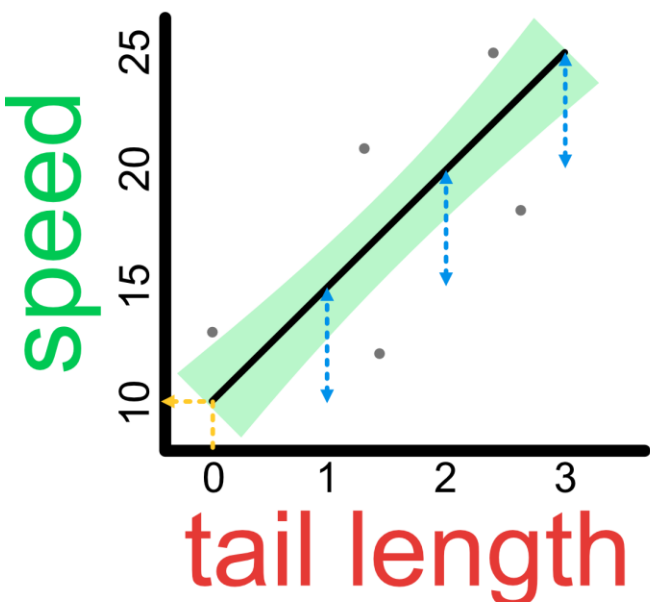


Modelling normal distribution

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Recap



Y
Predicted output
Outcome variable
Response variable
Dependent variable

speed

Coefficients

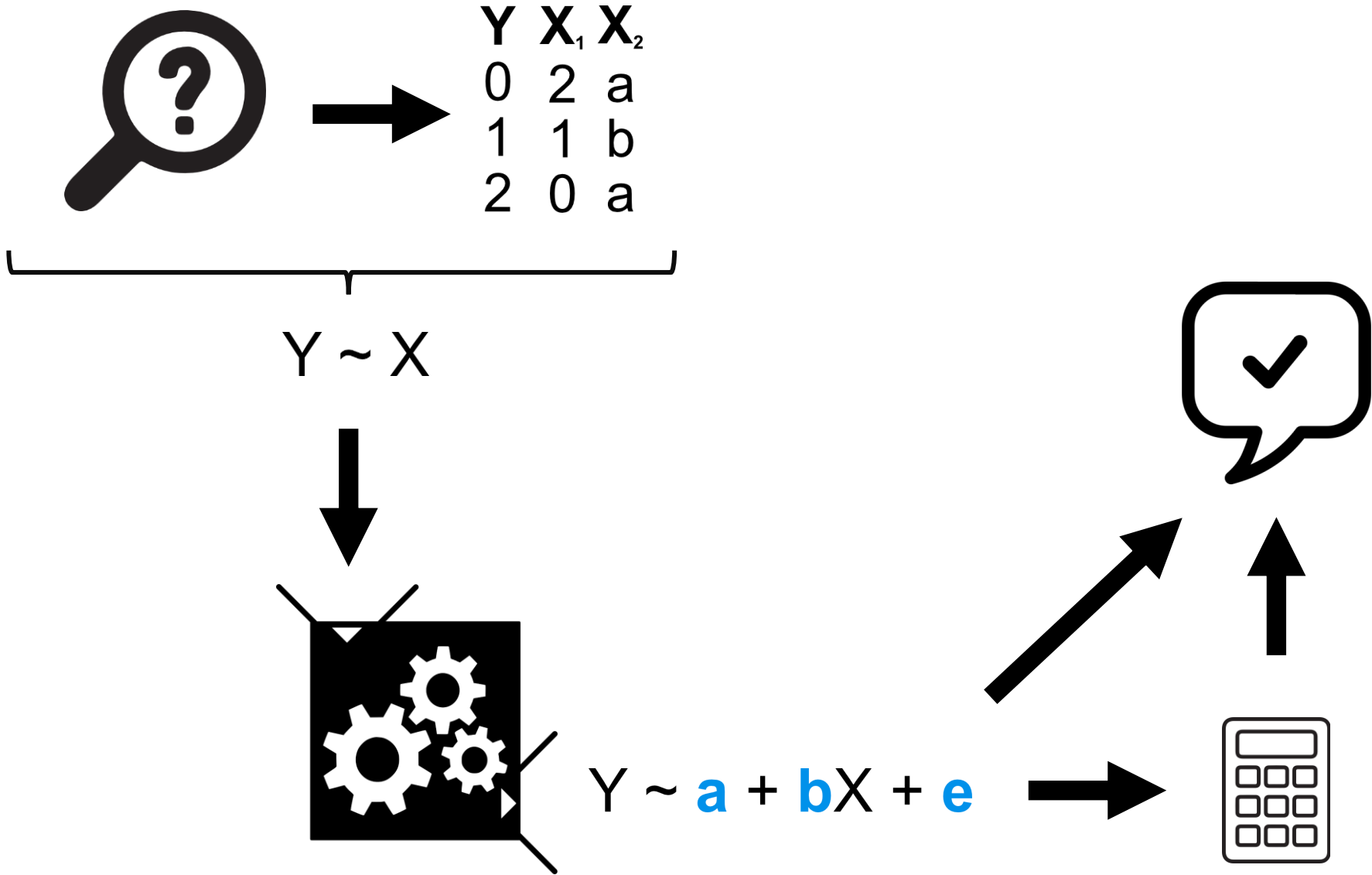
Intercept
Constant

Slope

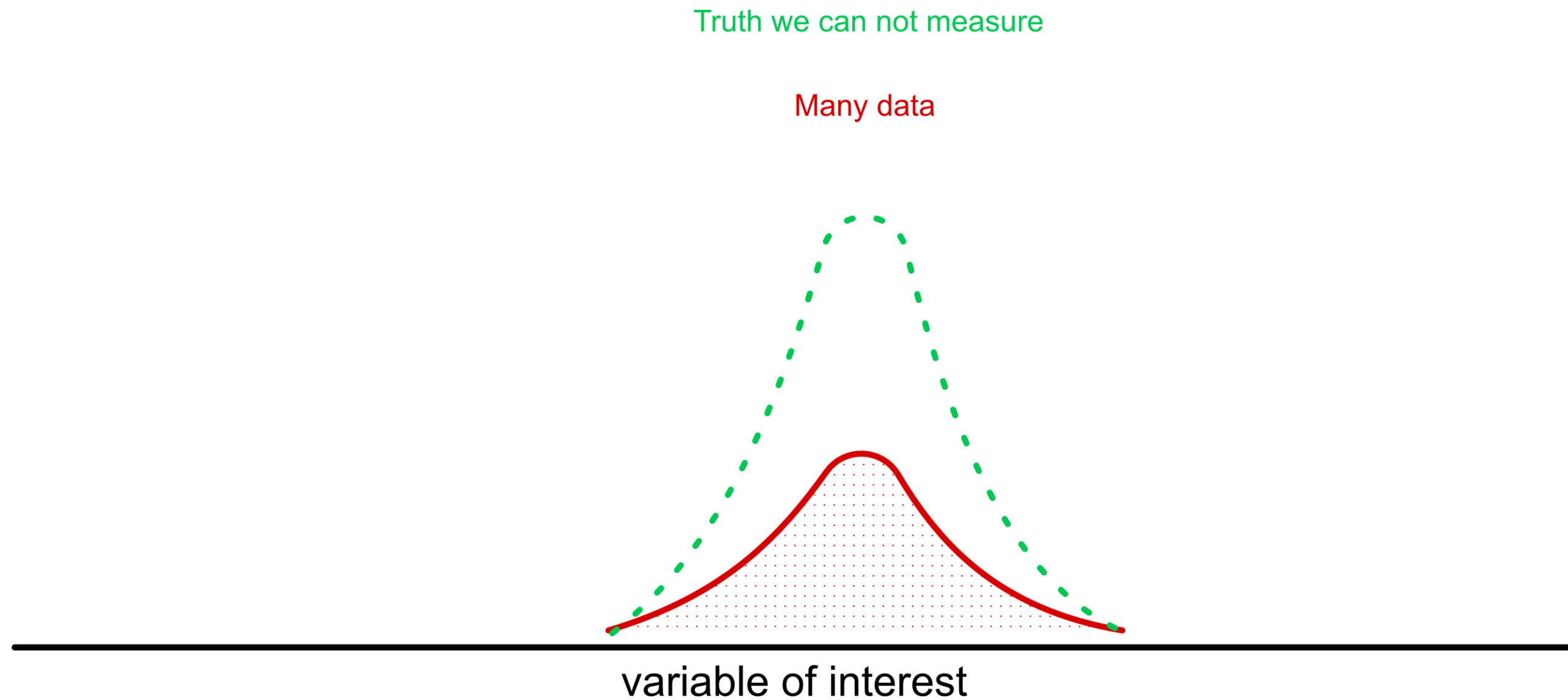
X
Explanatory variable
Predictor variable
Independent variable

Residual standard deviation
Residual standard error
Error
Disturbance

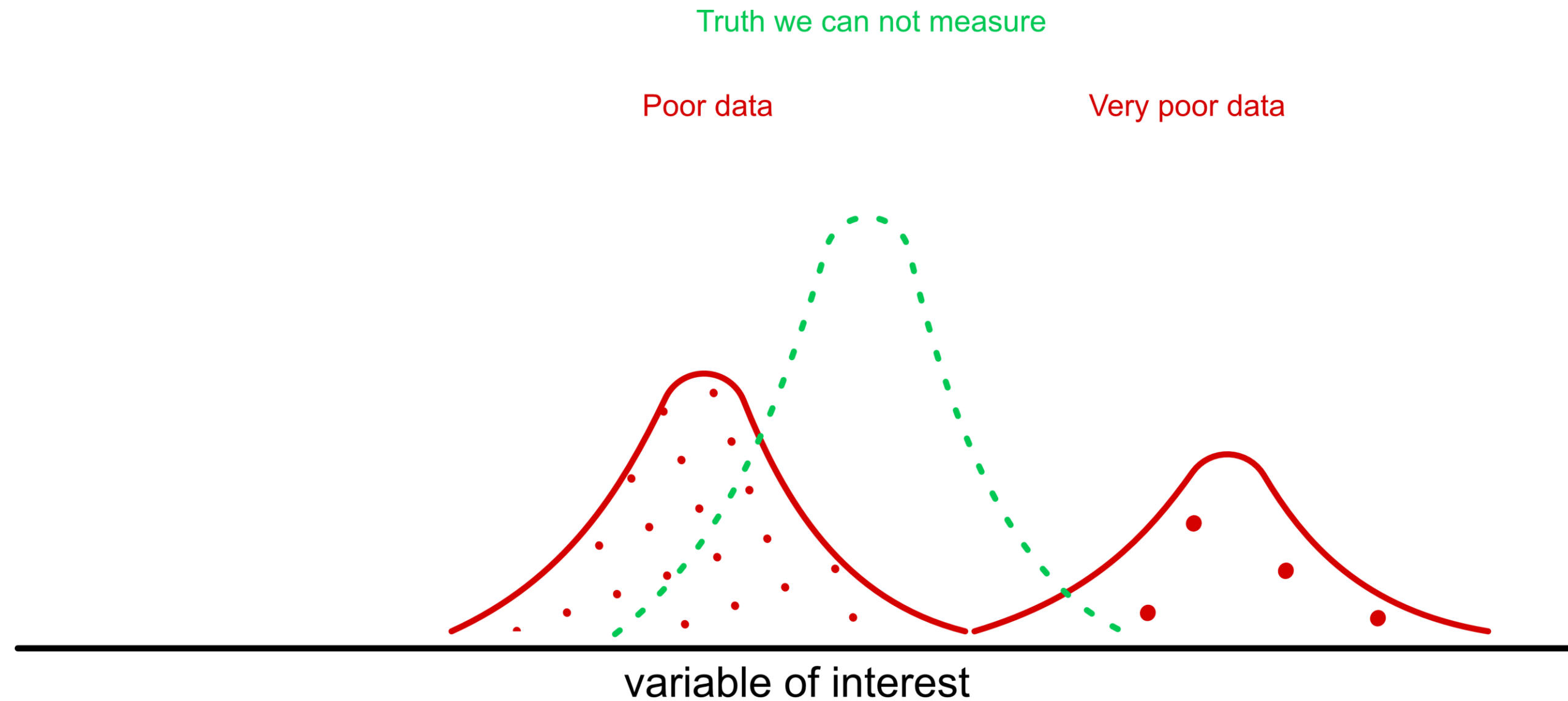
$speed = a + b \times tail_length + e$



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Bayesian thinking is different

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1	1	b
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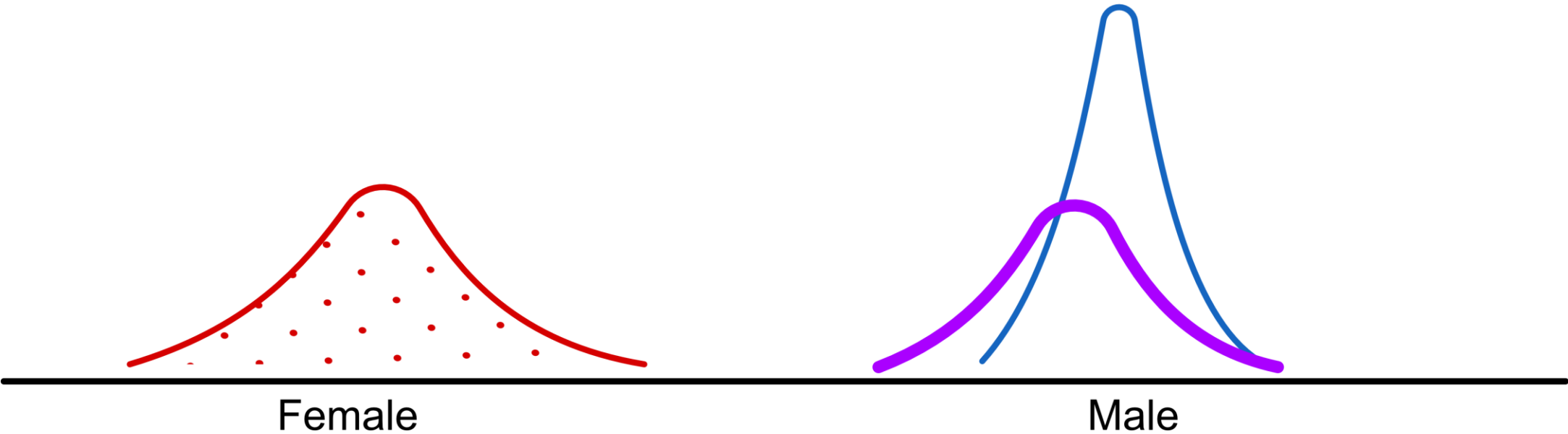


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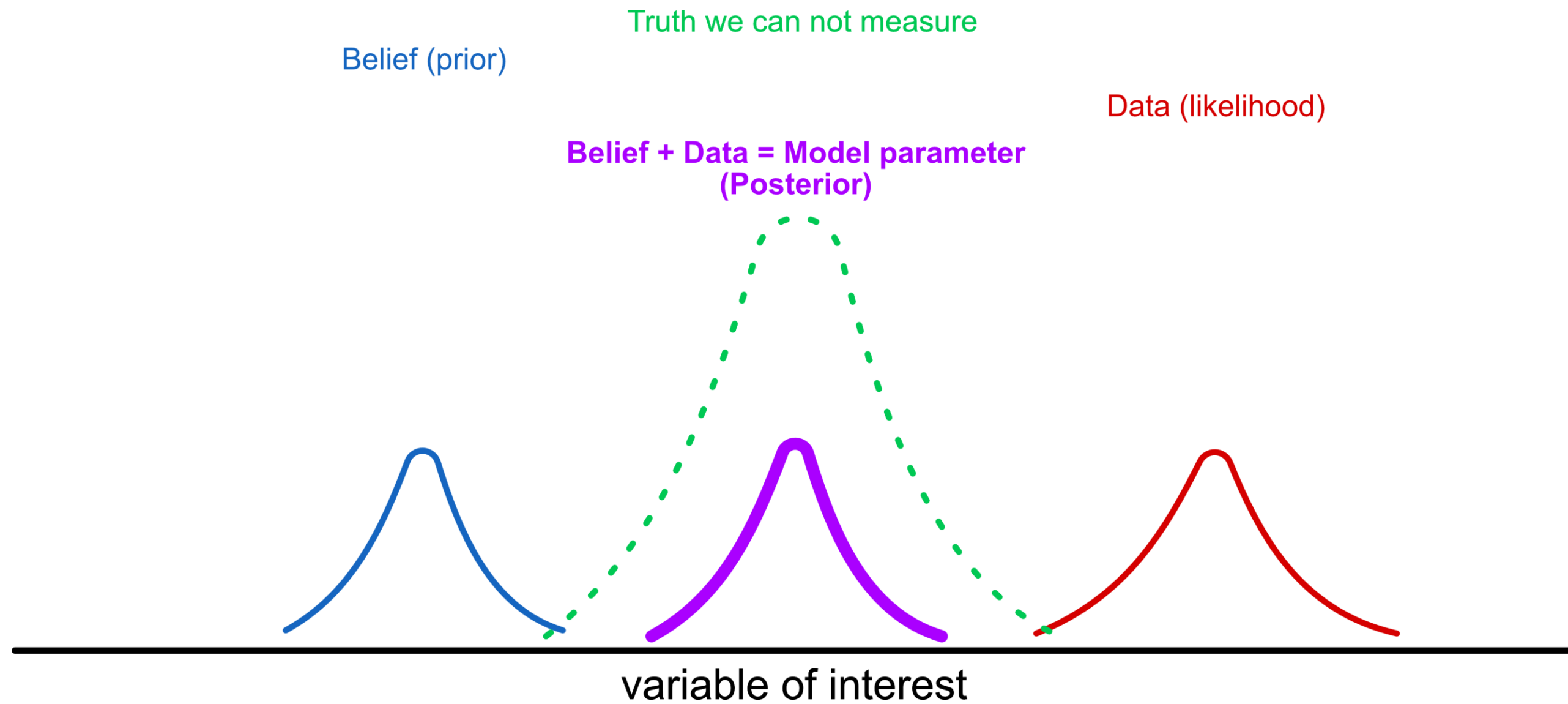


New data solely do not determine our beliefs. New data updates them

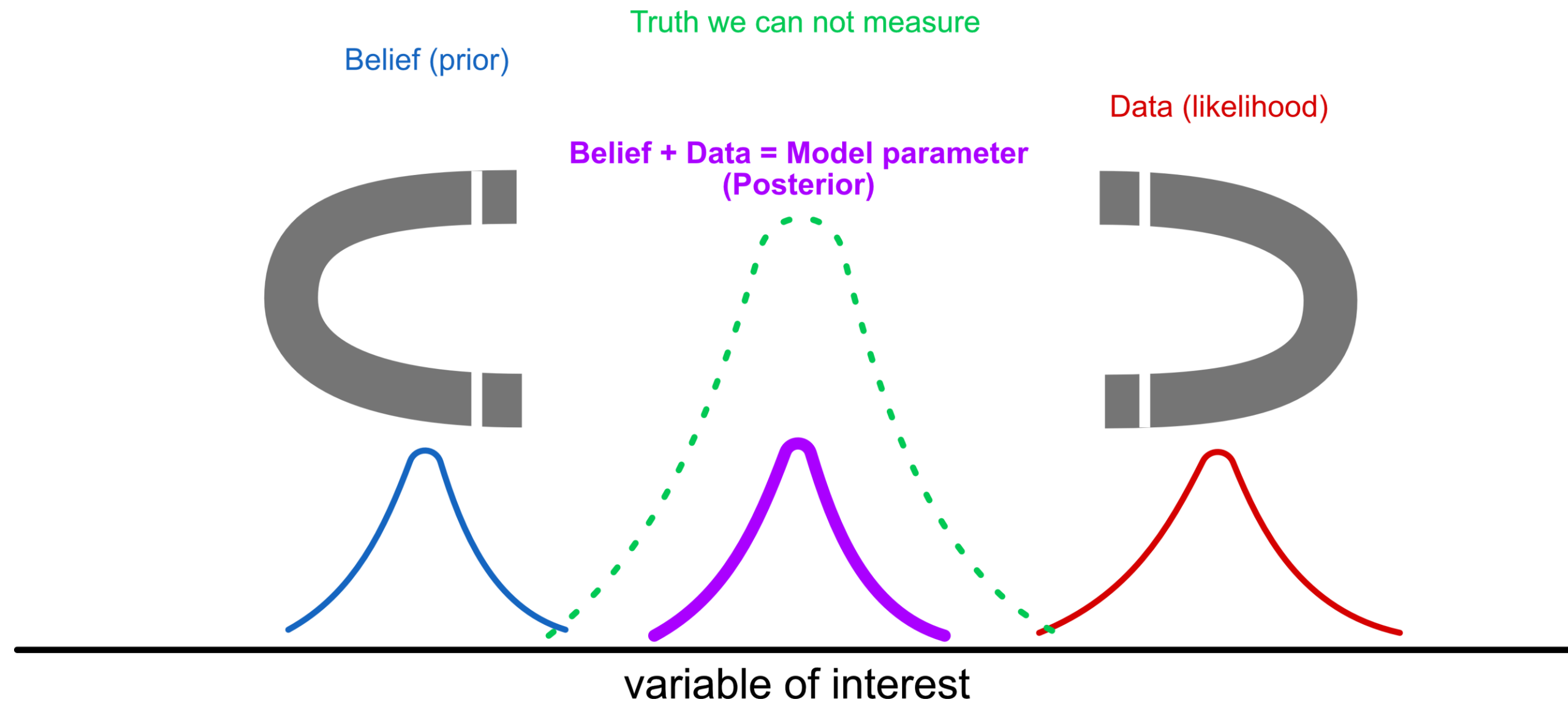
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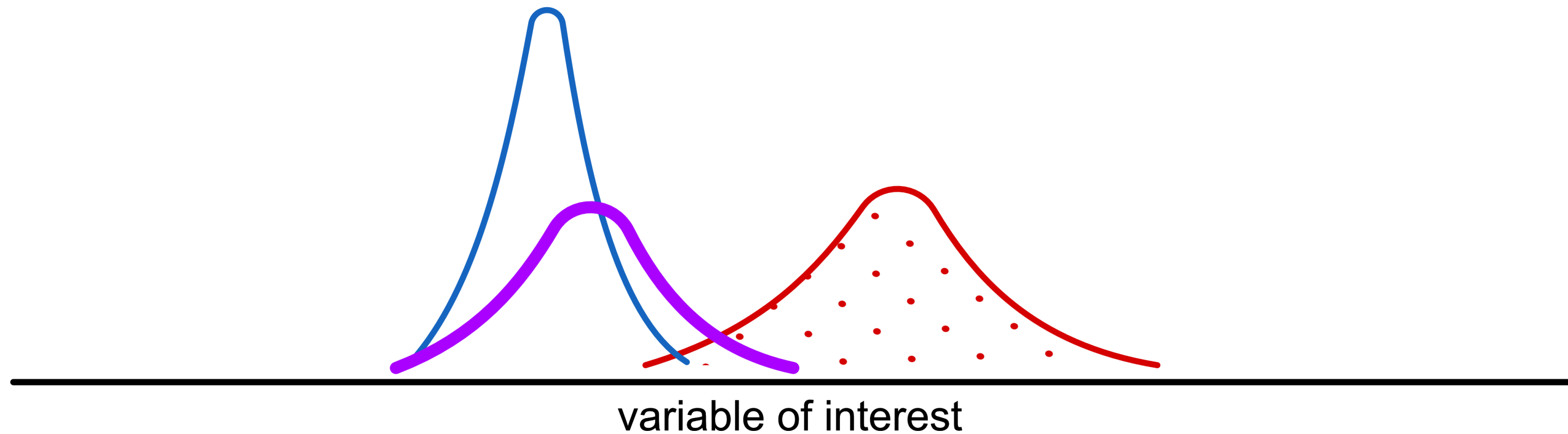


How data and prior influence posterior

Strong belief (prior)

Few data (likelihood)

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Mostly belief-driven posterior

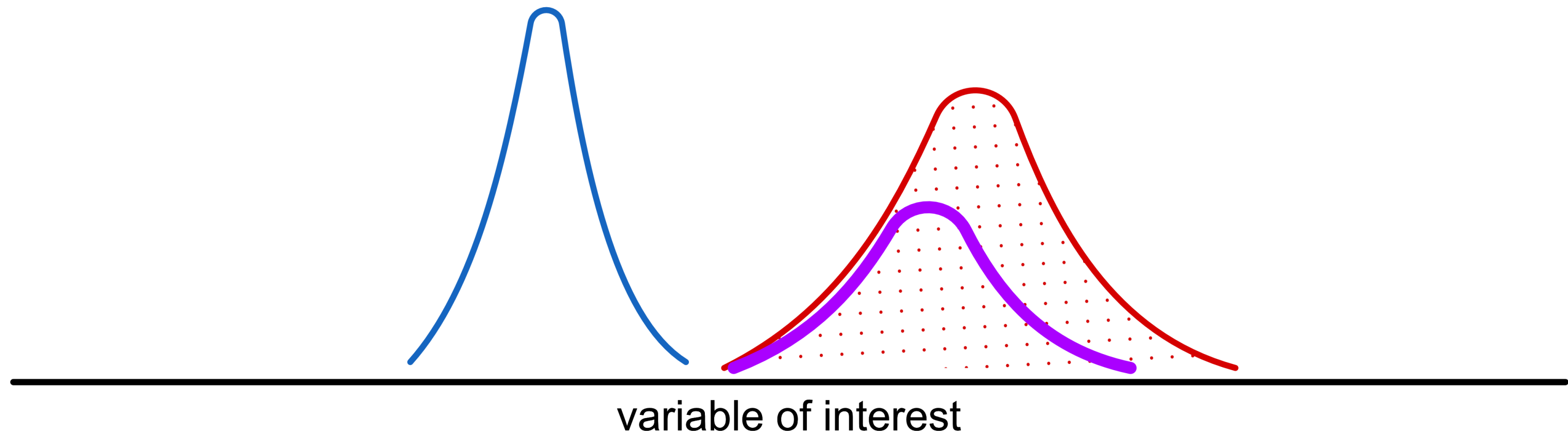


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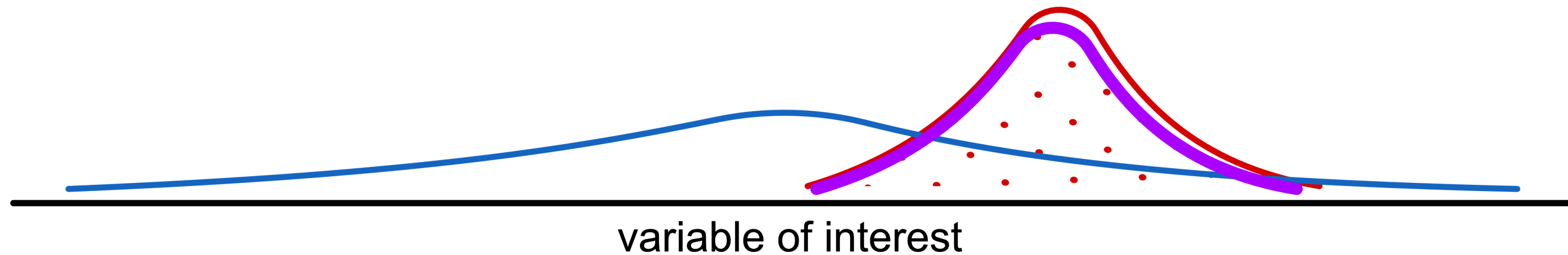


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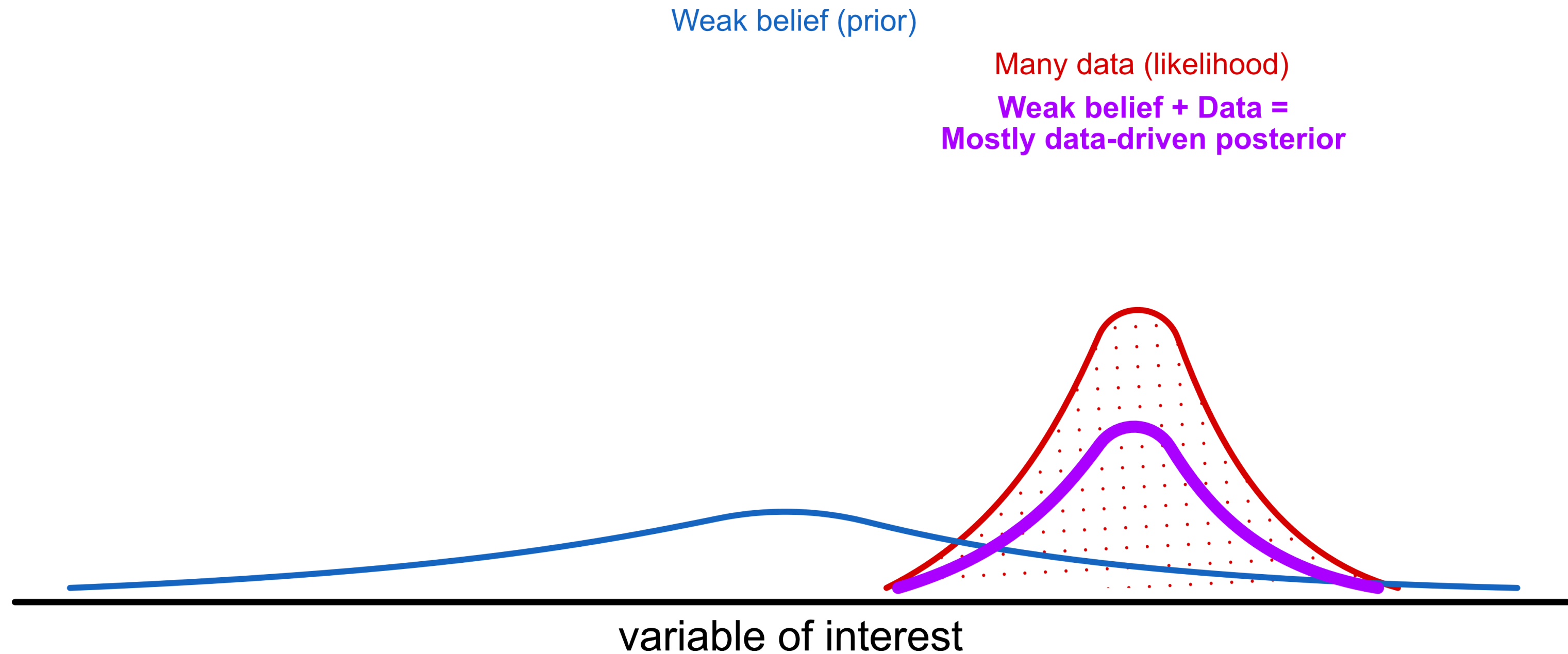
Weak belief (prior)

Few data (likelihood)

Weak belief + Data =
Mostly data-driven posterior



How data and prior influence posterior



Bayesian regression = working with distributions

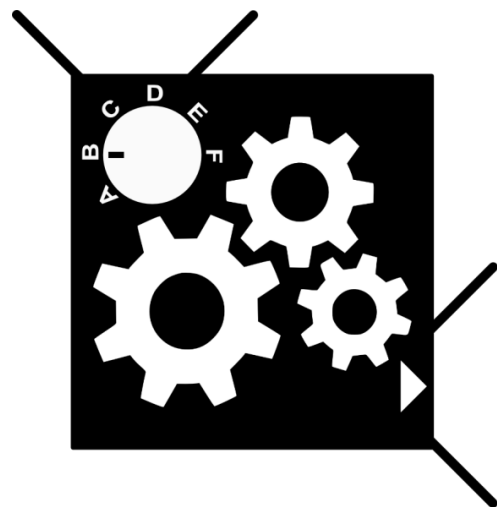


Posterior is a table containing all possible parameter values. It's each line is a draw, giving a value for every model parameter.

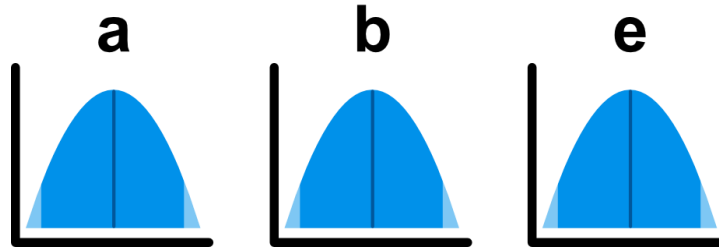


$Y \sim X$

Y	X ₁	X ₂
0	2	a
1	1	b
2	0	a



a	b	e
1.1	3.2	0.2
1.0	3.1	0.1
1.3	3.4	0.4
0.9	2.9	0.3
...



$Y \sim a + bX + e$

density

upper credible interval

mean

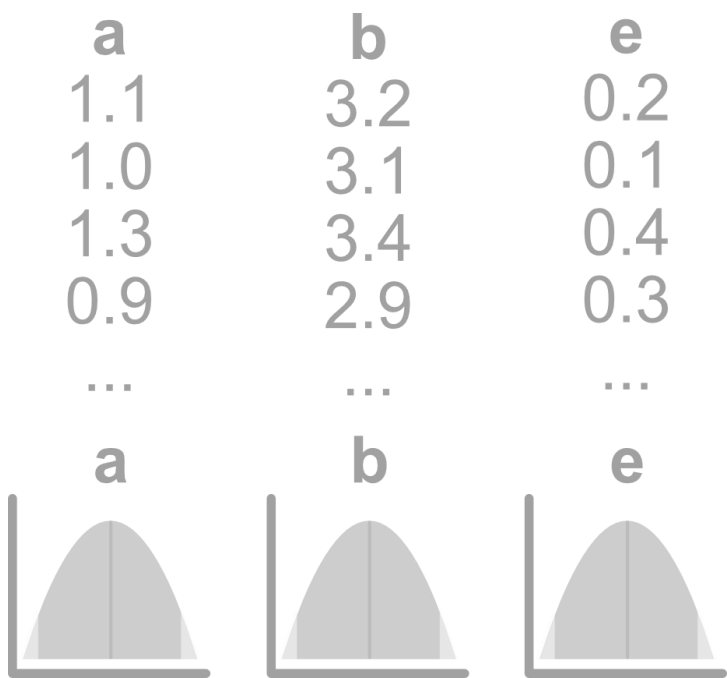
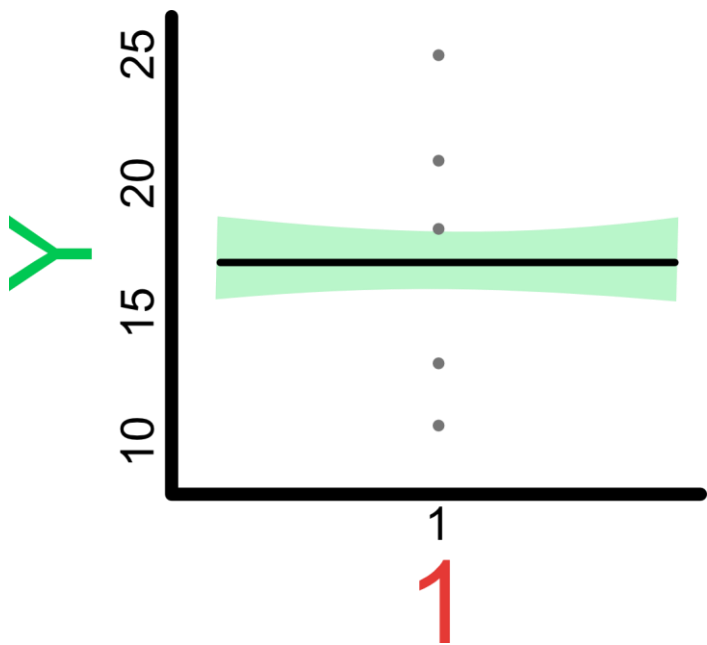
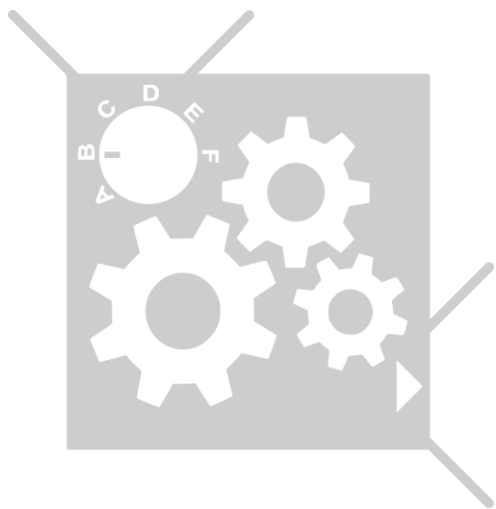
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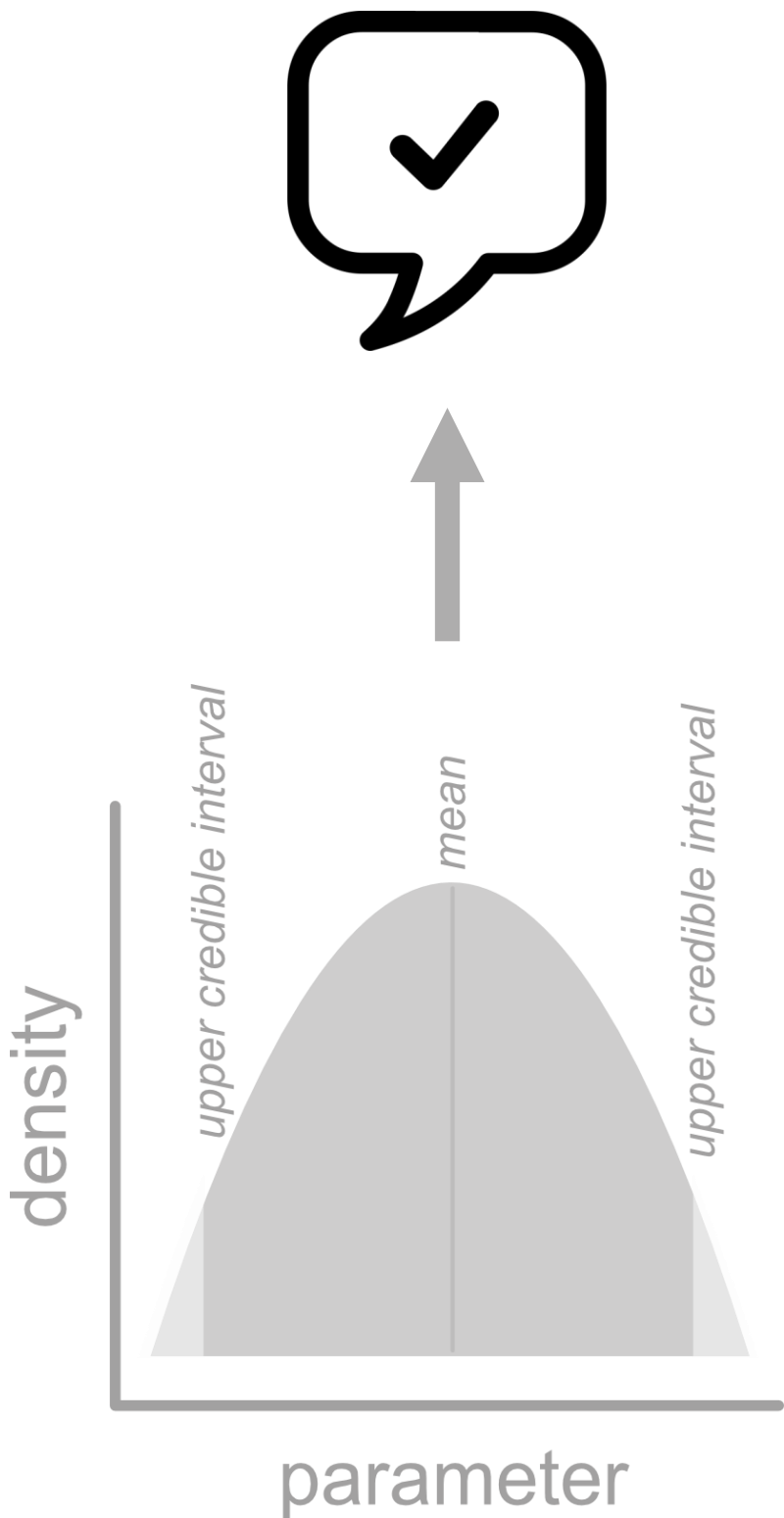
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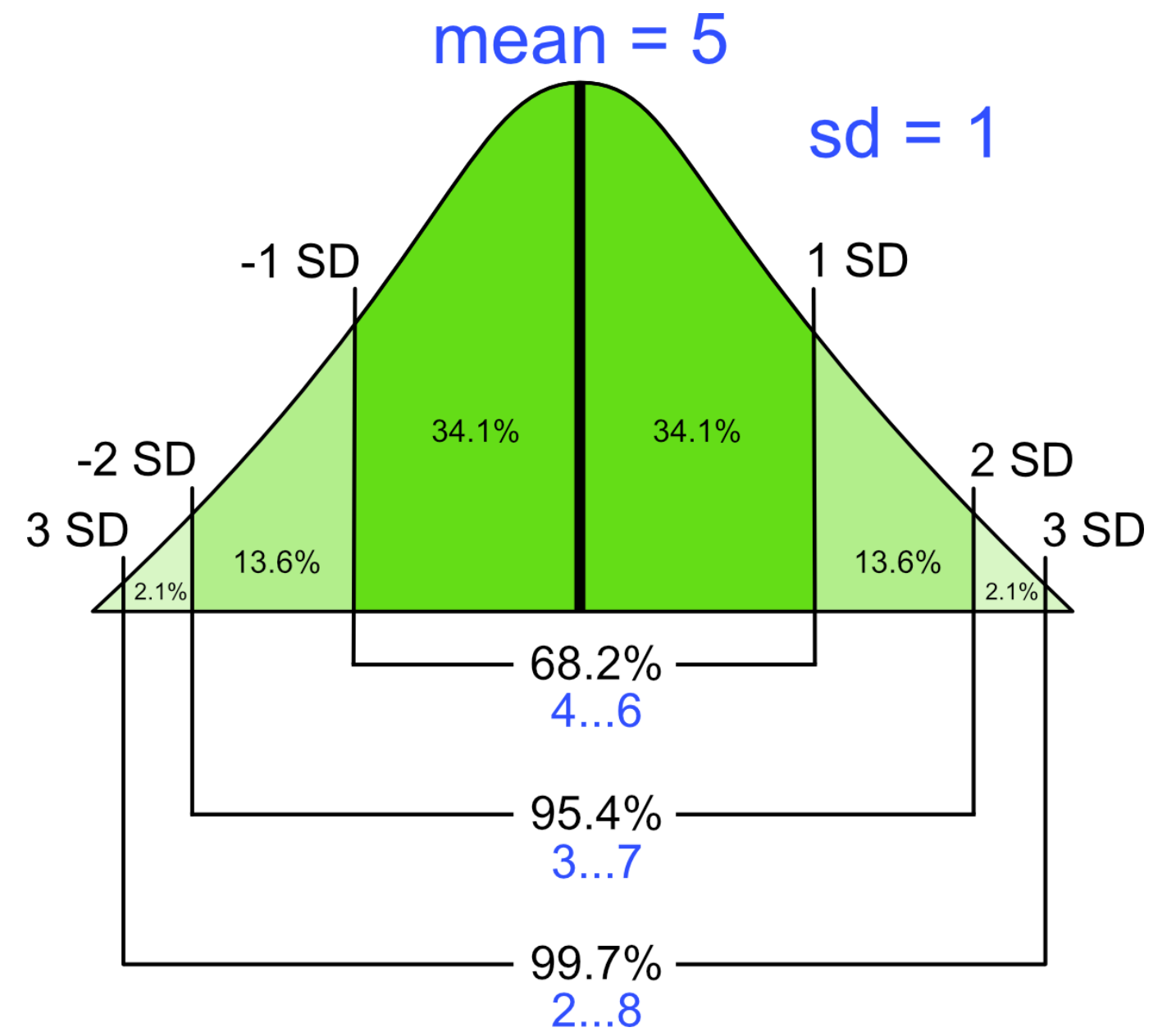
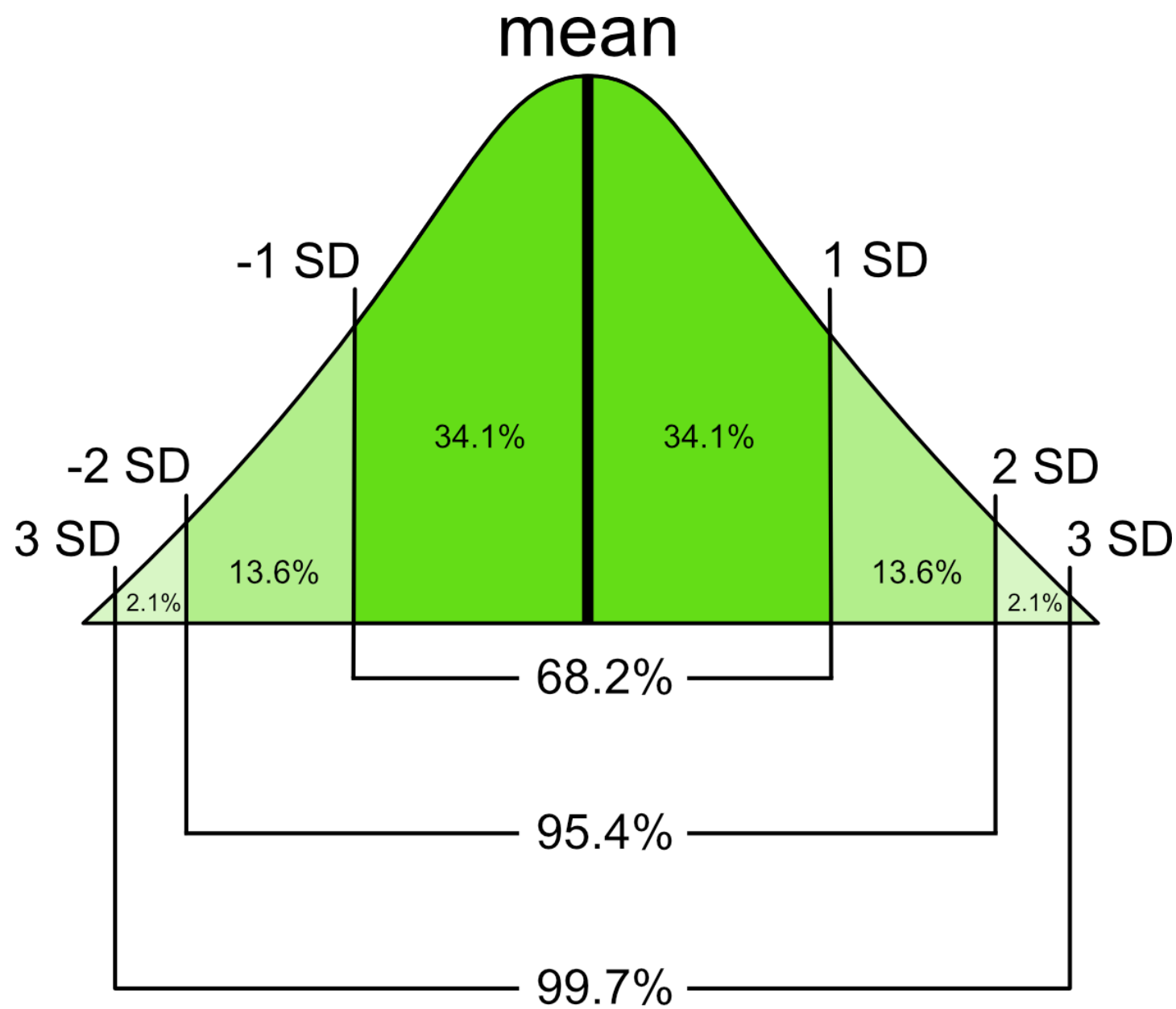
Plan for today



$$Y \sim a + bX + e$$

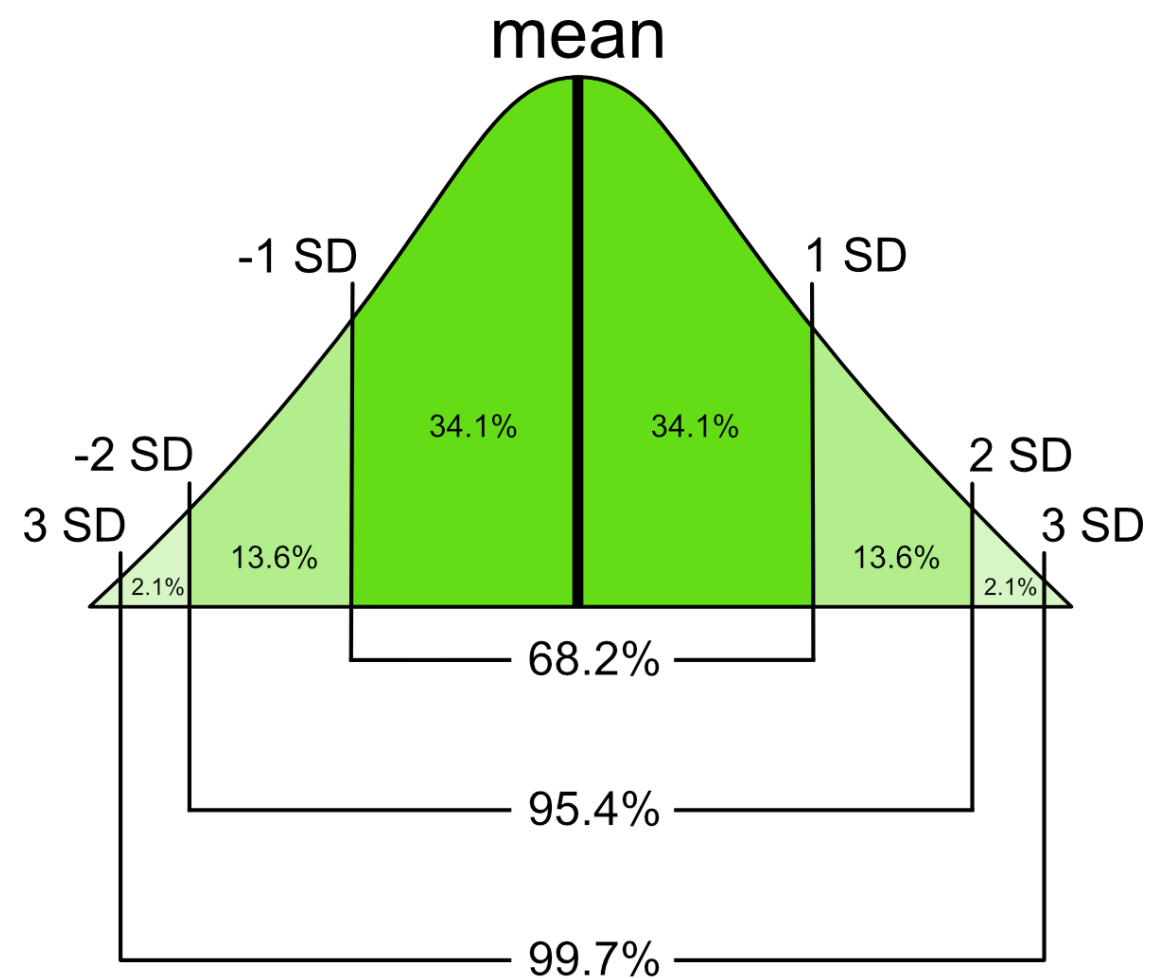


Prior is specified as a distribution



Define your first prior for writing speed in general population

1. Mean typed words per minute
2. How much the mean may vary (SD)?



Let's do some modelling

brms model summary

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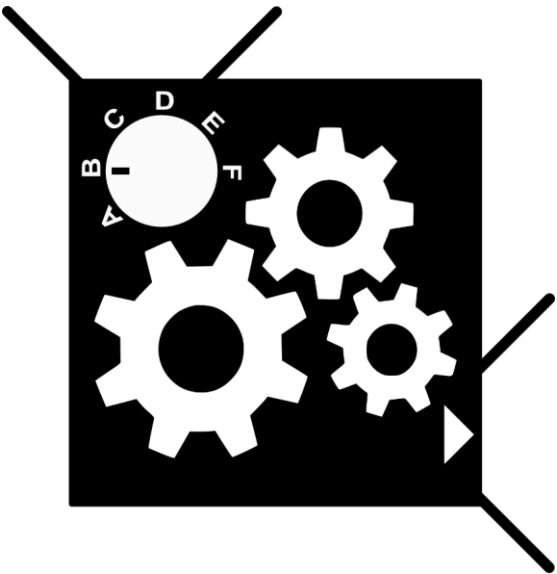
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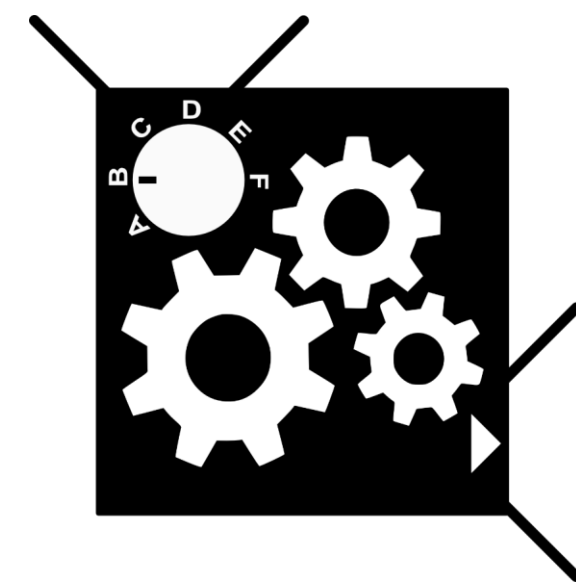
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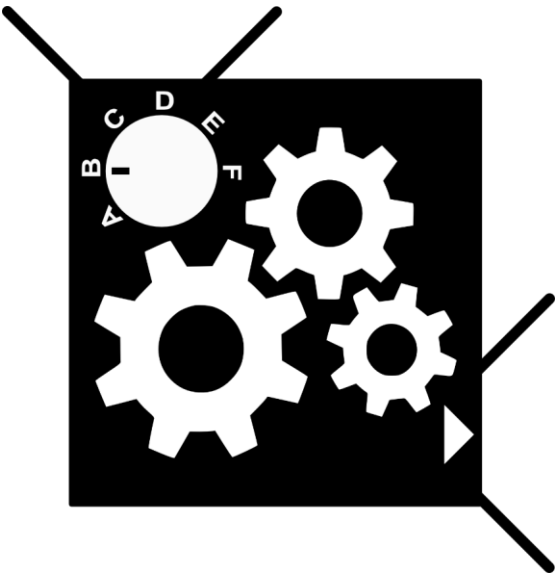
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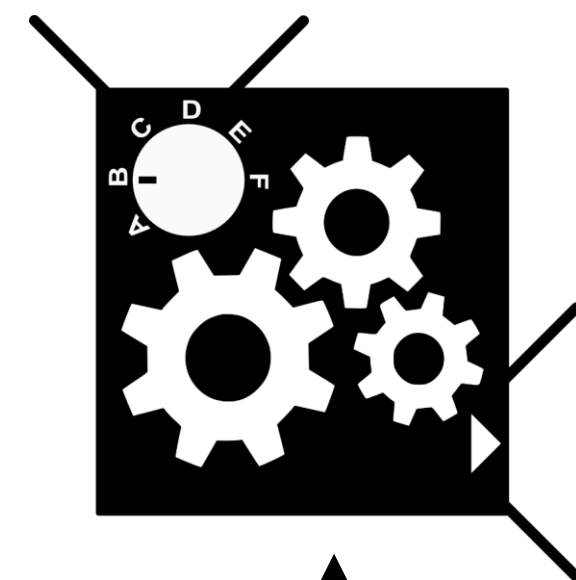
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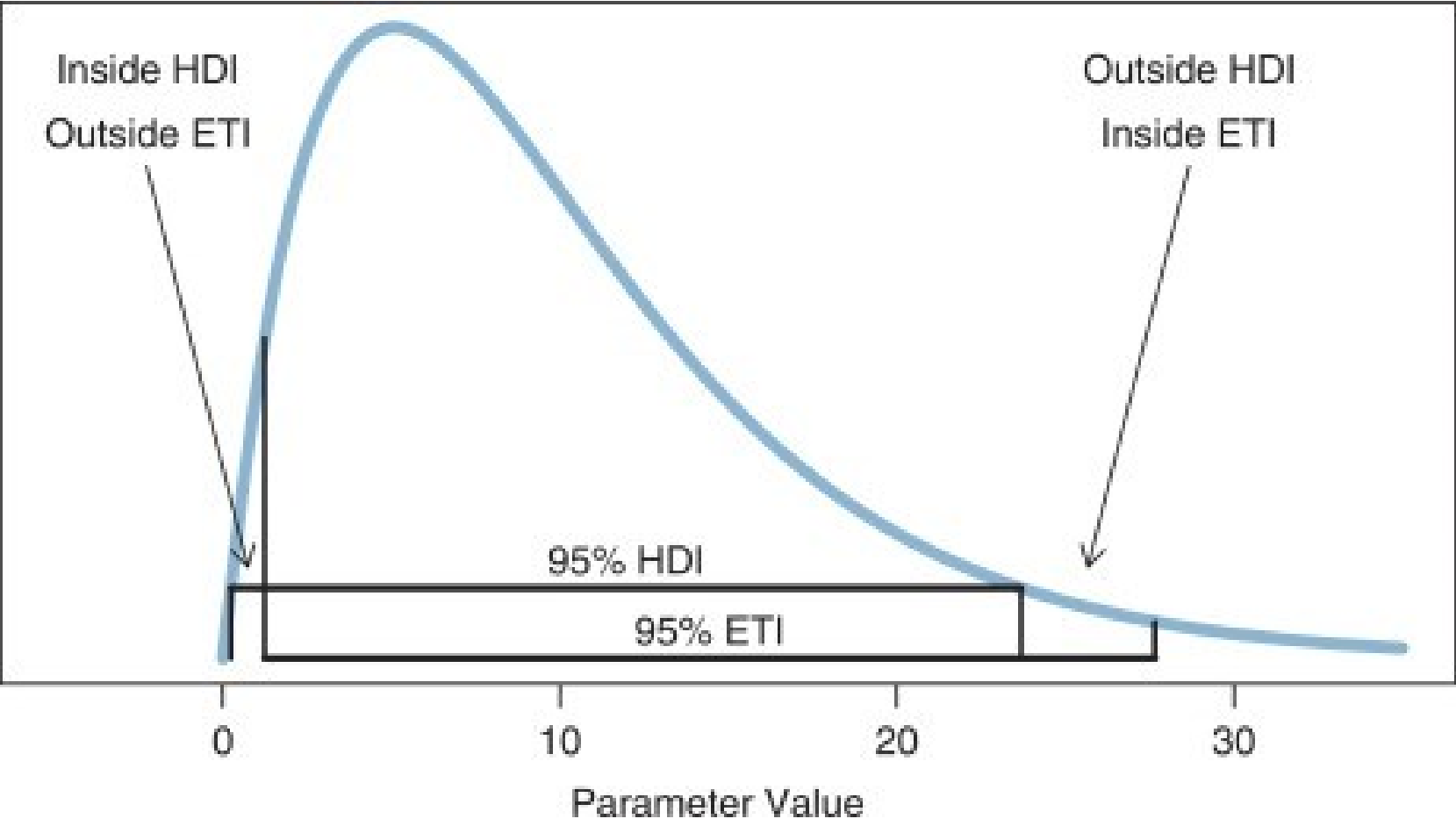
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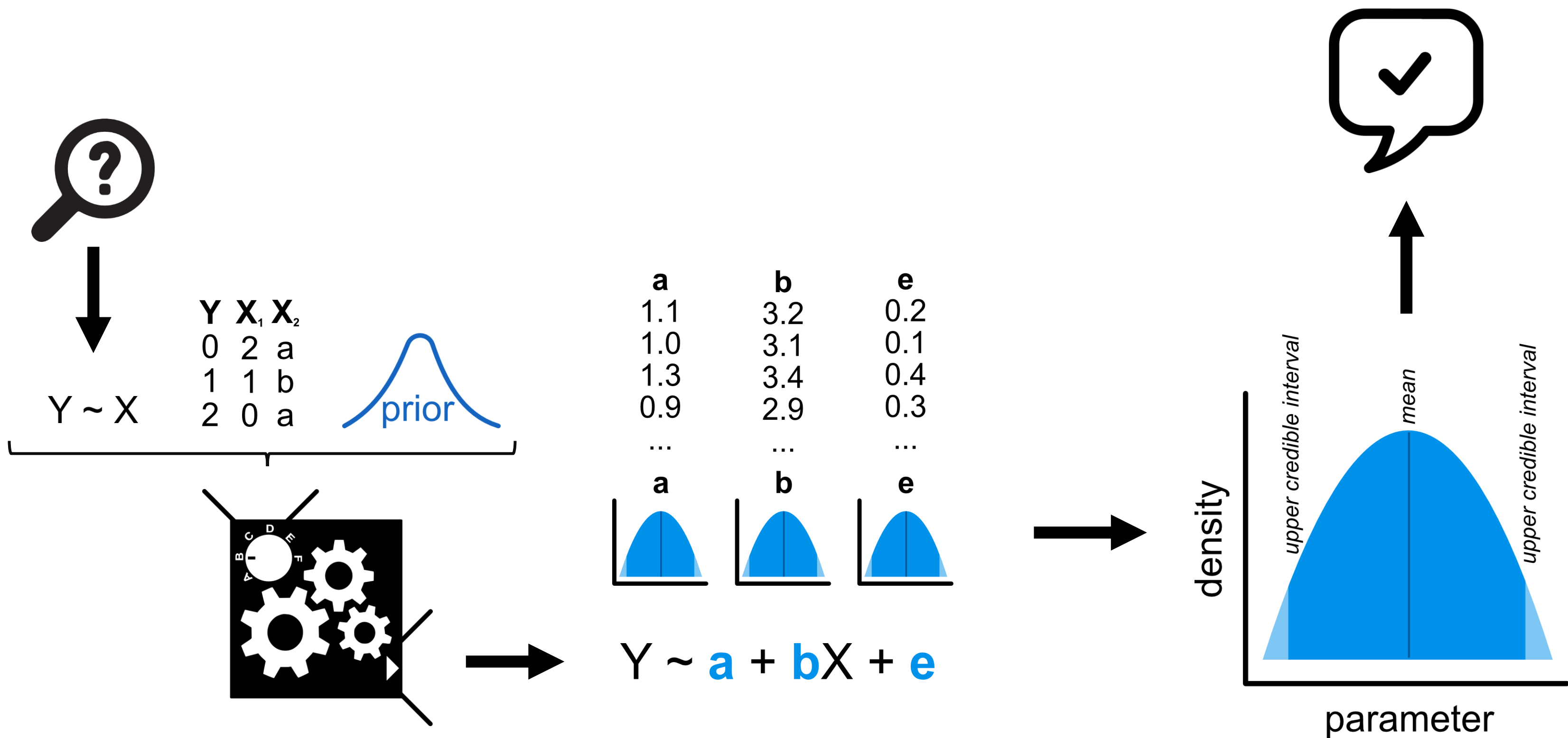


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HDI vs ETI



Summary



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