



# *Decorrelation using Optimal Transport*

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# Decorrelation technics

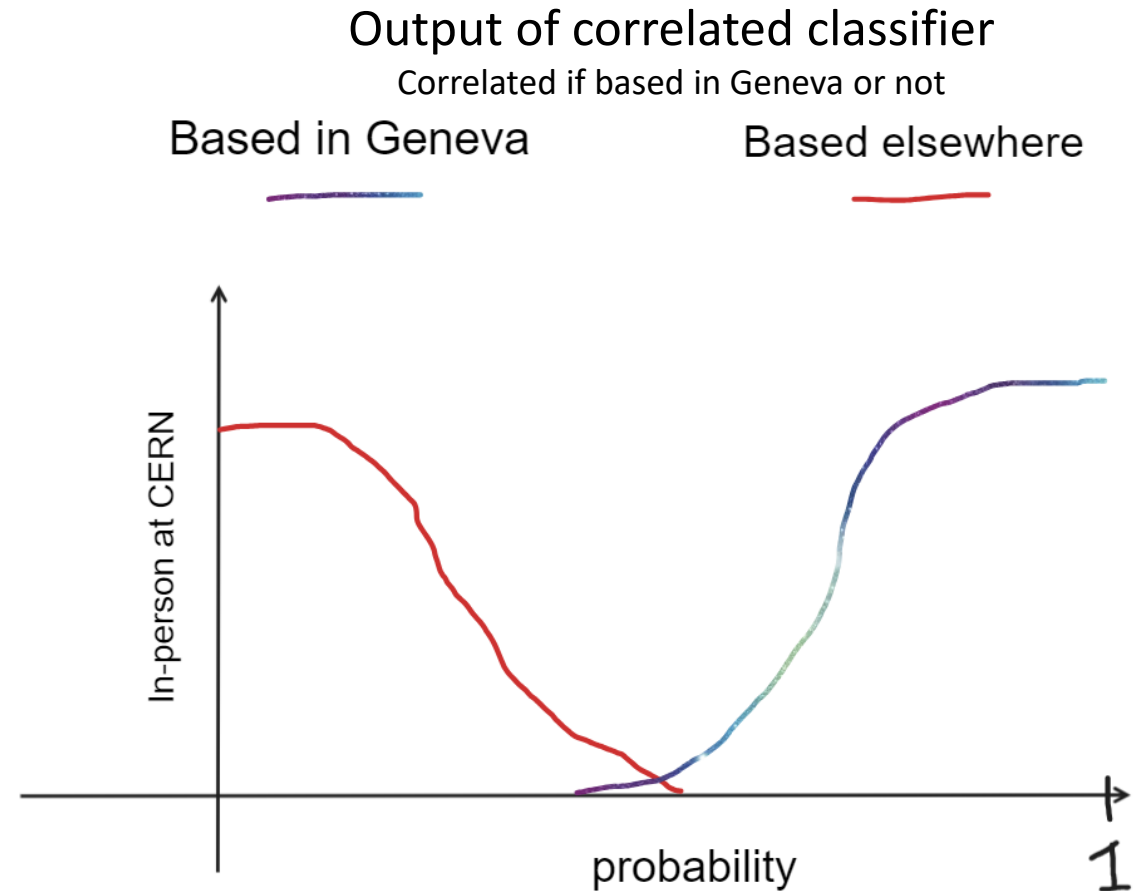
- How to decorrelated a tagger/classifier?

*Prior:* Reweight the conditions and retrain the classifier

*During:* Penalize classifier with a correlation metric

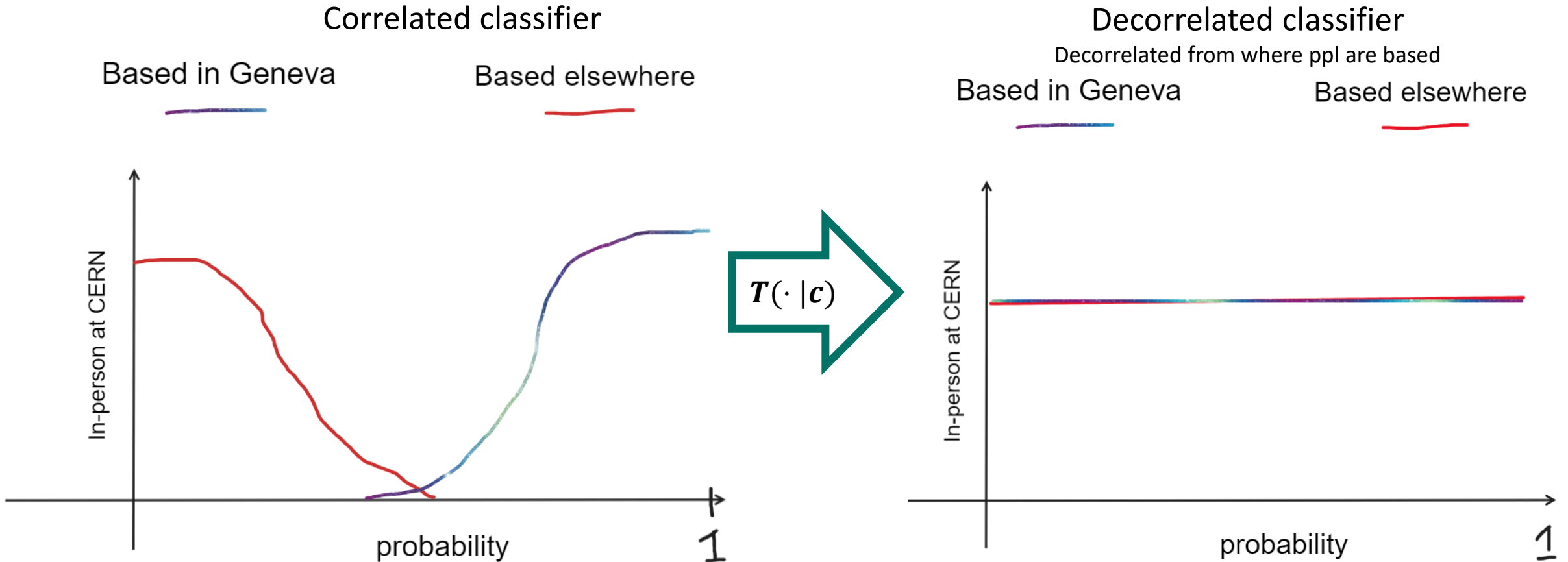
- <https://arxiv.org/abs/2001.05310>
- <https://arxiv.org/abs/2010.09745>
- Adversarial training

*Post:* **Monotonic transformation  $T(\cdot | c)$  given the conditions that breaks the correlations**



# Post training decorrelation

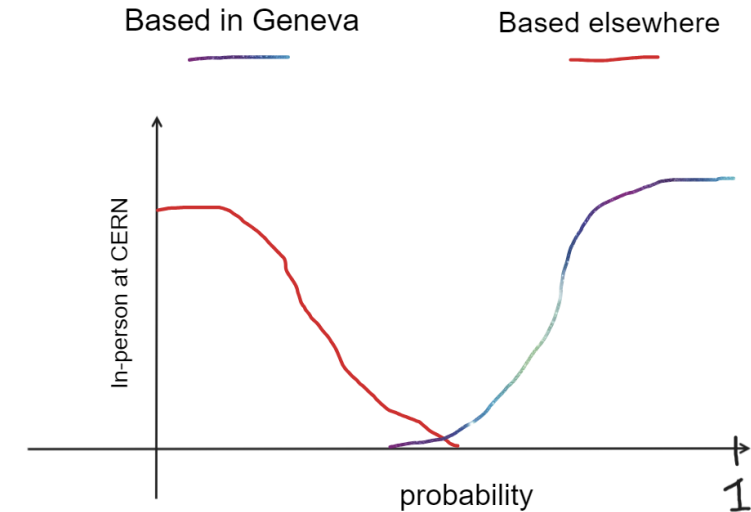
- Monotonic transformation  $T(\text{in} - \text{person at CERN} | c)$  can break the correlations



# Post training decorrelation

Advantages with post decorrelation:

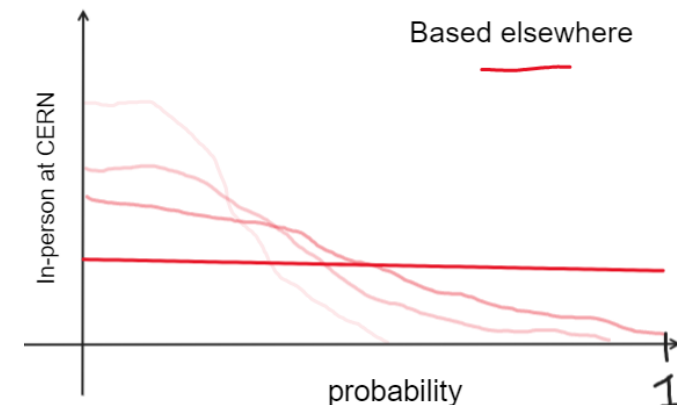
1. No sampling of conditions required. Train on full stat
2. Unchanged AUC as a function of conditions
3. Improved performance over existing methods



The difficult part is finding a continuous monotonic  $T(\cdot |c)$

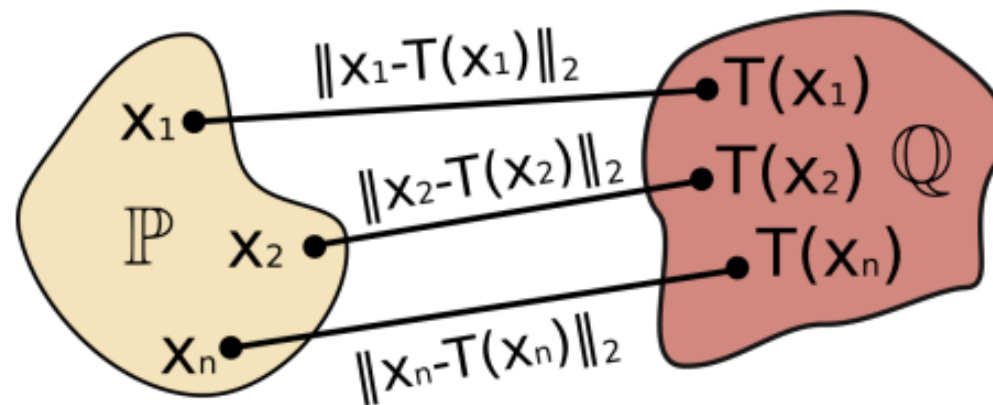
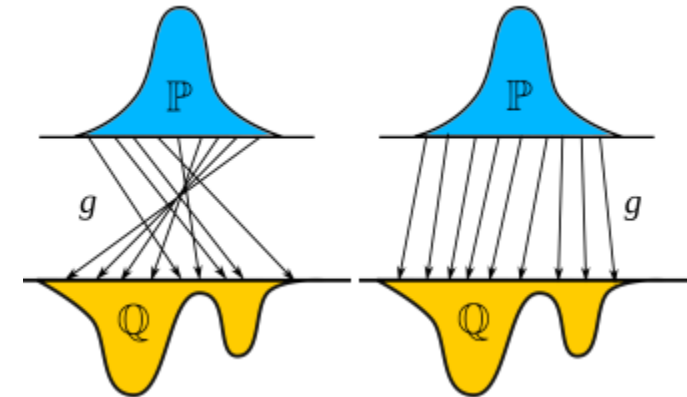
- 1D: Continuous flows (*cflow*)
- ND: Find optimal transport (OT) with convex neural solver
  - Using OT we can find a continuous monotonic in ND

Ex:  $T(\text{in person at CERN} | \text{based elsewhere})$  would decorrelate



# Optimal Transport

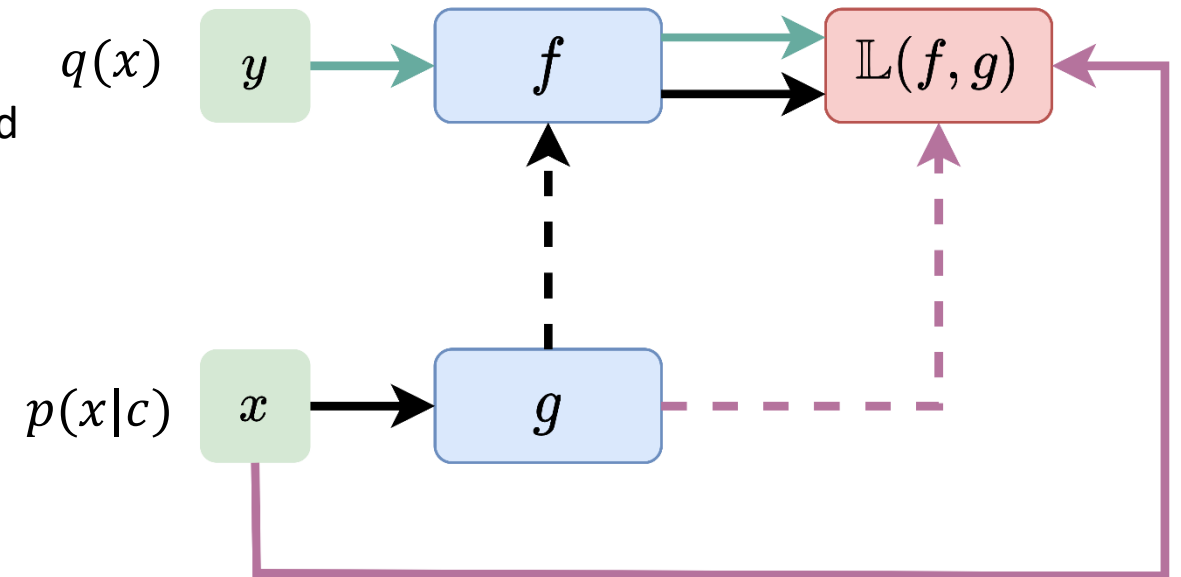
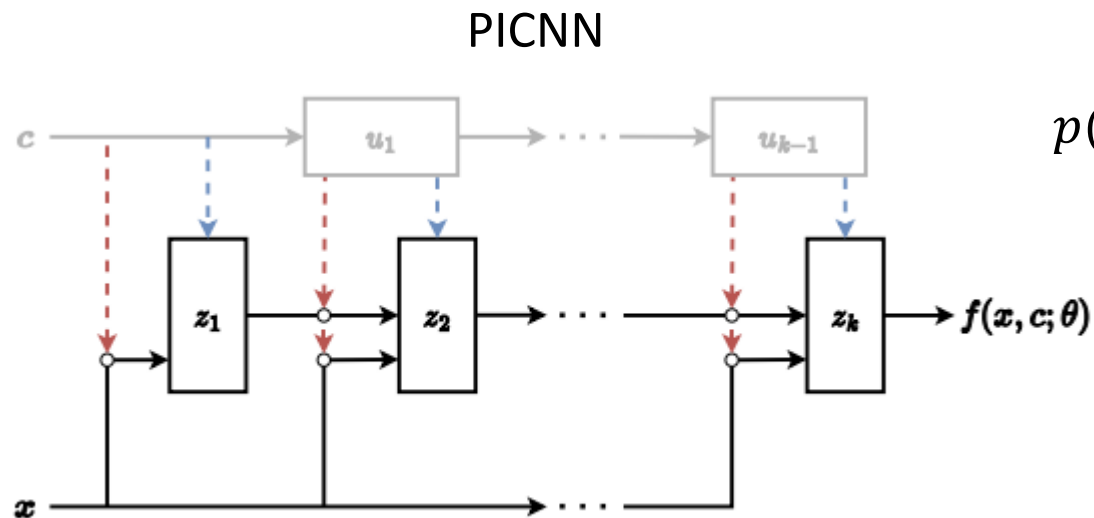
- Estimate the Wasserstein distance ( $w^2$ )
- Transformation between arbitrary distributions
- Attempt to minimize transport cost
- Scales to higher dimensions and conditions



# Optimal transport using convex neural solvers

Find the optimal transport between two densities

- Using Partially-input-convex neural networks (PICNN)
- Minimize the 2-Wasserstein distance between a correlated space and a decorrelated one.



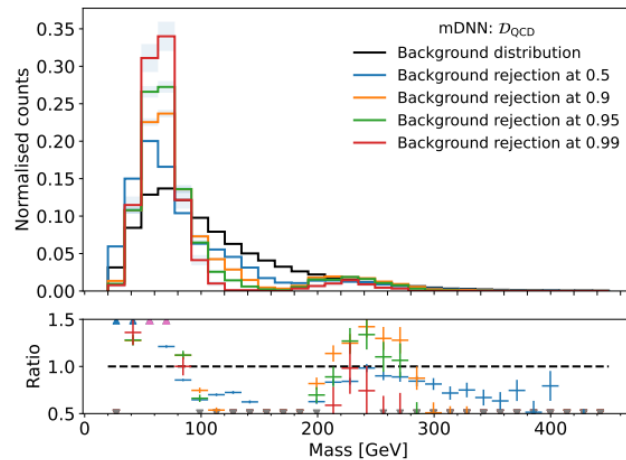
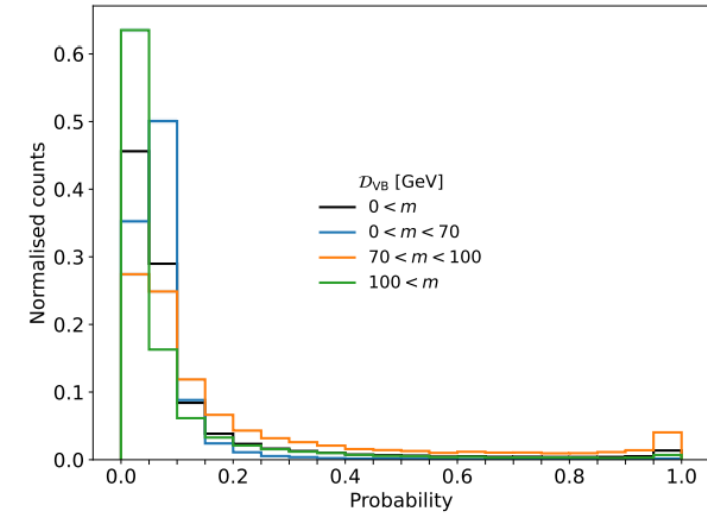
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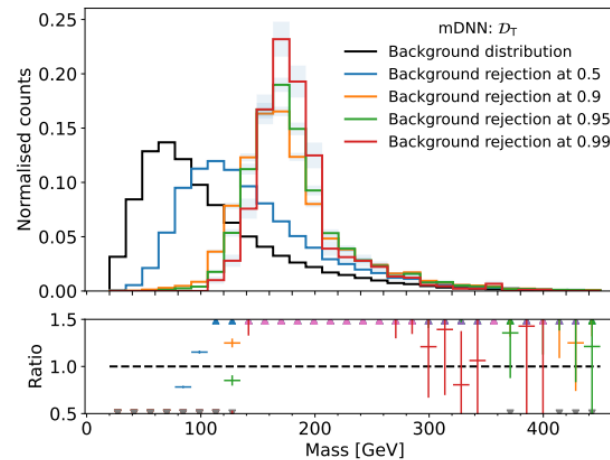
## 1. Train classifier to get $D(pQCD, pTOP, pVB)$

- Probability change as a function of mass
- Mass sculpting after a selection

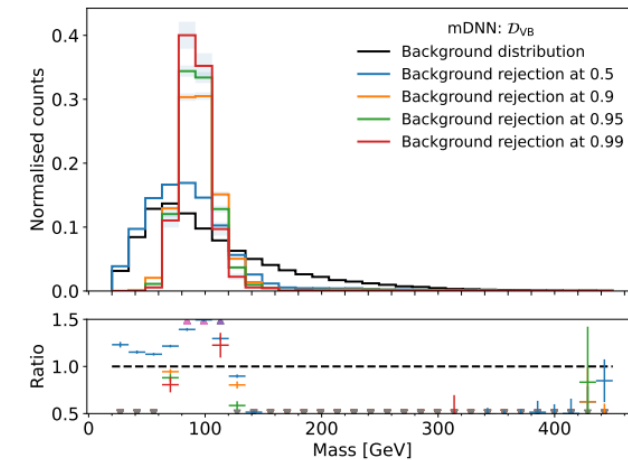
$$\mathcal{D}_{QCD} = \frac{p_{QCD}}{p_T + p_{VB}}, \quad \mathcal{D}_T = \frac{p_T}{p_{QCD} + p_{VB}}, \quad \mathcal{D}_{VB} = \frac{p_{VB}}{p_T + p_{QCD}}.$$



(a)  $\mathcal{D}_{QCD}$  projection



(b)  $\mathcal{D}_{Top}$  projection

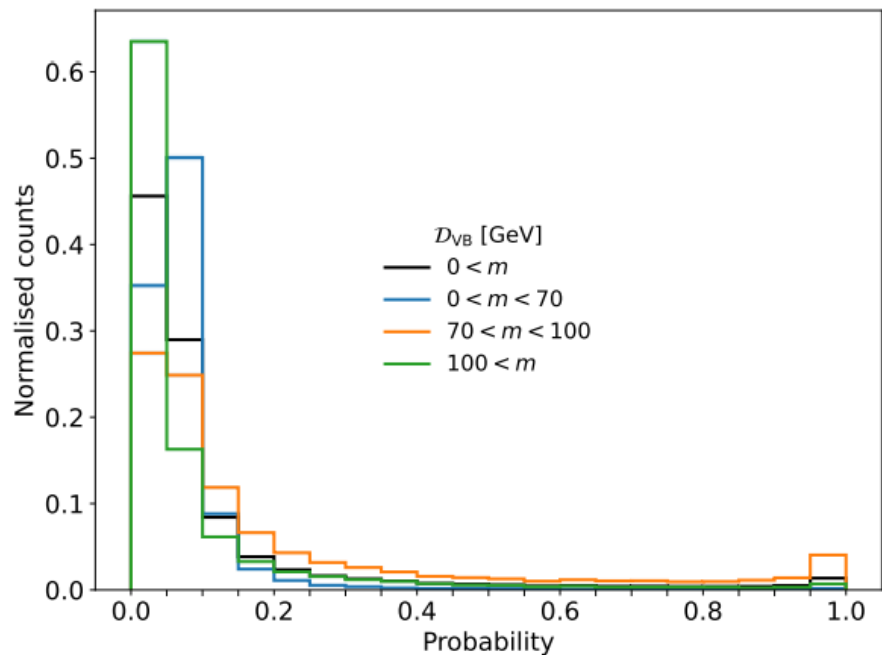


(c)  $\mathcal{D}_{VB}$  projection

# Method/Training

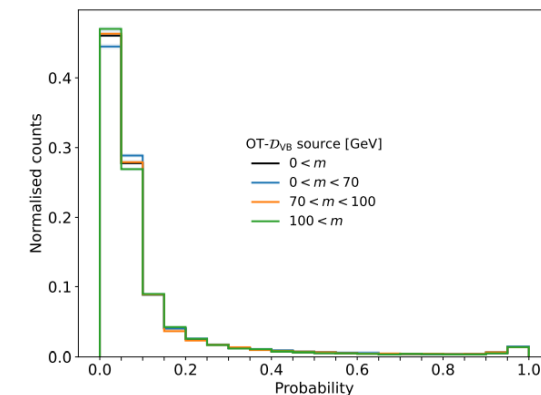
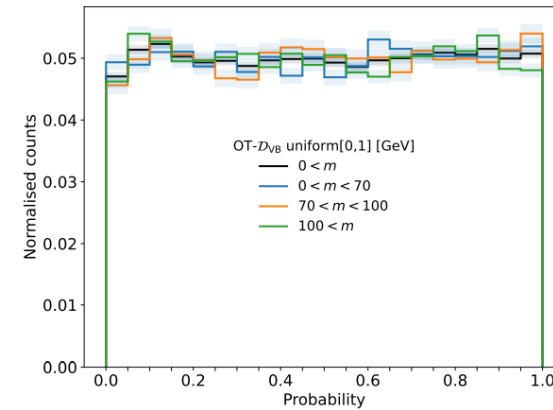


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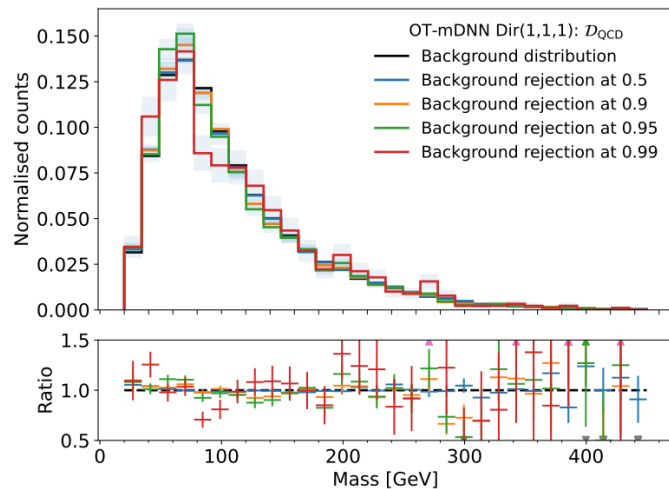
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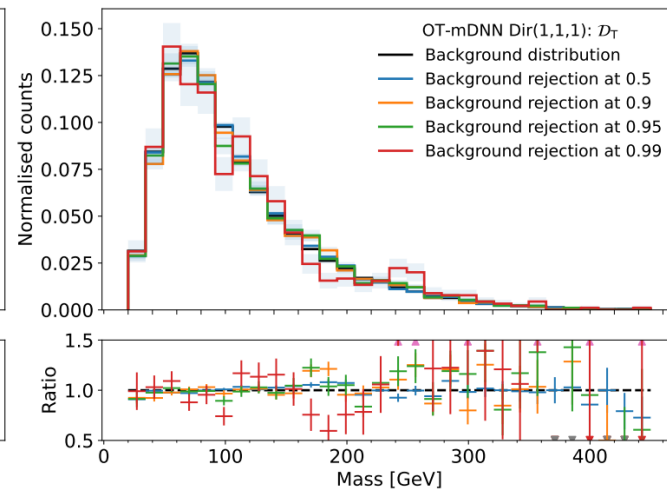




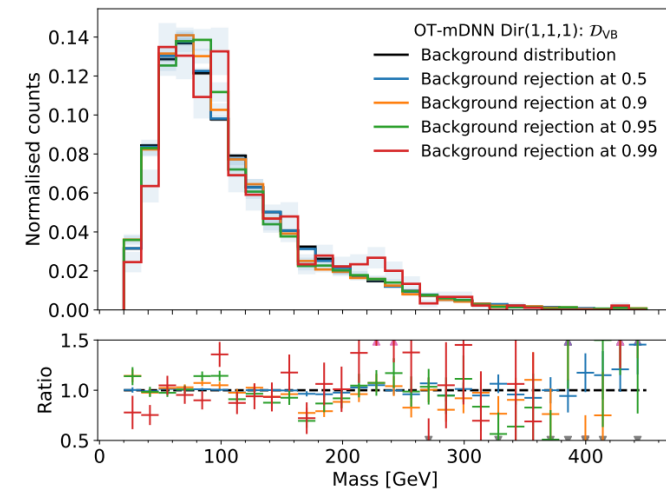
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(a)  $\mathcal{D}_{\text{QCD}}$  projection



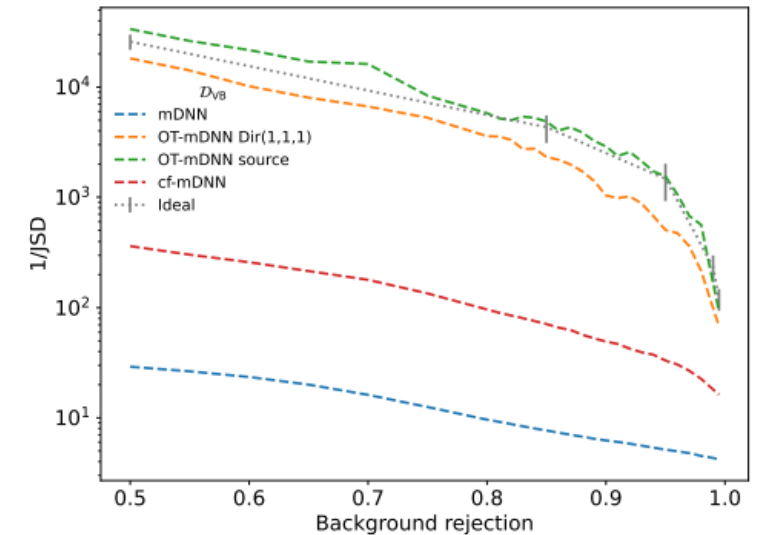
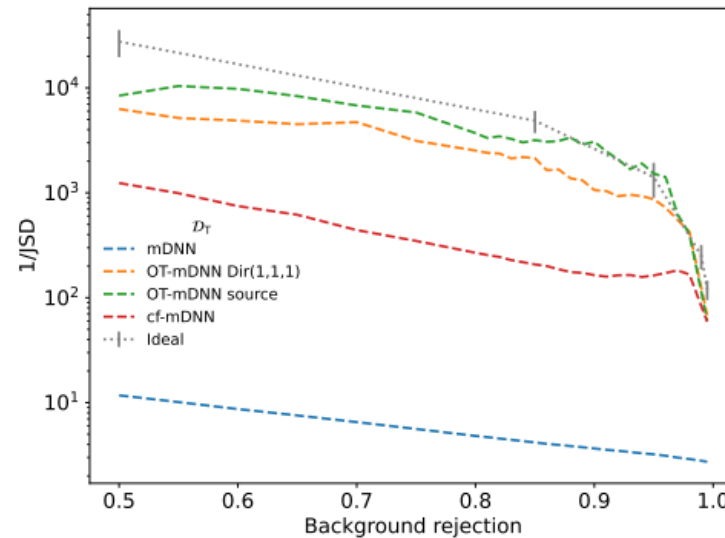
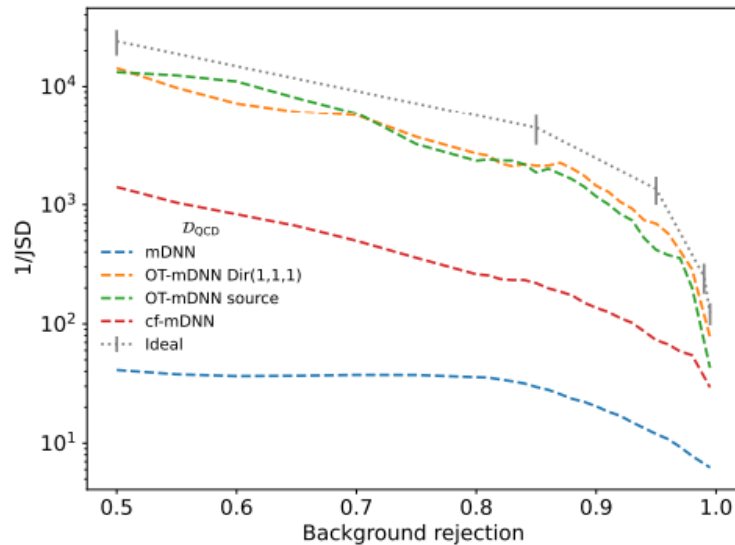
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(c)  $\mathcal{D}_{\text{VB}}$  projection

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  - Use  $1/\text{JSD}$  to measure sculpting (*Higher the better*)

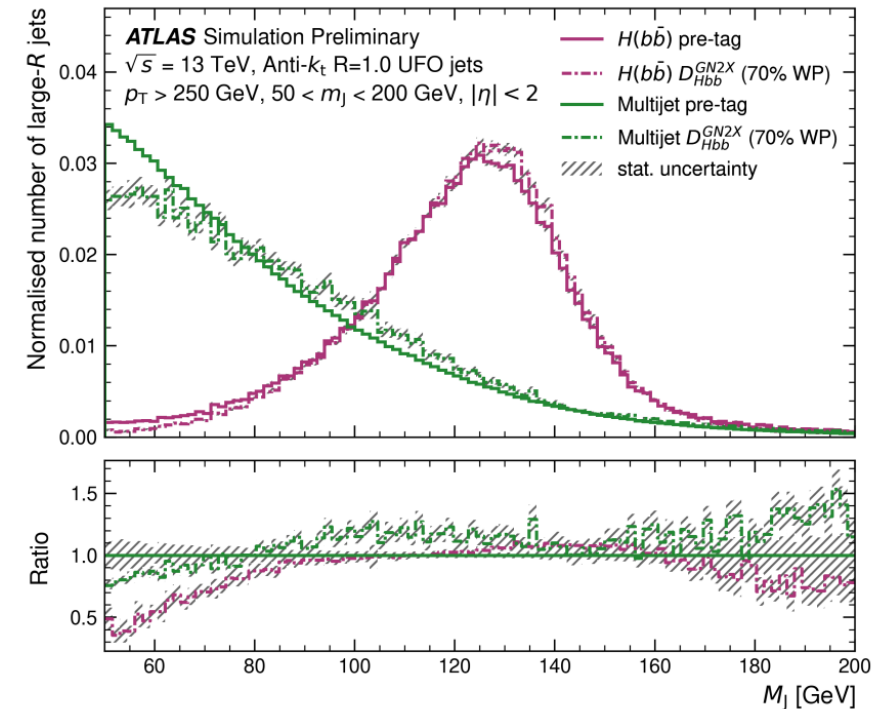


## Summary:

- OT can find a conditional monotone transformation between two spaces
- This transformation can be used to decorrelate a continuous feature space
- It shows good decorrelation performance and removed mass sculpting
- Works as a post-processing on the correlated probabilities

For more details on the method, see [here](#).

## Nail



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Hbb tagger output: (phbb, phcc, ptop, pqcd )



# Backup

# Transportation Theory

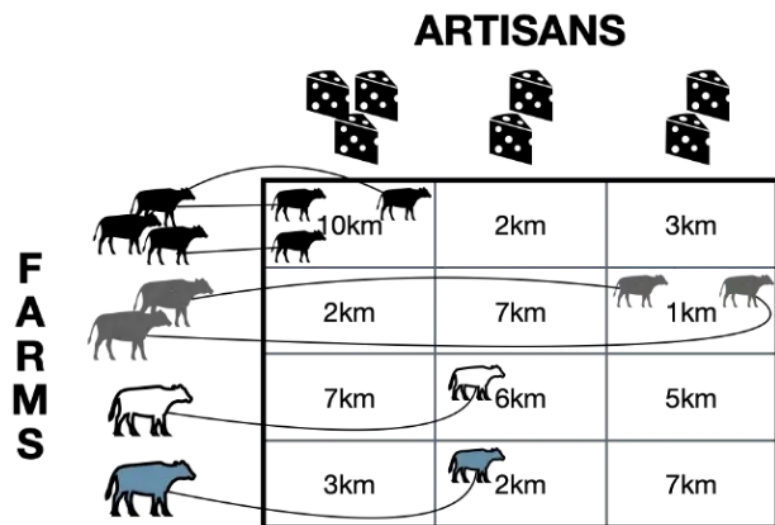
- Transportation theory suggested by Monge in 1781 (no mass splitting)
- Kantorovich relaxation (allowed mass splitting)
- Brenier's theory ( $c(x, y) = (x - y)^2$  &  $\mathcal{X} = \mathcal{Y} = \mathbb{R}^d$ )

*Monge formulation*

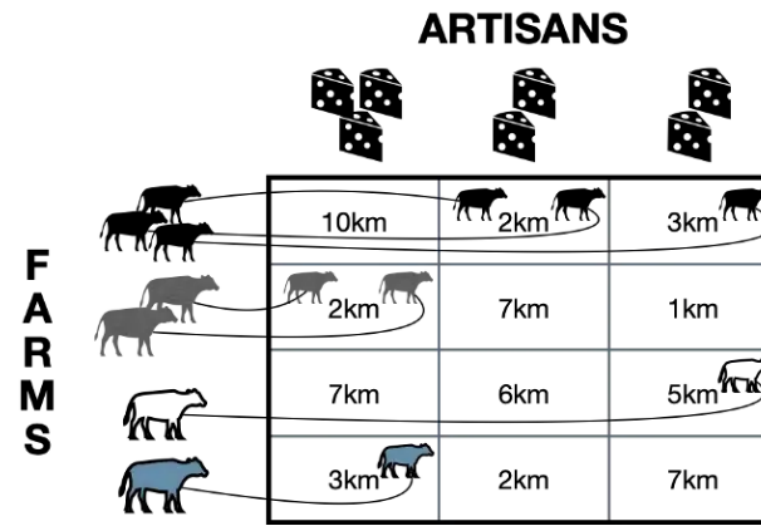
$$\hat{T}(x) = \operatorname{arginf}_{T(x): p'(x') \equiv q(x)} \int dx p(x) c[x, T(x)]$$

The optimal transport is the gradient of a convex function

Monge Transport theory



Kantorovich Transport theory



# Optimal transport

- Monge primal problem

$$\inf_{T(x):p'(x')\equiv q(x)} \int dx p(x) c[x, T(x)]$$

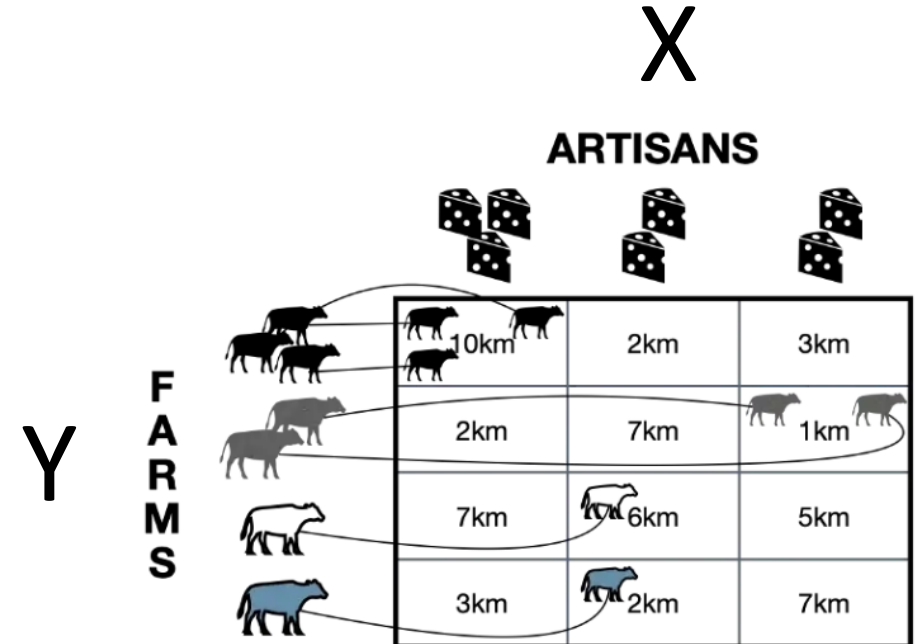
- Dual problem with constraint  $\phi(x) - \psi(y) \leq c(x, y)$  (The outsourcing problem)

$$\sup \left( \int_X \phi(x) d\mu(x) - \int_Y \psi(y) d\nu(y) \right)$$

- Due to  $\phi(x) - \psi(y) \leq c(x, y)$ , we can substitute with convex conjugate and with some magic we end up at:

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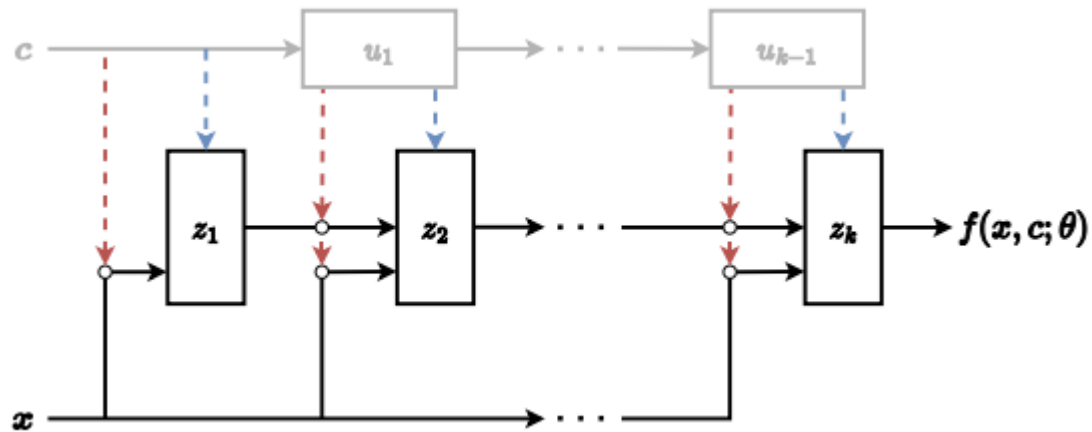
- MinMax problem over two convex neural networks



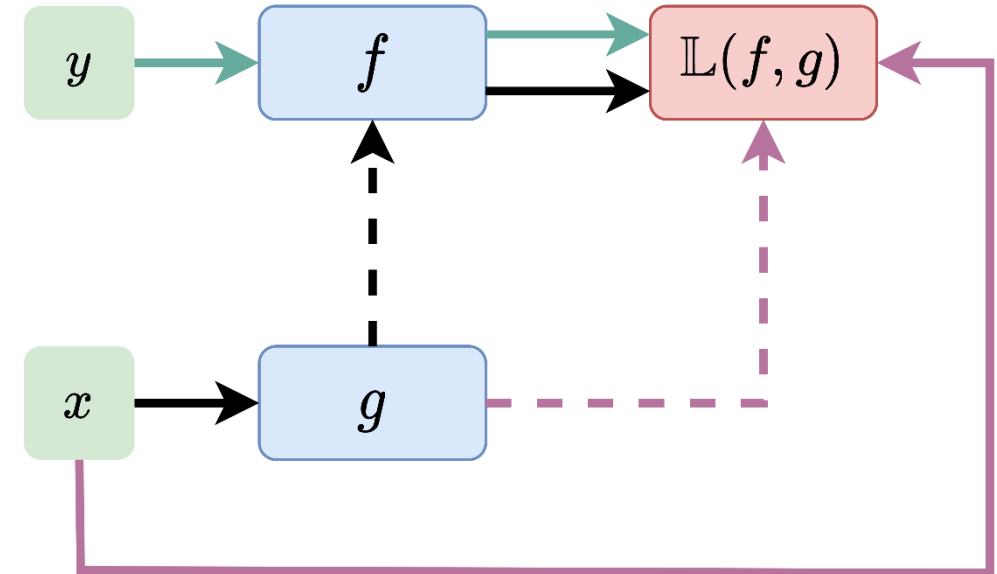
# Optimal transport & ML

Overview of Optimal transport:

- $f$  &  $g$  has to be convex (see figure below)
- The conditional distributions  $\theta$  &  $\theta'$  are required to have the same PDF



Optimal transport architecture



$x/y$  can also contain conditions  $\theta/\theta'$

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# Mass correlation for boosted Higgs tagging

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- Mass sculpting on the Hbb tagger (see figure from paper =>)
- Hbb tagger output: (**phbb**, **phcc**, **ptop**, **pqcd**)
- We can fix this with our decorrelation method:
  - Decorrelate:  $T(\mathbf{phbb}, \mathbf{phcc}, \mathbf{ptop}, \mathbf{pqcd} \mid \text{mass})$

