

# Independent determination of the Lambda decay parameter

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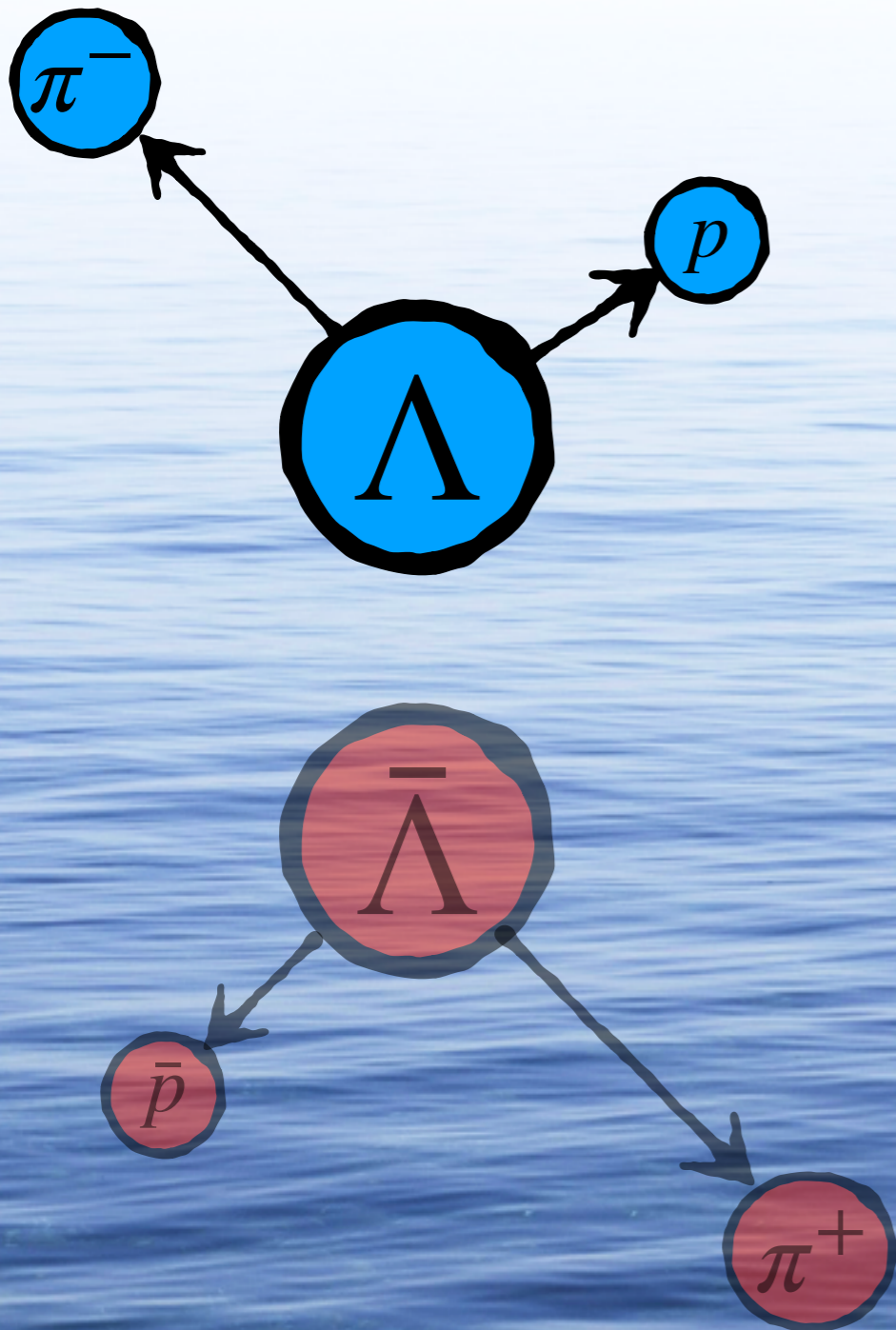
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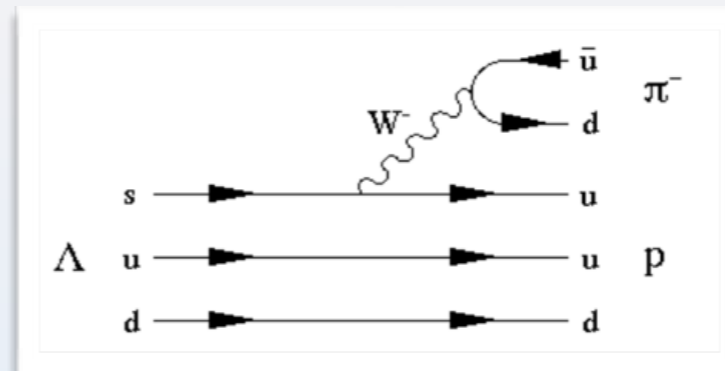
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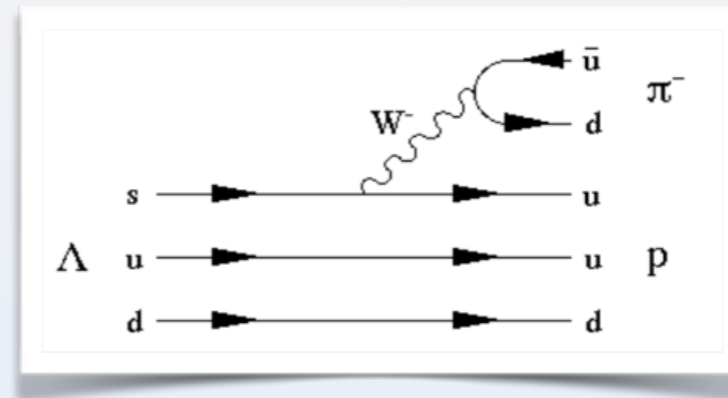


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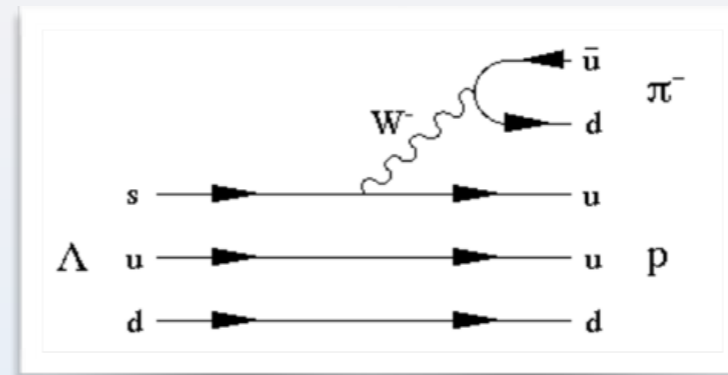
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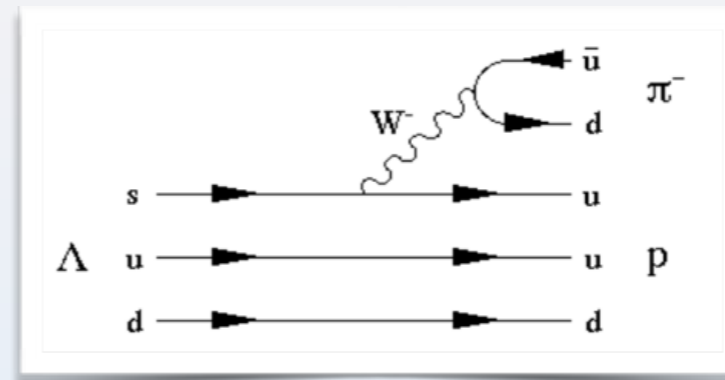
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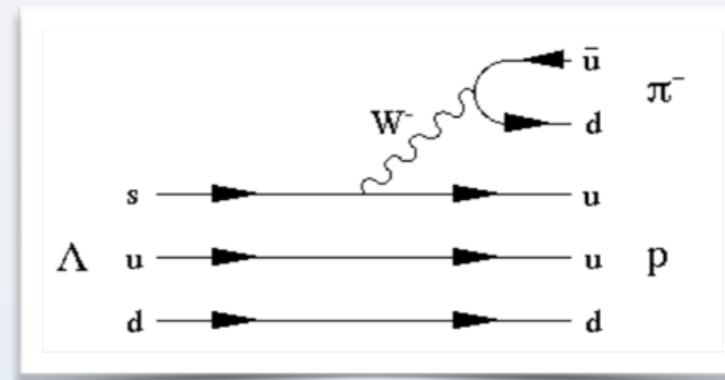
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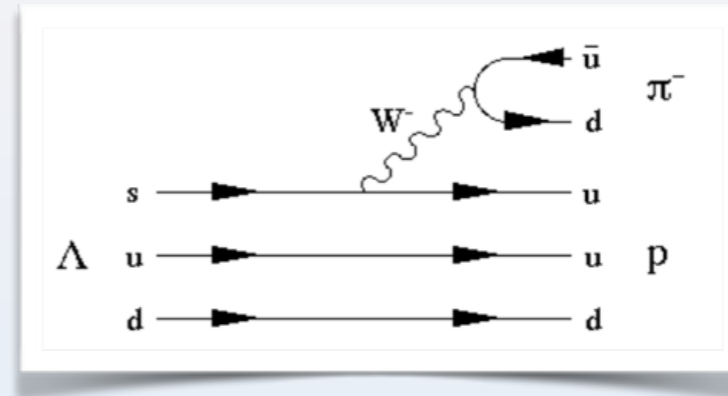
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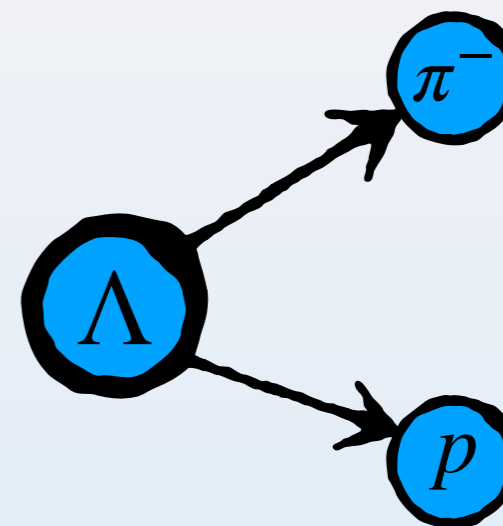
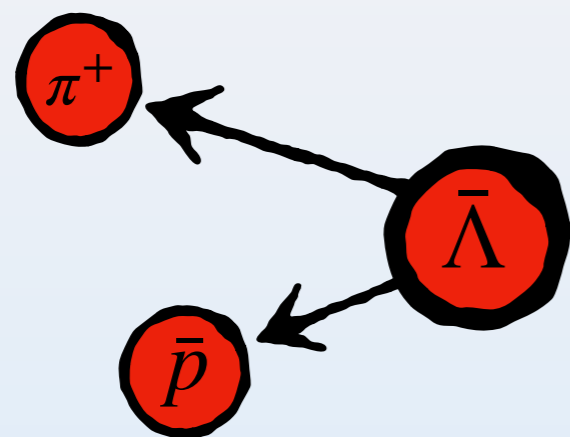
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new measurement by CLAS



**THIS TALK: ESTIMATE  $\alpha_-$**

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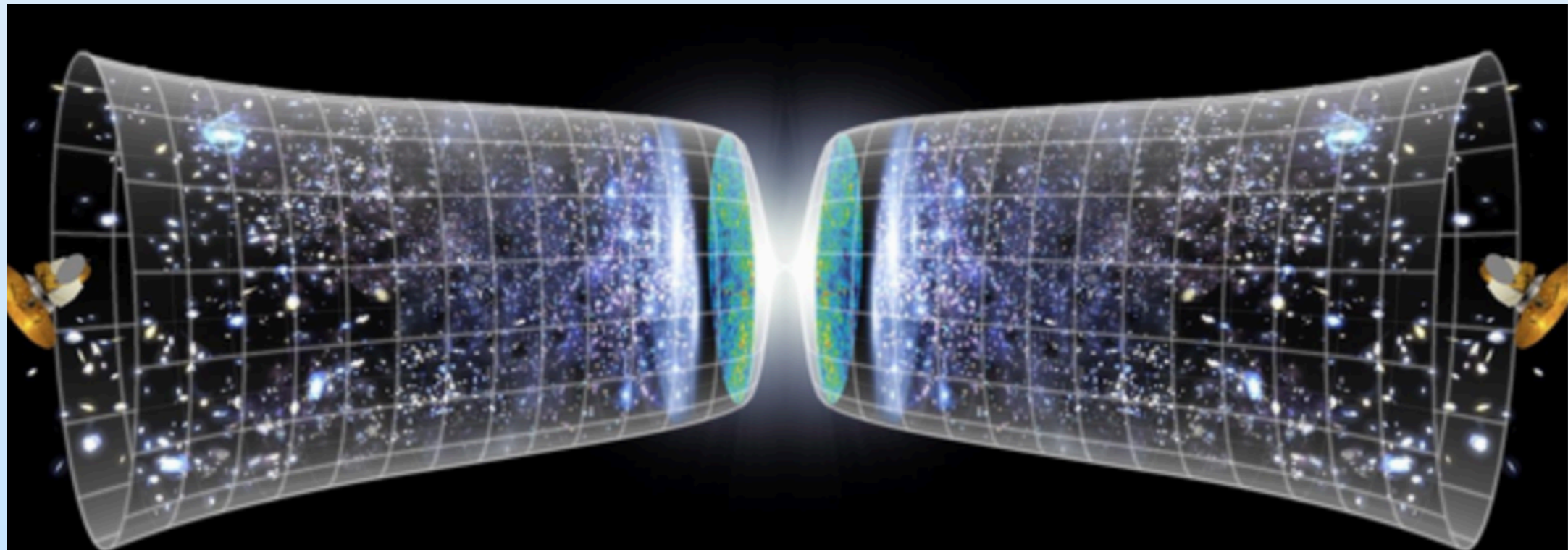


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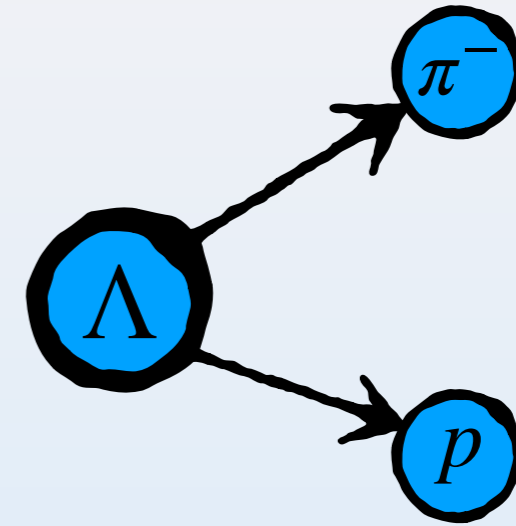
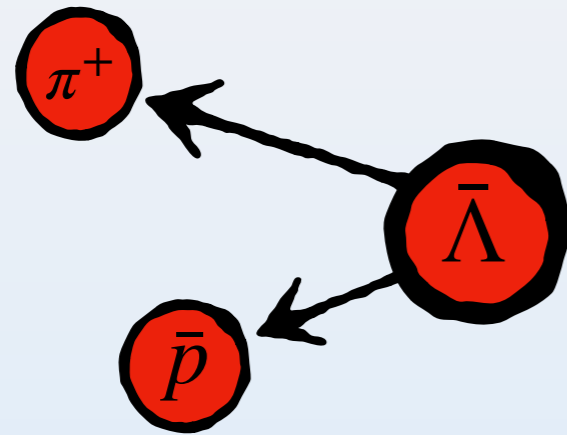


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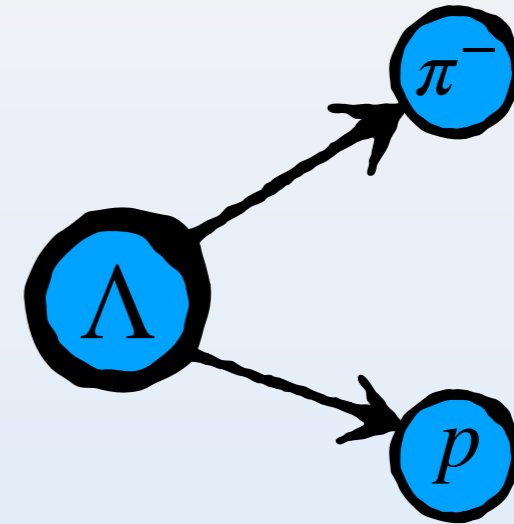
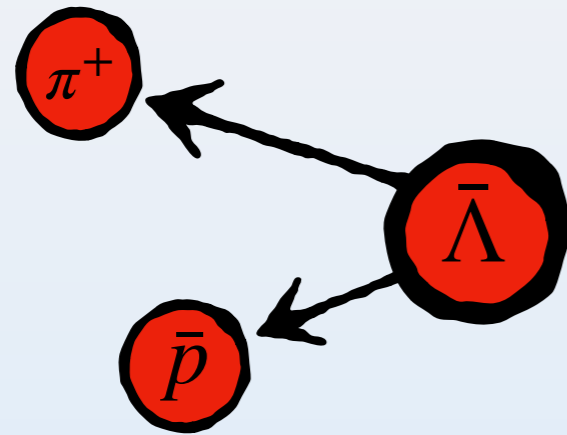


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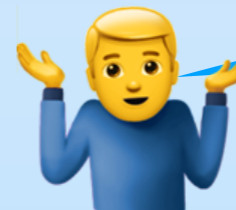
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Sign for CP-violation?



Conflicting results?



# RECENT PRESS COVERAGE



**BESIII (2018) & this work**

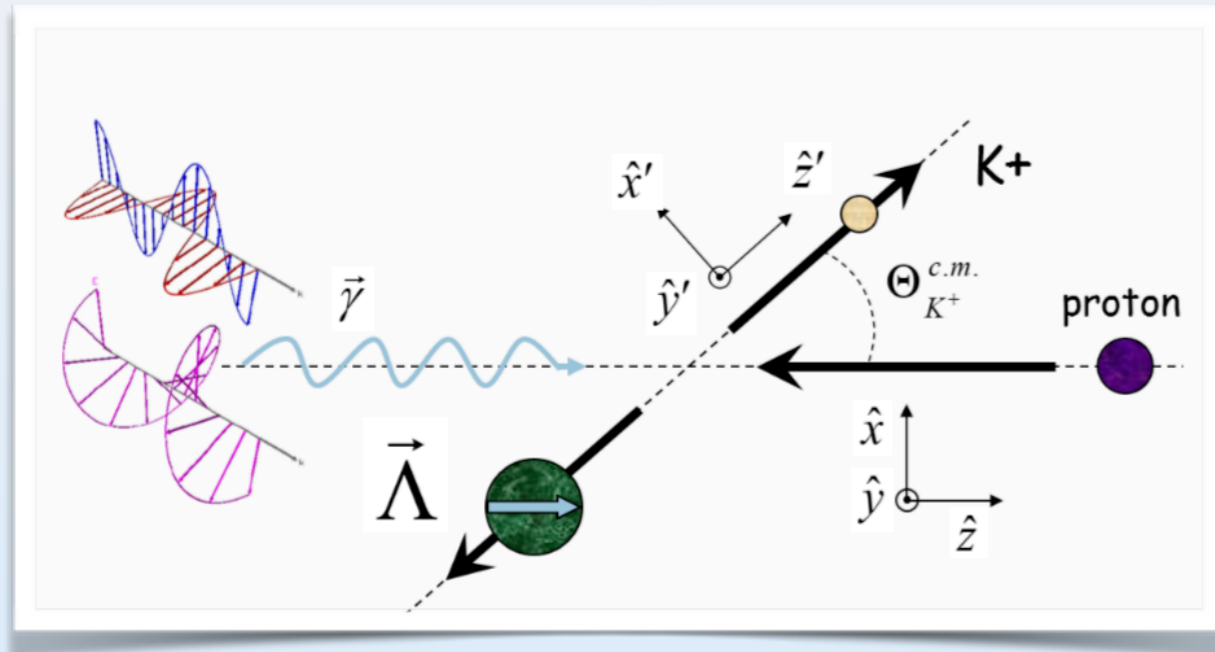


**BESIII (2018)**

**DETERMINATION OF  $\alpha_-$  FROM**  
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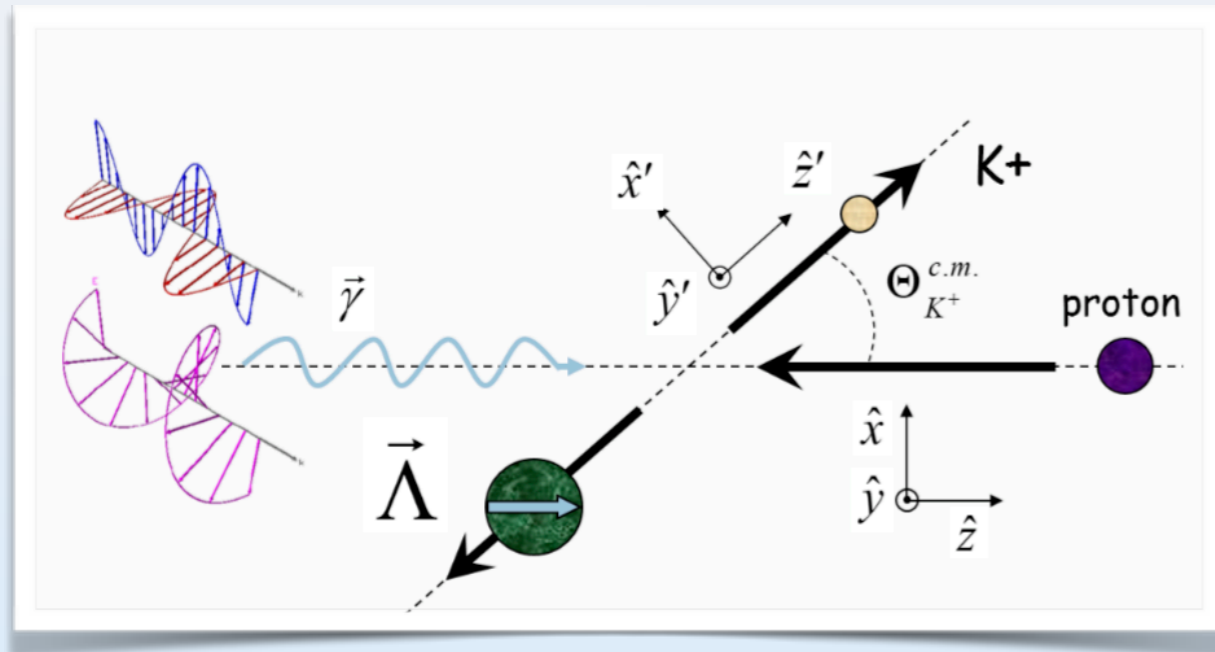
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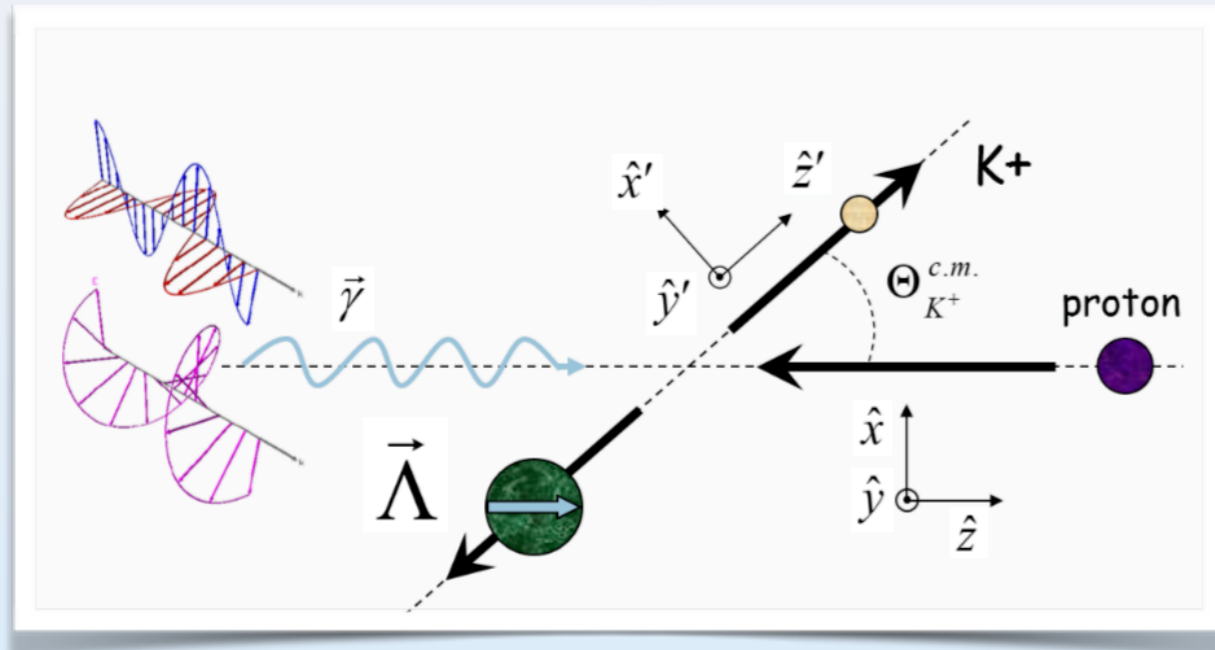
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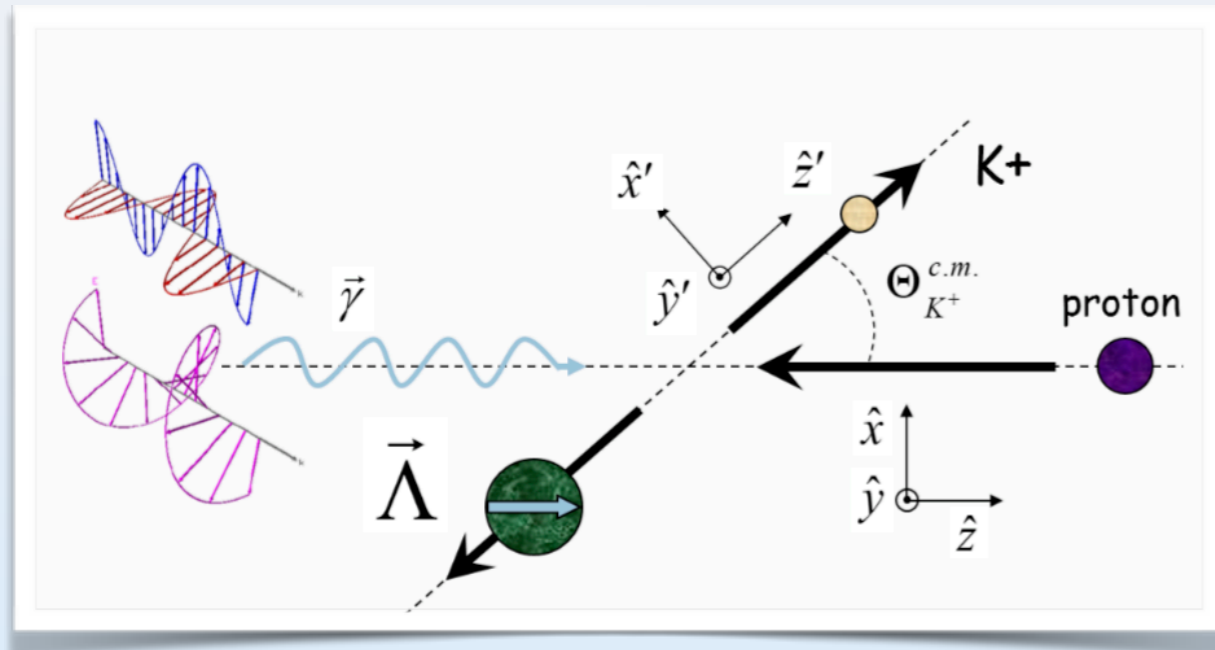
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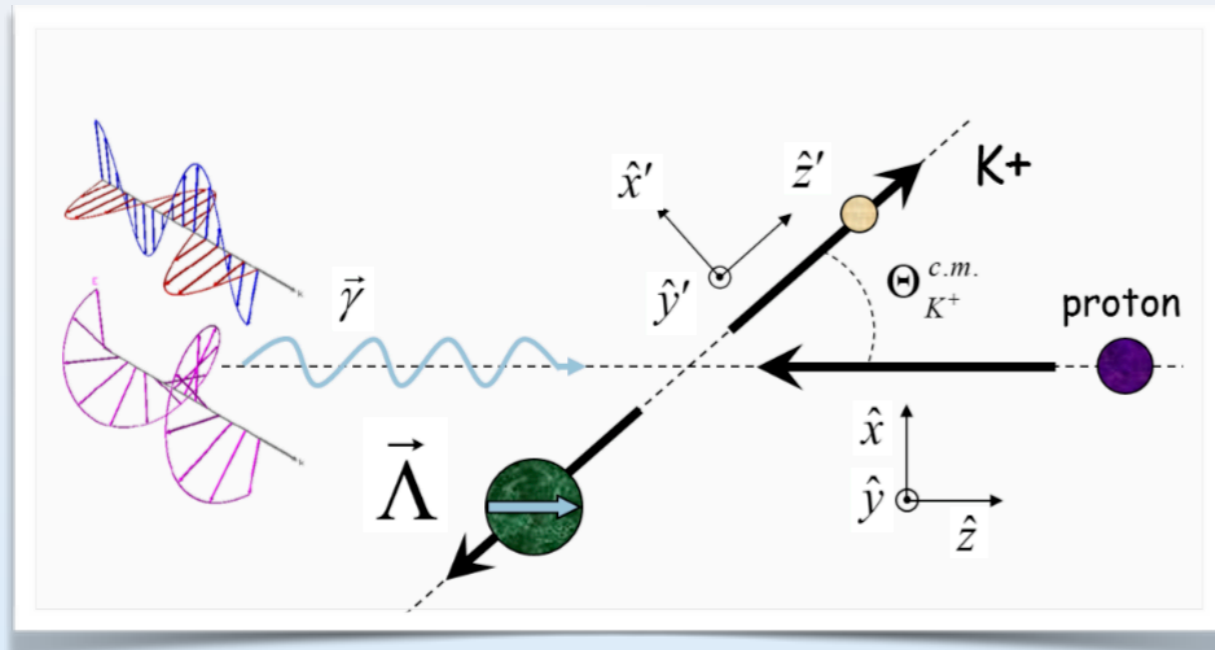
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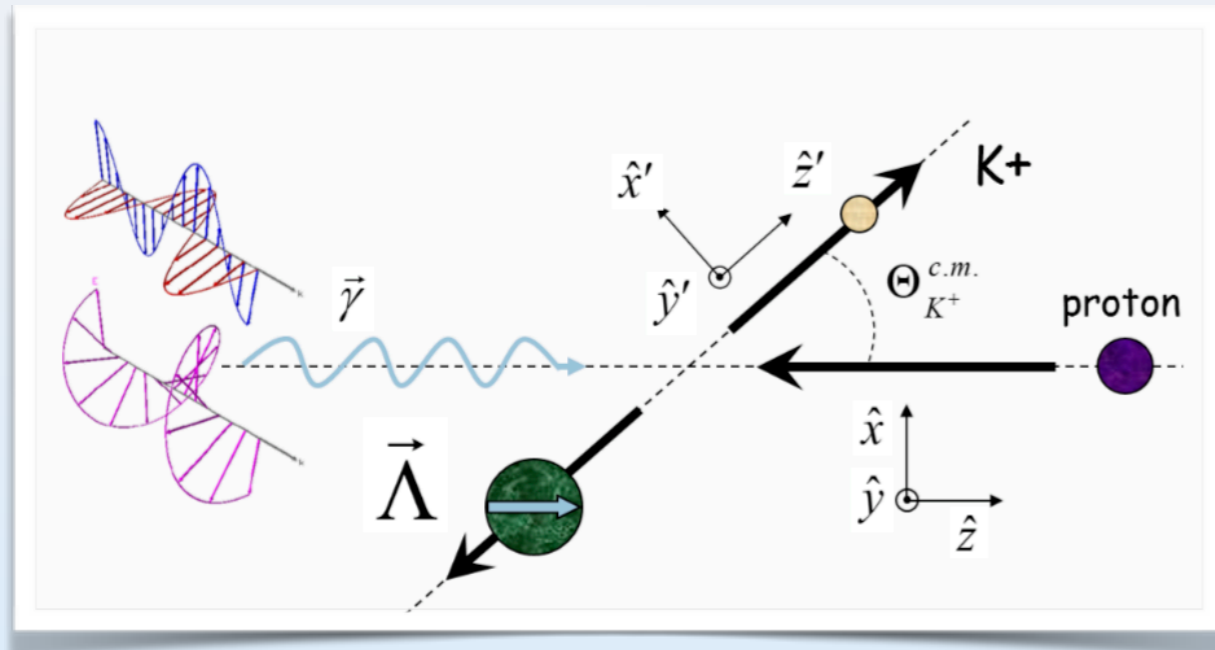
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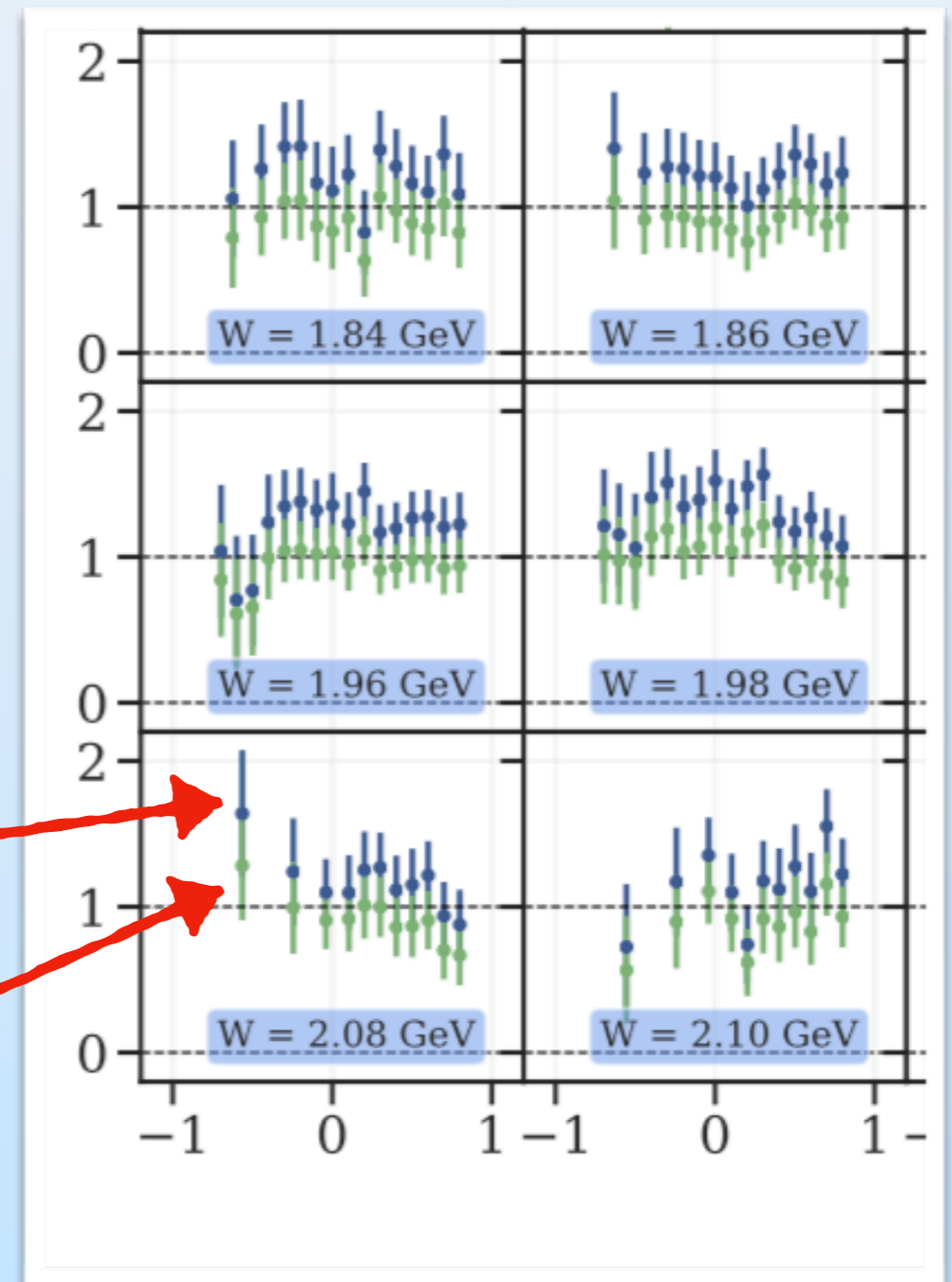
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d'Agostini (1994)

B. Most “observables” and scale parameters enter quadratically

& Is there a closed form of  $PDF[\mathcal{F}_i]$ ?

Roe (2015)

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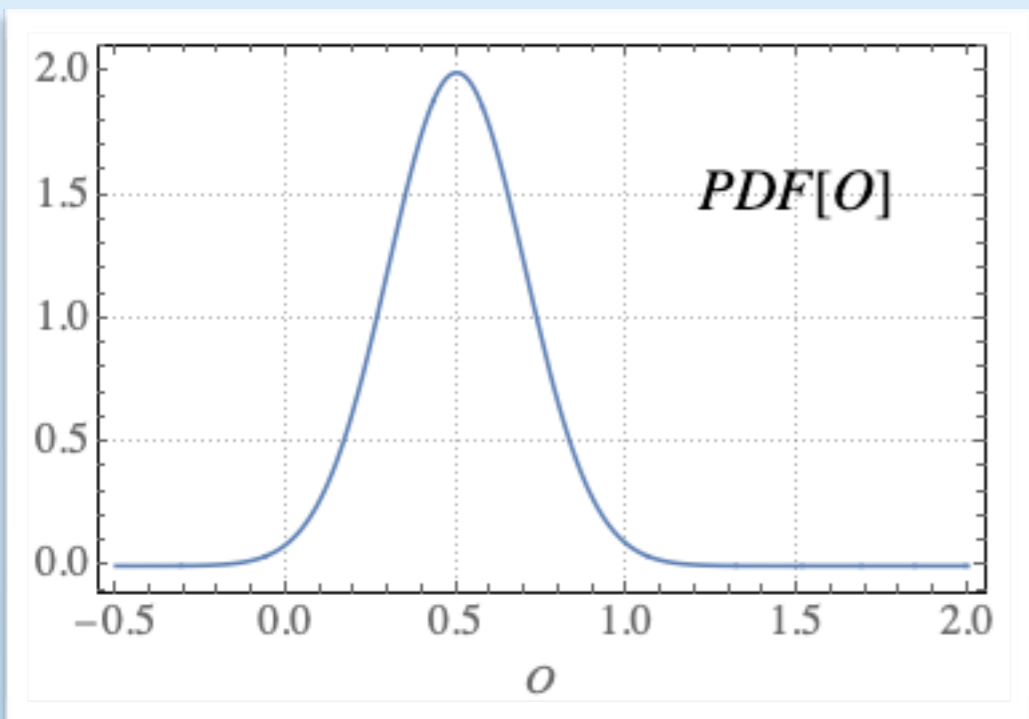
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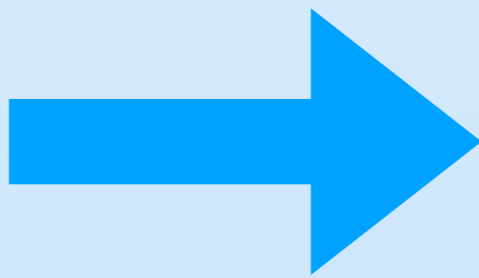
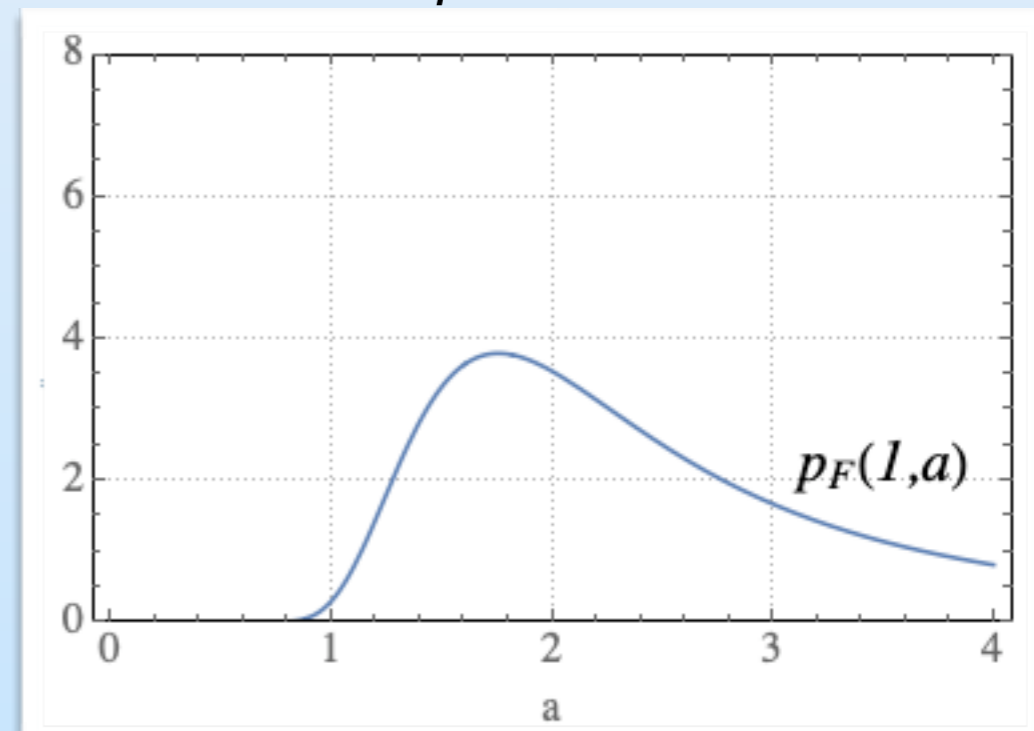
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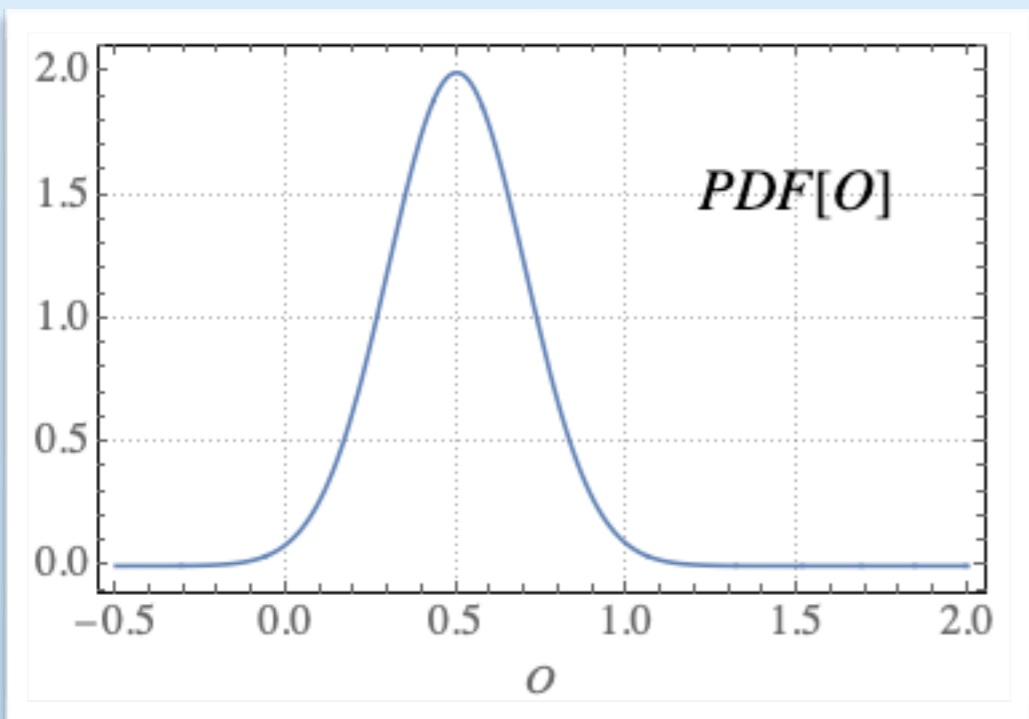
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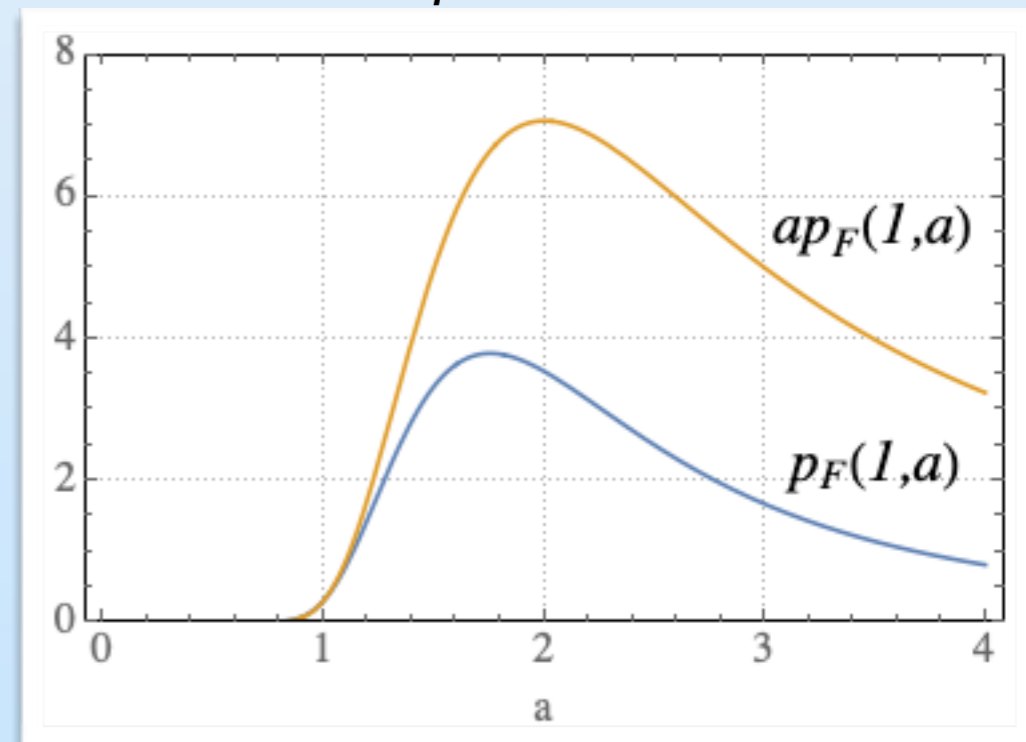
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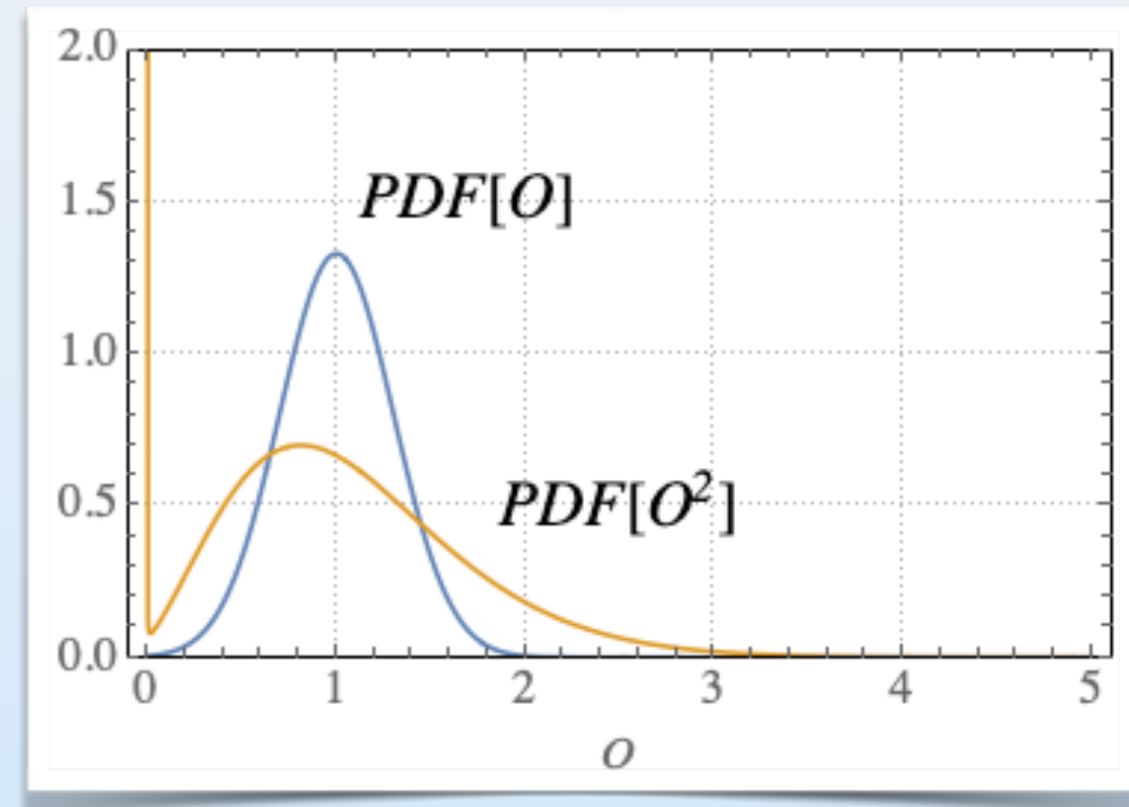
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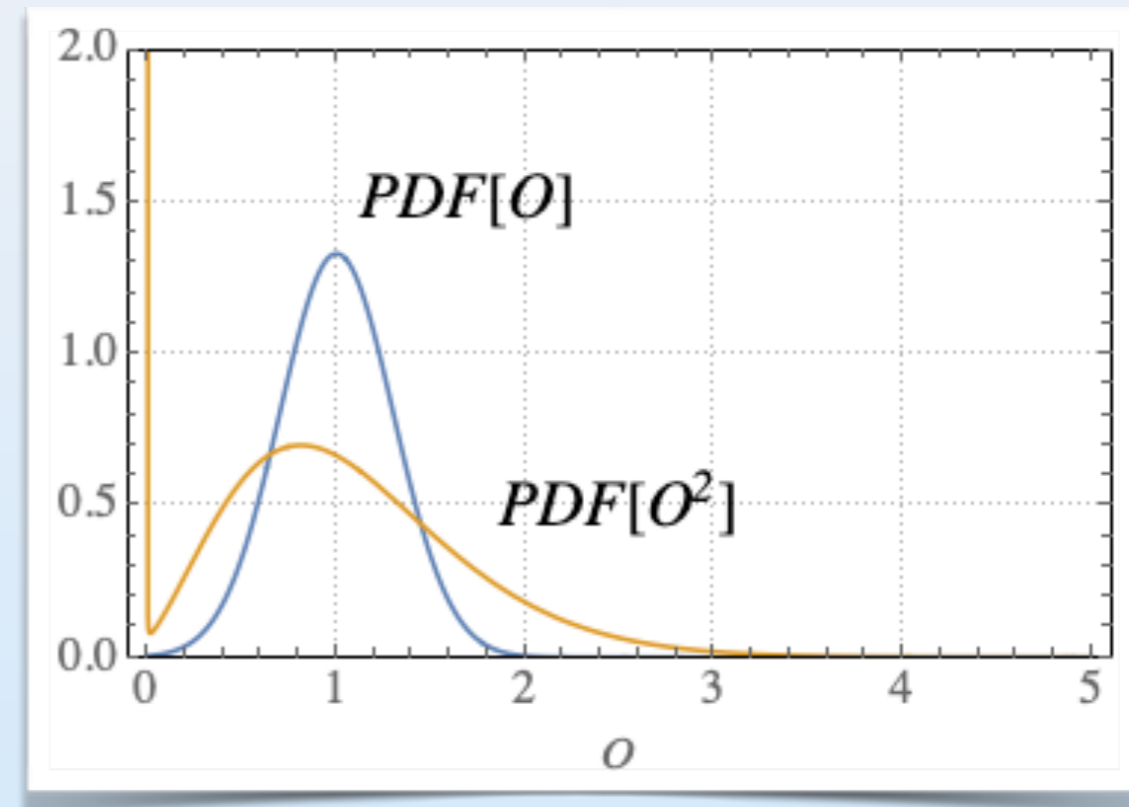
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**$\implies$  Expectation value of Fierz identity  $\neq 1$**

$$\Delta f := 1 + a^2 \sigma_P^2 - a^2 l^2 \sigma_T^2 + \dots$$



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## ● Combined likelihood function:

$$\prod_{\text{kin. points}} p^{(1)}(f_i^{(1)} = \Delta f_i | a, l, c) \cdot p^{(2)}(f_i^{(2)} = 0 | a, l, c)$$

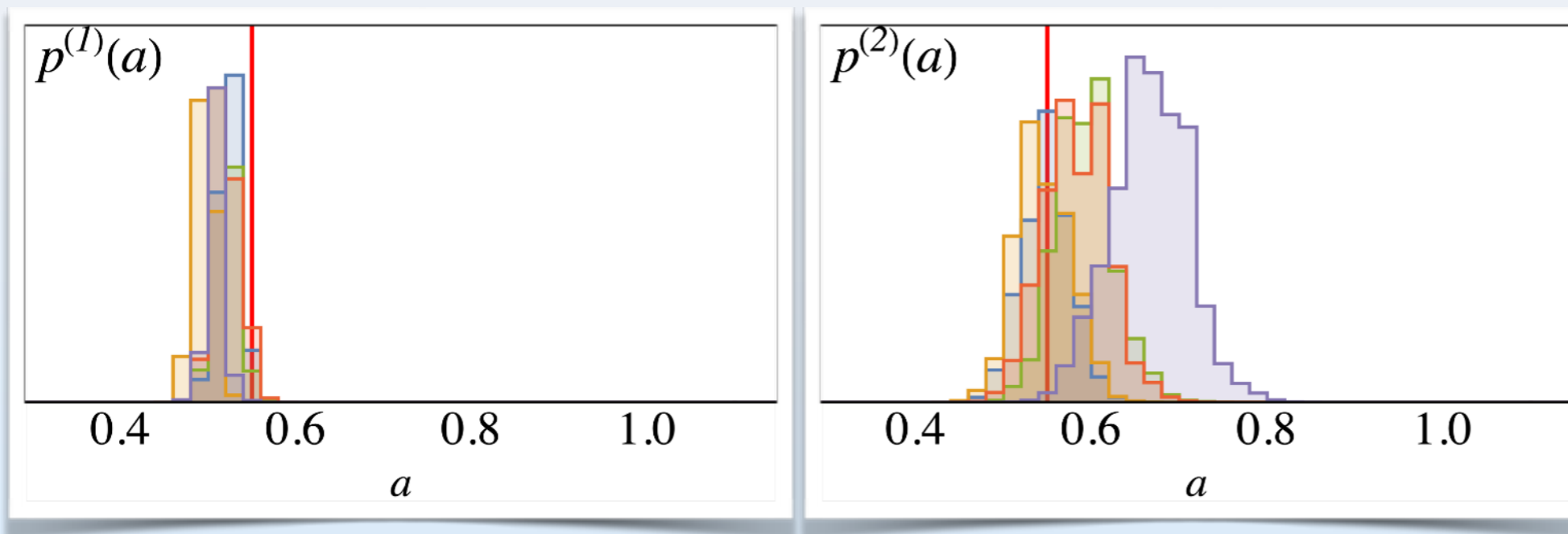
- likelihood for  $a, l, c$  to fulfill F.I.
- **attention:  $\Delta f \neq 1$**

$$\mathcal{P}(a, l, c | \{\mathcal{O}\}) \propto \mathcal{P}(\{\mathcal{O}\} | a, l, c) \cdot \mathcal{P}(l, c)$$

- prior knowledge of calibration parameters  
 $\delta_l = 0.05, \delta_c = 0.02$
- test various forms ➤ systematics

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## © Ultimately – blind test on synthetic data

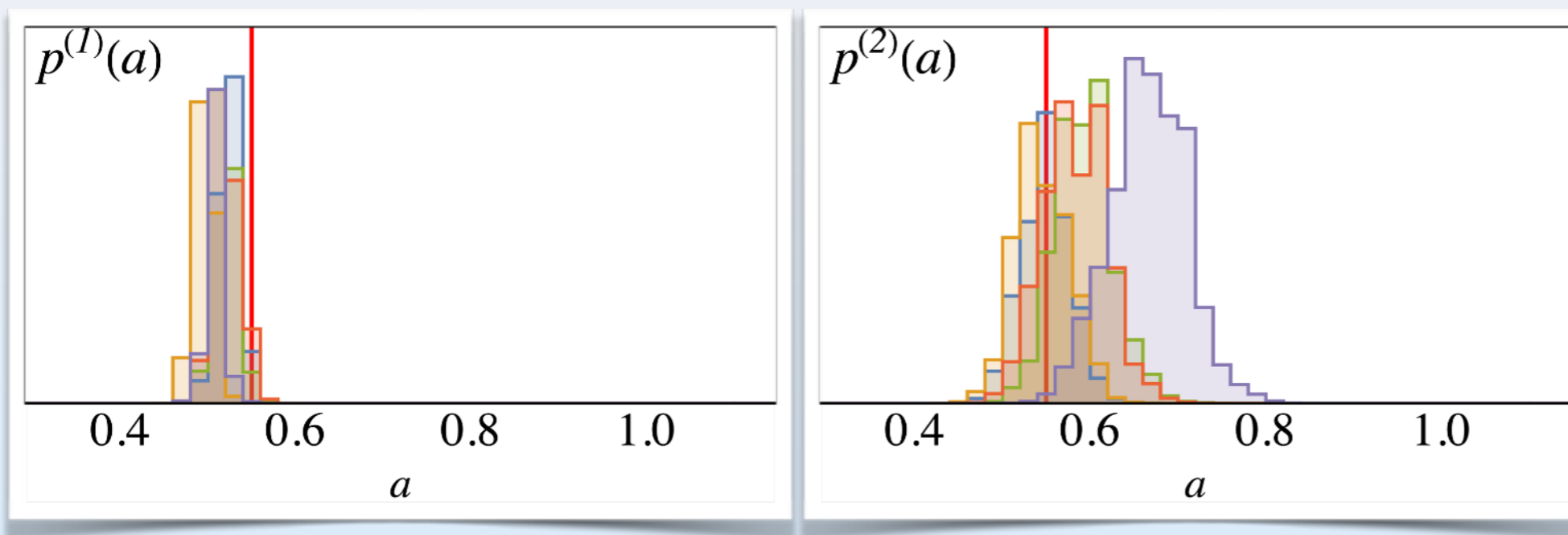


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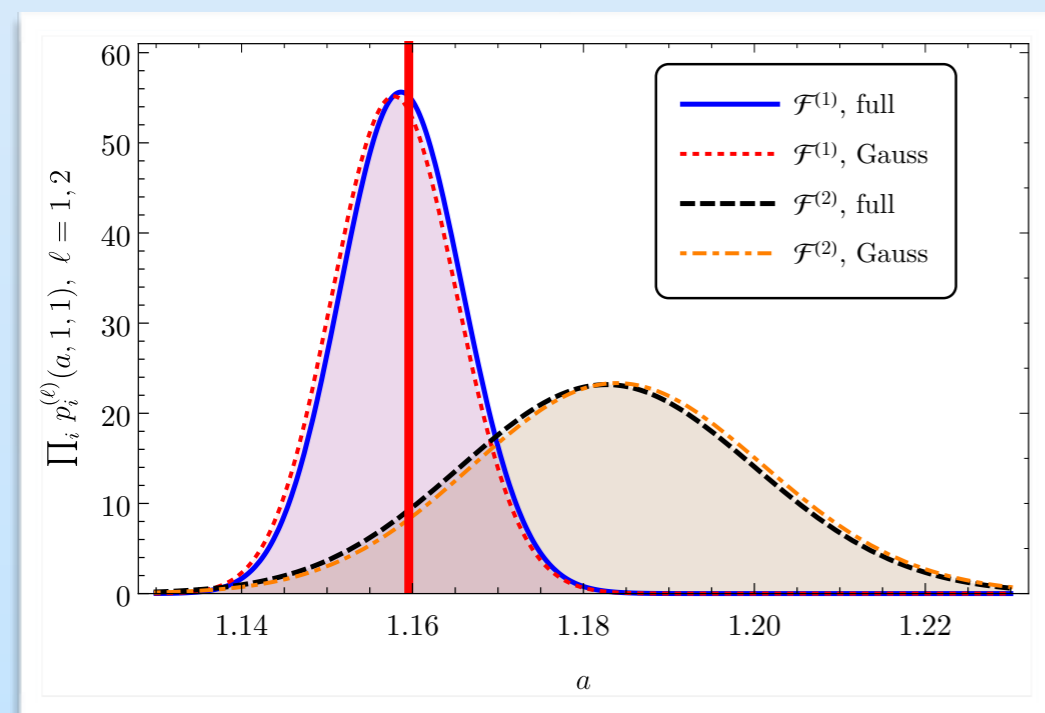
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## ● Or... blind test on model data (JuBo 2019)



- 500 sets of observables from JuBonn model

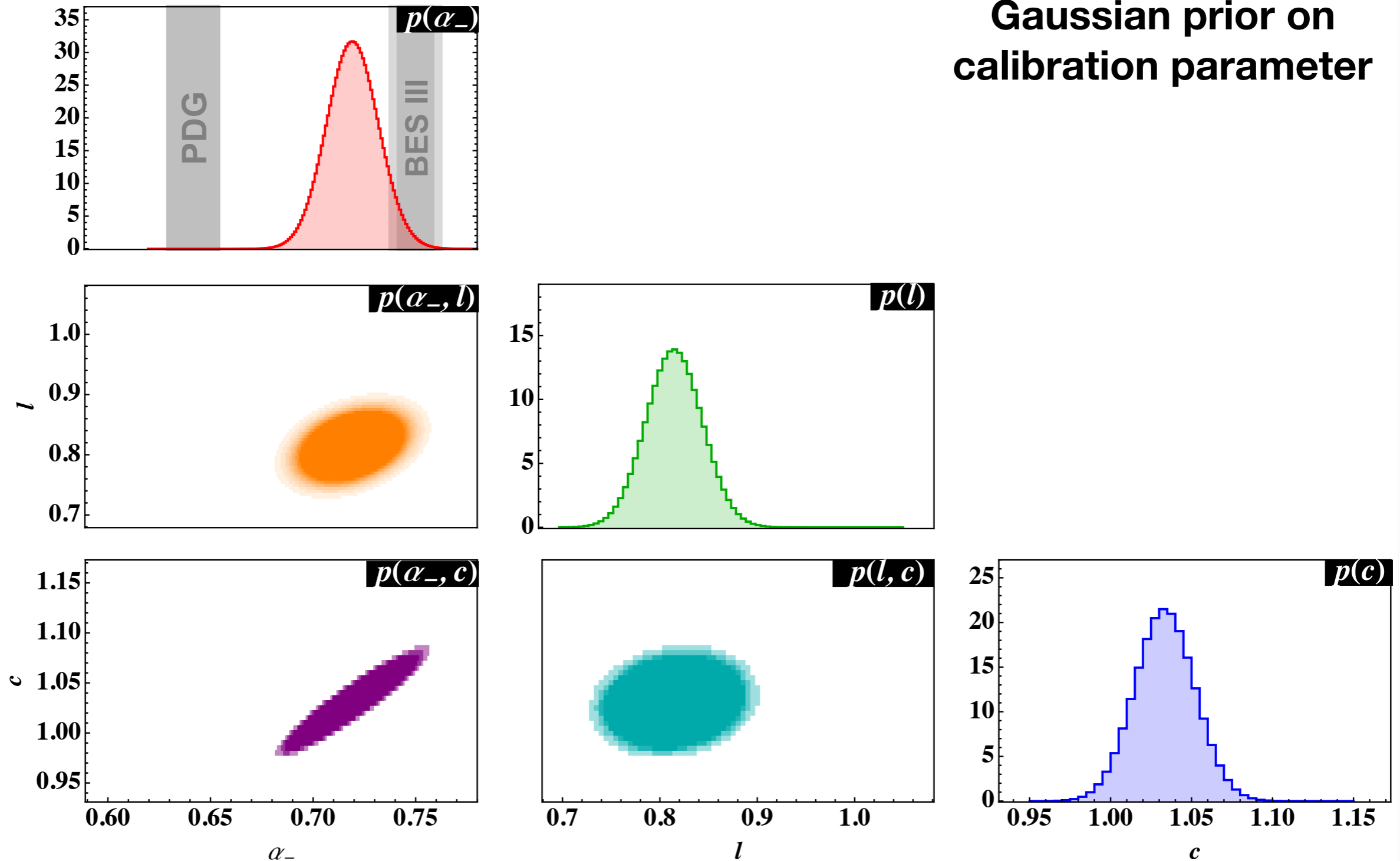
Rönchen et al 2014

- Wrong  $\alpha$  – is dialed in

# RESULTS

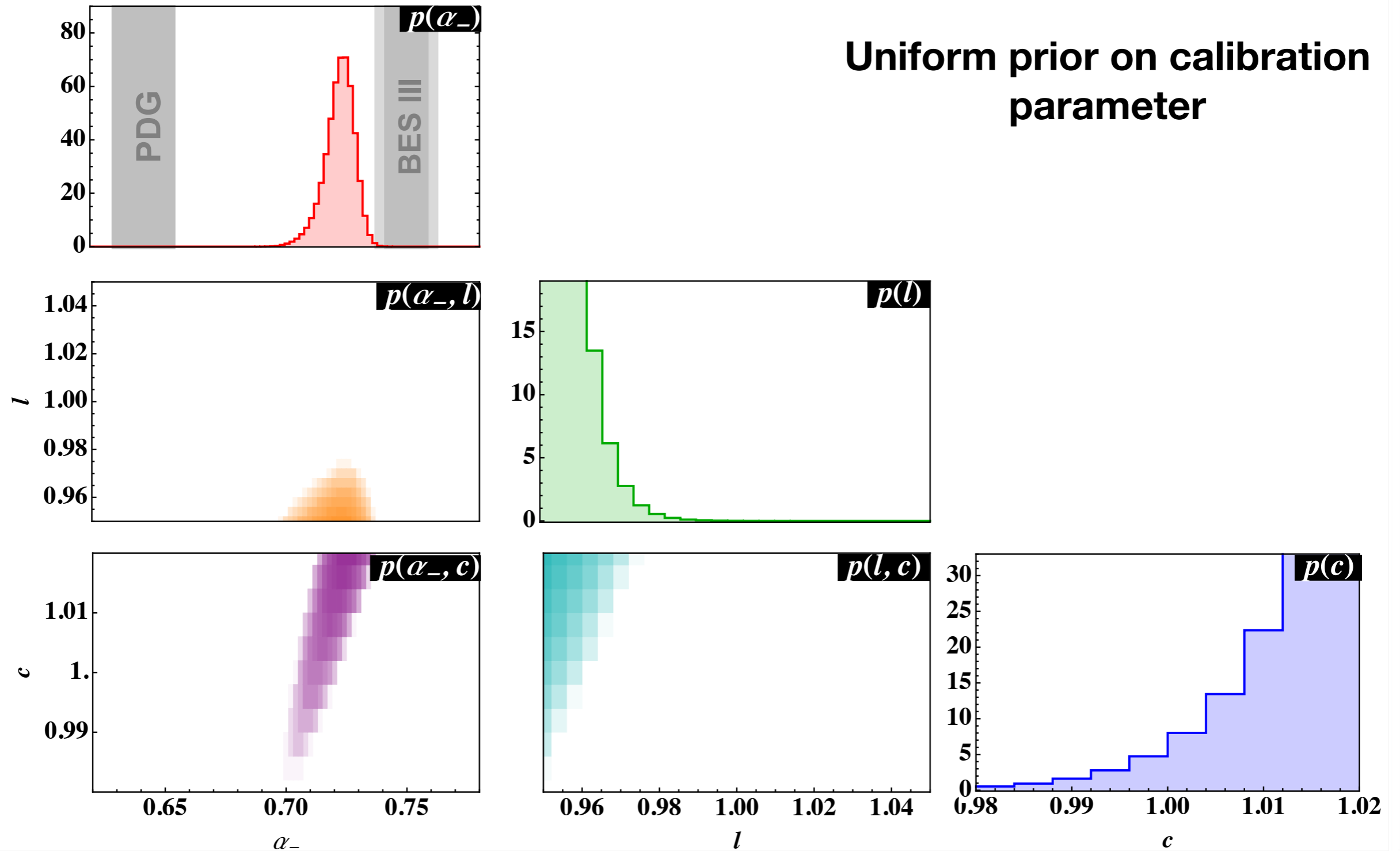
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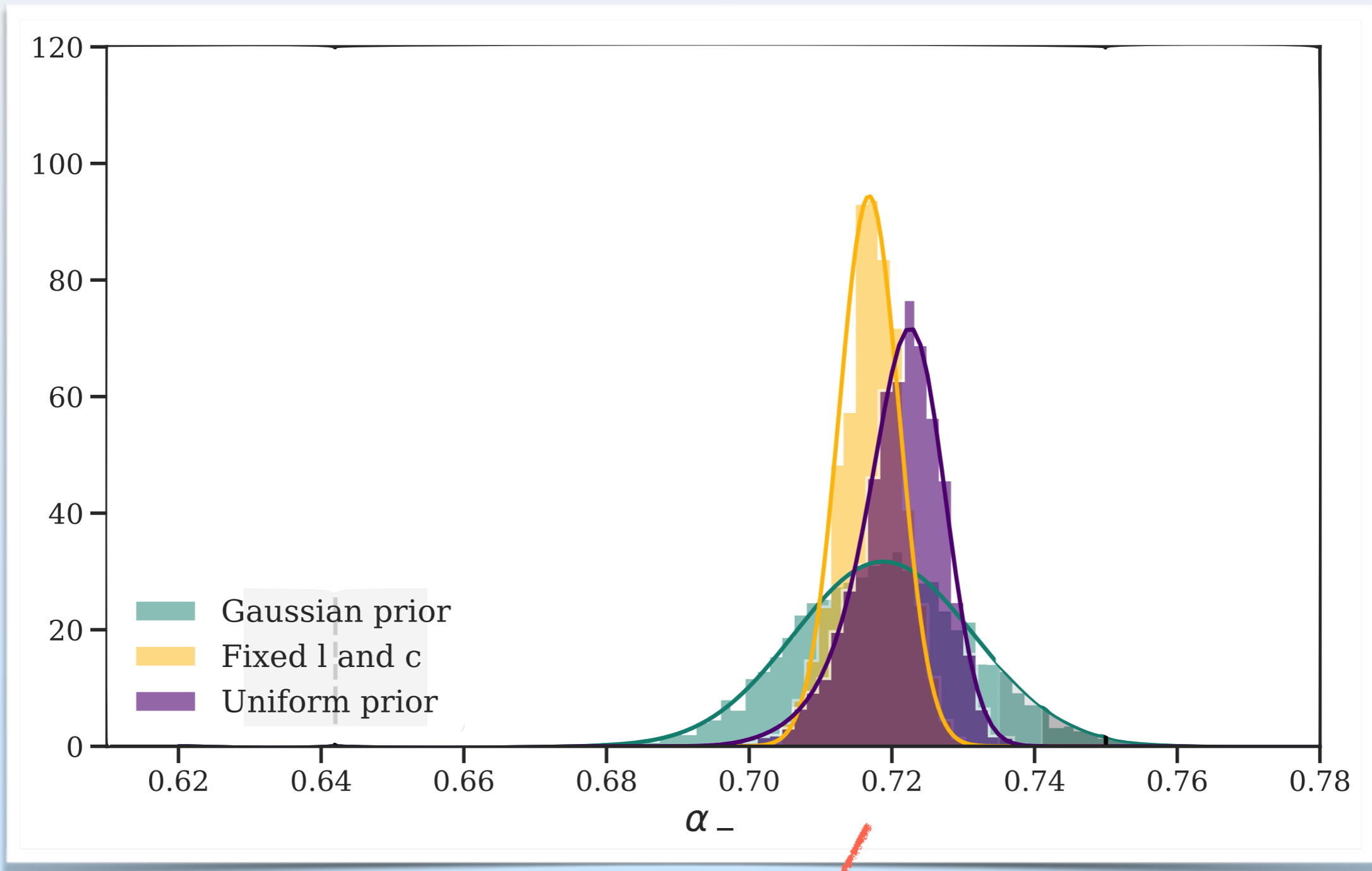
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Uniform prior on calibration parameter



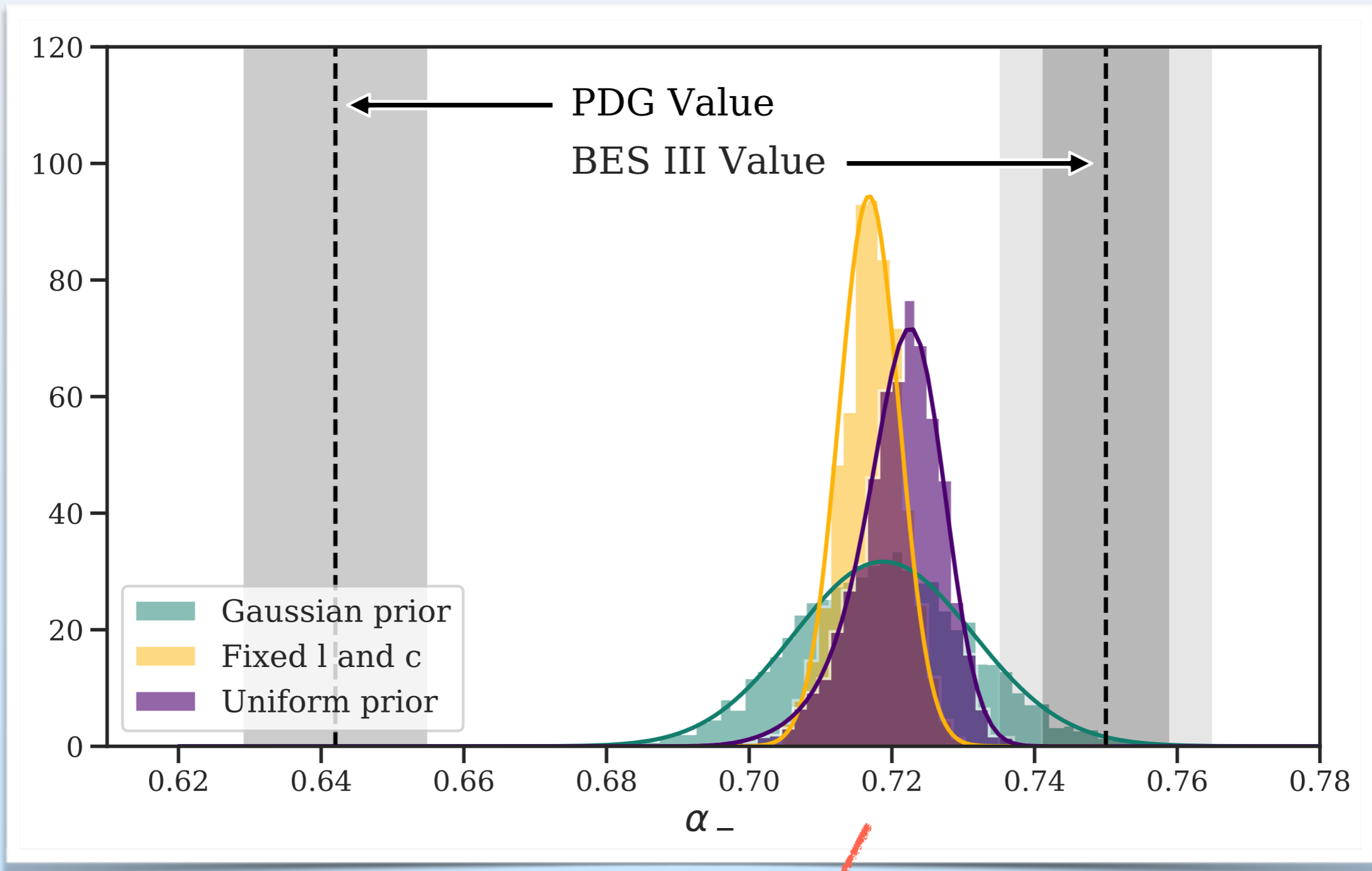


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# SUMMARY

◎ Kaon photoproduction data contains information on Lambda decay parameter:  $\alpha_-$ .

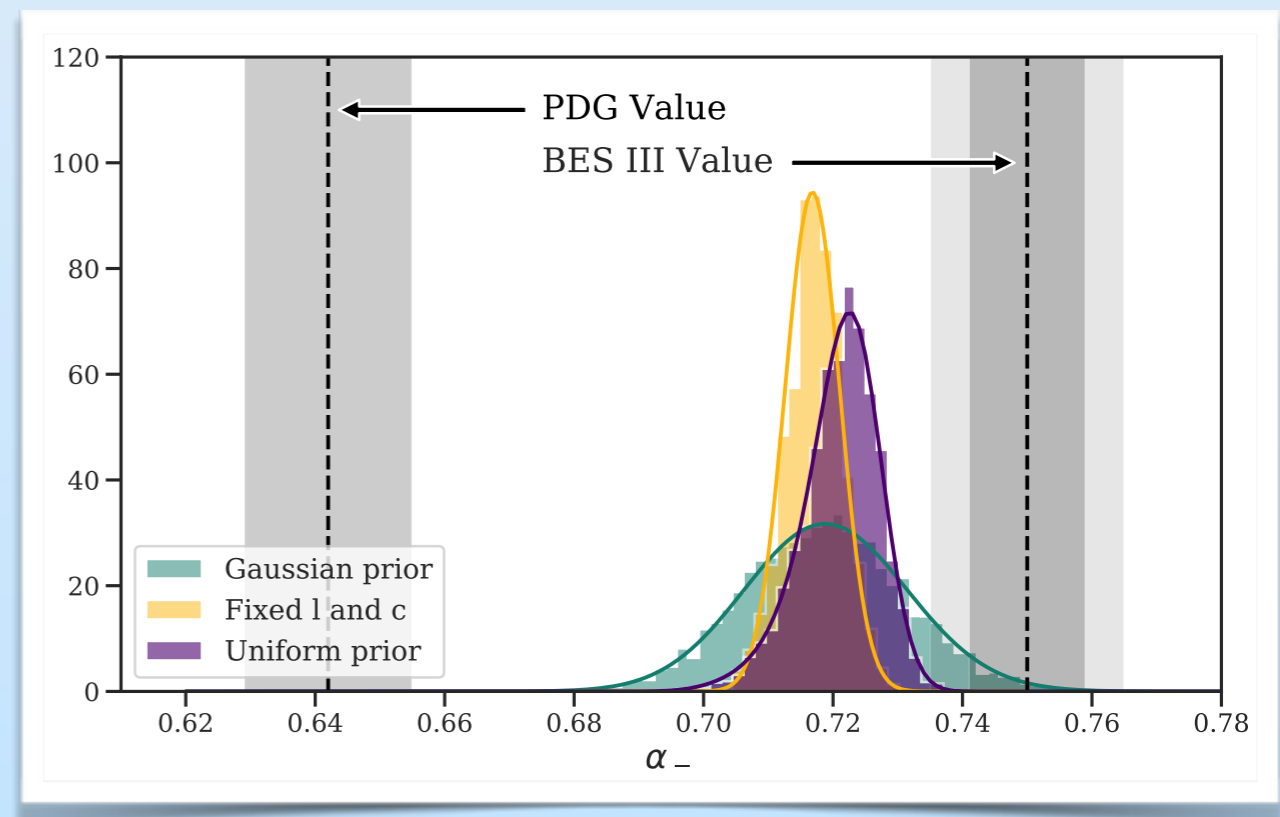
◎ Fierz identities allow for an extraction of  $\alpha_-$ .

◎ Careful statistical interpretation is in order:

- *Scaling bias (similar to d'Agostini bias)*
- *Non-linearities*
- ...

multiple simulations and tests ➤ “bias-free” procedure

◎ Final result is close to the recent BES III value





# SPARES

- **Ultimately— blind test on model data (JuBo 2019)**

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Observable (# data points)	$\chi^2/n$ (Refits)		
	$\alpha_- = 0.642$	0.75	0.721
$d\sigma/d\Omega$ (421) [15]	1.11	1.03	0.95
$\Sigma$ (314) [17]	2.55	2.61	2.56
$T$ (314) [17]	1.75	1.74	1.69
$P$ (410) [15]	1.84	1.66	1.62
$C_x$ (82) [16]	2.15	1.72	1.34
$C_z$ (85) [16]	1.58	1.83	1.62
$O_x$ (314) [17]	1.44	1.53	1.51
$O_z$ (314) [17]	1.34	1.58	1.49
all (2254)	1.67	1.66	1.59

TABLE II.  $\chi^2$ /data point of the Jülich-Bonn refits for different values of  $\alpha_-$ . The value of  $\alpha_- = \alpha_-^{\text{PDG}} = 0.642$  corresponds to the refit to unscaled data,  $\alpha_- = 0.75$  corresponds to the BES-III result [1] and  $\alpha_- = 0.721$  uses the data-driven result of this study as input for the refit.