

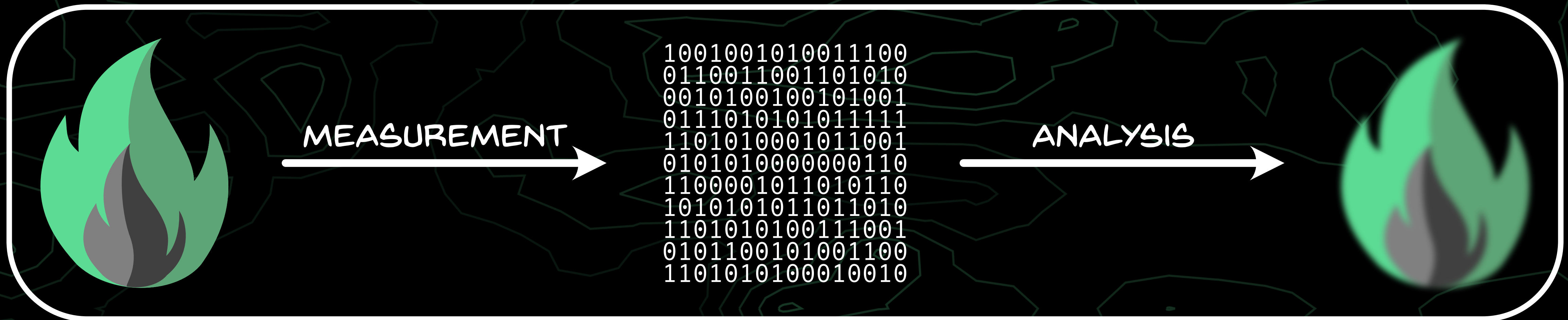
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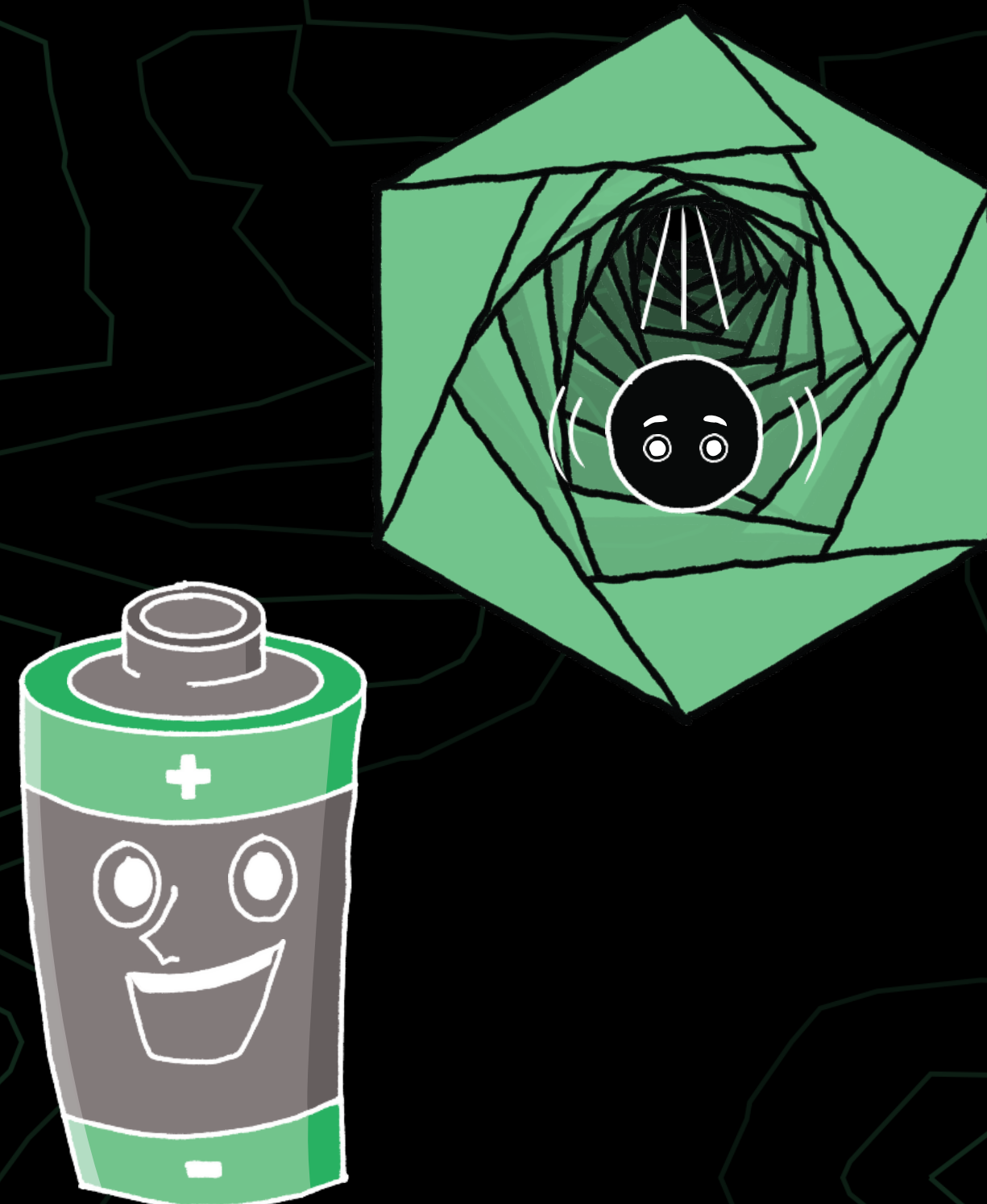
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THE MEASUREMENT PROCESS IS A NOISY CHANNEL; INFORMATION IS LOST. THE ROLE OF ANALYSIS IS TO TRY AND RECONSTRUCT THE PHYSICAL OBSERVABLE.



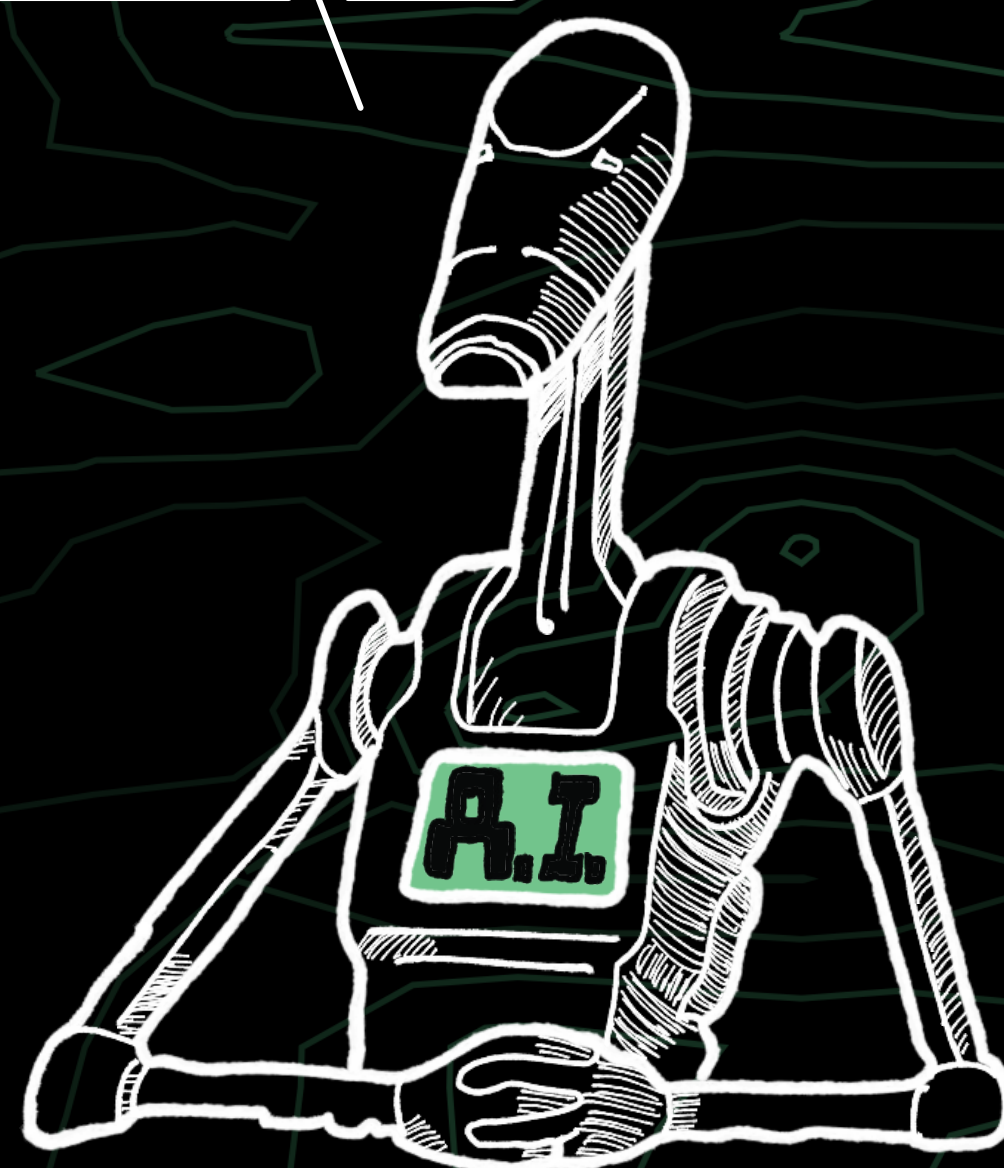
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DIFFUSION PLAYS AN IMPORTANT
ROLE IN ENERGY MATERIALS
AND INDUSTRIAL PROCESSES.



AN UNDERSTANDING OF
DIFFUSION CAN FACILITATE
RATIONAL DESIGN, LEVERAGING
ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE.

ROGER ROGER.



PLUS, IT CAN BE FUN TO WORRY
ABOUT RANDOM WALKS.



ARRHENIUS MODELLING CAN
BE USED FOR DIFFUSION...

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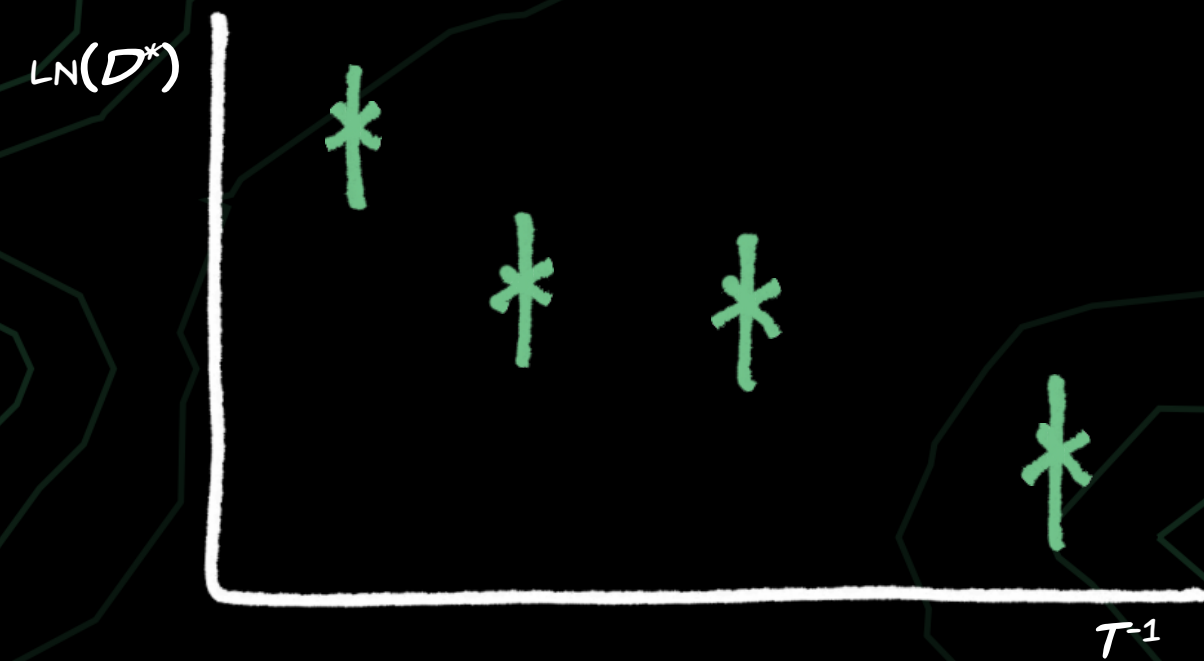


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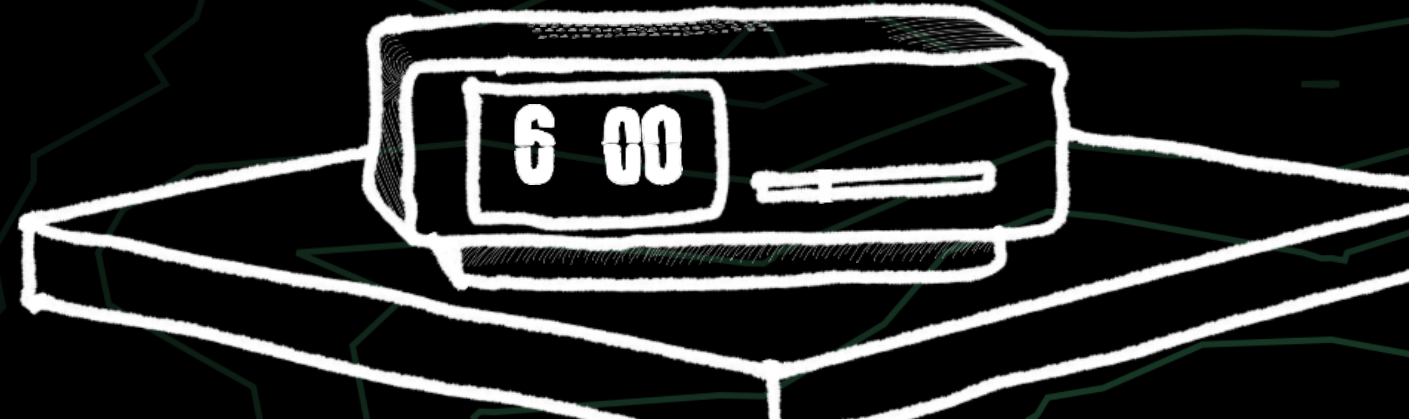


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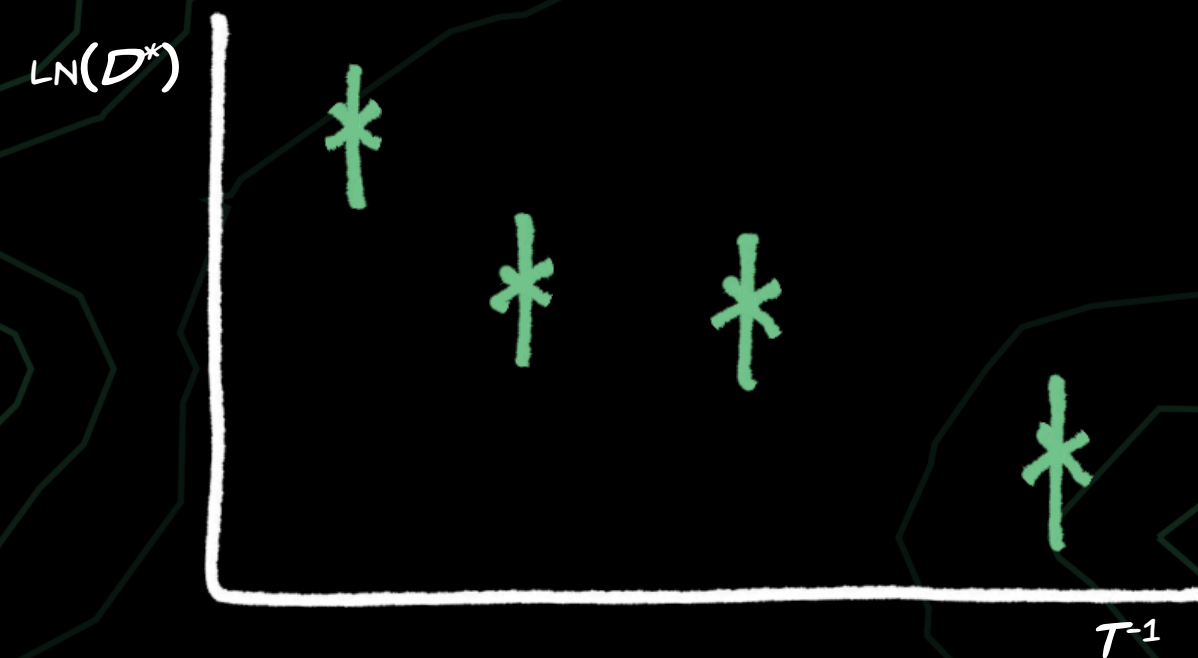


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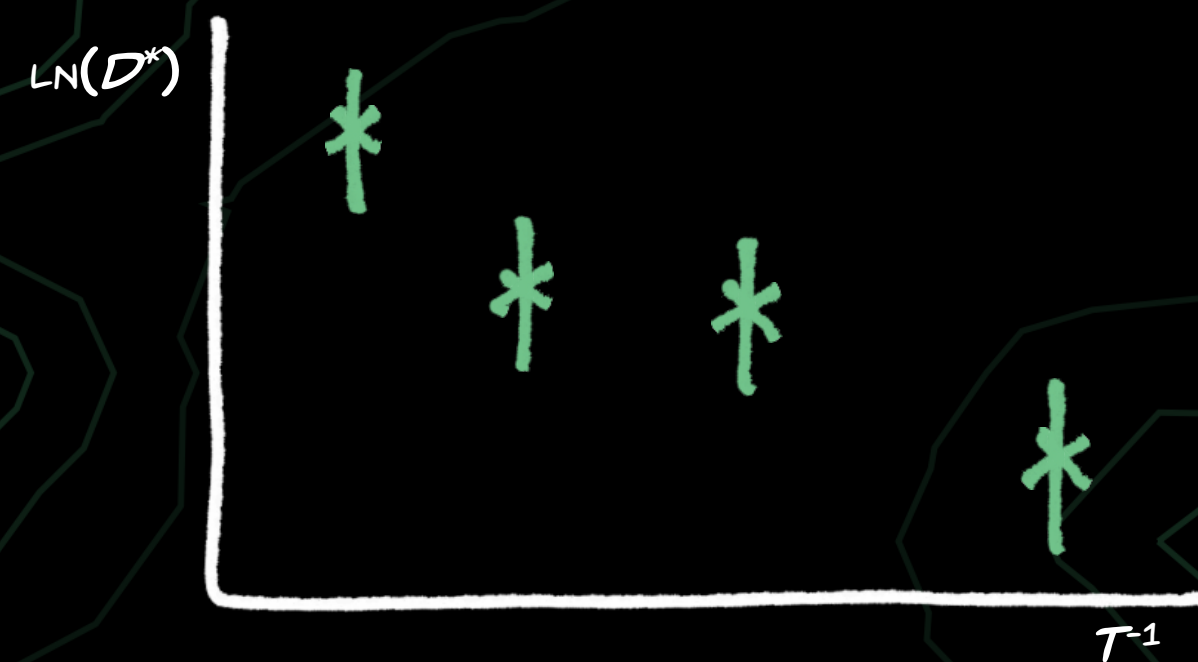
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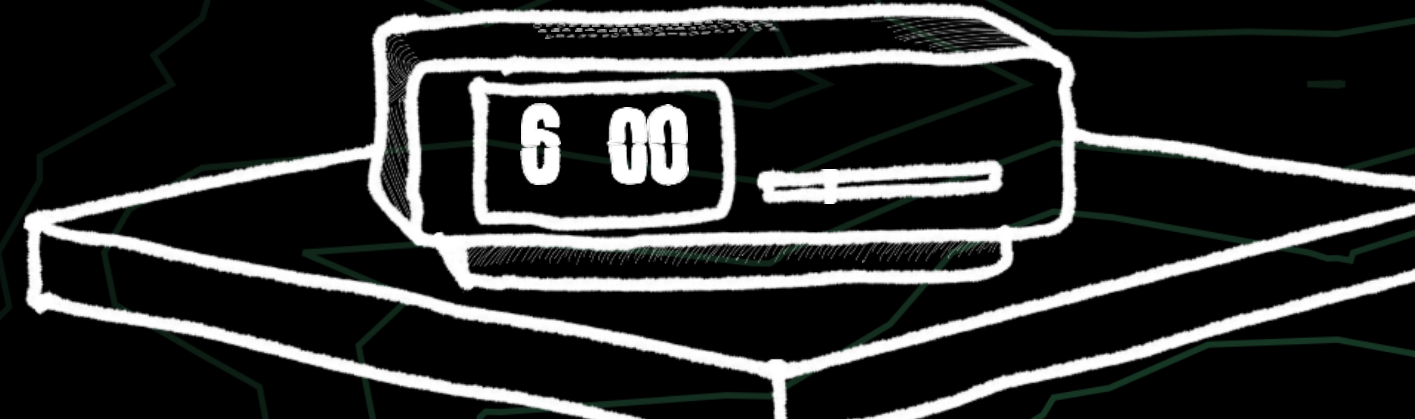


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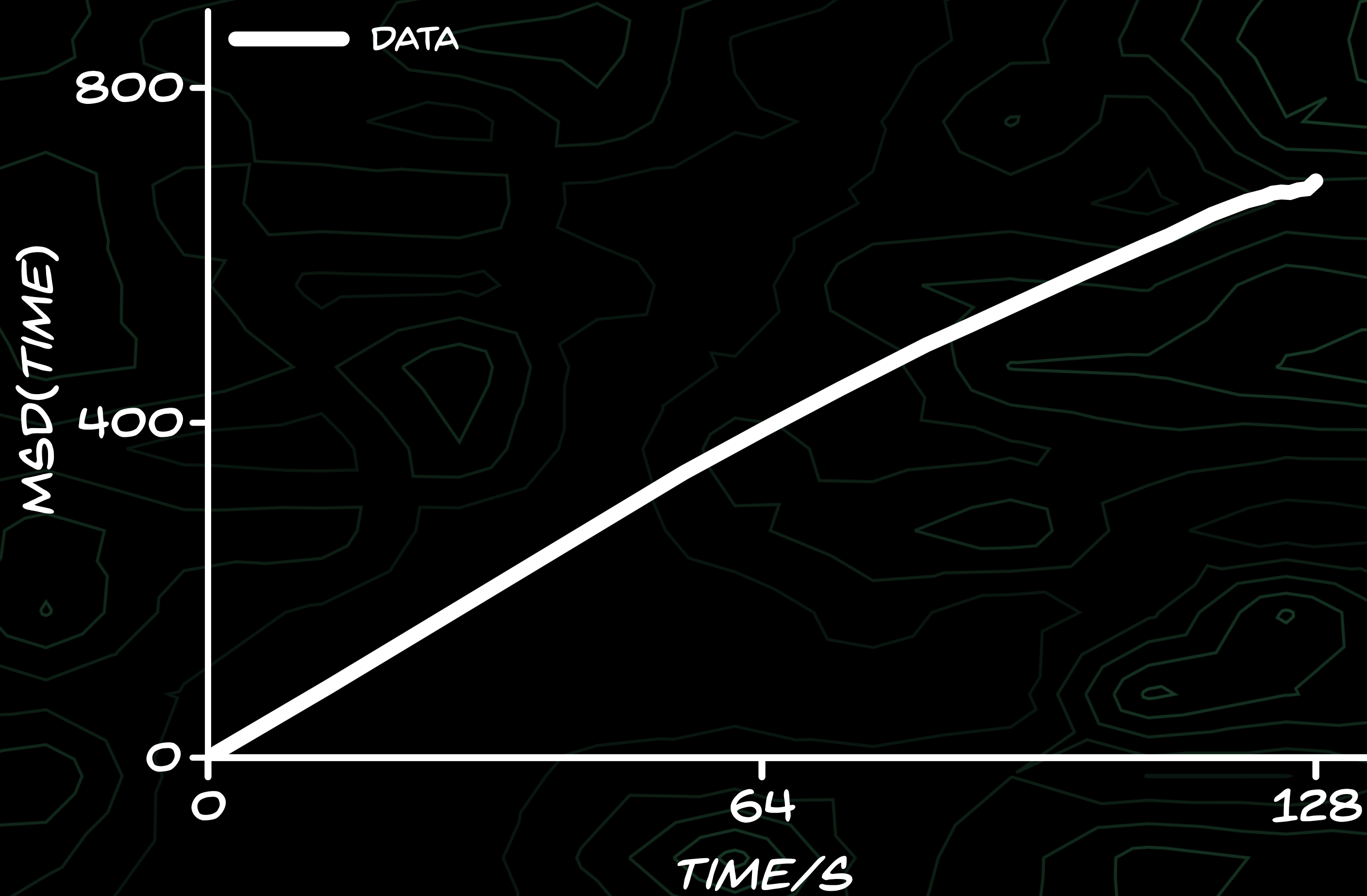
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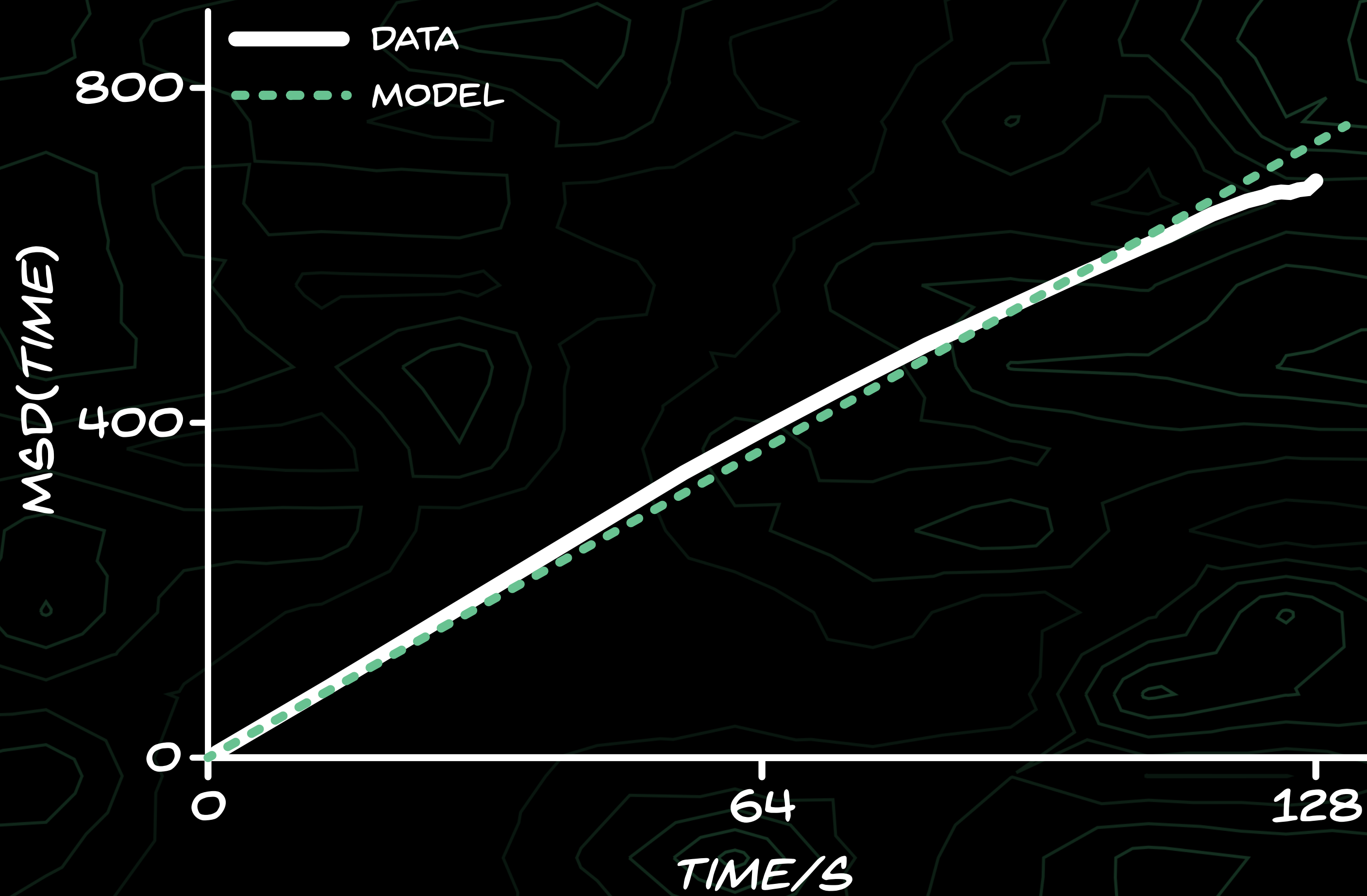


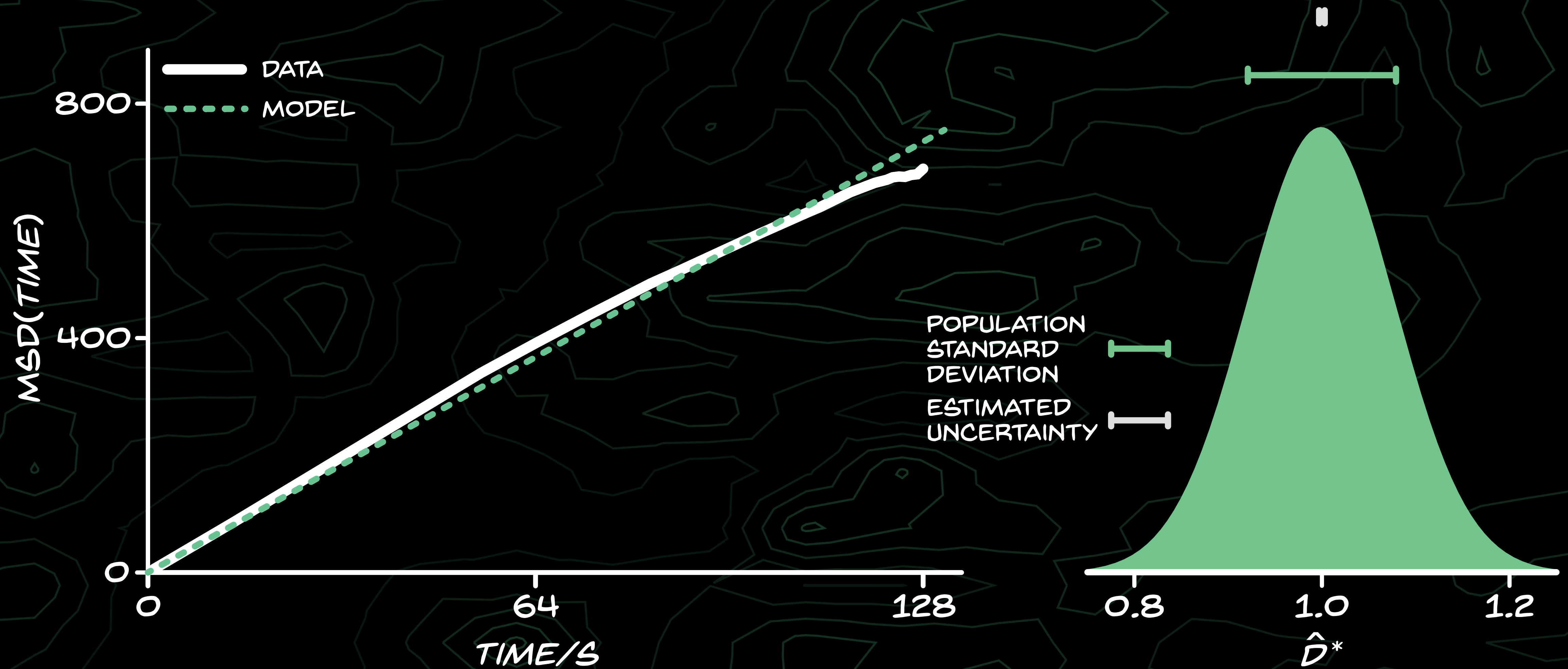
...SO WE WANT THE BEST WAY TO MAXIMISE THE **PRECISION** OF OUR ESTIMATE AND THE **ACCURACY** OF THE VARIANCE ESTIMATE.



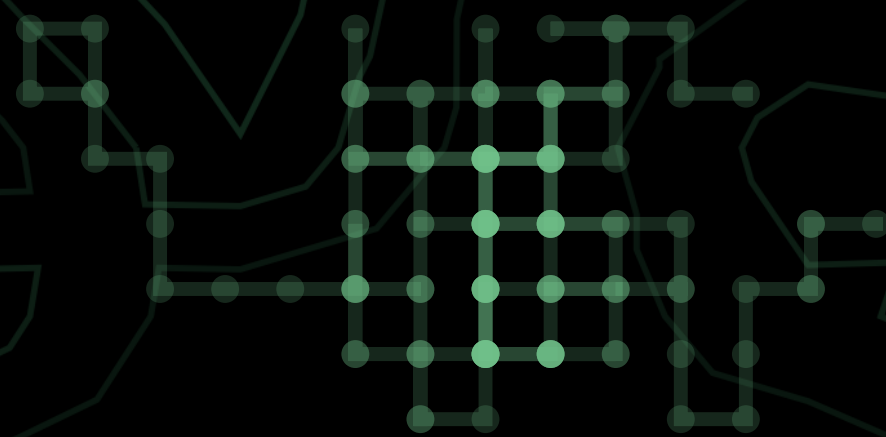
IDEALLY, FROM A SINGLE MEASUREMENT.



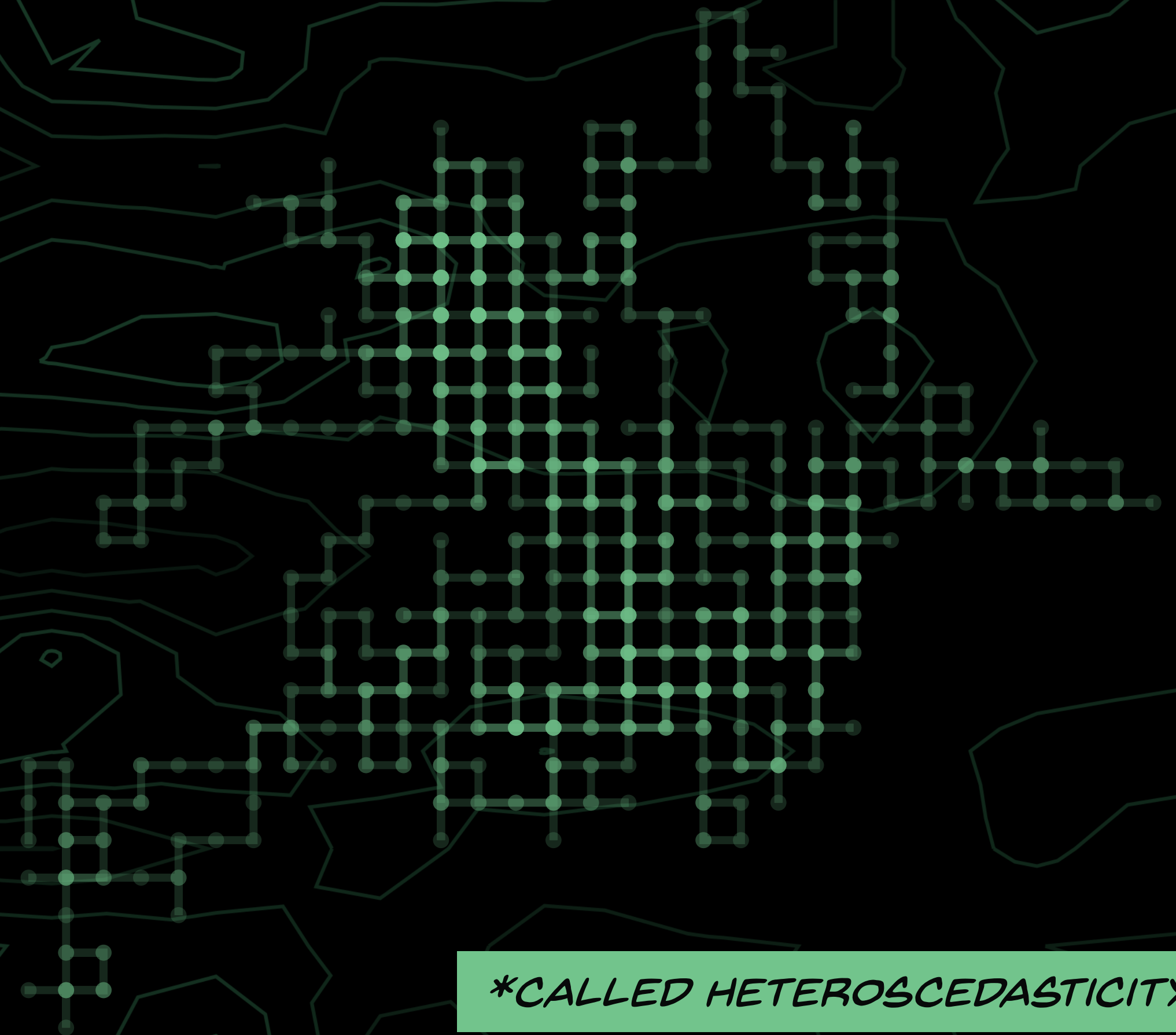




AFTER 16 2D RANDOM WALK STEPS, THERE ARE A RANGE OF VALUES OF DISPLACEMENT THAT CAN BE REACHED....

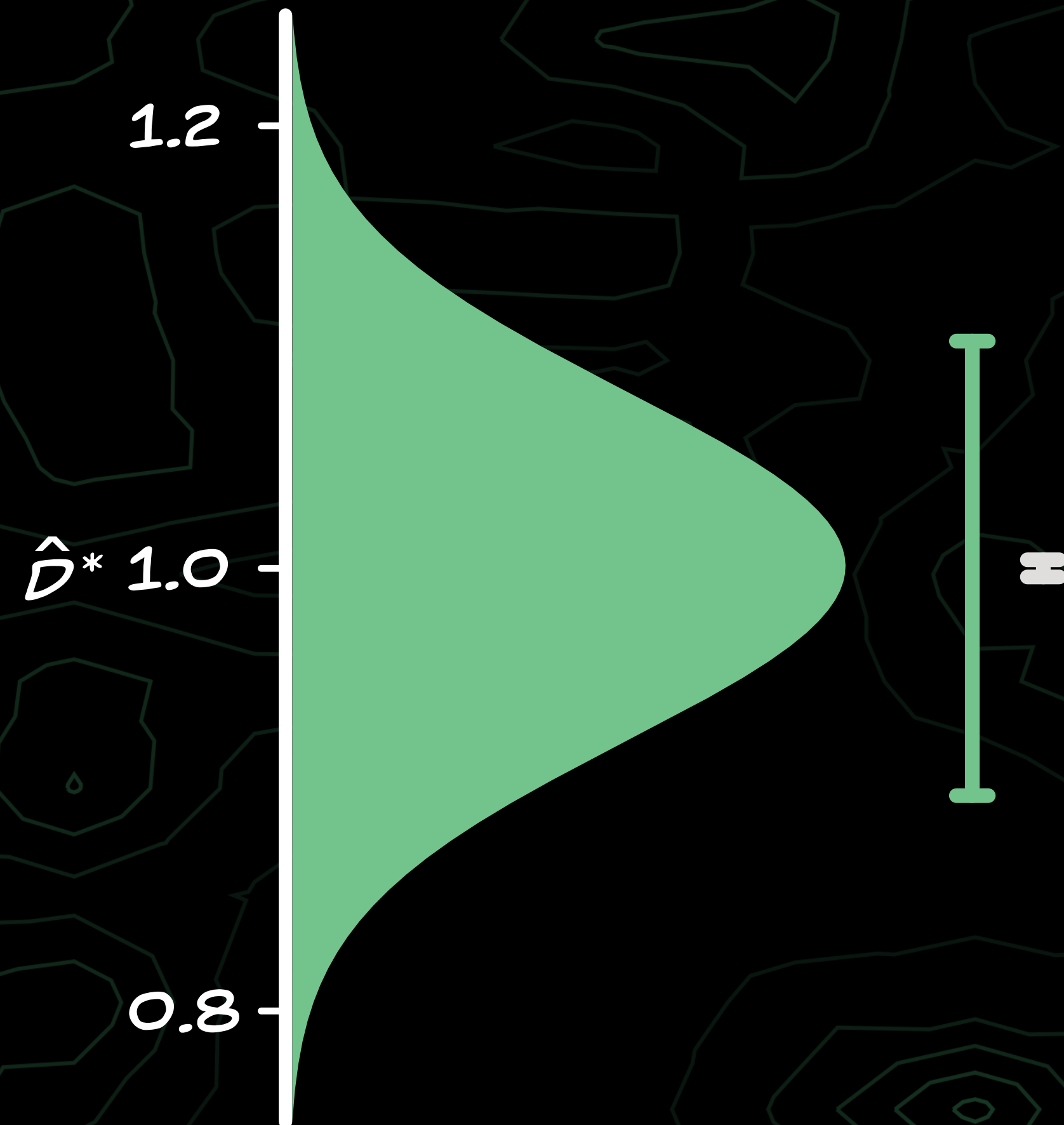


...AFTER LONGER PERIODS OF TIME, THAT RANGE (THE VARIANCE) INCREASES*.



*CALLED HETEROSCEDASTICITY

HOMOSCEDASTIC

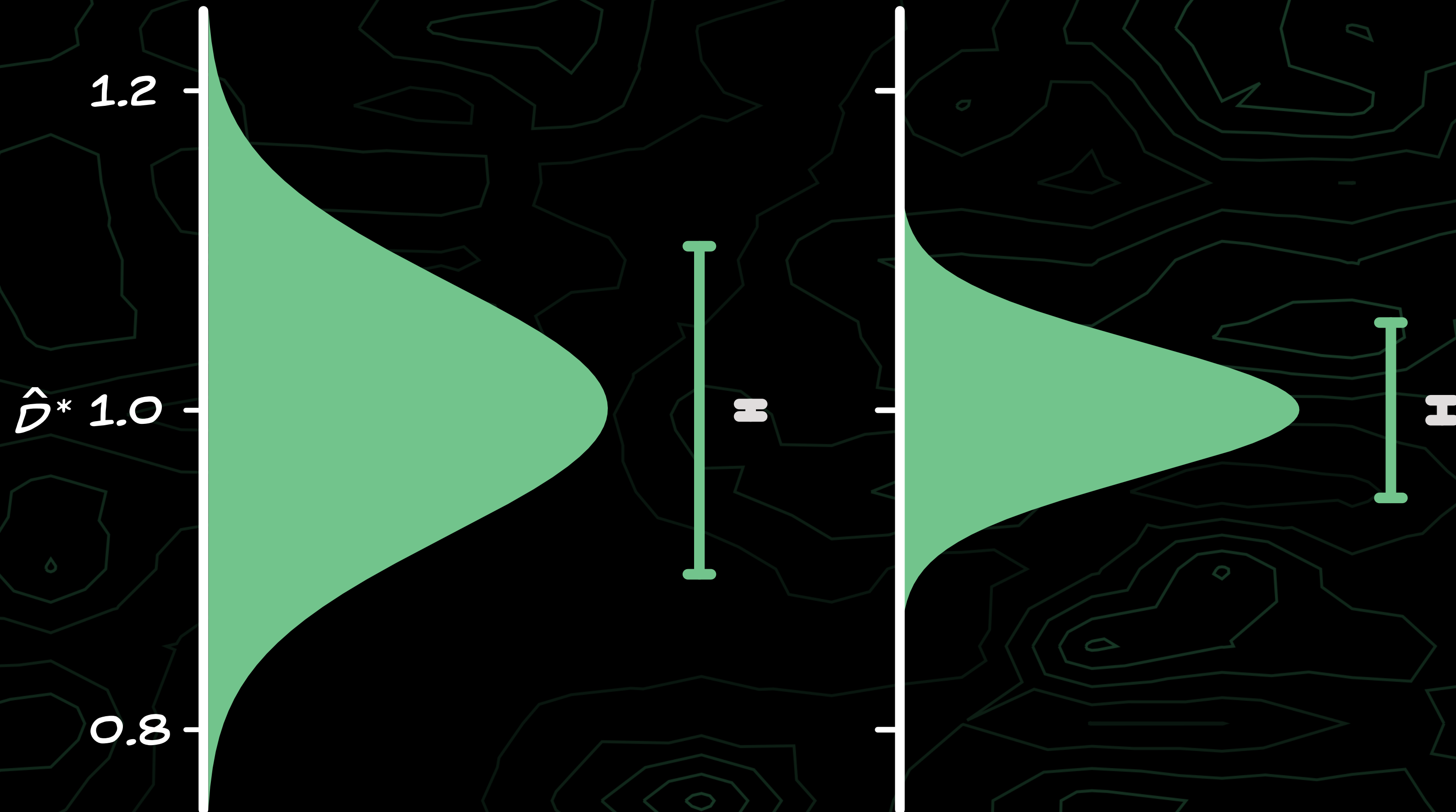


POPULATION STANDARD DEVIATION

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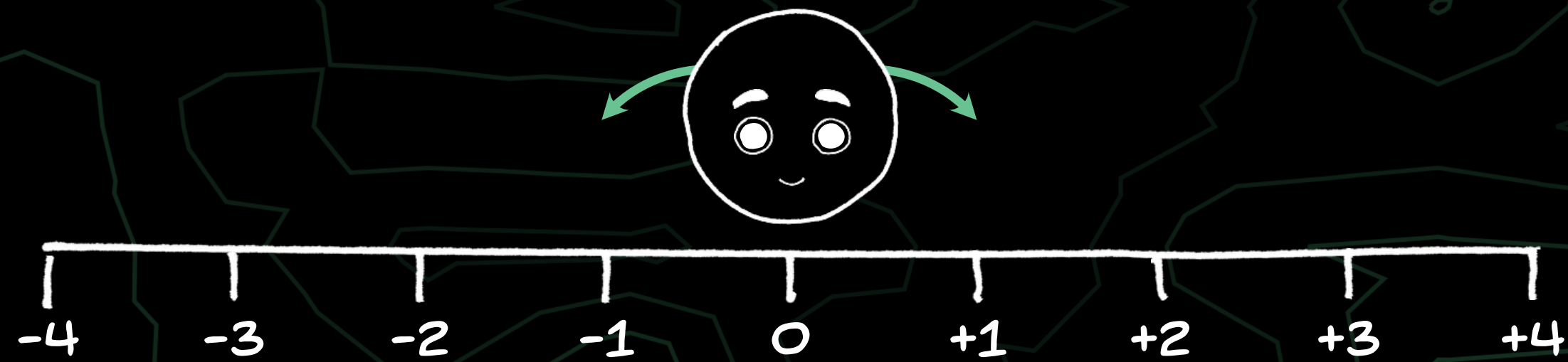
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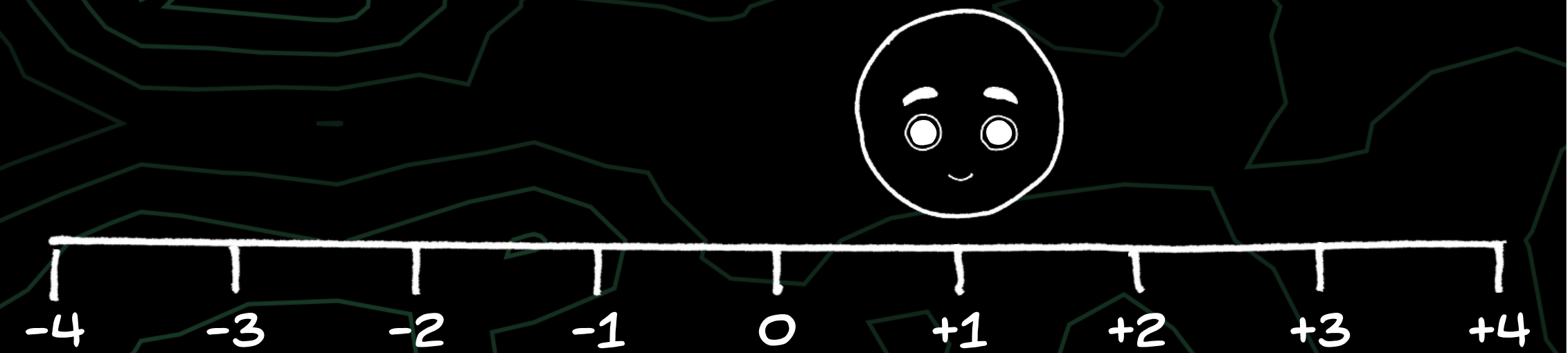
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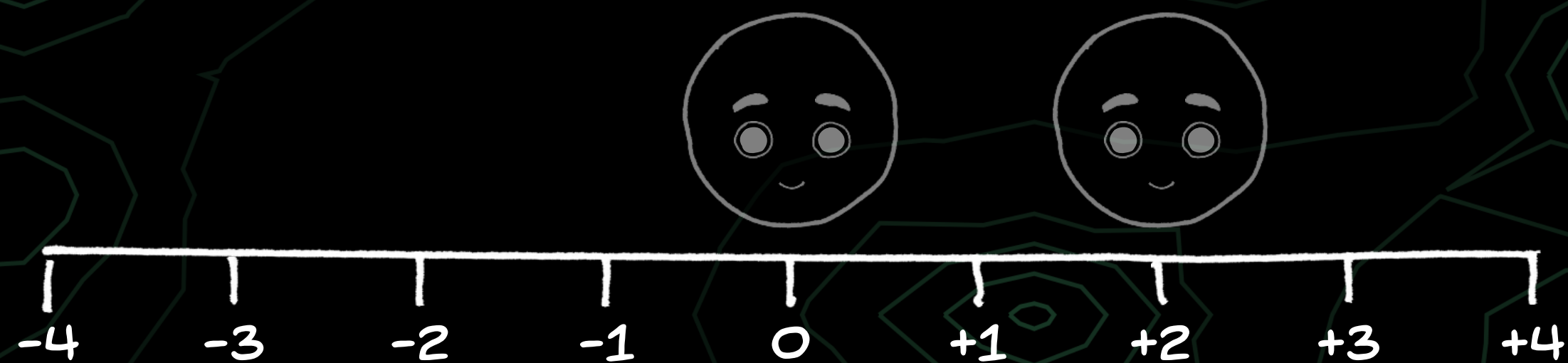
IF A PARTICLE ON A 1D RANDOM WALK WITH A STEP SIZE OF 1...



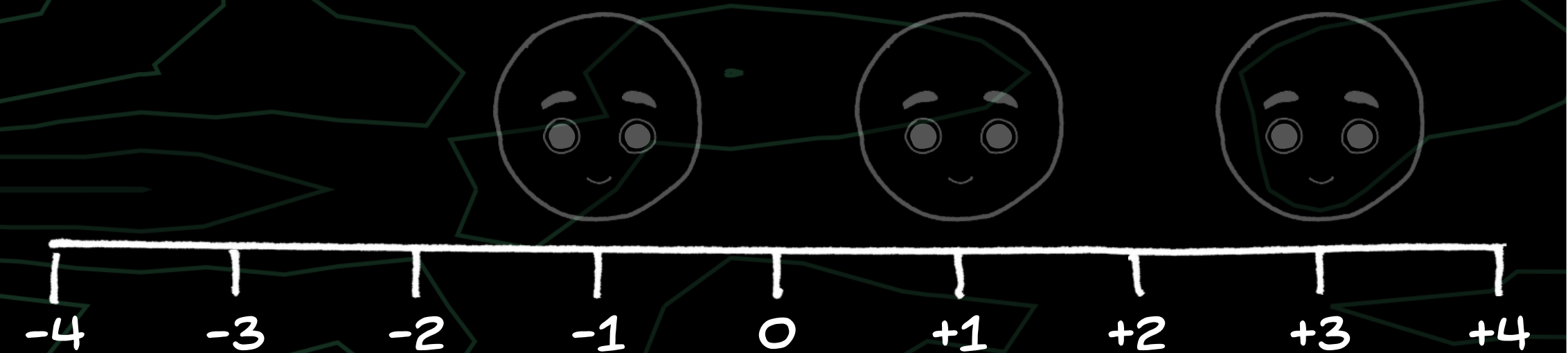
...AND AFTER 5 STEPS, IT GETS TO THE POSITION +1.



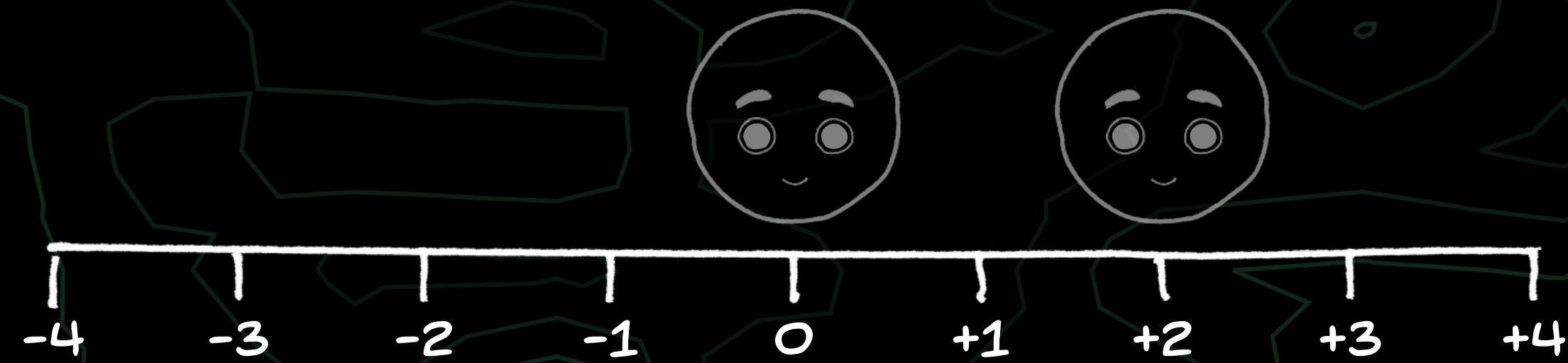
THEN AFTER 6 STEPS, IT COULD ONLY BE AT POSITIONS OF 0 OR +2...



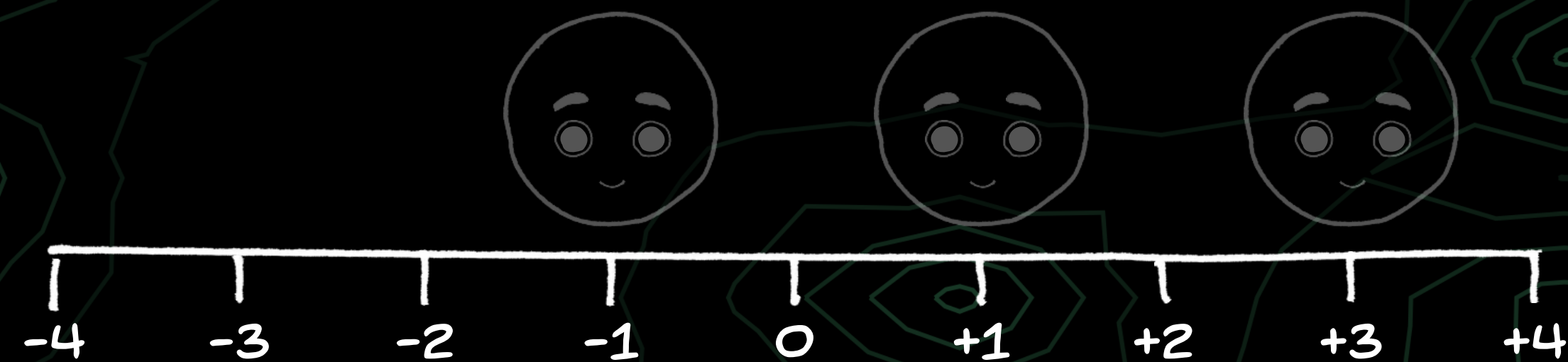
...AND AFTER 7 STEPS, IT CAN ONLY BE AT POSITIONS -1, +1, OR +3.



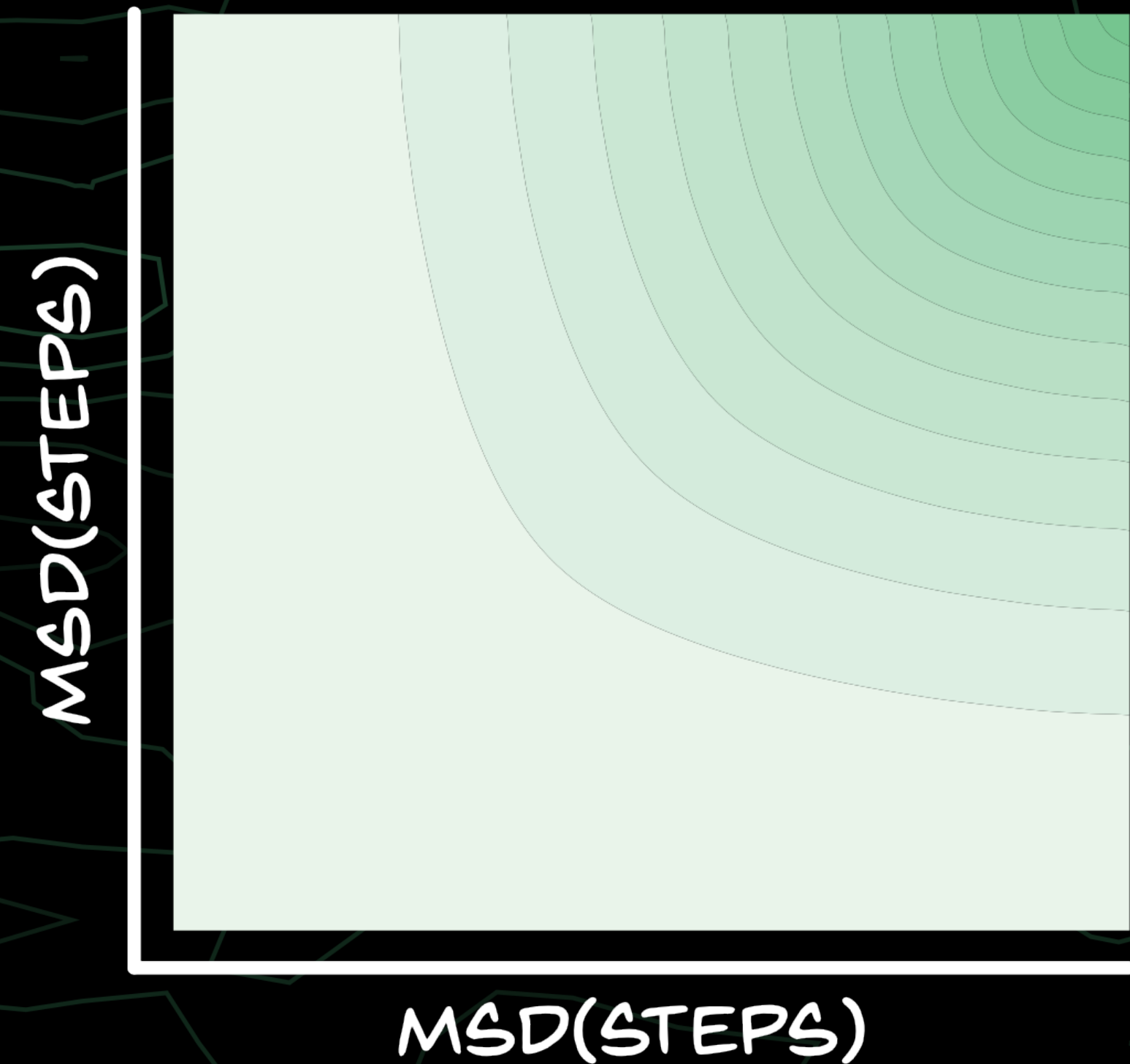
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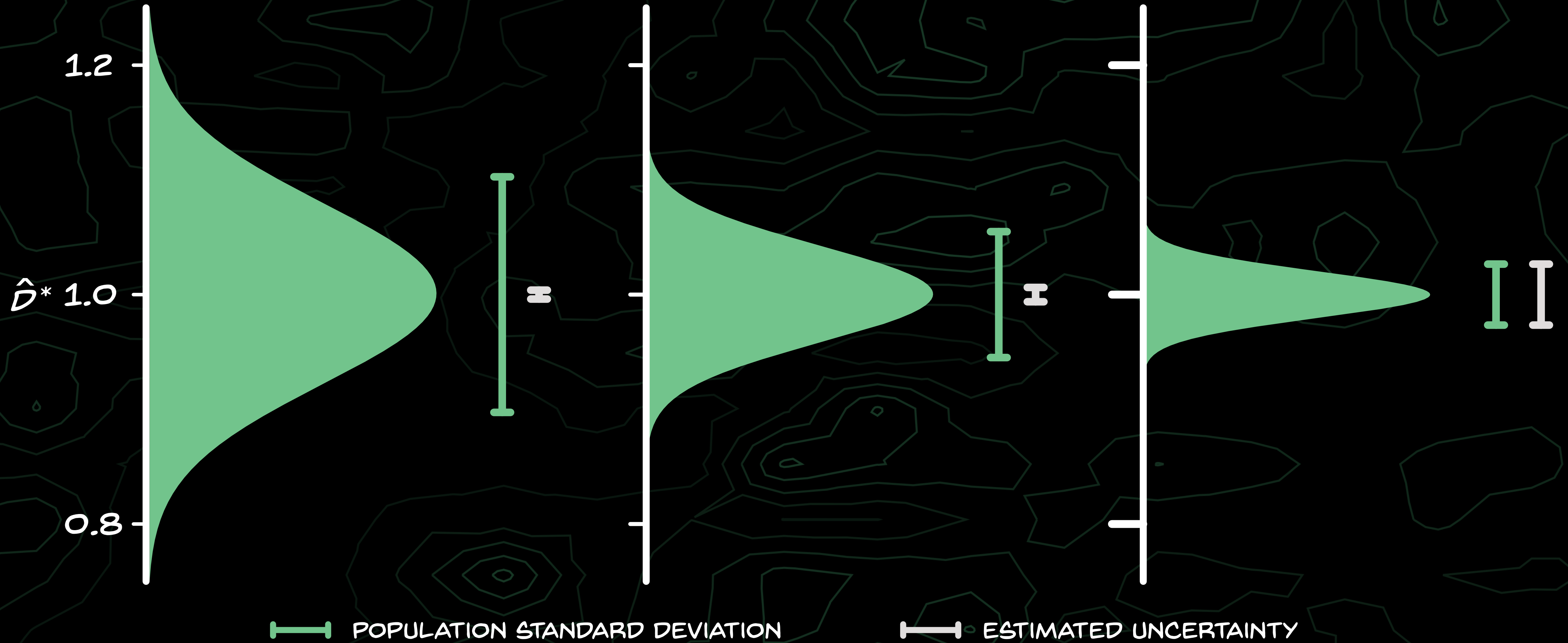
THE AMOUNT THAT THE DIFFERENT TIME POINTS INFLUENCE EACH OTHER IS DEFINED IN THE COVARIANCE MATRIX.



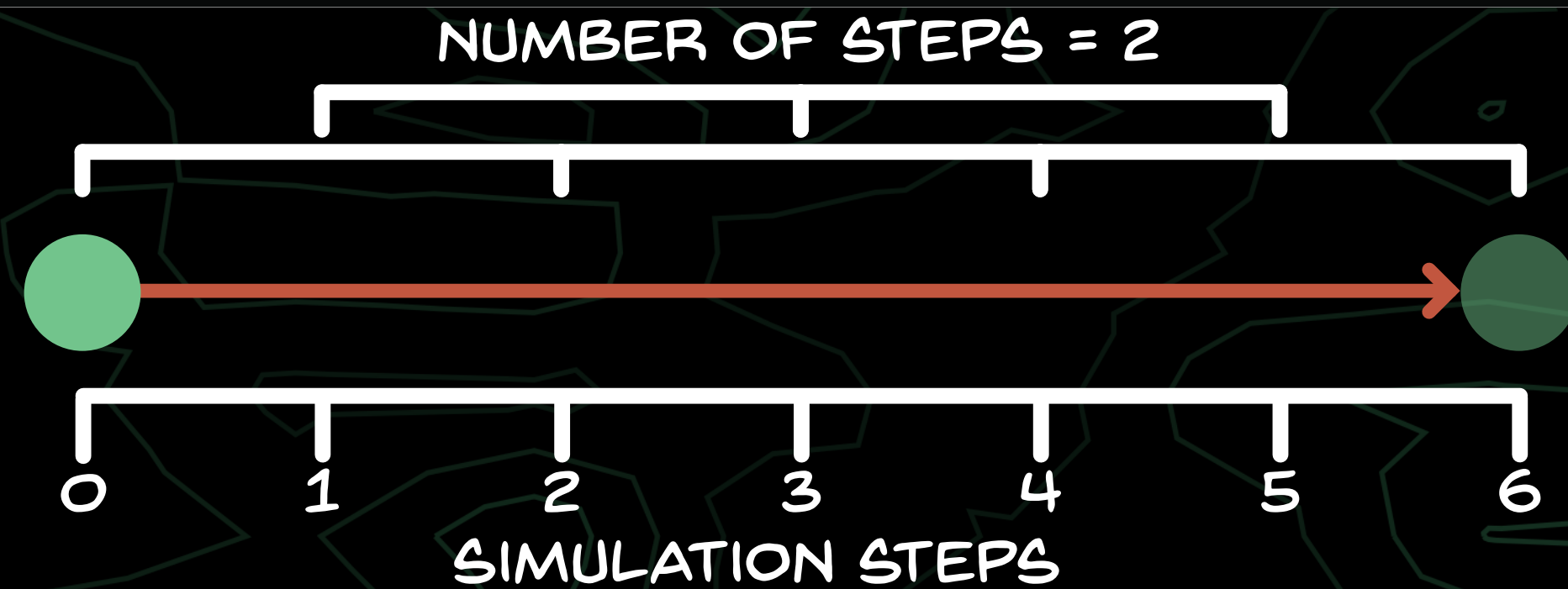
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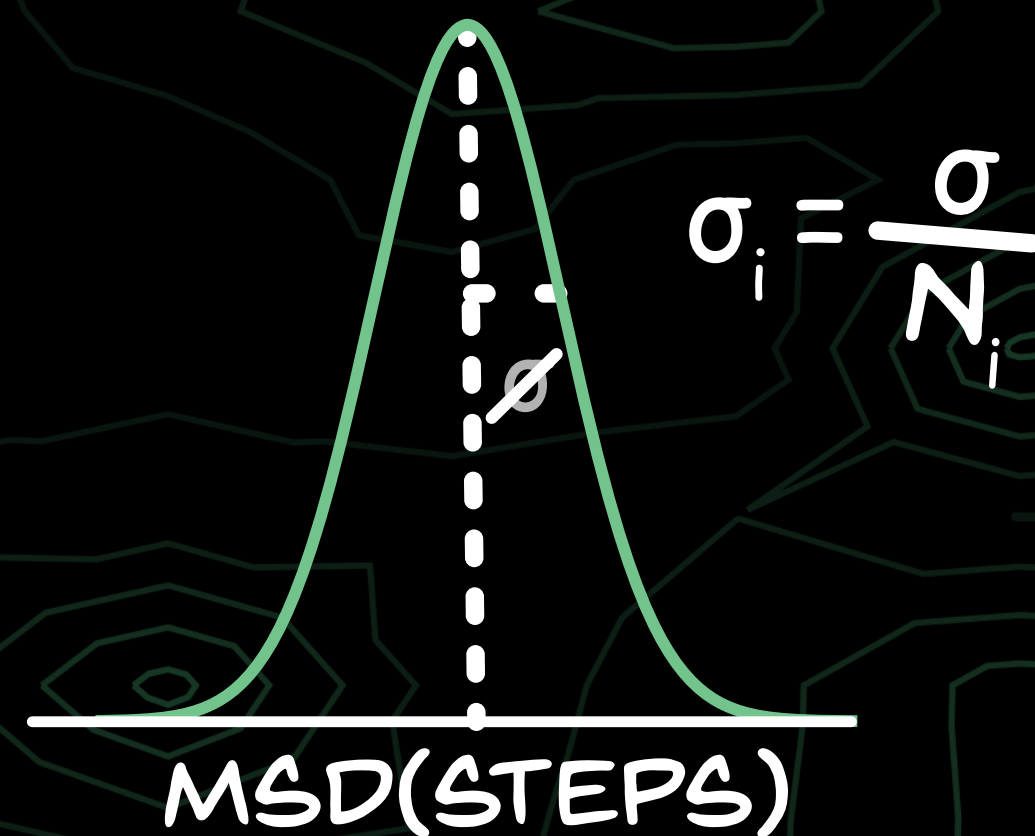
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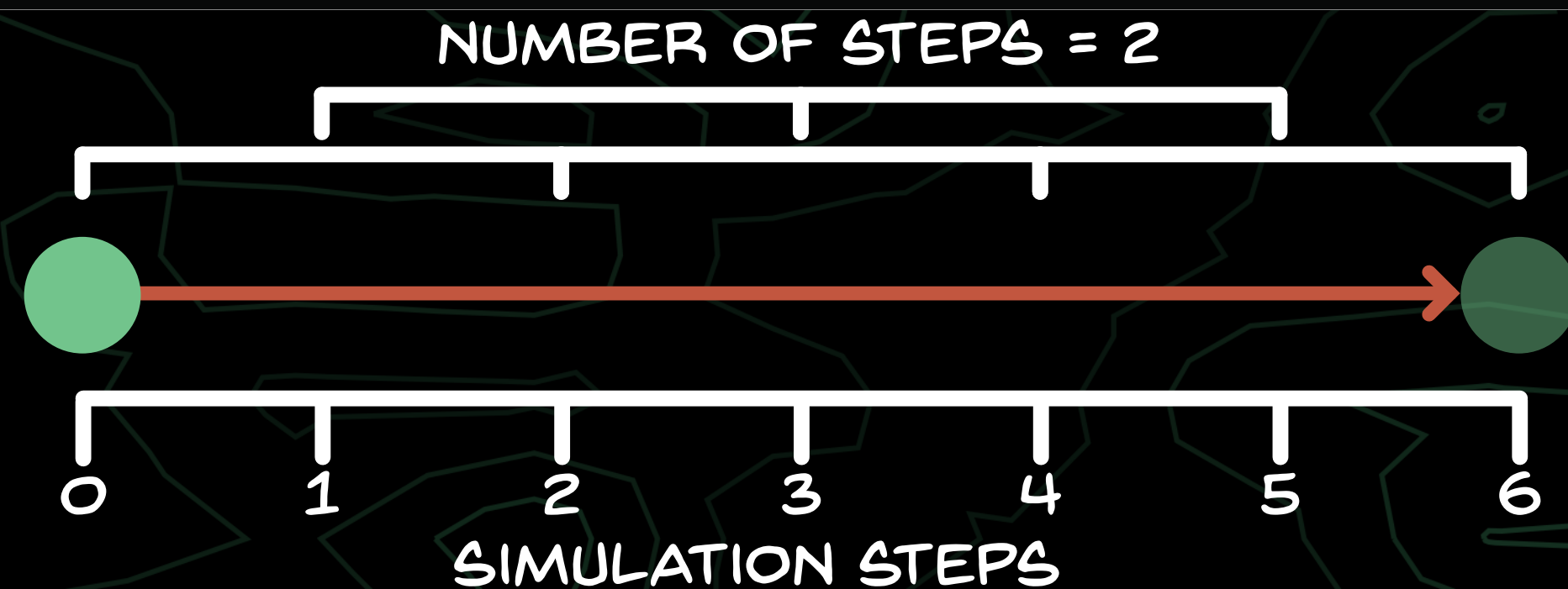
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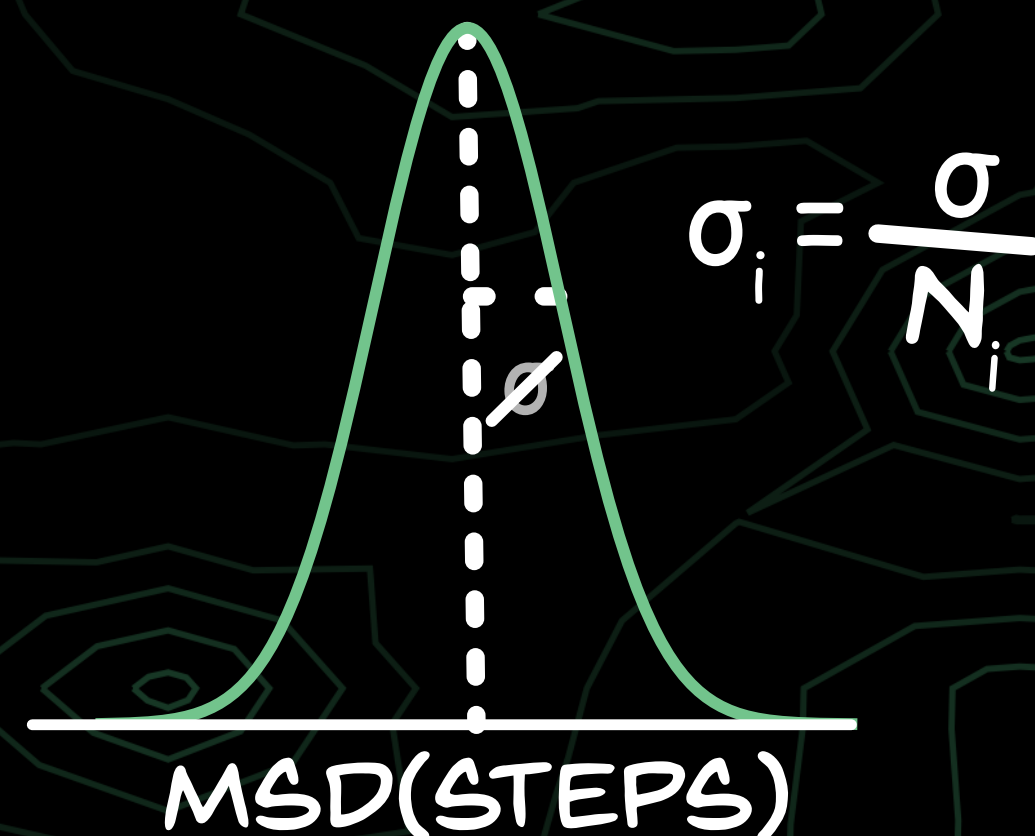
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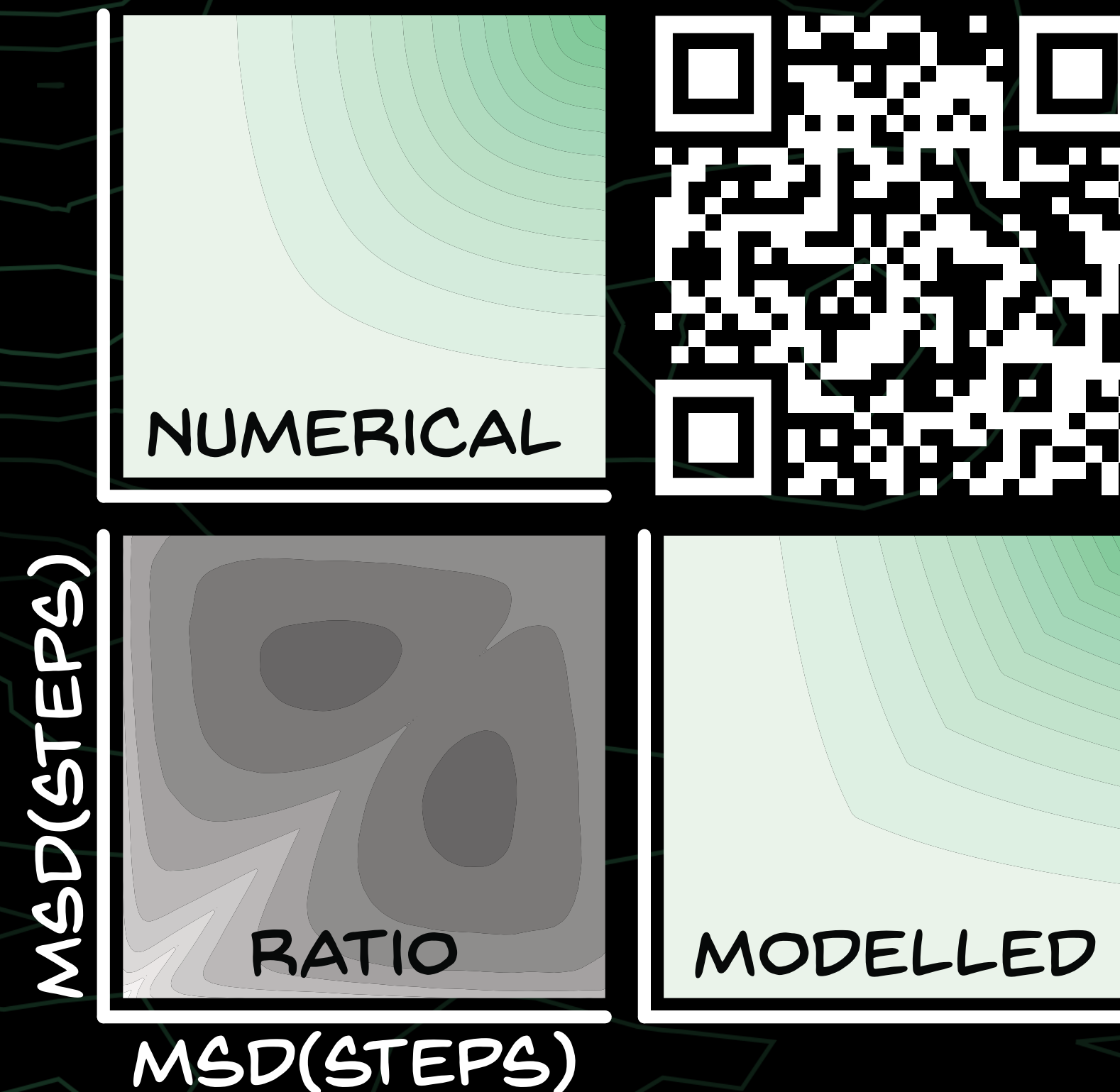
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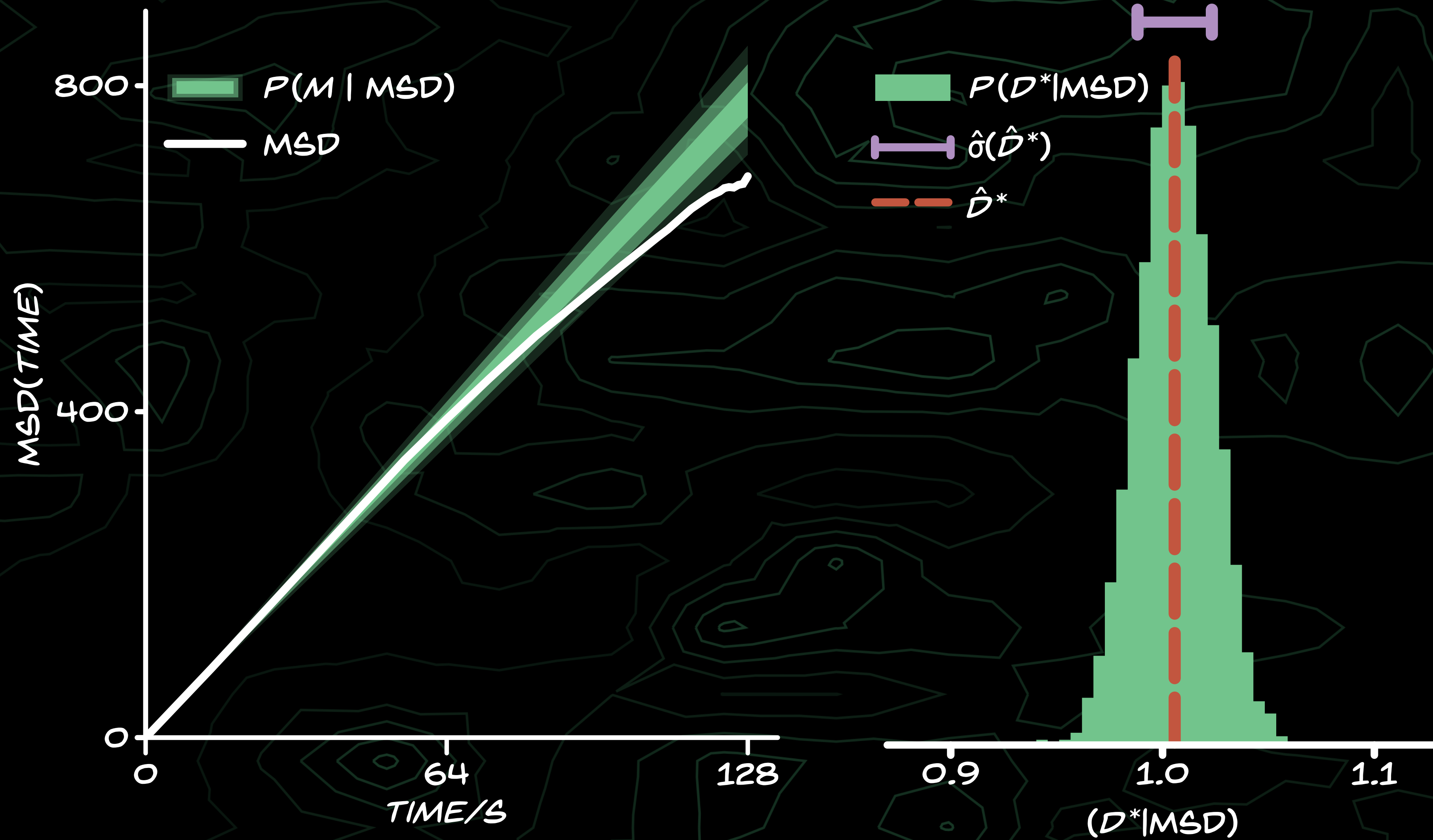


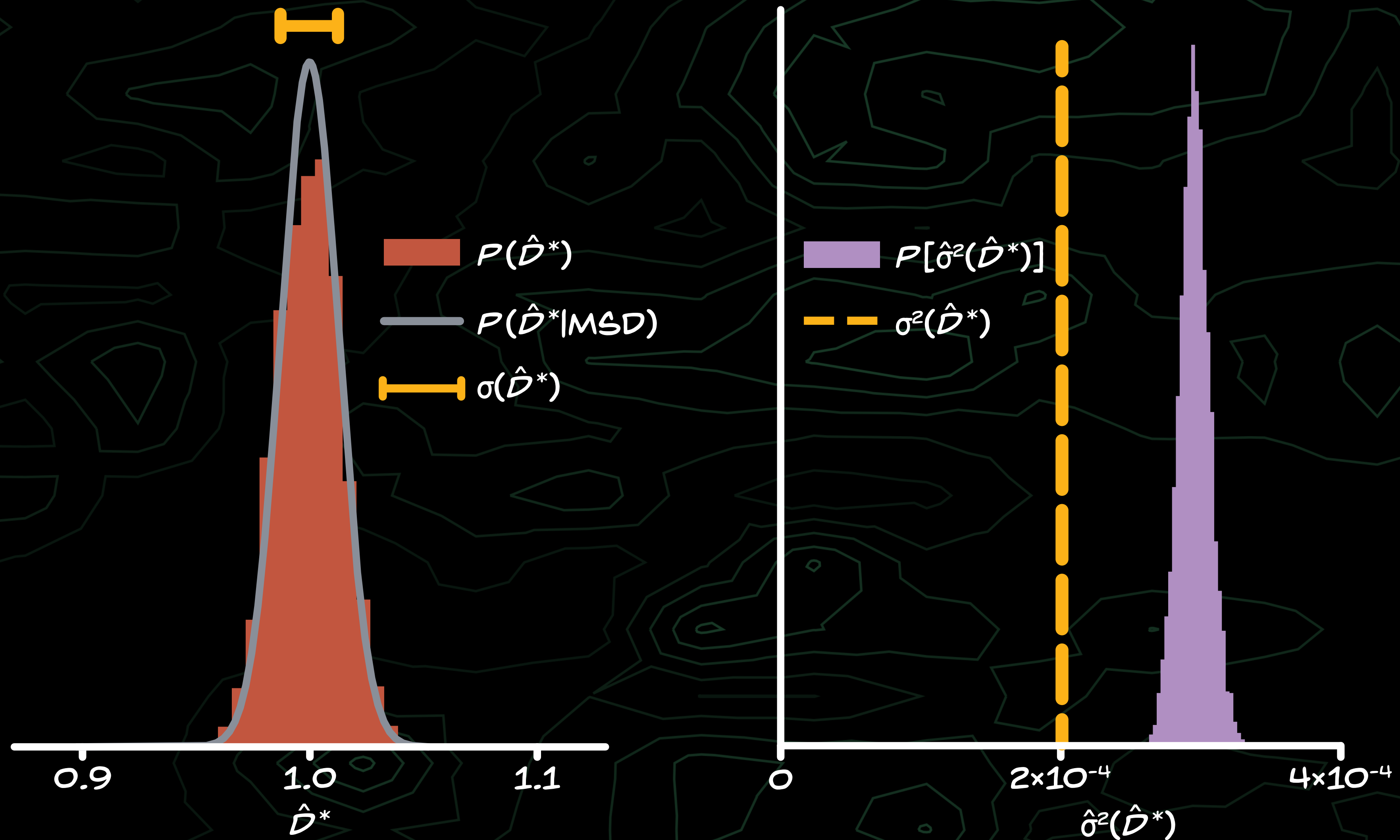
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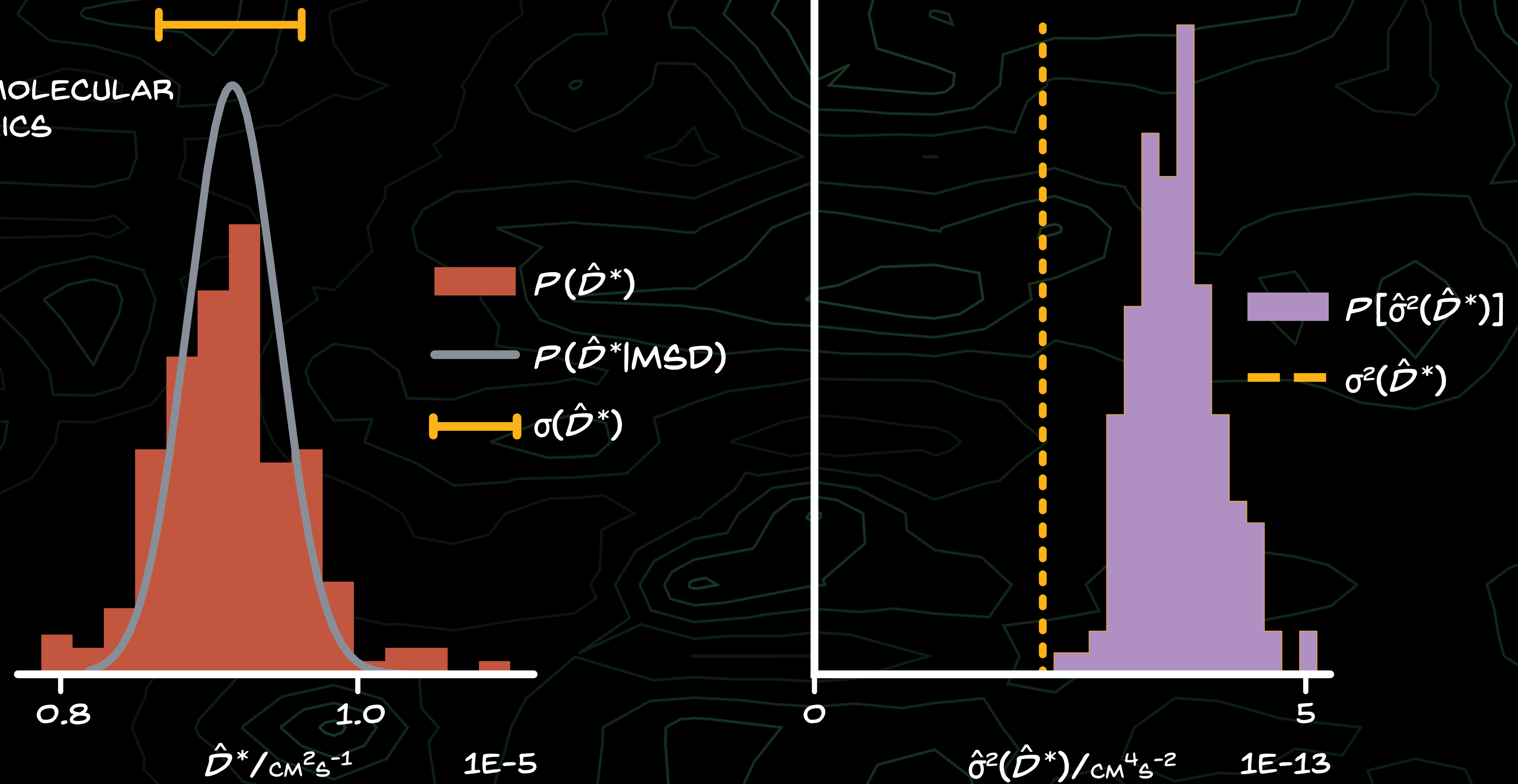
THE FULL COVARIANCE MATRIX CAN BE MODELLED BASED ON FREELY DIFFUSING PARTICLES.





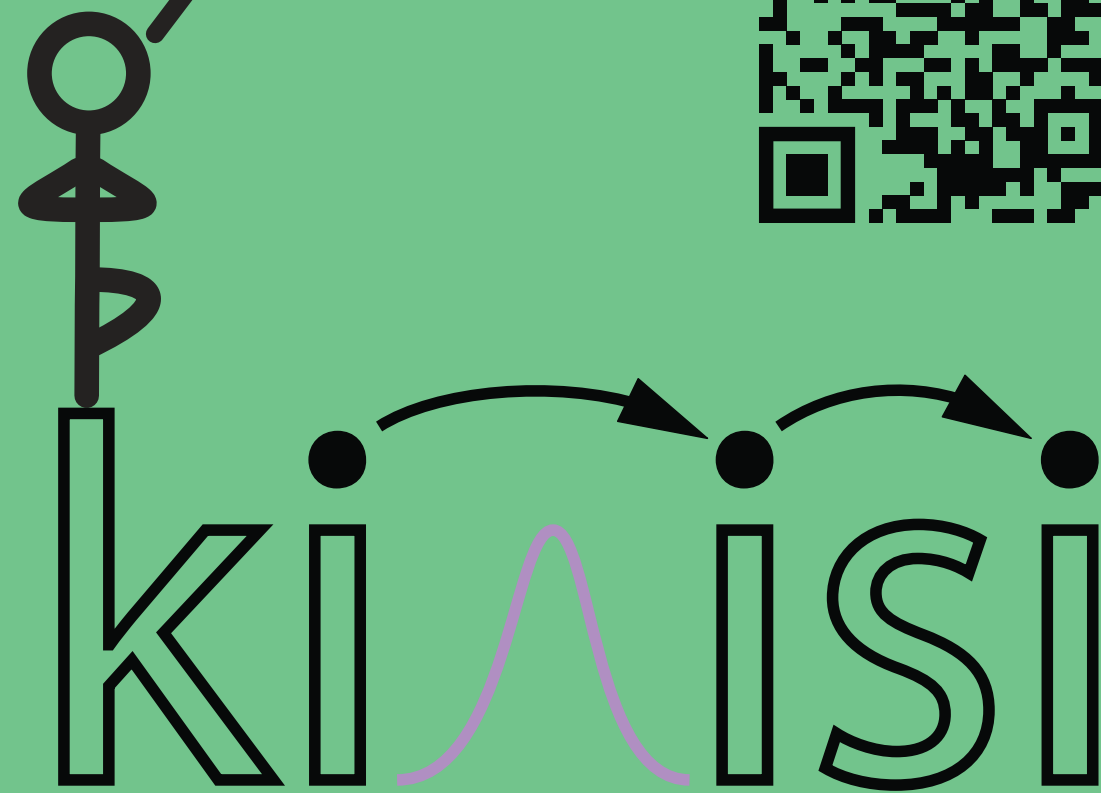


LLZO MOLECULAR DYNAMICS



**AVAILABLE NOW!
OPEN-SOURCE!**

WITH SUPPORT
FOR PYMATGEN, ASE,
AND MDANALYSIS
OBJECTS



`pip install kinisi`

KINISI.RTFD.IO

McCluskey, Squires, Dunn, Coles, Morgan, *J. Open Source Softw.*, **9**(94), 5984, 2024.

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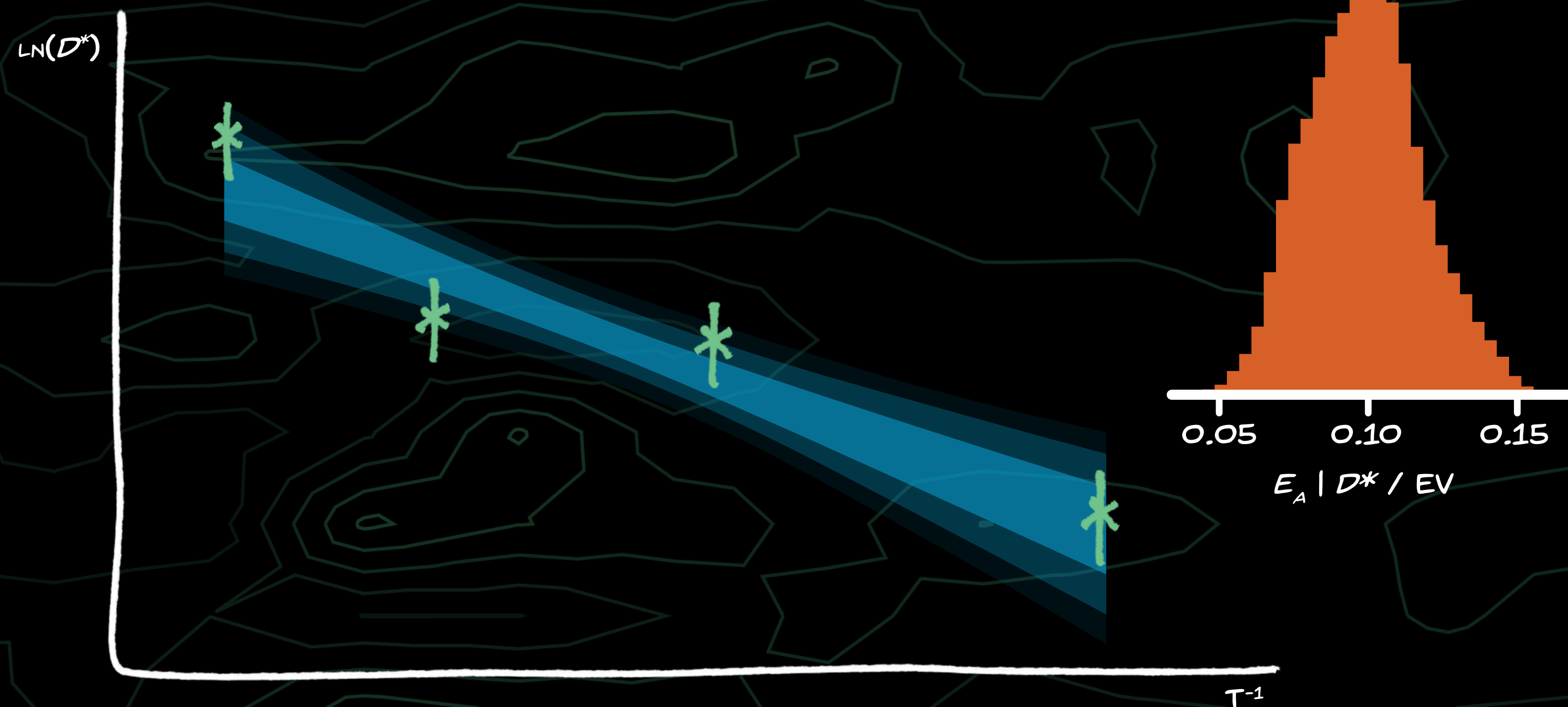
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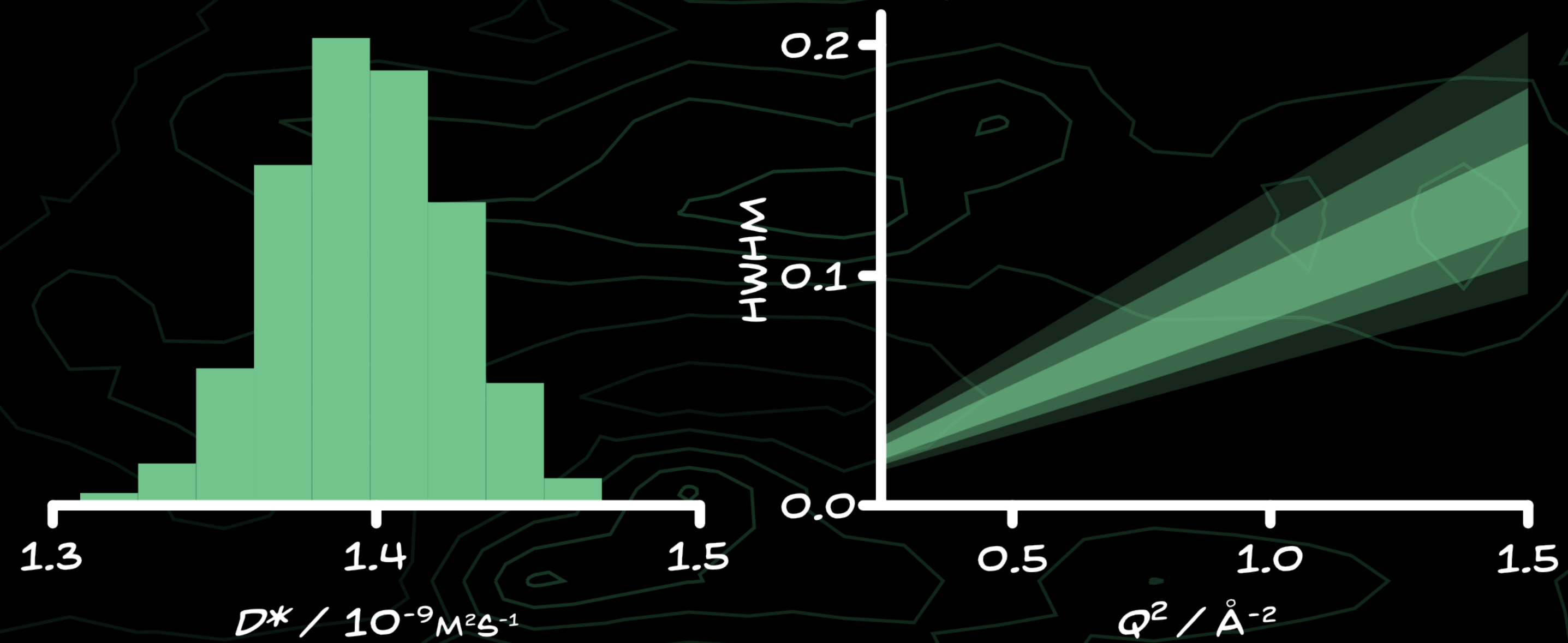
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WE CAN THEN PROPAGATE THE ERROR IN D^* TO THE ERROR IN THE
ACTIVATION ENERGY OF DIFFUSION.



WELL BUSTER, WE CAN USE PRIOR KNOWLEDGE FROM SIMULATION IN OUR QENS ANALYSIS.*



*THE PHD PROJECT OF HARRY RICHARDSON, WHO UNFORTUNATELY COULD NOT ATTEND.

ATOMS, IONS, OR MOLECULES
MIGHT PREFER TO MOVE IN
OPPOSITE DIRECTIONS...



...OR PERHAPS THEY DON'T
INTERACT....



...OR THEY MAY SHOW COLLECTIVE
CONSTRUCTIVE MOTION.



The Nernst-Einstein Relation

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$$\sigma = \frac{Cq^2}{k_b T} D^*$$



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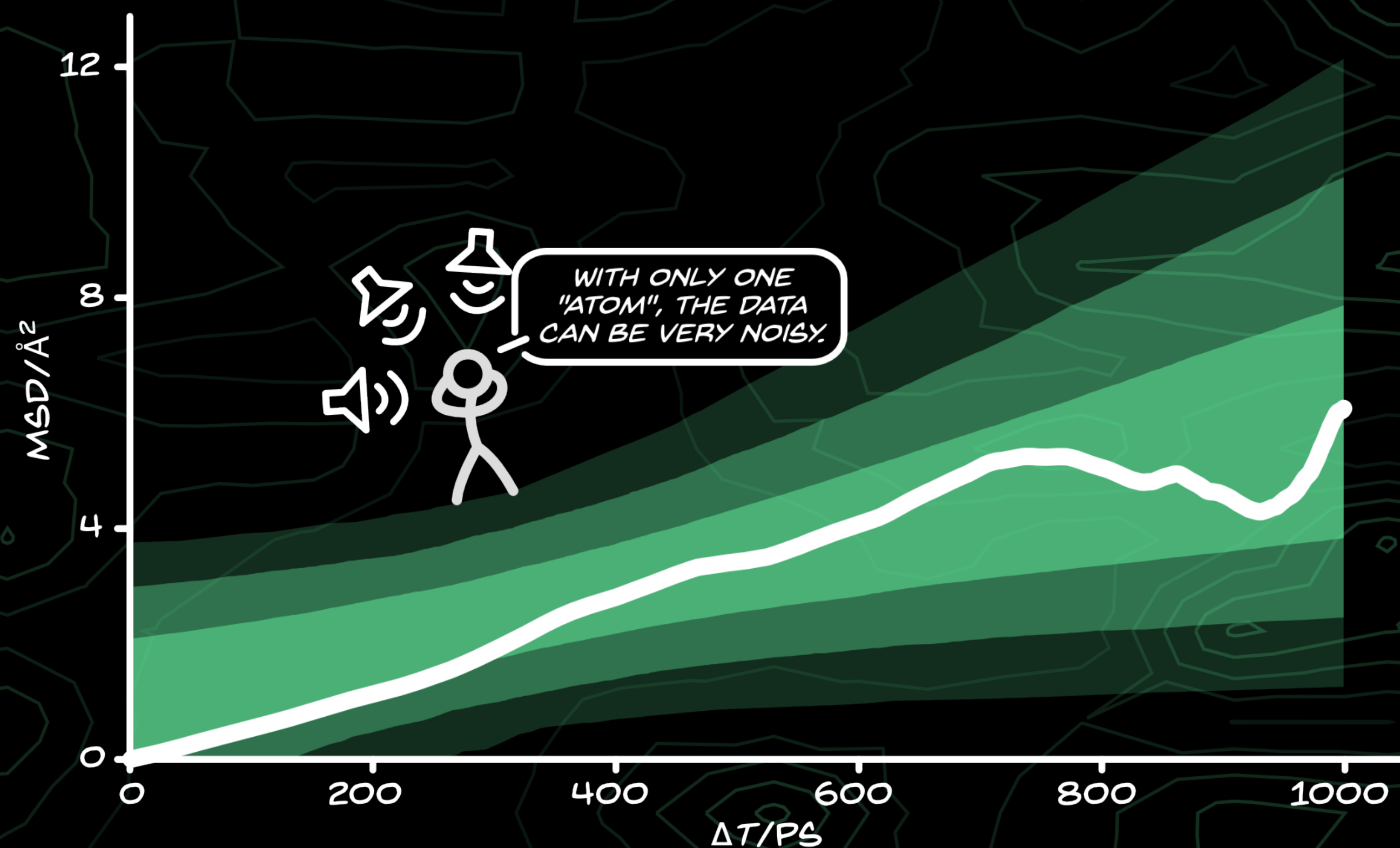
$$H_R = \frac{D^*}{D_0}$$

YOU SEE,
CORRELATION
IS IMPORTANT
TO UNDERSTAND
CONDUCTIVITY.

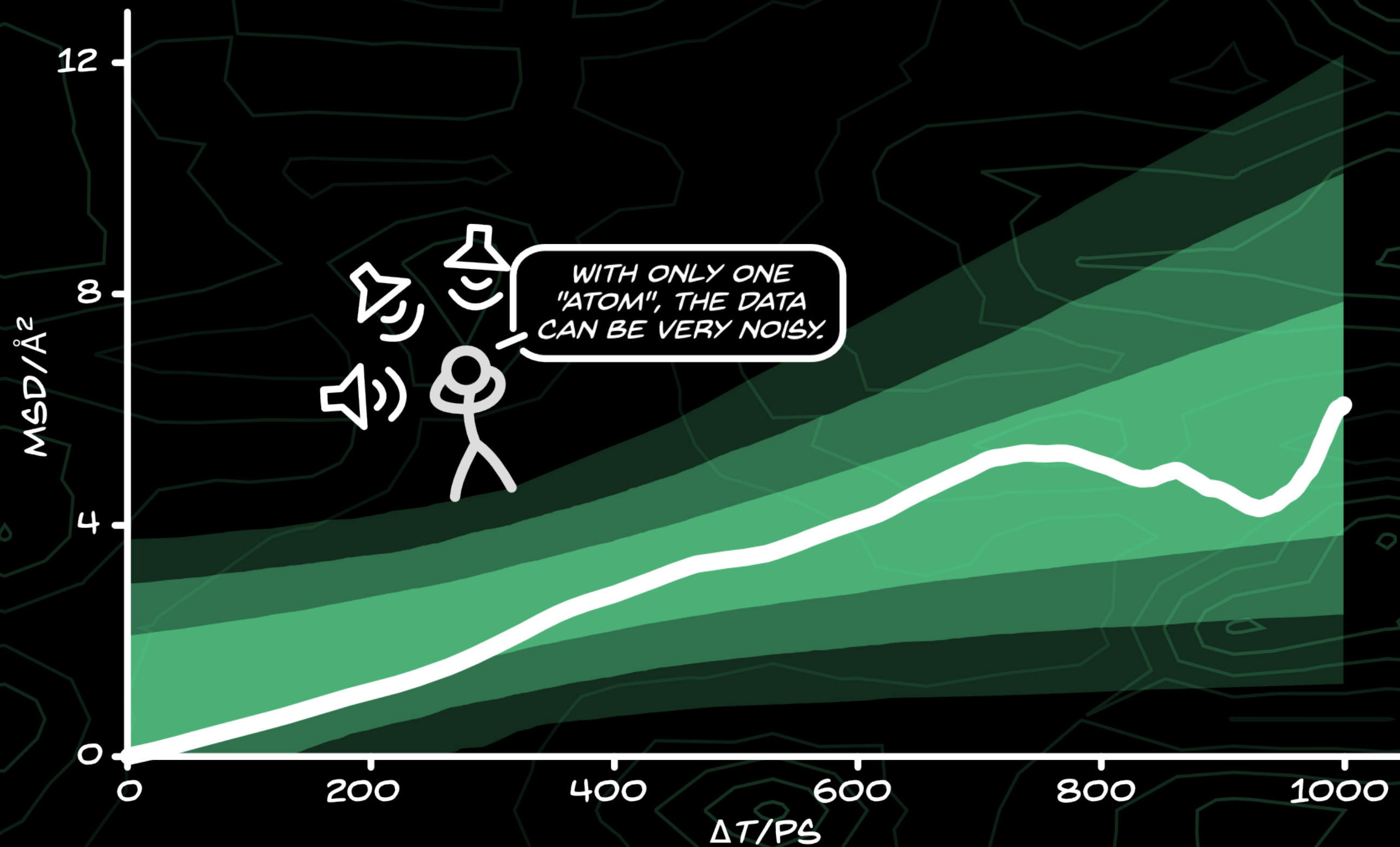


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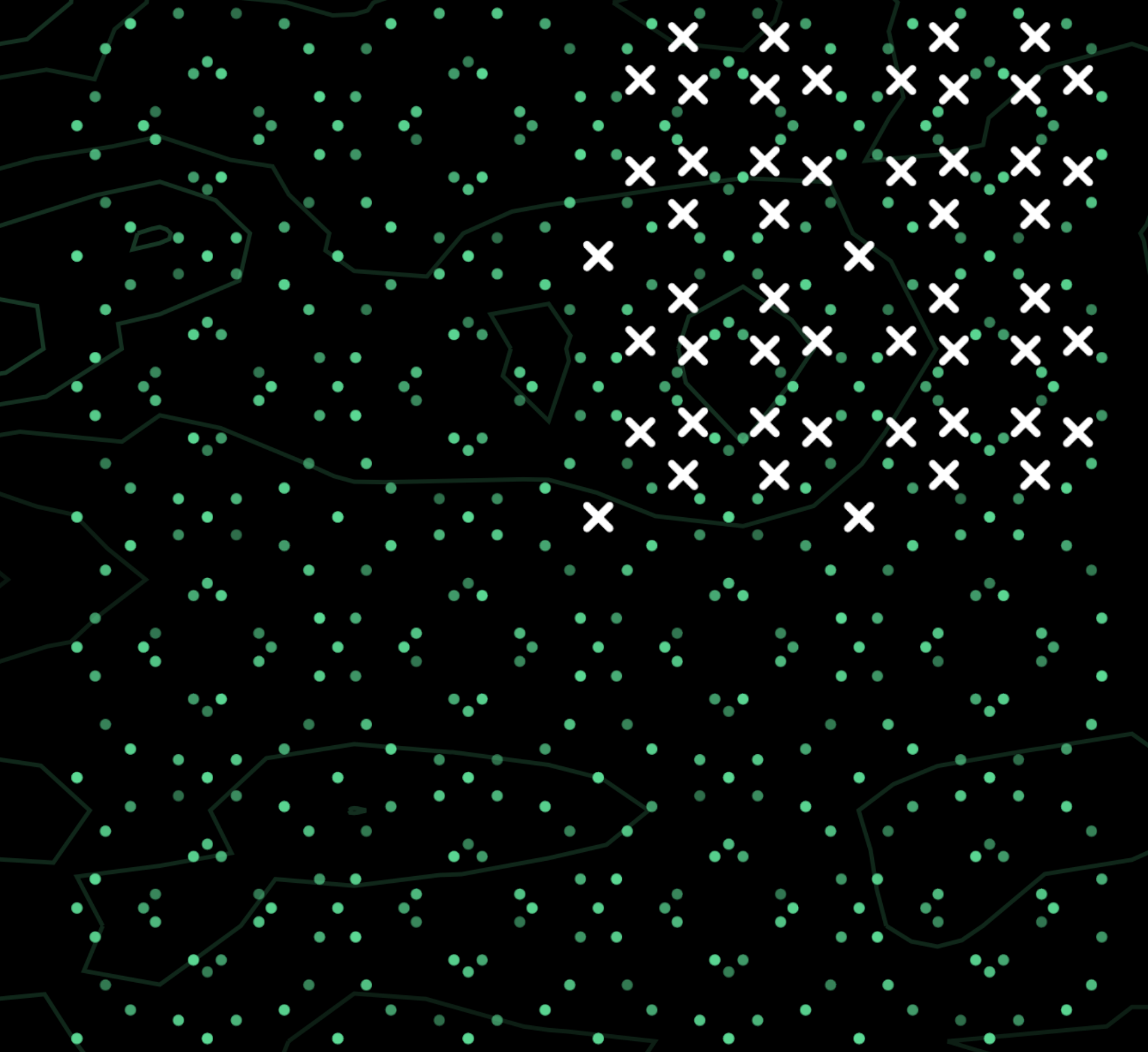
TO COMPUTE D_0 AND, THEREFORE H_R , WE NEED TO COMPUTE THE CENTRE-OF MASS MEAN-SQUARED DISPLACEMENT.



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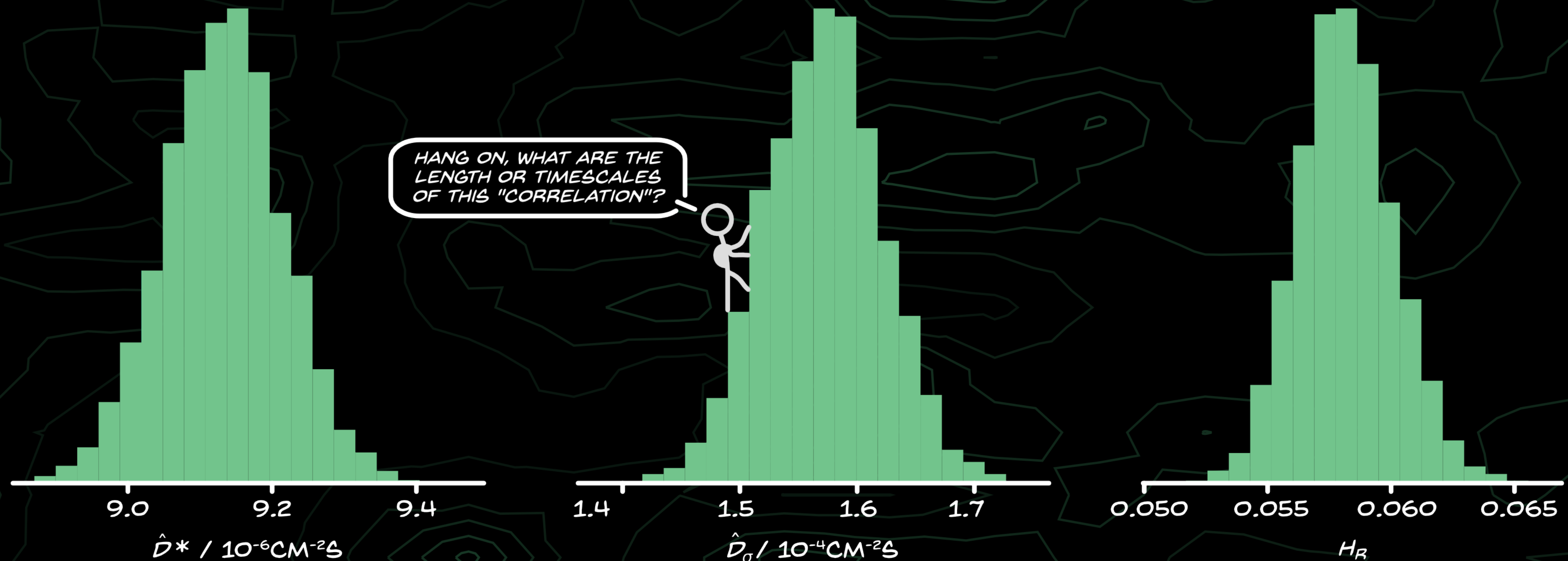


IF WE HAVE A BIG ENOUGH SIMULATION DATA, WE CAN DEFINE SUB CENTRES-OF-MASS.



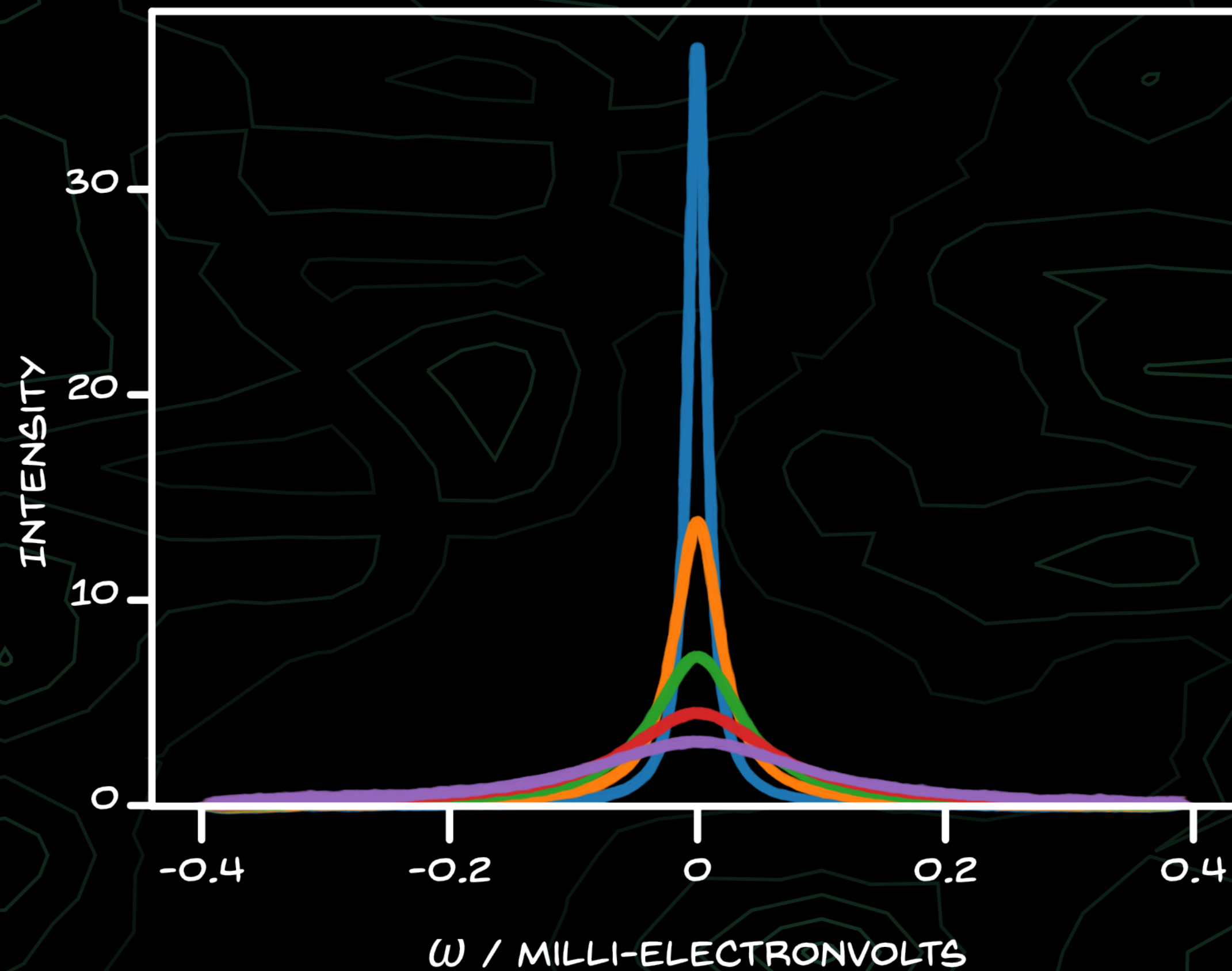
2 X 2 X 2 SUPERCELL LLZO (448 LITHIUM IONS)

WITH THIS APPROACH, WE CAN ESTIMATE THE HAVEN RATIO, AND, THEREFORE, THE AMOUNT OF CORRELATION IN OUR SYSTEM. IT LOOKS LIKE LLZO IS HIGHLY CORRELATED?*



*THIS IS VERY NEW DATA/CODE.

QENS IS AN EXCELLENT TOOL TO PROBE DIFFUSION...



...AND POLARISED-QENS PROVIDES AN
TOOL TO MEASURE THIS CORRELATION.

NEUTRON
MAN, HERE TO
SAVE THE DAY!



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Alexander Squires (Birmingham)

Samuel Coles (Bath/Cambridge)

Josh Dunn (Bristol)

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*THANKS FOR
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