Machine Learning for Particle Theory

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Executive ML-summary

Neural network just a numerical function

- regression [just function]
  classification [probability]
  generation [sampled pdf]
  rules [reinforcement learning]
- bijective, invertible mappings possible
- learned from high-dimensional data
- no theory pre-processing
- best interpolation on the market [fit for grown-ups]
- extremely fast to evaluate

Particle physics defined by

- fundamental questions
- lot of data
- first-principles predictions
- precision analysis

$\Rightarrow$ Many examples for applications

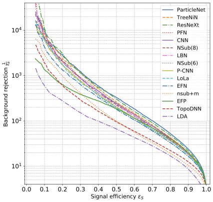
Cool experimental ML-applications

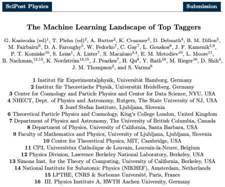
Top tagging [supervised classification]

– different NN-architectures

– tagger comparison

⇒ Just do it right...





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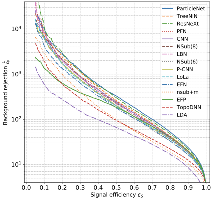

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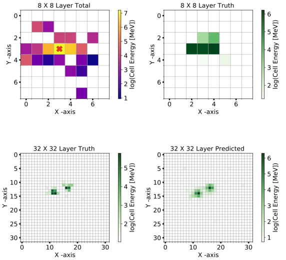
Particle flow [super-resolution generative nets]

– mother of jet tools

– combined detector channels

$\Rightarrow$ Showing off :)

[also Erdmann etal, Kasieczka etal, Wolf etal...]



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Towards a Computer Vision Particle Flow *

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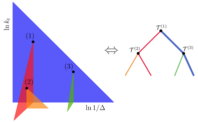

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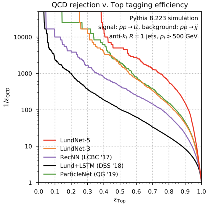

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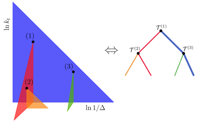

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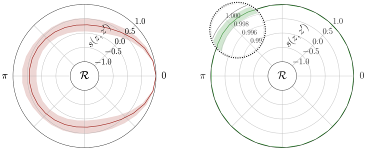
Self-supervised training [contrastive learning, transformer network]

- rotations, translations, permutations, soft splittings, collinear splittings
- learn symmetries/augmentations

$\Rightarrow$ Symmetry-aware latent space



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Symmetries, Safety, and Self-Supervision

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Abstract

Collider searches face the challenge of defining a representation of high-dimensional data such that physical symmetries are manifest, the discriminating features are retained, and the choice of representation is new-physics agnostic. We introduce JetCLR to solve the mapping from low-level data to optimized observables though self-supervised contrastive learning. As an example, we construct a data representation for top and QCD jets using a permutation-invariant transformer-encoder network and visualize its symmetry properties. We compare the JetCLR representation with alternative representations using linear classifier tests and find it to work quite well.

Non-QCD and parton densities

Anomaly searches [unsupervised training]

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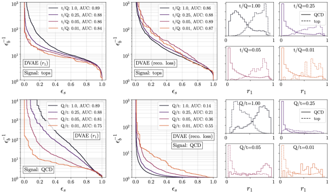

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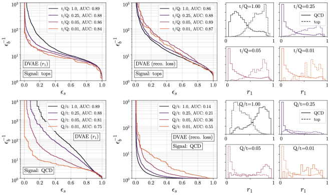

NNPDF → N3PDF [full blast]

– starting point: pdfs without functional ansatz

– moving on: cutting-edge ML everywhere

⇒ Leaders in ML-theory

A data-based parametrization of parton distribution functions

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Abstract. Since the first determination of a structure function many decades ago, all methodologies used to determine structure functions or parton distribution functions (PDFs) have employed a common prefactor as part of the parametrization. The NNPDF collaboration pioneered the use of neural networks to overcome the inherent bias of constraining the space of solution with a fixed functional form while still keeping the same common prefactor as a preprocessing. Over the years various, increasingly sophisticated, techniques have been introduced to counter the effect of the prefactor on the PDF determination. In this paper we present a methodology to remove the prefactor entirely, thereby significantly simplifying the methodology, without a loss of efficiency and finding good agreement with previous results.

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Speeding up Sherpa [normalizing flows]

– precision simulations limiting factor for Runs 3&4

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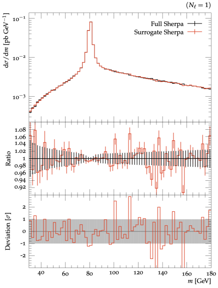

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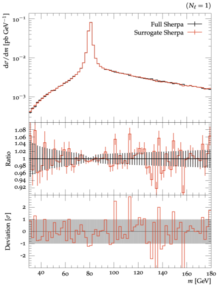
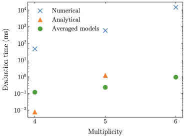
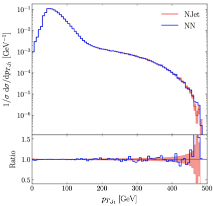


Speeding up amplitudes [regression]

- loop-amplitudes expensive
- interpolation standard

$\Rightarrow$ Network amplitudes





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Optimising simulations for diphoton production at hadron colliders using amplitude neural networks

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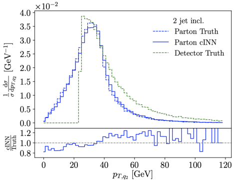

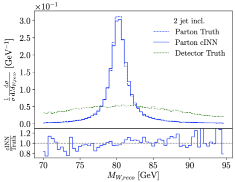

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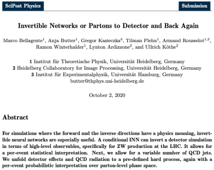
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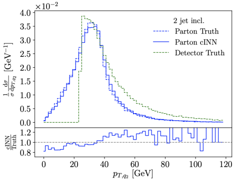
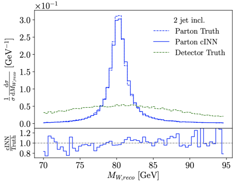
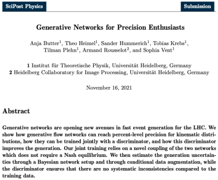




Generative networks with uncertainties [Bayesian discriminator-flows]

- control through discriminator [GAN-like]
- uncertainties through Bayesian networks

$\Rightarrow$ Precision & control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Generative Networks for Precision Enthusiasts

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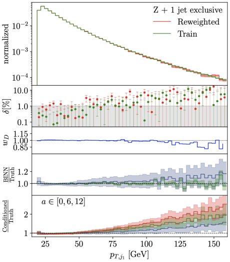

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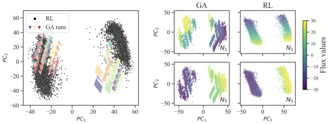

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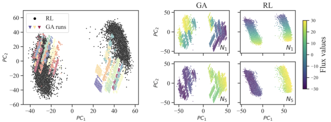

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Learning formulas [genetic algorithm, symbolic regression]

– approximate numerical function through formula

– example: score/optimal observables

⇒ Useful approximate formulas

compl	dof	function	MSE
3	1	$a\,\Delta\phi$	$1.30 \cdot 10^{-1}$
4	1	$\sin(a\Delta\phi)$	$2.75 \cdot 10^{-1}$
5	1	$a\Delta\phi x_{p,1}$	$9.93 \cdot 10^{-2}$
6	1	$-x_{p,1}\sin(\Delta\phi + a)$	$1.90 \cdot 10^{-1}$
7	1	$(-x_{p,1} - a)\sin(\sin(\Delta\phi))$	$5.63 \cdot 10^{-2}$
8	1	$(a - x_{p,1})x_{p,2}\sin(\Delta\phi)$	$1.61 \cdot 10^{-2}$
14	2	$x_{p,1}(a\Delta\phi - \sin(\sin(\Delta\phi)))(x_{p,2} + b)$	$1.44 \cdot 10^{-2}$
15	3	$-(x_{p,2}(a\Delta\eta^2 + x_{p,1}) + b)\sin(\Delta\phi + c)$	$1.30 \cdot 10^{-2}$
16	4	$-x_{p,1}(a - b\Delta\eta)(x_{p,2} + c)\sin(\Delta\phi + d)$	$8.50 \cdot 10^{-3}$
28	7	$(x_{p,2} + a)(bx_{p,1}(c - \Delta\phi) - x_{p,1}(d\Delta\eta + ex_{p,2} + f)\sin(\Delta\phi + g))$	$8.18 \cdot 10^{-3}$

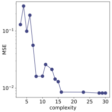

Table 8: Score hall of fame for simplified WBF Higgs production with $f_{W\widetilde{W}} = 0$, including a optimization fit.

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Back to the Formula — LHC Edition

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Making ML-progress

ML has arrived in particle theory

- neural networks = modern numerics
- applications all over the place [+ Lattice + Cosmology + Astrophysics]
- remember how we worked before MCMC?

- not a fashion about to vanish
- black box only if we do not look

- gaining visibility in AI research
- educational aspect crucial
- links to greater AI projects obvious