



FAIR Universe



## FAIR Universe : HiggsML Uncertainty Challenge

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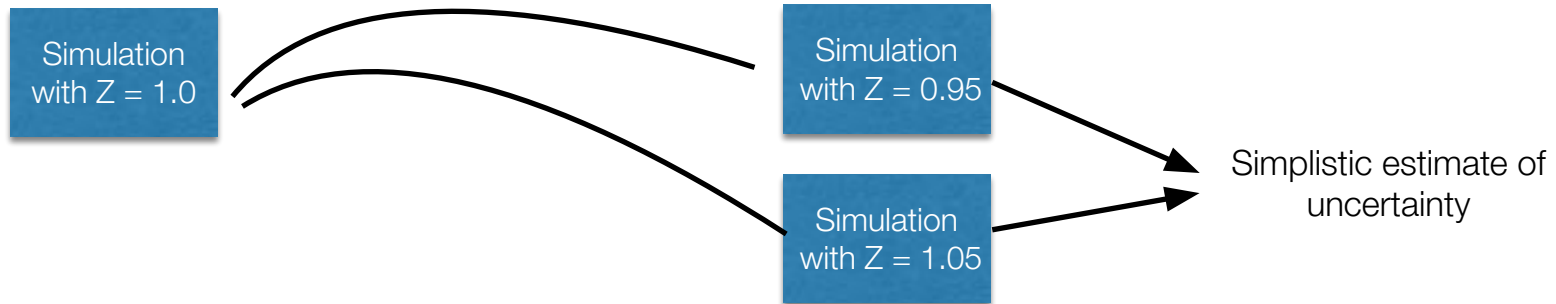
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# Bias and uncertainty in ML in HEP

- ML methods in HEP are often trained based on simulation which has estimated systematic uncertainties (“Z”)
- These are then applied in data with the different detector state  $Z=?$

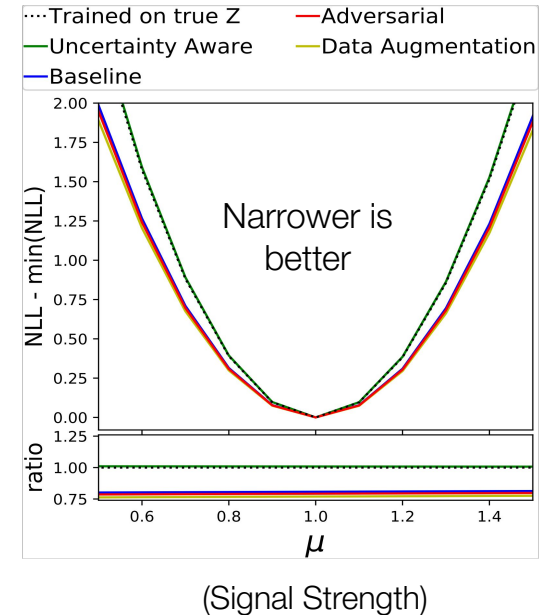
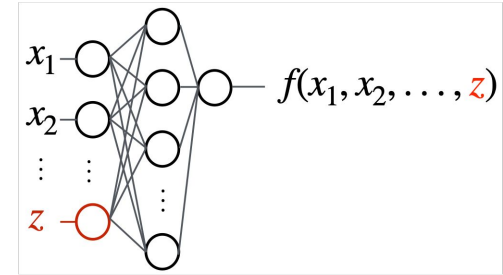


- Common baseline approach: Train classifier on nominal data (e.g.  $Z=1$ ) and estimate uncertainties with alternate simulations. Shift  $Z$  and look at impact or perform full profile likelihood



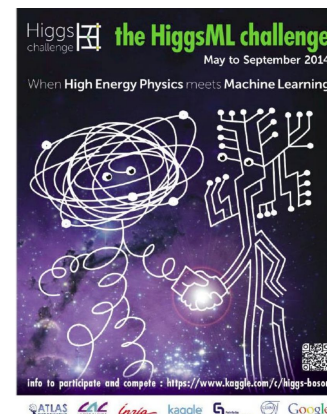
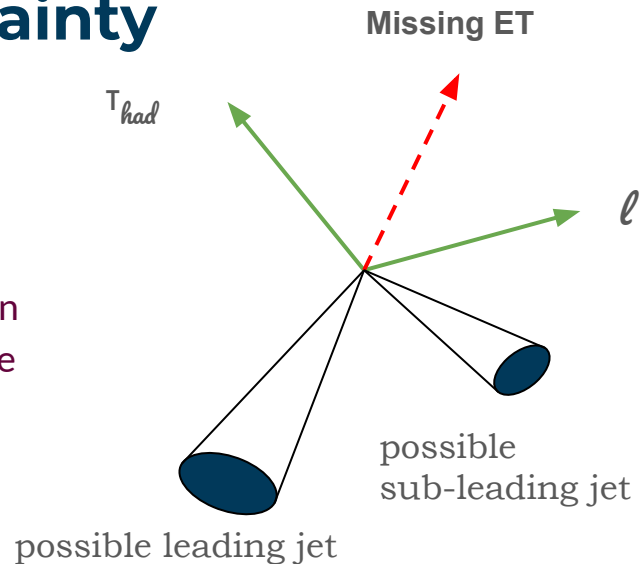
# Increasingly sophisticated approaches

- “pivot” Louppe, Kagan, Cranmer : [arXiv:1611.01046](https://arxiv.org/abs/1611.01046)
- “Uncertainty-aware” approach of Ghosh, Nachman, Whiteson [PhysRevD.104.056026](https://arxiv.org/abs/1405.0502)
  - Parameterize classifier using  $Z$
  - Measured on “Toy” 2D Gaussian Dataset and dataset from [HiggsML Challenge](https://arxiv.org/abs/1605.04467) modified to include systematic on tau-energy scale
  - Performs as well as classifier trained on true  $Z$
- Other novel approaches e.g. (not comprehensive)
  - Inferno: [arxiv:1806.04743](https://arxiv.org/abs/1806.04743)
  - Direct profile-likelihood: e.g. [arxiv:2203.13079](https://arxiv.org/abs/2203.13079)
  - (Neuro) Simulation Based Inference has to include  $Z$ : [arXiv:1911.01429](https://arxiv.org/abs/1911.01429)



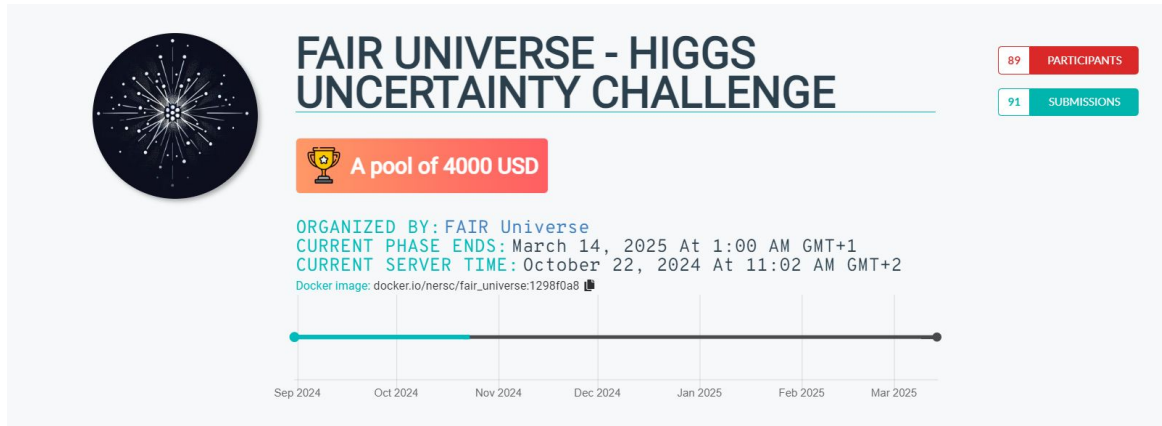
# Fair Universe: HiggsML Uncertainty Challenge

- Extension of previous **HiggsML** challenge from 2014 (a classification problem for Higgs decaying to Tau leptons based on final state 3-momenta and derived quantities):
- New Fair Universe dataset, with following improvements
- Use (much) faster simulation
- Numbers of events 800.000  $\Rightarrow$  ~280Millions
- Parameterized systematics
- Task : given a **pseudo-experiment** with given signal strength, provide a **Confidence Interval** on signal strength taking into account **statistics** and **systematics** uncertainties





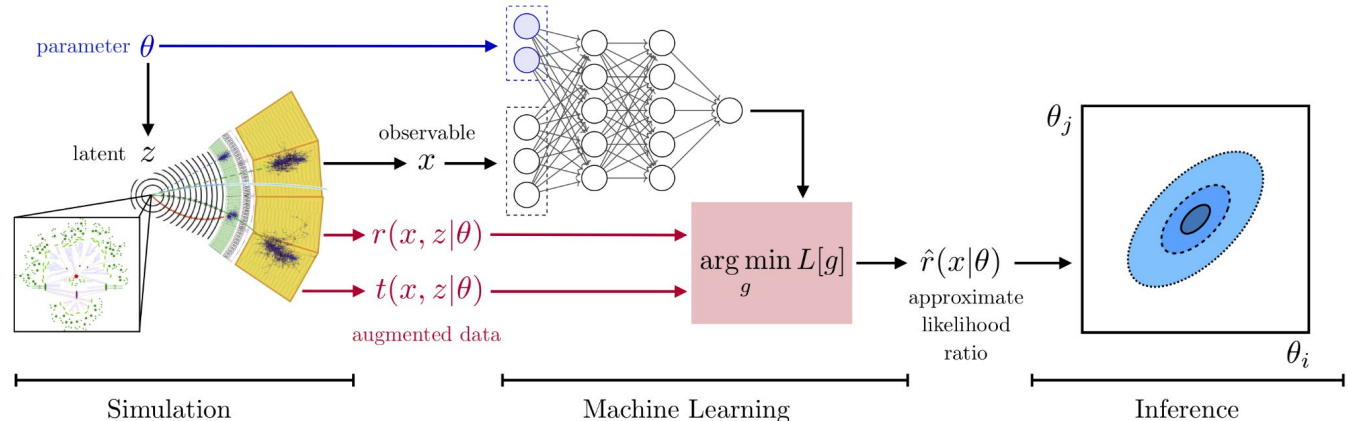
# Fair Universe: HiggsML Uncertainty Challenge



- Full HiggsML Uncertainty Challenge Running from September 12 to March 14th
- Accepted as [NeurIPS competition](#) 2024
- Dedicated workshop at NeurIPS - 2024 at December 14th, Saturday morning

# Challenge Objective

- Train a AI model to improve cross section measurement significance
- The model will be tested with datasets with unknown systematics and signal strength  $\mu$ . ( $\mu=1$  if Standard Model)
- For each pseudo-experiment participants must predict best mu estimate:
  - $\mu_{\text{hat}}$  : best mu estimate
  - $[\mu_{16}, \mu_{84}]$  : 68% Confidence Interval



# Challenge Datasets



- We generated data with Pythia 8.2 and Delphes 3.5
- Using the updated Delphes ATLAS card
- Less accurate than Madgraph/Sherpa + Geant4, but much faster
- Generated ~**280 Million** Events after initial cuts equivalent to **220 X 10fb-1**
- Data generated using NERSC supercomputer.
- Data Organised into tabular form with **28** feature per event.

Process	Number Generated	LHC Events @10fb-1	Label
Higgs	52101127	1015	signal
Z Boson	221724480	1002395	background
Di-Boson	2105415	3783	background
$t\bar{t}$	12073068	44190	background

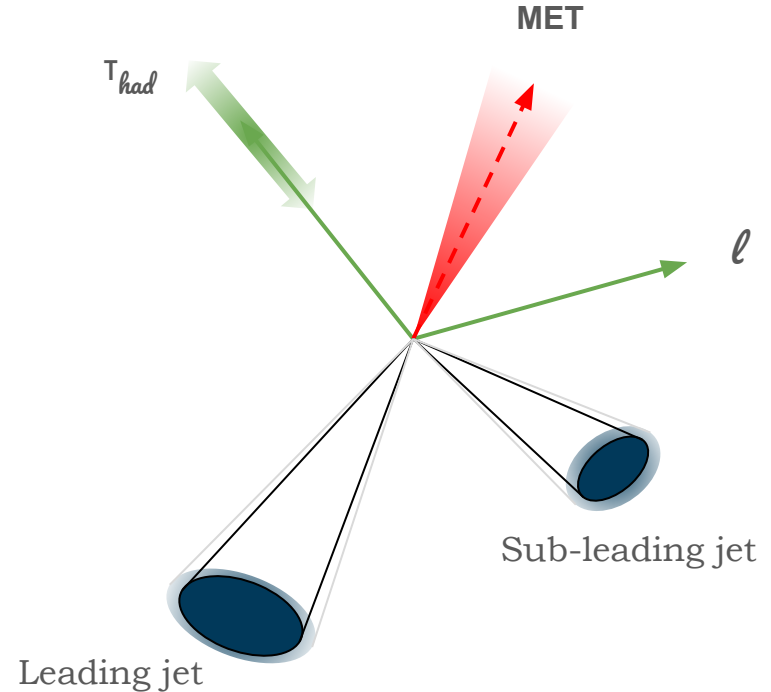


**DELPHES**  
fast simulation

# Challenge Datasets - Systematics

Apply parameterized systematics (Nuisance Parameters):

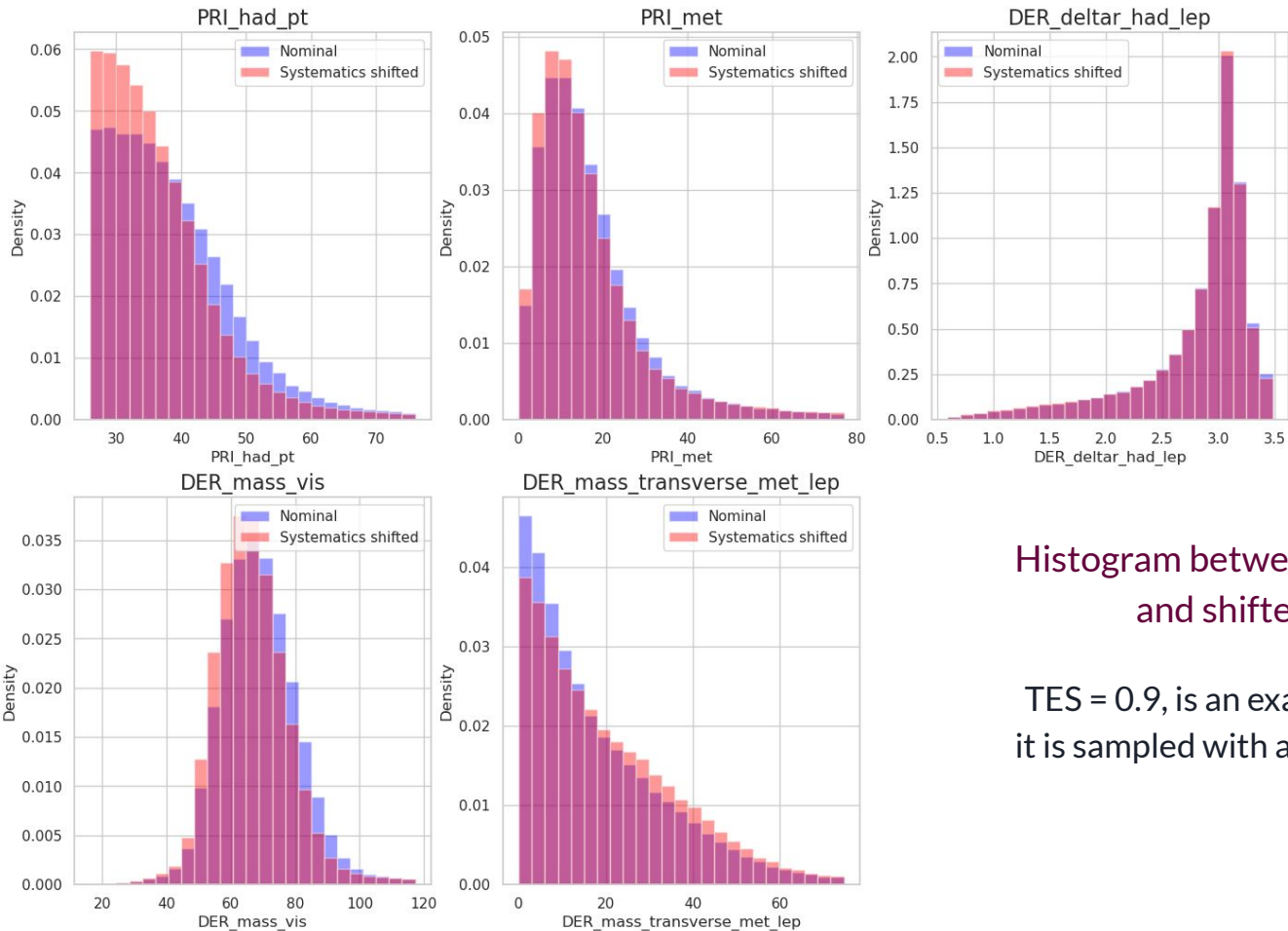
- Feature distortions:
  - Tau Energy Scale (and correlated MET)
  - Jet Energy Scale (and correlated MET impact)
  - Additional randomised Soft MET
- Event category normalisation
  - Background overall normalisation
  - Di-boson background normalisation
  - ttbar background normalisation







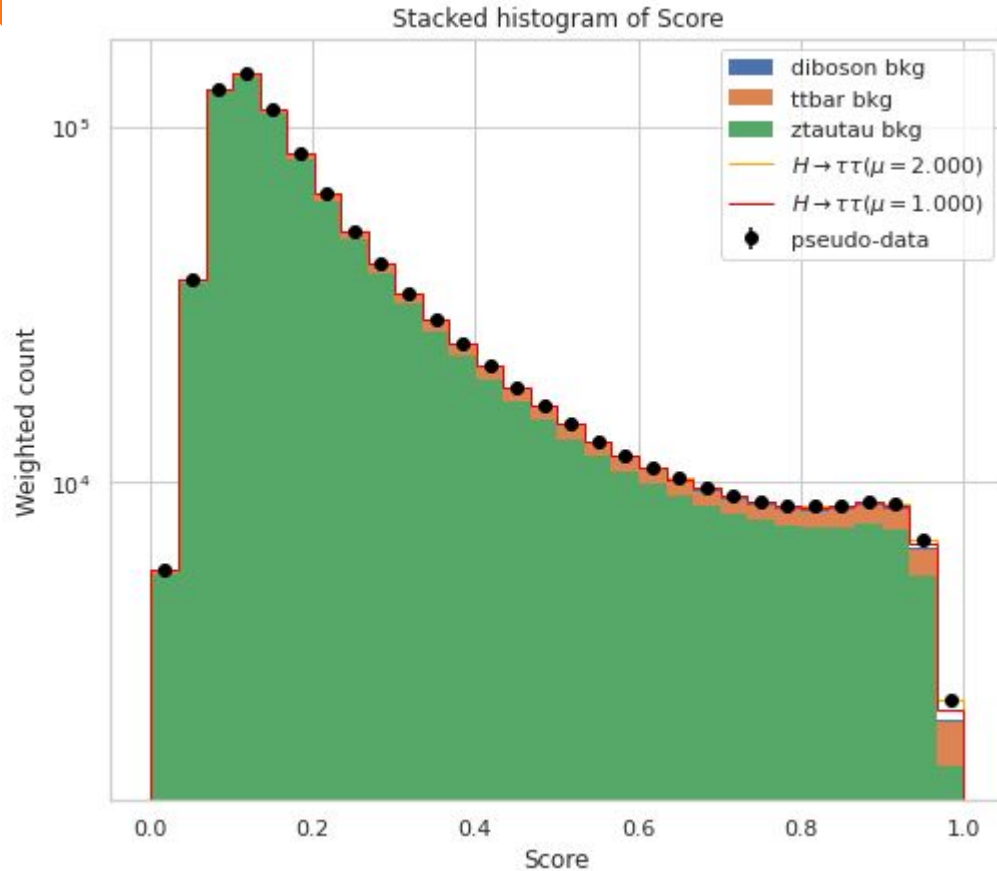
# Tau Energy Scale Systematics Applied



Histogram between nominal (TES = 1)  
and shifted (TES = 0.9)

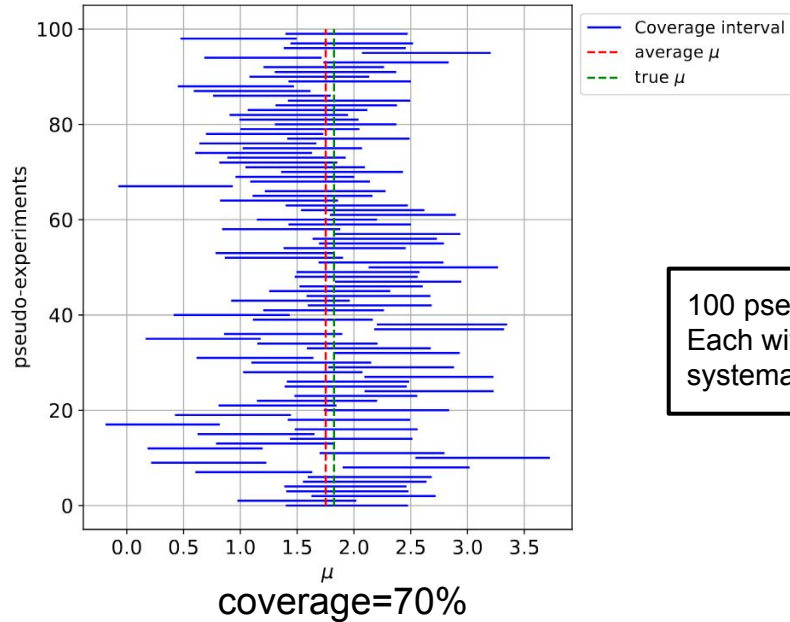
TES = 0.9, is an exaggeration, in practice  
it is sampled with a gaussian of  $1 \pm 0.01$

# Simple Classifier



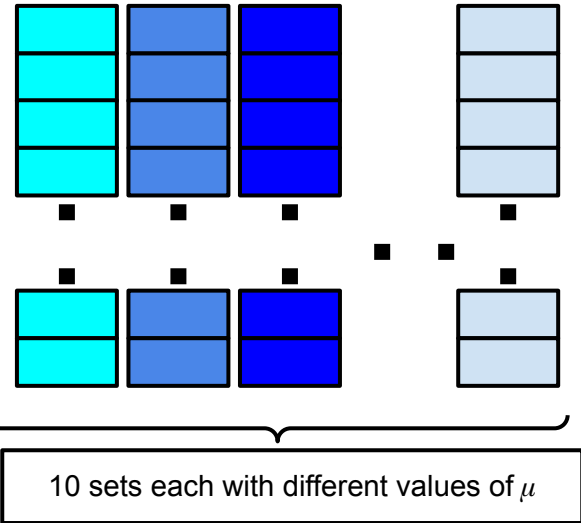
- Simple **BDT** Classifier
- **No** special training for systematics
- Histogram is what is obtained on one pseudo experiment

# Coverage Evaluation



- Form multiple pseudo-experiment test sets: different signal strengths ( $\mu$ ) and systematics
  - $10\mu$  times 100 pseudo-experiments
- Task: predict uncertainty interval  $[\mu_{16}, \mu_{84}]$ 
  - E.g. 68% quantile of likelihood or assume  $1\sigma$

100 pseudo experiments  
Each with different  
systematics



# Uncertainty Quantification Metric

- Interval width (**w**) averaged over N test sets
- Coverage (**c**): fraction of time  $\mu$  is contained
- Combined using a coverage function **f(x)**:

$$x \geq 0.68 - 2\sigma_{68} \text{ and } x \leq 0.68 + 2\sigma_{68} : 1.$$

$$x < 0.68 - 2\sigma_{68} : 1 + \left| \frac{x - (0.68 - 2\sigma_{68})}{\sigma_{68}} \right|^4$$

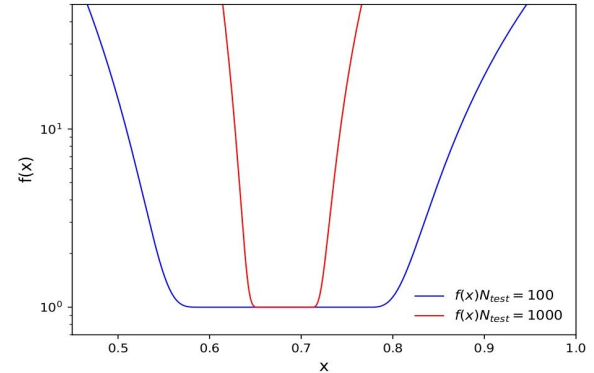
$$x > 0.68 + 2\sigma_{68} : 1 + \left| \frac{x - (0.68 + 2\sigma_{68})}{\sigma_{68}} \right|^3$$

$$\text{with } \sigma_{68} = \frac{\sqrt{(1-0.68)0.68N}}{N}$$

- N dependance for equivalent ideal coverage
- Penalizes undercoverage more
- Final score (s) designed to avoid large values or gaming

$$w = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=0}^N |\mu_{84,i} - \mu_{16,i}|.$$

$$c = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=0}^N \mathbf{1} \text{ if } (\mu_{true,i} \in [\mu_{84,i} - \mu_{16,i}])$$

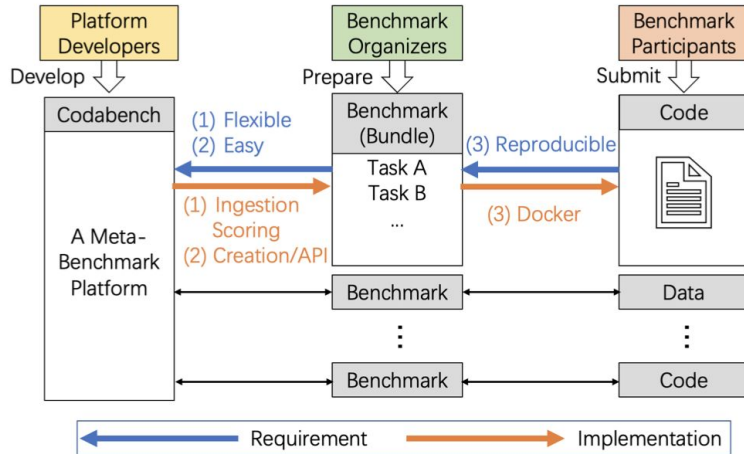


$$s = -\ln((w + \epsilon)f(c))$$

See also [Sascha Diefenbacher's AISSAI Workshop presentation](#)

# Codabench Platform

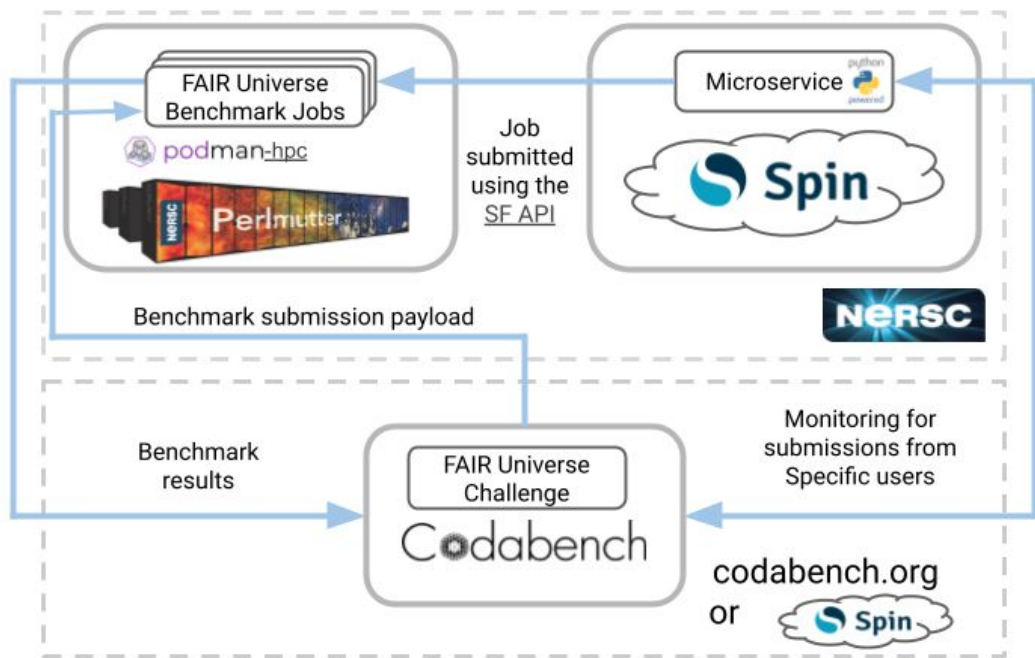
Codabench - open source platform for AI benchmarks and challenges



- Originally (CodaLab) Microsoft/Stanford now a Paris-Saclay/LISN led community
- > 600 challenges since 2013
- Completely open-ended competition design.
- Allows code submission as well as results e.g. for evaluation timing or reproducibility
- Also data-centric AI “inverted competitions”
- Queues for evaluation can run on diverse compute resources
- Platform itself can be deployed on different compute resources
- Ranked best challenge platform for ML by [ML contests](#)

Codabench

# Fair Universe Platform: Codabench-NERSC integration



## System Specifications

Partition	# of nodes	CPU	GPU
GPU	1536	1x <a href="#">AMD EPYC 7763</a>	4x <a href="#">NVIDIA A100</a> (40GB)
	256	1x <a href="#">AMD EPYC 7763</a>	4x <a href="#">NVIDIA A100</a> (80GB)



# Conclusion

- AI challenge which addresses Systematic Uncertainty in HEP problem.
- Large Data Set with ~280M Events (signal + background)
- New Scoring to take Coverage and Confidence interval into account.
- Custom ingestion algorithm to test multiple pseudo-experiments in parallel.
- Large Computing Infrastructure as back\_end
- You can enter the **HiggsML Uncertainty Challenge** now!
- You can win an invitation to **NeurIPS** workshop if meaningful participation by **15th Nov**
  - <https://www.codabench.org/competitions/2977/>

Help and feedback: [#higgsml-uncertainty-challenge](#) channel on the [Fair Universe Slack](#)

Ongoing information Google Group: [Fair-Universe-Announcements](#)

Collaborations, questions, comments: [fair-universe@lbl.gov](mailto:fair-universe@lbl.gov)

**Ragansu Chakkappai, Sascha Diefenbacher and David Rousseau are here the full week, talk to us!**



**Thank you for  
your attention!**







# Back-up



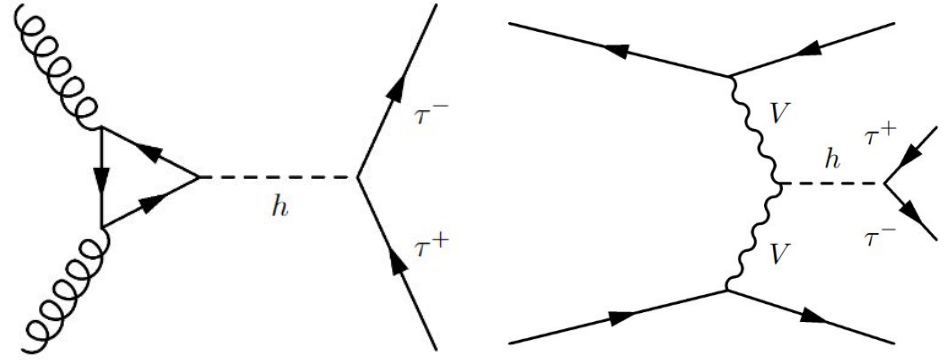
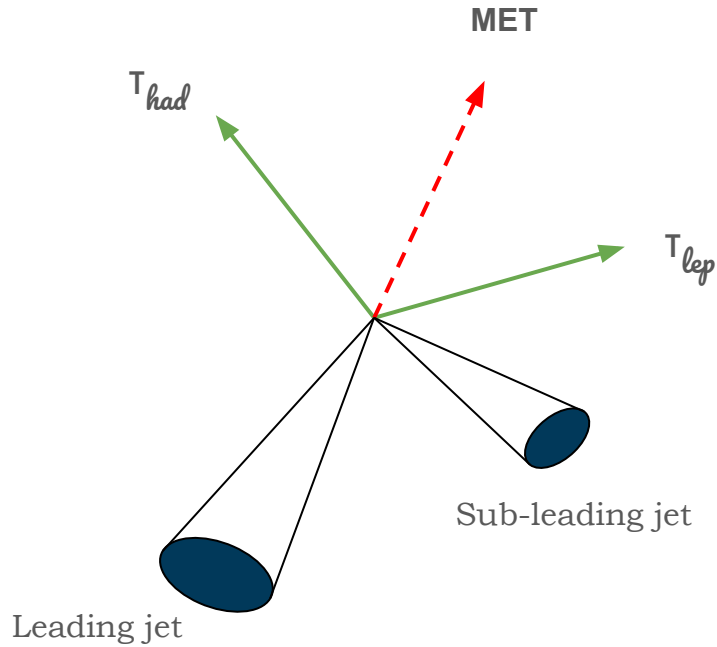


# Background on Fair Universe Project

- 3 year US Dept. of Energy, AI for HEP project. Aims to:
  - Provide an open, **large-compute-scale AI ecosystem** for sharing datasets, training large models, fine-tuning those models, and **hosting challenges and benchmarks**.
  - **Organize a challenge series**, progressively rolling in tasks of increasing difficulty, based on novel datasets.
  - Tasks will focus on **measuring and minimizing the effects of systematic uncertainties** in HEP (particle physics and cosmology).
- This funding went to LBL, NERSC, U Washington, and Chalearn (Isabelle Guyon's Non-Profit US Organisation).

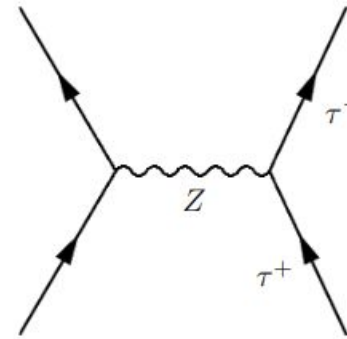


# Introduction



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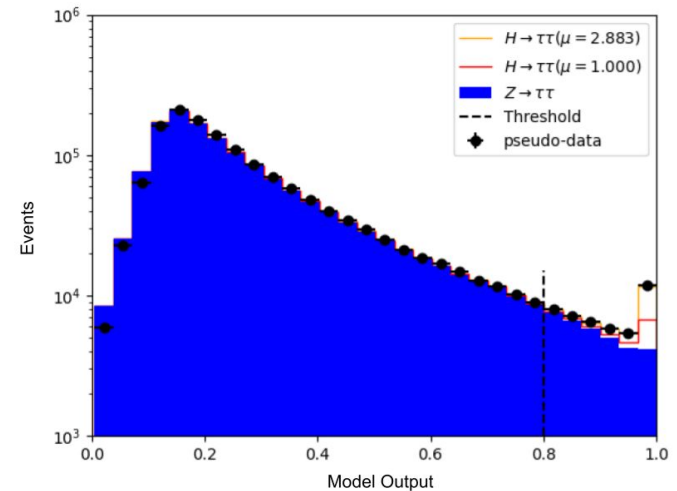
(b) VBF Production



(a)  $Z \rightarrow ll$  Background

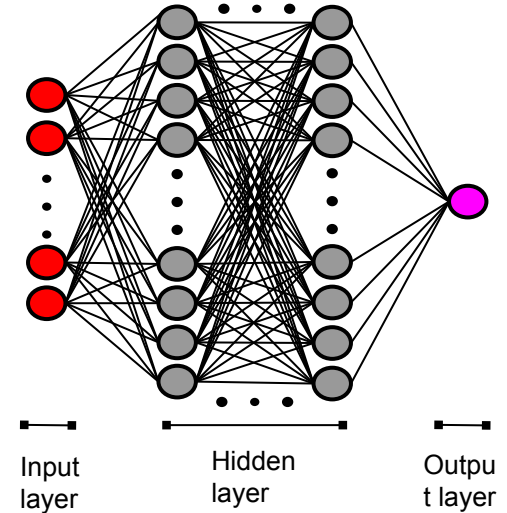
# Basic Algorithm

1. Divide data into *train\_set* and *holdout\_set*
2. Use *train\_set* to Train the simple dense NN
3. Define  $S_i$  and  $B_i$ : predicted score bin content
4. Construct for  $S_i$  ( $\alpha$ ) and  $B_i(\alpha)$  functions from *holdout\_set*
5. Combine define Binned Negative Log Likelihood function as function of NPs and  $\mu$
6. For Each pseudo experiment
  - a. Predict score for pseudo experiment
  - b. Use Minuit to find value of  $\mu$ ,  $\sigma_{\mu}$  and NP
  - c. Returns
    - $\mu_{hat}$
    - $p16 = \mu - \sigma_{\mu}$
    - $p84 = \mu + \sigma_{\mu}$



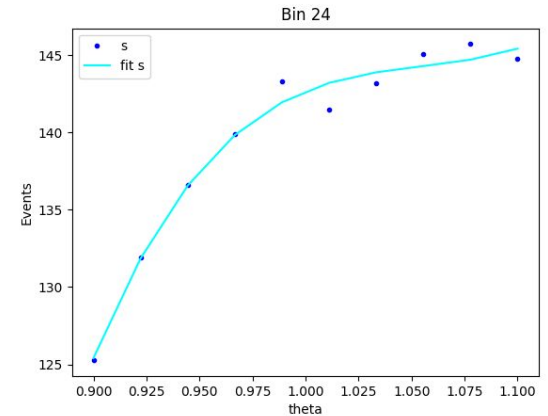
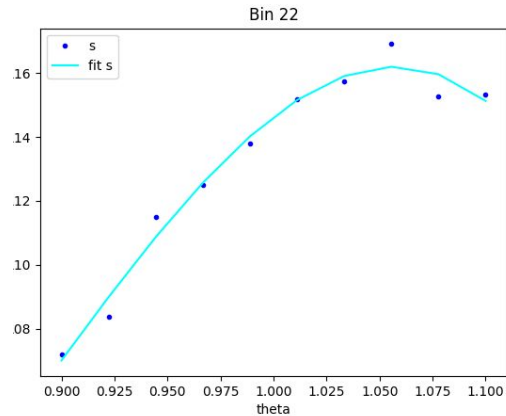
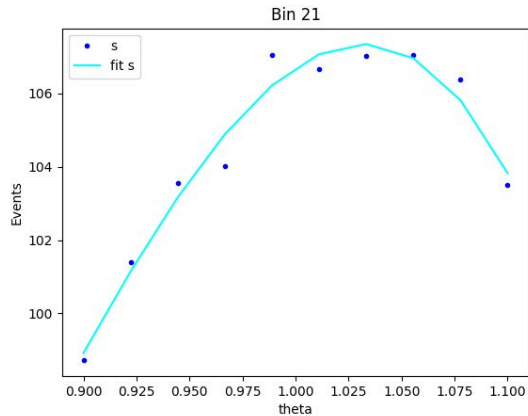
# NN with L2 regularization using PyTorch

- PyTorch NN Classifier is Trained to distinguish Signal (Higgs) from Background (Z)
- 32 features,
- Architecture
  - 3 Hidden layers with 100 nodes
  - 1 Output node
  - ReLU Activation between layers
  - L2 Regularization during training
- Model return score between 0 (background) and 1(signal),



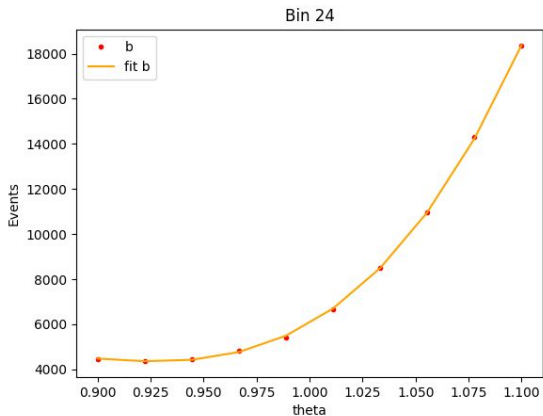
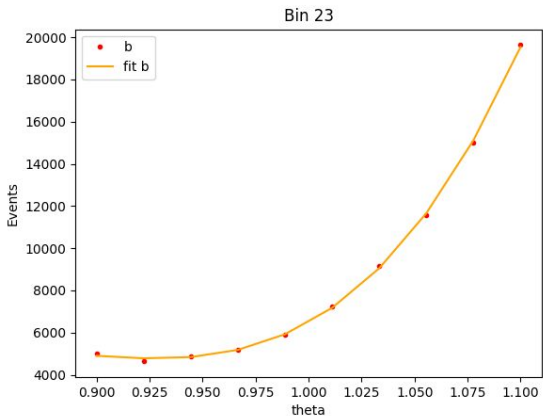
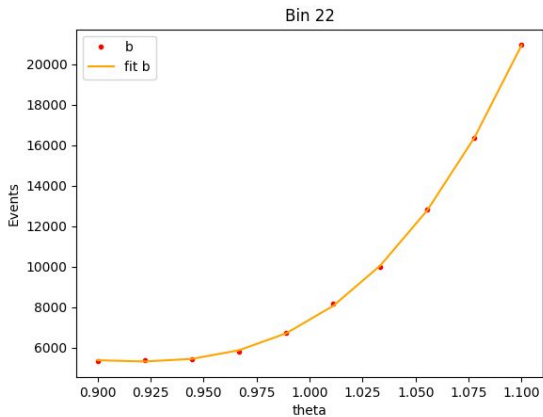
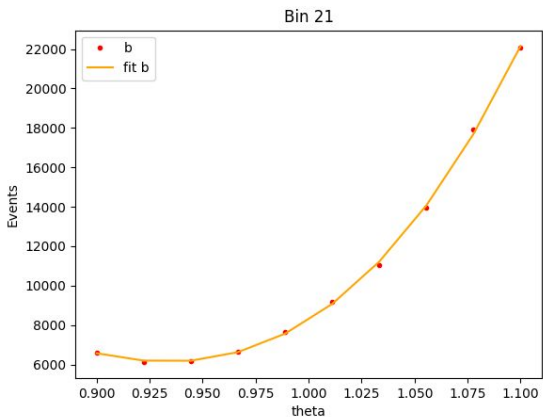
# Parameterisation of $S(\alpha)$

With the help of the `holdout_set` for we get values of S and B for each NP in each bin.  
A polynomial function is used to fit them. This function is later used in the NLL formalism





# Parameterisation of B(alpha)





## Profile $\mu$ and $\alpha$ simultaneously

$$L(\mu, \vec{\alpha} | \mathcal{D}) = \prod_{i=1}^{N_{\text{bins}}} \frac{(\mu S_i(\vec{\alpha}) + B_i(\vec{\alpha}))^{n_i} e^{-(\mu S_i(\vec{\alpha}) + B_i(\vec{\alpha}))}}{n_i!}$$

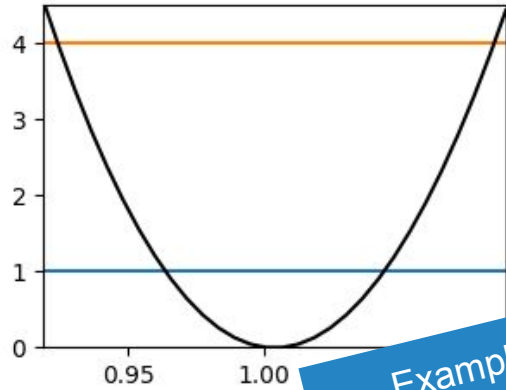
$$\Rightarrow t_{\mu, \vec{\alpha}} = -2 \log(L(\mu, \vec{\alpha} | \mathcal{D}))$$

$$= -2 \sum_i^{N_{\text{bins}}} n_i \log(\mu S_i(\vec{\alpha}) + B_i(\vec{\alpha})) + (\mu S_i(\vec{\alpha}) + B_i(\vec{\alpha}))$$

L here is the likelihood estimator which depends on  $\mu$  and  $\alpha$ , where  $\alpha$  is a vector of 5 NP thus the  $\mu$  at which L is maximum or  $t$  is minimum is the predicted  $\mu$ ,

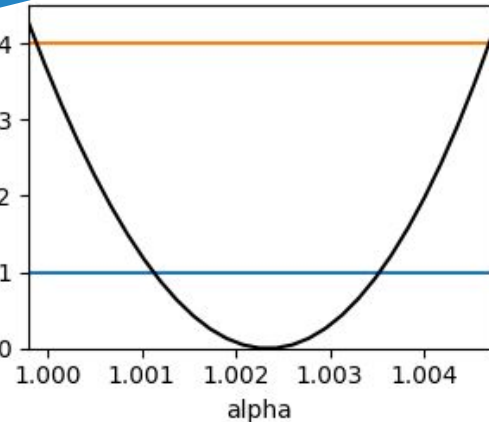
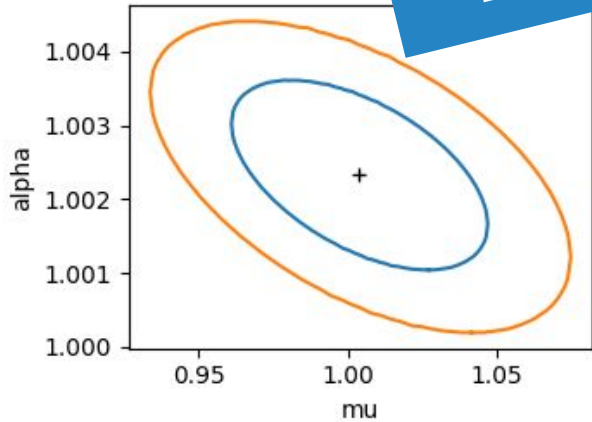


# NLL curve and contour






- We use the ``iminuit`` package to find the minimum of ``t`` with high accuracy.
- The 1-sigma width is the width between points on the parabola for ``t = 1``.

Example with 1 NP



# Leaderboard so far

Results										
Task:					Fact Sheet Answers	Higgs NeurIPS Task 10x100				
#	Participant	Entries	Date	ID	Method Name	Quantile Score	Interval	Coverage	RMSE	Run Time (mins)
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	benevedes	2	2024-10-07 19:30	87099	Test submission	<b>-5.67</b>	1.67	0.6	n/a	7.0
	avencast	7	2024-10-17 13:21	92509	xgboost correct 2.0	<b>-8.19</b>	4.02	0.85	15.66	8.0