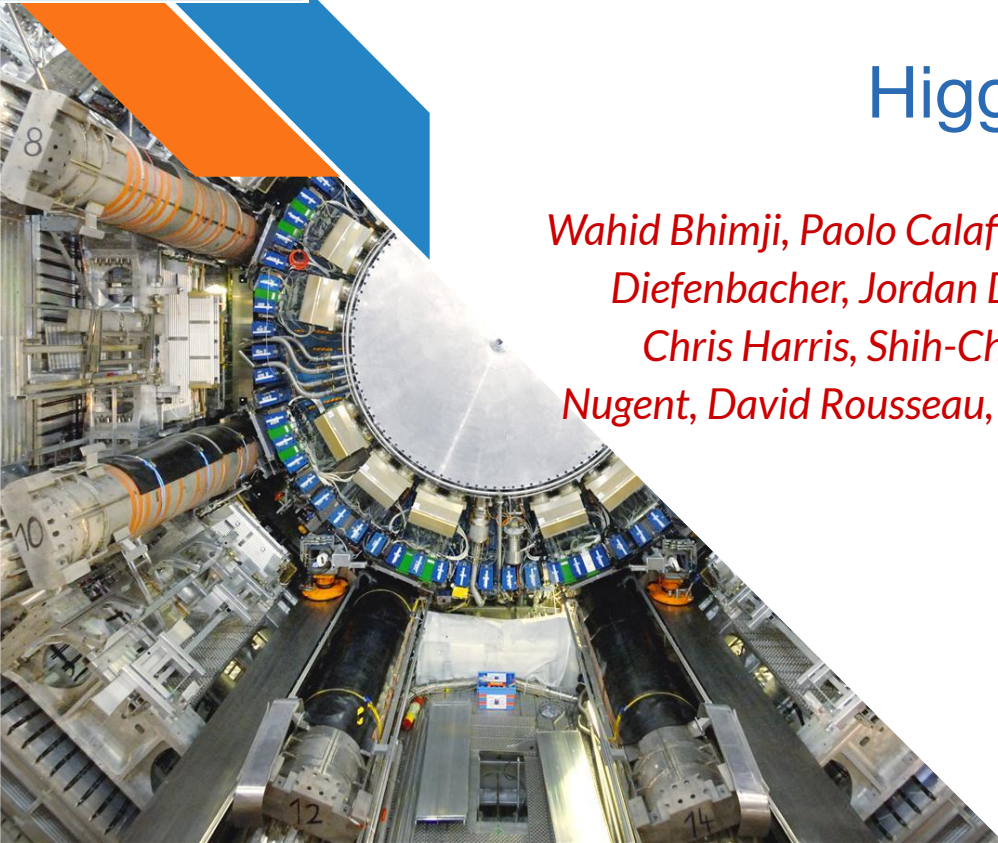




FAIR Universe HiggsML Uncertainty Challenge

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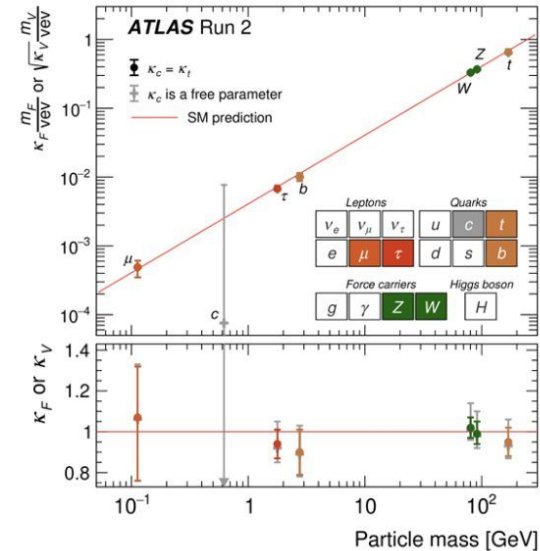
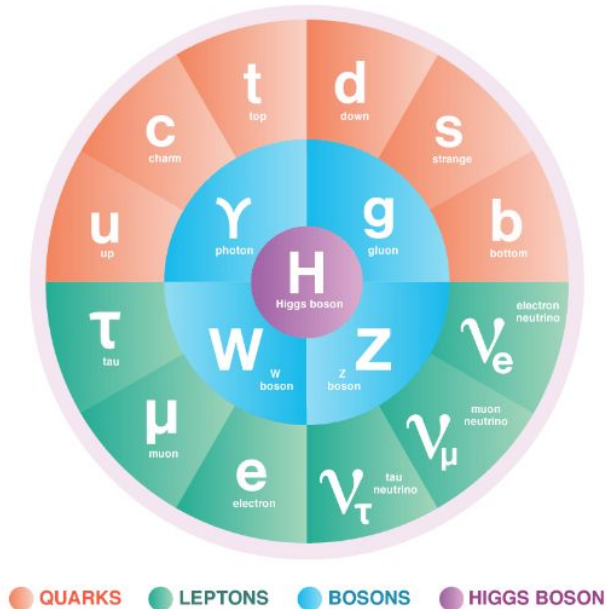


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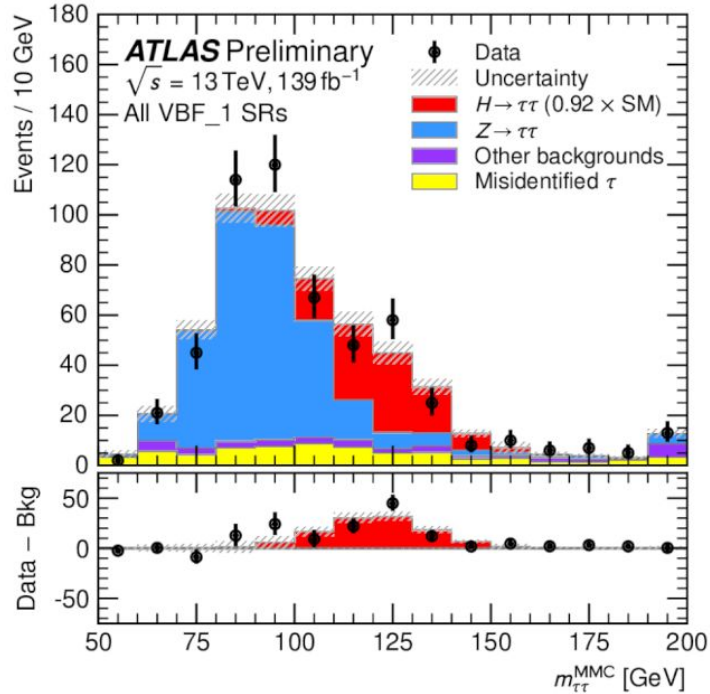


Introduction - Higgs Boson

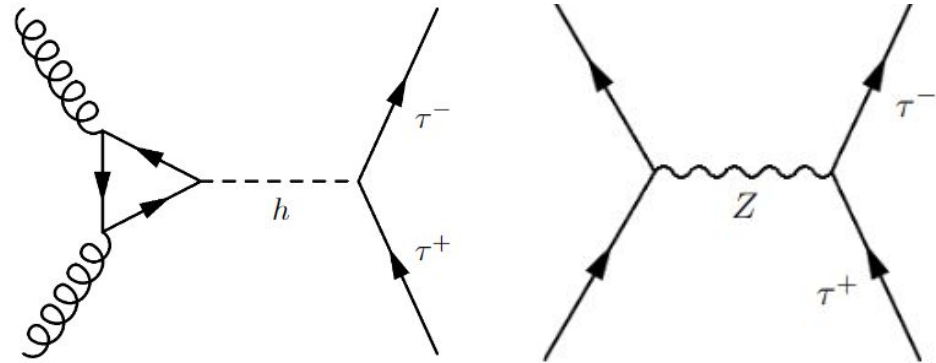
- Discovery of Higgs boson completed the Standard model
- Higgs mechanism gives mass to particles
- Study of higgs boson could reveal us more interesting things of our universe



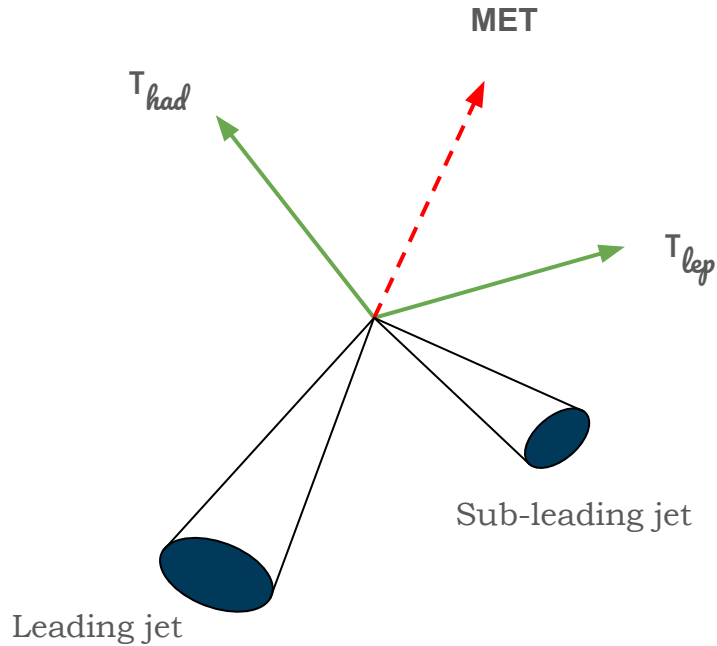
Introduction - $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$



- Higgs to tau tau - interesting channel to study
- Measures higgs coupling to leptons
- Tau lepton is unstable \Rightarrow decays to produce neutrinos



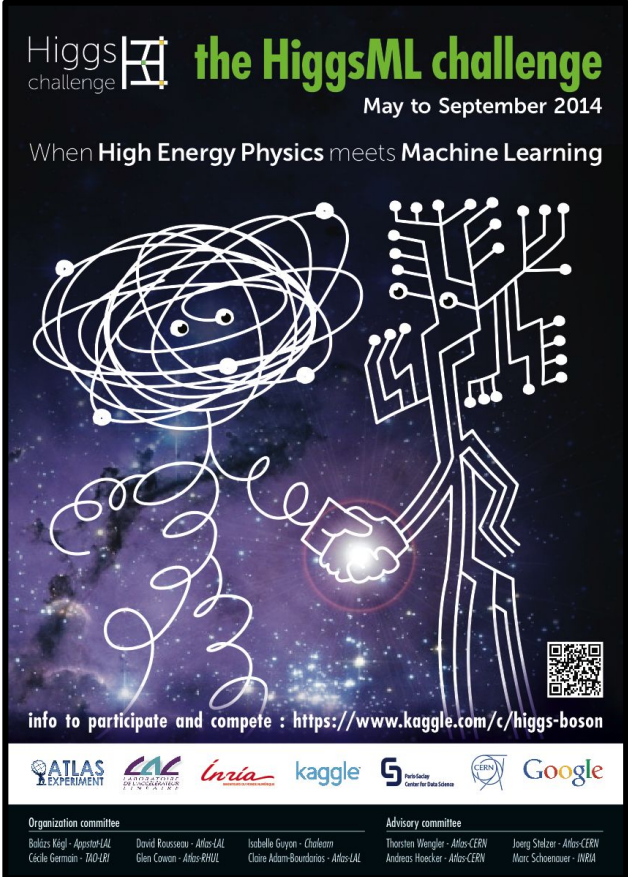
Introduction - ML in HEP




- Neutrinos can't be measured in ATLAS
- Classification of Signal and background is difficult
- Use of ML help us improve signal significance

HiggsML 2014

- Classification problem for Higgs decaying to Tau leptons based on final state 3-momenta and derived quantities
- Using ATLAS Open Data : 800K events, [doi:10.7483/OPENDATA.ATLAS.ZBP2.M5T8](https://doi.org/10.7483/OPENDATA.ATLAS.ZBP2.M5T8)
- Winning submission created XGBoost










The poster for the HiggsML challenge features a central illustration of two figures shaking hands against a starry space background. The figure on the left is composed of white lines representing particle tracks, while the figure on the right is a white circuit board. A glowing Higgs boson is shown at the point of contact between their hands. The text at the top reads 'Higgs challenge' with a logo, followed by 'the HiggsML challenge' in green, and 'May to September 2014'. Below this is the tagline 'When High Energy Physics meets Machine Learning'. At the bottom, there is a QR code and the URL 'https://www.kaggle.com/c/higgs-boson'. Logos for ATLAS, LAL, Inria, Kaggle, Particle Center for Data Science, CERN, and Google are displayed at the bottom. Below the logos, the names of the organization and advisory committees are listed.

Higgs challenge  **the HiggsML challenge**
May to September 2014

When **High Energy Physics** meets **Machine Learning**

info to participate and compete : <https://www.kaggle.com/c/higgs-boson>

Organization committee
Balázs Kégl - *Appost-LAL*
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Measuring and minimizing the effects of systematic uncertainties in HEP

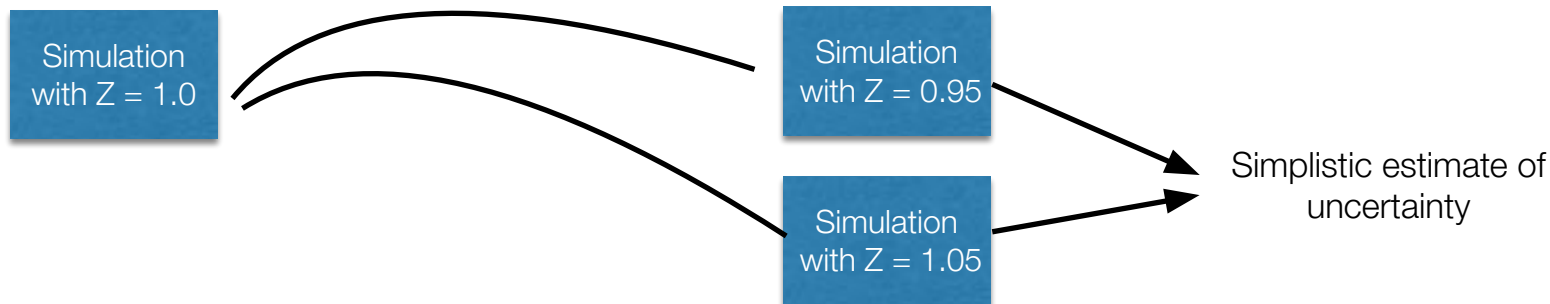


Bias and uncertainty in ML in HEP

- ML methods in HEP are often trained based on simulation which has estimated systematic uncertainties (“Z”)
- These are then applied in data with the different detector state $Z=?$

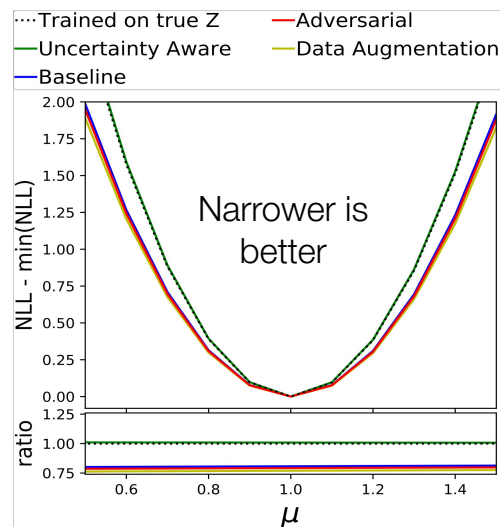
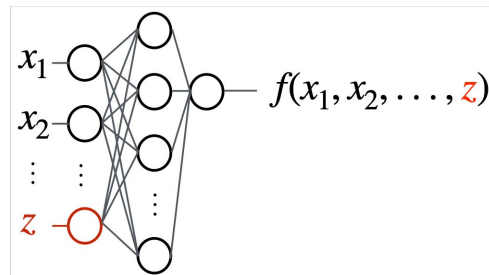


- Common baseline approach: Train classifier on nominal data (e.g. $Z=1$) and estimate uncertainties with alternate simulations. Shift Z and look at impact or perform full profile likelihood



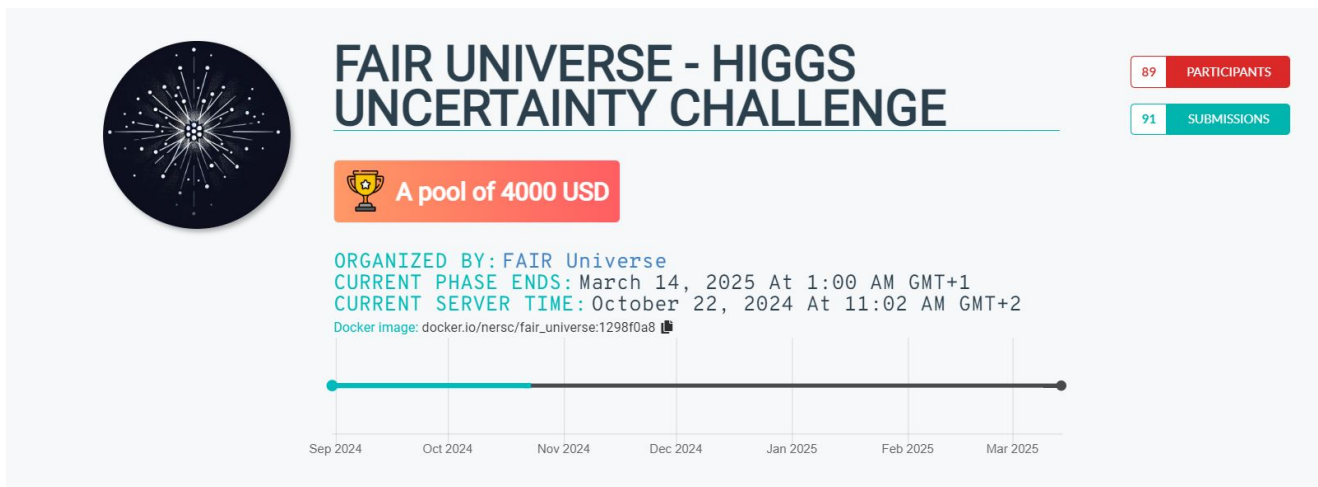
Increasingly sophisticated approaches

- “pivot” Louppe, Kagan, Cranmer : [arXiv:1611.01046](https://arxiv.org/abs/1611.01046)
- “Uncertainty-aware” approach of Ghosh, Nachman, Whiteson [PhysRevD.104.056026](https://arxiv.org/abs/1405.6026)
 - Parameterize classifier using Z
 - Measured on “Toy” 2D Gaussian Dataset and dataset from [HiggsML Challenge](https://arxiv.org/abs/1405.6026) modified to include systematic on tau-energy scale
 - Performs as well as classifier trained on true Z
- Other novel approaches e.g. (not comprehensive)
 - Inferno: [arxiv:1806.04743](https://arxiv.org/abs/1806.04743)
 - Direct profile-likelihood: e.g. [arxiv:2203.13079](https://arxiv.org/abs/2203.13079)
 - (Neuro) Simulation Based Inference has to include Z : [arXiv:1911.01429](https://arxiv.org/abs/1911.01429)



(Signal Strength)

Fair Universe: HiggsML Uncertainty Challenge



- Full HiggsML Uncertainty Challenge Running from September 12 to March 14th
- Accepted as [NeurIPS competition](#) 2024
- Dedicated workshop at NeurIPS - 2024 at December 14th, Saturday morning

Background on Fair Universe Project



FAIR Universe

- 3 year US Dept. of Energy, AI for HEP project. Aims to:
 - Provide an open, **large-compute-scale AI ecosystem** for sharing datasets, training large models, fine-tuning those models, and **hosting challenges and benchmarks**.
 - **Organize a challenge series**, progressively rolling in tasks of increasing difficulty, based on novel datasets.
 - Tasks will focus on **measuring and minimizing the effects of systematic uncertainties** in HEP (particle physics and cosmology).
- This funding went to LBL, NERSC, U Washington, and Chlearn (Isabelle Guyon's Non-Profit US Organisation).

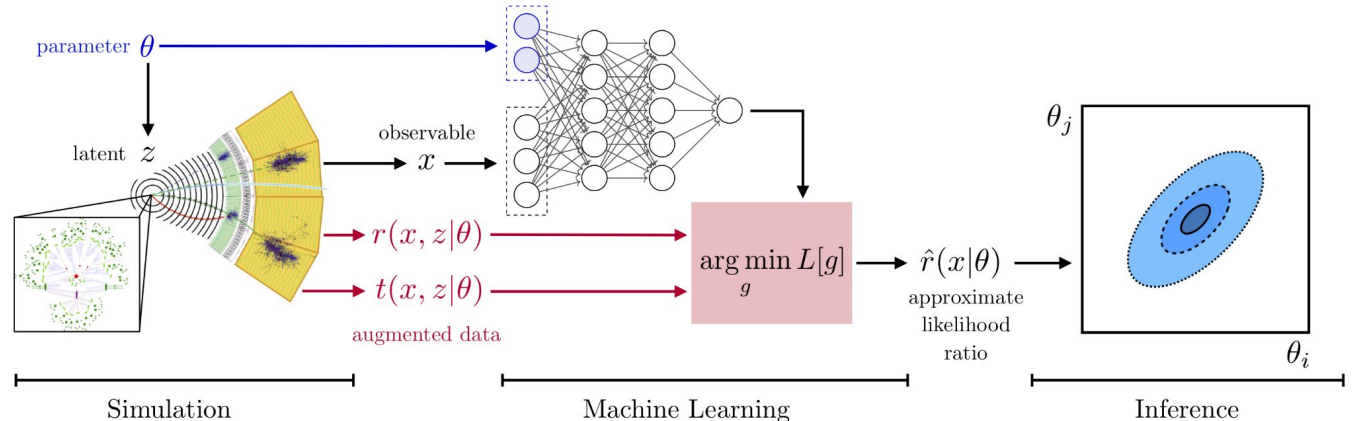


Fair Universe: HiggsML Uncertainty Challenge

- Extension of previous **HiggsML** challenge from 2014
- New Fair Universe dataset, with following improvements
 - Use (much) faster simulation
 - Numbers of events **800 K** \Rightarrow **~280 M**
 - Parameterized systematics
- Task : given a **pseudo-experiment** with given signal strength, provide a **Confidence Interval** on signal strength taking into account **statistics** and **systematics** uncertainties

Challenge Objective

- Train a AI model to improve cross section measurement significance
- The model will be tested with datasets with unknown systematics and signal strength μ . ($\mu=1$ if Standard Model)
- For each pseudo-experiment participants must predict best mu estimate:
 - μ_{hat} : best mu estimate
 - $[\mu_{16}, \mu_{84}]$: 68% Confidence Interval



Challenge Datasets



- Generated data with fast simulation of a detector based on simple parameterisation
- Using the updated Delphes ATLAS card
- Generated **~280 Million** Events after initial cuts equivalent to **220 X 10fb-1**
- Data generated using NERSC supercomputer.
- Data Organised into tabular form with **28** feature per event.

Process	Number Generated	LHC Events @10fb-1	Label
Higgs	52101127	1015	signal
Z Boson	221724480	1002395	background
Di-Boson	2105415	3783	background
$t\bar{t}$	12073068	44190	background

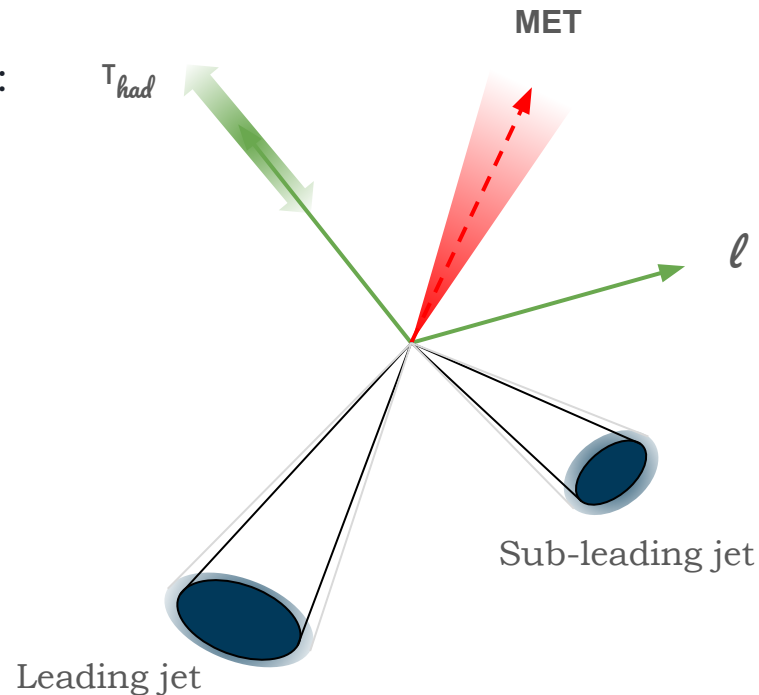


DELPHES
fast simulation

Challenge Datasets - Systematics

Apply parameterized systematics (Nuisance Parameters):

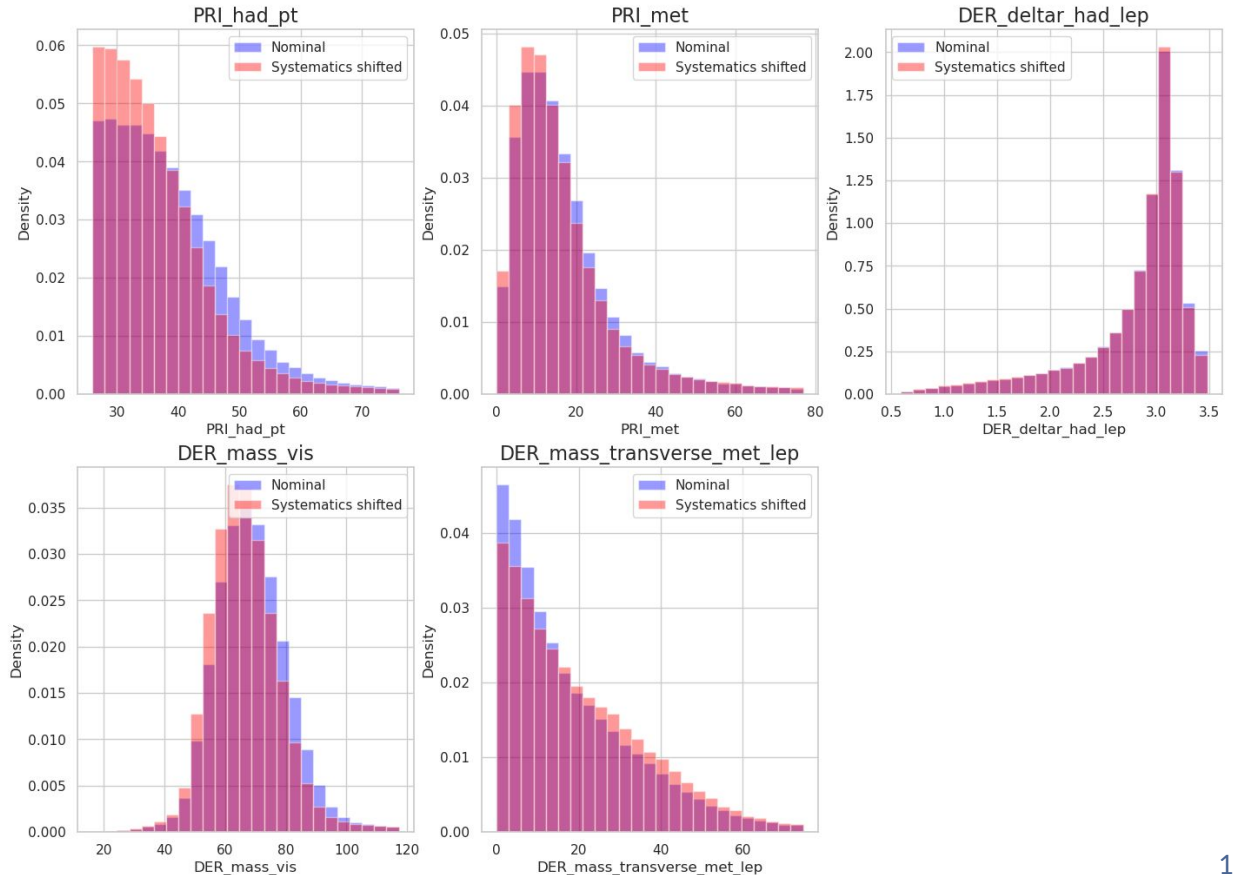
- Feature distortions:
 - Tau Energy Scale (and correlated MET)
 - Jet Energy Scale (and correlated MET impact)
 - Additional randomised Soft MET
- Event category normalisation
 - Background overall normalisation
 - Di-boson background normalisation
 - $t\bar{t}$ background normalisation



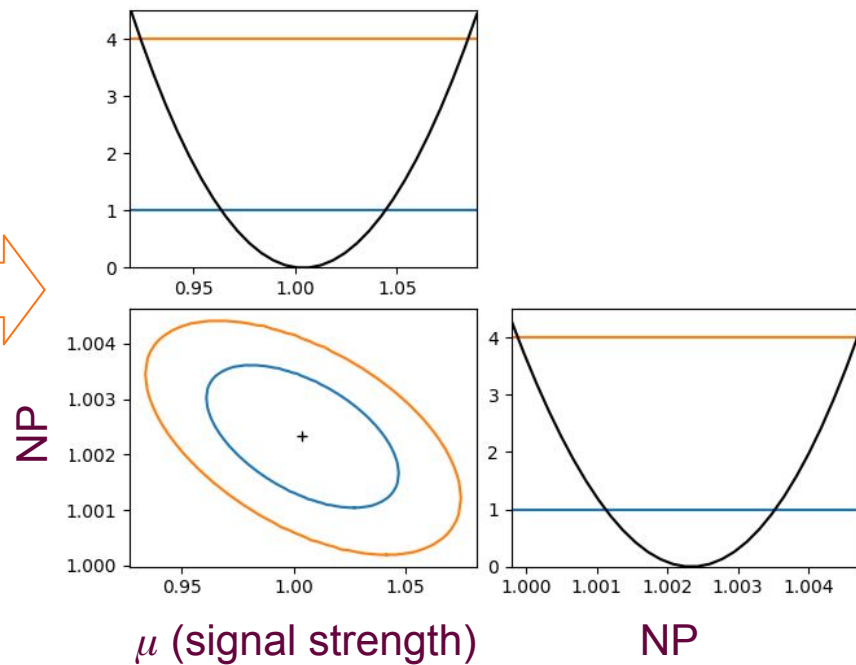
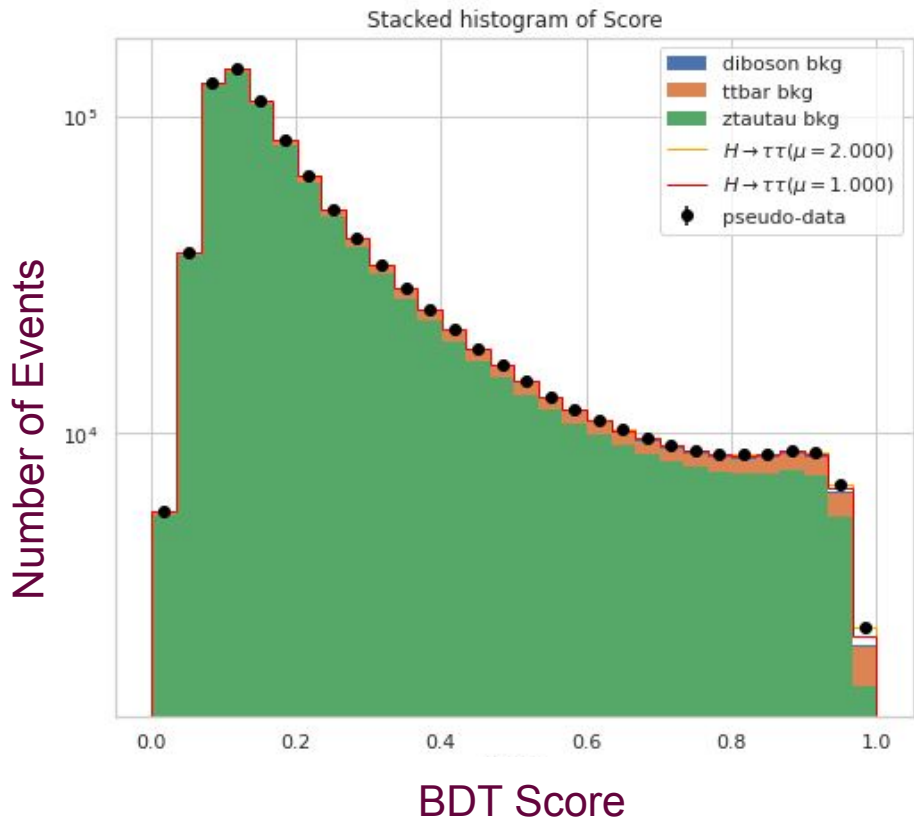
Tau Energy Scale Systematics Applied

Histogram between nominal (TES = 1) and shifted (TES = 0.9)

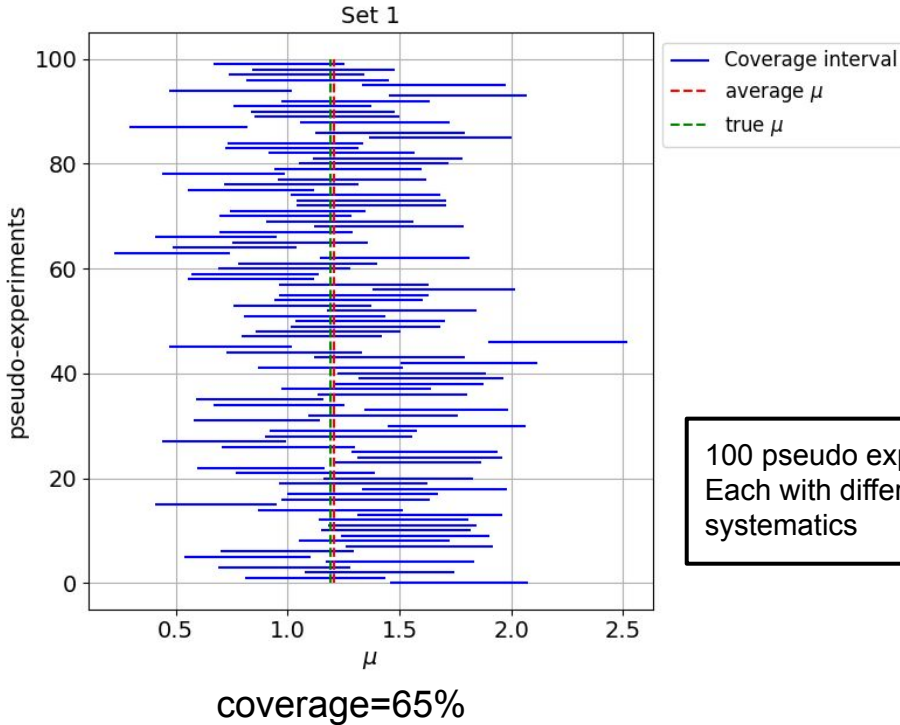
TES = 0.9, is an exaggeration, in practice it is sampled with a gaussian of 1 ± 0.01



Fit on one pseudo experiment

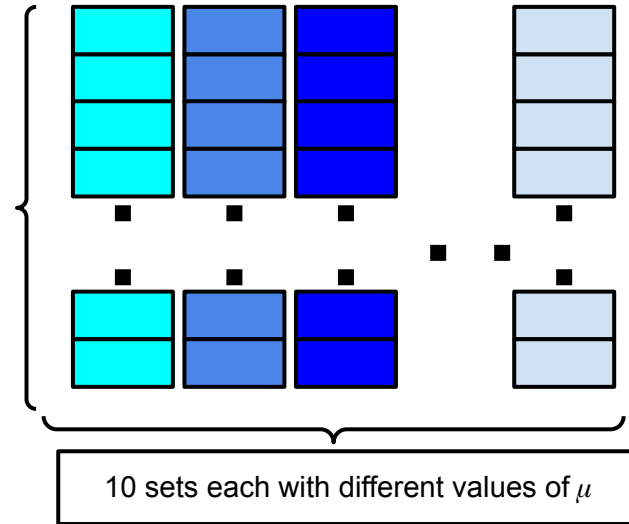


Coverage Evaluation



100 pseudo experiments
Each with different
systematics

- Form multiple pseudo-experiment test sets:
different signal strengths (μ) and systematics
 - **10 μ** times **100** pseudo-experiments
- Task: predict uncertainty interval [μ_{16}, μ_{84}]
 - E.g. 68% quantile of likelihood or assume 1σ

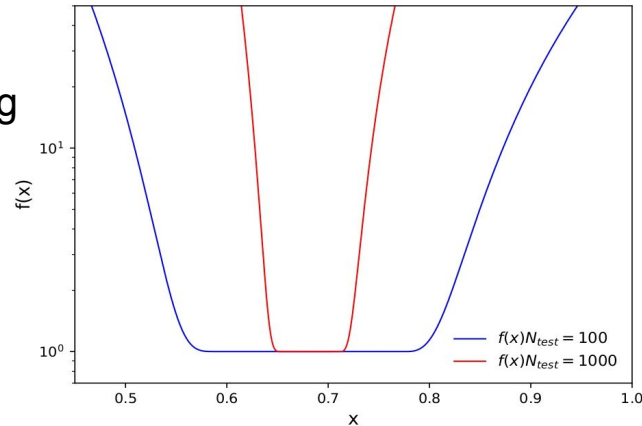
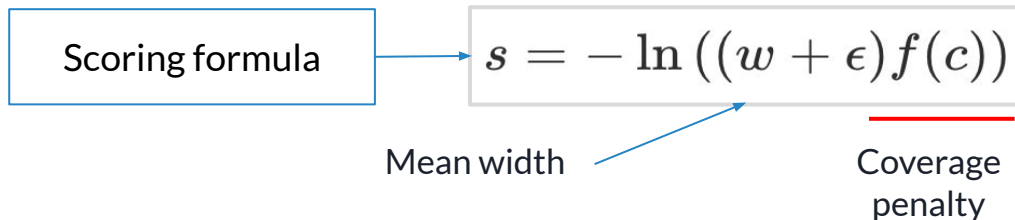


Uncertainty Quantification Metric

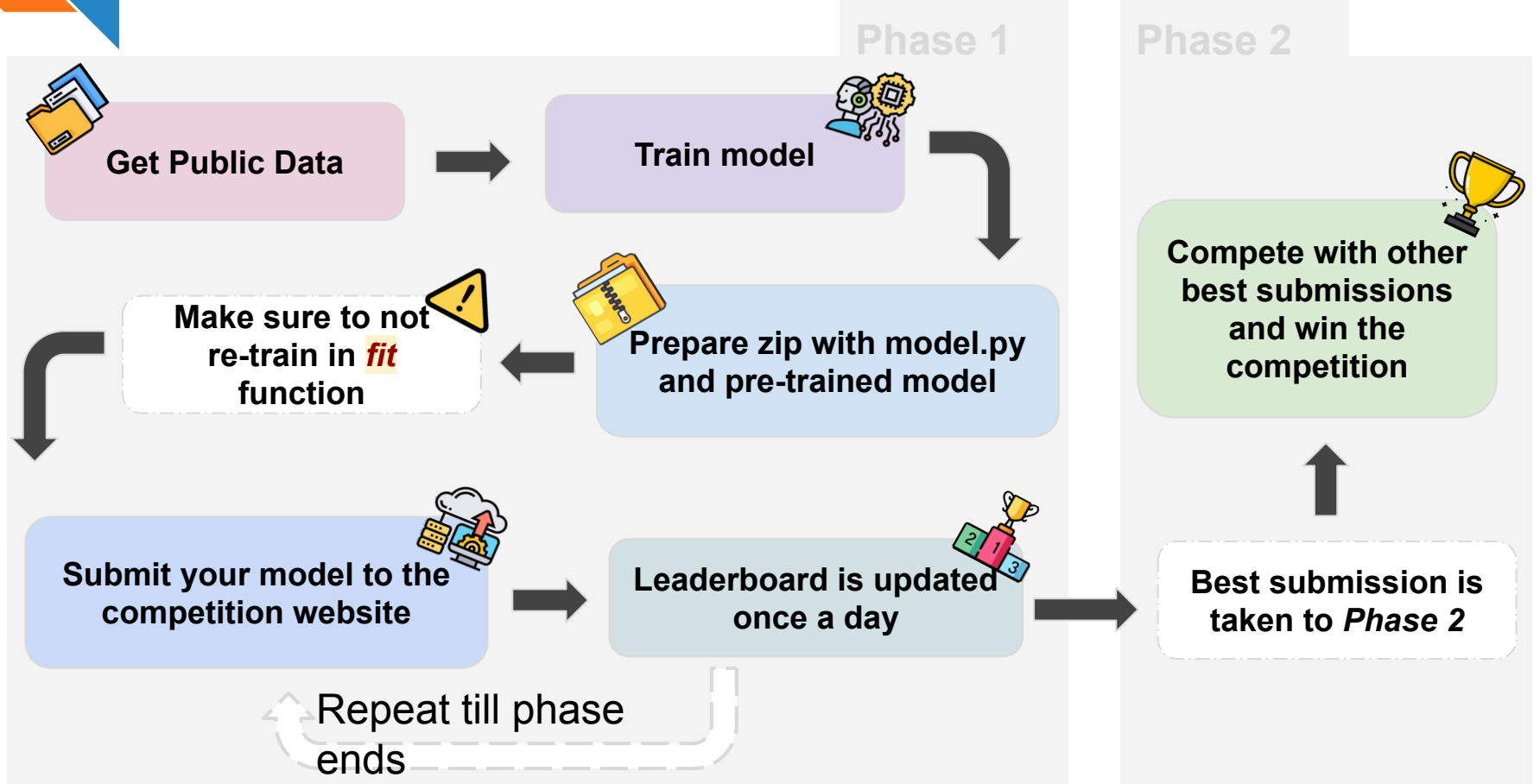
- Interval width (w) averaged over N test sets
- Coverage (c): fraction of time μ is contained
- Combined using a coverage function $f(x)$:
- Penalizes undercoverage more
- Final score (s) designed to avoid large values or gaming

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$$c = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=0}^N \mathbf{1} \text{ if } (\mu_{true,i} \in [\mu_{84,i} - \mu_{16,i}])$$







Competition Flow



Leaderboard so far



Task:					Results	Higgs NeurIPS Task 1			
	#	Participant	Entries	Date	Method Name	Quantile Score	Interval	Coverage	RMSE
	ibrahime	9	2024-11-15 17:34	158094	AdvnFMLE	0.59	0.55	0.66	0.23
	ibrahime	9	2024-11-15 14:26	157773	AdvnFBinned	0.51	0.6	0.71	0.27
	hzume	6	2024-11-15 09:54	157317	exp13-sub00	0.22	0.84	0.66	0.71
	hzume	6	2024-11-13 17:13	154835	exp10-sub04	-0.04	1.04	0.66	1.17

Ibrahim and Hzume invited for Neurips 2024 as speakers

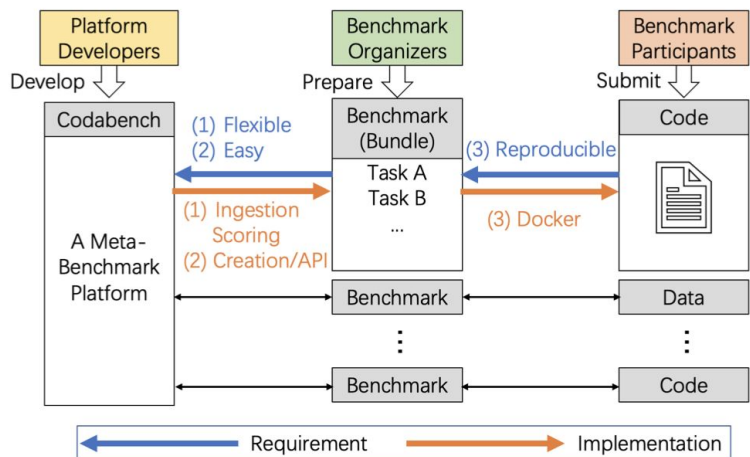


**Large-compute-scale
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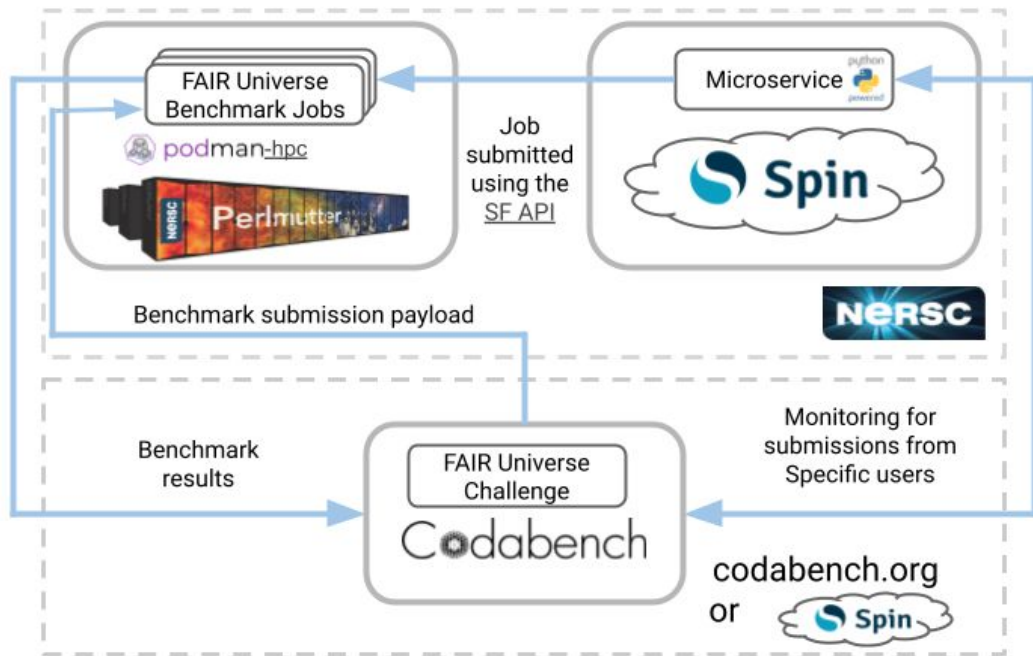
Codabench Platform

Codabench - open source platform for AI benchmarks and challenges



- Originally (CodaLab) Microsoft/Stanford now a Paris-Saclay/LISN led community
- > 600 challenges since 2013
- Completely open-ended competition design.
- Allows code submission as well as results e.g. for evaluation timing or reproducibility
- Also data-centric AI “inverted competitions”
- Queues for evaluation can run on diverse compute resources
- Platform itself can be deployed on different compute resources
- Ranked best challenge platform for ML by [ML contests](#)

Fair Universe Platform: Codabench-NERSC integration



System Specifications

Partition	# of nodes	CPU	GPU
GPU	1536	1x AMD EPYC 7763	4x NVIDIA A100 (40GB)
	256	1x AMD EPYC 7763	4x NVIDIA A100 (80GB)

Conclusion

- AI challenge which addresses Systematic Uncertainty in HEP problem.
- Large Data Set with ~280M Events (signal + background)
- New Scoring to take Coverage and Confidence interval into account.
- Custom ingestion algorithm to test multiple pseudo-experiments in parallel.
- Large Computing Infrastructure as back_end
- You can enter the **HiggsML Uncertainty Challenge** now!
 - <https://www.codabench.org/competitions/2977/>

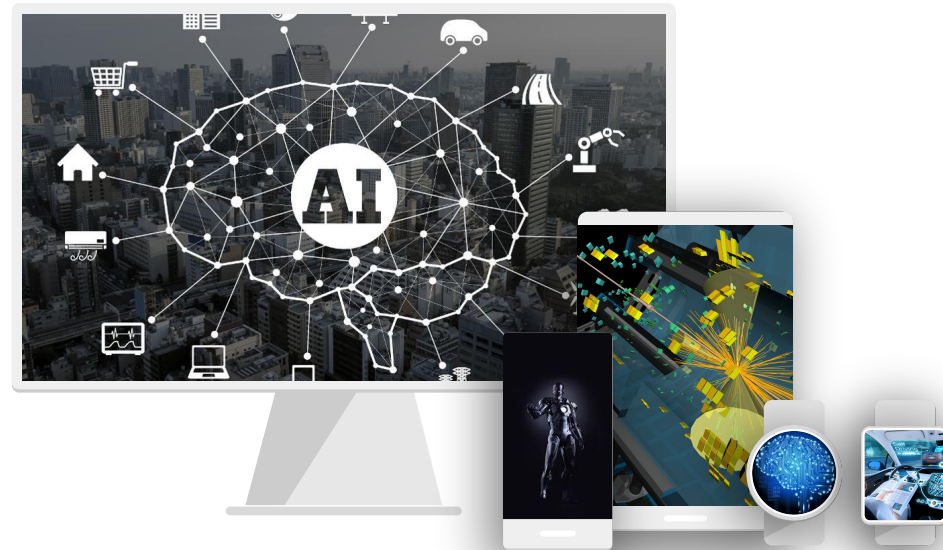
Help and feedback: [#higgsml-uncertainty-challenge](#) channel on the [Fair Universe Slack](#)

Ongoing information Google Group: [Fair-Universe-Announcements](#)

Collaborations, questions, comments: fair-universe@lbl.gov

Ragansu Chakkappai and David Rousseau are here, talk to us!

**Thank you for
your attention!**





Back-up



Uncertainty Quantification Metric

- **Interval width (w)** averaged over N test sets
- **Coverage (c):** fraction of time μ is contained
- Combined using a **coverage function f(x):**

$$x \geq 0.68 - 2\sigma_{68} \text{ and } x \leq 0.68 + 2\sigma_{68} : 1.$$

$$x < 0.68 - 2\sigma_{68} : 1 + \left| \frac{x - (0.68 - 2\sigma_{68})}{\sigma_{68}} \right|^4$$

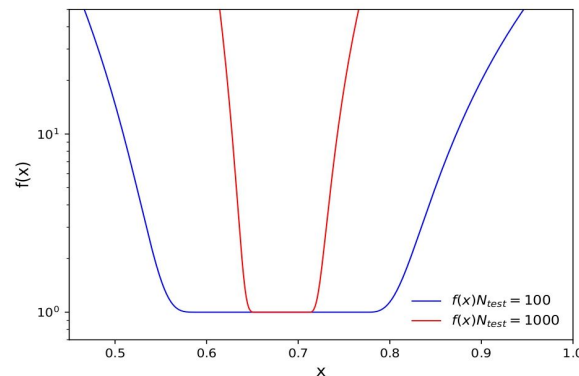
$$x > 0.68 + 2\sigma_{68} : 1 + \left| \frac{x - (0.68 + 2\sigma_{68})}{\sigma_{68}} \right|^3$$

$$\text{with } \sigma_{68} = \frac{\sqrt{(1-0.68)0.68N}}{N}$$

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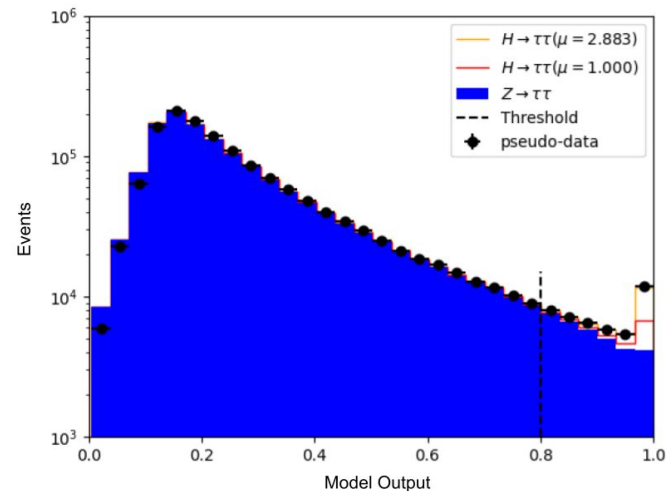


$$s = -\ln((w + \epsilon)f(c))$$

See also [Sascha Diefenbacher's AISSAI Workshop presentation](#)

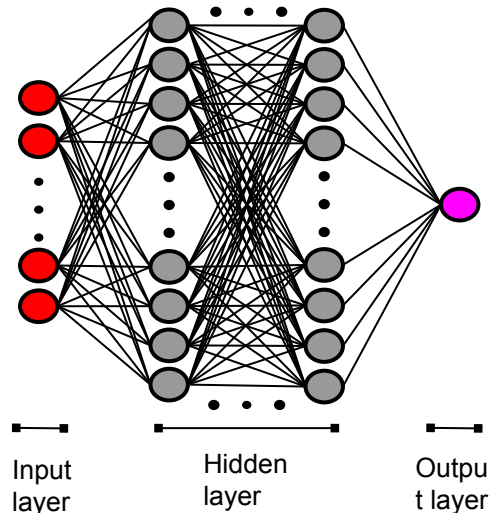
Basic Algorithm

1. Divide data into *train_set* and *holdout_set*
2. Use *train_set* to Train the simple dense NN
3. Define S_i and B_i : predicted score bin content
4. Construct for S_i (α) and $B_i(\alpha)$ functions from *holdout_set*
5. Combine define Binned Negative Log Likelihood function as function of NPs and μ
6. For Each pseudo experiment
 - a. Predict score for pseudo experiment
 - b. Use Minuit to find value of μ , σ_{μ} and NP
 - c. Returns
 - μ_{hat}
 - $p16 = \mu - \sigma_{\mu}$
 - $p84 = \mu + \sigma_{\mu}$



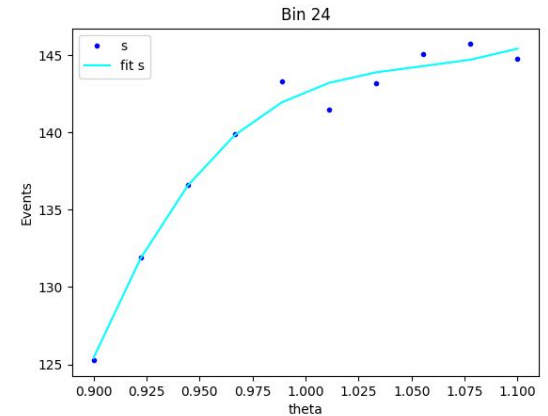
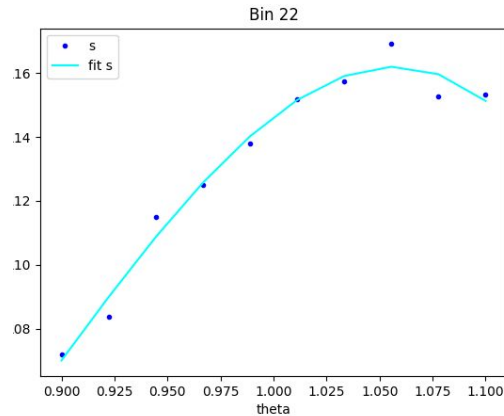
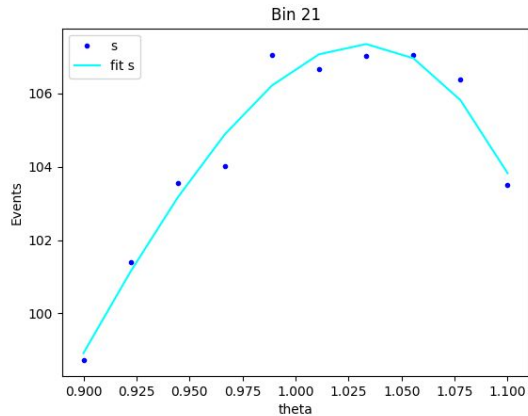
NN with L2 regularization using PyTorch

- PyTorch NN Classifier is Trained to distinguish Signal (Higgs) from Background (Z)
- 32 features,
- Architecture
 - 3 Hidden layers with 100 nodes
 - 1 Output node
 - ReLU Activation between layers
 - L2 Regularization during training
- Model return score between 0 (background) and 1(signal),

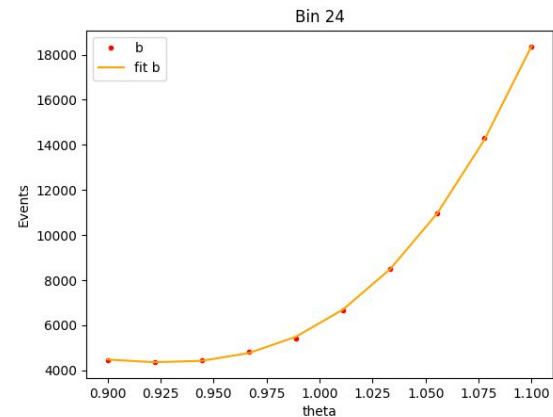
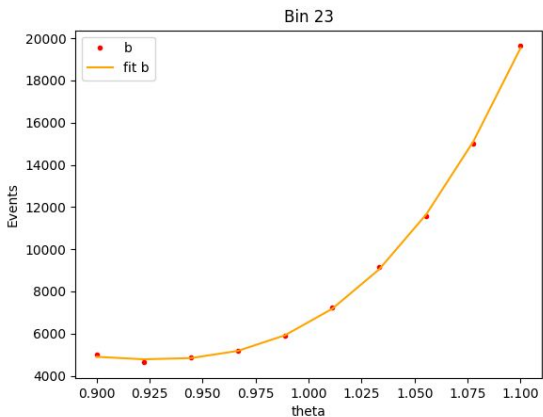
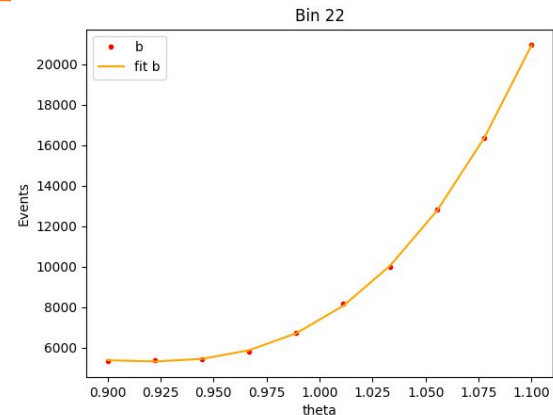
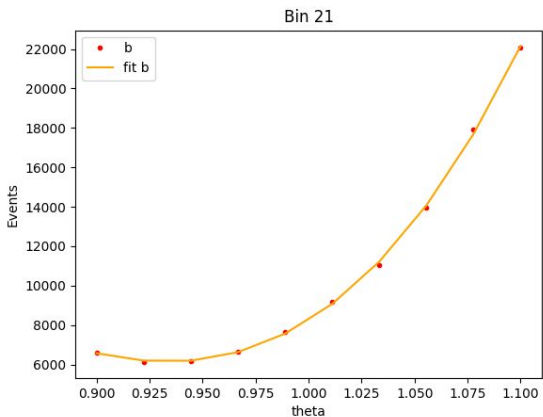


Parameterisation of $S(\alpha)$

With the help of the `holdout_set` for we get values of S and B for each NP in each bin. A polynomial function is used to fit them. This function is later used in the NLL formalism



Parameterisation of B(alpha)

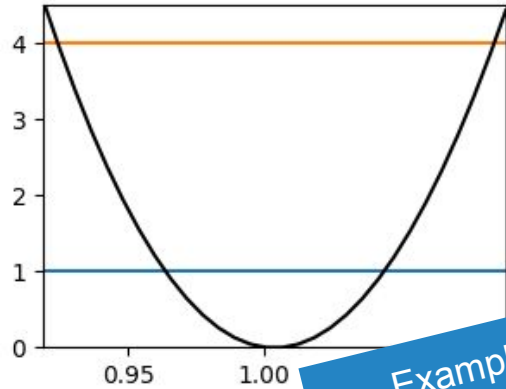


Profile μ and α simultaneously

$$L(\mu, \vec{\alpha} | \mathcal{D}) = \prod_{i=1}^{N_{\text{bins}}} \frac{(\mu S_i(\vec{\alpha}) + B_i(\vec{\alpha}))^{n_i} e^{-(\mu S_i(\vec{\alpha}) + B_i(\vec{\alpha}))}}{n_i!}$$
$$\Rightarrow t_{\mu, \vec{\alpha}} = -2 \log(L(\mu, \vec{\alpha} | \mathcal{D}))$$
$$= -2 \sum_i^{N_{\text{bins}}} n_i \log(\mu S_i(\vec{\alpha}) + B_i(\vec{\alpha})) + (\mu S_i(\vec{\alpha}) + B_i(\vec{\alpha}))$$

L here is the likelihood estimator which depends on μ and α , where α is a vector of 5 NP thus the μ at which L is maximum or t is minimum is the predicted μ ,

NLL curve and contour



- We use the `iminuit` package to find the minimum of `t` with high accuracy.
- The 1-sigma width is the width between points on the parabola for `t = 1`.

Example with 1 NP

