



# Data Preparation

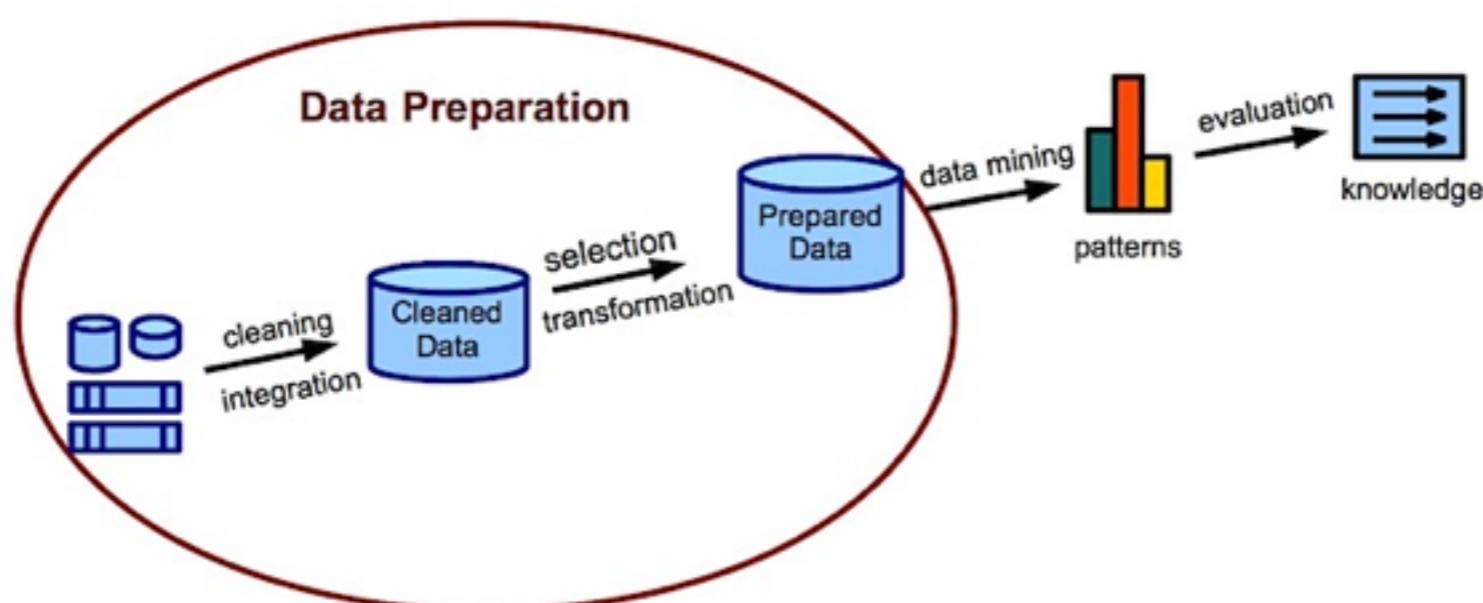
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# Outline

- What is data preparation? Why do we need it?
- formatting, transformation, reduction
- Real-life examples
- Exercise

# What is data preparation?

- Data need to be manipulated prior to analysis
- Poor quality data typically result in incorrect and unreliable analysis results



garbage in, garbage out!

# Manipulation is...

- to expose data in a suitable format
- to select only useful entries
- to remove “bad” entries
  - bad = malformed, taken under faulty conditions, outliers, etc..

# Data formatting

# Plain text format

- Pros:
  - Typically human-readable on small-scale files
  - Easy to create/modify
- Cons:
  - Hardly scalable, highly non-standard
  - Write parser from scratch, always
  - Maybe not best option for machines:
    - large data files
    - unclear how to store non-trivial data

# Advanced text formats

- CSV (comma-separated-values)
- XML (extensible markup language)

# CSV

- fields separated by a comma or other delimiter

```
id,name,email  
0,riccardo,disipio@cern.ch  
1,mario,balotelli@cern.ch
```

- human readable
- parsers available for most languages
  - custom parser “from scratch” easy to implement
- recognized by many commercial programs (excel)
- unclear how to store non-trivial data

# XML

- Markup language, generalizes HTML

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8" ?>
<usersdb>
    <user id="1">
        <name>Riccardo</name>
        <surname>Di Sipio</surname>
        <email type="work">disipio@cern.ch</email>
    </user>
</usersdb>
```

- Highly scalable, simple, general
- Defines standard for document formatting
- Human- and machine-readable
- Parsers available for most popular languages
- Lots of typing if writing from scratch - bad idea anyway

# CSV vs XML

- Example: define ROOT histograms

## C++ code

```
TH1F * h_jet_n      = new TH1F( "jet_n", "No. of Jets", 15, -0.5, 14.5 );
TH1F * h_jet_pt     = new TH1F( "jet_pt", "Jet p_{T}", 20, 0., 1000.);
Double_t edges[5]   = { 300., 500., 800., 1100., 1500. };
TH1F * h_fjet_pt    = new TH1F( "fjet_pt", "Fat Jet p_{T}", 4, edges );
```

## CSV

```
name,title,nbins,xmin,xmax
jet_n,No. of Jets,15,-0.5,14.5
jet_pt,Jet p_{T},20,0.,1000.
fjet_pt,Fat Jet p_{T},4,300.:500.:800.:1100.:1500.
```

## XML

```
<histograms>
  <TH1F name="jet_n" title="No. of Jets" nbins="15" xmin="-0.5" xmax="14.5" />
  <TH1F name="jet_pt" title="Jet p_{T}" nbins="20" xmin="0." xmax="1000." />
  <TH1F name="fjet_pt" title="Fat Jet p_{T}" nbins="4" edges="300.,500.,800.,1100.,1500." />
</histograms>
```

# ROOT Trees (HEP)

- Structured files, contain one or more data containers (tree). Supports compression, distributed files system (XRootD)
- Trees are “tables” containing a series of entries (e.g. events) (rows)
- Each entry has a number of fields (e.g. pT, eta, phi, E, m, q) (columns)
- Not only numbers! Class instances, e.g. histograms or other complex objects
- See also Ivo's talk

```

disipio: root ntuple.root
root [0]
Attaching file ntuple.root as _file0...
root [1] .ls
TFile**      ntuple.root
TFile*       ntuple.root
    KEY: TTree   data;1 Arduino sensors data
root [2] data->Print()
*****
*Tree   :data      : Arduino sensors data
*Entries :          25 : Total =           2994 bytes File Size =      1138 *
*          : Tree compression factor =     1.42
*****
*Br    0 :id       : id/I
*Entries :          25 : Total Size=      631 bytes File Size =      130 *
*Baskets :          1 : Basket Size=    32000 bytes Compression=  1.30
*.....
*Br    1 :timestamp : timestamp/I
*Entries :          25 : Total Size=      666 bytes File Size =      141 *
*Baskets :          1 : Basket Size=    32000 bytes Compression=  1.25
*.....
*Br    2 :volt      : volt/F
*Entries :          25 : Total Size=      641 bytes File Size =      95  *
*Baskets :          1 : Basket Size=    32000 bytes Compression=  1.80
*.....
*Br    3 :temperature : temperature/F
*Entries :          25 : Total Size=      676 bytes File Size =     122 *
*Baskets :          1 : Basket Size=    32000 bytes Compression=  1.46
*.....

```

# Missing Fields

- Input data organized in records (entries)
- Some fields may have missing values
- How to treat these cases? (value = ?)

Case	Attributes			Decision
	Temperature	Headache	Nausea	
1	high	?	no	yes
2	very_high	yes	yes	yes
3	?	no	no	no
4	high	yes	yes	yes
5	high	?	yes	no
6	normal	yes	no	no
7	normal	no	yes	no
8	?	yes	?	yes

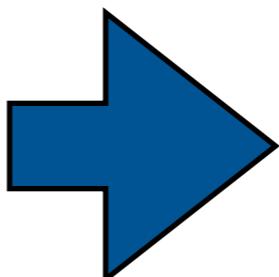
# Missing Values

- A missing value may be present because:
  - it is not available at the data taking (device off-line, person refused to answer)
  - it was mistakenly erased
  - Noisy communication channel
- Action need to be taken:
  - Discard the entire dataset
  - Remove/skip entries containing missing fields
  - Assign default value (NULL,0,1,out-of-range)
  - Extrapolate from the other non-empty fields
  - Statistical evaluation, random

# Missing Values

- Delete entries

Case	Attributes			Decision
	Temperature	Headache	Nausea	
1	high	?	no	yes
2	very_high	yes	yes	yes
3	?	no	no	no
4	high	yes	yes	yes
5	high	?	yes	no
6	normal	yes	no	no
7	normal	no	yes	no
8	?	yes	?	yes

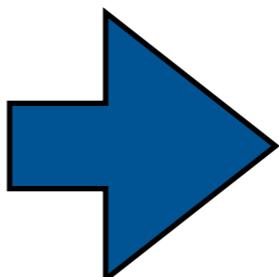


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2	high	yes	yes	yes
3	normal	yes	no	no
4	normal	no	yes	no

# Missing Values

- Replace missing field with most common value

Case	Attributes			Decision
	Temperature	Headache	Nausea	
1	high	?	no	yes
2	very_high	yes	yes	yes
3	?	no	no	no
4	high	yes	yes	yes
5	high	?	yes	no
6	normal	yes	no	no
7	normal	no	yes	no
8	?	yes	?	yes

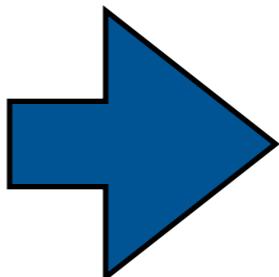


Case	Attributes			Decision
	Temperature	Headache	Nausea	
1	high		yes	no
2	very_high		yes	yes
3	high		no	no
4	high		yes	yes
5	high		yes	yes
6	normal		yes	no
7	normal		no	yes
8	high		yes	yes

# Missing Values

- Replace missing field with mean value

Case	Attributes			Decision
	Temperature	Headache	Nausea	
Flu				
1	100.2	?	no	yes
2	102.6	yes	yes	yes
3	?	no	no	no
4	99.6	yes	yes	yes
5	99.8	?	yes	no
6	96.4	yes	no	no
7	96.6	no	yes	no
8	?	yes	?	yes



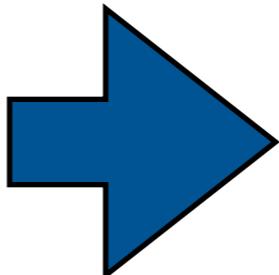
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2	102.6	yes	yes	yes
3	99.2	no	no	no
4	99.6	yes	yes	yes
5	99.8	yes	yes	no
6	96.4	yes	no	no
7	96.6	no	yes	no
8	99.2	yes	yes	yes

need numerical values!

# Missing Values

- Replace missing field with all possible values

Case	Attributes			Decision
	Temperature	Headache	Nausea	
1	high	?	no	yes
2	very_high	yes	yes	yes
3	?	no	no	no
4	high	yes	yes	yes
5	high	?	yes	no
6	normal	yes	no	no
7	normal	no	yes	no
8	?	yes	?	yes



Case	Attributes			Decision
	Temperature	Headache	Nausea	
1 <sup>i</sup>	high		yes	no
1 <sup>ii</sup>	high		no	yes
2	very_high		yes	yes
3 <sup>i</sup>	high		no	no
3 <sup>ii</sup>	very_high		no	no
3 <sup>iii</sup>	normal		no	no
4	high		yes	yes
5 <sup>i</sup>	high		yes	yes
5 <sup>ii</sup>	high		no	no
6	normal		yes	no
7	normal		no	yes
8 <sup>i</sup>	high		yes	yes
8 <sup>ii</sup>	high		yes	no
8 <sup>iii</sup>	very_high		yes	yes
8 <sup>iv</sup>	very_high		yes	no
8 <sup>v</sup>	normal		yes	yes
8 <sup>vi</sup>	normal		yes	no
				yes

Resulting table may be inconsistent!

Specify a set of rule to deal with such cases

# Data transformation

# Why?

- Communication bandwidth is always limited  
→ compress data
  - *bit streams, binary formats. need unpacking*
- Expose data into a different, standardized representation → transform data
  - *normalization, structure of arrays (SoA), arrays of structures (AoS)*

- Structure of Arrays (SoA) or Array of Structures (AoS)?
- See also [this page](#)

```
typedef struct {
    double pT;
    double eta;
    double phi;
    double E;
    int q;
} Particle;
Particle particles[3];
```

```
typedef struct {
    double pT[3];
    double eta[3];
    double phi[3];
    double E[3];
    int q[3];
} DataList;
DataList data;
```

Preferred by humans  
Objects “have” properties

Preferred by computers  
Improve memory utilization  
Gain from vectorization/SIMD

double	double	double	double	int
double	double	double	double	int
double	double	double	double	int

double	double	double
int	int	int

# Why?

- Communication bandwidth is always limited → compress data
  - lossless compressions:
    - data can be recovered 1-1
    - error rate should not increase before/after
    - information loss tolerable: jpeg, mp3
  - Overhead < size(data)
  - Redundancy (e.g. noisy channels)

## A *lossless compression gone bad*

Original data encapsulated as ROOT TLorentzVector - large overhead, flexible

Data transformed in plain ntuple - just a list of float/int values

TLorentzVector → (px,py,pz,E)

which repr. do you chose?

TLorentzVector → (pT,eta,phi,E)

overhead  
redundancy  
flexibility

- Option #1: sum of momenta straightforward (e.g. reconstruct inv. mass)
- Option #2: most common representation. quick to fill histograms

*Option #2 was chosen to spot potential errors at glance (weird pT values). Unfortunately, analyzers had to convert the four-momenta to option #1 all the times because of interfaces to external libraries*  
*Redundancy was not an option due to limited disk space*

*discuss first what final users want!*

# When?

- Device  $\Rightarrow$  Computing devices (bit stream)
- Peer-to-peer transmission over network
- Disk space is an issue

# Where?

- On-board, firmware
- Servers

# Data reduction

# Why?

- Not all data are interesting!
  - Good run list: discard events taken under faulty conditions (busy/offline/tripped sub-detectors)
  - Reconstruct  $Z \rightarrow \mu\mu$ . Acquire events with a single-lepton ( $\mu$ ) trigger, discard those with only 1  $\mu$

# Where

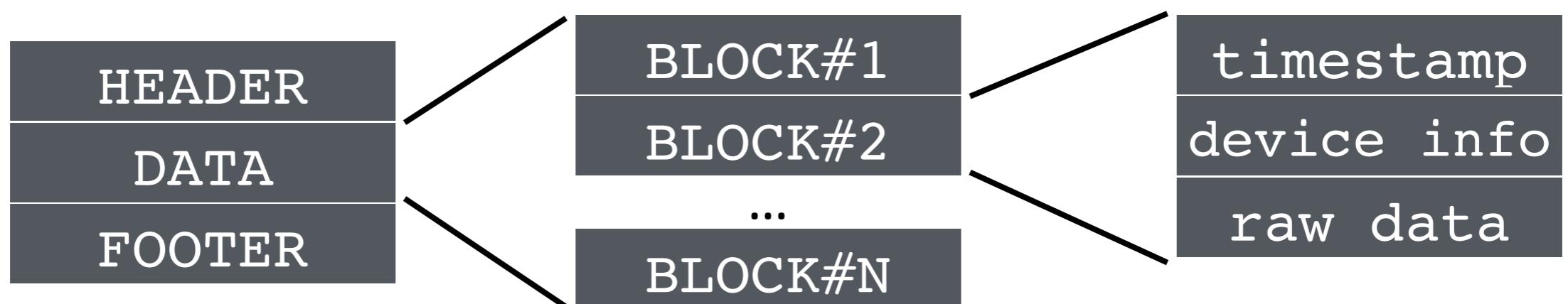
- Computing farm, CERN Grid
- “Distill” only interesting events, then store them somewhere else typically closer to the final user
- Bookkeeping very important for large datasets!



# Real-life examples

# Bit Streams

- Common in device output
- Organized in bunch of hex “words” of fixed length (e.g. 8 words = 32 bits)
- Often encapsulated as:



# Bit Streams

- Need a:
  - **format**, often defined in a document
  - **encoder**, often on-board firmware
  - **decoder**, often a C++/FORTRAN program

# Bit Streams

What	Format	Comment	
Start Stream word	0xC1A0F0F0	Fixed value for EDRO1 or	HEADER
Start Stream word	0xC1A0F0F1	Fixed value for EDRO2	
Event counter and trigger flags	0xXXXXXXXXYZ	Progressive Event built counter (bits 31-10) and extended trigger flags (bits 9-0)	
BCO counter	0xXXXXXXXXXX	Long format BCO counter at the build time	
Clk counter	0xXXXXXXXXXX	Internal 40 MHz clock counter	
Trigger Data	0xA0A000TS	Trigger information. Bits 31-8 fixed to “0xA0A000” Bits 7-5 fixed to 0 Bits 4-0, Time stamp of the event	device info
AM Data	0xXXXXXXXXXX	Associative memory data as received ( $N_{AM}$ words)	
Hit blocks Up to 8 blocks, one per layer ID: bits 26-24	0xDDHHHHHH	Hits from a given layer ( $N_i$ words) Bits 31-27 fixed to 1B, Bits 26-24 identifier of the input line (0-7) Bits 23-0 Hits as received from the FED Last word in the block is an End-Event	raw data
End Stream word	0xB1EB1E0F	Fixed value	
Check word	0xXXXXXXXXXX	The XOR of all words in an event including this should be 0	FOOTER

Table 2: Format of the EDRO event: a complete event include the Start Stream word, 3 counters, 1 trigger flag, 1 trigger data block, 8 hit blocks, the End Stream word and a check word, for a minimum of 15 words for pure empty events.

```

53) 1100 1100 0001 0010 0011 0100 1100 1100 cc1234cc Event header
54) 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0111 0010 00000072 +
55) 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 1011 0000000b +
56) 0000 0011 0000 0001 0000 0000 0000 0000 03010000 +
57) 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0001 00000001 +
58) 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0001 00000001 +
59) 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 00000000 +
60) 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0011 00000003 +
61) 0000 0000 0000 0000 1100 0001 1000 00000c18 + Run Number 3096
62) 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 00000000 +
63) 0000 0000 0010 1011 0100 1011 0101 0010 002b4b52 +
64) 1101 1101 0001 0010 0011 0100 1101 1101 dd1234dd + ROB header
65) 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0010 1101 0000002d + *
66) 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 1010 0000000a + *
67) 0000 0011 0000 0001 0000 0000 0000 0000 03010000 + *
68) 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 00000000 + *
69) 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0011 00000003 + *
70) 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 00000000 + *
71) 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 00000000 + *
72) 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 00000000 + *
73) 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 00000000 + *
74) 1110 1110 0001 0010 0011 0100 1110 1110 ee1234ee + * ROD header
75) 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 1001 00000009 + * Format version 9
76) 0000 0011 0000 0001 0000 0000 0000 0000 03010000 + *
77) 1110 1101 1010 0000 0011 0000 0000 0000 eda03000 + * Source ID: Slave
78) 0010 0010 0010 1001 0110 1110 1000 1111 22296e8f + * BX: 573140623
79) 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 00000000 + * Lvl1ID: 0
80) 0000 0000 0010 1011 0100 1011 0101 0010 002b4b52 + * BCO: 2837330
81) 0001 0000 0000 0001 0000 1011 0001 1010 10010b1a + * Trigger type: EXT TS: 26
82) 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 00000000 + * Event type: 0
83) 0000 0000 0011 0000 0000 0000 0010 00030002 + * N Hit Words 0-3: (3, 1, 4, 1, )
84) 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 00000000 + * N Hit Words 4-7: (1, 1, 1, 1, )
85) 1010 0000 1010 0000 0000 0000 0001 1010 a0a0001a + * Start trigger 0 trks End Trigger
86) 1101 1000 0000 0000 0010 0000 0000 d8000200 + * Hit Block for line 0
87) 1101 1000 0001 1010 1011 1001 0001 0100 d81ab914 + * Hit Block for line 0
88) 1101 1000 0001 1010 1010 0101 0010 1001 d81aa529 + * Hit Block for line 0
89) 1101 1001 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 d9000000 + * Hit Block for line 1
90) 1101 1010 0000 0000 0011 0000 0000 da000300 + * Hit Block for line 2
91) 1101 1010 0001 1010 1010 1001 1000 0000 dalaa980 + * Hit Block for line 2
92) 1101 1010 0001 1010 1011 1001 1000 0010 dalab982 + * Hit Block for line 2
93) 1101 1010 0001 1010 1010 0101 0010 1001 dalaa529 + * Hit Block for line 2
94) 1101 1011 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 db000000 + * Hit Block for line 3
95) 1101 1100 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 dc000000 + * Hit Block for line 4
96) 1101 1101 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 dd000000 + * Hit Block for line 5
97) 1101 1110 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 de000000 + * Hit Block for line 6
98) 1101 1111 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 df000000 + * Hit Block for line 7
99) 1001 1010 1111 1111 1111 1111 1111 9affffff + *
100) 1011 1010 1111 1111 1111 1111 1111 baafffff + *
101) 1101 1010 1111 1111 1111 1111 1111 daffffff + *
102) 1111 1010 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 fa000000 + *
103) 1011 0001 1110 1011 0001 1110 0000 1111 b1eb1e0f + * End ROD
104) 1111 1001 0001 1101 0110 0011 1101 1110 f91d63de + * End ROB; Checksum ok

```

# Higgs Challenge

<https://www.kaggle.com/c/higgs-boson>

- Use the ATLAS Experiment to identify the Higgs boson!
- Machine learning challenge: register, download the data, run your AI program, upload the result, win \$7000
- Separate signal from background
- Program providing better separation (AMS) wins

$$\text{AMS} = \sqrt{2 \left( (s + b + b_r) \log \left( 1 + \frac{s}{b + b_r} \right) - s \right)}$$

# Higgs Challenge

- training: 250,000 events with ID + 30 features
- test: 500,000 with ID + 30 features
- Run on training, then on test

```
EventId,DER_mass_MMC,DER_mass_transverse_met_lep,DER_mass_vis,DER_pt_h,DER_deltaeta_jet_jet,DER_mass_jet_jet,DER_prodeta_jet_jet,DER_deltar_tau_lep,DER_pt_tot,DER_sum_pt,DER_pt_ratio_lep_tau,DER_met_phi_centrality,DER_lep_eta_centrality,PRI_tau_pt,PRI_tau_eta,PRI_tau_phi,PRI_lep_pt,PRI_lep_eta,PRI_lep_phi,PRI_met,PRI_met_phi,PRI_met_sumet,PRI_jet_num,PRI_jet_leading_pt,PRI_jet_leading_eta,PRI_jet_leading_phi,PRI_jet_subleading_pt,PRI_jet_subleading_eta,PRI_jet_subleading_phi,PRI_jet_all_pt  
350000,-999.0,79.589,23.916,3.036,-999.0,-999.0,-999.0,0.903,3.036,56.018,1.536,-1.404,-999.0,22.088,-0.54,-0.609,33.93,-0.504,-1.511,48.509,2.022,98.556,0,-999.0,-999.0,-999.0,-999.0,-999.0,-0.0  
350001,106.398,67.49,87.949,49.994,-999.0,-999.0,-999.0,2.048,2.679,132.865,1.777,-1.204,-999.0,30.716,-1.784,3.054,54.574,-0.169,1.795,21.093,-1.138,176.251,1,47.575,-0.553,-0.849,-999.0,-999.0,-999.0,47.575  
bla bla bla
```

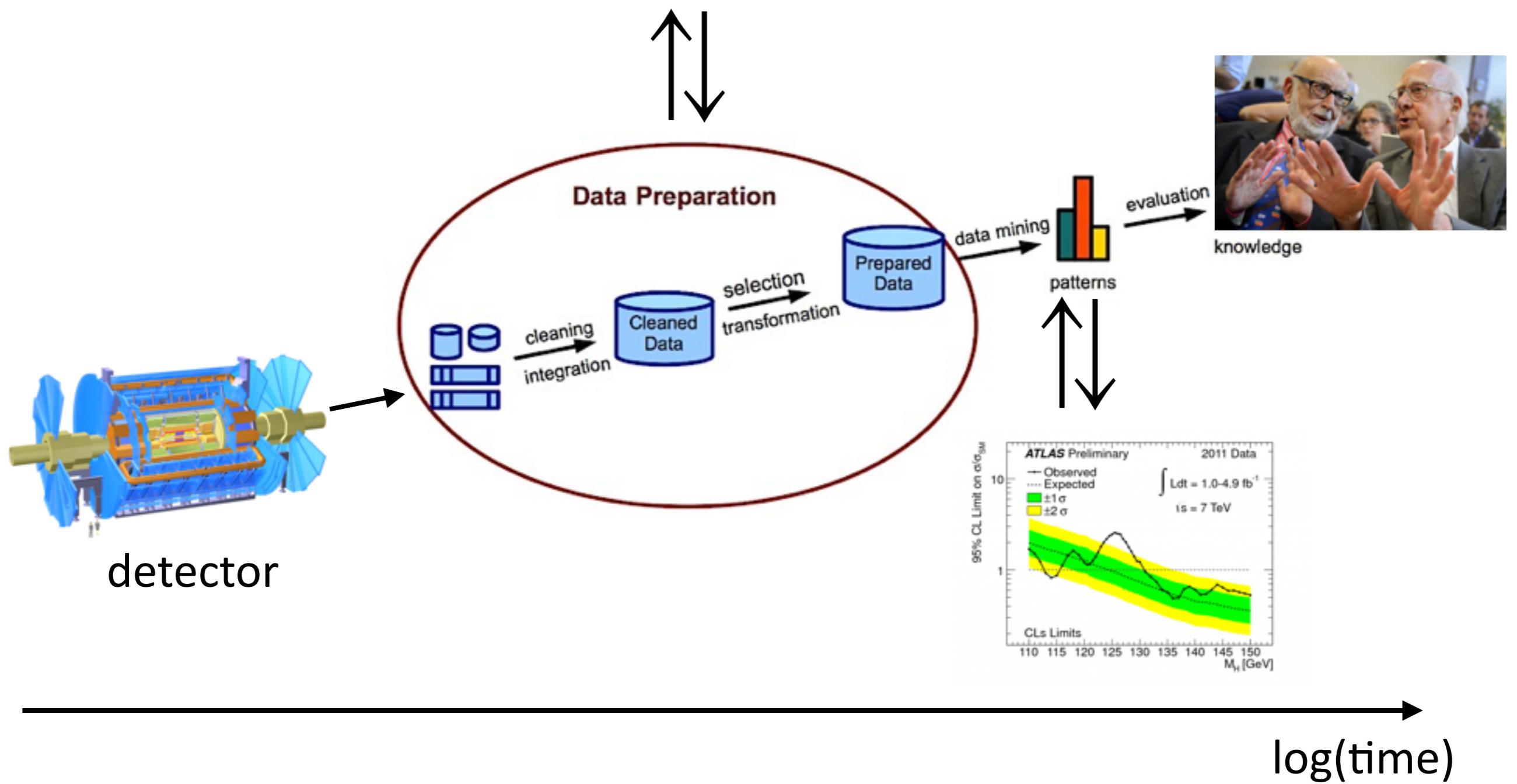
# Higgs Challenge

- submission: see the evaluation page for details:  
<https://www.kaggle.com/c/higgs-boson/details/evaluation>

```
EventId,RankOrder,Class  
1,2,b  
2,541234,s  
3,5,b  
4,1,b  
5,542456,s  
...  
...
```

# Data Preparation in HEP

computing  
grid



# many aspects have to be covered!

Data Quality

Calibration

Run Conditions

Detector  
Simulation

Prompt  
Reconstruction

Magnetic Field

Non-Collisions  
Background

Reprocessing

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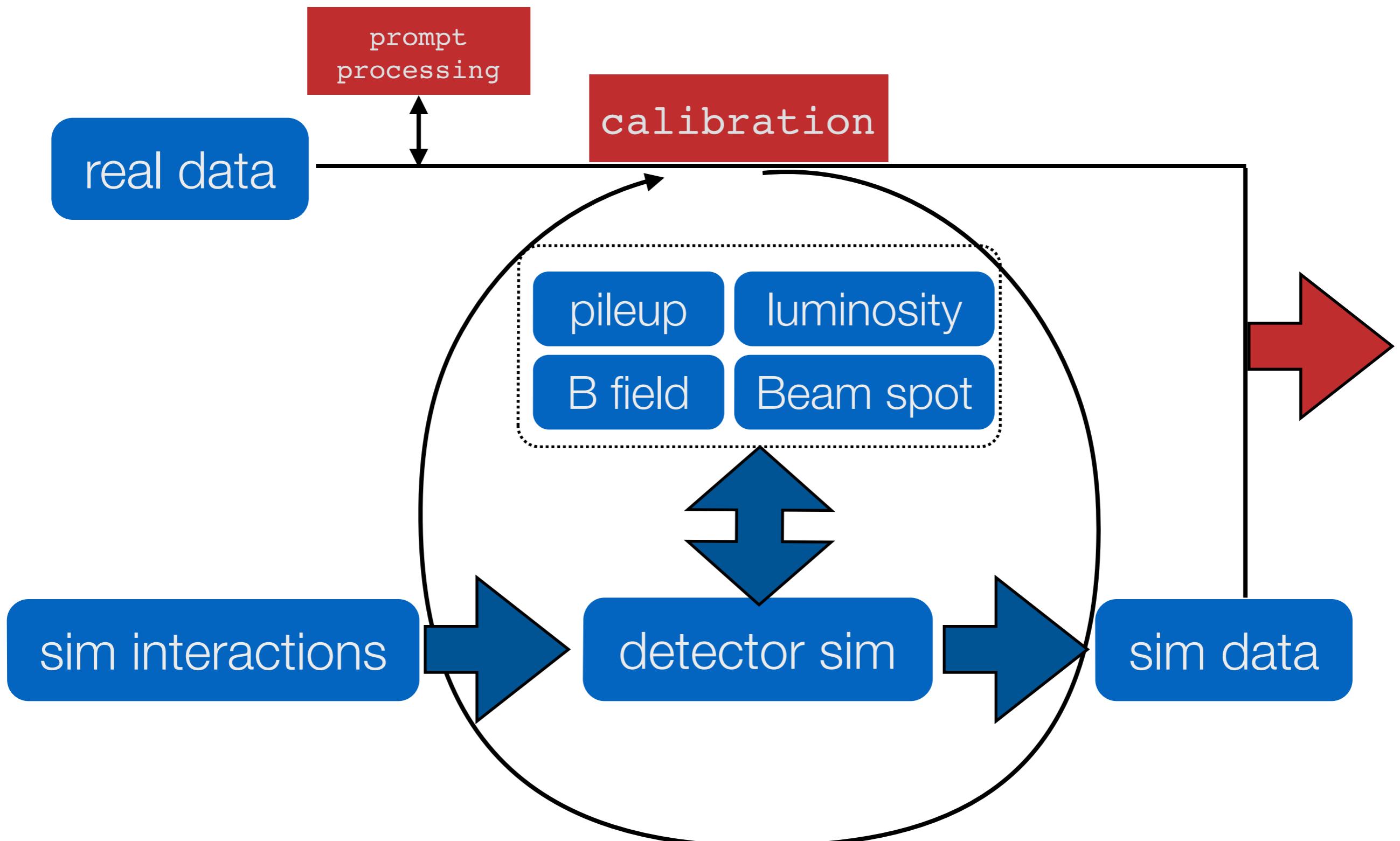
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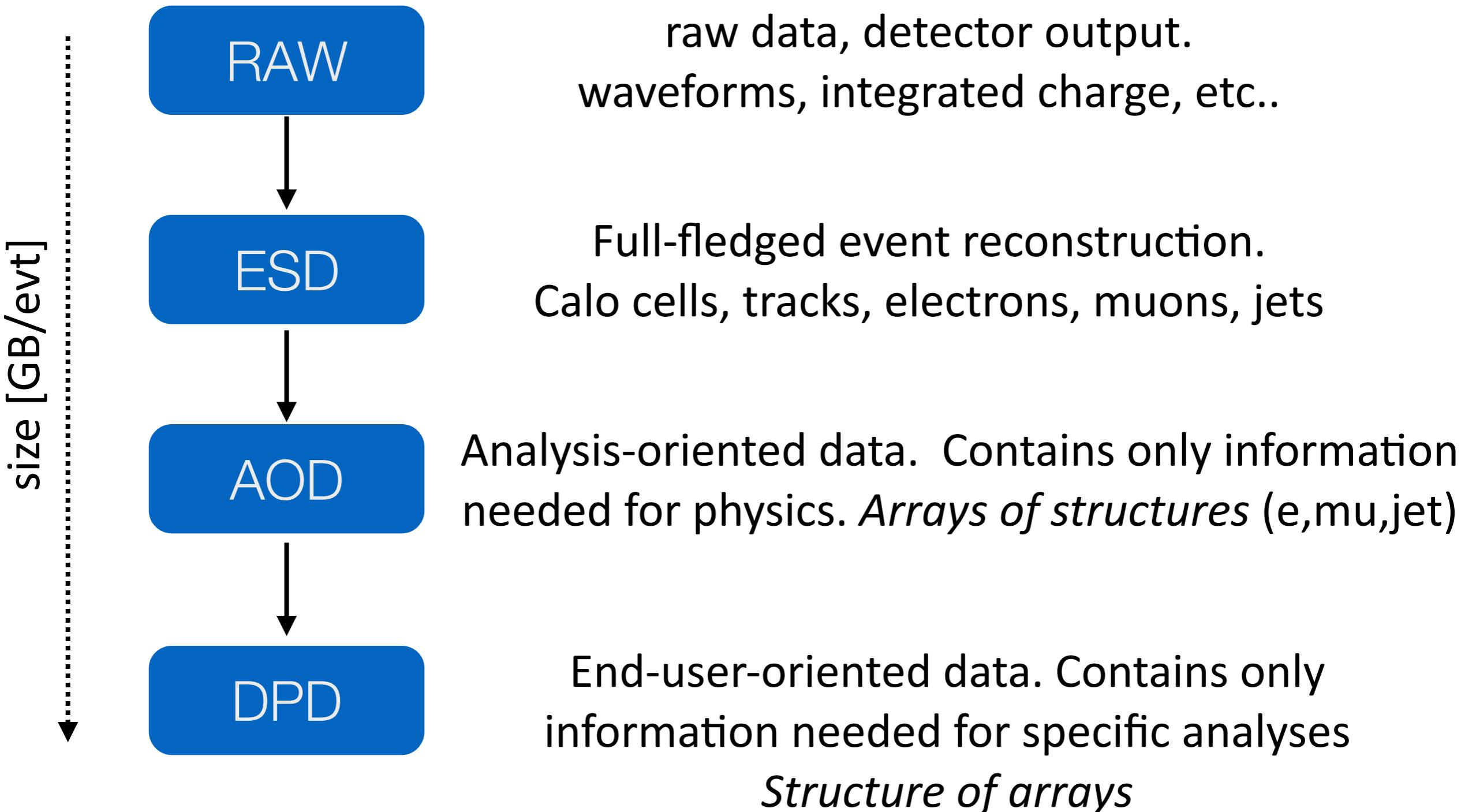
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# Data Preparation Cycle

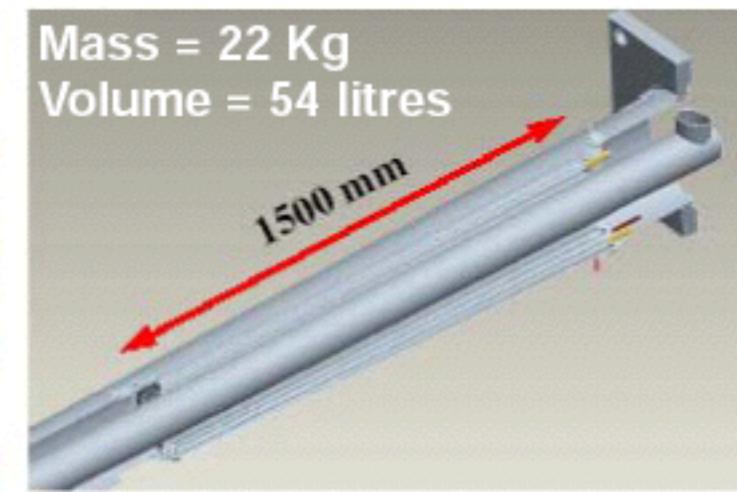
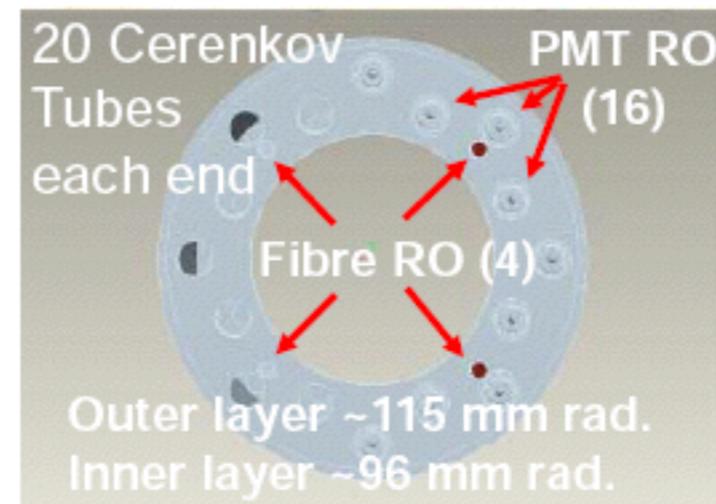


# Data distillery (ATLAS)

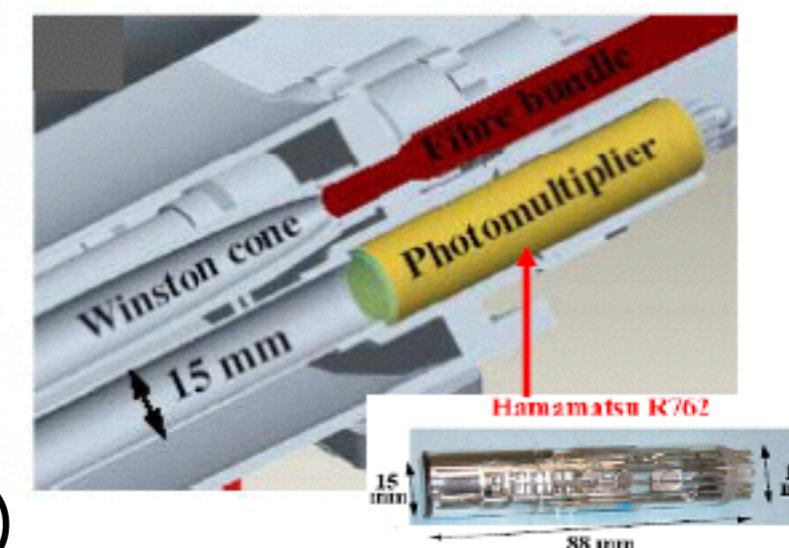
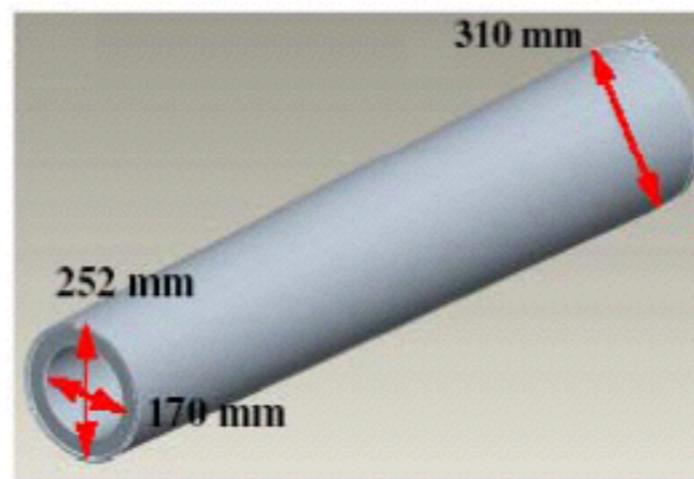


# LUCID's PMTs calibration

- Cherenkov light detector for online luminosity



- Inelastic pp collisions in the forward direction



- Measure integrated and instantaneous luminosity and beam conditions

- 20 aluminum tubes filled with air (was: C4F10)

- Two twin detectors placed at both sides of ATLAS pointing towards the interaction point

- Covering  $5.61 < |\eta| < 5.93$

- Light collected by photomultiplier tubes (PMTs)

- More info: <https://twiki.cern.ch/twiki/bin/view/Atlas/LucidDescription>

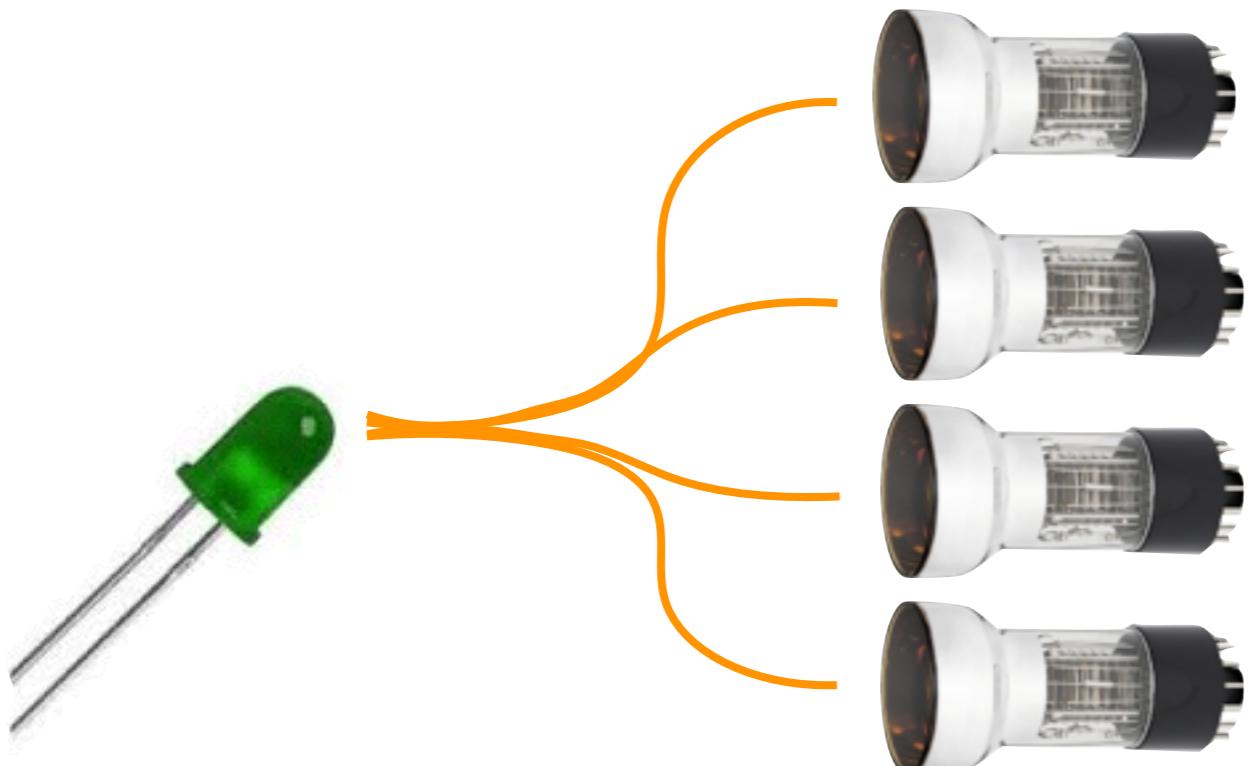
# in a nutshell

- Cherenkov rad. → PMT signal → discriminator → hits
- Collection of hits → Events
- Event rate  $\sim$  luminosity (Poisson distribution).  
Prop. factor calibrated using Van der Meer scan
- Several algorithms devised to provide luminosity per LB

# PMT Calibration

Calibration = keep PMT gain constant

LED → optical fibers → PMTs

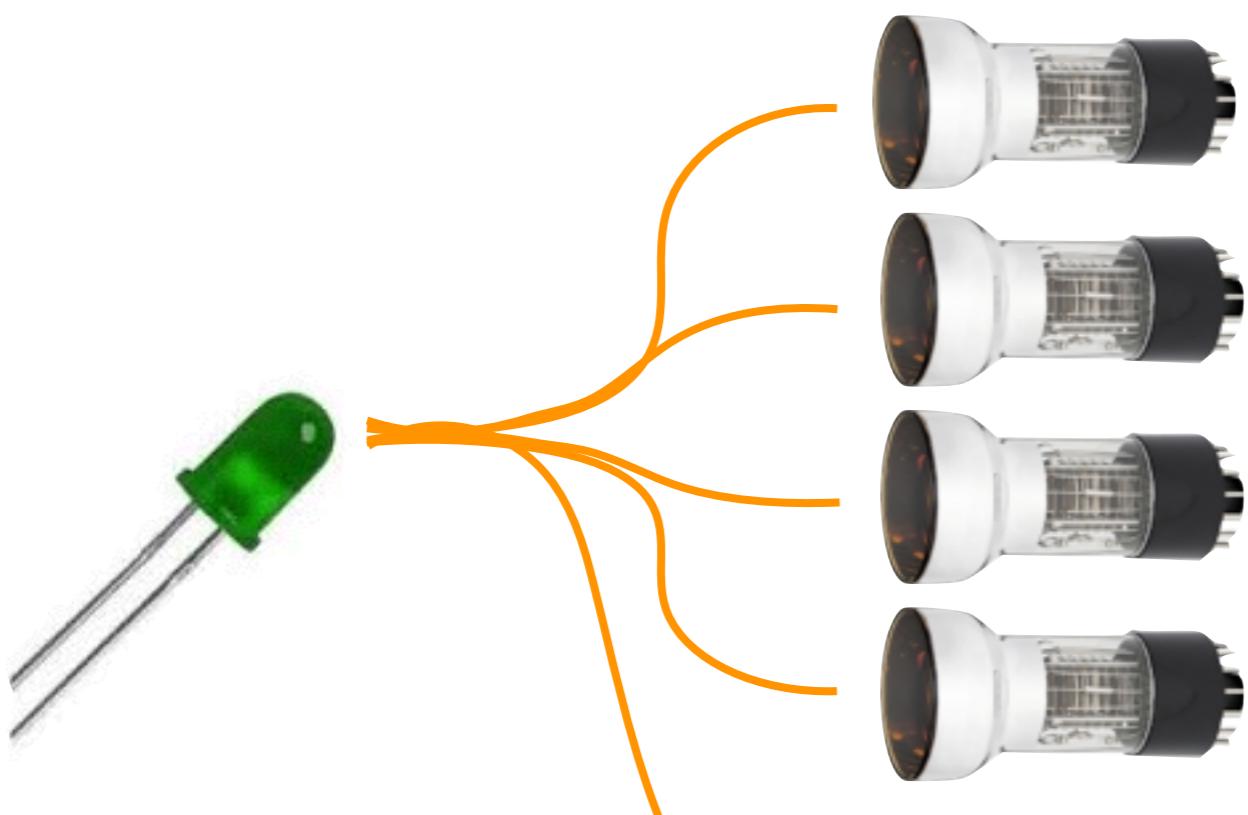


- photocathode aging
- fibers not rad-hard
- LED fluctuates

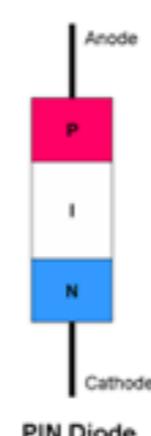
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- fibers not rad-hard
- LED fluctuates

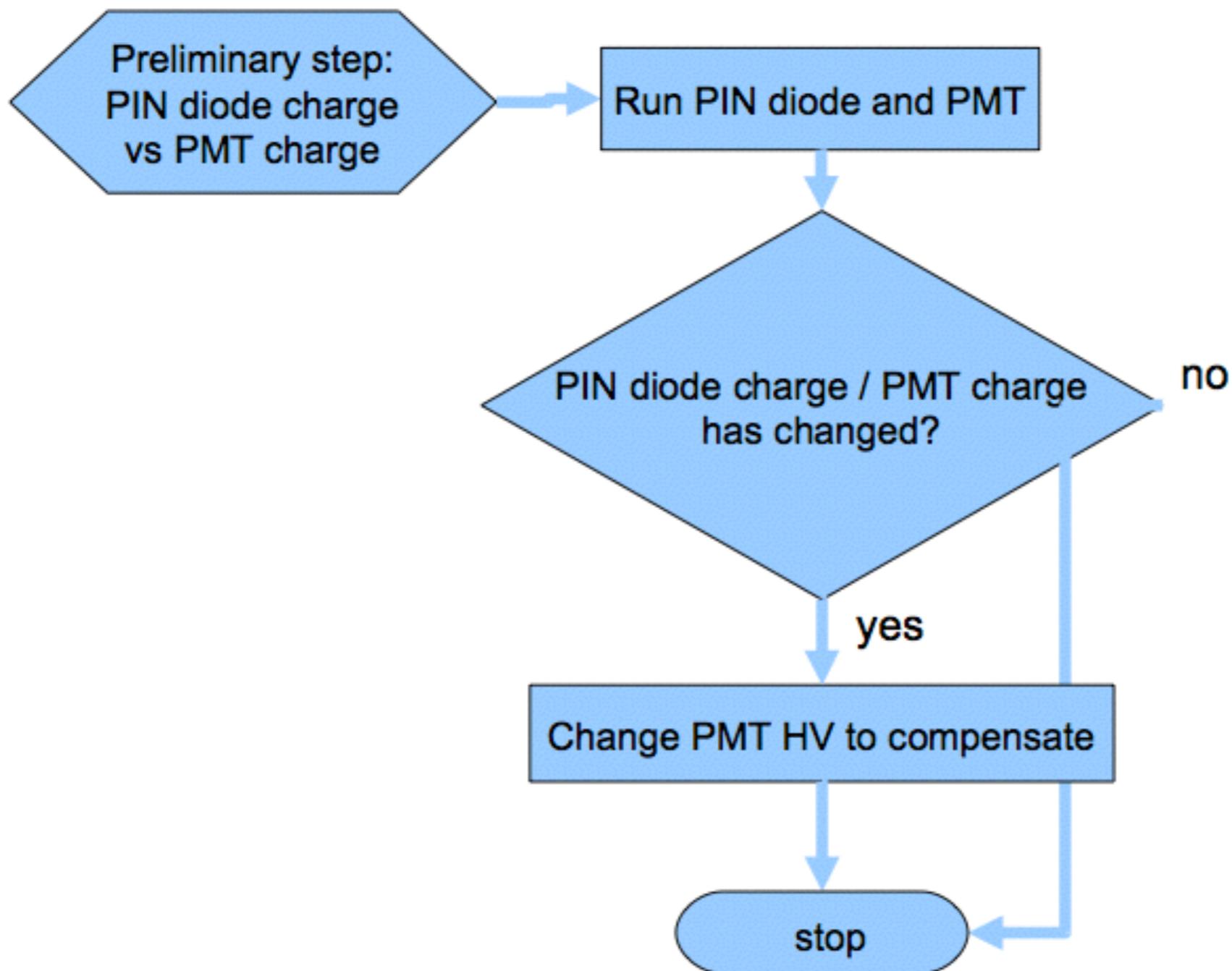


PIN diode (very stable, rad-hard)

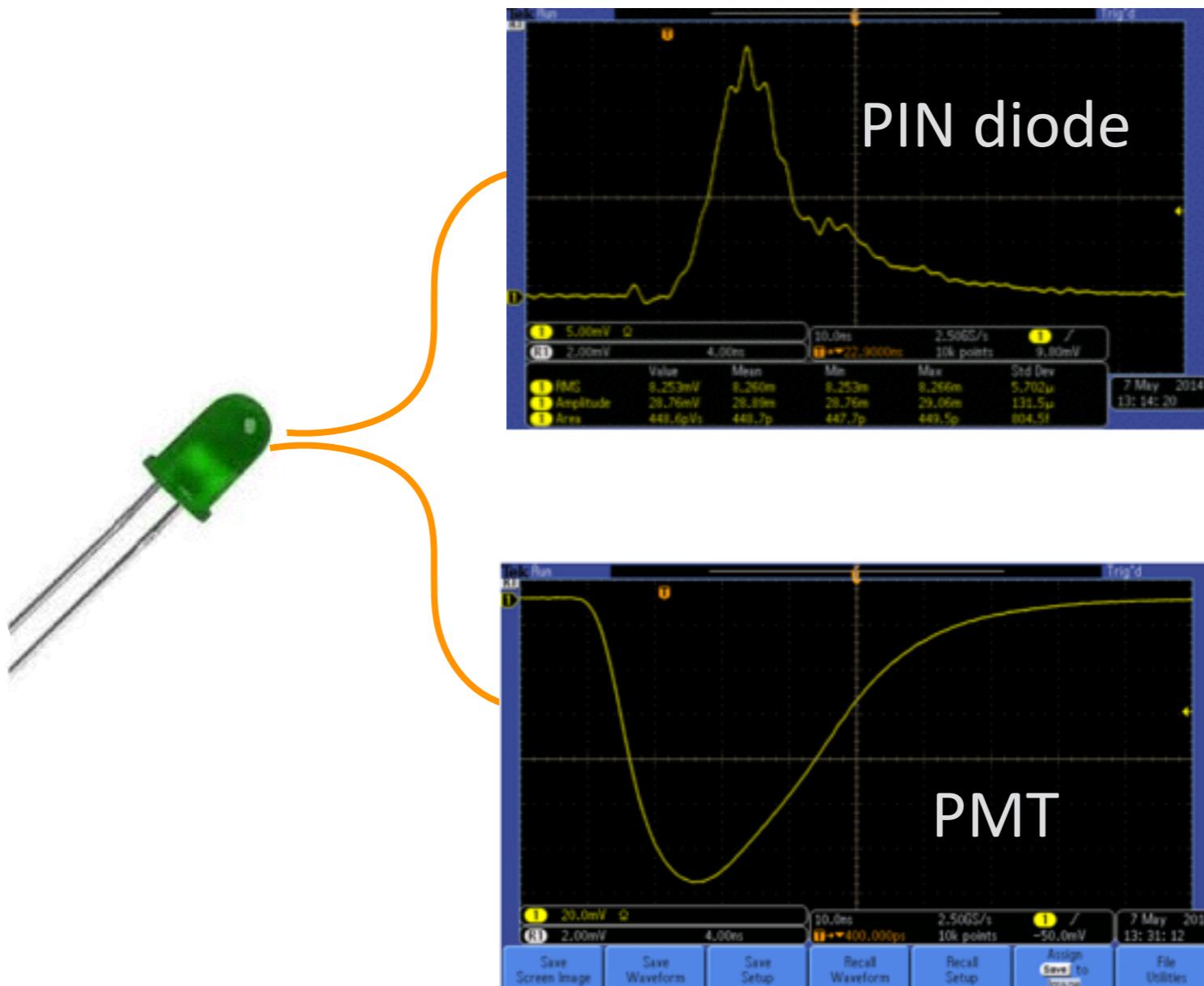
⇒ Compare int'd charges

PIN diode vs PMTs

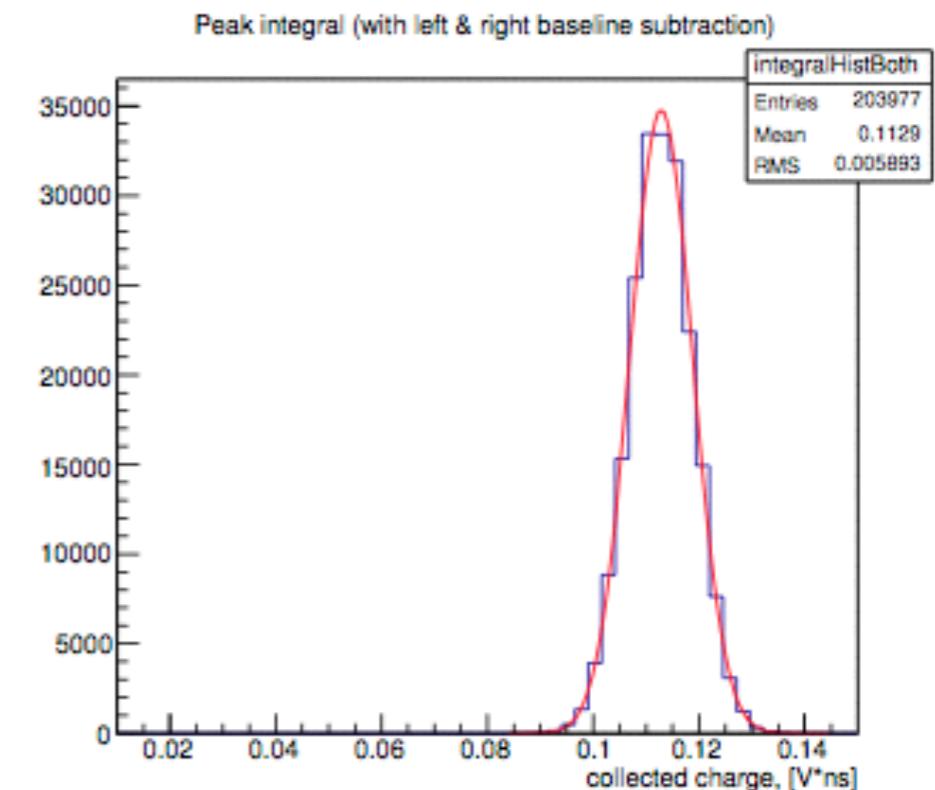
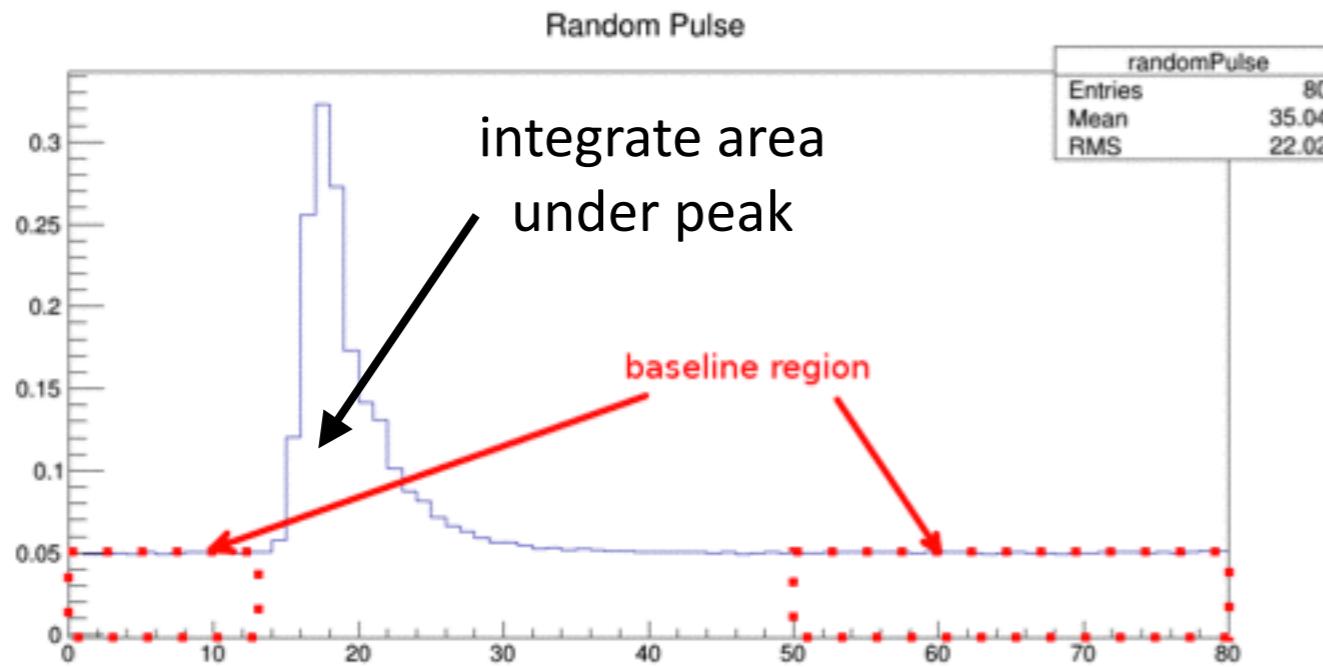
# PMT Calibration



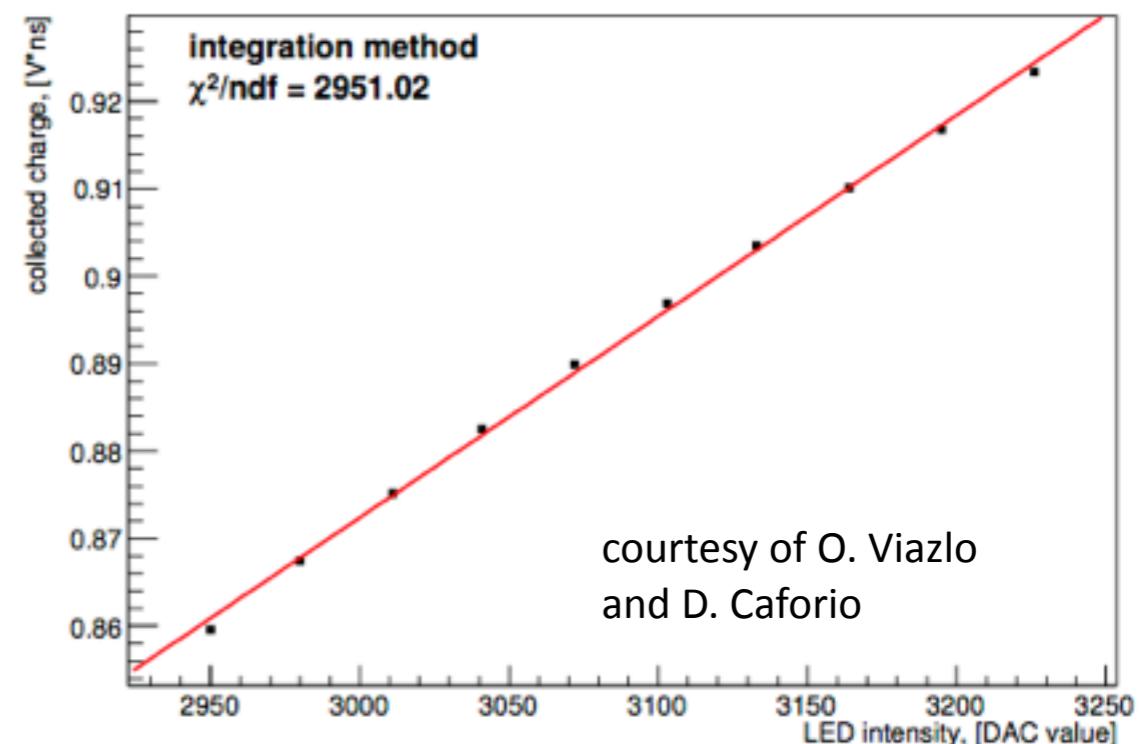
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- integrate pulse:  $Q_{pulse}$
- integrate baseline:  $Q_{BL}$
- calculate charge in peak:  $Q_{peak} = Q_{pulse} - Q_{BL} \frac{80}{n_{BL}}$ 
  - total number of bins in pulse: 80 bins
  - $n_{BL}$  - number of bins used to measure baseline
- fit charge distribution with gaussian;  
take mean as nominal value and sigma as error



# Under the trunk

- TDAQ sw drives the LED, reads, stores and moves the data taken from the FADC
- PMT current can be read from the FADC or by the DCS power supply
  - Implemented in Siemens' SIMATIC WinCC Open Architecture (was: PVSS) (proprietary sw)
  - Data are stored in “data points” and moved around by the sw infrastructure

# Under the trunk

- During calibration:
  - Each event is compressed into a binary files containing histograms, numerical values, etc.
  - TDAQ sw moves those files to rack computers
  - Files are unpacked to ROOT files by a cronjob
  - A script reads those files and plain txt files containing information about the int'd charges
  - A program is run to calculate the PMT/PIN ratio

**That's all, folks**

# Bibliography

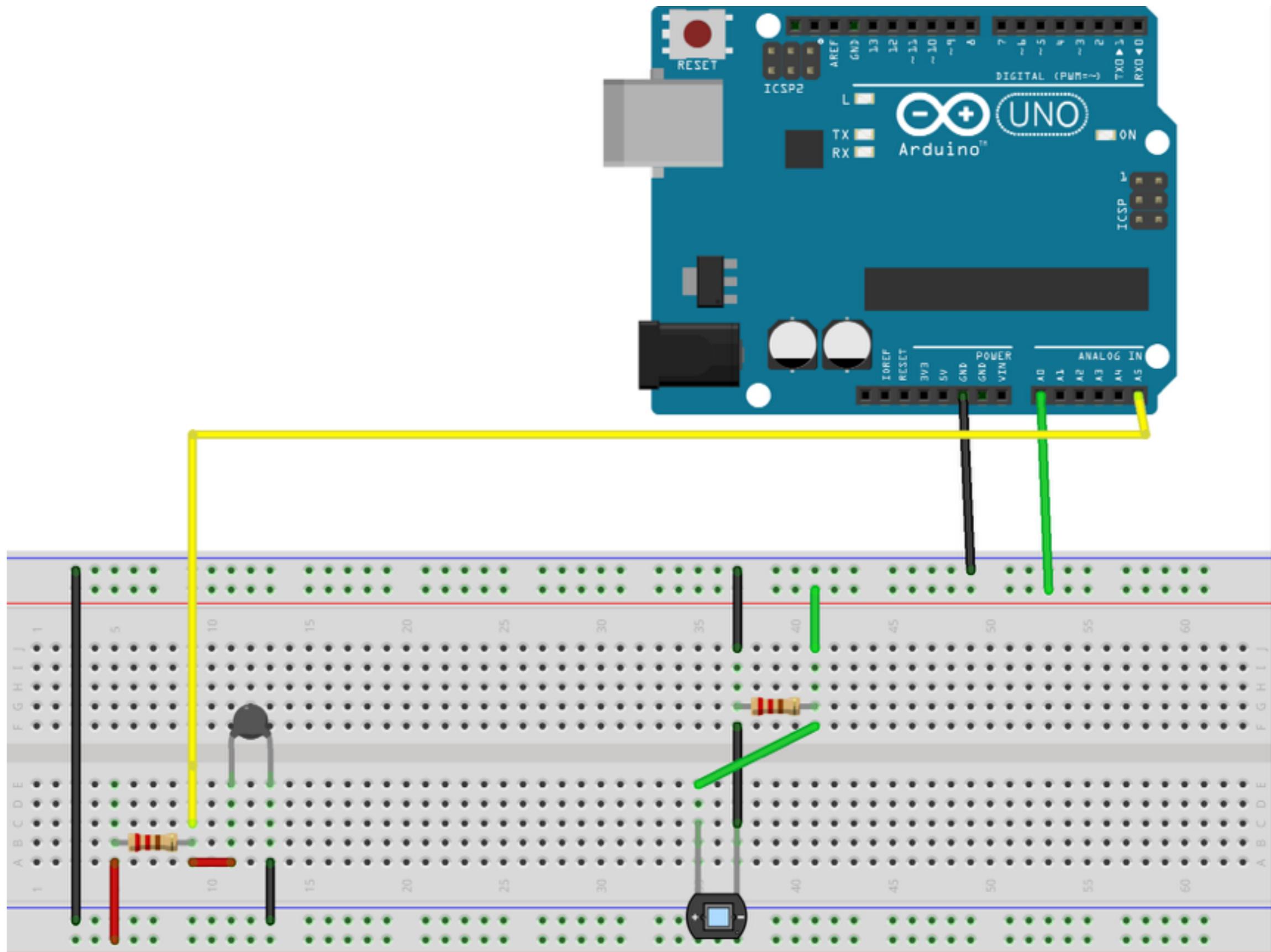
Most of these topics are “oral tradition” or described in handbooks.  
Suggested readings:

- O. Maimon and L. Rokach, *Data mining and knowledge discovery handbook*, Springer  
[http://www.cs.bme.hu/nagyadat/  
Data Mining and Knowledge Discovery.pdf](http://www.cs.bme.hu/nagyadat/Data_Mining_and_Knowledge_Discovery.pdf)
- A. Kuhlmann et al., *Data mining on Crash Simulation Data*, arXiv:cs/0505008v1  
<http://arxiv.org/pdf/cs/0505008v1.pdf>
- Data preparation in ATLAS:  
*Improved luminosity determination in pp collisions at  $\sqrt{s} = 7$  TeV using the ATLAS detector at the LHC*, arXiv:[1302.4393v2](https://arxiv.org/abs/1302.4393v2)

**Hands-on  
exercise**

# Objectives

- Arduino board reads two sensors (luminance, temperature) and sends an output stream to a computer
- The output stream is published on a web page, generated on request
- Students have to decode the stream w/ sanity check, create and store a ROOT tree
- Then fill histograms, fit distributions, quote final values
- All materials on GIT hub:  
<https://github.com/rdisipio/HASCO2014>



thermistor (temperature)

photodiode (luminance)

fritzing

# Data format

- A stream consists of a series of bits, grouped as four 8-bits words (32 bits in total)
- A stream must start with a 0xc1a0c1a0 (header) marker
- After the header, the number of events is stated: 0xa0a00000 + hex(number of events)
- For each event:
  - Event ID number: 0xe0000000 + hex(event ID)
  - Timestamp as the time in seconds since “the epoch” (01/01/1970) as a floating point number.
  - 0xd0000000 + 1000 times the Photodiode voltage (uint)
  - 0xd1000000 + 1000 times the Thermistor temperature (Celsius, uint)
- A stream must end with a 0xb1eb1e0f (footer) marker
- Finally, the checksum represented by the XOR of all the words contained in the stream except the checksum. The XOR of all the words contained in the stream *including the checksum* must be zero.

[https://github.com/rdisipio/HASCO2014/blob/master/arduino4hasco2014\\_format.pdf](https://github.com/rdisipio/HASCO2014/blob/master/arduino4hasco2014_format.pdf)

## A stream containing 5 events looks like this:

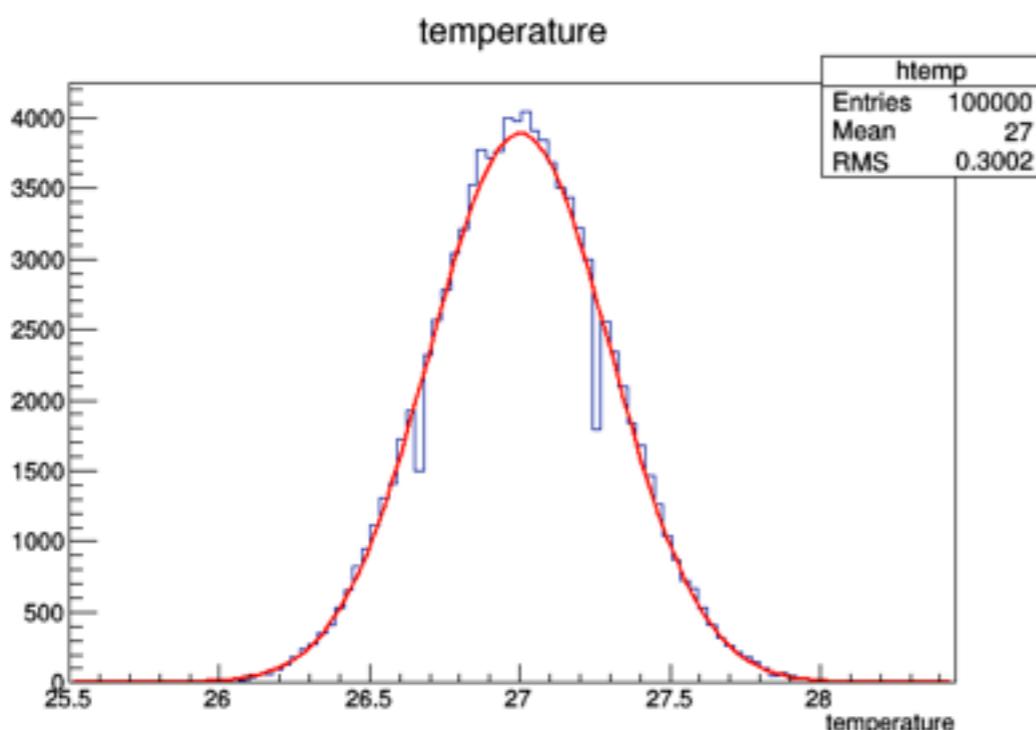
0xc1a0c1a0	header
0xa0a00005	number of events (5)
0xe0000000	event #1
0x53cf699	timestamp
0xd0000c26	1000 * photodiode voltage
0xd1006b4e	1000 * thermistor temperature
0xe0000001	event #2
0x53cf699	
0xd0000c62	
0xd1006ab8	
0xe0000002	event #3
0x53cf699	
0xd0000c08	
0xd10069a0	
0xe0000003	event #4
0x53cf699	
0xd00000c8	
0xd10069b4	
0xe0000004	event #5
0x53cf699	
0xd0000082	
0xd10068b0	
0xb1eb1e0f	footer
0x62247c63	checksum

# Your turn!

- Warm up with the simulated stream.dat (100k events)
- Then, try to read real data from the web server
  - [http://0.0.0.0:5000/get\\_data](http://0.0.0.0:5000/get_data)

[https://github.com/rdisipio/HASCO2014/blob/master/get\\_data.py](https://github.com/rdisipio/HASCO2014/blob/master/get_data.py)

[https://github.com/rdisipio/HASCO2014/blob/master/a\\_5\\_minutes\\_python\\_primer.pdf](https://github.com/rdisipio/HASCO2014/blob/master/a_5_minutes_python_primer.pdf)



- temperature/luminance correlated?
- Wrong entries? How do you react?