## Modern Analysis Techniques for Large Data Sets

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## Graduate elective

- You get out what you put in
  - Homework (first ~7 weeks; 40%; 100%; + options)
  - Final project & presentation based on your research
  - No exams
- Fill in quiz describing what you'd like to get out of the course

# Key topics

#### Practical statistics

- Turning research questions into statistical math
- Systematics, non-Gaussianity, covariance, avoiding common mistakes

#### Data visualization

- High quality visualizations (data density, perception, accessibility)
- Types of visualizations (research, monitoring, presentation)

#### Collaborative data analysis

- Using GitHub to your advantage (branching, provenance)
- Collaborative development
- Peer reviewed code

#### Advanced practices

- Statistically rigorous visualization
- · Jackknife tests, testing thickets, testing below the noise
- Question driven data rampages

## Course structure

- Building blocks (stats; visualization; git & collaborative code)
- Putting it all together

## Statistics



100 billion data points





#### git & analysis traceability



## Data unit tests

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BaFe<sub>2</sub>As<sub>2</sub> – Iron Based High Temperature Superconductor

Shua Sanchez, Prof. Jiun-Haw Chu's Quantum Materials group

- Project goal: apply strains and x-ray to precisely detwin a sample and strain-tune superconductivity.
- This crystal has 2 structural domains (A and B) where iron atoms form rectangular lattice.
- Under zero stress, the A and B domains have the same total volume (domain population).
  Applying tension detwins the crystal to turn B domains into A, and compression to A to B.
- We combined x-rays to measure the *a* and *b* lattice constants directly while applying strain.
- The video shows 162 strain states sequentially and the intensity of the x-ray diffraction on the area detector





- (Top plot) the intensity position on the detector gives the length values of *a* and *b* which change with strain
- (Middle plot) the intensity is summed vertically and fit to 2 Gaussians

(Bottom plot) The relative intensity  $\frac{I_A}{I_A + I_B}$  gives the relative A domain population which change vs strain.

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Interesting result! Lattice constants freeze in place during detwinning!

Implies that the domain pinning is much softer than the crystal lattice

Can smoothly detwin the sample from B to A and back

#### Introductions

## Thinking about statistics

What is significance anyway?

## What is the question?

Must clearly & precisely state the question

Example (null hypothesis):

If there is no signal; what is the probability that the background produces a signal that is equally or more signal-like than what I observed?



data = stats.norm.rvs(loc = 5., scale = 0.01, size = 100000)







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'Probability' =  $\int_{a}^{\infty} pdf(x)dx$  in this case!

## In physics, $X\sigma$ is shorthand for a probability

• 5 $\sigma$  means: the probability of signal-free data giving a measurement that is equally or more signal like than your observation is less than  $2.87 \times 10^{-7}$  (or 1 in 3.5 million)

## Common mistakes

- $X\sigma$  does not imply Gaussian distributed data
- $X\sigma$  is not  $X\sigma$  away from the mean
- $X\sigma$  does not mean your question is one-sided

Best interpretation of  $X\sigma$  (null hypothesis case)

• The probability of the background giving me a data point that looks as or more signal-like than the reading I have is the same probability as if my data was Gaussian and I was  $X\sigma$  away from the mean

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Probability 
$$X\sigma = \int_{X\sigma}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{\frac{-(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}} dx = \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{erfc}\left(\frac{X}{\sqrt{2}}\right)$$

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## Key statistical steps

- Clearly state the question (& turn into math)
- Determine the background distribution
- Integrate background to find probability
- Convert probability into equivalent sigma

