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Learning New Physics from a Machine

model-independent analysis strategy for collider experiments

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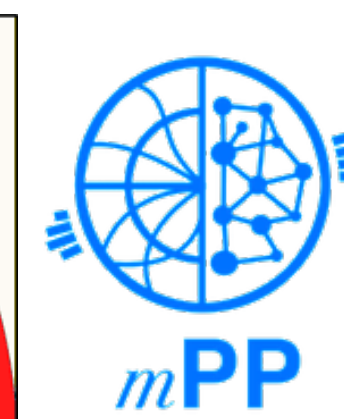
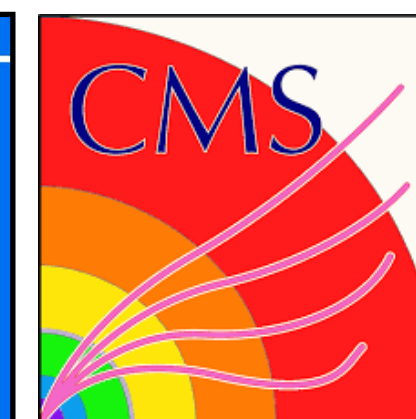
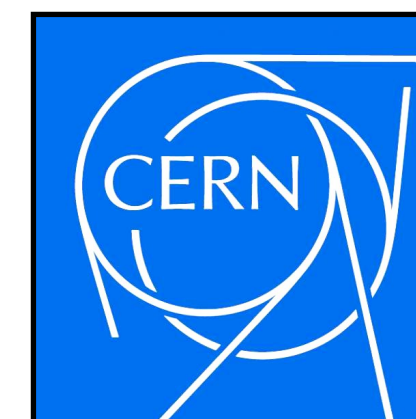
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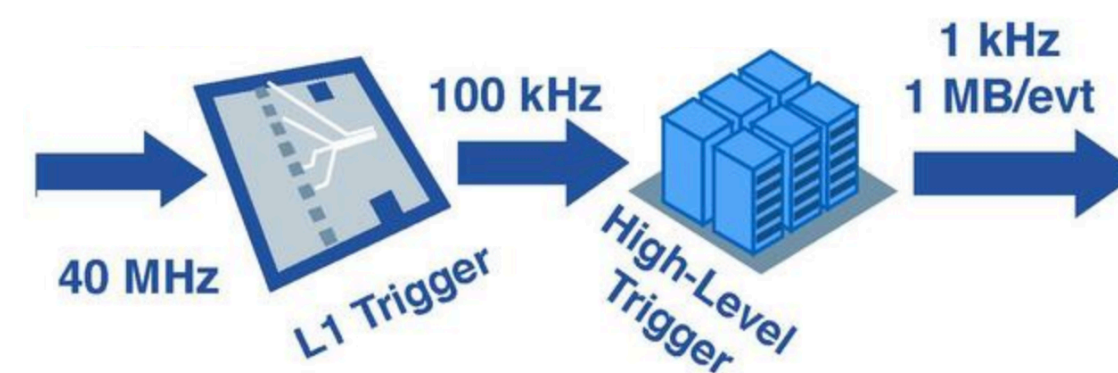
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Standard Model (SM): current understanding of the world of particle physics and fundamental interactions

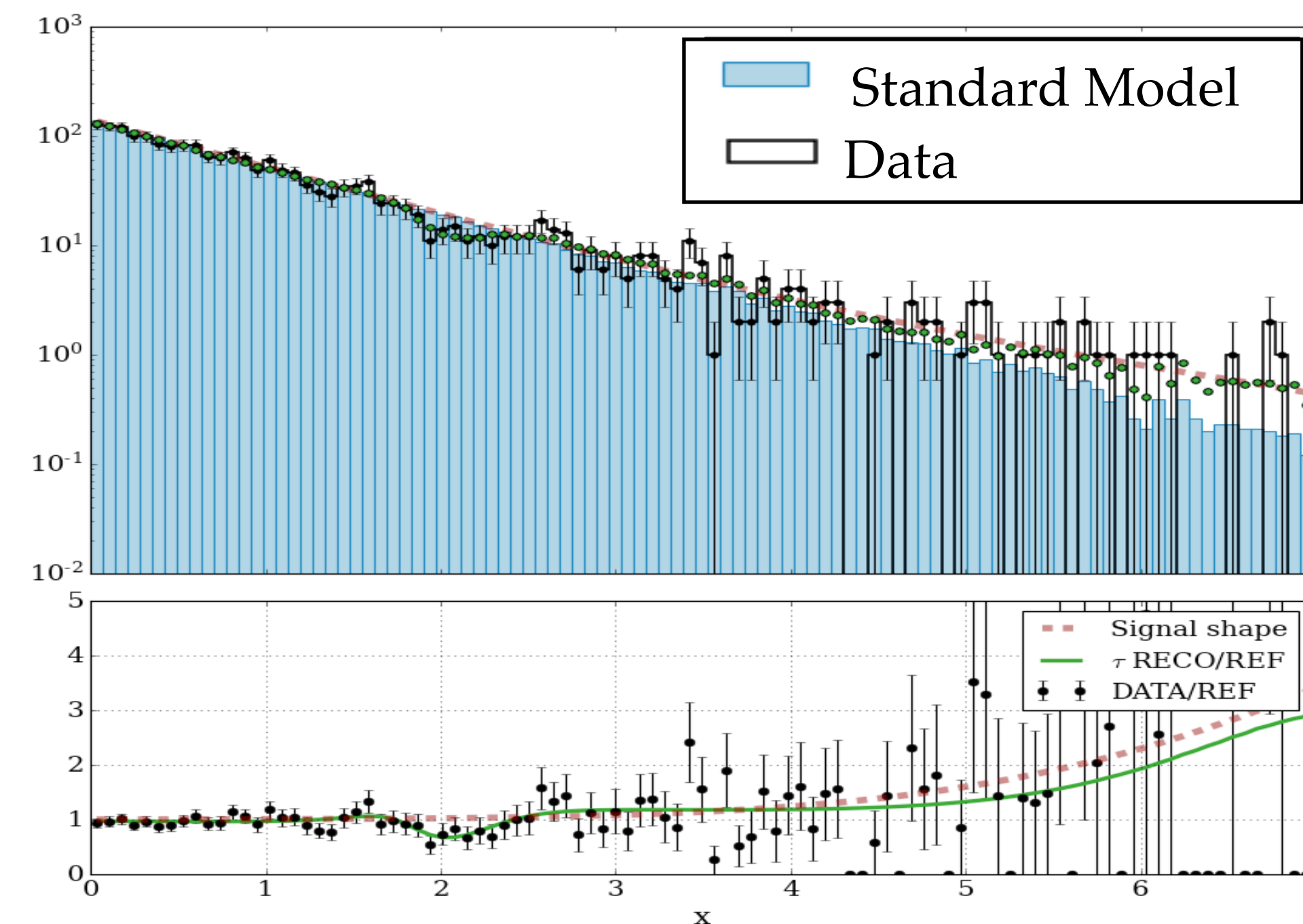
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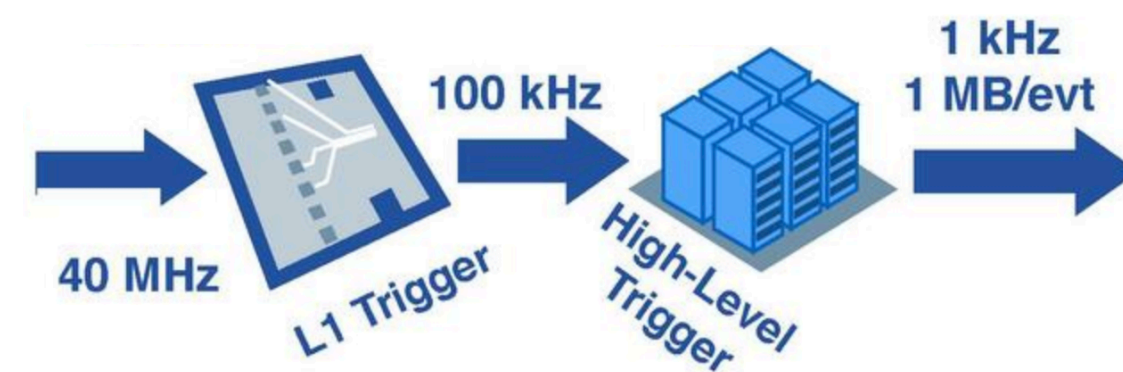


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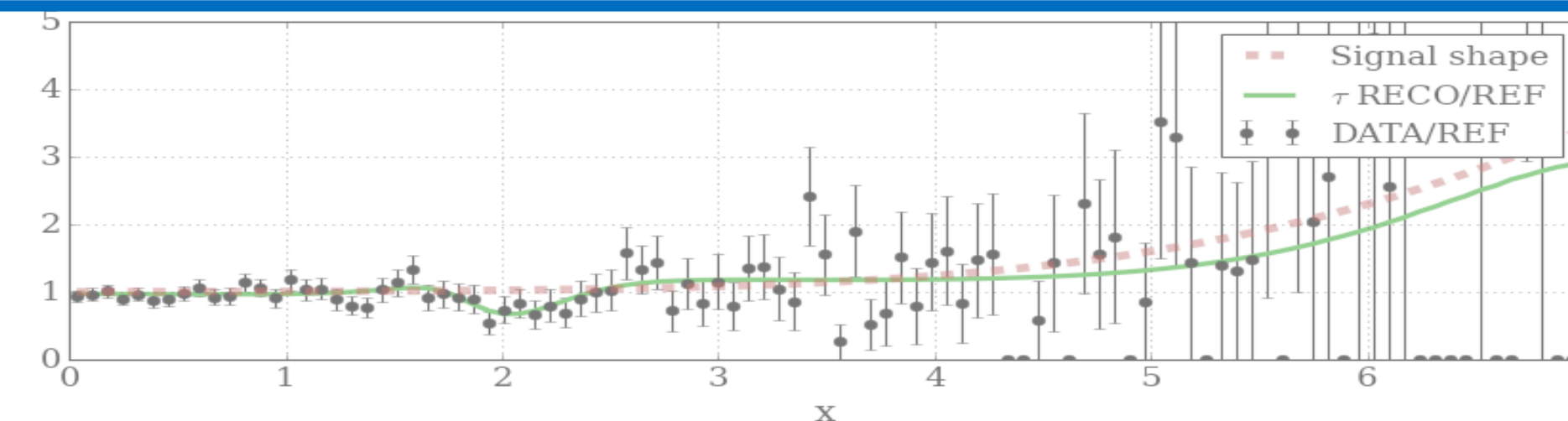


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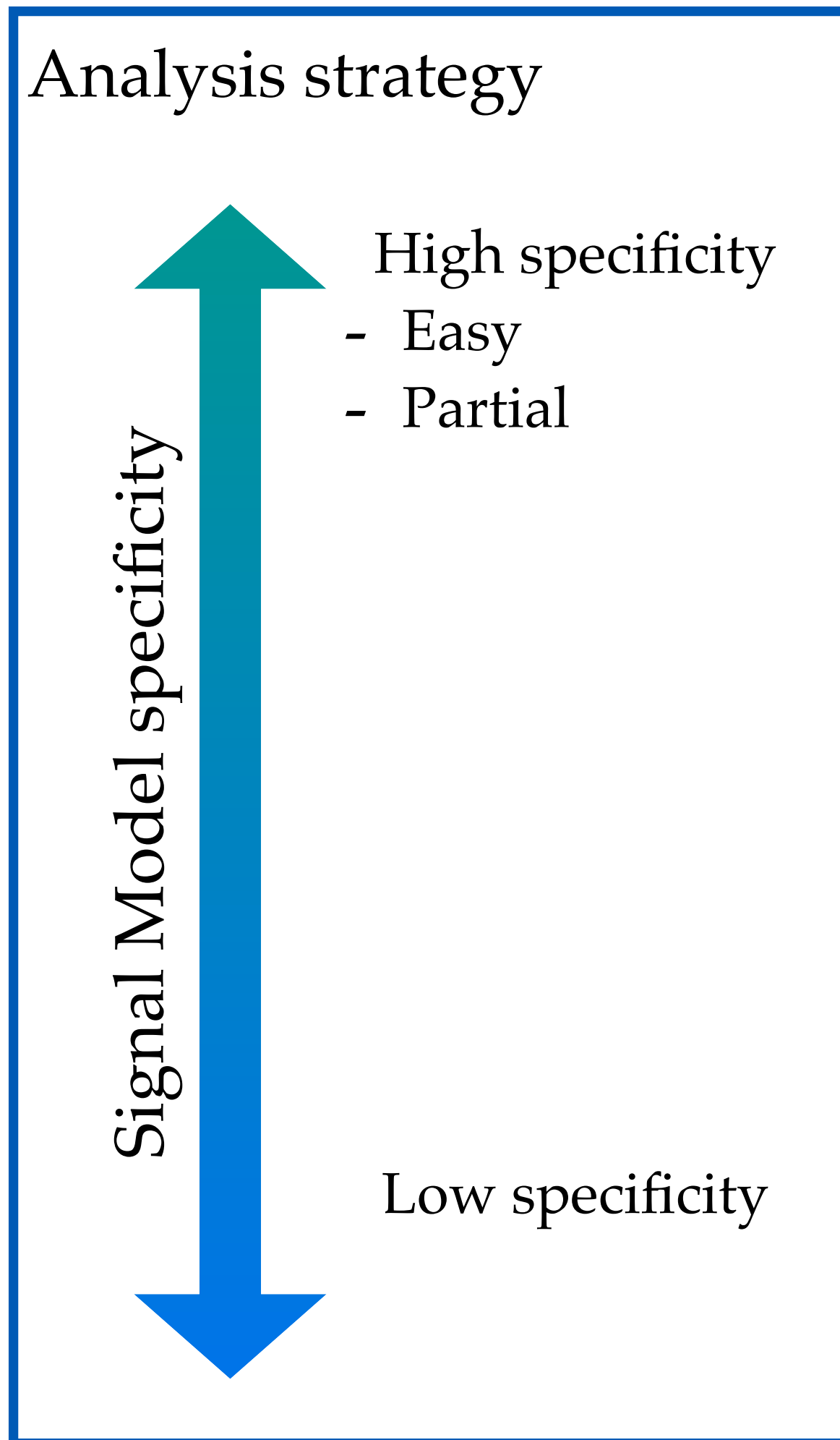


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 H_1 : alternative hypothesis (NP)

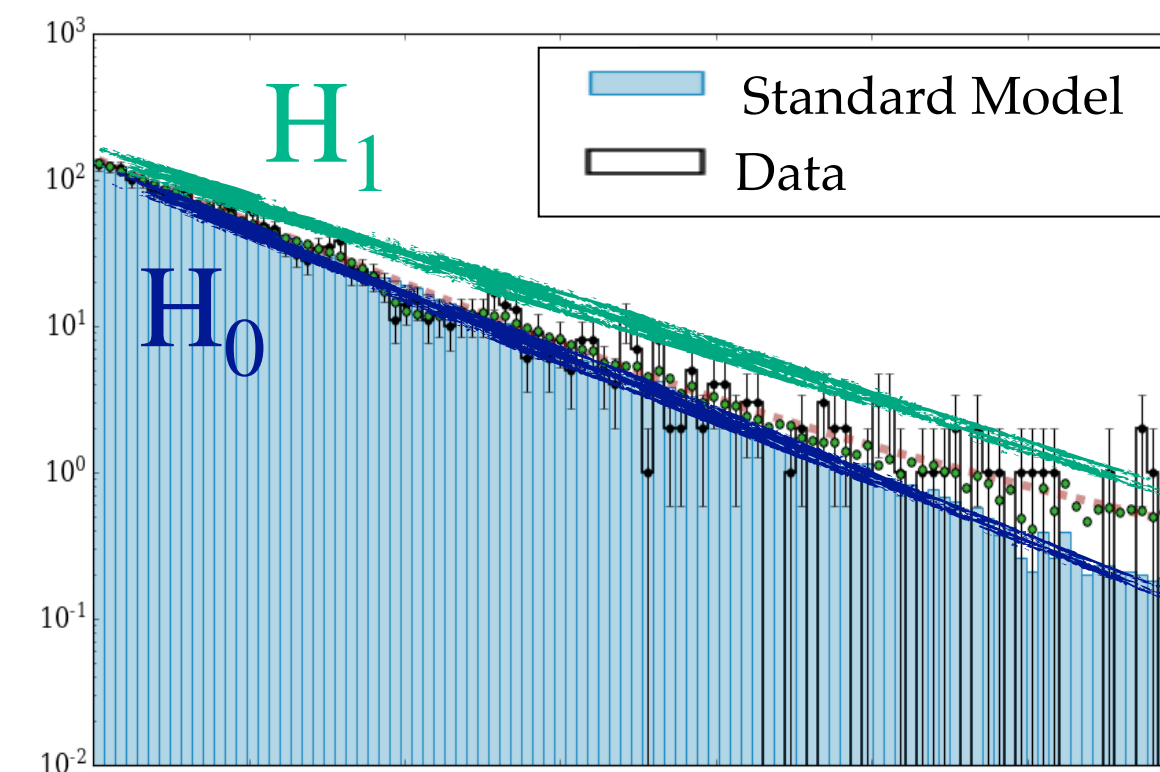
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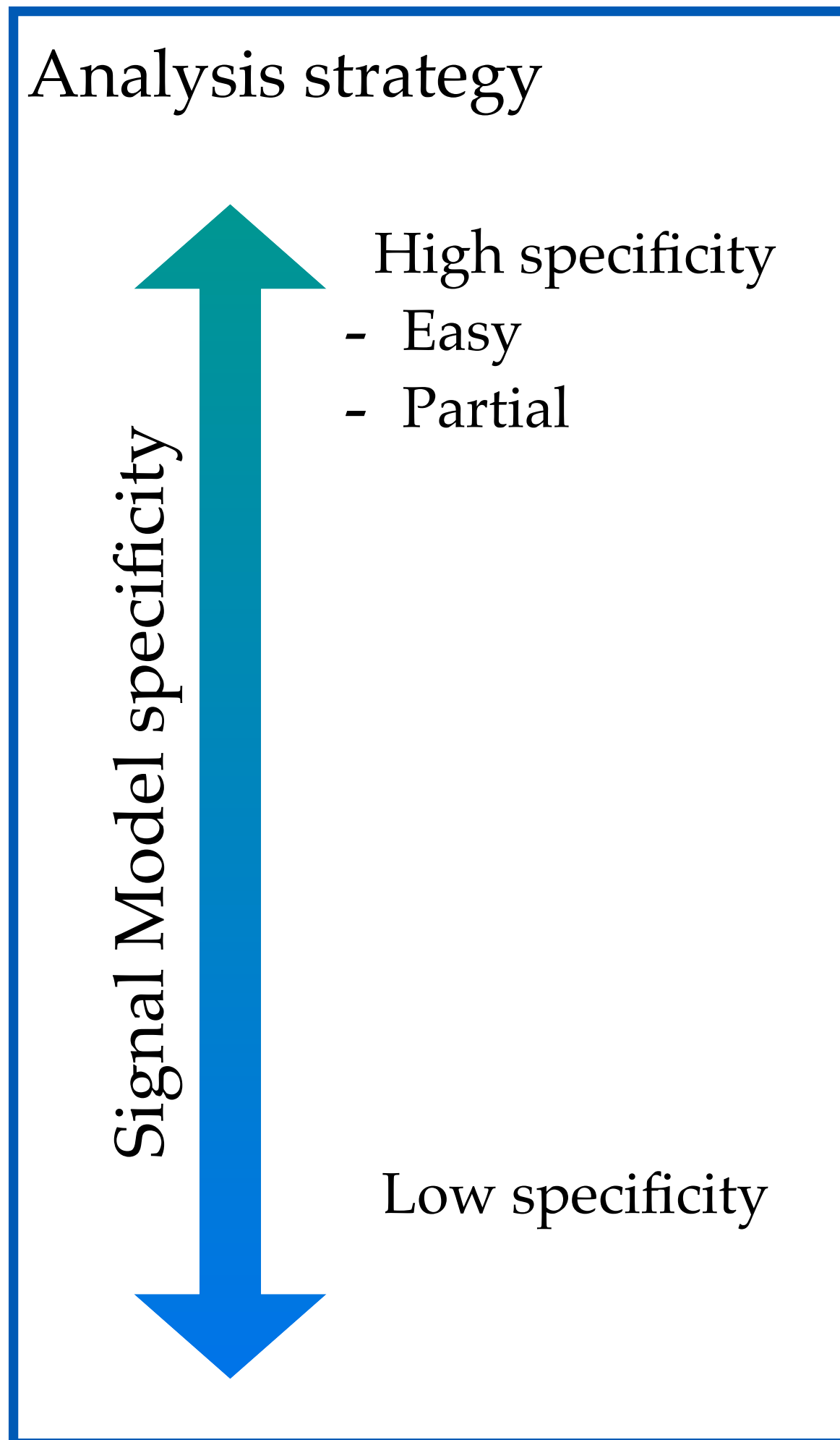
Simple hypothesis

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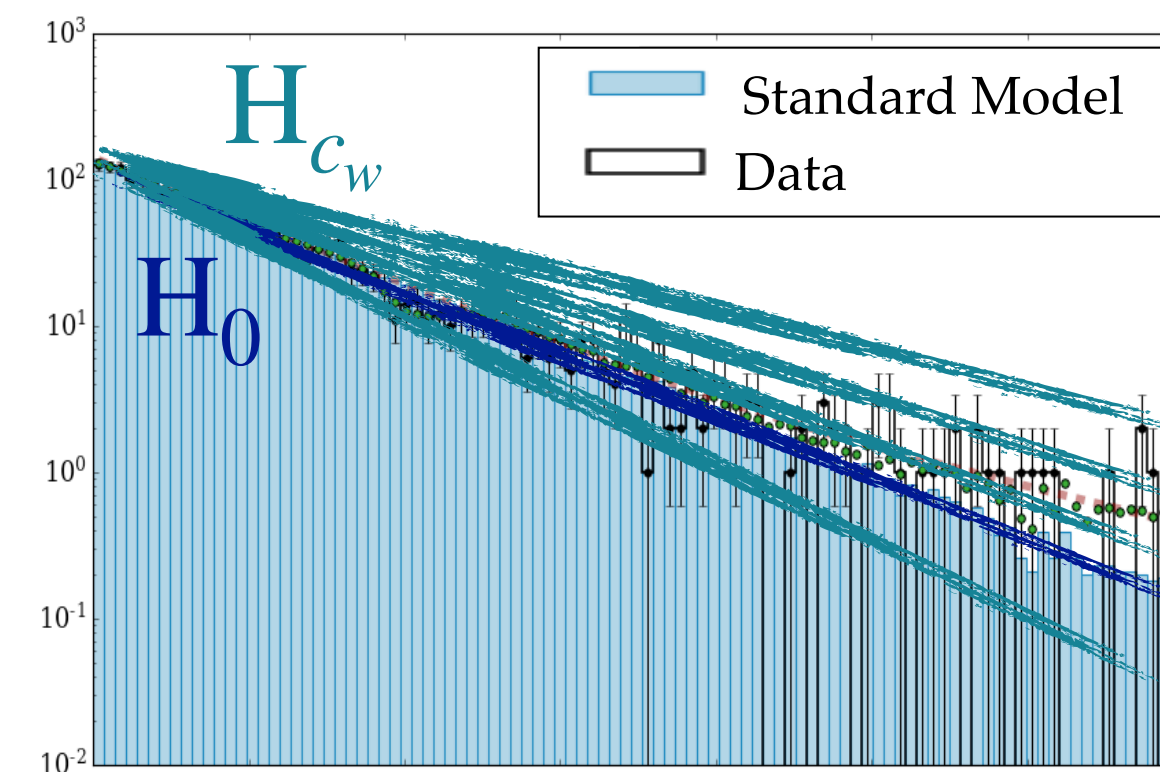
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How well does the SM describe the data?

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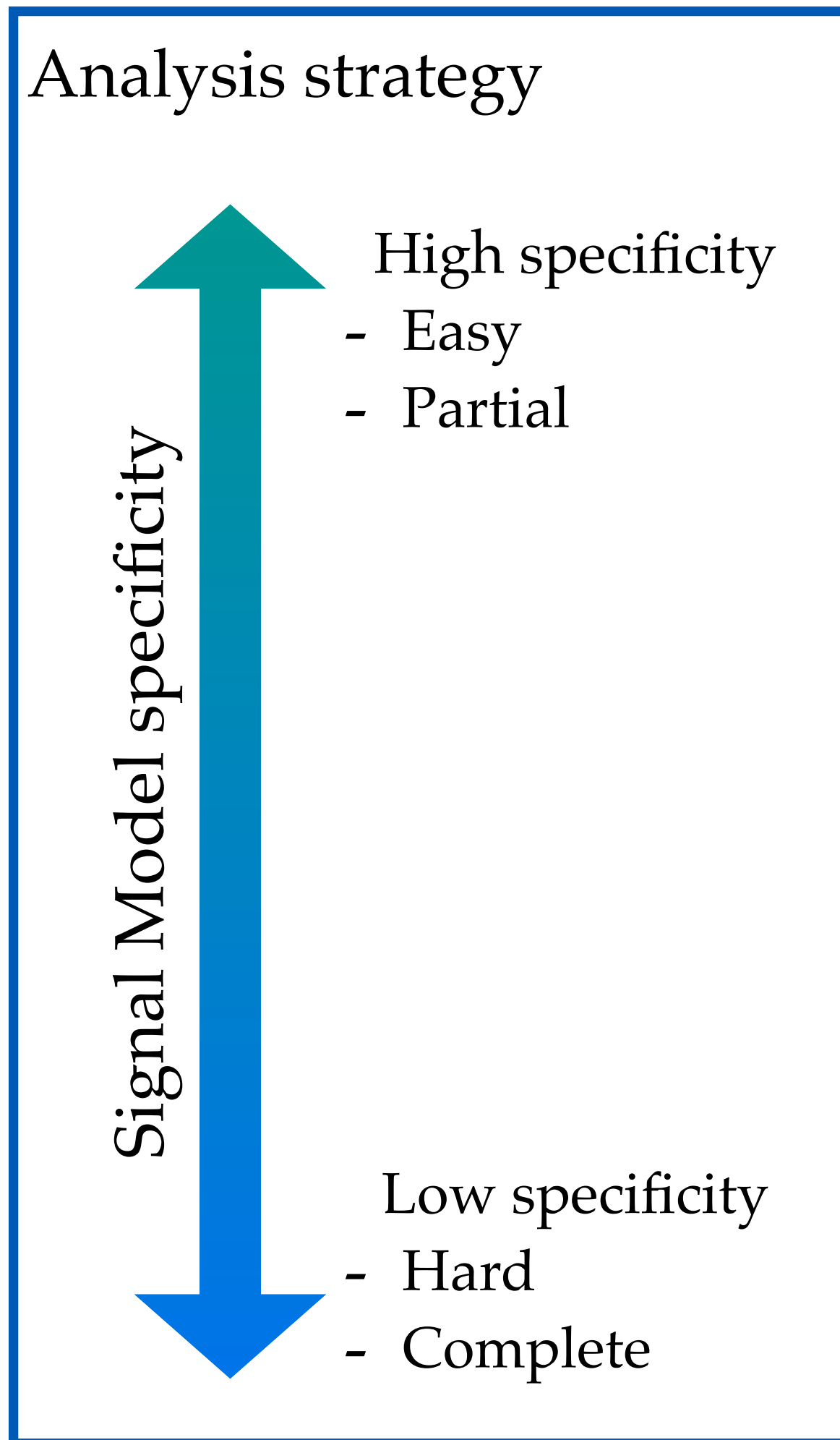
$$t(\mathcal{D}) = \max_{c_w} \left[2 \log \frac{\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{D} | H_{c_w})}{\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{D} | H_0)} \right]$$



See Jaco's, Robert's and Giuliano's talks tomorrow

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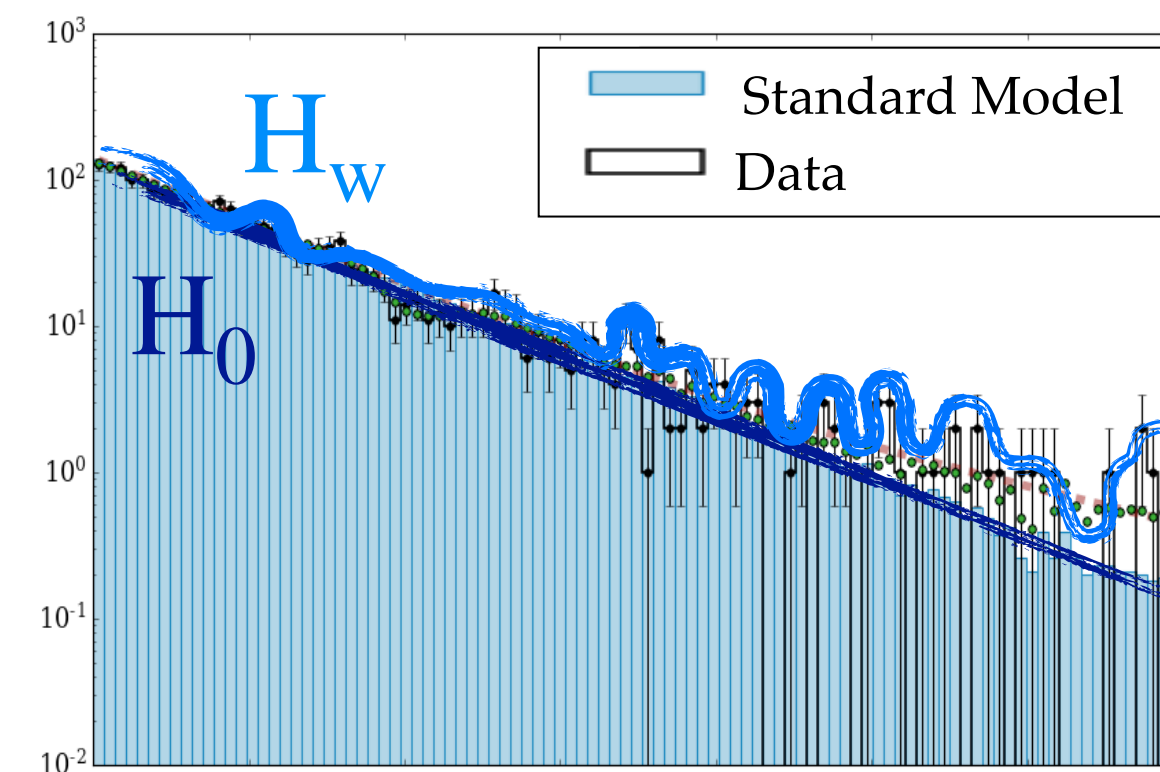
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How well does the SM describe the data?

Neural networks

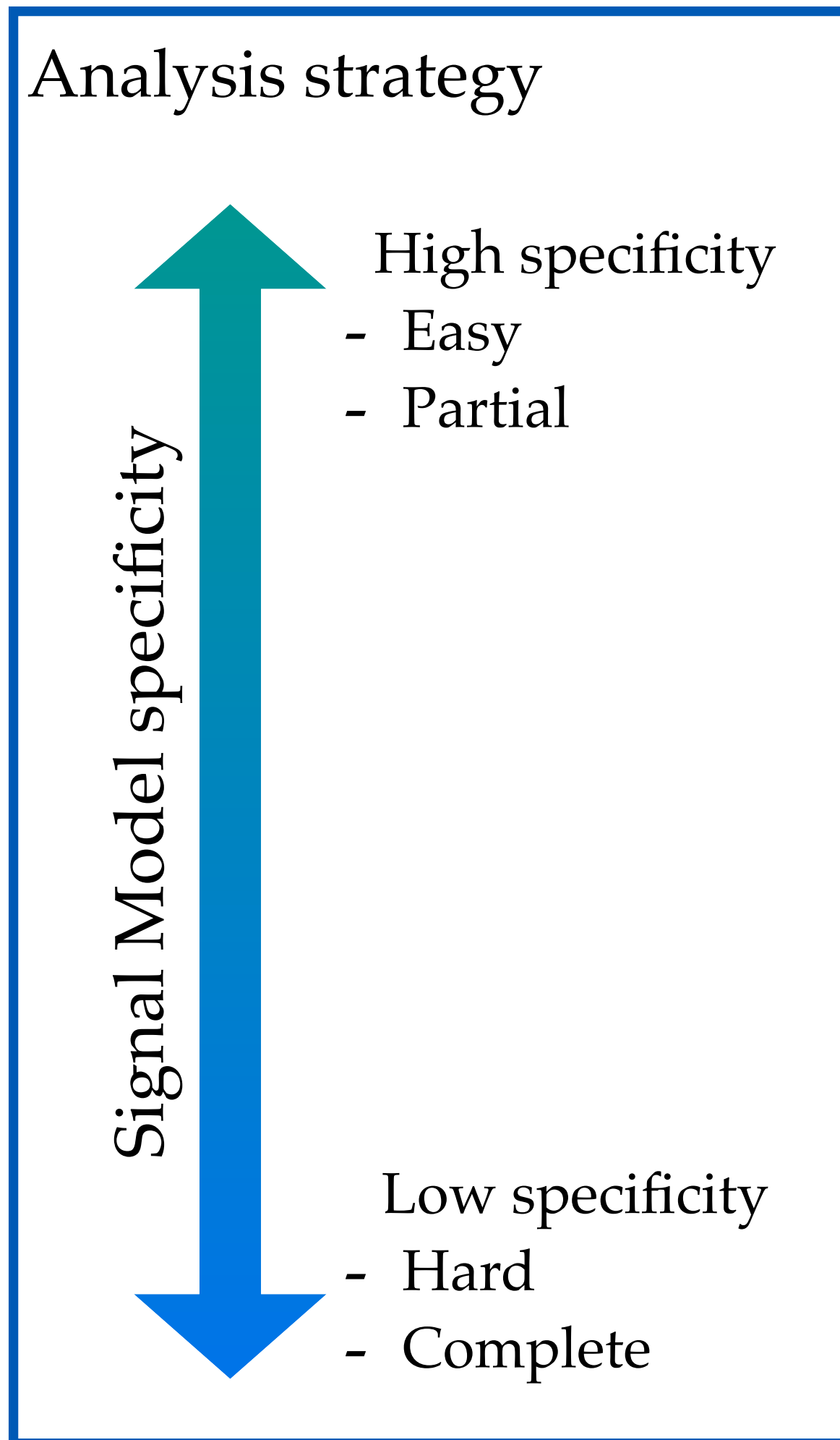
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Our proposal

Learning New Physics from a Machine
(NPLM)

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In this talk

- **What is NPLM and how does it work?**

Complete analysis strategy testing the data for departures from SM expectations (from data to a p -value for discovery, taking care of systematic uncertainties in the process).

→ main concept (neglecting systematic uncertainties) [1, 2]

→ including systematic uncertainties [3]

- **What is NPLM good for?**

Multivariate, unbinned analysis, towards **model independence** (released constraints, lower level information, simultaneously sensitive to multiple signal patterns).

→ 5D analysis of a two-body final state at the LHC [3]

Link to related papers:

[1] “Learning New Physics from a Machine” [Phys. Rev. D](#) (d’Agnolo, Wulzer)

[2] “Learning Multivariate New Physics” [Eur. Phys. J. C](#) (d’Agnolo, GG, Pierini, Wulzer, Zanetti)

[3] “Learning New Physics from an Imperfect Machine” [Eur. Phys. J. C](#) (d’Agnolo, GG, Pierini, Wulzer, Zanetti)

NPLM algorithm

New Physics Learning Machine (NPLM)

Main Idea

- Goal: performing a **log-likelihood-ratio hypothesis test**

End-to-end strategy, from the data to a p -value for the discovery (frequentistic approach)

$$t(\mathcal{D}) = \max_{\mathbf{w}} \left[2 \log \frac{\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{D} | H_{\mathbf{w}})}{\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{D} | R_0)} \right]$$

R_0 : reference hypothesis
 $H_{\mathbf{w}}$: alternative hypothesis

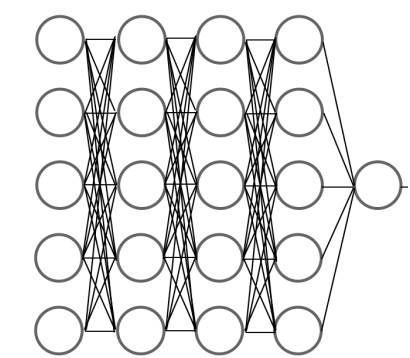
- Exploiting a Neural Network (NN) to **parametrize** the data distribution in terms of a Reference distribution (R_0)

$$n(x | T) \approx n(x | H_{\hat{\mathbf{w}}}) = n(x | R_0) e^{f(x, \hat{\mathbf{w}})}$$

True (T) data distribution

Data distribution learnt by the NN

Reference distribution



NN model

Unknown

Alternative hypothesis

Null hypothesis (SM)

- **Signal-model-independent**: reduced assumptions on the signal hypothesis

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Main Idea

Maximum Likelihood from minimal loss:

Test statistic

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D : data sample

R : reference sample (built according to the R_0 hypothesis); could be weighted (w)

Loss function

$$\bar{L}[f(x; \mathbf{w})] = - \sum_{x \in \mathcal{D}} [f(x; \mathbf{w})] + \sum_{x \in \mathcal{R}} w_x \left[e^{f(x; \mathbf{w})} - 1 \right]$$

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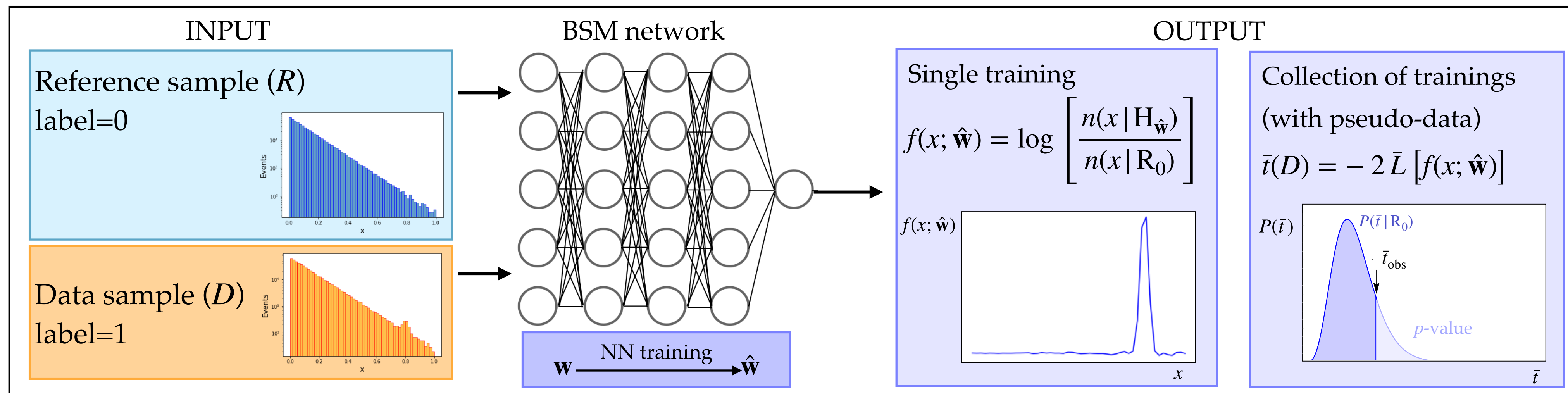
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Dealing with multivariate problems (negligible uncertainties)

Asymptotic formula for the \bar{t} distribution under R_0 :

Wilks-Wald theorem:

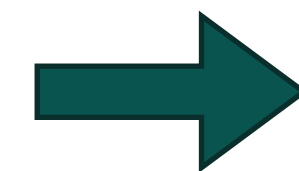
Θ_0 : set of parameters describing H_0

Θ_1 : set of parameters describing H_1

If $H_0 \subseteq H_1$, then under the H_0 hypothesis the test statistic

$$t(\mathcal{D}) = 2 \log \frac{\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{D} | H_{\mathbf{w}})}{\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{D} | R_0)}$$

asymptotically follows a χ_{df}^2 distribution with $df = |\Theta_1| - |\Theta_0|$



If the Wilks' theorem hold,
the target distribution for \bar{t} under the
 R_0 hypothesis is a χ_{df}^2 with $df = |\mathbf{w}|$.

Due to the **finite size** of the training samples, the **sparsity** of the data (especially in multivariate problems) and the **approximation** errors, the distribution of $\bar{t}(D)$ under R_0 does not follow the target $\chi_{|\mathbf{w}|}^2$ by default.

→ a **(NN) MODEL REGULARIZATION** procedure can solve this problem!

New Physics Learning Machine (NPLM)

NN Model regularization:

Weight clipping parameter:



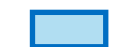

Upper boundary to the magnitude that each trainable parameter can assume during the training.

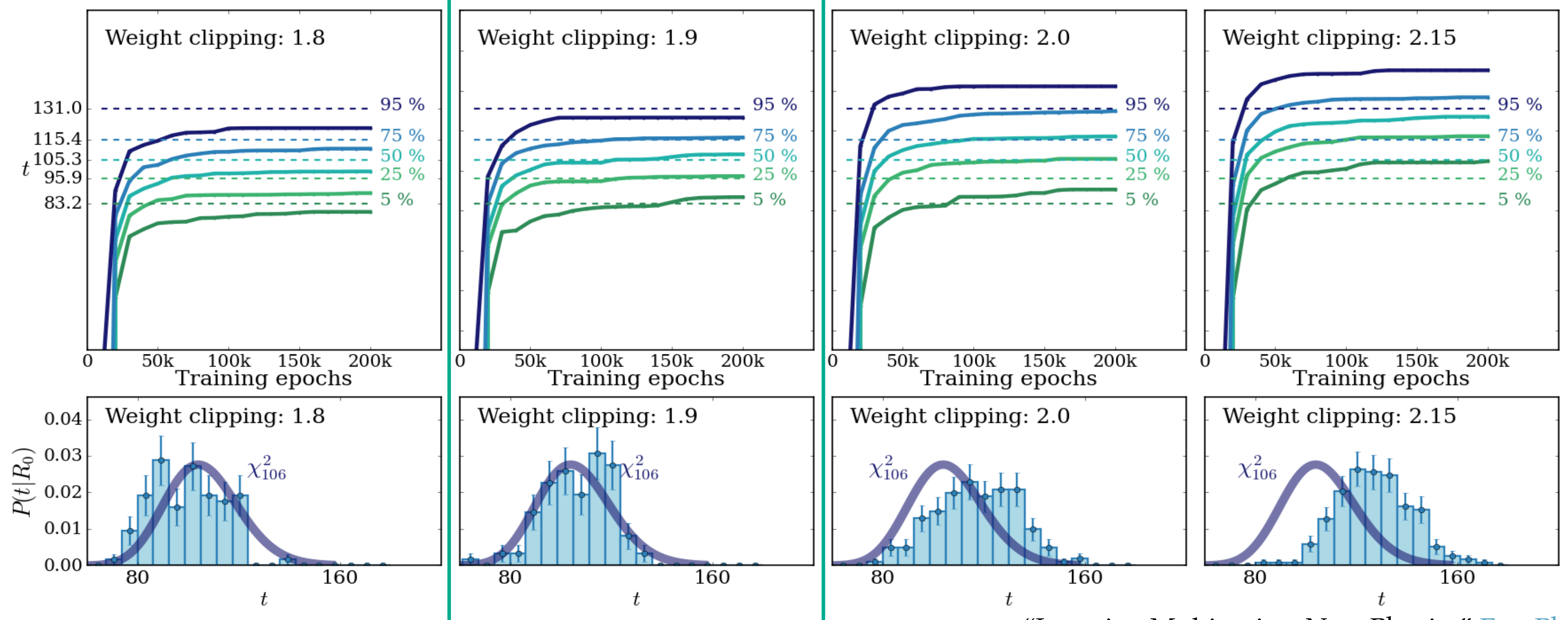
For a chosen NN architecture, tuning the weight clipping allows to recover a good agreement of the empirical distribution of \bar{t} under R_0 with the target $\chi^2_{|\mathbf{w}|}$ distribution.

Example:

NN model: 5-7-7-1,
 $|\mathbf{w}| = 106$

Legend:

-  Percentiles of the empirical \bar{t} distribution under R_0
-  Percentiles of the target $\chi^2_{|\mathbf{w}|}$
-  Empirical \bar{t} distribution under R_0
-  Target $\chi^2_{|\mathbf{w}|}$



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New Physics Learning Machine (NPLM)

Including systematic uncertainties

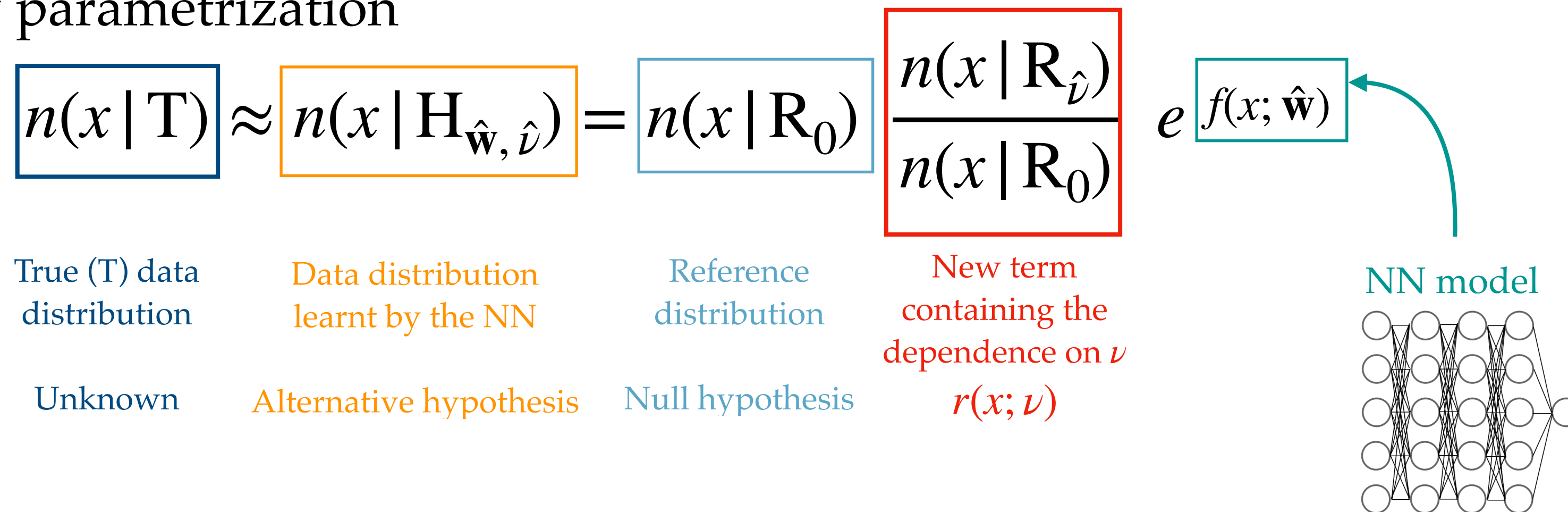
Test statistic

$$t(\mathcal{D}, \mathcal{A}) = 2 \log \left[\frac{\max_{\mathbf{w}, \nu} \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{H}_{\mathbf{w}, \nu} | \mathcal{D}, \mathcal{A})}{\max_{\nu} \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{R}_{\nu} | \mathcal{D}, \mathcal{A})} \right] = 2 \log \left[\frac{\max_{\mathbf{w}, \nu} \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{H}_{\mathbf{w}, \nu} | \mathcal{D}) \mathcal{L}(\nu | \mathcal{A})}{\max_{\nu} \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{R}_{\nu} | \mathcal{D}) \mathcal{L}(\nu | \mathcal{A})} \right]$$

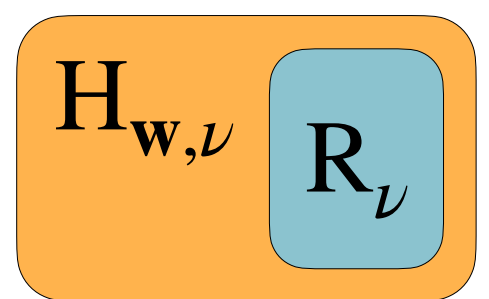
\mathbf{w} : trainable parameters on the NN model
 ν : set of nuisance parameters modelling the uncertainties effects
 \mathcal{D} : data sample
 \mathcal{A} : auxiliary sample (used to constrain ν)

Doesn't depend on ν

New parametrization



Note:
 This parametrization choice guarantees $\mathbf{R}_{\nu} \subseteq \mathbf{H}_{\mathbf{w}, \nu}$
 ($\mathbf{R}_{\nu} = \mathbf{H}_{\mathbf{w}, \nu}$ for $f(\cdot; \mathbf{w}) \equiv 0$)



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$$= \tau(\mathcal{D}, \mathcal{A}) - \Delta(\mathcal{D}, \mathcal{A})$$

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Tau term:

$$\tau(\mathcal{D}, \mathcal{A}) = 2 \max_{\mathbf{w}, \nu} \log \left[\frac{\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{H}_{\mathbf{w}, \nu} | \mathcal{D}) \mathcal{L}(\nu | \mathcal{A})}{\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{R}_0 | \mathcal{D}) \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{0} | \mathcal{A})} \right] = -2 \min_{\mathbf{w}, \nu} L \left[f(x, \mathbf{w}), \nu; \hat{\delta}(x) \right]$$

Contains the dependence on a NN model

Built on the knowledge of the Reference model (purely SM term)

Delta term:

$$\Delta(\mathcal{D}, \mathcal{A}) = 2 \max_{\nu} \log \left[\frac{\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{R}_{\nu} | \mathcal{D}) \mathcal{L}(\nu | \mathcal{A})}{\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{R}_0 | \mathcal{D}) \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{0} | \mathcal{A})} \right] = -2 \min_{\nu} L \left[\nu; \hat{\delta}(x) \right]$$

$$r(x; \nu) = \frac{n(x | \mathbf{R}_{\nu})}{n(x | \mathbf{R}_0)}$$

Taylor's expansion learning:

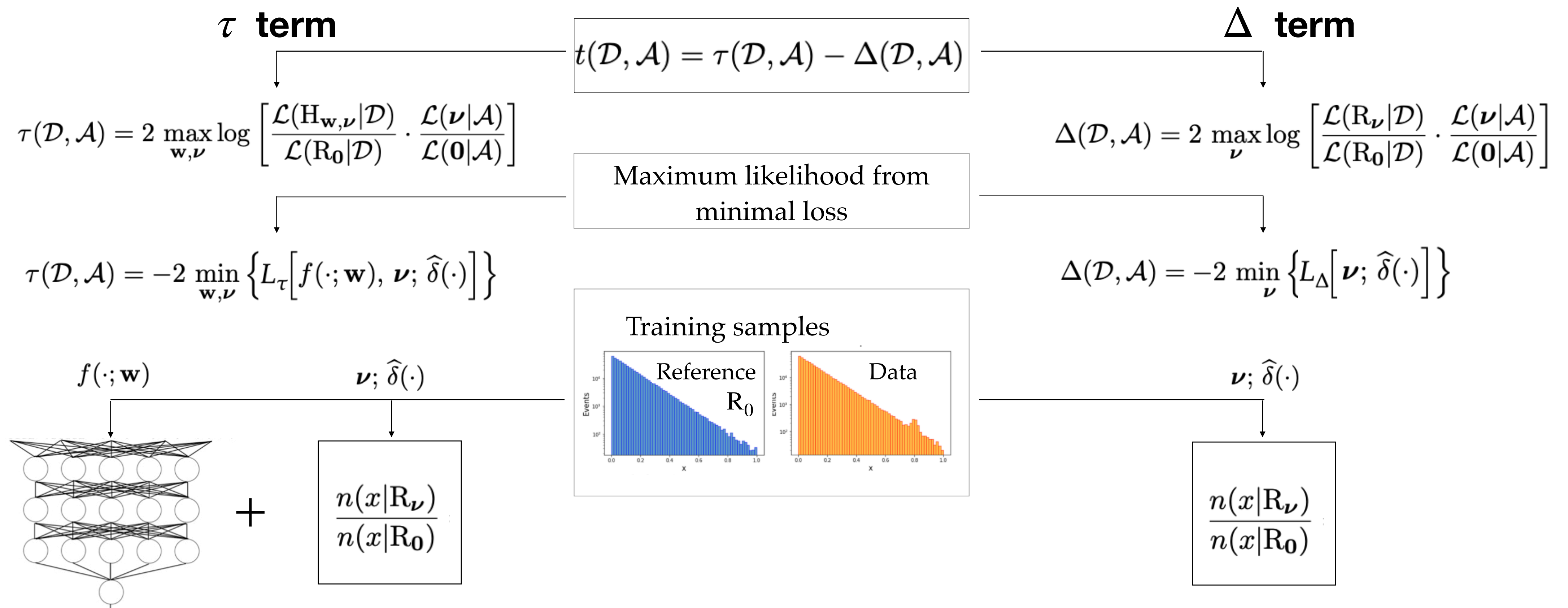
$$\hat{r}(x; \nu) = \exp \left[\hat{\delta}_1(x) \nu + \hat{\delta}_2(x) \nu^2 + \dots \right]$$

NN 1 NN2 ...

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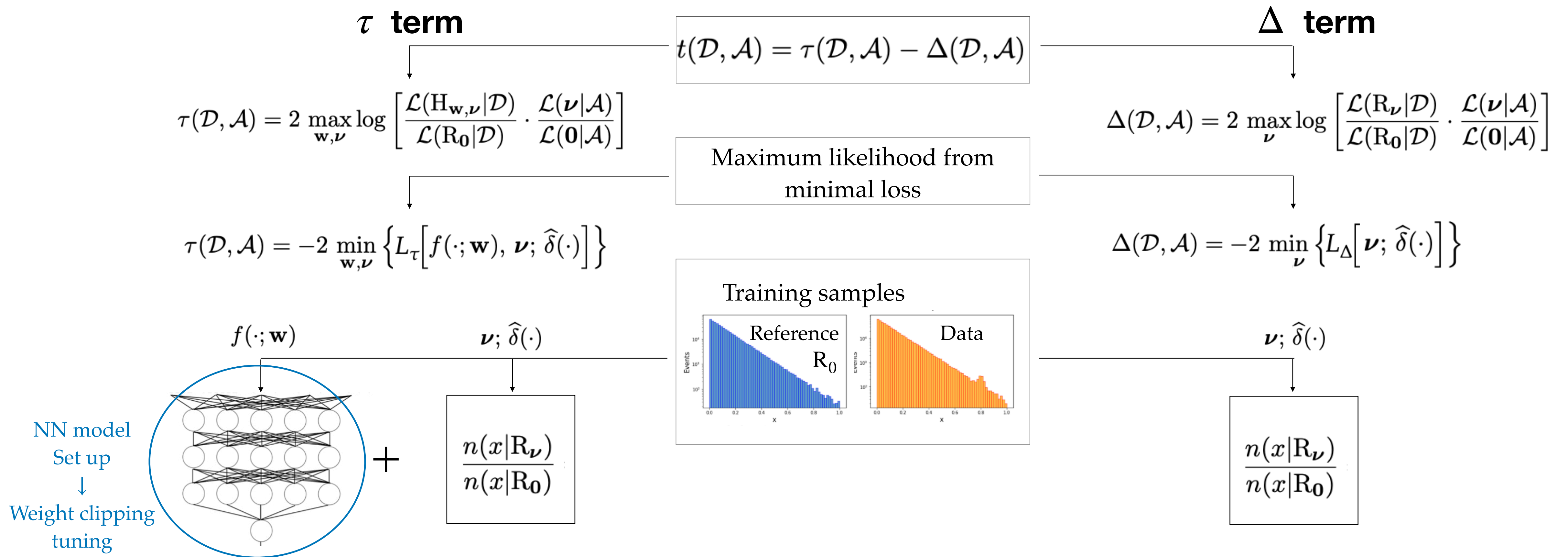
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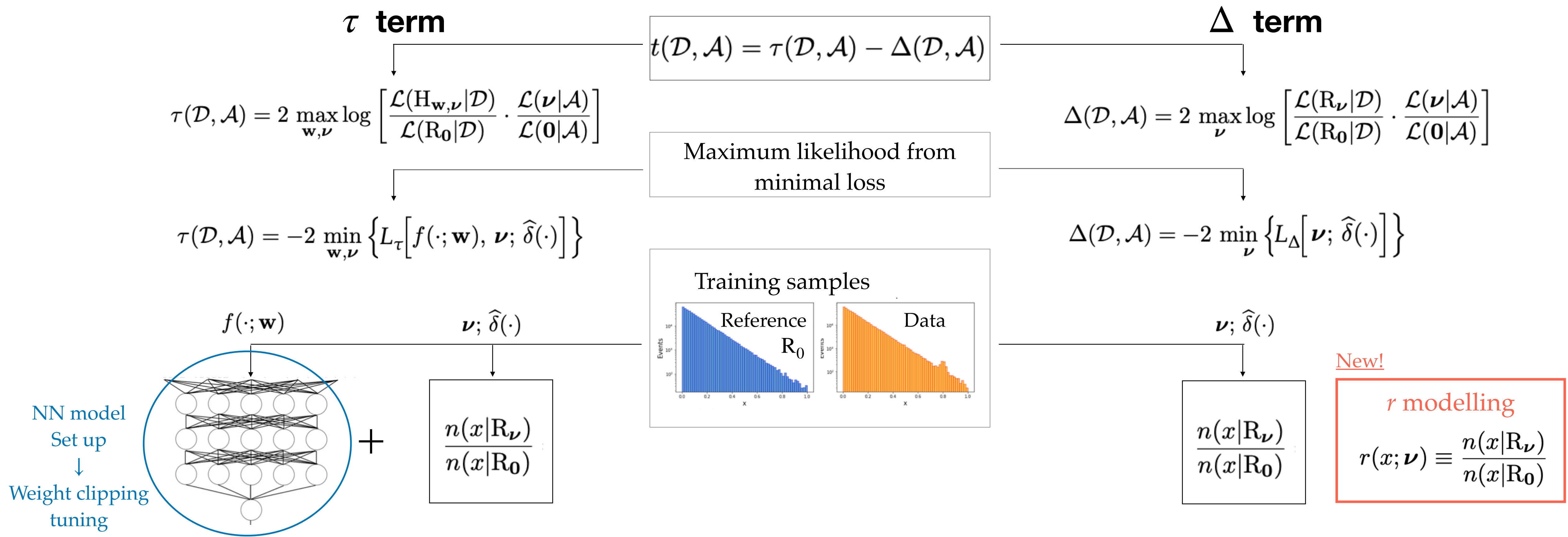
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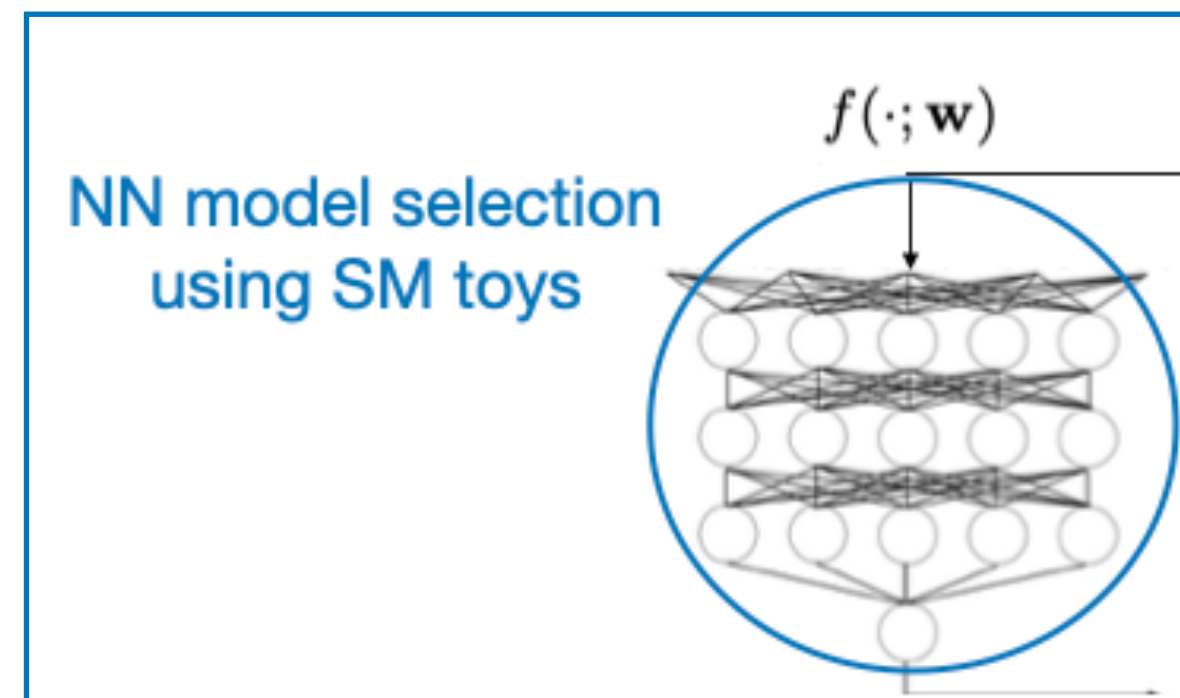


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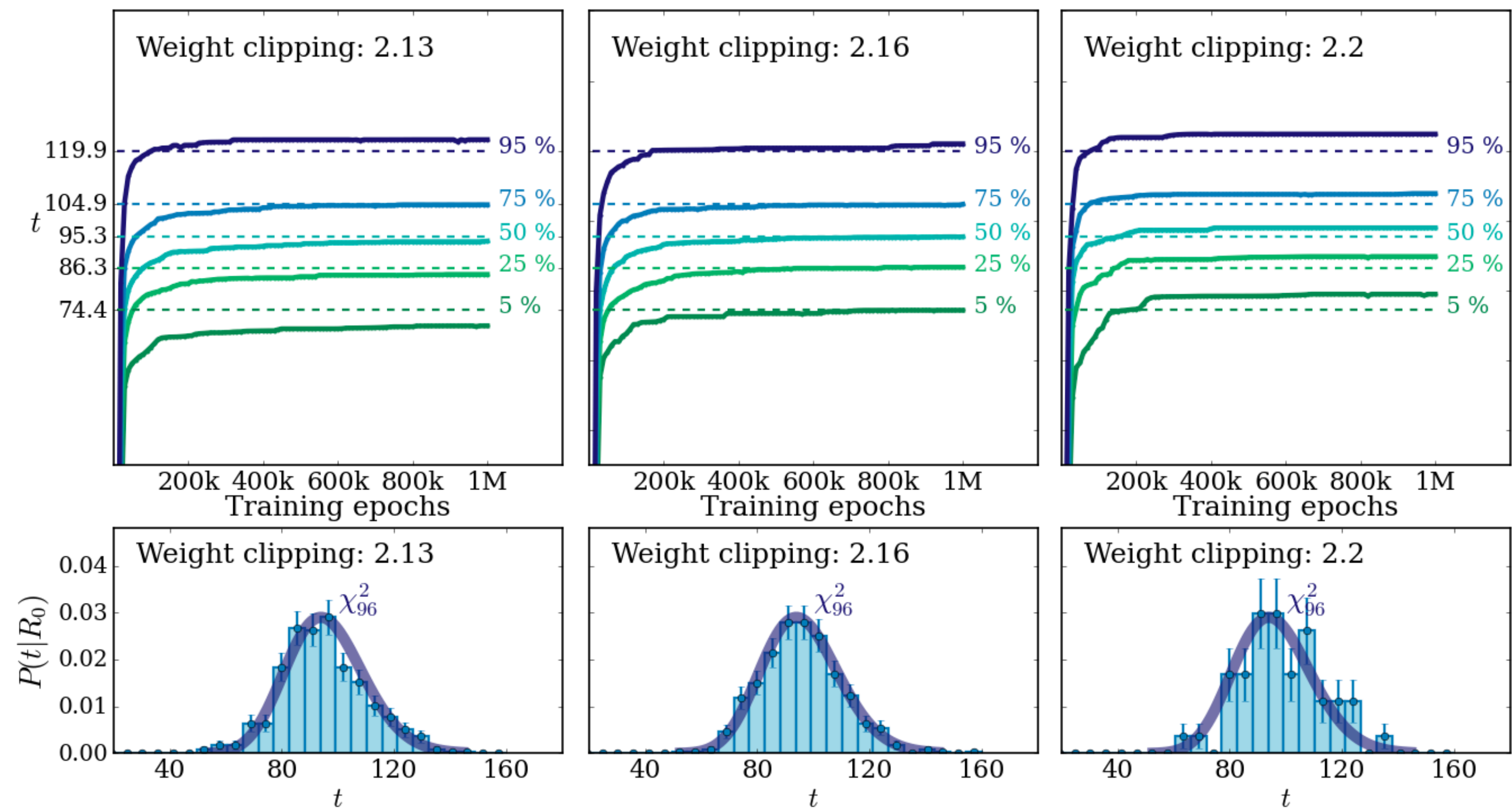
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NN tuning

Architecture: 5x3 (96 trainable parameters)



Weight clipping tuning, targeting a χ^2 distribution



- Loss function (no sys. unc.):

$$\bar{L} = \sum_{x \in R} w_x (e^{f(x; w)} - 1) - \sum_{x \in D} f(x; w)$$

- Both Reference and Data are sampled according to the Reference hypothesis

$$R, D \sim R_0$$

Asymptotic formula: χ^2_{df} , $df = 96$

New Physics Learning Machine (NPLM)

Including systematic uncertainties

r modelling

$$r(x; \nu) \equiv \frac{n(x|\mathbf{R}_\nu)}{n(x|\mathbf{R}_0)}$$

Normalization uncertainties:

Analytic description

$$r(x; \nu) \equiv \frac{n(x|\mathbf{R}_\nu)}{n(x|\mathbf{R}_0)} = \exp \left[\sum_{i=1}^{N_\nu} \nu_i \right]$$

Shape uncertainties:

Taylor's expansion around the nuisance central value

$$\hat{r}(x; \nu) = \exp \left[\hat{\delta}_1(x) \nu + \hat{\delta}_2(x) \nu^2 + \dots \right]$$

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Validation of the $(\tau - \Delta)$ procedure

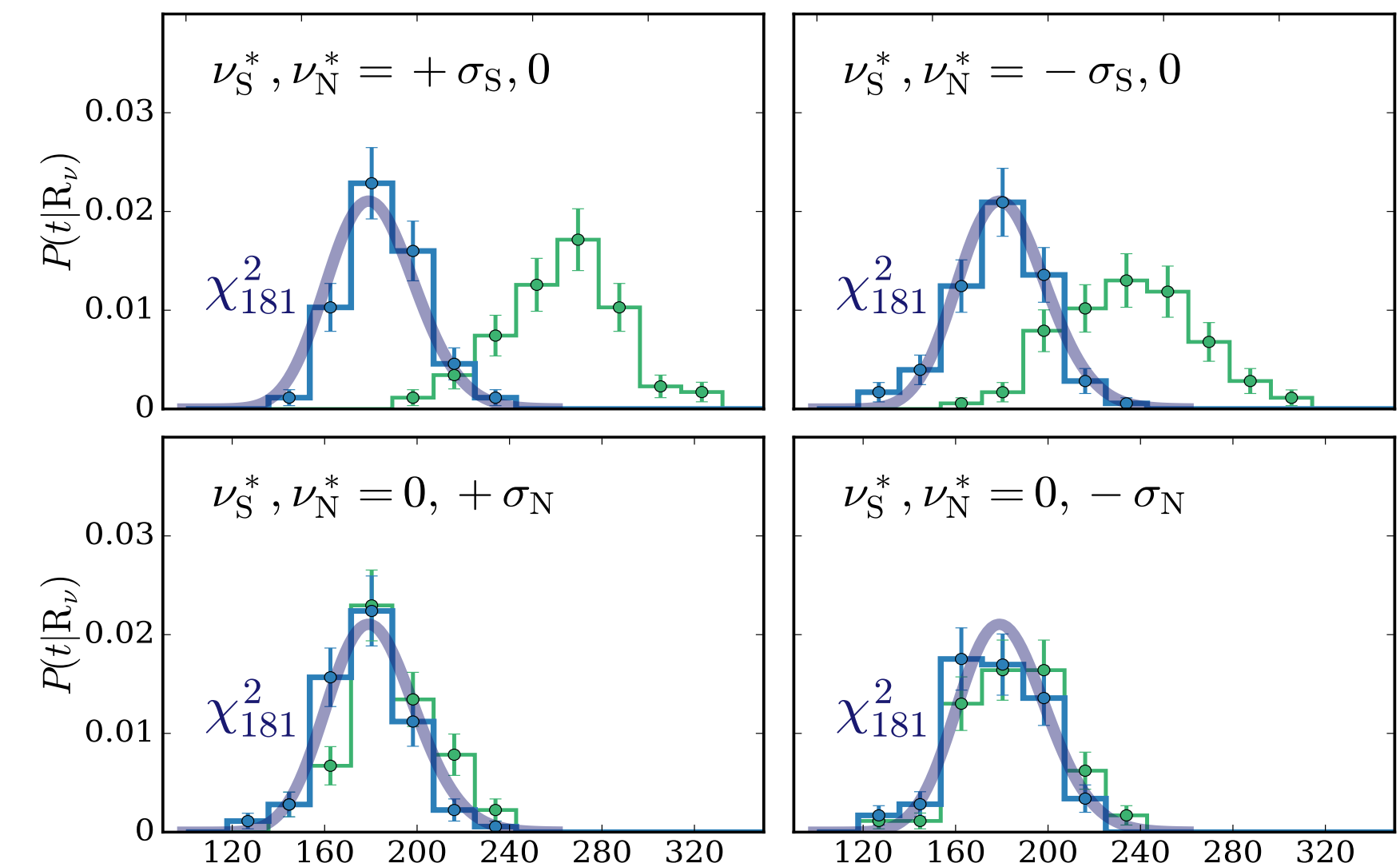
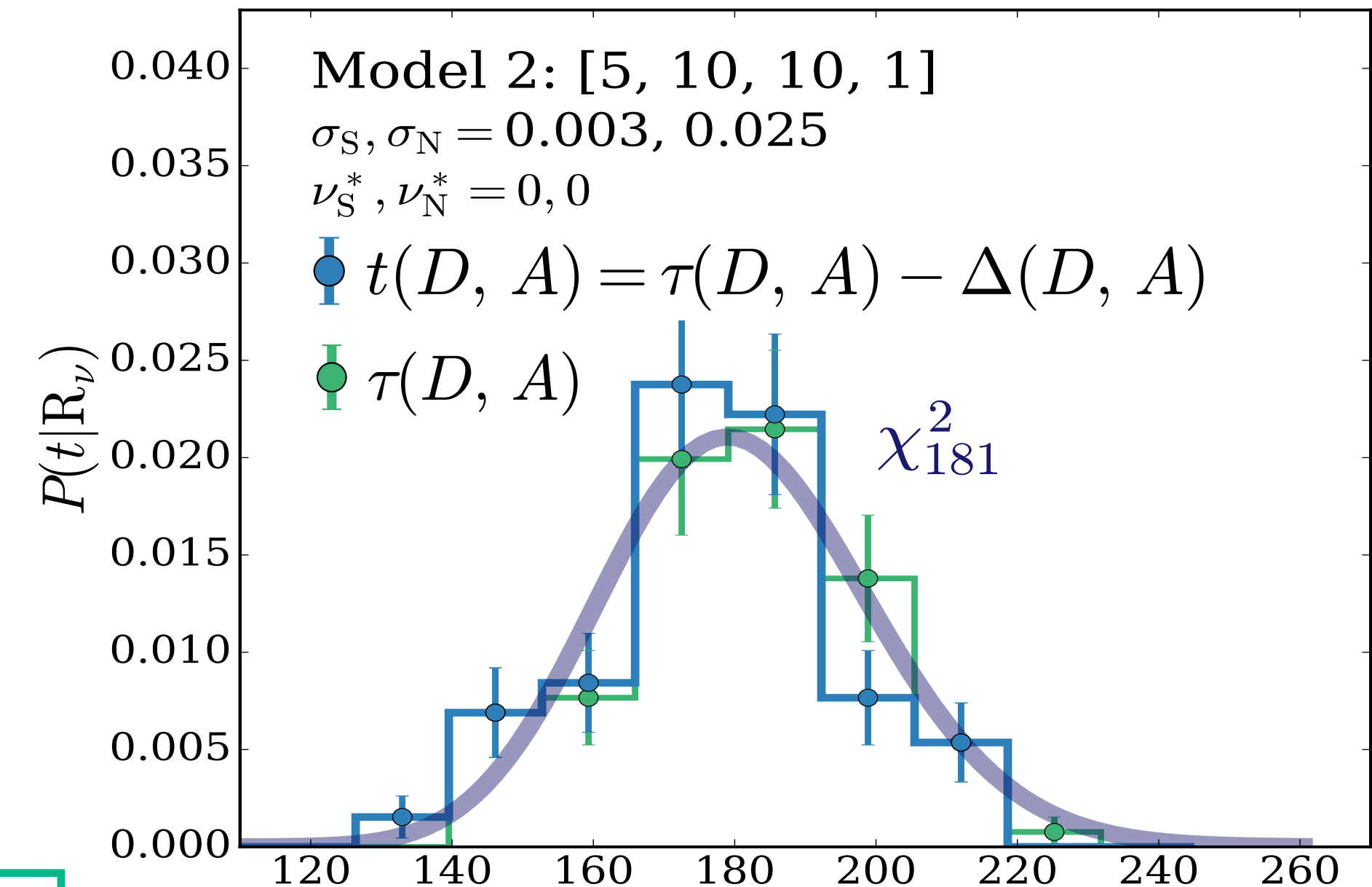
“Toy Data”: test the procedure on simulated toys following the Reference (SM) hypothesis with generation value for the nuisance parameters $\nu^* = \pm\sigma_\nu$:

$$D \sim R_{\nu^*}, \quad \nu^* = \pm\sigma_\nu$$

The \bar{t} distribution under the reference hypothesis R_{ν^*} is **compatible with the target** $\chi^2_{|w|}$ for values of the true nuisance parameters within the uncertainty ($\nu^* = \pm\sigma_\nu$).

\bar{t} is **independent** of the true value of the nuisance parameters!

We can build a *frequentistic* test statistic relying on the asymptotic $\chi^2_{|w|}$.



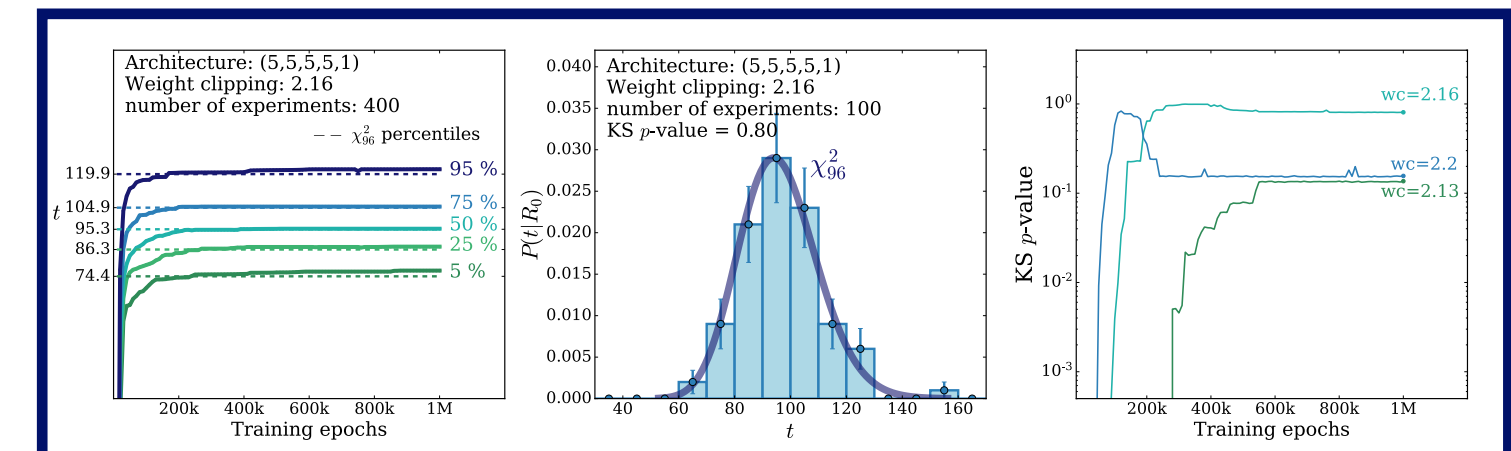
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Final procedure in steps:

1. NN MODEL SELECTION:

weight clipping tuning \rightarrow target $\chi^2_{|w|}$;



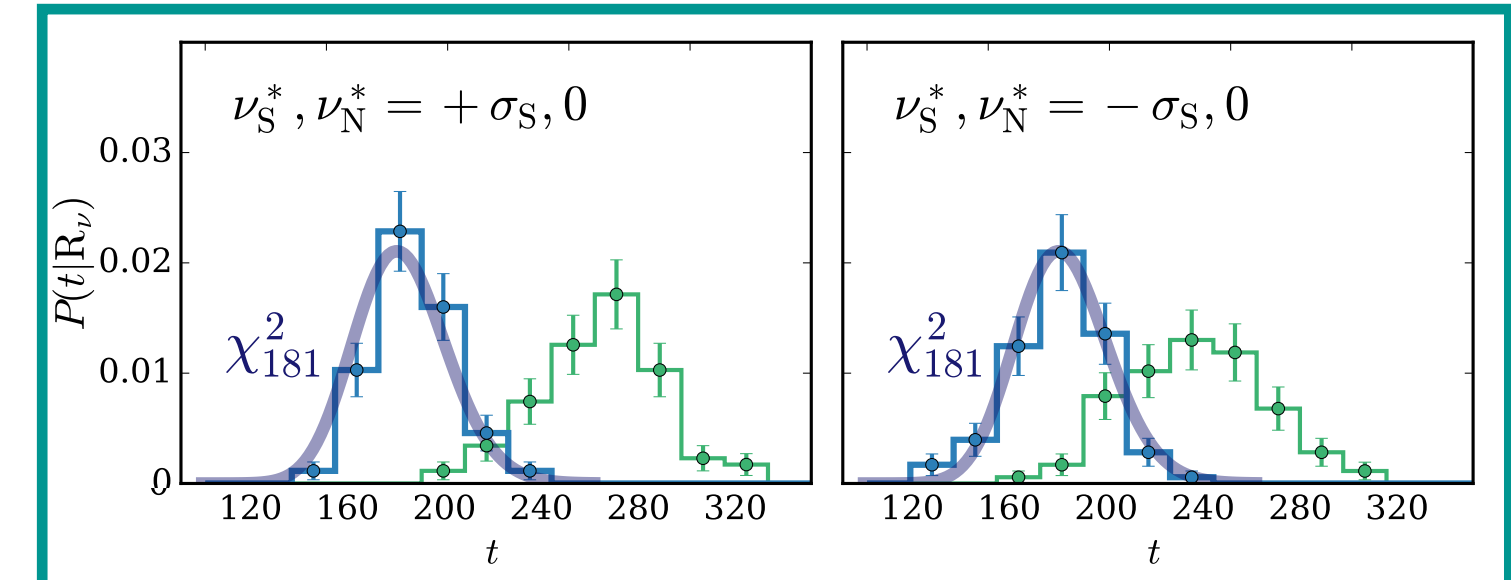
2. NUISANCE TAYLOR'S EXPANSION LEARNING:

modelling $\hat{r}(x; \nu) = \exp \left[\hat{\delta}_1(x) \nu + \hat{\delta}_2(x) \nu^2 + \dots \right]$;

$$\hat{r}(x; \nu) = \exp \left[\underbrace{\hat{\delta}_1(x)}_{\text{NN 1}} \nu + \underbrace{\hat{\delta}_2(x)}_{\text{NN 2}} \nu^2 + \dots \right]$$

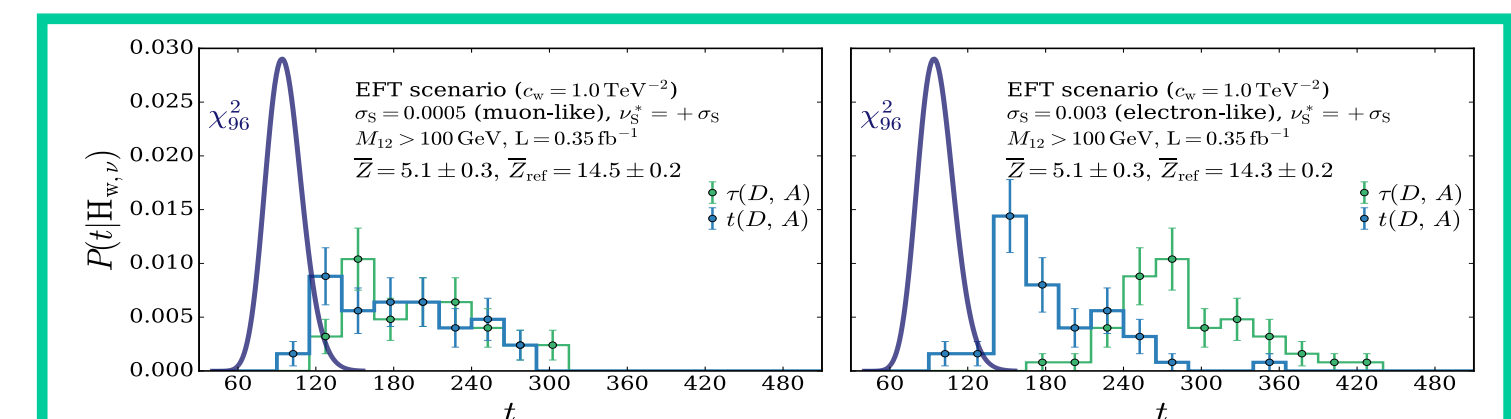
3. VALIDATION:

$\mathcal{D} \sim R_{\nu^*}, \nu^* = \pm \sigma_\nu$
Verifying that the target $\chi^2_{|w|}$ is always recovered;



4. TESTING THE DATA:

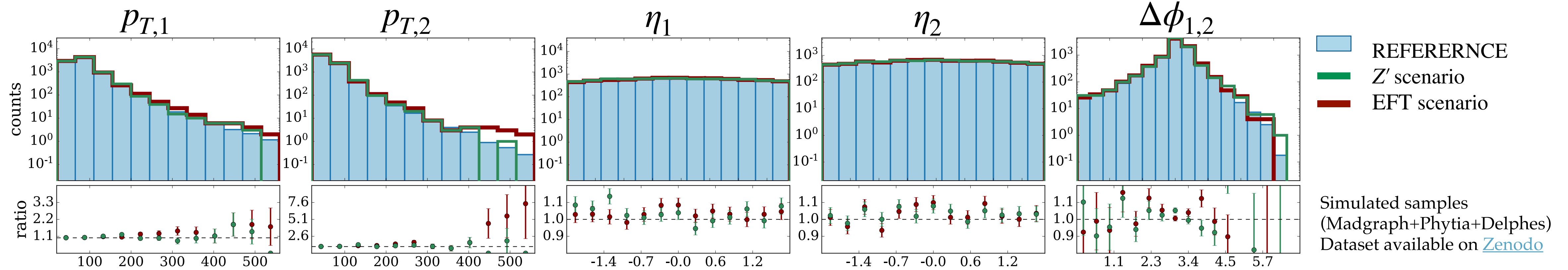
running the procedure on real data.



Two-body final state at the LHC

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5D analysis — Input: set of variables fully describing the kinematic of the final state



Uncertainties on the Reference hypothesis (SM):

- Global normalization effect: $\sigma_N = 2.5 \%$
- Momentum scale effect:

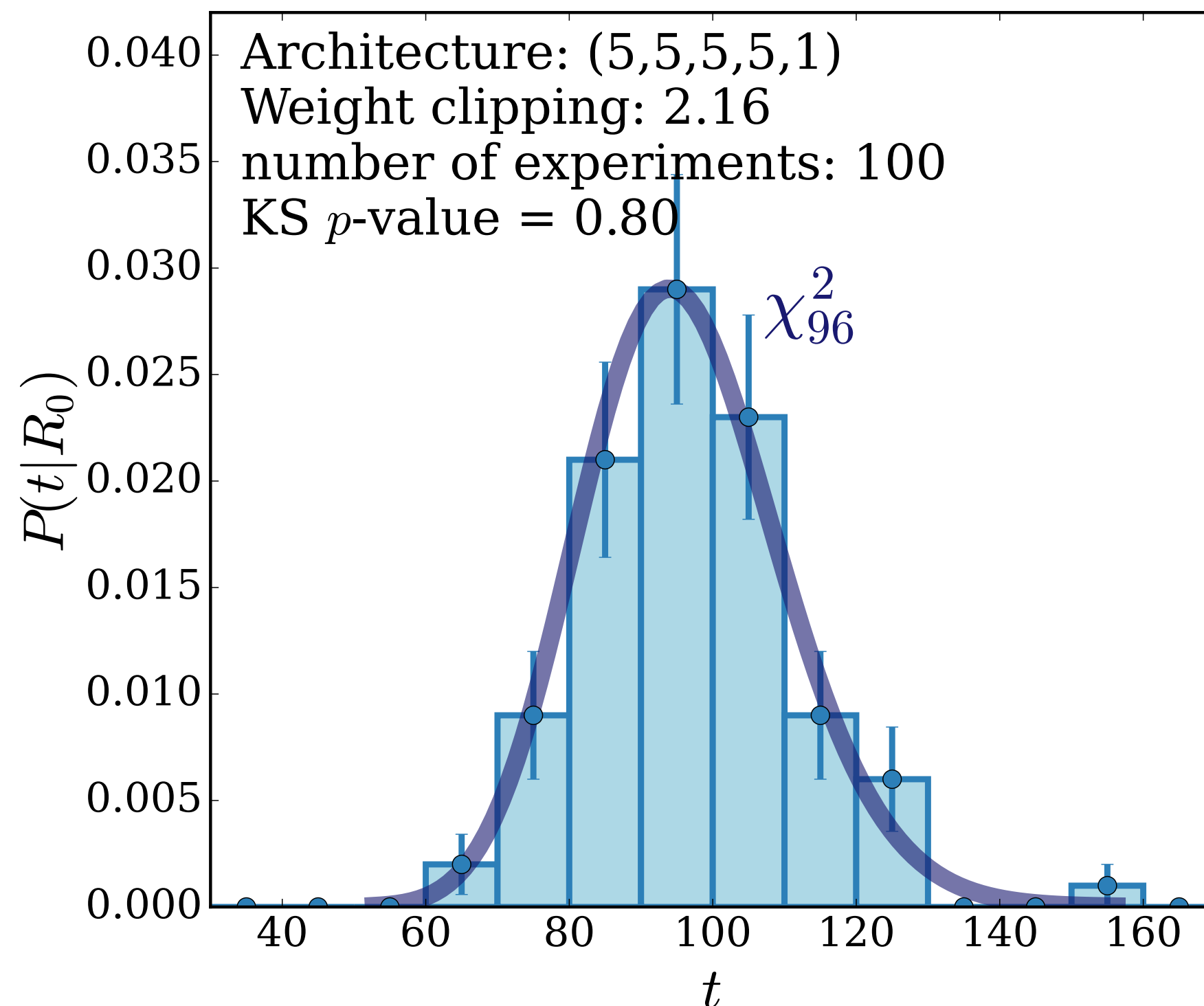
$$p_{T1,2}^{(b,e)} = \exp \left[\nu_s \sigma_s^{(b,e)} / \sigma_s^{(b)} \right] p_{T1,2}^{(b,e)} \quad \text{(b) barrel region } |\eta| < 1.2, \quad \text{(e) endcaps region } |\eta| \geq 1.2$$

- Muon-like regime: $\sigma_S^{(b)} = 0.05 \%$, $\sigma_S^{(e)} = 0.15 \%$
- Electron-like regime: $\sigma_S^{(b)} = 0.3 \%$, $\sigma_S^{(e)} = 0.9 \%$
- Tau-like regime: $\sigma_S^{(b)} = \sigma_S^{(e)} = 3 \%$

Two-body final state at the LHC

1) NN setup for the τ term:

- Data sample $N(D) \sim 8500$ events
- Reference sample $N(R) = 5 \times N(D) \sim 42500$
- Regularised DNN (weight clipping tuning)

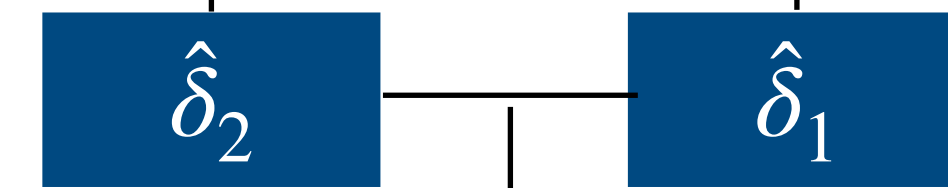
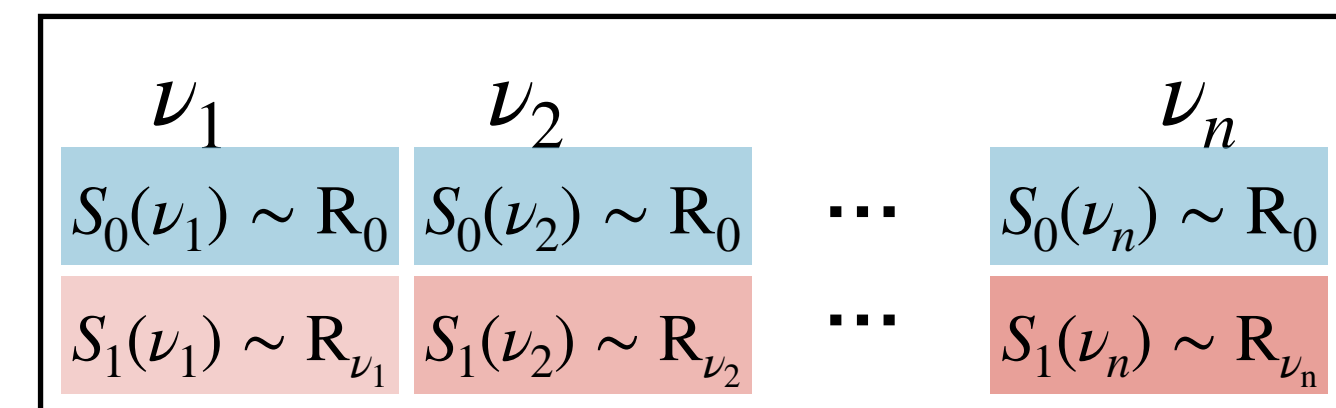


2) Taylor's expansion learning for $r(x, \nu)$:

Training a neural network model to learn each coefficient of the Taylor's expansion of $r(x; \nu) = \frac{n(x | R_\nu)}{n(x | R_0)}$

(Parametrized classifier)

Input samples



$$\hat{r}(x; \nu) = \exp \left[\hat{\delta}_1(x) \nu + \hat{\delta}_2(x) \nu^2 \right]$$

Loss function*

$$L[\hat{\delta}(\cdot)] = \sum_{\nu_i} \left[\sum_{e \in S_0(\nu_i)} w_e c(x_e)^2 + \sum_{e \in S_1(\nu_i)} w_e [1 - c(x_e)]^2 \right], \quad c(x) = \frac{1}{1 + \hat{r}(x; \nu)}$$

* Parametrized classifiers for optimal EFT sensitivity [arXiv:2007.10356](https://arxiv.org/abs/2007.10356)

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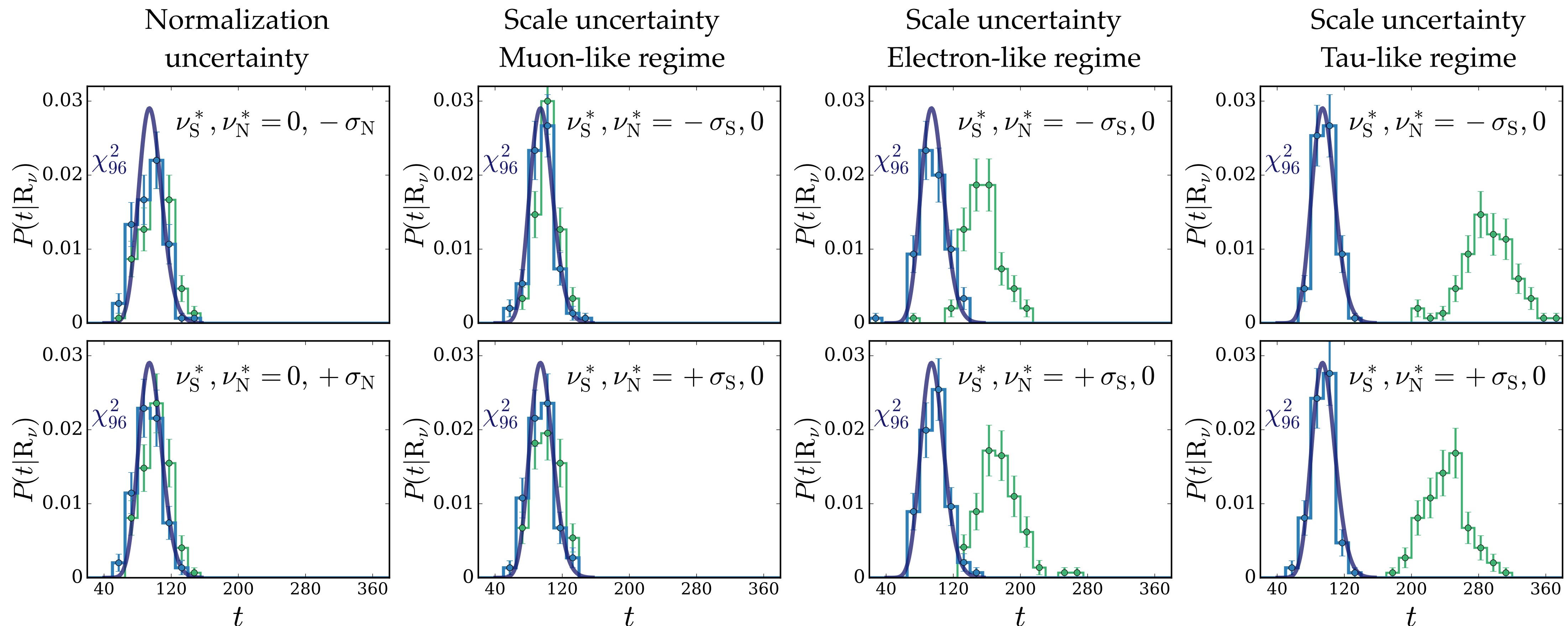
$\tau - \Delta$ validation

Reference sample: $R \sim R_0$

Data sample: $D \sim R_{\nu^*}$

$t(D, A) = \tau(D, A) - \Delta(D, A)$

$\tau(D, A)$



DNN [5-5-5-5-1], #trainable parameters = 96, weight clipping = 2.16

Two-body final state at the LHC

Sensitivity to New Physics scenarios

Resonance in the two-body invariant mass

- **Z' scenario:** new vector boson with the same SM coupling as the Z boson and mass of 300 GeV.

- Muon-like, electron-like regimes:
 $M_{12} > 100 \text{ GeV}, L = 0.35 \text{ fb}^{-1}, N(S) = 120$
- Tau-like regime:
 $M_{12} > 120 \text{ GeV}, L = 1.1 \text{ fb}^{-1}, N(S) = 210$

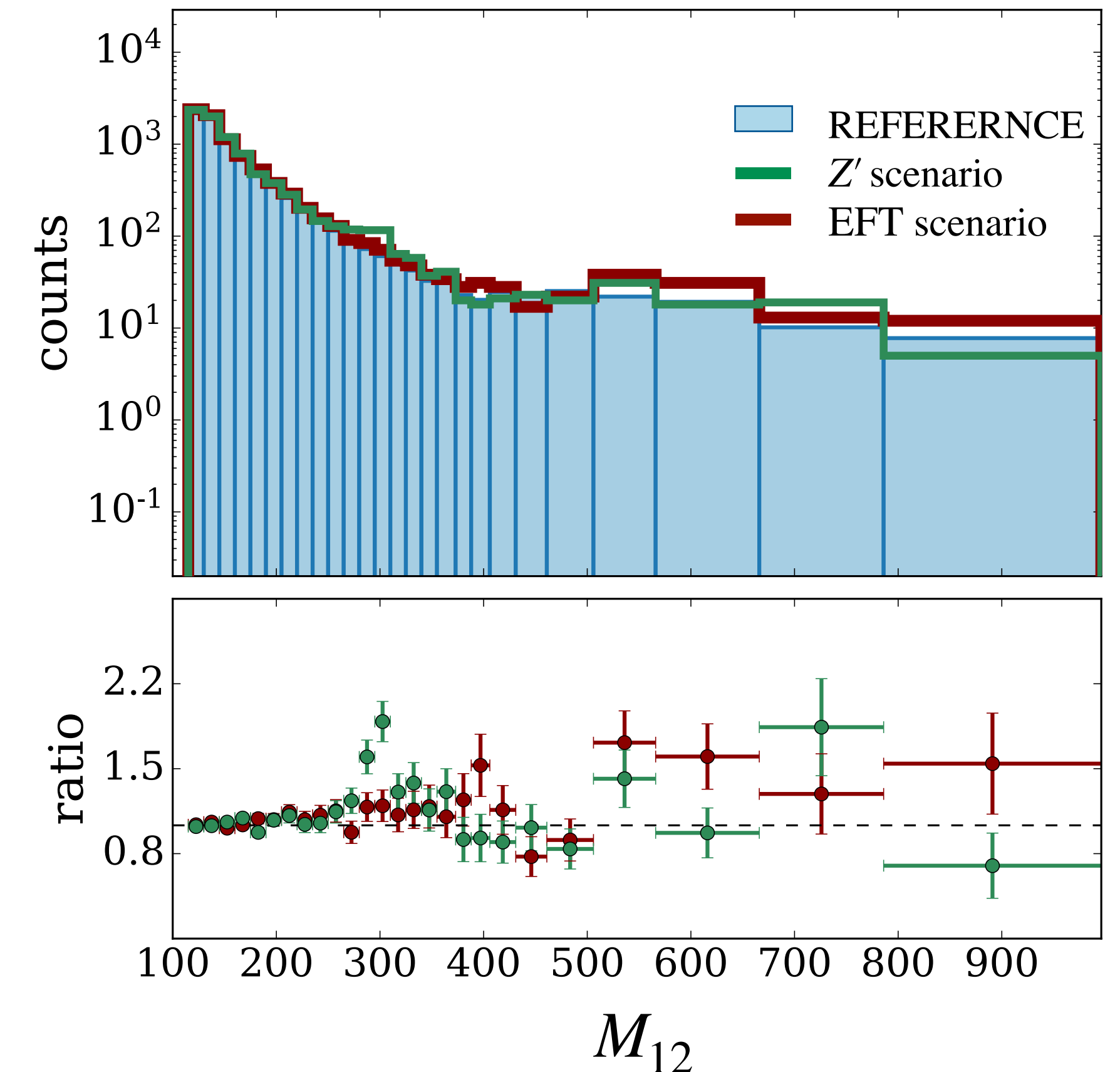
Non resonant excess in the tail of the two-body invariant mass

- **EFT scenario:** dimension-6 4-fermions-contact operator:

$$\frac{c_W}{\Lambda} J_{L\mu}^a J_{La}^\mu$$

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- Tau-like regime:
 $M_{12} > 120 \text{ GeV}, L = 1.1 \text{ fb}^{-1}, c_W = 0.25 \text{ TeV}^{-2}$

Example:
Tau-like regime



NOTE:
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Two-body final state at the LHC

Sensitivity to New Physics scenarios

$$\bullet t(D, A) = \tau(D, A) - \Delta(D, A)$$

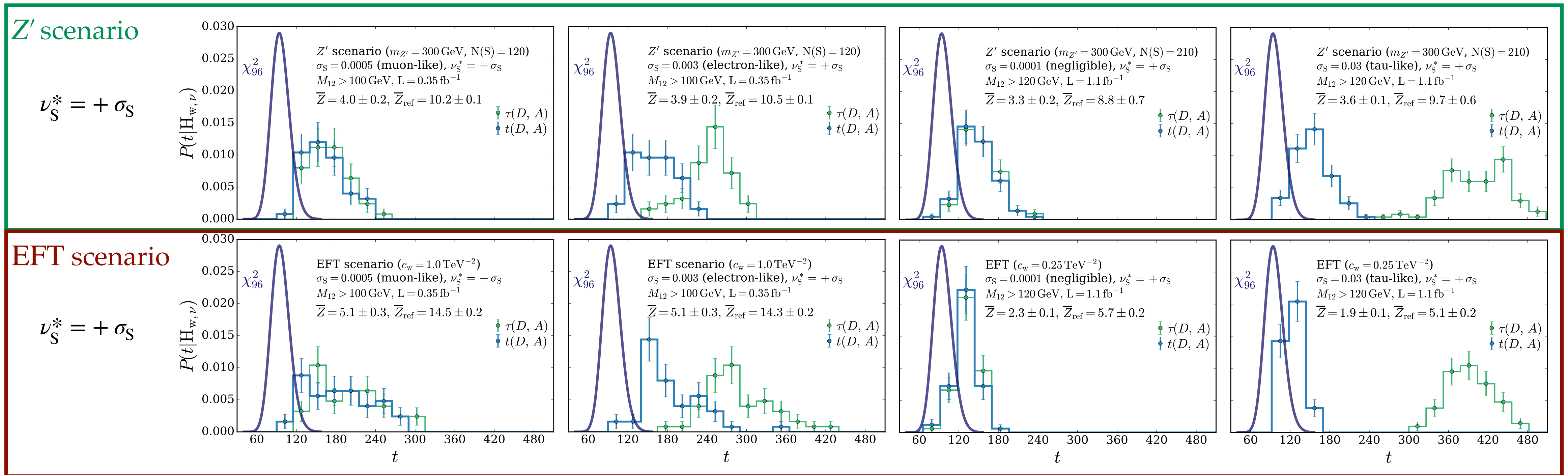
$$\bullet \tau(D, A)$$

Muon-like regime

Electron-like regime

Negligible systematic uncertainties

Tau-like regime



Z-score: $Z = \Phi^{-1} [1 - p]$

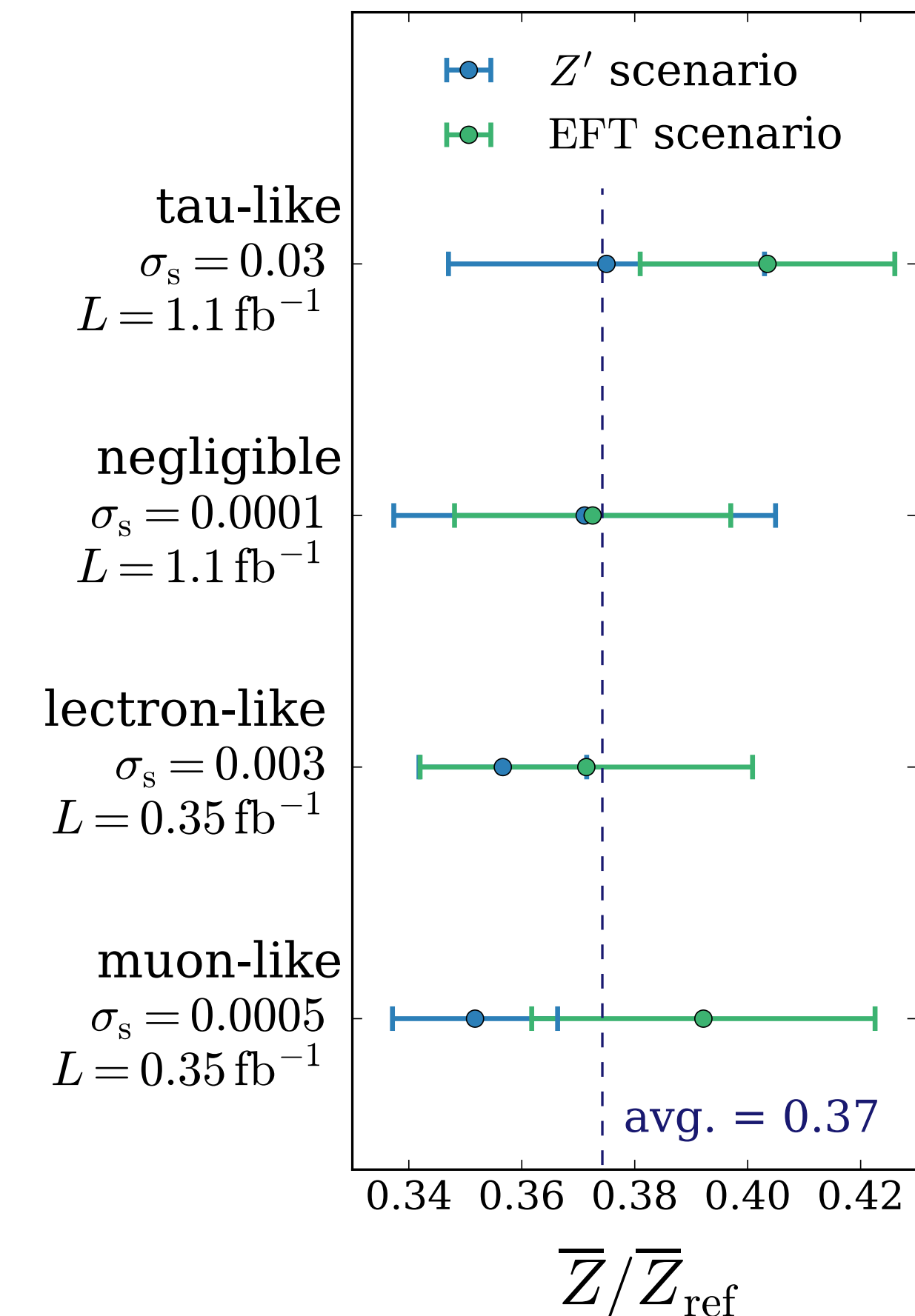
\bar{Z} : Z-score from the median of the empirical $t(D, A)$ distribution

Two-body final state at the LHC

Sensitivity to New Physics scenarios

Summary of the results:

- Comparable performances in the resonant and non-resonant scenarios:
 - NPLM is **simultaneously sensitive to any source of New Physics**;
- Comparable performances at different systematic uncertainties regimes:
 - NPLM is robust against the presence of systematic uncertainties;
 - the presence of systematic uncertainties affects NPLM in the same measure as any other hypothesis test;
- **No information** about the New Physics **signal** has been provided to the algorithm at any step of its implementation:
 - The performances of NPLM are lower than any model-dependent strategy by construction ($\bar{Z}/\bar{Z}_{\text{ref}} = 0.37$);



Z-score: $Z = \Phi^{-1} [1 - p]$

- \bar{Z} : Z-score from NPLM

- \bar{Z}_{ref} : Z-score from a model-dependent (optimized) test statistics

Two-body final state at the LHC

Sensitivity to New Physics scenarios

Signal reconstruction with the NN:

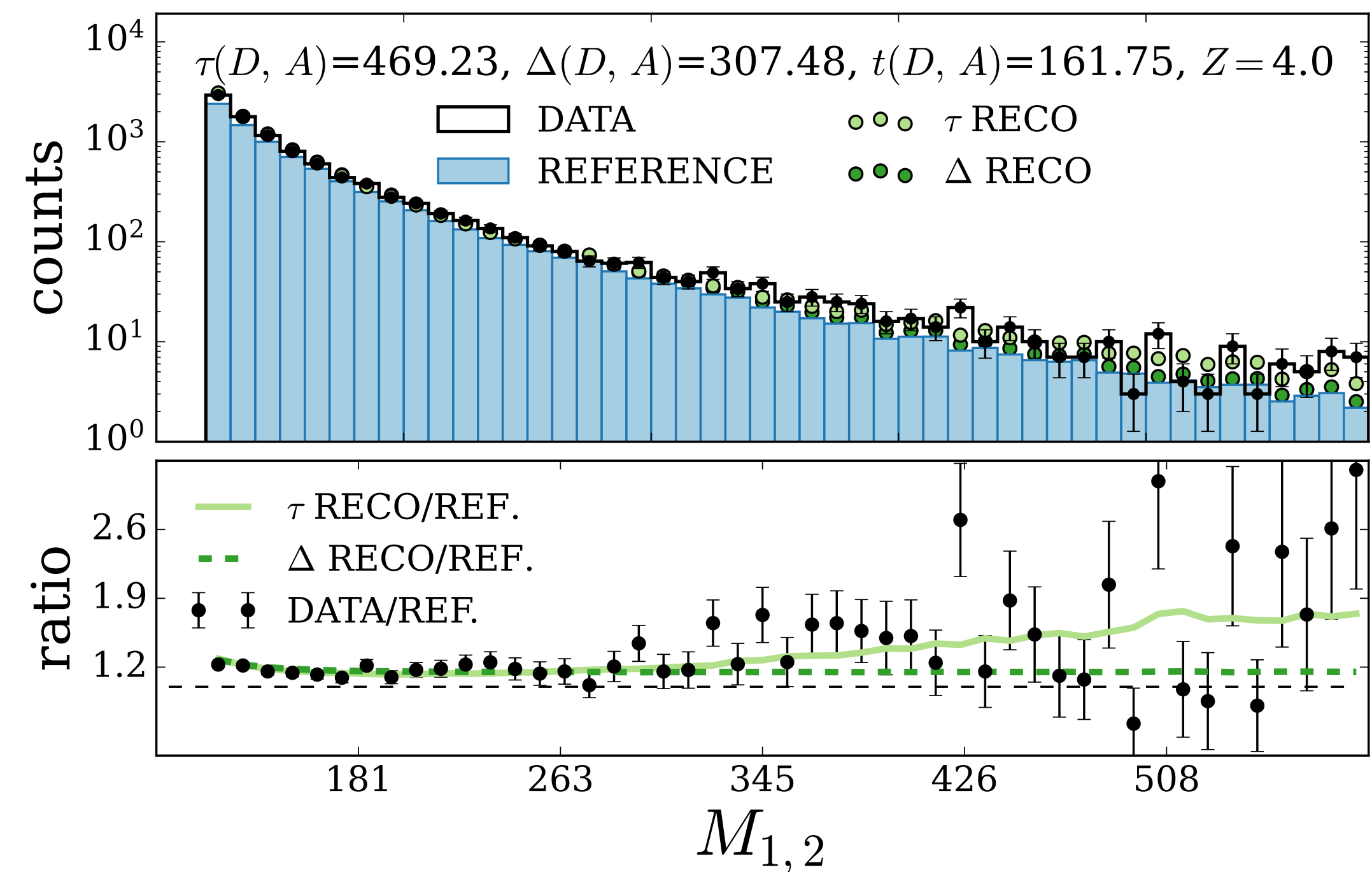
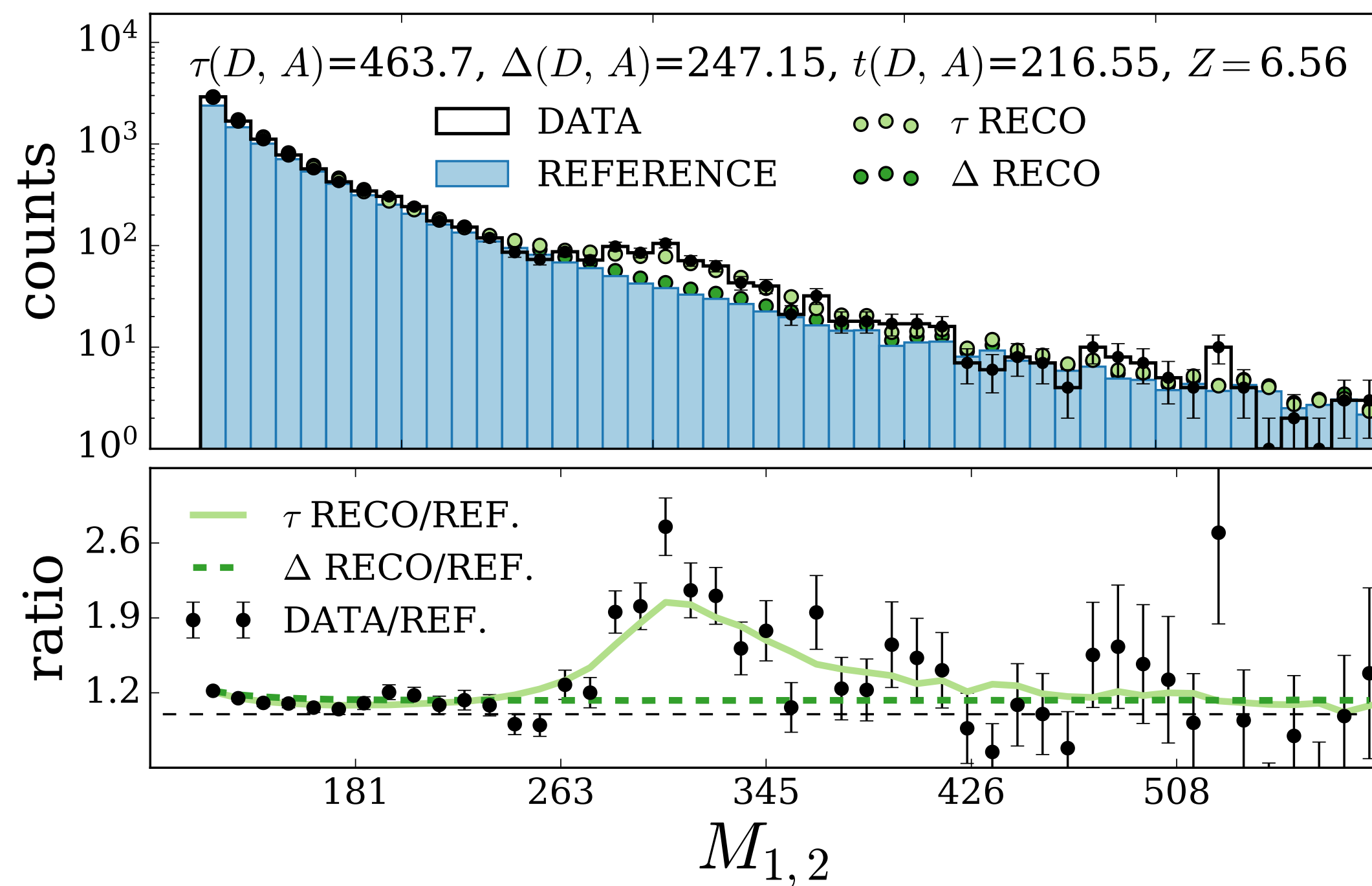
Architecture: [5-5-5-5-1] (96 dof), weigh clipping 2.15, L = 240 fb⁻¹

$$\tau \text{ reconstruction: } n(x | H_{\hat{w}, \hat{v}}) = n(x | R_0) \frac{n(x | R_{\hat{v}})}{n(x | R_0)} e^{f(x; \hat{w})}$$

$$\Delta \text{ reconstruction: } n(x | R_{\hat{v}})$$

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“Learning Multivariate New Physics” [Eur. Phys. J. C](#)

Two-body final state at the LHC

NPLM for signal model independent New Physics searches:

Ready to be performed on a real analysis at the LHC!

- ✓ Heuristic method to setup **multivariate** analysis
- ✓ Strategy to account for **systematic uncertainties**

Limitations

- Accuracy of the Reference sample
- Accuracy of the systematic uncertainties modelling
- Training time (with NN)

limit the actual **luminosity** that we are allowed to inspect, but do not obstacle the applicability of NPLM.

Next steps?

Ongoing work

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- NN regularization (alternatives to weight clipping?) \rightarrow performances
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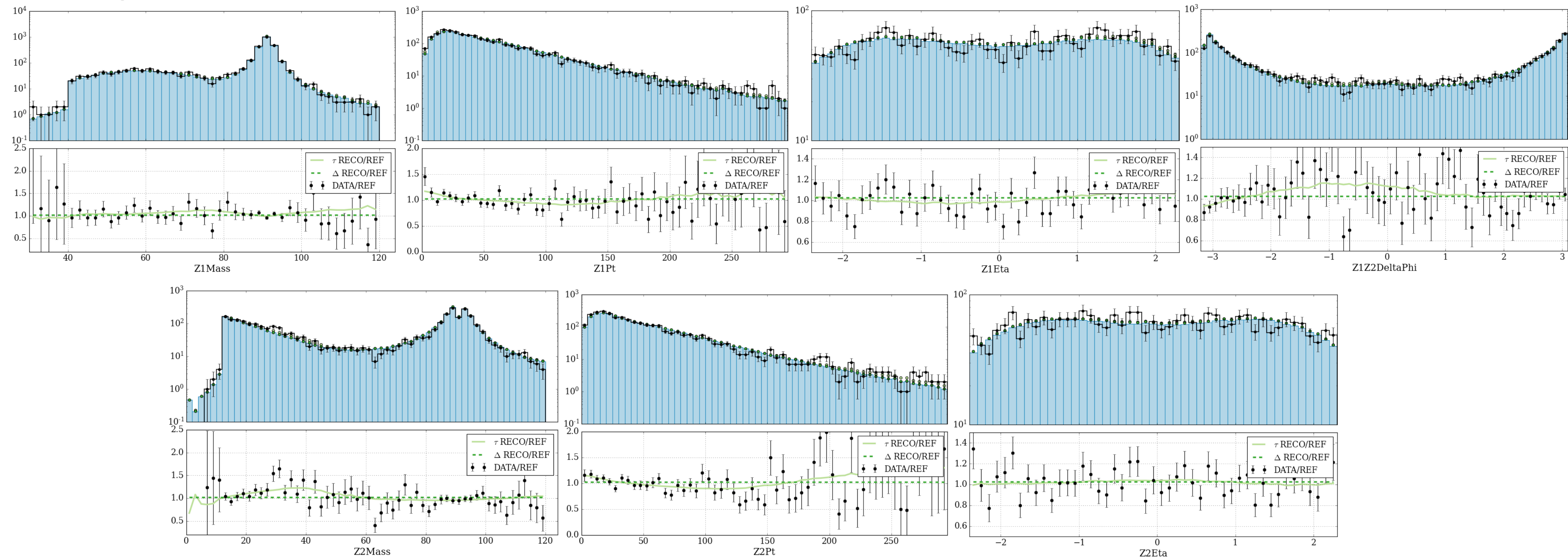
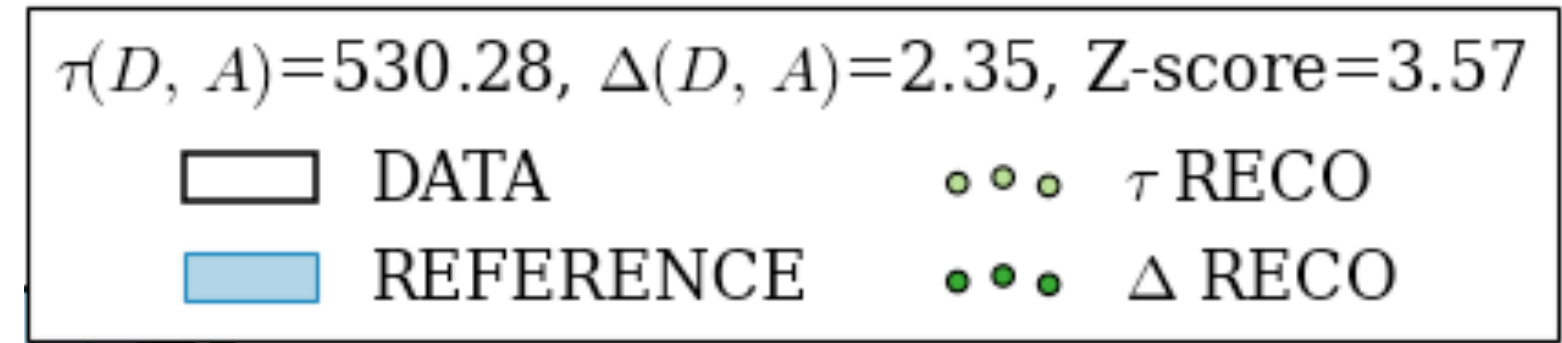
More applications

- Searching NP in harder nD problems
- Data quality monitoring (more about it in the next talk)
- Testing generators (nD)

Harder tasks: n D analysis (n large)

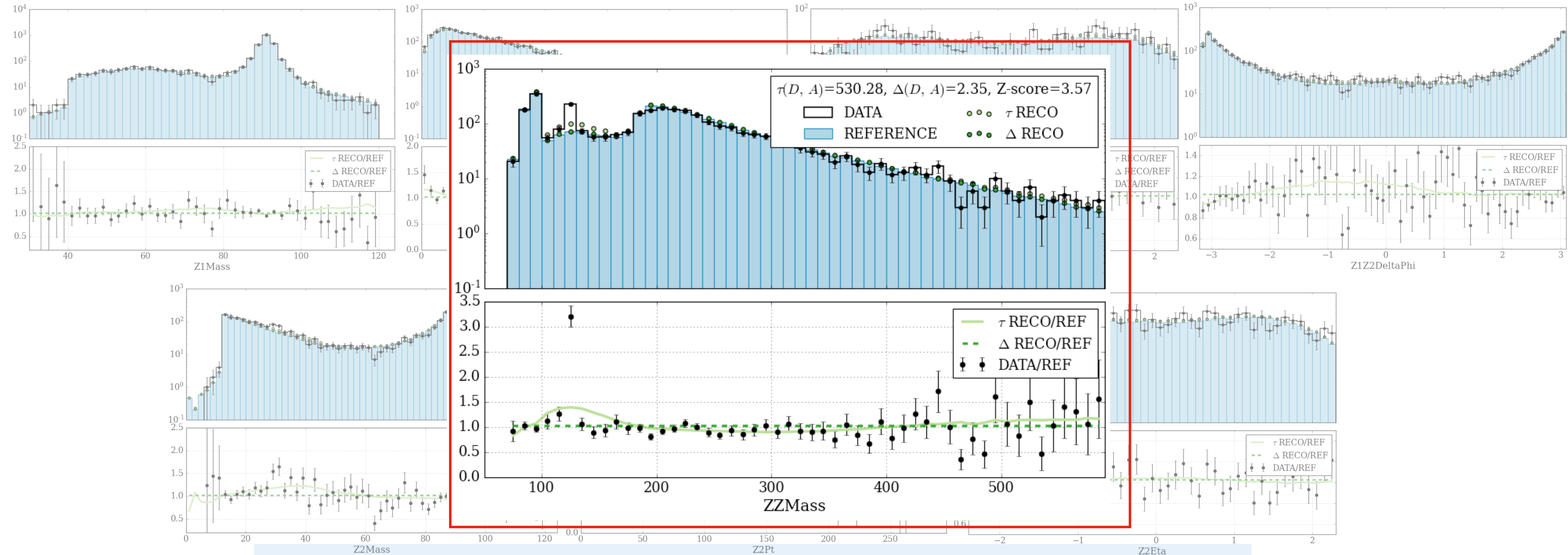
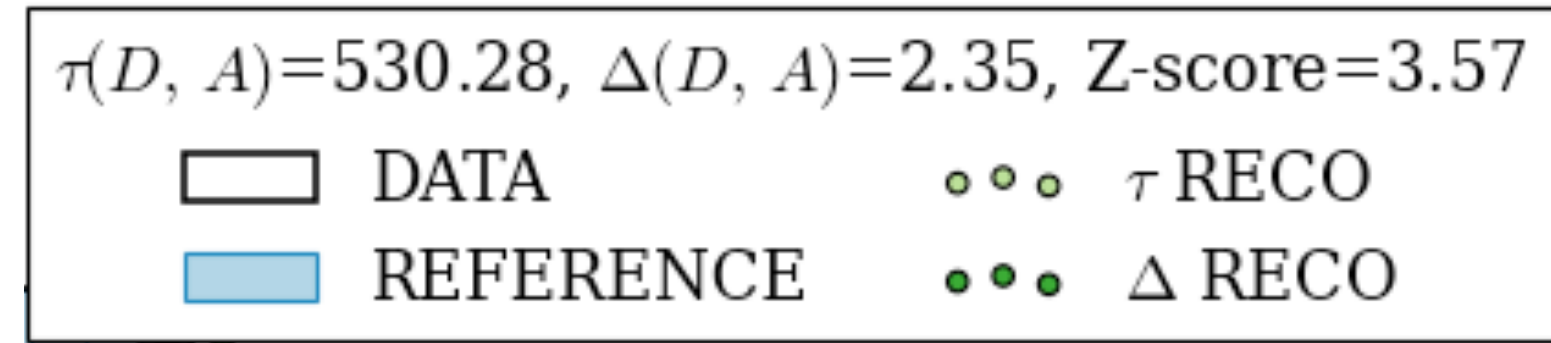
ZZ to 4 leptons final state (7D)

Signal reconstruction with the NN:



Architecture: [7-16-16-1] (417 dof), weigh clipping 1.75

Harder tasks: nD analysis (n large)



Ongoing work for optimizing NPLM sensitivity in **high dimensional** problems

Getting started with NPLM

- [NPLM package](#): python-based package to run the NPLM analysis strategy
- [Tutorial](#) on 1D toy model for getting started

NPLM 0.0.6

Latest version

Released: Feb 1, 2022

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pip install NPLM
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package to run the New Physics Learning Machine (NPLM) algorithm.

Navigation

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Statistics

GitHub statistics:

- Stars: 1
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- Open issues/PRs: 0

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Project description

NPLM_package

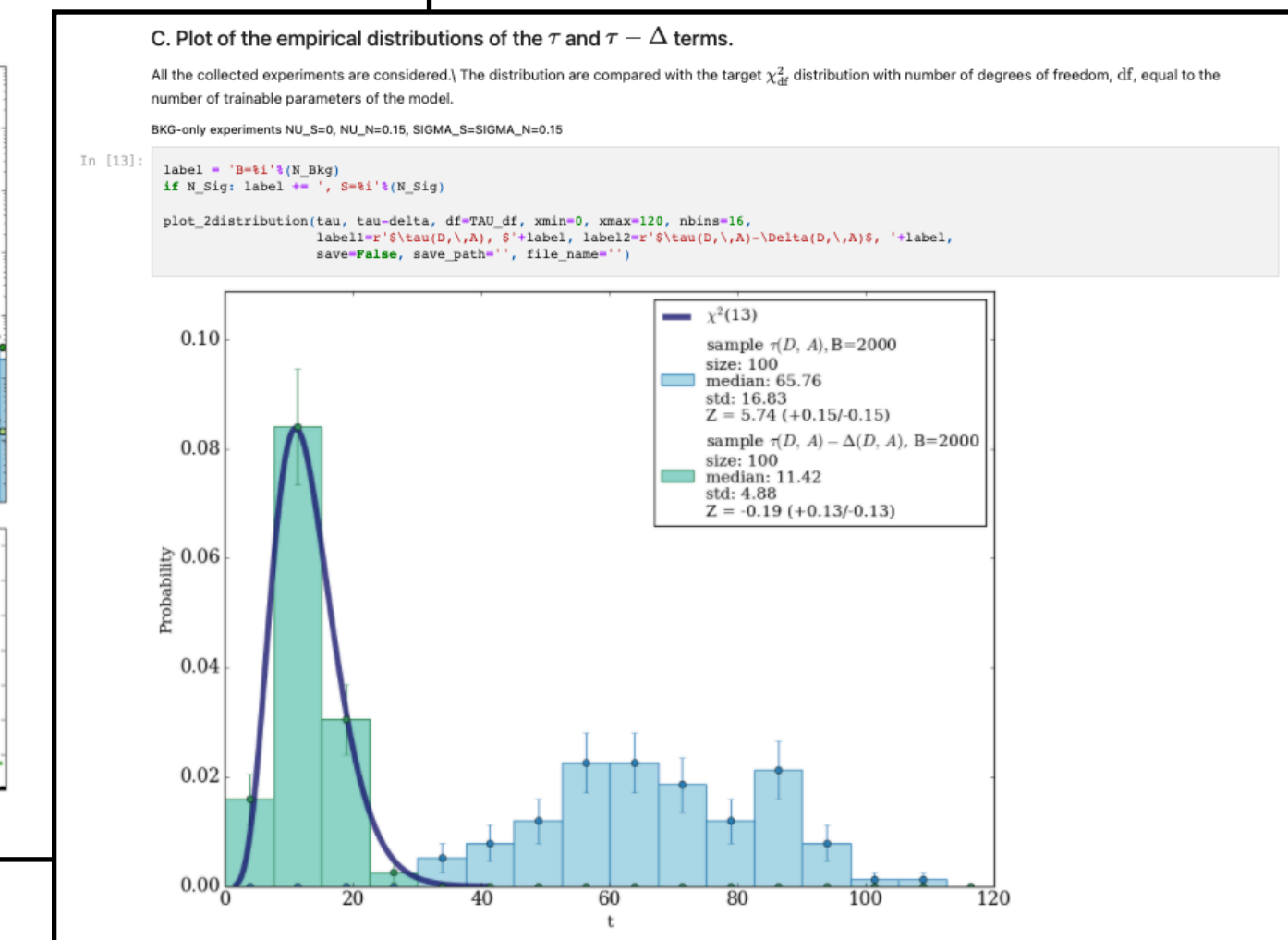
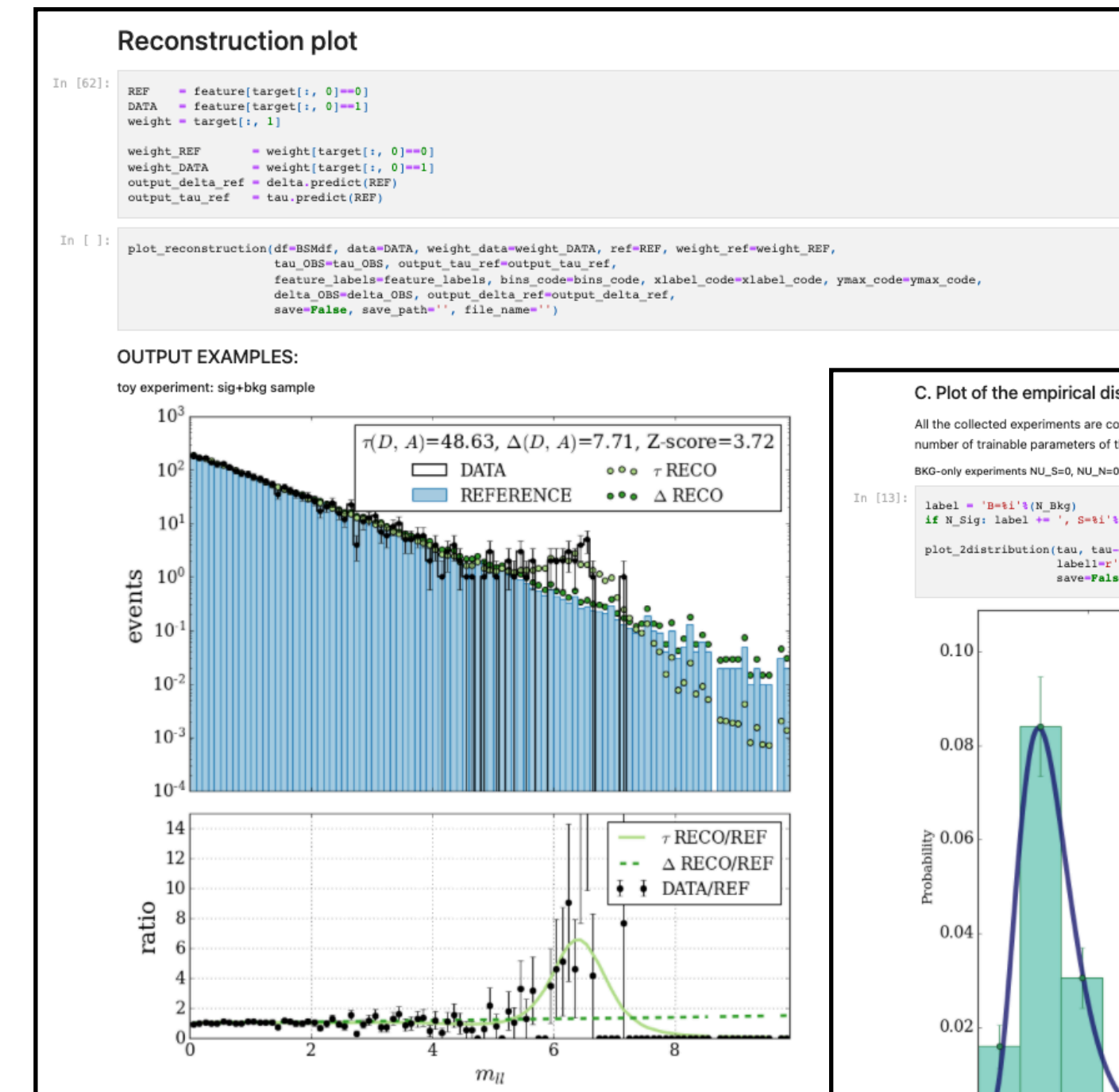
a package to implement the New Physics Learning Machine (NPLM) algorithm

Short description:

NPLM is a strategy to detect data departures from a given reference model, with no prior bias on the nature of the new physics model responsible for the discrepancy. The method employs neural networks, leveraging their virtues as flexible function approximants, but builds its foundations directly on the canonical likelihood-ratio approach to hypothesis testing. The algorithm compares observations with an auxiliary set of reference-distributed events, possibly obtained with a Monte Carlo event generator. It returns a p-value, which measures the compatibility of the reference model with the data. It also identifies the most discrepant phase-space region of the dataset, to be selected for further investigation. Imperfections due to mis-modelling in the reference dataset can be taken into account straightforwardly as nuisance parameters.

Related works:

- "Learning New Physics from a Machine" ([Phys. Rev. D](#))
- "Learning Multivariate New Physics" ([Eur. Phys. J. C](#))
- "Learning New Physics from an Imperfect Machine" ([arXiv](#))



Backup

New Physics Learning Machine (NPLM)

Main Concepts (negligible uncertainties)

Maximum Likelihood from minimal loss:

Test statistic

$$\bar{t}(\mathcal{D}) = 2 \max_{\mathbf{w}} \log \left[\frac{\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{H}_{\mathbf{w}}|\mathcal{D})}{\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{R}_0|\mathcal{D})} \right]$$

\mathbf{w} : trainable parameters on the NN model

\mathcal{D} : data sample

\mathcal{R} : reference sample (built according to the \mathbf{R}_0 hypothesis); could be weighted (w_x)

$$= 2 \log \left[\frac{e^{-N(\hat{\mathbf{w}})}}{e^{-N(\mathbf{R})}} \prod_{x \in \mathcal{D}} \frac{n(x|\hat{\mathbf{w}})}{n(x|\mathbf{R})} \right] = -2 \operatorname{Min}_{\{\mathbf{w}\}} \left[N(\mathbf{w}) - N(\mathbf{R}) - \sum_{x \in \mathcal{D}} f(x; \mathbf{w}) \right]$$

$$= -2 \min_{\mathbf{w}} \{ \bar{L}[f(\cdot; \mathbf{w})] \}$$

$$N(\mathbf{w}) = \frac{N(\mathbf{R})}{\mathcal{N}_{\mathcal{R}}} \sum_{x \in \mathcal{R}} e^{f(x; \mathbf{w})}$$

Loss function

$$\bar{L}[f(x; \mathbf{w})] = - \sum_{x \in \mathcal{D}} [f(x; \mathbf{w})] + \sum_{x \in \mathcal{R}} w_x \left[e^{f(x; \mathbf{w})} - 1 \right]$$

Assumptions:

- $N_{\mathcal{R}} \gg N_{\mathcal{D}}$ the statistical fluctuations of the reference sample are negligible.
- the weights of the reference sample (w) are such that the reference sample is normalised to match the data sample luminosity $\sum_{x \in \mathcal{R}} w_x = N(\mathbf{R}_0)$

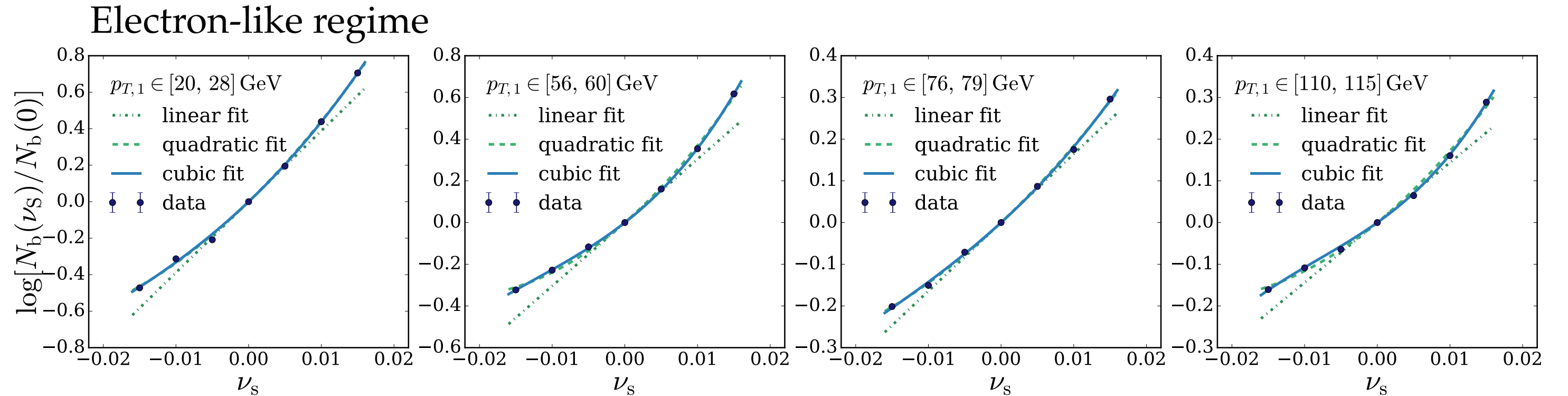
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Including systematic uncertainties

Shape uncertainties: Learning the nuisance Taylor's expansion

Preliminary study

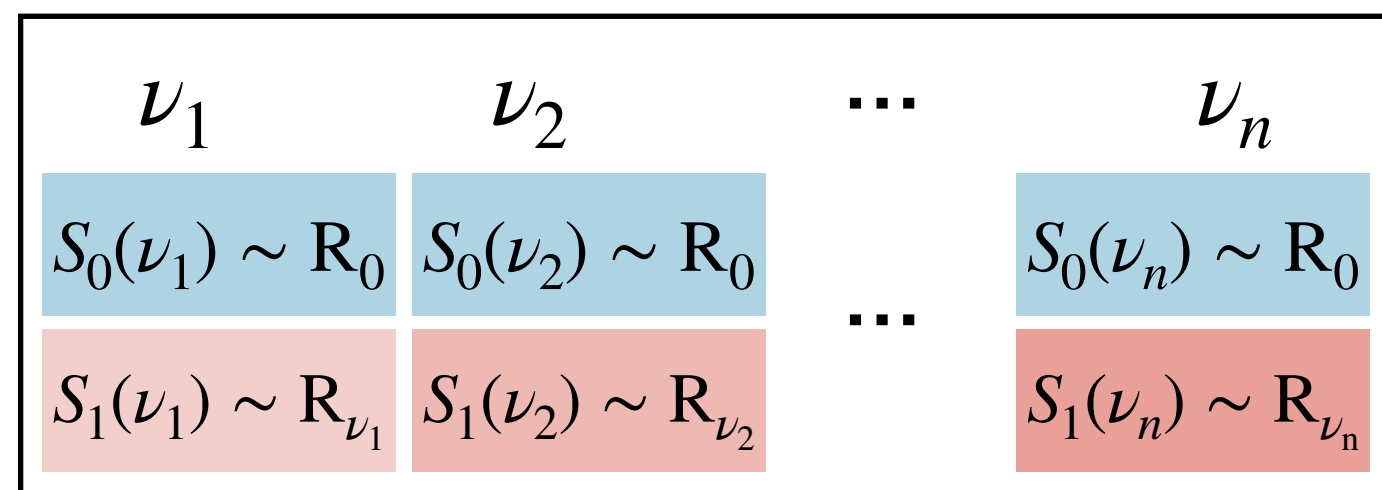
Preliminary binned analysis to determine the proper order for the Taylor's expansion



Taylor's expansion learning

Training a neural network model to learn each coefficient of the Taylor's expansion of $r(x; \nu) = \frac{n(x | R_\nu)}{n(x | R_0)}$

Input samples



$$\hat{r}(x; \nu) = \exp \left[\hat{\delta}_1(x) \nu + \hat{\delta}_2(x) \nu^2 \right]$$

Loss function*

$$L[\hat{\delta}(\cdot)] = \sum_{\nu_i} \left[\sum_{e \in S_0(\nu_i)} w_e c(x_e)^2 + \sum_{e \in S_1(\nu_i)} w_e [1 - c(x_e)]^2 \right], \quad c(x) = \frac{1}{1 + \hat{r}(x; \nu)}$$

* Parametrized classifiers for optimal EFT sensitivity [arXiv:2007.10356](https://arxiv.org/abs/2007.10356)

New Physics Learning Machine (NPLM)

Including systematic uncertainties

τ term

Δ term

