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PHYSICS, STATISTICS, AND MACHINE LEARNING

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Menu of Topics

Statistical Topics

- probability, Bayes/Frequentist, Likelihood, transformation properties, correlation vs. mutual information, information geometry
- parameter estimation, bias/variance tradeoff, Cramér-Rao bound, James-Stein paradox
- Statistical Decision Theory
- Conceptual issues around Goodness of fit
- Hypothesis Testing, Neyman-Pearson, likelihood ratios
- Confidence intervals, coverage, Neyman Construction, Bayesian credible intervals, MCMC, CLs
- Systematics, profile-likelihood, asymptotic distributions
- Bayesian Posteriors, MCMC, and Variational Inference
- look-elsewhere effect, 1-d, 2-d, combination of experiments, ...
- unfolding, inverse problems, regularization, connection to Gaussian Processes & RBKH

Probabilistic Modeling of Data: Classical and Machine Learning versions

- clarification of “correlated systematic” confusion
- Scientific Narratives: Monte-Carlo template based, parametrized function, data-driven, ...
- Template approach & HistFactory, “experimental design”
- Kernel Density estimation
- Gaussian Processes & connection to unfolding
- neural density estimation, autoregressive models, normalizing flows
- the data manifold and auto-encoders, anomaly detection
- GANs and Variational Auto-encoders

ML ↔ Stats correspondence

- goodness of fit ↔ anomaly detection
- Hypothesis Testing ↔ classifiers
- parameter estimation ↔ regression (and neural networks as function approximations)
- statistical decision theory ↔ reinforcement learning
- Systematics: Learning to Profile and Learning to Pivot
- credible intervals with Bayesian neural networks & Gaussian Processes
- Auto-encoding variational Bayes

ML-based Likelihood-free approaches

- Kernel Density estimation
- Cox Process & Gaussian Processes <https://arxiv.org/abs/1709.05681>
- likelihood ratios from classifiers & parametrized learning
- conditional density estimation: autoregressive models, normalizing flows
- the data manifold and auto-encoders, anomaly detection
- Approximate Bayesian Computation
- Probabilistic Programming
- GANs and Variational Auto-encoders
- Adversarial Variational Optimization

Black box optimization

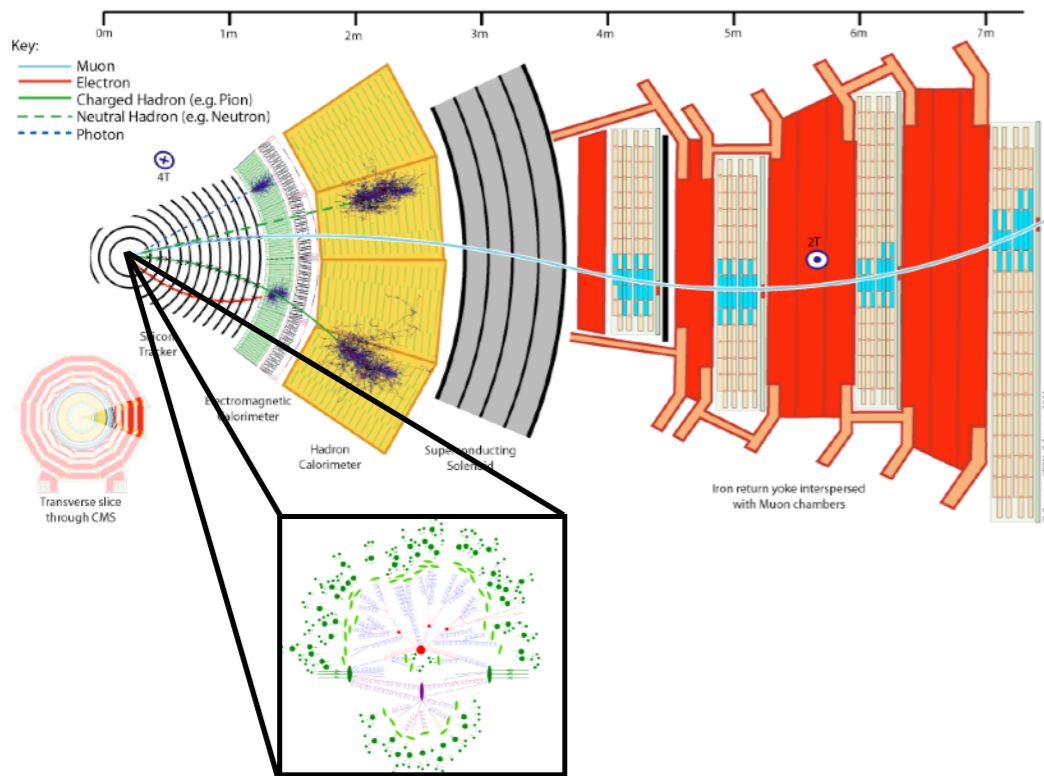
- Bayesian Optimization & Variational Optimization

Recent ML Topics:

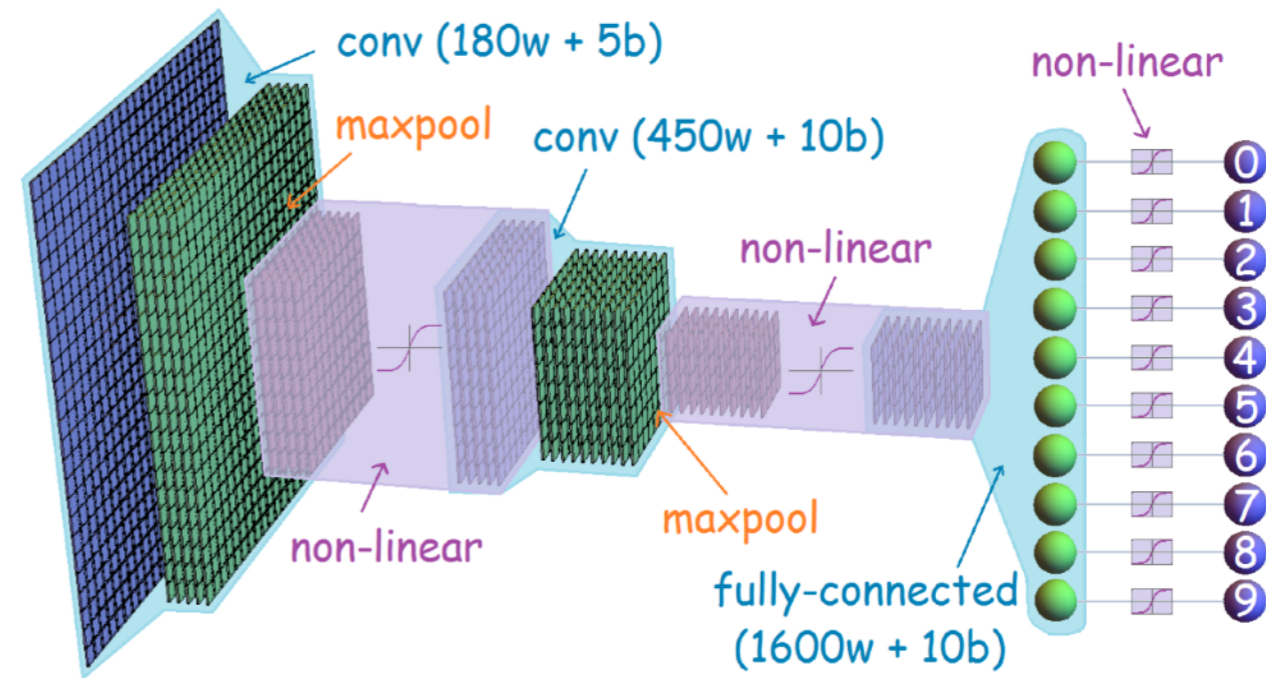
- Parametrized learning for classification
- Parametrized learning for likelihood-free inference
- High-dimensional reweighting
- Incorporating systematics into neural network training “Learning to pivot”
- Decorrelating neural networks from some variable (eg. mass of particle)
- Gaussian Processes for modeling backgrounds & generic localized signals
- Information geometry as a tool for phenomenology
- Adversarial Variational Optimization for tuning simulation
- QCD-aware neural networks
- Simplified likelihoods

TWO APPROACHES

Use simulator
(much more efficiently)



Learn simulator
(with deep learning)



- Approximate Bayesian Computation (ABC)
- Probabilistic Programming
- Adversarial Variational Optimization (AVO)

- Generative Adversarial Networks (GANs), Variational Auto-Encoders (VAE)
- Likelihood ratio from classifiers (CARL)
- Autogressive models, Normalizing Flows

LECTURE NOTES

Practical Statistics for the LHC

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Abstract

This document is a pedagogical introduction to statistics for particle physics. Emphasis is placed on the terminology, concepts, and methods being used at the Large Hadron Collider. The document addresses both the statistical tests applied to a model of the data and the modeling itself. I expect to release updated versions of this document in the future.

Links:

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[arxiv:1503.07622](#)

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Probability & Statistics
Terminology & Definitions

TERMS

The next lectures will rely on a clear understanding of these terms:

- Random variables / “observables” x
- Probability mass and probability density function (pdf) $p(x)$ or $f(x)$
- Parametrized Family of pdfs / “model” $p(x|\alpha)$
- Parameter α
- Likelihood $L(\alpha)$
- Estimate (of a parameter) $\hat{\alpha}(x)$

PROBABILITY MASS FUNCTIONS

When dealing with discrete random variables, define a **Probability Mass Function** as probability for i^{th} possibility

$$P(x_i) = p_i$$



Defined as limit of long term frequency

- ▶ probability of rolling a 3 := $\lim_{\# \text{ trials} \rightarrow \infty} (\# \text{ rolls with 3} / \# \text{ trials})$
 - you don't need an infinite sample for definition to be useful

And it is normalized

$$\sum_i P(x_i) = 1$$

PROBABILITY DENSITY FUNCTIONS

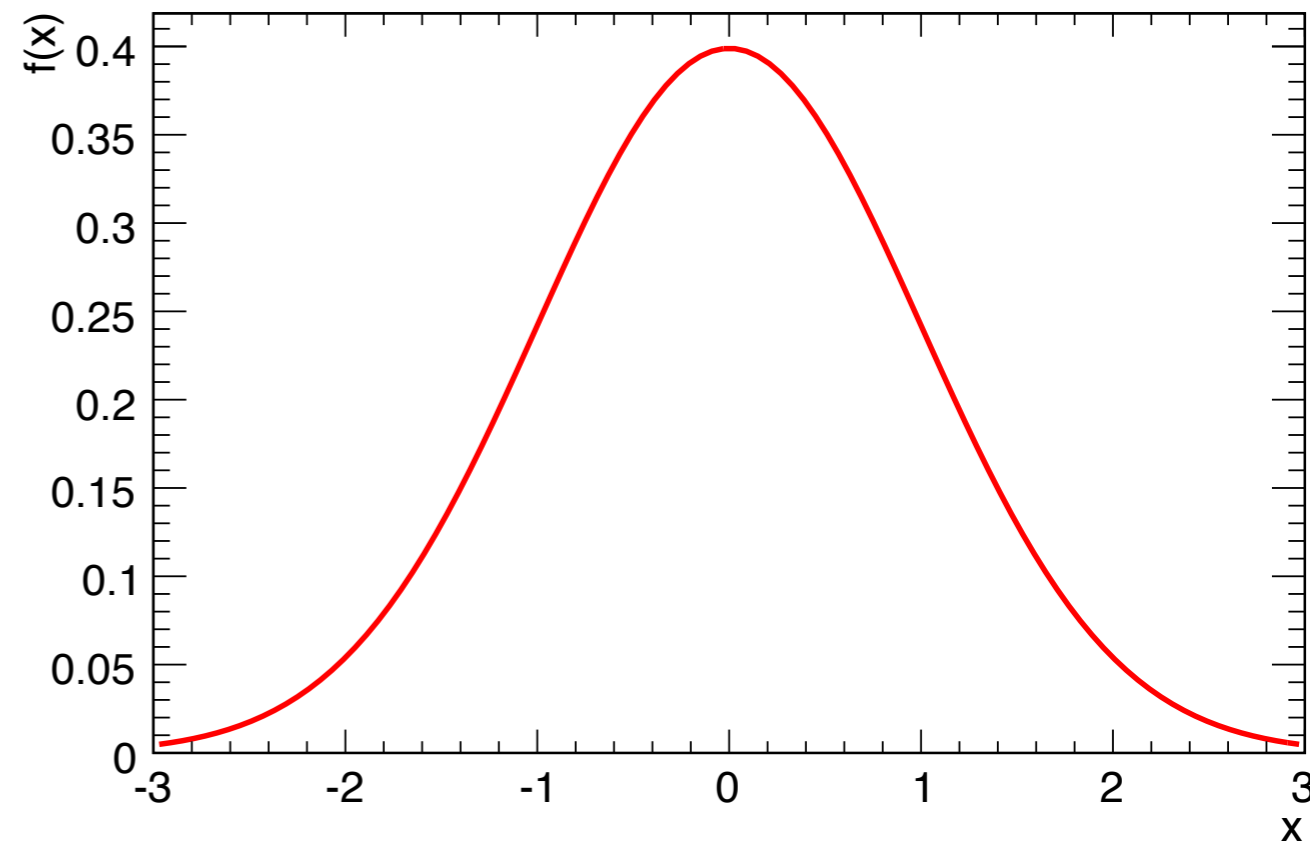
When dealing with continuous random variables, need to introduce the notion of a **Probability Density Function**

$$P(x \in [x, x + dx]) = f(x)dx$$

Note, $f(x)$ is NOT a probability

PDFs are always normalized

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x)dx = 1$$

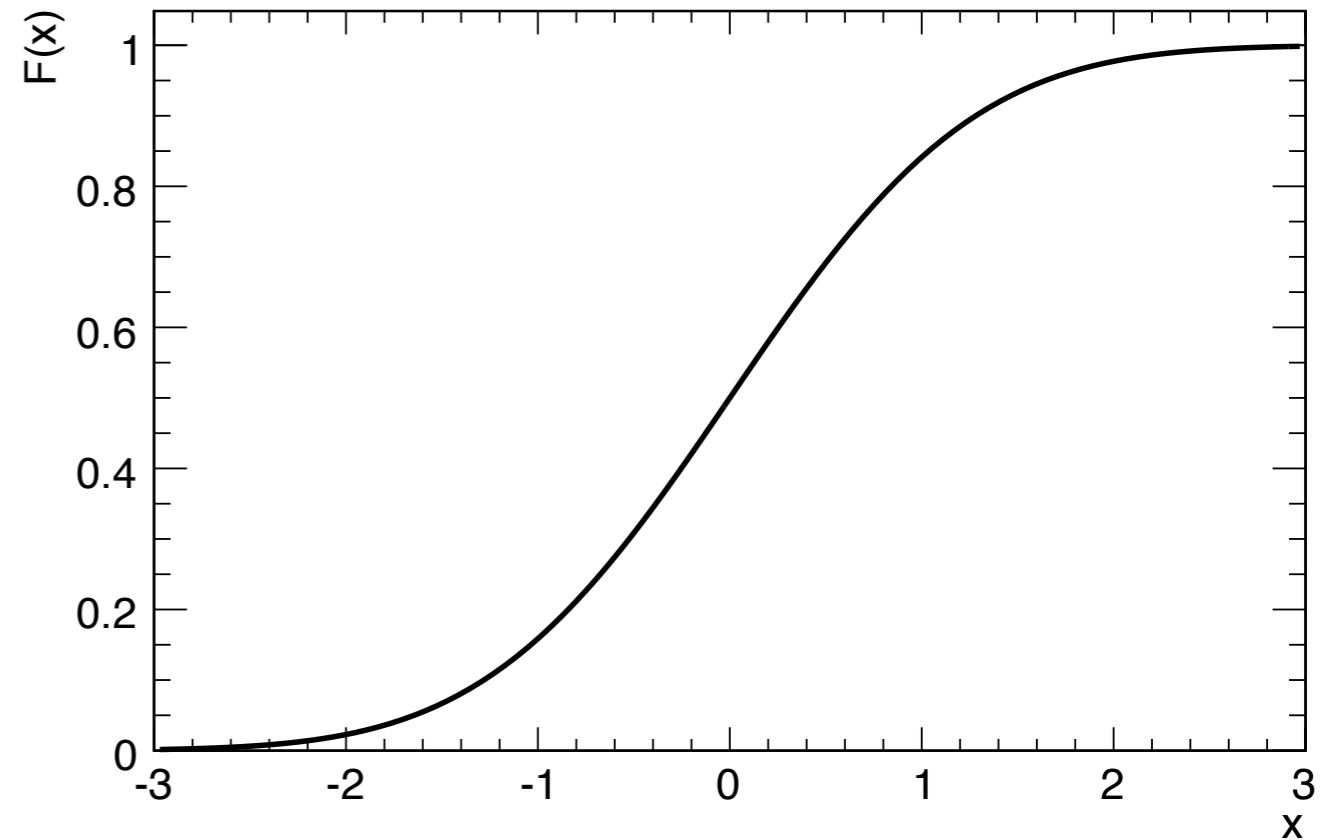
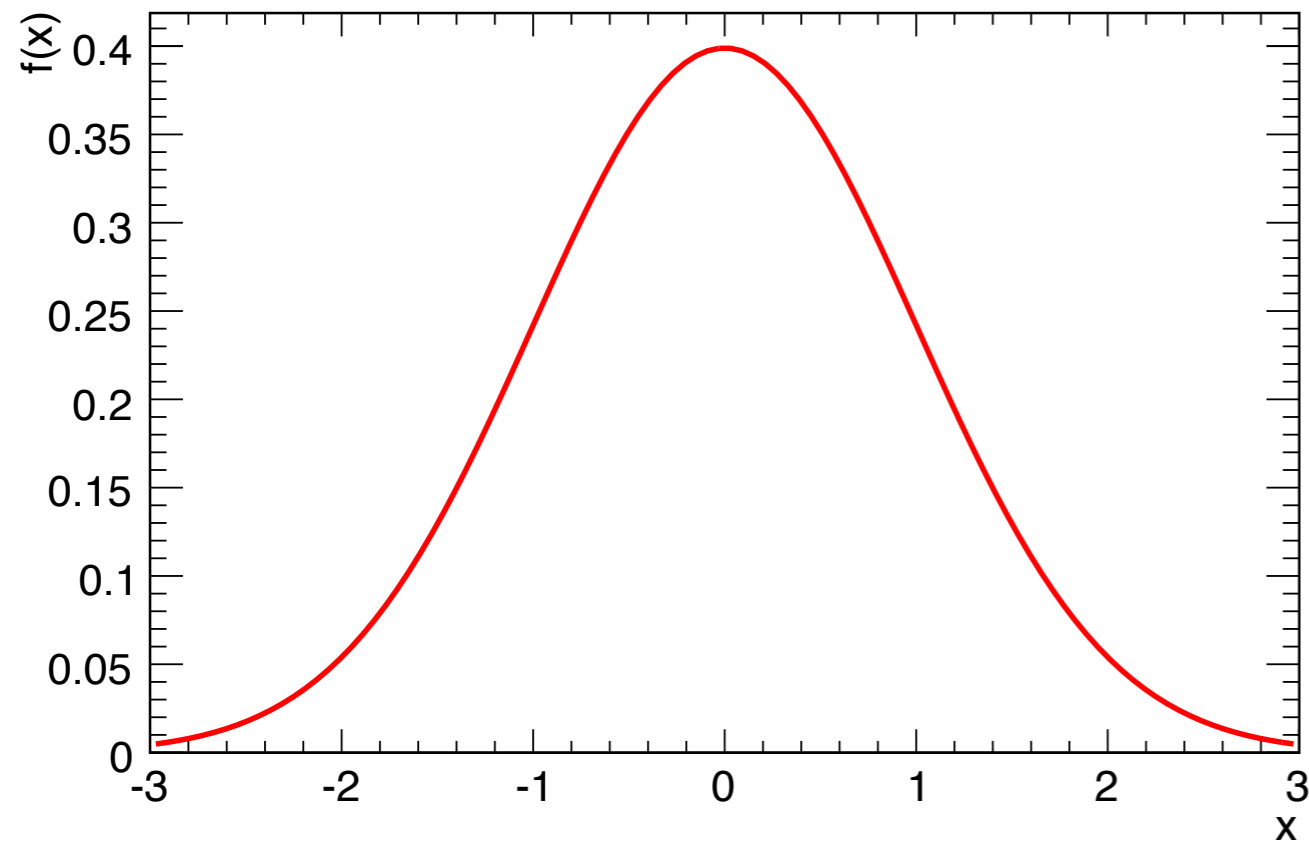


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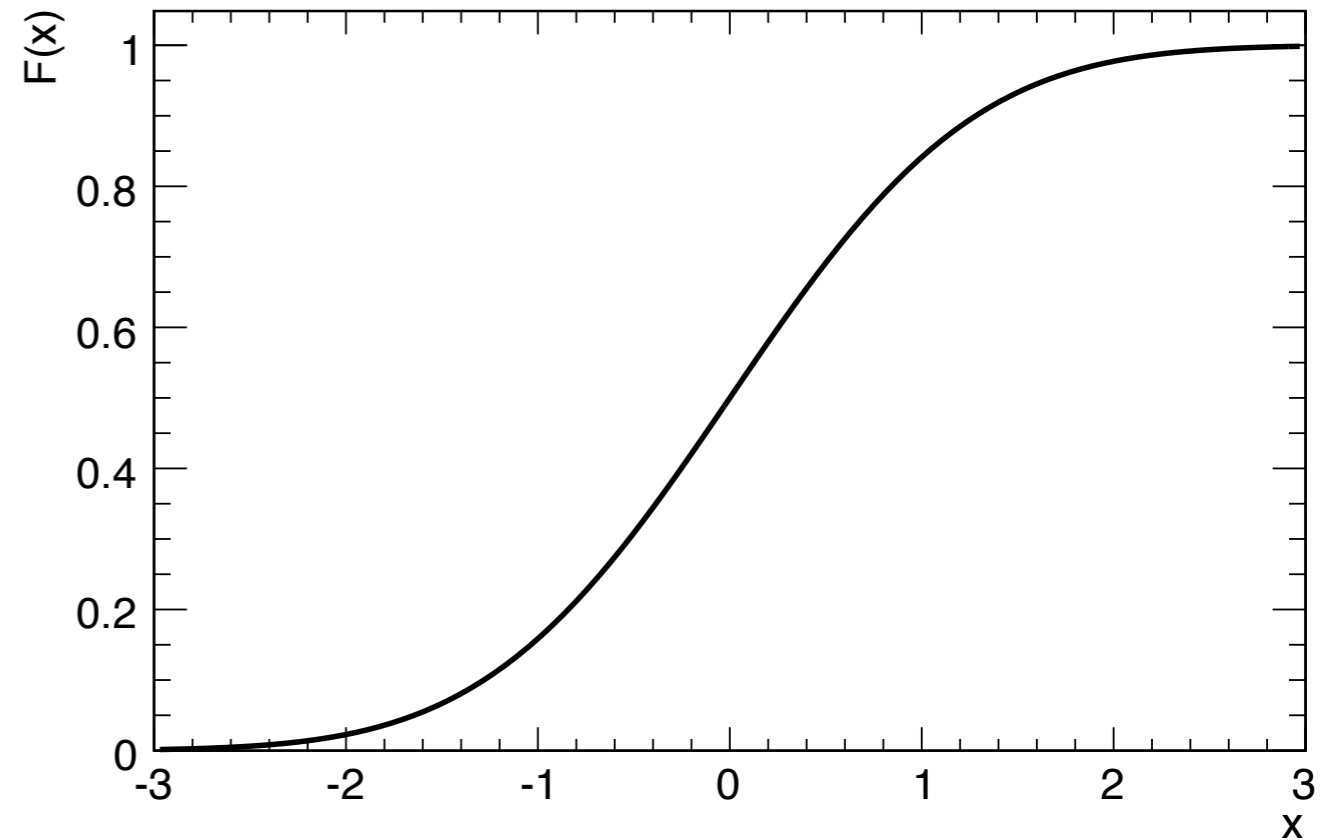
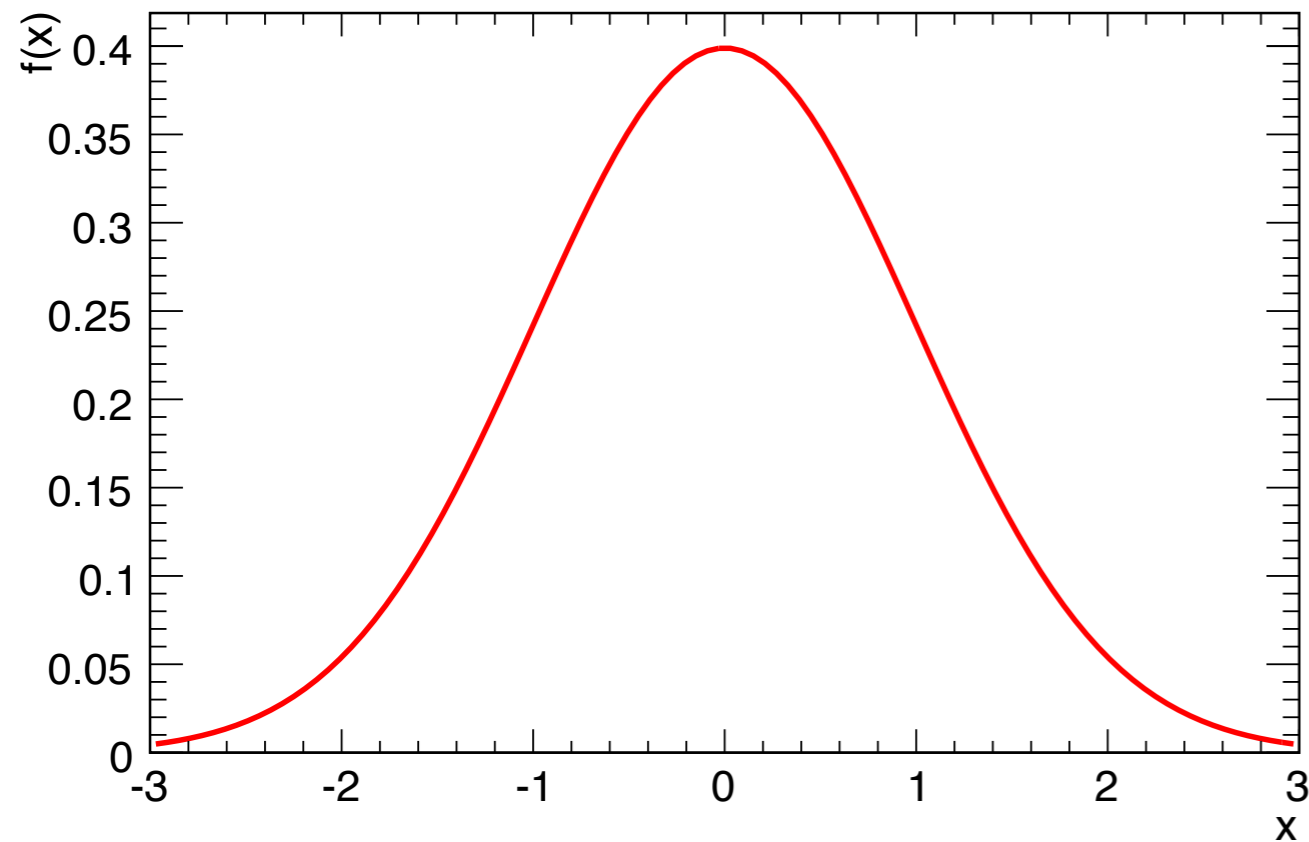


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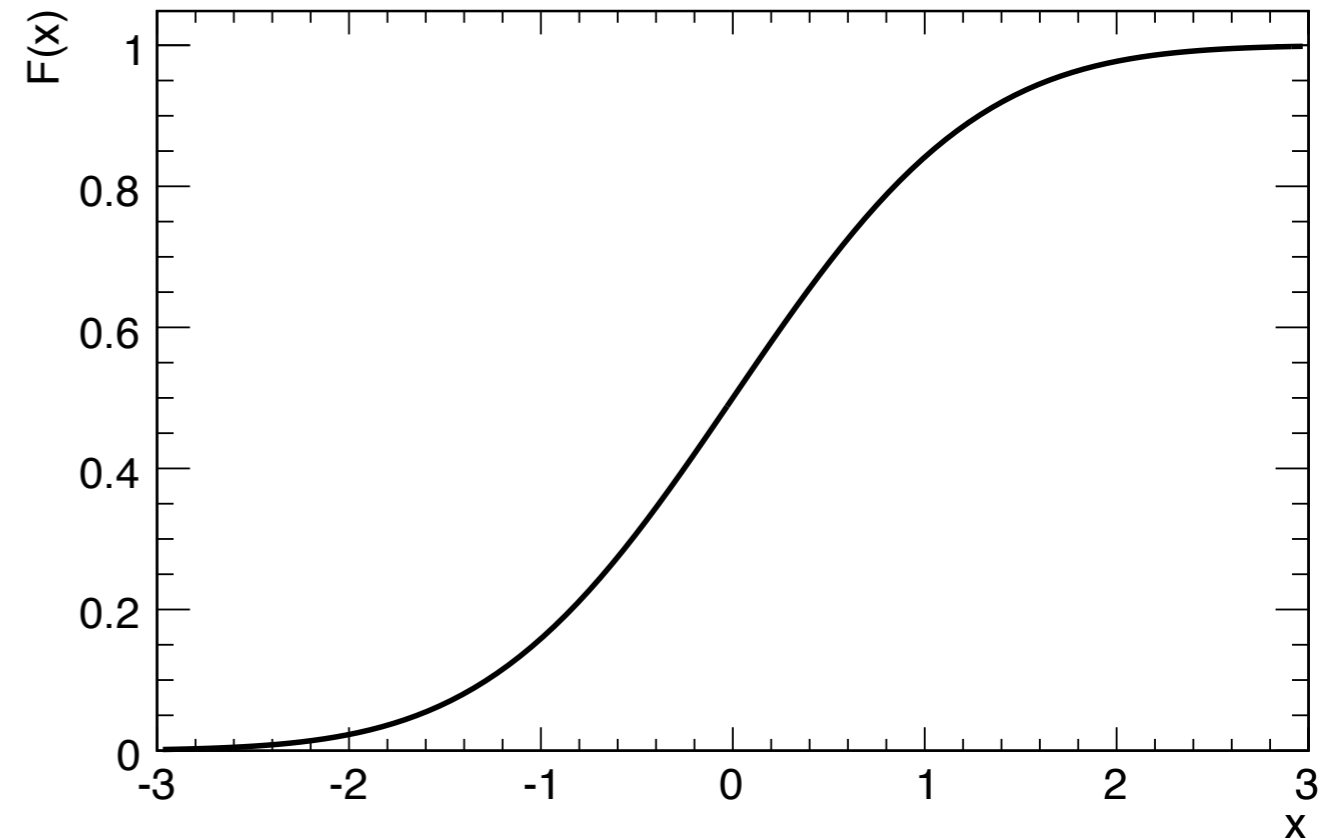
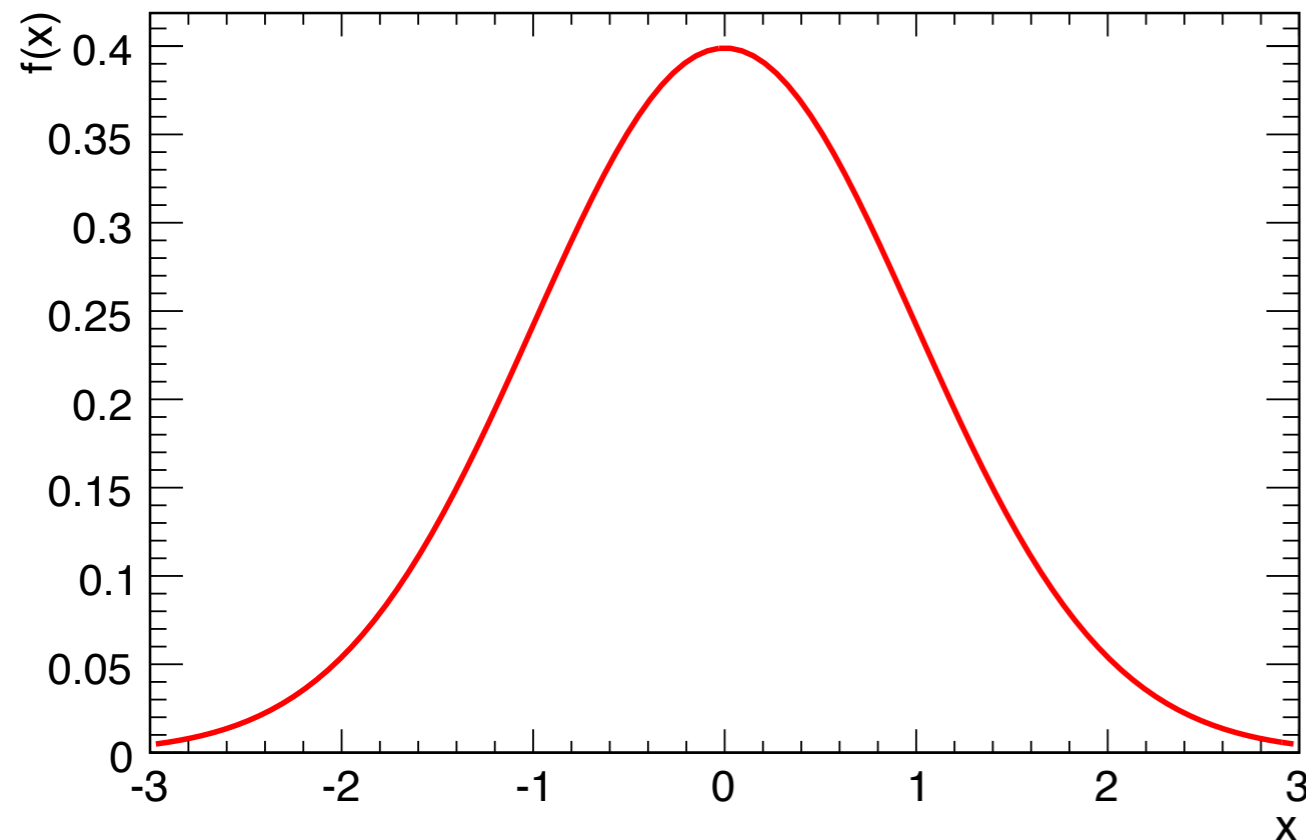
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▶ same relationship as total and differential cross section:

$$f(E) = \frac{1}{\sigma} \frac{\partial \sigma}{\partial E}$$

HISTOGRAM $\{X_i\} \rightarrow F(X)$

Given a set of observations $\{x_i\}$ we can approximate the pdf with a histogram.

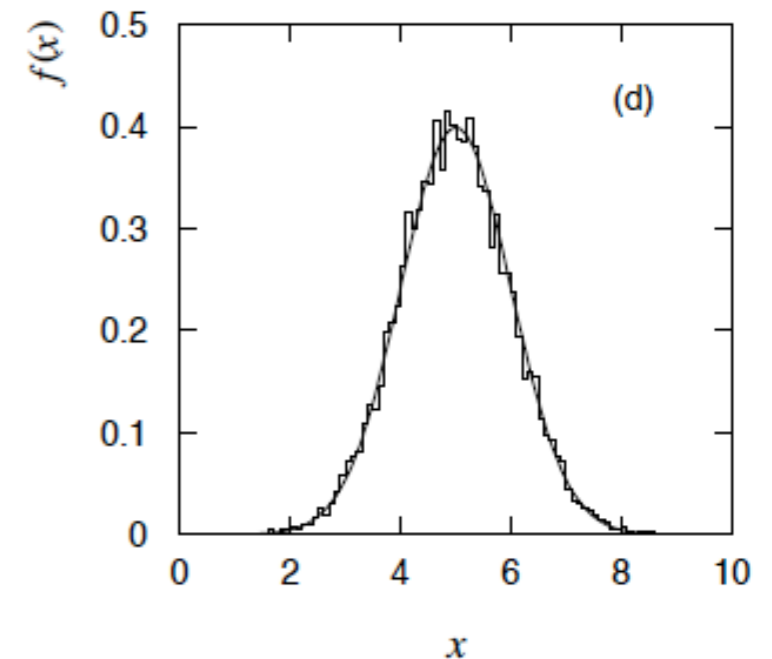
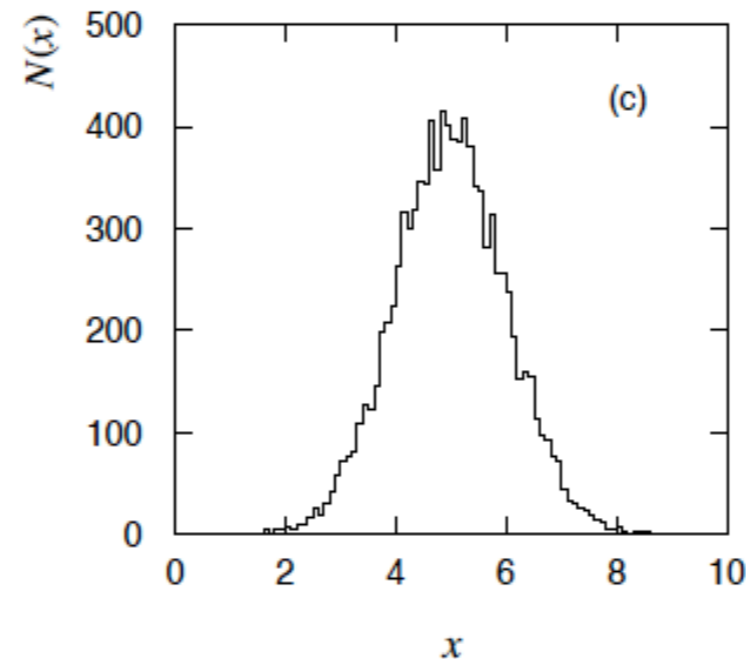
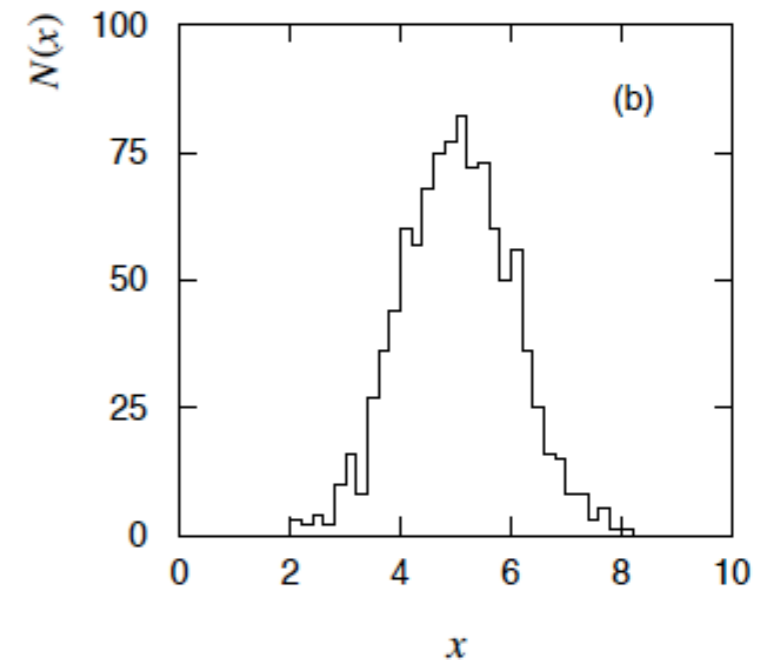
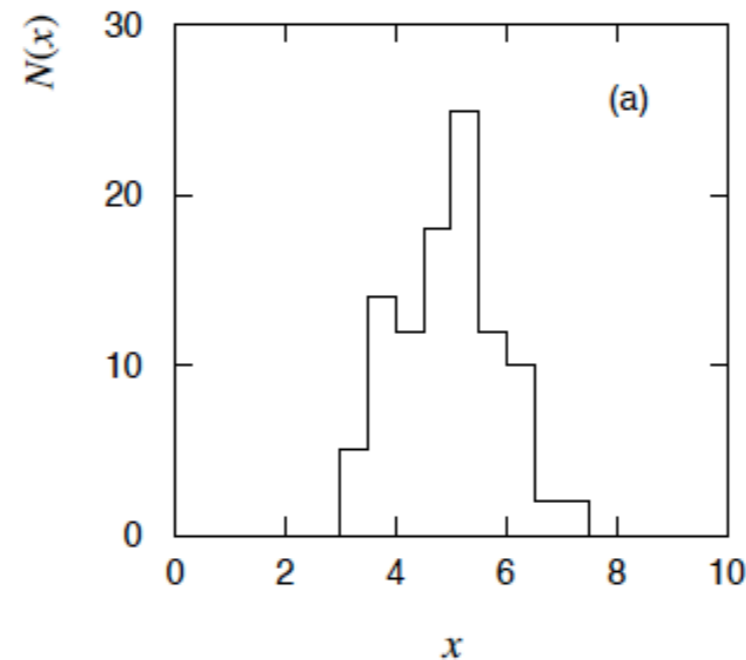
Think of a pdf as a histogram with:

infinite data sample,
zero bin width,
normalized to unit area.

$$f(x) = \frac{N(x)}{n\Delta x}$$

n = number of entries

Δx = bin width



[G. Cowan]

PARAMETRIZED FAMILIES / MODELS

Often we are interested in a parametrized family of pdfs

- ▶ We will write these as: $f(x|\alpha)$ said “ f of x given α ”
 - where α are the parameters of the “model” (written in greek characters)

A discrete example:

- ▶ The Poisson distribution is a probability mass function for n , the number of events one observes, when one expects μ events

$$Pois(n|\mu) = \mu^n \frac{e^{-\mu}}{n!}$$

A continuous example

- ▶ The Gaussian distribution is a probability density function for a continuous variable x characterized by a mean μ and standard deviation σ

$$G(x|\mu, \sigma) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$

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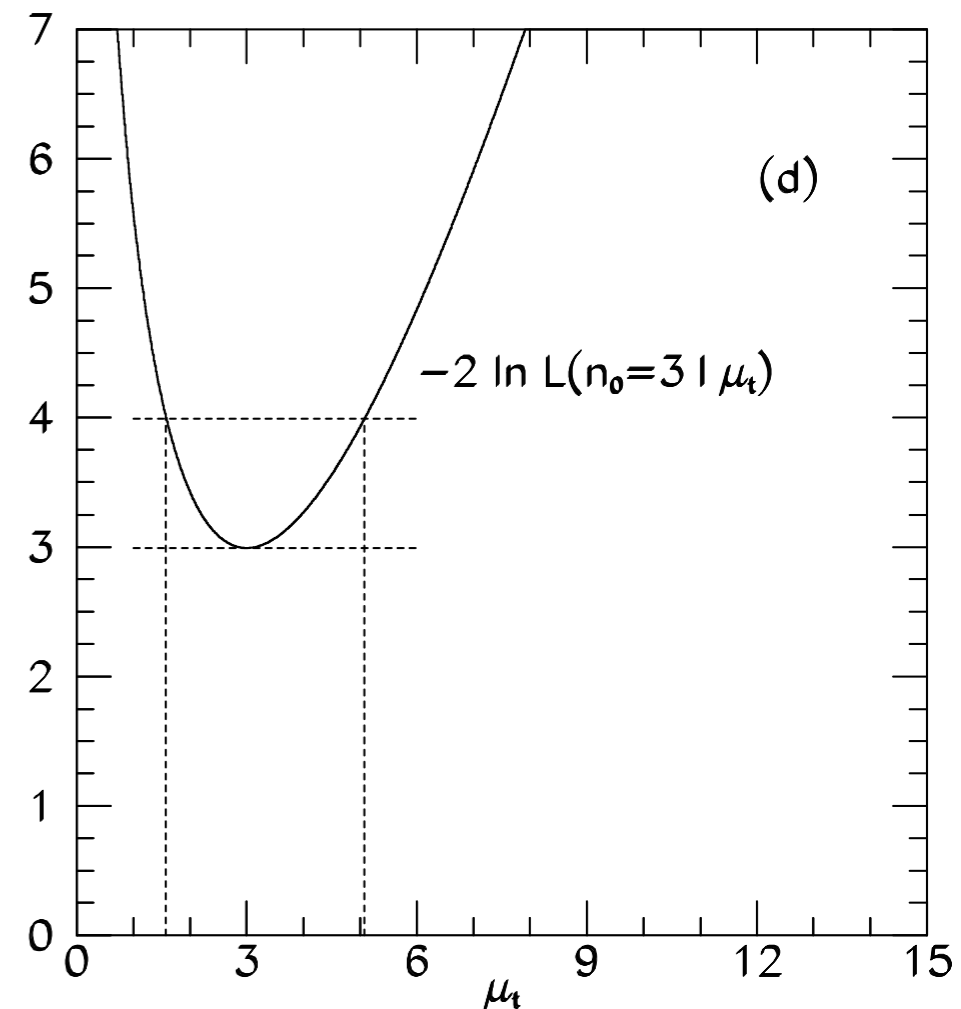


Figure from R. Cousins,
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REPEATED OBSERVATIONS

In particle physics we are usually able to perform repeated observations of x that are **independent & identically distributed**

- ▶ These repeated observations are written $\{x_i\}$
- ▶ and the likelihood in that case is

$$L(\alpha) = \prod_i f(x_i|\alpha)$$

- ▶ and the log-likelihood is

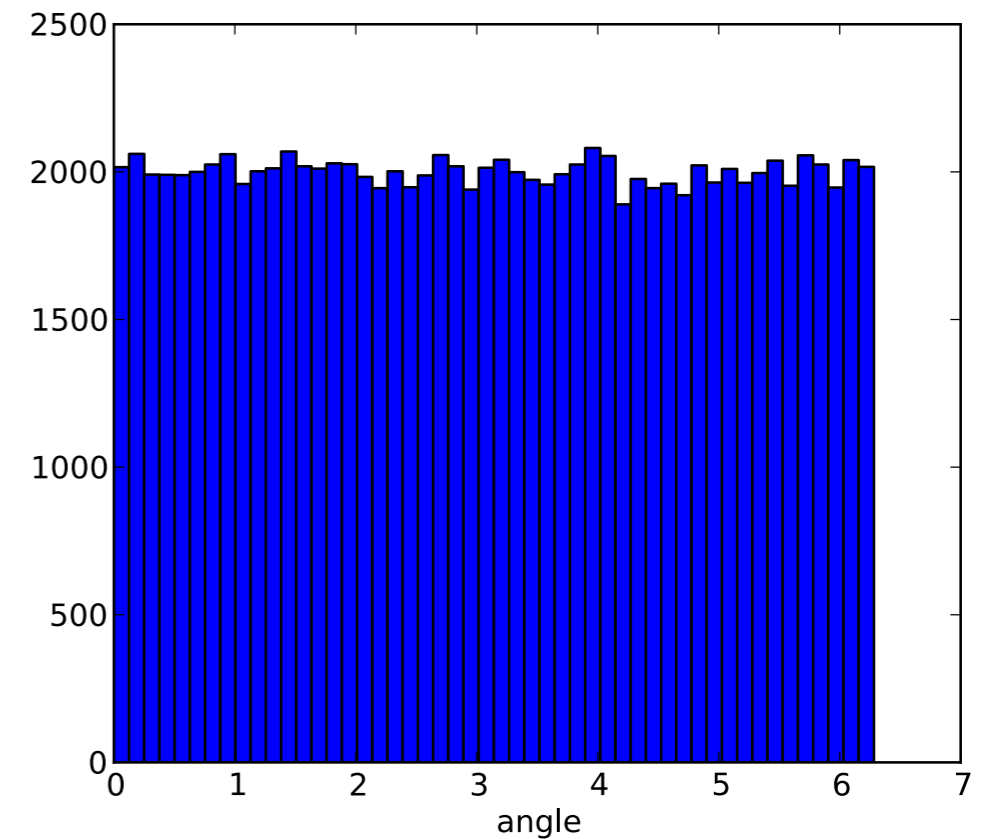
$$\log L(\alpha) = \sum_i \log f(x_i|\alpha)$$

TRANSFORMATION PROPERTIES: PDF VS. LIKELIHOOD

CHANGE OF VARIABLES

What happens with $x \rightarrow \cos(x)$

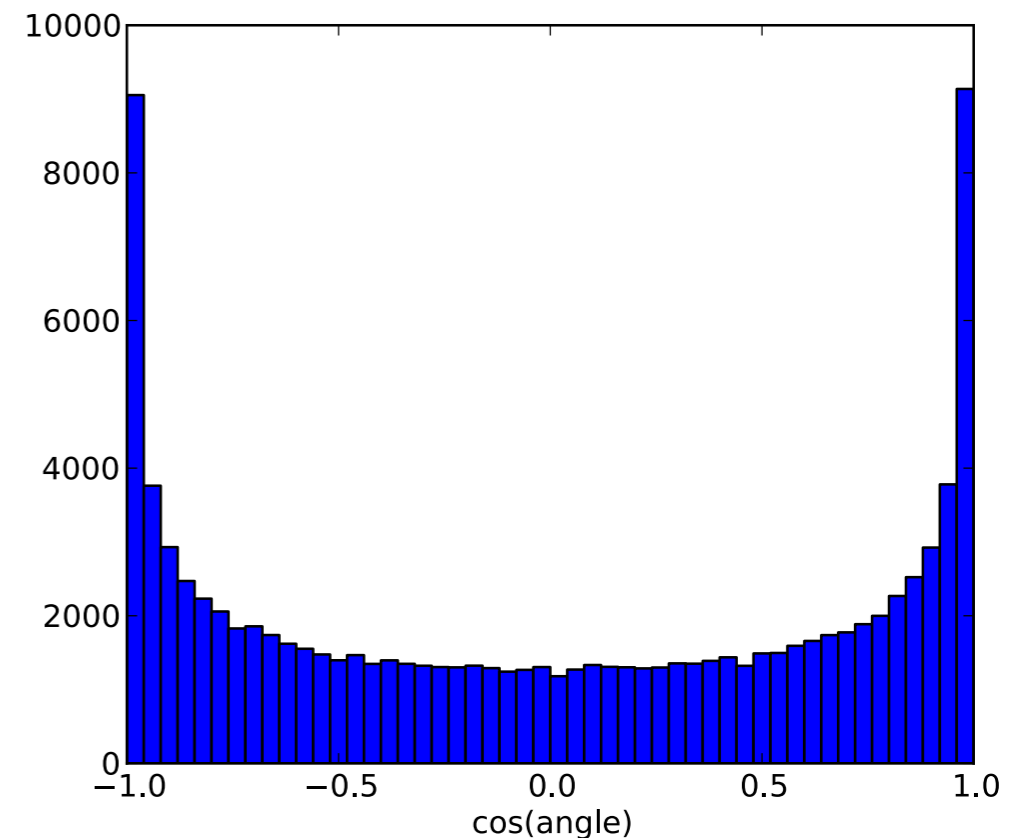
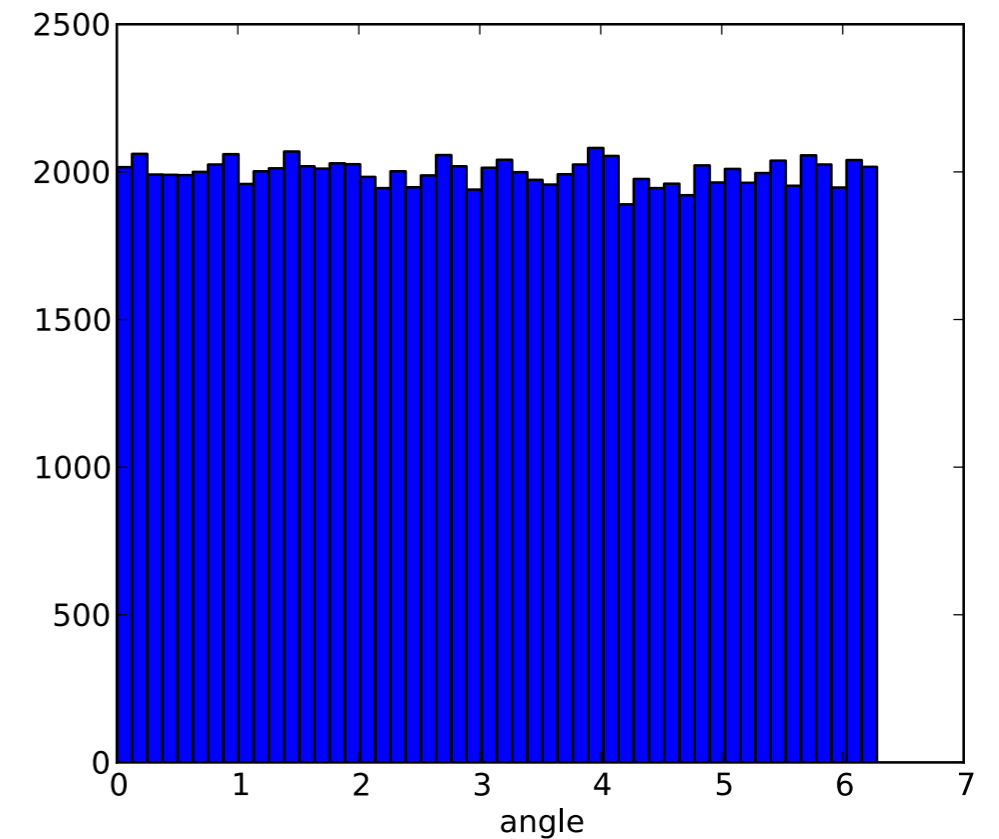
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If $f(x)$ is the pdf for x and $y(x)$ is a change of variables, then the pdf $g(y)$ must satisfy

$$P(x_a < x < x_b) \equiv \int_{x_a}^{x_b} f(x) dx = \int_{y(x_a)}^{y(x_b)} g(y) dy \equiv P(y(x_a) < y < y(x_b))$$

We can rewrite the integral on the right

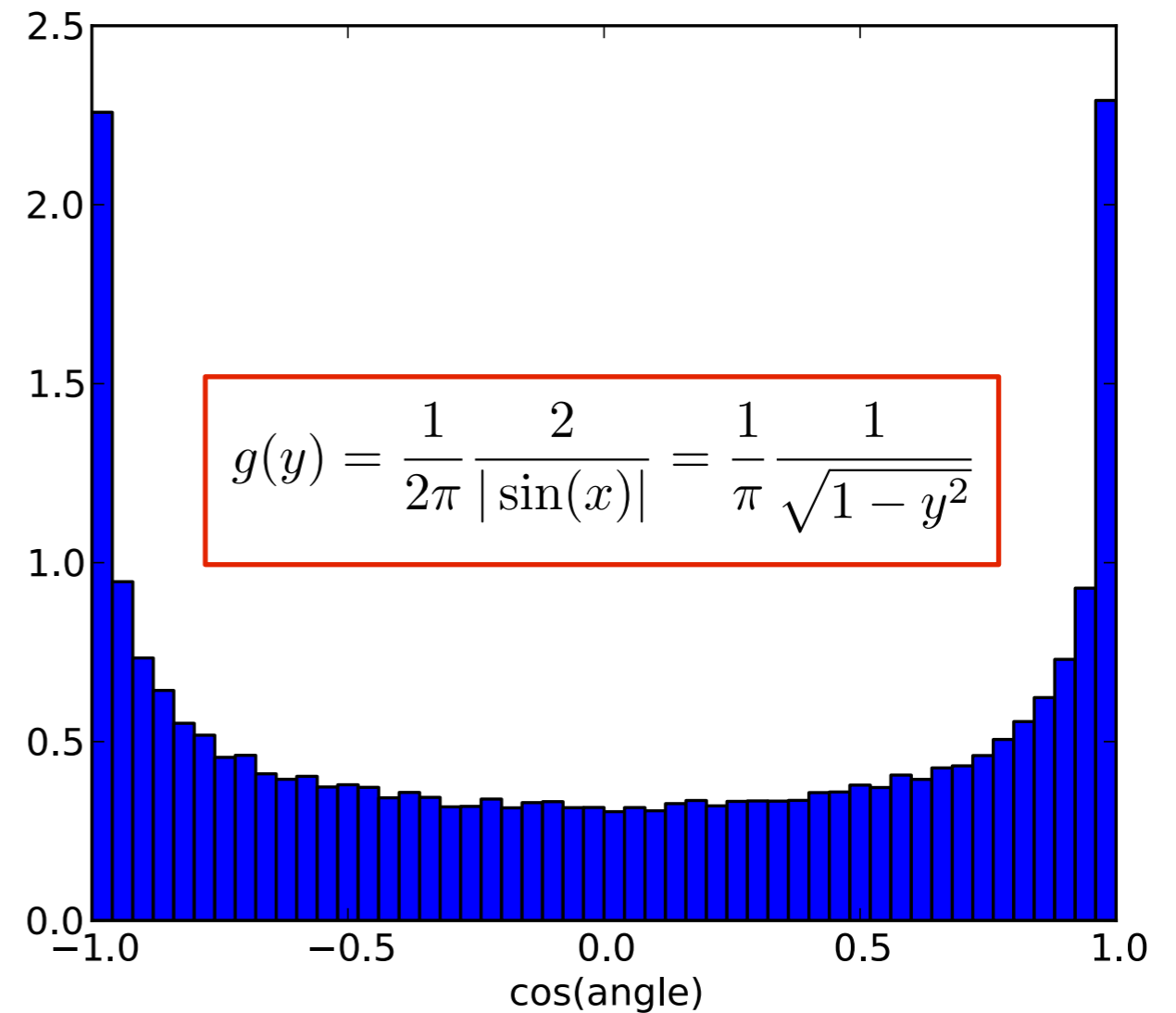
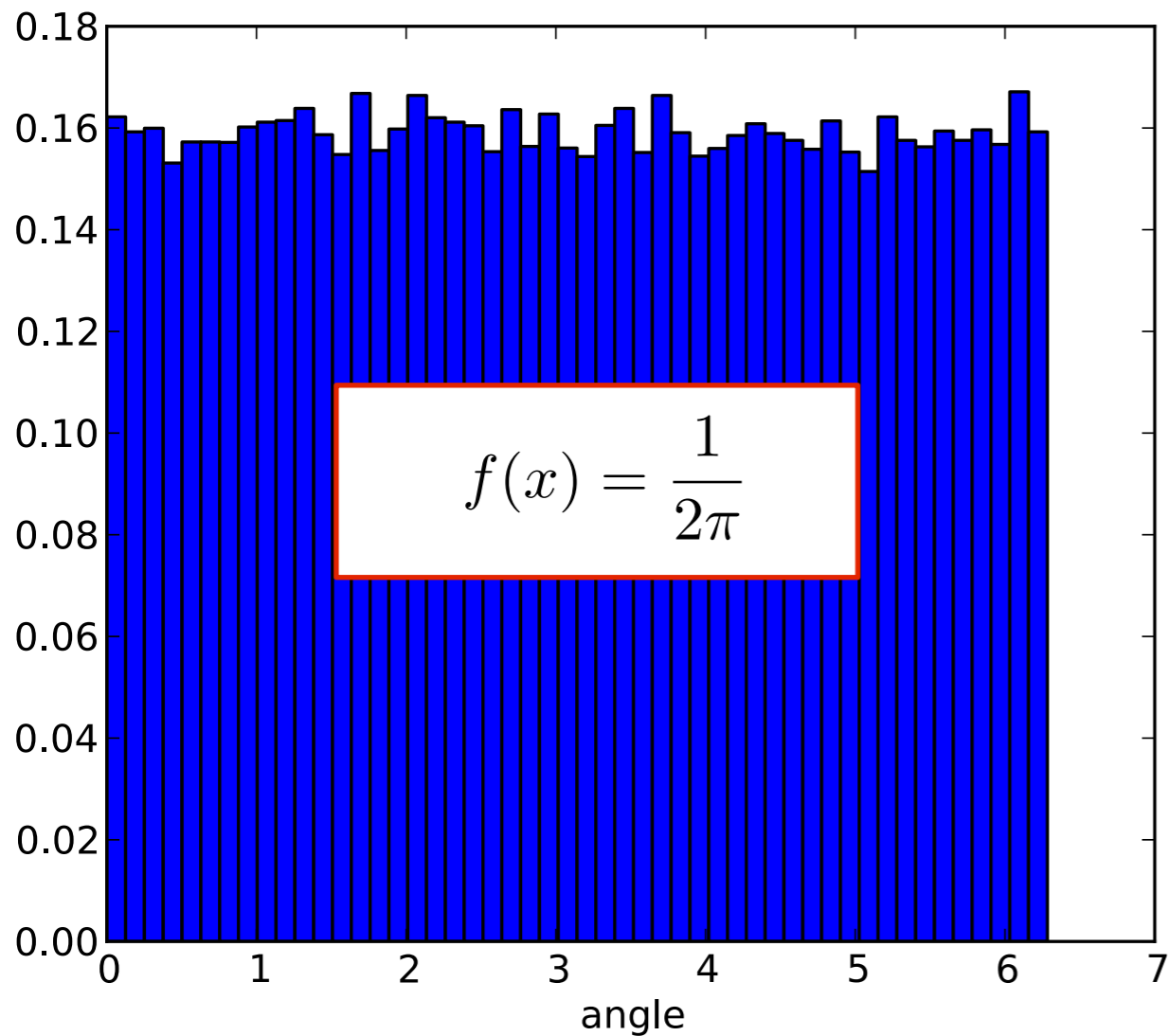
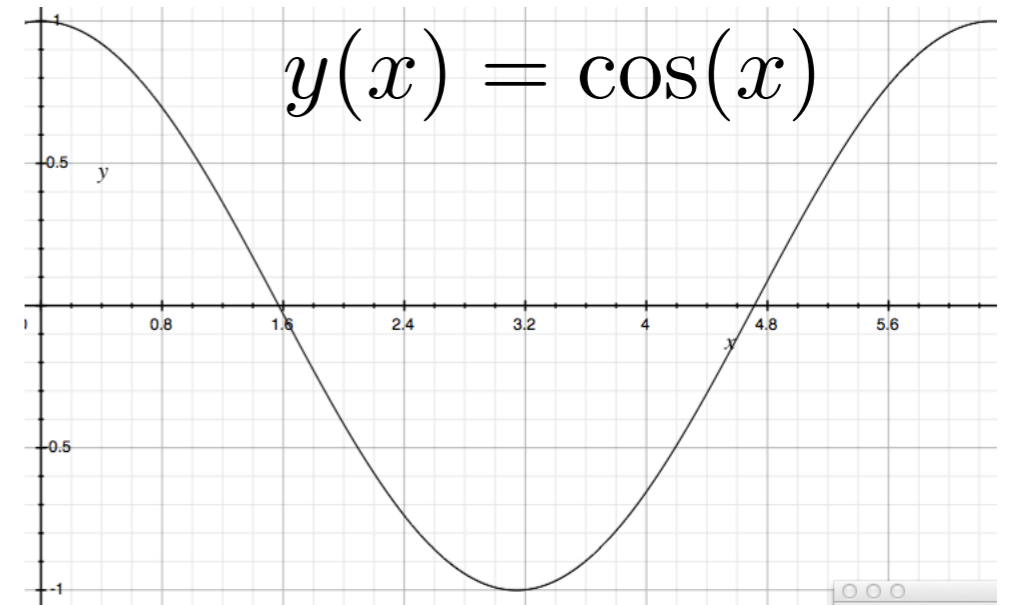
$$\int_{y(x_a)}^{y(x_b)} g(y) dy = \int_{x_a}^{x_b} g(y(x)) \left| \frac{dy}{dx} \right| dx$$

therefore, the two pdfs are related by a Jacobian factor

$$f(x) = g(y) \left| \frac{dy}{dx} \right|$$

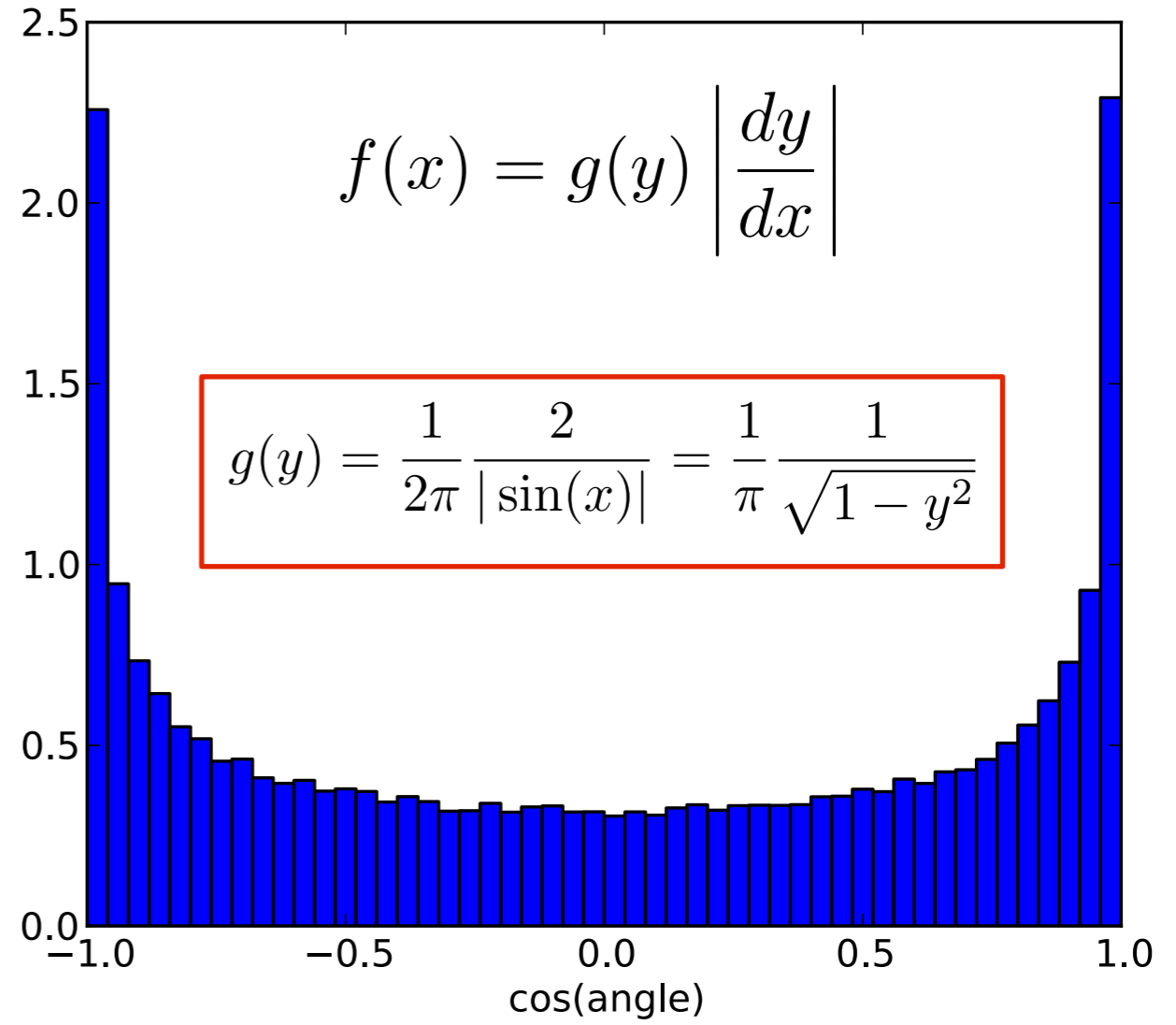
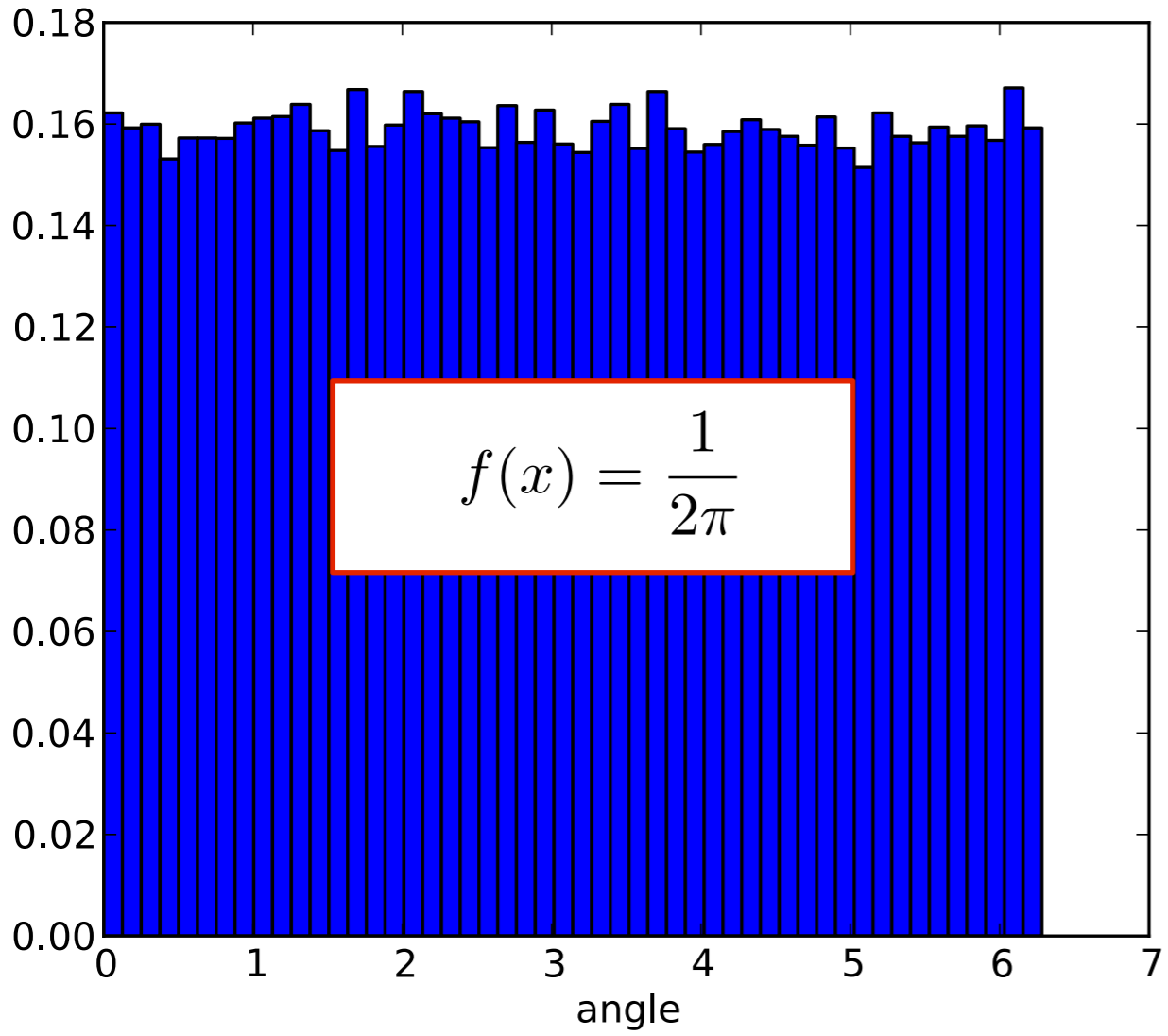
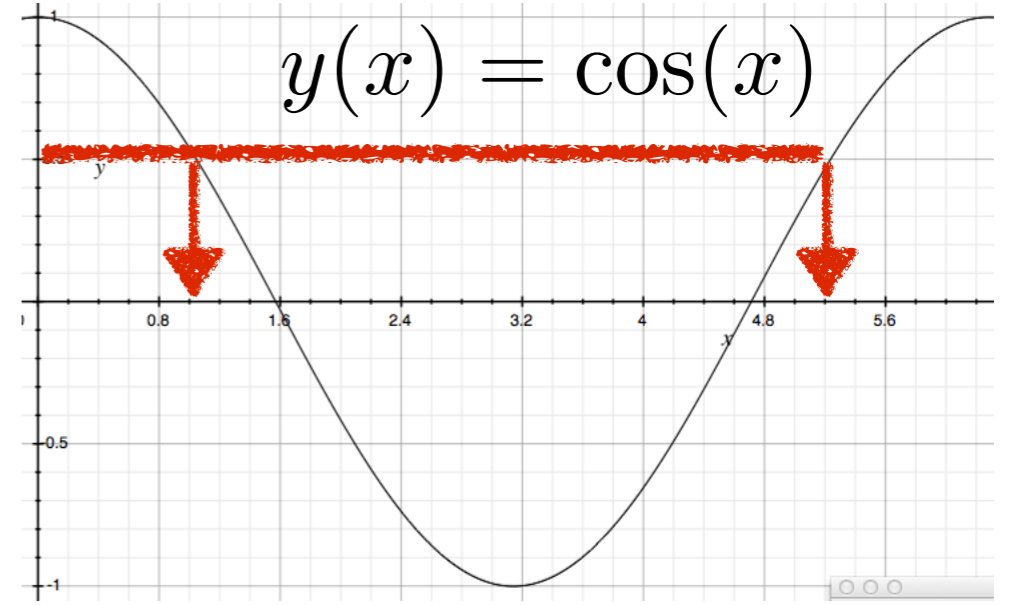
AN EXAMPLE

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AN EXAMPLE

I am glossing over the fact that the map is not 1-to-1. Different values of x , map into same value of y . We will need to sum/integrate over them. Here it is easy, but in general this may become intractable... need inverse map



Change of variable x , change of parameter θ

- For pdf $p(x|\theta)$ and change of variable from x to $y(x)$:

$$p(y(x)|\theta) = p(x|\theta) / |dy/dx|.$$

Jacobian modifies probability *density*, guaranties that

$$P(y(x_1) < y < y(x_2)) = P(x_1 < x < x_2), \text{ i.e., that}$$

Probabilities are invariant under change of variable x .

- Mode of probability *density* is *not* invariant (so, e.g., criterion of maximum probability density is ill-defined).
- Likelihood *ratio* is invariant under change of variable x . (Jacobian in denominator cancels that in numerator).
- For likelihood $\mathcal{L}(\theta)$ and reparametrization from θ to $u(\theta)$:
 - $\mathcal{L}(\theta) = \mathcal{L}(u(\theta))$ (!).
 - Likelihood $\mathcal{L}(\theta)$ is invariant under reparametrization of parameter θ (reinforcing fact that \mathcal{L} is *not* a pdf in θ).

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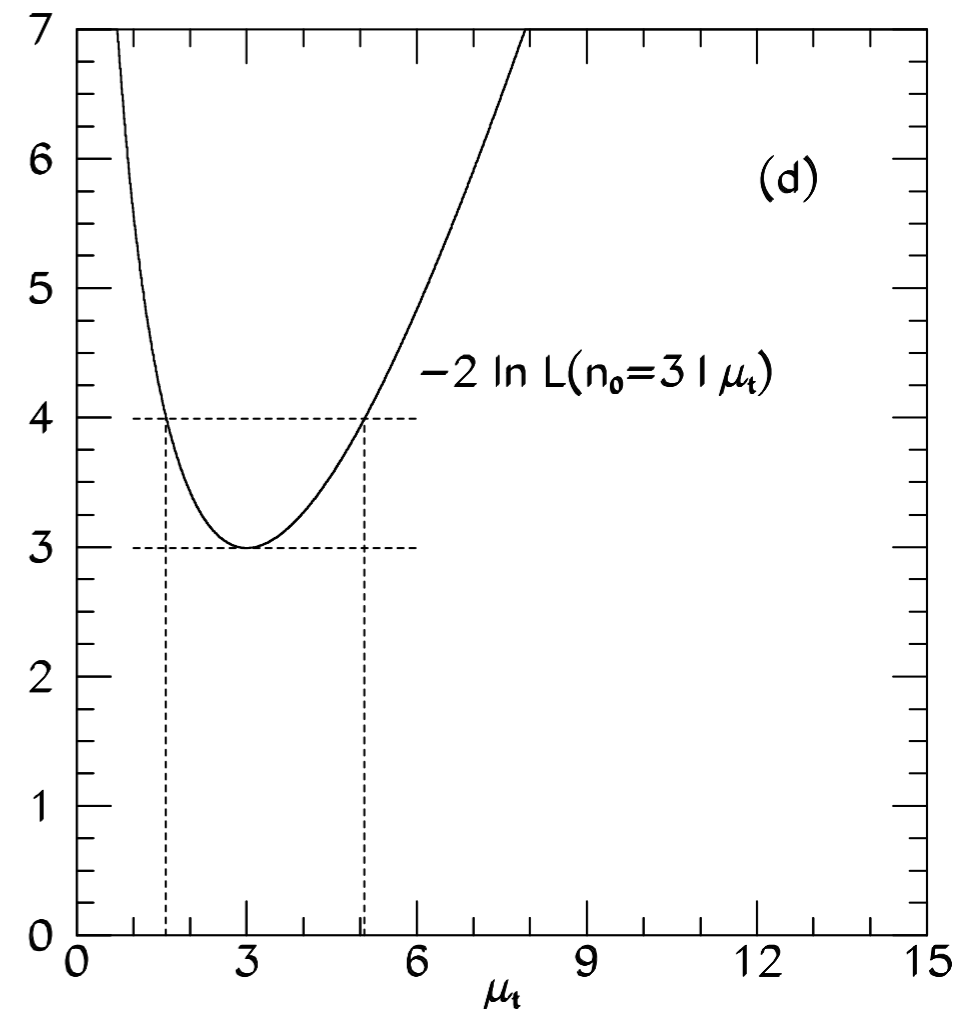


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PROBABILITY INTEGRAL TRANSFORM

Consider a specific change of variables related to the cumulative for some arbitrary $f(x)$

$$y(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x f(x') dx'$$

Using our general change of variables formula:

$$f(x) = g(y) \left| \frac{dy}{dx} \right|$$

We find for this case the Jacobian factor is

$$\left| \frac{dy}{dx} \right| = f(x)$$

Thus $g(y) = 1$

Probability Integral Transform

“...seems likely to be one of the most fruitful conceptions introduced into statistical theory in the last few years”

– Egon Pearson (1938)

Given continuous $x \in (a,b)$, and its pdf $p(x)$, let

$$y(x) = \int_a^x p(x') dx' .$$

Then $y \in (0,1)$ and $p(y) = 1$ (uniform) for all y . (!)

So there always exists a metric in which the pdf is uniform.

Many issues become more clear (or trivial) after this transformation*. (If x is discrete, some complications.)

The specification of a Bayesian prior pdf $p(\mu)$ for parameter μ is equivalent to the choice of the metric $f(\mu)$ in which the pdf is uniform. This is a *deep* issue, not always recognized as such by users of flat prior pdf's in HEP!

*And the inverse transformation provides for efficient M.C. generation of $p(x)$ starting from $\text{RAN}()$.

BAYES THEOREM

BAYES' THEOREM

Bayes' theorem relates the conditional and marginal probabilities of events A & B

$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(B|A)P(A)}{P(B)}$$

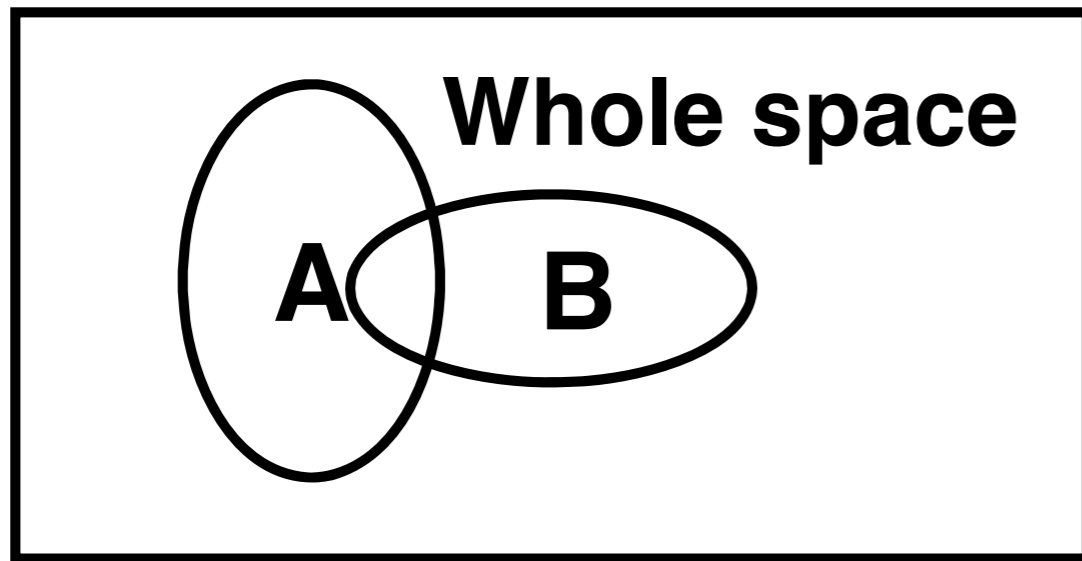
- **$P(A)$** is the prior probability. It is "prior" in the sense that it does not take into account any information about B .
- **$P(A|B)$** is the conditional probability of A , given B . It is also called the posterior probability because it is derived from or depends upon the specified value of B .
- **$P(B|A)$** is the conditional probability of B given A .
- **$P(B)$** is the prior or marginal probability of B , and acts as a normalizing constant.



$$\pi(\theta|x) = \frac{f(x|\theta)\pi(\theta)}{\mathcal{N}} \propto L(\theta)\pi(\theta)$$

... IN PICTURES (FROM BOB COUSINS)

P, Conditional P, and Derivation of Bayes' Theorem in Pictures



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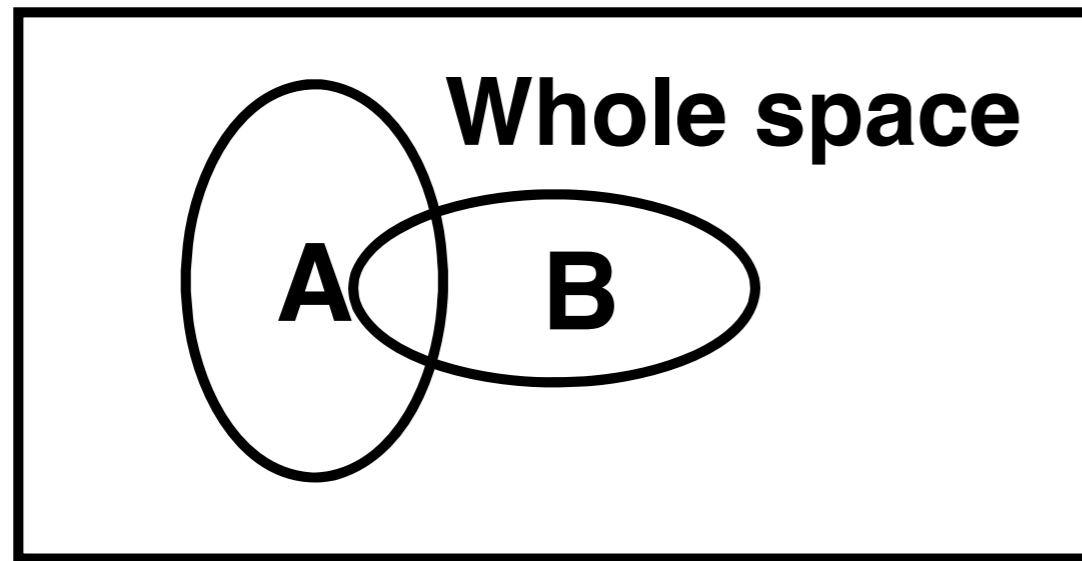
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Don't forget about "Whole space" Ω I will drop it from the notation typically, but occasionally it is important.

$$\Rightarrow P(B|A) = P(A|B) \times P(B) / P(A)$$

LOUIS'S EXAMPLE

$$P(\text{Data};\text{Theory}) \neq P(\text{Theory};\text{Data})$$

Theory = male or female

Data = pregnant or not pregnant

$$P(\text{pregnant ; female}) \sim 3\%$$

but

$$P(\text{female ; pregnant}) \gg \gg 3\%$$

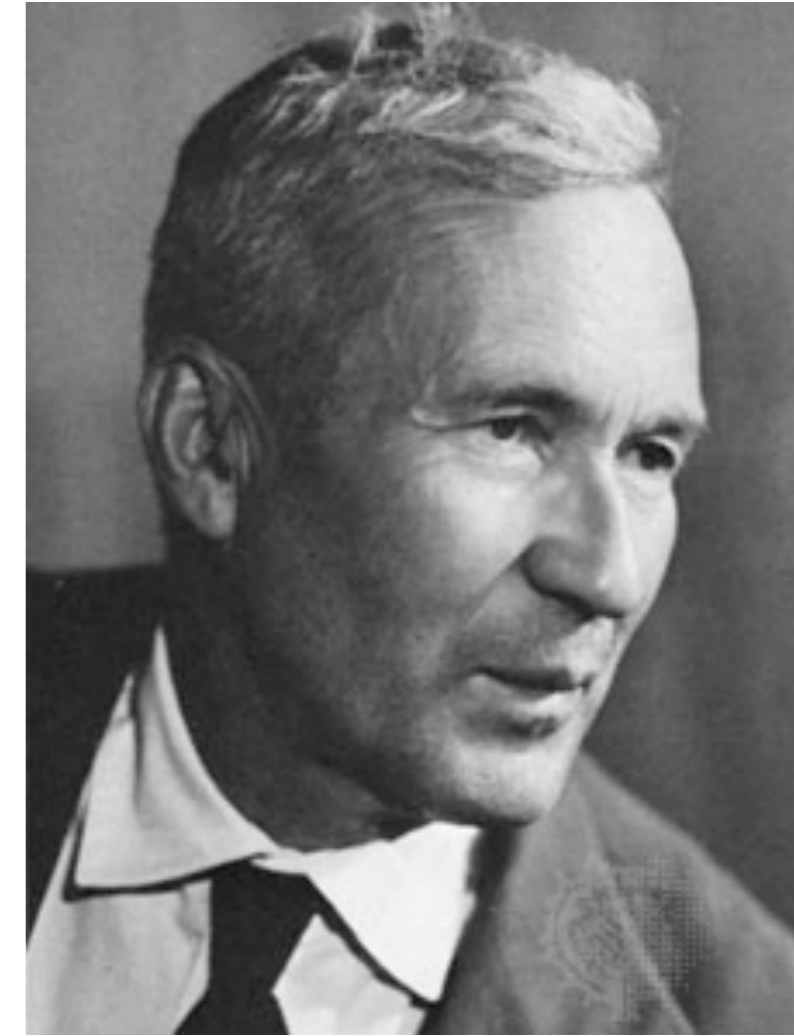
AXIOMS OF PROBABILITY

These Axioms are a mathematical starting point for probability and statistics

1. probability for every element, E , is non-negative $P(E) \geq 0 \quad \forall E \subseteq \mathcal{F} = 2^\Omega$

2. probability for the entire space of possibilities is 1 $P(\Omega) = 1$.

3. if elements E_i are disjoint, probability is additive $P(E_1 \cup E_2 \cup \dots) = \sum_i P(E_i)$.



Kolmogorov
axioms (1933)

Consequences:

$$P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B)$$

$$P(\Omega \setminus E) = 1 - P(E)$$

DIFFERENT DEFINITIONS OF PROBABILITY

Frequentist

- ▶ defined as limit of long term frequency
- ▶ probability of rolling a 3 := limit of (# rolls with 3 / # trials)
 - you don't need an infinite sample for definition to be useful
 - sometimes ensemble doesn't exist
 - eg. $P(\text{Higgs mass} = 125 \text{ GeV})$, $P(\text{it will snow tomorrow})$
- ▶ Intuitive if you are familiar with Monte Carlo methods
- ▶ compatible with orthodox interpretation of probability in Quantum Mechanics. Probability to measure spin projected on x-axis if spin of beam is polarized along +z



Subjective Bayesian

- ▶ Probability is a degree of belief (personal, subjective)
 - can be made quantitative based on betting odds
 - most people's subjective probabilities are not **coherent** and do not obey laws of probability

$$|\langle \rightarrow | \uparrow \rangle|^2 = \frac{1}{2}$$

MEASUREMENT / ESTIMATORS

ESTIMATORS

Given some model $f(x|\alpha)$ and a set of observations $\{x_i\}$ often one wants to estimate the true value of α (assuming the model is true).

An **estimator** is function of the data written $\hat{\alpha}(x_1, \dots, x_n)$

- ▶ Since the data are random, so is the resulting estimate
- ▶ often it is just written $\hat{\alpha}$, where the x -dependence is implicit
- ▶ one can compute expectation of the estimator

$$E[\hat{\alpha}(x)|\alpha] = \int \hat{\alpha}(x) f(x|\alpha) dx$$

Properties of estimators:

- ▶ **bias** $E[\hat{\alpha}(x)|\alpha] - \alpha$ (unbiased means bias=0)
- ▶ **variance** $E[(\hat{\alpha}(x) - \bar{\alpha})^2|\alpha] = \int (\hat{\alpha}(x) - \bar{\alpha})^2 f(x|\alpha) dx$
- ▶ **asymptotic bias** limit of bias with infinite observations

MAXIMUM LIKELIHOOD ESTIMATORS

There are many different possible estimators, but the most well-known and well-studied is the maximum likelihood estimator (MLE)

$$\hat{\alpha}(x) = \operatorname{argmax}_{\alpha} L(\alpha) = \operatorname{argmax}_{\alpha} f(x|\alpha)$$

This is just the value of α that maximizes the likelihood

Example: the Poisson distribution

$$Pois(n|\mu) = \mu^n \frac{e^{-\mu}}{n!}$$

Maximizing $L(\mu)$ is the same as minimizing $-\ln L(\mu)$

$$-\frac{d}{d\mu} \ln L(\mu) \Big|_{\hat{\mu}} = 0 = \frac{d}{d\mu} \left(\mu - n \ln \mu + \underbrace{\ln n!}_{\text{const}} \right) = 1 - \frac{n}{\mu}$$

$$\Rightarrow \hat{\mu} = n$$

In this case, the MLE is unbiased b/c $E[n]=\mu$

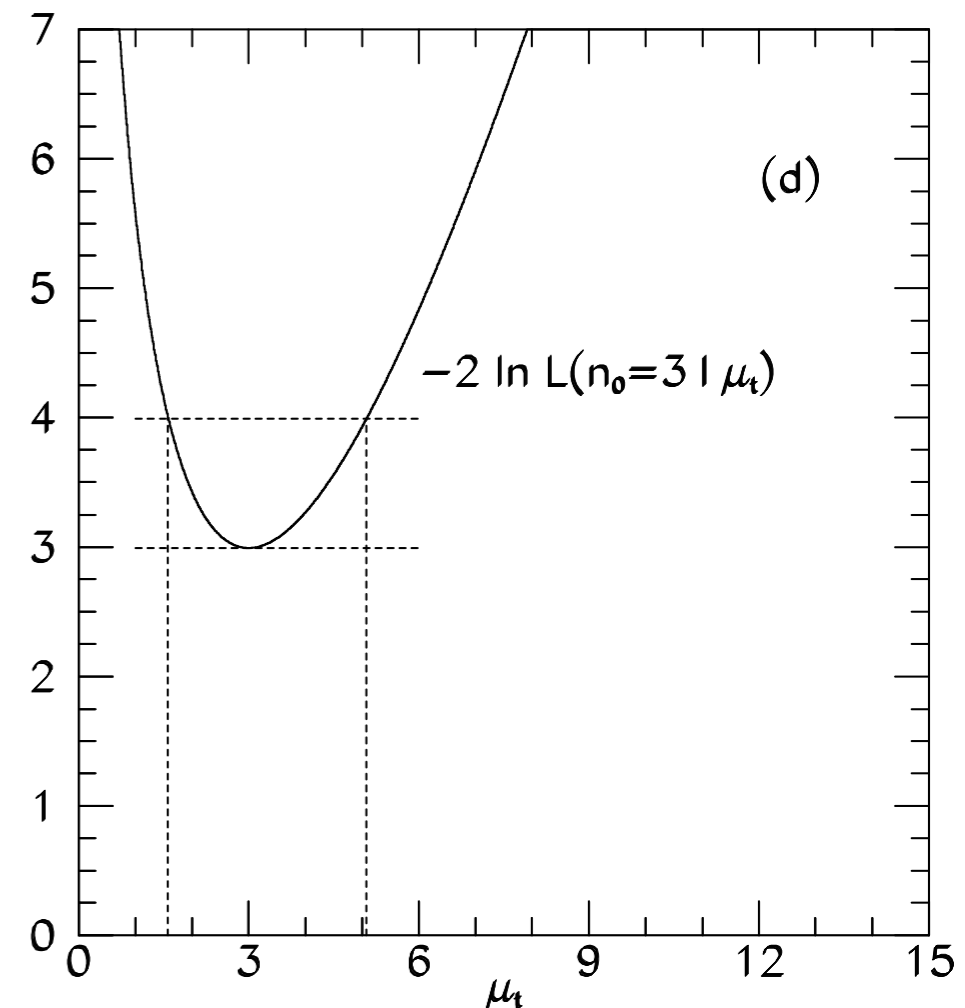


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A SECOND EXAMPLE

Consider a set of observations $\{x_i\}$ and we want to estimate the mean of a Gaussian with known σ

which gives

$$G(x|\mu, \sigma) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} -\frac{d}{d\mu} \ln L(\mu) \Big|_{\hat{\mu}} = 0 &= \frac{d}{d\mu} \left(\sum_i \frac{(x_i - \mu)^2}{2\sigma^2} + \underbrace{\ln \sqrt{2\pi}\sigma}_{\text{const}} \right) = \sum_i \frac{(x_i - \mu)}{\sigma^2} \\ \Rightarrow \hat{\mu} &= \frac{1}{N} \sum_i x_i \quad (\text{an unbiased estimator}) . \end{aligned}$$

However, the MLE $\hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{1}{N} \sum_i (x_i - \mu)^2$ is biased

It can be shown that $\hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{1}{N-1} \sum_i (x_i - \mu)^2$ is unbiased

Thus, the MLE is **asymptotically unbiased** .

Note: if $\hat{\sigma}^2$ is an unbiased estimate of σ^2 , then $\sqrt{\{\hat{\sigma}^2\}}$ is a biased estimate of σ .

COVARIANCE AND CORRELATION

Define covariance $\text{cov}[x,y]$ (also use matrix notation V_{xy}) as

$$\text{COV}[x, y] = E[xy] - \mu_x \mu_y = E[(x - \mu_x)(y - \mu_y)]$$

Correlation coefficient (dimensionless) defined as

$$\rho_{xy} = \frac{\text{COV}[x, y]}{\sigma_x \sigma_y}$$

If x, y , independent, i.e., $f(x, y) = f_x(x)f_y(y)$, then

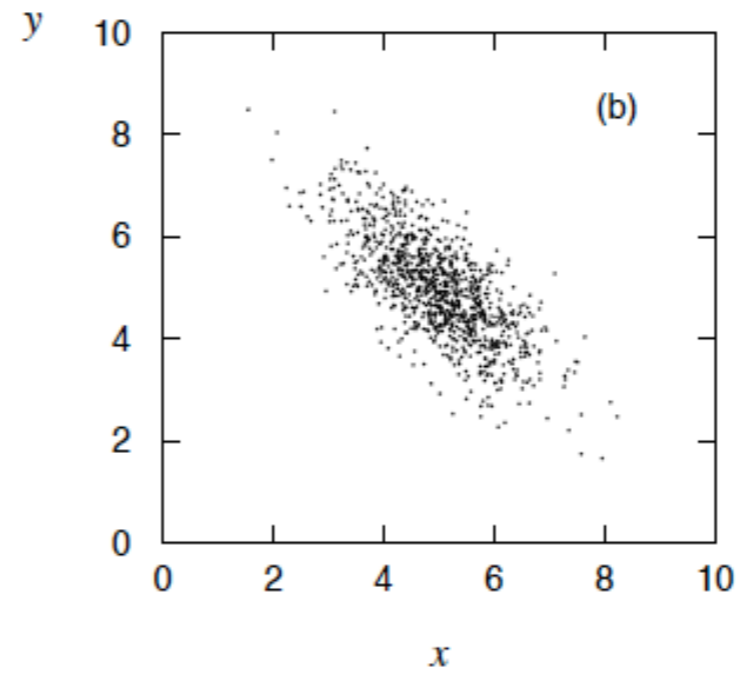
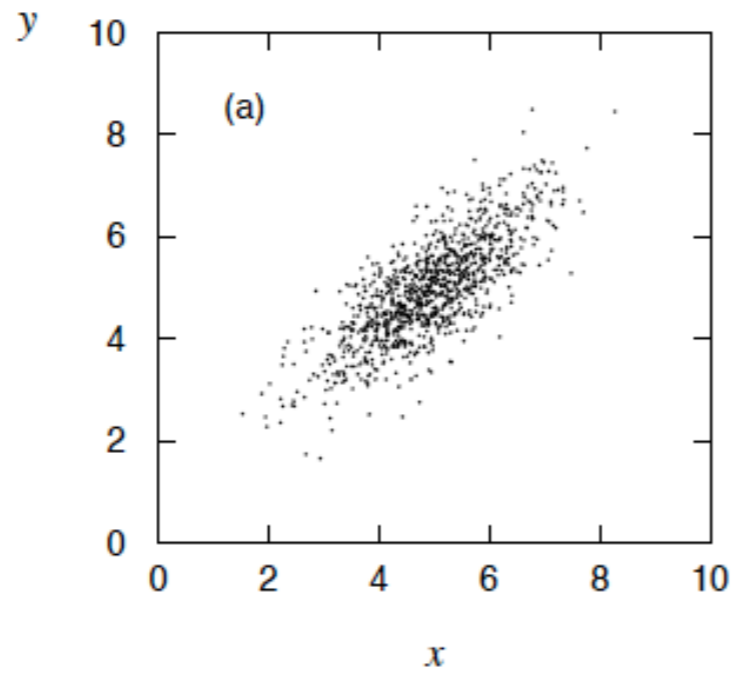
$$E[xy] = \int \int xy f(x, y) dx dy = \mu_x \mu_y$$

→ $\text{COV}[x, y] = 0$ x and y , 'uncorrelated'

N.B. converse not always true.

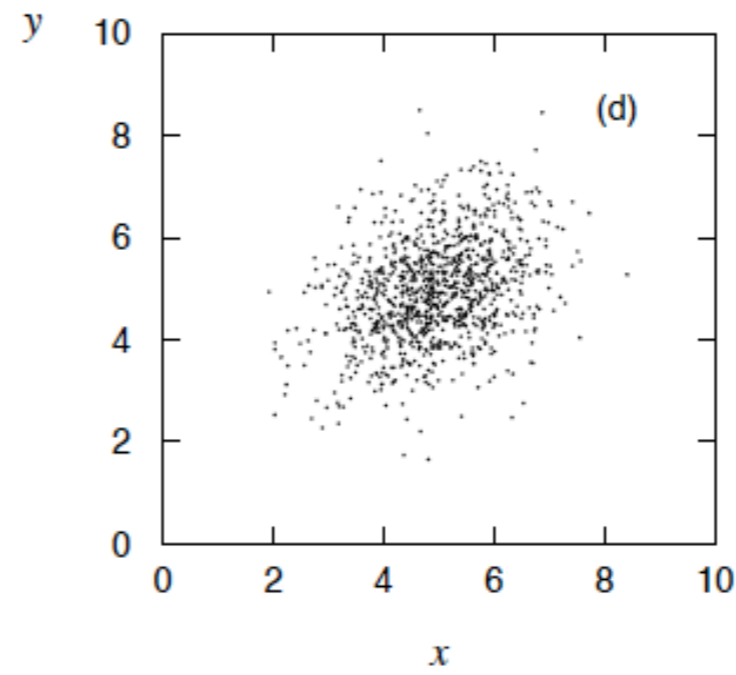
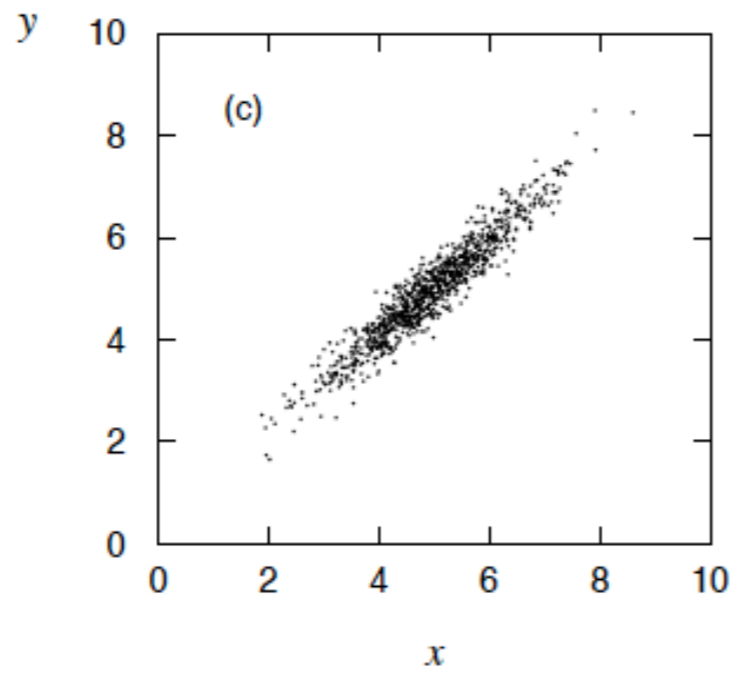
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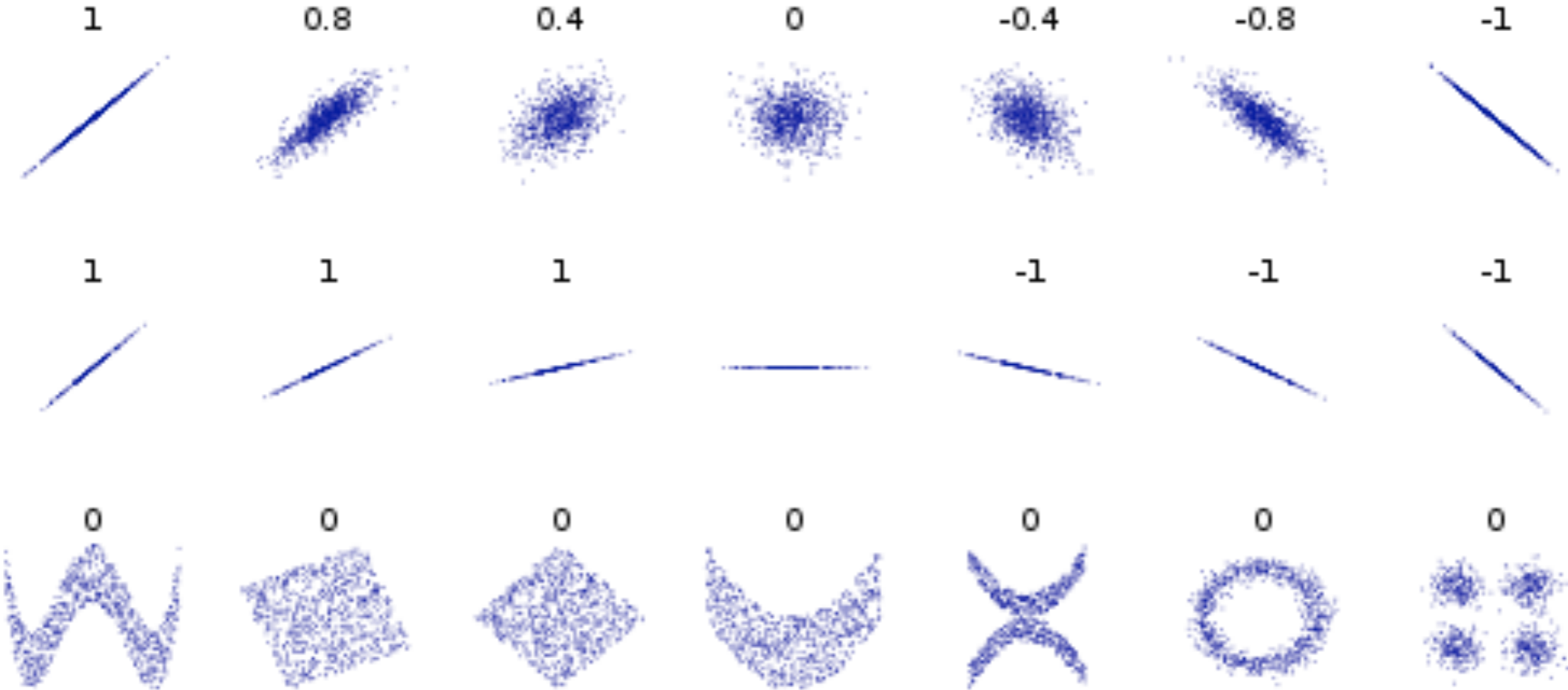
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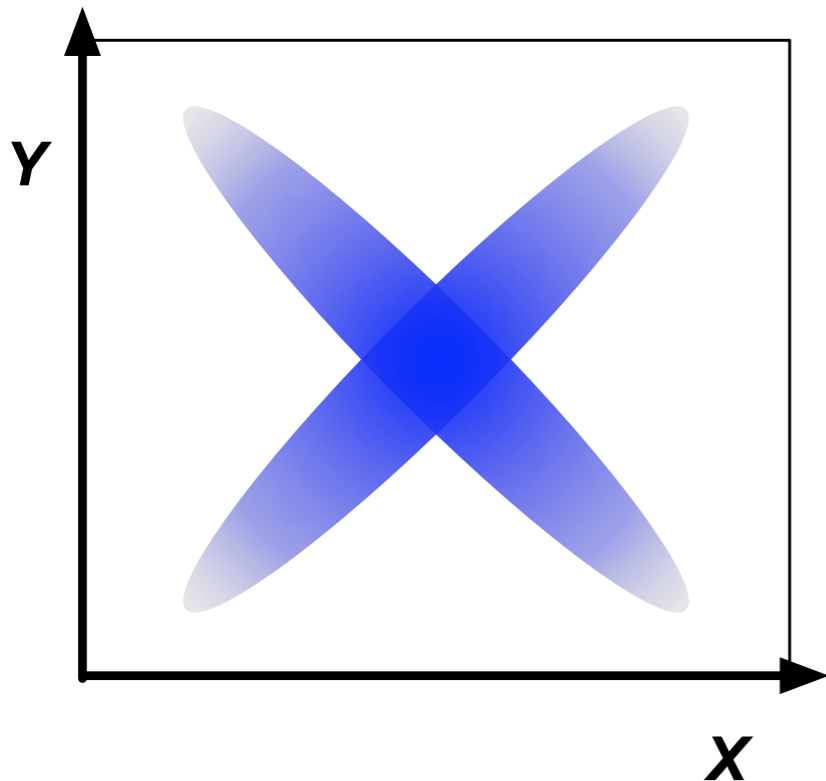


MUTUAL INFORMATION

Mutual Information is a more general notion of ‘correlation’

$$I(X; Y) = \sum_{y \in Y} \sum_{x \in X} p(x, y) \log \left(\frac{p(x, y)}{p_1(x) p_2(y)} \right), \quad \begin{aligned} I(X; Y) &= H(X) - H(X|Y) \\ &= H(Y) - H(Y|X) \\ &= H(X) + H(Y) - H(X, Y) \end{aligned}$$

- ▶ it is symmetric: $I(X; Y) = I(Y; X)$
- ▶ if and only if X, Y totally independent: $I(X; Y) = 0$
- ▶ possible for X, Y to be uncorrelated, but not independent



Mutual Information doesn't seem to be used much within HEP, but it seems quite useful

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The minimum variance bound on an estimator is given by the Cramér-Rao inequality:

- ▶ **simple univariate case:**

$$\text{Var}[\hat{\theta}|\theta] = E[(\hat{\theta} - E[\theta|\theta])^2 | \theta]$$

- ▶ **For an unbiased estimator the Cramér-Rao bound states**

$$\text{Var}[\hat{\theta}|\theta] \geq \frac{1}{I(\theta)}$$

- ▶ **where $I(\theta)$ is the Fisher information**

$$(\mathcal{I}(\theta))_{i,j} = E \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_i} \ln f(X; \theta) \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_j} \ln f(X; \theta) \middle| \theta \right].$$

- ▶ **General form for multiple parameters:**

$$\text{cov}[\hat{\theta}|\theta]_{ij} \geq I_{ij}^{-1}(\theta)$$

Maximum Likelihood Estimators *asymptotically* reach this bound

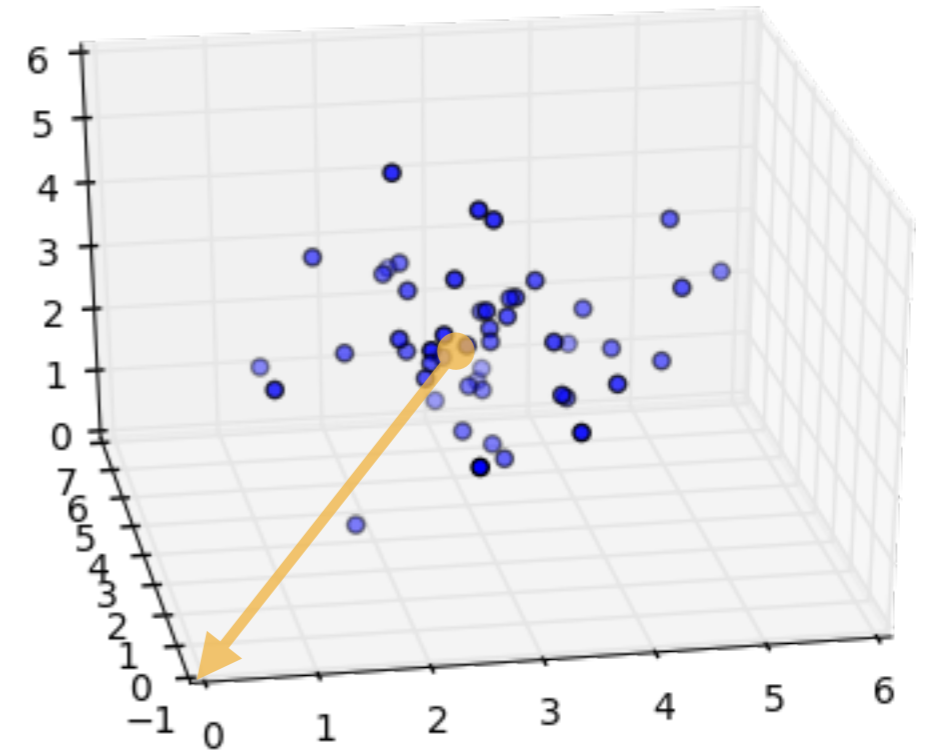
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Goal: minimize mean-squared error

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MLE (unbiased)

$$\hat{\vec{\mu}}_{MLE} = \bar{\vec{x}} = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{j=1}^m \vec{x}_j$$

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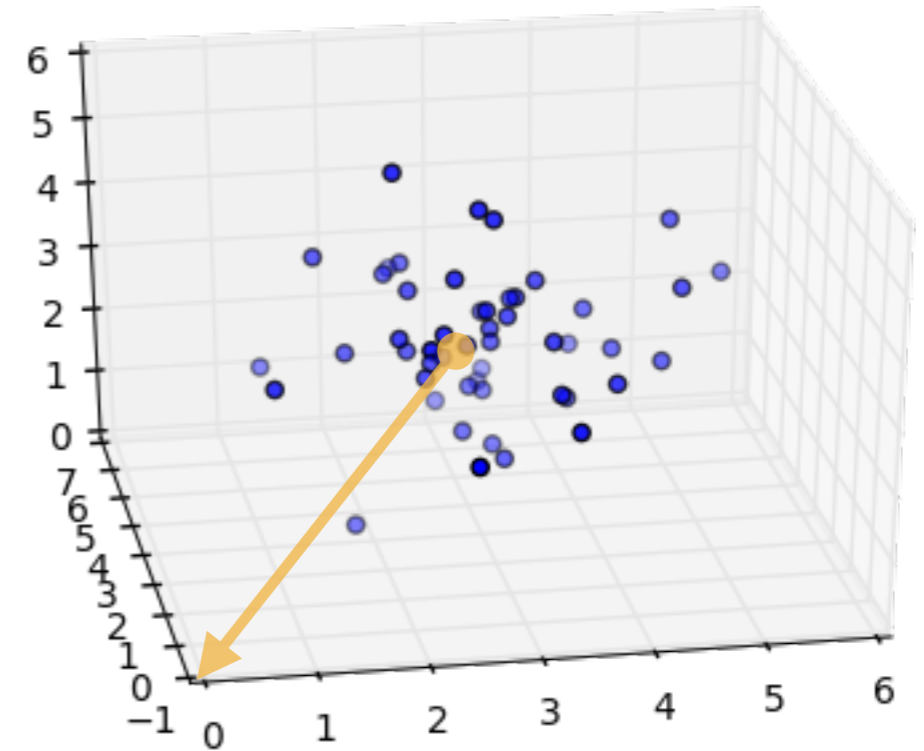
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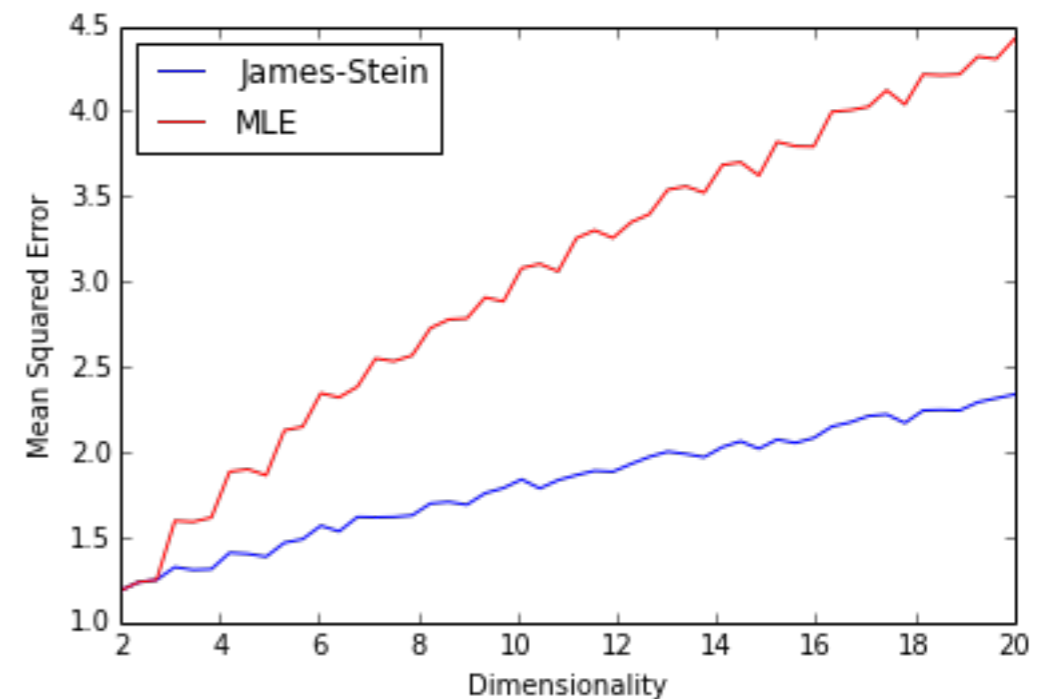
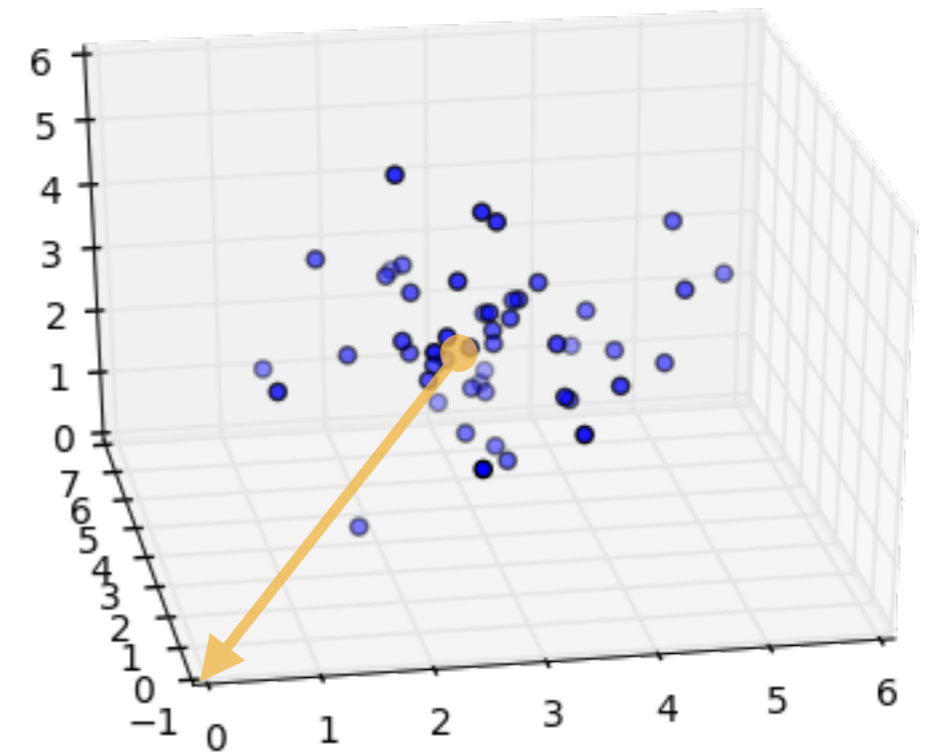
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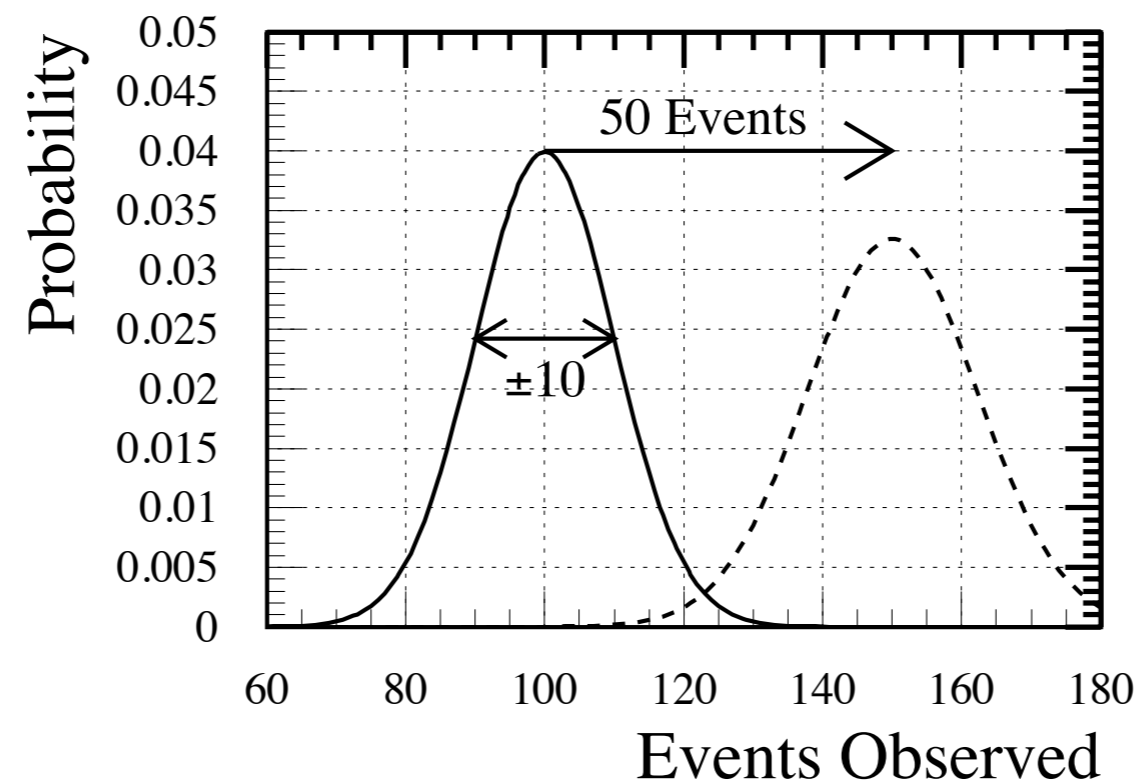
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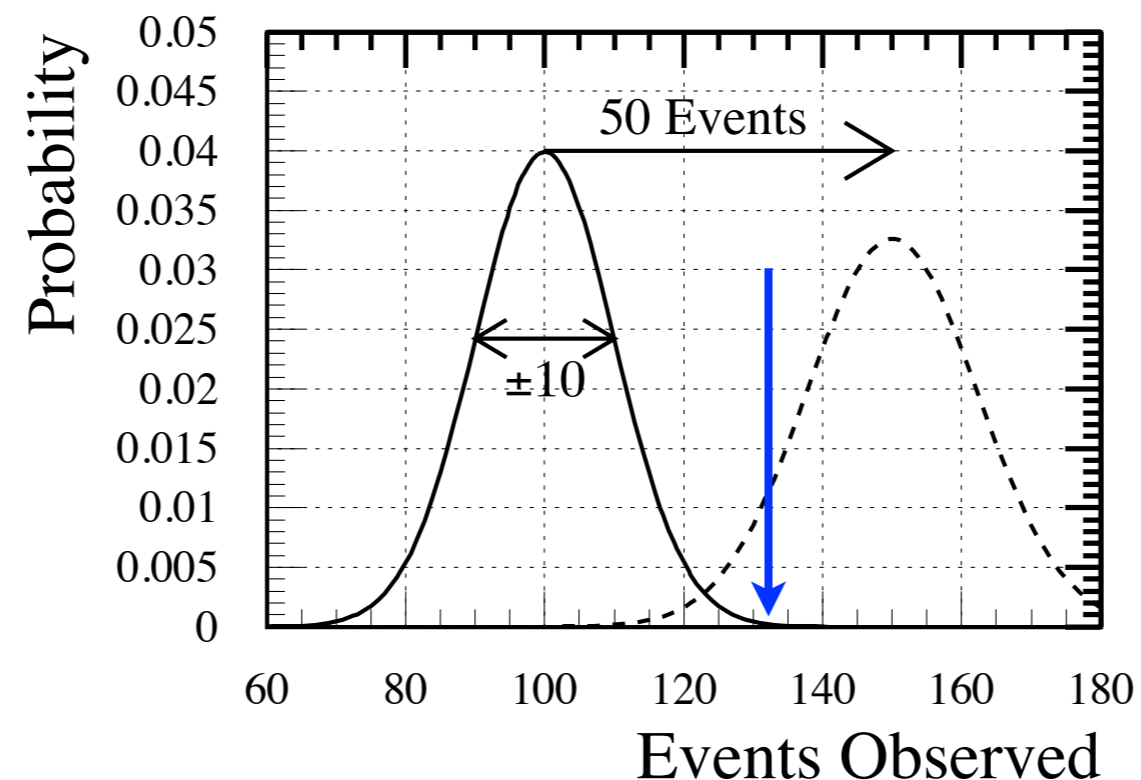
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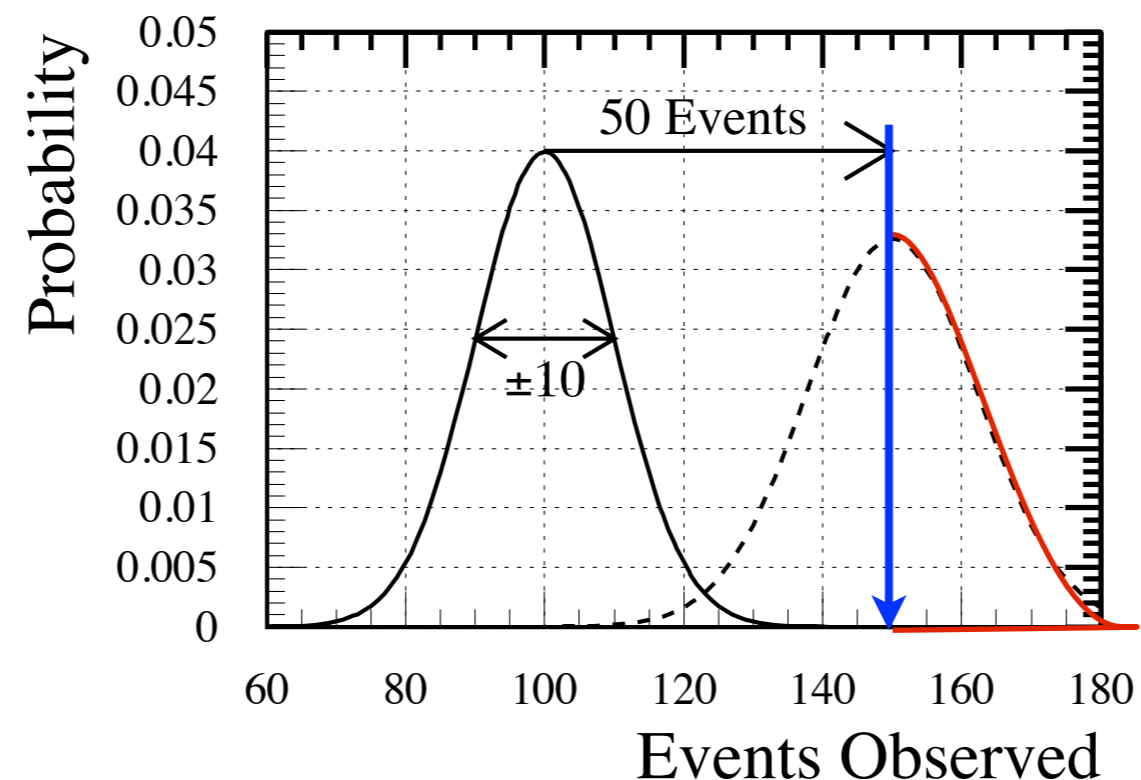
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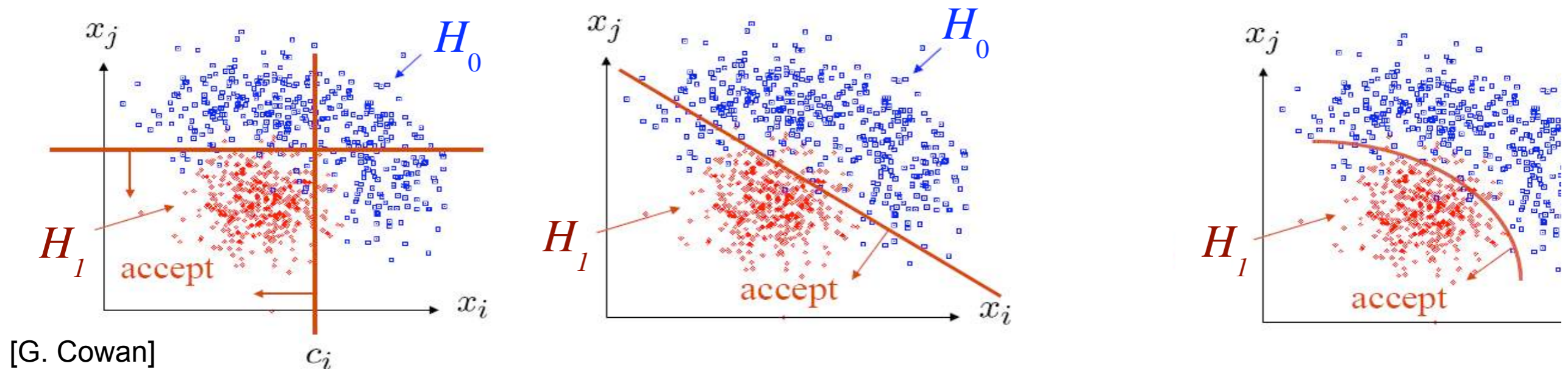
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THE NEYMAN-PEARSON LEMMA

In 1928-1938 Neyman & Pearson developed a theory in which one must consider competing Hypotheses:

- the Null Hypothesis H_0 (background only)
- the Alternate Hypothesis H_1 (signal-plus-background)

Given some probability that we wrongly reject the Null Hypothesis

$$\alpha = P(x \notin W | H_0)$$

(Convention: if data falls in W then we accept H_0)

Find the region W such that we minimize the probability of wrongly accepting the H_0 (when H_1 is true)

$$\beta = P(x \in W | H_1)$$

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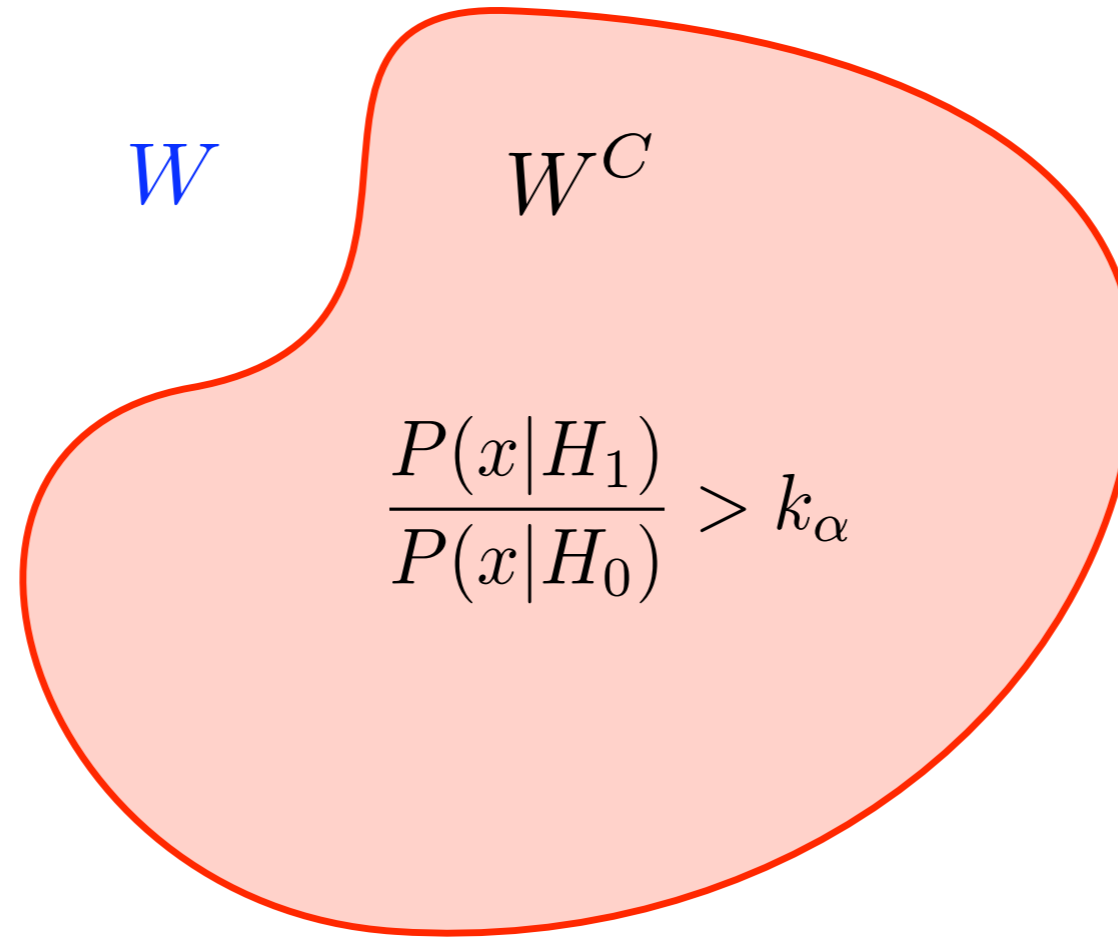
The region W that minimizes the probability of wrongly accepting H_0 is just a contour of the Likelihood Ratio

$$\frac{P(x|H_1)}{P(x|H_0)} > k_\alpha$$

Any other region of the same size will have less power

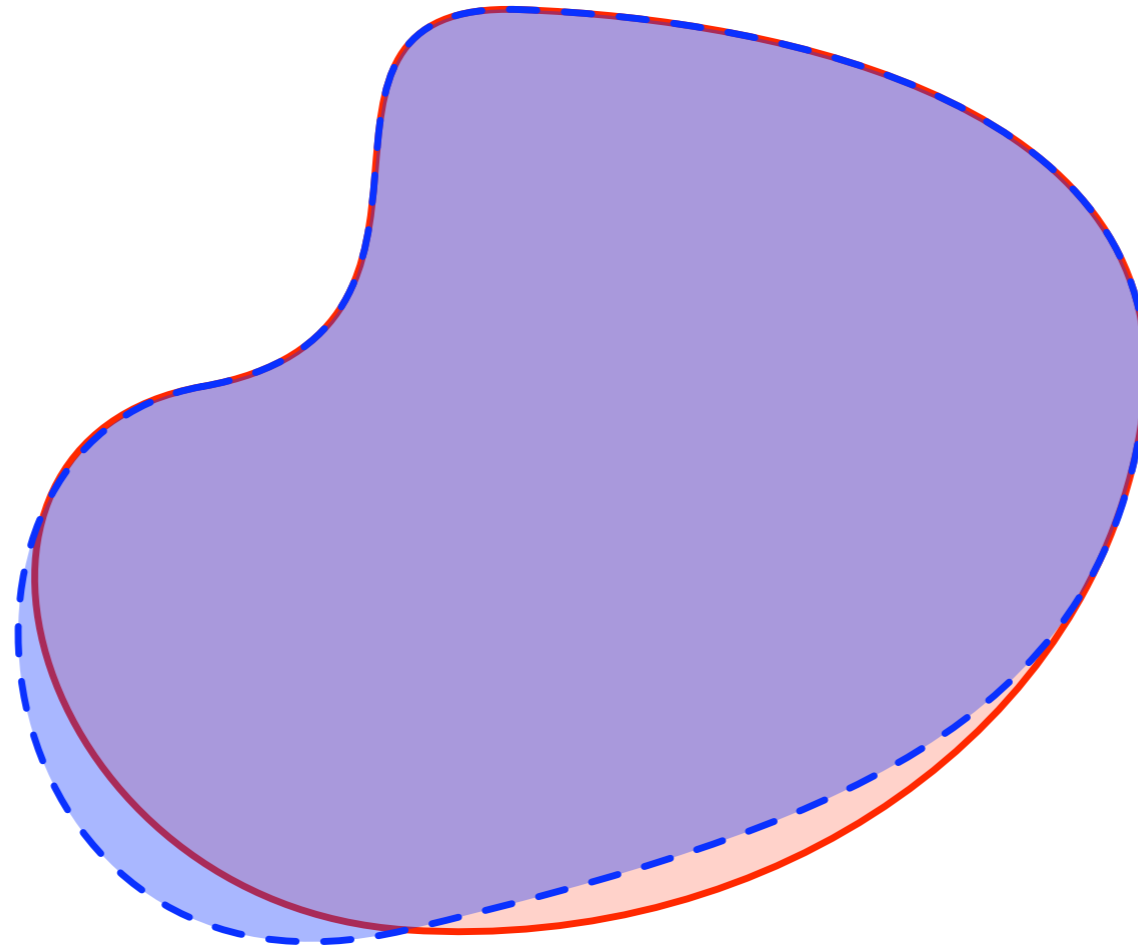
The likelihood ratio is an example of a **Test Statistic**, eg. a real-valued function that summarizes the data in a way relevant to the hypotheses that are being tested

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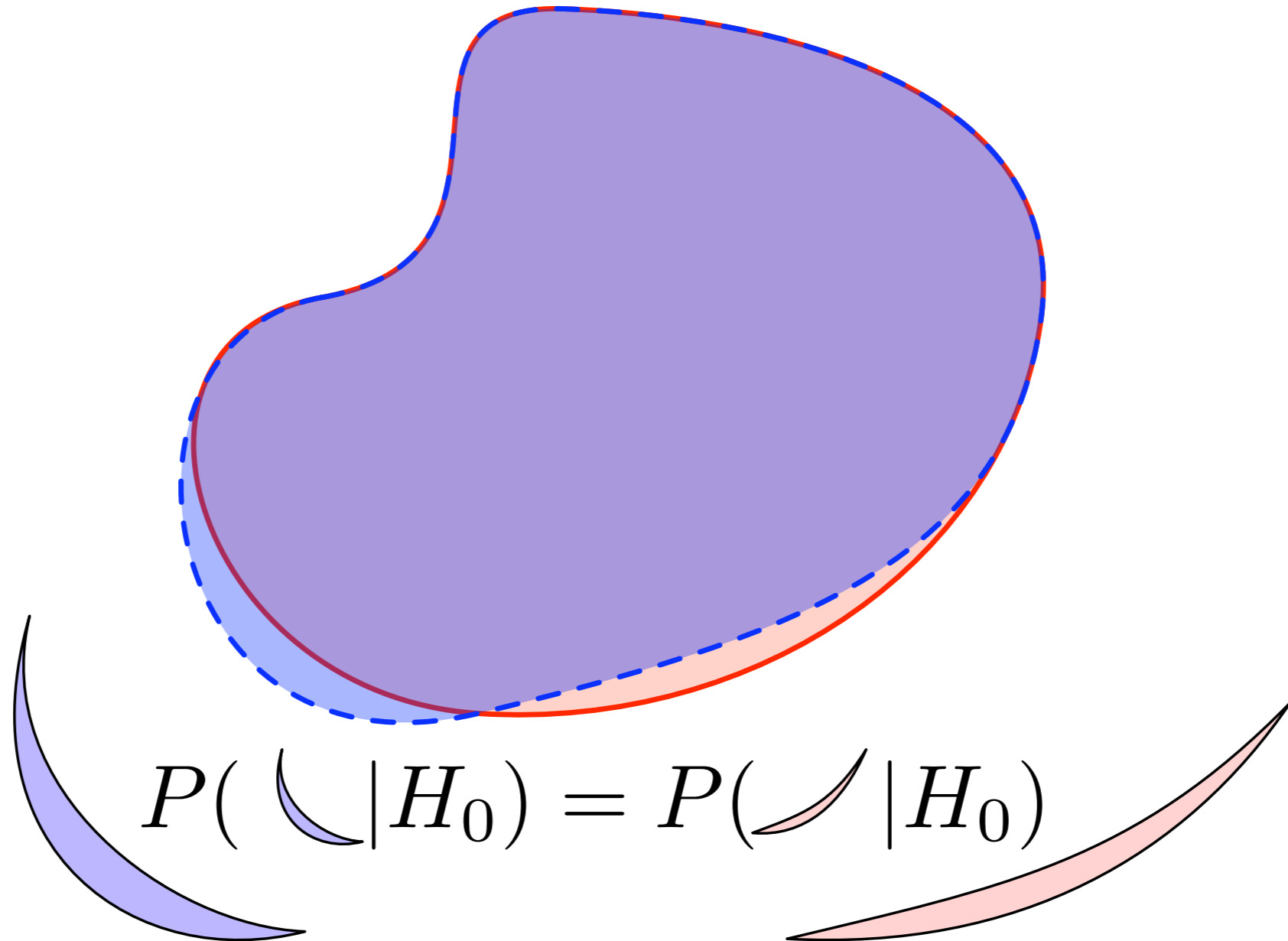
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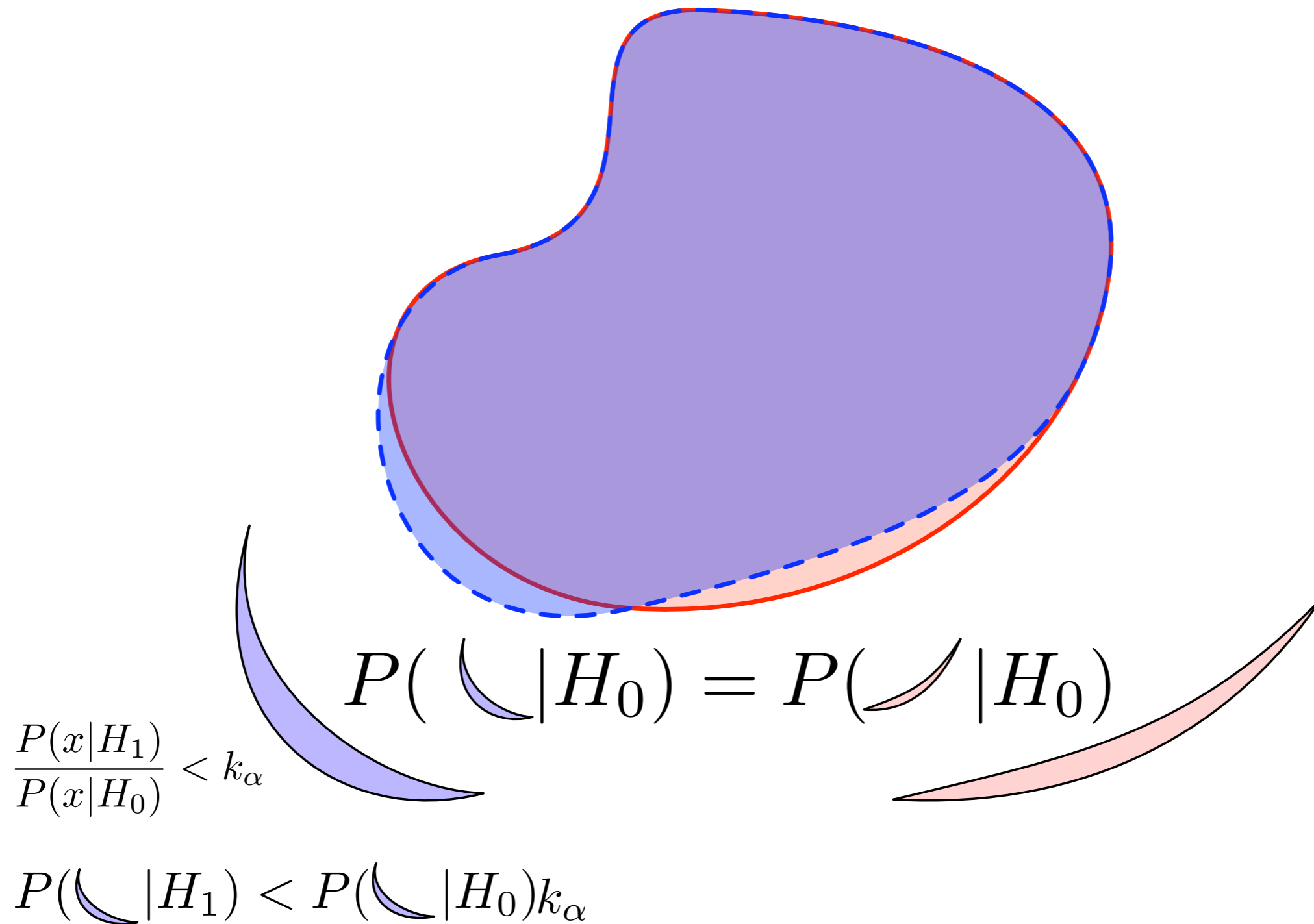
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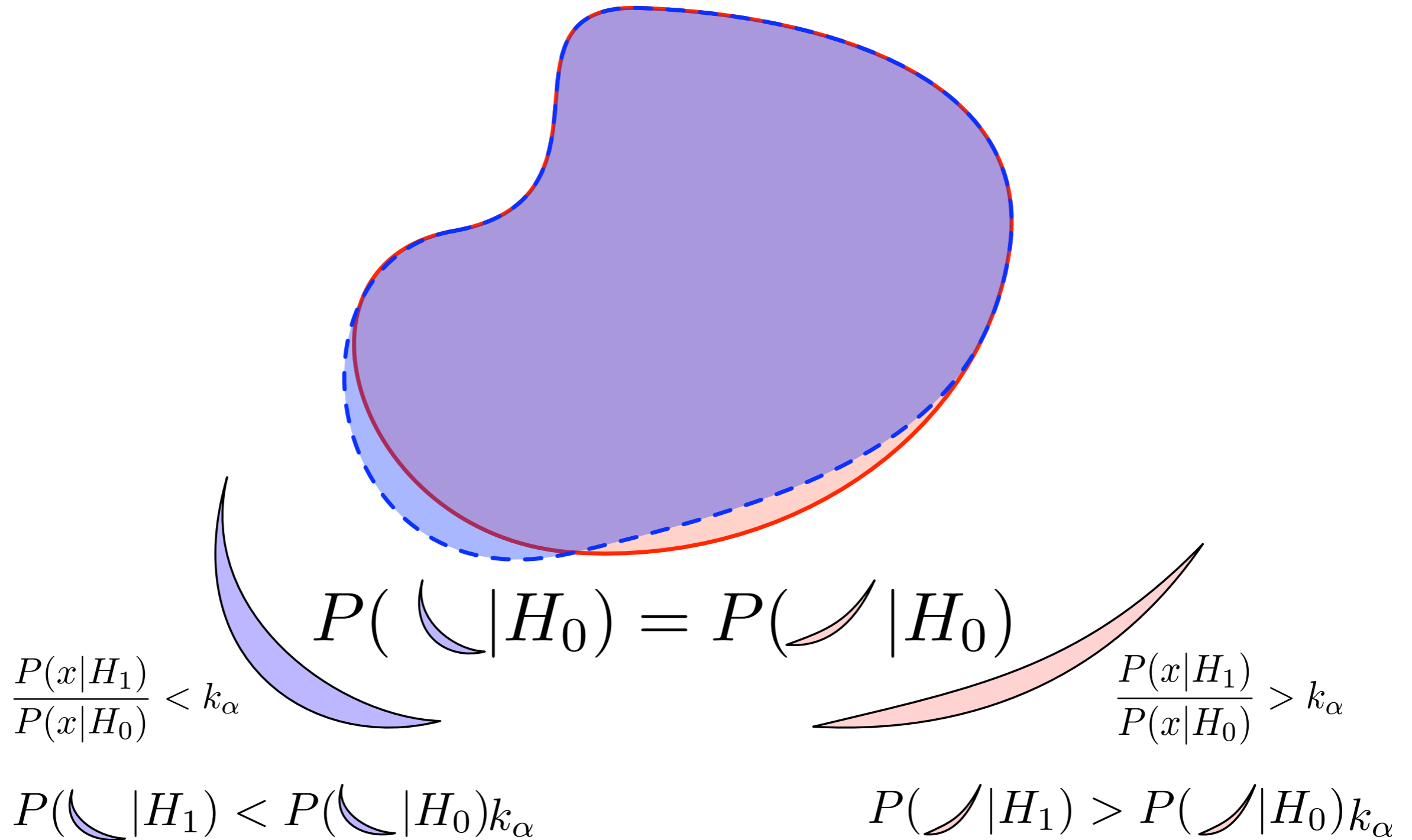
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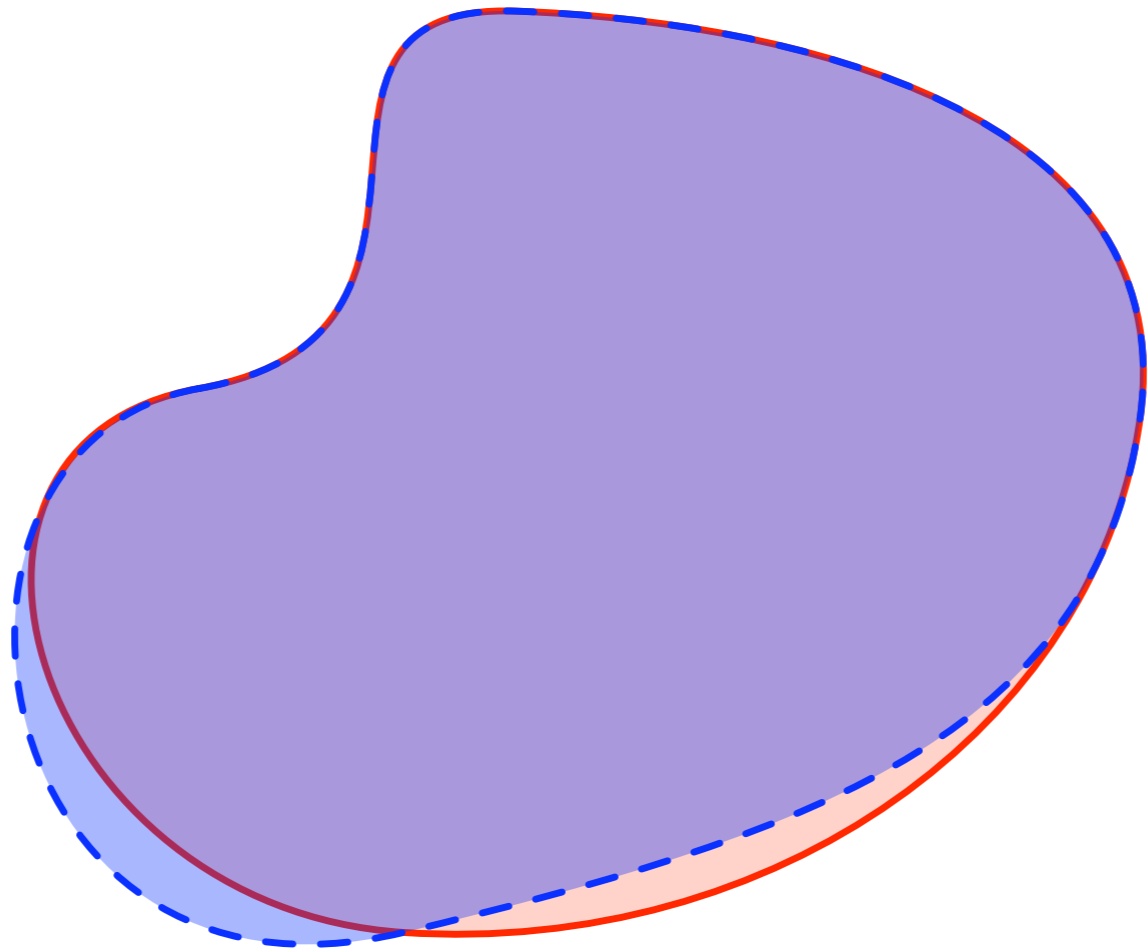
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And for the region we lost, we also have an inequality

Together they give...

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- Optimality theory: Data X . Model $f(x|\theta), \theta \in \Theta$.
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- Lose $L(d(X), \theta)$ – real valued.
- Judge quality of $d(X)$ by long run average risk:

$$R(d, \theta) = \langle L(d(X), \theta) \rangle_{\theta} = \mathbb{E} [L(d(X), \theta | \theta)].$$

- Key idea: **admissibility**.
- Procedure d_1 is better than d_2 if, for *all* θ ,

$$R(d_1, \theta) < R(d_2, \theta).$$

- We call d_2 *inadmissible*.



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Written separately because neither is quite right.

But meaning is – sensible procedures need to be Bayes.

Not always an easy restriction to impose – but wise, in my view, to remember.



- Data X with density f_0 or f_1 .
- Decision: observe X guess which density. Hypothesis testing.
- Loss: 1 if wrong, 0 if right.
- Risk is
$$(P_0(\text{Reject}), P_1(\text{Accept}))$$
- Neyman Pearson say minimize second component subject to constraint on first.



- Lagrange multipliers. Minimize

$$P_1(\text{Accept}) + \lambda P_0(\text{Reject}) = \beta + \lambda\alpha.$$

- Same as Bayes for prior $P(f_1 \text{ true}) = 1/(1 + \lambda)$.
- Then adjust prior (λ) to find Bayes procedure which satisfies constraint.
- Notice that $\lambda/(1 + \lambda) = P(H_o)$.
- Procedure implies (at least one) prior.

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Bayes' theorem relates the conditional and marginal probabilities of events A & B

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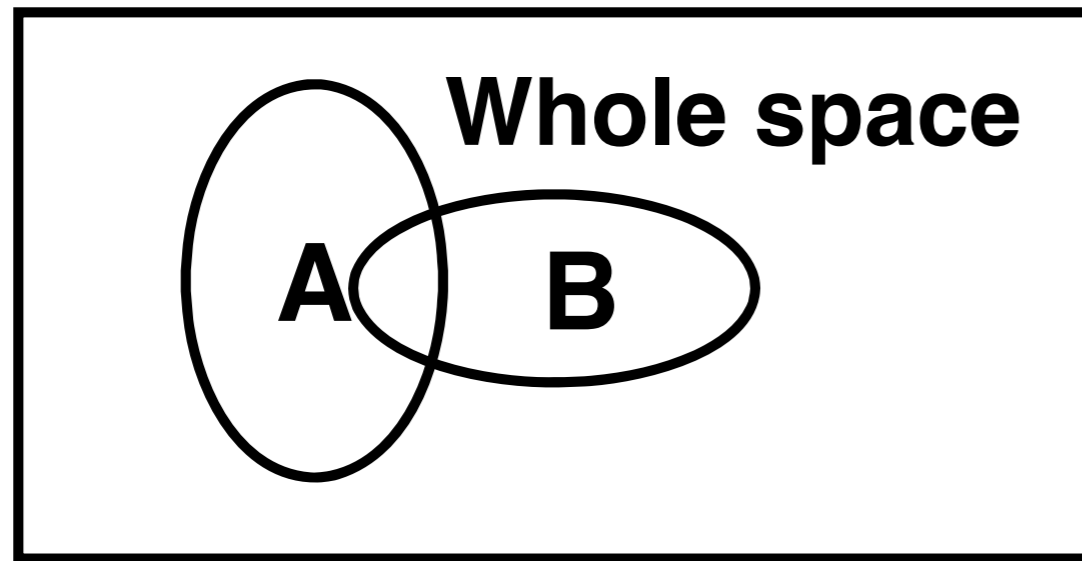
- **$P(A)$** is the prior probability. It is "prior" in the sense that it does not take into account any information about B .
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$$\pi(\theta|x) = \frac{f(x|\theta)\pi(\theta)}{\mathcal{N}} \propto L(\theta)\pi(\theta)$$

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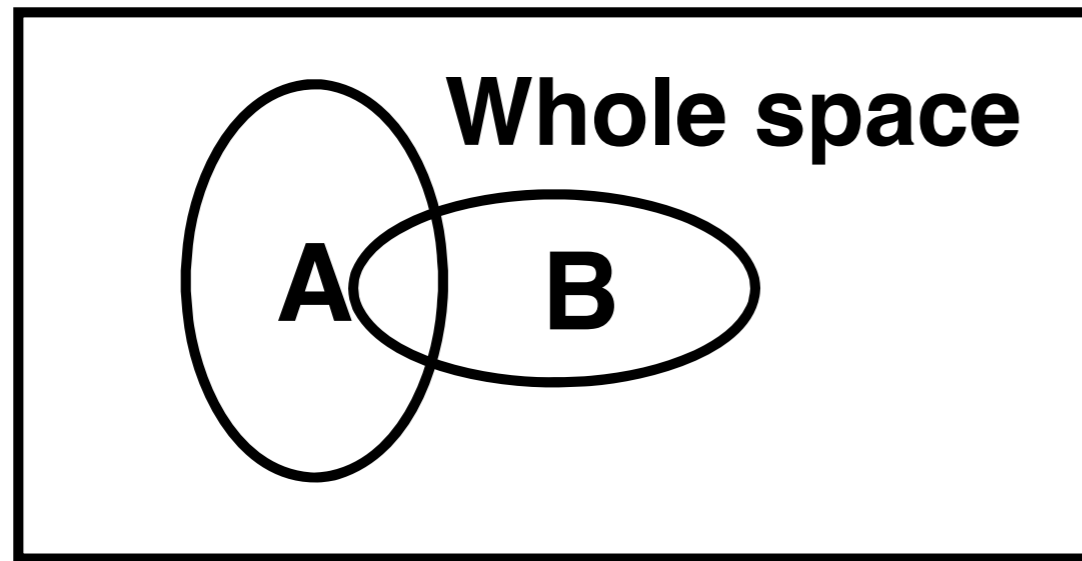
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Don't forget about "Whole space" Ω I will drop it from the notation typically, but occasionally it is important.

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LOUIS'S EXAMPLE

$$P(\text{Data};\text{Theory}) \neq P(\text{Theory};\text{Data})$$

Theory = male or female

Data = pregnant or not pregnant

$$P(\text{pregnant ; female}) \sim 3\%$$

but

$$P(\text{female ; pregnant}) \gg \gg 3\%$$

AXIOMS OF PROBABILITY

These Axioms are a mathematical starting point for probability and statistics

1. probability for every element, E , is non-negative $P(E) \geq 0 \quad \forall E \subseteq \mathcal{F} = 2^\Omega$

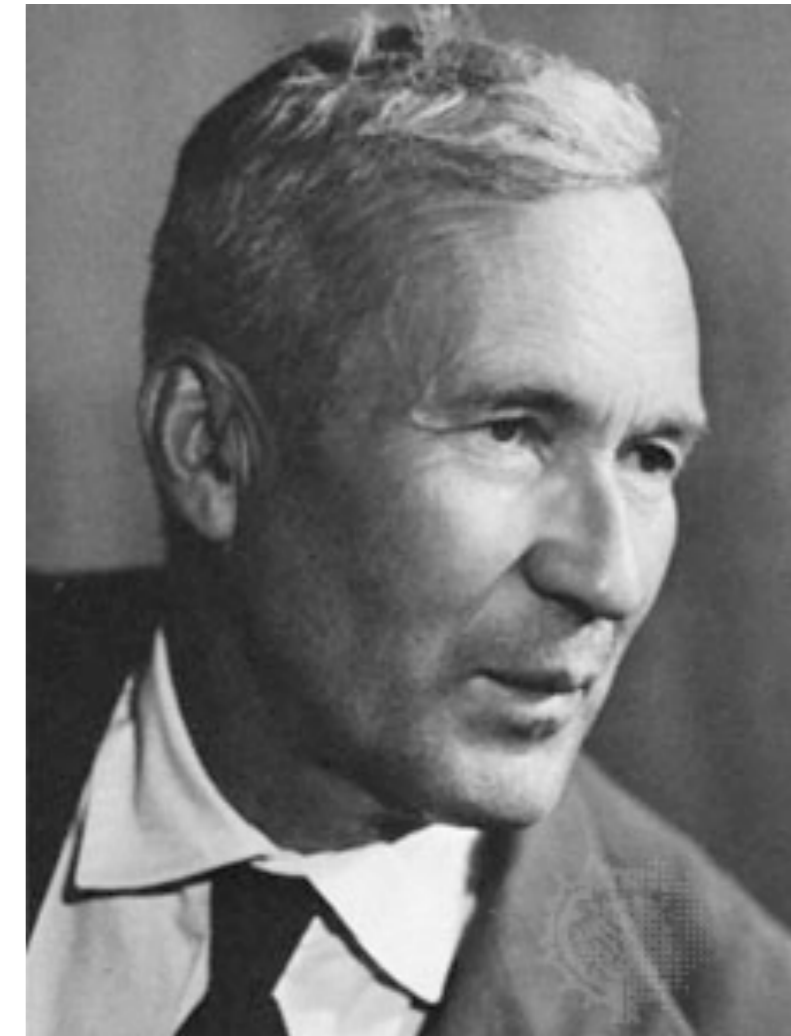
2. probability for the entire space of possibilities is 1 $P(\Omega) = 1$.

3. if elements E_i are disjoint, probability is additive $P(E_1 \cup E_2 \cup \dots) = \sum_i P(E_i)$.

Consequences:

$$P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B)$$

$$P(\Omega \setminus E) = 1 - P(E)$$



Kolmogorov
axioms (1933)

DIFFERENT DEFINITIONS OF PROBABILITY

Frequentist

- ▶ defined as limit of long term frequency
- ▶ probability of rolling a 3 := limit of (# rolls with 3 / # trials)
 - you don't need an infinite sample for definition to be useful
 - sometimes ensemble doesn't exist
 - eg. $P(\text{Higgs mass} = 125 \text{ GeV})$, $P(\text{it will snow tomorrow})$
- ▶ Intuitive if you are familiar with Monte Carlo methods
- ▶ compatible with orthodox interpretation of probability in Quantum Mechanics. Probability to measure spin projected on x-axis if spin of beam is polarized along +z



Subjective Bayesian

- ▶ Probability is a degree of belief (personal, subjective)
 - can be made quantitative based on betting odds
 - most people's subjective probabilities are not **coherent** and do not obey laws of probability

$$|\langle \rightarrow | \uparrow \rangle|^2 = \frac{1}{2}$$

Measurement / Estimators

ESTIMATORS

Given some model $f(x|\alpha)$ and a set of observations $\{x_i\}$ often one wants to estimate the true value of α (assuming the model is true).

An **estimator** is function of the data written $\hat{\alpha}(x_1, \dots, x_n)$

- ▶ Since the data are random, so is the resulting estimate
- ▶ often it is just written $\hat{\alpha}$, where the x -dependence is implicit
- ▶ one can compute expectation of the estimator

$$E[\hat{\alpha}(x)|\alpha] = \int \hat{\alpha}(x) f(x|\alpha) dx$$

Properties of estimators:

- ▶ **bias** $E[\hat{\alpha}(x)|\alpha] - \alpha$ (unbiased means bias=0)
- ▶ **variance** $E[(\hat{\alpha}(x) - \bar{\alpha})^2|\alpha] = \int (\hat{\alpha}(x) - \bar{\alpha})^2 f(x|\alpha) dx$
- ▶ **asymptotic bias** limit of bias with infinite observations

MAXIMUM LIKELIHOOD ESTIMATORS

There are many different possible estimators, but the most well-known and well-studied is the maximum likelihood estimator (MLE)

$$\hat{\alpha}(x) = \operatorname{argmax}_{\alpha} L(\alpha) = \operatorname{argmax}_{\alpha} f(x|\alpha)$$

This is just the value of α that maximizes the likelihood

Example: the Poisson distribution

$$\text{Pois}(n|\mu) = \mu^n \frac{e^{-\mu}}{n!}$$

Maximizing $L(\mu)$ is the same as minimizing $-\ln L(\mu)$

$$-\frac{d}{d\mu} \ln L(\mu) \Big|_{\hat{\mu}} = 0 = \frac{d}{d\mu} \left(\mu - n \ln \mu + \underbrace{\ln n!}_{\text{const}} \right) = 1 - \frac{n}{\mu}$$

$$\Rightarrow \hat{\mu} = n$$

In this case, the MLE is unbiased b/c $E[n]=\mu$

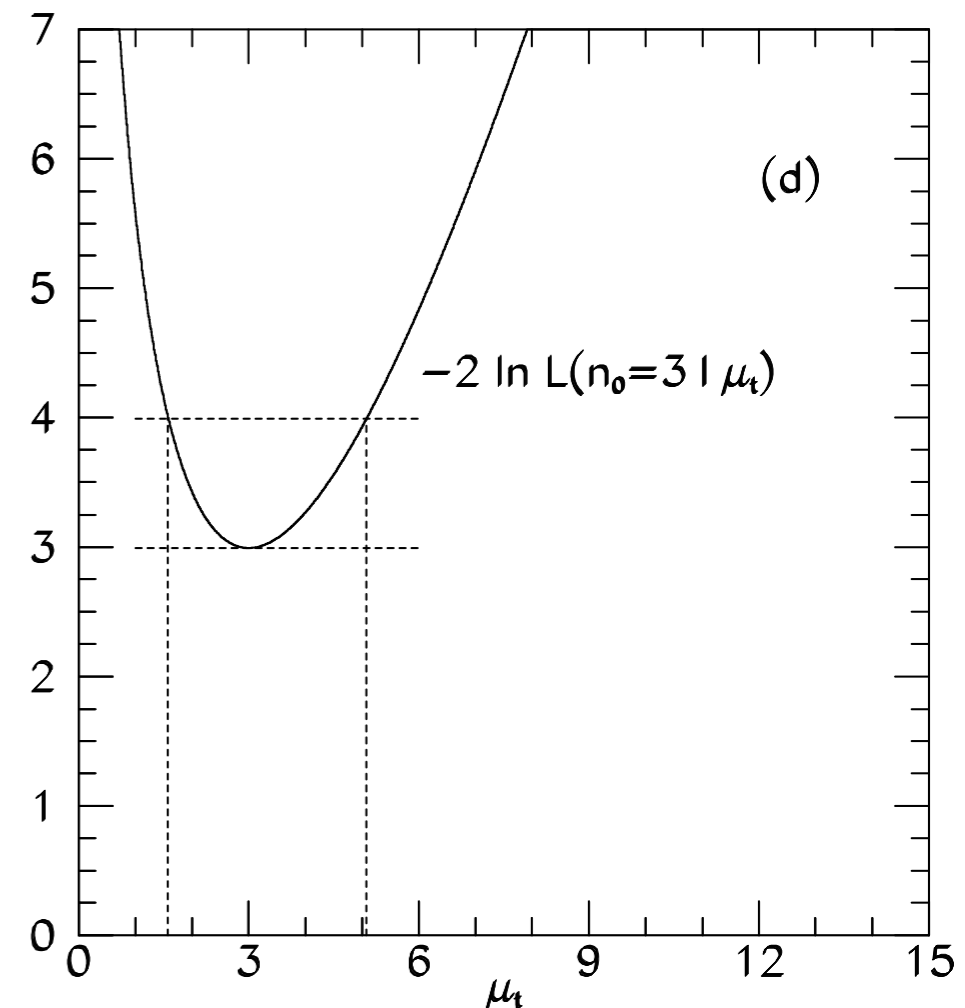


Figure from R. Cousins,
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A SECOND EXAMPLE

Consider a set of observations $\{x_i\}$ and we want to estimate the mean of a Gaussian with known σ

which gives

$$G(x|\mu, \sigma) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} -\frac{d}{d\mu} \ln L(\mu) \Big|_{\hat{\mu}} = 0 &= \frac{d}{d\mu} \left(\sum_i \frac{(x_i - \mu)^2}{2\sigma^2} + \underbrace{\ln \sqrt{2\pi}\sigma}_{\text{const}} \right) = \sum_i \frac{(x_i - \mu)}{\sigma^2} \\ \Rightarrow \hat{\mu} &= \frac{1}{N} \sum_i x_i \quad (\text{an unbiased estimator}). \end{aligned}$$

However, the MLE $\hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{1}{N} \sum_i (x_i - \mu)^2$ is biased

It can be shown that $\hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{1}{N-1} \sum_i (x_i - \mu)^2$ is unbiased

Thus, the MLE is **asymptotically unbiased**.

Note: if $\hat{\sigma}^2$ is an unbiased estimate of σ^2 , then $\sqrt{\{\hat{\sigma}^2\}}$ is a biased estimate of σ .

COVARIANCE AND CORRELATION

Define covariance $\text{cov}[x,y]$ (also use matrix notation V_{xy}) as

$$\text{COV}[x, y] = E[xy] - \mu_x\mu_y = E[(x - \mu_x)(y - \mu_y)]$$

Correlation coefficient (dimensionless) defined as

$$\rho_{xy} = \frac{\text{COV}[x, y]}{\sigma_x\sigma_y}$$

If x, y , independent, i.e., $f(x, y) = f_x(x)f_y(y)$, then

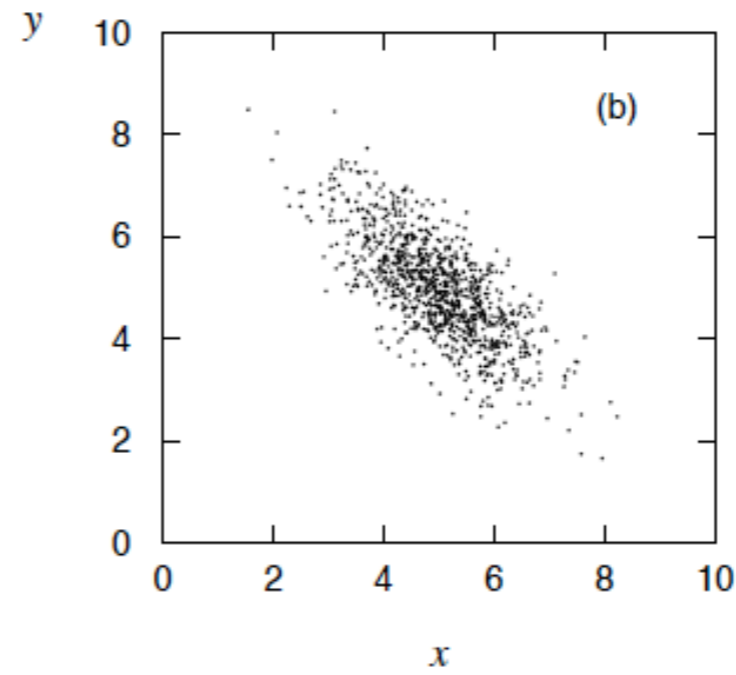
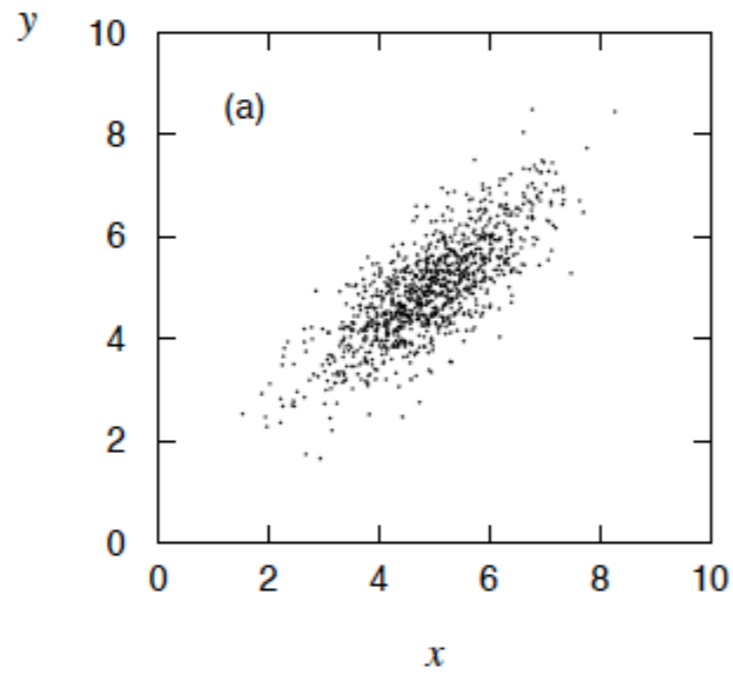
$$E[xy] = \int \int xy f(x, y) dx dy = \mu_x\mu_y$$

→ $\text{COV}[x, y] = 0$ x and y , 'uncorrelated'

N.B. converse not always true.

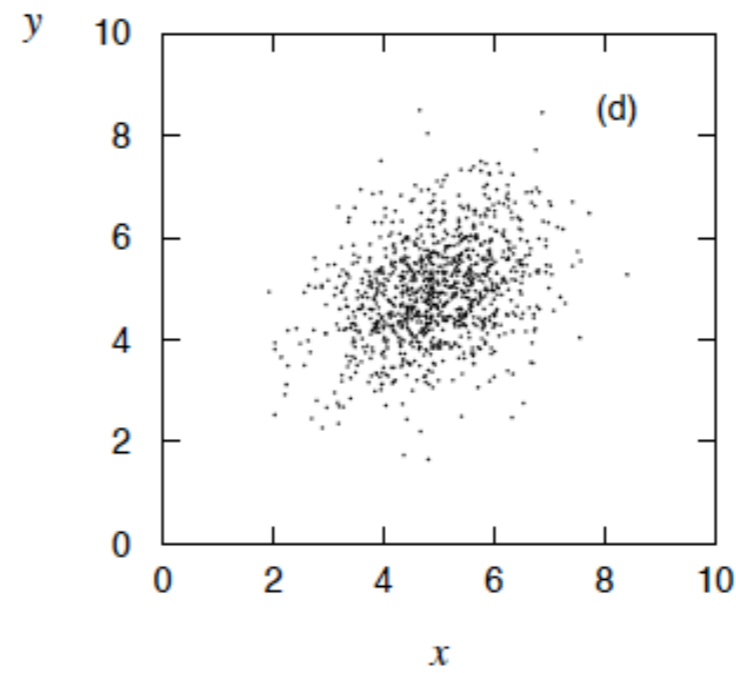
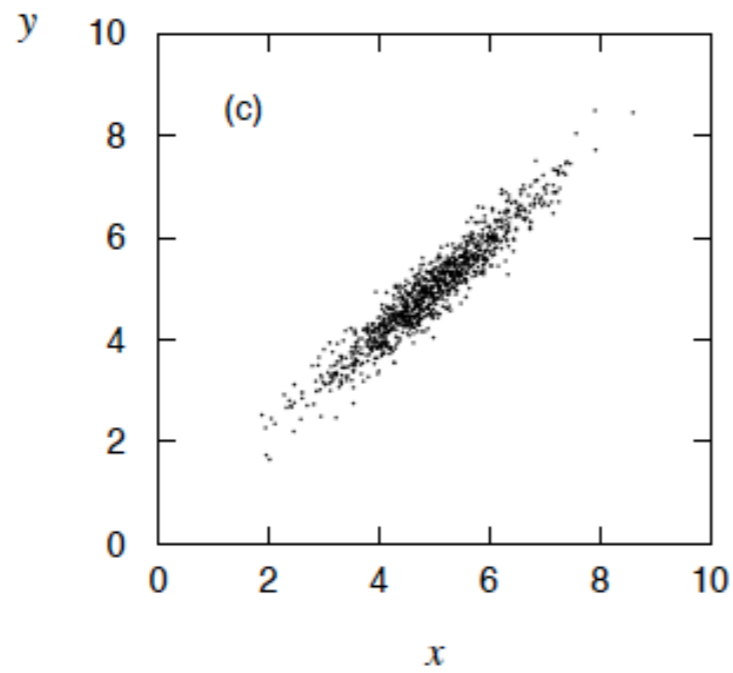
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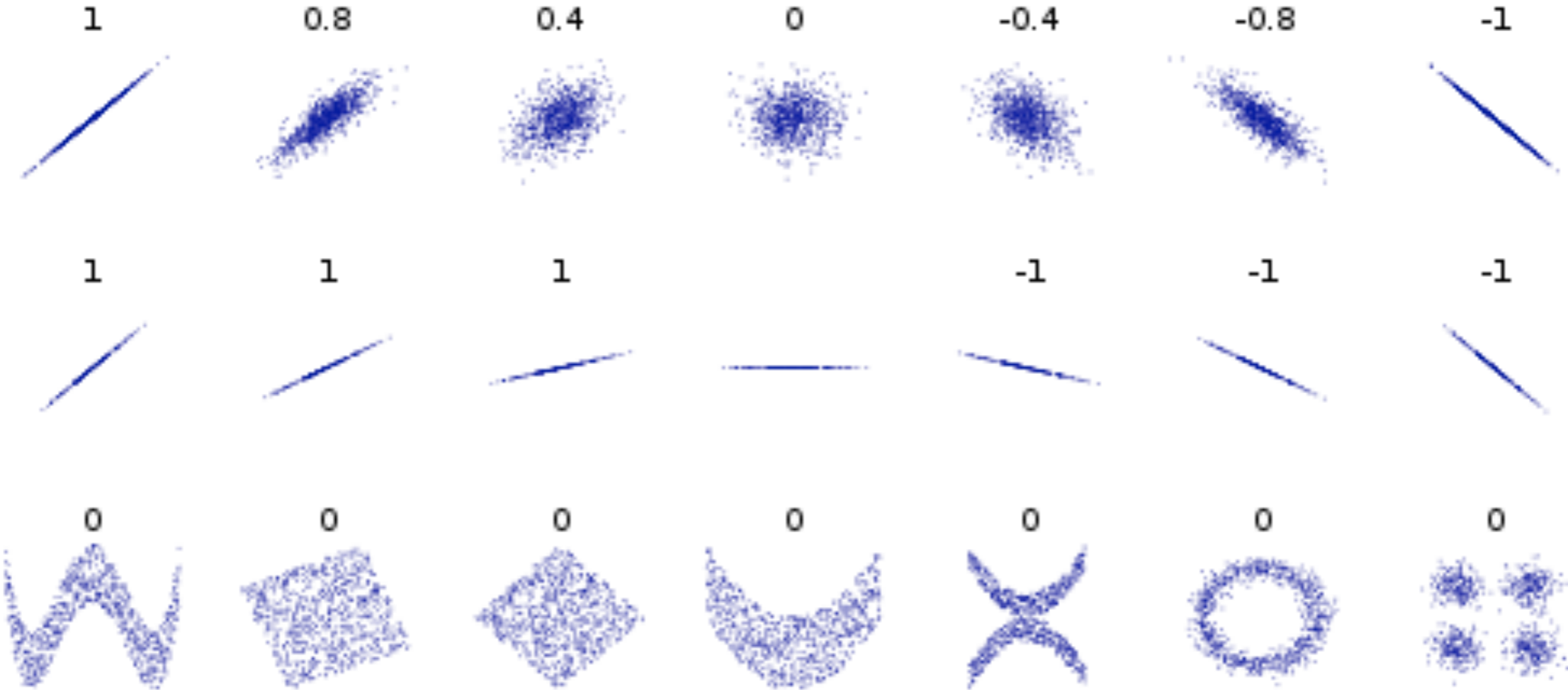
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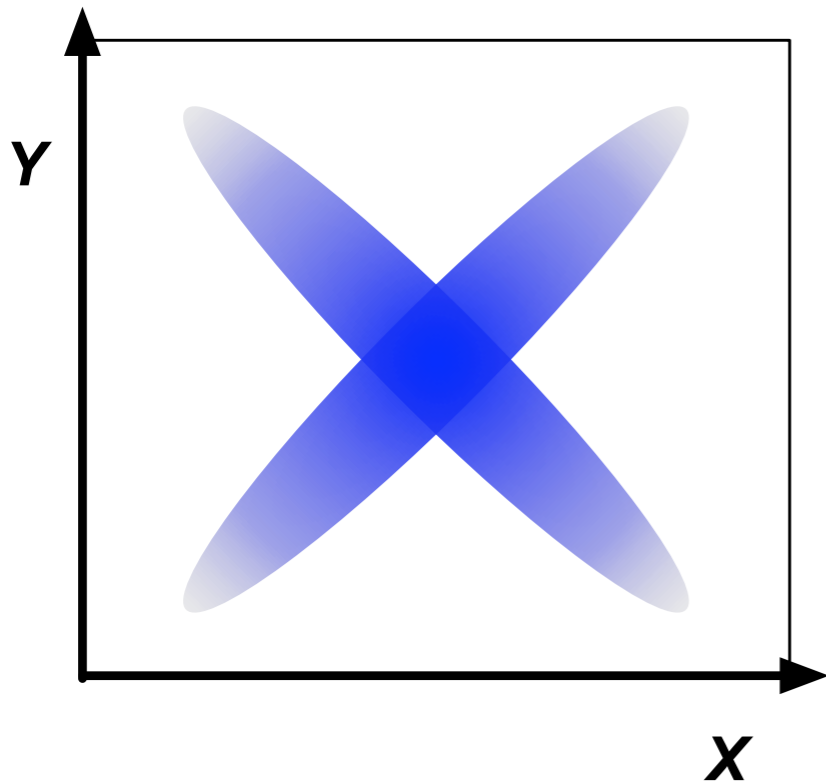


MUTUAL INFORMATION

Mutual Information is a more general notion of ‘correlation’

$$I(X; Y) = \sum_{y \in Y} \sum_{x \in X} p(x, y) \log \left(\frac{p(x, y)}{p_1(x) p_2(y)} \right), \quad \begin{aligned} I(X; Y) &= H(X) - H(X|Y) \\ &= H(Y) - H(Y|X) \\ &= H(X) + H(Y) - H(X, Y) \end{aligned}$$

- ▶ it is symmetric: $I(X; Y) = I(Y; X)$
- ▶ if and only if X, Y totally independent: $I(X; Y) = 0$
- ▶ possible for X, Y to be uncorrelated, but not independent



Mutual Information doesn't seem to be used much within HEP, but it seems quite useful

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The minimum variance bound on an estimator is given by the Cramér-Rao inequality:

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- ▶ **For an unbiased estimator the Cramér-Rao bound states**

$$\text{Var}[\hat{\theta}|\theta] \geq \frac{1}{I(\theta)}$$

- ▶ **where $I(\theta)$ is the Fisher information**

$$(\mathcal{I}(\theta))_{i,j} = E \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_i} \ln f(X; \theta) \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_j} \ln f(X; \theta) \middle| \theta \right].$$

- ▶ **General form for multiple parameters:**

$$\text{cov}[\hat{\theta}|\theta]_{ij} \geq I_{ij}^{-1}(\theta)$$

Maximum Likelihood Estimators *asymptotically* reach this bound

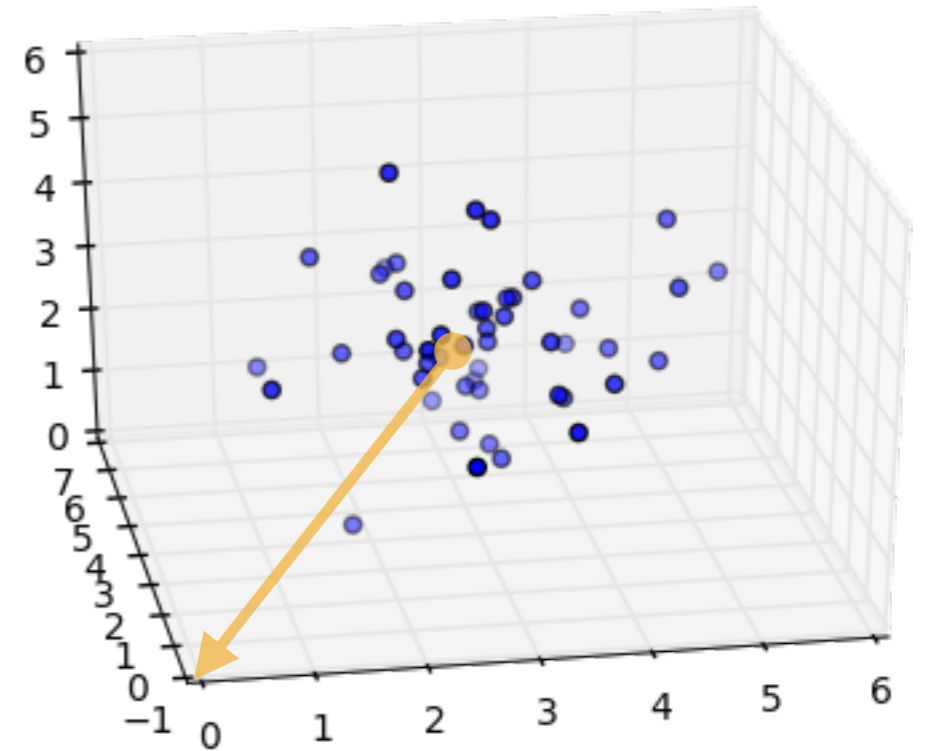
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Consider a standard multivariate Gaussian distribution for \vec{x} in n dimensions centered around $\vec{\mu}$

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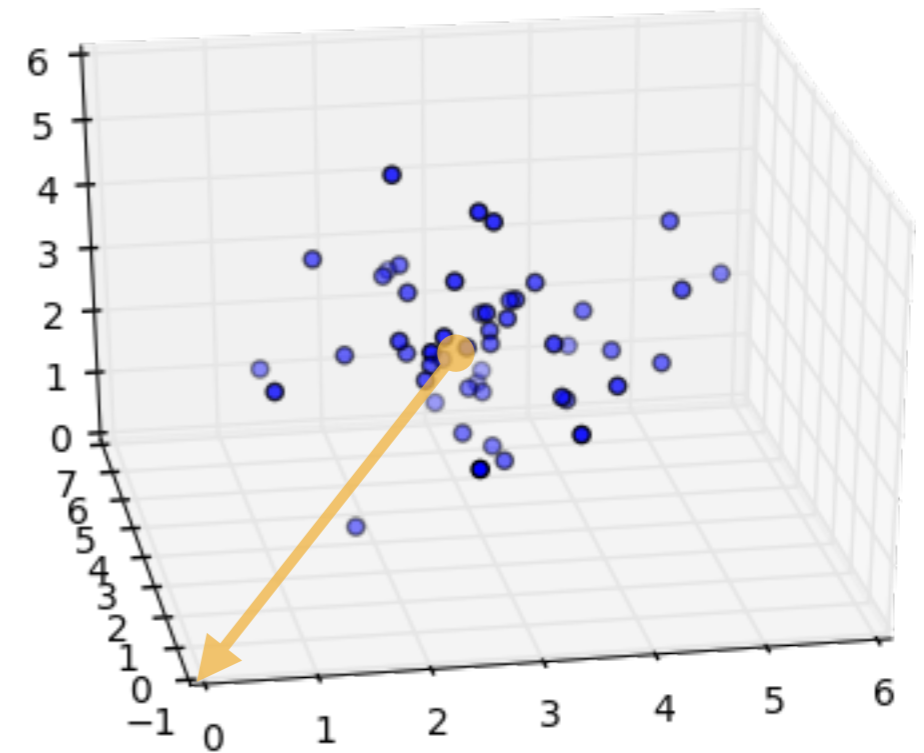
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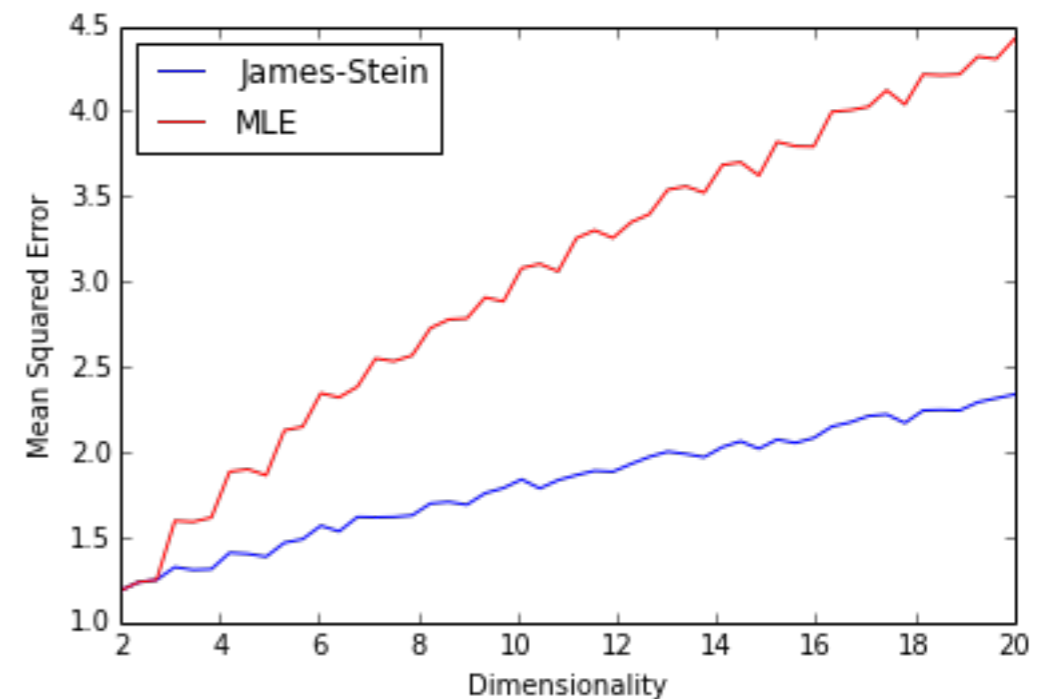
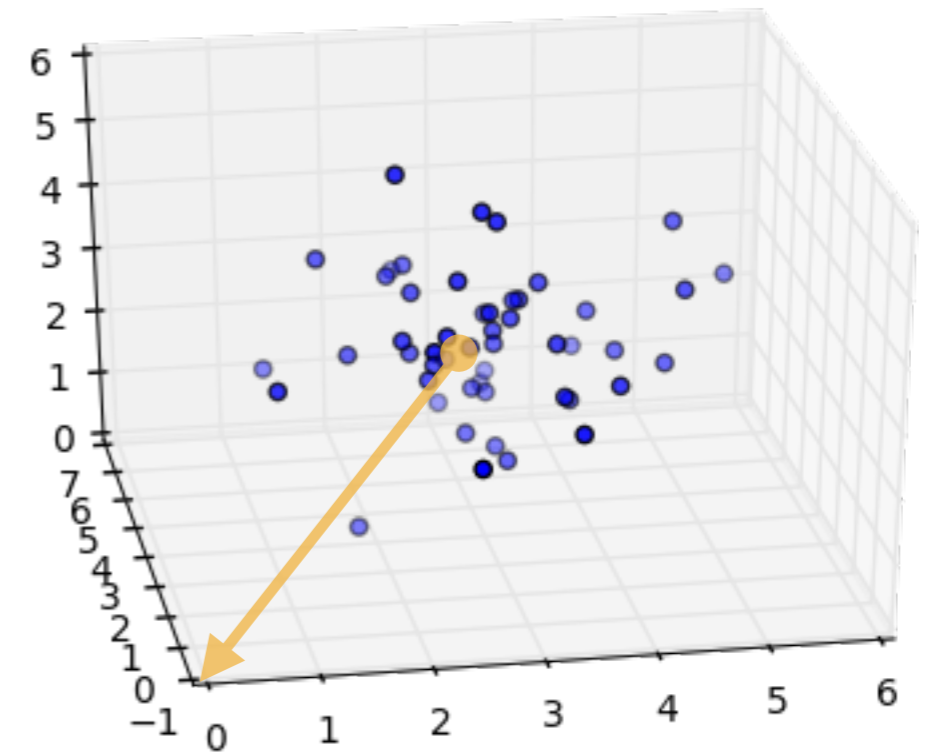
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LECTURE 2

Hypothesis Testing \leftrightarrow Classification

- Neyman-Pearson, Likelihood Ratio
- “Bayes Optimal” Machine Learning Classifiers & Loss

Extending to include systematics:

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 - RooFit \leftrightarrow TensorFlow, automatic differentiation
- Profile Likelihood Ratio & concept of a “pivot”

Parametrized learning

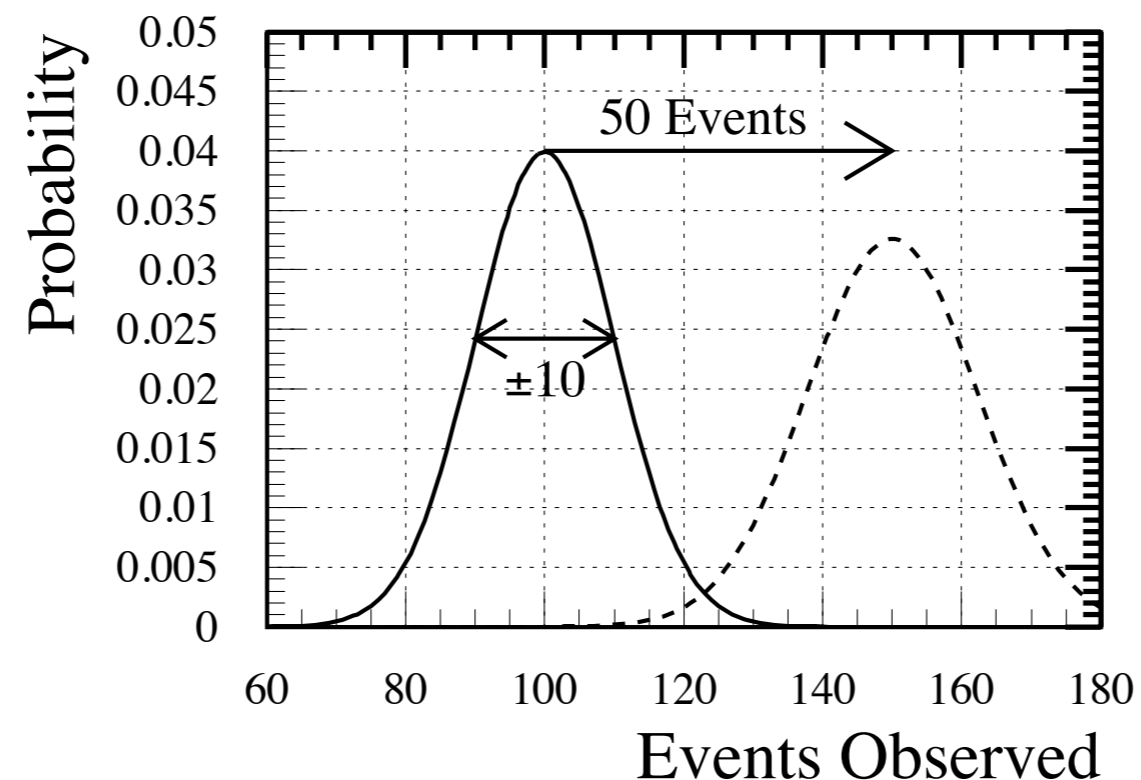
- for classification
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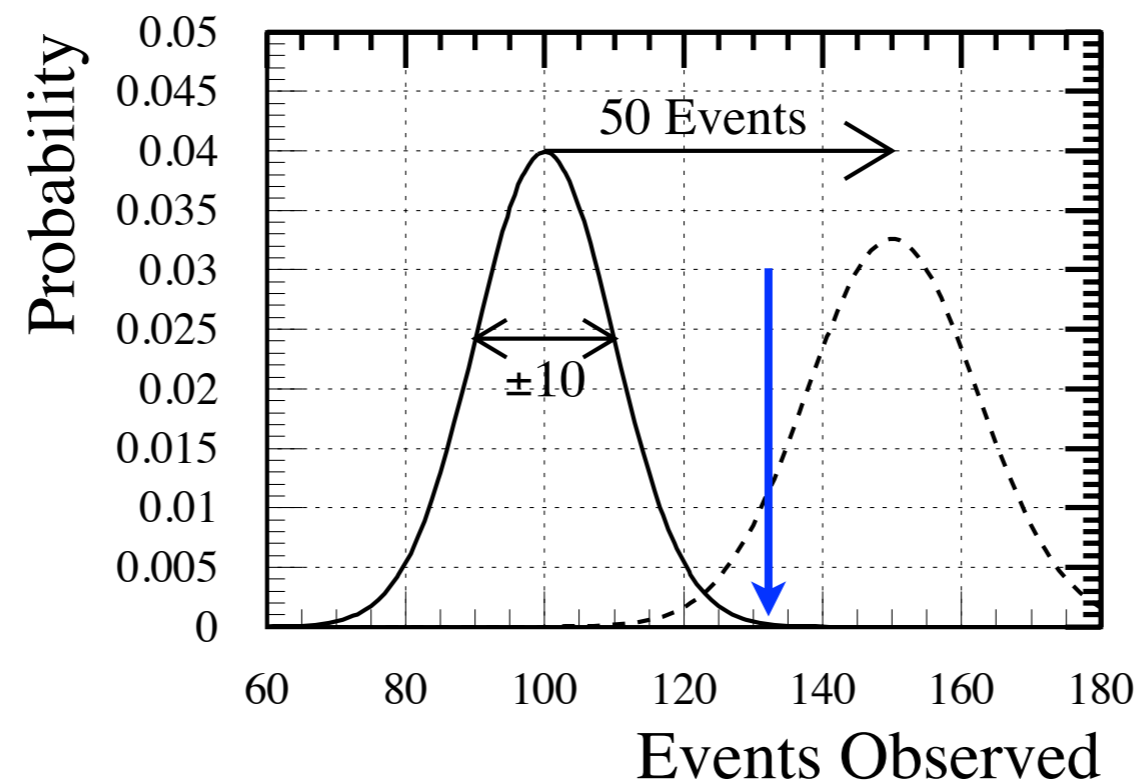
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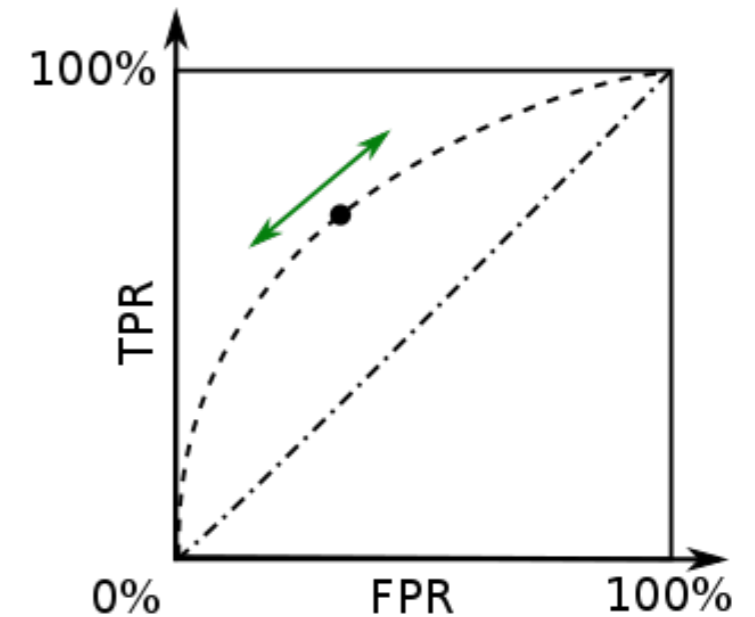
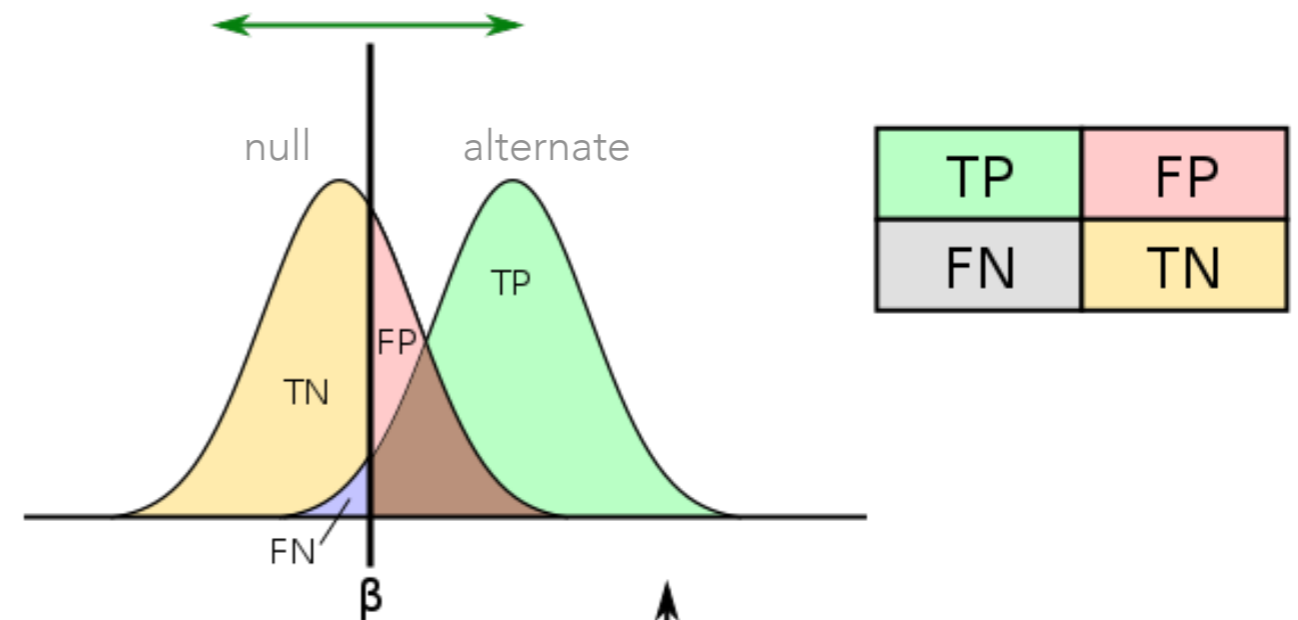
Now one can state “a well-defined goal”

▶ Maximize power for a fixed rate of Type I error

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Classical hypothesis testing typically framed in terms of true/false : positive/negative

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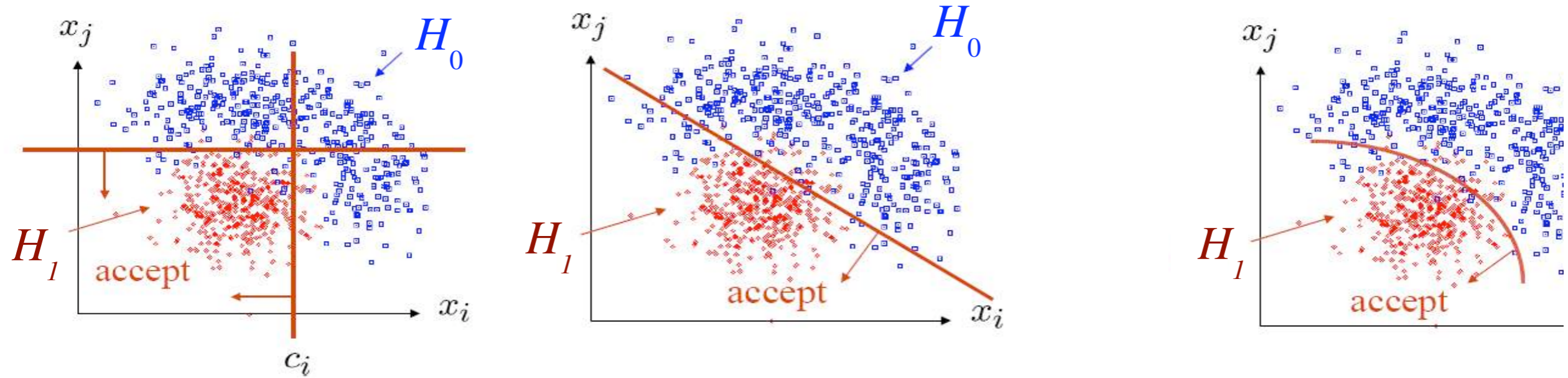


actually guilty \leftrightarrow new physics

verdict guilty \leftrightarrow claim discovery

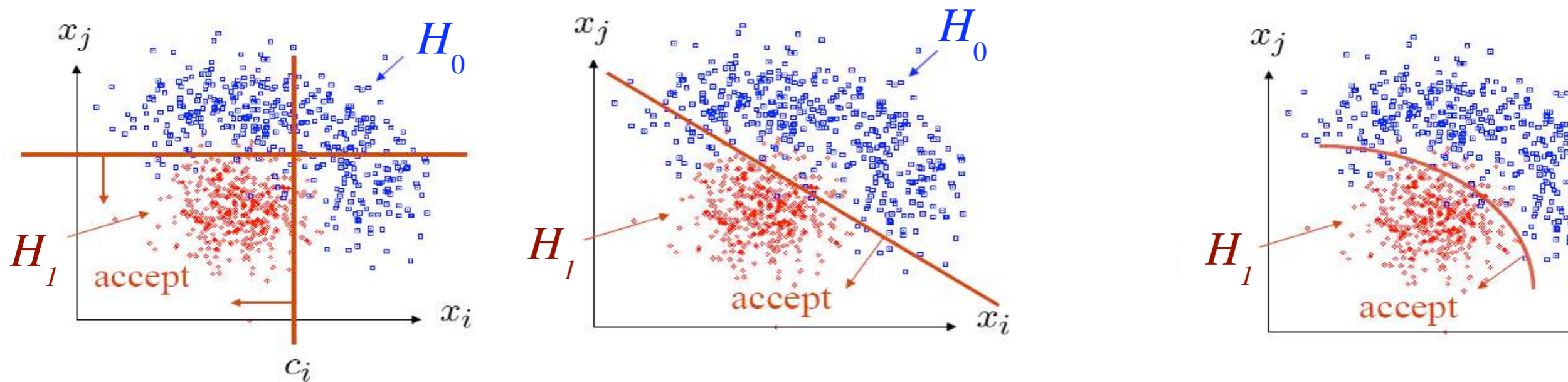
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In 1928-1938 Neyman & Pearson developed a theory in which one must consider competing Hypotheses:

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Given some probability that we wrongly reject the Null Hypothesis

$$\alpha = P(x \notin W | H_0)$$

(Convention: if data falls in W then we accept H_0)

Find the region W such that we minimize the probability of wrongly accepting the H_0 (when H_1 is true)

$$\beta = P(x \in W | H_1)$$

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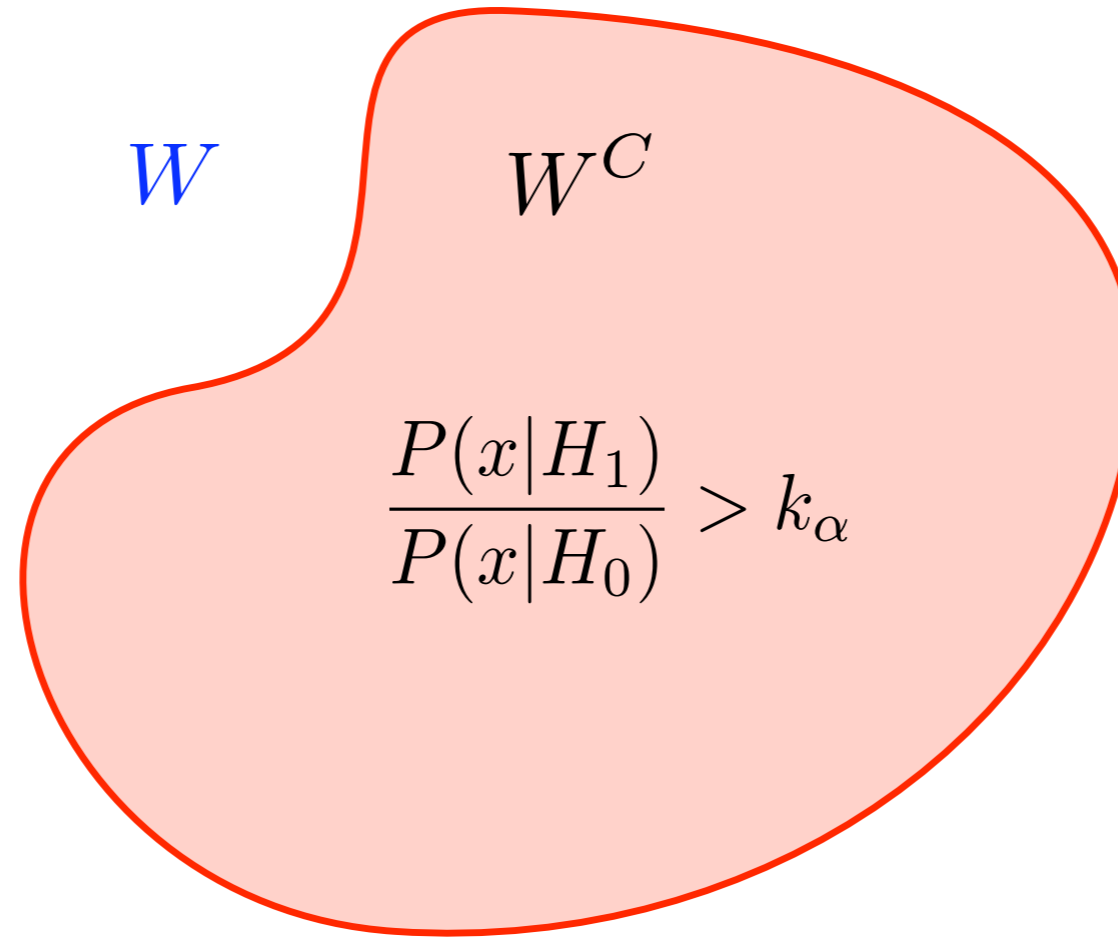
The region W that minimizes the probability of wrongly accepting H_0 is just a contour of the Likelihood Ratio

$$\frac{P(x|H_1)}{P(x|H_0)} > k_\alpha$$

Any other region of the same size will have less power

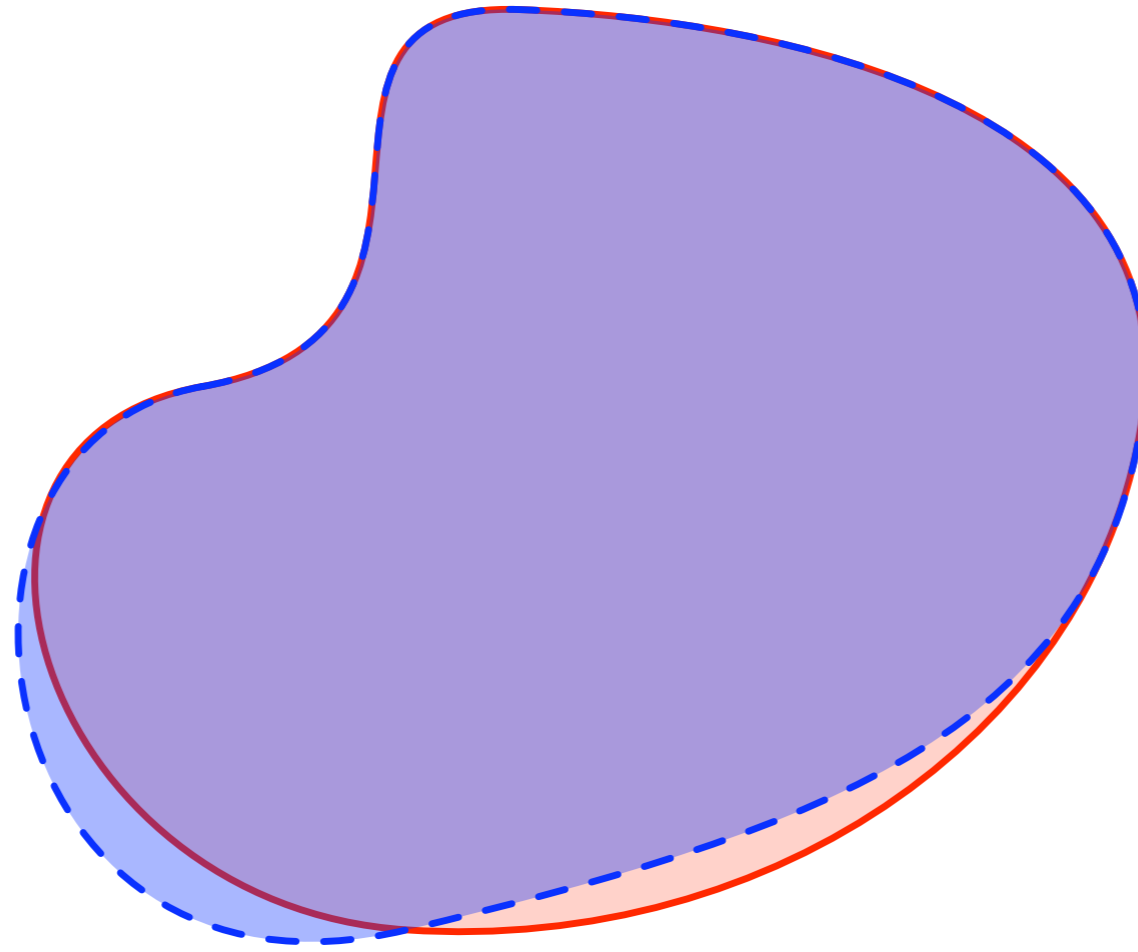
The likelihood ratio is an example of a **Test Statistic**, eg. a real-valued function that summarizes the data in a way relevant to the hypotheses that are being tested

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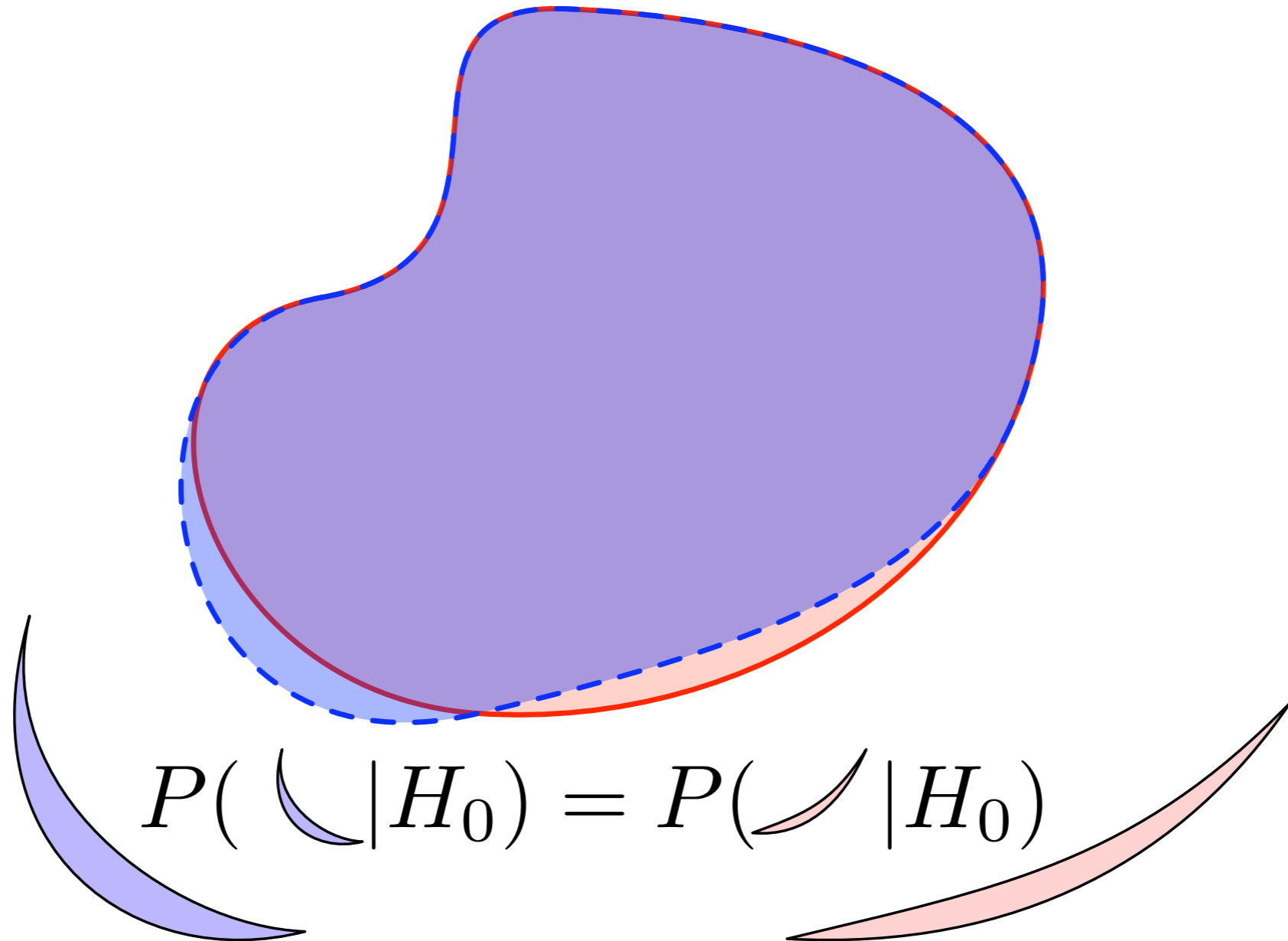
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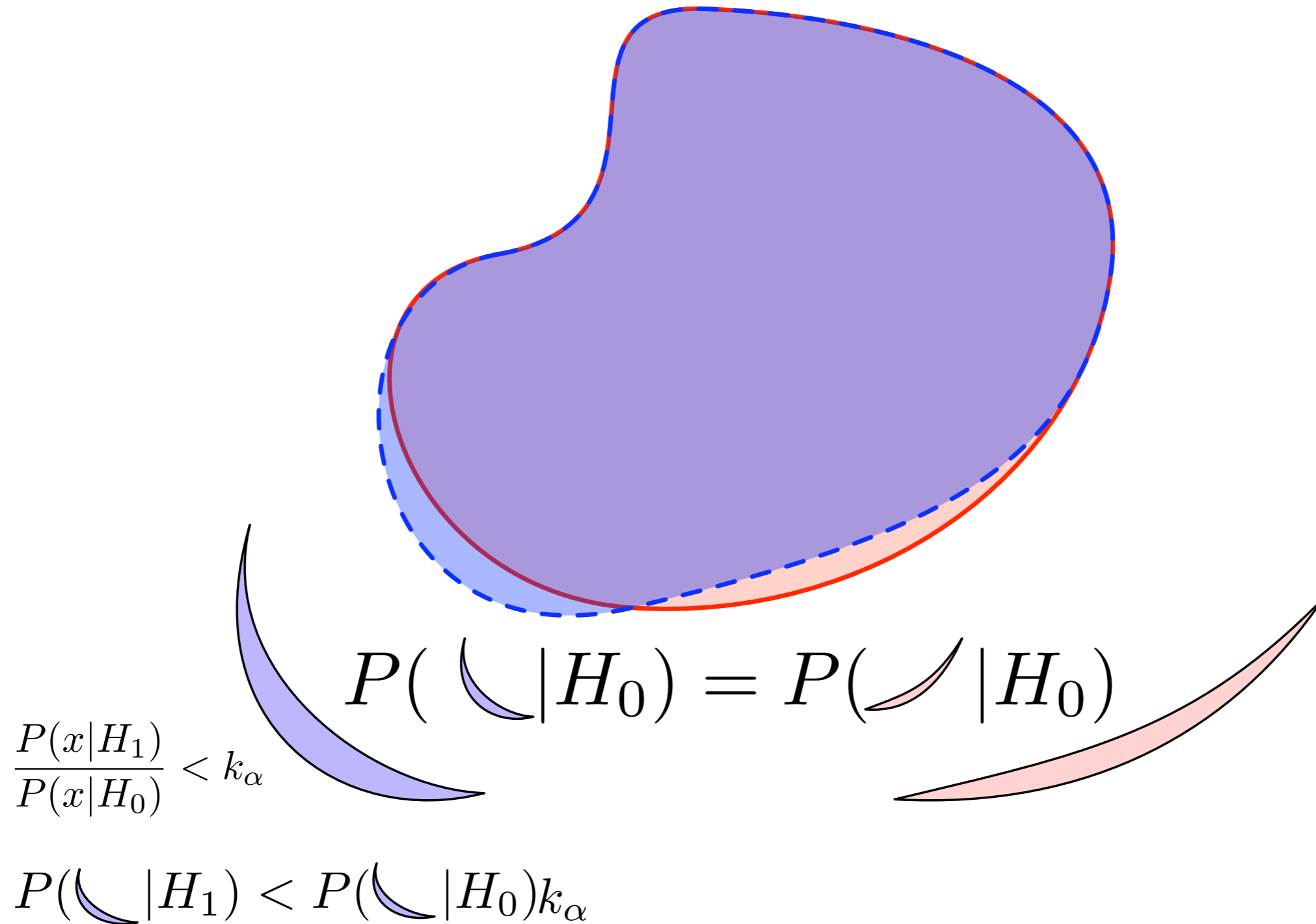
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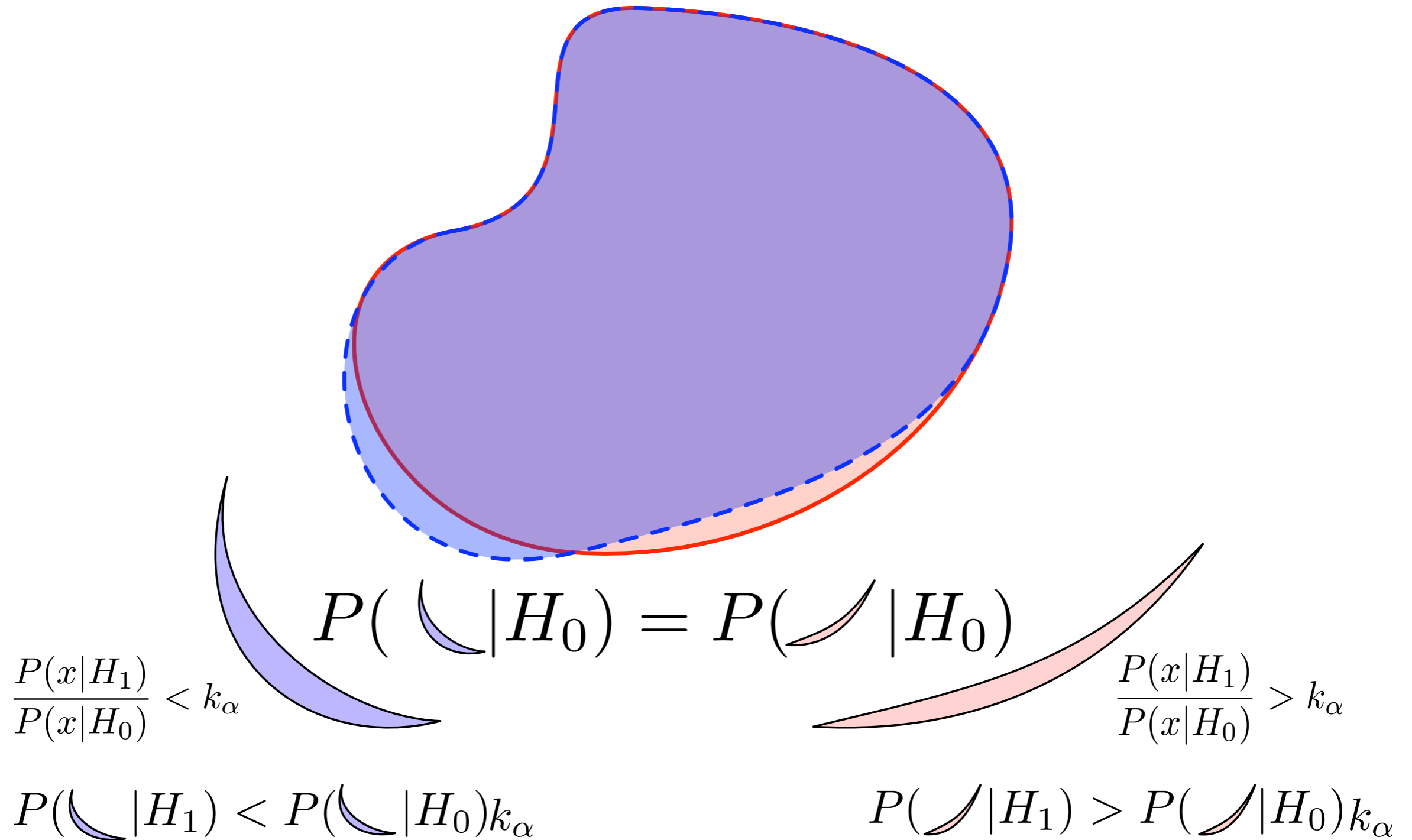
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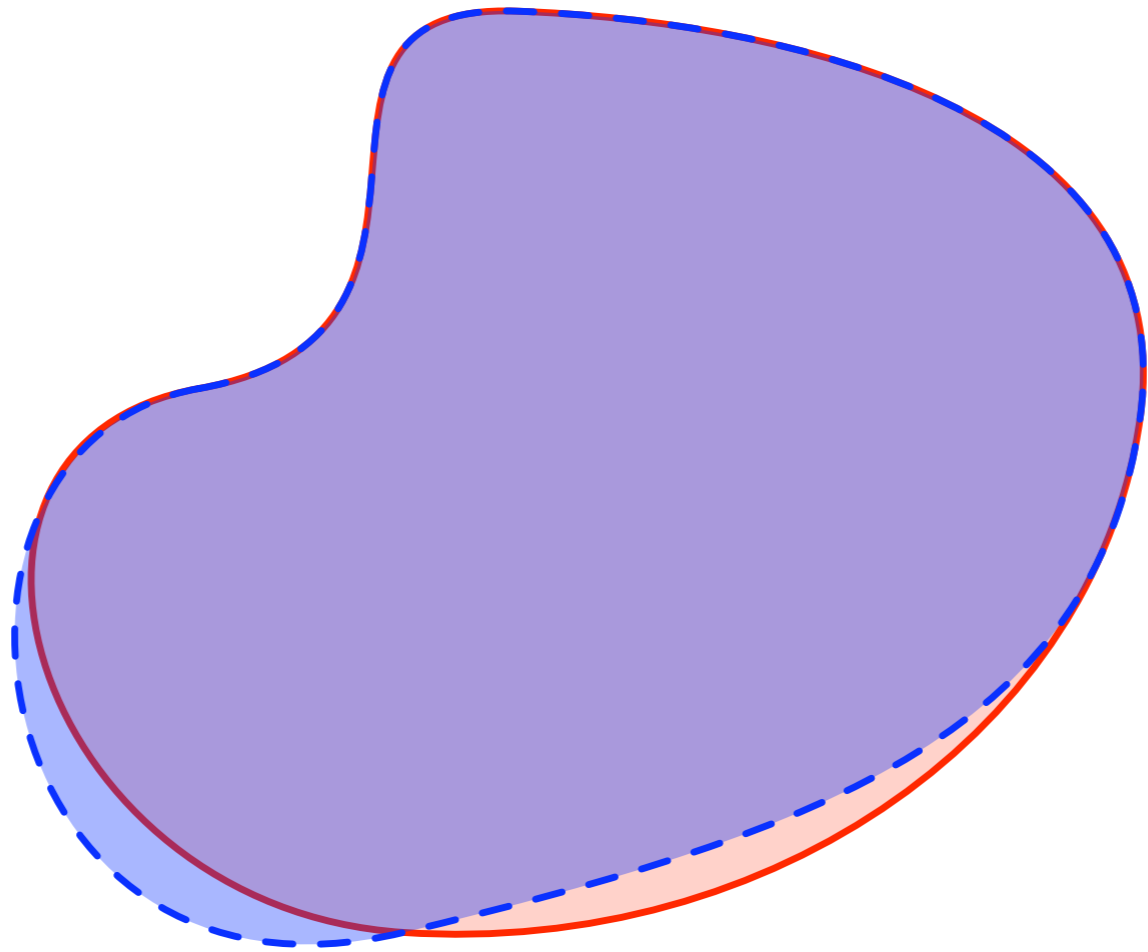
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And for the region we lost, we also have an inequality

Together they give...

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- Judge quality of $d(X)$ by long run average risk:

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- Key idea: **admissibility**.
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- We call d_2 *inadmissible*.



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Written separately because neither is quite right.
But meaning is – sensible procedures need to be Bayes.
Not always an easy restriction to impose – but wise, in my
view, to remember.



- Data X with density f_0 or f_1 .
- Decision: observe X guess which density. Hypothesis testing.
- Loss: 1 if wrong, 0 if right.
- Risk is
$$(P_0(\text{Reject}), P_1(\text{Accept}))$$
- Neyman Pearson say minimize second component subject to constraint on first.



- Lagrange multipliers. Minimize

$$P_1(\text{Accept}) + \lambda P_0(\text{Reject}) = \beta + \lambda\alpha.$$

- Same as Bayes for prior $P(f_1 \text{ true}) = 1/(1 + \lambda)$.
- Then adjust prior (λ) to find Bayes procedure which satisfies constraint.
- Notice that $\lambda/(1 + \lambda) = P(H_o)$.
- Procedure implies (at least one) prior.

Motivation for likelihood-free inference & machine learning

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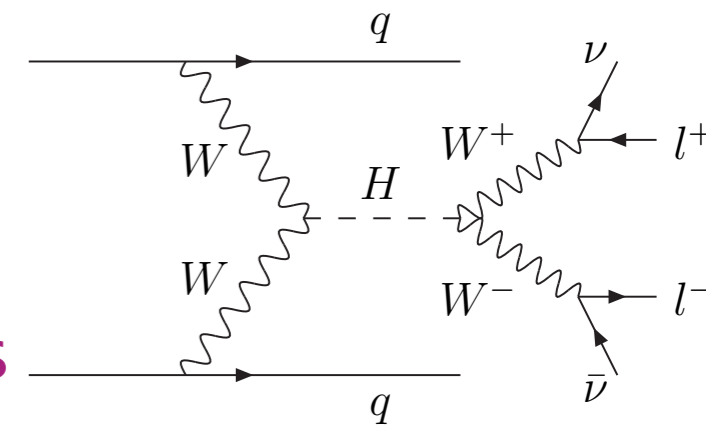
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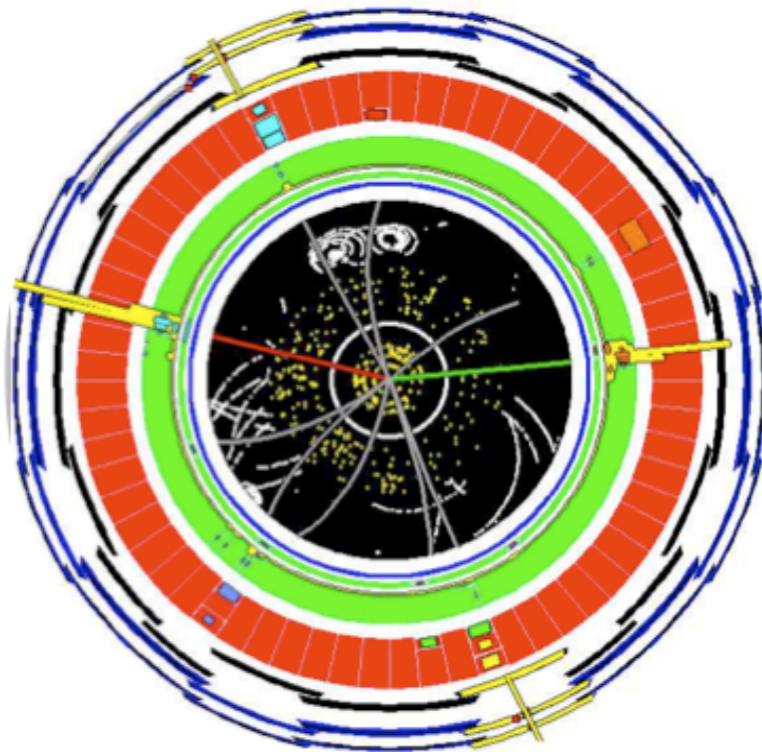
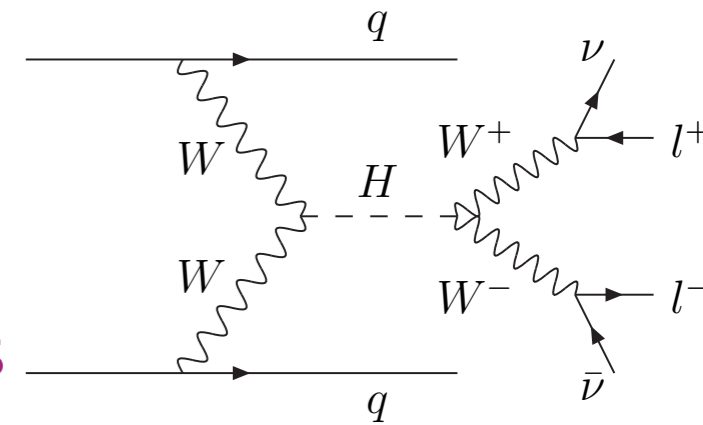


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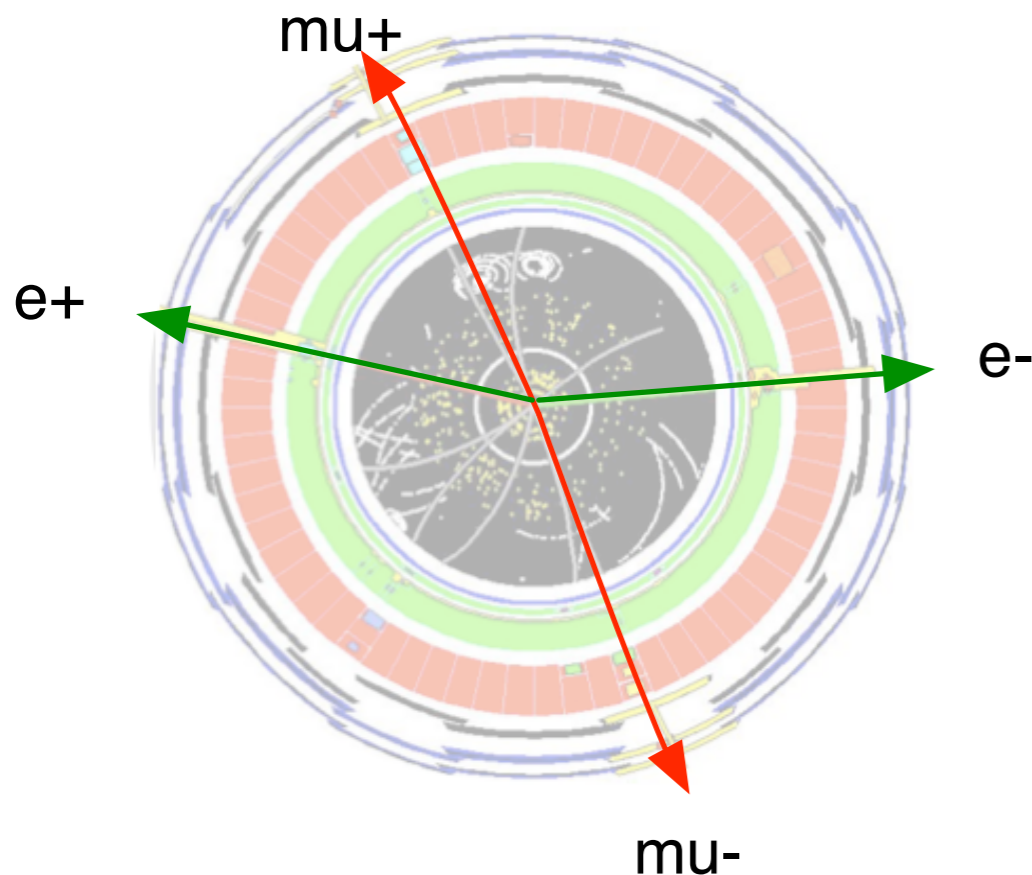
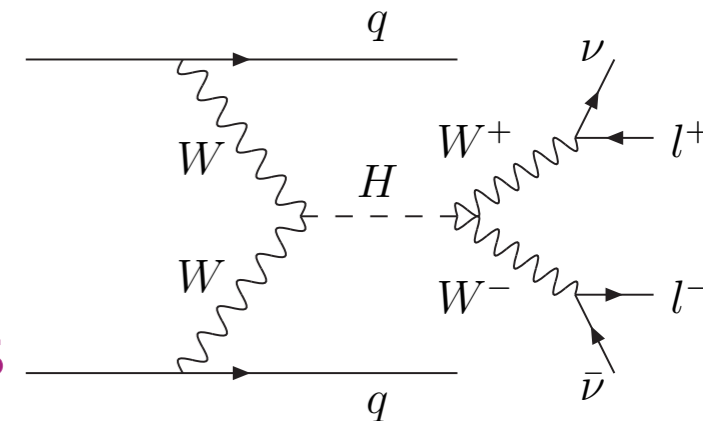
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4) Finally, we run particle identification algorithms on the simulated data as if they were from real collisions.

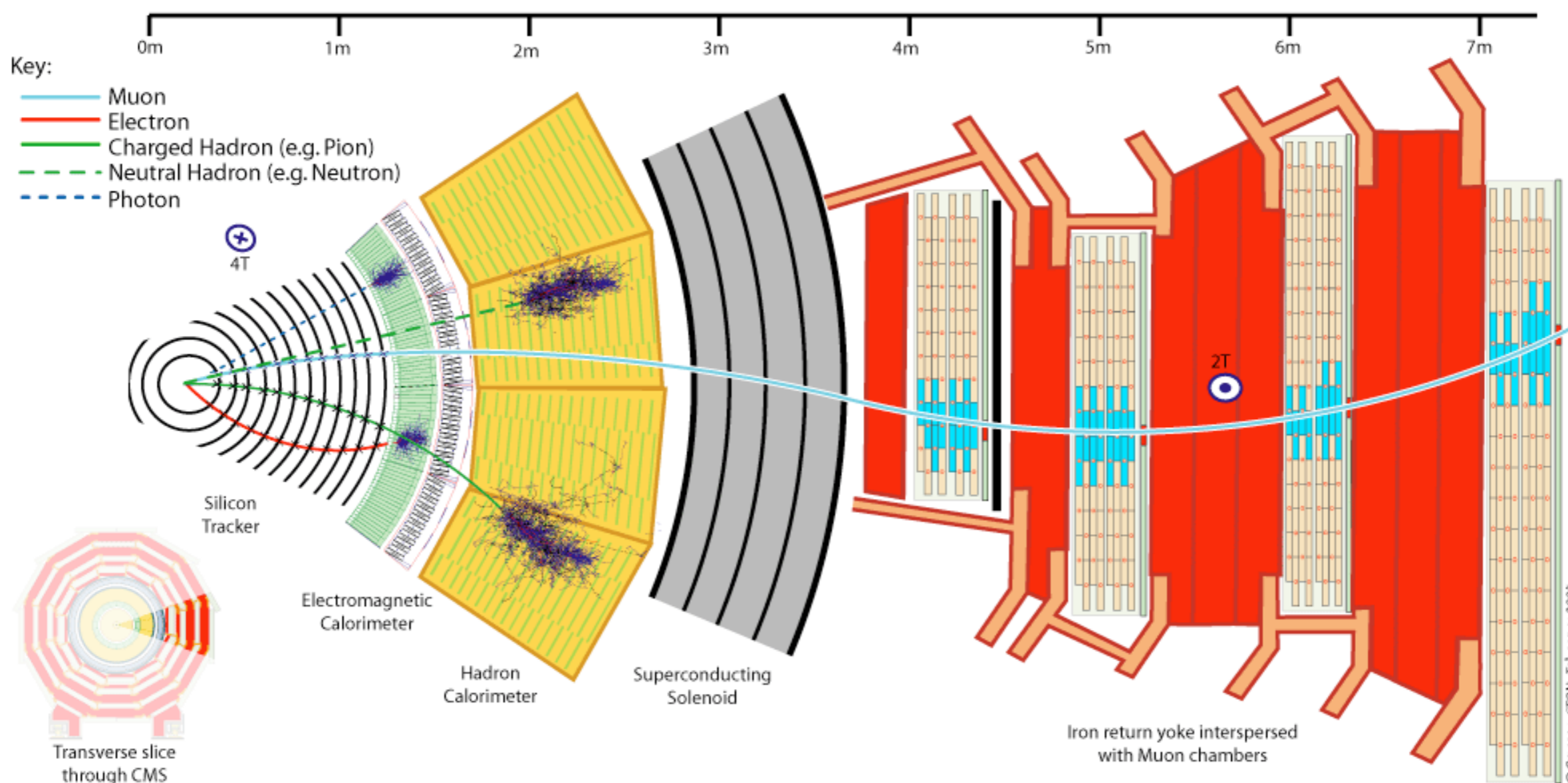
~10-30 features describe interesting part

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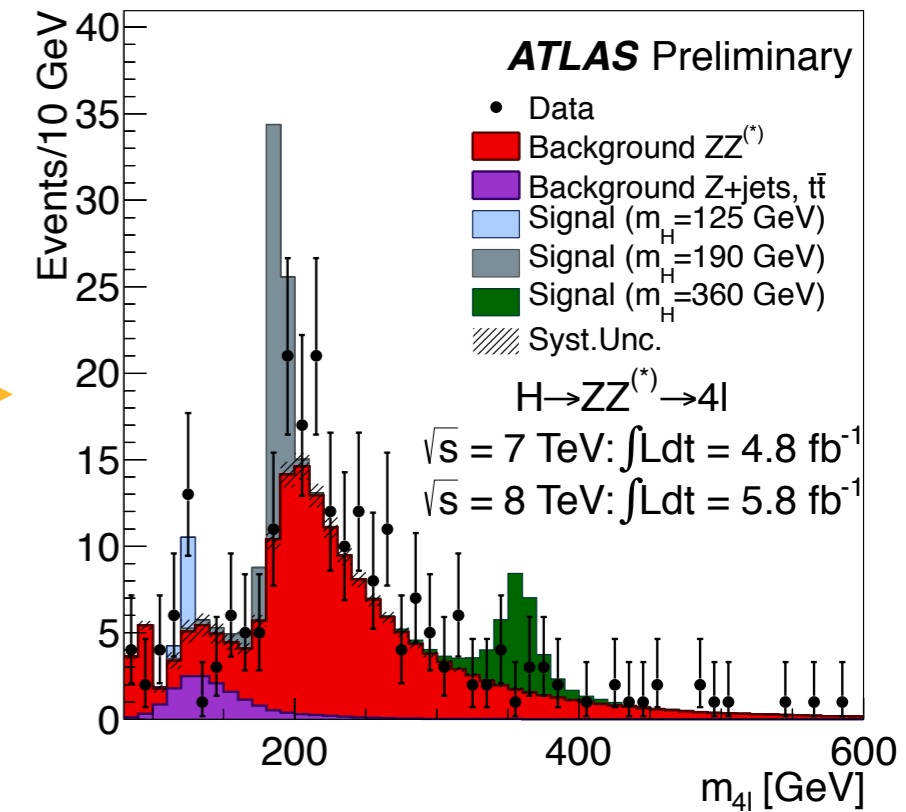
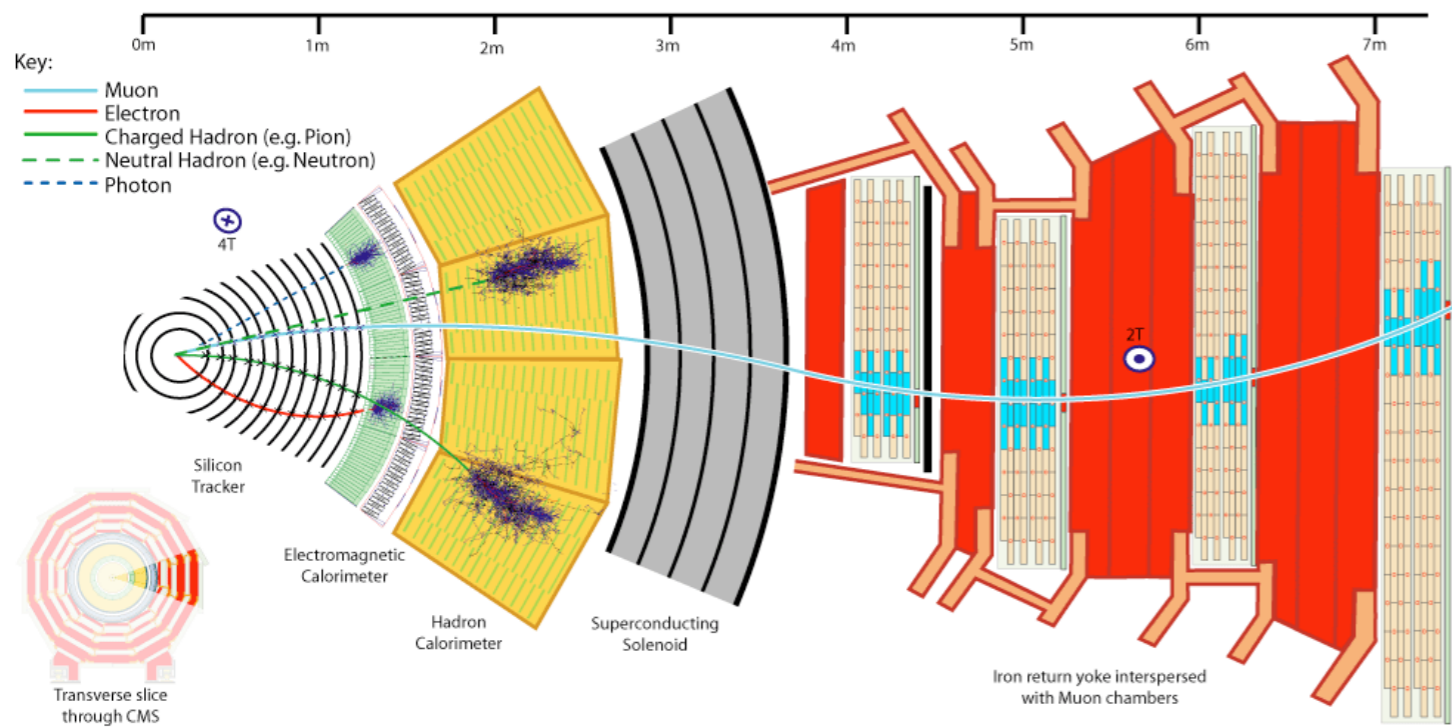
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This motivates a new class of algorithms for what is called **likelihood-free inference**, which only require ability to generate samples from the simulation in the “forward mode”

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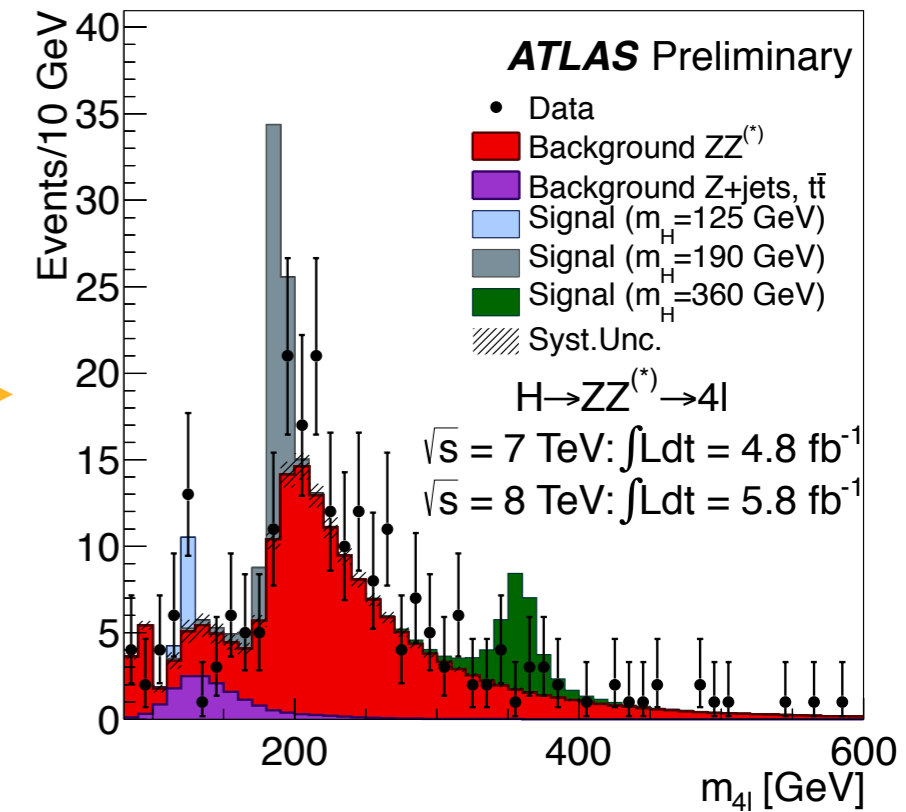
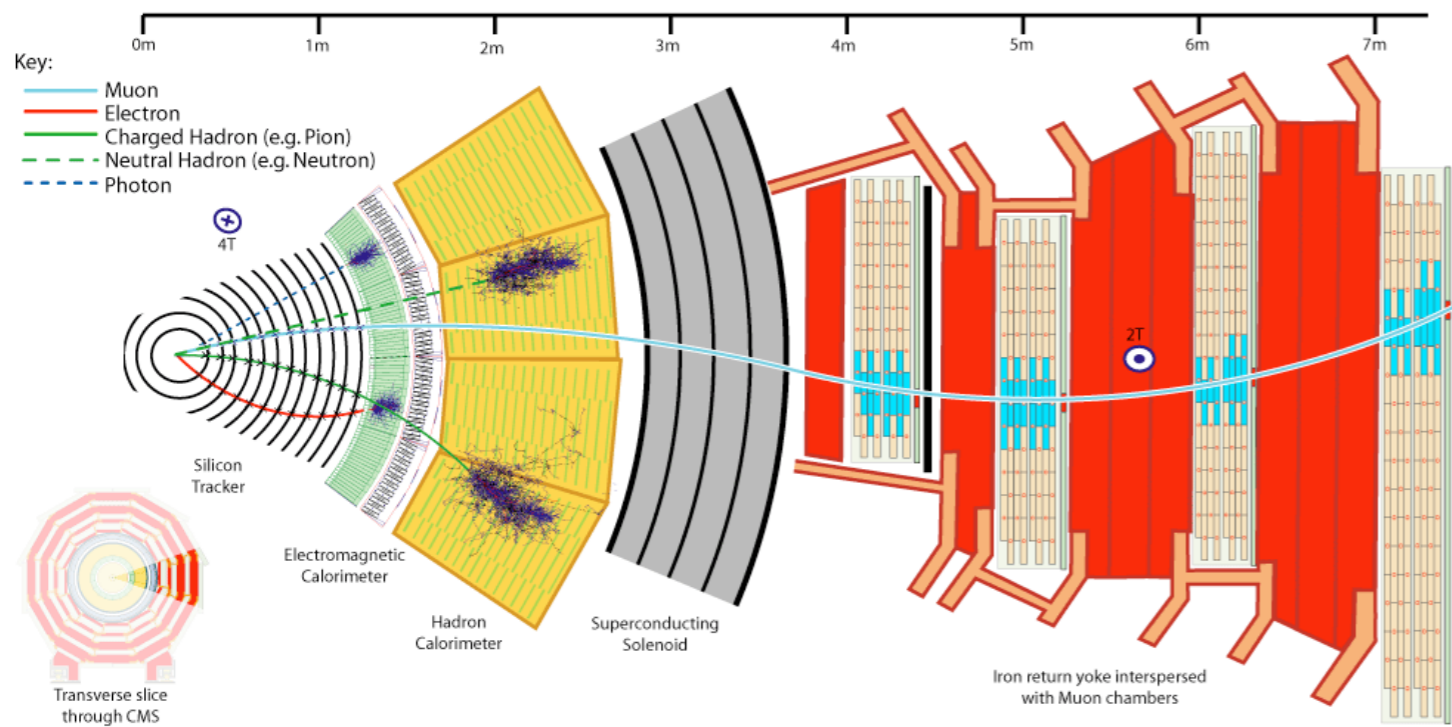
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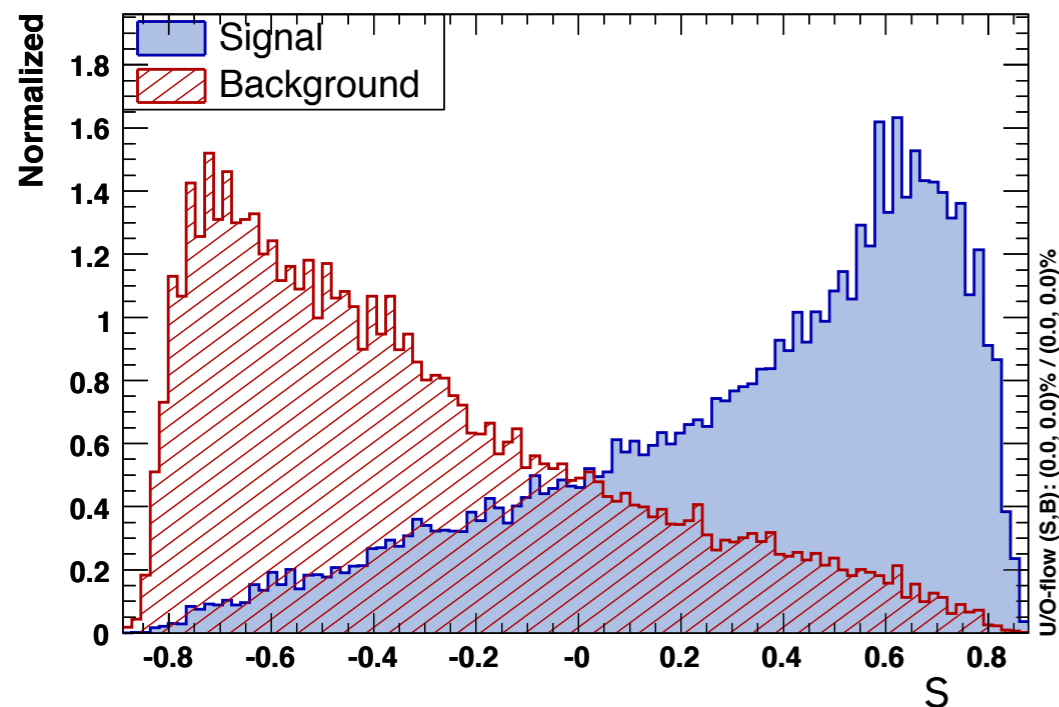
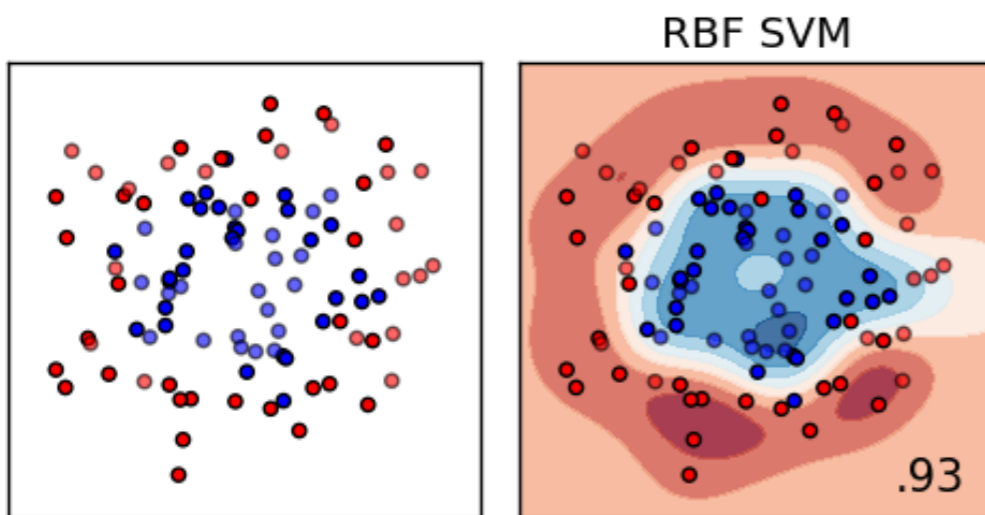
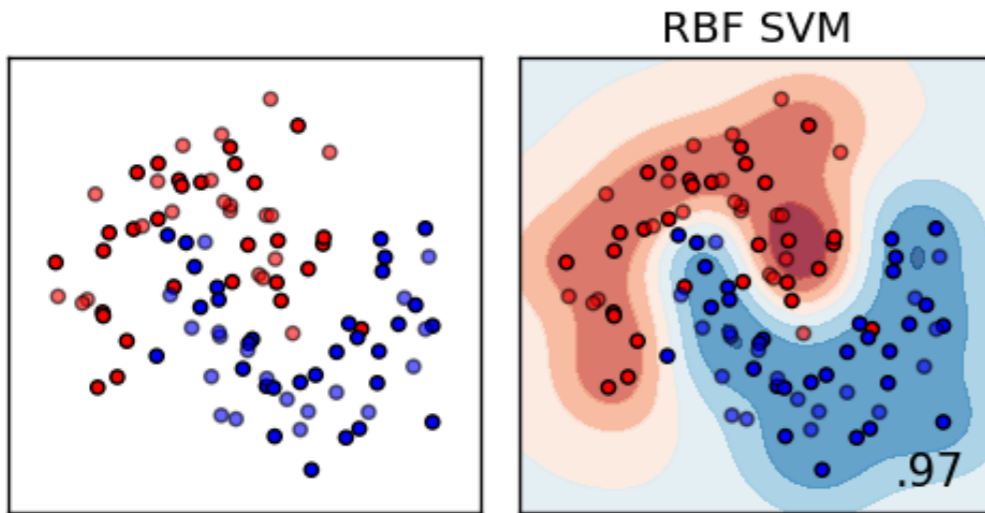
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This doesn't scale if x is high dimensional!

MACHINE LEARNING: CLASSIFIERS

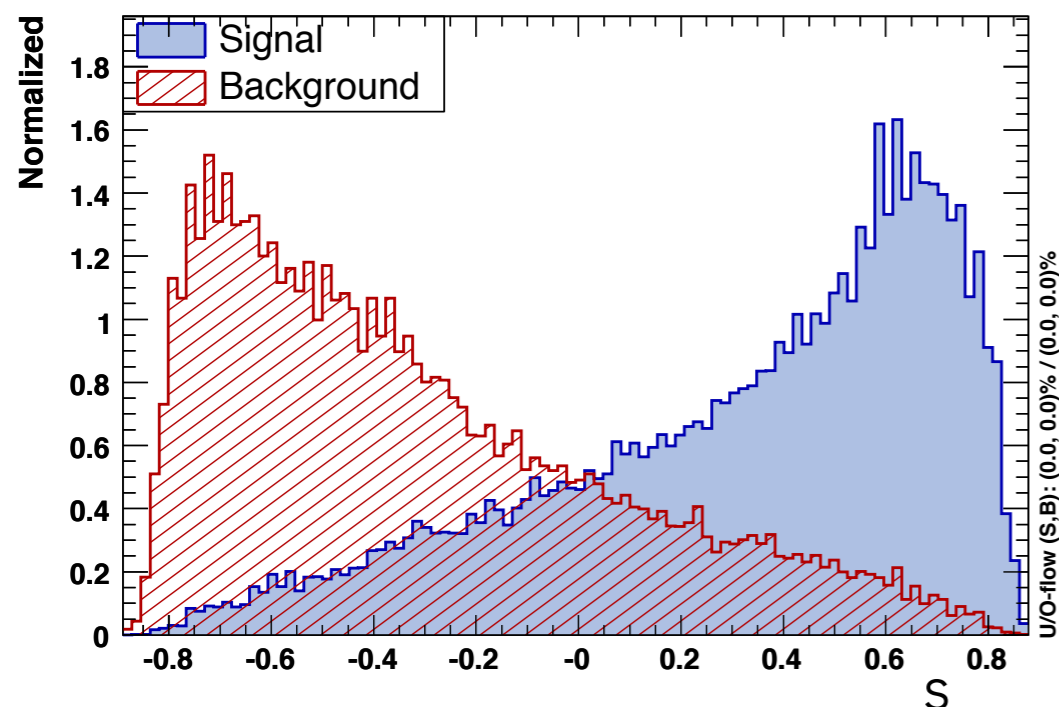
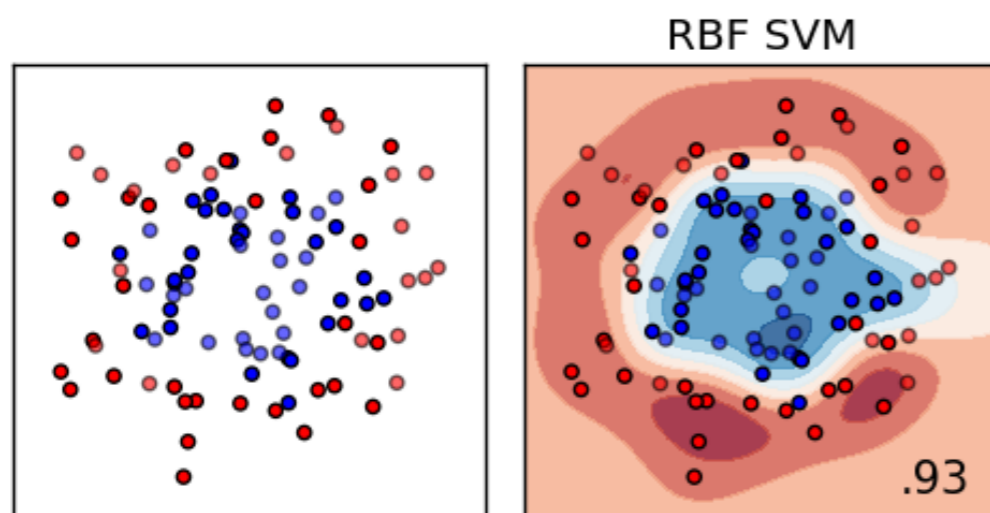
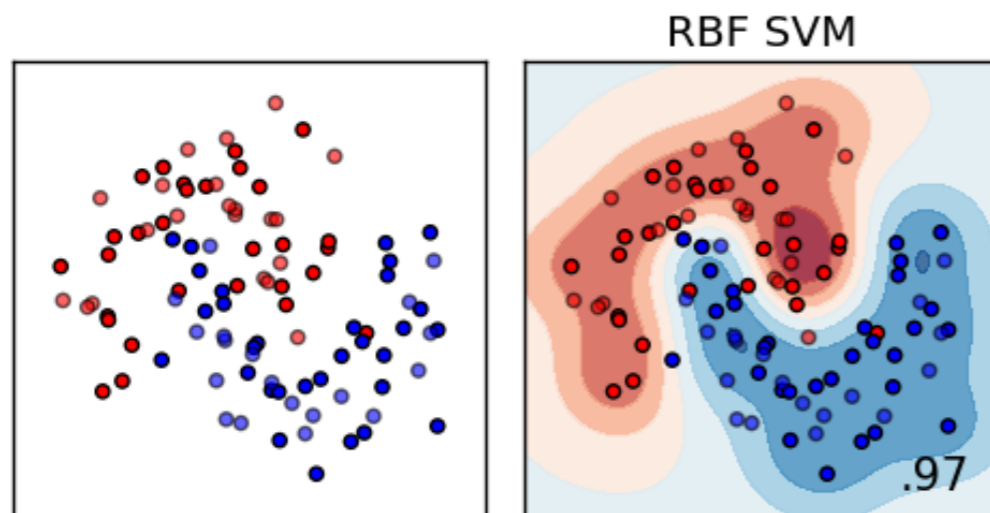


Common to use machine learning classifiers to separate signal (H_1) vs. background (H_0)

- want a function $s: X \rightarrow Y$ that maps signal to $y=1$ and background to $y=0$
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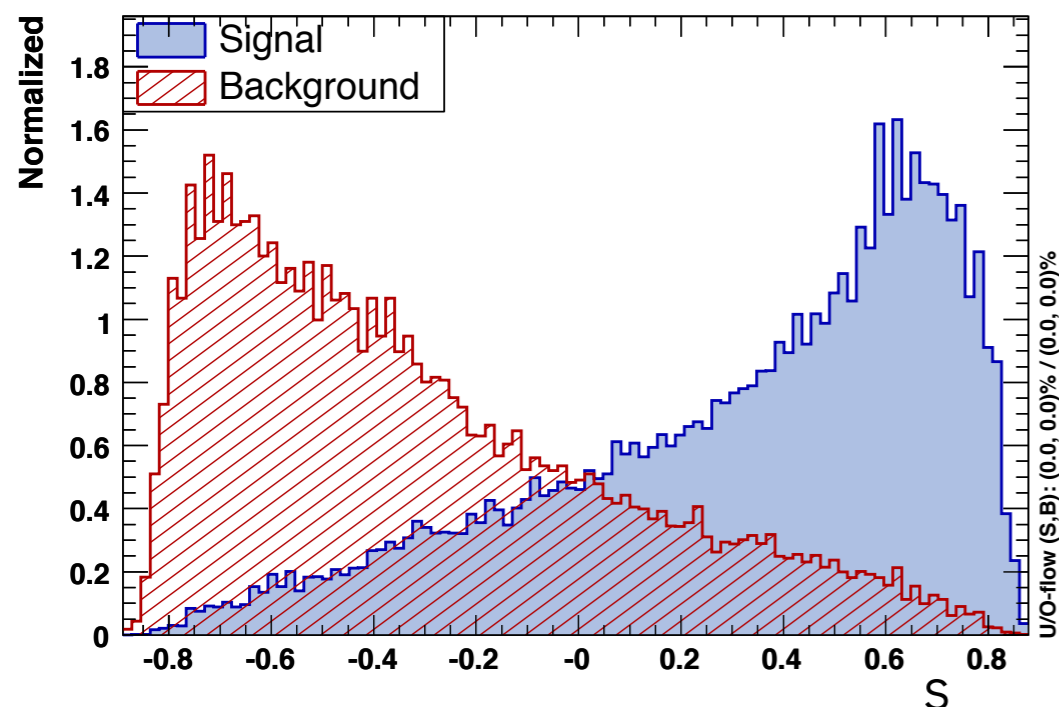
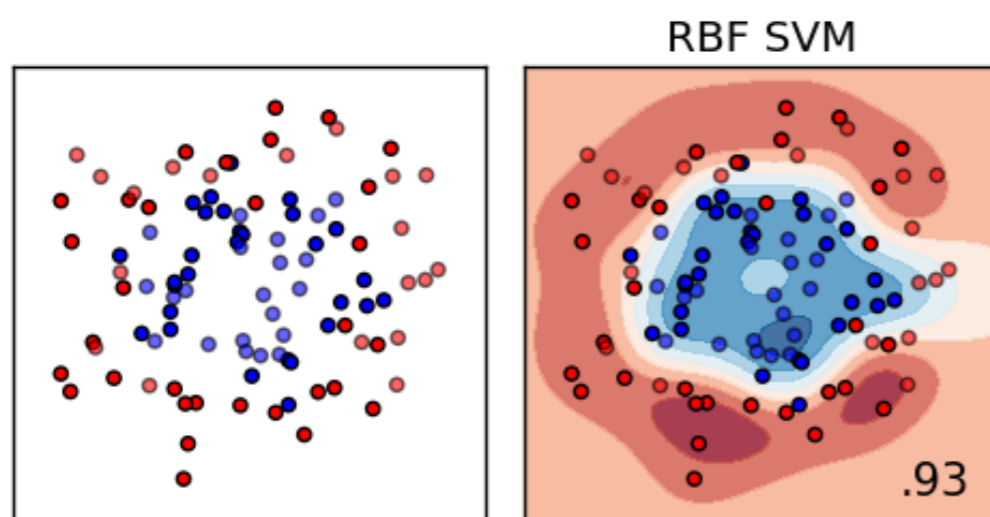
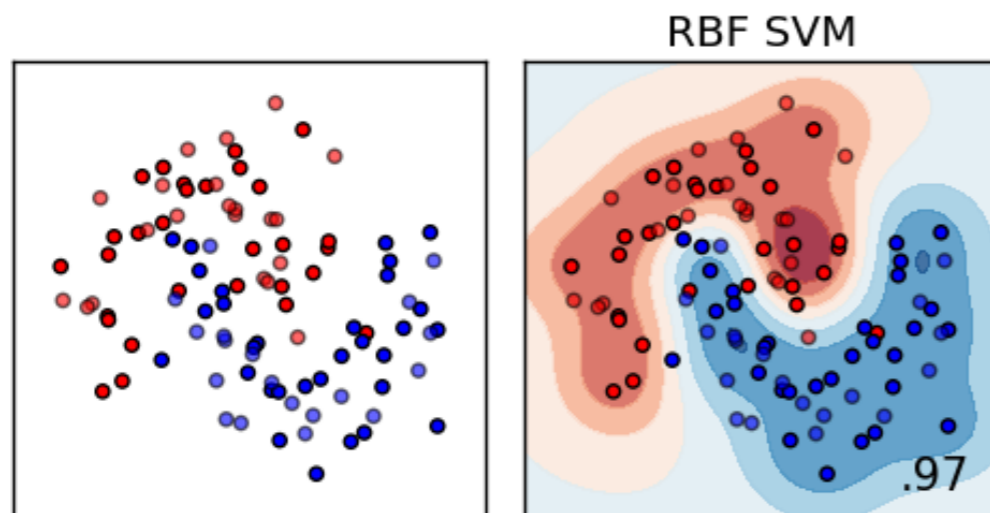
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$$r(x) = p(x) / \lambda$$

imposing the constraint gives $\lambda = 1$ thus $r(x) = p(x)$

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$$r(x) = p - \frac{\lambda}{2p}$$

imposing the constraint gives $\lambda = 0$ thus $r(x) = p(x)$

APPROXIMATING FROM DATA

If we have samples from an unknown $p(x)$: $\{x_i\}_{i=1}^N \sim p(x)$

We can effectively approximate the true cross-entropy loss:

$$L[r] = - \int \underbrace{p(x) \log r(x)}_{F(x,r)} dx \approx \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \log r(x_i)$$

and approximate $p(x)$ even though we can't evaluate it.

In contrast, we can't use the squared loss if since can't evaluate $p(x)$:

$$L[r] = - \int \underbrace{p(x) (p(x) - r(x))^2}_{F(x,r)} dx \approx \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \log(\overset{\downarrow}{p(x_i)} - r(x_i))^2$$

VARIATIONAL INFERENCE

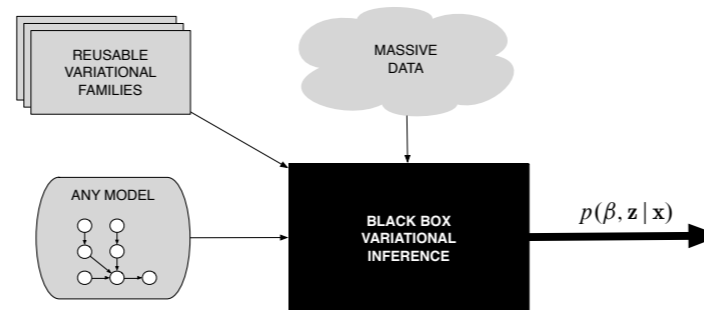
Variational Inference: Foundations and Modern Methods

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Black Box Variational Inference (BBVI)



The requirements for inference

The noisy gradient:

$$\frac{1}{S} \sum_{s=1}^S \nabla_{\nu} \log q(\mathbf{z}_s; \nu) (\log p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z}_s) - \log q(\mathbf{z}_s; \nu)),$$

where $\mathbf{z}_s \sim q(\mathbf{z}; \nu)$

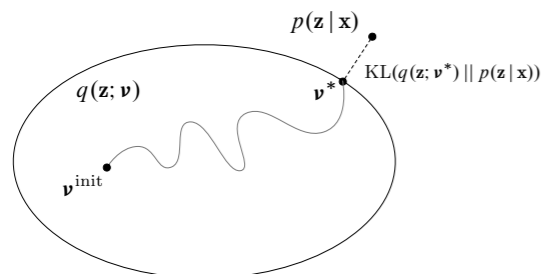
To compute the noisy gradient of the ELBO we need

- Sampling from $q(\mathbf{z})$
- Evaluating $\nabla_{\nu} \log q(\mathbf{z}; \nu)$
- Evaluating $\log p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z})$ and $\log q(\mathbf{z})$

There is no model specific work: black box criteria are satisfied

need likelihood

Variational Inference: Foundations and Modern Methods



VI approximates difficult quantities from complex models.

With **stochastic optimization** we can

- scale up VI to massive data
- enable VI on a wide class of difficult models
- enable VI with elaborate and flexible families of approximations

How do we create complicated probability densities $p(x)$ that are tractable

and

are normalized such that $\int p(x) dx = 1$?

If I have a bijection: $f : X \rightarrow Z$

and an arbitrary tractable density on Z : $p(z)$

Then density on X follows from a simple change of variables

$$p(x) = p(f_\phi(x)) \left| \det \left(\frac{\partial f_\phi(x)}{\partial x_T} \right) \right|$$

Now construct neural networks f_ϕ that are bijections & optimize "cross entropy" loss

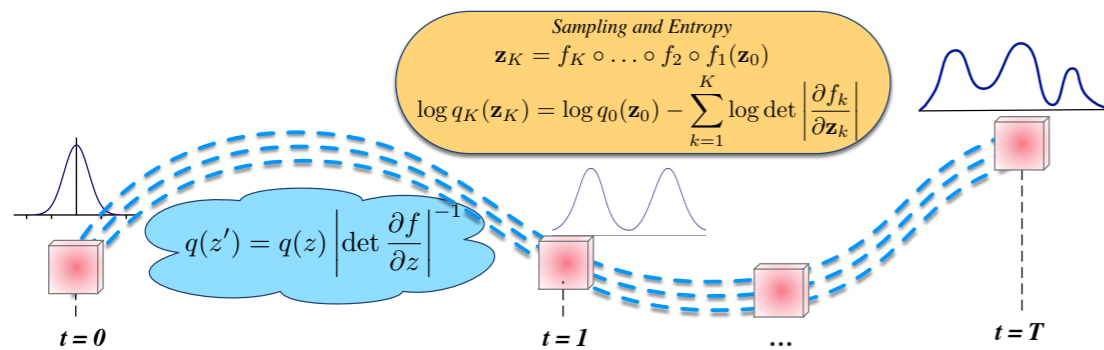
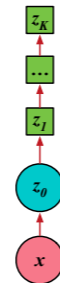
If it is a bijection, I can generate samples of x from inverse transformation $f^{-1}(z)$

ENGINEERING BIJECTIONS

Approximations using Change-of-variables

Exploit the rule for change of variables for random variables:

- Begin with an initial distribution $q_0(\mathbf{z}_0|\mathbf{x})$.
- Apply a sequence of K invertible functions f_k .



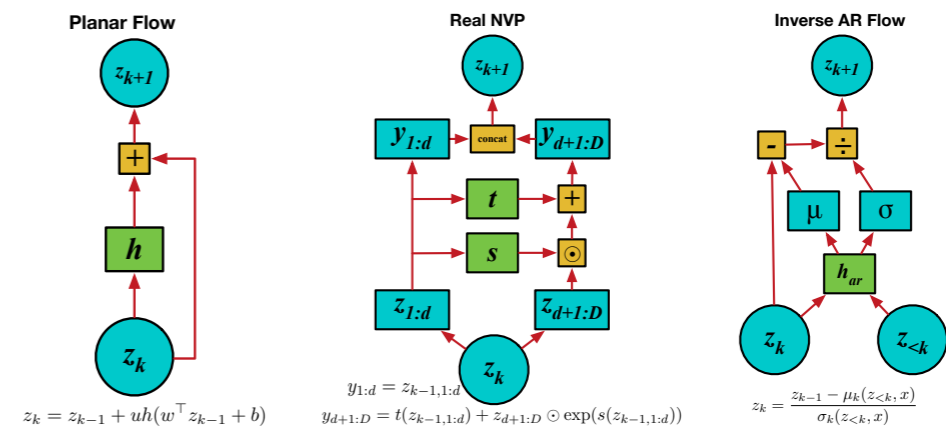
Distribution flows through a sequence of invertible transforms

[Rezende and Mohamed, 2015]

Choice of Transformation Function

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathbb{E}_{q_0(\mathbf{z}_0)}[\log p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z}_K)] - \mathbb{E}_{q_0(\mathbf{z}_0)}[\log q_0(\mathbf{z}_0)] - \mathbb{E}_{q_0(\mathbf{z}_0)} \left[\sum_{k=1}^K \log \det \left| \frac{\partial f_k}{\partial \mathbf{z}_k} \right| \right]$$

- Begin with a fully-factorised Gaussian and improve by change of variables.
- Triangular Jacobians allow for computational efficiency.



[Rezende and Mohamed, 2016; Dinh et al., 2016; Kingma et al., 2016]

Linear time computation of the determinant and its gradient.

BIJECTIONS: FLOWS & AUTOREGRESSIVE MODELS

K.C. & G. Louppe: <http://beta.briefideas.org/ideas/5c2f74aedbf3618ca180382e393c7617>

Recent work in density estimation uses a bijection $f : X \rightarrow Z$ (e.g. an invertible flow or autoregressive model) and a tractable density $p(z)$ (e.g. [1] [2] [3] [4]).

$$p(x) = p(f_\phi(x)) \left| \det \left(\frac{\partial f_\phi(x)}{\partial x_T} \right) \right|,$$

where ϕ are the internal network parameters for the bijection f_ϕ . Learning proceeds via gradient ascent $\nabla_\phi \sum_i \log p(x_i)$ with data x_i (i.e. maximum likelihood wrt. the internal parameters ϕ). Since f is invertible, then this model can also be used as a generative model for X .

This can be generalized to the conditional density $p(x|\theta)$ by utilizing a family of bijections $f_\theta : X \rightarrow Z$ parametrized by θ (e.g. [5] [6]).

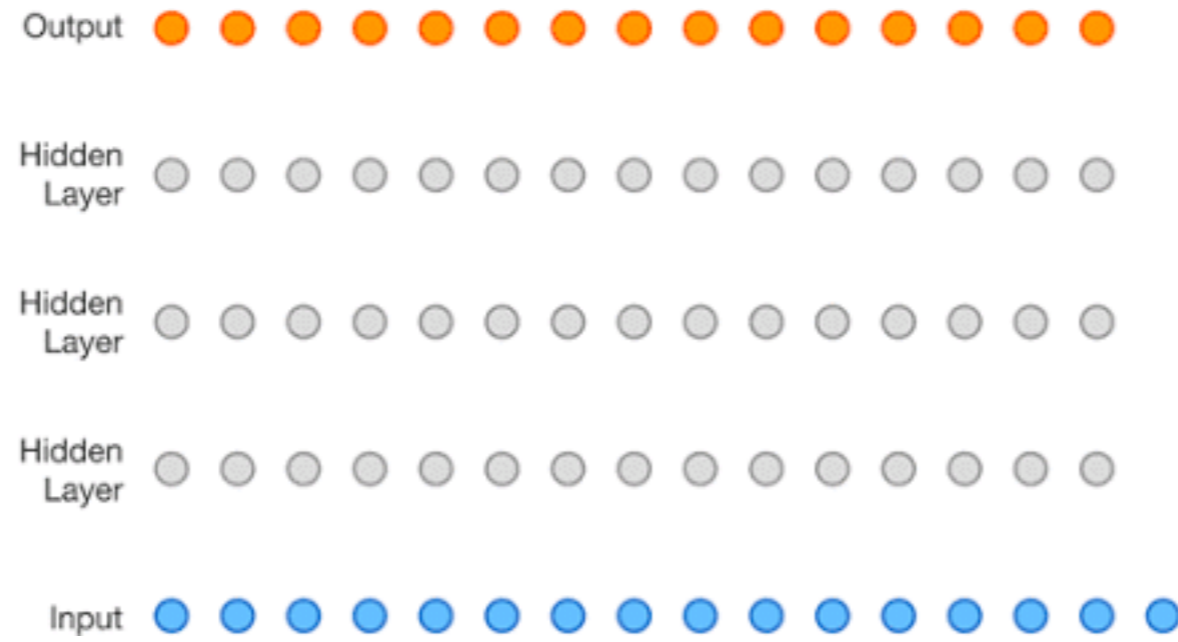
$$p(x|\theta) = p(f_{\phi;\theta}(x)) \left| \det \left(\frac{\partial f_{\phi;\theta}(x)}{\partial x_T} \right) \right|$$

Here θ and x are input to the network (and its inverse) and ϕ are internal network parameters. Again, learning proceeds via gradient ascent $\nabla_\phi \sum_i \log p(x_i|\theta_i)$ with data x_i, θ_i .

We observe that not only can this model be used as a conditional generative model $p(x|\theta)$, but it can also be used to perform asymptotically exact, amortized likelihood-free inference on θ .

This is particularly interesting when θ is identified with the parameters of an intractable, non-differentiable computer simulation or the conditions of some real world data collection process.

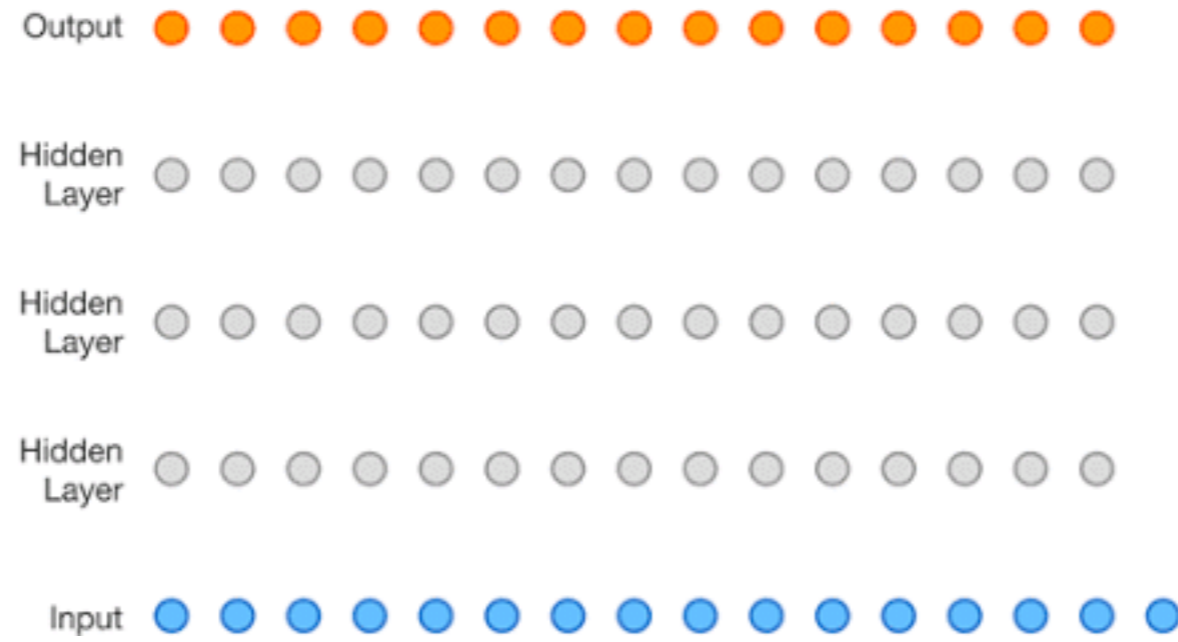
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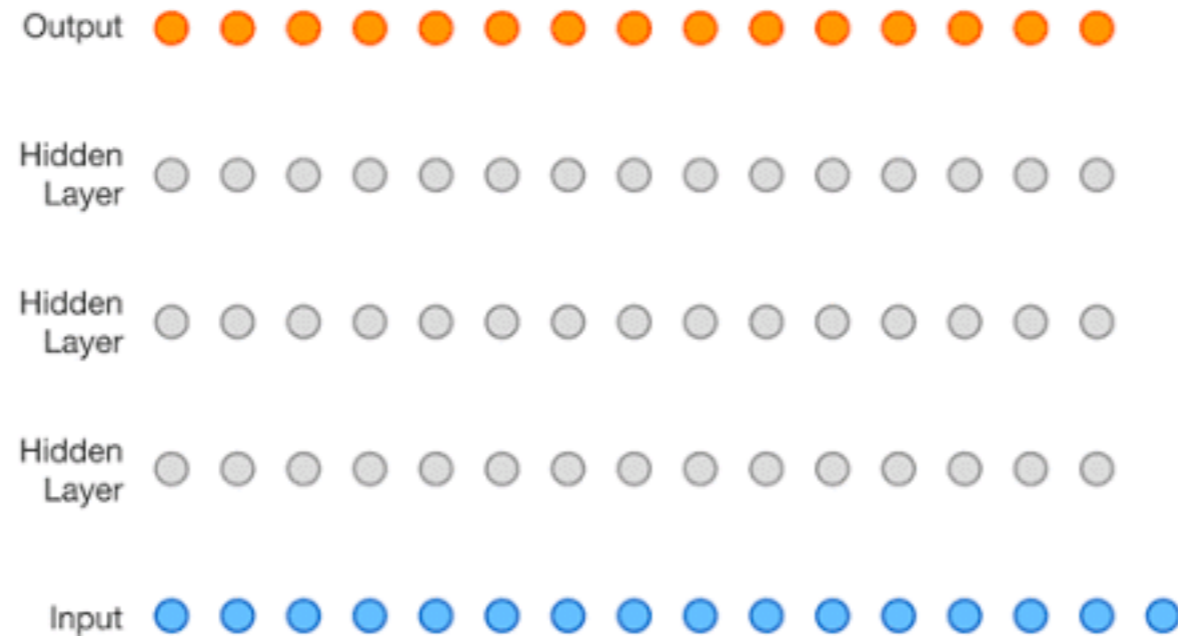
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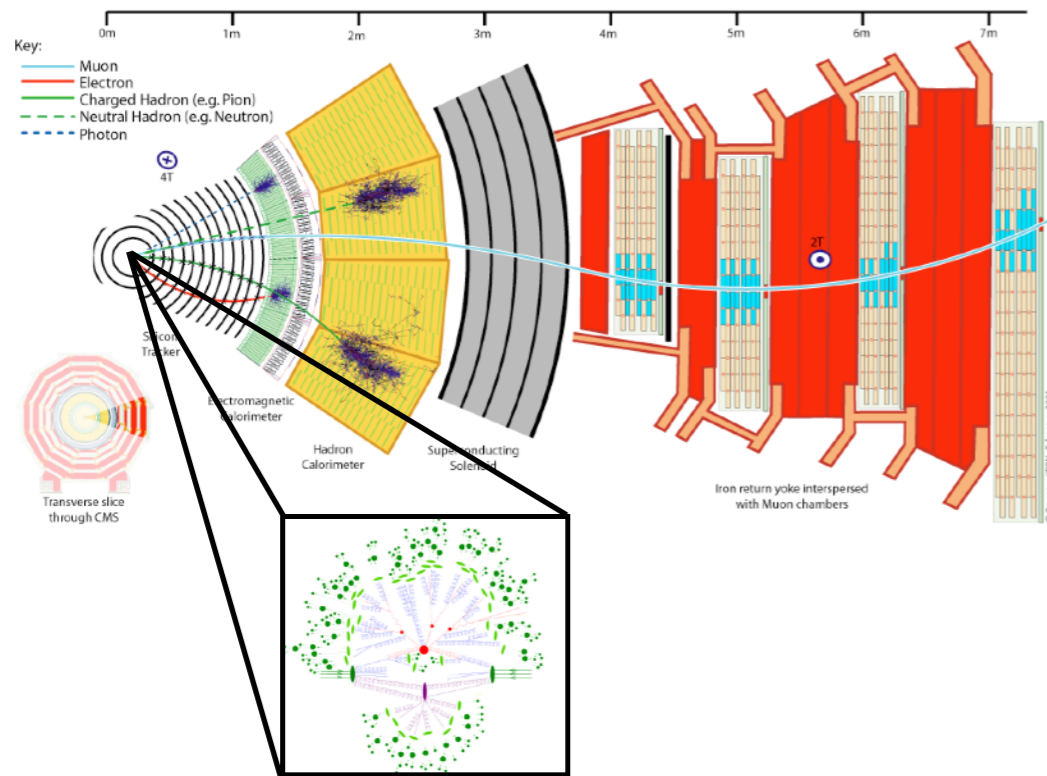


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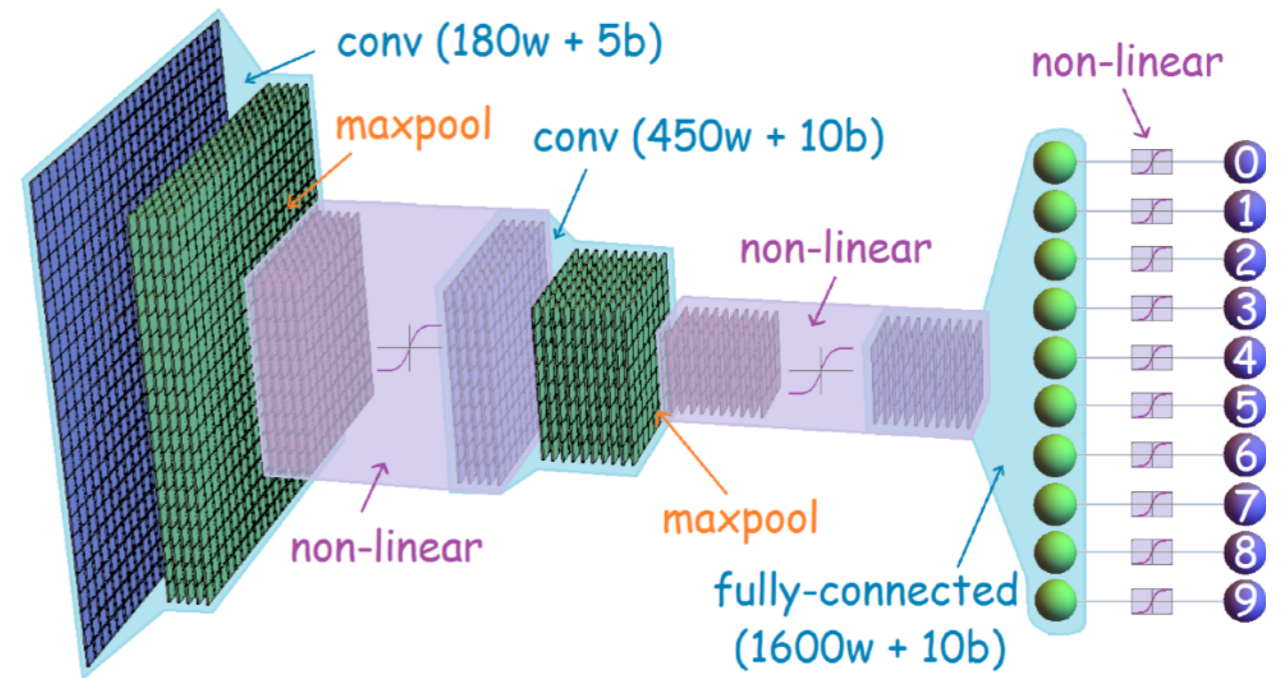
TWO APPROACHES

Use simulator
(much more efficiently)



- Approximate Bayesian Computation (ABC)
- Probabilistic Programming
- Adversarial Variational Optimization (AVO)

Learn simulator
(with deep learning)



- Generative Adversarial Networks (GANs), Variational Auto-Encoders (VAE)
- Likelihood ratio from classifiers (CARL)
- Autogressive models, Normalizing Flows

LECTURE 3

Note: This lecture was largely on the board

Generative Adversarial Networks

- Loss functions → Adversarial minimax games
- comparison to bijective approaches
 - eg. can't use for inference

The "Data Manifold" (on the board)

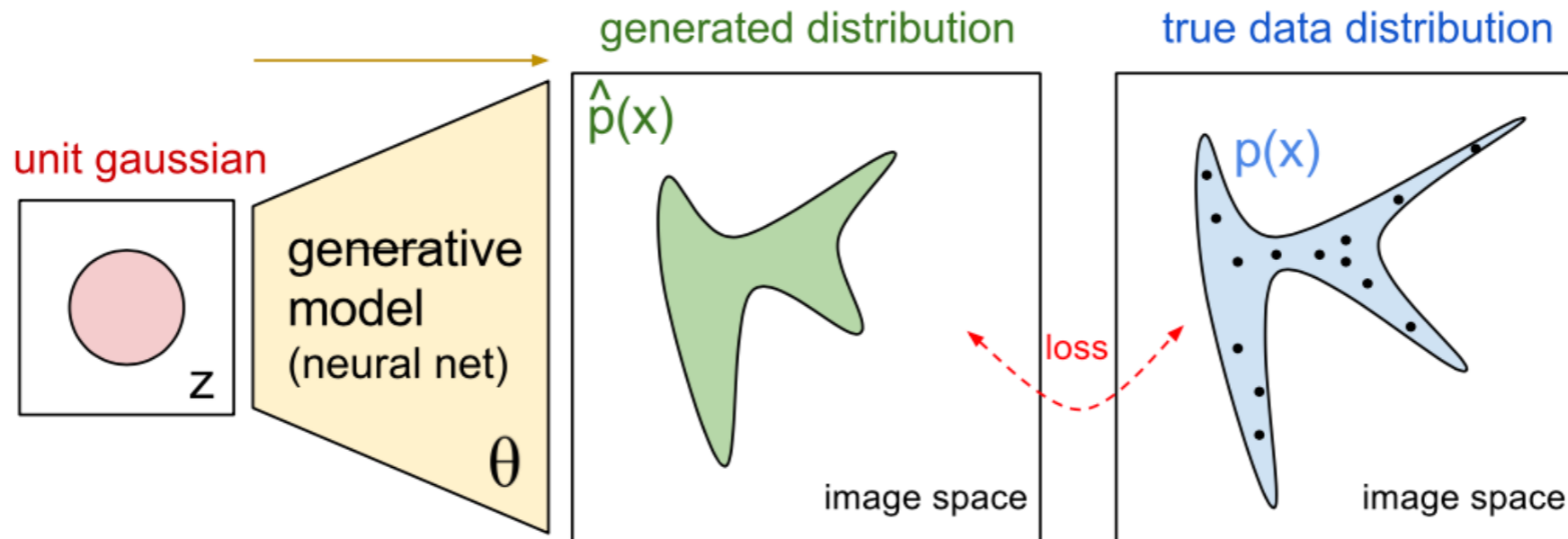
- auto-encoders (on the board)

Adversarial Variational Optimization

"Learning to pivot with Adversarial Neural Networks:

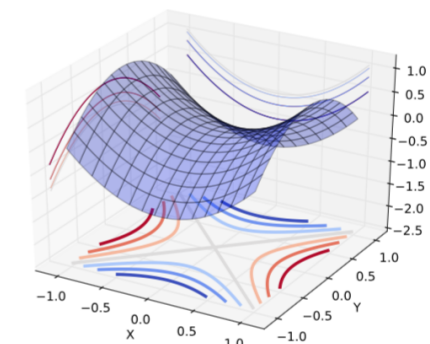
Adversarial Training (not just for GANs)

GENERATIVE ADVERSARIAL NETWORKS



- Two-player game:
 - a discriminator D ,
 - a generator G ;
- D is a classifier $\mathcal{X} \mapsto \{0, 1\}$ that tries to distinguish between
 - a sample from the data distribution ($D(x) = 1$, for $x \sim p_{\text{data}}$),
 - and a sample from the model distribution ($D(G(z)) = 0$, for $z \sim p_{\text{noise}}$);
- G is a generator $\mathcal{Z} \mapsto \mathcal{X}$ trained to produce samples $G(z)$ (for $z \sim p_{\text{noise}}$) that are difficult for D to distinguish from data.

$$(D^*, G^*) = \max_D \min_G V(D, G).$$



Leo is G

Tom is D

NEW! AVO

Adversarial Variational Optimization of Non-Differentiable Simulators

Gilles Louppe¹ and Kyle Cranmer¹¹New York University

Complex computer simulators are increasingly used across fields of science as generative models tying parameters of an underlying theory to experimental observations. Inference in this setup is often difficult, as simulators rarely admit a tractable density or likelihood function. We introduce Adversarial Variational Optimization (AVO), a likelihood-free inference algorithm for fitting a non-differentiable generative model incorporating ideas from empirical Bayes and variational inference. We adapt the training procedure of generative adversarial networks by replacing the differentiable generative network with a domain-specific simulator. We solve the resulting non-differentiable min-max problem by minimizing variational upper bounds of the two adversarial objectives. Effectively, the procedure results in learning a proposal distribution over simulator parameters, such that the corresponding marginal distribution of the generated data matches the observations. We present results of the method with simulators producing both discrete and continuous data.

Similar to GAN setup, but instead of using a neural network as the generator, use the actual simulation (eg. Pythia, GEANT)

Continue to use a neural network discriminator / critic.

Difficulty: the simulator isn't differentiable, but there's a **trick!**

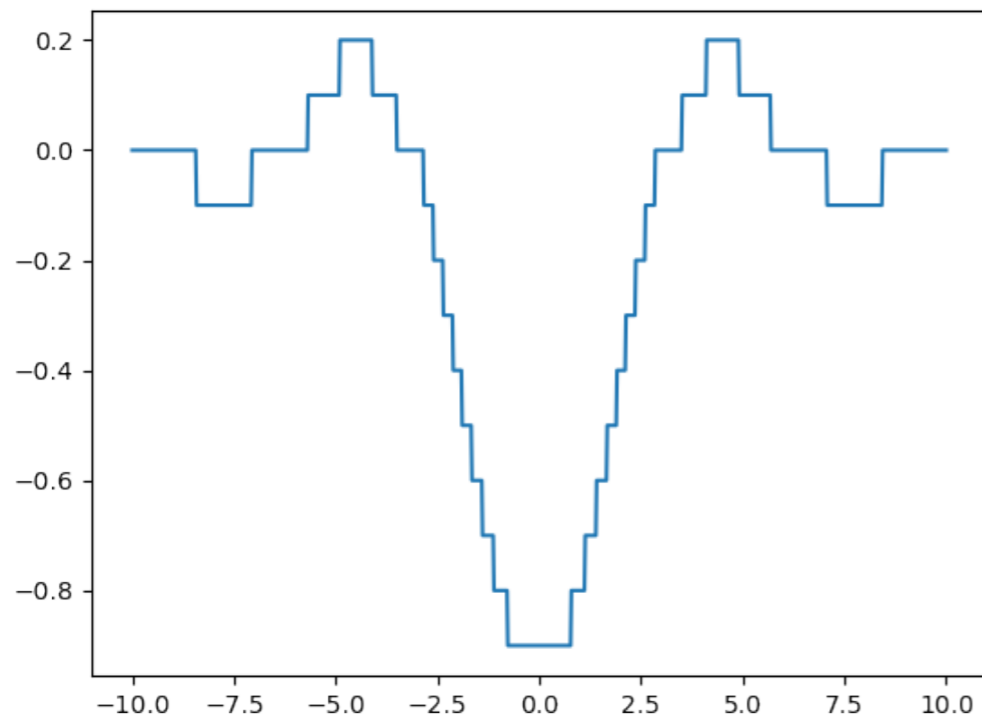
Allows us to efficiently fit / **tune simulation** with stochastic gradient techniques!

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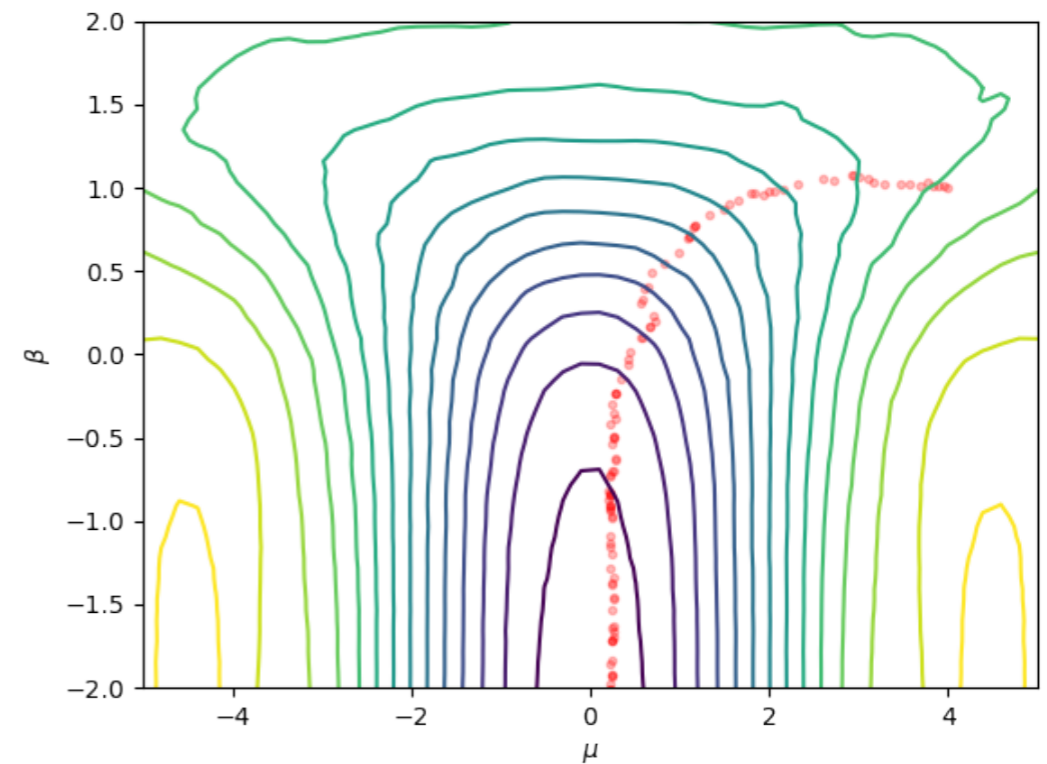
VARIATIONAL OPTIMIZATION

$$\min_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} f(\boldsymbol{\theta}) \leq \mathbb{E}_{\boldsymbol{\theta} \sim q(\boldsymbol{\theta}|\boldsymbol{\psi})} [f(\boldsymbol{\theta})] = U(\boldsymbol{\psi})$$

$$\nabla_{\boldsymbol{\psi}} U(\boldsymbol{\psi}) = \mathbb{E}_{\boldsymbol{\theta} \sim q(\boldsymbol{\theta}|\boldsymbol{\psi})} [f(\boldsymbol{\theta}) \nabla_{\boldsymbol{\psi}} \log q(\boldsymbol{\theta}|\boldsymbol{\psi})]$$



Piecewise constant $-\frac{\sin(\mathbf{x})}{\mathbf{x}}$



$q(\boldsymbol{\theta}|\boldsymbol{\psi} = (\mu, \beta)) = \mathcal{N}(\mu, e^{\beta})$

ADVERSARIAL VARIATIONAL OPTIMIZATION



Like a GAN, but generative model is non-differentiable and the parameters of simulator have meaning

- Replace the generative network with a non-differentiable forward simulator $g(\mathbf{z}; \boldsymbol{\theta})$.
- With VO, optimize upper bounds of the adversarial objectives:

$$U_d = \mathbb{E}_{\boldsymbol{\theta} \sim q(\boldsymbol{\theta}|\boldsymbol{\psi})} [\mathcal{L}_d] \quad (1)$$

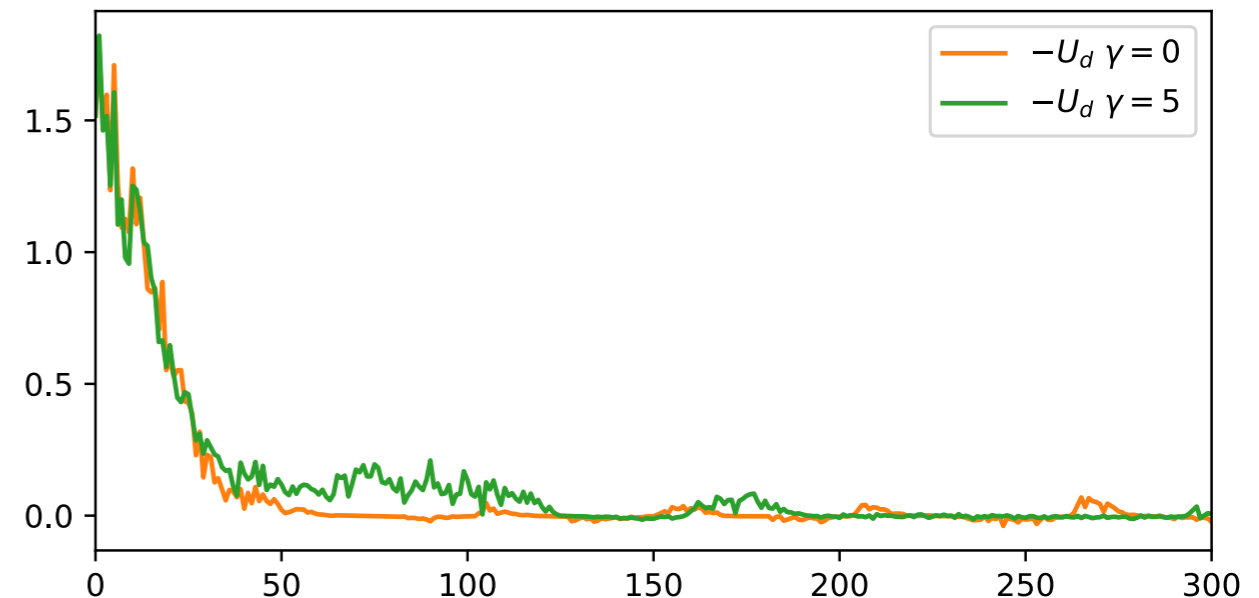
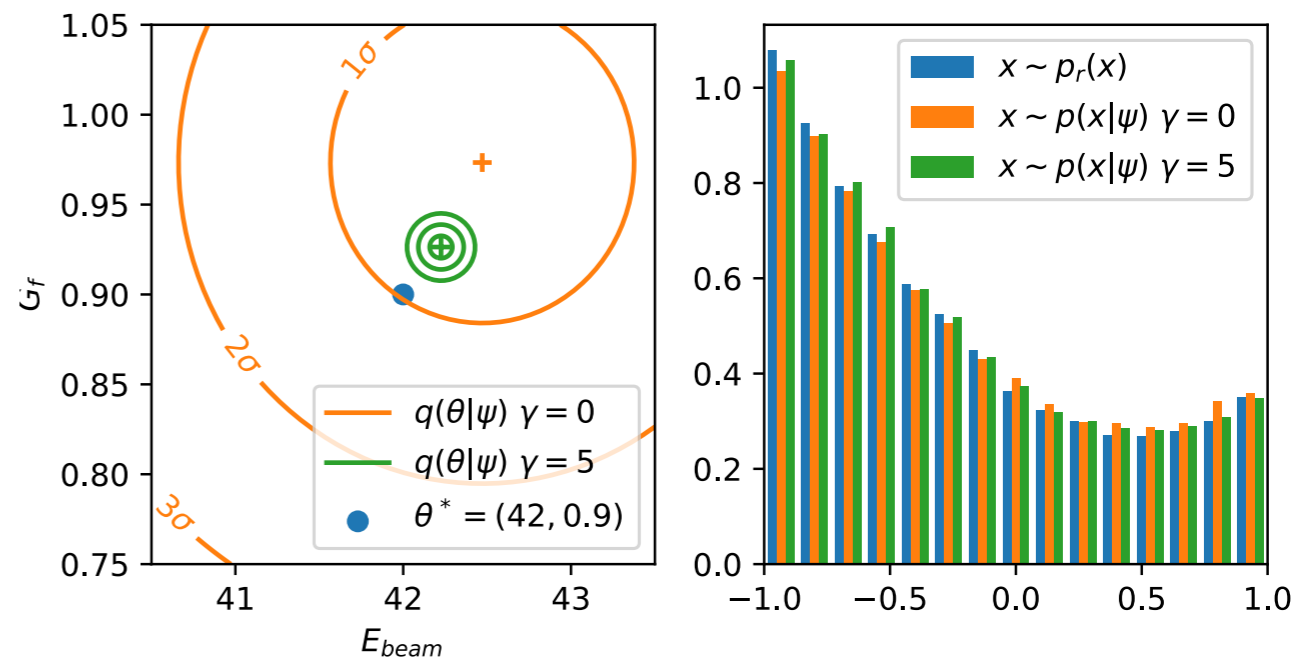
$$U_g = \mathbb{E}_{\boldsymbol{\theta} \sim q(\boldsymbol{\theta}|\boldsymbol{\psi})} [\mathcal{L}_g] \quad (2)$$

respectively over ϕ and ψ .

Effectively sampling from marginal model

$$\mathbf{x} \sim q(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\psi}) \equiv \boldsymbol{\theta} \sim q(\boldsymbol{\theta}|\boldsymbol{\psi}), \mathbf{z} \sim p(\mathbf{z}|\boldsymbol{\theta}), \mathbf{x} = g(\mathbf{z}; \boldsymbol{\theta})$$

We use Wasserstein distance, as in WGAN



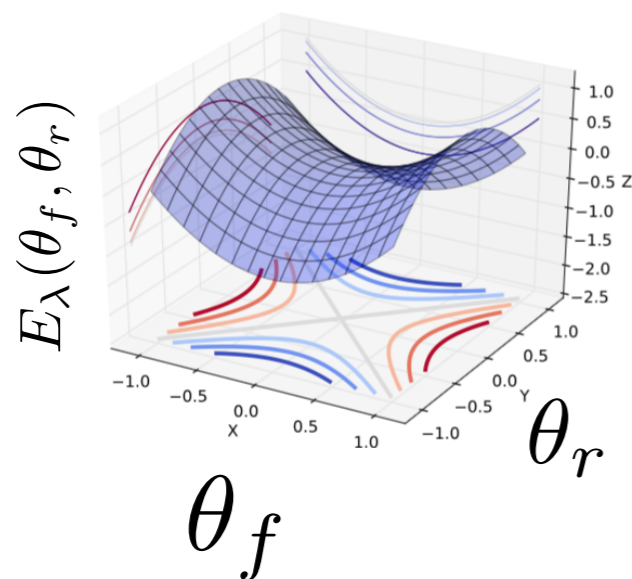
LEARNING TO PIVOT WITH ADVERSARIAL NETWORKS

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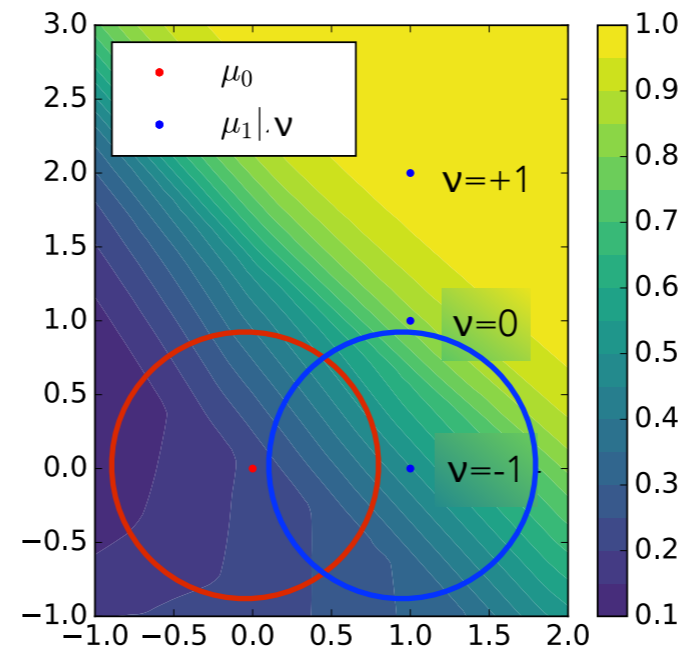
- want classifier output to be insensitive to systematics (nuisance parameter \mathbf{v})
- introduce an **adversary** \mathbf{r} that tries to predict \mathbf{v} based on \mathbf{f} .
- setup as a minimax game:

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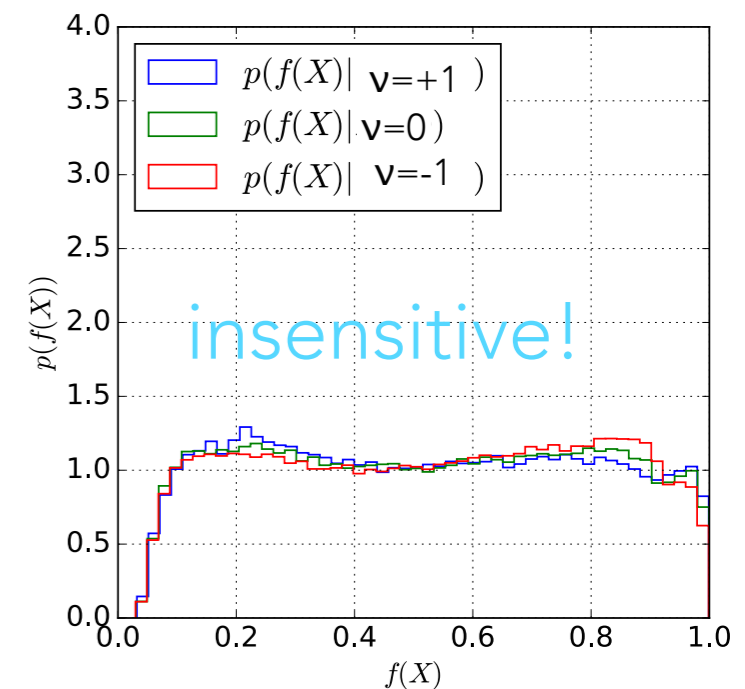
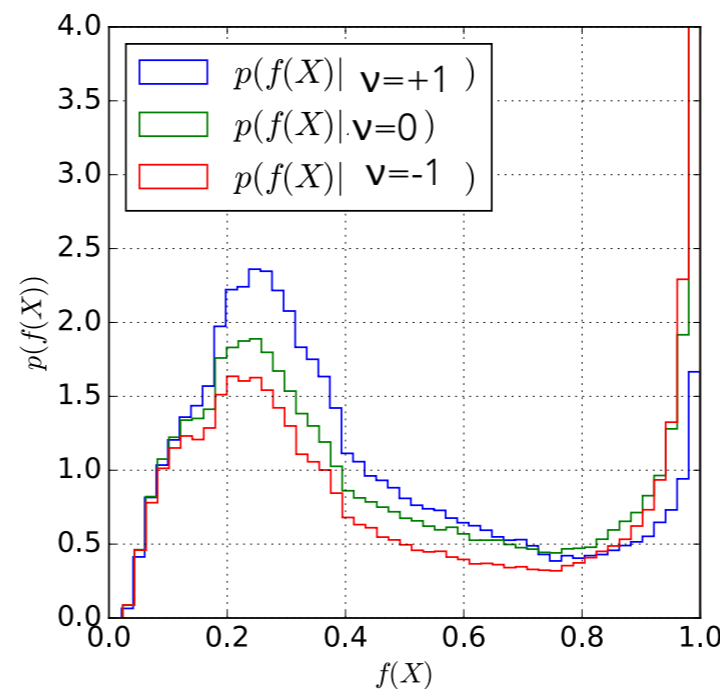
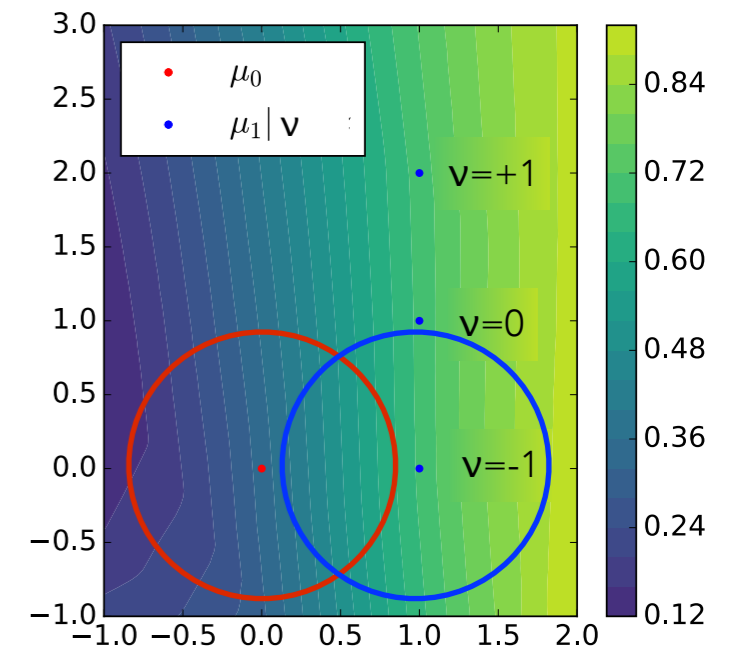
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normal training



adversarial training



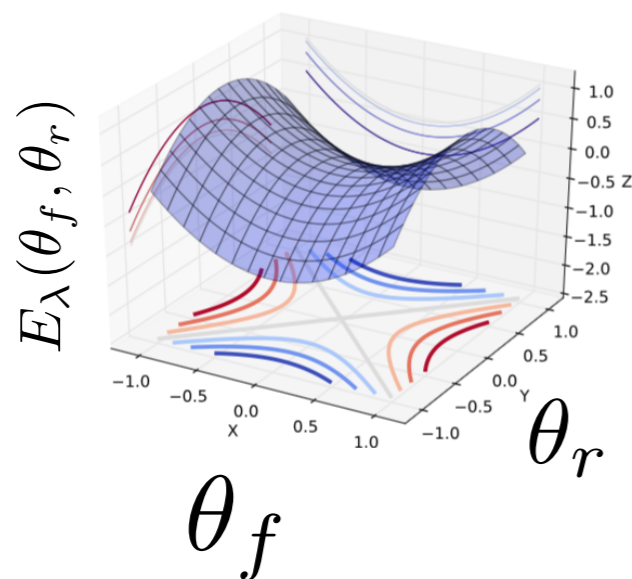
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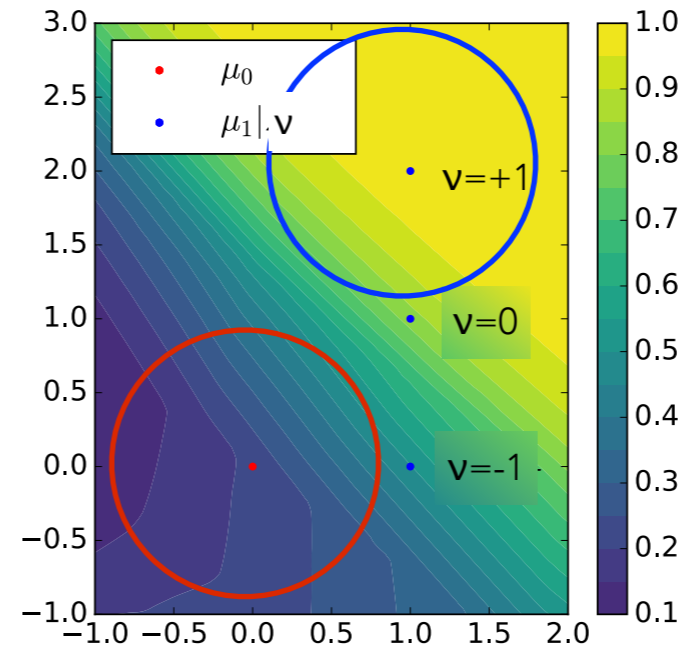
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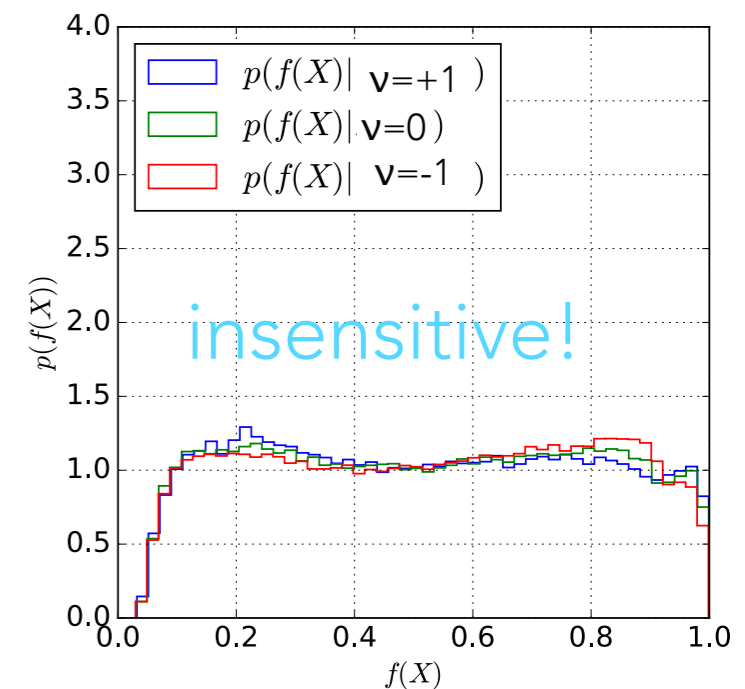
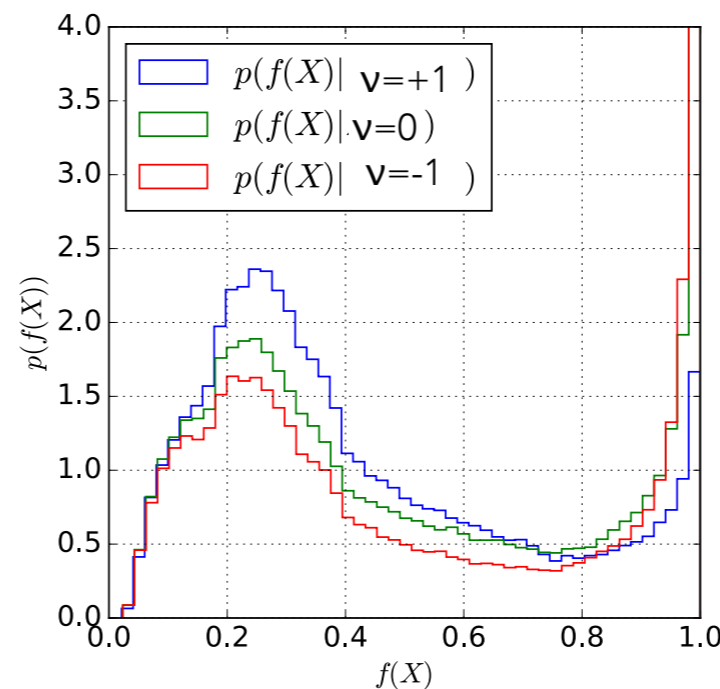
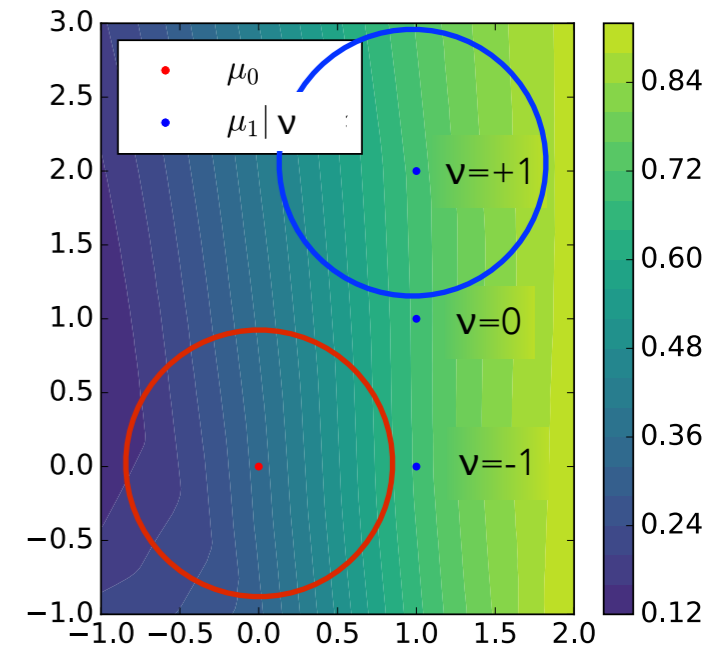
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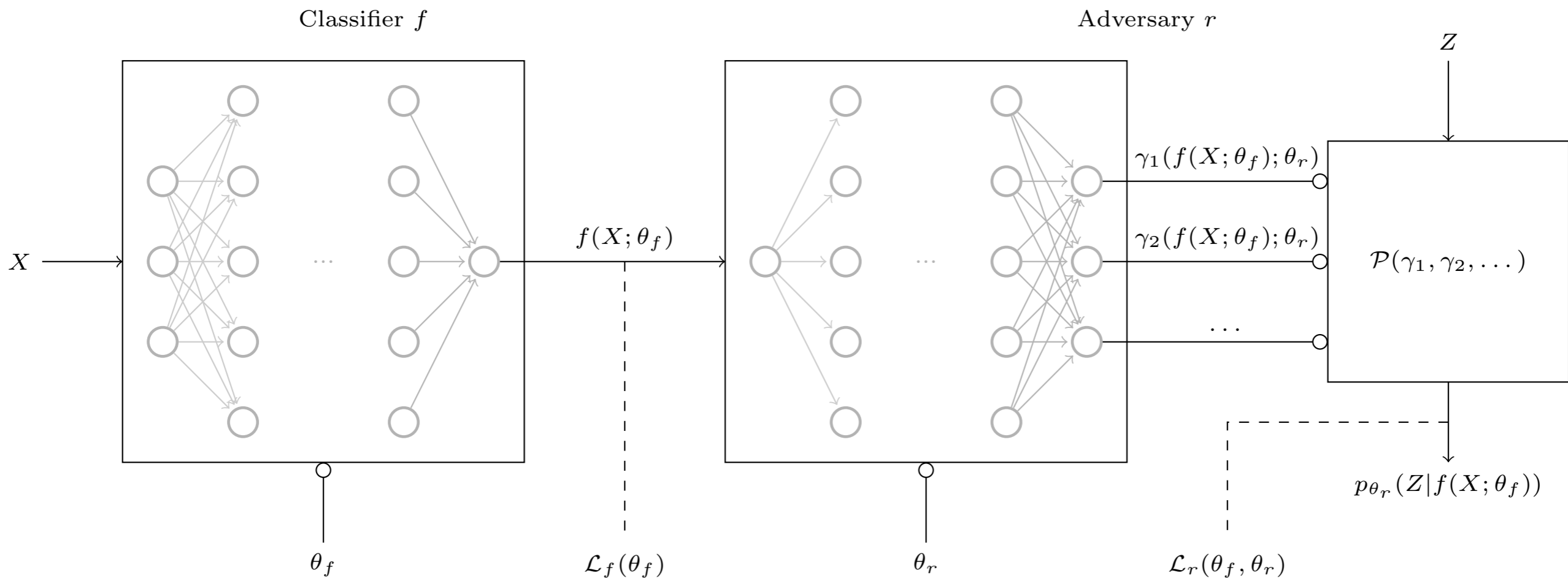
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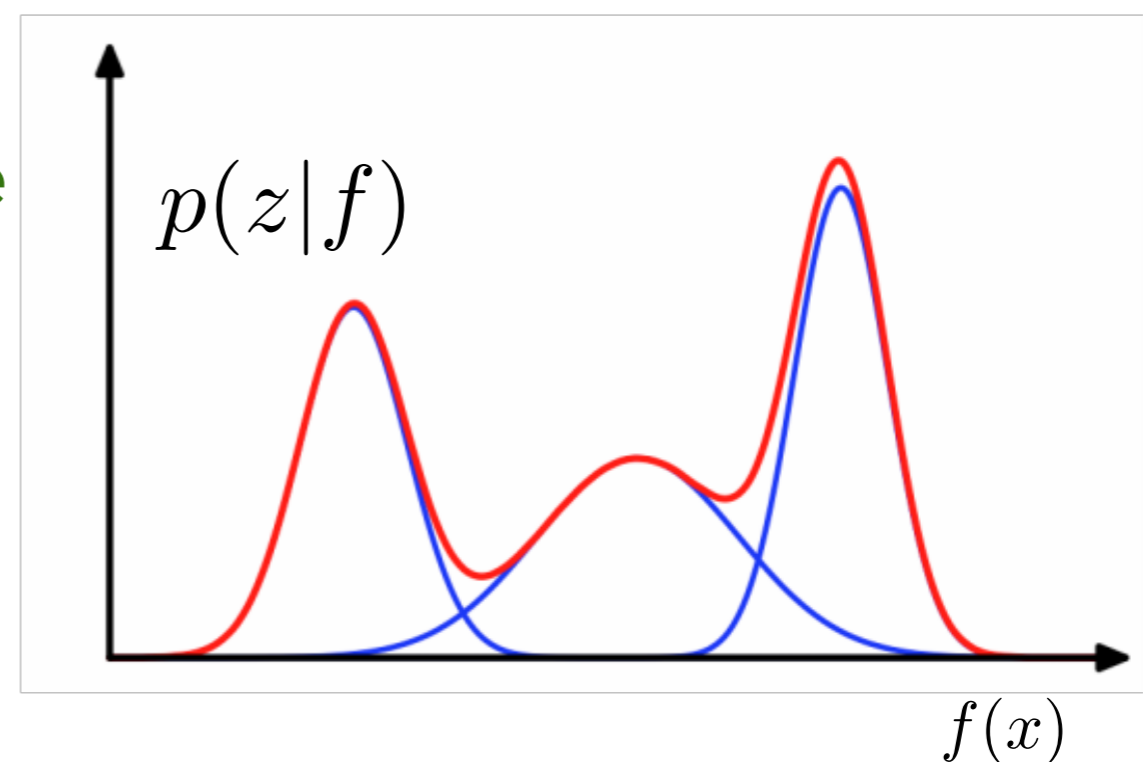


THE ADVERSARIAL MODEL



the $\gamma_1, \gamma_2, \dots$ are the mean, standard deviation, and amplitude for the Gaussian Mixture Model.

- the neural network takes in f and predicts $\gamma_1, \gamma_2, \dots$



AN EXAMPLE

Technique allows us to tune λ , the tradeoff between classification power and robustness to systematic uncertainty

An example:

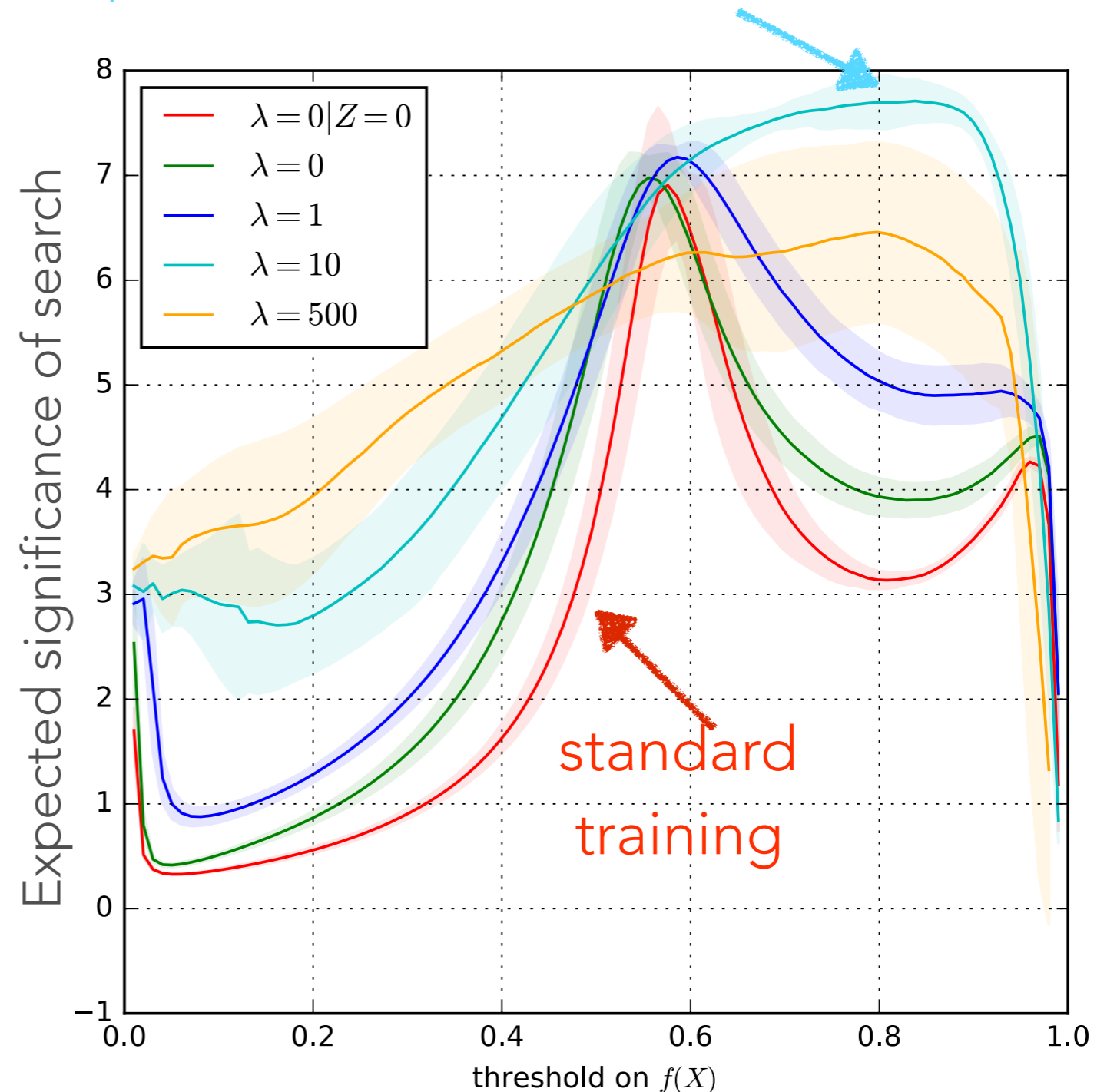
background: 1000 QCD jets
signal: 100 boosted W 's

Train W vs. QCD classifier

Pileup as source of uncertainty

Simple cut-and-count analysis with background uncertainty.

optimal tradeoff of classification vs. & robustness

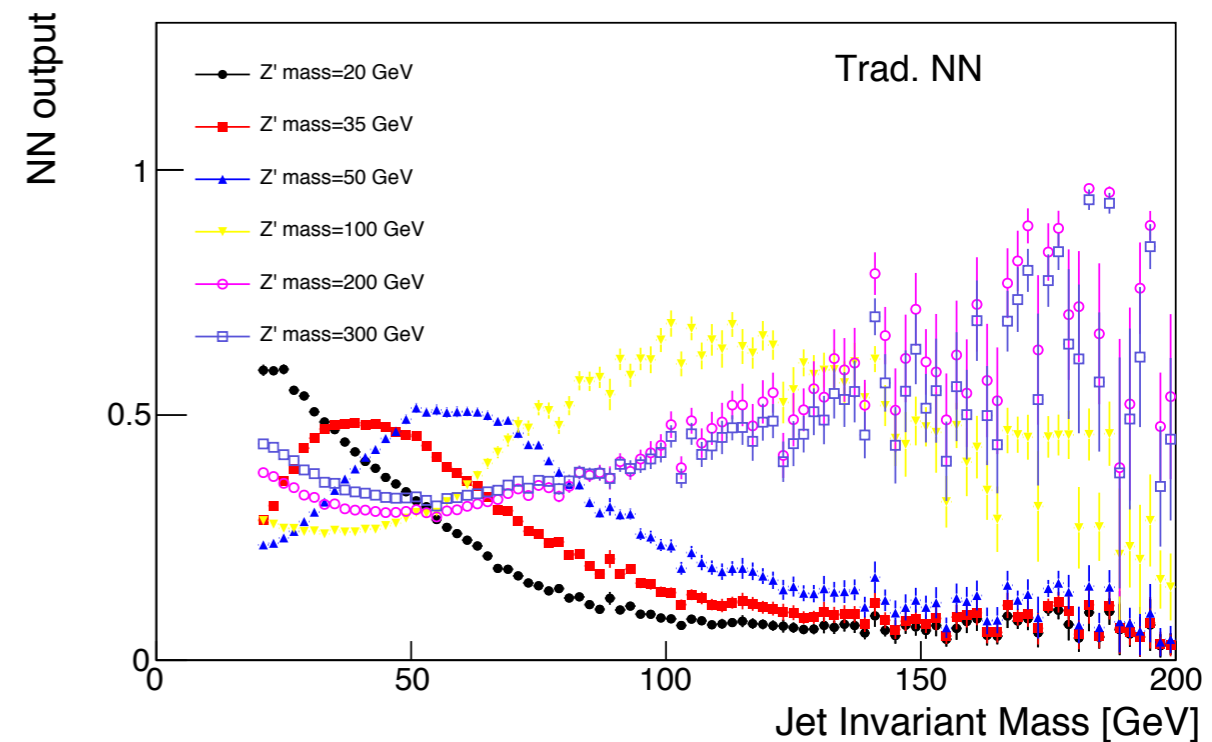
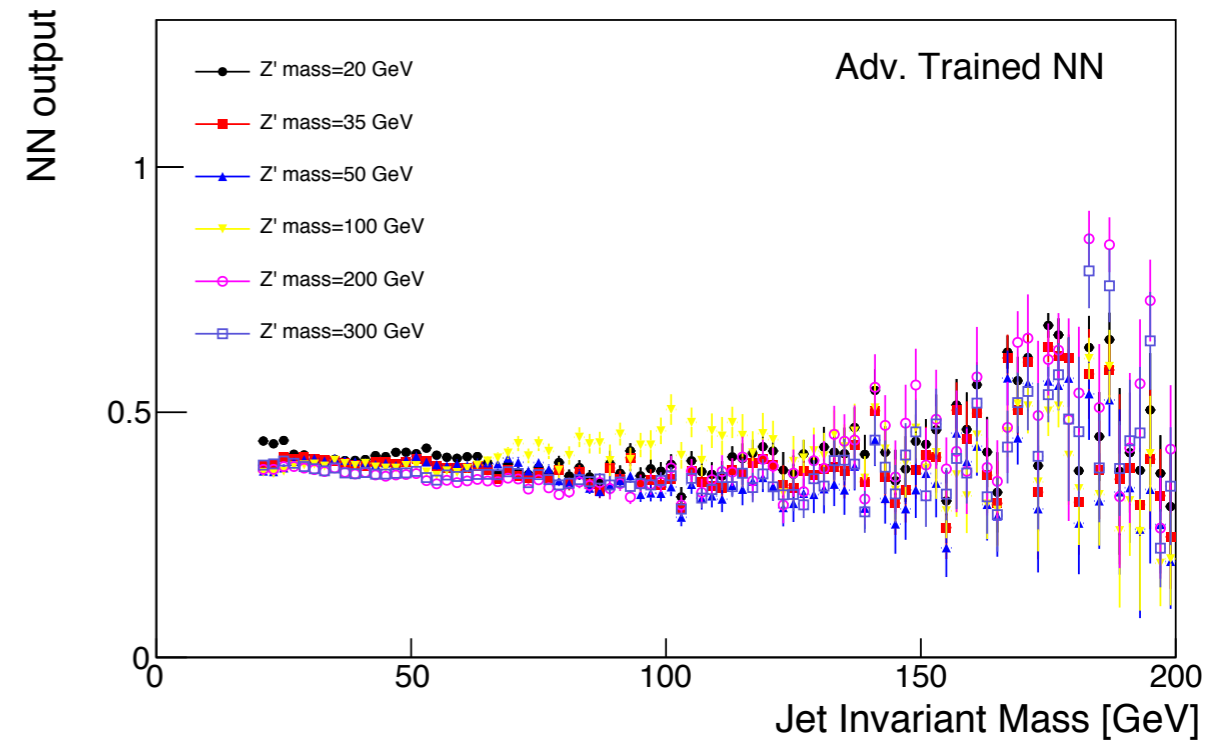


DECORRELATED TAGGERS

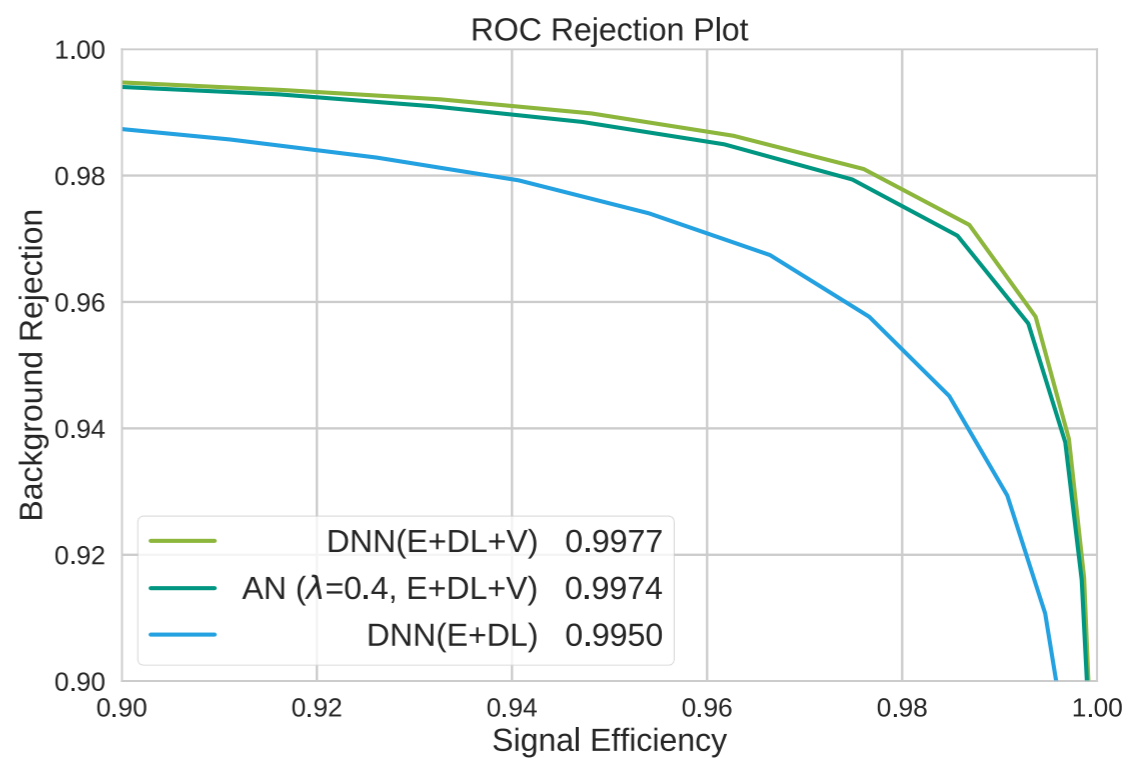
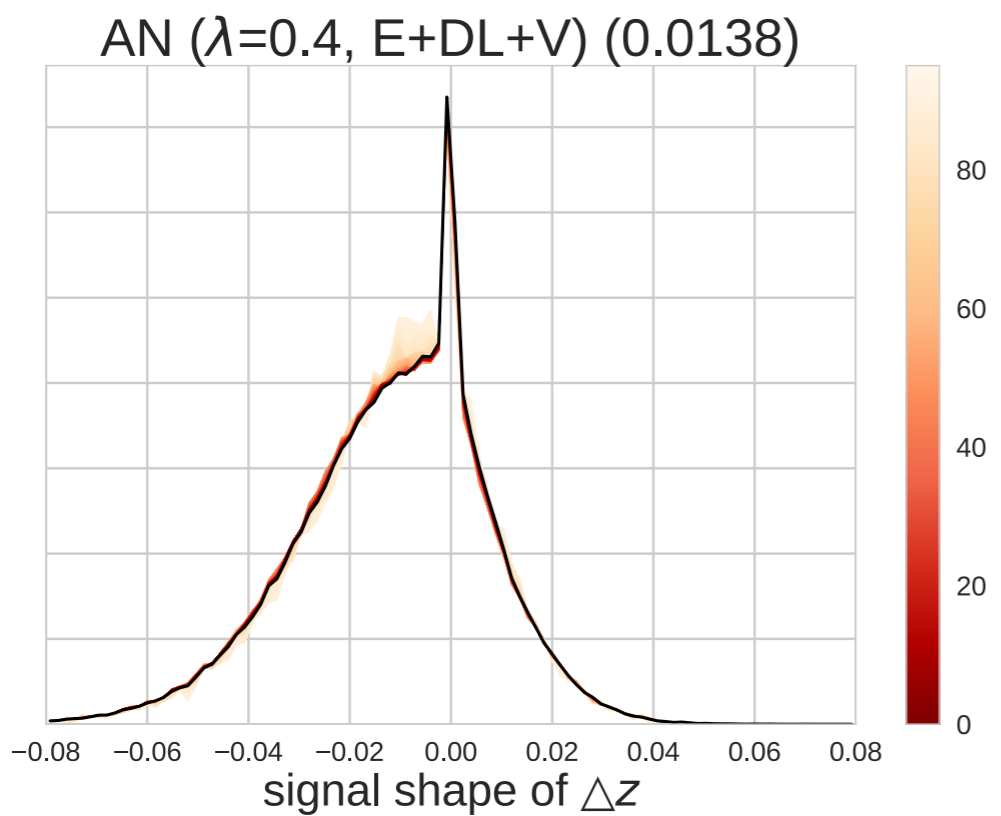
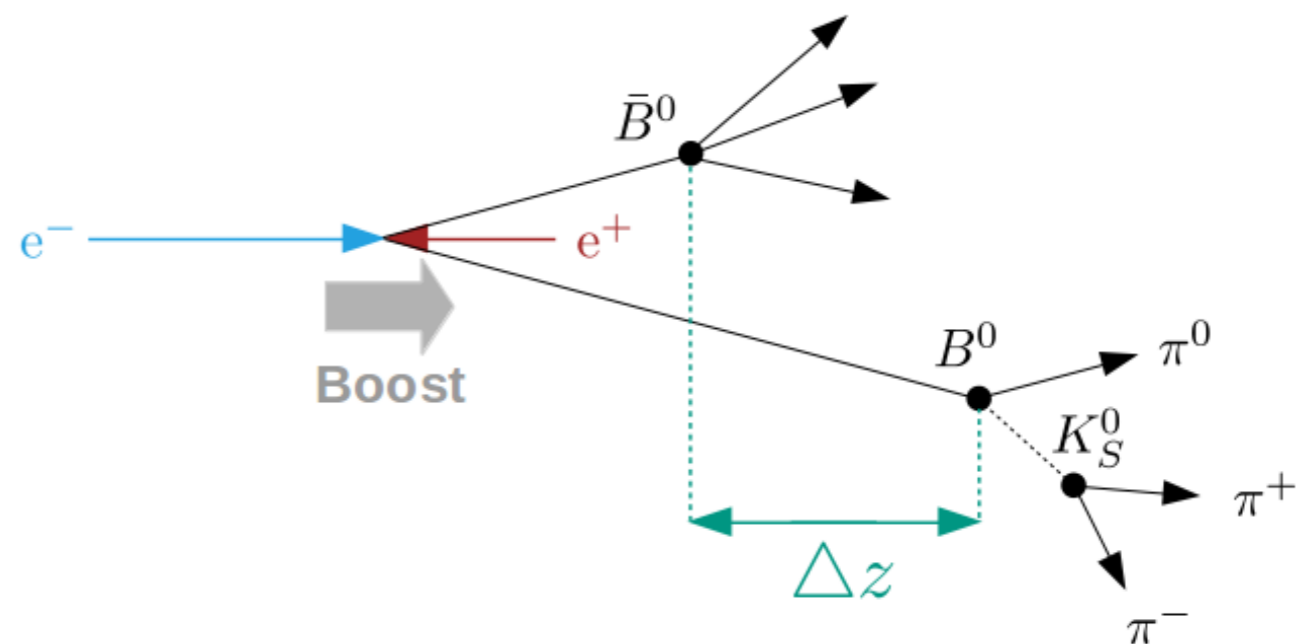
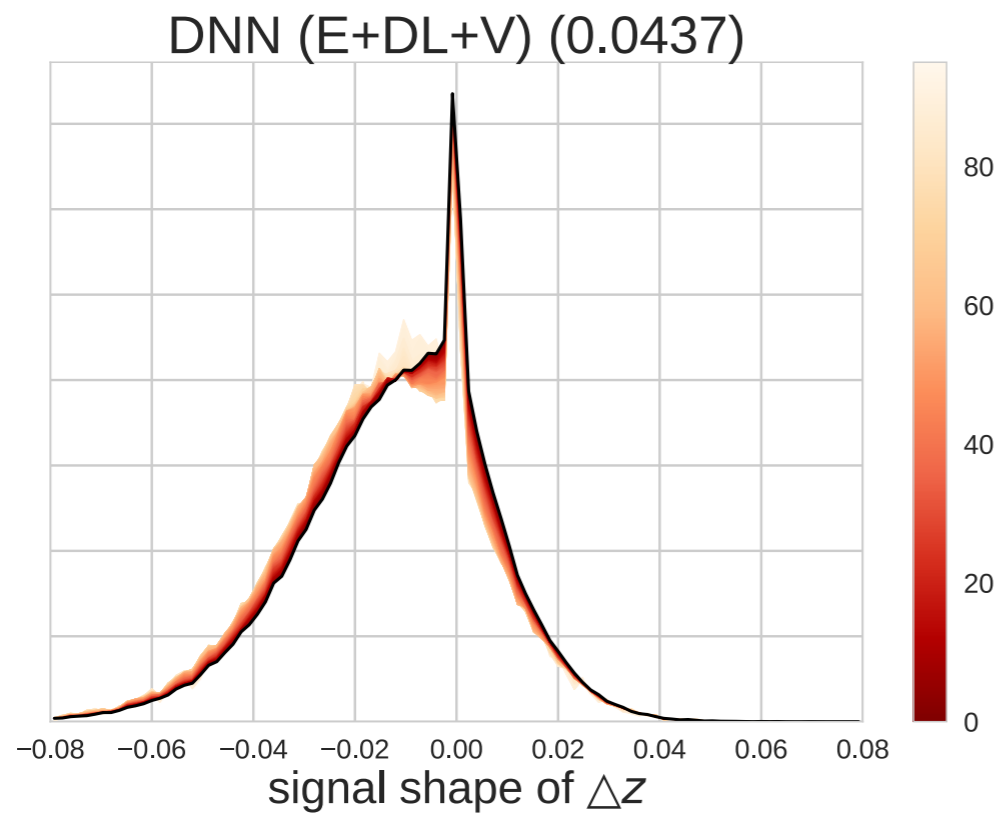
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Shimmin, et. al. arXiv:1703.03507

Adversarial approach of “Learning to Pivot” can also be used to train a classifier that is “decorrelated” to some other variable.

- want jet taggers that are decorrelated with jet invariant mass
- so that analysis can still search for a bump using jet invariant mass
- avoids sculpting background



DECORRELATION IN BELLE II

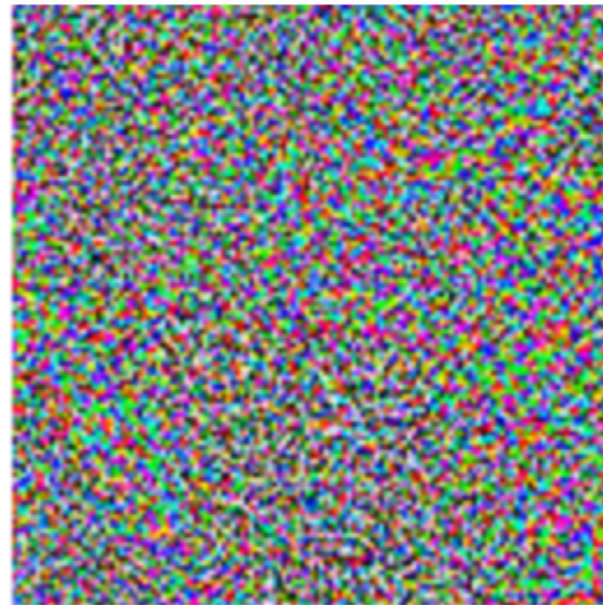


ADVERSARIAL EXAMPLES



"panda"
57.7% confidence

+ ϵ

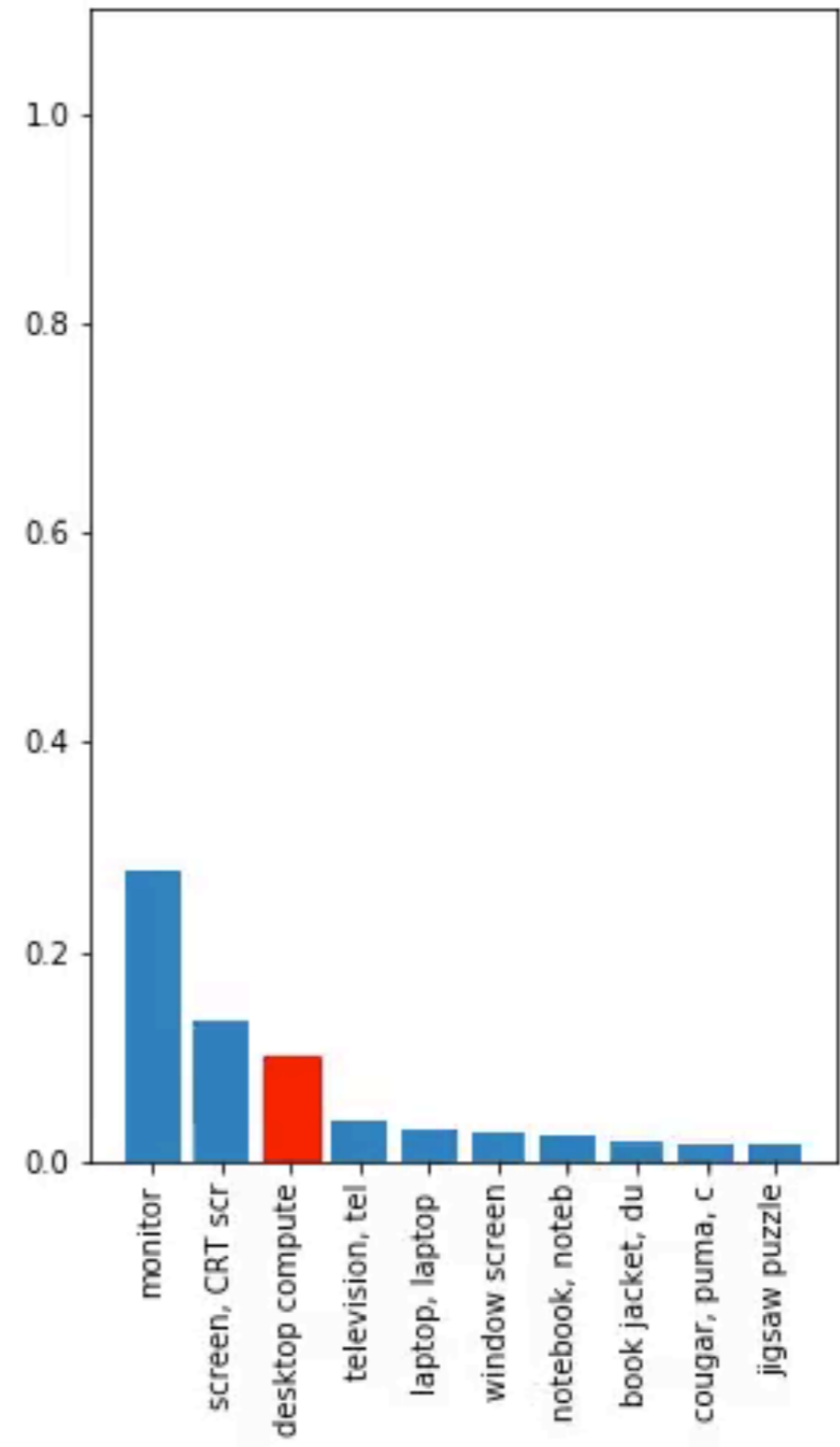


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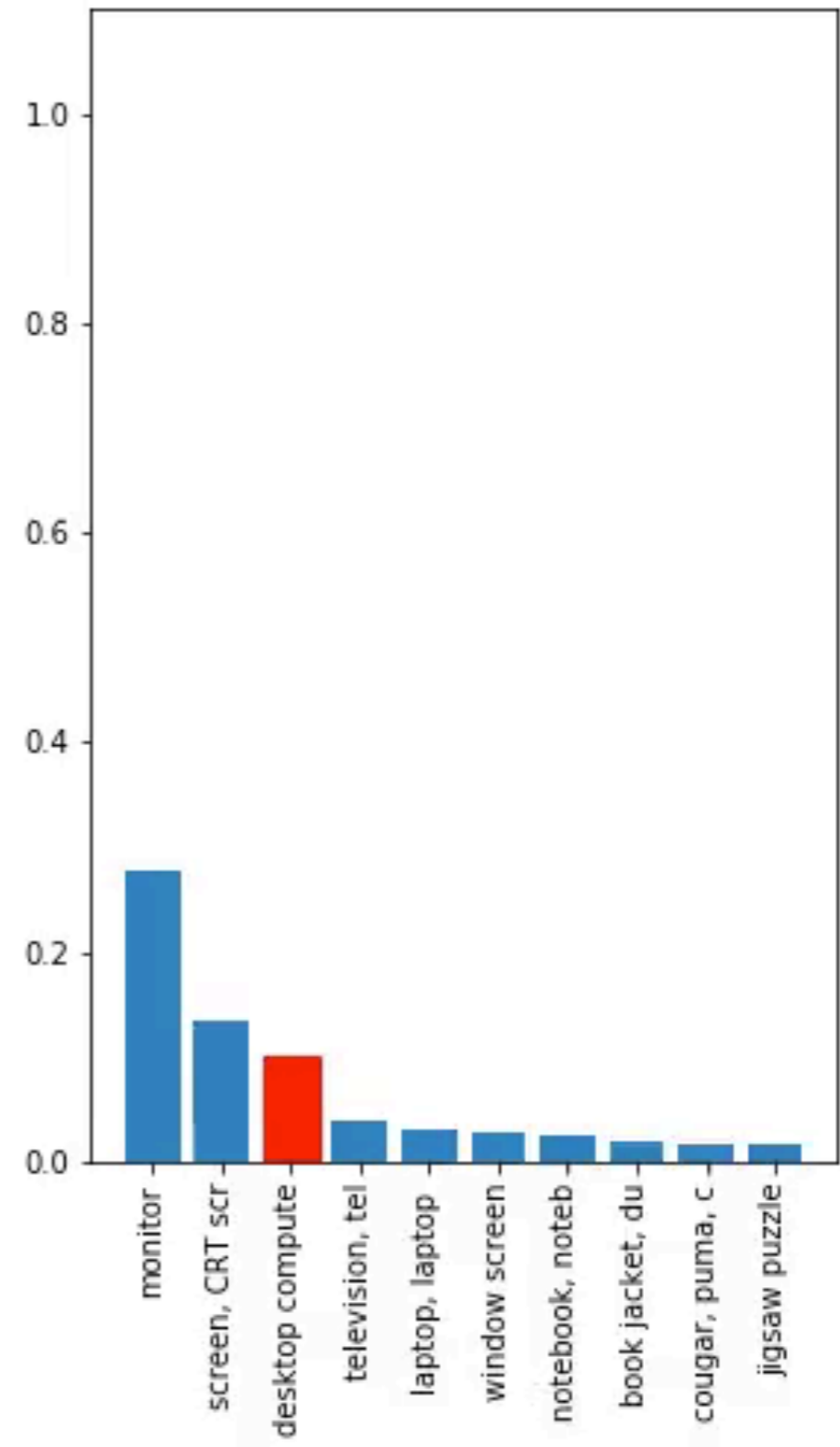


"gibbon"
99.3% confidence

ADVERSARIAL EXAMPLES



ADVERSARIAL EXAMPLES



LECTURE 4

Extending to include systematics:

- statistical modeling with nuisance parameters
 - RooFit ↔ TensorFlow, automatic differentiation
- Profile Likelihood Ratio & concept of a “pivot”

Parametrized learning

- for classification
- high dimensional reweighting

Other Likelihood Free techniques

- ABC & probabilistic programming

Gaussian Processes

- physics-aware kernels

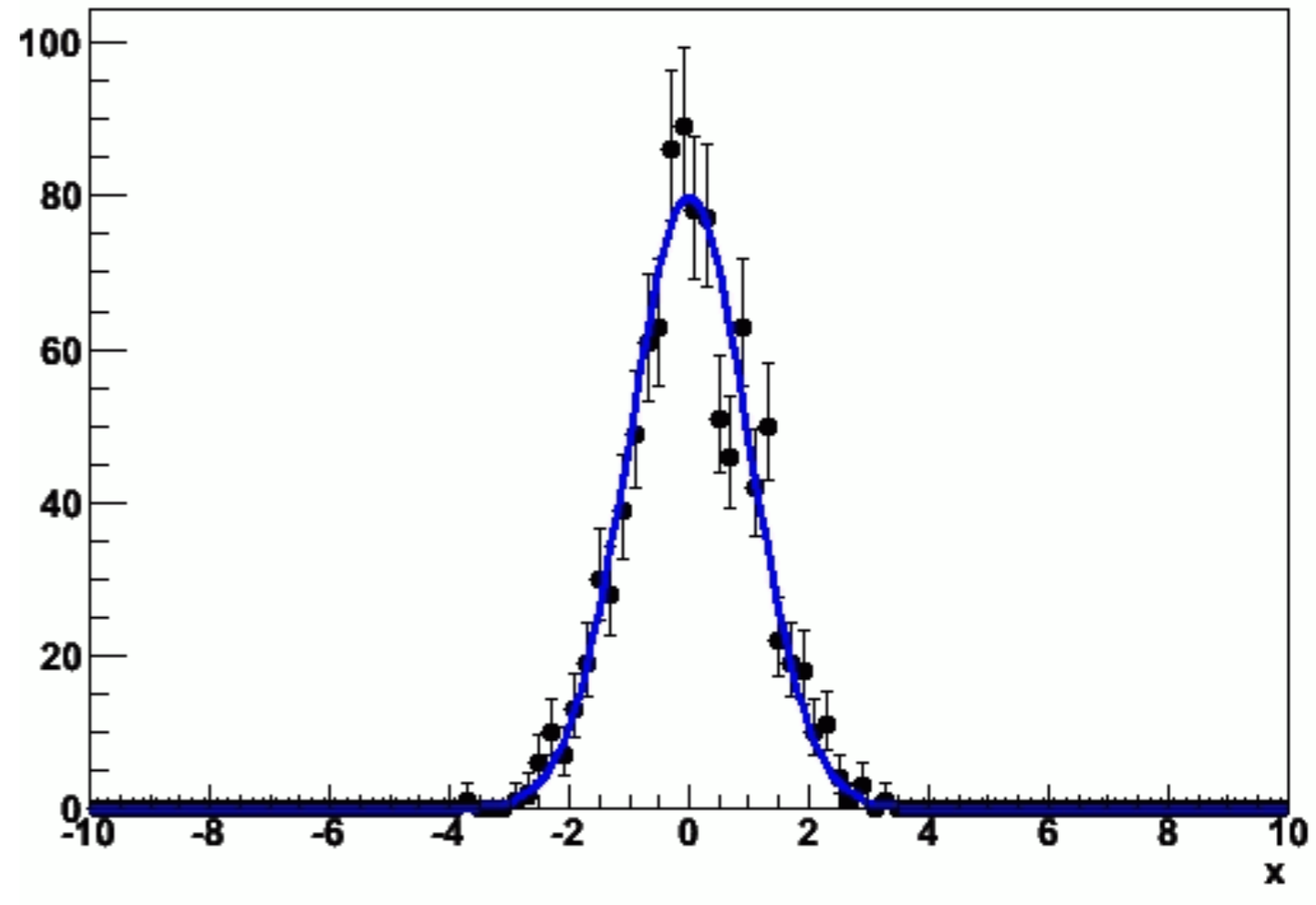
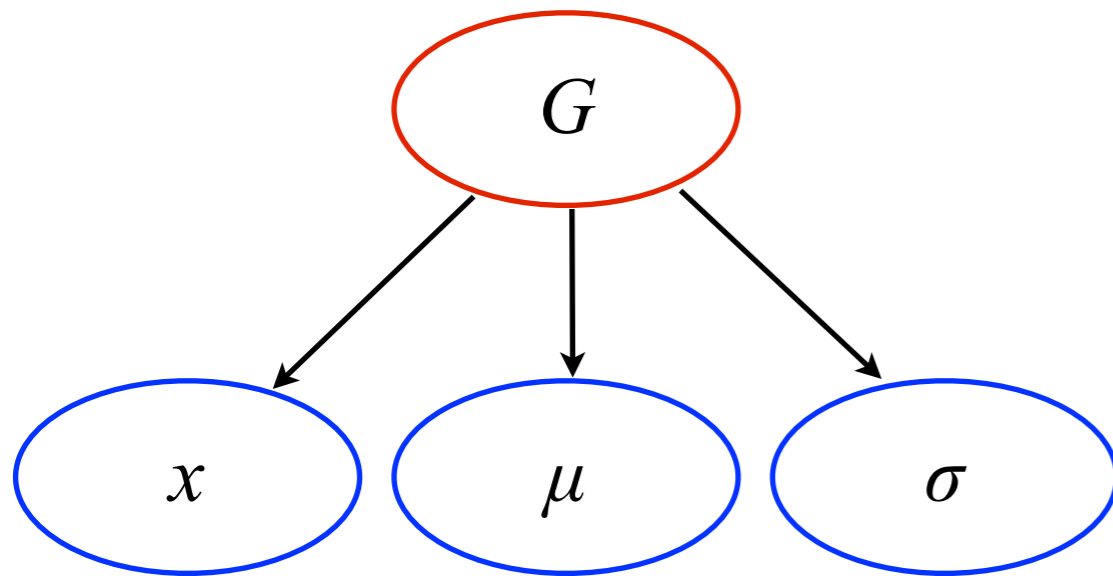
QCD-aware neural networks

Building a Statistical Model
Systematics & Nuisance Parameters

VISUALIZING PROBABILITY MODELS

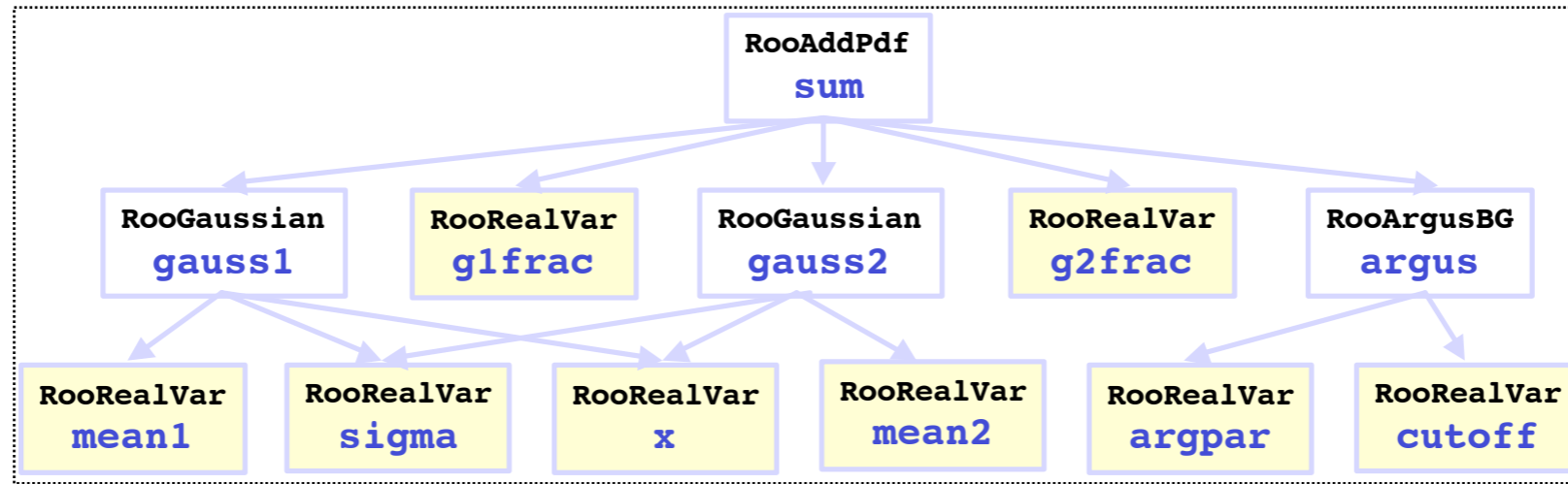
I will represent PDFs graphically as below (directed acyclic graph)

- ▶ eg. a Gaussian $G(x|\mu, \sigma)$ is parametrized by (μ, σ)
- ▶ every node is a real-valued function of the nodes below

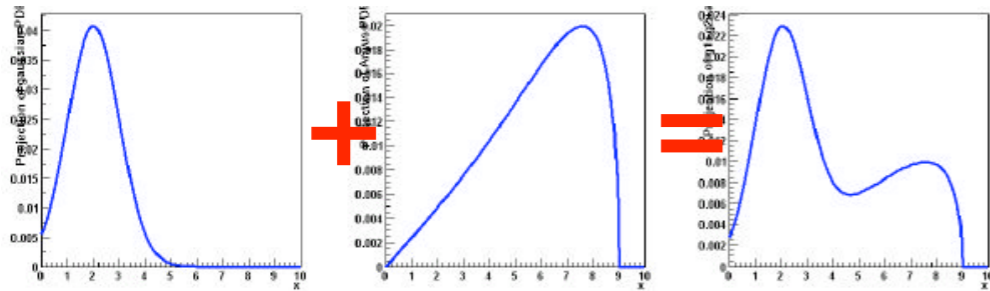


ROOT: A DATA MODELING TOOLKIT

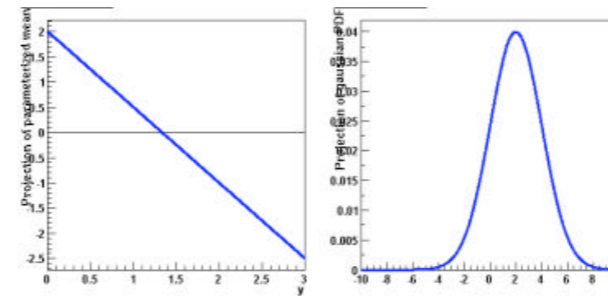
RooFit is a major tool developed at BaBar for data modeling.
 RooStats provides higher-level statistical tools based on these PDFs.



- Addition

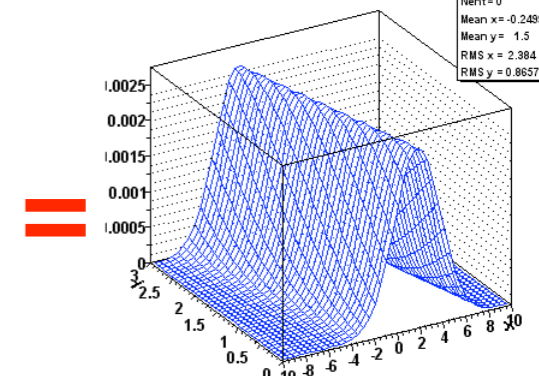


- Composition ('plug & play')



Histogram of x vs y_x_y

x vs y_x_y
Nent=0
Mean x= -0.2499
Mean y= 1.5
RMS x= 2.384
RMS y= 0.8657



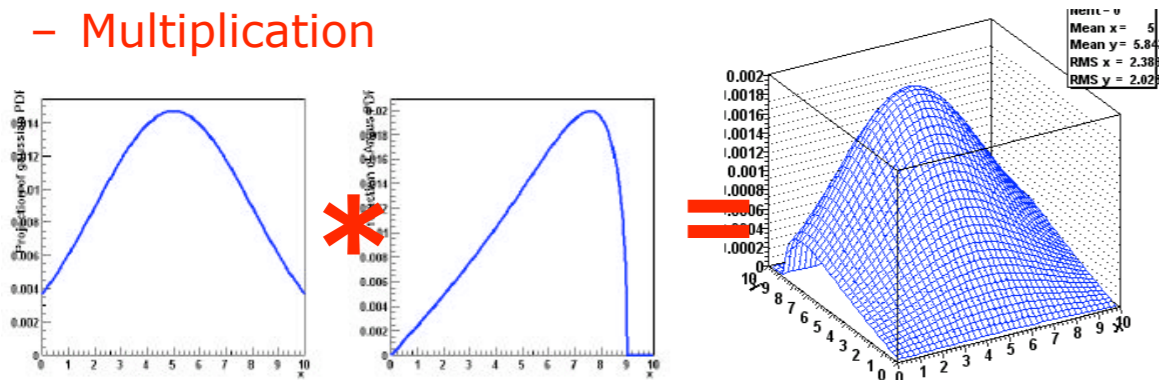
$$m(y; a_0, a_1)$$

$$g(x; m, s)$$

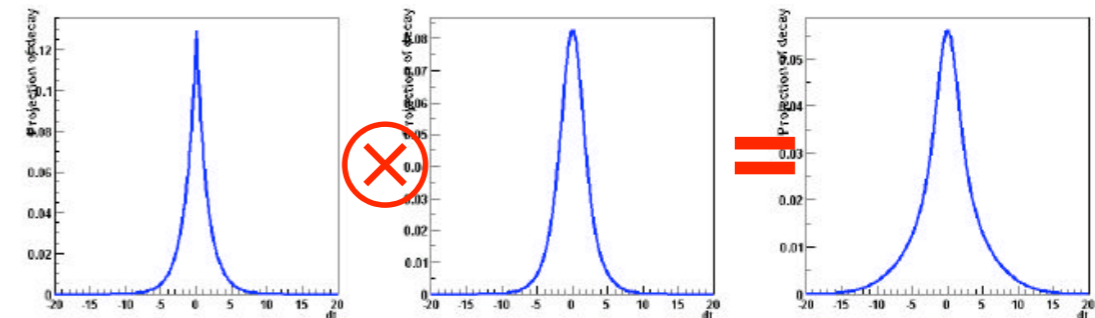
$$g(x, y; a_0, a_1, s)$$

Possible in any PDF
 No explicit support in PDF code needed

- Multiplication



- Convolution



Wouter Verkerke,

Wouter Verkerke, UCSB

MARKED POISSON PROCESS

Channel: a subset of the data defined by some selection requirements.

- ▶ eg. all events with 4 electrons with energy > 10 GeV
- ▶ n : number of events observed in the channel
- ▶ ν : number of events expected in the channel

Discriminating variable: a property of those events that can be measured and which helps discriminate the signal from background

- ▶ eg. the invariant mass of two particles
- ▶ $f(x)$: the p.d.f. of the discriminating variable x

$$\mathcal{D} = \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$$

Marked Poisson Process / Extended Likelihood:

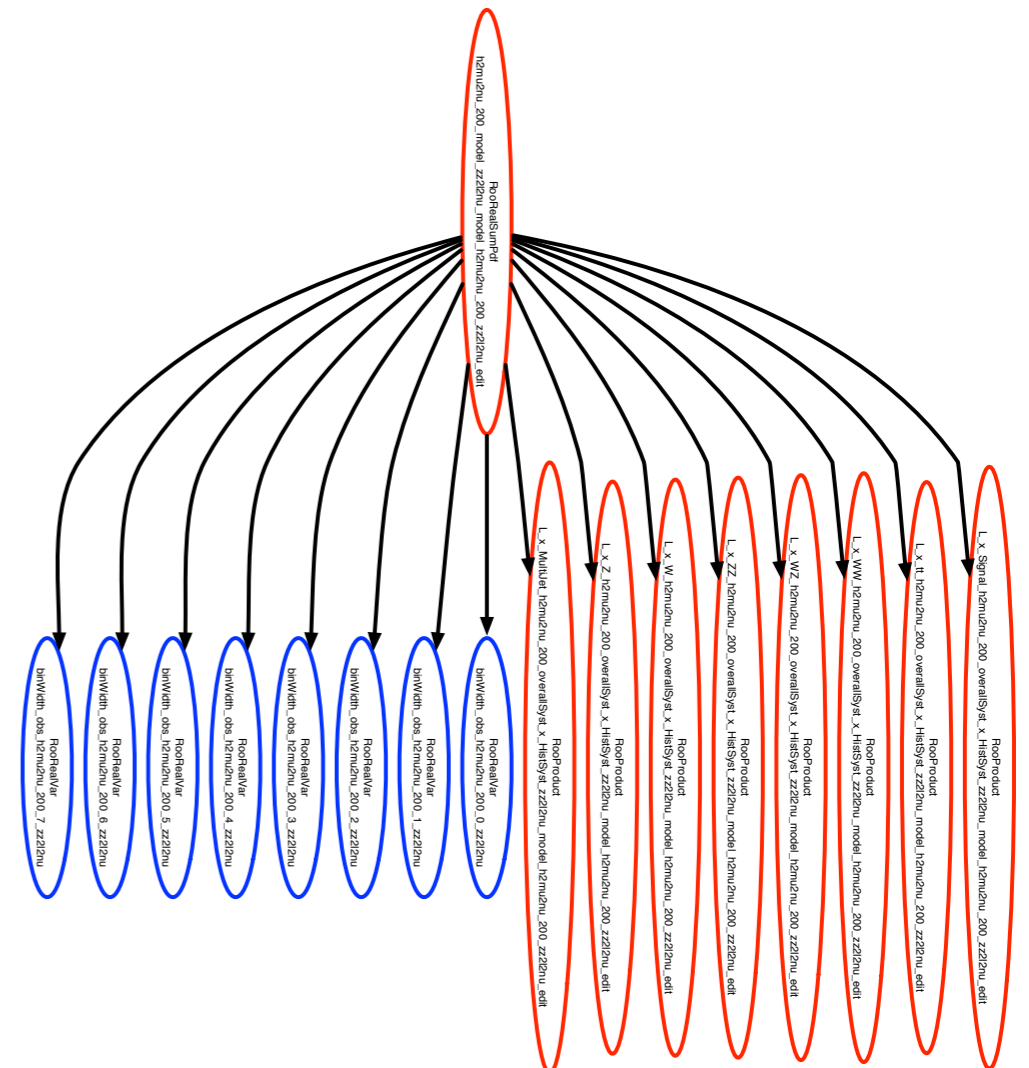
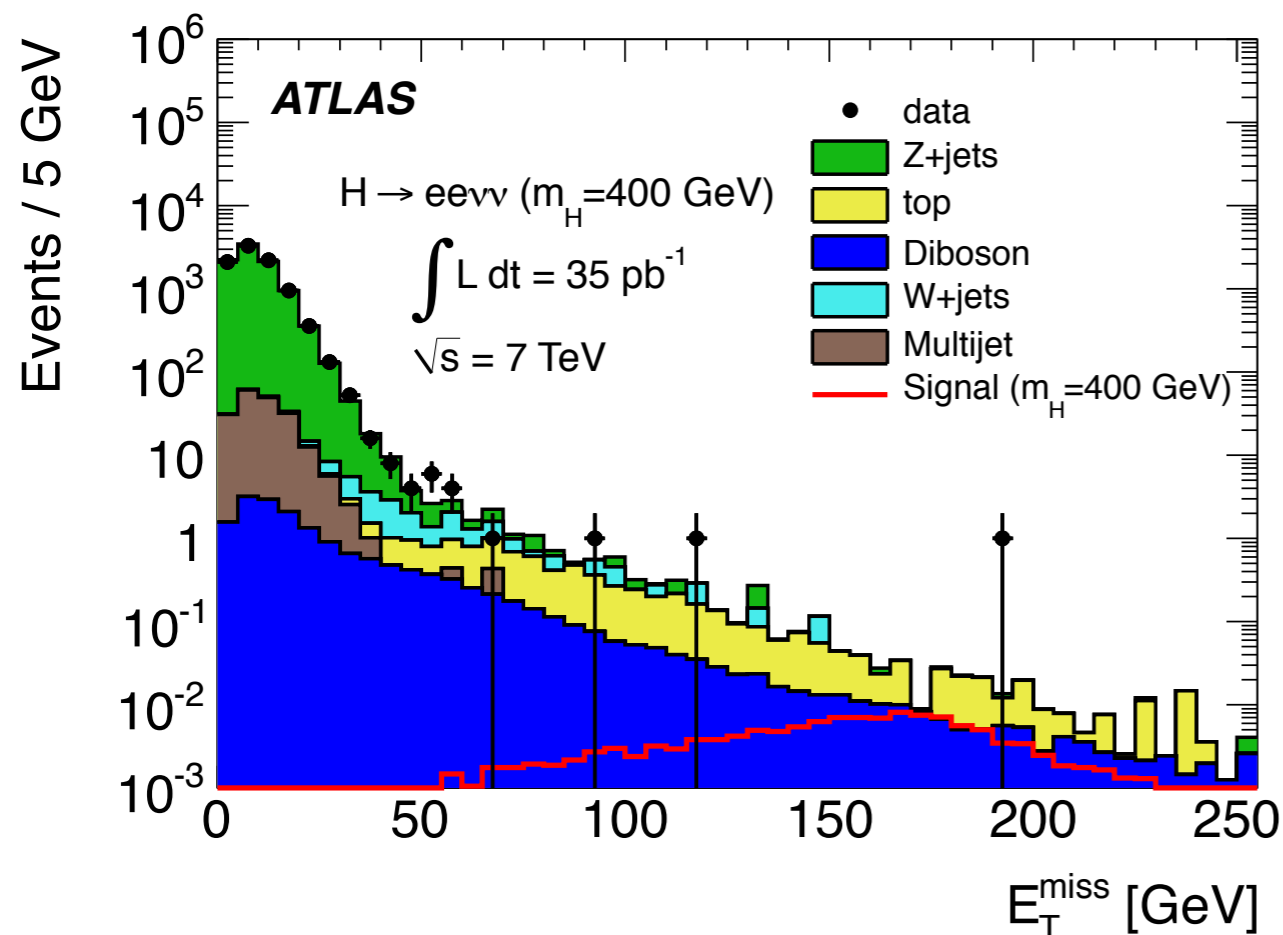
$$\mathbf{f}(\mathcal{D}|\nu) = \text{Pois}(n|\nu) \prod_{e=1}^n f(x_e)$$

MIXTURE MODEL

Sample: a sample of simulated events corresponding to particular type interaction that populates the channel.

- ▶ statisticians call this a mixture model

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\nu_{\text{tot}}} \sum_{s \in \text{samples}} \nu_s f_s(x), \quad \nu_{\text{tot}} = \sum_{s \in \text{samples}} \nu_s$$



PARAMETRIZING THE MODEL $\boldsymbol{\alpha} = (\mu, \boldsymbol{\theta})$

Parameters of interest (μ): parameters of the theory that modify the rates and shapes of the distributions, eg.

- ▶ the mass of a hypothesized particle
- ▶ the “signal strength” $\mu=0$ no signal, $\mu=1$ predicted signal rate

Nuisance parameters ($\boldsymbol{\theta}$ or α_p): associated to uncertainty in:

- ▶ response of the detector (calibration)
- ▶ phenomenological model of interaction in non-perturbative regime

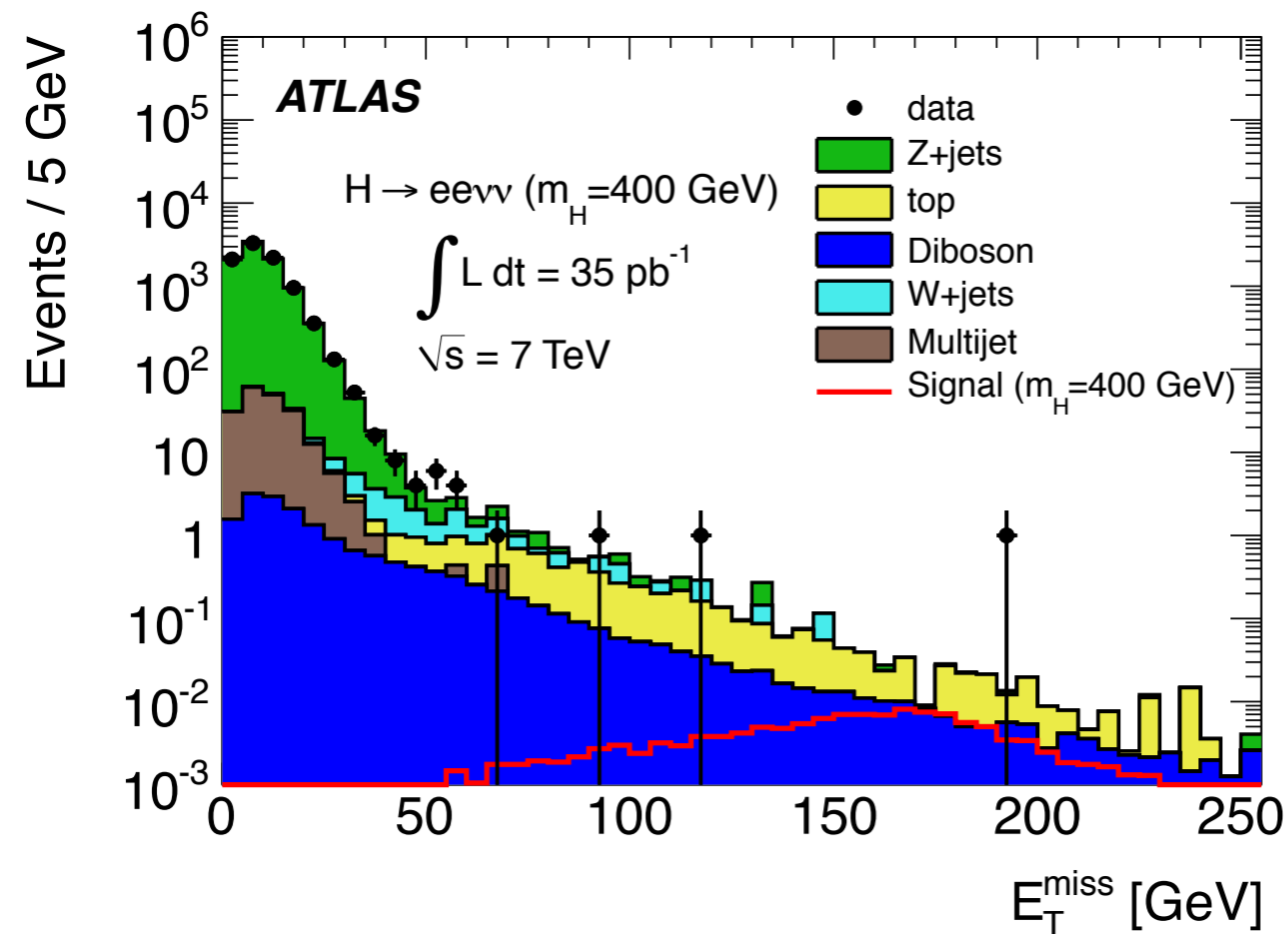
Lead to a parametrized model: $\nu \rightarrow \nu(\boldsymbol{\alpha}), f(x) \rightarrow f(x|\boldsymbol{\alpha})$

$$\mathbf{f}(\mathcal{D}|\boldsymbol{\alpha}) = \text{Pois}(n|\nu(\boldsymbol{\alpha})) \prod_{e=1}^n f(x_e|\boldsymbol{\alpha})$$

INCORPORATING SYSTEMATIC EFFECTS

Tabulate effect of individual variations of sources of systematic uncertainty

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- use some form of interpolation to parametrize p^{th} variation in terms of **nuisance parameter** α_p



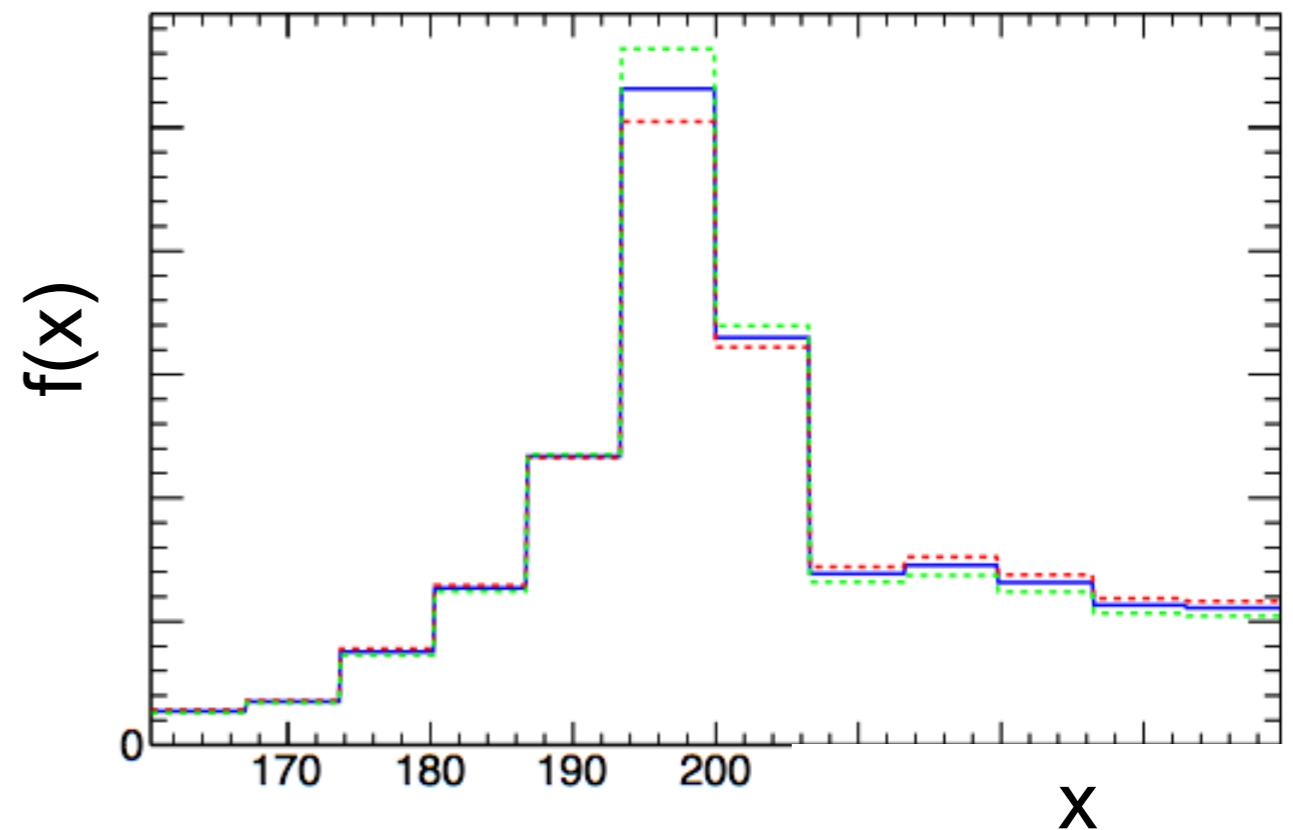
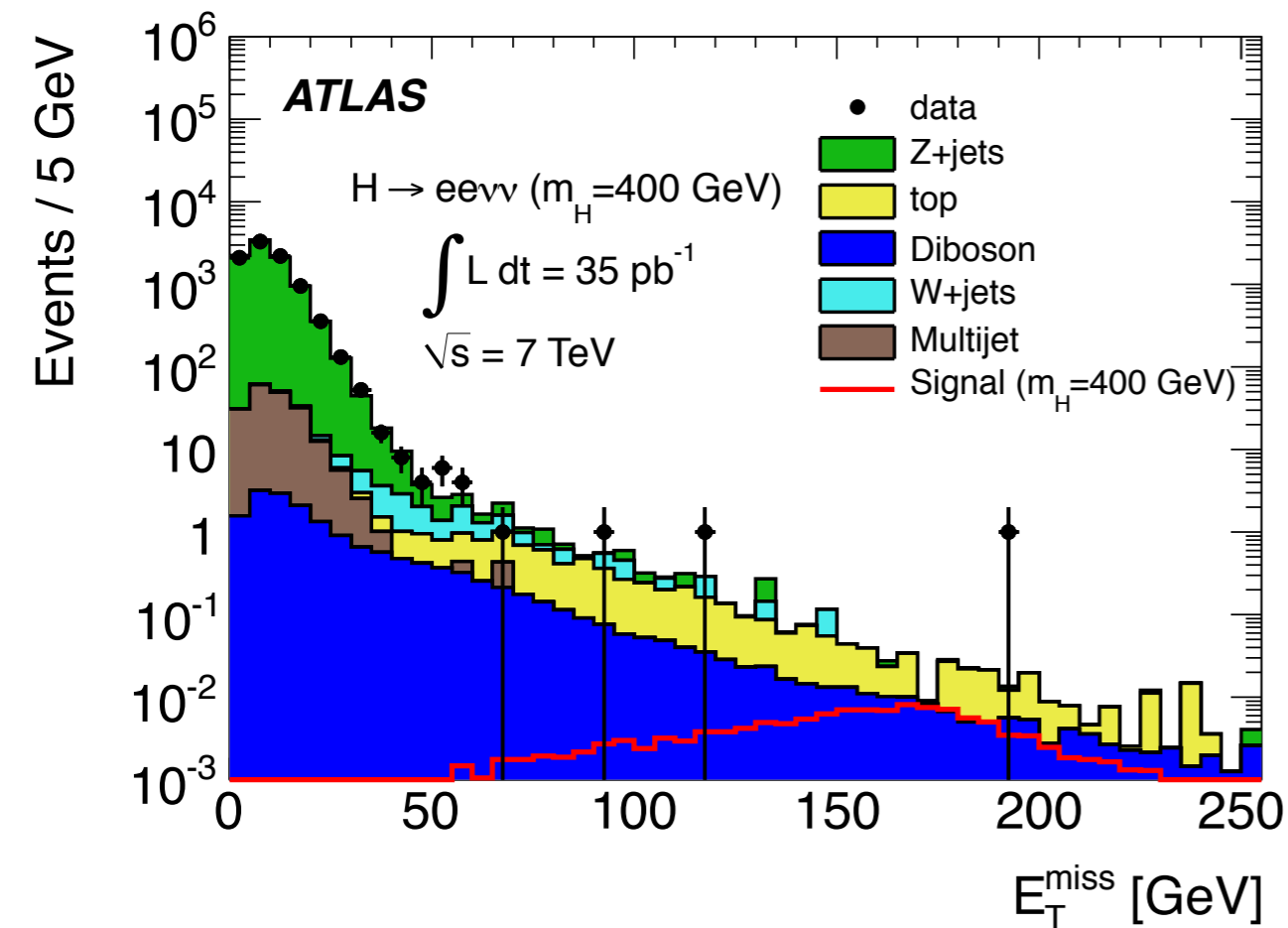
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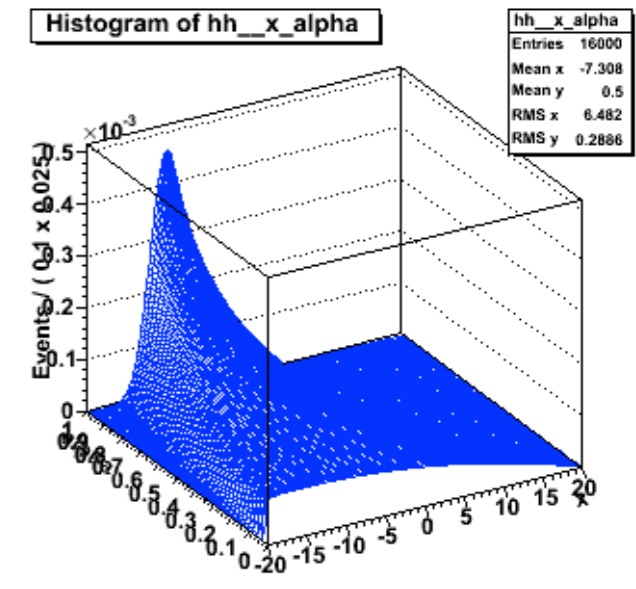
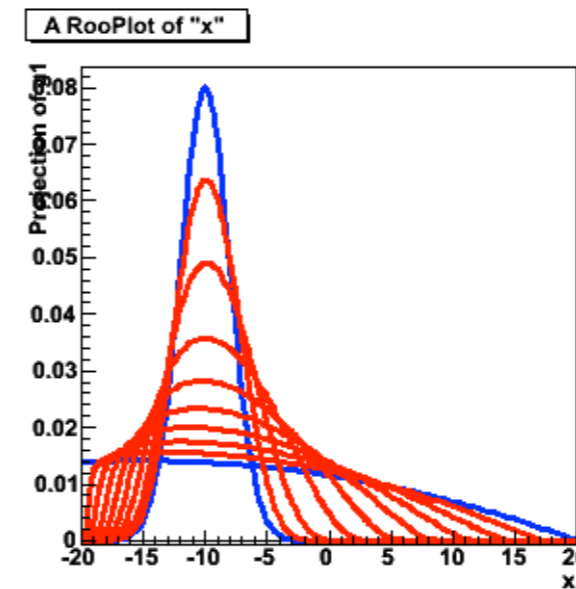
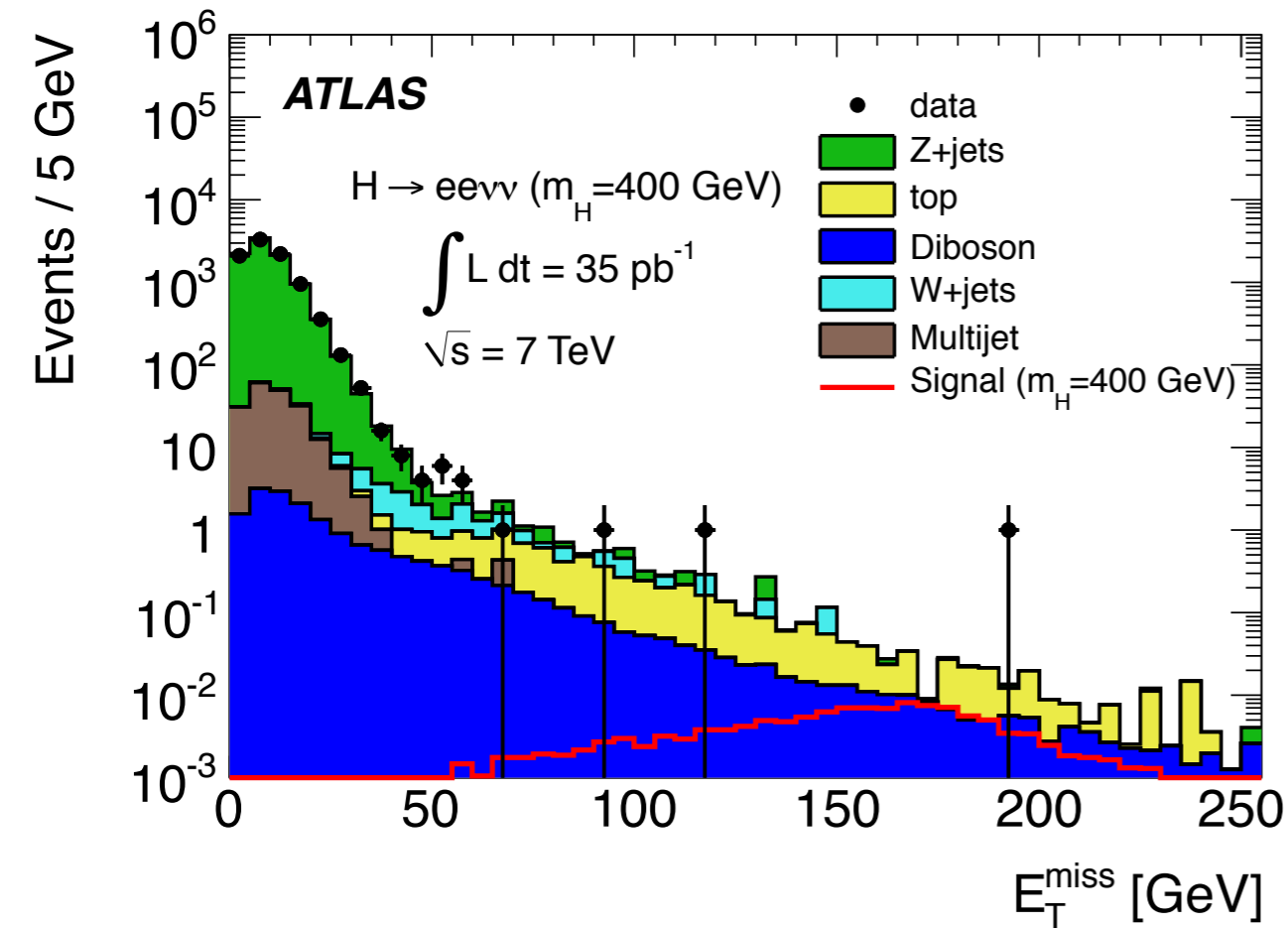


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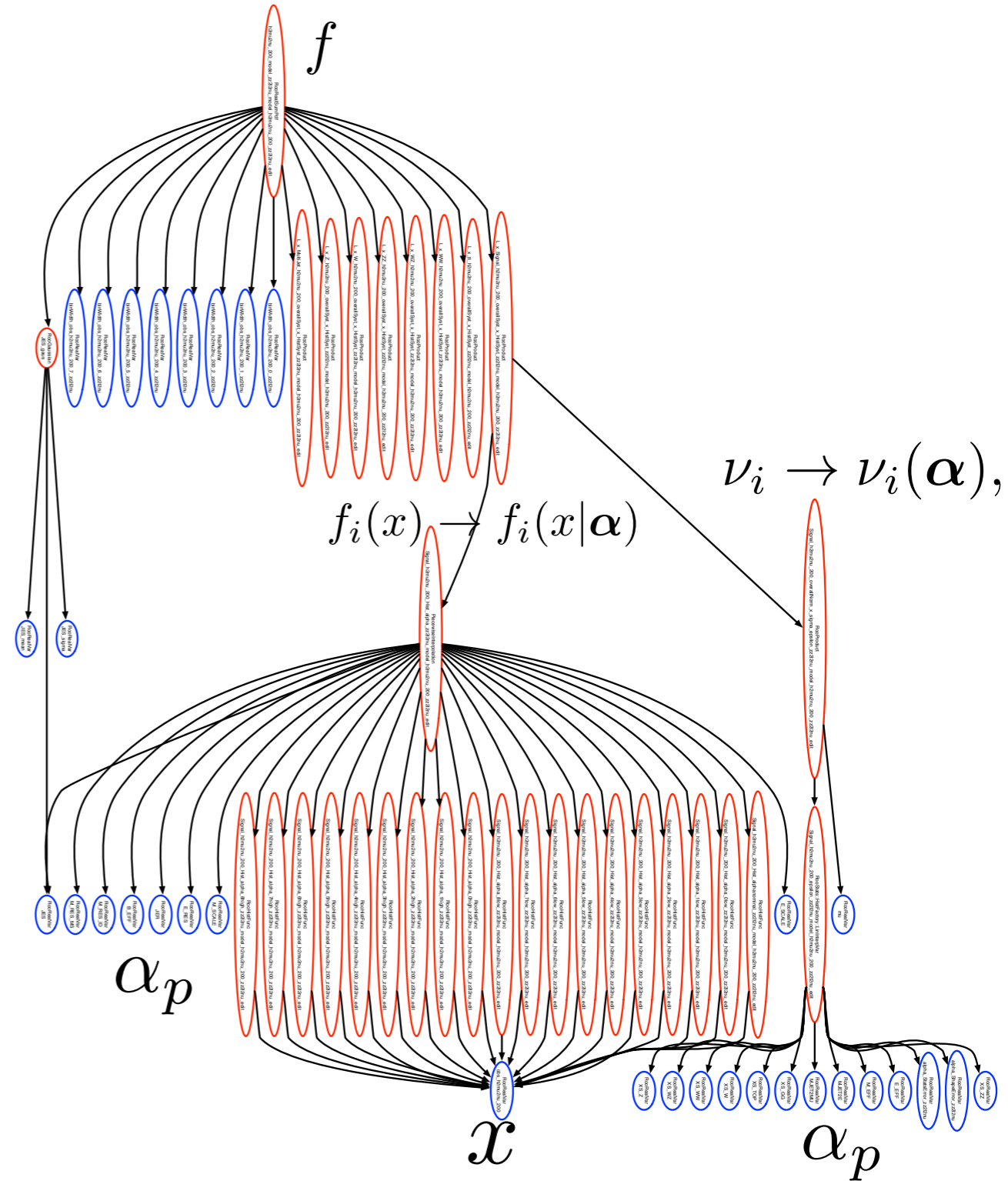
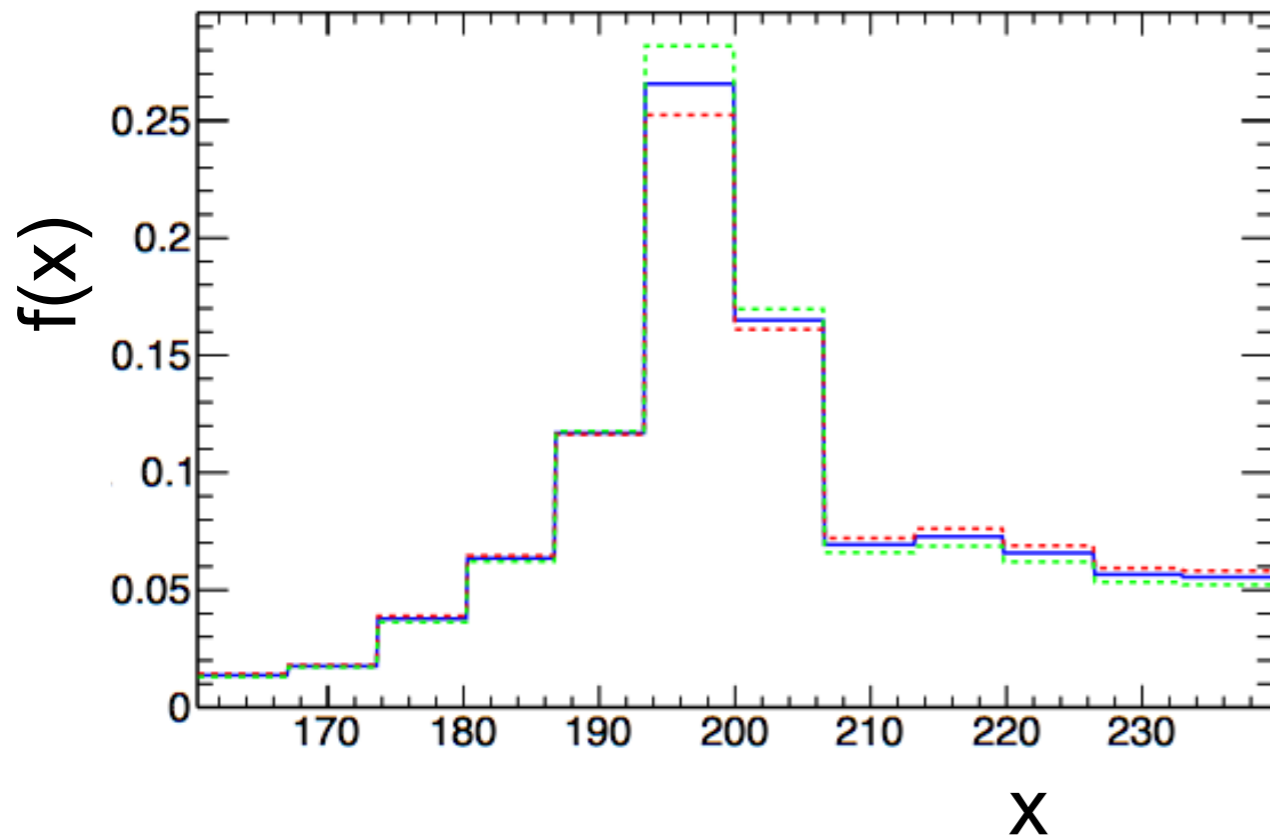
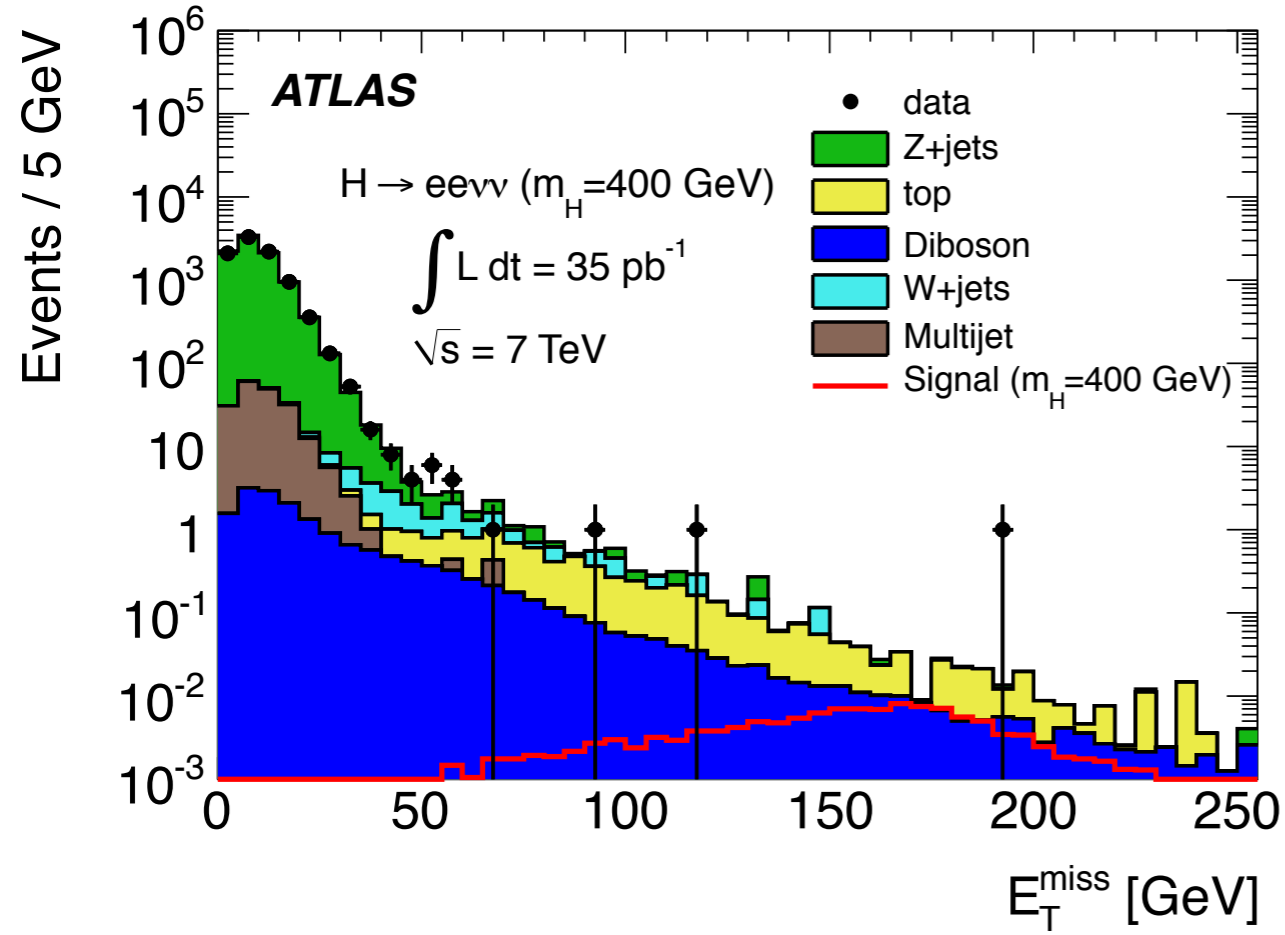
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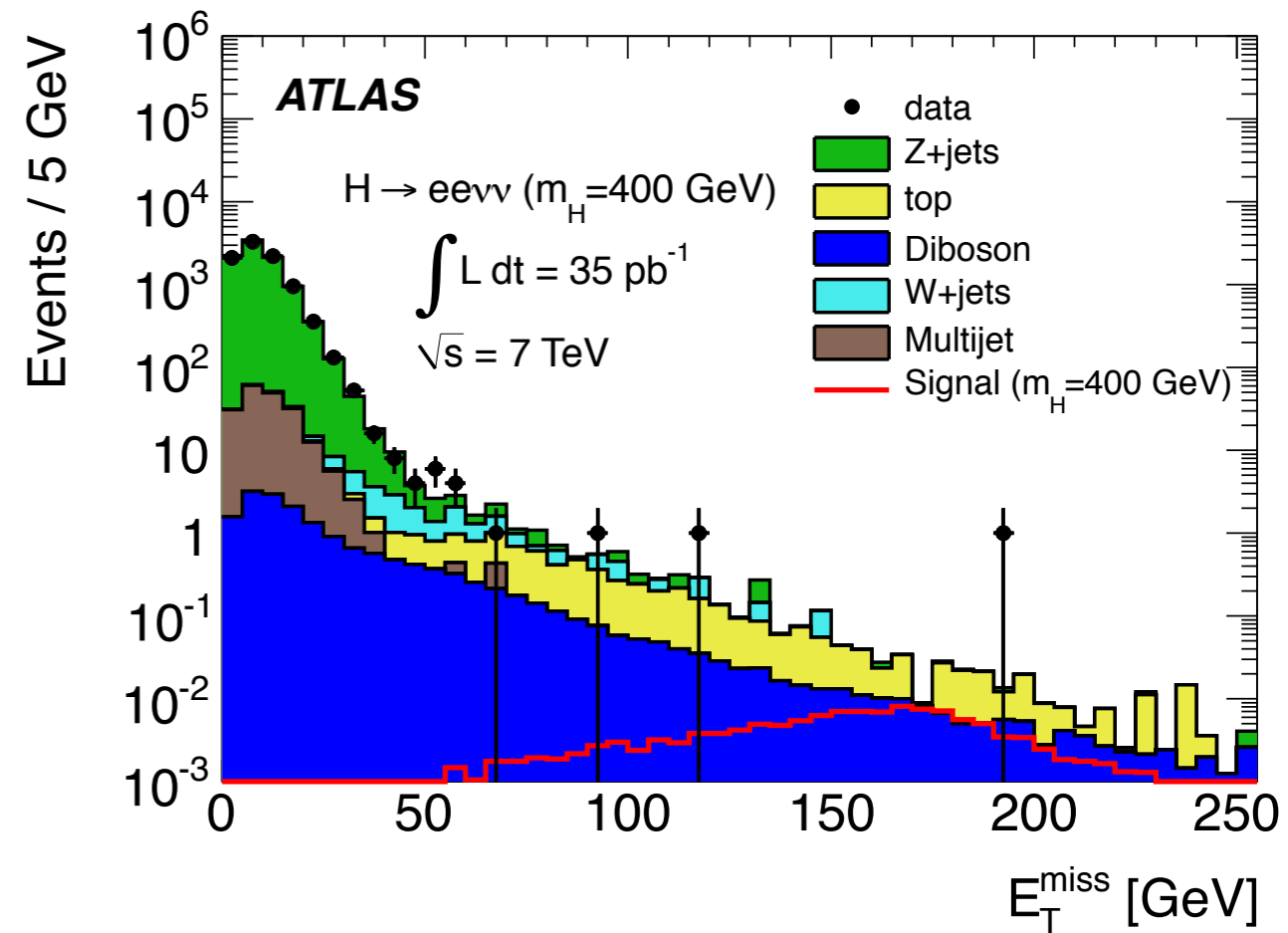
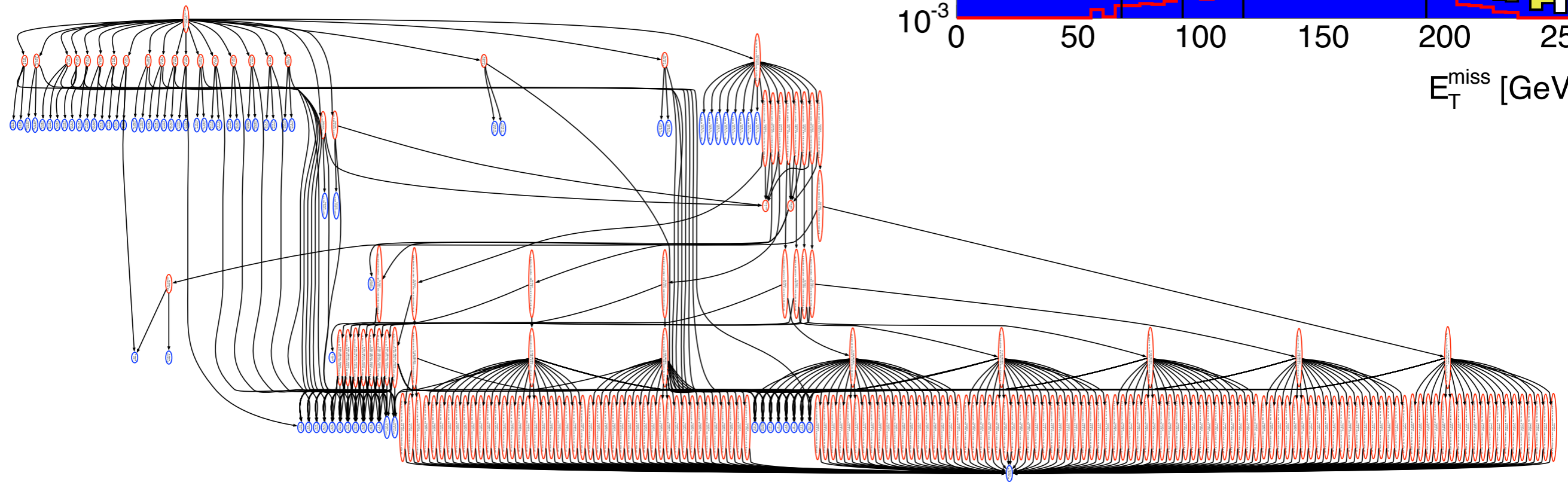
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VISUALIZING THE MODEL FOR ONE CHANNEL



VISUALIZING THE MODEL FOR ONE CHANNEL

After parametrizing each component of the mixture model, the pdf for a single channel might look like this



SIMULTANEOUS MULTI-CHANNEL MODEL

Simultaneous Multi-Channel Model: Several disjoint regions of the data are modeled simultaneously. Identification of common parameters across many channels requires coordination between groups such that meaning of the parameters are really the same.

$$\mathbf{f}_{\text{sim}}(\mathcal{D}_{\text{sim}}|\boldsymbol{\alpha}) = \prod_{c \in \text{channels}} \left[\text{Pois}(n_c | \nu_c(\boldsymbol{\alpha})) \prod_{e=1}^{n_c} f_c(x_{ce} | \boldsymbol{\alpha}) \right]$$

where $\mathcal{D}_{\text{sim}} = \{\mathcal{D}_1, \dots, \mathcal{D}_{c_{\text{max}}}\}$

Control Regions: Some channels are not populated by signal processes, but are used to constrain the nuisance parameters

- ▶ attempt to describe systematics in a statistical language
- ▶ Prototypical Example: “on/off” problem with unknown ν_b

$$\mathbf{f}(n, m | \mu, \nu_b) = \underbrace{\text{Pois}(n | \mu + \nu_b)}_{\text{signal region}} \cdot \underbrace{\text{Pois}(m | \tau \nu_b)}_{\text{control region}}$$

CONSTRAINT TERMS

Often detailed statistical model for auxiliary measurements that measure certain nuisance parameters are not available.

- ▶ one typically has MLE for α_p , denoted a_p and standard error

Constraint Terms: are idealized pdfs for the MLE.

$$f_p(a_p|\alpha_p) \text{ for } p \in \mathcal{S}$$

- ▶ common choices are Gaussian, Poisson, and log-normal
- ▶ **New:** careful to write constraint term a frequentist way
- ▶ **Previously:** $\pi(\alpha_p|a_p) = f_p(a_p|\alpha_p)\eta(\alpha_p)$ with uniform η

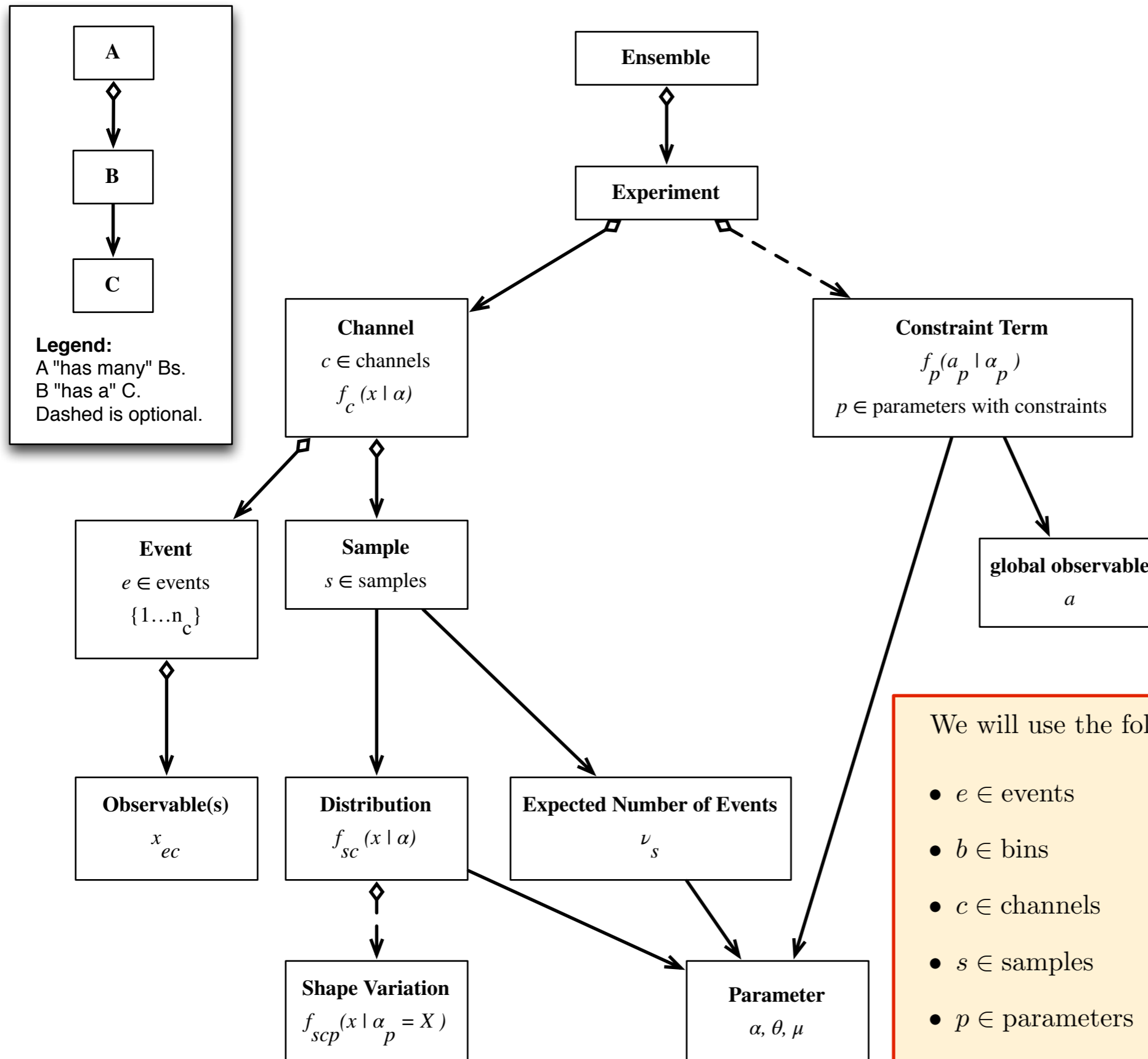
Simultaneous Multi-Channel Model with constraints:

$$\mathbf{f}_{\text{tot}}(\mathcal{D}_{\text{sim}}, \mathcal{G}|\boldsymbol{\alpha}) = \prod_{c \in \text{channels}} \left[\text{Pois}(n_c|\nu_c(\boldsymbol{\alpha})) \prod_{e=1}^{n_c} f_c(x_{ce}|\boldsymbol{\alpha}) \right] \cdot \prod_{p \in \mathcal{S}} f_p(a_p|\alpha_p)$$

where

$$\mathcal{D}_{\text{sim}} = \{\mathcal{D}_1, \dots, \mathcal{D}_{c_{\text{max}}}\}, \quad \mathcal{G} = \{a_p\} \text{ for } p \in \mathcal{S}$$

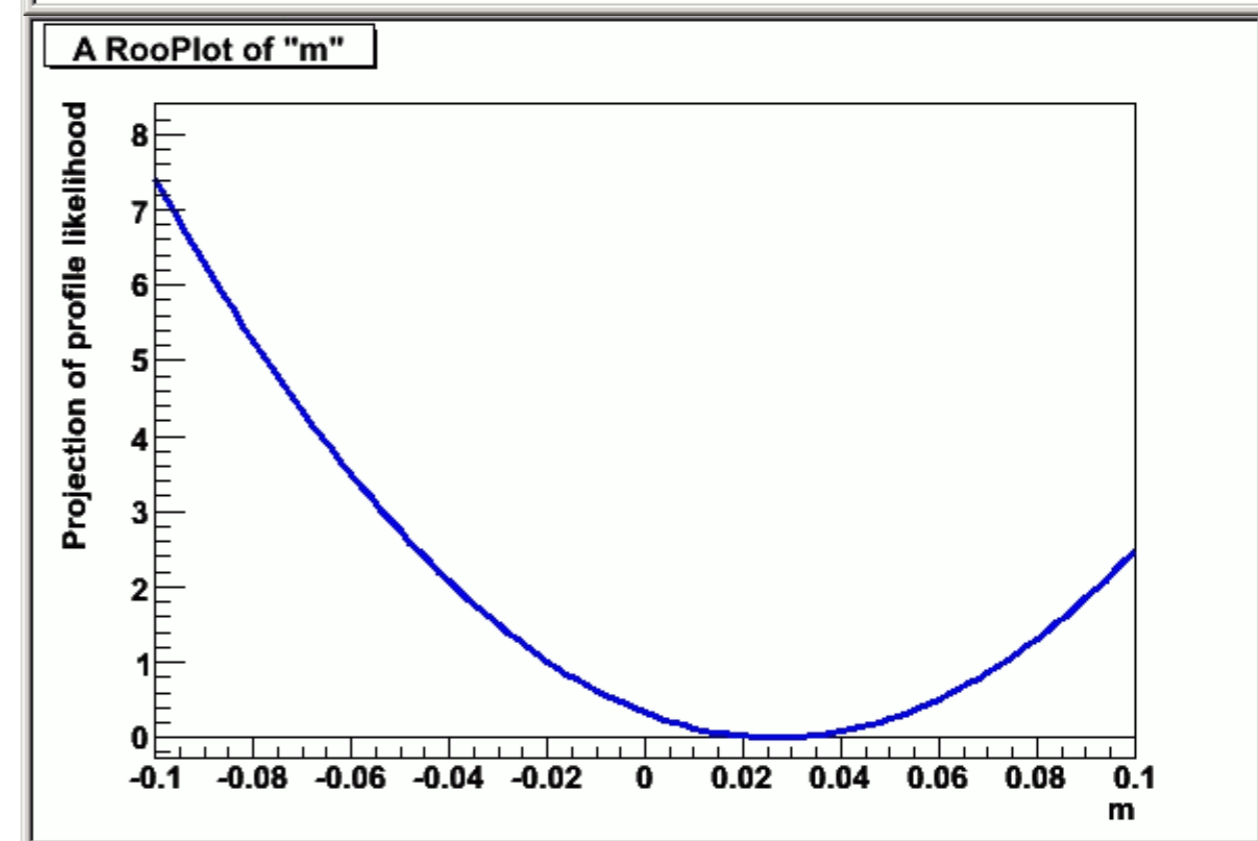
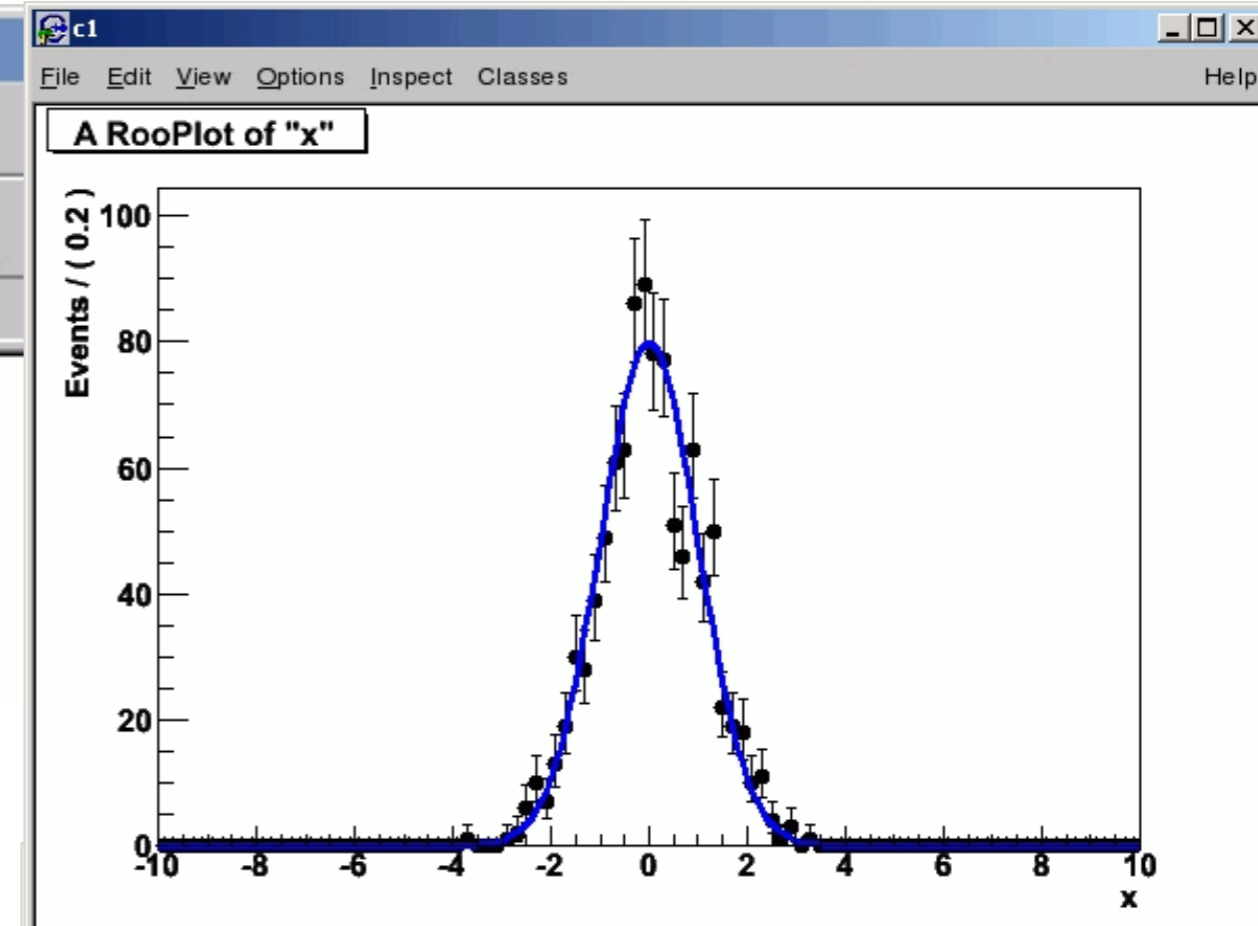
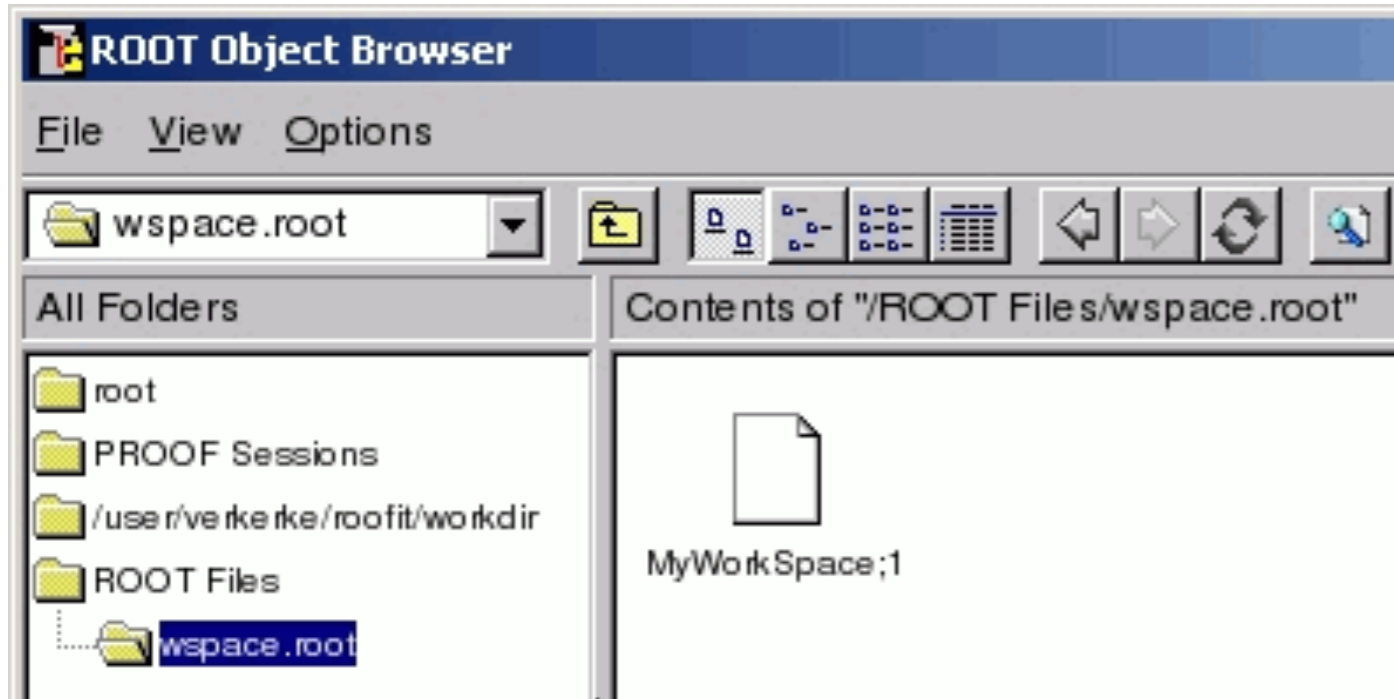
CONCEPTUAL BUILDING BLOCKS



We will use the following mnemonic index conventions:

- $e \in \text{events}$
- $b \in \text{bins}$
- $c \in \text{channels}$
- $s \in \text{samples}$
- $p \in \text{parameters}$

EXAMPLE OF DIGITAL PUBLISHING



RooFit's Workspace now provides the ability to save in a ROOT file the full likelihood model, any priors you might want, and the minimal data necessary to reproduce likelihood function.

Need this for combinations, as p-value is not sufficient information for a proper combination.

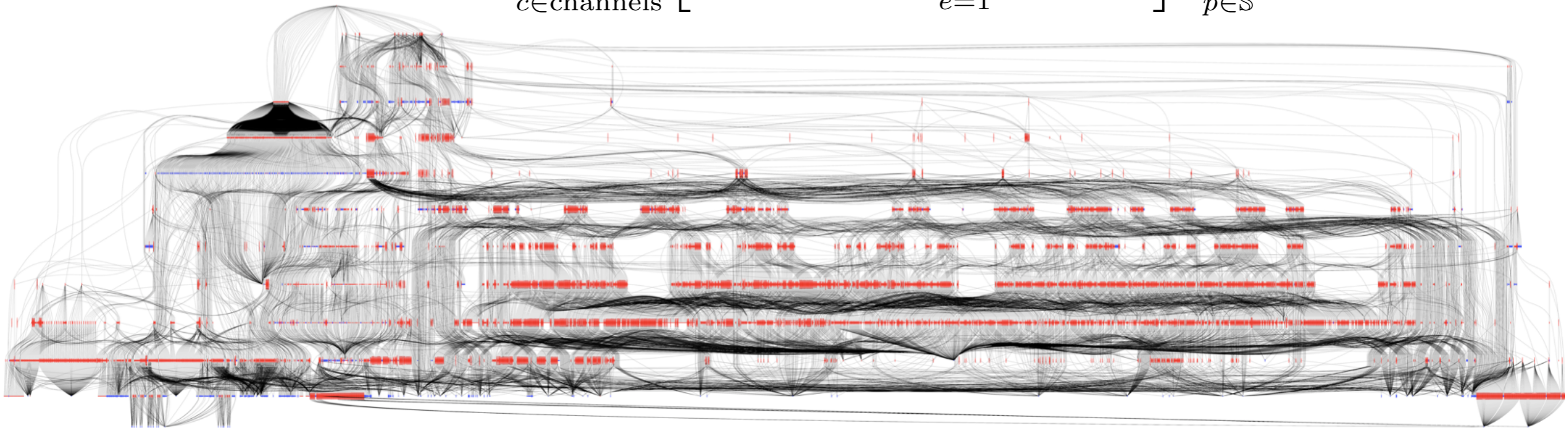
VISUALIZING THE COMBINED MODEL

State of the art: At the time of the discovery, the combined Higgs search included 100 disjoint channels and >500 nuisance parameters

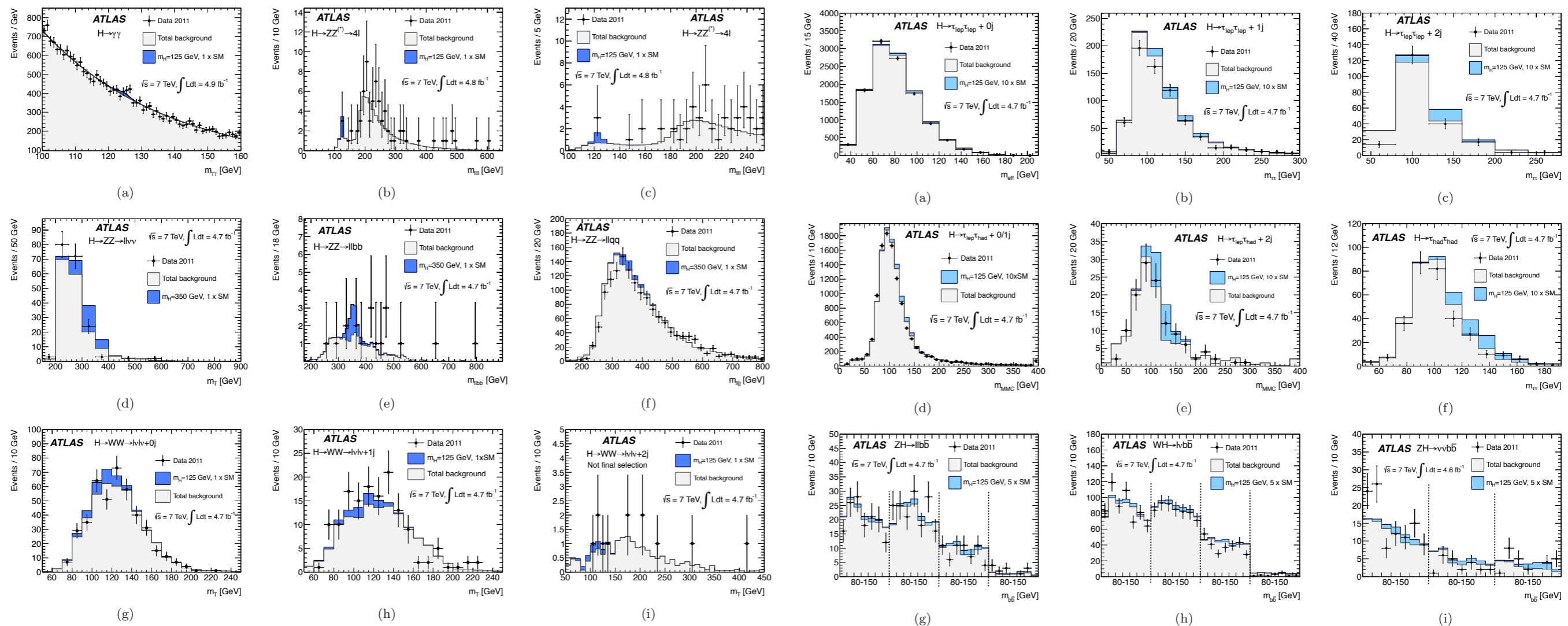
Roofit / RooStats: is the modeling language (C++) which provides technologies for collaborative modeling

- ▶ provides technology to publish likelihood functions digitally
- ▶ and more, it's the full model so we can also generate pseudo-data

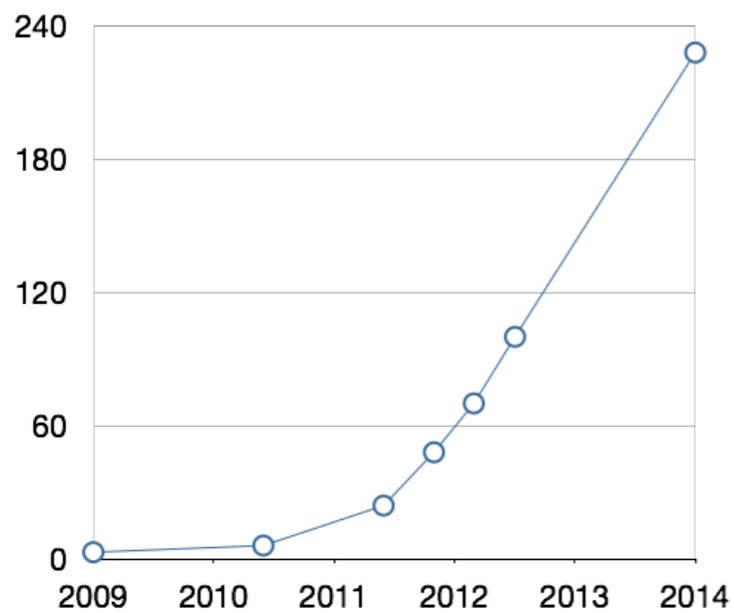
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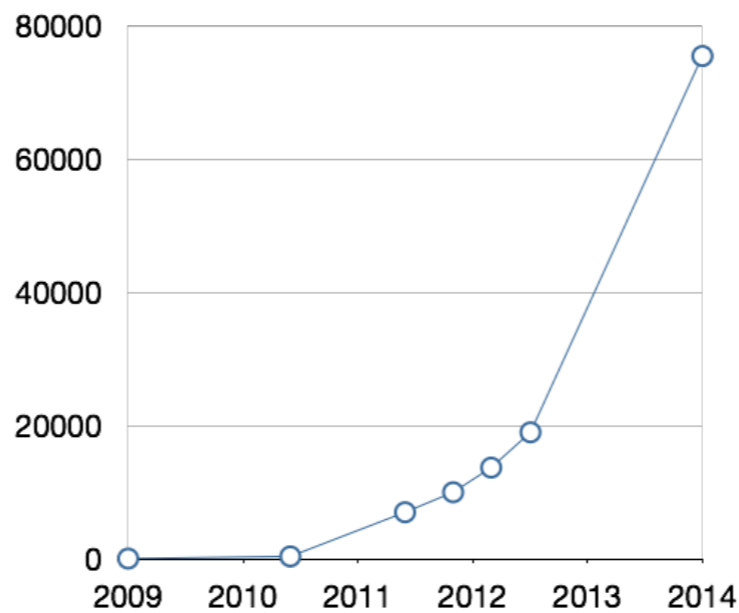
EVOLUTION OF MODEL COMPLEXITY



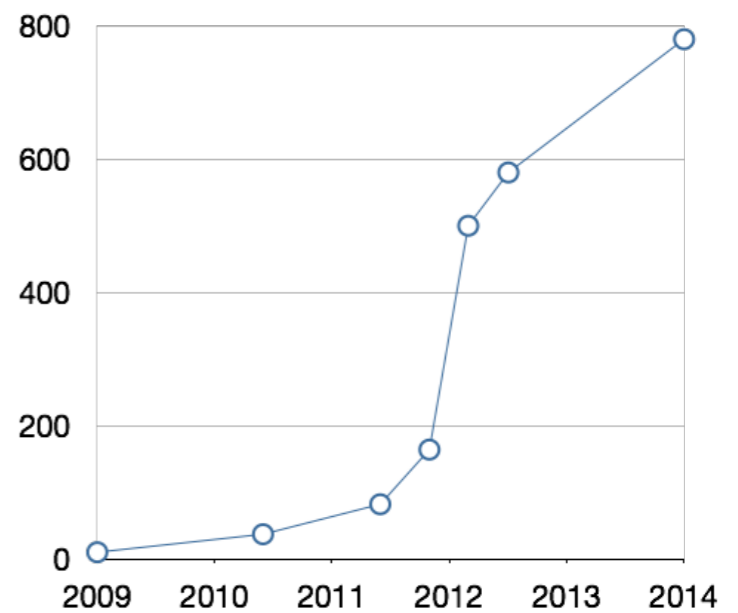
Number of Datasets Combined



Number of Model Components

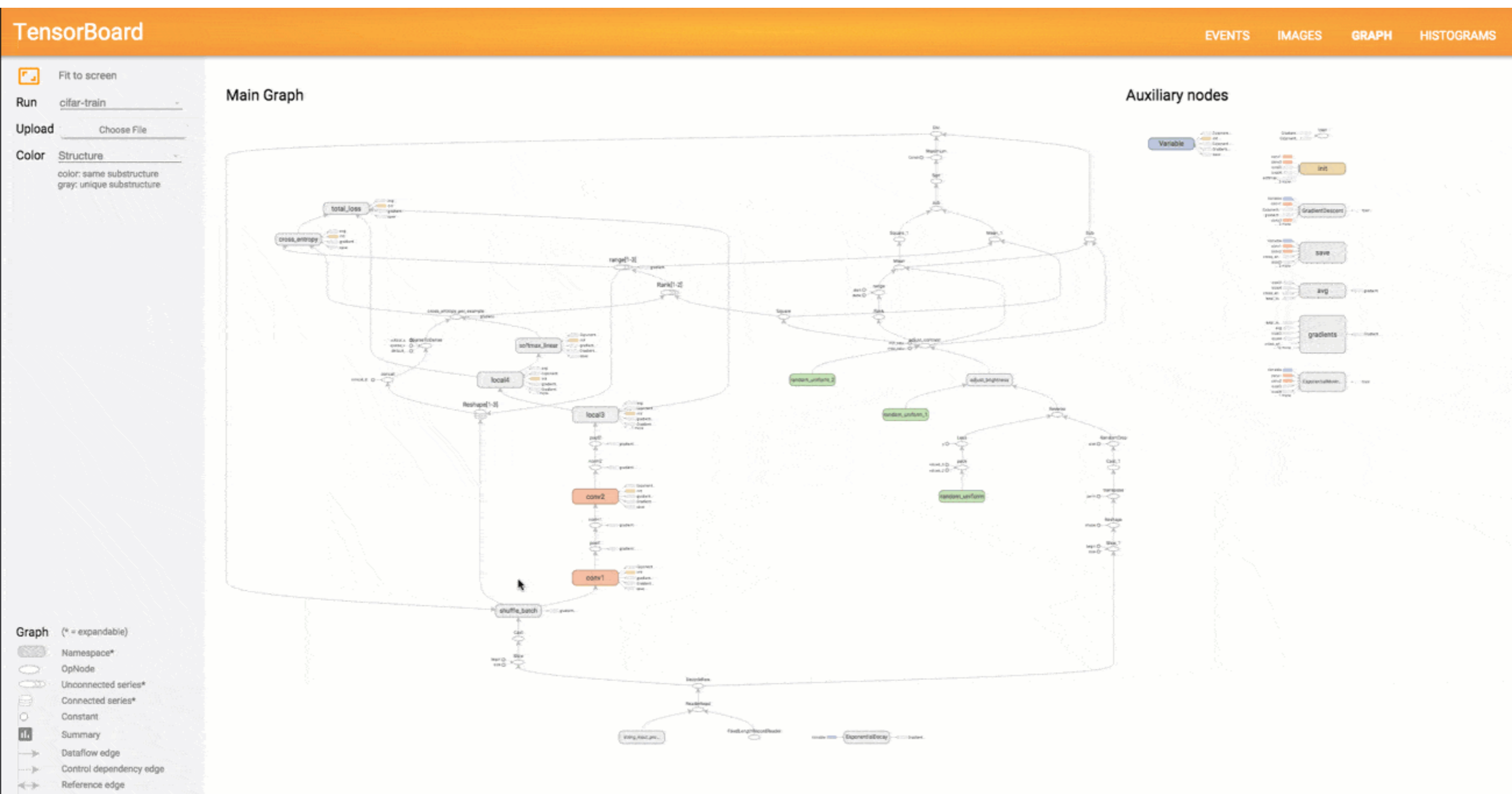


Number of Parameters in Likelihood



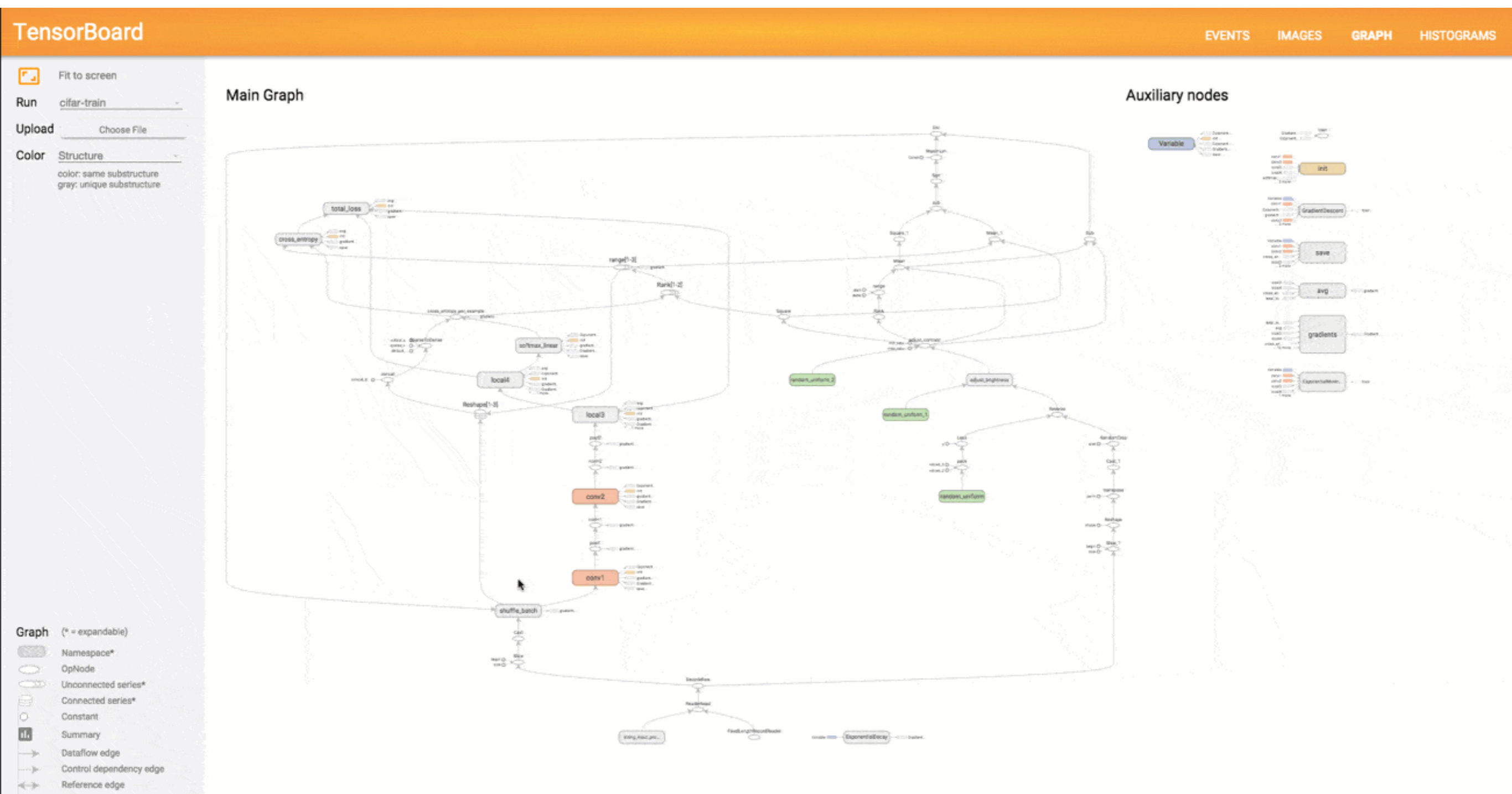
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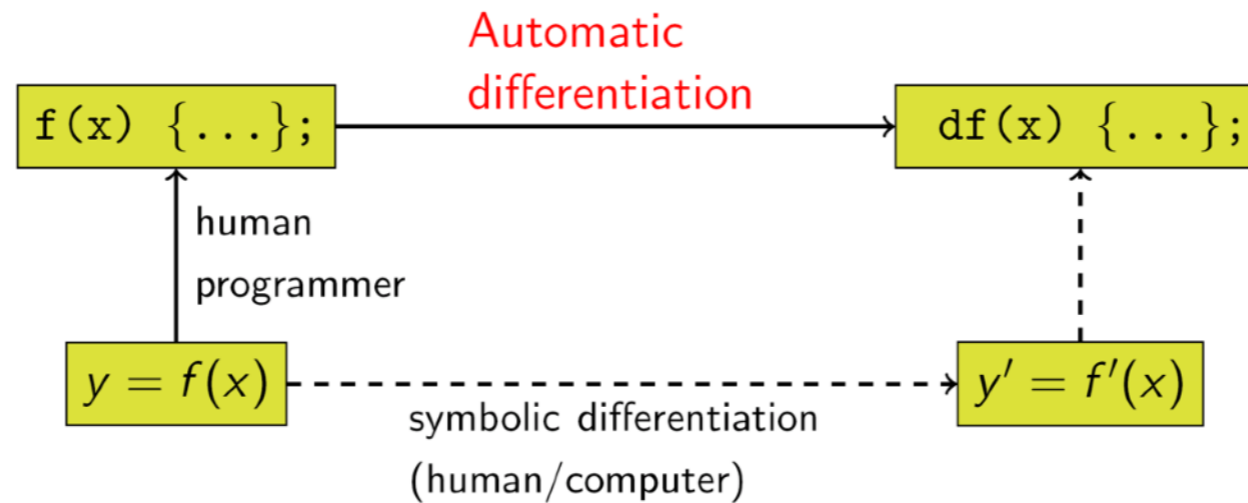


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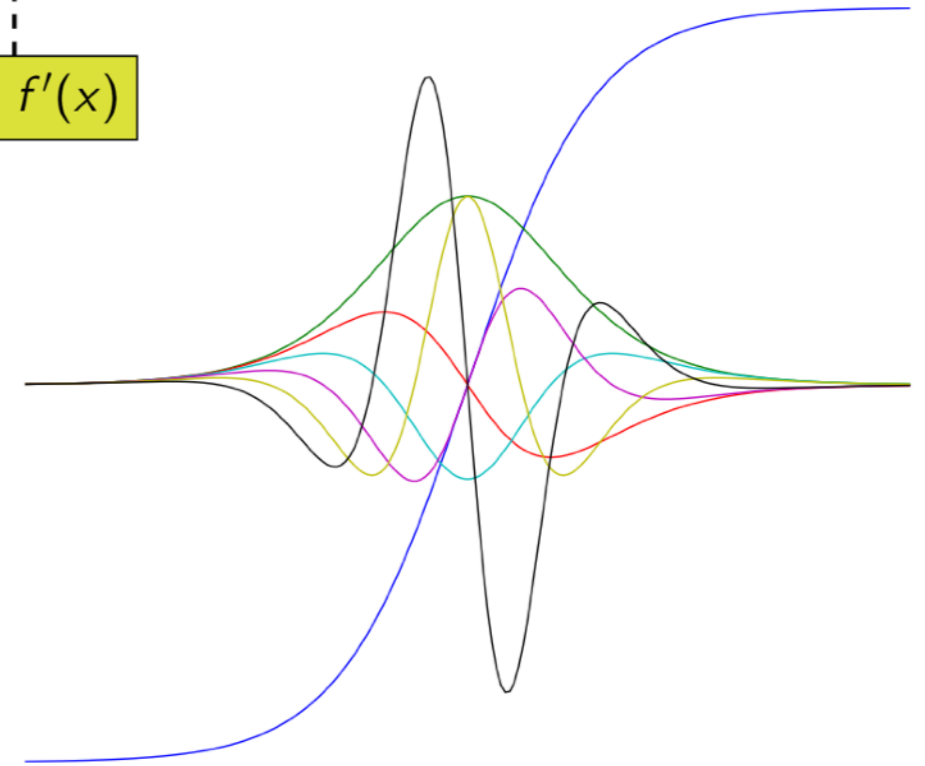
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AUTOMATIC DIFFERENTIATION



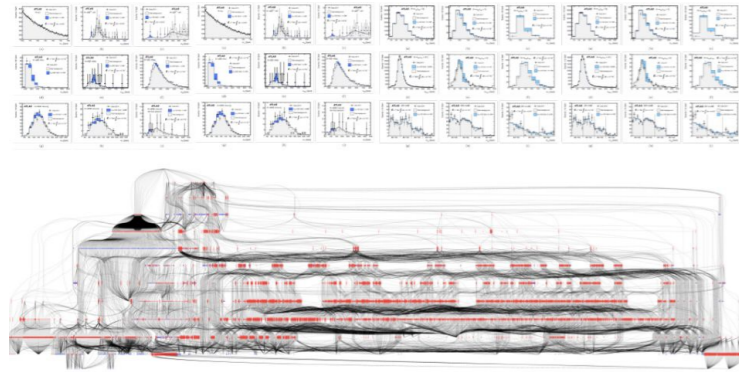
```
>>> import autograd.numpy as np # Thinly-wrapped numpy
>>> from autograd import grad   # The only autograd function you may ever need
>>>
>>> def tanh(x):                # Define a function
...     y = np.exp(-2.0 * x)
...     return (1.0 - y) / (1.0 + y)
...
>>> grad_tanh = grad(tanh)      # Obtain its gradient function
>>> grad_tanh(1.0)              # Evaluate the gradient at x = 1.0
0.41997434161402603
>>> (tanh(1.0001) - tanh(0.9999)) / 0.0002 # Compare to finite differences
0.41997434264973155
```



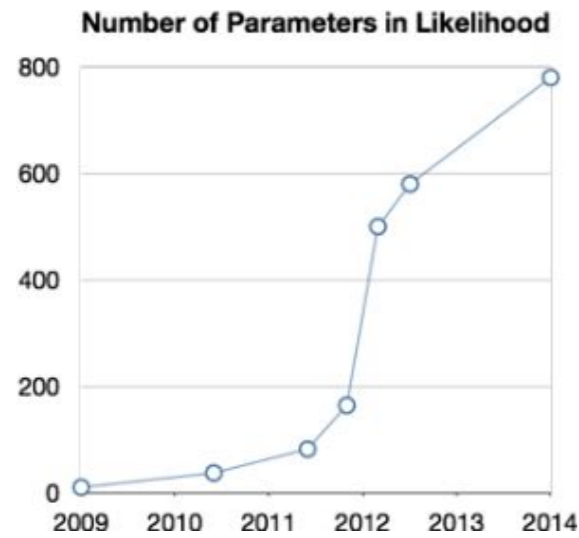
We can continue to differentiate as many times as we like, and use numpy's vectorization of scalar-valued functions across many different input values:

```
>>> from autograd import elementwise_grad as egrad # for functions that vectorize over inputs
>>> import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
>>> x = np.linspace(-7, 7, 200)
>>> plt.plot(x, tanh(x),
...         x, egrad(tanh)(x), # first derivative
...         x, egrad(egrad(tanh))(x), # second derivative
...         x, egrad(egrad(egrad(tanh)))(x), # third derivative
...         x, egrad(egrad(egrad(egrad(tanh))))(x), # fourth derivative
...         x, egrad(egrad(egrad(egrad(egrad(tanh)))))(x), # fifth derivative
...         x, egrad(egrad(egrad(egrad(egrad(egrad(tanh)))))(x)) # sixth derivative
>>> plt.show()
```


Probabilistic programming frameworks



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RooFit serves us well, but shows limits in terms of **scalability**.

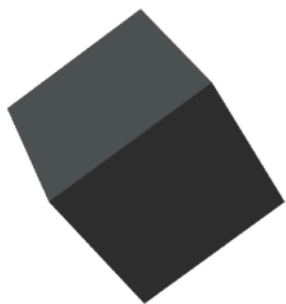
Using a data flow graph framework, RooFit would be **distributed**, **GPU-enabled** and automatically **differentiable**.

Feasibility? Certainly **within reach!** As illustrated by our tentative proof-of-concepts `carl.distributions` [[Gilles Louppe](#)] and `tensorprob` [[Igor Babuschkin, now at DeepMind](#)]. See also Edward.

carl.distributions

tensorprob

Edward



A library for probabilistic modeling, inference, and criticism.

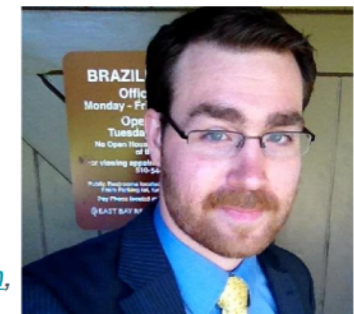
Edward is a Python library for probabilistic modeling, inference, and criticism. It is a testbed for fast experimentation and research with probabilistic models, ranging from classical hierarchical models on small data sets to complex deep probabilistic models on large data sets. Edward fuses three fields: Bayesian statistics and machine learning, deep learning, and probabilistic programming.

It supports **modeling** with



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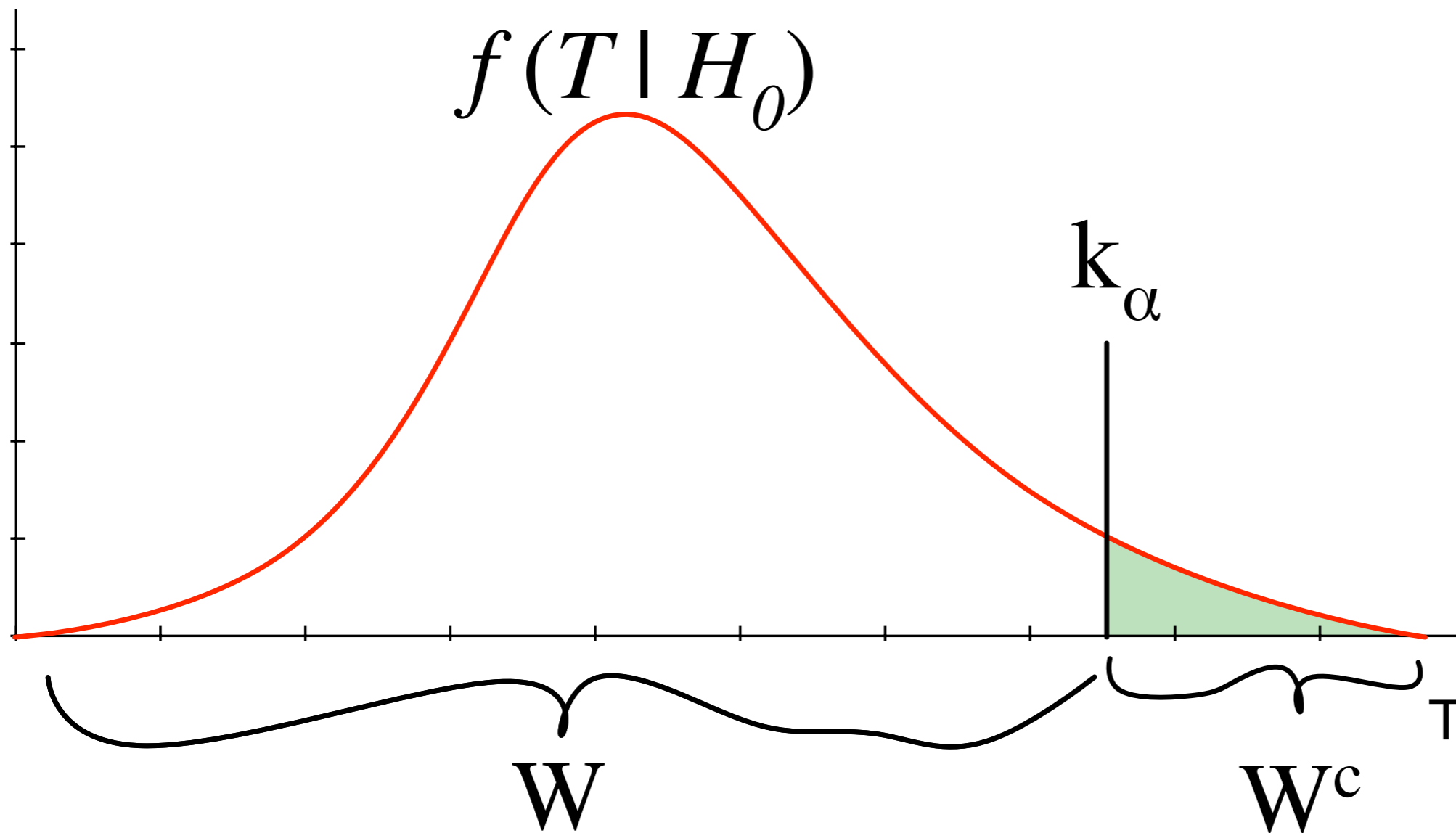
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Profile Likelihood Ratio

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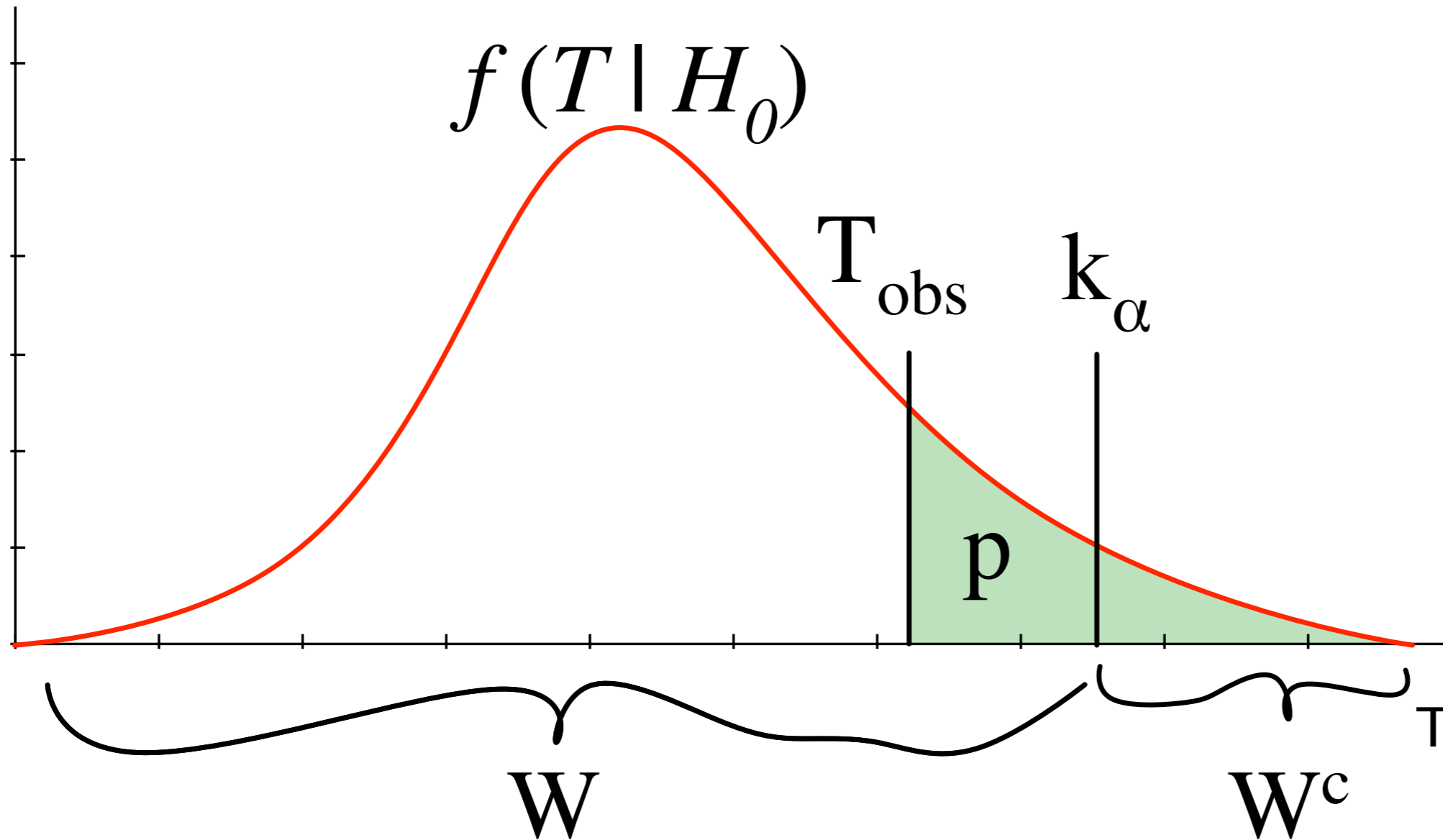
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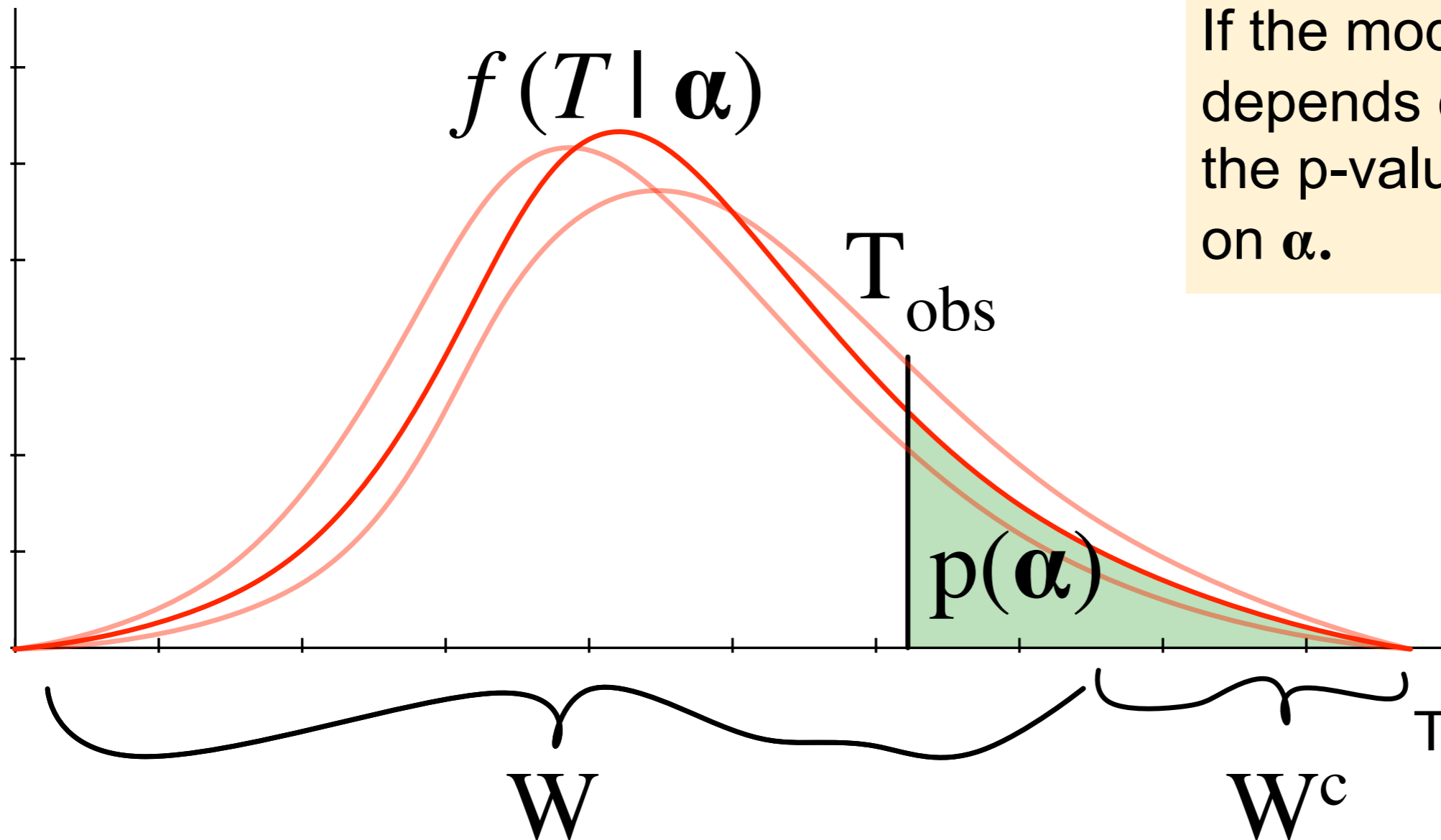


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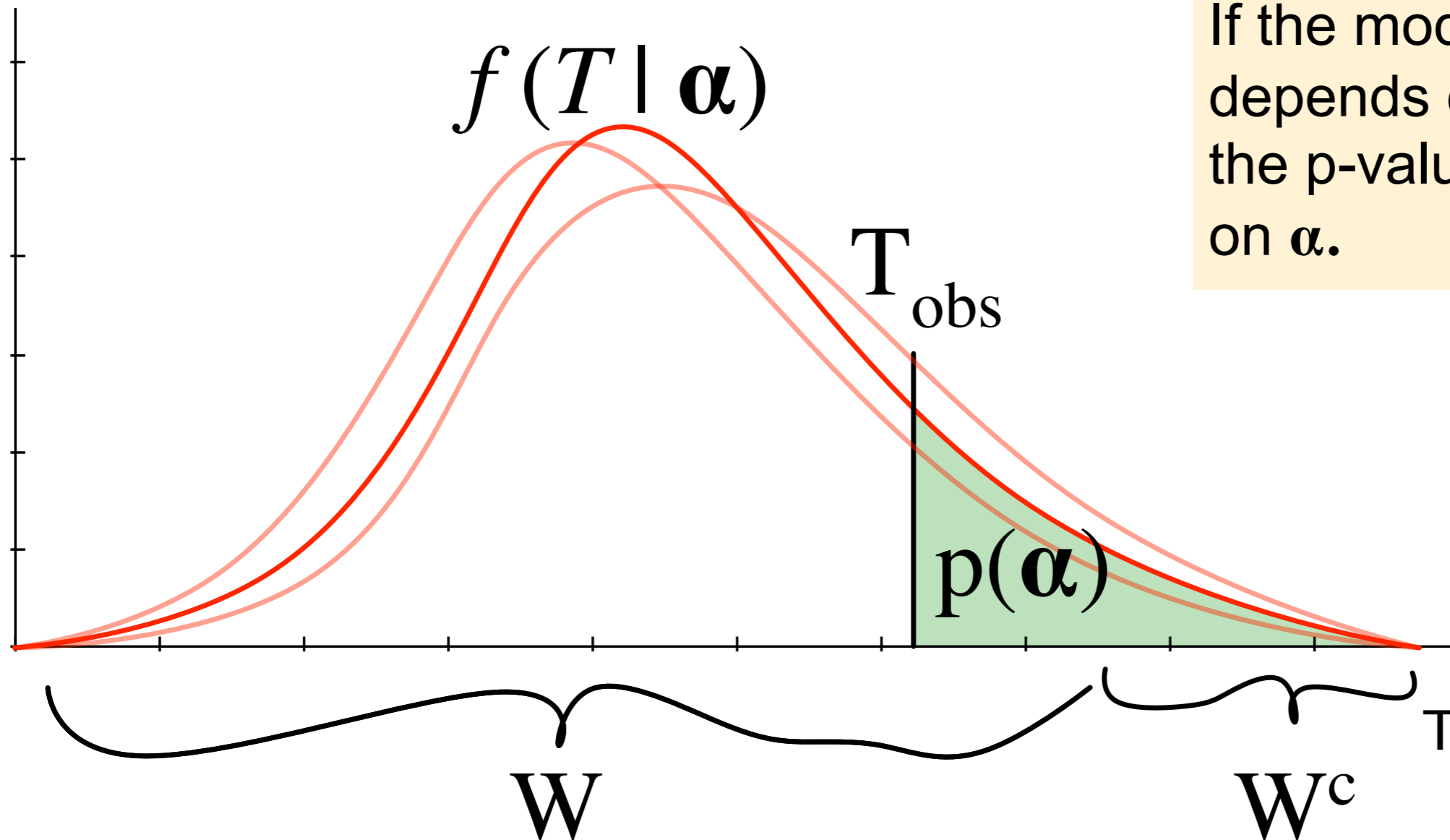
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When the model has nuisance parameters, only reject the null if $p(\alpha)$ sufficiently small **for all values** of the nuisance parameters.



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THE PROFILE LIKELIHOOD RATIO

Consider our general model with a single parameter of interest μ

- ▶ let $\mu=0$ be no signal, $\mu=1$ nominal signal

Define **profile likelihood ratio**

$$\lambda(\mu) = \frac{L(\mu, \hat{\hat{\theta}}(\mu))}{L(\hat{\mu}, \hat{\theta})} = \frac{f(\mathcal{D}, \mathcal{G} | \mu, \hat{\hat{\theta}}(\mu; \mathcal{D}, \mathcal{G}))}{f(\mathcal{D}, \mathcal{G} | \hat{\mu}, \hat{\theta})}$$

- ▶ where $\hat{\hat{\theta}}(\mu; \mathcal{D}, \mathcal{G})$ is best fit with μ fixed (the constrained maximum likelihood estimator, depends on data)
- ▶ and $\hat{\theta}$ and $\hat{\mu}$ are best fit with both left floating (unconstrained)
- ▶ Tevatron used $Q_{\text{Tev}} = \lambda(\mu=1)/\lambda(\mu=0)$ as generalization of Q_{LEP}

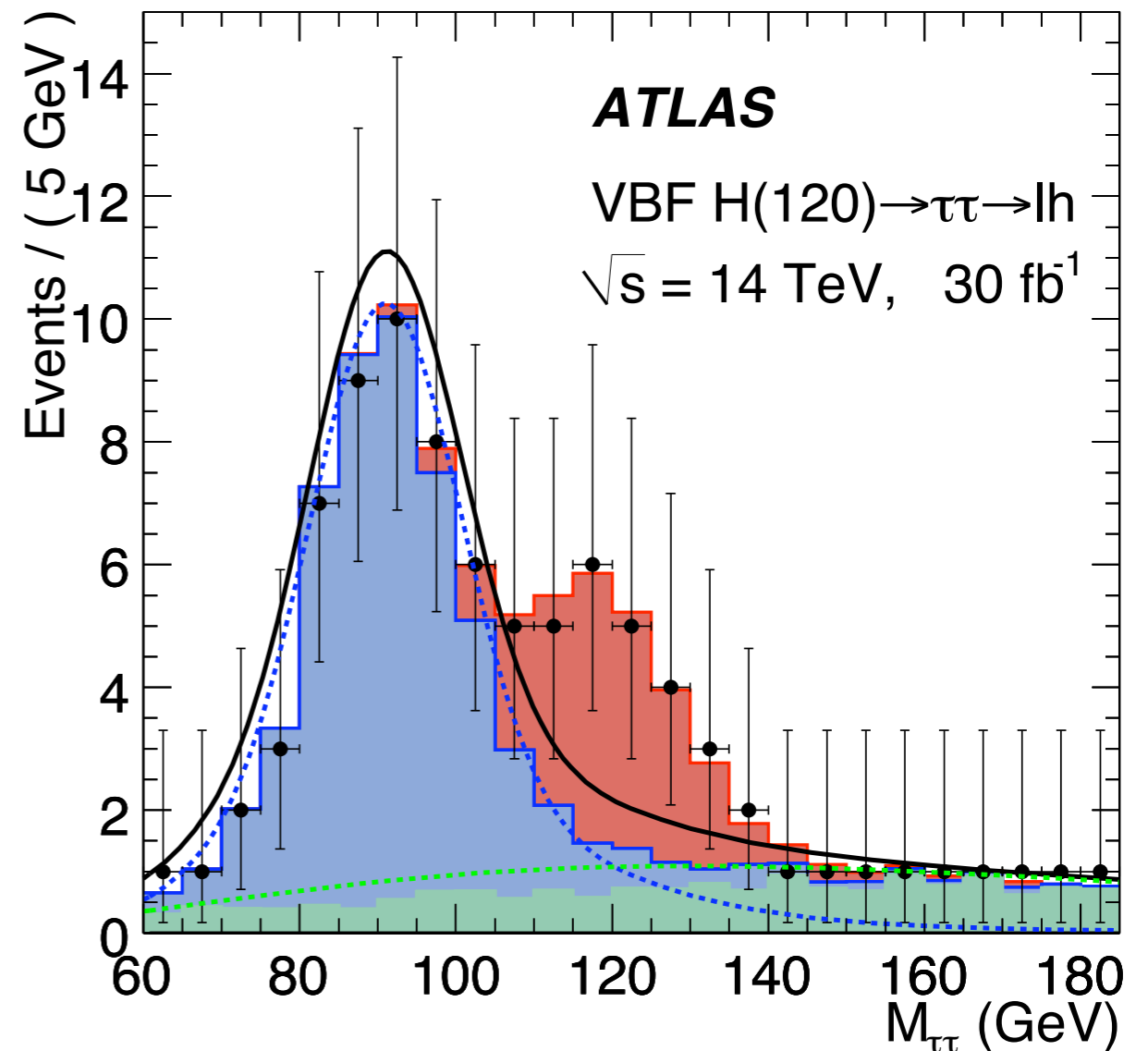
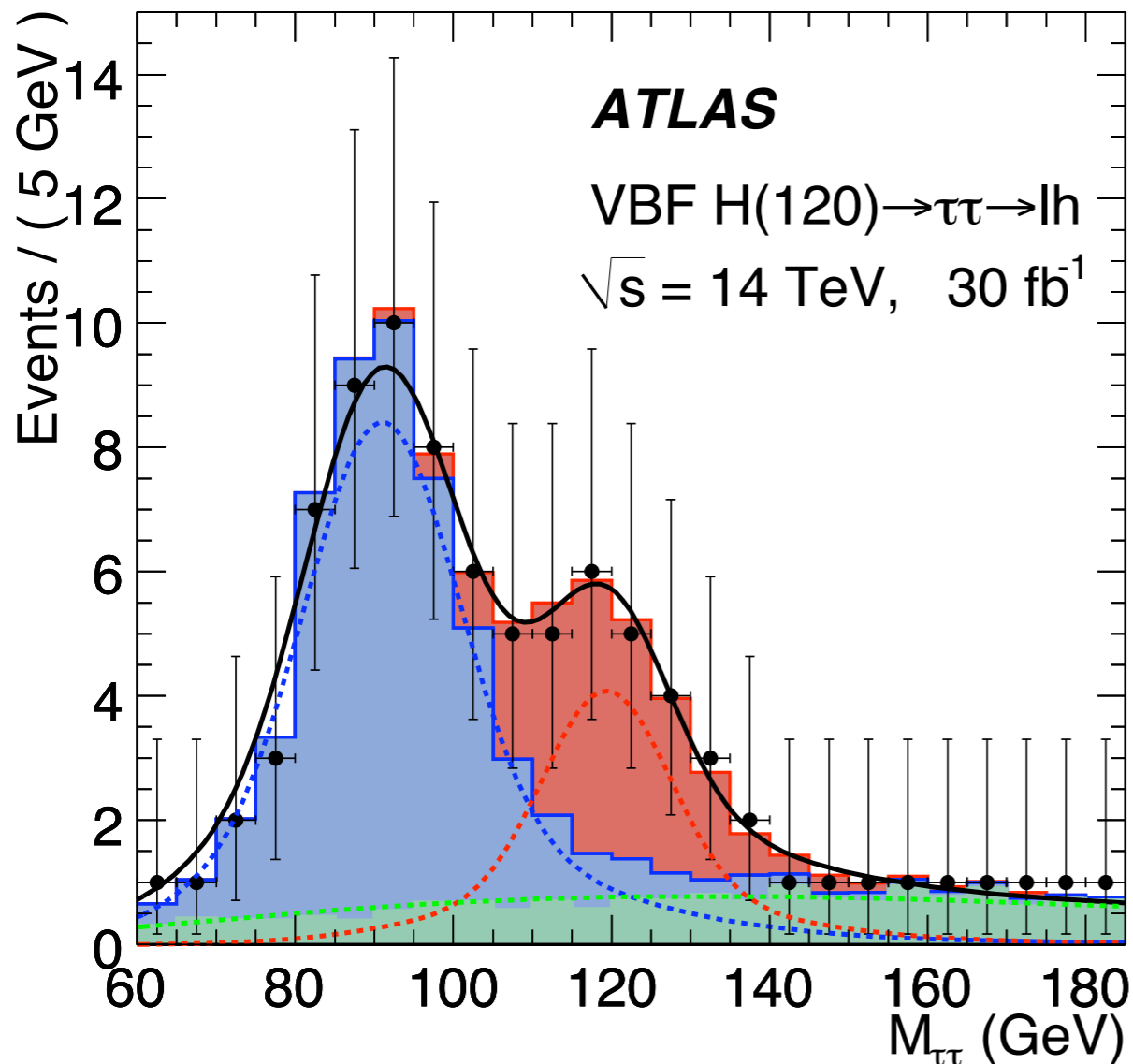
AN EXAMPLE

Essentially, you need to fit your model to the data twice:
 once with everything floating, and once with signal fixed to 0

$$\lambda(\mu = 0) = \frac{L(\mu = 0, \hat{\hat{\theta}}(\mu = 0))}{L(\hat{\mu}, \hat{\theta})} = \frac{f(\mathcal{D}, \mathcal{G} | \mu = 0, \hat{\hat{\theta}}(\mu = 0; \mathcal{D}, \mathcal{G}))}{f(\mathcal{D}, \mathcal{G} | \hat{\mu}, \hat{\theta})}$$

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PROPERTIES OF THE PROFILE LIKELIHOOD RATIO

After a close look at the profile likelihood ratio

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one can see the function is independent of true values of θ

- ▶ though its distribution might depend indirectly

Wilks's theorem states that under certain conditions the distribution of $-2 \ln \lambda (\mu=\mu_0)$ given that the true value of μ is μ_0 converges to a chi-square distribution

- ▶ more on this later, but the important points are:
- ▶ “asymptotic distribution” is known and it is independent of θ !
 - a quantity whose distribution is independent of θ is called a **pivot**
 - more complicated if parameters have boundaries (eg. $\mu \geq 0$)

Thus, we can calculate the p-value for the background-only hypothesis without having to generate Toy Monte Carlo!

"THE ASIMOV PAPER"

Recently we showed how to generalize this asymptotic approach

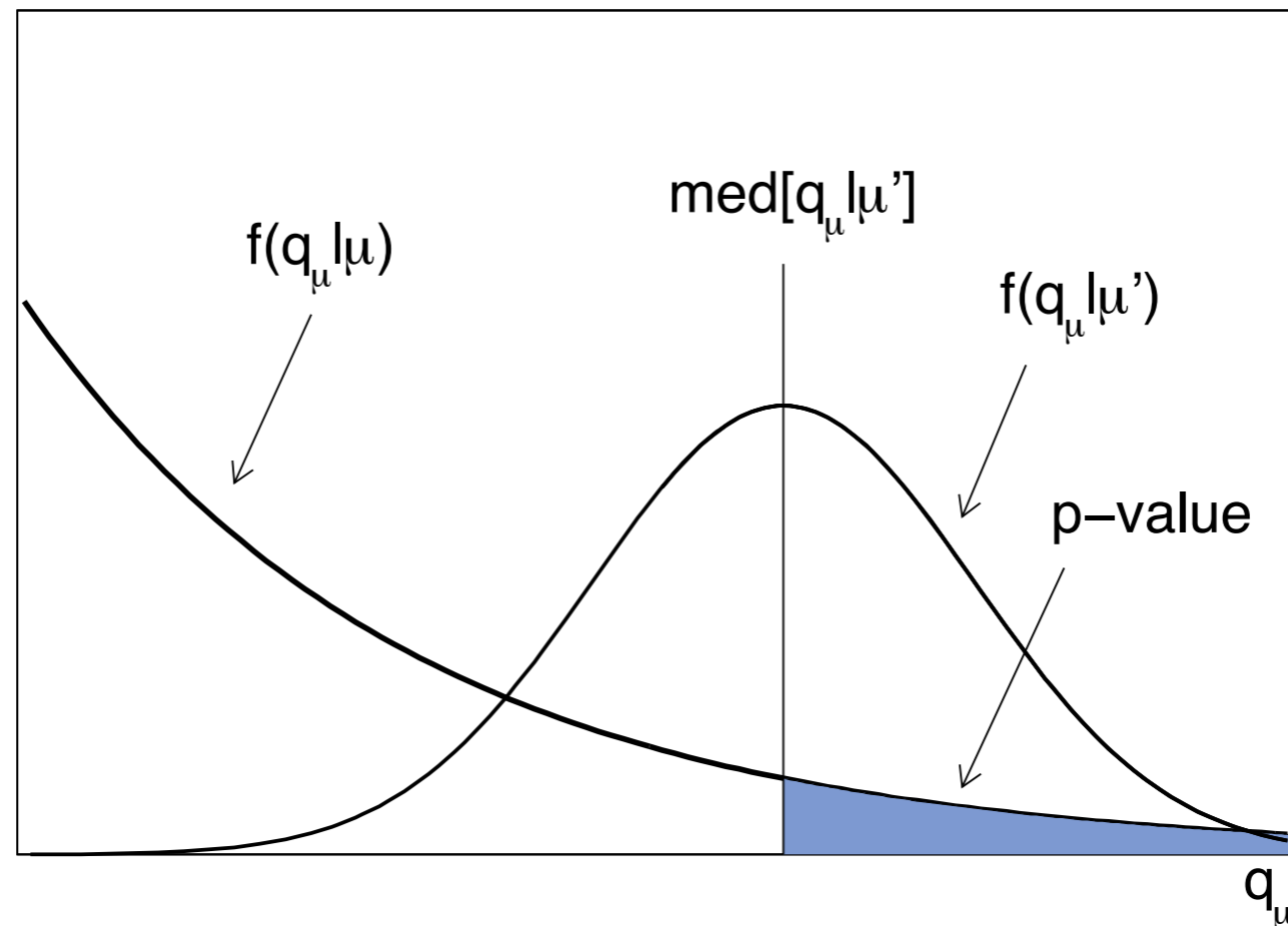
- ▶ generalize Wilks's theorem when boundaries are present
- ▶ use Wald's result for distribution for alternate hypothesis $f(-2\log\lambda(\mu) | \mu')$

Asymptotic formulae for likelihood-based tests of new physics

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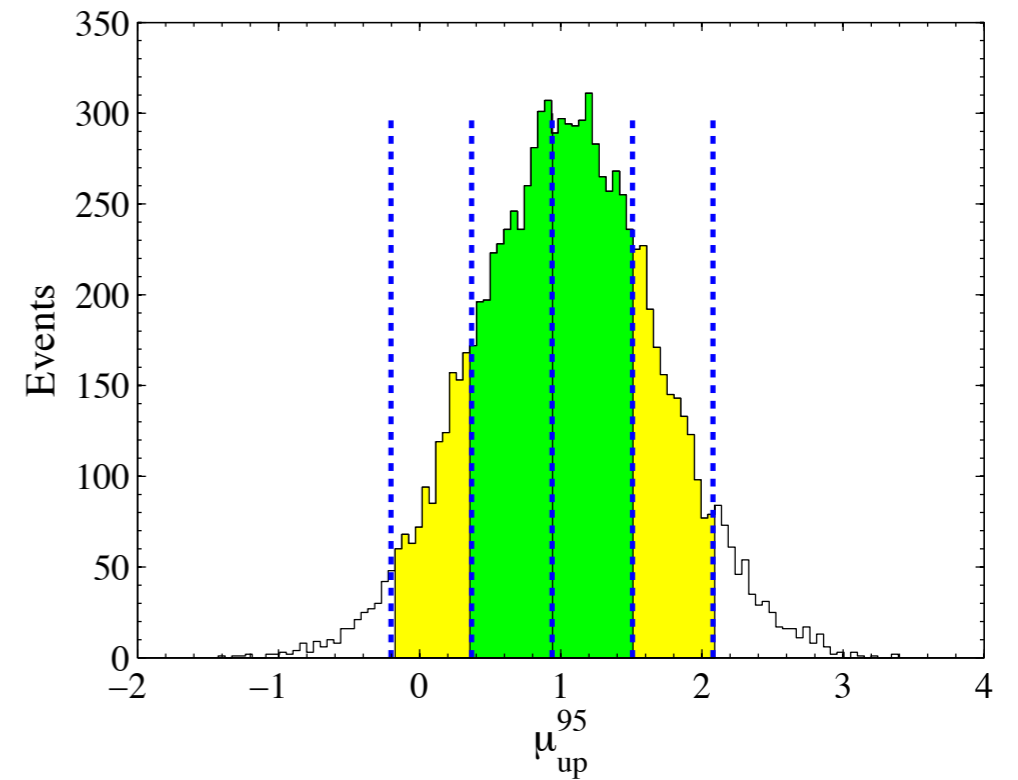
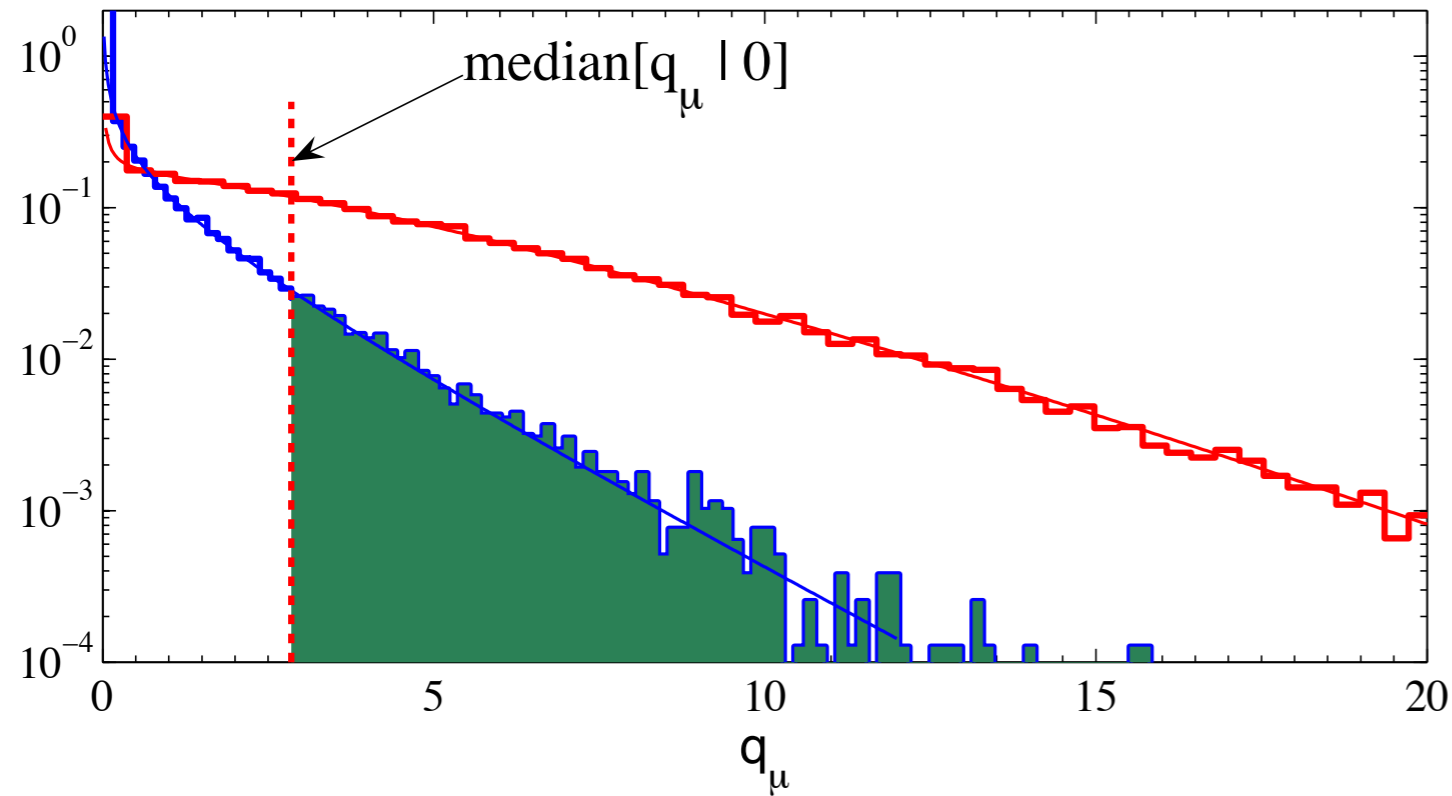
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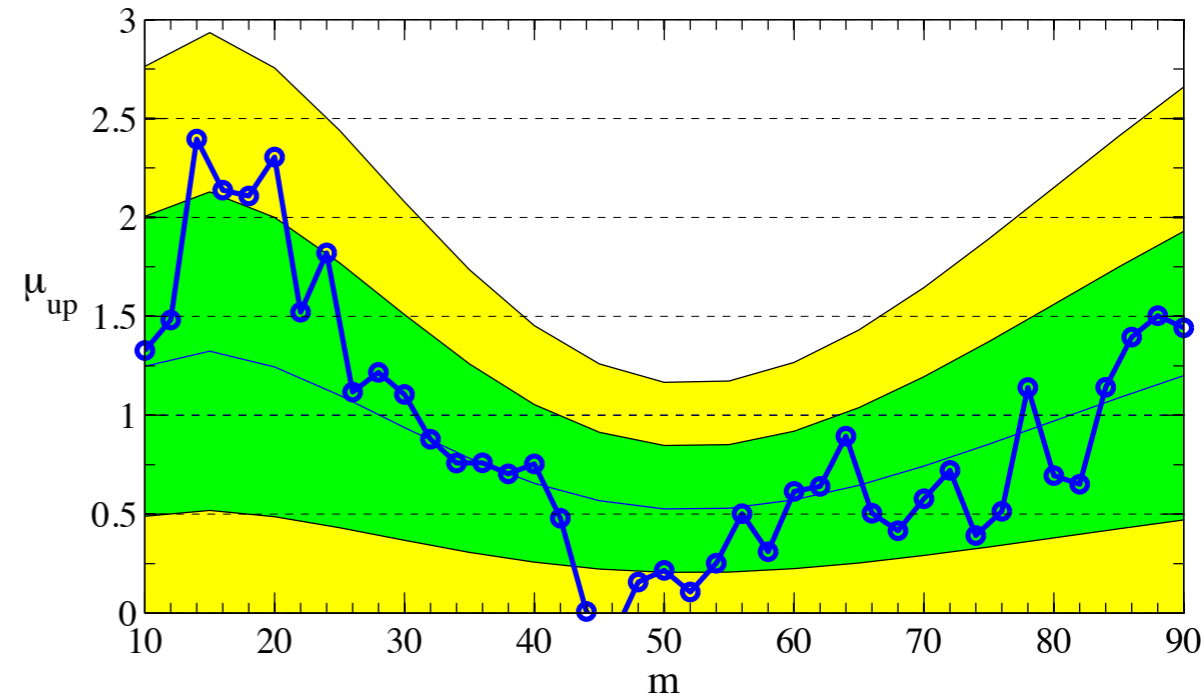
COMPARISON OF ASYMPTOTIC AND ENSEMBLES

Compare asymptotic distributions to distributions obtained with large ensembles of pseudo-experiments generated with Monte Carlo techniques



CL_{s+b} 95% limits

This is a significant development as building this distribution from Monte Carlo approaches can take 100,000 CPU hours for Higgs search!



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THUMBNAIL OF THE STATISTICAL PROCEDURE

Follow LHC-HCG Combination Procedures

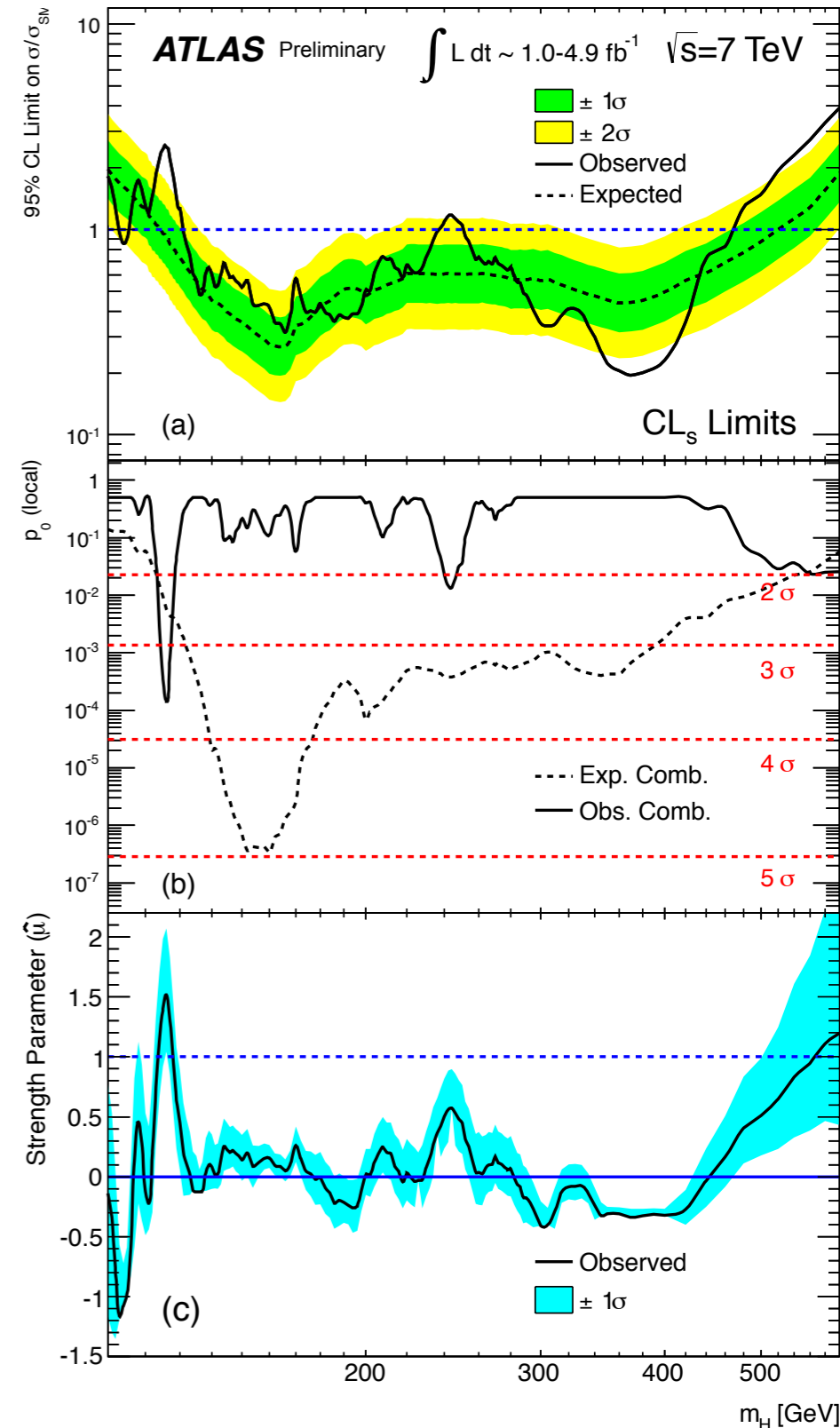
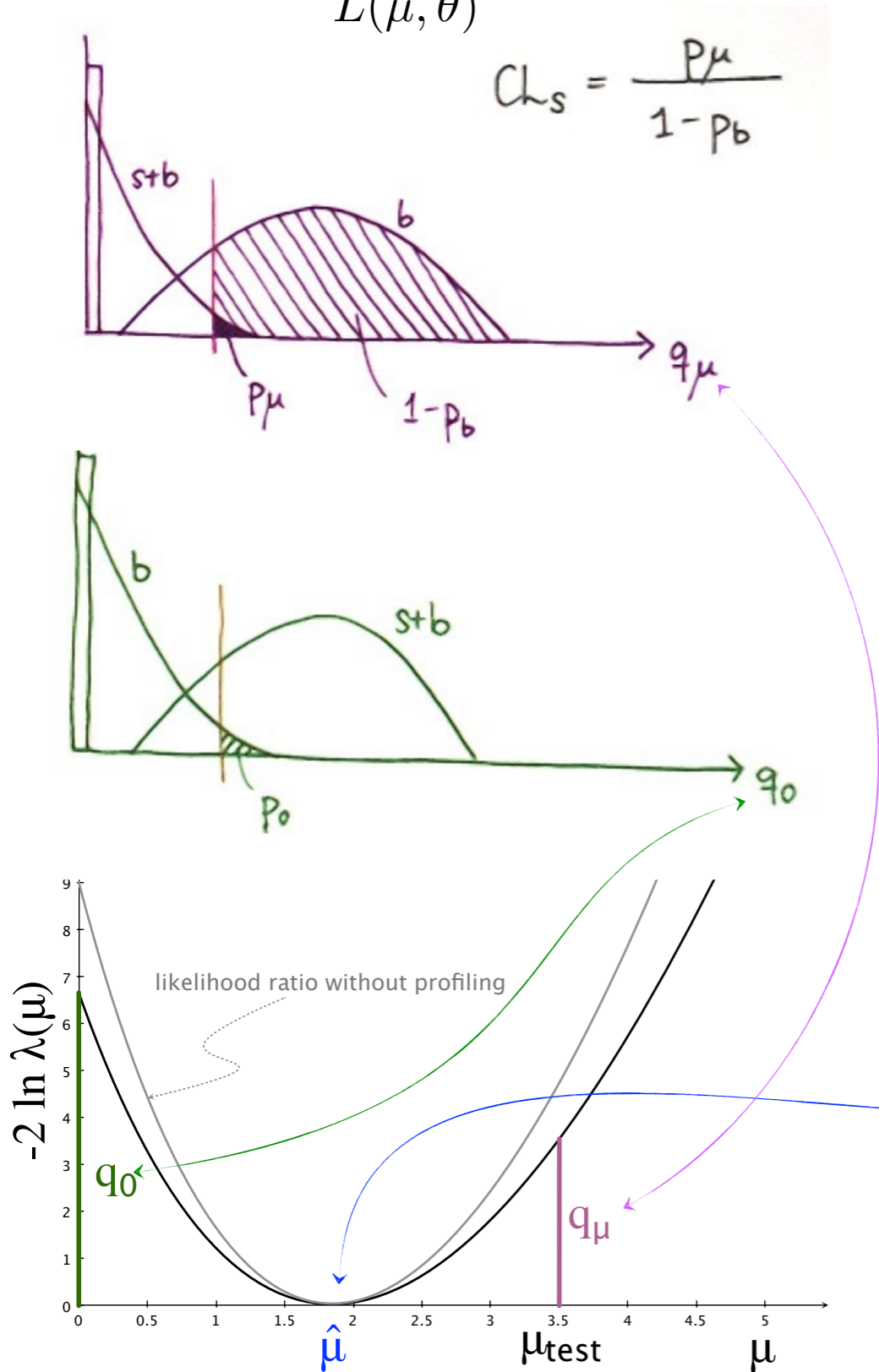
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CL_s to test signal hypothesis

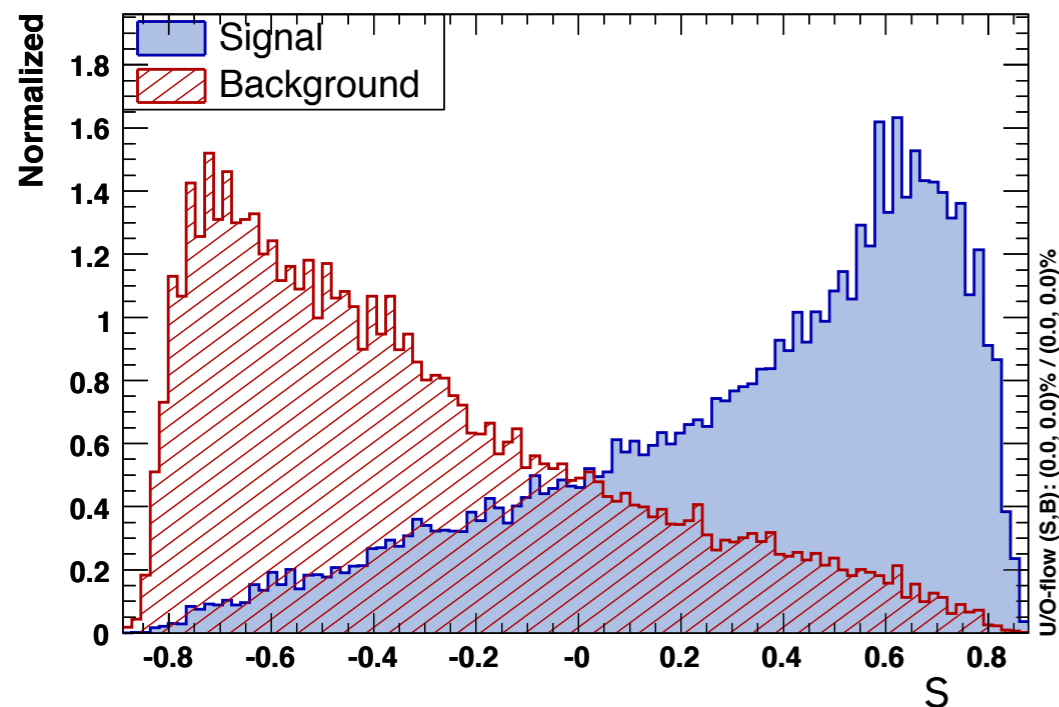
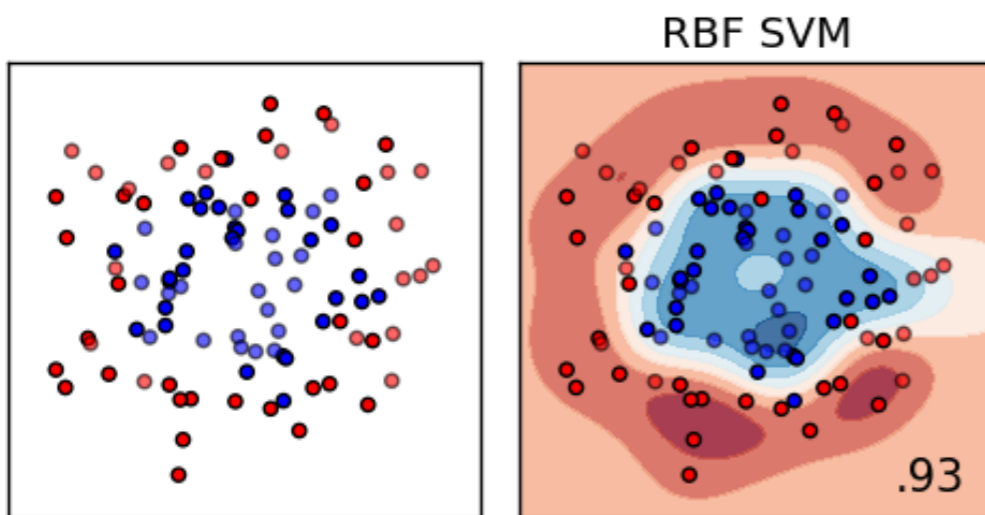
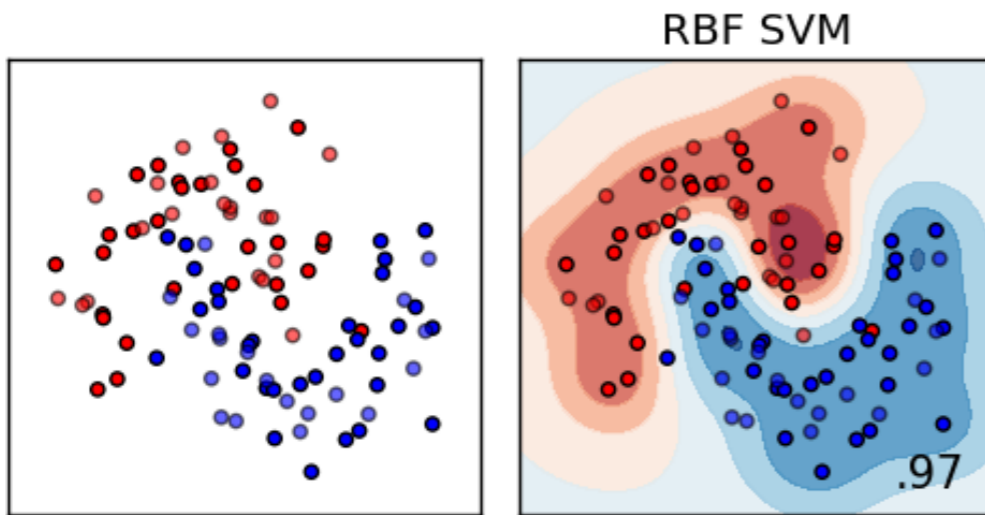
p_0 to test background hypothesis

$\hat{\mu}$ to estimate signal strength



Parametrized Learning

MACHINE LEARNING: CLASSIFIERS

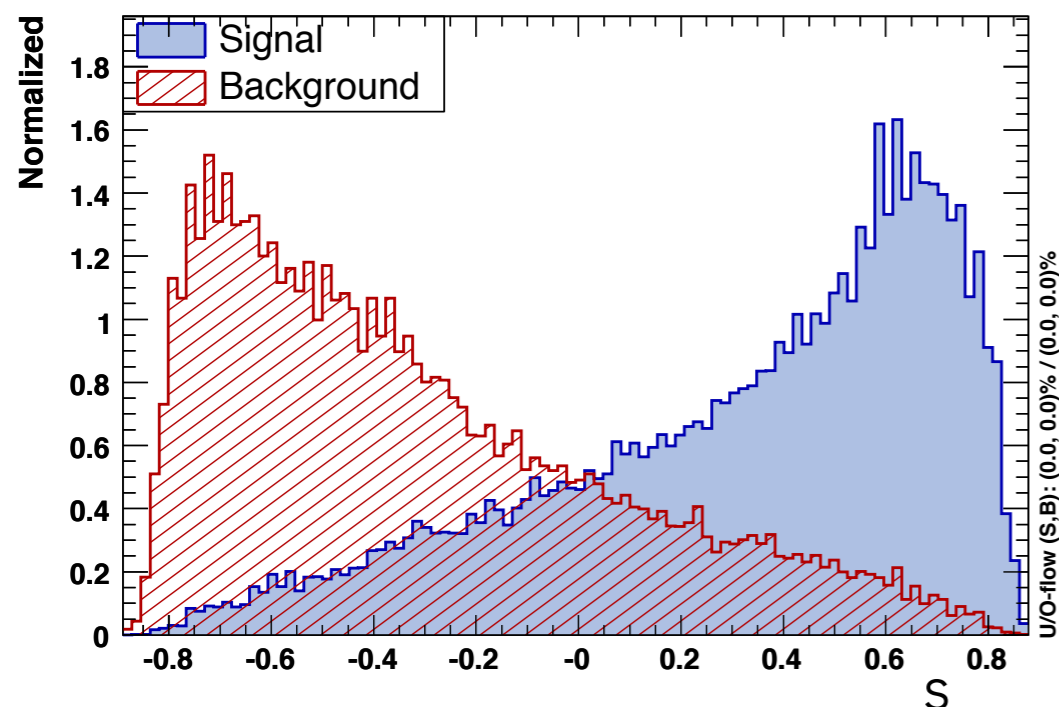
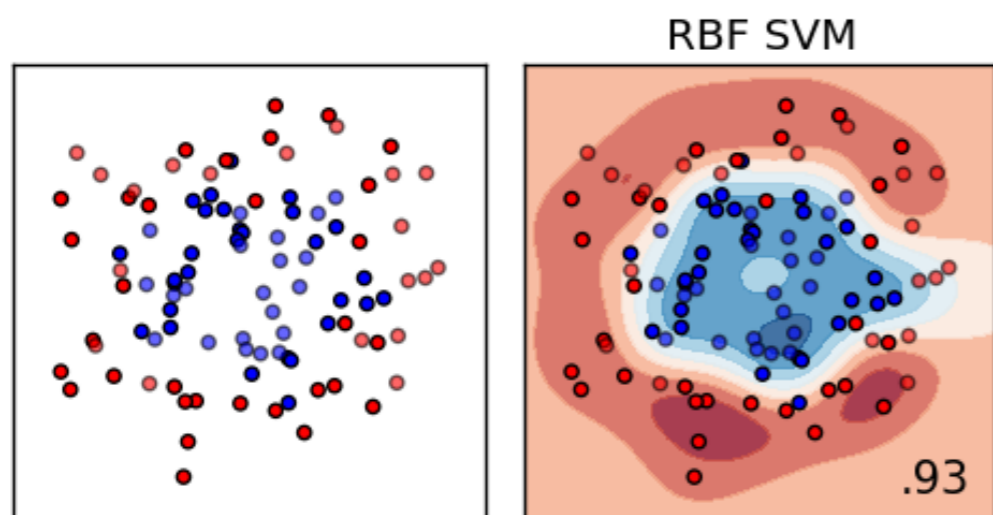
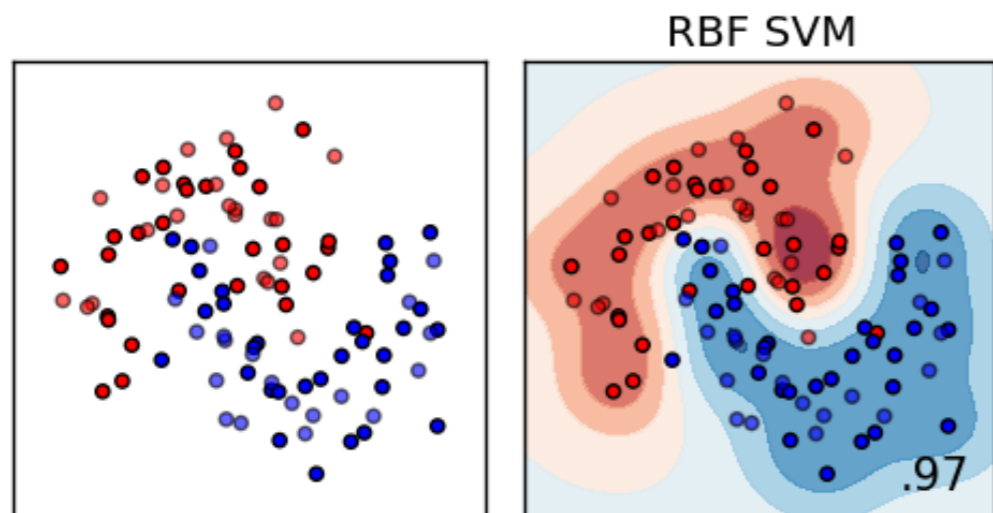


Common to use machine learning classifiers to separate signal (H_1) vs. background (H_0)

- want a function $s: X \rightarrow Y$ that maps signal to $y=1$ and background to $y=0$
- **calculus of variations**: find function $s(x)$ that minimizes **loss**:

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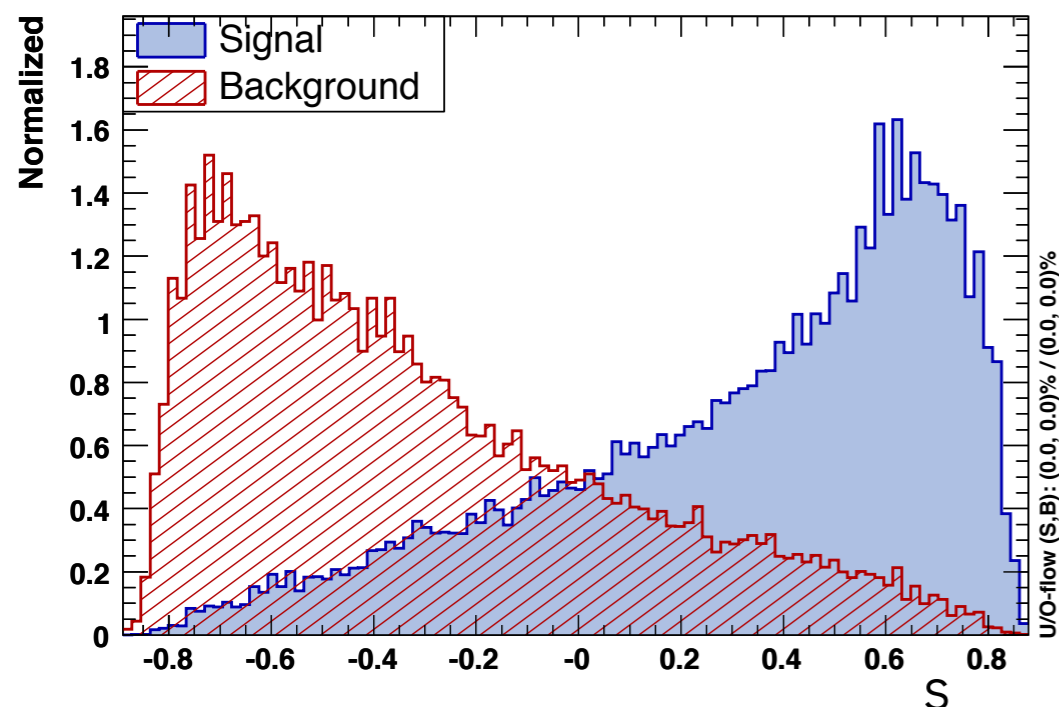
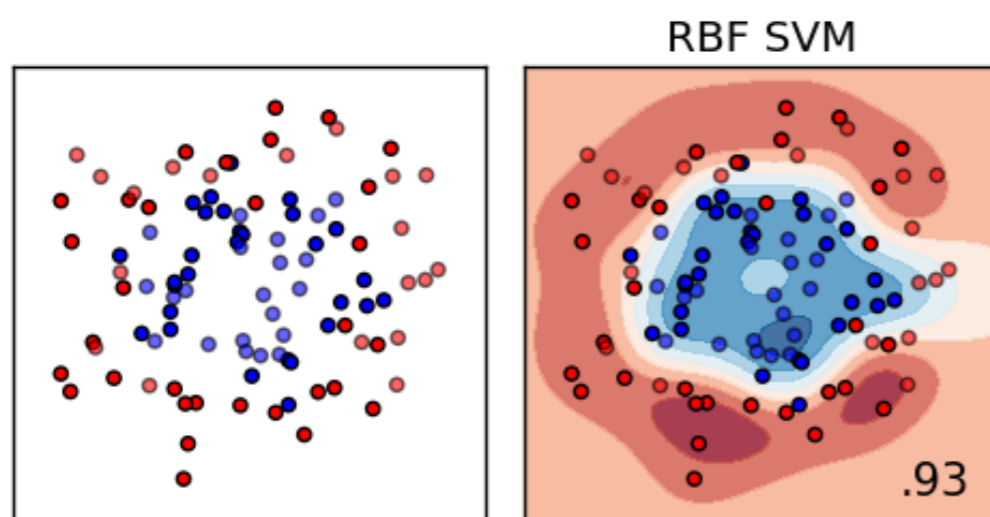
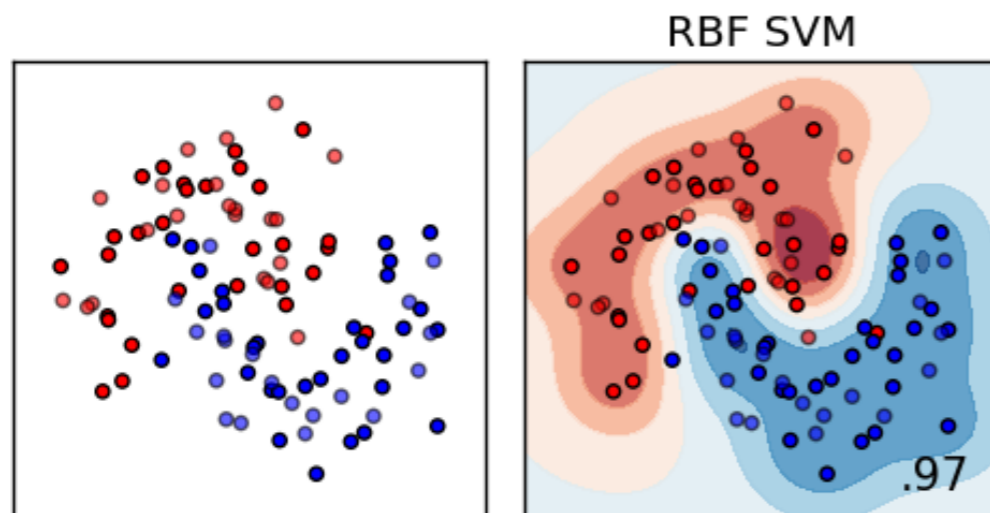
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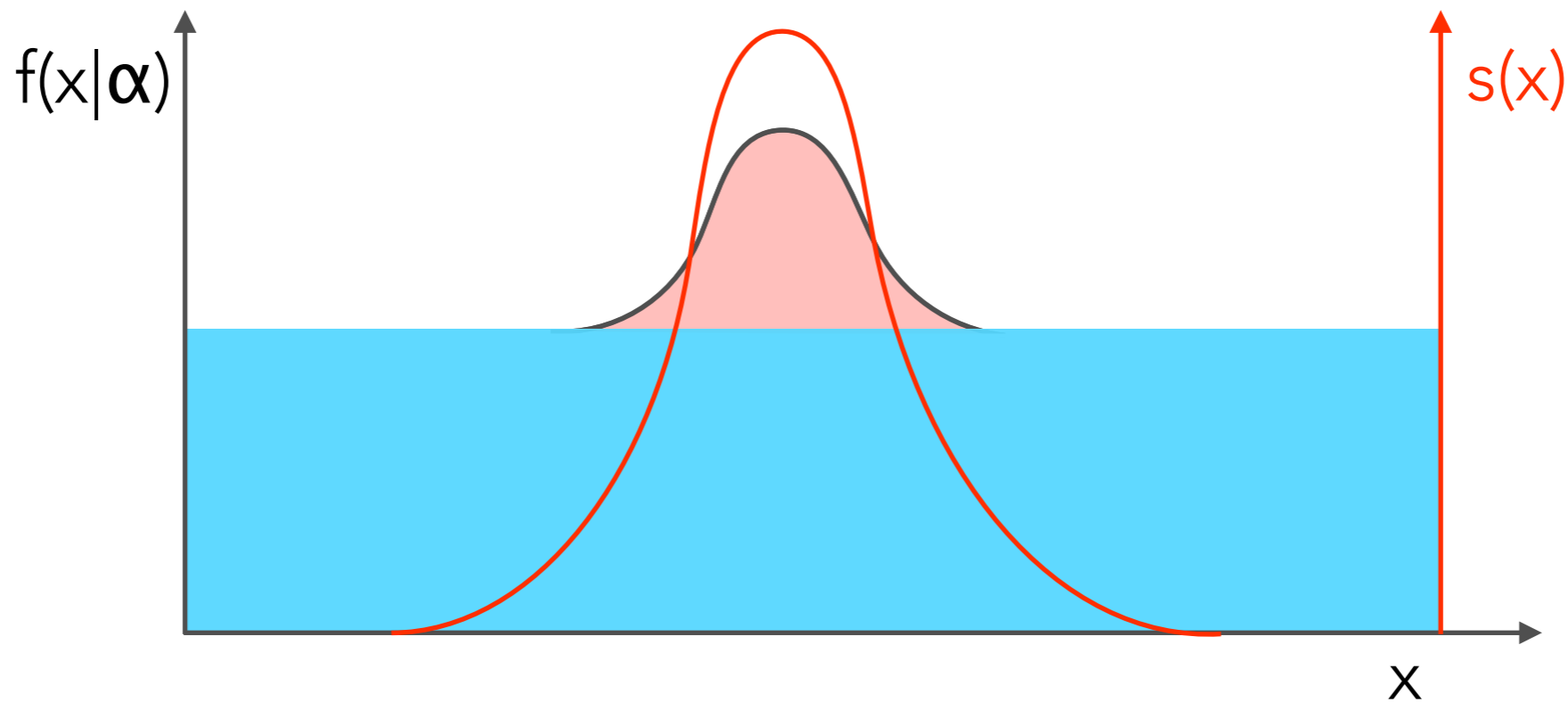
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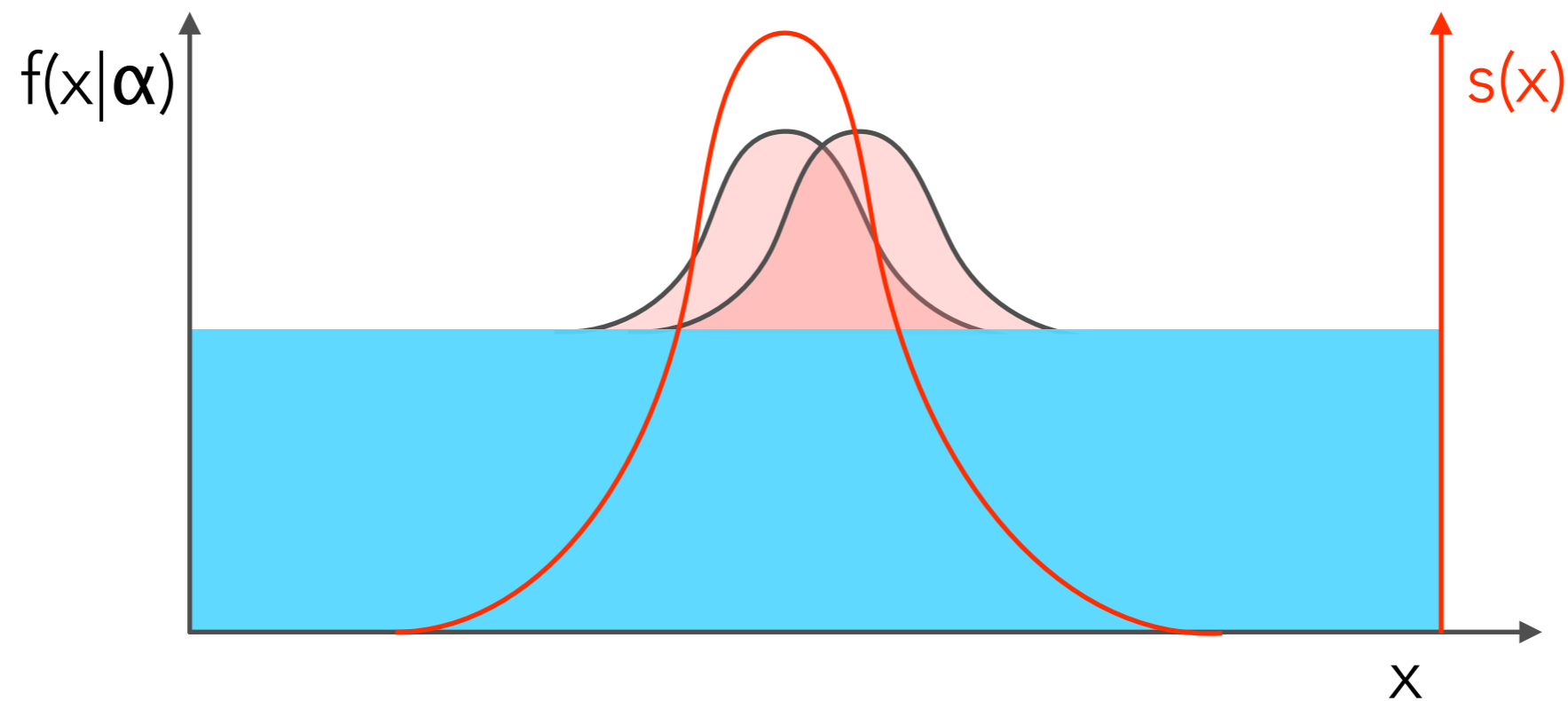
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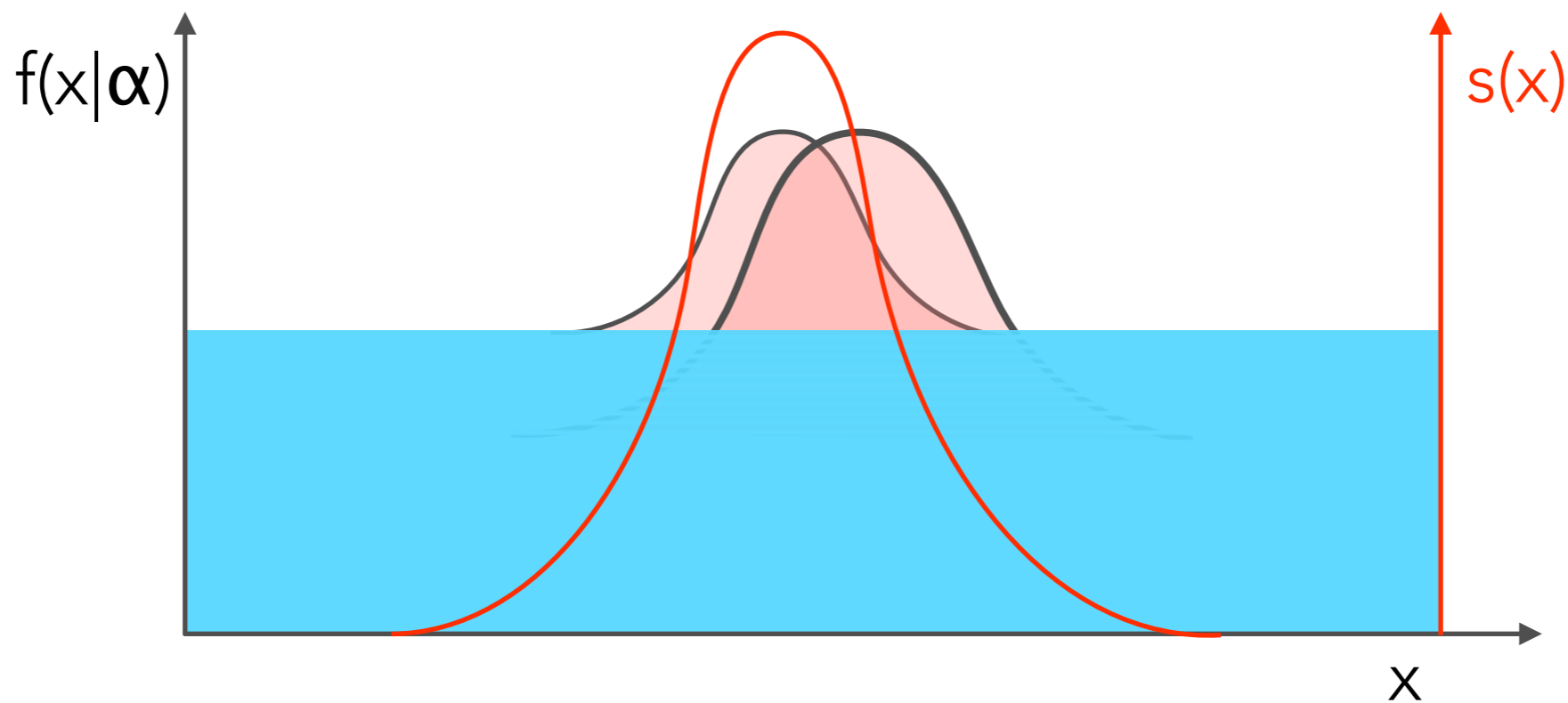
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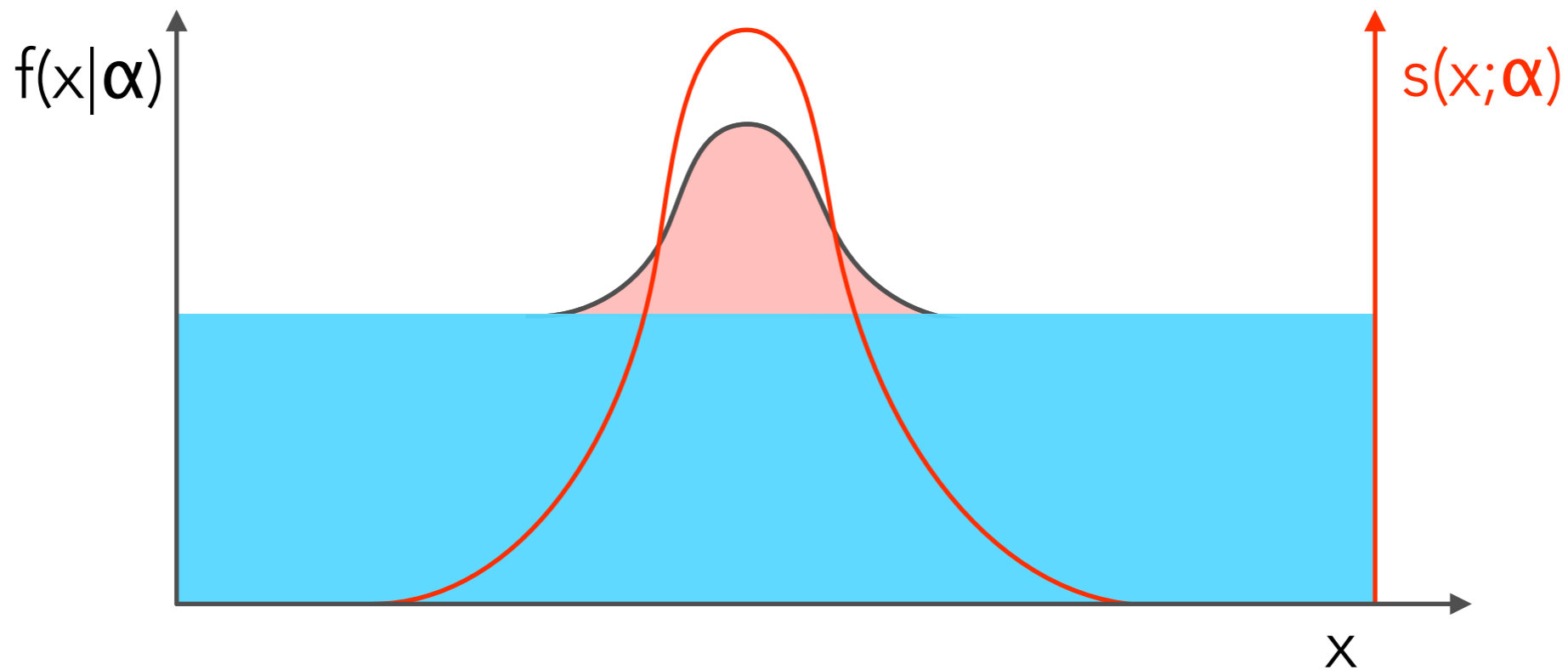
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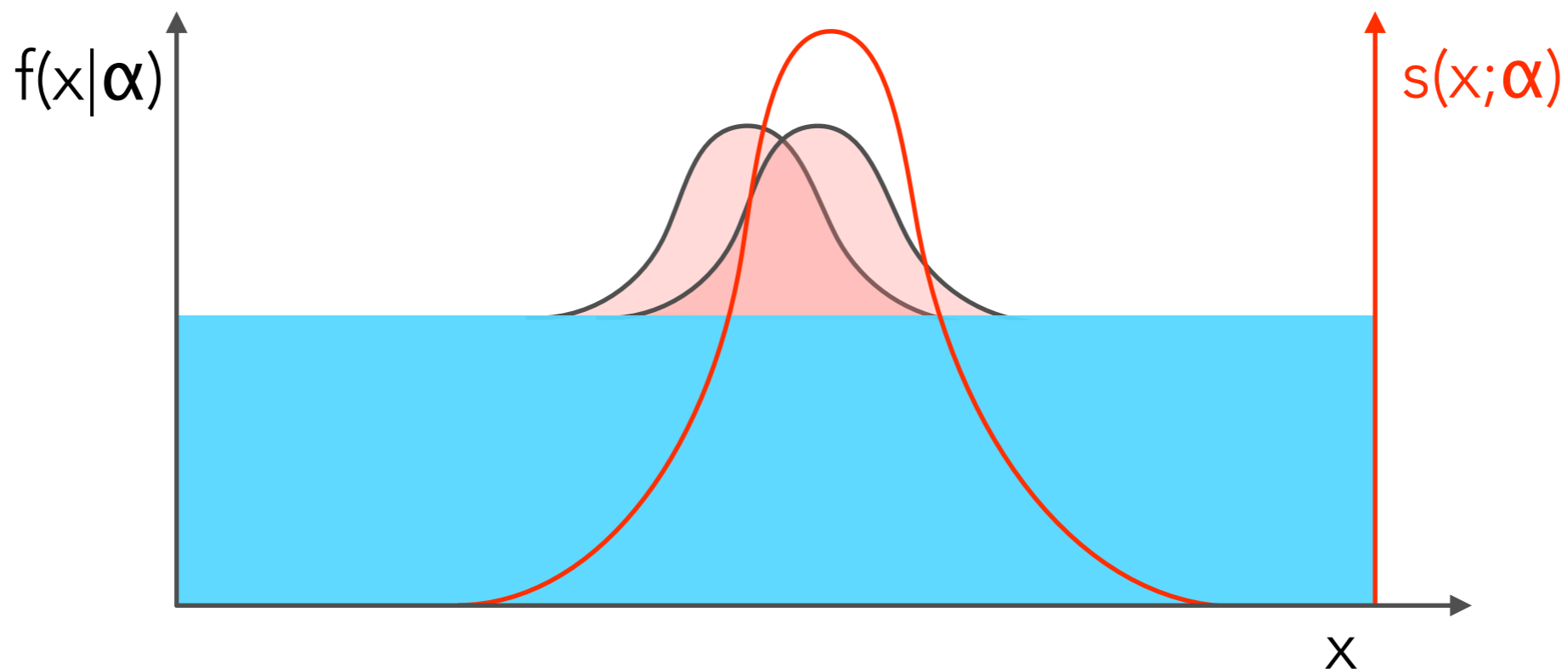


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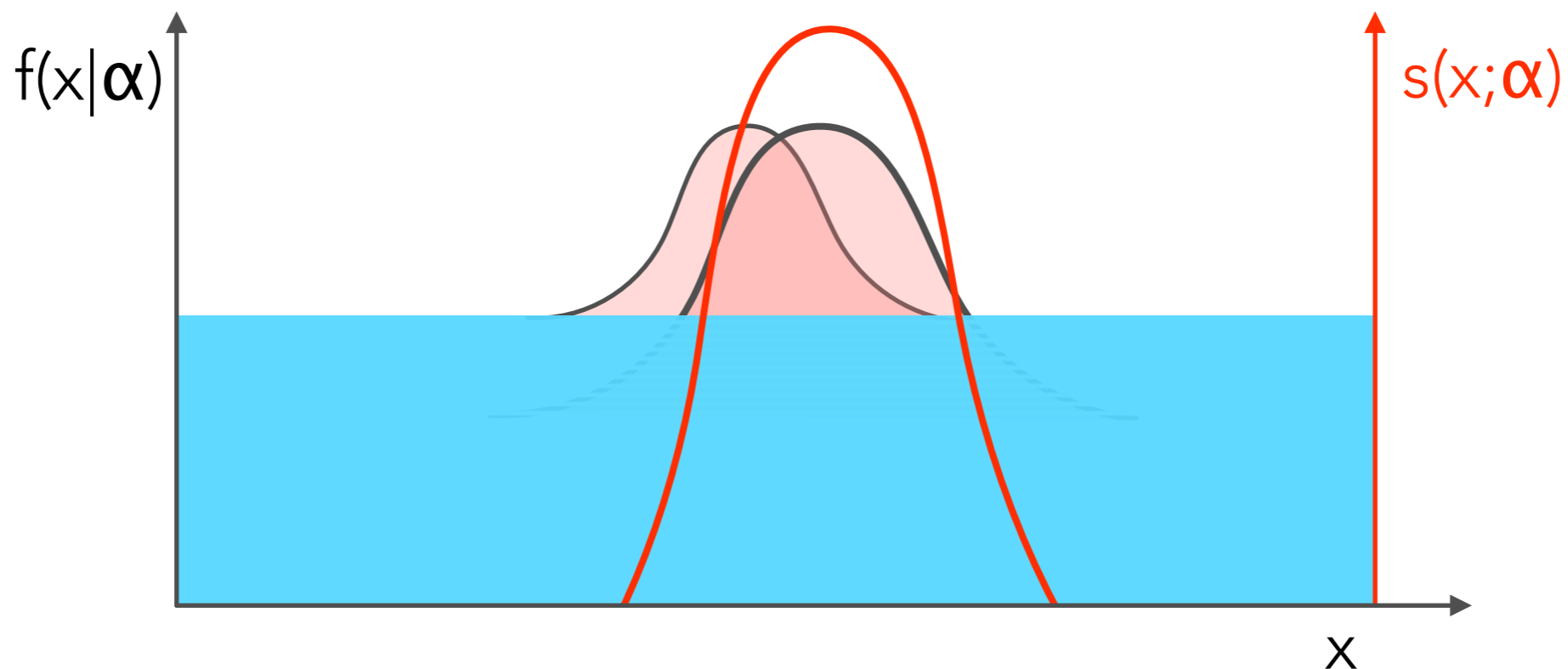


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We started with a classifier that was learning

$$s(x) = \frac{p(x|H_1)}{p(x|H_0) + p(x|H_1)}$$

Implicitly that classifier depends on H_0 and H_1 used to generate the training data. Make that explicit

$$s(x; H_0, H_1) = \frac{p(x|H_1)}{p(x|H_0) + p(x|H_1)}$$

Can do the same thing for any two points in parameter space. I call this a **parametrized classifier**

$$s(x; \theta_0, \theta_1) = \frac{p(x|\theta_1)}{p(x|\theta_0) + p(x|\theta_1)}$$

IMPORTANCE OF CALIBRATION

Ideally classifier will learn

$$s(x) = \frac{p(x|H_1)}{p(x|H_0) + p(x|H_1)} = \frac{r(x)}{1 + r(x)}$$

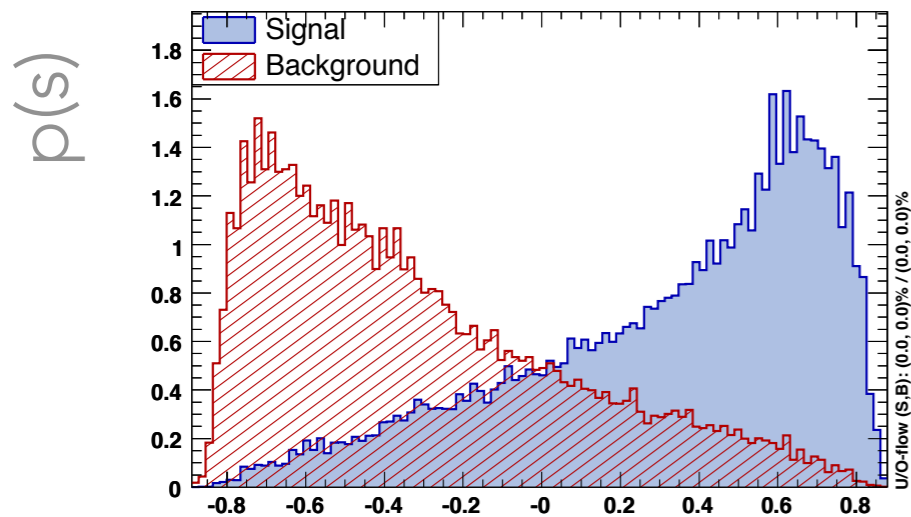
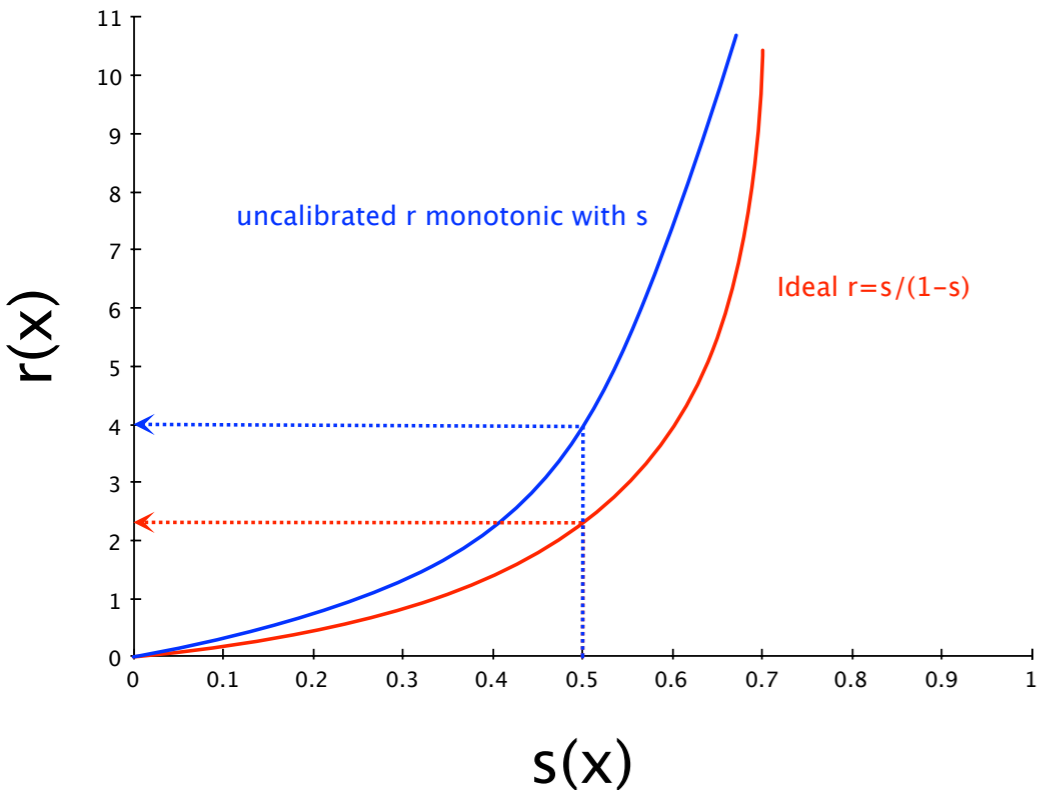
which is 1-to-1 with the likelihood ratio

$$r(x) = \frac{p(x|H_1)}{p(x|H_0)} = \frac{s(x)}{1 - s(x)}$$

but often inverting $s(x) \rightarrow r(x)$ typically doesn't work well because the classifier isn't well calibrated and learns something monotonic in $r(x)$.

Still ok, just need to calibrate it

$$r(x) = \frac{p(x|H_1)}{p(x|H_0)} = \frac{p(s(x)|H_1)}{p(s(x)|H_0)}$$



Theorem if s monotonic with $r \rightarrow$

If $s(x)$ is monotonic with $p_1(x)/p_0(x)$, then we have

Theorem 1: We have the following equality

$$(2.6) \quad \frac{p_1(s(x))}{p_0(s(x))} = \frac{p_1(x)}{p_0(x)} .$$

Proof For $x \in \Omega_{s^*}$, we can factor out of the integral the constant $p_1(x)/p_0(x)$. Thus

$$(2.7) \quad p_1(s^*) = \int d\Omega_{s^*} p_1(x) / |\hat{n} \cdot \nabla s| = \frac{p_1(x)}{p_0(x)} \int d\Omega_{s^*} p_0(x) / |\hat{n} \cdot \nabla s| ,$$

and the integrals cancel in the likelihood ratio

$$(2.8) \quad \frac{p_1(s^*)}{p_0(s^*)} = \frac{p_1(x)}{p_0(x)} \frac{\int d\Omega_{s^*} p_0(x) / |\hat{n} \cdot \nabla s|}{\int d\Omega_{s^*} p_0(x) / |\hat{n} \cdot \nabla s|} = \frac{p_1(x)}{p_0(x)} \quad \forall x \in \Omega_{s^*} .$$

One can think of the ratio $p_1(s)/p_0(s)$ as a way of calibrating the the discriminative classifier and correcting for the monotonic transformation m of the desired likelihood ratio as in Eq. 1.3.

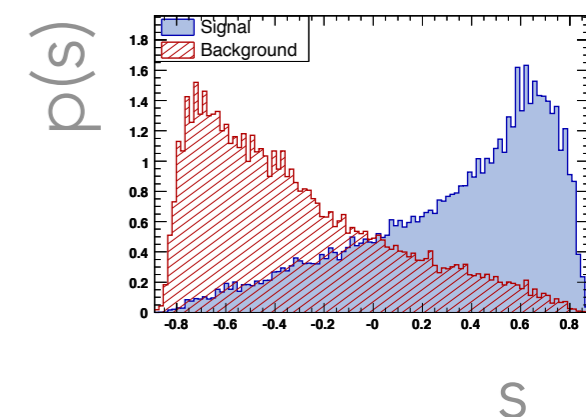
GENERALIZED LIKELIHOOD RATIO TESTS

The target likelihood ratio test based on high-dimensional features x is:

$$T(D; \theta_0, \theta_1) = \prod_{e=1}^n \frac{p(x_e | \theta_0)}{p(x_e | \theta_1)}$$

I can show that an **equivalent test** can be made from 1-D projection

$$T(D; \theta_0, \theta_1) = \prod_e \frac{p(x_e | \theta_0)}{p(x_e | \theta_1)} = \prod_e \frac{p(s(x_e; \theta_0, \theta_1) | \theta_0)}{p(s(x_e; \theta_0, \theta_1) | \theta_1)}$$



if the map $s: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ has the same level sets as the likelihood ratio

$$s(x; \theta_0; \theta_1) = \text{monotonic} \left[\frac{p(x | \theta_0)}{p(x | \theta_1)} \right]$$

Remember that a **classifier** that minimizes squared loss $\sum [y_i - s(x_i)]^2$ approximates the regression function, which has the same level sets!

MAXIMUM LIKELIHOOD ESTIMATORS

Now we can go beyond classification, and estimate parameters of theory and confidence intervals

Denote the maximum likelihood estimator

$$(4.2) \quad \hat{\theta} = \arg \max_{\theta} p(D|\theta)$$

The denominator in the likelihood ratio is just a constant

$$(4.4) \quad \hat{\theta} = \arg \max_{\theta} \sum \ln \frac{p(x_e|\theta)}{p(x_e|\theta_1)} = \arg \max_{\theta} \sum \ln \frac{p(s(x_e; \theta, \theta_1)|\theta)}{p(s(x_e; \theta, \theta_1)|\theta_1)}.$$

It is important that we include the denominator $p(s(x_e; \theta, \theta_1)|\theta_1)$ because this cancels Jacobian factors that vary with θ .

Provides a non-trivial diagnostic:

$$\frac{p_1(s^*)}{p_0(s^*)} = \frac{p_1(x)}{p_0(x)} \frac{\int d\Omega_{s^*} p_0(x) / |\hat{n} \cdot \nabla s|}{\int d\Omega_{s^*} p_0(x) / |\hat{n} \cdot \nabla s|} = \frac{p_1(x)}{p_0(x)}$$



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carl module

carl is a toolbox for likelihood-free inference in Python.

The likelihood function is the central object that summarizes the information from an experiment needed for inference of model parameters. It is key to many areas of science that report the results of classical hypothesis tests or confidence intervals using the (generalized or profile) likelihood ratio as a test statistic. At the same time, with the advance of computing technology, it has become increasingly common that a simulator (or generative model) is used to describe complex processes that tie parameters of an underlying theory and measurement apparatus to high-dimensional observations. However, directly evaluating the likelihood function in these cases is often impossible or is computationally impractical.

In this context, the goal of this package is to provide tools for the likelihood-free setup, including likelihood (or density) ratio estimation algorithms, along with helpers to carry out inference on top of these.

This project is still in its early stage of development. [Join us on GitHub](#) if you feel like contributing!

build passing coverage 91% DOI [10.5281/zenodo.47798](https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.47798)

Likelihood-free inference with calibrated classifiers

Extensive details regarding likelihood-free inference with calibrated classifiers can be found in the companion paper "*Approximating Likelihood Ratios with Calibrated Discriminative Classifiers*", Kyle Cranmer, Juan Pavez, Gilles Louppe. <http://arxiv.org/abs/1506.02169>

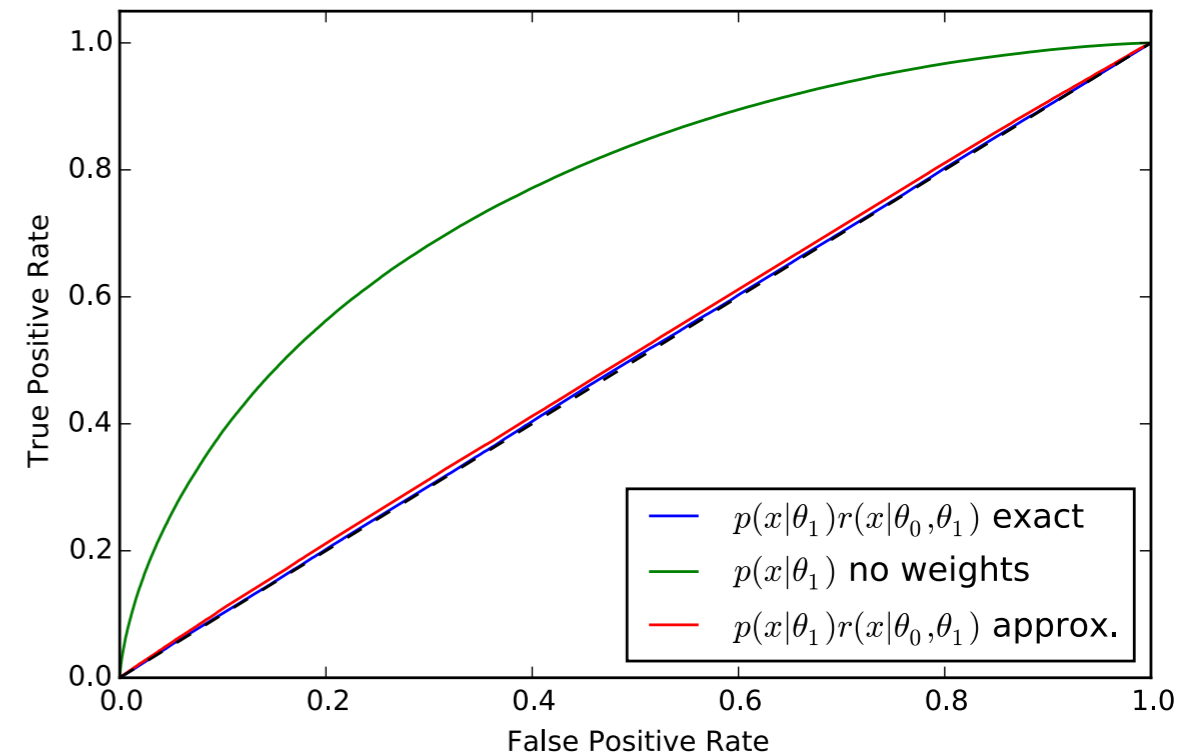
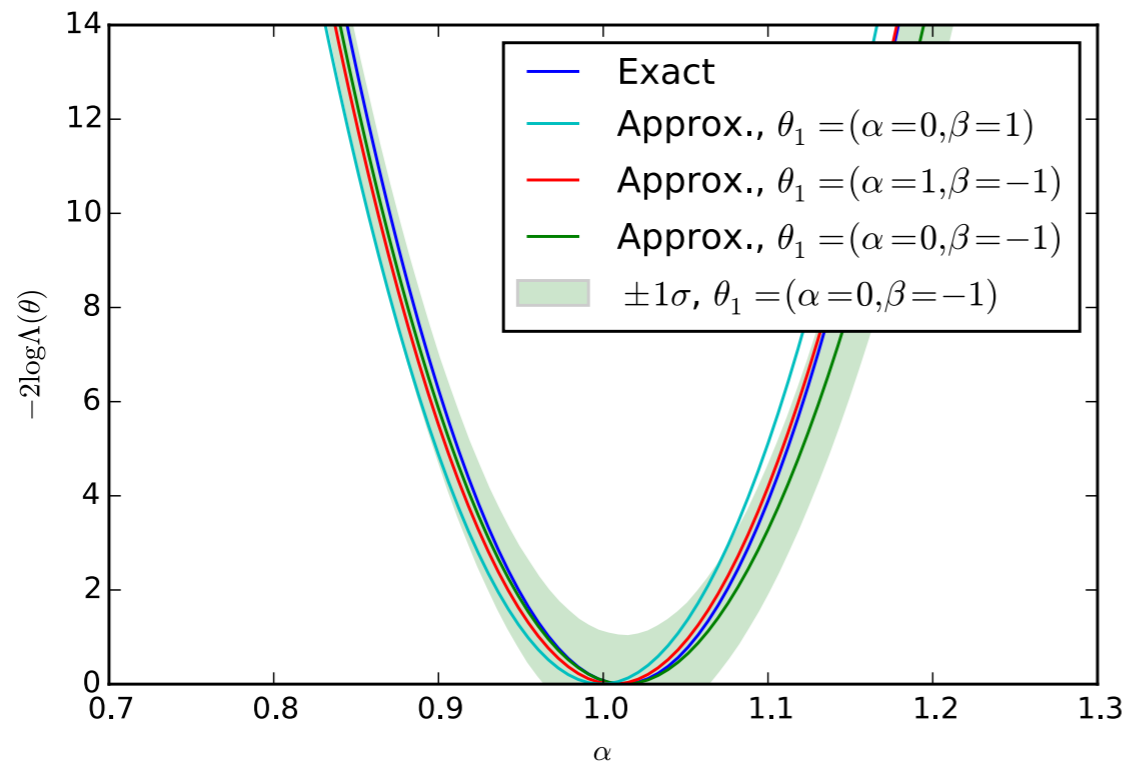
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DIAGNOSTICS

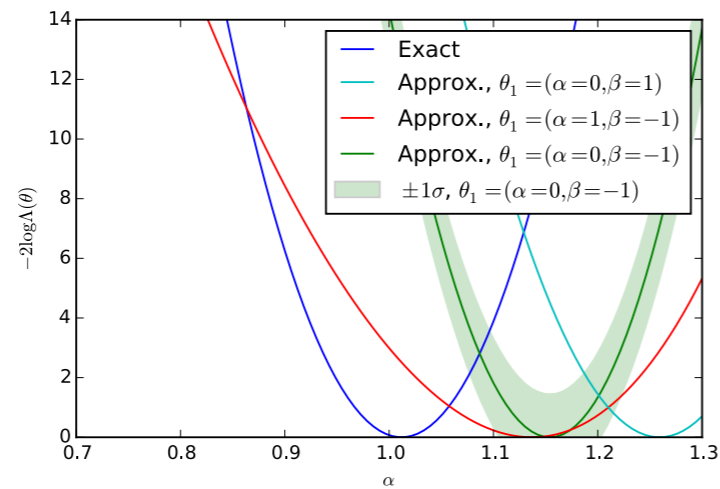
In practice $\hat{r}(\hat{s}(\mathbf{x}; \theta_0, \theta_1))$ will not be exact. Diagnostic procedures are needed to assess the quality of this approximation.

1. For inference, the value of the MLE $\hat{\theta}$ should be independent of the value of θ_1 used in the denominator of the ratio.
2. Train a classifier to distinguish between unweighted samples from $p(\mathbf{x}|\theta_0)$ and samples from $p(\mathbf{x}|\theta_1)$ weighted by $\hat{r}(\hat{s}(\mathbf{x}; \theta_0, \theta_1))$.

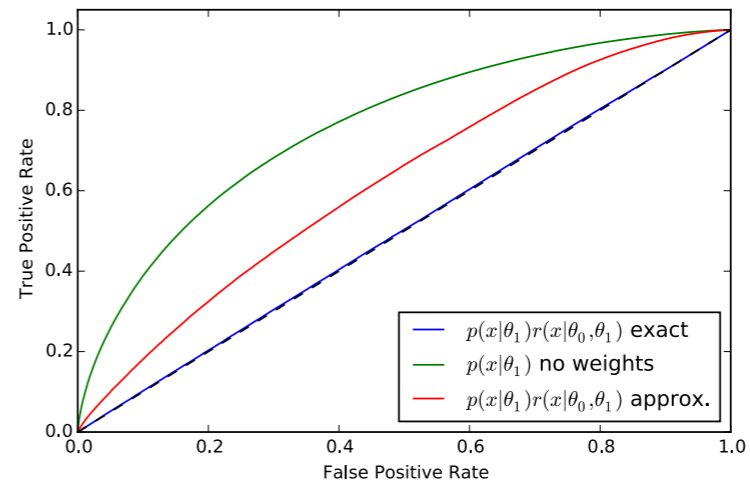


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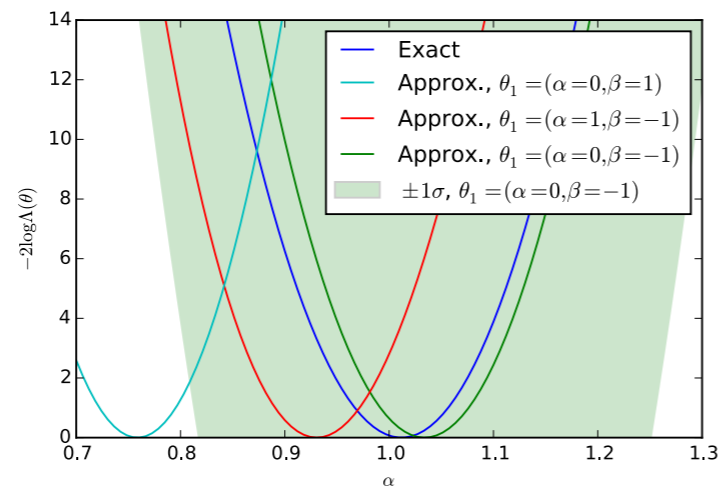
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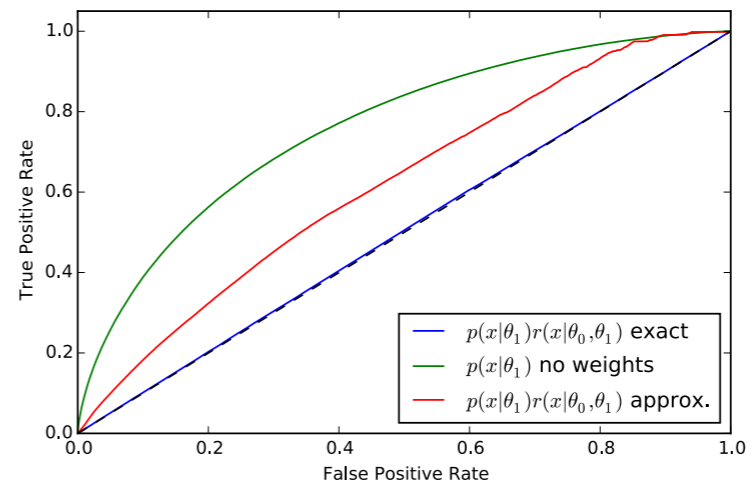
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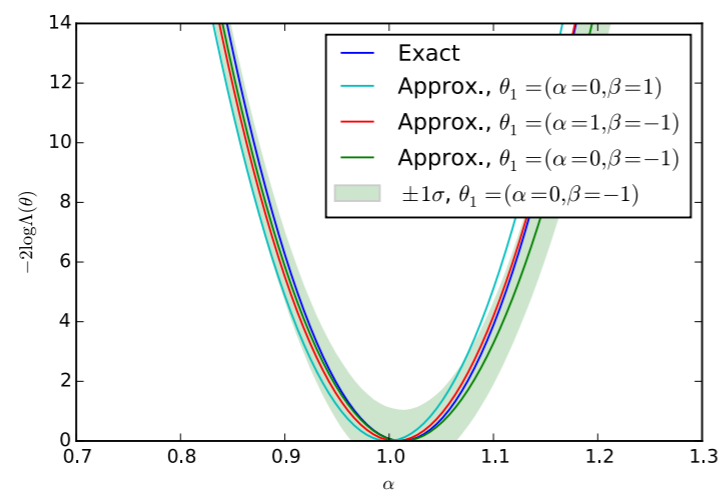
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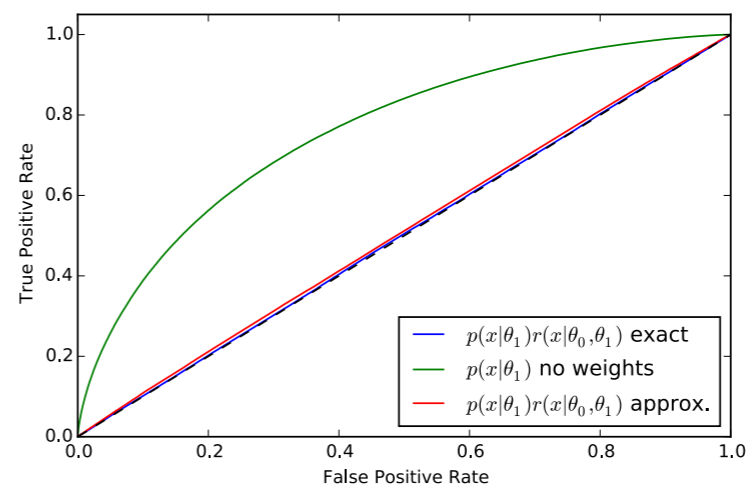
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(d) Poorly calibrated, well trained.



(e) Well trained, well calibrated.

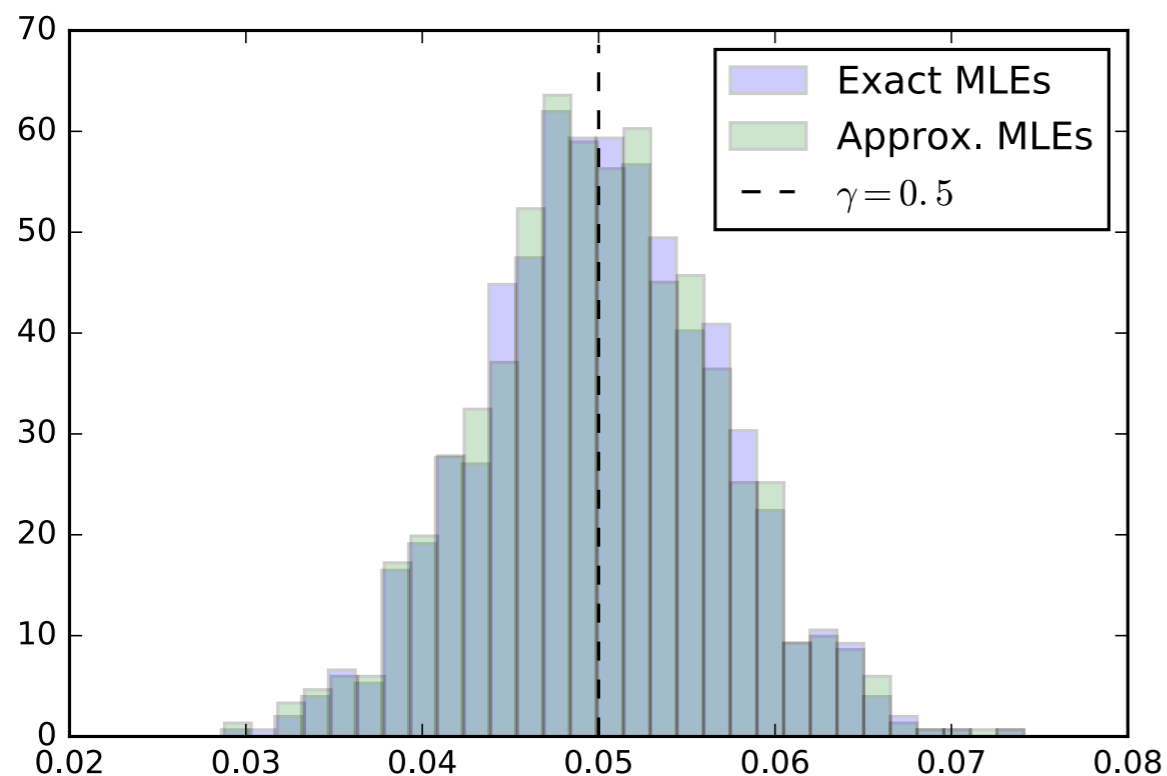


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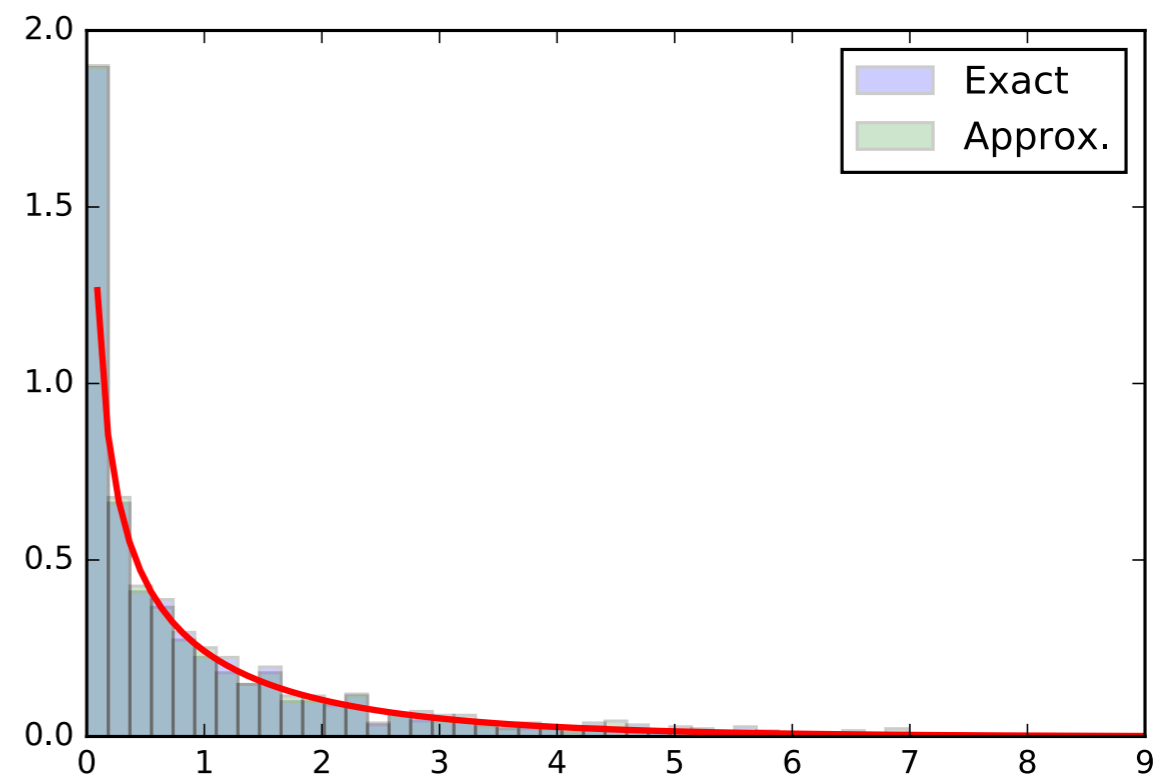
AMORTIZED LIKELIHOOD-FREE INFERENCE

Once we've learned the function $s(x; \theta)$ to approximate the likelihood, we can apply it to any data x .

- unlike MCMC, we pay biggest computational costs up front
- Here we repeat inference thousands of times & check asymptotic statistical theory



(a) Exact vs. approximated MLEs.



(b) $p(-2 \log \Lambda(\gamma = 0.05) | \gamma = 0.05)$

WRAPPING SKLEARN, THEANO, XGBOOST, ...

<https://github.com/cranmer/roofit-python-wrapper>

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from ROOT import *
import numpy as np
from sklearn import svm
from sklearn.externals import joblib

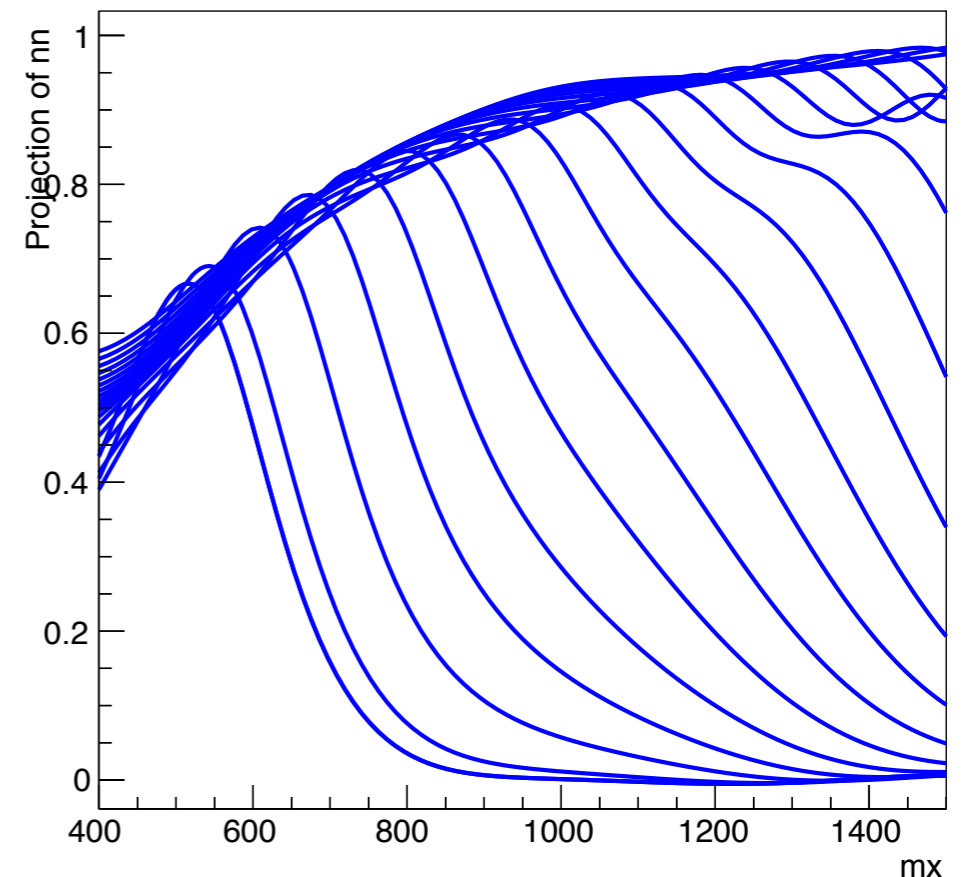
def scikitlearnFunc(x=0.):
    clf = joblib.load('../adaptive.pkl')
    traindata = np.array((x,0.))
    outputs=clf.predict(traindata)
    return outputs[0]

def scikitlearnTest():
    gSystem.Load( 'libSciKitLearnWrapper' )
    x = RooRealVar('x','x',0.2,-5,5)
    s = SciKitLearnWrapper('s','s',x)
    s.RegisterCallBack( scikitlearnFunc );

    c1 = TCanvas('c1')
    frame = x.frame()
    s.plot0n(frame)
    frame.Draw()
    c1.SaveAs('scikitlearn-wrapper-plot.pdf')

if __name__ == '__main__':
    scikitlearnTest()
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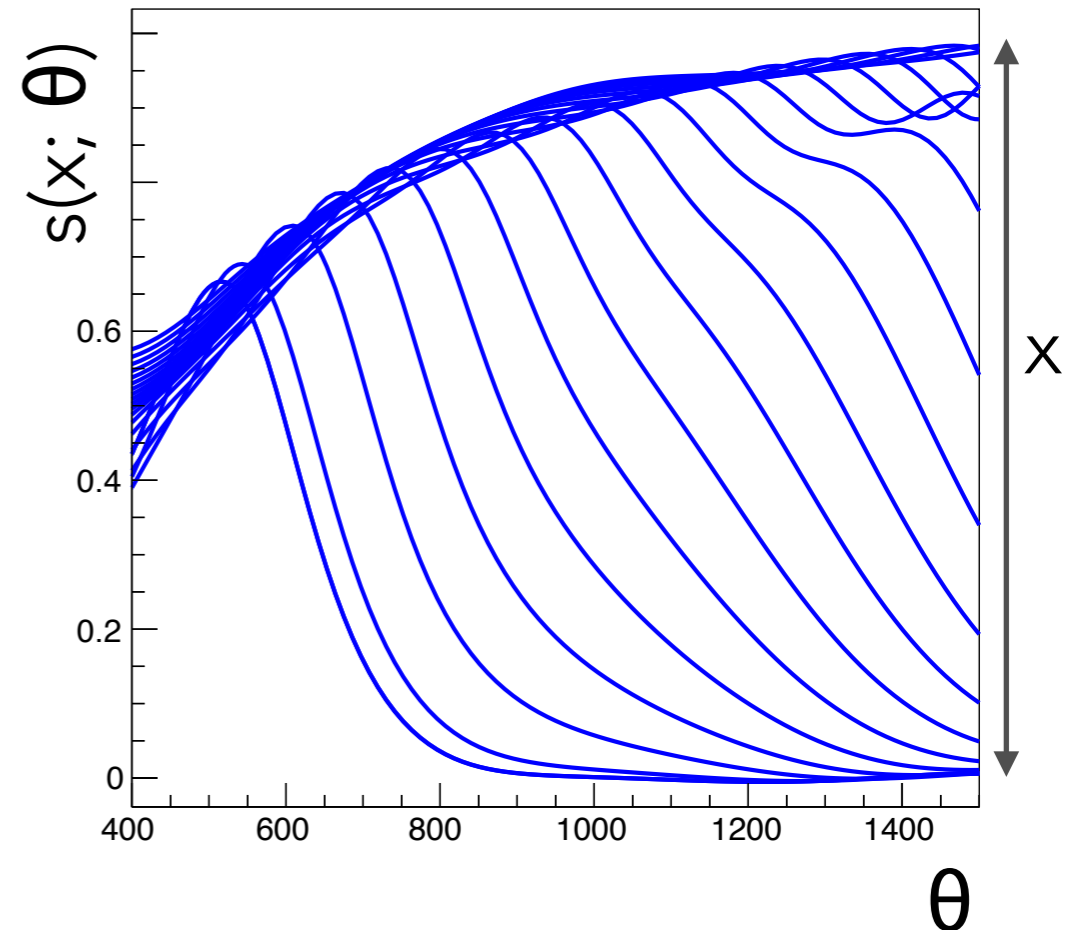
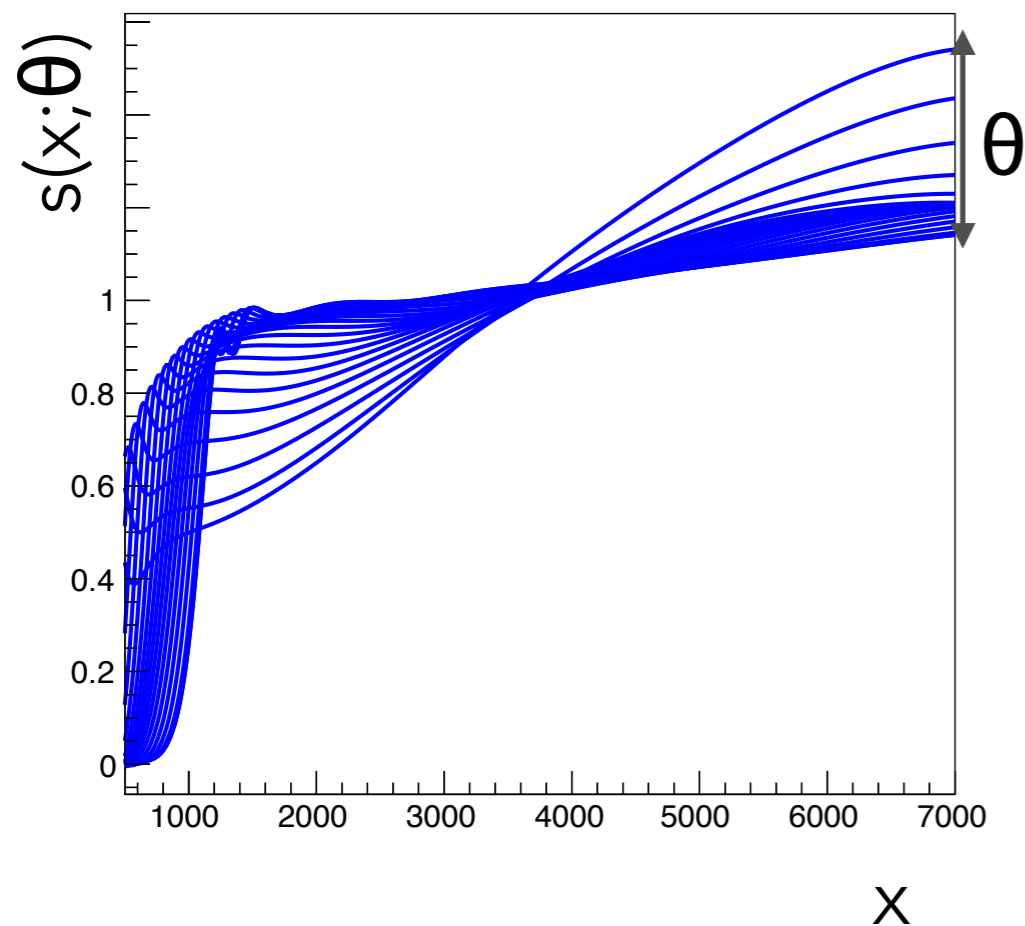
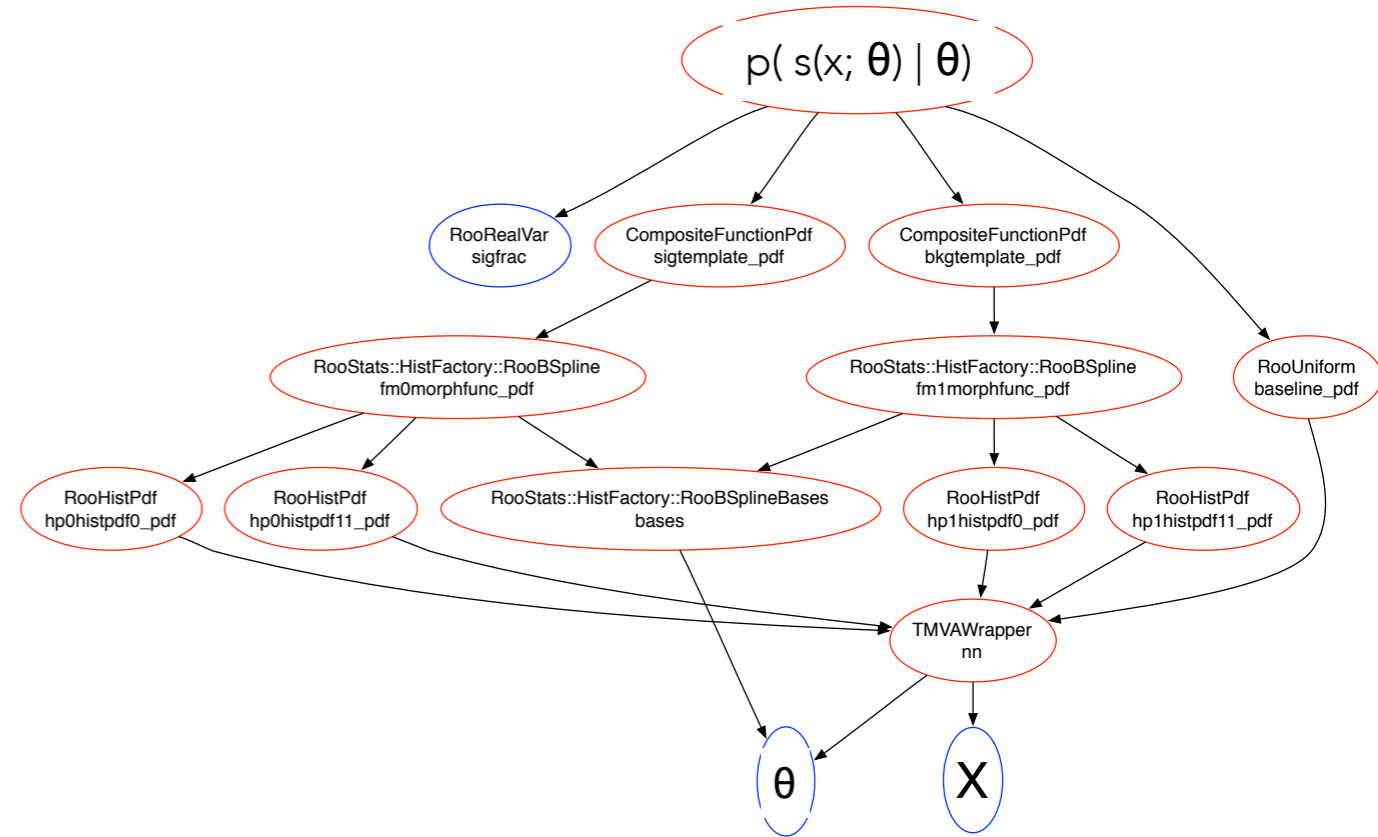
Handy utility to wrap any python function as a RooAbsReal



EMBEDDING THE CLASSIFIER IN THE LIKELIHOOD

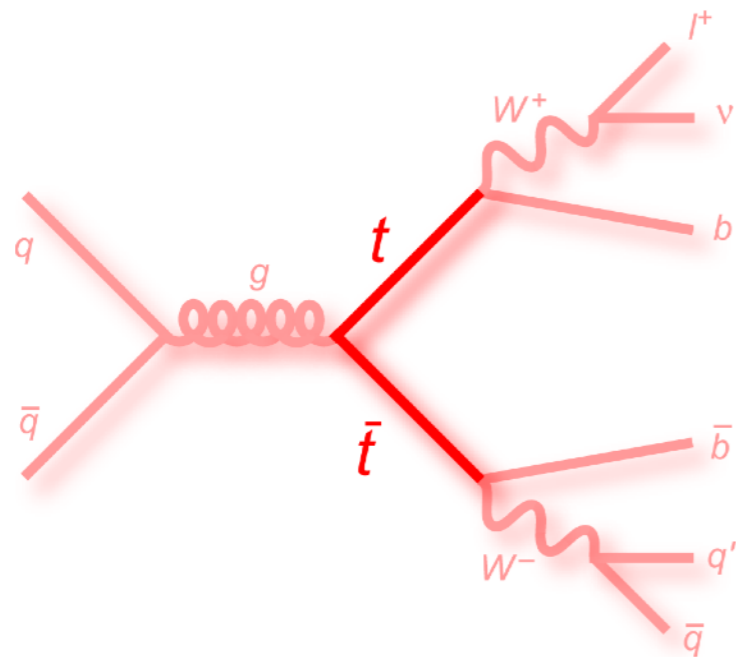
Postpone evaluation of the classifier to the time when the likelihood is evaluated and a specific value of the parameter θ is being tested

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PARAMETRIZED CLASSIFIERS WITH DNN

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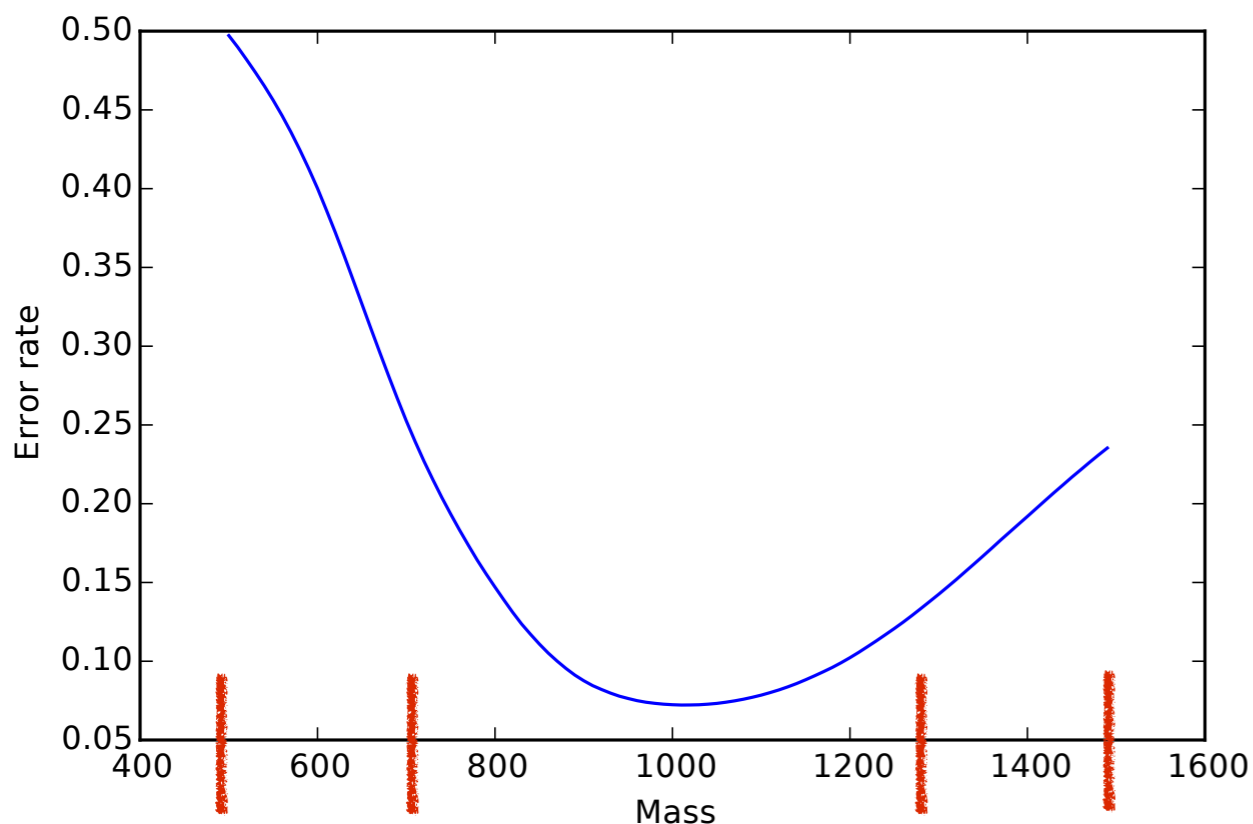


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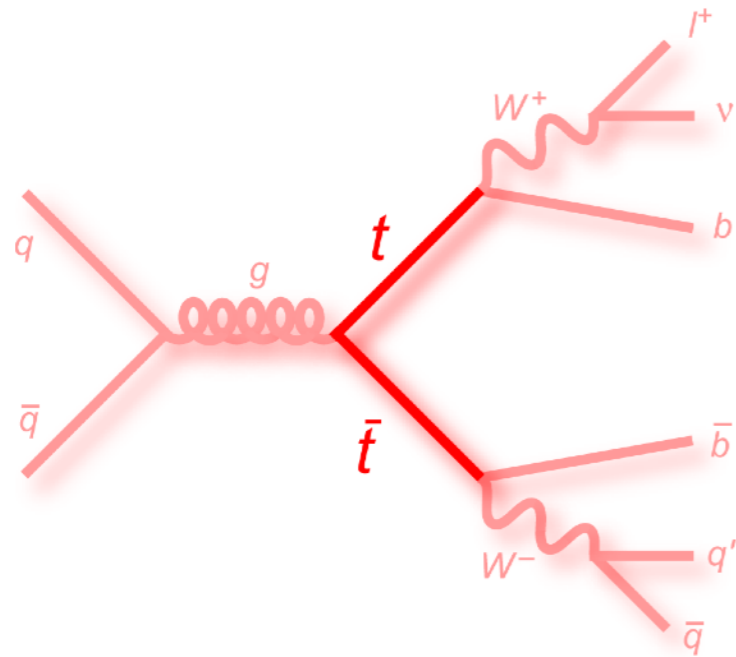


Train at $m_{Z'}=500,750,1250,1500$ GeV

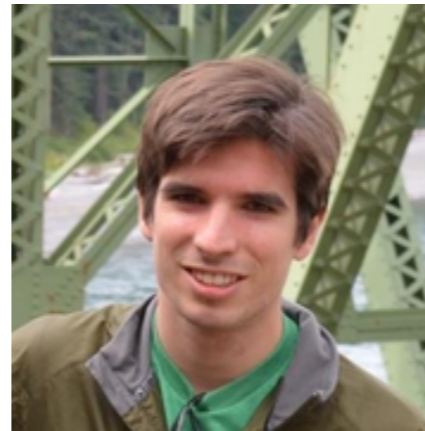
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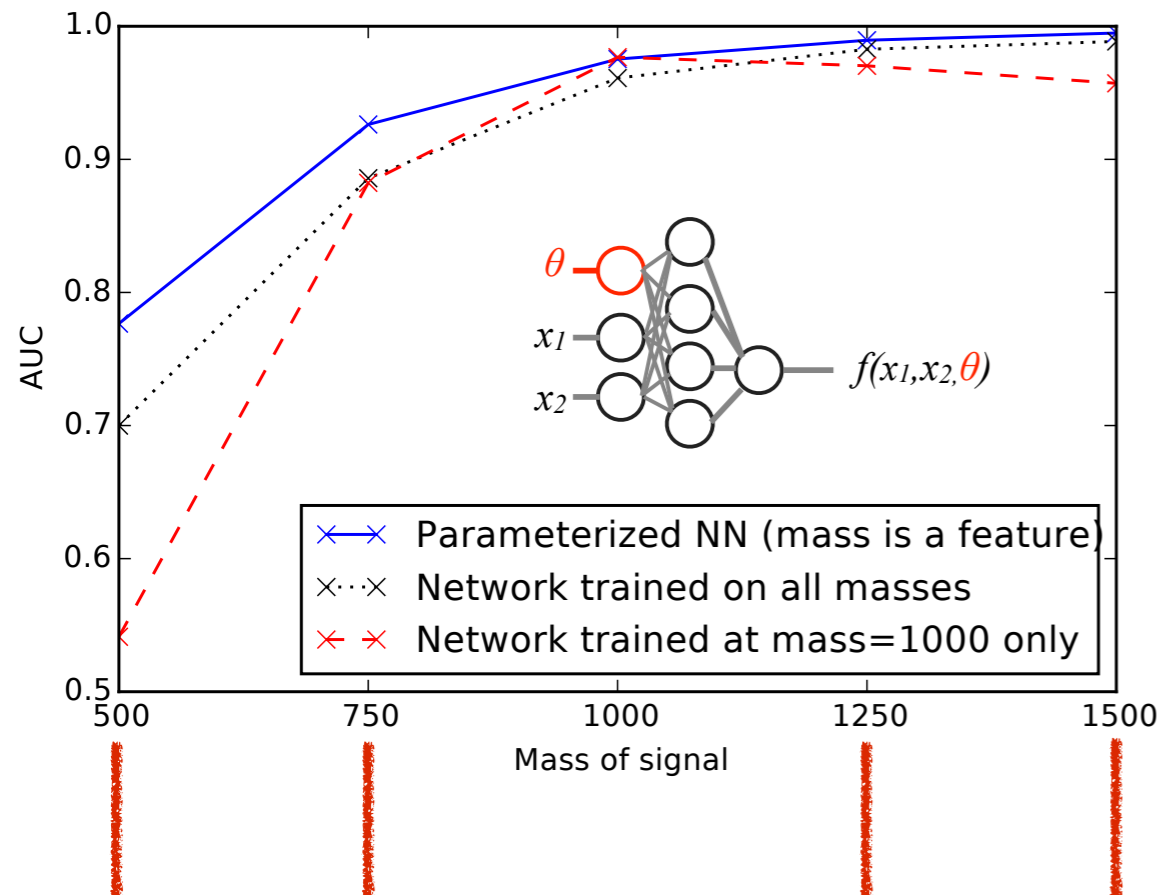


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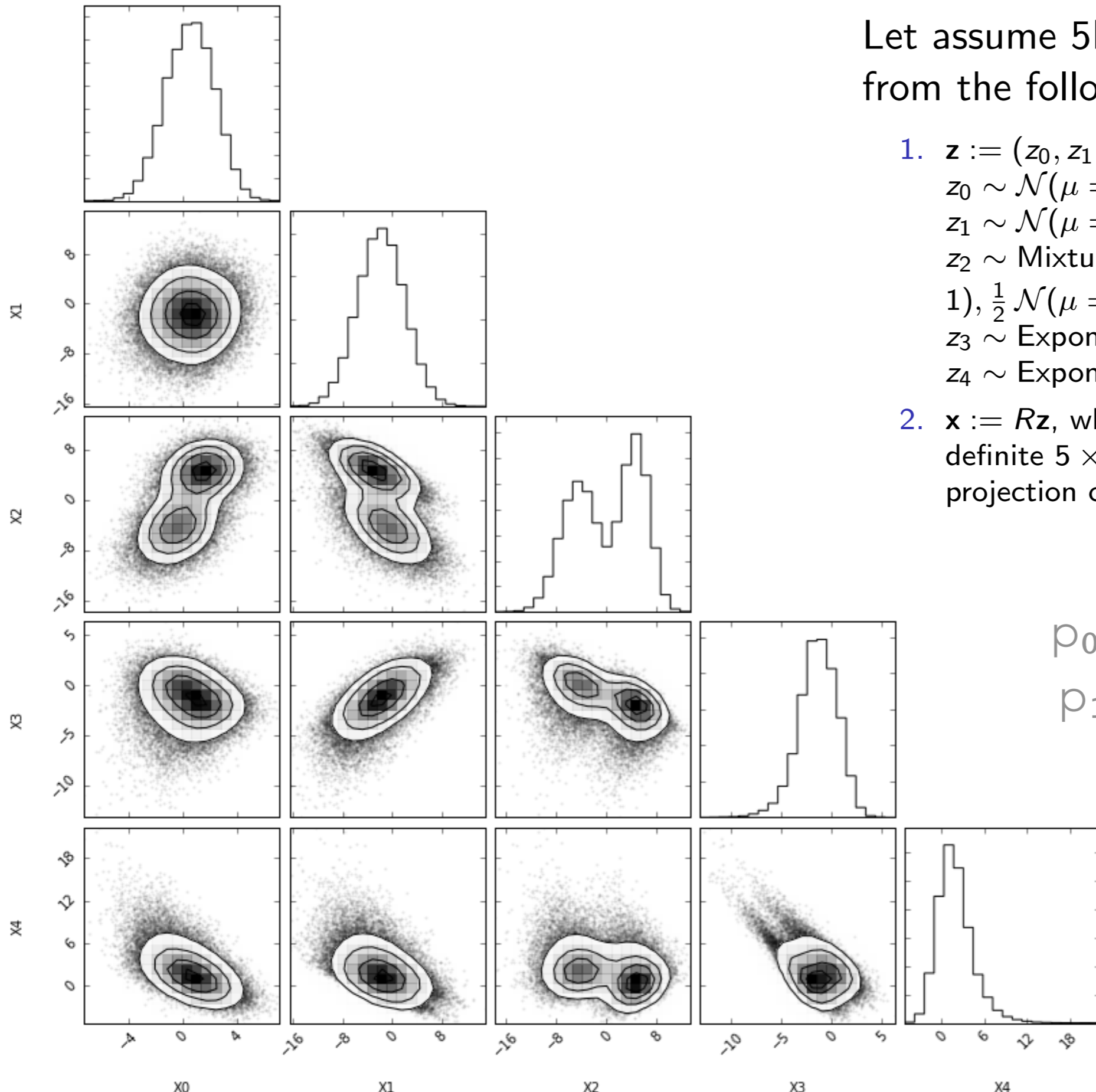
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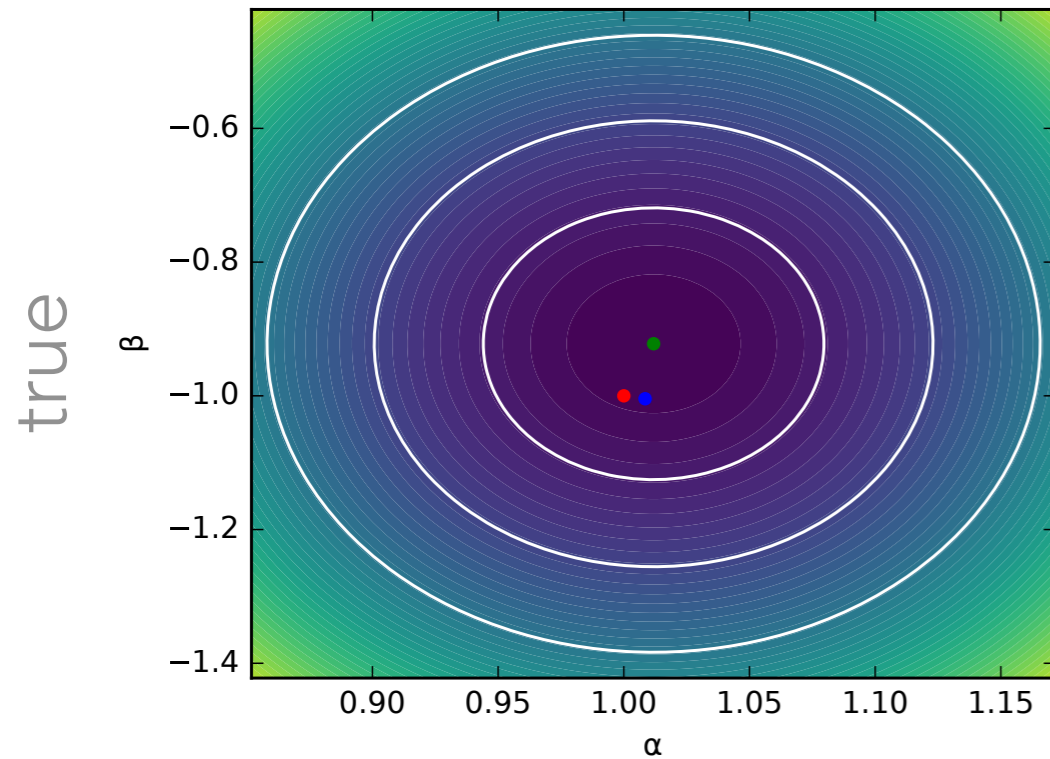
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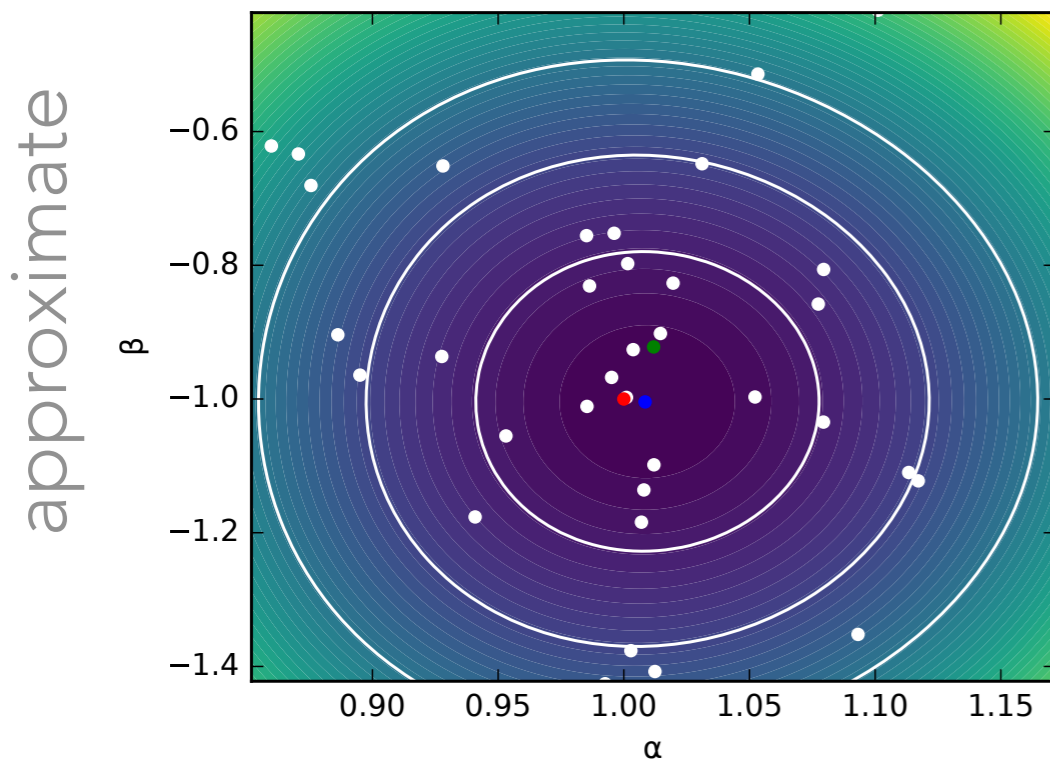
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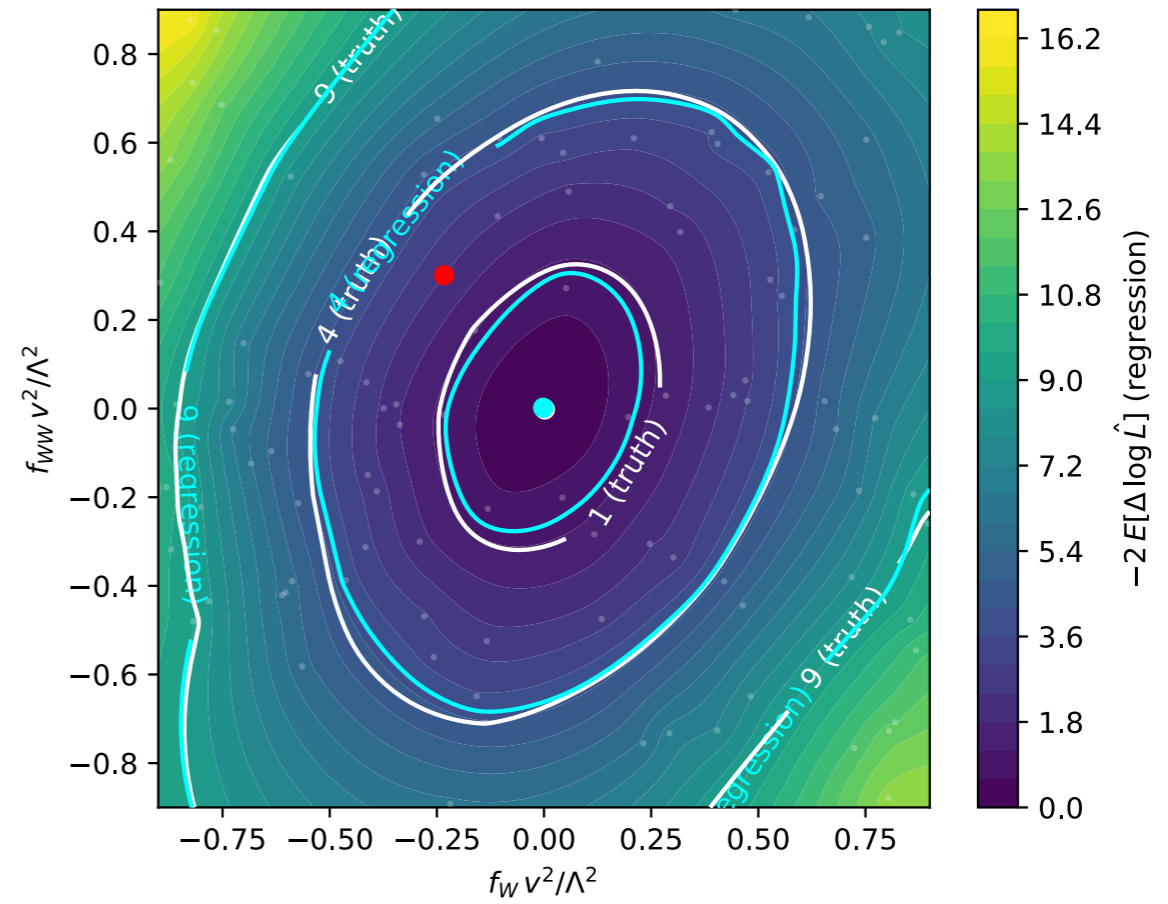
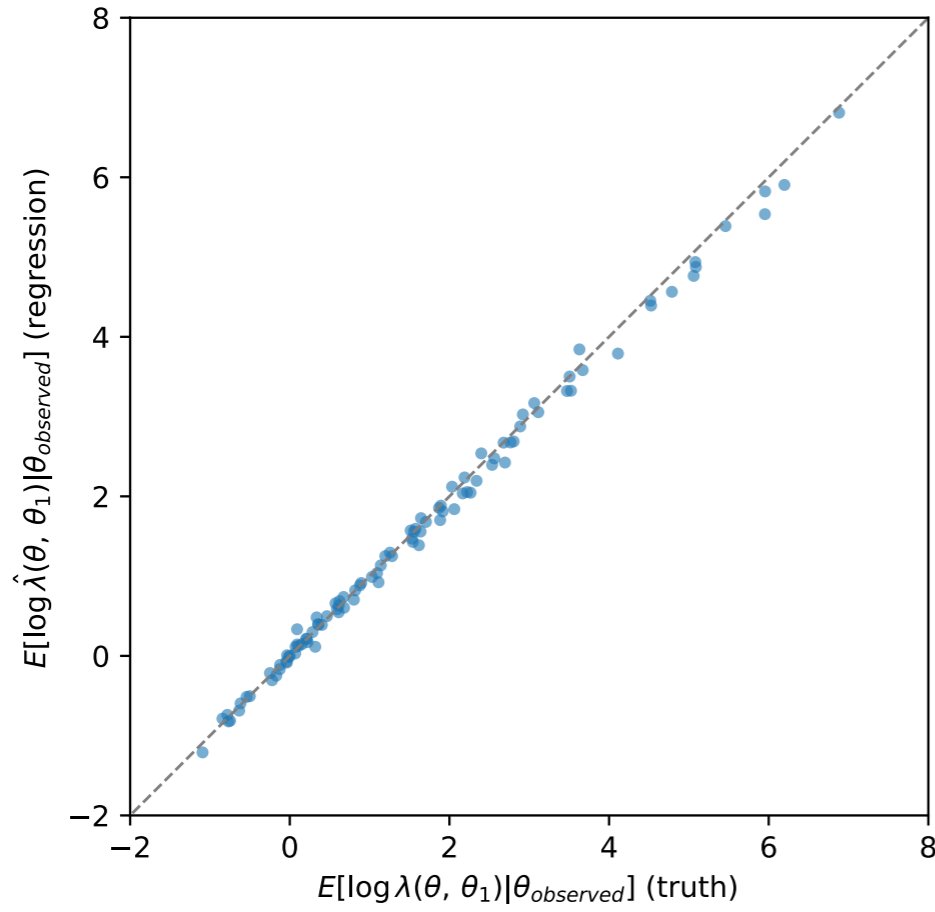


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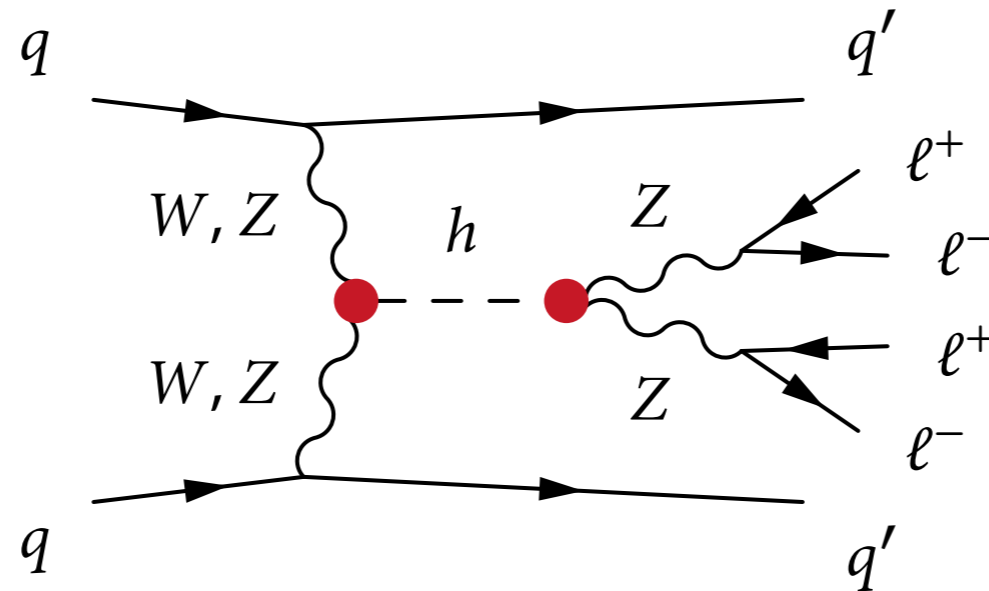
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LEARNING A 16 DIM LIKELIHOOD

Estimated likelihood



True likelihood



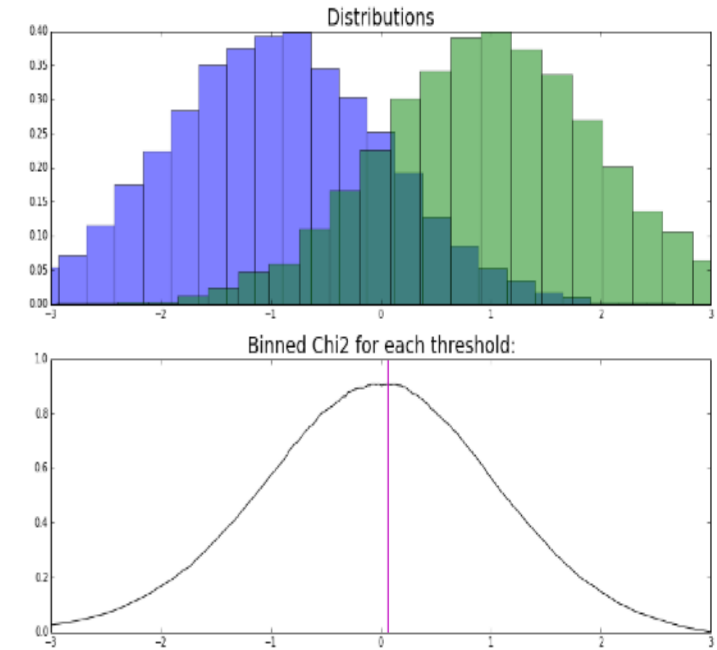
High Dimensional Reweighting

GBReweigher

Nice blog post by Alex Rogozhnikov [[link](#)] (Yandex Data Science group based at CERN contributing to **hep_ml** package). He developed **GBReweigher**.

Find decision trees that **maximize** "symmetrized χ^2 "

$$\chi^2 = \sum_{\text{bin}} \frac{(w_{\text{bin, original}} - w_{\text{bin, target}})^2}{w_{\text{bin, original}} + w_{\text{bin, target}}}$$



"Note, that I want it to be as high as possible. If the weights of original and target distribution are equal, I don't need to reweight in this bin and corresponding summand is zero. If the summand is high, reweighting in bin is needed."

Then he boosts:

1. build a shallow tree to maximize symmetrized χ^2
2. compute predictions in leaves:

$$\text{leaf_pred} = \ln \frac{w_{\text{leaf, target}}}{w_{\text{leaf, original}}}$$

3. reweight distributions (compare with AdaBoost):

$$w \leftarrow \begin{cases} w, & \text{if event from target (RD) distribution} \\ w \times e^{\text{pred}}, & \text{if event from original (MC) distribution} \end{cases}$$

```
from hep_ml.reweight import GBReweigher
gb = GBReweigher()
gb.fit(mc_data, real_data)
gb.predict_weights(mc_other_channel)
```

APPROXIMATE LIKELIHOOD RATIOS WITH CLASSIFIERS

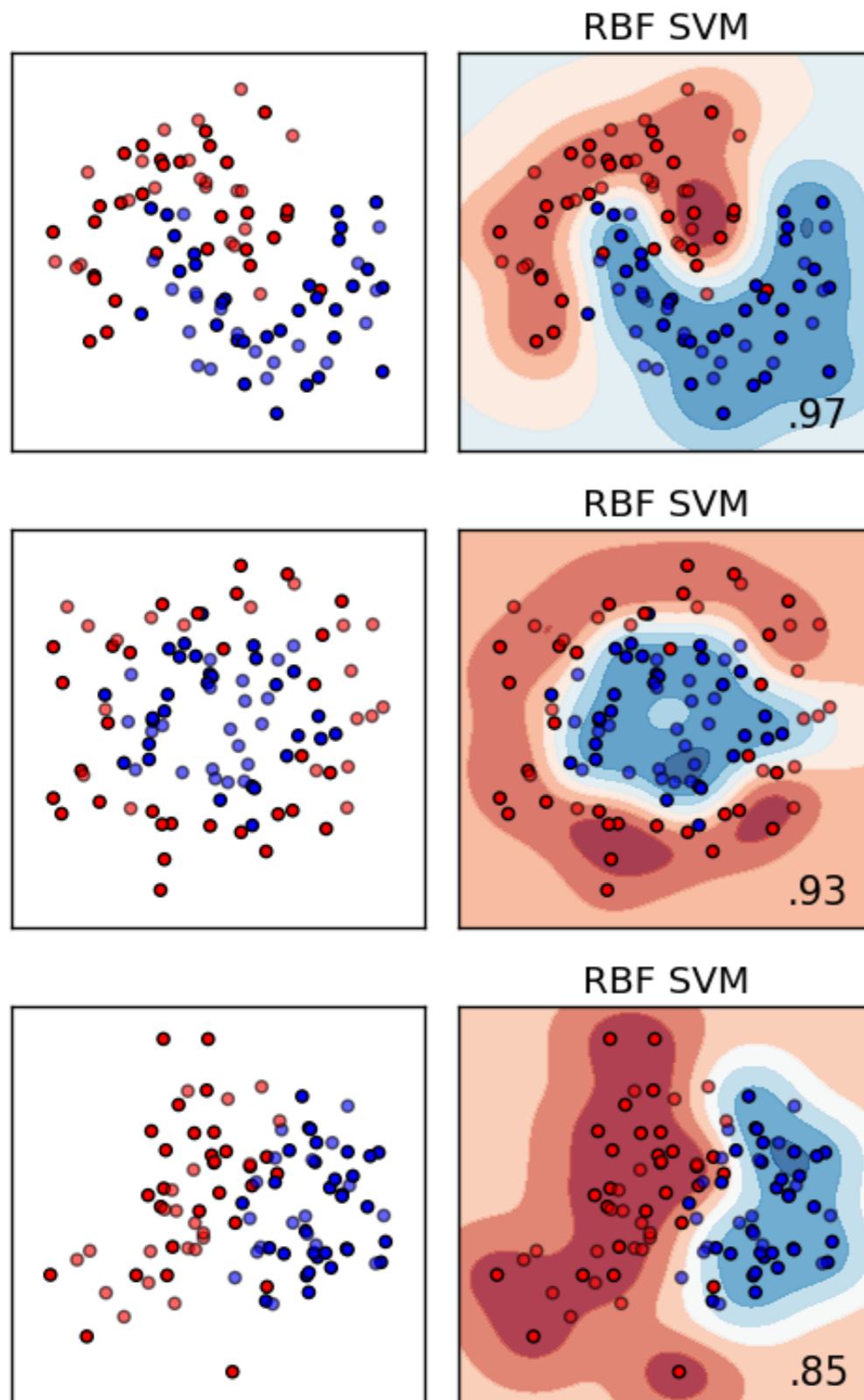
Idea is to train a classifier for signal (H_1) vs. background (H_0)

- with a balanced sample of $y=0,1$ labels and a squared loss the optimal classifier would learn the regression function

$$s(x) = \frac{p(x|H_1)}{p(x|H_0) + p(x|H_1)}$$

- which is 1-to-1 with the likelihood ratio

$$\frac{p(x|H_1)}{p(x|H_0)}$$



IMPORTANCE OF CALIBRATION

Ideally classifier will learn

$$s(x) = \frac{p(x|H_1)}{p(x|H_0) + p(x|H_1)} = \frac{r(x)}{1 + r(x)}$$

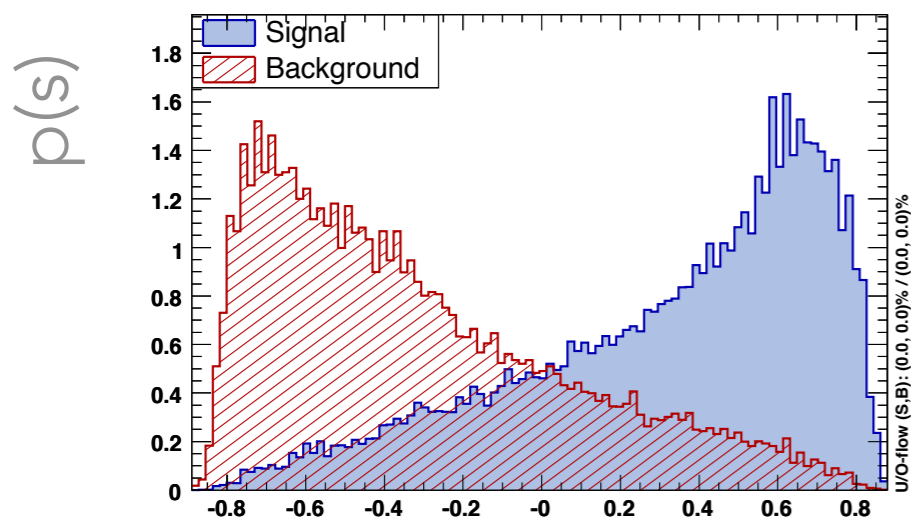
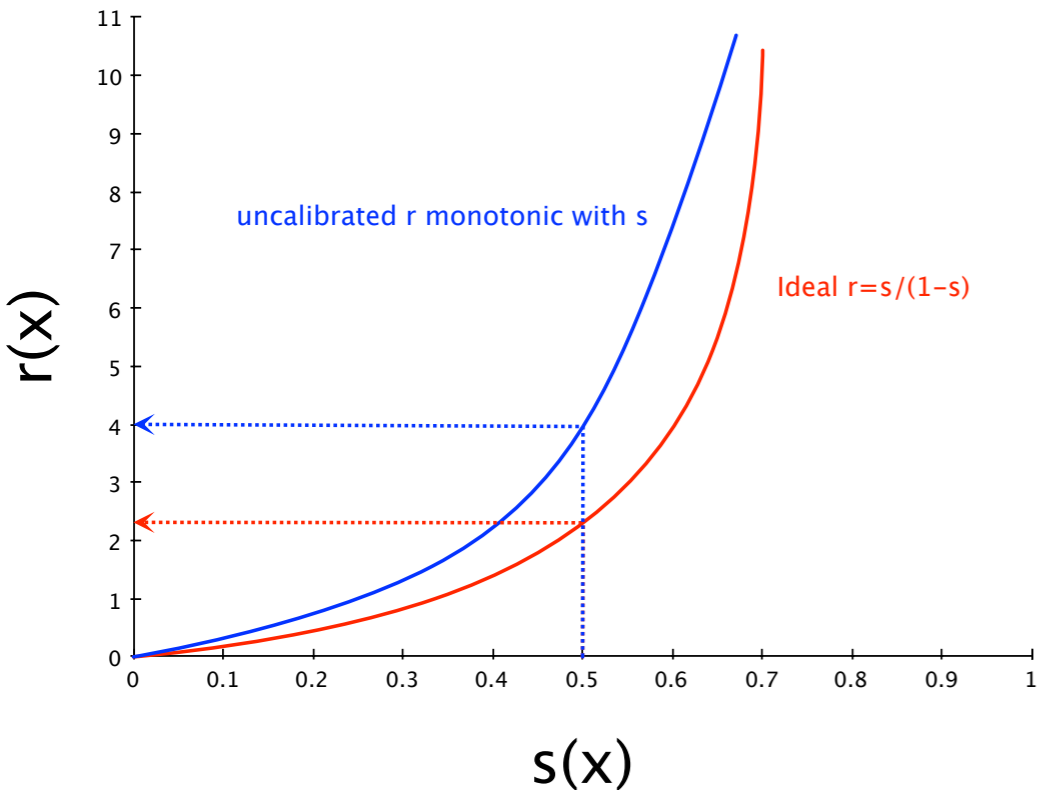
which is 1-to-1 with the likelihood ratio

$$r(x) = \frac{p(x|H_1)}{p(x|H_0)} = \frac{s(x)}{1 - s(x)}$$

but often inverting $s(x) \rightarrow r(x)$ typically doesn't work well because the classifier isn't well calibrated and learns something monotonic in $r(x)$.

Still ok, just need to calibrate it

$$r(x) = \frac{p(x|H_1)}{p(x|H_0)} = \frac{p(s(x)|H_1)}{p(s(x)|H_0)}$$



Theorem if s monotonic with $r \rightarrow$

If $s(x)$ is monotonic with $p_1(x)/p_0(x)$, then we have

Theorem 1: We have the following equality

$$(2.6) \quad \frac{p_1(s(x))}{p_0(s(x))} = \frac{p_1(x)}{p_0(x)} .$$

Proof For $x \in \Omega_{s^*}$, we can factor out of the integral the constant $p_1(x)/p_0(x)$.

Thus

$$(2.7) \quad p_1(s^*) = \int d\Omega_{s^*} p_1(x) / |\hat{n} \cdot \nabla s| = \frac{p_1(x)}{p_0(x)} \int d\Omega_{s^*} p_0(x) / |\hat{n} \cdot \nabla s| ,$$

and the integrals cancel in the likelihood ratio

$$(2.8) \quad \frac{p_1(s^*)}{p_0(s^*)} = \frac{p_1(x) \int d\Omega_{s^*} p_0(x) / |\hat{n} \cdot \nabla s|}{p_0(x) \int d\Omega_{s^*} p_0(x) / |\hat{n} \cdot \nabla s|} = \frac{p_1(x)}{p_0(x)} \quad \forall x \in \Omega_{s^*} .$$

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A toy example

REPRODUCIBLE NOTEBOOK WITH CODE AND PLOTS:

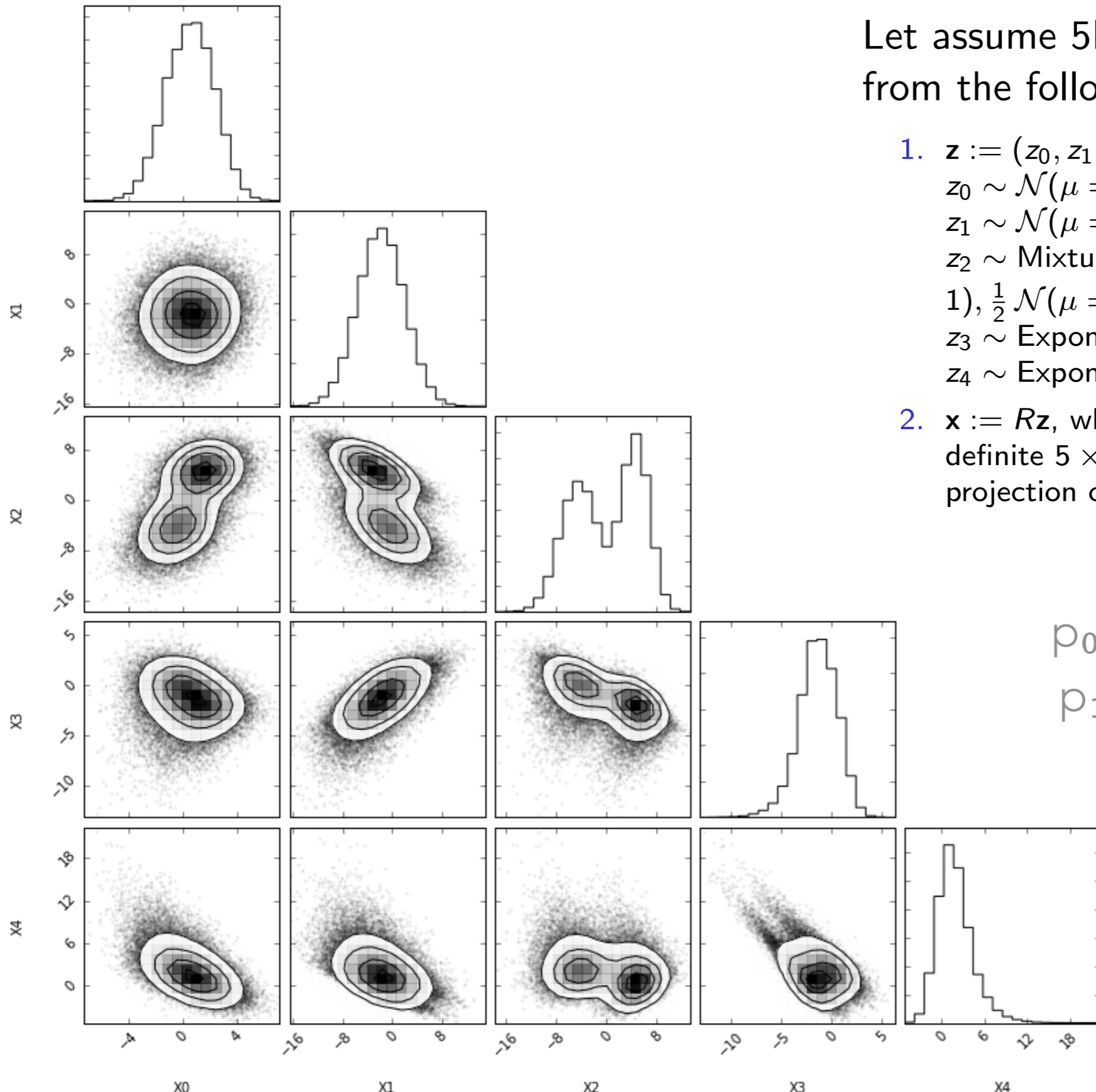
<https://github.com/cranmer/carl-notebooks/blob/master/reweighing-high-dimensional-data.ipynb>

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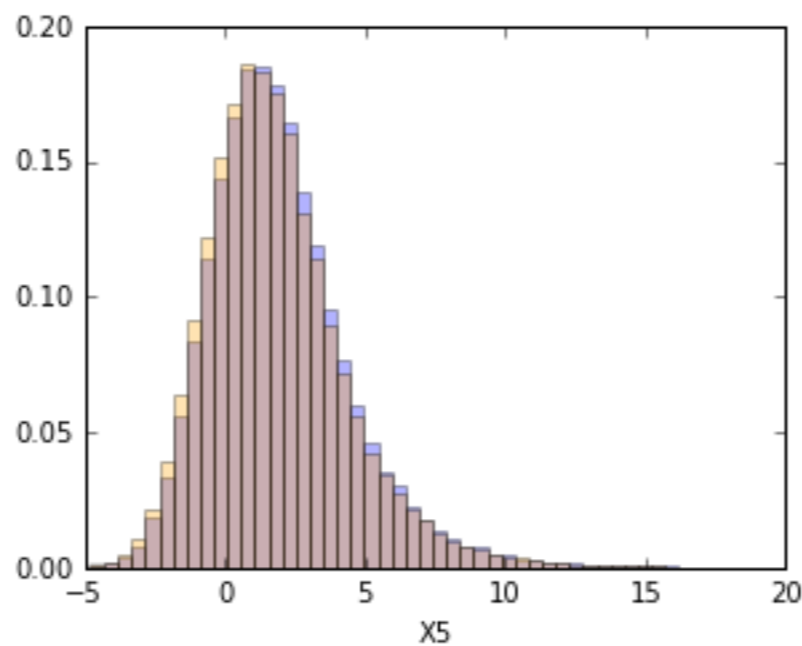
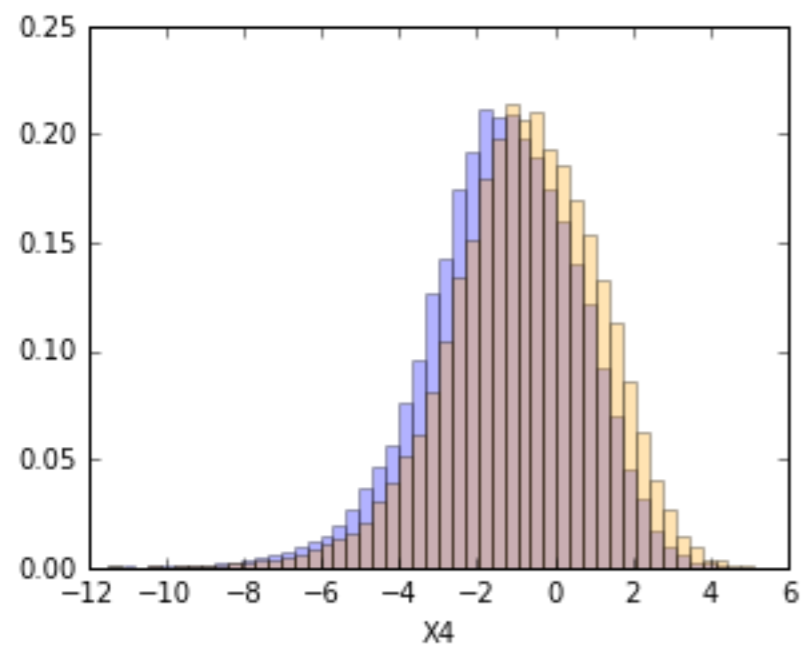
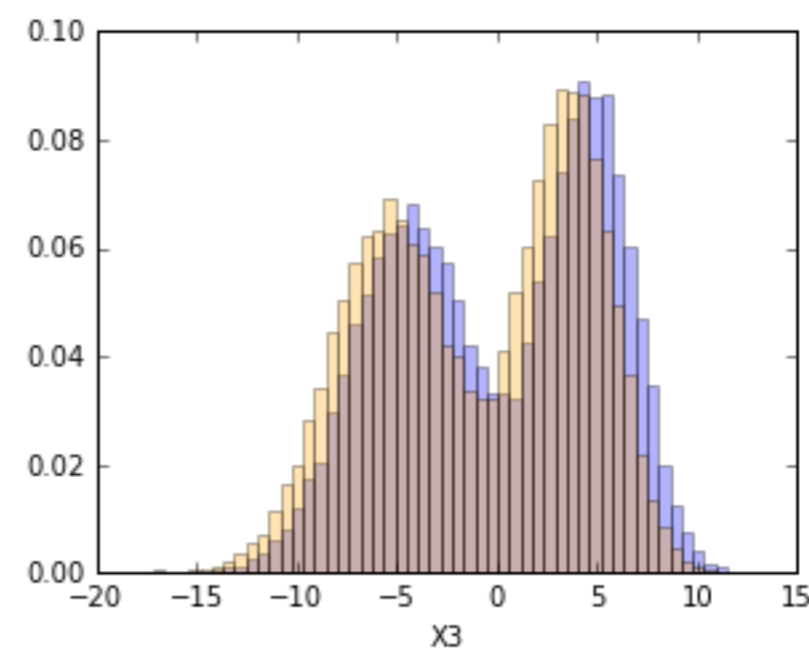
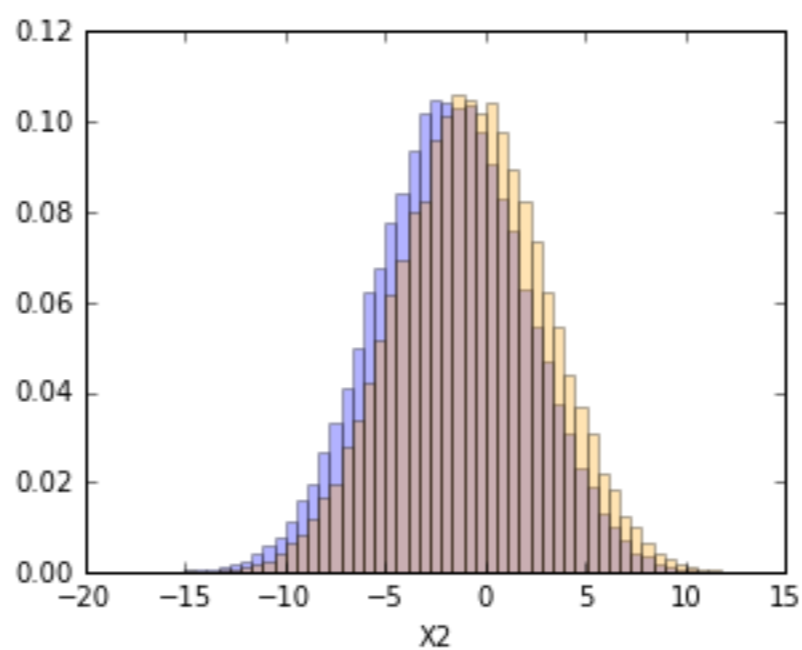
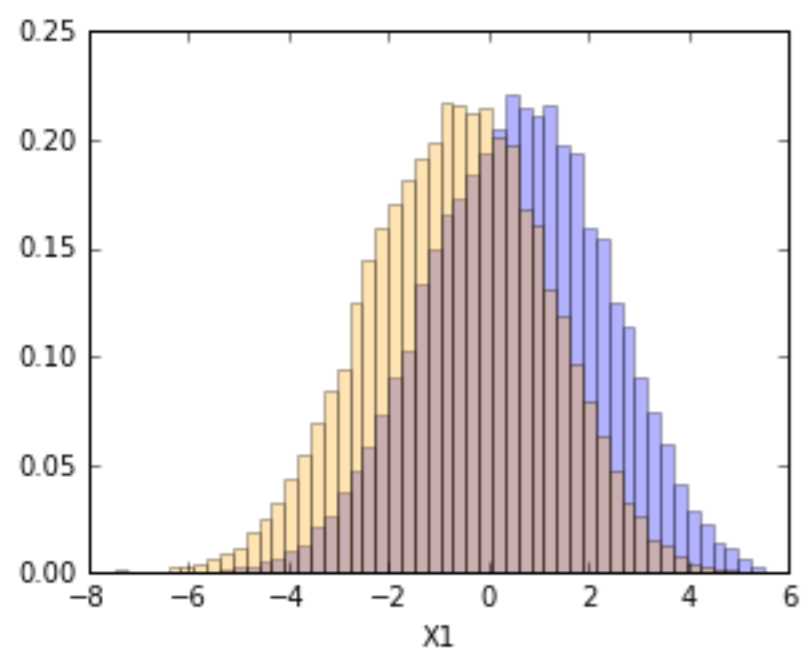
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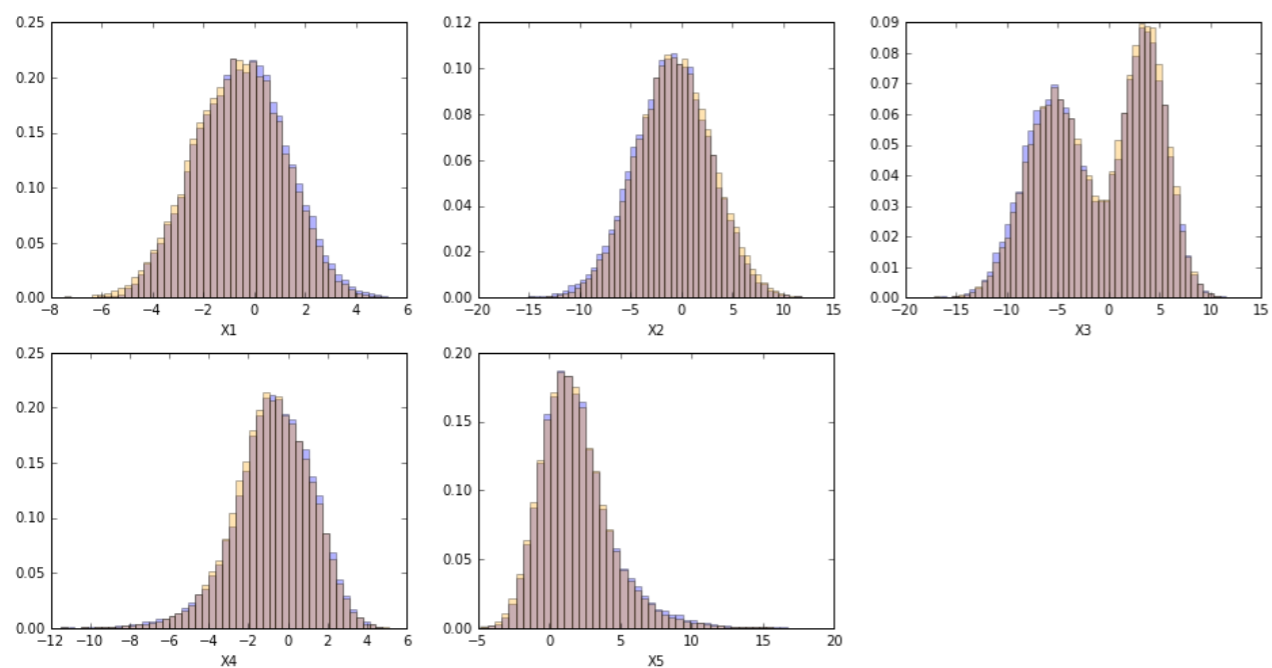
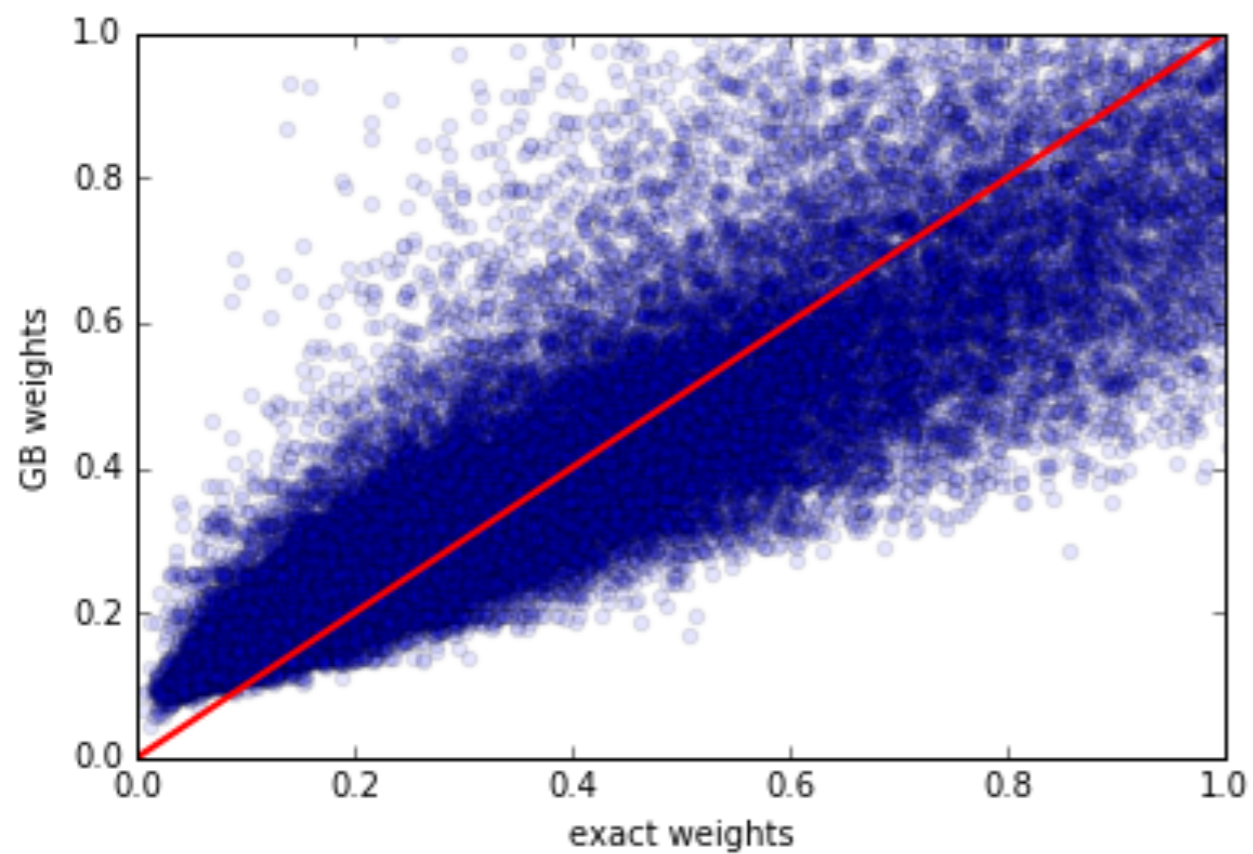
ORIGINAL VS. TARGET DISTRIBUTIONS

1-d projections of the original and target distributions

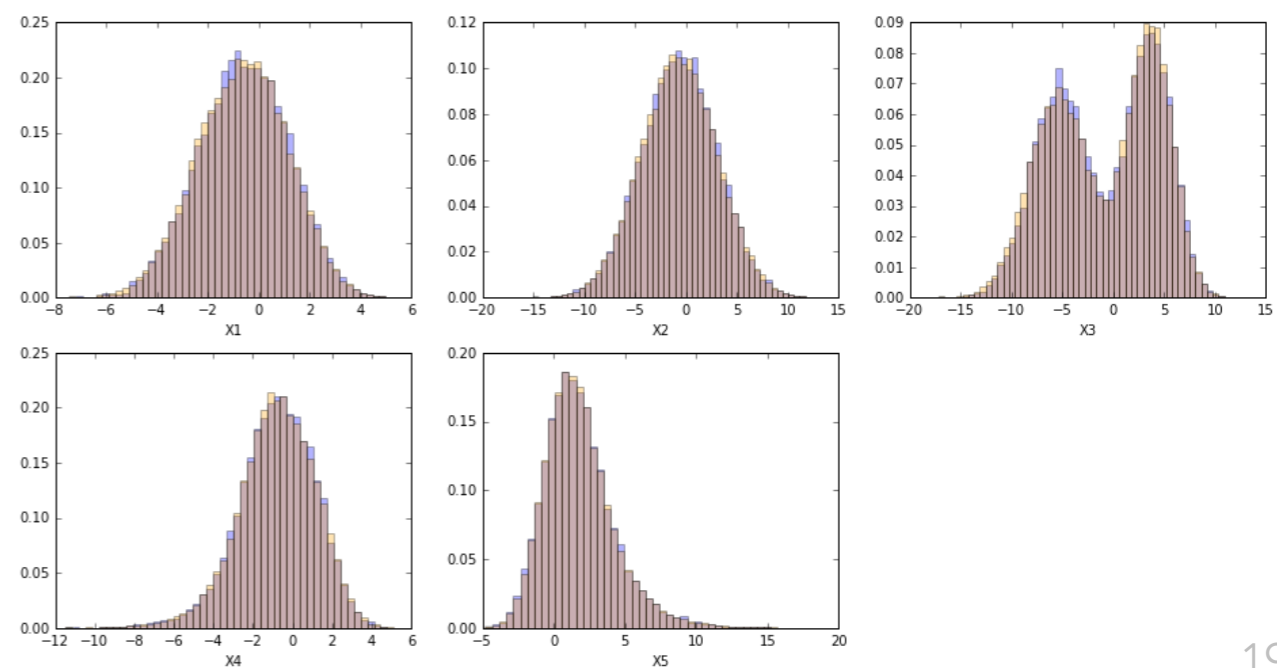
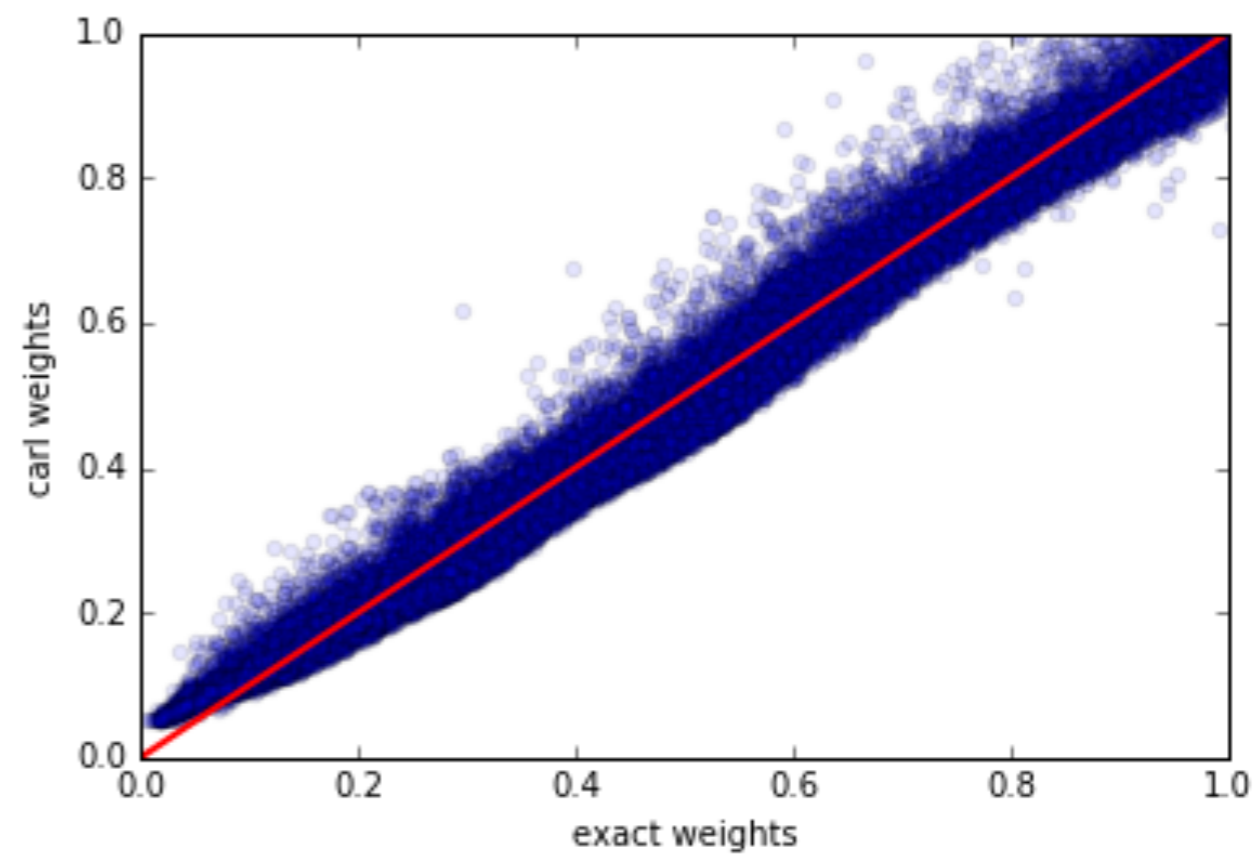


TWO REWEIGHING METHODS: 100K SAMPLES

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carl with calibrated MLP



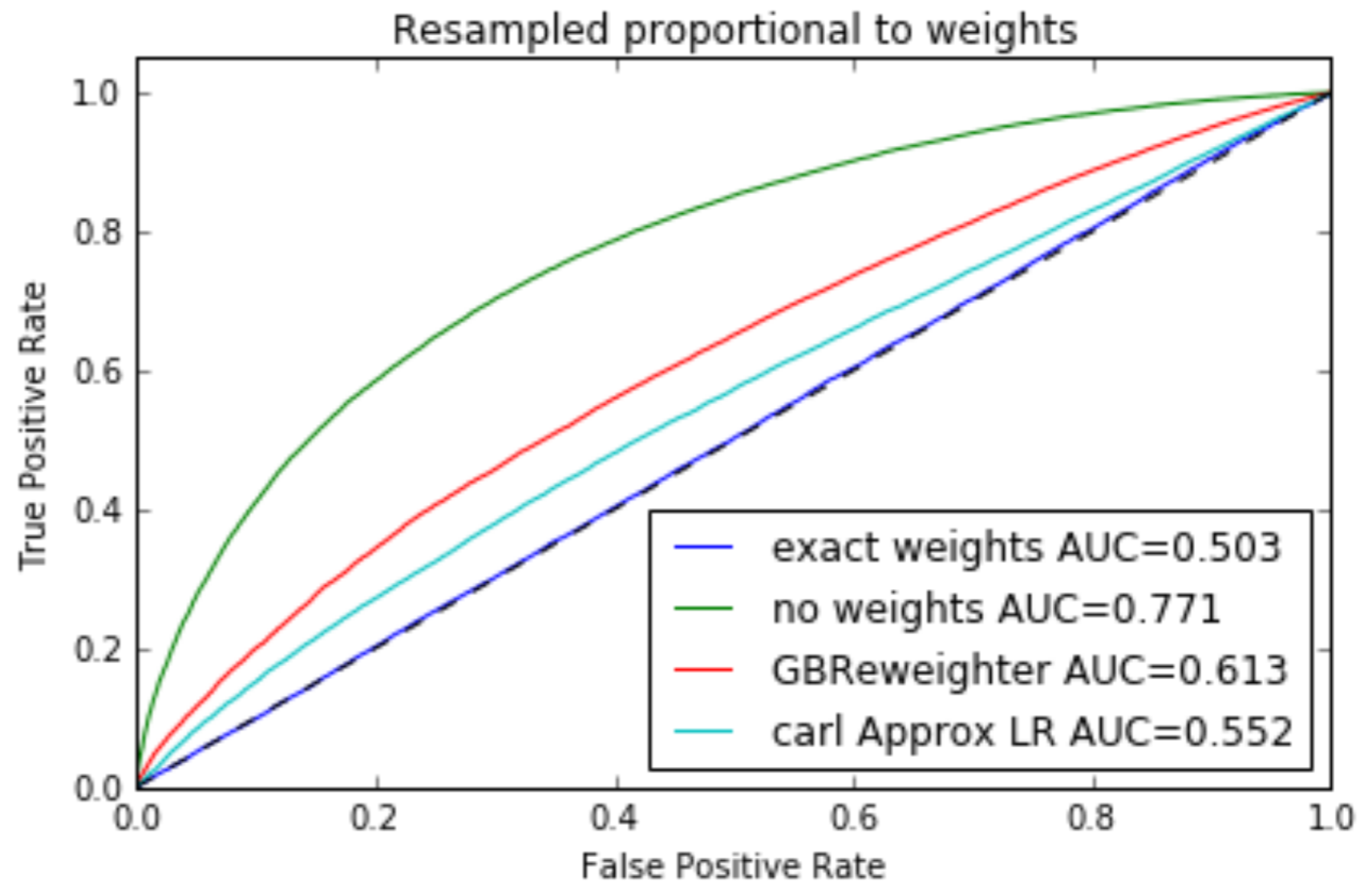
EVALUATING THE QUALITY OF THE REWEIGHTING

Train a new classifier to **discriminate** between events from target and events resampled from original distribution with probabilities given by the predicted weights

- classifier can easily distinguish unweighted distributions;
- exact weights are perfect (AUC~0.5)
- carl doing a little better than GBReweighter on this problem (no special effort to tune either)
- neither is perfect

Important:

Performance evaluated on independent testing sample



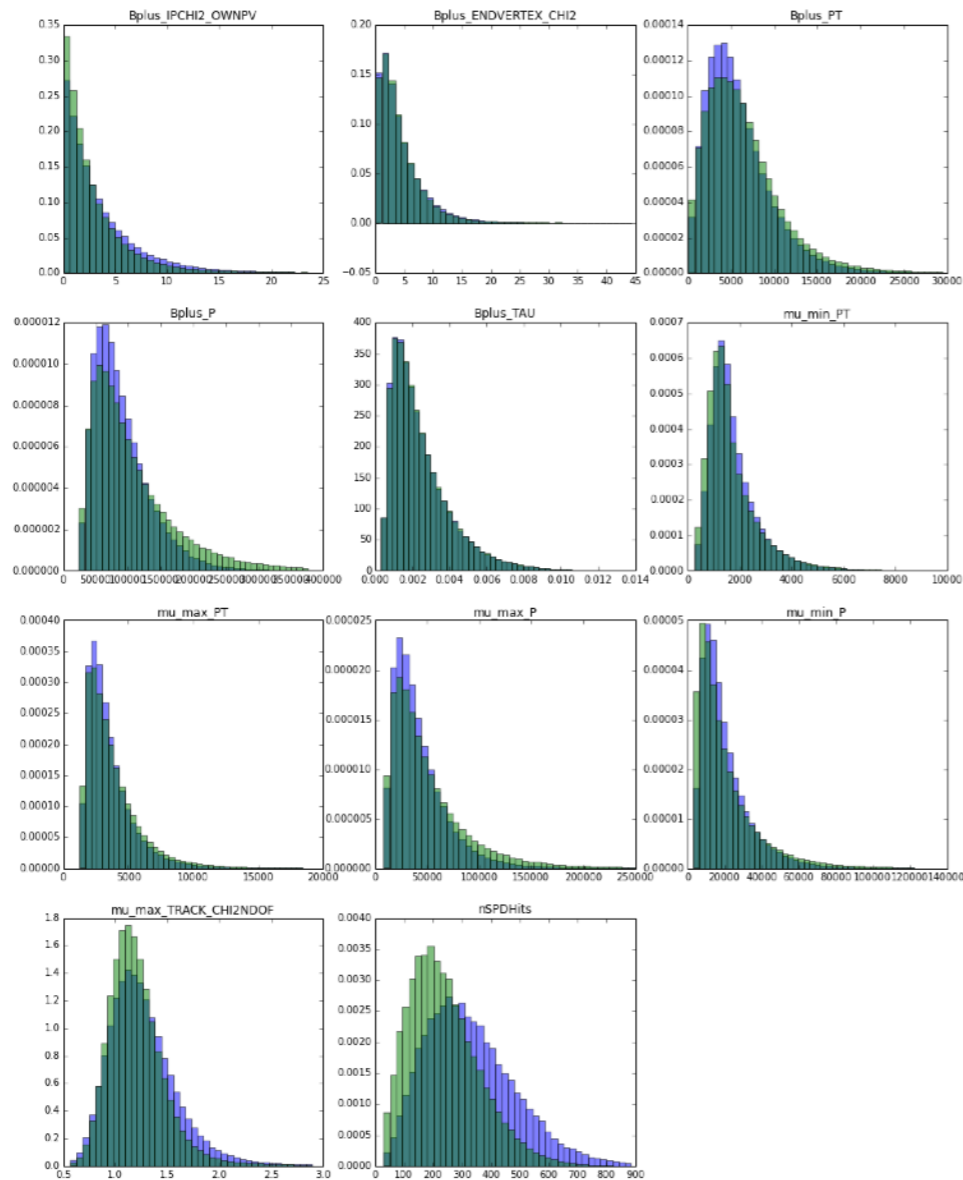
Alex's example

REPRODUCIBLE NOTEBOOK WITH CODE AND PLOTS:

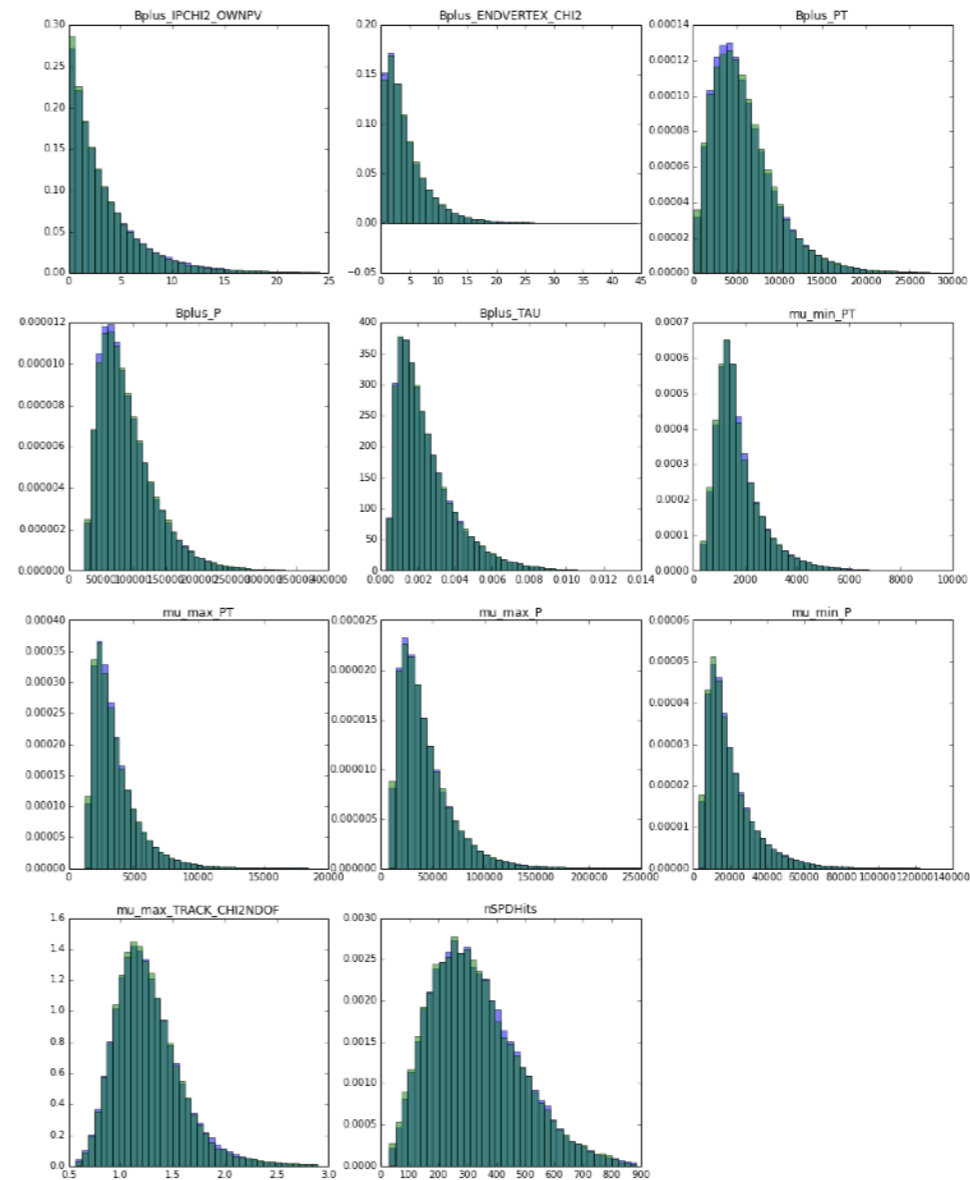
<https://github.com/cranmer/carl-notebooks/blob/master/reweighing-mc-data.ipynb>

FROM ALEX'S BLOG

example data: https://github.com/arogozhnikov/hep_ml/blob/data/data_to_download/



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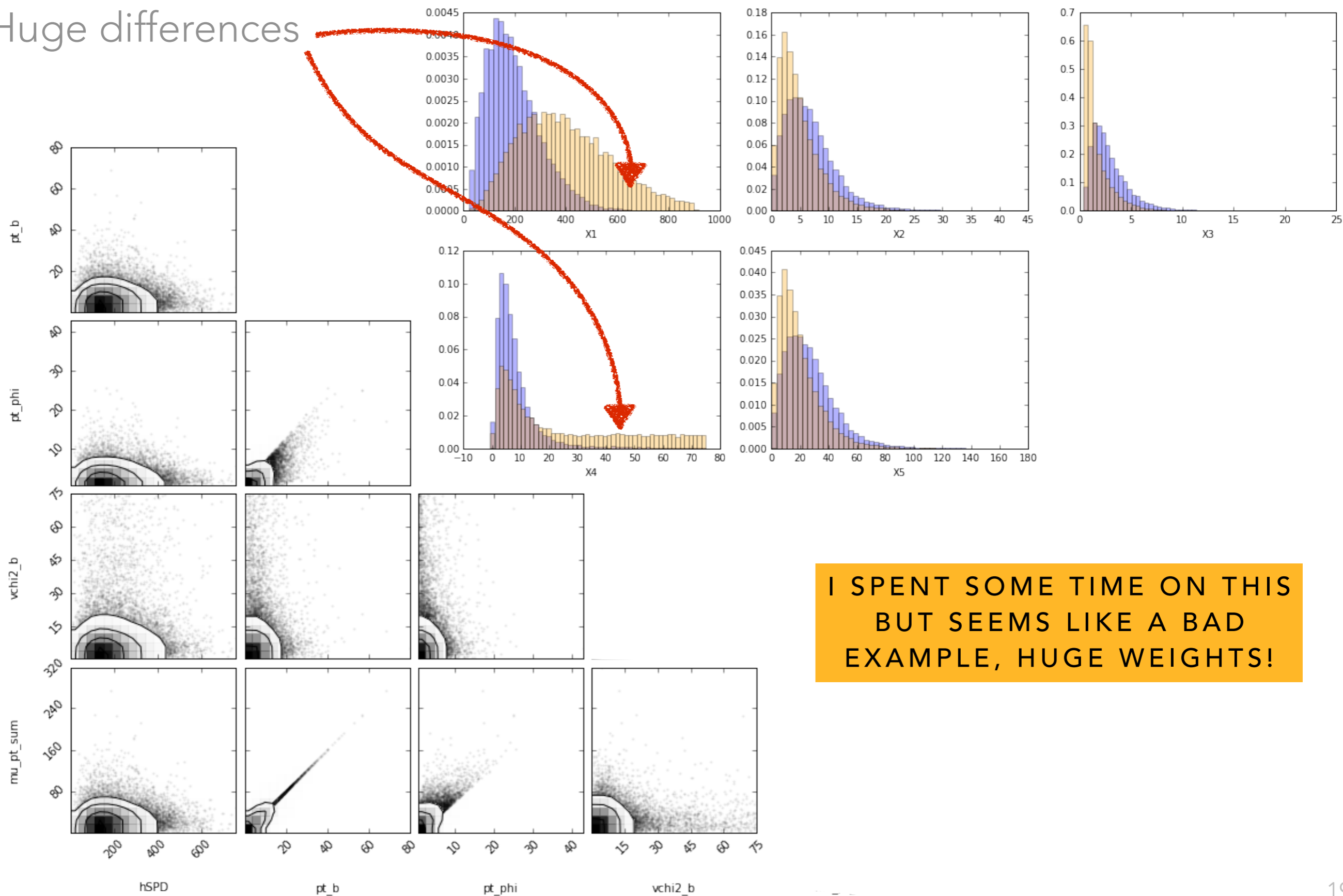


after reweighting

looks great here, but using all the same data for training and making the plots. What does the performance look like if we hold out an independent testing set?

1D AND 2D PROJECTIONS OF THE DATA

Huge differences



I SPENT SOME TIME ON THIS
BUT SEEMS LIKE A BAD
EXAMPLE, HUGE WEIGHTS!

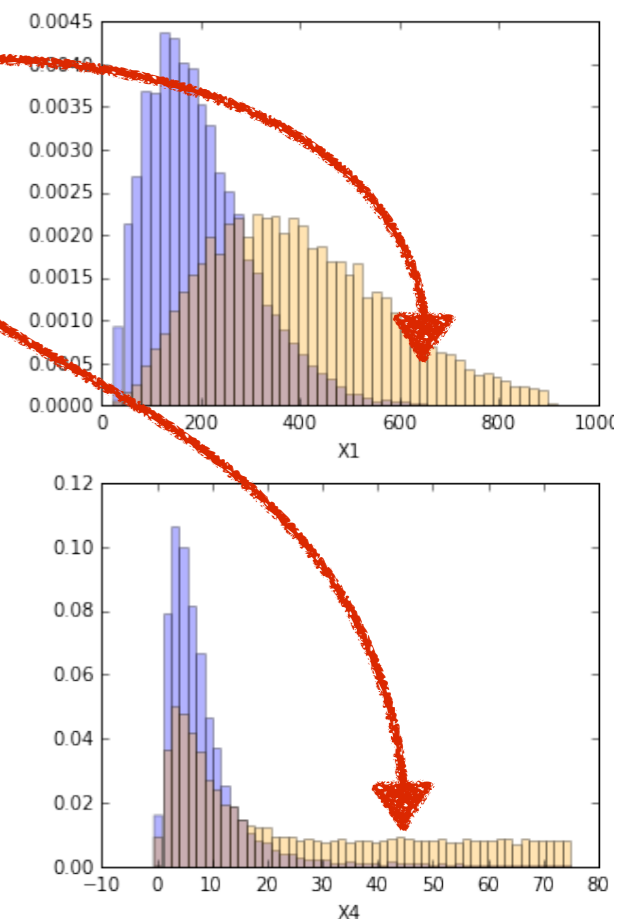
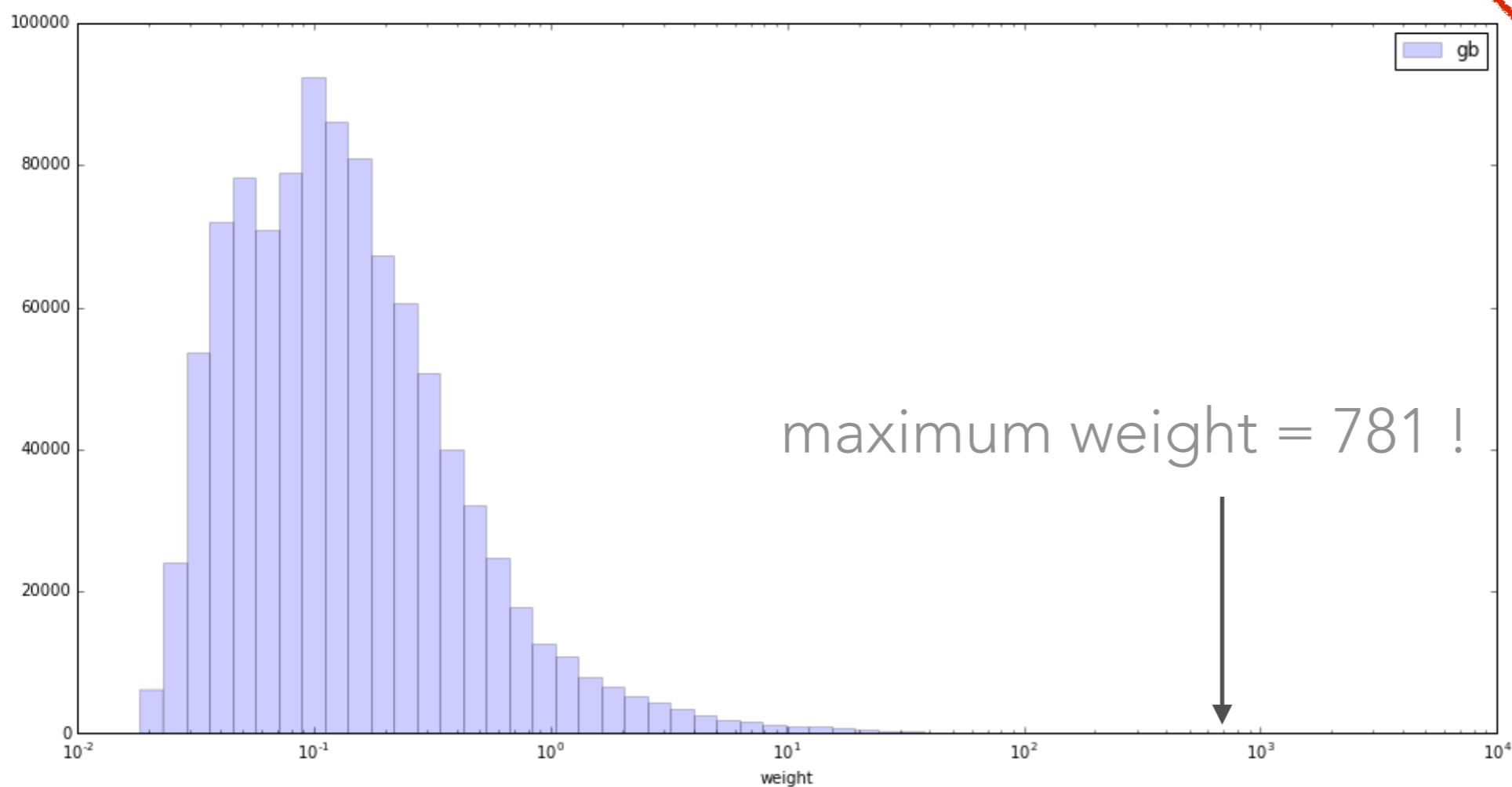
HUGE WEIGHTS AND "COMMON SUPPORT"

Since the distributions are so different, you expect to see huge weights, and you do.

For reweighting to work, $p_0(x)$ and $p_1(x)$ need a common support. To check this, I recommend to make a histogram of the weights.

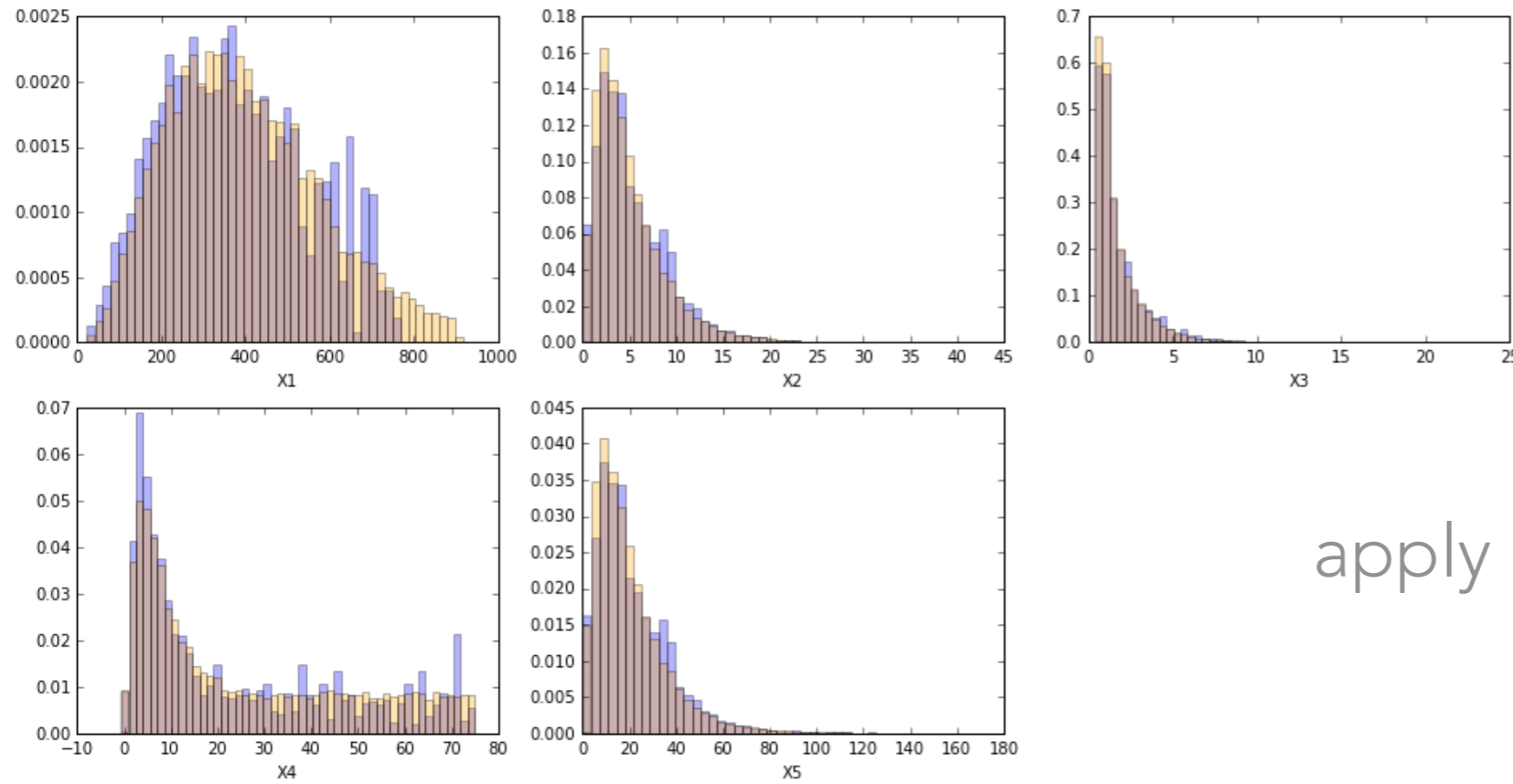
This causes all sorts of problems downstream. It's like that one QCD event that passes your cuts and has a huge weight.

Huge differences

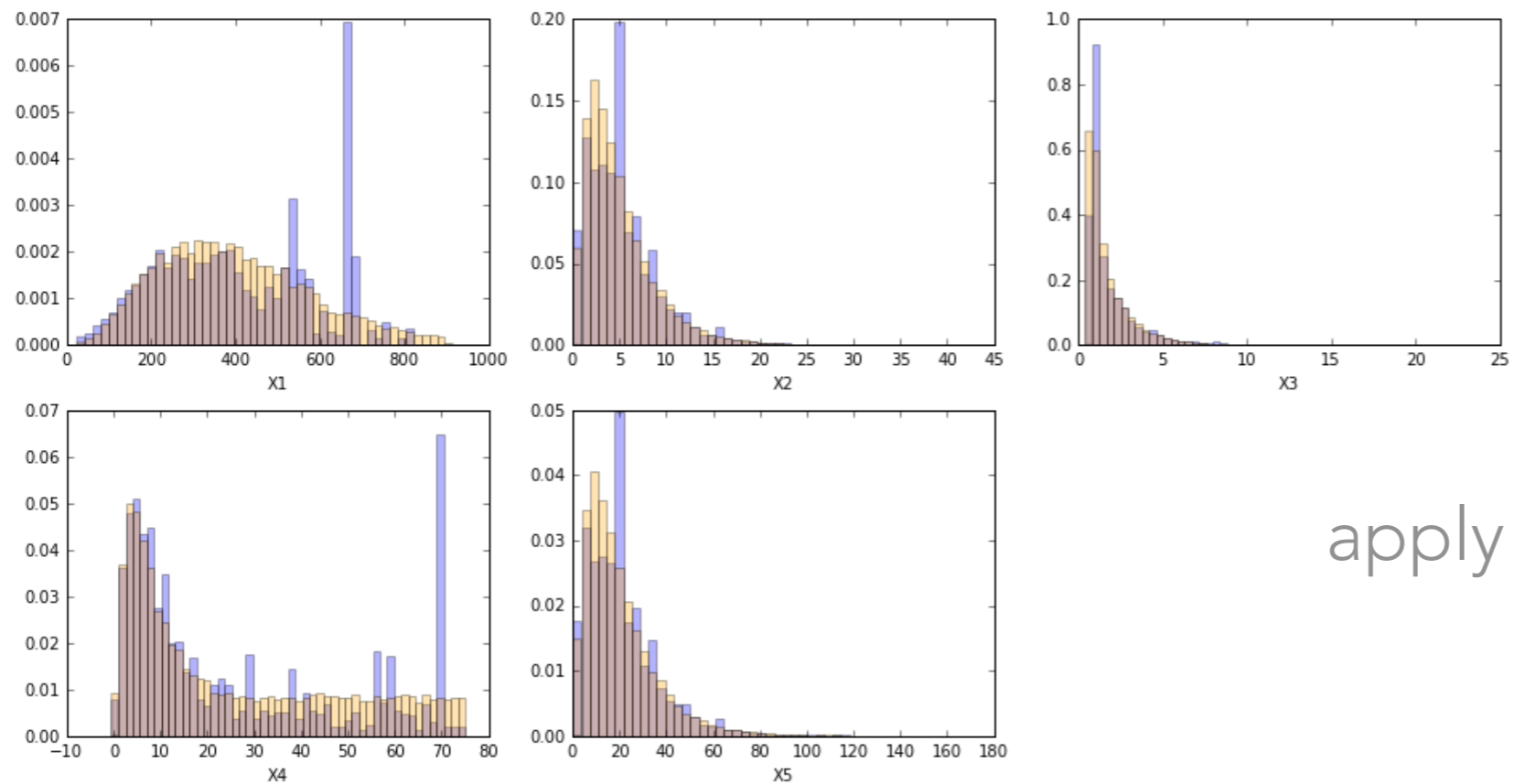


OVERFITTING

NB: original example had many more events from target distribution.
Here I'm using balanced data



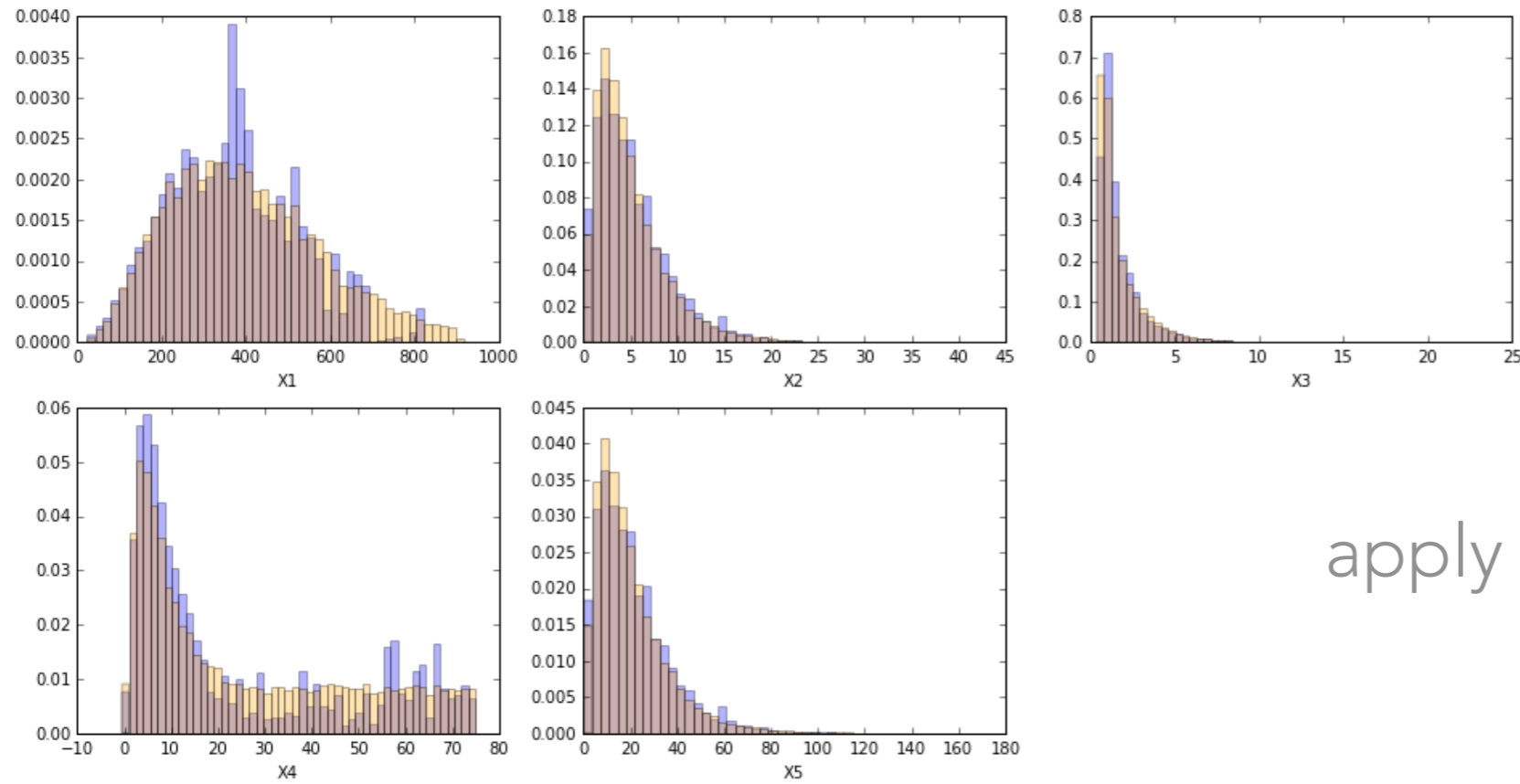
GBRweighter:
apply reweighing to training data



GBRweighter:
apply reweighing to testing data

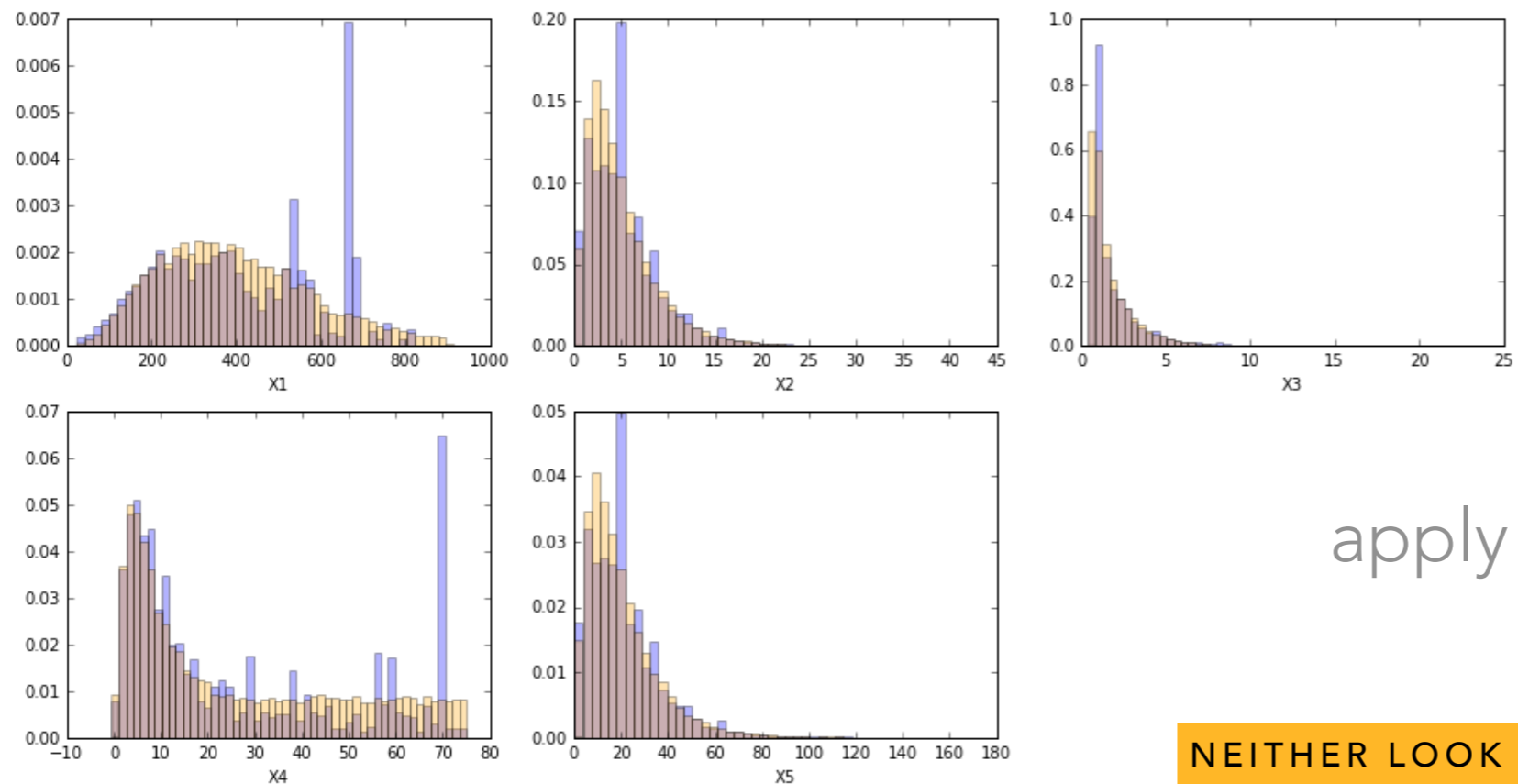
carl vs. GBRewighter

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apply reweighing to testing data



GBRewighter:

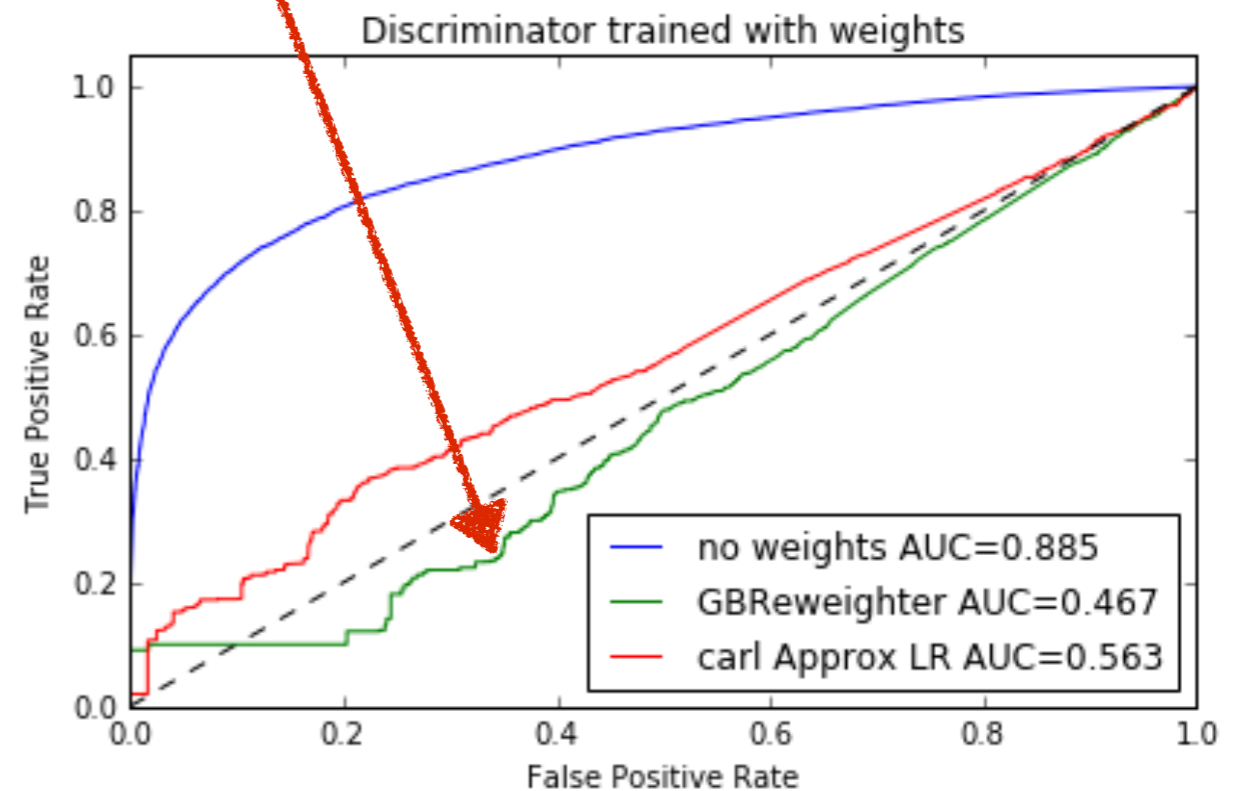
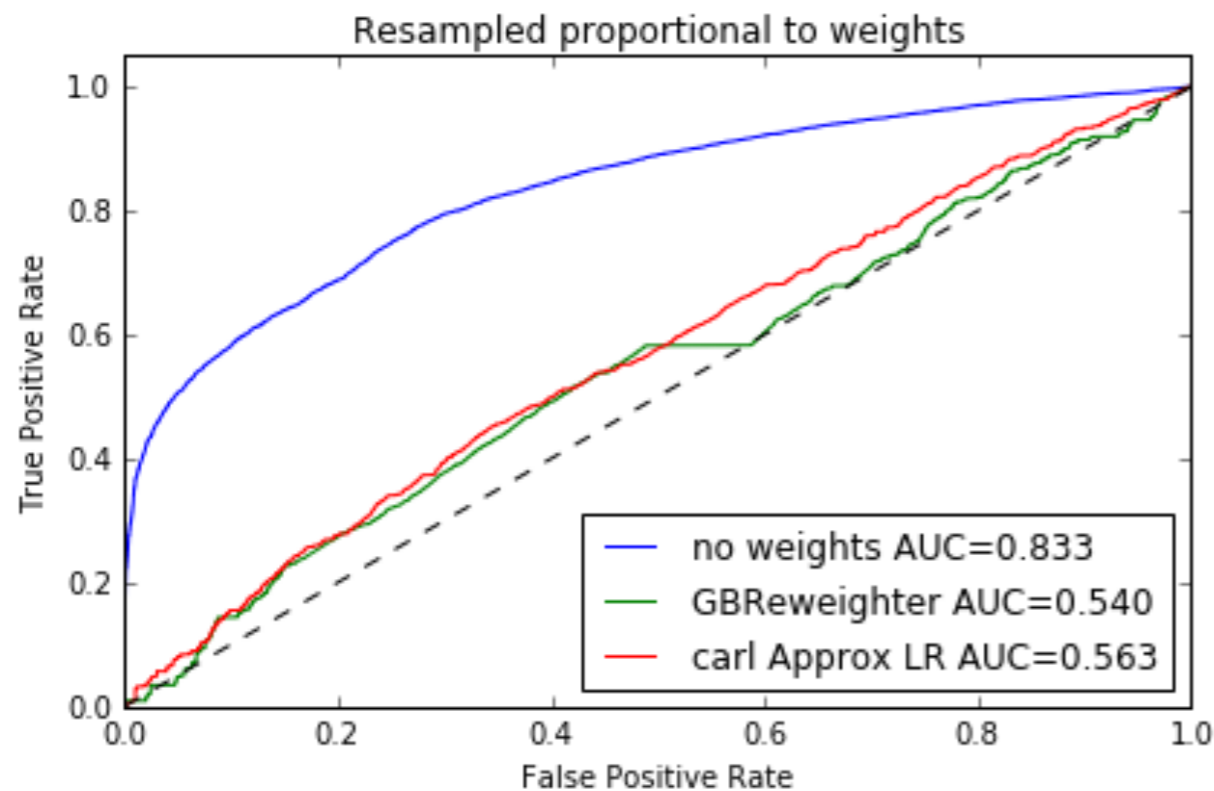
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NEITHER LOOK GOOD, HUGE WEIGHTS A PROBLEM

DIFFERENT APPROACHES TO DISCRIMINATOR

A **discriminator** is a good tool to quantify the performance of the reweighting. Two approaches:

- Resample the original distribution with probabilities proportional to the weights. Train classifier with the resulting unweighted events.
 - large weights lead to large fluctuations in the resampling
- Use a discriminator trained with weighted events.
 - large weights can lead to problems in training and evaluation of ROC curve



SUMMARY

Reweighting in high dimensions is hard when you don't have can't evaluate $p_0(x)$ and $p_1(x)$

- histograms and density estimation won't work well
- As Gilles discussed yesterday, classifiers can be used to approximate likelihood/density ratios (implemented in **carl**), which can be used for reweighting
- the GBReweighter is another strategy, and there are other direct density ratio techniques as well

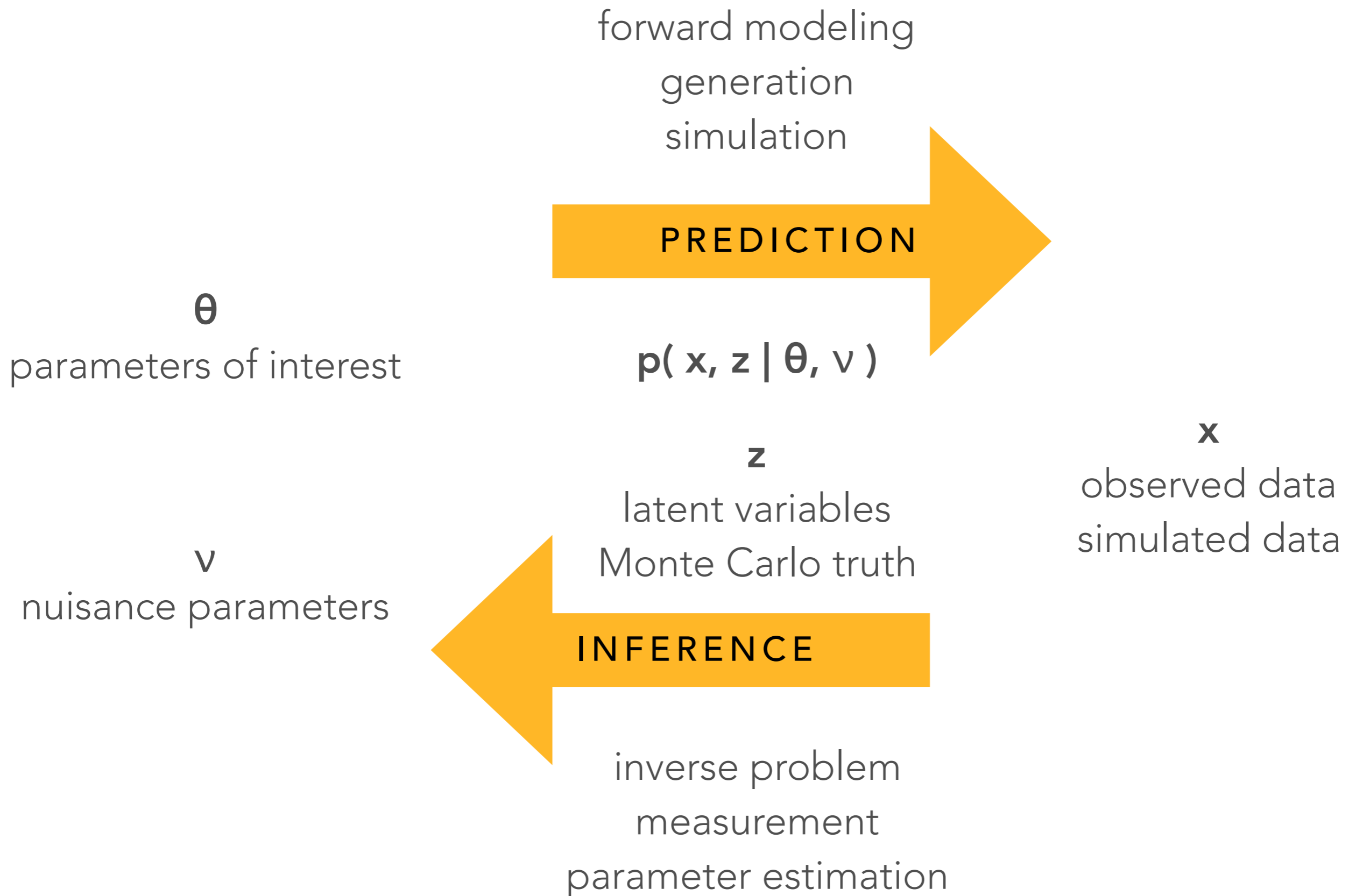
Instead of relying on goodness of fit variables for 1-d projections, it is better to use a discriminator to look for differences between target and reweighted distribution in the high dimensional space

Use cross-validation (independent testing data) to evaluate the performance, or you can fool yourself

Large weights will cause problems downstream, so check that explicitly.

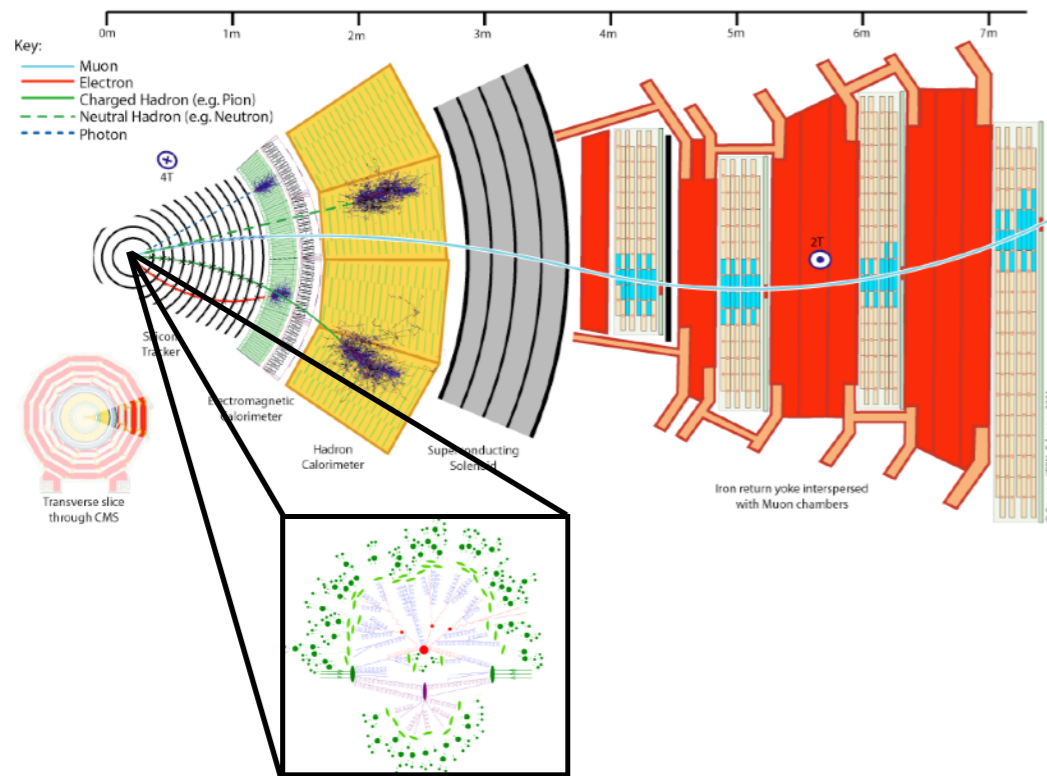
Likelihood Free

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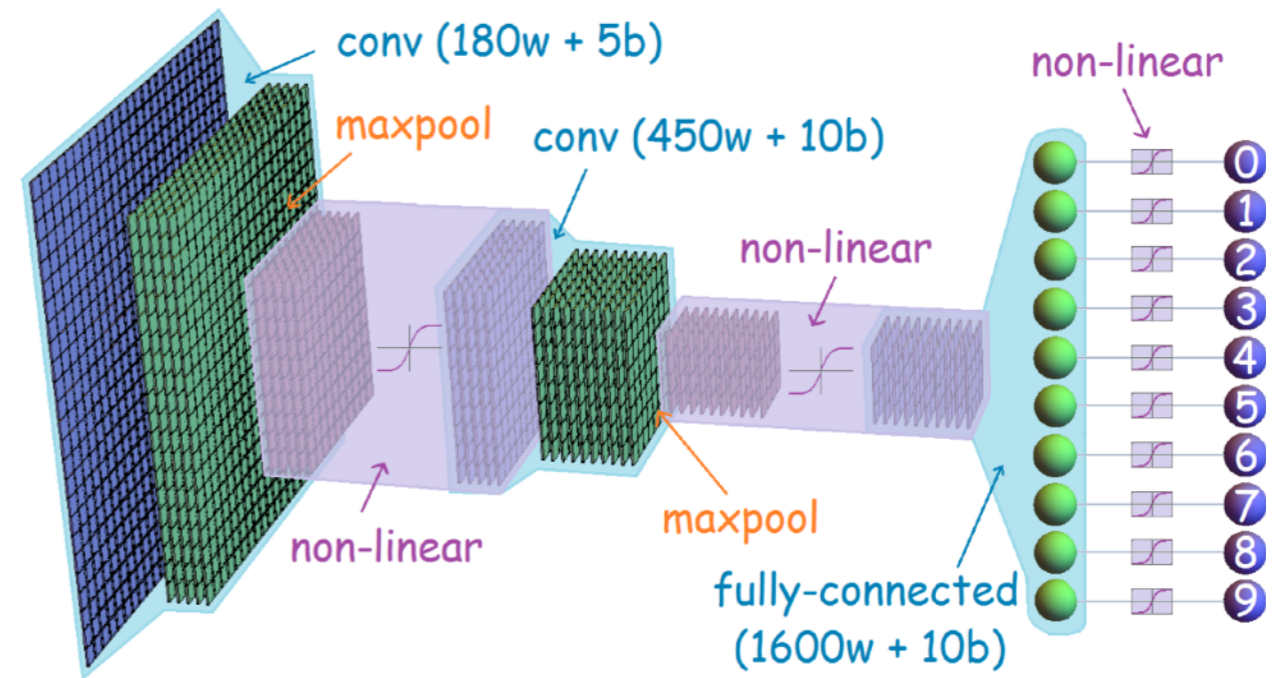
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(much more efficiently)



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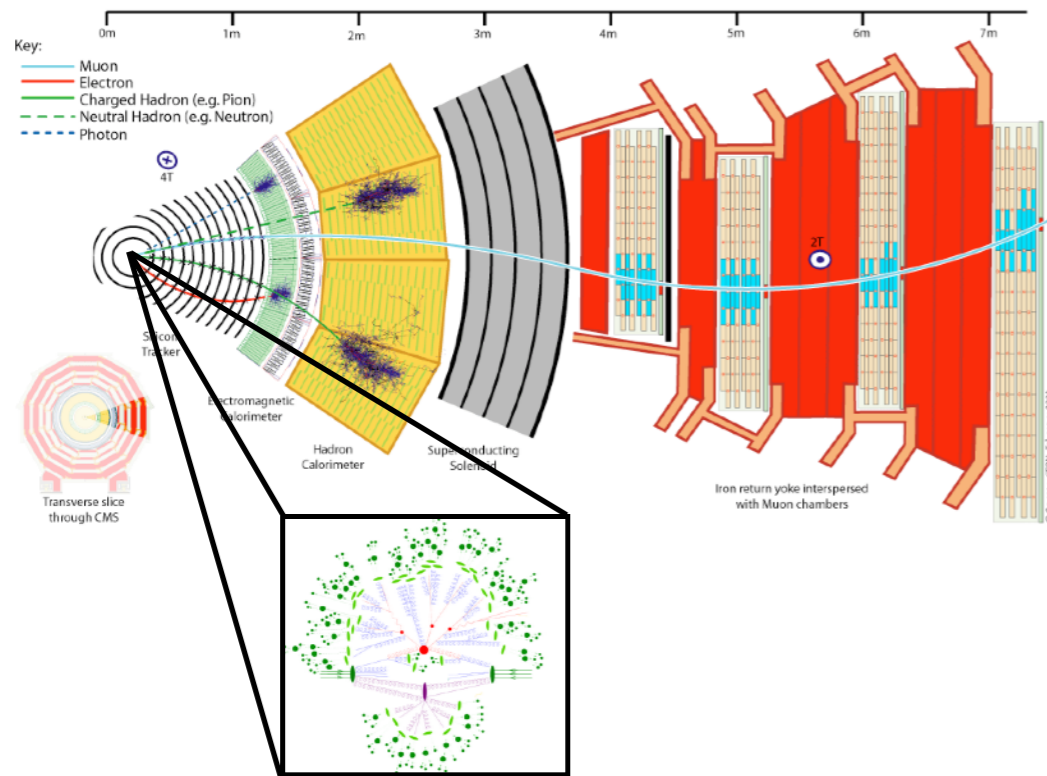
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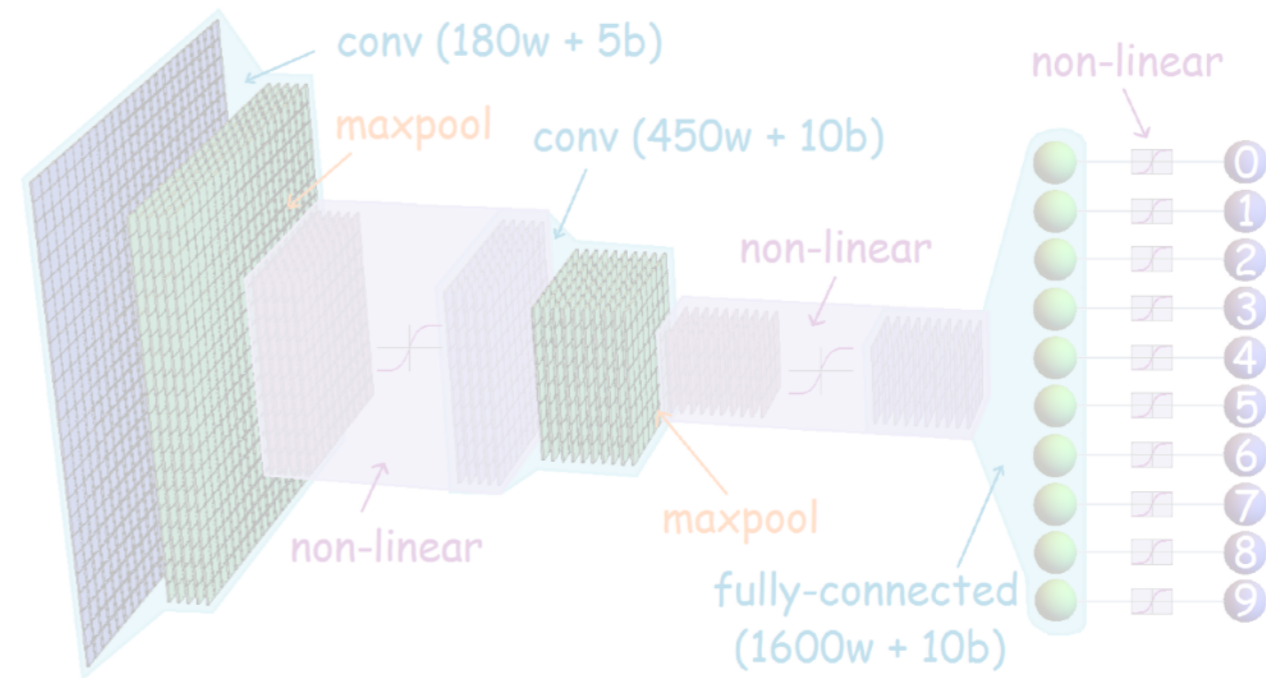
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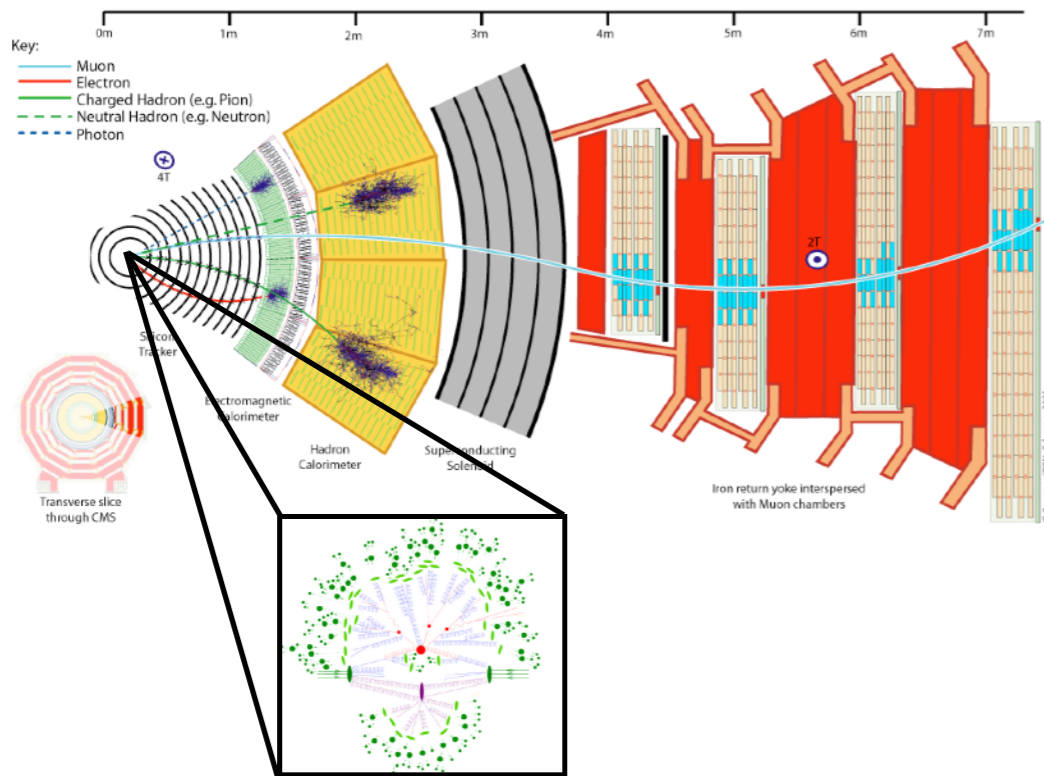
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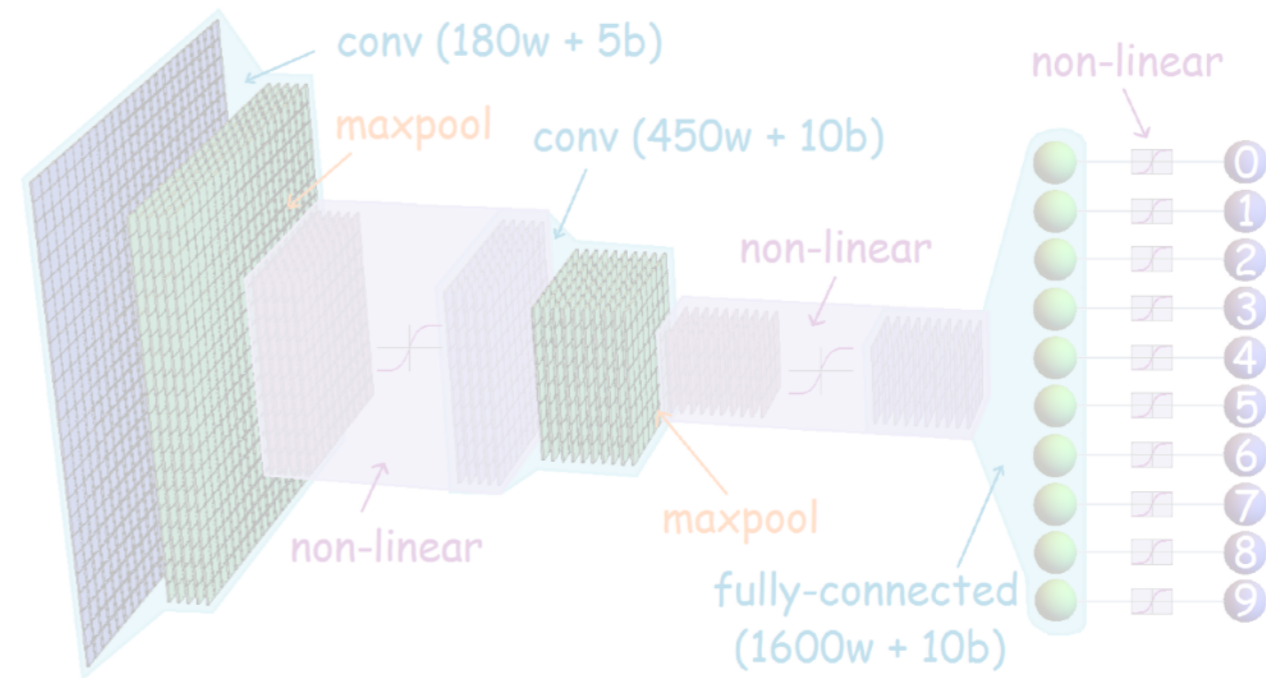
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'Likelihood-Free' Inference

← exact Bayesian Computation

Rejection Algorithm

- Draw θ from prior $\pi(\cdot)$
- Accept θ with probability $\pi(D | \theta)$

Accepted θ are independent draws from the posterior distribution, $\pi(\theta | D)$.

If the likelihood, $\pi(D|\theta)$, is unknown:

'Mechanical' Rejection Algorithm

- Draw θ from $\pi(\cdot)$
- Simulate $X \sim f(\theta)$ from the computer model
- Accept θ if $D = X$, i.e., if computer output equals observation

The acceptance rate is $\int \mathbb{P}(D|\theta)\pi(\theta)d\theta = \mathbb{P}(D)$.

Rejection ABC

If $\mathbb{P}(D)$ is small (or D continuous), we will rarely accept any θ . Instead, there is an approximate version:

Uniform Rejection Algorithm

- Draw θ from $\pi(\theta)$
- Simulate $X \sim f(\theta)$
- Accept θ if $\rho(D, X) \leq \epsilon$

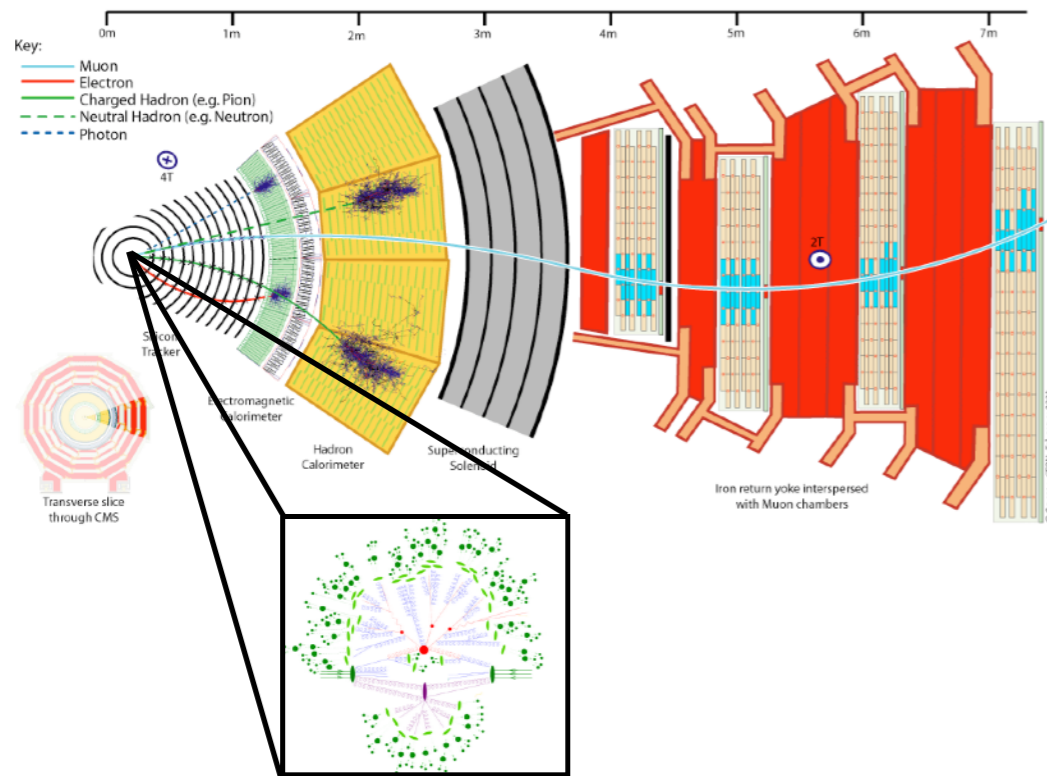
ϵ reflects the tension between computability and accuracy.

- As $\epsilon \rightarrow \infty$, we get observations from the prior, $\pi(\theta)$.
- If $\epsilon = 0$, we generate observations from $\pi(\theta \mid D)$.

For reasons that will become clear later, we call this *uniform-ABC*.

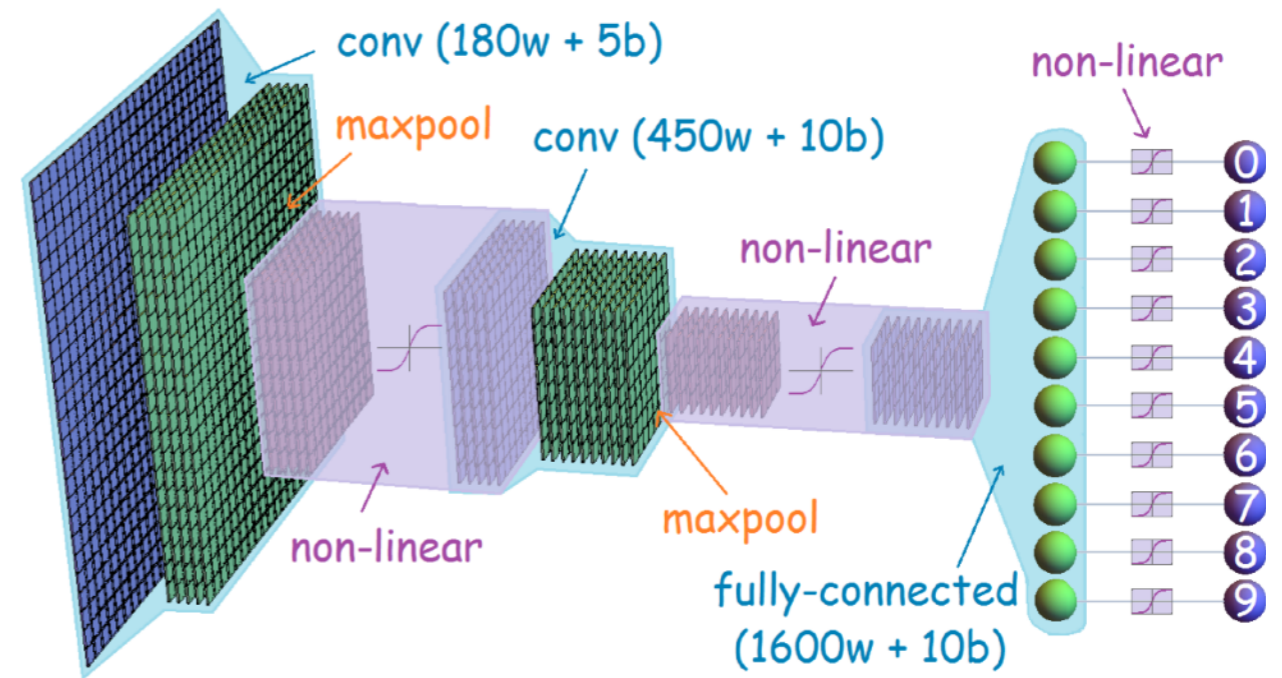
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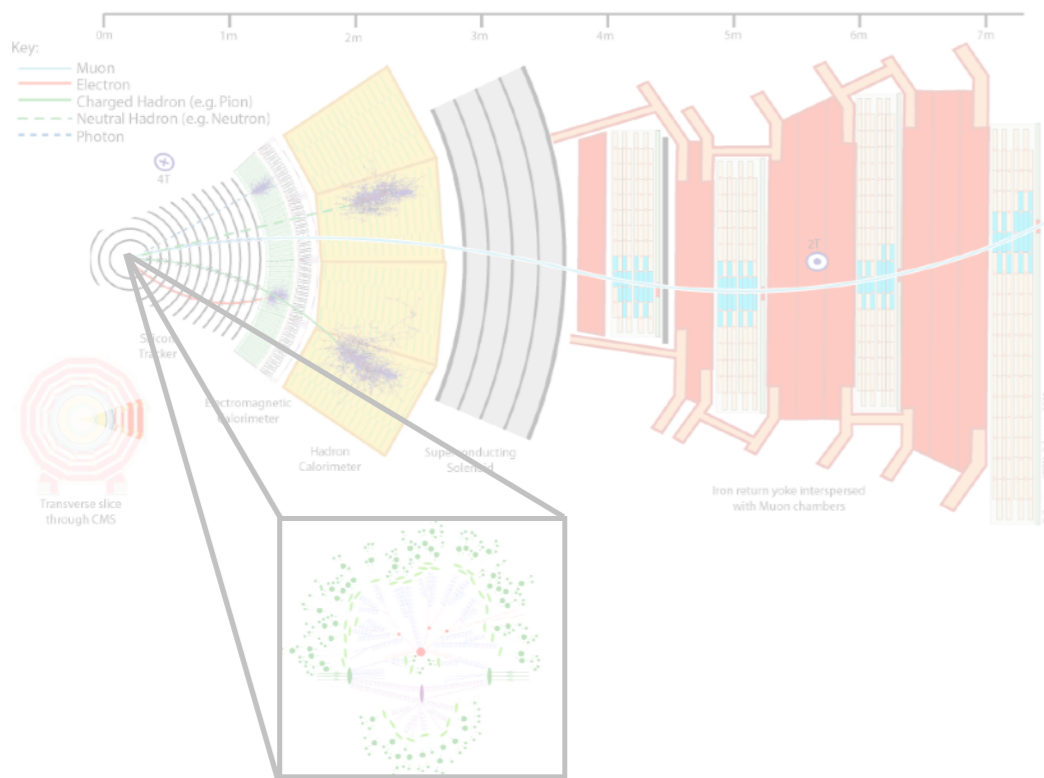
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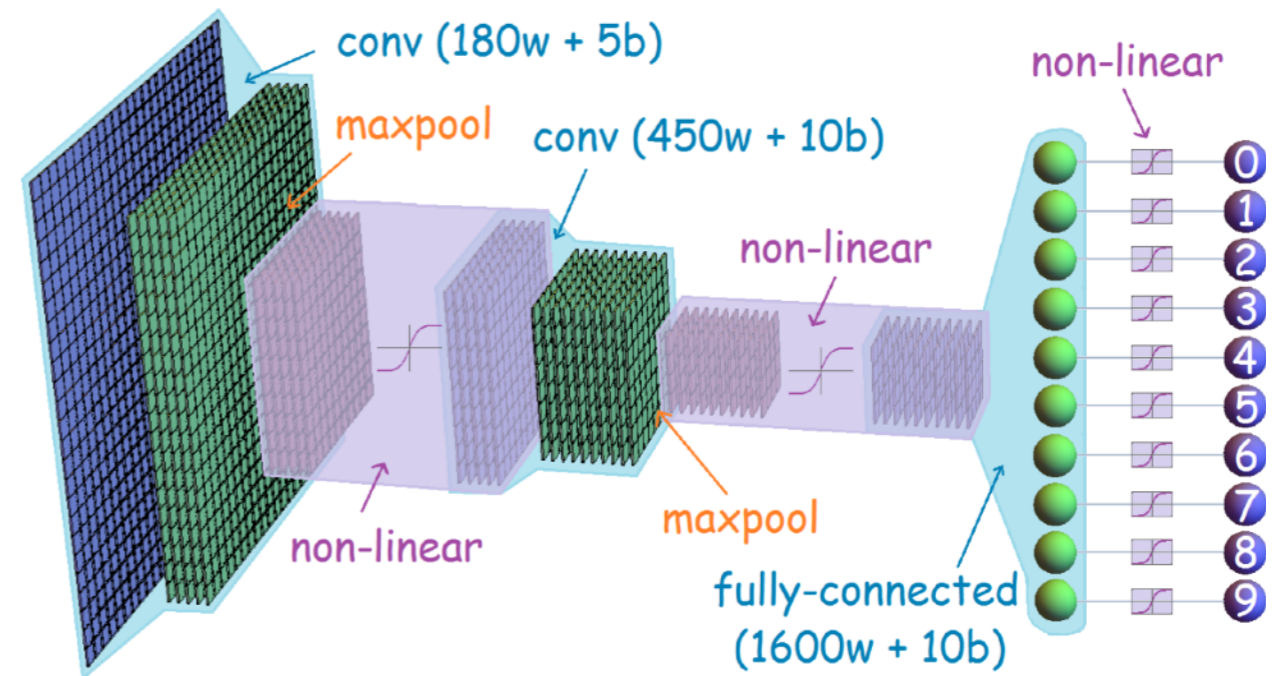
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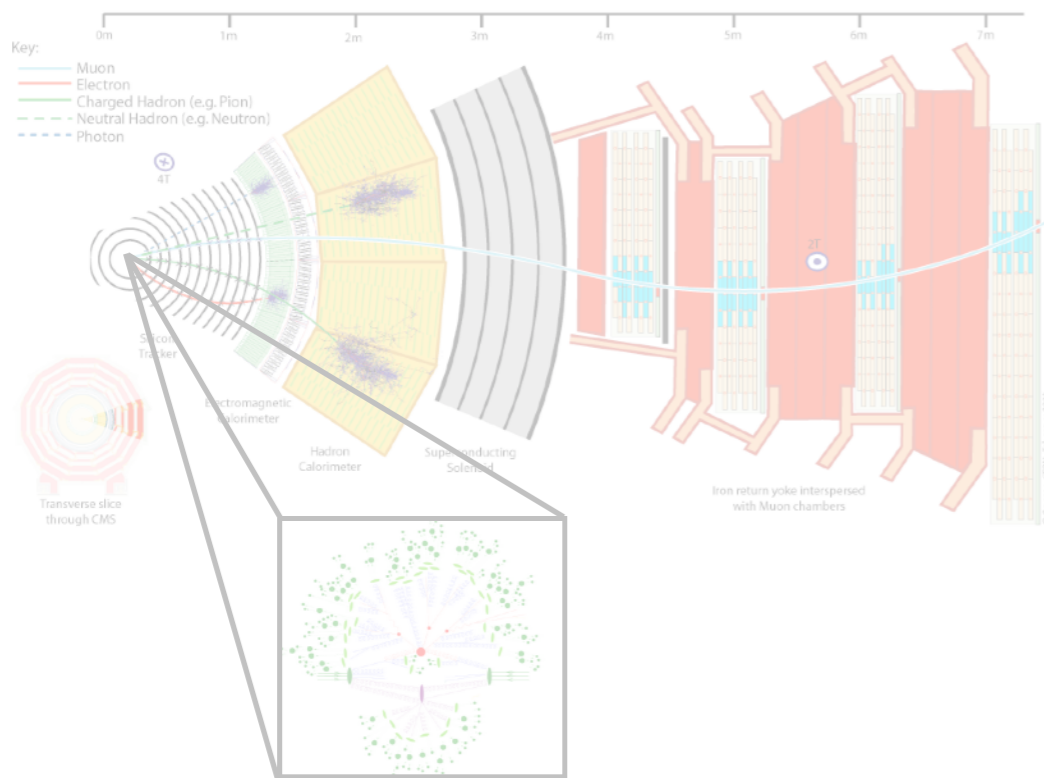
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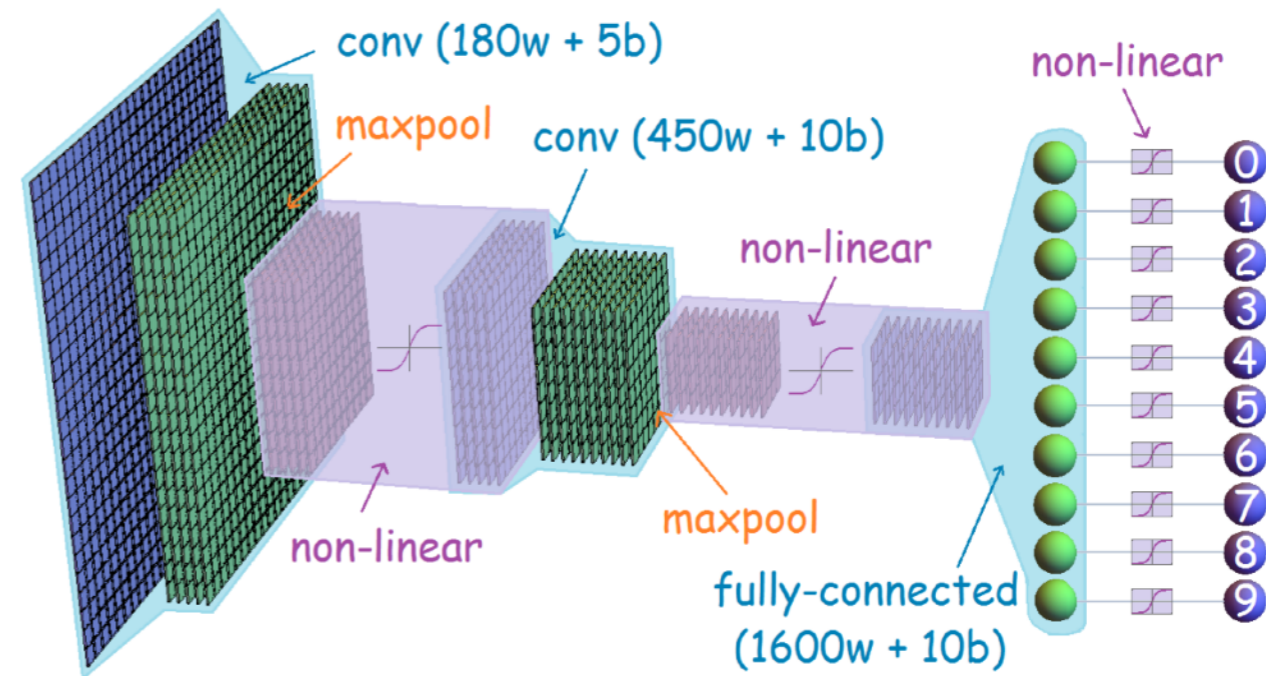
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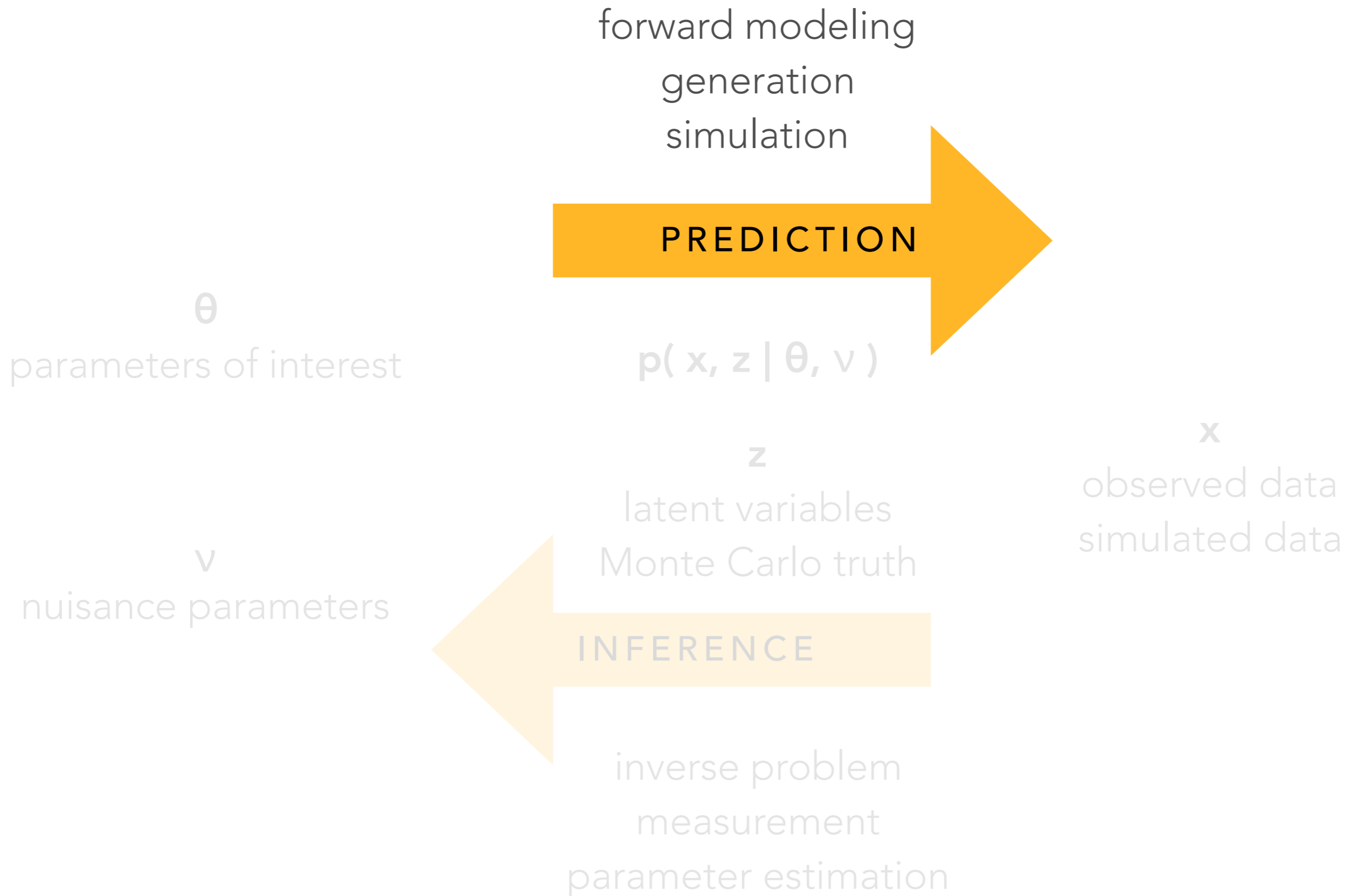
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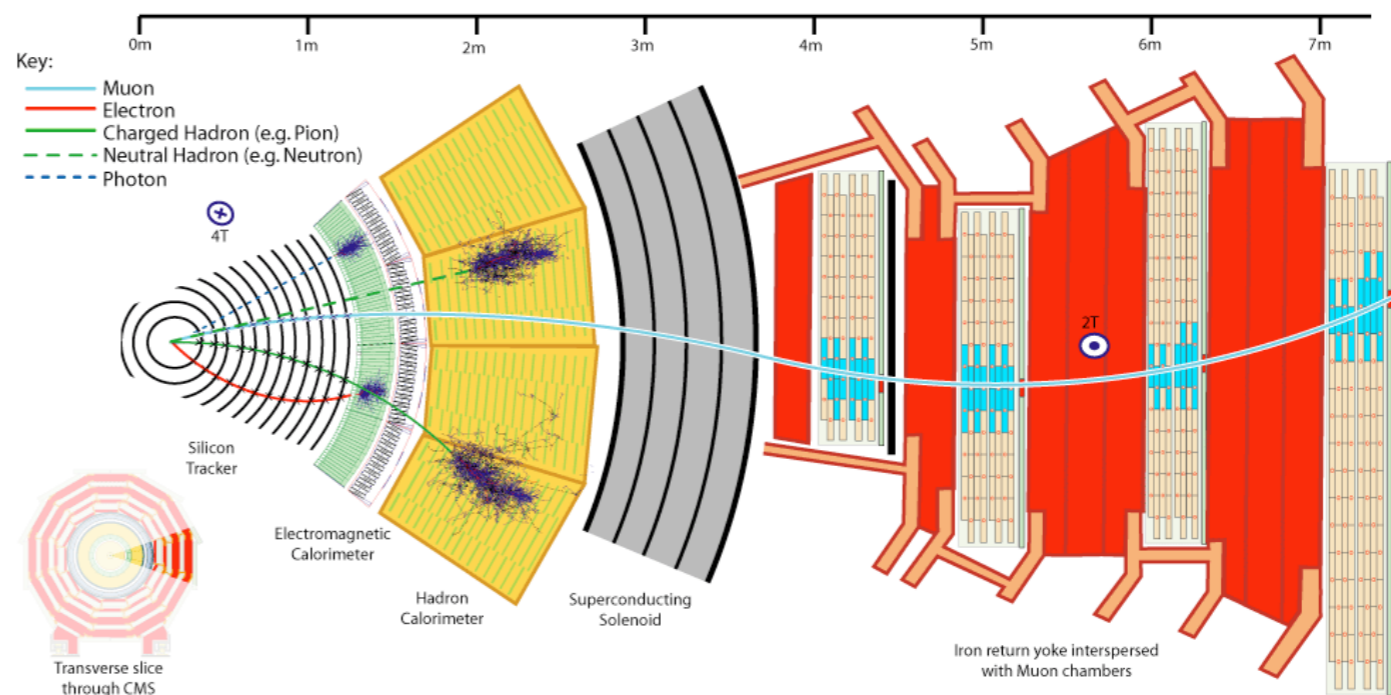
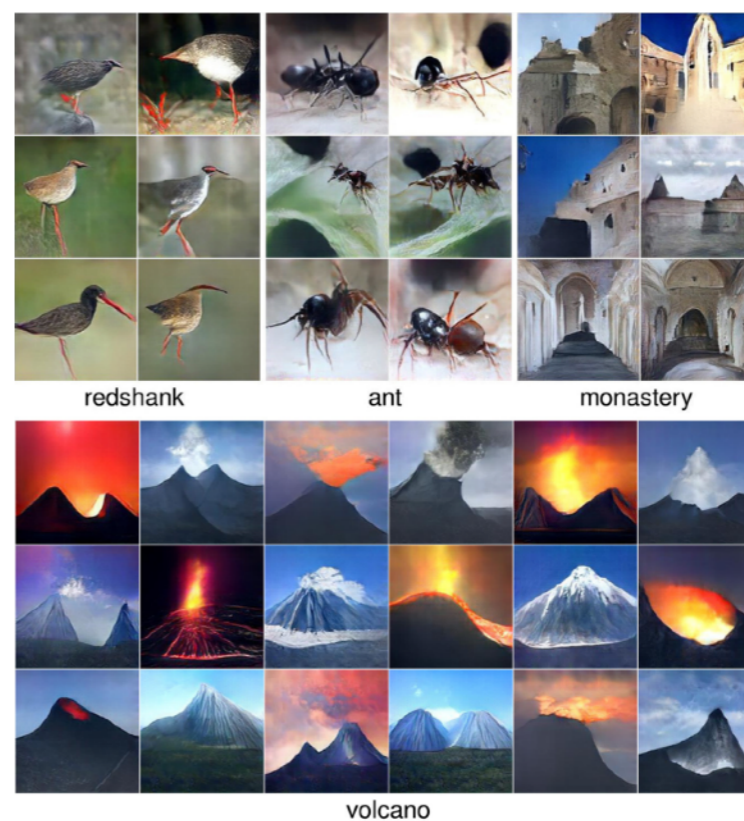
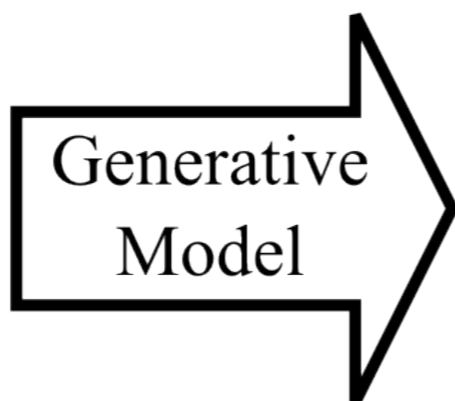
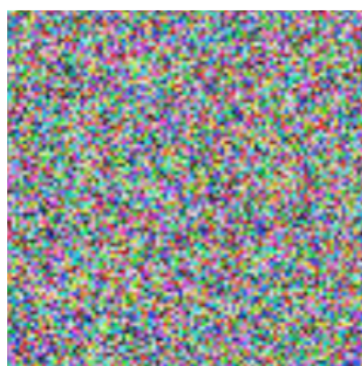
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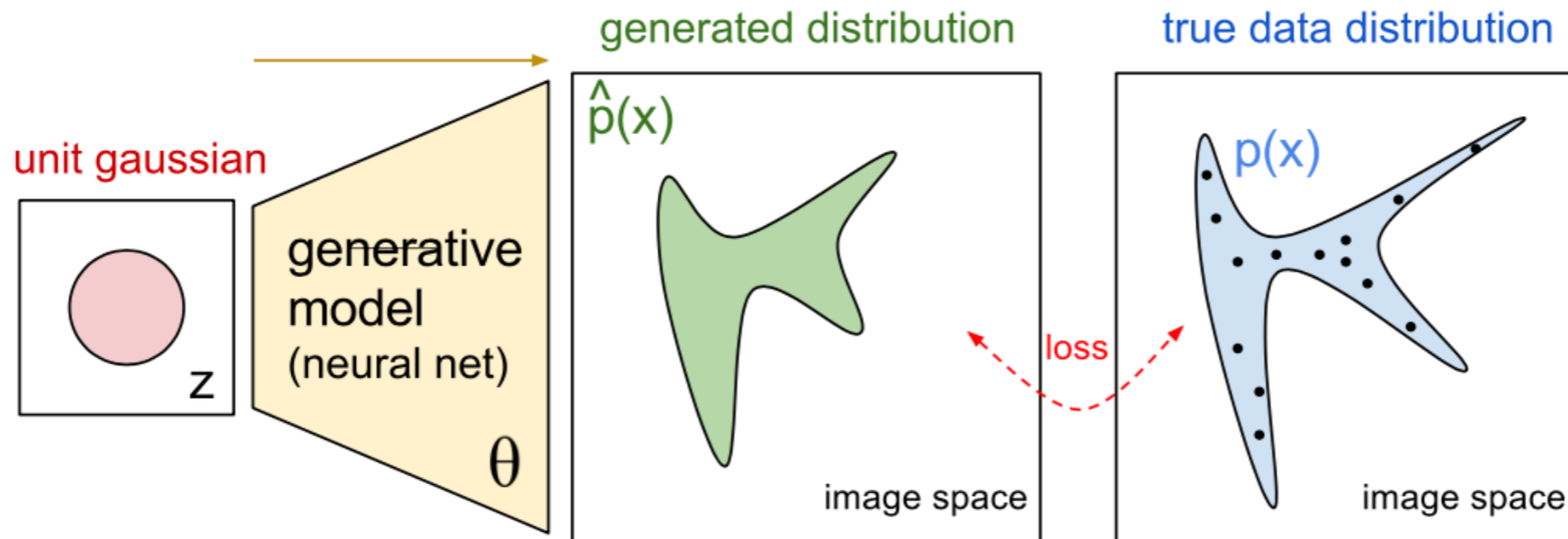


LEARNING THE GENERATIVE MODEL

Noise $\sim N(0,1)$

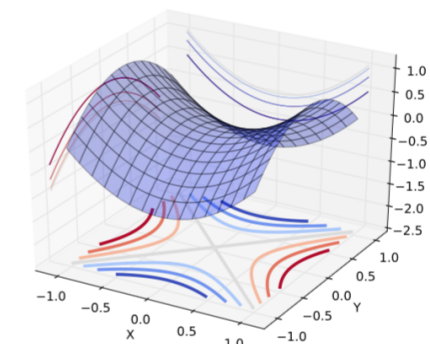


GENERATIVE ADVERSARIAL NETWORKS



- Two-player game:
 - a discriminator D ,
 - a generator G ;
- D is a classifier $\mathcal{X} \mapsto \{0, 1\}$ that tries to distinguish between
 - a sample from the data distribution ($D(x) = 1$, for $x \sim p_{\text{data}}$),
 - and a sample from the model distribution ($D(G(z)) = 0$, for $z \sim p_{\text{noise}}$);
- G is a generator $\mathcal{Z} \mapsto \mathcal{X}$ trained to produce samples $G(z)$ (for $z \sim p_{\text{noise}}$) that are difficult for D to distinguish from data.

$$(D^*, G^*) = \max_D \min_G V(D, G).$$



Leo is G

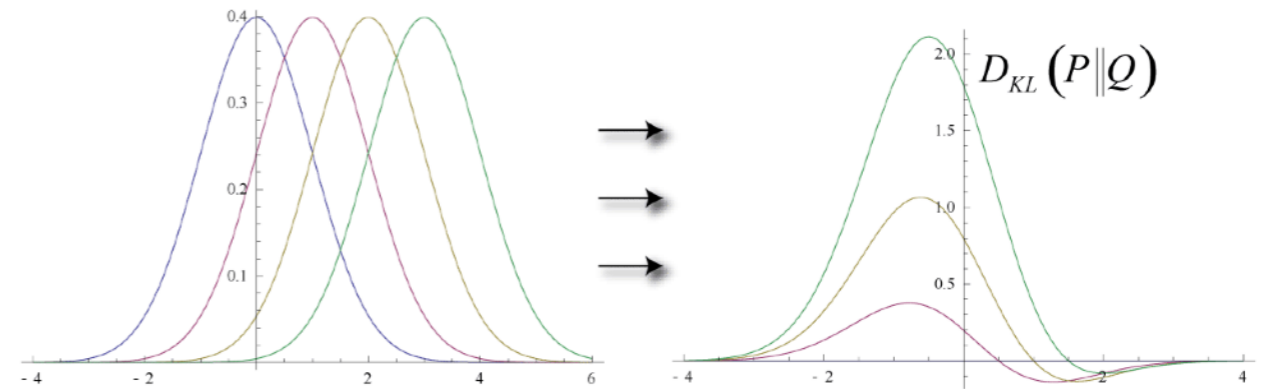
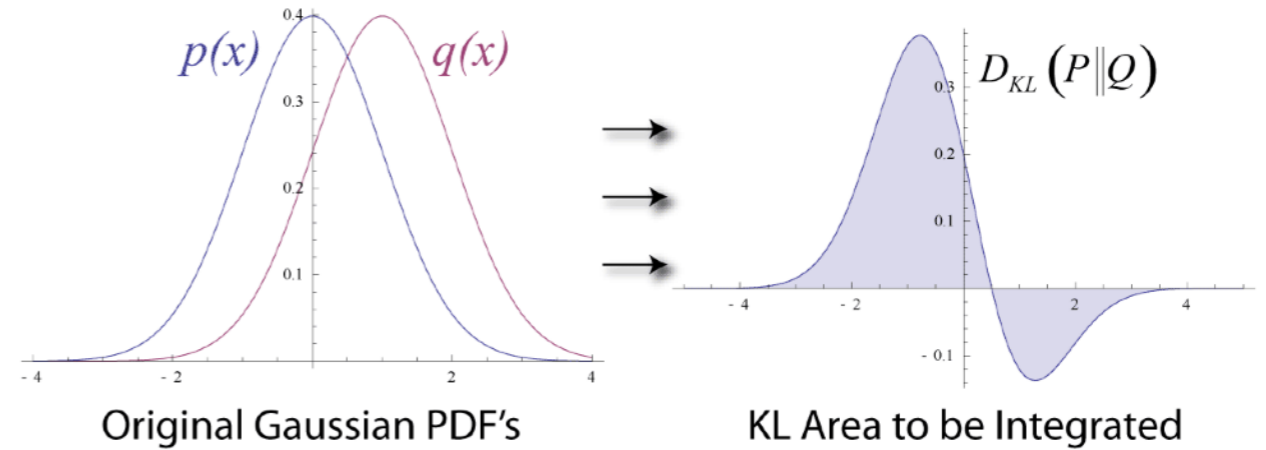
Tom is D

KULLBACK-LEIBLER DIVERGENCE

$$D_{KL}(P||Q) = \int_{x_a}^{x_b} P(x) \log\left(\frac{P(x)}{Q(x)}\right) dx = \int_{y_a}^{y_b} P(y) \log\left(\frac{P(y)dy/dx}{Q(y)dy/dx}\right) dy = \int_{y_a}^{y_b} P(y) \log\left(\frac{P(y)}{Q(y)}\right) dy$$

$$\begin{aligned} D_{KL}(P||Q) &= -\sum_x p(x) \log q(x) + \sum_x p(x) \log p(x) \\ &= H(P, Q) - H(P) \end{aligned}$$

where $H(P, Q)$ is the **cross entropy** of P and Q , and $H(P)$ is the **entropy** of P .



WASSERSTEIN DISTANCE / EARTH MOVER'S DISTANCE

- The *Total Variation* (TV) distance

$$\delta(\mathbb{P}_r, \mathbb{P}_g) = \sup_{A \in \Sigma} |\mathbb{P}_r(A) - \mathbb{P}_g(A)| .$$

- The *Kullback-Leibler* (KL) divergence

$$KL(\mathbb{P}_r \parallel \mathbb{P}_g) = \int \log \left(\frac{P_r(x)}{P_g(x)} \right) P_r(x) d\mu(x) ,$$

where both \mathbb{P}_r and \mathbb{P}_g are assumed to be absolutely continuous, and therefore admit densities, with respect to a same measure μ defined on \mathcal{X} .² The KL divergence is famously assymmetric and possibly infinite when there are points such that $P_g(x) = 0$ and $P_r(x) > 0$.

- The *Jensen-Shannon* (JS) divergence

$$JS(\mathbb{P}_r, \mathbb{P}_g) = KL(\mathbb{P}_r \parallel \mathbb{P}_m) + KL(\mathbb{P}_g \parallel \mathbb{P}_m) ,$$

where \mathbb{P}_m is the mixture $(\mathbb{P}_r + \mathbb{P}_g)/2$. This divergence is symmetrical and always defined because we can choose $\mu = \mathbb{P}_m$.

- The *Earth-Mover* (EM) distance or Wasserstein-1

$$W(\mathbb{P}_r, \mathbb{P}_g) = \inf_{\gamma \in \Pi(\mathbb{P}_r, \mathbb{P}_g)} \mathbb{E}_{(x,y) \sim \gamma} [\|x - y\|] , \quad (1)$$

where $\Pi(\mathbb{P}_r, \mathbb{P}_g)$ denotes the set of all joint distributions $\gamma(x, y)$ whose marginals are respectively \mathbb{P}_r and \mathbb{P}_g . Intuitively, $\gamma(x, y)$ indicates how much “mass” must be transported from x to y in order to transform the distributions \mathbb{P}_r into the distribution \mathbb{P}_g . The EM distance then is the “cost” of the optimal transport plan.

Dual Description

$$W(\mathbb{P}_r, \mathbb{P}_\theta) = \sup_{\|f\|_L \leq 1} \mathbb{E}_{x \sim \mathbb{P}_r} [f(x)] - \mathbb{E}_{x \sim \mathbb{P}_\theta} [f(x)]$$

Wasserstein GAN

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GANs FOR PHYSICS

CaloGAN: Simulating 3D High Energy Particle Showers in Multi-Layer Electromagnetic Calorimeters with Generative Adversarial Networks

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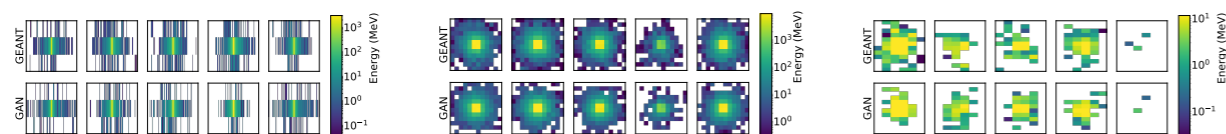


Figure 9: Five randomly selected e^+ showers per calorimeter layer from the training set (top) and the five nearest neighbors (by euclidean distance) from a set of CALOGAN candidates.

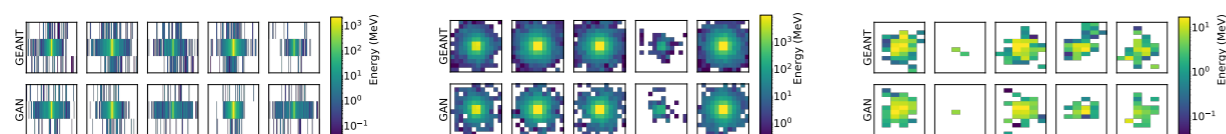


Figure 10: Five randomly selected γ showers per calorimeter layer from the training set (top) and the five nearest neighbors (by euclidean distance) from a set of CALOGAN candidates.

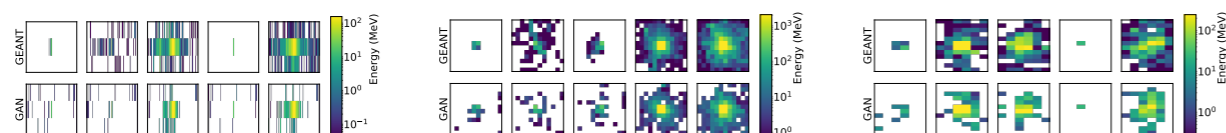


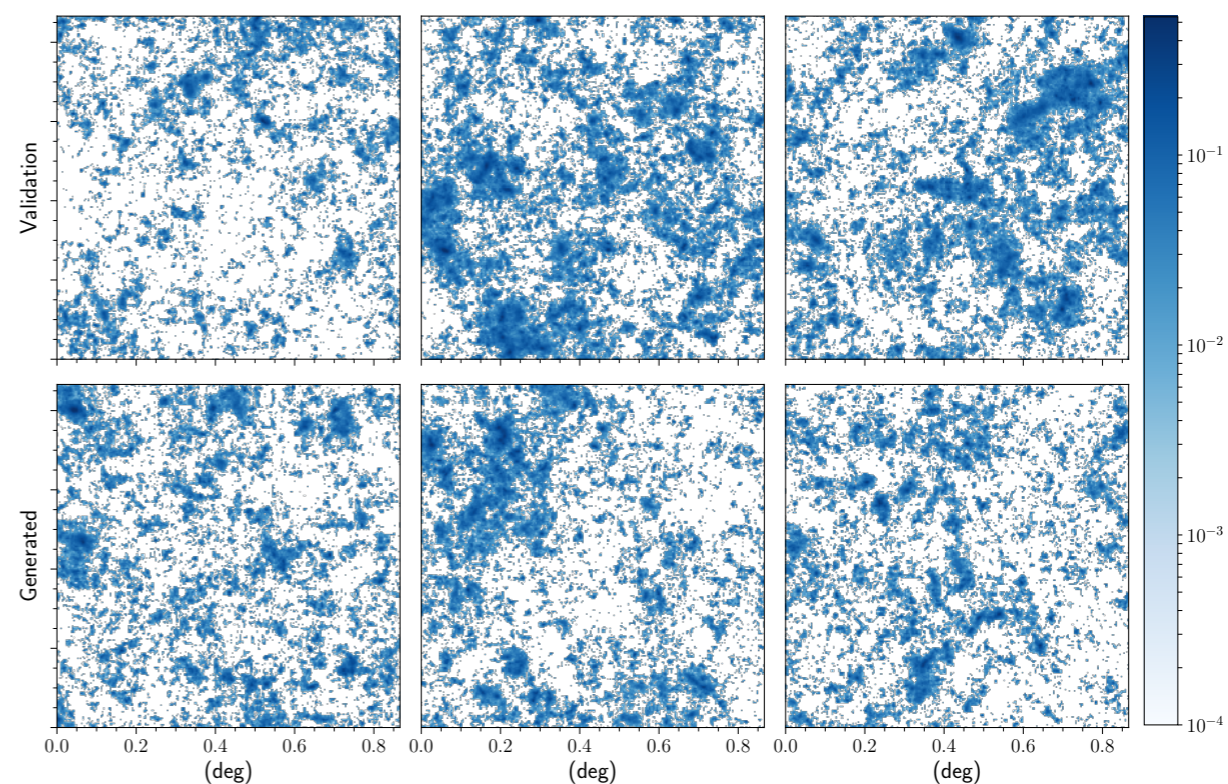
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Creating Virtual Universes Using Generative Adversarial Networks

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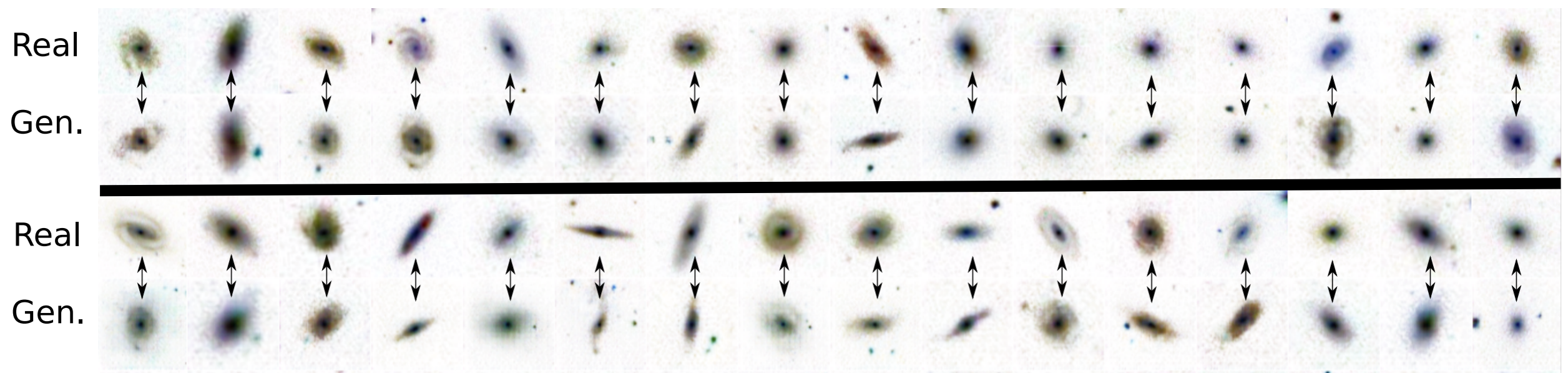
Use of generative models of galaxy images to help calibrate down-stream analysis in next-generation surveys.

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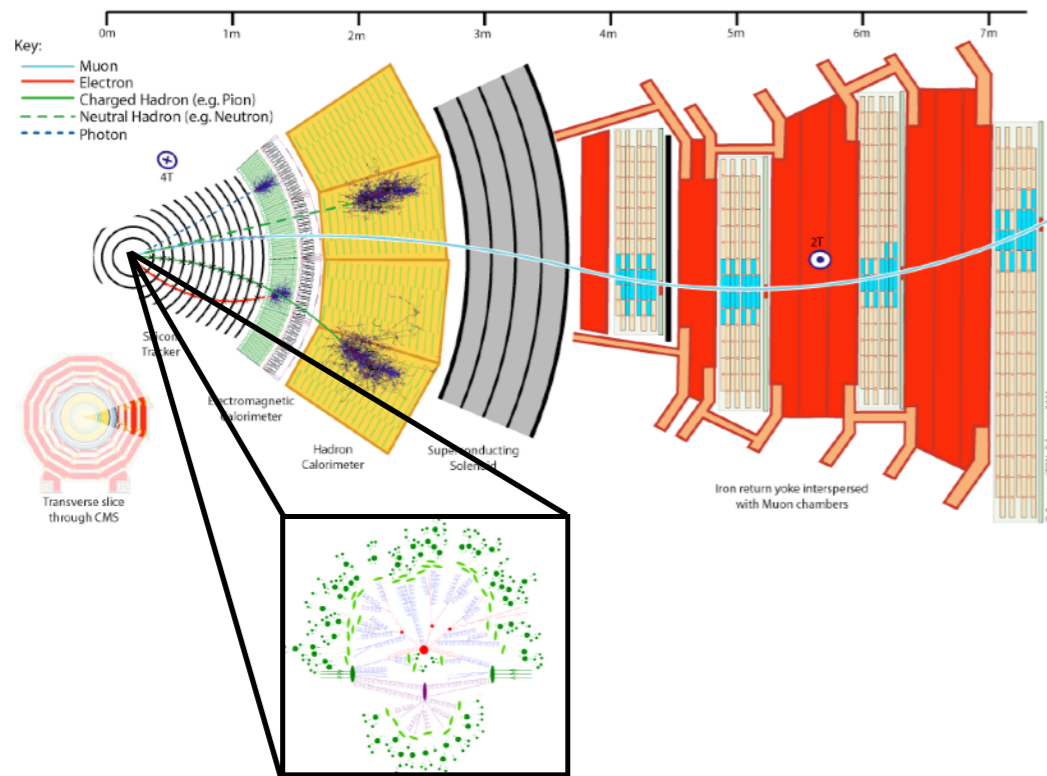
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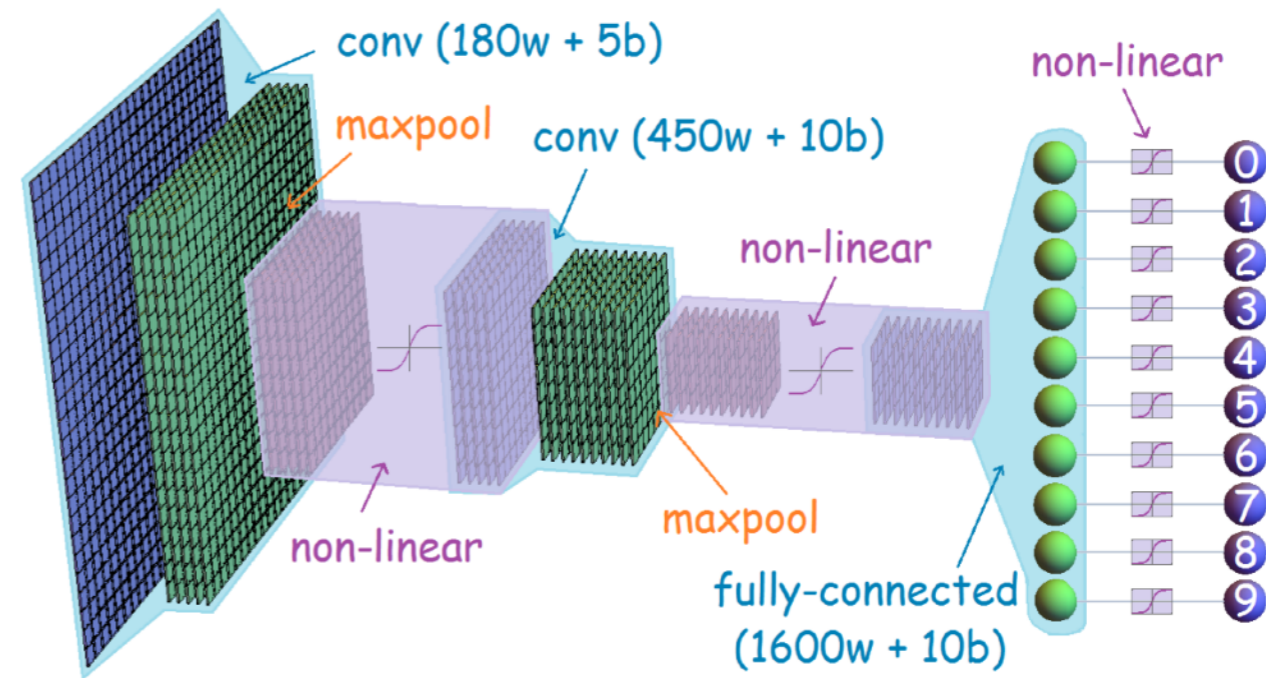
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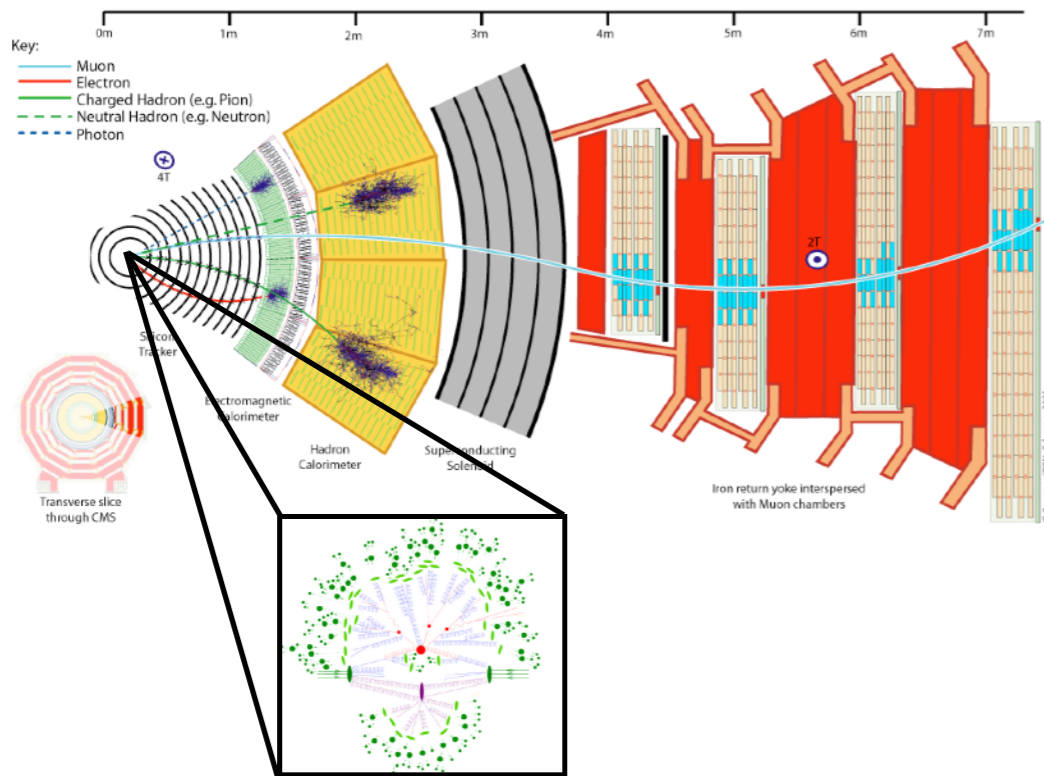
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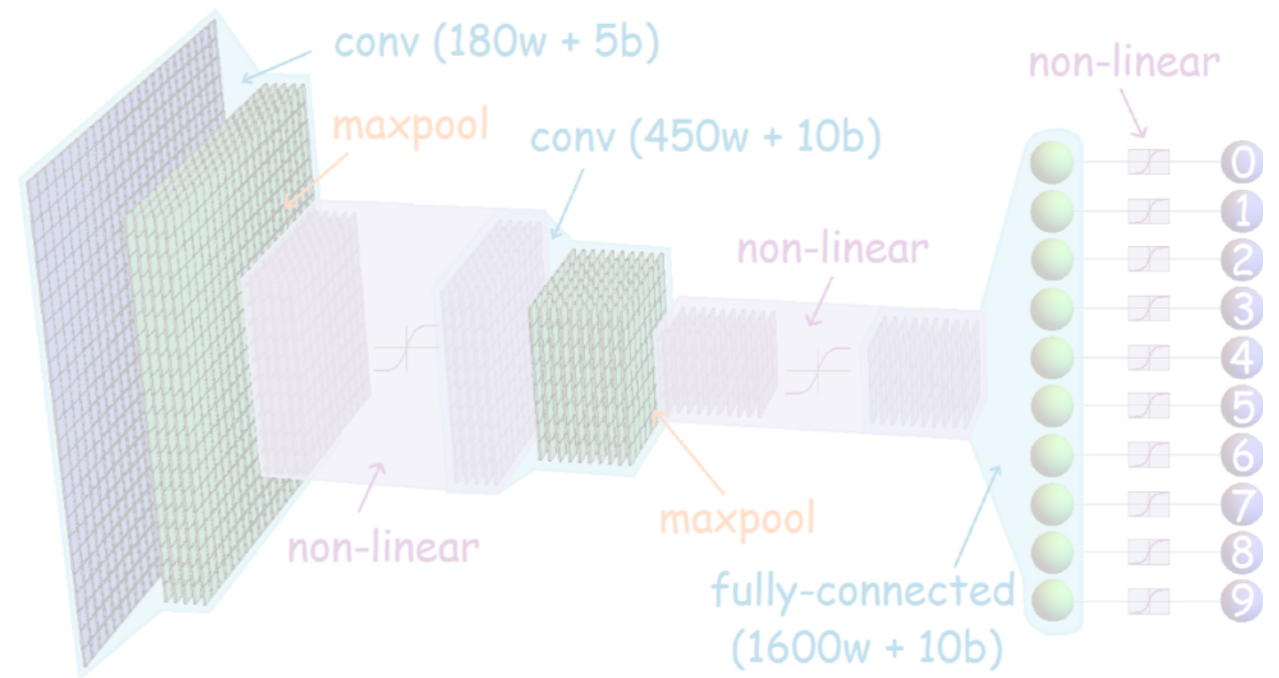
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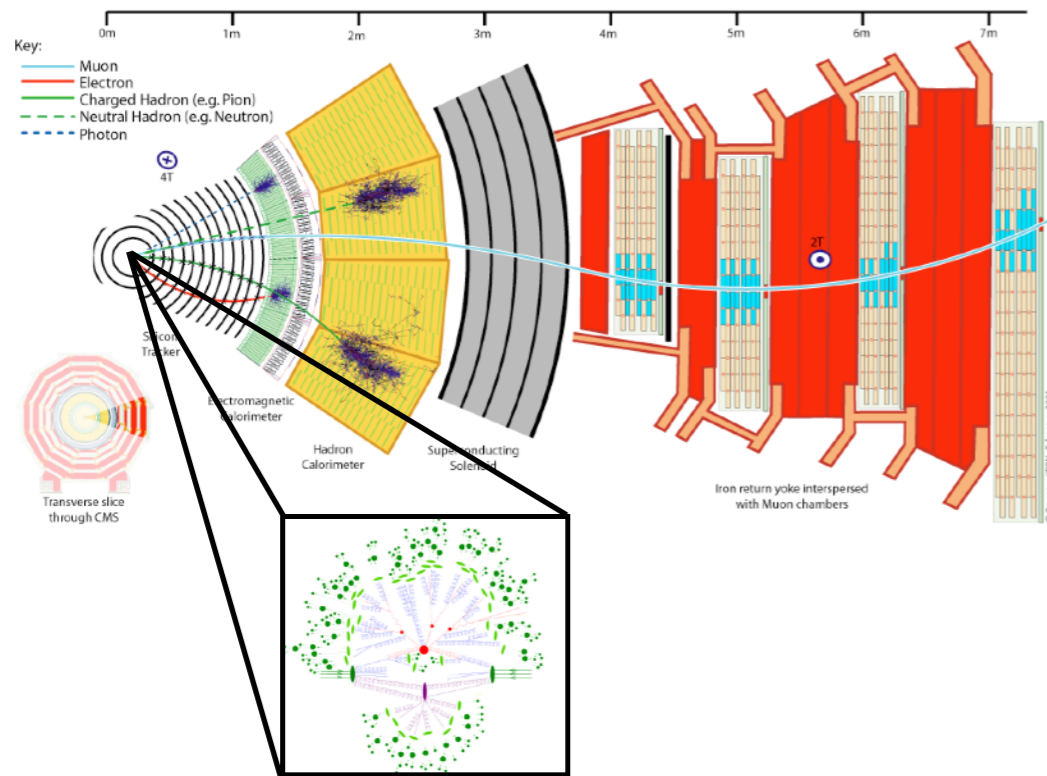
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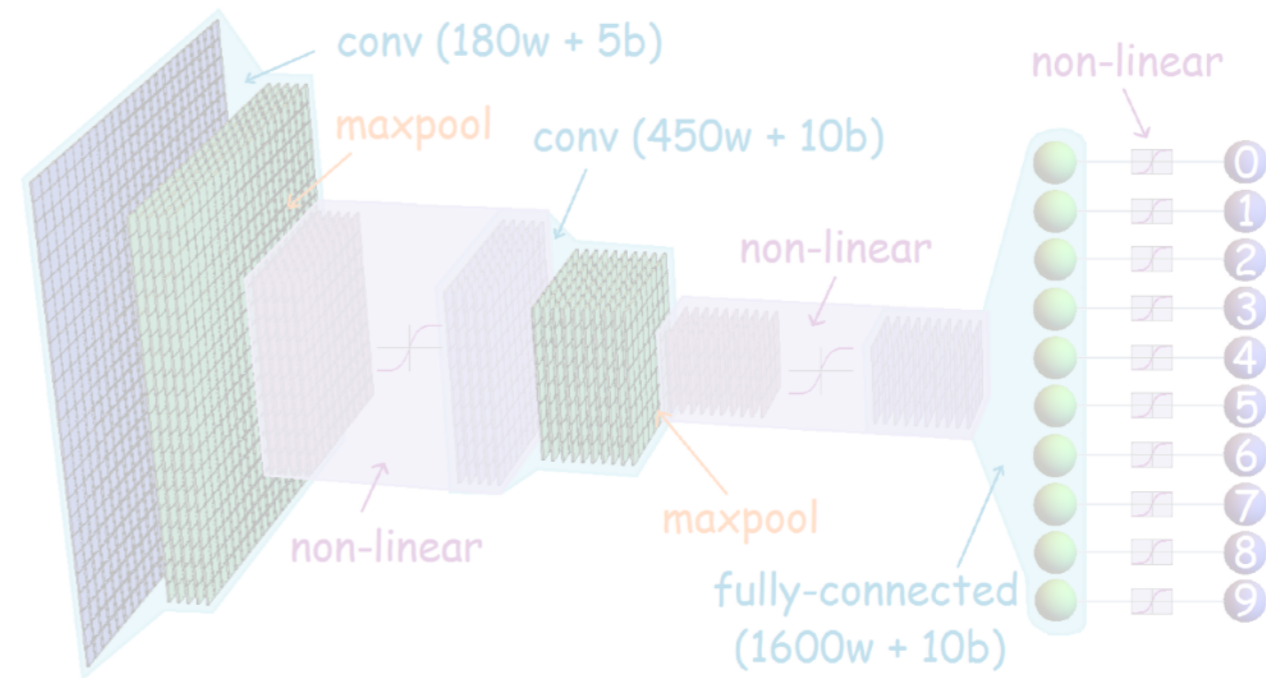
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NEW! AVO

Adversarial Variational Optimization of Non-Differentiable Simulators

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Complex computer simulators are increasingly used across fields of science as generative models tying parameters of an underlying theory to experimental observations. Inference in this setup is often difficult, as simulators rarely admit a tractable density or likelihood function. We introduce Adversarial Variational Optimization (AVO), a likelihood-free inference algorithm for fitting a non-differentiable generative model incorporating ideas from empirical Bayes and variational inference. We adapt the training procedure of generative adversarial networks by replacing the differentiable generative network with a domain-specific simulator. We solve the resulting non-differentiable min-max problem by minimizing variational upper bounds of the two adversarial objectives. Effectively, the procedure results in learning a proposal distribution over simulator parameters, such that the corresponding marginal distribution of the generated data matches the observations. We present results of the method with simulators producing both discrete and continuous data.

Similar to GAN setup, but instead of using a neural network as the generator, use the actual simulation

Continue to use a neural network discriminator / critic.

Difficulty: the simulator isn't differentiable, but there's a **trick!**

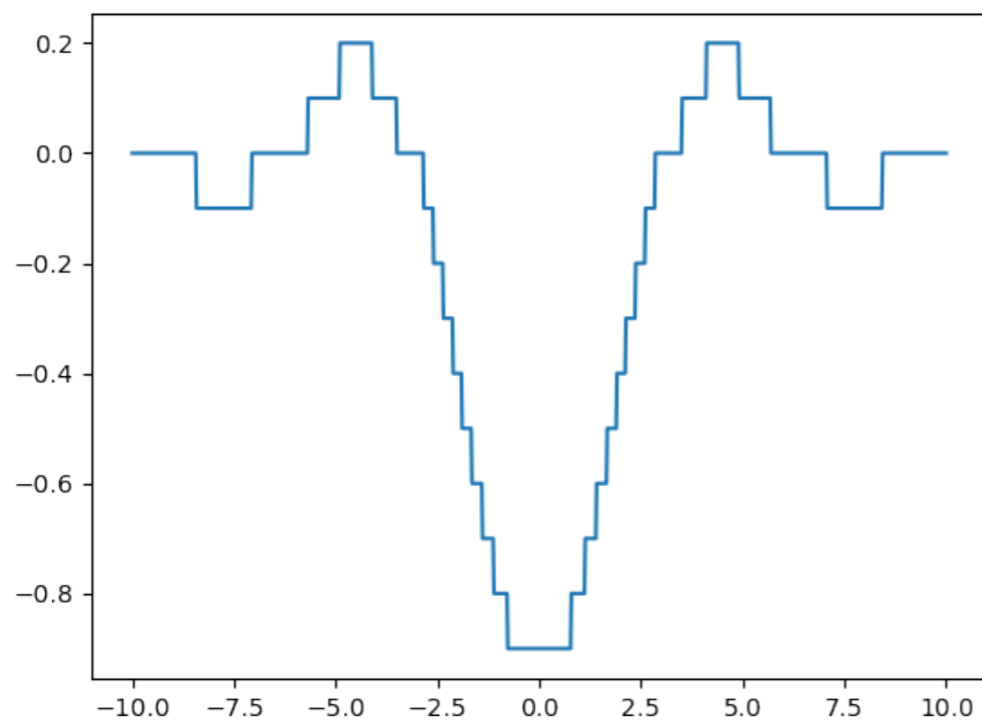
Allows us to efficiently fit / **tune simulation** with stochastic gradient techniques!

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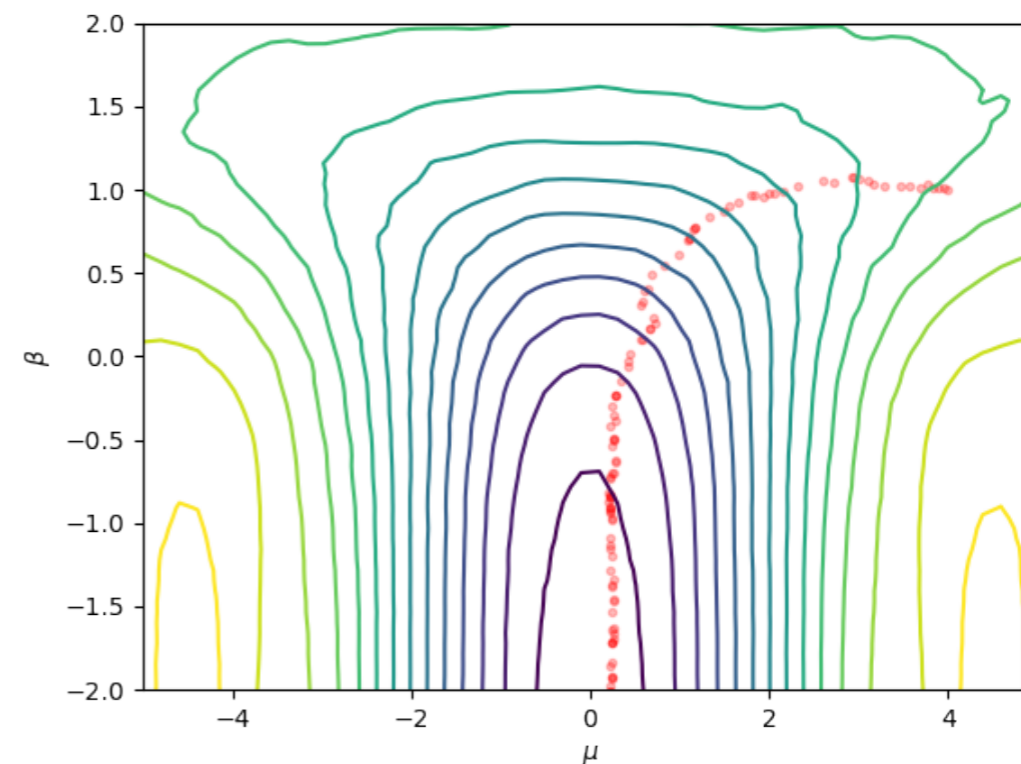
VARIATIONAL OPTIMIZATION

$$\min_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} f(\boldsymbol{\theta}) \leq \mathbb{E}_{\boldsymbol{\theta} \sim q(\boldsymbol{\theta}|\boldsymbol{\psi})} [f(\boldsymbol{\theta})] = U(\boldsymbol{\psi})$$

$$\nabla_{\boldsymbol{\psi}} U(\boldsymbol{\psi}) = \mathbb{E}_{\boldsymbol{\theta} \sim q(\boldsymbol{\theta}|\boldsymbol{\psi})} [f(\boldsymbol{\theta}) \nabla_{\boldsymbol{\psi}} \log q(\boldsymbol{\theta}|\boldsymbol{\psi})]$$



Piecewise constant $-\frac{\sin(\mathbf{x})}{\mathbf{x}}$



$q(\boldsymbol{\theta}|\boldsymbol{\psi} = (\mu, \beta)) = \mathcal{N}(\mu, e^{\beta})$

ADVERSARIAL VARIATIONAL OPTIMIZATION



Like a GAN, but generative model is non-differentiable and the parameters of simulator have meaning

- Replace the generative network with a non-differentiable forward simulator $g(\mathbf{z}; \boldsymbol{\theta})$.
- With VO, optimize upper bounds of the adversarial objectives:

$$U_d = \mathbb{E}_{\boldsymbol{\theta} \sim q(\boldsymbol{\theta}|\boldsymbol{\psi})} [\mathcal{L}_d] \quad (1)$$

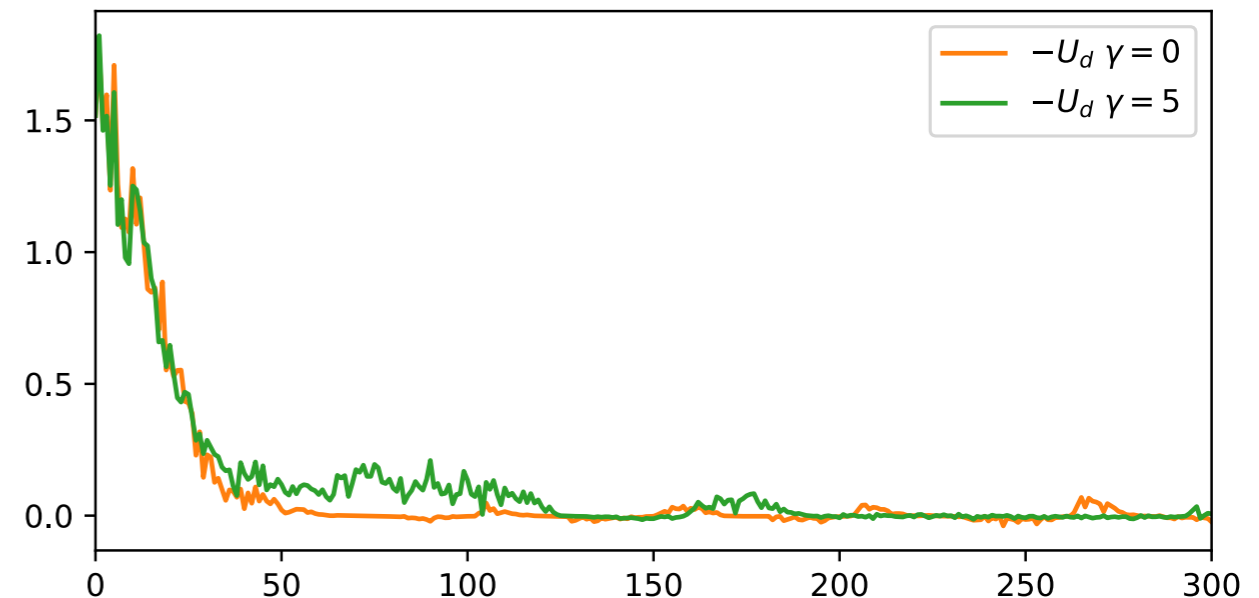
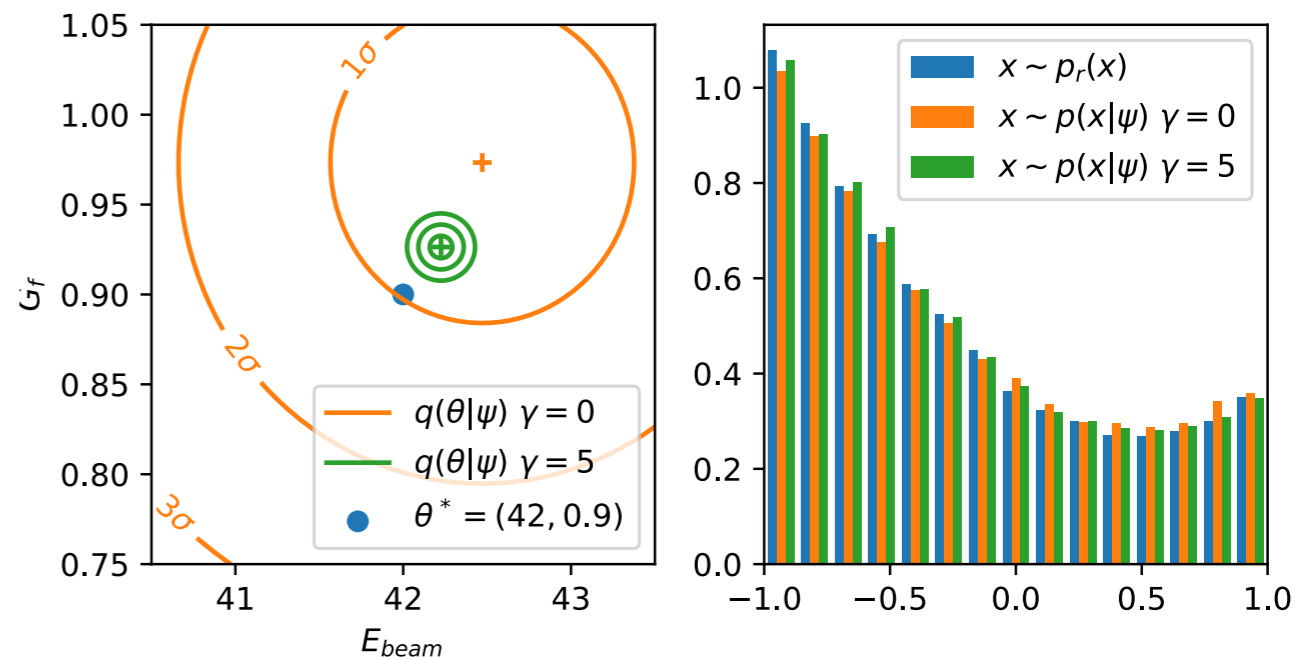
$$U_g = \mathbb{E}_{\boldsymbol{\theta} \sim q(\boldsymbol{\theta}|\boldsymbol{\psi})} [\mathcal{L}_g] \quad (2)$$

respectively over ϕ and ψ .

Effectively sampling from marginal model

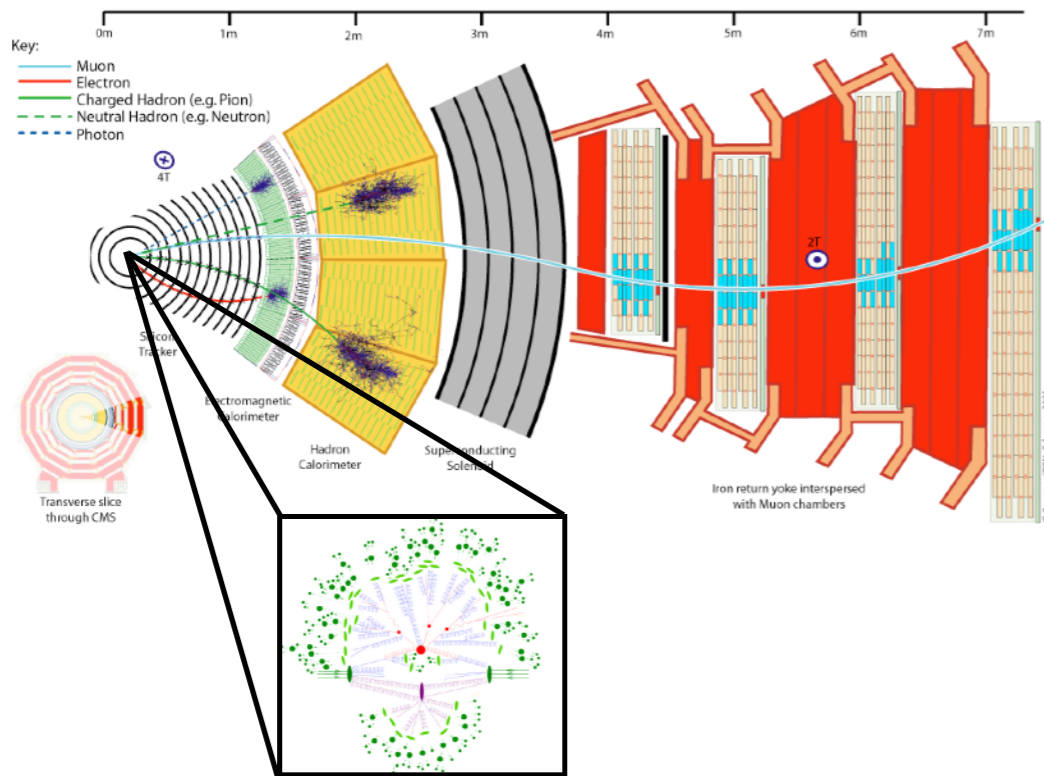
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We use Wasserstein distance, as in WGAN

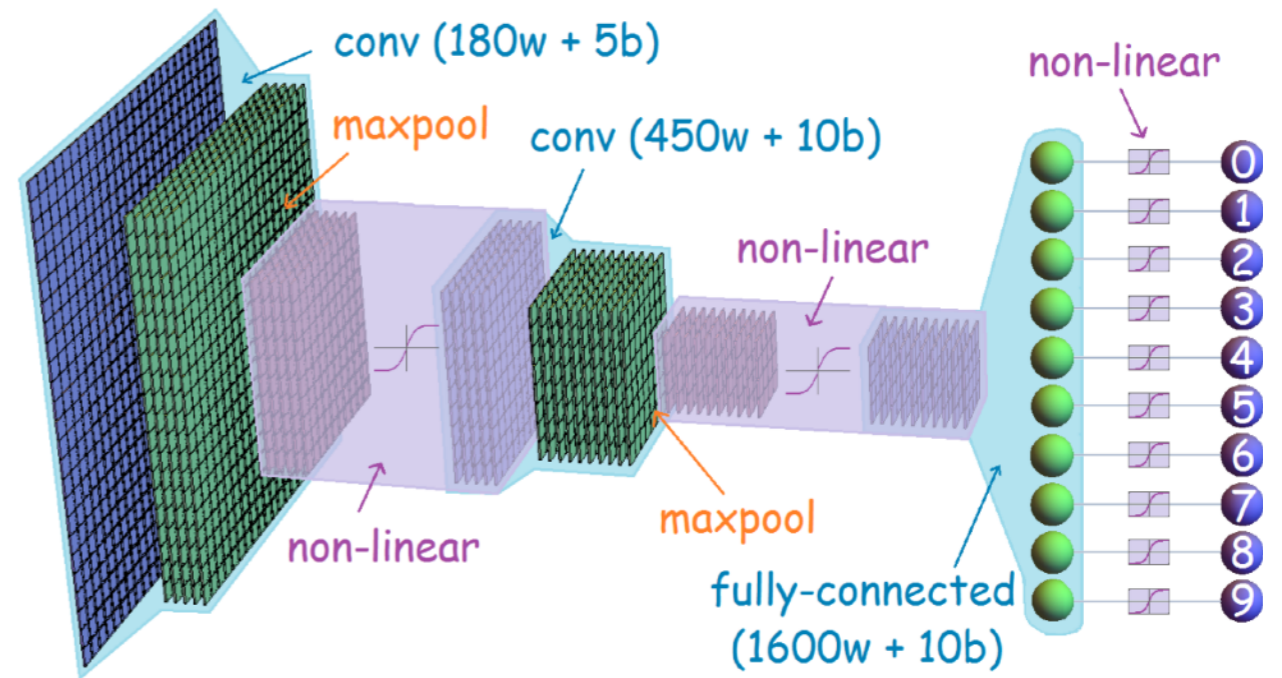


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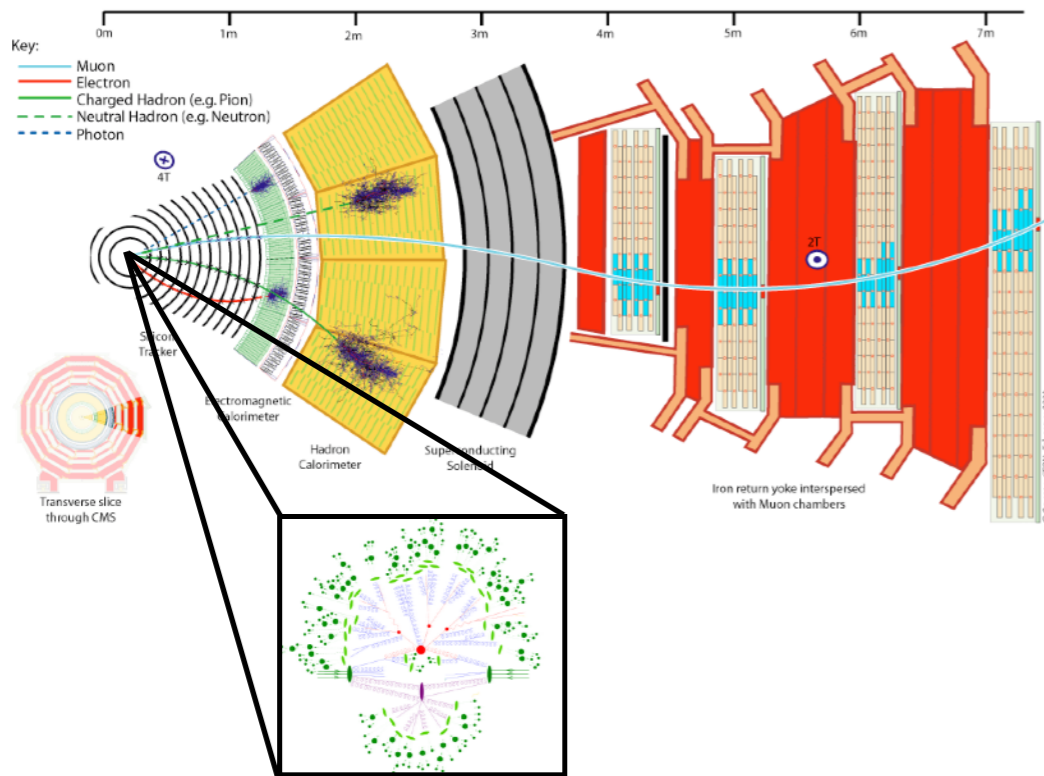


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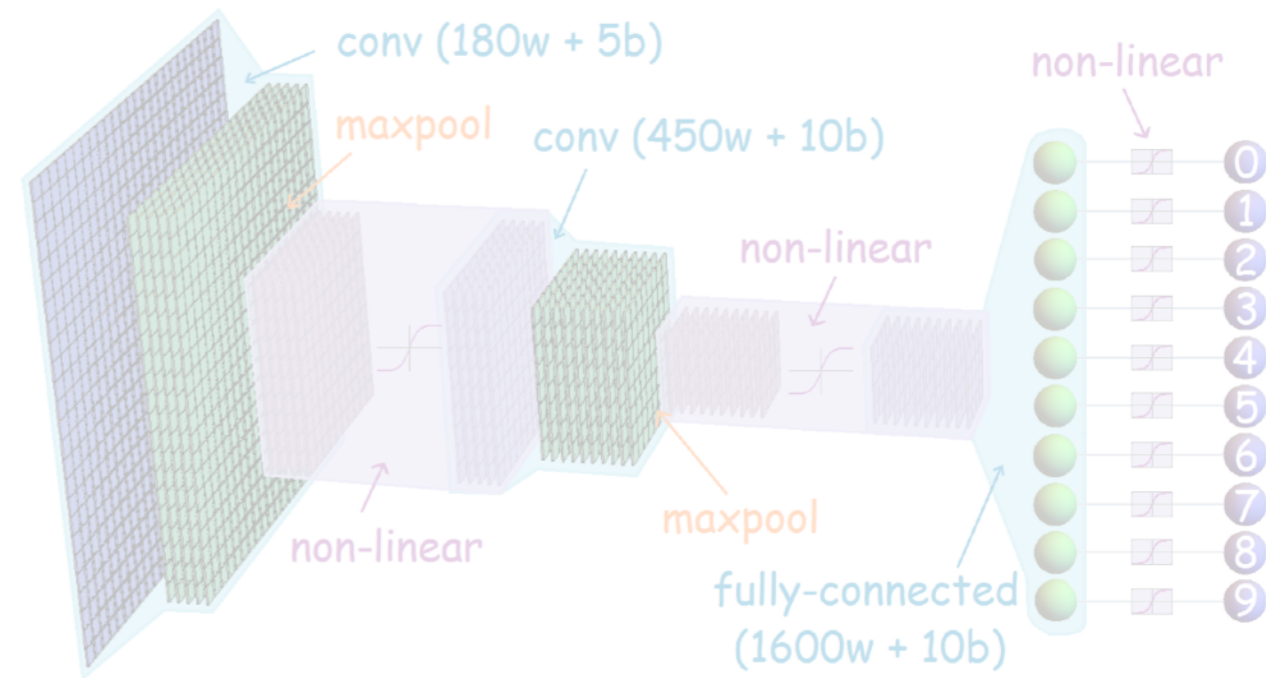
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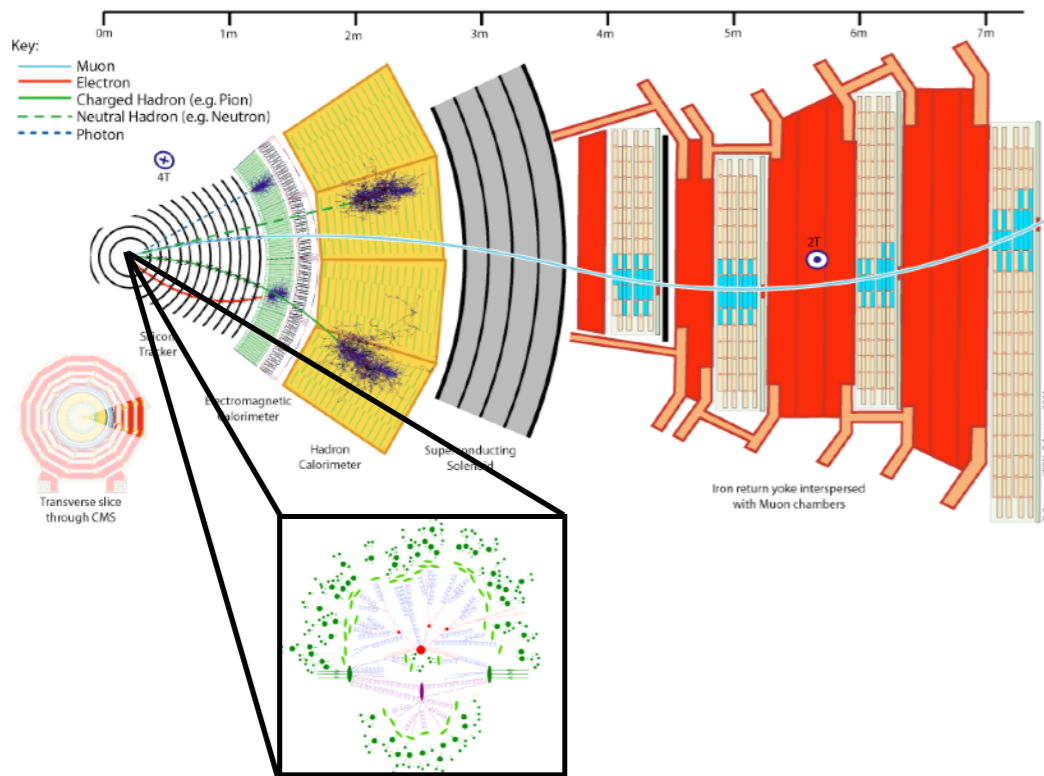
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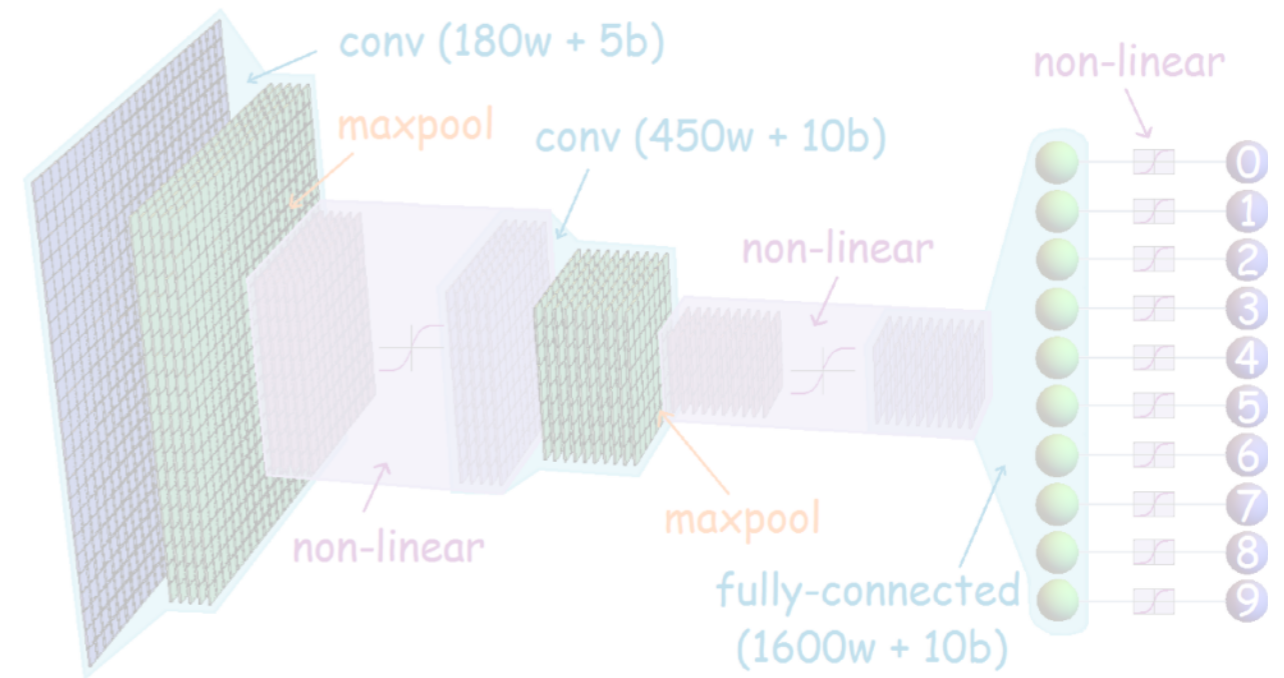
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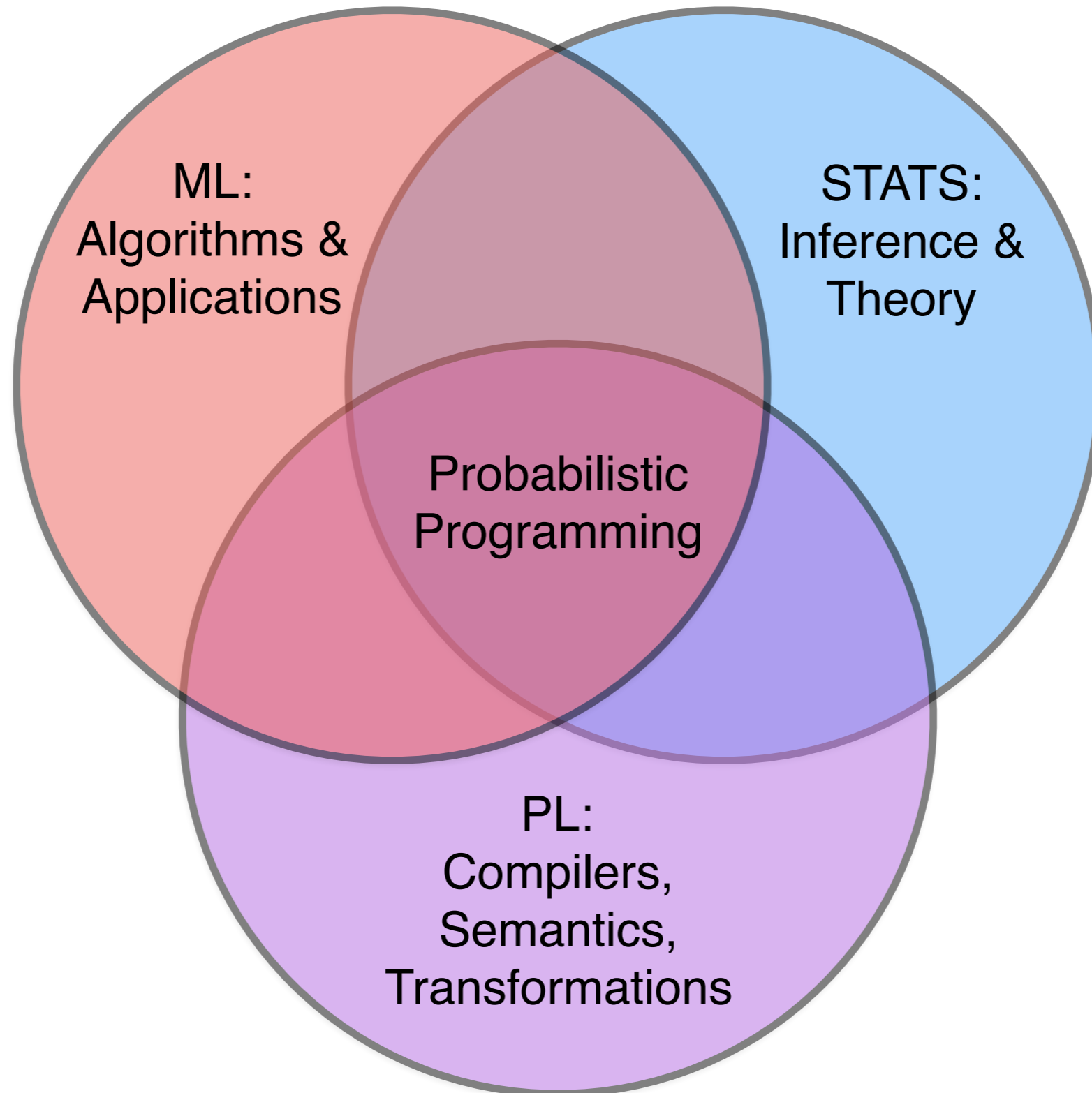
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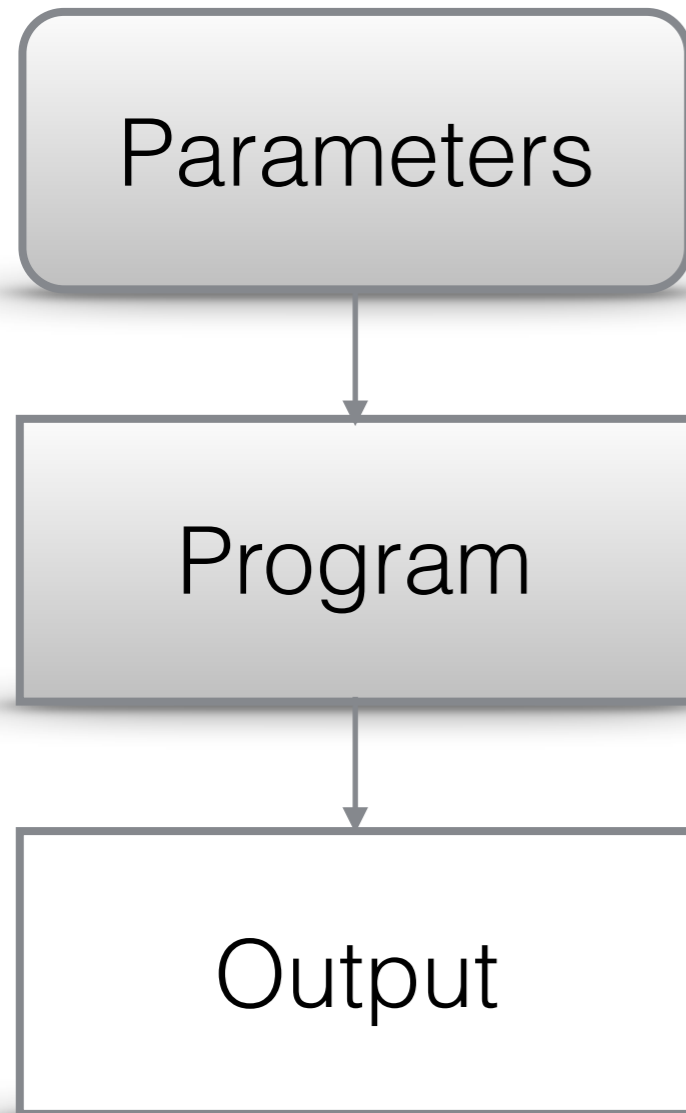
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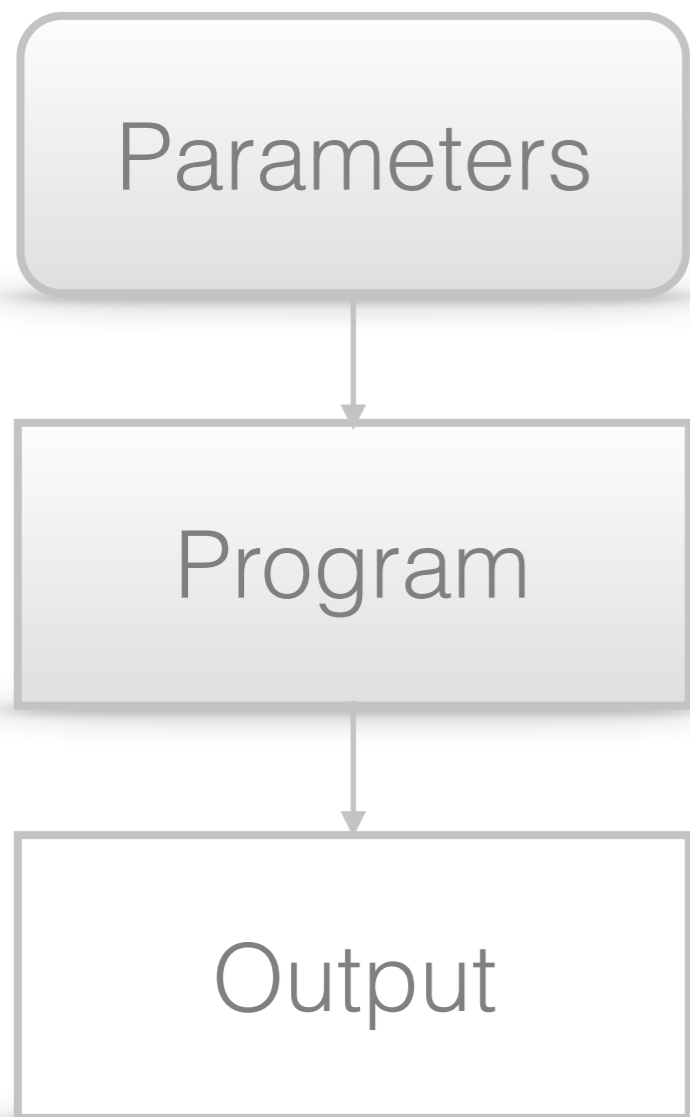
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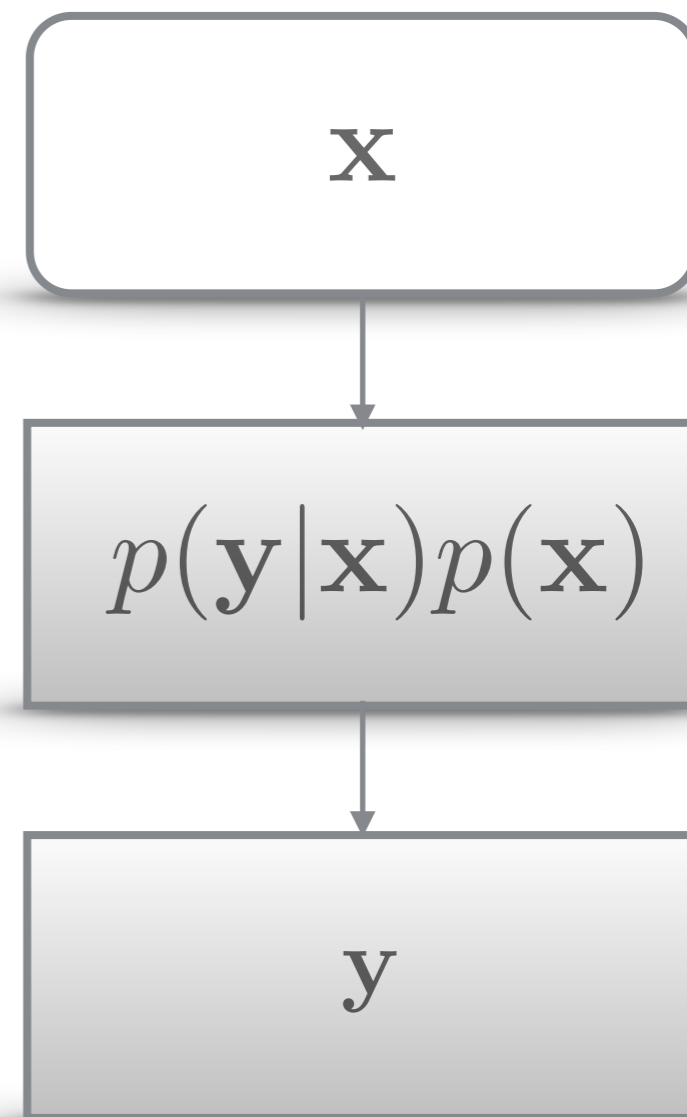


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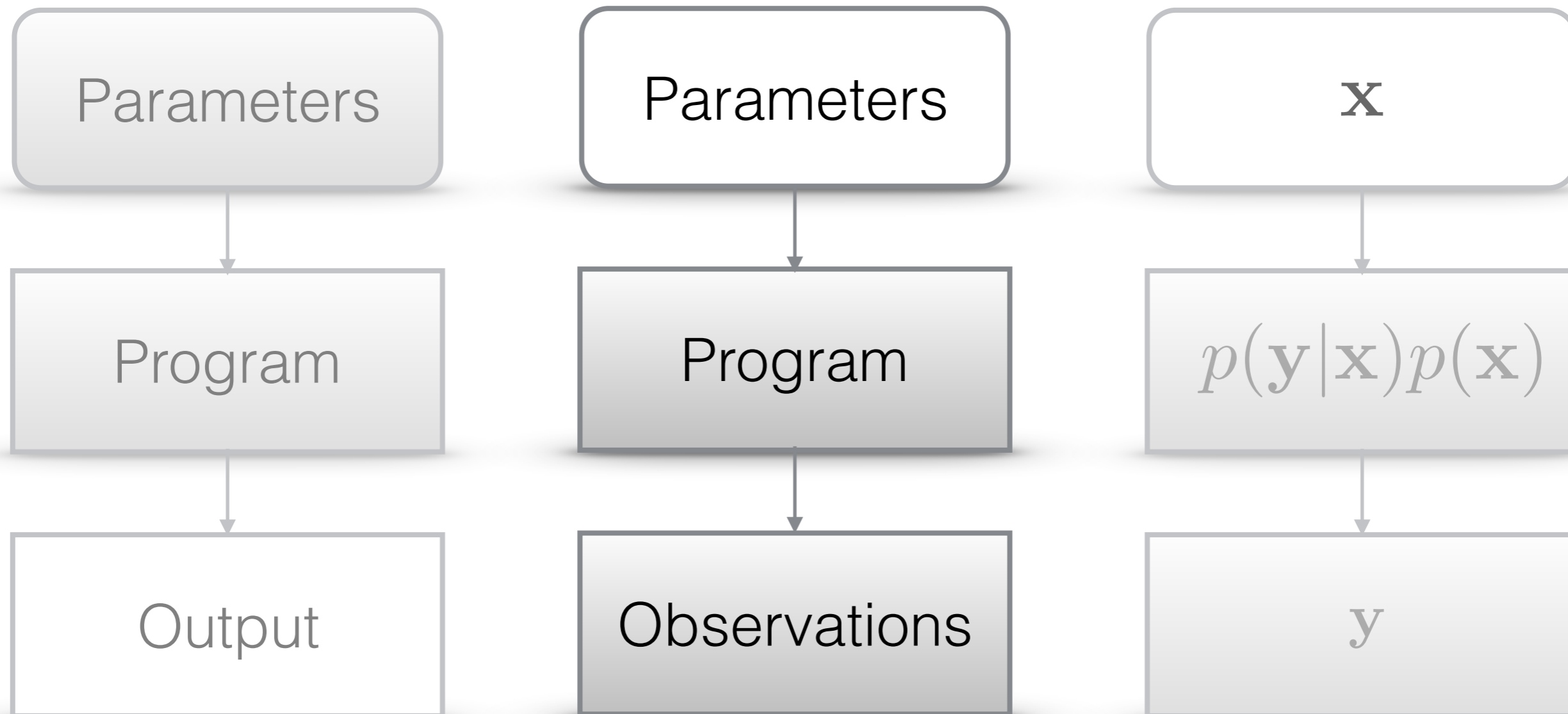


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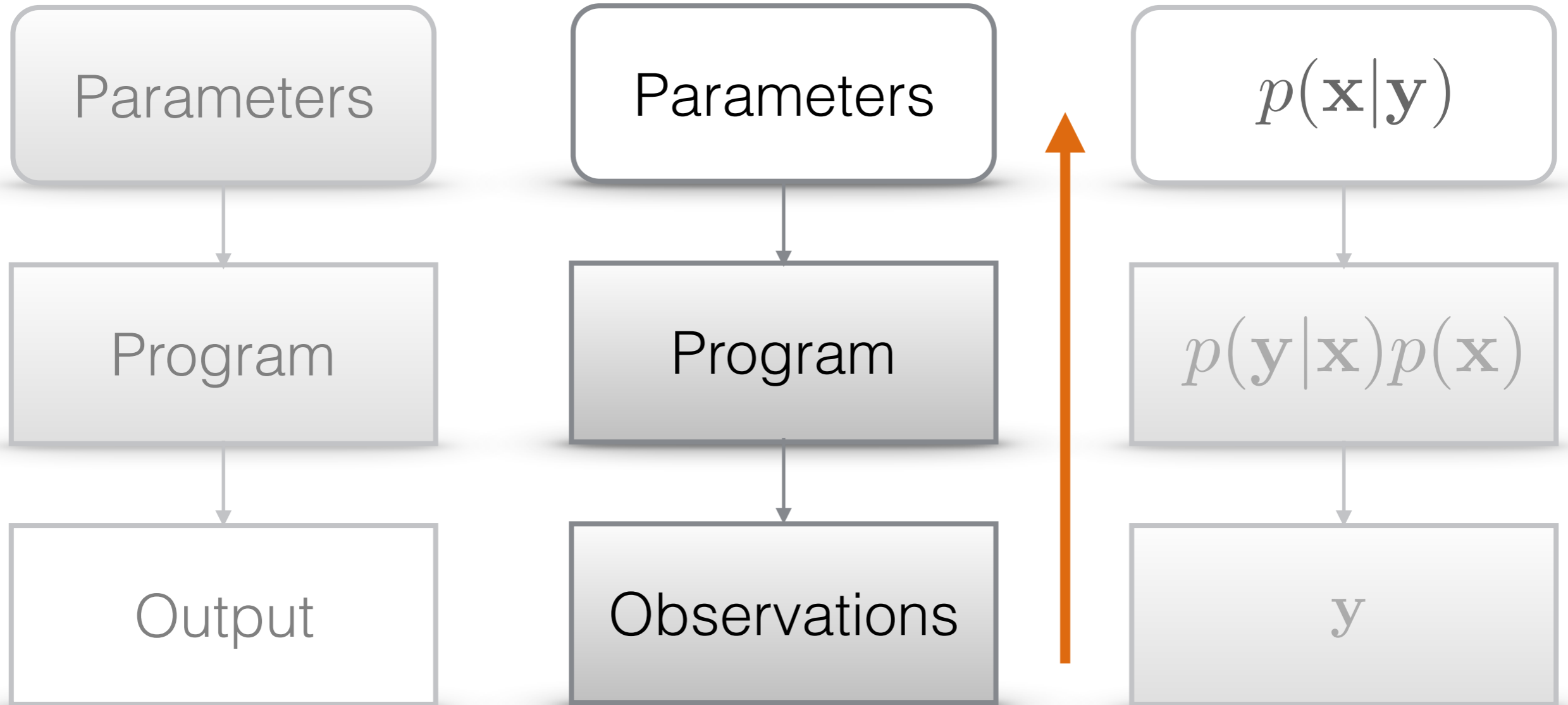
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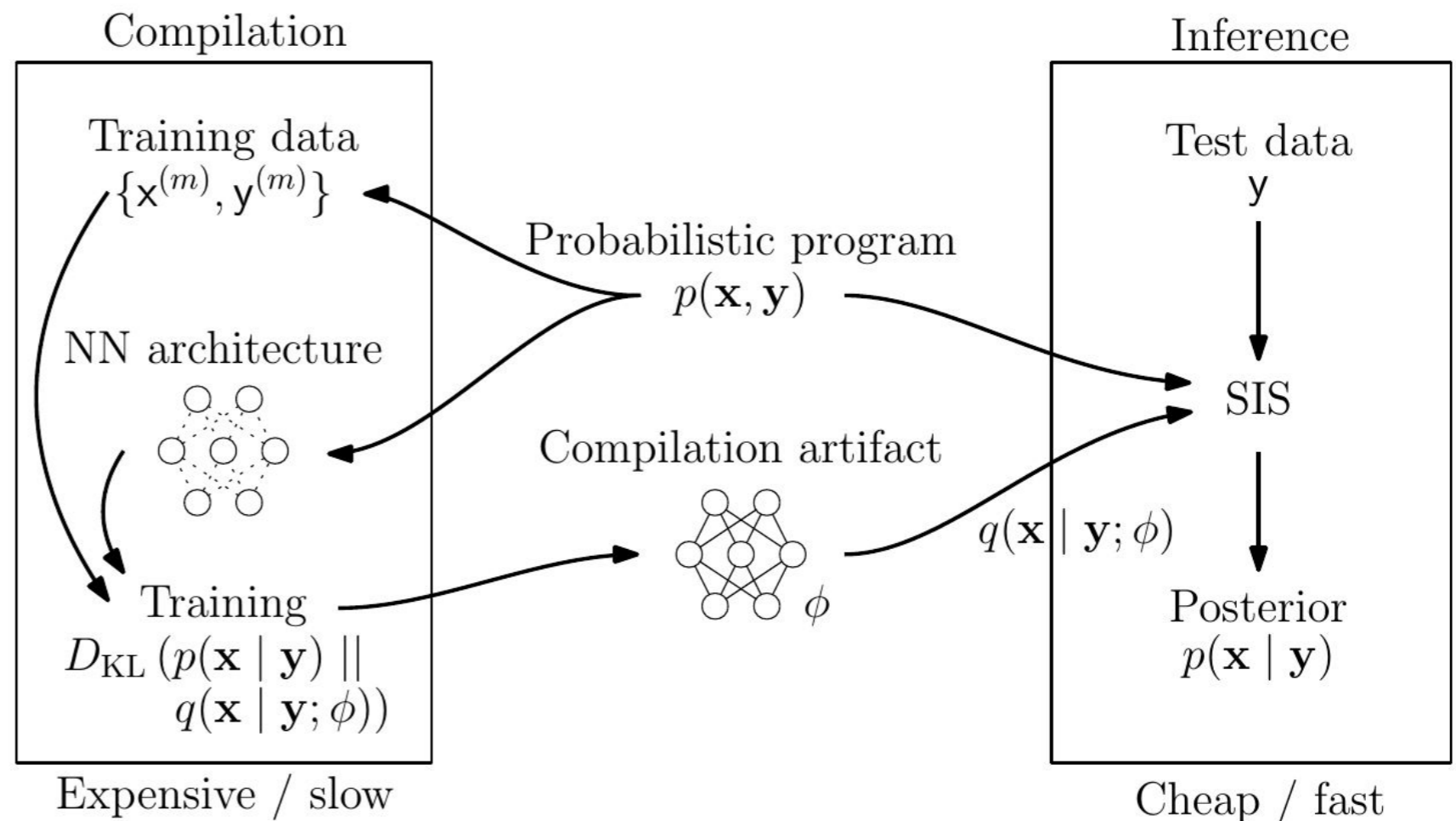
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HOW DOES IT WORK?

In short: hijack the random number generators and use NN's to perform a *very* smart type of importance sampling

Input: an inference problem denoted in a universal PPL (Anglican, CPProb)

Output: a trained inference network, or “compilation artifact” (Torch, PyTorch)



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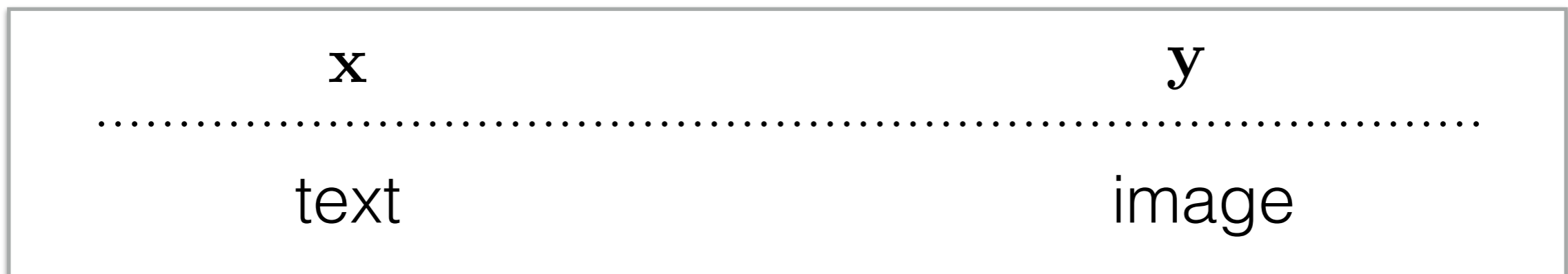
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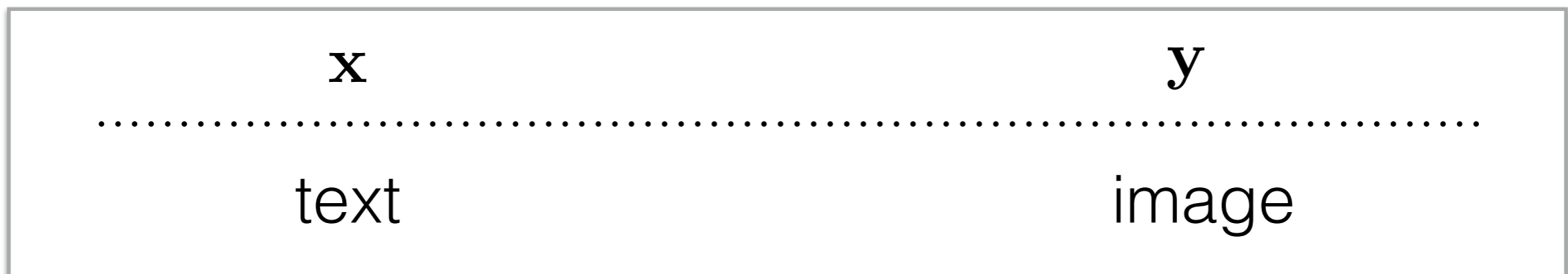
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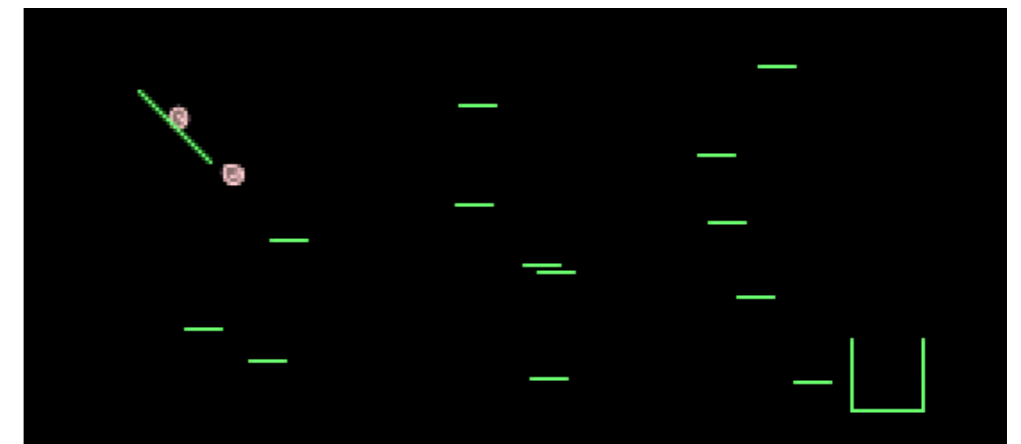
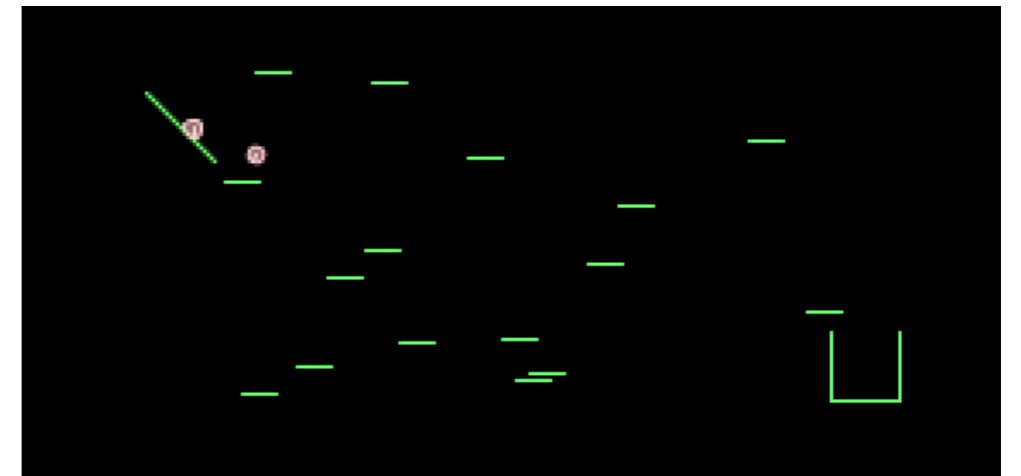
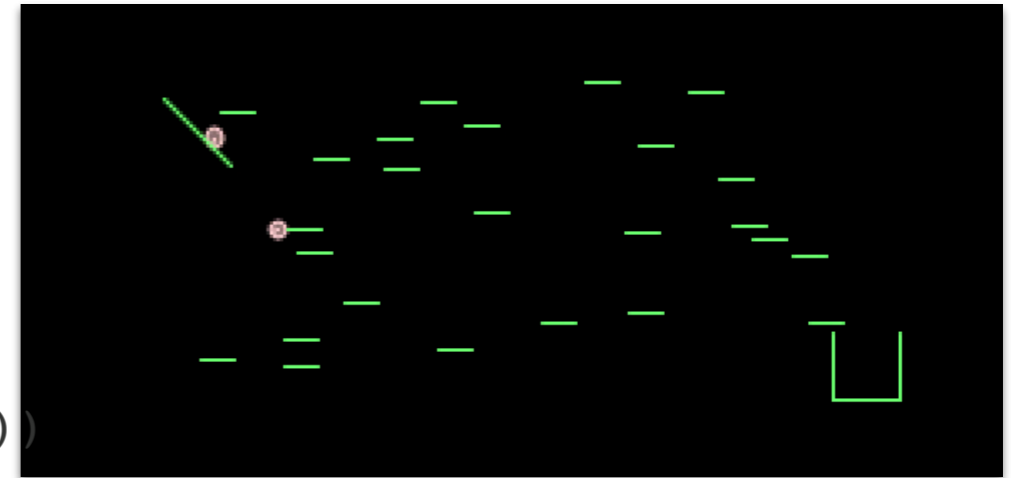
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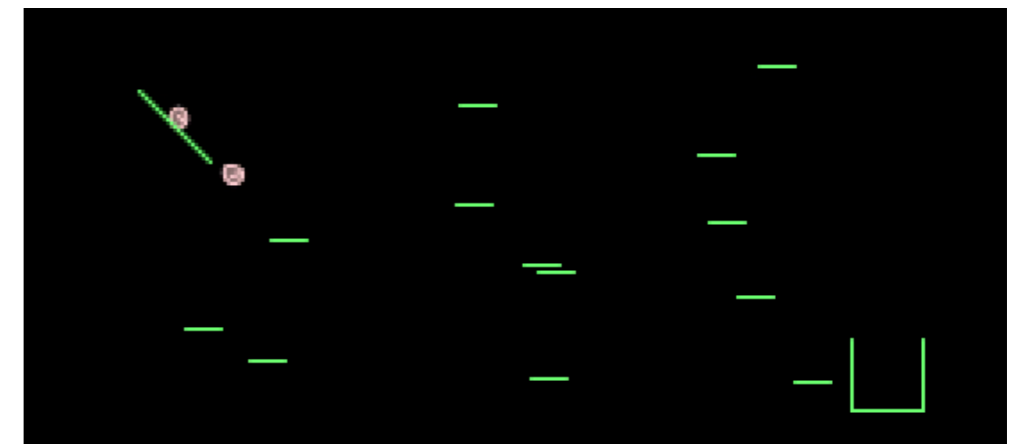
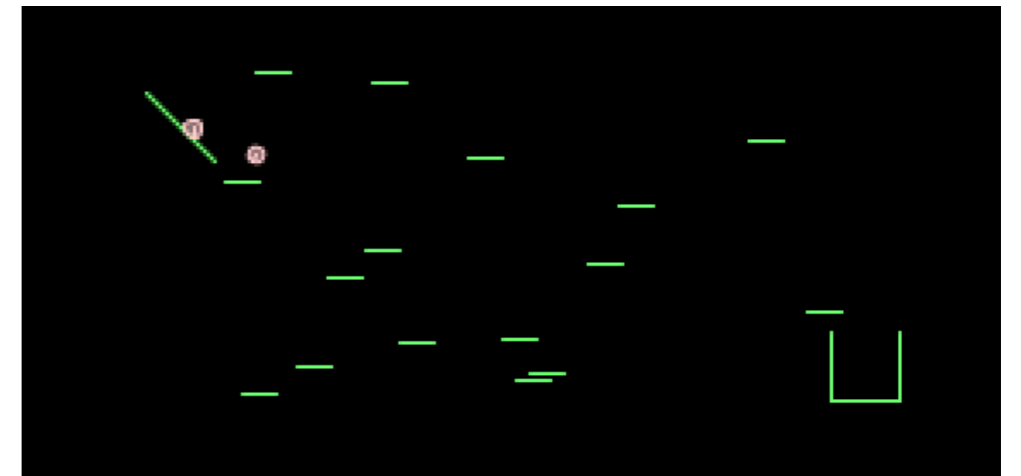
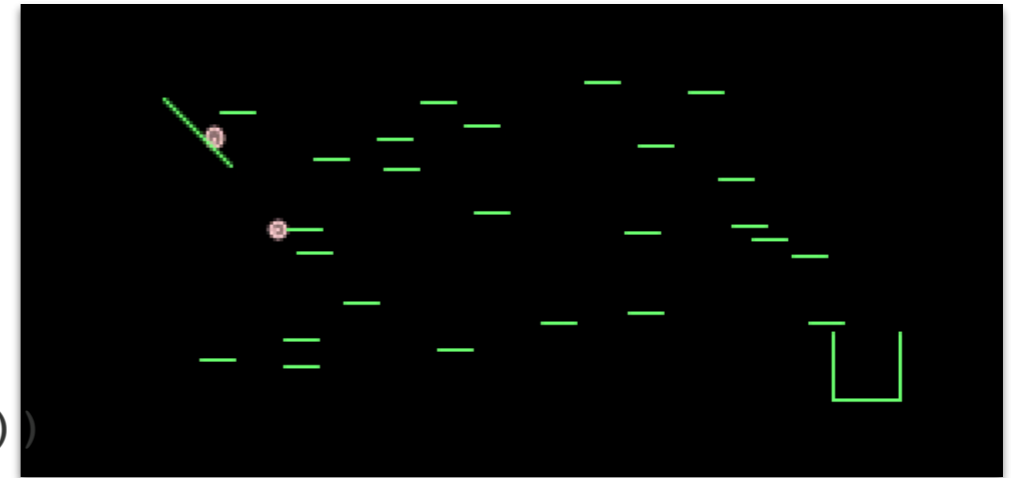
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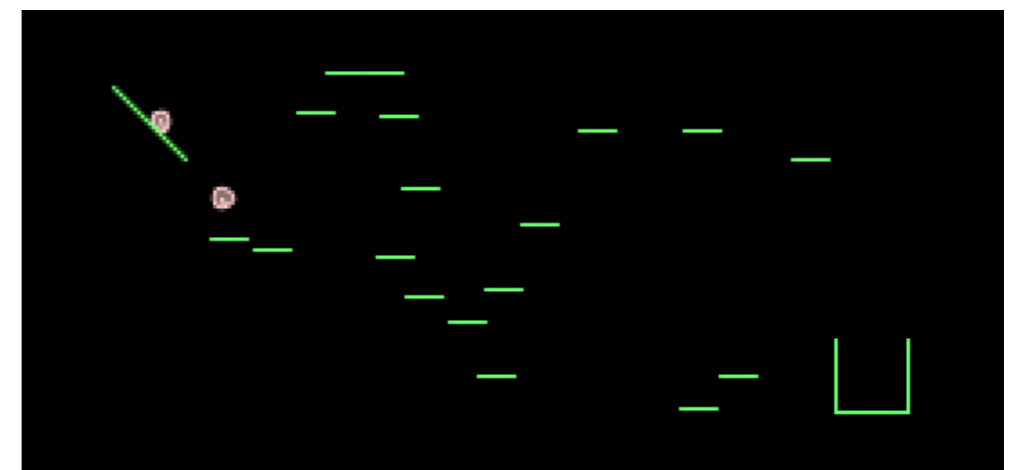
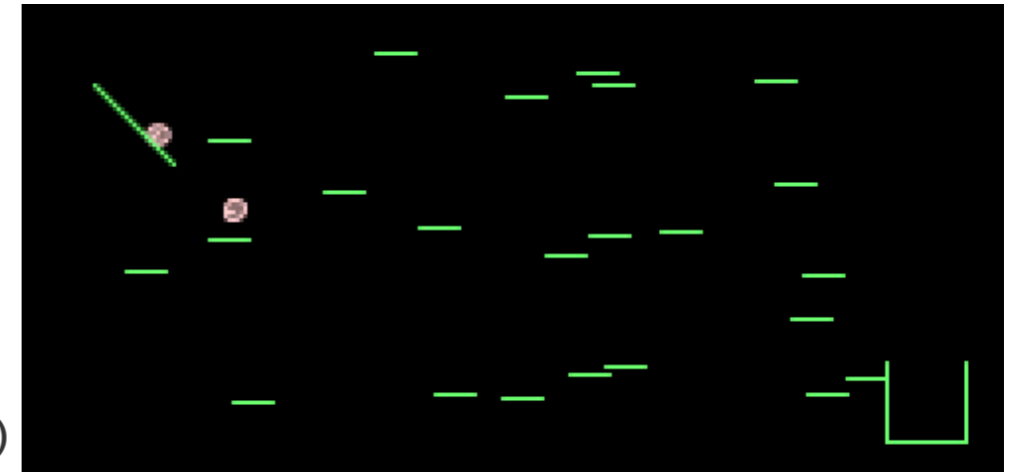
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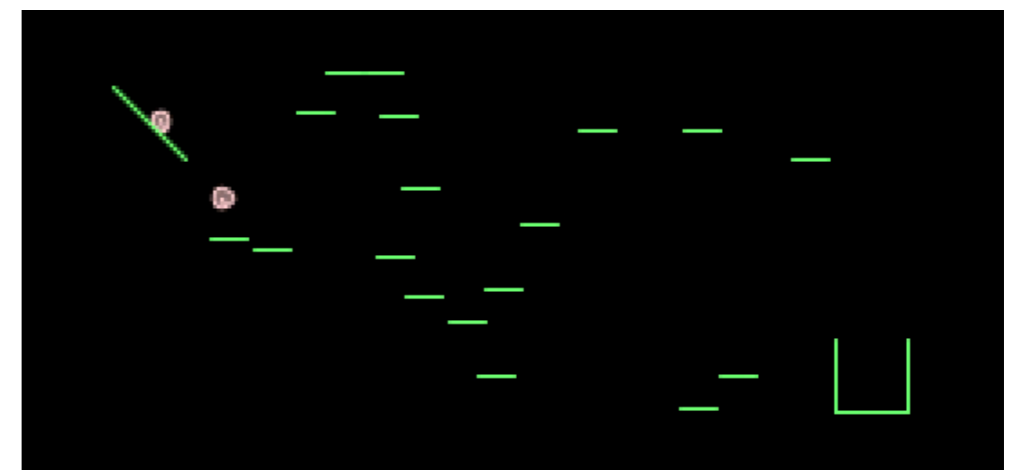
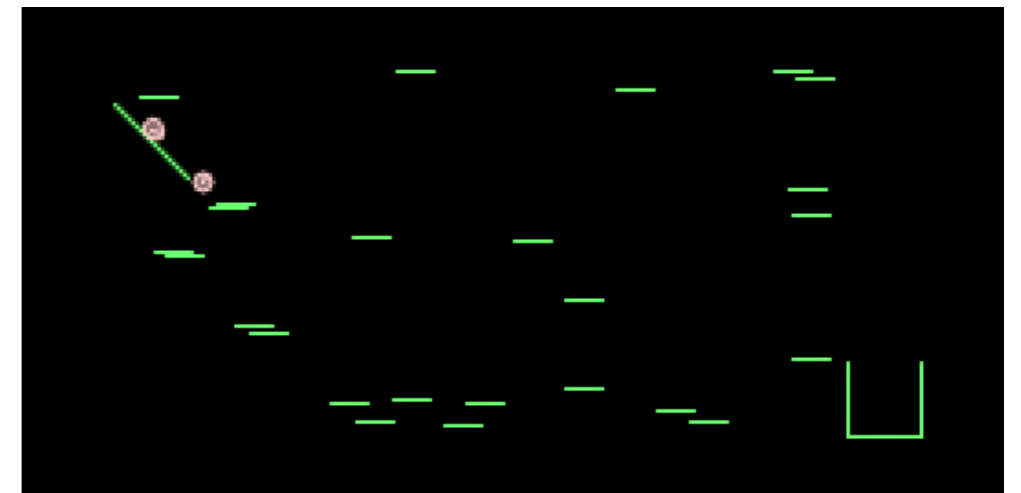
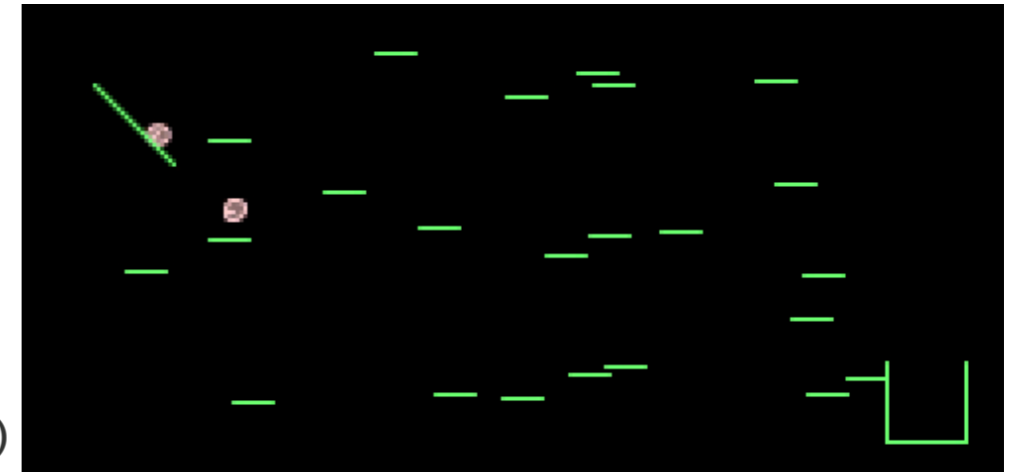
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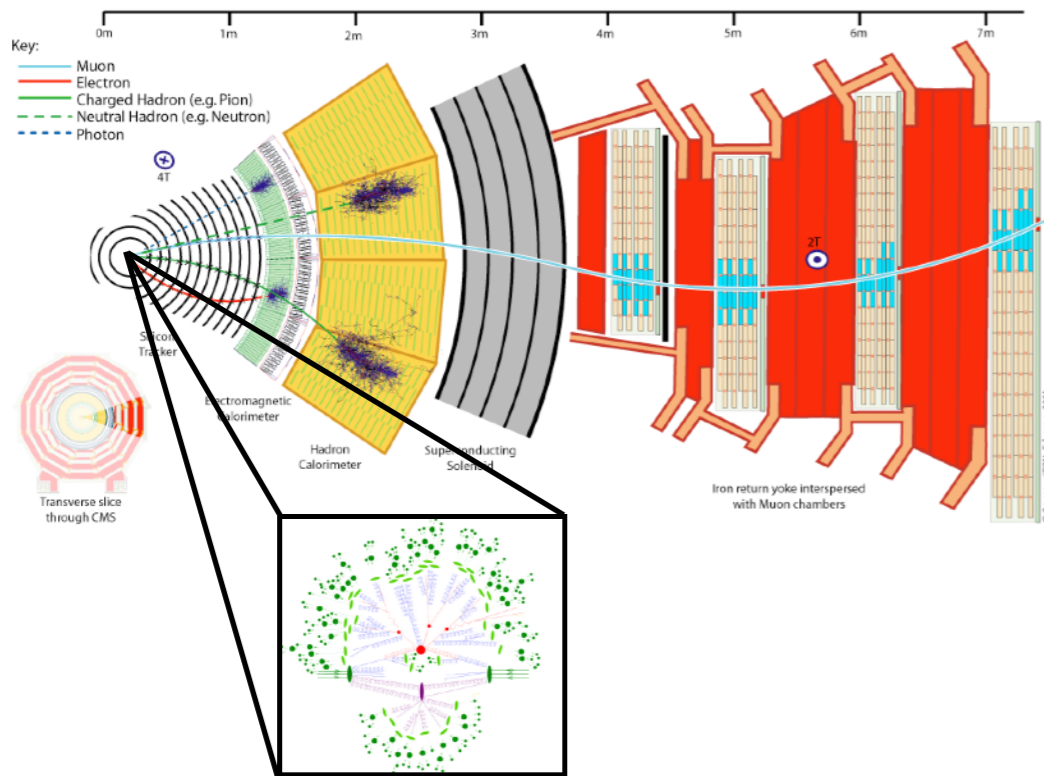
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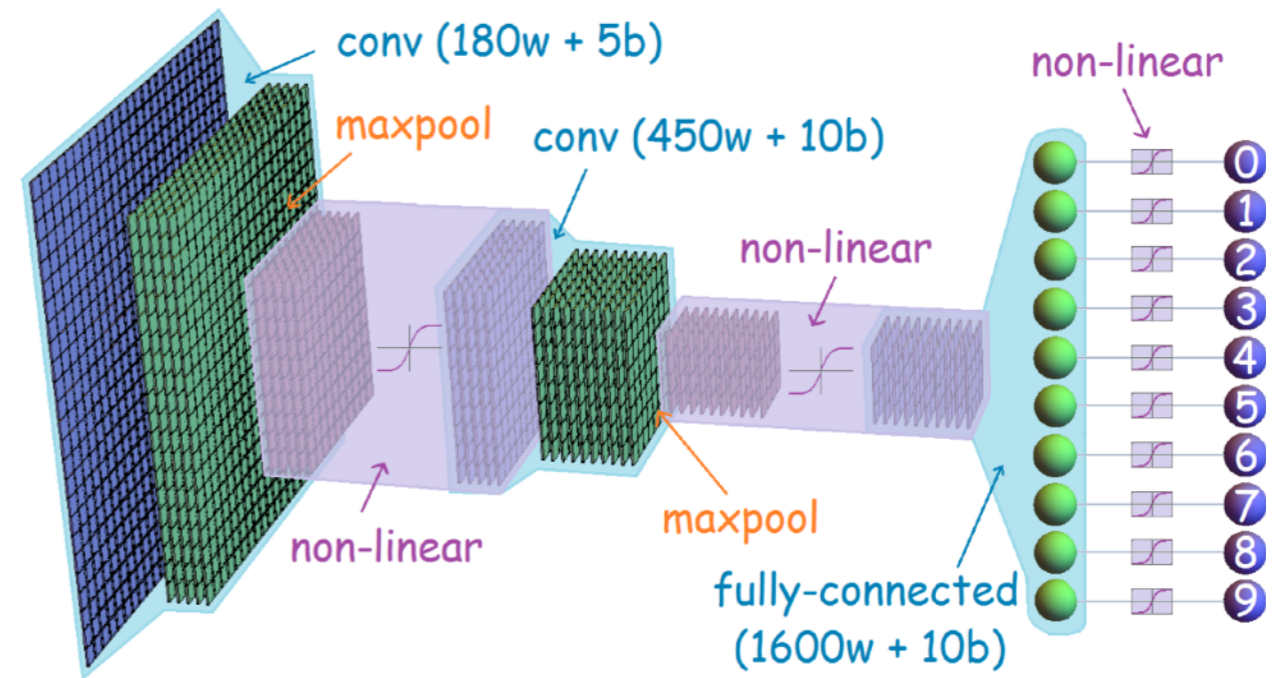
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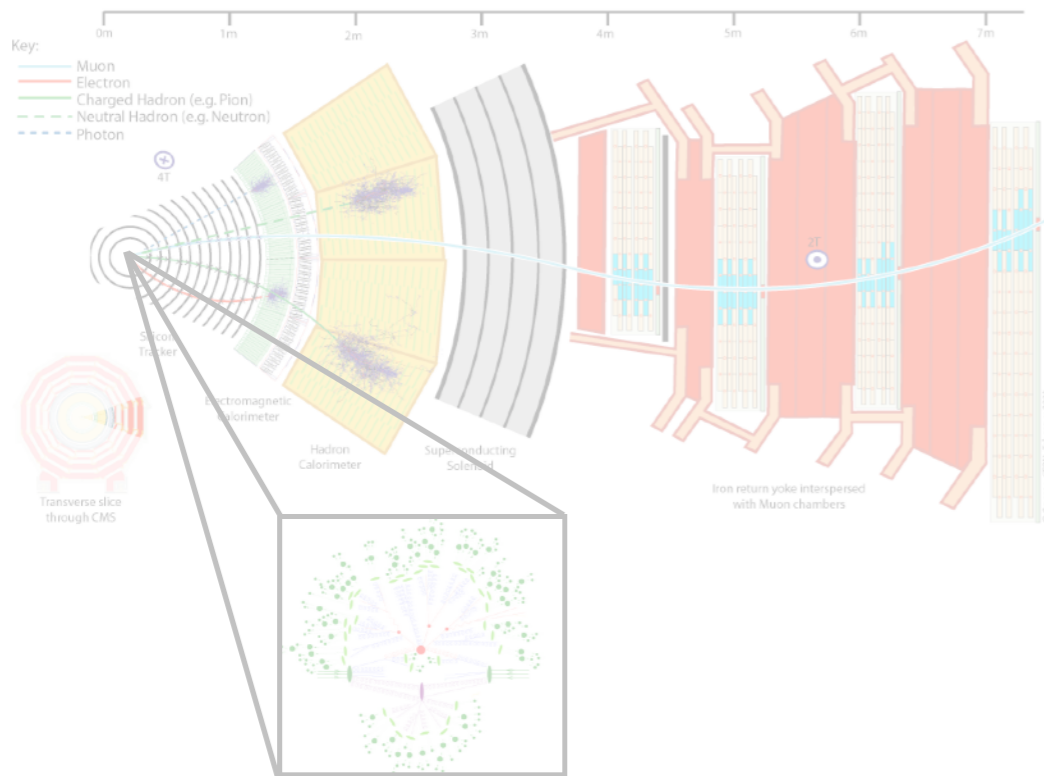
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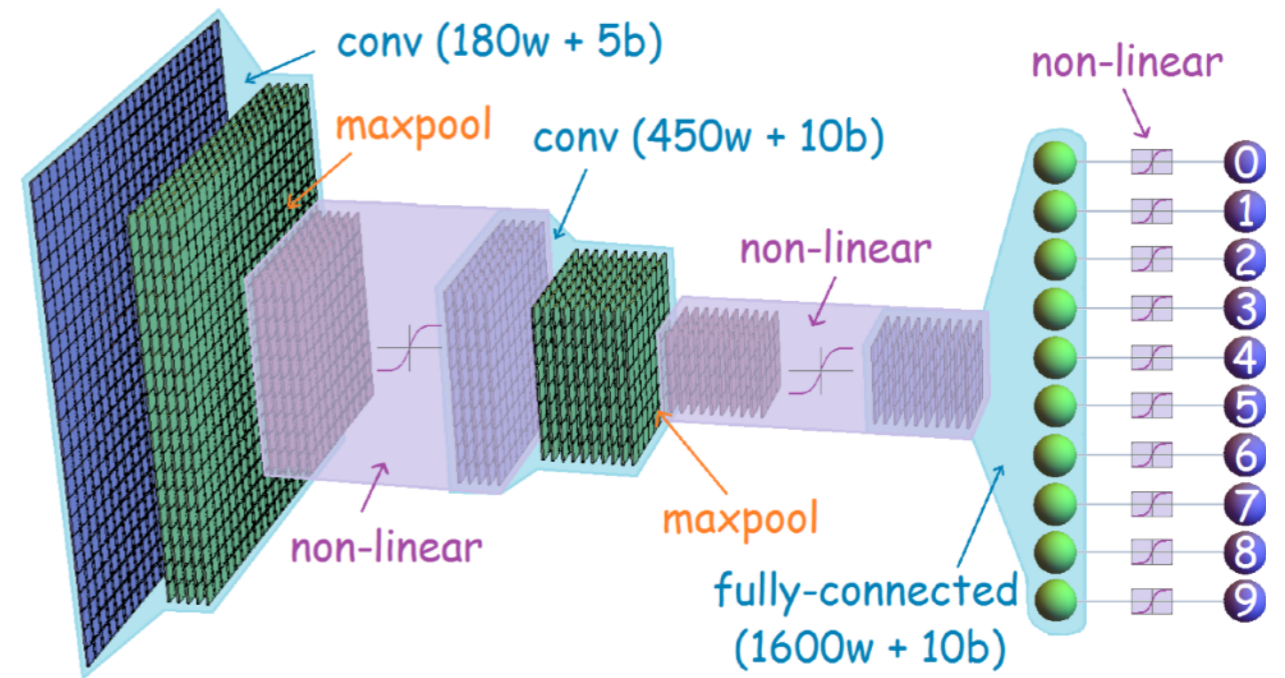
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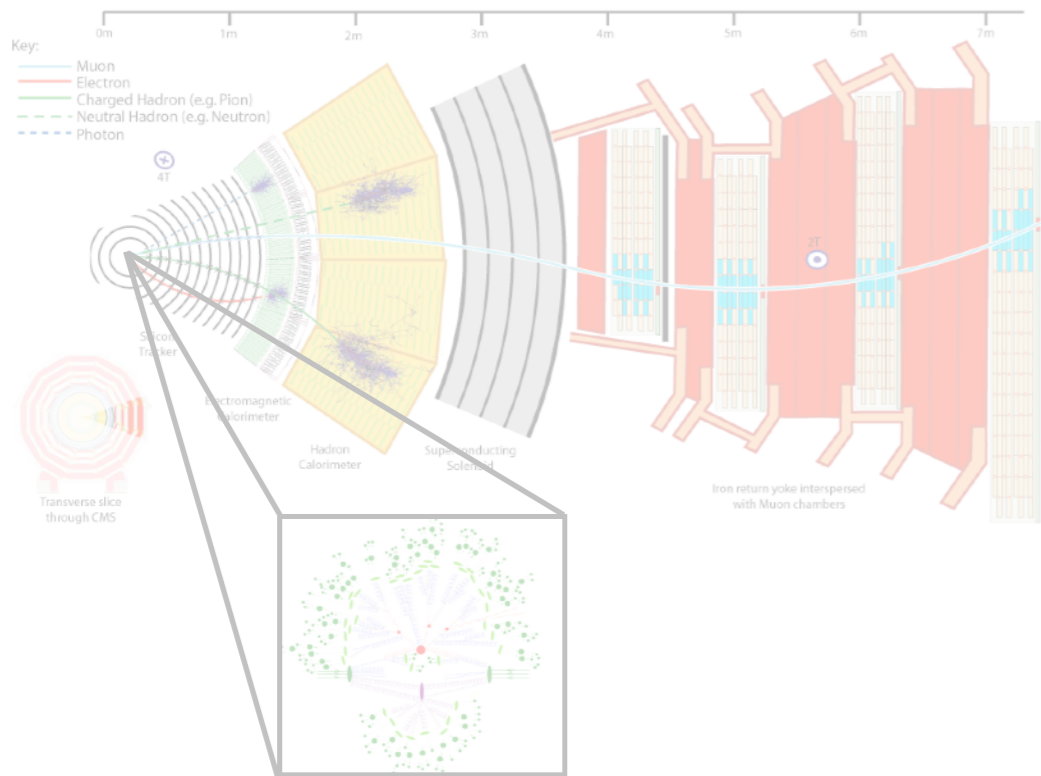
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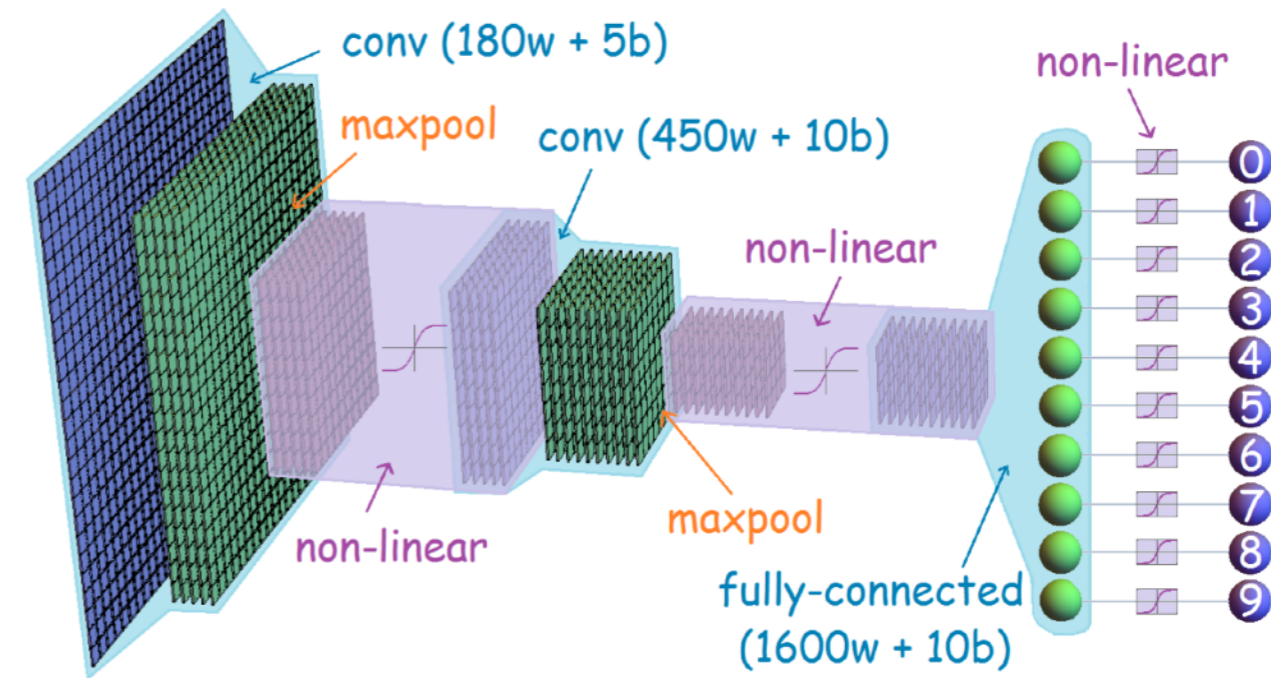
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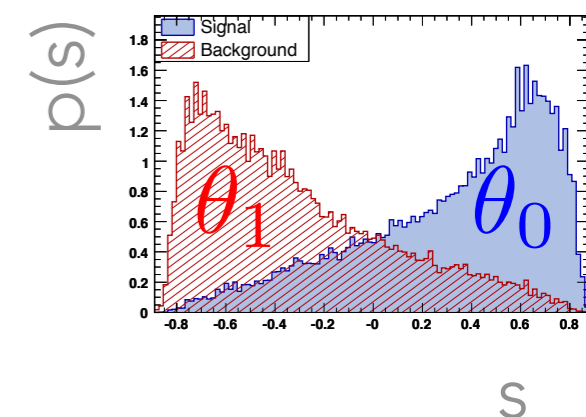
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The intractable likelihood ratio based on high-dimensional features x is:

$$\frac{p(x|\theta_0)}{p(x|\theta_1)}$$

We can show that an **equivalent test** can be made from 1-D projection

$$\frac{p(x|\theta_0)}{p(x|\theta_1)} = \frac{p(s(x; \theta_0, \theta_1)|\theta_0)}{p(s(x; \theta_0, \theta_1)|\theta_1)}$$



if the scalar map $s: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ has the same level sets as the likelihood ratio

$$s(x; \theta_0; \theta_1) = \text{monotonic} \left[\frac{p(x|\theta_0)}{p(x|\theta_1)} \right]$$

Estimating the density of $s(x; \theta_0, \theta_1)$ via the simulator calibrates the ratio.

Binary classifier on balanced $y=0$ and $y=1$ labels learns

$$s(x) = \frac{p(x|y = 1)}{p(x|y = 0) + p(x|y = 1)}$$

Which is one-to-one with the likelihood ratio

$$\frac{p(x|y = 0)}{p(x|y = 1)} = 1 - \frac{1}{s(x)}$$

Can do the same thing for any two points θ_0 & θ_1 in parameter space. I call this a **parametrized classifier**

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carl module

carl is a toolbox for likelihood-free inference in Python.

The likelihood function is the central object that summarizes the information from an experiment needed for inference of model parameters. It is key to many areas of science that report the results of classical hypothesis tests or confidence intervals using the (generalized or profile) likelihood ratio as a test statistic. At the same time, with the advance of computing technology, it has become increasingly common that a simulator (or generative model) is used to describe complex processes that tie parameters of an underlying theory and measurement apparatus to high-dimensional observations. However, directly evaluating the likelihood function in these cases is often impossible or is computationally impractical.

In this context, the goal of this package is to provide tools for the likelihood-free setup, including likelihood (or density) ratio estimation algorithms, along with helpers to carry out inference on top of these.

This project is still in its early stage of development. [Join us on GitHub](#) if you feel like contributing!

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Likelihood-free inference with calibrated classifiers

Extensive details regarding likelihood-free inference with calibrated classifiers can be found in the companion paper "*Approximating Likelihood Ratios with Calibrated Discriminative Classifiers*", Kyle Cranmer, Juan Pavez, Gilles Louppe. <http://arxiv.org/abs/1506.02169>

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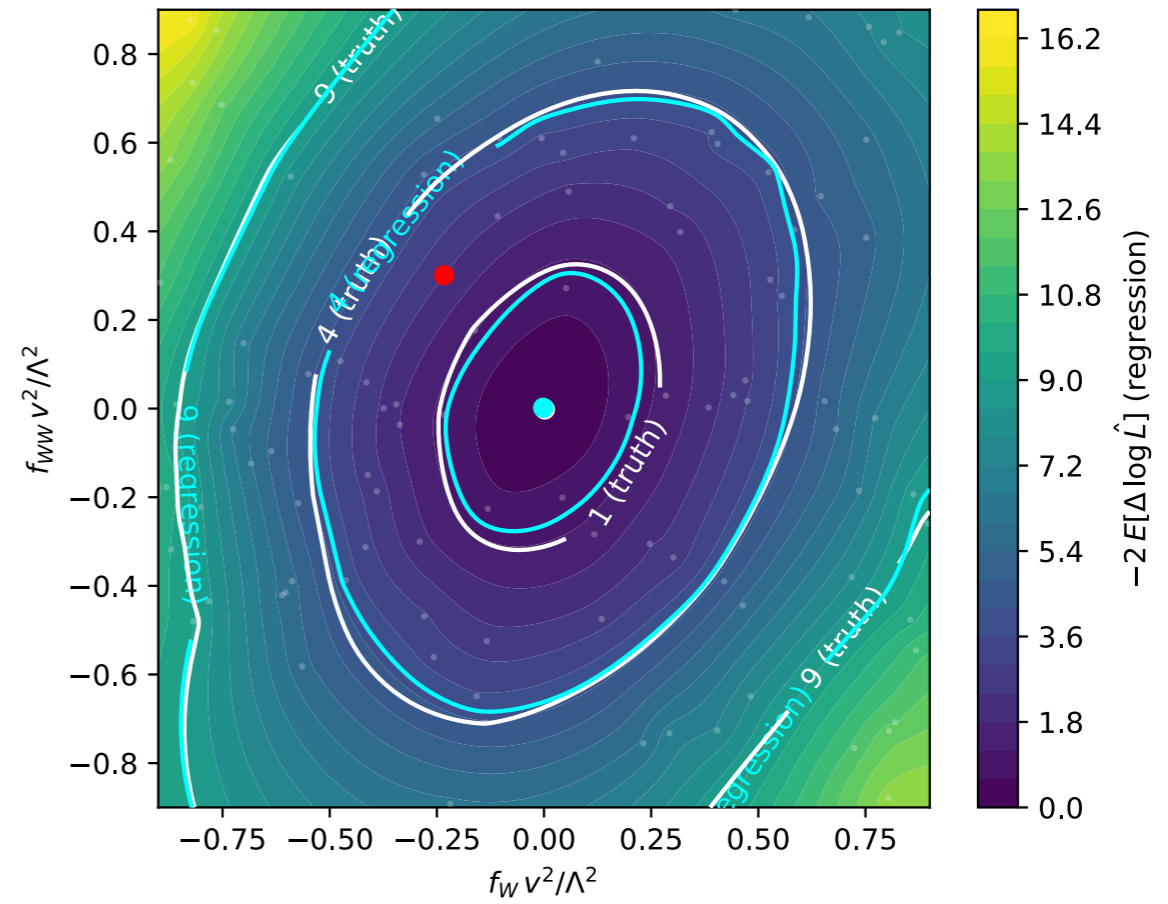
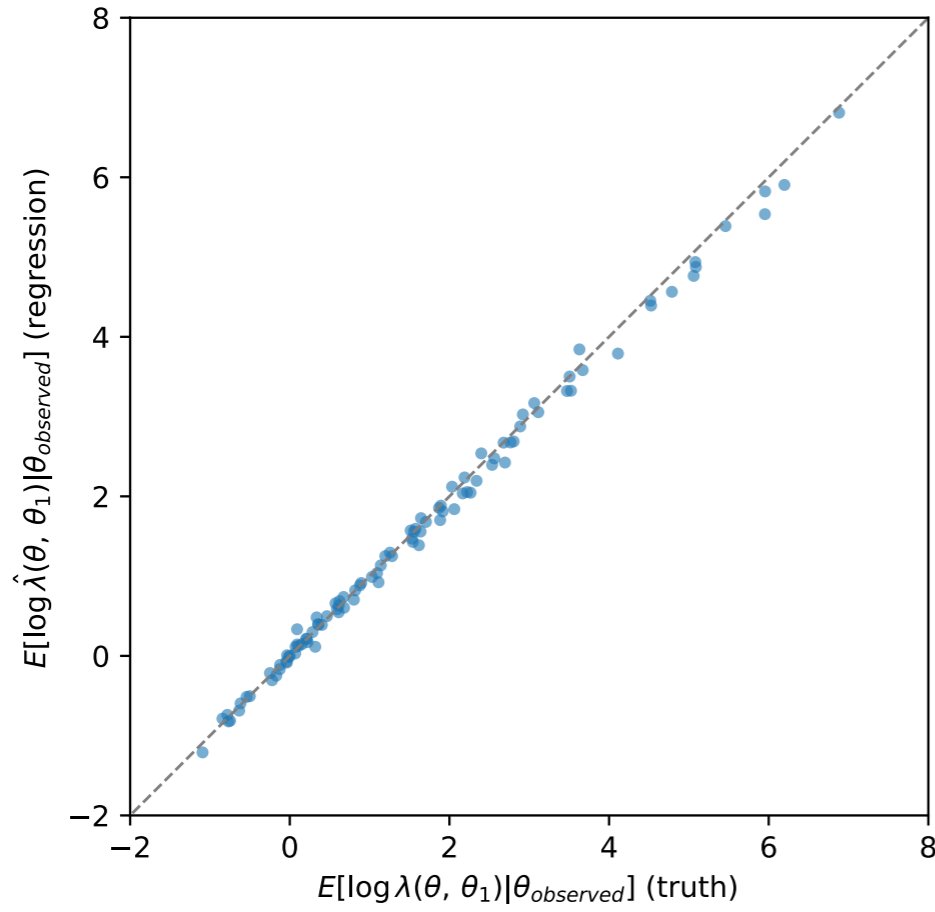
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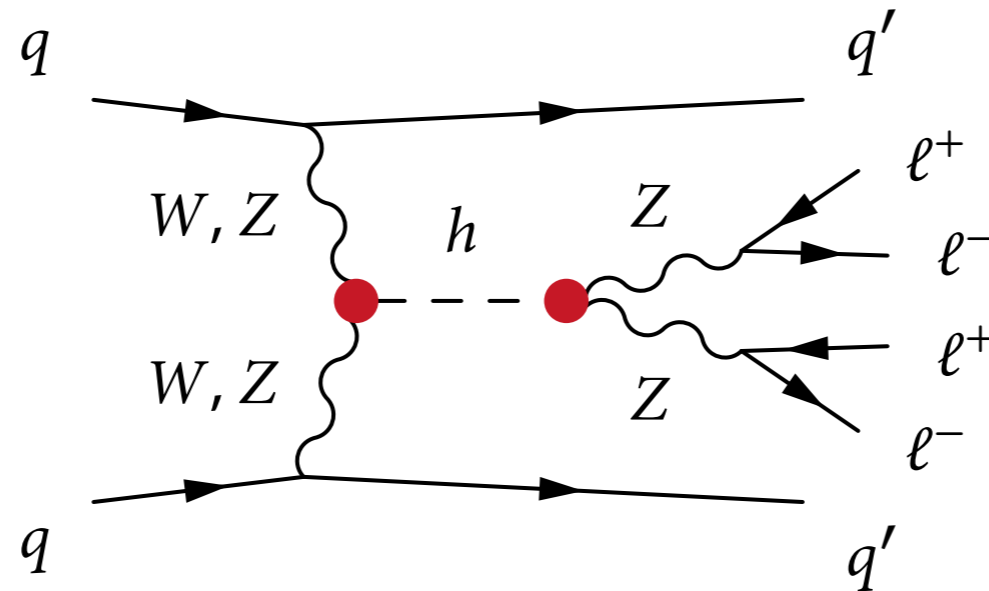
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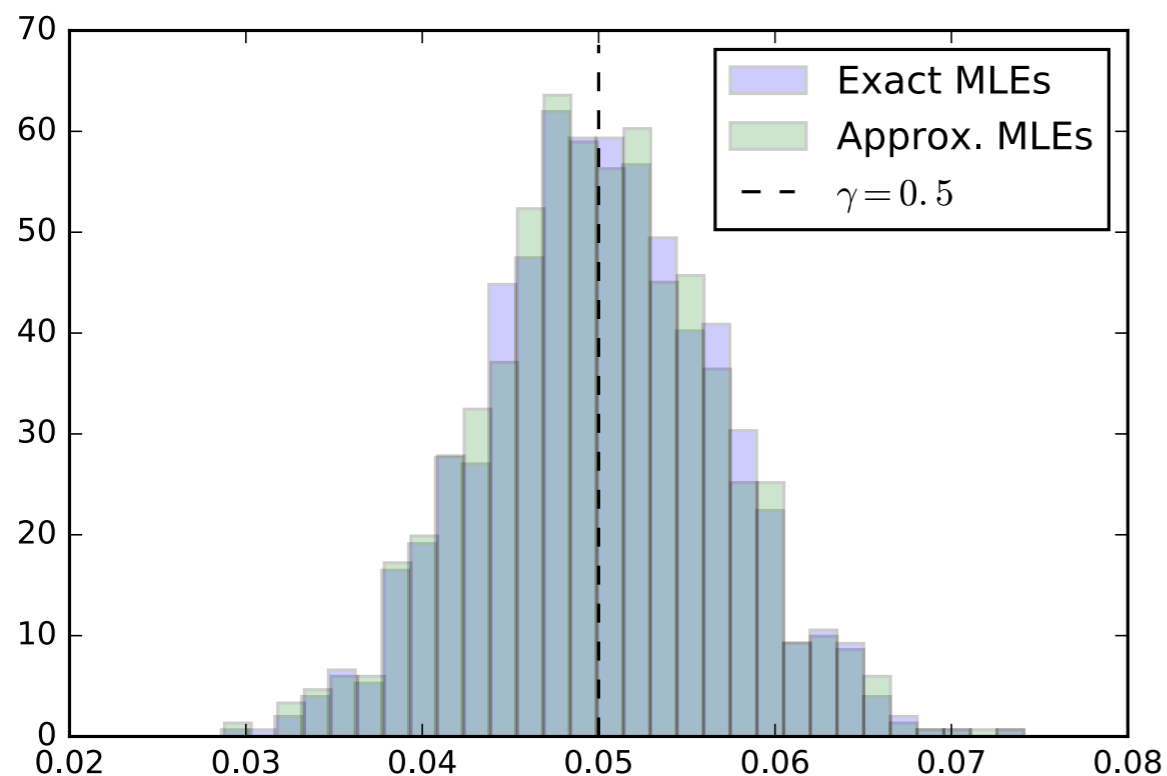
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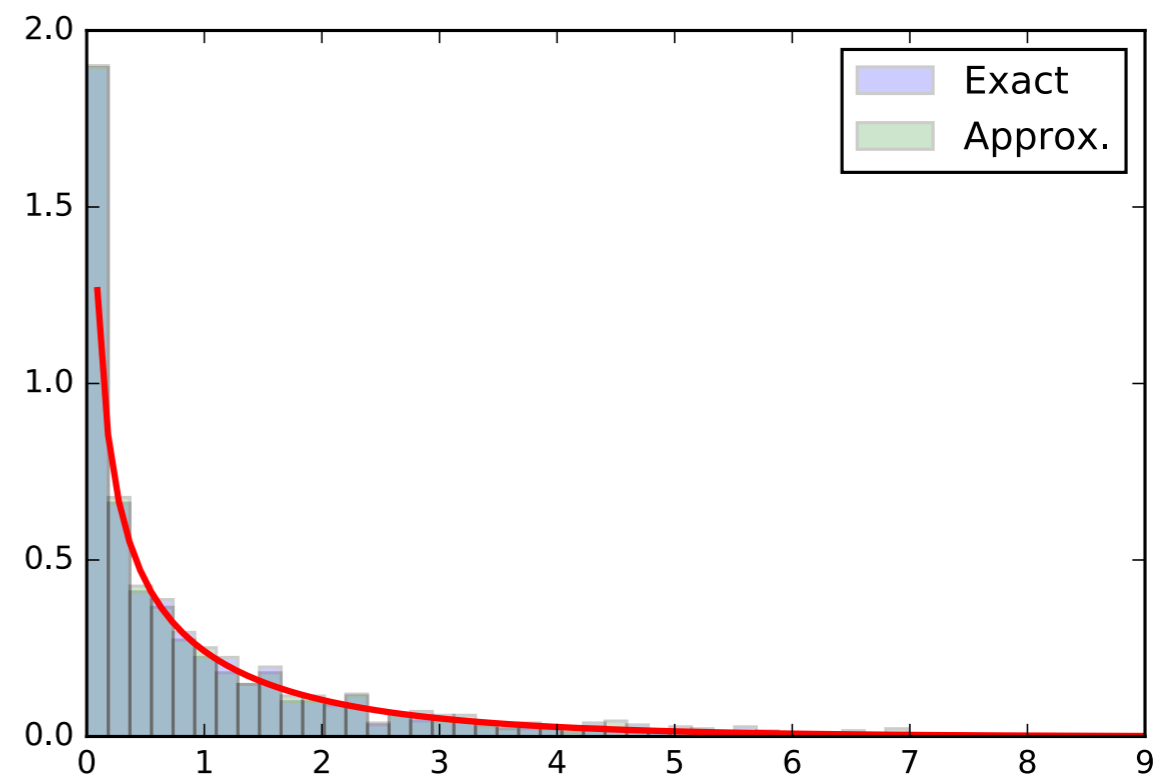
AMORTIZED LIKELIHOOD-FREE INFERENCE

Once we've learned the function $s(x; \theta)$ to approximate the likelihood, we can apply it to any data x .

- unlike MCMC, we pay biggest computational costs up front
- Here we repeat inference thousands of times & check asymptotic statistical theory



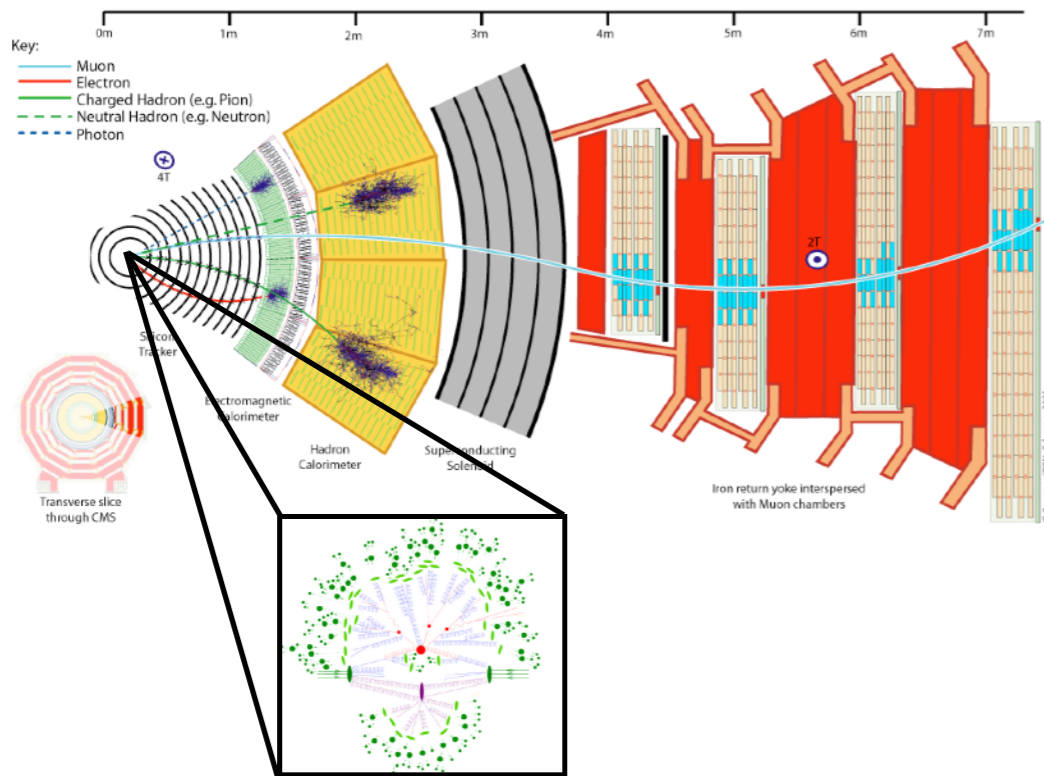
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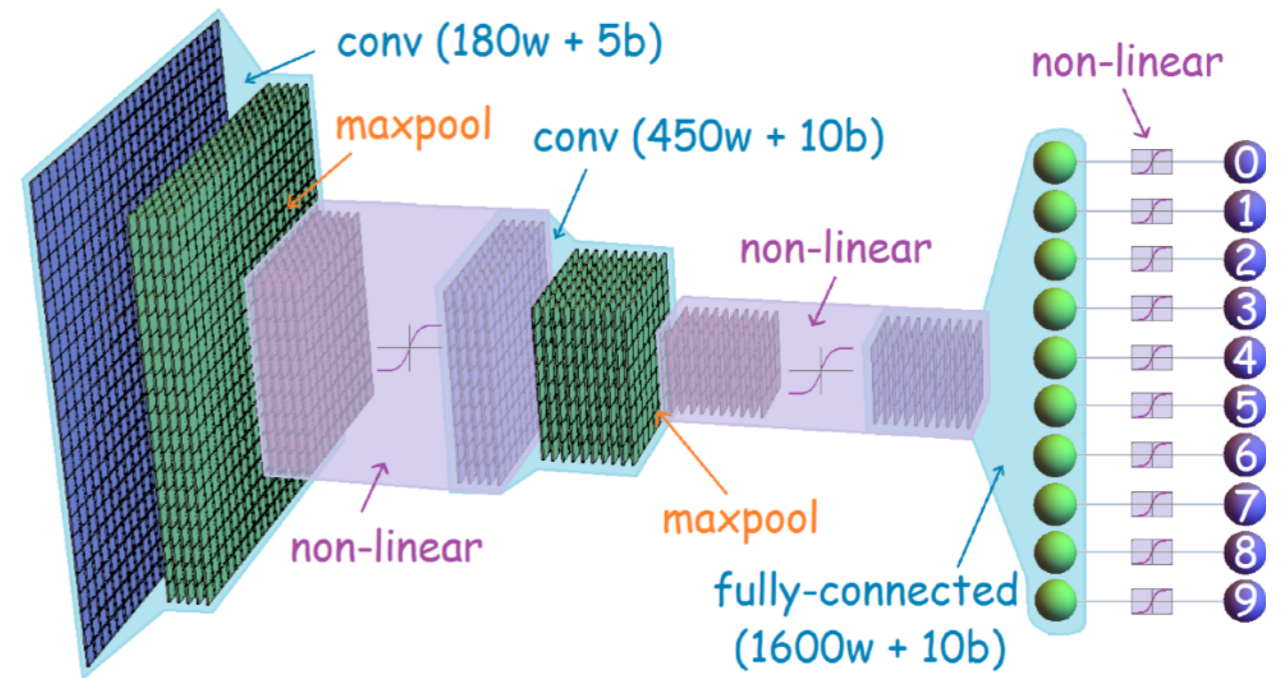
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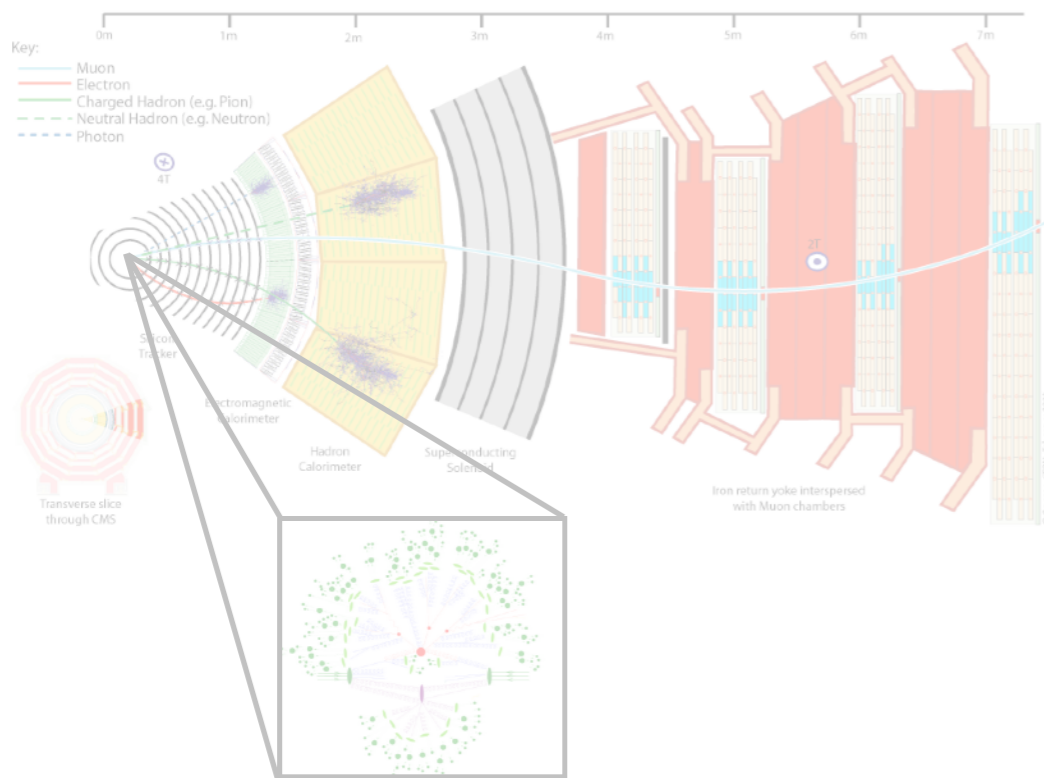
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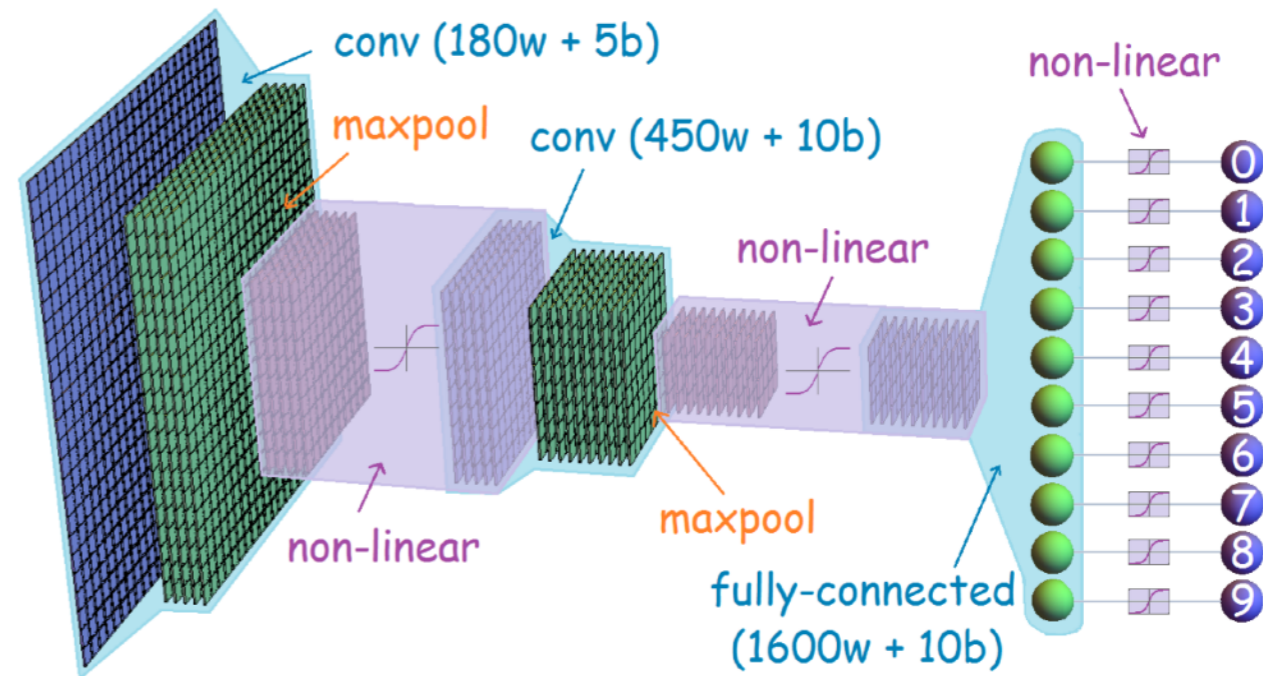
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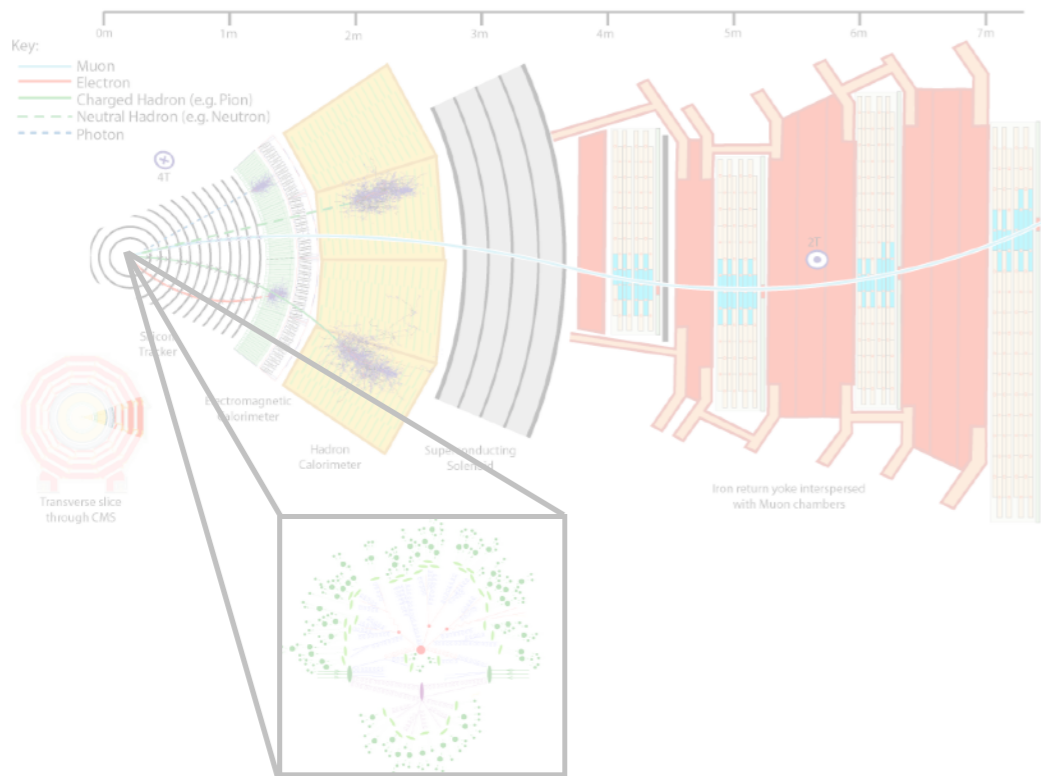
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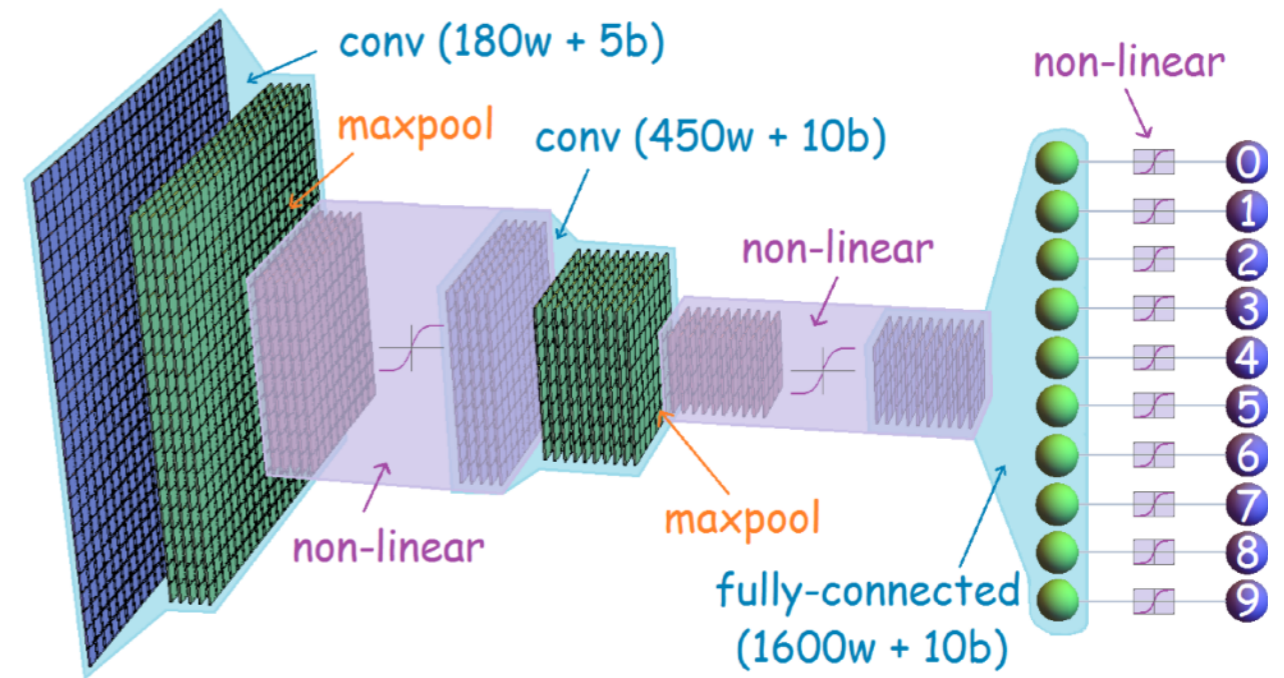
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Unifying generative models and exact likelihood-free inference with conditional bijections

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machine learning likelihood-free inference density estimation

Recent work in density estimation uses a bijection $f : X \rightarrow Z$ (e.g. an invertible flow or autoregressive model) and a tractable density $p(z)$ (e.g. [1] [2] [3] [4]).

$$p(x) = p(f_\phi(x)) \left| \det \left(\frac{\partial f_\phi(x)}{\partial x_T} \right) \right|,$$

where ϕ are the internal network parameters for the bijection f_ϕ . Learning proceeds via gradient ascent $\nabla_\phi \sum_i \log p(x_i)$ with data x_i (i.e. maximum likelihood wrt. the internal parameters ϕ). Since f is invertible, then this model can also be used as a generative model for X .

This can be generalized to the conditional density $p(x|\theta)$ by utilizing a family of bijections $f_\theta : X \rightarrow Z$ parametrized by θ (e.g. [5] [6]).

$$p(x|\theta) = p(f_{\phi;\theta}(x)) \left| \det \left(\frac{\partial f_{\phi;\theta}(x)}{\partial x_T} \right) \right|$$

Here θ and x are input to the network (and its inverse) and ϕ are internal network parameters. Again, learning proceeds via gradient ascent $\nabla_\phi \sum_i \log p(x_i|\theta_i)$ with data x_i, θ_i .

We observe that not only can this model be used as a conditional generative model $p(x|\theta)$, but it can also be used to perform asymptotically exact, amortized likelihood-free inference on θ .

This is particularly interesting when θ is identified with the parameters of an intractable, non-differentiable computer simulation or the conditions of some real world data collection process.

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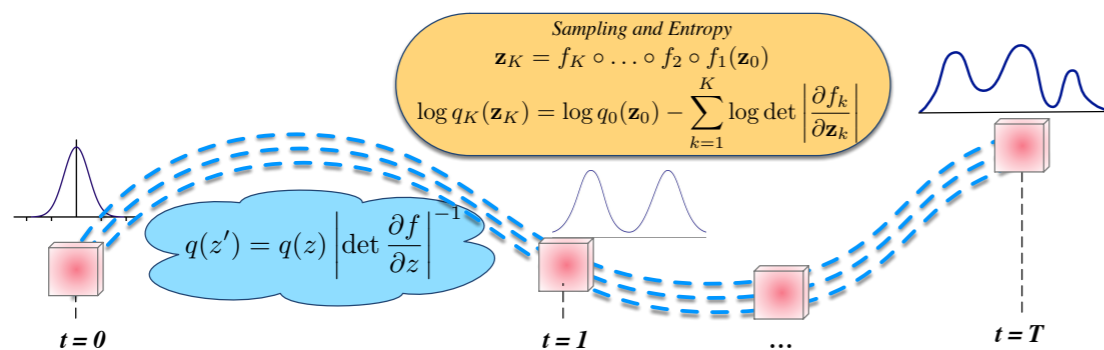
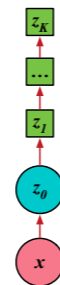
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Normalizing flows and autoregressive models

Approximations using Change-of-variables

Exploit the rule for change of variables for random variables:

- Begin with an initial distribution $q_0(\mathbf{z}_0|\mathbf{x})$.
- Apply a sequence of K invertible functions f_k .



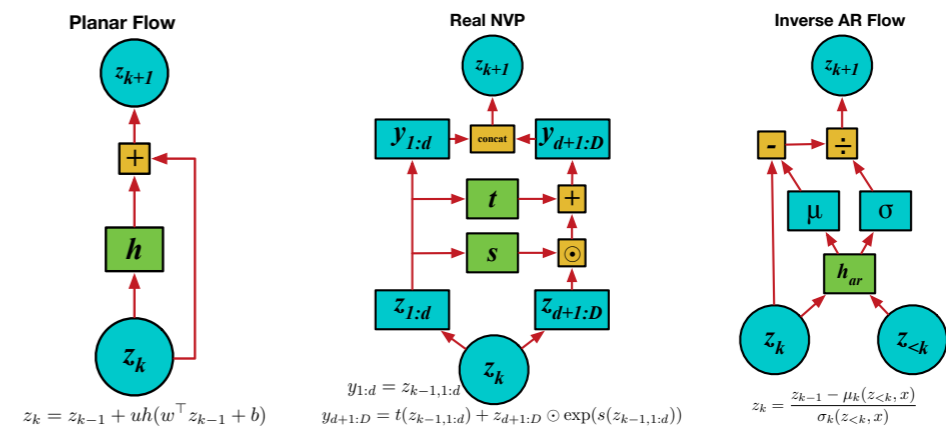
Distribution flows through a sequence of invertible transforms

[Rezende and Mohamed, 2015]

Choice of Transformation Function

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathbb{E}_{q_0(\mathbf{z}_0)}[\log p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z}_K)] - \mathbb{E}_{q_0(\mathbf{z}_0)}[\log q_0(\mathbf{z}_0)] - \mathbb{E}_{q_0(\mathbf{z}_0)} \left[\sum_{k=1}^K \log \det \left| \frac{\partial f_k}{\partial \mathbf{z}_k} \right| \right]$$

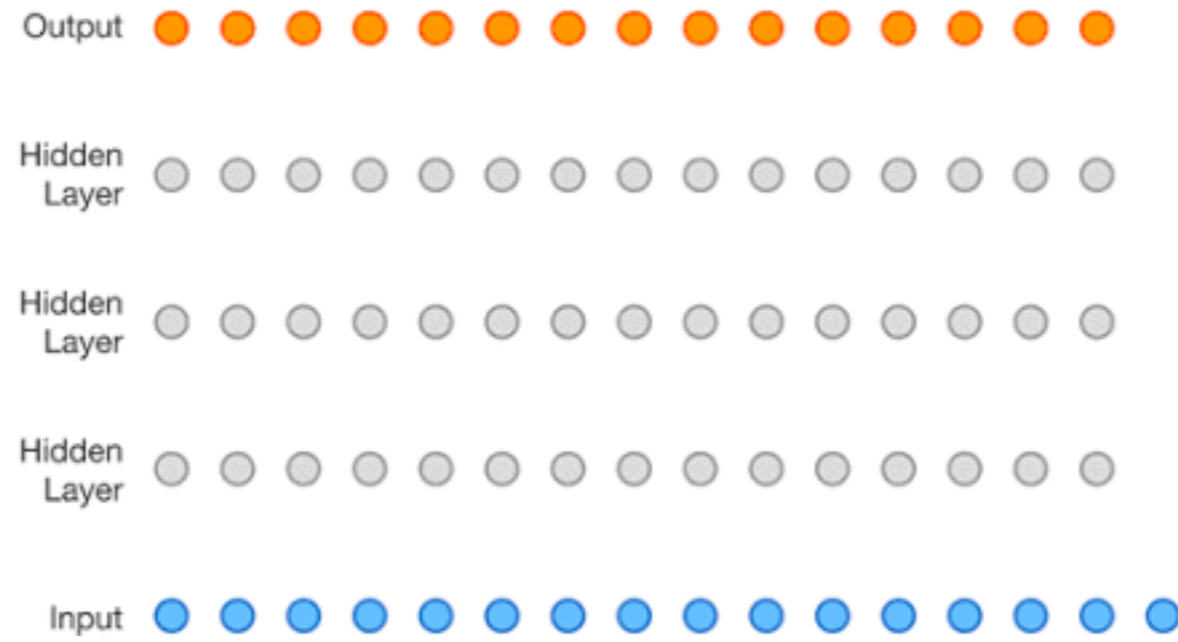
- Begin with a fully-factorised Gaussian and improve by change of variables.
- Triangular Jacobians allow for computational efficiency.



[Rezende and Mohamed, 2016; Dinh et al., 2016; Kingma et al., 2016]

Linear time computation of the determinant and its gradient.

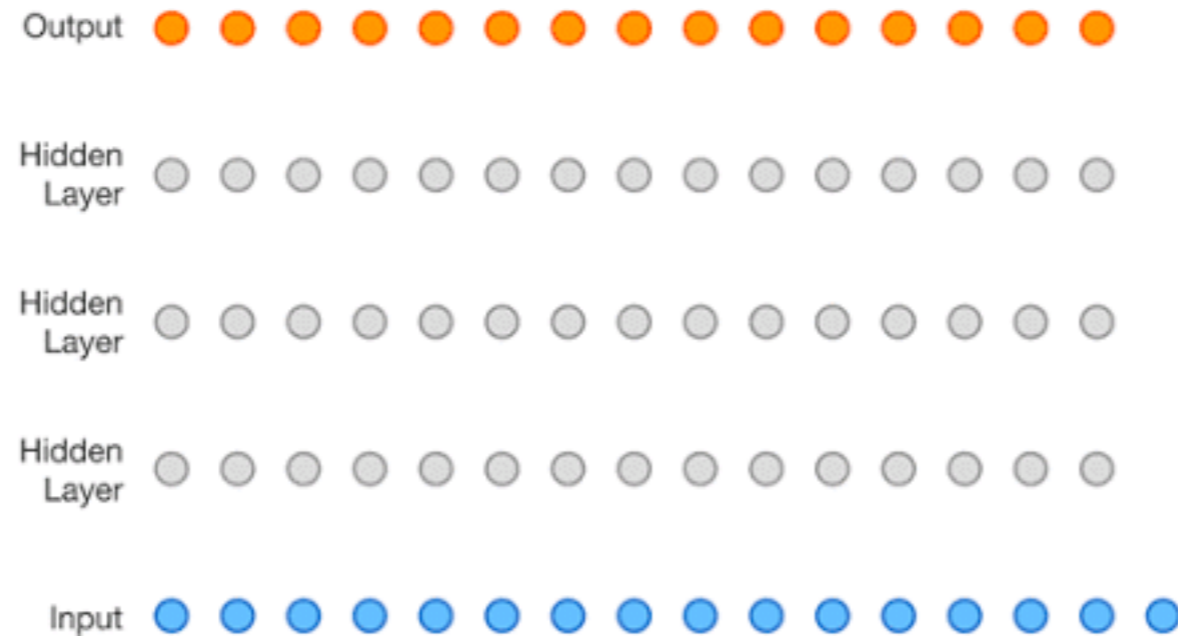
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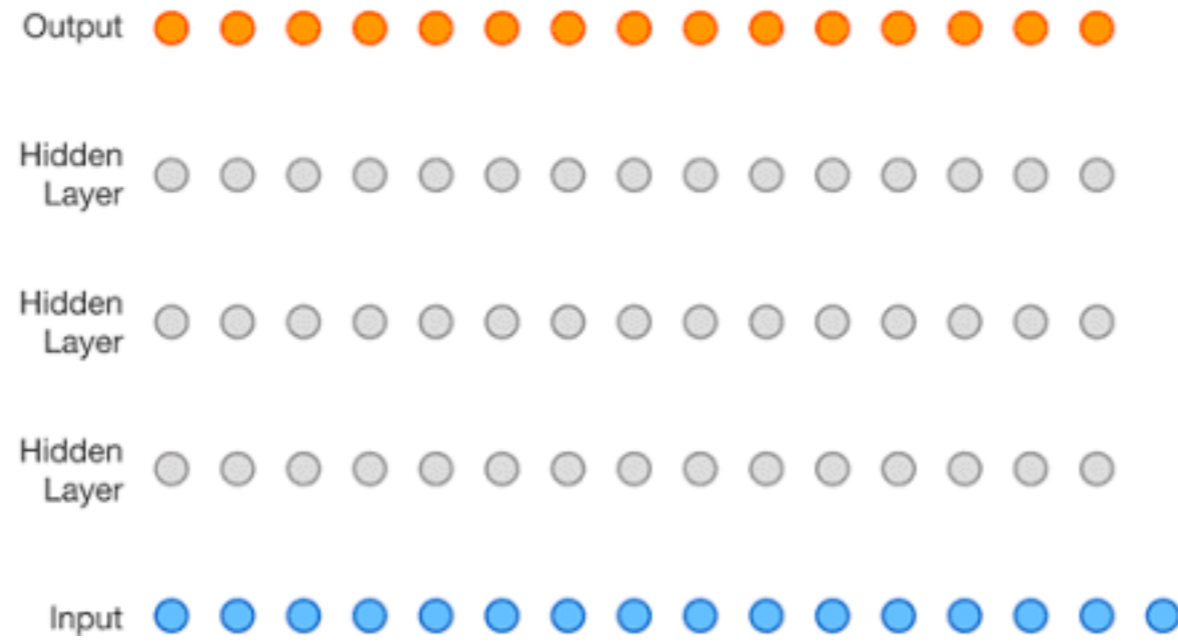
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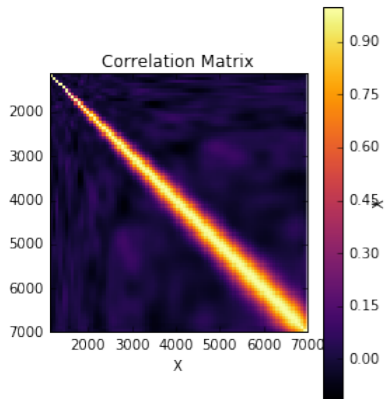


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We can inject our knowledge of physics into the variational family

Physics-aware Gaussian Processes

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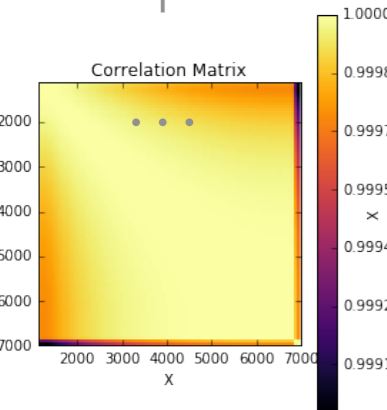
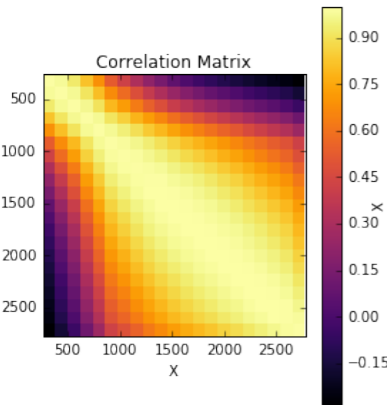
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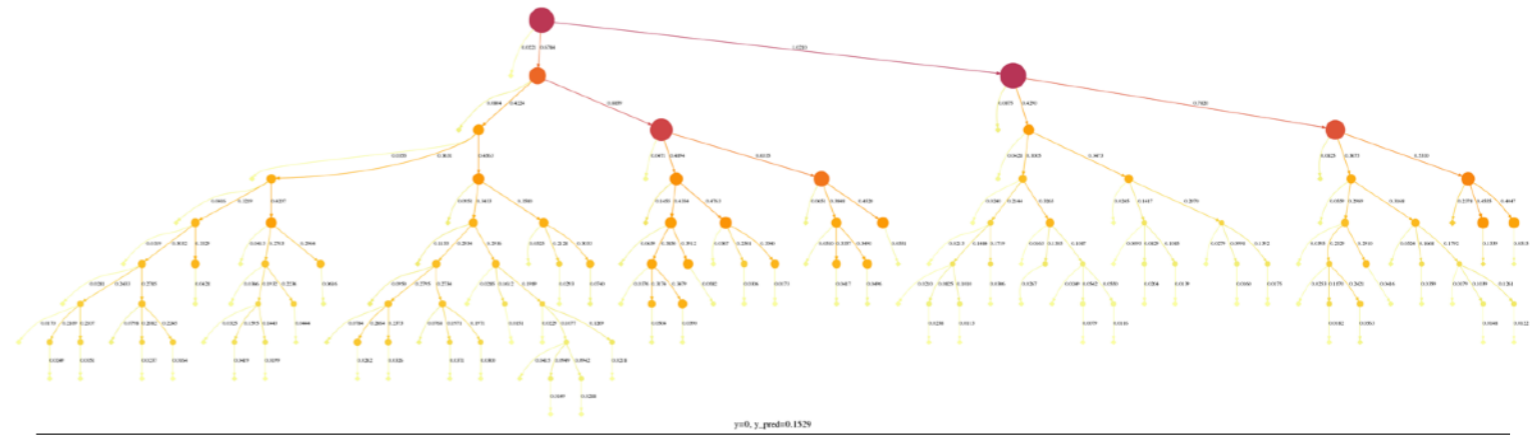
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+ Jet Energy Scale



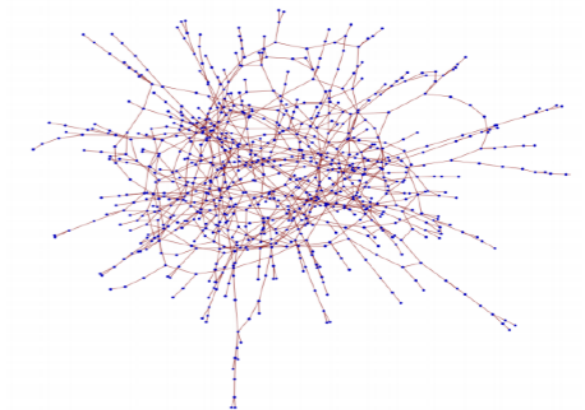
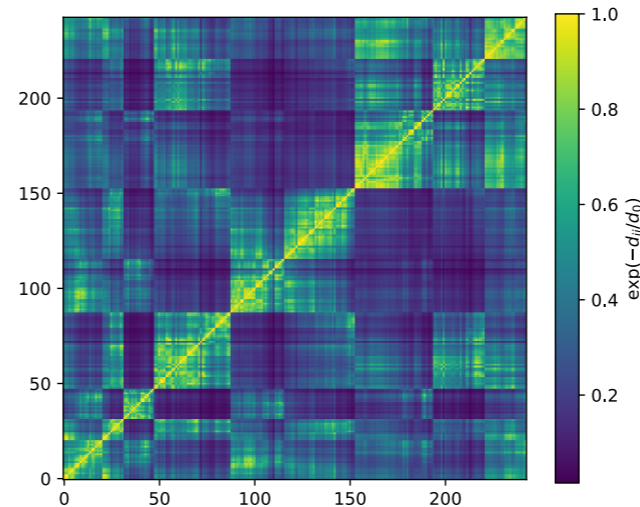
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$$d_{ii'}^\alpha = \min(p_{ti}^{2\alpha}, p_{ti'}^{2\alpha}) \frac{\Delta R_{ii'}^2}{R^2}$$

Gaussian Processes

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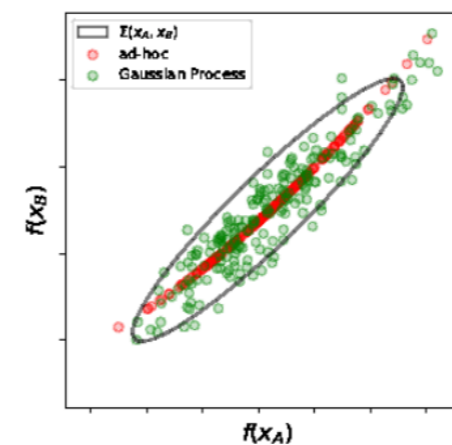
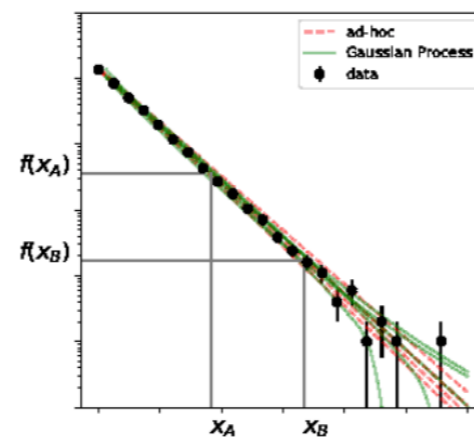
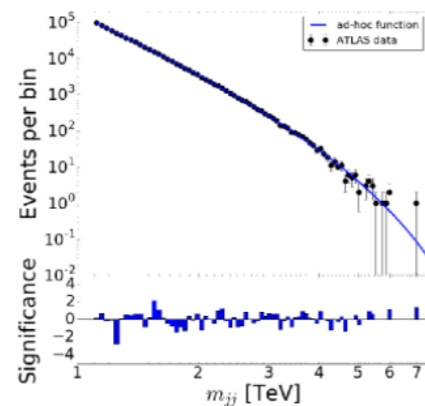
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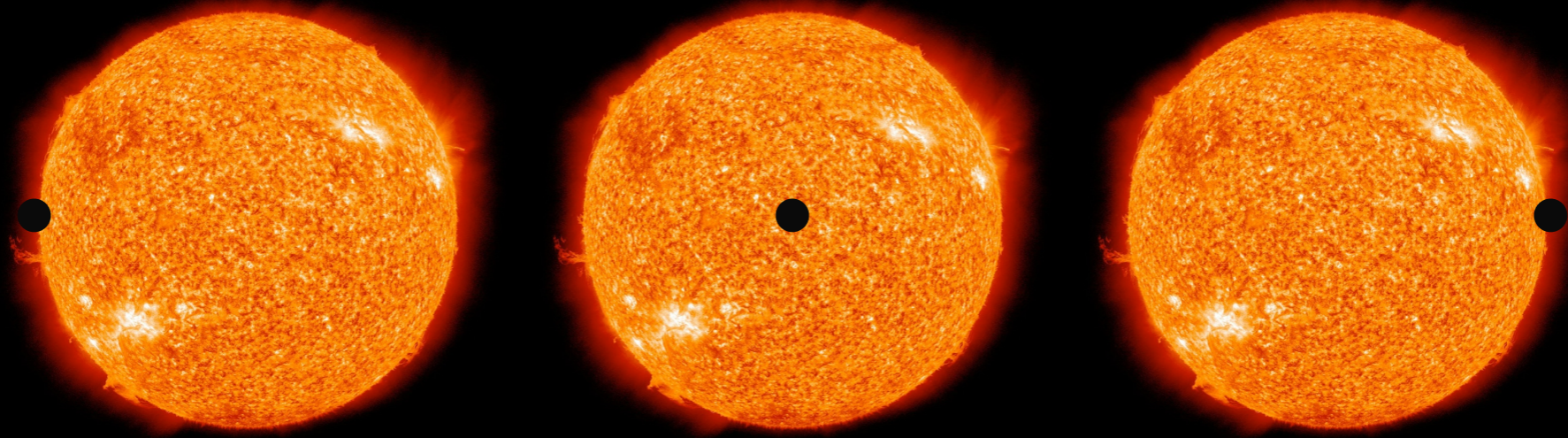
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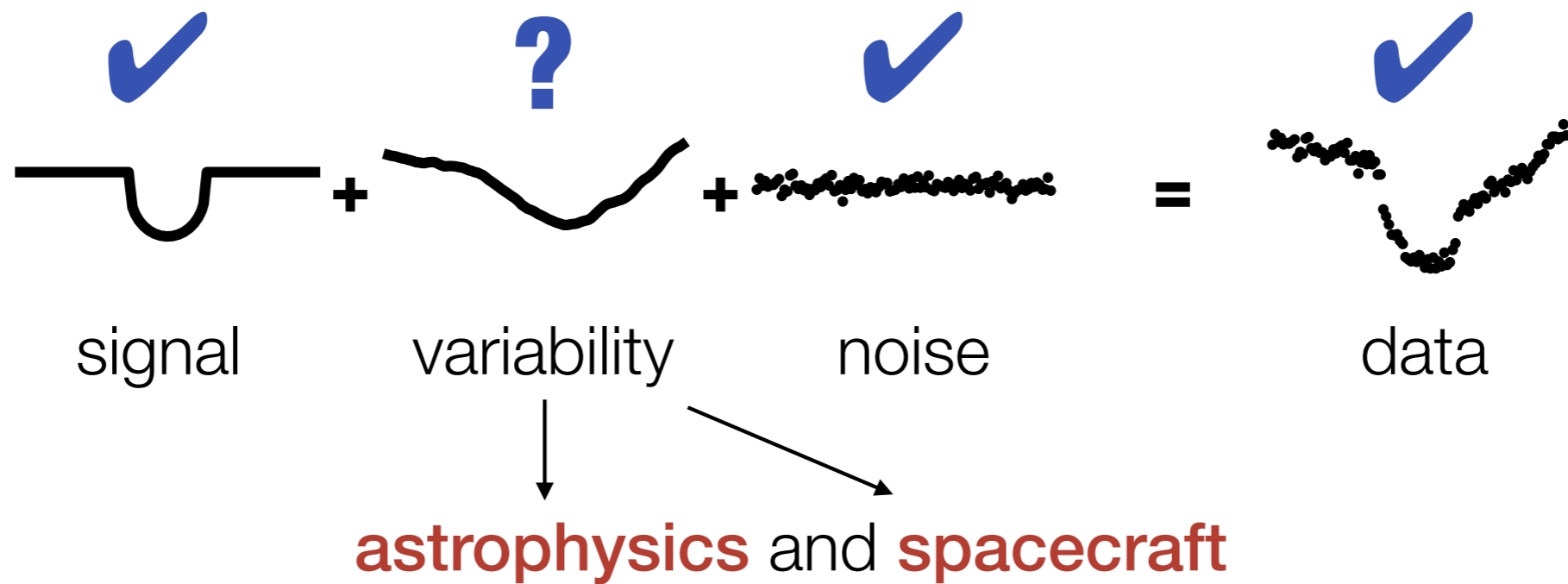


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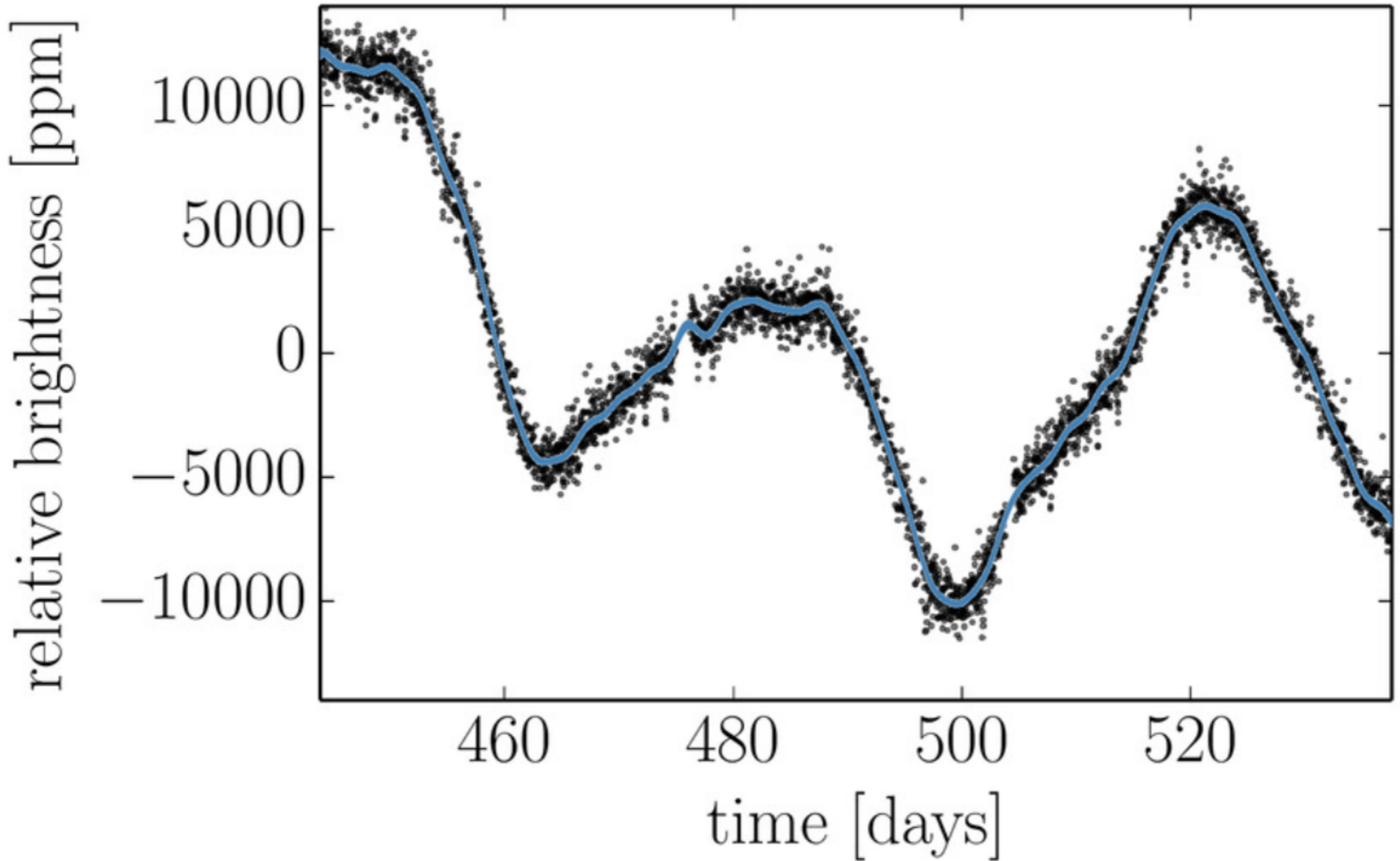
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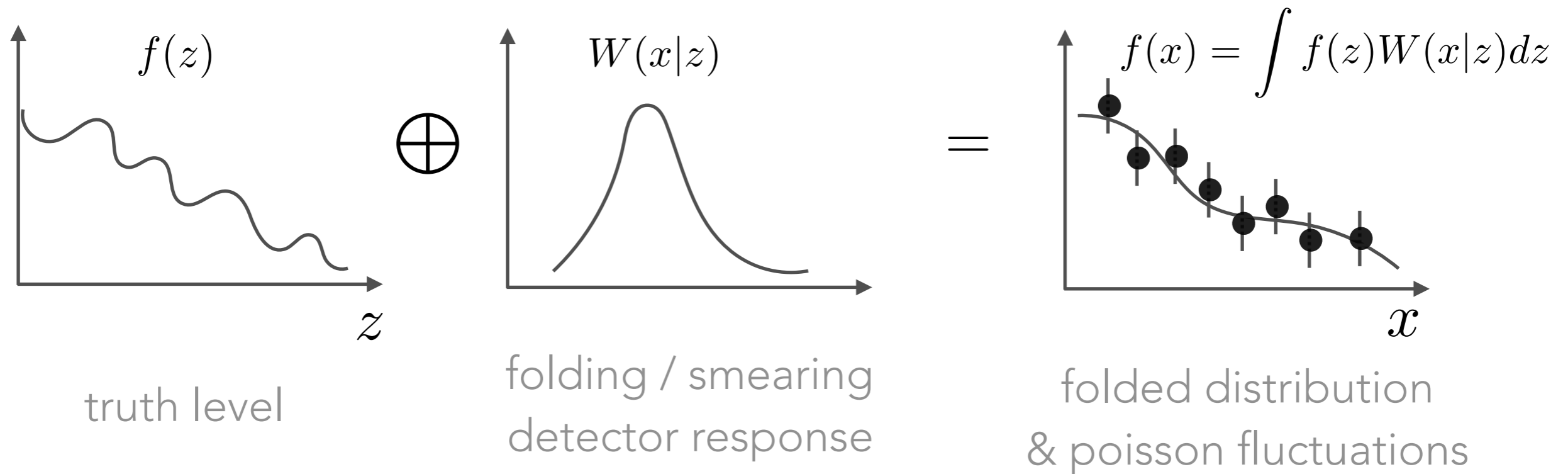
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^{*} the dimension is the number of data points.

A PARTICLE PHYSICS EXAMPLE OF A GAUSSIAN PROCESS

Consider unfolding when the detector response / “folding matrix” is known exactly (eg. no systematic uncertainty in detector response).

- the bin counts of observed distribution are uncorrelated Poisson fluctuations.



The unfolding process gives us a best estimate for unfolded distribution $f(z_i)$ and covariance matrix (eg. $f(z_i)$ and $f(z_{i+1})$ are usually highly correlated)

- the result of unfolding can be considered a Gaussian Process (GP).
- Gaussian Processes can be generalized to continuous z (unbinned distribution)

GAUSSIAN PROCESSES

$$\mathbf{y} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{f}_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\mathbf{x}), K_{\boldsymbol{\alpha}}(\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\sigma}))$$

where

$$[K_{\boldsymbol{\alpha}}(\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\sigma})]_{ij} = \sigma_i^2 \delta_{ij} + \underbrace{k_{\boldsymbol{\alpha}}(x_i, x_j)}$$

kernel function

(where the magic happens)

GAUSSIAN PROCESSES

$$\begin{aligned}\log p(\mathbf{y} \mid \mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\sigma}, \boldsymbol{\theta}, \boldsymbol{\alpha}) &= -\frac{1}{2} [\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{f}_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\mathbf{x})]^{\text{T}} K_{\boldsymbol{\alpha}}(\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\sigma})^{-1} [\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{f}_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\mathbf{x})] \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{2} \log \det K_{\boldsymbol{\alpha}}(\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\sigma}) - \frac{N}{2} \log 2\pi\end{aligned}$$

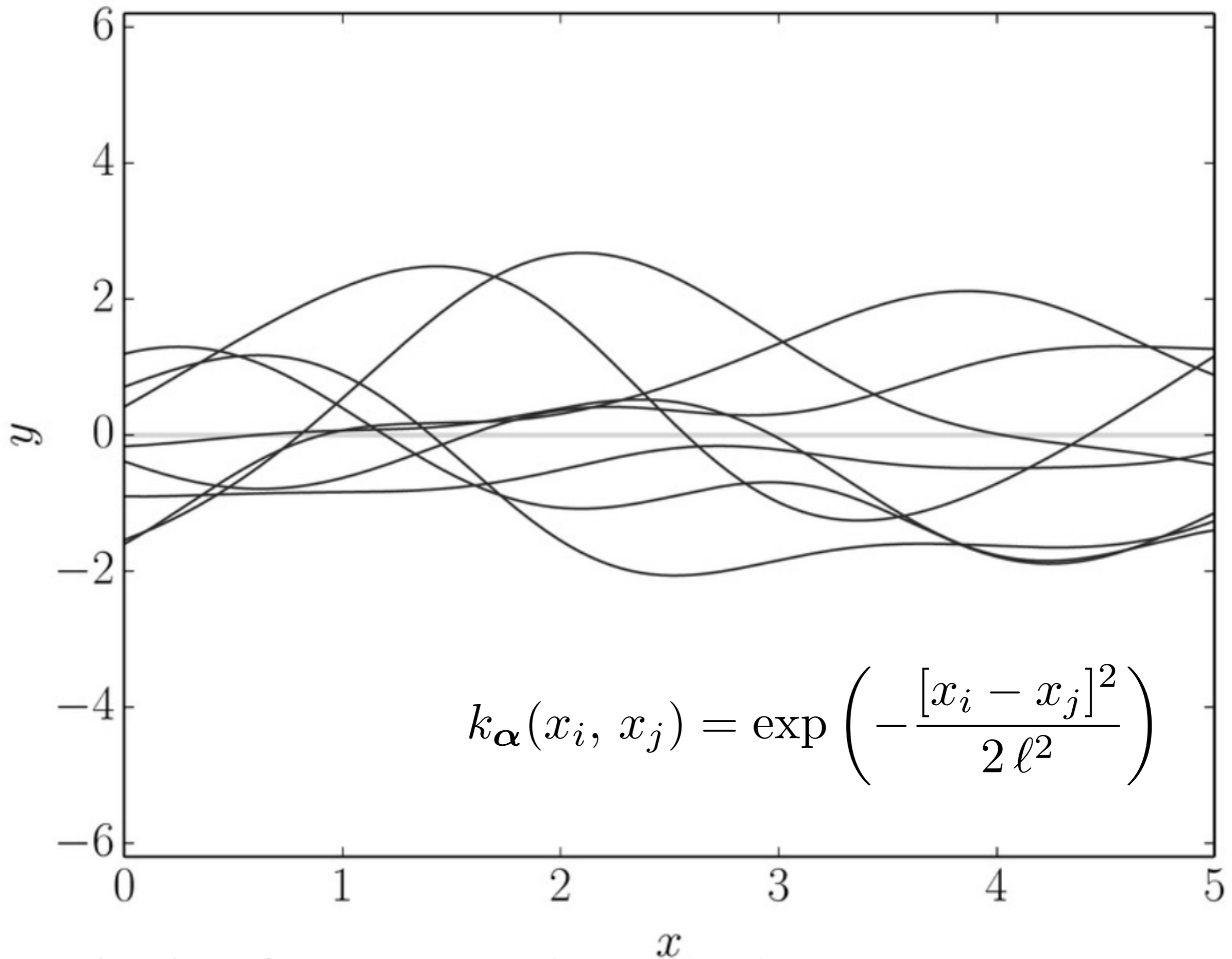
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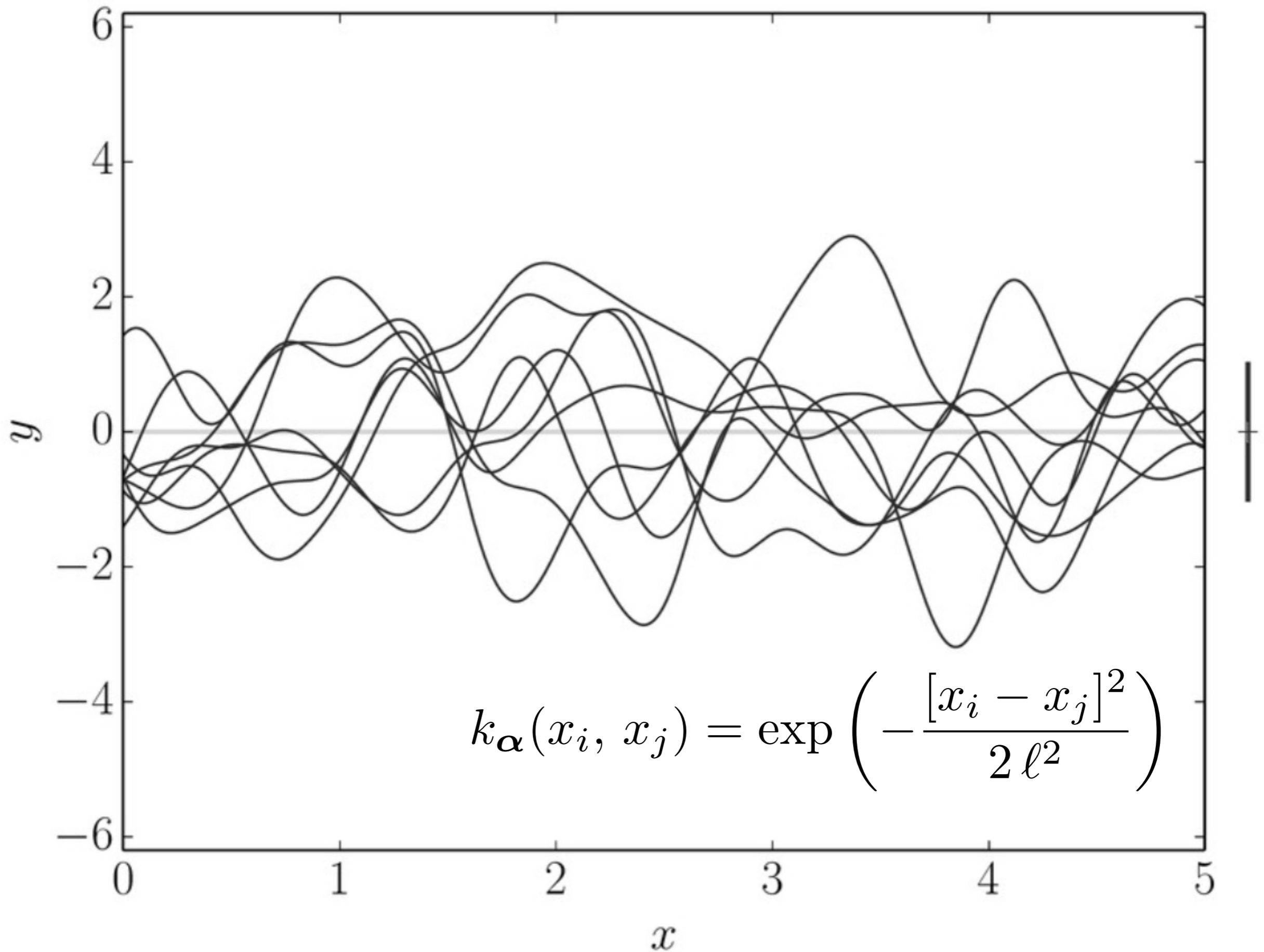
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$$k_{\alpha}(x_i, x_j) = \exp\left(-\frac{[x_i - x_j]^2}{2\ell^2}\right)$$

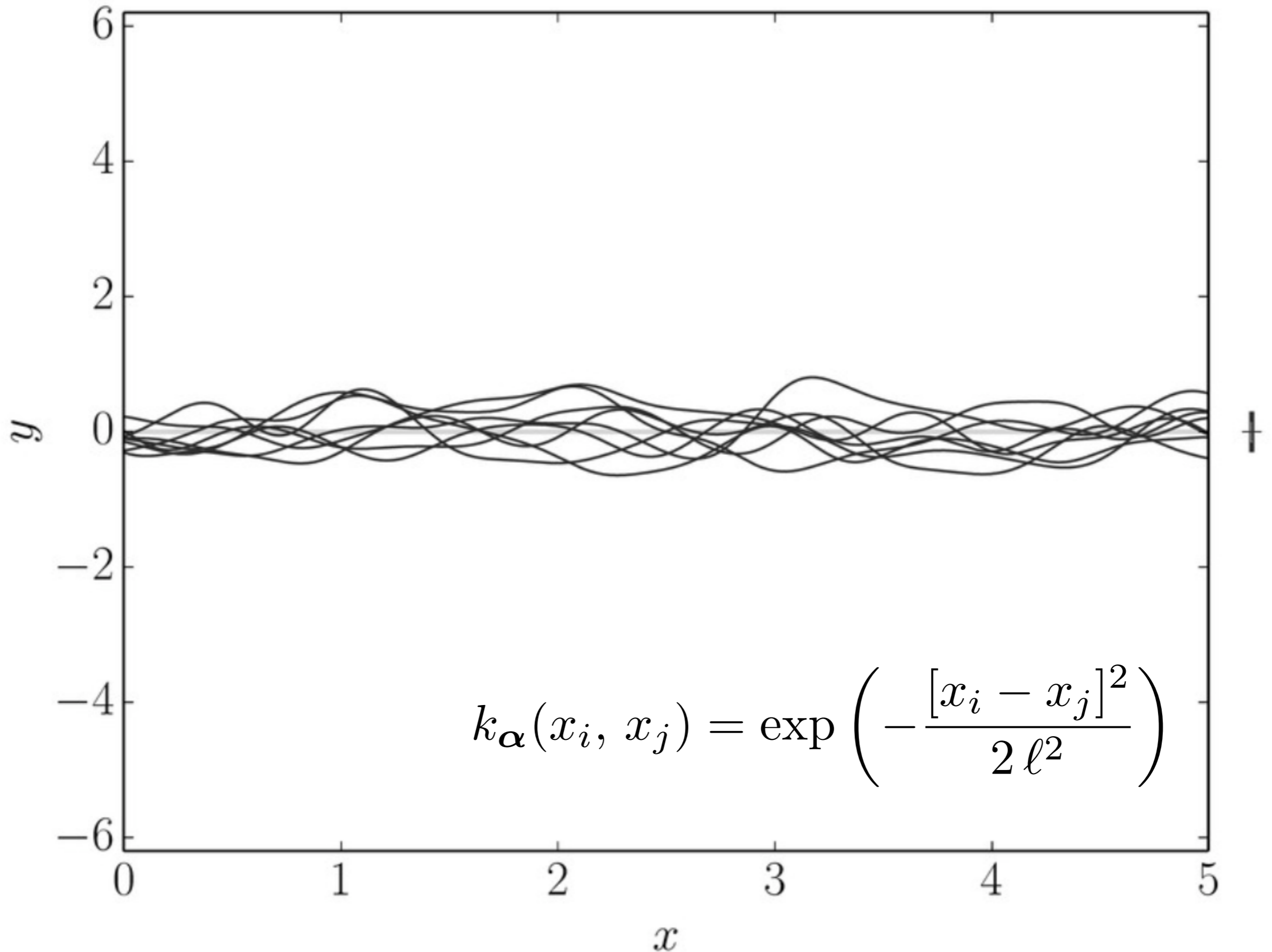
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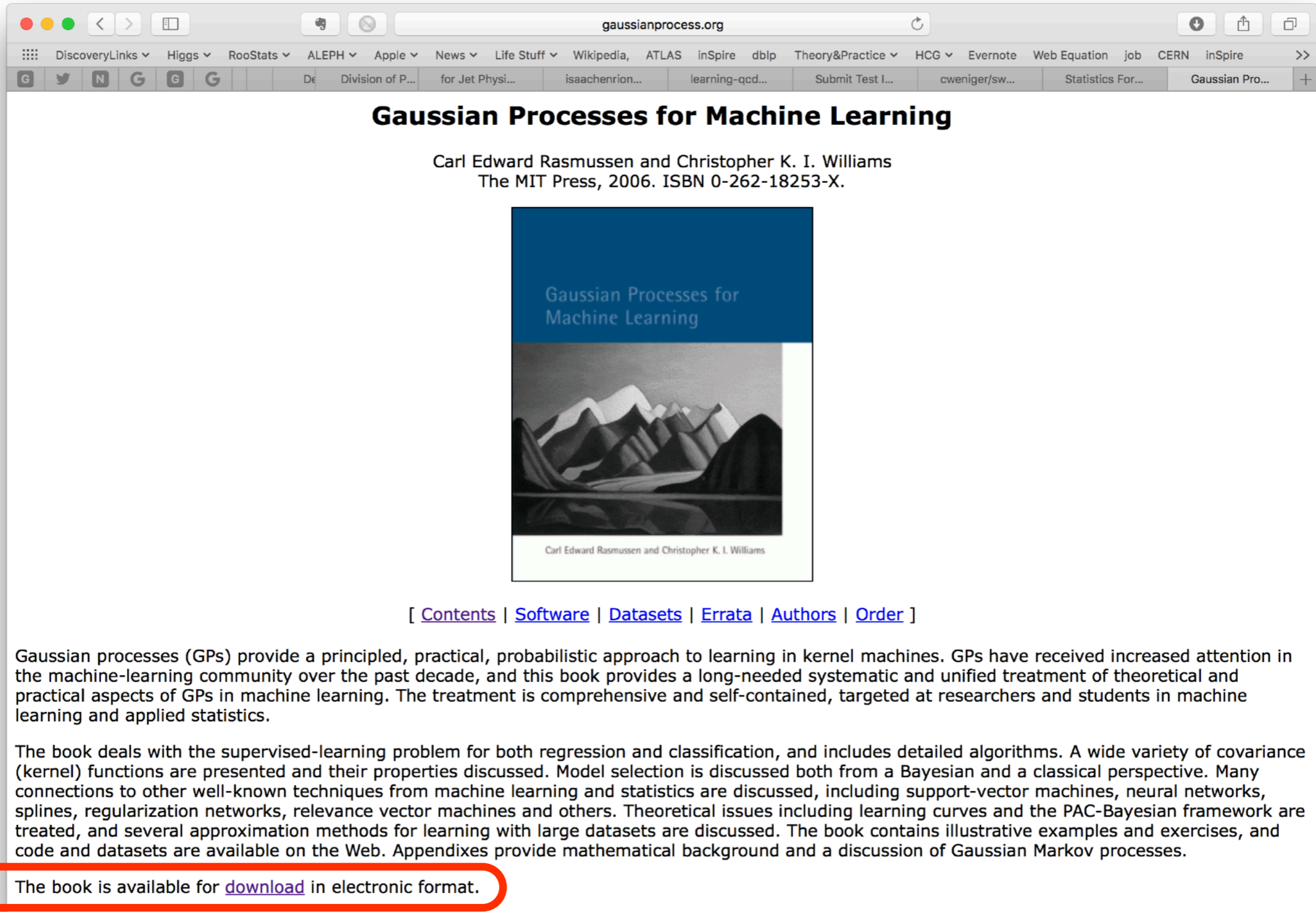
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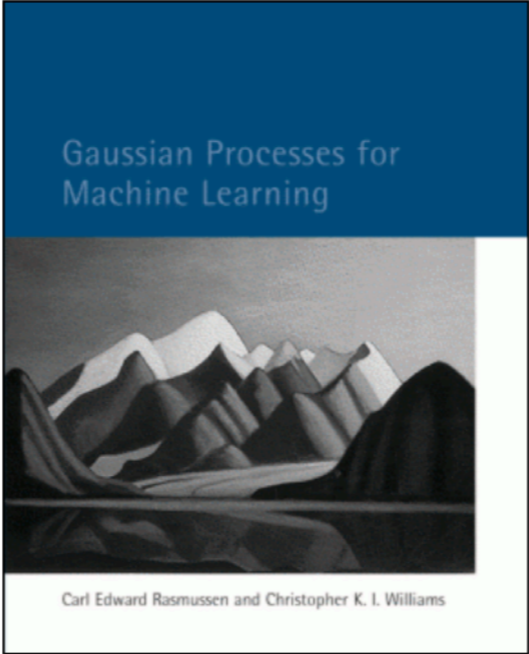


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Gaussian Processes for Machine Learning

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Gaussian processes (GPs) provide a principled, practical, probabilistic approach to learning in kernel machines. GPs have received increased attention in the machine-learning community over the past decade, and this book provides a long-needed systematic and unified treatment of theoretical and practical aspects of GPs in machine learning. The treatment is comprehensive and self-contained, targeted at researchers and students in machine learning and applied statistics.

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Parametrized Function
vs.
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PARAMETRIC FUNCTION VS. GP

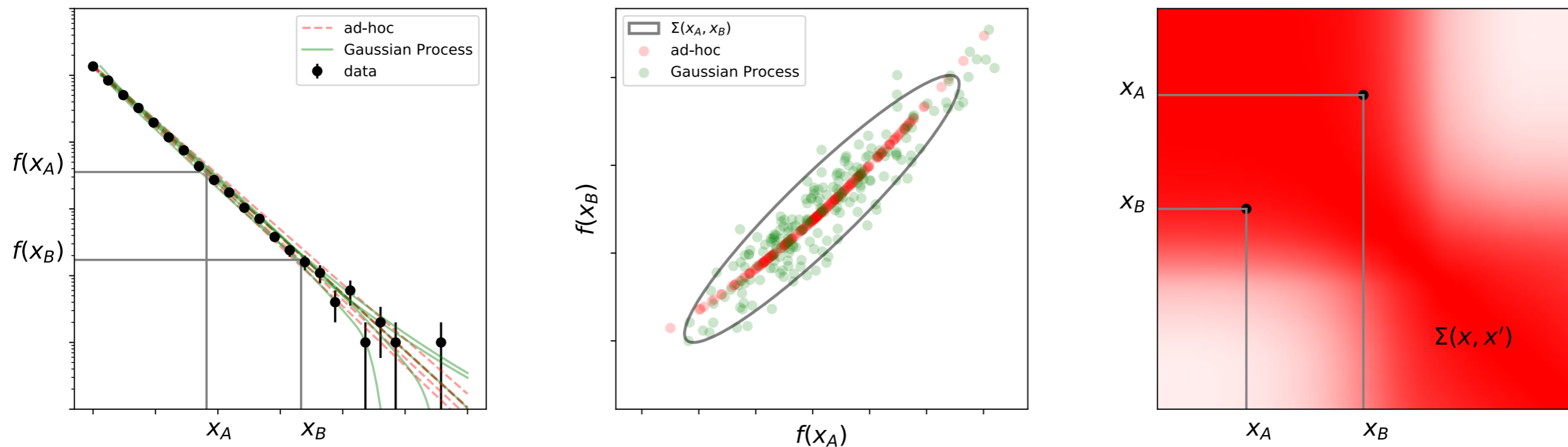


FIG. 2: Schematic of the relationship between an ad-hoc function and the GP. An example toy dataset is shown (left) with samples from the posterior for an ad-hoc 1-parameter function (red) and a GP (green). Each posterior sample is an entire curve $f(x)$, which corresponds to a particular point in the (center) plane of $f(x_A)$ vs. $f(x_B)$. The red dots for the ad-hoc 1-parameter function trace out a 1-dimensional curve, which reveals how the function is overly-rigid. In contrast, the green dots from the GP relax the assumptions and fill a correlated multivariate Gaussian (with covariance indicated by the black ellipse). The covariance kernel $\Sigma(x, x')$ for the GP is shown (right) with $\Sigma(x_A, x_B)$ corresponding to the black ellipse of the center panel.

MOAR DATA!

GP fits the background well, and continues to as we add more data. Parametric function no longer fits well

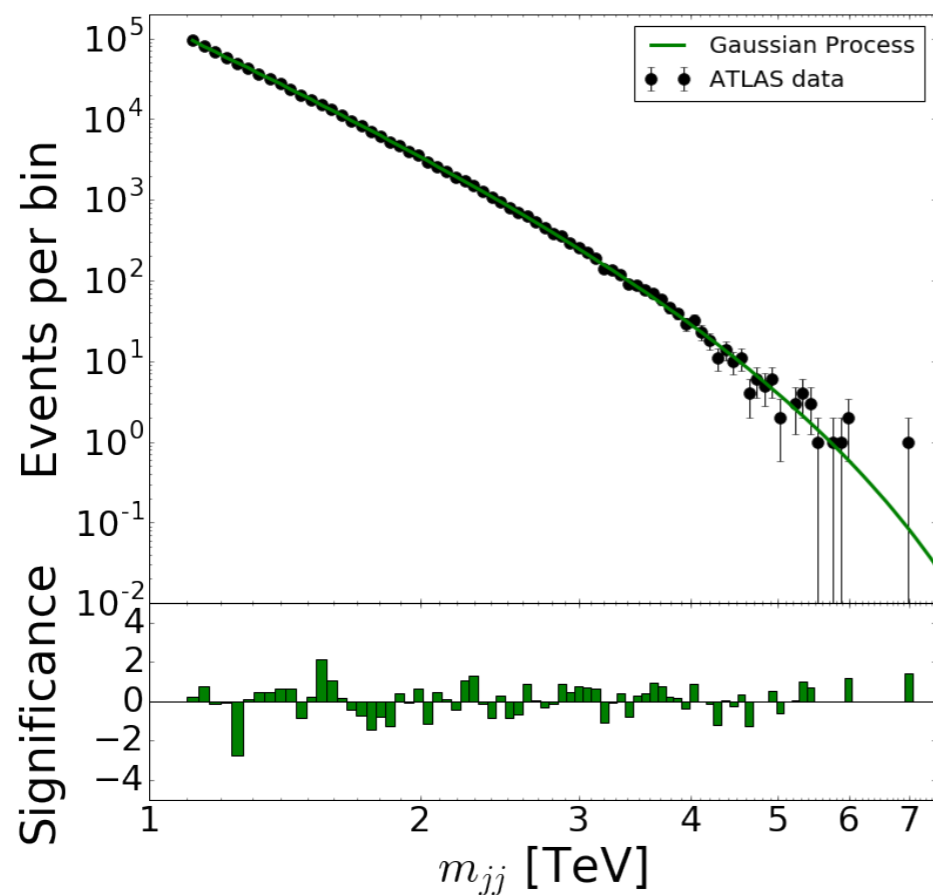
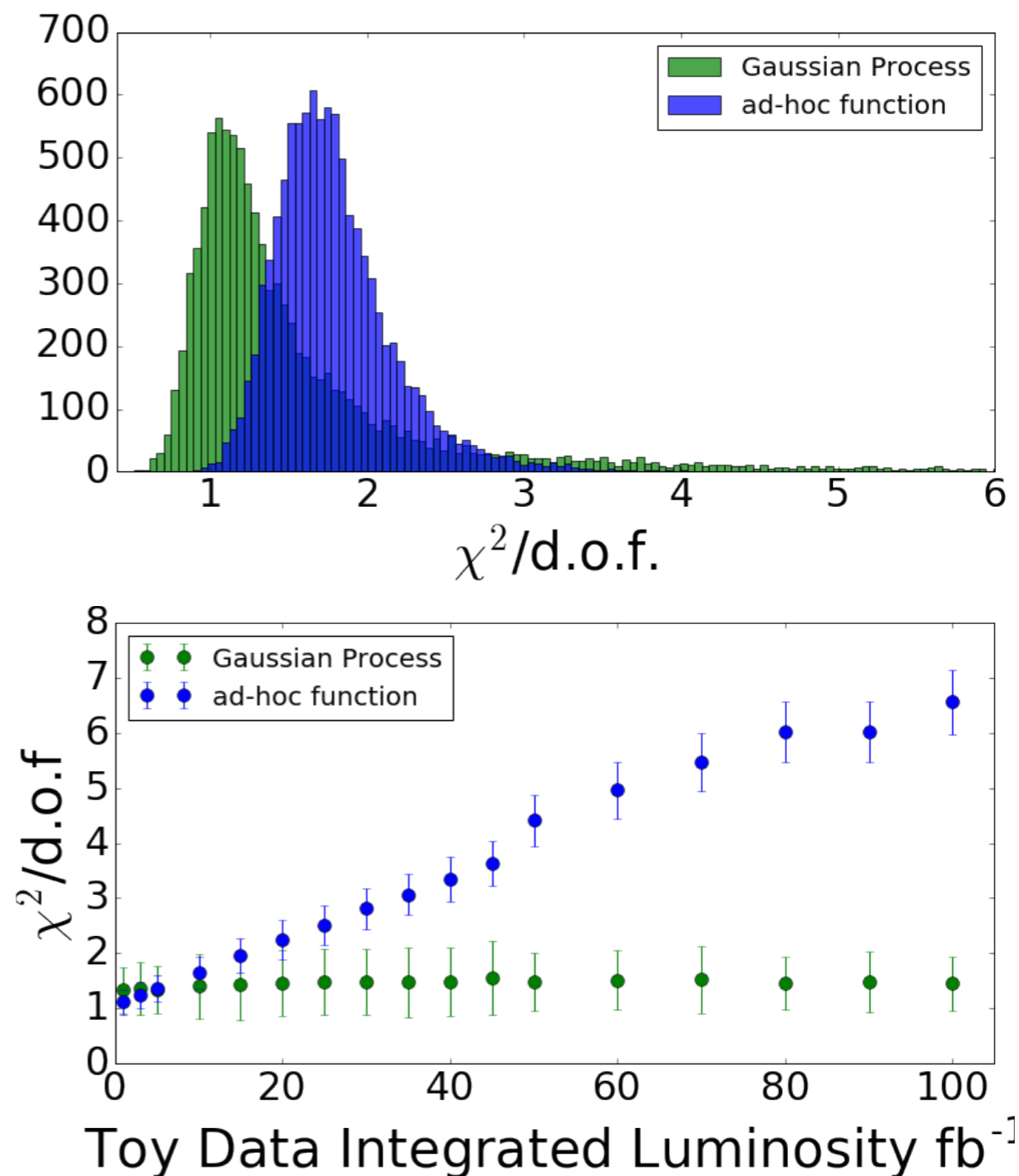


FIG. 5: Invariant mass of dijet pairs reported by ATLAS [15] in proton-proton collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV with integrated luminosity of 3.6 fb^{-1} . The green line shows the resulting Gaussian process background model. The bottom pane shows the significance of the residual between the data and the GP model.

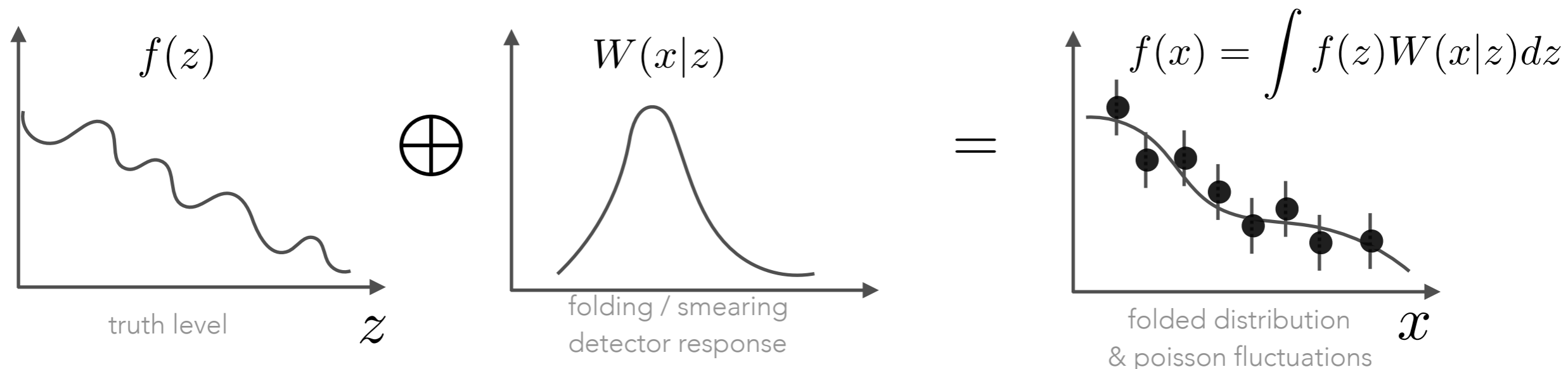


Physically Motivated Kernels

CONNECTION TO UNFOLDING

If the truth level distribution $f(z)$ is a Gaussian Process with kernel $\Sigma(z, z')$, then the reconstructed distribution $f(x)$ is also a Gaussian process with $\Sigma(x, x')$

$$\Sigma(x, x') = \int \int dz dz' \Sigma(z, z') W(x, z) W(x', z') \quad (8)$$



If we are making predictions with Monte Carlo, truth level distribution $f(z)$ is usually known exactly.

To think of $f(z)$ as a Gaussian Process, we need some notion of uncertainty (eg. parton density functions, higher-order corrections, renormalization/factorization scales)

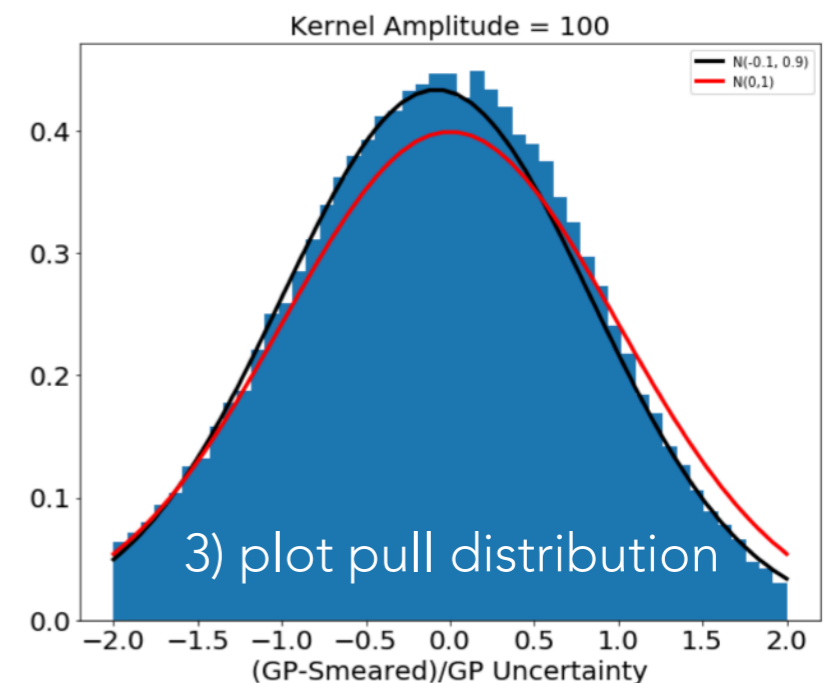
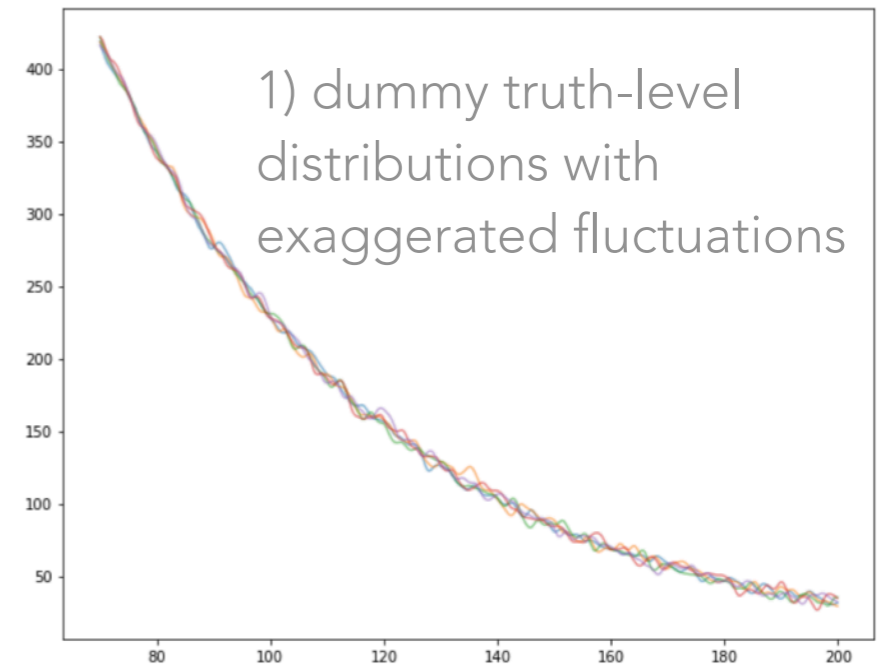
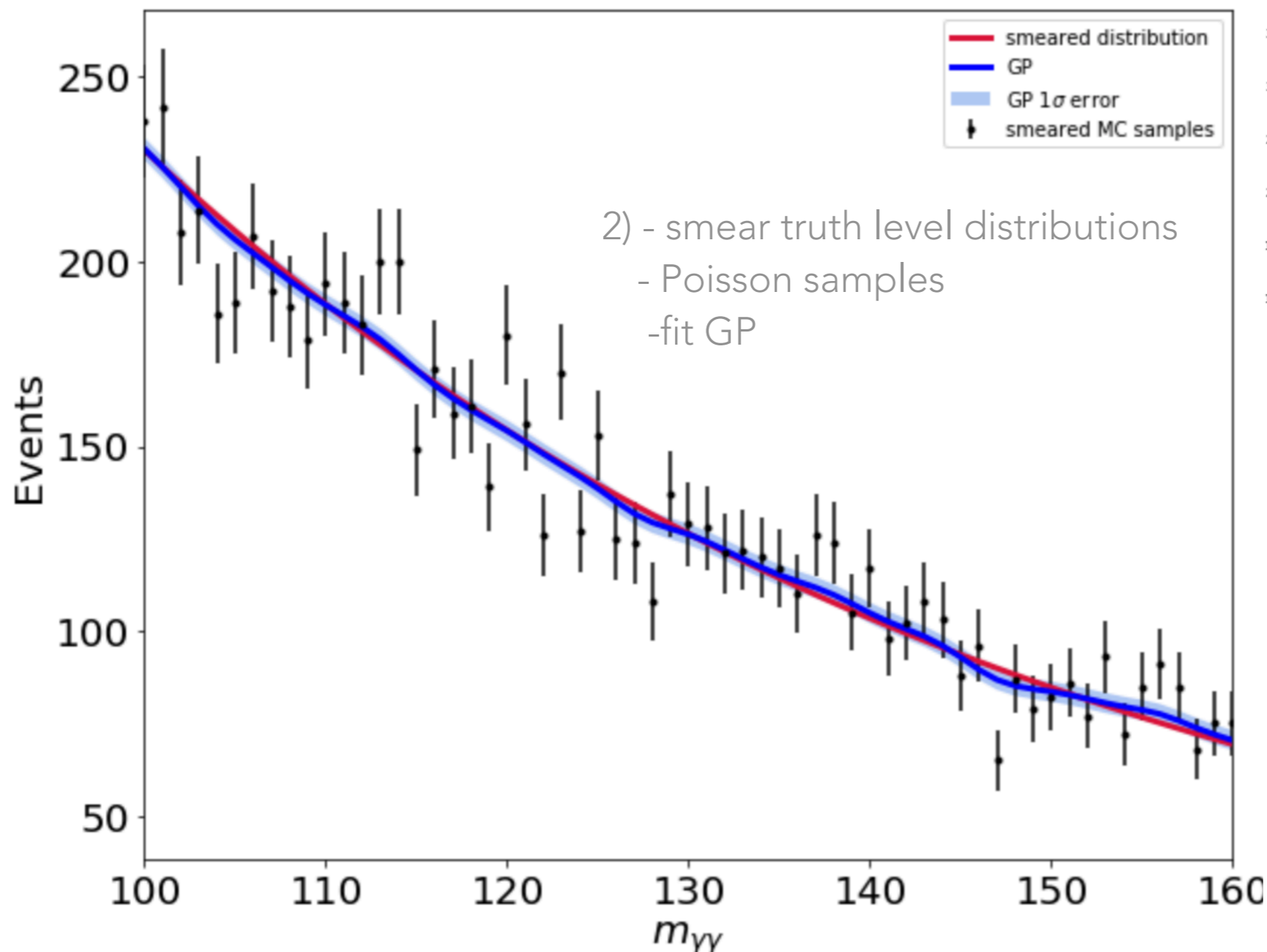
In unfolding, we often don't want to make assumptions about $f(z)$... it could be anything. But regularization in unfolding is equivalent to choosing a kernel for $f(z)$.

Even in extreme case where we assume no smoothness in $f(z)$, $f(x)$ has to be smooth due to detector resolution.

MC-TEMPLATE SMOOTHER

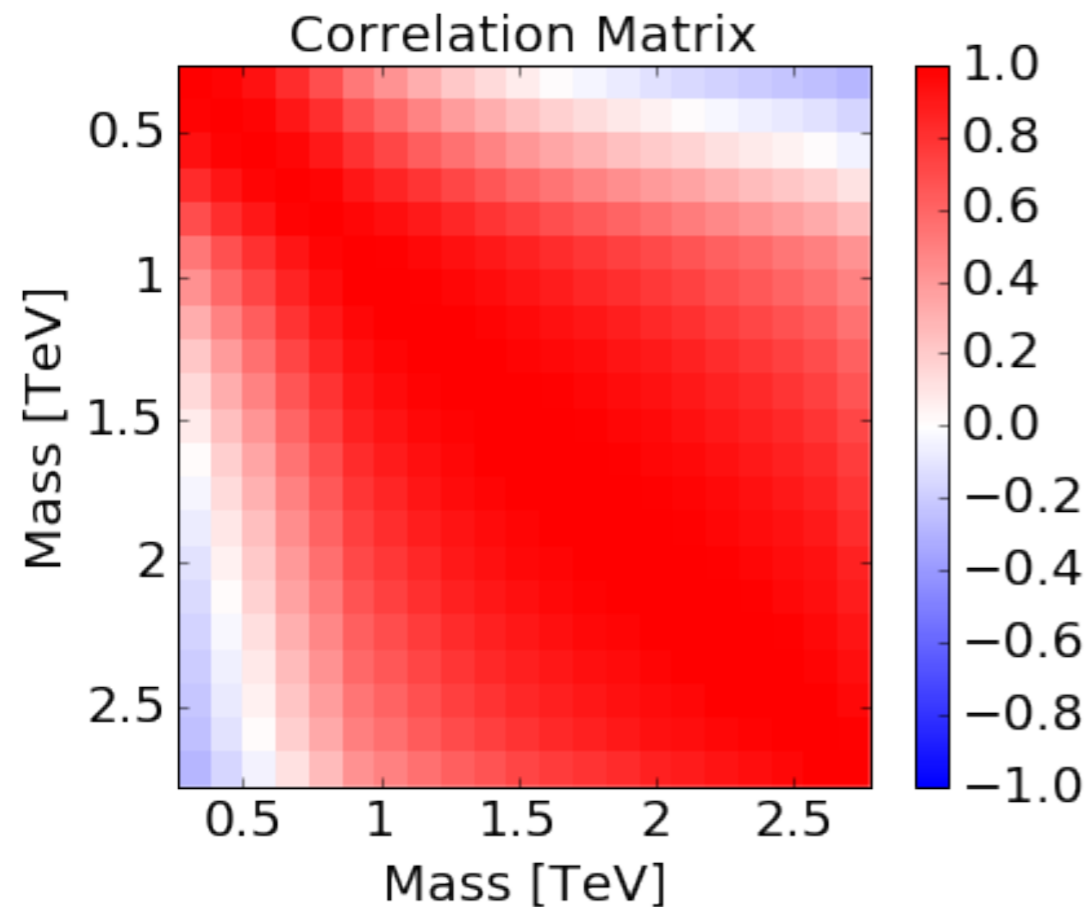
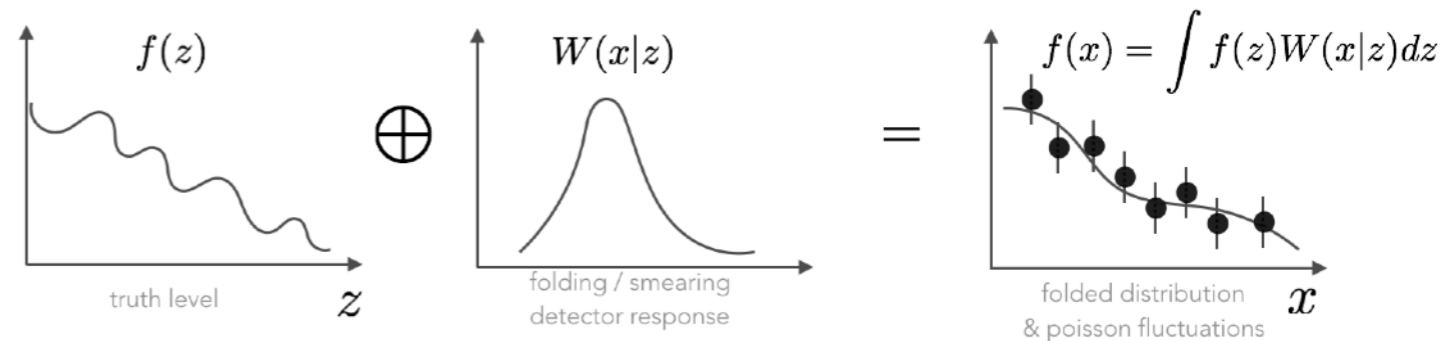
In $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$, we have used functional forms, like Bernstein polynomial. We "trust" the Monte Carlo, and assign "spurious signal" to account for differences between MC and functional form, but MC Stat error is a limiting factor for spurious signal etc.

Alternate idea: fit GP to MC histogram. No functional form assumed. Here only assume length scale must be $> \sqrt{2}$ mass resolution.



EXAMPLE: PDF UNCERTAINTIES

$$\Sigma(x, x') = \int \int dz dz' \Sigma(z, z') W(x, z) W(x', z') \quad (8)$$

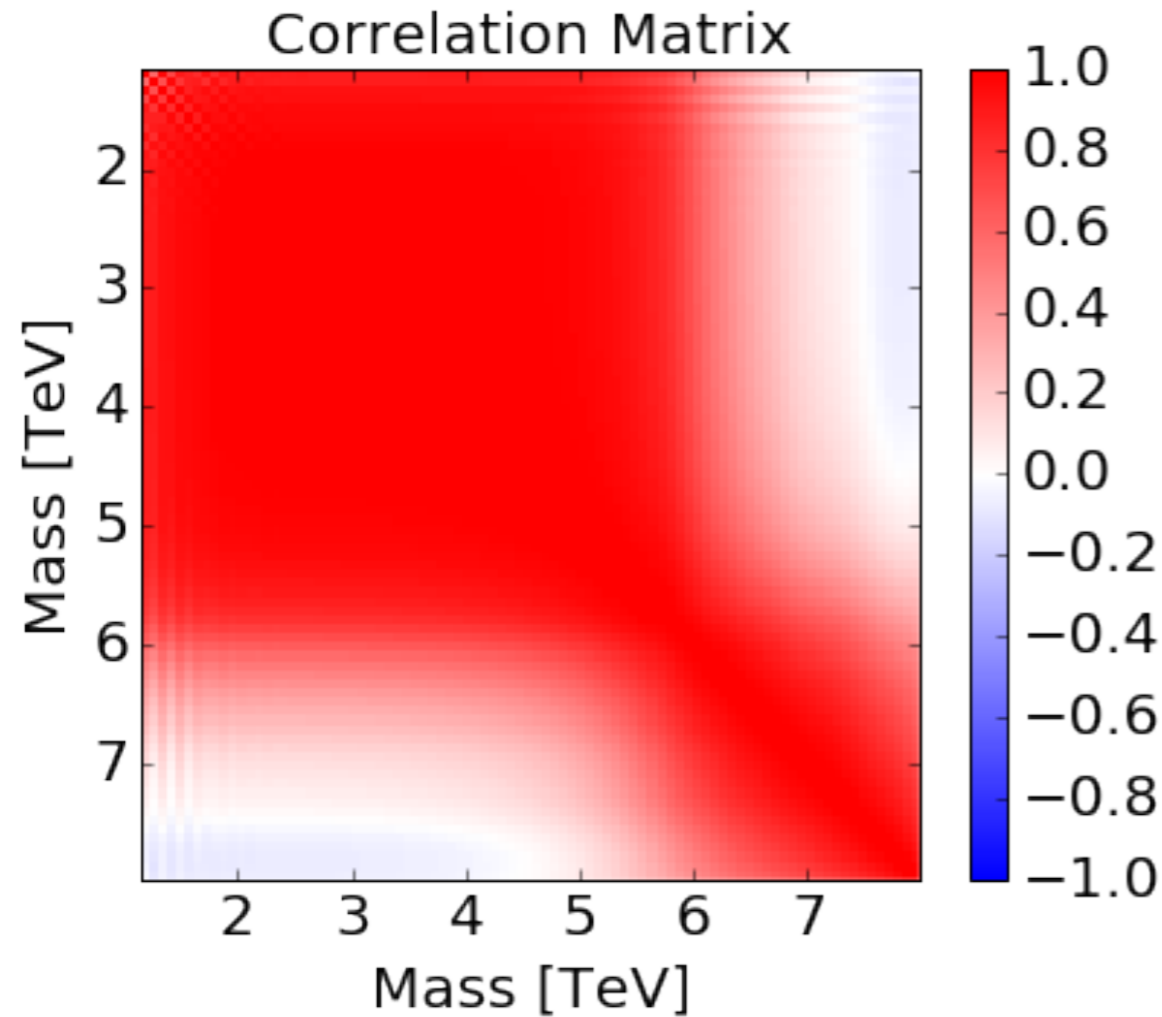


Here we focused on truth level distribution $f(z)$.

Used dijet spectrum predicted at NLO with POWHEG-BOX and look into PDF uncertainties from NNPDF3

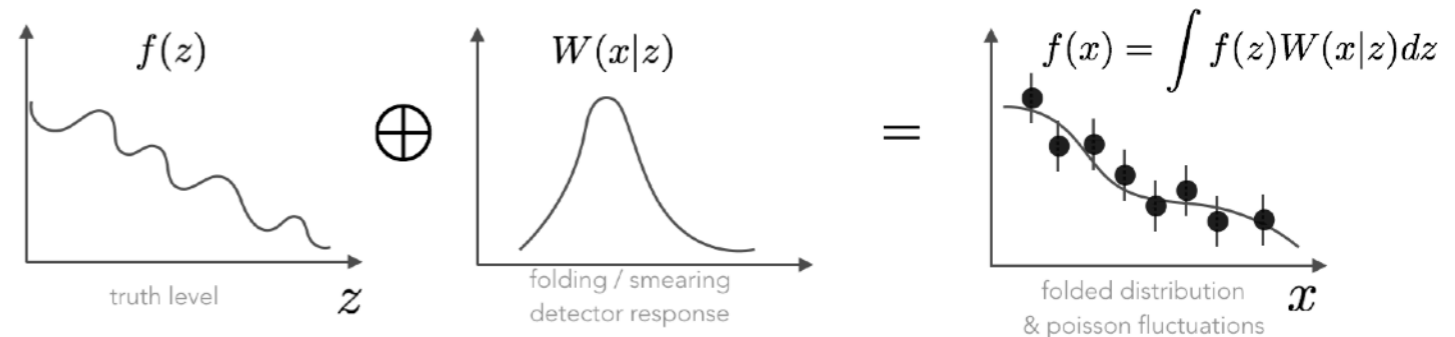
This is the PDF uncertainty in the truth distribution expressed as a Gaussian Process Kernel.

EXAMPLE: JET ENERGY SCALE



Take for example, the jet energy scale (JES) uncertainty. As described in Refs. [17, 27] the ATLAS JES uncertainty is only a few percent for jets with p_T of around 1 TeV where data are plentiful, while the limited size of observed examples for higher- p_T jets requires an alternate approach to estimating the JES. The resulting JES uncertainty therefore grows rapidly with m_{jj} and has an impact of at most 15% [27]. To illustrate the covariance due to the JES uncertainty, consider a simplified two-parameter model for the impact on the m_{jj} distribution: $J(z, \theta) = 1 + 15\% \theta_1 z^4 + 5\% \theta_2 (1 - z)$, where z is the true dijet invariant mass and $z_{\max} = 7$ TeV. We use the best fit 3-parameter fit as a proxy for $f(z)$ and fold in the smearing $W(x|z, \theta) = \text{Gaus}(x|zJ(z/z_{\max}, \theta), \sigma_x)$, where $\sigma_x = 2\%z$ is the dijet invariant mass resolution [17]. By assuming a uniform prior and an appropriate scaling for θ , we sample from the posterior $\text{Gaus}(\theta_1|0, 1)\text{Gaus}(\theta_2|0, 1)$ and propagate the uncertainty in θ through to the predicted bin counts $\bar{f}(\mathbf{x}|\theta)$ as in Eqs. 4 and 5. This allows us to explicitly build the covariance matrix Σ using the simulation shown in Fig. 3. As expected, we see a roughly block-diagonal structure defined by low and high mass regions.

$$\Sigma(x, x') = \int \int dz dz' \Sigma(z, z') W(x, z) W(x', z') \quad (8)$$

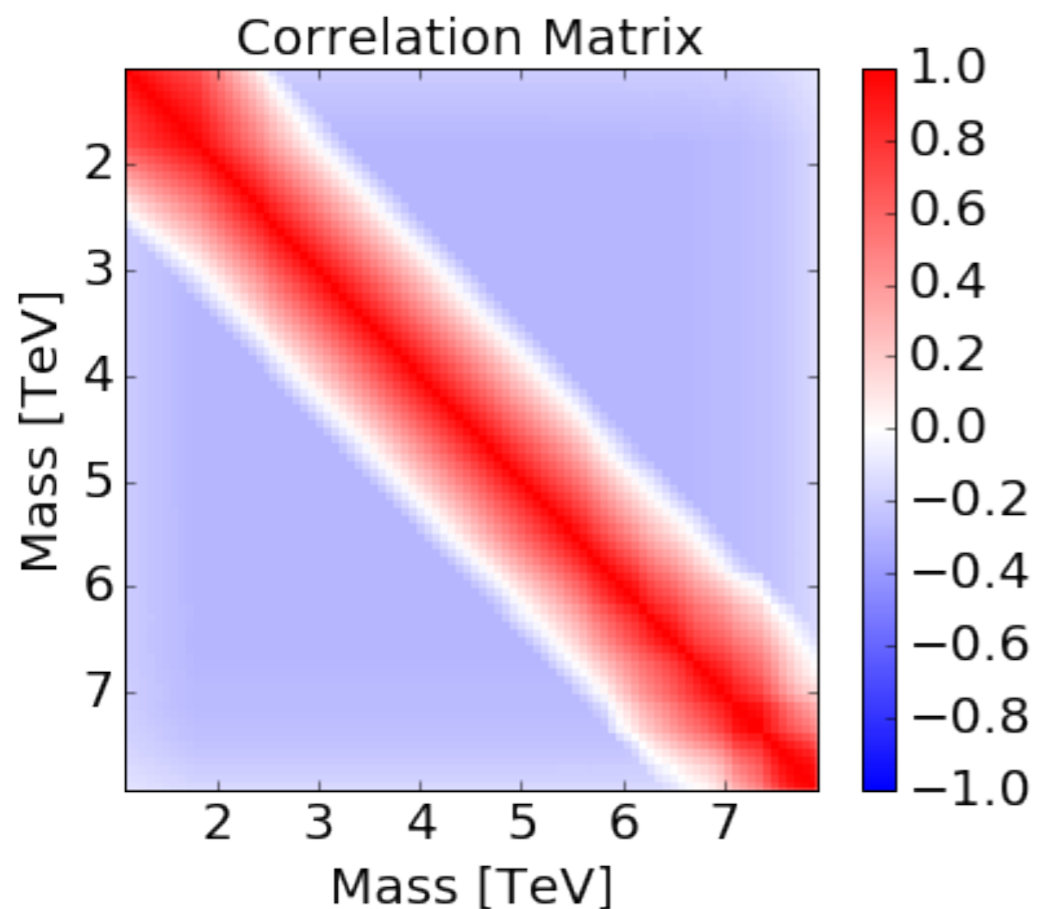
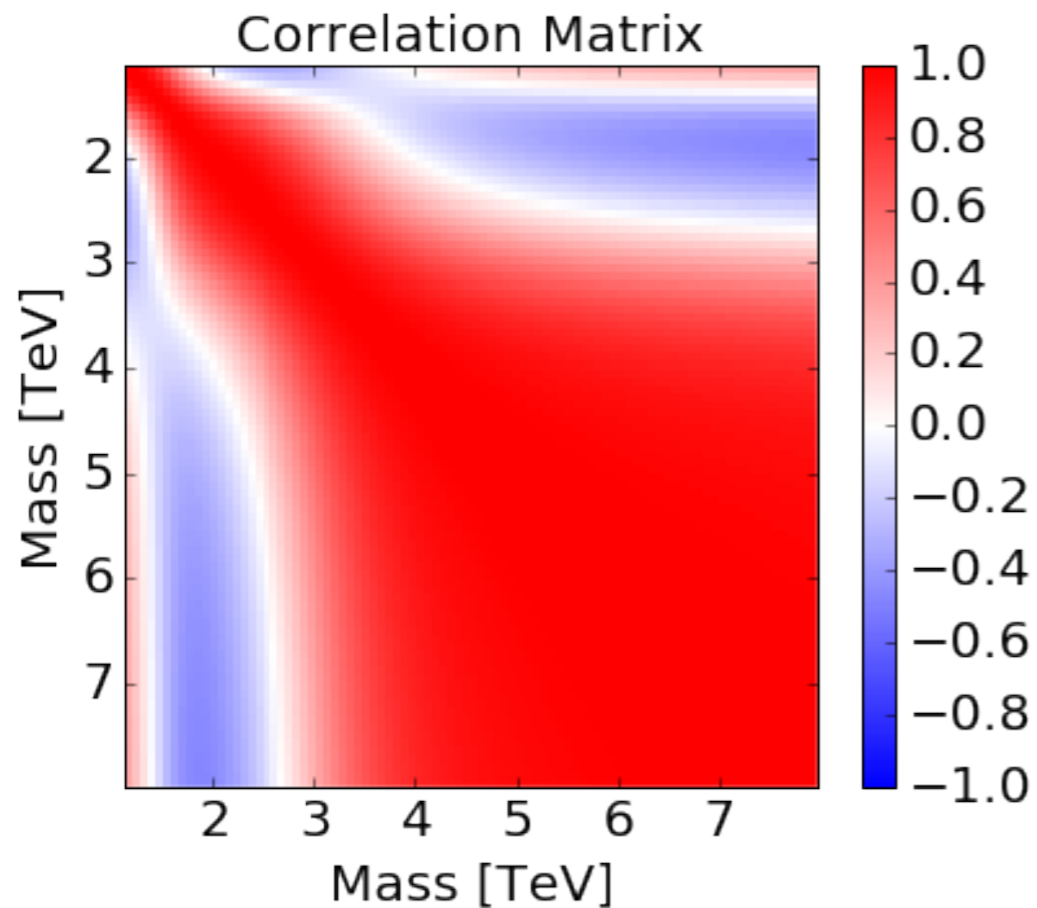


Even if the truth-level distribution is known, the folding matrix may not be known exactly.

Example: consider a jet energy scale with 2 nuisance parameters, where one parameter dominantly affects low- p_T jets (in situ) and the other high- p_T jets (limited stats for in situ).

Propagate uncertainty in jet energy scale to reconstructed m_{jj} spectrum, obtain covariance kernel.

EXAMPLE: TRADITIONAL DIJET



We can also think of the covariance structure for current fitting strategies.

- top: 3-parameter dijet function
- bottom: sliding window (SWIFT)

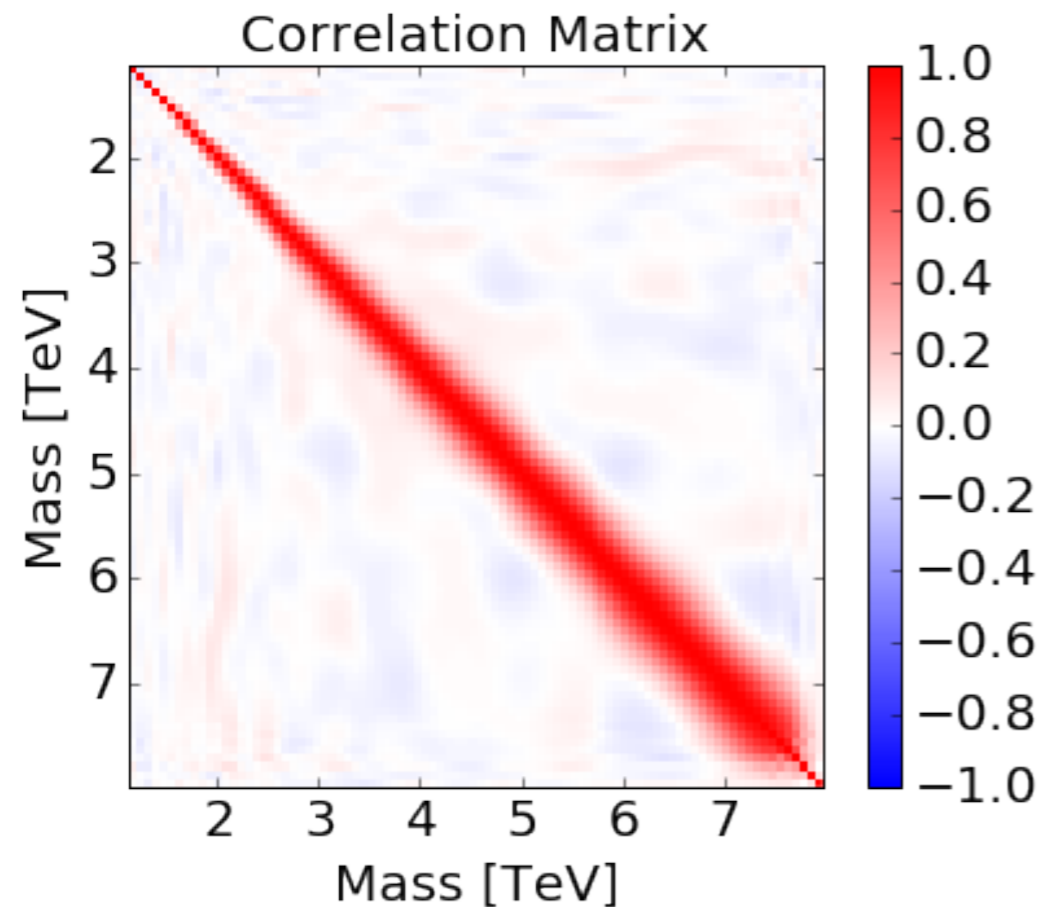
These are post-fit covariance plots.

POST-FIT PARAMETRIZED DIJET KERNEL

In addition to kernels constructed bottom-up from first-principles, we can also construct parametrized kernels using some intuition.

GPs adapt to the data very well, so even simple exponential-squared kernels often work fine.

For our dijet studies, we used a “Gibbs kernel”, which has length scale $l(x)$ and amplitude vary with x



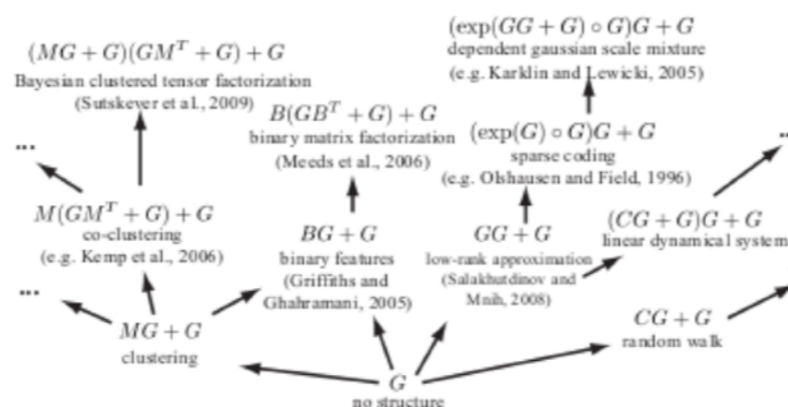
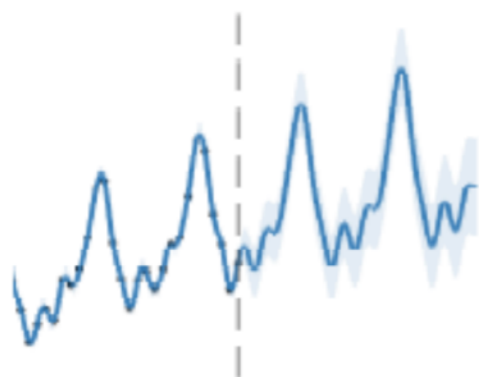
$$\Sigma(x, x') = A e^{\frac{d-(x+x')}{2a}} \sqrt{\frac{2l(x)l(x')}{l(x)^2+l(x')^2}} e^{\frac{-(x-x')^2}{l(x)^2+l(x')^2}}$$

- plot shows post-fit covariance kernel

FUTURE DIRECTIONS

Vocabulary of kernels + grammar for composition

- physics goes into the construction of a "Kernel" that describes covariance of data



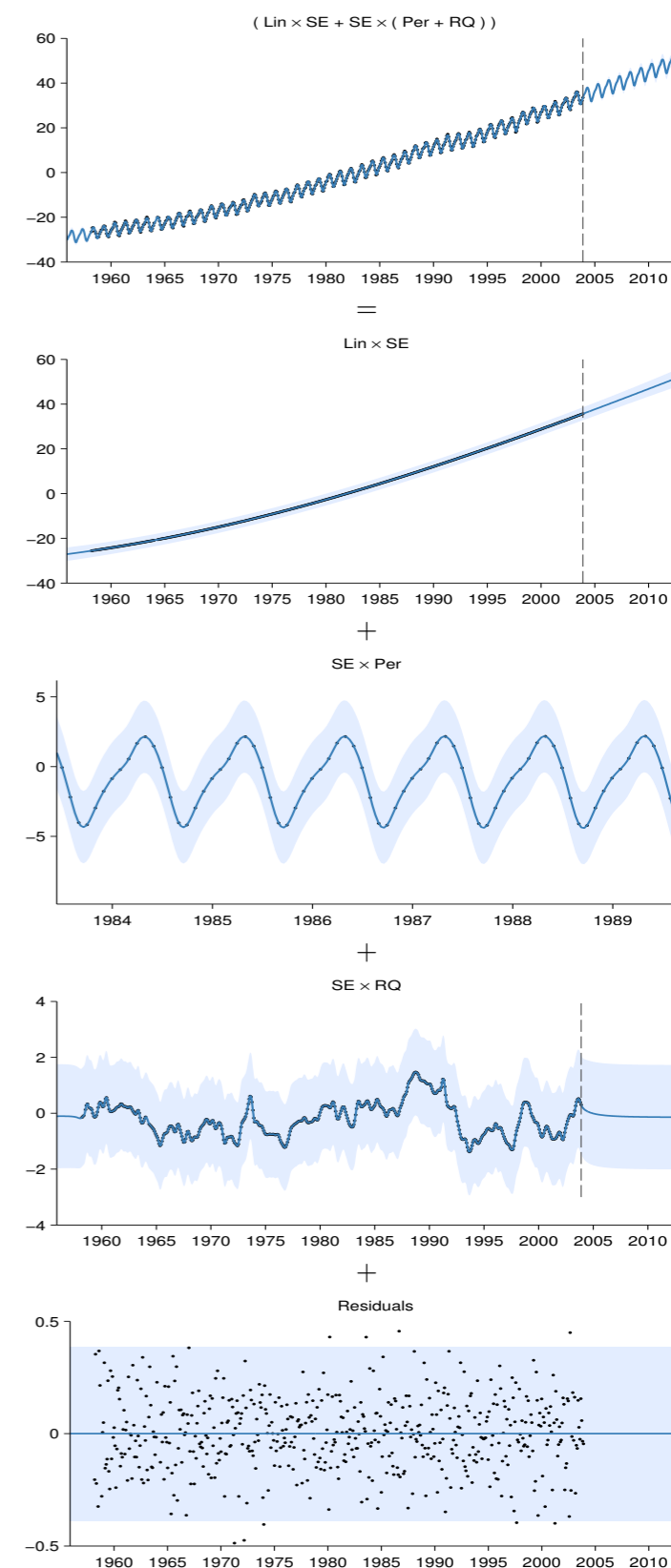
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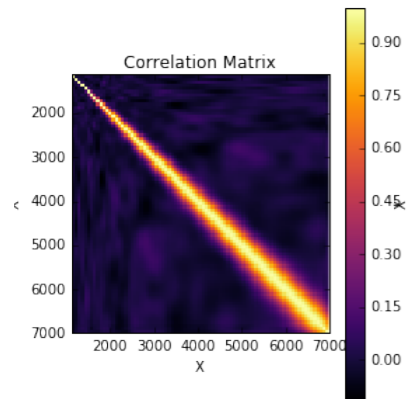
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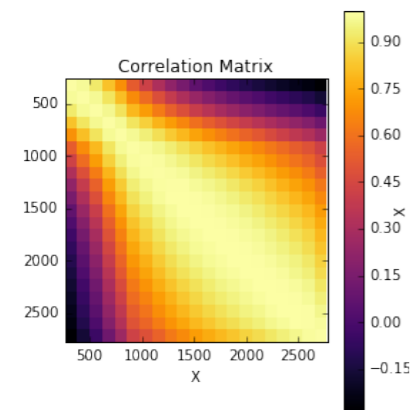
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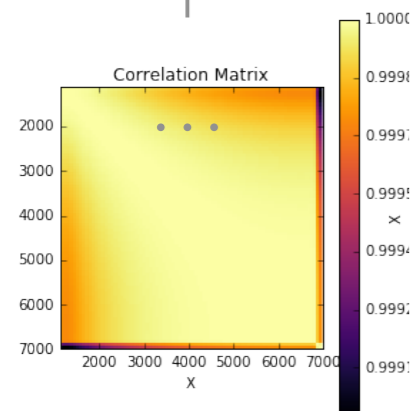
Instead of fitting the dijet spectrum with an ad hoc 3-5 parameter function, use GP with kernel motivated from physics



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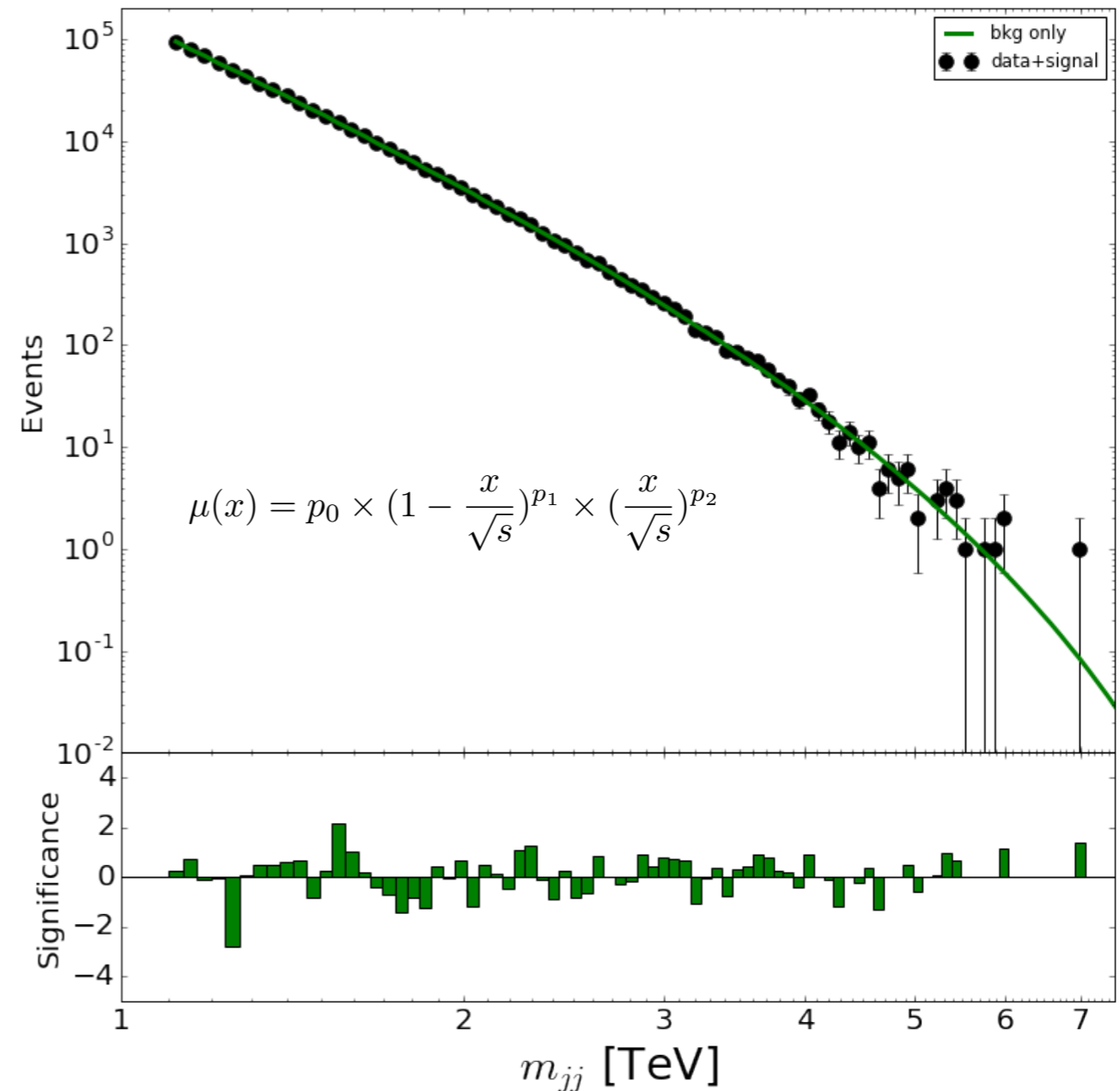
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Final Kernel =
Poisson stats
+ Mass Resolution

+ Parton Density
Functions

+ Jet Energy Scale



Integration into our Statistical Procedures

BAYES VS. FREQUENTIST

The statistical interpretation of GPs can be a bit subtle. Specifically Bayesian vs. Frequentist issues

- Most GP literature is presented in a Bayesian formalism
- the GP is usually thought of as a prior over functions, and the result of the fit is posterior given observations
- then usually fit “hyperparameters” of kernel using marginal likelihood

However, also consistent to think of the GP likelihood where the kernel represents auxiliary measurements / constraint terms.

A third interpretation is that the kernel represents the penalty term in “penalized maximum likelihood” in the spirit of regularization in unfolding

INTEGRATION INTO OUR STATISTICAL PROCEDURES

Integration of GPs into our statistical procedures can be done in a few ways.

- start with our typical extended maximum likelihood for a statistical model parametrized by θ

$$p(\mathcal{D}, \mathbf{a}|\theta) = \text{Pois}(N|\nu(\theta)) \prod_{e=1}^N p(x_e|\theta) \cdot p_{\text{constr.}}(\mathbf{a}|\theta) .$$

- If we are using a binned distribution in a high-statistics regime, and we approximate the **effect** of the constraint terms on the bin counts as a Gaussian, then we can approximate this as

$$\begin{aligned} p(\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{a}|\theta) &= \prod_{i=1}^n \text{Pois}(y_i|\bar{f}(x_i|\theta)) \cdot p_{\text{constr.}}(\mathbf{a}|\theta) \\ &\approx \text{Gaus}(\mathbf{y}|\bar{f}(\mathbf{x}|\theta), \sigma^2) \cdot \text{Gaus}(\bar{f}(\mathbf{x}|\theta)|\mu, \Sigma) , \end{aligned}$$

- The Poisson mean $\bar{f}(\mathbf{x}|\theta)$ can be a parametrized signal + a Gaussian Process for the background.

INTEGRATION INTO OUR STATISTICAL PROCEDURES

Integration of GPs into our statistical procedures can be done in a few ways.

1. Fully Bayesian analysis using Poisson fluctuations about a GP mean. This is called a Cox process. Cumbersome to implement because it is "doubly stochastic"
2. Fit the total model (parametrized signal + background GP) to the data (assuming stat errors are Gaussian), use result as the mean $\mu(\mathbf{x}_*|\mathbf{y}) = \mu(\mathbf{x}_*) + \Sigma(\mathbf{x}_*, \mathbf{x})[\Sigma(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}) + \sigma^2(\mathbf{x})\mathbf{I}]^{-1}(\mathbf{y} - \mu(\mathbf{x}))$ in standard likelihood Poisson likelihood
3. Fit the GP, use the posterior mean and covariance of the GP as a simple Gaussian likelihood / chi-square with covariance matrix.

We used option 2., most consistent with our existing statistical procedures

HYPOTHESIS TESTING

Here true hypothesis has no signal, but is neither the ad-hoc function nor the GP, so we don't expect it to be a chi-square exactly.

Worry is GP might be too flexible.
So need to check expected significance (power) by injecting signal.

(Result depends on kernel used)

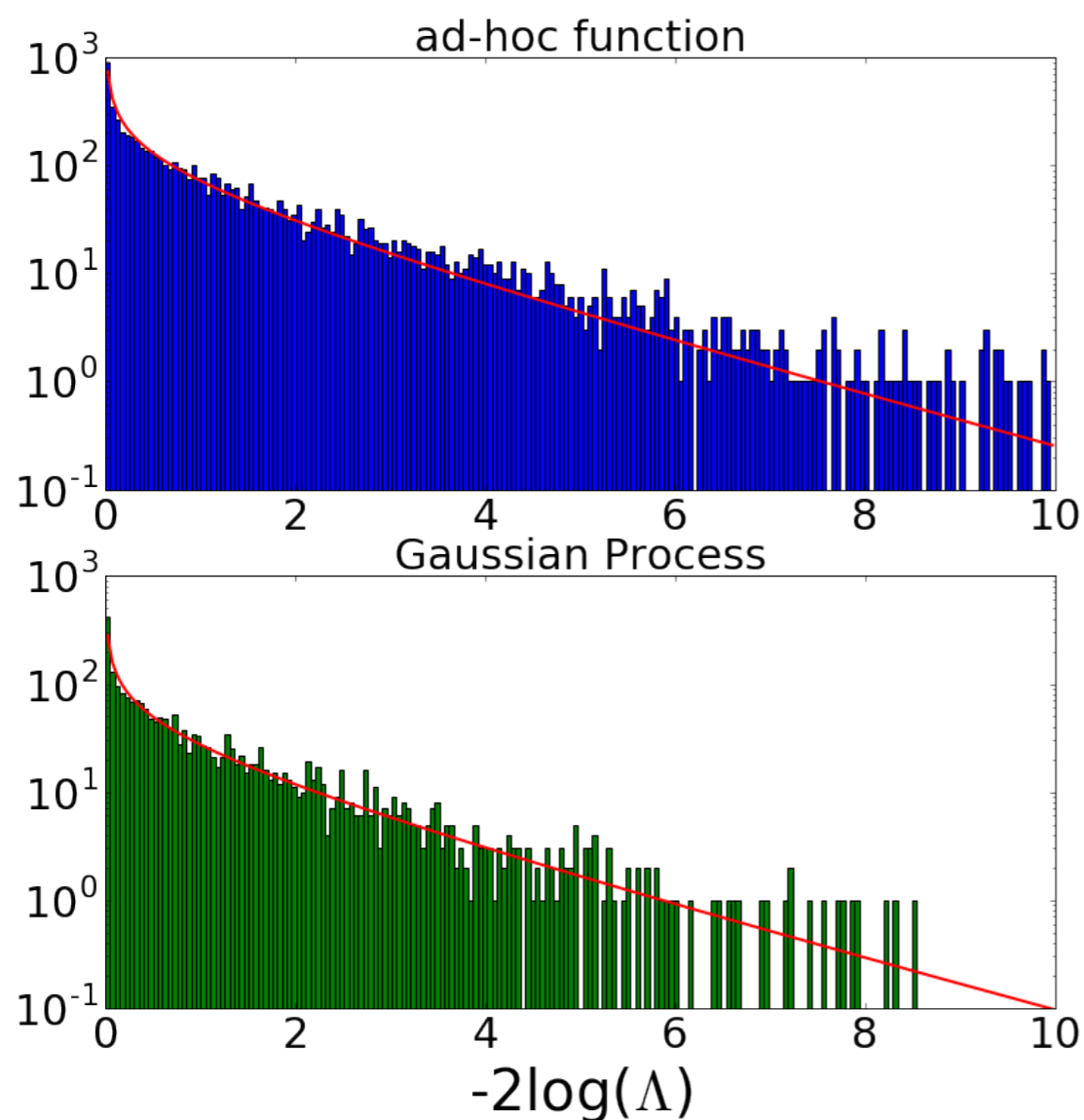
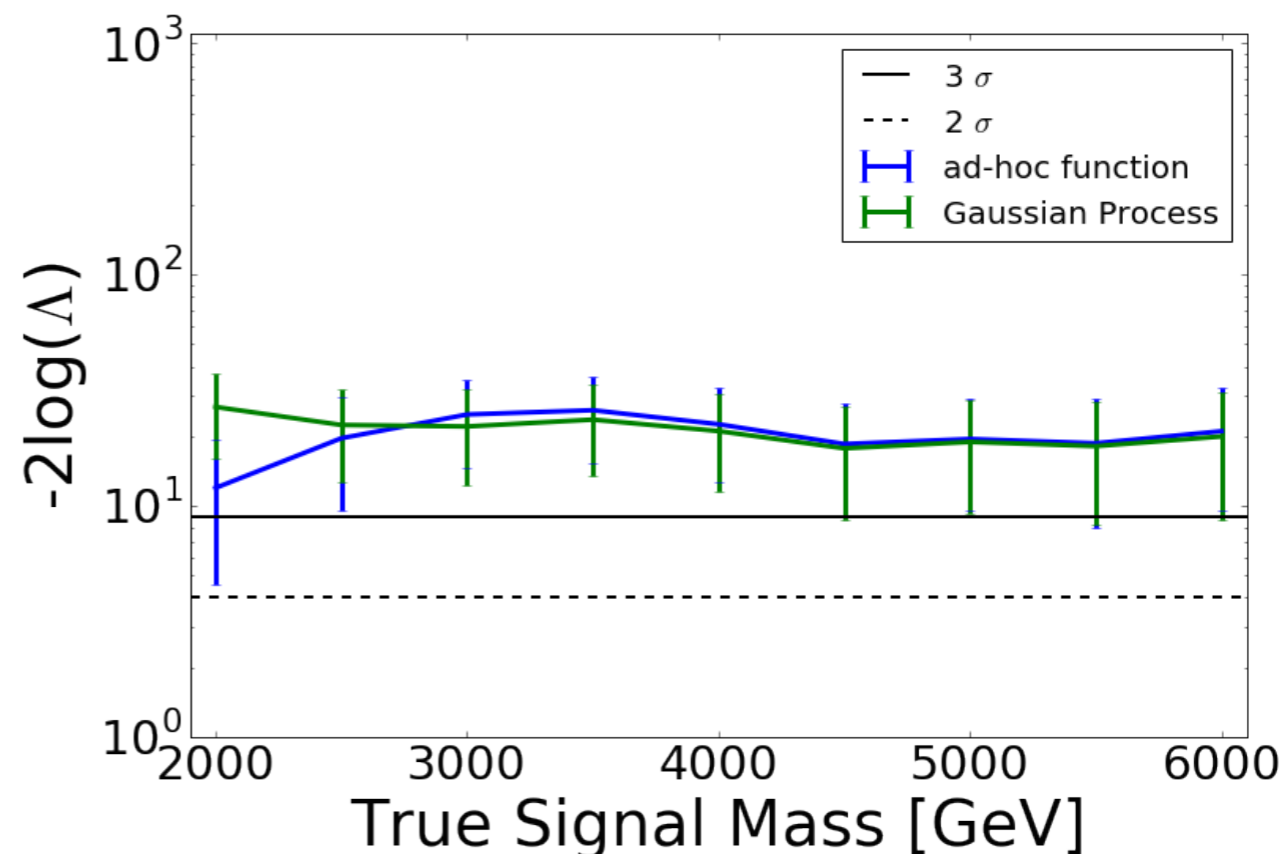


FIG. 11: Distribution of $-2\log(\Lambda)$, where Λ is the likelihood ratio between the background-only and the background-plus-signal hypotheses, for toy data with no signal present, shown for both the ad-hoc fit (top) and the Gaussian process background model (bottom). Overlaid in red is a χ^2 distribution with one degree of freedom.



Modeling Generic Localized Signals

(related to spurious signal)

BUMPHUNTER

In many exotics searches, we don't want to assume a specific signal model.

- difficult to do likelihood-ratio based tests using shape information, since we don't know the signal's shape
- Instead, typically use **BumpHunter** and look for a localized signal in some mass window.
- difficulties here because BumpHunter needs a global background estimate to do background-only toys to correct for look elsewhere effect
- If we are fitting background from data, this is circular do we do this?

AN ALTERNATIVE

An alternative is to use a **GP for the signal**

- Use a kernel that looks for an excess only in a localized excess in a window around mass m with width t (keeping length scale l for smoothness)

$$\Sigma(x, x') = A e^{-\frac{1}{2}(x-x')^2/l^2} e^{-\frac{1}{2}((x-m)^2+(x'-m)^2)/t^2}, \quad (14)$$

- Now we have a signal shape, so we can do likelihood-ratio tests between signal and background

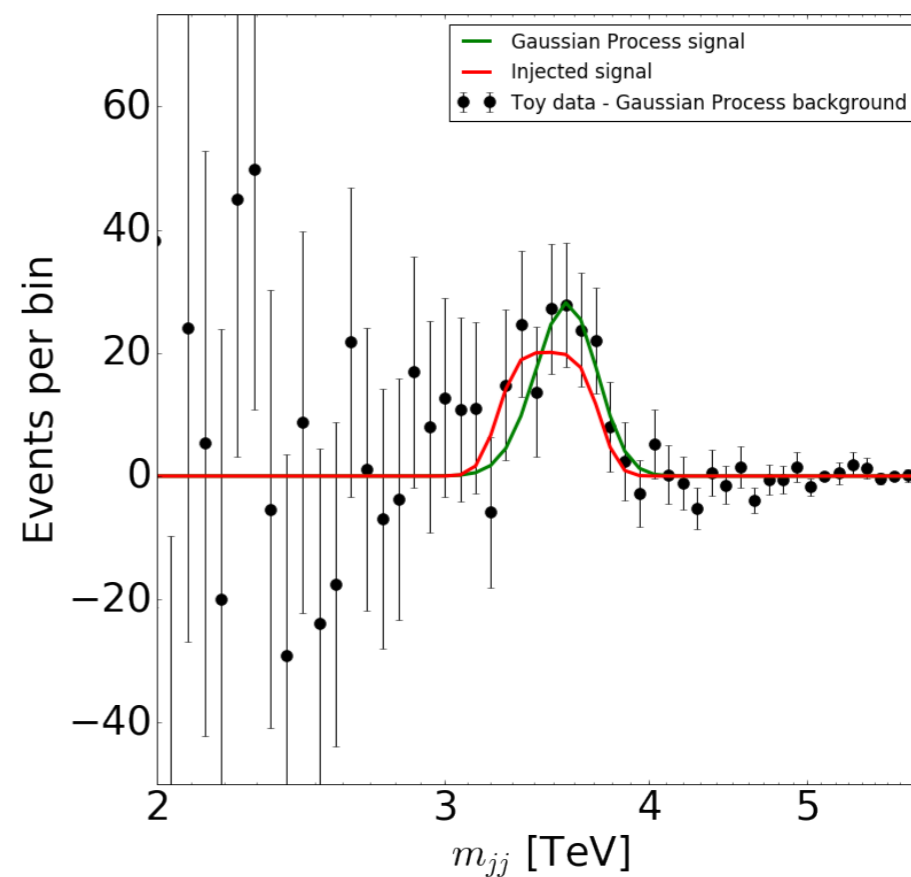
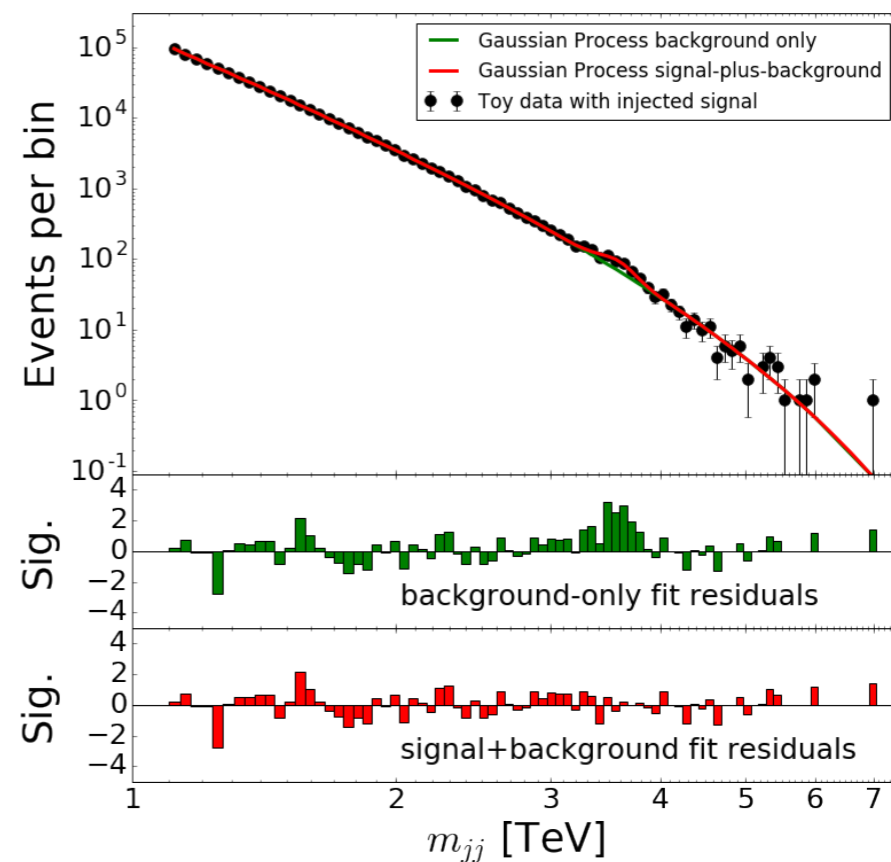
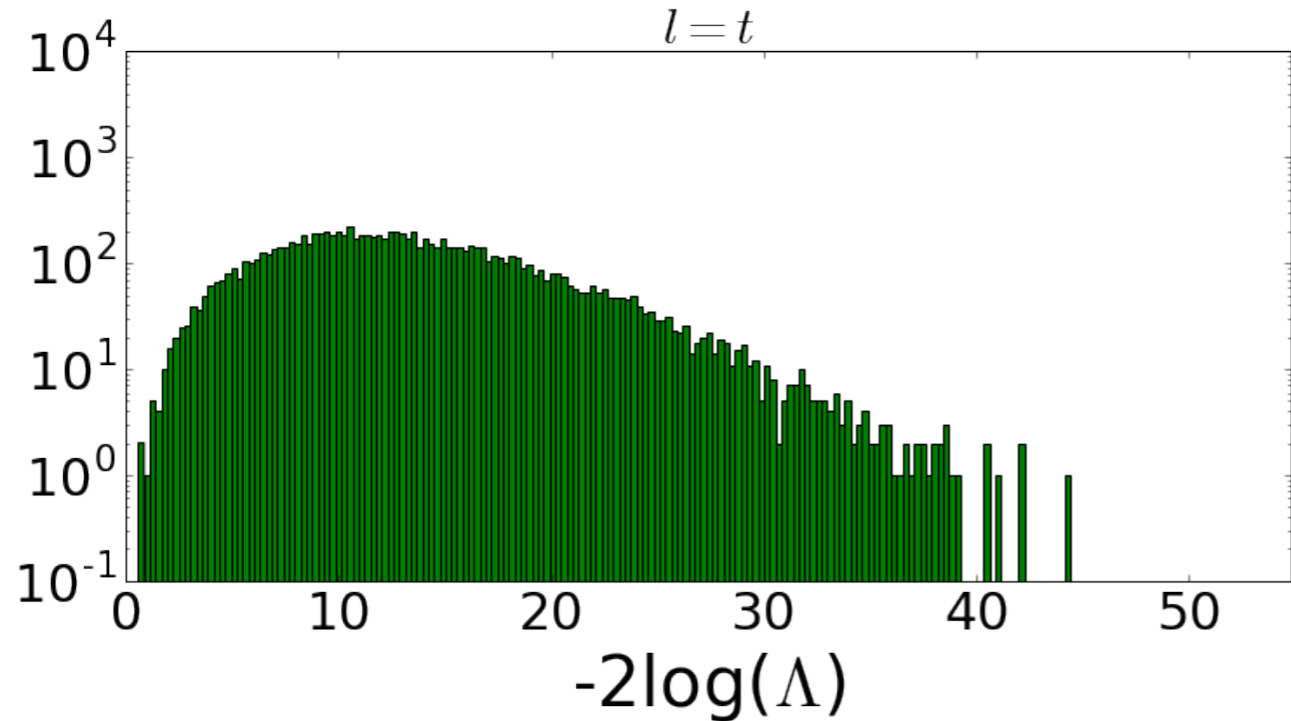
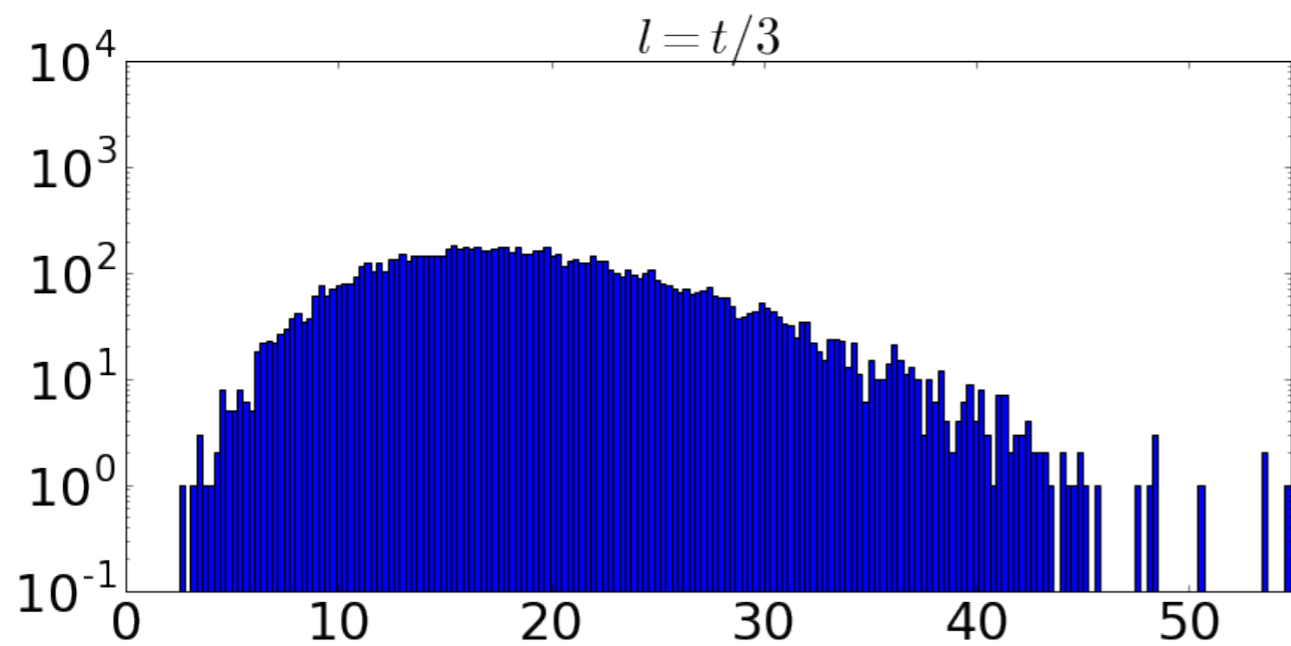
The issue now is that the signal has many free parameters, so these tests will have a look-elsewhere effect.

- this isn't a problem though, we still do background-only fits to get the "global p-value"

LOOK-ELSEWHERE EFFECT

The plot below shows $2\log\Lambda(\mu=0)$ for the background-only. Use this for global p-value.

(depends on kernel hyper parameters)



Software & Examples

SOFTWARE

You don't need to do this yourself, there's many Gaussian

Process packages that do this for you

- See github.com/mfrate28/ComparingGPpackages for a comparison of GP packages

Meghan worked on some tutorials that help with common HEP use cases

- https://github.com/mfrate28/GP_Tutorial

We are investigating a RooFit interface.

Physics-Aware Machine Learning

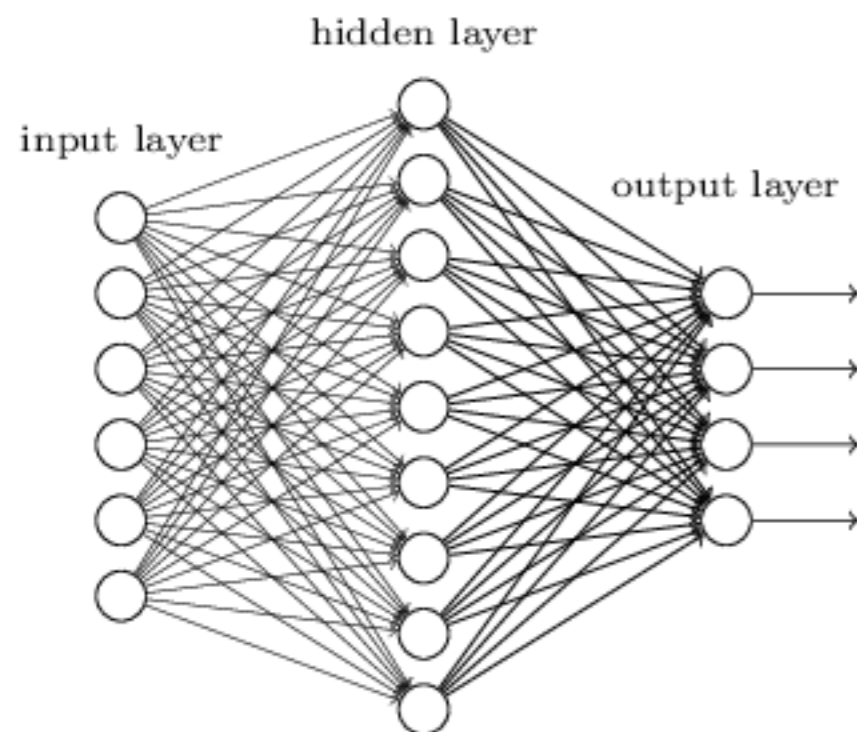
(choosing the variational family)

NN = A HIGHLY FLEXIBLE FAMILY OF FUNCTIONS

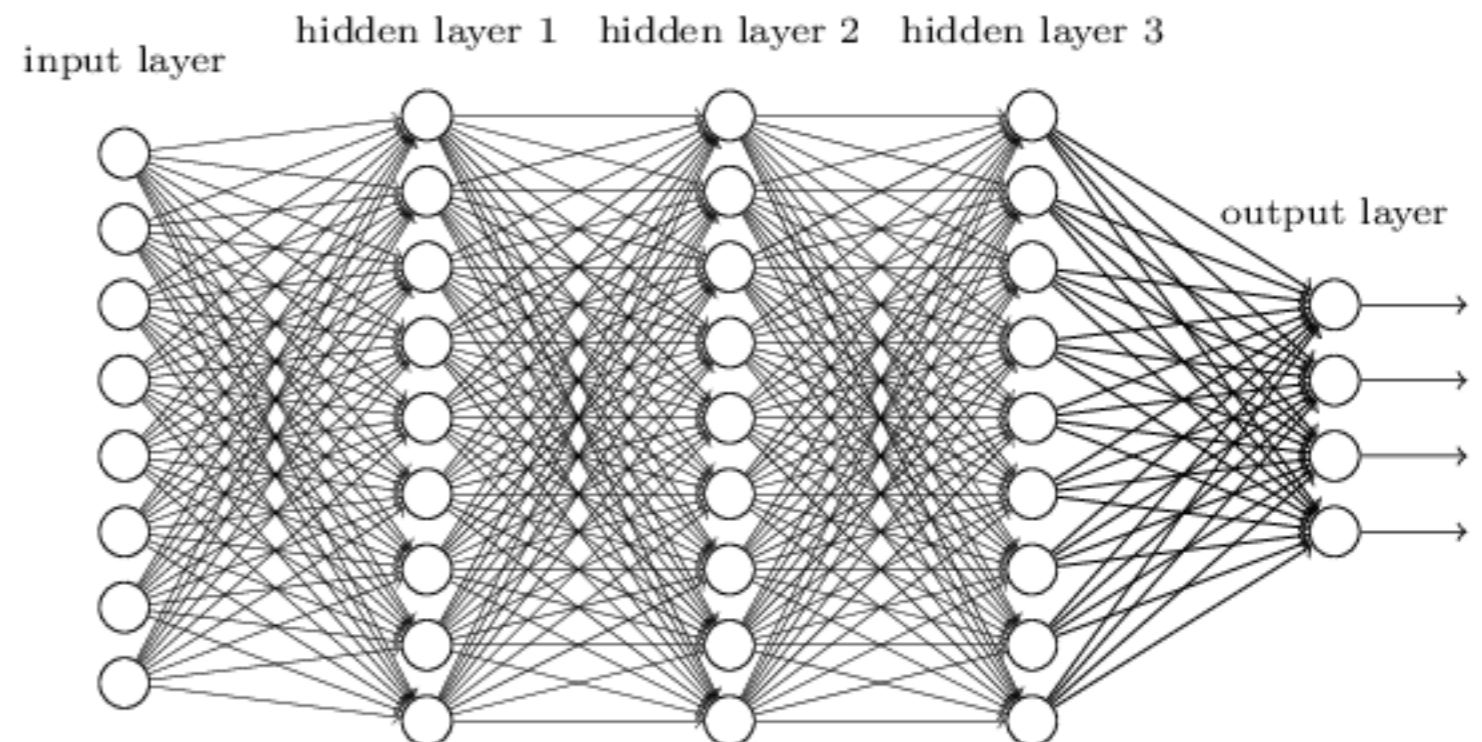
In calculus of variations, the optimization is over all functions: $\hat{s} = \operatorname{argmin}_s L[s]$

- In applied calculus of variations, we consider a highly flexible family of functions s_θ and optimize: i.e. $\hat{\theta} = \operatorname{argmin}_\theta L[s_\theta]$ $\hat{s} \approx s_{\hat{\theta}}$
- Think of neural networks as a highly flexible family of functions
- Machine learning also includes non-convex optimization algorithms that are effective even with millions of parameters!

Shallow neural network



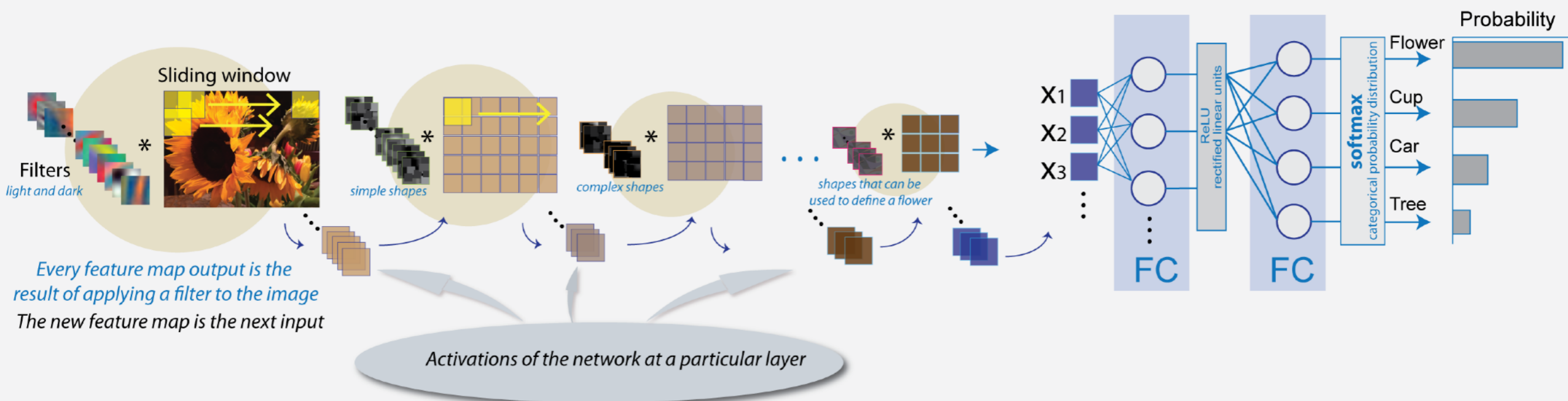
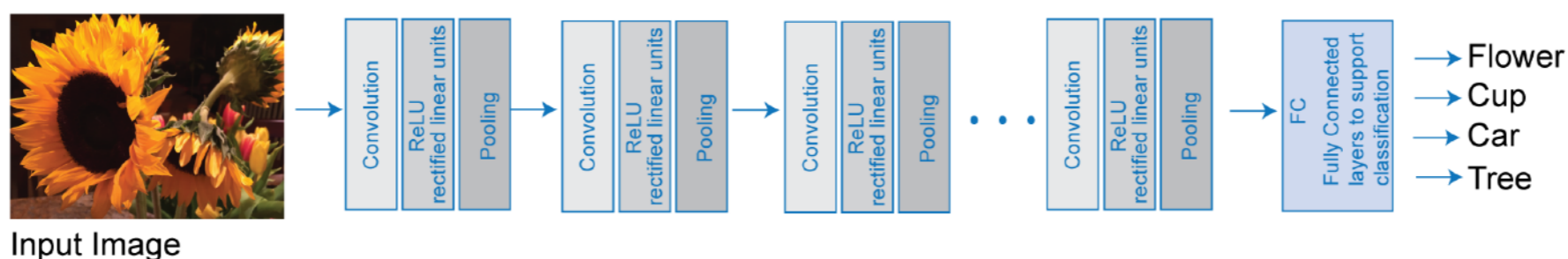
Deep neural network



CONVOLUTIONAL NEURAL NETWORKS

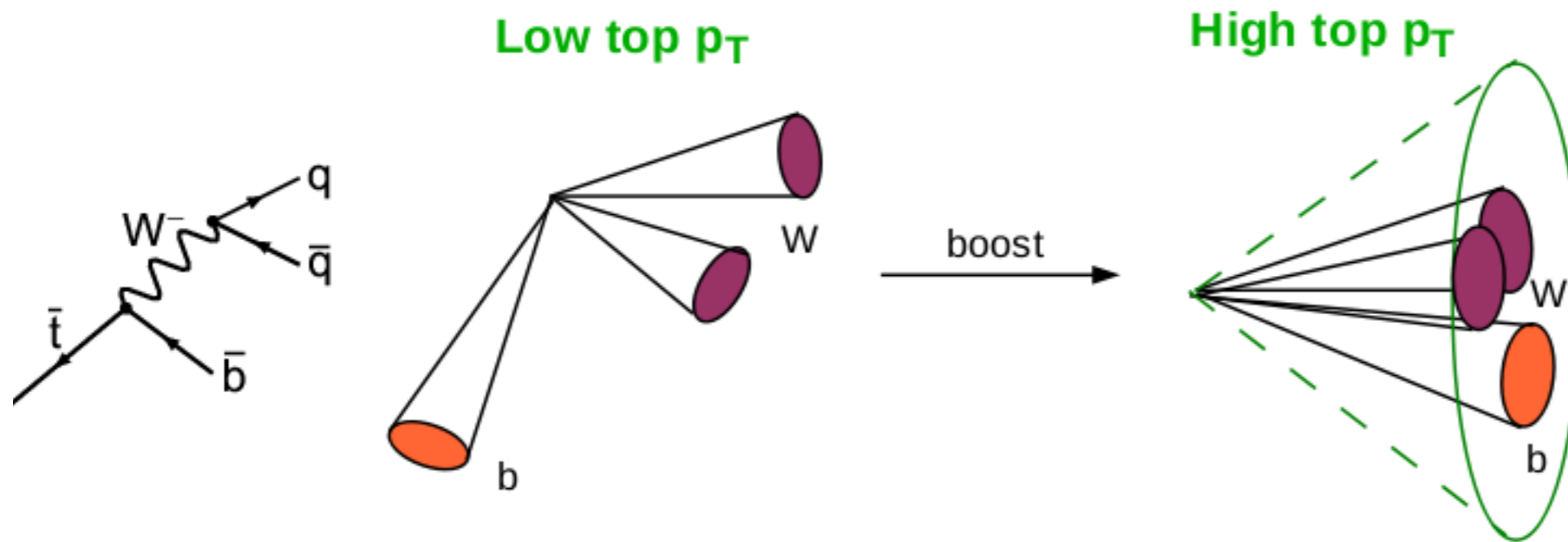
Another major idea of deep learning: convolutional filters

- the world is compositional \Rightarrow hierarchical architecture
- images are translationally invariant \Rightarrow shared weights



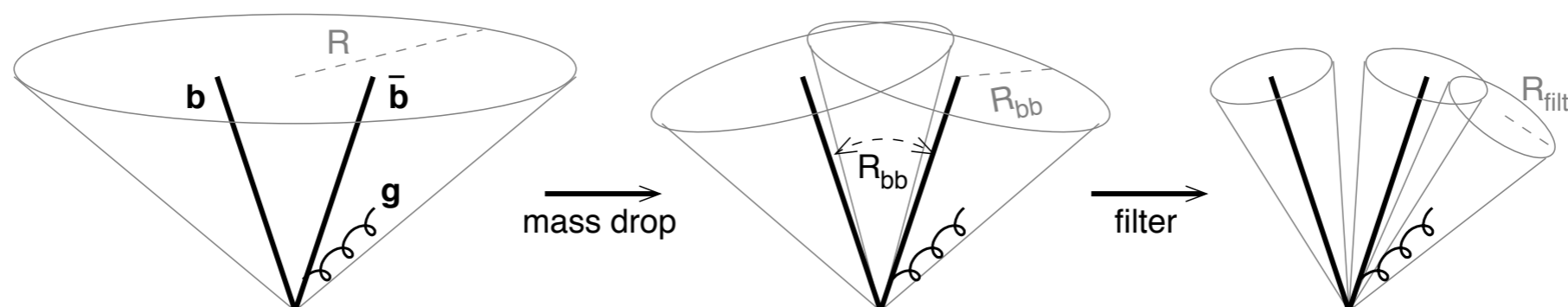
JET SUBSTRUCTURE

Many scenarios for physics Beyond the Standard Model include highly boosted W , Z , H bosons or top quarks



Identifying these rests on subtle substructure inside jets

- an enormous number of theoretical effort in developing observables and techniques to tag jets like this



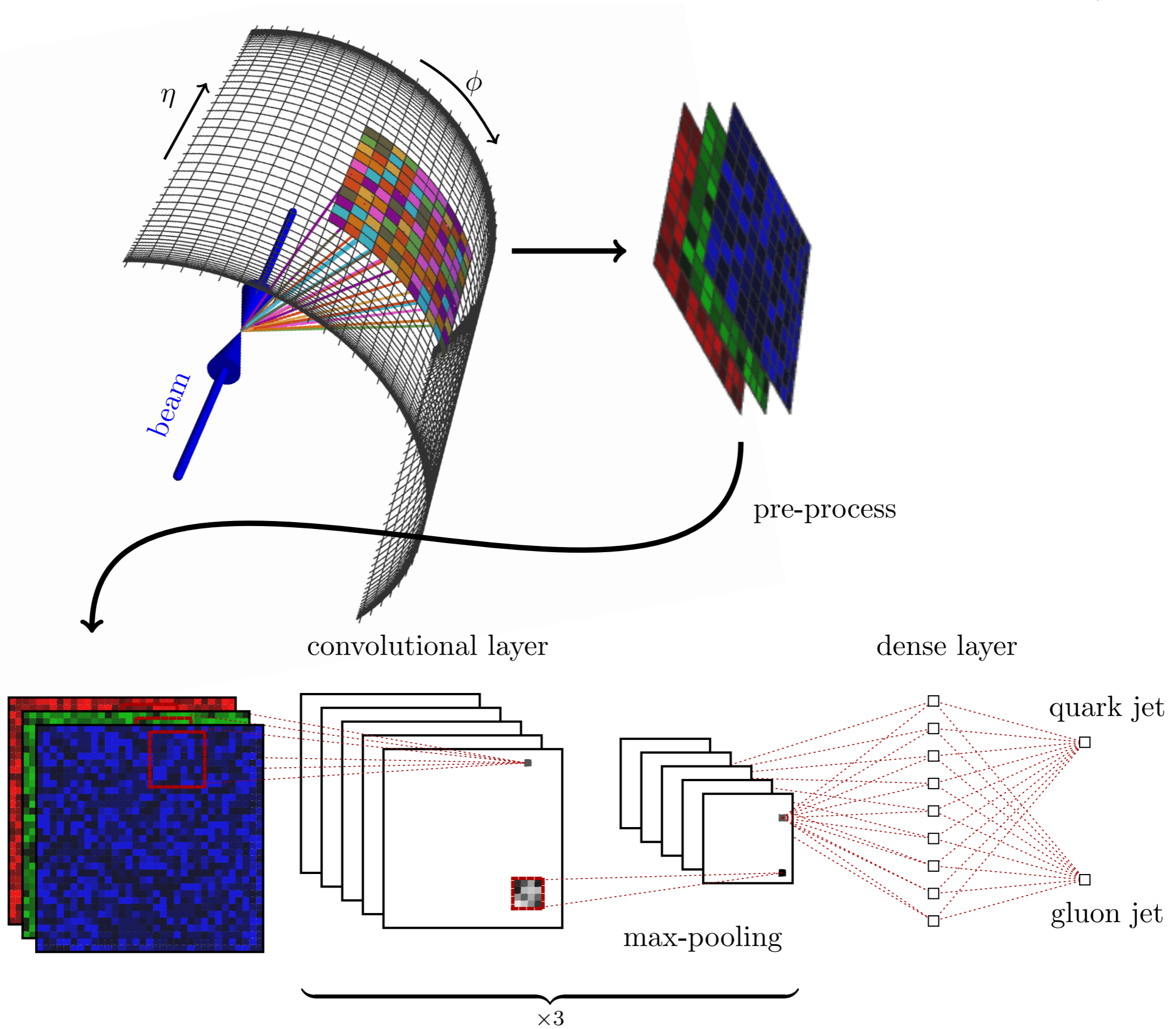
JET IMAGES

image: Komiske, Metodiev, Schwartz arxiv:1612.01551

Oliveira, et. al arXiv:1511.05190

Whiteson, et al arXiv:1603.09349

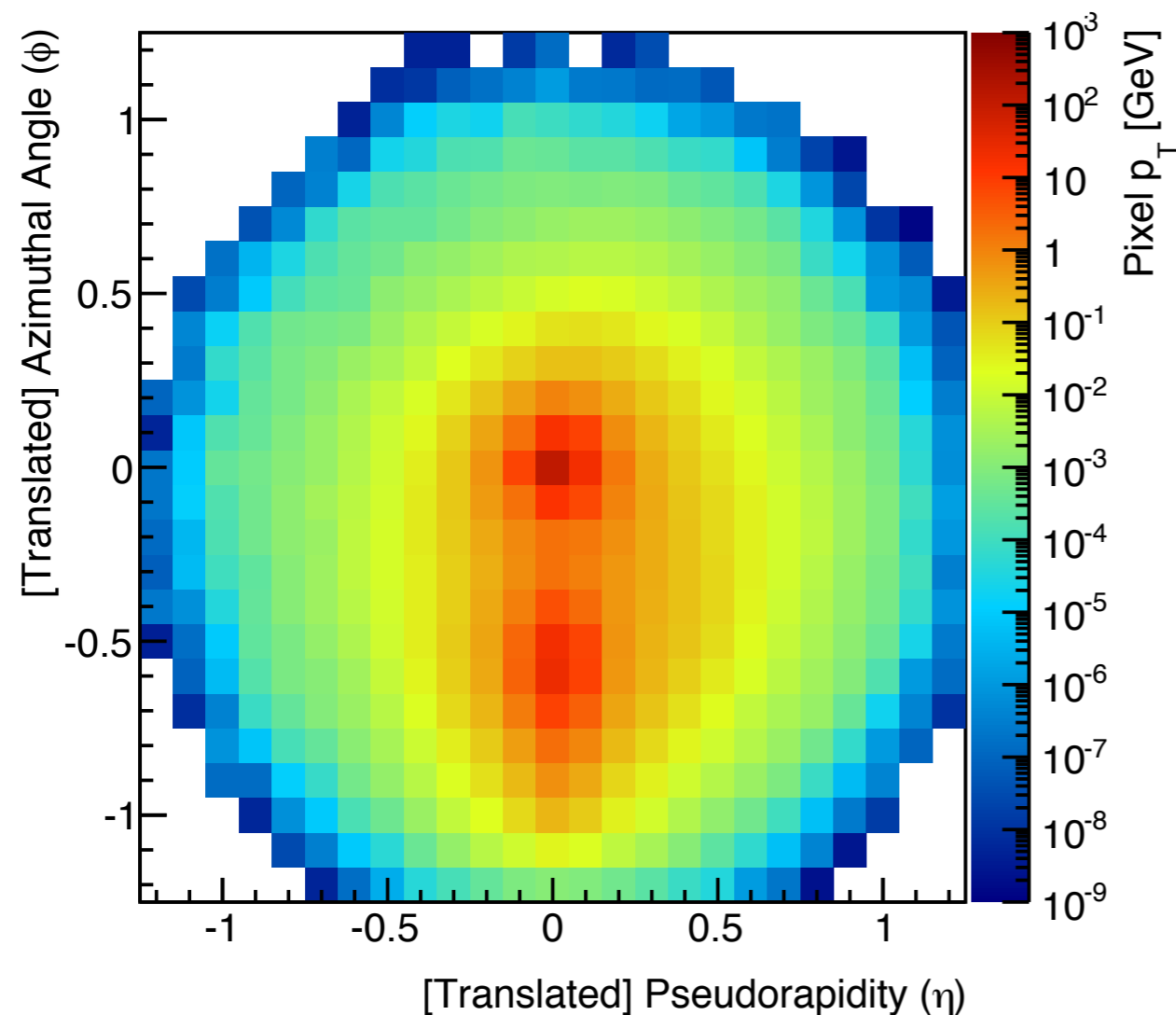
Barnard, et al arXiv:1609.00607



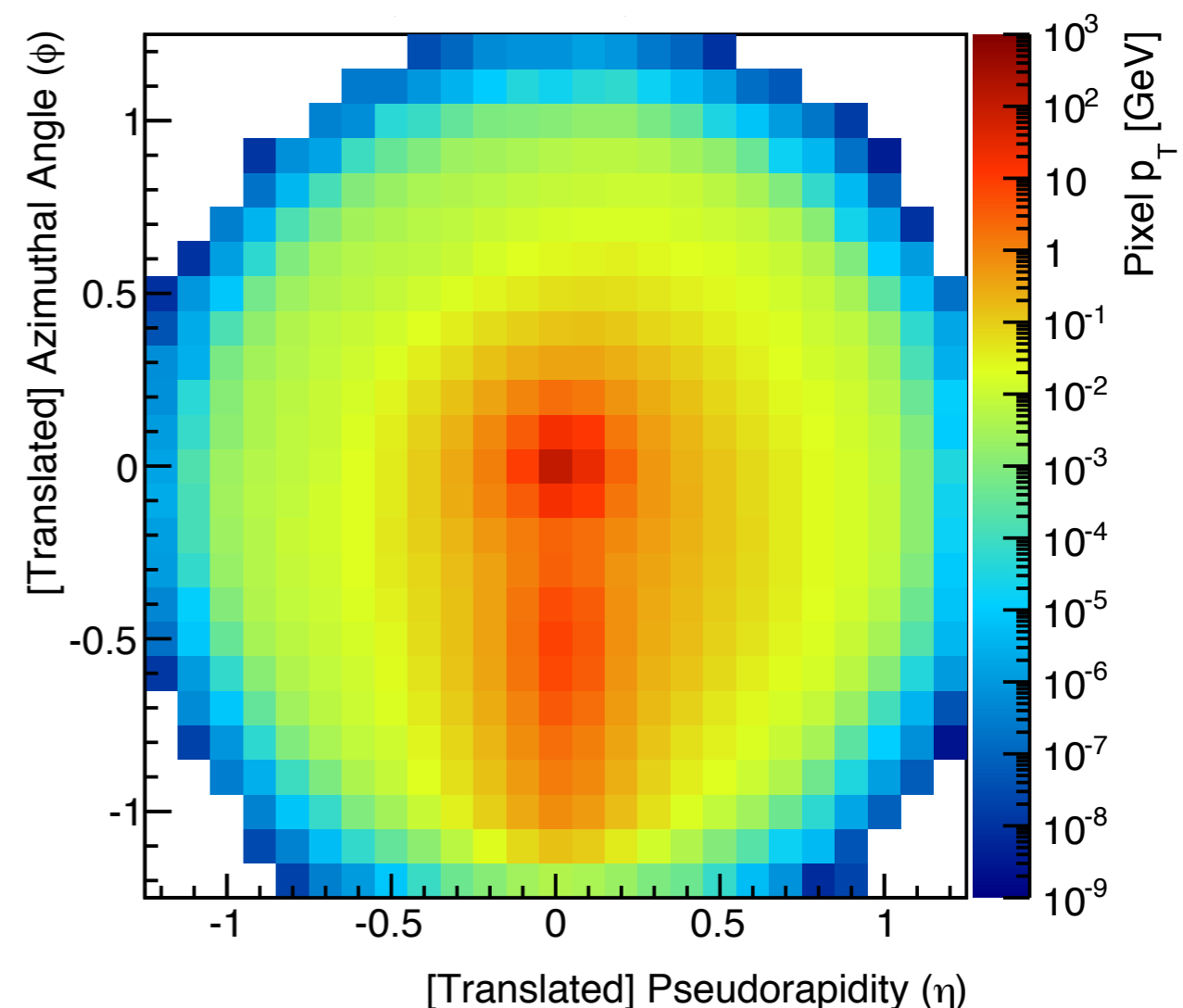
Apply deep learning algorithms to classify to “jet images”

- good results (based on fast simulation & idealized uniform calorimeter)
- preprocessed to mod out symmetries in the data
- discretization into images loses information

Average Boosted W Jet ($y=1$)



Average QCD Jet ($y=0$)



JETS AS A GRAPH

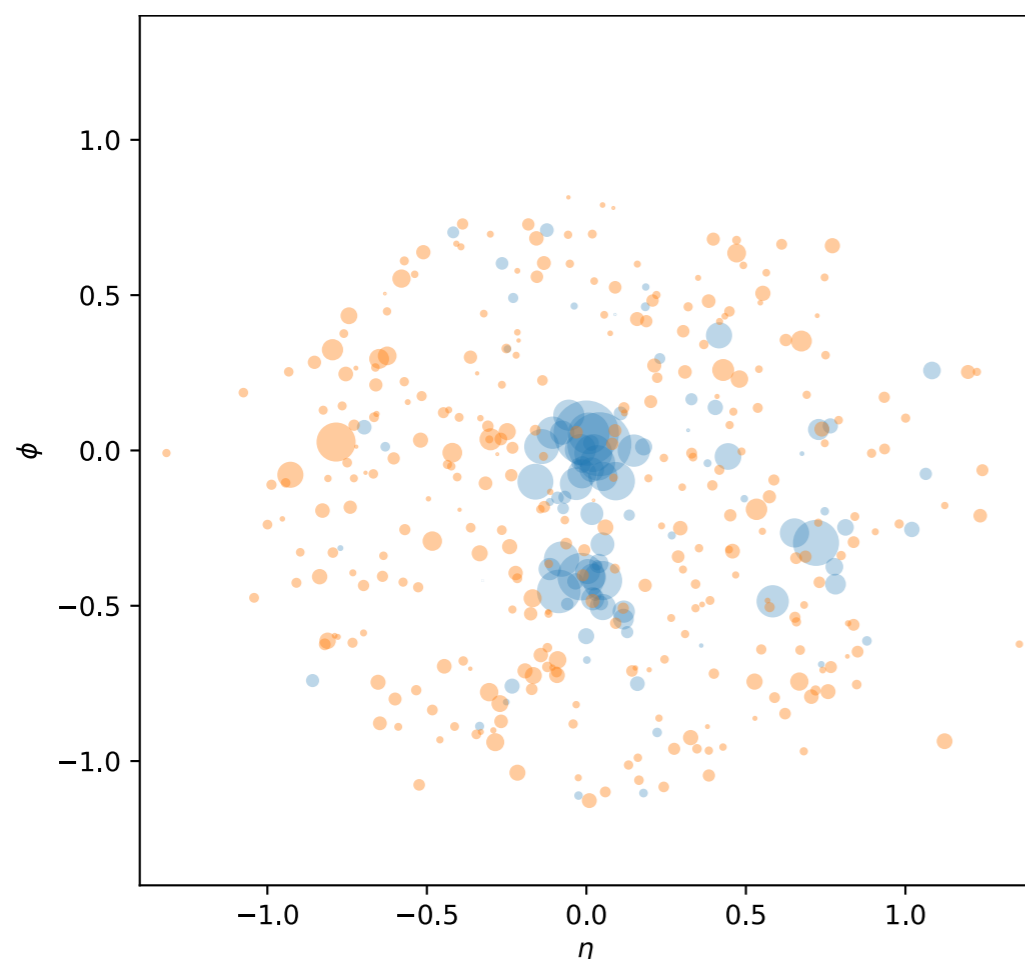
Using message passing neural networks over a fully connected graph on the particles



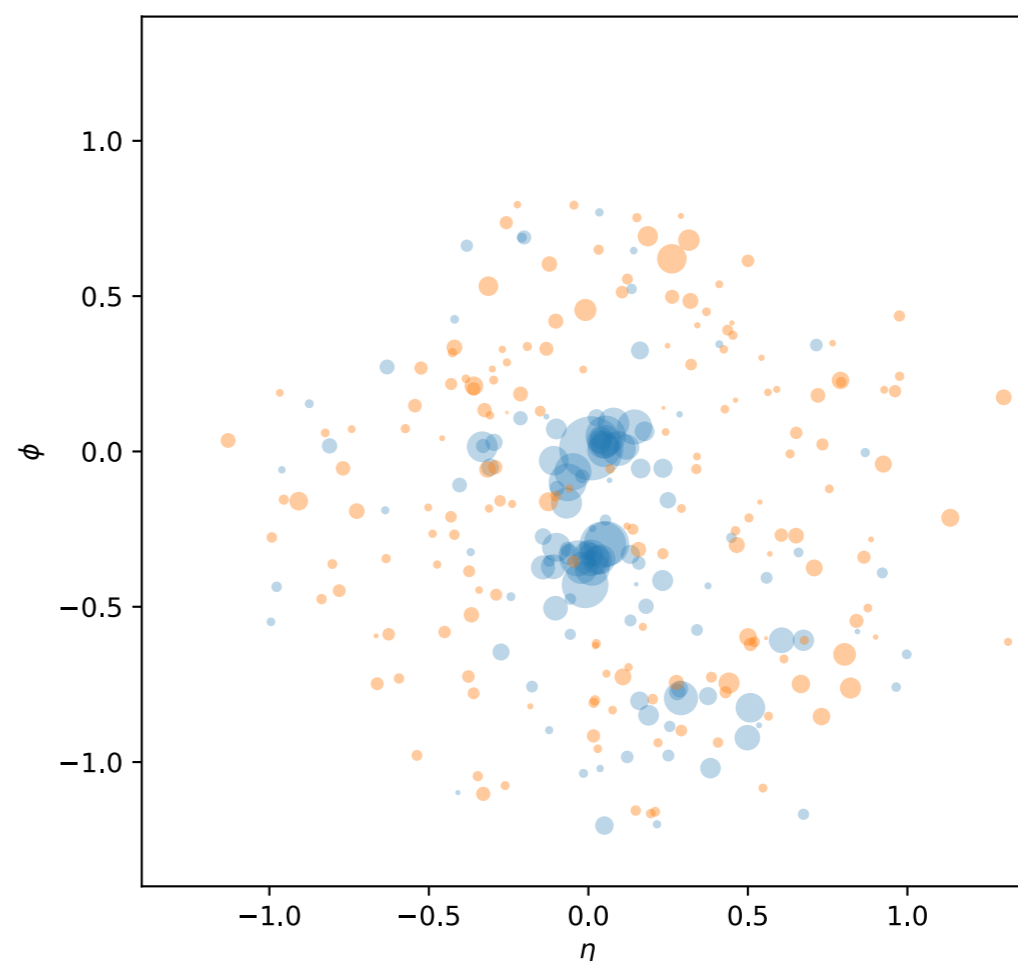
Isaac Henrion

- Two approaches for adjacency matrix for edges
 - inject physics knowledge by using d_{ij} of jet algorithms
 - learn adjacency matrix and export new jet algorithm

Example Boosted W Jet ($y=1$)



Example QCD Jet ($y=0$)

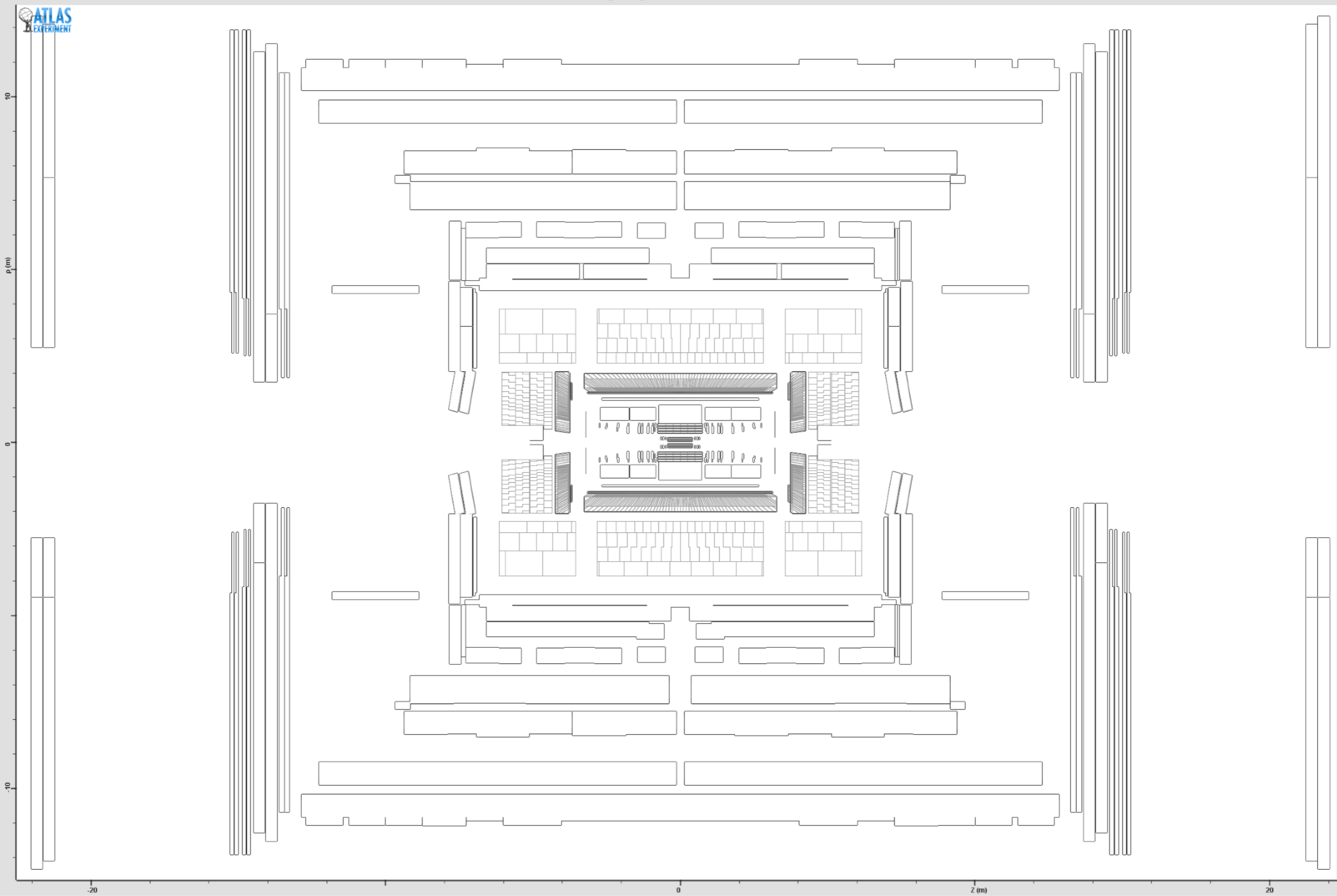


NON-UNIFORM GEOMETRY

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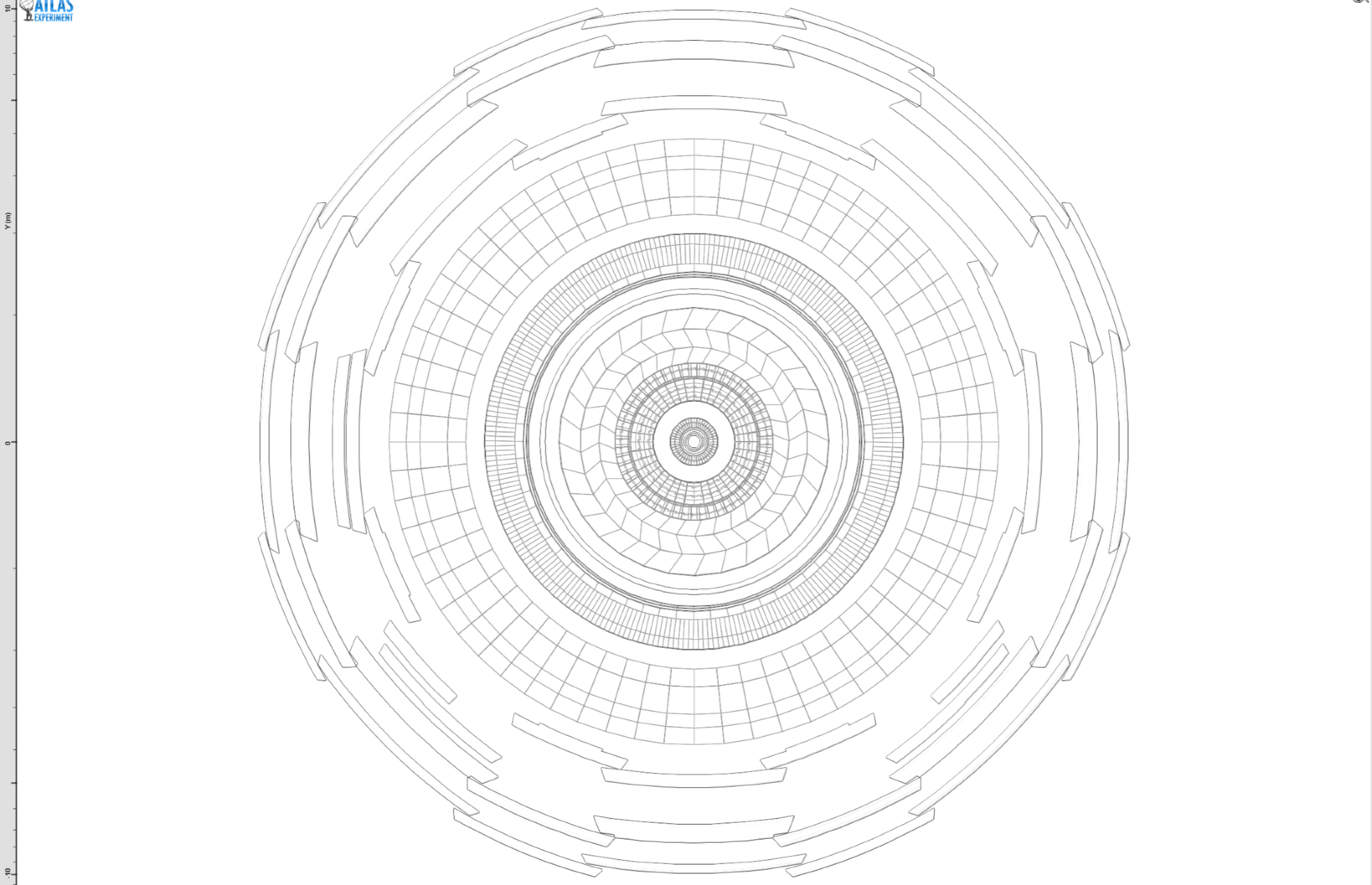


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HOW CAN WE IMPROVE?

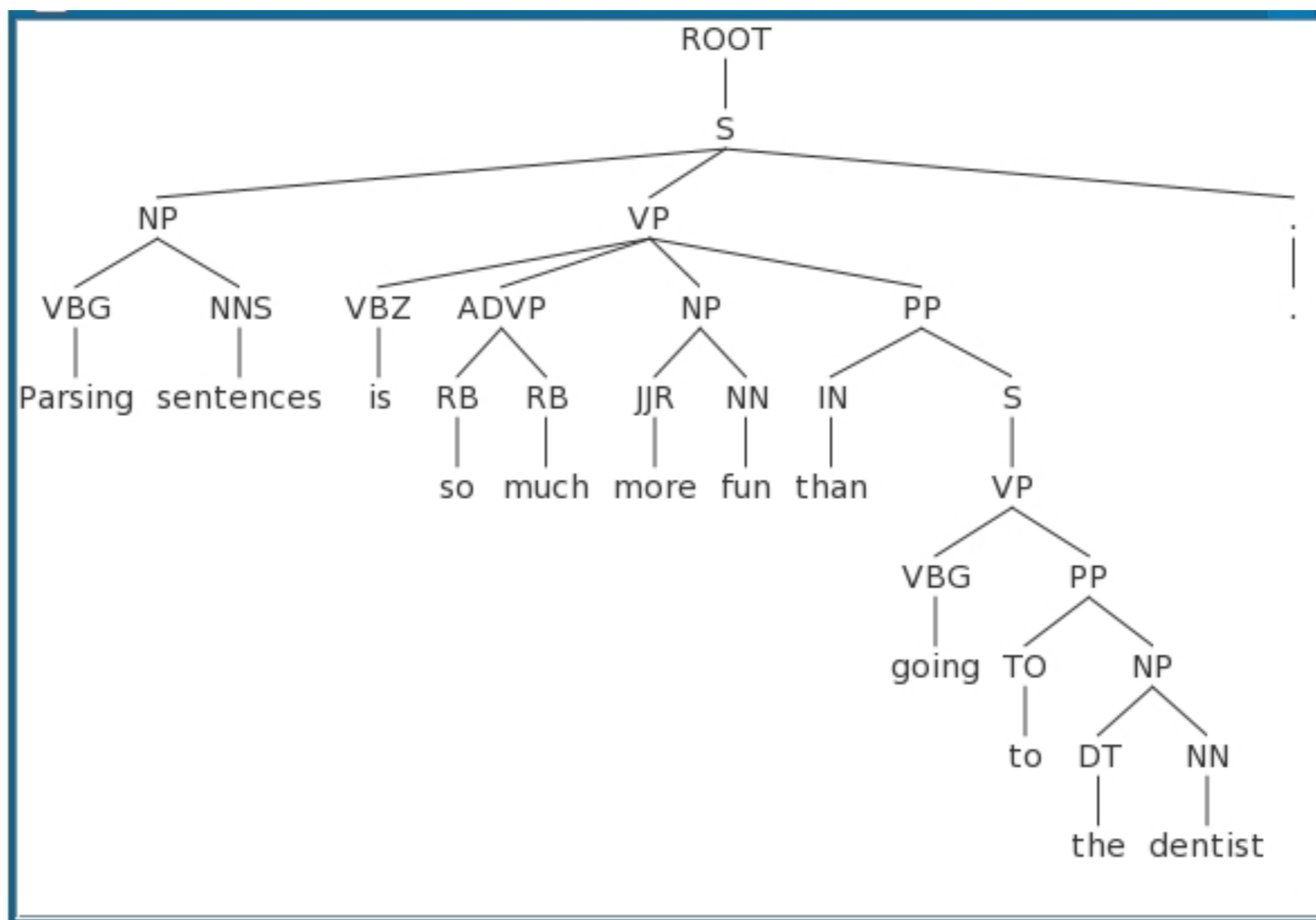
Image based approaches are doing well, but....

- would be nice to be able to work with a variable length input
 - avoid pre-processing into a regular-grid (eg. non-uniform calorimeters)
 - avoid representing empty pixels (sparse input)
- would be nice if classifier had nice theoretical properties
 - infrared & collinear safety, robustness to pileup, etc.
- would be nice to be more data efficient, most image-based networks use a LOT of training data.

FROM IMAGES TO SENTENCES

Recursive Neural Networks showing great performance for Natural Language Processing tasks

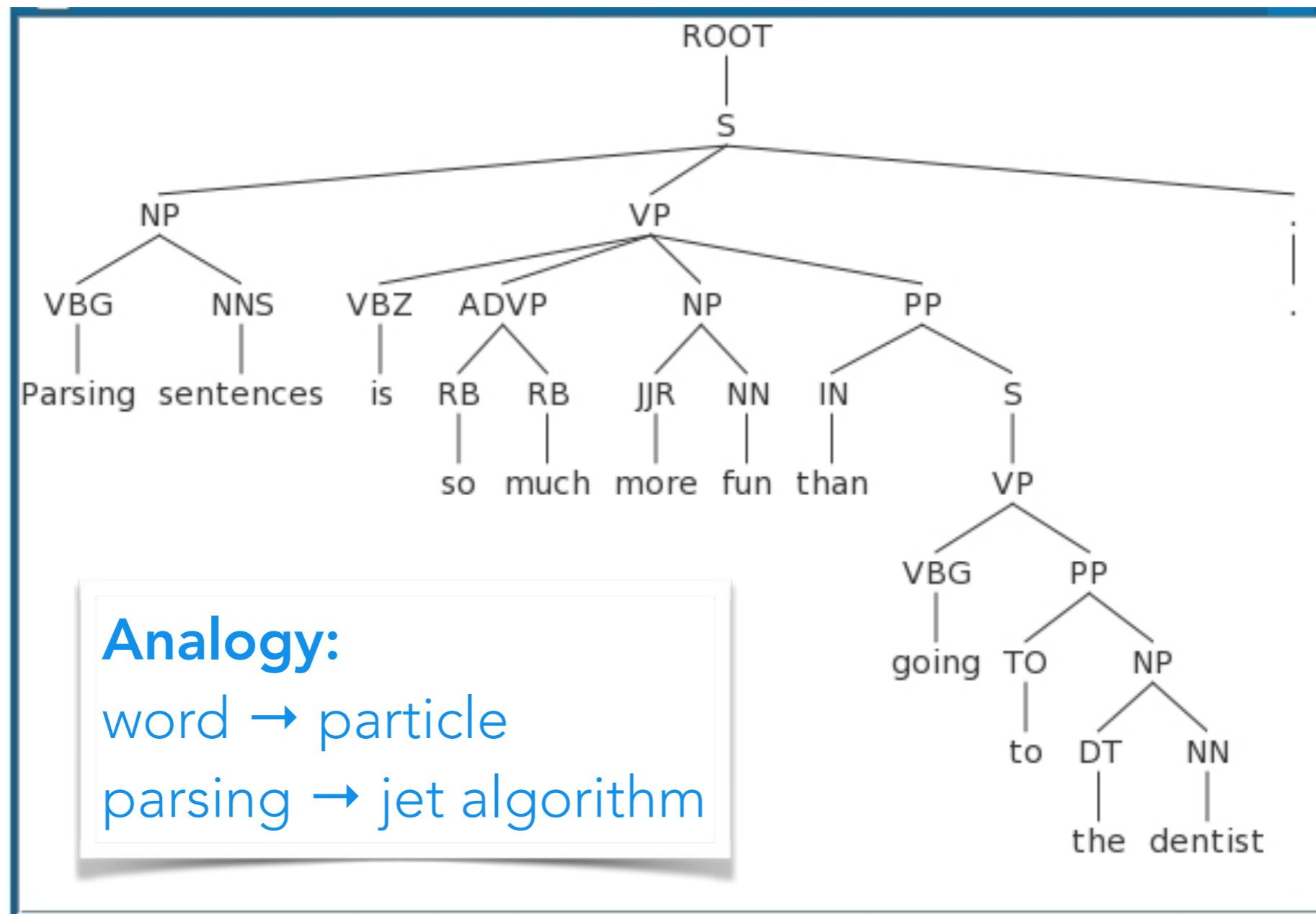
- neural network's topology given by parsing of sentence!



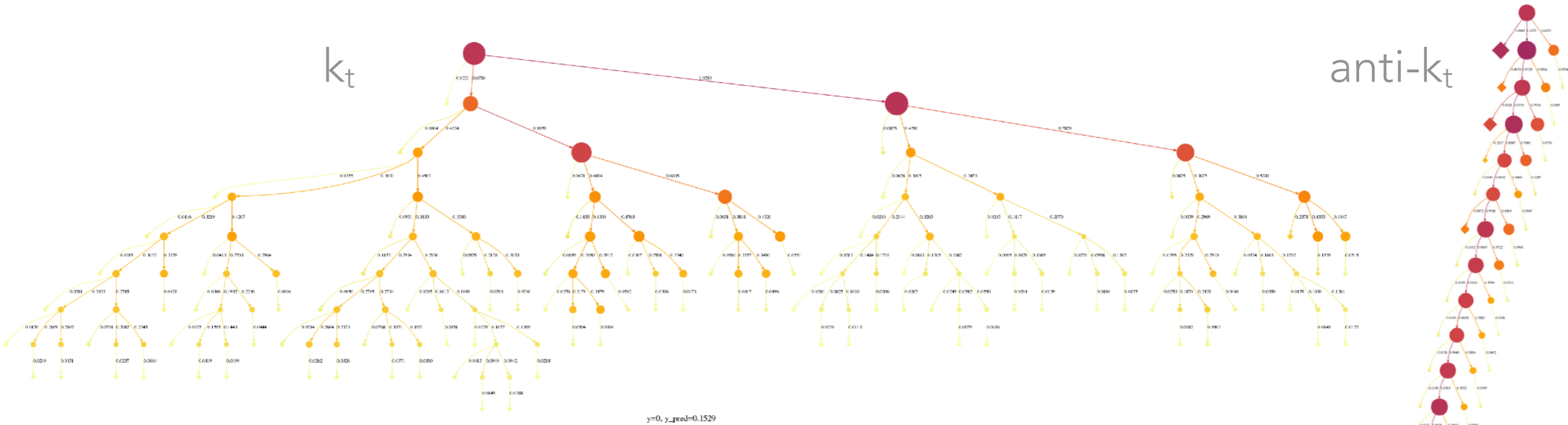
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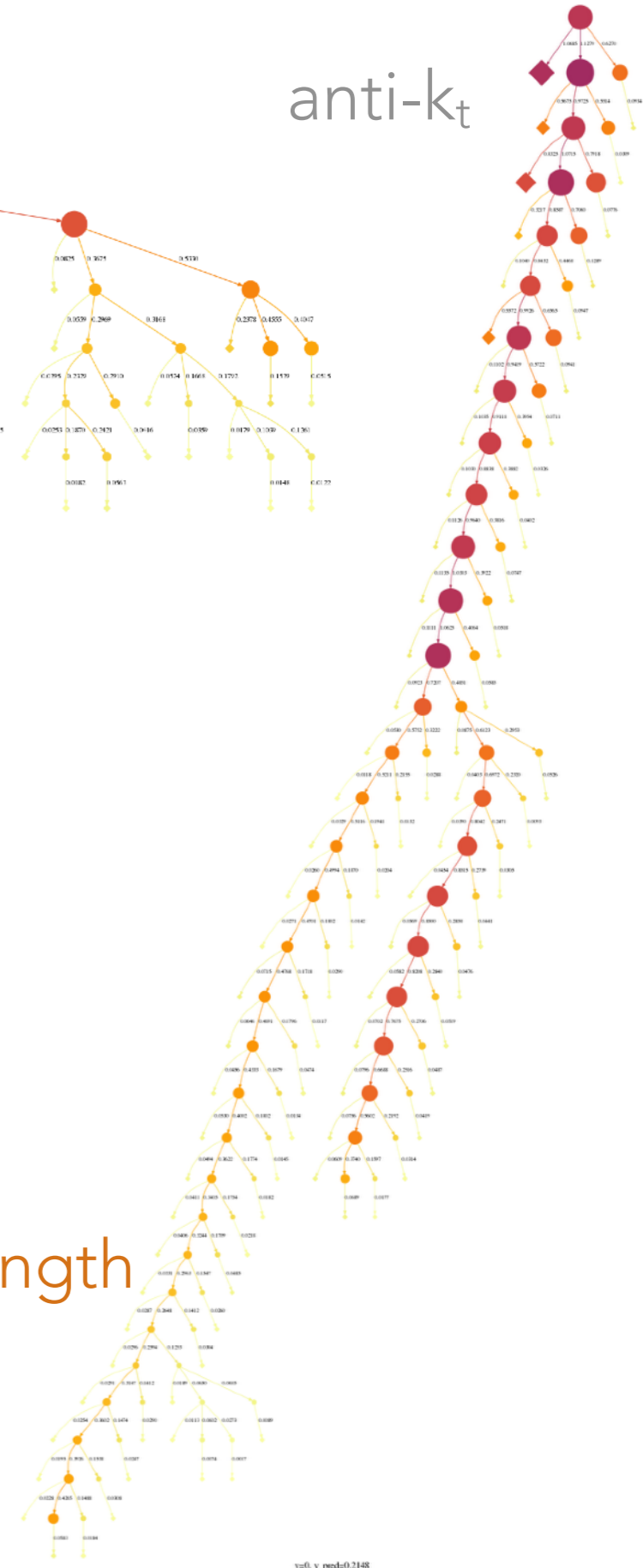
QCD-INSPIRED RECURSIVE NEURAL NETWORKS



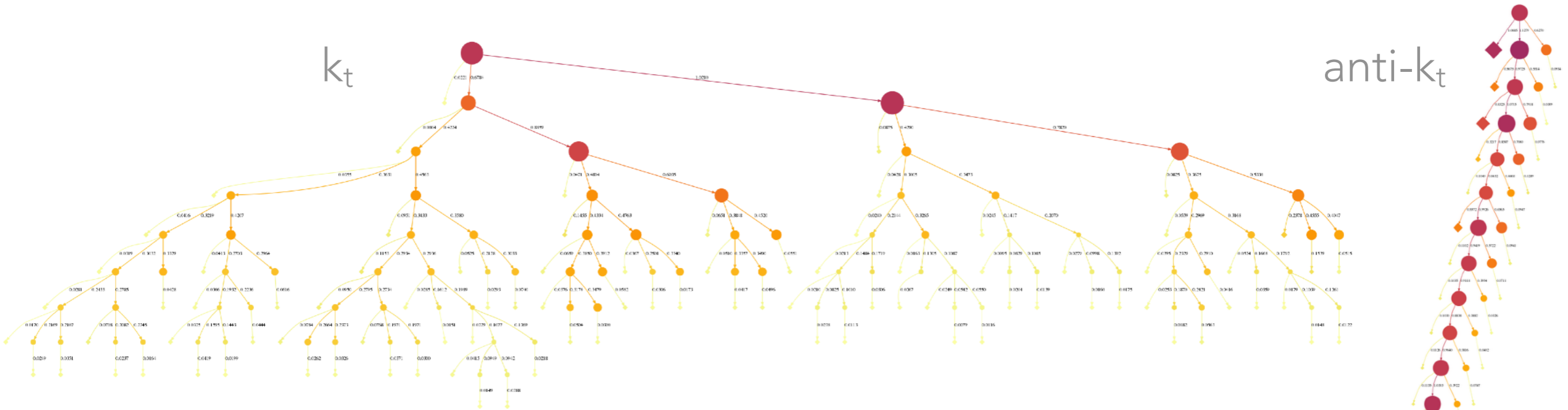
Work with Gilles Louppe, Kyunghyun Cho, Cyril Becot

- Use sequential recombination jet algorithms to provide network topology (**on a per-jet basis**)
- path towards ML models with good theoretical properties
- Top node of recursive network provides a fixed-length **embedding** of a jet that can be fed to a classifier

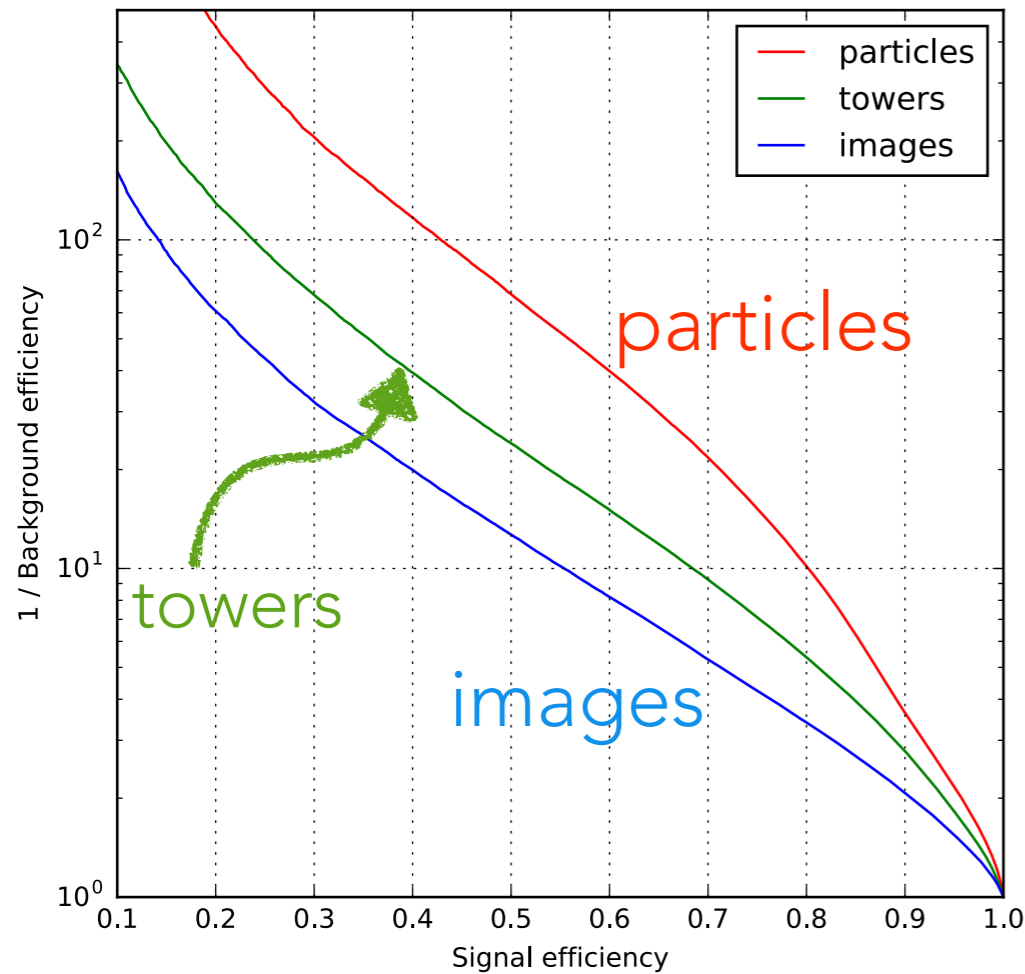
arXiv:1702.00748 & follow up work with Joan Bruna using graph conv nets



QCD-INSPIRED RECURSIVE NEURAL NETWORKS



$y=0, y_{\text{pred}}=0.1529$



- W -jet tagging example using data from Dawe, et al arXiv:1609.00607
- down-sampling by projecting into images loses information
- RNN needs much less data to train!

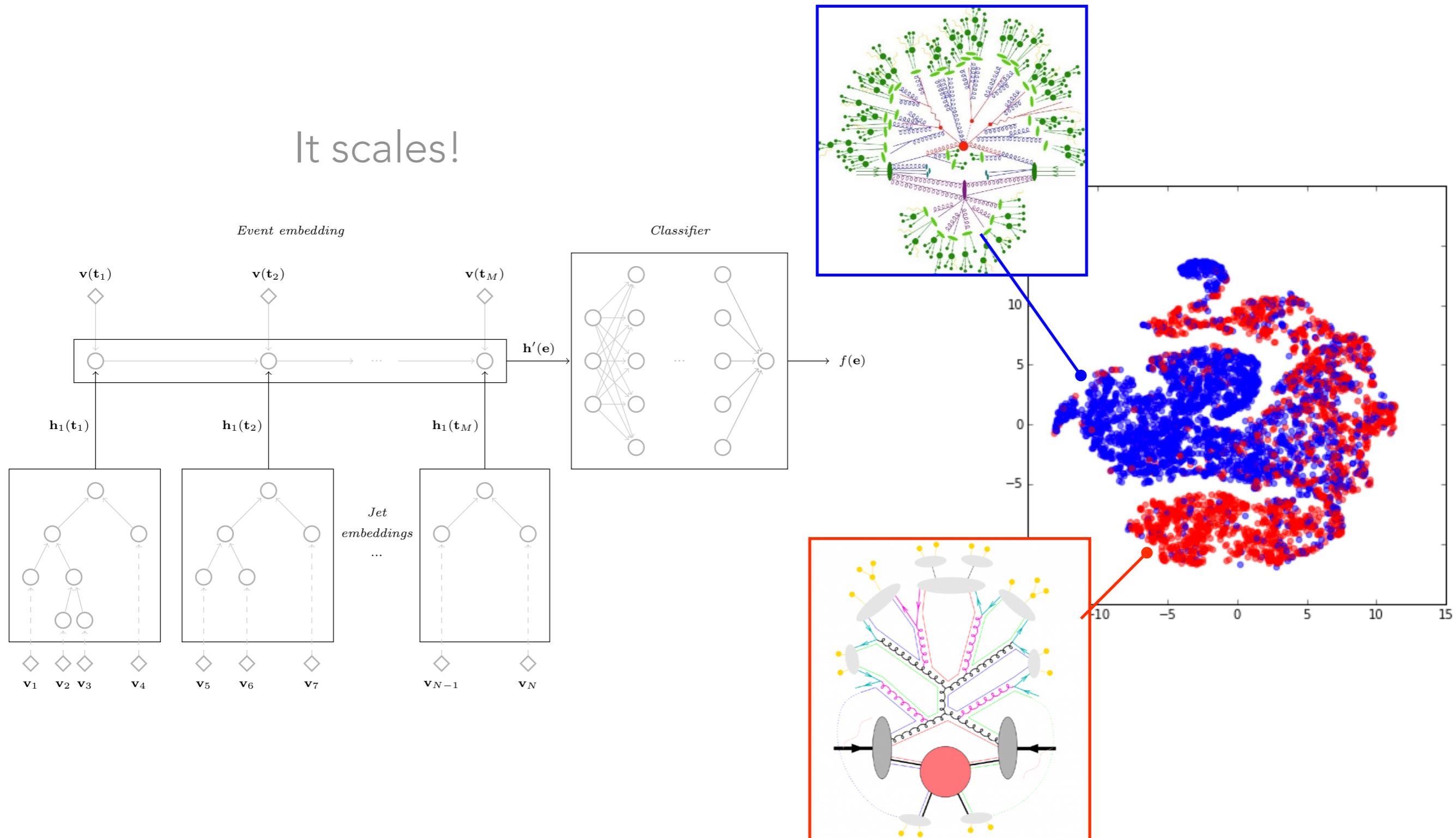


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HIERARCHICAL MODEL FOR THE ENTIRE EVENT

particle embedding \rightarrow jet embedding \rightarrow event embedding \rightarrow classifier

It scales!

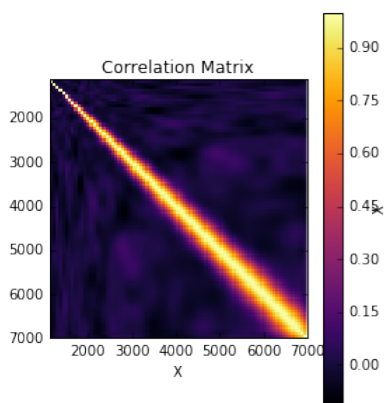


PHYSICS-AWARE MACHINE LEARNING

We can inject our knowledge of physics into the variational family

Physics-aware Gaussian Processes

arXiv:1709.05681



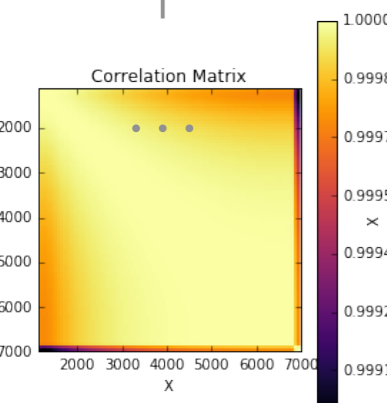
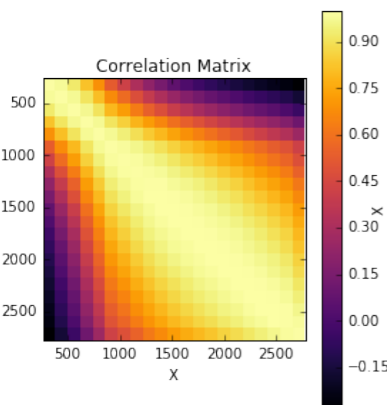
Final Kernel =

Poisson fluctuations

+ Mass Resolution

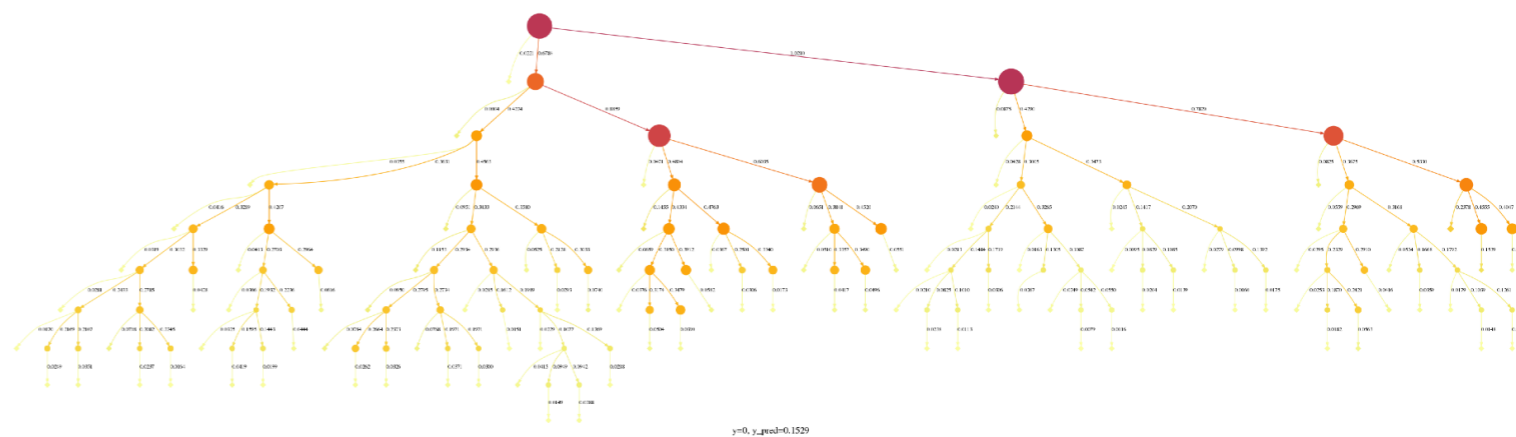
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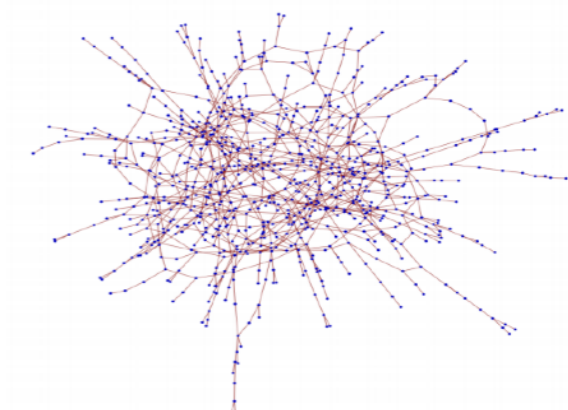
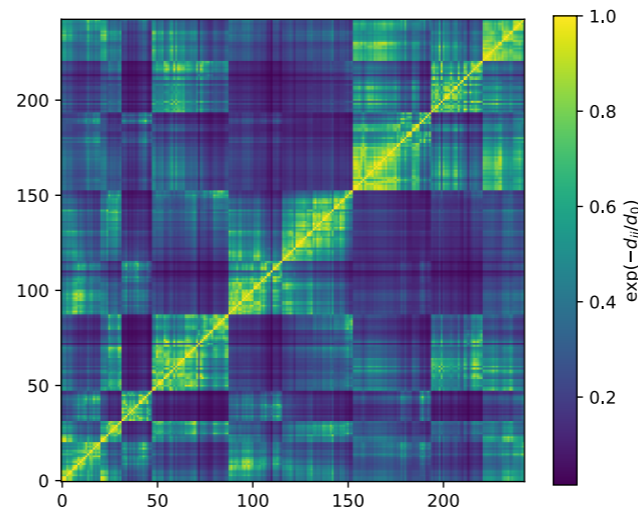
QCD-Aware recursive neural networks

arXiv:1702.00748



QCD-Aware graph convolutional neural networks

NIPS2017 workshop



$$d_{ii'}^\alpha = \min(p_{ti}^{2\alpha}, p_{ti'}^{2\alpha}) \frac{\Delta R_{ii'}^2}{R^2}$$