

How Good is the Standard Model?

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Based on:

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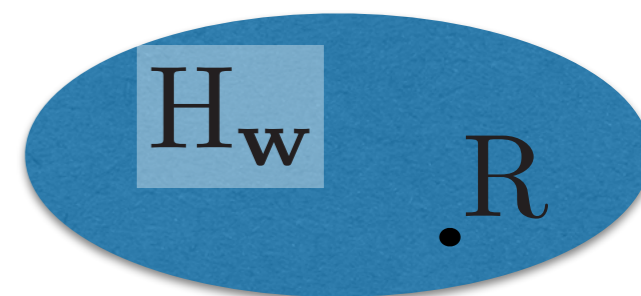
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Simple vs Composite test



- No Optimal solution. But, **Likelihood Ratio is Good solution**
- Answers a more general question: **some power if truth is in H_w .**
Generically, larger H_w = less power

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Model-dependent  **BSM searches**

- Optimise sensitivity to **one specific BSM model**
- Fail to discover other models.
What if the right theoretical model is not yet formulated?

Model-independent  **searches**

- Could reveal **truly unexpected** new physical laws.
- No hopes to find Optimal strategy.
For a Good strategy, we need a **good choice of H_w** .

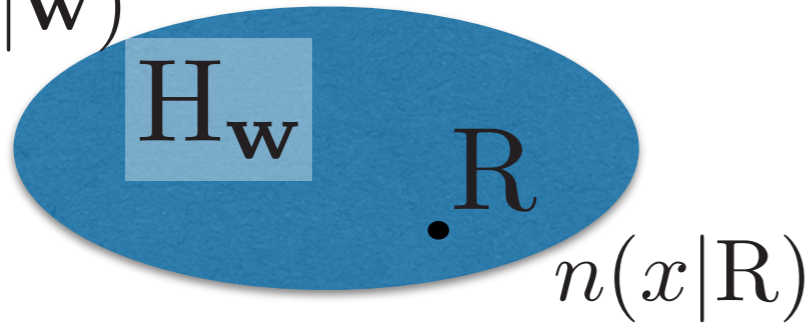
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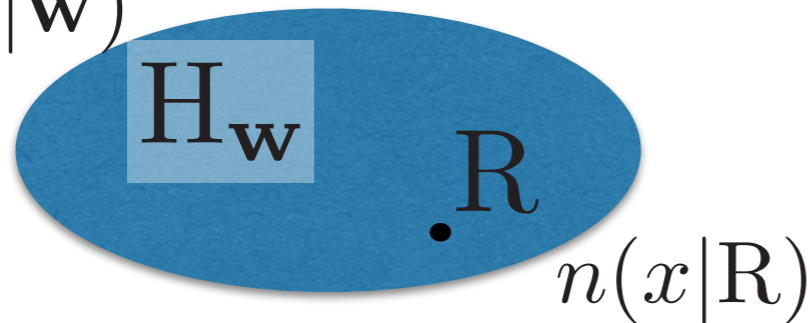
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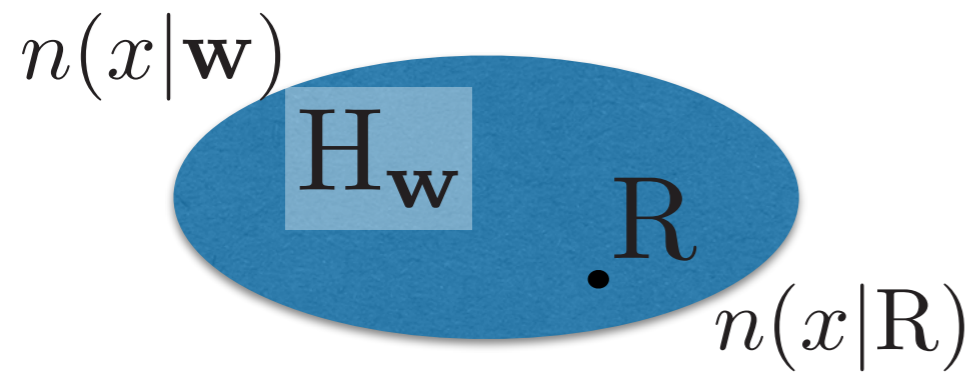
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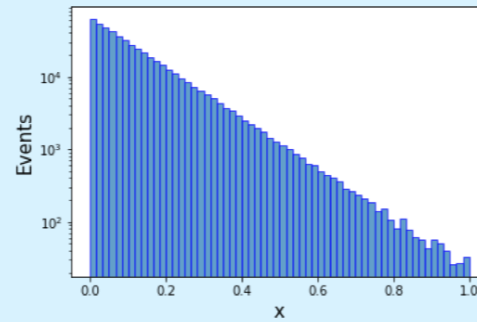
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By using a special loss function:

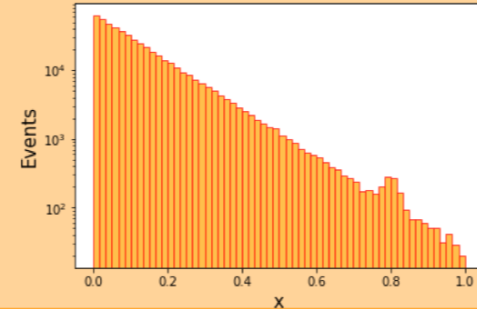
$$L[f] = \sum_{(x,y)} \left[(1-y) \frac{N(R)}{\mathcal{N}_{\mathcal{R}}} (e^{f(x)} - 1) - y f(x) \right] \rightarrow t(\mathcal{D}) = -2 \underset{\{\mathbf{w}\}}{\text{Min}} L[f(\cdot, \mathbf{w})]$$

INPUT

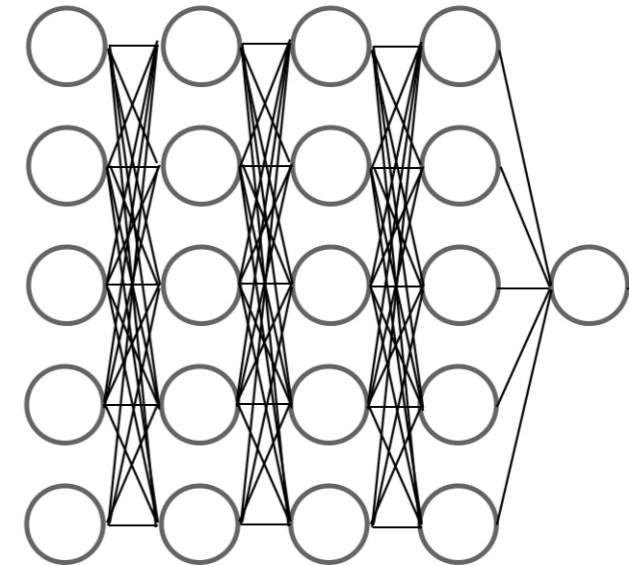
Reference sample (R)
label=0



Data sample (D)
label=1



BSM network



\mathbf{w} $\xrightarrow{\text{NN training}}$ $\hat{\mathbf{w}}$

Unbinned training samples!

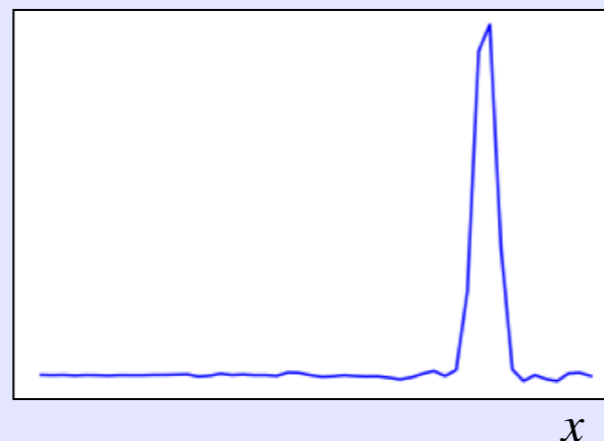
OUTPUT

Single training

$$t(D) = -2L [f(x; \hat{\mathbf{w}})]$$

$$f(x; \hat{\mathbf{w}}) = \log \left[\frac{n(x | H_{\hat{\mathbf{w}}})}{n(x | R_0)} \right]$$

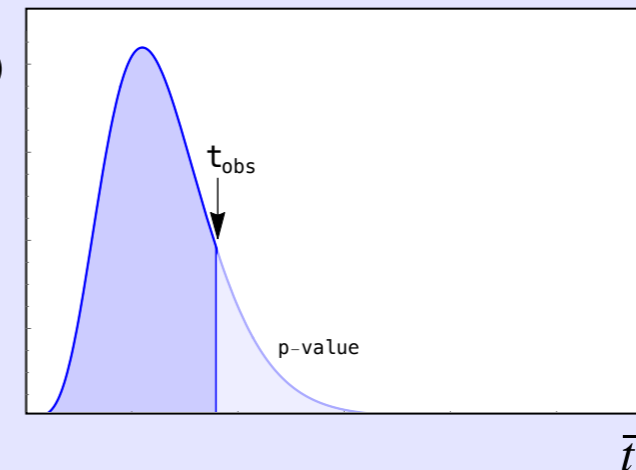
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Many trainings
(with pseudo-data)

Empirical distribution of t
 \rightarrow p-value for new datasets

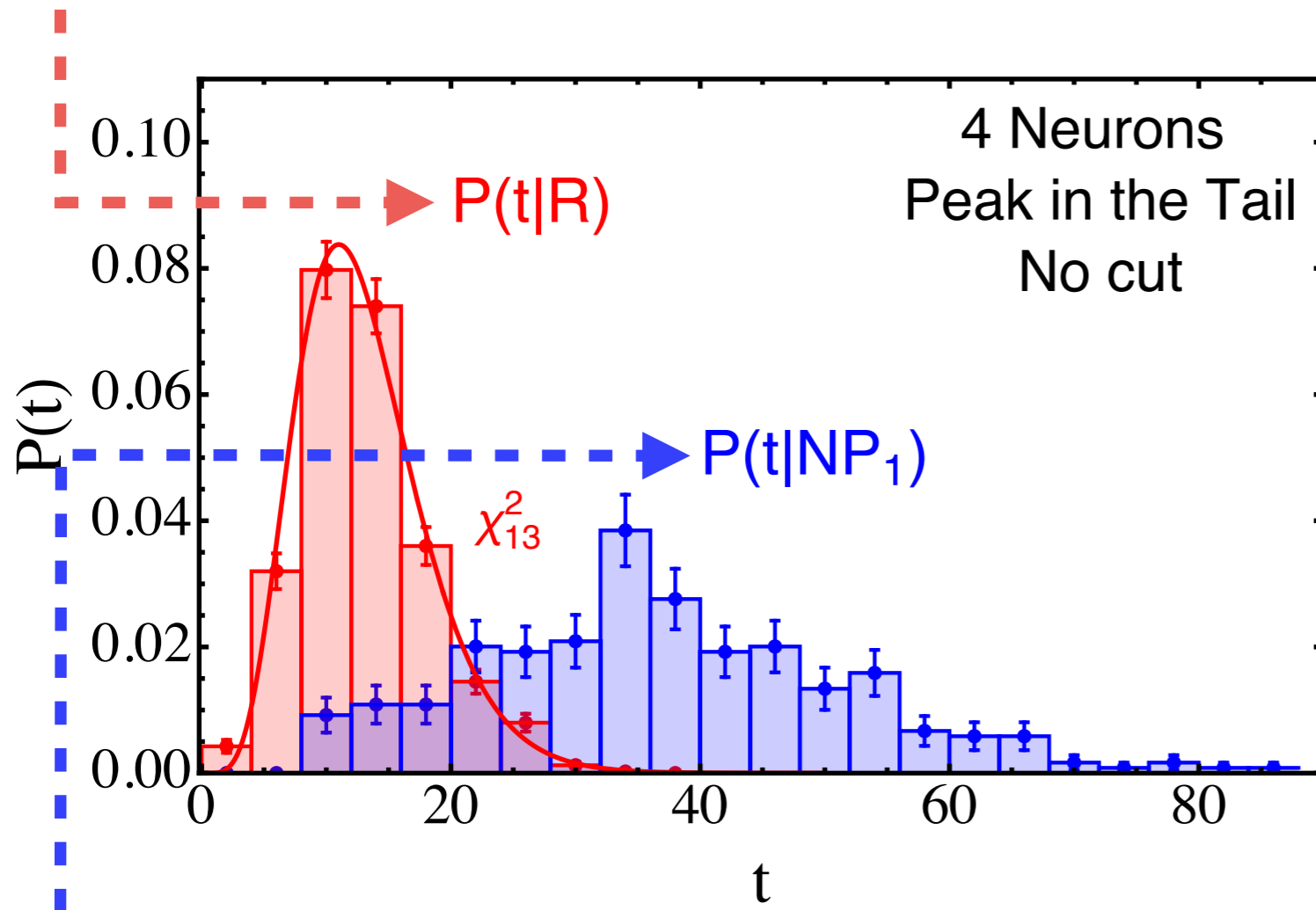
$P(\bar{t})$



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(Simple 1d example with exponential Reference)

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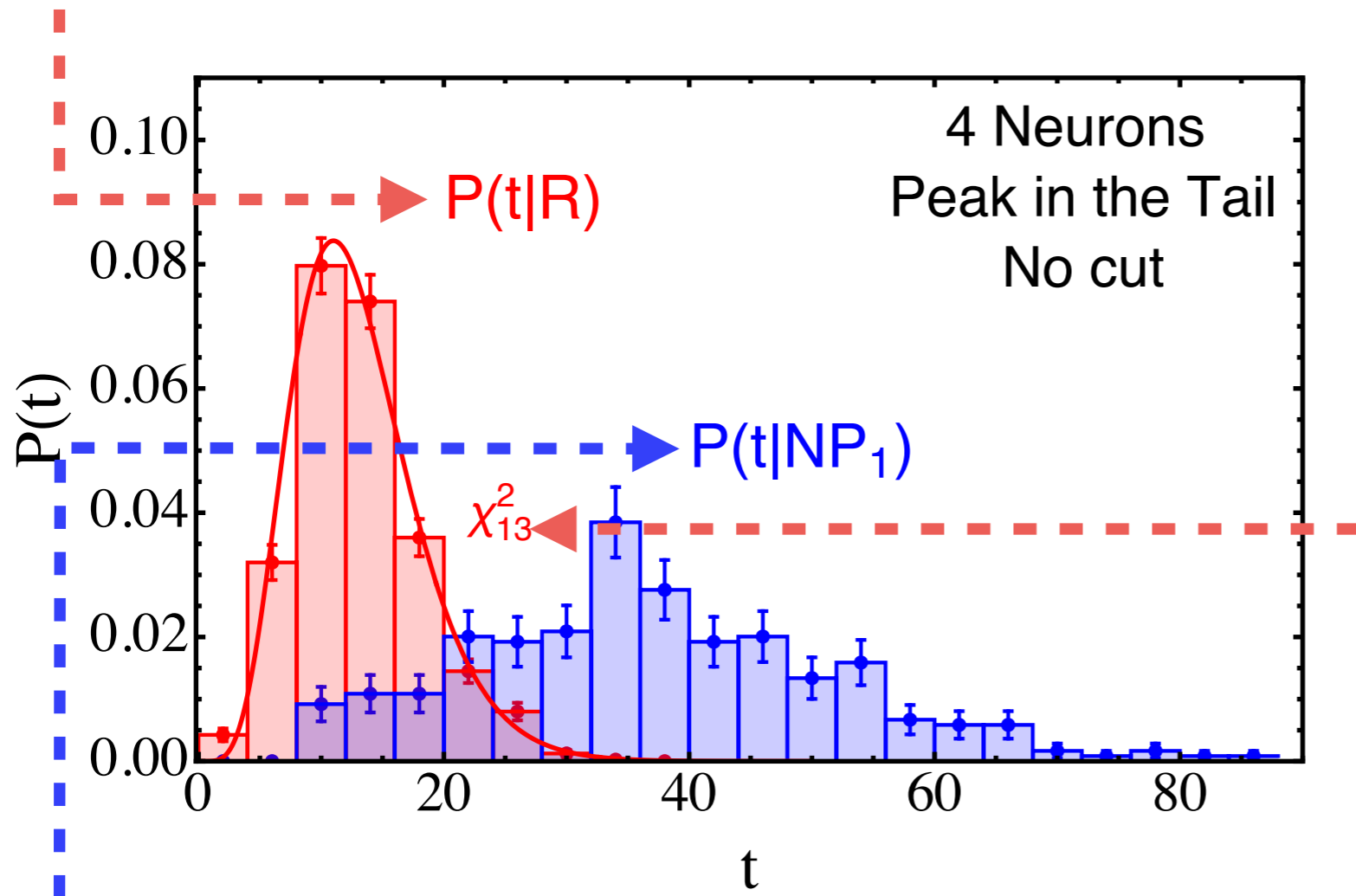
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Notice agreement with **Wilks' Formula:**

Sufficiently regularised networks found to behave as if their number of d.o.f. was equal to number of parameters.

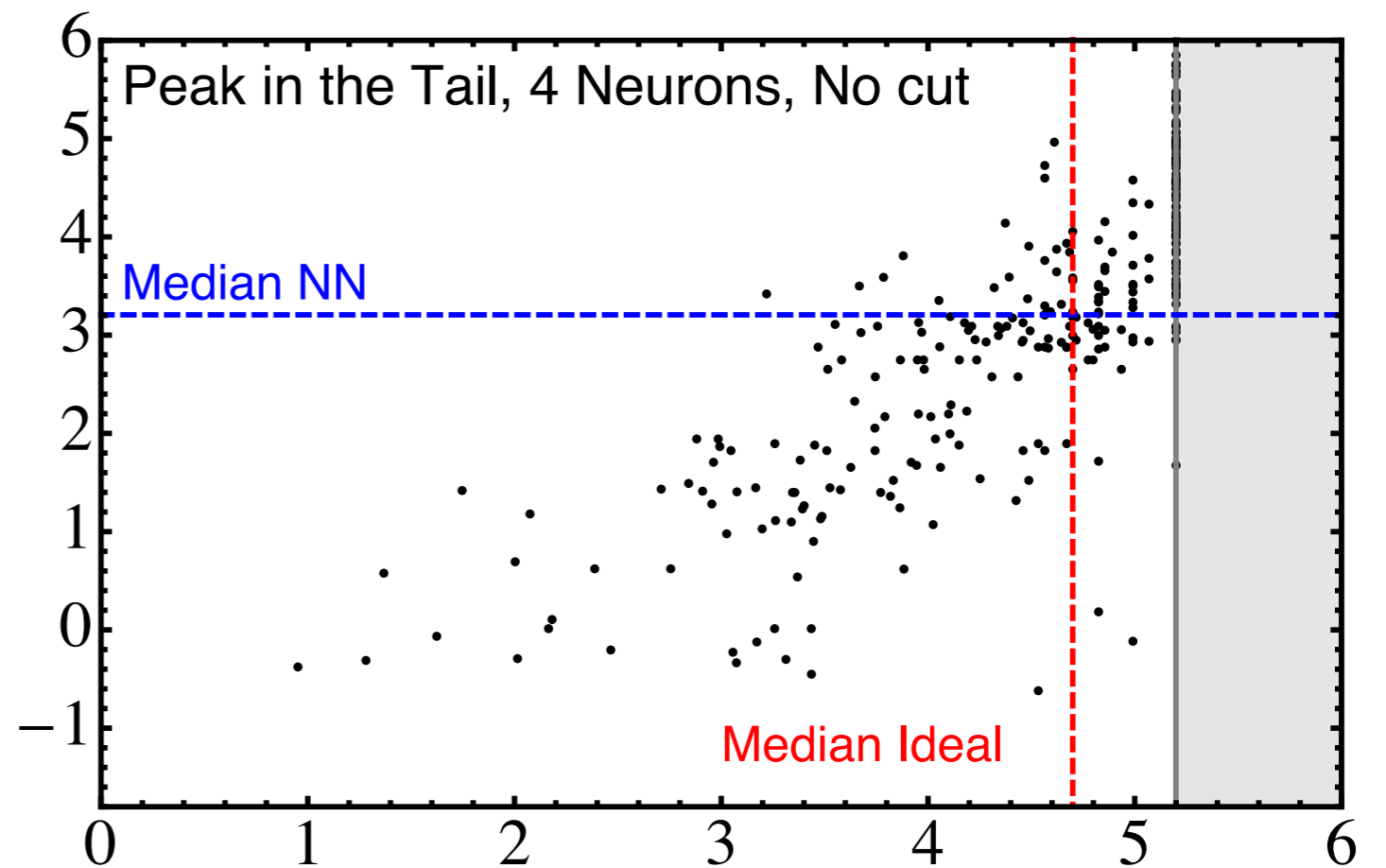
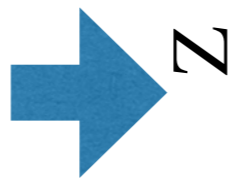
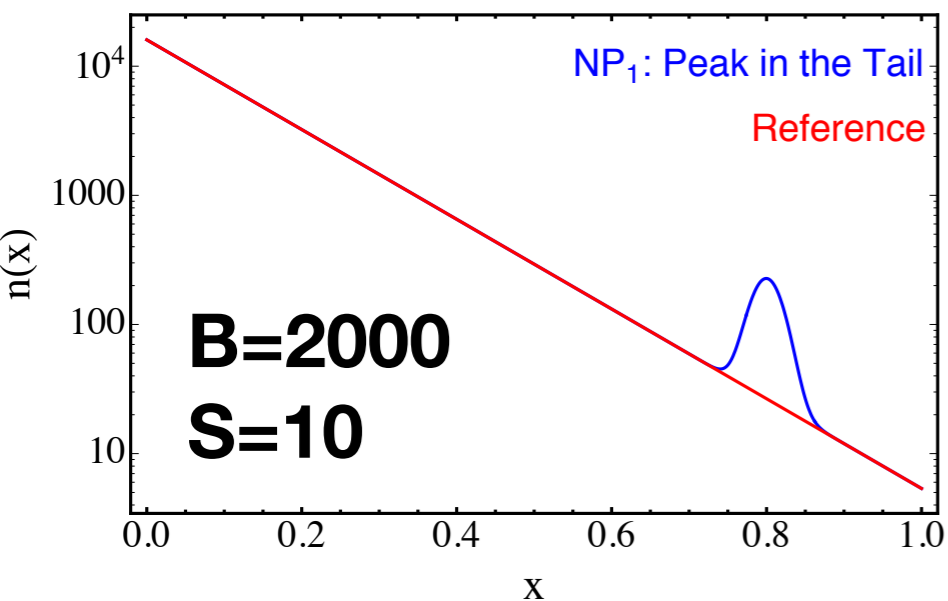
Theoretical reason mysterious

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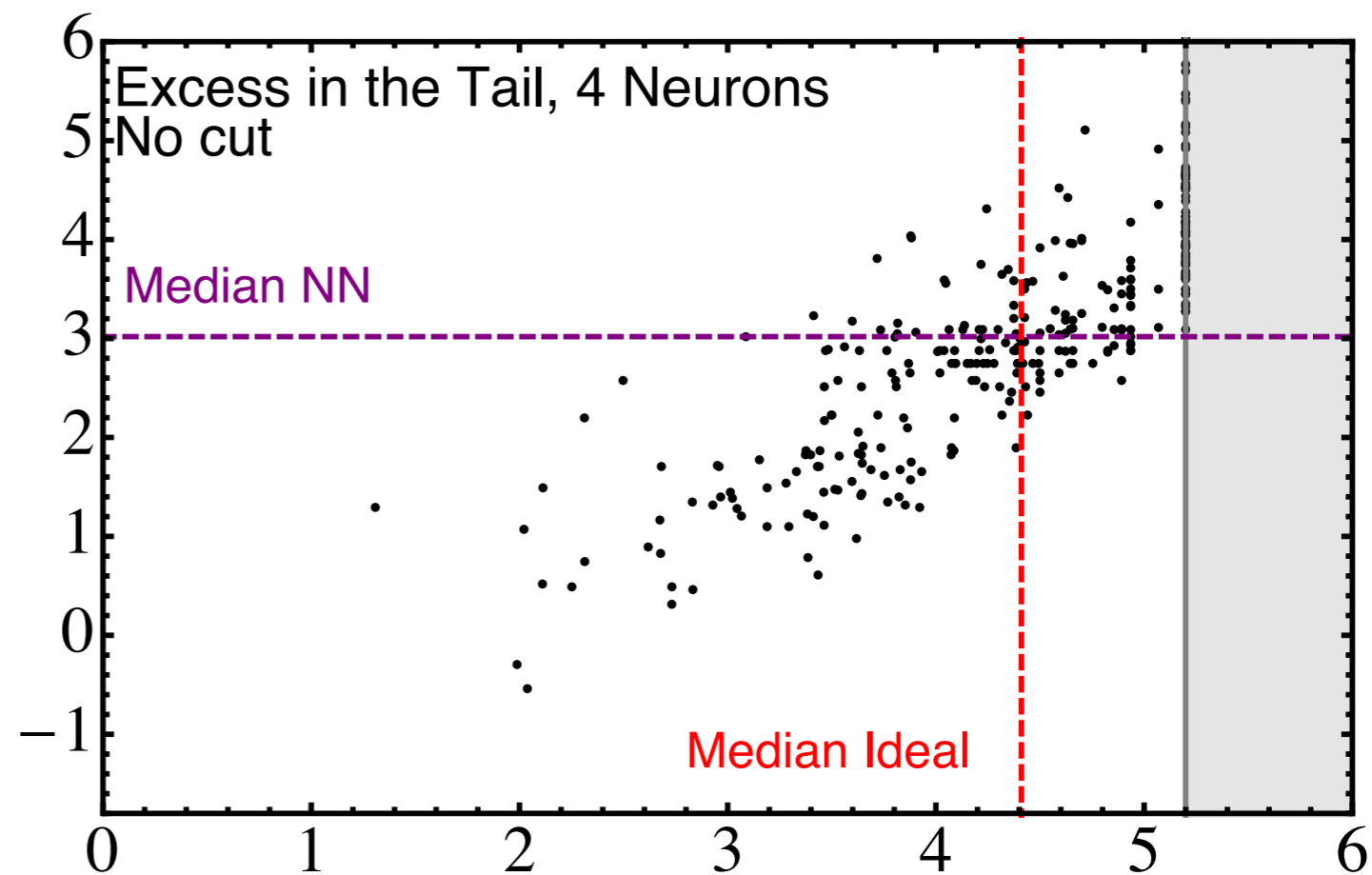
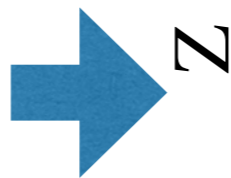
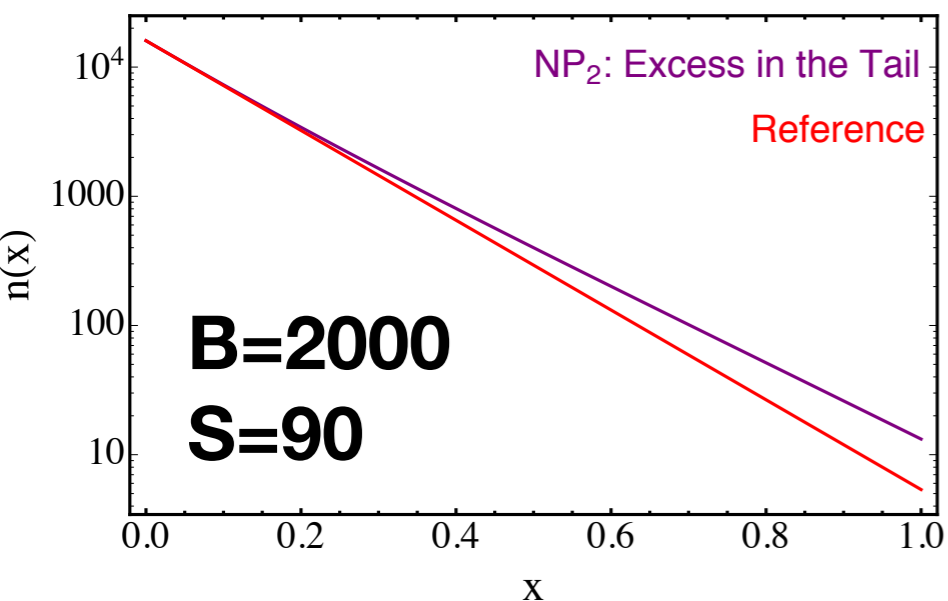
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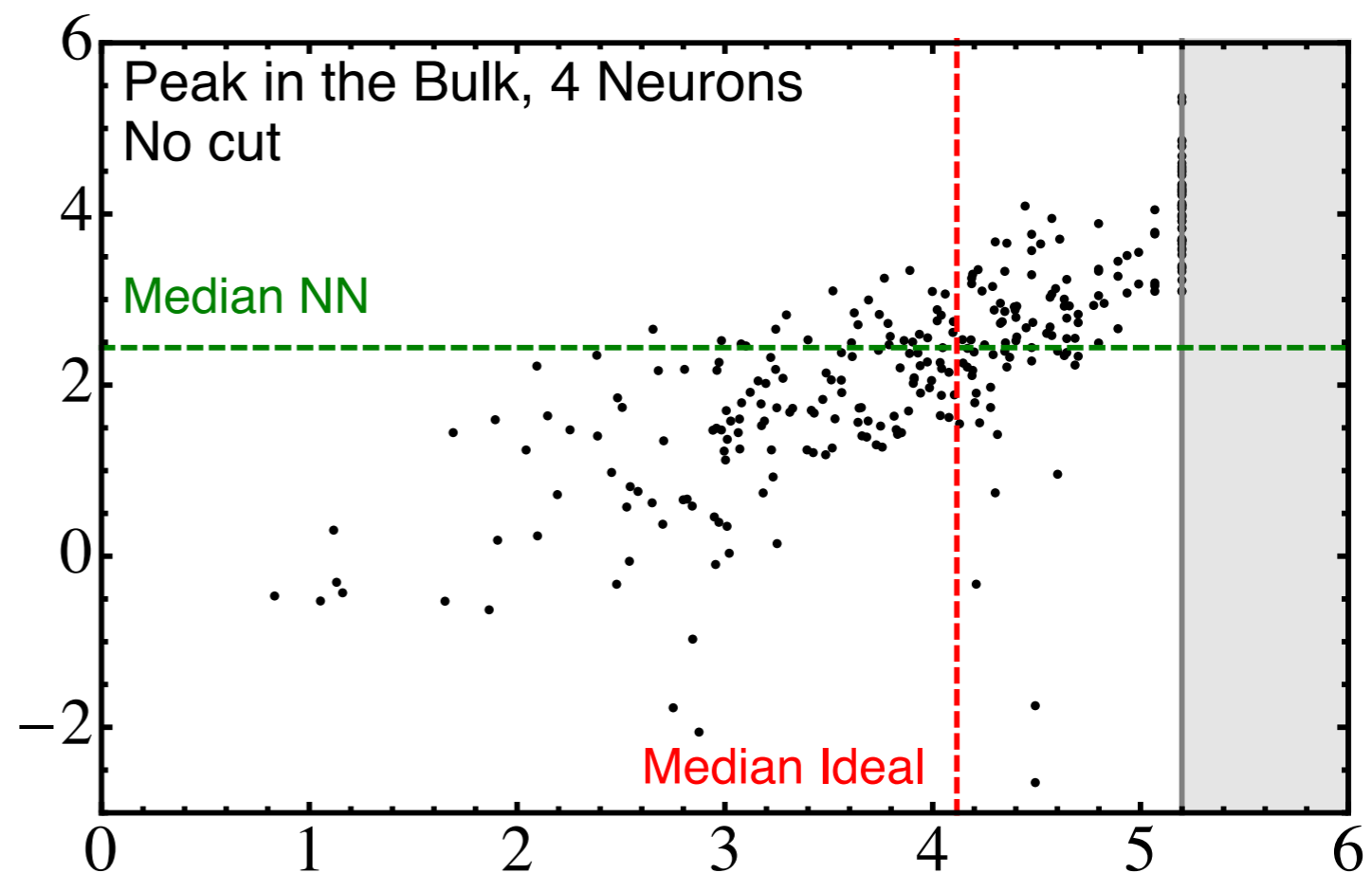
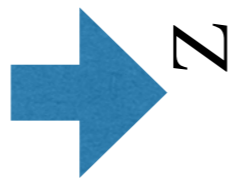
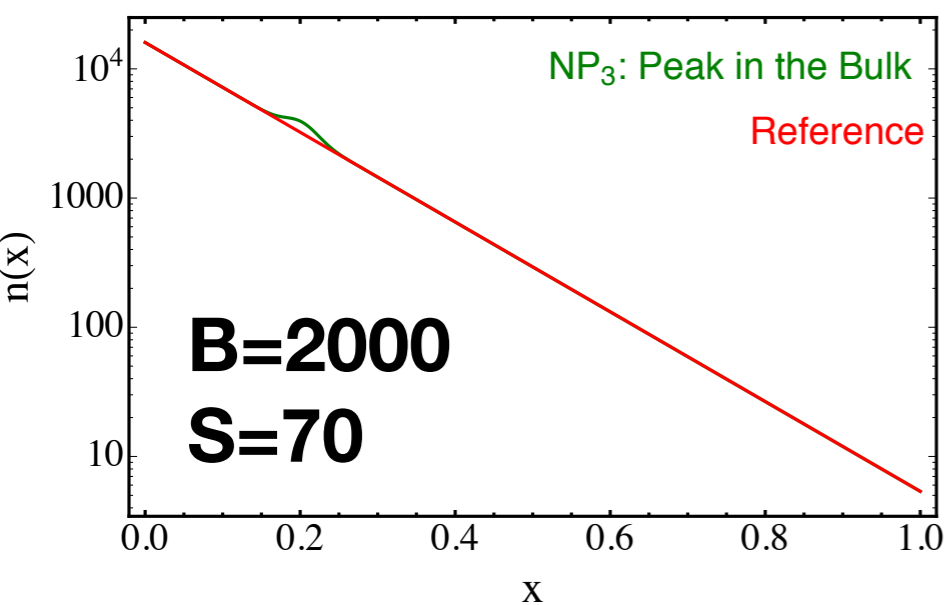
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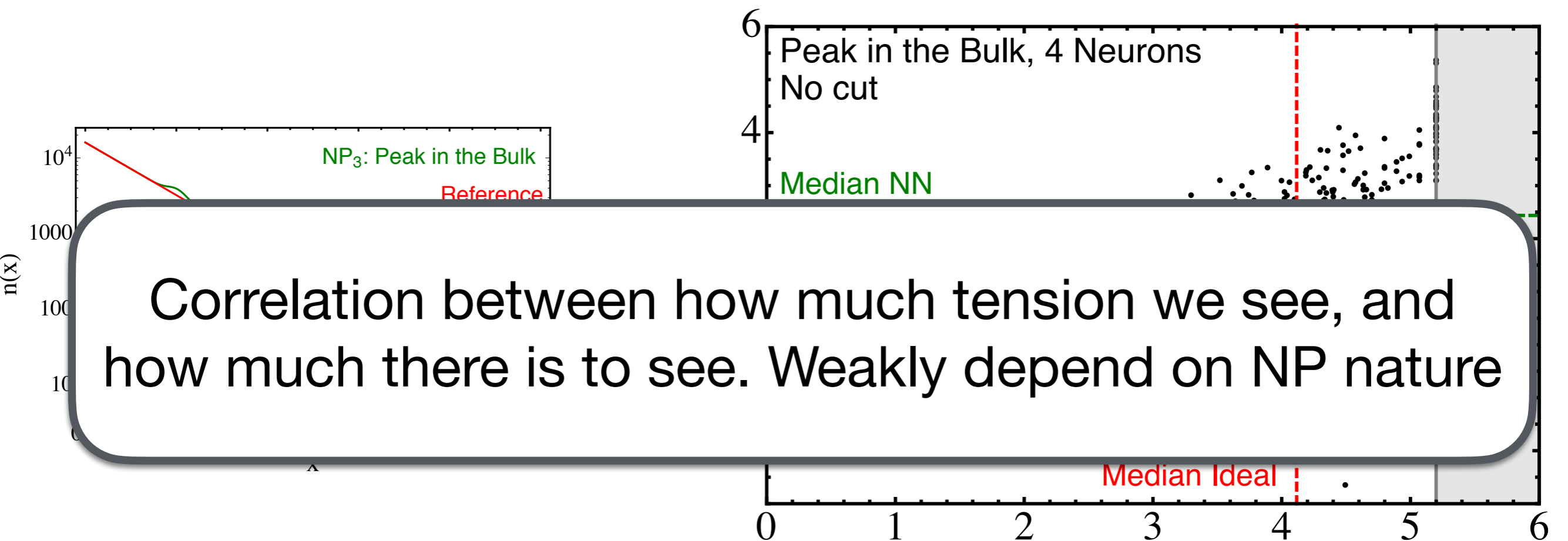


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Correlation between how much tension we see, and how much there is to see. Weakly depend on NP nature

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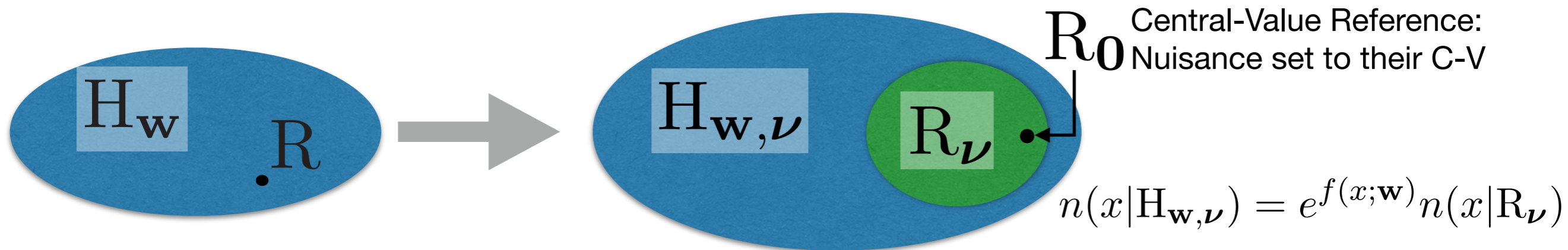
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Imperfect Machine

Reference Sample is an **imperfect** representation of SM
 e.g., PDF/Lumi/Detector Modeling ...

Imperfections are **Nuisance Parameters**

Constrained by **Auxiliary Measurements**
 Define a **composite** Reference hypothesis



Strategy conceptually unchanged.
$$t(\mathcal{D}, \mathcal{A}) = 2 \log \frac{\max_{w,\nu} [\mathcal{L}(H_{w,\nu}|\mathcal{D}) \cdot \mathcal{L}(\nu|\mathcal{A})]}{\max_{\nu} [\mathcal{L}(R_\nu|\mathcal{D}) \cdot \mathcal{L}(\nu|\mathcal{A})]}$$

$$= 2 \max_{w,\nu} \log \left[\frac{\mathcal{L}(H_{w,\nu}|\mathcal{D})}{\mathcal{L}(R_0|\mathcal{D})} \cdot \frac{\mathcal{L}(\nu|\mathcal{A})}{\mathcal{L}(0|\mathcal{A})} \right] - 2 \max_{\nu} \log \left[\frac{\mathcal{L}(R_\nu|\mathcal{D})}{\mathcal{L}(R_0|\mathcal{D})} \cdot \frac{\mathcal{L}(\nu|\mathcal{A})}{\mathcal{L}(0|\mathcal{A})} \right] = \tau(\mathcal{D}, \mathcal{A}) - \Delta(\mathcal{D}, \mathcal{A})$$

Implementation slightly more complex

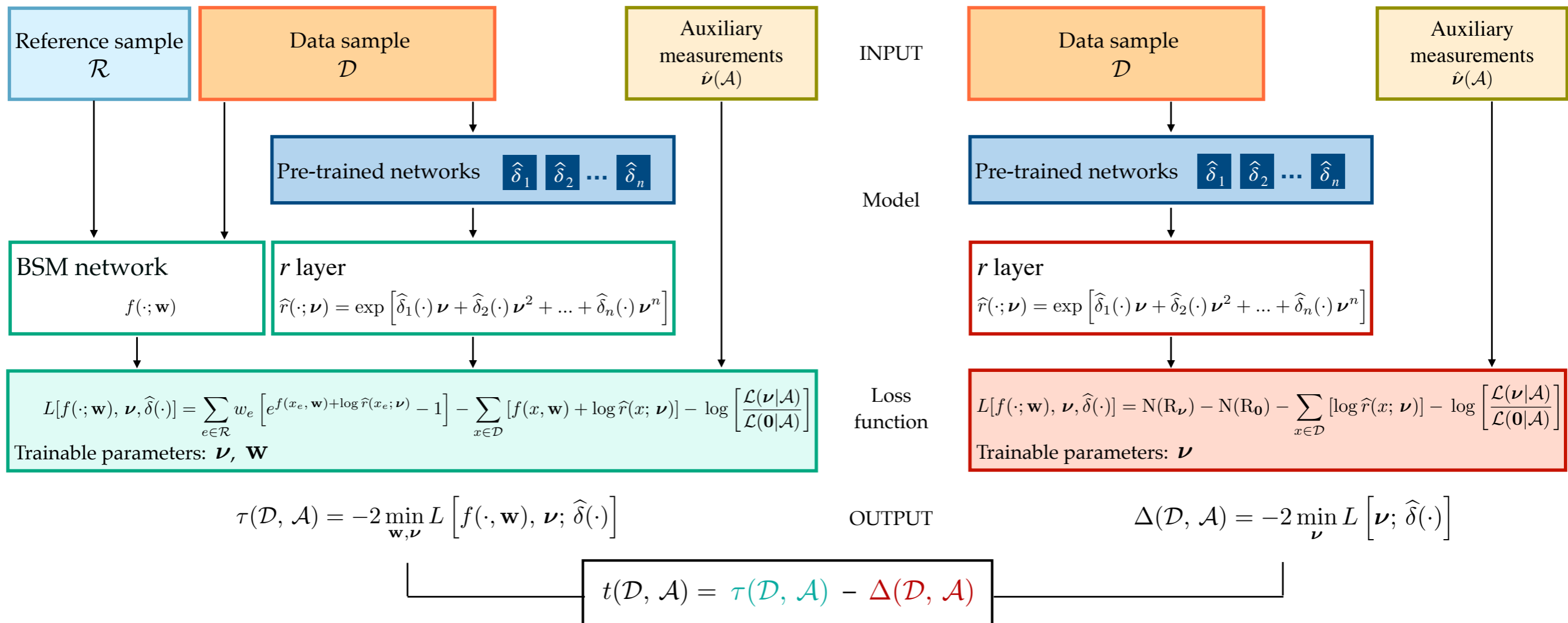
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Including systematic uncertainties

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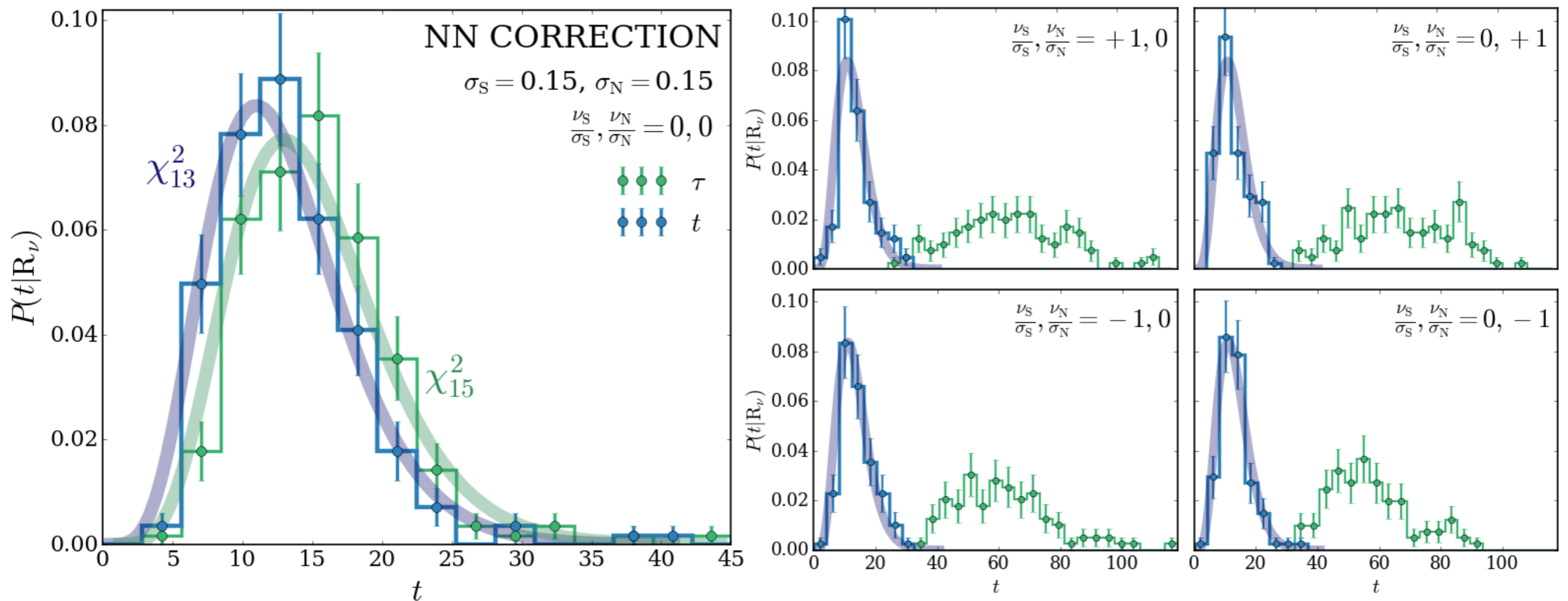
Δ term



An Imperfect Machine at Work

(Simple 1d example with exponential Reference)

Tau distribution distorted by non-central value nuisance
if not corrected, produces false positives



t = Tau-Delta independent of true nuisance value
this is essential for a feasible test

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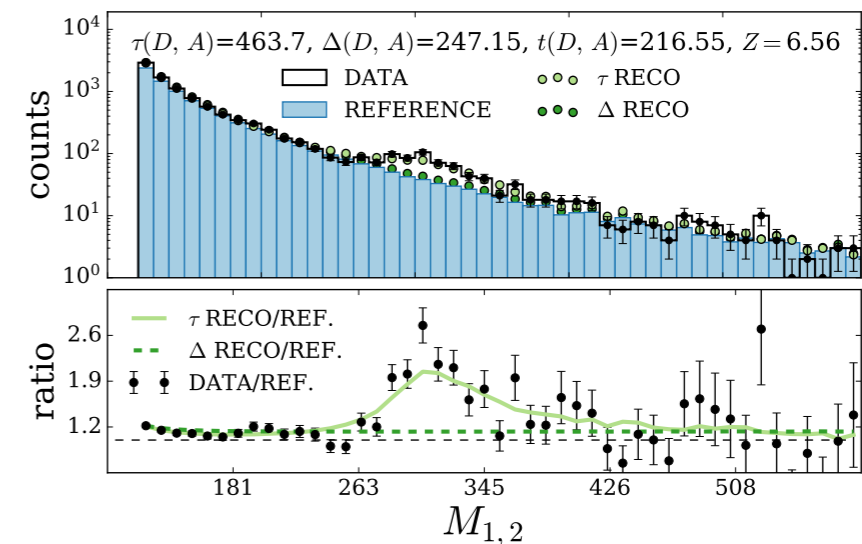
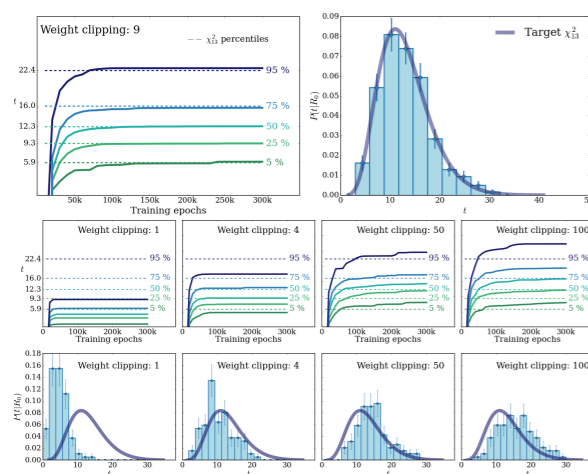
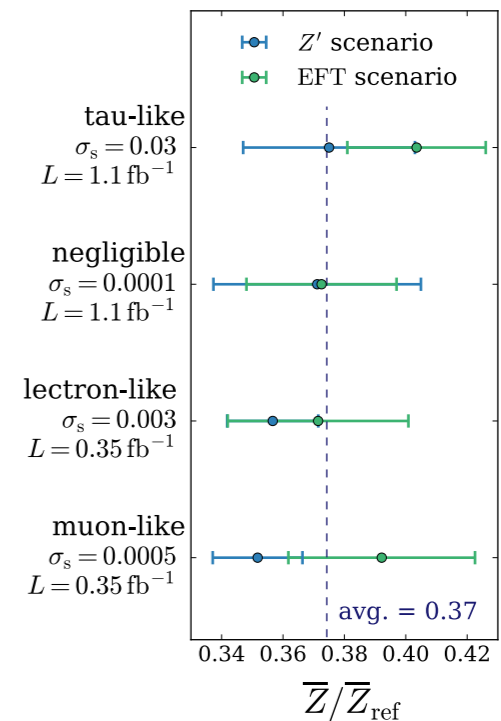
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Results in summary:

- model-selection strategy converges
- sensitivity to resonant or non-resonant NP
- “uniform” response to NP of different nature
- trained network reconstruct NP



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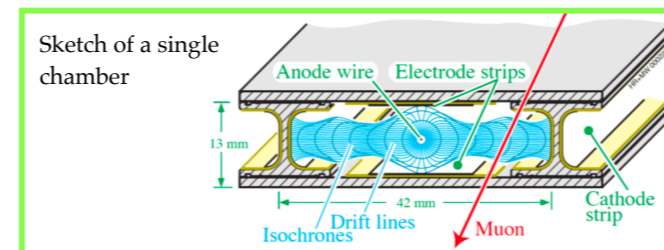
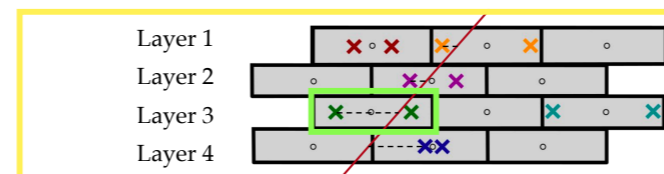
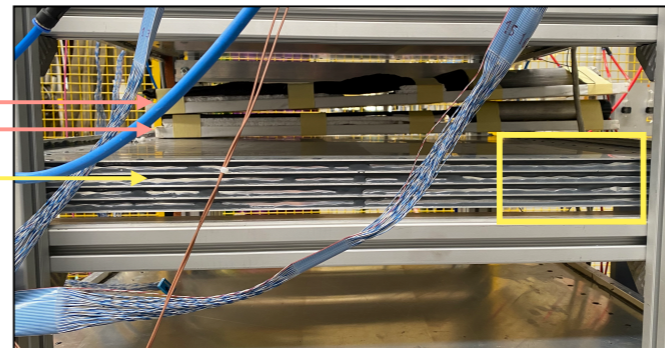
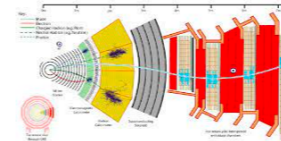
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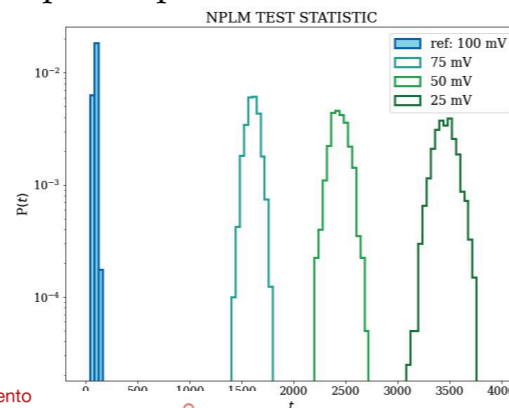
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Online monitoring of a DT chamber:

- **Reference sample:** long run in optimal conditions
- **Anomalous samples:** short runs acquired in presence of a controlled anomaly in the value of the **threshold tension** of the DT chamber

- Result of the test statistics

Complete separation of the distributions!



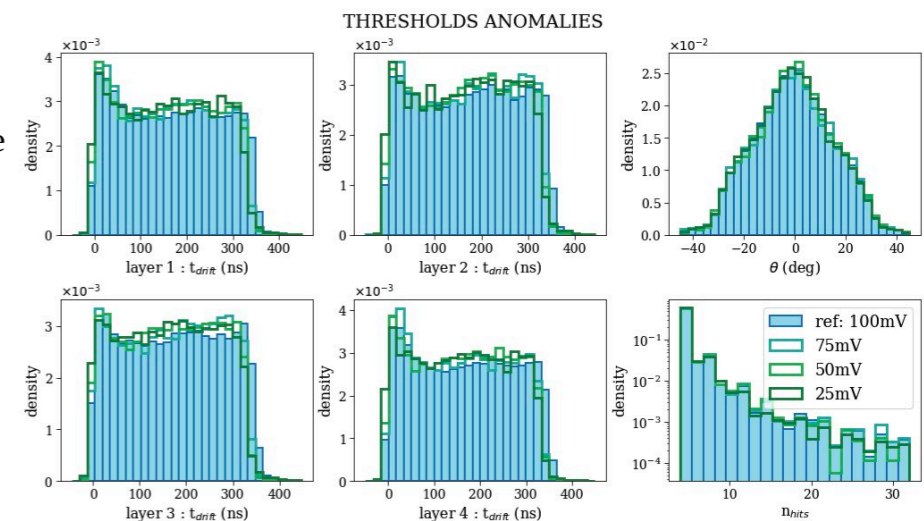
NPLM with Falcon

$M = 50, \sigma = 4.84, \lambda = 10^{-7}$

$N(D) = 5000$

$N_{\text{ref}} = 200\,000$

Execution time: ~ 1.5 s



Distribution of the observables at different values of the threshold tension

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