

LHC Theory as Fun Data Science

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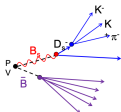
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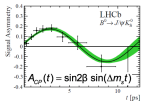
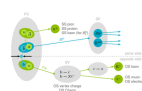
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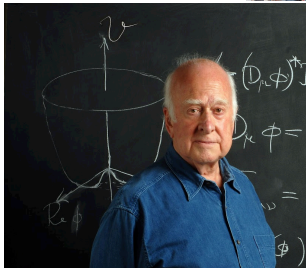


$$\sin 2\beta = 0.73 \pm 0.08$$

Julian Tarek Wisohli,
Doktorarbeit TU DO 2013



Kevin Heinicke, Masterarbeit 2016



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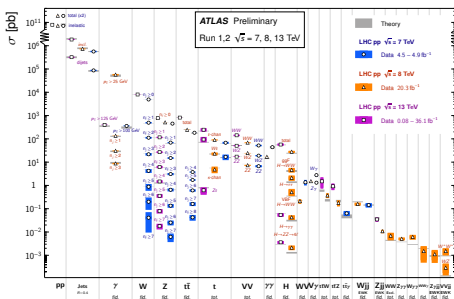
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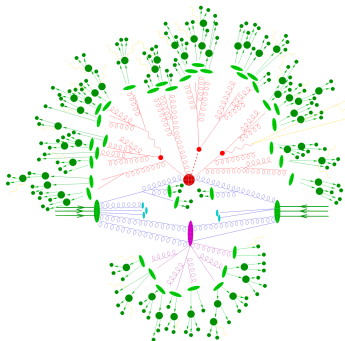
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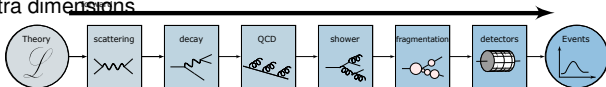
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Searching for BSM physics

- compare simulations and data
 - analyze data systematically
 - understand LHC dataset [SM or BSM]
- With a little help from data science...



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[What's in there for theory?](#)



Shortest ML-intro ever

Fit-like approximation

- approximate known $f(x)$ using $f_\theta(x)$
- no parametrization, just very many values θ
- θ -space the fun space [latent space]

Construction and control

- define (well-defined) loss function
- minimize loss to find best θ
- compare $x \rightarrow f_\theta(x)$ for training/test data

LHC applications

- regression
- classification
- generation
- conditional generation
- ...

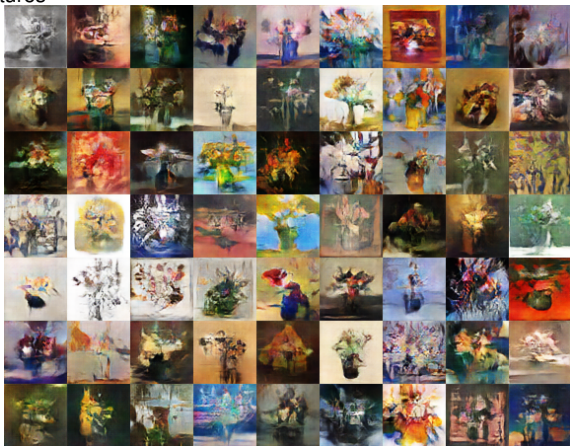
→ [Transforming numerical science](#)



Generative networks

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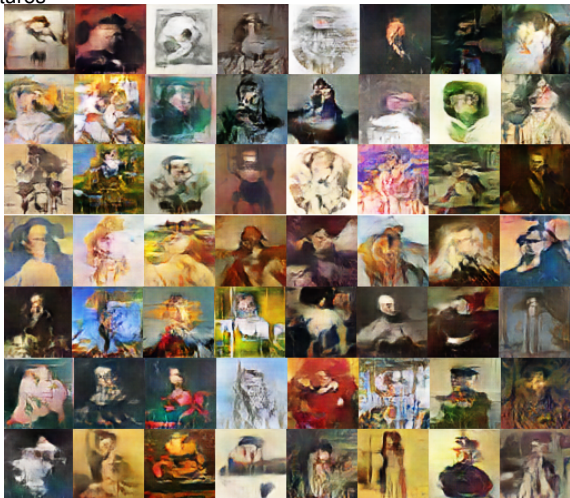
- create **new pieces of art**
- generation $r \rightarrow p_{\theta}(r)$ sampled $r \sim \mathcal{N}$
- train on 80,000 pictures
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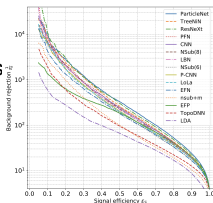


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- 'hello world' of LHC-ML
- different NN-architectures

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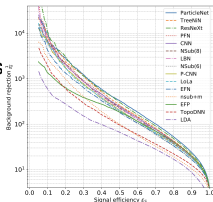
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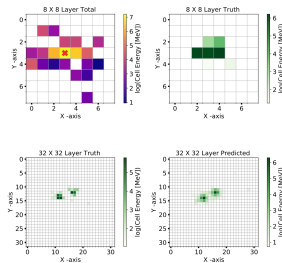
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Particle flow [classification, super-resolution]

- mother of jet tools
 - combined detector channels
- Seriously impressive



Towards a Computer Vision Particle Flow ⁴

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Fig. 7: An event display of total energy shower (within topocluster), as captured by a calorimeter layer of 8 × 8 granularity, along with the location of the track, denoted by a red cross (left) and the same shower is captured by a calorimeter layer of 32 × 32 granularity (middle). The bottom right panel shows the corresponding event predicted by the NN. The figure shows that the shower originating from a $p^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ is resolved by a 32 × 32 granularity layer.



QCD and symmetries

Lund plane representation [input preprocessing]

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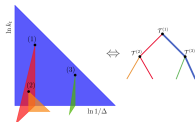
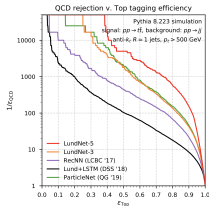


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Jet tagging in the Lund plane with graph networks

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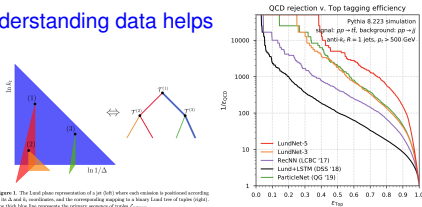


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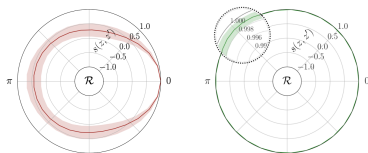
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Self-supervised training [contrastive learning, transformer network]

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

→ 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 non-perturbative agnostic. We introduce JetCLR to solve the mapping from low-level data to optimized embeddings through 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]

- train on QCD-jets, SM-events
- look for non-QCD jets, non-SM events

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Better Latent Spaces for Better Autoencoders

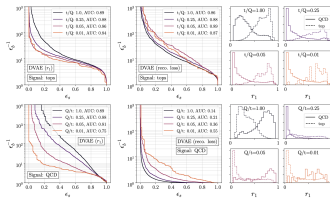
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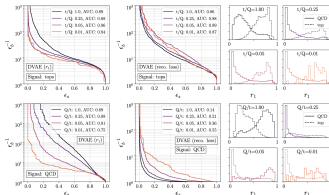
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NNPDF/N3PDF parton densities [full blast]

- starting point: pdfs without functional ansatz
- moving on: cutting-edge ML everywhere

→ Leaders in ML-theory

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A data-based parametrization of parton distribution functions

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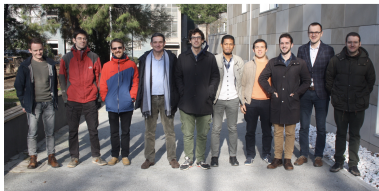
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Abstract. Since the first determination of a structure function many decades ago, all methodologies used to describe structure functions or parton distribution functions (PDFs) have employed a common procedure as part of the parametrization. The NNPDF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

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Speeding up Sherpa [sampling]

- precision simulations limiting factor for Runs 3&4
- unweighting critical

→ Phase space sampling

	$gg \rightarrow Higgs$	$gg \rightarrow \tilde{t}\tilde{t}^*$	$gg \rightarrow \tilde{t}\tilde{t}^*$	$gg \rightarrow \tilde{t}\tilde{t}^*$	$gg \rightarrow Higgs$
σ_{tot}	$1.1e-2$	$7.3e-3$	$6.8e-3$	$4.6e-4$	
σ_{full}^{MC}	$8.7e-3$	$5.8e-3$	$4.7e-3$	$3.0e-4$	
$(\sigma_{full}/\sigma_{MC})$	3832	2417	189	64	
σ_{MC}^{full}	52.03	32.52	49.75	236.19	
σ_{MC}^{unw}	$2.4e-2$	$3.5e-2$	$2.1e-2$	$1.5e-2$	
σ_{MC}^{unw}	0.5669	0.9364	0.9364	0.5661	
σ_{MC}^{unw}	2.21	4.80	1.47	0.19	
σ_{MC}^{unw}	30.40	19.14	27.75	35.34	
σ_{MC}^{unw}	$4.3e-2$	$6.4e-2$	$3.1e-2$	$7.1e-2$	
σ_{MC}^{unw}	0.5663	0.9366	0.9363	0.5621	
σ_{MC}^{unw}	3.90	8.26	3.91	2.22	

Table 6: Performance measures for partonic channels contributing to $gg \rightarrow 3$ jets production at the LHC.

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Accelerating Monte Carlo event generation – rejection sampling using neural network event-weight estimates

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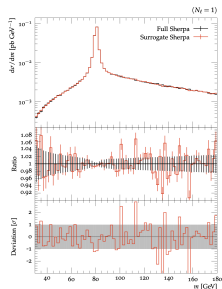
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Abstract

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Events and amplitudes

Speeding up Sherpa [sampling]

- precision simulations limiting factor for Runs 3&4
 - unweighting critical
- Phase space sampling

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$r_{1+1,0+0}$	$8.7e-3$	$5.8e-3$	$4.7e-3$	$3.0e-4$
$(r_{full})_{(r_{1+1,0+0})}$	30033	3017	199	56
r_{full}^{MC}	52.03	32.12	49.75	286.19
$r_{full}^{MC,MC}$	$5.4e-2$	$3.8e-2$	$3.1e-2$	$5.6e-3$
$r_{full}^{MC,MC}$	0.9889	0.9884	0.9904	0.9981
$r_{full}^{MC,MC}$	2.21	1.89	1.47	0.19
$r_{full}^{MC,MC}$	30.03	19.14	27.78	35.34
$r_{full}^{MC,MC}$	$4.3e-2$	$4.4e-2$	$5.1e-2$	$7.1e-2$
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$r_{full}^{MC,MC}$	3.90	8.26	3.91	2.22

Table 6: Performance measure for partonic channels contributing to $gg \rightarrow 3$ jets production at the LHC.

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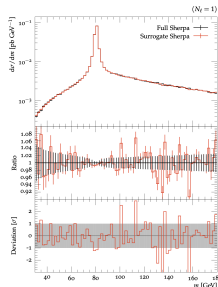
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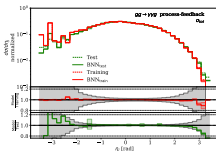
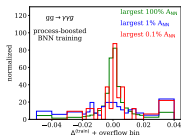
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Speeding up amplitudes [precision regression]

- loop-amplitudes expensive
 - interpolation standard
- Network amplitudes



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ABSTRACT: Machine learning technology has the potential to dramatically optimize event generation and simulation. We continue to investigate the use of neural networks to approximate matrix elements for high-multiplicity scattering processes. We focus on the case of loop-induced diphoton production through gluon fusion, and develop a modular simulation method that can be applied to hadronic collider observables. Neural networks are trained using the on-loop amplitudes implemented in the `MadGraph5` library, and interfaced to the Sherpa Monte Carlo event generator, where we perform a detailed study for $2+3$ and $2+4$ scattering orders. We also consider how the trained networks perform when varying the kinematic cuts affecting the phase space and the reliability of the neural network simulations.



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- shower/hadronization unfolded by jet algorithm
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- calibrated inverse sampling

→ Backwards generation

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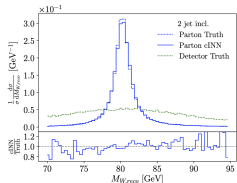
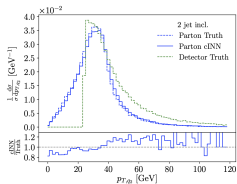
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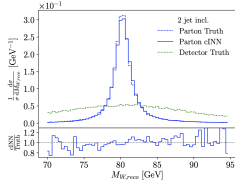
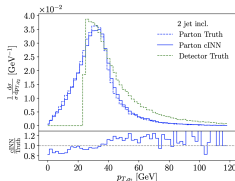
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Generative networks with uncertainties [Bayesian discriminator-flows]

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

→ Discussed later

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Generative Networks for Precision Enthusiasts

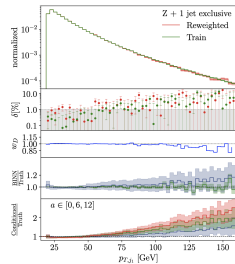
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Abstract

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String landscape and learned formulas

Navigating string landscape [reinforcement learning]

- searching for viable vacua
 - high dimensions, unknown global structure
- **Model space sampling**

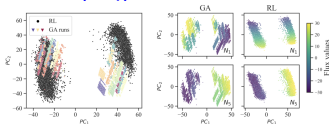


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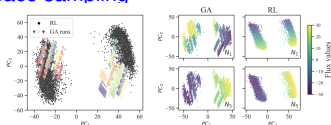


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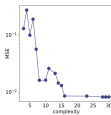
Learning formulas [genetic algorithm, symbolic regression]

- approximate numerical function through formula
- example: score/optimal observables

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8	1 $(e - x_{p,1} x_{p,2} \sin(\Delta \phi))$	$1.61 \cdot 10^{-2}$
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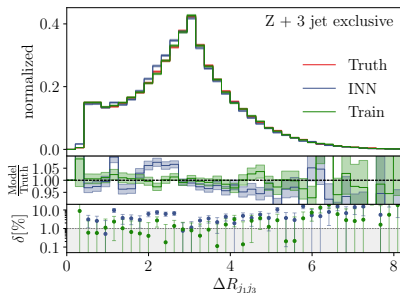
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Controlled precision generator

ML-event generators

- speed up generation
ship events
train on MC plus data
useful ML-playground
detector simulation next
- $Z_{\mu\mu} + \{1, 2, 3\}$ jets [Z-peak, variable jet number, jet-jet topology]



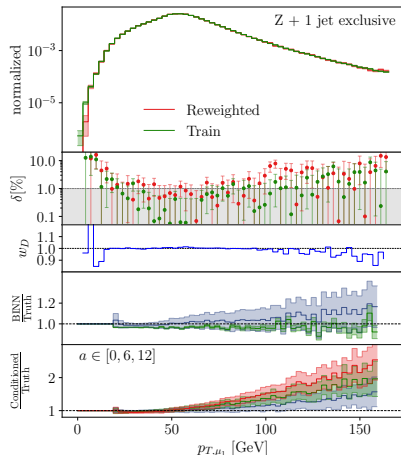
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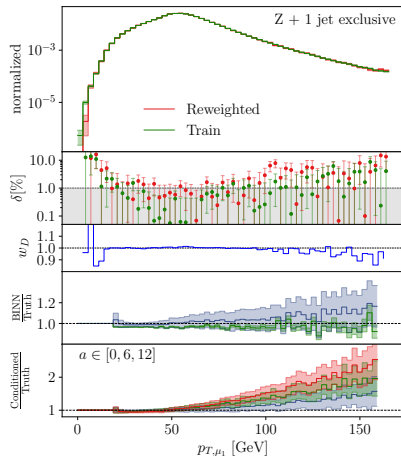
- classification easier than generation
 - output $D = 0$ (generator), 1 (truth)
 - decent generator training $D \approx 0.5$
 - additional event weight $w_D = \frac{D}{1-D}$
- **Control & reweight**



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Uncertainties from Bayesian INN

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 - useful after control step
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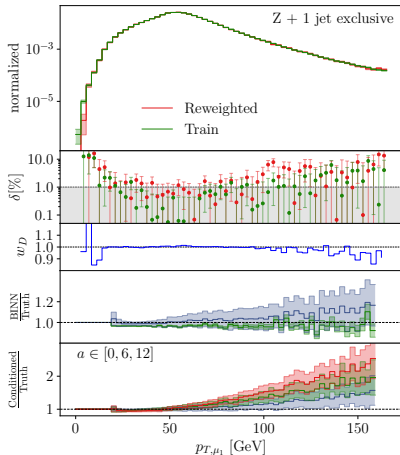
Systematic uncertainties

- data augmentation

$$w = 1 + a \left(\frac{p_{T,j_1} - 15 \text{ GeV}}{100 \text{ GeV}} \right)^2$$

- training conditional on a
- uncertainty from sampling a
- correlation to all of phase space

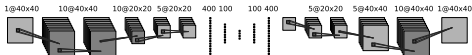
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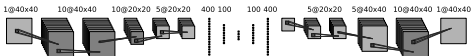
Learning background only

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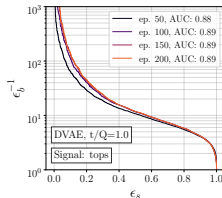
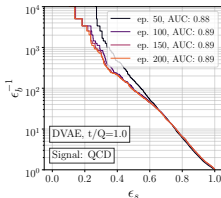
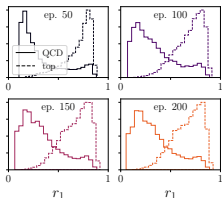


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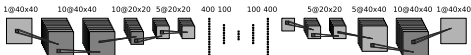
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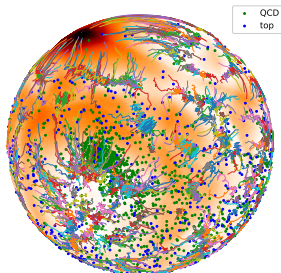


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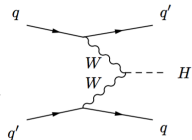
CP-violating Higgs production

- unique CP-observable

$$t \propto \epsilon_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} k_1^{\mu} k_2^{\nu} q_1^{\rho} q_2^{\sigma} \text{sign} [(k_1 - k_2) \cdot (q_1 - q_2)] \xrightarrow{\text{lab frame}} \sin \Delta\phi_{jj}$$

- CP-effect in $\Delta\phi_{jj}$
D6-effect in $p_{T,j}$

⇒ **Key LHC observable**



PySR

Analytic formula for score

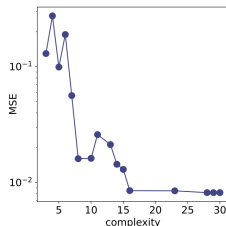
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⇒ Figures of merit

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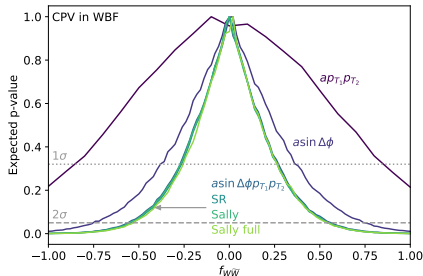
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Score around Standard Model

- expected limits:
very wrong formula
wrong formula
right formula
MadMiner
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⇒ **New optimal observables next**



ML for LHC Theory

ML-applications in LHC physics

- just another numerical tool for a numerical field
- driven by money from data science, medical research
- goals are...

...improve established tasks

...develop new tools for established tasks

...transform through new ideas

→ Turn HL-LHC into fun!

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Abstract

First-principle simulations are at the heart of the high-energy physics research program. They link the vast data output of multi-purpose detectors with fundamental theory predictions and interpretation. This review illustrates a wide range of applications of modern machine learning to event generation and simulation-based inference, including conceptual developments driven by the specific requirements of particle physics. New ideas and tools developed at the interface of particle physics and machine learning will improve the speed and precision of forward simulations, handle the complexity of collision data, and enhance inference as an inverse simulation problem.

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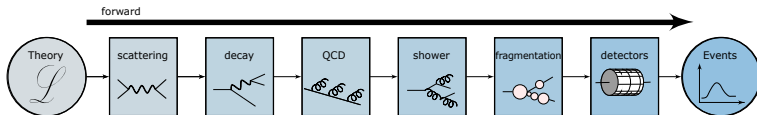
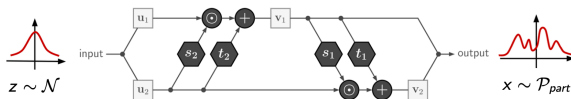


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Bayesian INNs

- network weight distributions [Gal (2016)]
- sample for output [efficient ensembling]
- working for regression, classification
- events with error bars [density & uncertainty maps]
- 2D: wedge ramp, kicker ramp,...

→ INNs just fits

