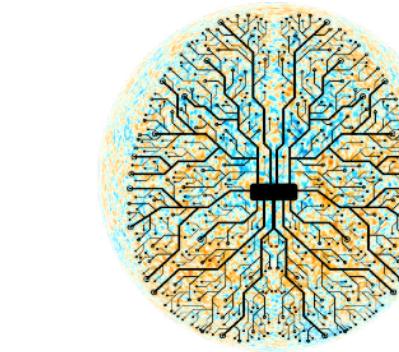
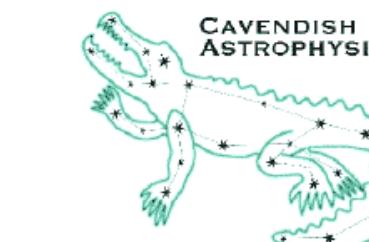
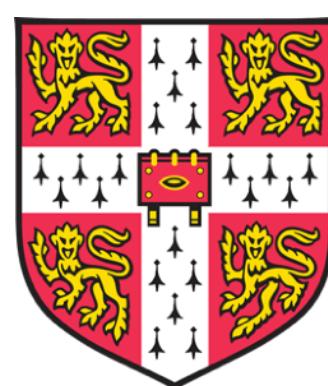


# Calibrating Tension Statistics with Neural Ratio Estimators

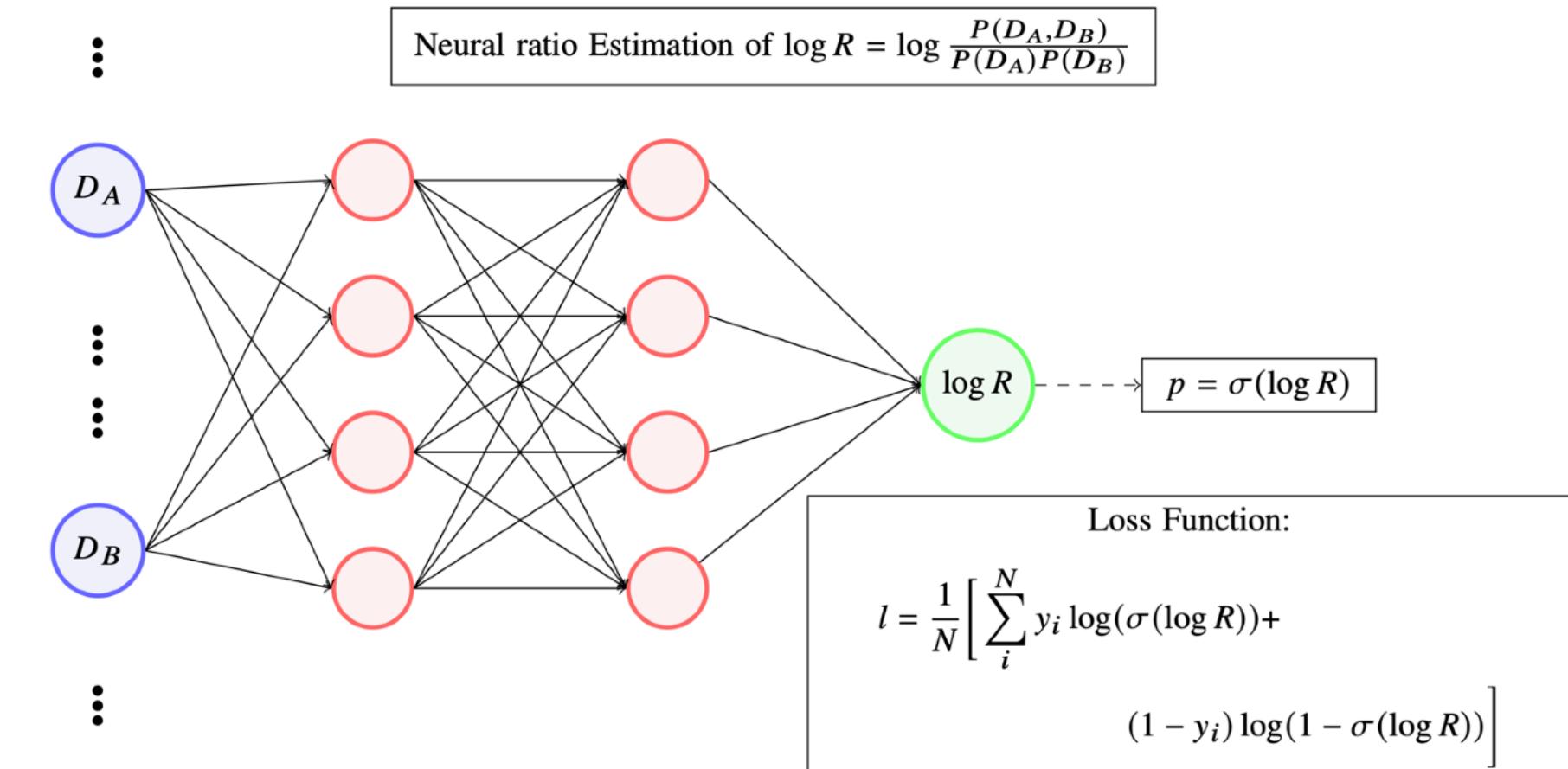
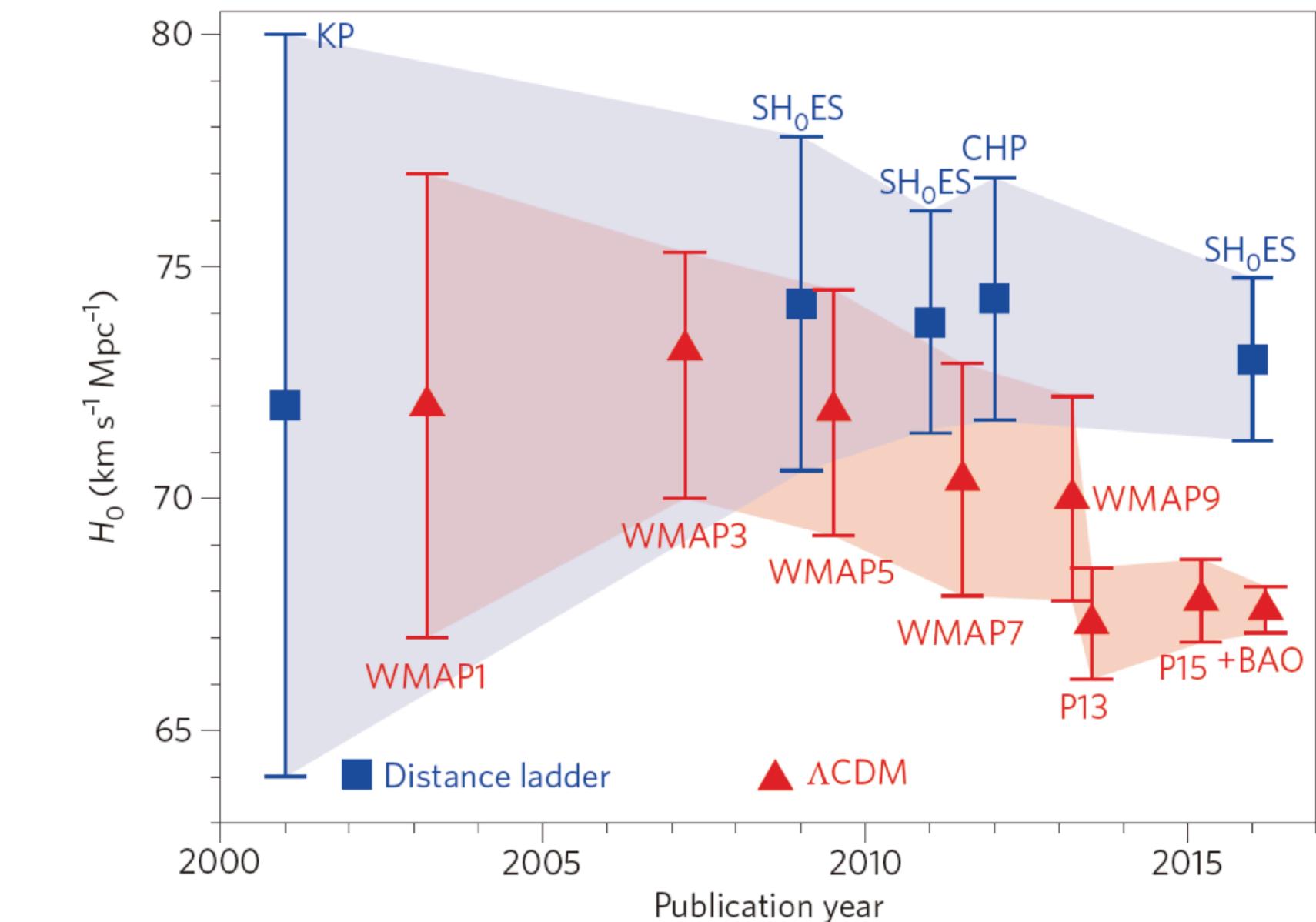
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# Calibrating Tensions

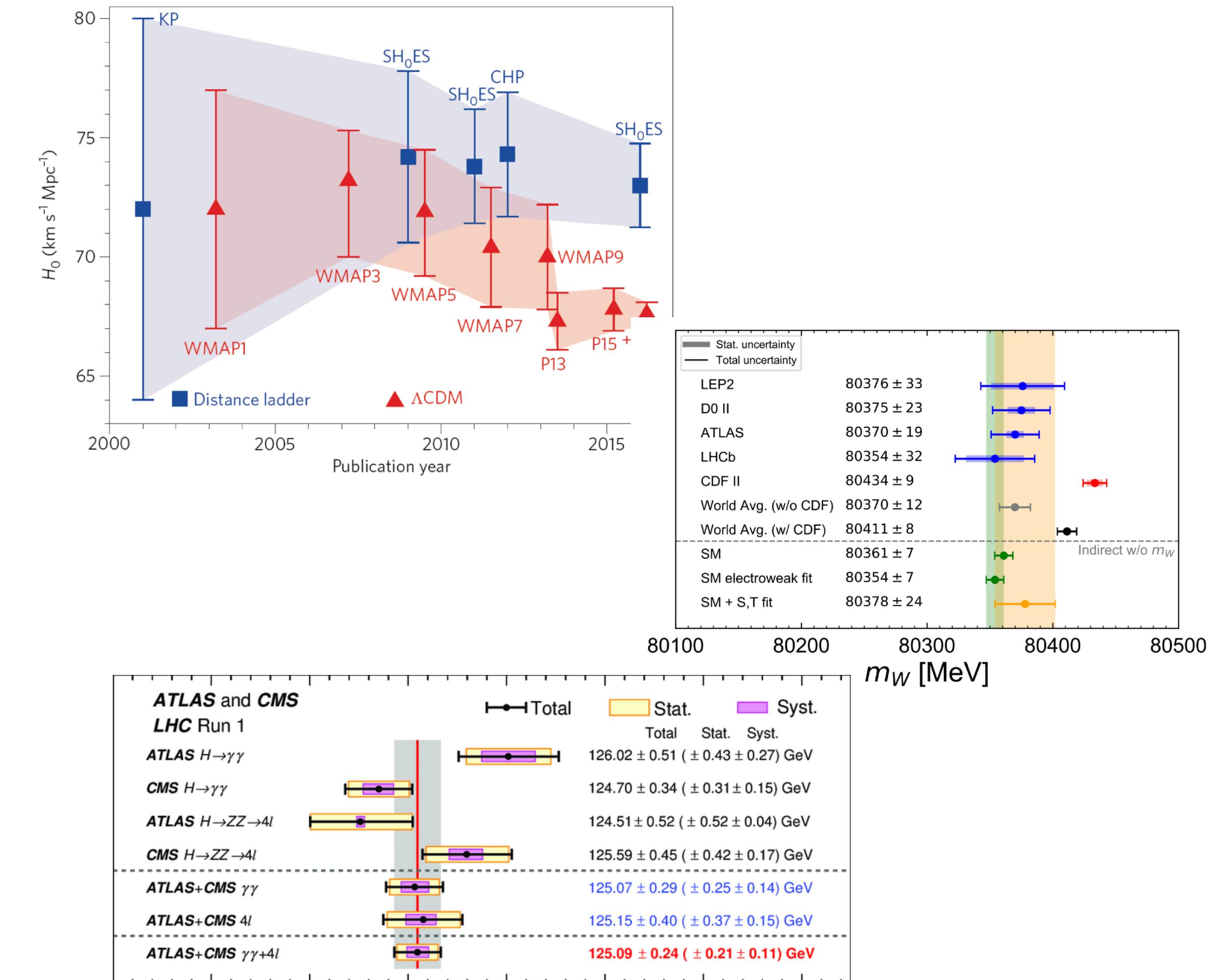
1. Why are we interested and how do we measure tension?
2. Calibrating with Neural Ratio Estimation
3. Demonstrations



# Why are we interested?

# Why are we interested in tension?

- Important to be able to independently observe and confirm experimental results
- When two experiments give different results we call this a tension
- Understanding where tension comes from can lead us to new physics and a better understanding of our instruments

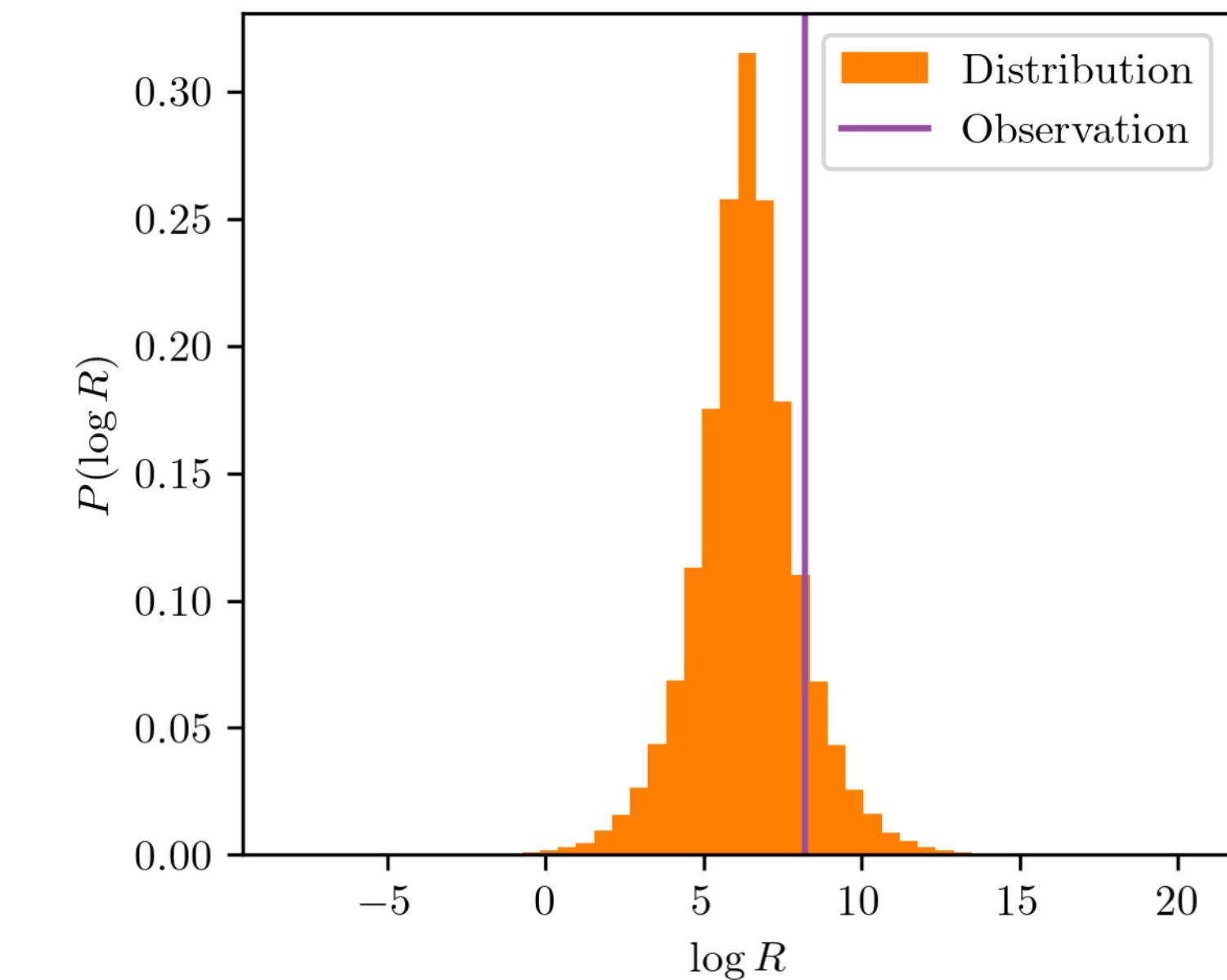
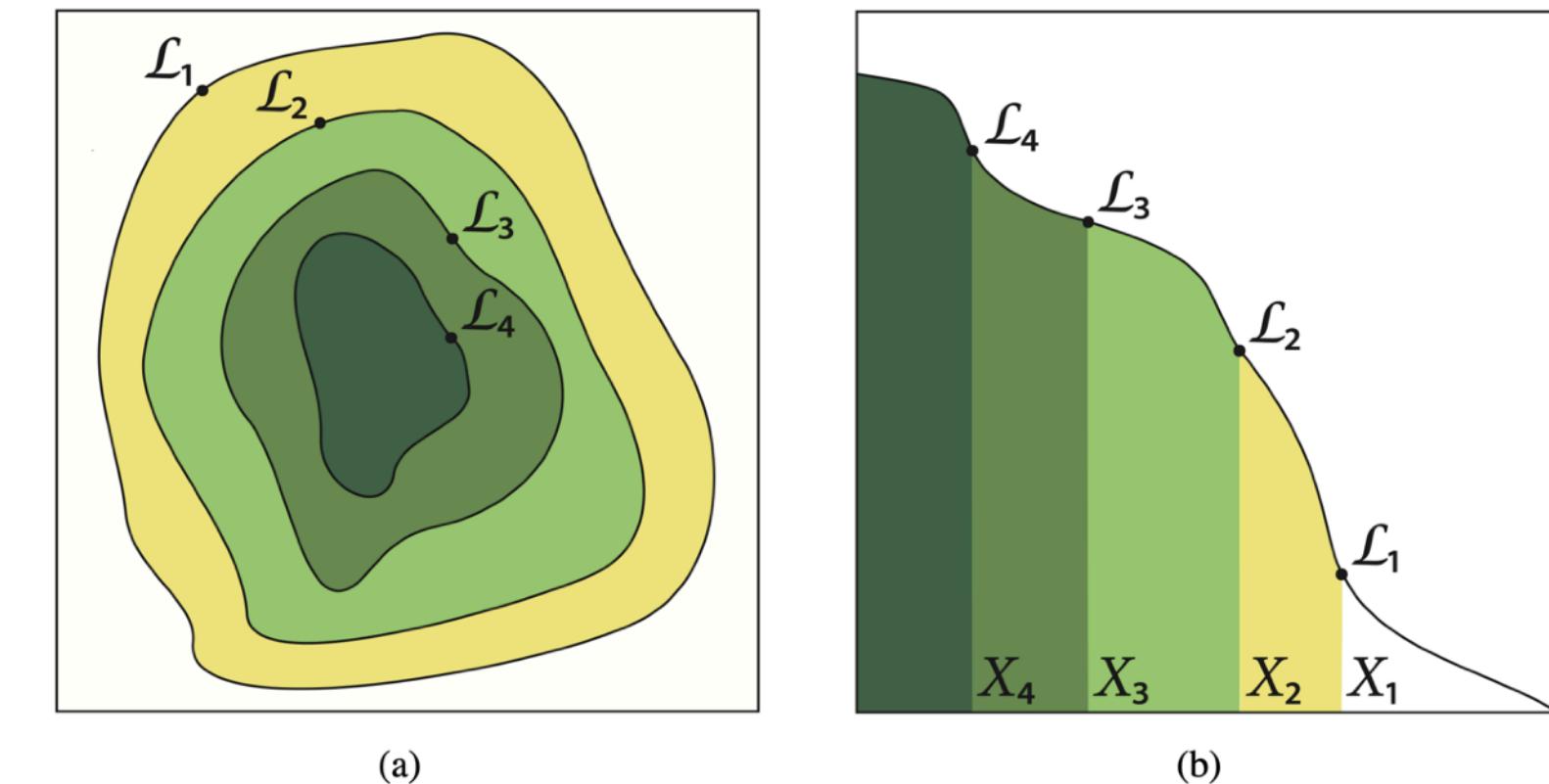


# Measuring tension

- Parameter differences, goodness of fit degradation, suspiciousness (see 2012.09554 for a review)
- Here, interested in evidence ratio

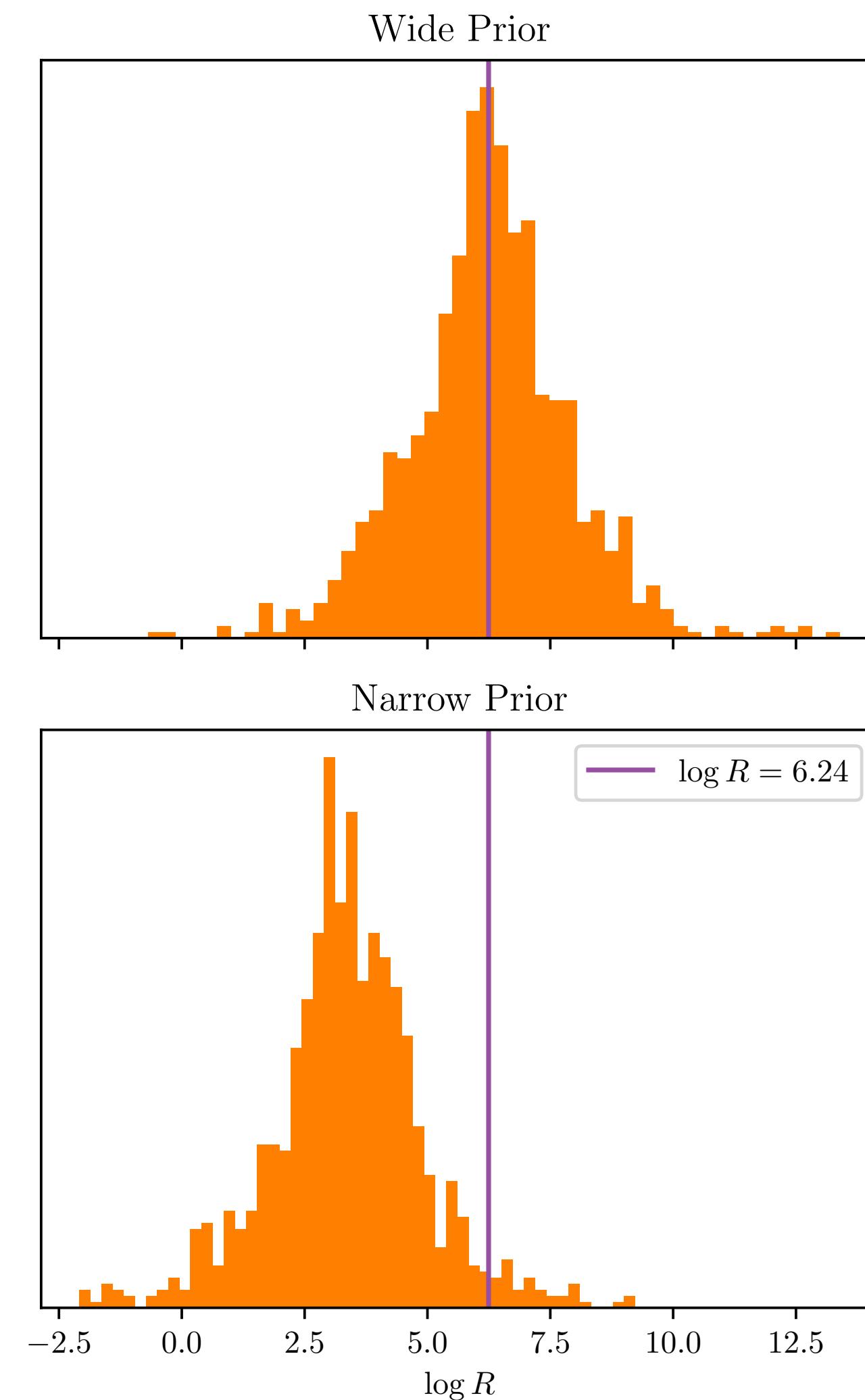
$$R = \frac{P(D_A, D_B)}{P(D_A)P(D_B)} = \frac{Z_{AB}}{Z_A Z_B}$$

- For any pair of experiments, model and prior there is a distribution of in concordance  $R$  values

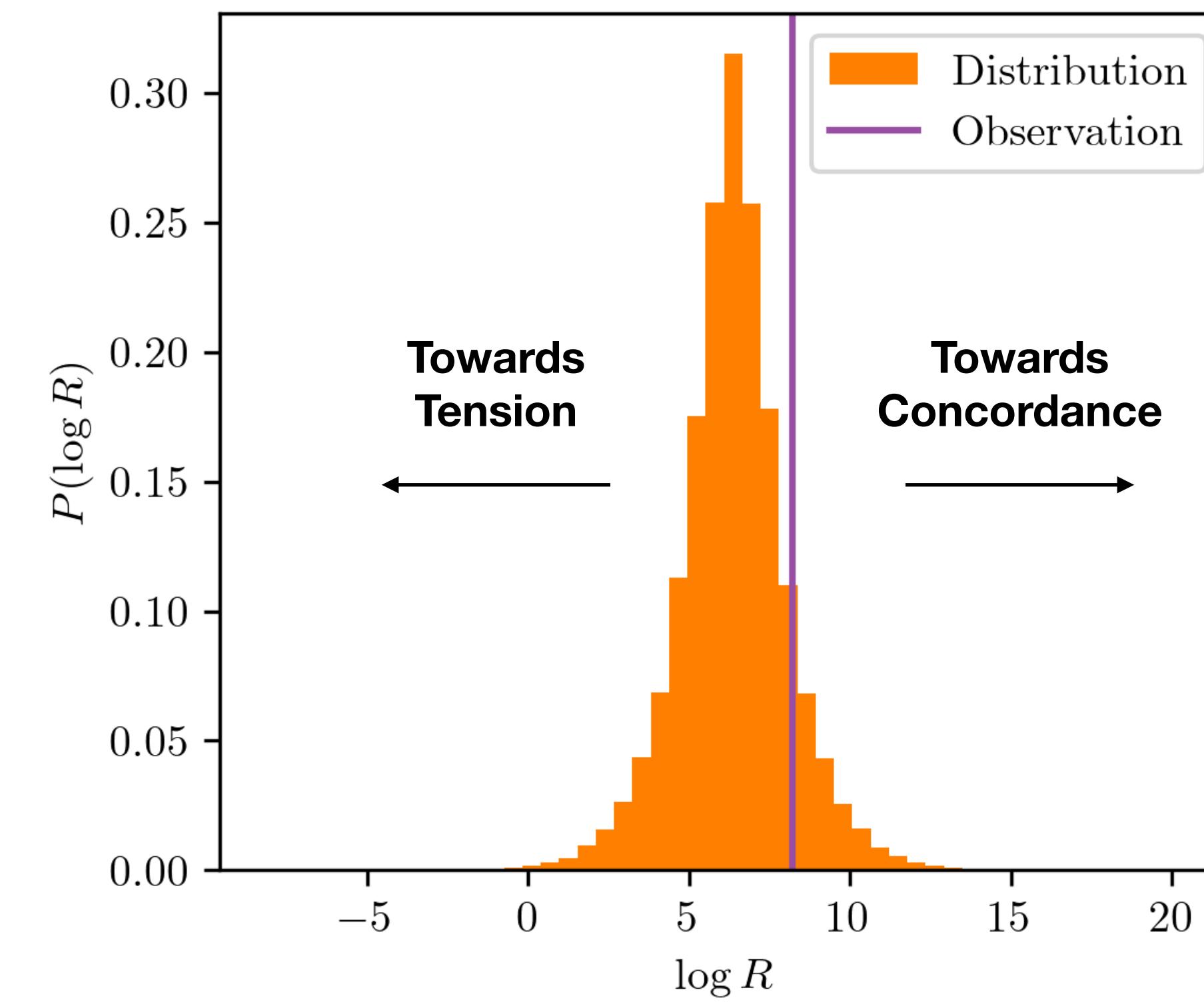
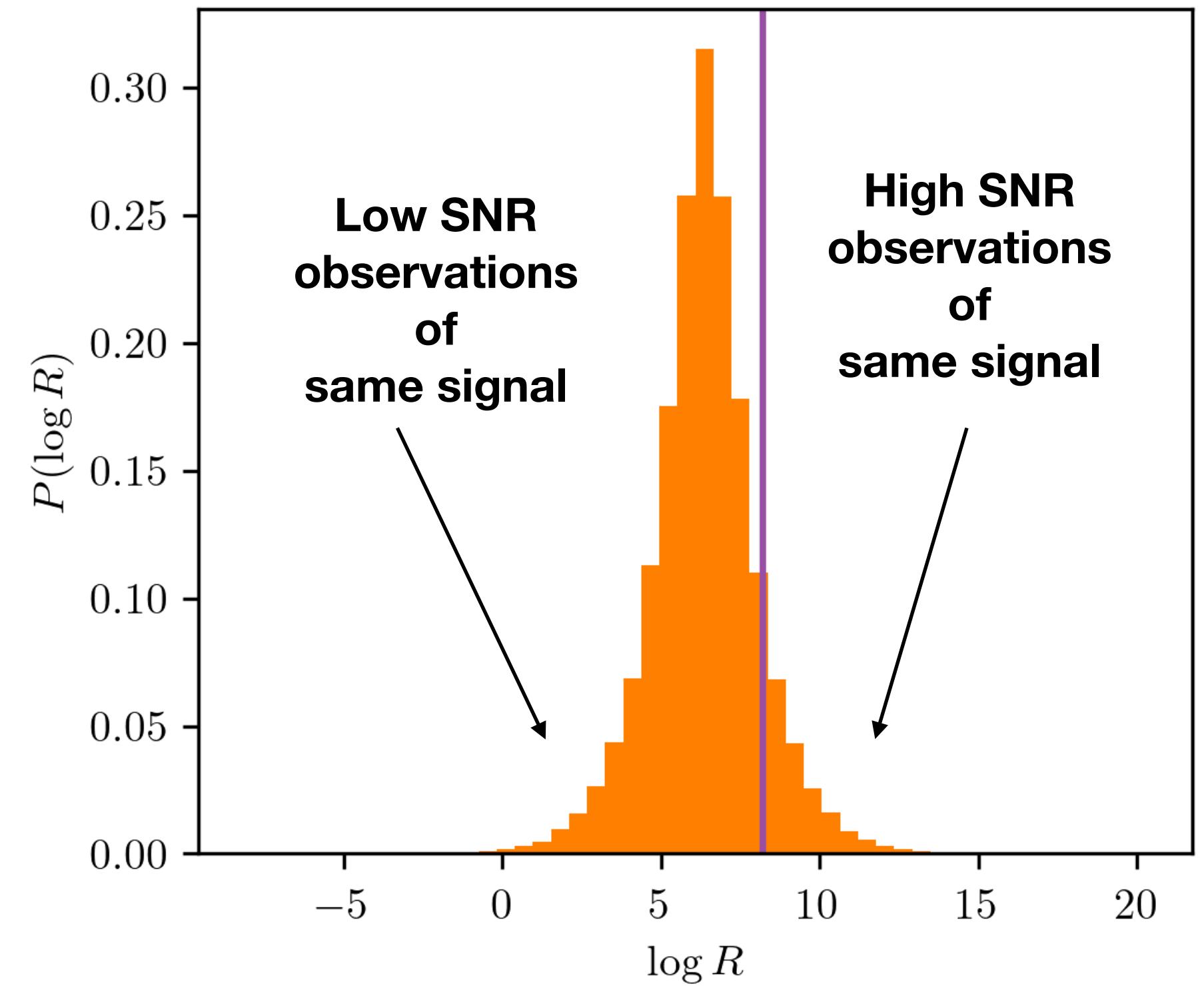


# Measuring tension

- The fractional increase in our confidence in one experiment given data from another
- Dimensionally consistent and parameterisation invariant
- But prior dependent and hard to interpret
  - $R \gg 1 \rightarrow$  in concordance
  - $R \ll 1 \rightarrow$  in tension



# Measuring tension



# Calibrating with Neural Ratio Estimation

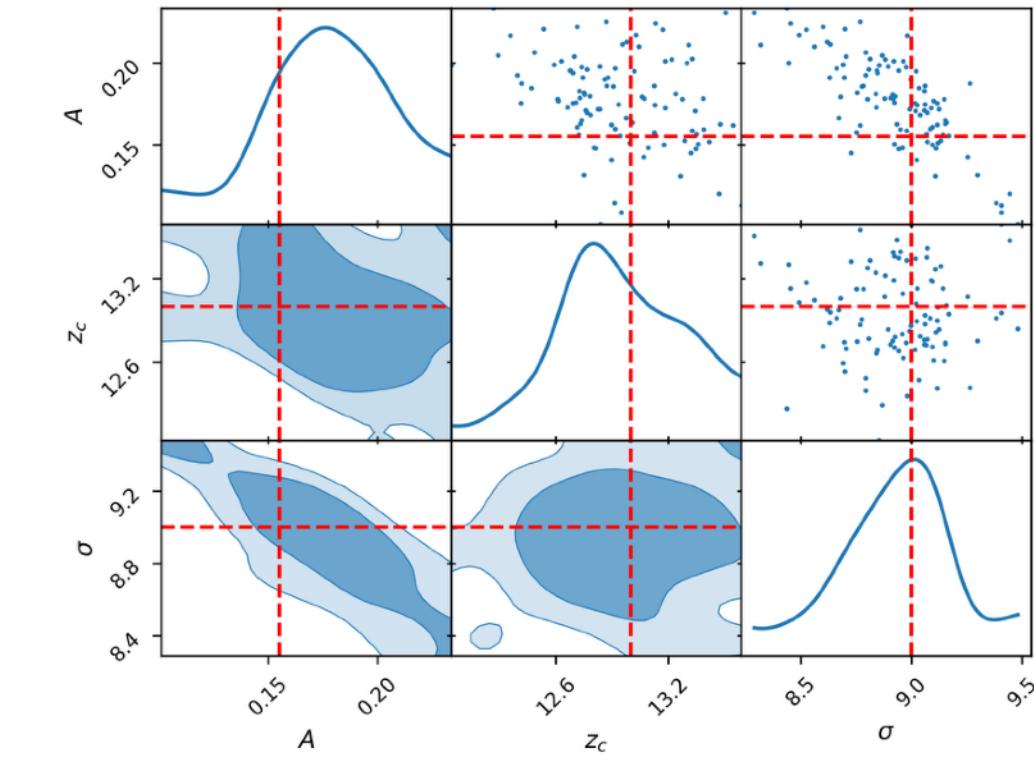
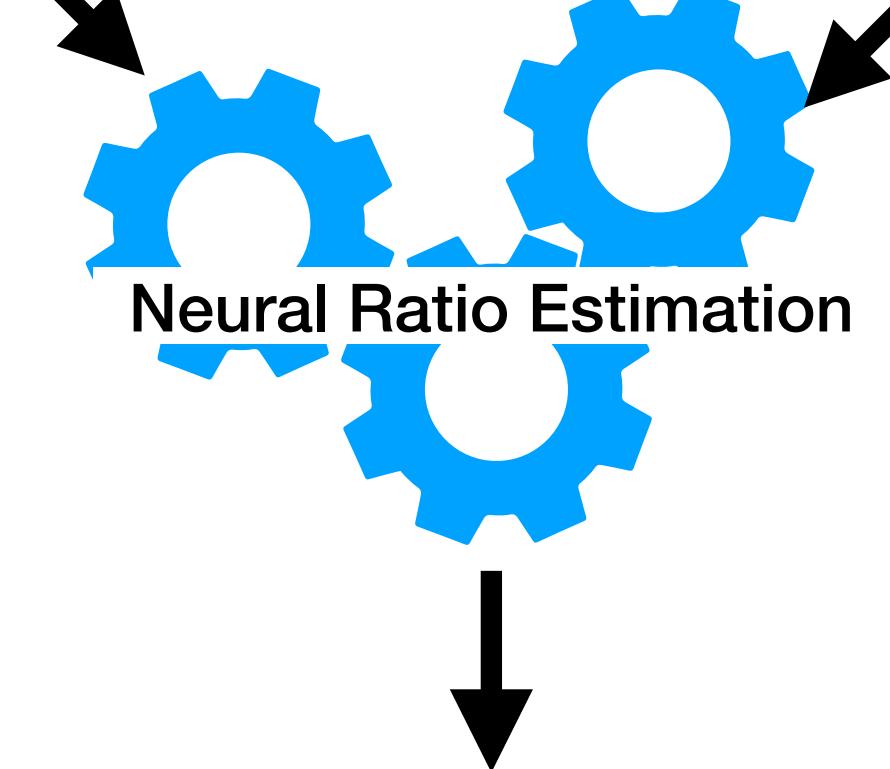
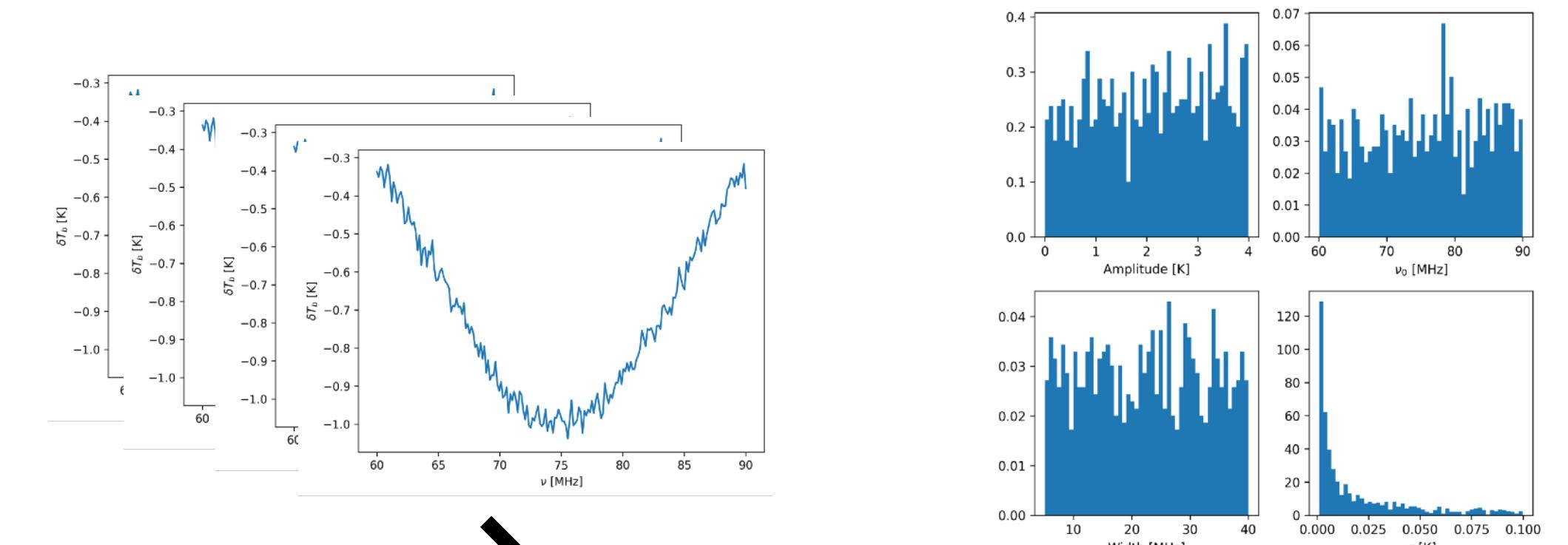
# Neural Ratio Estimation

- Essentially just classifiers
- Take in two inputs  $A$  and  $B$  and estimate the probability that they are drawn from joint distribution vs disjoint

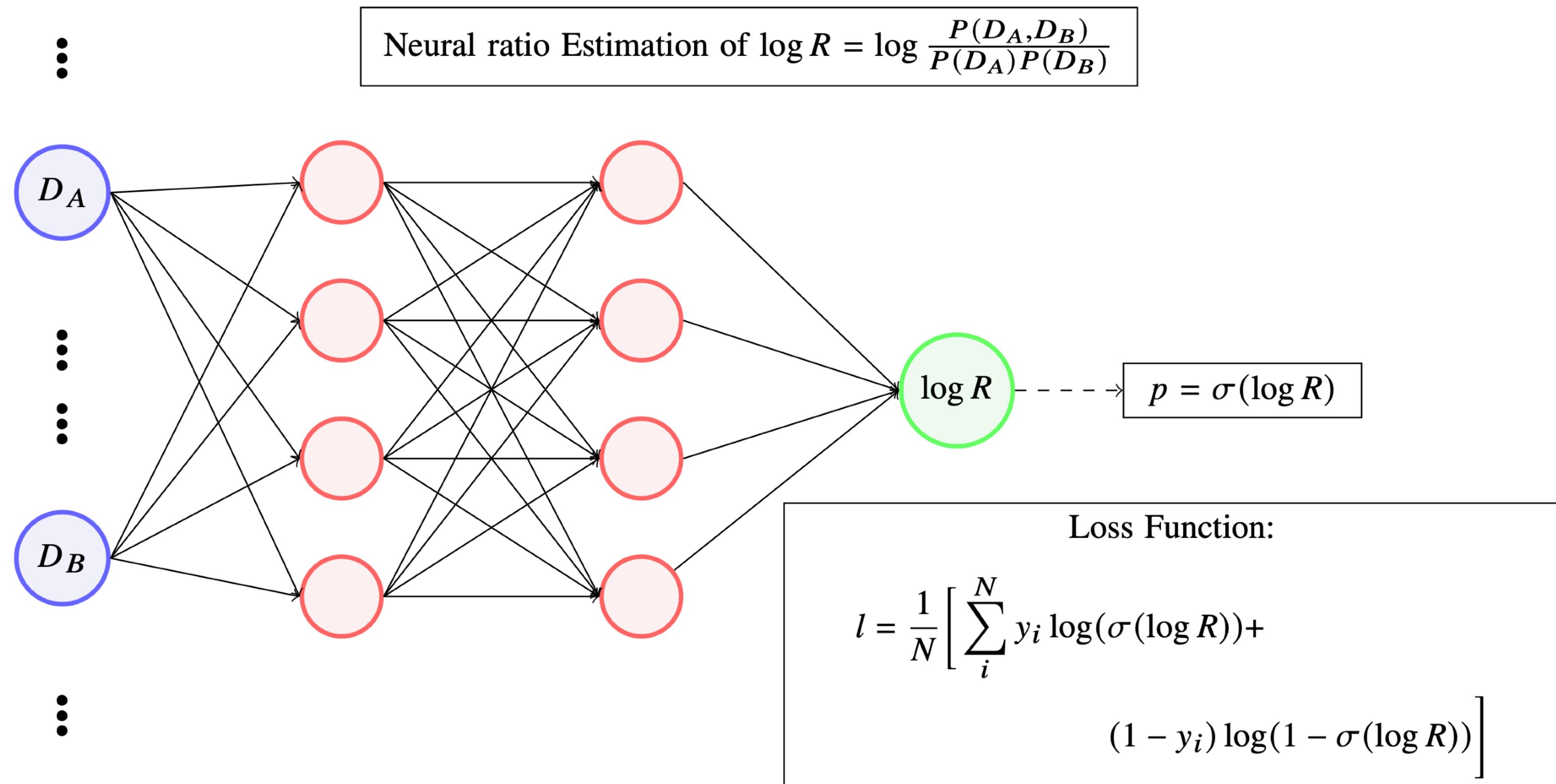
$$r = \frac{P(A, B)}{P(A)P(B)}$$

- Used for parameter inference

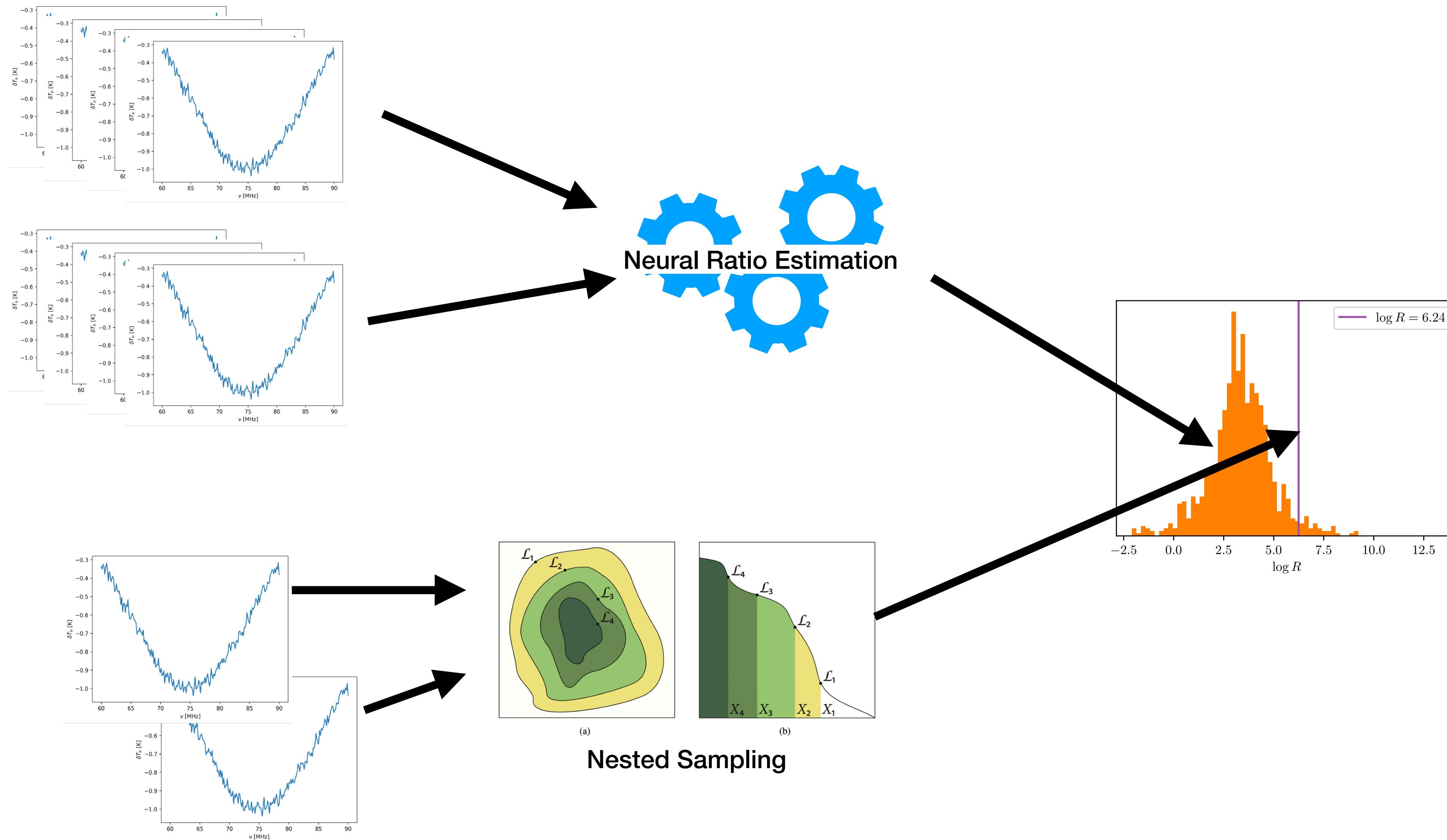
$$r = \frac{P(D, \theta)}{P(D)P(\theta)} = \frac{P(D | \theta)}{P(D)} = \frac{L(\theta)}{Z}$$



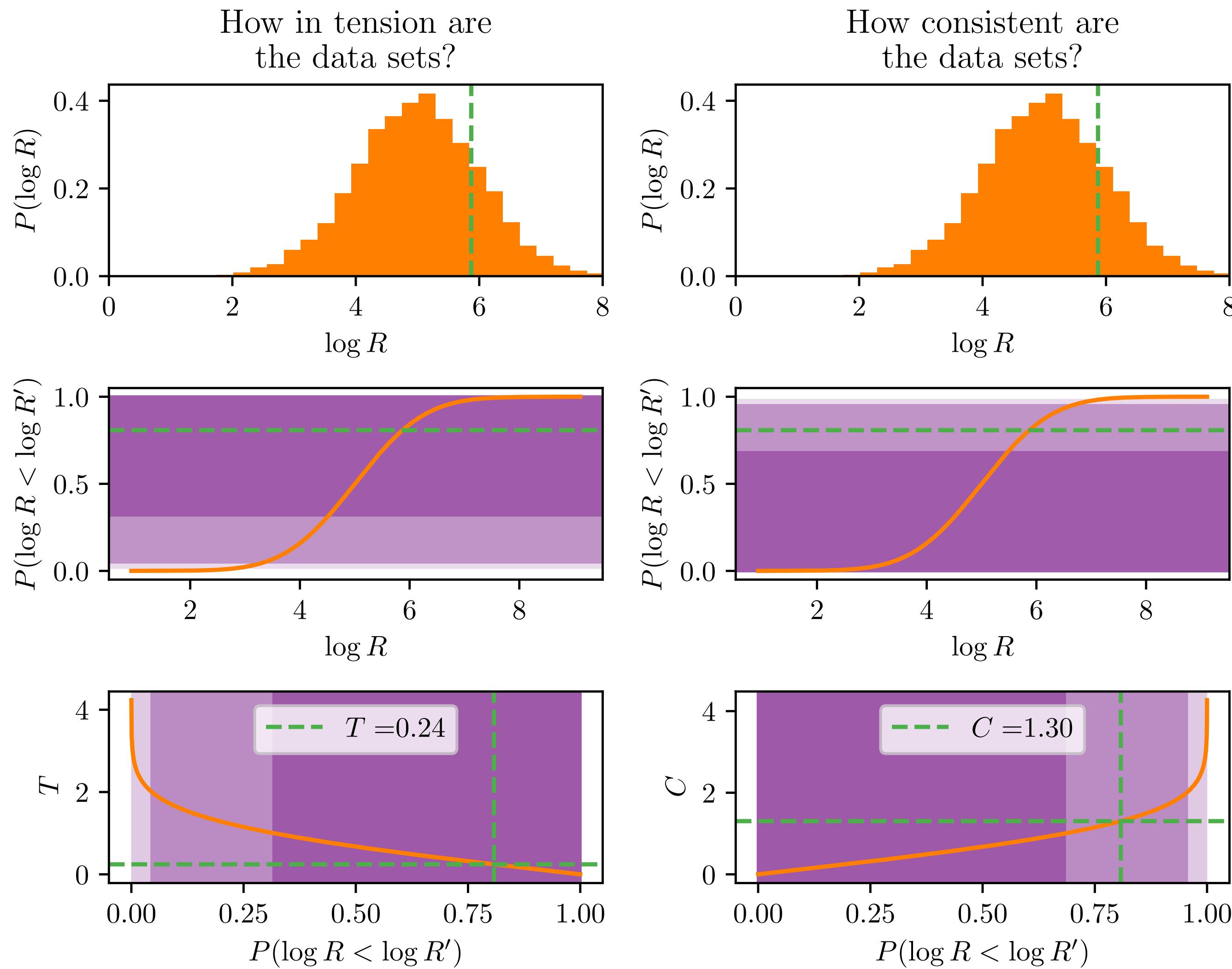
# R with NREs



# Direct predictions or calibration?



# Calibration of R



# Examples

<https://github.com/htjb/tension-networks>  
<https://arxiv.org/abs/2407.15478>

# Analytic Example: Set Up

- Define a linear model

$$D_A = M_A \theta + m_A \pm \sqrt{C_A}$$

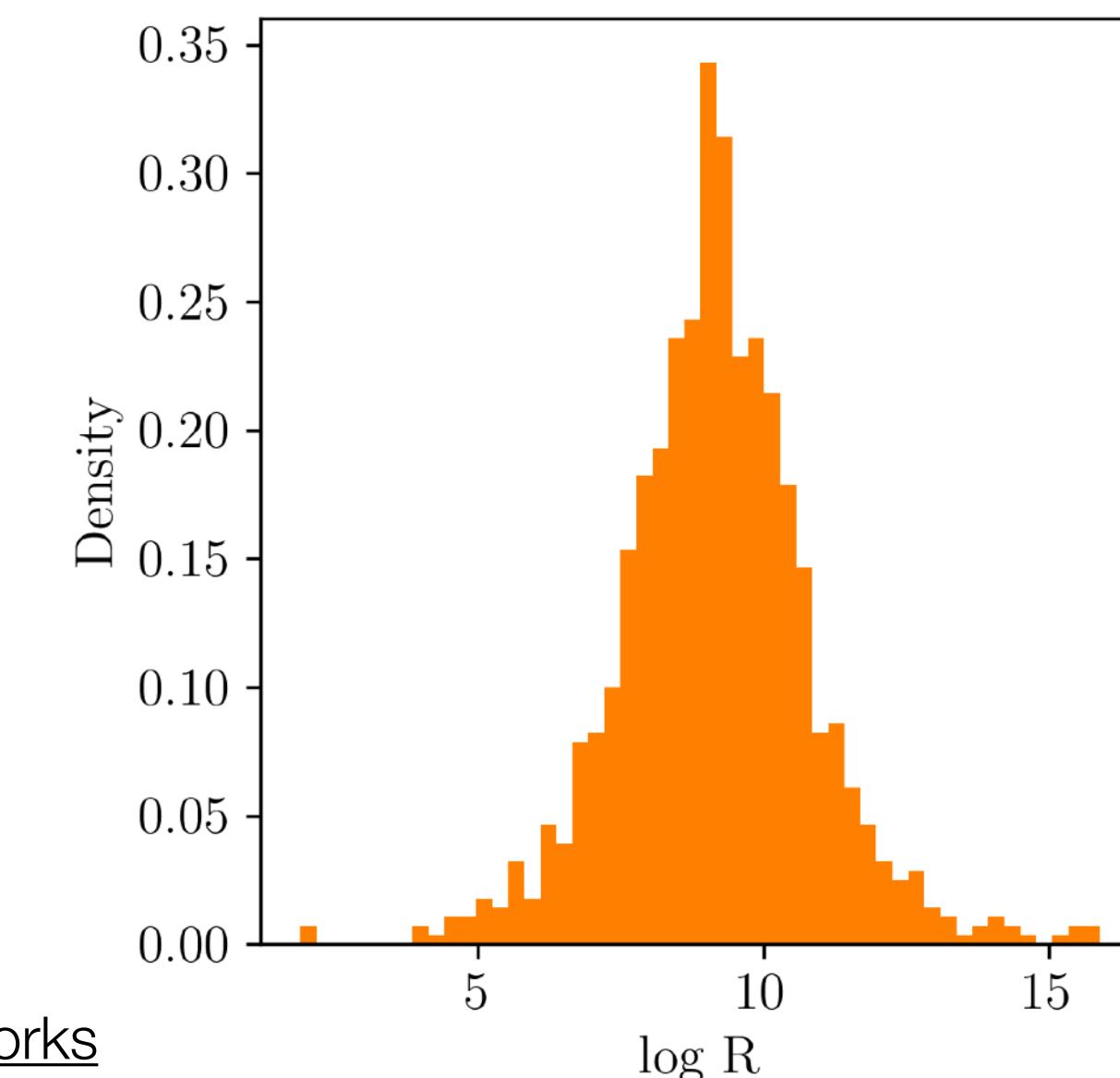
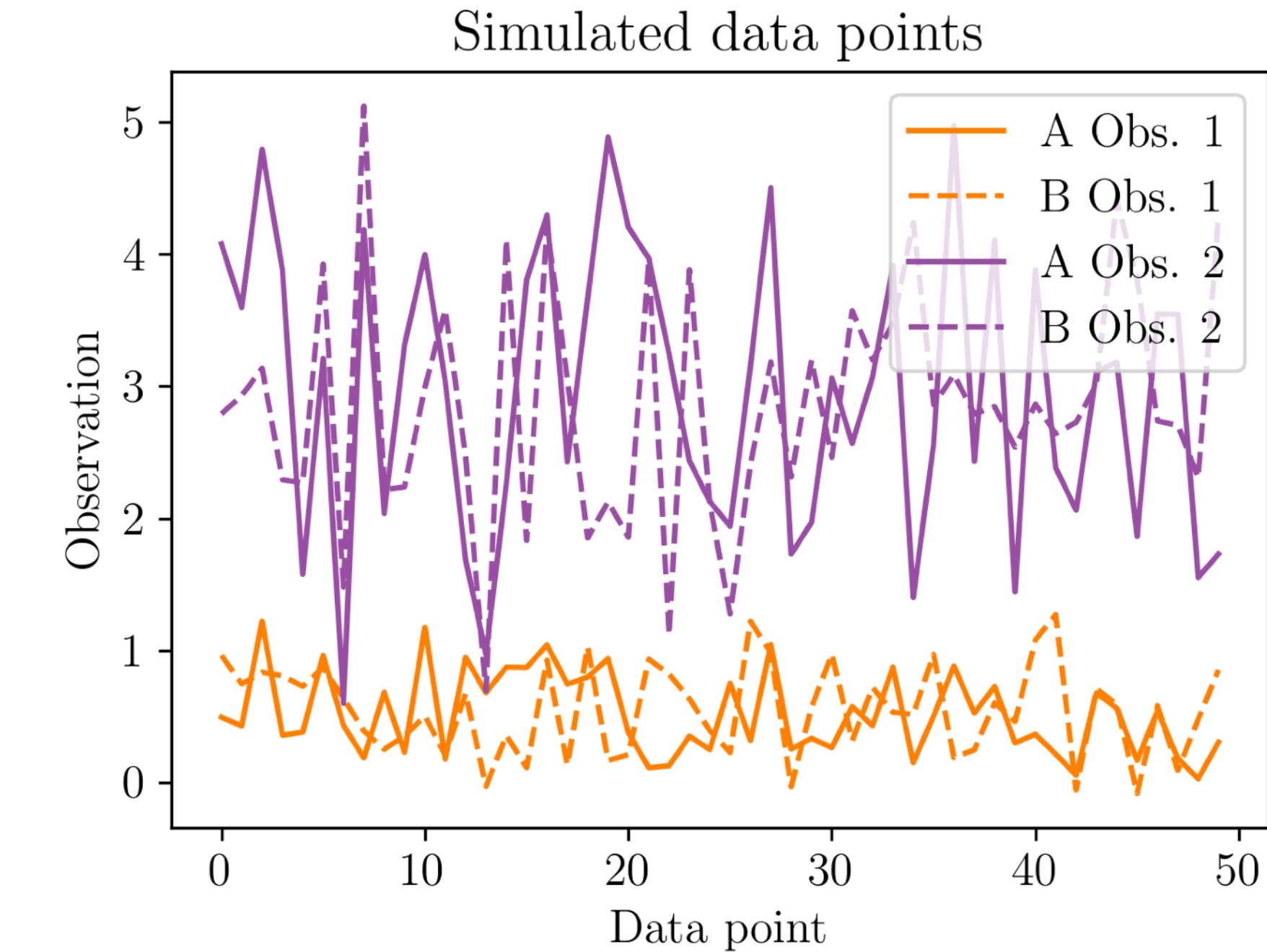
$$D_B = M_B \theta + m_B \pm \sqrt{C_B}$$

- $n_{dims} = 3, n_{data} = 50$

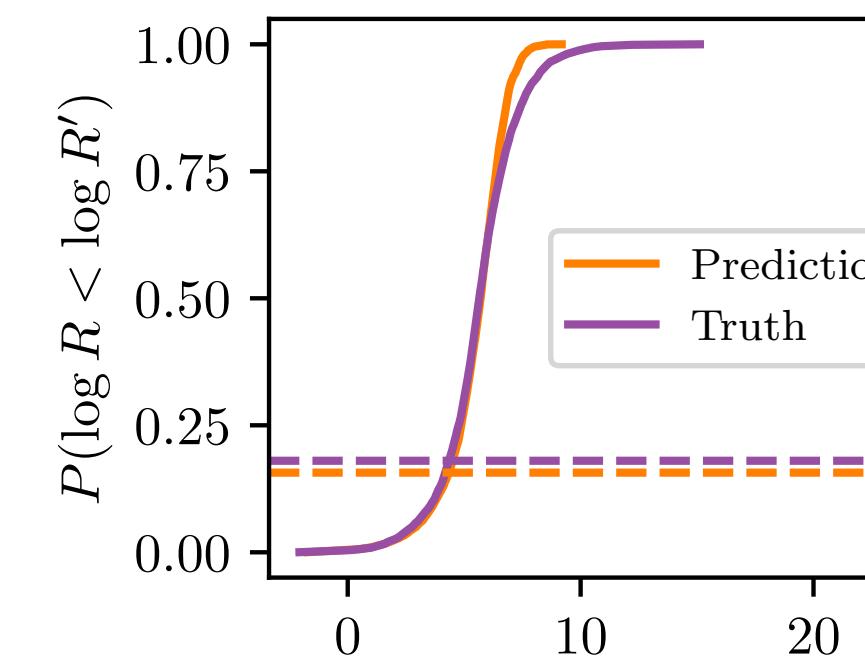
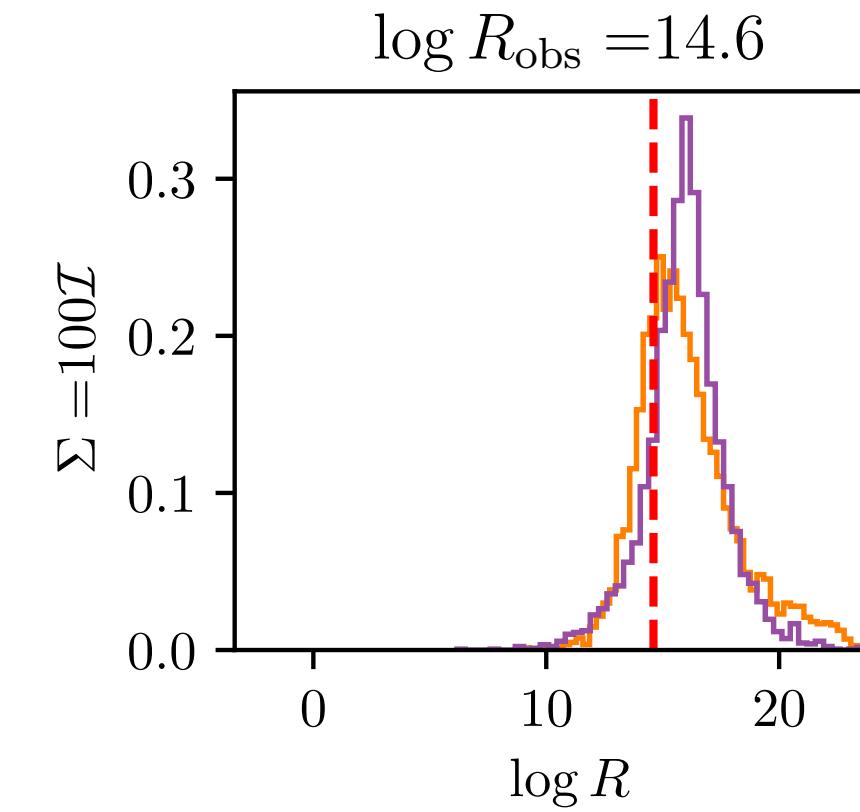
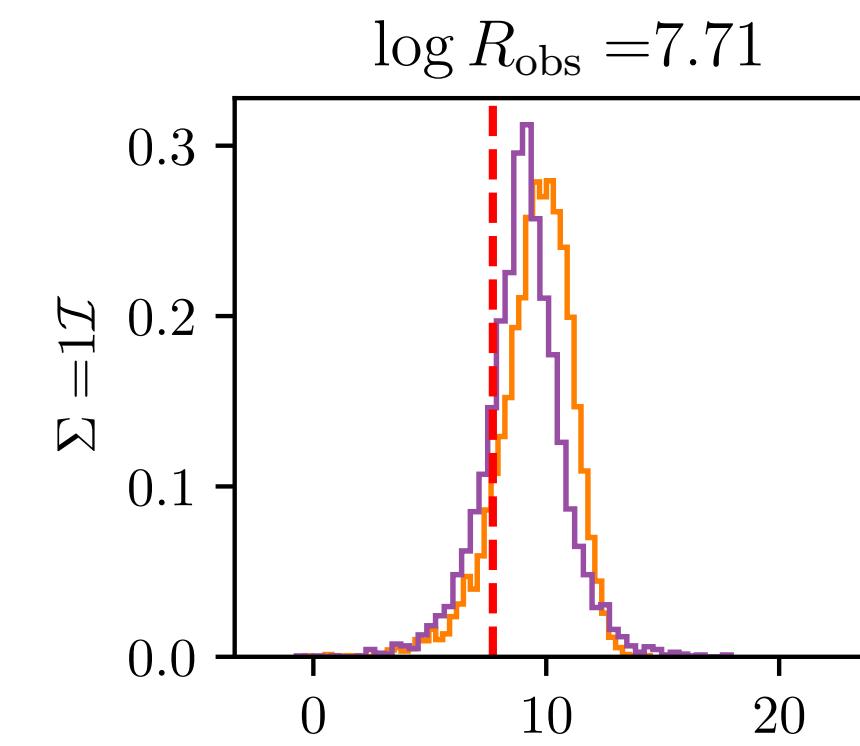
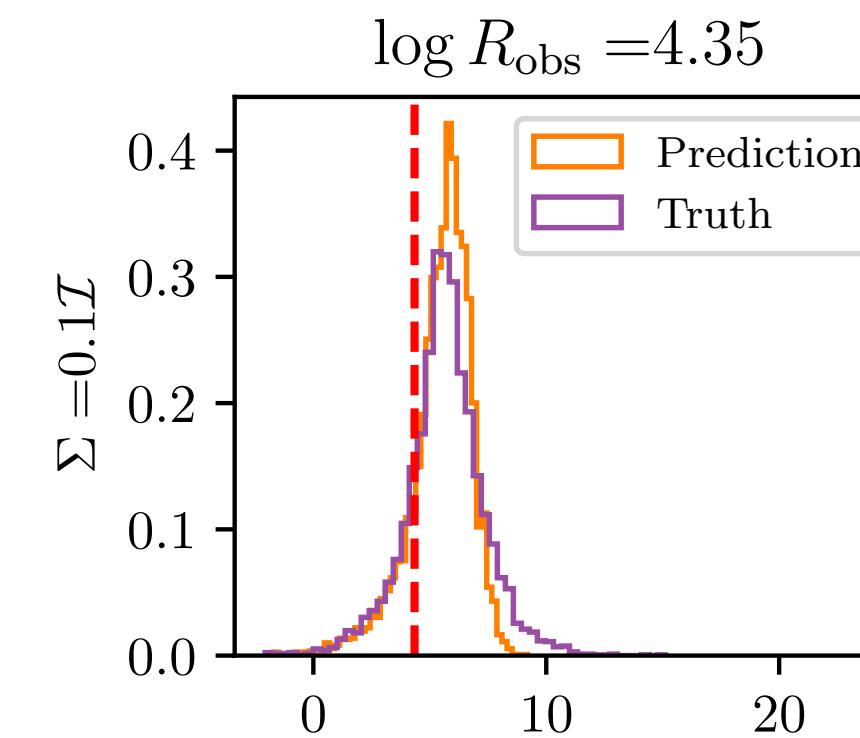
- Gaussian prior and likelihood

- Can analytically calculate  $Z_A = P(D_A)$ ,  $Z_B$  and  $Z_{AB}$  and therefore get  $\log R$

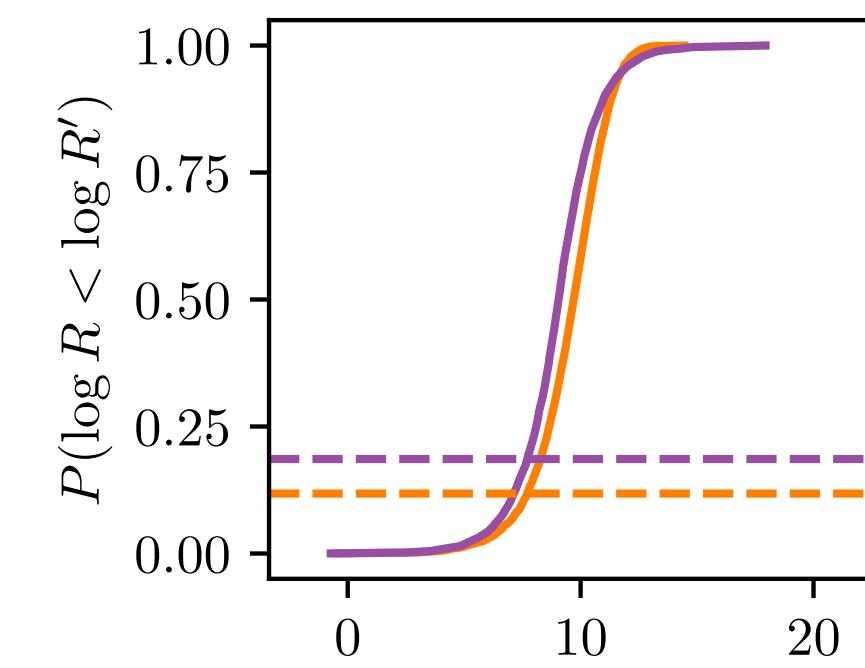
- Using lsbi package (<https://github.com/handley-lab/lsbi>)



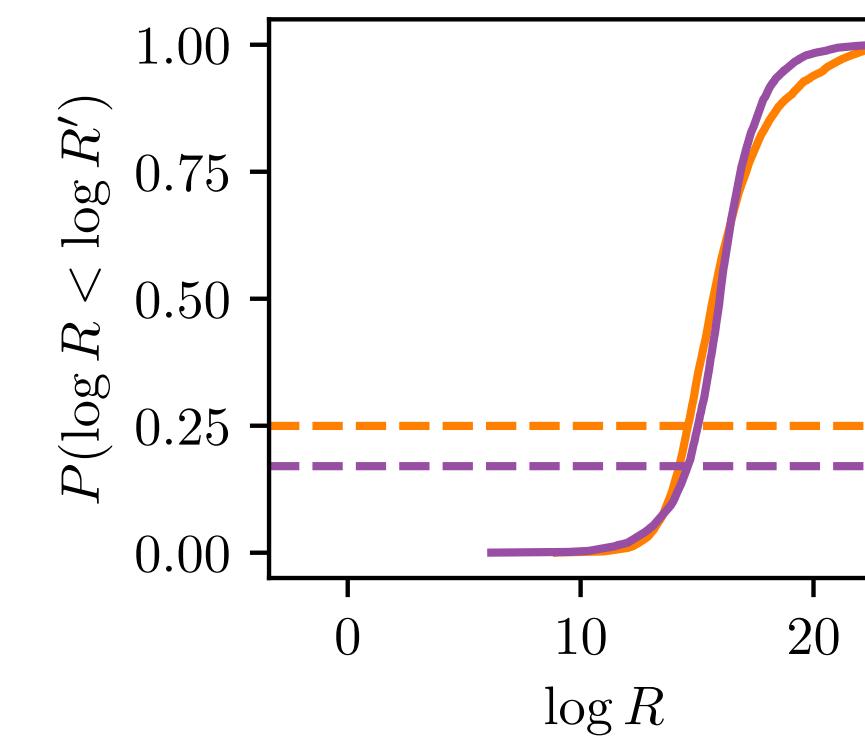
# Analytic Example: Prior Dependence



	$T$	$C$
Truth	1.340	0.228
TENSIONNET	1.416	0.198



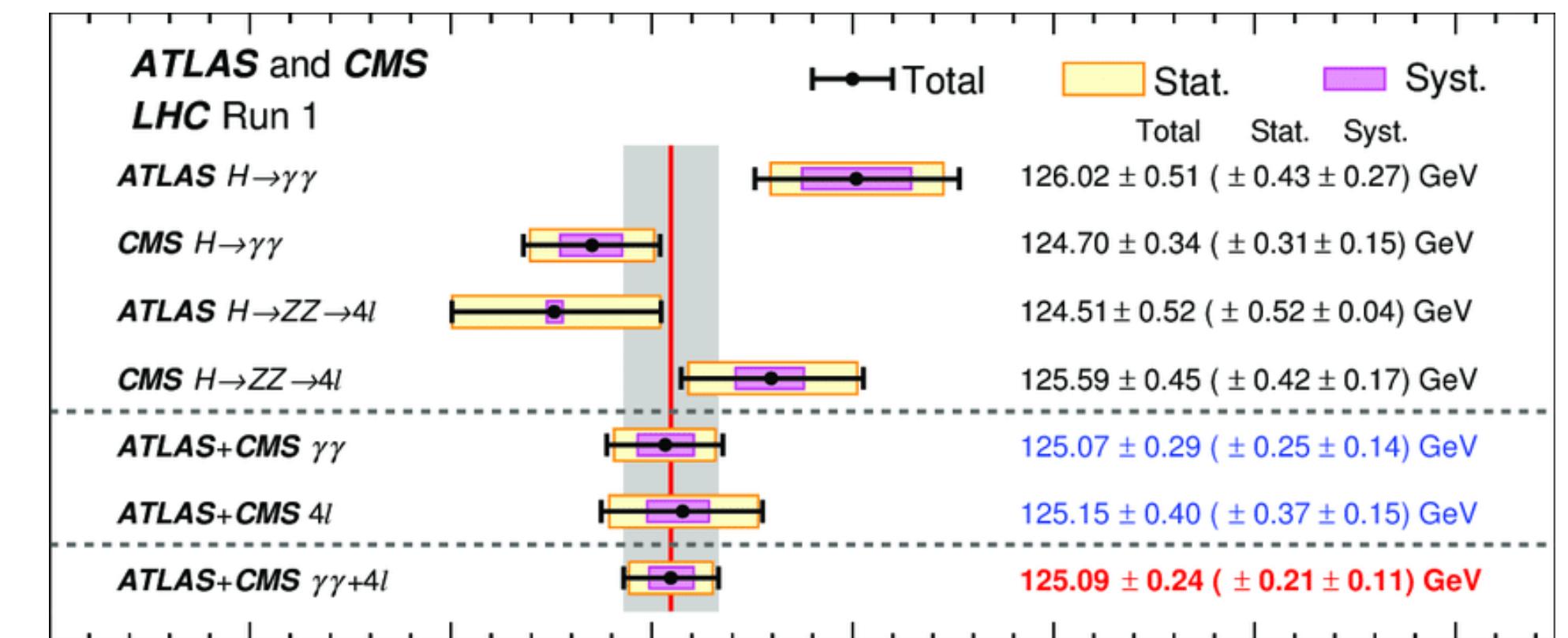
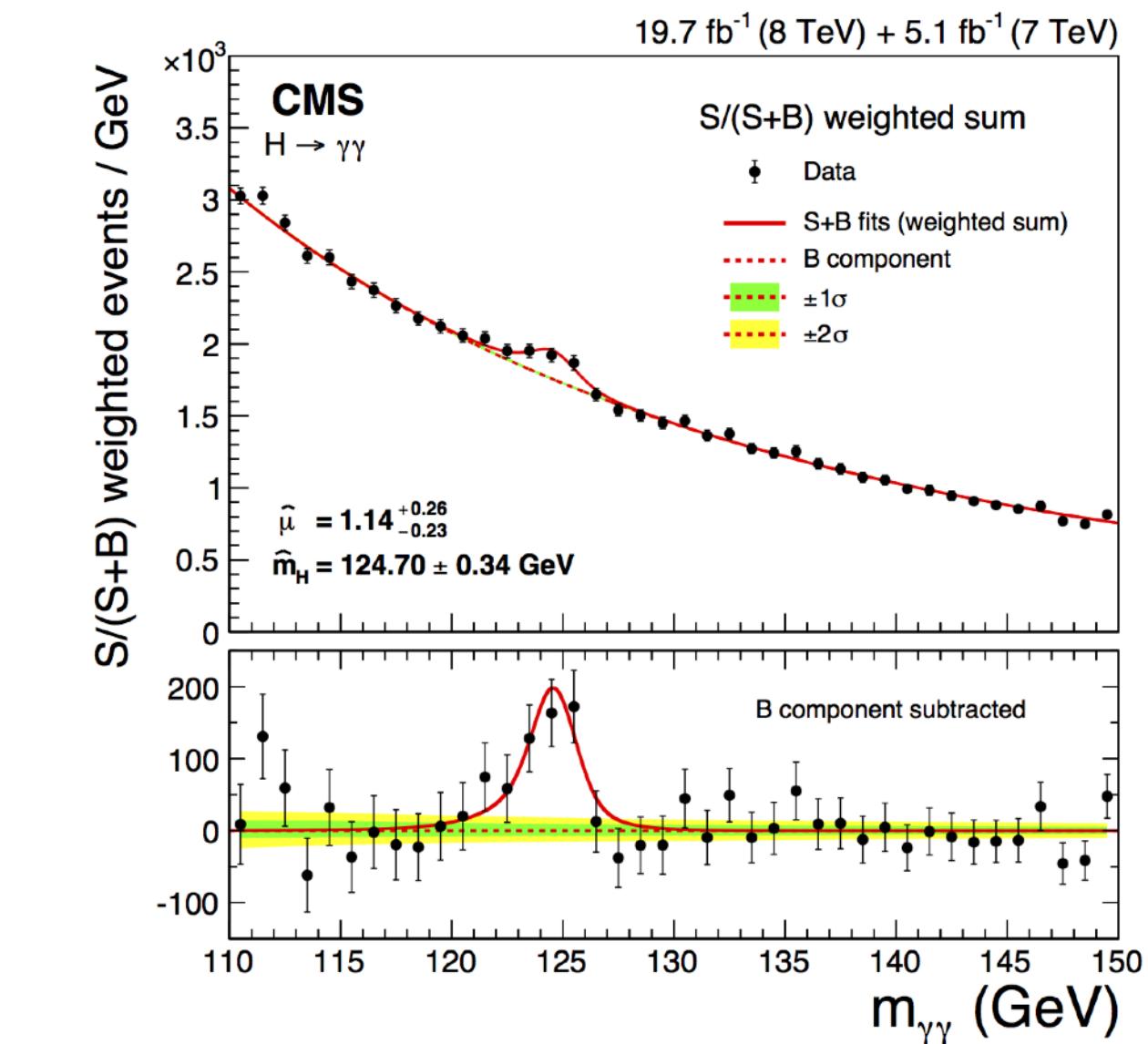
	$T$	$C$
Truth	1.323	0.235
TENSIONNET	1.563	0.148



	$T$	$C$
Truth	1.371	0.215
TENSIONNET	1.151	0.318

# Bump Hunting

- Imagine two experiments recording excess events via some channel at a similar mass
- Obvious that the experiments are observing the same signal
- Want to quantify how well they agree
- For example run 1 measurements of Higgs Boson mass at ATLAS and CMS

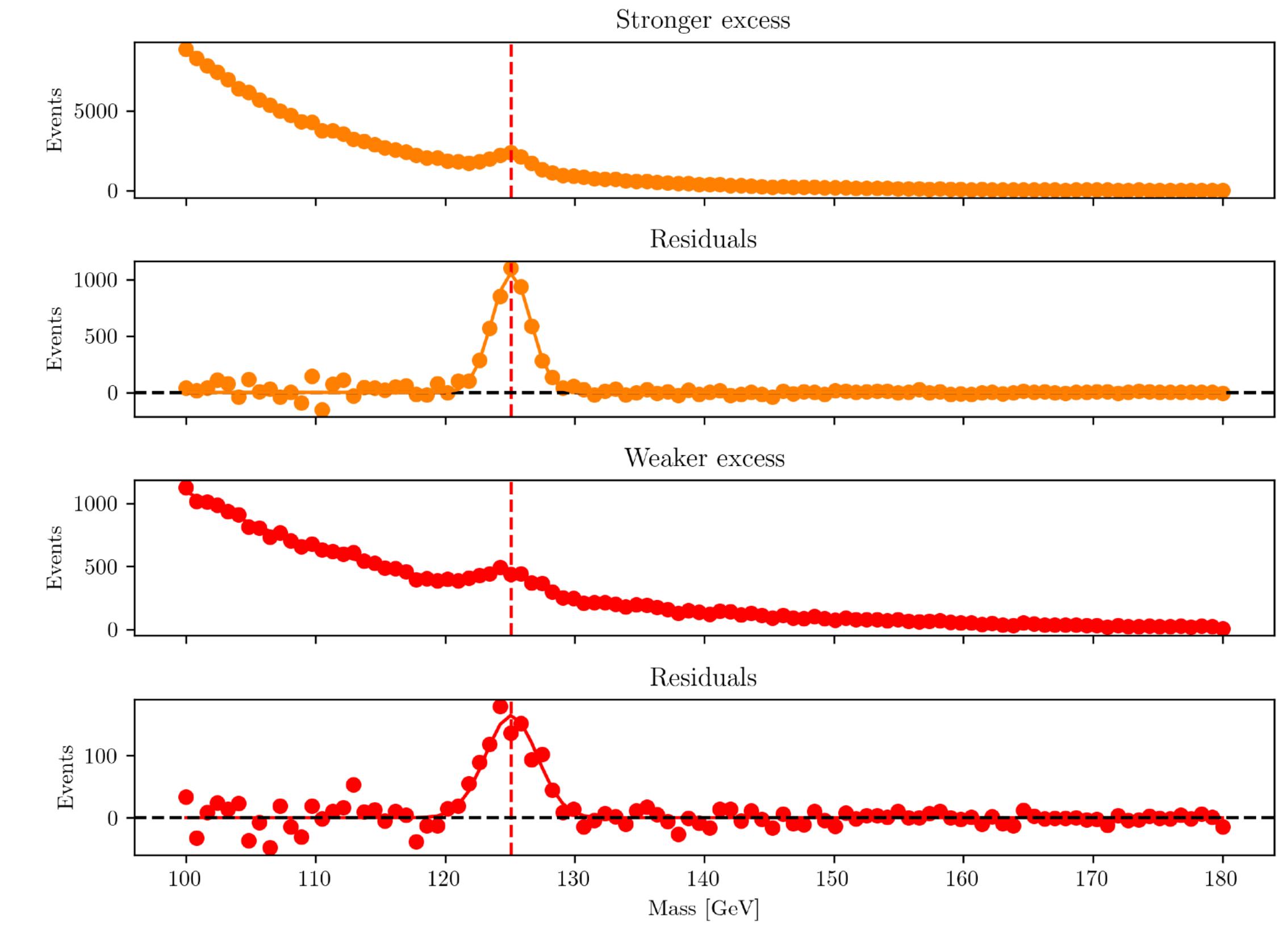


# Bump Hunting

- Modelling background with

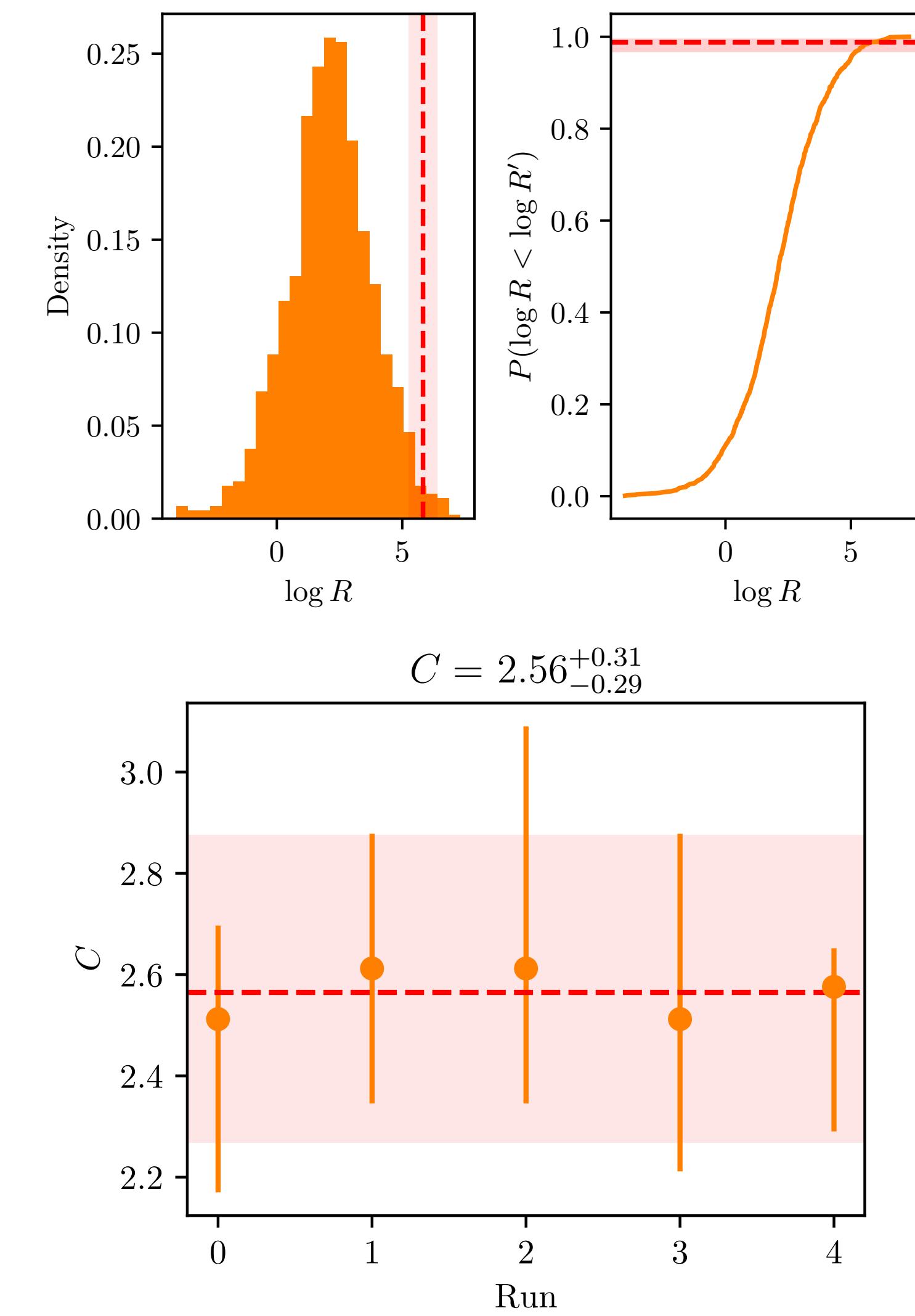
$$B(E) = \sum_{i=0}^{N=2} \theta_{1,i} \exp(-\theta_{2,i} E)$$

- And the excess as a gaussian centred around a mass of 125 GeV
- Imagining two collider experiments observing excesses
- One with more events hence less noise and a greater confidence



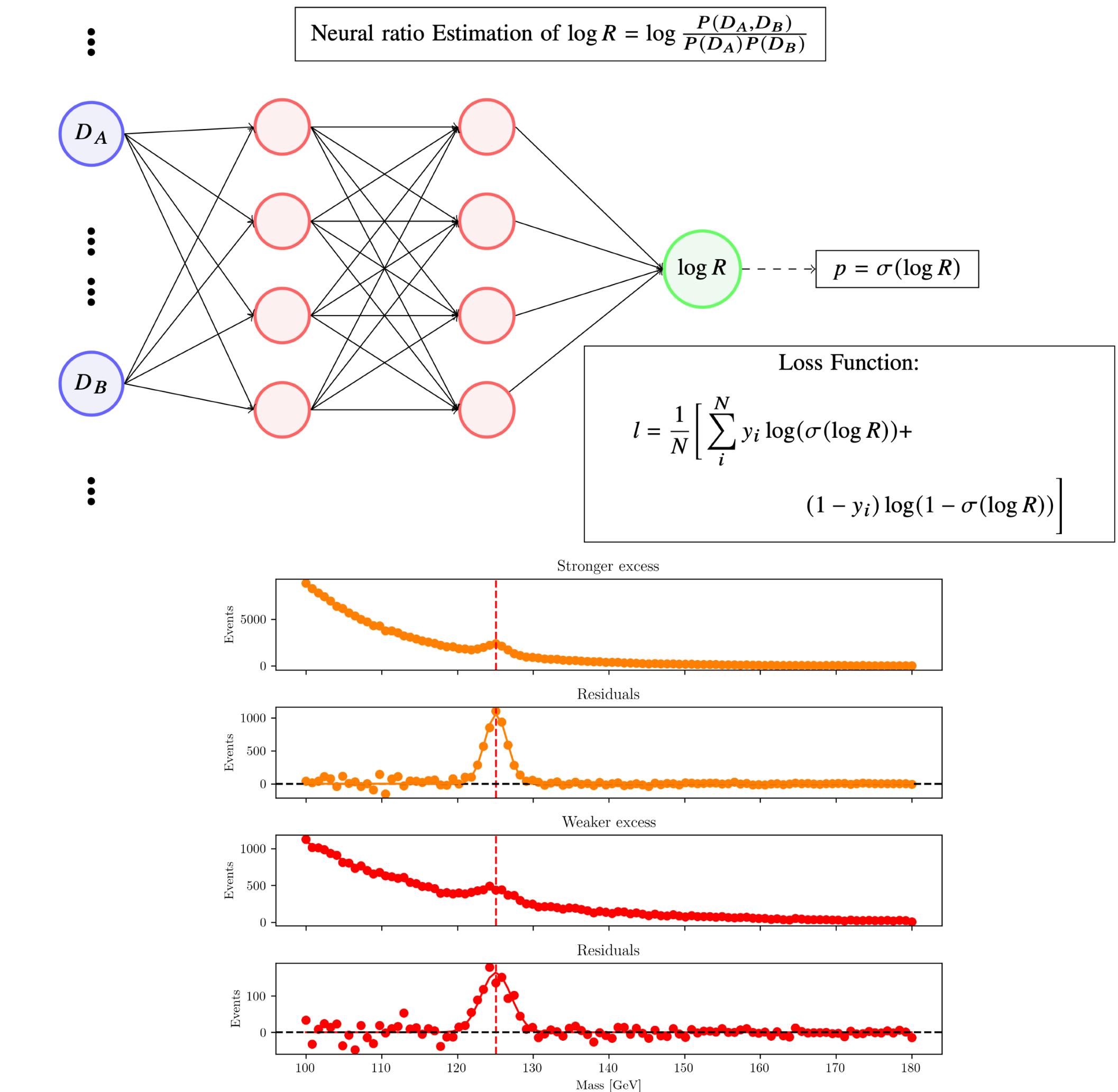
# Bump Hunting

- Since I have an analytic model for the background and signal I can generate a range of simulations from a wide prior to train the NRE
- To calculate  $R_{\text{obs}}$  I use a product of Poisson distributions for my likelihood and the nested sampling algorithm
- Translating  $R_{\text{obs}}$  into units of  $\sigma$  concordance gives  $C = 2.56^{+0.31}_{-0.29}$  averaged over five training runs



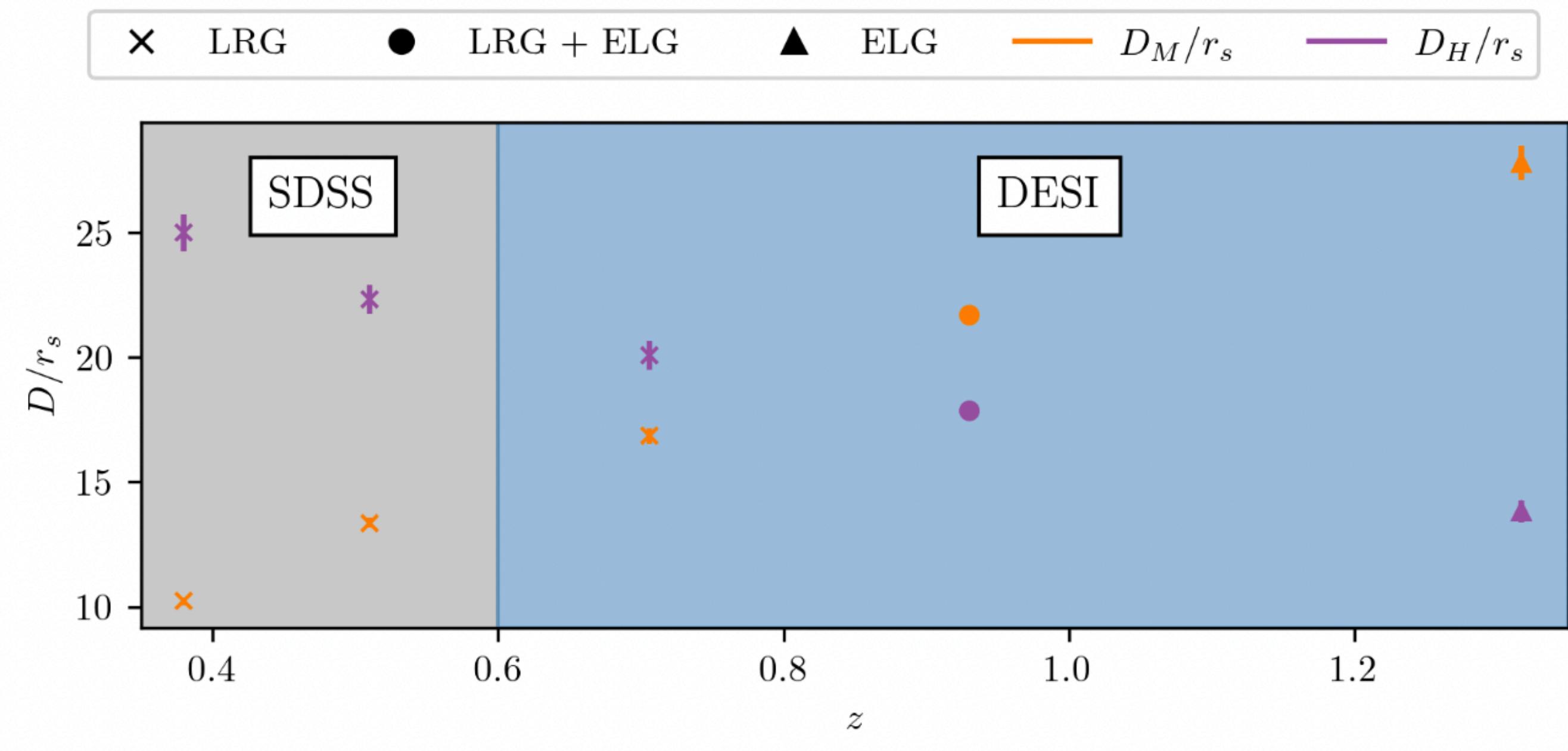
# Conclusions

- Understanding tensions can help us identify new physics or instrumental systematics
- R statistic is an appropriately Bayesian choice
- We can use Neural Ratio Estimation to help us interpret the tension between different experiments
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- Github: <https://github.com/htjb/tension-networks>

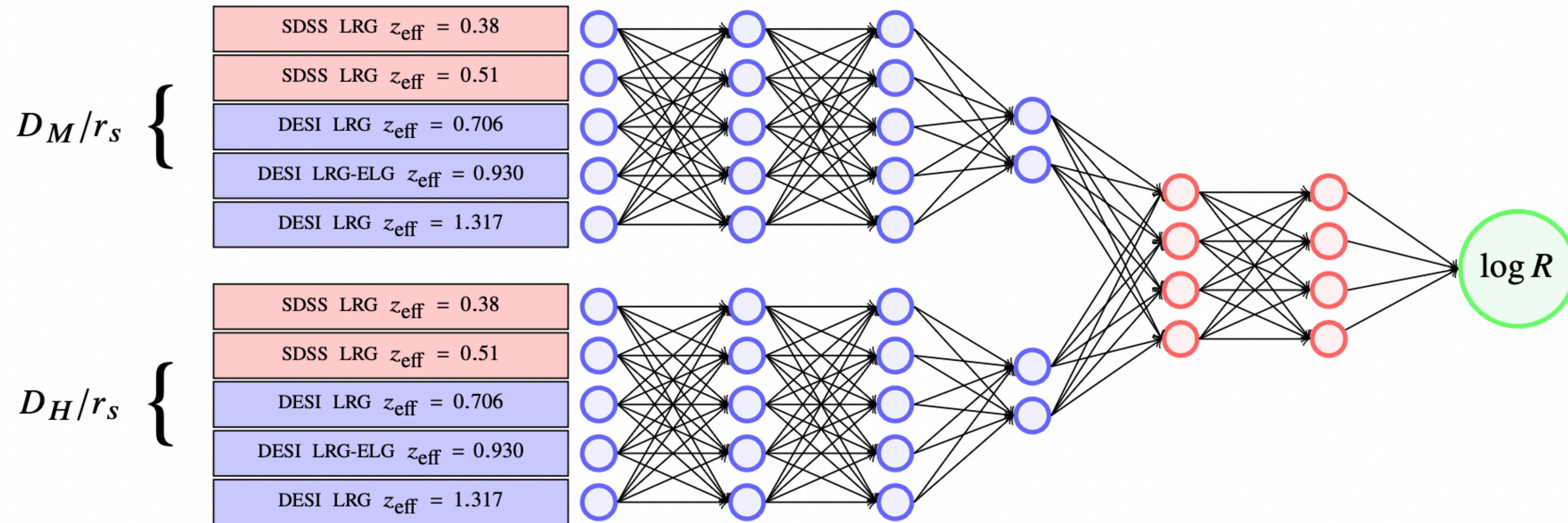


# DESI + SDSS: Joint Data Set

- No existing correlated likelihood to evaluate a true  $R_{\text{obs}}$  with Nested Sampling
- Select different measurements from each survey to maximise the effective volume [e.g. 2404.03002]
- Focusing on LRG and ELG
- Add Quasars and Ly $\alpha$  in the future



# DESI + SDSS: NRE Set Up



# DESI + SDSS: Results

- We find  $T = 1.22 \pm 0.20$

