

LHC Physics as Data Science

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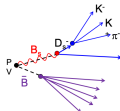
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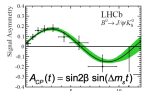
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„Steckenpferd“

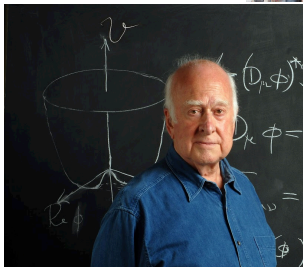


$$\sin 2\beta = 0.73 \pm 0.08$$

Julian Tarek Wishah,
Doktorarbeit TU DO 2013



Kevin Heinicke, Masterarbeit 2016



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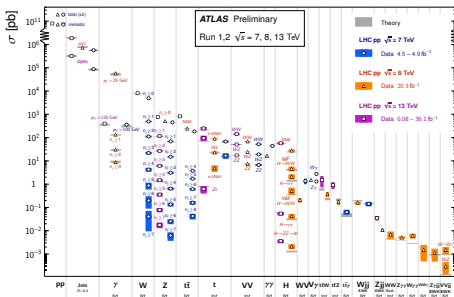
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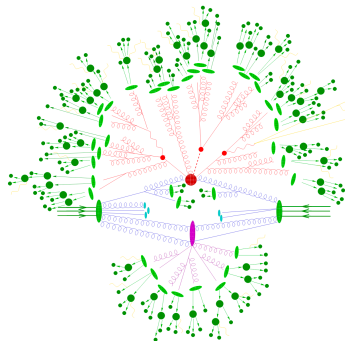
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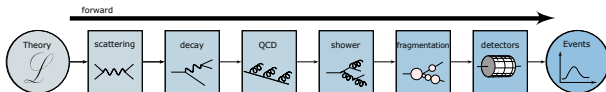
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BSM searches

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

→ Lots of data science...



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- How to treat uncertainties??



Shortest ML-intro ever

Fit-like approximation [ask Ramon or 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

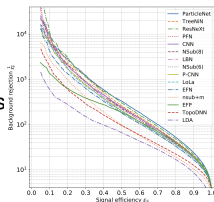


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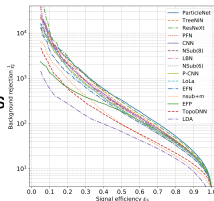


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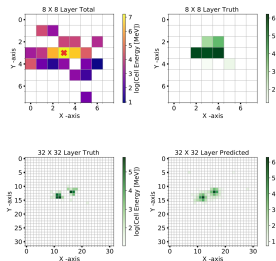
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Particle flow [classification, super-resolution]

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

→ Beyond just concepts



Towards a Computer Vision Particle Flow *

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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 $m^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ is resolved by a 32×32 granularity layer.



Non-QCD and parton densities

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

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SelfNet Physics

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Better Latent Spaces for Better Autoencoders

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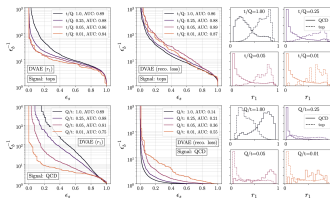
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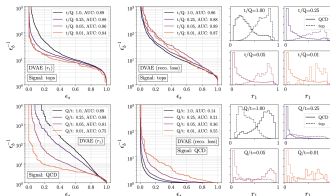
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NNPDF/N3PDF parton densities [full blast]

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

→ **Leaders in ML-theory**

N3PDF
Machine Learning - PDFs - QCD

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A data-based parametrization of parton distribution functions

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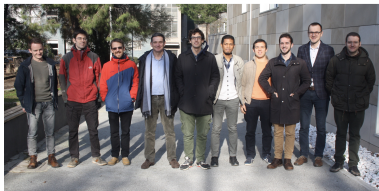
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Abstract. Since the first determination of a structure function many decades ago, all methodologies used to determine structure functions or parton distribution functions (PDFs) have employed a common procedure as part of the parametrization. The NNPDF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

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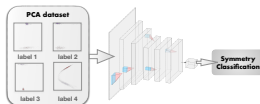


Symmetries

Learning symmetries [representation, visualization]

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

→ **Networks representing structure**



Symmetry meets AI

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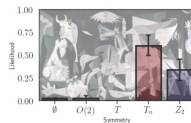
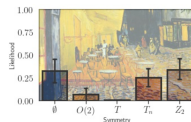
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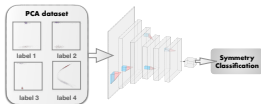


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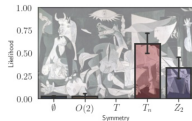
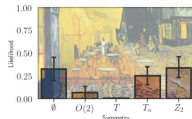
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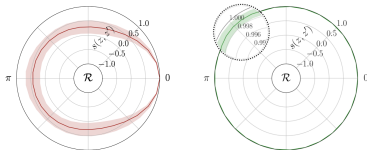
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Symmetric networks [contrastive learning, transformer network]

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

→ Symmetric latent representation



Self-Poisoning

Schubert

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-polynomially general. 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 [INNs, sampling]

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

→ Phase space sampling

	$gg \rightarrow H_{\text{eff}}$	$u\bar{u} \rightarrow t\bar{t}gg$	$s\bar{s} \rightarrow t\bar{t}gg$	$u\bar{u} \rightarrow H_{\text{eff}}$
ϵ_{cut}	$1.1e-2$	$7.3e-3$	$6.6e-3$	$6.6e-4$
$\epsilon_{\text{H,eff}}$	$8.7e-3$	$5.8e-3$	$4.7e-3$	$3.0e-4$
$(\epsilon_{\text{cut}}/\epsilon_{\text{H,eff}})$	30312	2417	199	64
$\mu_{\text{H,eff}}^{\text{stat}}$	52.03	32.52	69.75	326.19
$\mu_{\text{H,eff}}^{\text{th}}$	$2.4e-2$	$3.5e-2$	$2.1e-2$	$1.5e-2$
$\mu_{\text{H,eff}}^{\text{stat}}$	0.0669	0.3904	0.3904	0.1681
$\mu_{\text{H,eff}}^{\text{th}}$	2.21	4.80	1.47	0.19
$\mu_{\text{H,eff}}^{\text{stat}}$	20.40	19.14	27.75	35.34
$\mu_{\text{H,eff}}^{\text{th}}$	$4.3e-2$	$6.4e-2$	$5.1e-2$	$7.1e-2$
$\mu_{\text{H,eff}}^{\text{stat}}$	0.0683	0.0906	0.0943	0.0321
$\mu_{\text{H,eff}}^{\text{th}}$	3.90	8.26	5.91	2.22

Table 6: Performance measures for partonic channels contributing to $H \rightarrow 3$ 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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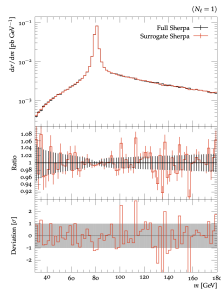
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Events and amplitudes

Speeding up Sherpa and MadNIS [INNs, sampling]

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

→ Phase space sampling

	$gg \rightarrow H_{\text{SM}}$	$gg \rightarrow H_{\text{SM}}$	$gg \rightarrow H_{\text{SM}}$	$gg \rightarrow H_{\text{SM}}$
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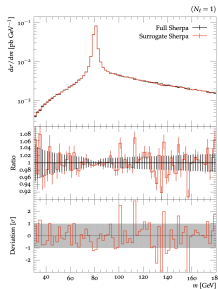
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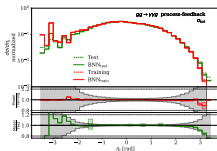
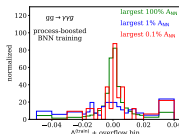
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Speeding up amplitudes [precision regression]

- 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 hadronic collider observables. Neural networks are trained using the one-loop amplitudes implemented in the *Black*++ library, and interfaced to the *Sherpa* Monte Carlo event generator, where we perform a detailed study for $2 \rightarrow 3$ and $2 \rightarrow 4$ scattering problems. 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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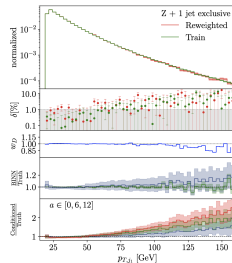
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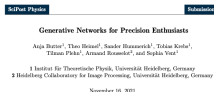


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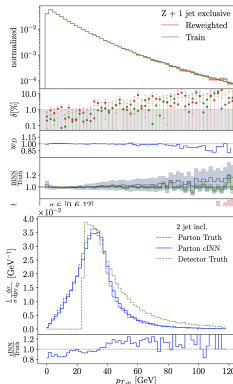
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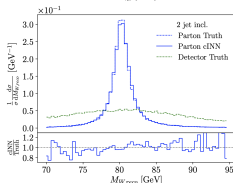
- detector/decays/QCD unfolded
- calibrated inverse sampling

→ Publishing analysis results



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→ **Model space sampling**

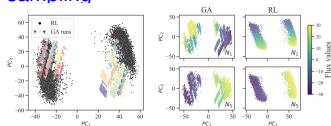


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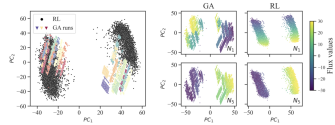


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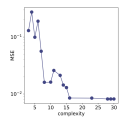
Learning formulas [genetic algorithm, symbolic regression, see later]

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

→ PySR later

comp	doF/function	MSE
3	$1 \cdot \Delta\phi$	$1.30 \cdot 10^{-1}$
4	$1 \cdot \sin(\Delta\phi)$	$2.75 \cdot 10^{-1}$
5	$1 \cdot \Delta\phi \mp_{p,1}$	$9.50 \cdot 10^{-2}$
6	$1 \cdot -x_{p,1} \sin(\Delta\phi + a)$	$1.90 \cdot 10^{-1}$
7	$1 \cdot (-x_{p,1} - a) \sin(\sin(\Delta\phi))$	$5.63 \cdot 10^{-2}$
8	$1 \cdot (a - x_{p,2}) x_{p,2} \sin(\Delta\phi)$	$1.61 \cdot 10^{-2}$
14	$2 \cdot x_{p,1} (a \Delta\phi - \sin(\sin(\Delta\phi))) (x_{p,2} + b)$	$1.44 \cdot 10^{-2}$
15	$3 \cdot (-x_{p,2} (a \Delta\phi^2 + x_{p,1}) + b) \sin(\Delta\phi + c)$	$1.30 \cdot 10^{-2}$
16	$4 \cdot -x_{p,1} (a - b \Delta\phi) (x_{p,2} + c) \sin(\Delta\phi + d)$	$8.50 \cdot 10^{-3}$
28	$7 \cdot (x_{p,2} + a) (b x_{p,1} (c - \Delta\phi) - x_{p,1} (d \Delta\phi + x_{p,2} + f) \sin(\Delta\phi + g))$	$8.18 \cdot 10^{-3}$

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Back to the Formula — LHC Edition

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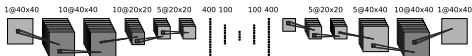


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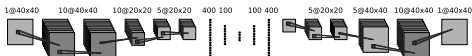
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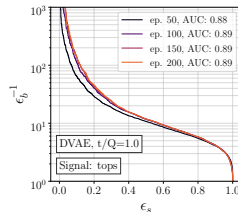
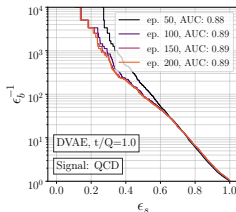
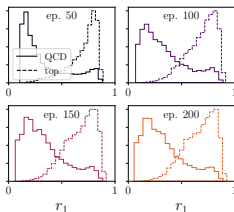


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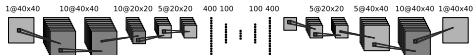
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- anomaly score from latent space?
- VAE \rightarrow does not work
Gaussian mixture VAE \rightarrow does not work
Dirichlet VAE \rightarrow works okay
density estimation \rightarrow does not work



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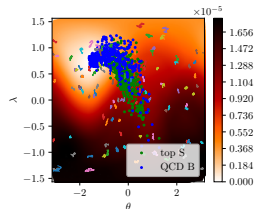
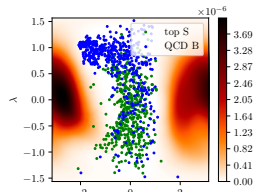
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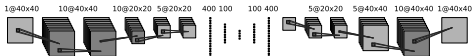
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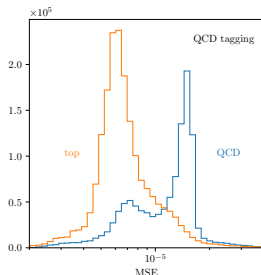
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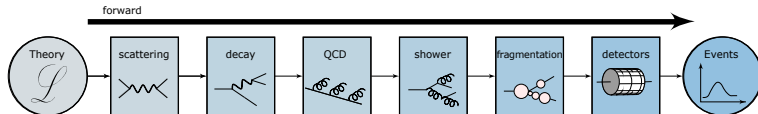
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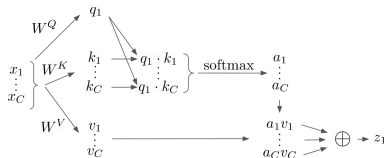
- first generated instances reproducing structures
- too many generated instances reproducing noise?



JetGPT

Correlations through self-attention

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 - self-attention: encode relation between bins
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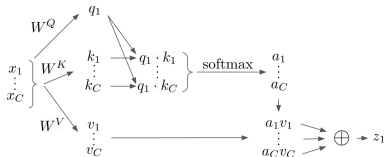


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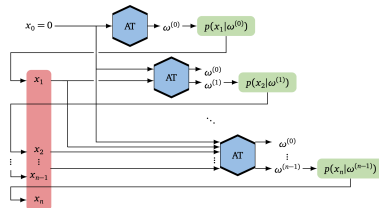
Autoregressive transformer

- factorized density

$$p_{\text{model}}(x|\theta) = \prod_i p(x_i | x_1, \dots, x_{i-1})$$

- bins \rightarrow Gaussian mixture model
- autoregressive $A_{ij} = 0$ for $j > i$
- Bayesian version for uncertainties

→ Most famous generative model



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ML-playground: end-to-end generators

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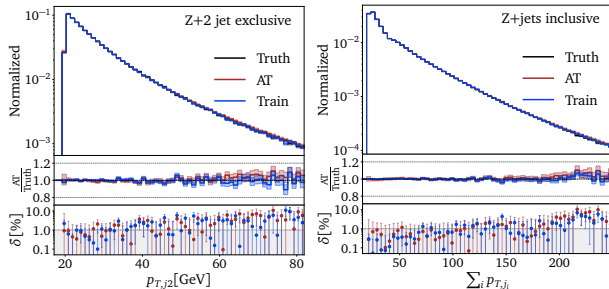
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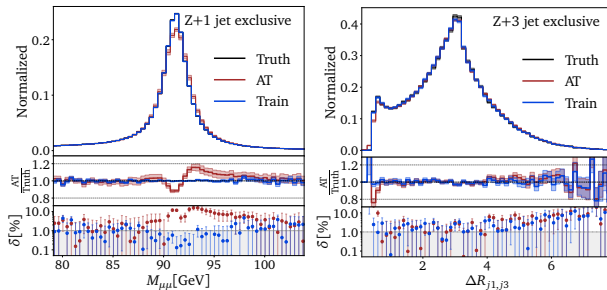
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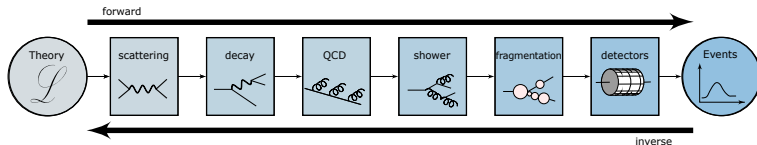
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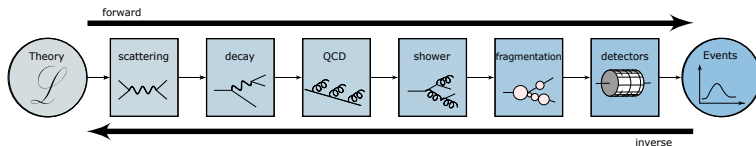
unfolding jet radiation known combinatorics problem

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

→ Major progress for towards HL-LHC



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Measure model parameter θ optimally [Butter, TP, Soybelman, Brehmer]

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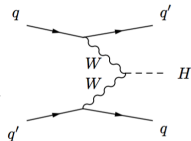
CP-violating Higgs production

- 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 $p_{T,j}$

\Rightarrow Established LHC task



Symbolic regression

Symbolic regression of score [PySR (M Cranmer) + final fit]

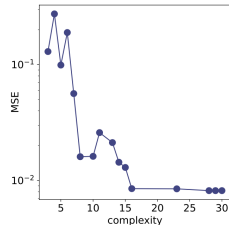
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⇒ **Figures of merit**

$$\text{MSE} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n [g_i(x) - t(x, z|\theta)]^2 \rightarrow \text{MSE} + \text{parsimony} \cdot \text{complexity}$$

Score around Standard Model

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	$(x_{p,2} + a)(bx_{p,1}(c - \Delta\phi) - x_{p,1}(d\Delta\eta + ex_{p,2} + f) \sin(\Delta\phi + g))$	$8.18 \cdot 10^{-3}$



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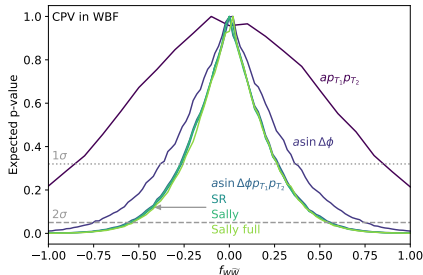
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Score around Standard Model

- expected limits:
very wrong formula
wrong formula
- same within statistical limitation:
right formula
MadMiner

⇒ **Formulas to numerics and back**



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
 - ...symmetries
 - ...formulas

→ Fun with 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.

