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# Boosting Statistical Anomaly Detection *via multiple test with NPLM*

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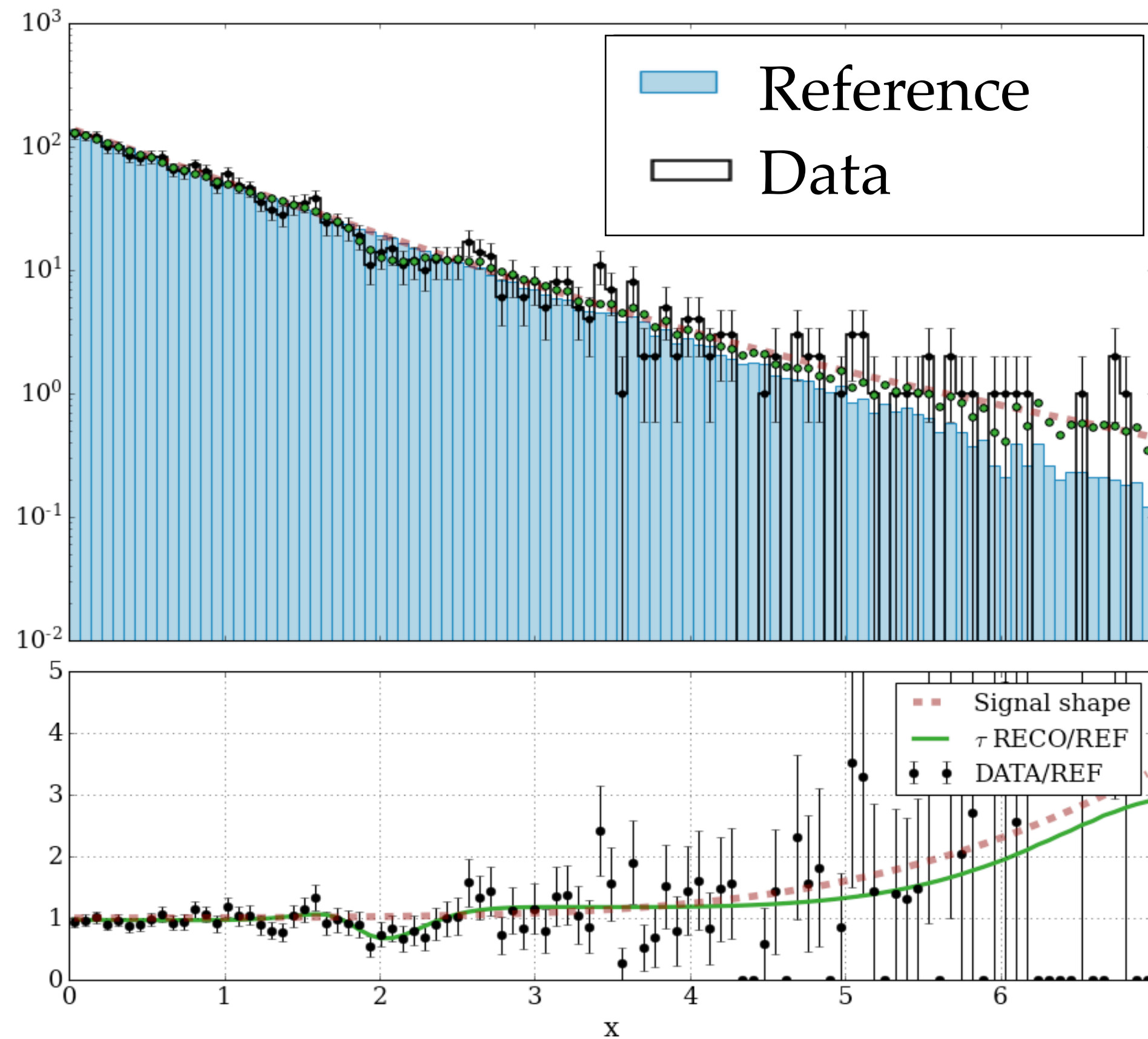
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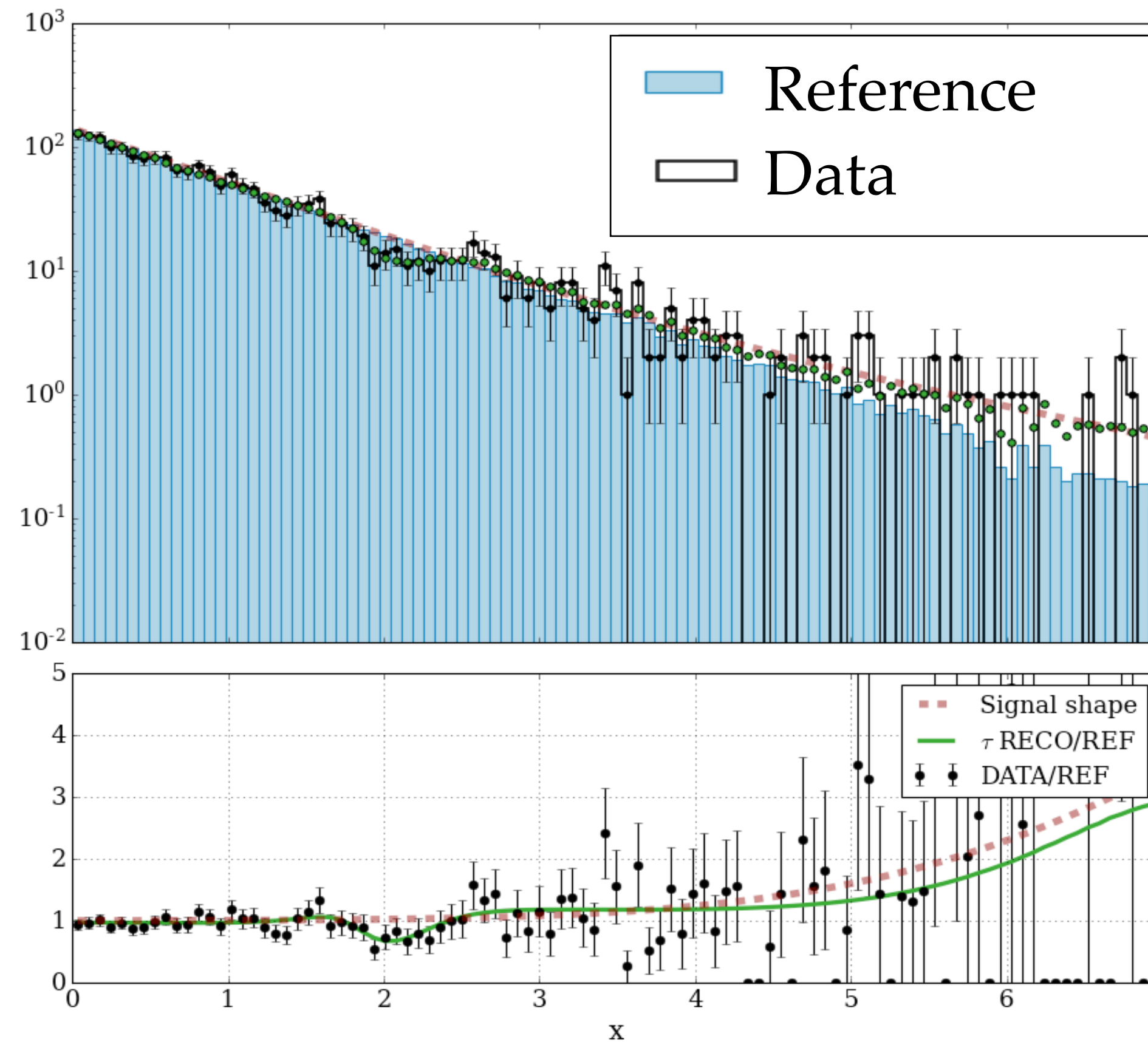


Problems defined by:

- **Data:** experimental measurements of the natural process
- **Reference model:** expected nominal behavior of the data

Is the Reference model a *good* description of the data?

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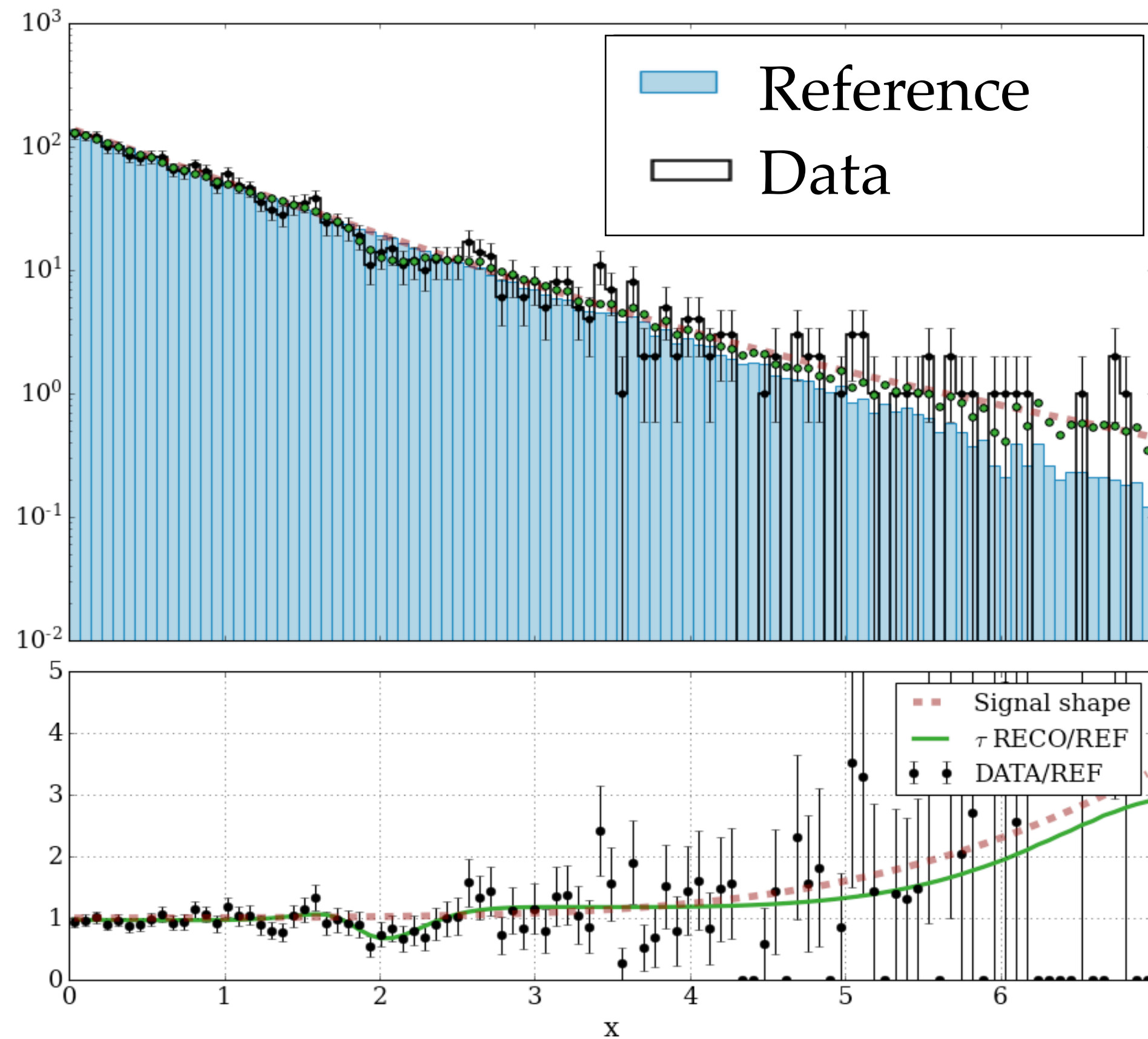
Many use cases:

- Experimental system monitoring (DQM)
- Signal agnostic New Physics searches
- Data validation

→ assessing the *goodness* of **Generative models**



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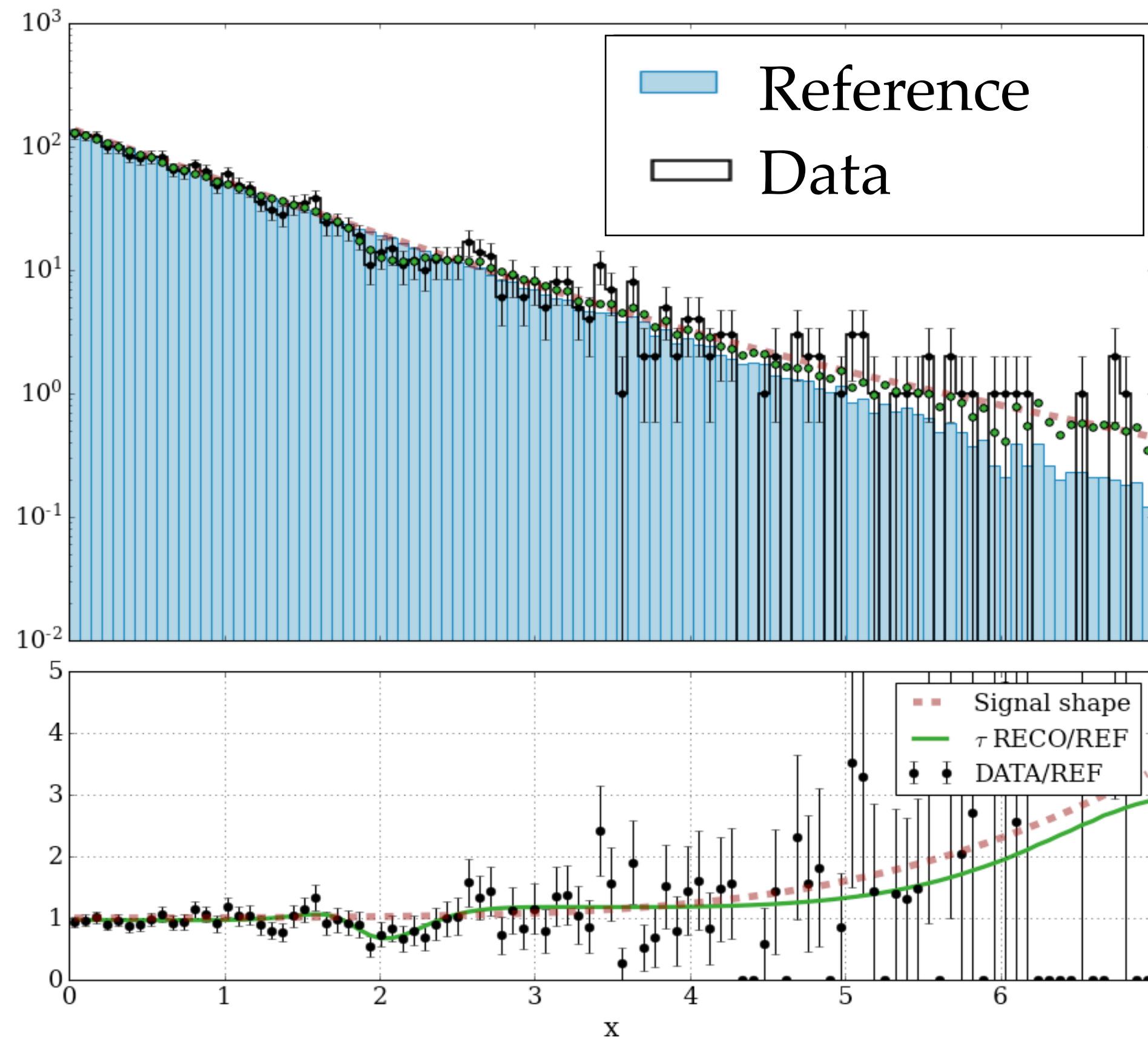
Challenges:

- Anomalies are *rare!*
- Anomalies are *unexpected!*

- *large statistics samples* to reach sensitivity
- *high dimensional raw data* for inclusive test
- the ideal statistical model of the data (aka *inductive bias*) is unknown

Motivation for ML based solutions

# Statistical anomaly detection as a **goodness of fit**



How to exploit large datasets?

How to work around inductive biases?

→ *multiple testing* in the context of the **Neyman-Pearson GoF test** [GG, Letizia, Wulzer, Pierini [2305.14137](https://arxiv.org/abs/2305.14137)]

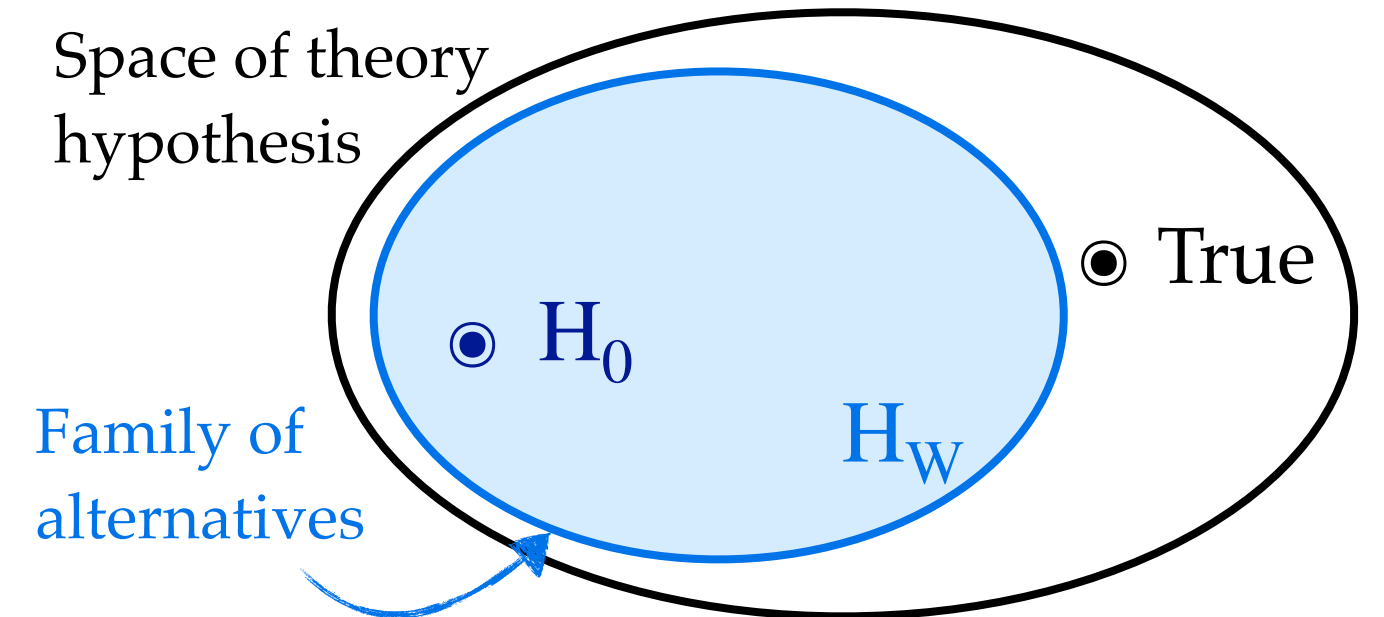


# ML-based Neyman-Pearson GoF test

Compare the Reference hypothesis with an *alternative*.

**Inductive bias:** definition of the family of alternatives

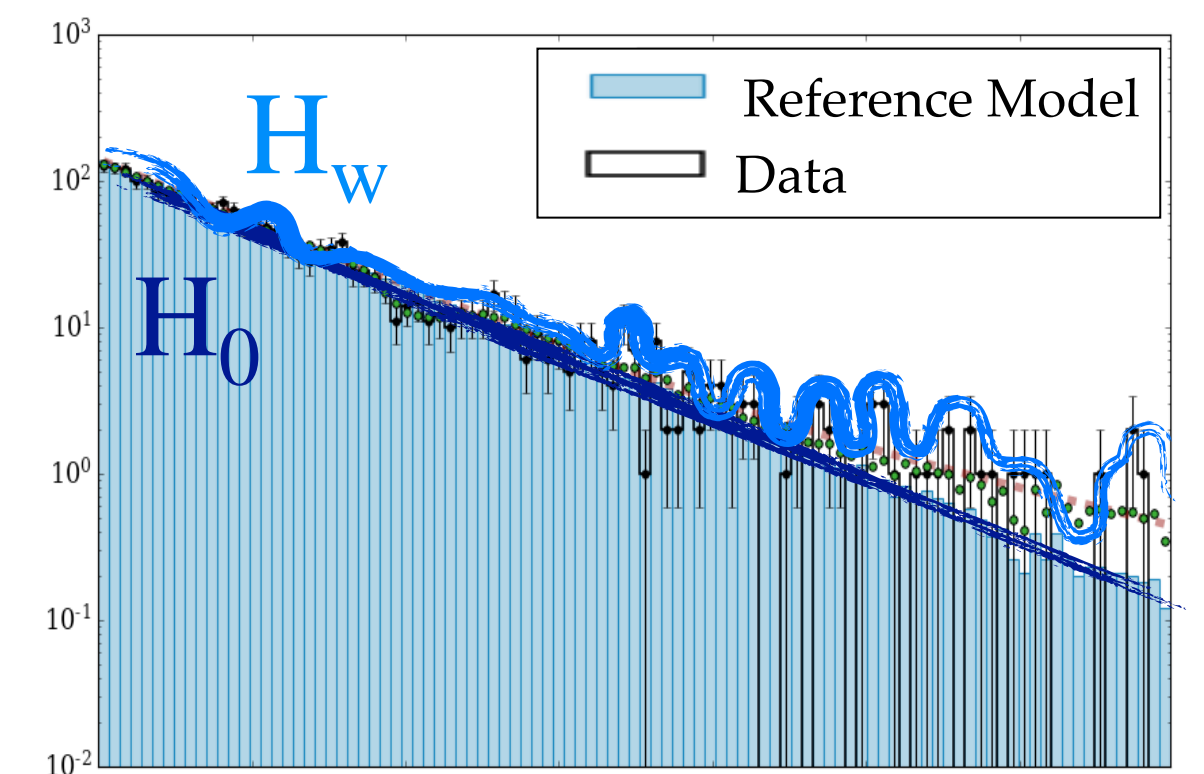
$$t(\mathcal{D}) = \max_{\mathbf{w}} \left[ 2 \log \frac{\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{D} | H_{\mathbf{w}})}{\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{D} | H_0)} \right]$$



## New physics Learning Machine (NPLM)

Universal approximator  
(NN, kernel methods, ...)

$$n(x | H_{\mathbf{w}}) = e^{f(x; \mathbf{w})} n(x | H_0)$$

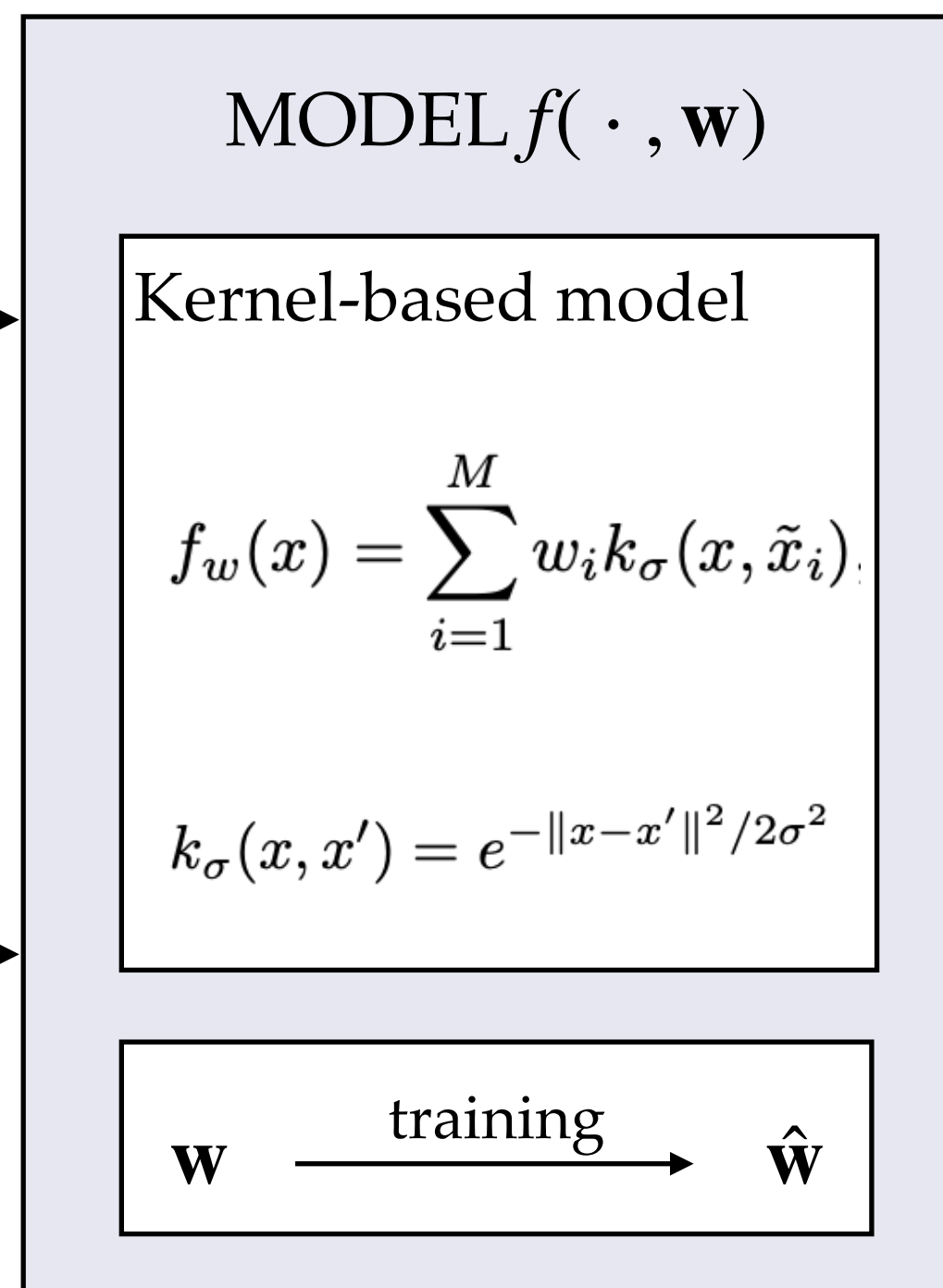
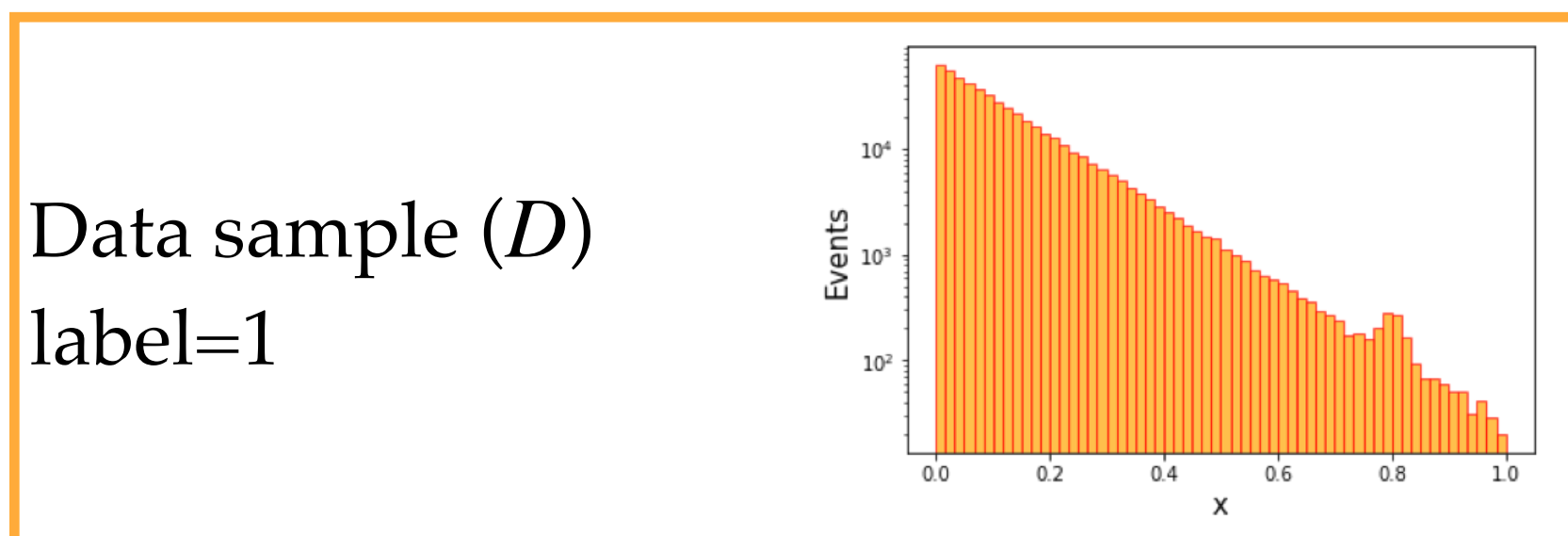
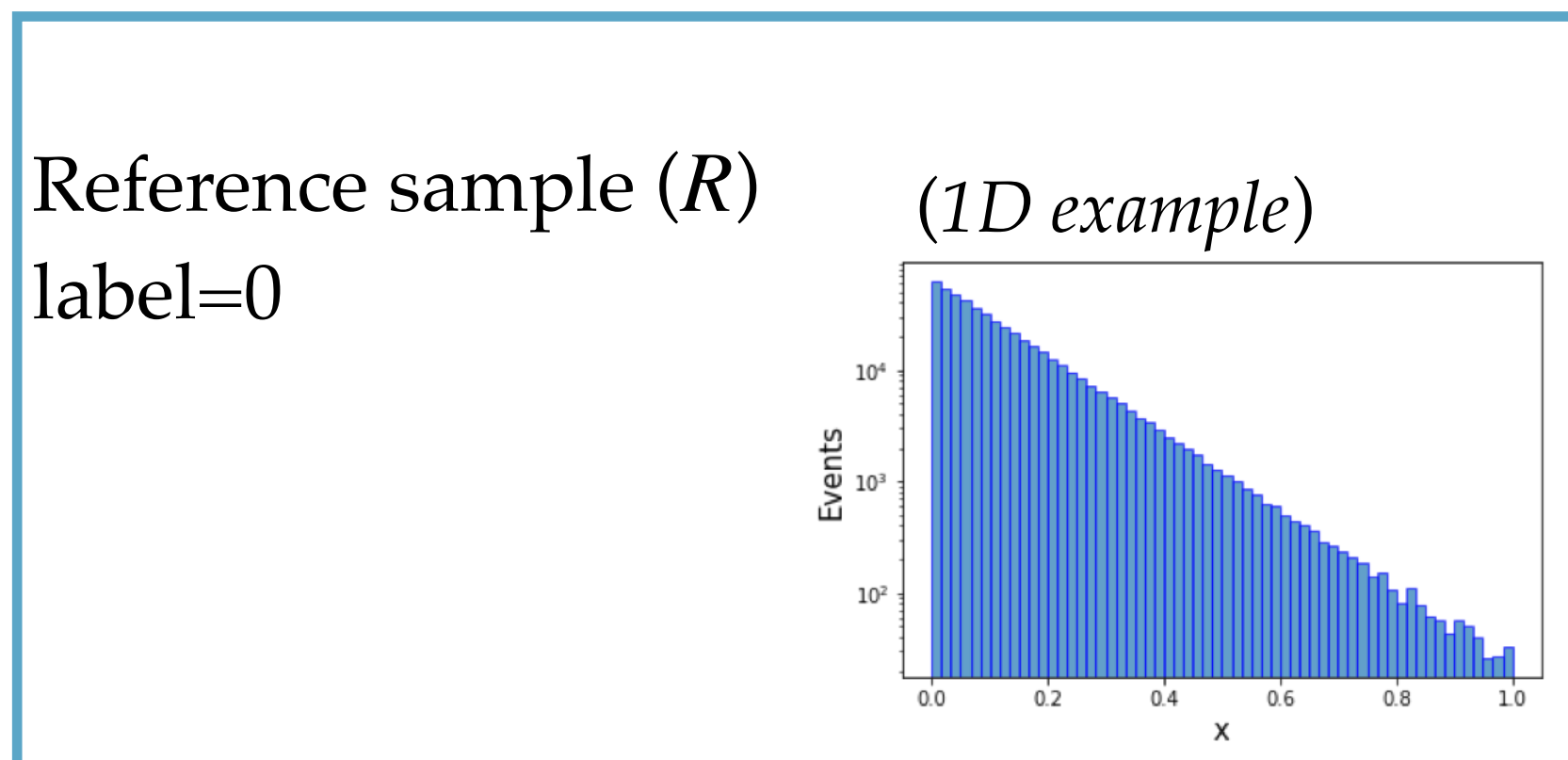


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# ML-based Neyman-Pearson GoF test

## NPLM: implementation

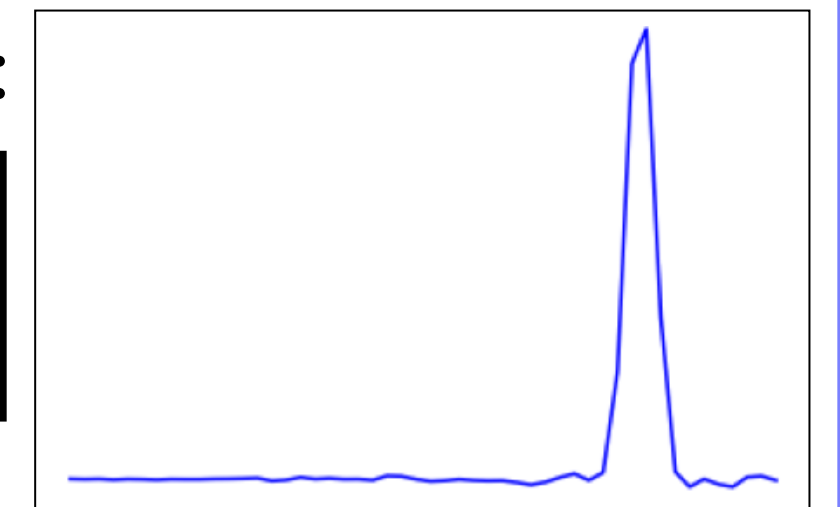
INPUT ( $n$ -dimensional)



OUTPUT

Log-ratio of densities:

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



**NPLM statistic (scalar):**

$$\bar{t}(\mathcal{D}) = 2 \sum_{x \in \mathcal{D}} f_{\mathbf{w}}(x) - 2 \sum_{x \in \mathcal{R}} \frac{N(\mathcal{R})}{N_{\mathcal{R}}} \left[ e^{f(x; \mathbf{w})} - 1 \right]$$

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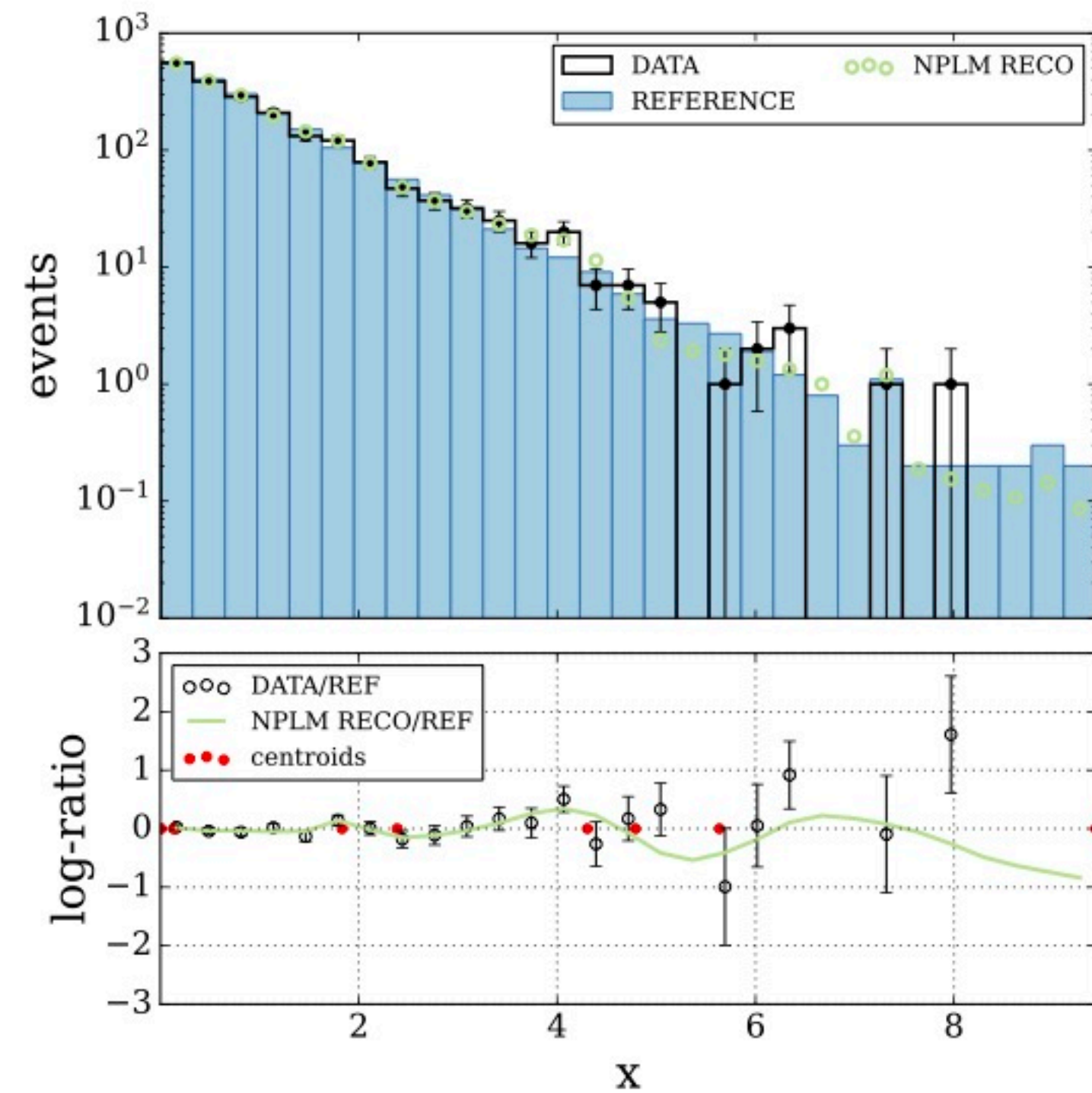
# How to mitigate wrong inductive biases?





# Inductive bias from model selection

## Kernel Methods model hyper-parameter choice



Kernel-based model:  $f_w(x) = \sum_{i=1}^M w_i k_\sigma(x, \tilde{x}_i)$        $k_\sigma(x, x') = e^{-\|x-x'\|^2/2\sigma^2}$   
 (gaussian kernel)

Loss:

$$\hat{L}(f_w) + \lambda R(f_w)$$

Weighted binary cross entropy:

$$\hat{L}(f_w) = \frac{1}{\mathcal{N}} \sum_{i=1}^{\mathcal{N}} a_0(1-y) \log(1 + e^{f(x)}) + a_1 y \log(1 + e^{-f(x)})$$

Regularization term:

$$R(f_w) = \sum_{ij} w_i w_j k_\sigma(x_i, x_j)$$

Hyperparameters:

$M$ : number of kernels

$\sigma$ : kernel width

$\lambda$ : L2 regularization

The hyper parameters  $M, \sigma, \lambda$  define the family of alternatives

# Aggregation of multiple tests

Aggregation rule for the  $p$ -value:

$$p_{\text{aggreg}} = \min_{\sigma \in [\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_n]} [p_\sigma]$$

$[\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_n] = [5\%, 25\%, 50\%, 75\%, 95\%]$  quantiles of the pairwise distance between reference-distributed data points (after standardization).

Strategy:

1. **Test toys under the null hypothesis** by sampling background events:

$$\{t_\sigma(D_{\text{pseudo}}), \sigma \in [\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_n]\}_{i=0}^{N_{\text{toys}}}$$

2. **Test the data of interest**  $\forall \sigma : \{t_\sigma(D), \sigma \in [\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_n]\}$

3. Compute the empirical **p-values**  $\forall \sigma : \{p_\sigma(D), \sigma \in [\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_n]\}$

4. Select the **minimum p-value**:  $p_{\text{aggreg}} = \min_{\sigma \in [\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_n]} [p_\sigma]$



# Aggregation of multiple tests

## 1D proof-of-concept

Signal benchmarks: gaussian resonances with various width ( $\sigma_{\text{NP}}$ ) and locations ( $\bar{x}_{\text{NP}}$ ).  
[N(S) signal injection over N(B) = 2000 events]

NPLM simple tests with different kernel widths ( $\sigma$ )

Aggregation of simple tests

N(S)	7	18	13	10	90
$\bar{x}_{\text{NP}}$	4	4	4	6.4	1.6
$\sigma_{\text{NP}}$	0.01	0.16	0.64	0.16	0.16
$\sigma = 0.1$	<b>0.008 ± 0.003</b>	0.032 ± 0.006	0.002 ± 0.001	0.026 ± 0.005	0.30 ± 0.02
$\sigma = 0.3$	0.001 ± 0.001	0.056 ± 0.007	0.001 ± 0.001	0.14 ± 0.01	0.49 ± 0.02
$\sigma = 0.7$	0	<b>0.059 ± 0.008</b>	0.003 ± 0.002	<b>0.21 ± 0.01</b>	<b>0.53 ± 0.02</b>
$\sigma = 1.4$	0	0.045 ± 0.007	0.005 ± 0.002	0.19 ± 0.01	0.41 ± 0.02
$\sigma = 3.0$	0	0.020 ± 0.004	<b>0.008 ± 0.003</b>	0.11 ± 0.01	0.23 ± 0.02
aggregation	<b>0.009 ± 0.003</b>	<b>0.11 ± 0.01</b>	<b>0.013 ± 0.004</b>	<b>0.27 ± 0.02</b>	<b>0.62 ± 0.02</b>

Table 1: 1D experiments: probability of observing  $Z \geq 3$

Single tests have different power over the signal benchmarks.  
The aggregation shows **uniform enhanced power** over the range of benchmarks.

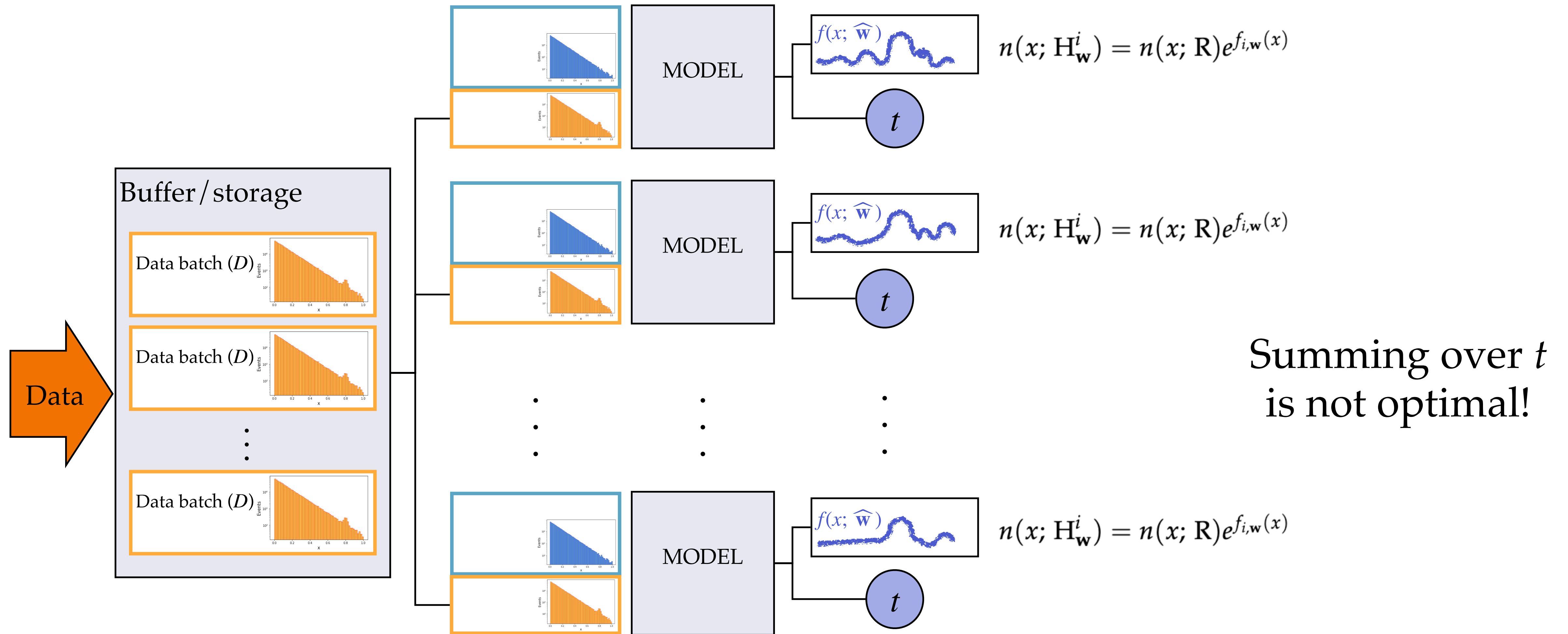
Preliminary multi-dimensional tests confirm these findings

# How to deal with large samples?

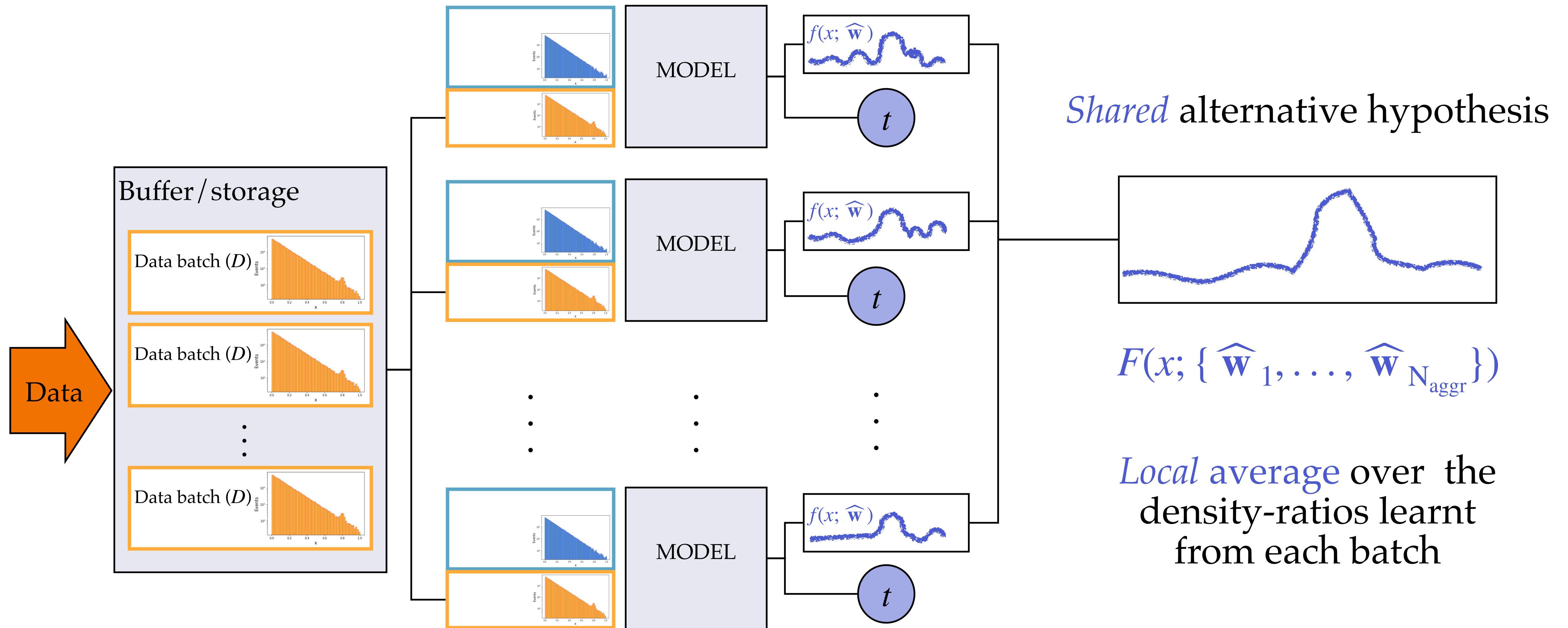




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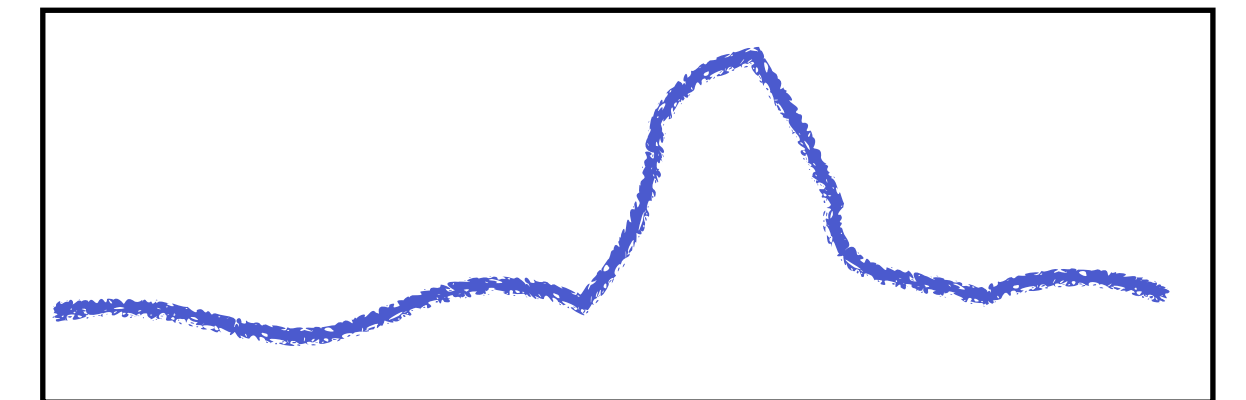
*Shared* alternative hypothesis

$$F_{\mathbf{W}}^{N_{\text{aggr}}}(x) = \log \frac{n(x; \mathbf{H}_{\mathbf{w}}^{N_{\text{aggr}}})}{n(x; \mathbf{R})}$$

$N_{\text{aggr}}$ : # of aggregated batches

$$= \log \left[ \frac{1}{N_{\text{aggr}}} \sum_{i=1}^{N_{\text{aggr}}} e^{f_{i,\mathbf{w}}(x)} \right]$$

$n(x; \mathbf{H}_{\mathbf{w}}^i) = n(x; \mathbf{R})e^{f_{i,\mathbf{w}}(x)}$



$$F(x; \{ \widehat{\mathbf{W}}_1, \dots, \widehat{\mathbf{W}}_{N_{\text{aggr}}} \})$$

*Local average* over the density-ratios learnt from each batch

$$t_{\text{AGGR}}^{N_{\text{aggr}}, N_{\text{test}}}(\mathcal{D}) = 2 \sum_{i=1}^{N_{\text{test}}} \log \frac{\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{D}_i | \mathbf{H}_{\mathbf{w}}^{N_{\text{aggr}}})}{\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{D}_i | \mathbf{R})}$$

$N_{\text{aggr}}$ : # of aggregated batches  
 $N_{\text{test}}$ : # of tested batches

$$= 2 \sum_{i=1}^{N_{\text{test}}} \left[ \sum_{x \in \mathcal{R}} w_{\mathcal{R}}(x) (1 - e^{F_{\mathbf{w}}^{N_{\text{aggr}}}(x)}) + \sum_{x \in \mathcal{D}_i} F_{\mathbf{w}}^{N_{\text{aggr}}}(x) \right]$$

# Combining NPLM over *multiple batches*

## 1D proof-of-concept

Signal benchmarks:

- Broad peak:  $\bar{x} = 4, \sigma = 0.64$
- Narrow peak:  $\bar{x} = 4, \sigma = 0.01$

**TESTS:**

Single batch jobs:

1)  $N(B) = 2\,000$

- Narrow peak:  $N(S) = 3$  ( $Z_{\text{ideal}} = 1.7$ )
- Broad peak:  $N(S) = 13$  ( $Z_{\text{ideal}} = 1.5$ )

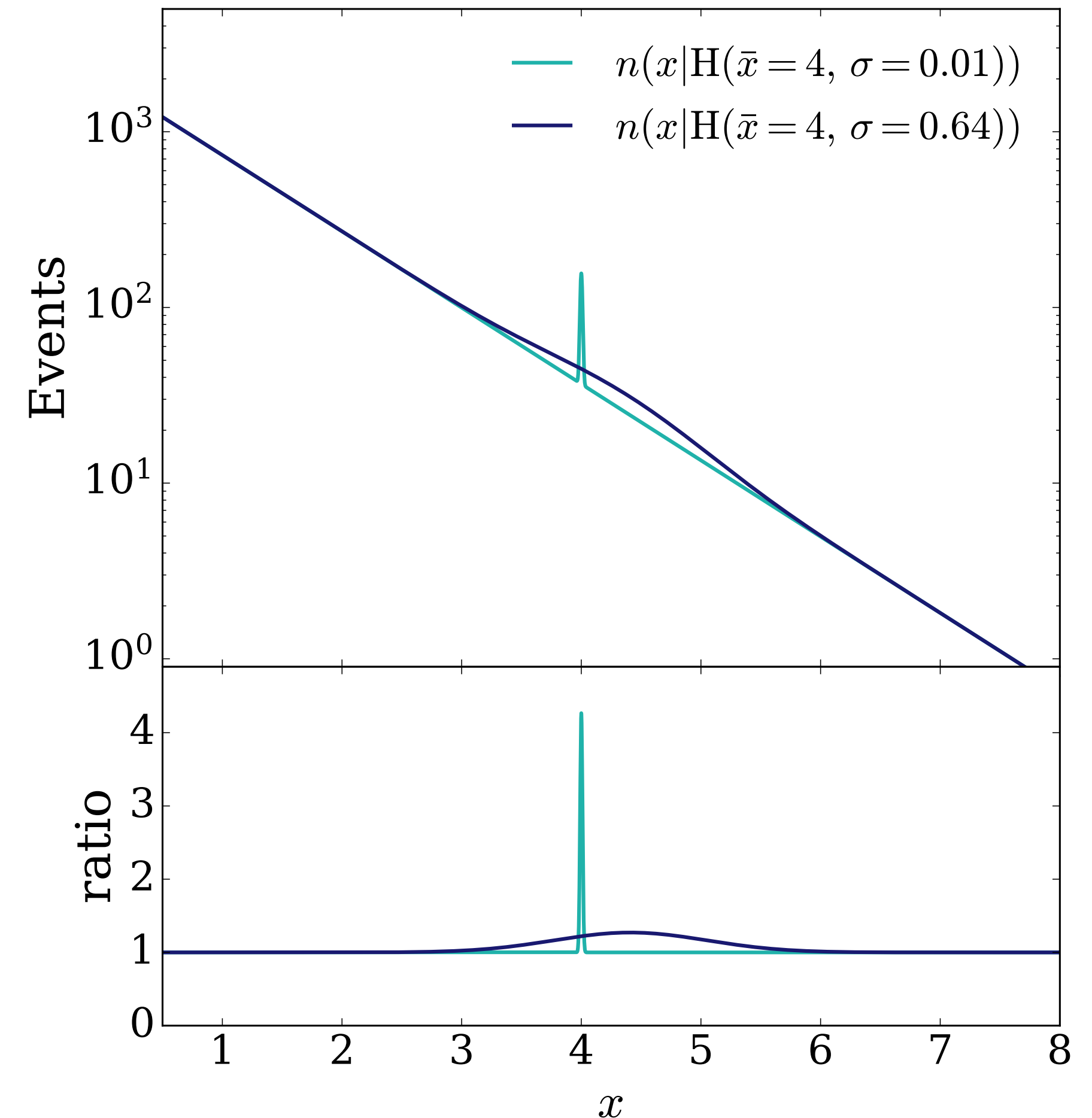
2)  $N(B) = 16\,000$

- Narrow peak:  $N(S) = 24$  ( $Z_{\text{ideal}} = 4.8$ )
- Broad peak:  $N(S) = 104$  ( $Z_{\text{ideal}} = 4.2$ )

Aggregation over 8 batches:

$N(B) = 2\,000, N_{\text{aggr}} = 8$

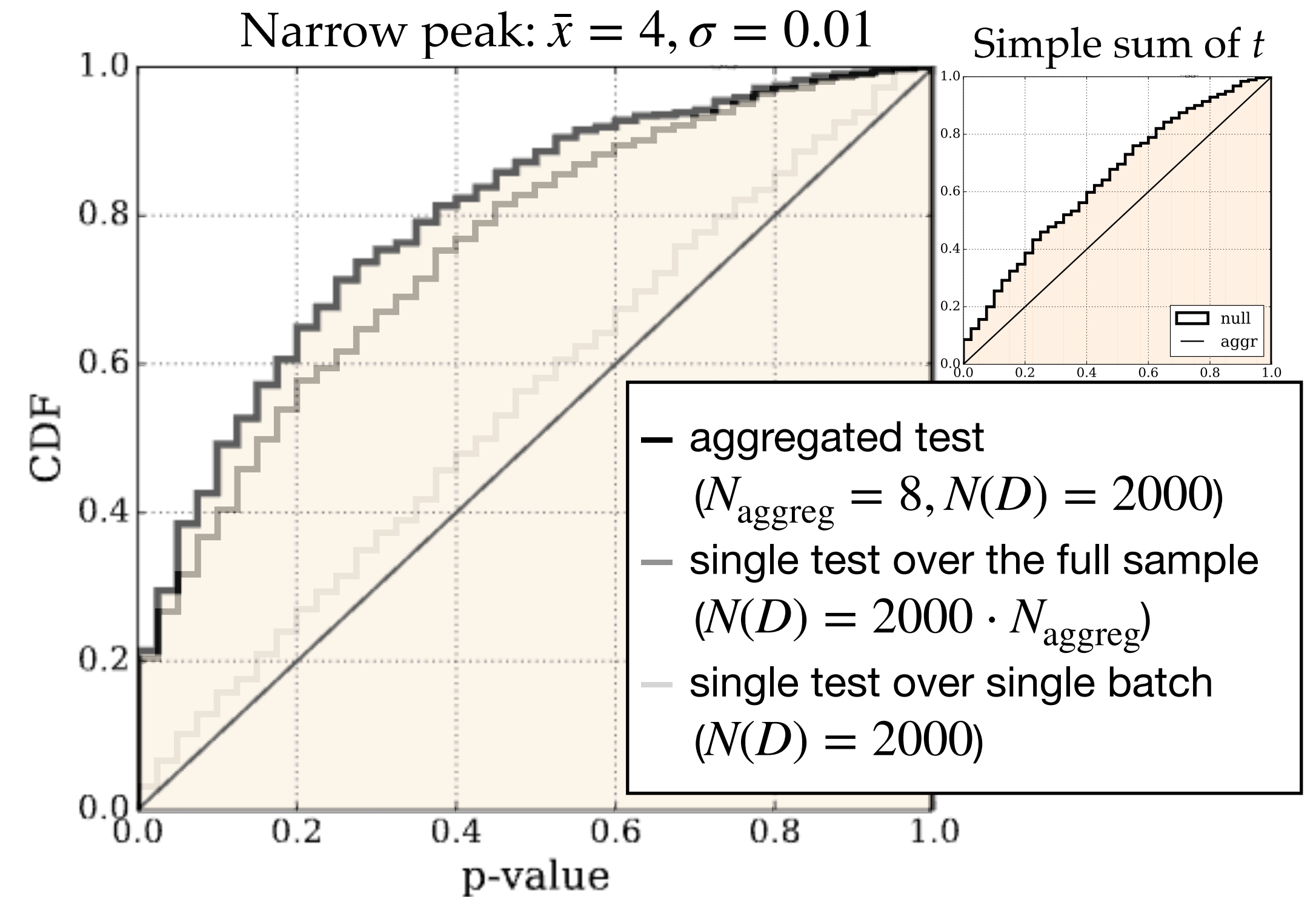
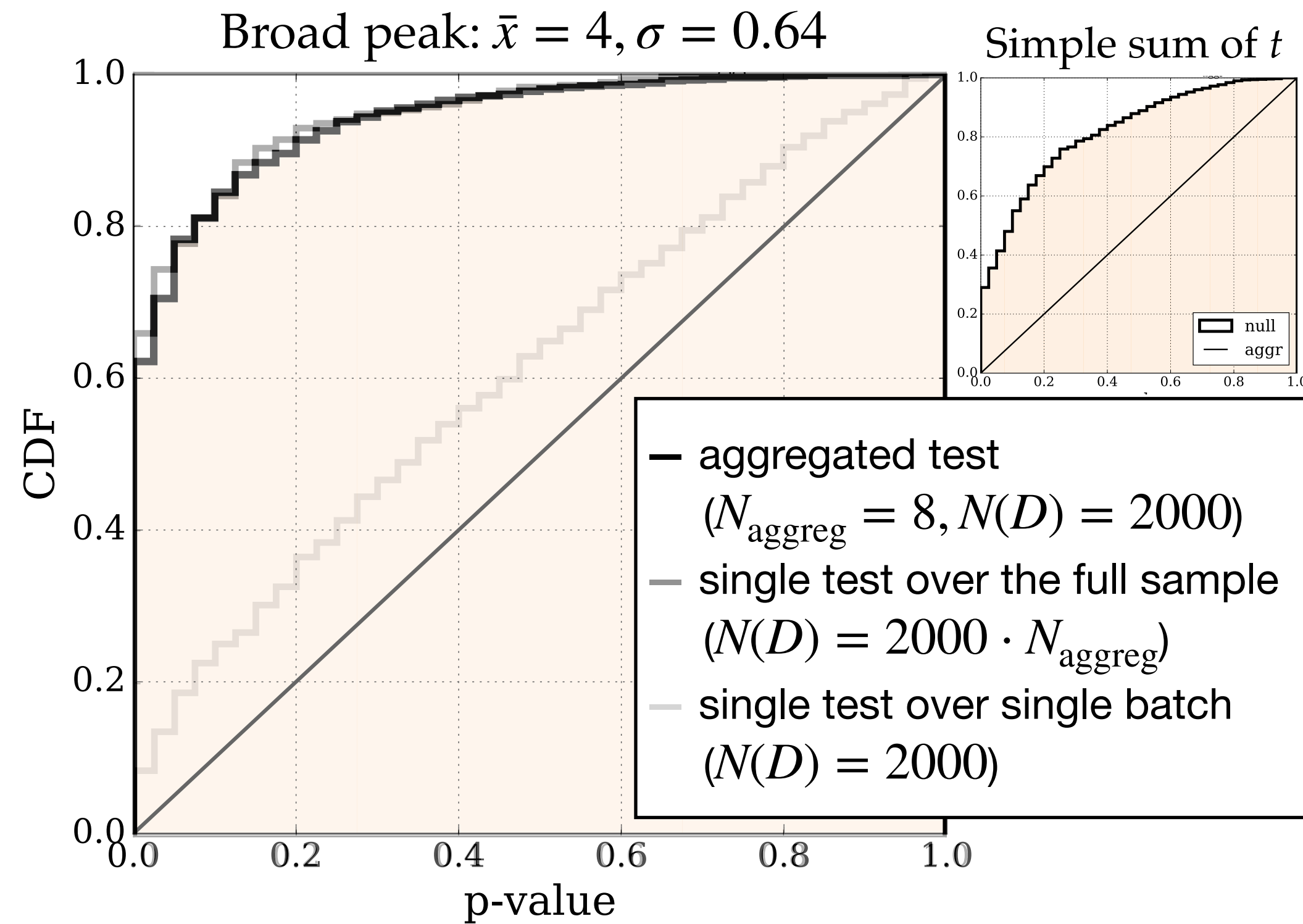
- $N_{\text{test}} = 1$
- $N_{\text{test}} = 8$





# Combining NPLM over *multiple batches*

## 1D proof-of-concept



The proposed combination lead to performances that are comparable to the ones obtained with the full statistics!  
Clear gain with respect to simple sum of tests

Physics benchmark	Pr(p-value < 0.001) ( $Z > 3$ ) [%]		Pr(p-value < 0.02) ( $Z > 2$ ) [%]	
	single train ( $N(R)=16000$ )	8 splits ( $N(R)=2000$ )	single train ( $N(R)=16000$ )	8 splits ( $N(R)=2000$ )
narrow resonance	$8.0 \pm 0.9$	$7.3 \pm 0.9$	$19 \pm 1$	$20 \pm 1$
broad resonance	$33 \pm 2$	$54 \pm 2$	$64 \pm 3$	$78 \pm 3$

# Summary and next steps

We addressed two outstanding questions of agnostic goodness of fit with multiple testing:

- How to mitigate induced biases due to model selection
- How to exploit large statistics in a fast and efficient way

Relevant to:

- Quasi-online monitoring
- New Physics searches
- Data validation

Towards a resource *efficient*,  
*automatized*, and *powerful* GoF tool

Ongoing efforts:

- Multiple testing in presence of *systematic uncertainties*
- Comparison with state-of-the-art GoF approaches



# Backup slides



# Inductive bias from model selection

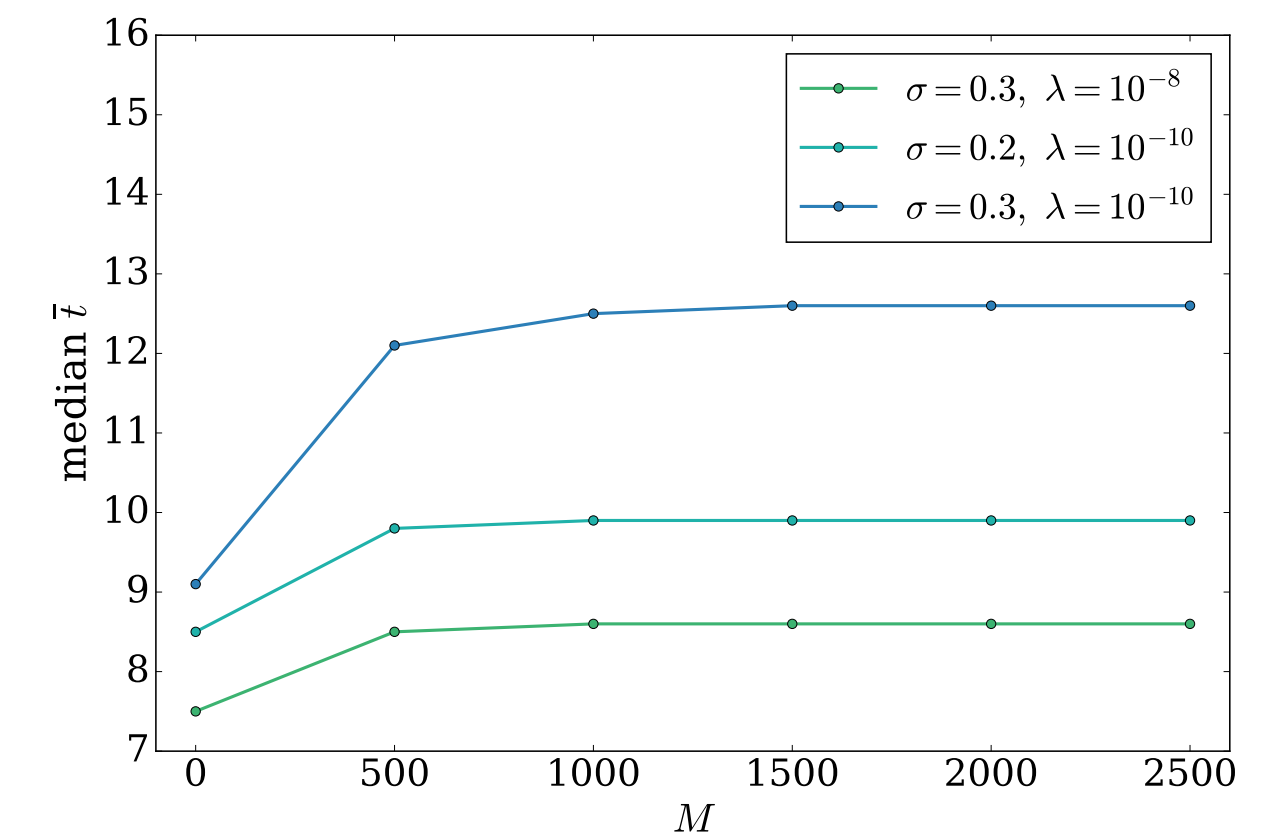
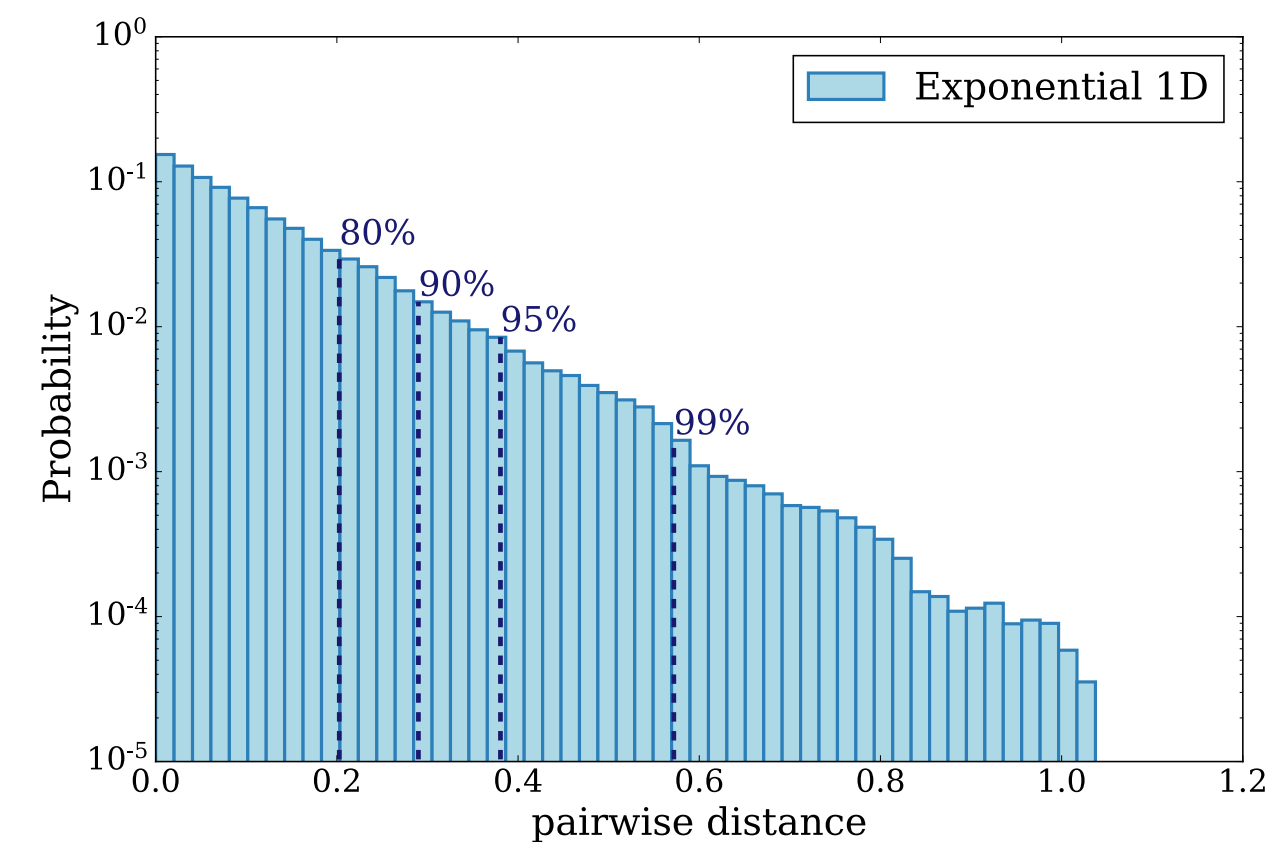
## Kernel Methods model hyper-parameter choice

Asymptotic  $\chi^2$  is behavior is observed for each choice of  $(M, \sigma, \lambda)$ , provided that  $N_R \gg N_D$ .

How to choose  $(M, \sigma, \lambda)$ ??

Heuristics:

- **Number of centers  $M$** : at least as large as  $\sqrt{N}$  to achieve statistically optimal bounds of the training convergence).
- **Gaussian width  $\sigma$** : we select it as the 90th percentile of the pairwise distance between reference-distributed data points (after standardisation).
- **Regularisation parameter  $\lambda$** : is kept as small as possible while keeping training stable



The hyper parameter choice impact the sensitivity to different signal patterns. How to mitigate this effect?



# ML-based Neyman-Pearson GoF test

## NPLM: Likelihood ratio from weighted Binary Cross Entropy

Test statistic (unbinned extended likelihood ratio)

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{t}(\mathcal{D}) &= 2 \max_{\mathbf{w}} \log \left[ \frac{\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{D} | H_{\mathbf{w}})}{\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{D} | R_0)} \right] = 2 \max_{\mathbf{w}} \left\{ \log \left[ \frac{e^{-N(\mathbf{v}^{\mathbf{N}_D} \mathbf{V}_D)}}{e^{-N(\mathcal{R})}} \prod_{i=1}^{\mathbf{N}_D} \frac{n(x_i | \mathbf{w})}{n(x_i | \mathcal{R})} \right] \right\} \\ &= 2 \sum_{x \in \mathcal{D}} f_{\mathbf{w}}(x) - 2 \sum_{x \in \mathcal{R}} \frac{N(\mathcal{R})}{N_{\mathcal{R}}} \left[ e^{f(x; \mathbf{w})} - 1 \right] \end{aligned}$$

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

$\mathbf{w}$ : trainable parameters on the NN model  
 $\mathcal{D}$ : data sample  
 $\mathcal{R}$ : reference sample (built according to the  $R_0$  hypothesis); could be weighted ( $w$ )

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

Loss function

$$\bar{L} [f(x; \mathbf{w})] = - \sum_{x \in \mathcal{D}} \log [1 + e^{-f_{\mathbf{w}}(x)}] + \sum_{x \in \mathcal{R}} \frac{N(\mathcal{R})}{N_{\mathcal{R}}} \log [1 + e^{f_{\mathbf{w}}(x)}]$$



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Preliminary results: 1D, 5D, 21D benchmarks

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N(S)	1000	2500
$\sigma = 4.3$	0.003 ± 0.002	0.11 ± 0.01
$\sigma = 5.3$	0.006 ± 0.002	0.19 ± 0.01
$\sigma = 6.0$	0.007 ± 0.003	0.25 ± 0.02
$\sigma = 6.6$	0.007 ± 0.003	0.36 ± 0.02
$\sigma = 7.5$	<b>0.008 ± 0.003</b>	<b>0.49 ± 0.02</b>
aggregation	<b>0.009 ± 0.003</b>	<b>0.49 ± 0.02</b>

**Table 3:** HIGGS dataset: probability of observing  $Z \geq 3$

test	Z' M = 180 GeV, W = 0.02 GeV	Z' M = 180 GeV, W = 2 GeV	Z' M = 200 GeV, W = 10 GeV	Z' M = 300 GeV, W = 15 GeV	Z' M = 600 GeV, W = 30 GeV	EFT $c_w = 10^{-6}$
$\sigma = 0.57$	<b>0.04 ± 0.02</b>	0.04 ± 0.02	<b>0.06 ± 0.02</b>	0.01 ± 0.01	0.01 ± 0.01	0.005 ± 0.005
$\sigma = 1.19$	0.03 ± 0.02	<b>0.05 ± 0.02</b>	<b>0.06 ± 0.02</b>	0.01 ± 0.01	0.02 ± 0.01	0.02 ± 0.007
$\sigma = 1.79$	0.03 ± 0.02	0.04 ± 0.02	0.05 ± 0.01	<b>0.05 ± 0.02</b>	<b>0.04 ± 0.02</b>	<b>0.03 ± 0.01</b>
$\sigma = 2.49$	0.01 ± 0.01	0	0.02 ± 0.01	0.02 ± 0.01	0.02 ± 0.01	0.005 ± 0.005
$\sigma = 3.57$	0.01 ± 0.01	0.02 ± 0.01	0.02 ± 0.01	0.02 ± 0.01	0.02 ± 0.01	0.02 ± 0.01
aggregation	<b>0.08 ± 0.03</b>	<b>0.11 ± 0.03</b>	<b>0.12 ± 0.02</b>	<b>0.08 ± 0.03</b>	<b>0.08 ± 0.02</b>	<b>0.05 ± 0.02</b>

**Table 2:** 5D MUMU experiments: probability of observing  $Z \geq 3$