

# Symmetries, safety, & self-supervision

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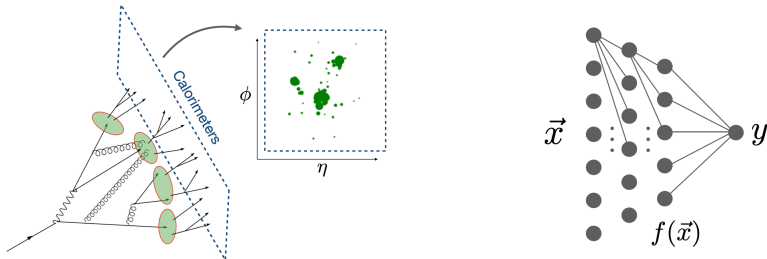
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3. **Self-supervision**  
Incorporate prior physics knowledge in neural networks w/o simulation
4. Improved performance in jet-tagging
  - + many new opportunities for future research

# Top-tagging with machine-learning

Neural network maps kinematical data to a predicted label



- **simulations** provide training data  $\{\vec{x}_i\}$  and truth-labels  $\{y'_i\}$
- **neural network** is optimised to minimise a loss function

$$\mathcal{L}_i = y'_i \log(y_i) + (1 - y'_i) \log(1 - y_i)$$

- **loss function** is minimised when QCD and top jets are well-separated in  $y$
- **predicted label** is a new observable used to tag top-jets

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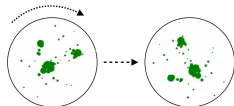
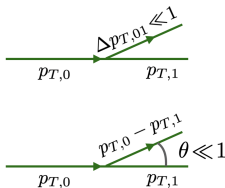
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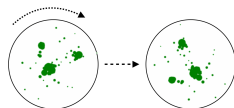
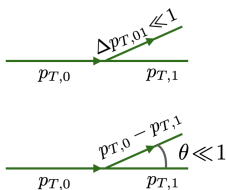
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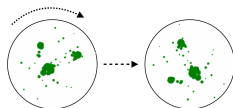
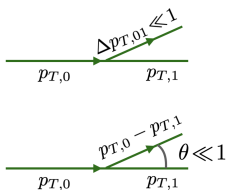
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### ★ Contrastive-learning

map raw jet data to a new representation / observables

### ★ Self-supervision

neural networks are optimised **without truth-labels**

→ can run directly on expt. data

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Train a network to map to a new representation space,  $f(\vec{x}_i) = \vec{z}_i$ ,  $f : \mathcal{J} \rightarrow \mathcal{R}$

Optimise for:

1. **alignment**: positive-pairs close together in  $\mathcal{R} \rightarrow$  invariance to augmentations
2. **uniformity**: negative-pairs far apart in  $\mathcal{R} \rightarrow$  discriminative power

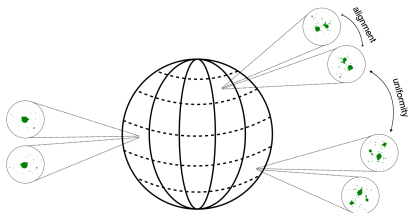
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Similarity measure in  $\mathcal{R}$ :  $s(z_i, z_j) = \frac{z_i \cdot z_j}{|z_i||z_j|}$

⇒ defined on unit-hypersphere

Contrastive loss:

$$\mathcal{L}_i = -\log \frac{\exp(s(z_i, z'_i)/\tau)}{\sum_{x \in \text{batch}} \mathbb{I}_{i \neq j} \left[ \exp(s(z_i, z_j)/\tau) + \exp(s(z_i, z'_j)/\tau) \right]}$$



JetCLR → code at <https://github.com/bmdillon/JetCLR>

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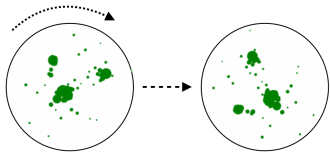
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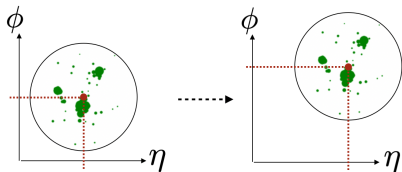
rotations

Angles sampled from  $[0, 2\pi]$



translations

Translation distance sampled randomly



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collinear splittings

some constituents randomly split,

$$p_{T,a} + p_{T,b} = p_T, \quad \eta_a = \eta_b = \eta$$
$$\phi_a = \phi_b = \phi$$

low  $p_T$  smearing

$(\eta, \phi)$  co-ordinates are re-sampled:

$$\eta' \sim \mathcal{N}\left(\eta, \frac{\Lambda_{\text{soft}}}{p_T} r\right)$$
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## permutation invariance

### Transformer-encoder network

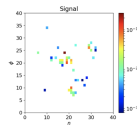
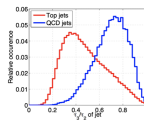
- ★ based on 'self-attention' mechanism
- ★ output invariant to constituent ordering

more info. in additional slides

# Quality measure of observables

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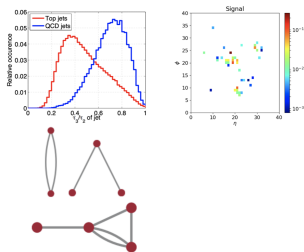
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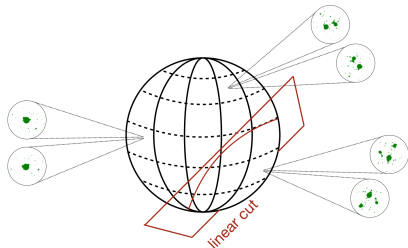
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Compare these using a **Linear Classifier Test (LCT)**

- ★ use top-tagging as a test
- ★ **linear cut** in the observable space
- ★ supervised - uses simulations
- ★ measures:
  - $\epsilon_S$  - true positive rate
  - $\epsilon_b$  - false positive rate



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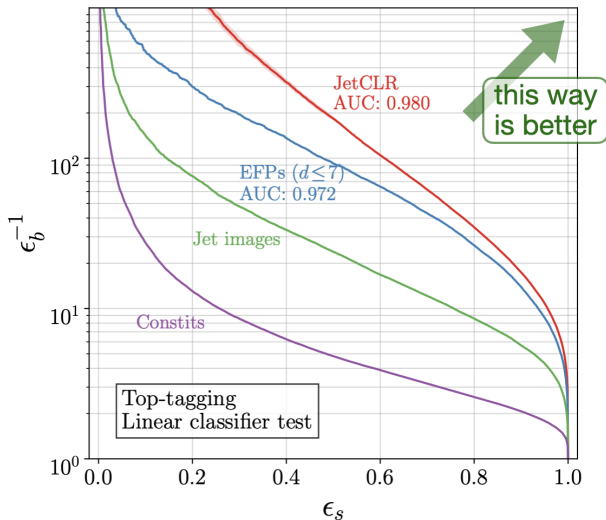
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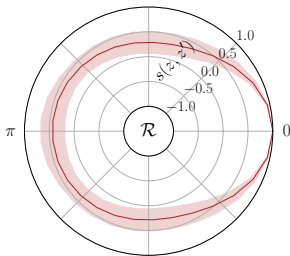
Augmentation	$\epsilon_b^{-1}(\epsilon_s = 0.5)$	AUC
none	15	0.905
translations	19	0.916
rotations	21	0.930
soft+collinear	89	0.970
all combined (default)	181	0.980

- \* soft + collinear has the biggest effect
  - translations + rotations also significant in final combination
- \* also not very sensitive to S/B

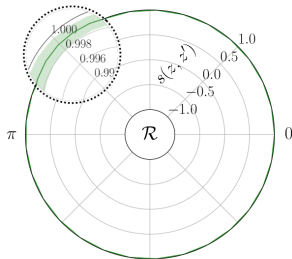


# Invariances in representation space

without rotational invariance



with rotational invariance



$$\star s(z, z') = \frac{z-z'}{|z||z'|}, \quad z = f(\vec{x}), \quad z' = f(R(\theta)\vec{x})$$

⇒ The network  $f(\vec{x})$  is approx rotationally invariant

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# Summary & outlook

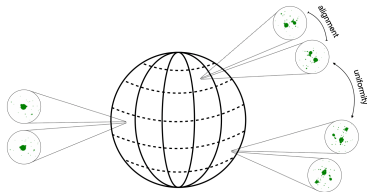
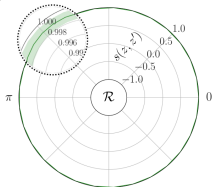
Self-supervision allows for:

1. data-driven definition of observables
2. invariance to pre-defined symmetries/augmentations
3. **high discriminative power**

An example: **JetCLR** (contrastive learning of jet observables)

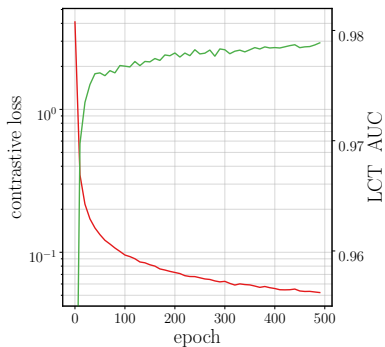
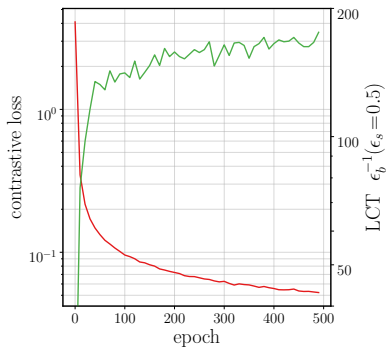
Outlook:

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- application beyond jet-tagging
- anomaly-detection
- ...



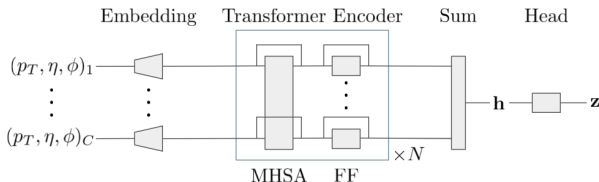
# LCT - performance vs epochs

Performance as a function of training time / epochs



# The network

We use a **transformer-encoder network** → **permutation invariance**



Equivariance → invariance is similar to Deep-Sets/Energy-Flow-Networks: arXiv:1810.05165, P. T. Komiske, E. M. Metodiev, J. Thaler

The **attention mechanism**

captures correlations between constituents by allowing each constituent to assign **attention weights** to every other constituent.

