

Precision Simulations Using Machine Learning

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- [How to treat uncertainties??](#)



Shortest ML-intro ever

Fit-like approximation [ask NNPDF]

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

Construction and control

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

LHC applications

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

→ Transforming numerical science



Networks with error bar

Training-related uncertainties

- different trainings
different initializations
different data sets
- histogram network output: $f_{\theta}(x) \pm \Delta f(x)$

→ Bayesian network: $\Delta f_{\theta}(x)$ from $\Delta \theta$ [Yarin Gal (2016)]

Energy measurement with NN

- expectation value from probability distribution

$$\langle E \rangle = \int dE E p(E) \rightarrow \int dE E p_{\theta}(E)$$

- energy $p(E|\theta)$ encoded in network parameters
parameters $p(\theta|T)$ trained on data T

$$p_{\theta}(E) = \int d\theta p(E|\theta) p(\theta|T)$$

→ Prediction by sampling weights

$$\langle E \rangle = \int dE d\theta E p(E|\theta) p(\theta|T) = \int dE d\theta E p(E|\theta) q(\theta)$$



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→ Loss combining likelihood and regularization

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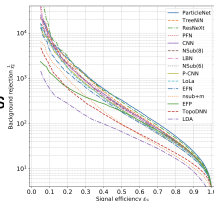


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- end of QCD-taggers
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→ Non-NN left in the dust...



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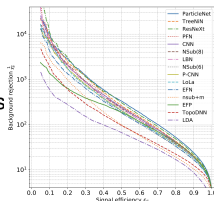


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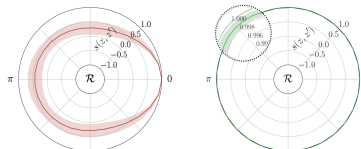
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Symmetric networks [contrastive learning, transformer network]

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

→ Symmetric latent representation



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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 distributional features are retained, and the choice of representation is non-physics agnostic. We introduce JetCLR to solve the mapping from low-level data to optimized observables 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.



Events and amplitudes

Speeding up Sherpa and MadNIS [sampling]

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

→ Phase space sampling

	$gg \rightarrow H_{\text{eff}}$	$u\bar{u} \rightarrow H_{\text{eff}}$	$s\bar{s} \rightarrow H_{\text{eff}}$	$b\bar{b} \rightarrow H_{\text{eff}}$
σ_{tot}	$1.1\text{e-}2$	$7.3\text{e-}3$	$6.6\text{e-}3$	$6.6\text{e-}4$
$\sigma_{H_{\text{eff}}}$	$8.7\text{e-}3$	$5.8\text{e-}3$	$4.7\text{e-}3$	$3.6\text{e-}4$
$(\sigma_{\text{tot}}/\sigma_{H_{\text{eff}}})$	38312	2417	199	64
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$\mu_{\text{fact}}^{\text{Higgs}}$	0.0669	0.3904	0.3904	0.5981
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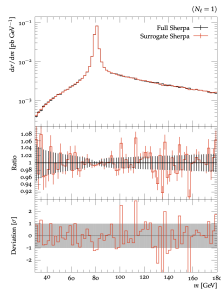
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Abstract

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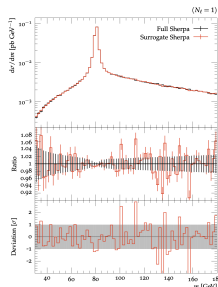
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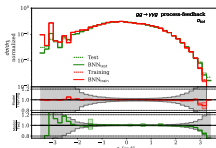
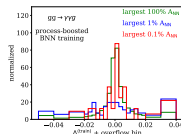
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Speeding up amplitudes [precision regression]

- 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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ABSTRACT: Machine learning technology has the potential to dramatically optimise 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 hadron collider observables. Neural networks are trained using the one-loop amplitudes implemented in the *Reco++* library, and interfaced to the Sherpa Monte Carlo event generator, where we perform a detailed study for 2 → 3 and 2 → 4 scattering processes. 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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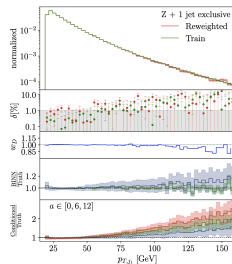
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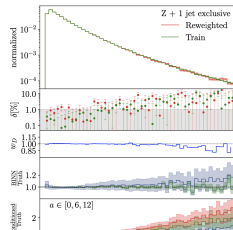
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Unfolding and inversion [conditional normalizing flows]

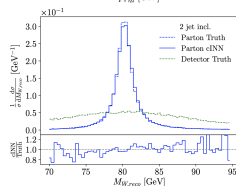
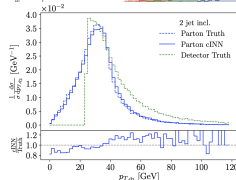
- shower/hadronization unfolded by jet algorithm
- detector/decays unfolded e.g. in tops
- calibrated inverse sampling

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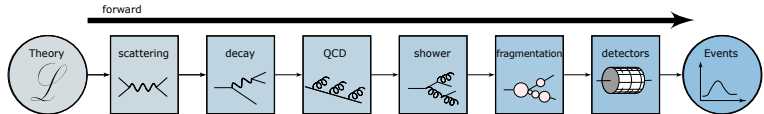
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 - Variational Autoencoder
→ low-dimensional physics, high-dimensional objects
 - Generative Adversarial Network
→ generator trained by classifier
 - Normalizing Flow/Diffusion Model
→ stable bijective mapping
 - Generative Pre-trained Transformer
→ learning all structures
- **Pick best model for purpose**



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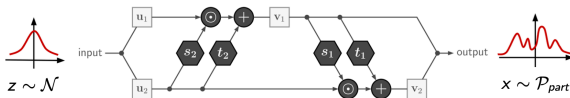
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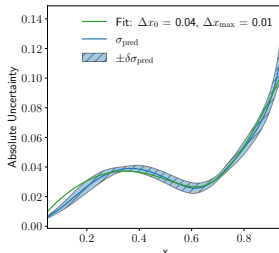
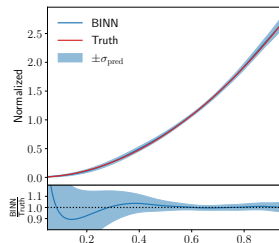
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- events with error bars
- density & uncertainty maps cross-talking

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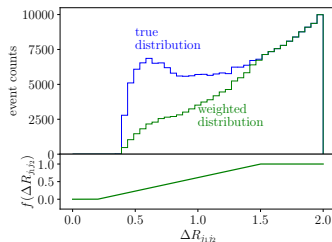
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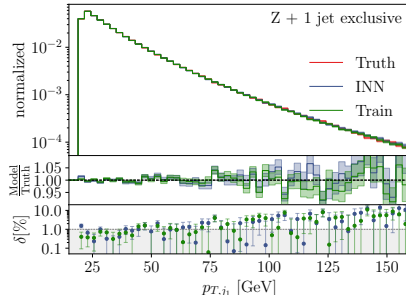
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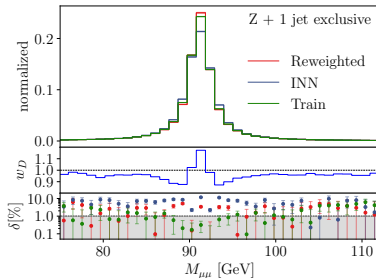
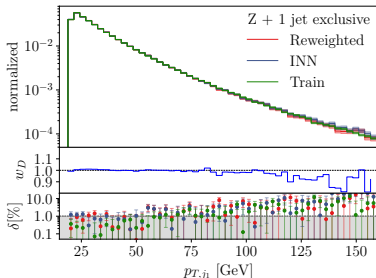


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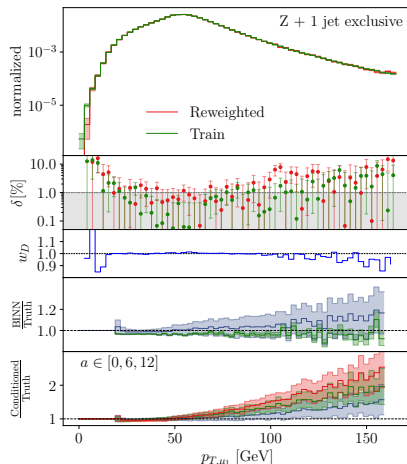
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- training uncertainties from BINN
- low statistics challenging
- systematics from data augmentation
- adjust data in tails $[a = 0 \dots 30]$

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- train conditionally on smeared a
- error bar from sampling a

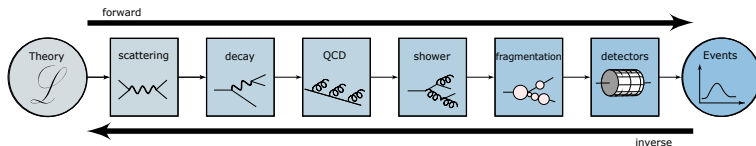
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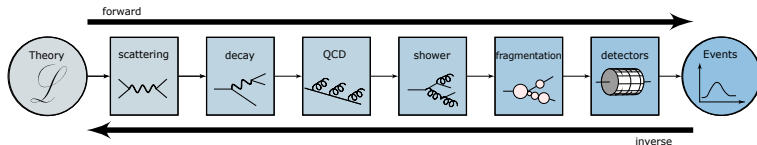
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matrix element method an old dream

- improved through coherent ML-method

→ Free choice of data-theory inference point



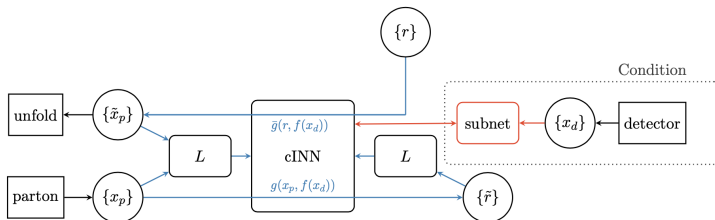
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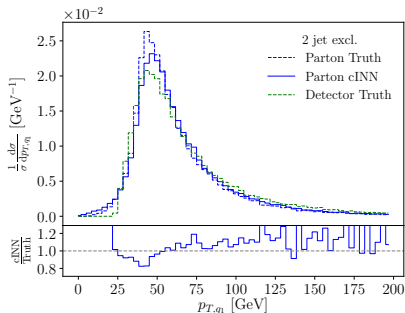
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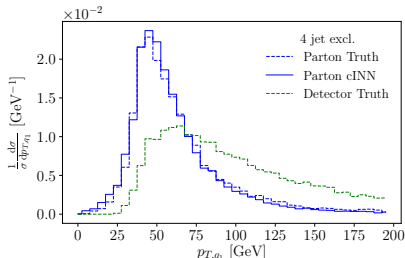
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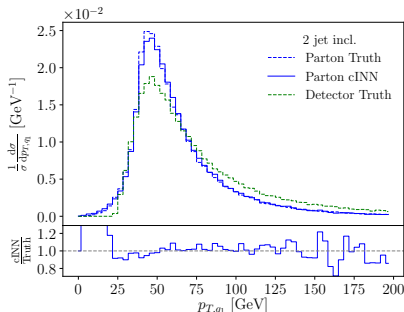
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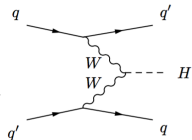
CP-violating Higgs production

- 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 $p_{T,j}$

⇒ Established LHC task



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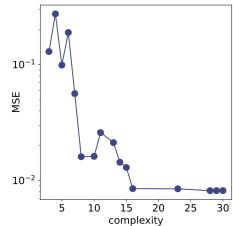
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compl	dof	function	MSE
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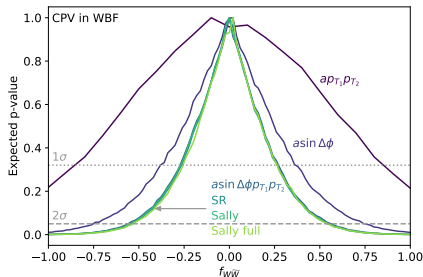
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right formula
MadMiner
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ML for LHC Theory

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
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 - ...formulas

→ Fun with good old LHC problems

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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.



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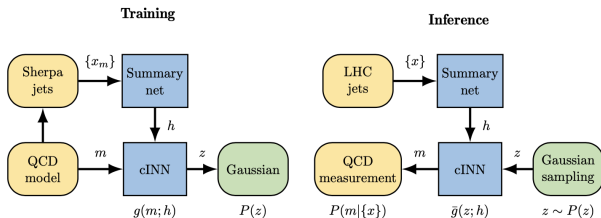
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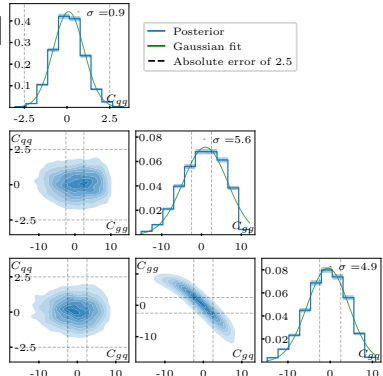
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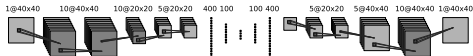
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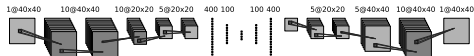
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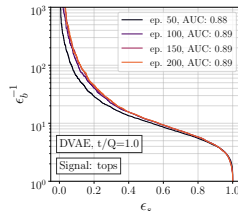
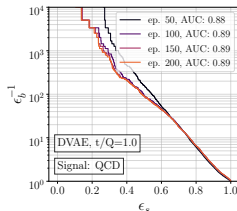
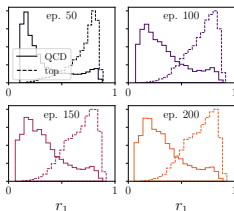


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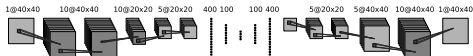
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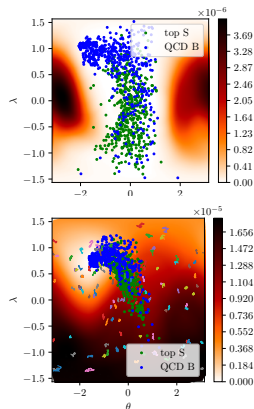
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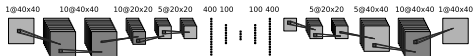
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