ML for Particle Physics

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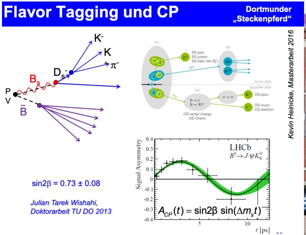

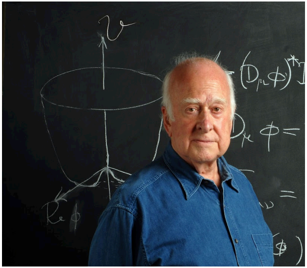

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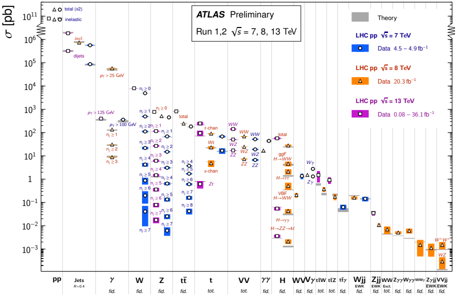

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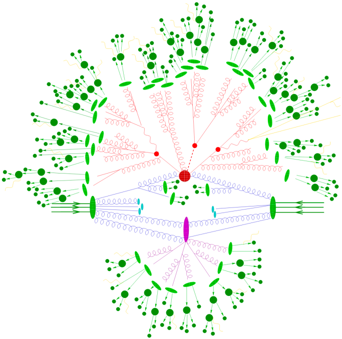

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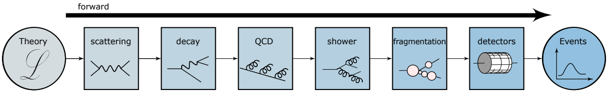
BSM searches

- compare simulations and data
- understand LHC dataset systematically
- infer underlying theory [SM or BSM]
- publish useable results

$\rightarrow$ Lots of data science...



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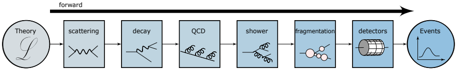

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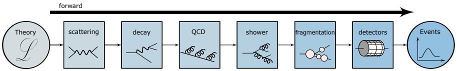

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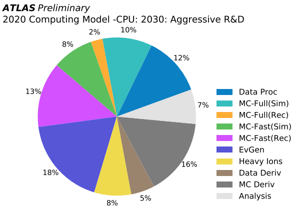
Pythia/Madgraph/Sherpa... for HL-LHC

- factor 10 more expected (= simulated) data
- more complex final states
  higher-orders precision
- parameter coverage for signals
- enable analysis reinterpretation?
  enable global LHC analyses?

$\rightarrow$ Theory challenge



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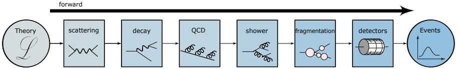

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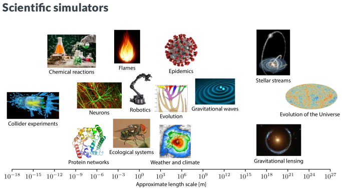
LHC-specific explainable AI

- SBI conditional on theory simulations
- understanding LHC data is QFT
- computing speed means precision
- control critical
- uncertainties crucial
- phase space interpretable

→ Well-defined, but non-standard AI/ML



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- How to treat uncertatinties??

Shortest ML-intro ever

Fit-like approximation

- approximate known $f(x)$ using $f_\theta(x)$
- no parametrization, just very many values θ
- new representation/latent space θ

Construction and contol

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

LHC applications

- regression $x \to f_\theta(x)$
- classification $x \to f_\theta(x) \in [0, 1]$
- generation $r \sim \mathcal{N} \to f_\theta(r)$
- conditional generation $r \sim \mathcal{N} \to f_\theta(r|x)$
- ...

$\to$ Transforming numerical science

ML-applications in experiment

Top tagging [supervised classification]

- ‘hello world’ of LHC-ML
- end of QCD-taggers
- different NN-architectures

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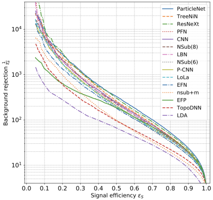

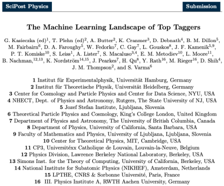

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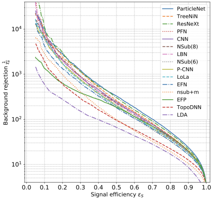

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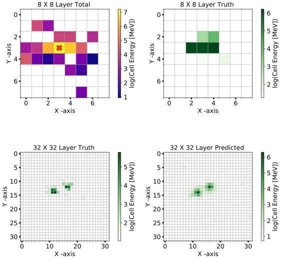
Particle flow [classification, super-resolution]

- mother of jet tools
- combined detector channels
- similar studies in CMS

$\rightarrow$ Beyond just concepts



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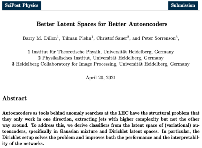

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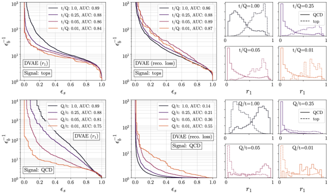

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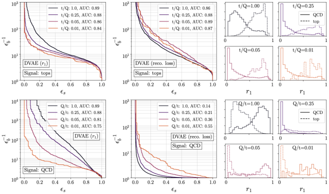

NNPDF/N3PDF parton densities [full blast]

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

→ Leaders in ML-theory

A data-based parametrization of parton distribution functions

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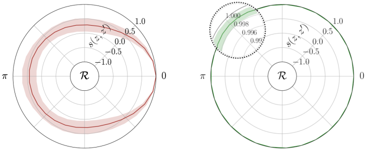

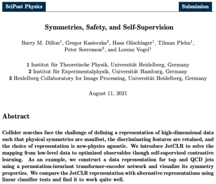

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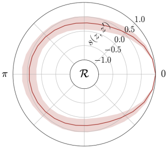

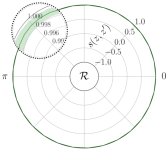

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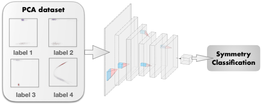
Learning symmetries [representation, visualization]

- (particle) physics is all symmetries
- identify symmetries in 2D systems [paintings]

→ Networks representing structure



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I. INTRODUCTION

Symmetries are central to the underlying structure of Nature. The discovery of a symmetry signifies the existence of a fundamental principle and manifests itself in the form of physical laws and selection rules. Indeed, all known fundamental laws of Physics can be derived from an axiom of invariance under a transformation. This is exemplified in Galilean relativity, Maxwell's equations for electromagnetism, Einstein's special and general relativity as well as the gauge theories of the fundamental forces in Particle Physics.

shape of ellipses [1]. From this simpler representation of the data, Isaac Newton was able to deduce the laws of gravity, which exhibit a central symmetry, no doubt a simpler, deeper and thus more general description of the motion of celestial bodies than the original collection of observations. Fast-forwarding many years, we now understand that Newton's laws can be obtained from imposing a symmetry on an abstract object called the Action.

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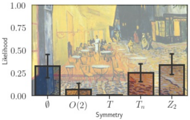

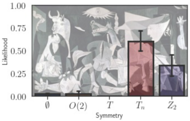

Integrals and perturbative QFT

Learning integrands and integrals [differentiable networks]

- learn integrand through differiable network
- evaluate integrated NN-structures

$\longrightarrow$ Novel ML-integrator

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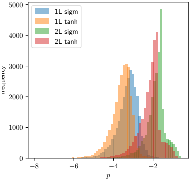

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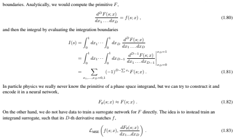
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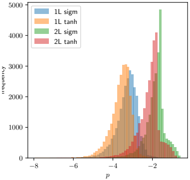

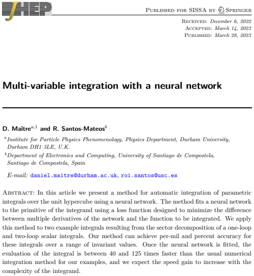
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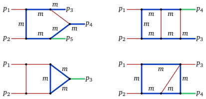
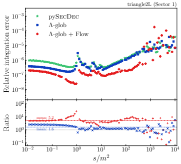
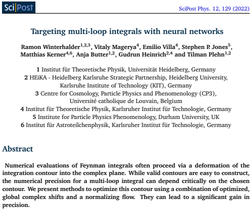
Learning integration paths [invertible networks]

- find optimal integration paths
- learn variable transformation

$\rightarrow$ Theory-integrator



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Targeting multi-loop integrals with neural networks

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Event generation

Speeding up Sherpa and MadNIS [INNs for sampling]

- precision simulations limiting factor for HL-LHC
- unweighting measure

$\to$ Phase space sampling

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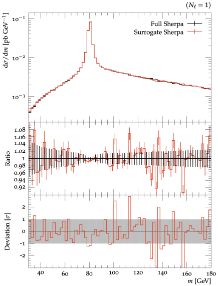

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Examples

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GANplification

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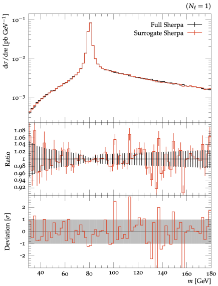
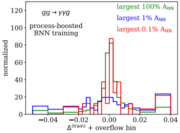
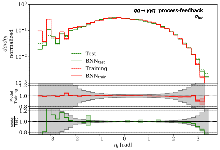


Fast amplitudes [precision regression]

- loop-amplitudes expensive
- interpolation standard

→ Precision NN-amplitudes





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

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Invertible event generation

Precision NN-generators [Bayesian generative models]

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

→ Flow, diffusion, transformer

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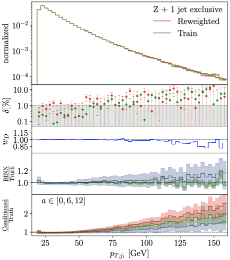

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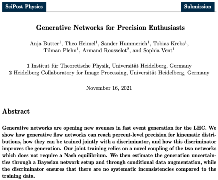

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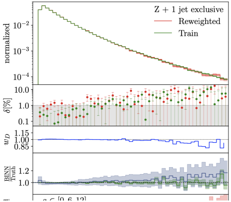
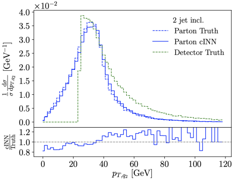
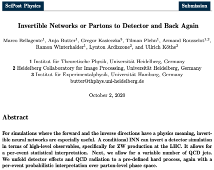




Unfolding and inversion [conditional normalizing flows]

- detector/decays/QCD unfolded
- calibrated inverse sampling

→ Publishing analysis results



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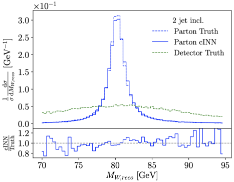

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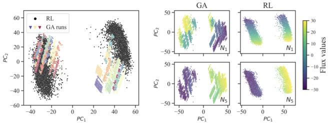
→ Model space sampling



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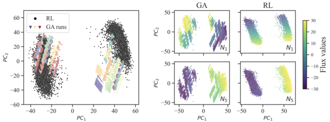

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Learning formulas [genetic algorithm, symbolic regression]

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

$\rightarrow$ PySR

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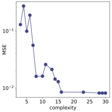
7	1	$(-x_{p,1} - a)\sin(\sin(\Delta\phi))$	$5.63 \cdot 10^{-2}$
8	1	$(a - x_{p,1})x_{p,2}\sin(\Delta\phi)$	$1.61 \cdot 10^{-2}$
14	2	$x_{p,1}(a\Delta\phi - \sin(\sin(\Delta\phi)))(x_{p,2} + b)$	$1.44 \cdot 10^{-2}$
15	3	$-(x_{p,2}(a\Delta\eta^2 + x_{p,1}) + b)\sin(\Delta\phi + c)$	$1.30 \cdot 10^{-2}$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



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Back to the Formula — LHC Edition

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Abstract

While neural networks offer an attractive way to numerically encode functions, actual formulas remain the language of theoretical particle physics. We use symbolic regression trained on matrix-element information to extract, for instance, optimal LHC observables. This way we invert the usual simulation paradigm and extract easily interpretable formulas from complex simulated data. We introduce the method using the effect of a dimension-6 coefficient on associated ZH production. We then validate it for the known case of CP-violation in weak-boson-fusion Higgs production, including detector effects.

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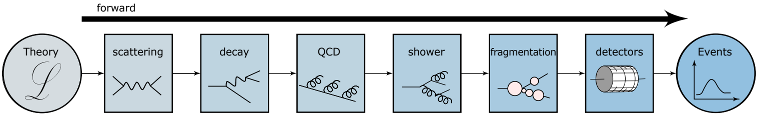


GAN algorithm

Generating events [phase space positions, possibly with weights]

– training: true events $\{x_\text{data}\}$
  output: generated events $r \to x_\text{model}$
– discriminator constructing $D(x)$ by minimizing [classifier $D(x) = 1, 0$ true/generator]

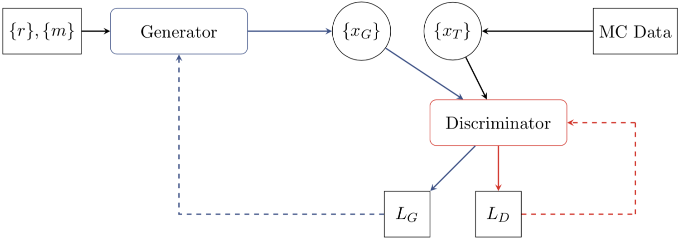
$$\mathcal{L}_D = \Big\langle -\log D(x) \Big\rangle_{x_\text{data}} + \Big\langle -\log(1 - D(x)) \Big\rangle_{x_\text{model}}$$

– generator constructing $r \to x_\text{model}$ by minimizing [D needed]

$$\mathcal{L}_G = \Big\langle -\log D(x) \Big\rangle_{x_\text{model}}$$

– Nash equilibrium $D = 0.5$

⇒ statistically independent copy of training events



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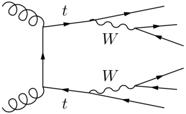

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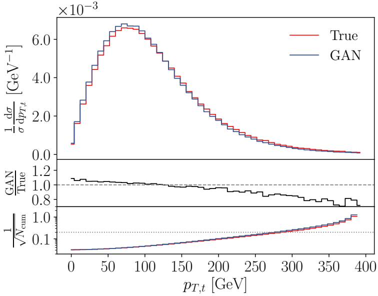

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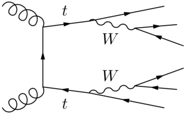

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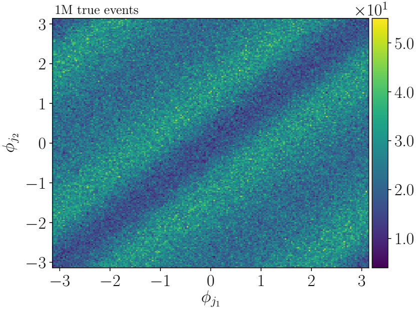

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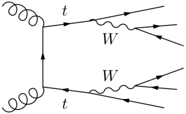

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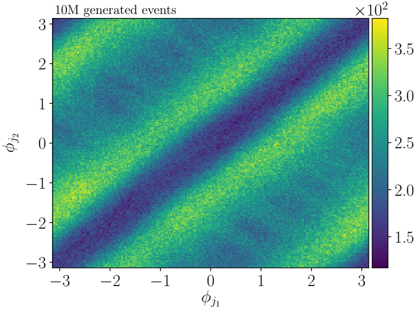

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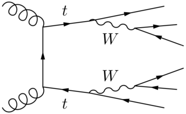

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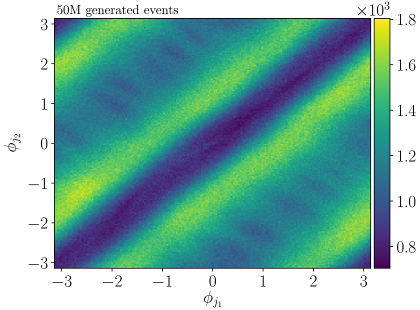
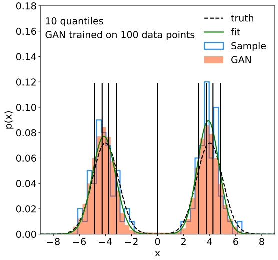


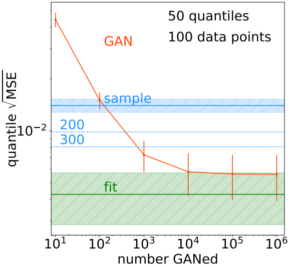
GANplification

Gain beyond training data [Butter, Diefenbacher, Kasieczka, Nachman, TP]

- true function known
  compare GAN vs sampling vs fit
- quantiles with χ^2-values
- fit like 500-1000 sampled points
  GAN like 500 sampled points [amplifictation factor 5]
  requiring 10,000 GANned events
- interpolation and resolution the key [NNPDF]

$\Rightarrow$ GANs beyond training data





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INN-generator

- stable bijective mapping

$$\text{latent } r \sim p_\text{latent} \quad \underset{\leftarrow \, \overline{G}_\theta(x)}{\overset{G_\theta(r) \rightarrow}{\longleftrightarrow}} \quad \text{phase space } x \sim p_\text{data}$$

- tractable Jacobian

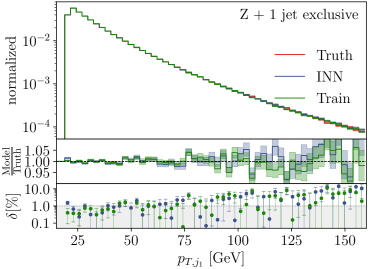
$$dx \; p_\text{model}(x) = dr \; p_\text{latent}(r)$$

$$p_\text{model}(x) = p_\text{latent}\left(\overline{G}_\theta(x)\right) \left| \frac{\partial \overline{G}_\theta(x)}{\partial x} \right|$$

- likelihood loss

$$\mathcal{L}_\text{INN} = -\Big\langle \log p_\text{model}(x) \Big\rangle_{p_\text{data}}$$

$\Rightarrow$ Per-cent precision possible



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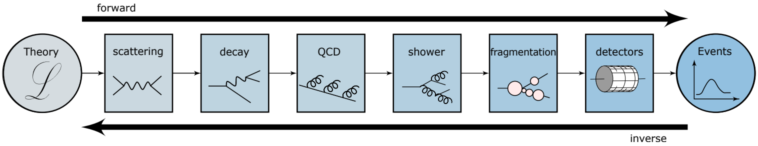

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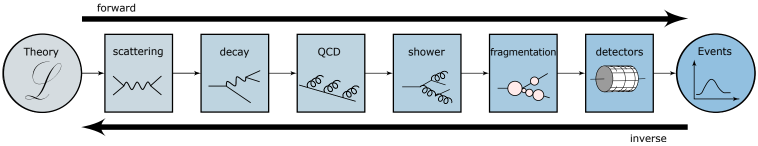
  detector unfolding
  unfolding to QCD parton means jet algorithm
  unfolding jet radiation known combinatorics problem
  unfolding to hard process standard in top groups [needed for global analyses]
  matrix element method an old dream
- improved through coherent ML-method
- free choice of data-theory inference point

$\to$ Transformative progress for HL-LHC



Inverting to hard process

Conditional INN

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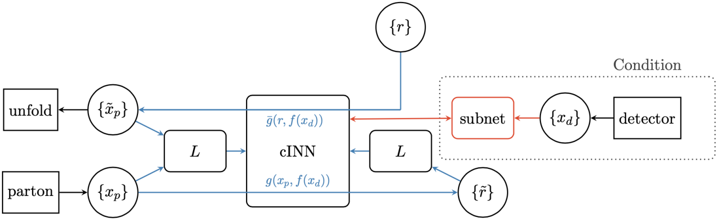

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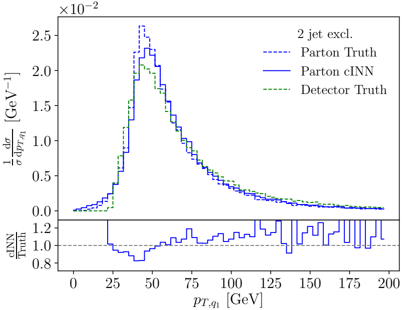

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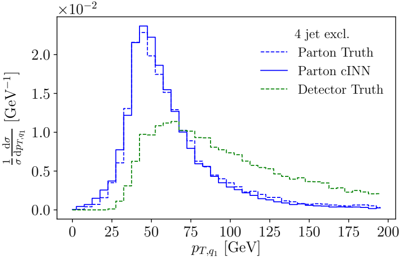

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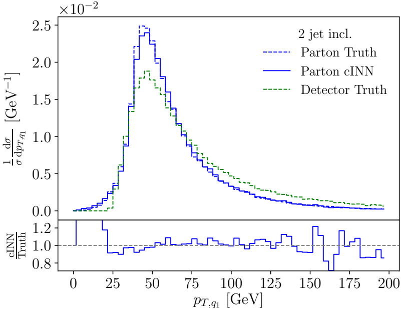

ML for particle physics

ML-applications

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

  ...improve established tasks
  ...develop new tools for established tasks
  ...transform through new ideas
- xAI through...

  ...precision control
  ...uncertainties
  ...symmetries
  ...formulas

$\rightarrow$ Lots of fun with hard LHC problems

Modern Machine Learning for LHC Physicists

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Abstract

Modern machine learning is transforming particle physics, faster than we can follow, and bullying its way into our numerical tool box. For young researchers it is crucial to stay on top of this development, which means applying cutting-edge methods and tools to the full range of LHC physics problems. These lecture notes are meant to lead students with basic knowledge of particle physics and significant enthusiasm for machine learning to relevant applications as fast as possible. They start with an LHC-specific motivation and a non-standard introduction to neural networks and then cover classification, unsupervised classification, generative networks, and inverse problems. Two themes defining much of the discussion are well-defined loss functions reflecting the problem at hand and uncertainty-aware networks. As part of the applications, the notes include some aspects of theoretical LHC physics. All examples are chosen from particle physics publications of the last few years. Given that these notes will be outdated already at the time of submission, the week of ML4Jets 2022, they will be updated frequently.