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# Gaussian Processes

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# Global Analysis - Statistical Inference

1. Pick point  $\theta$  in model  $M$
2. Predict  $y = f(\theta) + \varepsilon$
3. Compare  $y$  with data  $D$



**SLOW for the LHC!**

Repeat (cleverly) until we understand the impact of  $D$  on  $M$ .

# Eliminating Bottlenecks with Machine Learning

**Problem:** If calculating predictions is expensive, inference becomes prohibitive.

E.g. Predicting signal events at the LHC.  $N_s = L\sigma\epsilon$

**Solution:** Replace expensive calculation with a cheap surrogate function.

Use **machine learning** to construct this surrogate.

# Why Gaussian Processes?

**Non-parametric:** No need to assume a functional form.

 **Probabilistic:** Produces posteriors, i.e. estimates error.

**Bayesian:** Can specify prior on the type of functions.

# What are Gaussian Processes?

Definition: A collection of random variables where any finite number of which have a joint Gaussian distribution.

The random variables represent the function value  $f(\theta)$  at location  $\theta$ .

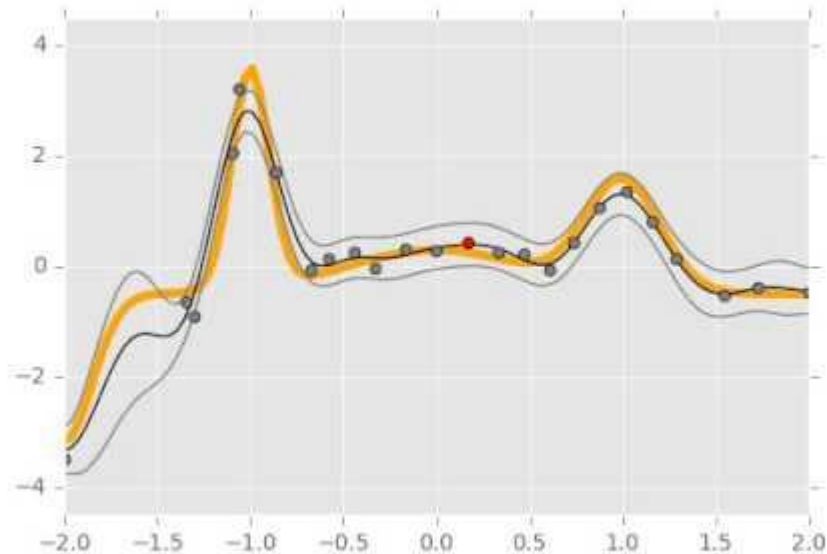
$$f(\theta) \sim \mathcal{GP}(m(\theta), k(\theta, \theta'))$$

Given some observations  $y = f(\theta) + \varepsilon$  at  $\theta$  (training data) we can predict

$$p(f(\theta') \mid \theta', y, \theta)$$

using normal Bayesian inference with Bayes' Theorem etc.

# 1D example



Play at home!

[Online demo, http://www.tmpl.fi/gp/](http://www.tmpl.fi/gp/)

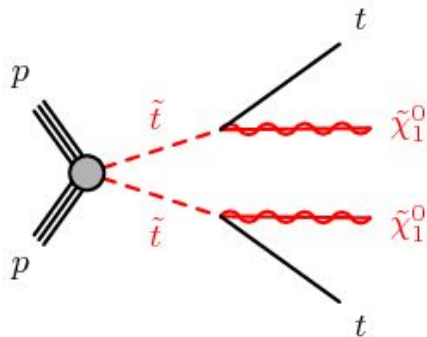
$$k(x, x') = A \exp \left[ -\frac{1}{l} (x - x')^2 \right] + B \delta(x - x')$$

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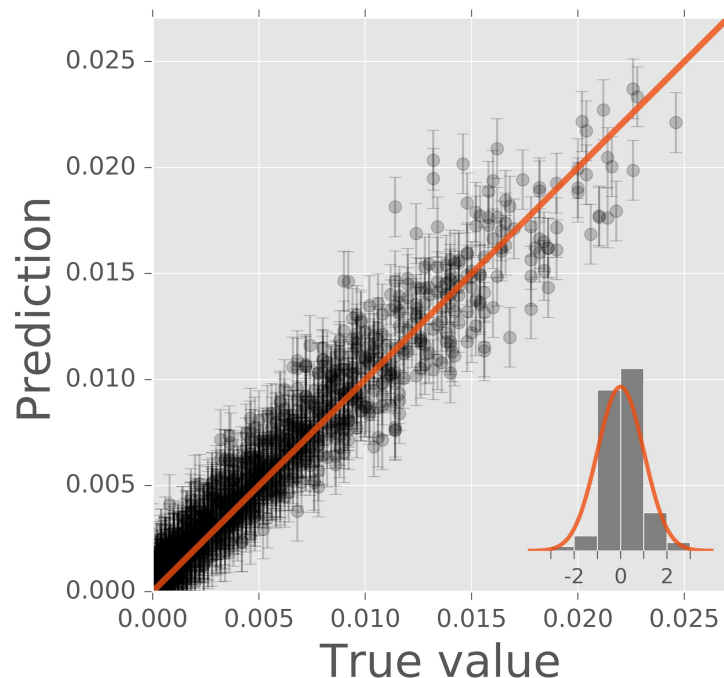
Natural SUSY (6 parameters)  
18k training examples

Predicting the efficiency

$$N_s = L\sigma\epsilon$$



1-lepton signal region

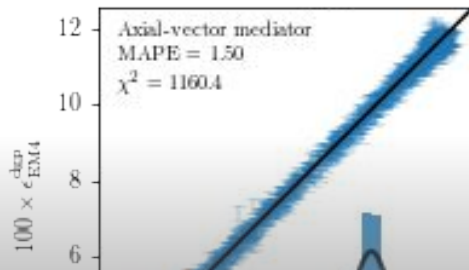
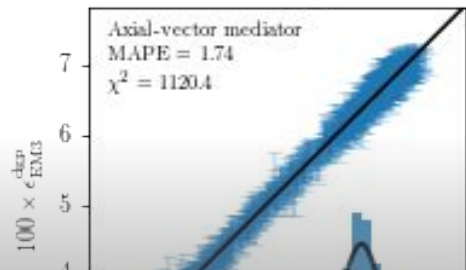
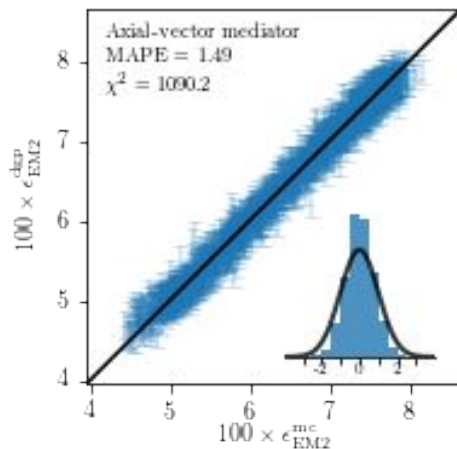
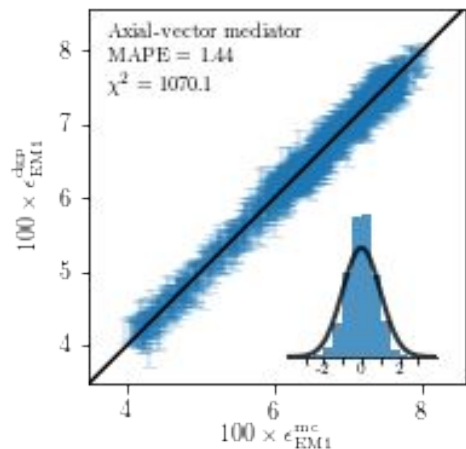


Accelerating the BSM interpretation of LHC data with machine learning

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# Simplified Model: Axial Vector Mediator

## ATLAS Monojet signal regions



Too many plots...





# Current direction: Systematization

Systematize and semi-automate! Many things to accelerate.

Clever generation of the training data. Active learning.

Automate picking the best kernel structure. (arXiv:1302.4922)

(There is also interesting developments in how to train Bayesian Neural Networks.)

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# Additional slides

# Gaussian Processes

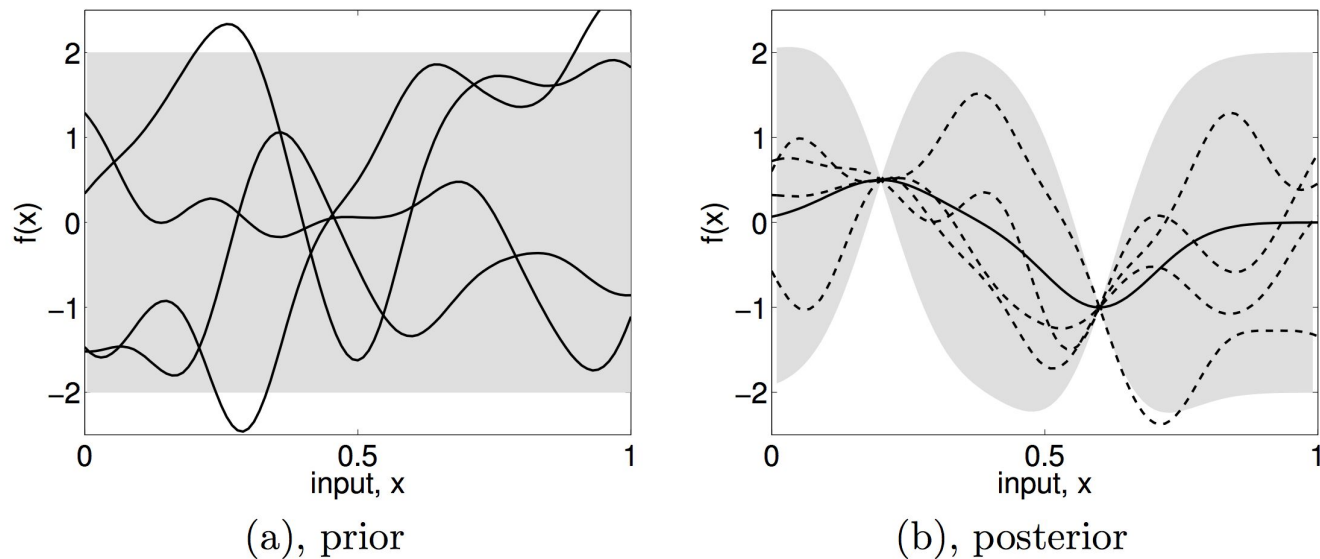


Figure 1.1: Panel (a) shows four samples drawn from the prior distribution. Panel (b) shows the situation after two datapoints have been observed. The mean prediction is shown as the solid line and four samples from the posterior are shown as dashed lines. In both plots the shaded region denotes twice the standard deviation at each input value  $x$ .

# Distributed Gaussian Processes

The standard Gaussian process scales badly with  $N$  the size of the training dataset. It involves inverting  $N \times N$  matrices.

We use **distributed** Gaussian processes to avoid this. The data is randomly partitioned and on each partition a Gaussian process is defined. Predictions from each process is then combined.

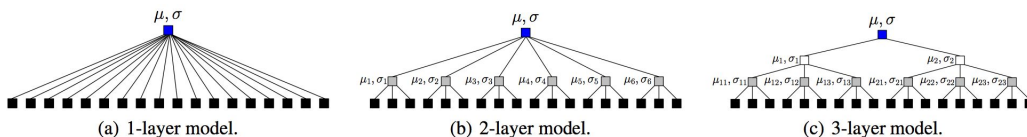


Figure 1. Computational graphs of hierarchical PoE models. Main computations are at the leaf nodes (GP experts, black). All other nodes recombine computations from their direct children. The top node (blue) computes the overall prediction.

“Distributed Gaussian Processes”  
Deisenroth & Ng, arXiv:1502.02843

TensorFlow-based implementation:  
<https://github.com/ICL-SML/gptf>

# INPUT: Natural SUSY

Natural because it stabilizes the electroweak scale without fine-tuning.

Only few SUSY states needs to be light.

$$\theta = \{\tan \beta, \mu, M_3, m_{\tilde{Q}_t}, m_{\tilde{t}_R}, A_t\}$$

Low-dimensional yet realistic theory.

We already had the training data from previous paper.

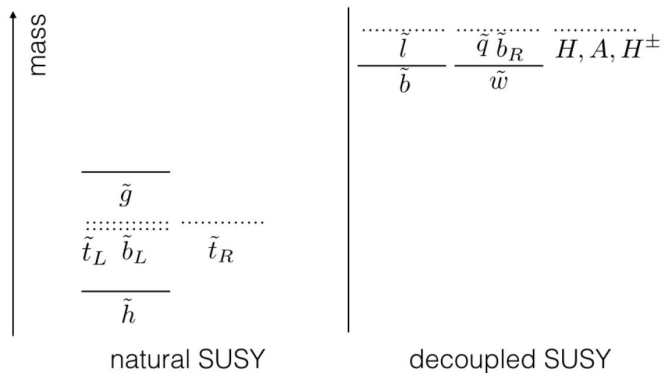
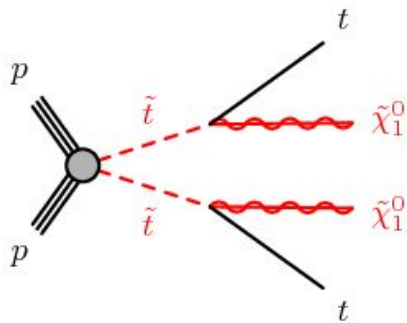


FIG. 1. The minimal natural SUSY mass spectrum on the left while the remaining supersymmetric particles are decoupled on the right.

“Natural SUSY: Now or Never?” Kim et al. arXiv:1606.06738



# OUTPUT: Two Signal Regions

Defined in ATLAS-PHYS-PUB-2013-011

Looking direct stop production with HL-LHC, 14 TeV with 3000 fb<sup>-1</sup>

Stops decay typically to top or b quarks, W/Z or Higgs bosons, and a LSP. Multiple jets, b-jets, large MET, possibly leptons.

## 1-lepton

MET > 750 GeV

$m_T(\text{lepton, MET}) > 550 \text{ GeV}$

Total bkg:  $21.1 \pm 5.9$

## 0-lepton

MET > 800 GeV

$m_T(\text{b-jet, MET}) > 400 \text{ GeV}$

Total bkg:  $12.2 \pm 3.9$

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# Training the Gaussian Processes

18647 models split into 16647 models for training and 2000 models for testing.

O(10 min) to train per signal region.

The lunch is not free, just cheaper!

SPheno, Pythia, NLLFAST, CheckMATE, Delphes etc. still needed to generate training data.

Models uniformly sampled from these ranges:

$$0.1 \text{ TeV} \leq |\mu| \leq 1.0 \text{ TeV},$$

$$0.1 \text{ TeV} \leq m_{\tilde{Q}_t} \leq 2.0 \text{ TeV},$$

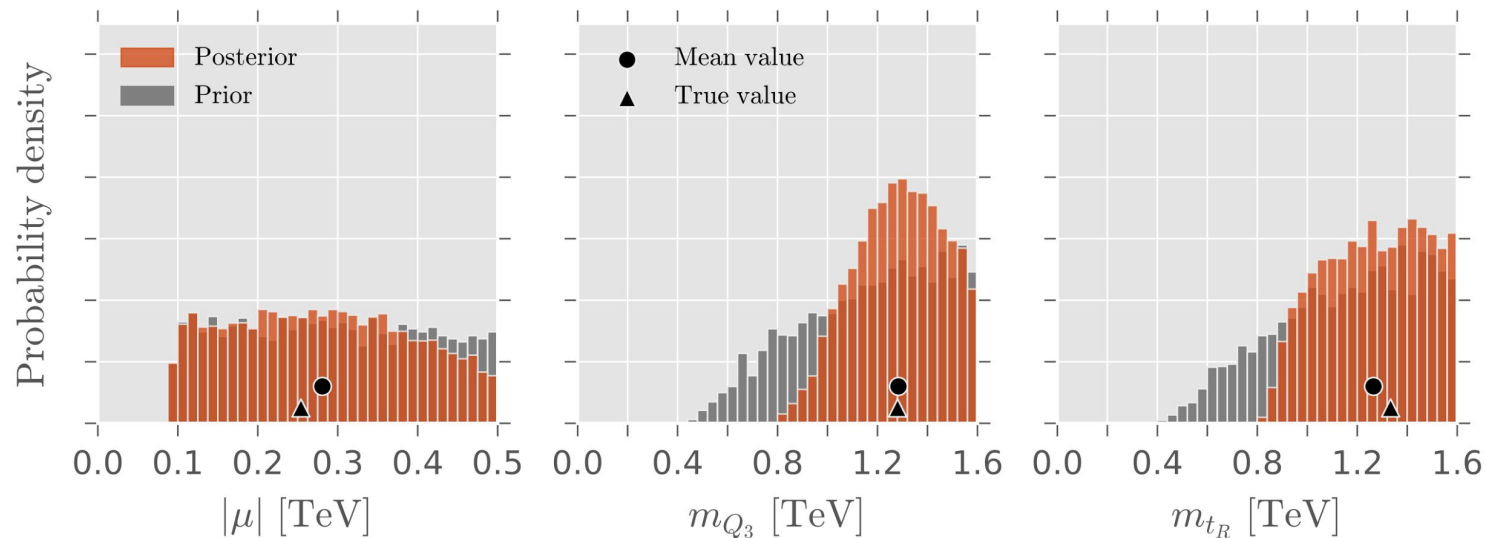
$$0.1 \text{ TeV} \leq m_{\tilde{t}_R} \leq 2.0 \text{ TeV},$$

$$0.1 \text{ TeV} \leq |M_3| \leq 3.0 \text{ TeV},$$

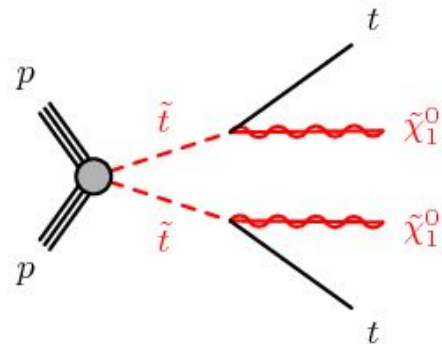
$$|A_t| \leq 3.0 \text{ TeV},$$

$$1 \leq \tan \beta \leq 20.$$

All models avoid LEP-II chargino limit, and have reasonable Higgs boson mass.



Natural SUSY, mock signal at HL-LHC.  
 Stop production, 0-lepton and 1-lepton SR  
 MultiNEST  $\sim 109k$  likelihood eval  
 Simple example, 3D only.





# Global analysis - Statistical Inference

Model M with parameters  $\theta$

Compute prediction  $y = f(\theta) + \varepsilon$

Compare with data D

Examples of M:  
SUSY models  
Simplified Model

$\dim \theta \sim 4-15$

Examples of y:  
Signal events in a bin  
Relic density

Write down the likelihood.

Many different sources of data in dark matter, we do global analysis.

Sample (cleverly) until we understand the impact of D on  $\theta$ .