Geons as gravity balls

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    - Arbitrary local choices of coordinates do not affect observables – pure passive formulation

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  - Arguments/distances need to be invariants
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Systematic errors due to statistics, finite volume and discretization

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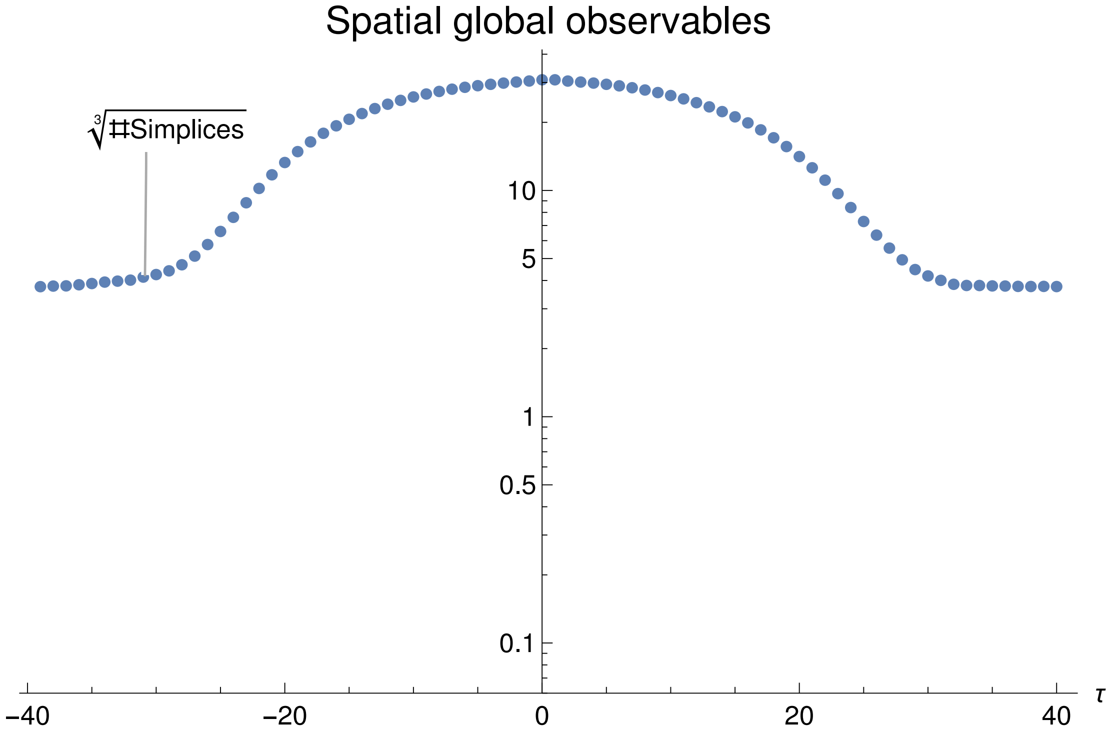

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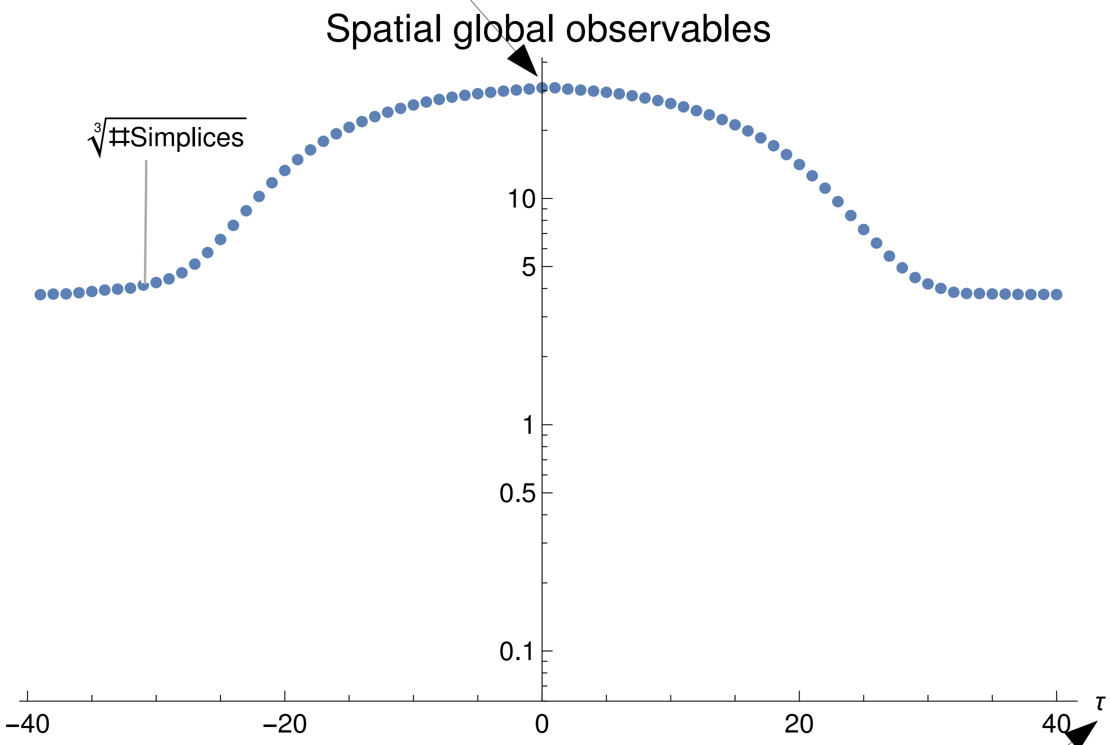

Cosmological time
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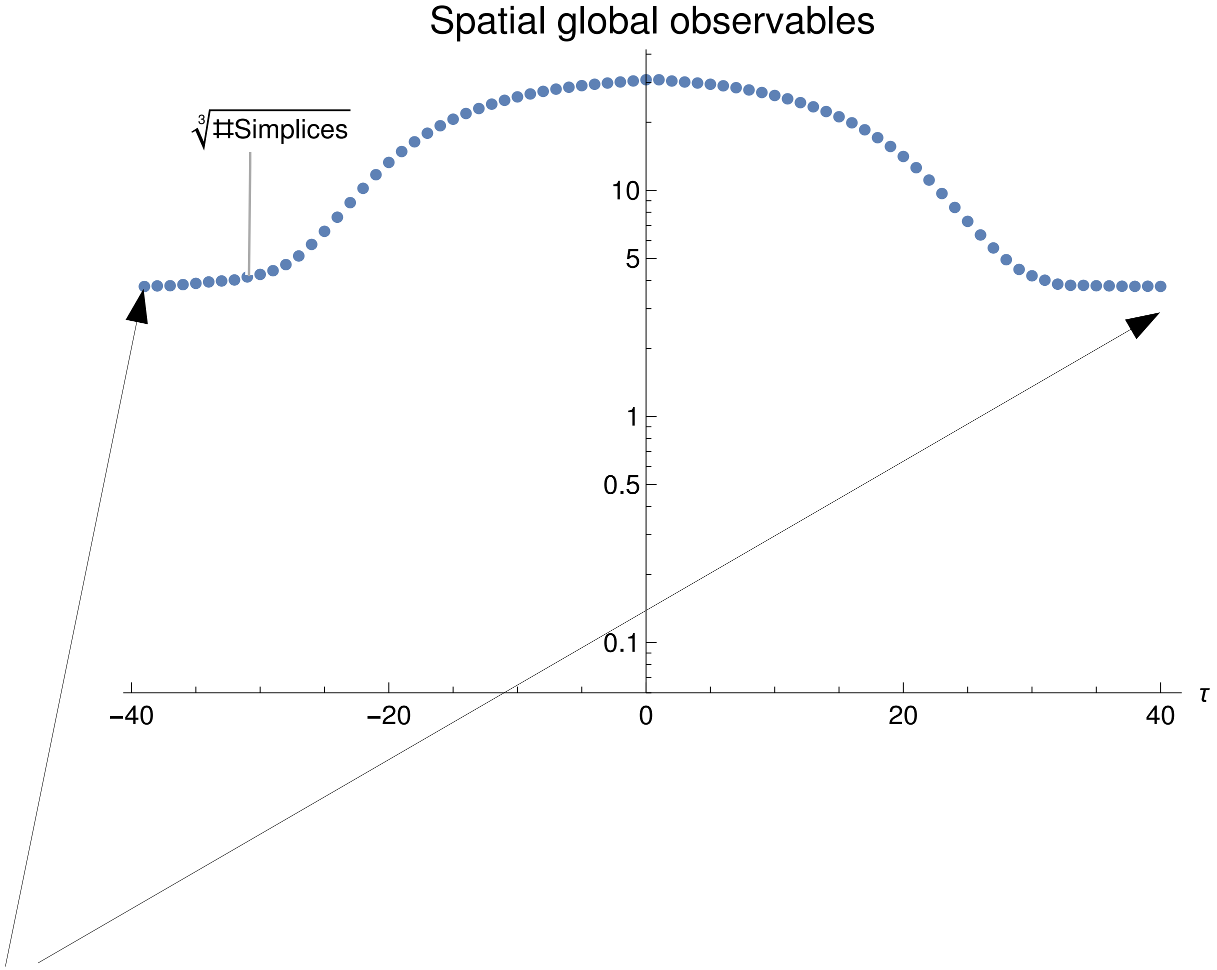

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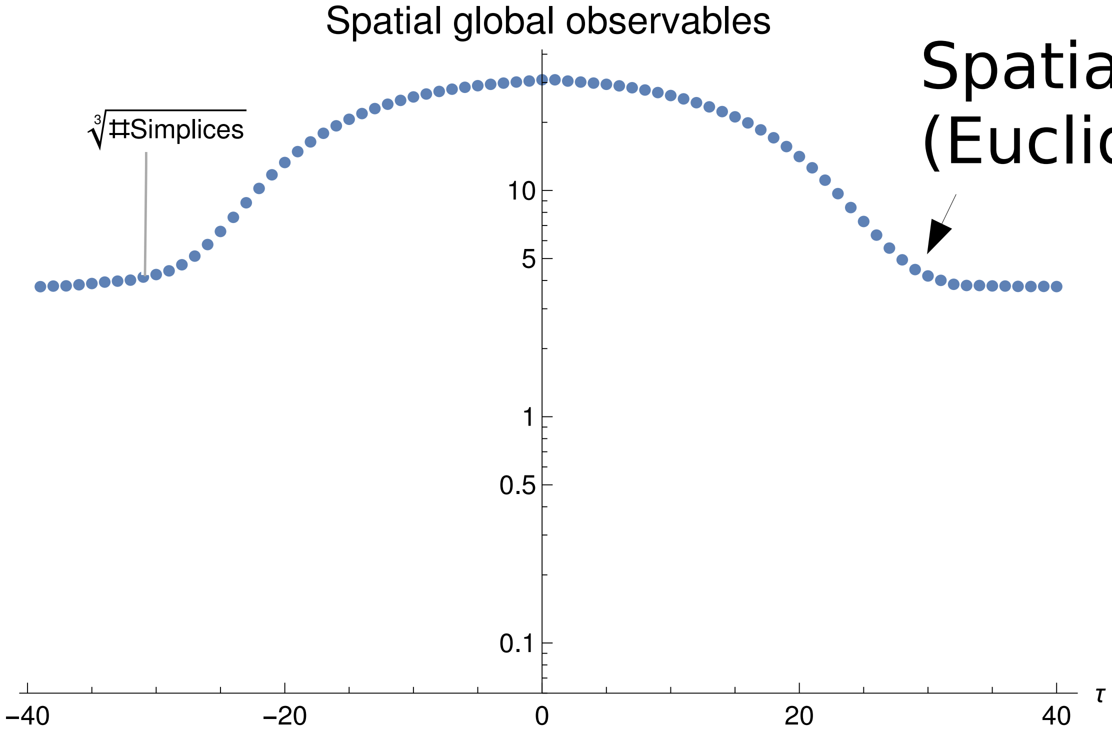

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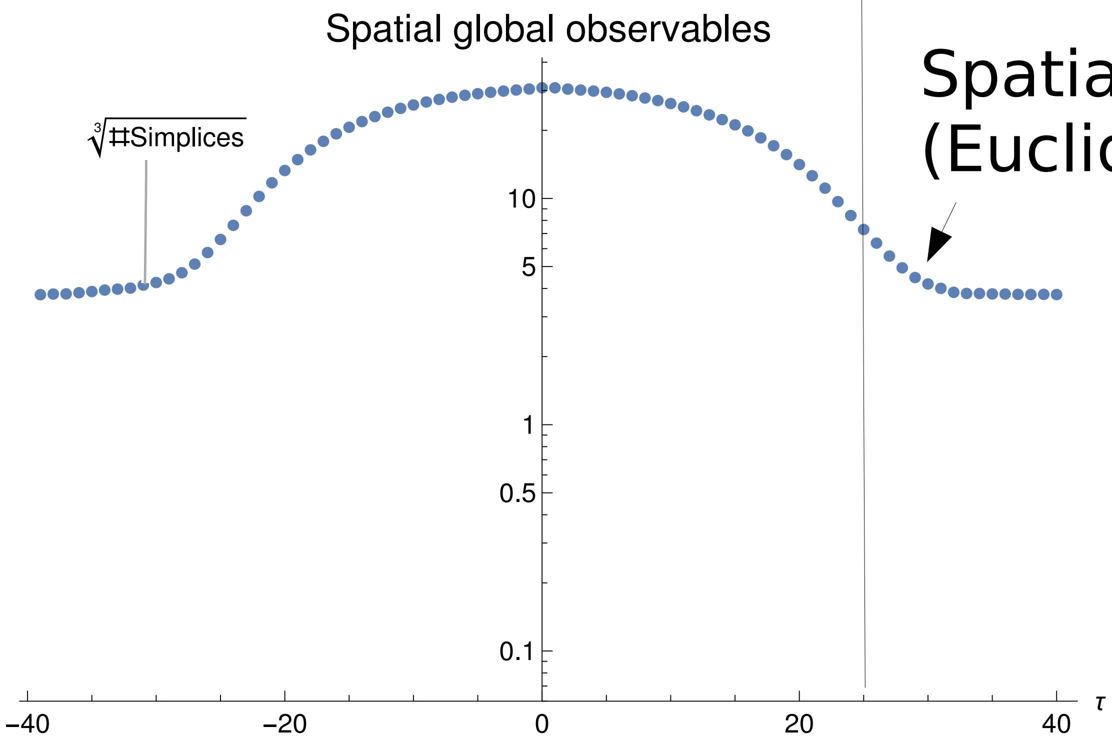

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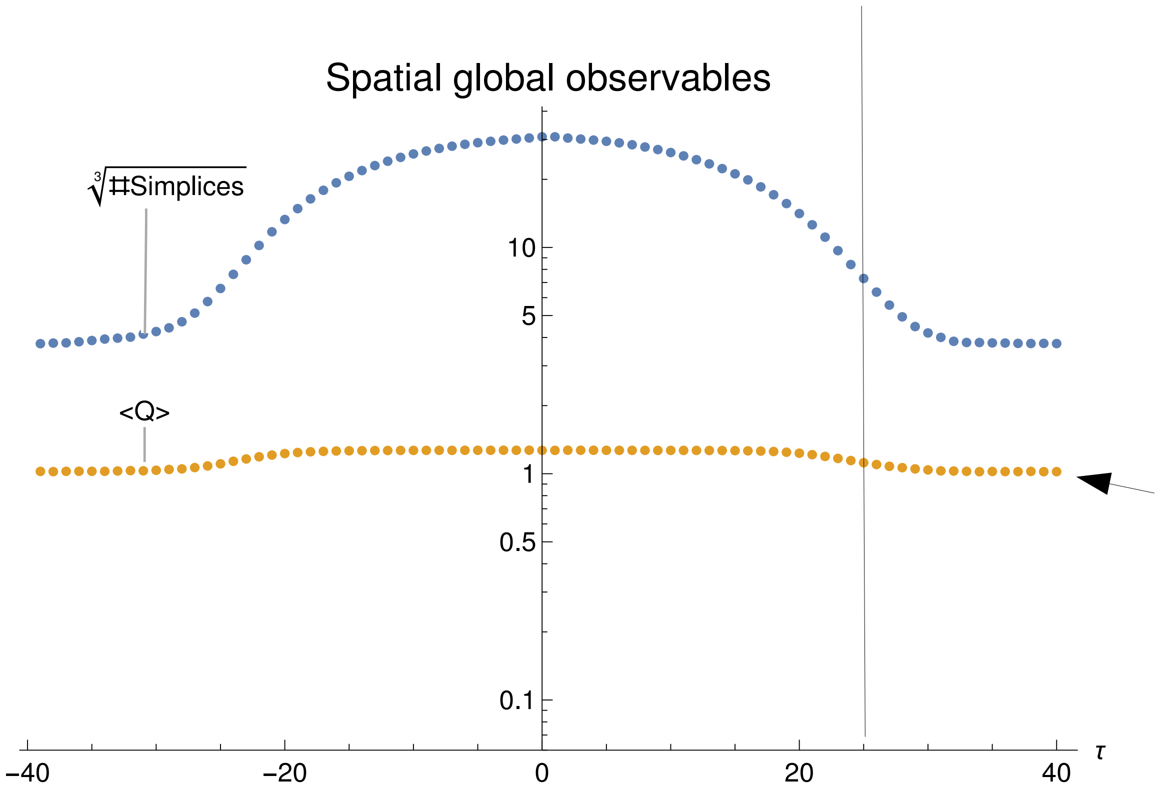

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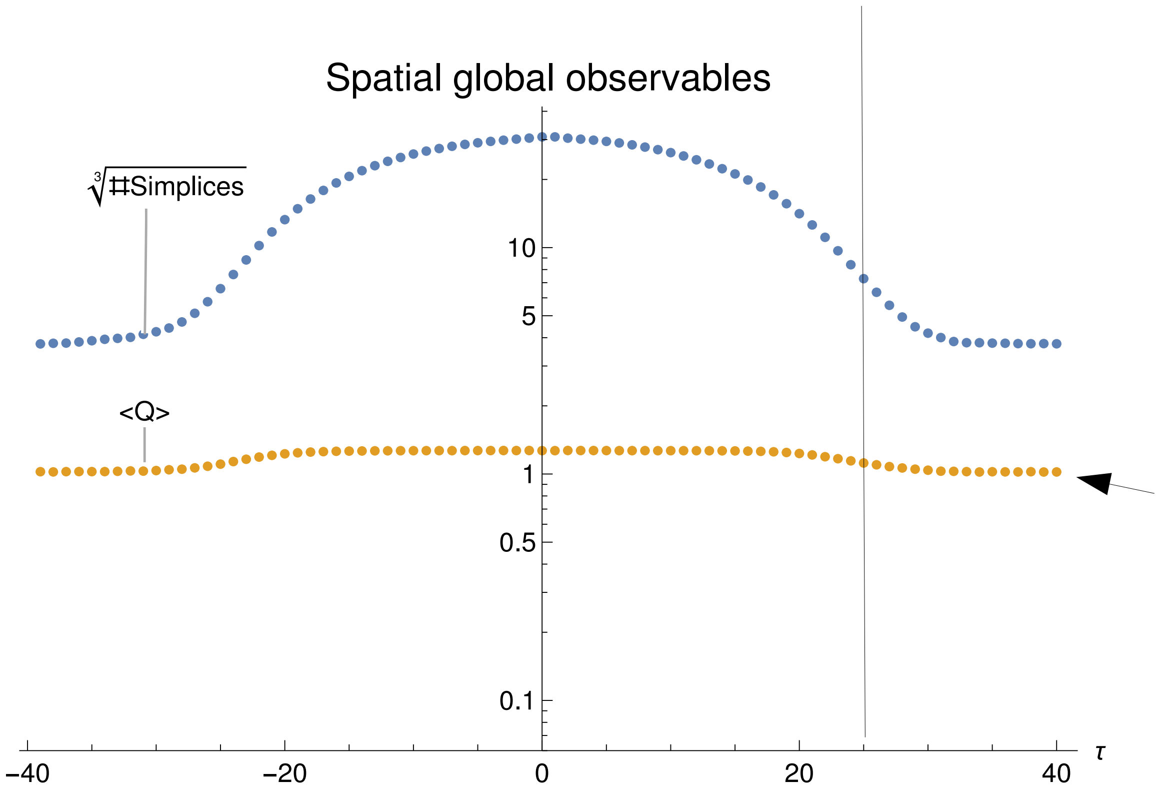

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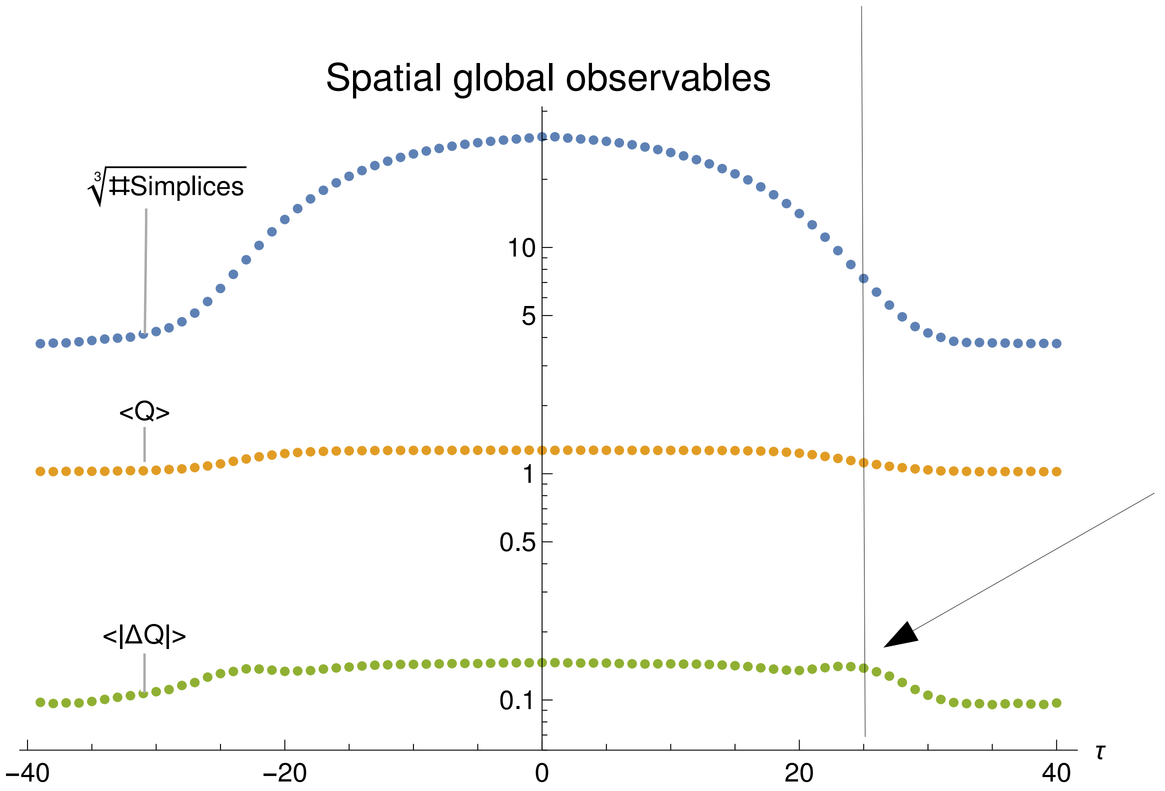

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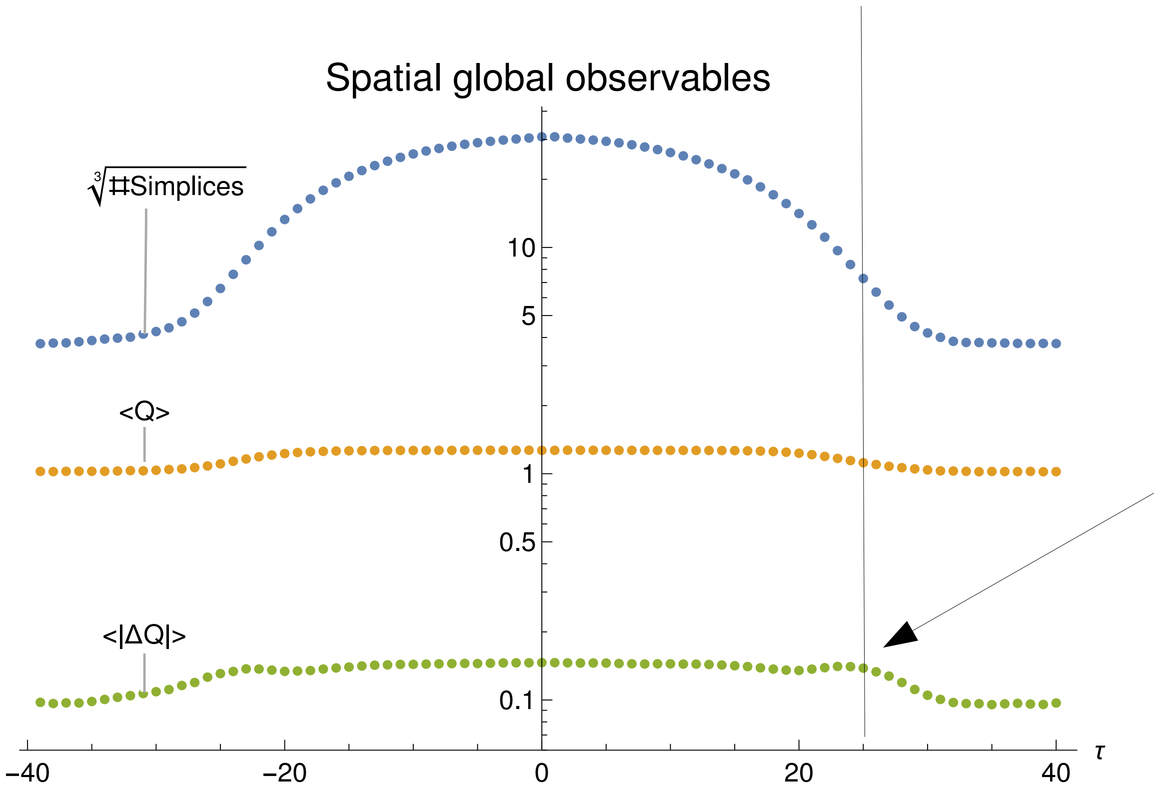

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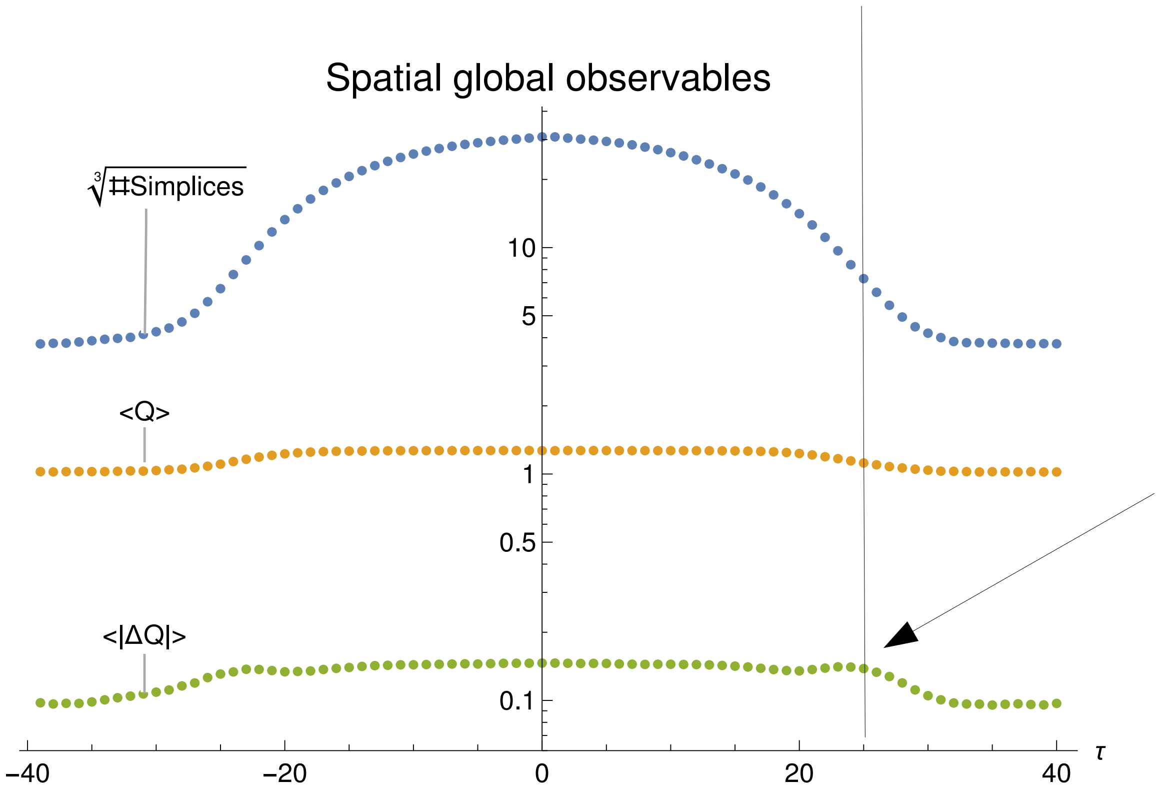

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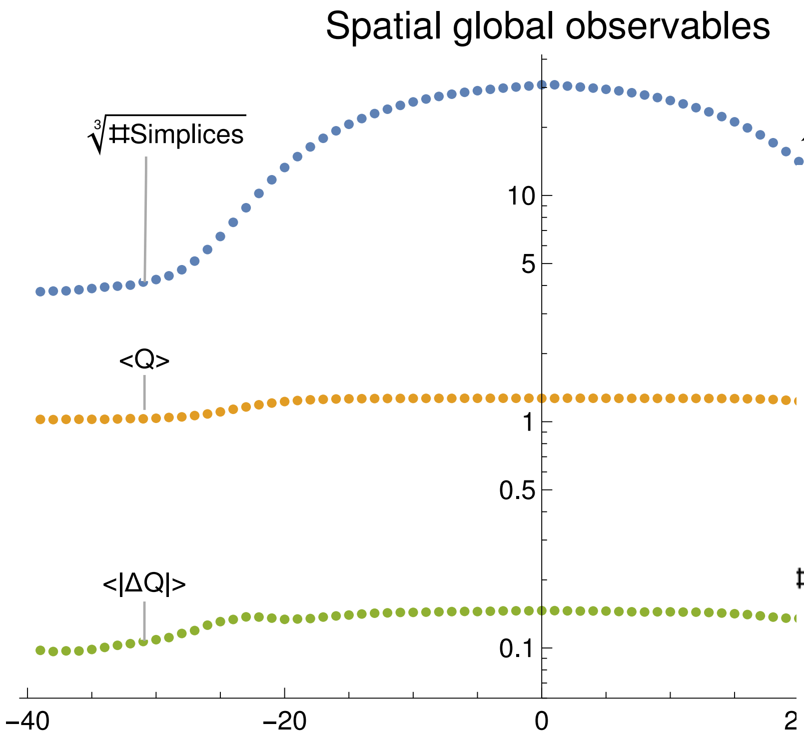

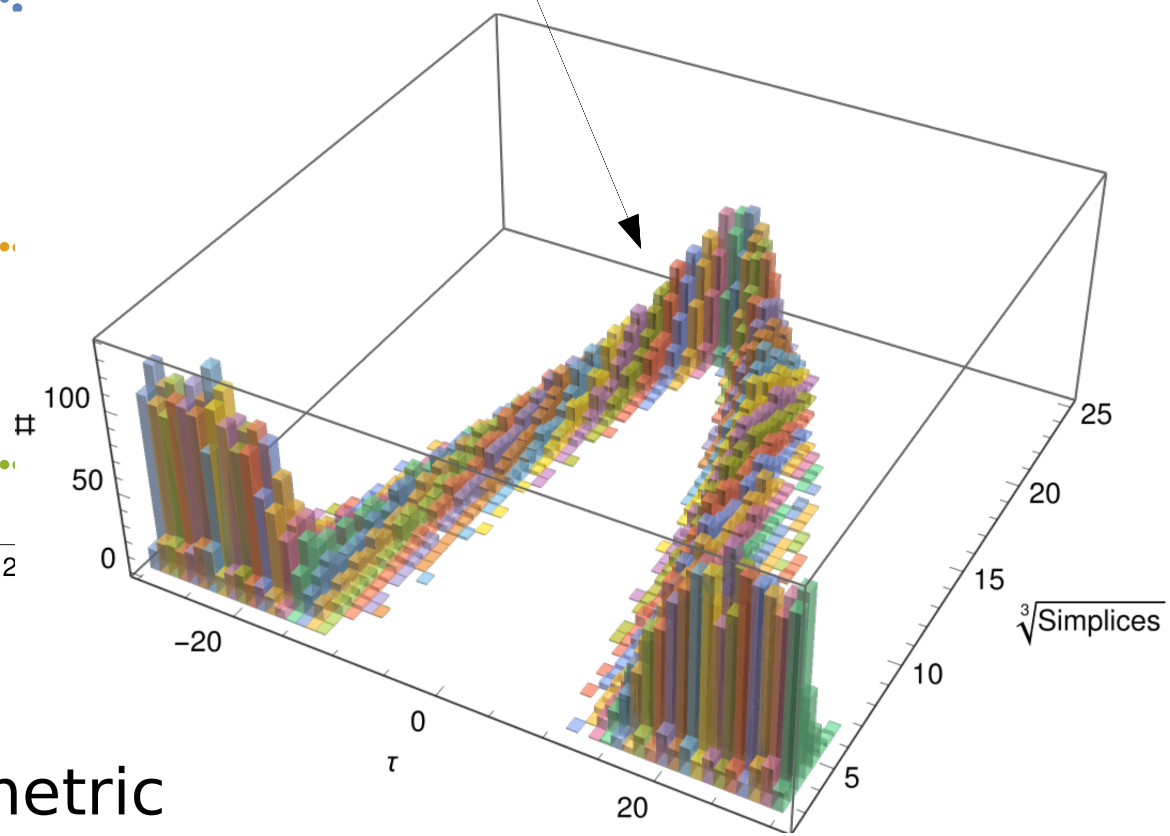

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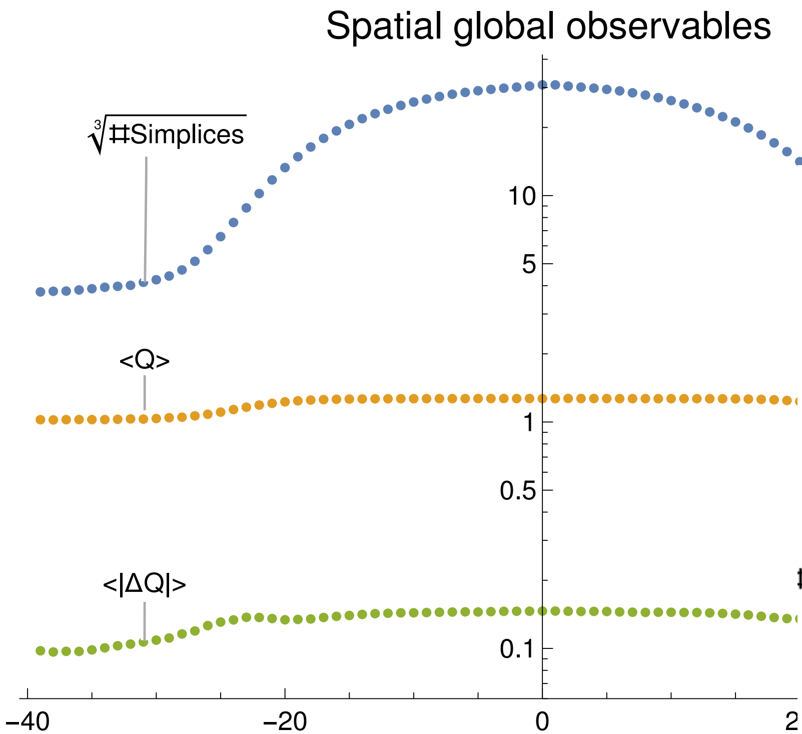

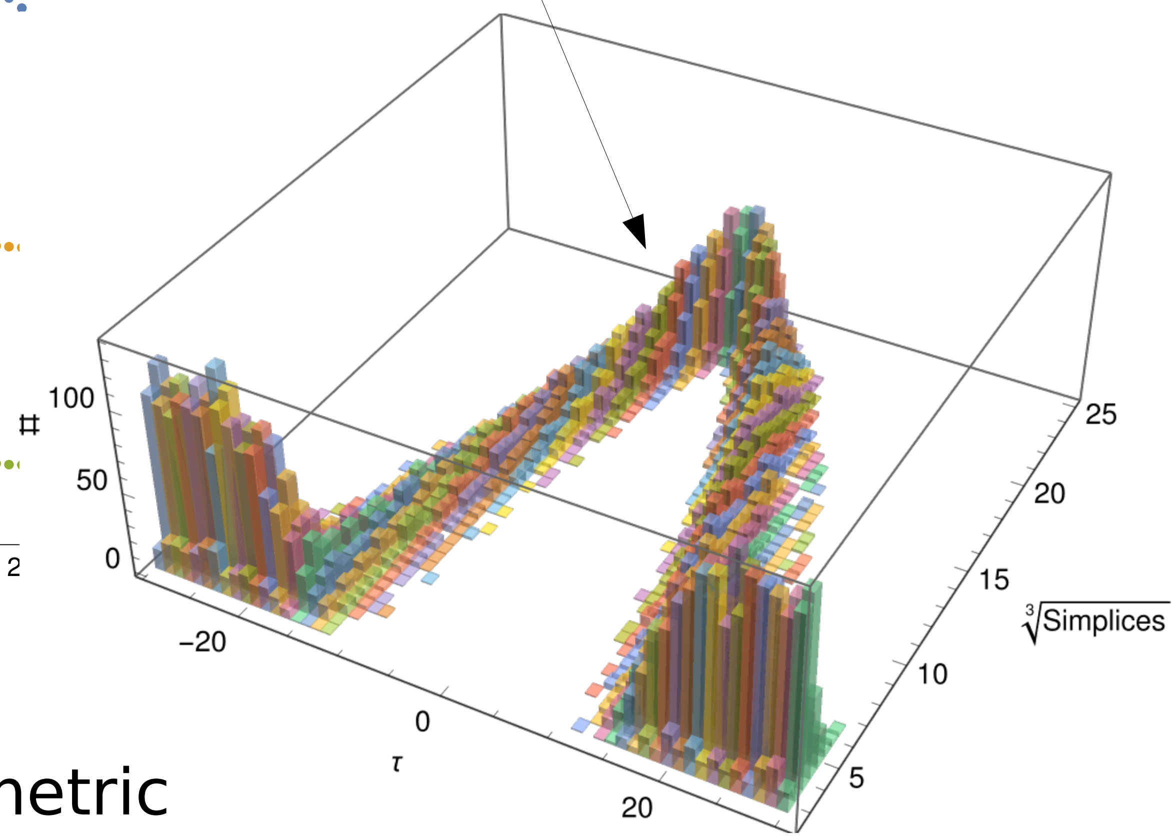

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A Brout-Englert-Higgs effect in quantum gravity! [Maas'19]

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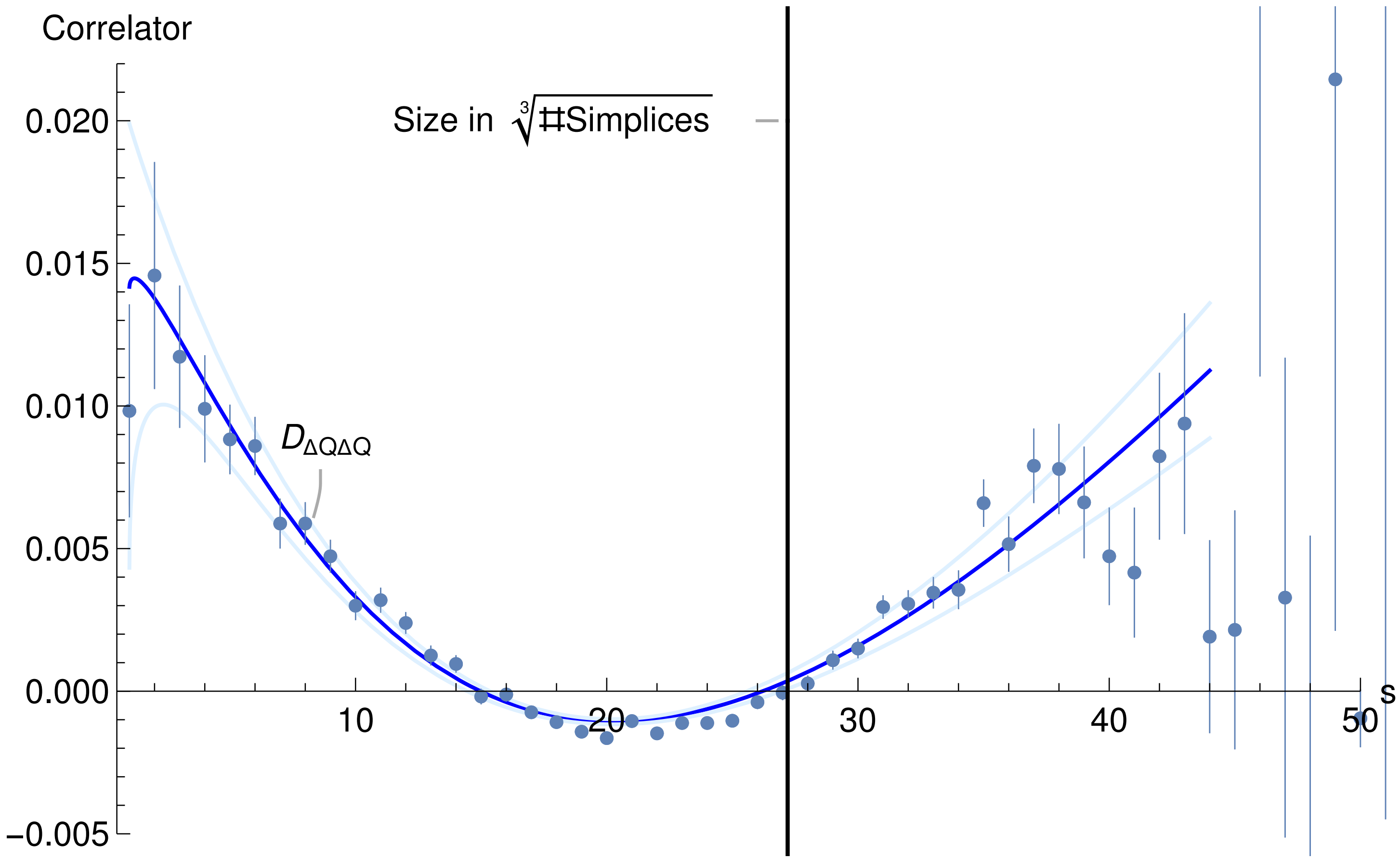

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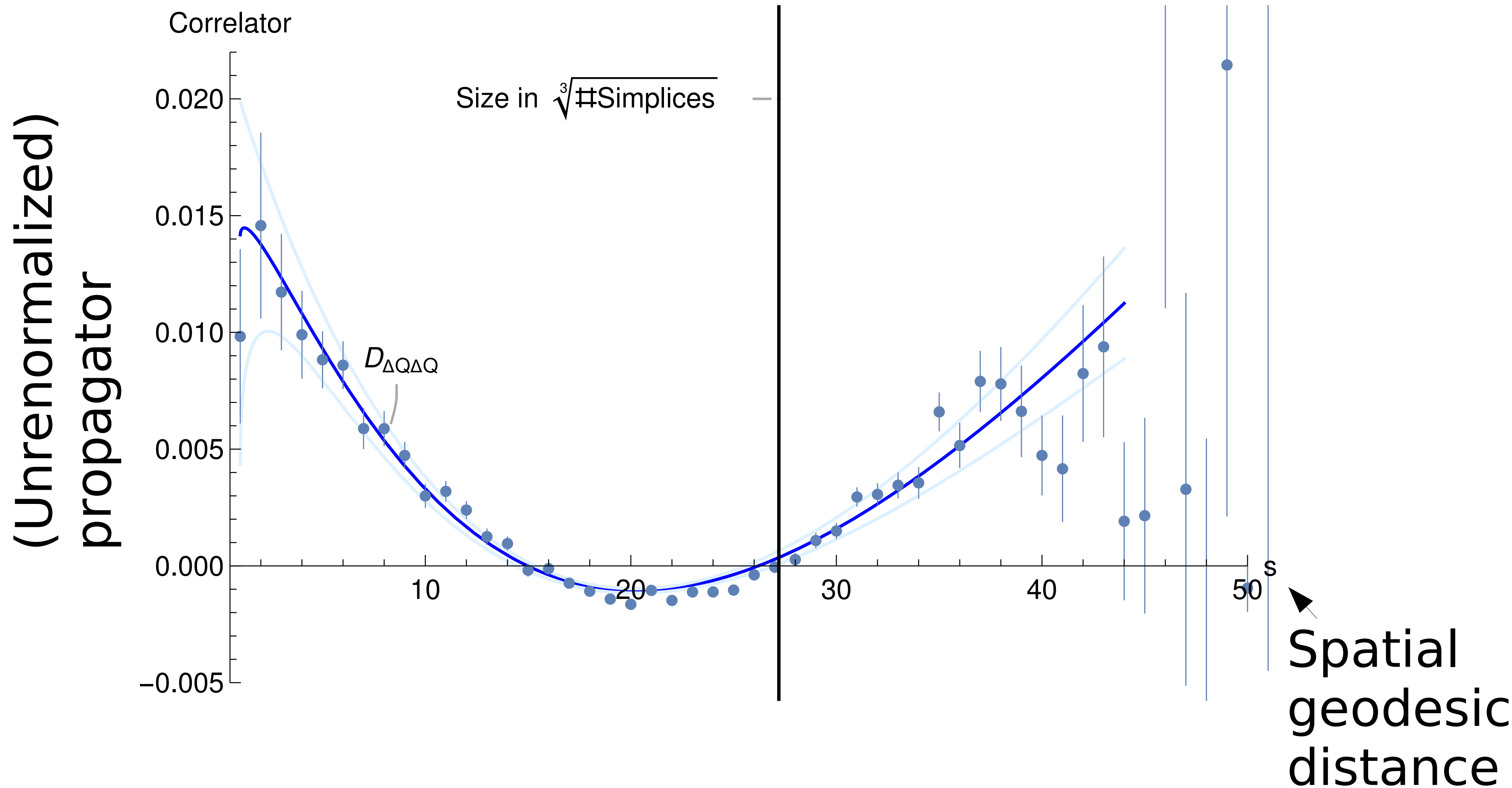

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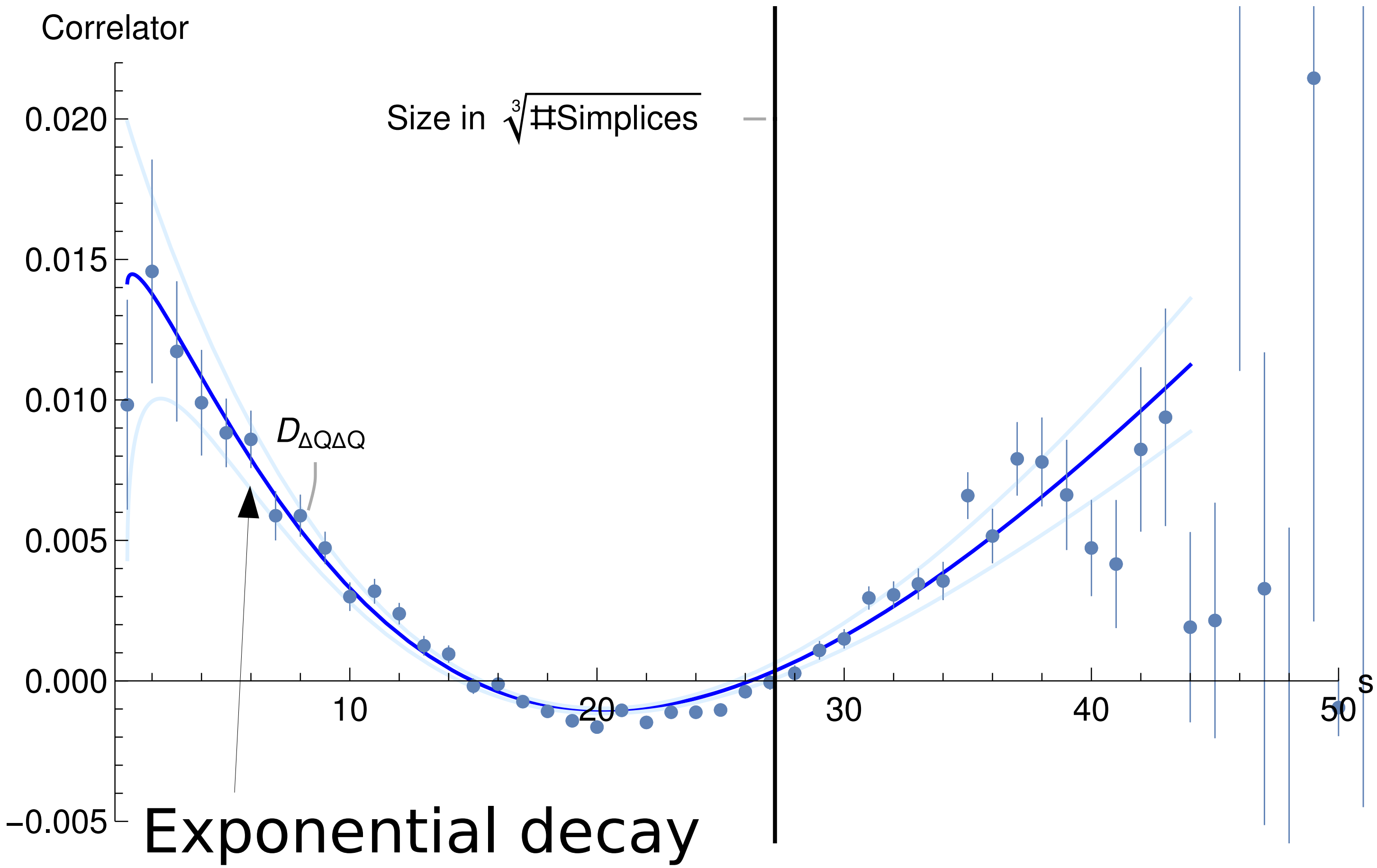

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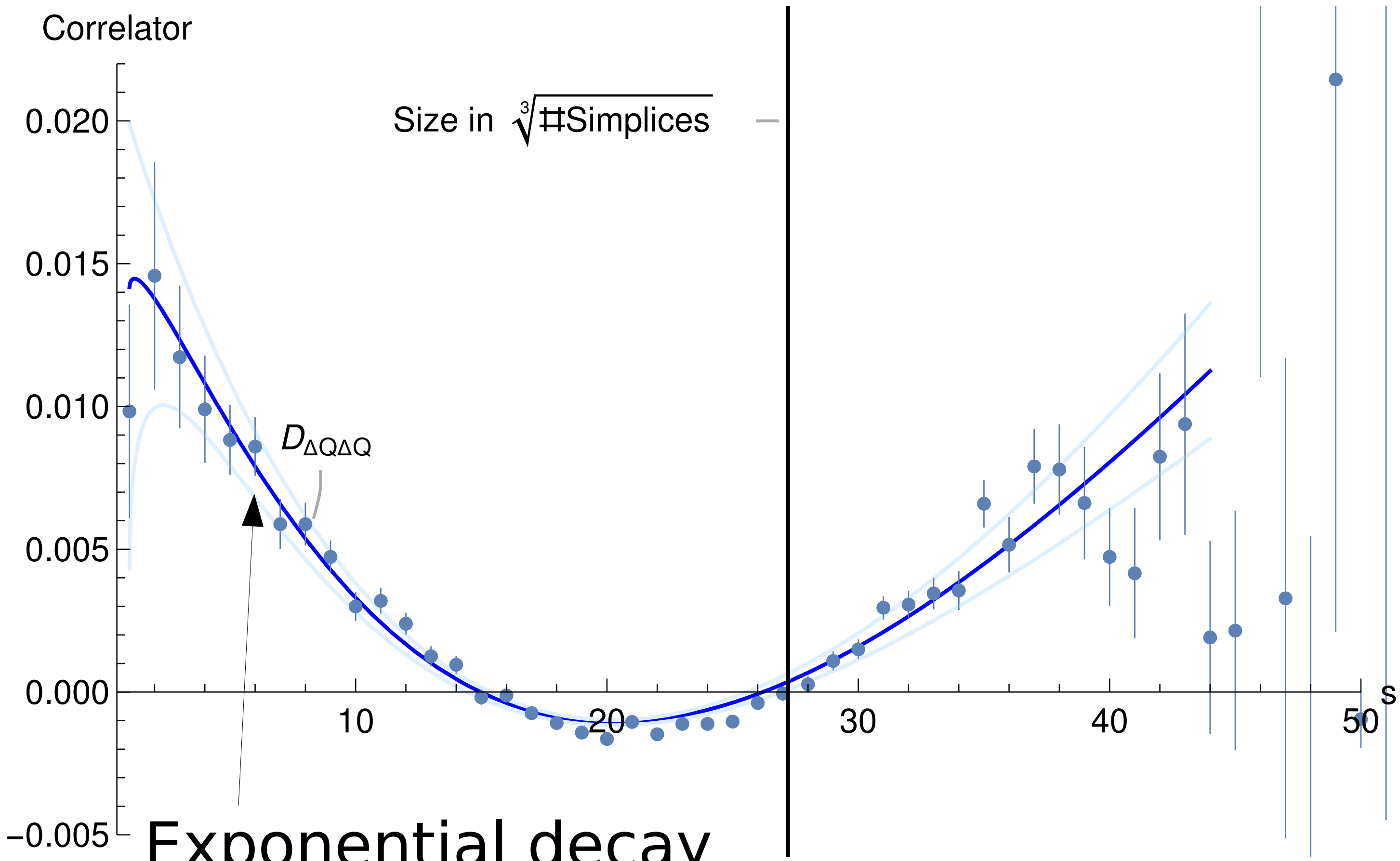

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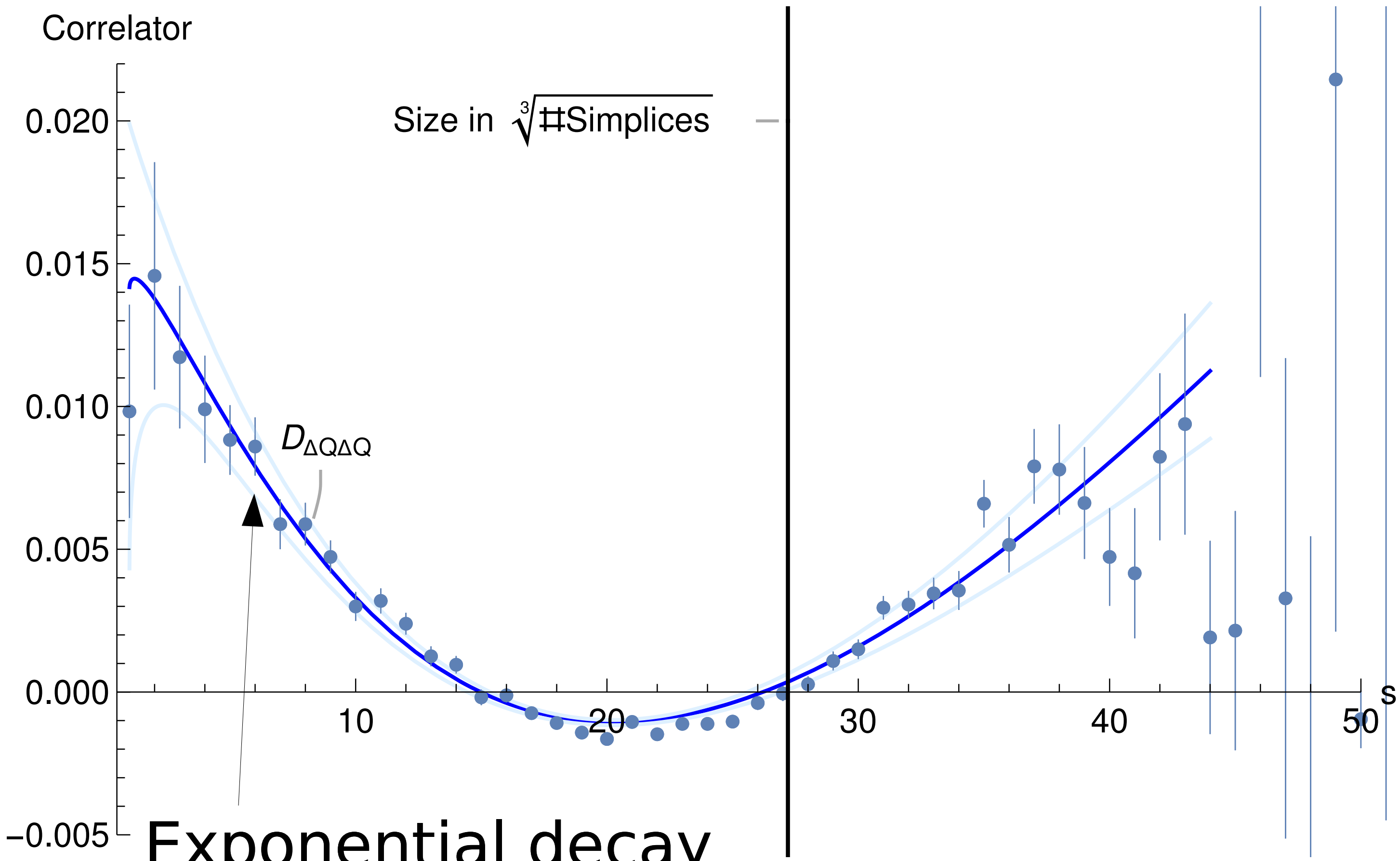

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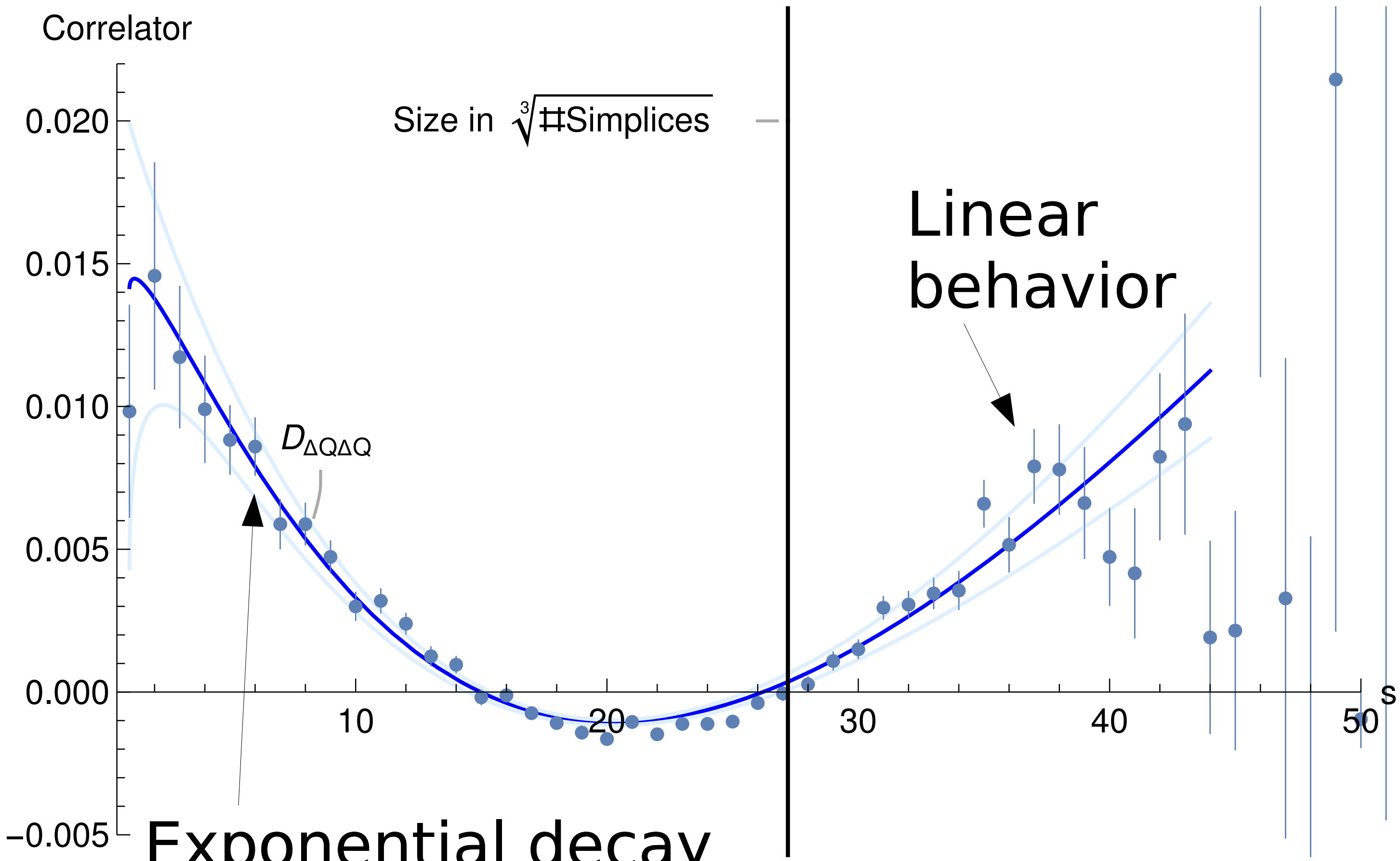

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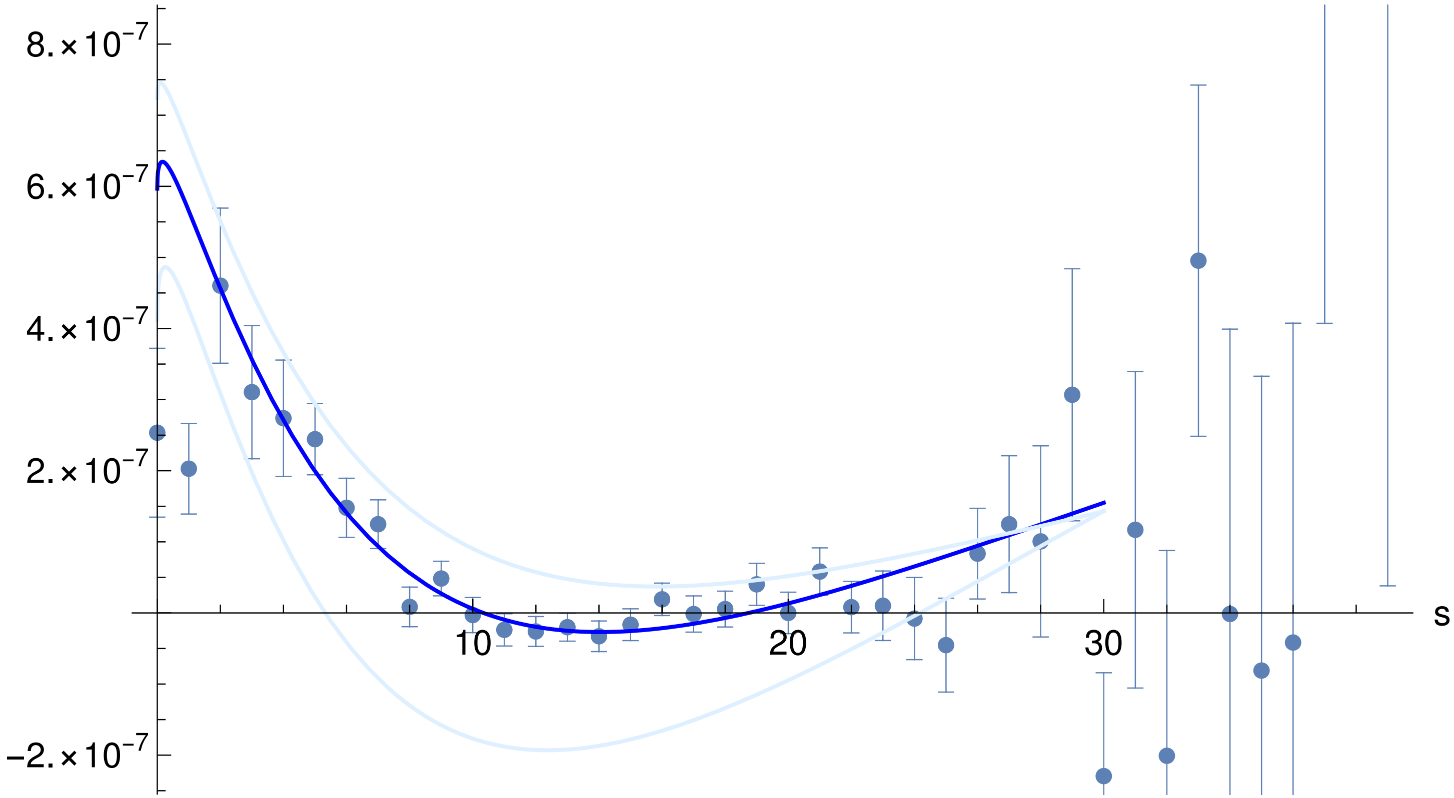

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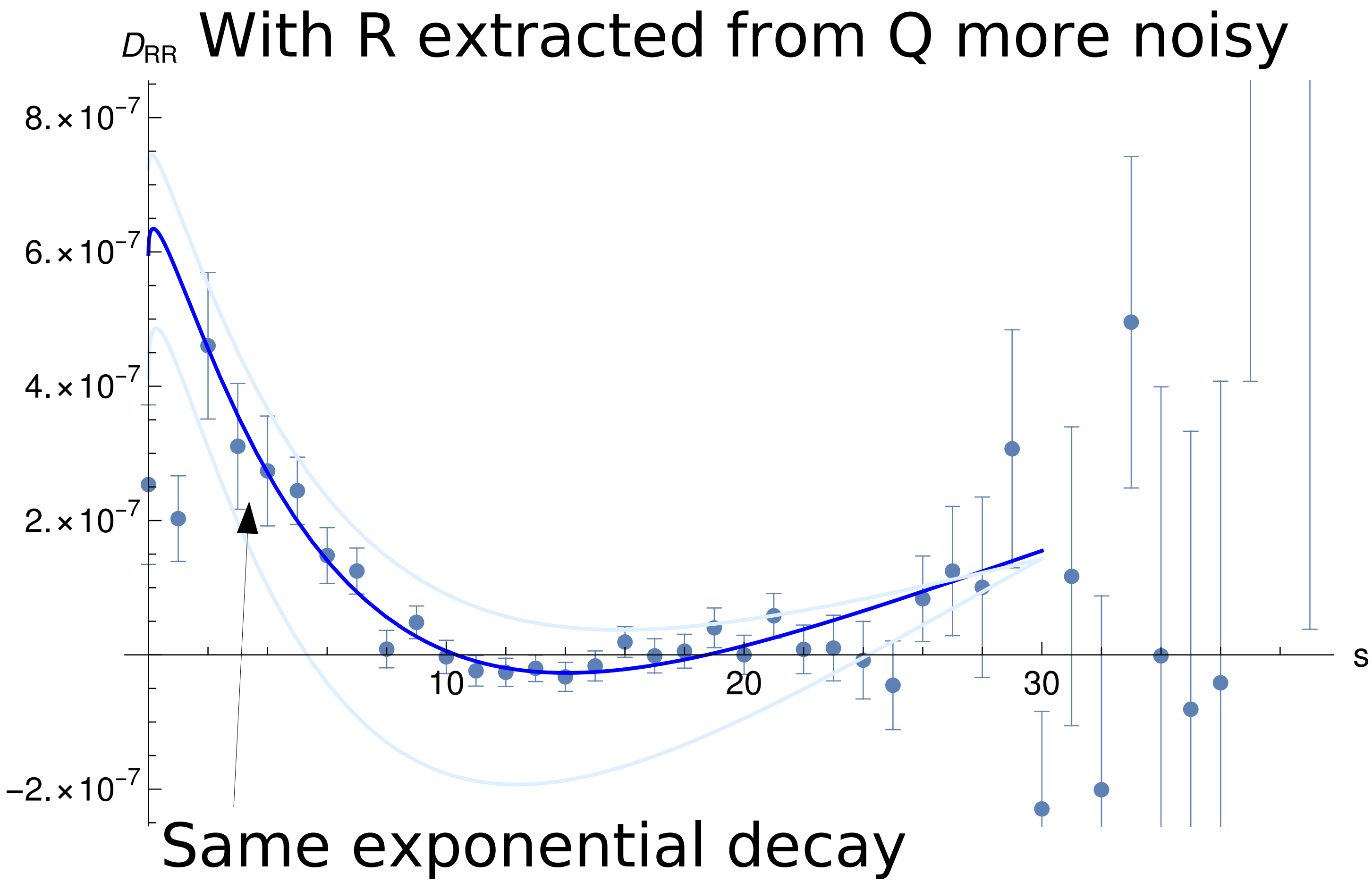

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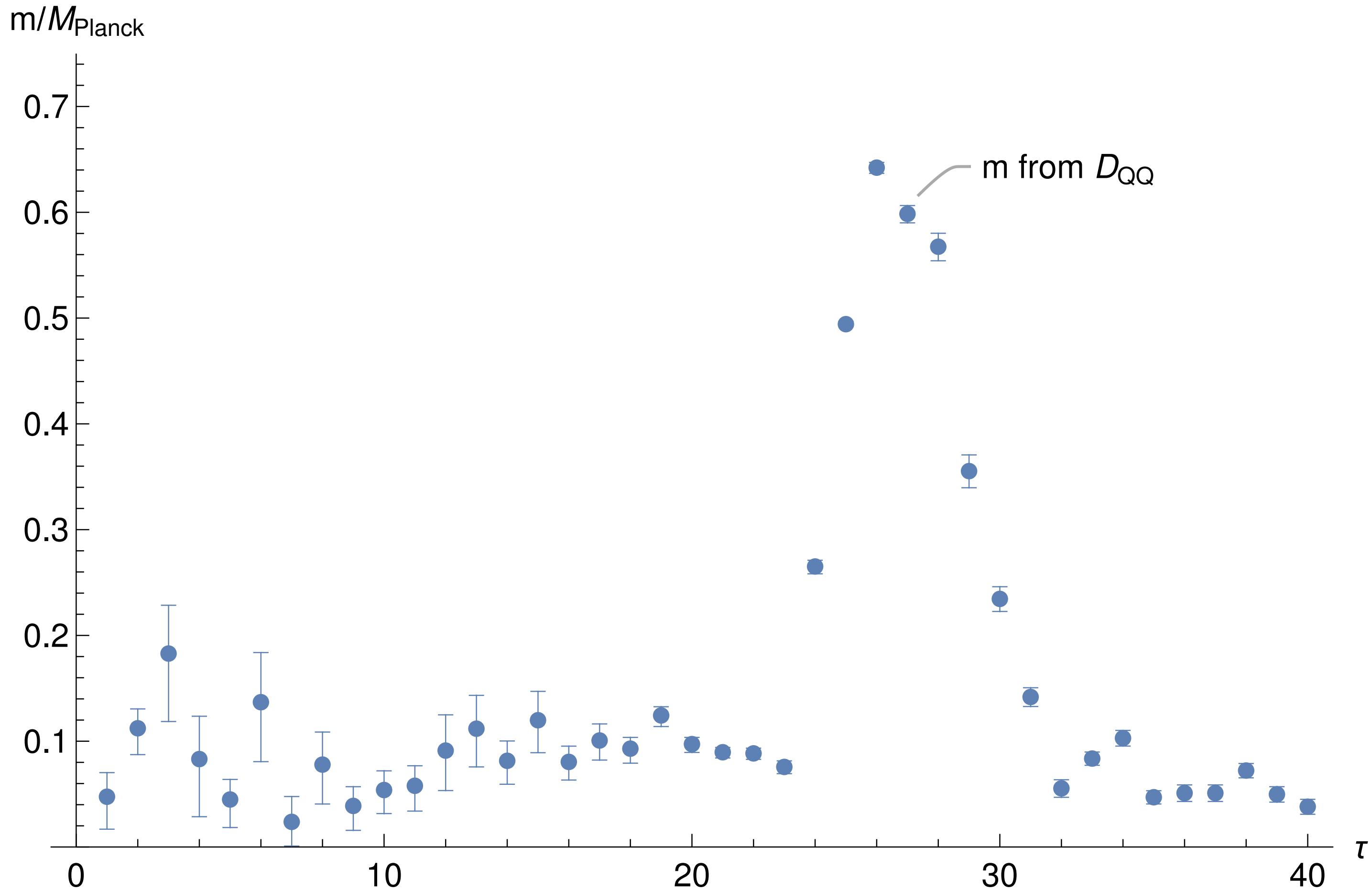

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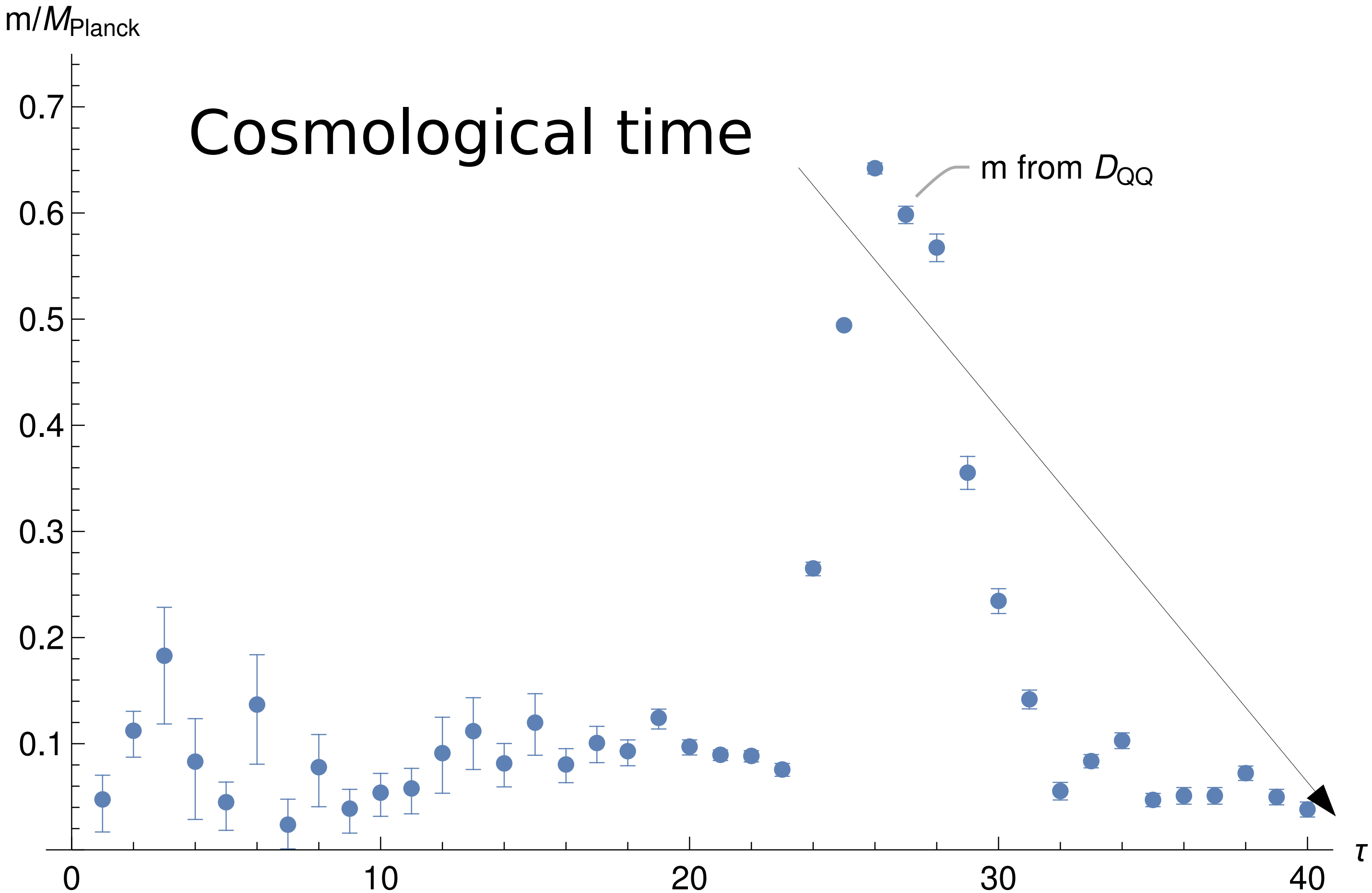

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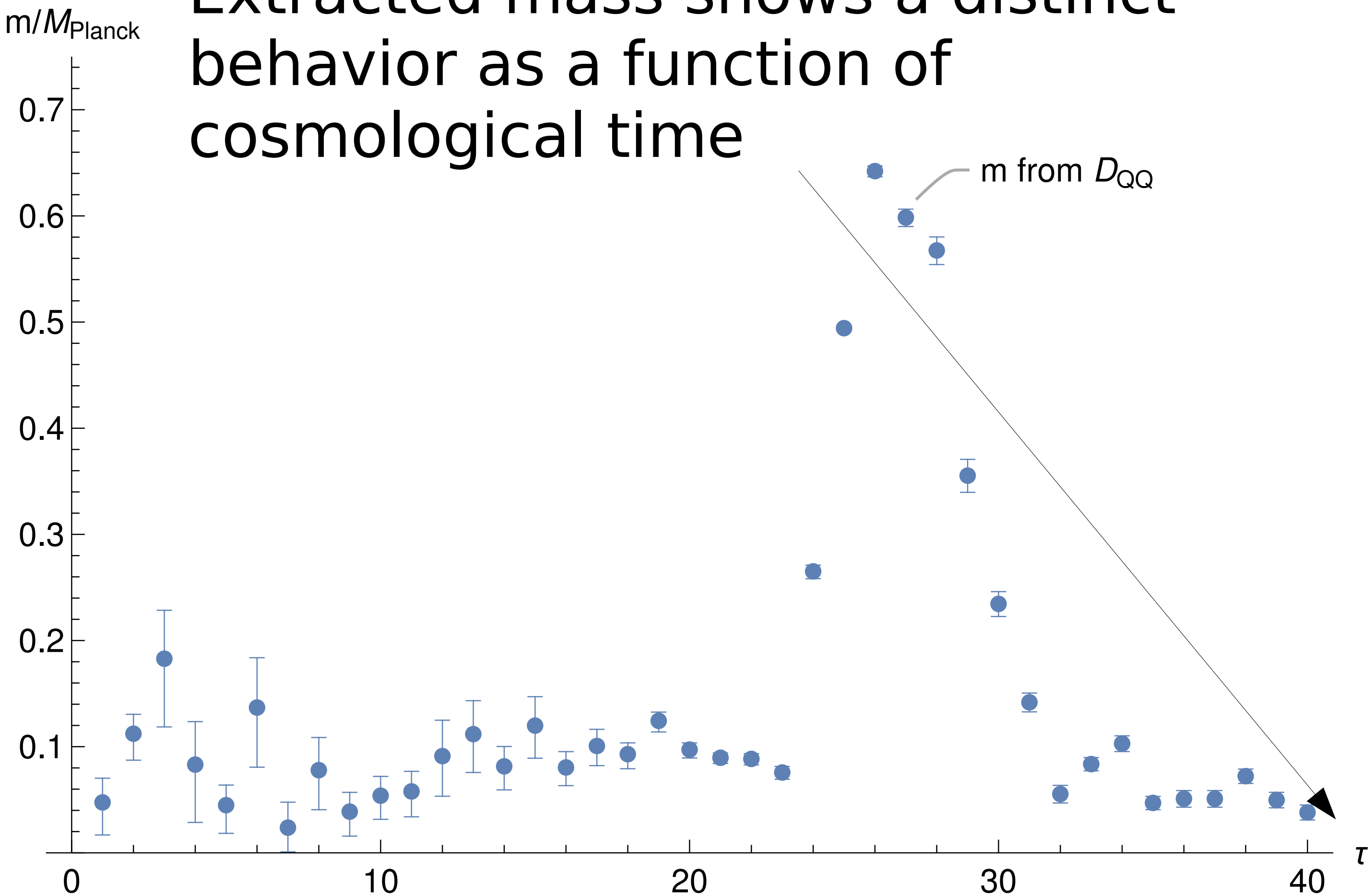

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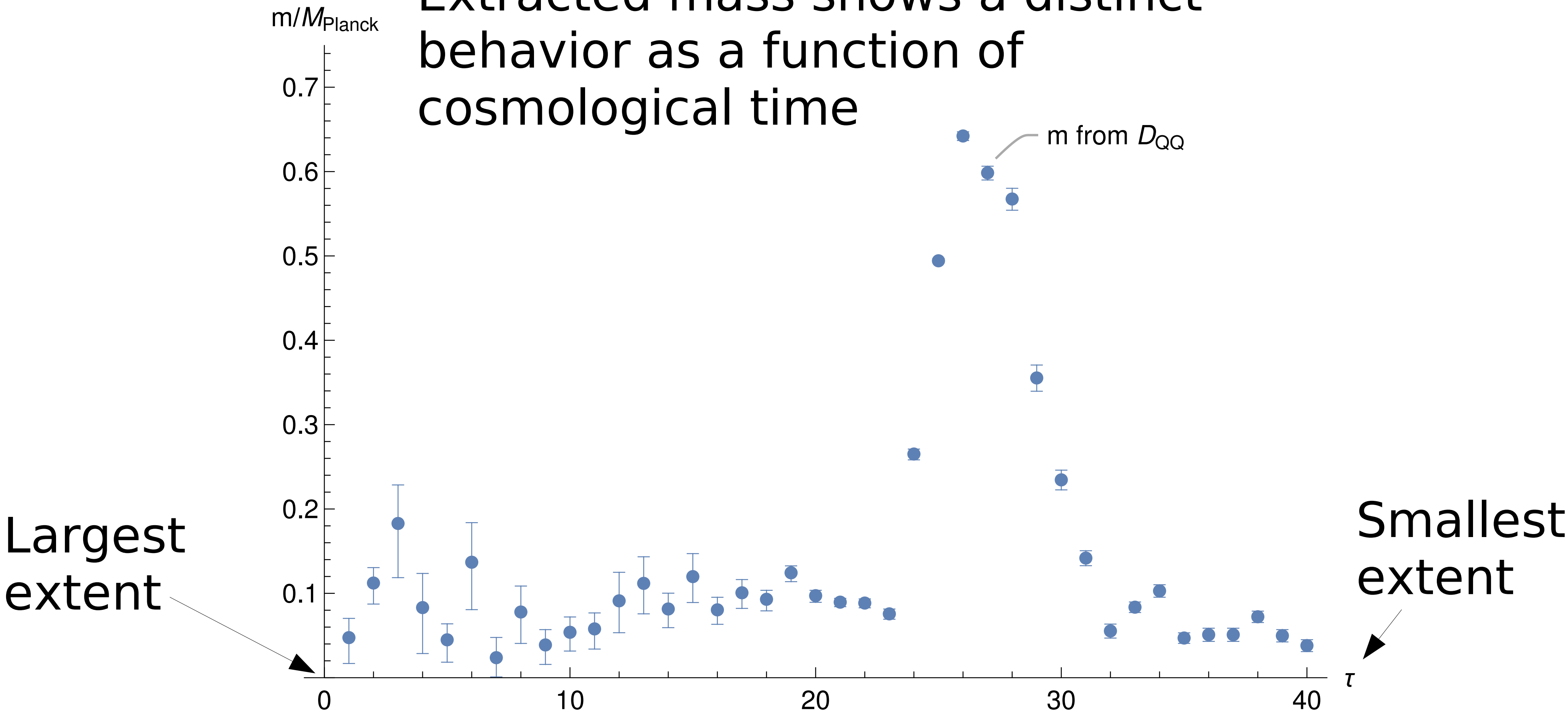

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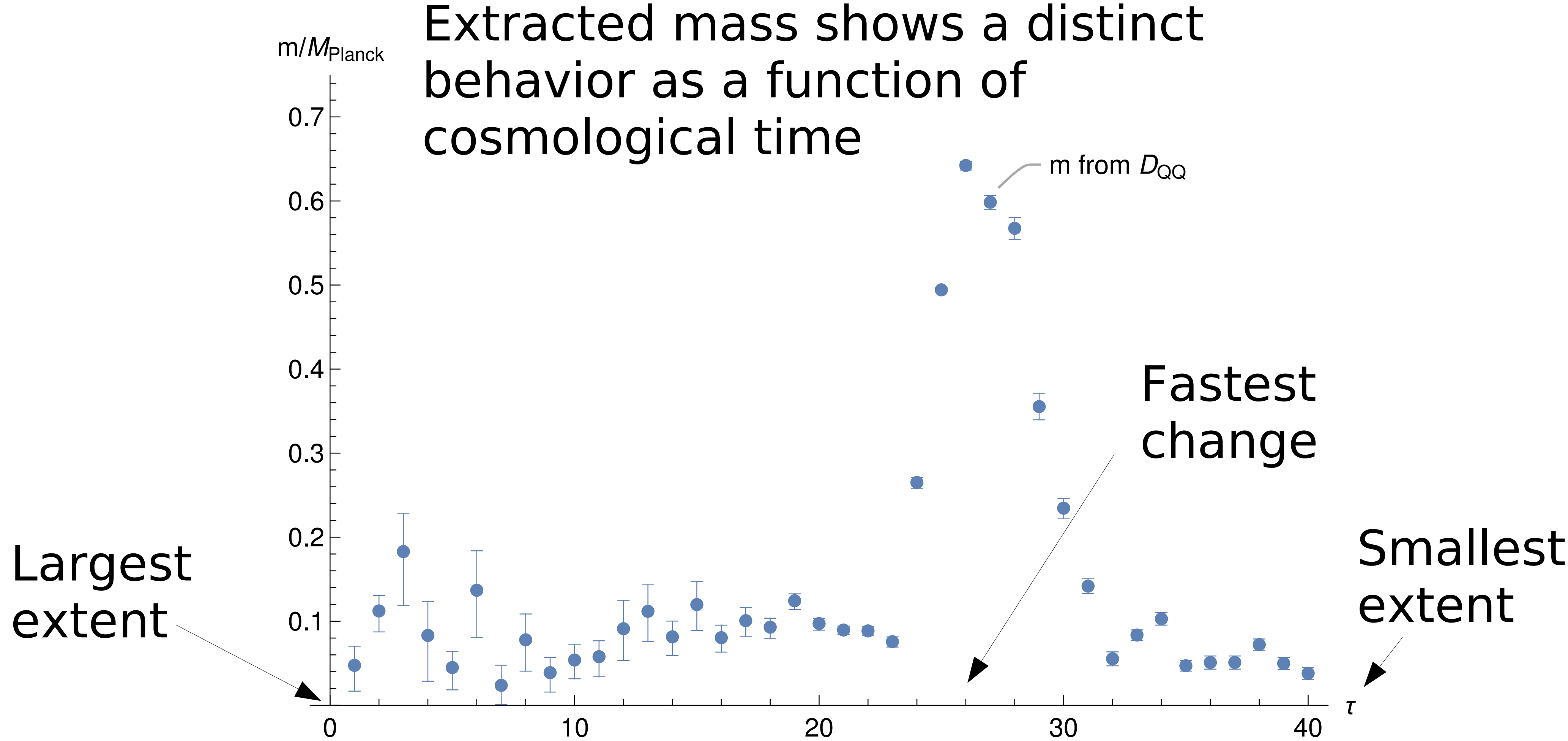

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- CDT simulations hints that these create reasonable physical degrees of freedom
  - Self-bound gravitons with a mass: Geons