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Systematic Errors in Particle Physics

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We consider some issues in the estimation of systematic errors as commonly performed by particle physicists. This is important in an era when large data samples reduce statistical errors to very small values, so that systematic uncertainties dominate. We highlight inconsistencies in the definitions and techniques currently used by some analysts, and offer guidelines for a more rigorous approach. Such estimates are more accurate, and in general smaller, than those from traditional practice.

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