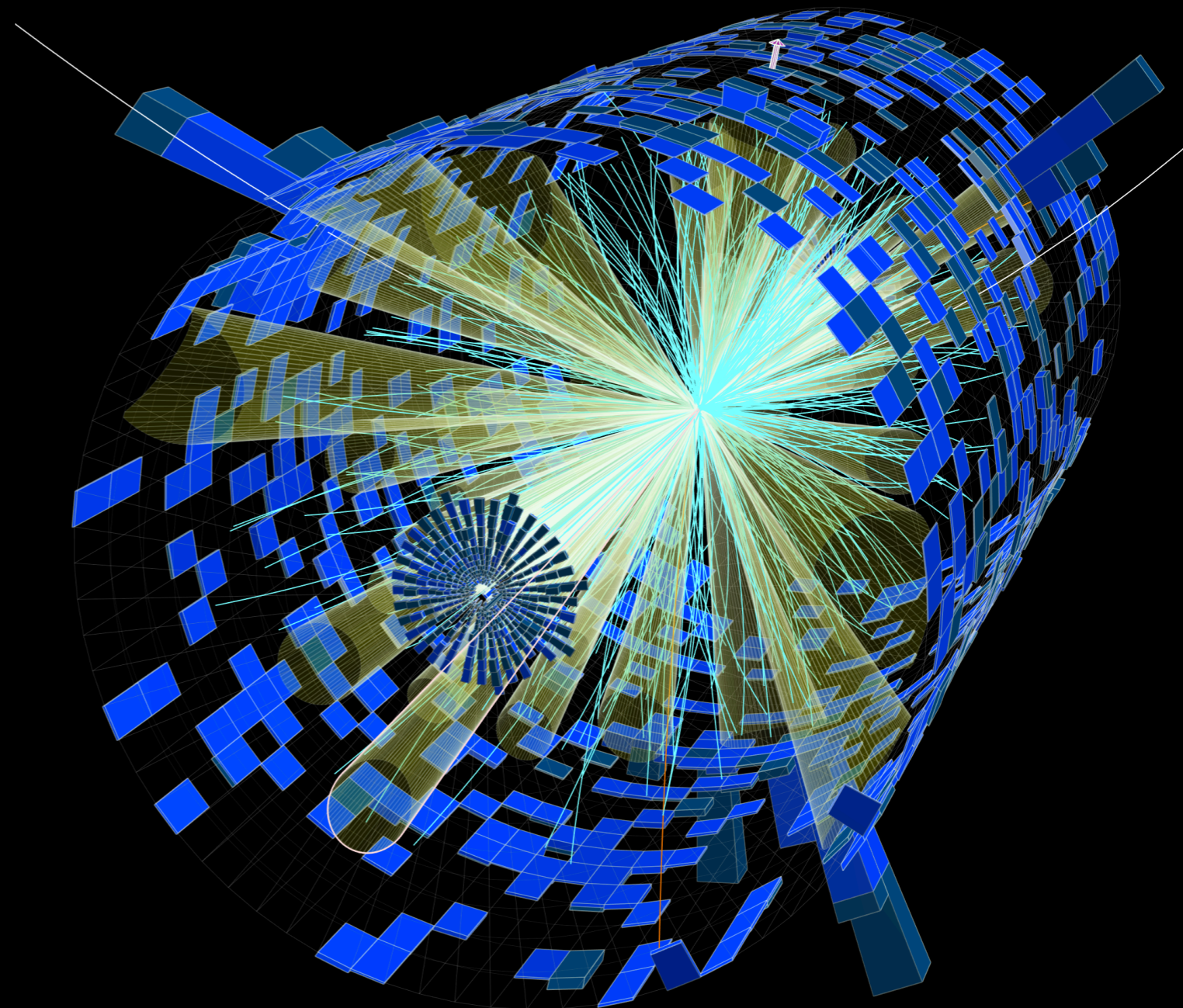




# REUSABLE WORKFLOWS, ACTIVE LEARNING, AND SIMULATION-BASED INFERENCE

UCI SYMPOSIUM ON REPRODUCIBILITY IN MACHINE LEARNING



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- The work is not done!



 **Sameer Singh**  
@sameer\_

This is the followup of our earlier event that had been canceled in support of [#Strike4BlackLives](#).

 **Sameer Singh** @sameer\_ · Jun 9

In support of [#ShutDownSTEM](#) and [#ShutDownAcademia](#) this Wednesday, we have decided to postpone the event till further notice. If you're wondering what to do with the time you now have on Wednesday, see [shutdownstem.com/action](https://shutdownstem.com/action) [#Strike4BlackLives](#)

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Check out our Symposium on Reproducibility in Machine Learning (9/22 9am-1pm PT), featuring talks+panel w/ @KyleCranmer (NYU) @percyliang (Stanford) @WonderMicky (Facebook) @joavanschoren (TU/e+ @open\_ml). Website: [uci-ml-repo.github.io/events/reprod-...](https://uci-ml-repo.github.io/events/reprod-...) Register (free): [forms.gle/rBbvVKQr1rRPDG...](https://forms.gle/rBbvVKQr1rRPDG...)

<p><b>Kyle Cranmer</b> New York University, <b>Reusable Workflows, active learning, and simulation-based inference</b></p>  <p><i>I will describe how two of my passions (machine learning and reproducible workflows) unexpectedly came together. In the context of particle physics, reproducibility is a serious challenge as the data analysis for a typical paper involves large teams working with heterogeneous software environments and loosely connected, informal workflows. However, reproducibility is not a particularly high priority for most physicists. Instead, we emphasized use cases that focused on reusing those workflows to answer new questions, and developed the REANA reproducible research data analysis platform to provide the needed functionality. Now we are developing APIs around these workflows and putting machine learning tools on top. For instance, we have active learning algorithms querying black-box functions that are implemented by these workflows. Similarly, we use workflows</i></p>	<p><b>Percy Liang</b> Stanford University and CodaLab, <b>CodaLab: A Platform for Efficient Collaborative Research</b></p>  <p><i>We are interested in solving two infrastructural problems in data-centric fields such as machine learning: First, an inordinate amount of time is spent on preprocessing datasets, getting other people's code to run, writing evaluation/visualization scripts, with much of this effort duplicated across different research groups. Second, a only static set of final results are ever published, leaving it up to the reader to guess how the various methods would fare in unreported scenarios. I will present CodaLab, a new platform which aims to tackle these two problems by creating an online community around sharing and executing immutable components called bundles, thereby streamlining the research process.</i></p>
<p><b>Michela Paganini</b> Facebook Research, <b>Reproducible Science of Deep Learning: The Pruning Case Study</b></p>  <p><i>I will present the practice of neural network pruning as both a practical engineering intervention to reduce model size and a scientific tool to investigate the behavior and trainability of compressed models. By pruning away units or connections, it is possible to test hypotheses on the role of substructures and pathways towards feature formation and information propagation in neural networks. I will argue that a fundamental scientific understanding of the inner workings of neural networks is necessary to build a path towards robust, efficient AI, and I will introduce open-source work that has facilitated the investigation of the behavior of pruned models. I will highlight examples such as the contribution of centralized, reusable pruning methods in PyTorch and the open-sourcing of the 'dagger' framework for reproducible</i></p>	<p><b>Joaquin Vanschoren</b> Eindhoven University of Technology and OpenML, <b>Sharing and reproducing machine learning experiments with OpenML</b></p>  <p><i>Sharing machine learning experiments in a reproducible way is a lot of work. However, what if we could automatically track every detail of experiments and share them together with our results? OpenML is an open online platform where one cannot only share datasets, but also entire machine experiments. It has integrations into many machine learning libraries so that experiments run with these libraries are automatically shared in a fully reproducible way. This also means that the shared experiments can be used in many innovative ways. This talk will cover what is possible today, our experiences with making experiments reproducible, as well as open problems and future plans.</i></p>

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**Kyle Cranmer** @KyleCranmer · Jun 10  
So now I'd like to circle back to the advice I got from @IBJIYONGI. She pointed me to the work of Ruha Benjamin @ruha9 on "The New Jim Code" which I took the time to partially absorb and reflect on.

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Here is a section of the @ruha9's talk that directly connects to the thread above... where the first wave of popular discourse is shock that algorithms can be biased. Followed by a second wave: "of course, technology inherits its creators biases"

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Ruha Benjamin on "The New Jim Code? Race, Carceral Technoscience, and Liberatory Imagination"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JahO1-saibU&feature=youtu.be&t=1323>



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And then a third phase "attempts to override or address" the problems. What does that refer to in the thread above? The attempts at algorithmic fairness.

This is roughly where I was in my understanding of the issue, but [@ruha9](#) goes further... (watch video above)

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She introduces these useful concepts.

(b) "default discrimination" is roughly connected to the issues one would have due to bias in the training data without any attempt to address it

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the new jim code

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- (b) default discrimination
- (c) coded exposure
- (d) techno benevolence







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(d) techno benevolence "names those designs that claim to address bias of various sorts, but may still manage to reproduce or deepen discrimination in part because of the narrow way in which fairness is defined and operationalized."

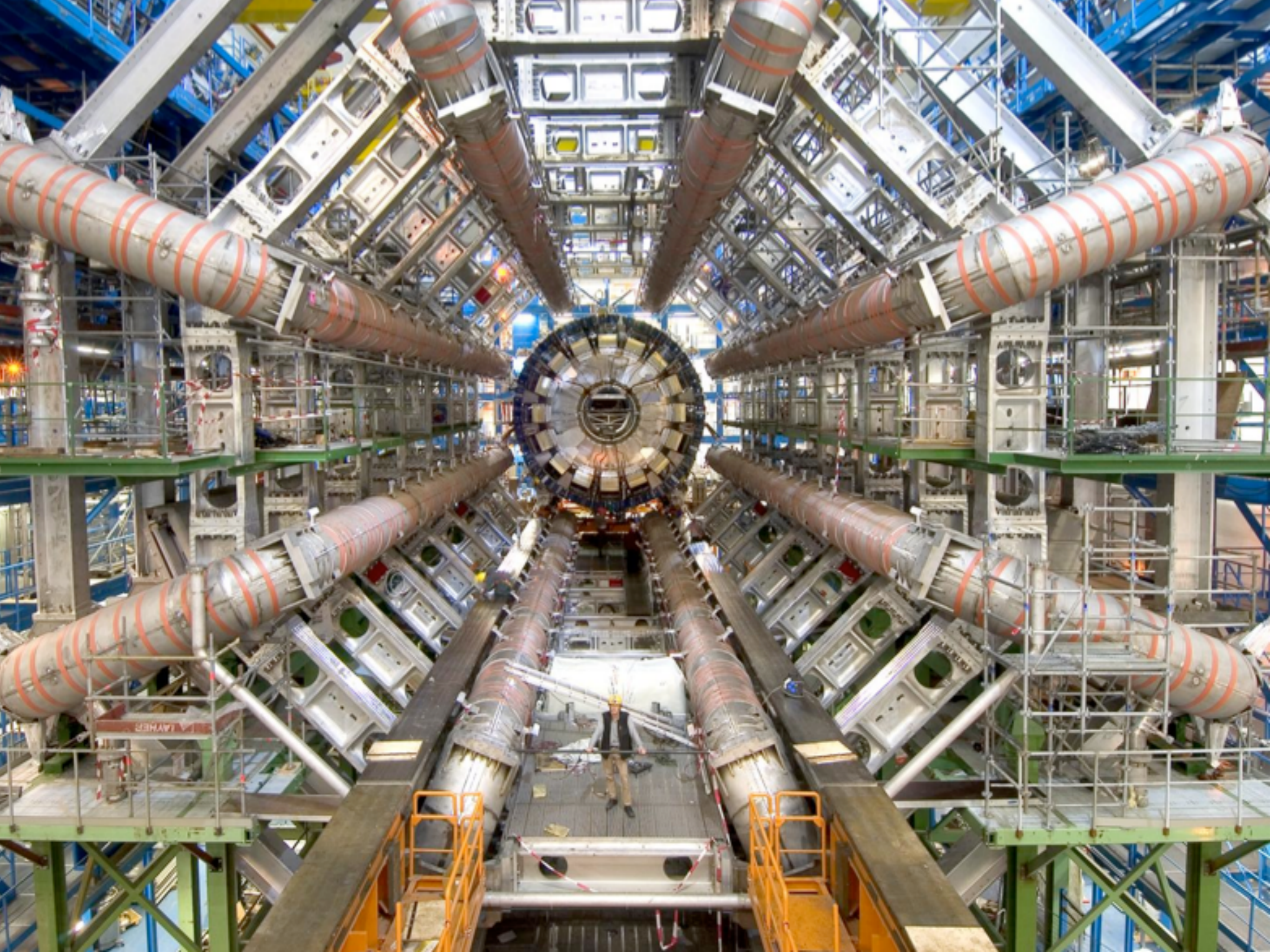
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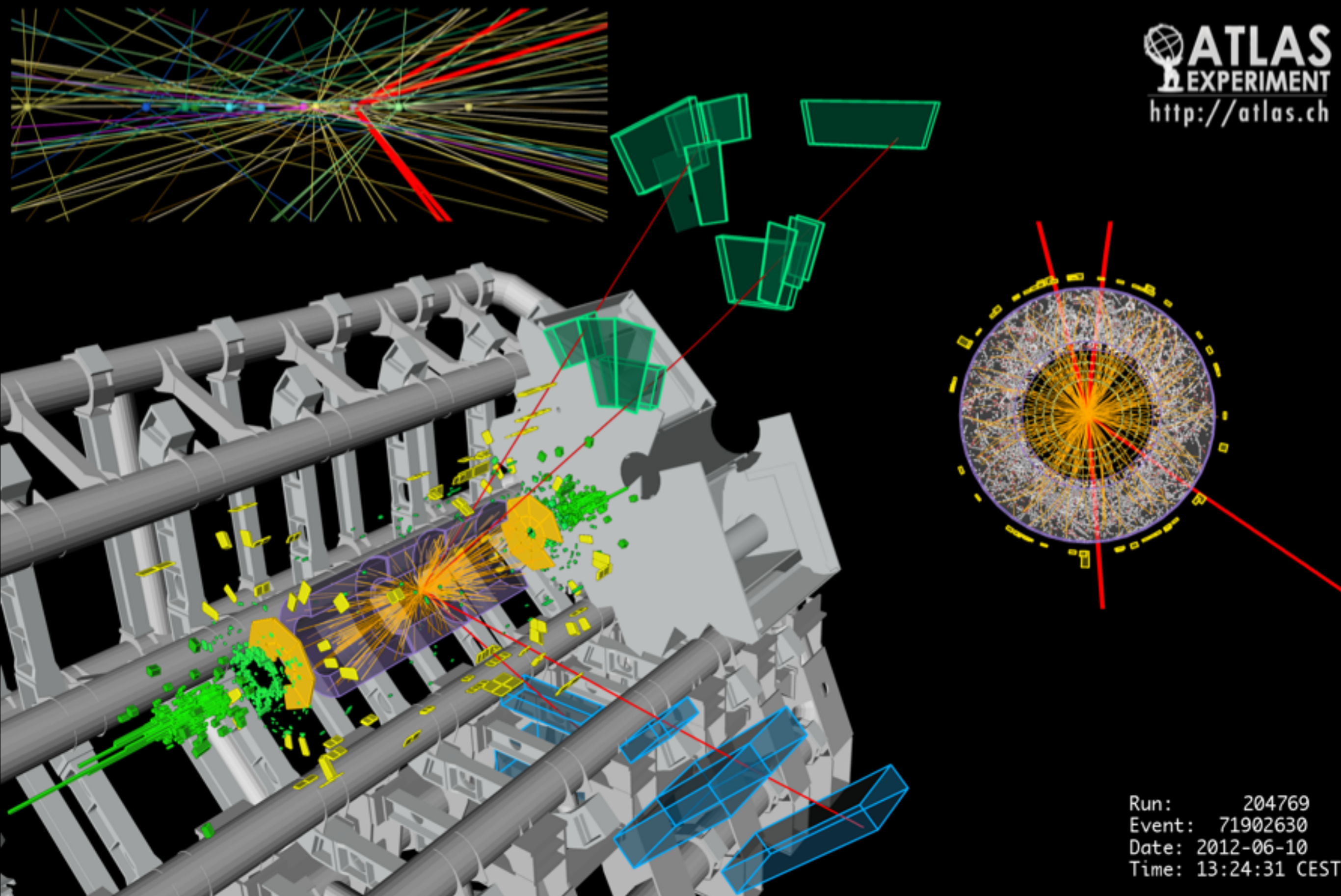


Let us keep these issues in our minds  
as we develop systems and technologies  
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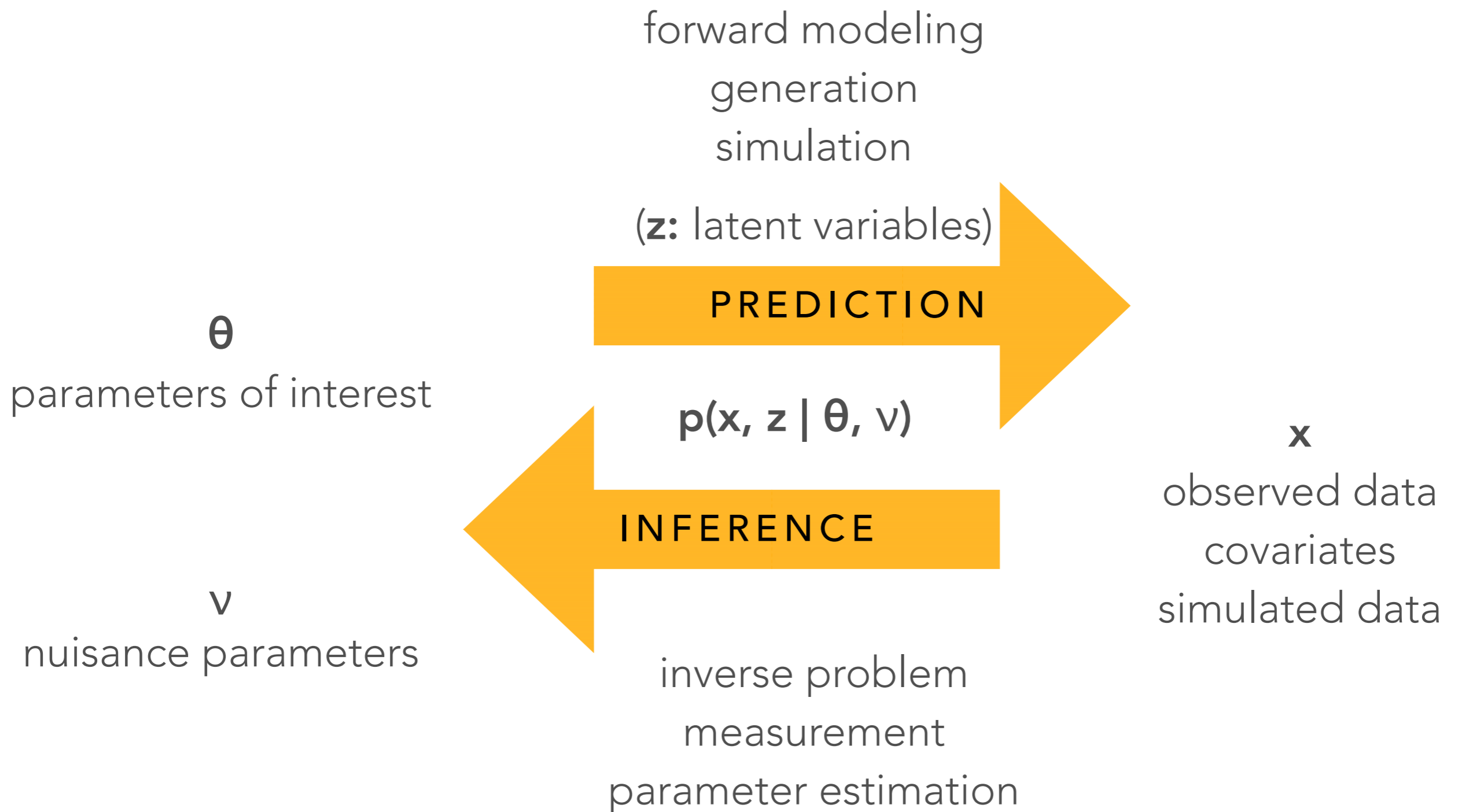
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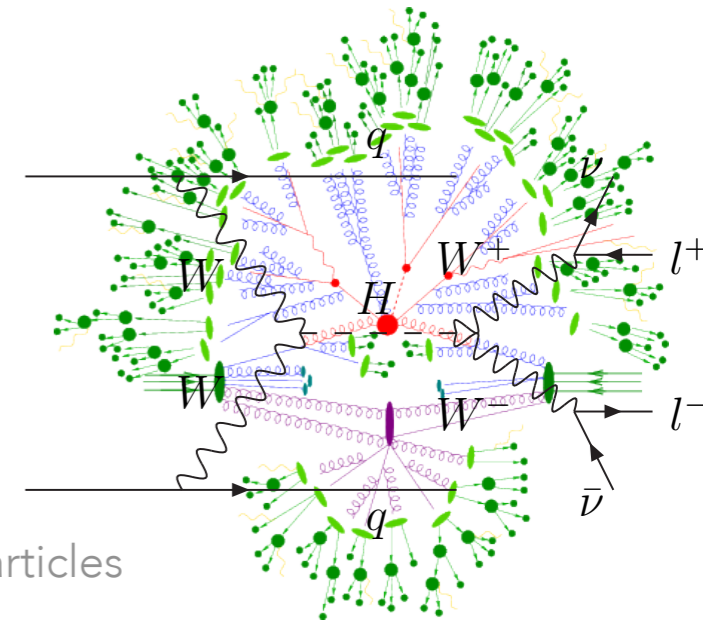


# THE FORWARD MODEL

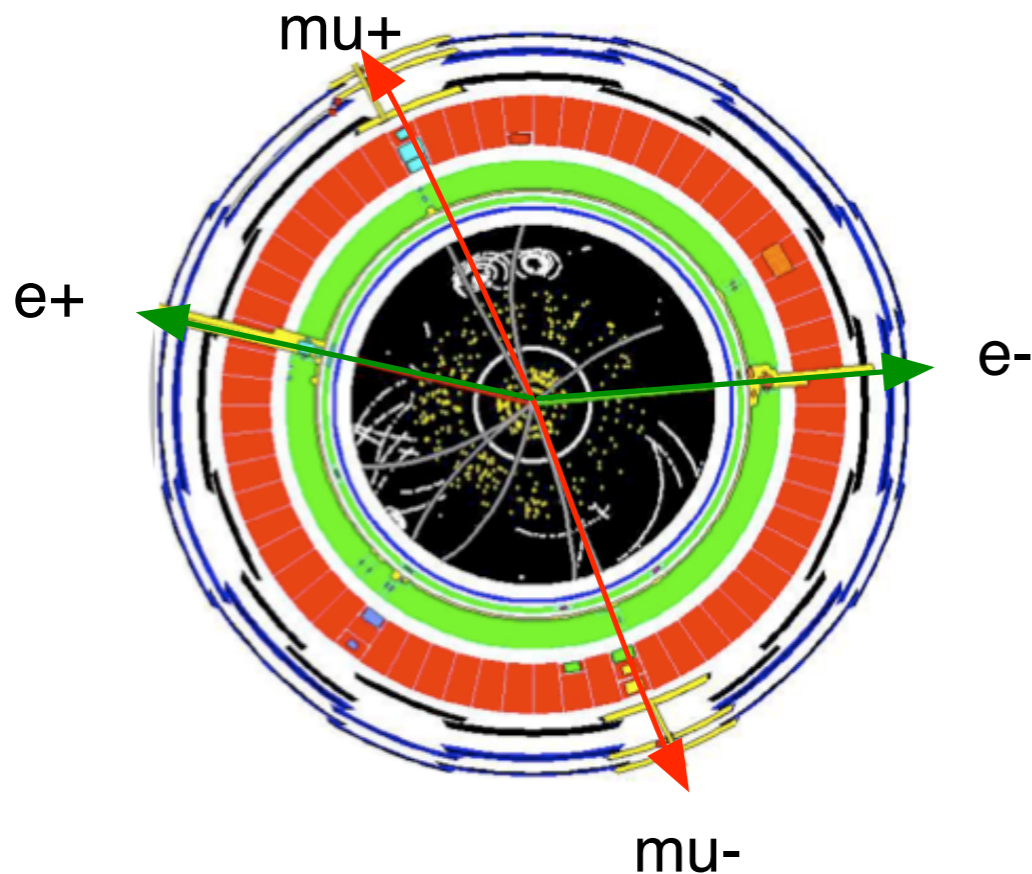
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 \end{aligned}$$

1) We begin with Quantum Field Theory

2) Theory gives detailed prediction for high-energy collisions



hierarchical:  $2 \rightarrow O(10) \rightarrow O(100)$  particles



3) The interaction of outgoing particles with the detector is simulated.

>100 million sensors

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

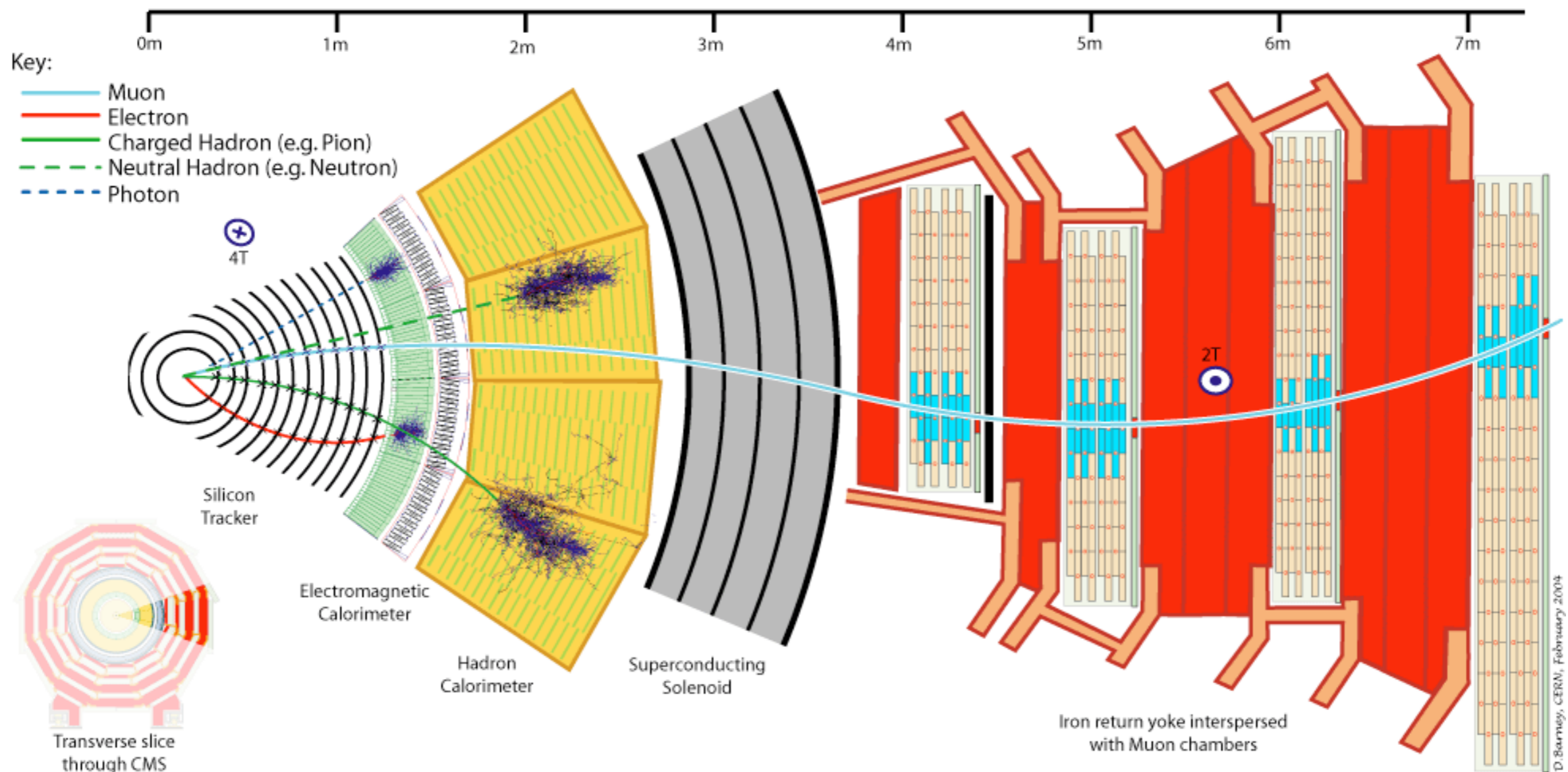
~10-30 features describe interesting part

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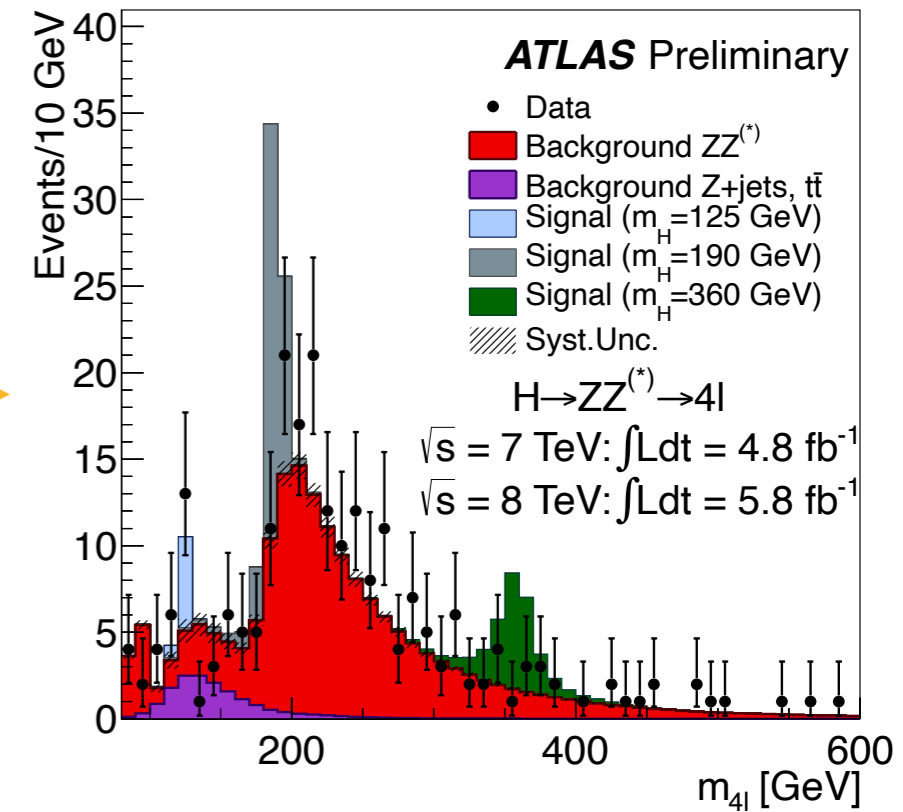
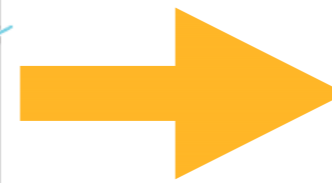
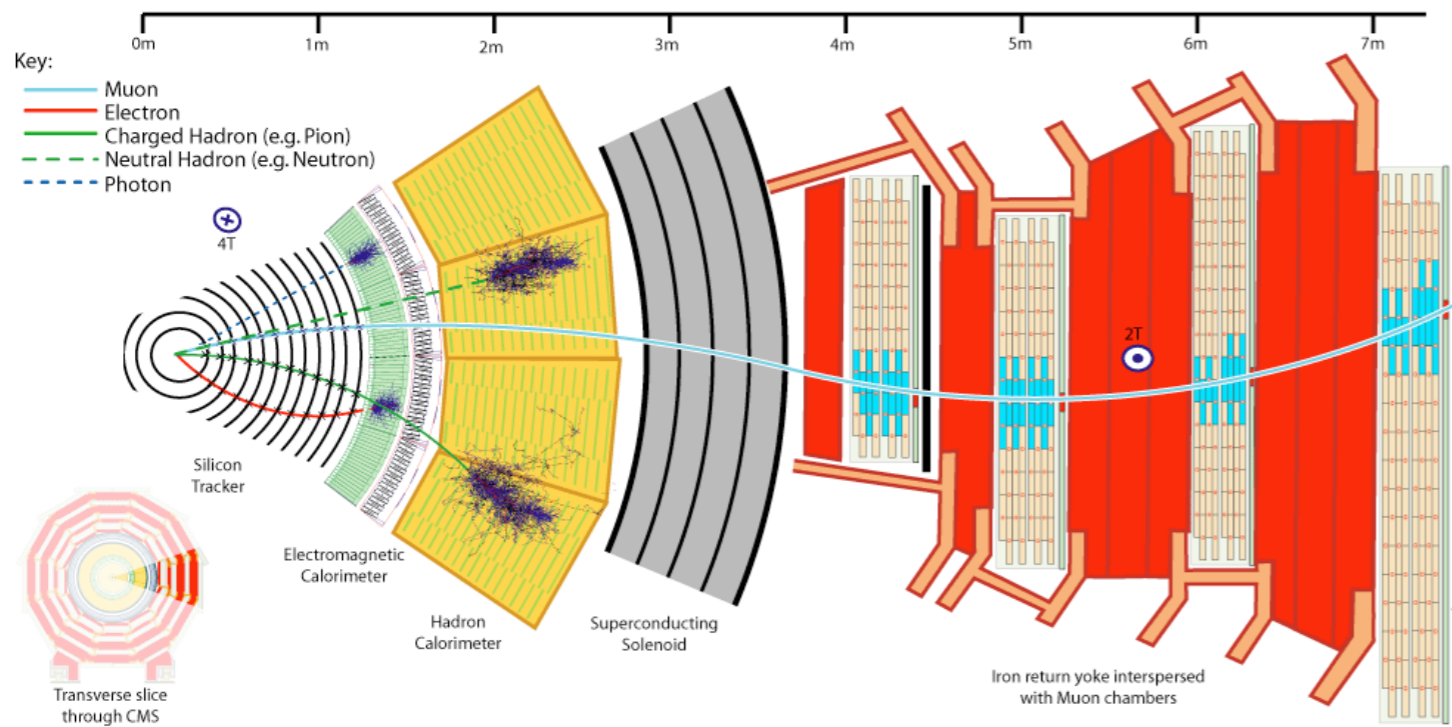
This motivates a new class of algorithms for what is called **likelihood-free inference (or simulation-based inference)**, which only require ability to generate samples from the simulation in the “forward mode”



# $10^8$ SENSORS $\rightarrow$ 1 REAL-VALUED QUANTITY

Most measurements and searches for new particles at the LHC are based on the distribution of a single **summary statistic  $s(x)$**

- choosing a summary statistic (feature engineering) is a task for a skilled physicist and tailored to the goal of measurement or new particle search
- likelihood  $p(s|\theta)$  **approximated** using histograms (univariate density estimation)

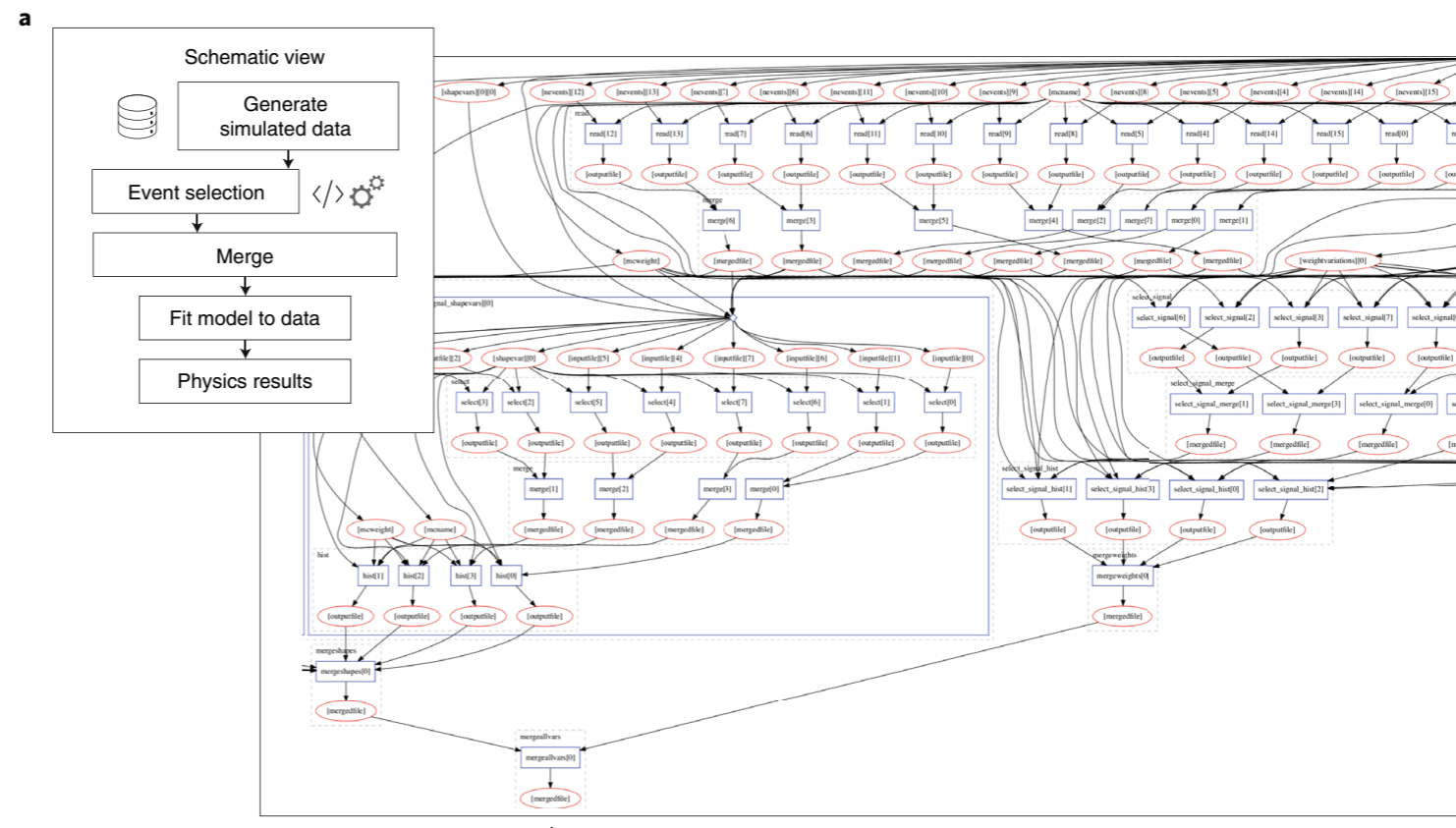


**This doesn't scale if  $x$  is high dimensional!**

# THUMBNAIL SKETCH OF ANALYSIS

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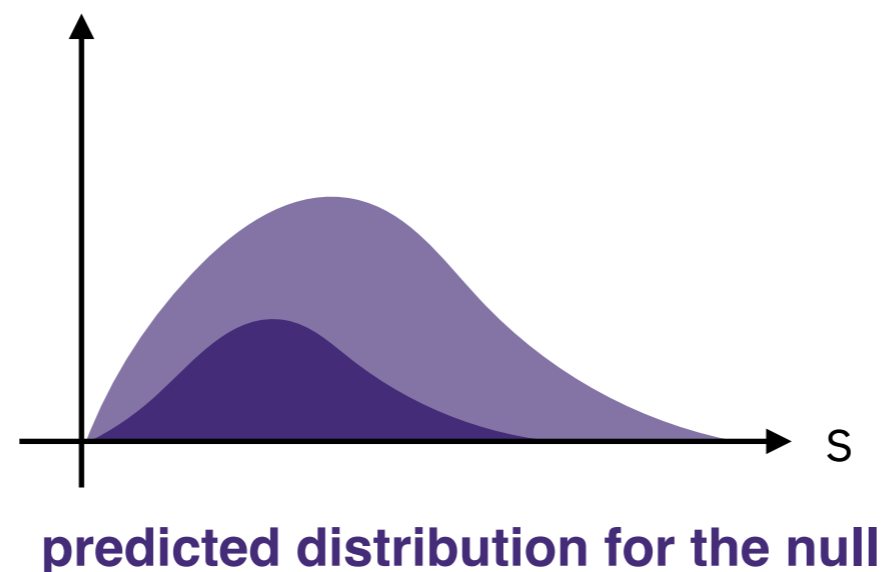
- Created by team of people, usually an ad hoc computational “workflow” organized via email and meetings



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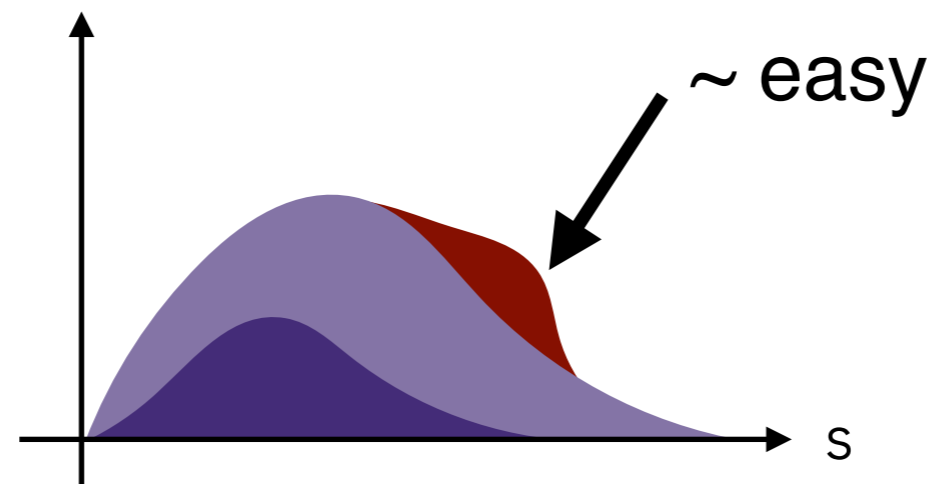
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- Then we run simulated collisions for a hypothetical particle or interaction to make the prediction for alternate or “signal-plus-background” model (a mixture model)

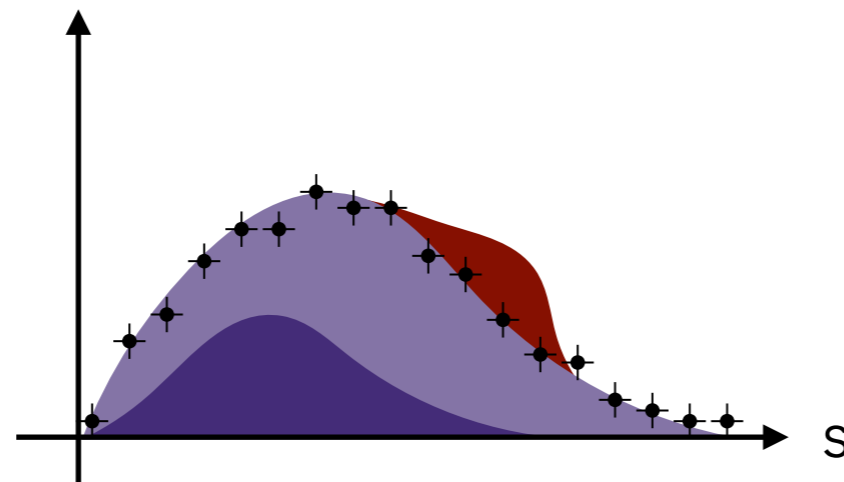


predicted distribution for the alternate in **Model A**

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- Then we add the observed data

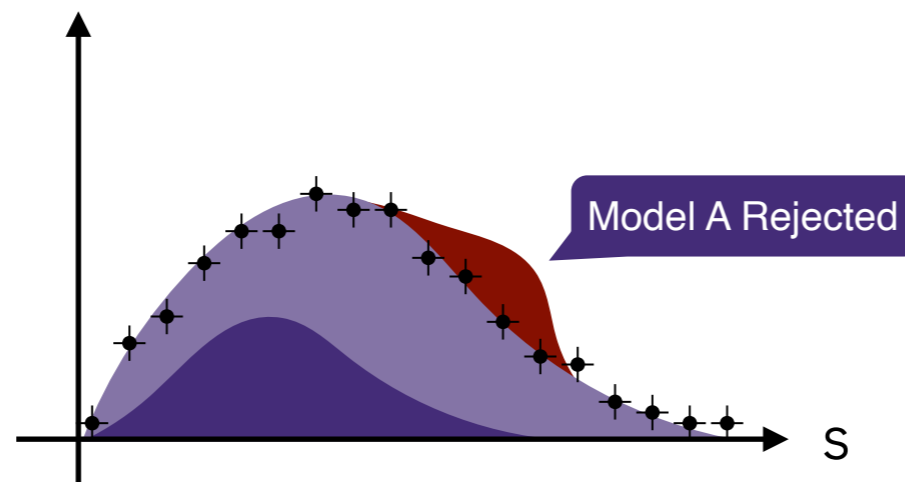


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- And finally we test the hypothesis

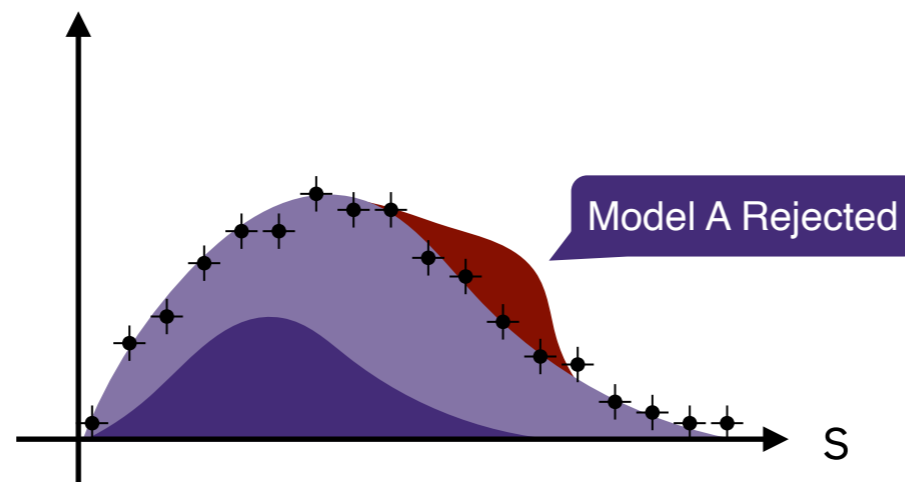


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- And we write a paper, graduate students graduate, code rots, and it would be difficult to reproduce



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## ImageNet Classification with Deep Convolutional Neural Networks

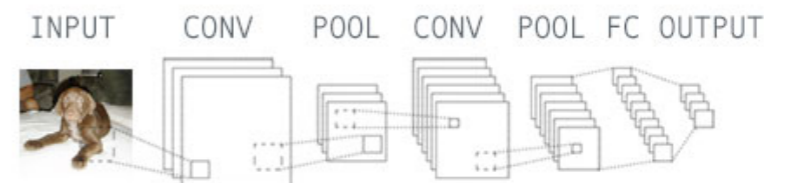
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### Abstract

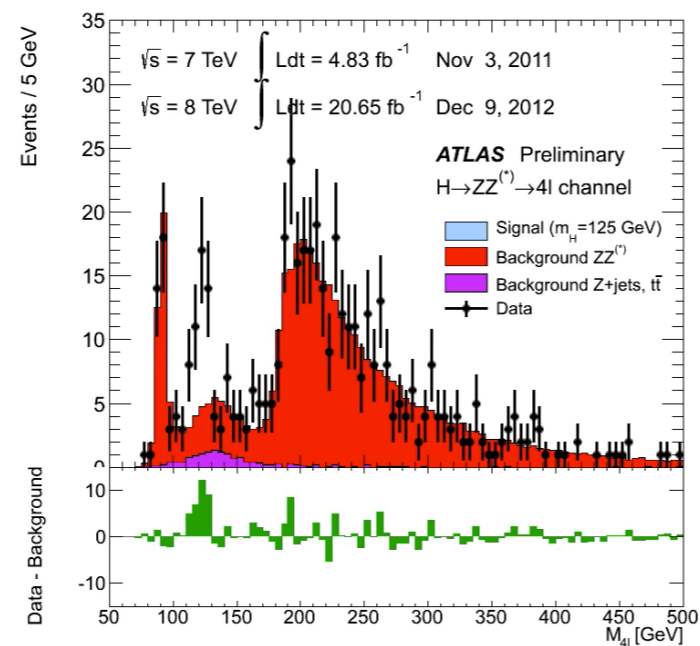
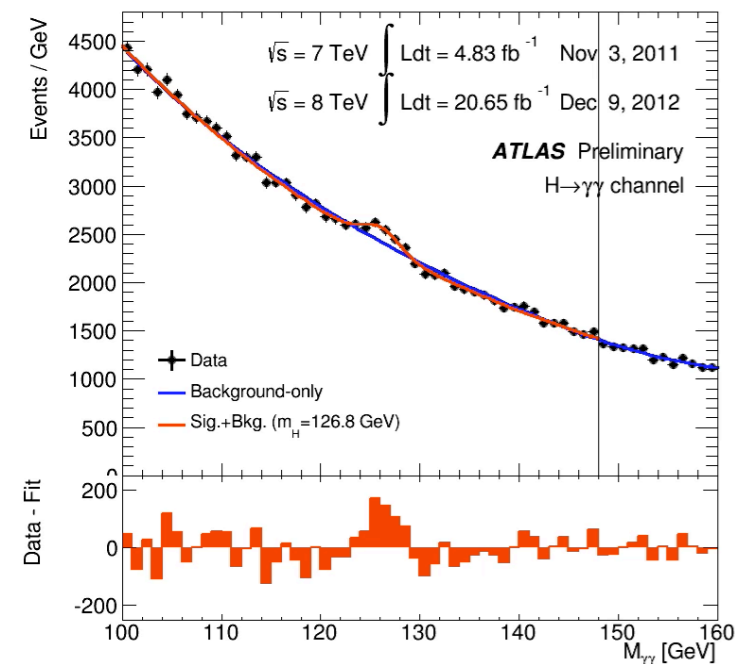
We trained a large, deep convolutional neural network to classify the 1.2 million high-resolution images in the ImageNet LSVRC-2010 contest into the 1000 different classes. On the test data, we achieved top-1 and top-5 error rates of 37.5% and 17.0% which is considerably better than the previous state-of-the-art. The neural network, which has 60 million parameters and 650,000 neurons, consists of five convolutional layers, some of which are followed by max-pooling layers, and three fully-connected layers with a final 1000-way softmax. To make training faster, we used non-saturating neurons and a very efficient GPU implementation of the convolution operation. To reduce overfitting in the fully-connected layers we employed a recently-developed regularization method called "dropout" that proved to be very effective. We also entered a variant of this model in the ILSVRC-2012 competition and achieved a winning top-5 test error rate of 15.3%, compared to 26.2% achieved by the second-best entry.



Dog:	94%
Cat:	31%
Bird:	2%
Boat:	0%



Dog:	37%
Cat:	91%
Bird:	21%
Boat:	1%







# RESPONSES / POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS

1) **It's not a problem** now, the experiments are testing all the theoretical models that really matter, people just need to be patient.

**BUT** maybe there will be some new idea later and we should make sure we **preserve the data** and tools to analyze it.

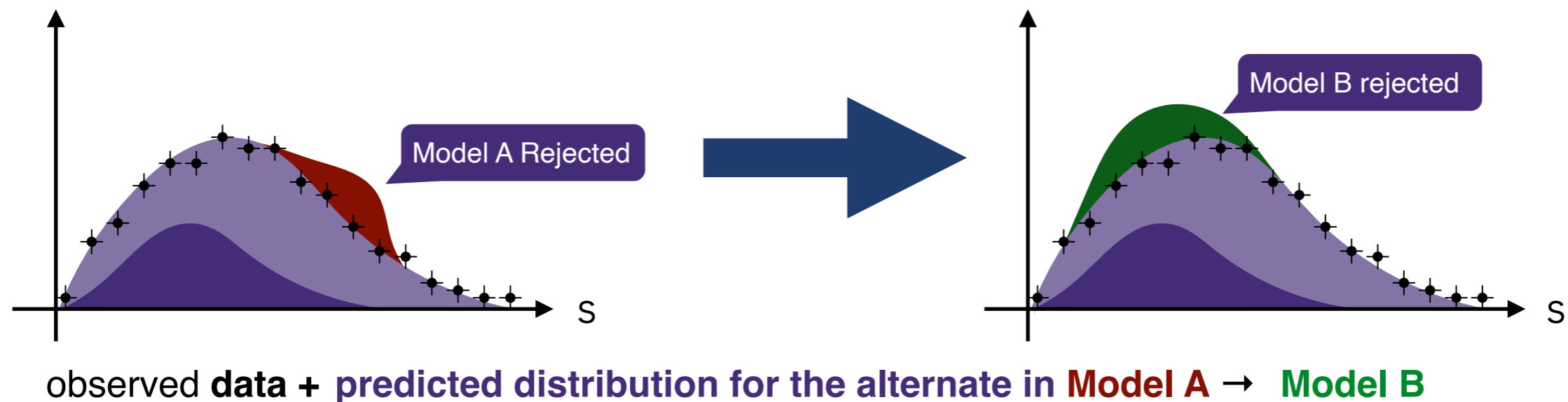
2) **It is a problem**, and the solution is to embrace **Open Data**

3) **It is a problem**, and there is a **technical solution**

# REINTERPRETATION

If we can capture the definition of the summary  $\mathbf{s}(\mathbf{x})$  and the event selection filter (binary classifier)  $\mathbf{1}(\mathbf{x})$  then we can reuse the existing analysis (prediction for the null and observation in the data)

- We just need to run simulated events for Model B through the pipeline and test the new signal+background alternate hypothesis



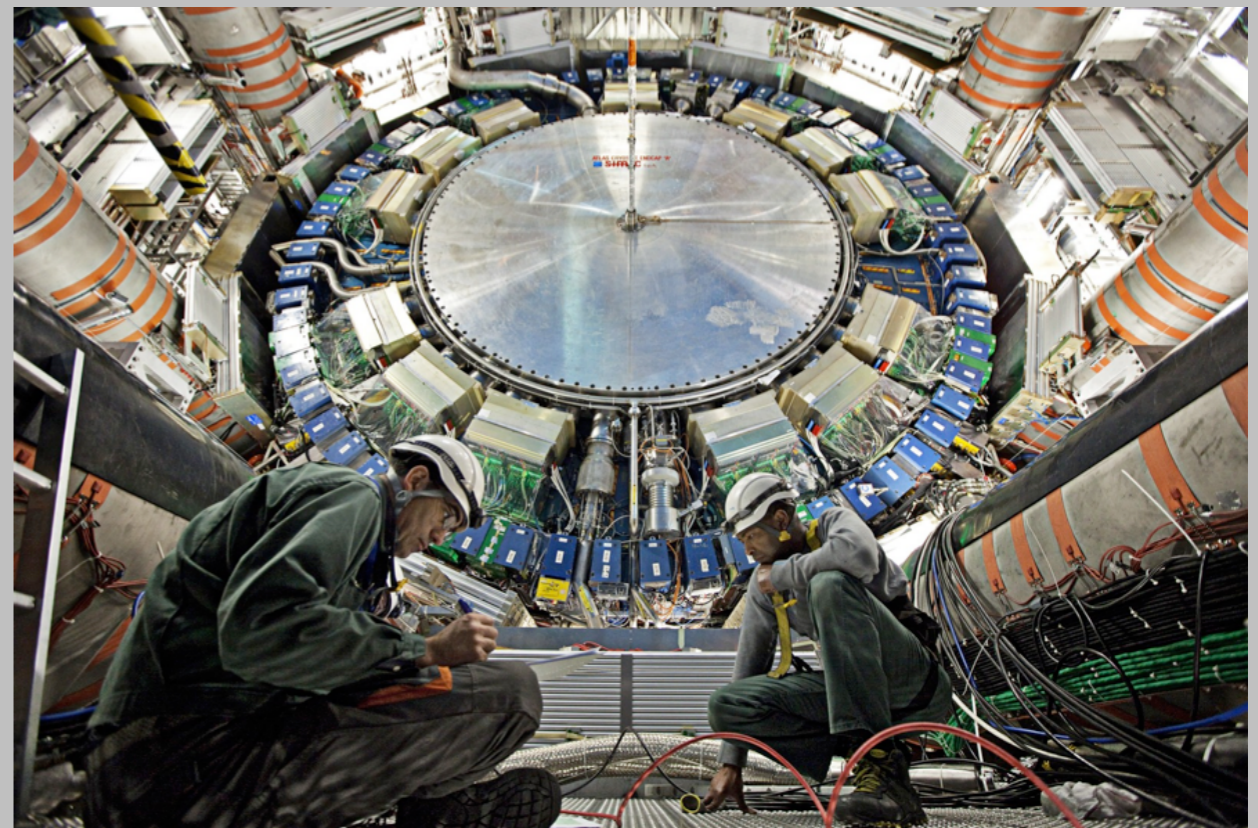
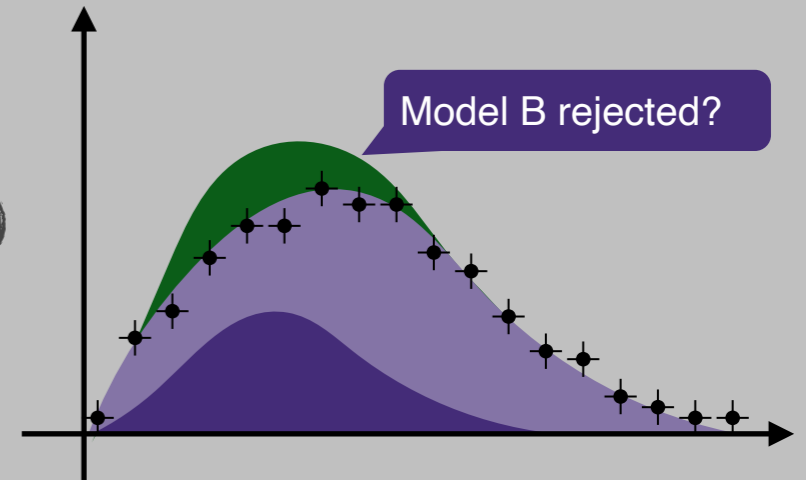
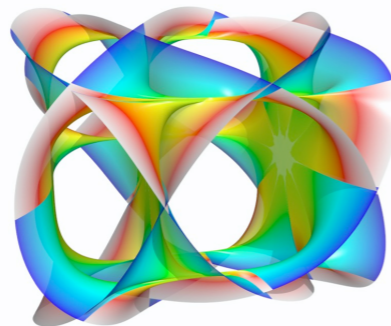
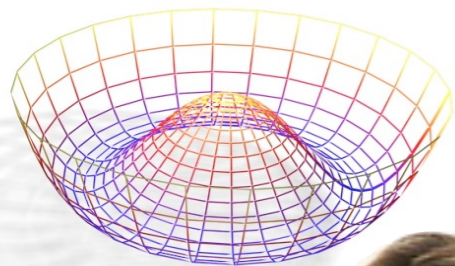
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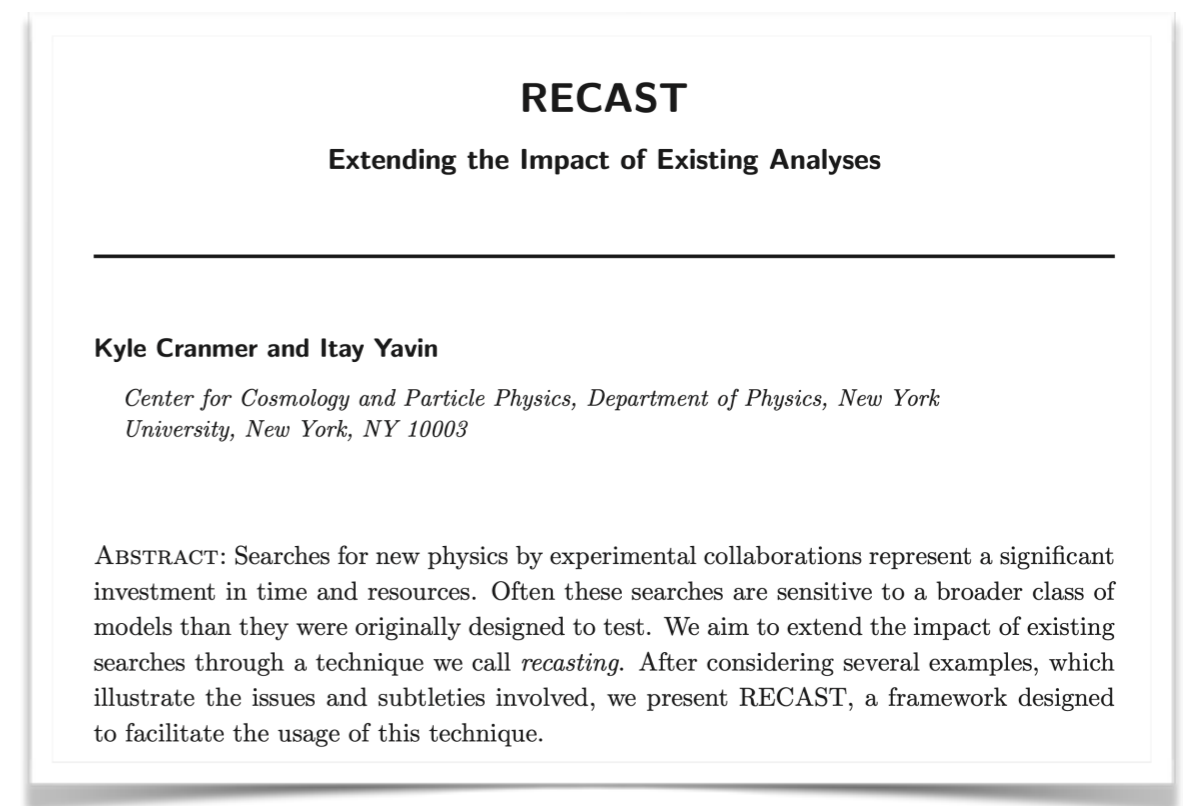
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# We proposed RECAST framework in Oct 2010

- Conservative narrative compared to “open data”
- Not totally general, it targets specific high-value use cases
- Not conservative enough for many. Lots of resistance
- People said it couldn't be done, our workflows are too complicated
- Hard to get effort to work on it.





# Data Preservation in High Energy Physics

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2. Preserve the data in a simplified format	Outreach, simple training analyses
3. Preserve the analysis level software and data format	Full scientific analysis based on existing reconstruction
4. Preserve the reconstruction and simulation software and basic level data	Full potential of the experimental data

*Table 3: Various preservation models, listed in order of increasing complexity.*

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### Getting Started with CMS 2010 Open Data

To analyse CMS data collected in 2010, you need version 4.2.8 of CMSSW, supported only on Scientific Linux 5. If you are unfamiliar with Linux, take a look at this short introduction to Linux or try this...

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## Jet Substructure Studies with CMS Open Data

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We use public data from the CMS experiment to study the 2-prong substructure of jets. The CMS Open Data is based on  $31.8 \text{ pb}^{-1}$  of 7 TeV proton-proton collisions recorded at the Large Hadron Collider in 2010, yielding a sample of 768,687 events containing a high-quality central jet with transverse momentum larger than 85 GeV. Using CMS's particle flow reconstruction algorithm to obtain jet constituents, we extract the 2-prong substructure of the leading jet using soft drop declustering. We find good agreement between results obtained from the CMS Open Data and those obtained from parton shower generators, and we also compare to analytic jet substructure calculations performed to modified leading-logarithmic accuracy. Although the 2010 CMS Open Data does not include simulated data to help estimate systematic uncertainties, we use track-only observables to validate these substructure studies.

## Challenges:

- Slow development cycle
- Scattered documentation
- Lack of validation examples
- Information Overload

From a physics perspective, our experience with the CMS Open Data was fantastic. With PFCs, one can essentially perform the same kinds of four-vector-based analyses on real data as one would perform on collisions from parton shower generators. Using open data has the potential to accelerate scientific progress (pun intended) by allowing scientists outside of the official detector collaborations to pursue innovative analysis techniques. We hope that our jet substructure studies have demonstrated both the value in releasing public data and the enthusiasm of potential external users. We encourage other members of the particle physics community to take advantage of this unique data set.

From a technical perspective, though, we encountered a number of challenges. Some of these challenges were simply a result of our unfamiliarity with the CMSSW framework and the steep learning curve faced when trying to properly parse the AOD file format. Some of these challenges are faced every day by LHC experimentalists, and it is perhaps unreasonable to expect external users to have an easier time than collaboration members. Some of these challenges (particularly the issue of detector-simulated samples) have been partially addressed by the 2011A CMS Open Data release [215]. That said, we suspect that some issues were not anticipated by the CMS Open Data project, and we worry that they have deterred other analysis teams who might have otherwise found interesting uses for open data. Therefore, we think it is useful to highlight the primary challenges we faced, followed by specific recommendations for how potentially to address them.

### A. Challenges

Here are the main issues that we faced in performing the analyses in this paper.

- *Slow development cycle.* As CMSSW novices, we often needed to perform run-time debugging to figure out how specific functions worked. There were two elements of the CMSSW workflow that introduced a considerable lag between starting a job and getting debugging feedback. The first is that, when using the XROOTD interface, one has to face the constant overhead (and inconstant network performance) of retrieving data remotely. The second is that, as a standard part of every CMS analysis, one has to load configuration files into memory. Loading `FrontierConditions_GlobalTag.cff` (which is necessary to get proper trigger prescale values) takes around 10 minutes at the start of a run. For most users, this delay alone would be too high of a barrier for using the CMS Open Data. By downloading the AOD files directly and building our own MOD file format, we were able to speed up the

development cycle through a lightweight analysis framework. Still, creating the MODPRODUCER in the first place required a fair amount of trial, error, and frustration.

- *Scattered documentation.* Though the CMS Open Data uses an old version of CMSSW (v4.2 compared to the latest v9.0), there is still plenty of relevant documentation available online. The main challenge is that it is scattered in multiple places, including online TWIKI pages, masterclass lectures, thesis presentations, and GITHUB repositories. Eventually, with help from CMS insiders, we were able to figure out which information was relevant to a particular question, but we would have benefitted from more centralized documentation that highlighted the most important features of the CMS Open Data. Centralized documentation would undoubtedly help CMS collaboration members as well, as would making more TWIKI pages accessible outside of the CERN authentication wall.
- *Lack of validation examples.* When working with public data, one would like to validate that one is doing a sensible analysis by trying to match published results. While example files were provided, none of them (to our knowledge) involved the complications present in a real analysis, such as appropriate trigger selection, jet quality criteria, and jet energy corrections. Initially, we had hoped to reproduce the jet  $p_T$  spectrum measured by CMS on 2010 data [263], but that turned out to be surprisingly difficult, since very low  $p_T$  jet triggers are not contained in the Jet Primary Dataset, and we were not confident in our ability to merge information from the MinimumBias Primary Dataset. (In addition, the published CMS result is based on inclusive jet  $p_T$  spectra, while we restricted our analysis to the hardest jet in an event to simplify trigger assignment.) Ideally, one should be able to perform event-by-event validation with the CMS Open Data, especially if there are important calibration steps that could be missed.<sup>13</sup>
- *Information overload.* The AOD files contains an incredible wealth of information, such that the majority of official CMS analyses can use the AOD format directly without requiring RAW or RECO information. While ideal for archival purposes, it is an overload of information for external users, especially because some information is effectively duplicated. The main reason we introduced the MOD

<sup>13</sup> In the one case where we thought it would be the most straightforward to cross check results, namely the luminosity study in Fig. 2, it was frustrating to later learn that the AOD files contained insufficient information.



# BUILD IT AND THEY WILL COME

I got lucky with an amazing student that took a risk and just built it.

- Containers & Cloud technology
- Small amount of support from NSF
- 9 years later ...



Reproducibility is a byproduct!

Reuse provides a forward-looking narrative, while reproducibility often perceived as backward-looking

Analysis Preservation distinct from reproducibility



Lukas Heinrich



**ATLAS PUB Note**  
ATL-PHYS-PUB-2019-032  
11th August 2019

**RECAST framework reinterpretation of an ATLAS Dark Matter Search constraining a model of a dark Higgs boson decaying to two  $b$ -quarks**

The ATLAS Collaboration

The reinterpretation of a search for dark matter produced in association with a Higgs boson decaying to  $b$ -quarks performed with RECAST, a software framework designed to facilitate the reinterpretation of existing searches for new physics, is presented. Reinterpretation using RECAST is enabled through the sustainable preservation of the original data analysis as re-executable declarative workflows using modern cloud technologies and integrated with the wider CERN Analysis Preservation efforts. The reinterpretation targets a model predicting dark matter production in association with a hypothetical dark Higgs boson decaying into  $b$ -quarks where the mass of the dark Higgs boson  $m_s$  is a free parameter, necessitating a faithful reinterpretation of the analysis. The dataset has an integrated luminosity of  $79.8 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  and was recorded with the ATLAS detector at the Large Hadron Collider at a centre-of-mass energy of  $\sqrt{s} = 13 \text{ TeV}$ . Constraints on the parameter space of the dark Higgs model for a fixed choice of dark matter mass  $m_\chi = 200 \text{ GeV}$  exclude model configurations with a mediator mass up to  $3.2 \text{ TeV}$ .

ATL-PHYS-PUB-2019-032  
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# SHIFTING FROM REPRODUCIBILITY TO REUSE

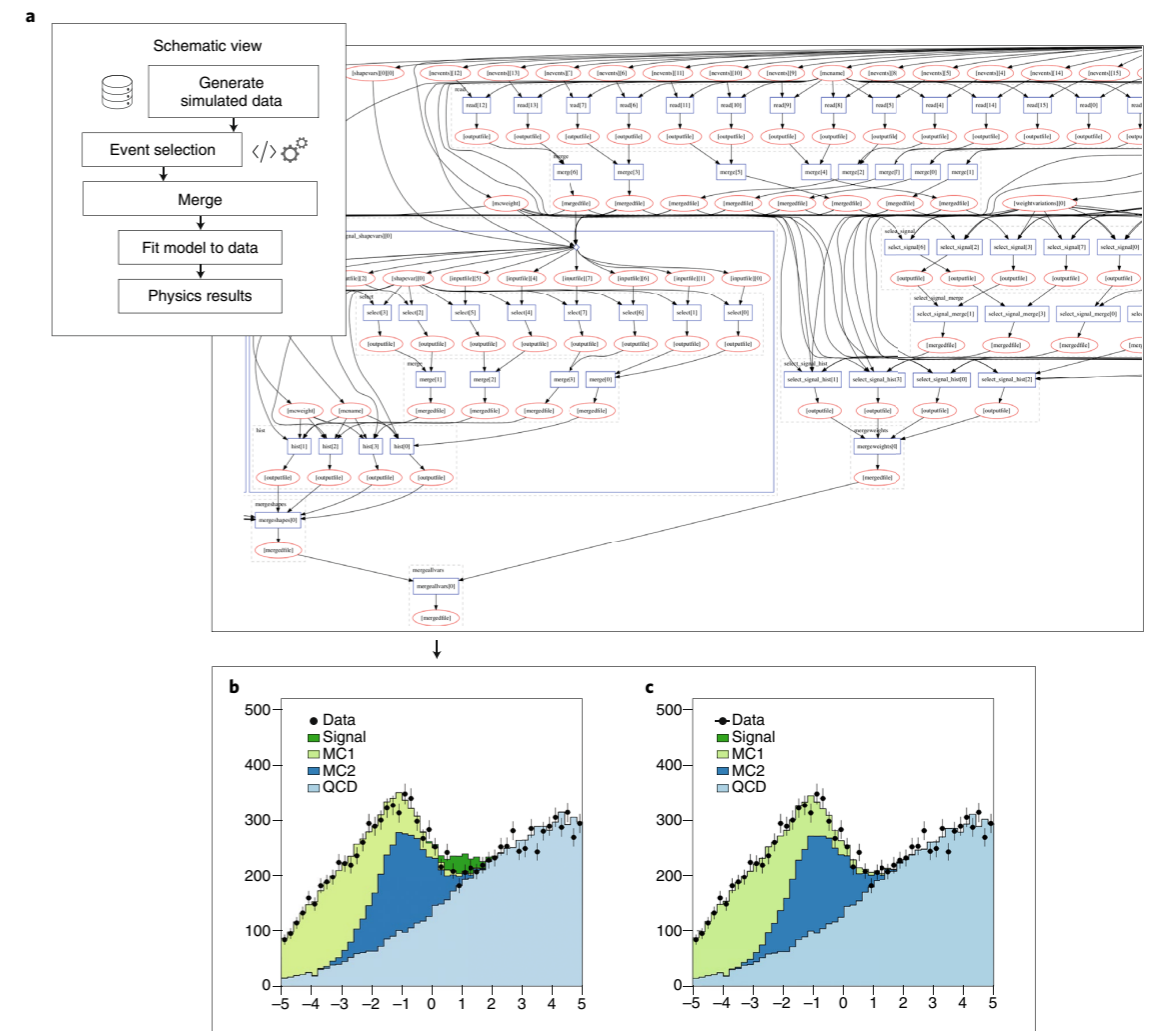
## Open is not enough

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The solutions adopted by the high-energy physics community to foster reproducible research are examples of best practices that could be embraced more widely. This first experience suggests that reproducibility requires going beyond openness.

- Reuse provides a forward-looking narrative, while reproducibility often perceived as backward-looking
- Reproducibility is a byproduct!
- Analysis Preservation distinct from reproducibility

- Helps with onboarding
- Empowers reuse, remixing, reproducibility
- Improves efficiency & equity



**Fig. 2 | Example of a complex computational workflow on REANA mimicking a beyond the standard model (BSM) analysis.** This figure shows an example where the experimental data is compared to the predictions of the standard model with an additional hypothesized signal component. The example permits one to study the complex computational workflows used in typical particle physics analyses. **a–c.** The computational workflow (**a**) may consist of several tens of thousands of computational steps that are massively parallelizable and run in a cascading ‘map-reduce’ style of computations on distributed compute clusters. The workflow definition is modelled using the Yadage workflow specification and produces an upper limit on the signal strength of the BSM process. A typical search for BSM physics consists of simulating a hypothetical signal process (**c**), as well as the background processes predicted by the standard model with properties consistent with the hypothetical signal (marked dark green in **b**)). The background often consists of simulated background estimates (dark blue and light green histograms) and data-driven background estimates (light blue histogram). A statistical model involving both signal (dark green histogram) and background components is built and fit to the observed experimental data (black markers). **b.** Results of the model in its pre-fit configuration at nominal signal strength. We can see the excess of the signal over data, meaning that the nominal setting does not describe the data well. The post-fit distribution would scale down the signal in order to fit the data. This REANA example is publicly available at ref. <sup>35</sup>. For icon credits, see Fig. 1.

# reana

## Reproducible research data analysis platform

### Flexible

Run many computational workflow engines.



### Scalable

Support for remote compute clouds.



### Reusable

Containerise once, reuse elsewhere. Cloud-native.

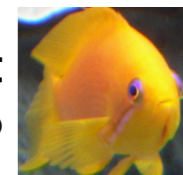


### Free

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The SCALFIN Project  
[scailfin.github.io](http://scailfin.github.io)



**COLLABORATION** Analysis 1



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- Overview**
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1 Publication 

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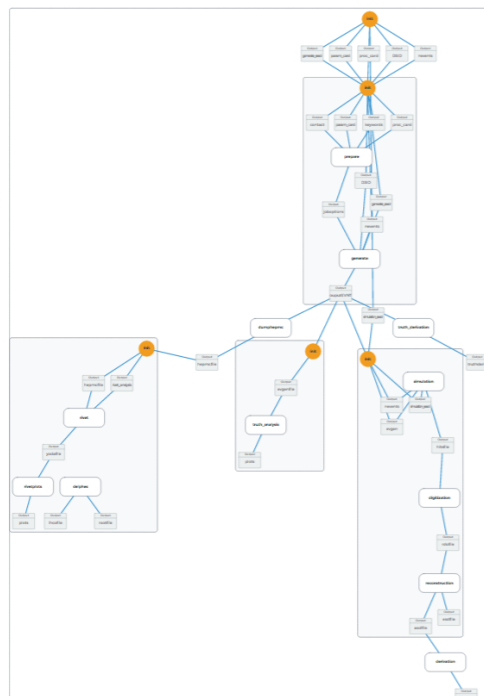
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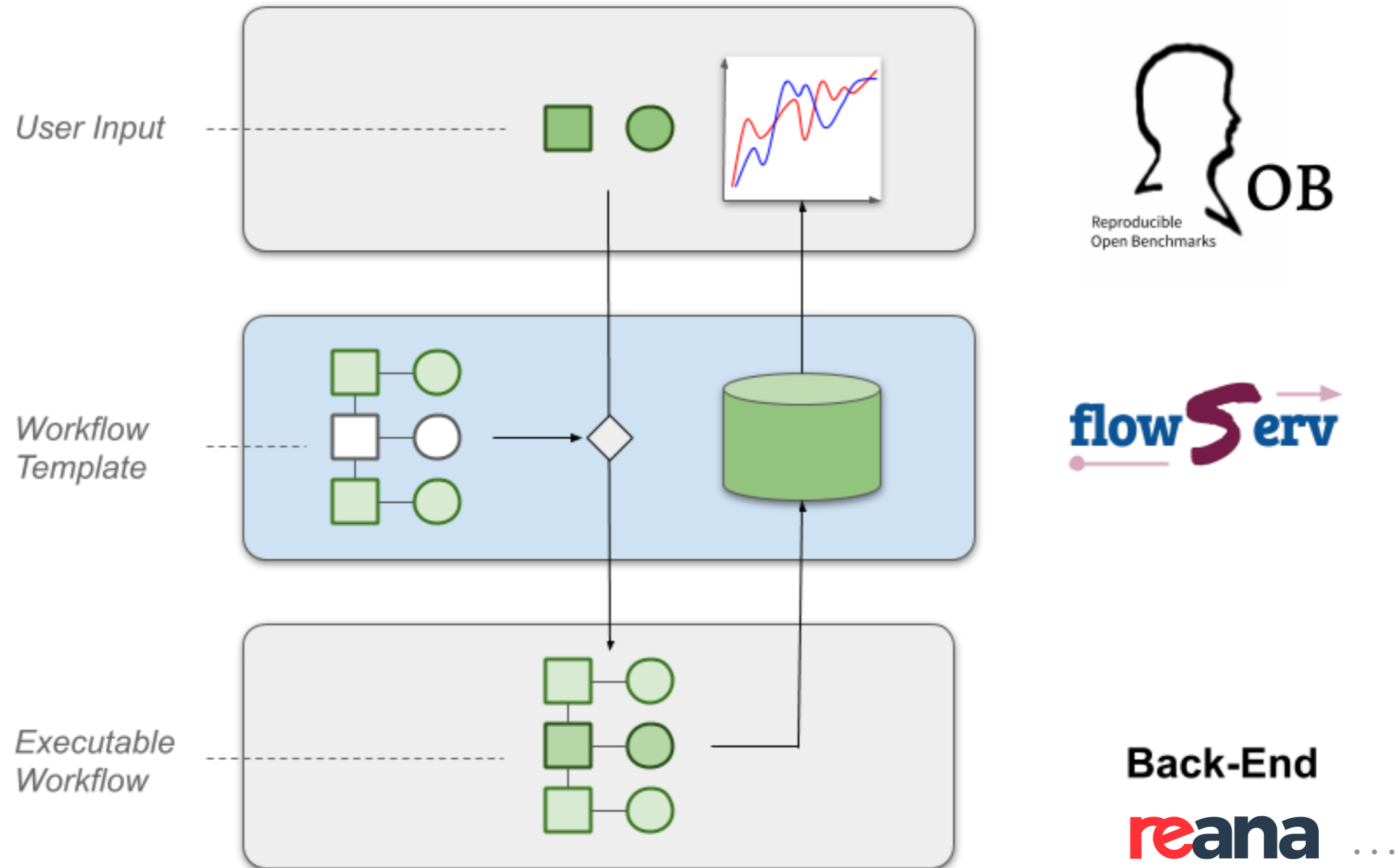
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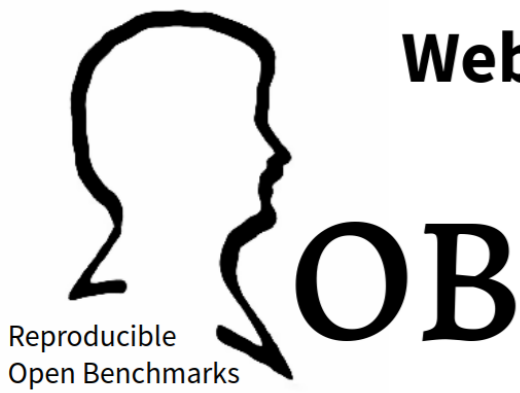


# SPINOFFS

Generalize pattern: domain-specific User Interface around common database of workflows with some backend



<https://github.com/scailfin/flowserv-core>



Reproducible  
Open Benchmarks

# Web User Interface

Automatically renders forms for empty components of workflow

Reproducible Open Benchmarks

## Top Tagger Demo - ML4Jets

- Instructions
- Current Results
- My Submissions ...
- TreeNiN
- Create Submission ...
- TreeNiN
  - Submit New Run ...
  - Input Files
  - Delete Submission

**TreeNiN - Submit New Run**

Environment (Pre-Processing) \*  
heikomueller/toptaggerdemo:1.1

Command (Pre-Processing) \*  
python code/preprocess-dataset.py data/test\_jets.pkl data/preprocess/ results/

Environment (ML) \*  
heikomueller/toptaggerdemo:1.1

Command (ML) \*  
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**SUBMIT** **CANCEL**

Connected to FlowServ Dev API (Version 0.1.2).  
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Reproducible Open Benchmarks

## Top Tagger Demo - ML4Jets

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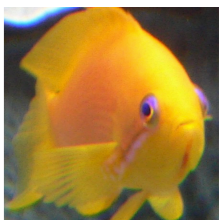
	Background rejection (at 50%)	Background rejection (STD)	AUC
SuperNet	323.333000	39.600100	0.983995
TreeNiN	242.500000	13.857100	0.983987
SimpleNet	99.552600	9.379710	0.958746

Background rejection  $\frac{1}{\epsilon^\alpha}$

Legend: SimpleNet (blue), SuperNet (orange), TreeNiN (green)

## The SCALFIN Project

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Sebastian Macaluso

# TRAINING

Encouraging response by  
the community



Instructors Danika MacDonnel and Giordon Stark working with participants. Photo Credit: Samuel Meehan.



Participants in [Analysis Preservation Bootcamp](#) showing off their ability to reproduce an LHC analysis. Photo Credit: Samuel Meehan

Rewind...

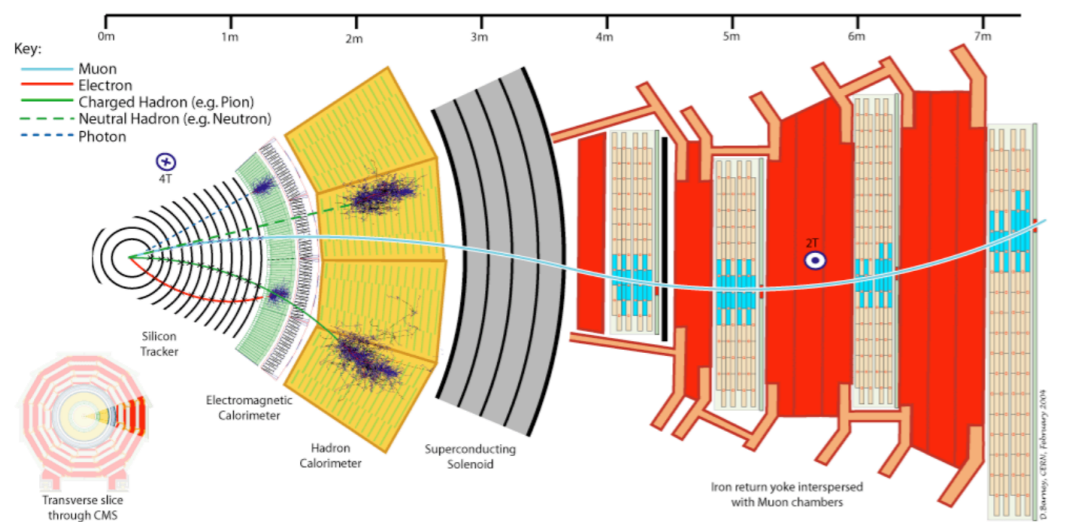


## DETECTOR SIMULATION

**Conceptually:**  $\text{Prob}(\text{detector response} \mid \text{particles})$

**Implementation:** Monte Carlo integration over micro-physics

**Consequence:** evaluation of the likelihood is intractable

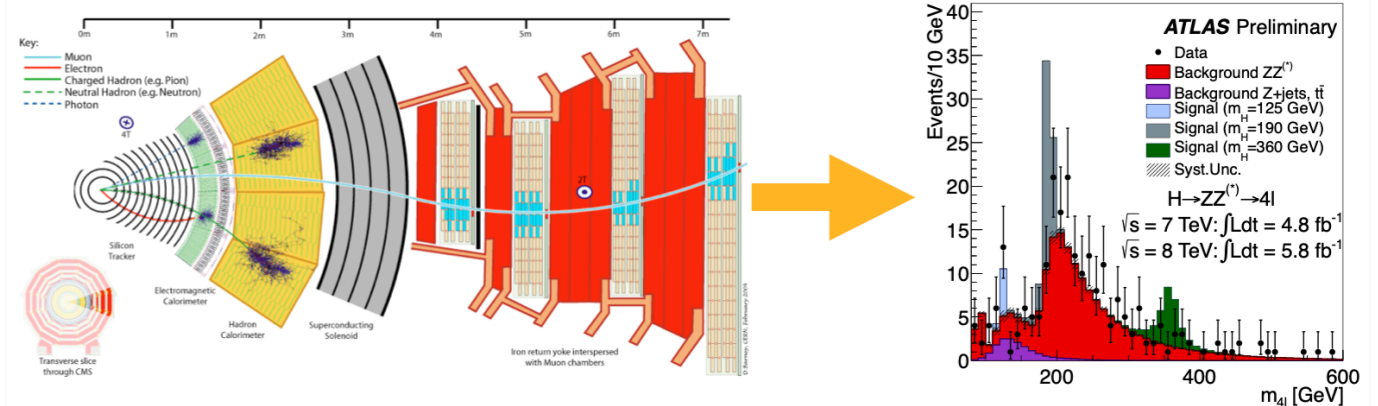


This motivates a new class of algorithms for what is called **likelihood-free inference (or simulation-based inference)**, which only require ability to generate samples from the simulation in the “forward mode”

$10^8$  SENSORS  $\rightarrow$  1 REAL-VALUED QUANTITY

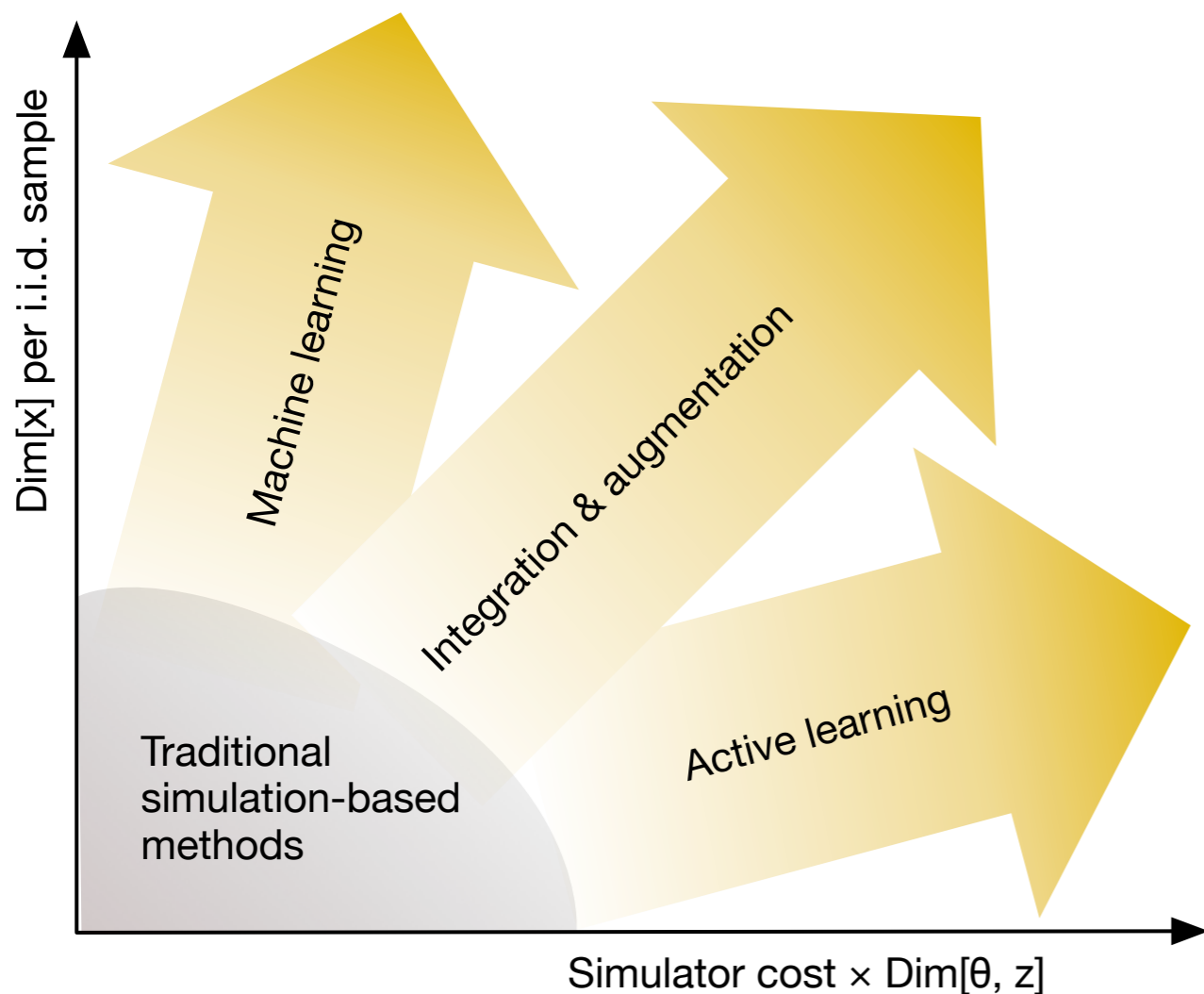
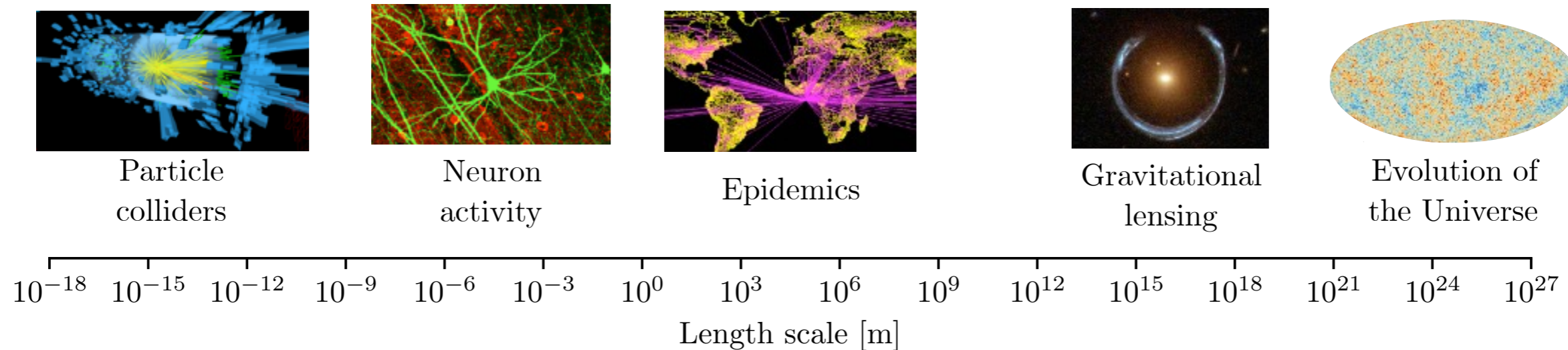
Most measurements and searches for new particles at the LHC are based on the distribution of a single **summary statistic  $s(x)$**

- choosing a summary statistic (feature engineering) is a task for a skilled physicist and tailored to the goal of measurement or new particle search
- likelihood  $p(s|\theta)$  **approximated** using histograms (univariate density estimation)



**This doesn't scale if  $x$  is high dimensional!**

# SIMULATION-BASED INFERENCE



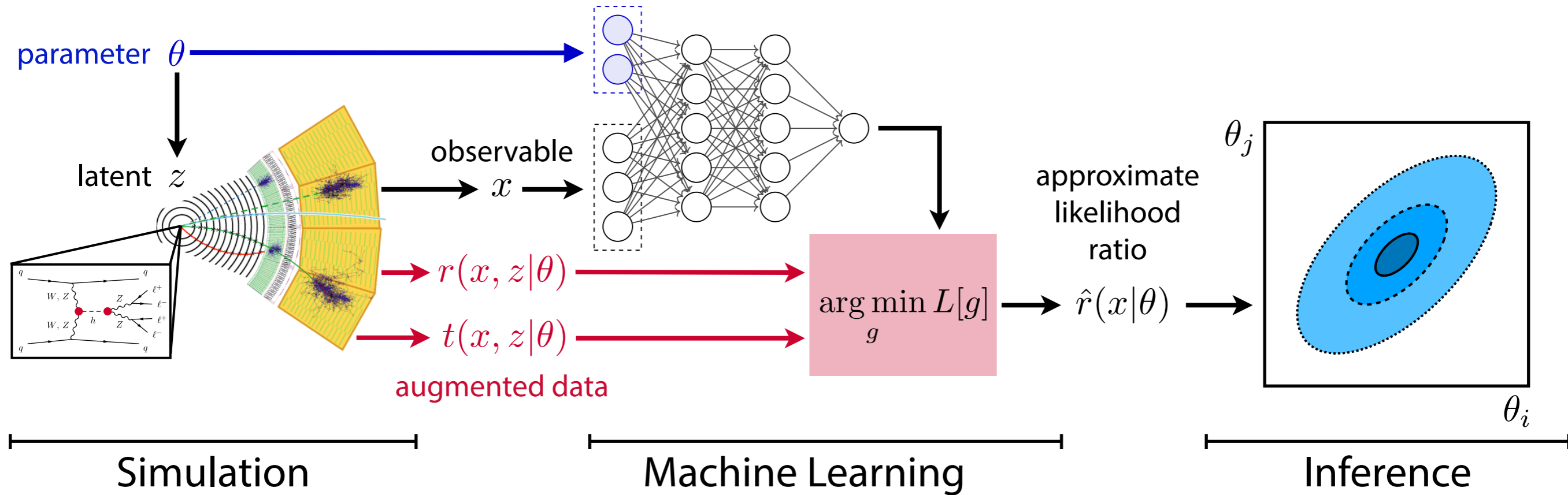
Many areas of science have simulations based on some well-motivated mechanistic model.

However, the aggregate effect of many interactions between these low-level components leads to an intractable inverse problem.

The developments in machine learning and AI have the potential to effectively bridge the microscopic - macroscopic divide & aid in the inverse problem.

- they can provide effective statistical models that describe emergent macroscopic phenomena that are tied back to the low-level microscopic (reductionist) model

# ML-POWERED SIMULATION-BASED INFERENCE



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## Viewpoint: Fast-Forwarding the Search for New Particles

Daniel Whiteson, Department of Physics and Astronomy, University of California, Irvine, USA  
September 12, 2018 • *Physics* 11, 90

A proposed machine-learning approach could speed up the analysis that underlies searches for new particles in high-energy collisions.

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**Constraining Effective Field Theories with Machine Learning**  
Johann Brehmer, Kyle Cranmer, Gilles Louppe, and Juan Pavez  
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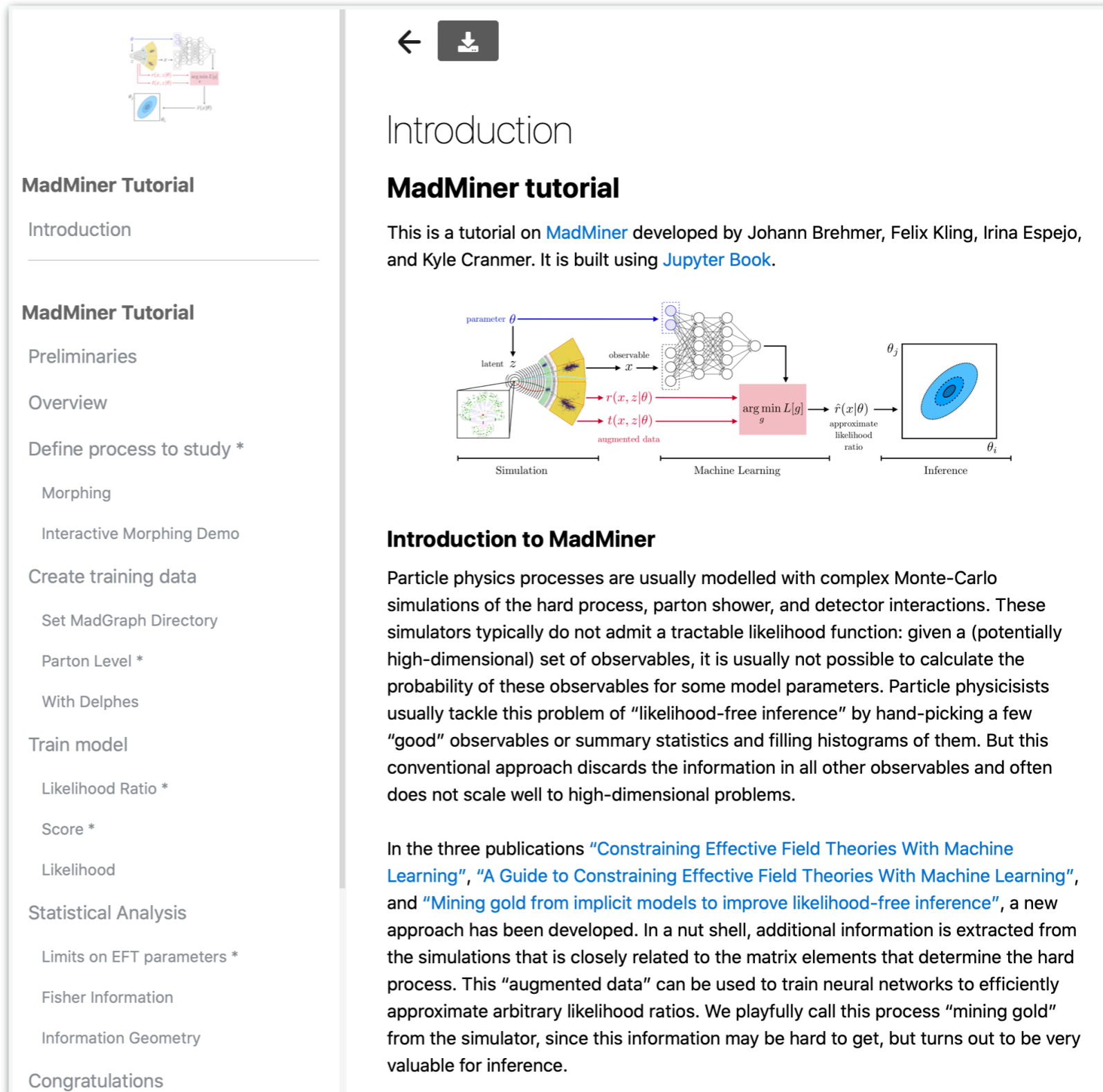
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Domain-specific software for likelihood-free inference

Integrated into REANA workflow system

Tutorial in JupyterBooks, can run using Binder



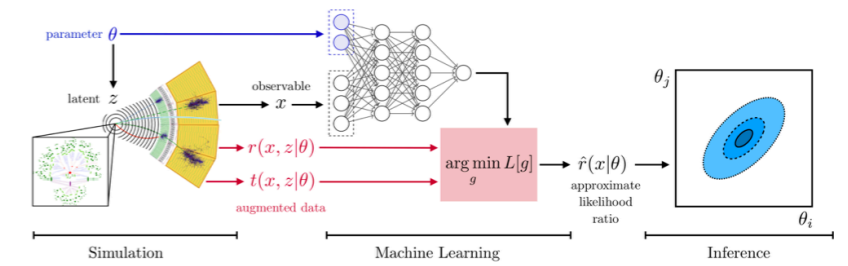
The screenshot shows the MadMiner tutorial interface. On the left is a navigation menu with the following items: MadMiner Tutorial, Introduction, Preliminaries, Overview, Define process to study \*, Morphing, Interactive Morphing Demo, Create training data, Set MadGraph Directory, Parton Level \*, With Delphes, Train model, Likelihood Ratio \*, Score \*, Likelihood, Statistical Analysis, Limits on EFT parameters \*, Fisher Information, Information Geometry, and Congratulations. The main content area on the right is titled "Introduction" and "MadMiner tutorial". It contains a paragraph: "This is a tutorial on MadMiner developed by Johann Brehmer, Felix Kling, Irina Espejo, and Kyle Cranmer. It is built using Jupyter Book." Below this is a diagram illustrating the MadMiner workflow. The diagram is divided into three stages: Simulation, Machine Learning, and Inference. In the Simulation stage, a parameter  $\theta$  is used to generate a latent variable  $z$ , which is then used to produce an observable  $x$ . In the Machine Learning stage, the observable  $x$  is used to train a neural network that approximates the likelihood ratio,  $\hat{r}(x|\theta)$ . In the Inference stage, the approximate likelihood ratio is used to estimate the parameters  $\theta_i$ .

**MadMiner Tutorial**

Introduction

**MadMiner tutorial**

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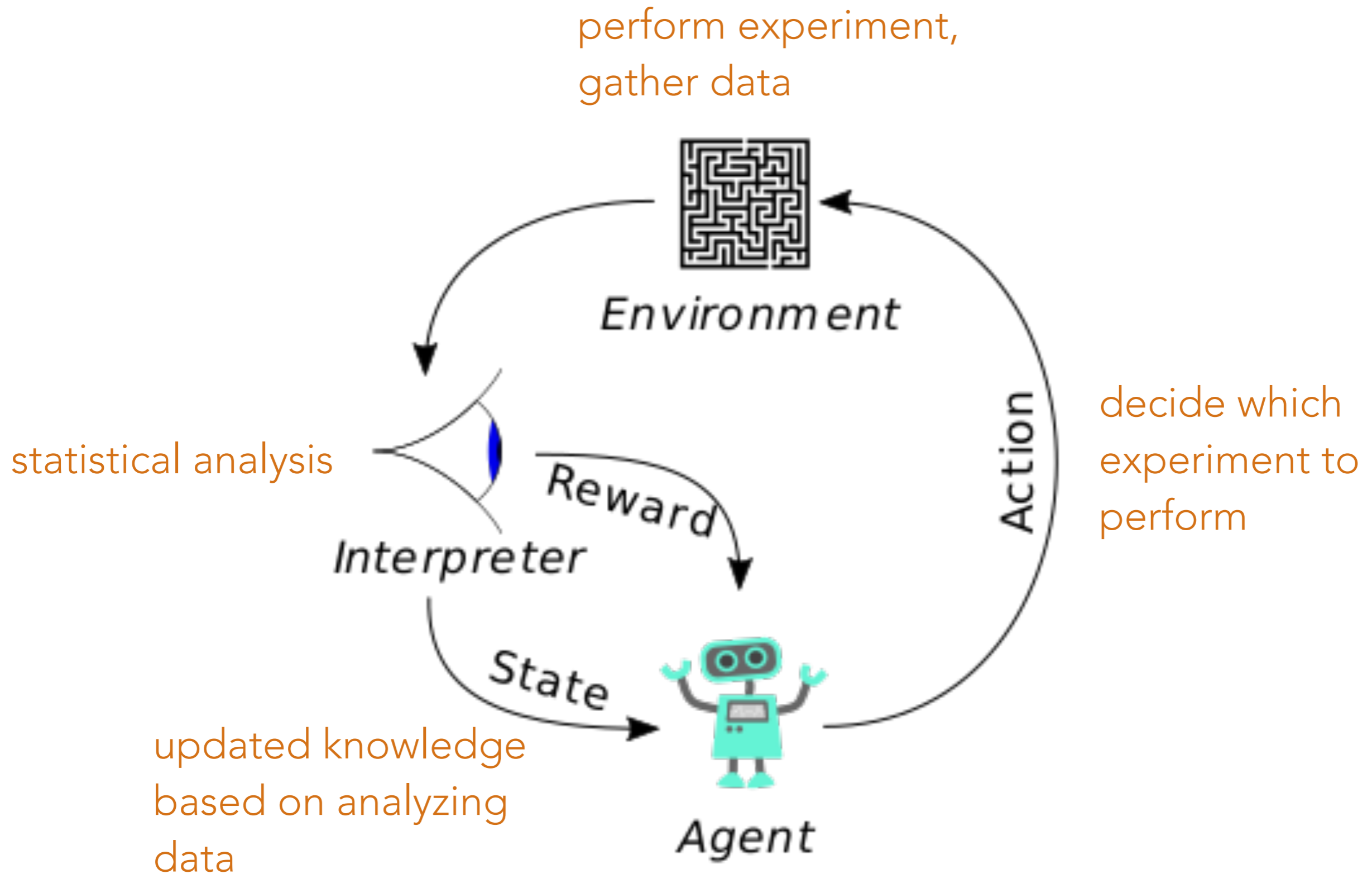
**Introduction to MadMiner**

Particle physics processes are usually modelled with complex Monte-Carlo simulations of the hard process, parton shower, and detector interactions. These simulators typically do not admit a tractable likelihood function: given a (potentially high-dimensional) set of observables, it is usually not possible to calculate the probability of these observables for some model parameters. Particle physicists usually tackle this problem of “likelihood-free inference” by hand-picking a few “good” observables or summary statistics and filling histograms of them. But this conventional approach discards the information in all other observables and often does not scale well to high-dimensional problems.

In the three publications “[Constraining Effective Field Theories With Machine Learning](#)”, “[A Guide to Constraining Effective Field Theories With Machine Learning](#)”, and “[Mining gold from implicit models to improve likelihood-free inference](#)”, a new approach has been developed. In a nut shell, additional information is extracted from the simulations that is closely related to the matrix elements that determine the hard process. This “augmented data” can be used to train neural networks to efficiently approximate arbitrary likelihood ratios. We playfully call this process “mining gold” from the simulator, since this information may be hard to get, but turns out to be very valuable for inference.

# REINFORCEMENT LEARNING & SCIENTIFIC METHOD

Scientist trying to decide what experiment to do next



# SYNTHESIS

experimental design / active learning / black box optimization



## Active Sciencing



reusable workflows

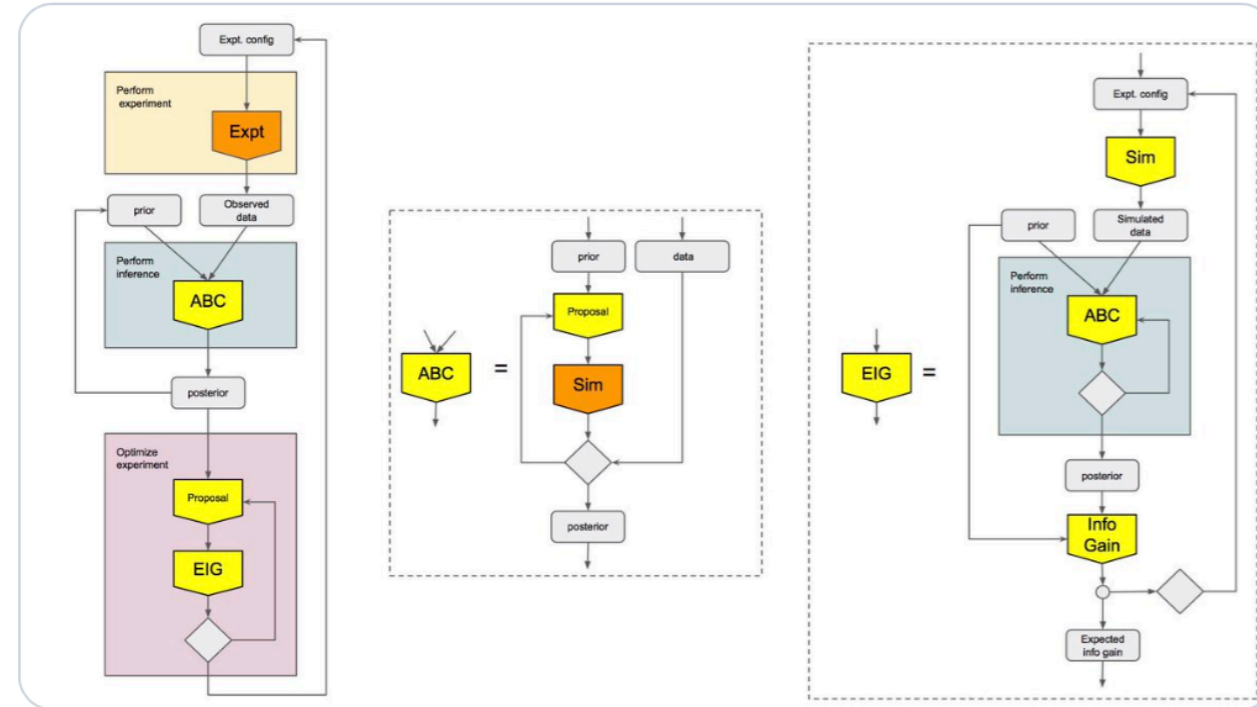


simulation-based /  
likelihood-free  
inference engines



**Kyle Cranmer** @KyleCranmer · Jun 11, 2017

Demo for YCombinator research  
active learning + workflows + implicit models = #ActiveSciencing  
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[github.com/cranmer/active...](https://github.com/cranmer/active...)



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**Danilo J. Rezende** @DeepSpiker · Jul 19, 2017

This is great!

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**Kyle Cranmer** @KyleCranmer · Jul 19, 2017

Thanks!!!

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**Danilo J. Rezende**  
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Replying to [@KyleCranmer](#) [@lukasheinrich\\_](#) and [@glouppe](#)

You have the full loop of the scientific method in a python notebook :)

3:12 PM · Jul 19, 2017 · Twitter for iPhone

## Reality check...

Keep in mind that

- the simulator model was specified
- the space of experimental configurations was well specified

Still it was hard enough!

Going to open world of experimental configurations and potential models much harder.

# DIFFERENTIABLE WORKFLOWS

We are now working on **differentiable workflows** where gradients are passed through different processes workflow system

## Differentiable Programming in High-Energy Physics

Atılım Güneş Baydin (Oxford), Kyle Cranmer (NYU), Matthew Feickert (UIUC), Lindsey Gray (FermiLab), Lukas Heinrich (CERN), Alexander Held (NYU), Andrew Melo (Vanderbilt), Mark Neubauer (UIUC), Jannicke Pearkes (Stanford), Nathan Simpson (Lund), Nick Smith (FermiLab), Giordon Stark (UCSC), Savannah Thais (Princeton), Vassil Vassilev (Princeton), Gordon Watts (U. Washington)

August 31, 2020

### Abstract

A key component to the success of deep learning is the use of gradient-based optimization. Deep learning practitioners compose a variety of modules together to build a complex computational pipeline that may depend on millions or billions of parameters. Differentiating such functions is enabled through a computational technique known as automatic differentiation. The success of deep learning has led to an abstraction known as **differentiable programming**, which is being promoted to a first-class citizen in many programming languages and data analysis frameworks. This often involves replacing some common non-differentiable operations (eg. binning, sorting) with relaxed, differentiable analogues. The result is a system that can be optimized from end-to-end using efficient gradient-based optimization algorithms. A *differentiable analysis* could be optimized in this way — basic cuts to final fits all taking into account full systematic errors and automatically analyzed. This Snowmass LOI outlines the potential advantages and challenges of adopting a differentiable programming paradigm in high-energy physics.

## Optimization by ~~grad~~ student descent

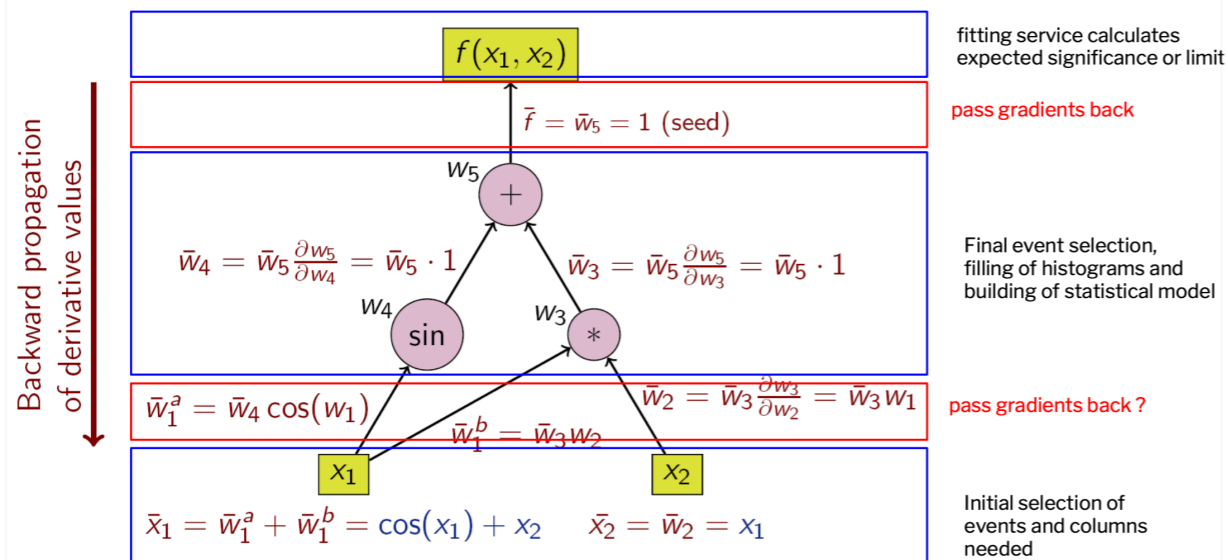
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Some other parametric fit  
Data-driven likelihood

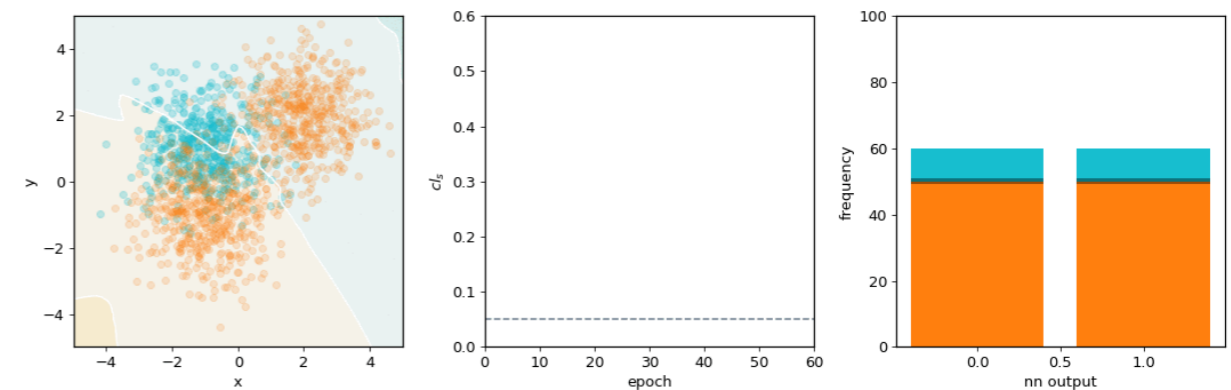
**inference +gradients**  
CLs  
Feldman-Cousins  
Posterior sampling  
Credible intervals  
...etc



## Challenge: Auto-diff across systems



slide from Nathan Simpson: [[link to talk](#)]





# CONCLUSIONS

Traditional narrative around reproducibility has been inefficient in changing practice

- Seen as backward-looking, inefficient, irrelevant

Target reuse and preservation

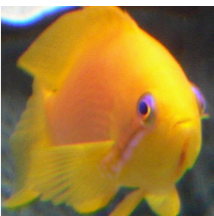
- Start with specific, high-value use-cases in community, then generalize around that
- Reproducibility a byproduct



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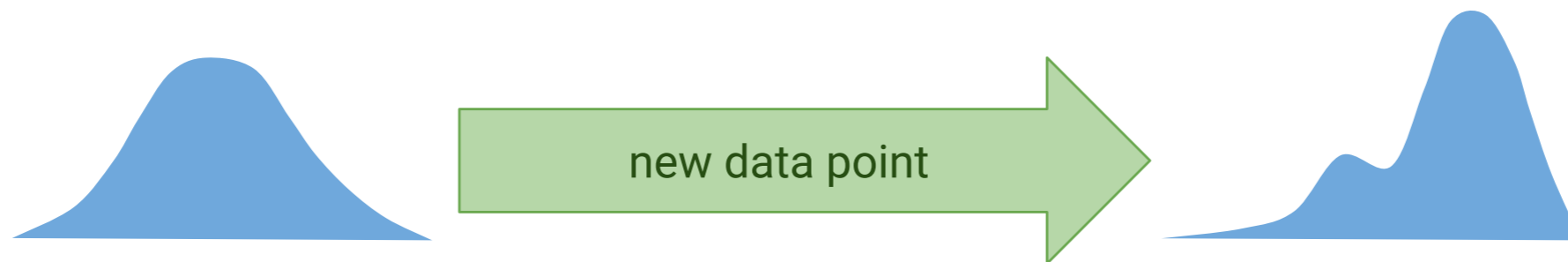
Backup



## Active Learning & Control

Given data points  $\{x, y\}$ , how to select the next data point to fit the model?

**Ex.** Select data points which maximize expected information gain. [Lindley et al. 1956; Mackay 1992; Houthoof et al. 2016]



$$\arg \max_{\mathbf{x}} \mathbb{H}[\boldsymbol{\theta} | \mathcal{D}] - \mathbb{E}_{y \sim p(y | \mathbf{x}, \mathcal{D})} [\mathbb{H}[\boldsymbol{\theta} | y, \mathbf{x}, \mathcal{D}]]$$

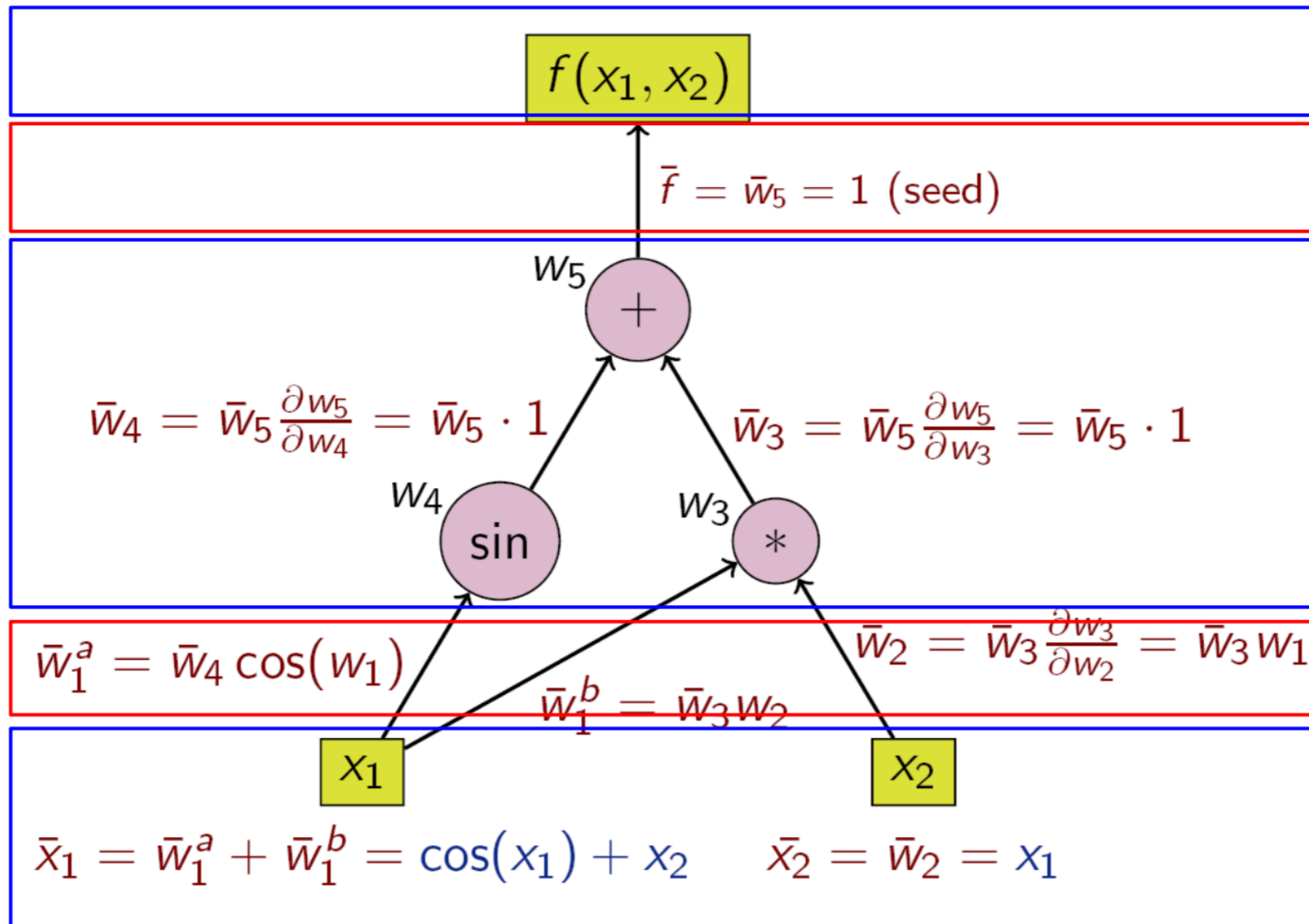
Uncertainty determines which  $\mathbf{x}$  is most informative and, therefore, the model's success.

[Hafner et al., 2019]



# Challenge: Auto-diff across systems

Backward propagation  
of derivative values



fitting service calculates expected significance or limit

pass gradients back

Final event selection, filling of histograms and building of statistical model

pass gradients back ?

Initial selection of events and columns needed