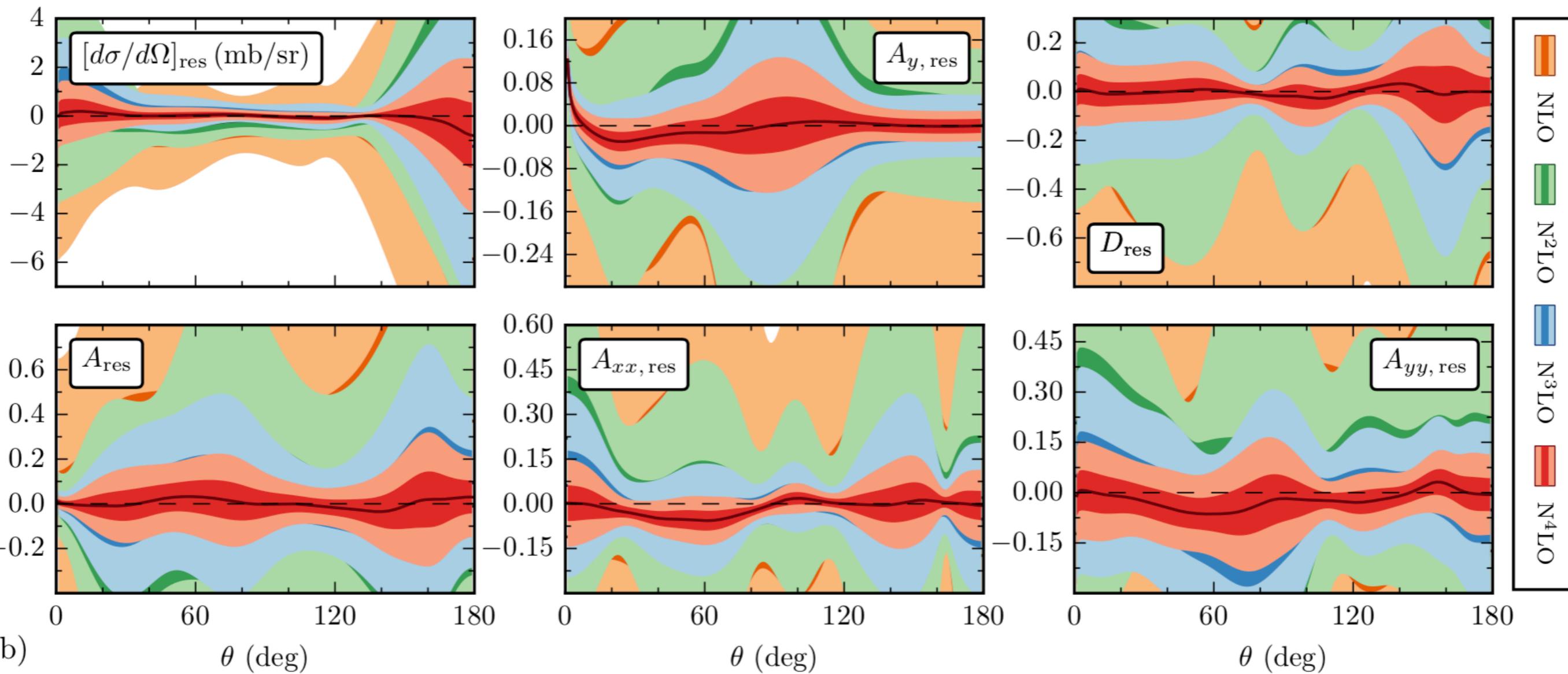


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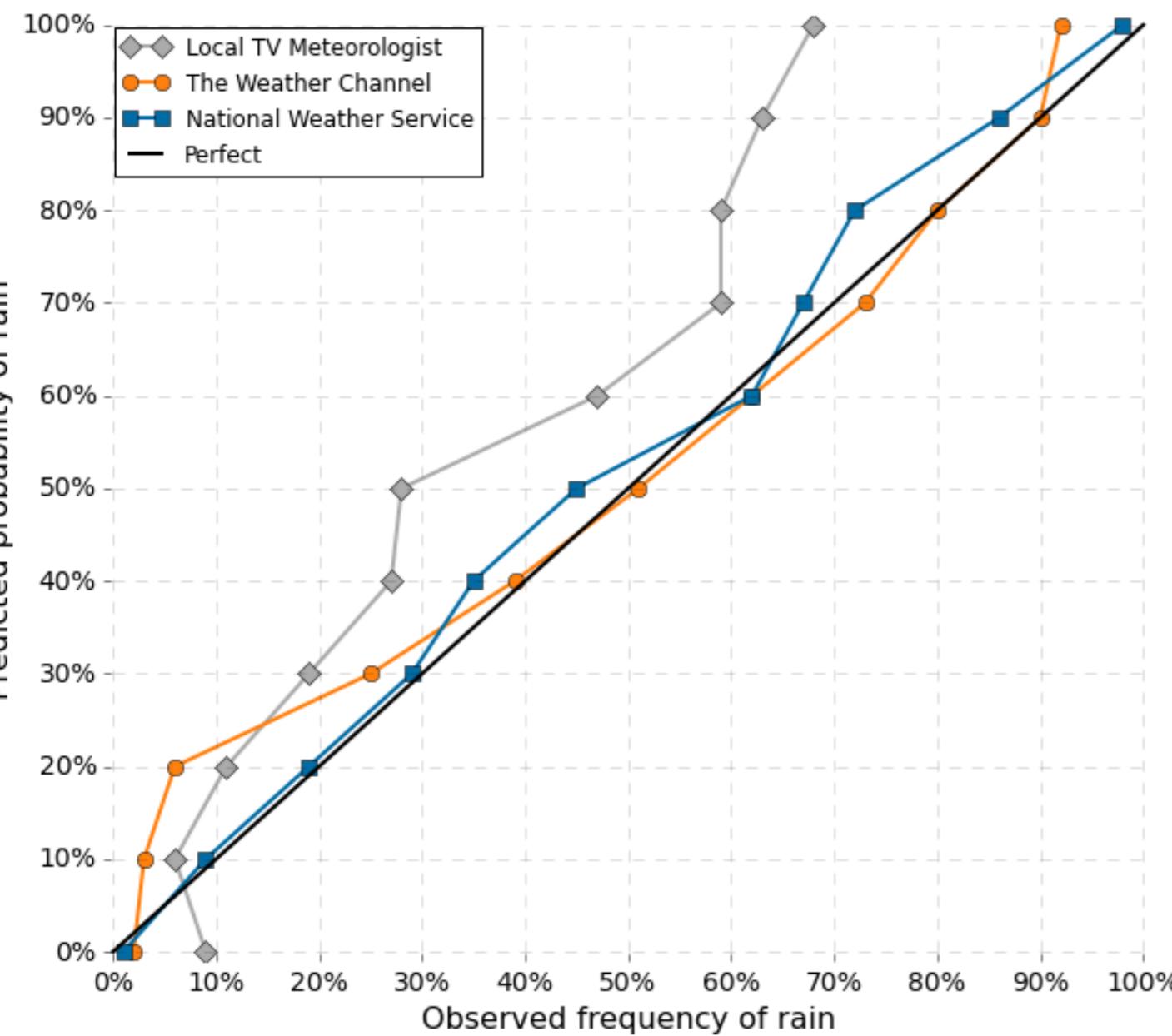
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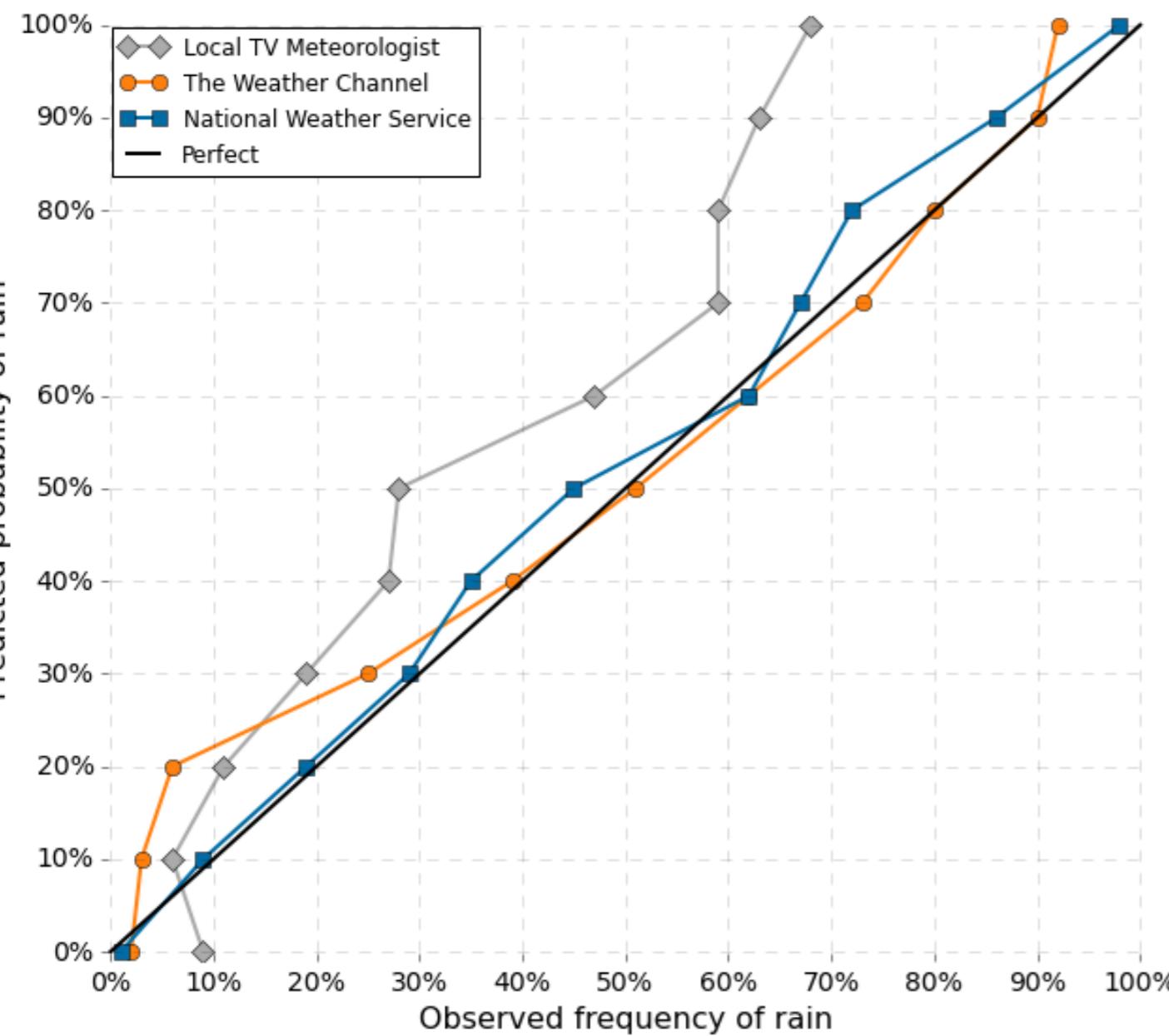


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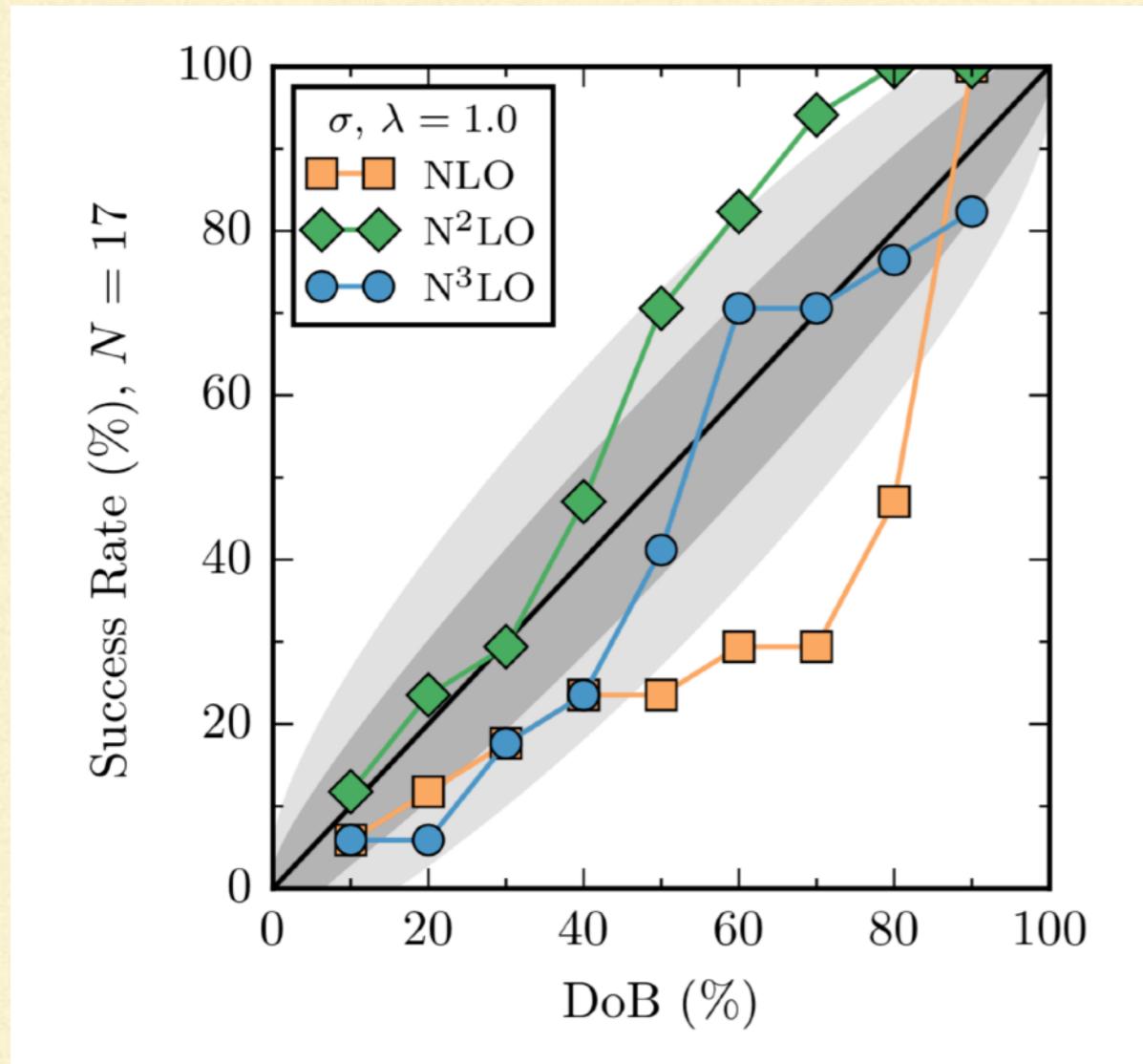
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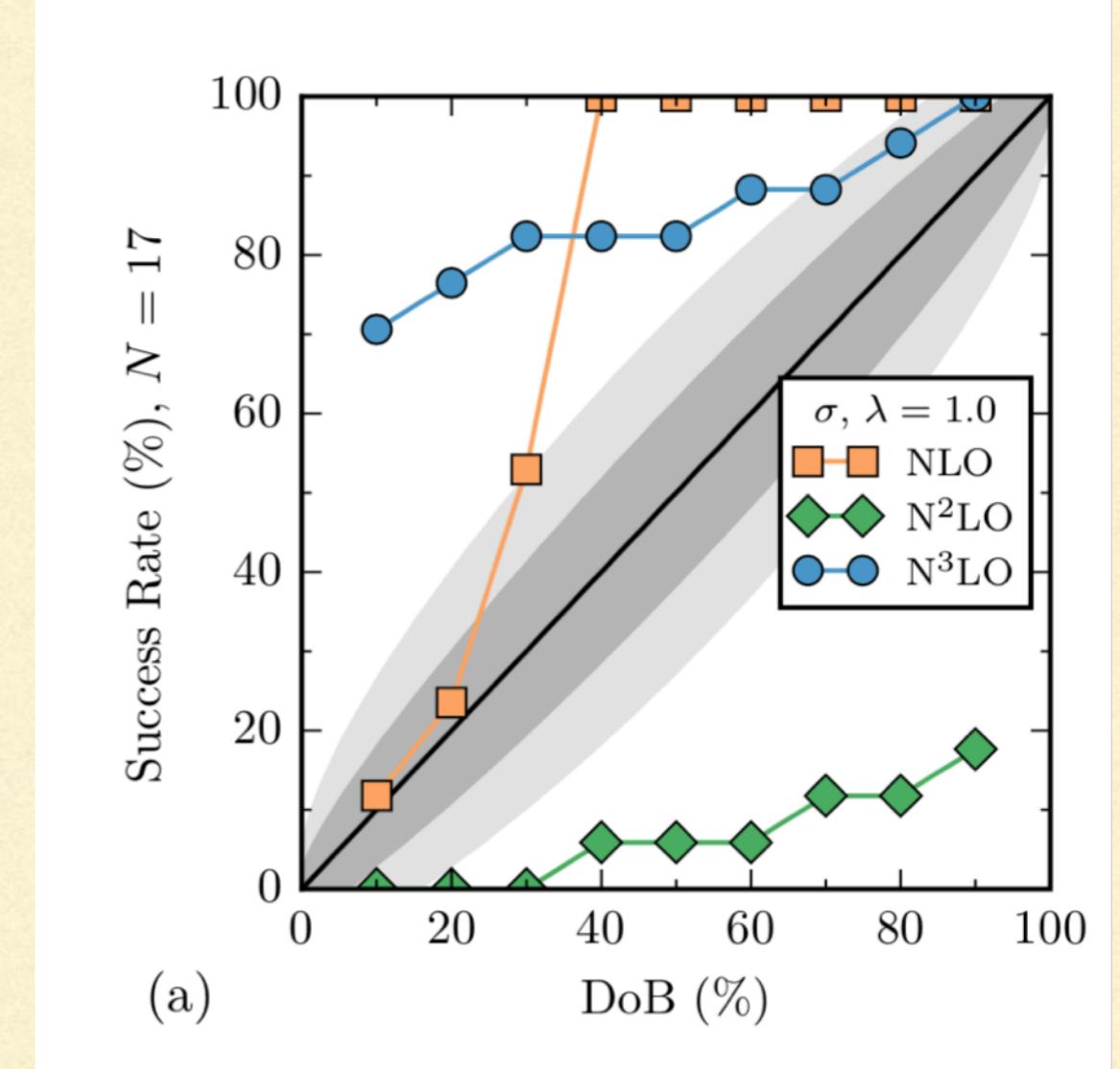
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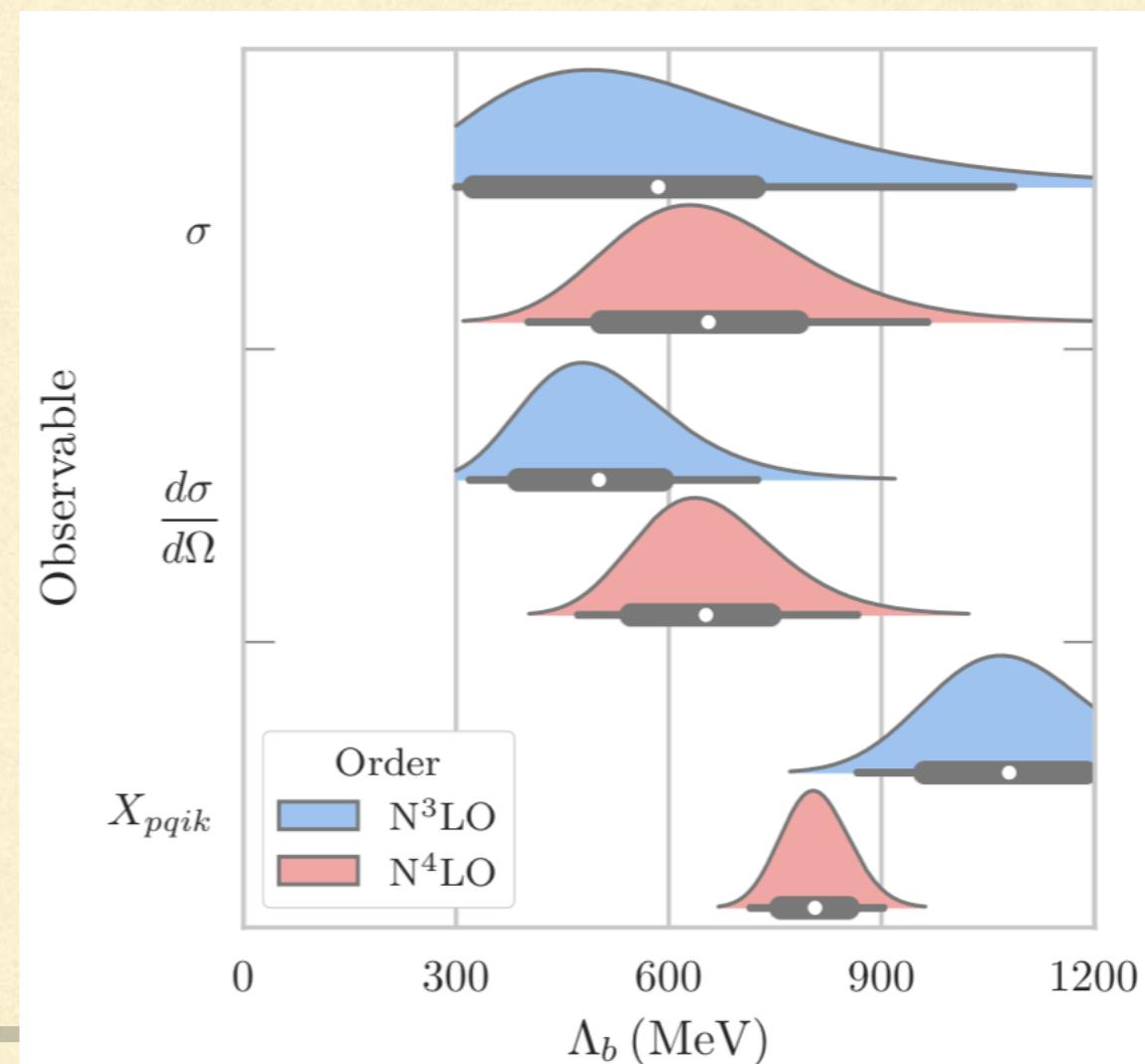
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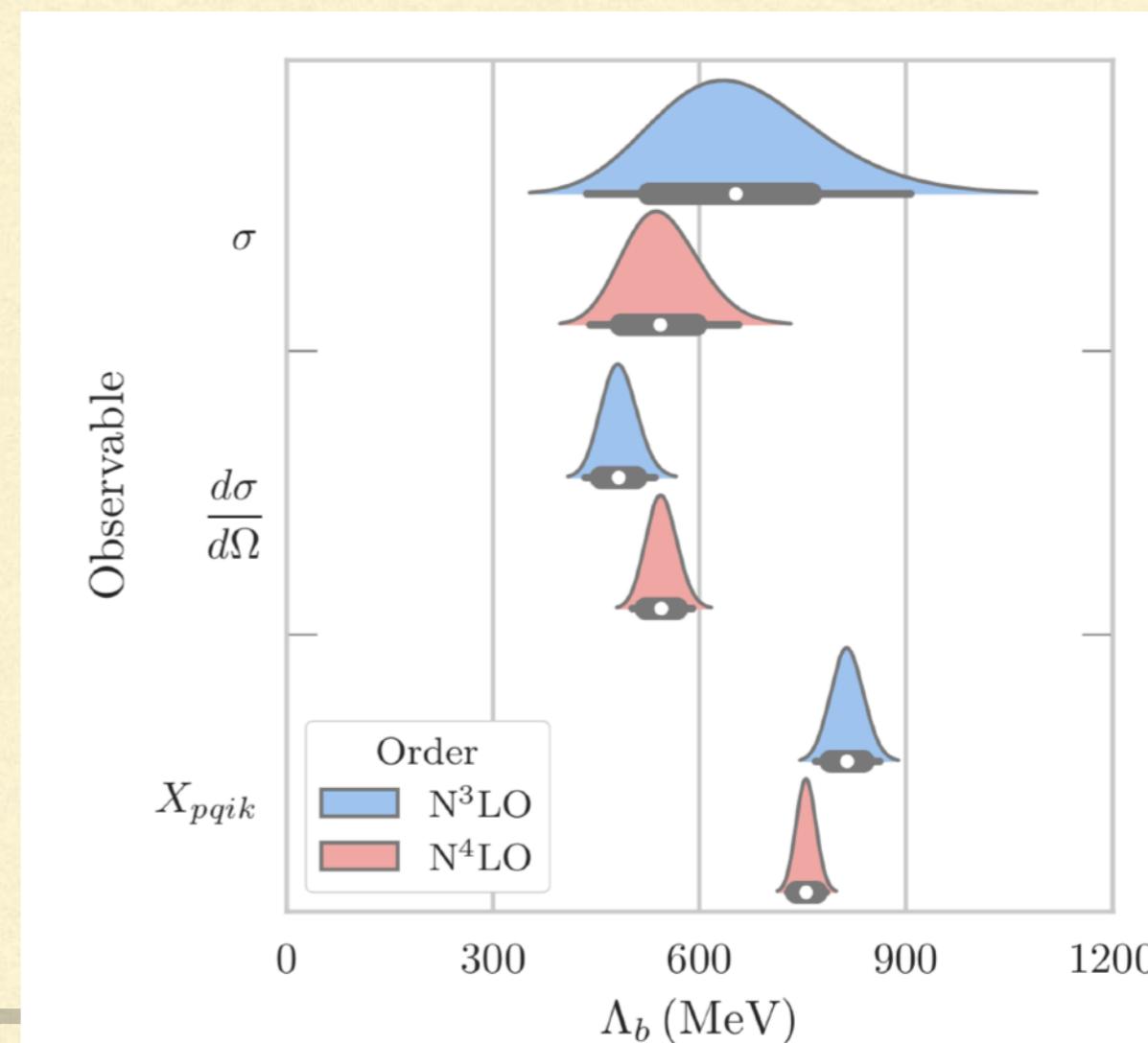
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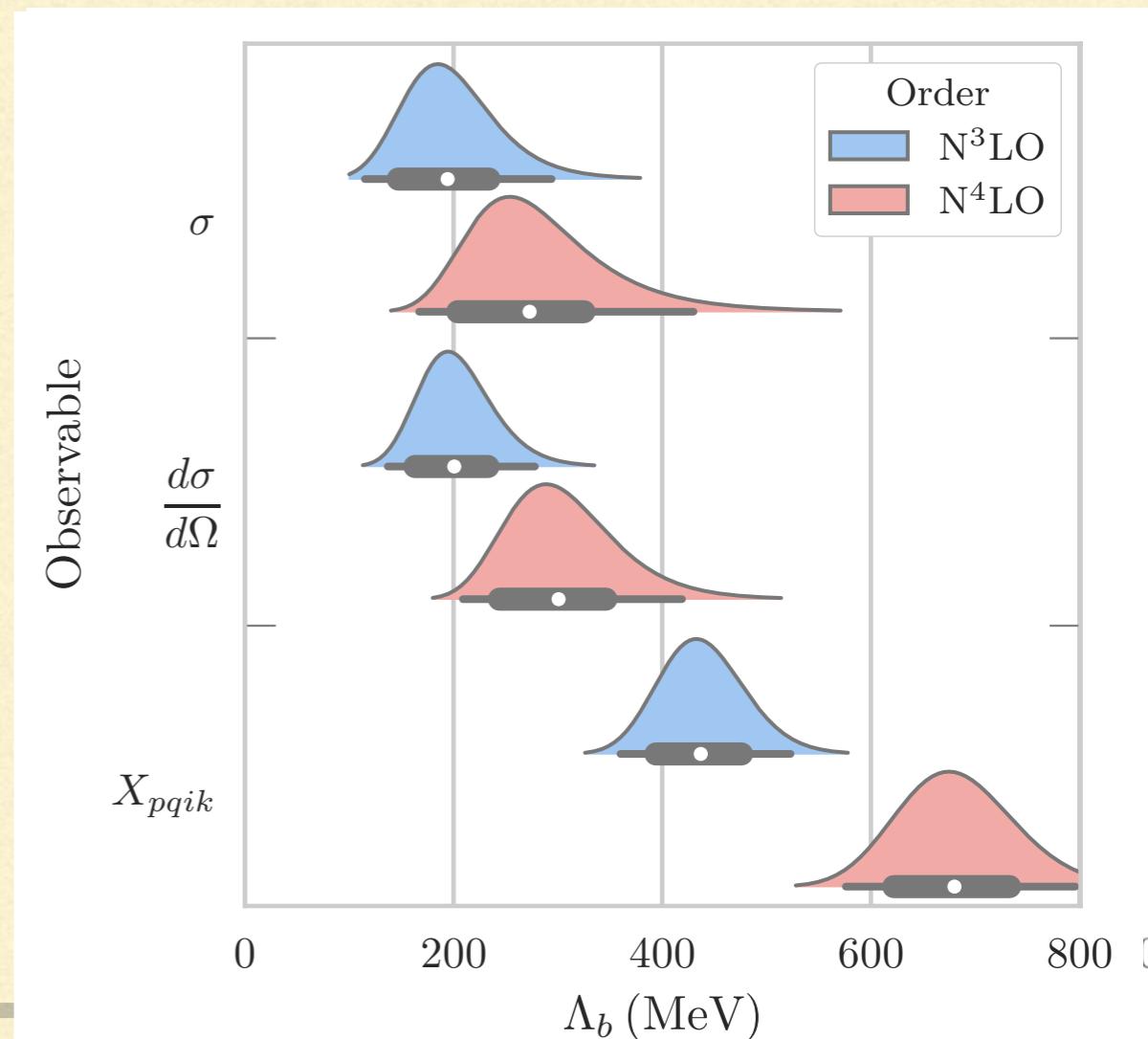
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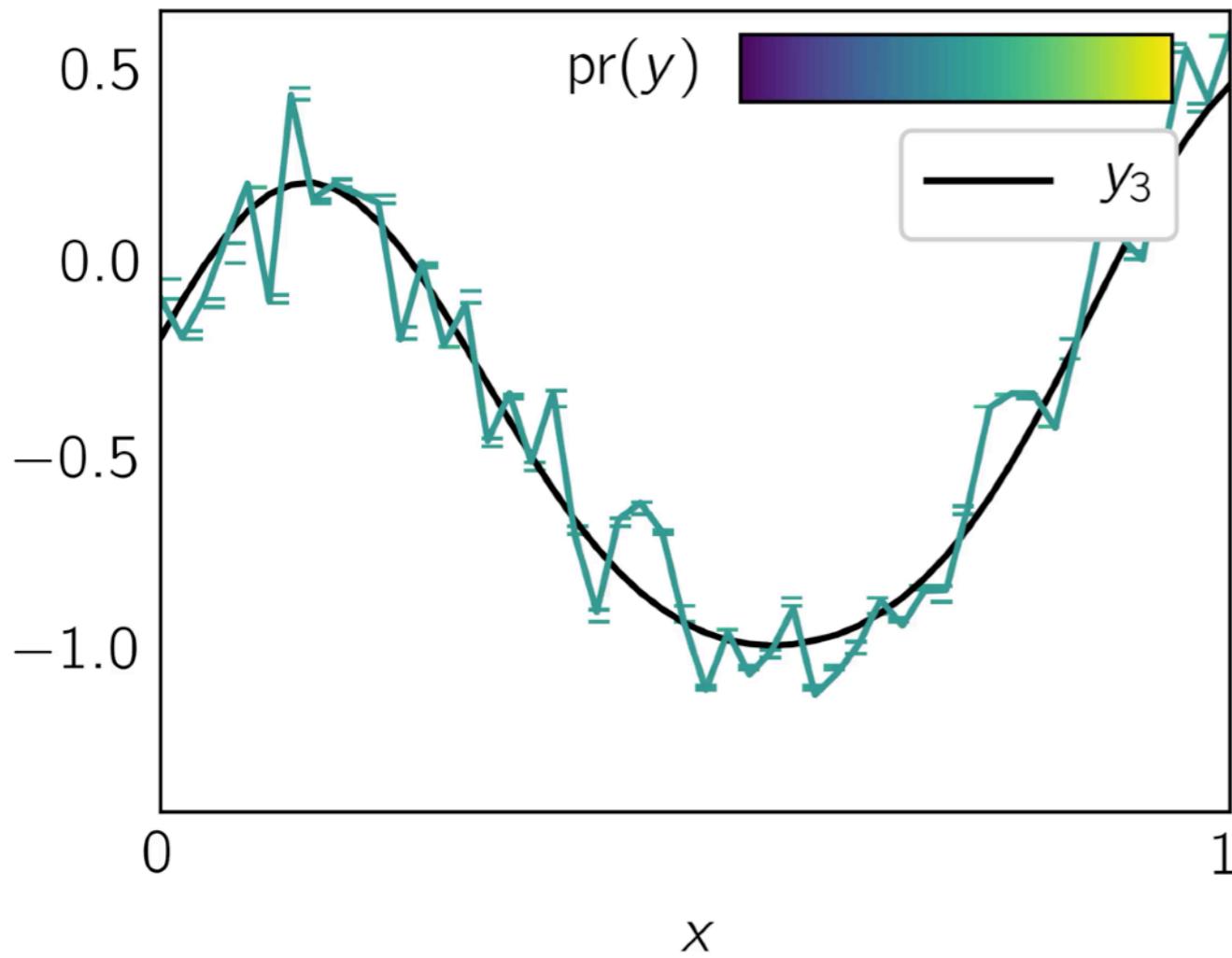
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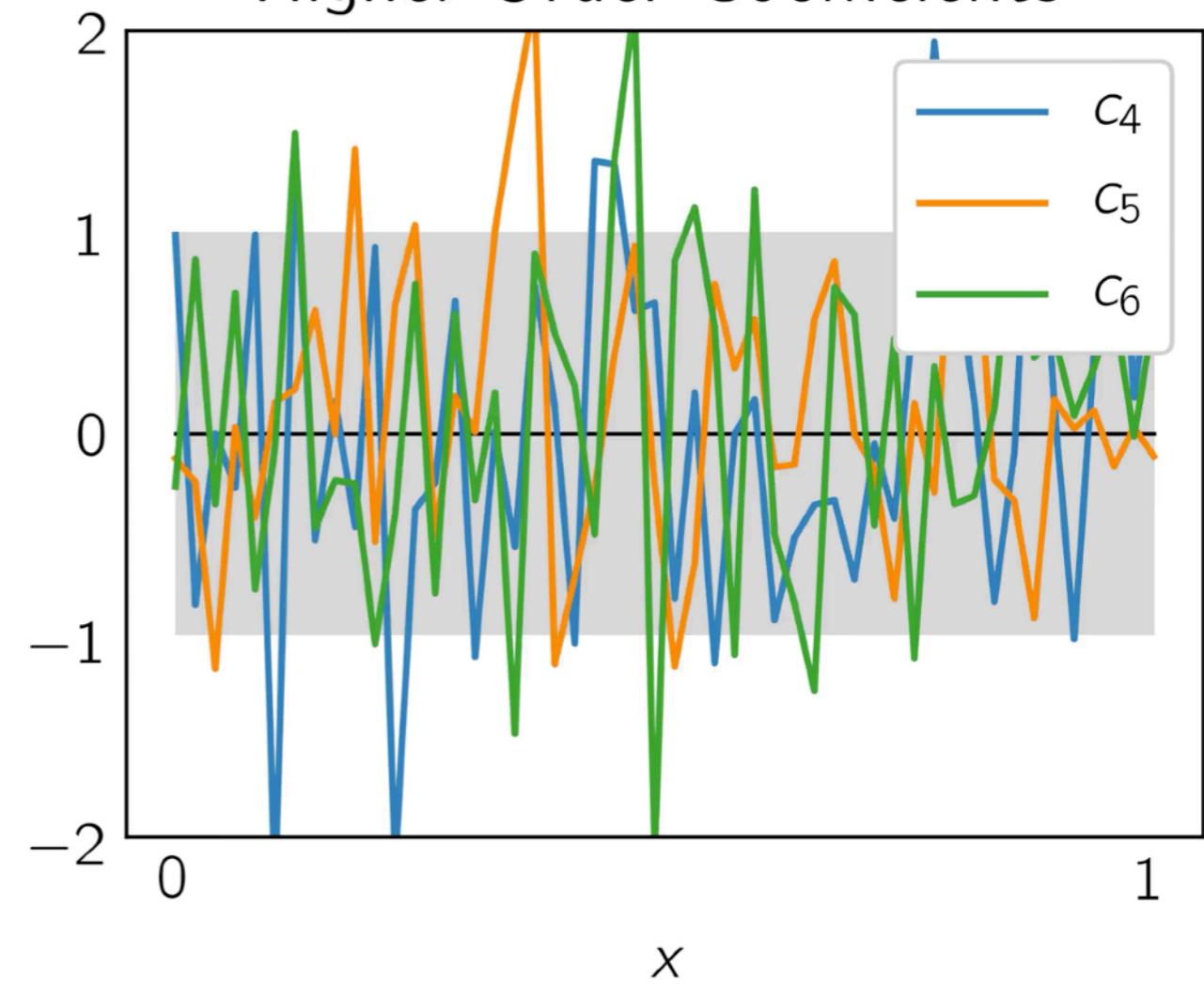
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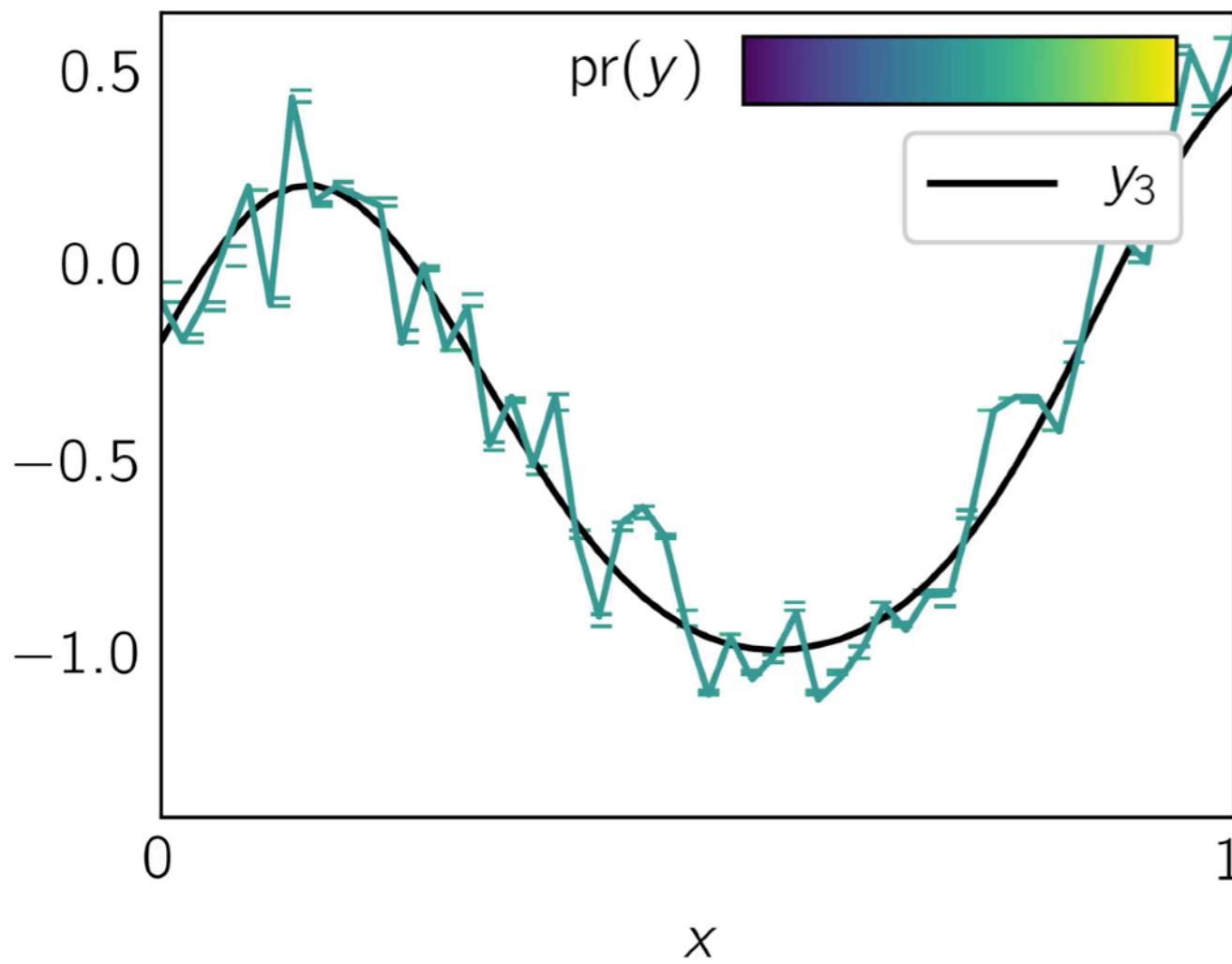
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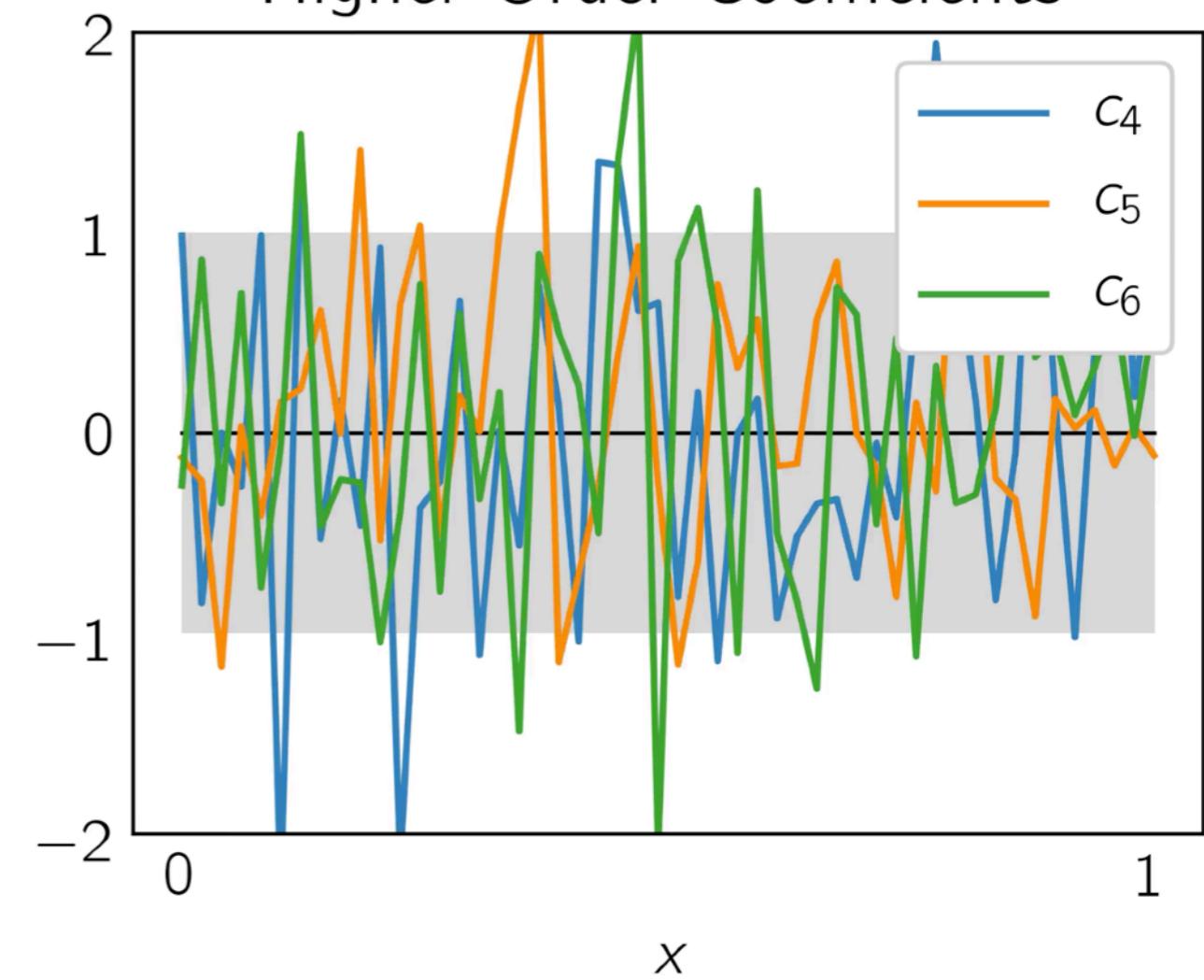
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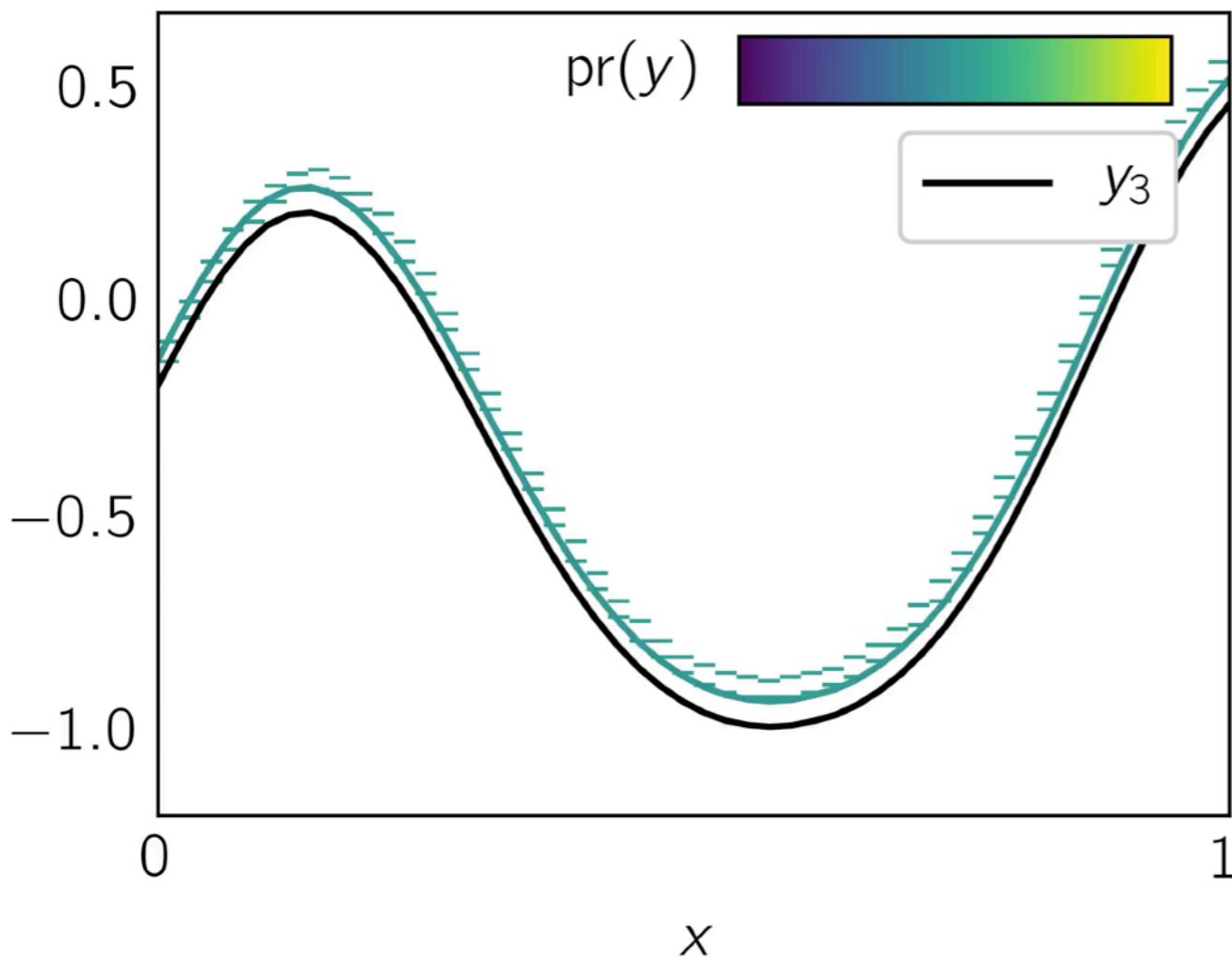
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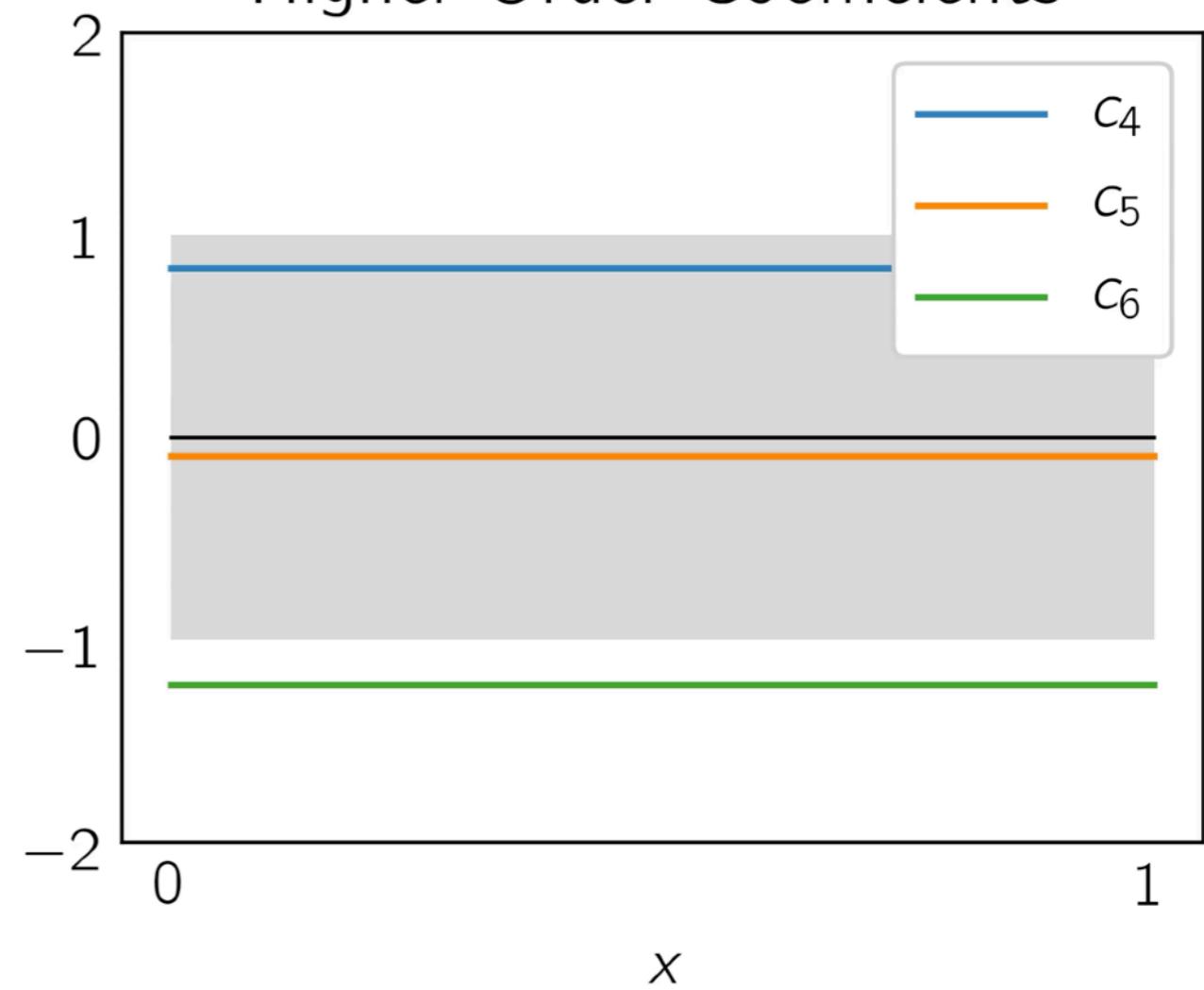
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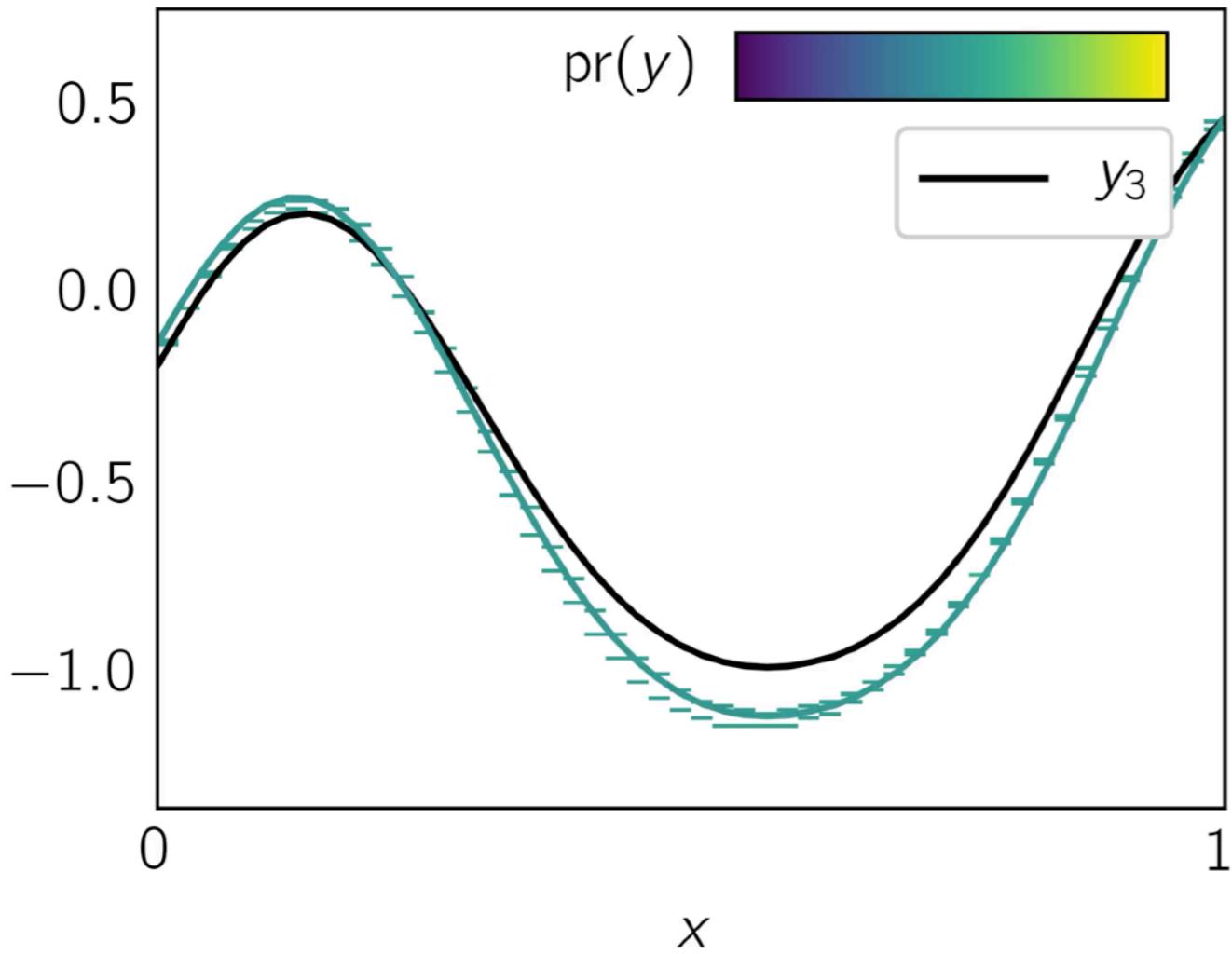
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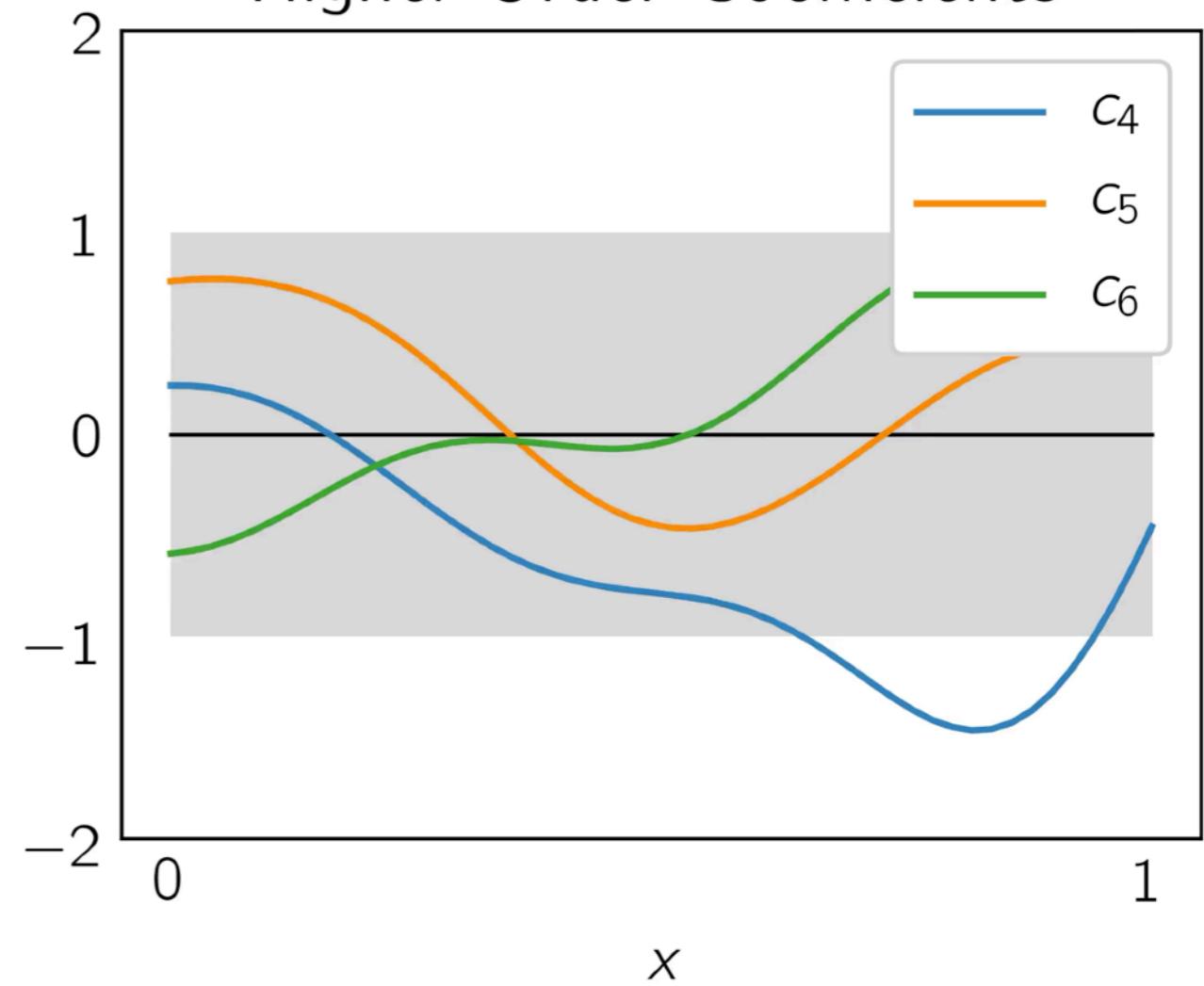
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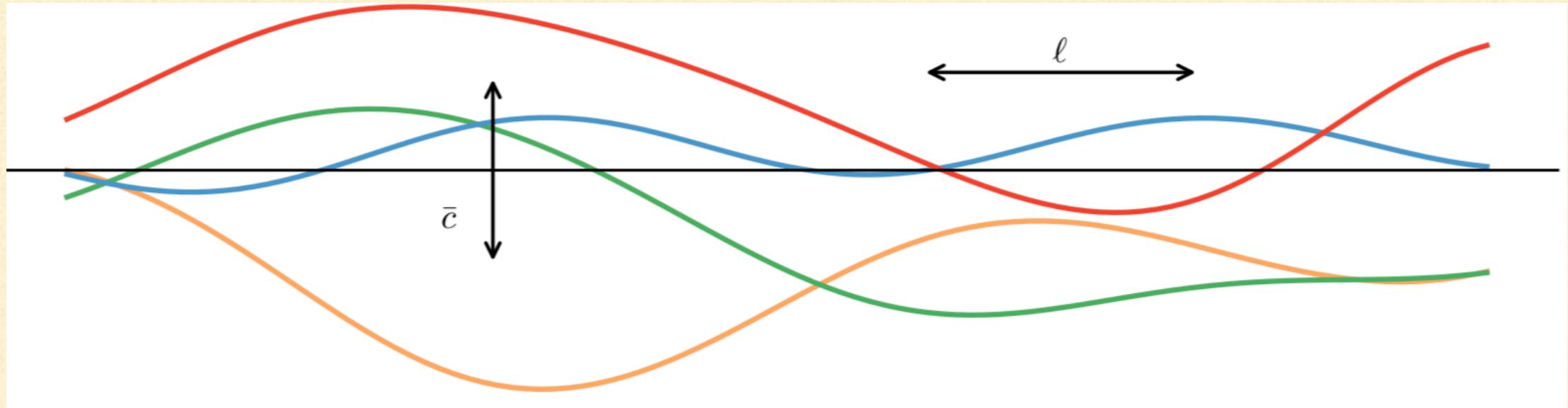
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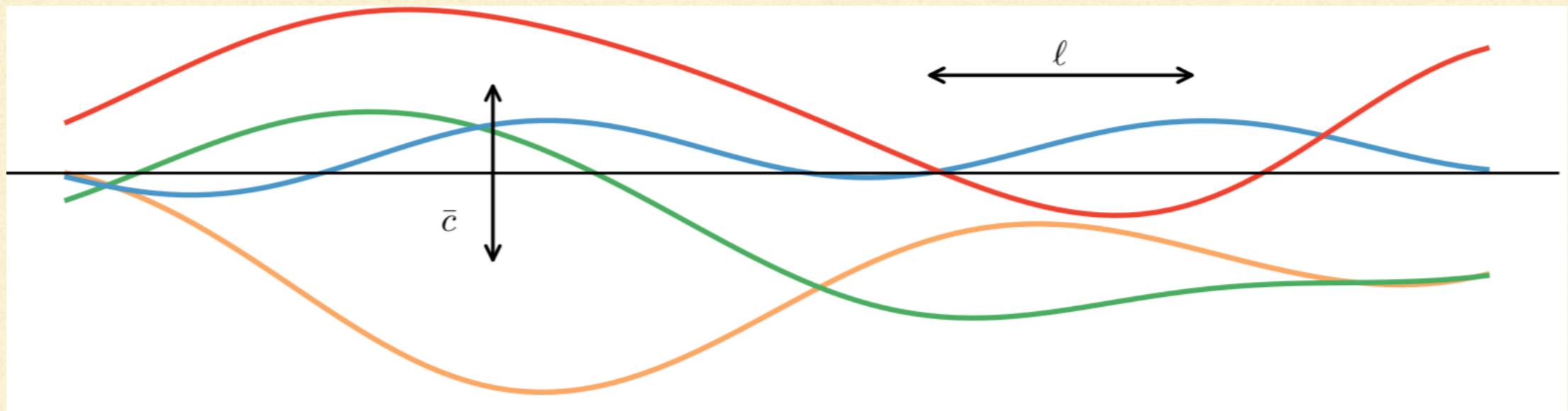
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**Our hypothesis:**

EFT coefficients at different orders can be modeled as:

- independent but identical realizations of one Gaussian Process;
- with a correlation structure; here we use a “squared exponential” (Gaussian) kernel, but we test it

# A bit more on Gaussian Processes

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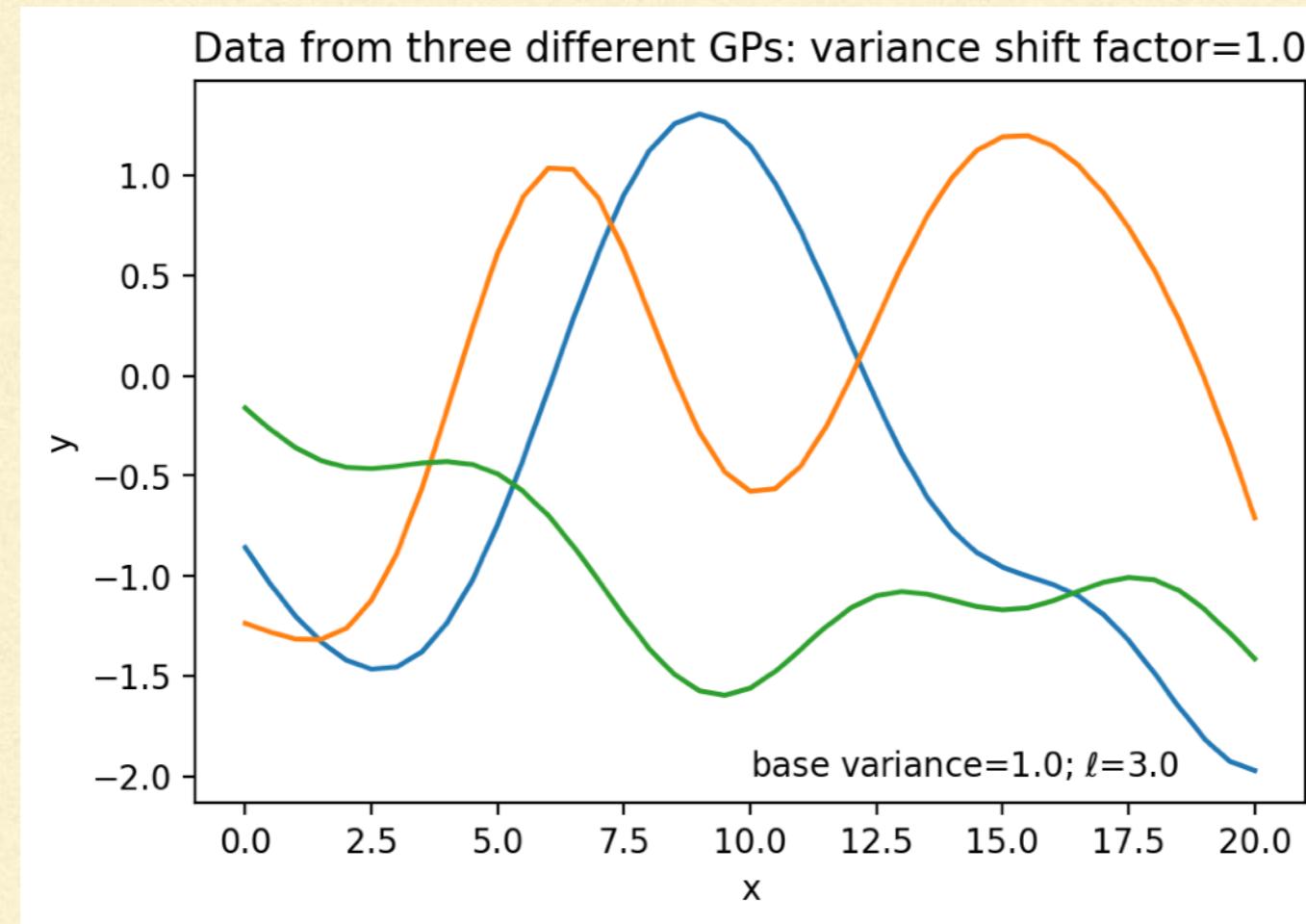
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- Suppose we already know  $f$  at  $x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n$ .
- Specify how  $f(y)$  is correlated with  $f(x_1), f(x_2), \dots$ ; don't specify underlying functional form.
- But value of  $f(y)$  is not deterministic: it's given by a (Gaussian) probability distribution.
- Correlation decreases as points get further away from each other.
- Specify correlation matrix of  $f$  at  $x$  and  $y$ , e.g.:

$$k(f(x), f(y)) = \bar{c}^2 \exp\left(-\frac{(x - y)^2}{2\ell^2}\right)$$

- Two parameters  $\bar{c}$  and  $\ell$
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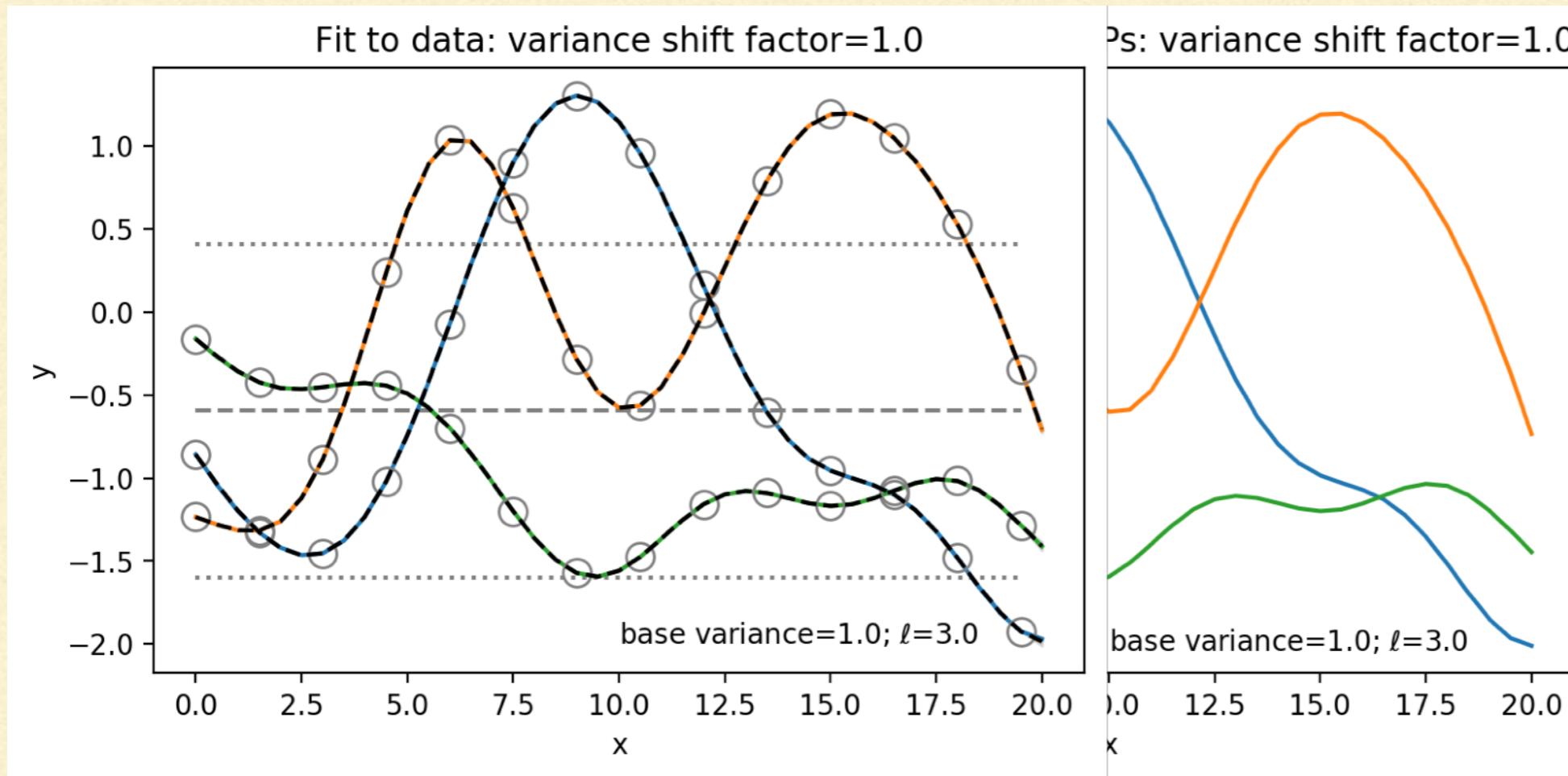
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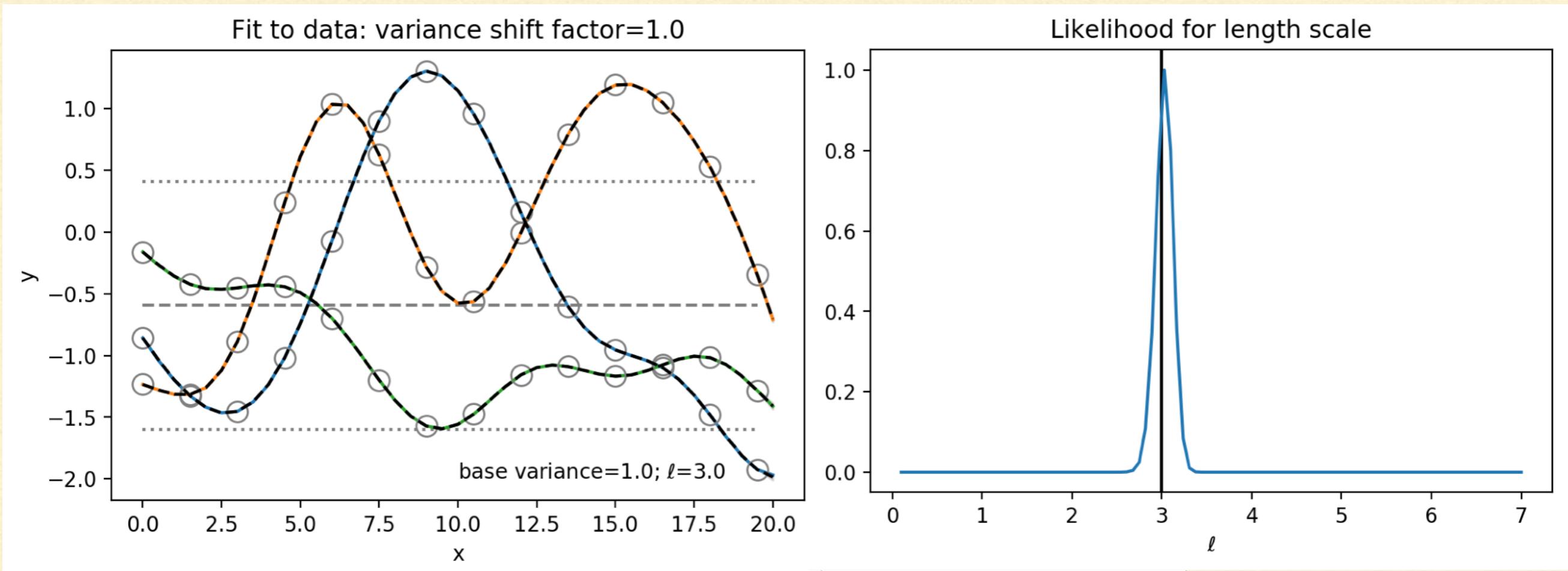
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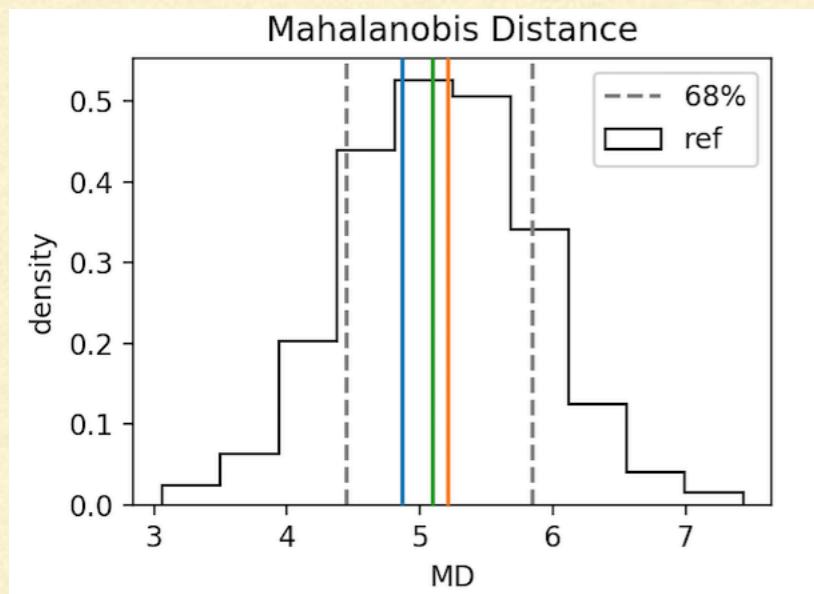
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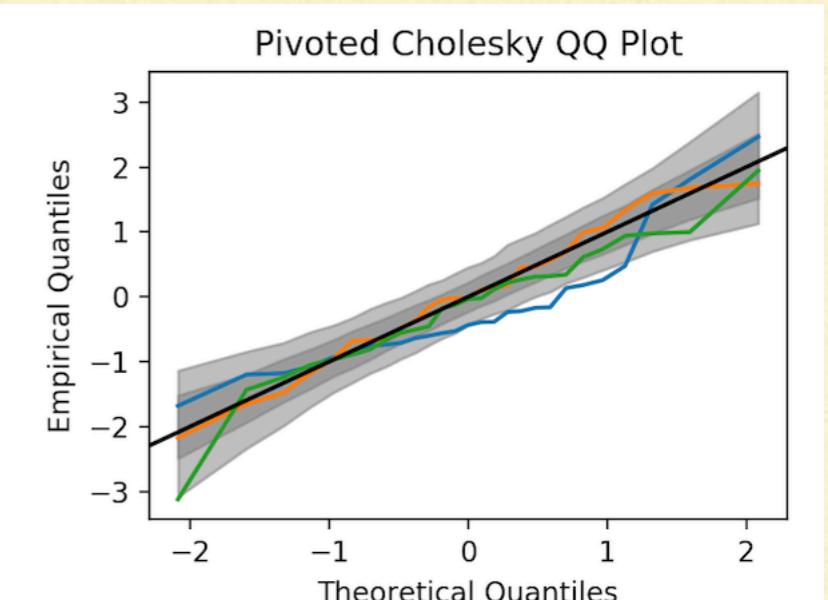
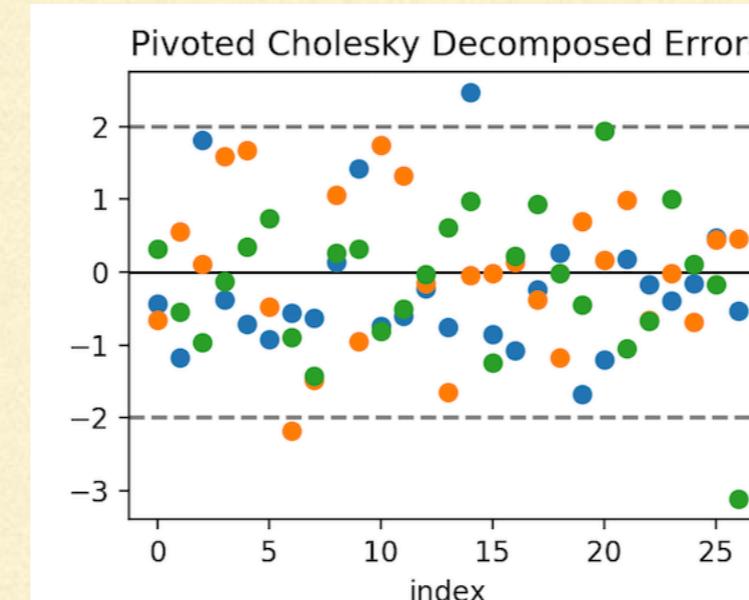
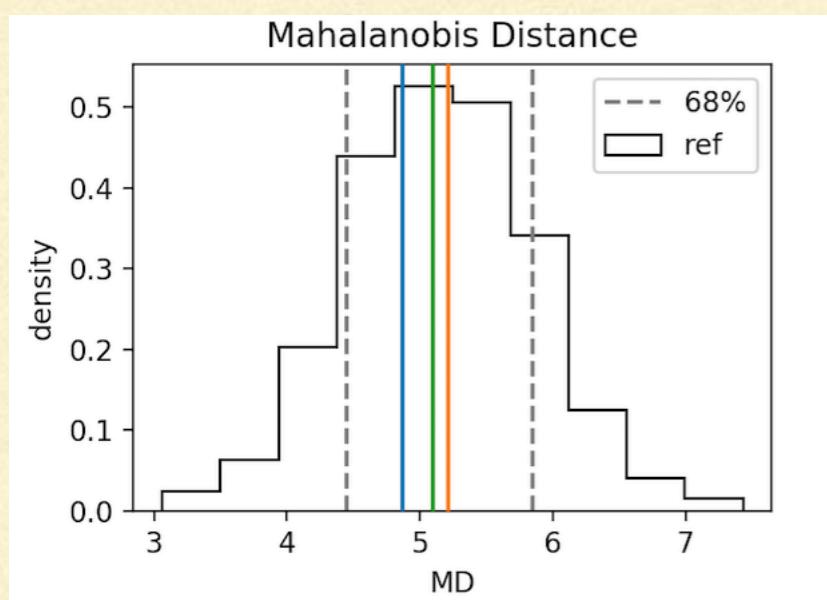
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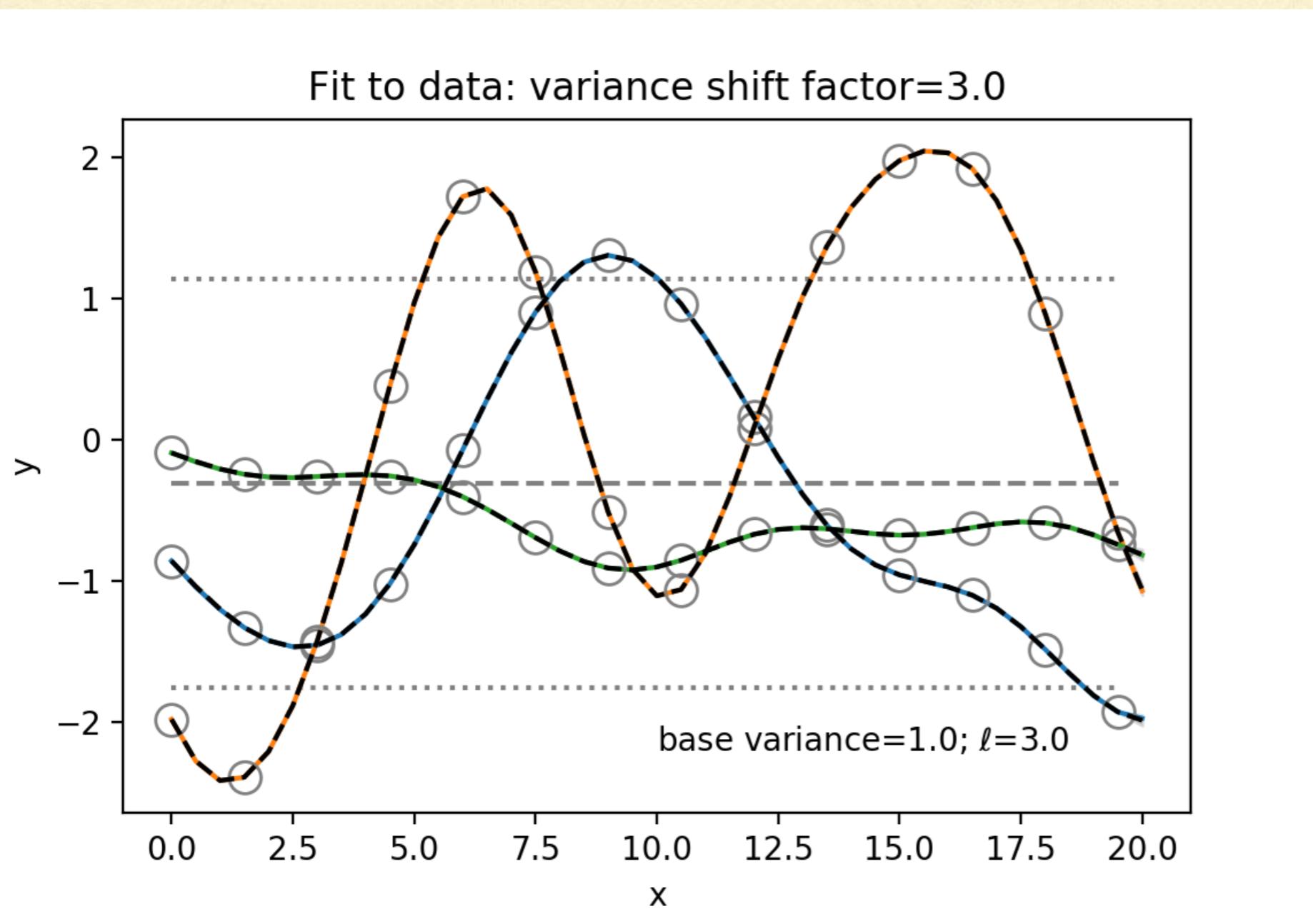
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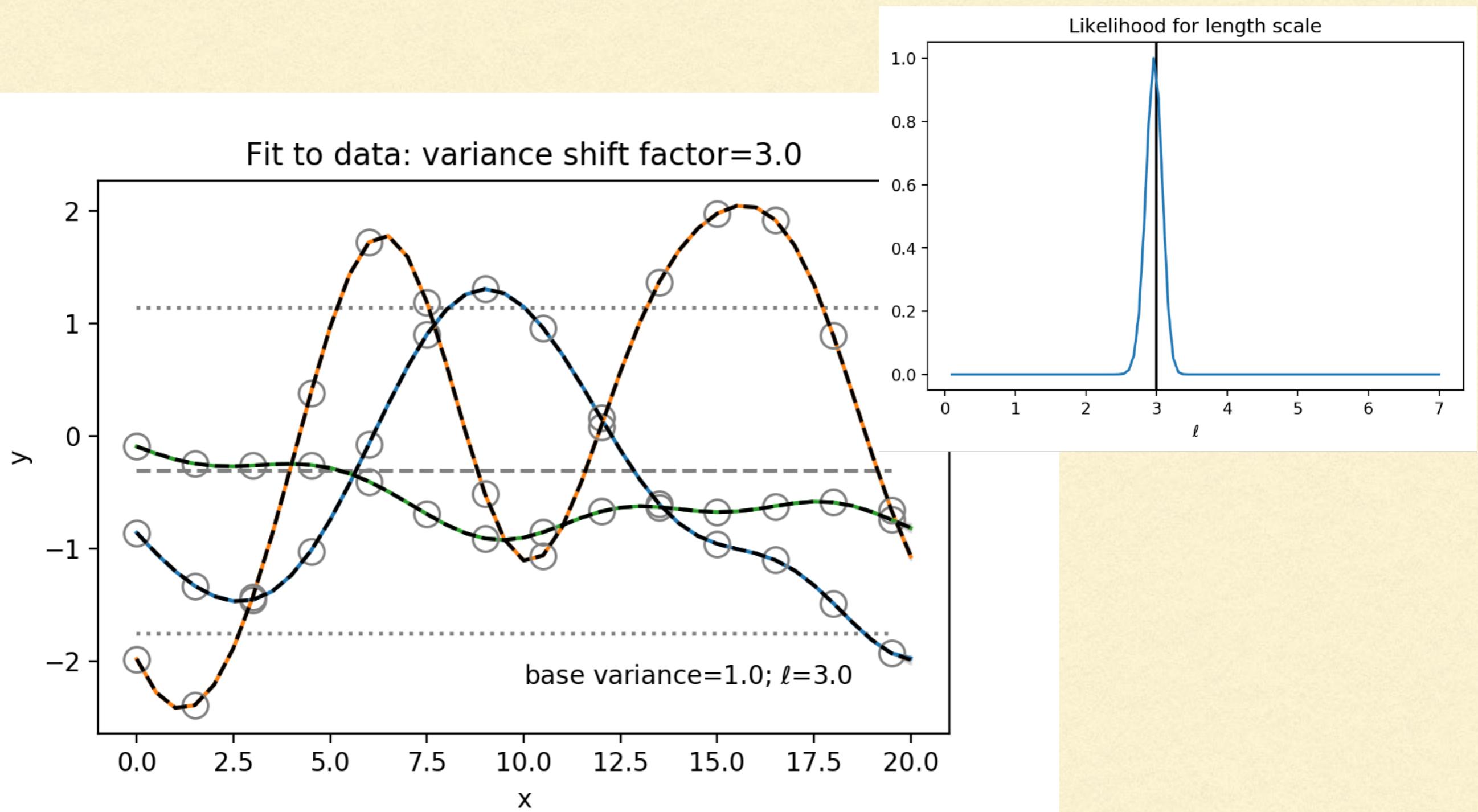
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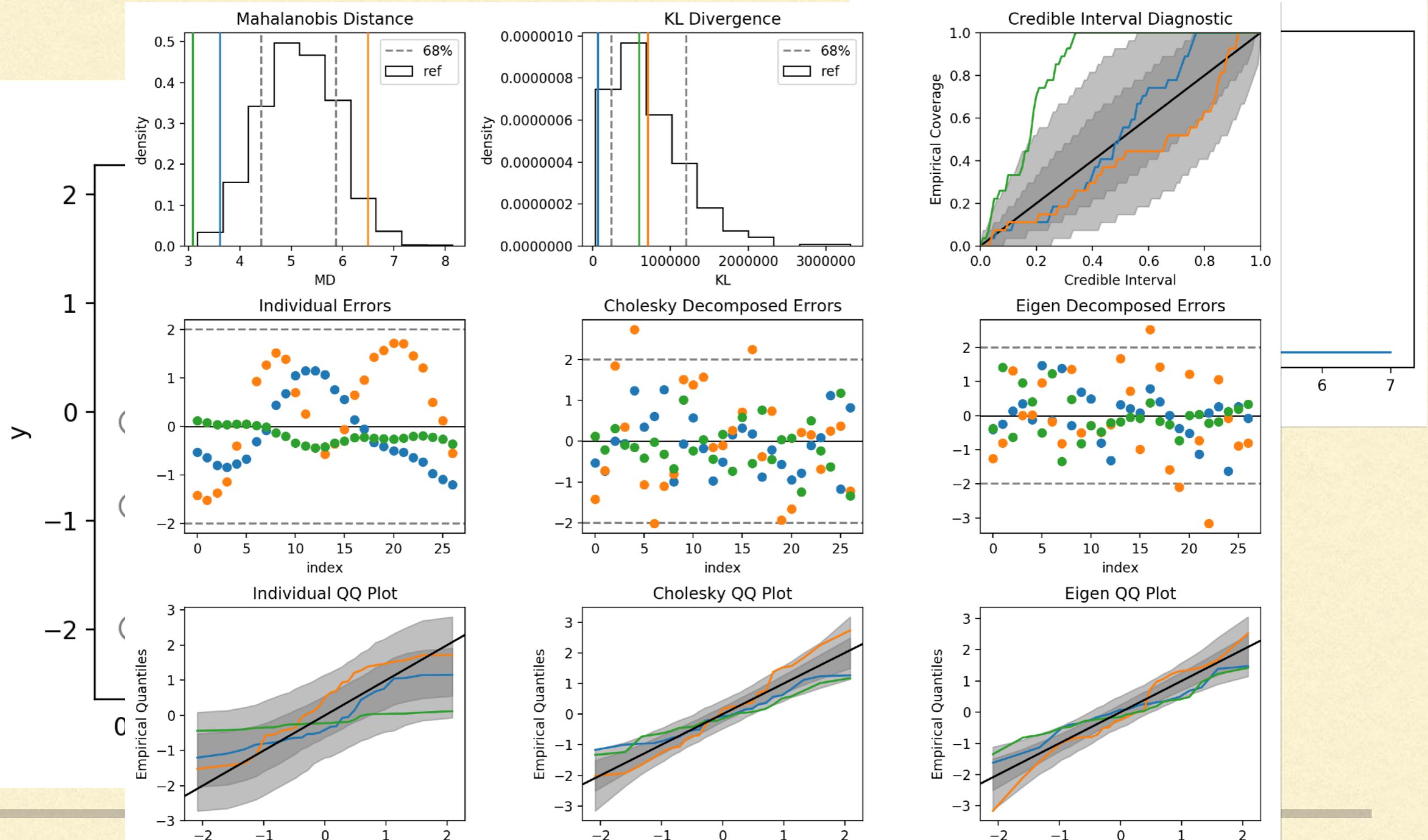
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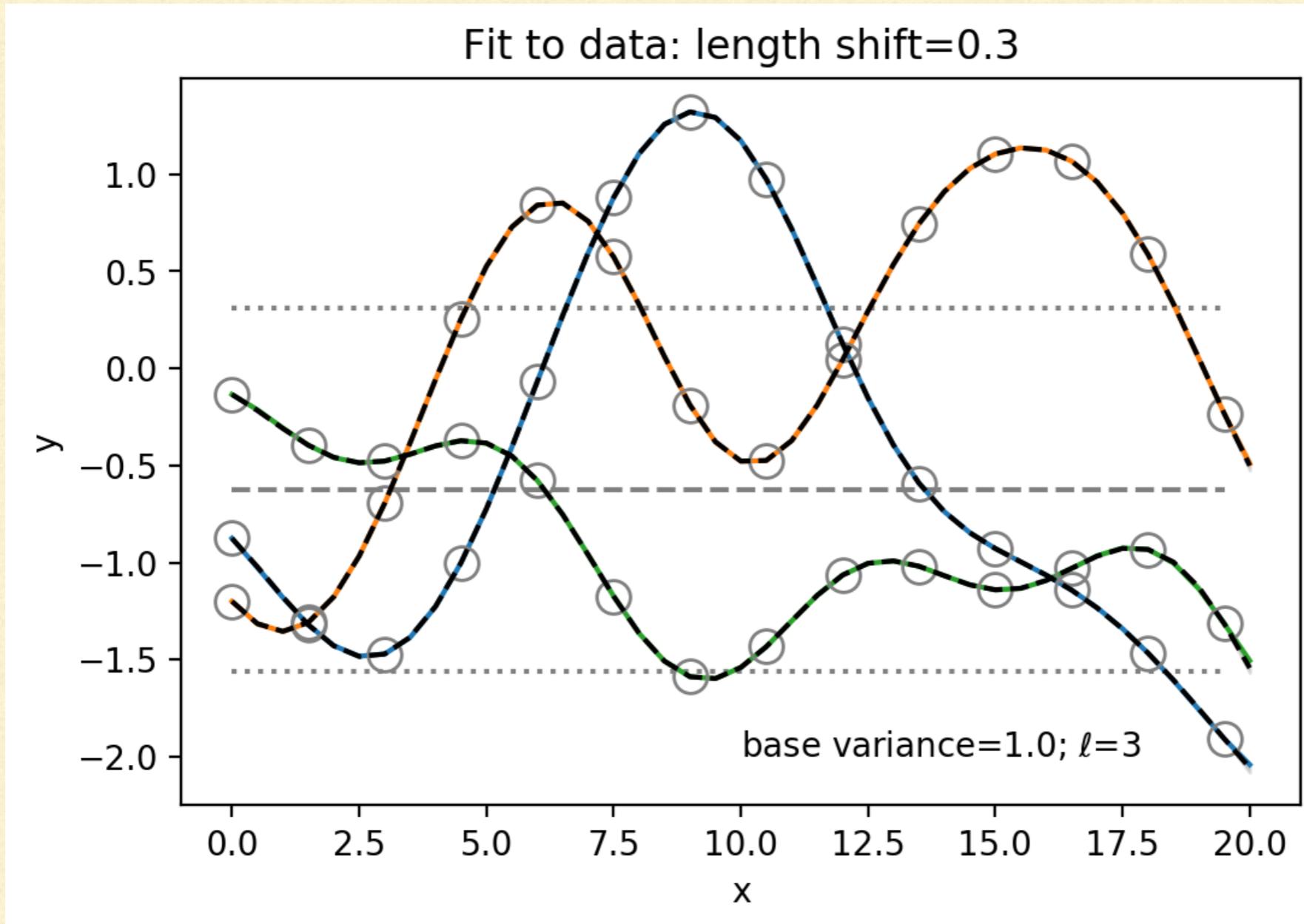
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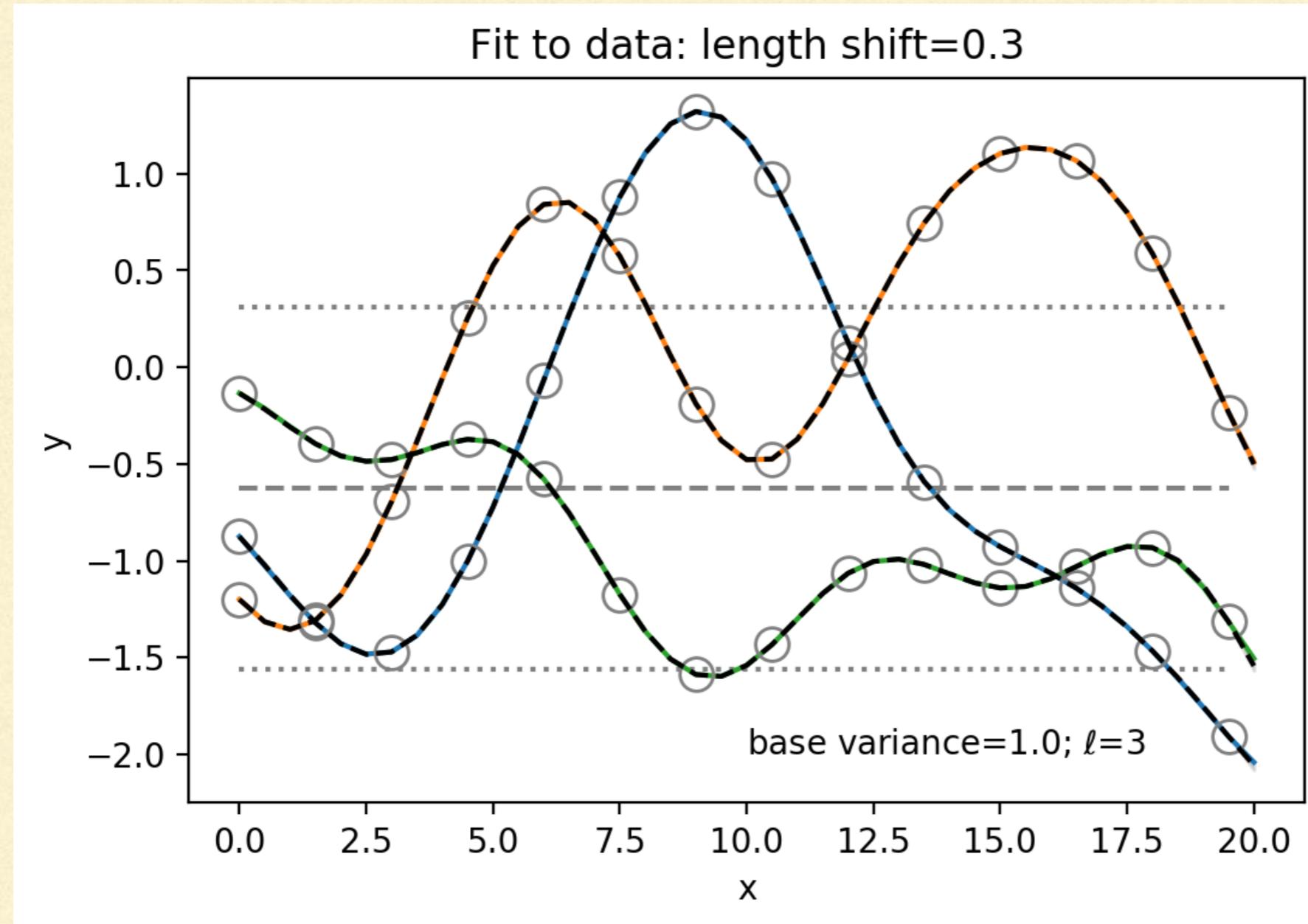
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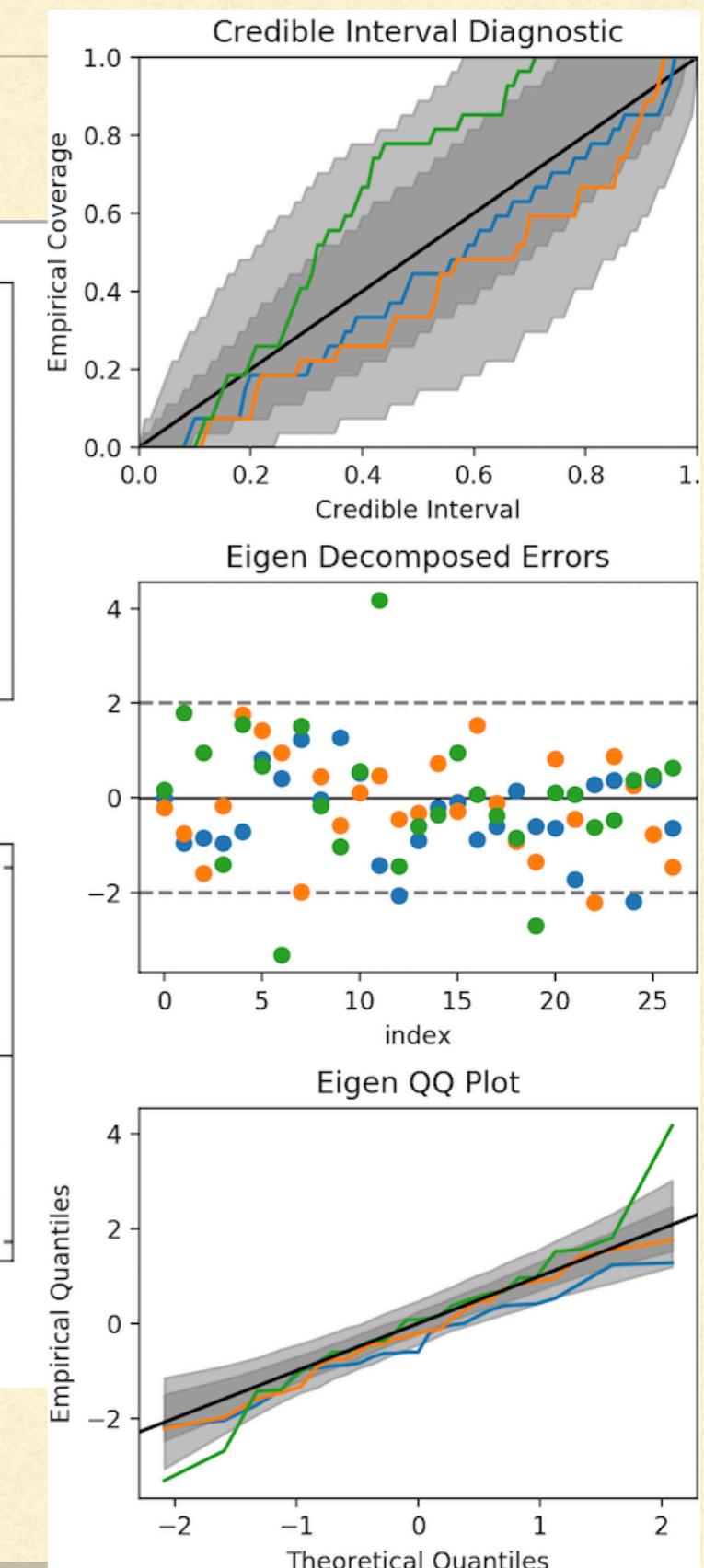
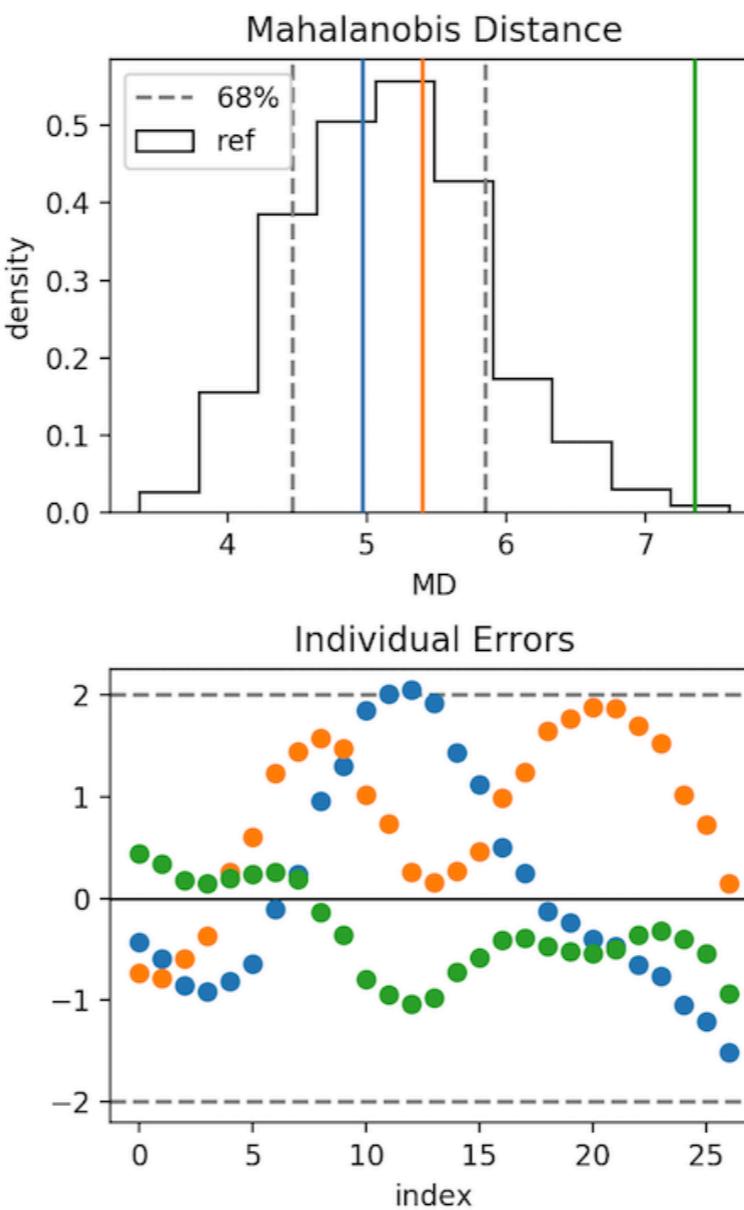
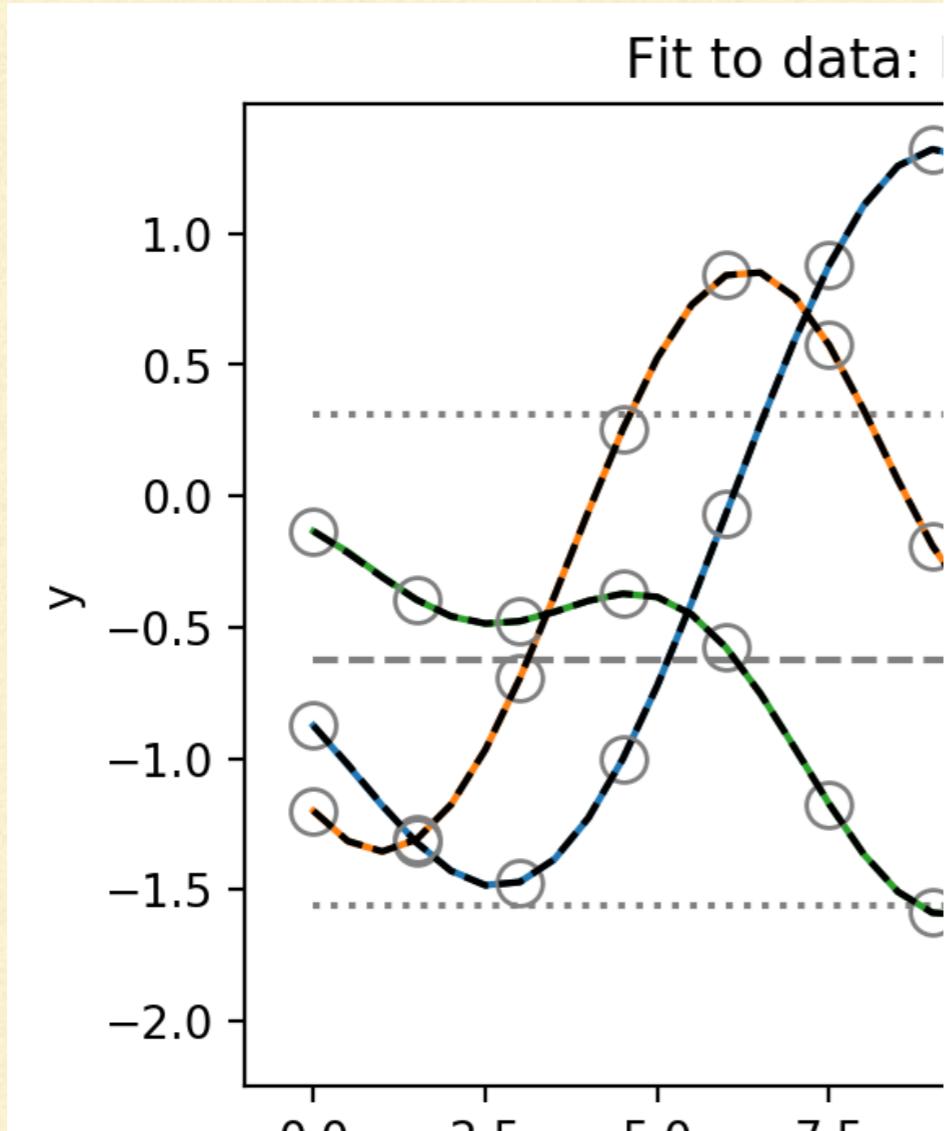
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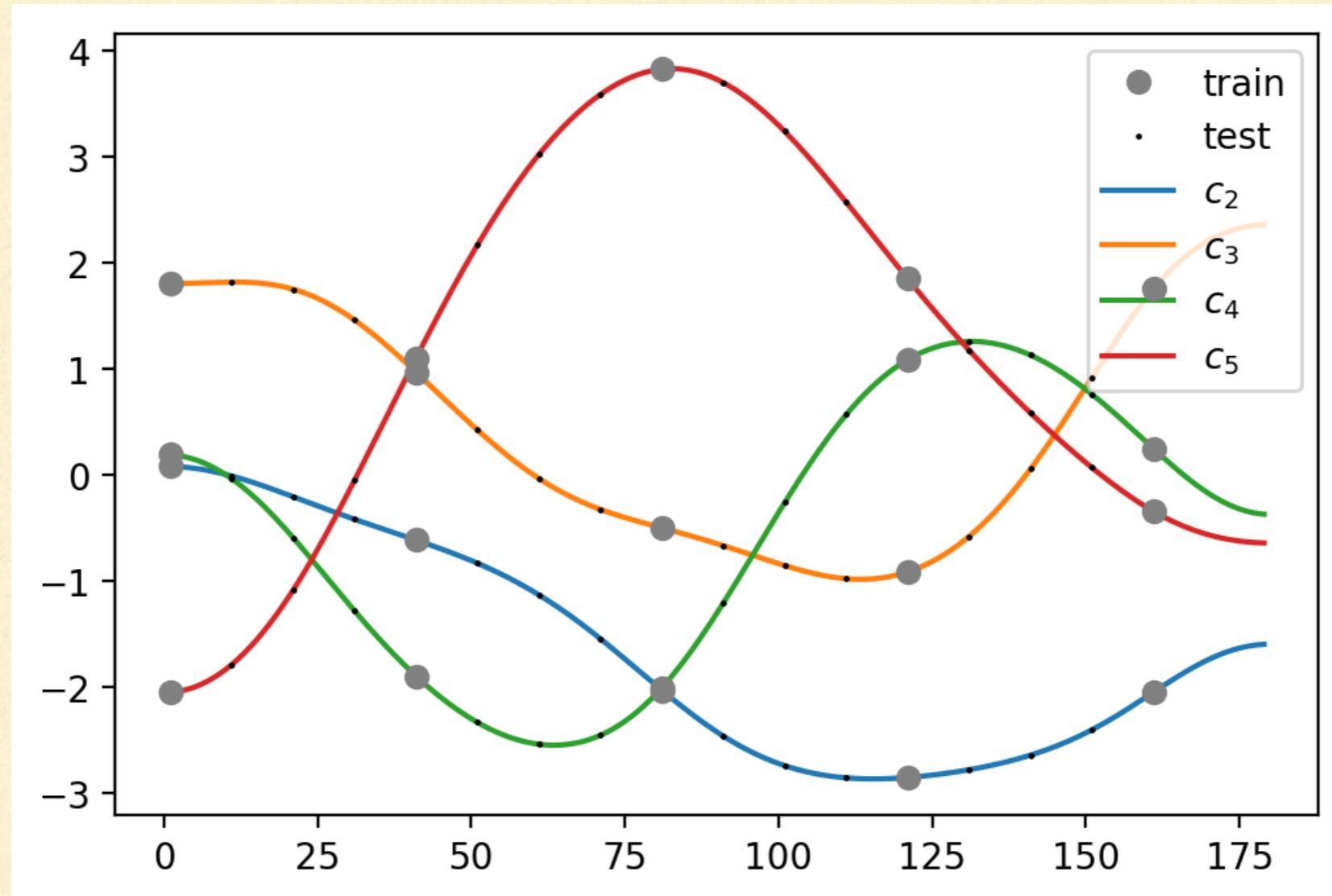


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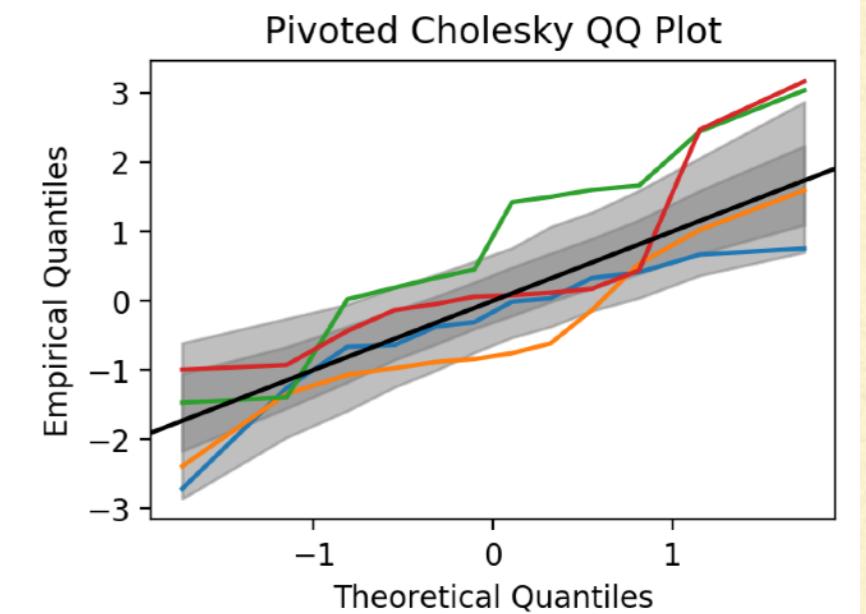
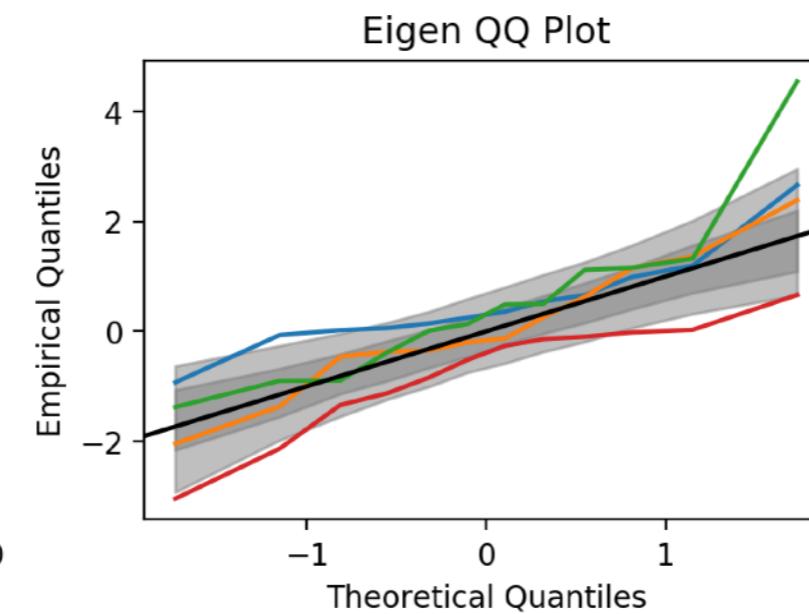
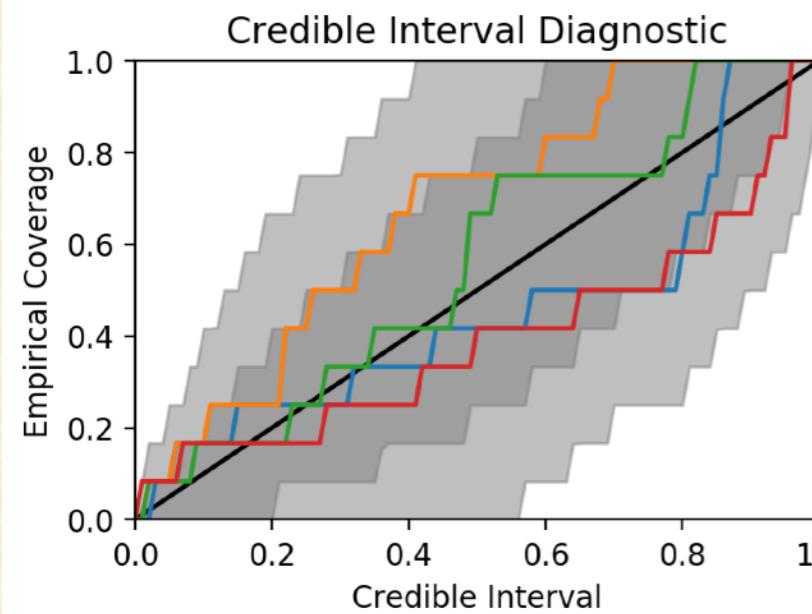
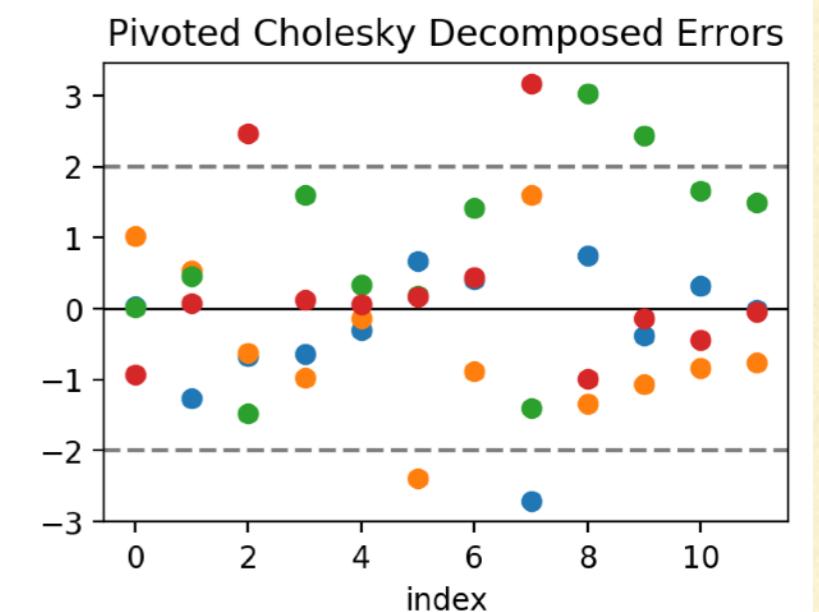
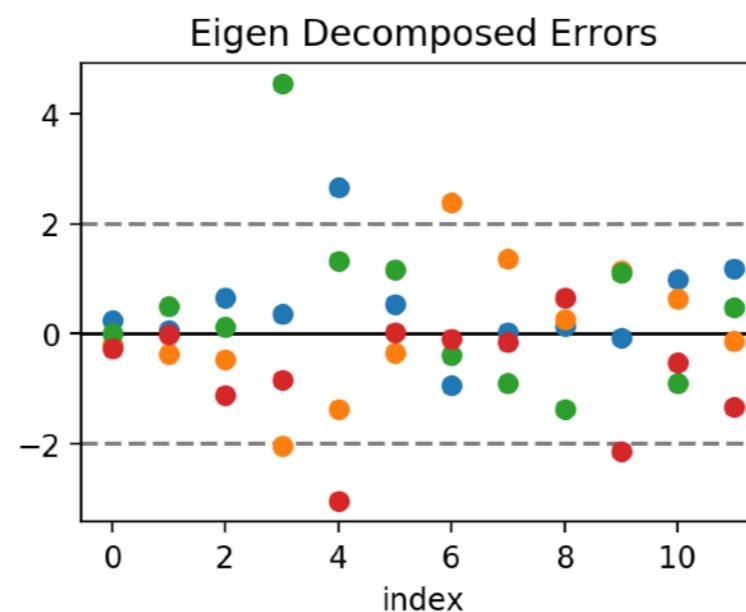
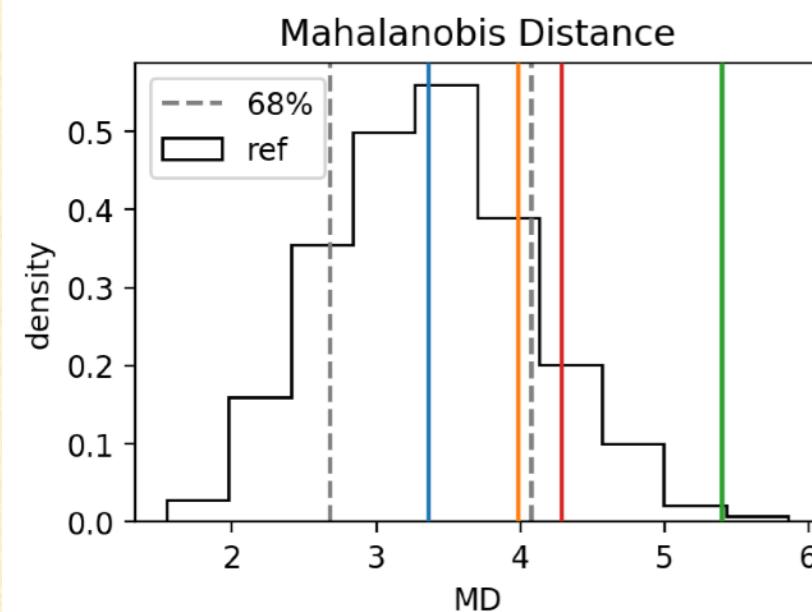
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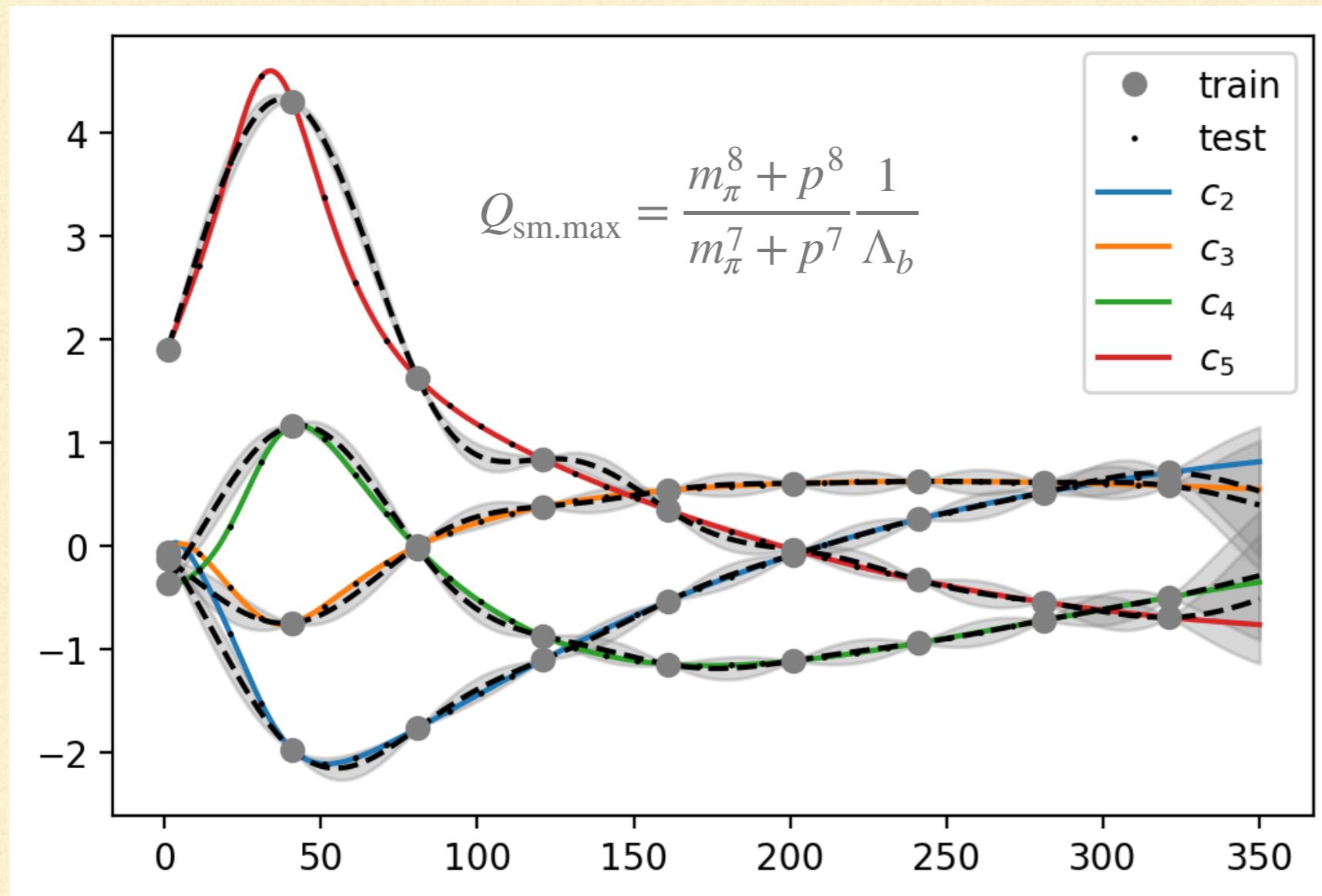
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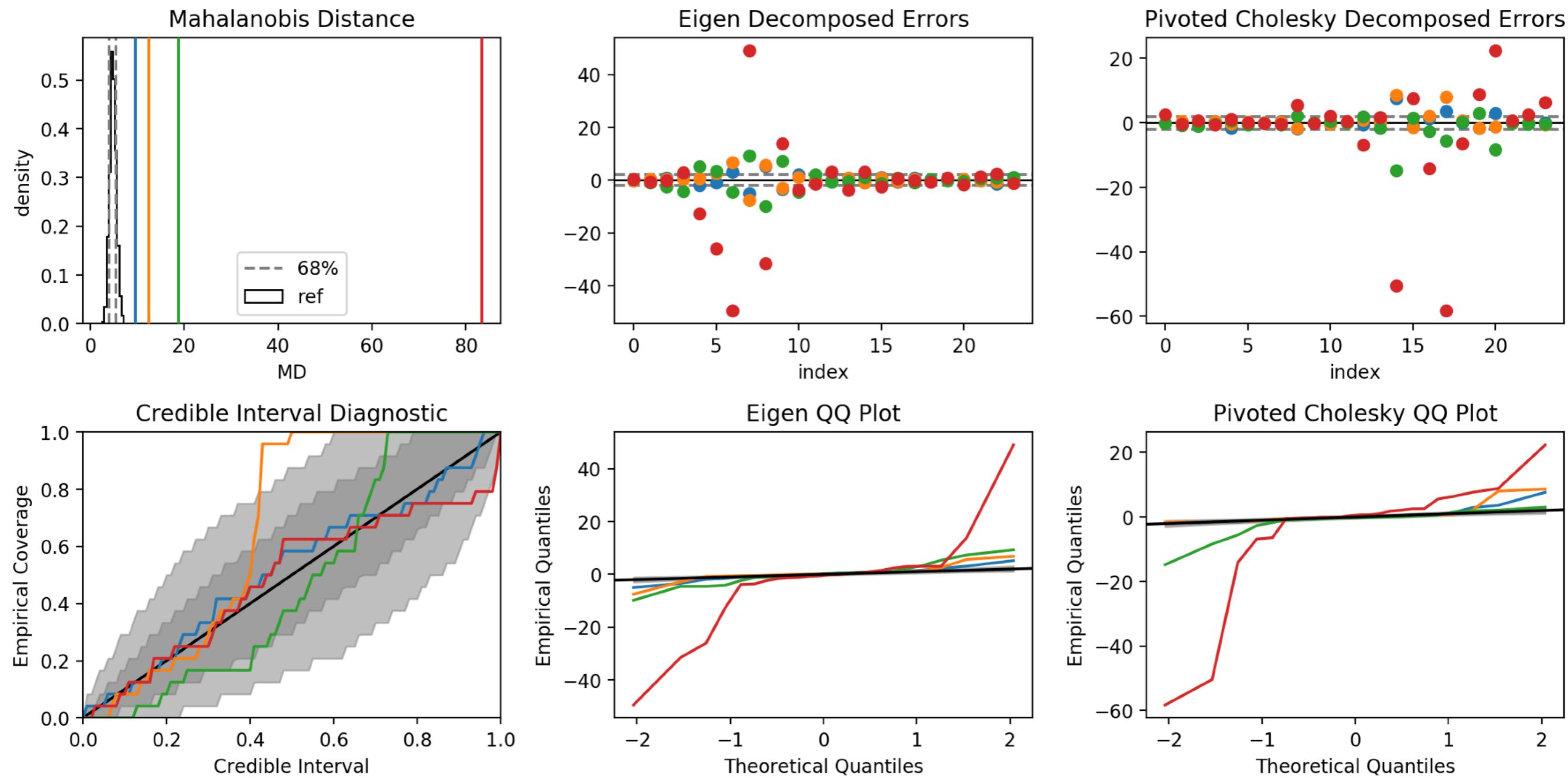
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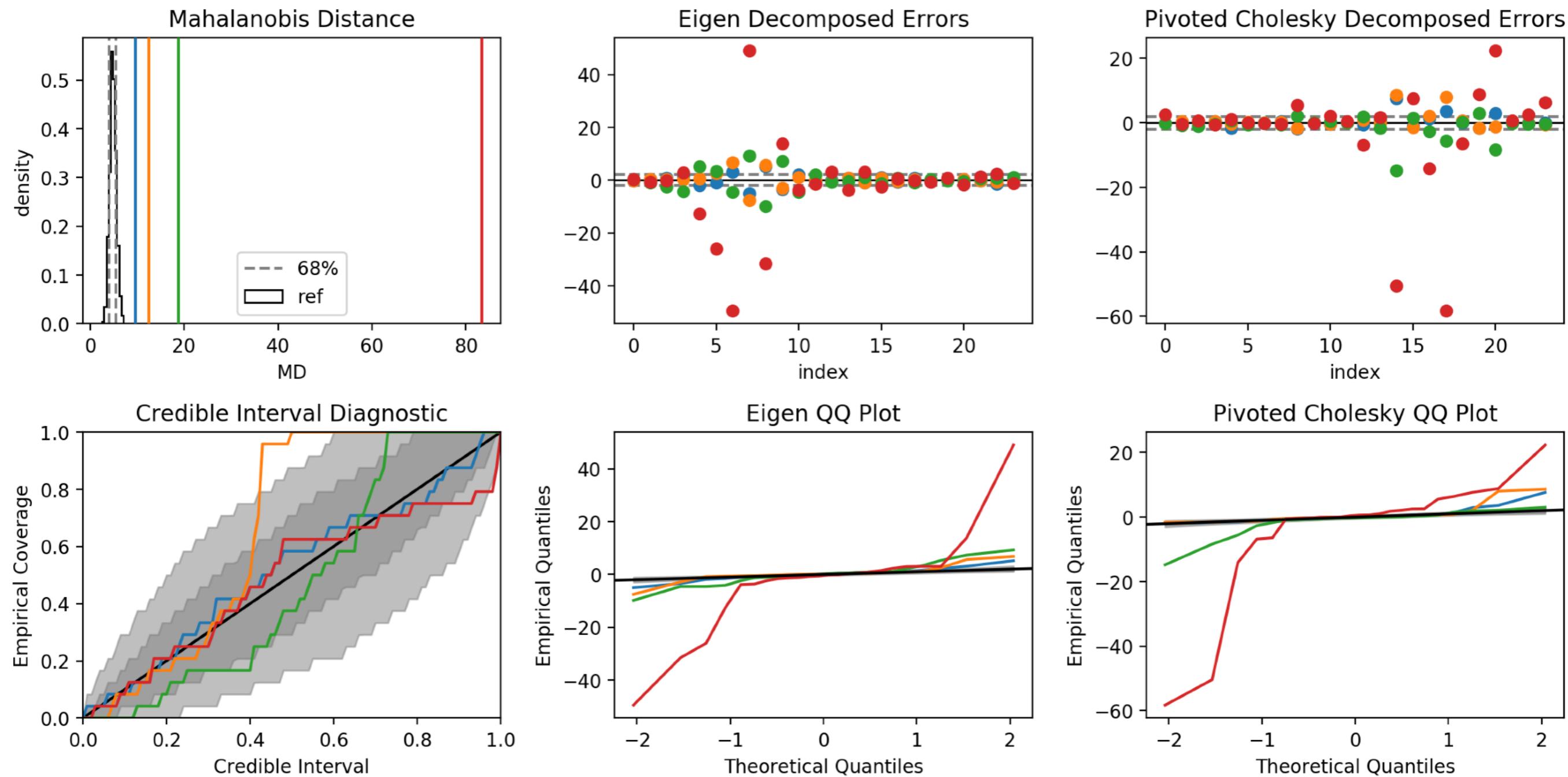
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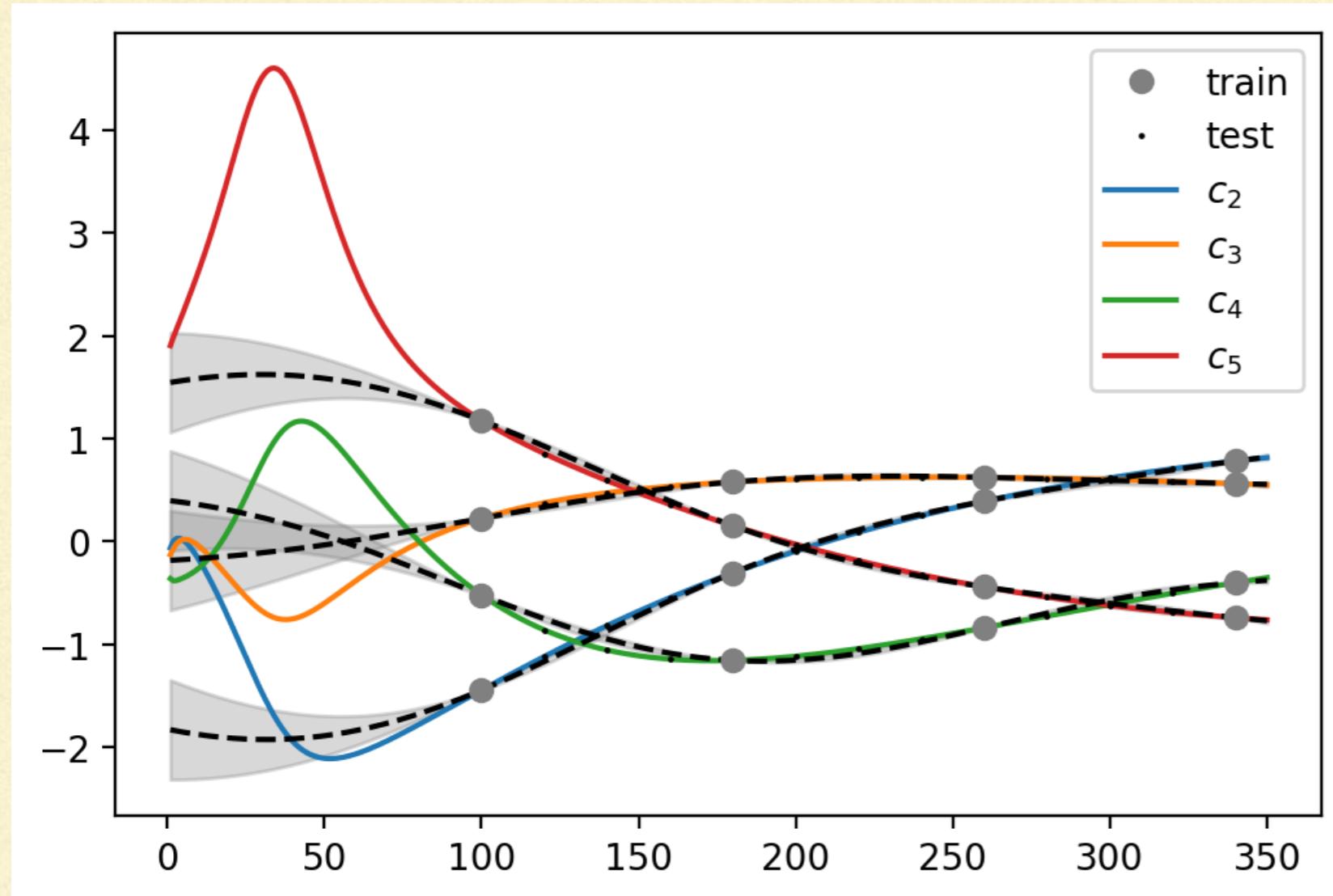
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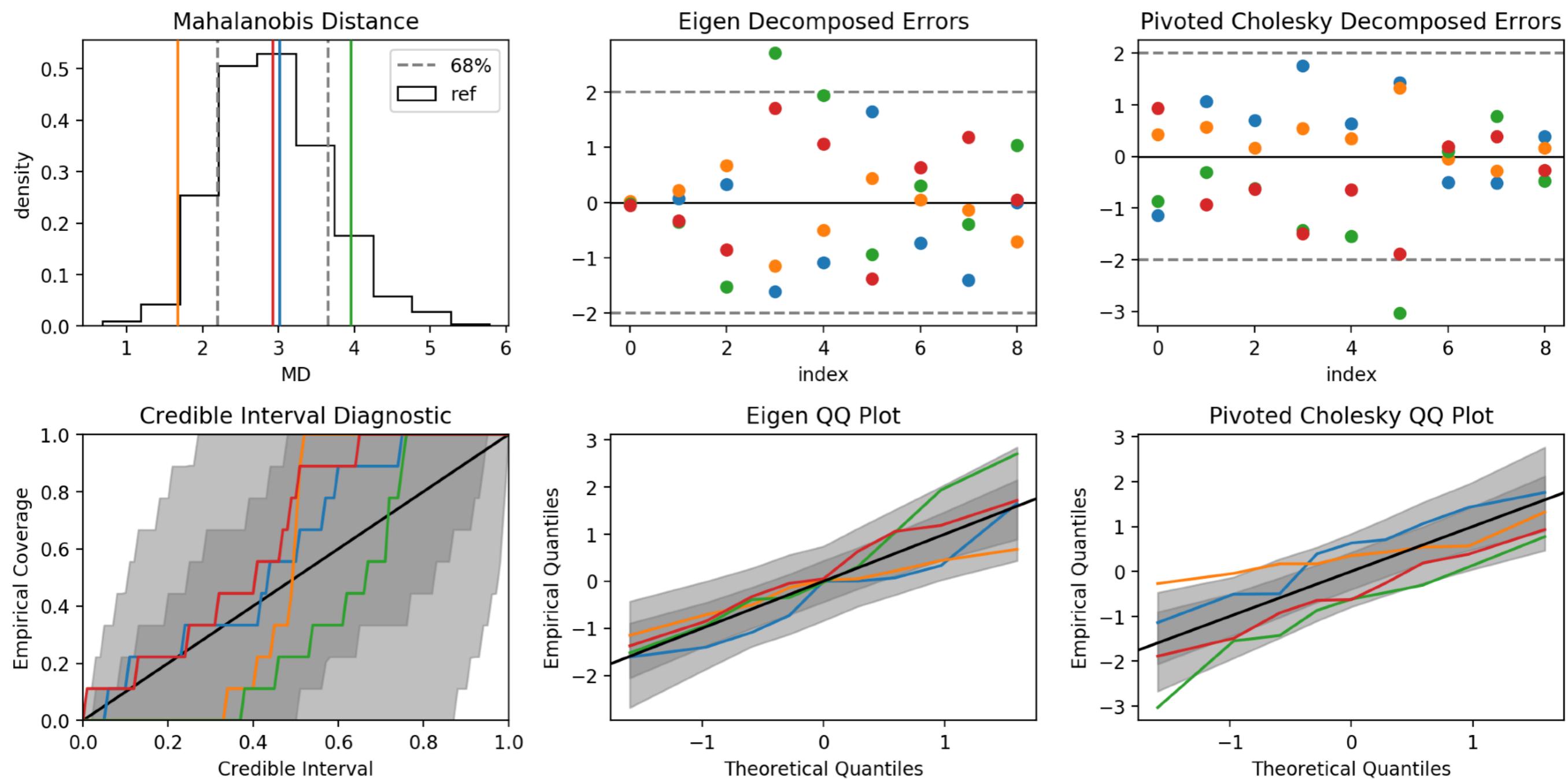


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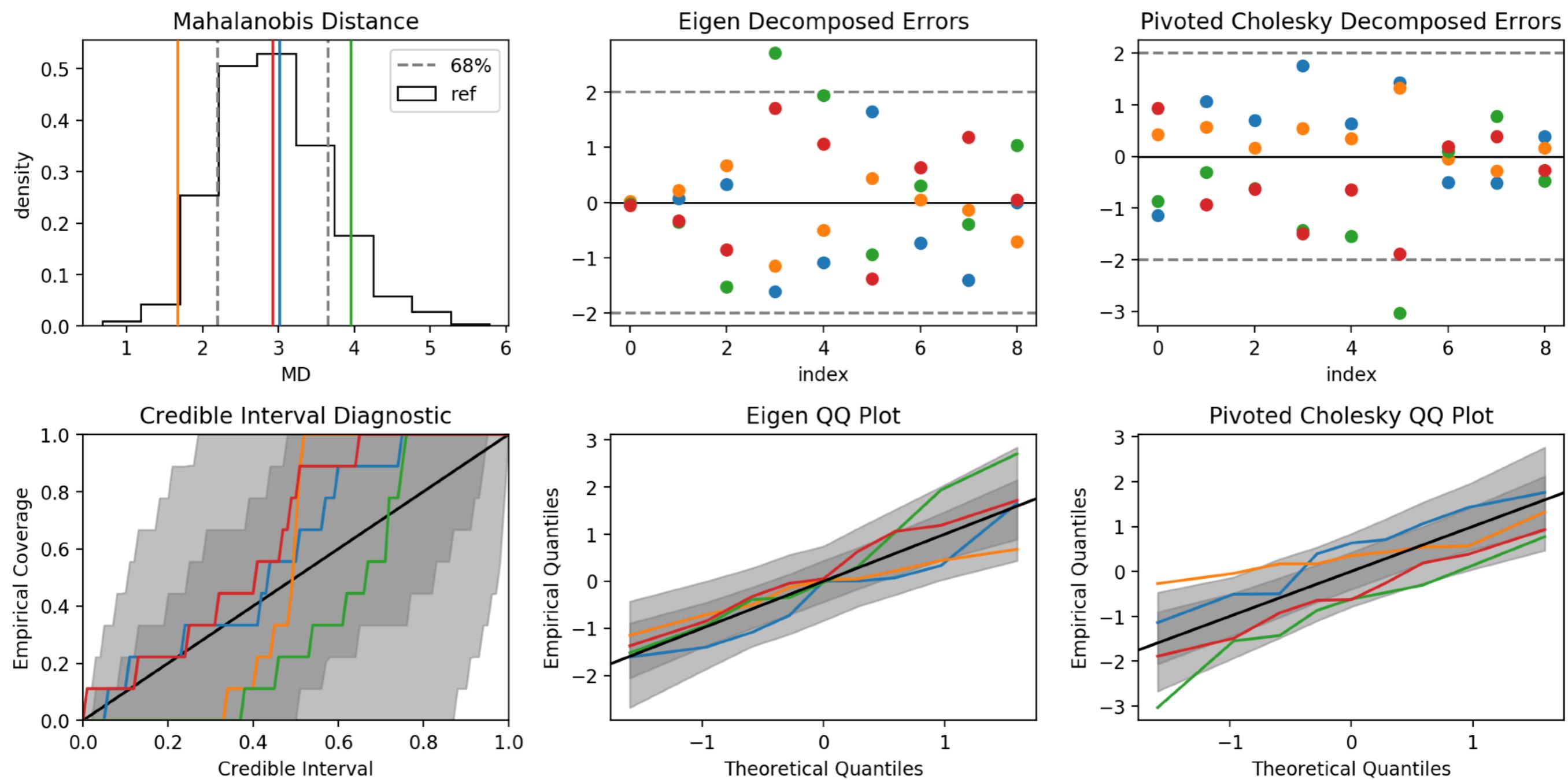
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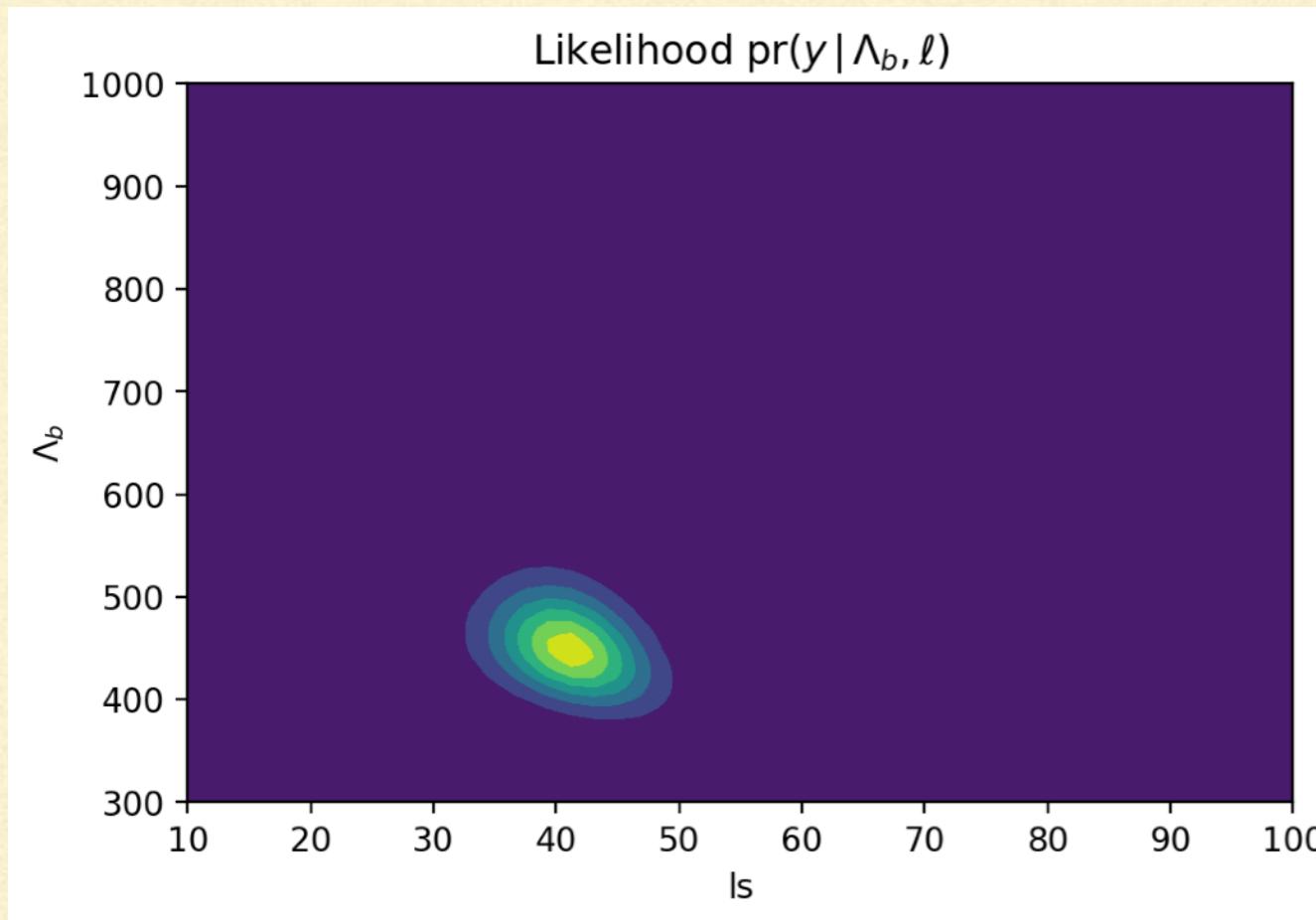
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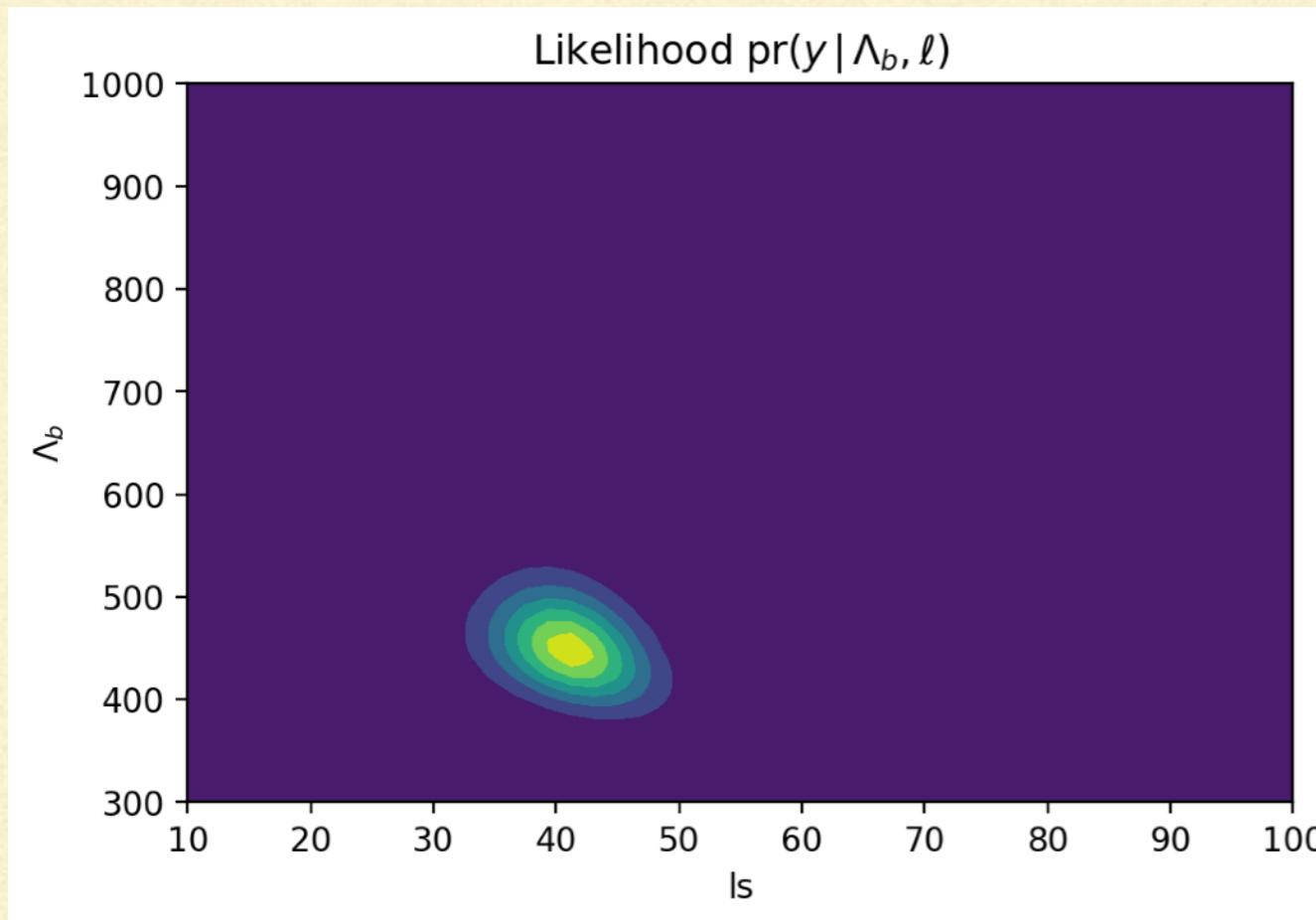
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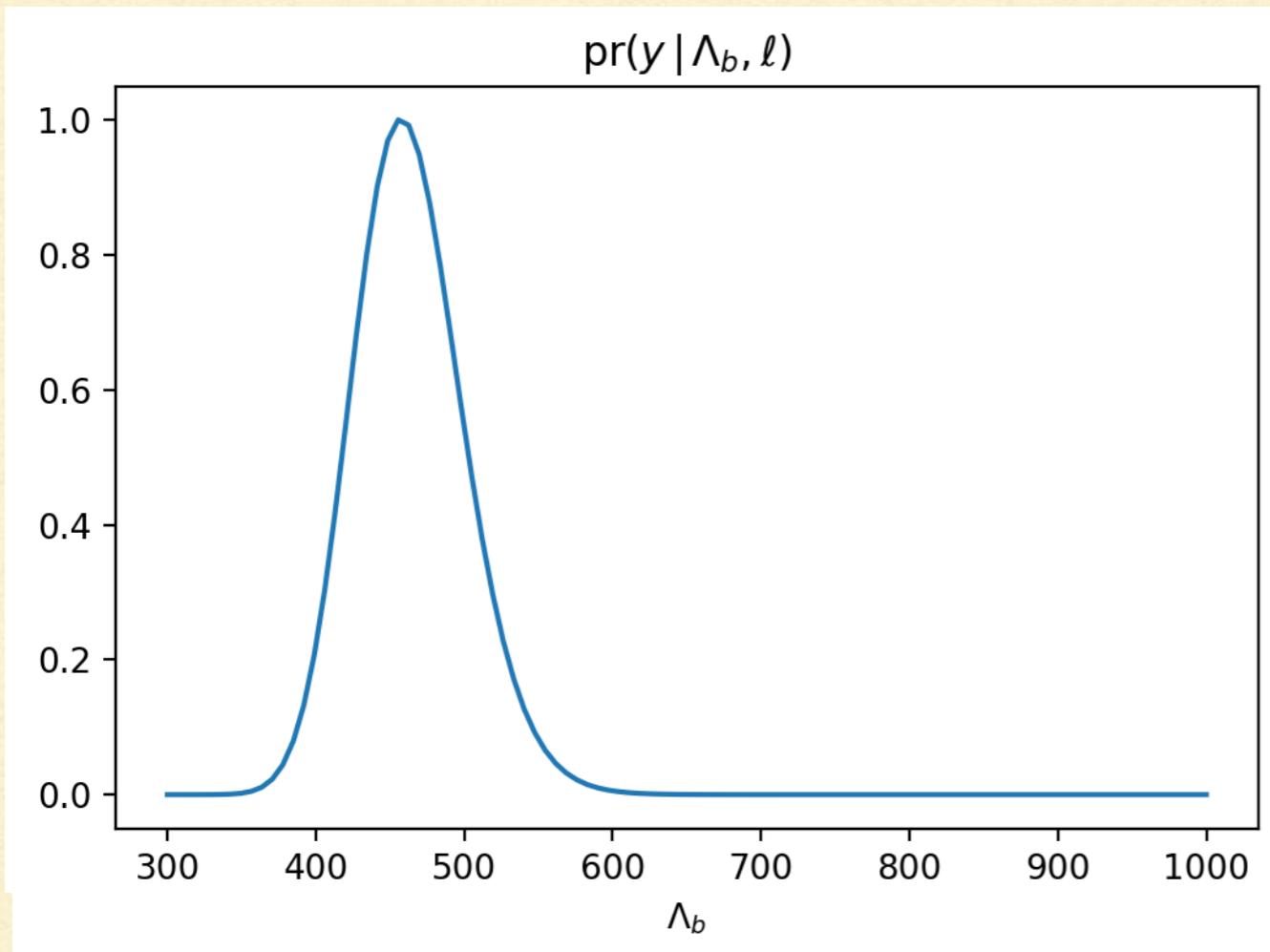


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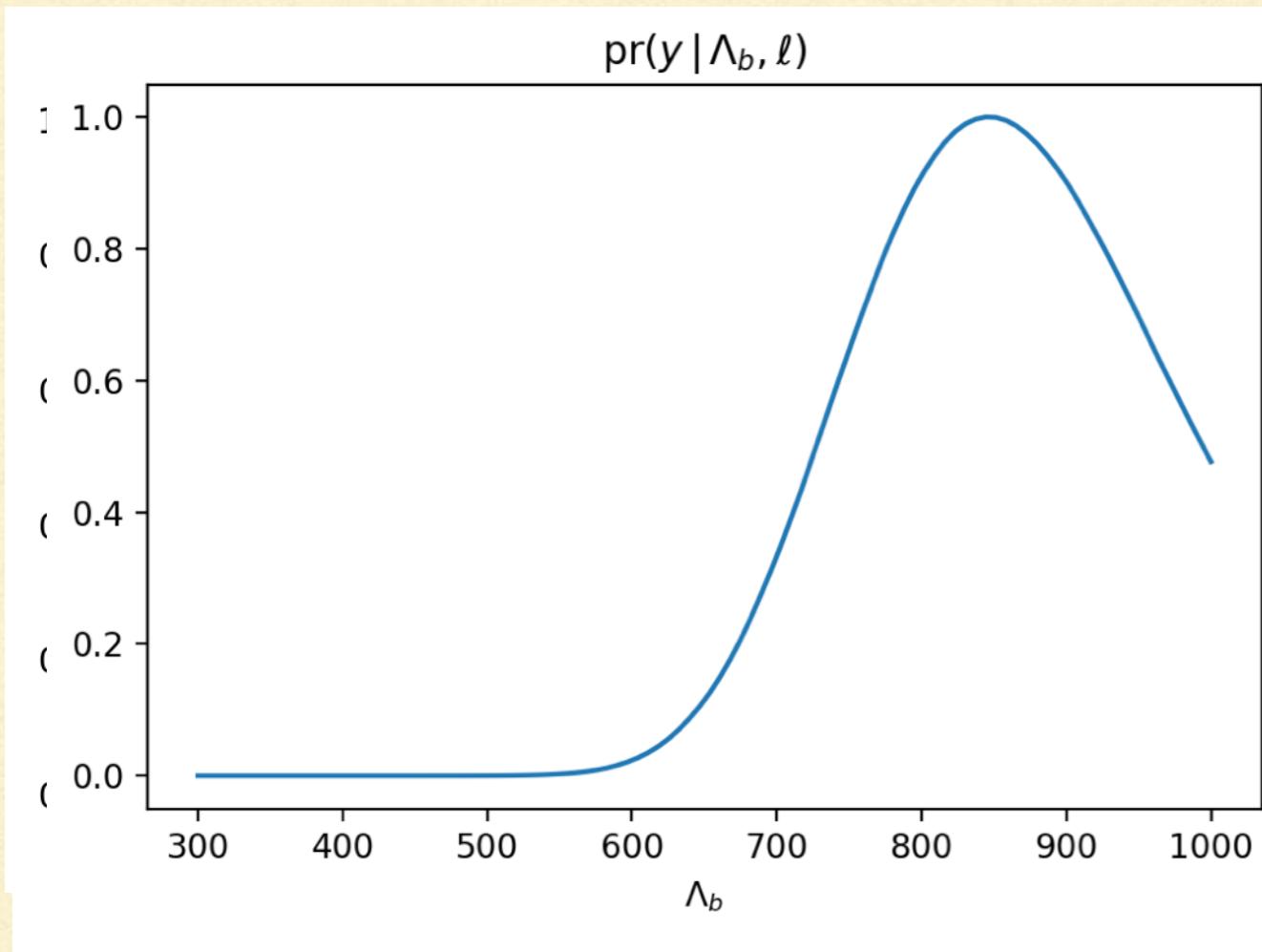


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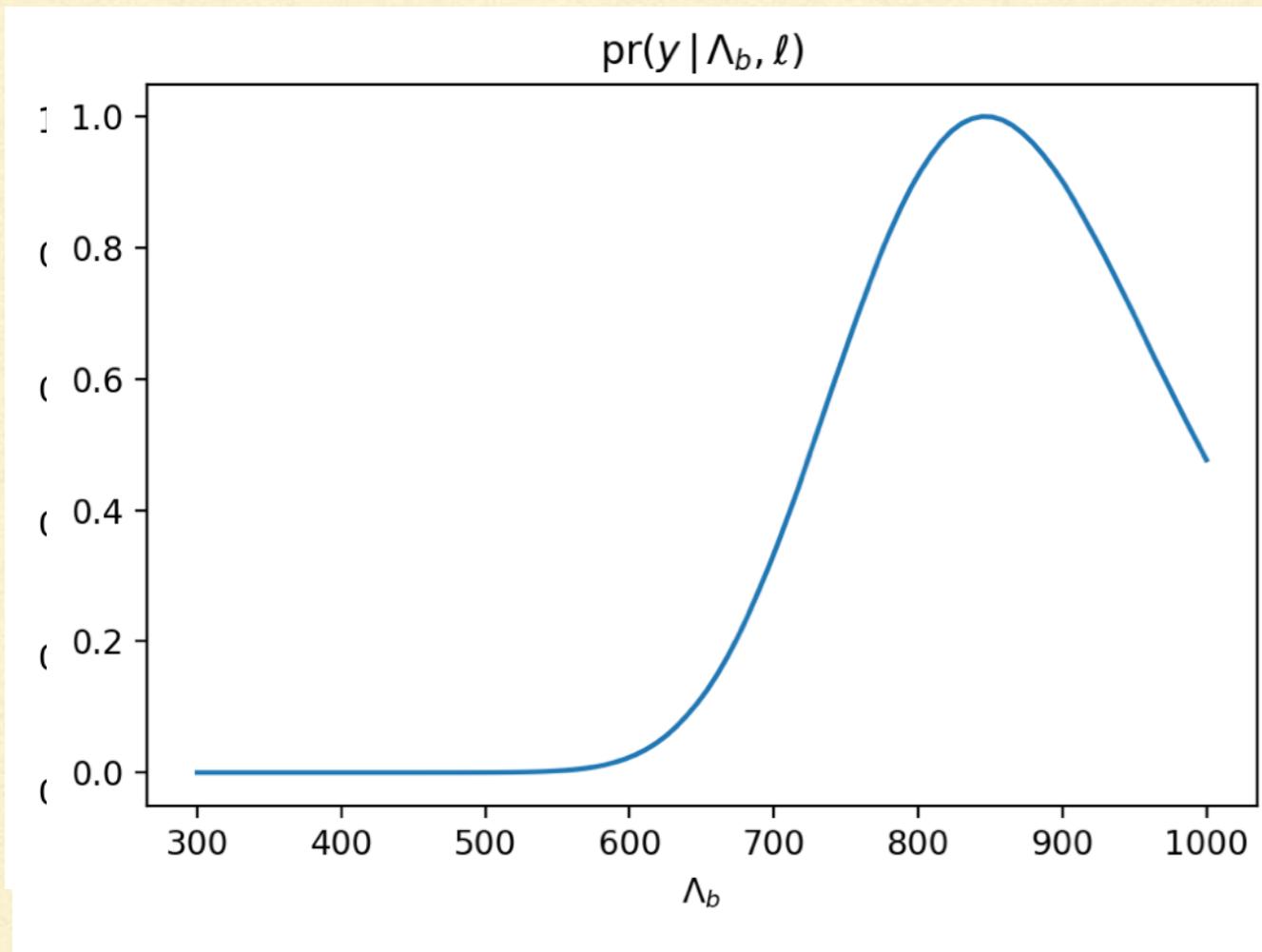


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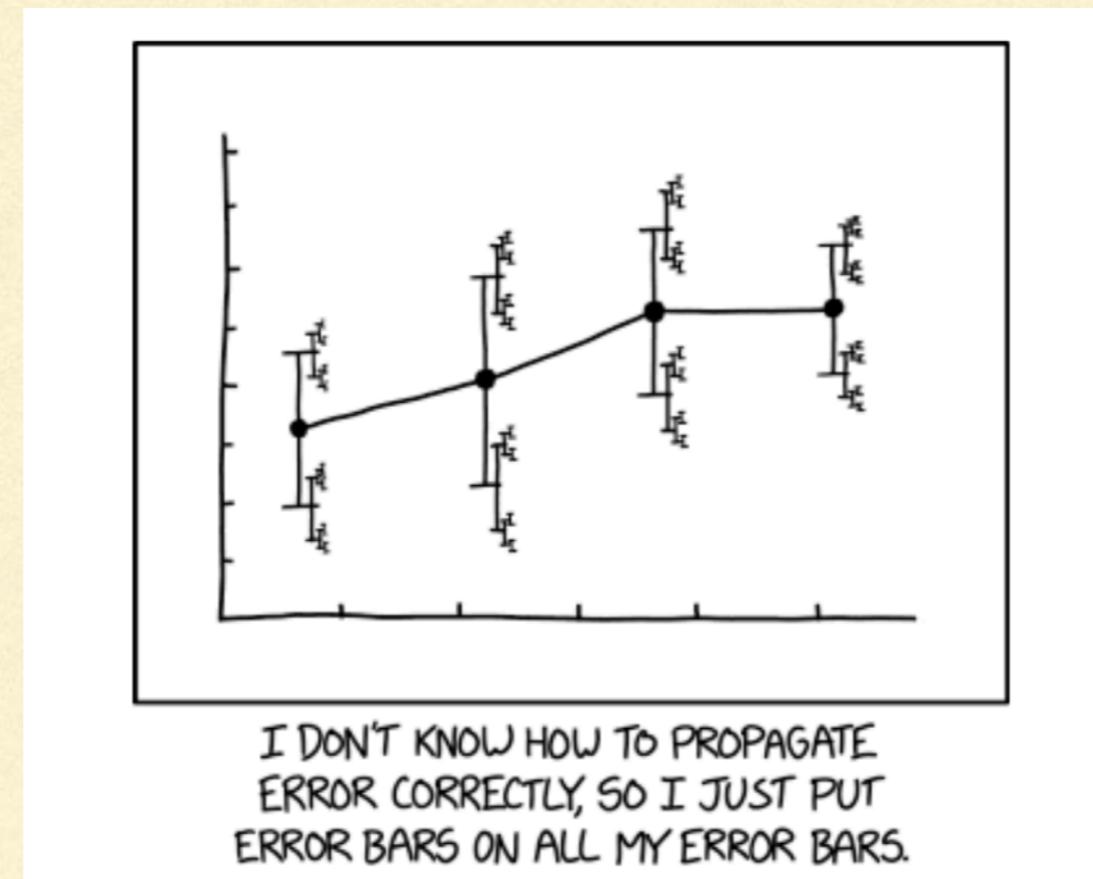
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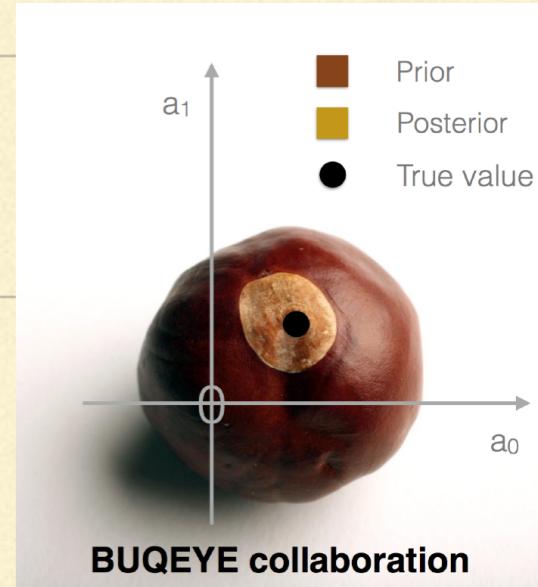
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# Summary

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- And improve parameter estimation
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- Also provide an inexpensive way to simulate expensive observables
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