

Dualities in and from Machine Learning



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Current ML applications in high energy

Improving sensitivity

Day, SK 1907.07642

- ML-techniques heavily used in experimental bounds.
- Brief example: Improving sensitivity for ultra-light axion-like particles, compared to previous bounds.
- ML algorithms good at classification. Detecting particles is a classification problem. Our classifiers:



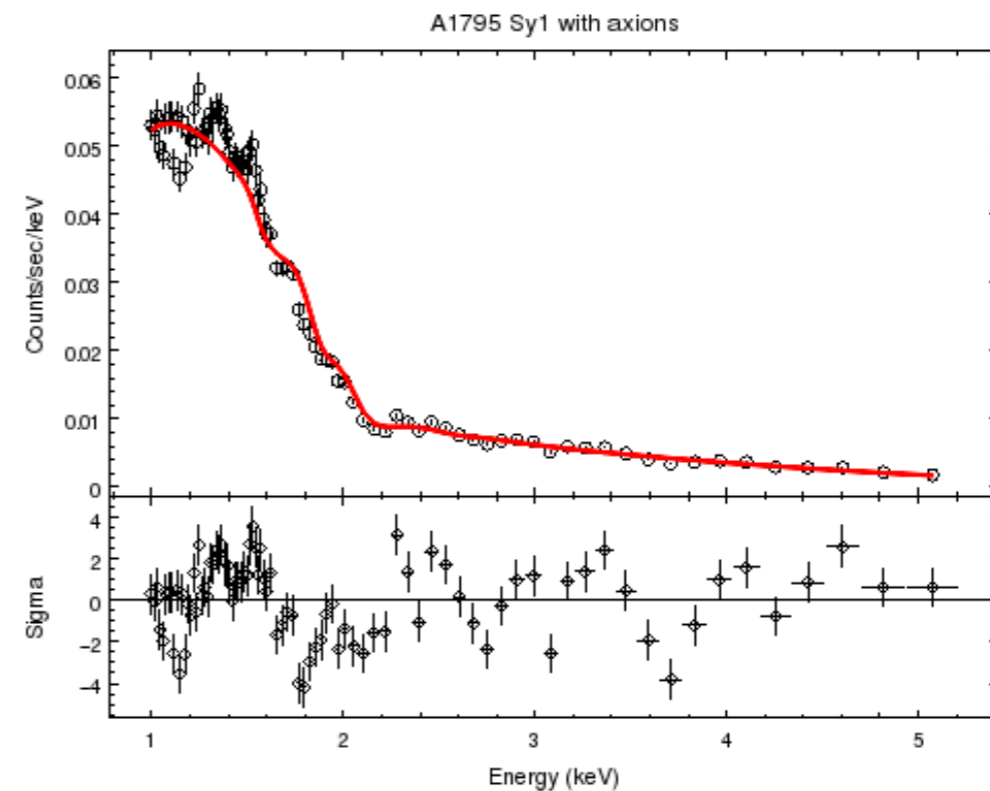
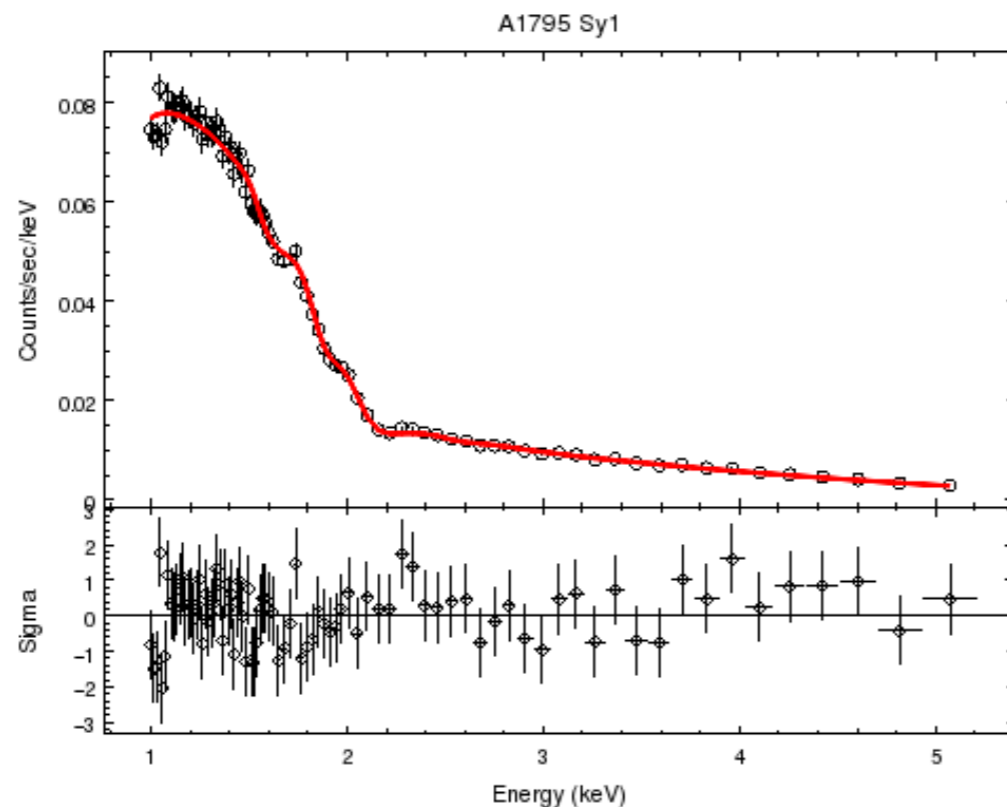
- Training: Simulate data with and without axions for appropriate X-ray sources
- Bounds: Compare fake & real data performance
- Algorithms (sklearn): decision trees, boosted decision trees, random forests, Gaussian Naive Bayes, Gaussian Process classifier, SVM, ...

Previous bounds:

NGC1275: 1605.01043, Other sources: 1704.05256, Athena bounds: 1707.00176
with: Conlon, Day, Jennings; Berg, Muia, Powell, Rummel

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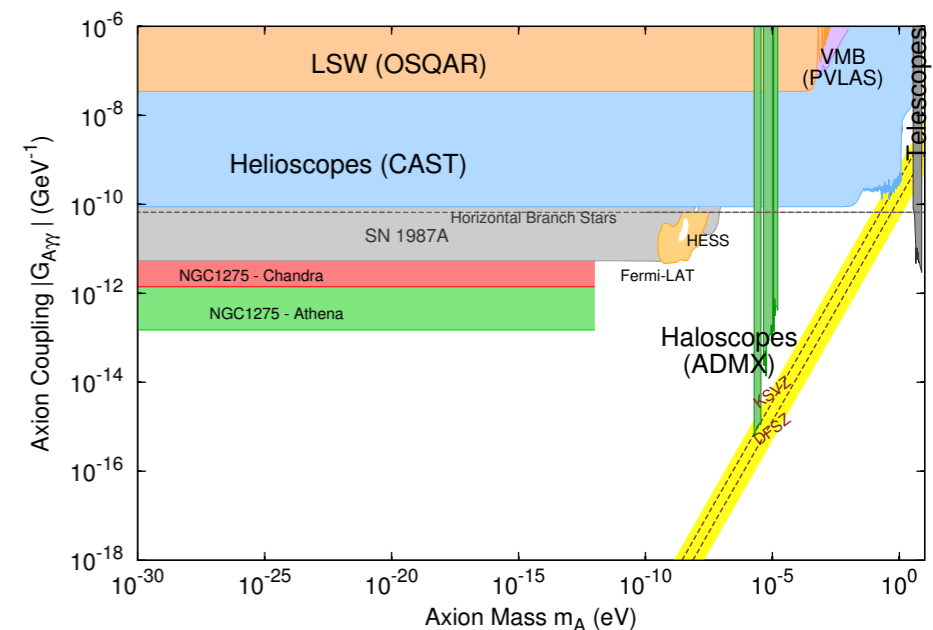
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$\times 10^{-12} \text{ GeV}^{-1}$	AB	DTC	GaussianNB	QDA	RFC	Previous
A1367 (resid.)	1.9	-	-	-	-	2.4
A1367 (up-resid.)	2.0	-	1.9	-	-	2.4
A1795 Quasar (resid.)	-	-	1.7	-	1.4	>10.0
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ML for the string landscape?

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- ML good at following tasks:
 - a) analysing & simulating large amounts of data
 - b) approximating some unknown functional dependence
- Two examples:
 - a) large amounts of string vacua (structure too sophisticated for ordinary MC) **Abel, Rizos; SK, Erbin; Vaudrevange; Altman, Carifio, Halverson, Nelson; Halverson, Nelson, Ruehle; Cole, Schachner, Shiu; ...**
 - b) performance tests on topological quantities where formulae are known (very flexible fitting algorithm)
He; Ruehle; Klaewer, Schlechter; Bull, He, Jejjala, Mishra; He, Lee; Brodie, Constantin, Deen, Lukas; ...
- What can we expect? development of string landscape analysis tools, functional approximations to many desired phenomenological quantities.

... more in Fabian's talk

Other avenues?

**“Don’t ask what ML can do for you,
ask what you can do for ML.”**

– Gary Shiu

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The goal of *Physics \cap ML* (read 'Physics Meets ML') is to bring together researchers from machine learning and physics to learn from each other and push research forward together. In this inaugural edition, we will especially highlight some amazing progress made in string theory with machine learning and in the understanding of deep learning from a physical angle. Nevertheless, we invite a cast with wide ranging expertise in order to spark new

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Dualities

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Dualities - Outline

- How are dualities useful in practice?
- What's special about dual representations?
- Ways to learn/enforce duality transformation via neural networks

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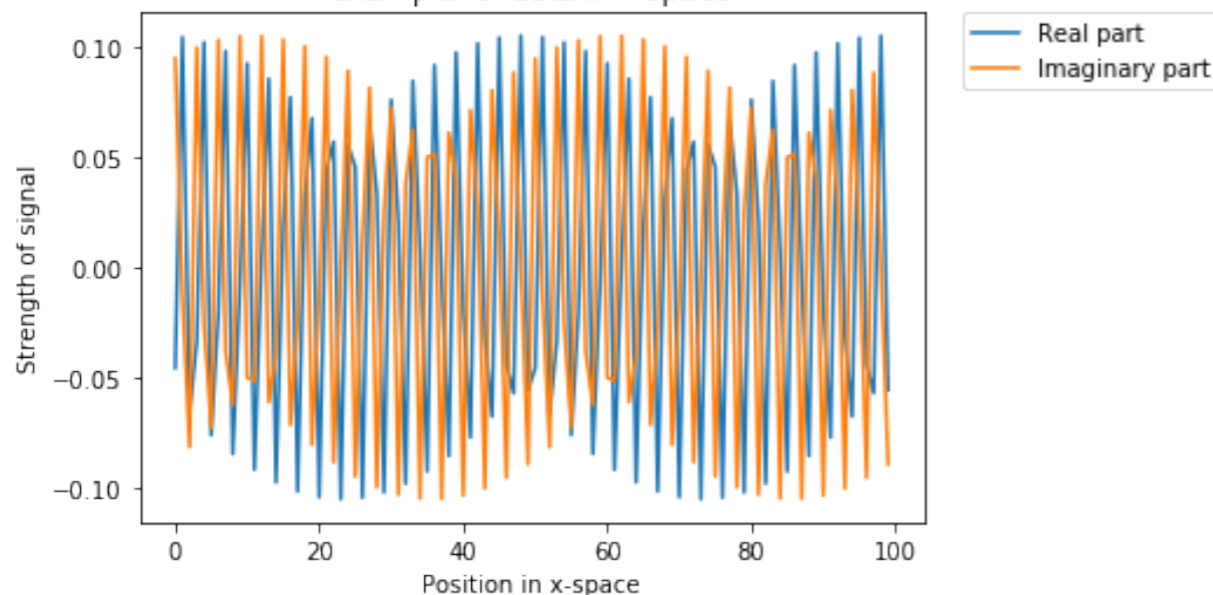
aka connecting physics questions to data questions

Dualities: Practical Use

- (Deep) Neural networks transform data into different representations (if no coarse graining takes place). For instance, these representations can be used for more efficient classification.
- Finding good data representations is hard and often out of the realm of current optimisation strategies.
- Example: Discrete Fourier Transformation (DFT)

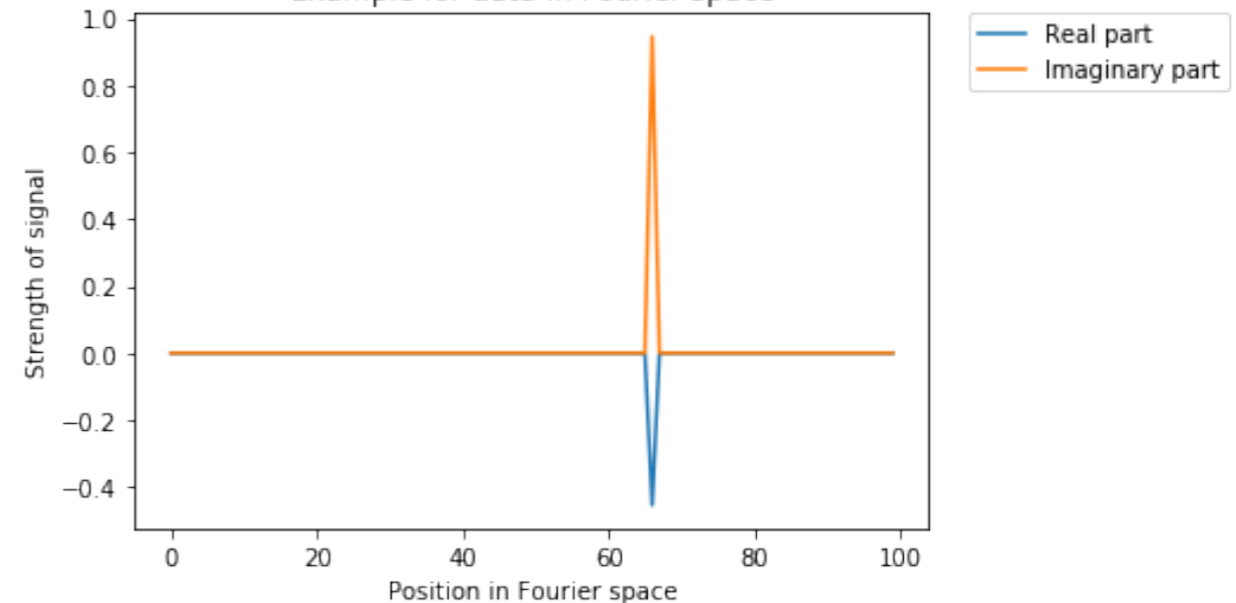
$$x_k = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n p_j e^{2\pi ijk/n}$$

Example for data in x-space



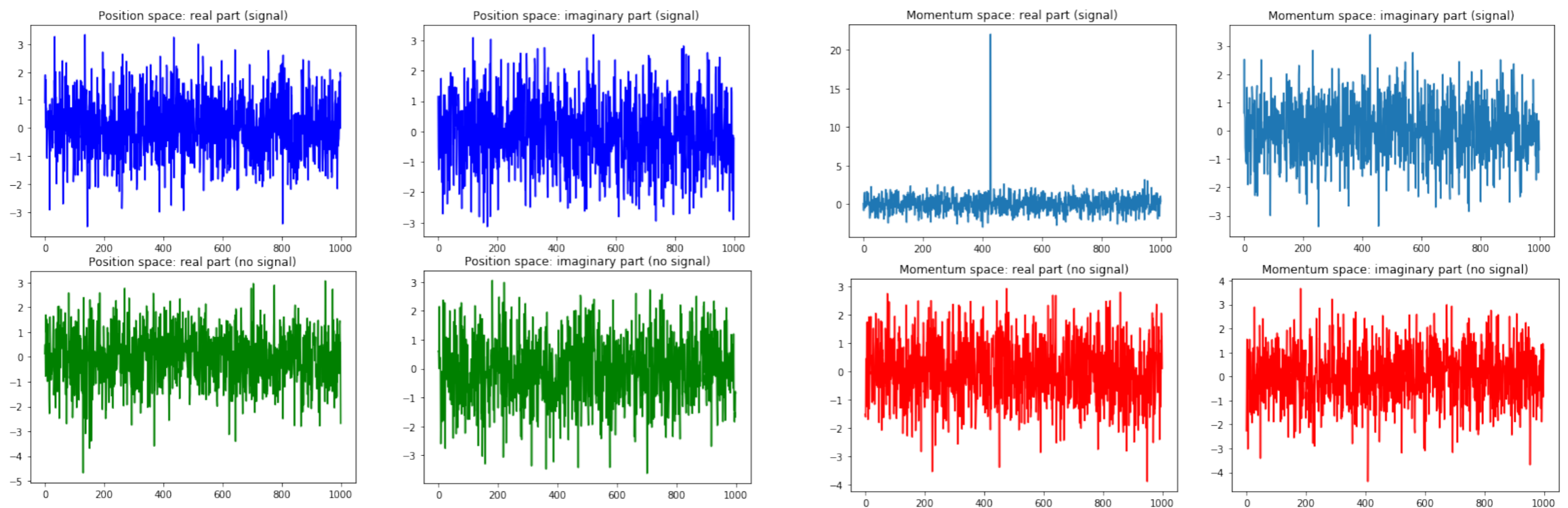
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Example for data in Fourier space



DFT: data question

- Let's confront this with a data question: Is there a signal in the noise?



- Let's check the performance on simple networks

DFT: simple network

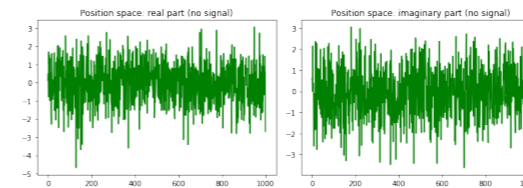
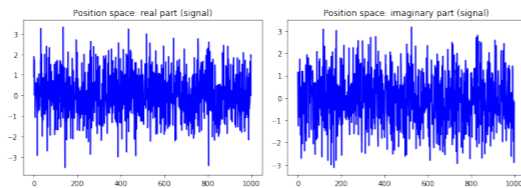
- Supervised learning task (binary classification):

N discrete values

$$\{((\mathbf{x}_R, \mathbf{x}_I), y)\}$$

$$\{((\mathbf{p}_R, \mathbf{p}_I), y)\}$$

$y = 1$ noise + signal



$y = 0$ noise

- Network

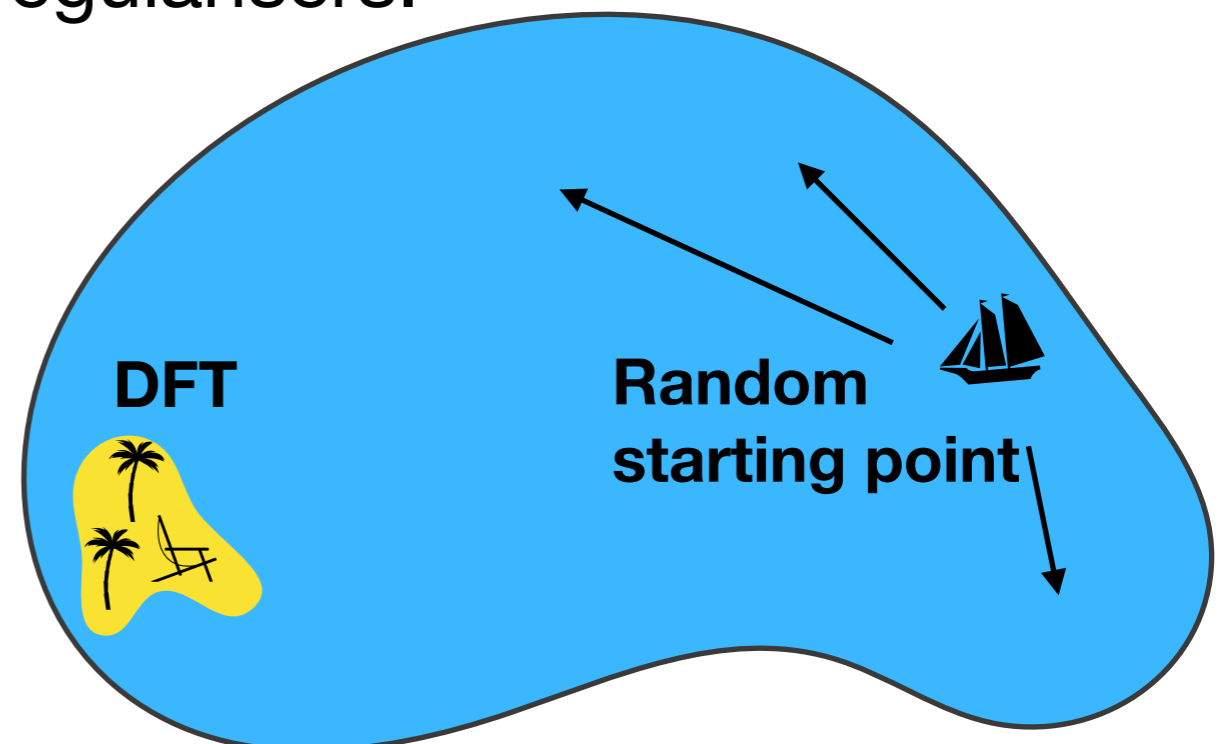
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# =====  
# Define simple 1-layer-CNN.  
# =====  
  
model = Sequential()  
model.add(Conv1D(2, kernel_size=2,  
                activation='relu',  
                input_shape=(2*number_bins,1)))  
model.add(Flatten())  
model.add(Dense(1, activation='sigmoid'))
```

**For this network
classification works in
momentum space,
but not in position space.**

Utilising dual representation

- Goal: improve performance on position space.
- Deeper network? Can do the job in principle [DFT can be implemented with a single dense layer]
- However finding it dynamically is 'impossible' with standard optimisers, initialisations, and regularisers.

Layer	Shape	Parameters
Dense	(2000,2)	16000000
Conv1D	(2000,2)	4
Activation	(2000,2)	-
Dense	1	4001
Activation	1	-



DFT from modified loss

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[towards generating dual representations dynamically]

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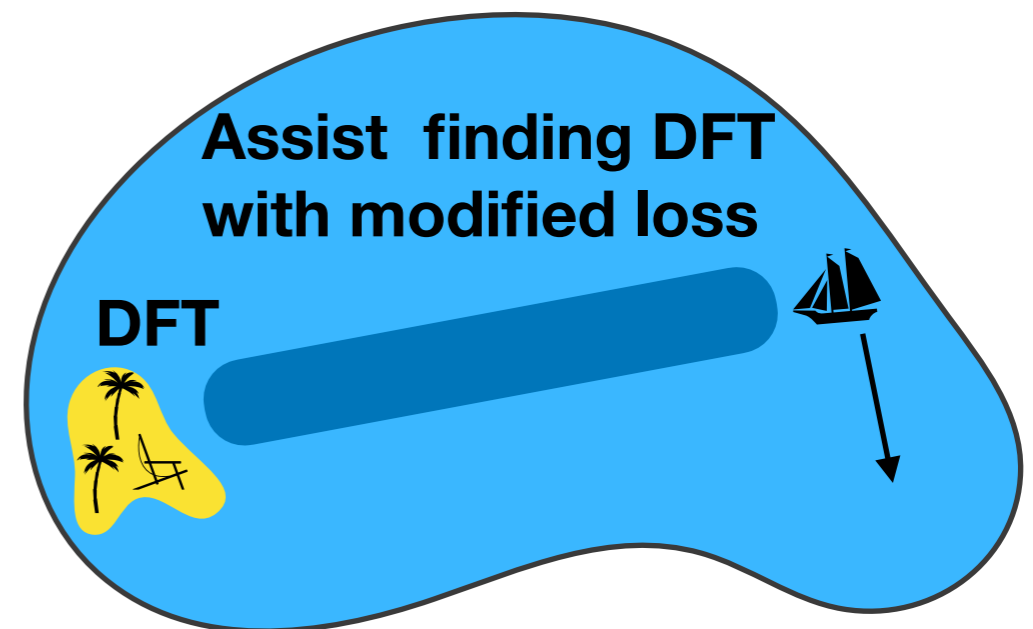
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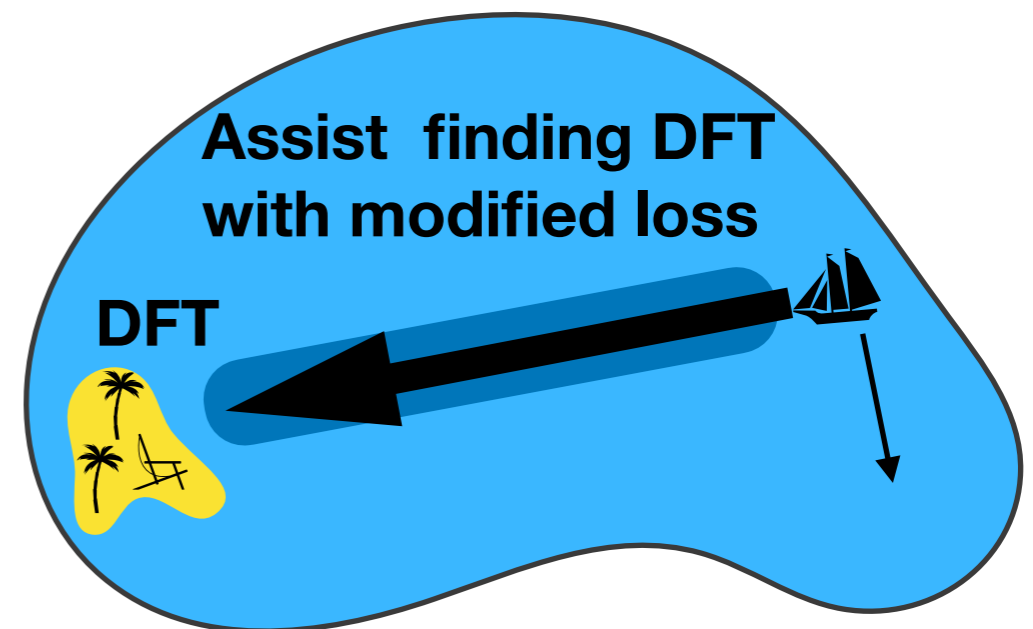
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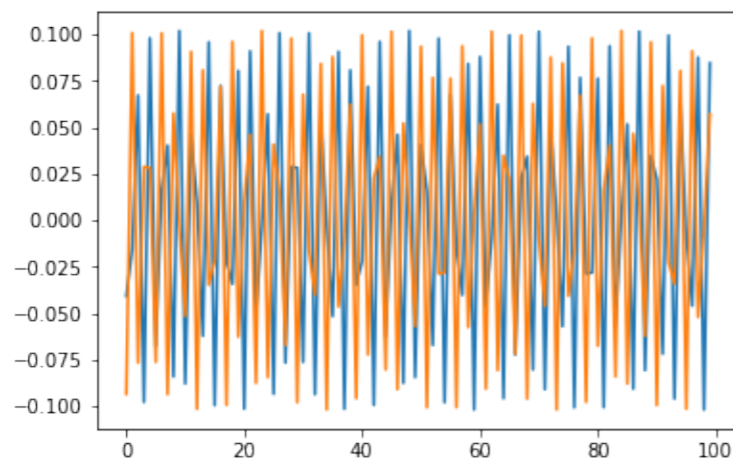
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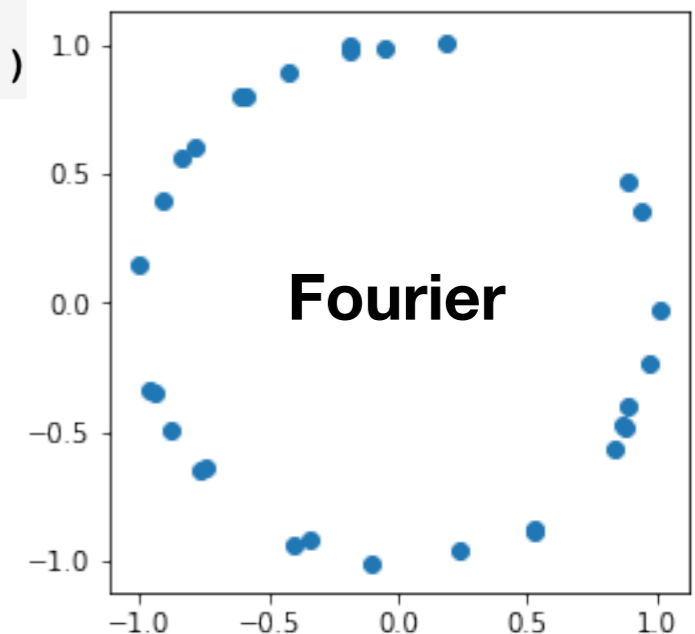
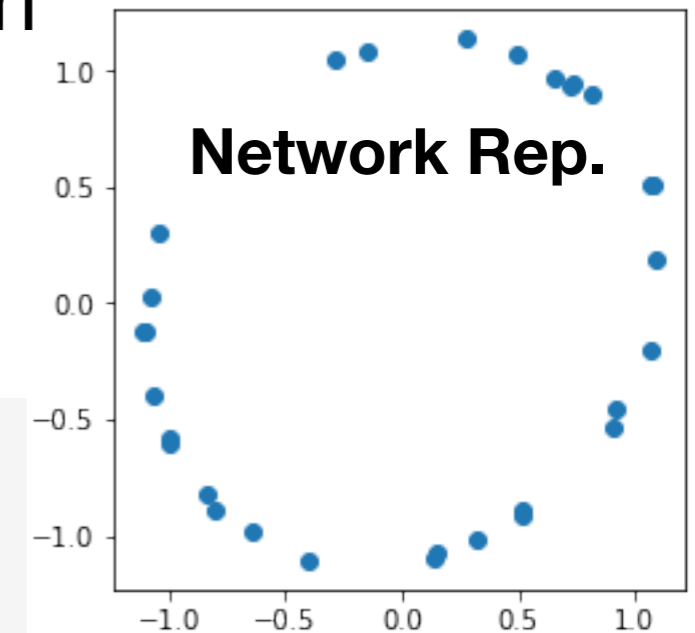
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def customReg(weight_matrix):  
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Input sample:



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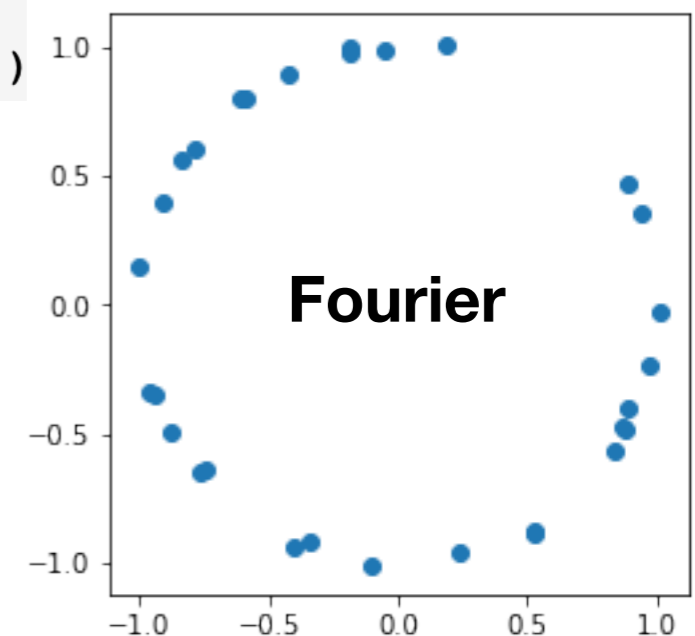
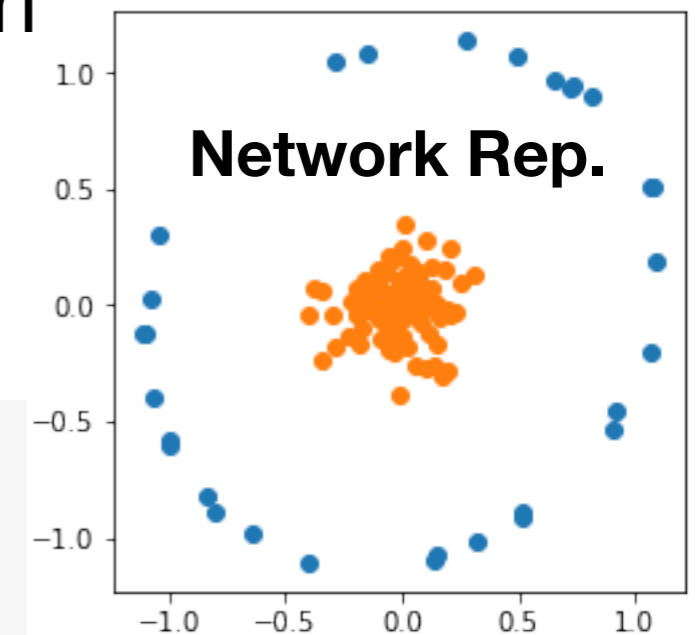
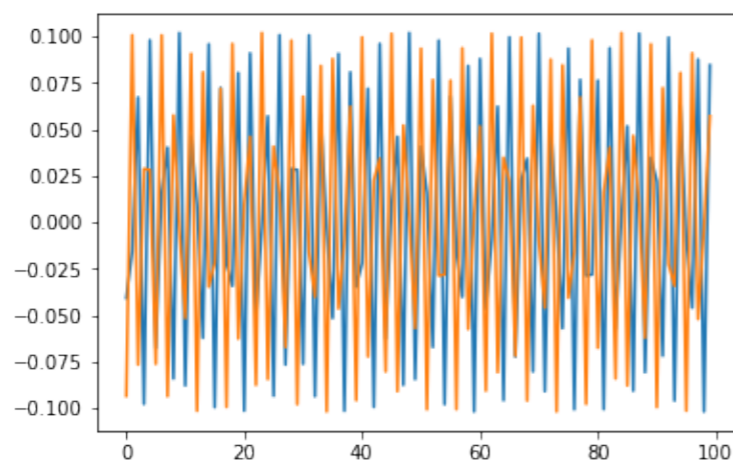
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Dualities and Fourier transformation

- Review on dualities and global symmetries (Quevedo: hep-th/9706210), several dualities can be seen as Fourier transformation:

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- For instance duality between massive antisymmetric tensors.

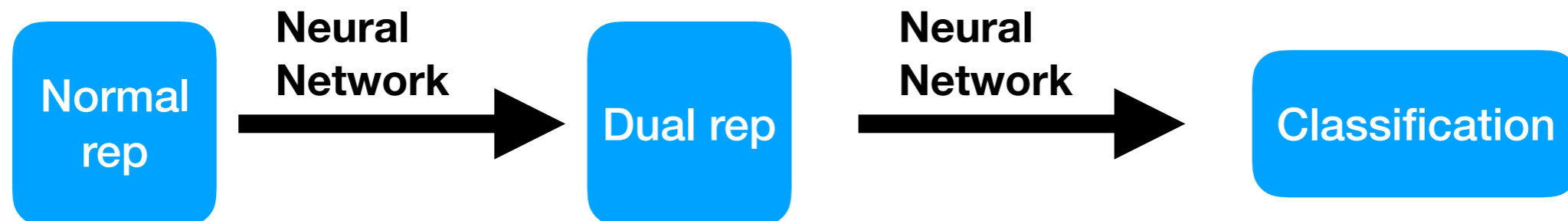
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- Fourier transformation ~ Duality transformation

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- Here: network adapts dual representation by demanding feature separation.
- Can we use this?

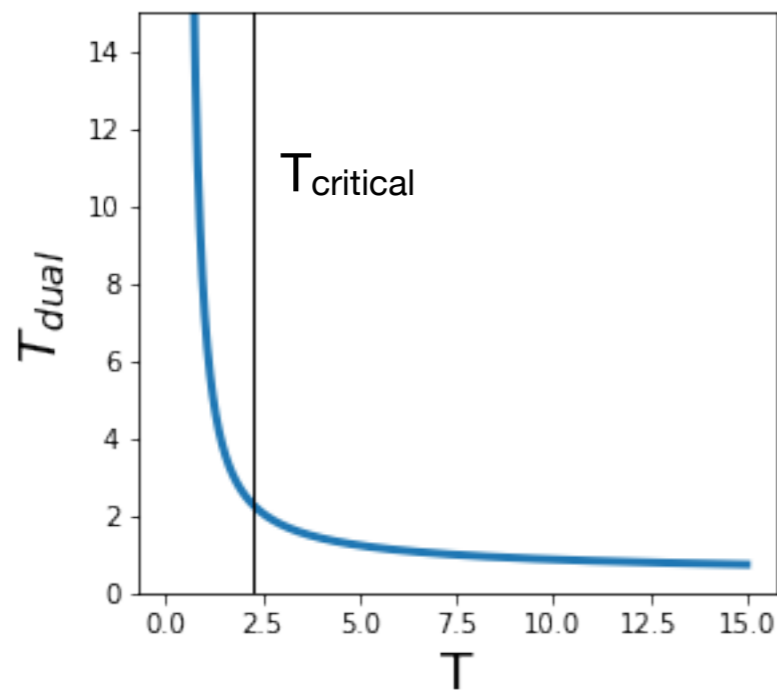


Let's look for Physics examples
aim: identify what's special about dual representation

2D Ising Model

Duality in 2D Ising model

- High - low temperature self-duality



Ordered rep. \leftrightarrow Disordered rep.

Original

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Dual

$$H = -J \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} \sigma_i \sigma_j$$

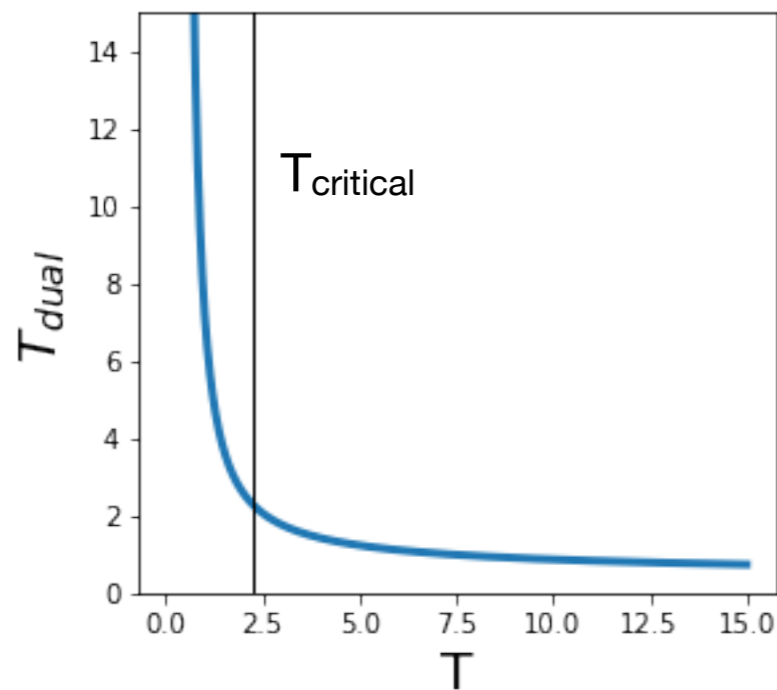
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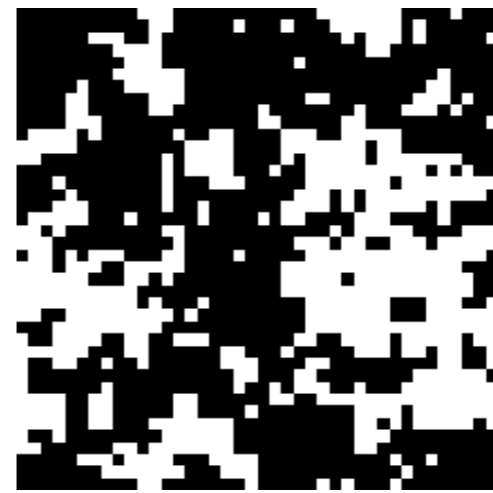
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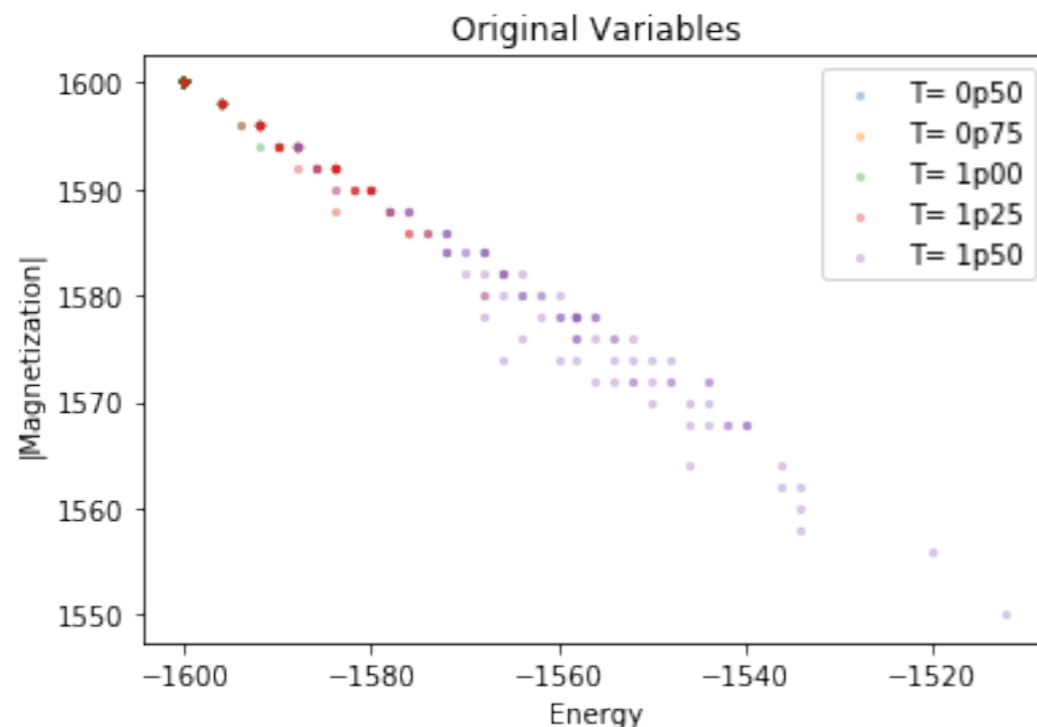


Which data problem?

- Some correlation function which is easier evaluated on dual variables.

$$\langle \sigma_i \sigma_j \rangle, \langle E(\sigma) \rangle, \langle M(\sigma) \rangle$$

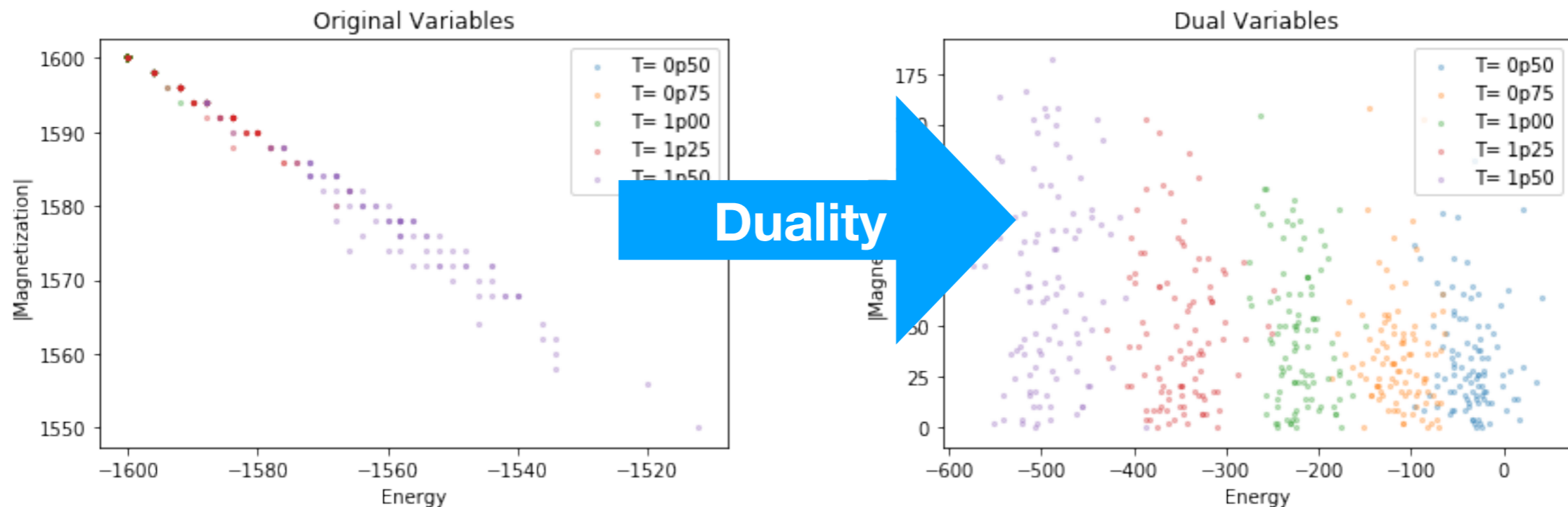
- Can we classify the temperature for low-temperature configurations? Which temperature is a sample drawn from (at low temperatures)?



They look rather similar. How about in the dual rep.?

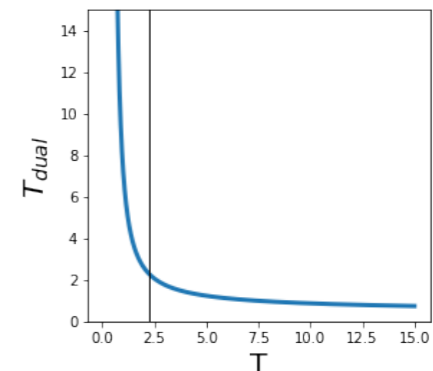
Data question on Ising

- But at the dual temperatures, our data takes a different shape:



- It is easier to classify temperature of a low-temperature configuration in the dual representation ...

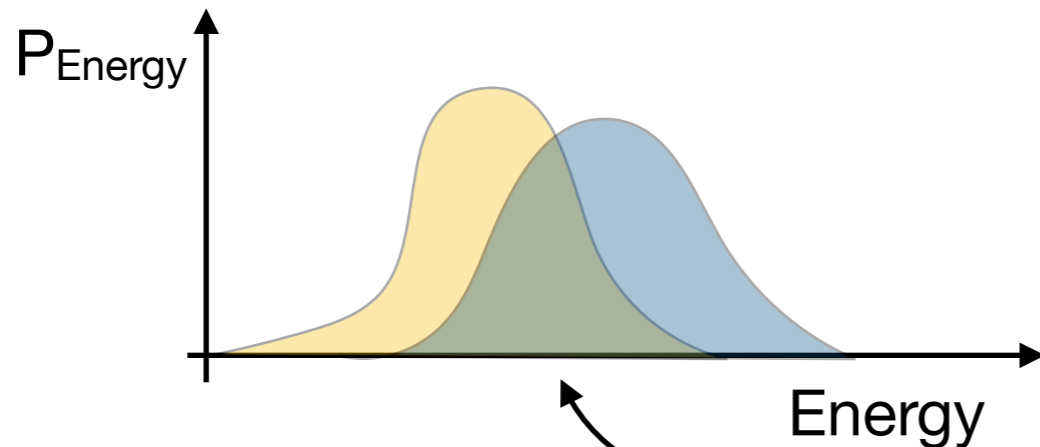
- How come? $P(\mathbf{s}) = \frac{e^{E/T}}{Z}$, $P(\sigma) = \frac{e^{\tilde{E}/\tilde{T}}}{Z}$
 $\langle \Delta E \rangle \ll \langle \Delta \tilde{E} \rangle$ $\Delta T \ll \Delta \tilde{T}$



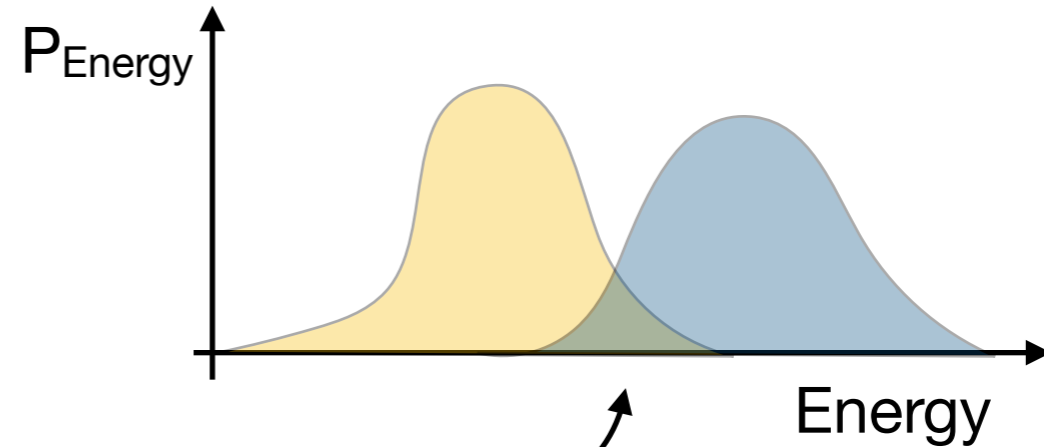
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- Let's look at the overlap of energy distributions in finite size samples

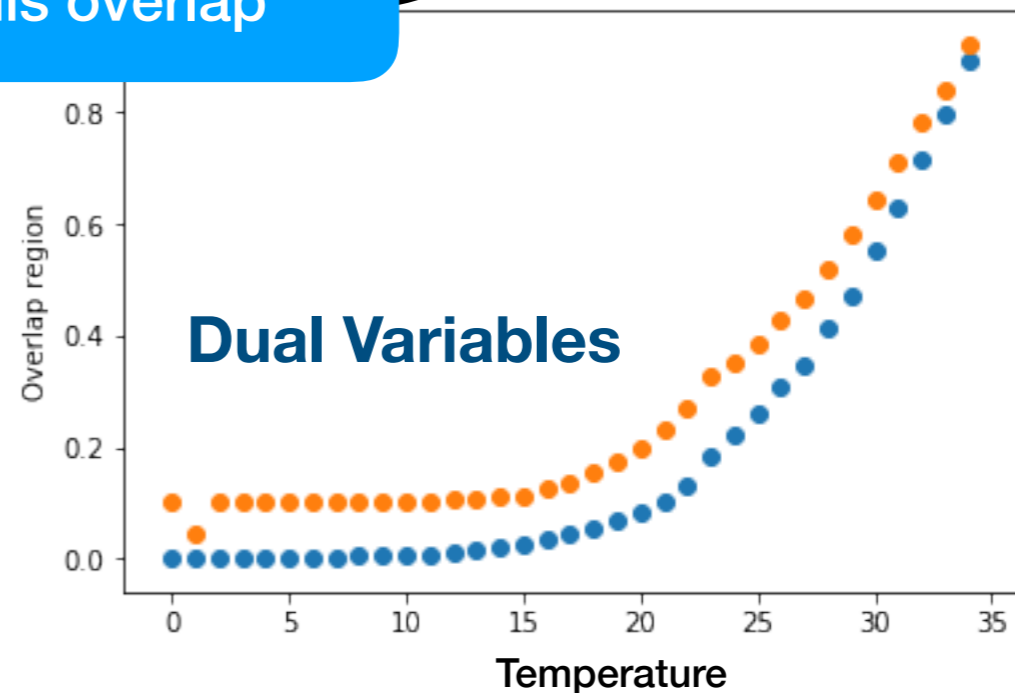
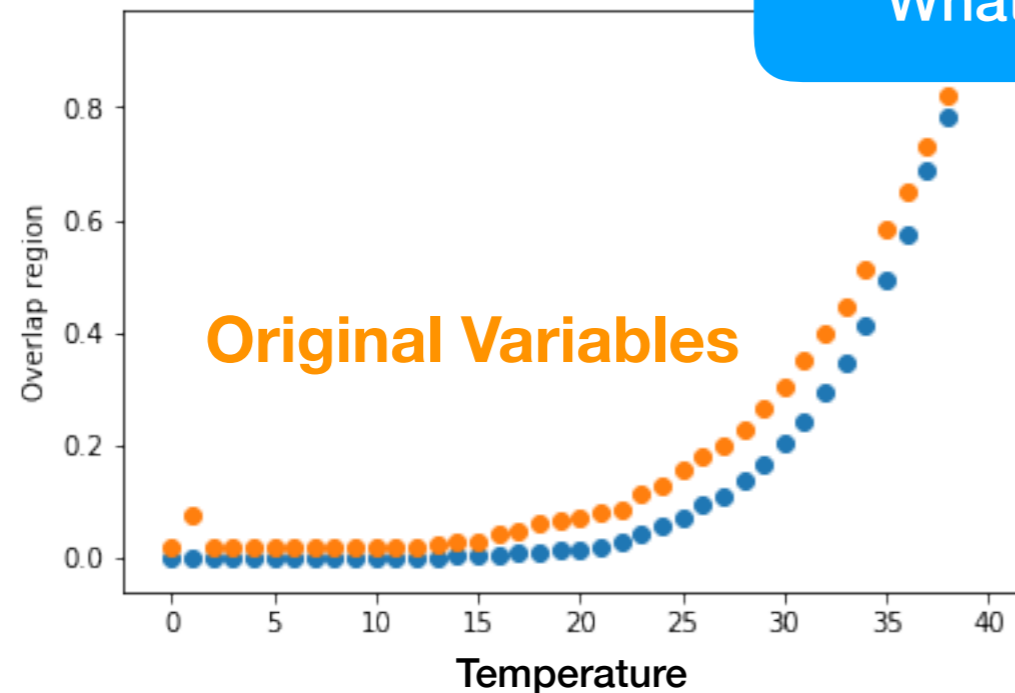
Original variables:



Dual variables:



What's this overlap



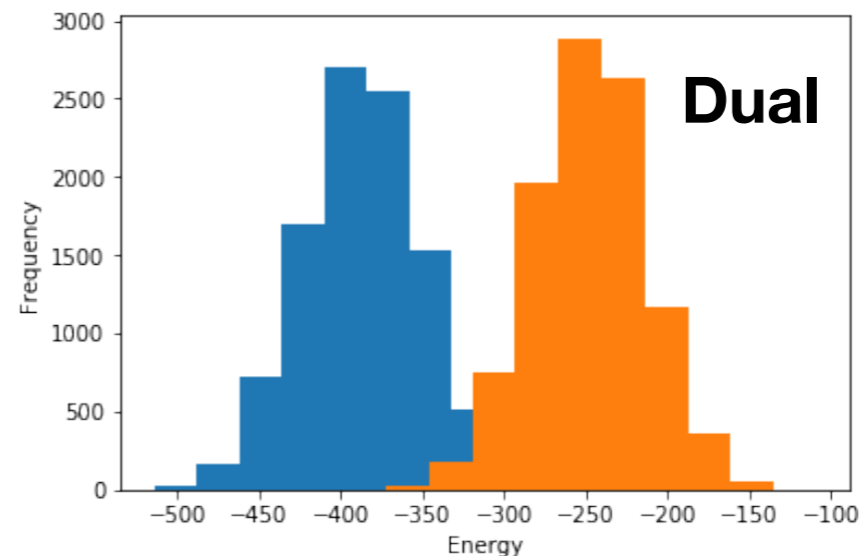
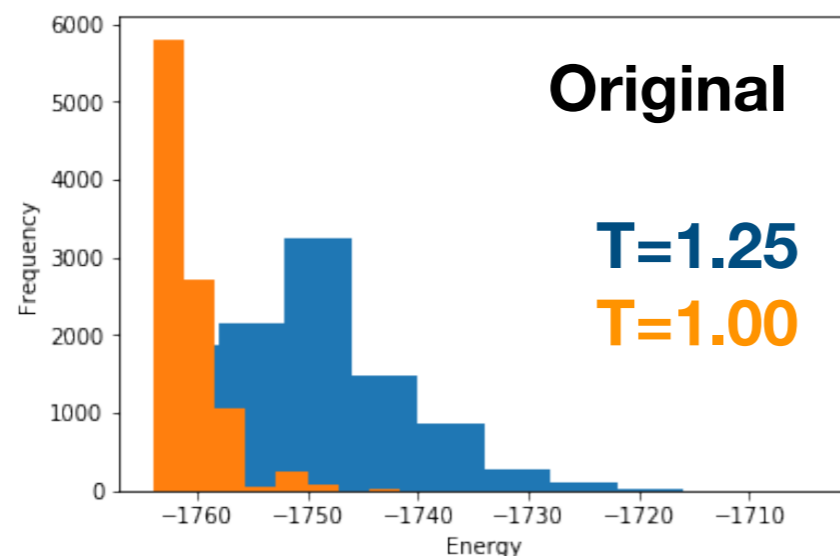
Ising: simple network

- Let's confirm this at simple networks:

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model.add(Conv2D(4, kernel_size=3,|  
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model.add(Flatten())  
model.add(Dense(1, activation='sigmoid'))  
  
opt = Nadam(lr=0.002)  
  
model.compile(loss=binary_crossentropy,  
              optimizer=opt, metrics=['accuracy'])
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Original data: <83% val. acc.

Dual data: ~96% val. acc.

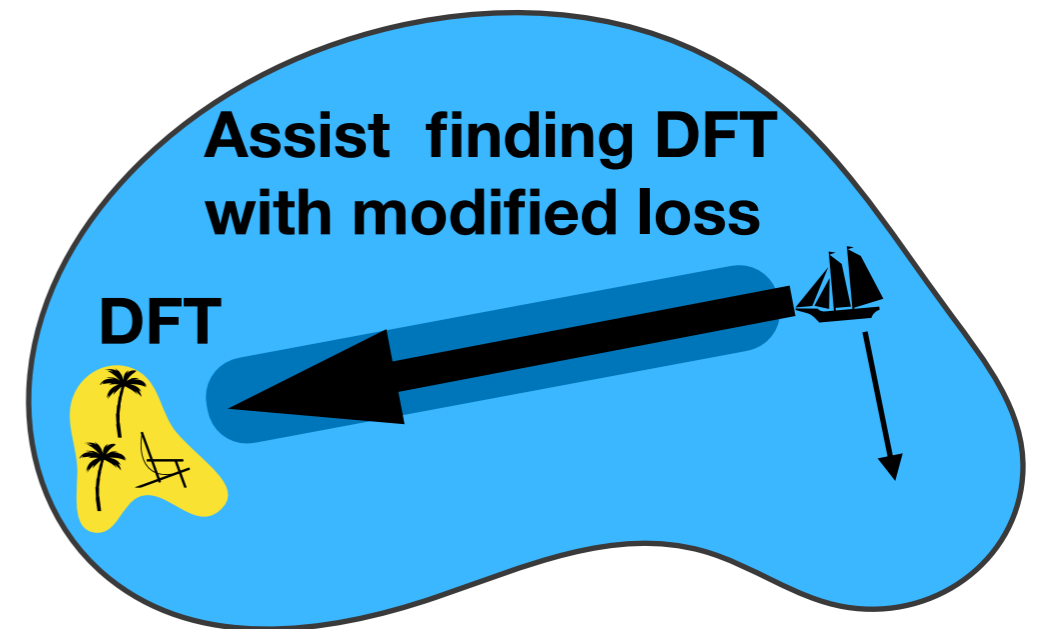


Side remark: way outperforming standard sklearn classifiers

**How do we utilise this data
representation?**

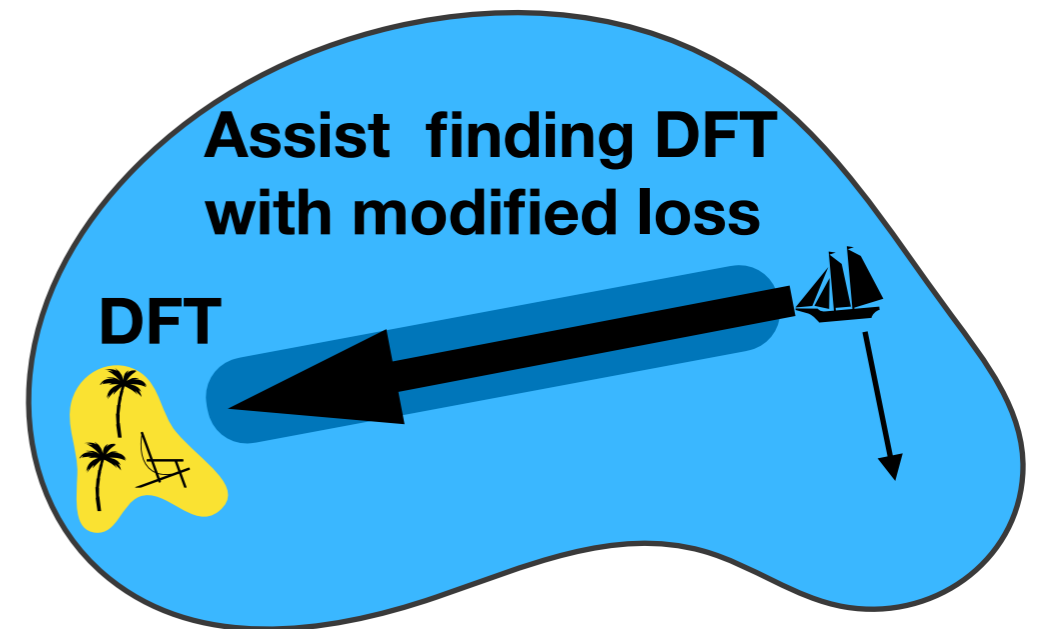
Need duality transformation

Enforcing dual representation



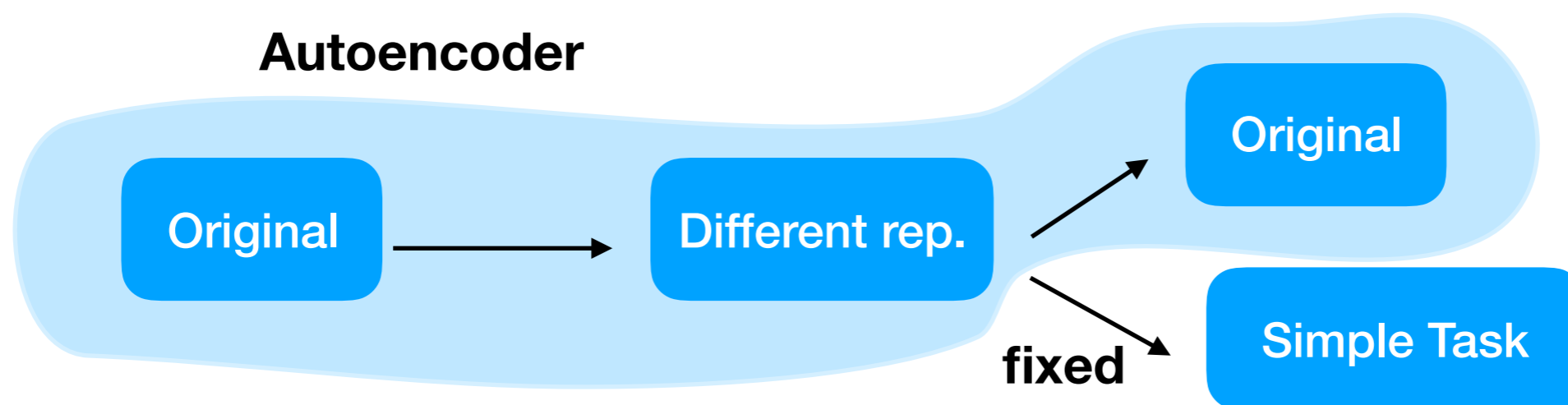
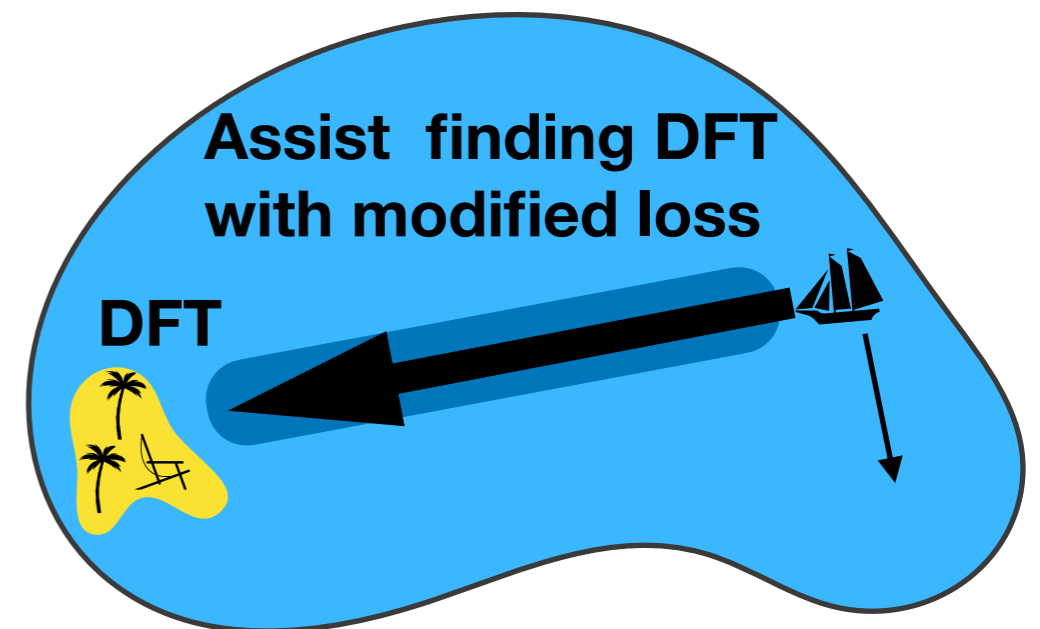
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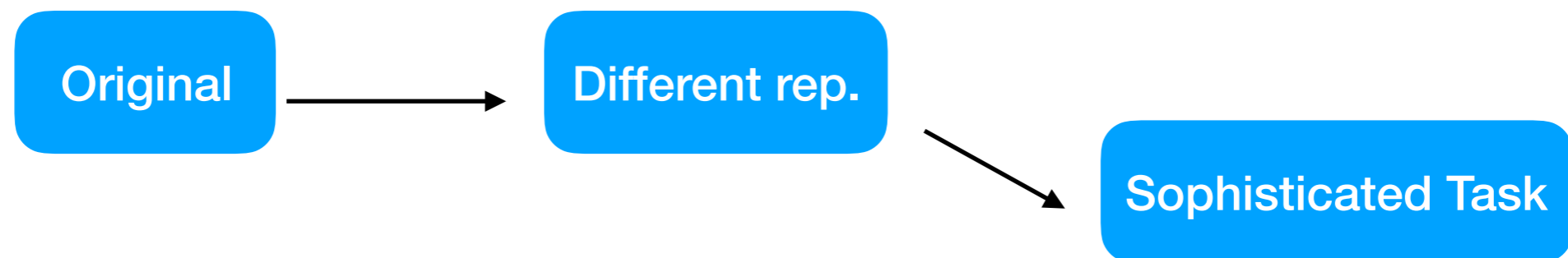
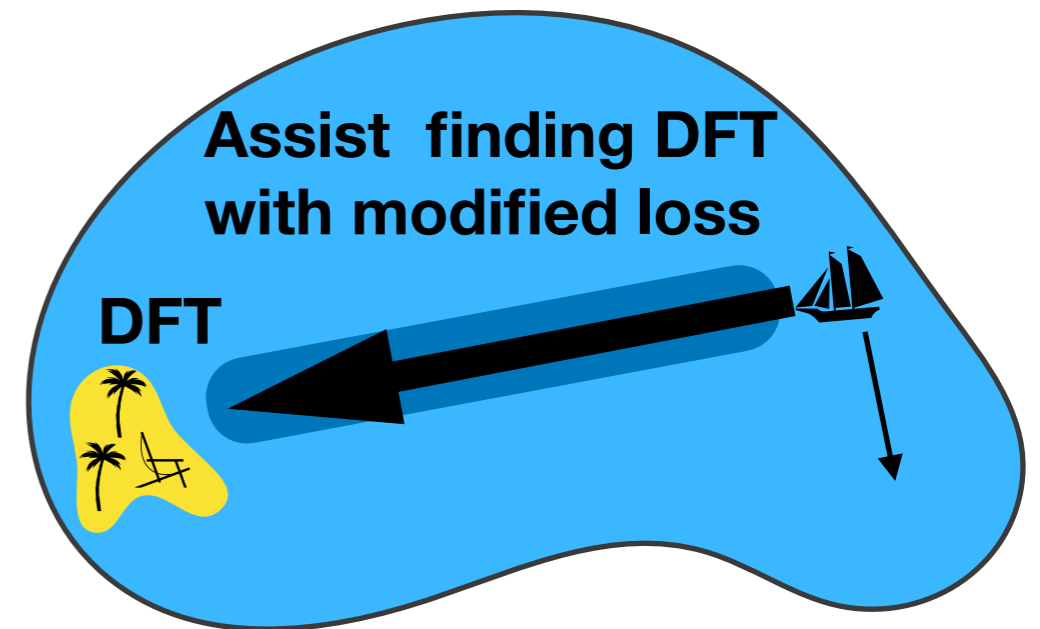
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- Step 2: Use this representation on previously inaccessible task



Example: 1D Ising model

- Multi-spin interaction model (careful about boundary):

$$H = \sum s_i s_{i+1} \cdots s_{i+n} \quad H_{\text{dual}} = \sum \sigma_i$$

- Simple task: Energy classification (linear in dual representation)
- Hard task: Identify metastable configurations (multiple calculations of σ_i necessary)

- | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | + | + | - | - | + | - | + | -

- Strategy from previous page shows improvement on performance:
 - Normal frame (dense 1024): 92%
 - Dual frame (dense 64): 99%
 - Autoencoder [64, 18] representation (dense 64): 98%
- Learned representation performs well on dual weights but is not dual representation (*we found a different island*).

2D Ising: finding duality transformation

- In analogy to DFT, we want to go to dual representation.



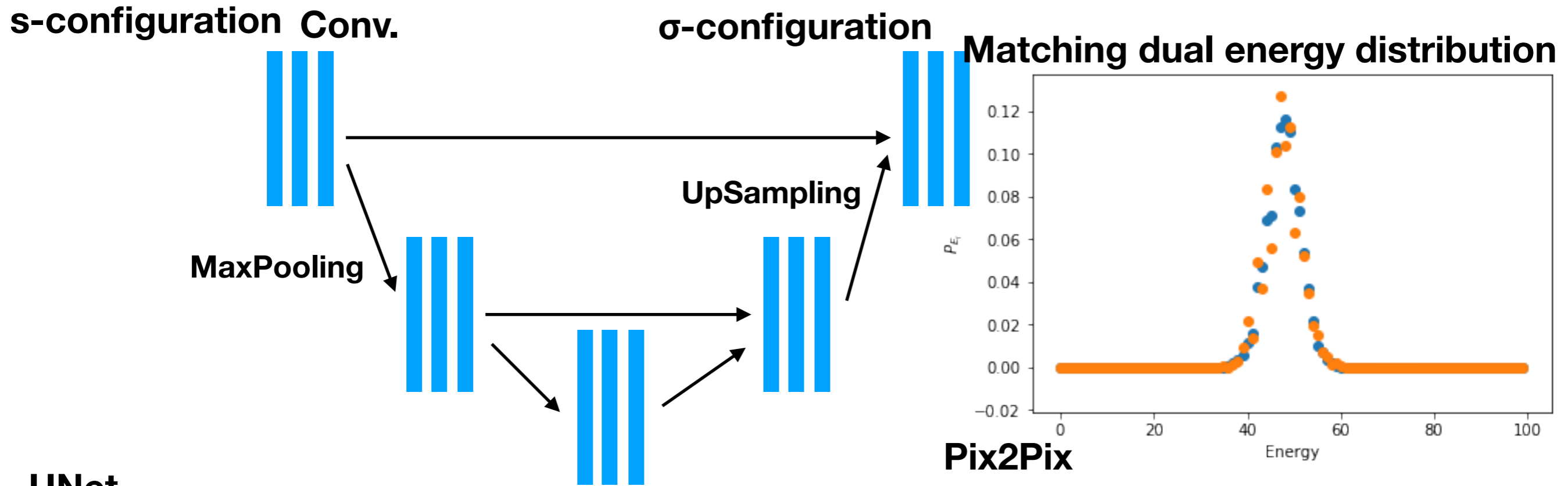
- Which loss (different samples but no 1-1 map from simple MC simulations)?
- Here: KL-divergence (or categorical-crossentropy) between NN distribution and dual temperature distribution; based on p_{E_i} (sparse samples)

$$D_{KL}(P(E(f(s_i, \beta))) || P(E(\sigma_i, \beta))) = \sum_j P(E_j(f(s_i, \beta))) \log \left(\frac{P(E_j(f(s_i, \beta)))}{P(E_j(\sigma_i, \tilde{\beta}))} \right)$$

a “sophisticated” anchor point

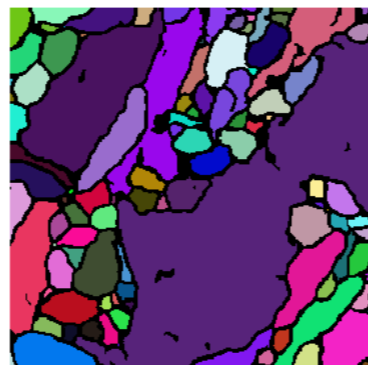
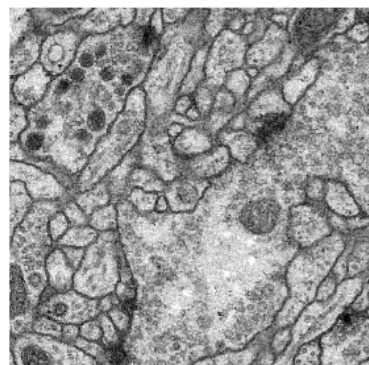
Feature separation in Ising

- Which neural network architecture? Several architectures, so far most promising: U-Net (1505.04597)

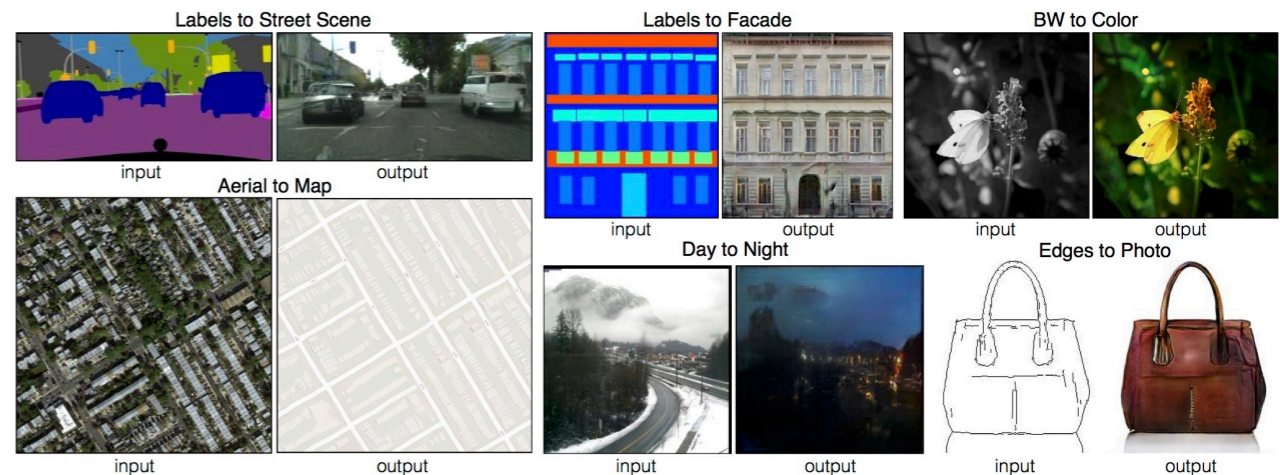


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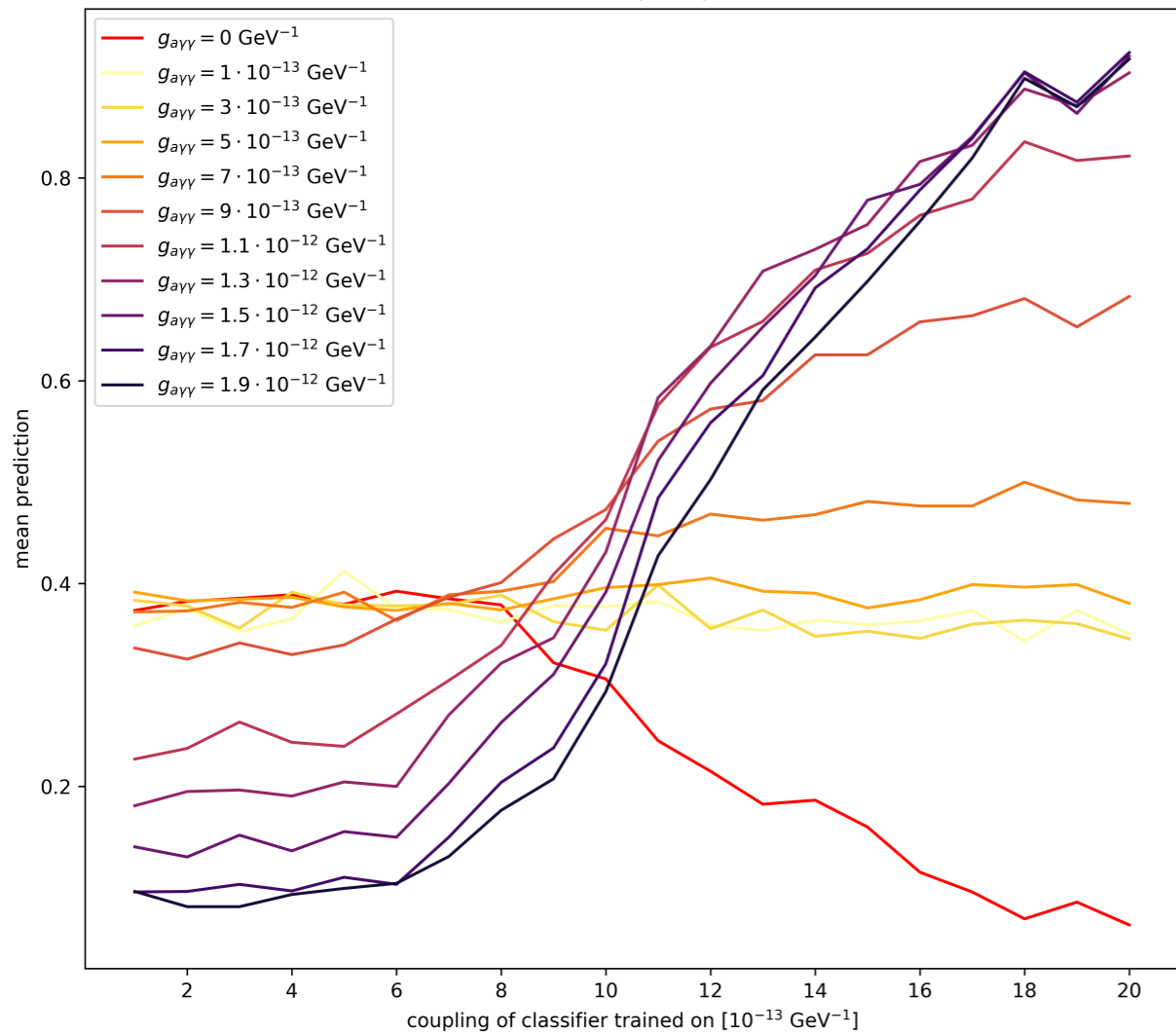


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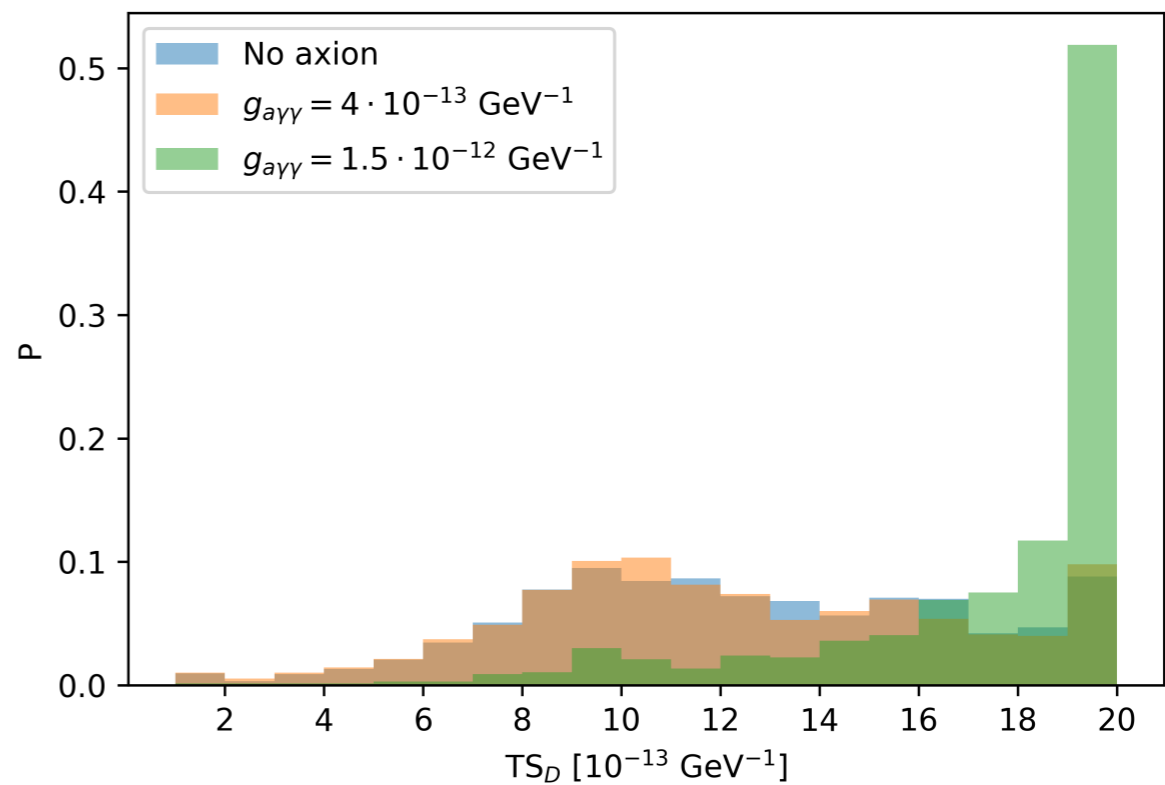
- Dualities tightly connected to data representations.
- Finding good data representations is at the heart of ML and often 'good' representations are not found.
- 'Good' representations can be enforced when known to exist.
- This enables classification for previously 'inaccessible' tasks. (1D Ising metastable configurations)
- Interesting representations can be found from feature separation (e.g. DFT)
- Interesting aspect: reduced complexity of networks
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- Lots of different kinds of dualities in Physics as playground for efficient neural network architectures.

Thank you!

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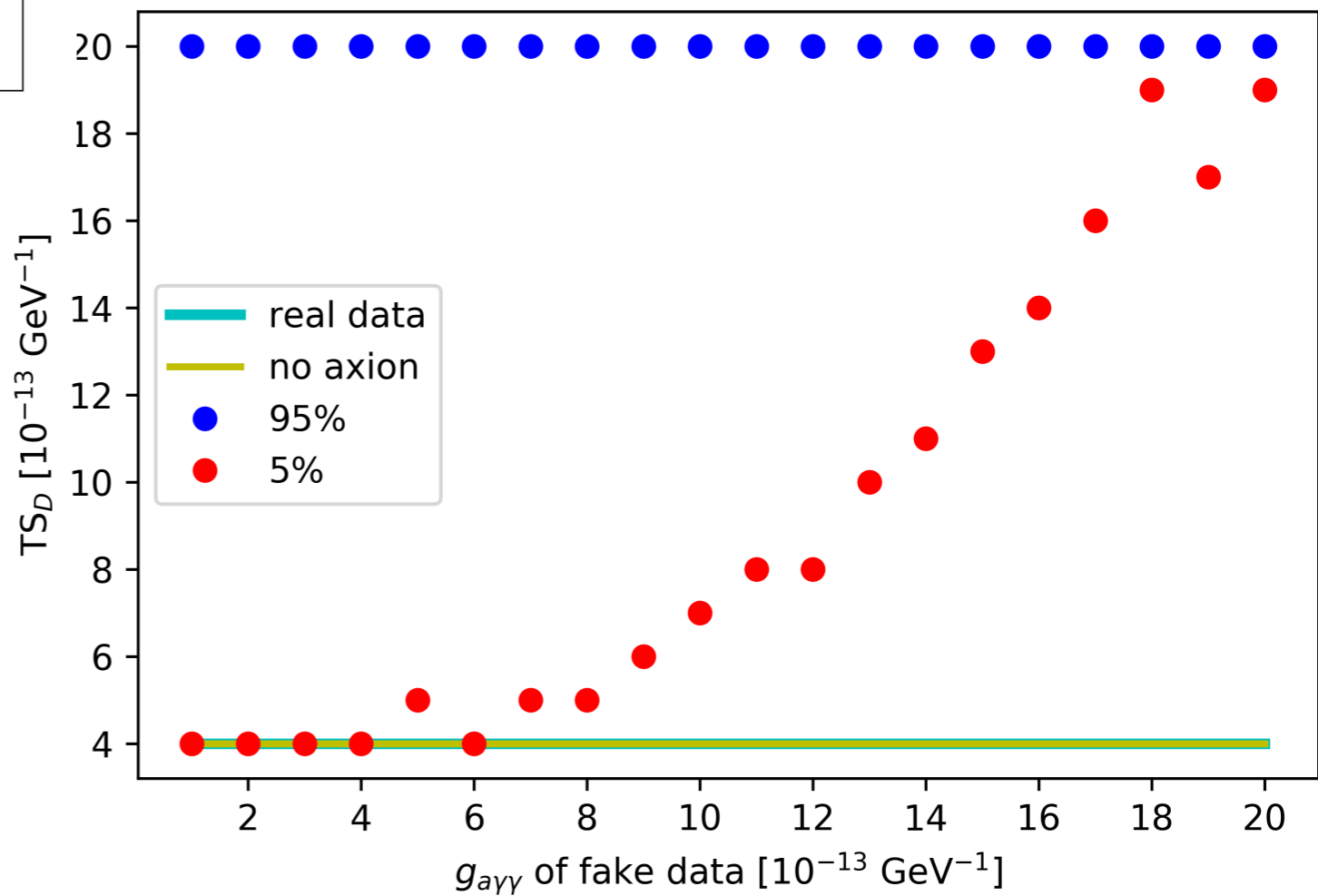
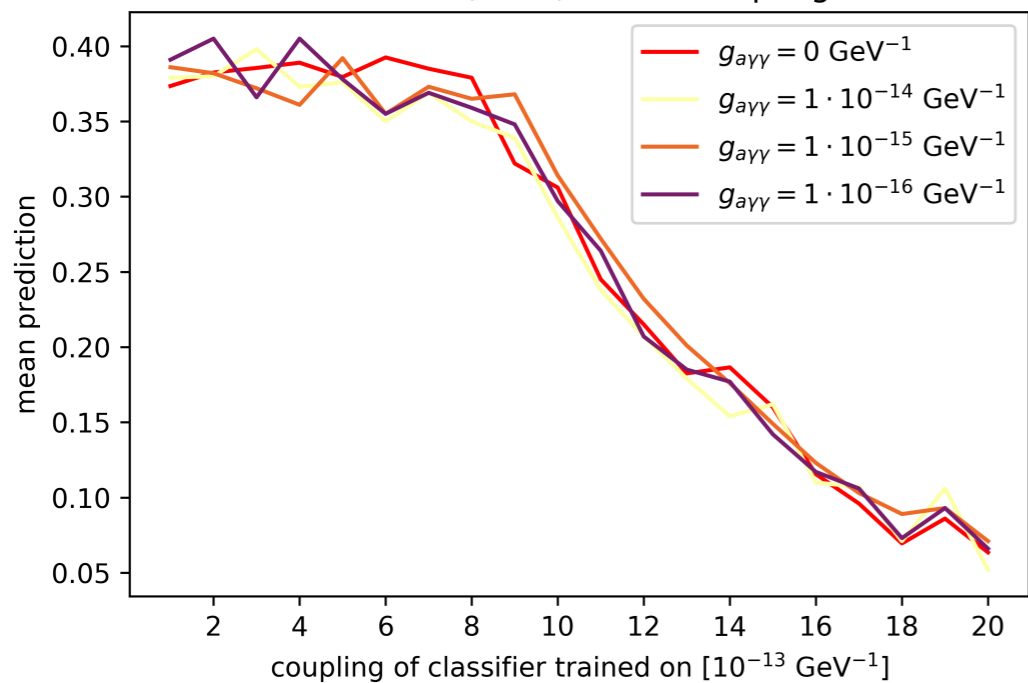


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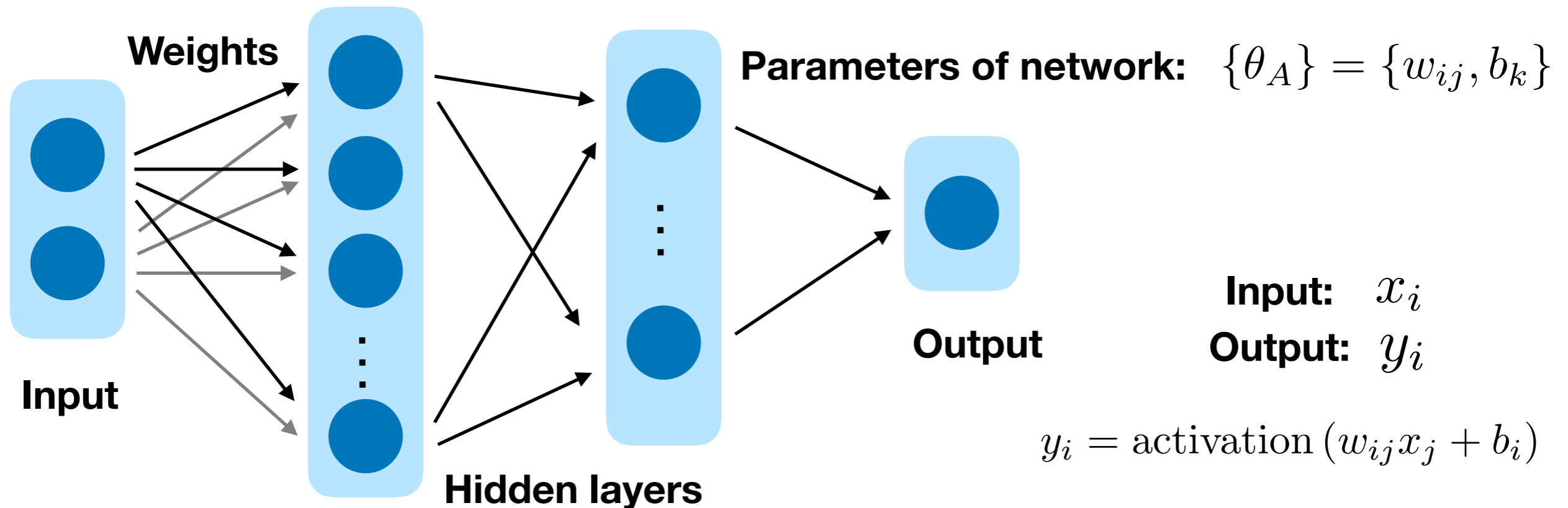
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Performance (resid) on low couplings: rfc



Neural Networks

- Layout of neural nets:



- Cost function depending on parameters of network

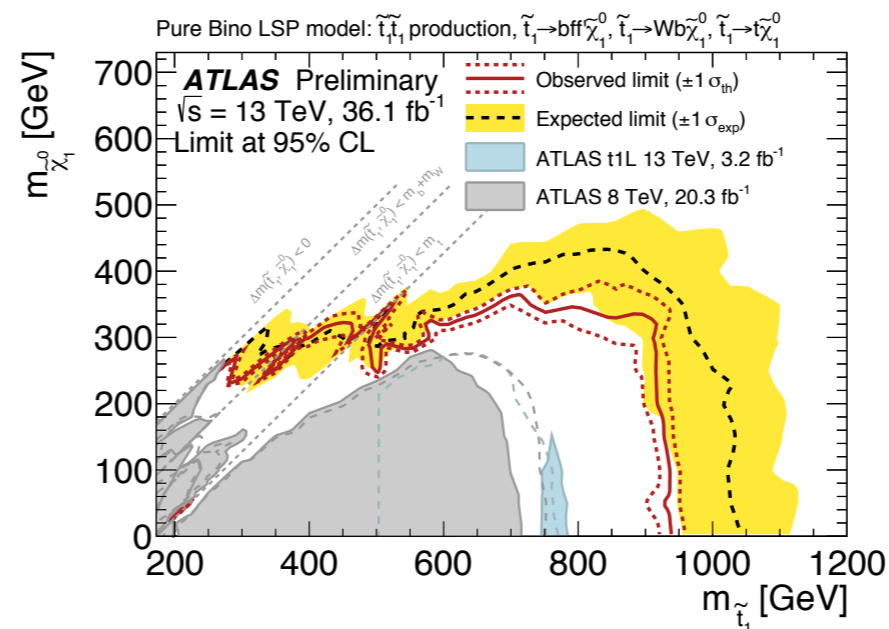
$$\text{cost}(\theta_A) = \sum_{\text{training set}} |y_{\text{desired}} - y_{\text{predicted}}(\theta_A)|$$

- Parameters of network updated using gradient descent

$$\theta_A \rightarrow \theta_A - \eta \nabla_A \text{cost}(\theta_A)$$

Improving physics searches with ML

- ML is heavily used in particle physics (since decades) and ML techniques are used to improve bounds on our favourite BSM models



Atlas: 1711.11520

- Similarly in astrophysics (Hoyle: 1504.07255) for distance measurements of galaxies
- ➔ Bottom line: feed the entire data, rather than preprocessed human-designed features
- Let's see how this works with limits on light axion-like particles

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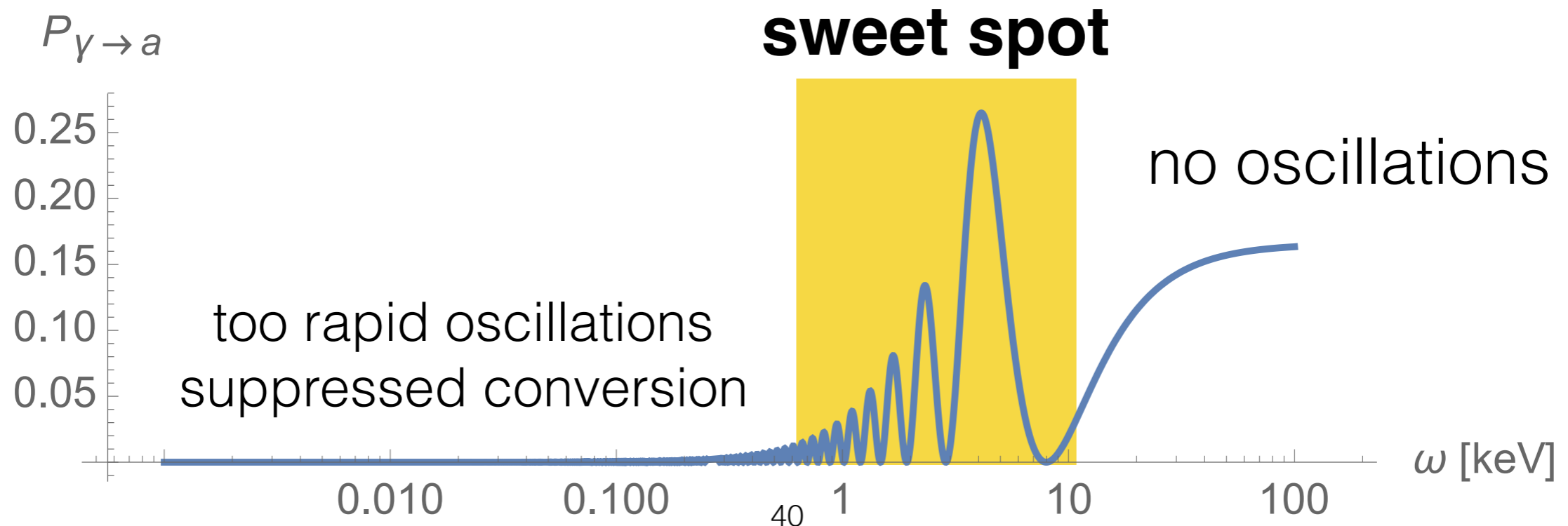
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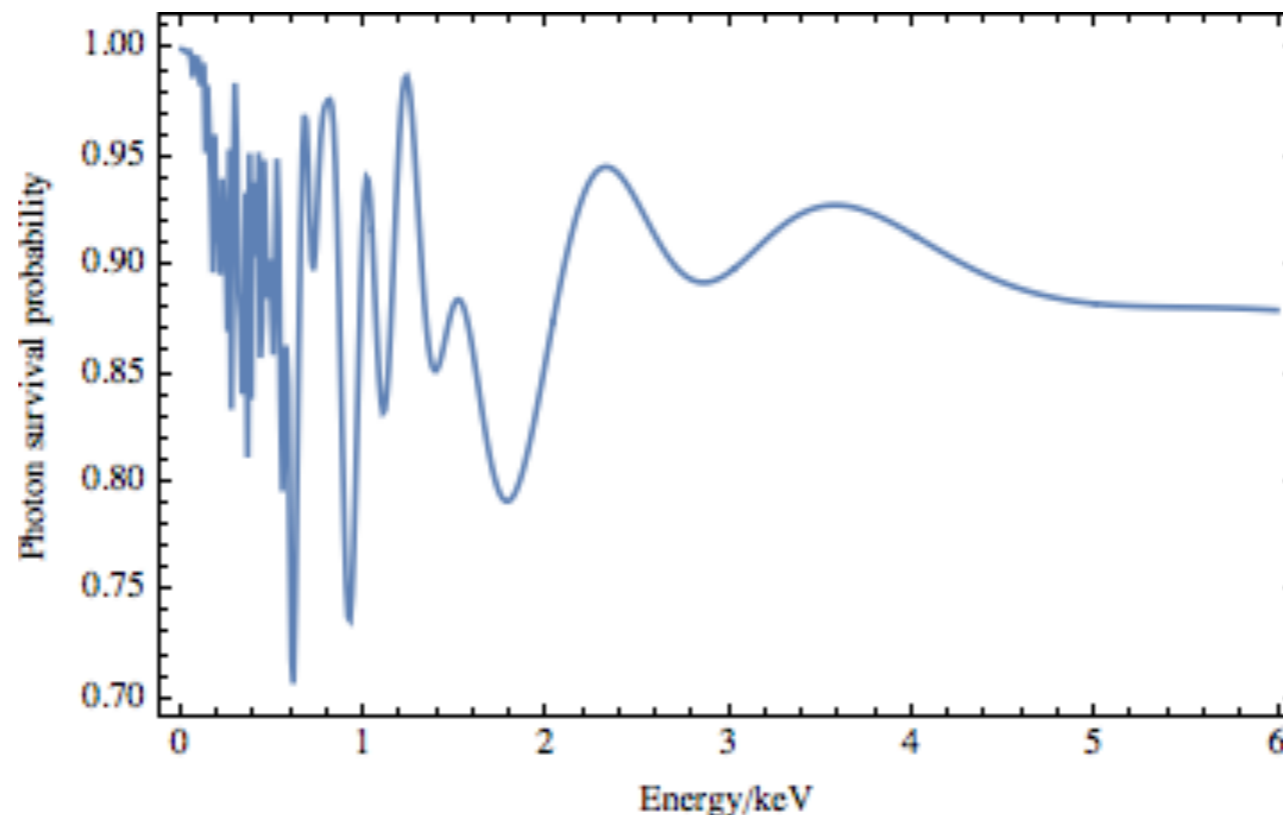
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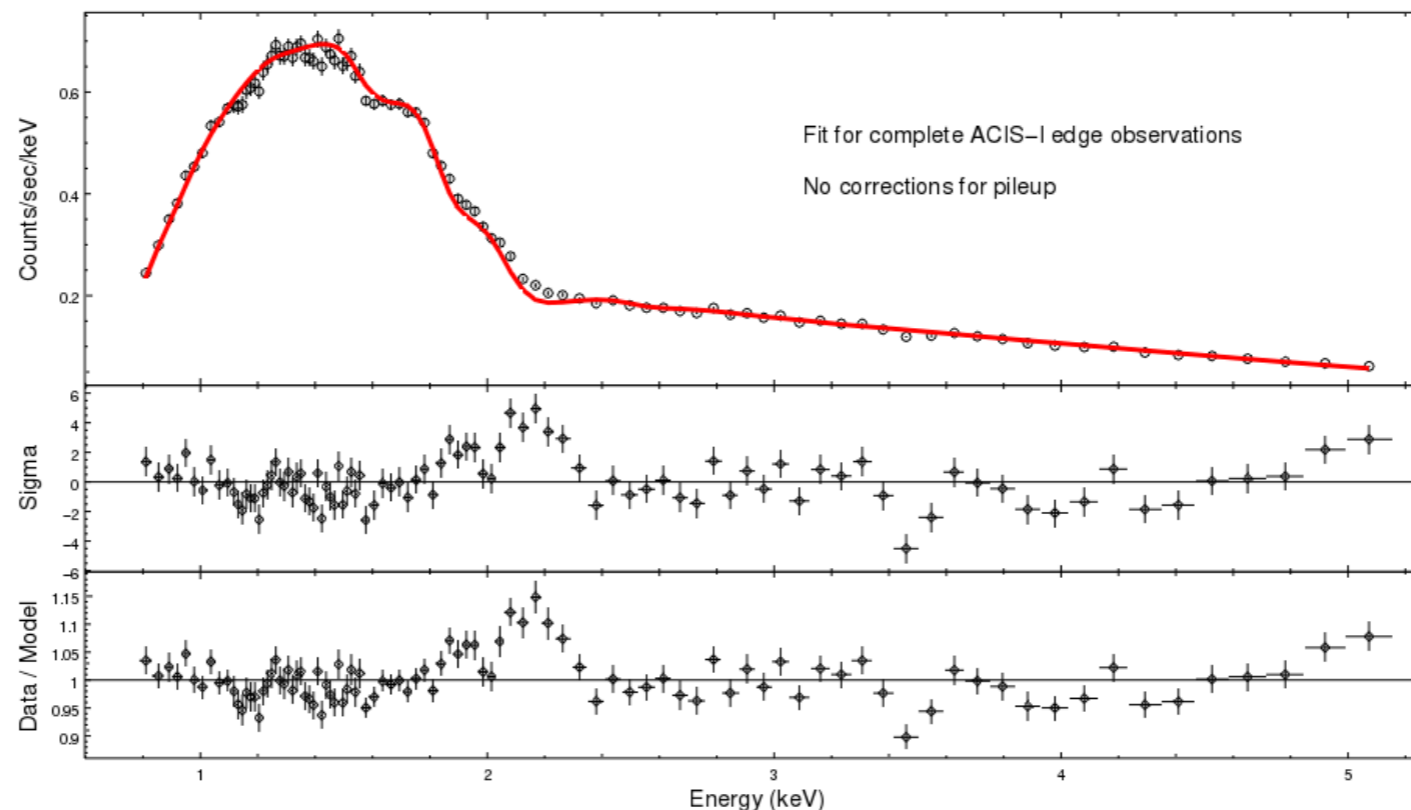
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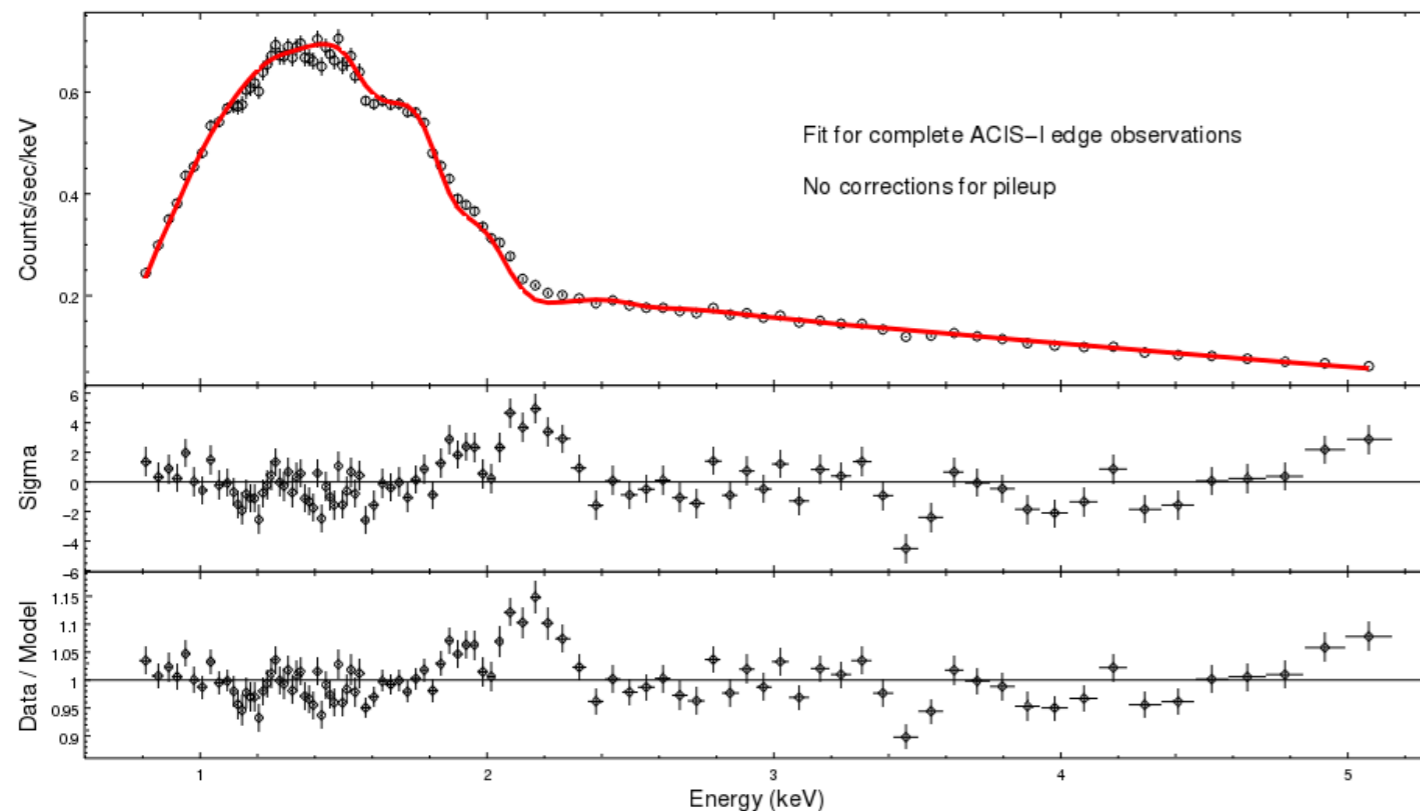
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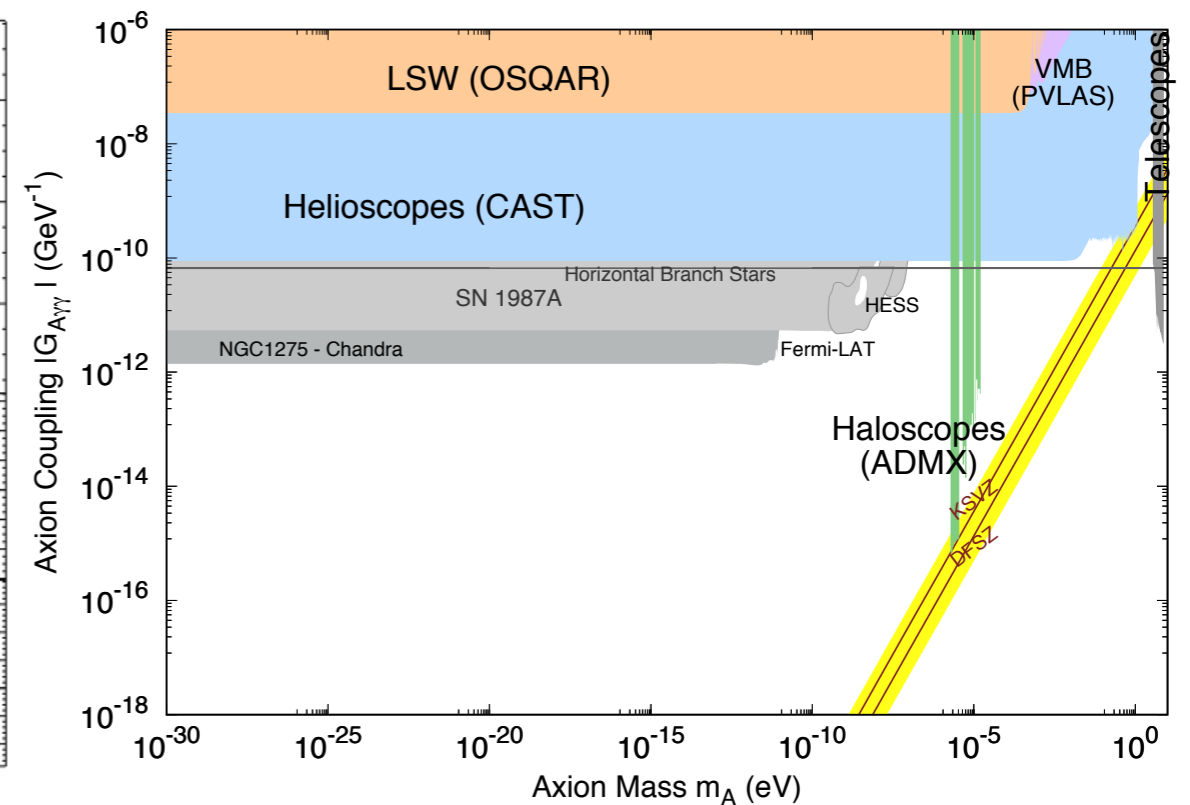
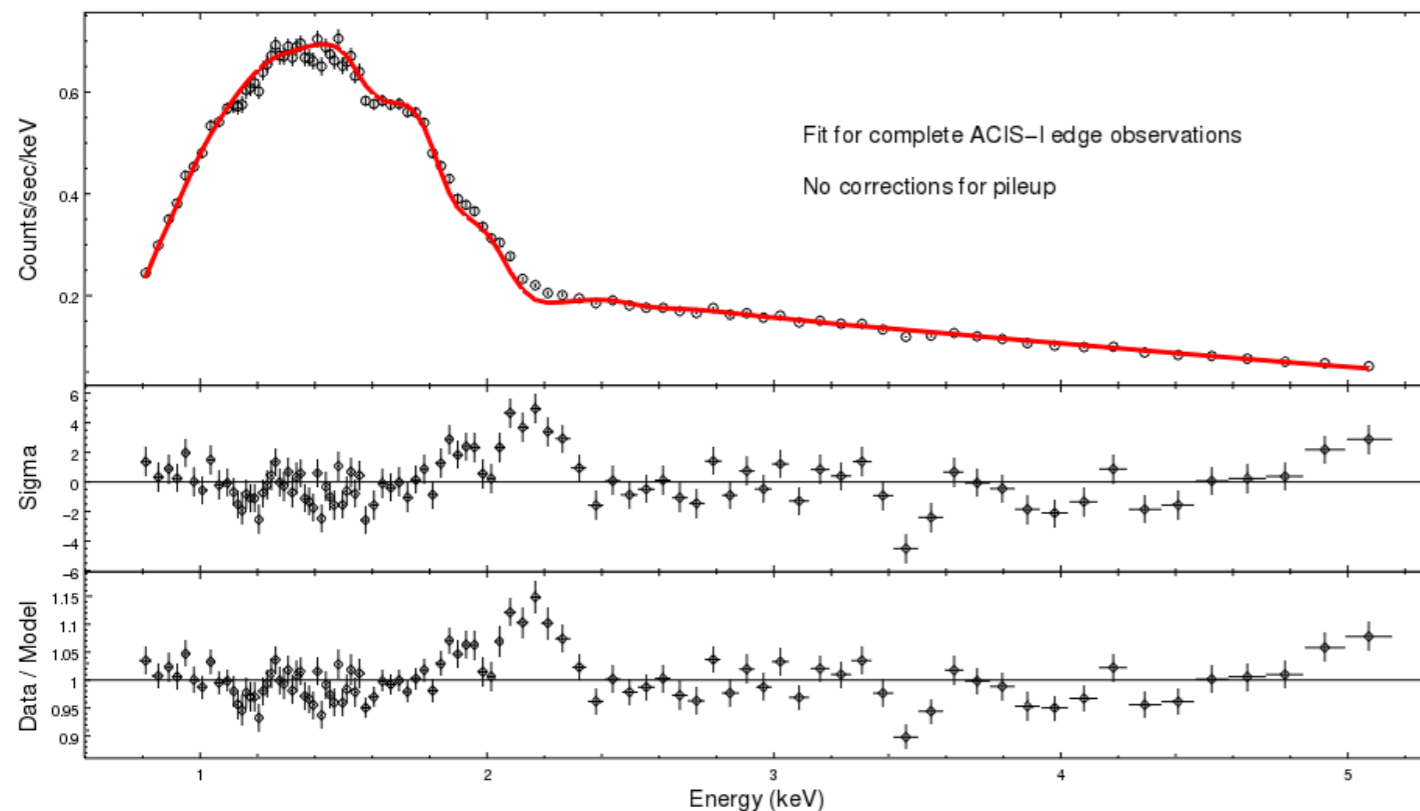


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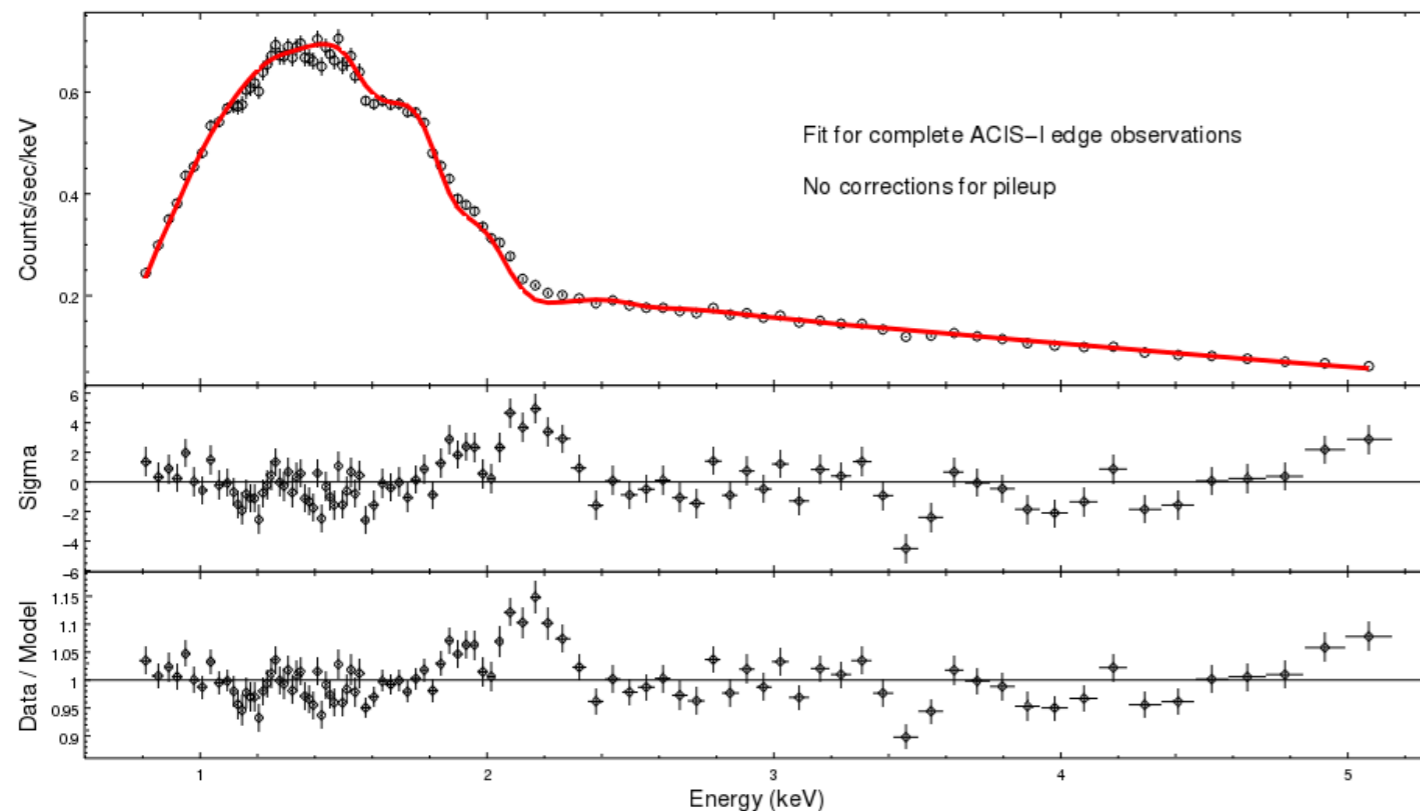


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