# Simple, Interpretable Anomaly Detectors 

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- We can then average over all possible pairs of events to give us a summary statistic, the Average Decision Ordering (ADO).
- An ADO of 1 corresponds to one network ordering all events in exactly the same way as another, an ADO of 0.5 means there is no consistency in how one network orders events relative to another.


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## Finding the "Next Best" Observable

- Our set of observables are the Energy Flow Polynomials, a formally infinite set of jet substructure observables that form a discrete linear basis for all IRC safe observables. [arXiv: 1712.07124]
- Generalization of Energy Correlators, built on sums of momenta fractions and powers of angular distances.
- The EFP with the highest ADO on the pairs of events misordered by $\mathrm{NN}_{n}$ is the "next best" observable, and is added to our list of inputs.


## Model ADOs



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$59 \mathrm{GeV} W$


174 GeV Top


80 GeV W


20 GeV Higgs


120 GeV W


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## Conclusion and Future Work

- Simple architectures and inputs can be used to match the decision orderings of a much more complex anomaly detector.
- Learning to correctly order background events transfers to correctly ordering a variety of signal events.
- Future work: How can we get an ADO closer to 1? More EFPs or something more complicated?
- Future work: How well does this method work with other starting anomaly detection architectures?


## Backup Slides

## Autoencoder Architecture



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