

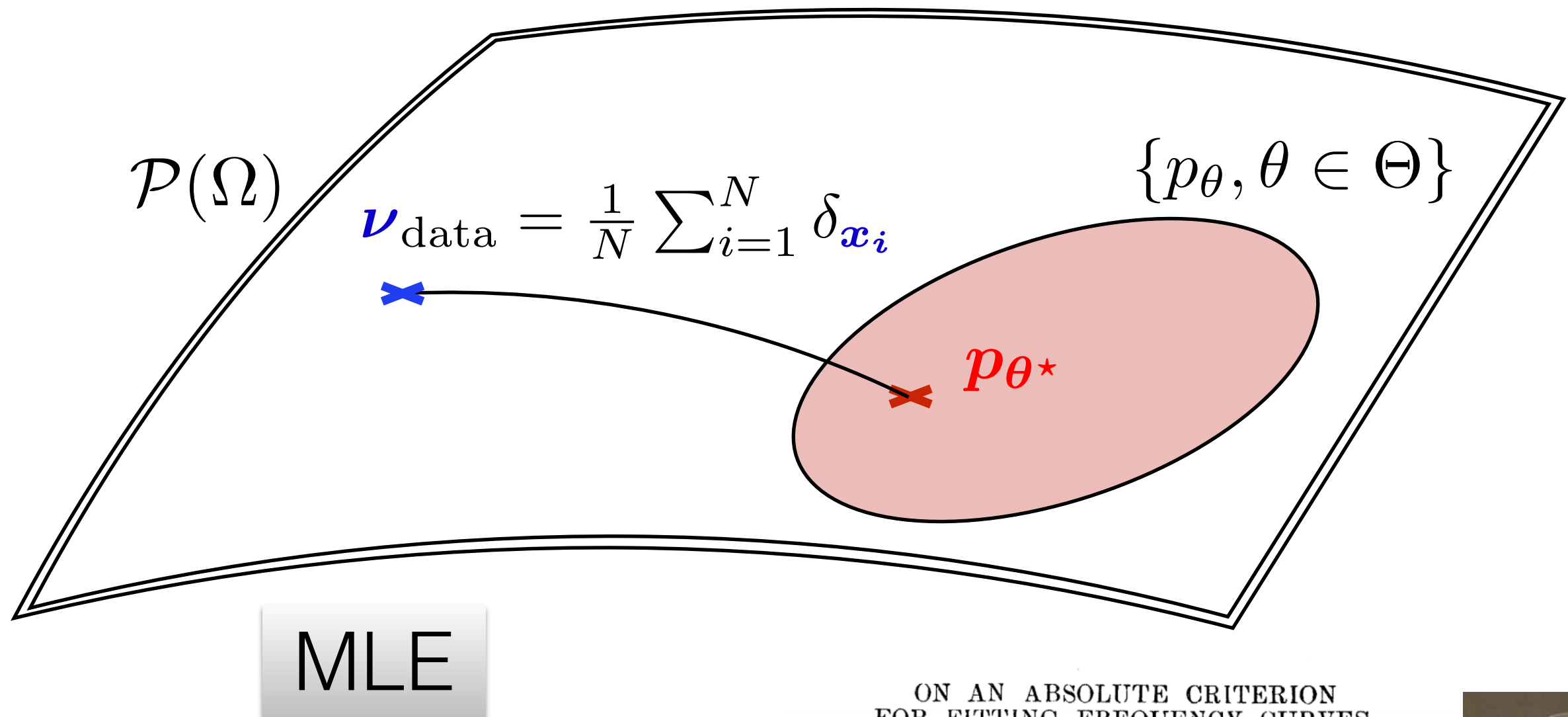
# Fitting Generative Models with Optimal Transport

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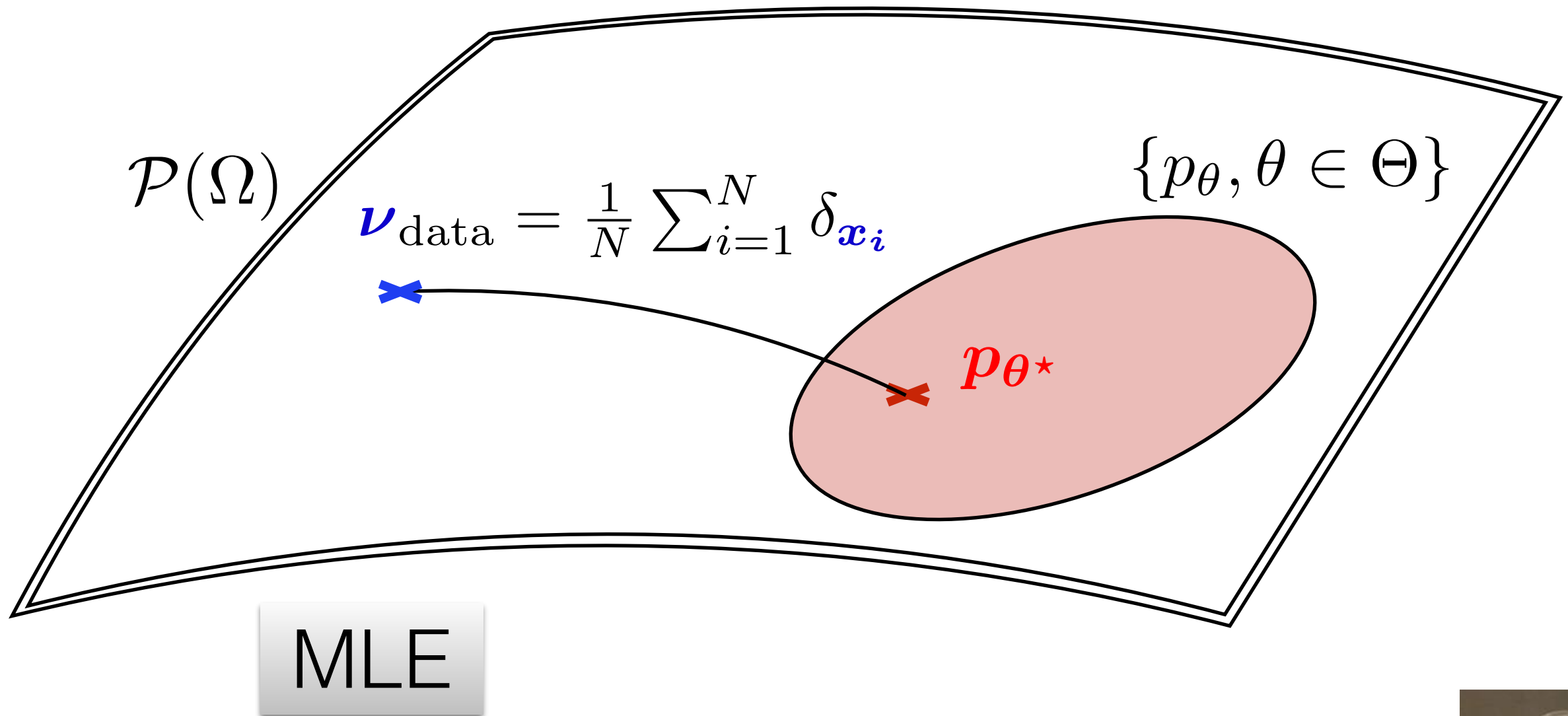
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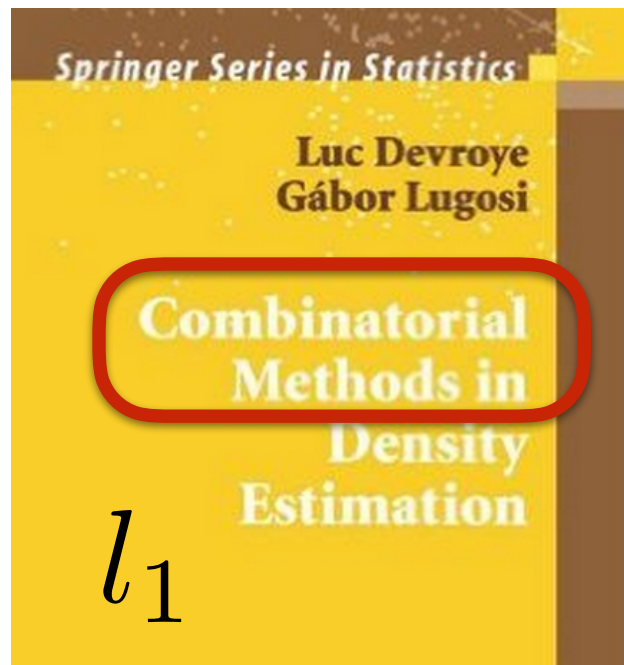
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## Minimum **Hellinger** distance estimation for Poisson mixtures

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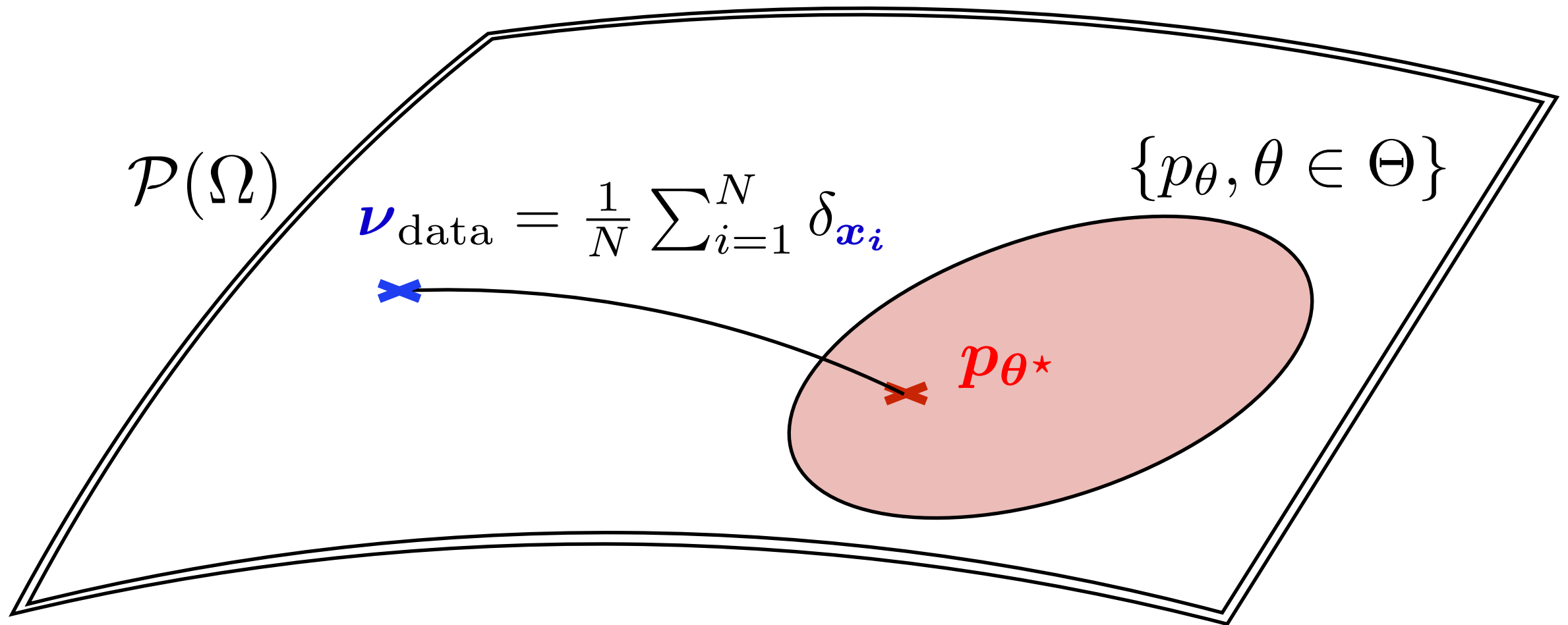
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## On minimum **Kantorovich** distance estimators

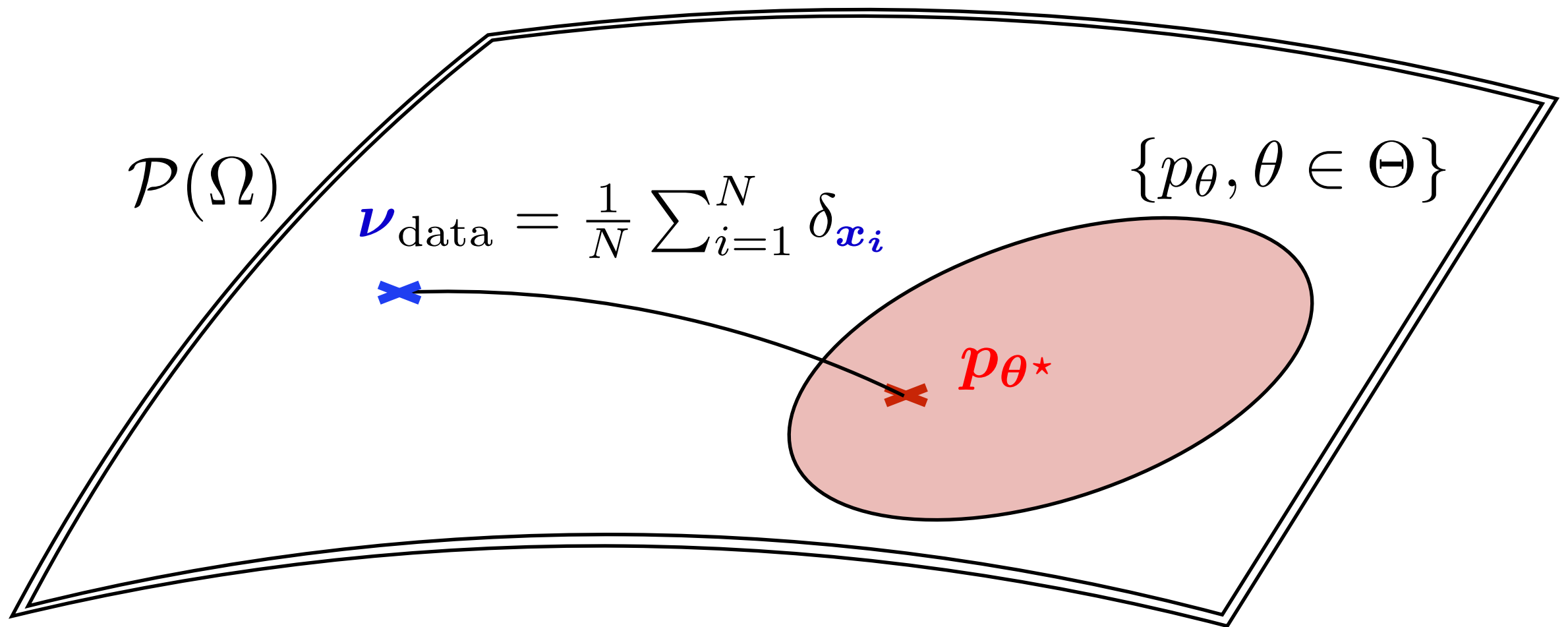
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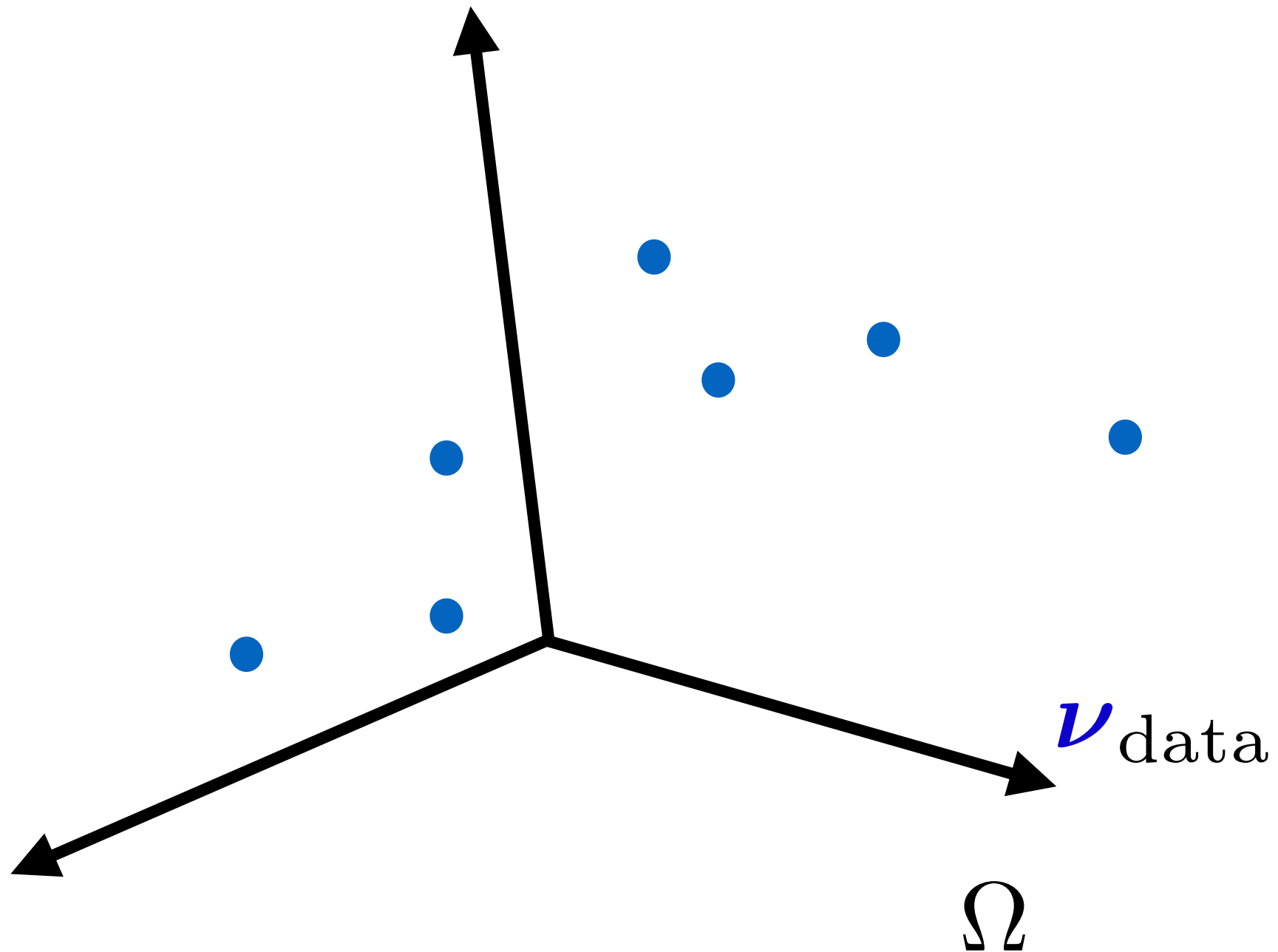
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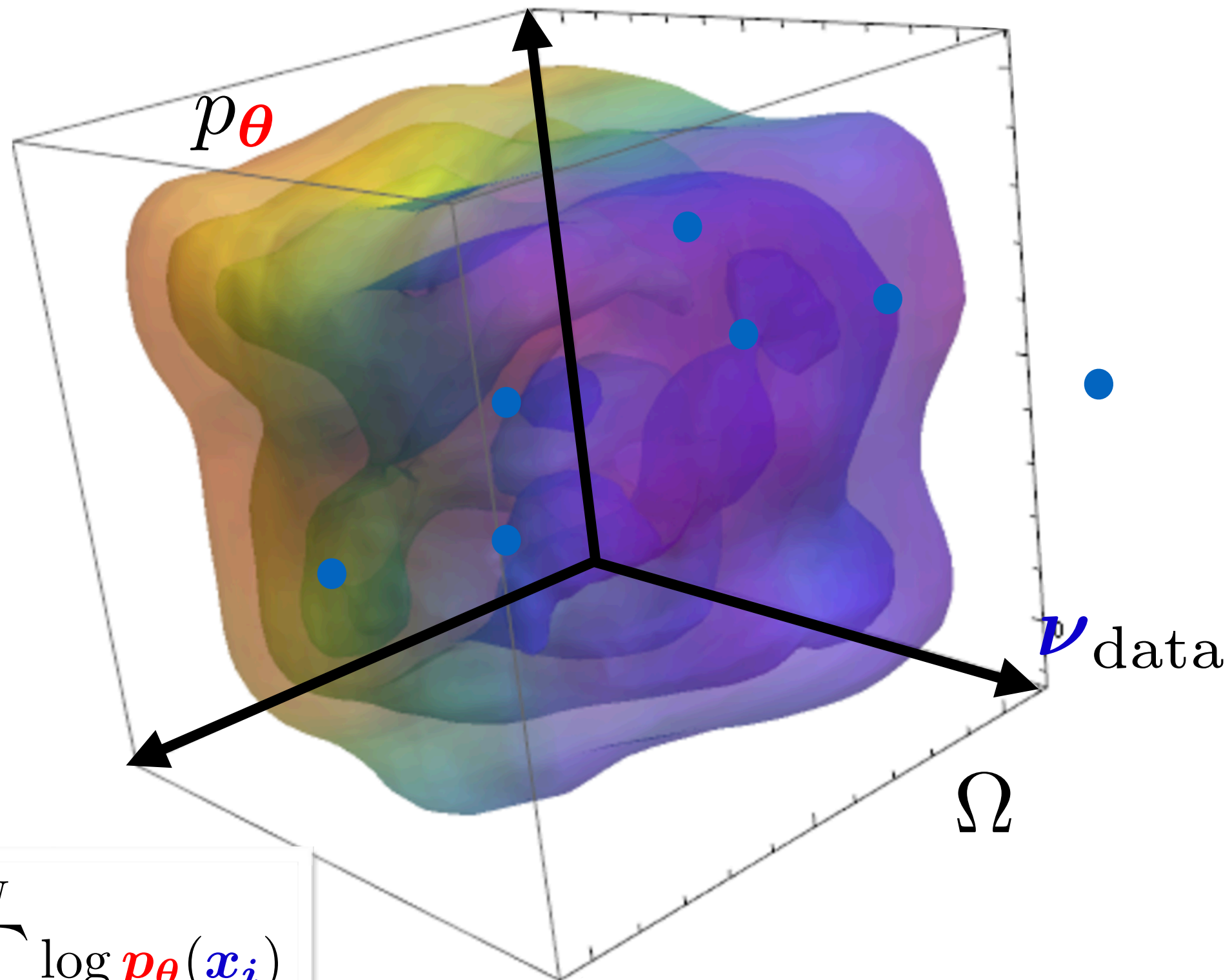
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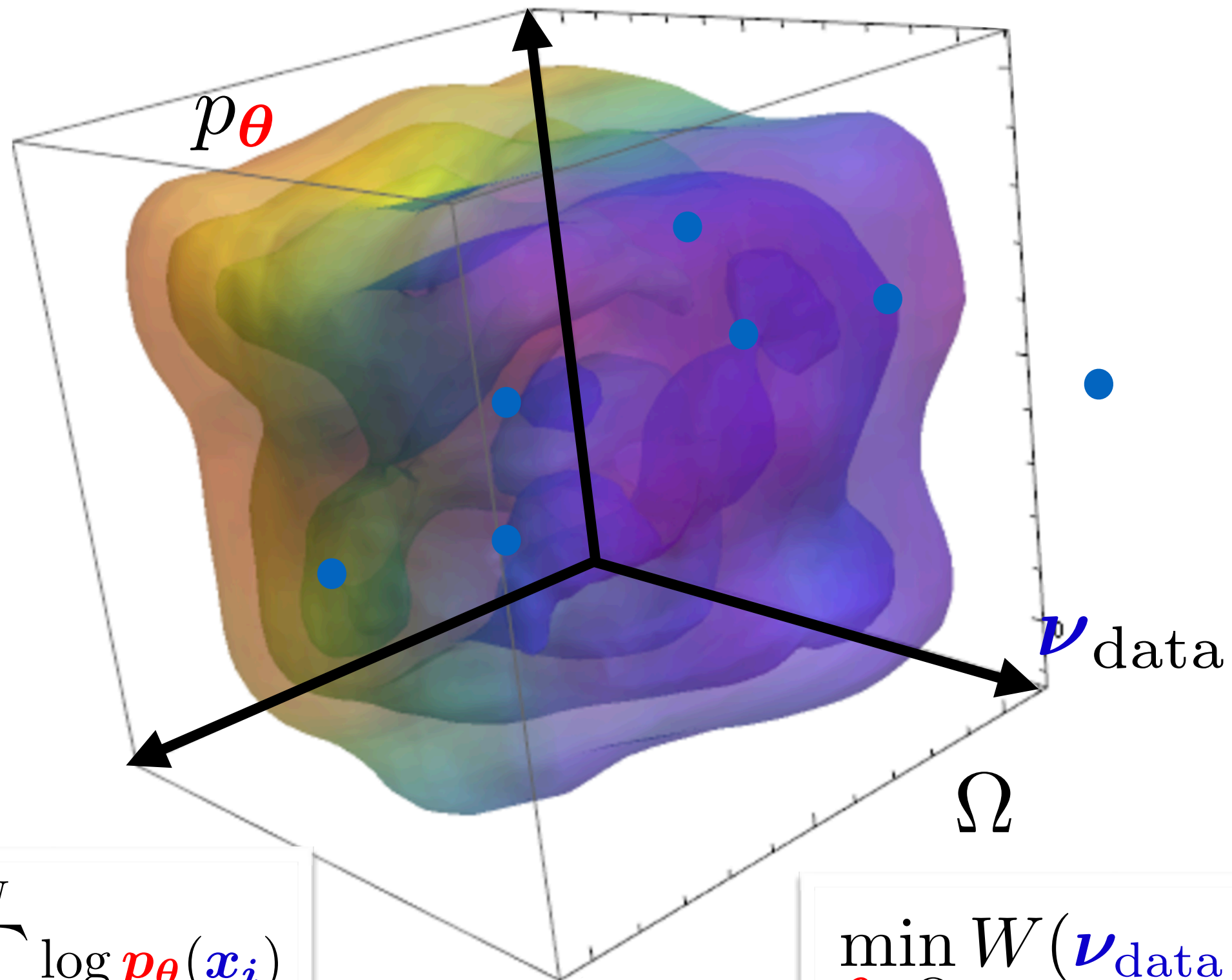
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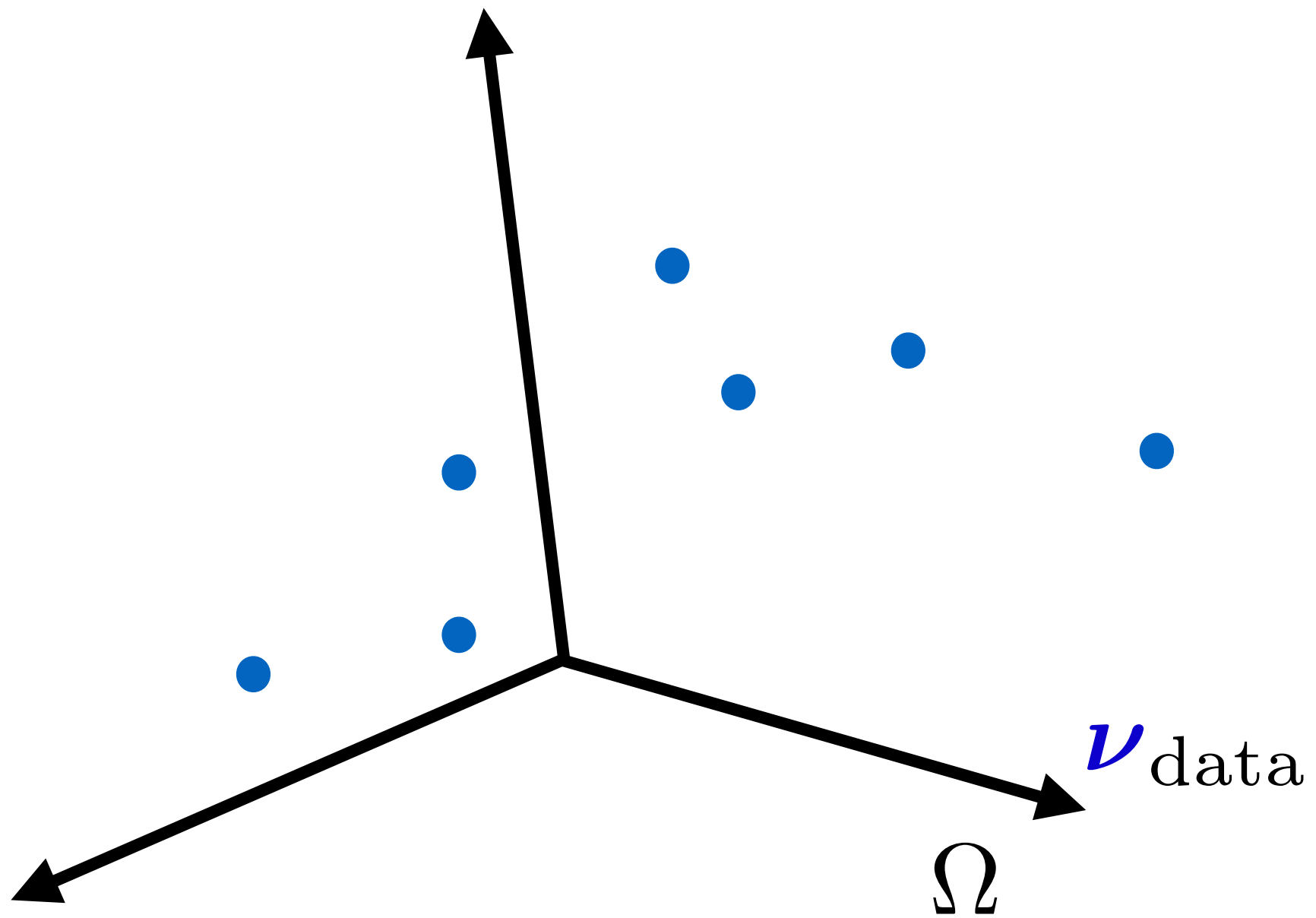


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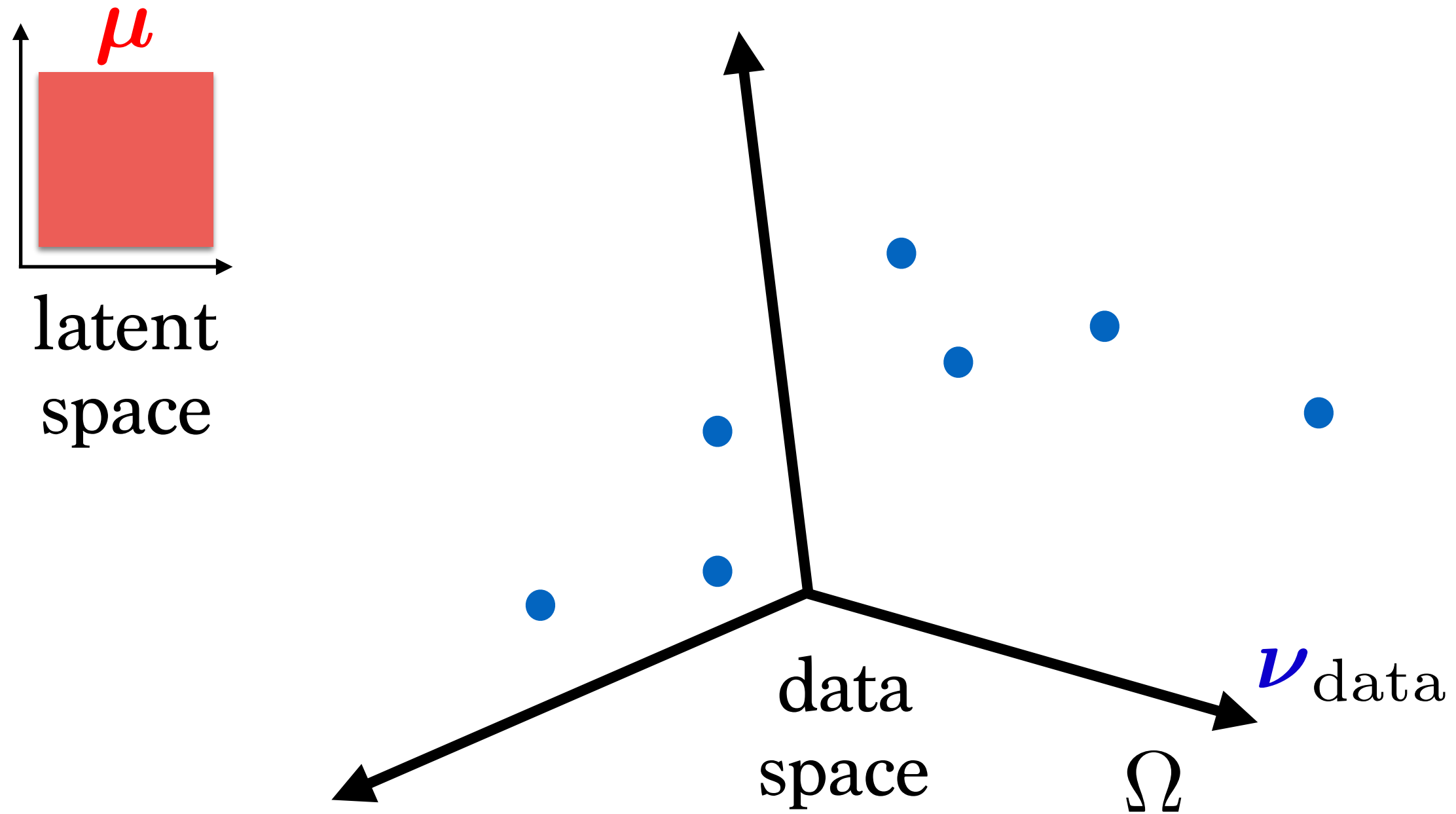
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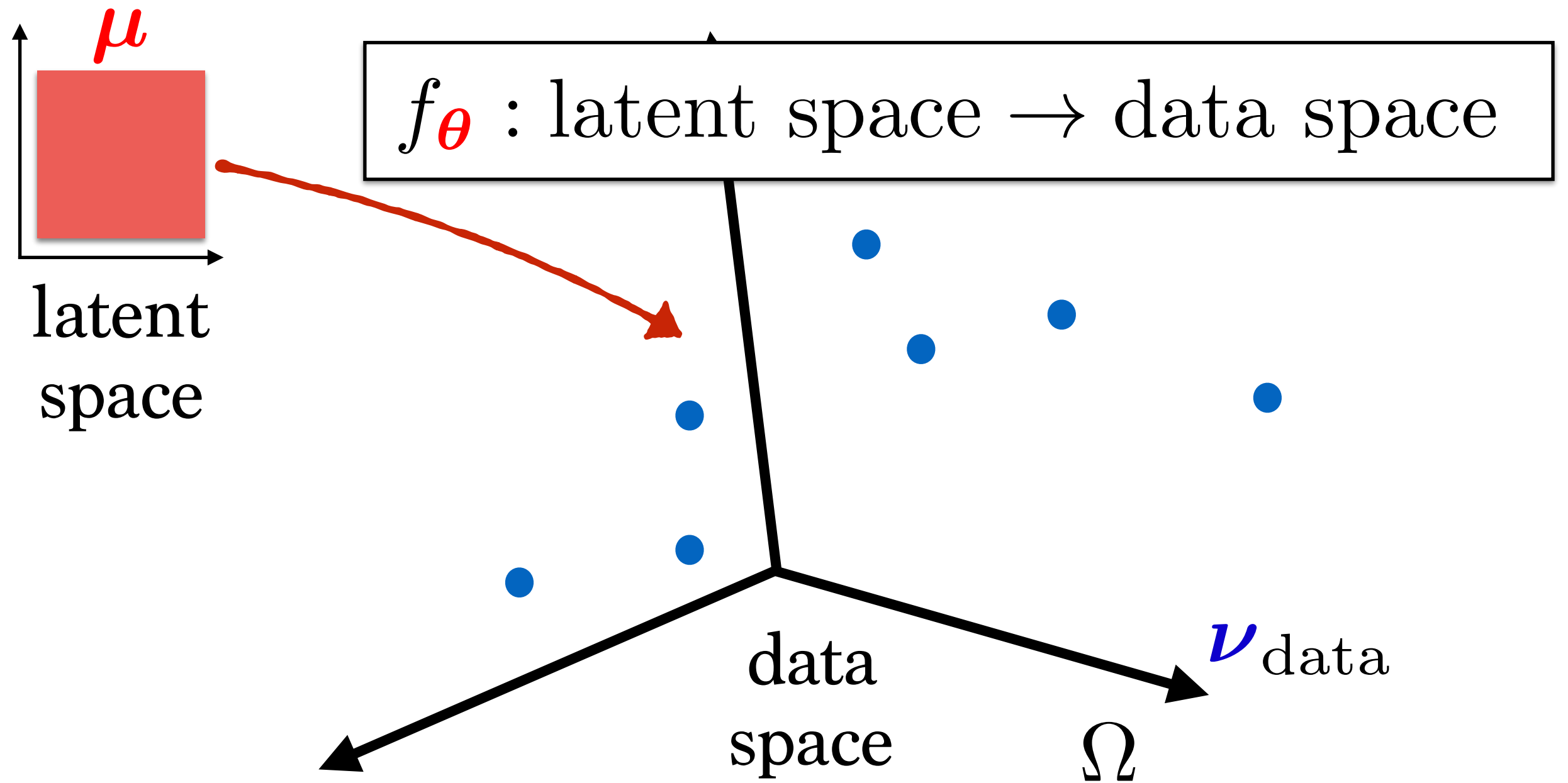




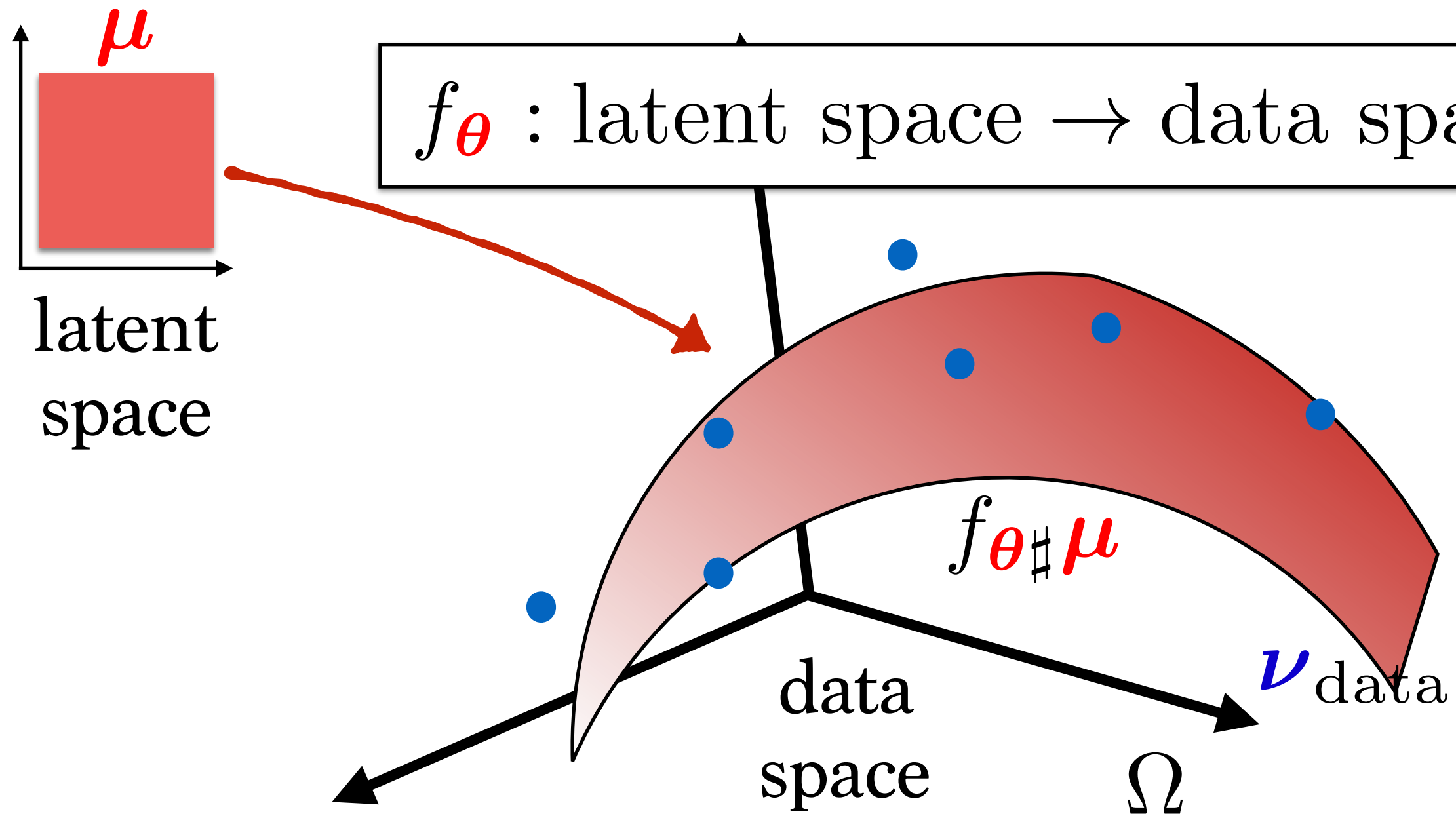
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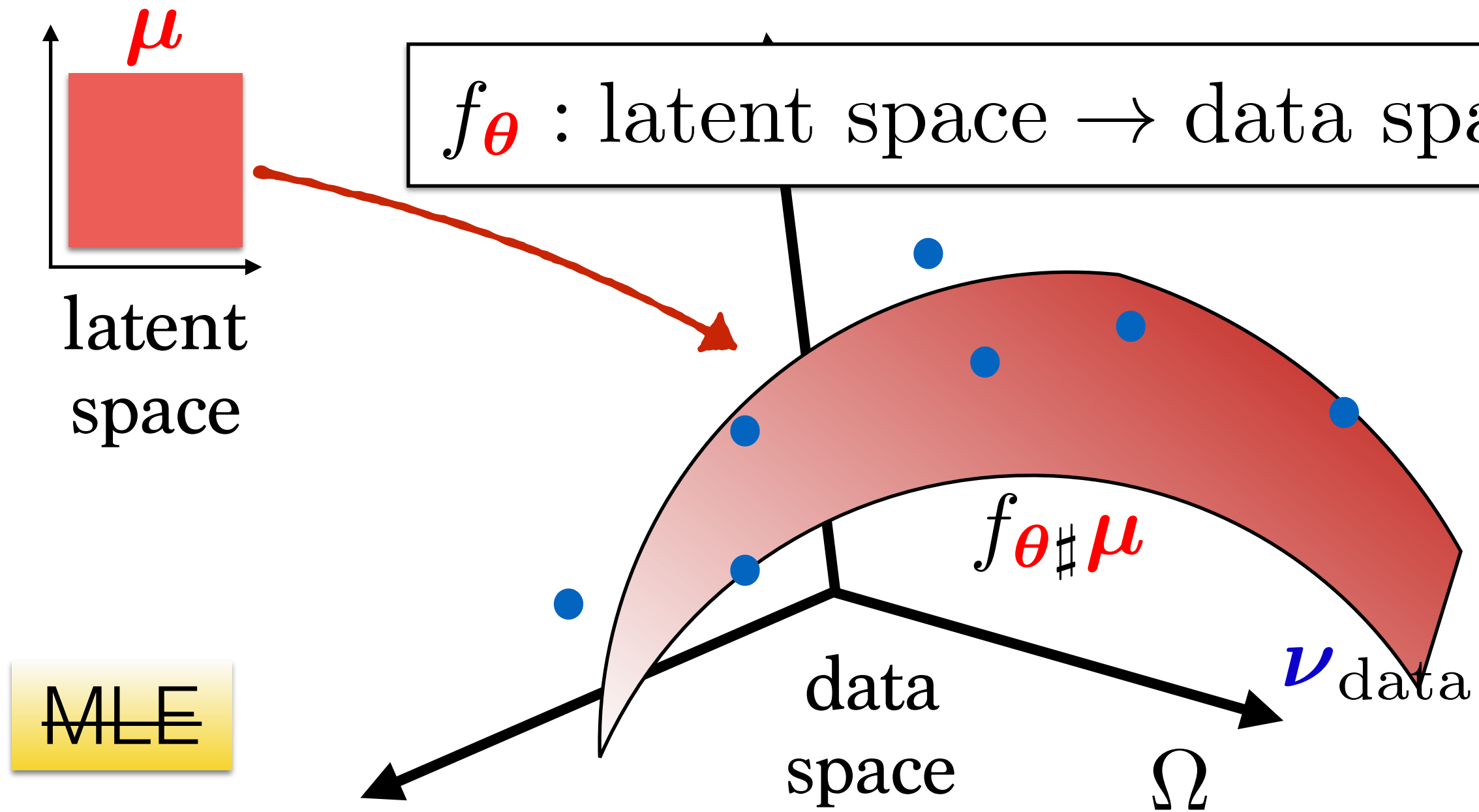
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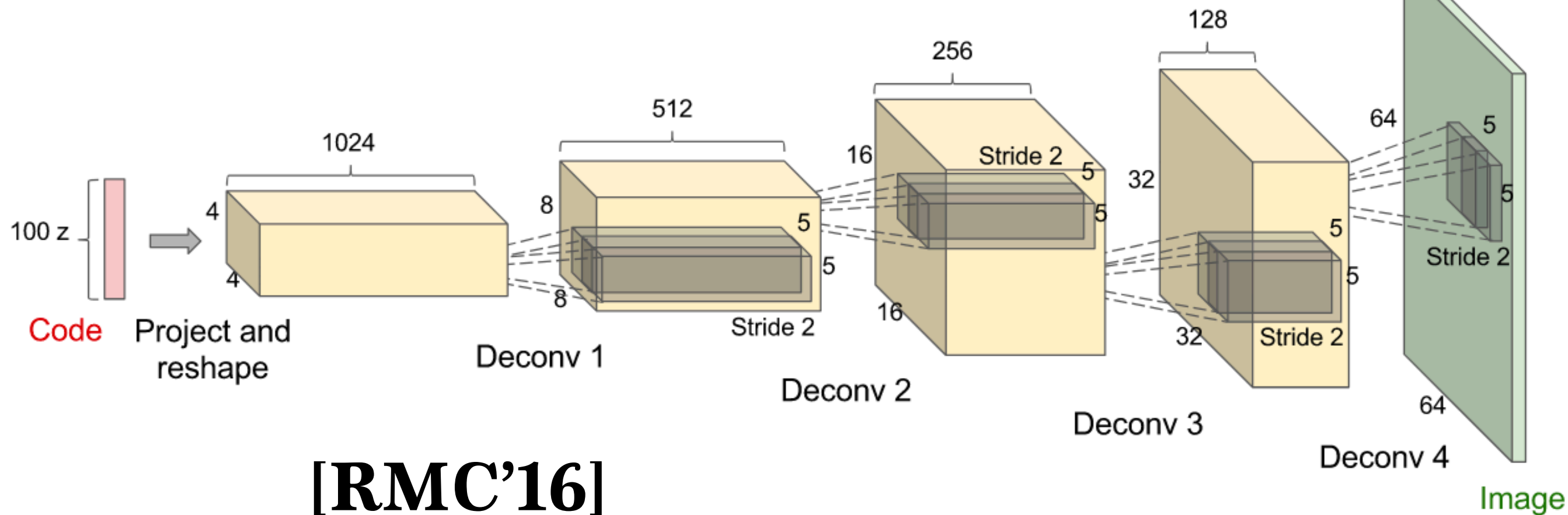


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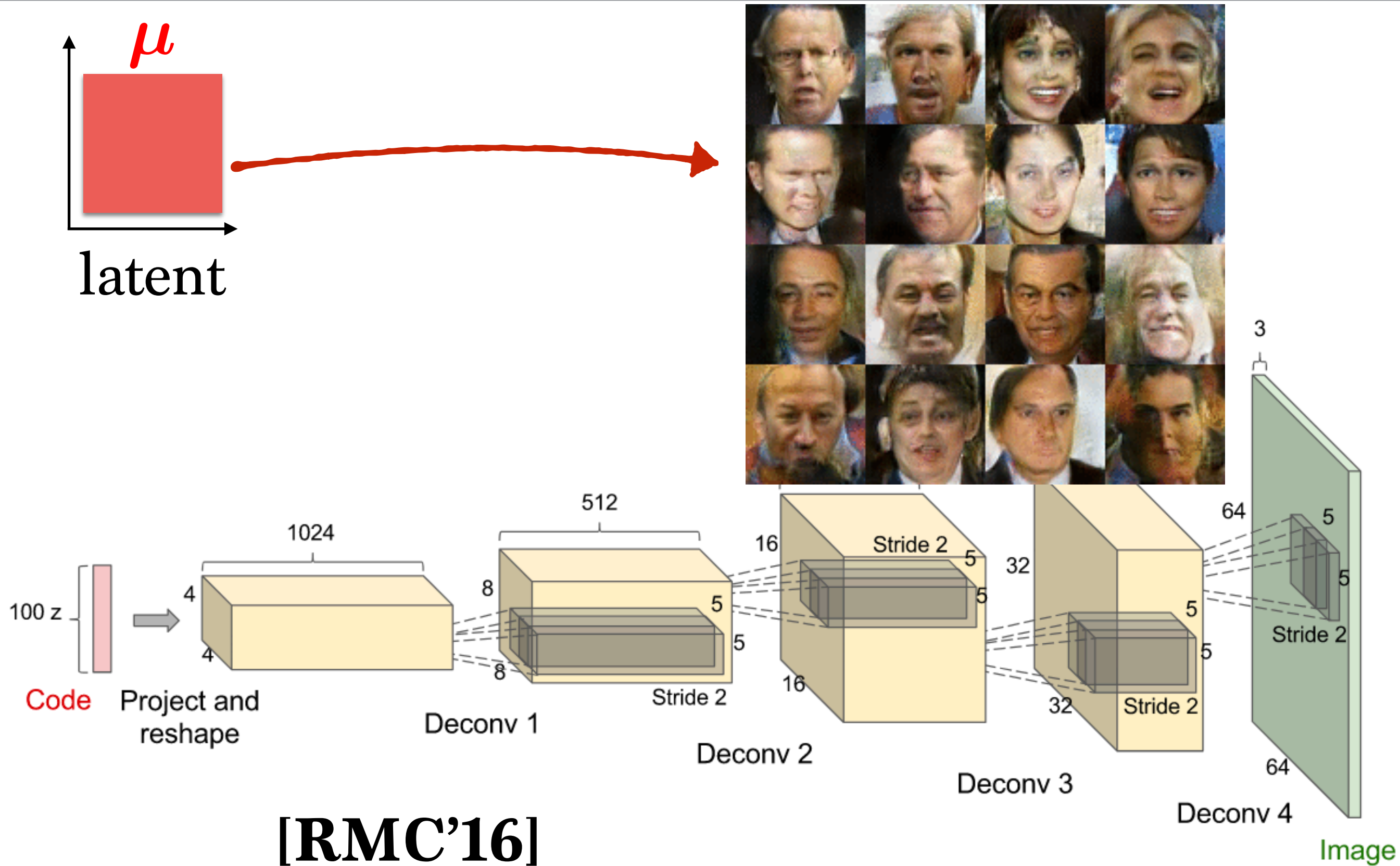
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GM-MKE  
W-GAN

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# Wasserstein Distances

**Def.** For  $p \geq 1$ , the  $p$ -Wasserstein distance between  $\mu, \nu$  in  $\mathcal{P}(\Omega)$ , defined by a metric  $D$  on  $\Omega$ ,

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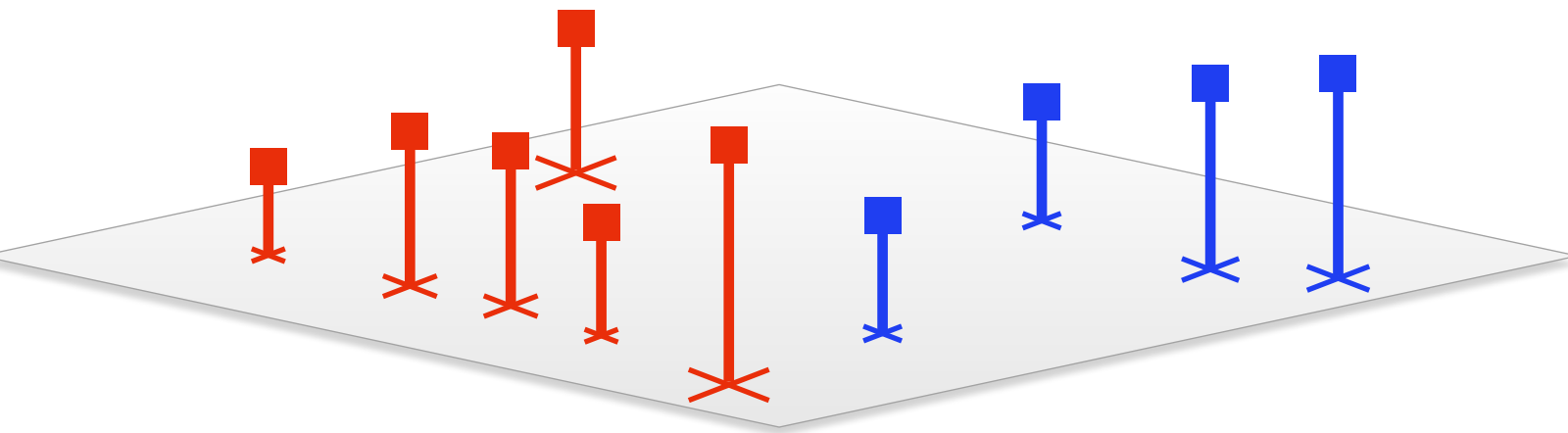
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$$W_p^p(\mu, \nu) = \sup_{\substack{\varphi \in L_1(\mu), \psi \in L_1(\nu) \\ \varphi(x) + \psi(y) \leq D^p(x, y)}} \int \varphi d\mu + \int \psi d\nu.$$

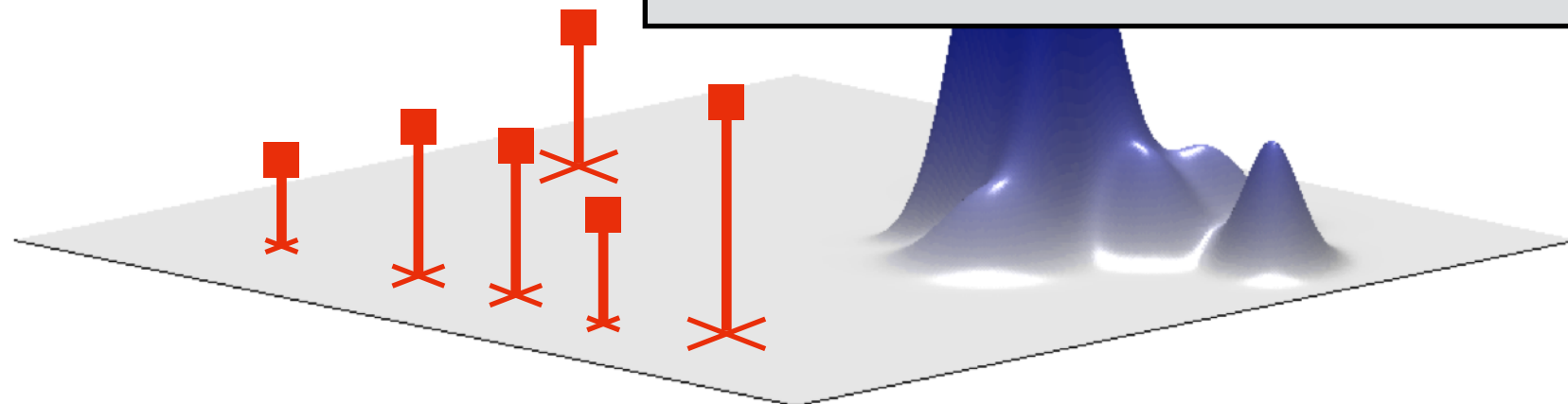
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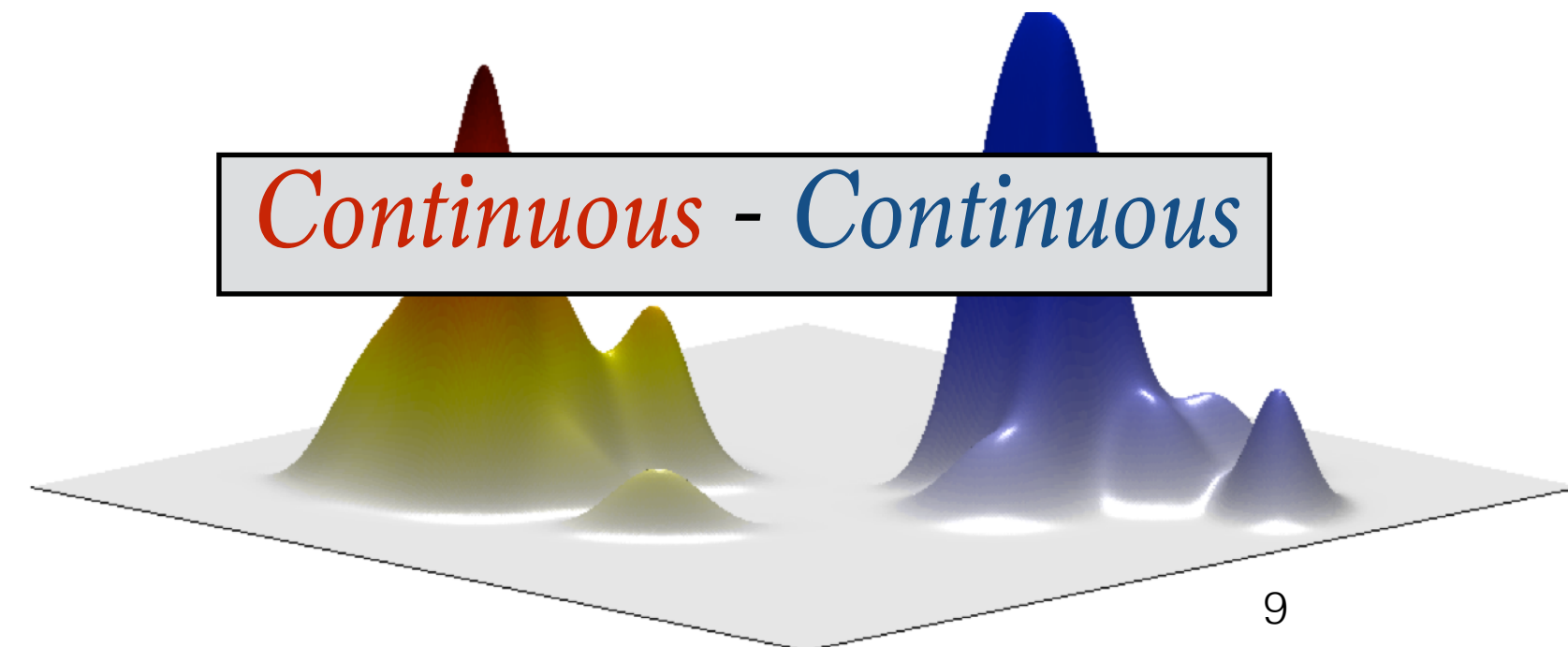
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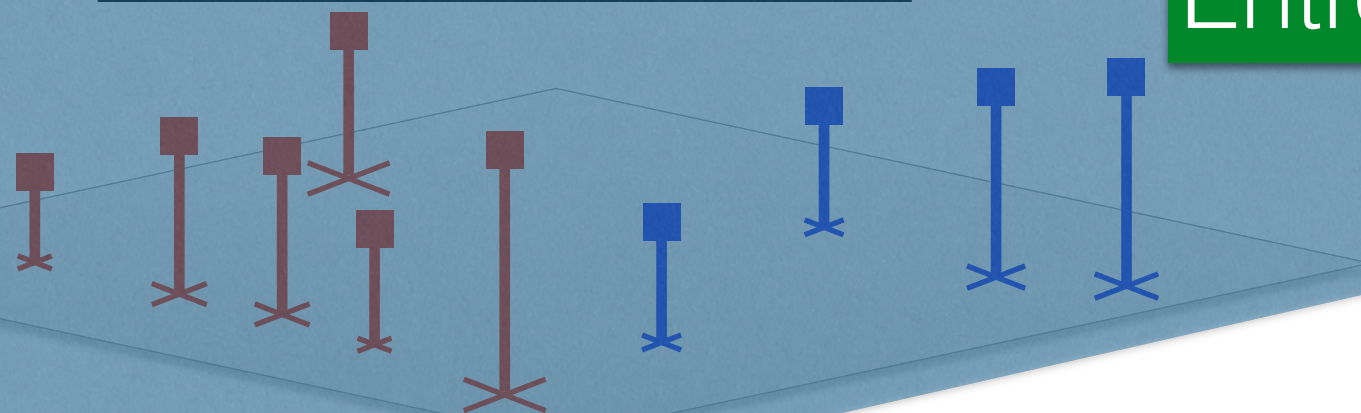


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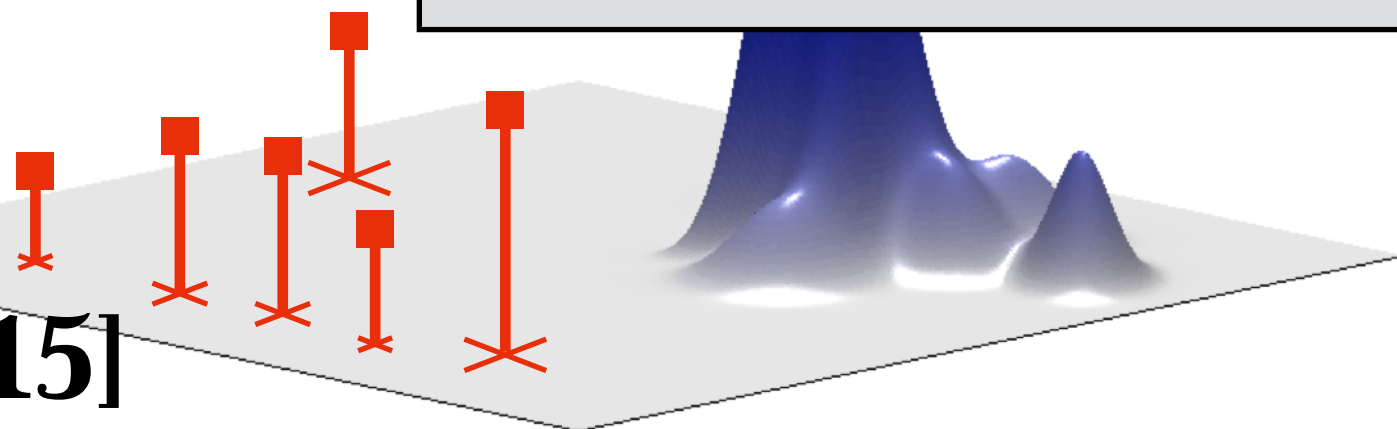
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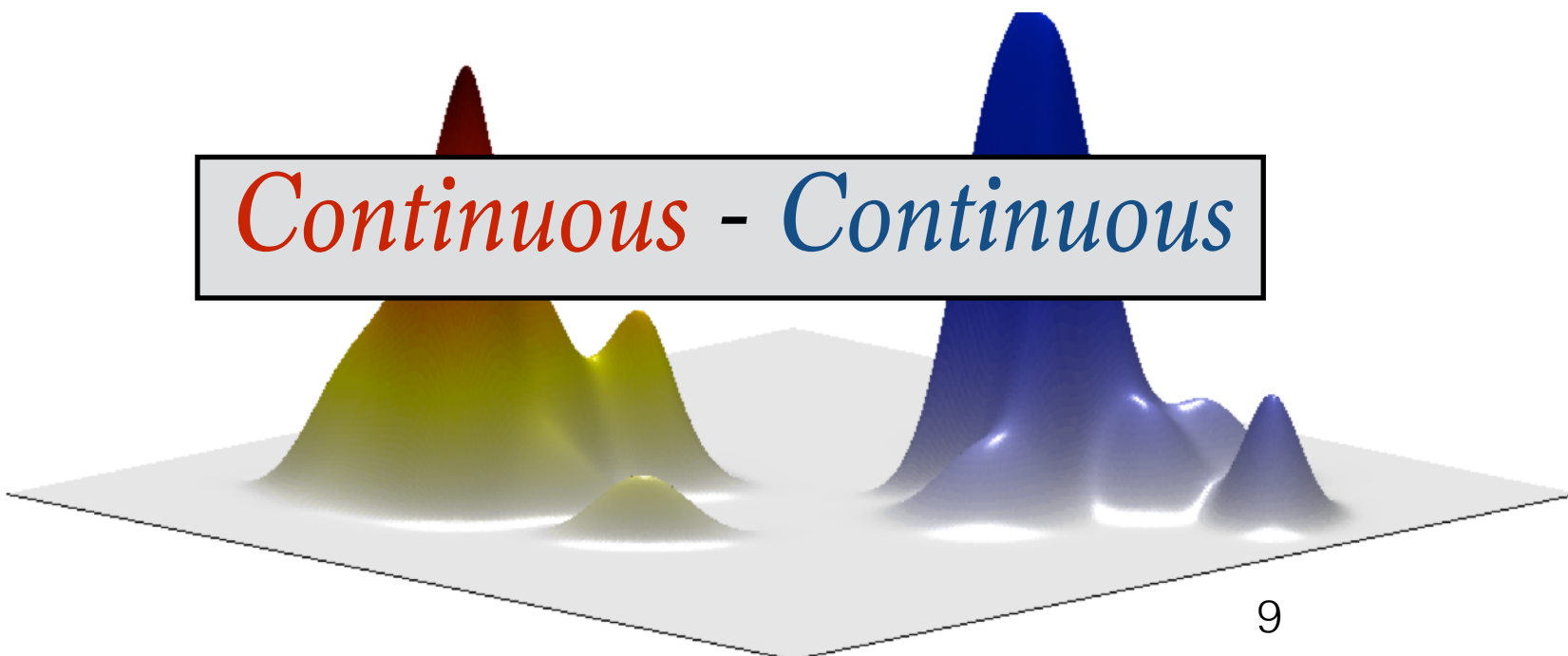
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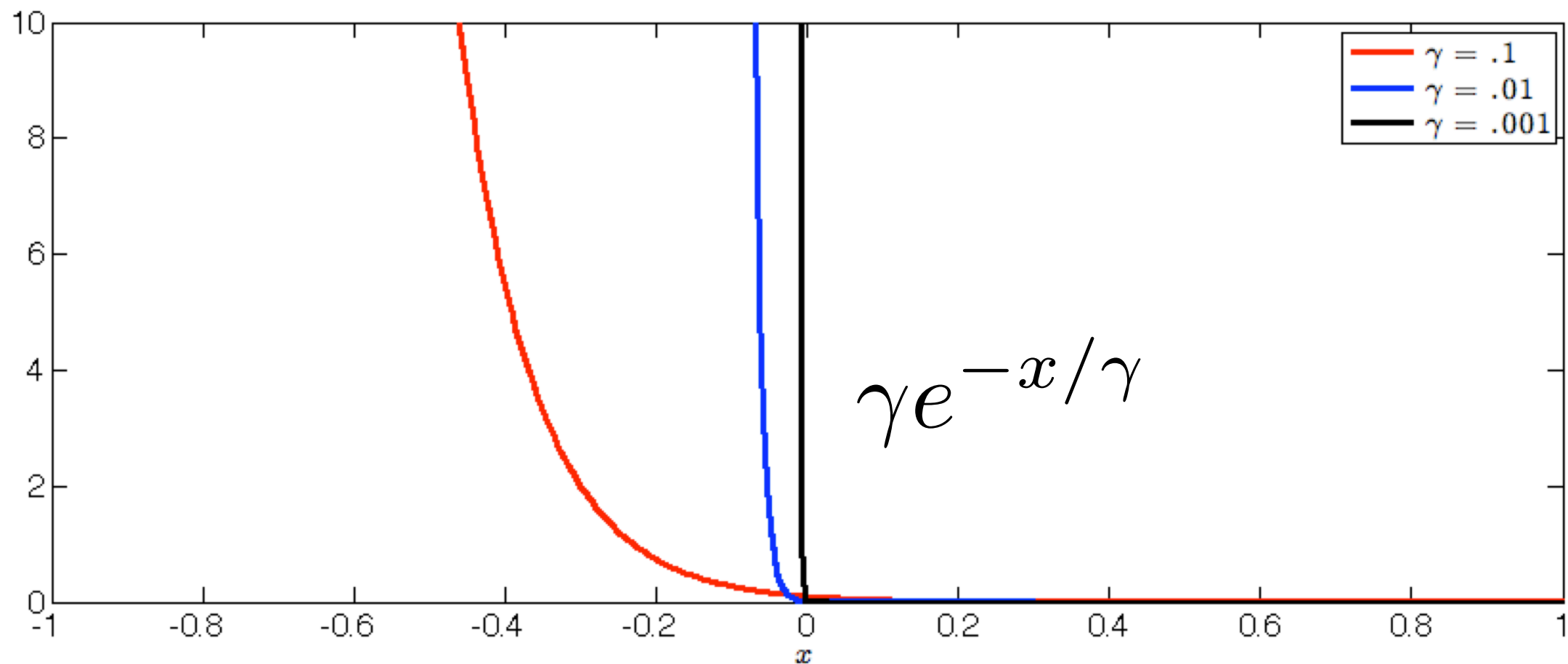
Stochastic  
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[GCPB'16]

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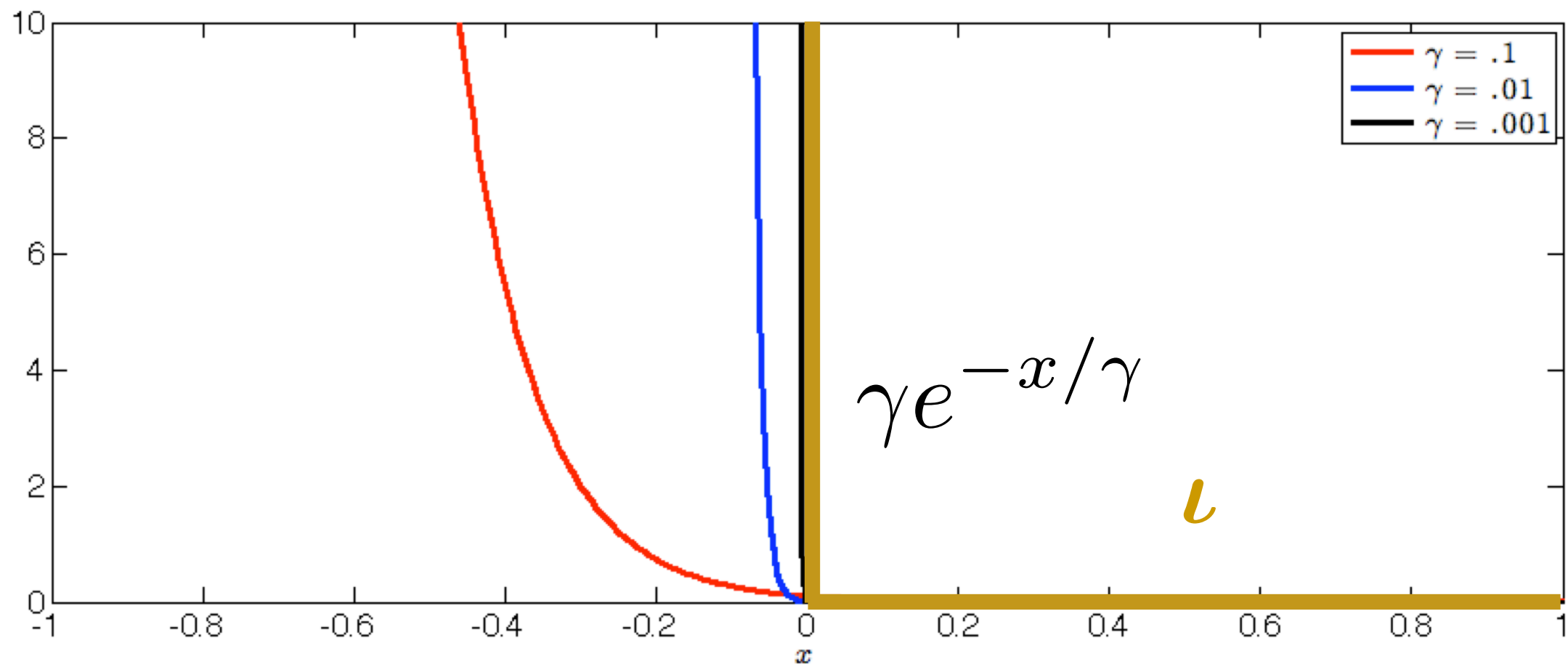


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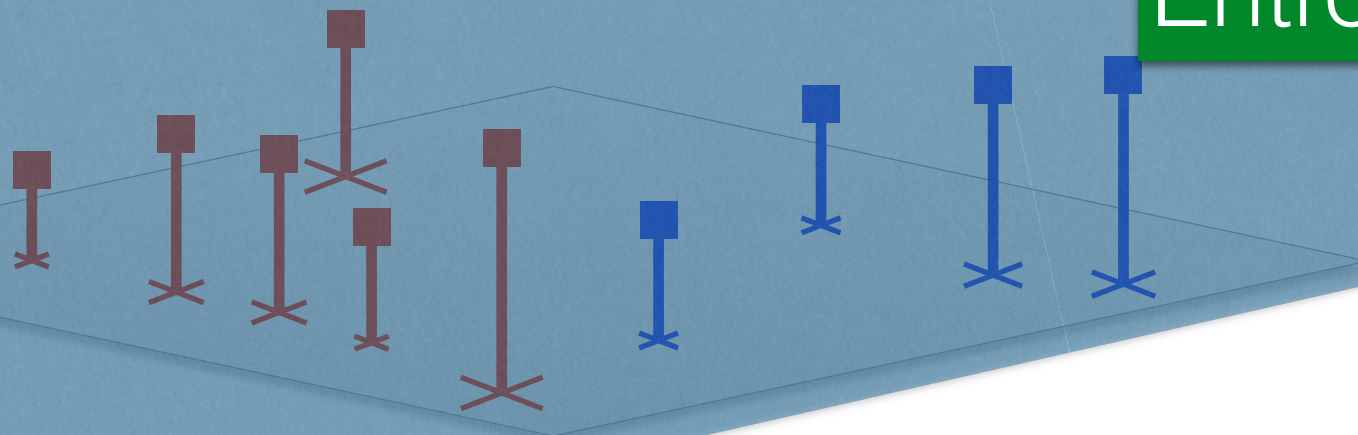
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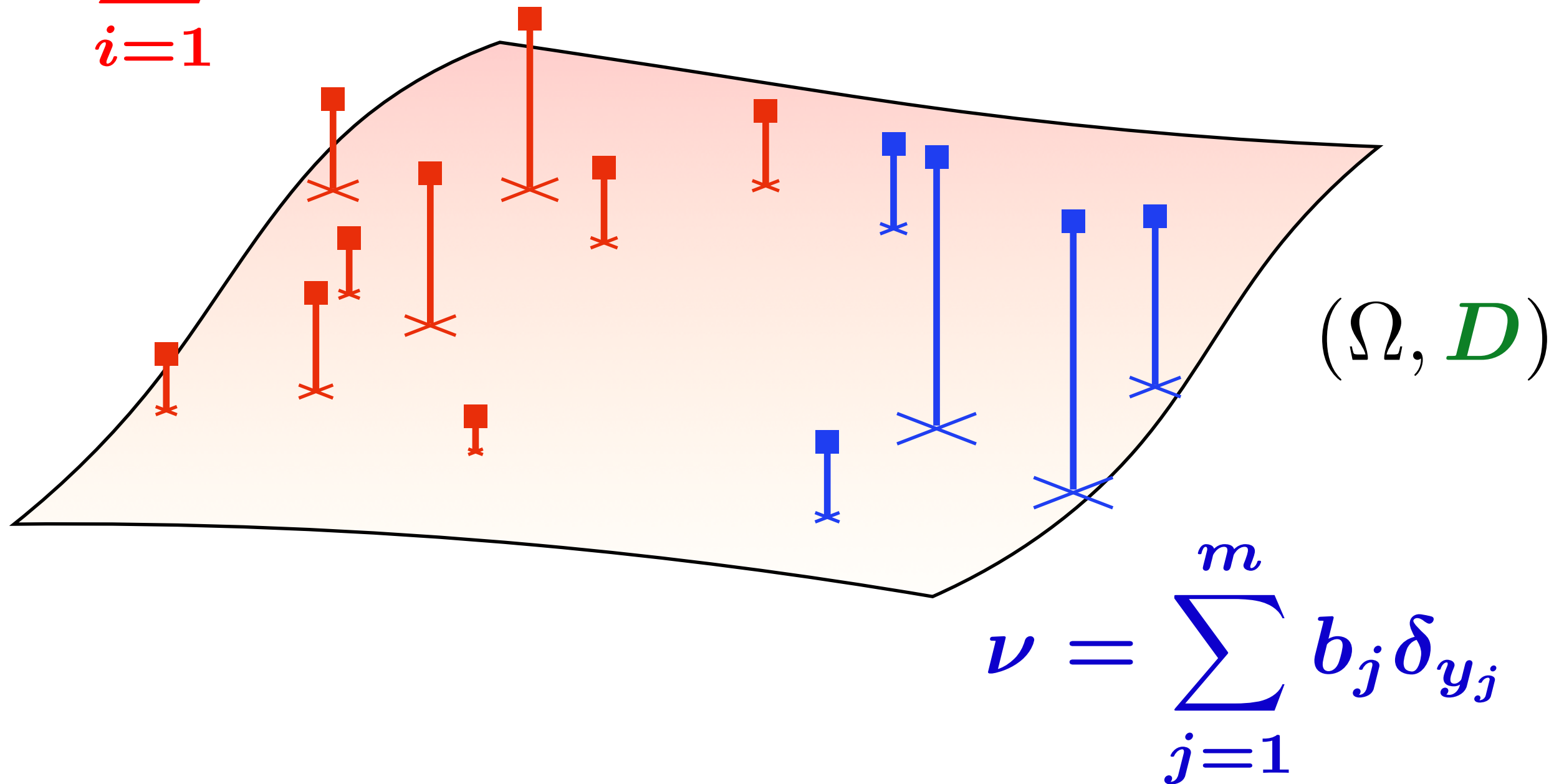
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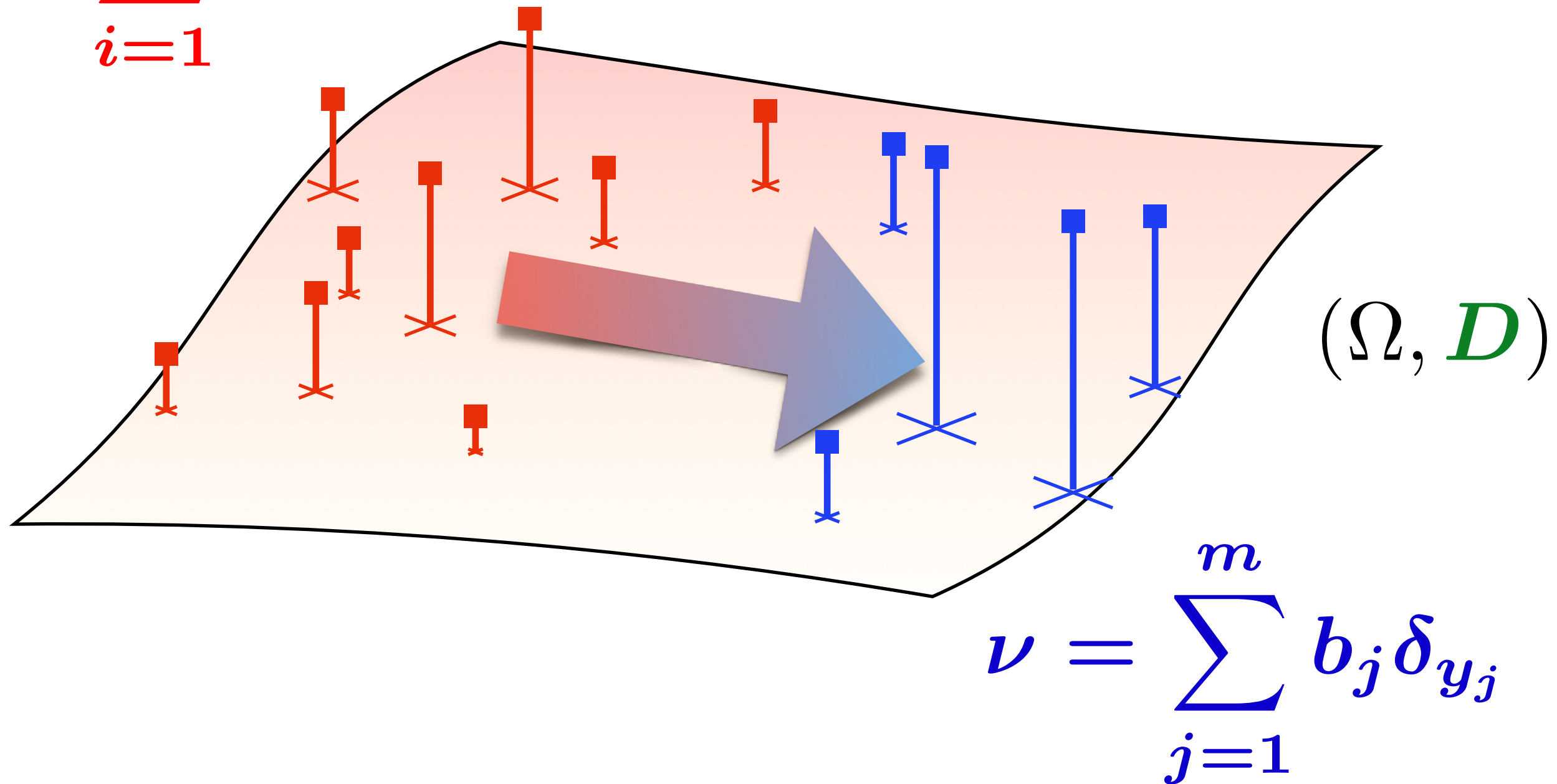
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REGULARIZED DISCRETE DUAL

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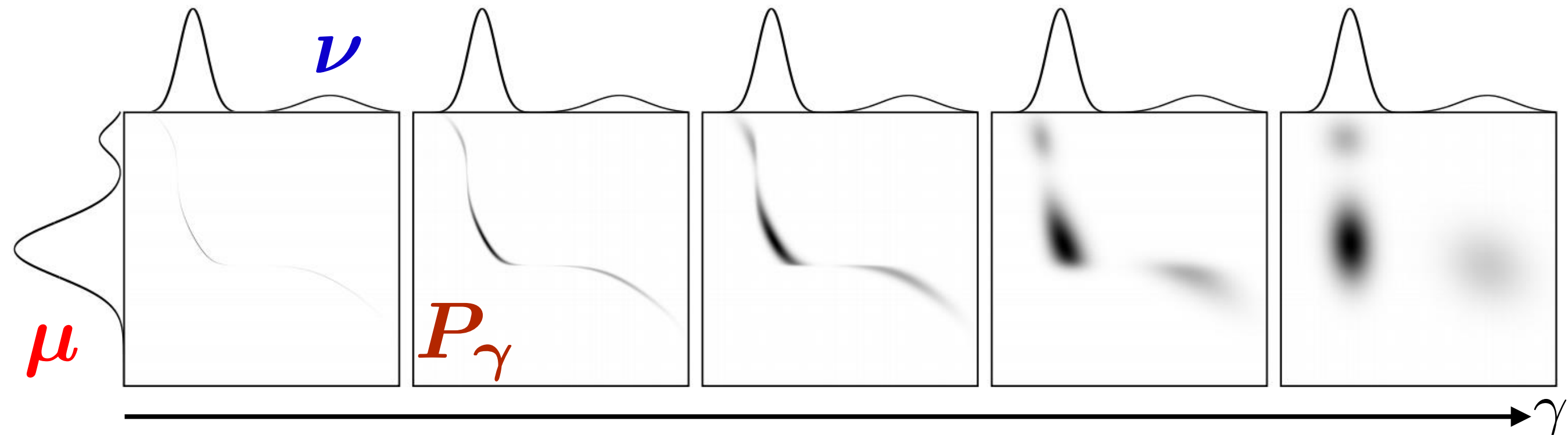
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$$\partial L / \partial P_{ij} = M_{ij} + \gamma (\log P_{ij} - \log a_i - \log b_j) - \alpha_i - \beta_j$$

$$(\partial L / \partial P_{ij} = 0) \Rightarrow P_{ij} = a_i e^{\frac{\alpha_i}{\gamma}} e^{-\frac{M_{ij}}{\gamma}} b_j e^{\frac{\beta_j}{\gamma}} = \mathbf{u}_i \mathbf{K}_{ij} \mathbf{v}_j$$

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- [Sinkhorn'64] fixed-point iterations for  $(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v})$

$$\mathbf{u} \leftarrow \mathbf{a} / \mathbf{K} \mathbf{v}, \quad \mathbf{v} \leftarrow \mathbf{b} / \mathbf{K}^T \mathbf{u}$$

- $O(nm)$  complexity, GPGPU parallel [C'13].
- $O(n^{d+1})$  if  $\Omega = \{1, \dots, n\}^d$  and  $D^p$  separable.

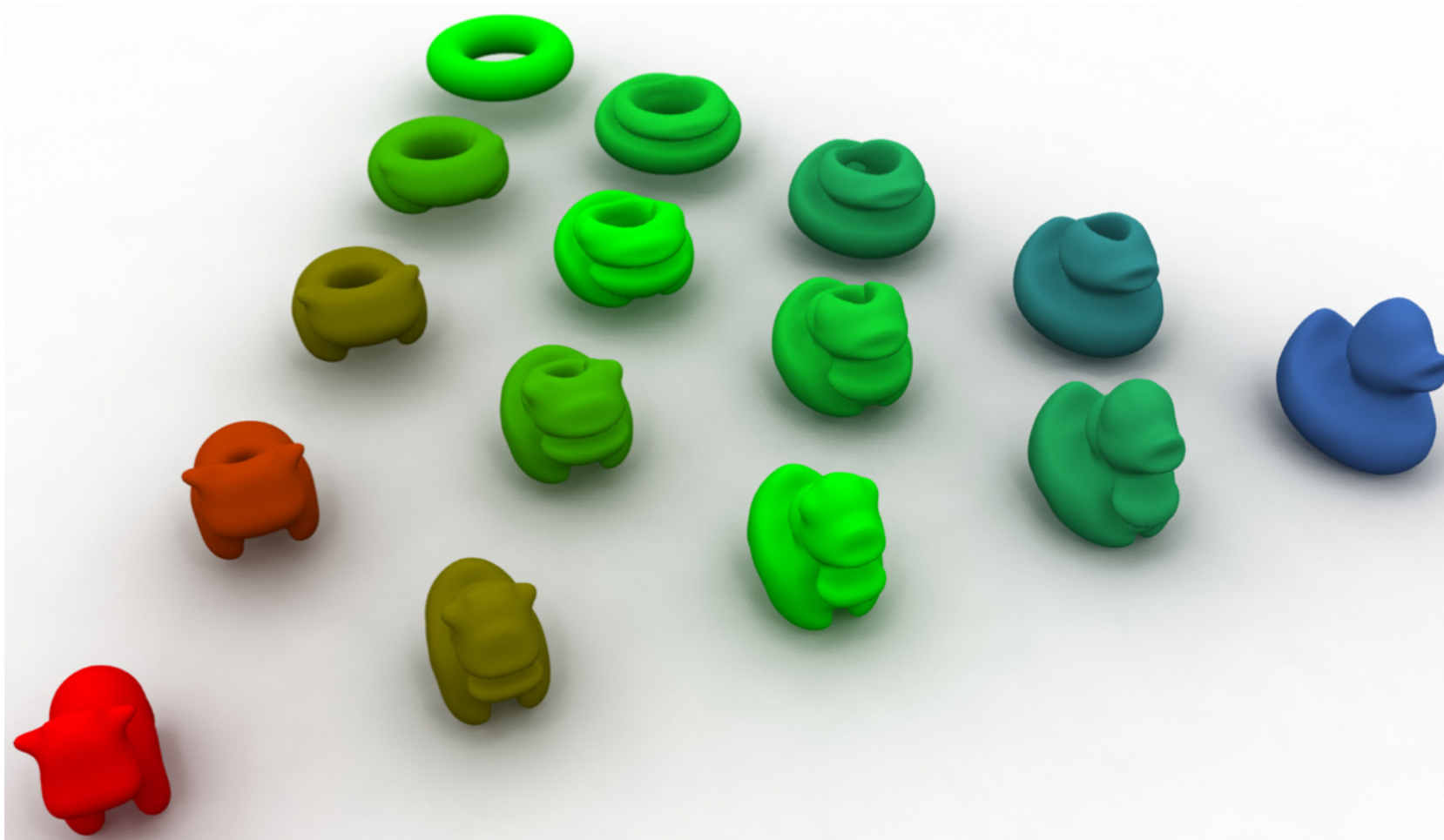
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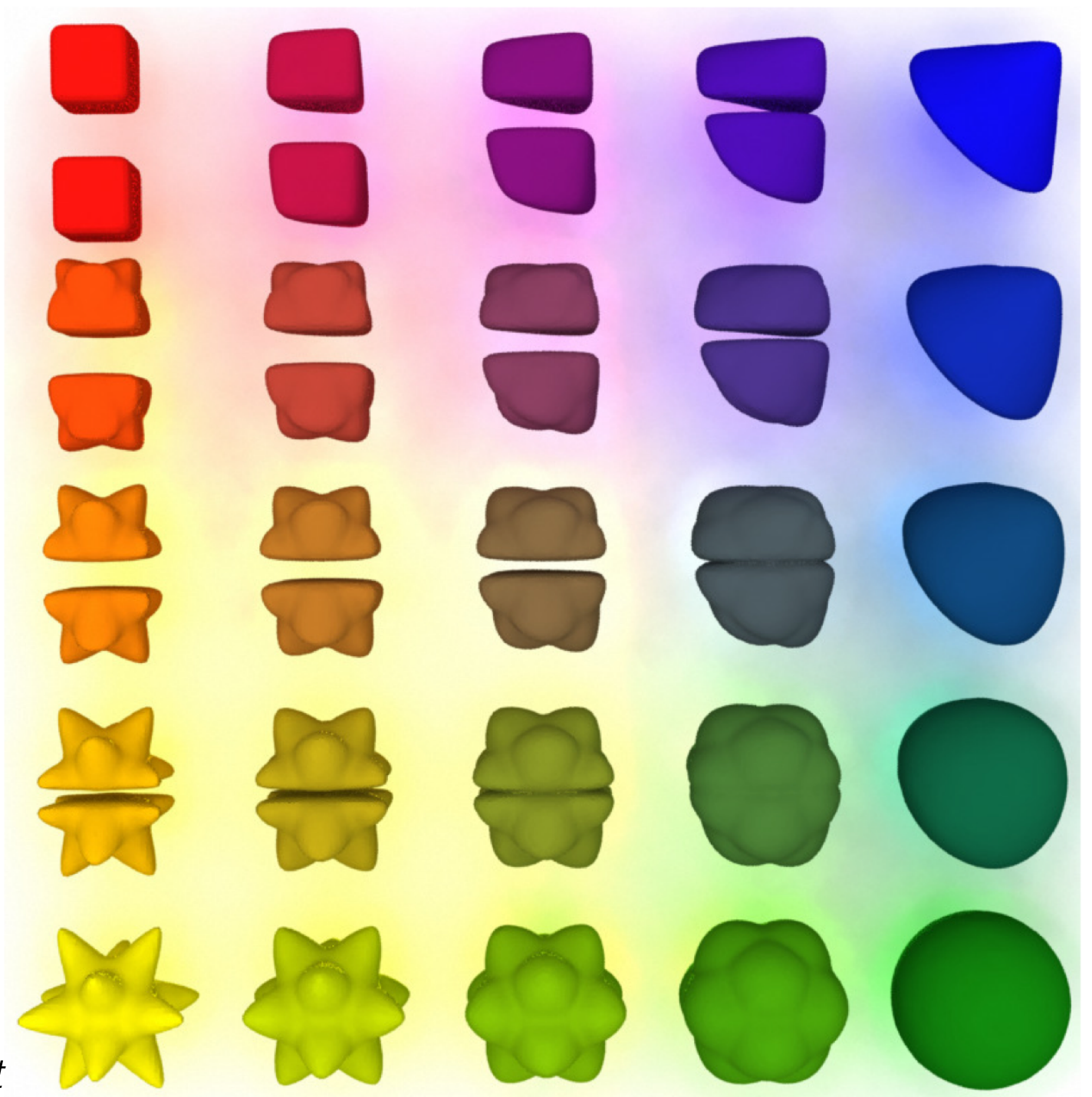
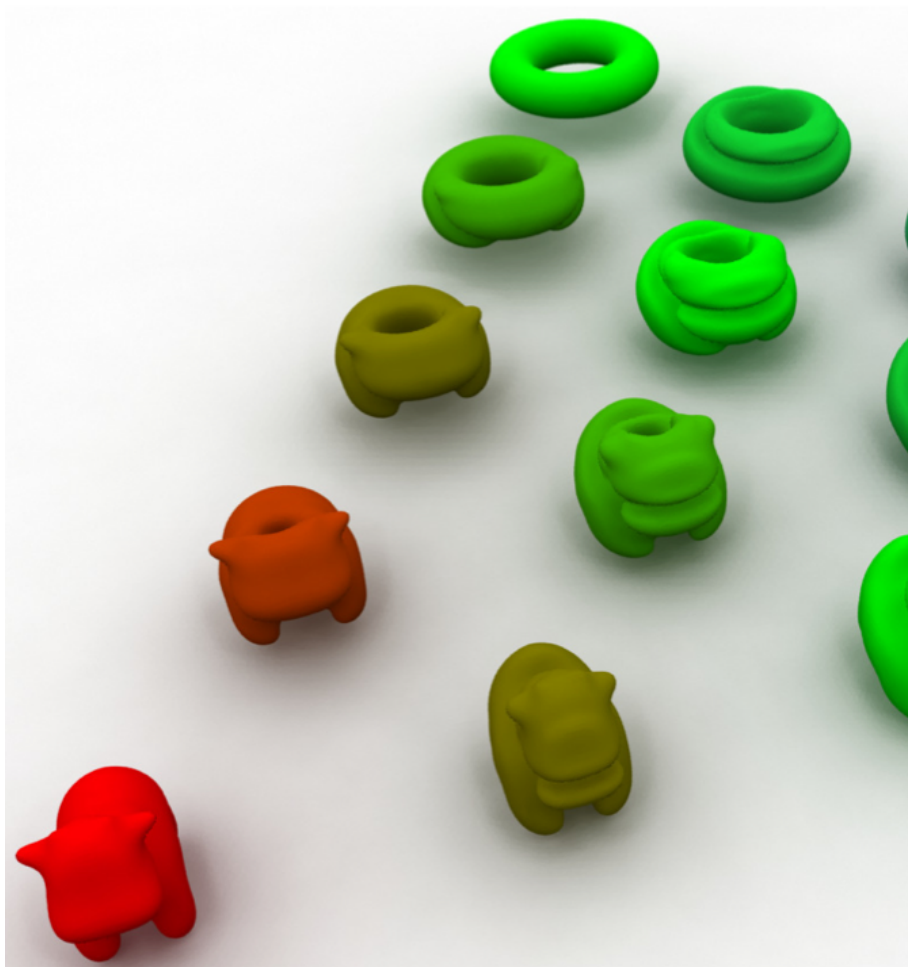
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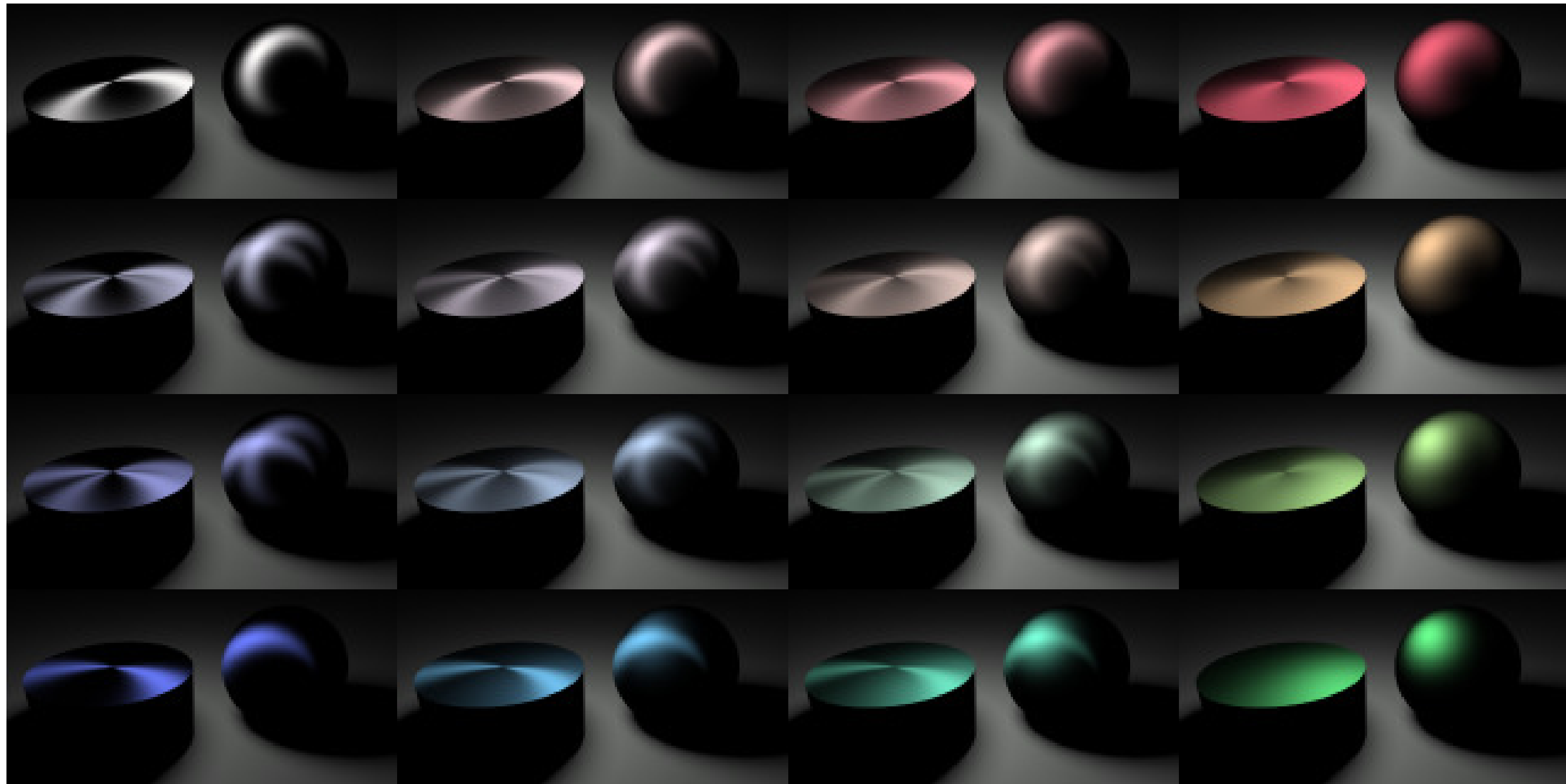


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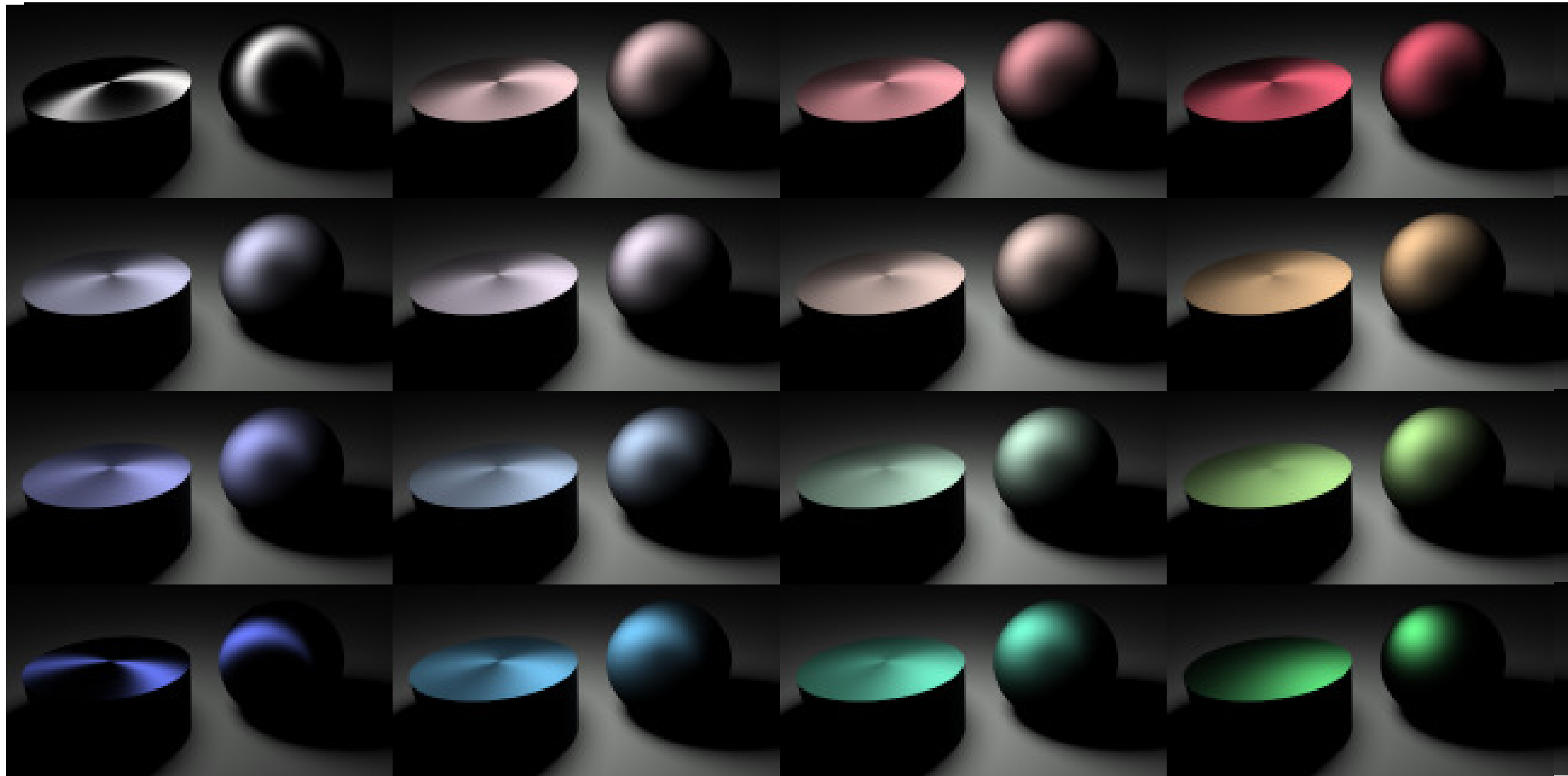
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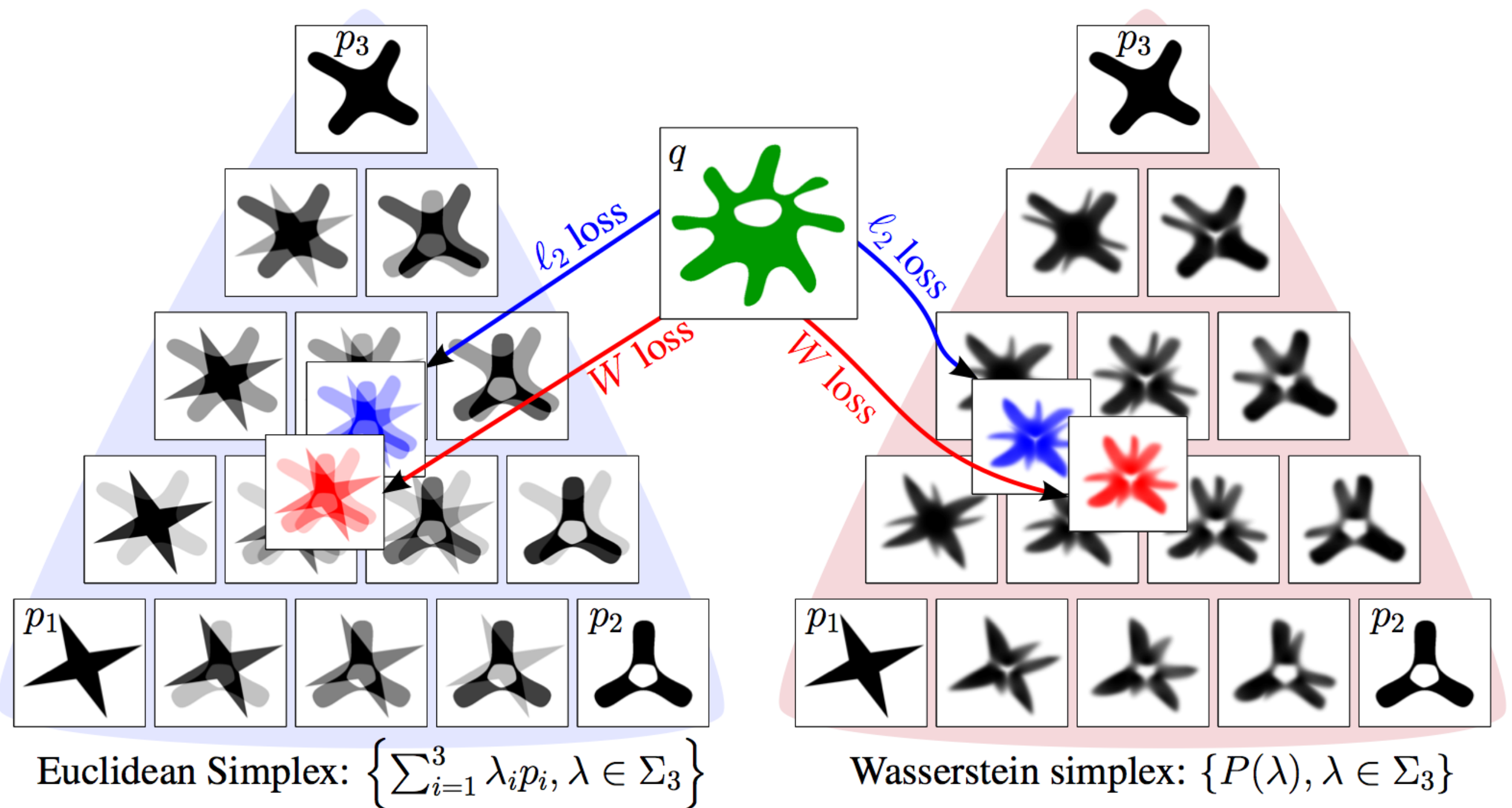
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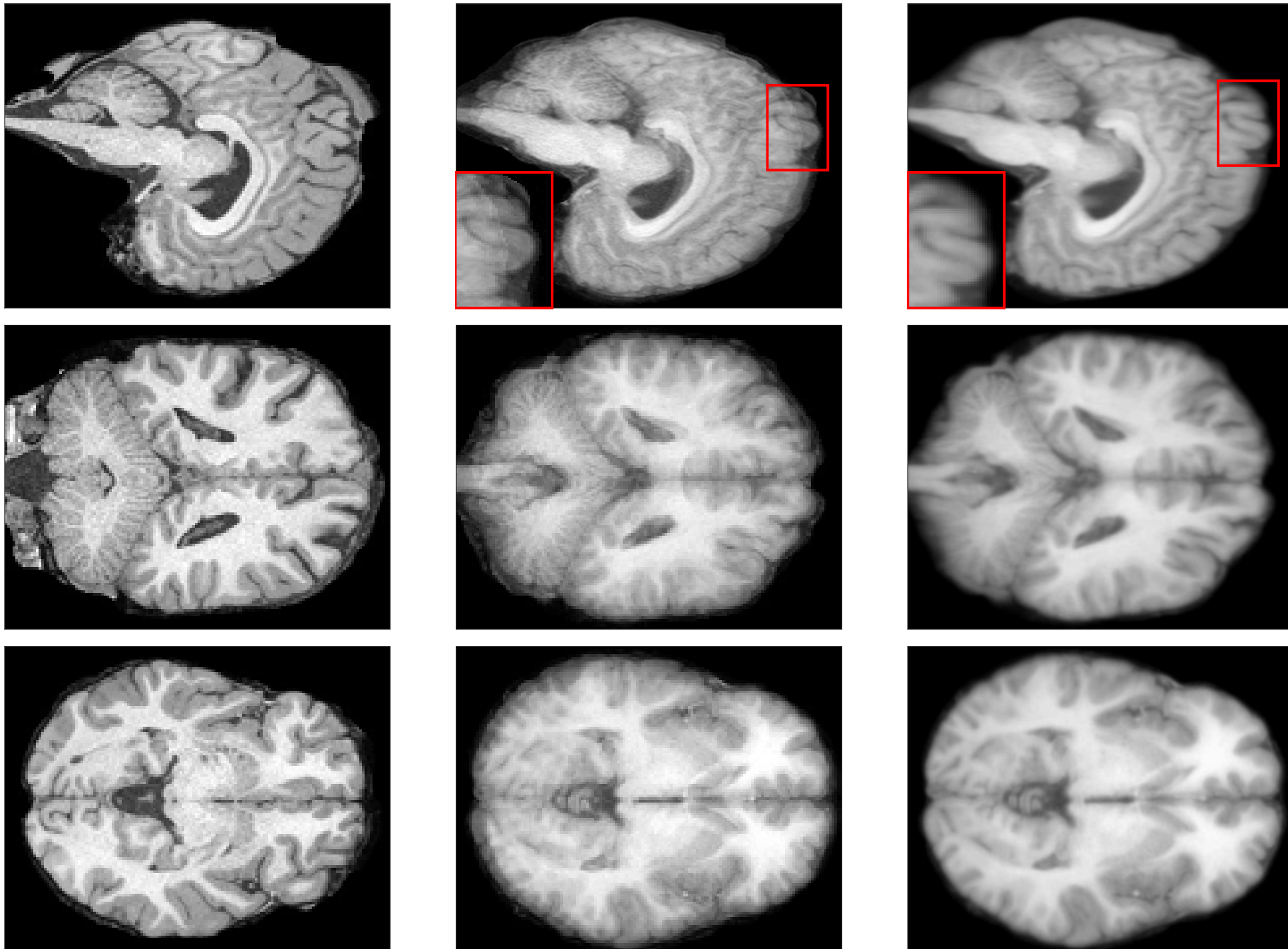


# (Application: Wasserstein Regression)



*Wasserstein Barycentric Coordinates: Histogram  
Regression using Optimal Transport, SIGGRAPH'16*

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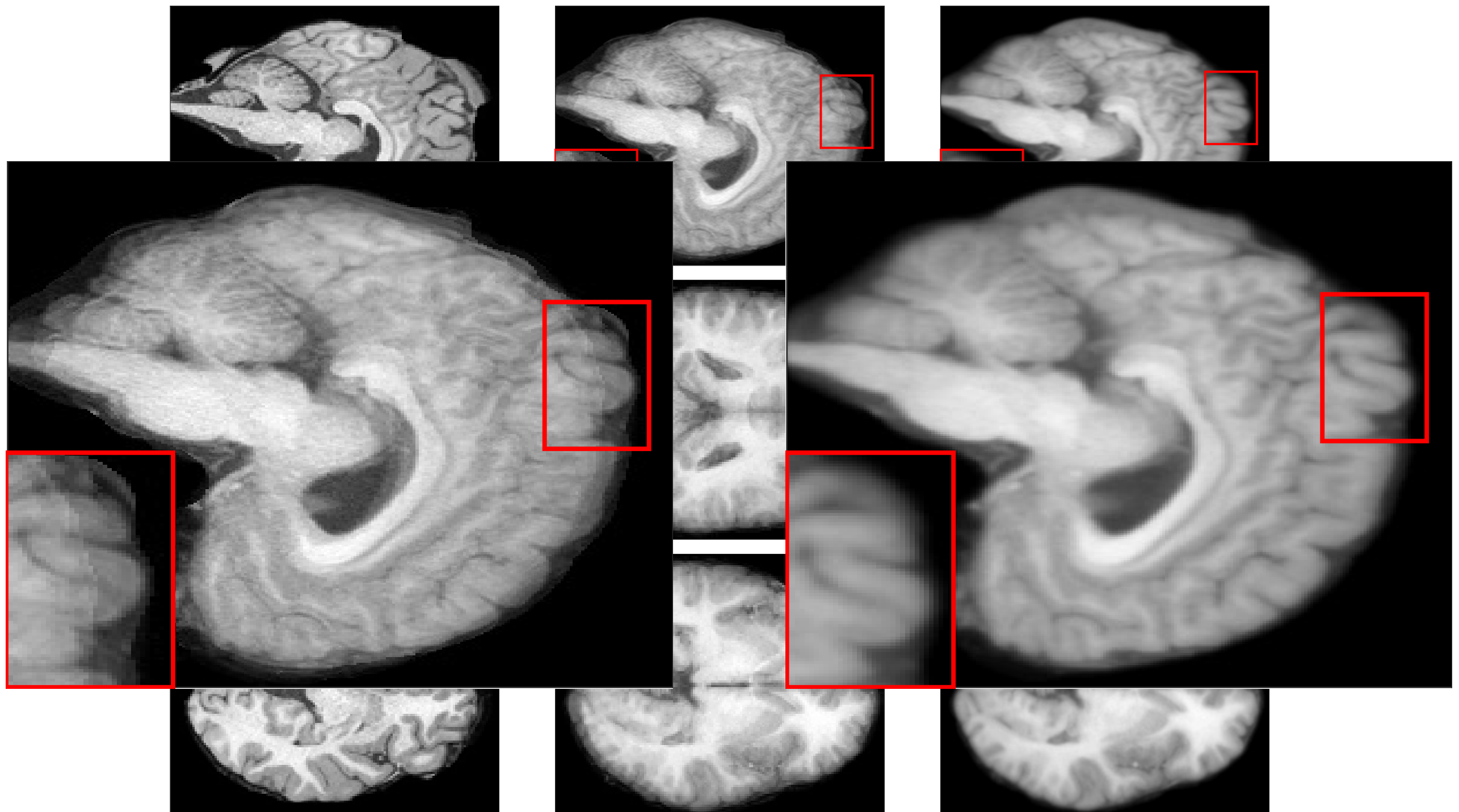


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# Algorithmic Formulation

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# Algorithmic Formulation

**Def.** For  $L \geq 1$ , define

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$$\left( \frac{\partial \mathbf{v}_0}{\partial a} \right)^T = \mathbf{0}_{m \times n},$$

$$\left( \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}_l}{\partial a} \right)^T \mathbf{x} = \frac{\mathbf{x}}{\mathbf{K} \mathbf{v}_l} - \left( \frac{\partial \mathbf{v}_l}{\partial a} \right)^T \mathbf{K}^T \frac{\mathbf{x} \circ a}{(\mathbf{K} \mathbf{v}_l)^2},$$

$$\left( \frac{\partial \mathbf{v}_{l+1}}{\partial a} \right)^T \mathbf{y} = - \left( \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}_l}{\partial a} \right)^T \mathbf{K} \frac{\mathbf{y} \circ b}{(\mathbf{K}^T \mathbf{u}_l)^2}.$$

# 4. Algorithmic Formulation

**Example:** Differentiability w.r.t.  $a$

$$\textcolor{blue}{N} = \textcolor{blue}{K} \circ M_{\textcolor{red}{X}\textcolor{blue}{Y}}$$

$$\nabla_{\textcolor{red}{a}} W_L(\textcolor{red}{\mu}, \textcolor{blue}{\nu}) = \left( \frac{\partial \textcolor{brown}{u}_L}{\partial a} \right)^T \textcolor{blue}{N} \textcolor{brown}{v}_L + \left( \frac{\partial \textcolor{brown}{v}_L}{\partial a} \right)^T \textcolor{blue}{N}^T \textcolor{brown}{u}_L$$



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function [d,grad_a,grad_b,hess_a,hess_b] = sinkhornObjGradHess(a,b,K,M,niter)

u_update = @(v,a) a./(K*v);
v_update = @(u,b) b./(K'*u);

% DuDa = @(eps,dvda,a,v) (eps./(K*v)) - (a./((K*v).^2)).*(K*dvda(eps));
%
% DvDa = @(eps,duda,b,u) -(b./((K'*u).^2)).*(K'*duda(eps));
%
% DuDb = @(eps,dvdb,a,v) -(a./((K*v).^2)).*(K*dvdb(eps));
%
% DvDb = @(eps,dudb,b,u) (eps./(K'*u)) - (b./((K'*u).^2)).*(K'*dudb(eps));

DuDat = @(x,dvdat,a,v) bsxfun(@rdivide,x,K*v)... (x./(K*v))
        -dvdat(K'*( bsxfun(@times,x,(a./((K*v).^2)))));...-dvdat(K'*( (a./((K*v).^2)).*x));

DvDat = @(x,dudat,b,u) -dudat(K*(bsxfun(@times,x,(b./((K'*u).^2))))); ... (b./((K'*u).^2)).*x))

JDuDat= @(x,Jdvdat,dvdat,a,v) -diag((x'*dvdat(K'))'./((K*v).^2)) ... (K*dvda(x))
        - Jdvdat(x)*K'*diag(a./((K*v).^2))...
        - dvdat(K'* ...
        ( diag(a.*( (-2*(x'*dvdat(K'))' )./((K*v).^3)))+...
        diag(x./((K*v).^2)) )); %1

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        - dudat(K)* ( ...
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DuDbt = @(x,dvdbt,a,v) -dvdbt(K'*(bsxfun(@times,x,(a./((K*v).^2))))); ... (a./((K*v).^2)).*x);
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DvDbt = @(x,dudbt,b,u) bsxfun(@rdivide,x,K'*u) ... (x./((K'*u)))...  
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n=size(a,1);
m=size(b,1);

DV DAT= @(eps) zeros(n,size(eps,2));
DV DBT= @(eps) zeros(m,size(eps,2));

JDV DAT= @(eps) zeros(n,m);
JDV DBT= @(eps) zeros(m,m);

v=ones(m,size(b,2));

for j=1:niter,
    u=u_update(v,a);
    DU DAT = @(x) DuDat(x,DV DAT,a,v);
    DU DBT = @(x) DuDbt(x,DV DBT,a,v);

    if nargout>3
        JDU DAT = @(x) JDuDat(x,JDV DAT,DV DAT,a,v);
        JDU DBT = @(x) JDuDbt(x,JDV DBT,DV DBT,a,v);
    end

    v=v_update(u,b);
    DV DAT = @(x) DvDat(x,DU DAT,b,u);
    DV DBT = @(x) DvDbt(x,DU DBT,b,u);

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    end
end
end

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U=K.*M;
d=diag(u'*U*v);

grad_a=(DUDAT(U*v)+DV DAT(U'*u));
grad_b=(DU DBT(U*v)+DV DBT(U'*u));

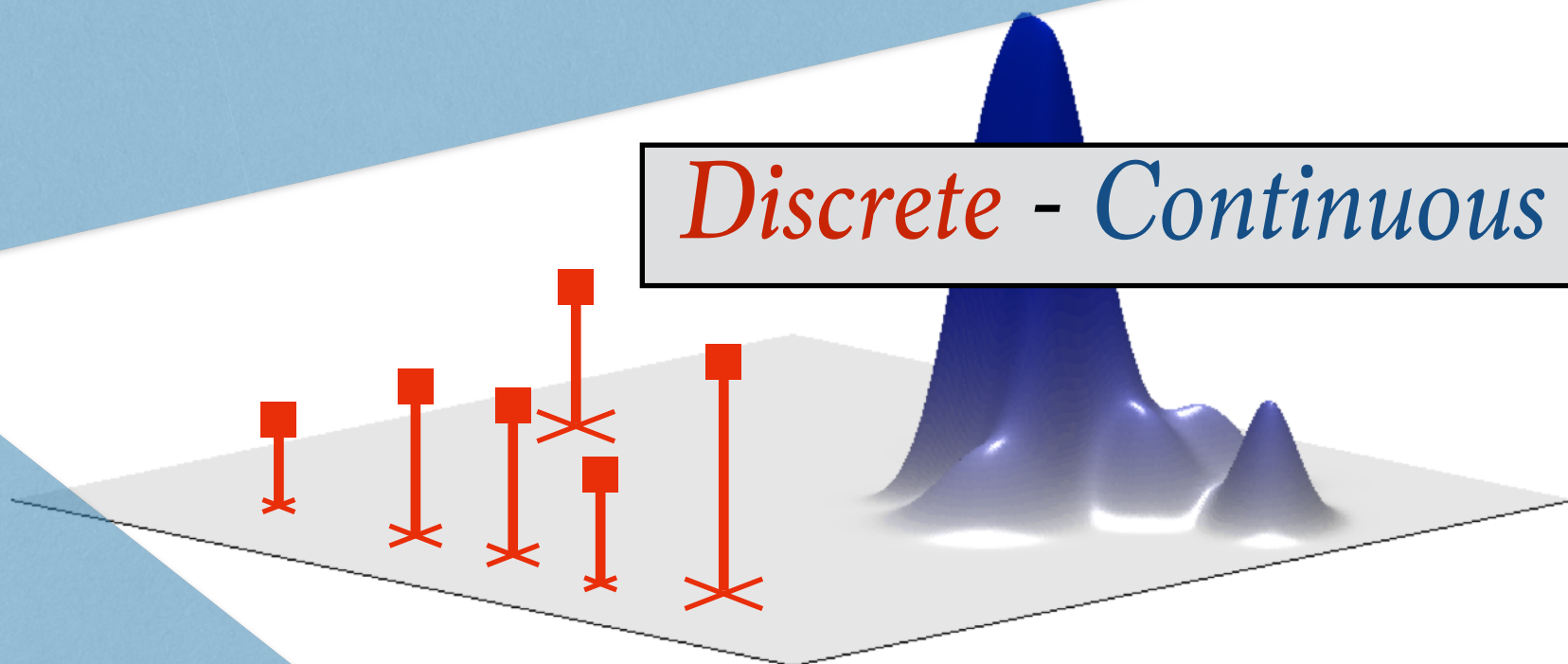
if nargout>3
    hess_a= @(eps) JDUDAT(eps)*(U*v)+DUDAT((eps'*DV DAT(U'))')+...
            JDV DAT(eps)*(U'*u)+DV DAT((eps'*DUDAT(U'))');
end

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# W is versatile

*Discrete - Continuous*



*Continuous - Continuous*





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*Discrete* - *Continuous*

low dim.

[M'116][KMB'16] [L'15]

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Stochastic  
Optimization

[GCPB'16]

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DUAL



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For given  $\varphi$ , cannot get a better  $\psi$  than

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SEMI-DUAL

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SEMI-DUAL

# Reminder: dual regularization

$$W_p^p(\mu, \nu) = \sup_{\varphi, \psi} \int \varphi d\mu + \int \psi d\nu - \iota_C(\varphi, \psi)$$
$$C = \{(\varphi, \psi) \mid \varphi \oplus \psi \leq D^p\}$$

DUAL

regularizing dual  constraints  $\gamma > 0$

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REGULARIZED DUAL

# Smoothed $D$ transforms

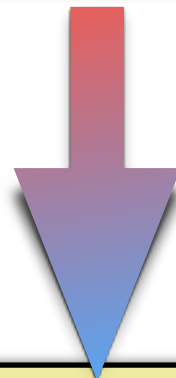
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$$\nabla_\psi = 0$$

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REGULARIZED SEMI-DUAL

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substituting



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$$= \sup_{\alpha \in \mathbb{R}^n} \mathbb{E}_{\nu} [f(\alpha, \mathbf{y})]$$

STOCHASTIC REGULARIZED SEMI-DUAL

(in Discrete Setting)

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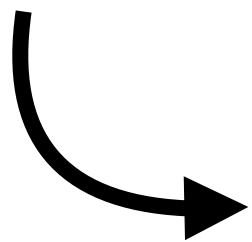
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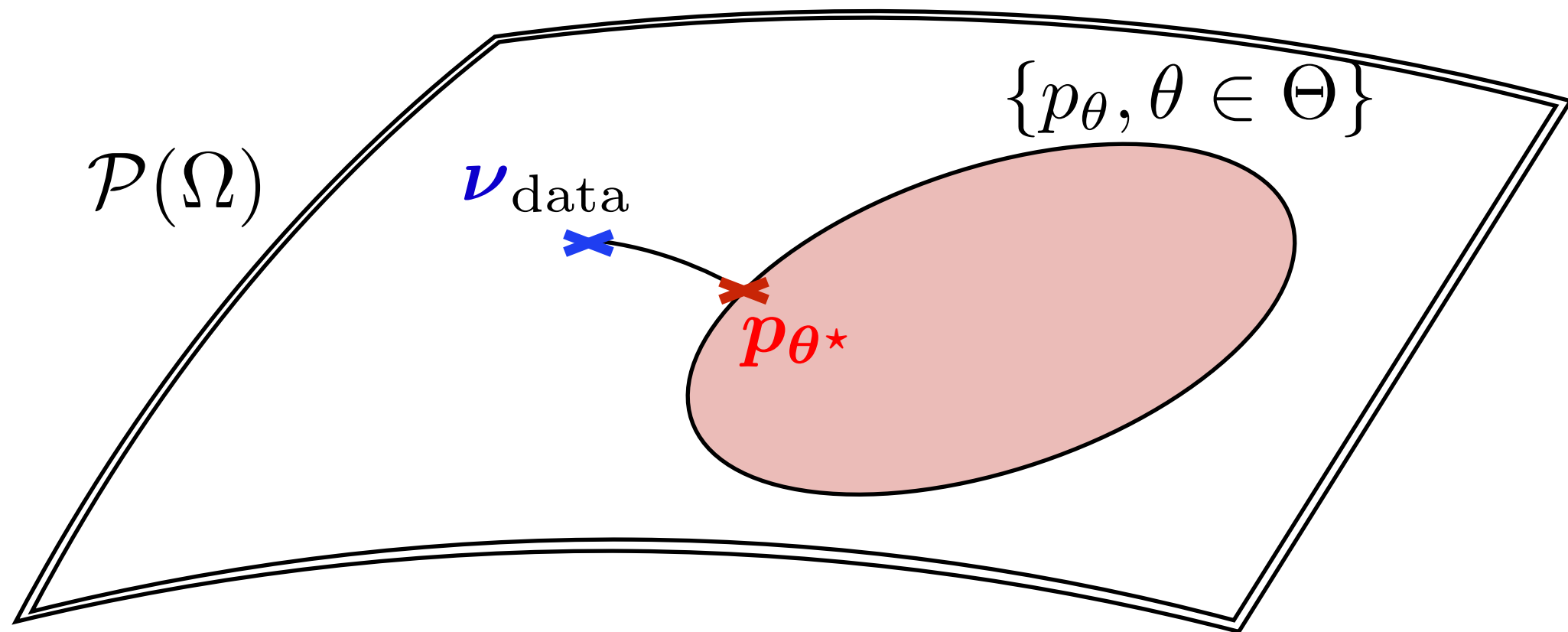
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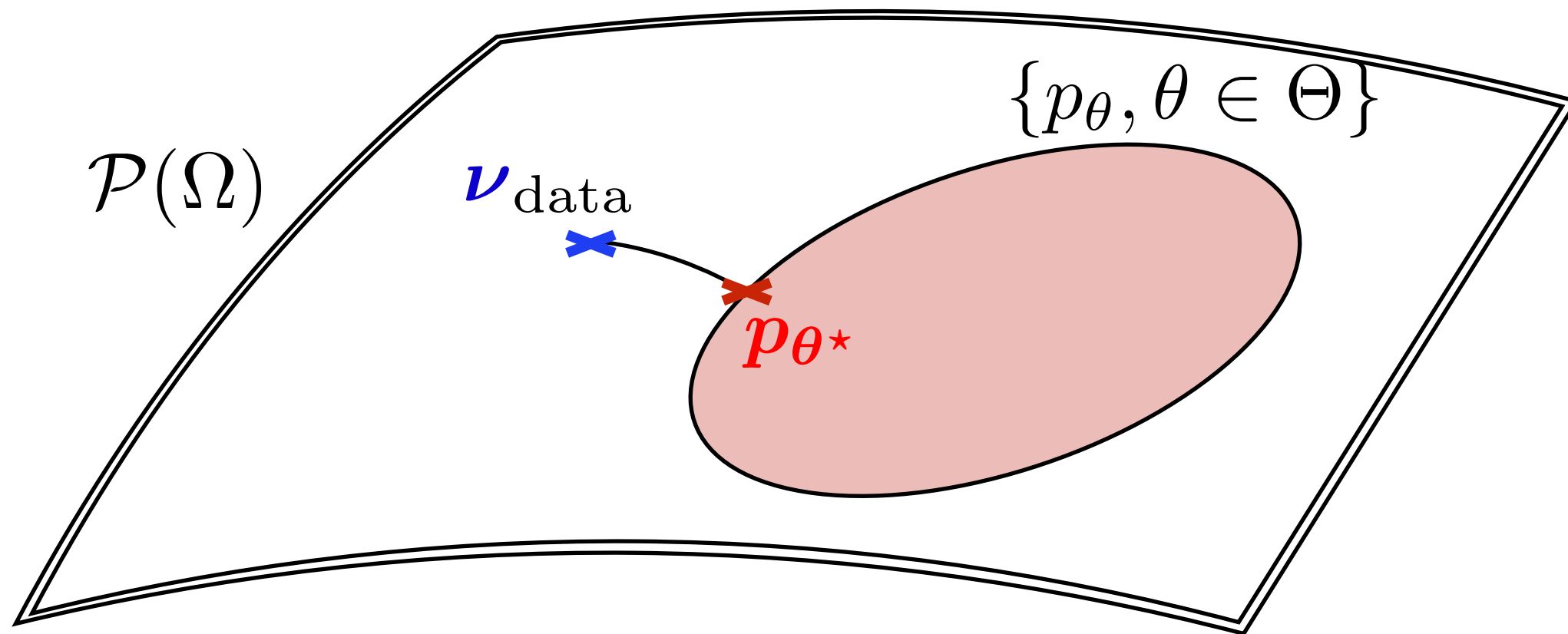
$$\sup_{\alpha \in \mathbb{R}^n} \alpha^T \mathbf{a} - \gamma \mathbf{b}^T \log K^T (\mathbf{a} \odot e^{\frac{\alpha}{\gamma}})$$

REGULARIZED SEMI-DUAL

# Minimum Kantorovich Estimators



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$$\min_{\theta \in \Theta} \text{KL}(\nu_{\text{data}} \| p_\theta)$$

MLE

$$\min_{\theta \in \Theta} W(\nu_{\text{data}}, p_\theta)$$

MKE

[Bassetti'06]



# In a discrete setting

- Suppose  $\Omega$  is a discrete, finite space.

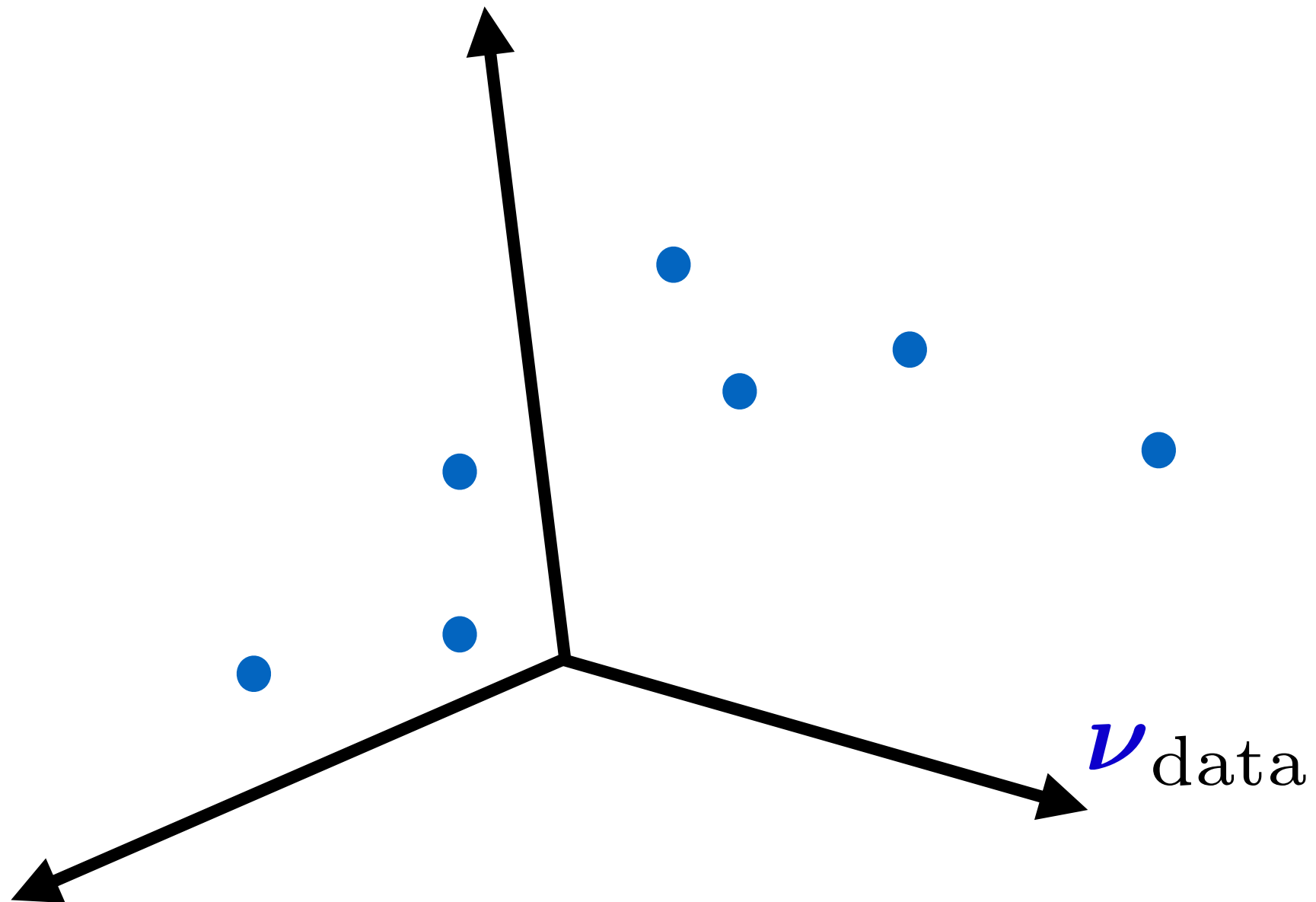
$$W_\gamma(p_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}, \boldsymbol{\nu}_{\text{data}}) = \max_{\boldsymbol{\alpha}, \boldsymbol{\beta}} \langle \boldsymbol{\alpha}, p_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \rangle + \langle \boldsymbol{\beta}, \boldsymbol{\nu}_{\text{data}} \rangle - \gamma \langle e^{\boldsymbol{\alpha}/\gamma}, K e^{\boldsymbol{\beta}/\gamma} \rangle$$

$$\nabla_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} W_\gamma = \left( \frac{\partial p_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}}{\partial \boldsymbol{\theta}} \right)^T \boldsymbol{\alpha}^\star$$

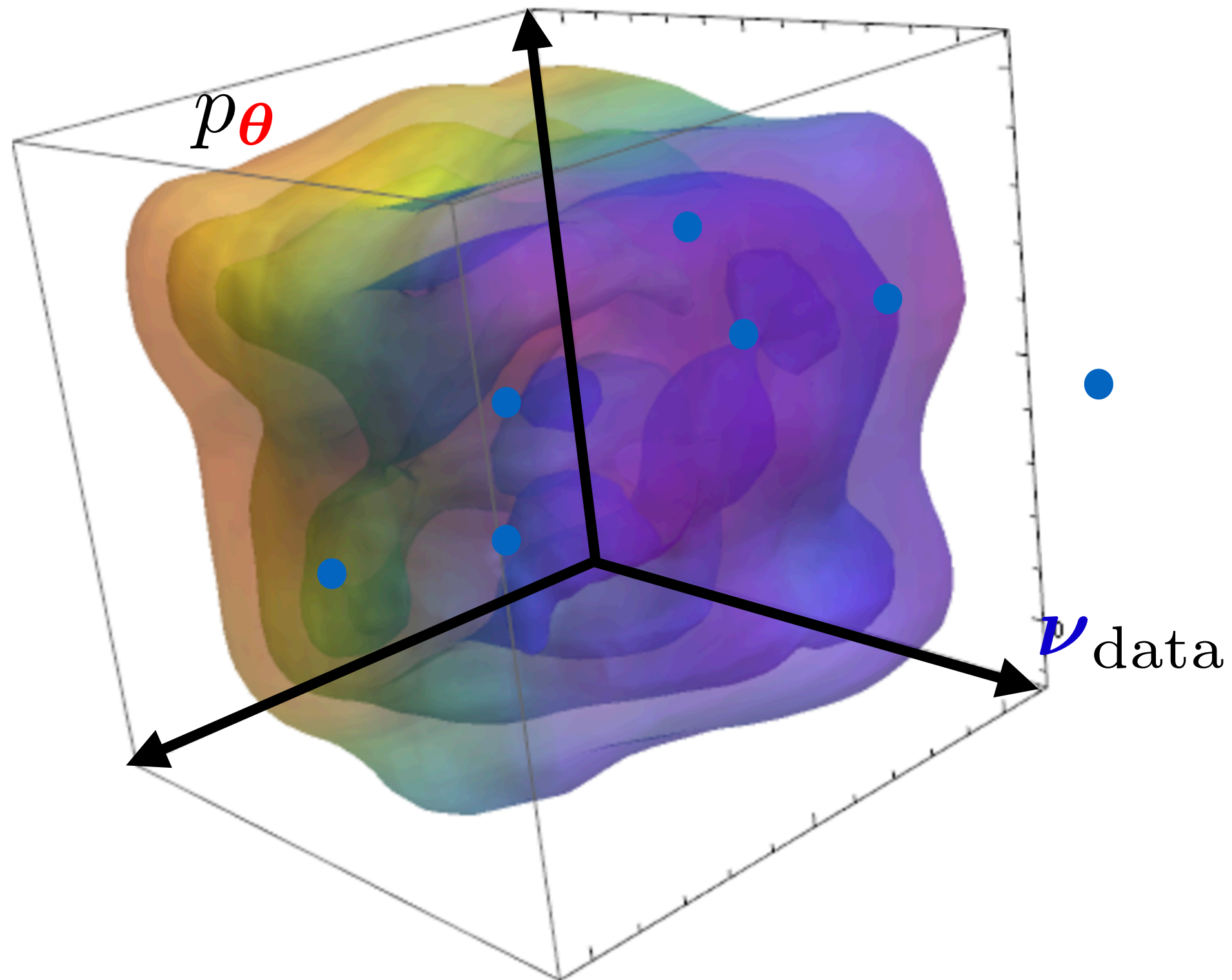
- Used for discrete models with very large state spaces in **[MMC'16]**.
- Considered for restricted Boltzmann machines, using stochastic approximation & regularization.

# In a continuous observation setting

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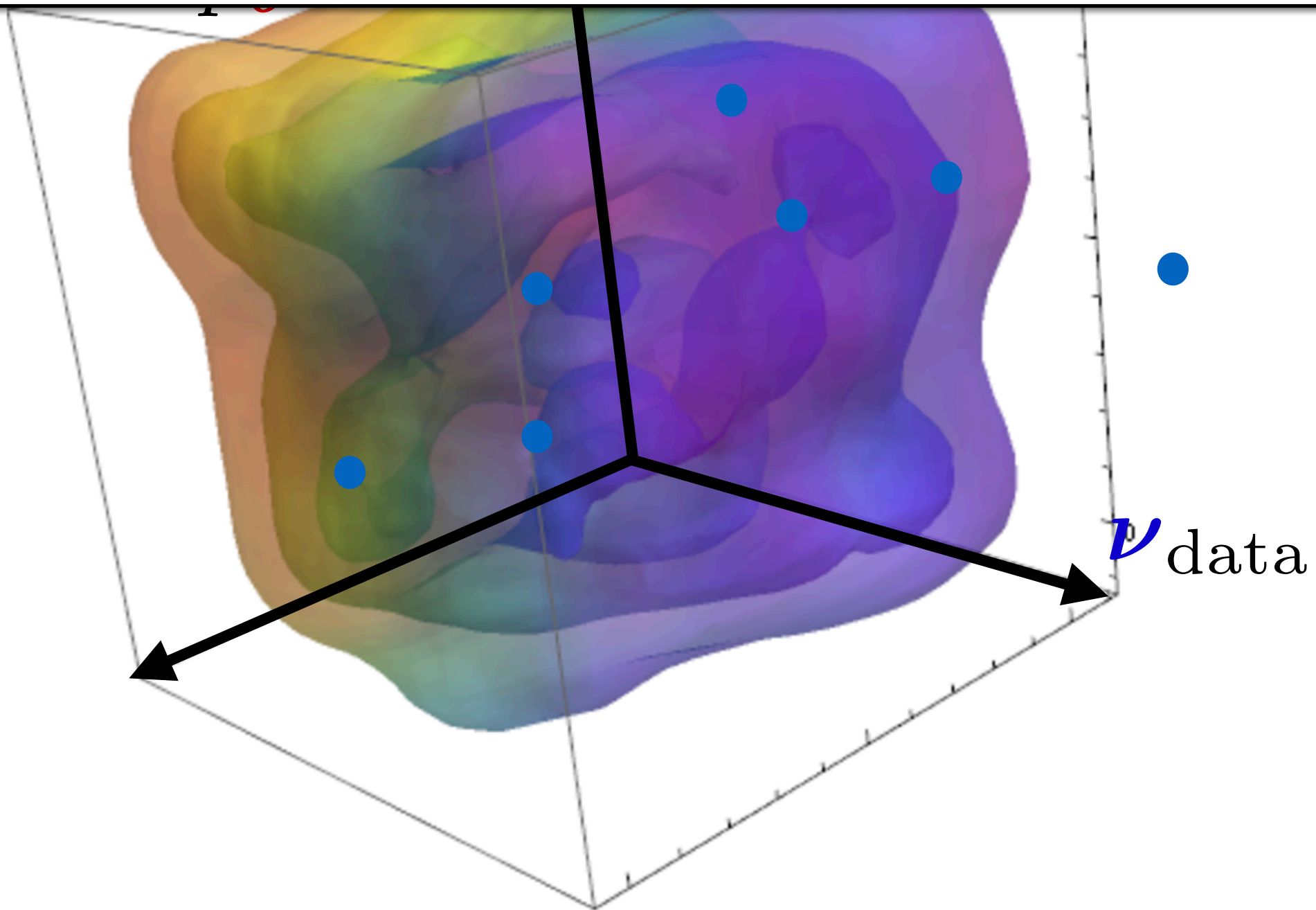


# In a continuous observation setting



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$$W_{\gamma}(p_{\theta}, \nu_{\text{data}}) = \max_{f, b} \int_{\Omega} f dp_{\theta} + b^T \mathbf{1}_m - \gamma \langle e^{f/\gamma}, K e^{b/\gamma} \rangle_{p_{\theta}}$$



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$\boldsymbol{\nu}_{\text{data}}$

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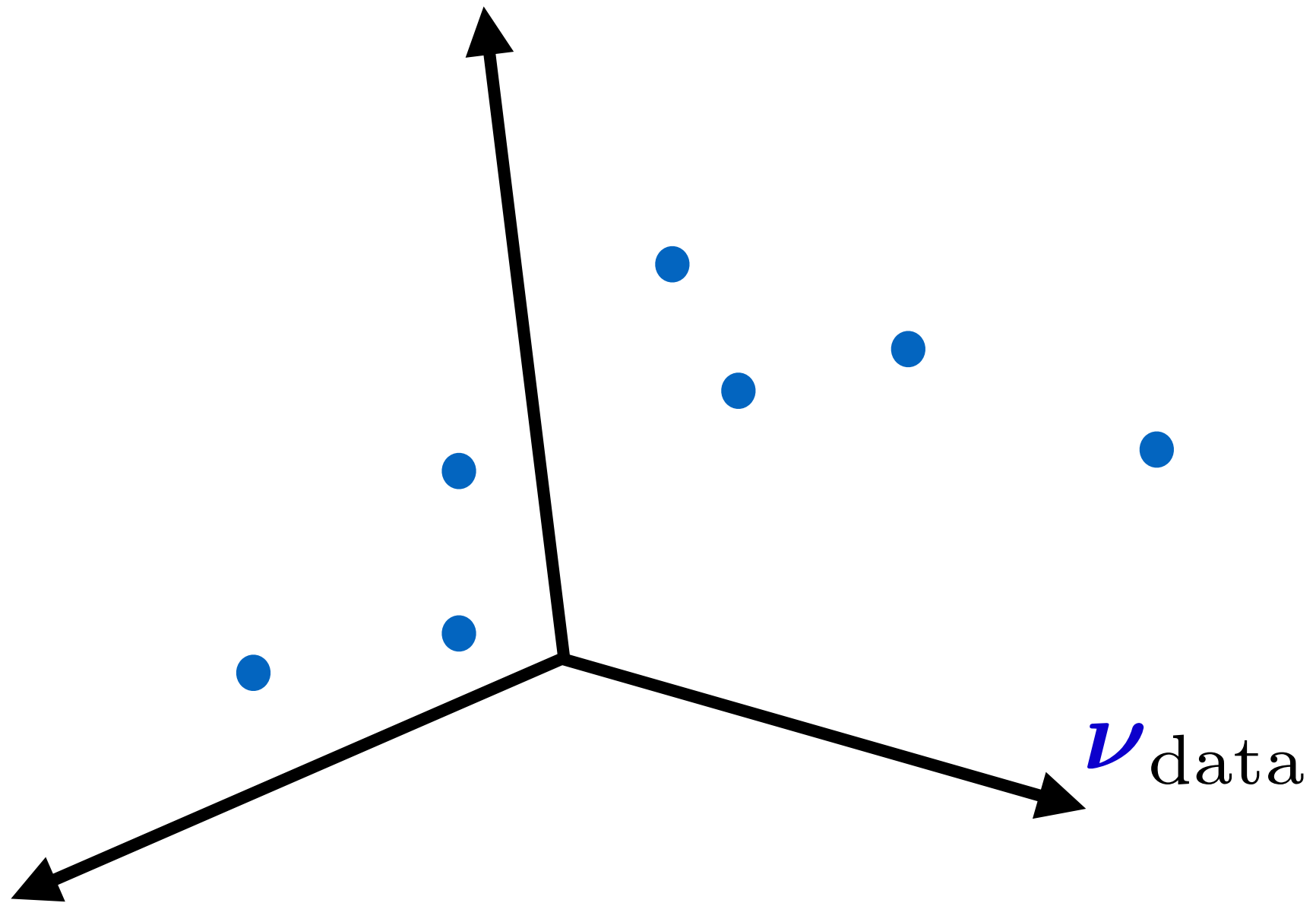
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[GCPB'16]

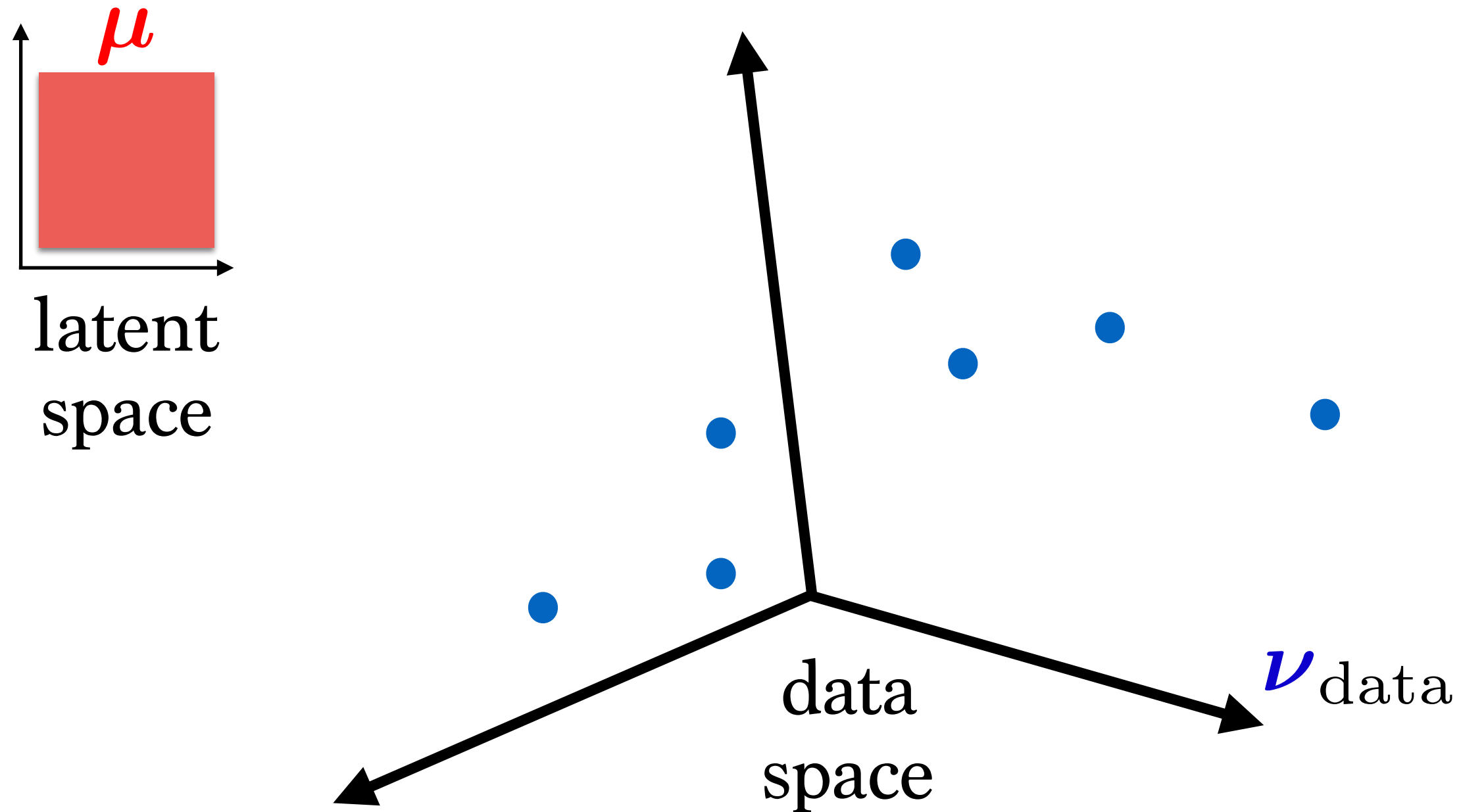


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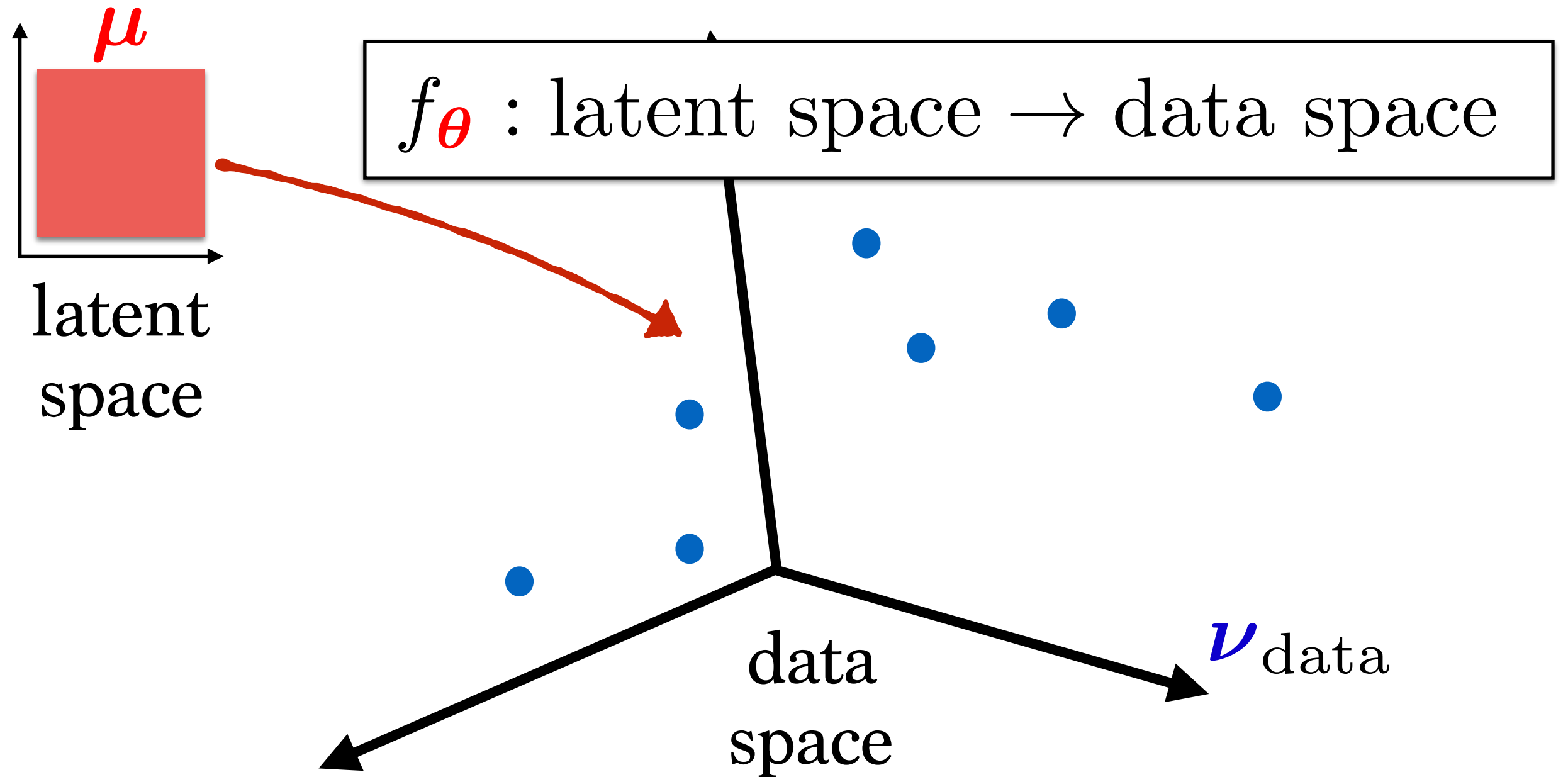
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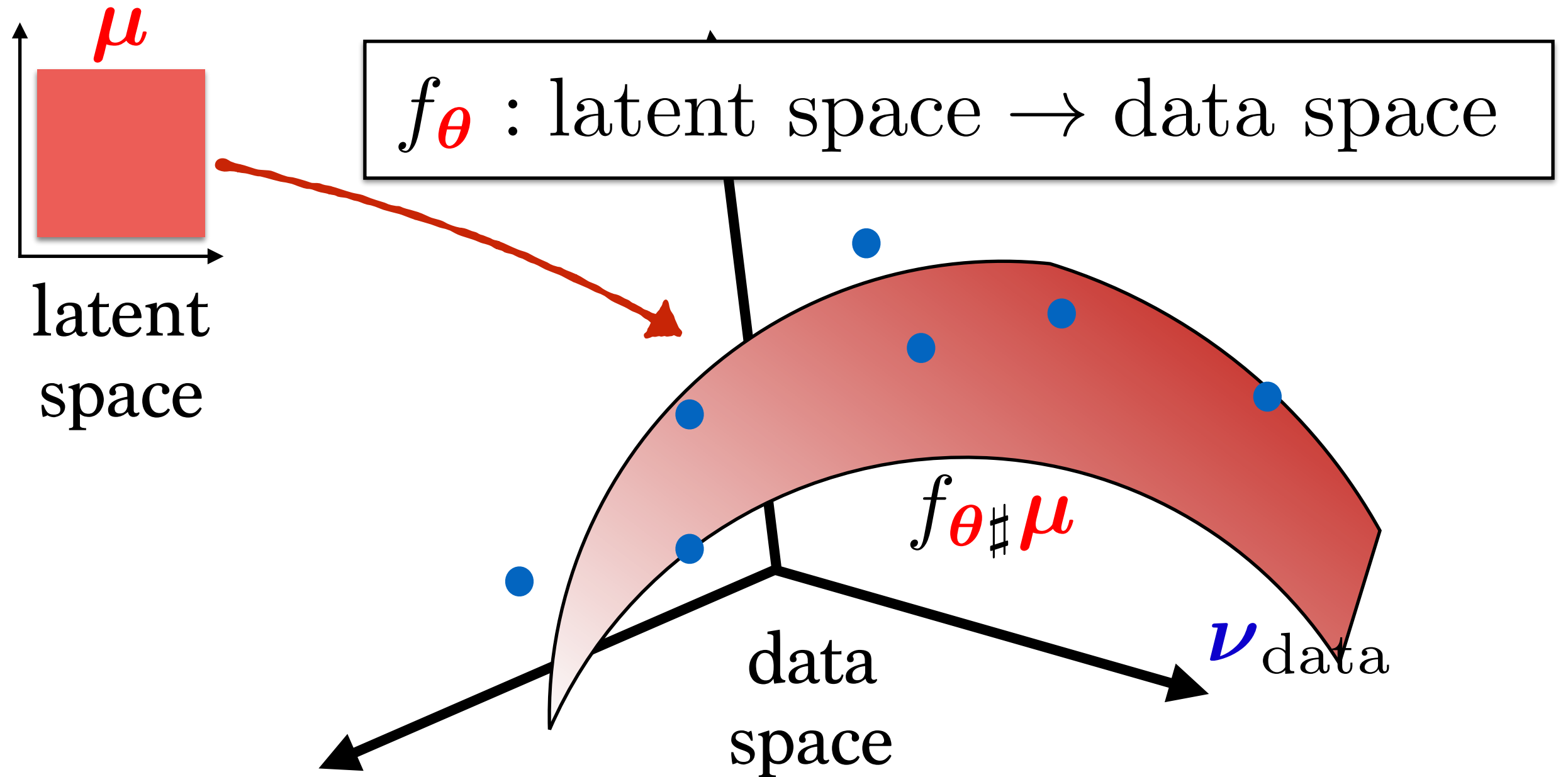
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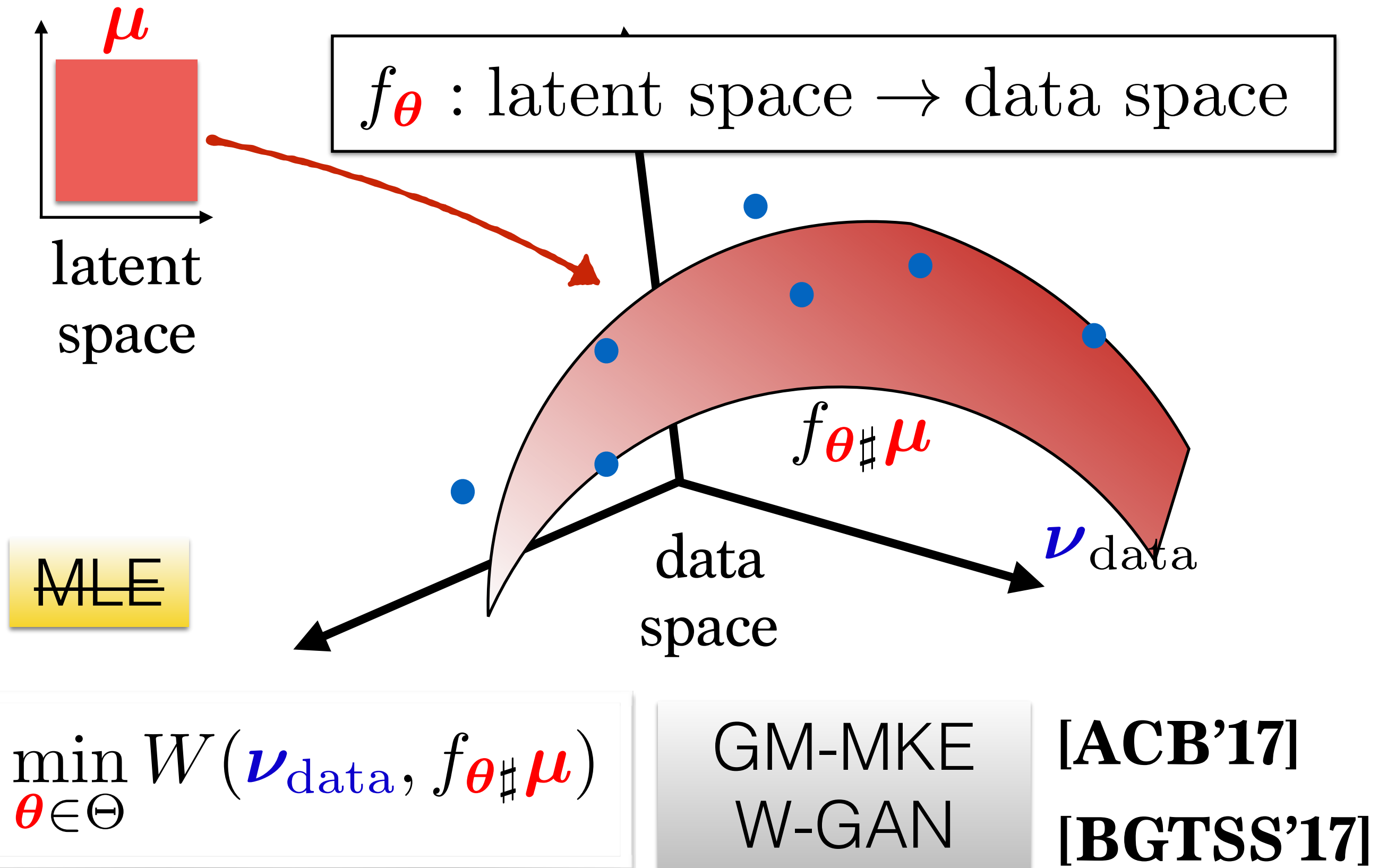
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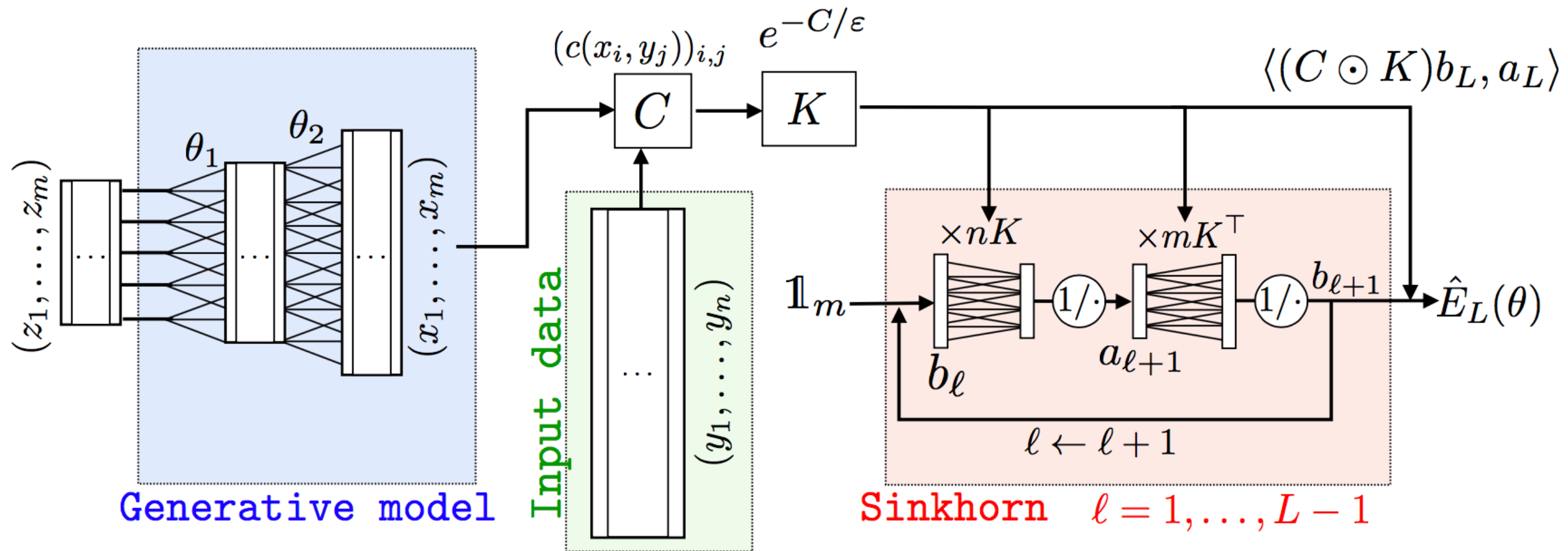


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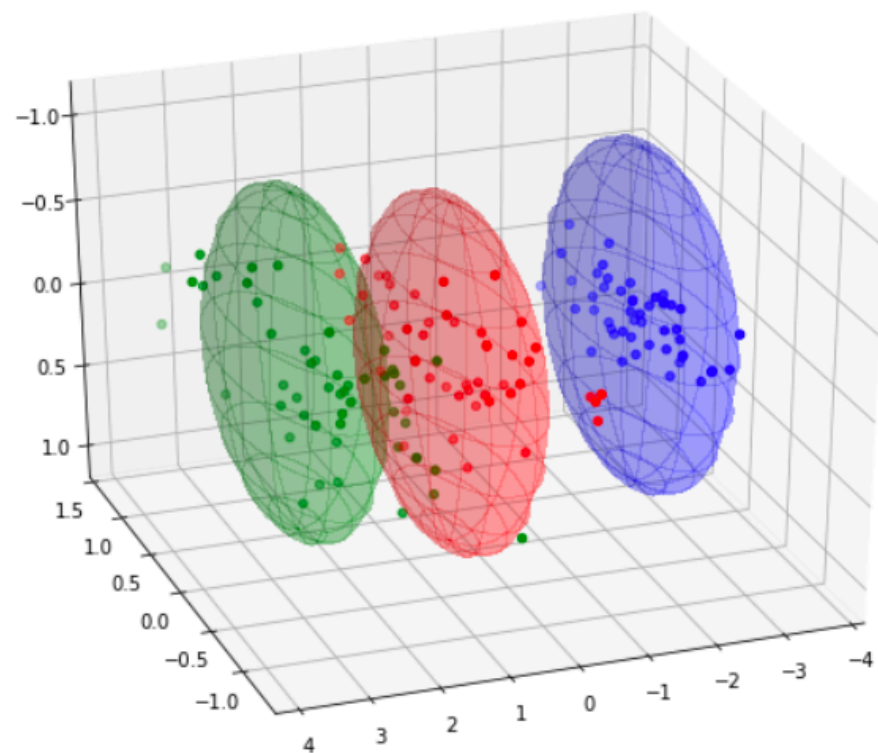
# Our algorithmic proposal

Approximate regularized  $W$  loss by  $W_L$ .

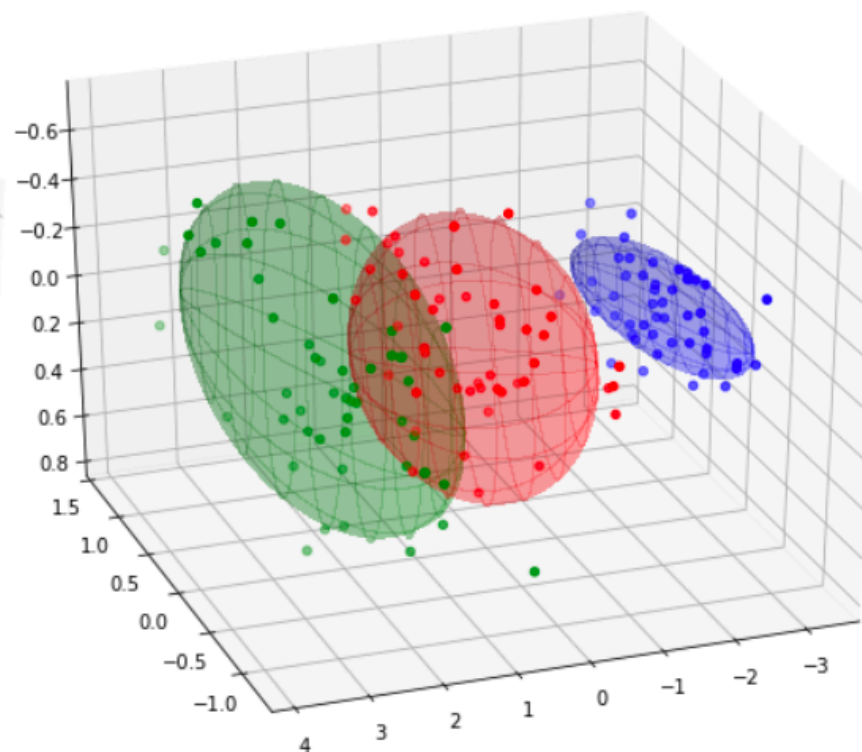


# Example: Fitting Ellipses

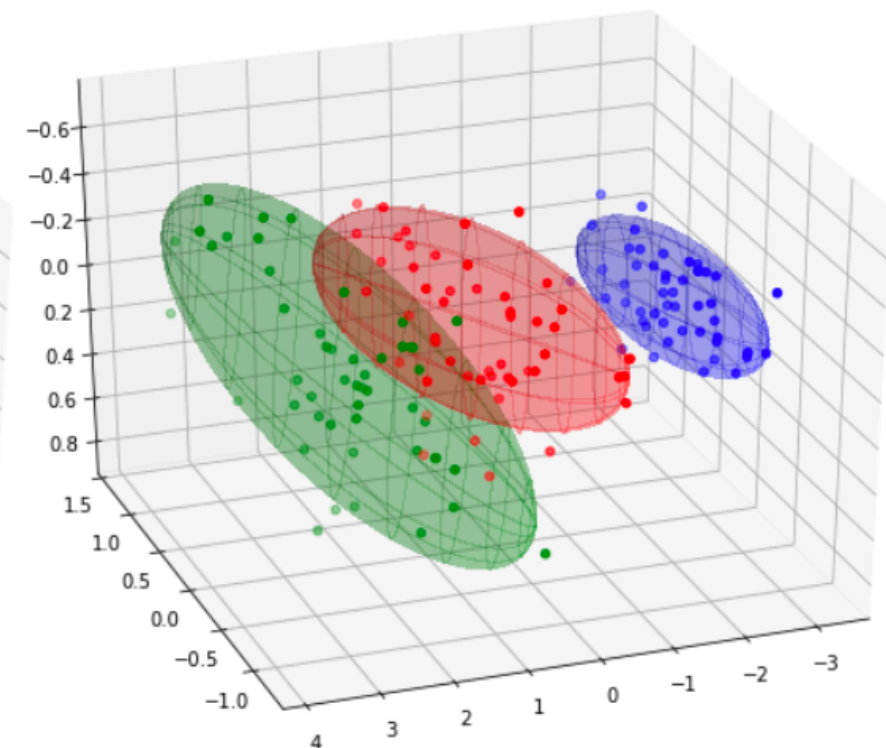
- $k$ -means problem can be seen as a MKE when the model = atomic measures with  $k$  atoms.
- We generalize by estimating uniform ellipsoid measures that approximate clouds of points.



(a) Initialization (unit balls, kmeans centers)



(b) After 3 gradient steps



(c) At convergence (15 steps)



# Example: MNIST, Learning $f_{\theta}$

