

# MadNIS — MadGraph Neural Importance Sampling

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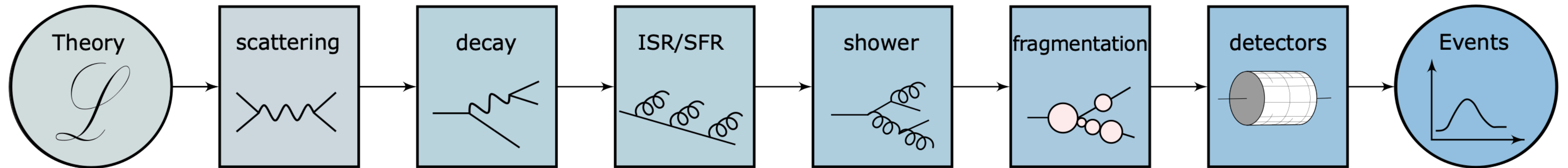
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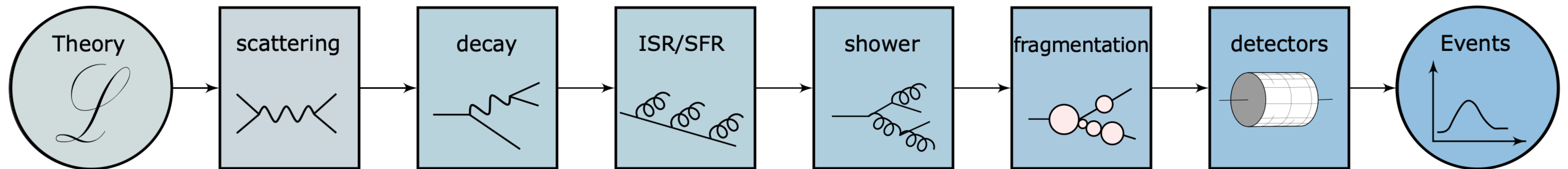
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Differential cross section known from QFT:

$$d\sigma \sim \text{pdf}(x) \cdot |\mathcal{M}(x)|^2 \cdot d\Phi$$

Total cross section:

$$\sigma = \int_{\Phi} d\sigma$$

Monte Carlo integration and sampling from differential cross section



accelerate with deep generative models

Exact sampling ensured by known likelihood



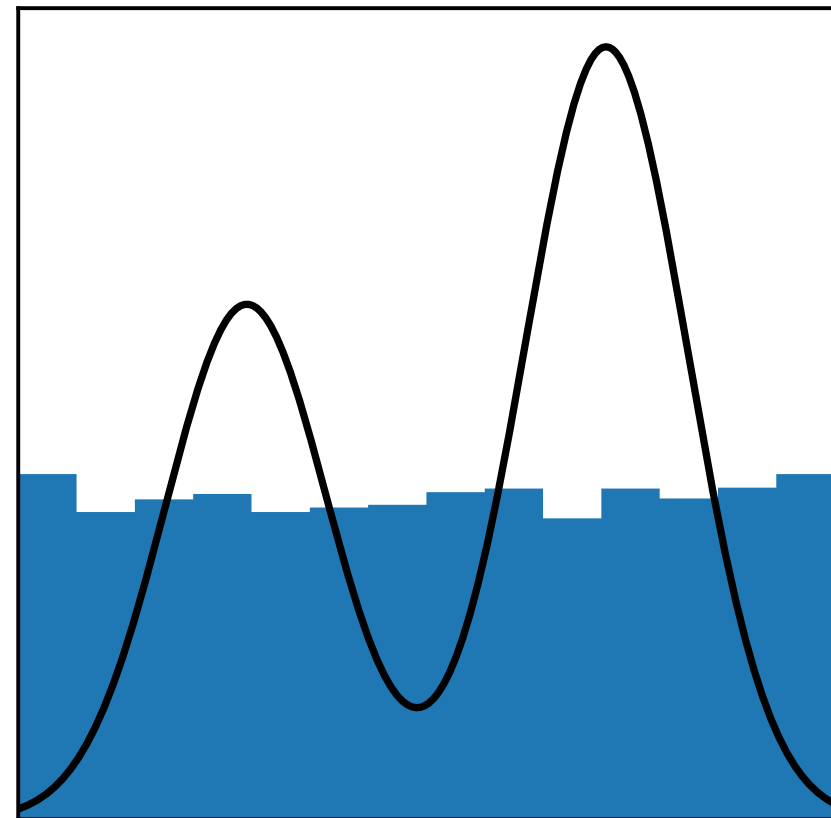
better model  
=  
faster sampling

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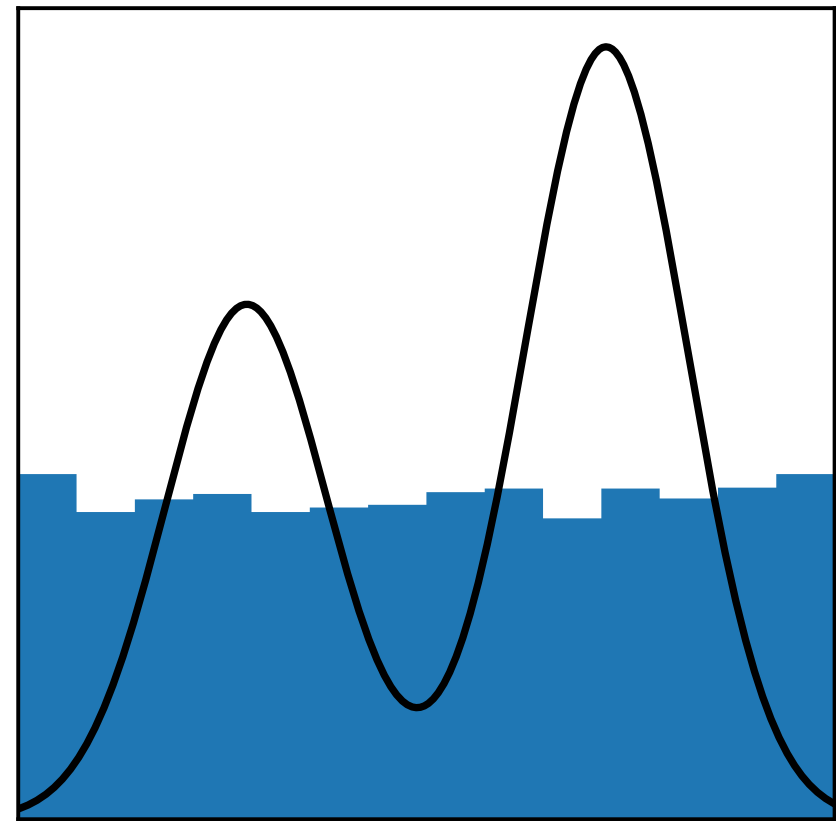


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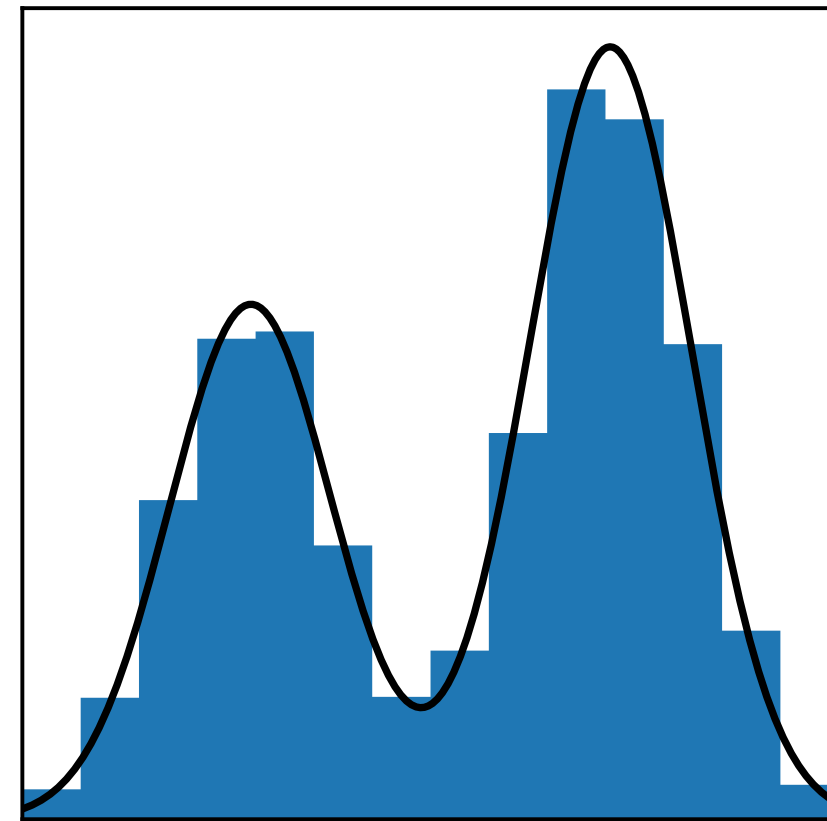
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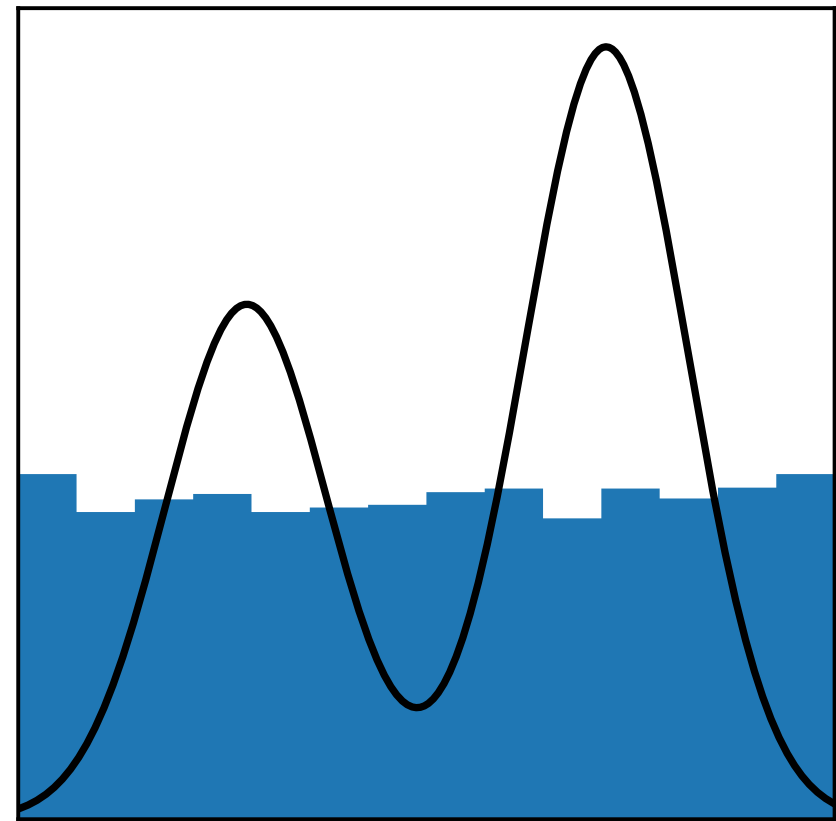


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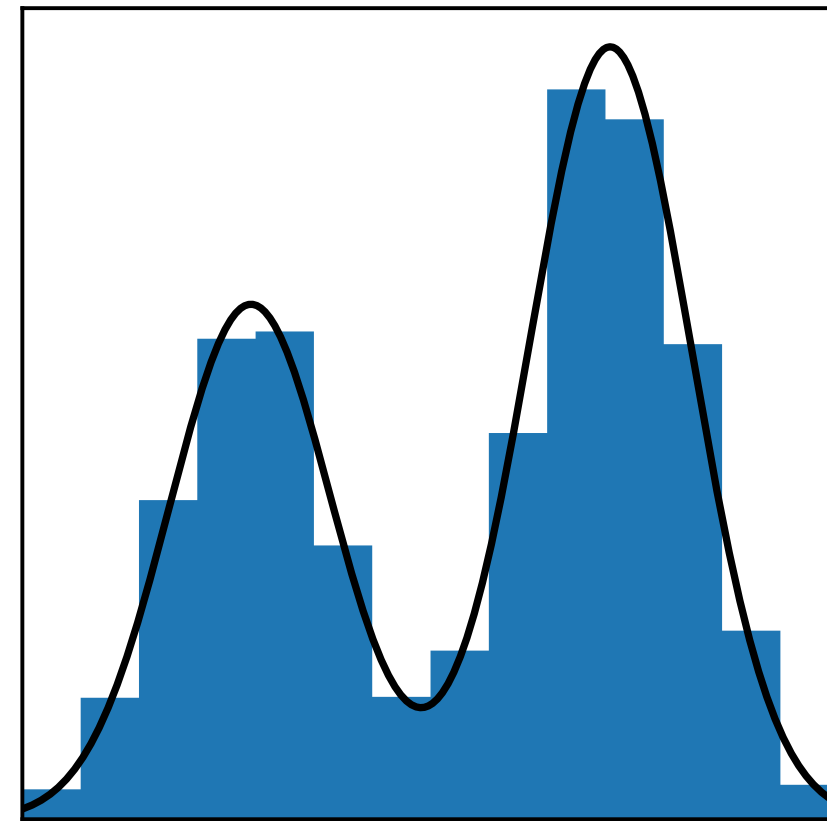
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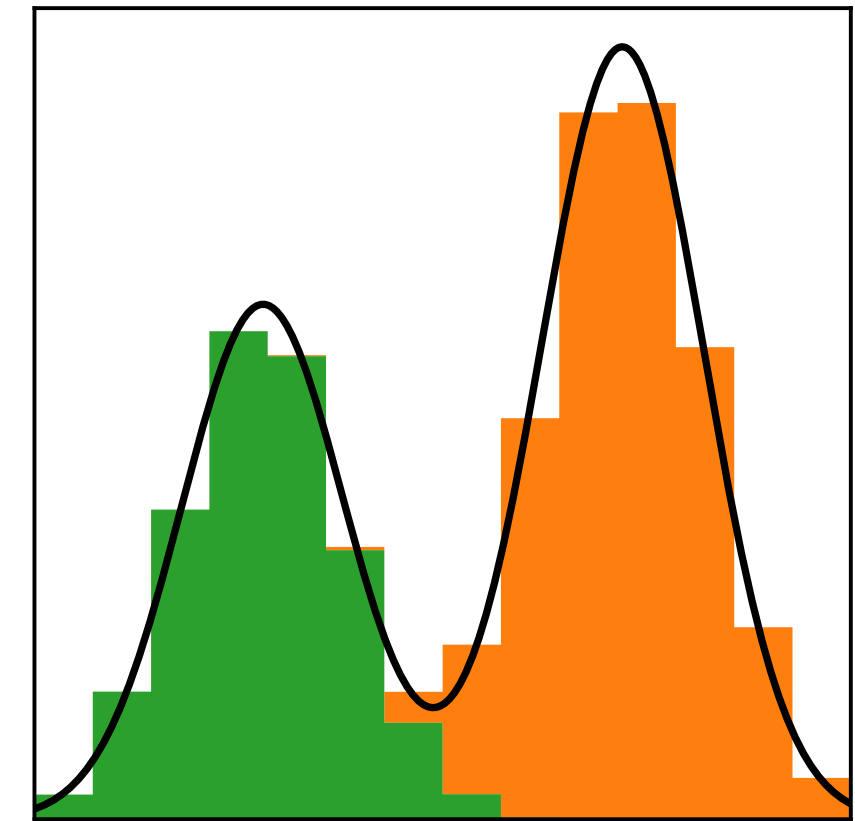
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**Multi-channeling**  
one mapping for  
each channel

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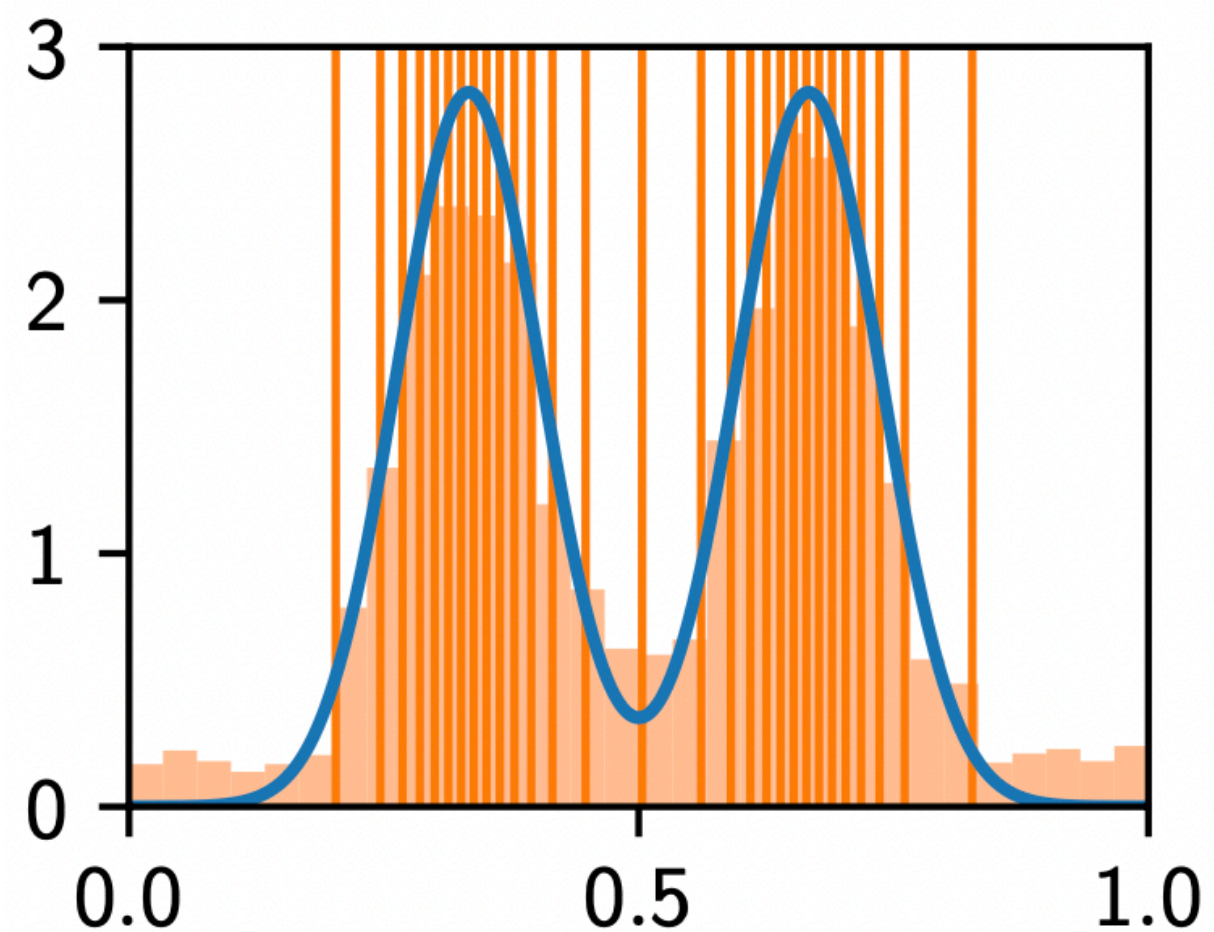
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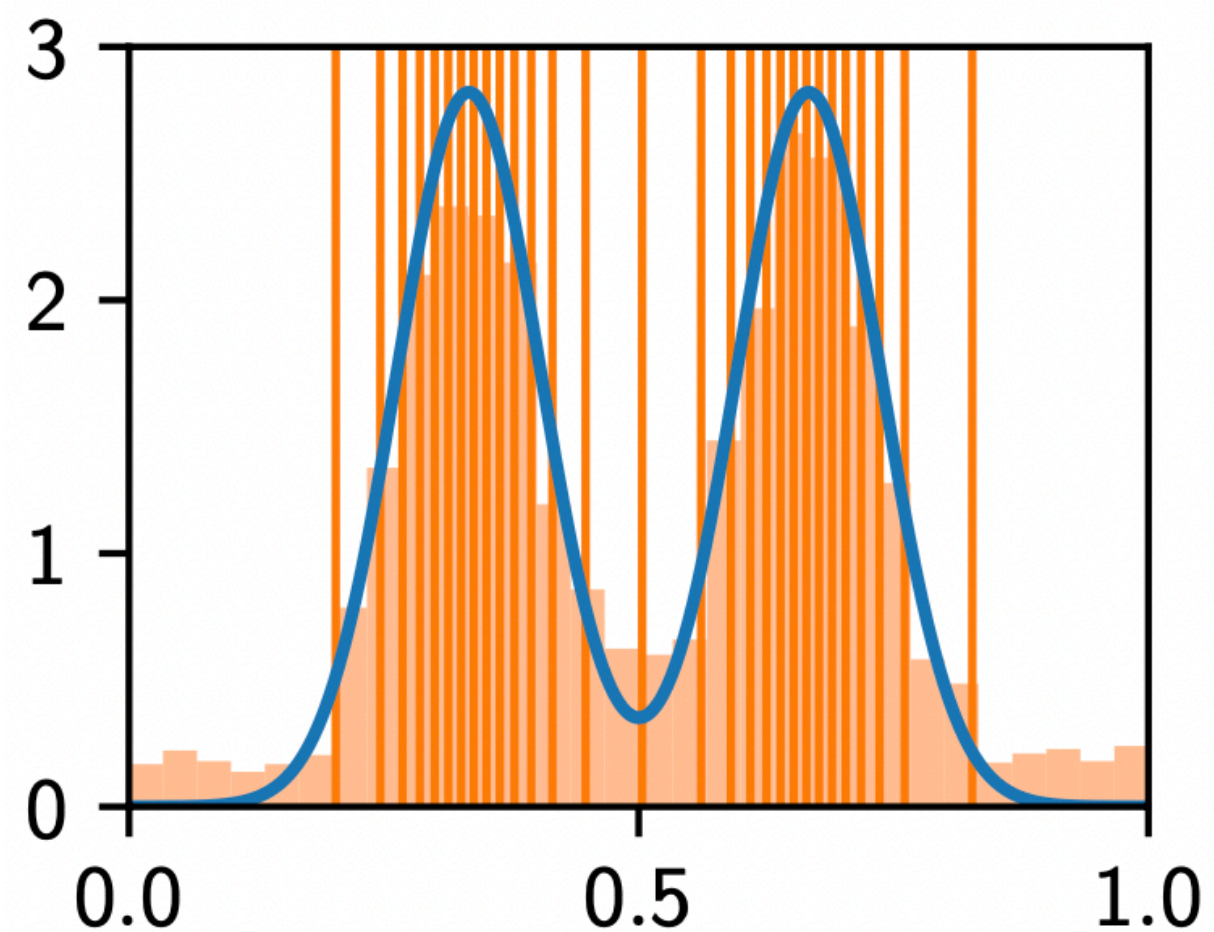
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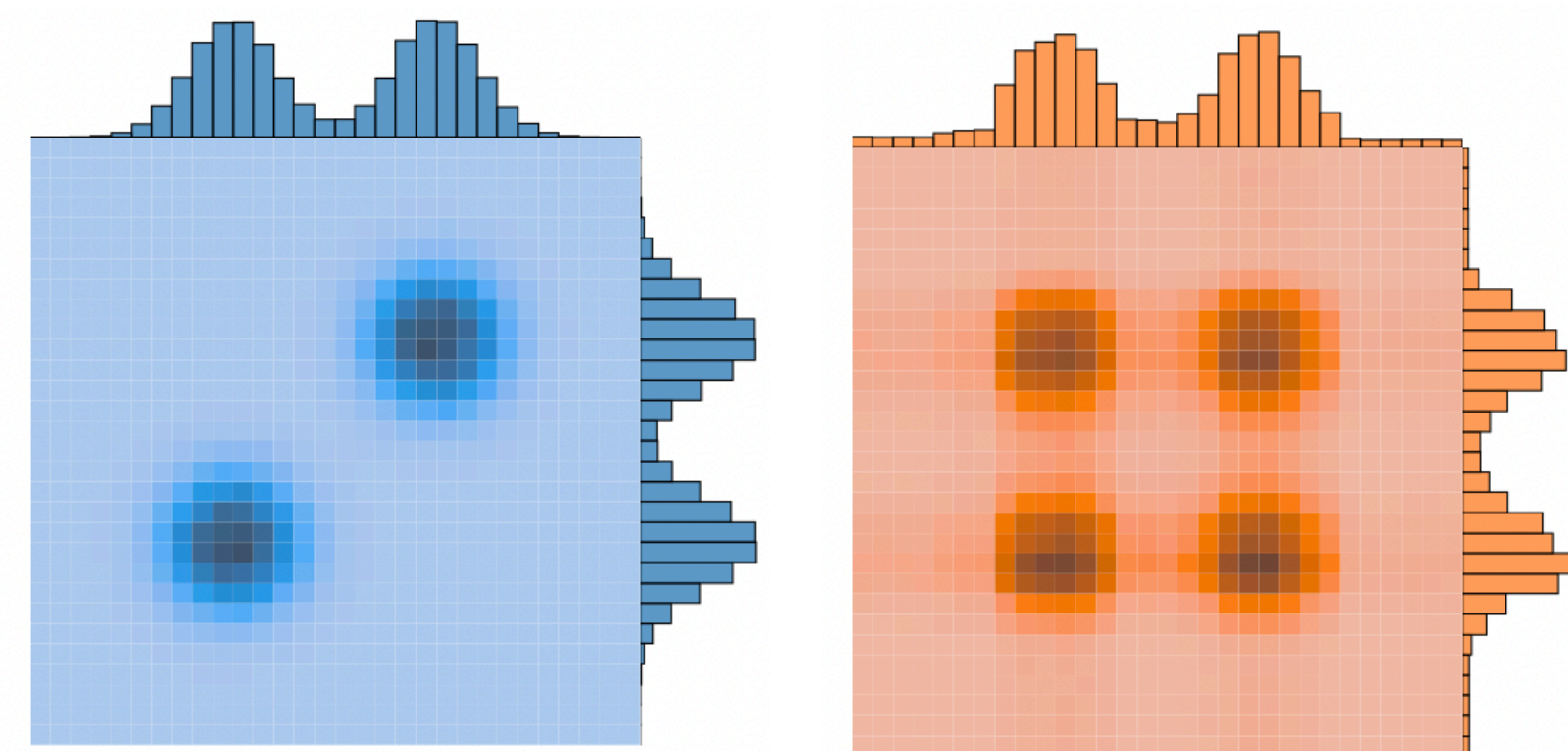
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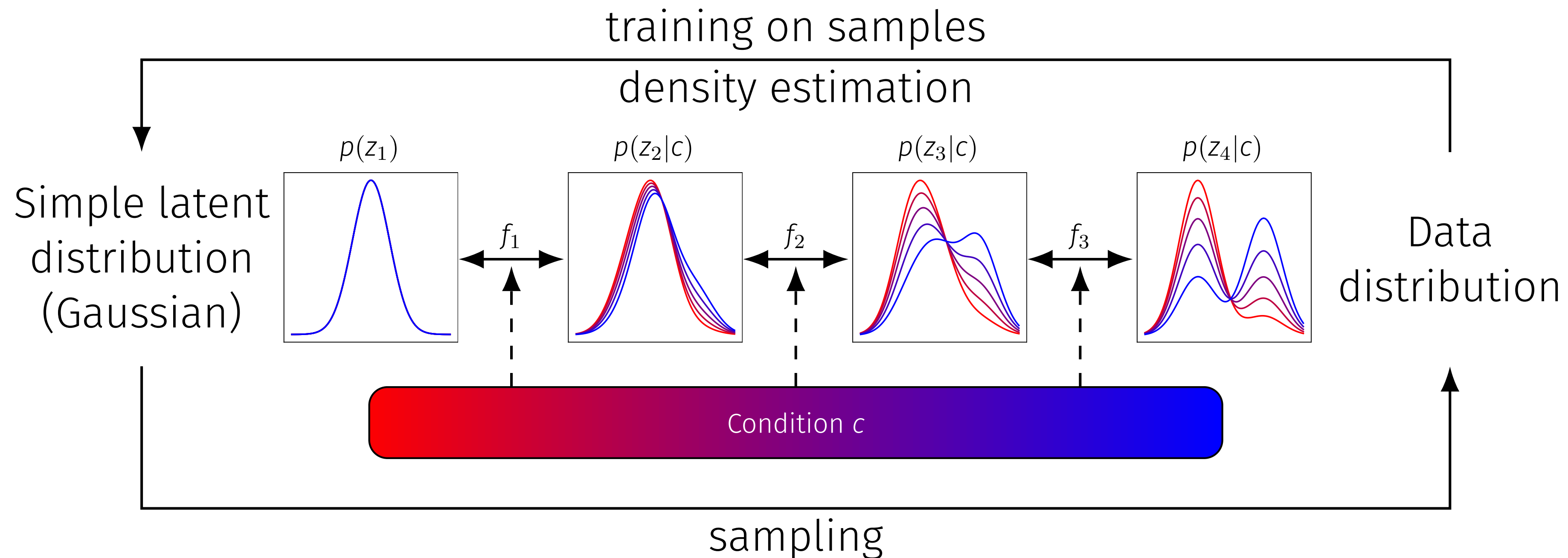
- ⊕ Computationally cheap
- ⊖ High-dim and rich peaking functions  
→ slow convergence
- ⊖ Peaks not aligned with grid axes  
→ phantom peaks



# Normalizing Flows

Chain of **invertible, learnable** transformations with **exact likelihood** from change of variables formula

$$\log p(z_n | c) = \log p(z_1) + \log \det \frac{\partial z_1(z_n; c)}{\partial z_n}$$



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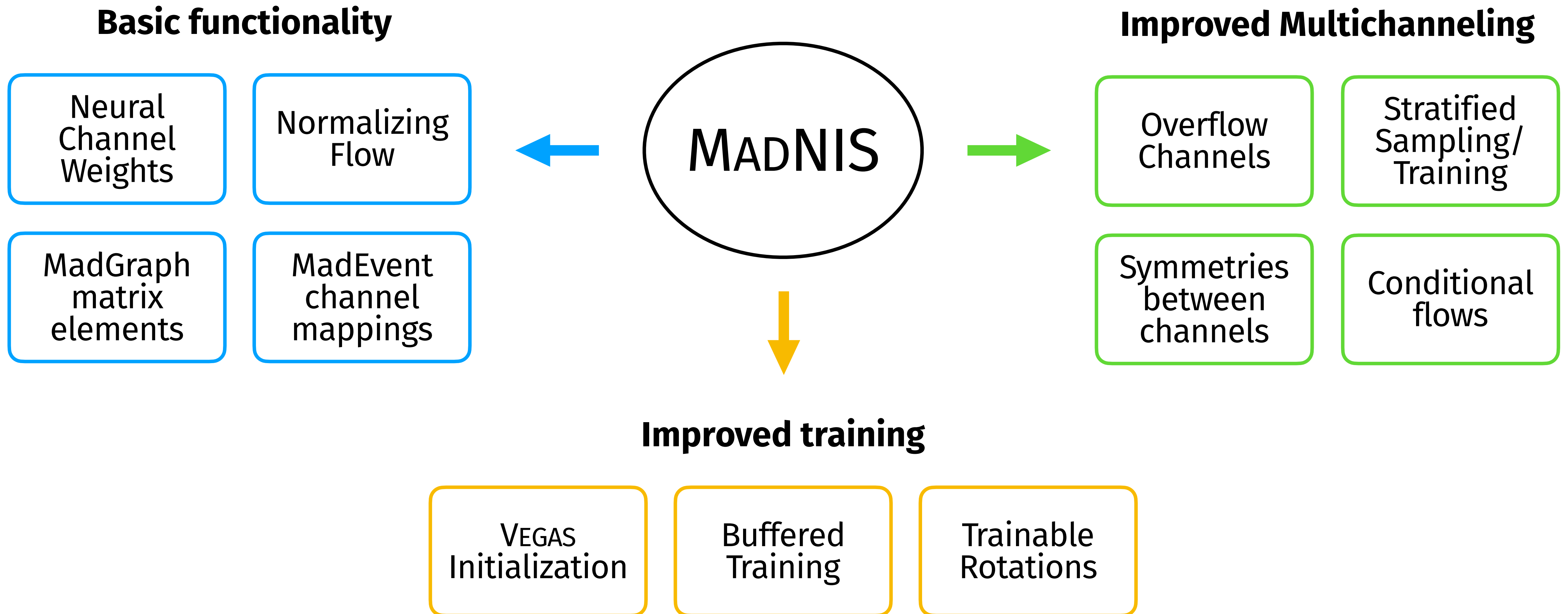
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Optimize simultaneously with integral variance as loss function

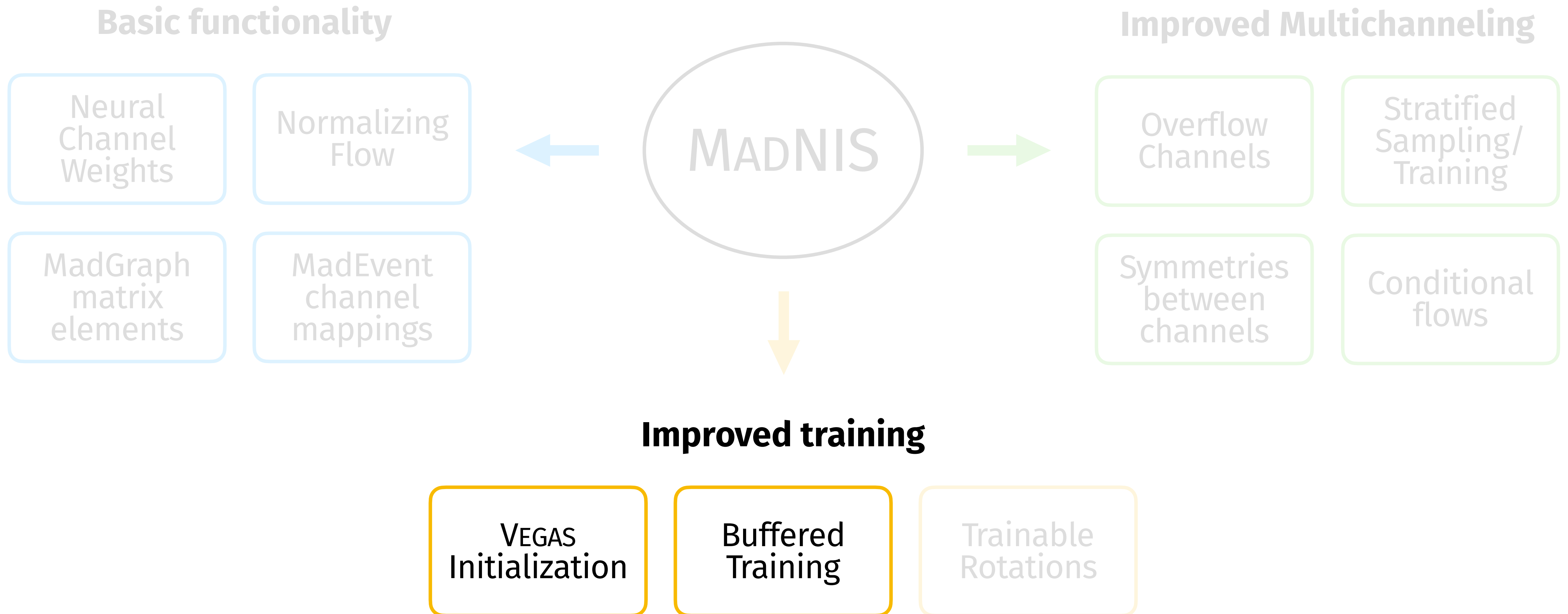


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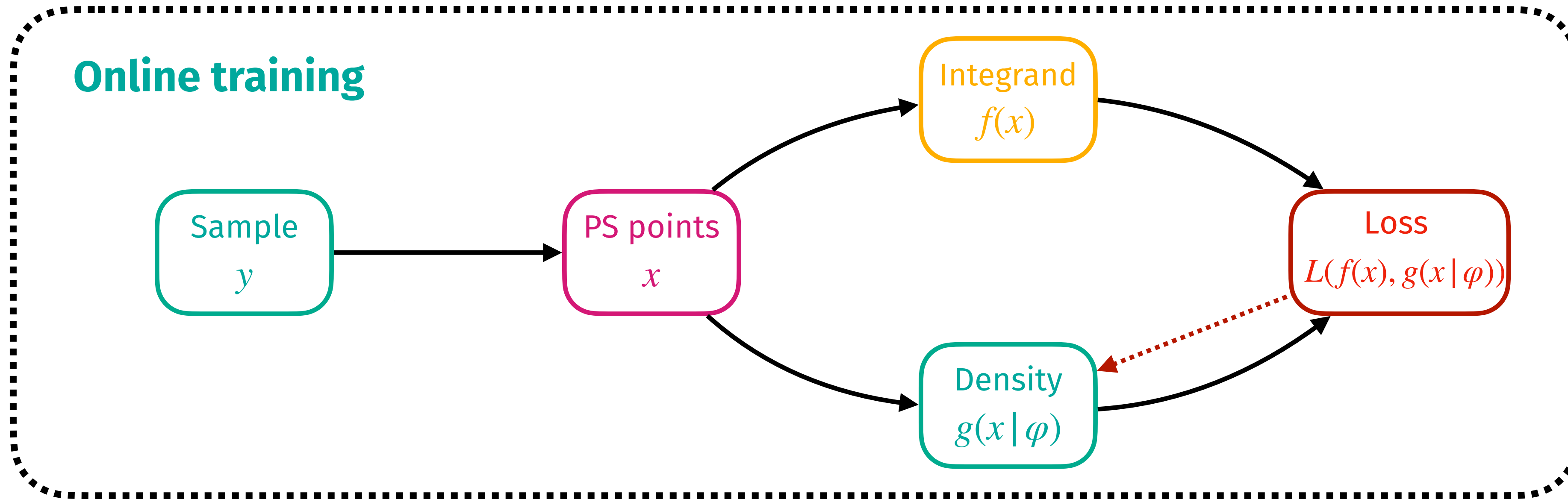




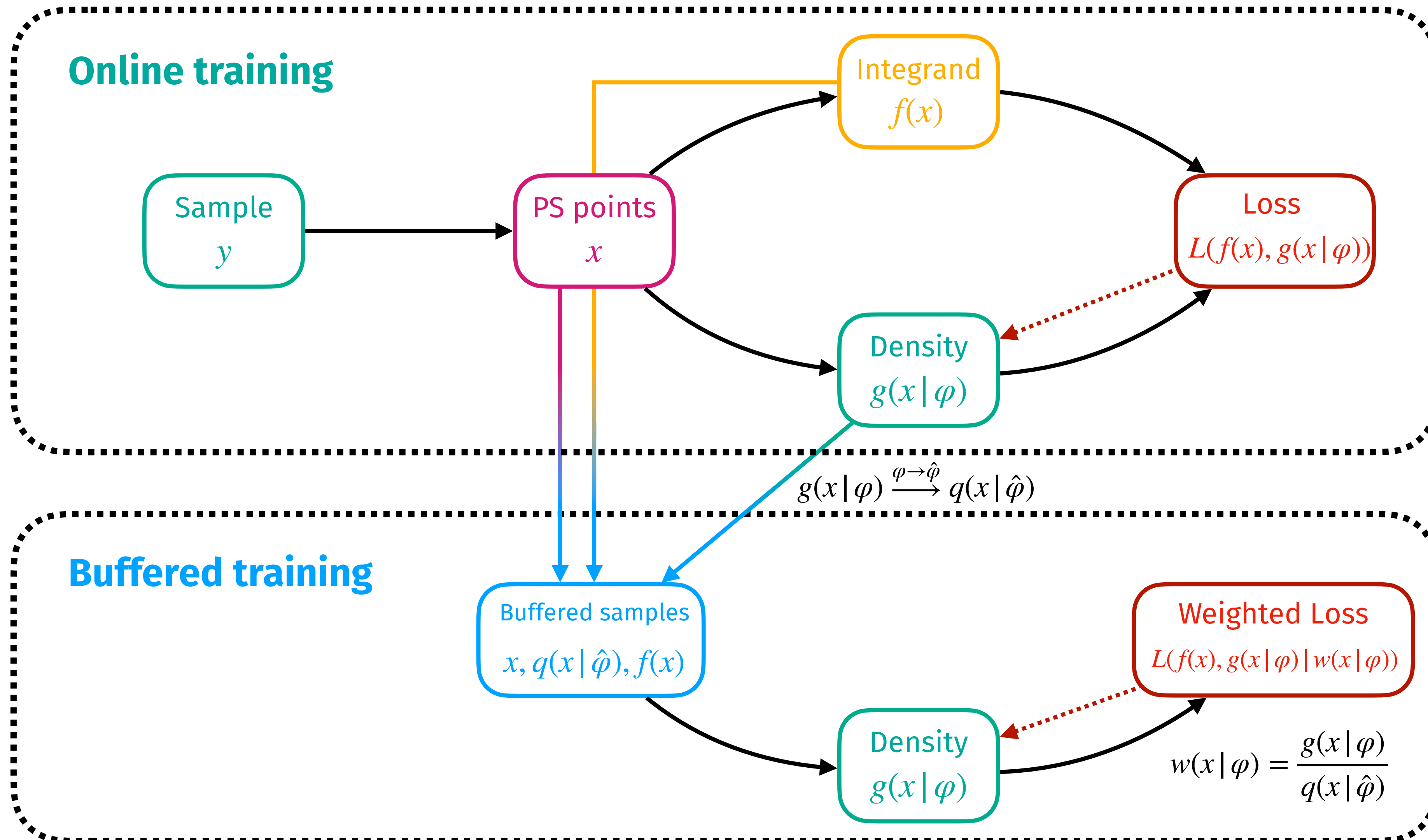
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## Training algorithm

generate new samples, train on them,  
save samples



train on saved samples  $n$  times

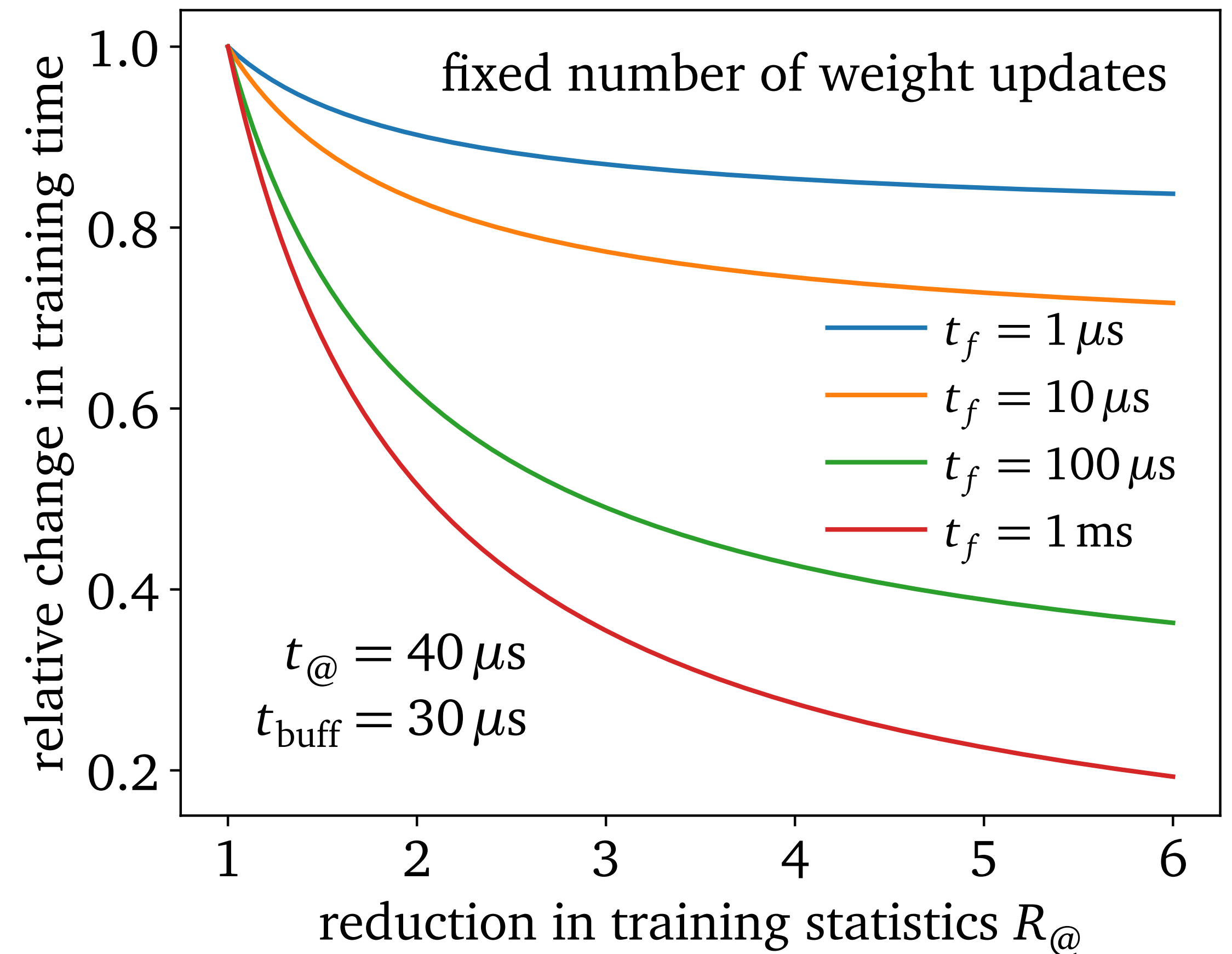


repeat



Reduction in training statistics by

$$R_{@} = n + 1$$



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	VEGAS	Flow
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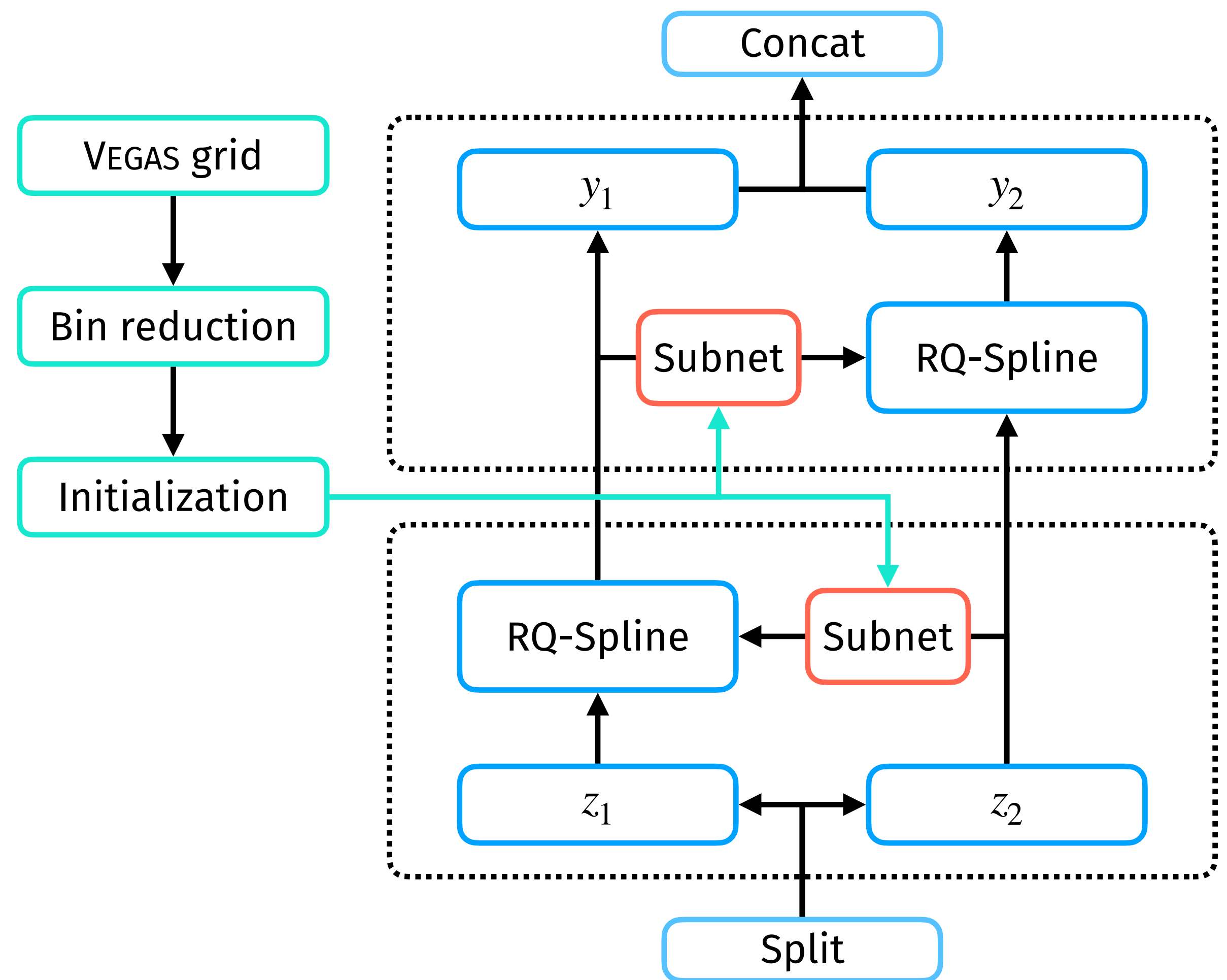
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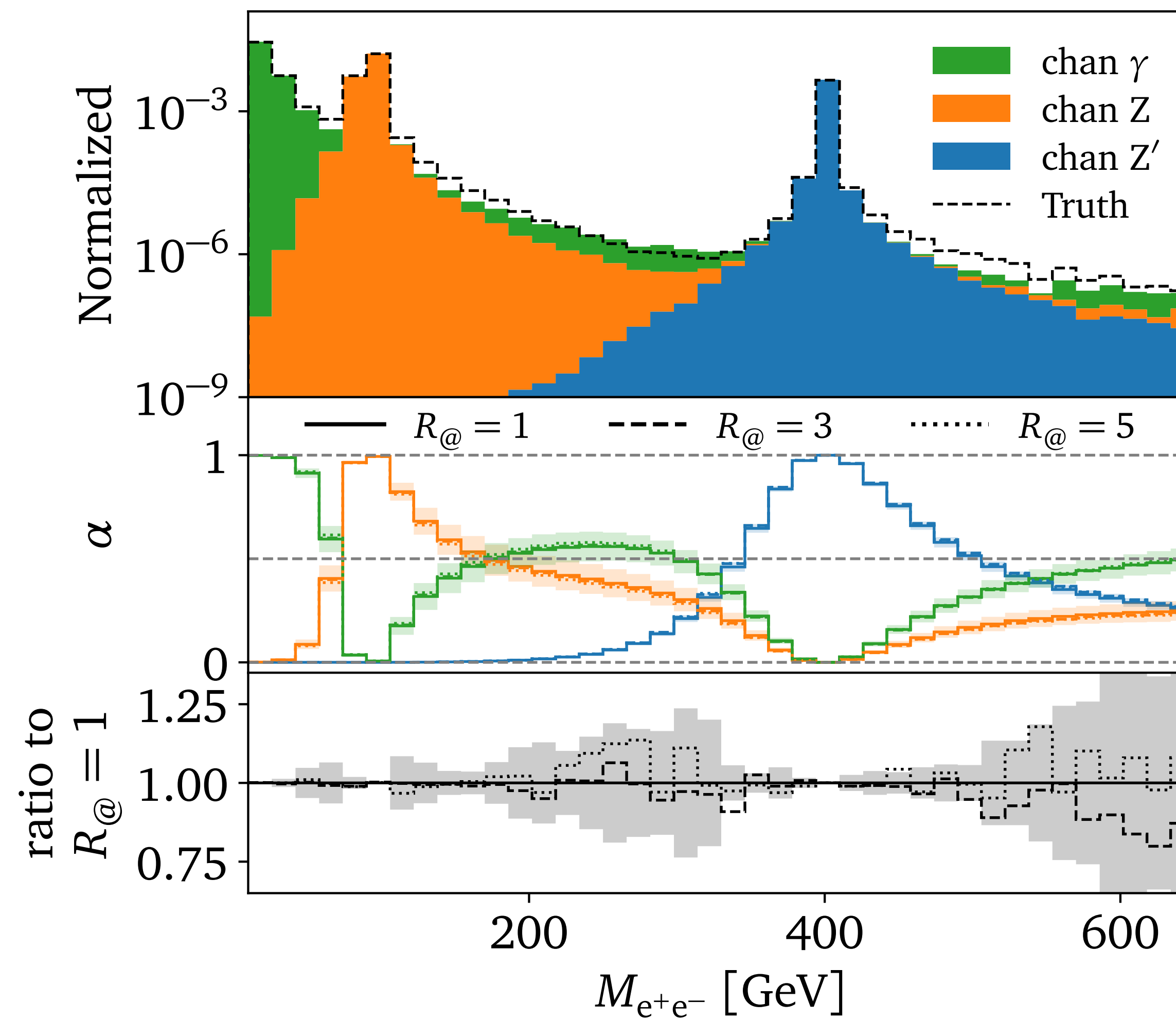
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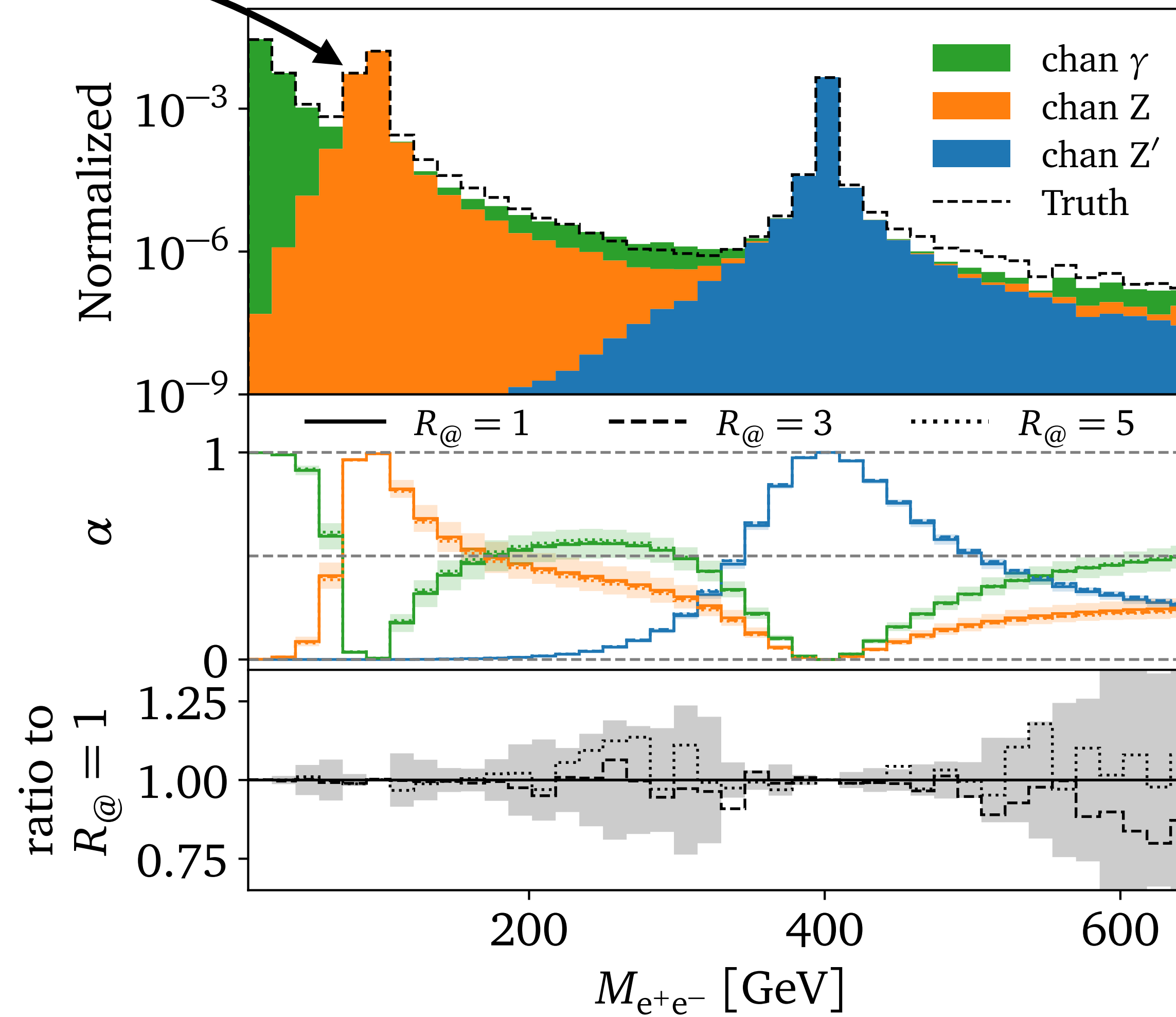
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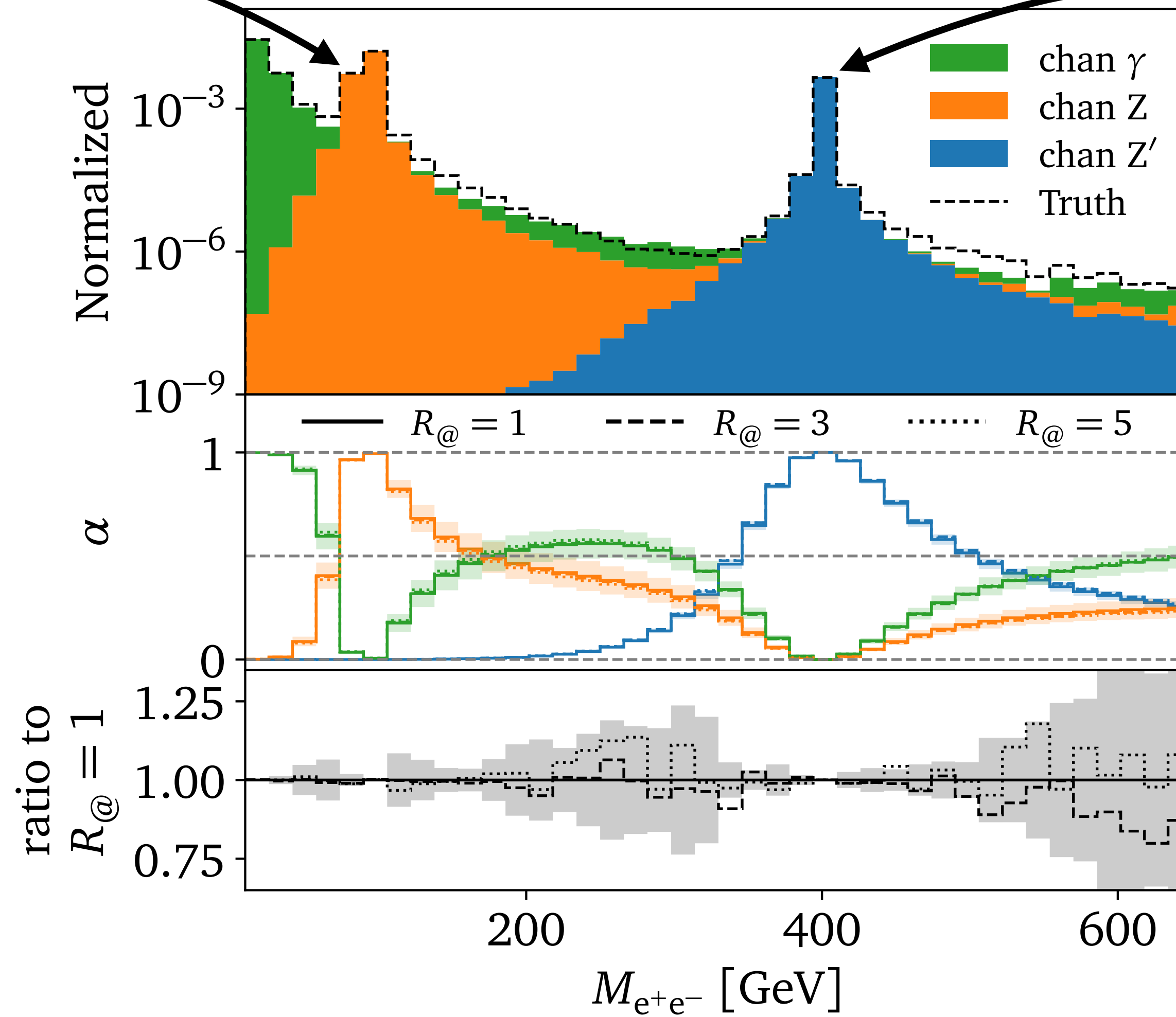
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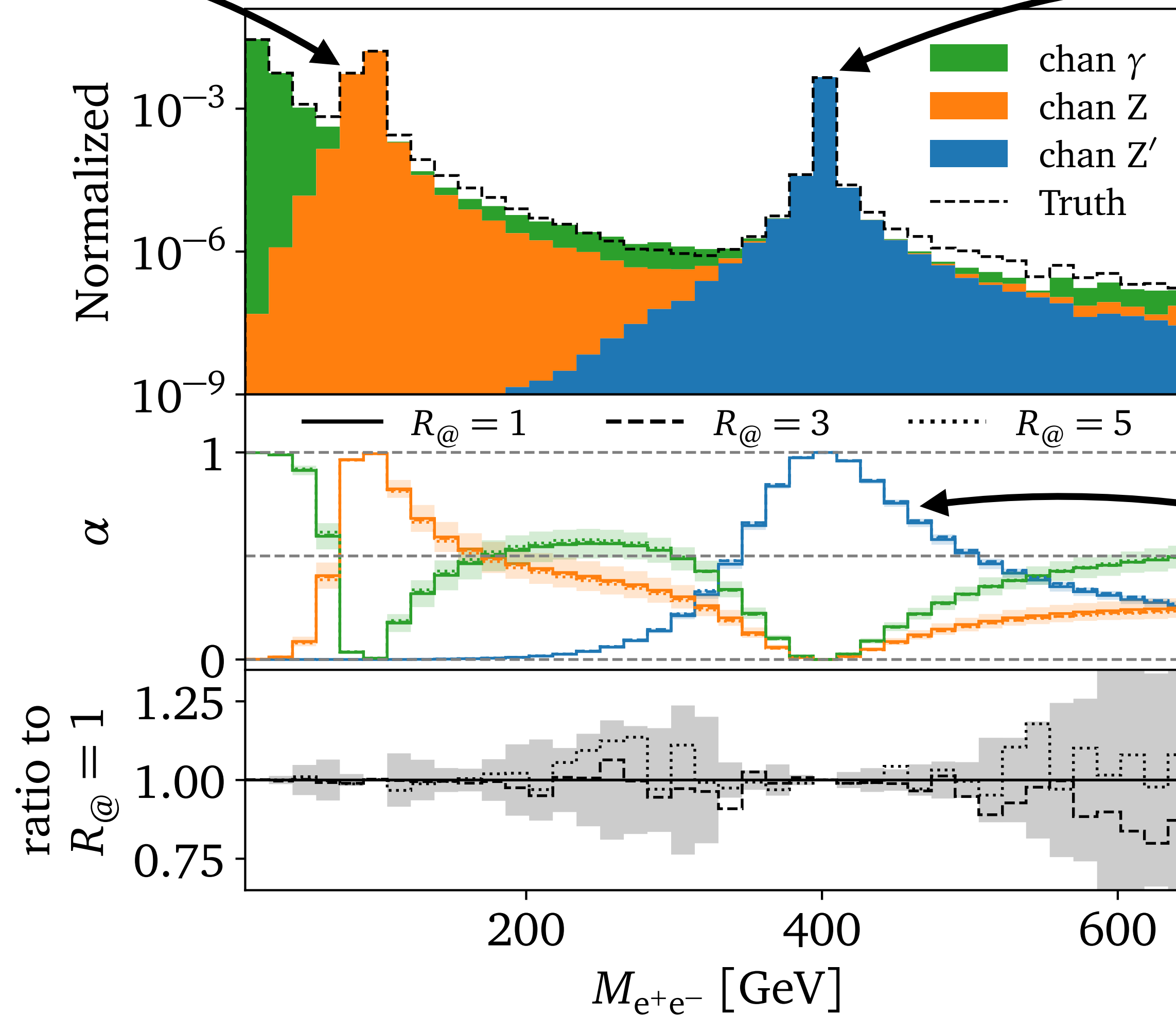
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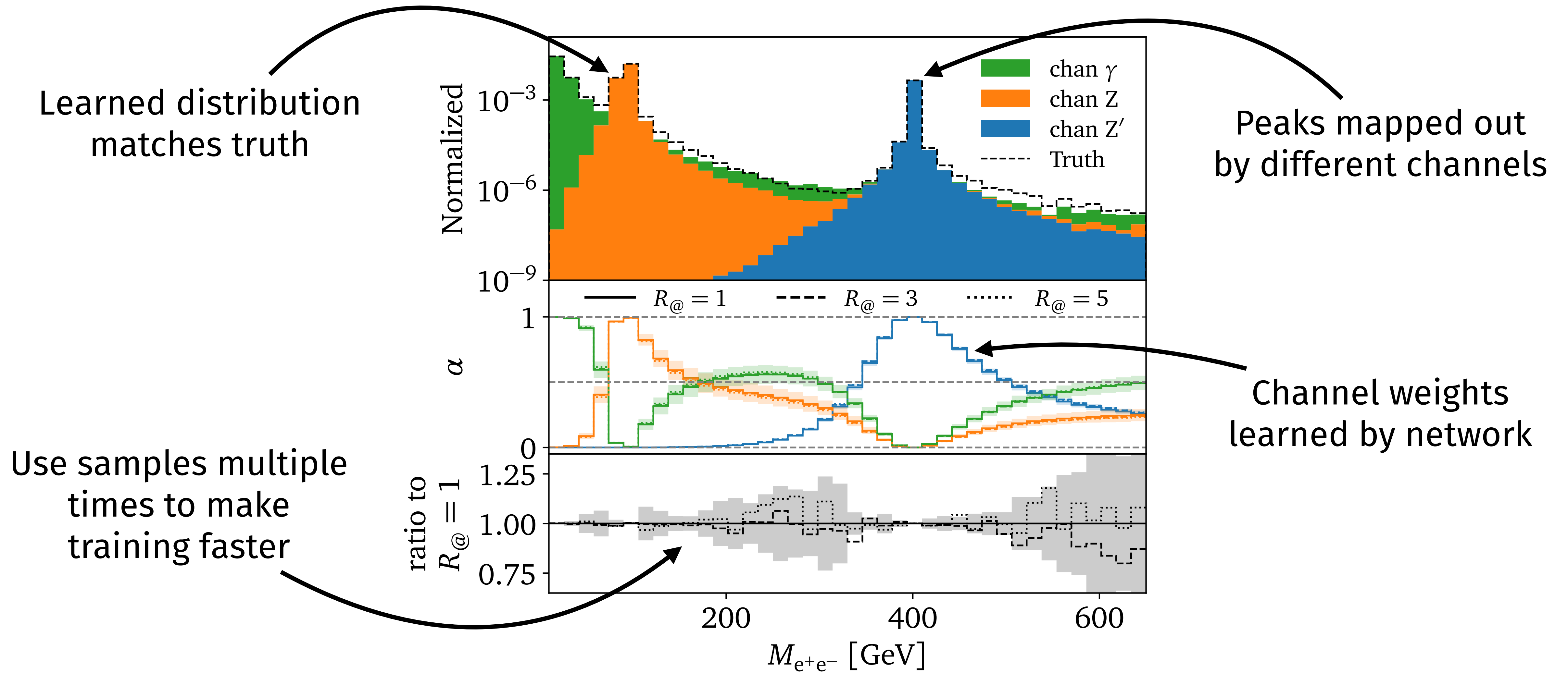
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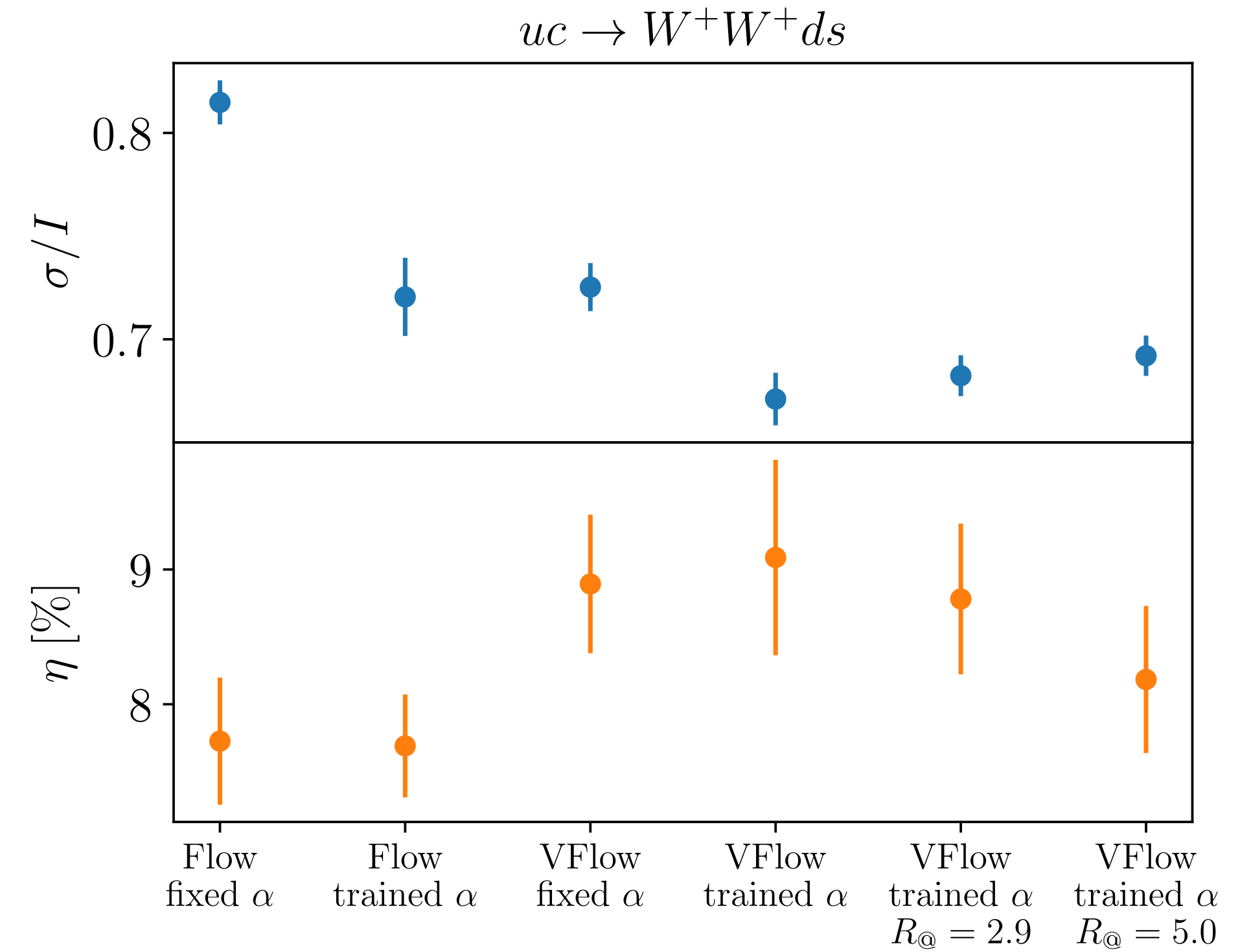
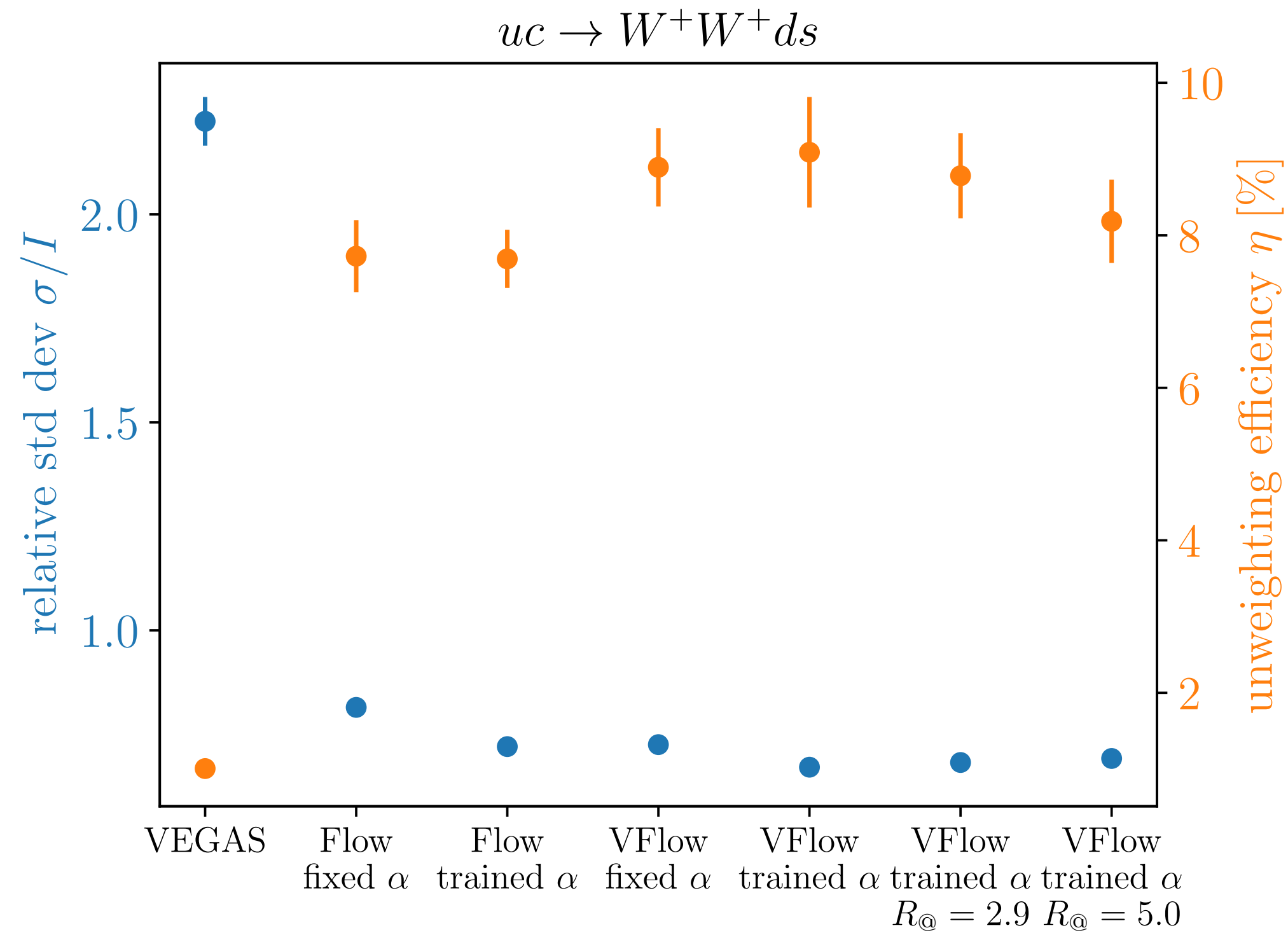
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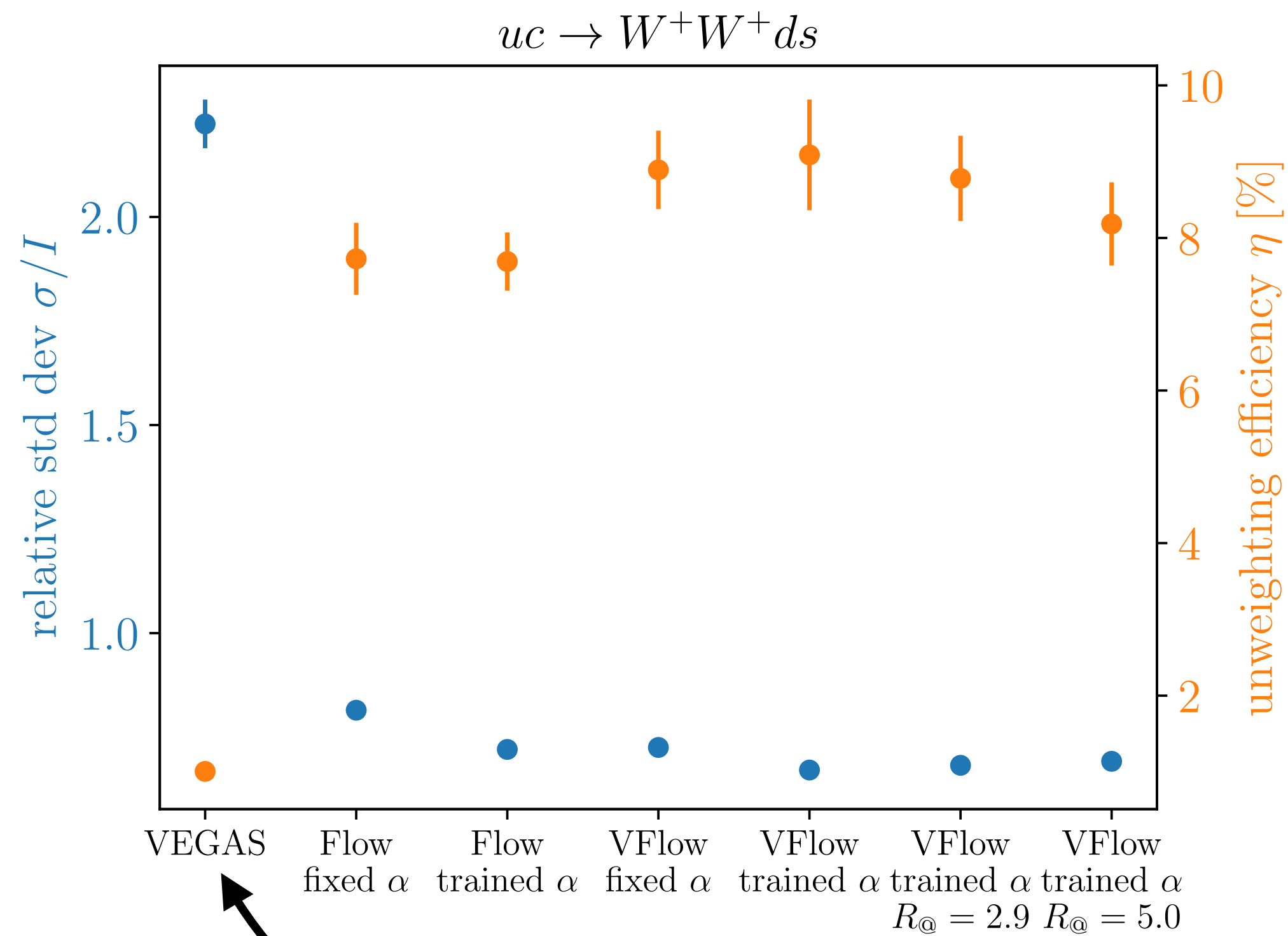


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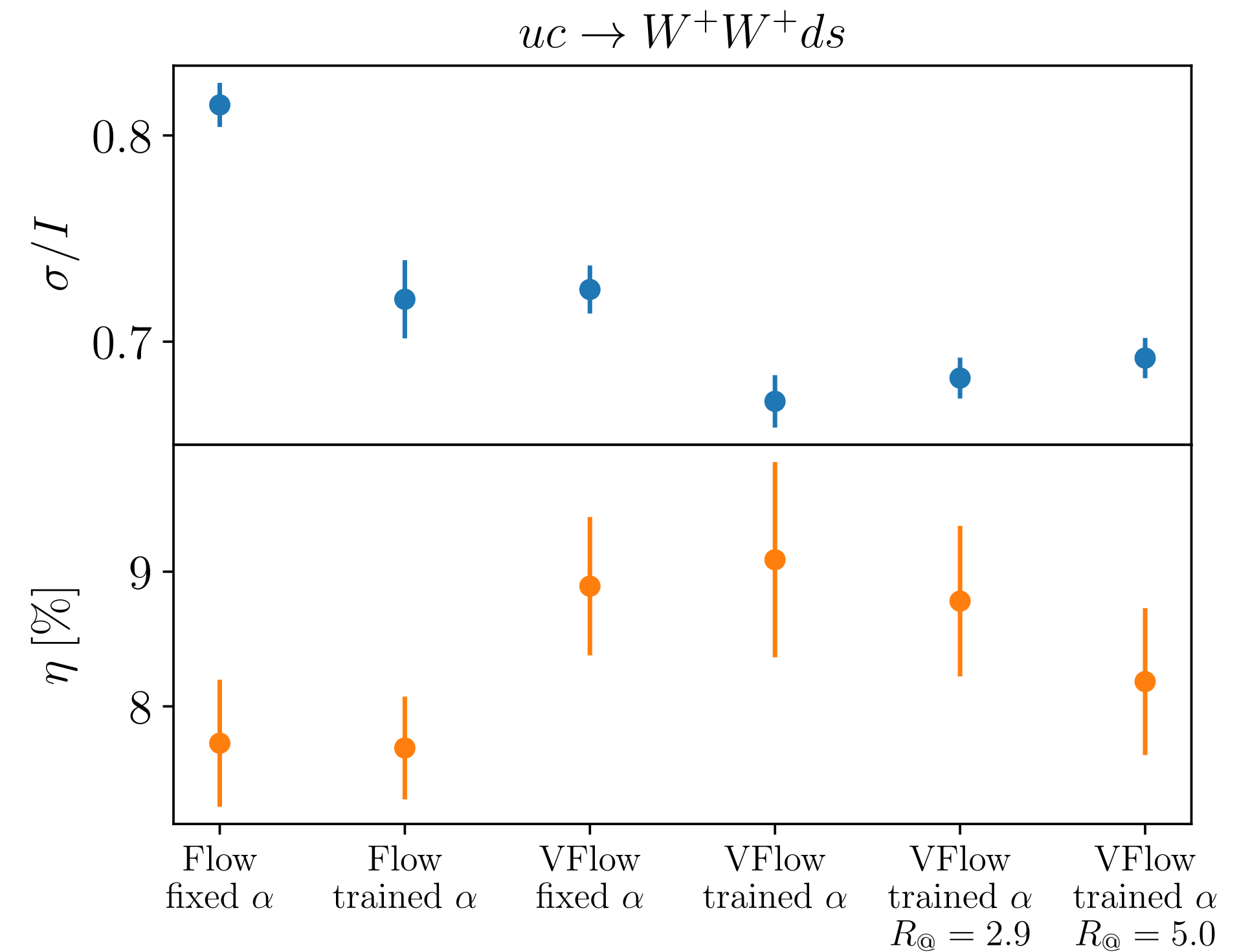


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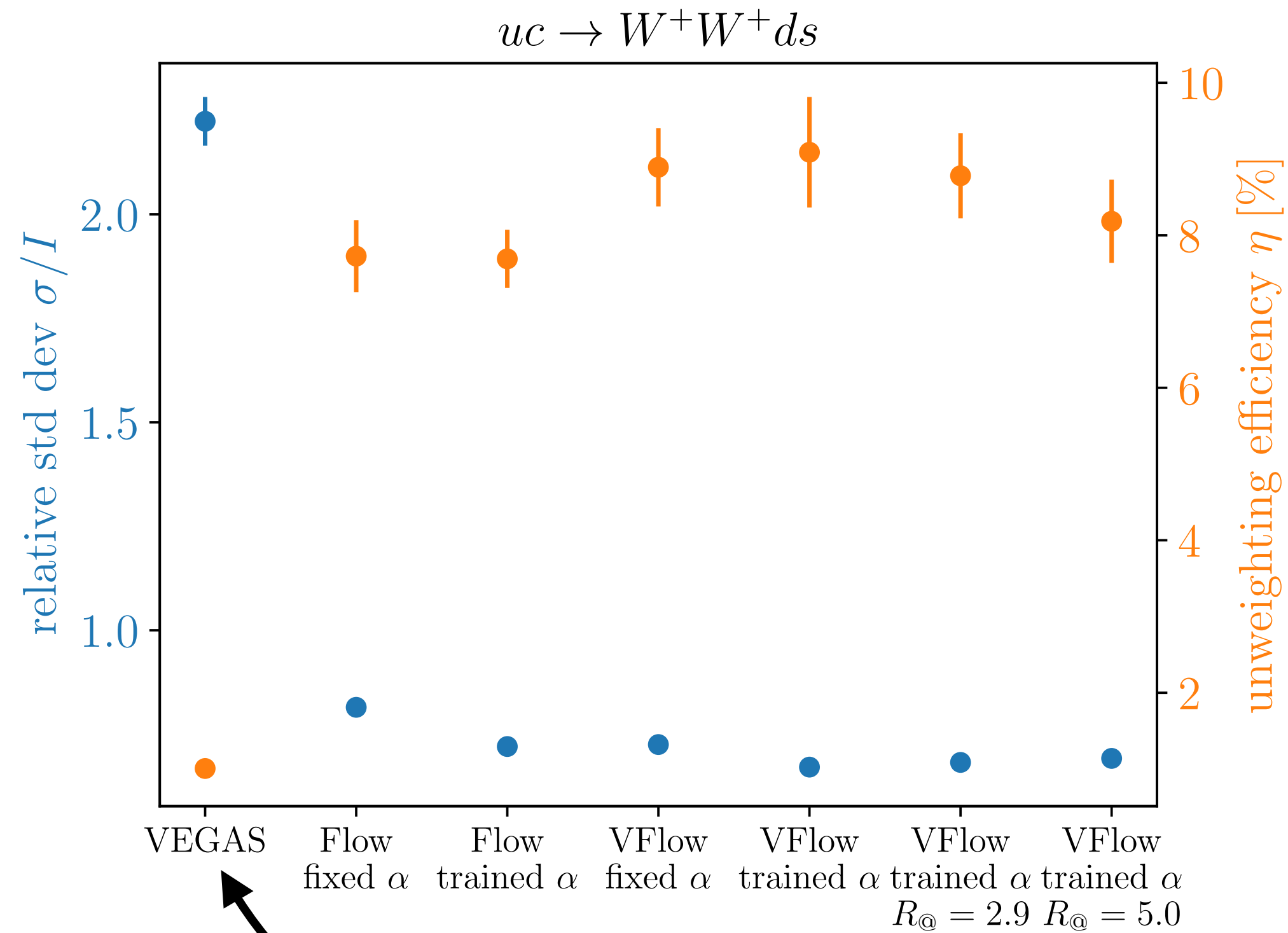


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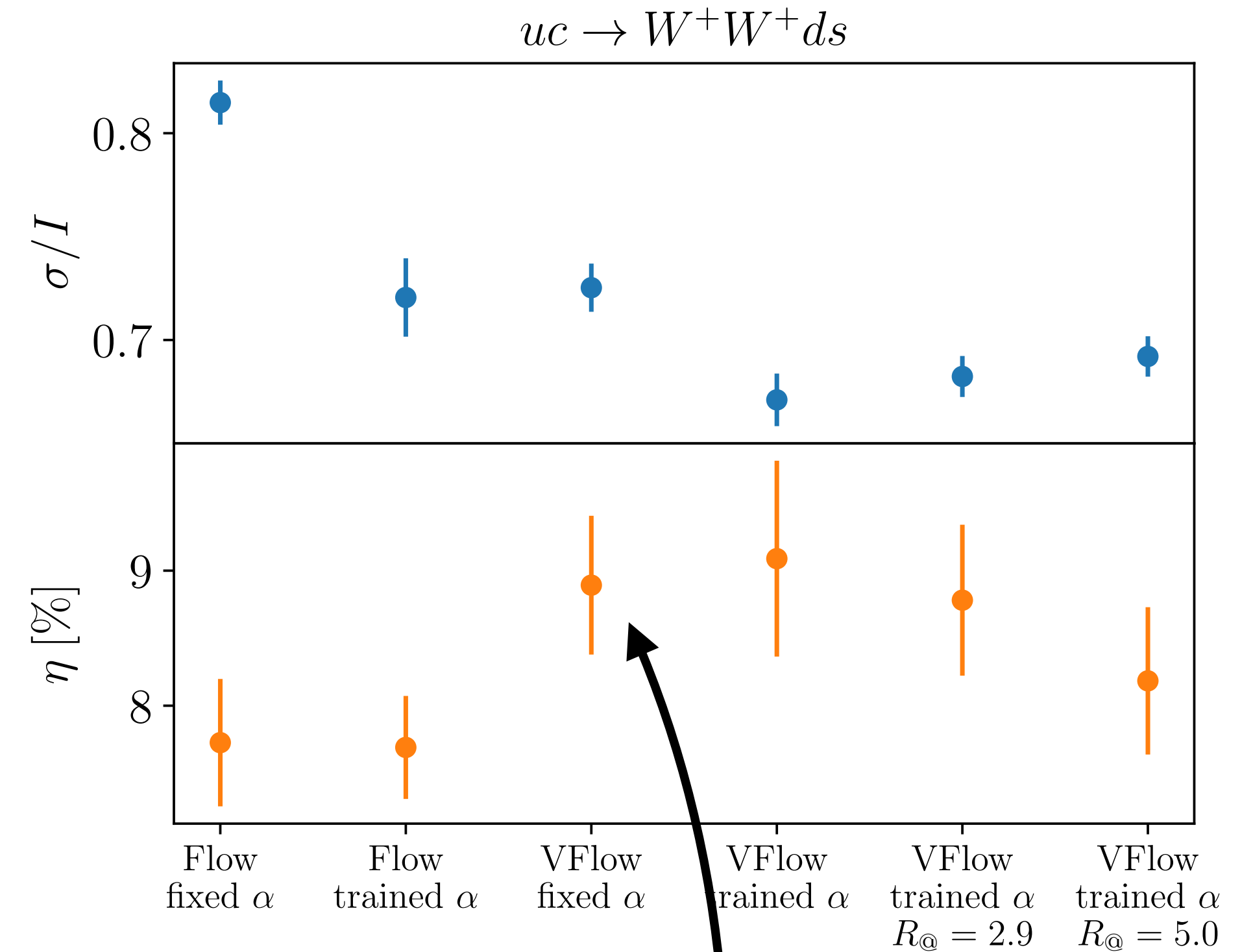


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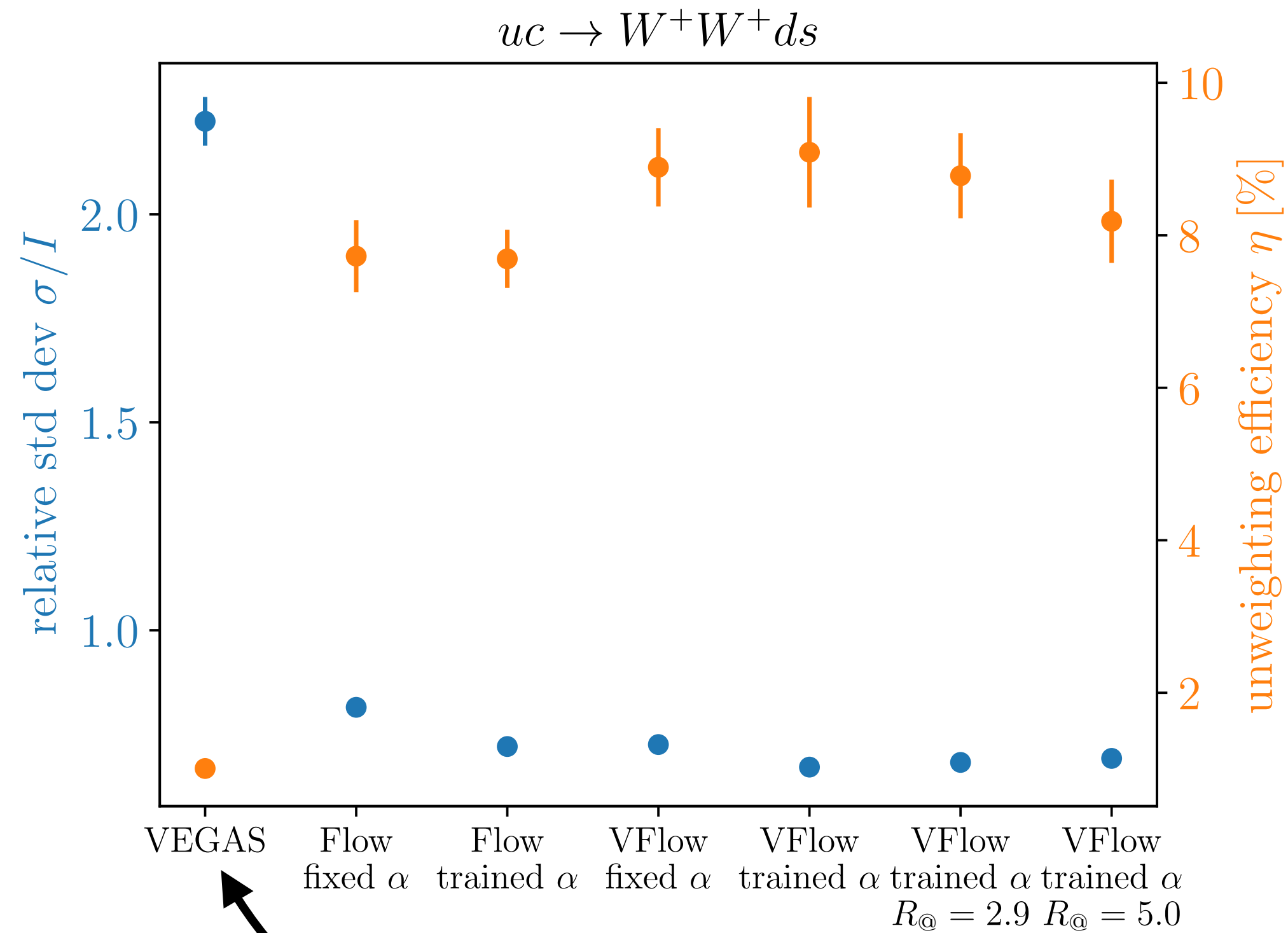


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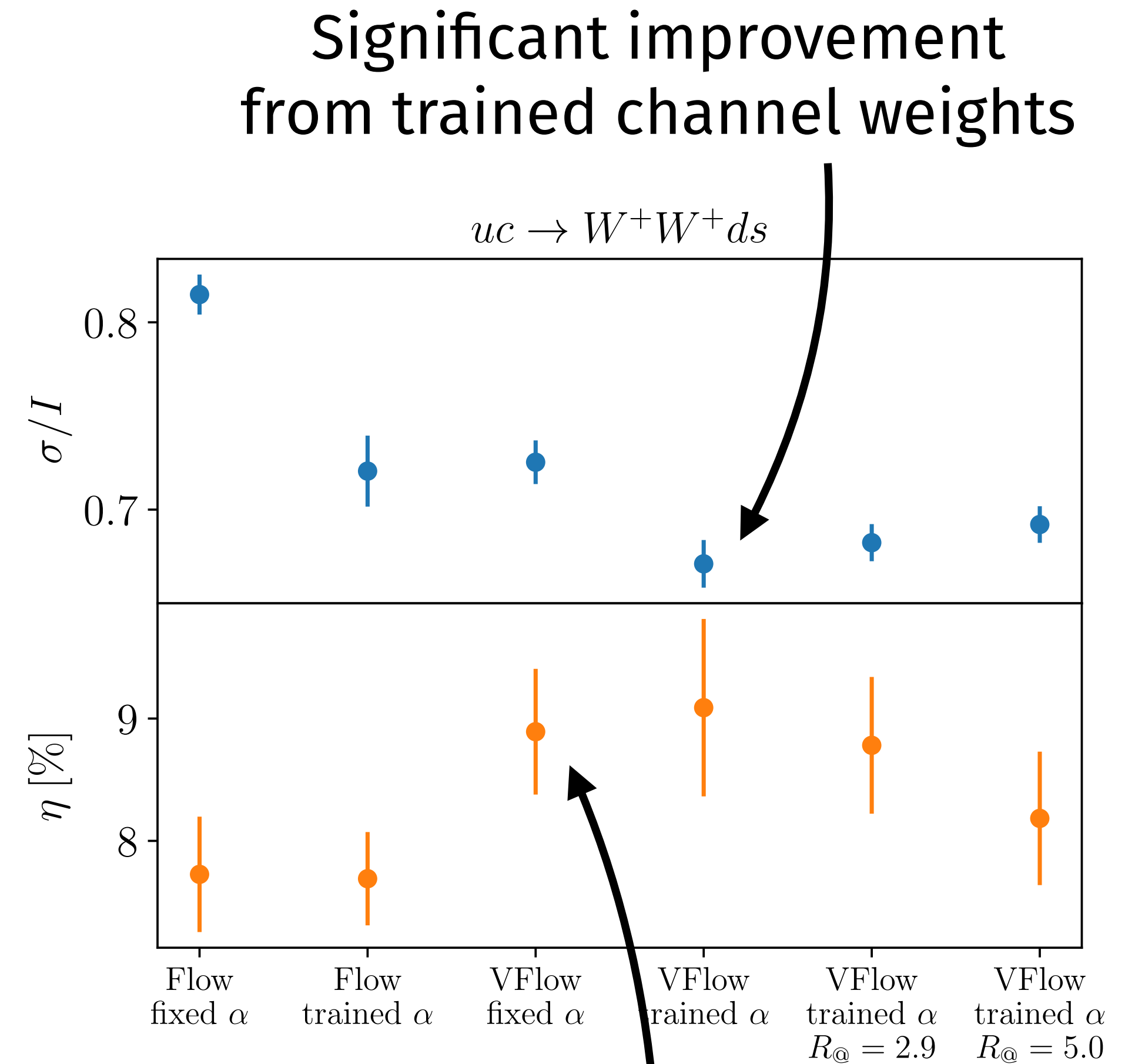
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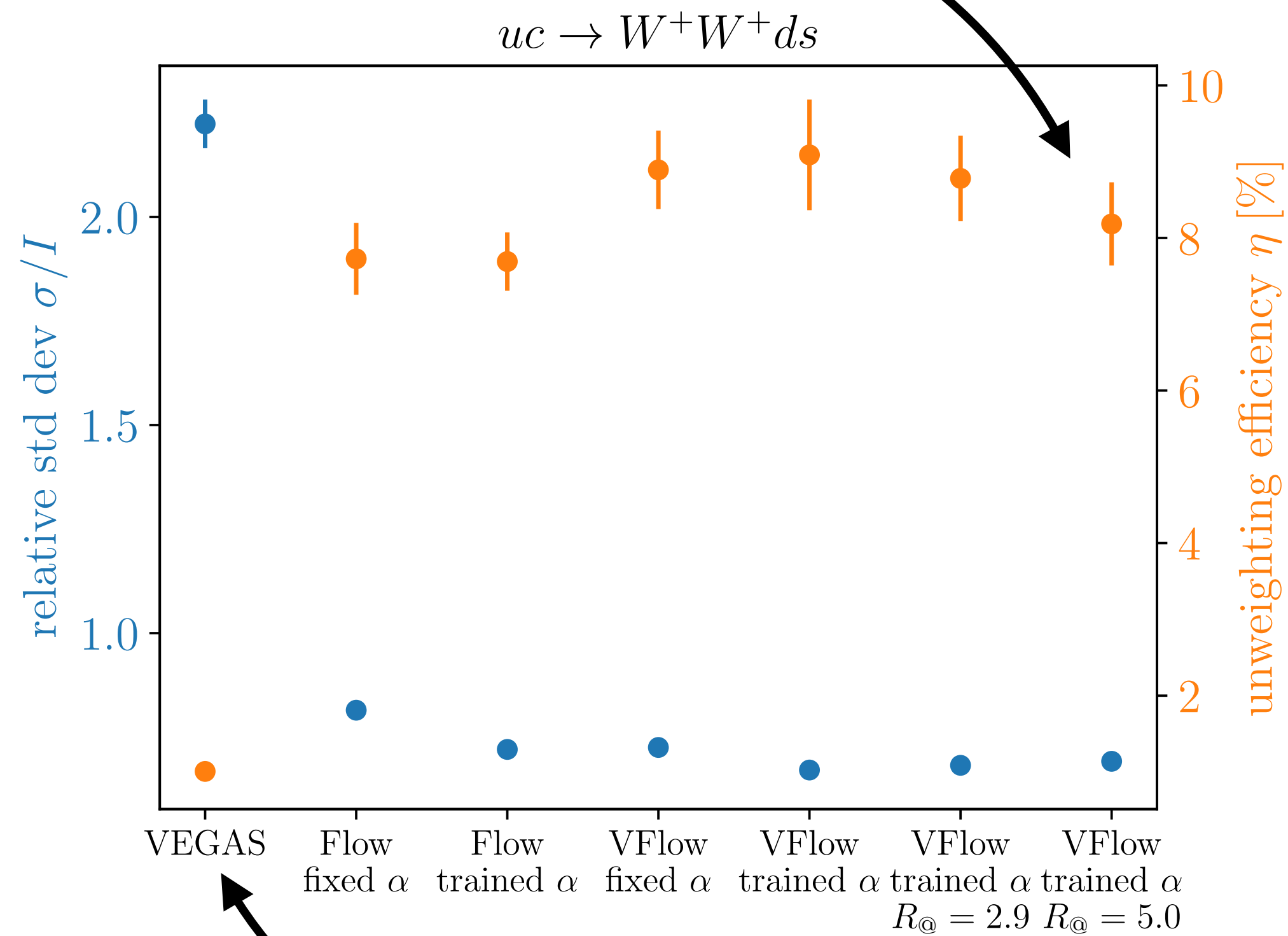


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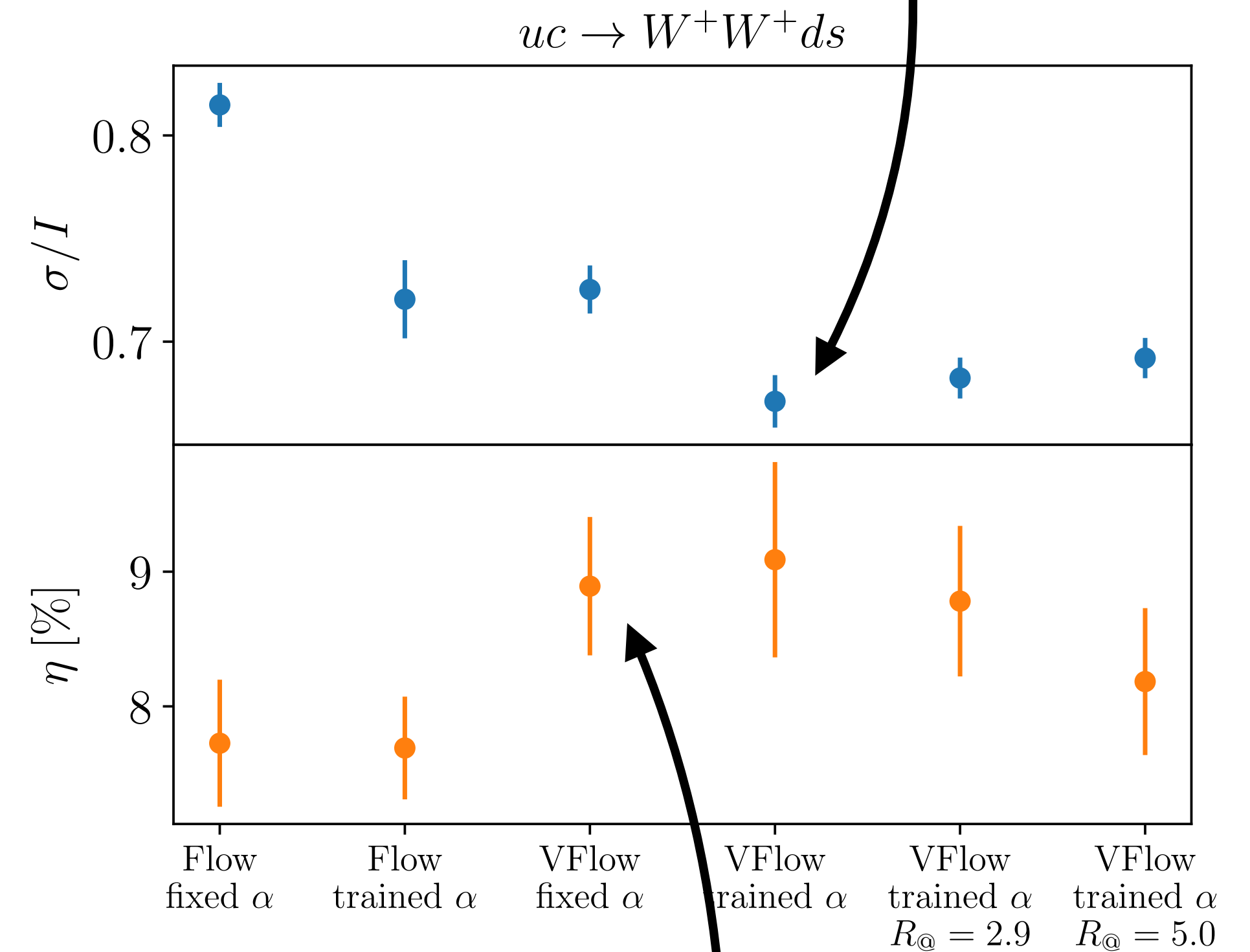
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Buffered training: small effect on performance, much faster training



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Significant improvement from trained channel weights

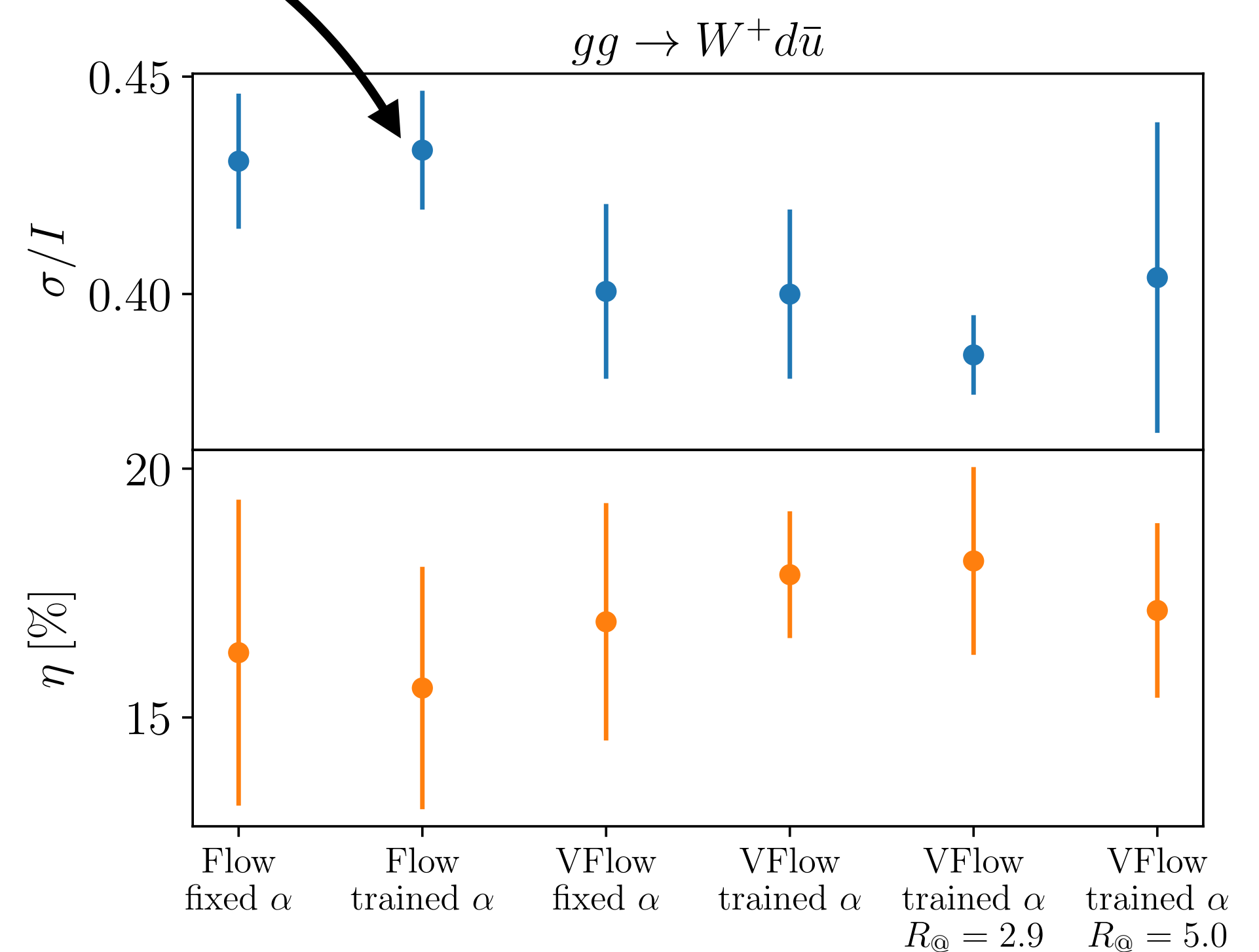
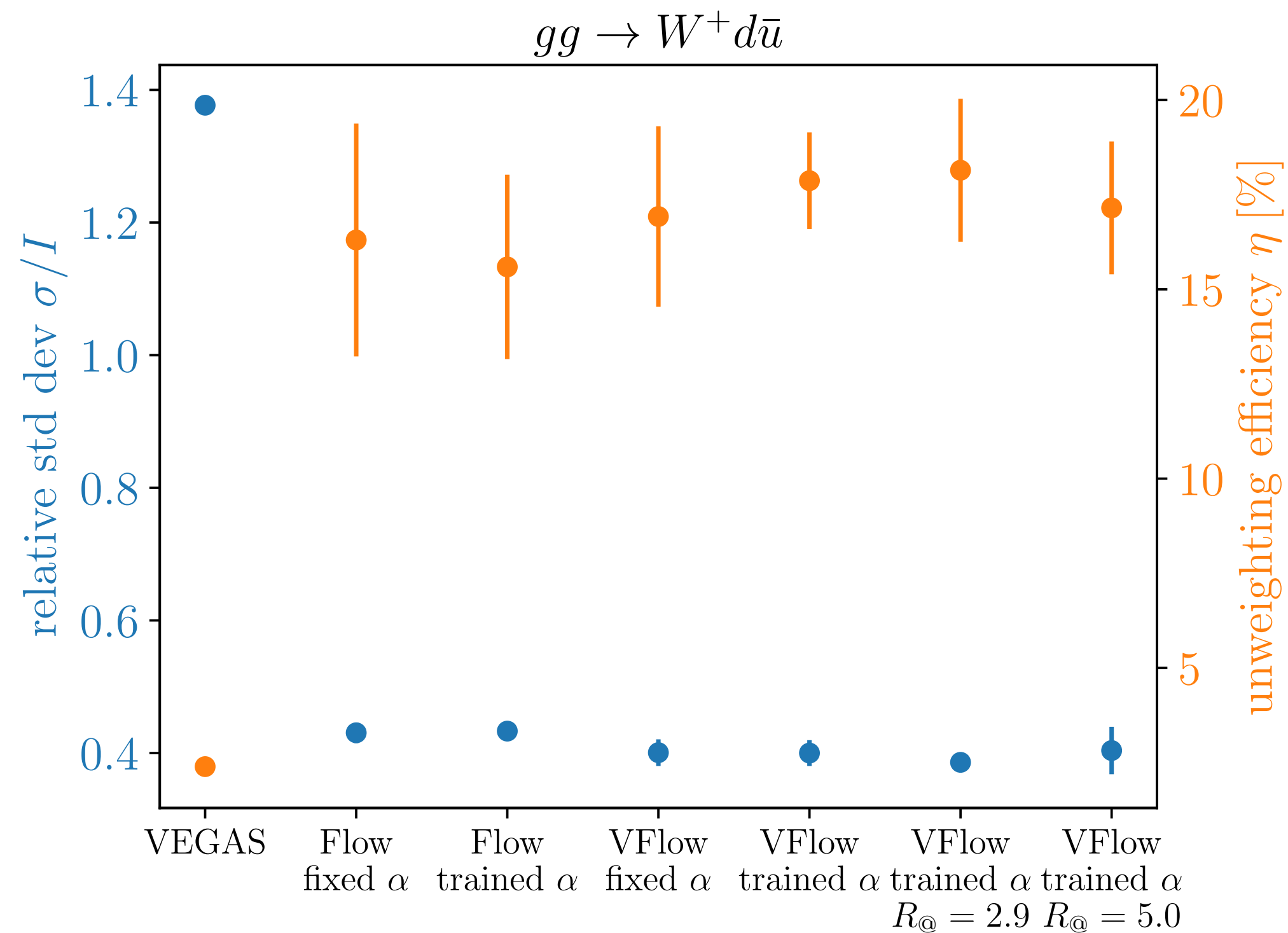


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# LHC Example: W + 2 jets

Process has small interference terms  
 → no significant improvement from trained channel weights



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Otherwise similar to results for VBS

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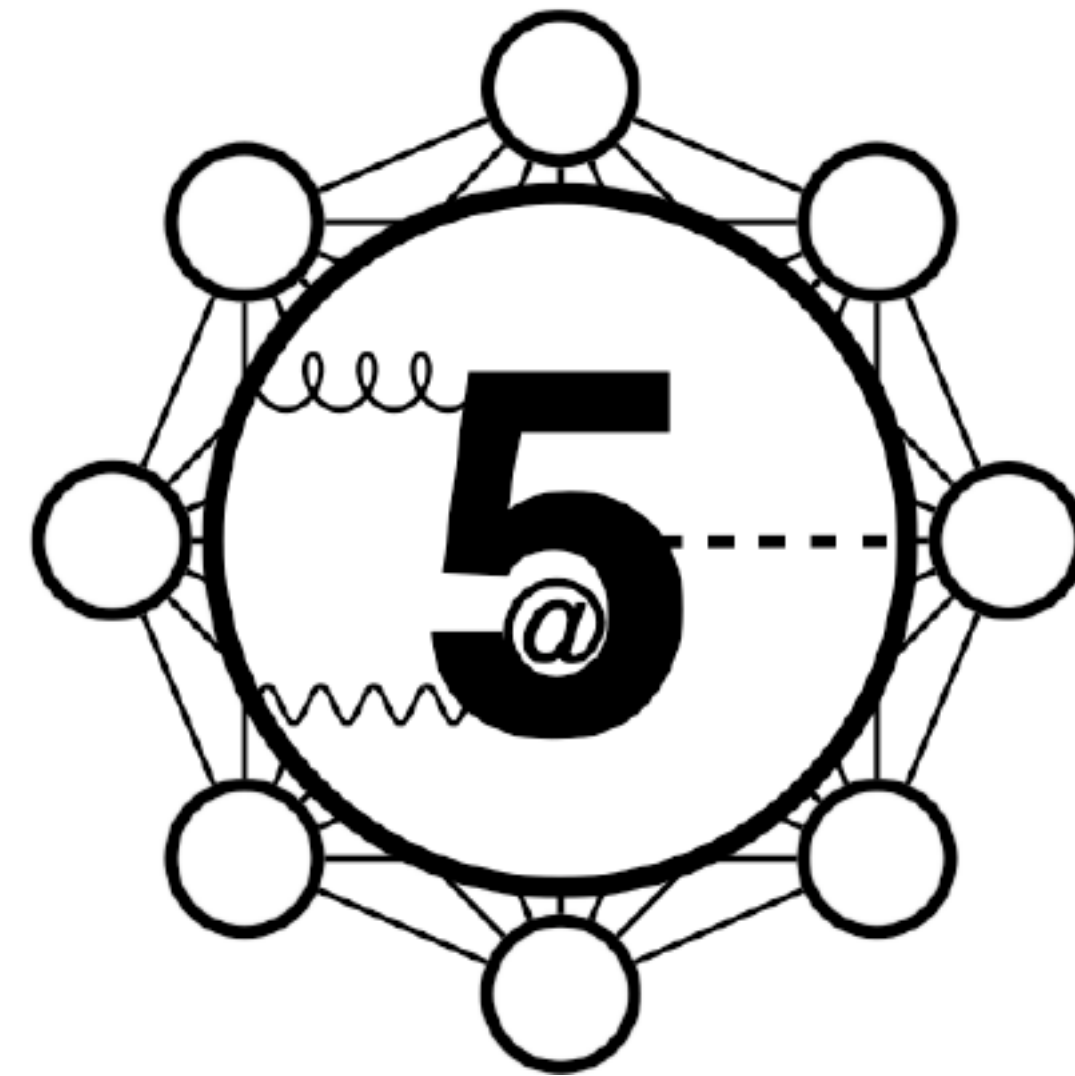
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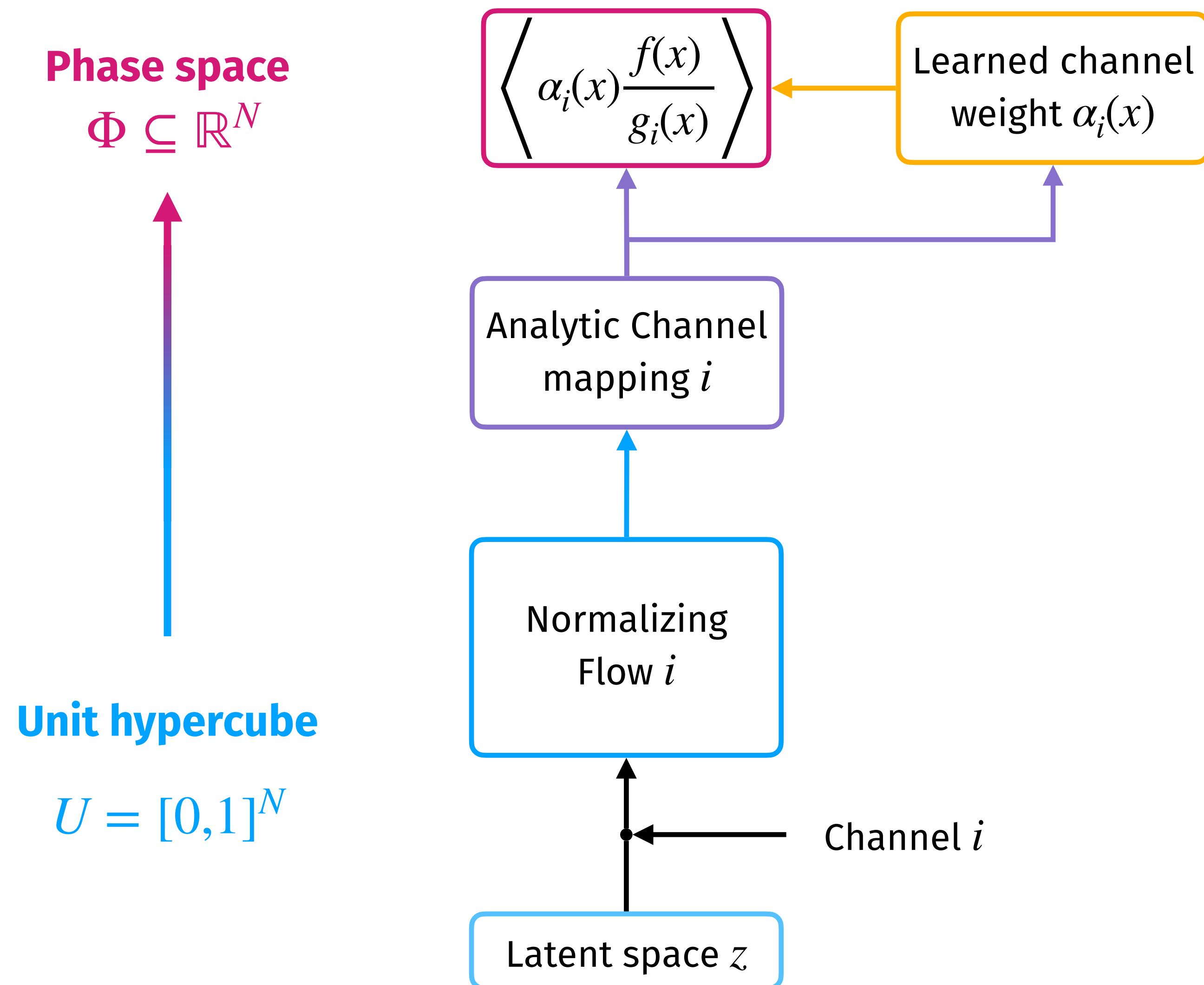
## Future plans

Make MadNIS part of future MadGraph releases



# Appendix

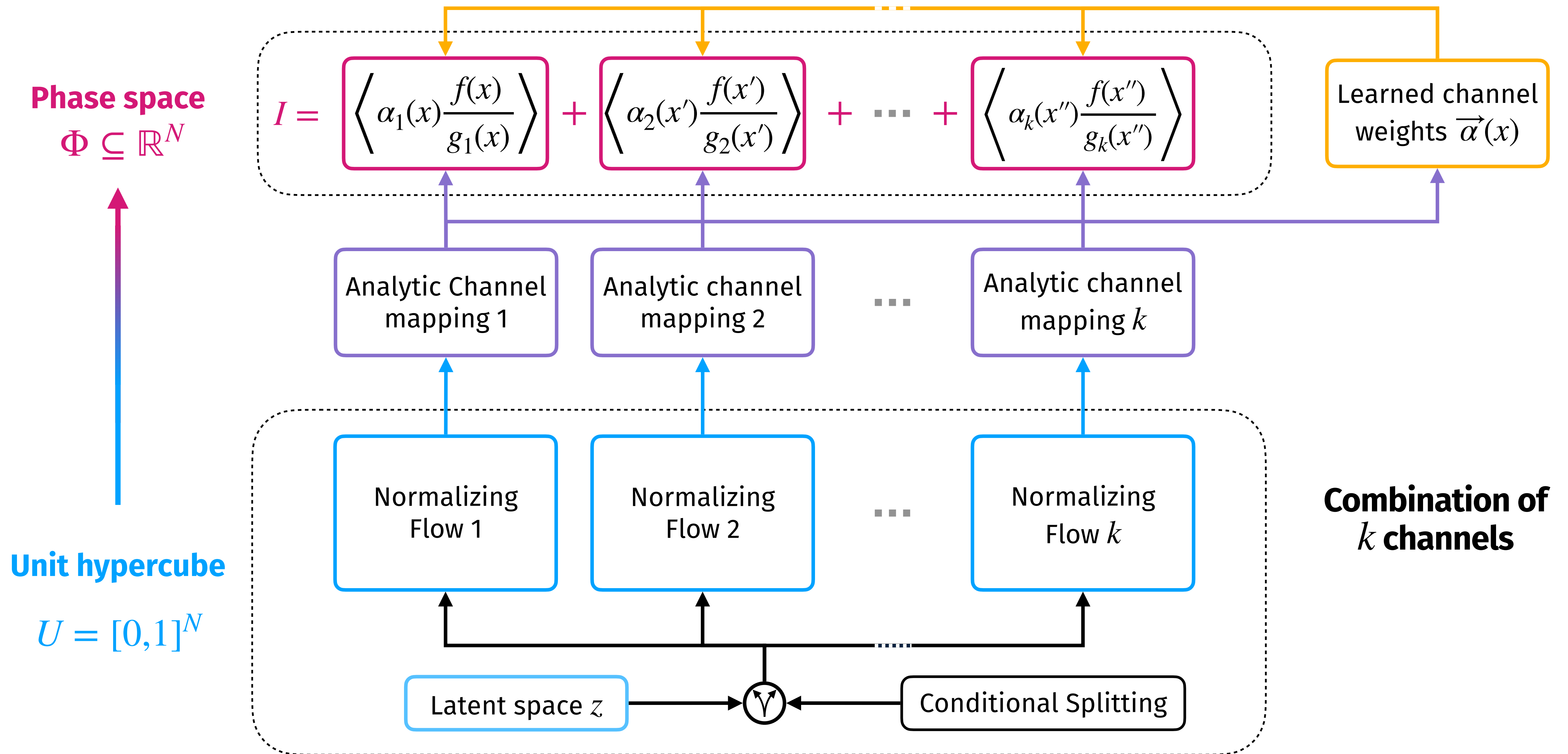
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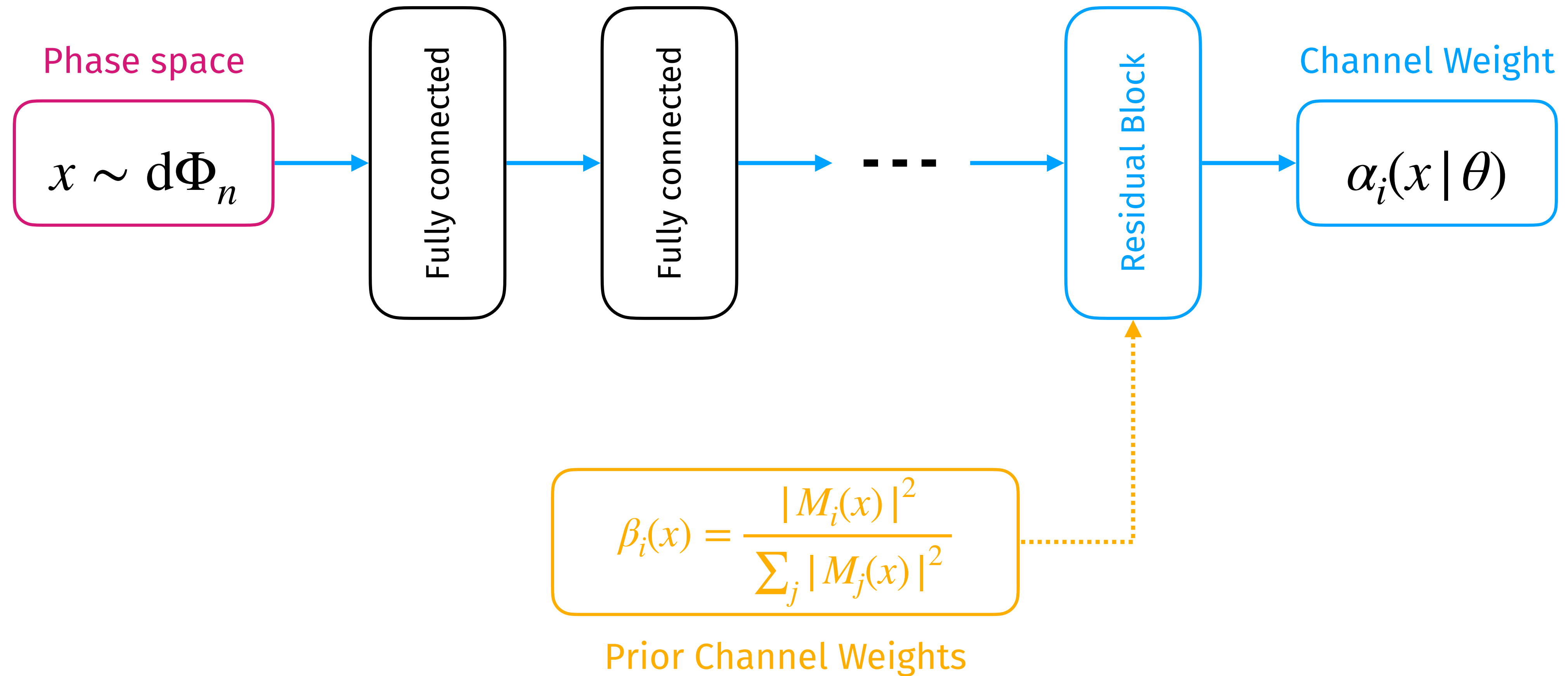
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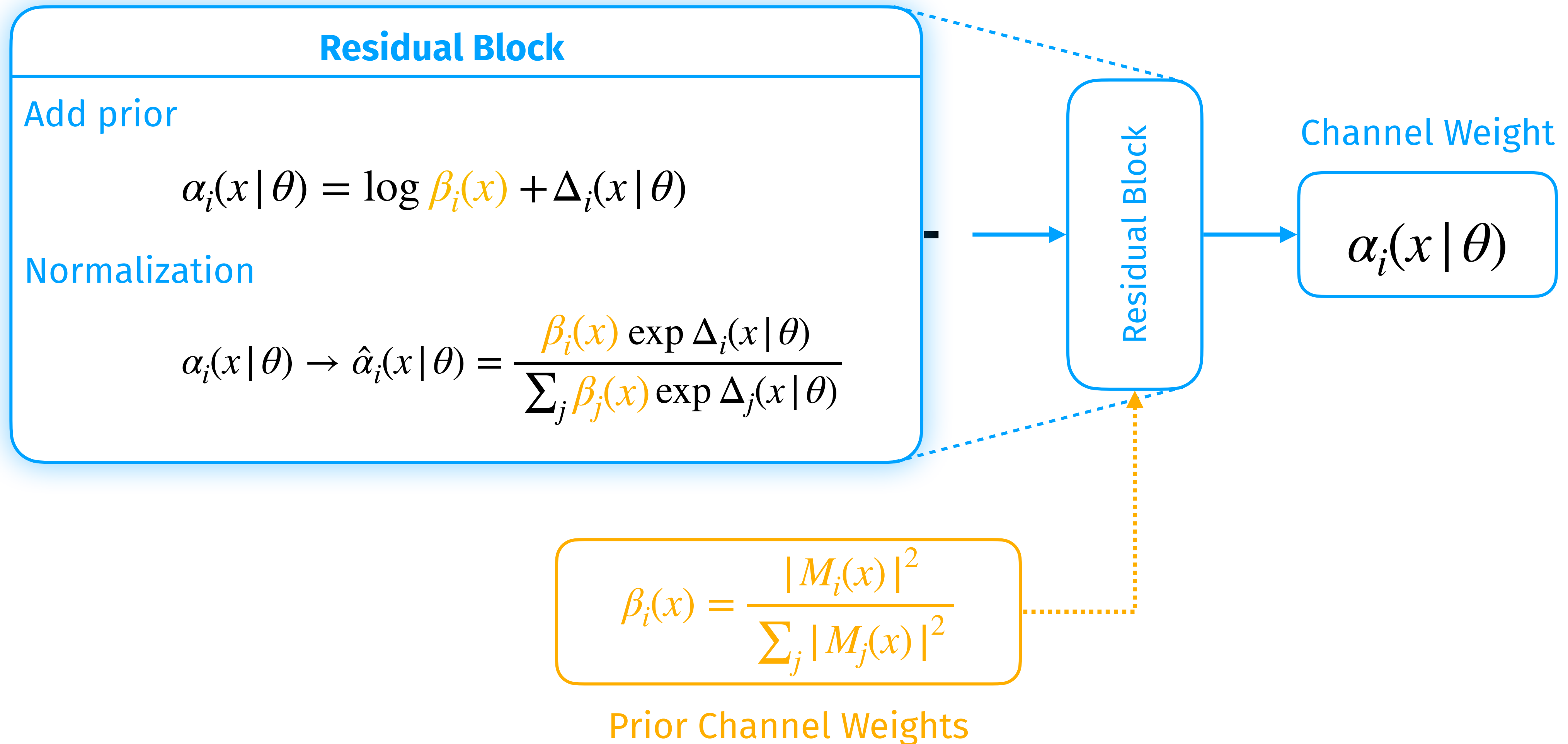
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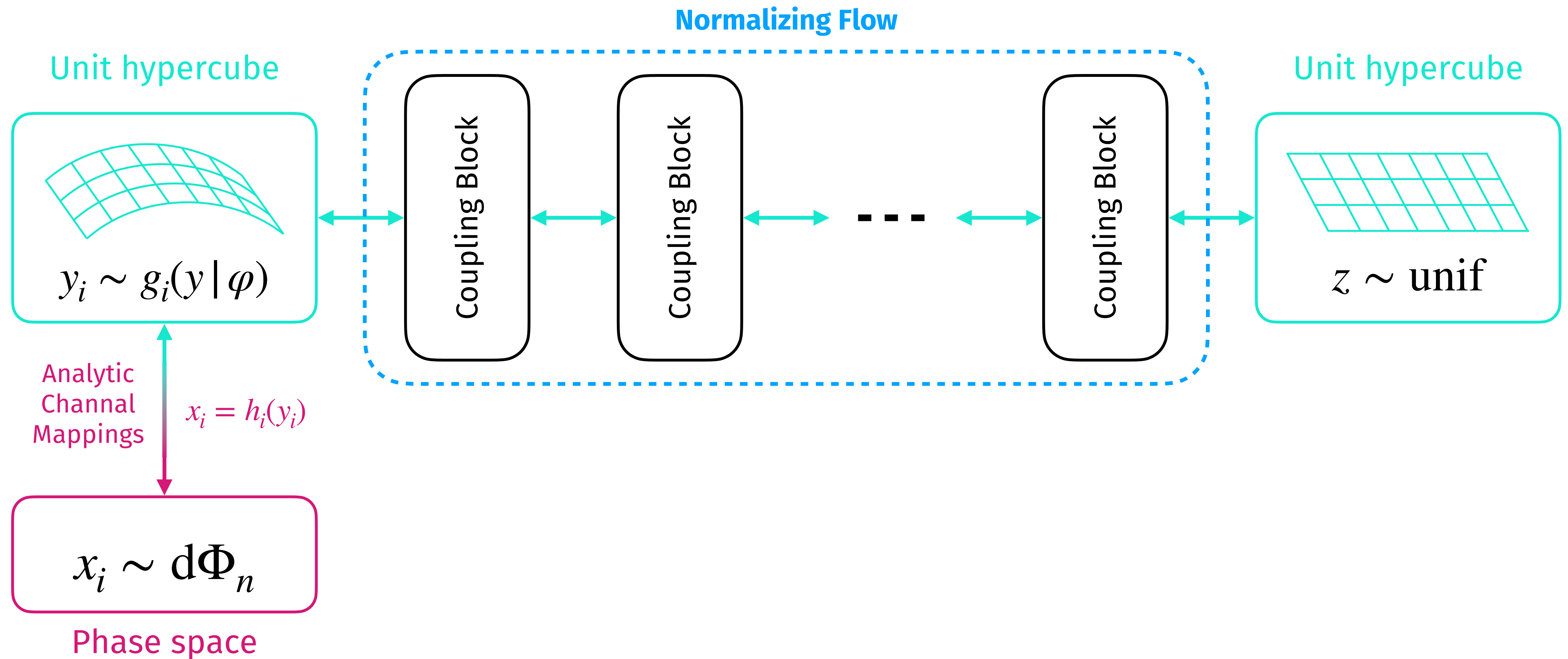
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# SYMFI Multi-Channel

