


plothist package – scikit-HEP coordination


Plot and compare histograms in a scalable way and a beautiful style

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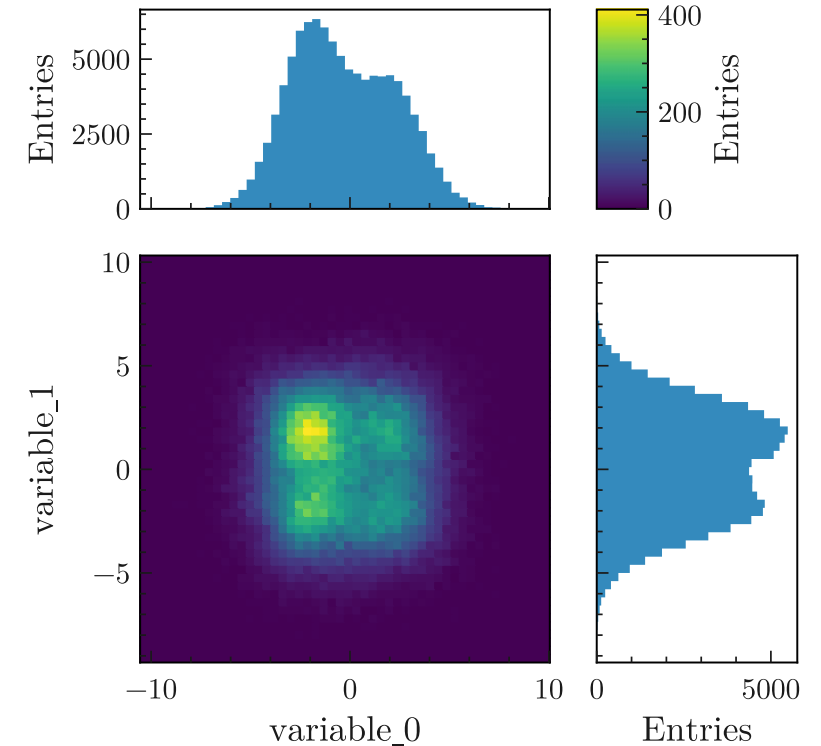
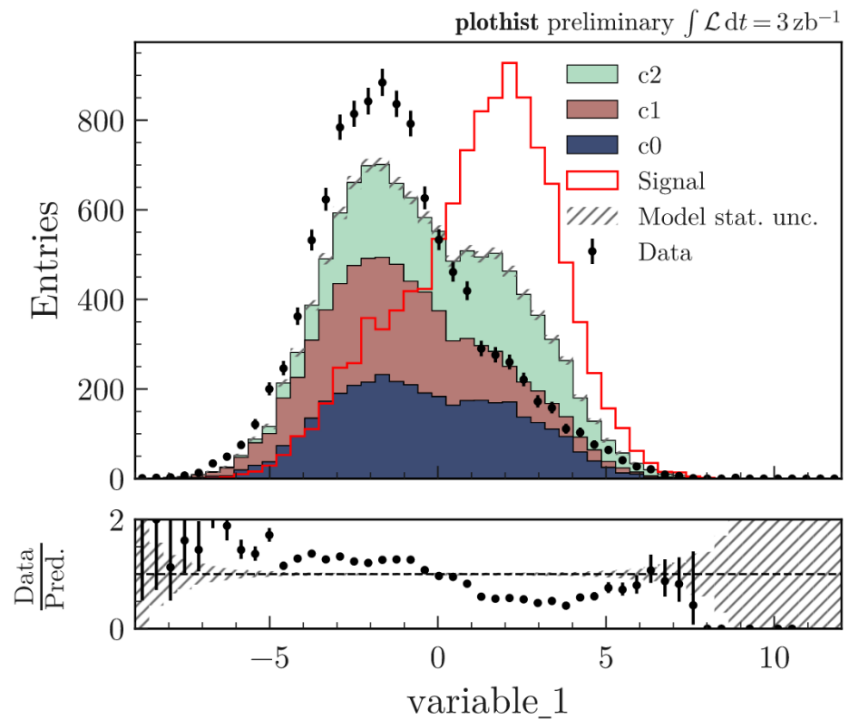
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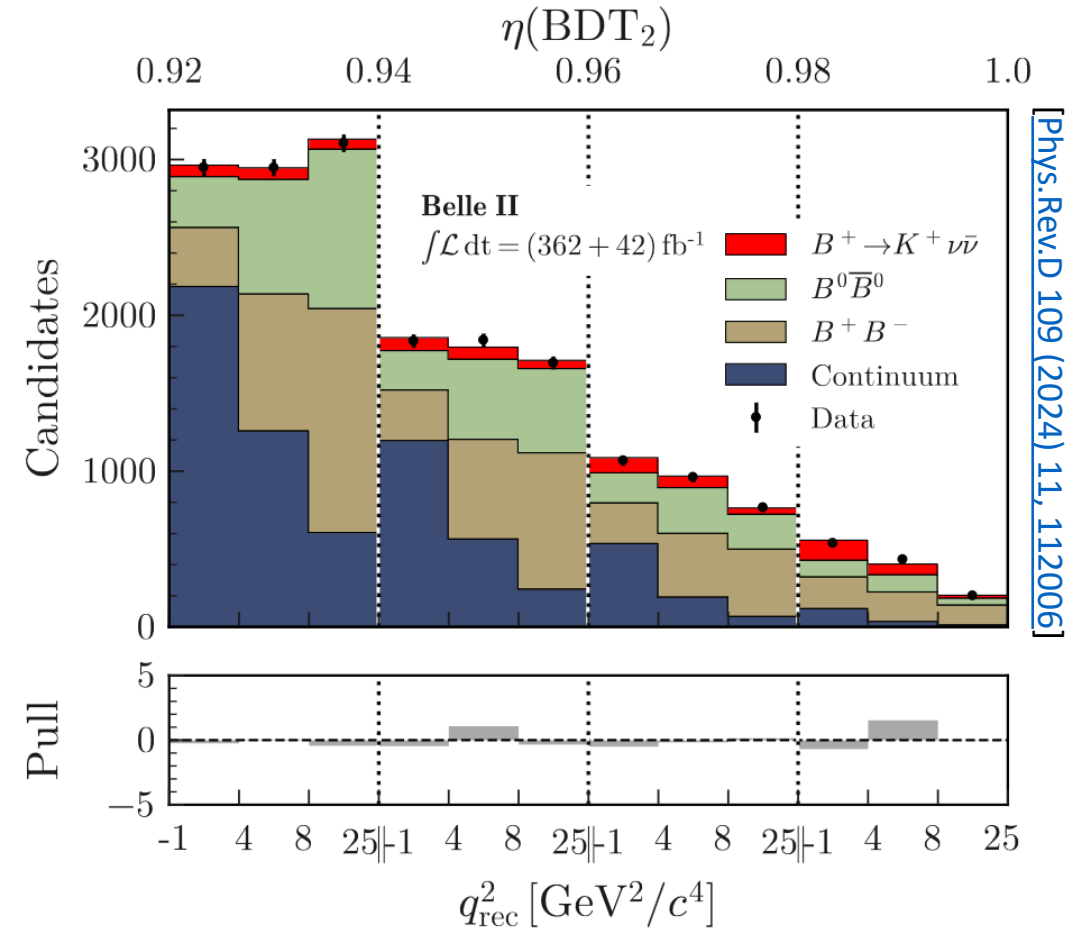
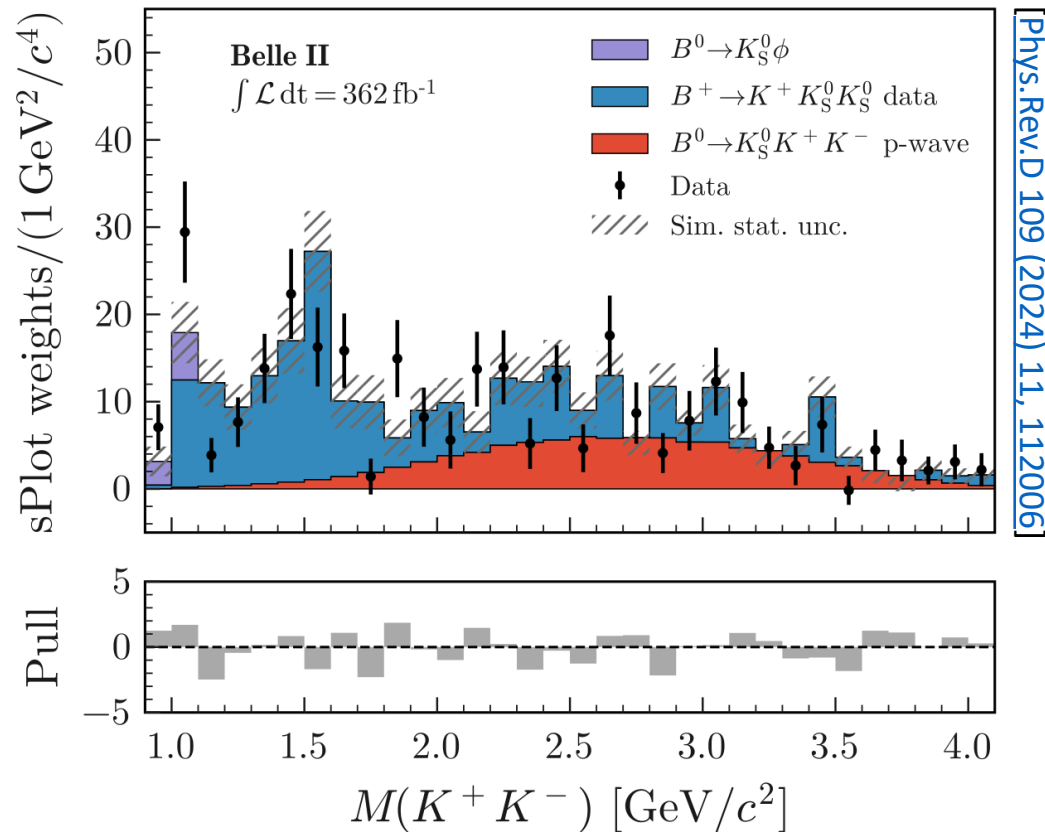
User-friendly

- A [gallery of examples](#) with complete codes
- Comprehensive and easy-to-navigate [documentation](#)
- [Installable](#) in one command line via [pip](#): `pip3 install plothist`

Default style

Style *already compatible* with **Physical Review Letters / Physical Review D** (with little to *no effort*)

Example from recent [Belle II paper published in PRD](#)



Functionality overview

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Documentation: <https://plothist.readthedocs.io>

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Example gallery

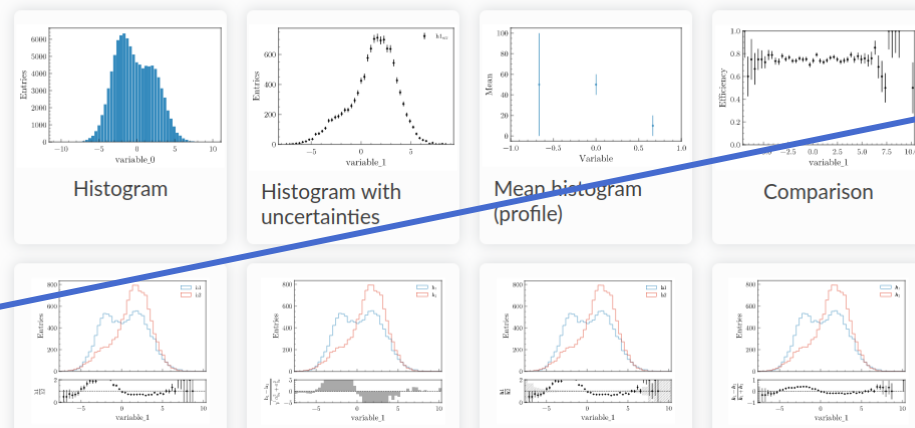
Gallery of images that are used in the doc.

Note

Click on an image to see the source code that generates it.

Plot 1D histograms

Gallery of images that are used in the 1D histogram section.



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Package references

histogramming.py

`plothist.histogramming.create_axis(data, bins, range=None)`

Create an axis object for histogram binning based on the input data and parameters.

- Parameters:
- **data** (*array-like*) – The input data for determining the axis range.
 - **bins** (*int or array-like*) – The number of bins or bin edges for the axis.
 - **range** (*None or tuple, optional*) – The range of the axis. If None, it will be determined based on the data.

Returns: An axis object for histogram binning.

Return type: Axis object

Raises: **ValueError** – If the range parameter is invalid or not finite.

`plothist.histogramming.flatten_2d_hist(hist)`

Flatten a 2D histogram into a 1D histogram.

Parameters: **hist** (*Histogram object*) – The 2D histogram to be flattened.

Returns: The flattened 1D histogram.

Return type: Histogram object

Raises: **ValueError** – If the input histogram is not 2D.

`plothist.histogramming.make_2d_hist(data, bins=(10, 10), range=(None, None), weights=1)`

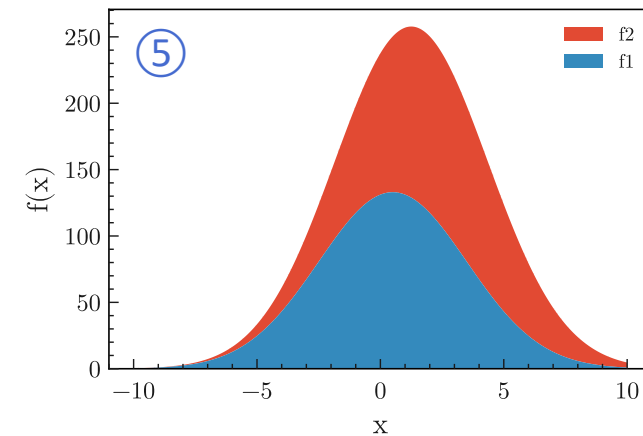
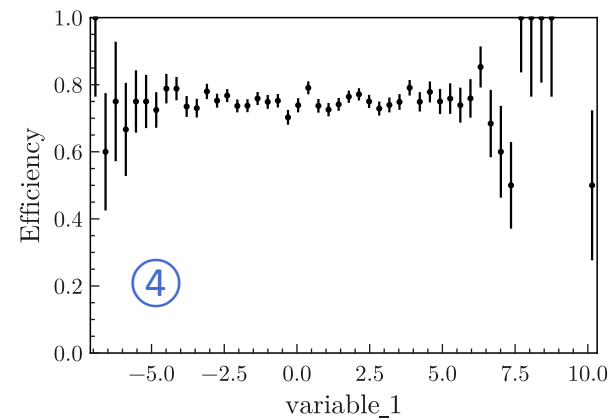
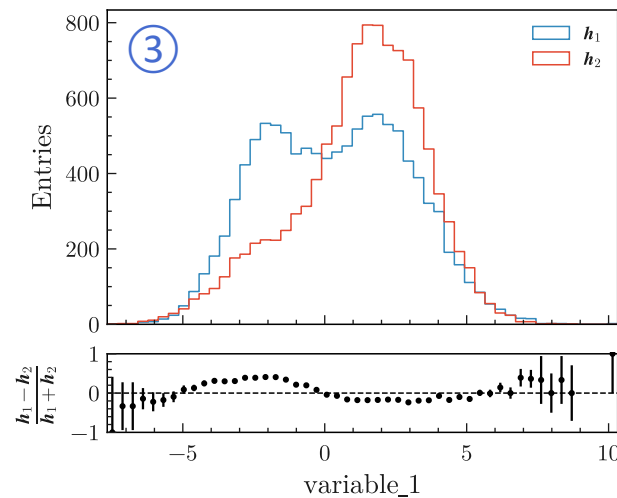
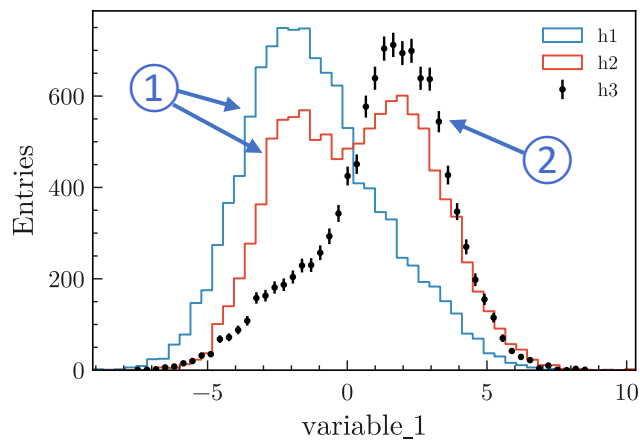
Create a 2D histogram object and fill it with the provided data.

- Parameters:
- **data** (*array-like*) – 2D array-like data used to fill the histogram.
 - **bins** (*tuple, optional*) – Binning specification for each dimension of the histogram (default is (10, 10)). Each element of the tuple represents the number of bins for the corresponding dimension. Also support explicit bin edges specification (for non-constant bin size).

1D examples: overview

Create simple 1D histogram plots or compare them

<code>make_hist</code>	to create <code>boost_histogram</code> objects that are used in <code>plothist</code>
① <code>plot_hist</code>	to plot 1D histogram(s), takes <code>matplotlib</code> arguments for the style
② <code>plot_error_hist</code>	to plot 1D histogram with error bars (can be asymmetrical)
③ <code>plot_two_hist_comparison</code>	to compare 2 histograms
④ <code>plot_comparison</code>	to compare 2 histograms and only plot the comparison
⑤ <code>plot_function</code>	to plot 1D function(s), takes <code>matplotlib</code> arguments for the style



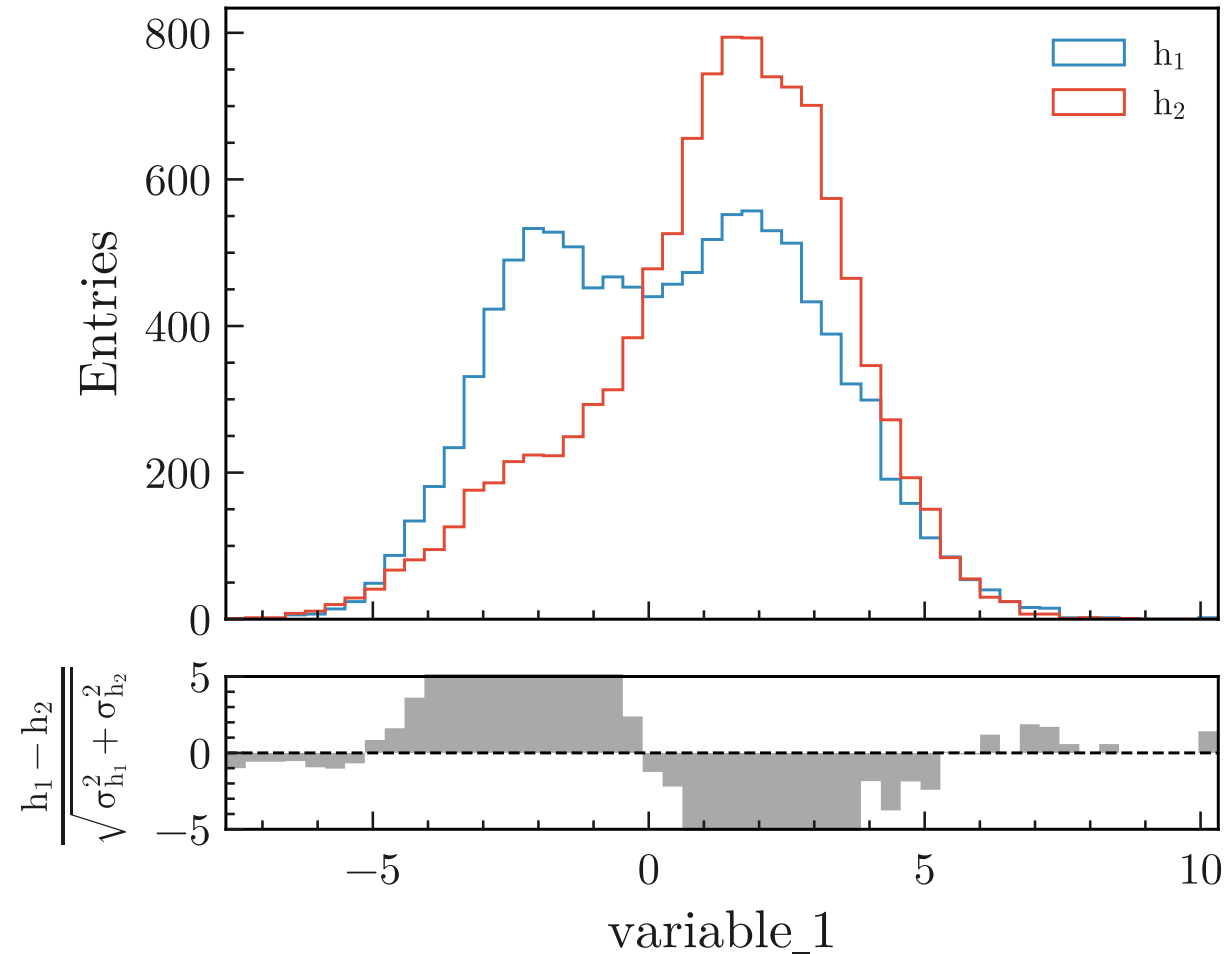
1D examples: histogram comparison

Example

```
from plothist import make_hist, plot_two_hist_comparison

h1 = make_hist(df["x1"], bins=50, range=[-7.5, 10.1])
h2 = make_hist(df["x2"], bins=50, range=[-7.5, 10.1])

fig, ax_main, ax_comparison = plot_two_hist_comparison(
    h1,
    h2,
    xlabel      ="variable_1",
    ylabel      ="Entries",
    h1_label    ="$h_1$",
    h2_label    ="$h_2$",
    comparison  ="pull",
)
```



Available comparisons

Ratio: $\frac{h_1}{h_2}$

Difference: $h_1 - h_2$

Asymmetry: $\frac{h_1 - h_2}{h_1 + h_2}$

Pull: $\frac{h_1 - h_2}{\sqrt{\sigma_{h_1}^2 + \sigma_{h_2}^2}}$

Relative difference: $\frac{h_1 - h_2}{h_2}$

Efficiency: $\frac{h_1}{h_2}$ with h_1 a subset of h_2

2D examples: overview

Create simple 2D histogram plots

`make_2d_hist`

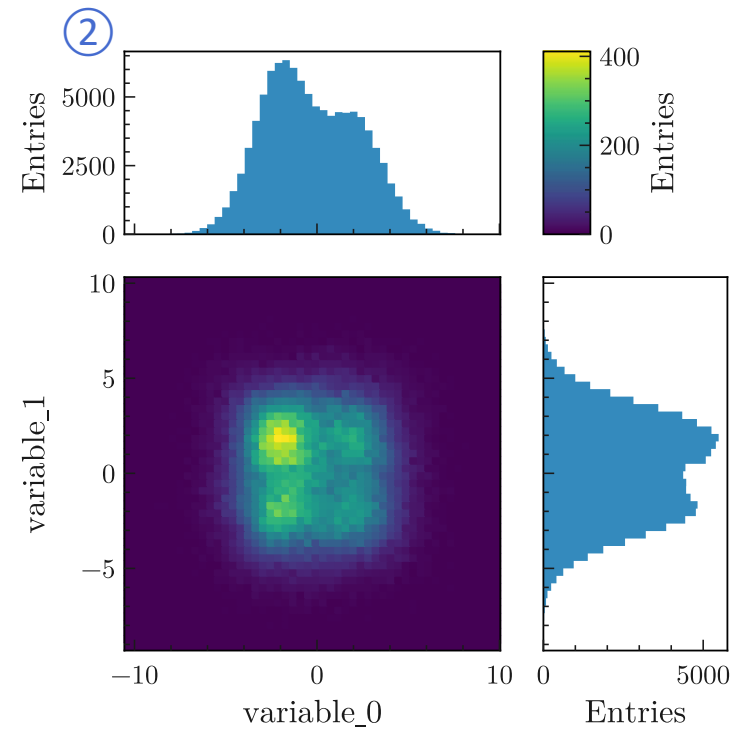
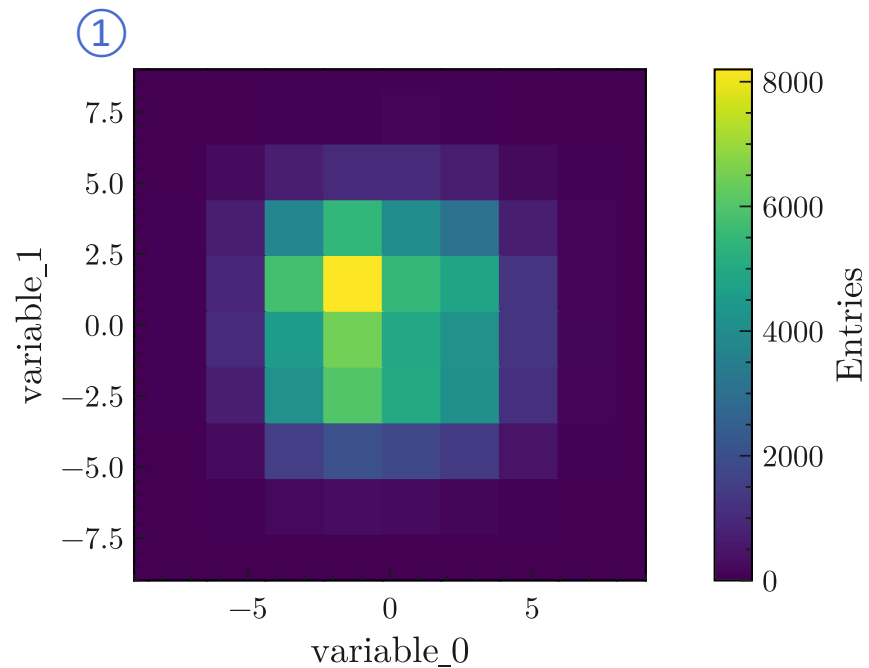
to create `boost_histogram` objects that are used in `plothist`

① `plot_2d_hist`

to plot 2D histogram, takes `matplotlib` arguments for the style

② `plot_2d_hist_with_projections`

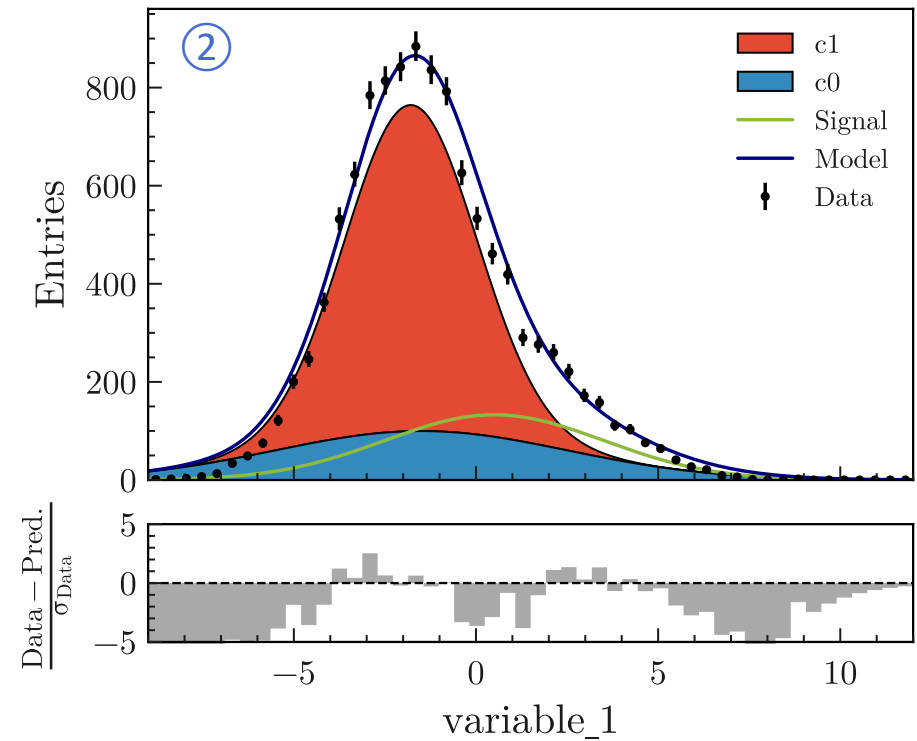
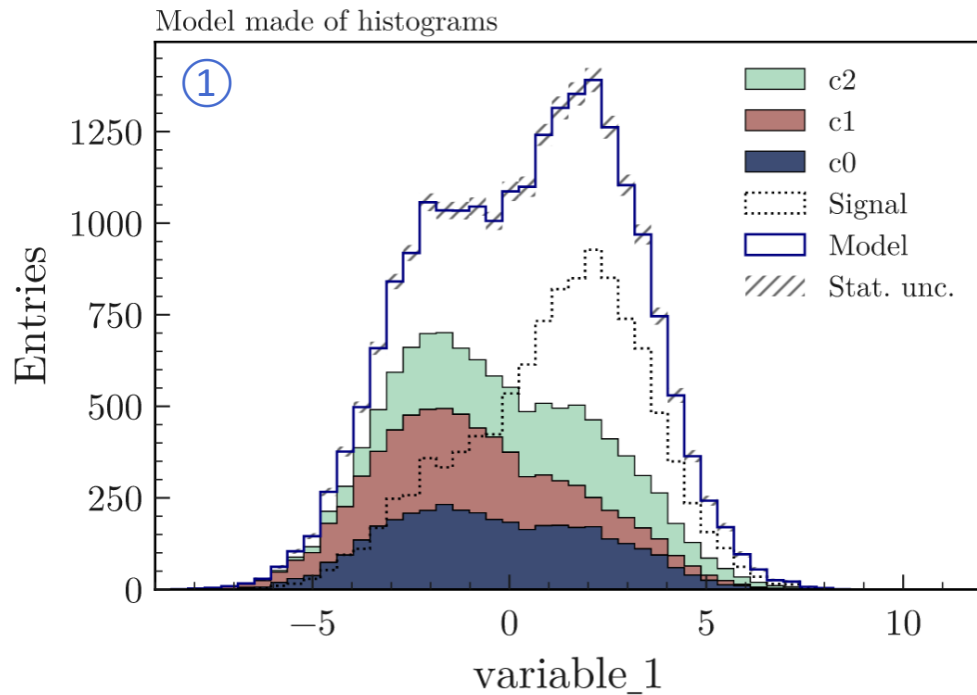
to plot 2D hist with the 1D projections



High-energy physics examples: overview

Create Data/model plots in a few lines of code

- | | |
|---|---|
| ① <code>plot_model</code> | to plot stacked and/or unstacked histograms or functions together |
| ② <code>plot_data_model_comparison</code> | to compare stacked and/or unstacked histograms or functions with data |



High-energy physics examples: Data vs Model comparison

Example

```
from plothist import plot_data_model_comparison, add_luminosity

fig, ax_main, ax_comparison = plot_data_model_comparison(
    data_hist           =data_hist,
    stacked_components  =background_hists,
    stacked_labels      =background_categories_labels,
    stacked_colors      =background_categories_colors,
    xlabel              ="variable [TeV/$(c^2$)]",
    ylabel              ="Candidates per 0.42 [TeV/$(c^2$)]",
    comparison          ="pull"
)

add_luminosity(
    collaboration="plothist",
    ax=ax_main,
    lumi=3,
    lumi_unit="zb",
    preliminary=True
)
```

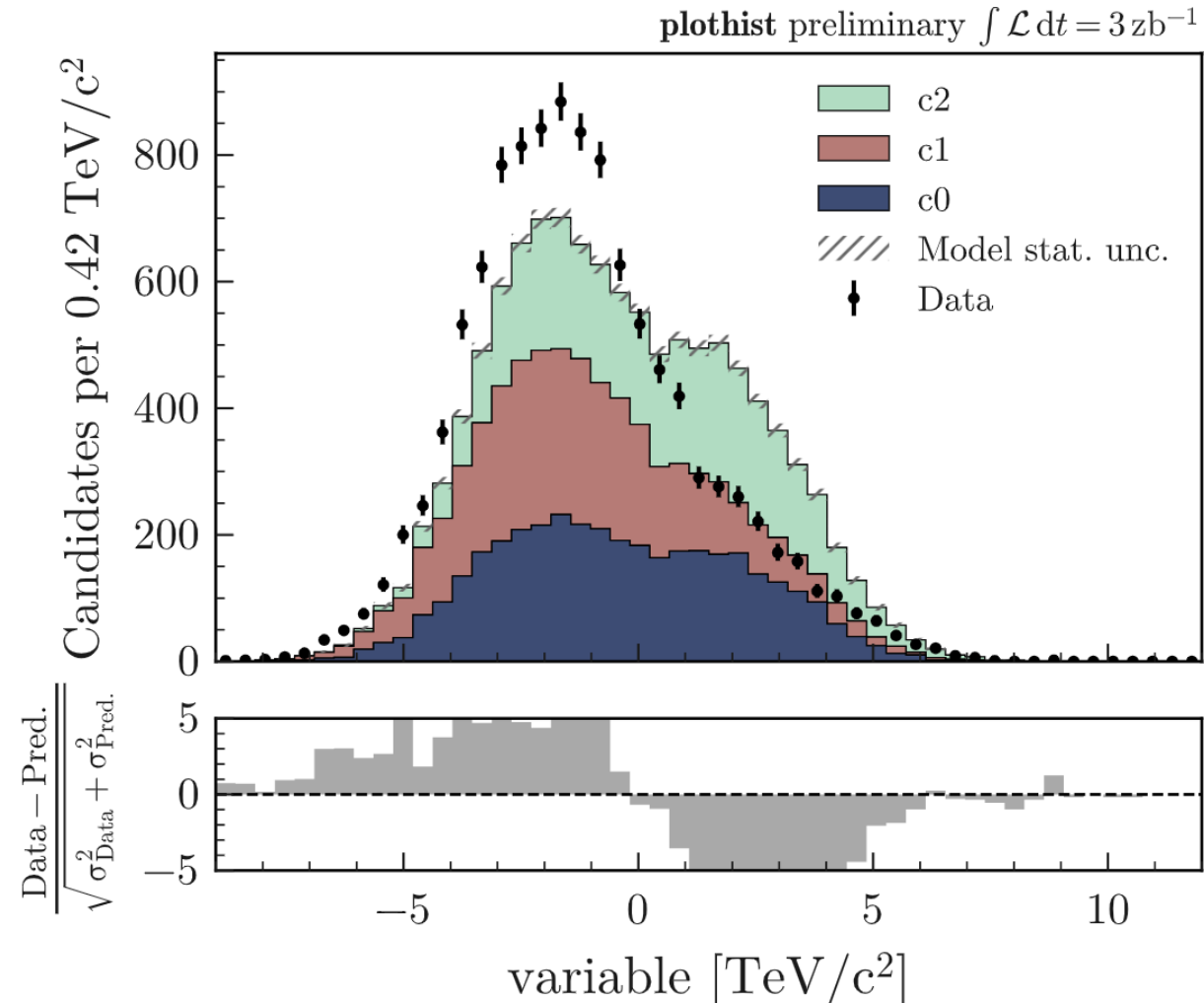
Available comparisons

$$\text{Ratio: } \frac{h_1}{h_2}$$

$$\text{Pull: } \frac{h_1 - h_2}{\sqrt{\sigma_{h_1}^2 + \sigma_{h_2}^2}} \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{h_1 - h_2}{\sigma_{h_1}}$$

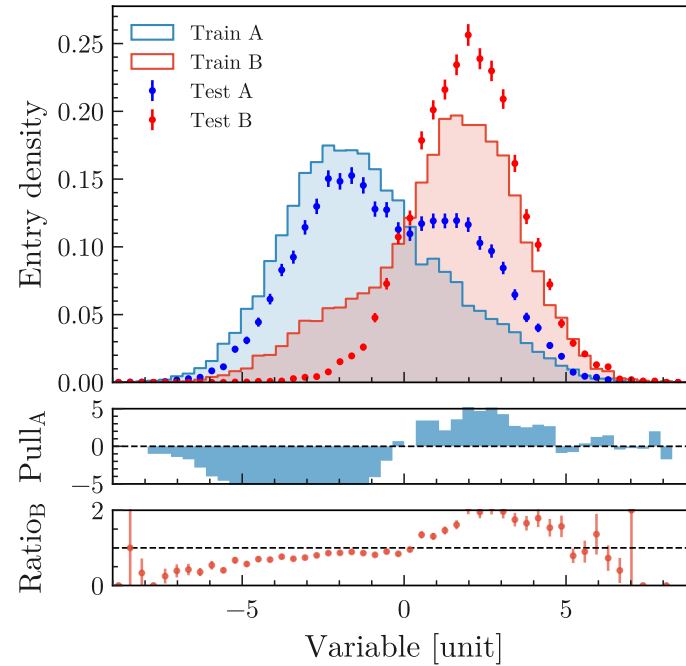
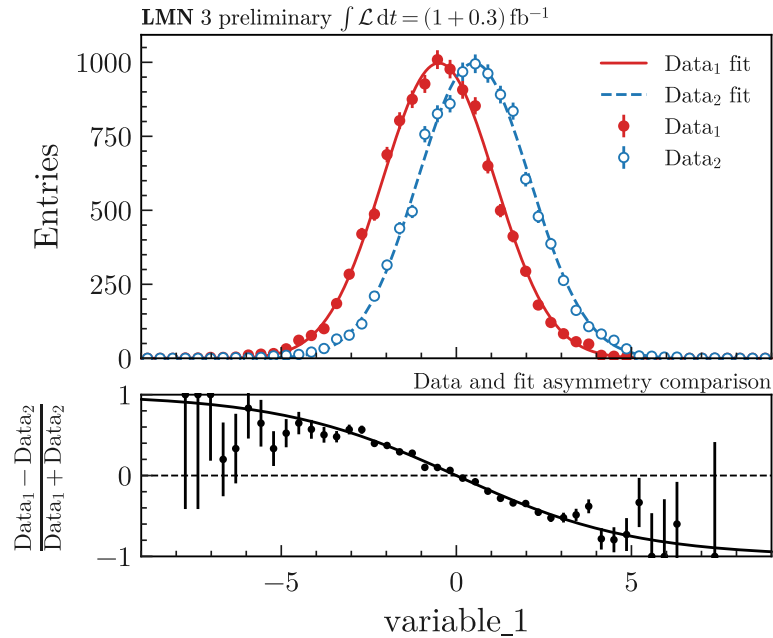
$$\text{Difference: } h_1 - h_2$$

$$\text{Relative difference: } \frac{h_1 - h_2}{h_2}$$

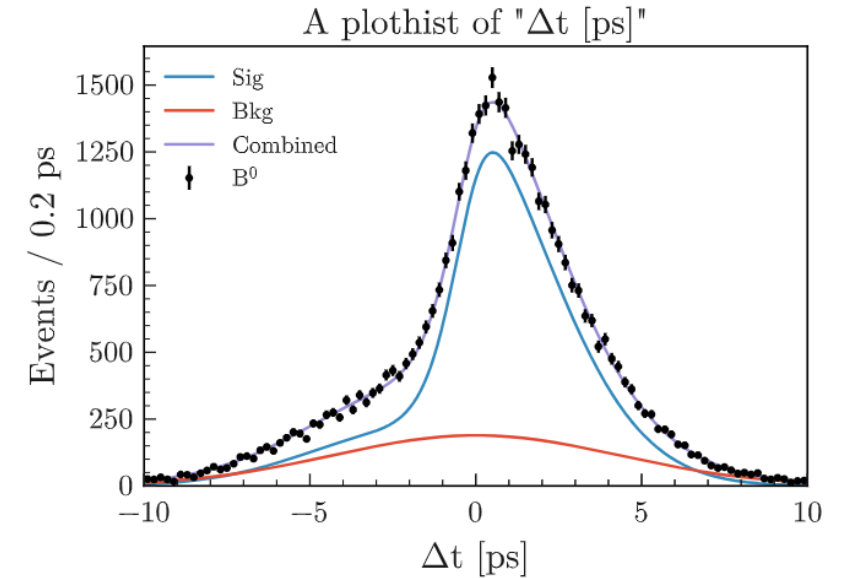


And more!

Complex [examples](#), code still simple and easy-to-navigate



[Tutorial](#) to transfer [RooFit](#), [zfit](#) or [pyhf](#) plot to [plothist](#)



Utility functions

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|--|---|
| <code>install_latin_modern_fonts</code> | from the terminal to install the LaTeX fonts |
| <code>add_luminosity</code> | to easily add luminosity + collaboration text on the plot |
| <code>get_color_palette</code> | to sample any color palette |
| <code>add_text</code> | to easily add text on a plot |
| <code>set_fitting_ylabel_fontsize</code> | to automatically set the ylabel font size to fit the plot |

And more!

Variable registry

Manage any number of variables using unique identifiers ([keys](#)) in a [YAML](#) file

```
variable_0:  
  name: variable_0  
  bins: 50  
  range:  
    - -10.55227774892869 # min(df["variable_0"])  
    - 10.04658448558009 # max(df["variable_0"])  
  label: variable_0  
  log: false  
  legend_location: best  
  ...  
variable_1:  
  ...
```

plothist outlook

- Every example shown here (and many others) available in the doc:

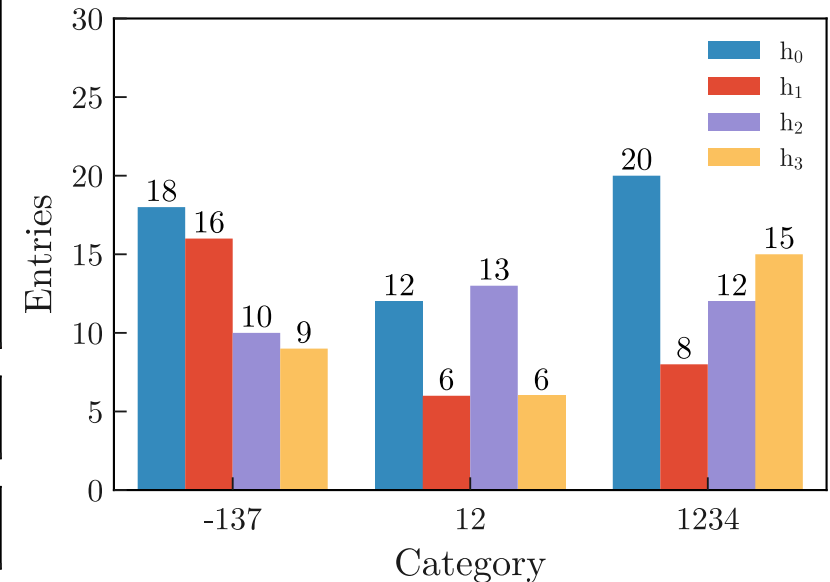
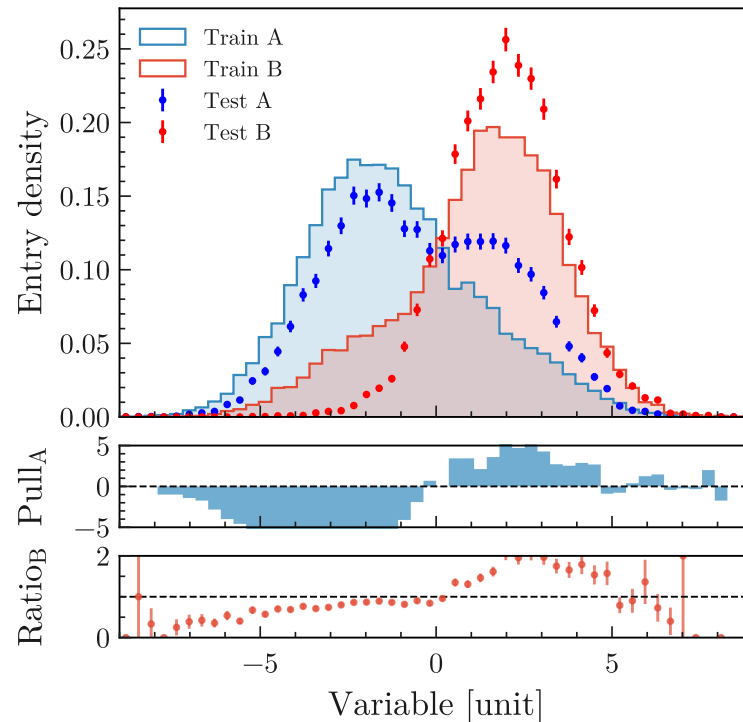
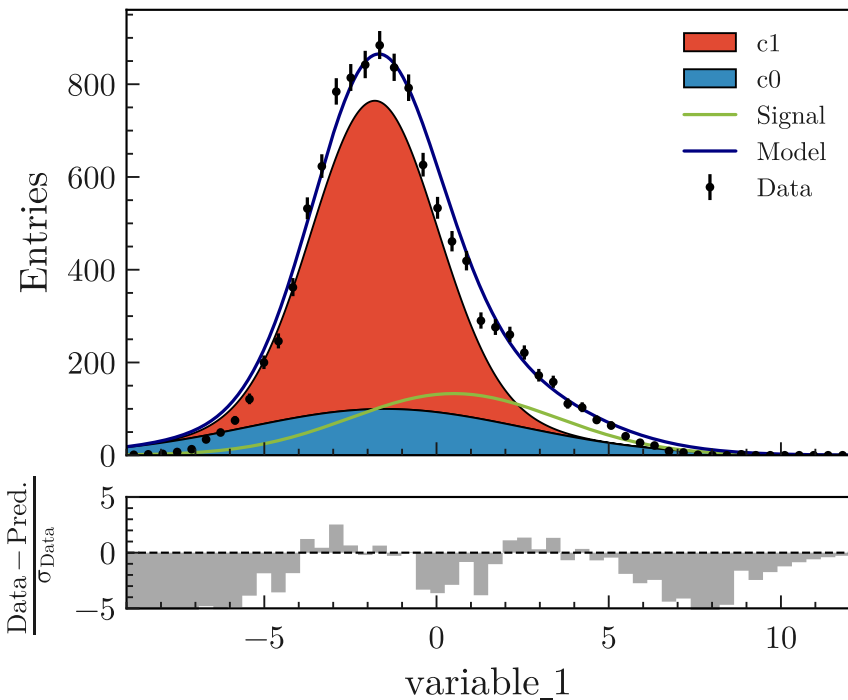
<https://plothist.readthedocs.io>

https://plothist.readthedocs.io/en/latest/example_gallery



- plothist already used by collaborators of multiple experiments

Main feedback: plothist is a time saver, so they can spend more time on physics than on making and tuning plots

- **What's next:** coordination with [scikit-HEP](#) (see next slides)



Comparison/overlapping with mplhep

	mplhep 	plothist 
Histogramming	Plot any histogram (numpy , Hist / boost-histogram , ROOT Histogram) via extended PlottableProtocol histograms	Only plot Hist / boost-histogram histograms
Plotting	Only simple plots , no histogram comparison or data-model comparison	Provide high-level functions to create out-of-the-box data-model comparisons
Style	Supports multiple collaboration styles (LHC)	One default style , compatible with Physical Review Letters / Physical Review D and Belle II
Utilities	Various utility functions	Variable registry Various utility functions

Coordinating the [plothist](#) and [mplhep](#) packages

- Already multiple exchanges and meetings with [Andrzej Novak](#) and [Jonas Eschle](#)
- [2 scenarios](#) considered so far (see next 2 slides)

Option 1: two orthogonal packages

Idea: 2 packages, which are **orthogonal** in terms of functionalities

plothist

Plot and compare models made of **histograms and/or functions** and stays **independent** of HEP

In the package:

- **plotting functions** (simple plots, comparison between data and model made of hists or functions, 2d with projections...)
- Some plotting **utility functions**

mplhep

Uses plothist functions to plot and has all the **HEP utilities and styles**

In the package:

- All the **HEP experiment styles**
- **HEP plotting utility functions**
- **Variable registry**

Work needed

- **UHI compatibility** for plothist functions, remove boost-histogram dependency
- **Overload** some **plothist plot functions** with **HEP functionalities** (currently in histplot of mplhep)

For the user

- **HEP users will only use mplhep**
- non-HEP users can use plothist

Option 2: merging

Idea: merge the 2 packages into a new one that can be used by HEP users

Work needed

Take from plothist

Simple 1D and 2D plot:

Take `plot_hist` and `plot_2d_hist` method to plot, make them UHI compatible and overload them with

→ `histplot` & `hist2dplot` HEP arguments

All the **other plotting functions** (simple comparisons, comparison between data and model made of hists or functions, 2d with projections...)

Keep the **style as the default one**

All the **utility functions**

need to decide for the overlapping ones

Variable registry

Take from mplhep

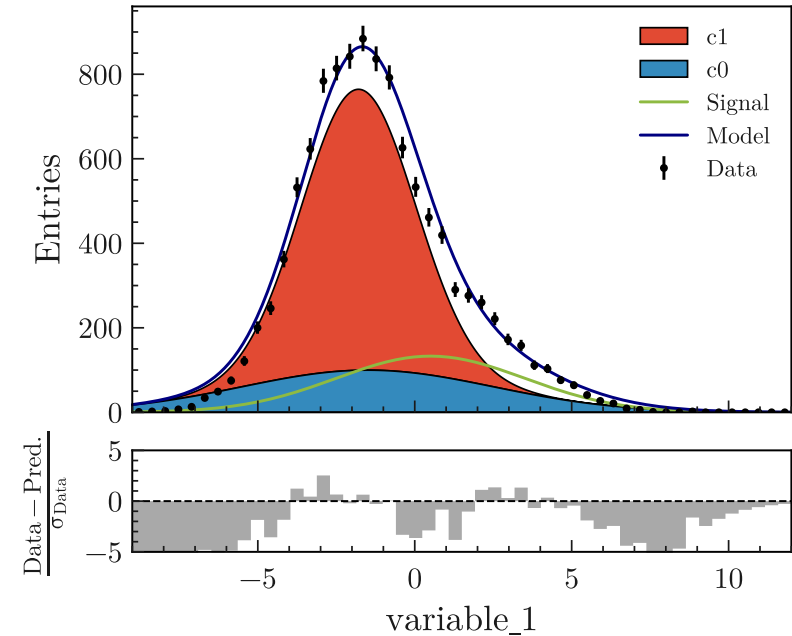
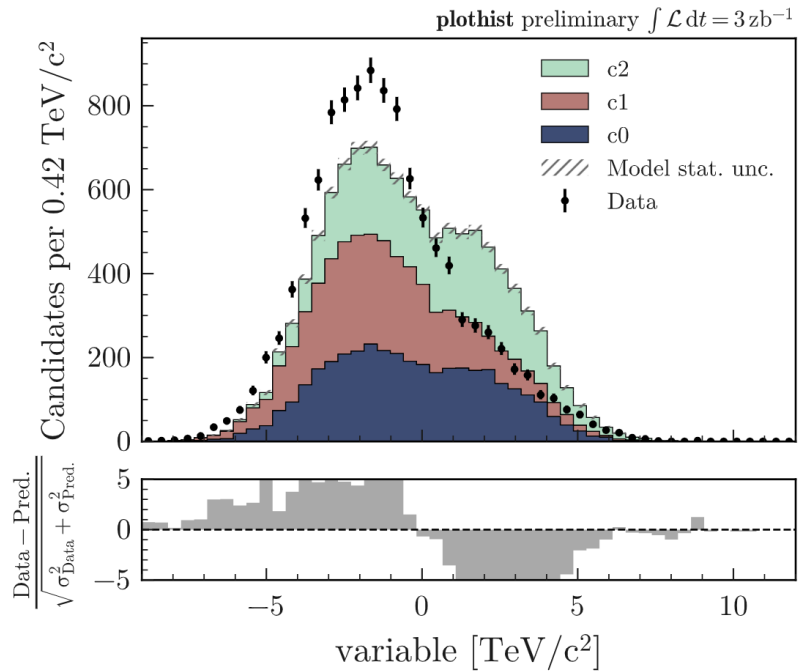
All the **HEP experiment styles**

as `mplstyle` + python files, easily callable

All the **utility functions**

Summary

- `plothist` provides tools to plot `Hist` / `boost-histogram` objects as well as high-level data model comparisons



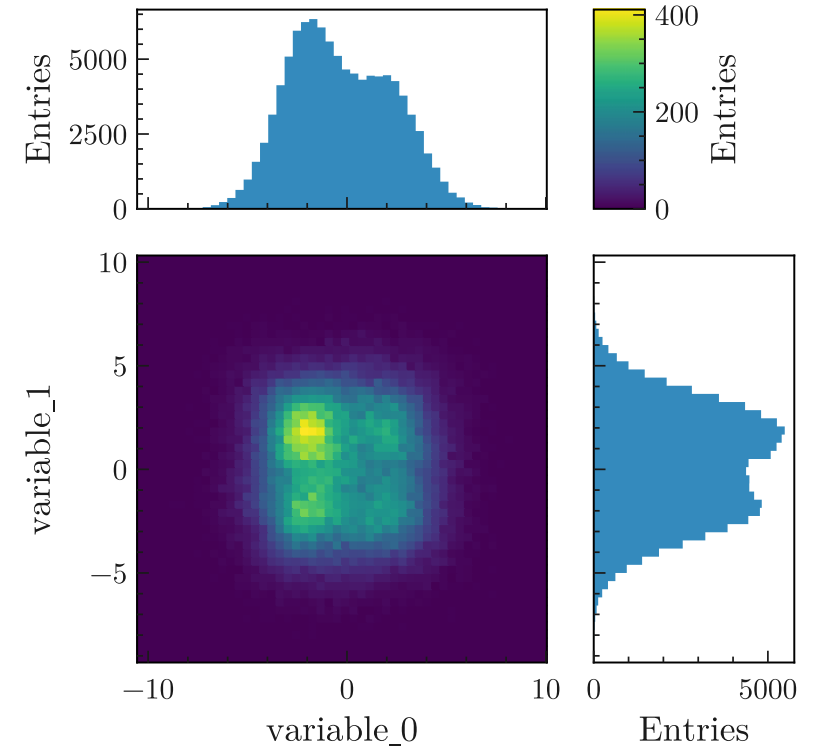
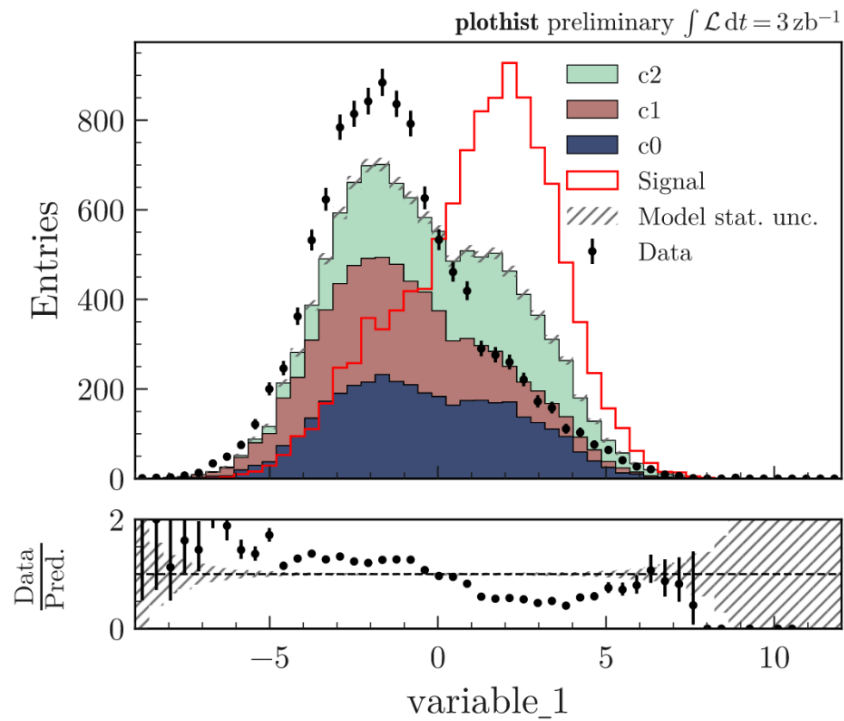
- Two scenarios considered so far to coordinate with `mplhep`:
 - `plothist` focuses on plotting, `mplhep` on the HEP functionalities
 - `plothist` and `mplhep` are merged in one new package
- As a first step, we plan to make `plothist` functions UHI compatible and drop dependency on `boost-histogram`

Thank you for your attention!

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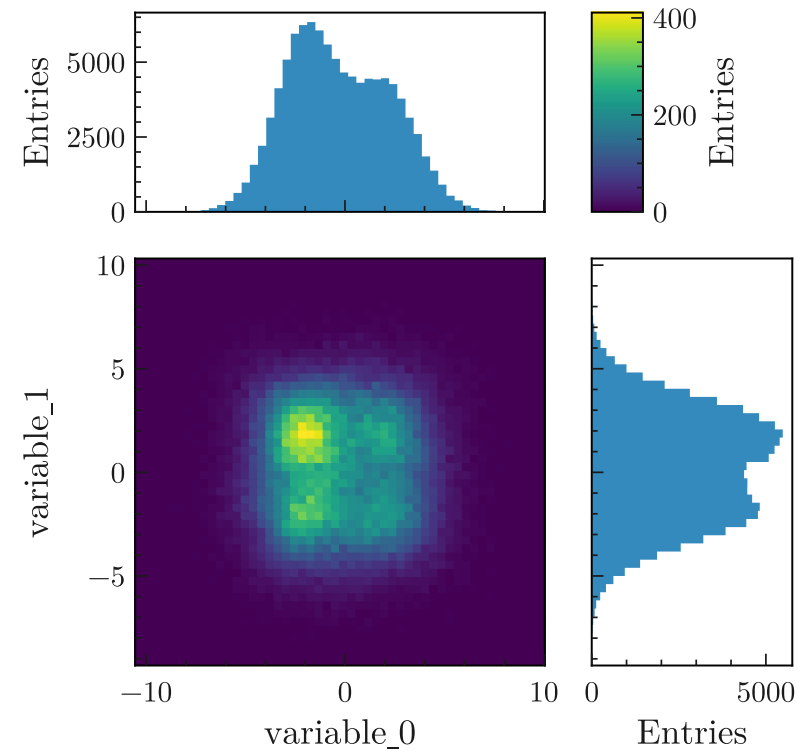
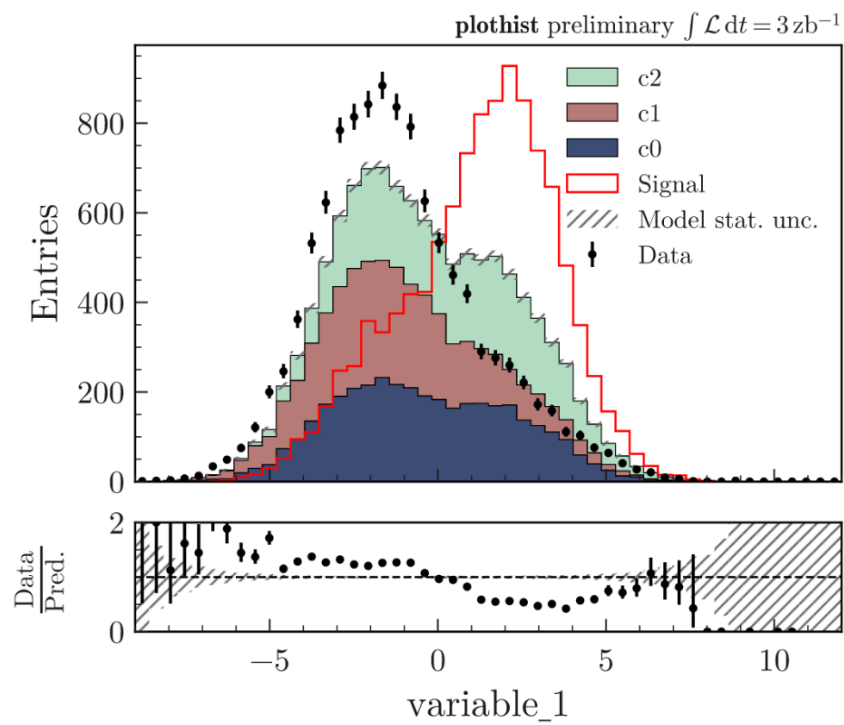


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Live demonstration of the package

- **Interactive** Jupyter notebooks
 - High-energy physics examples
 - **model** made of **functions**
 - **model** made of **histograms**
 - **2D** histograms with **variable registry**

Variable registry

Functionalities

- Manage any number of variable using unique identifiers (*keys*)
- Store any information in a *database* (YAML file)

```
variable_keys = ["variable_0", "variable_1", "variable_2"]  
create_variable_registry(variable_keys)
```

variable_registry.yaml

```
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  bins: 50  
  range:  
  - min  
  - max  
  label: variable_0  
  log: false  
  legend_location: best  
  legend_ncols: 1  
  docstring: ''  
  
  ...  
  
variable_1:  
  ...
```

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variable = get_variable_from_registry("variable_0")

# variable is a dictionary
# Get the name: variable["name"]
# Get the range: variable["range"]
# ...
```

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- Update or add automatically *information* (like the range)

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create_variable_registry(variable_keys)  
variable = get_variable_from_registry("variable_0")  
update_variable_registry_ranges(df, variable_keys)
```

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mplhep functions: checking the overlap with `plothist`

Basic functionalities

- `histplot` = `plot_hist` but with UHI compatibilities and some utility arguments
- `hist2dplot` = `plot_2d_hist` but with UHI compatibilities and some utility arguments

Experiment label helpers

- `[exp].lumitext` \approx `add_luminosity`
- `[exp].text` \approx `add_luminosity`
- `[exp].label` = `add_luminosity`

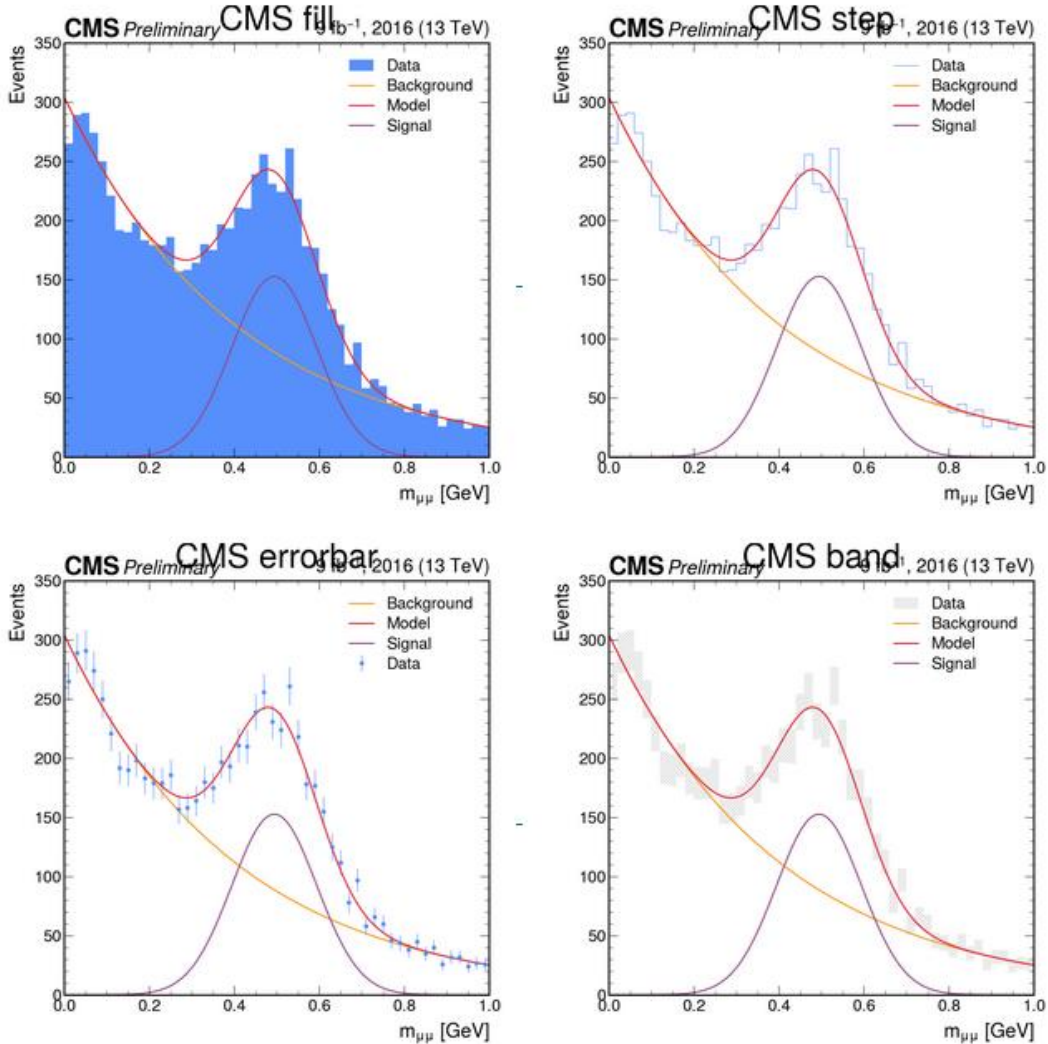
Axes helpers

- `yscale_legend`: really nice (might want to add modifying also x axis range)
- `ylo`: nice to have
- `yscale_anchored_text` = `set_ylabel_fontsize`
- `mpl_magic` = `set_ylabel_fontsize` + `ylo` + `yscale_legend`

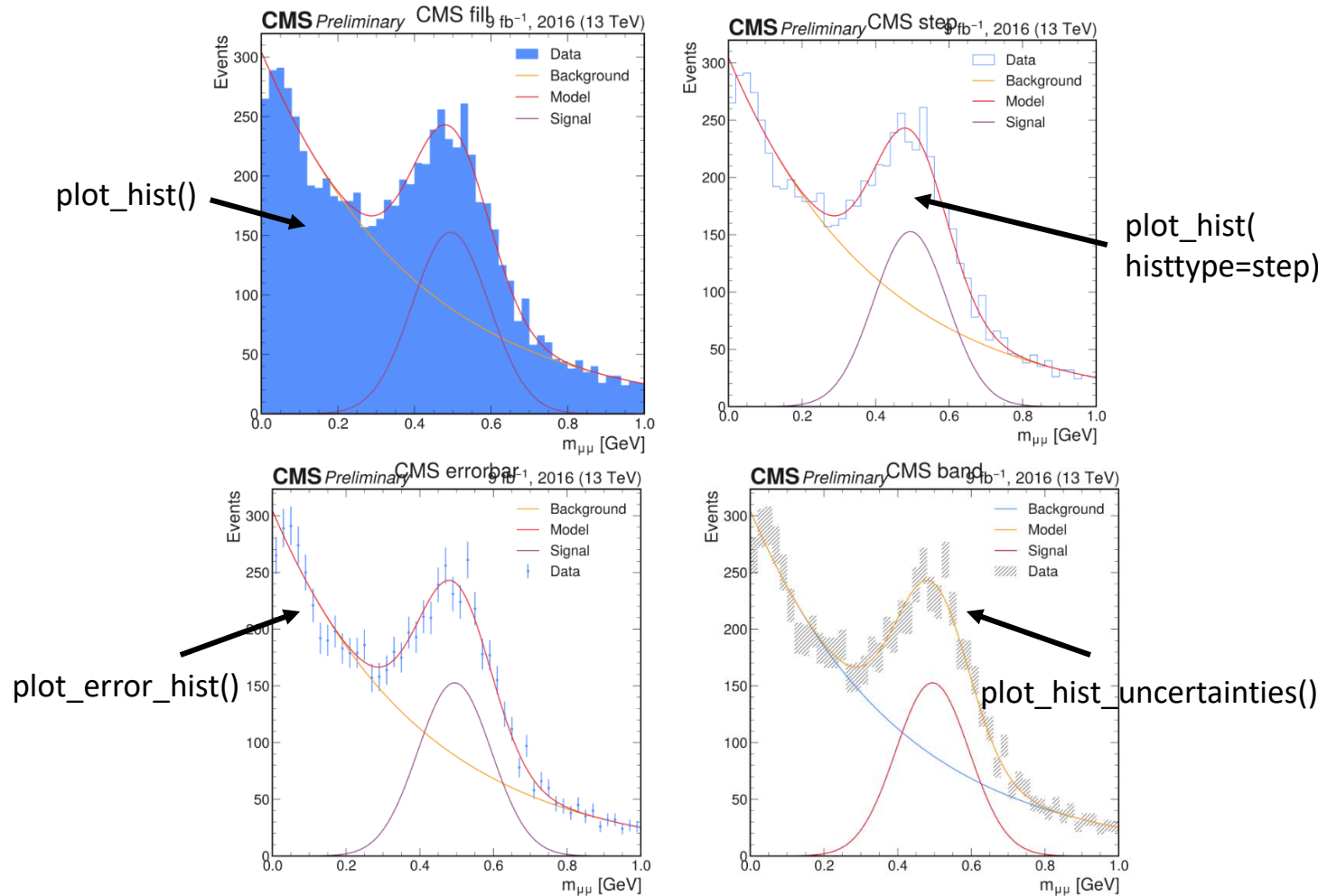
Figure helpers

- `append_axes`: nice to have
- `box_aspect`: same idea as `plothist` has for `2d hist with projection plot`
- `make_square_add_cbar`: same idea as with `plothist` `square_ax` option
- `rescale_to_axessize`: same idea as in `savefig`
- `sort_legend` = `plot_reordered_legend`

From mplhep doc



Using plothist functions to plot the histogram + applying mplhep CMS style (mplhep.style.CMS + mplhep.cms.label)

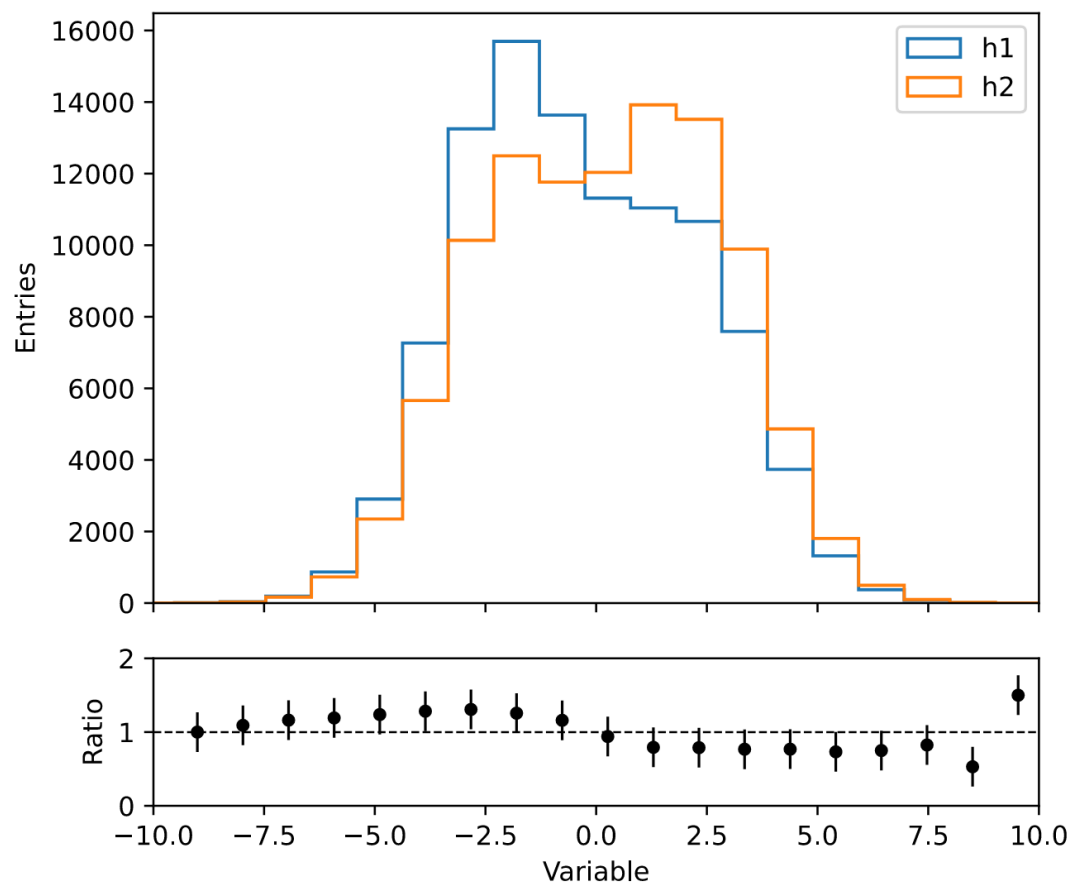


- Applying LHC style works out of the box
- (almost) no conflicts

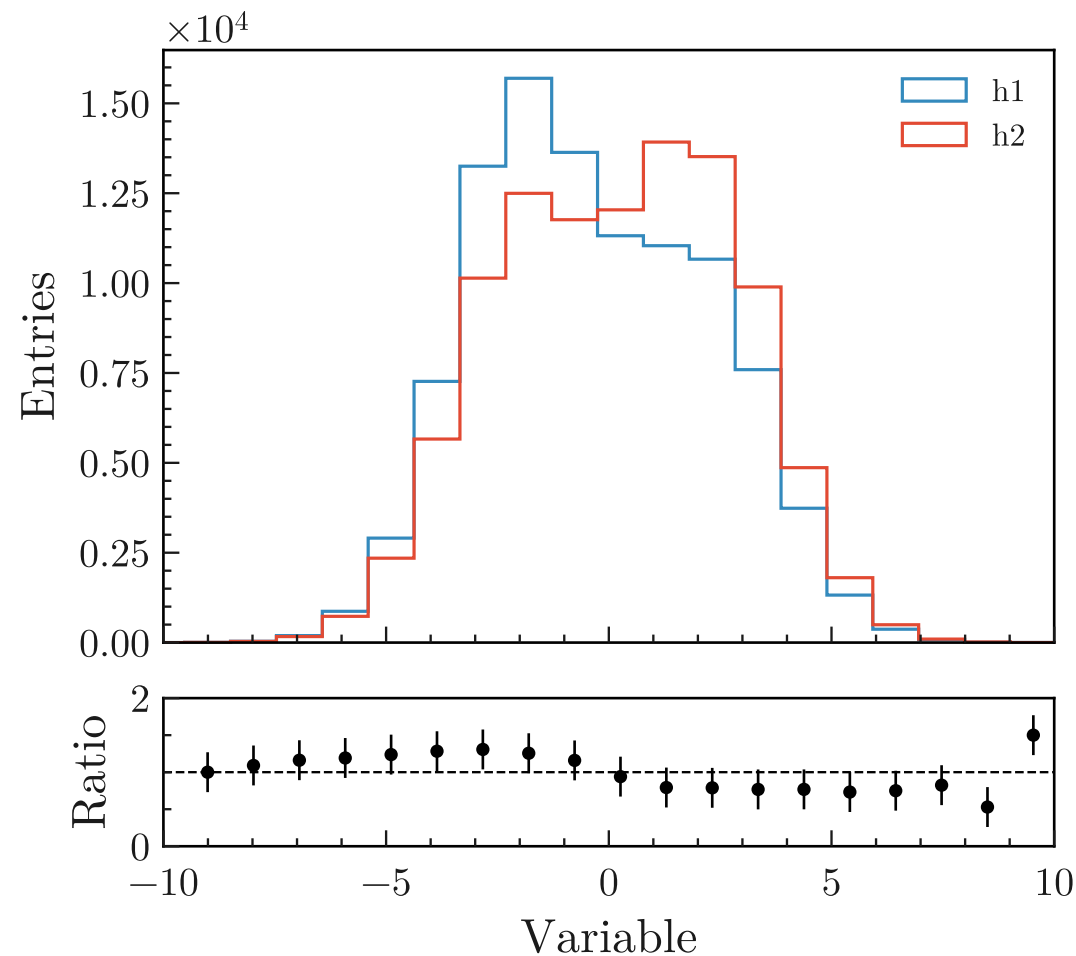
Default plothist style without using plothist functions

If you just want the style, add `import plothist` to your python script

Simple matplotlib script



Same script, just `import plothist` added



plothist style

Fonts

Latin Modern (LaTeX)

Colors

Provide a function to sample colors from:

- Default palette
- Cubehelix palette
- Any matplotlib palettes

