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# Principal Component Analysis And its application to Relativistic Heavy-Ion Collisions

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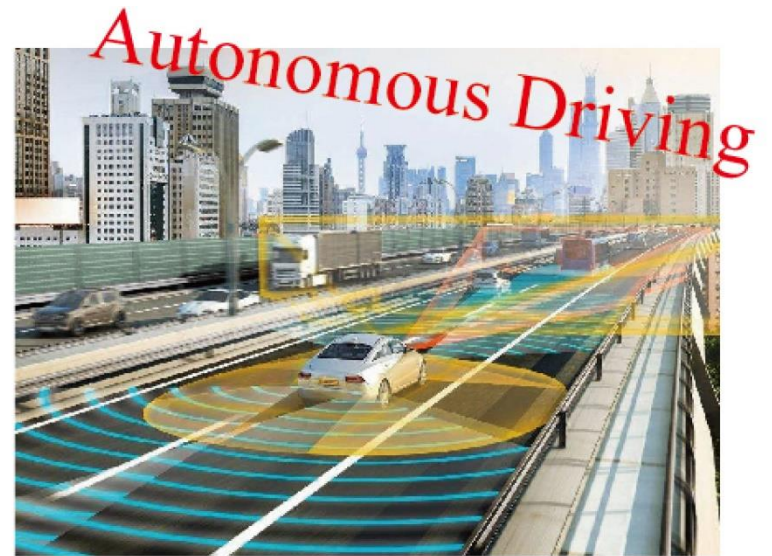
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# Overview

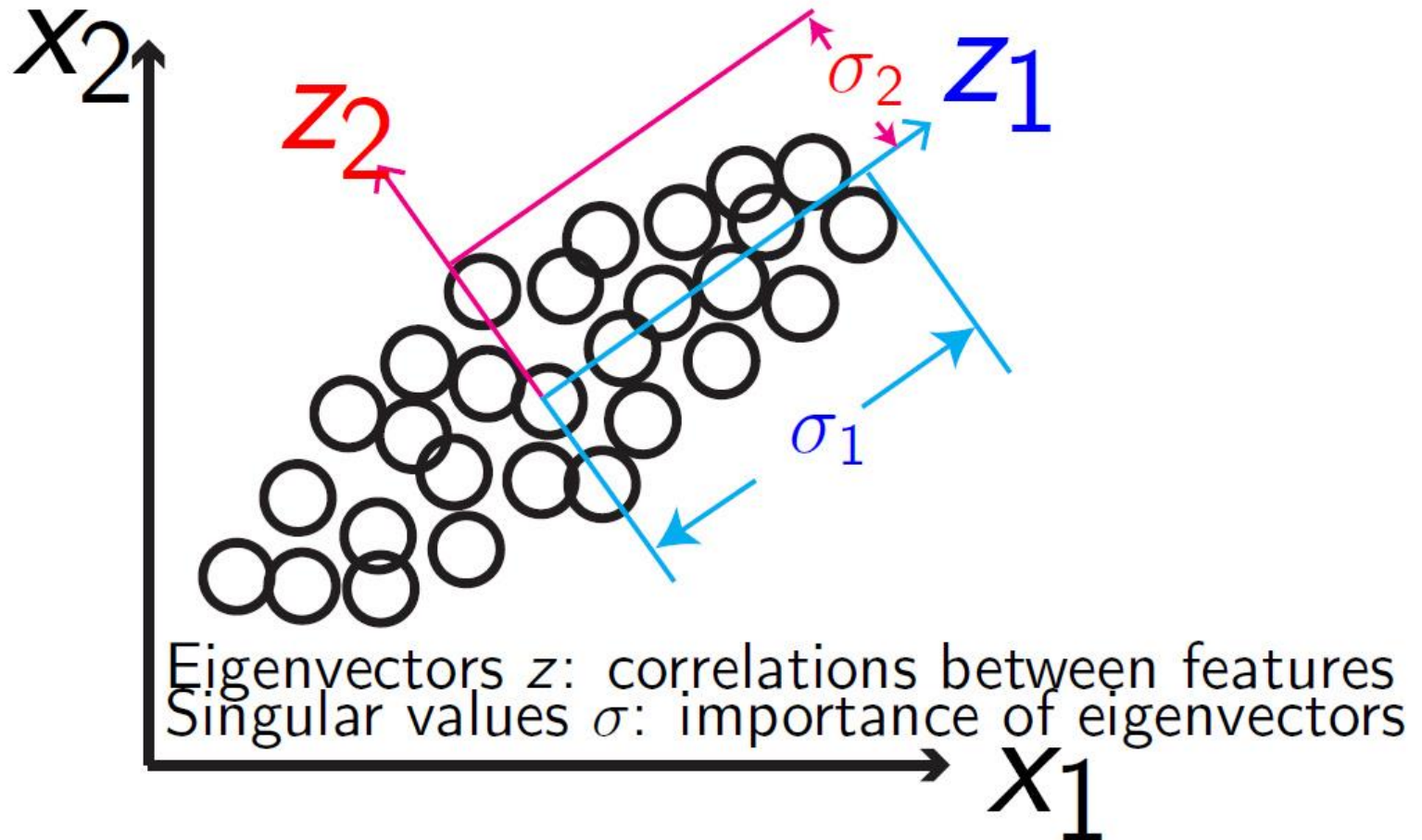
- Introduction to PCA
- Paper I:  
PCA Analysis of Collective Flow
- Paper II:  
PCA Analysis of flow factorization breaking

# Machine learning



# What is PCA?

# An intuitive way for PCA



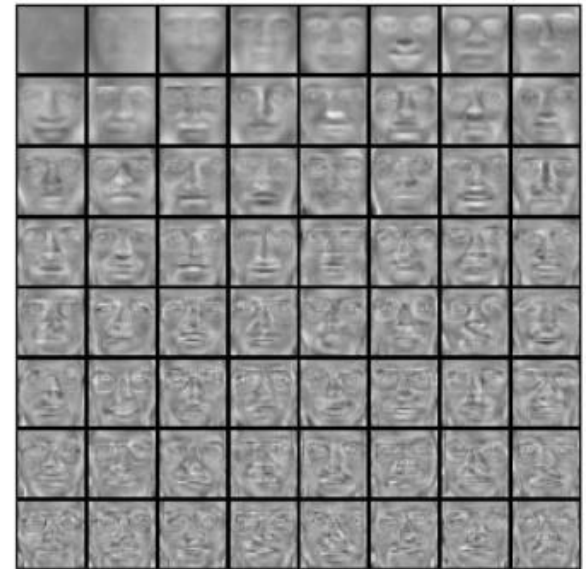
# Principal component analysis ——Application



Dataset: Faces of different people



Top eigenvectors:  $u_1, \dots, u_k$

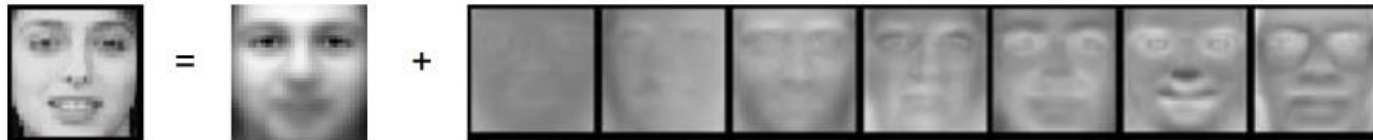


Eigenfaces



# Principal component analysis ——Application

- Each face is decomposed into superposition of eigenfaces.



The diagram illustrates the decomposition of a face image. On the left is a grayscale image of a woman's face. This is followed by an equals sign, then a grayscale image of a mean face, followed by a plus sign, and then a row of seven grayscale images representing eigenfaces. Below this visual representation is the corresponding mathematical equation:

$$\hat{x} = \mu + w_1u_1 + w_2u_2 + w_3u_3 + w_4u_4 + \dots$$

- We can drop unimportant high order eigenfaces. So we can use a few coefficients and corresponding eigenfaces to reconstruct original faces. **(Image compression)**

P = 4



P = 200



P = 400



# Principal component analysis --math

## Theorem: SVD(Singular Value Decomposition)

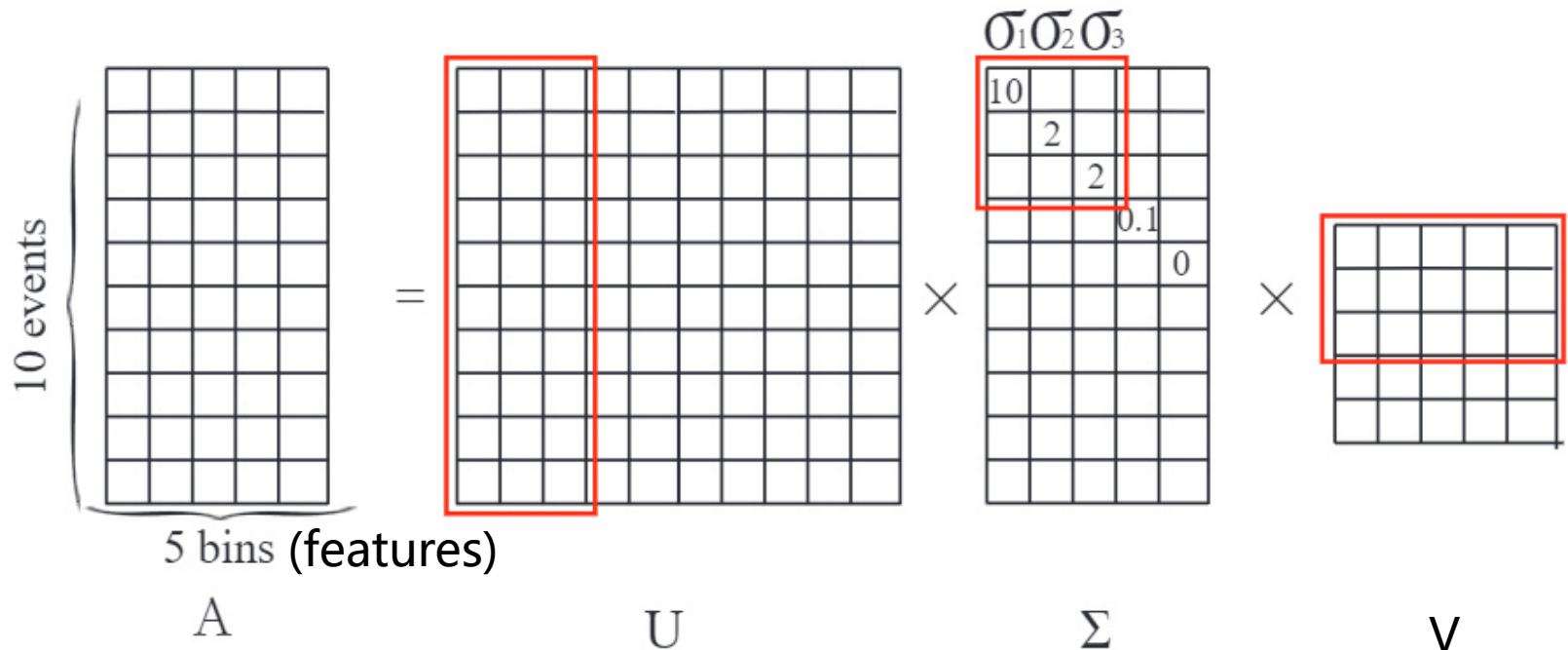
For a complex (real) matrix  $A \in R^{n \times m}$ ,  $\exists$  unitary (orthogonal) matrices  $U_{n \times n}$  and  $V_{m \times m}$ , along with a sub-diagonal matrix  $\Sigma_{n \times m}$  such that

$$A = U \Sigma V$$

Where  $\Sigma = \text{diag}(\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \dots)$  such that  $\sigma_1 \geq \sigma_2 \geq \dots \geq 0$

$\sigma$ : singular values

$v_{i,:}$ : eigenmodes/ eigenvectors/principal components



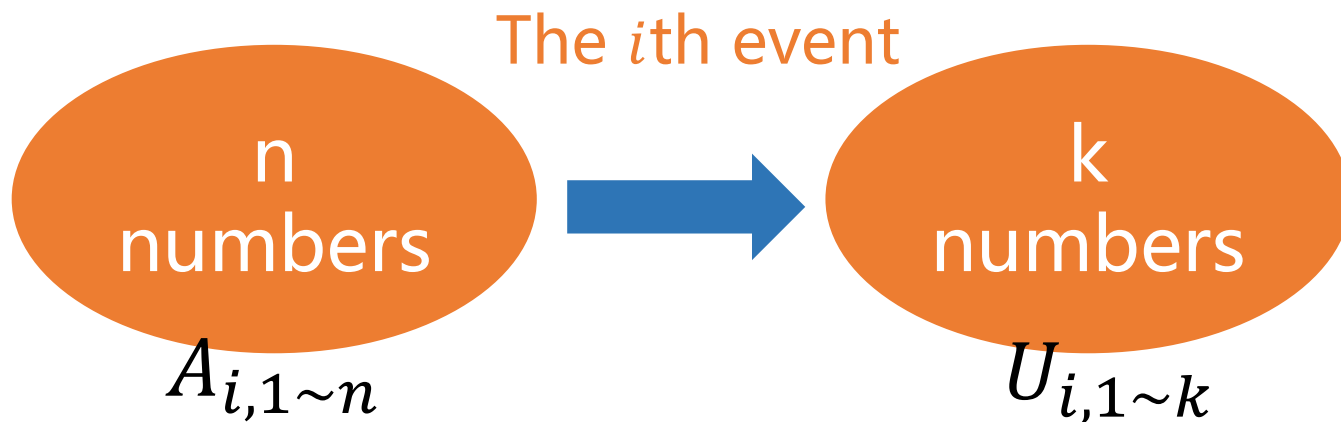


# Principal component analysis --math

Now, the  $i$ th event can be decomposed as summation of eigenvectors  $z_j$ :

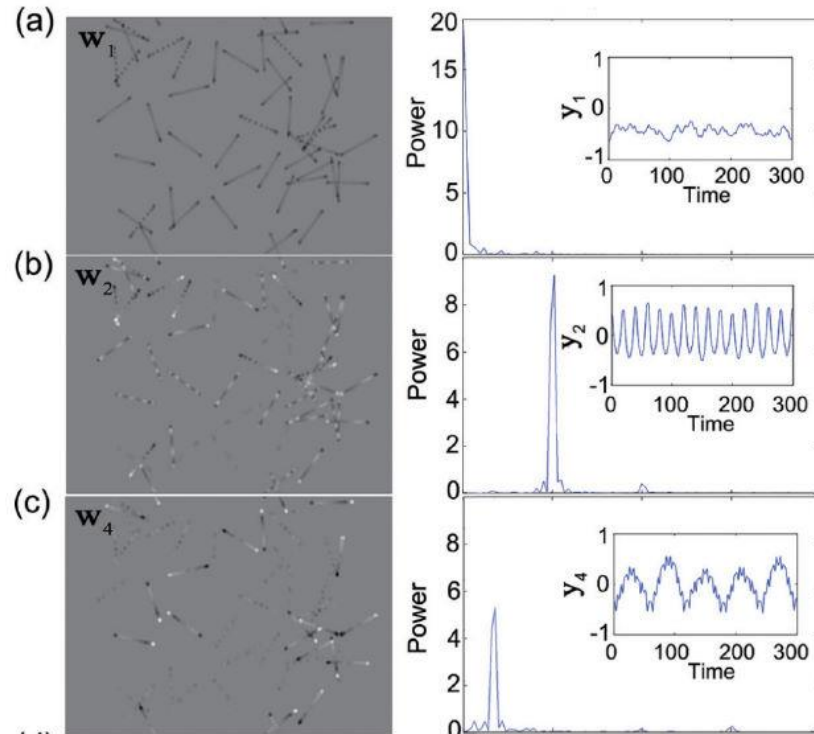
$$A_{i,:} \approx \sum_{j=1,2,\dots,k} \sigma_j u_{i,j} v_{:,j}$$

$k$  is the cut we choose to drop out minor modes.

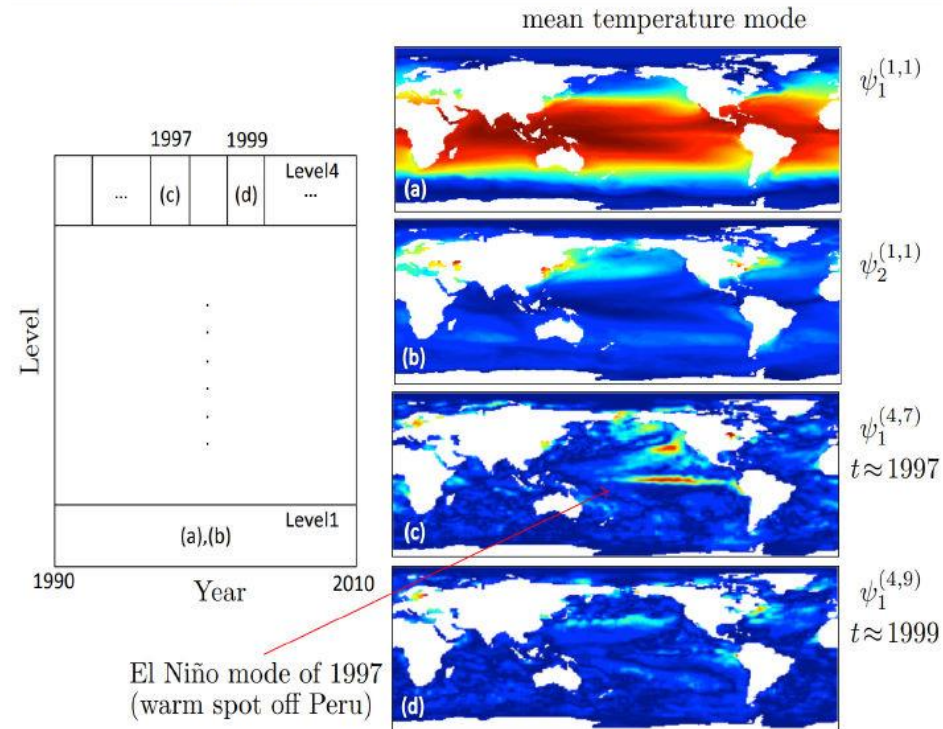


# PCA in physics

- eigenfrequencies in particle motion



- Multi-resolution PCA to discover El Nino.



H. Y. Chen, Raphal Ligeois, John R. de Bruyn, and Andrea

Soddu Phys. Rev. E 91, 042308 Published 15 April 2015

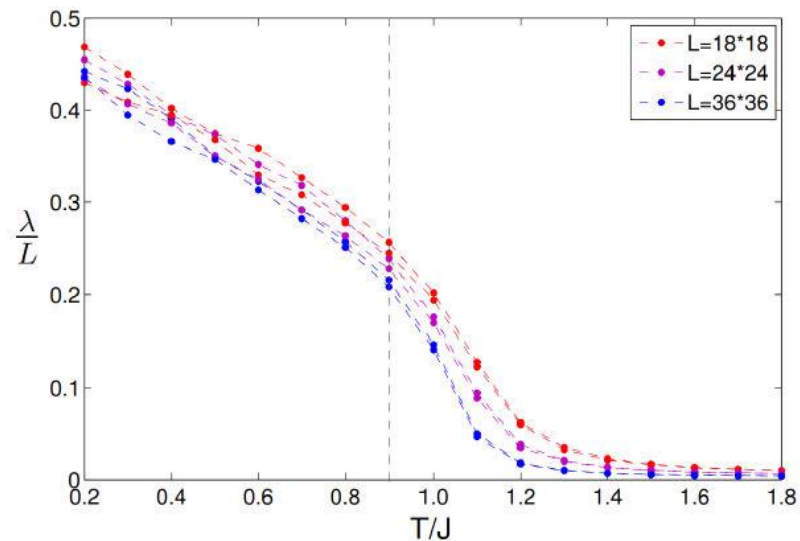
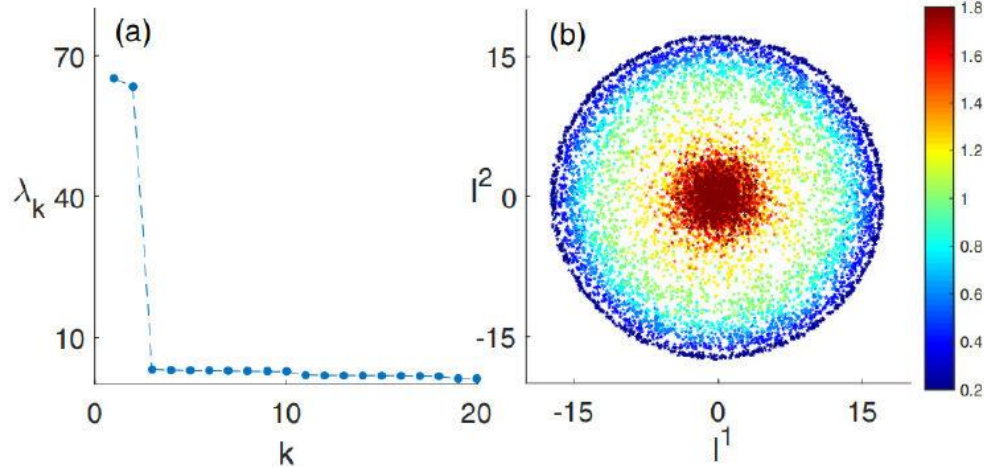
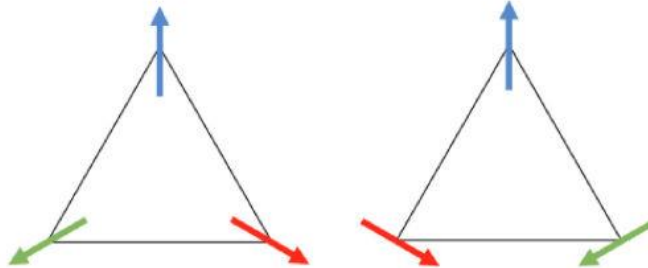
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# PCA in physics

Machine learning helps discover

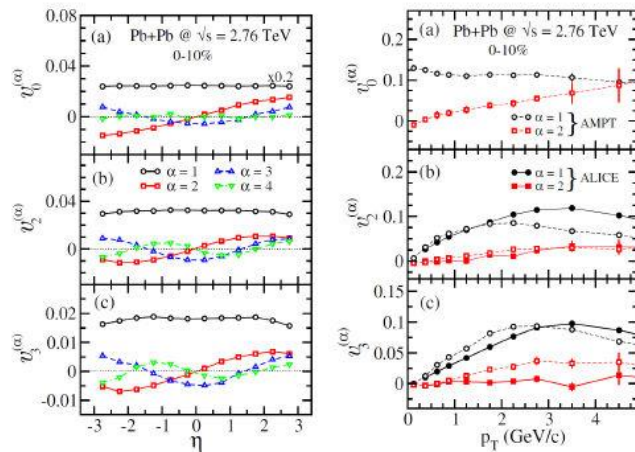
- Correlations between spin configurations
- Phase transition

$$\mathcal{H} = J \sum_{\langle ii \rangle} \cos(\theta_i - \theta_j)$$



# PCA in Heavy-Ion

- subleading modes of factorization breaking



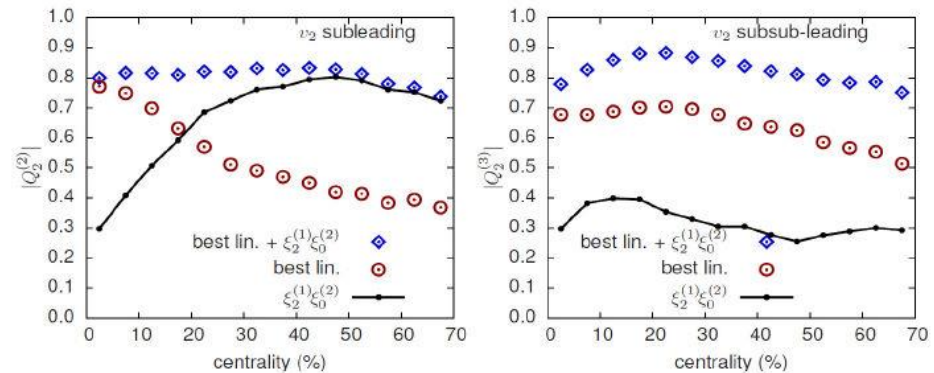
Rajeev S. Bhalerao, Jean-Yves Ollitrault, Subrata Pal, Derek Teaney Phys.Rev.Lett. **114** (2015) no.15, 152301

- Nonlinear response coefficients

Piotr Bozek, Phys.Rev. **C97** (2018) no.3, 034905

- Best linear descriptor

$$\zeta_{n,pred}^{(a)} = \varepsilon_{n,n} + c_1 \varepsilon_{n,n+2}$$



Aleksas Mazeliauskas, Derek Teaney Phys.Rev.**C93** (2016) no.2, 024913

- Experimental data

CMS collaboration, Phys.Rev. **C96** (2017) no.6, 064902

# Principal Component Analysis(PCA) in Heavy-ion Physics

arXiv: 1903.09833

Ziming Liu, Wenbin Zhao, **Huichao Song**

Principal Component Analysis (PCA) of Collective Modes  
in Relativistic Heavy-Ion Collisions

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# Can a machine automatically discover flow?

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Previous work utilizes **Fourier Transformation** in the  $\phi$  direction:

$$\frac{dN}{dp} = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{+\infty} V_n(p) e^{in\phi} \quad p = (p_t, \eta)$$

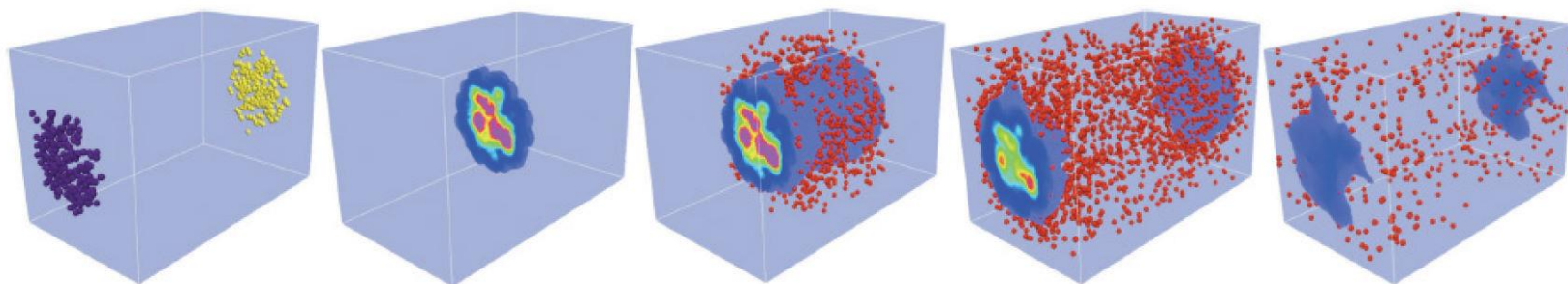
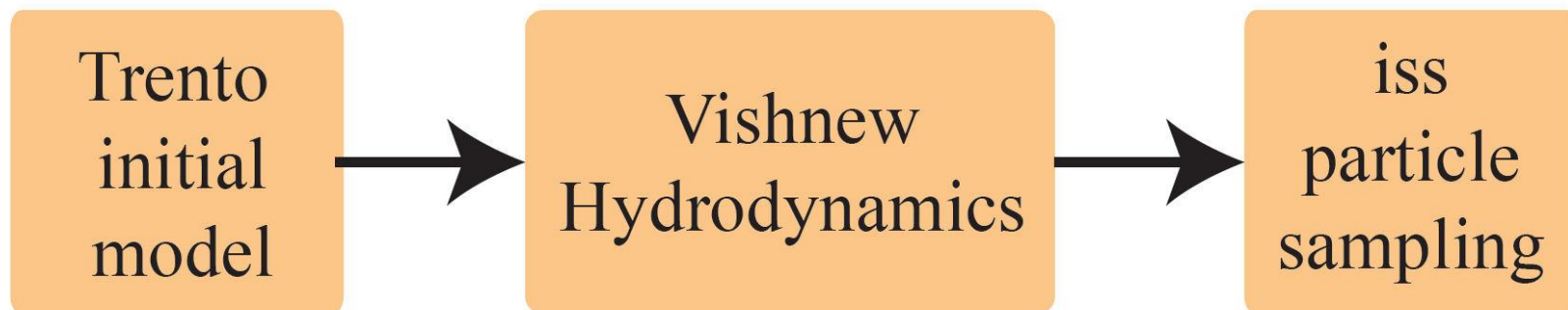
PCA decomposes  $V_n(p)$  into eigenmodes:

$$V_n(p) = \sum_{\alpha=1}^k \xi^{(\alpha)} V_n^{(\alpha)}(p)$$

However, we apply PCA directly to  $dN/d\phi$  data without **FT**:

$$\frac{dN}{d\phi} = \sum_{\alpha=1}^k \xi^{(\alpha)} \left( \frac{dN}{d\phi} \right)^{(\alpha)}$$

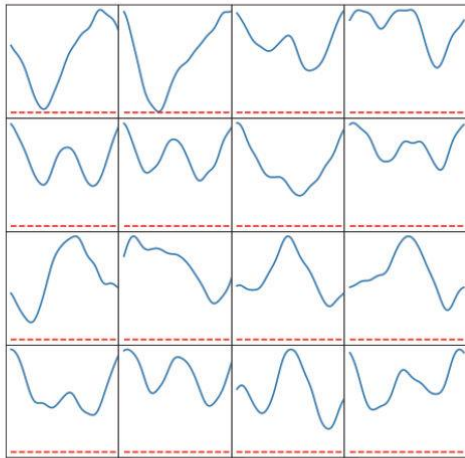
## Pb+Pb collisions at 2.76 A TeV



No hadron rescattering or resonance decays to simplify problem settings.

# PCA for flow analysis

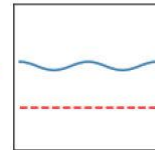
Data sets:  $\frac{dN}{d\phi}$



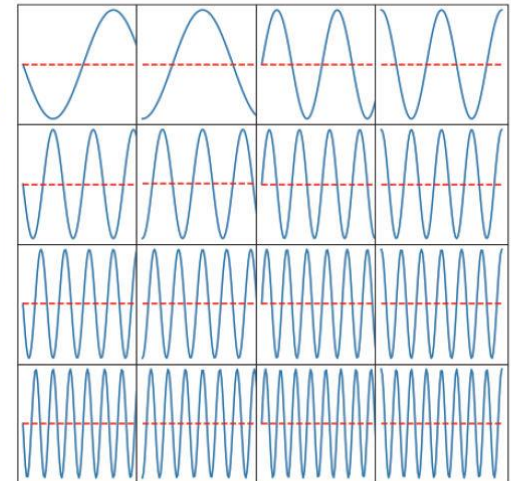
PCA



mean  $\mu$

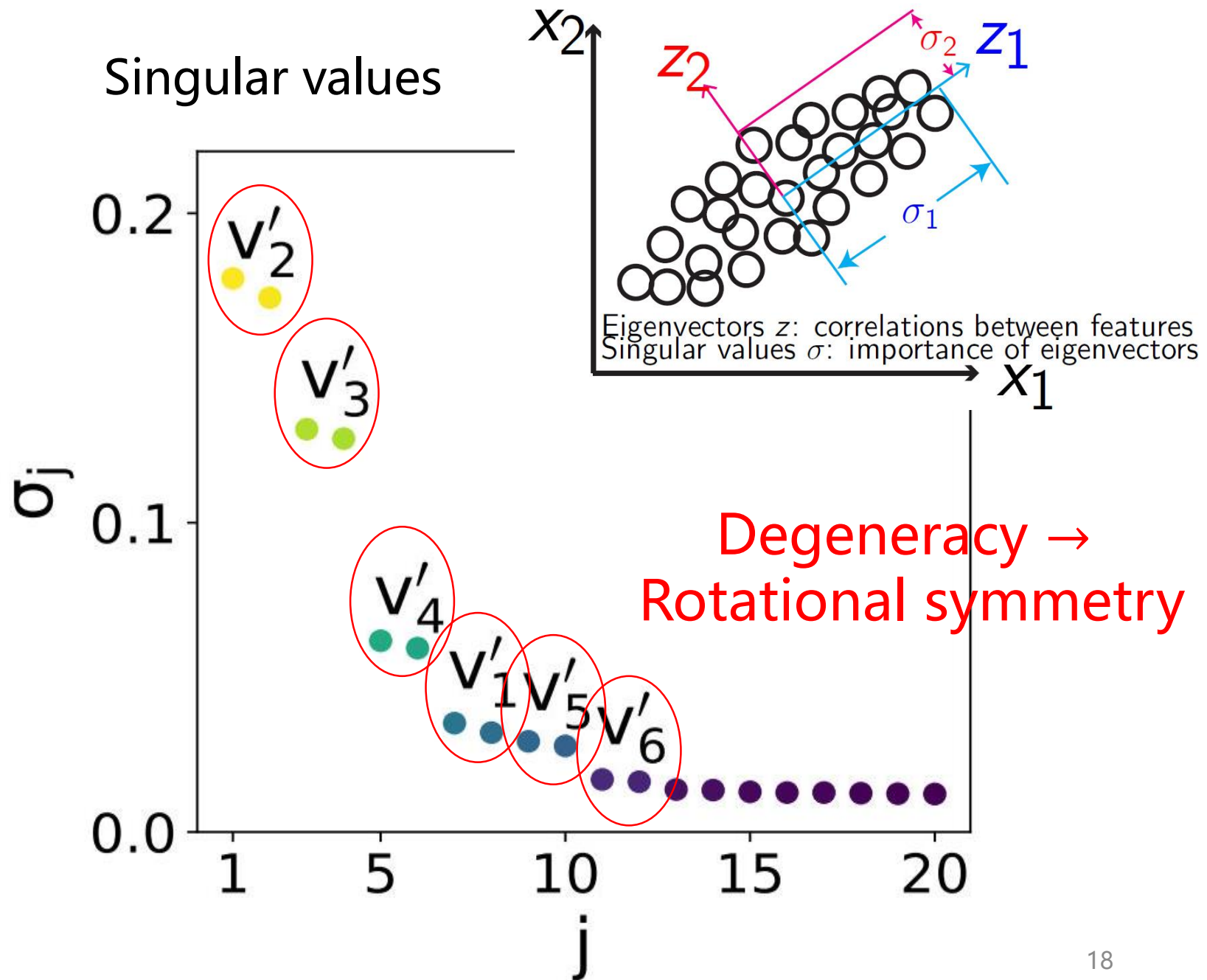


top eigenvectors:  $\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \sigma_3, \dots$



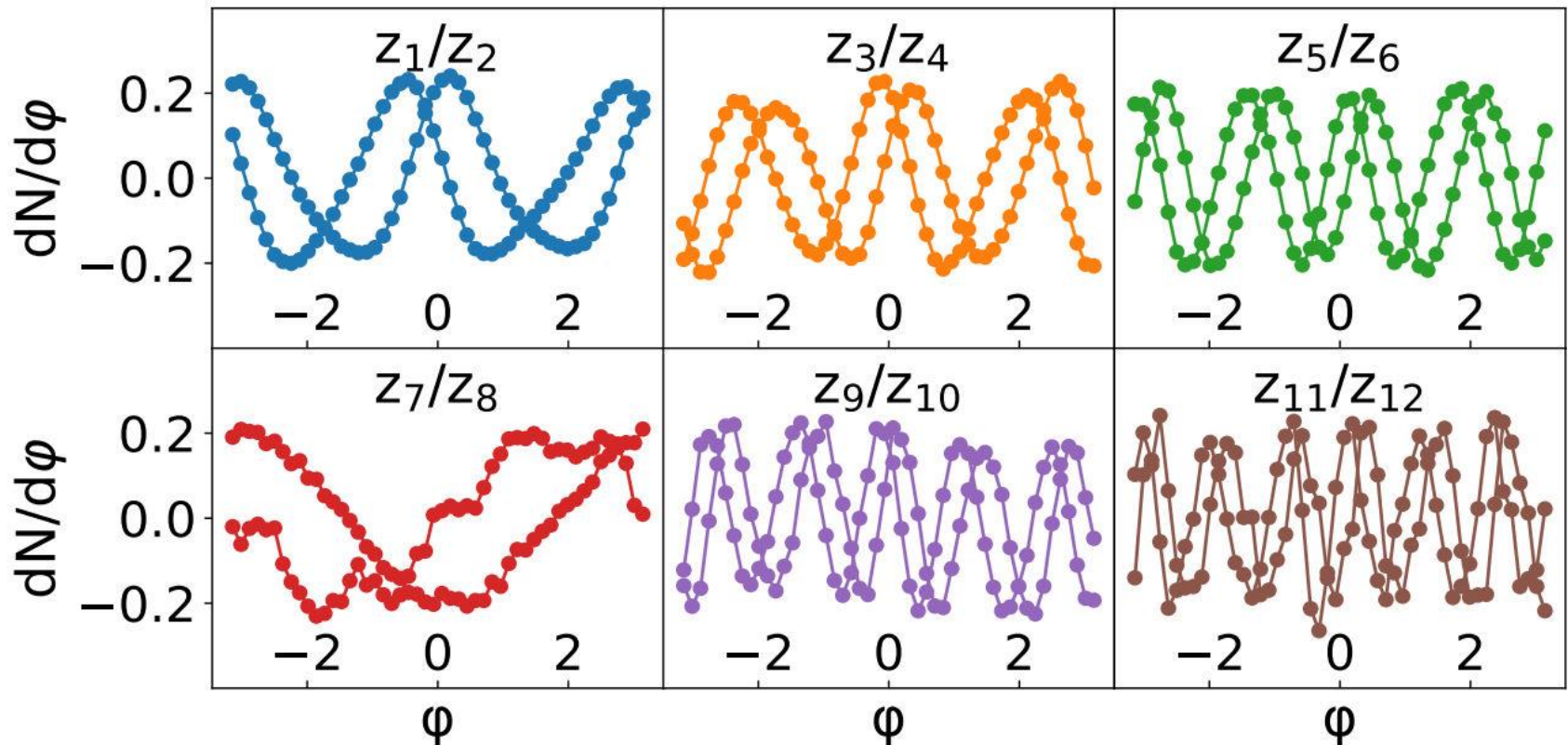
With PCA, each flow distribution is decomposed into superposition of eigenmodes.

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \text{[Plot of a flow distribution]} = \text{[Plot of the mean } \mu\text{]} + \text{[Grid of eigenvectors]} \\
 & \frac{dN}{d\phi} = \mu + x_1 z_1 + x_2 z_2 + x_3 z_3 + \dots
 \end{aligned}$$



## Eigenvectors/ Principal components

Elliptic flow   Triangular flow   .....



Machines can automatically discover flow  
without any guidance from human beings!



Define flow harmonics  
with PCA

$$\frac{dN}{d\phi} = \mu + \sum_{i=1}^k x_k z_k$$

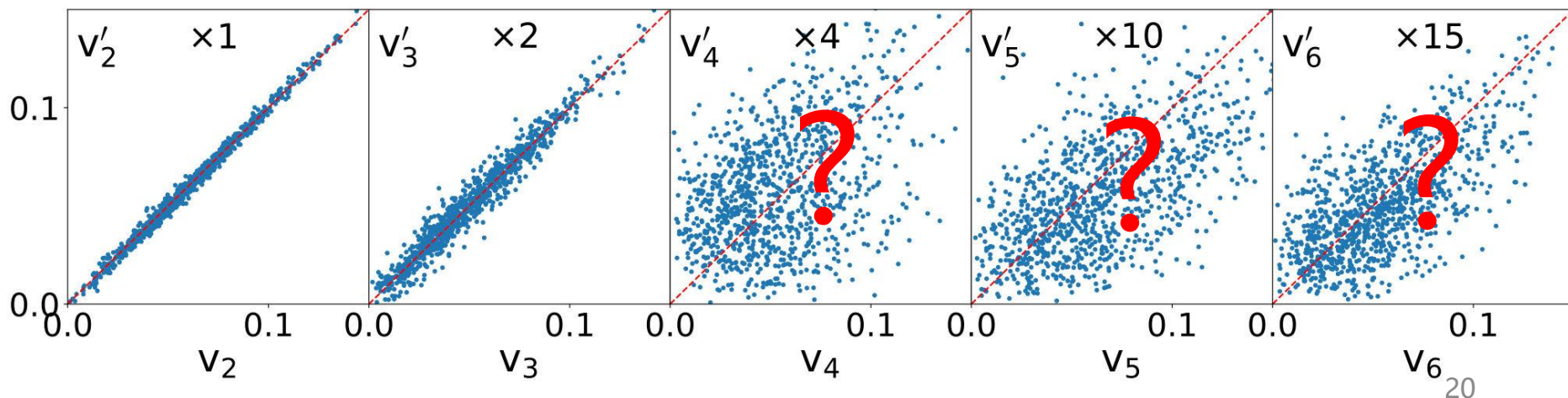
Event average comparisons

Define flow harmonics  
with Fourier (Tradition)

$n$	$v'_n$	$\overline{v'_n} \times 10^2$	$\overline{v_n} \times 10^2$
2	$\sqrt{\frac{m}{2}} \sqrt{x_1^2 + x_2^2}$	6.03	6.08
3	$\sqrt{\frac{m}{2}} \sqrt{x_3^2 + x_4^2}$	2.57	2.53
4	$\sqrt{\frac{m}{2}} \sqrt{x_5^2 + x_6^2}$	1.21	1.25
5	$\sqrt{\frac{m}{2}} \sqrt{x_9^2 + x_{10}^2}$	0.57	0.66
6	$\sqrt{\frac{m}{2}} \sqrt{x_{11}^2 + x_{12}^2}$	0.26	0.37

PCA flow harmonics  
 $\approx$   
Traditional flow harmonics

Event-by-event comparisons

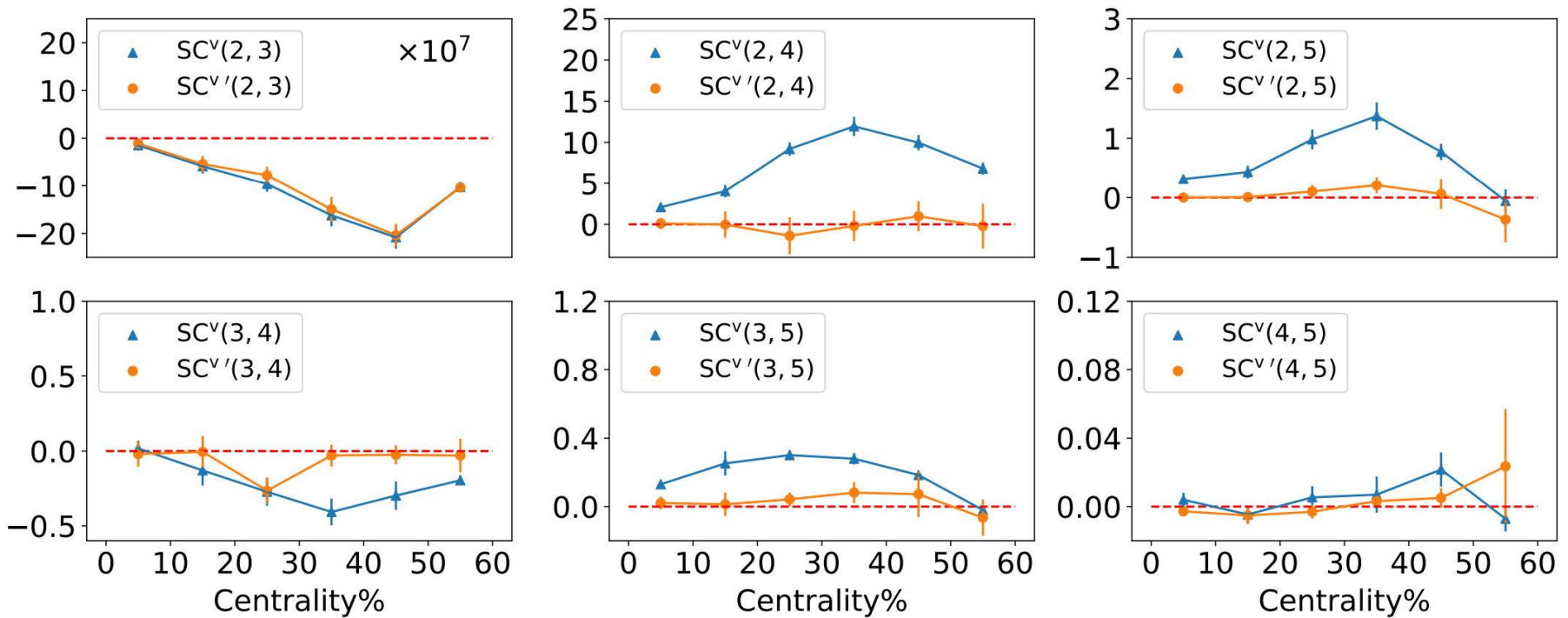




# Symmetric cumulants

Fourier :  $SC^v(m, n) = \langle v_m^2 v_n^2 \rangle - \langle v_m^2 \rangle \langle v_n^2 \rangle$

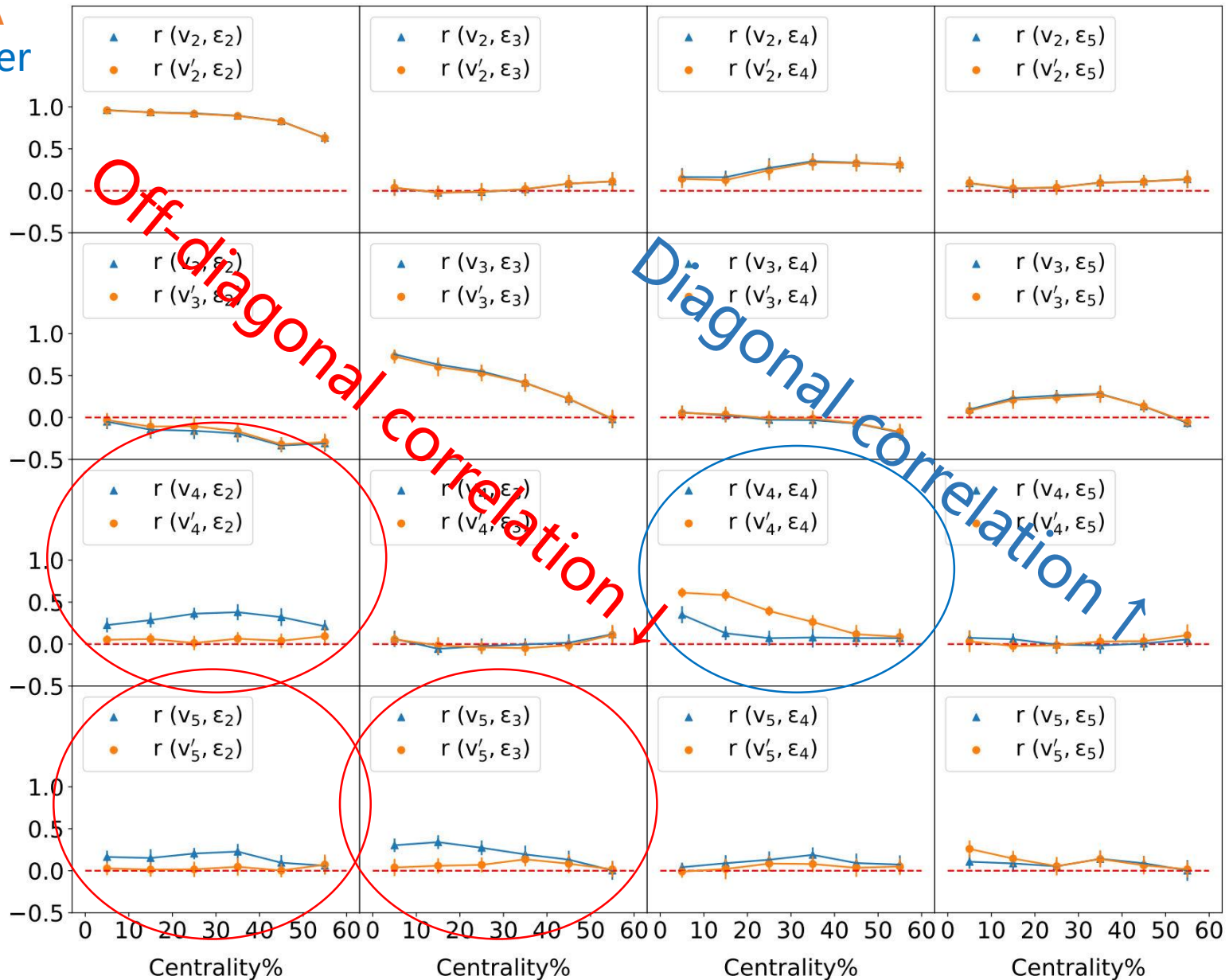
PCA :  $SC^{v'}(m, n) = \langle v'^2_m v'^2_n \rangle - \langle v'^2_m \rangle \langle v'^2_n \rangle$



Correlation between different harmonics decrease for PCA !

# Pearson correlation between initial and final

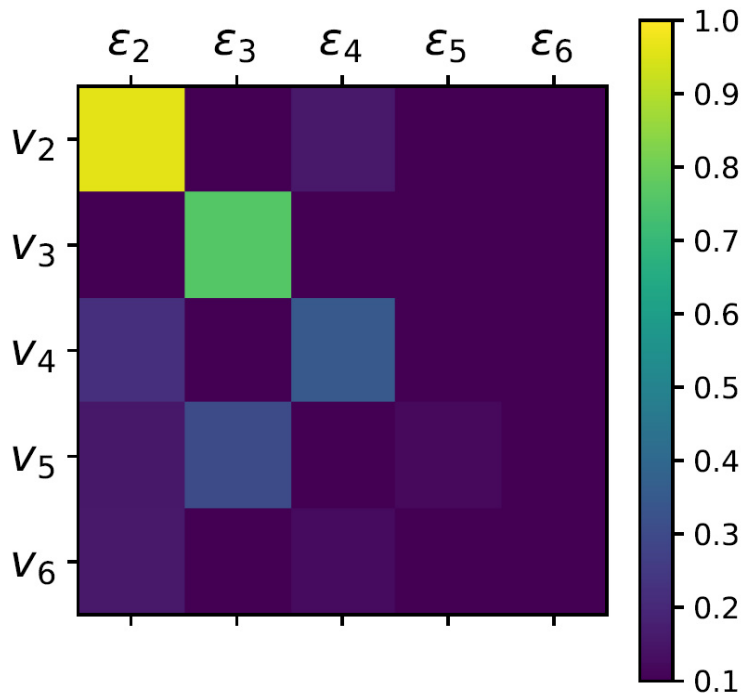
PCA  
Fourier



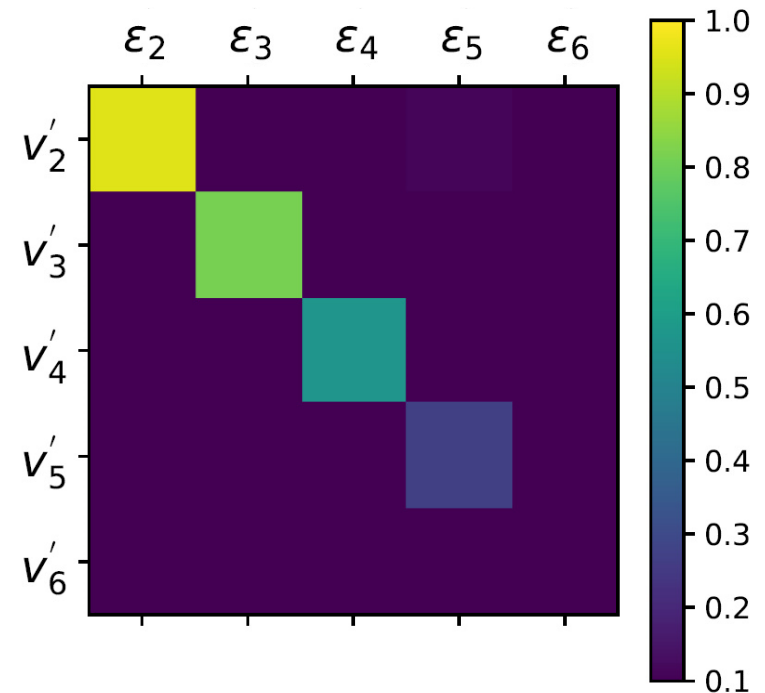
# Pearson correlation between initial and final

20%-30% centrality data

Fourier:



PCA:



PCA has a more diagonal pattern!

# Conclusion for paper 1

- Without defining Fourier bases, PCA can automatically discover flow.
- We use PCA bases to re-define flow harmonics and find that
  - PCA bases lead to less correlations between different flow harmonics.
  - PCA flow harmonics have a more diagonal pattern with initial eccentricities as compared to traditional one.

# The limitation of studying sub-leading flow with PCA

Recent work, paper in preparation

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# Principal component analysis of event-by-event fluctuations

PRL 114, 152301 (2015)

Rajeev S. Bhalerao, Jean-Yves Ollitrault, Subrata Pal, and Derek Teaney

**Single particle distribution**

$$\frac{dN}{dp} = \sum V_n(p) e^{-in\phi}$$

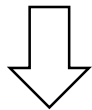
**Two-particle correlation**

$$\langle V_{n\Delta}(p_a, p_b) \rangle = \langle V_n(p_a) V_n^*(p_b) \rangle$$

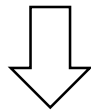
 diagonalization

**Decompose  $V_n(p_T)$  with PCA modes**

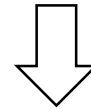
$$V_n(p_T) = \zeta_n^{(1)} V_n^{(1)}(p_T) + \zeta_n^{(2)} V_n^{(2)}(p_T) + \zeta_n^{(3)} V_n^{(3)}(p_T) + \cdots + \zeta_n^{(k)} V_n^{(k)}(p_T)$$



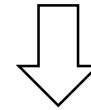
Leading  
flow



Sub-leading  
flow



Sub-sub-leading  
flow



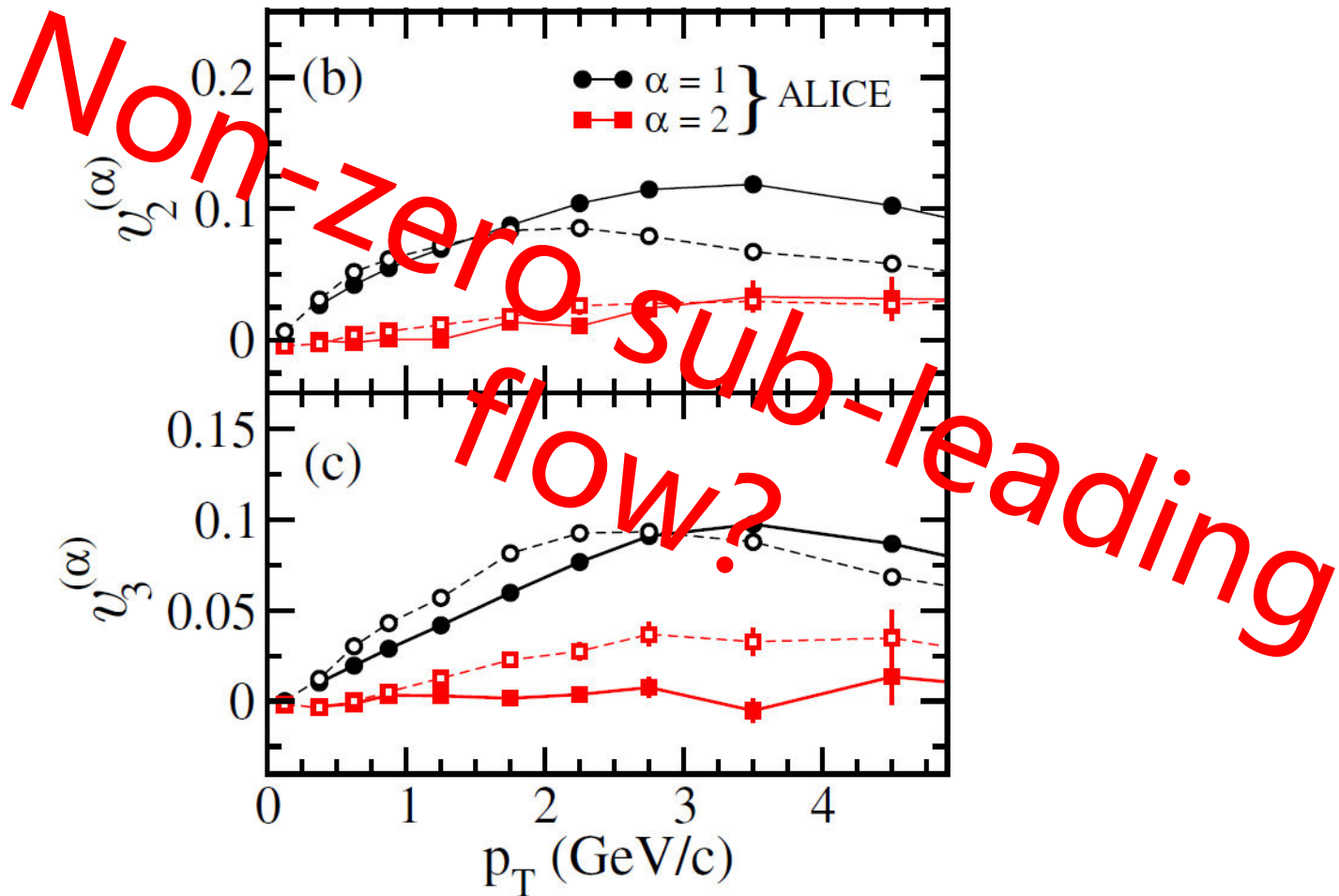
k-th mode



# Principal component analysis of event-by-event fluctuations

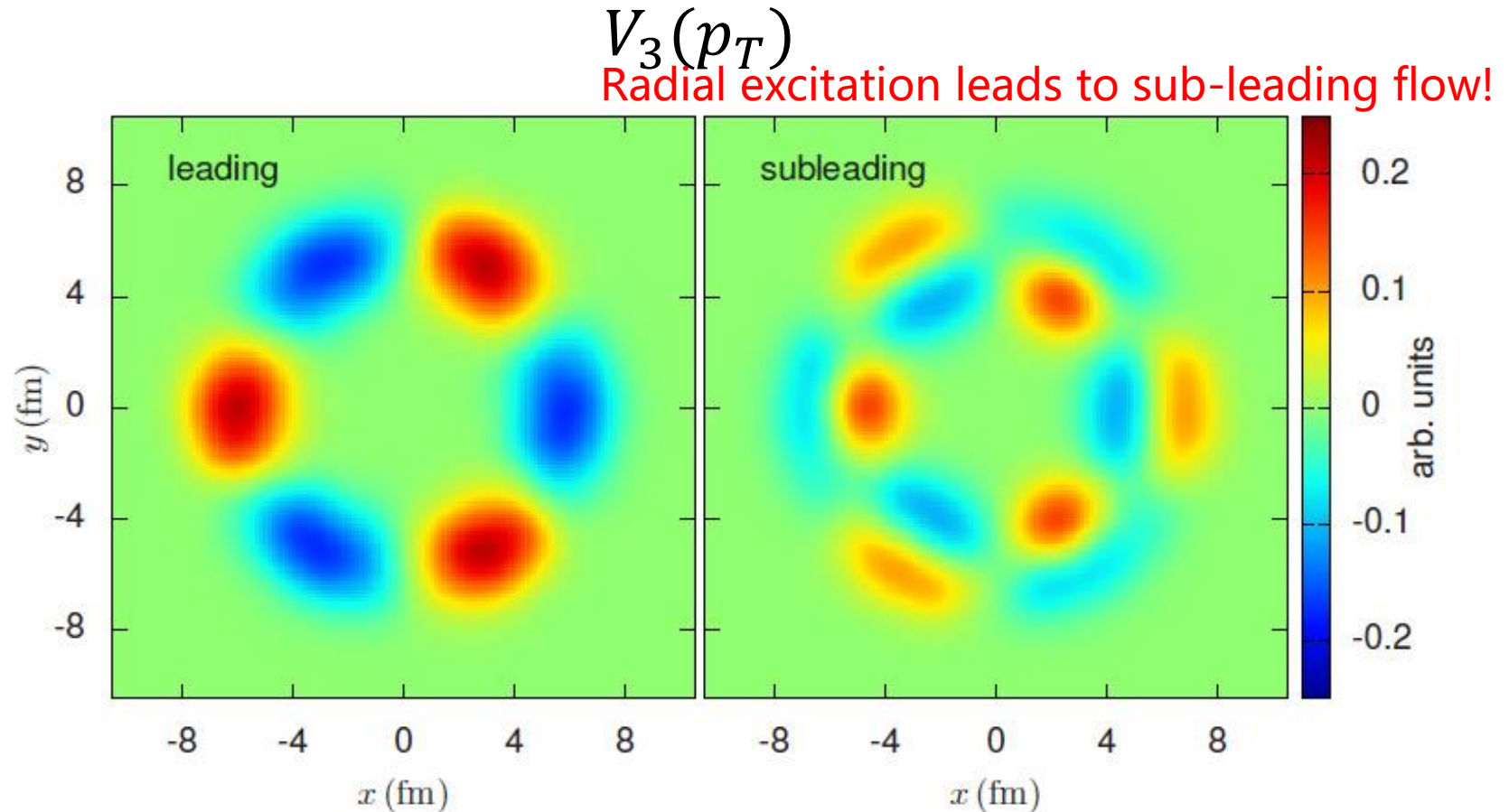
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# Cause for Sub-leading flow

Phys.Rev. C91 (2015) no.4, 044902  
Aleksas Mazeliauskas, Derek Teany

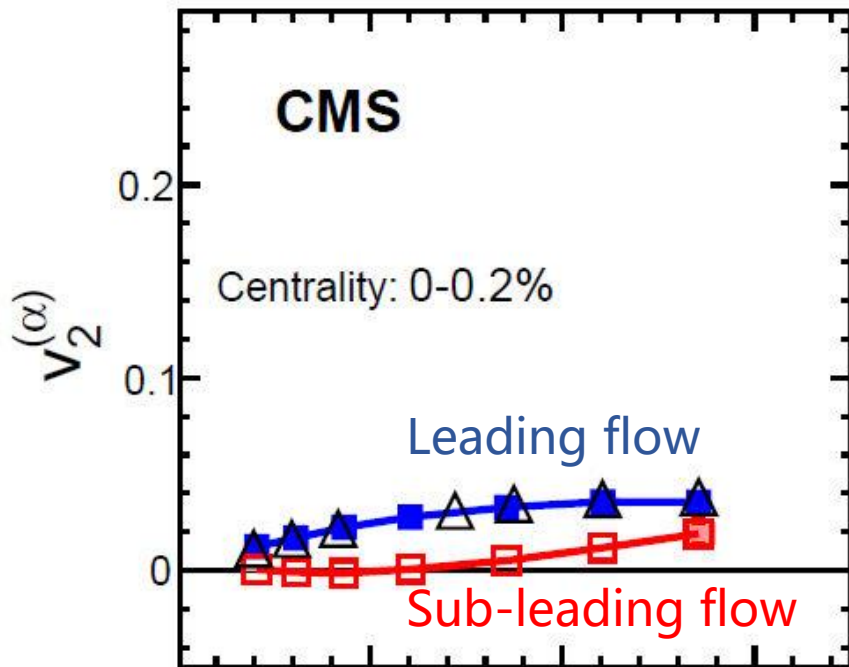


Sub-leading flow is theoretically important!!!

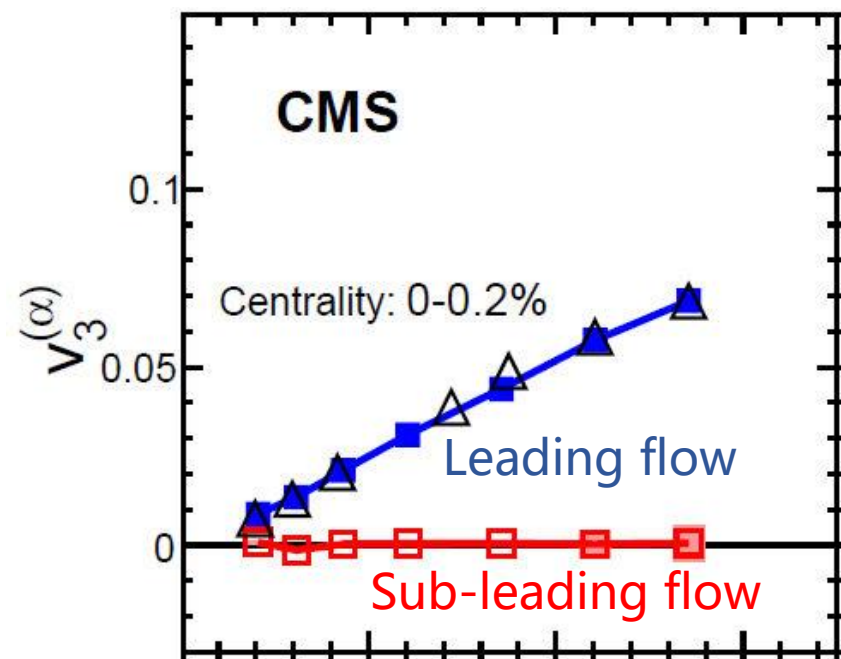
# Experimental results

Phys. Rev. C 96, 064902  
The CMS Collaboration

▲  $v_3\{|\Delta\eta| > 2.0\}$ , CMS



★  $v_3\{|\Delta\eta| > 0.8\}$ , ALICE



# Think more about it.

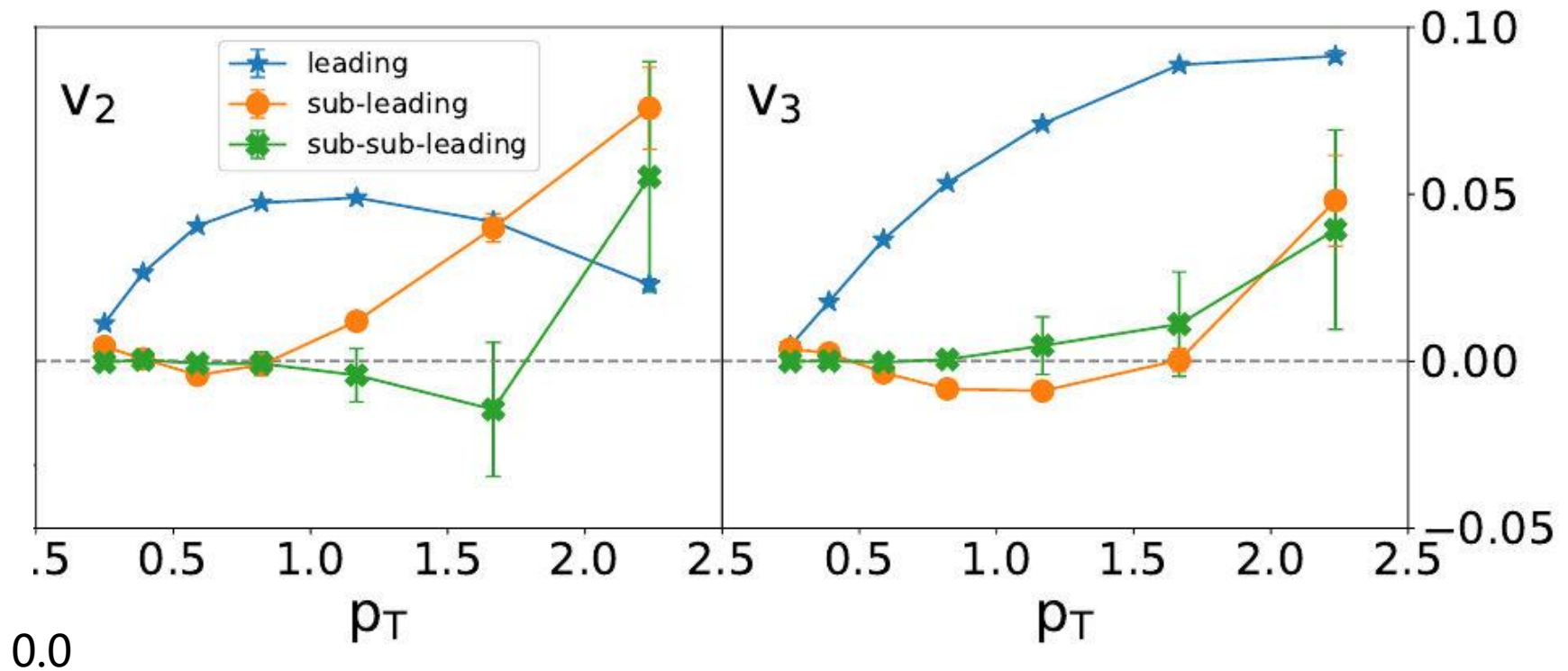
Model setup:

- AMPT model
- 1M UCC events
- subevent method

(paper in preparation)

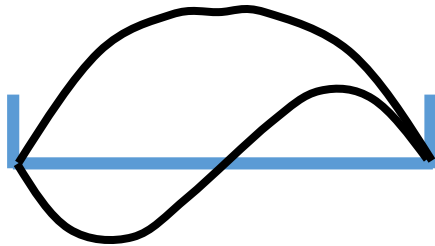
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# Reproduce CMS results

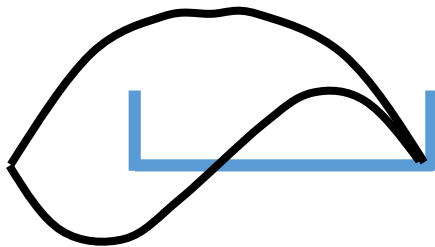


Same  $p_T$  cut and proper  $\eta$  gap  $|\Delta\eta| < 0.8$ .  
Our model can properly reproduce the results @CMS

# Problem 1: How to choose $p_T$ bins?

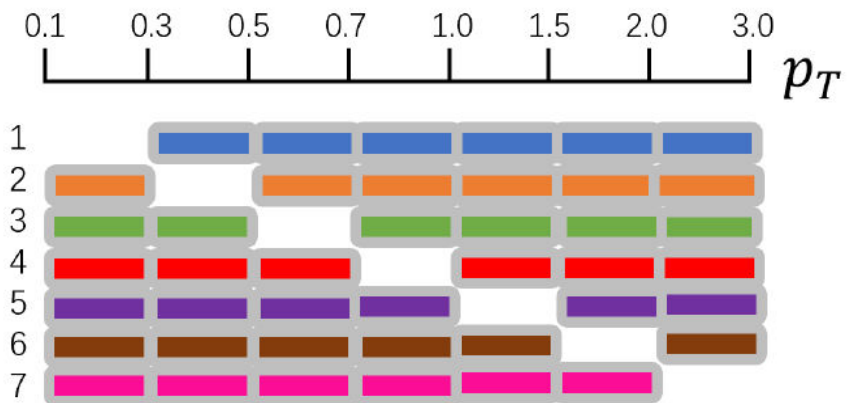


Orthogonal on this large interval



Not orthogonal on this small interval

PCA will try to mix these two modes!

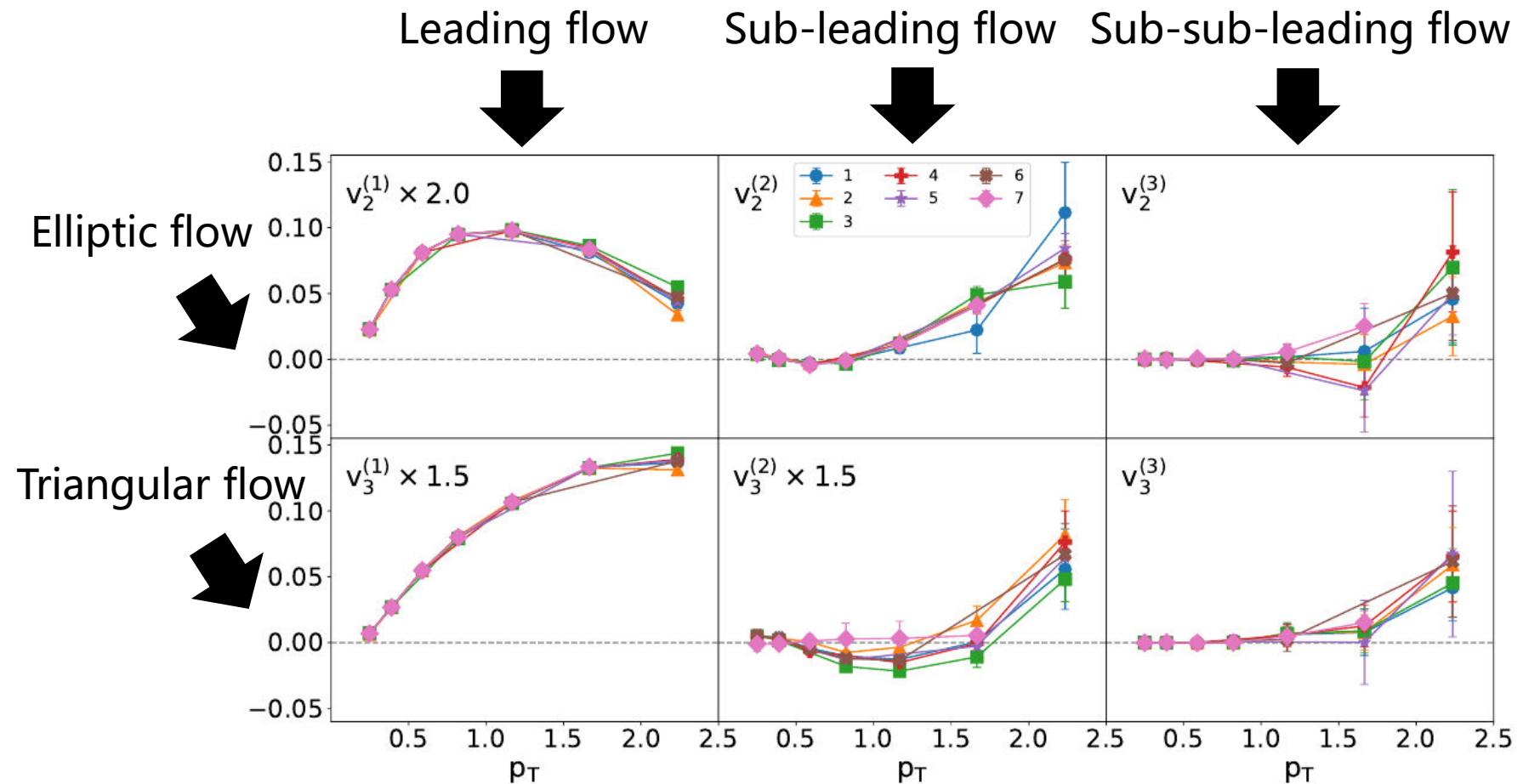


Drop one  $p_T$  bin each time,  
and redo the PCA

Will the modes still be stable?



# Problem 1: How to choose $p_T$ bins?

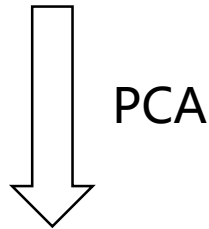


Different choice of  $p_T$  bins can introduce systematic errors!  
PCA modes are sensitive to our choice of  $p_T$  bins!

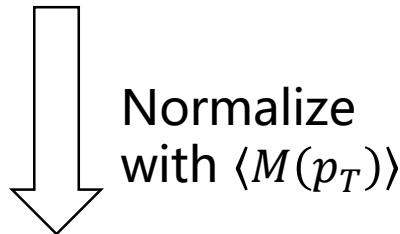
# Problem 2 : Normalization

Traditional PCA

$$\langle V_{n\Delta}(p_a, p_b) \rangle = \langle V_n(p_a) V_n^*(p_b) \rangle$$



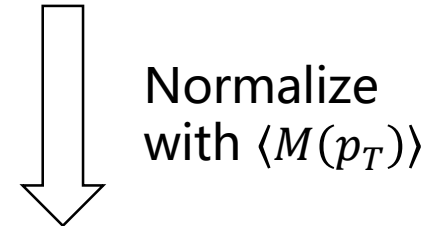
$$V_n(p_T) = \zeta_n^{(1)} V_n^{(1)}(p_T) + \zeta_n^{(2)} V_n^{(2)}(p_T) + \zeta_n^{(3)} V_n^{(3)}(p_T) + \dots + \zeta_n^{(k)} V_n^{(k)}(p_T)$$



$$v_n^{(\alpha)}(p_T) = \frac{V_n^{(\alpha)}(p_T)}{\langle M(p_T) \rangle}$$

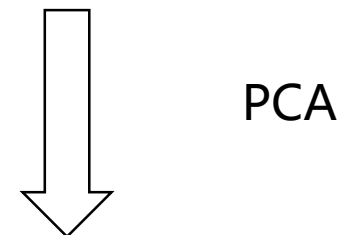
New PCA

$$\langle V_{n\Delta}(p_a, p_b) \rangle = \langle V_n(p_a) V_n^*(p_b) \rangle$$



$$v_{n\Delta}(p_a, p_b) = \frac{\langle V_{n\Delta}(p_a, p_b) \rangle}{\langle M(p_a) \rangle \langle M(p_b) \rangle}$$

$$\tilde{v}_n(p_T) = \frac{V_n(p_T)}{\langle M(p_T) \rangle}$$



$$\tilde{v}_n(p_T) = \zeta_n^{(1)} \tilde{v}_n^{(1)}(p_T) + \zeta_n^{(2)} \tilde{v}_n^{(2)}(p_T) + \zeta_n^{(3)} \tilde{v}_n^{(3)}(p_T) + \dots + \zeta_n^{(k)} \tilde{v}_n^{(k)}(p_T)$$

Different?  $\tilde{v}_n^{(\alpha)}(p_T)$

# Problem 2 : Normalization

**Different!**

$v_n^{(\alpha)}(p_T)$  or  $\tilde{v}_n^{(\alpha)}(p_T)$  ?

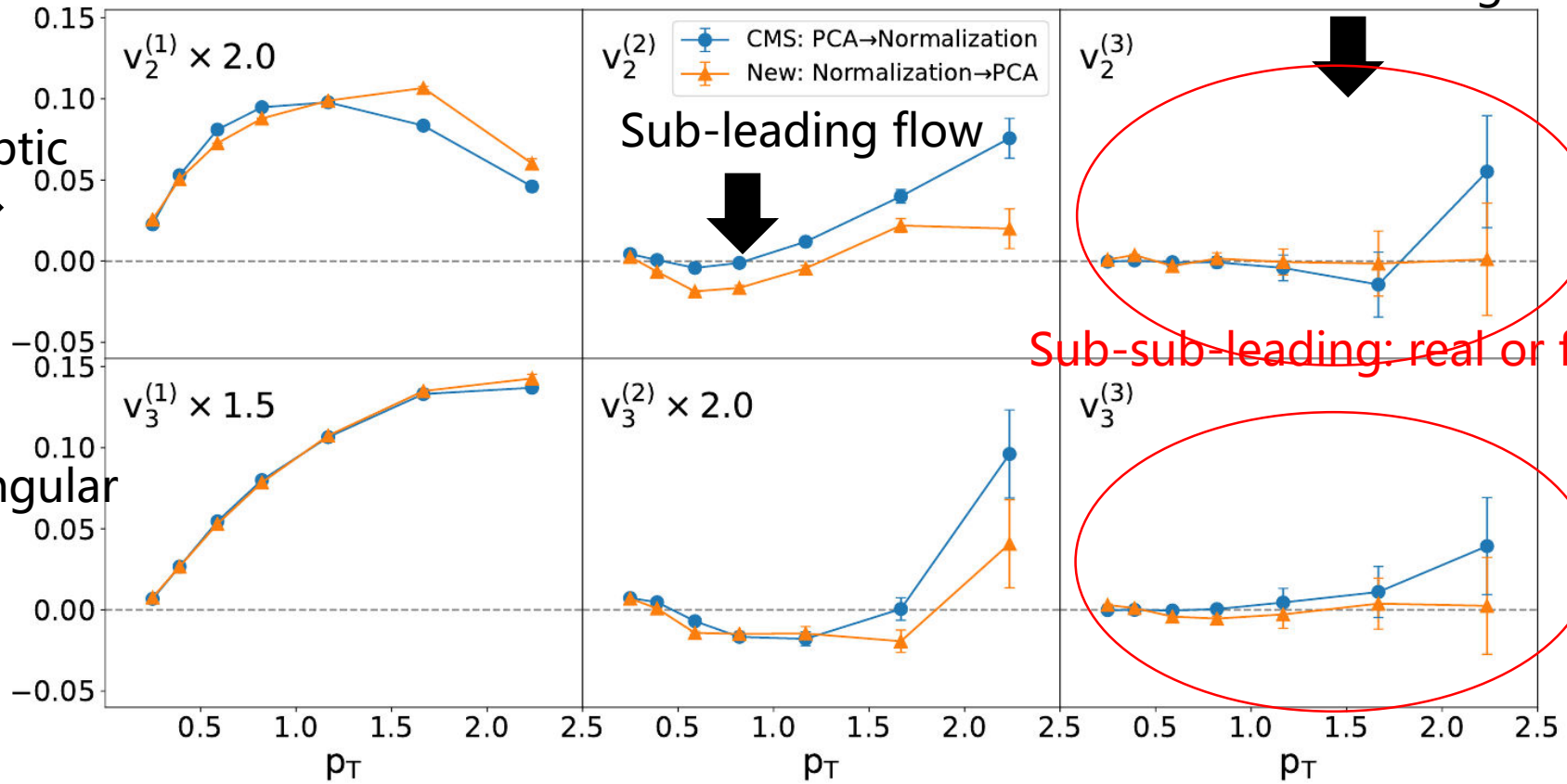
Leading flow



Sub-sub-leading flow

Elliptic

Triangular



But which scheme can reveal more physics about initial profiles?  
More analysis should be done to fully unravel the mystery of PCA!

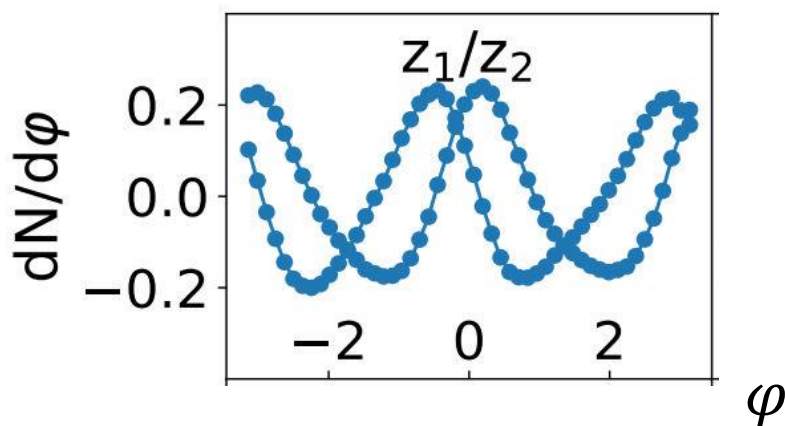
# Conclusion for paper 2

- The choice of  $p_T$  bins introduces **systematic errors**, but we have no guidance from physics about how to choose them
- Technically, the **normalization** procedure before/after PCA also lead to different results. Which is the real physics? Need more discussion.

# Summary & Outlook

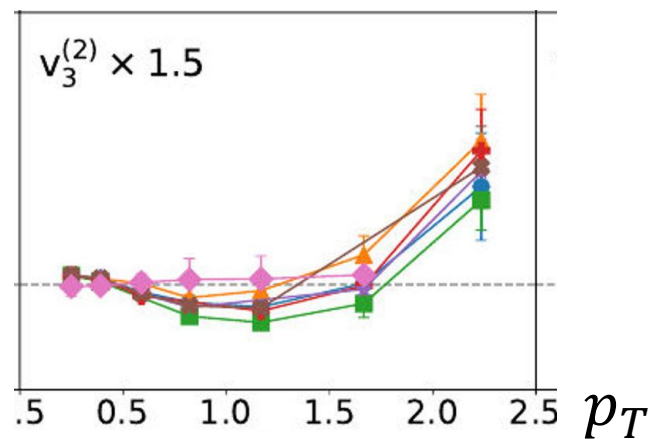
# Principal Component Analysis:

- Unsupervised learning (dimensionality reduction)
- Good at discovering hidden correlations in data



PCA for flow discovery

- Integrate  $p_T$ , so stable
- discover flow automatically
- Reduce mode coupling



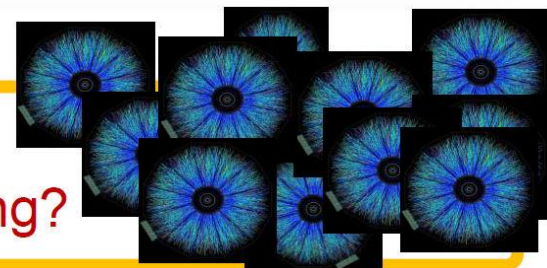
PCA for sub-leading flow

- $p_T$  differential, sensitive to  $p_T$  bins
- Ambiguity in normalization

All in all, PCA is a transparent yet powerful machine learning tool to extract main information/ hidden correlations in data! But we should also be more careful about its results.

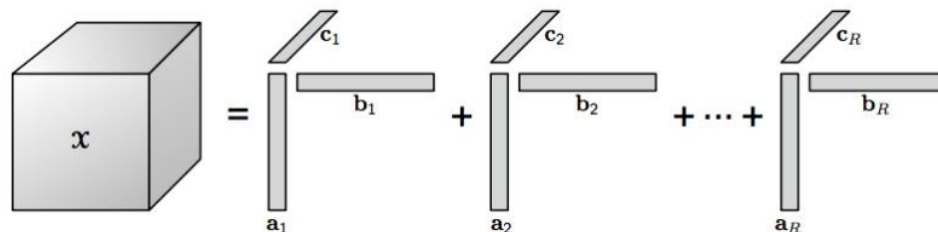
## Outlook

Can PCA detect modes or structures from the massive data that is not realized or easily defined by human being?



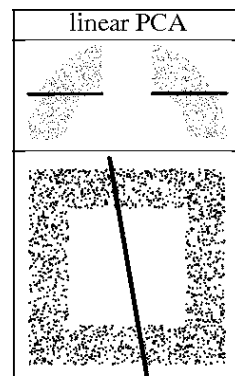
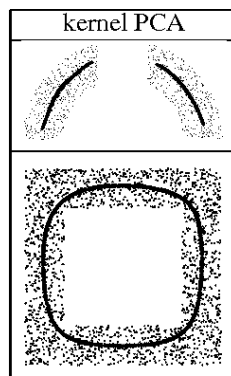
# More advanced PCAs .....

- High-order PCA



Suitable for high-order data, not constrained to 2-part correlation matrix

- Kernel PCA



Able to capture non-linearity. Hope can help study non-linearity in hydro.

- Robust PCA



Hope: Eliminate non-flow in the single particle distribution level, without the trouble to construct 2-part data.

Observed = Collective Flow + non-flow



Thank you  
for your attention!

# VI. Back up

# Model Details

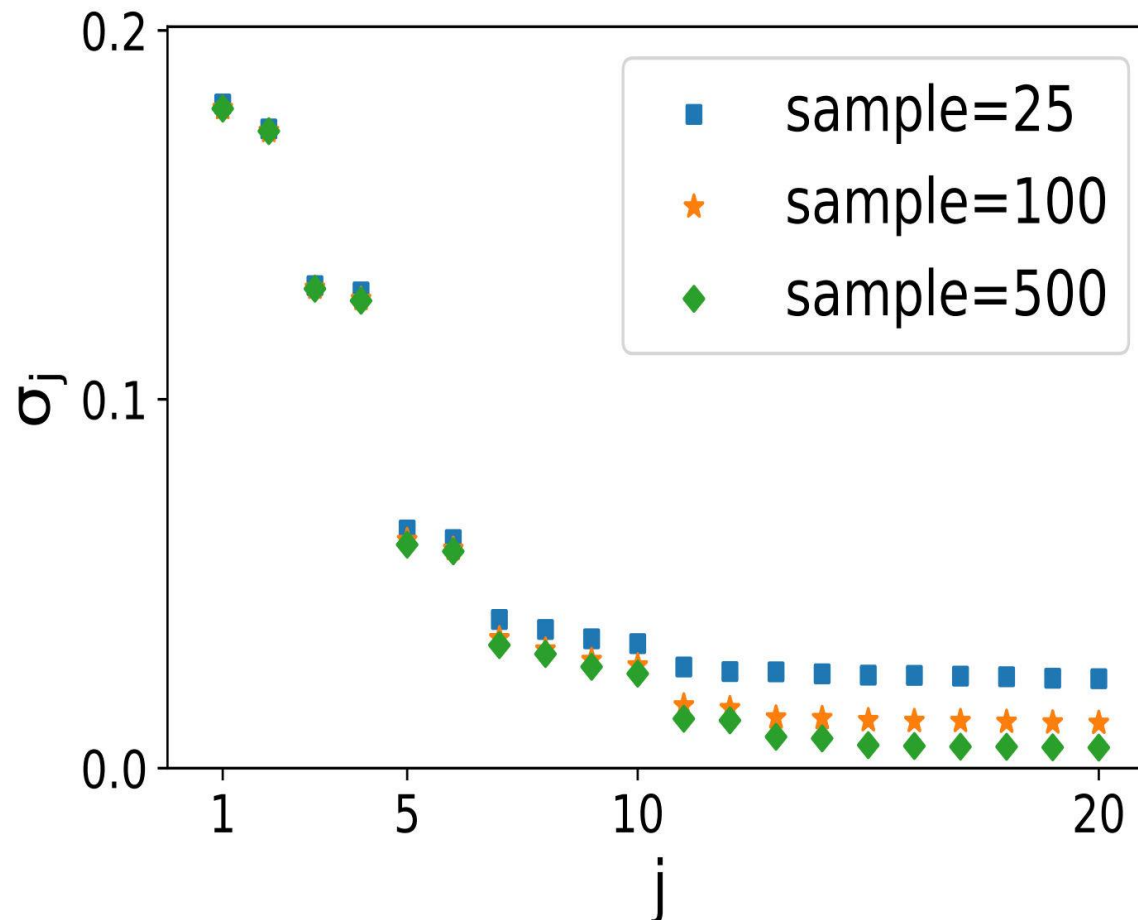
- 2.76 A TeV Pb+Pb
- Viscous Hydro: VISH2+1
- EOS: s95-PCE
- Initial condition: TRENTo
- Hydrodynamic starting time  $\tau_0 = 0.6 fm/c$
- Decoupling temperature  $T_{sw} = \frac{148 MeV}{c}$
- $0.3 < p_T < 3 GeV$ , Pions only
- 0%-10%, ....., 50%-60% totally 6 centrality bins, 2000 events for each bin

# PCA Implementation

- Python – sklearn
- From sklearn.decomposition import PCA
- Mode cut  $k = 12$
- <https://scikit-learn.org/stable/modules/generated/sklearn.decomposition.PCA.html>

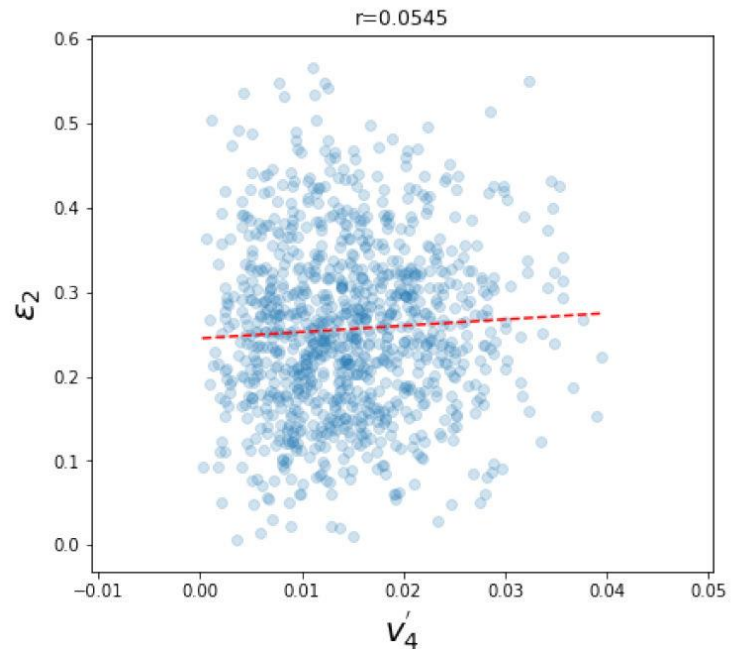
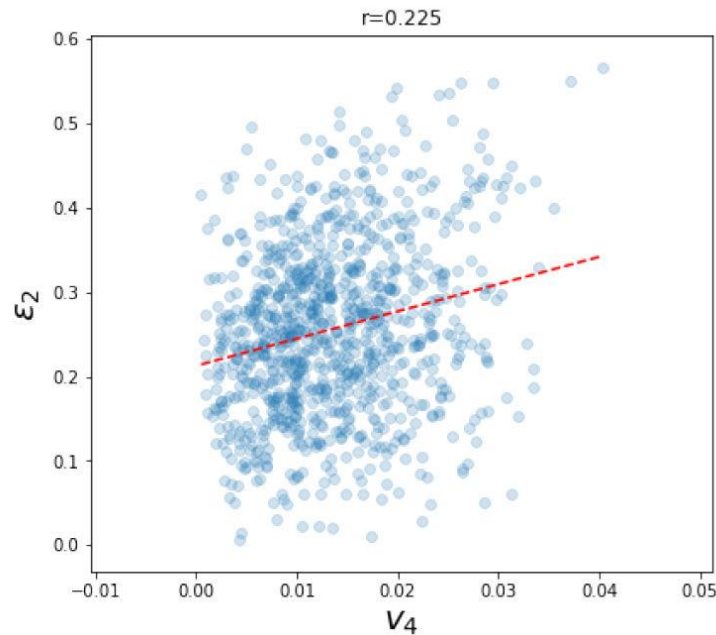
# Signal & Noise

Copper-Fryer: 
$$\frac{dN}{dy p_T dp_T d\varphi} = \int_{\Sigma} \frac{g}{(2\pi)^3} p^\mu d^3\sigma_\mu f(x, p)$$



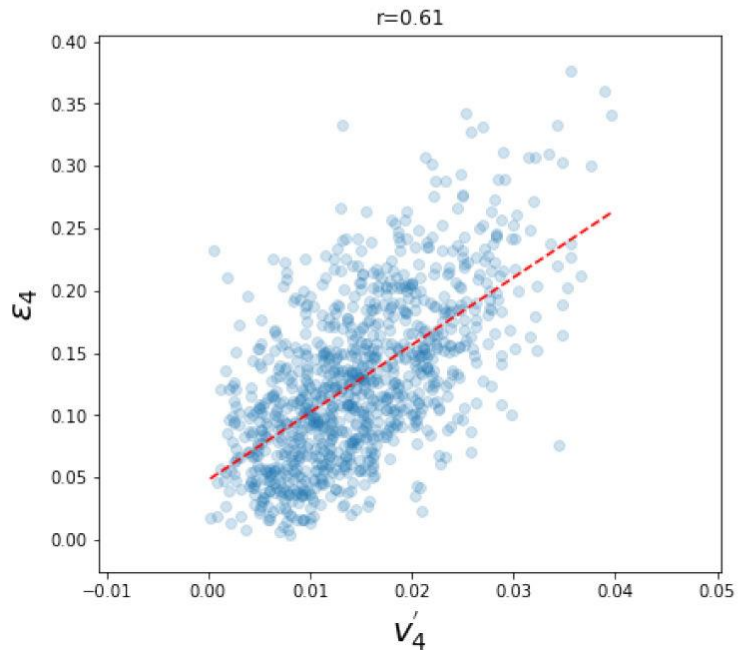
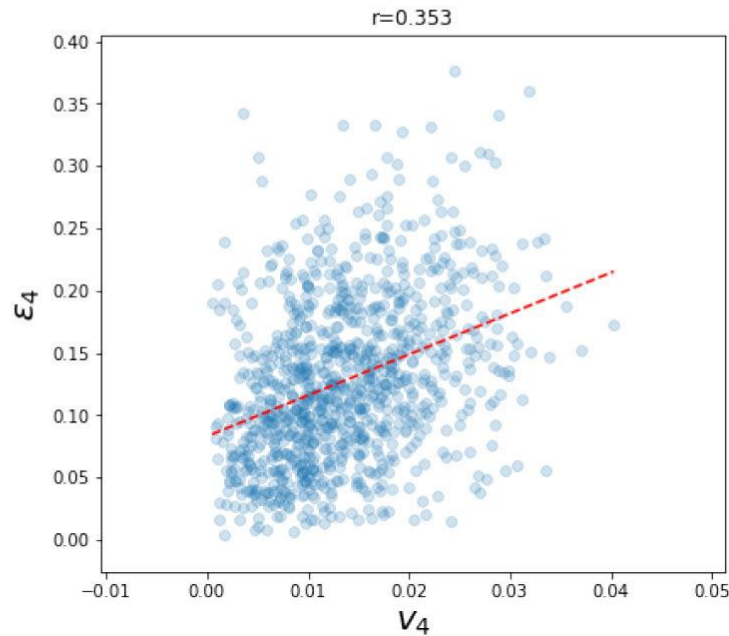
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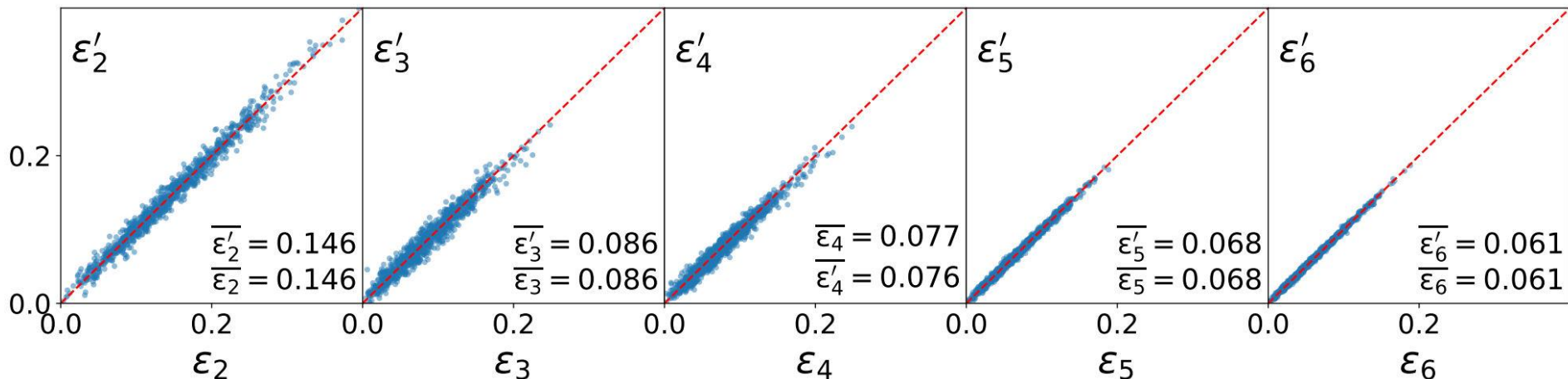


# PCA for Initial Profiles

## Smoothing Procedure

$$\left(\frac{dS}{d\varphi}\right)_{smooth} = \int K(\varphi', \varphi) \frac{dS}{d\varphi'} d\varphi'$$

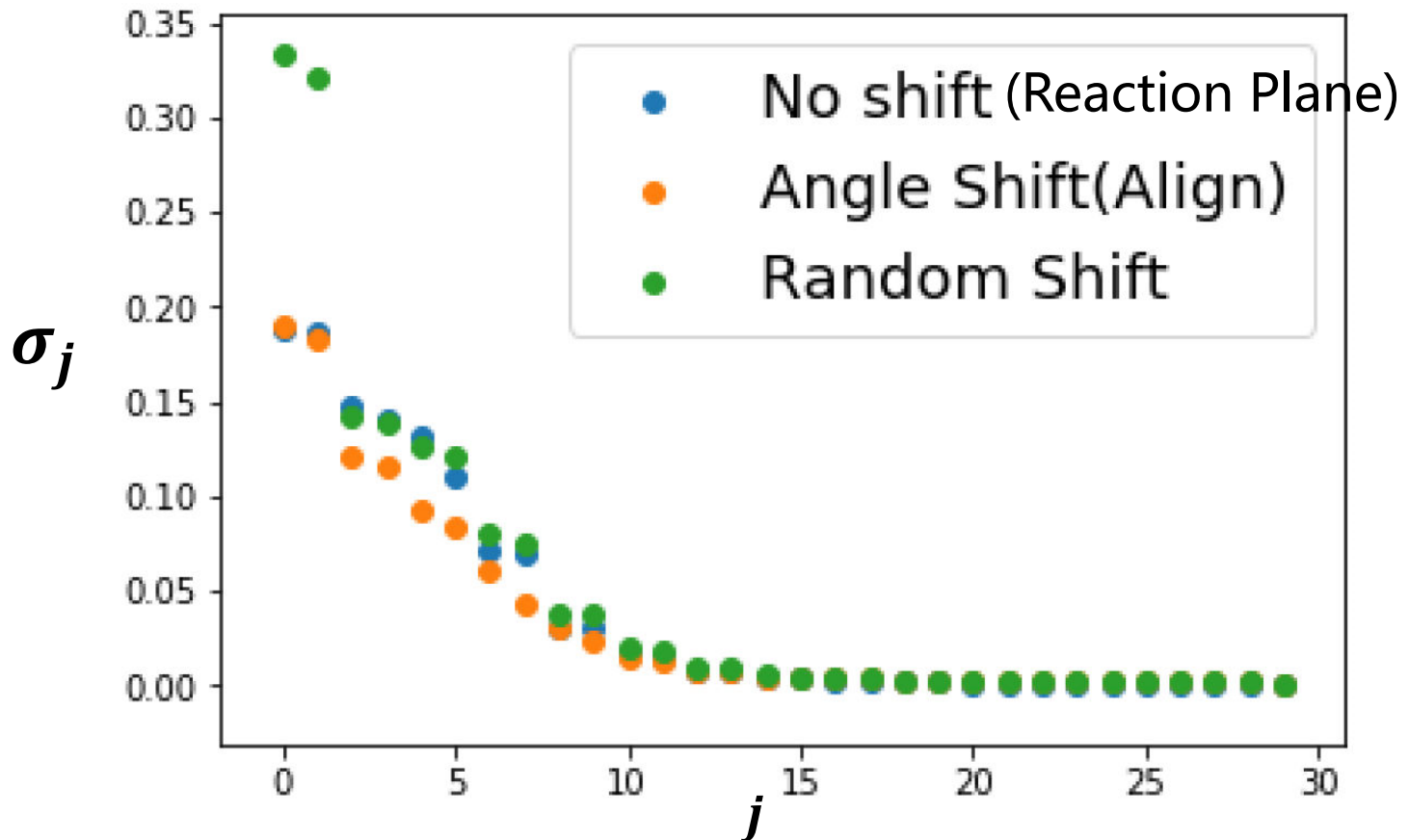
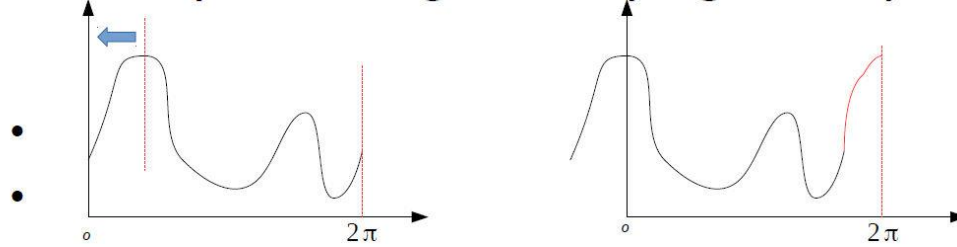
$$K(\varphi', \varphi) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}a} e^{-\frac{(\varphi' - \varphi)^2}{2a^2}}, a = 0.251 \text{ rad}$$



For initial states, PCA=Fourier

# Angle shift

Event plane Angle shift(alignment)



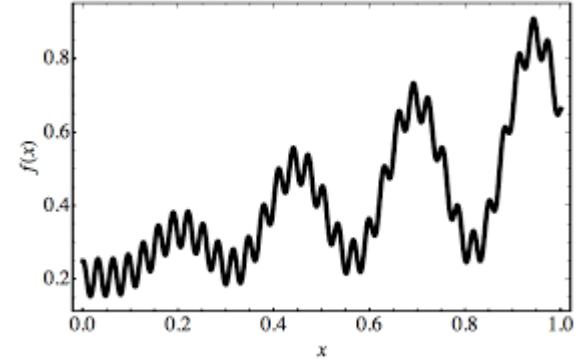
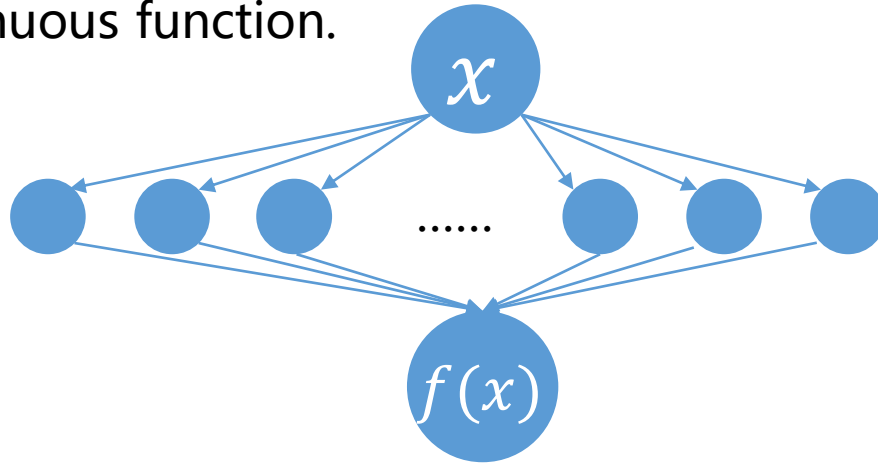
# Angle Shift

- The PCA is implemented in the reaction plane, so that eigenvectors mix 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> flow harmonics.
- If randomly shifting every event (as in experiments), the bases will be exact Fourier bases due to rotational symmetry.

# Good about Neural Networks

## Universal Approximation Theorem:

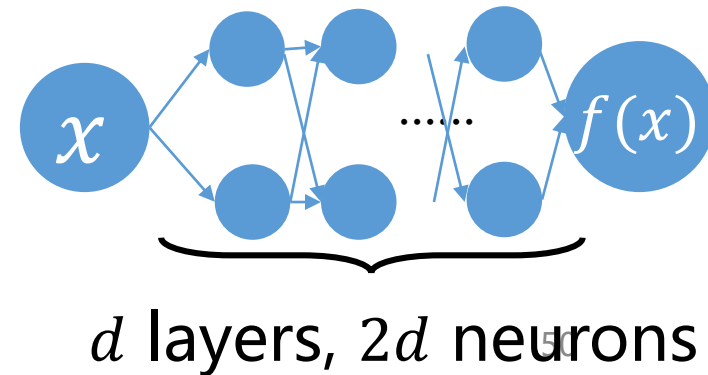
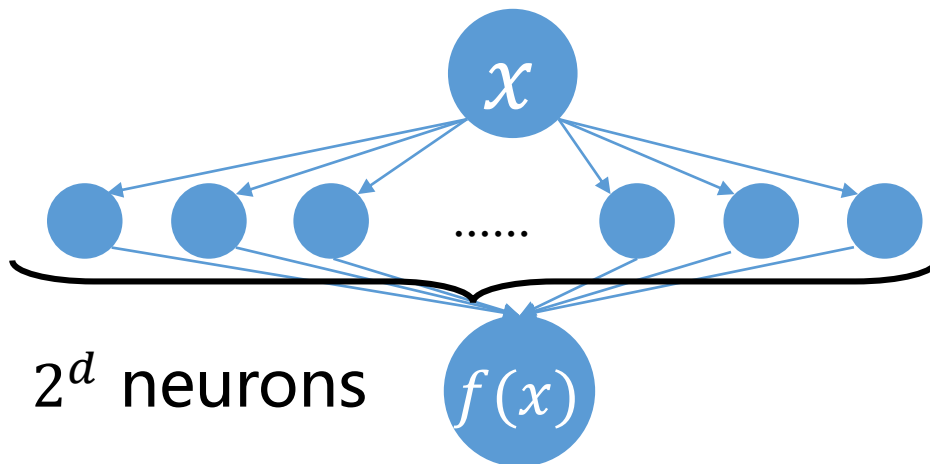
A neural network with one layer but infinitely many neurons can approximate any continuous function.



## Width v.s. Deep Theorem:

An exponentially number of neurons in one layer = linear number of layers

**That is why we need DEEP learning!**



# How to train a model?

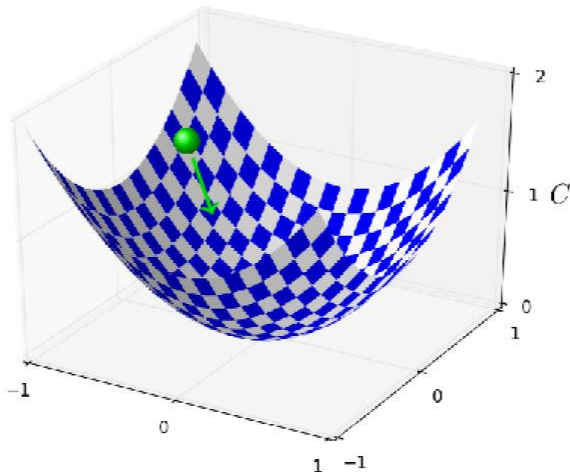
# Train/Evaluate a model

- The evaluation is to evaluate the difference between the network's outputs and learning targets. — **loss function**

For **supervised learning**, since there has been a target  $y(x)$ , loss function can be defined as

- $\ell(\theta) = \frac{1}{2n} \sum_x [y(x) - \hat{y}(x)]^2$
- $\ell(\theta) = -\frac{1}{n} \sum_x [y(x) \ln \hat{y}(x) - (1 - y(x)) \ln(1 - \hat{y}(x))]$

Train a model  $\Leftrightarrow$  Minimize the loss function



## Stochastic Gradient Descent

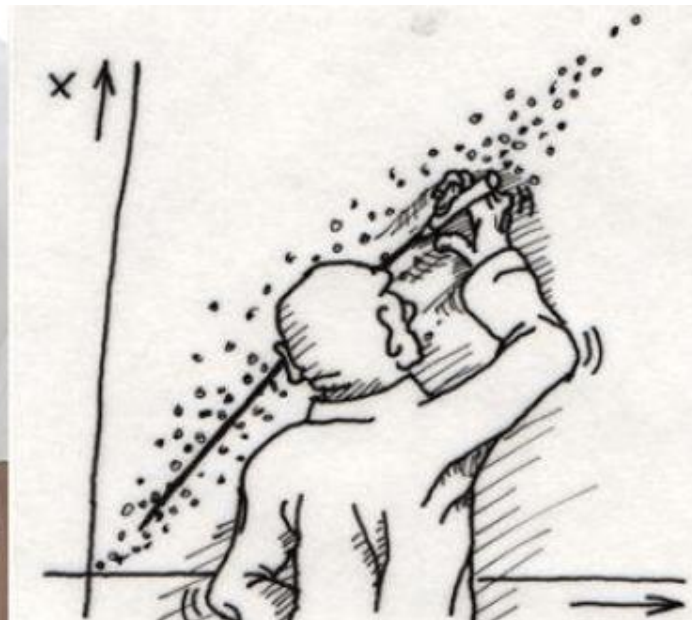
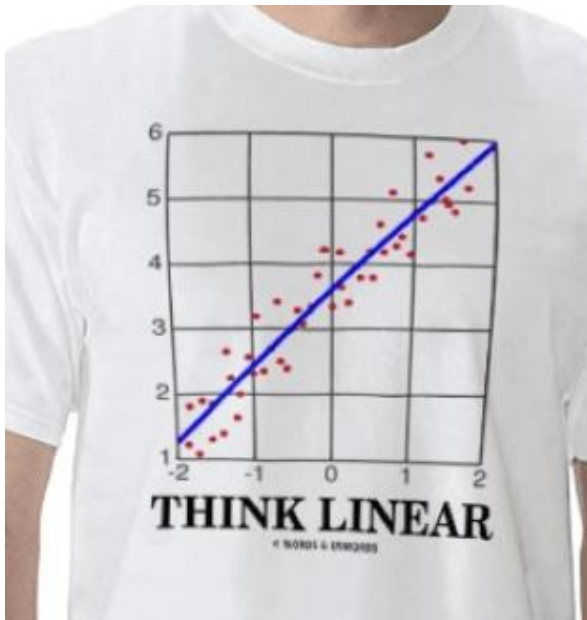
$$\theta' = \theta - \epsilon \frac{\partial \ell(\theta)}{\partial \theta}$$

# What is Machine Learning?

**Machine learning (ML)** is the scientific study of **algorithms and statistical models** that computer systems use to effectively perform **a specific task without using explicit instructions**.

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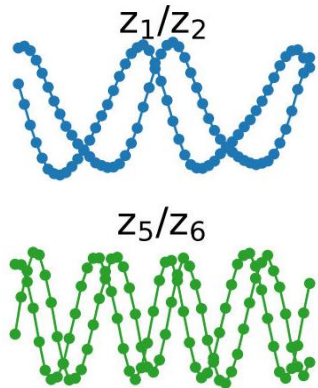
Linear Regression is also Machine Learning!





How PCA bases mix  
Fourier bases?

# Bases Mixing (2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>)



$z$ : PCA eigenmodes

$$\begin{pmatrix} z_1 \\ z_2 \\ z_5 \\ z_6 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} & a_{14} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} & a_{24} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} & a_{34} \\ a_{41} & a_{42} & a_{43} & a_{44} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \cos(2\phi) \\ \sin(2\phi) \\ \cos(4\phi) \\ \sin(4\phi) \end{pmatrix}$$

If the eigenmodes of PCA is the same as fourier bases, the mixing matrix  $A$  should be identity. But actually, the matrix is not diagonal. Take data from centrality 30% – 40% for example

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0.956 & 0.295 & 0.213 & 0.053 \\ -0.295 & 0.956 & -0.057 & 0.215 \\ -0.217 & -0.041 & 0.960 & 0.209 \\ 0.035 & -0.215 & -0.219 & 0.951 \end{pmatrix}$$

# Bases Mixing (2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>)

It is interesting to find that the mixing matrix  $A$  follows the form below for all centrality classes. The parameters do not hold, but the form does.

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} \cos(\theta_2) & \sin(\theta_2) & a\cos(\theta_2) & a\sin(\theta_2) \\ -\sin(\theta_2) & \cos(\theta_2) & -a\sin(\theta_2) & a\cos(\theta_2) \\ -a\cos(\theta_4) & -a\sin(\theta_4) & \cos(\theta_4) & \sin(\theta_4) \\ a\sin(\theta_4) & -a\cos(\theta_4) & -\sin(\theta_4) & \cos(\theta_4) \end{pmatrix}$$

To make notations easier, we denote

$$U_1 = \begin{pmatrix} \cos(\theta_2) & \sin(\theta_2) \\ -\sin(\theta_2) & \cos(\theta_2) \end{pmatrix}, U_2 = \begin{pmatrix} \cos(\theta_4) & \sin(\theta_4) \\ -\sin(\theta_4) & \cos(\theta_4) \end{pmatrix}$$

Note that  $U_1$  and  $U_2$  are just rotation matrix in 2-d Cartesian coordinate.

# Bases Mixing (2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>)

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} U_1 & aU_1 \\ -aU_2 & U_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

It is interesting to note that  $A$  can be decomposed into multiplication of simpler matrices.

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} U_1 & 0 \\ 0 & I_2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} I_1 & 0 \\ 0 & U_2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} I_2 & a \\ -a & I_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

A new observable defined by PCA to characterize v2/v4 correlation

If we see matrix as an operation, then the operation was decomposed into three steps:

- First, PCA mixed 2<sup>nd</sup> harmonic flow and 4<sup>th</sup> harmonic flow, by adjusting  $a$ .
- Second, PCA mixed within 4<sup>th</sup> order plane by adjusting  $\theta_4$ .
- Third, PCA mixed within 2<sup>nd</sup> order plane by adjusting  $\theta_2$ .