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Abstract:

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Gravity at a Lifshitz point

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QG main goal (at least in 80ties)

- Define the theory of QG
- Obtain the background geometry ($\langle\langle g_{\mu\nu} \rangle\rangle$) we observe
- Study the fluctuations around the background geometry

What lattice gravity (dynamical triangulation, DT) offers:

- A non-perturbative QFT definition of QG using just standard QFT via the path integral.
- A background independent formulation.
- A path integral formulated directly as a sum over geometries (piecewise linear geometries as used, require no coordinates).



Virtues and drawbacks of DT

- ✓ The Einstein-Hilbert action has a natural geometric realization on piecewise linear geometries (Regge).
- ✓ The cut-off a is geometric (diffeomorphism invariant)
- ✗ The formulation inherently Euclidean (Euclidean QG ? (action unbounded from below)).
- ✓ The cut-off a automatically acts as a regularization of the unboundedness of Euclidean QG.
- ✗ Gravity becomes "emergent": a subtle interplay between quantum measure and the action used.
- ✓ Works beautifully when Euclidean QG is well defined: in 2d.

Main DT drawback: no interesting IR limit for $d > 2$.

That led to **DT** \rightarrow **CDT** (causal dynamical triangulations)

CDT virtues and drawbacks

- ✓ Path integral a sum over Lorentzian geometries.
- ✗ One assumes the existence of a global time foliation.
- ✓ Each configuration allows a rotation to Euclidean geometry, corresponding to $t \rightarrow t_4 = it$. One can then i.e. using Monte Carlo simulations. (The corresponding set of geometries will be different from the full set of Euclidean geometries).

Main CDT virtue: An interesting IR limit seems to exist.

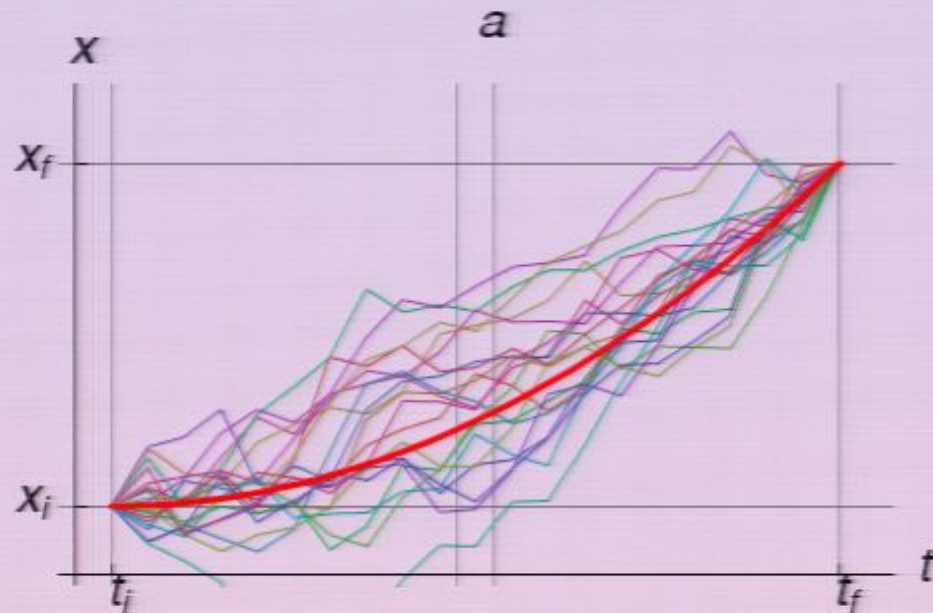
Main questions: Is the theory UV complete and if so, what are the short distance properties of the theory.



Lattice gravity: causal dynamical triangulations

Basic tool: **The path integral**

Text-book example: non-relativistic particle in one dimension.



$$x(t) = \langle x(t) \rangle + y(t)$$

$$\langle |y| \rangle \propto \sqrt{\hbar/m\omega}$$

In QG we want $\langle x(t) \rangle$

$$\langle |y| \rangle \propto \sqrt{\hbar G}$$

Transition amplitude as a weighted sum over all possible trajectories. On the plot: time is **discretized** in steps a , trajectories are piecewise linear.

In a **continuum limit** $a \rightarrow 0$

$$G(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_f, t) := \int_{\text{trajectories: } \mathbf{x}_i \rightarrow \mathbf{x}_f} e^{iS[\mathbf{x}(t)]}$$

where $S[\mathbf{x}(t)]$ is a classical action.

The QG amplitude between the two geometric states **separated a proper time t**

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showcasing **piecewise linear geometries** via **building blocks**:



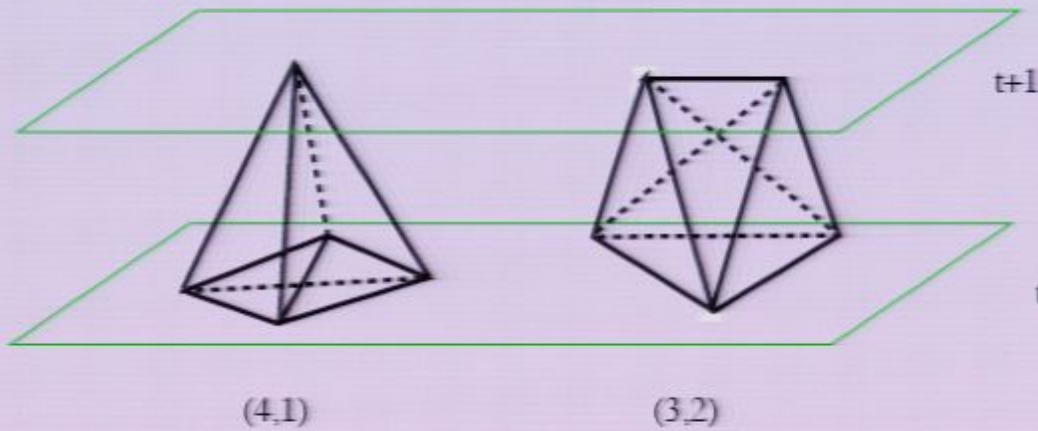
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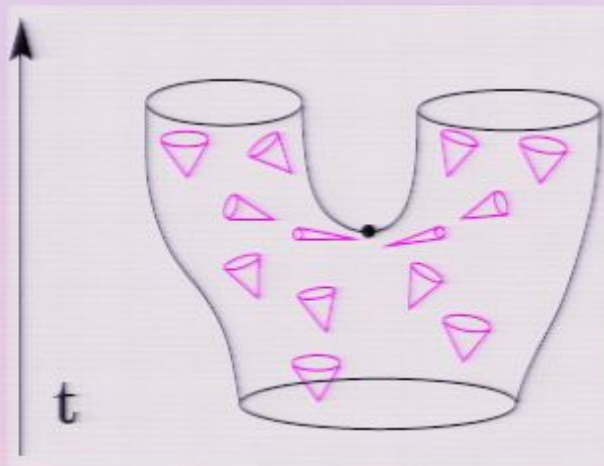
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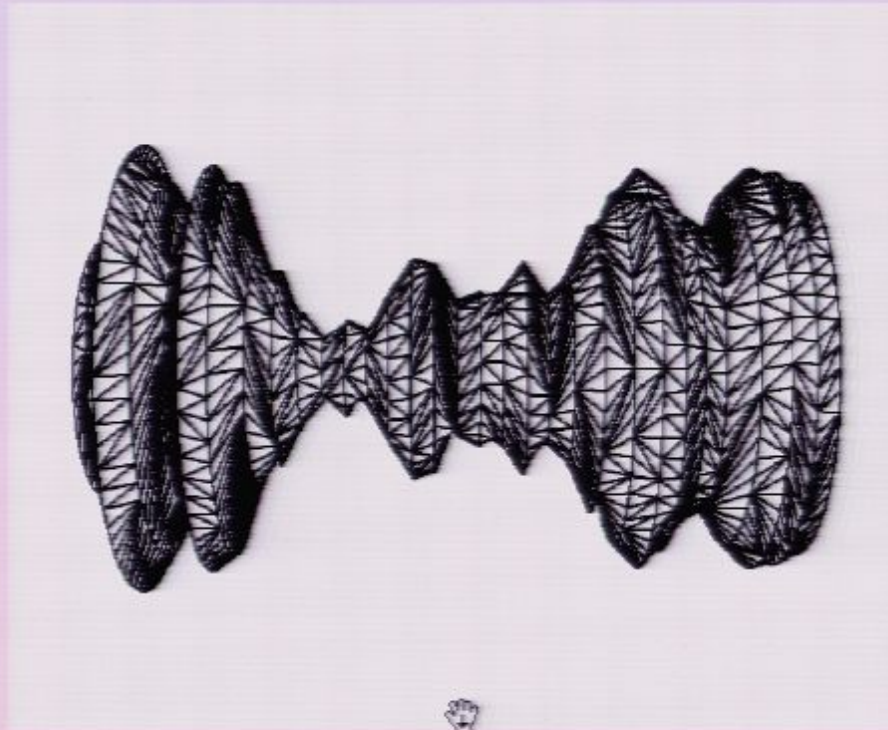
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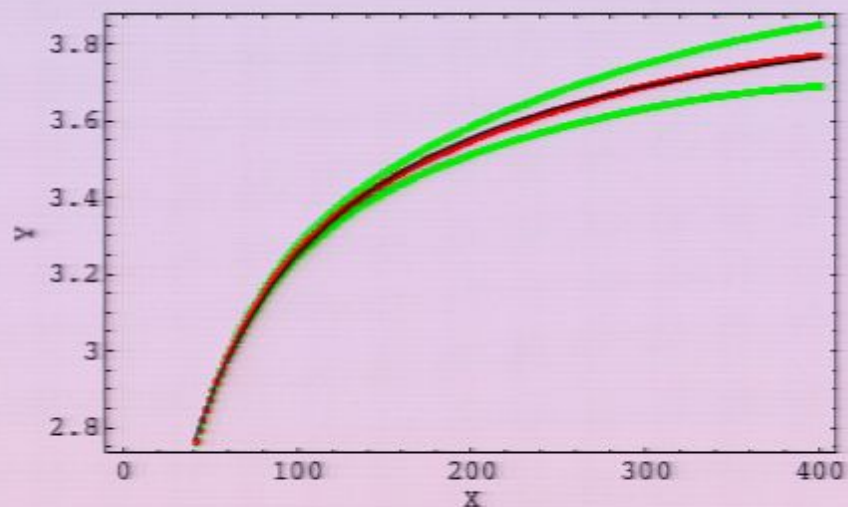
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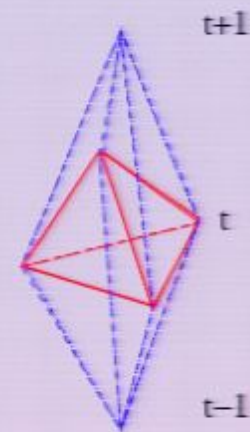
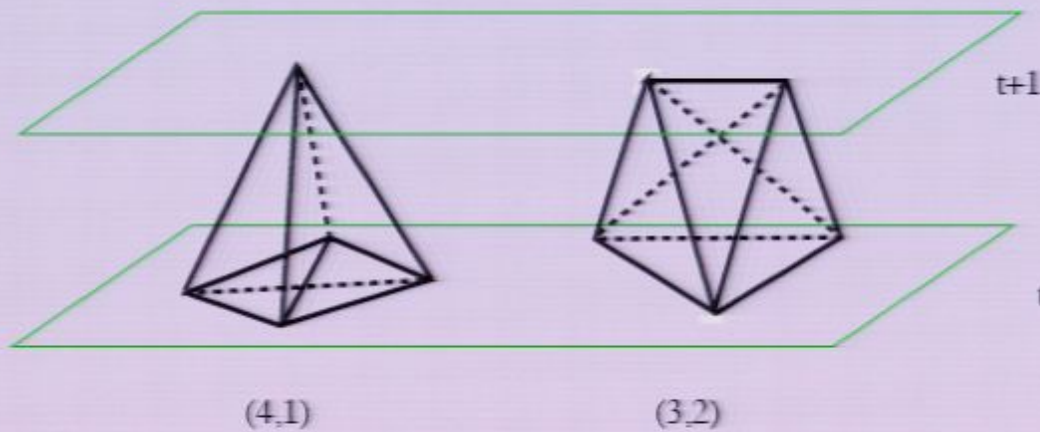
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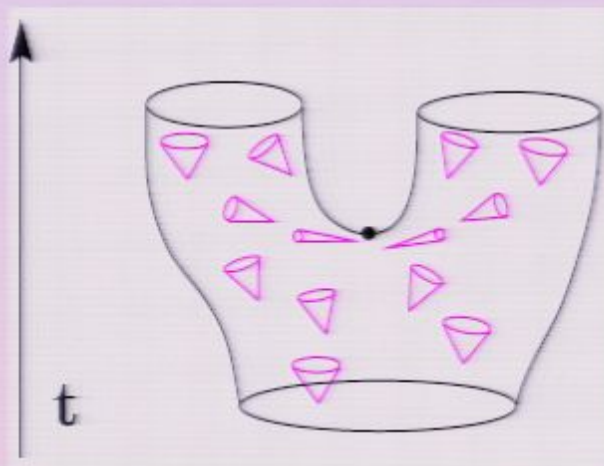
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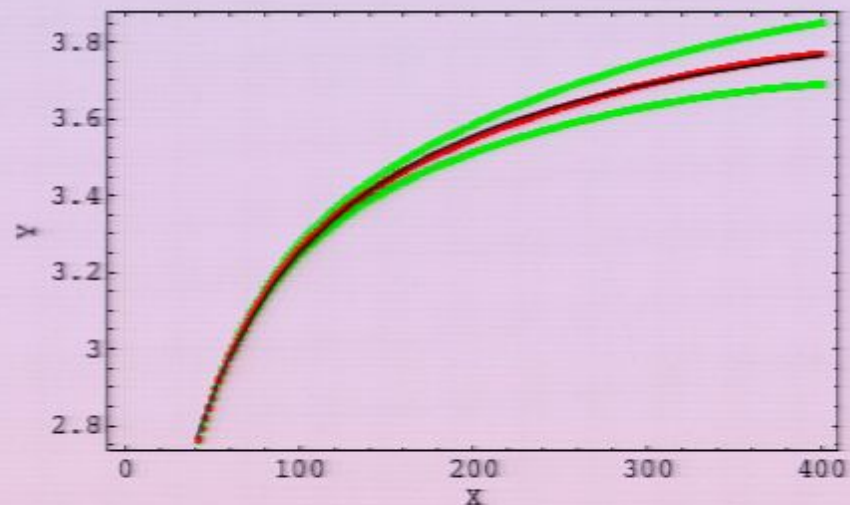
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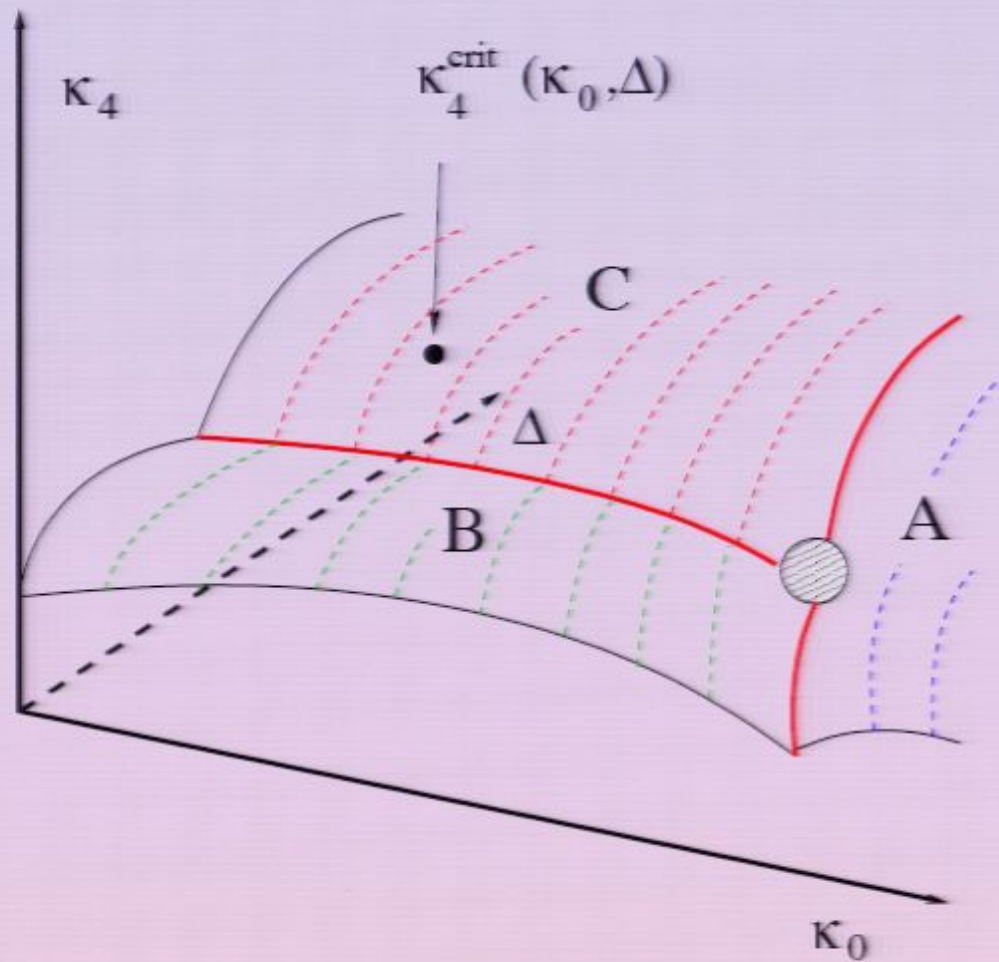
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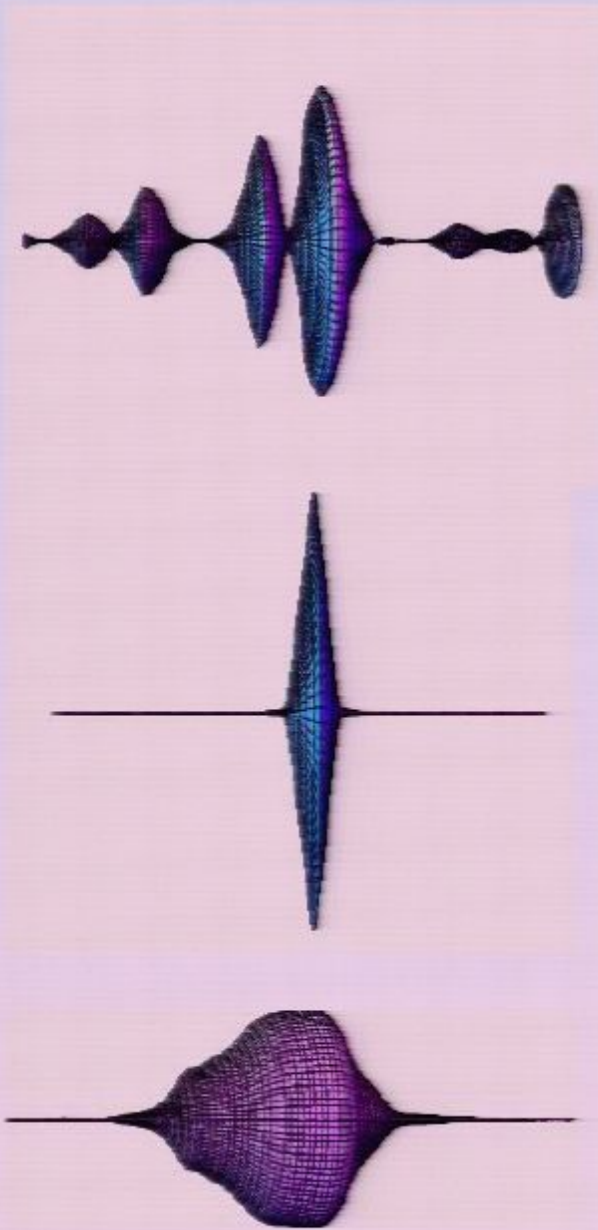
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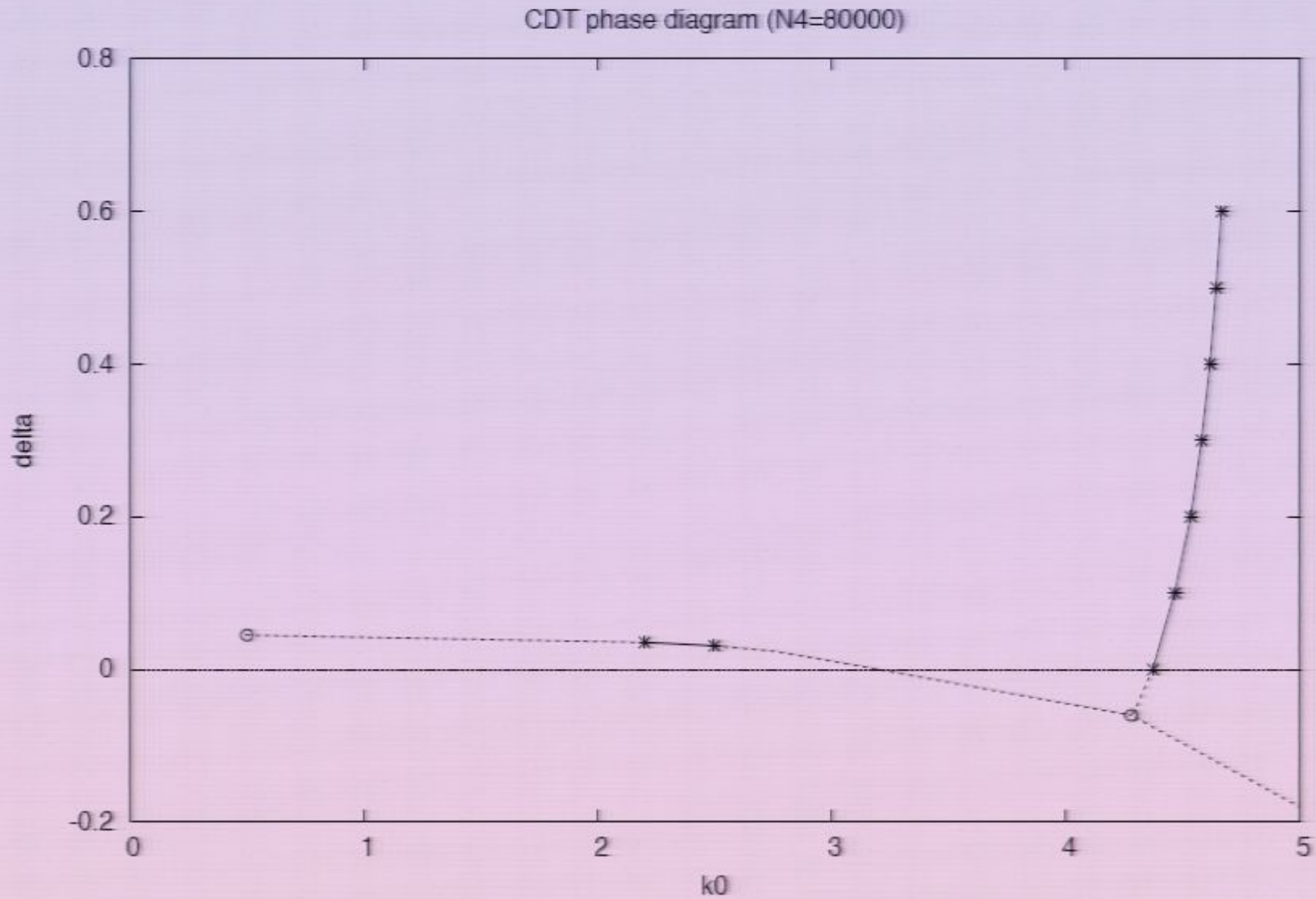
Asymmetry between space and time ? (like in Horava model)

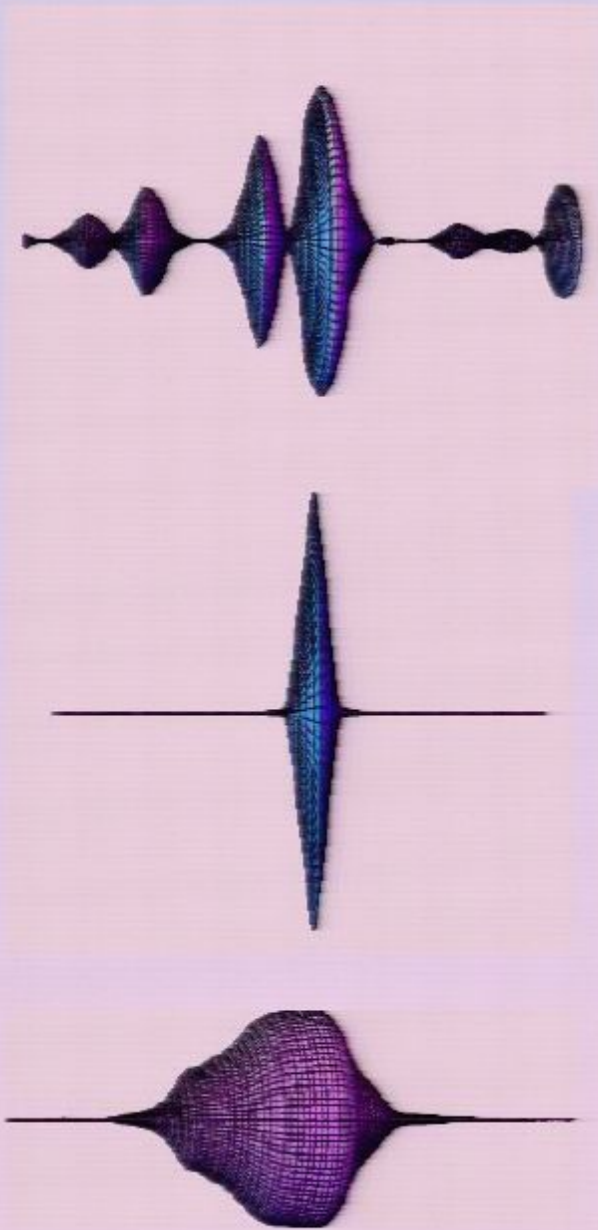




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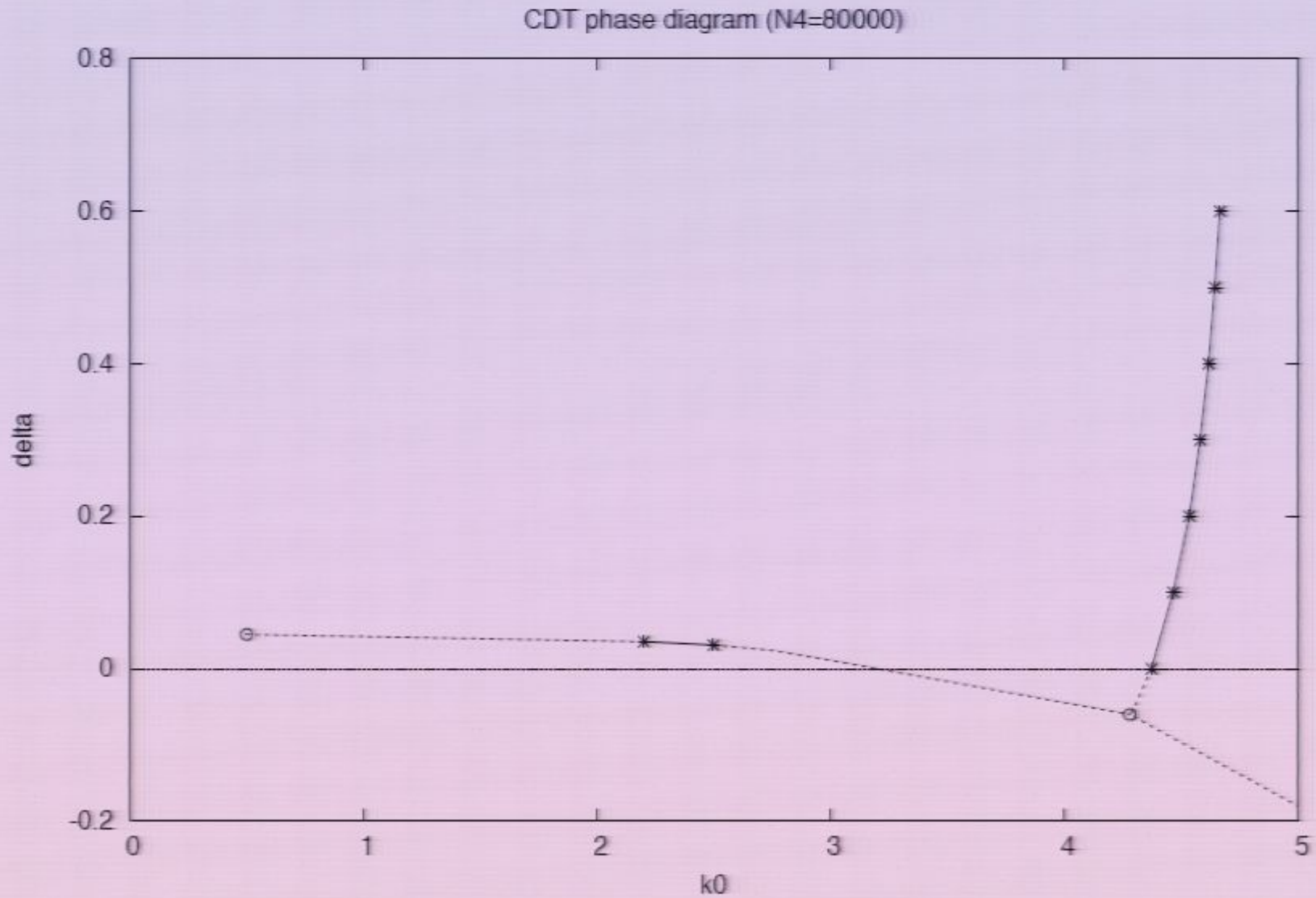
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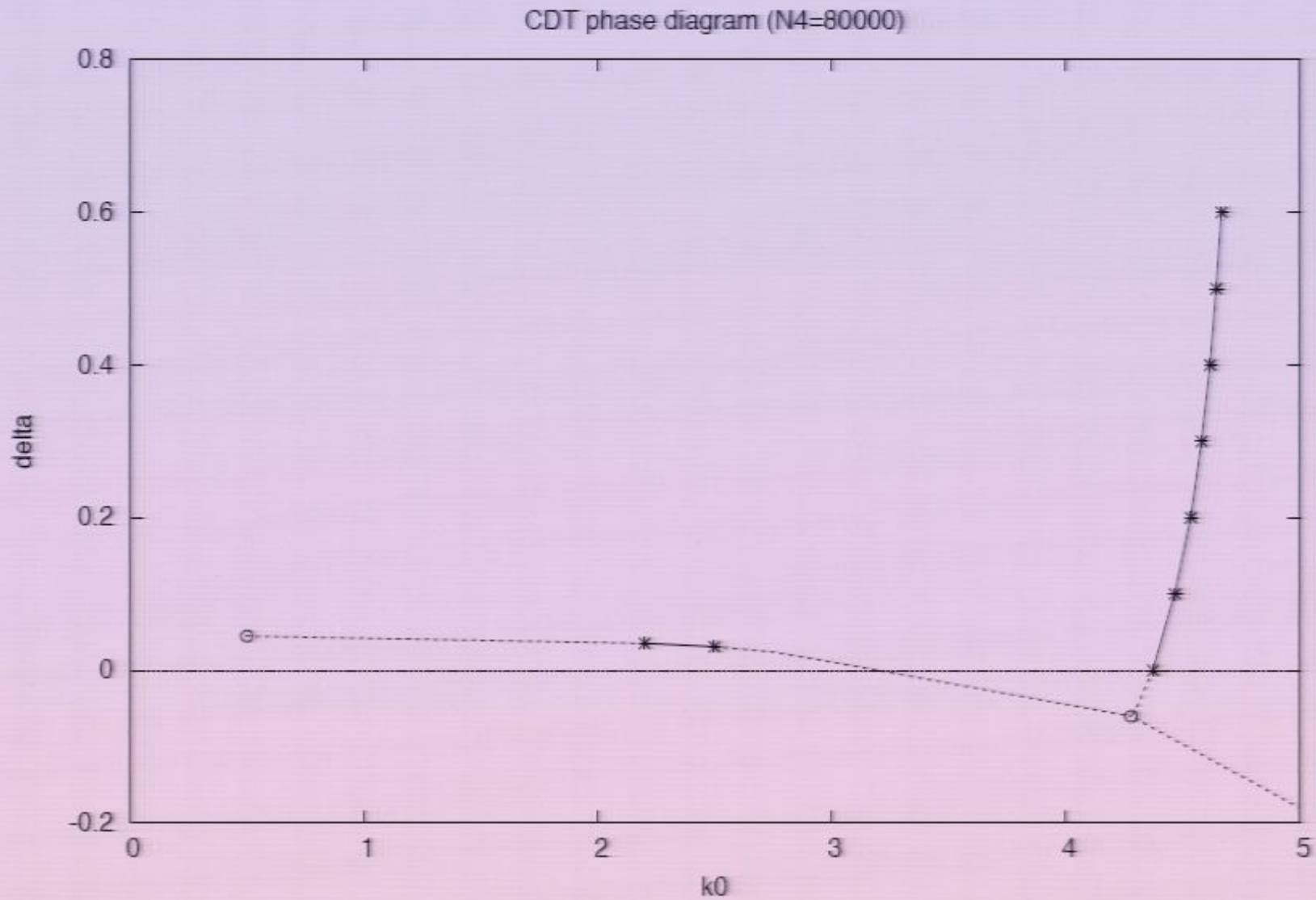
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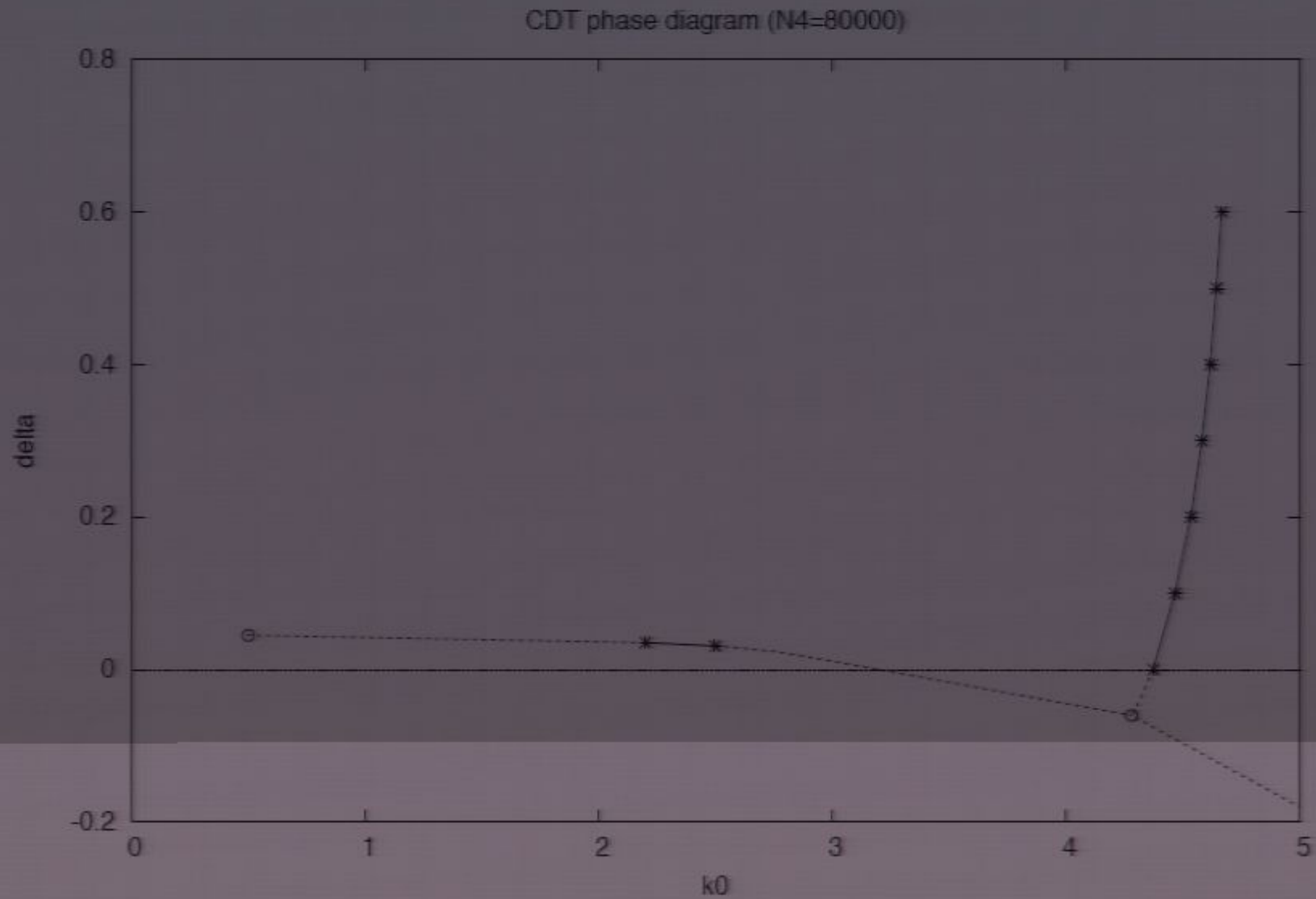
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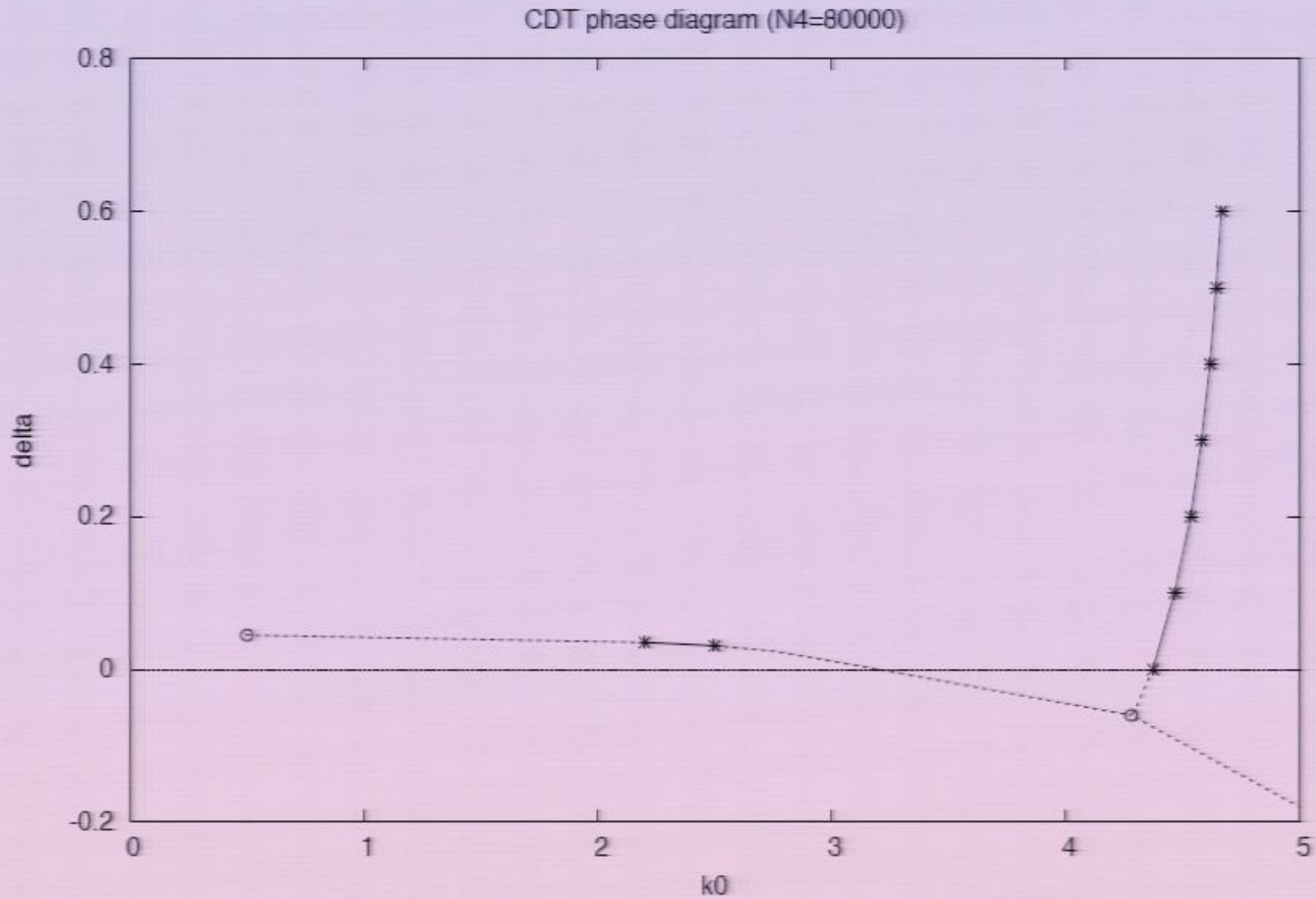
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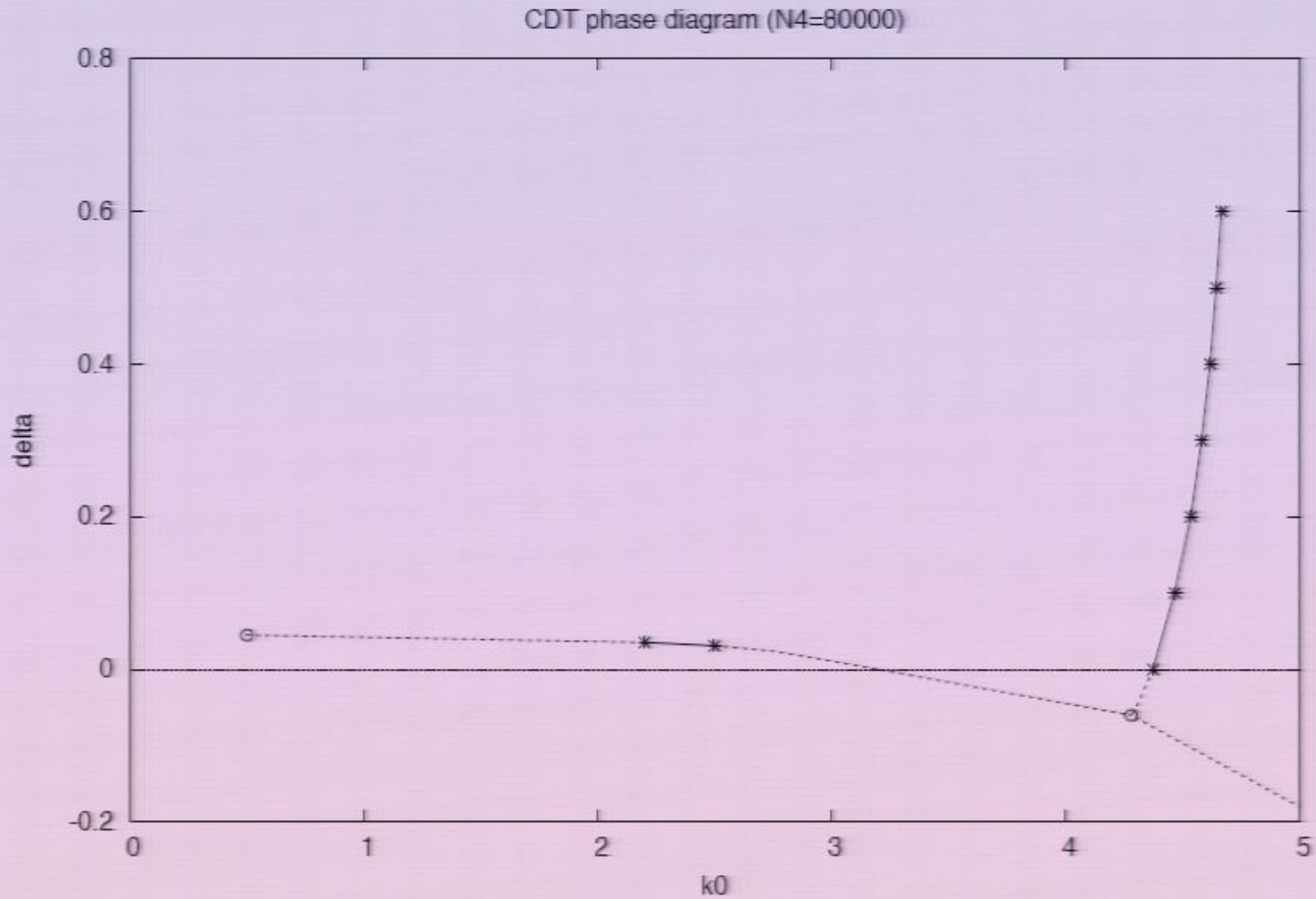


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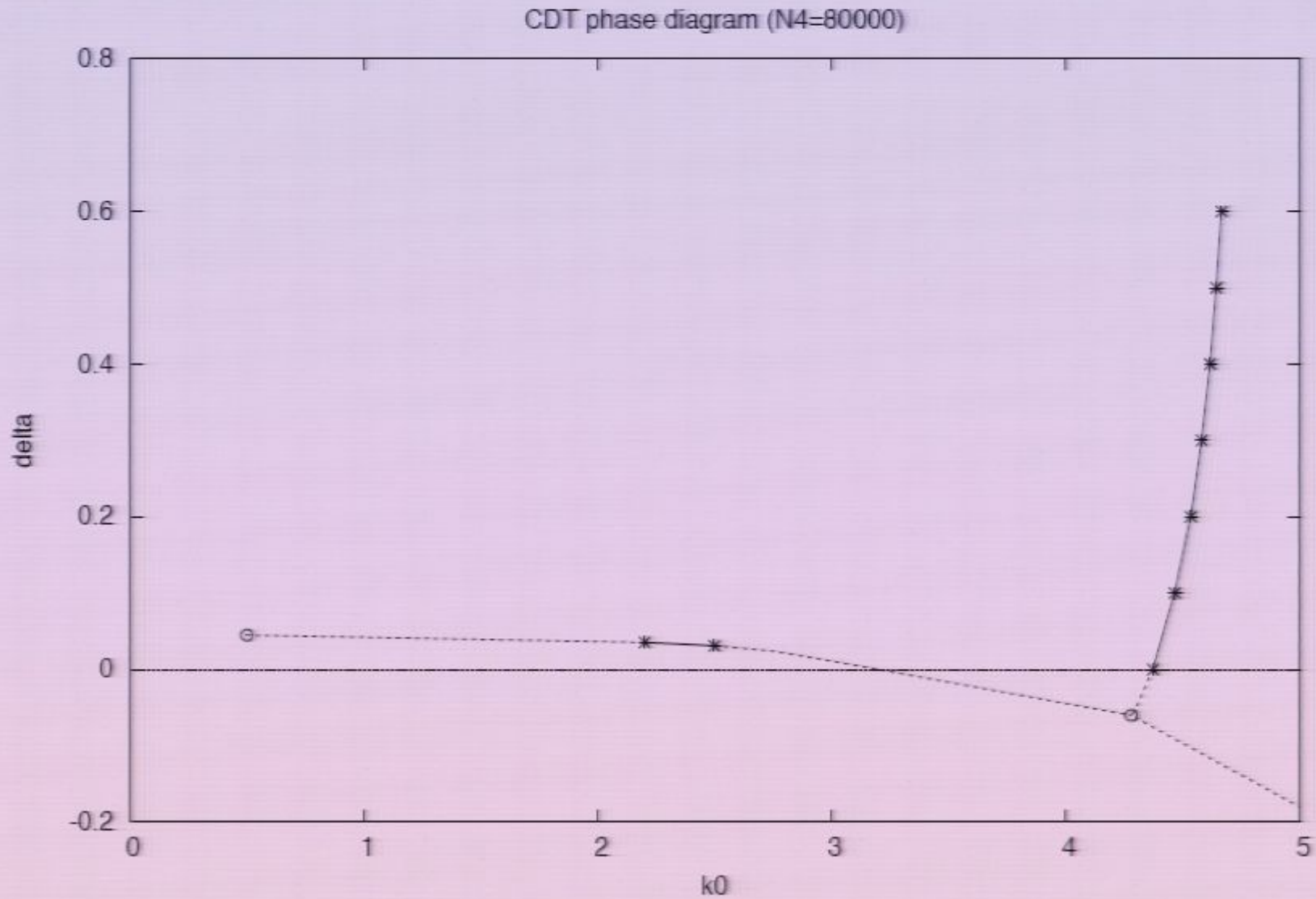
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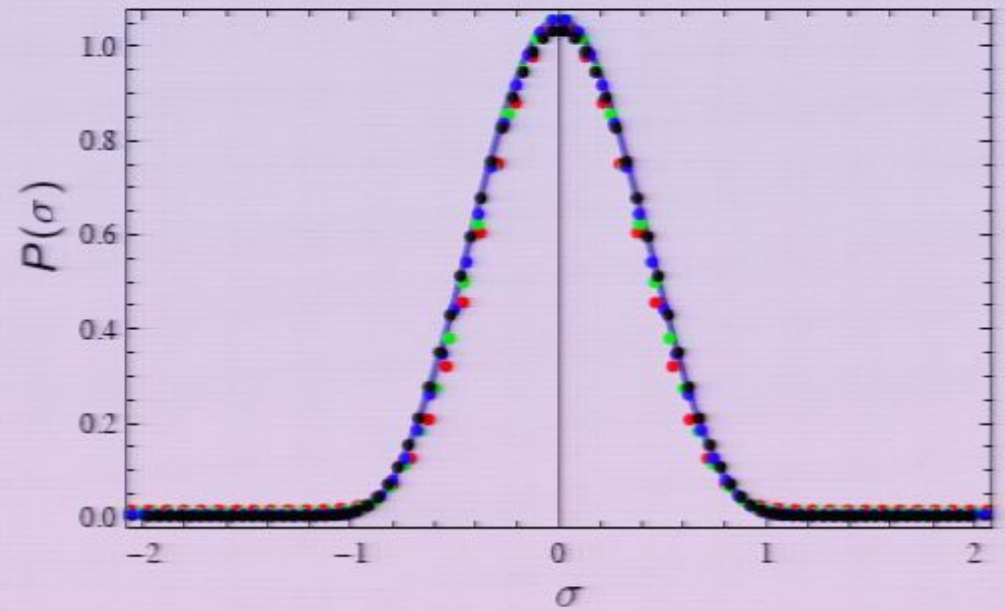
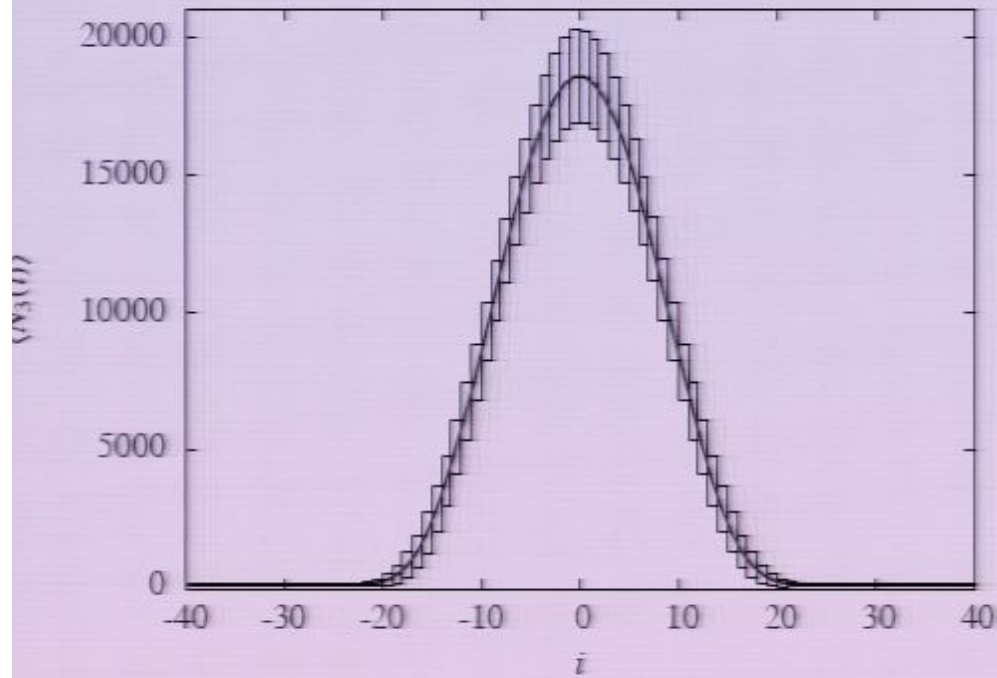


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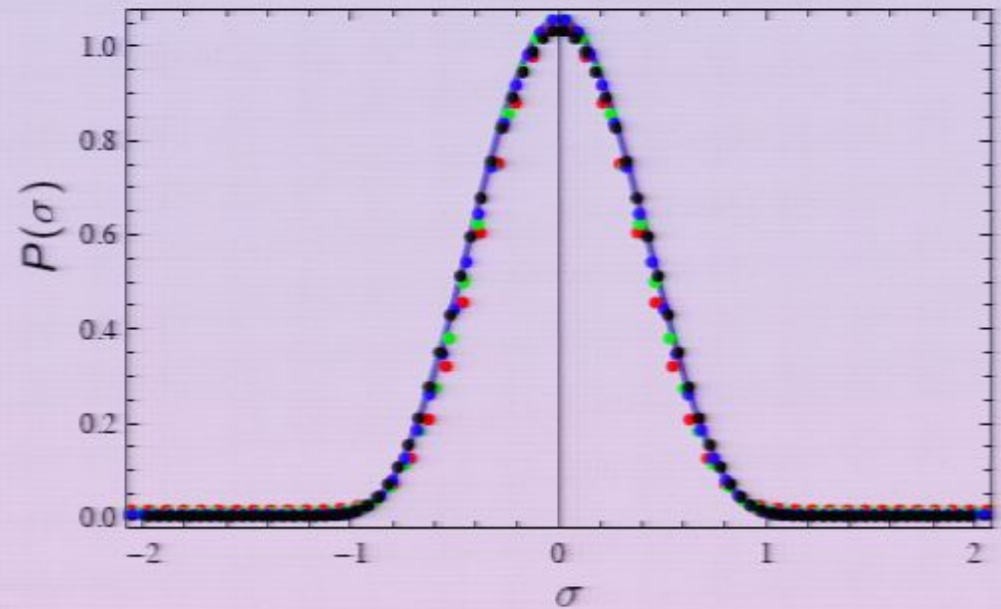
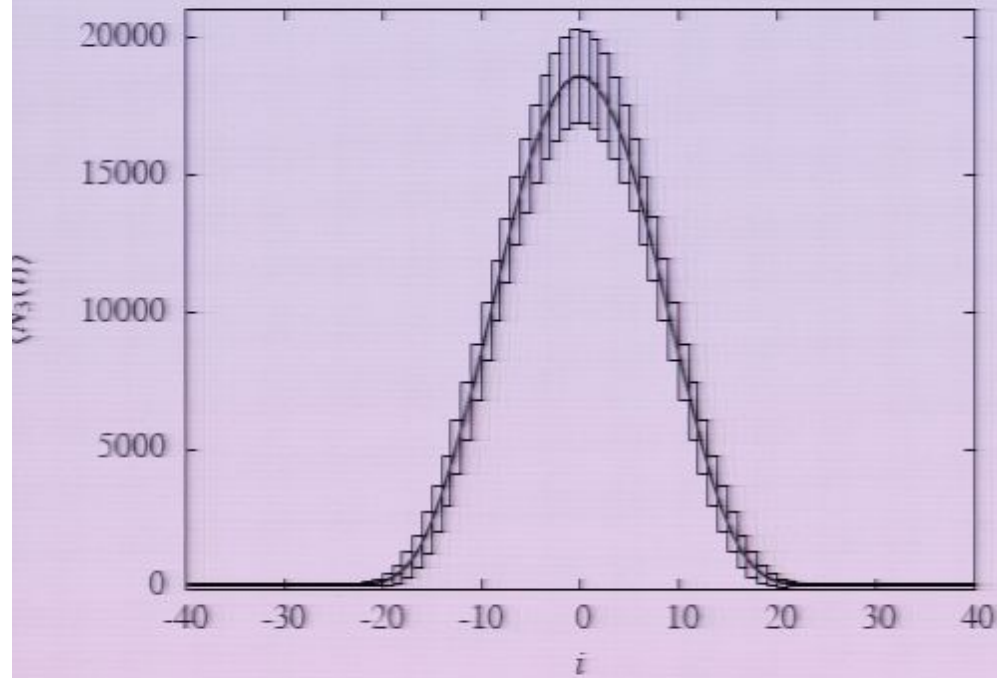


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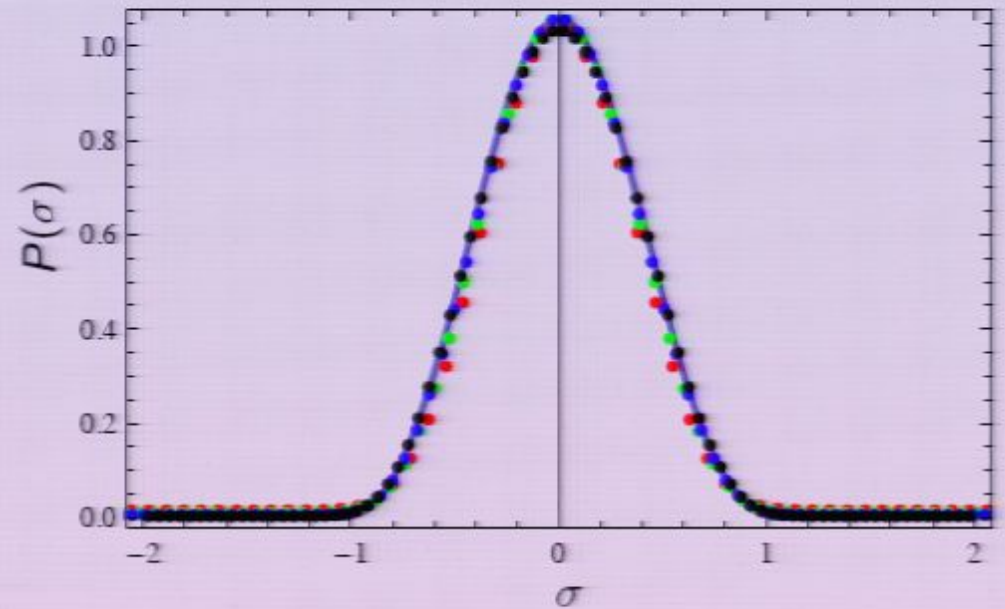
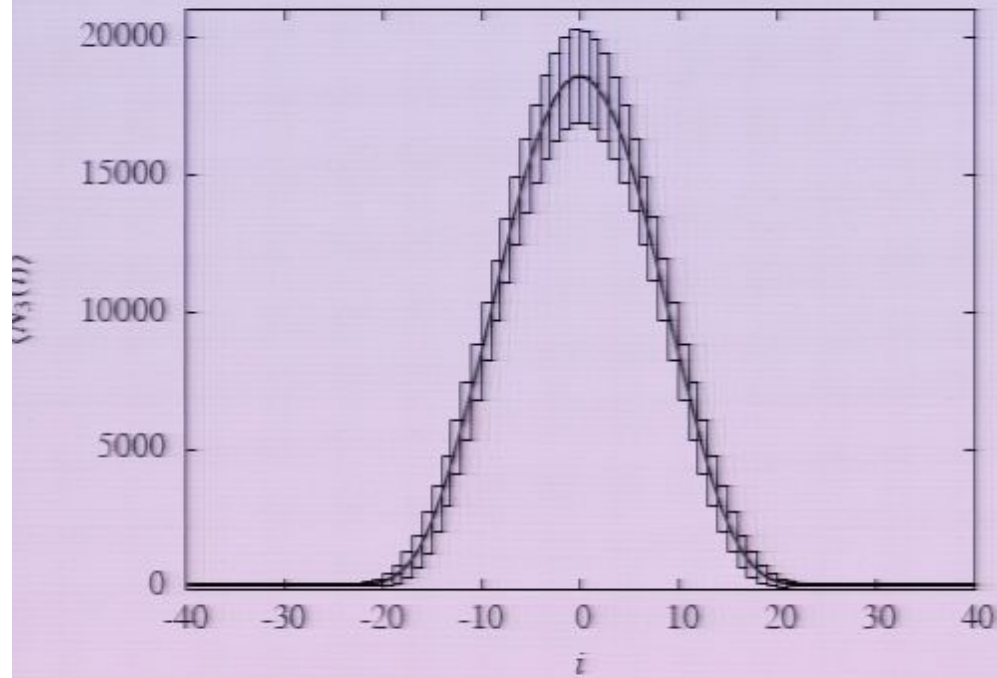


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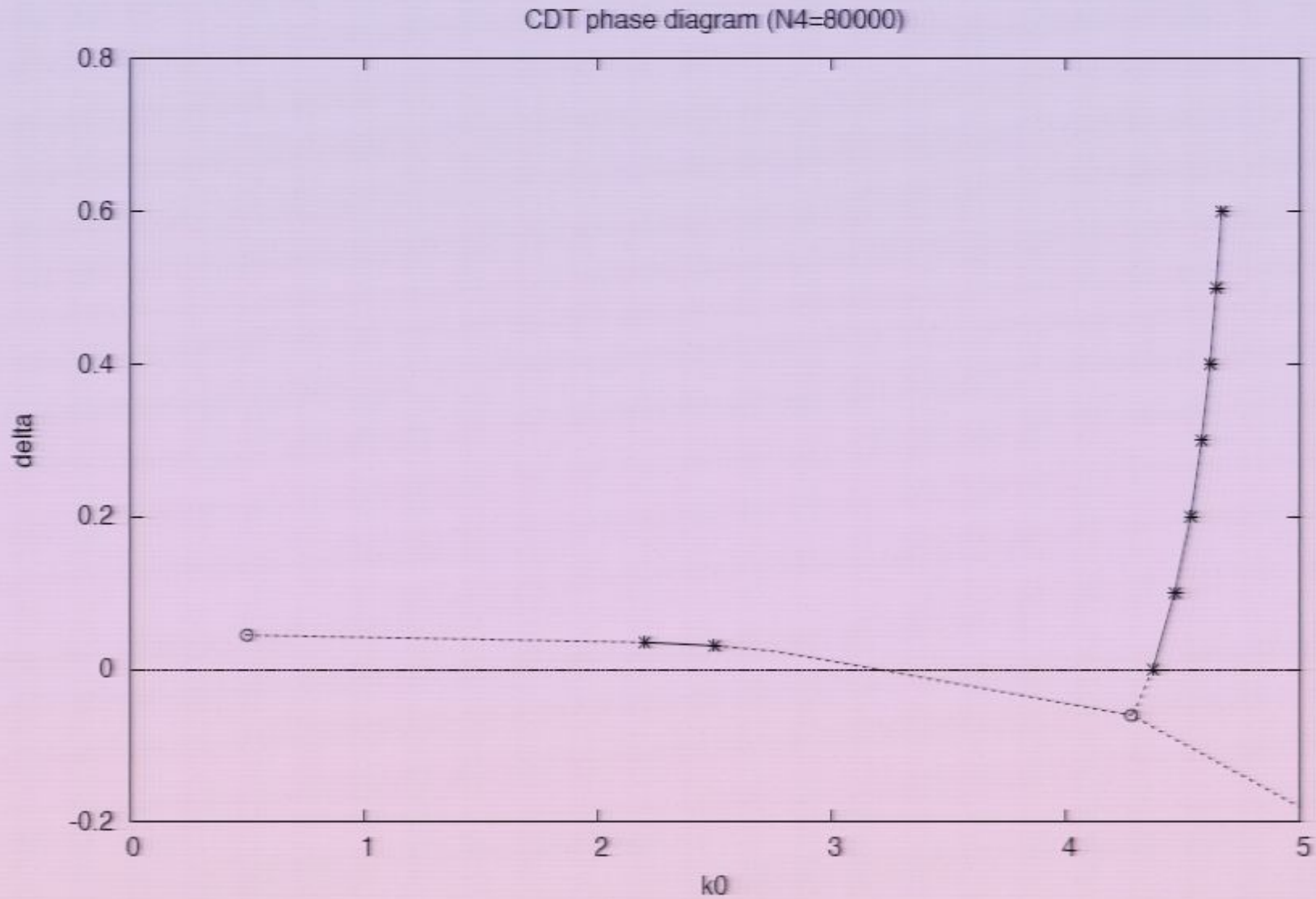
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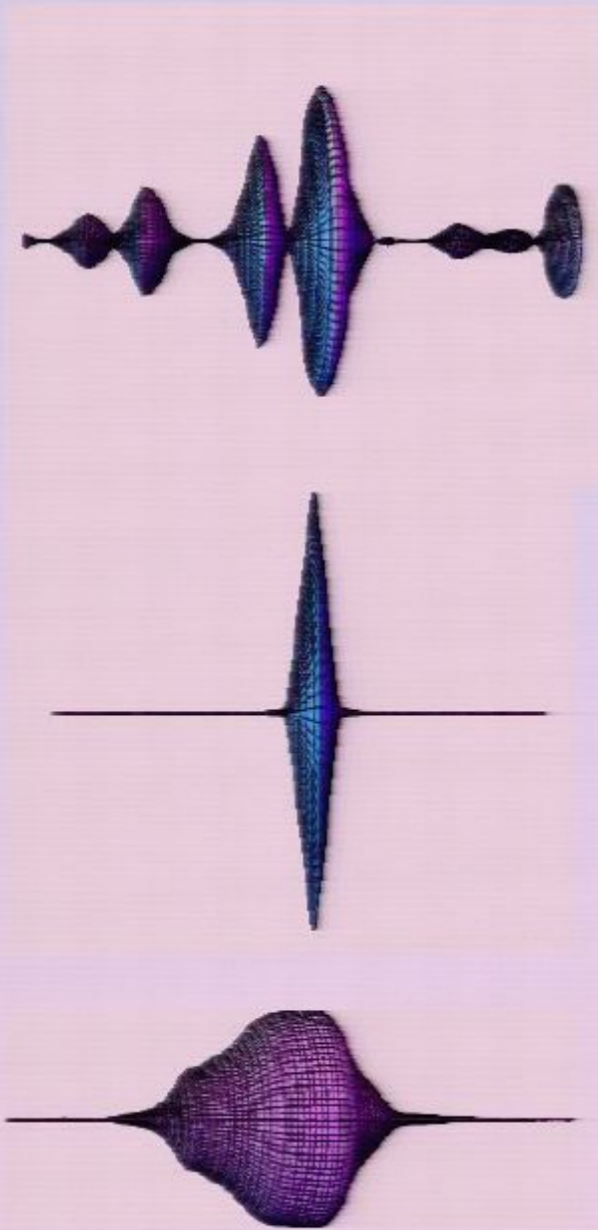
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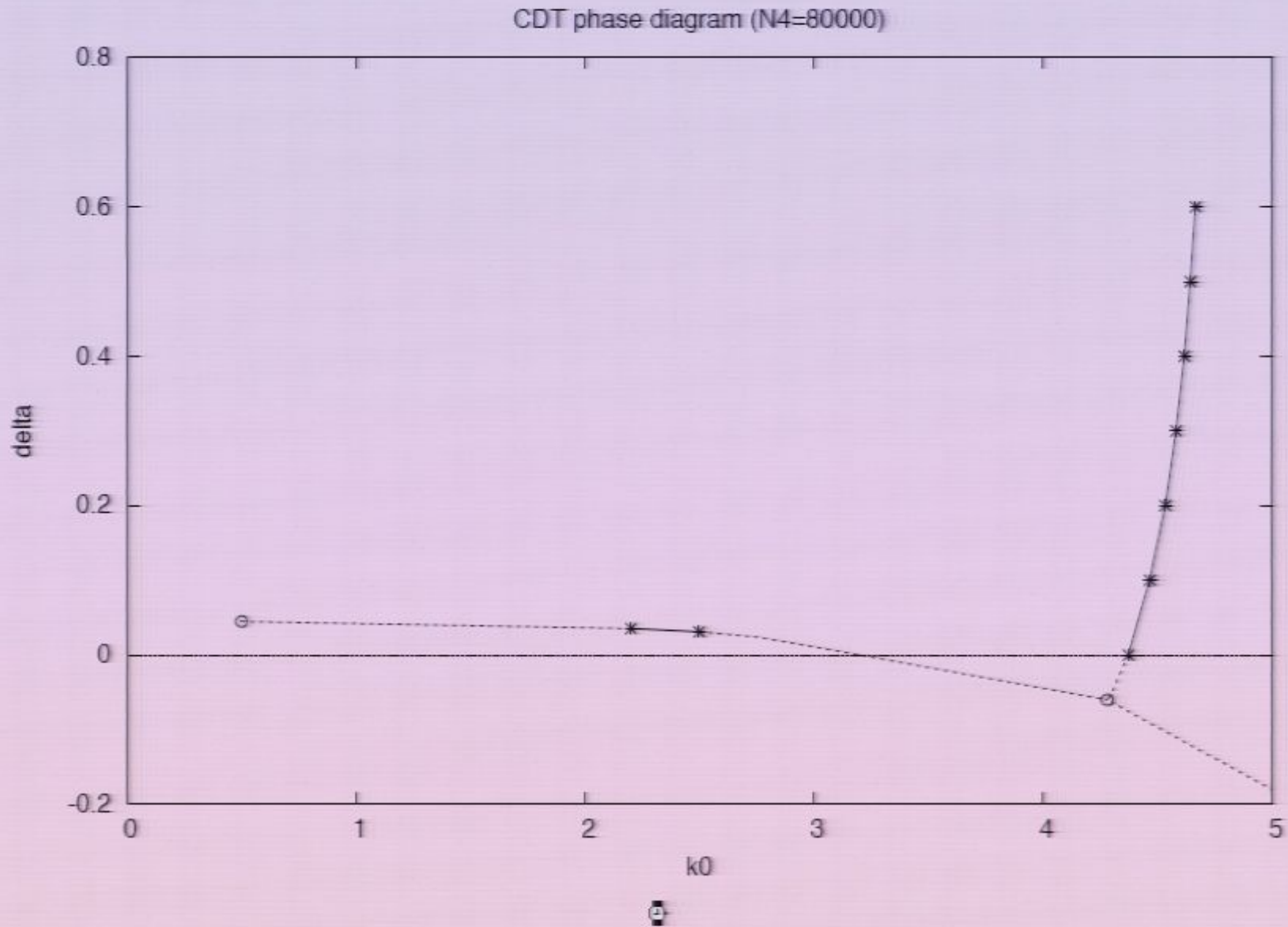
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Summary

- The set-up with a global time foliation is common to CDT and HL-gravity.
- The spectral dimension when measured in the deSitter phase of CDT varies from 4 (long distance) to 2 (short distance). Similar results were found by Horava, hinting that maybe the two theories have the same UV completion.
- We have argued that **Horava scaling is a possibility** along the B-C phase transition line if $\Delta t = N_3^\nu$ and $\nu = 3/d_H$ (and if it is second order.....)
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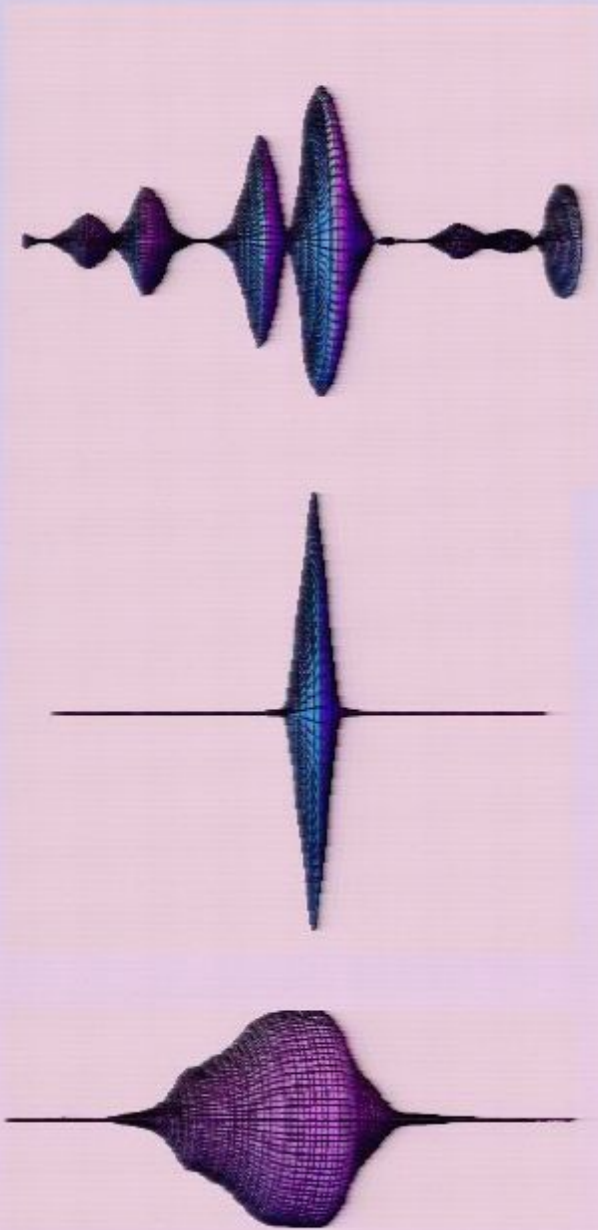
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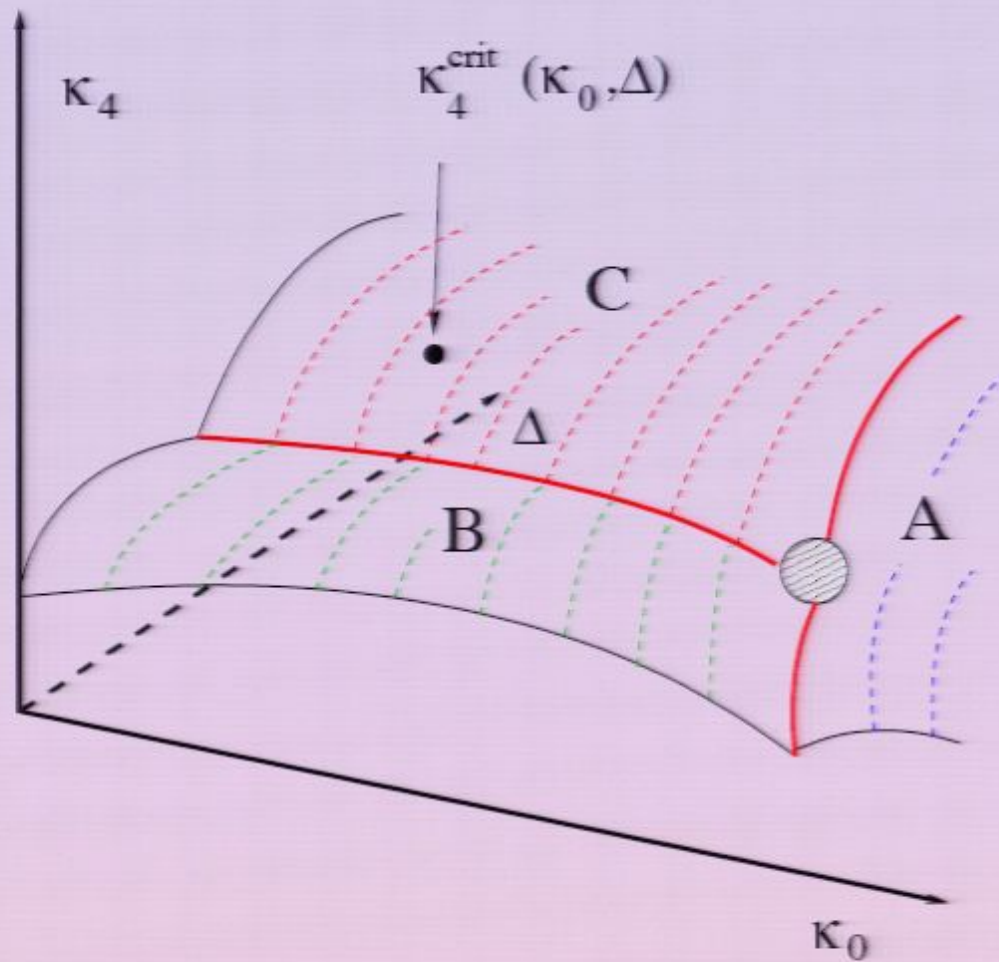
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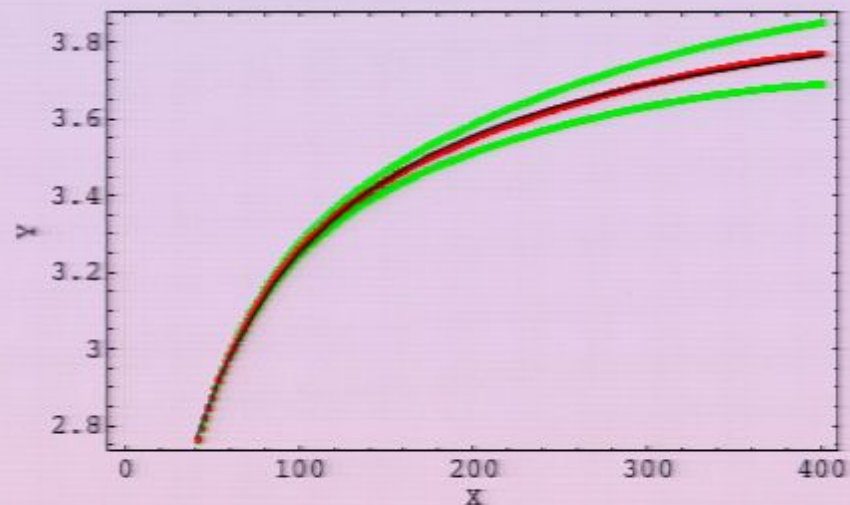
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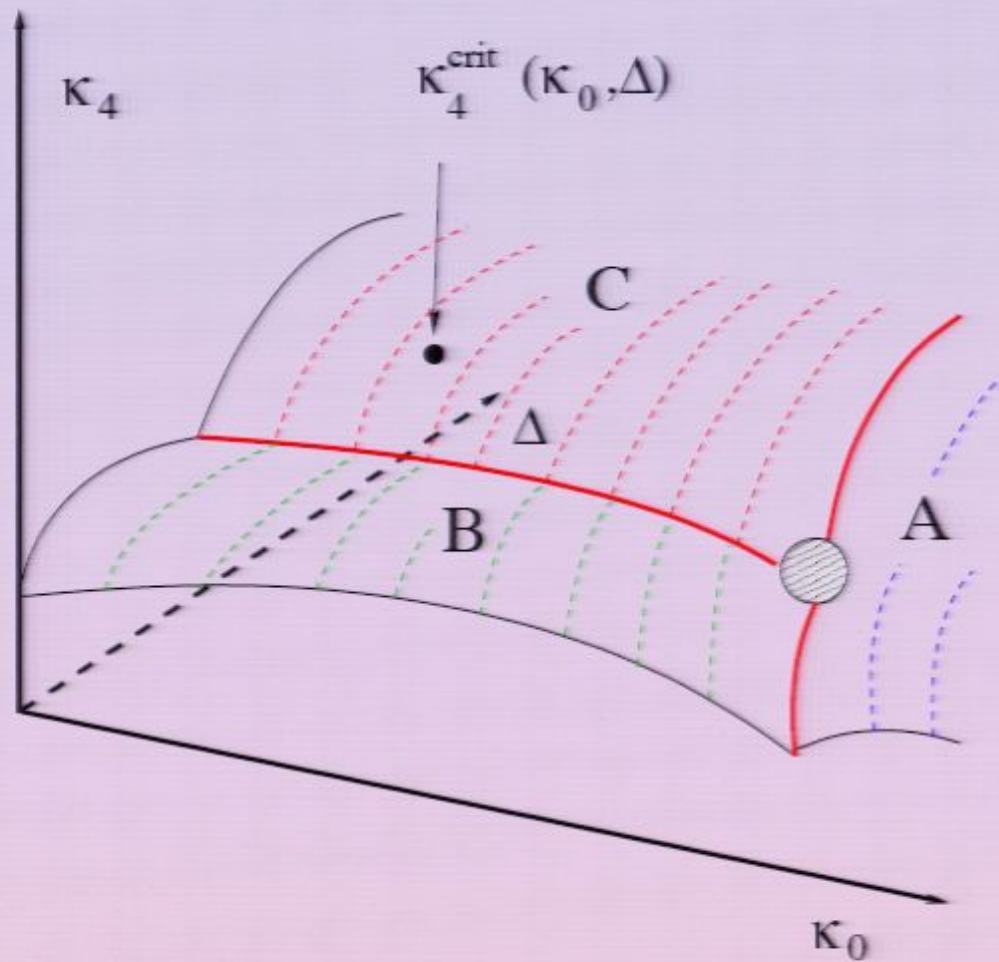
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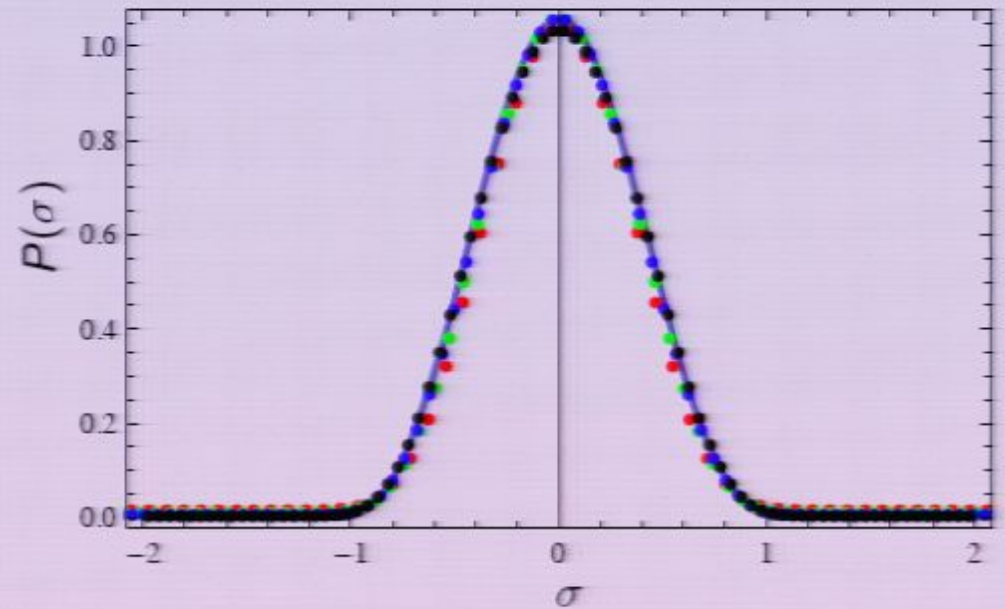
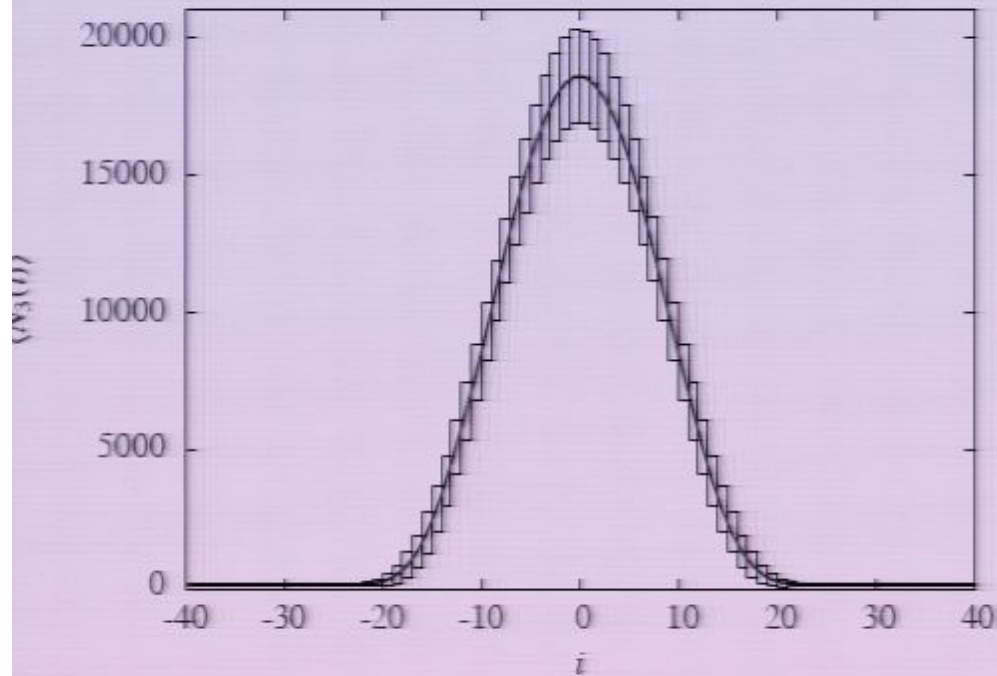


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"Observations" $\nu \leq 1/3$: $\frac{\Delta t}{\Delta r} \rightarrow 0$. **no Horava scaling**

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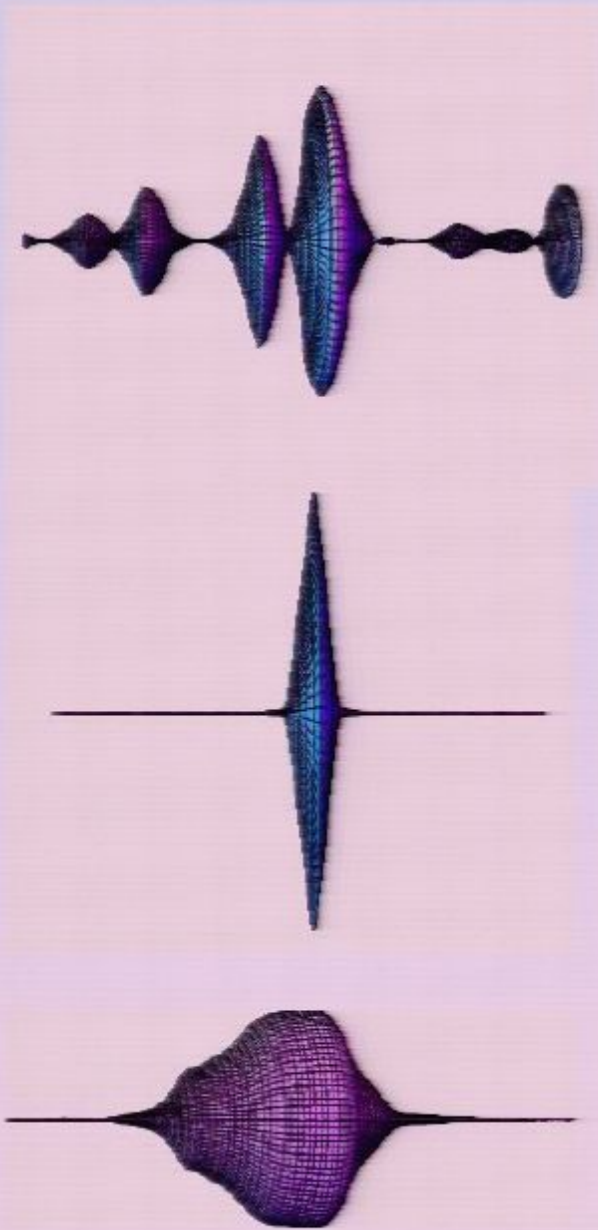
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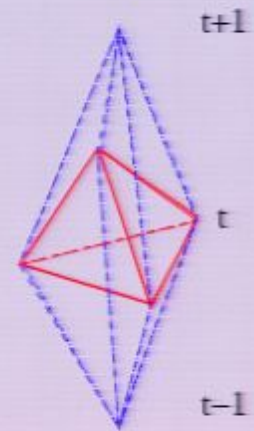
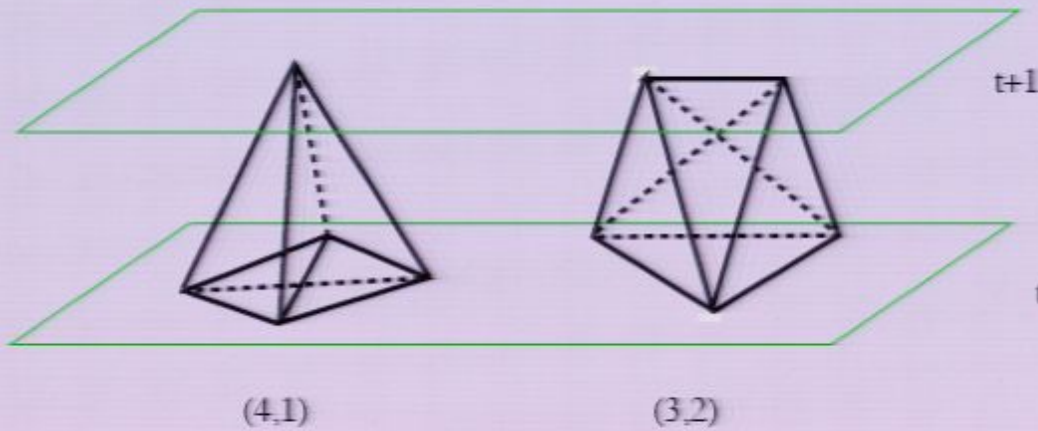
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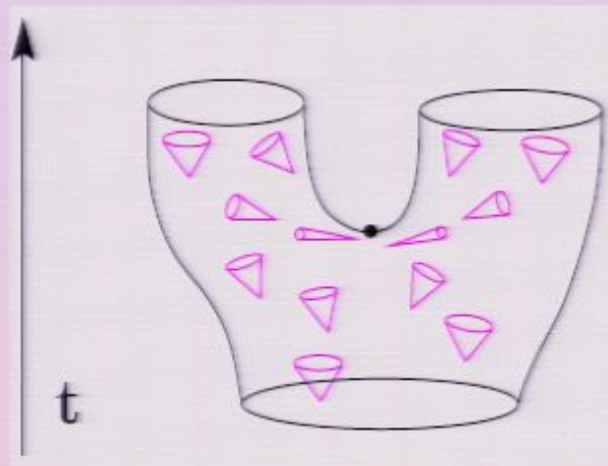
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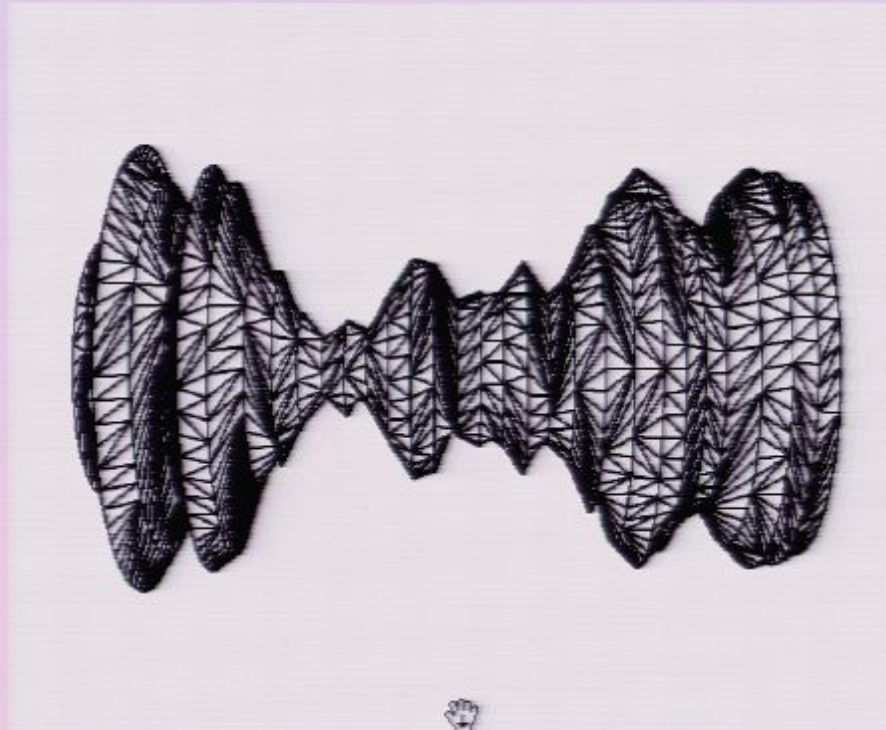


3d



4d

$$\begin{aligned}
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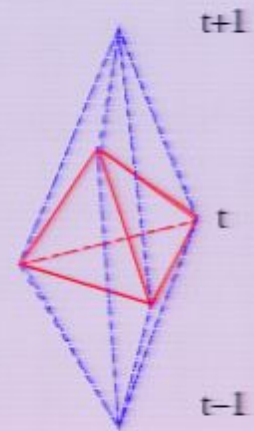
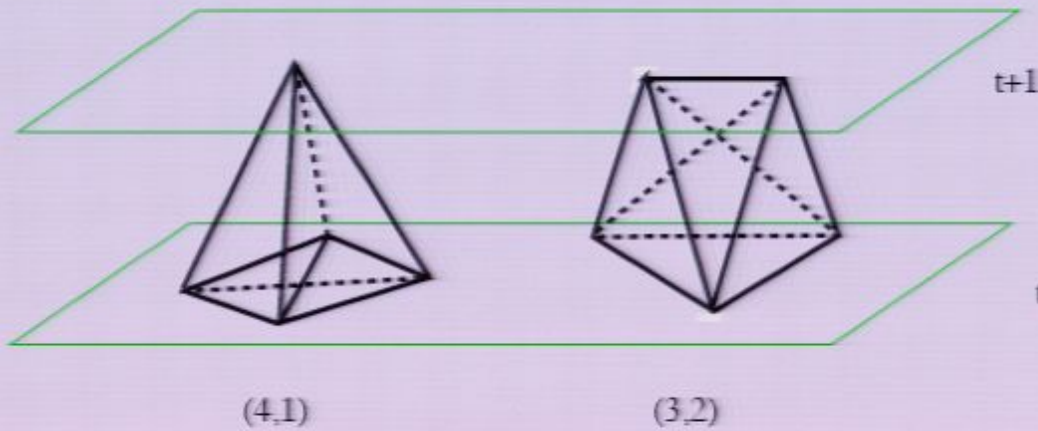
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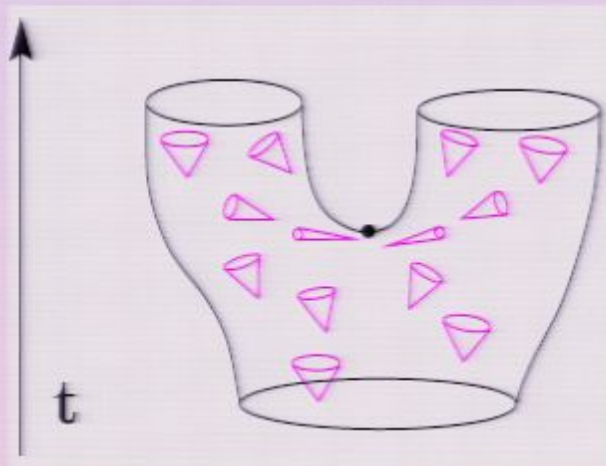
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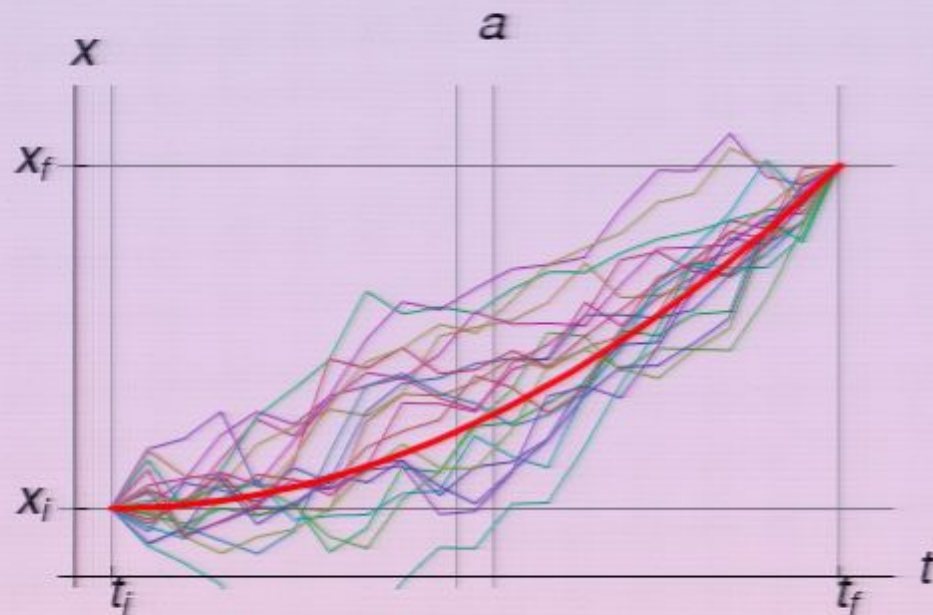
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Lattice gravity: causal dynamical triangulations

Basic tool: **The path integral**

Text-book example: non-relativistic particle in one dimension.



$$x(t) = \langle x(t) \rangle + y(t)$$

$$\langle |y| \rangle \propto \sqrt{\hbar/m\omega}$$

In QG we want $\langle x(t) \rangle$

$$\langle |y| \rangle \propto \sqrt{\hbar G}$$

Transition amplitude as a weighted sum over all possible trajectories. On the plot: time is **discretized** in steps a , trajectories are piecewise linear.

In a **continuum limit** $a \rightarrow 0$

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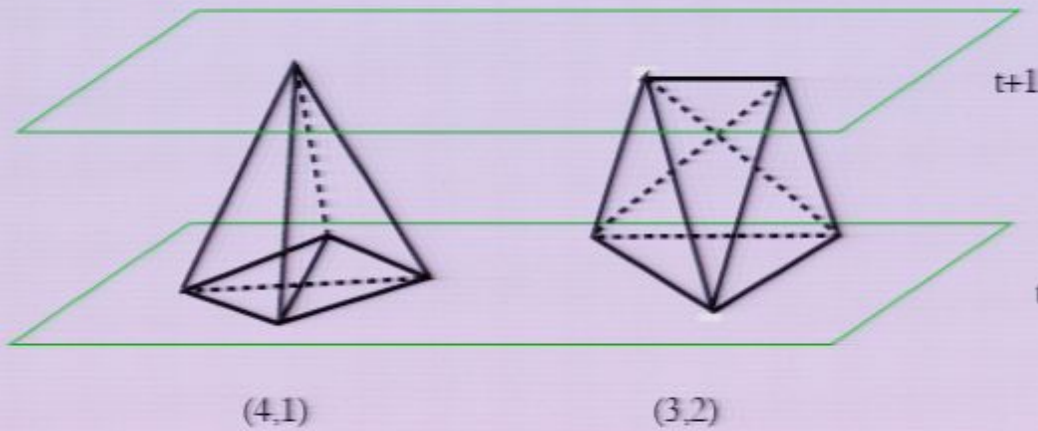
where $S[\mathbf{x}(t)]$ is a classical action.

The QG amplitude between the two geometric states **separated a proper time t**

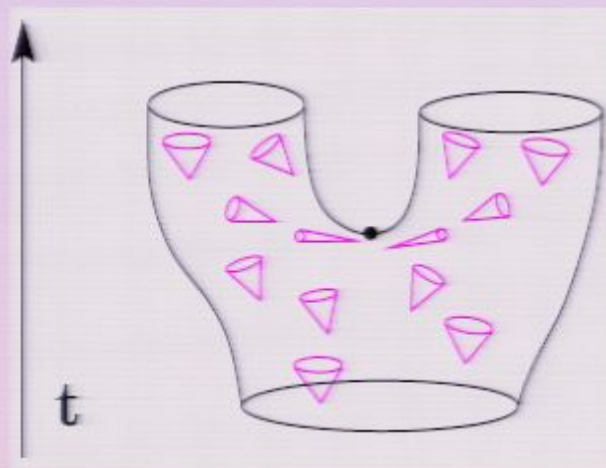
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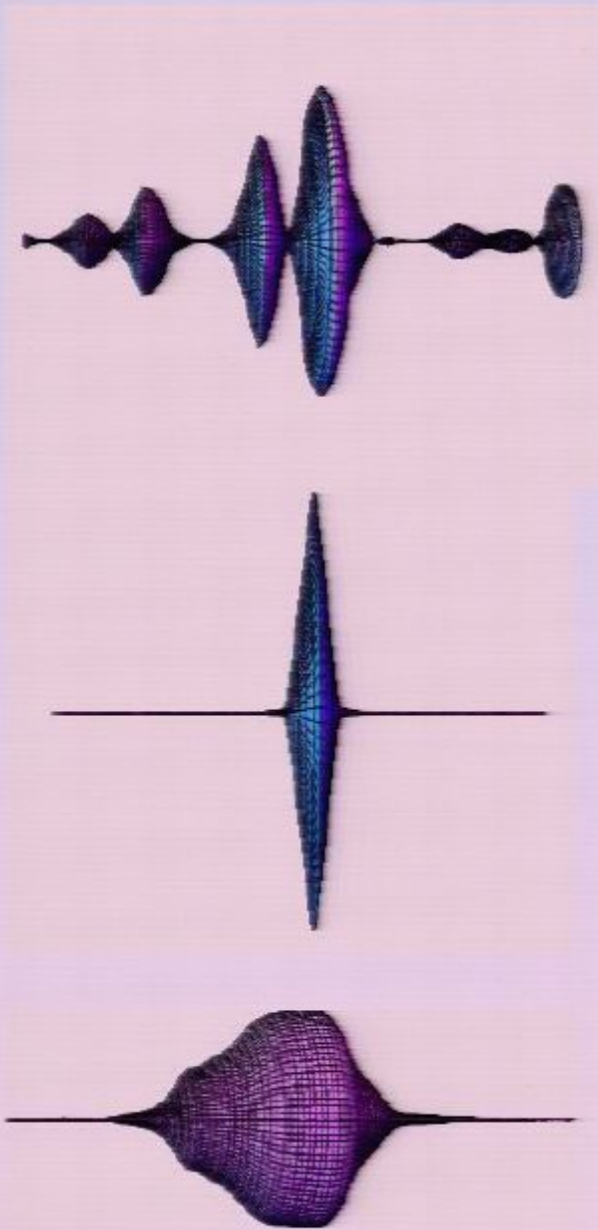


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We now have to choose a specific action ($a_t^2 = \tilde{\alpha} a_s^2$, $\tilde{\alpha} > 7/12$)

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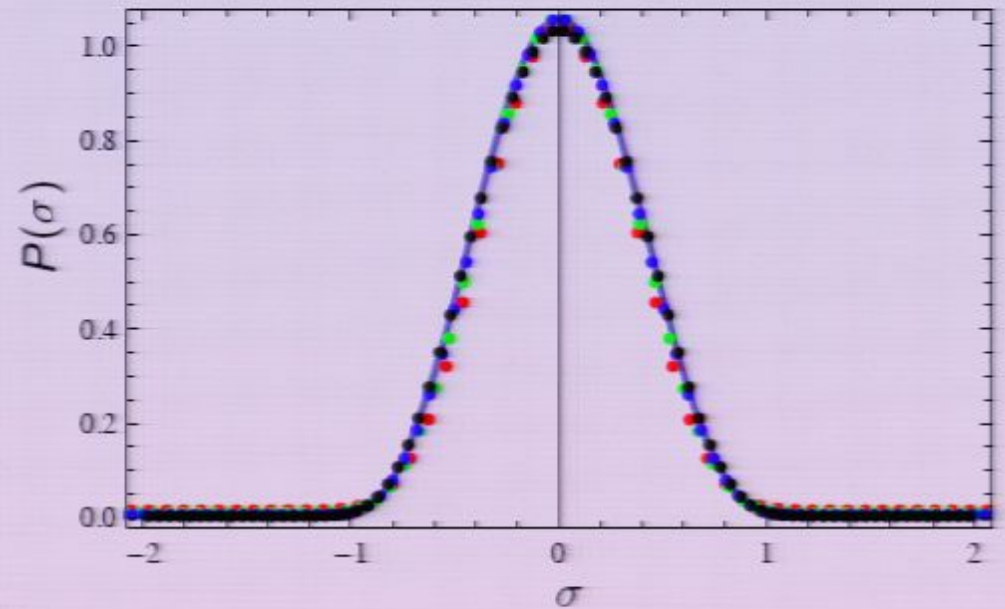
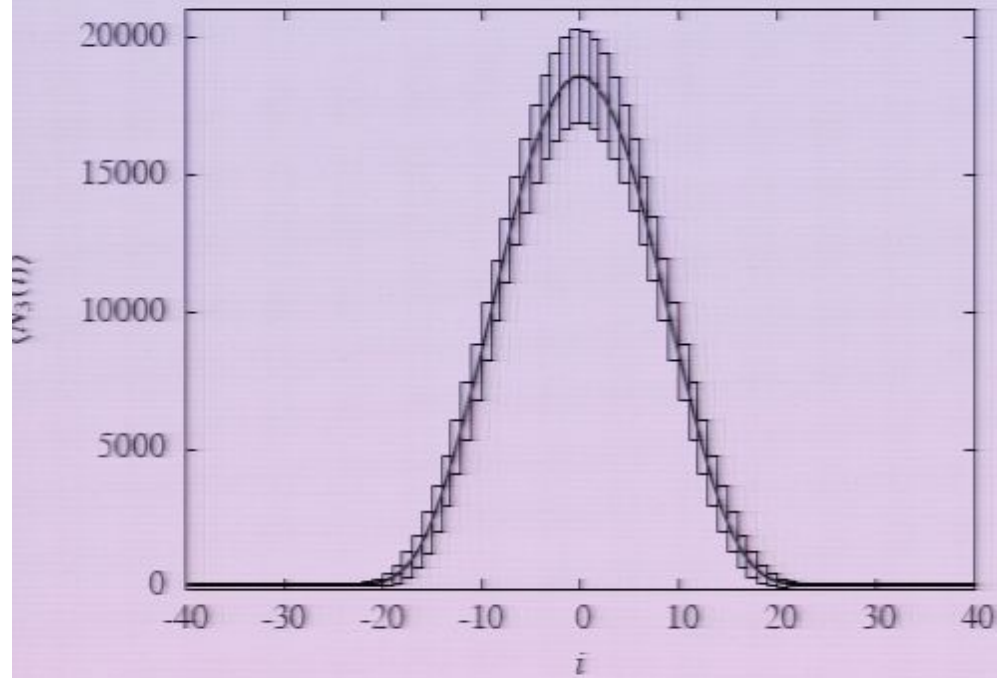


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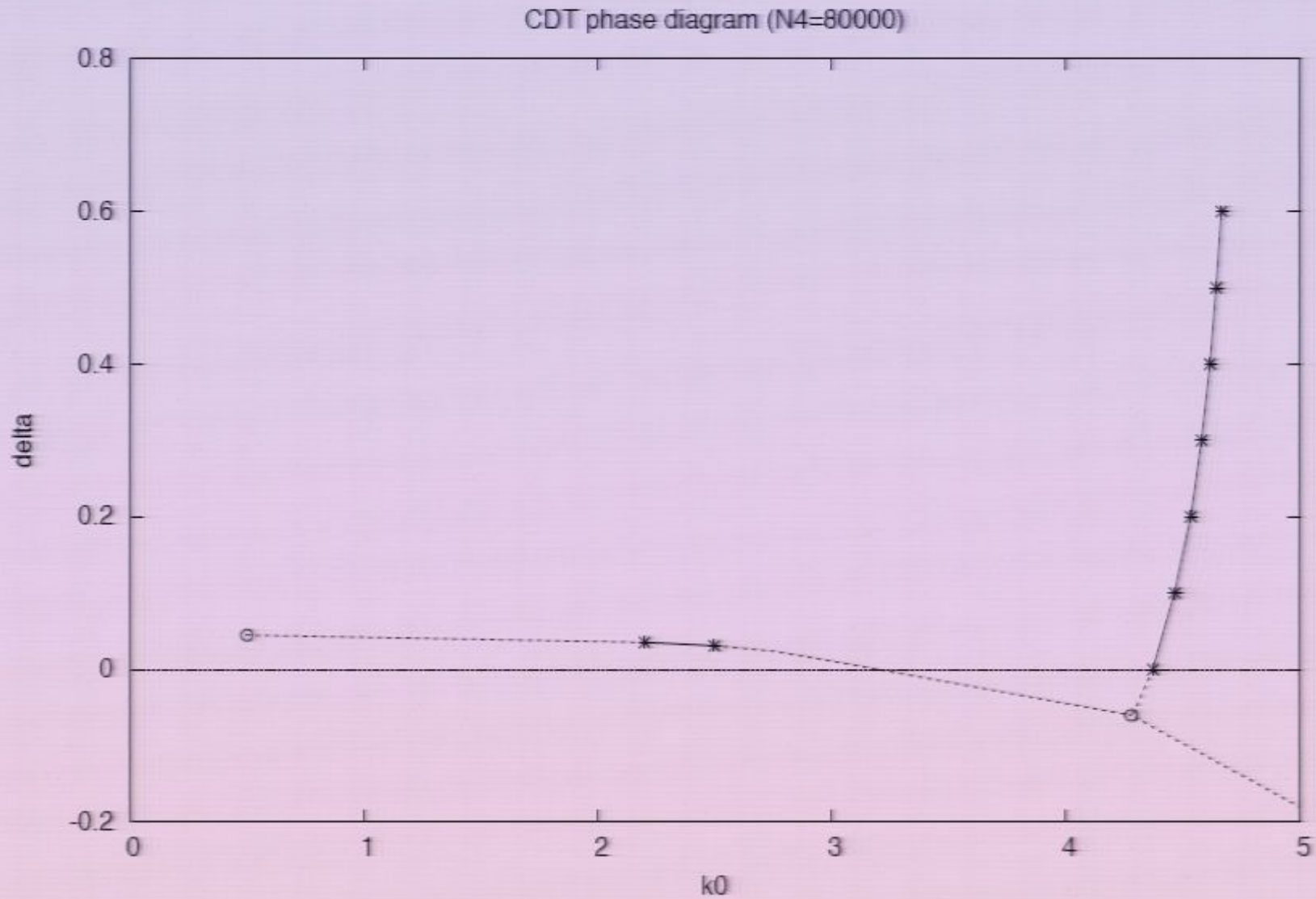
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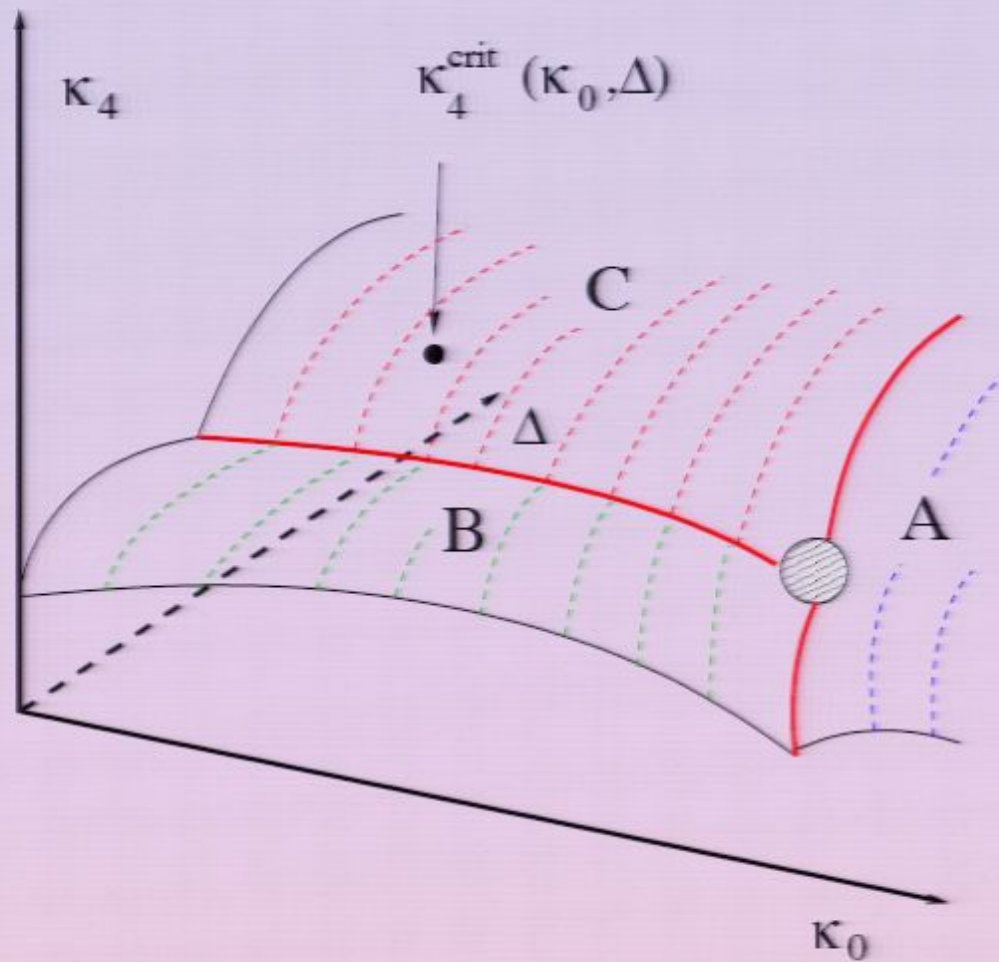
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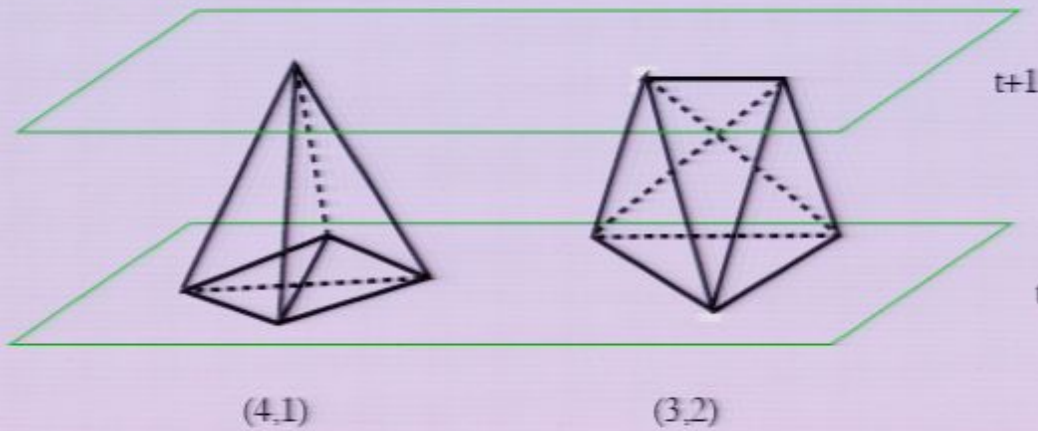
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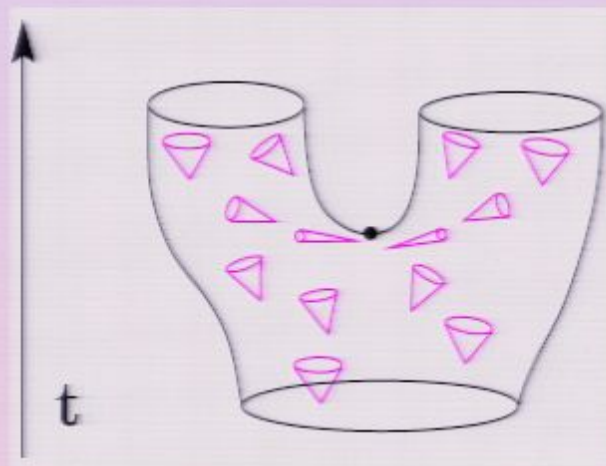


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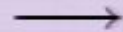




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