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This is an Experiment

- Welcome to 8.16/8.316
 - This is a new class
 - This is the first time that we have made this class
 - You being here is the result of a 3 year journey
- Please bear with me & you about this class
 - This is a learning experience for everybody here
 - I'm still very excited to bring this class to life!

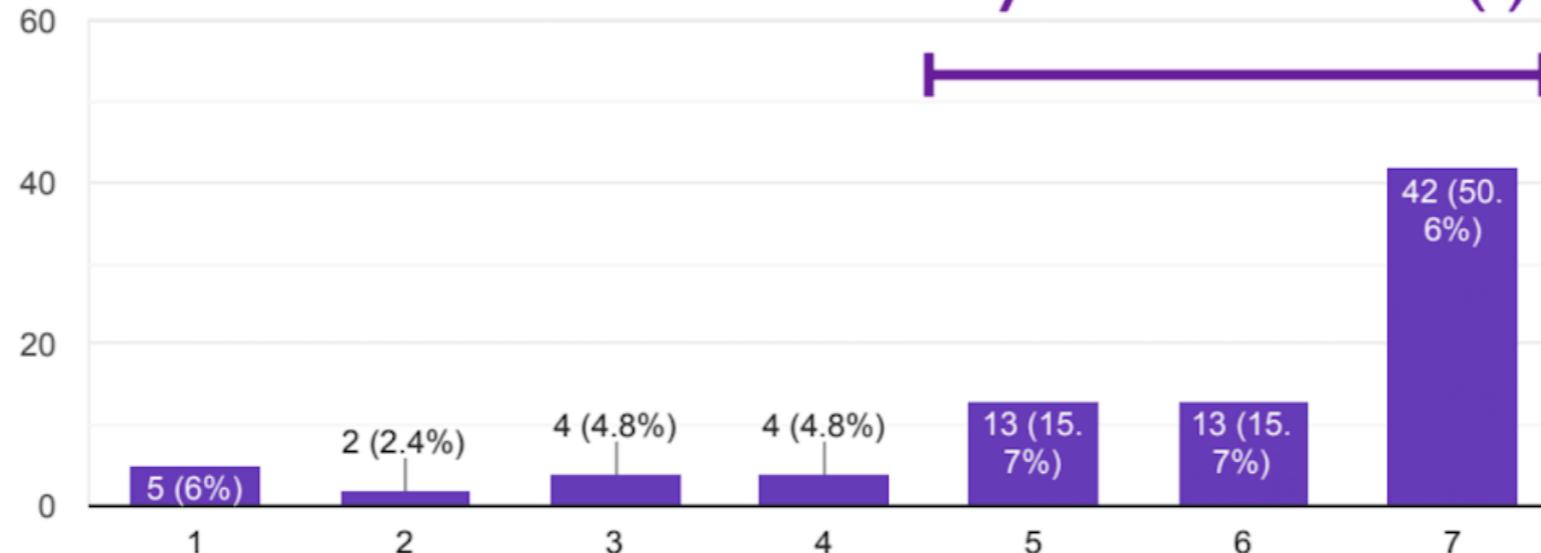


After a Long Journey

How interested would you be in submitting and defending a PhD thesis that uses statistical methods in a substantial way?

83 responses

≈30% of all Physics students (!)



Respondent #11: "I think ML is the most important thing happening in the world right now and should be incorporated into any STEM degree."

- This class is finally coming to fruition
- Its up to all of us to make sure this is a success

Survey

8.16/8.316 Prerequisite

What would you like about your class?

✉️ violatingcp@gmail.com (not shared) [Switch account](#)

What year are you?

Junior

Senior

Grad Student year 1

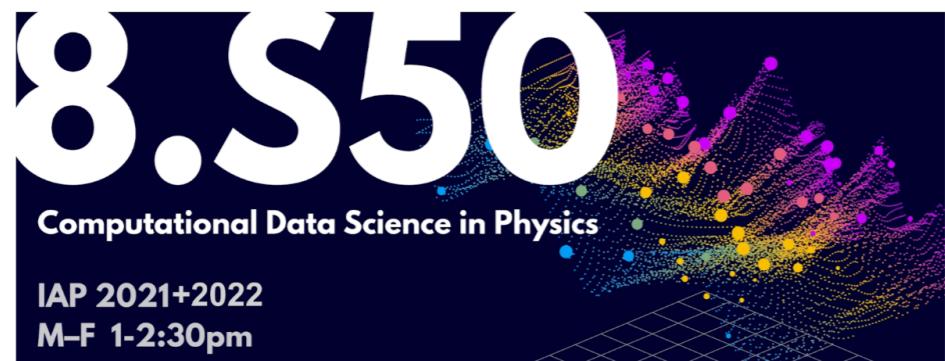
Grad Student > year 1

< Junior

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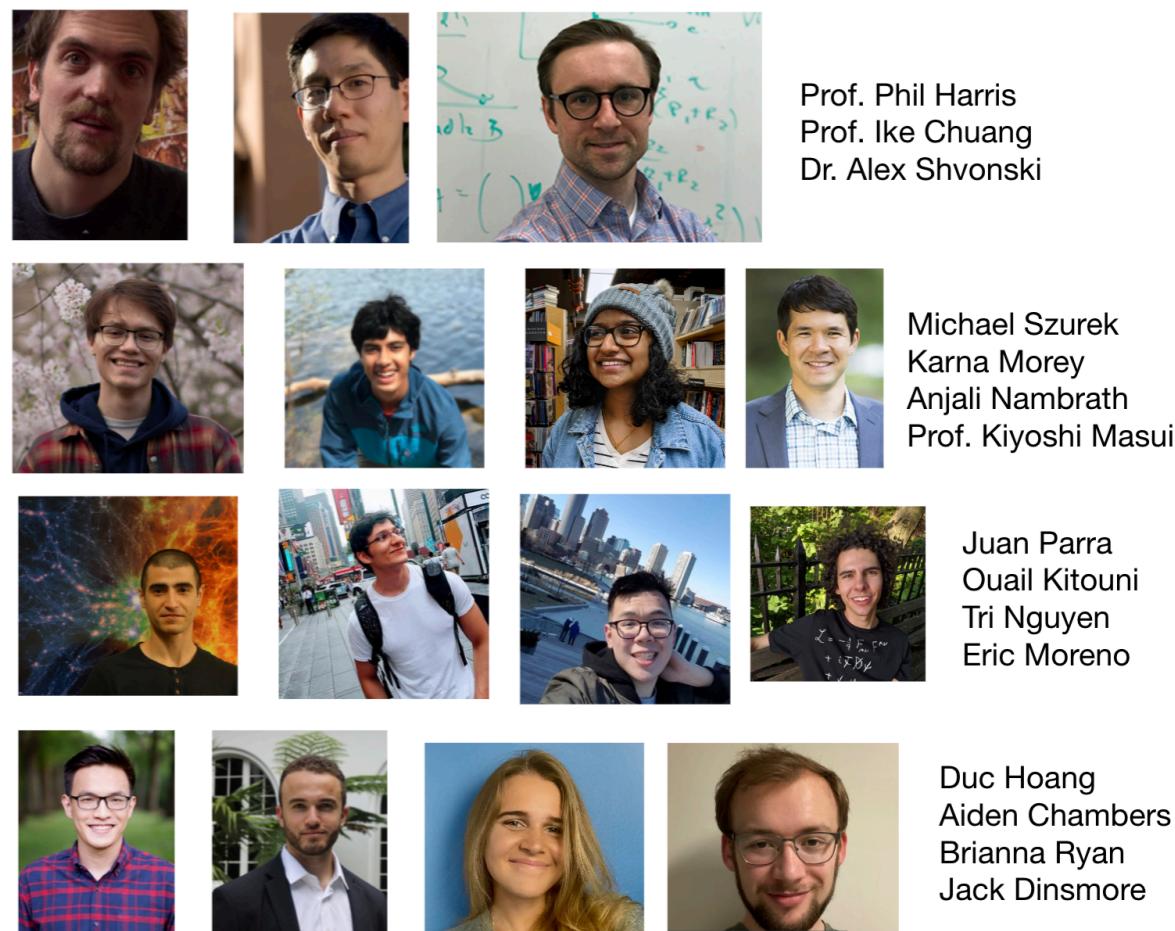
- Please fill out the survey
 - We would like to gauge your knowledge and how to guide the course
 - This class can change based on your inputs

Story of this Class



In 2021, **MITx** granted \$72k for development of 8.S50 into an online course; will launch in September 2022

- When COVID hit in 2020, Junior Lab curriculum had to be redesigned to be remote
 - Out of this came several **labs analyzing open data**
- MIT Junior lab has now embraced open data analysis
 - Class has emphasized **python/jupyter ecosystem**
- The reception from the remote projects was very good
 - Tools are very **relevant to current research**
 - A few students managed to do some deep learning
- As a result, **Phil Harris** put together a class (**8.S50**) that ran during IAP in January 2021 and January 2022
 - Goal to cover **statistical tools up to deep learning**
 - Class targeted fitting/data analysis/deep learning of current data results



Rationale

- Physics Department → Statistics and data science topics minimally covered in other physics classes
- Undergrad physics flex majors → Want to do a focus group in data science in physics
- Undergraduates in physics → Want to learn about statistical methods beyond JLab
- Graduate Students in PhysSDS → Looking for course contributing to interdisciplinary PhD
- MITx → Will need long-term support for running MITx course
- Institute for Artificial Intelligence and Fundamental Interactions → Developing online Micromasters course with SDSC
- Institute for A3D3 → Connect Data Science programs across Universities

To get this knowledge outside of Physics, students would need probability, statistics, ML, and data analysis/algorithms courses (48 units before the science)

Community Values



- We are a strong supporter of the community values
- I want you to succeed just as much as I hope you want me to succeed
- <https://physvals.mit.edu/>

What is this class?

- This class we are going to introduce you to
 - Data Science and Physics in a practical way
 - Cover the skills you need to analyze data
 - Go over the general statistical tools to analyze data
- We are not going to go into ultra statistical detail
 - We will give you the tools and concepts to go deeper
 - But we are going to go more than in classes like J-lab
 - **We will provide code based solutions for everything**

Pre-requisite

- Main Prerequisite : some knowledge of Python
 - 6.0001/6.0002 satisfy this requirement
- Others: We have put 8.04 as well
 - Mostly to say that a **good physics foundation is needed**
 - Some derivations in this class will require:
 - Special Relativity, Newtonian mechanics
 - Understanding of Fourier transforms
 - Variance Expectation, and probability distributions
 - Some quantum mechanics and special relativity needed

**Cover, but knowing
this will help**

What you learn

Course Description

Aims to present modern computational methods by providing realistic, contemporary examples of how these computational methods apply to physics research. Designed around research modules in which each module provides experience with a specific scientific challenge. Modules include: analyzing LIGO open data; measuring electroweak boson to quark decays; understanding the cosmic microwave background; and lattice QCD/Ising model. Experience in Python helpful but not required. Lectures are viewed outside of class; in-class time is dedicated to problem-solving and discussion. Students taking graduate version complete additional assignments.

- We are going to do lectures in class
 - They are going to be very much active lectures
- We will record them
 - & We will make external recordings available throughout the class

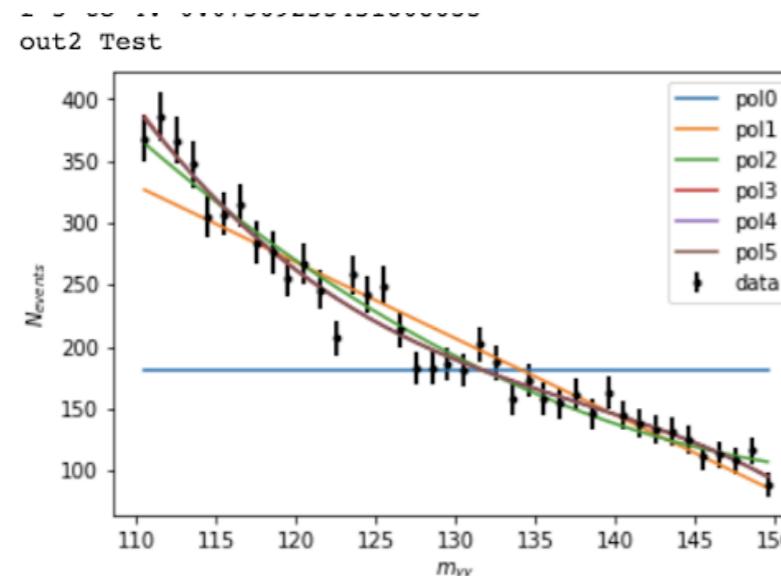
What you learn

- Aim of this class :
 - Teach you how to use numerical tools to solve physics problems
 - To provide you with numerical tools at research level
 - You will probably need this in your research
 - Both theory and experiment in this era
 - Expose you to real data from experiments
 - You can write real, and important papers based on this
 - Expose you to “Data Science” thinking common in physics

Class Overview

- Class is going to be a project based class
- You will have 4 projects: 20% of grade each
 - Projects are on Jupyter notebooks
 - 1 or 2 problem sets for each of the projects
 - You will have ~3 weeks for each project
- For the 4th project
 - You pick a previous project or do an astro project
 - Goal is to dig deeper
 - You will present your project in the last classes (an additional 20%)

Lectures



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f 1 to 0: 1.1102230246251565e-16
f 2 to 1: 4.937240960511957e-08
f 3 to 2: 0.0035138407452814935
f 4 to 3: 0.8546368491590365
f 5 to 4: 0.9746177621262444
```

So from this looks like a 4th order polynomial gives an f-test above roughly 5% for both the category with the largest yield and the second largest yield. This seems reasonable for us to use as our background function. Let's proceed with a signal function.

9.4 Fitting a Higgs Signal

Now, to fit a Higgs signal, what we want to do is a hypothesis test like we did above. Except now, we will cast our hypothesis, slightly differently to before.

Null Hypothesis The Higgs signal has a mass of $m_{\gamma\gamma}$ at a specific m_0 , and a fixed width 1.2 GeV.

Alternative Hypothesis The Higgs signal is not there.

In [69]:

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def sigpol4(x,p0,p1,p2,p3,p4,amp,mass,sigma):
    bkg=pol4(x,p0,p1,p2,p3,p4)
    sig=amp*stats.norm.pdf(x,mass,sigma)
    return sig+bkg

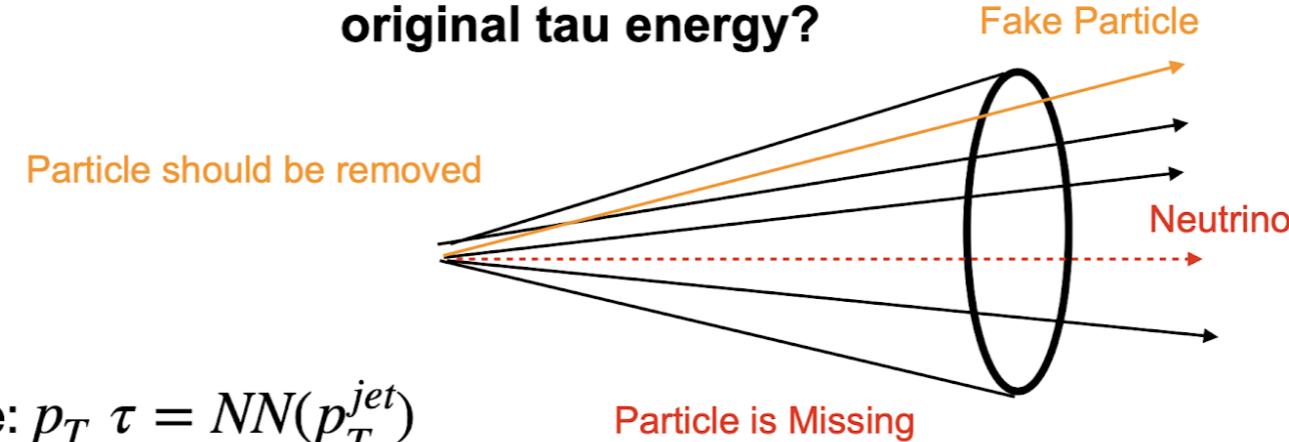
def fitModel(iX,iY,iWeights,iM,iFunc):
    model = lmfit.Model(iFunc)
    p = model.make_params(p0=0,p1=0,p2=0,p3=0,p4=0,p5=0,amp=0,mass=iM,sigma=1.2)
    try:
        p["mass"].vary=False
    except:
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We will go into the depths
Of fitting and
Hypothesis Testing

Repeat Nobel Prize discoveries

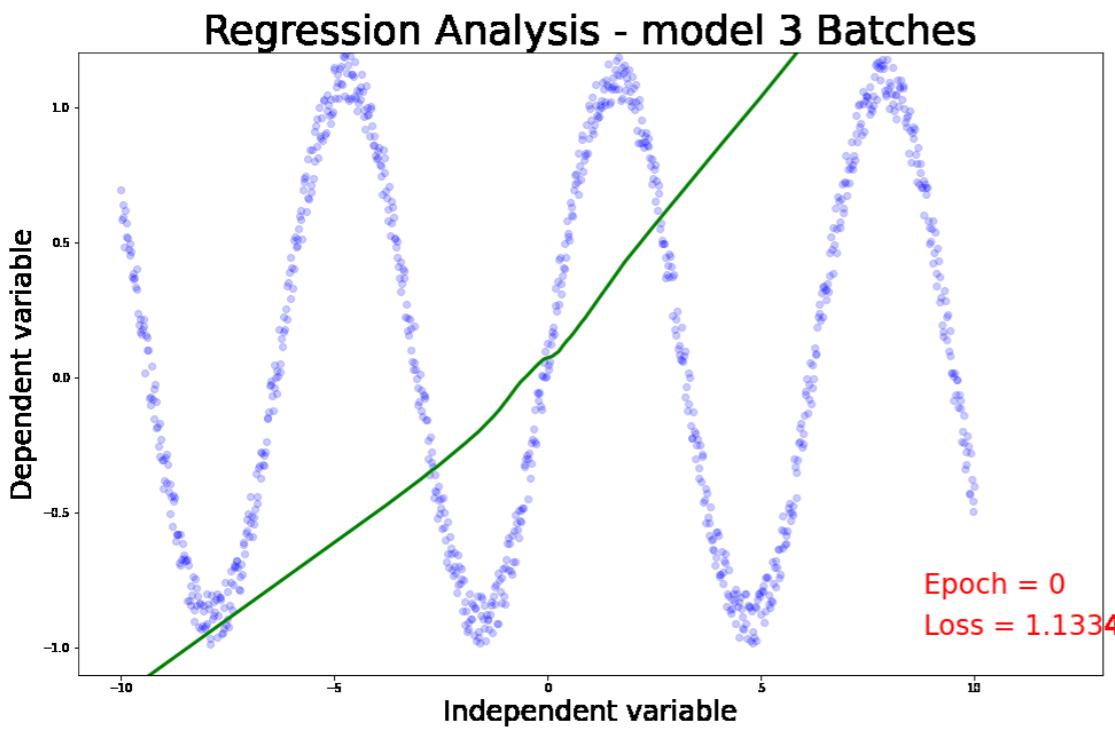
Lectures

Can we guess direction of the neutrinos and reconstruct the original tau energy?

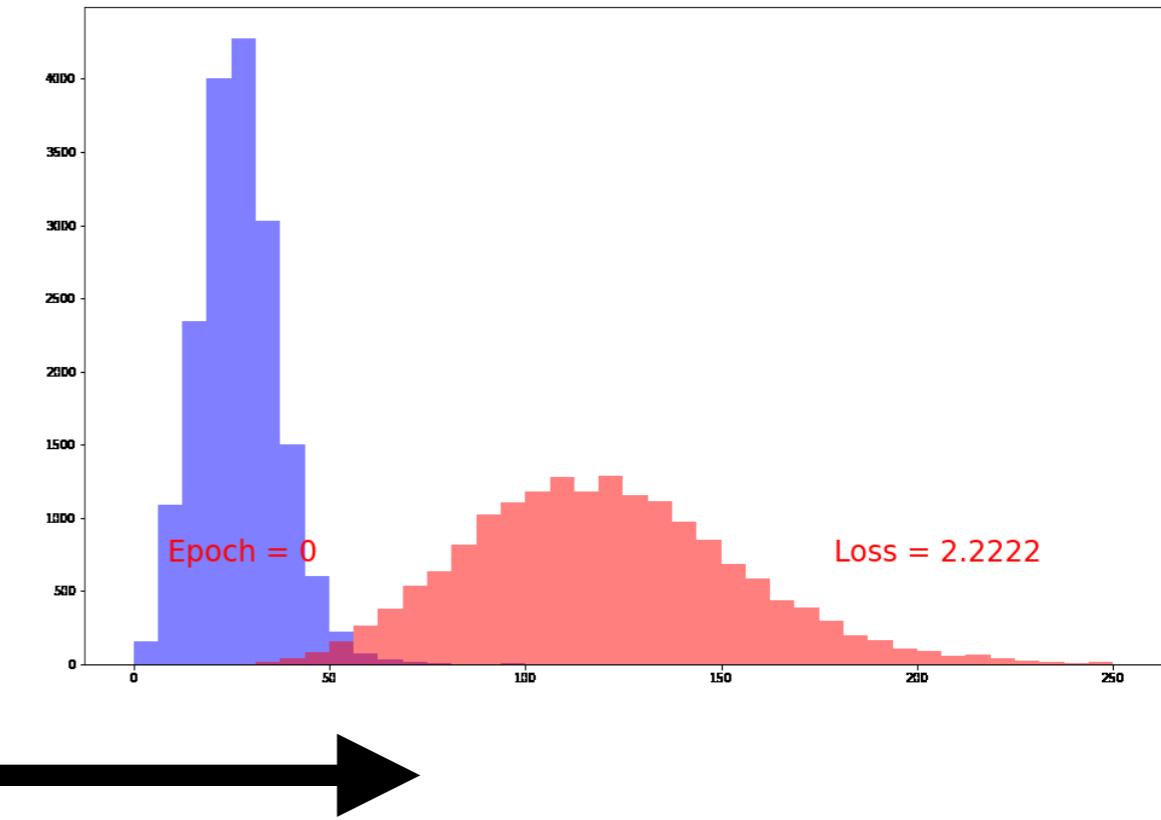


- simple: $p_T \tau = NN(p_T^{jet})$

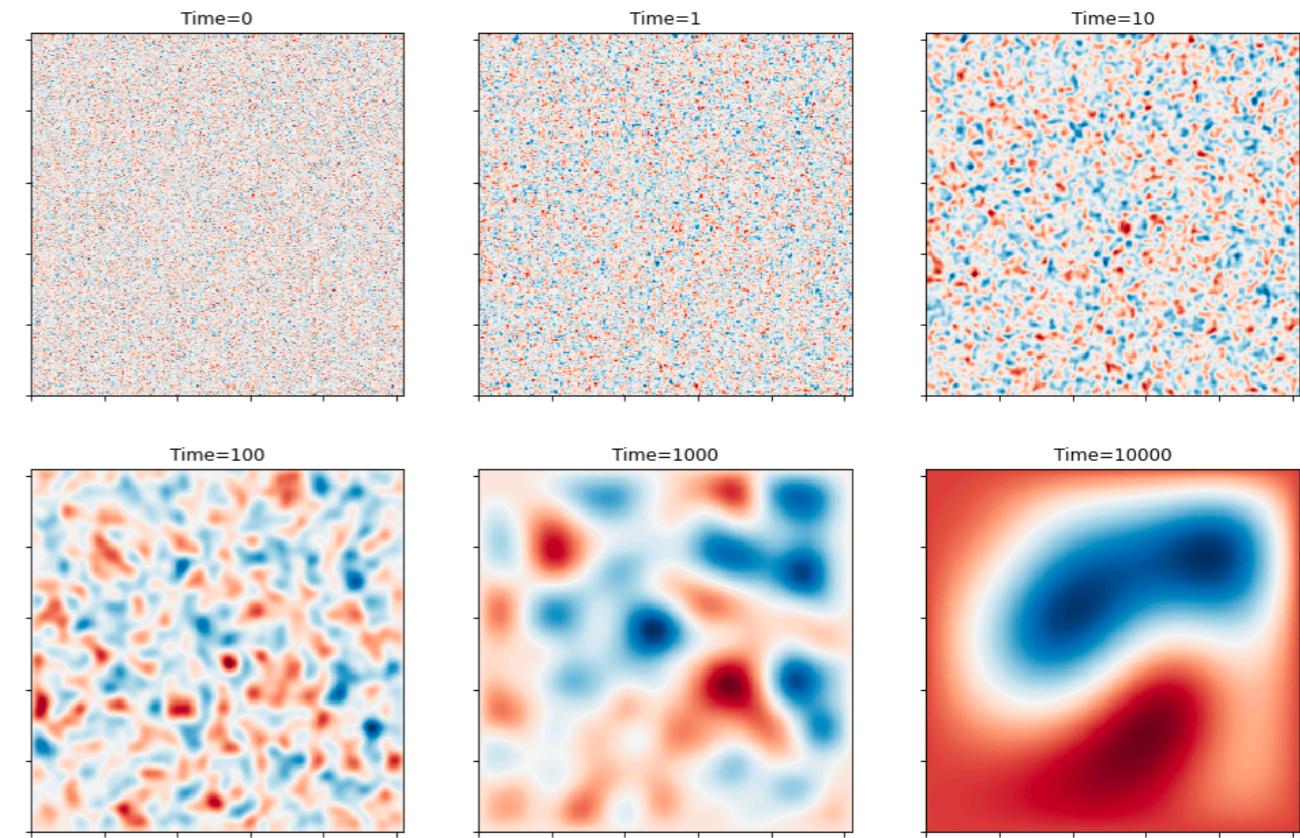
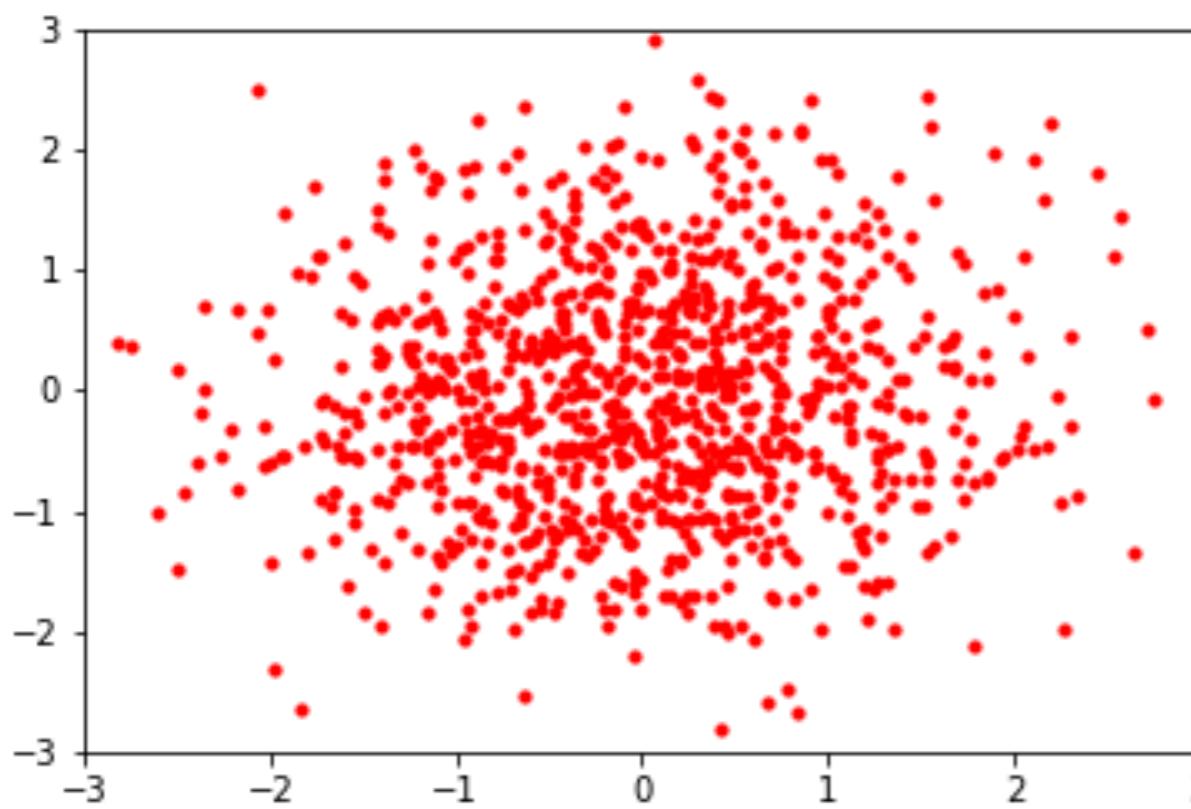
Concept (NN Regressions)



Physics NN Regressions for Physics



Later Lectures



- Later on we will work on simulation
 - How do we model probability distributions
 - How do we use NNs to make this better!
- Still working on these, but pretty excited!



Real Data
means
Real Problems

Real Data
also means
Real Research!

Material

Projects utilize real Data

LIGO

Project 1 :
Gravitational Wave Data
From LIGO

CMS

Project 2 :
Collider Physics Data
from the Compact Muon Solenoid
on the Large Hadron Collider

Project 3 :
Ising Model/Lattice QCD
With embedded ML inside

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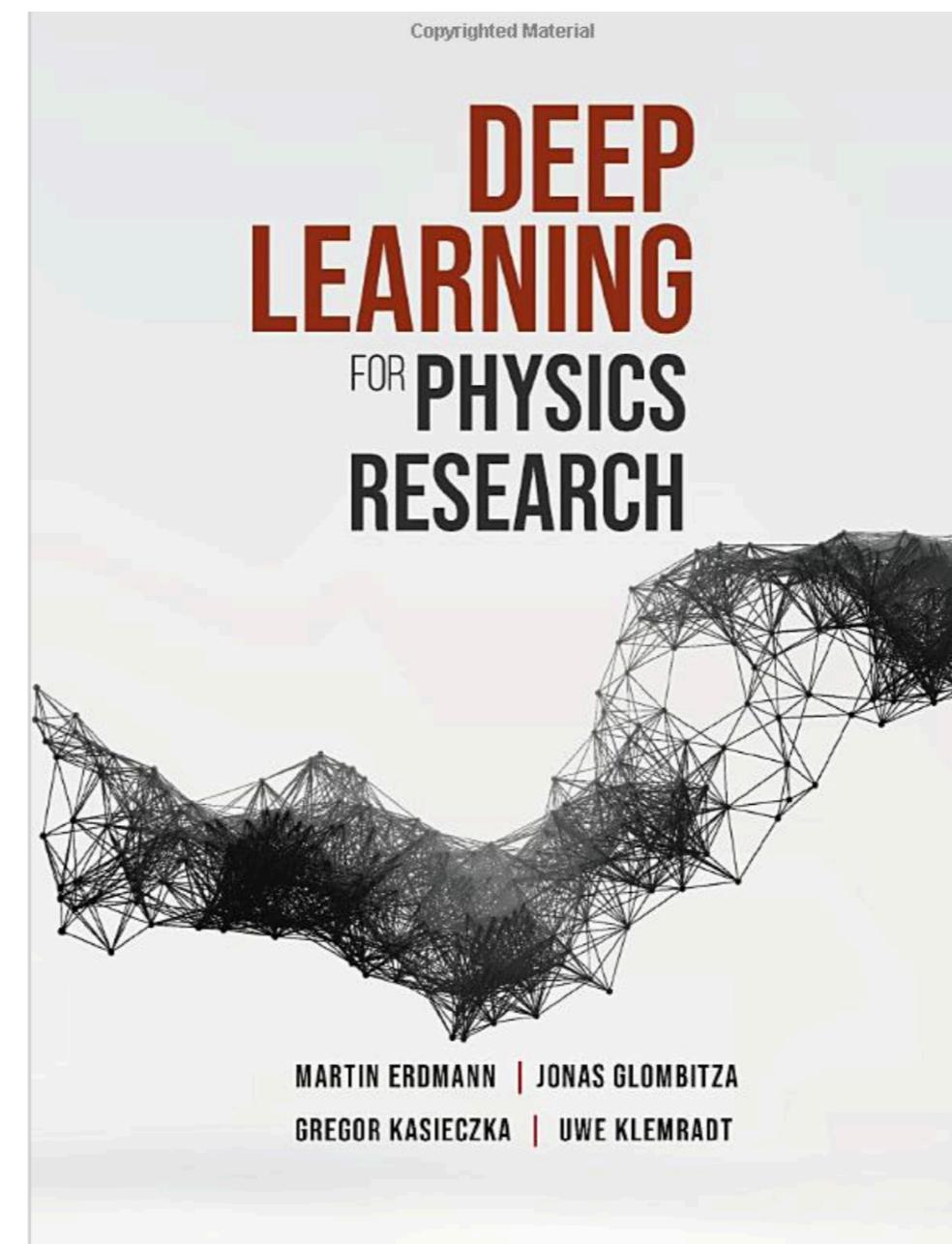
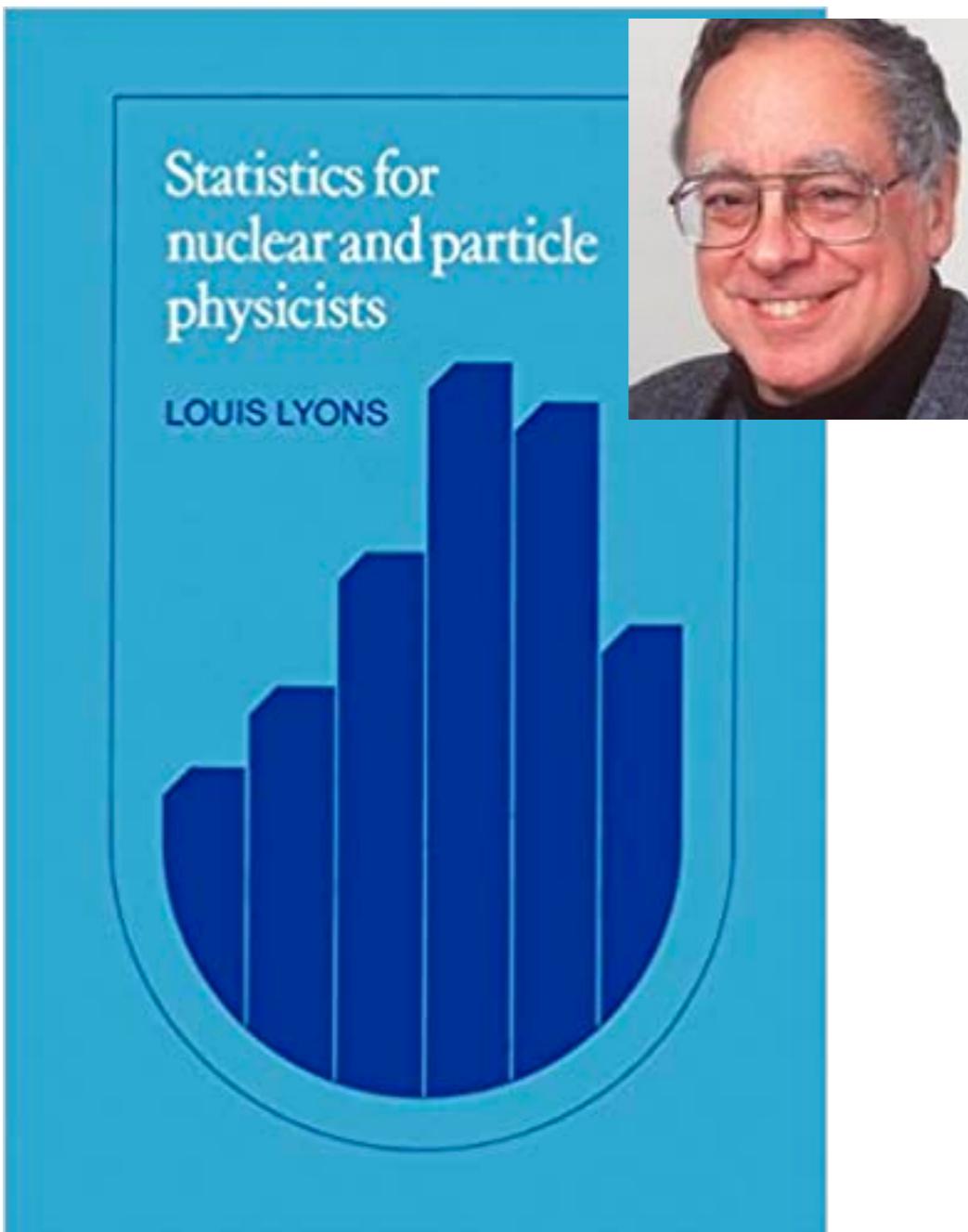
Project 4 :
Cosmic Microwave
Background
(simulated) Data

Grading

- Grading for this class will be :
 - A-F grading
- How do you pass the class?
 - Turn in something for each project
 - Give a talk at the end
 - Do the problem sets
- This class is ***for you to learn***
 - Don't **stress** about the grades (really don't)
 - If you have concerns come to my office hours

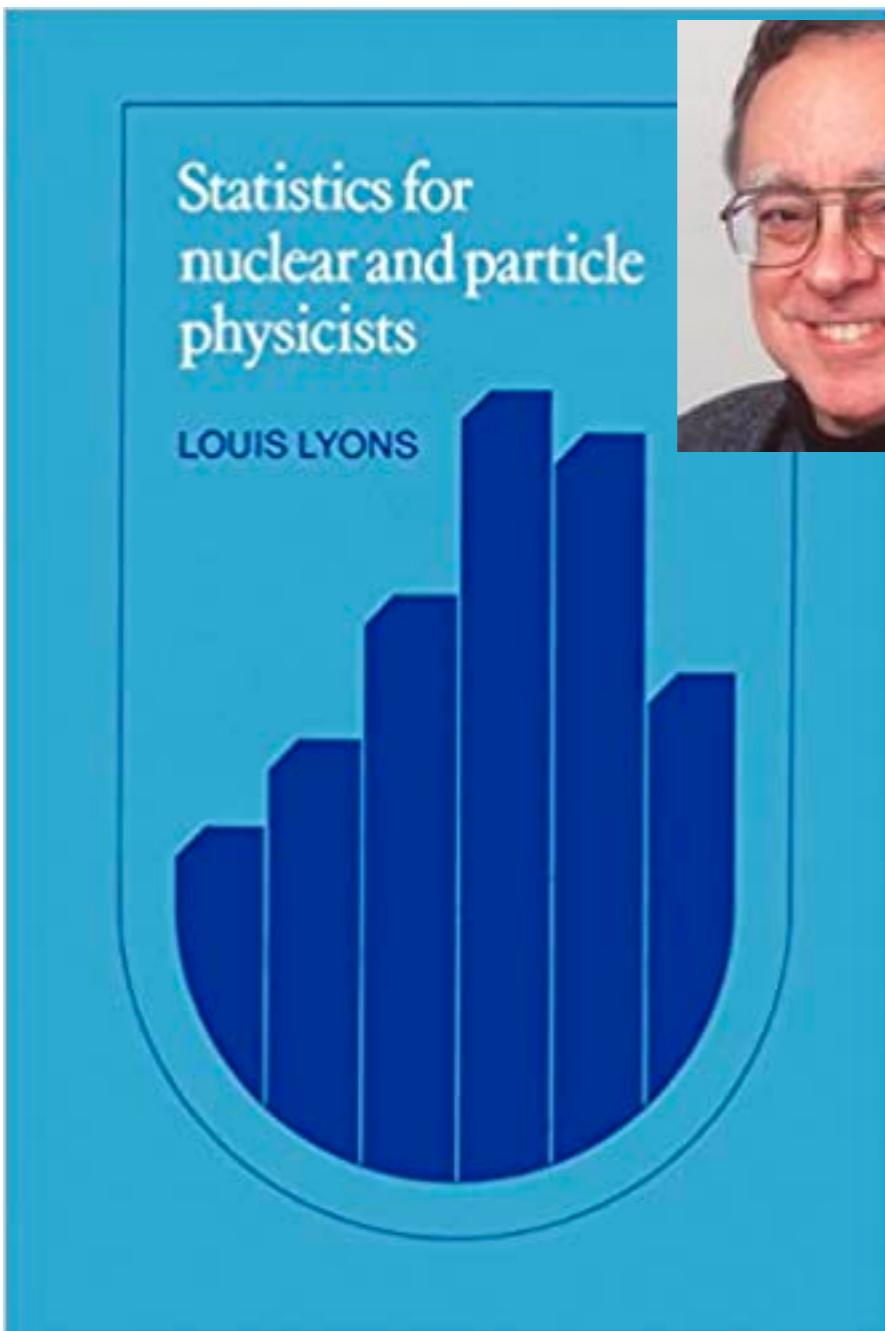
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Other Resources I have used

Introduction to statistics and measurement analysis for physicists

<https://inspirehep.net/literature/704473>

MIT 18.05 Lecture notes:

<http://www-math.mit.edu/~dav/05.dir/05.html>

Advanced Methods in Applied Statistics:

[Class Notes\(Niels Bohr Institute\)](#)

<http://theoryandpractice.org/stats-ds-book/intro.html>

Textbook

MITx course: https://github.com/mitx-8s50/nb_LEARNER

UIUC Data Analysis and machine learning : <https://illinois-mla.github.io/syllabus/>

UCSD Data Science Capstone: <https://dsc-capstone.github.io>

CMS Collaboration, “2020 CMS Data Analysis School”: <https://lpc.fnal.gov/programs/schools-workshops/cmsdas.shtml>

2020 Hands-on Advanced Tutorial Sessions at the LPC: <https://lpc.fnal.gov/programs/schools-workshops/hats.shtml>

Computational and data science training for high energy physics.: <https://codas-hep.org>

2021 Machine Learning and the Physical Sciences Workshop.: <https://ml4physicalsciences.github.io/2021> P. Calafiura, D. Rousseau and K. Terao, Artificial Intelligence for High Energy Physics, World Scientific (2022), 10.1142/12200
UCSD “Particle Physics and Machine Learning.” <https://jduarte.physics.ucsd.edu/capstone-particle-physics-domain> 10.5281/zenodo.4768815

G. Cowan, “Statistics for Particle Physicists.” <https://cds.cern.ch/record/2773595>

The 2020 US-ATLAS Computing Bootcamp website : <https://indico.cern.ch/event/933434>

BU “Machine Learning for Physicists.” : <http://physics.bu.edu/~pankajm/PY895-ML.html>

UMN “Big Data in Astrophysics.” : https://github.com/mcoughlin/ast8581_2022_Spring

UIUC Fundamentals of Data science: https://github.com/gnarayan/ast596_2020_Spring

Vanderbilt Astrostatistics: https://github.com/VanderbiltAstronomy/astr_8070_s21

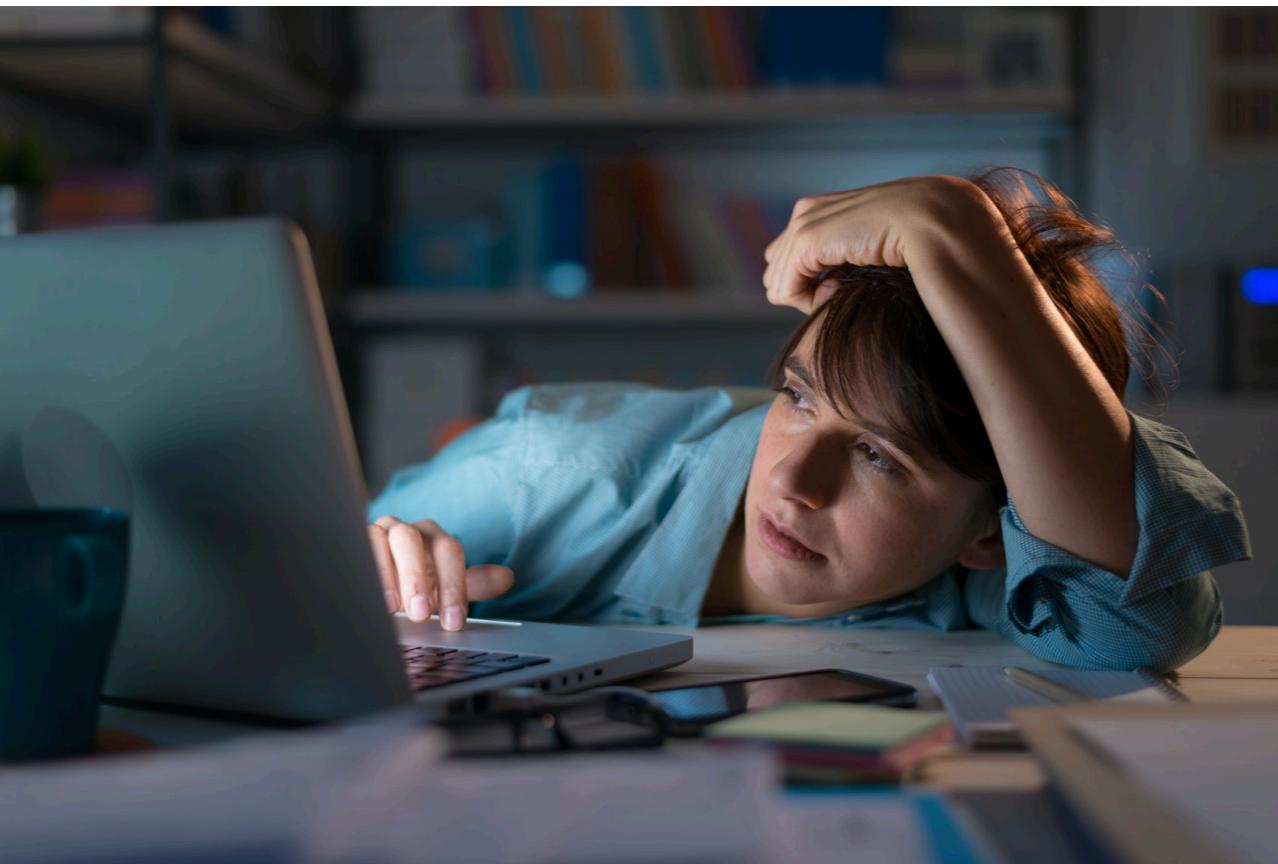
Drexel Big Data Physics: Methods of Machine Learning: https://github.com/gtrichards/PHYS_440_540

Caltech Astroinformatics: <https://www.astro.caltech.edu/ay119/>

GROWTH summer school: <http://growth.caltech.edu/growth-school-2019.html>

AURA winter school: http://www.aura-o.aura-astronomy.org/winter_school/ - go to Past Years.

YouTube Neural Networks: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aircAruvnKk>



Workload

Projects use real world data and simulations

You can write scientific papers with this data

- How much effort should you put in?
 - $X = \frac{\text{hours per day}}{24h}$, $0 < X < 1$
 - Amount is up to you
 - You could put 24 hours per day in it if you wanted to
 - Projects are easy to make progress, but nearly impossible to finish
 - For this class, some effort is good enough for success

Software Requirements

- This class will rely on Jupyter notebooks to run
 - <https://jupyter.org/install>
 - Be sure to get it installed as soon as possible
 - Lectures, projects, recitaations are all in jupyter
- Additionally, you need some standard python packages
 - scipy, numpy, matplotlib,gwpy (project1), uproot (project2)

Class Format

- Lectures 2:30-4:00pm
- Class will recorded
 - Still figuring out what is the best way to do this
 - I don't think it hurts to record everything
 - This will be available on the canvas site
 - Lectures will be available on GitHub
 - You can follow much of this class remotely
- Please ask questions in class
 - This is your time to get the feedback

8.16/8.316 Divide

- This is an interesting divide
 - Its hard to know where to draw the line
- At this stage our/my view:
 - Preserve the assignments
 - Change the level of grading for 8.16 vs 8.316
- Please note that every project has an advanced project
 - Advanced project is very much graduate level
 - We will not make this a requirement for the class

Lets get lectures

- We are going to put everything on GitHub!
- If you have GitHub already installed:
 - <https://github.com/orgs/mit-physics-data/repositories>
 - `git clone git@github.com:mit-physics-data/lectures.git`
 - `git clone git@github.com:mit-physics-data/psets.git`
 - `git clone git@github.com:mit-physics-data/projects.git`
- We will release everything on GitHub first
 - Psets and projects will be available on canvas too

Why this class?



I once had dinner with
Prof. Jerry Friedman
Nobel Prize 1990

He told me for his Ph.D
Thesis he did a fit to data

It took him a **whole summer**
Enrico Fermi was his advisor

<https://www.nobelprize.org/prizes/physics/1990/friedman/biographical/>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iLupedvSsFA>

- There is a data science revolution underway
- The same thing Prof. Friedman did now takes 5 min

Data Science Mistakes

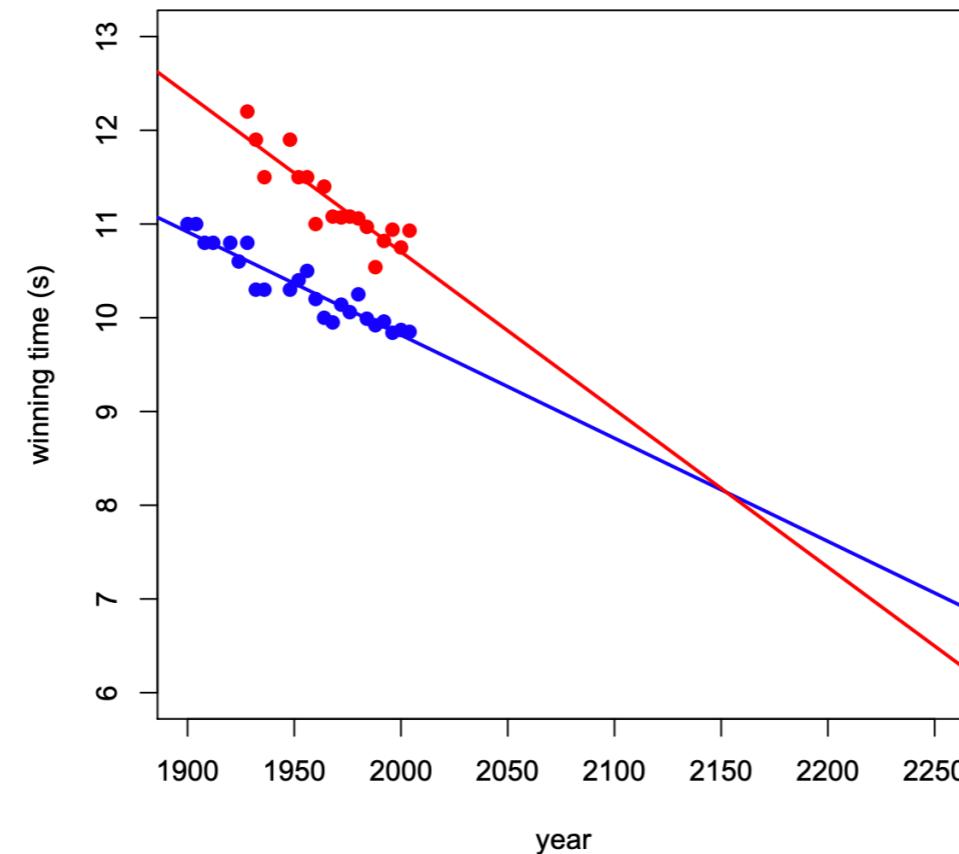
<https://hackernoon.com/12-mistakes-that-data-scientists-make-and-how-to-avoid-them-2ddb26665c2d>

1. Spending huge time on theory without practical application
2. Coding too many algorithms without learning the prerequisites
3. Jumping into Deep End
4. Focusing on Accuracy over Understanding how model works
5. Giving Preference to Tools over Problem
6. Overestimating Value of Academic Degrees
7. Thinking that if You don't code well, You can't be a Data Scientist
8. Using too many Data Science Terms in your Resume
9. Learning Multiple Tools at Once
10. Not Having a Structured Approach to Problem Solving
11. Not Working Consistently
12. Not working on Communication Skills

In this class we focus on how we apply data science to physics

Whats wrong?

In a 2004 *Nature* article, Tatem et al. use linear regression to conclude that in the year 2156 the winner of the women's Olympic 100 meter sprint may likely have a faster time than the winner of the men's Olympic 100 meter sprint.

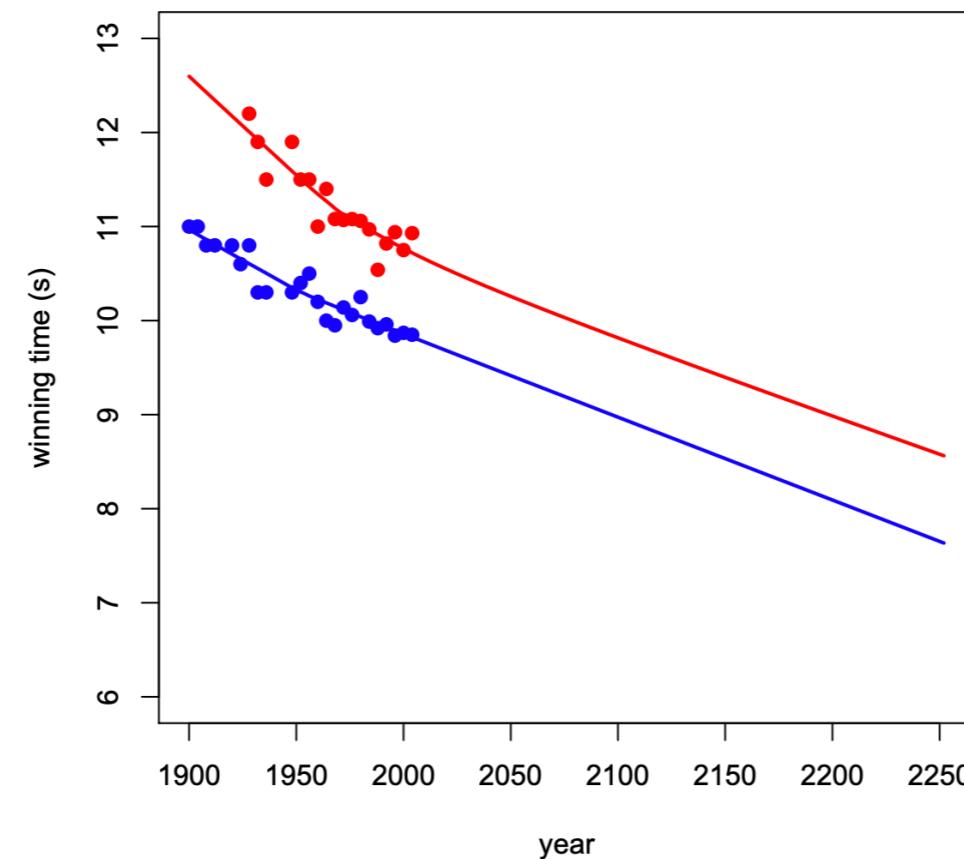


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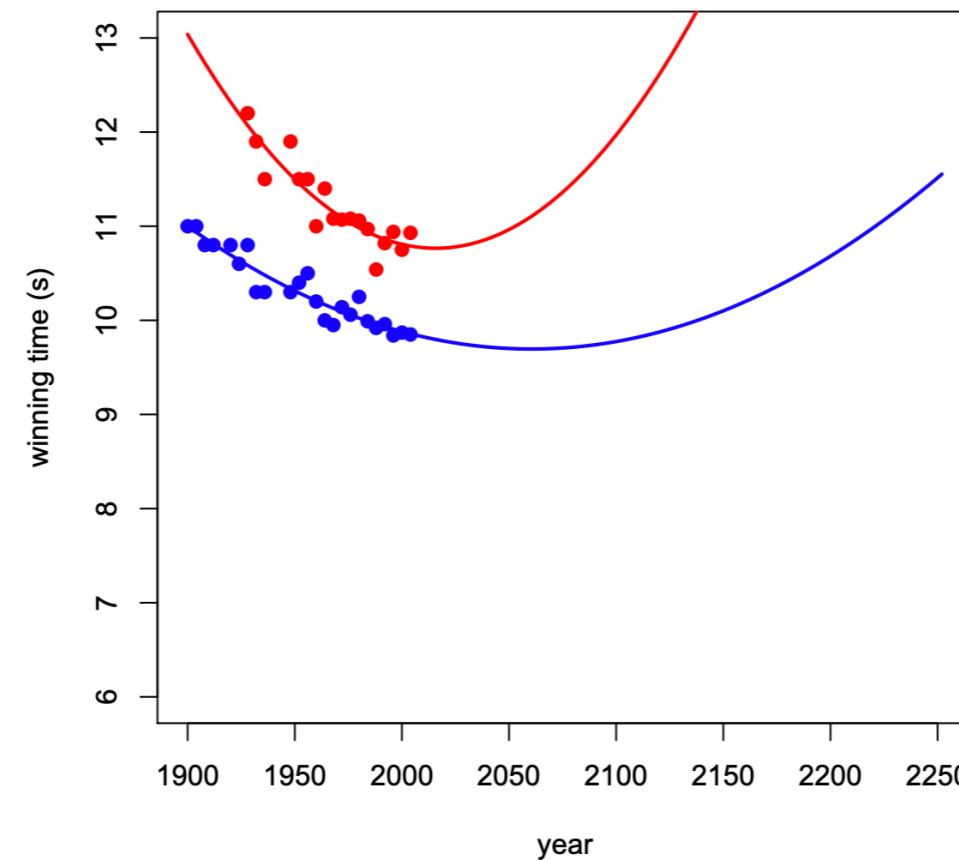


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You can't have data
science
without science

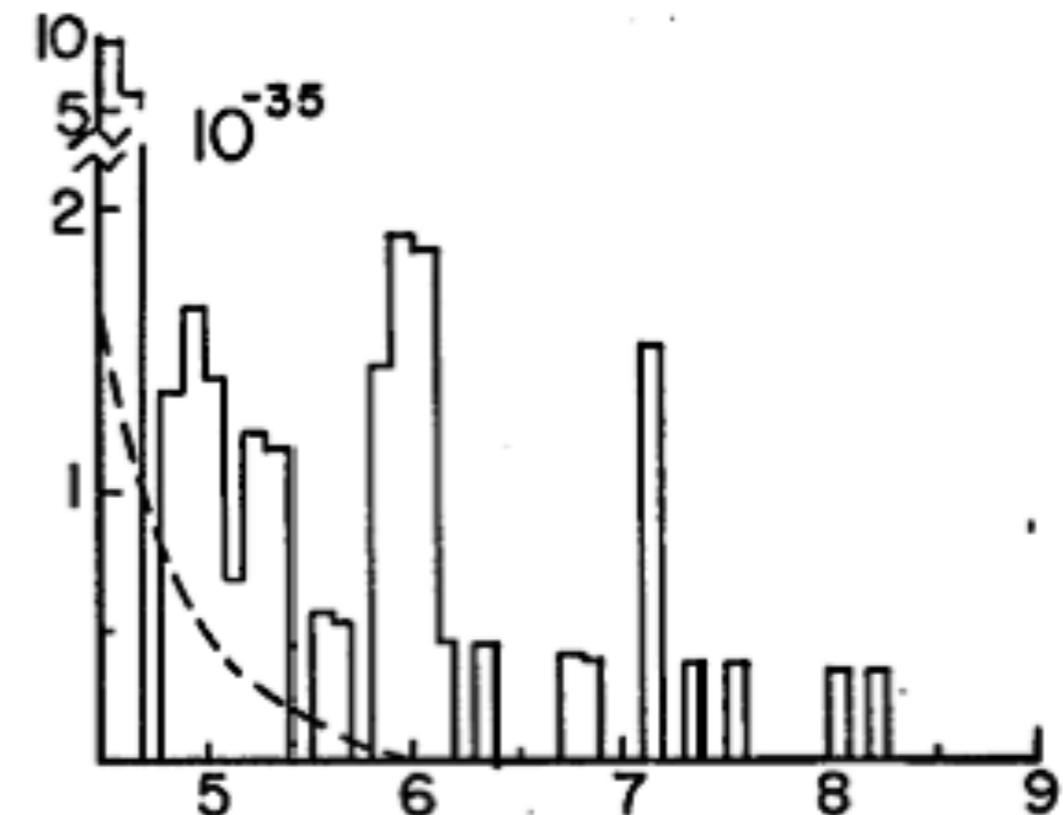
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- Choice of model requires some intuition within the field

Physics Blunders

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oops-Leon>

- Cover the statistical tools
- For you to understand integrity



https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_experimental_errors_and_frauds_in_physics



Hope is to build intuition

Geneva 2022



Geneva December,2022



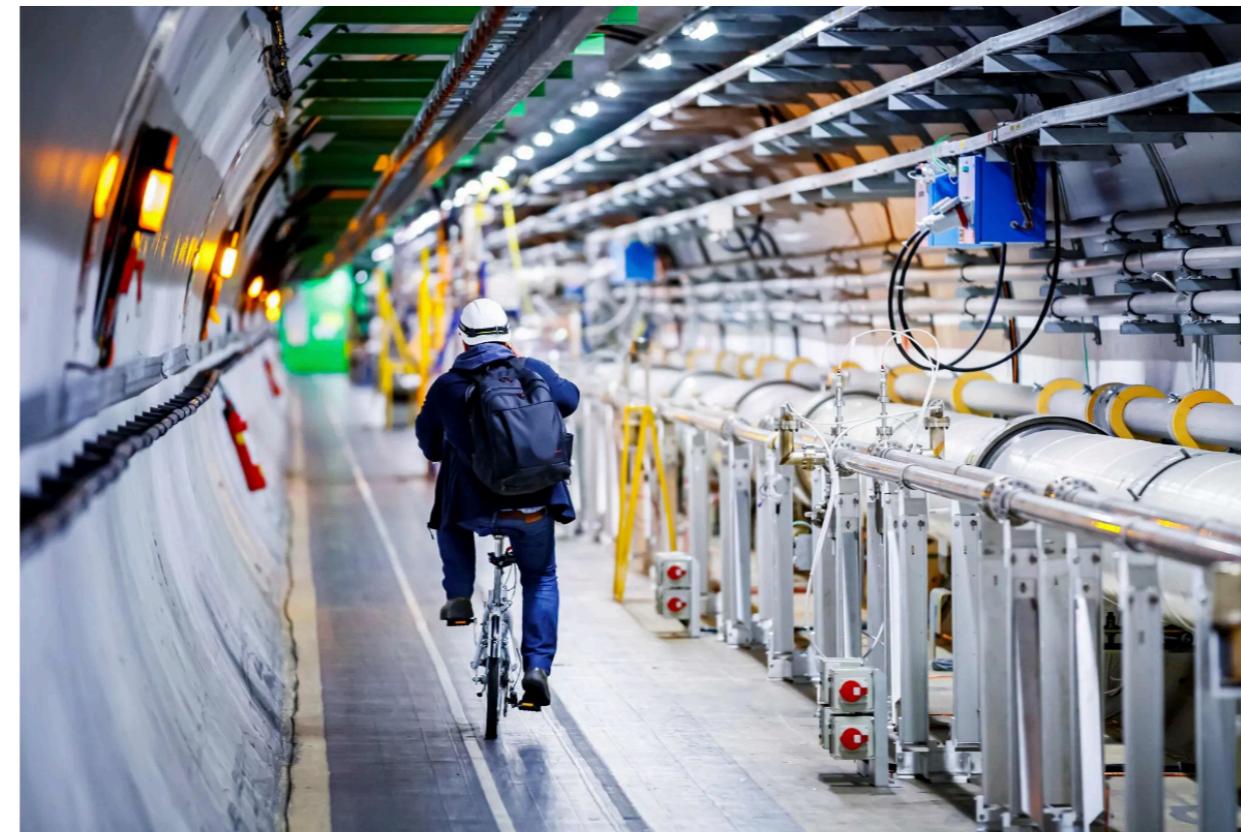
Some Excitement

OUT THERE

As the Large Hadron Collider Revs Up, Physicists' Hopes Soar

The particle collider at CERN will soon restart. “There could be a revolution coming,” scientists say.

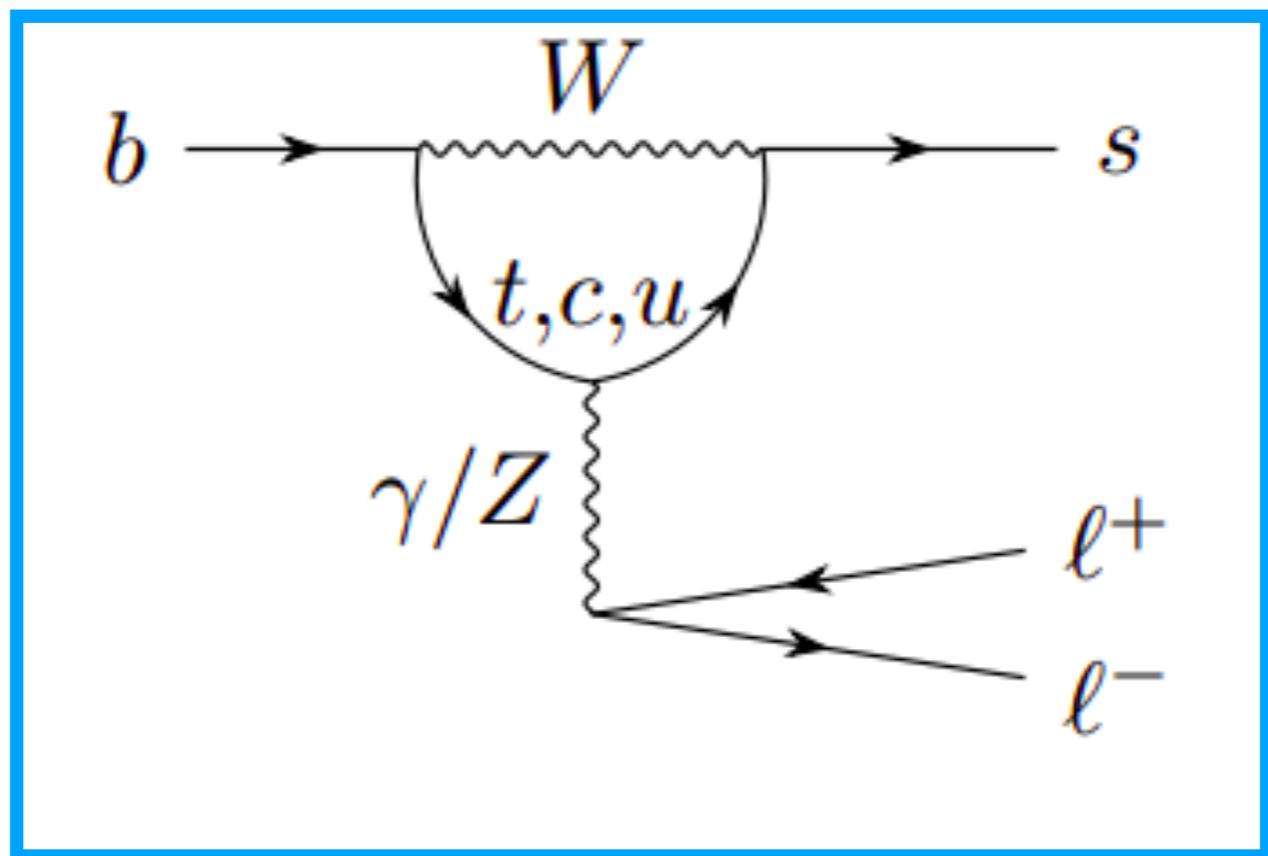
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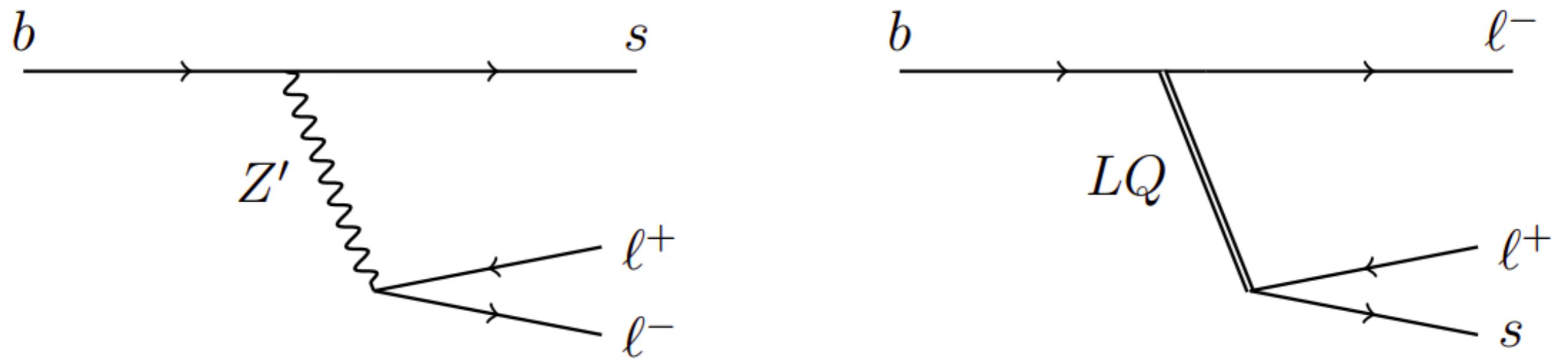
Inside the Large Hadron Collider near Geneva, a worker uses a bicycle to navigate its 17 miles of tunnels during maintenance in 2020. Valentin Flauraud/Agence France-Presse

Over Past few years³⁶ excitement

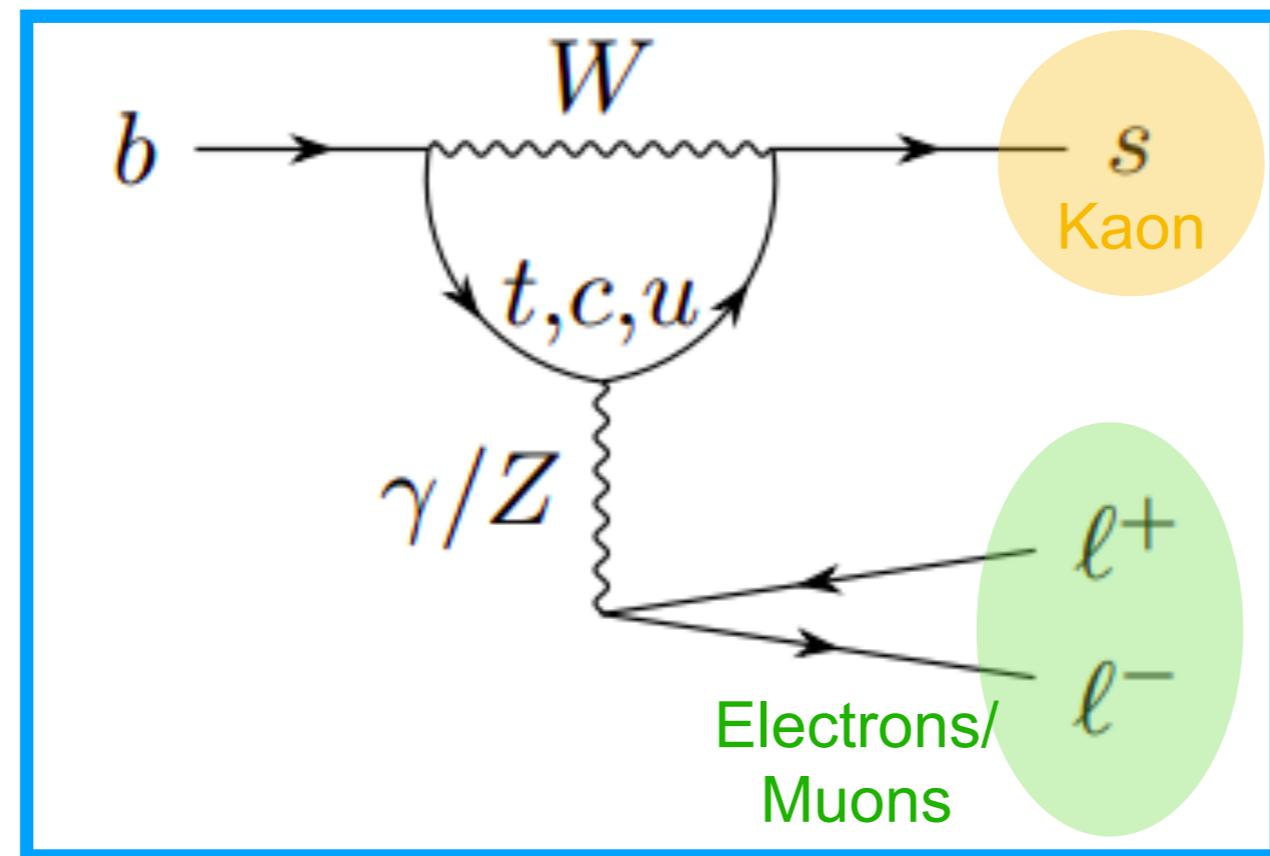
New
Physics



Expected



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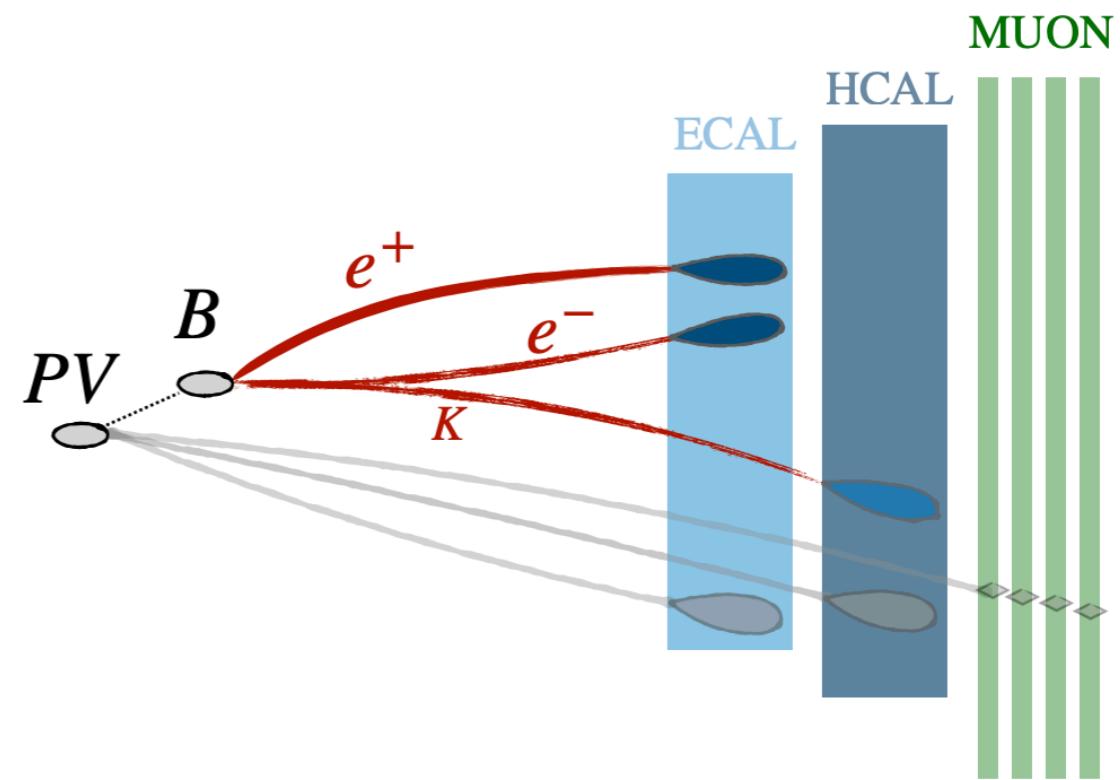
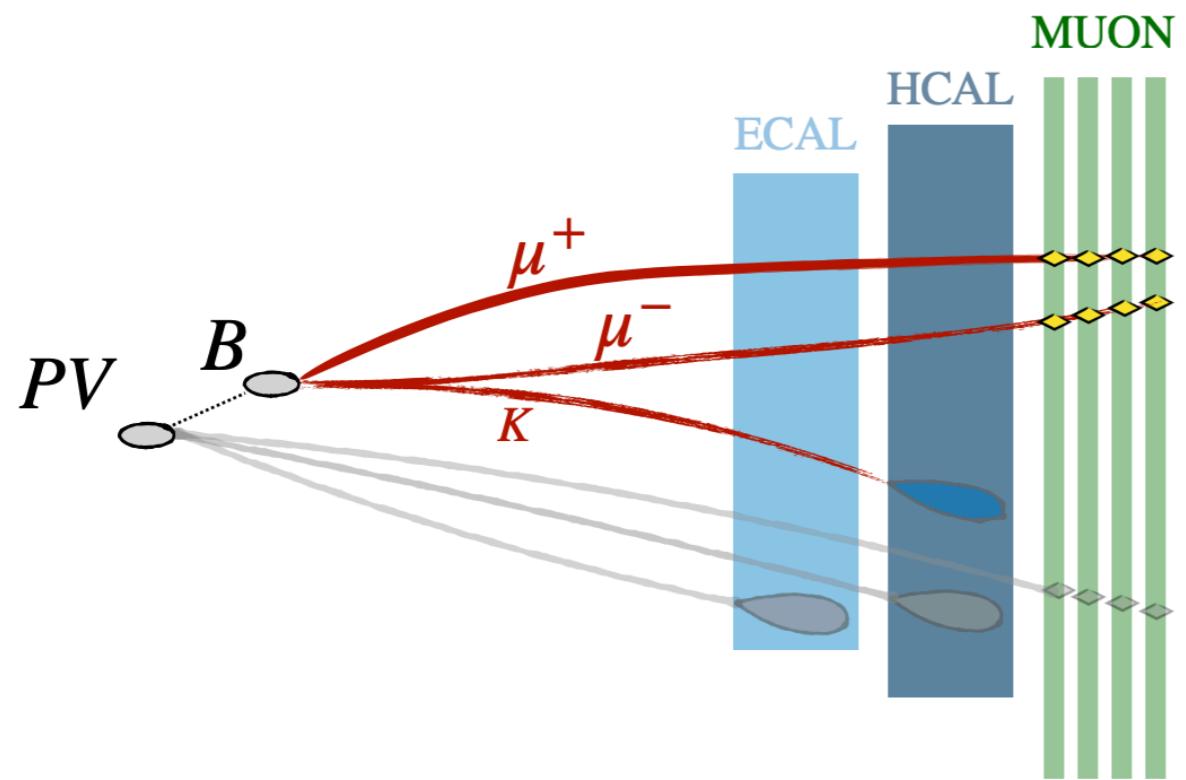


Expected

$$R_K = \frac{b \rightarrow K e^+ e^-}{b \rightarrow K \mu_+ \mu_-}$$

Ratio of
Electrons to $= 1$
Muons

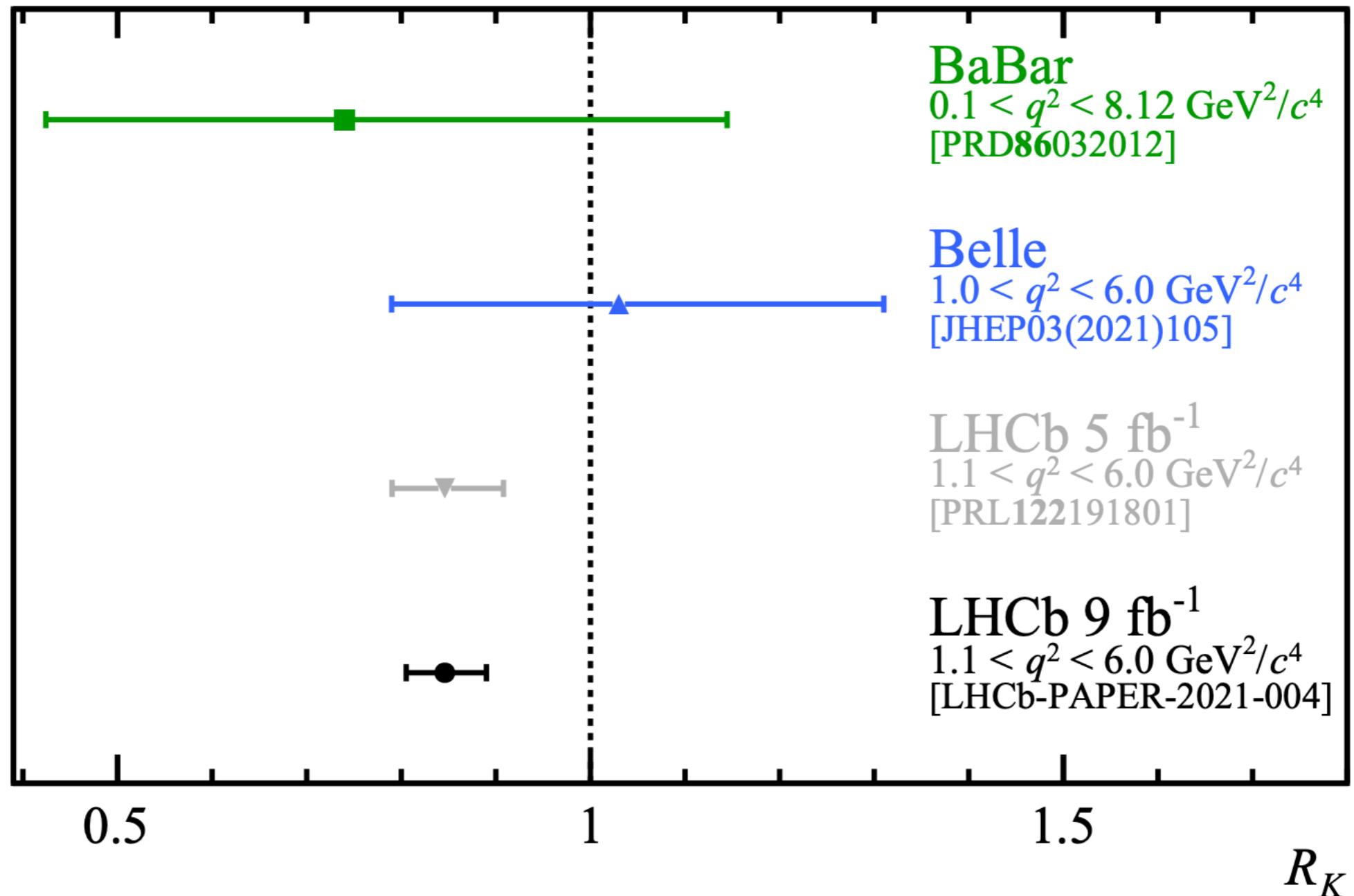
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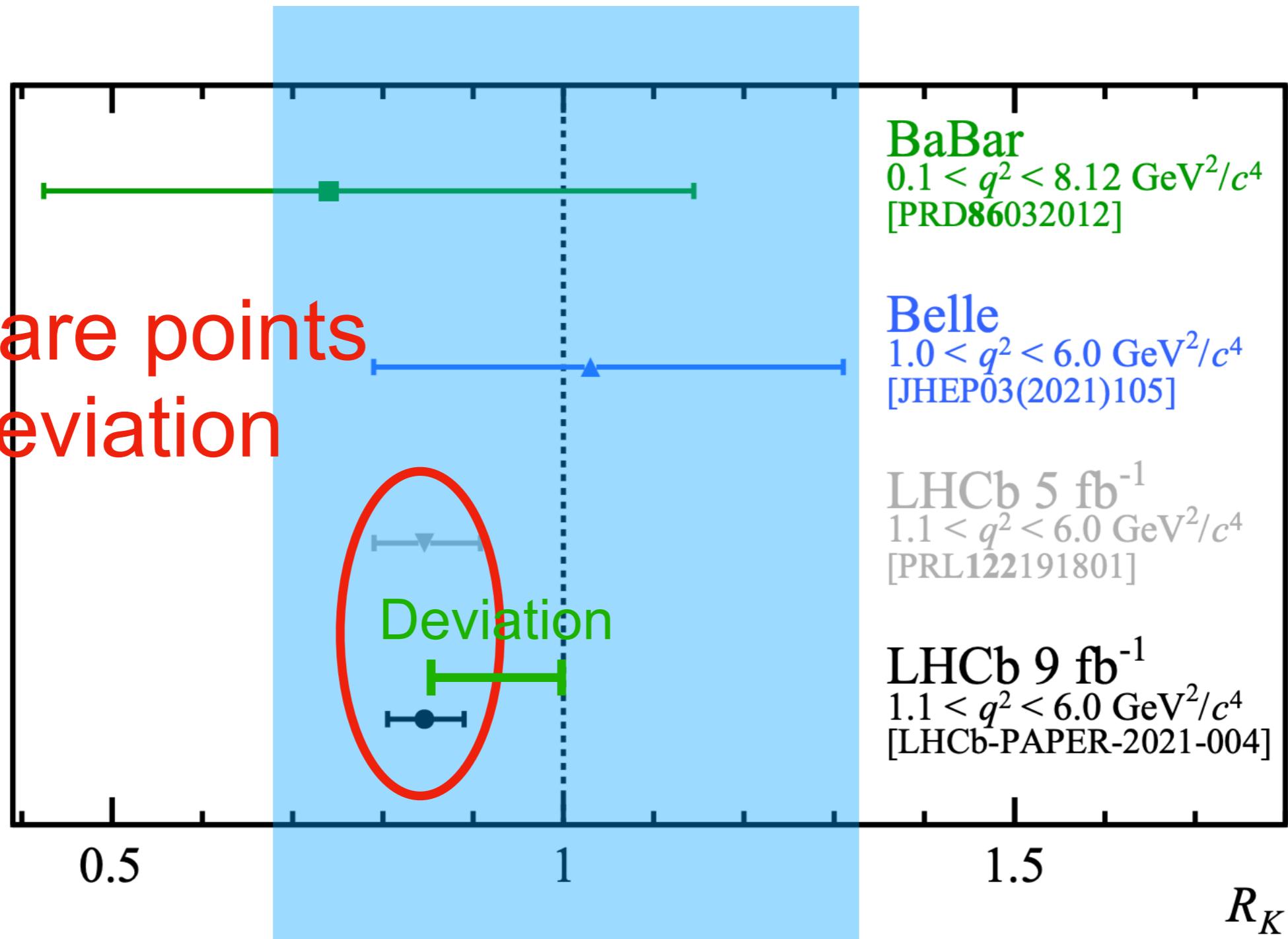
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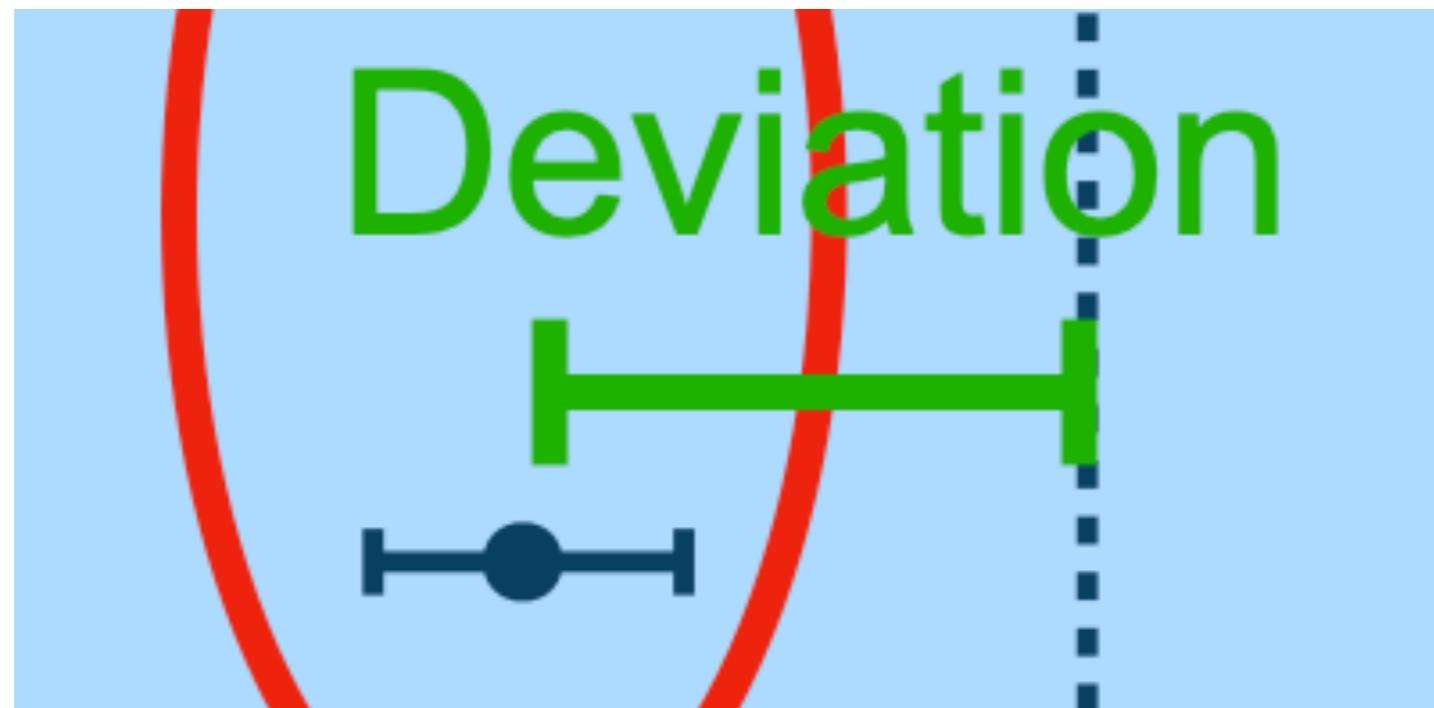
Anatomy of a Plot

There are points
That deviation
from 1



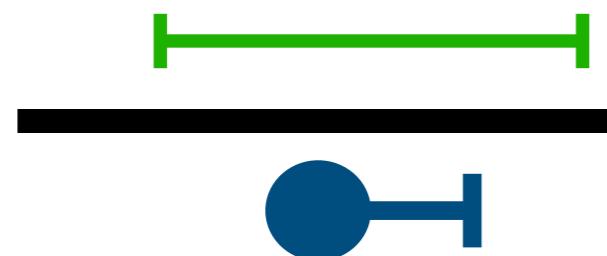
This is the ratio it should be 1

Anatomy of a Plot



Magnitude of Deviation is units of unc.

Deviation

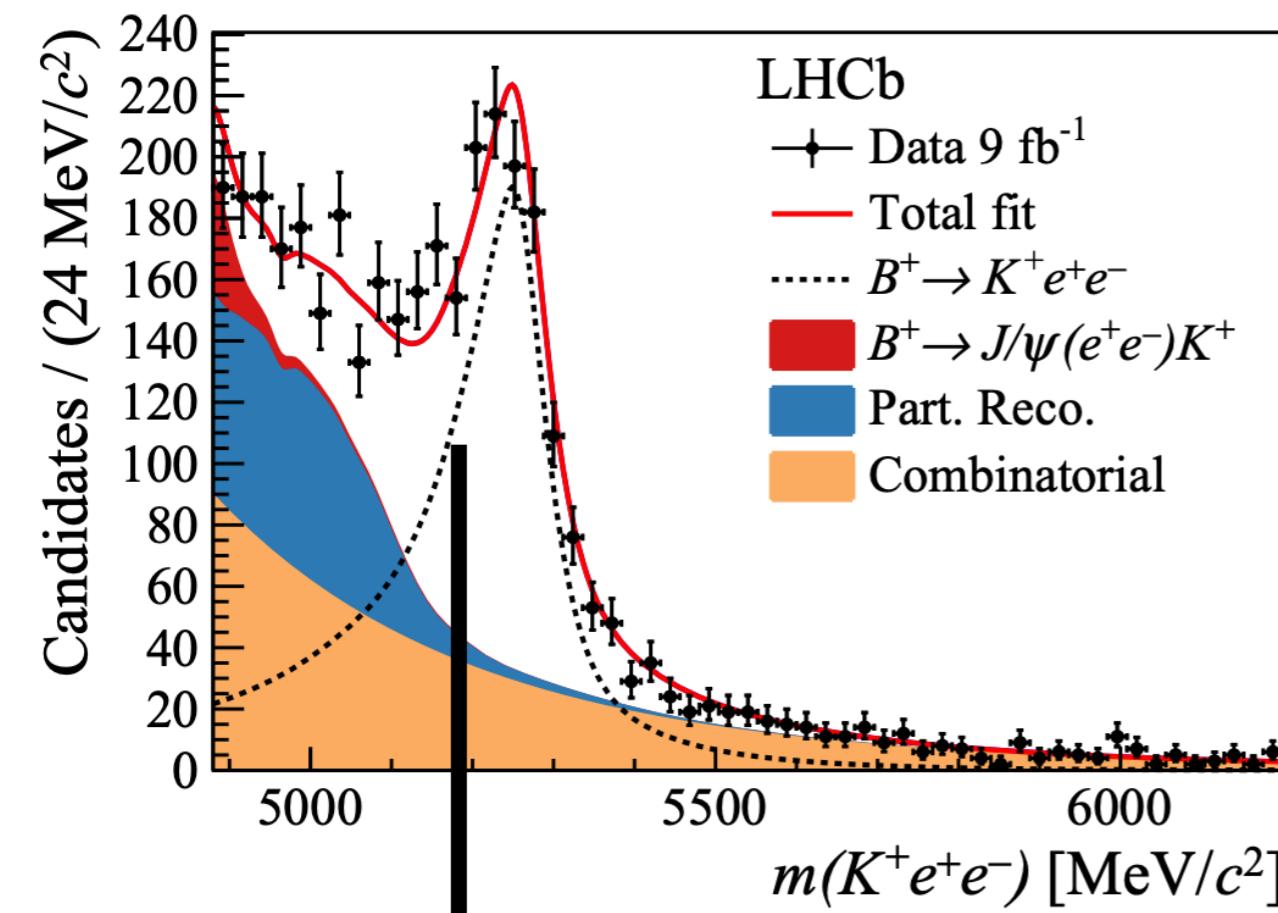


$\approx 4\sigma$

4 Uncertainties
Is a lot of deviation!

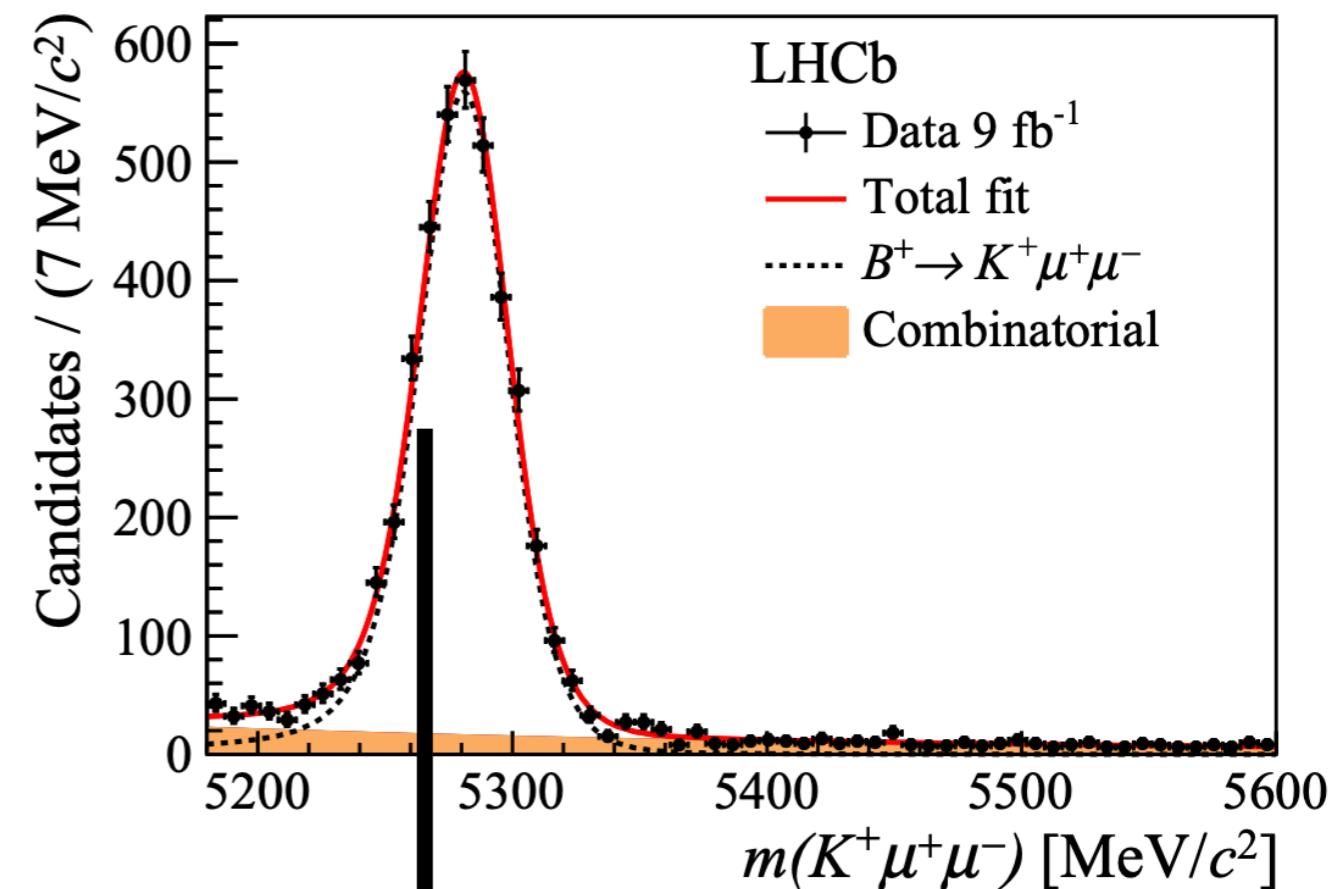
Measurement Uncertainty

The Actual Measurement



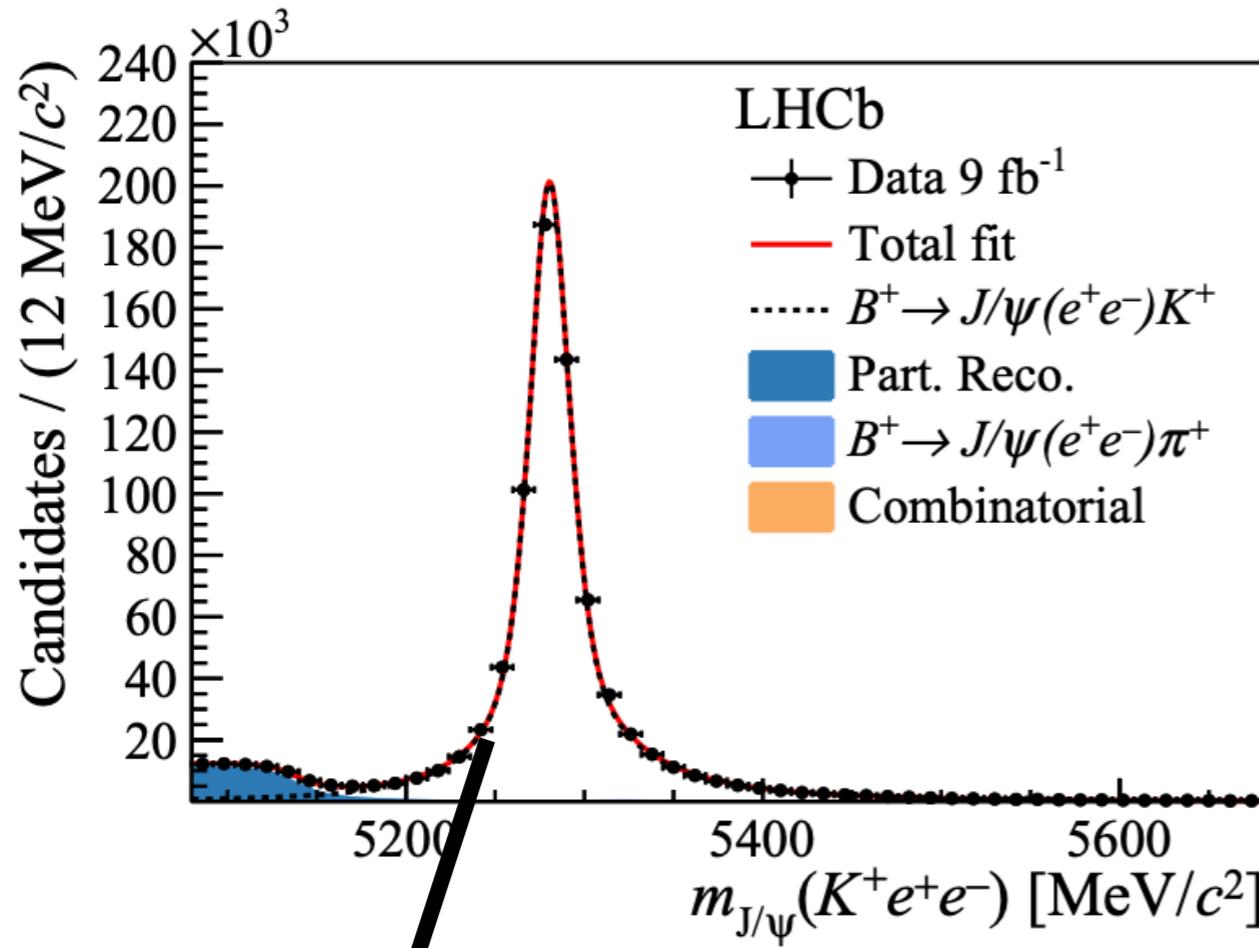
Integrate this dashed line
And correct for selection Biases

Compute the rates of these guys



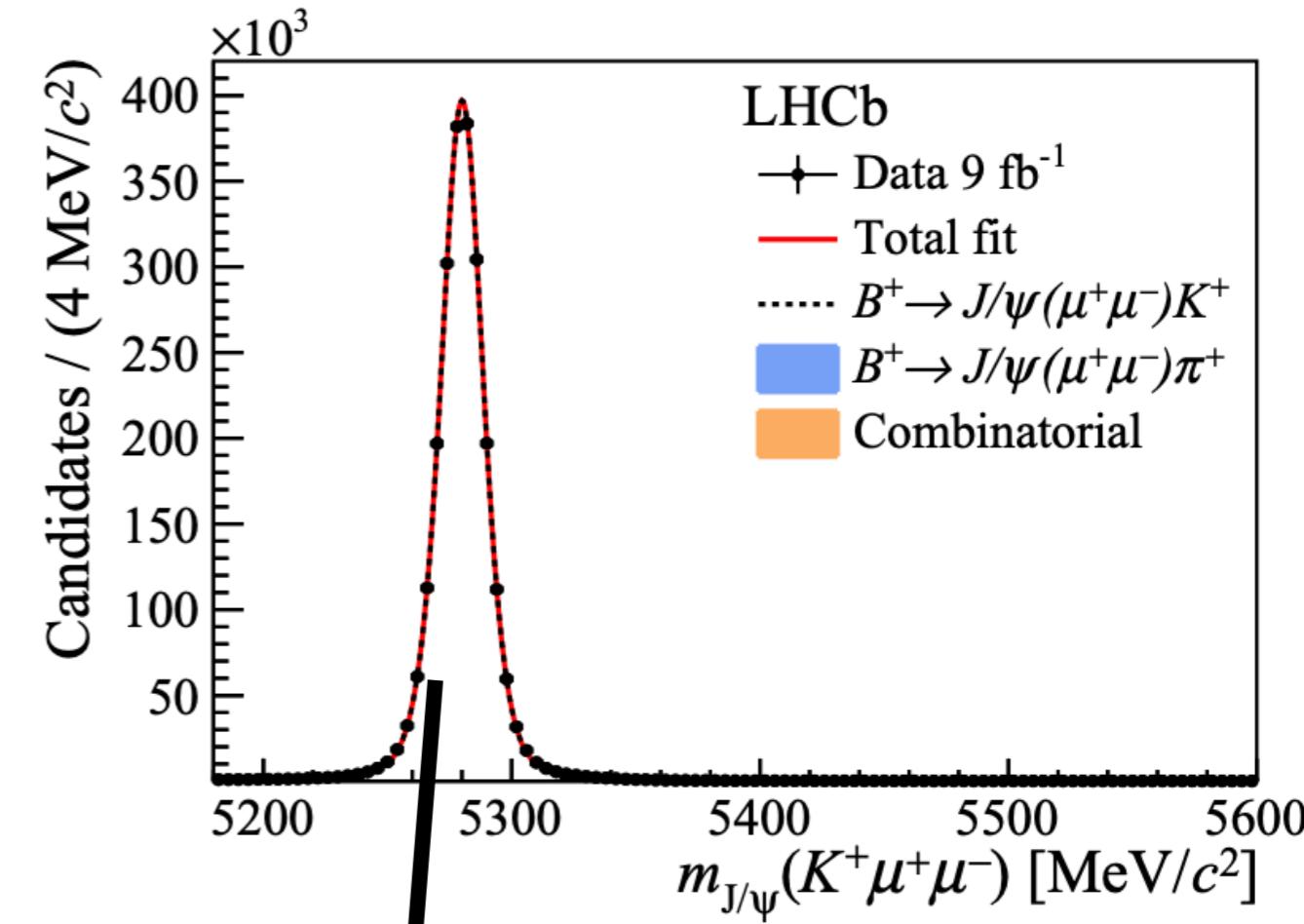
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The Check it works



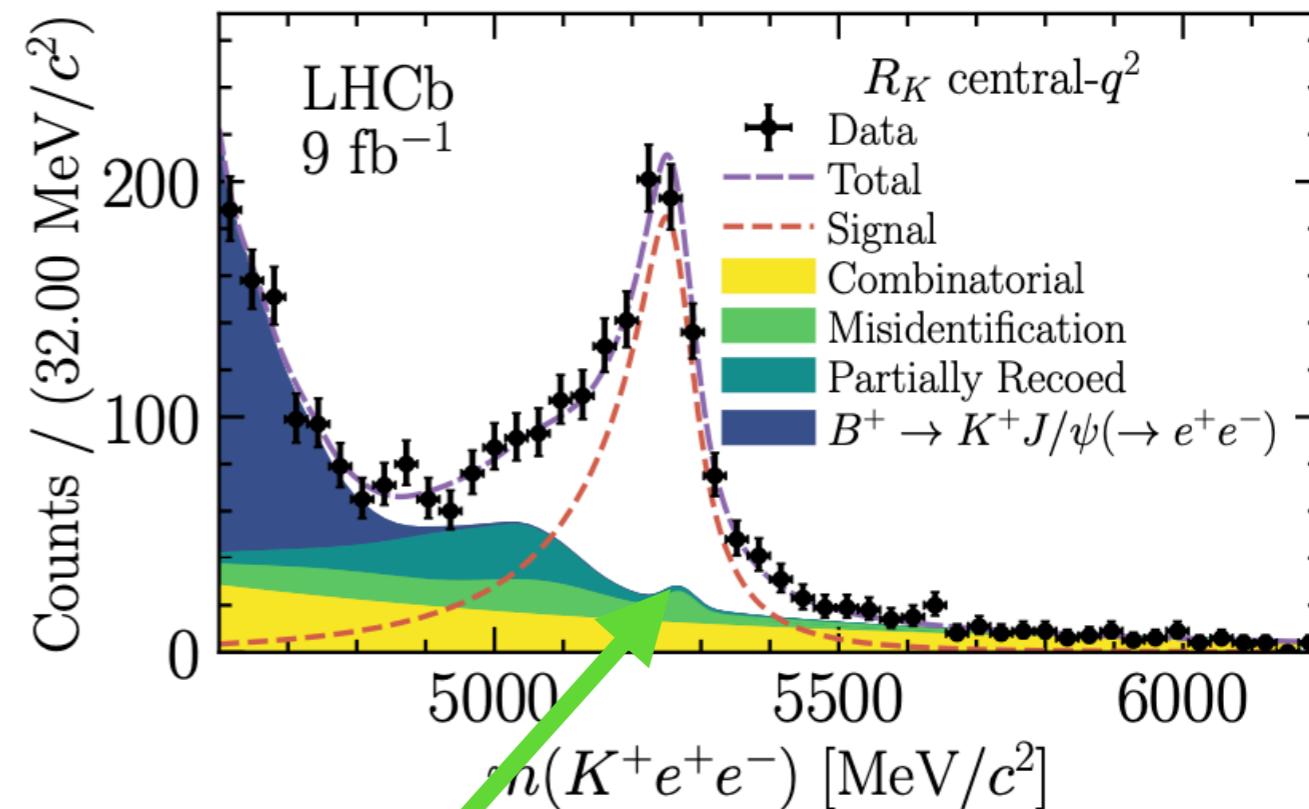
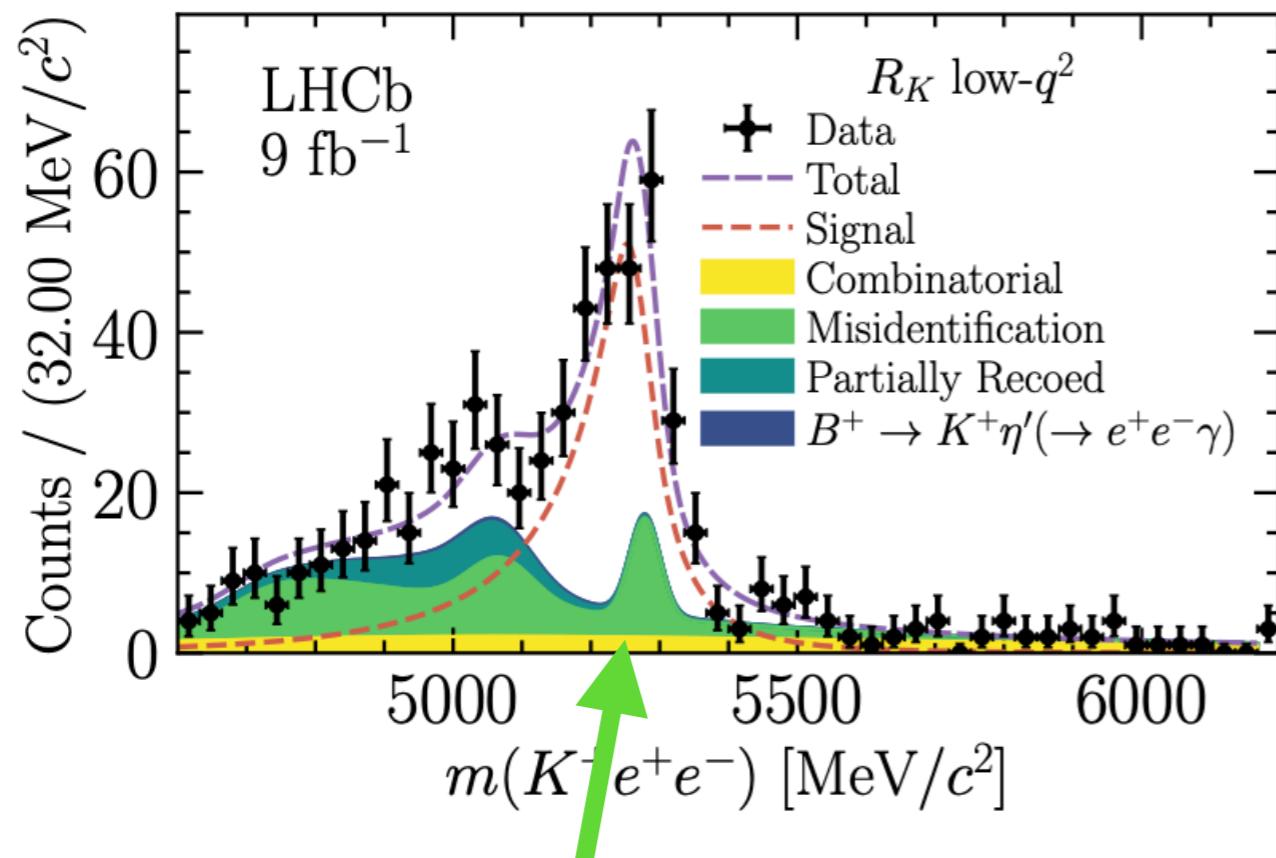
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This does get us to 1



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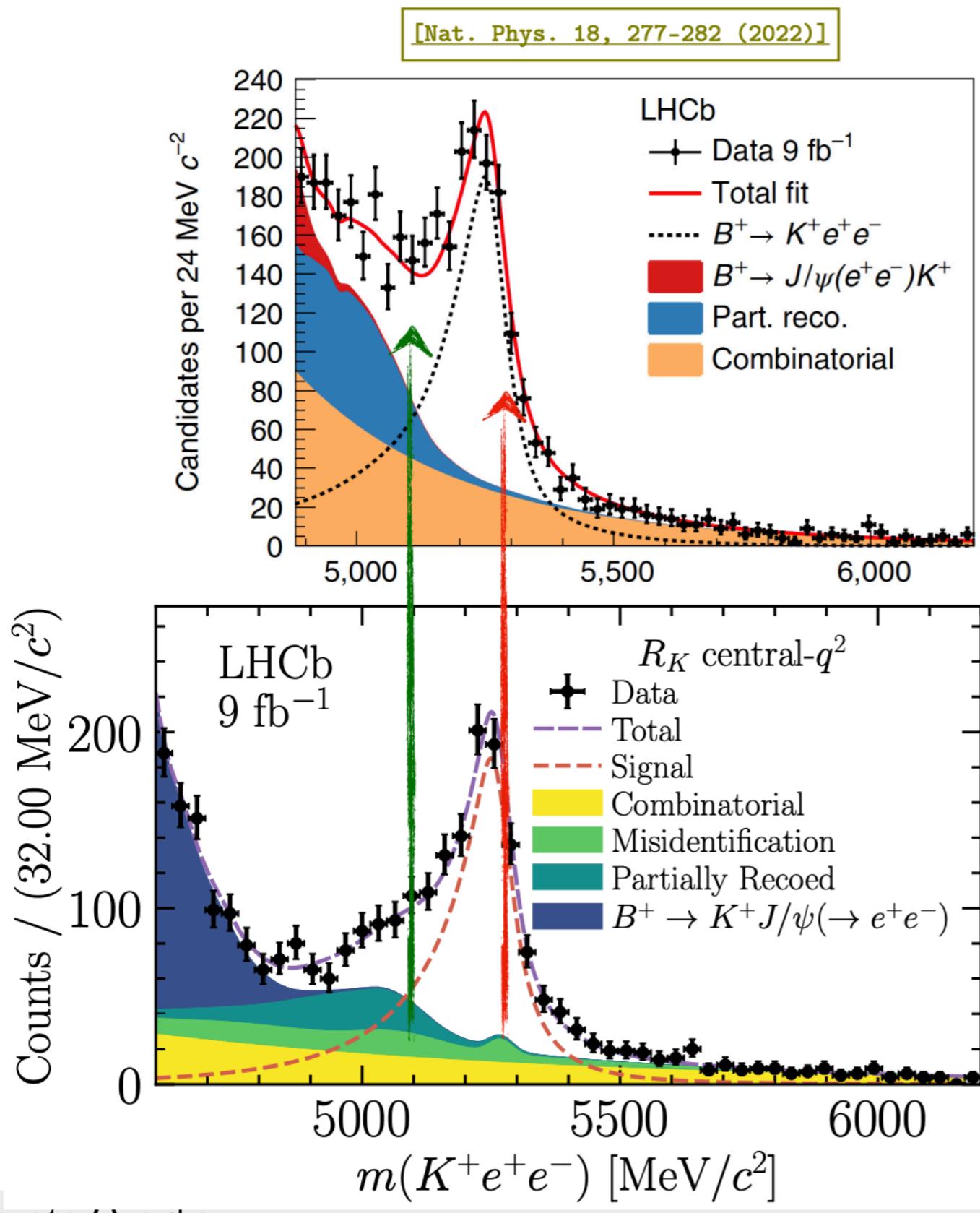


These lime green processes were forgotten

This was a very unwelcome problem

The High Energy Physics community is aghast at what's going on

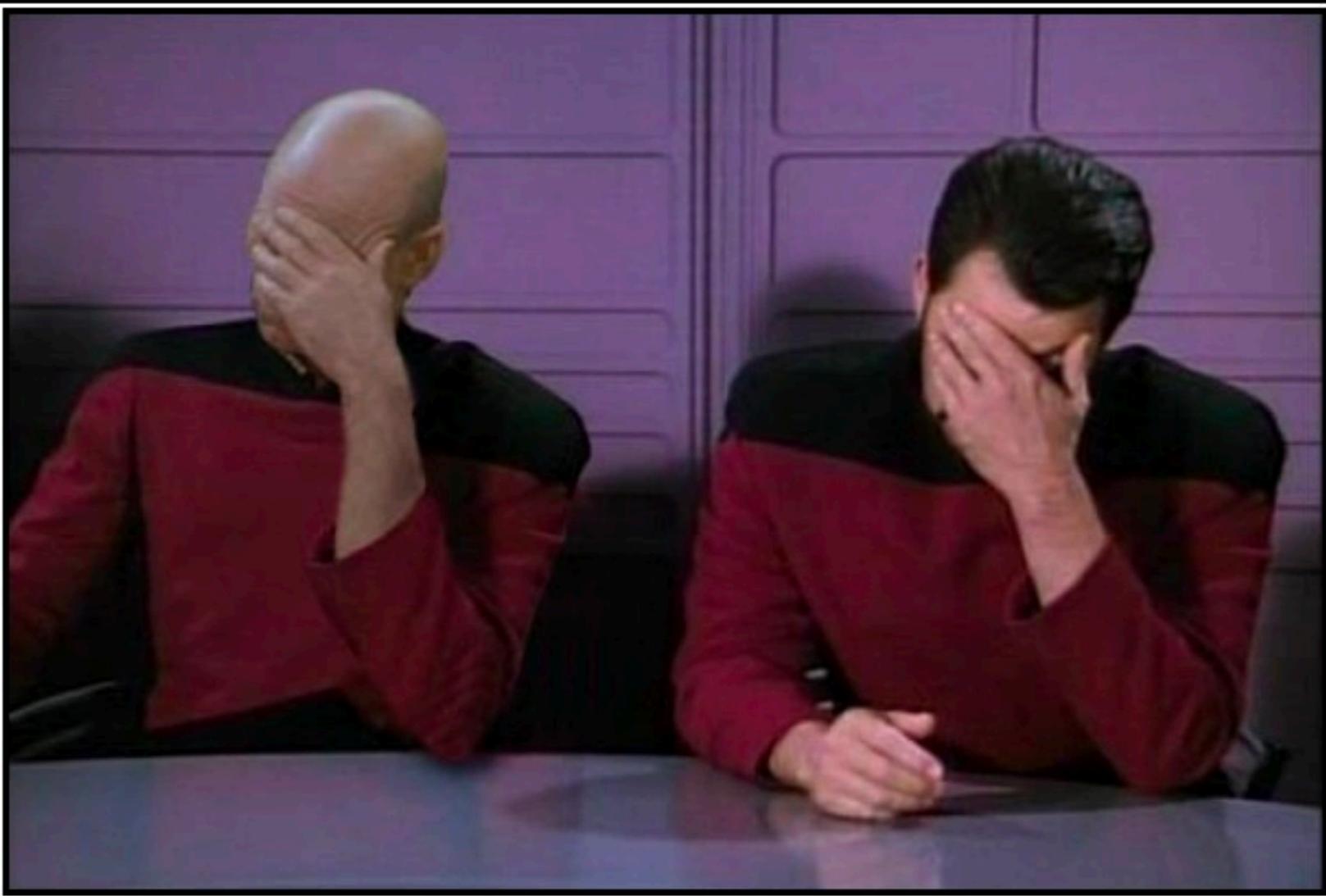
What we learn in this⁴⁵ class?



I don't think I could teach you to immediately find a mistake

However, this class will give you the experience to have a healthy amount of scepticism for what is going on

Another one bites the dust



DOUBLE FACEPALM

FOR WHEN ONE FACEPALM DOESN'T CUT IT

Artificial Intelligence ⇔ Fundamental Interactions



[<http://iaifi.org/>, MIT News Announcement]

The NSF AI Institute for Artificial Intelligence and Fundamental Interactions (IAIFI)

"I- φ "



Senior Investigators: 20 Physicists + 7 AI Experts

Junior Investigators: ≈20 PhD Students, ≈7 IAIFI Fellows in steady state



Pulkit Agrawal
Lisa Barsotti
Isaac Chuang
William Detmold
Bill Freeman
Philip Harris
Kerstin Perez
Alexander Rakhlin

Phiala Shanahan
Tracy Slatyer
Marin Soljacic
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Matthew Schwartz
Yaron Singer
Todd Zickler



James Halverson
Brent Nelson



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Boston Area: Critical Mass for Transformative Ab Initio AI Research

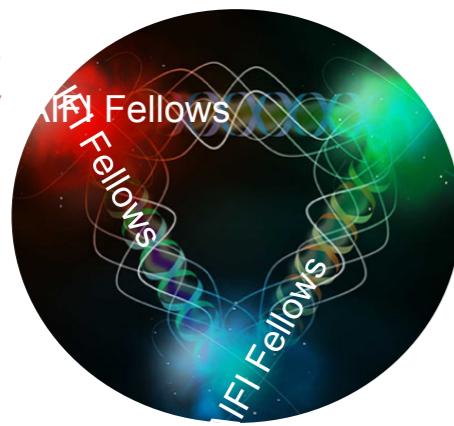
The NSF AI Institute for Artificial Intelligence and Fundamental Interactions (IAIFI)

“I- φ ”



Advance physics knowledge — from the smallest building blocks of nature to the largest structures in the universe — and galvanize AI research innovation

Physics
Theory



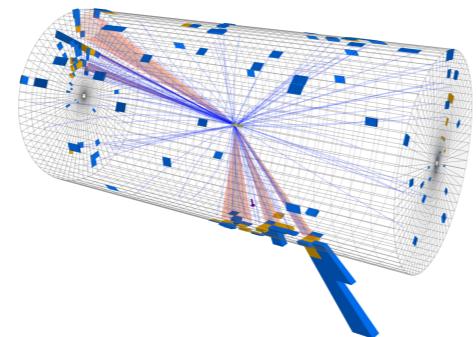
AI Foundations

Physics
Experiment

E.g.

Training, education & outreach at Physics/AI intersection
Cultivate early-career talent (e.g. IAIFI Fellows)
Foster connections to physics facilities and industry
Build strong multidisciplinary collaborations
Advocacy for shared solutions across subfields

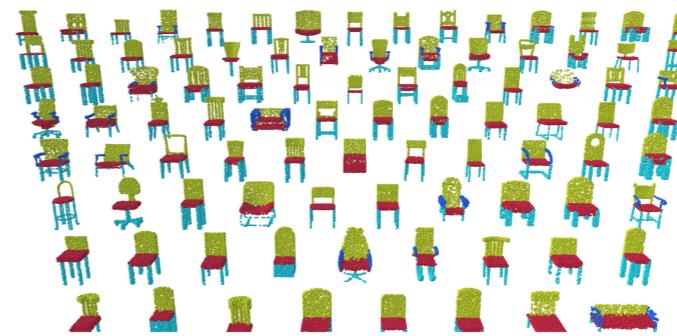
Analyzing Collisions



[Harris, Schwartz, JDT, Williams]



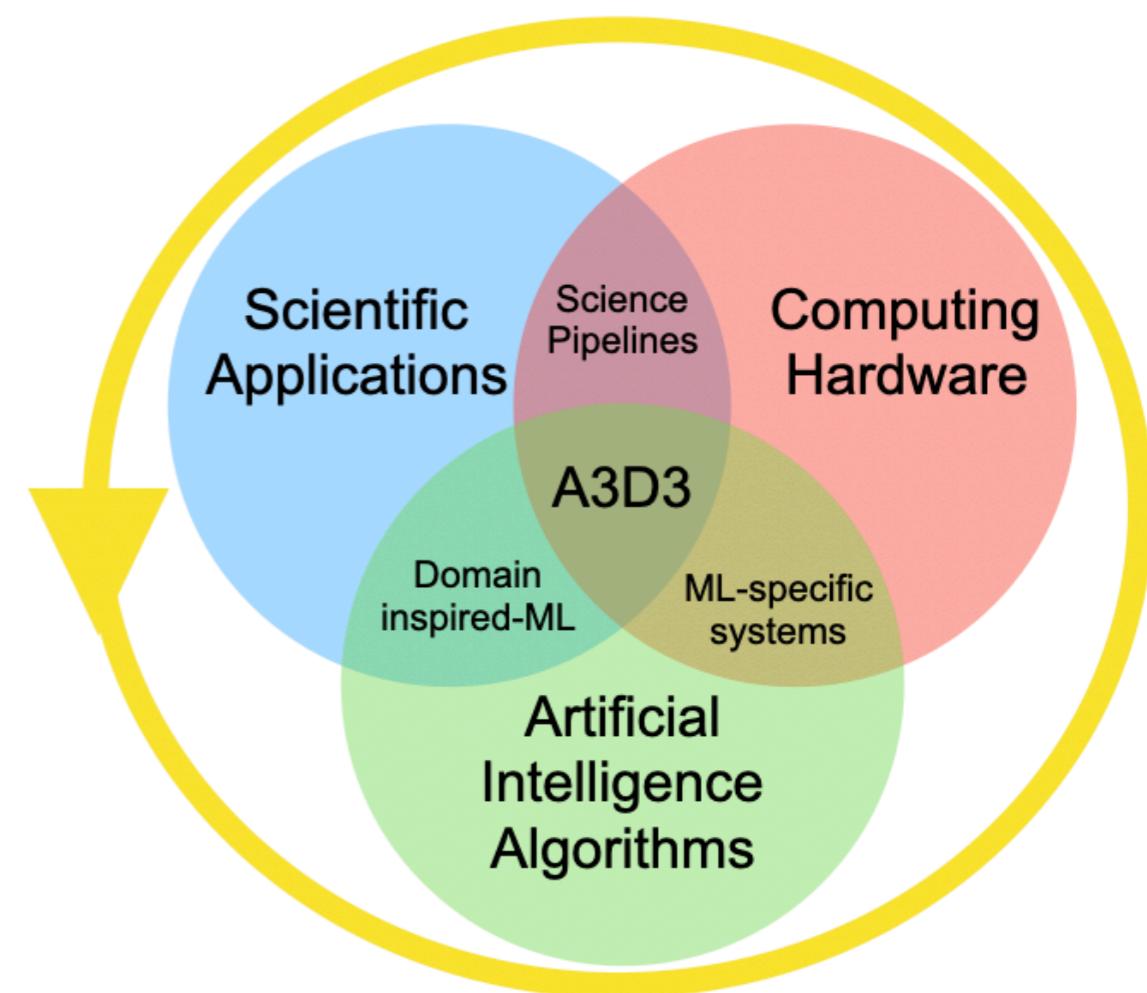
Geometric Data Processing



[Wang, Sun, Liu, Sarma, Bronstein, Solomon, TOG 2019]



Accelerated AI
Algorithms for
Data-Driven
Discovery



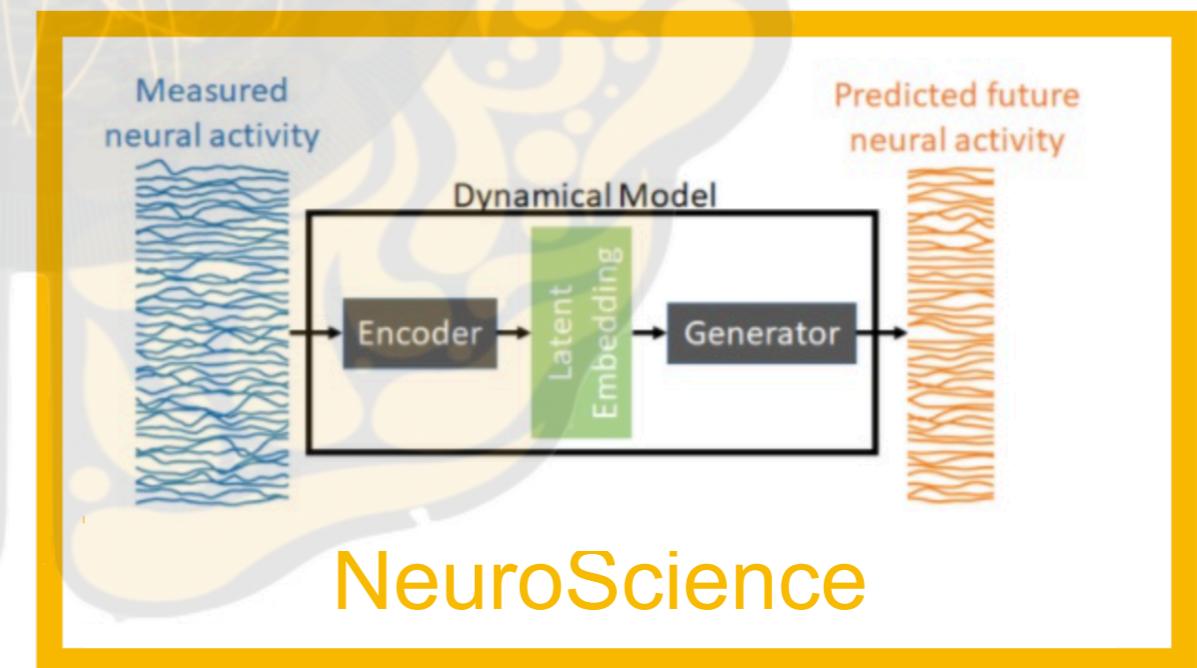
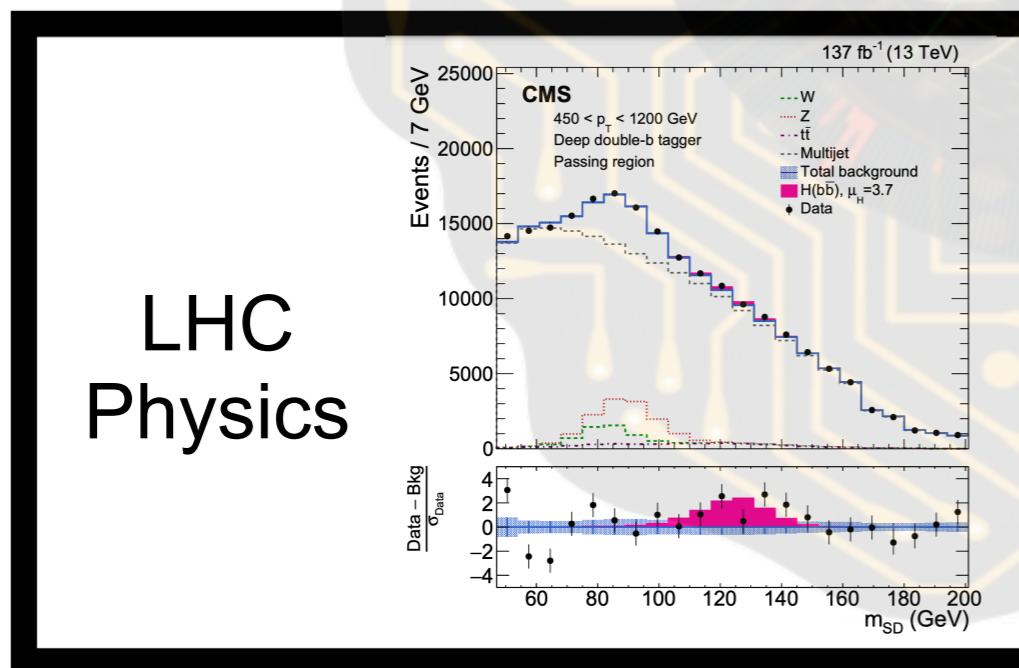
<https://a3d3.ai/>

<https://news.mit.edu/2021/taming-data-deluge-1029>

New Types of Computing

A New Institute: A3D3

- We have been awarded a new institute to explore real-time AI
 - Accelerated AI Algorithms for Data Driven Discovery (A3D3)



Whats going on at MIT?

- As part of IAIIFI and now A3D3:
 - Are exploring new ways to teach:
 - the overlap of physics and artificial intelligence
 - Broadly extends to all statistical analysis and physics
 - **This is a first tester class of how to do this**
 - Hoping to build this class into a full semester class



Am I getting Credit?



- Department would like to see how things go with this class
- We have proposed :
 - Physics Breadth Credit
 - UGs and Grads
 - Statistics/Data Science Phd
 - This will very likely happen



Email Jesse Thaler about
making this a breadth
Jesse Thaler <jthaler@mit.edu>

Online Component

- You will notice that the notes are done in great detail
 - This is because we are working to put this class online
 - Eventually, we want to host a version of this on edX
- We will record the lectures
- Also means that you can follow this class asynchronously
 - Notes have problems that will guide you through lectures



Who Am I?



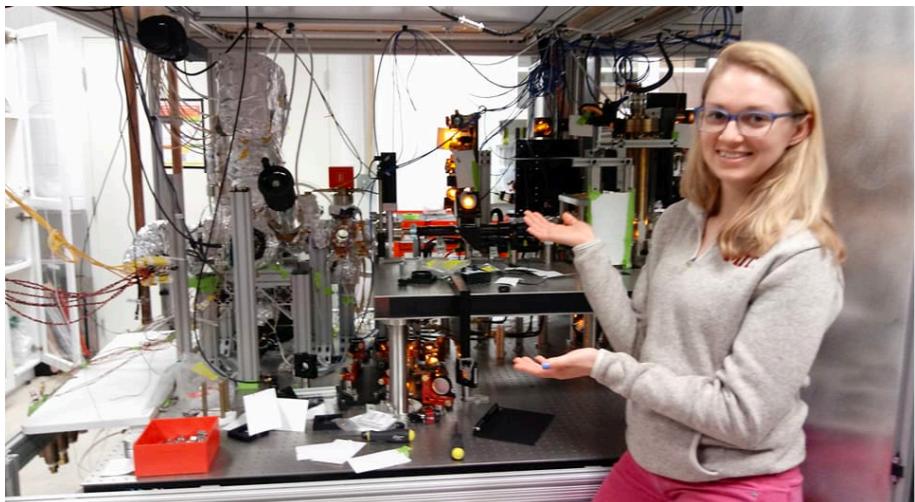
Philip Harris

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UTXc-2agiUo>

<https://www.symmetrymagazine.org/article/october-2014/cern-people-series-tells-it-like-it-is>

<https://news.mit.edu/2021/taming-data-deluge-1029>

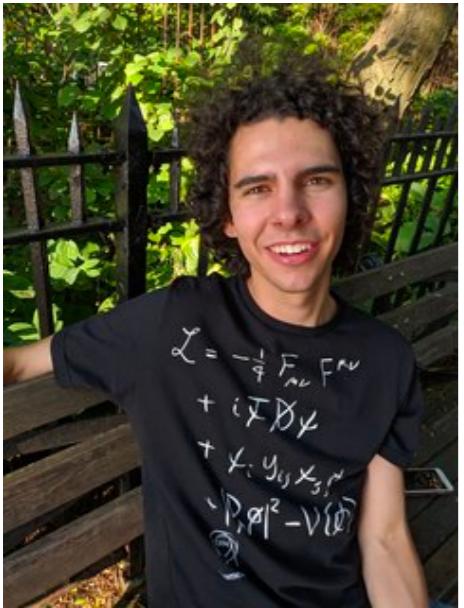
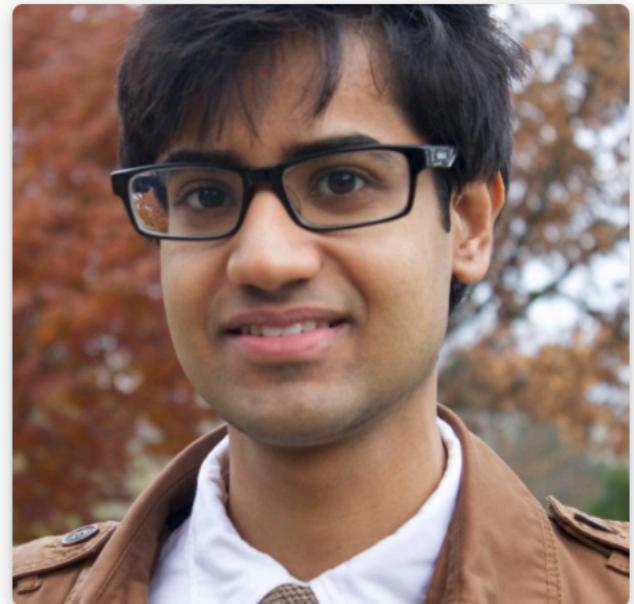
Additional Support



Airlia Shaffer-Moag

Looking for two more
@10% TA

Siddharth Mithra-Sharma
MIT/Harvard IAIFI Fellow



Eric Moreno
CMS/LIGO



Duc Hoang
CMS



Dan Hackett
Lattice QCD



Alex Shvonski
Online Course
Expert



Jesse Thaler
IAIFI director

Communication

- We will communicate on Slack:
- mit-8S50-iap.slack.com
- Also we have canvas
 - Big announcements will be made on canvas
 - Day to day work, we intend to be on slack
- You can bother me night and day on slack
 - If I don't reply its because I am sleeping or eating

Office Hours

- Phil will hold office hours **Thursdays from 6-7pm**
 - You can ask questions about projects/recitations/lectures
 - Feel free to come by just to chat
 - Importantly you should get all setup with everything
- Airlia will hold office hours from :

How I got into physics

<https://www.urbandictionary.com/define.php?term=Data%20Junkie>

- I have a serious problem
 - I am addicted to data analysis
 - As a student I became obsessed with analyzing data
 - The most fun was building complex analyses
 - This class is a modern take on analyzing data
 - Now with all of the modern tools at hand

Problem Sets

- These are here to make sure you follow along
 - We would like your feedback about these
 - <https://canvas.mit.edu/courses/20251/assignments/249073>

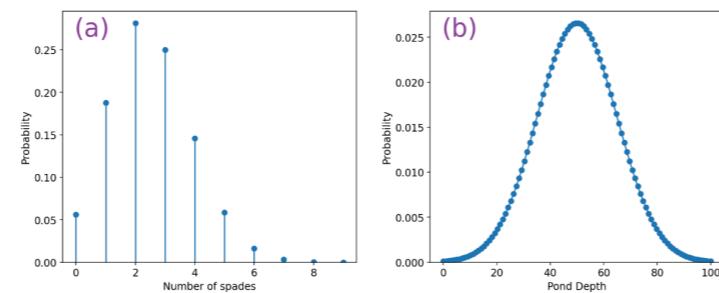
Pset 1

Problem 1.1.1

Which of the following distributions represents a pdf? Choose from the two plot options.

- The left plot (a) shows the probability of finding a certain number of spades when drawing 10 cards from a deck.
- The right plot (b) shows the probability of finding a pond with a particular depth among a selection of ponds.

After submitting your answer, you can look at the solution to see the code that generated these plots.



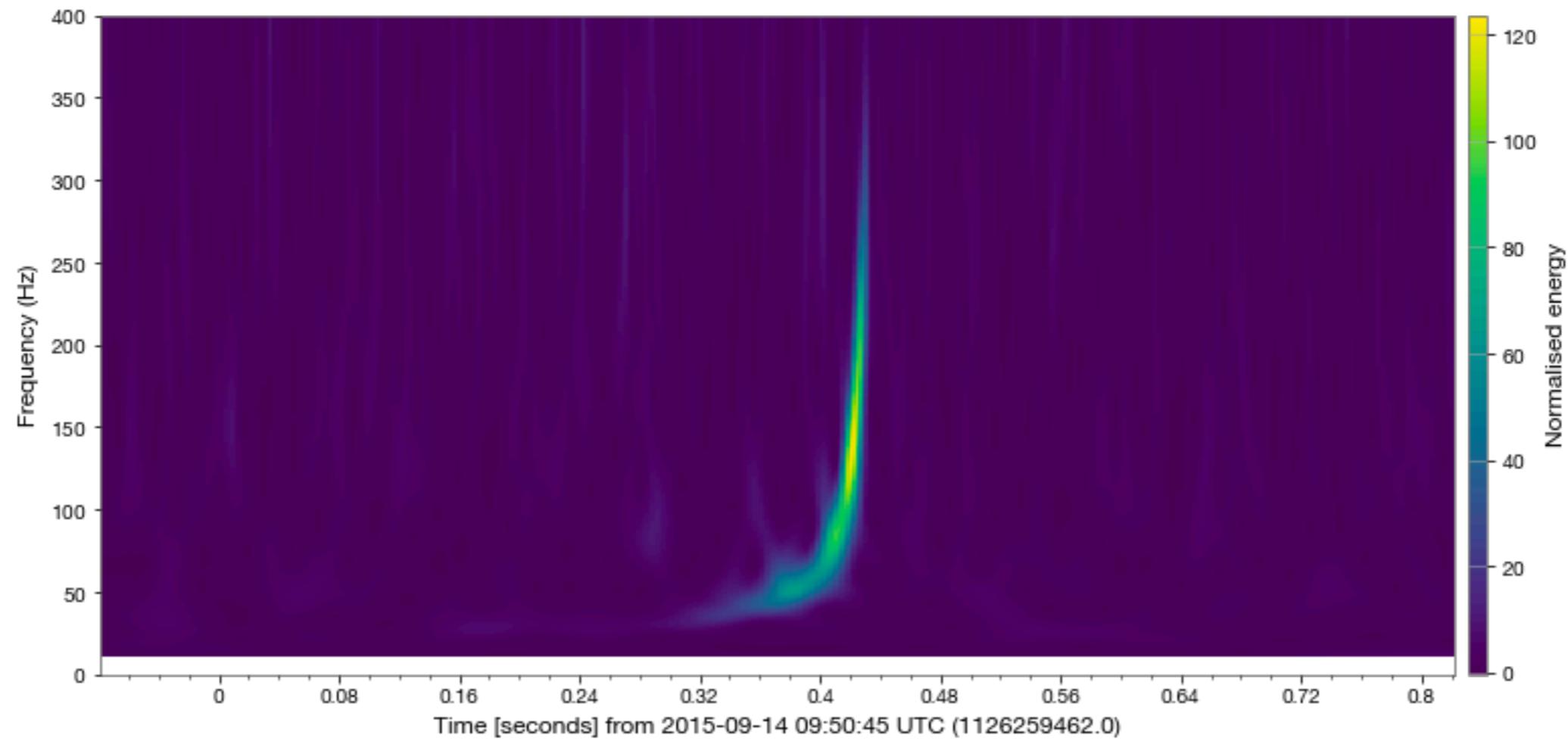
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Save Submit View Answer
As staff, you are always allowed to submit. If you were a student, you would see the following:
You have infinitely many submissions remaining.

Projects

- All of these projects are going to use public data
 - This is real data from real experiments
- Some of the projects have led to important papers
 - All of them have led to papers published in the last 5 years
 - Some of these projects are still open to interpretation
- While the focus of this class is the data science behind it
 - We will talk about the physics implications of all of this

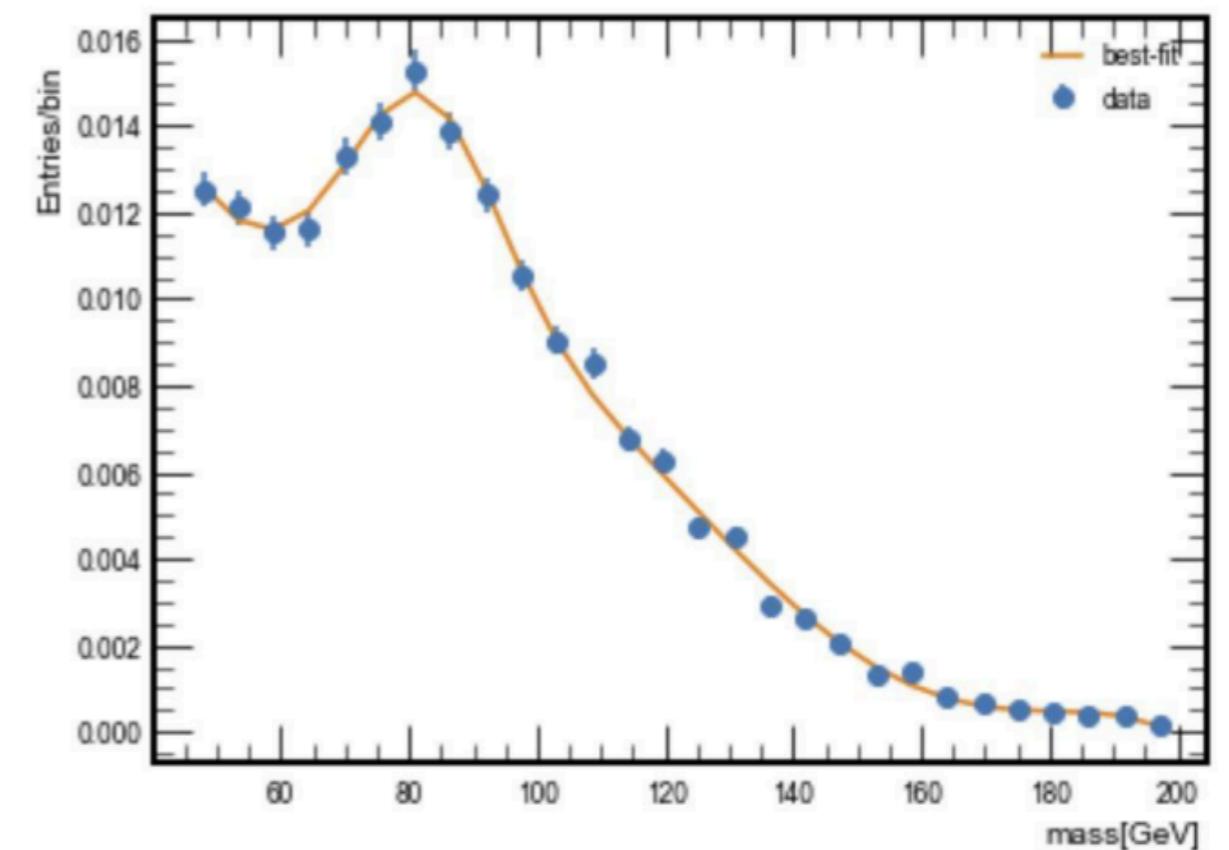
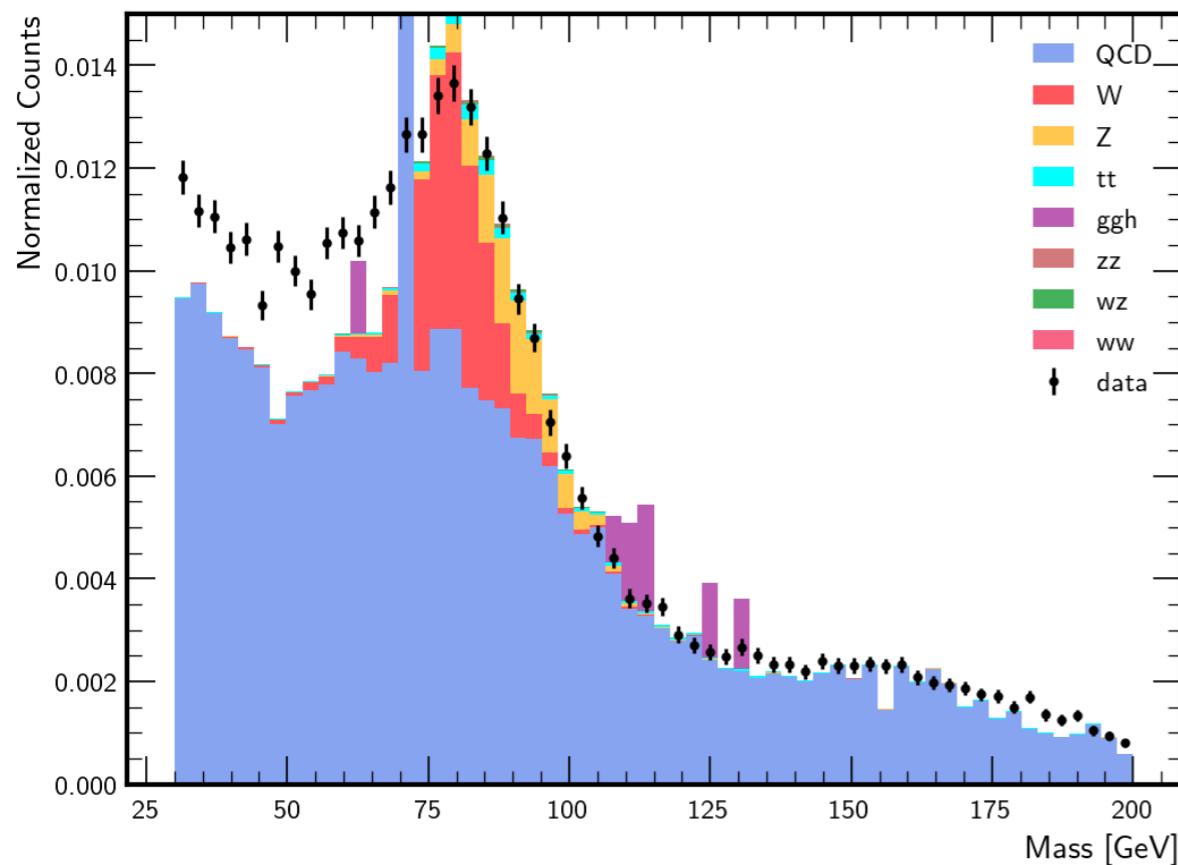
Project #1

- Project 1 : Discovering Gravitational Waves



How do you discover a gravitational wave?
What are the parameters of the wave?

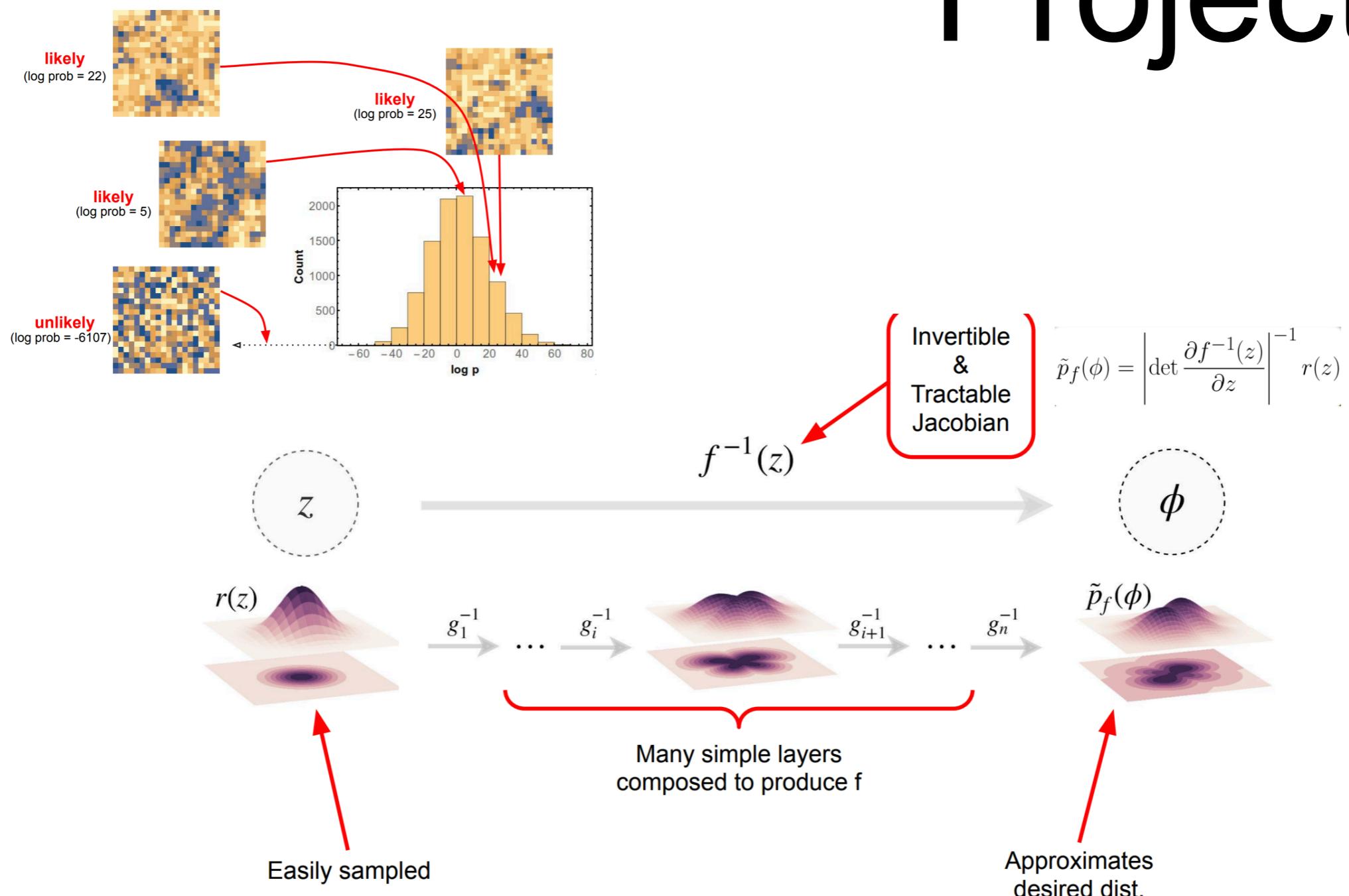
Project #2



- Discover the W and Z boson decaying to quarks
- Try to enhance this measurement with deep learning

Generate field configurations $\phi(x)$ with probability

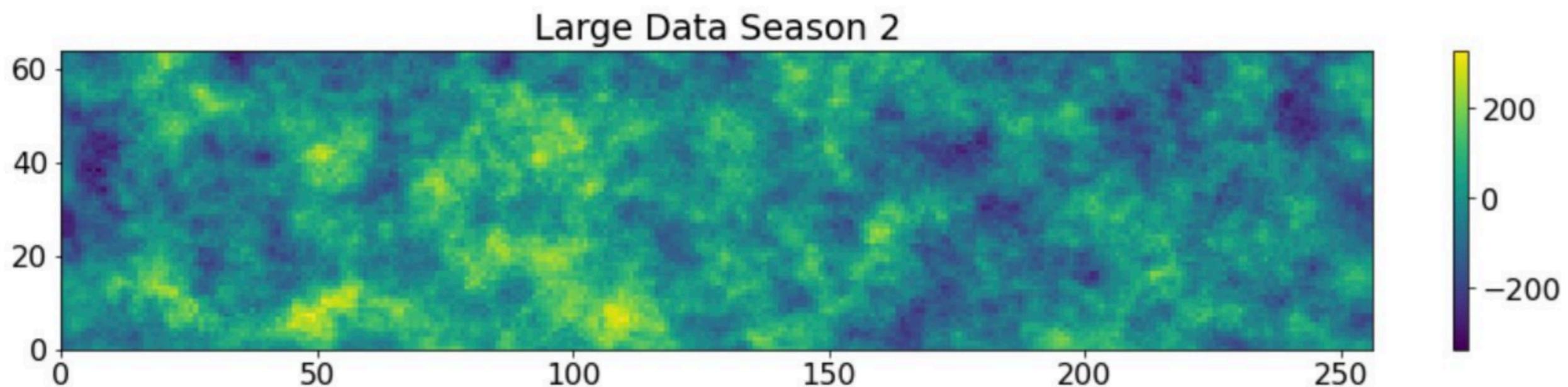
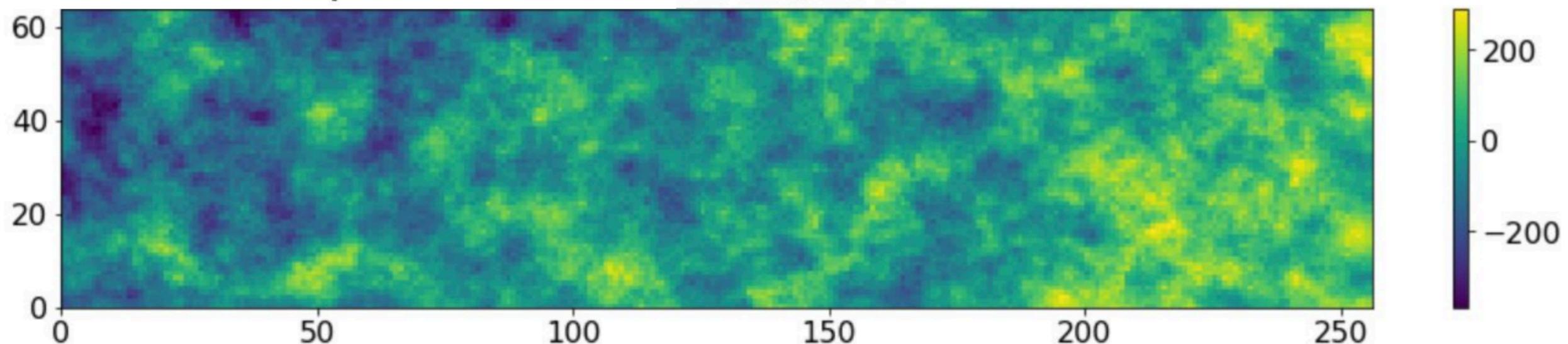
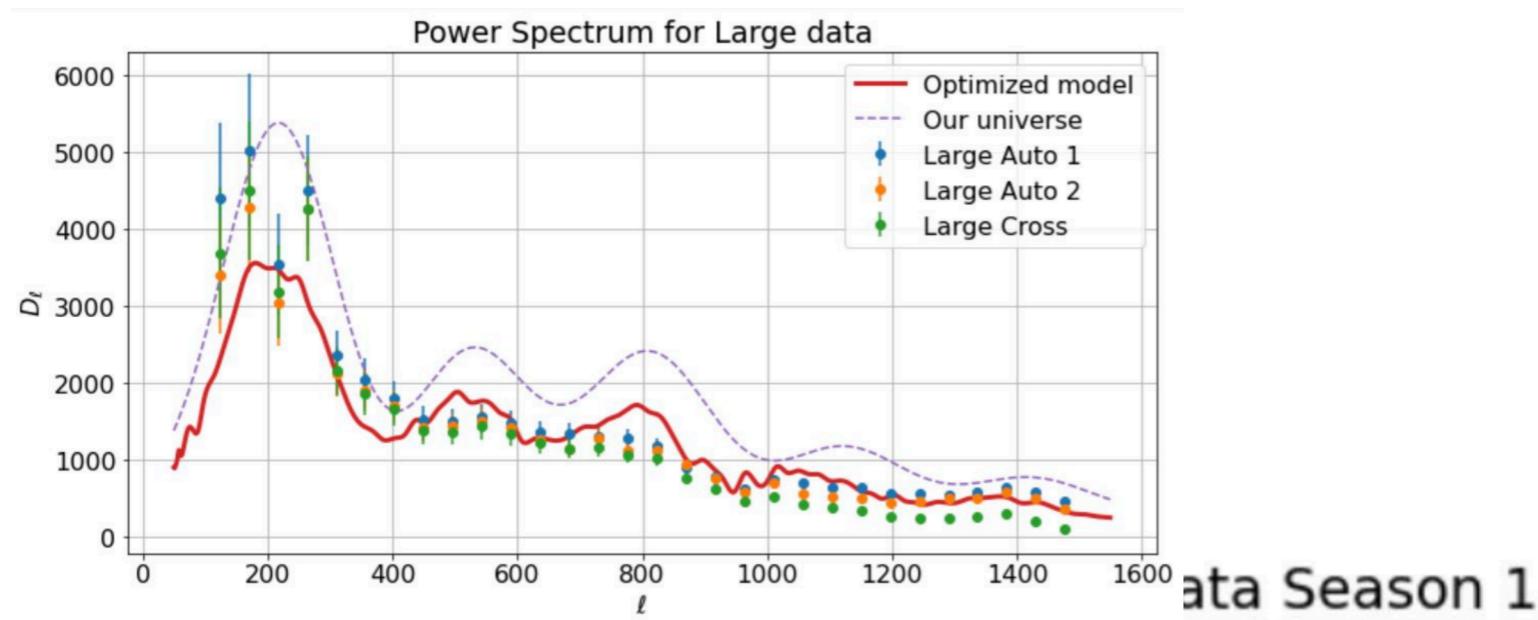
$$P[\phi(x)] \sim e^{-S[\phi(x)]}$$



Project #3

- Untested Project: This is still a work in progress
- Teaches the core of modern simulation

Project #4

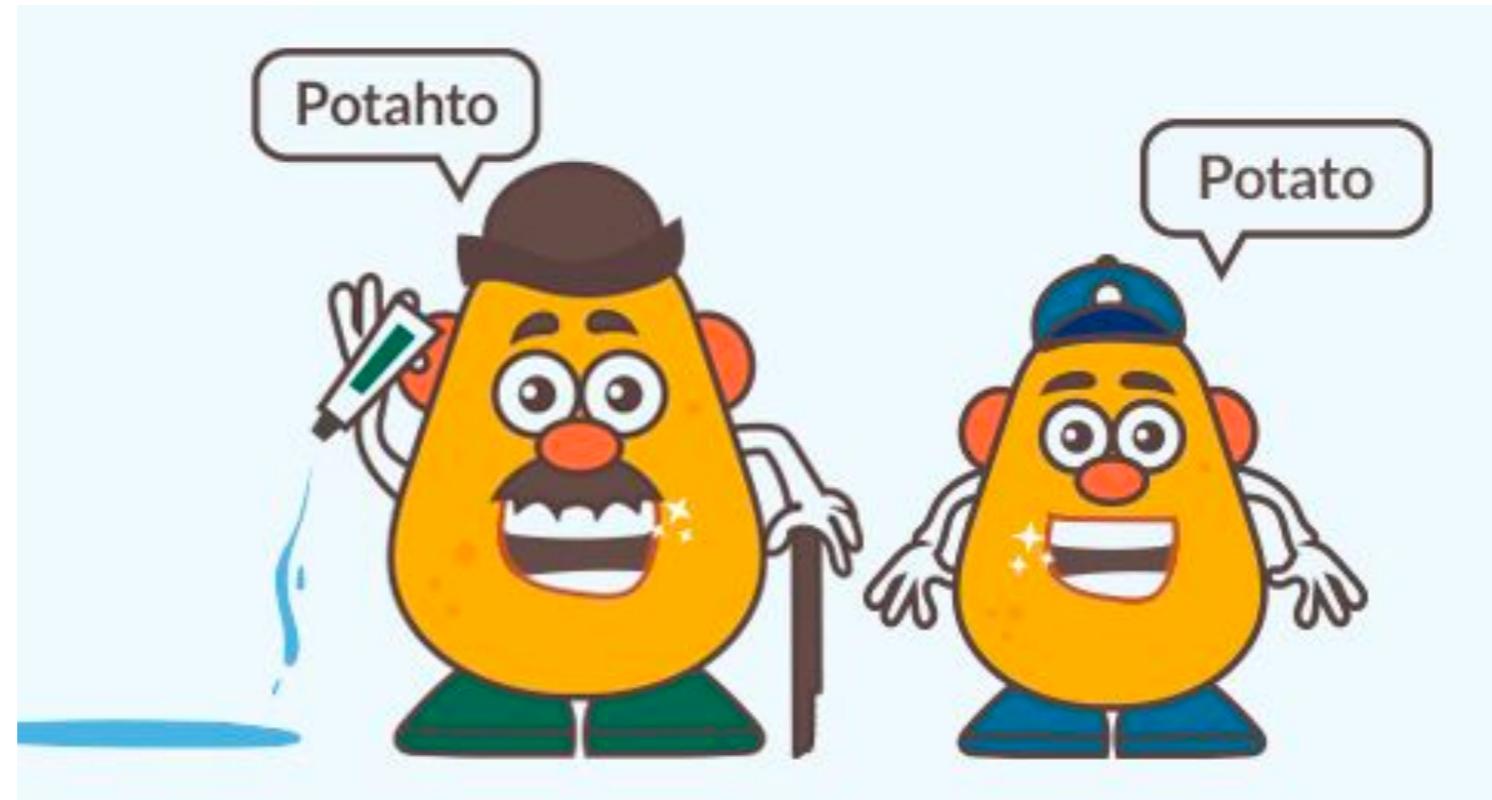


- How do we model the expansion of the universe

Project Reports

- We would like you to turn in a jupyter notebook
- Notebook should show some work
- We will grade the. Notebooks and give you feedback
- Here are some examples of what I should look like:
 - https://github.com/jmduarte/iaifi-summer-school/blob/main/book/2.1_getting_started.ipynb
 - https://github.com/FAIR4HEP/hbb_interaction_network/blob/main/notebooks/1.0-ar-Baseline-Model-Inspection.ipynb
 - https://github.com/FAIR4HEP/hbb_interaction_network/tree/main/notebooks

Project Solutions



- We will release worked out solutions
- Project Grading will be done by Me and the TAs
- But this is real data, **there is no truly correct solution**
- These projects can go on and on (**We don't expect that**)

Final Talk

- We have booked the last two classes for you to present
- Thats a total of 180min
 - Depending on the enroll we will divide up the time
 - Talks will be 5-10 minutes depending on enrollment
 - You can post your talk on youtube before
- **We will have a competition for the best talk in the class**
 - Everybody will vote on the best talk
 - Winner will get \$100 and a chance to present at an IAI FI seminar

Grading

- Focus of this class is on having fun
 - Don't stress about grades!
 - 20% Project 1,2,3,4
 - 20% Final Talk on project 4
 - If you have concerns please discuss with me
 - This is the first time we teach this
 - I want to make sure you are enjoying this class & Learning

Material Format

- We will use github to perform the assignments
 - <https://product.hubspot.com/blog/git-and-github-tutorial-for-beginners>
 - Assignments will be turned in as pull requests
 - Lectures will all be available on github as well
- Github is the standard toolkit for data science projects
 - You will have to learn it at some point
- Assignments are due on Friday at 6pm (....)

Syllabus

- Syllabus is posted on Canvas

Week 1: Basic Statistics, Project #1 Intro

Day 1: Class overview, Jupyter setup, making plots, Expectations, Variance

Day 2: Binomial, Poisson, Gaussian Distributions, Error propagation

Week 2: Distribution and Fitting PSet1 due This week

Day 1: LIGO Project

Day 2: Gradient Descent, Minimization, Introduction to Fitting

Week 3: Uncertainty and interpreting uncertainty

Day 1: Extracting Uncertainty from a fit and goodness of fit

Day 2: Normal distributions, confidence intervals, z-scores, non-gaussian distributions

Week 4: Project LHC Jet Physics Open Data analysis PSet2 due This week

Day 1: Introduction to jets and collider physics

Day 2: Correlations/Covariance

Project #1 Due: Fitting LIGO Gravitational Wave Data in the middle of Week 4

Week 5: Bayesian approaches

Day 1: Bayesian vs. Frequentist, Convolutions

Day 2: Hypothesis testing Intro

Week 6: Hypothesis Testing PSet3 due This week

Day 1: Hypothesis testing II, f-tests/gaussian processes + semi-parametric methods

Day 2: Deep Learning Introduction

Week 7: Deep Learning

Day 1: Deep Learning Regression

Day 2: Advanced Deep Learning Topics

Project #2 Due: Measuring the $\text{Sin}\theta\text{W}$ with Jets Due in the middle of Week 7

Syllabus

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Week 8: Intro to Simulation

Day 1: Introduction to Lattice QCD

Day 2: Finite Numerical Differential Equations and Integration Methods

Week 9: Numerical Simulation Strategies

Day 1: Multi-body simulation (3-body problem)

Day 2: Monte Carlo Integration Methods+Markov Chain Monte-Carlo for simulation

Week 10: Towards Lattice/Multi-body techniques Numerical Boltzam Sim pset due

Day 1: (Patriots day holiday)

Day 2: Normalizing Flows+Simulation-Based Inference + Lattice Methods

Week 11: Modern MC Methods + More

Day 1: Deep Learning based Sampling strategies and Probability Modeling

Day 2: Symbolic Learning for Differential Equations

Project #3 Due: Lattice QCD Project Due

Syllabus

Week 12: Intro to CMB Analyses

Day 1: Overview of CMB measurements

Day 2: Parameter Estimation with Markov Chain Monte Carlo

Week 13: Advanced parameter estimation techniques

Day 1: Quadratic estimators and power-spectrum estimation

Day 2: Final Presentations

Week 14:

Day 1: Final Presentations on this last day

Project #4 Due: Extracting CMB Parameters from simulated Cosmic Data or project of choice on previous topics

Disclaimer

- This is a Brand New Class OMG!
 - Please be mindful of the fact that this is an experiment
 - We are going to solicit feedback a lot
 - Your input is critical to making this happen!
- There are similar classes at other universities
 - This is a new, creative, take on such a class
 - Goal here is to really take advantage of recent developments
 - Your feedback is crucial to making this a great class

Even Bigger Disclaimer

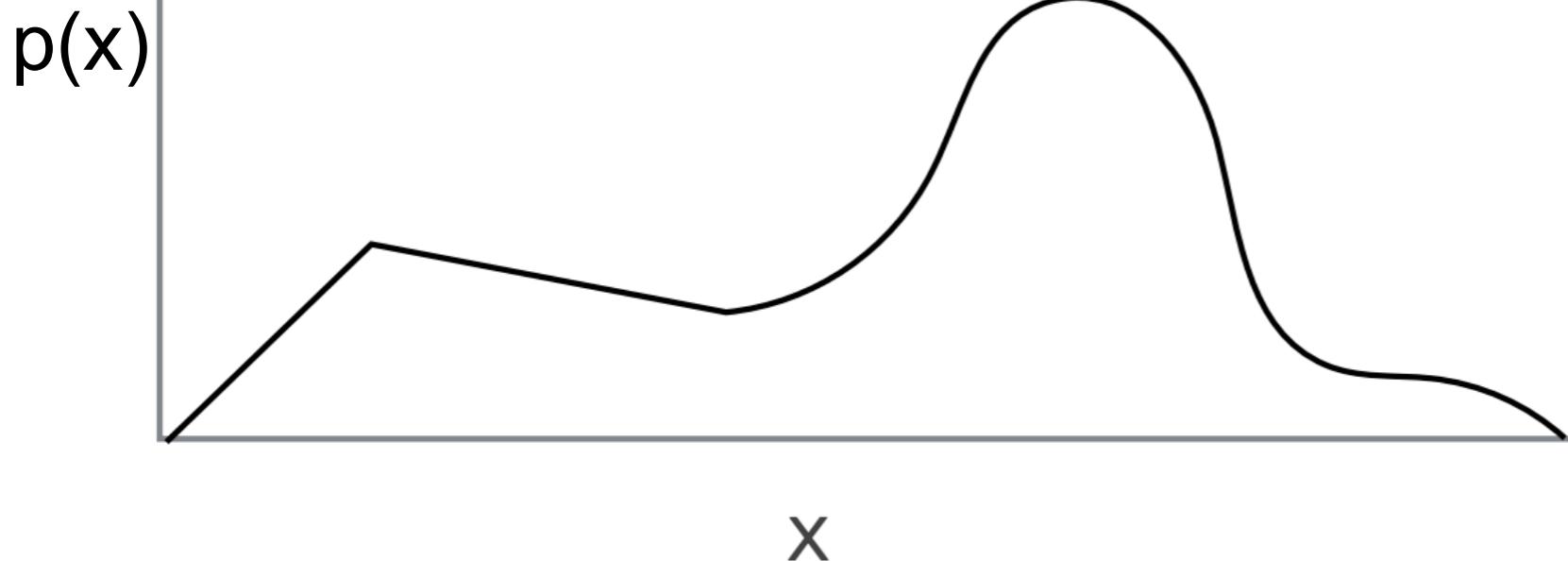
- My Partner is **Pregnant!**
 - The baby is due during Spring Break
 - I am assembling some guest lecturers for you in April
 - I am also pre-recording these lectures
 - This class is still the utmost priority to me



Lets Make a Plot

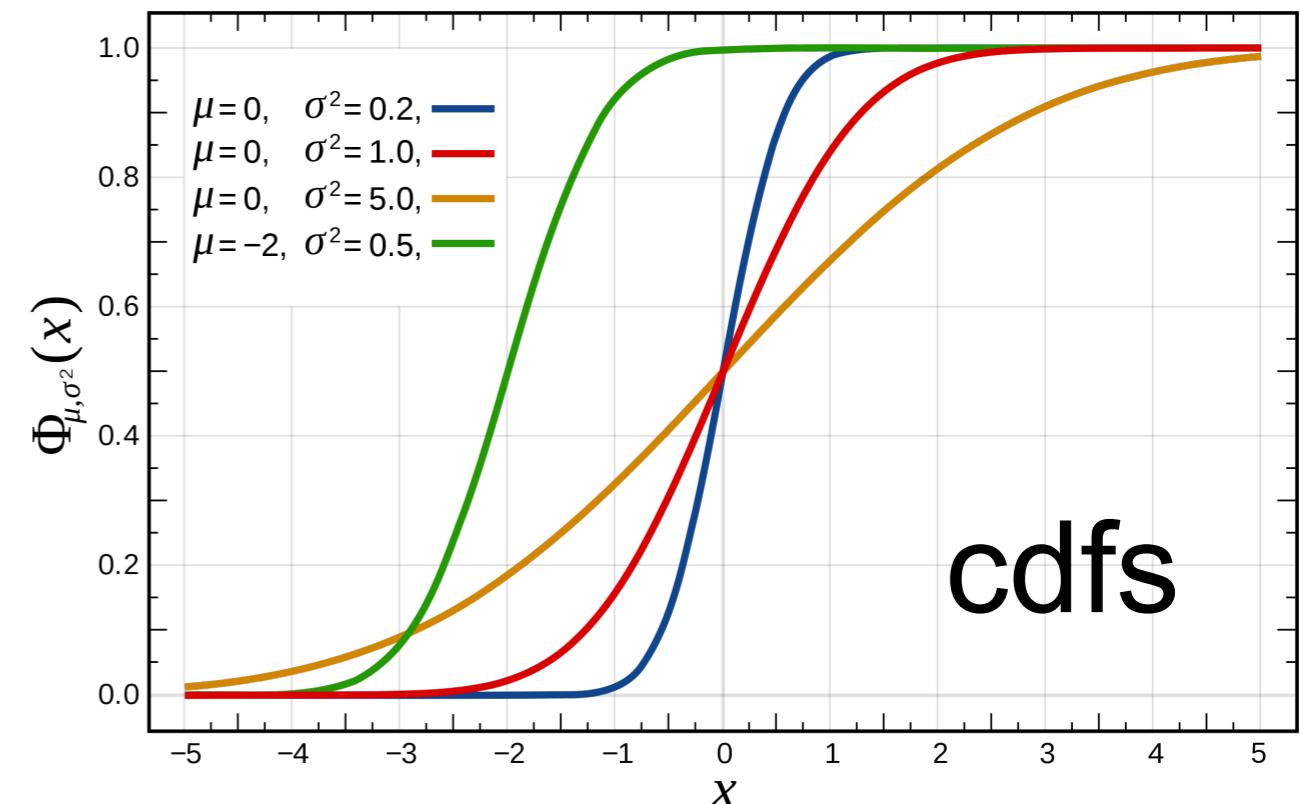
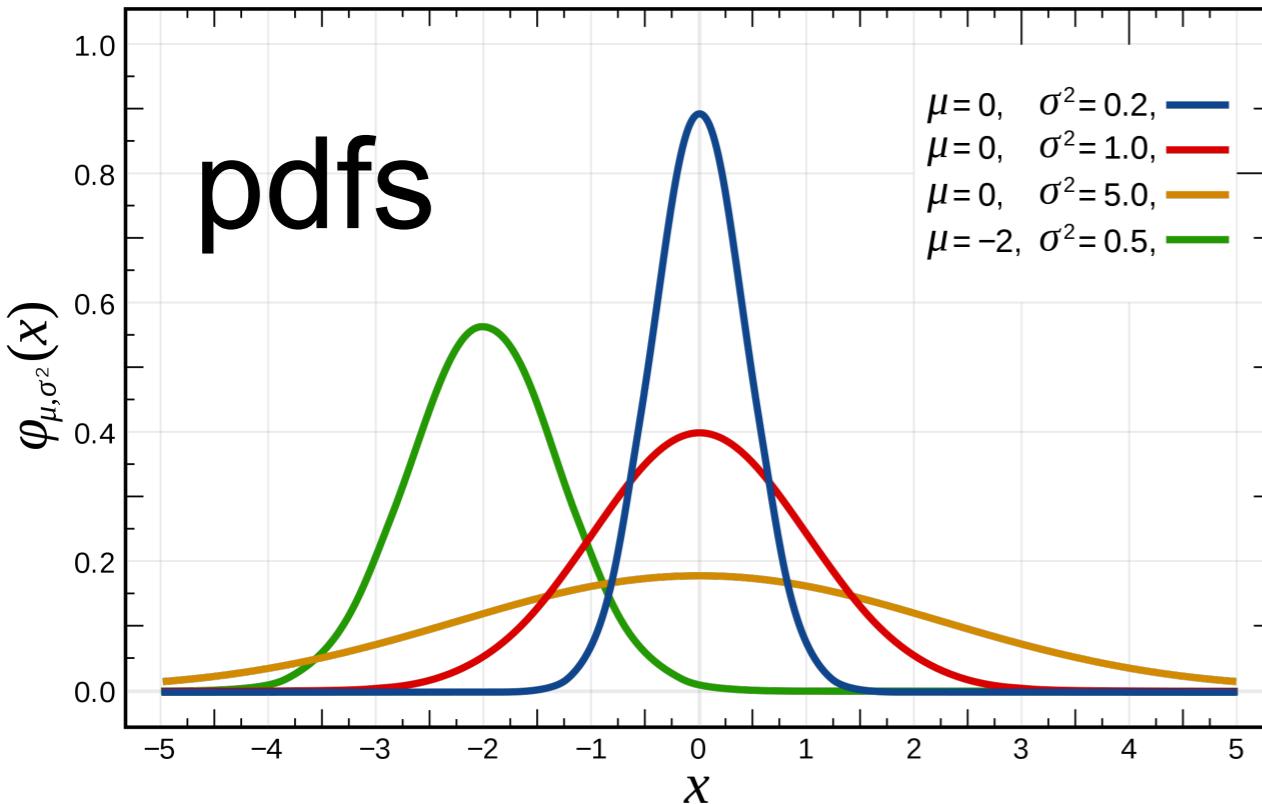
- Before we go into details of this lets make a plot
- All of our notes are documented on github
 - <https://github.com/mit-physics-data/lectures>
 - <https://github.com/mit-physics-data/psets>
 - <https://github.com/mit-physics-data/projects>
- We are going to use jupyter and python for this class
 - <https://www.dropbox.com/s/v6xk9z11vnp49jf/8.012%20Intro%20to%20Coding.ipynb?dl=0>

PDFs



- Probability distribution(density) function $p(x)$ sometimes $f(x)$
 - Probability of being between x and $x+dx$
 - $P(x \in [x, x + dx]) = p(x)dx$
 - $P(x \in [a, b]) = \int_a^b p(x)dx$
- Probability can be disjoint

CDFs



- Cumulative distribution(density) functions or sometime CDFs

- $\text{cdf}(p(x), a) = \int_{-\infty}^a p(x)dx$

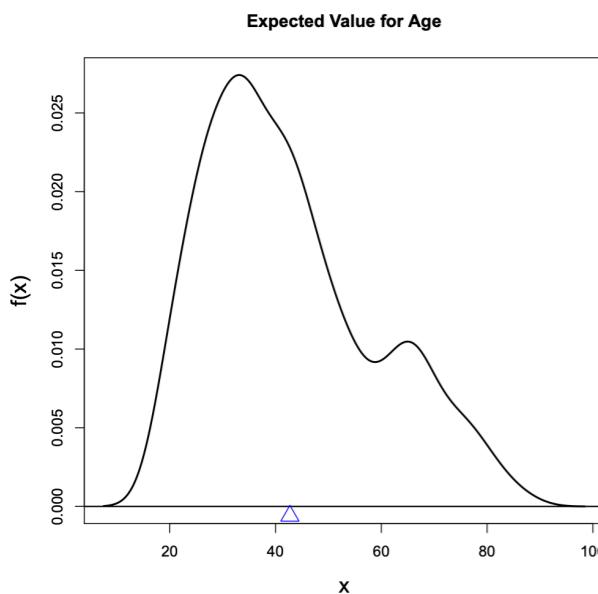
Expectation

The expected value of a random variable X is denoted by $E[X]$ and is a measure of **central tendency** of X . Roughly speaking, an expected value is like a weighted average (weighted by probability of occurrence).

The expected value of a discrete random variable X is defined as

$$E[X] = \sum_{\text{all } x} x \cdot f_X(x).$$

The expected value of a continuous random variable X is defined as



$$E[X] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x \cdot f_X(x) dx.$$

Expectation Balance Point of a distribution

Expectation

$$\bar{x} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N x_i$$

$$\bar{x} = \sum_{\text{all } x_i} x_i \cdot f(x_i), \text{ where } f(x_i) = \frac{1}{N}$$

$$E[b] = b$$

$$E[aX] = aE[X]$$

$$E[aX + b] = aE[X] + b$$

$$E \left[\sum_{i=1}^k X_i \right] = E[X_1] + \cdots + E[X_k]$$

Variance

The expected value of a function $g()$ of the random variable X , written $g(X)$, is denoted by $E[g(X)]$ and is a measure of central tendency of $g(X)$.

The variance is a special case of this, and the variance of a random variable X (a measure of its dispersion) is given by

$$V[X] = E[(X - E[X])^2]$$

It is the expectation of the squared distances from the mean.

Variance

For a discrete random variable X

$$V[X] = \sum_{\text{all } x} (x - E[X])^2 f_X(x)$$

For a continuous random variable X

$$V[X] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (x - E[X])^2 f_X(x) dx$$

Suppose a and b are constants and X is a random variable. Then

$$V[b] = 0$$

$$V[aX] = a^2 V[X]$$

$$V[aX + b] = a^2 V[X] + 0$$

Variance

Suppose we have k independent random variables X_1, \dots, X_k . If $V[X_i]$ exists for all $i = 1, \dots, k$, then

$$V\left[\sum_{i=1}^k X_i\right] = V[X_1] + \dots + V[X_k]$$

Standard Deviation is defined as $\sigma = \sqrt{V[X_1 \dots]}$

It is a measure of the width of a distribution

Label standard deviation to imply that we have chosen this for our uncertainty

Questions?