Bayesian Inference in Collider Physics

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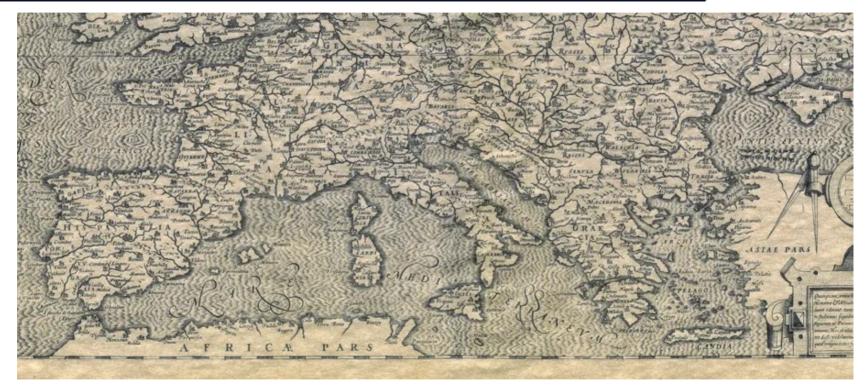
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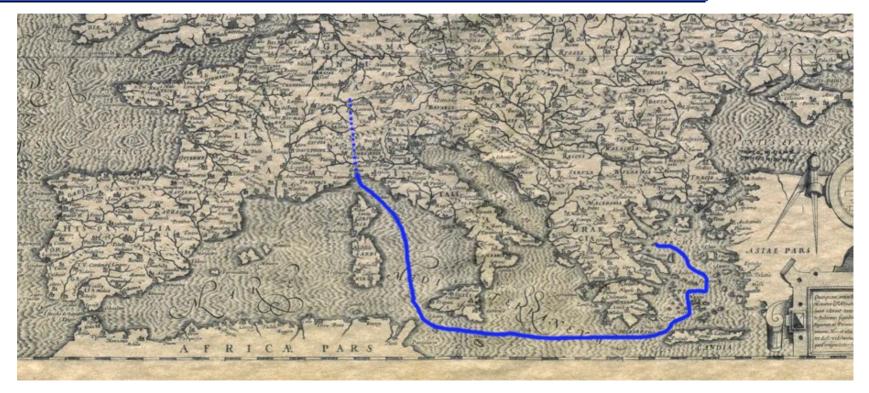






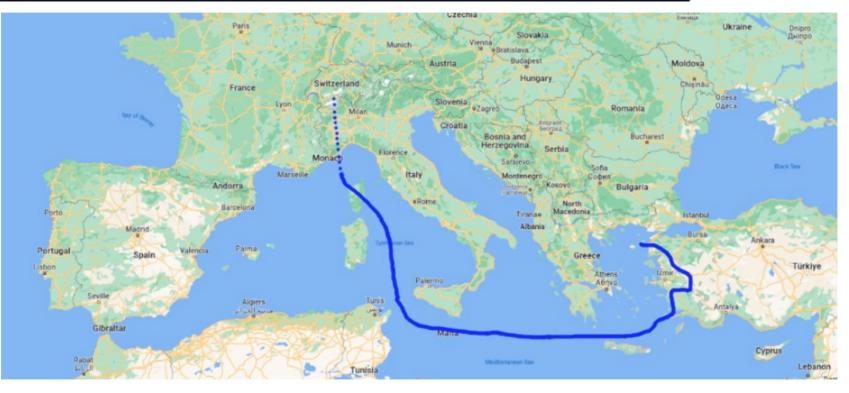






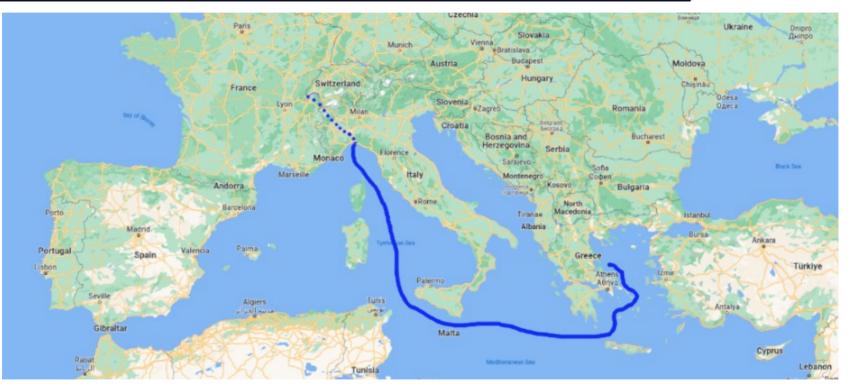
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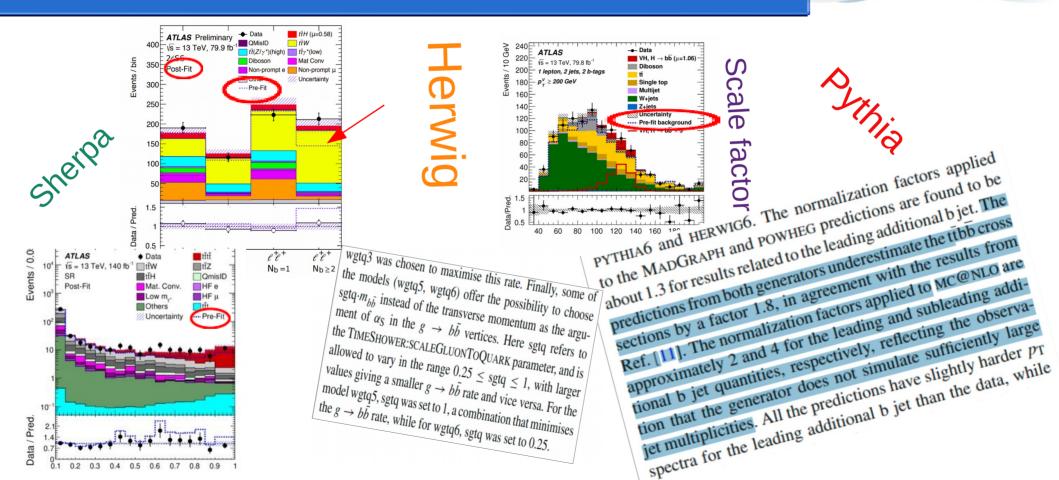
Reality





Use the inaccurate map as a guide, and then correct as you meet reality

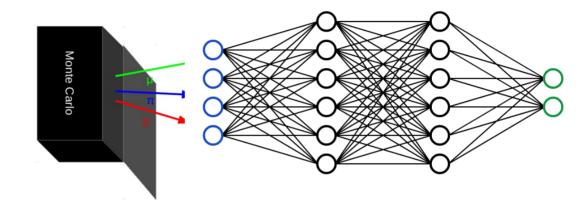
Monte Carlo are a great guide



However...







Neural Networks learning from MC: Potential biases if learns as physics, details, correlations, etc, that are not physics !

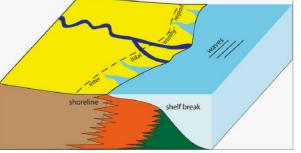
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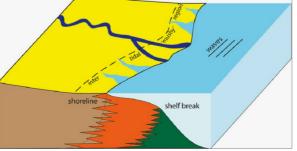




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- Intro to Bayesian framework
- Graphical Models (the Feynman diagrams in statistics!)

Applications

- q- Vs, g-jets using softdrop Poisson shapes
- Four tops: correlating N_{j} and N_{b}
- Di-Higgs: correlation and full info extraction
- Posterior predictive
 (check your model with data)
- LHC measuring techniques

Intro to

Bayesian Framework



Bayes Theorem

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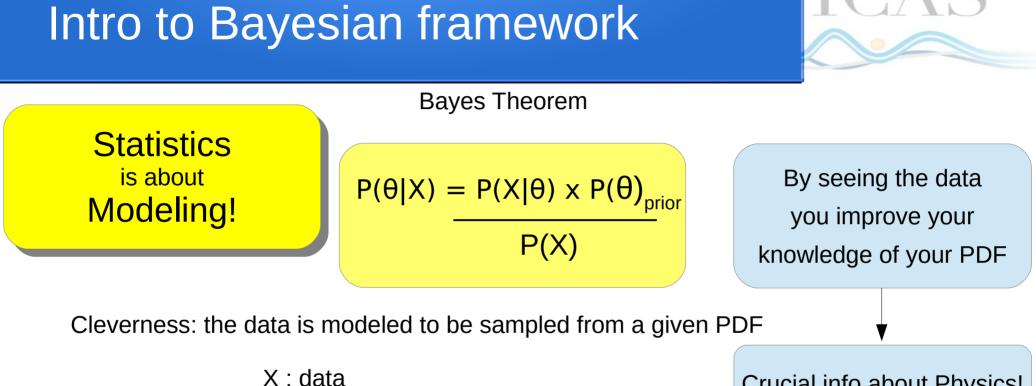
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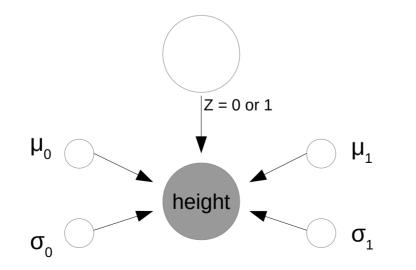


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Just a PDF, but more sophisticated than plain Gaussian, Exponential, etc



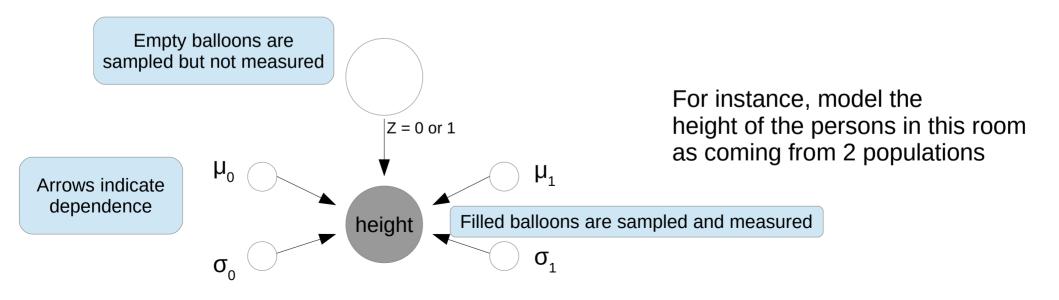
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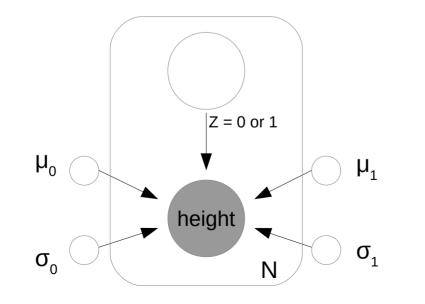


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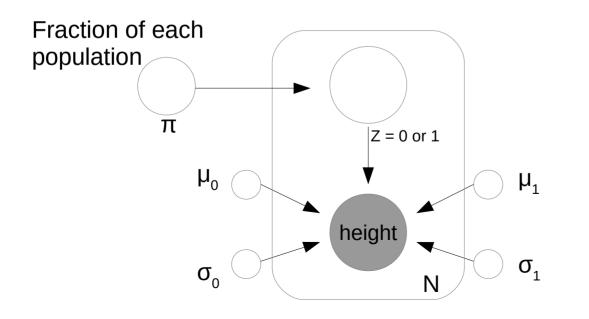


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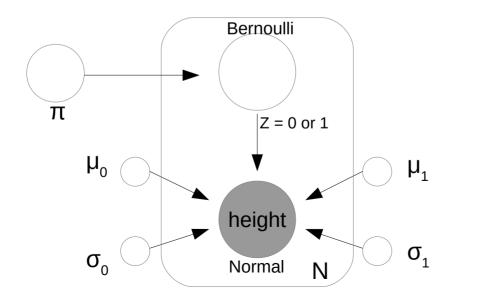


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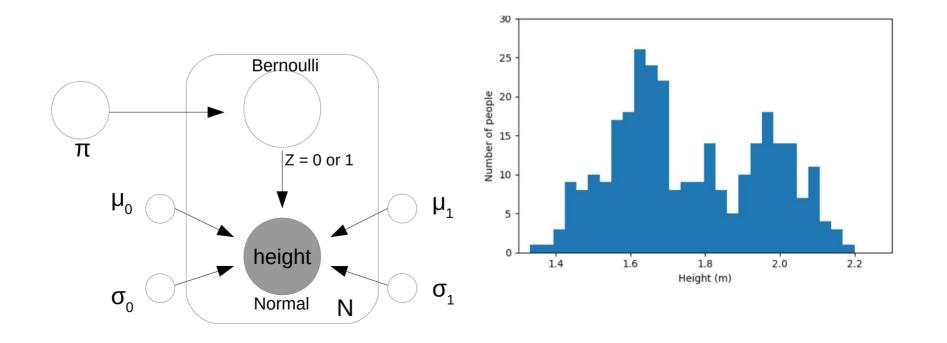


Z = 0 or 1 is drawn from a Bernoulli with parameter π . Then the height is drawn from either of 2 Normal, depending on Z



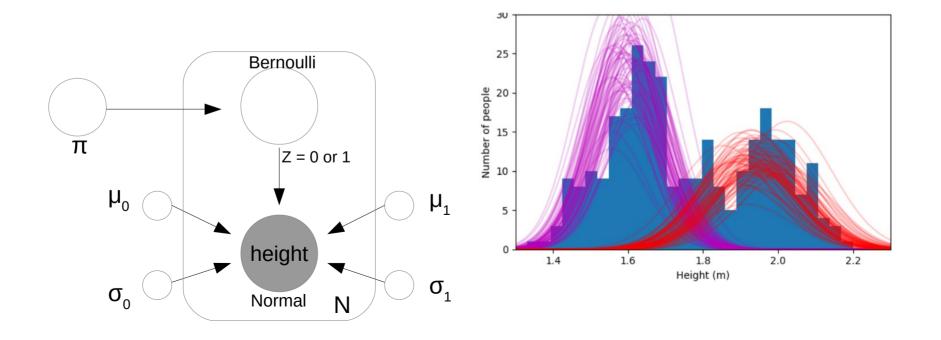


Model that data is sampled from this given PDF and compute $P(X|\theta) = P(X | \mu_0 \sigma_0 \mu_1 \sigma_1 \pi)$



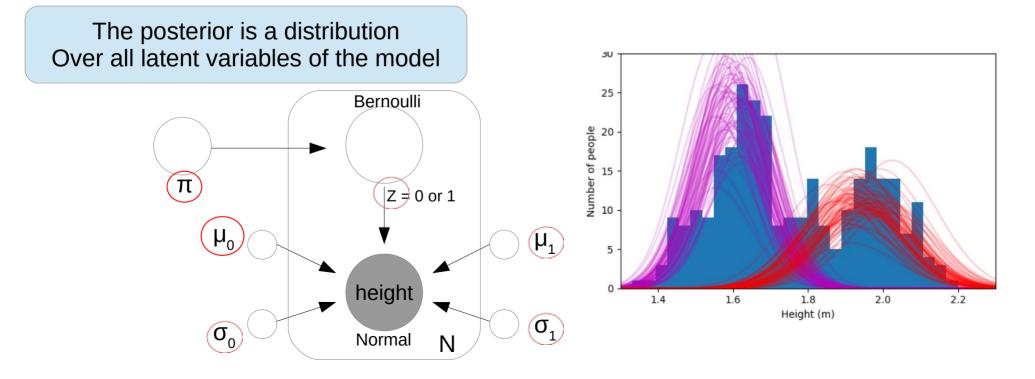


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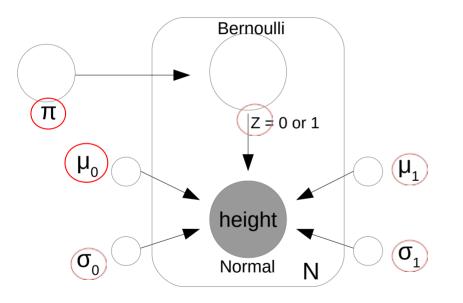


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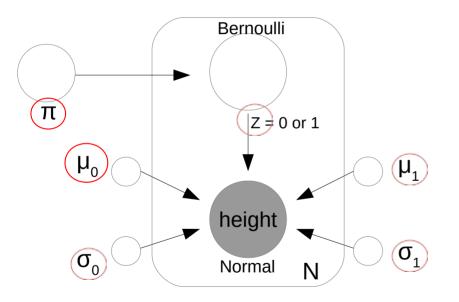
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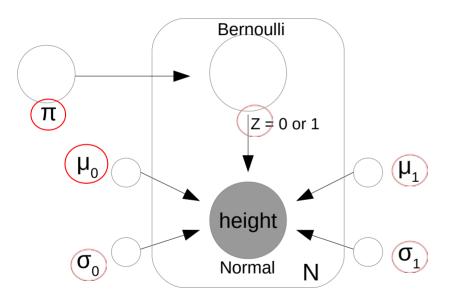
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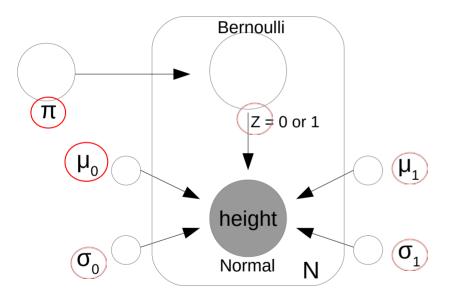
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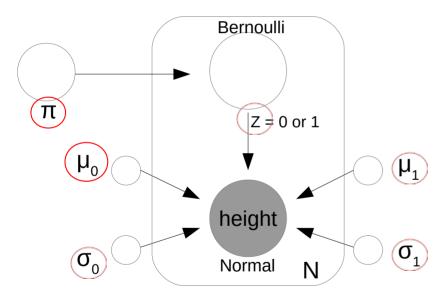


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This is all in signal region (you don't need control region!)



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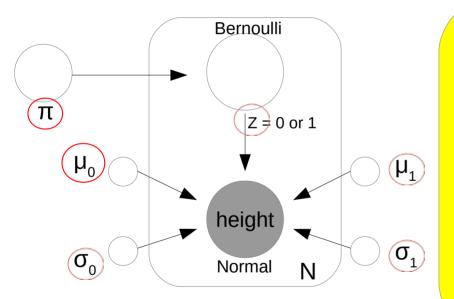


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- Identify many signals just by using some prior knowledge on their shape
- Parameters pursue maximization of the probability of the data
- Recent numerical techniques, such as Stochastic Variational Inference, or Black Box Inference, etc.
- If you can construct $P(X|\theta)$, you're all set
- They are like Feynman Diagrams in Statistics

Graphical Models







This happens in collider physics much more often than what we think!

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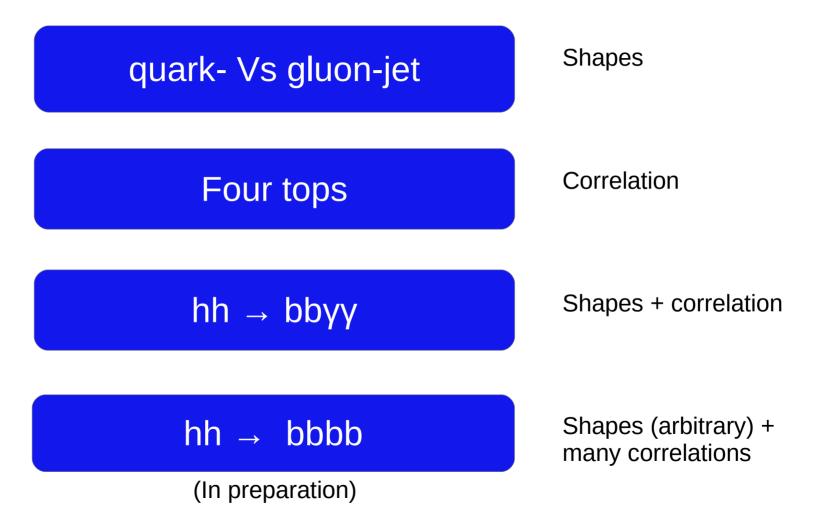
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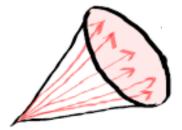
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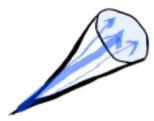


Gluon Jet





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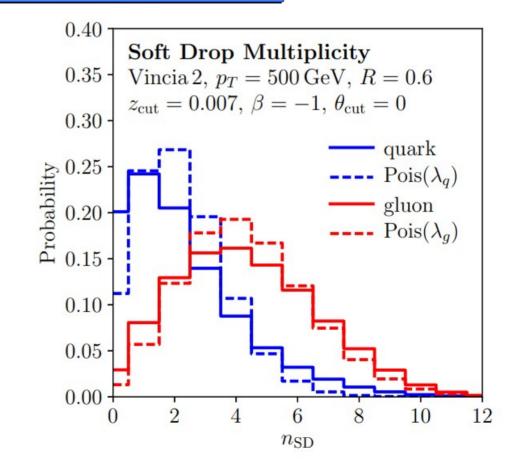


SoftDrop (n_{sD}) is an integer number for any jet. At leading-log:

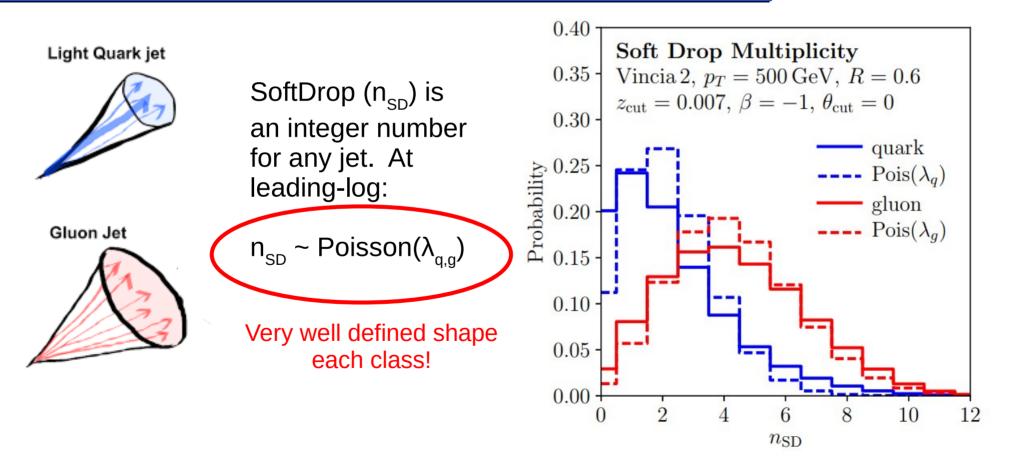
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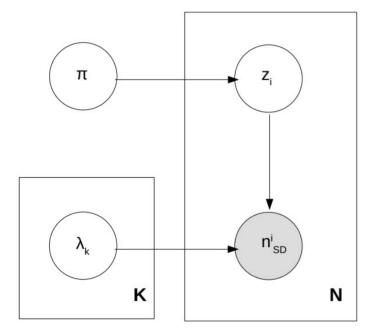
$$n_{_{SD}} \sim Poisson(\lambda_{_{q,g}})$$





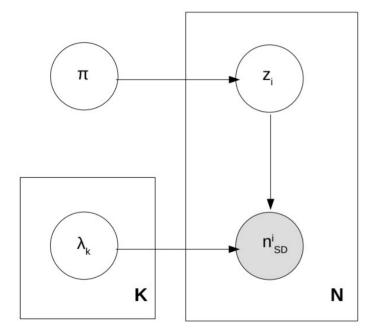






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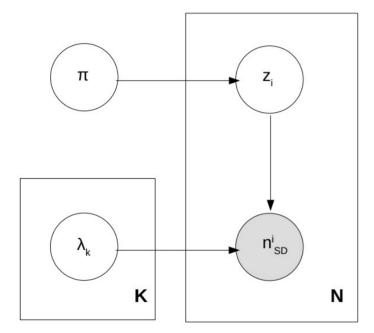


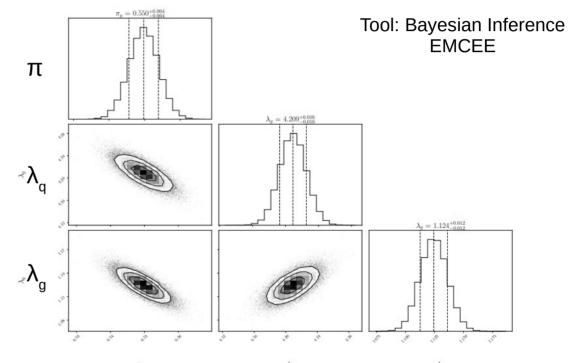


Get n_{sD} from a simulated sample using Pythia and/or Hergiw

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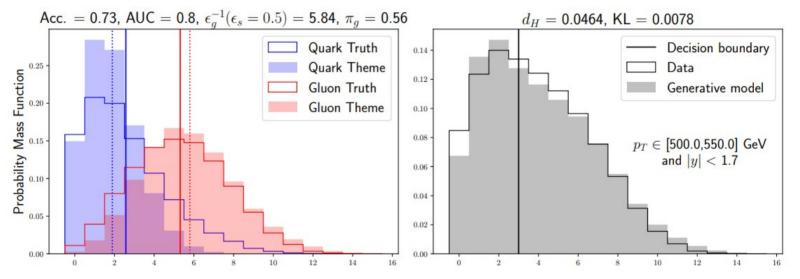


Graphical Model (or PDF)

Extract a posterior distribution over parameters $P(\theta|X)$



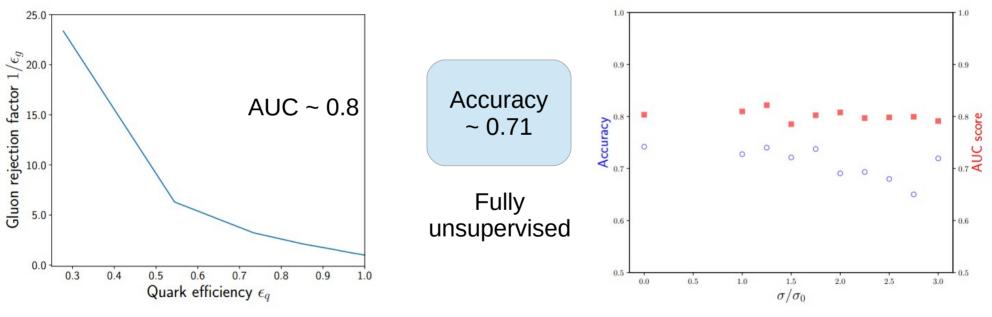
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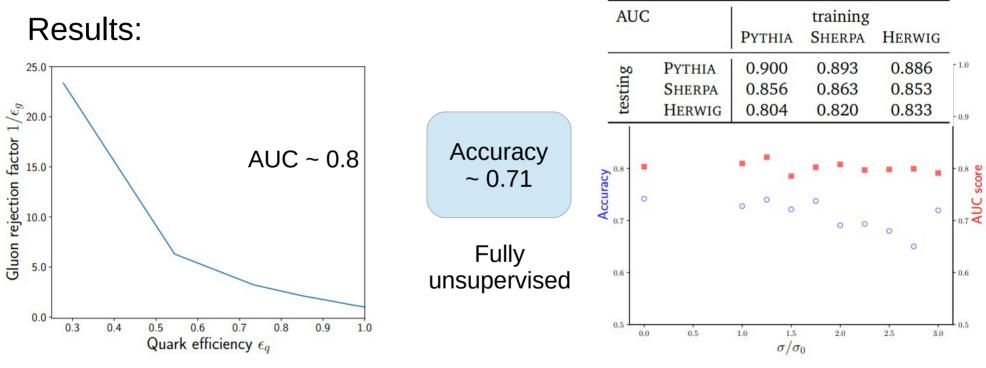


Results:

Robust to simple detector effects



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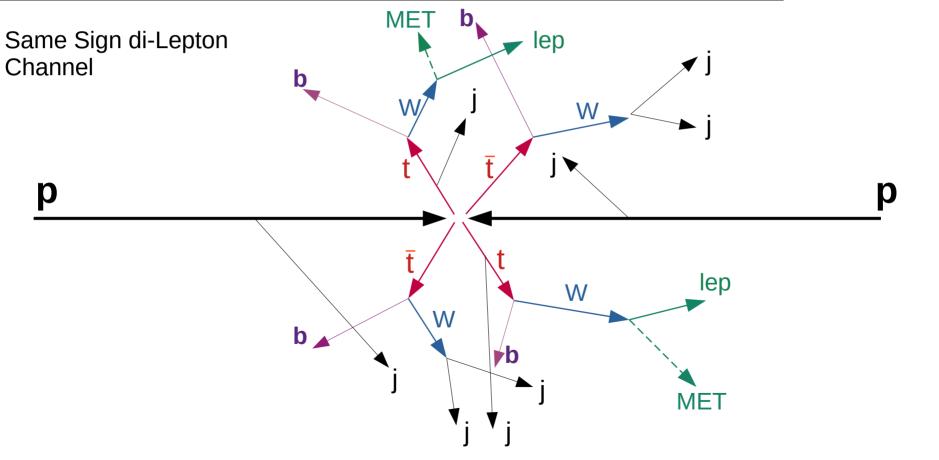
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Four tops

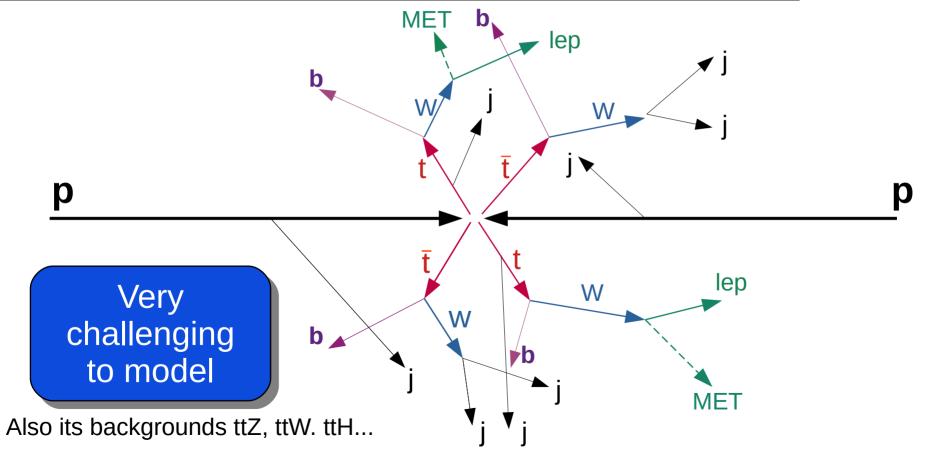
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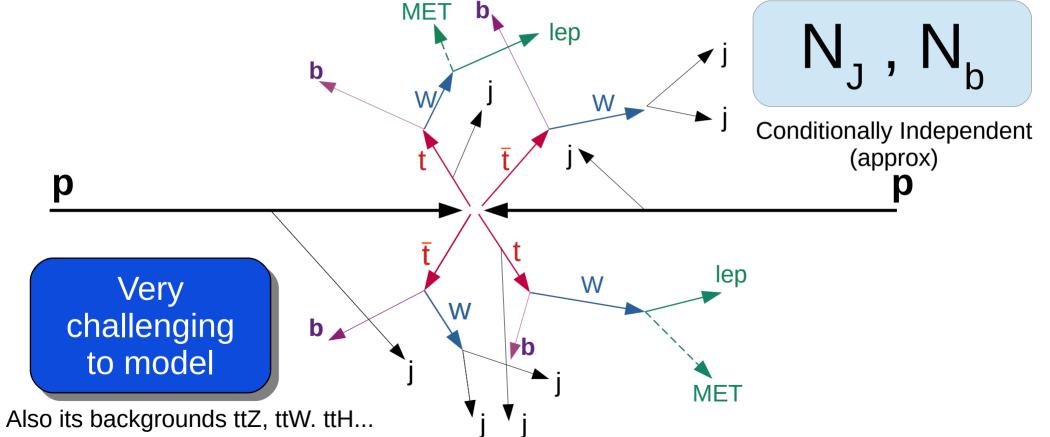




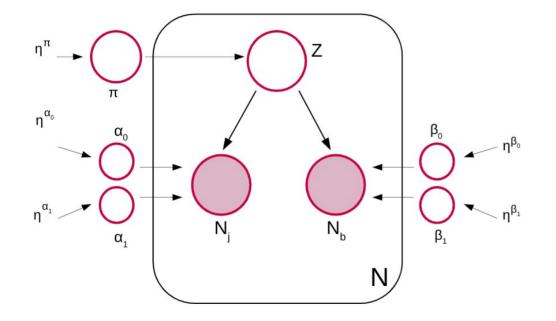




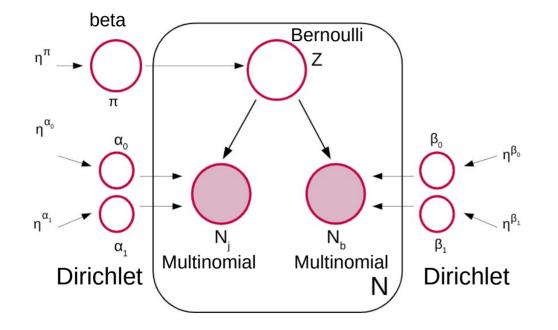




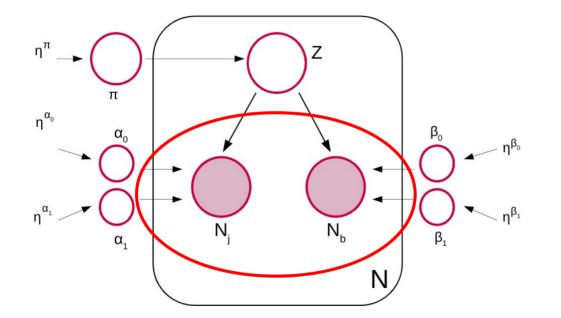






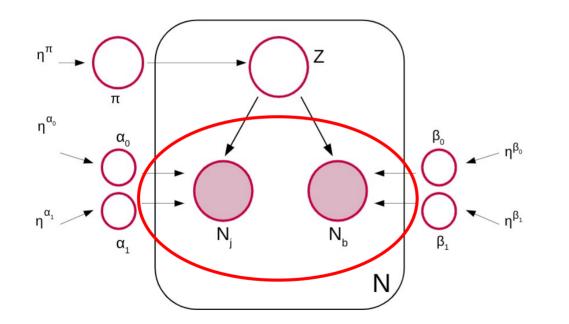






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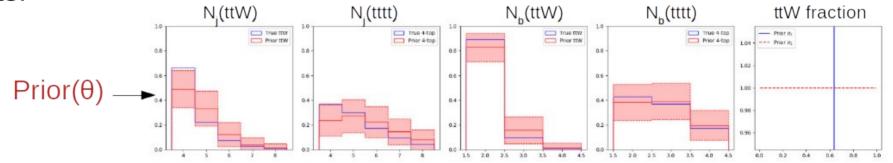
Background (ttW) expects smaller $\rm N_{J}$ and $\rm N_{b}$

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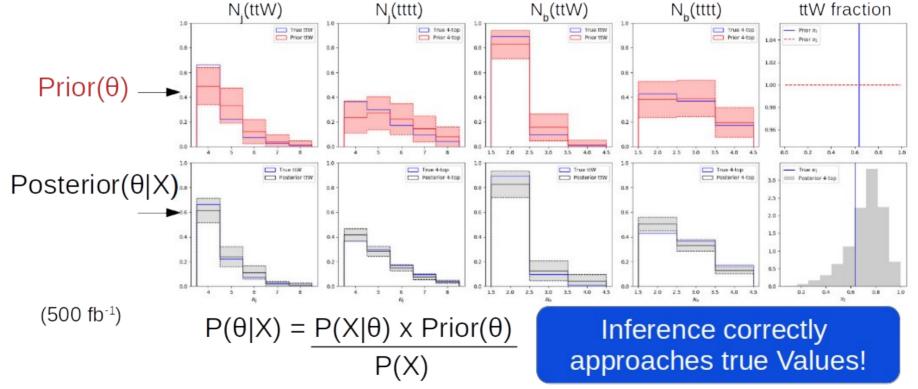
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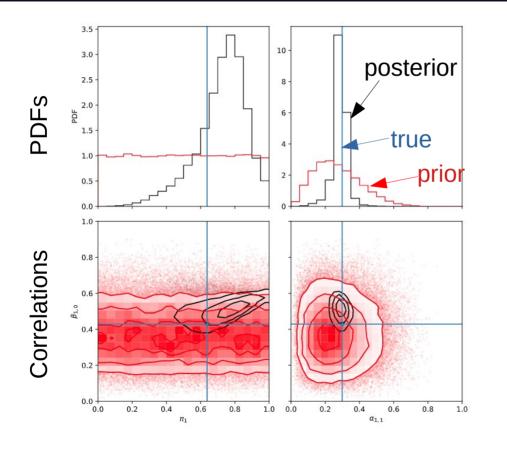




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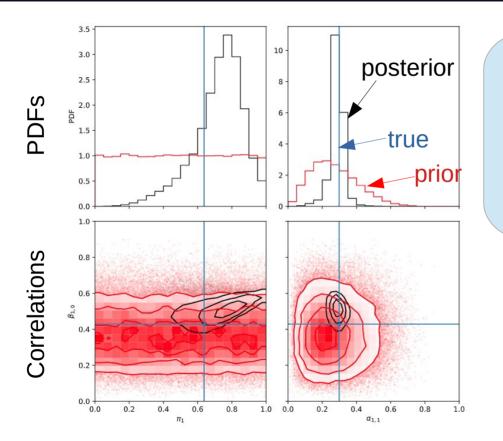


Each parameter approaches the true values with the posterior!

 Excerpt from Corner-plot panels

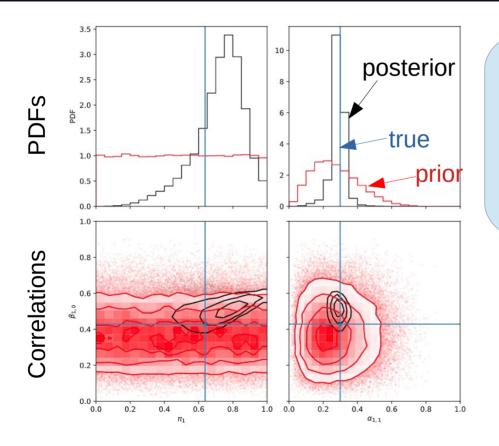






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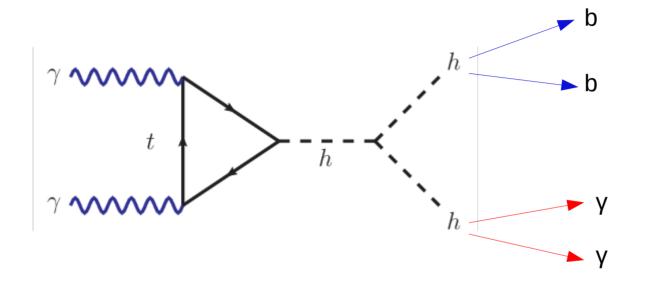
- + $N_{_{\rm J}}\,N_{_{\rm b}}$ at the event-by-event level
- Use prior info
- Bayesian Inference techniques



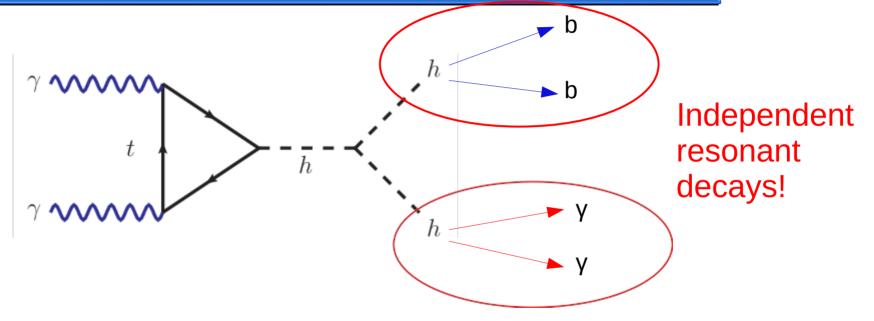
Simplified for the sake of the algorithm

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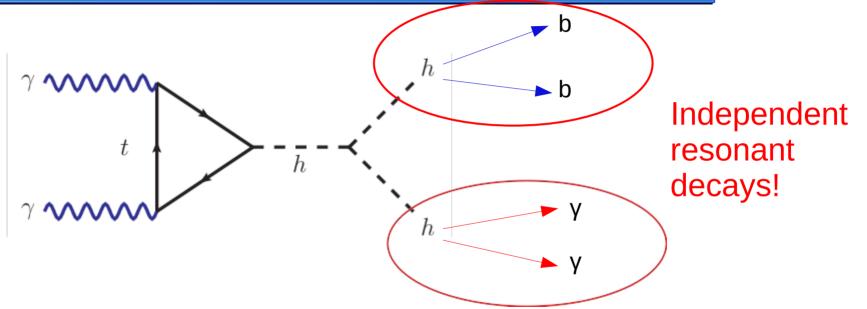








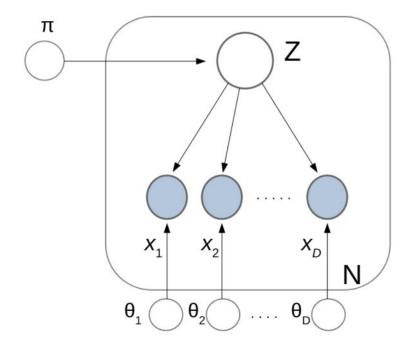




Versus continuum exponentially decaying background

(plus semi-resonant, and others)



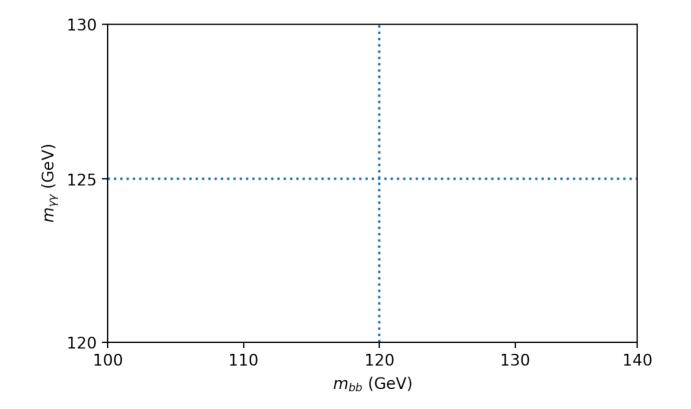


Observables are (approx) independent once they are conditioned on the class

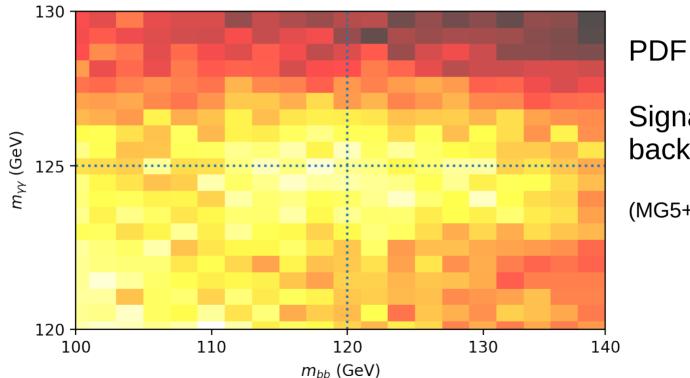
 m_{bb} and m_{yy} correlation in the data is the key!

Di-Higgs: $hh \rightarrow bb\gamma\gamma$





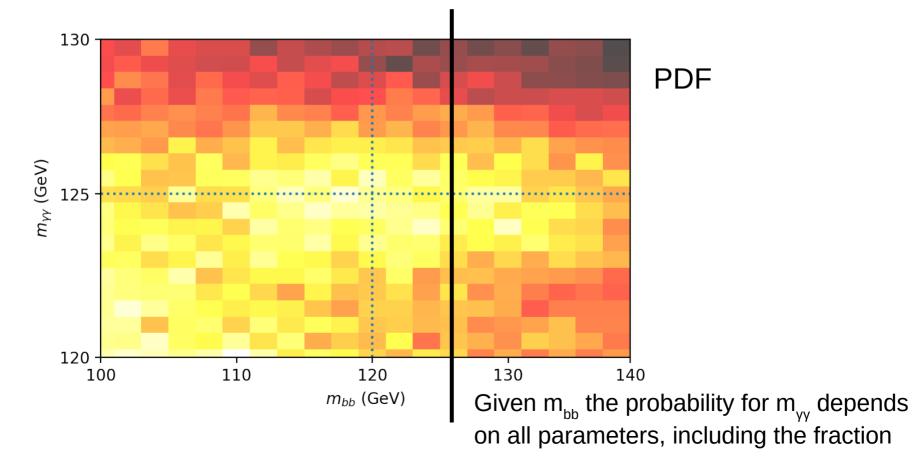




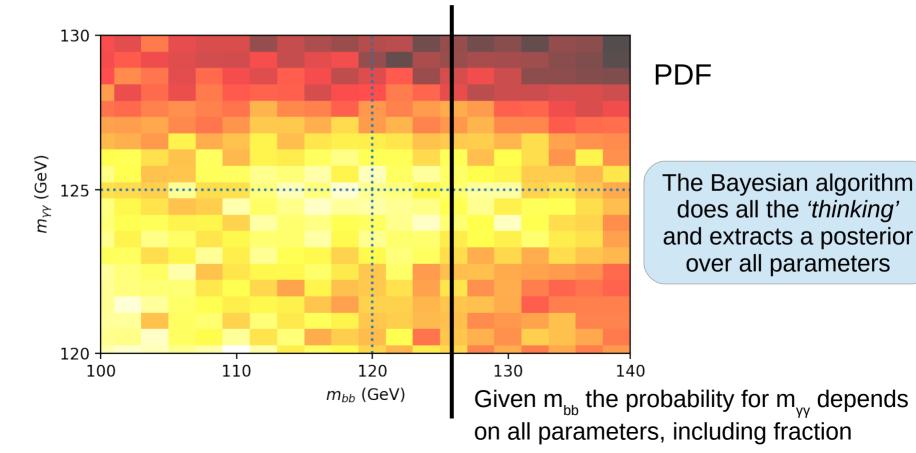
Signal (10%) + background

(MG5+Pythia+Delphes)

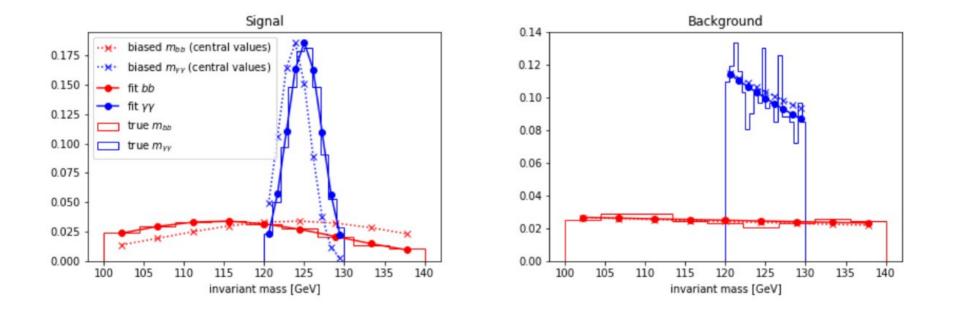








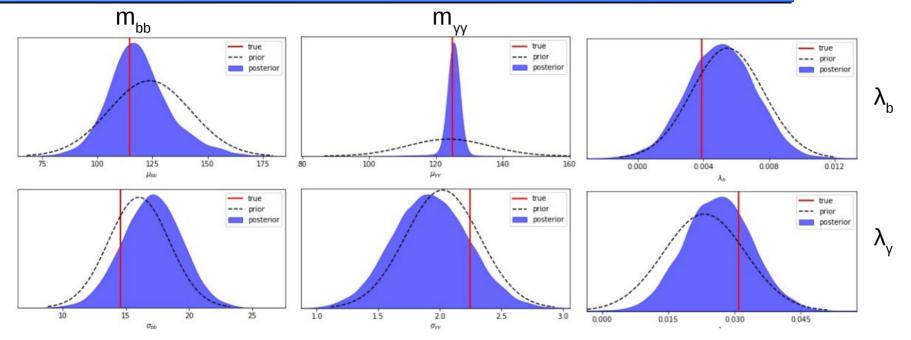




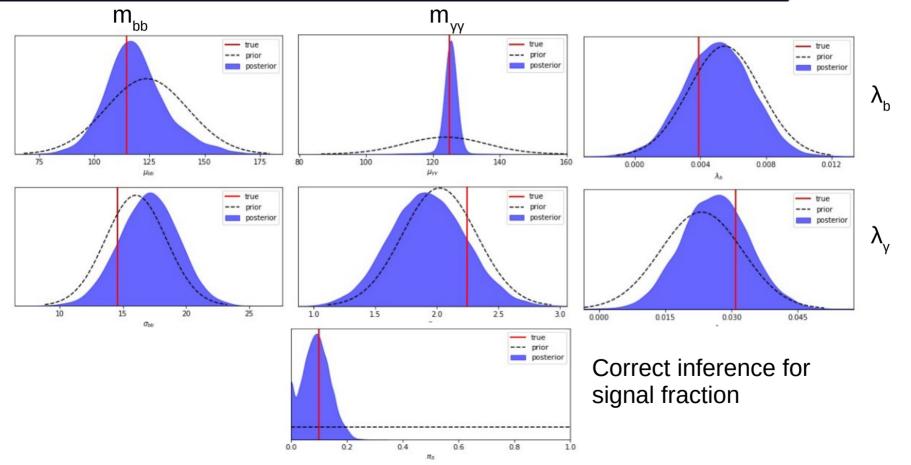
Generate 1k events (MG5+Pythia+Delphes). Use a biased prior to emulate an inaccurate Montecarlo

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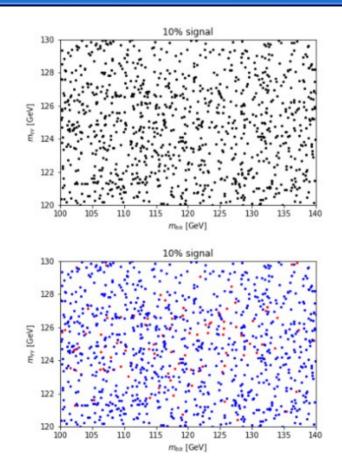








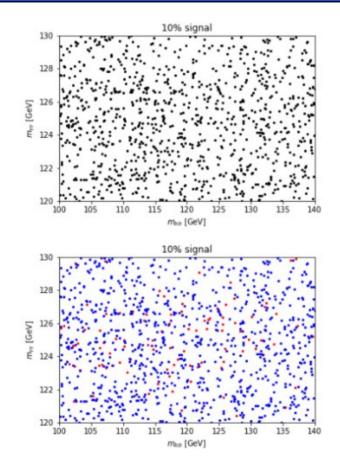


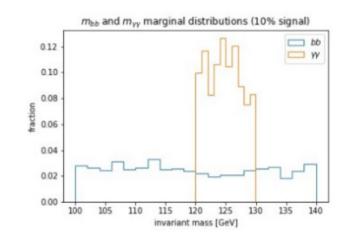


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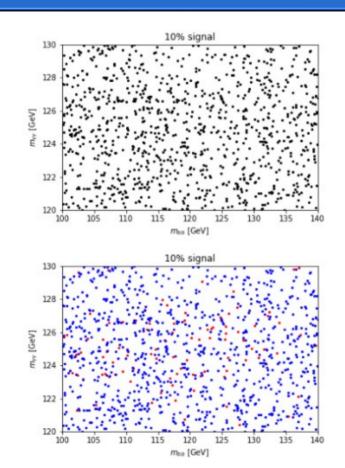
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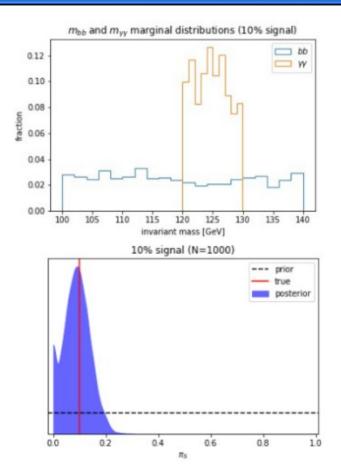






Hard to recognize something





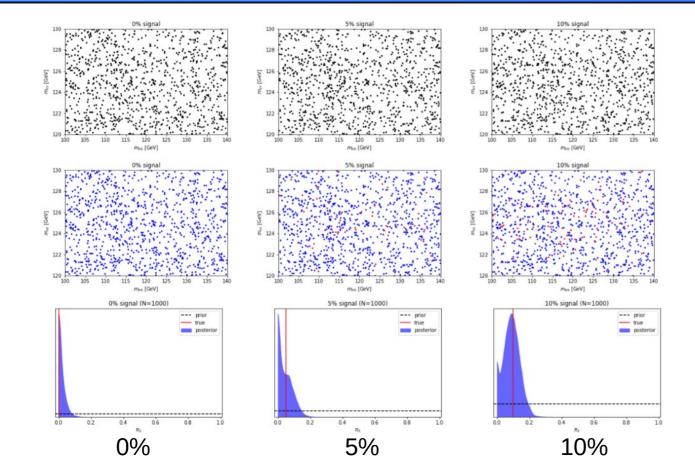
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Fraction inferred







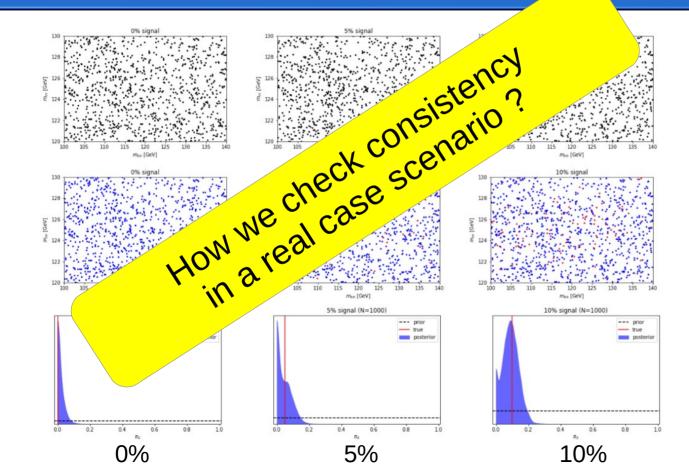
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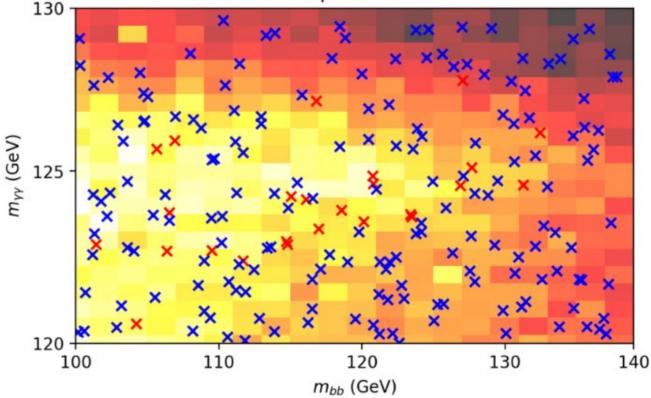
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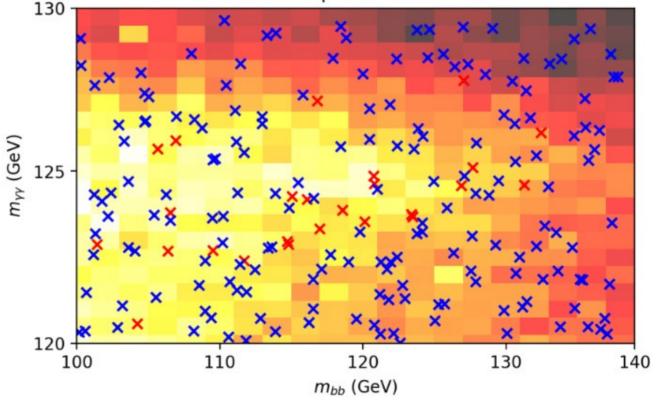


- 1. Sample replicate data with the posterior
- 2. Compute the predictive score

$$p\left(p(X_{rep}|X_{obs}) < p(X_{held}|X_{obs})\right)$$

Probability that probability of replicate data is less than the probability of held-out data

Posterior predictive check





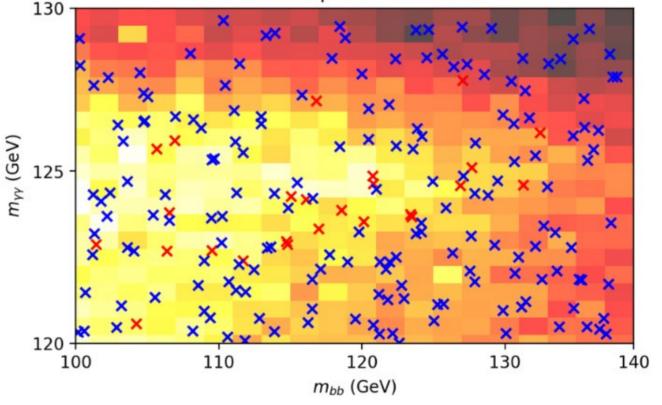
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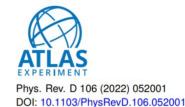
Score: 0.5 +/- 0.03

Posterior predictive check



ATLAS @ hh → bbyy

Search for Higgs boson pair production in the two bottom quarks plus two photons final state in ppcollisions at $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV with the ATLAS detector



4 Object and event selections

Variable	Definition		
Photon-related kinematic variables			
$p_{\rm T}/m_{\gamma\gamma}$	Transverse momentum of each of the two photons divided by the diphoton invariant mass $m_{\gamma\gamma}$		
η and ϕ	Pseudorapidity and azimuthal angle of the leading and subleading photon		
Jet-related kinematic variables			
b-tag status	Tightest fixed <i>b</i> -tag working point (60%, 70%, or 77%) that the jet passes		
p_{T}, η and ϕ	Transverse momentum, pseudorapidity and azimuthal angle of the two jets with the highest <i>b</i> -tagging score		
$p_{\mathrm{T}}^{bar{b}},\eta_{bar{b}}$ and $\phi_{bar{b}}$	Transverse momentum, pseudorapidity and azimuthal angle of the <i>b</i> -tagged jets system		
m _{bb}	Invariant mass of the two jets with the highest <i>b</i> -tagging score		
H_{T}	Scalar sum of the $p_{\rm T}$ of the jets in the event		
Single topness	For the definition, see Eq. (1)		

7 Results

The statistical framework used to derive the results for both the nonresonant and resonant searches is described in the following.

7.1 Statistical framework

For both the nonresonant and resonant searches, the results of the analysis are obtained from a maximumlikelihood fit of the $m_{\gamma\gamma}$ distribution in the range 105 $< m_{\gamma\gamma} < 160$ GeV, performed simultaneously over all relevant categories described in Section 4.2. The likelihood function is defined in Eq. (3):

$$\mathcal{L} = \prod_{c} \left(\operatorname{Pois}(n_{c} | N_{c}(\boldsymbol{\theta})) \cdot \prod_{i=1}^{n_{c}} f_{c}(m_{\gamma\gamma}^{i}, \boldsymbol{\theta}) \cdot G(\boldsymbol{\theta}) \right),$$
(3)

ATLAS: first selects using m_{bb} and then uses m_{yy} to make the analysis. No correlation info.

CMS @ hh → bbyy

Search for nonresonant Higgs boson pair production in final states with two bottom quarks and two photons in proton-proton collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV



6 Analysis strategy

To improve the sensitivity of the search, MVA techniques are used to distinguish the ggF and VBF HH signal from the dominant nonresonant background. The output of the MVA classifiers is then used to define mutually exclusive analysis categories targeting VBF and ggF HH production. The HH signal is extracted from a fit to the invariant masses of the two Higgs boson candidates in the (m_{ggr} , m_{ij}) plane simultaneously in all categories.

They do take into account correlation at the event-by-event level!

They rely on MVA over the Montecarlo

Table 2: Summary of the analysis categories. Two VBF- and two are defined based on the output of the MVA classifiers and the n system \widetilde{M}_X . The VBF and ggF categories are mutually exclusive.

Category	MVA	\widetilde{M}_{X} (GeV)
VBF CAT 0	0.52 - 1.00	>500
VBF CAT 1	0.86 - 1.00	250-500
ggF CAT 0	0.78 - 1.00	>600
ggF CAT 1		510-600
ggF CAT 2		385-510
ggF CAT 3		250-385
ggF CAT 4	0.62 - 0.78	>540
ggF CAT 5		360-540
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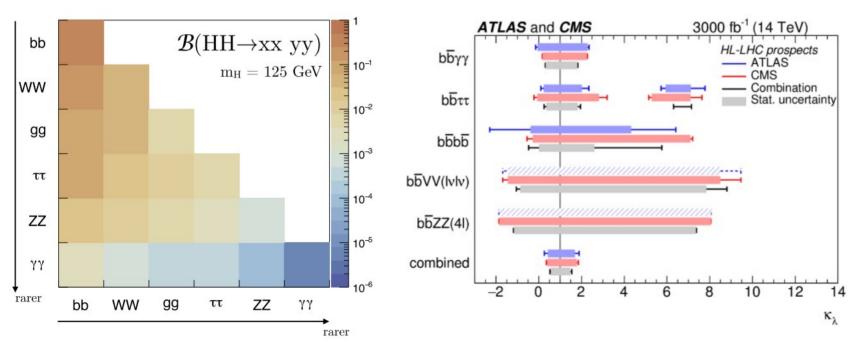
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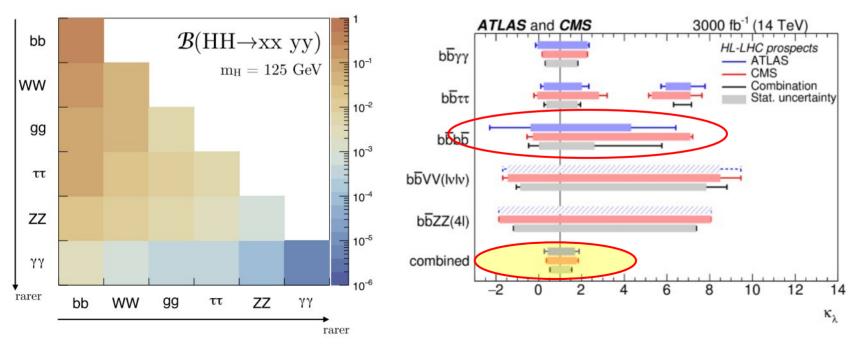




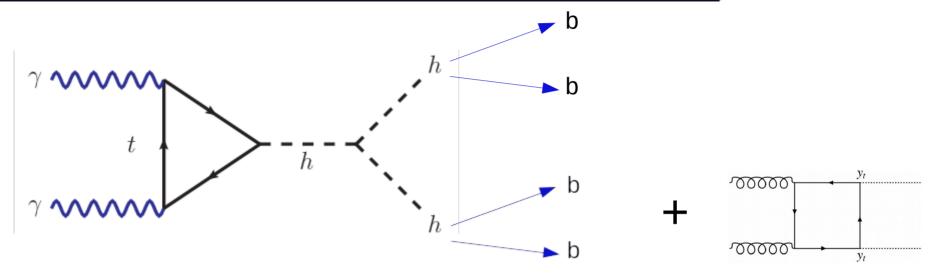
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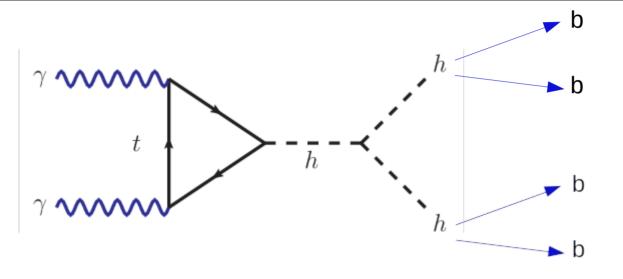




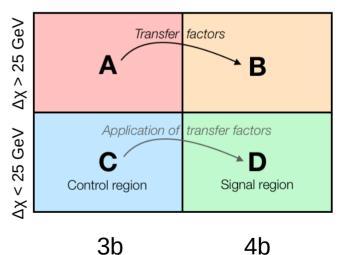


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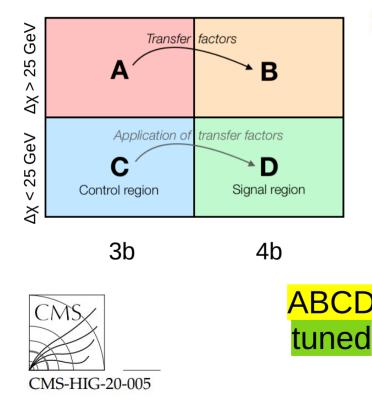


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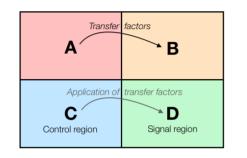
Search for Higgs boson pair production in the four b quark final state in proton-proton collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV

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The large multijet background that originates from QCD and t hadronic processes is estimated from the data using background-dominated regions. Analysis signal (A_{SR}) and control (A_{CR}) regions are defined by requiring $\chi < 25$ GeV and $25 \le \chi < 50$ GeV, respectively, where χ is the distance from the expected peak position of the two Higgs boson candidates' invariant masses and is defined as $\chi = \sqrt{(m_{H_1} - c_1)^2 + (m_{H_2} - c_2)^2}$, where c_1 and c_2 are as defined for

Background events in the A_{SR}^{4b} region are modeled from events in the A_{SR}^{3b} region. The former represents the sensitive region of the analysis, while the latter provides a sample enriched in multijet background events with similar kinematic properties. Events in A_{SR}^{4b} were analyzed only after all the methods were defined and validated. The normalization is determined by scaling the observed number of events in A_{SR}^{3b} by a transfer factor computed as the ratio of the number of events in the A_{CR}^{4b} and A_{SR}^{3b} regions. Variations of the transfer factor depending on the position in the (m_{H_1}, m_{H_2}) plane are accounted for by measuring it as a function of m_{\parallel} , defined as the projection of the point in the plane on the line $m_{H_1} = (c_1/c_2) m_{H_2}$ that is used for the H candidate reconstruction. Higher values of m_{\parallel} are correlated with a higher average p_T of the selected jets.

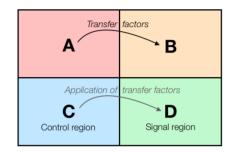


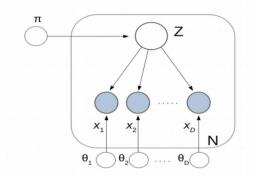


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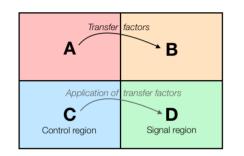
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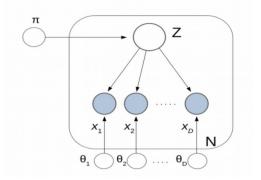


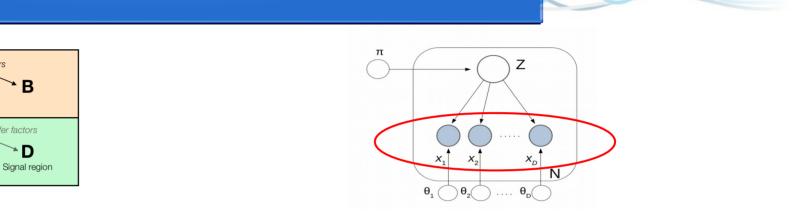






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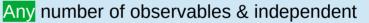
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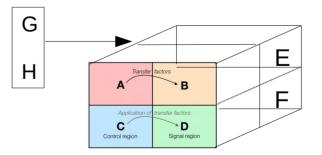
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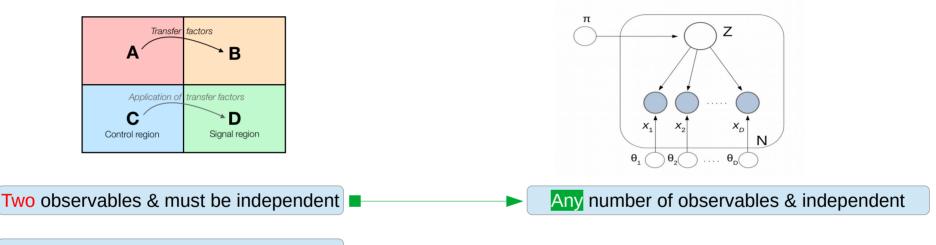
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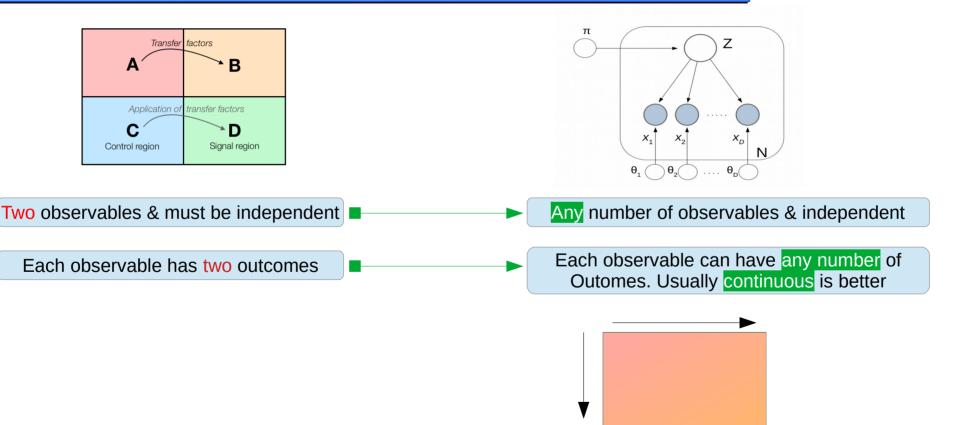




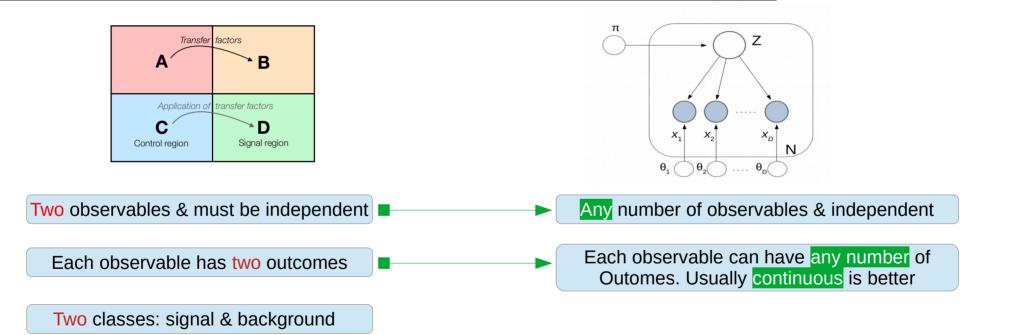


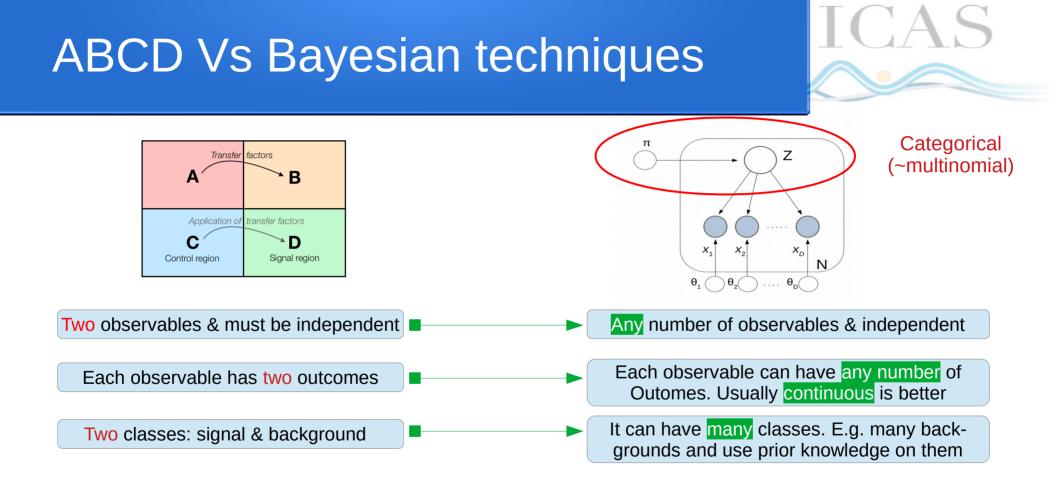


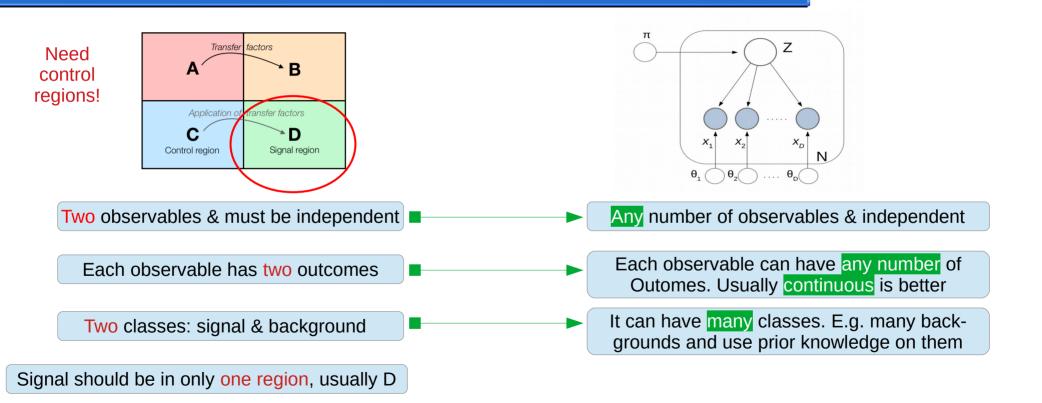
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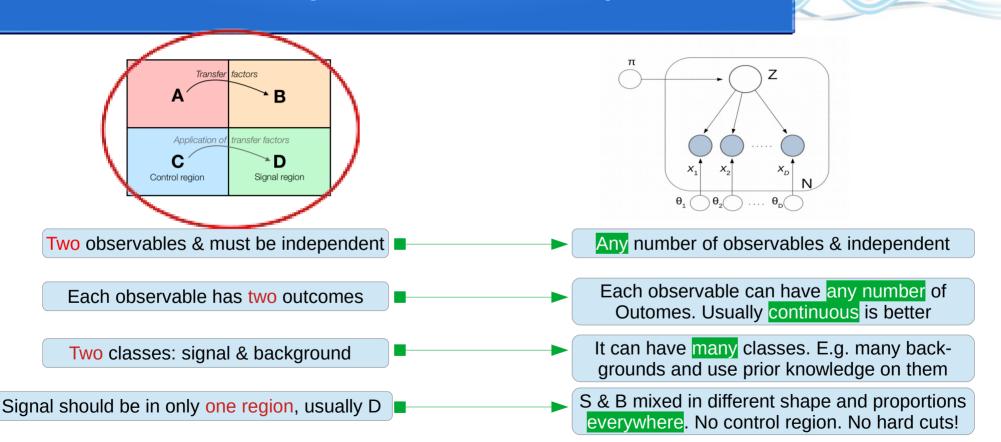


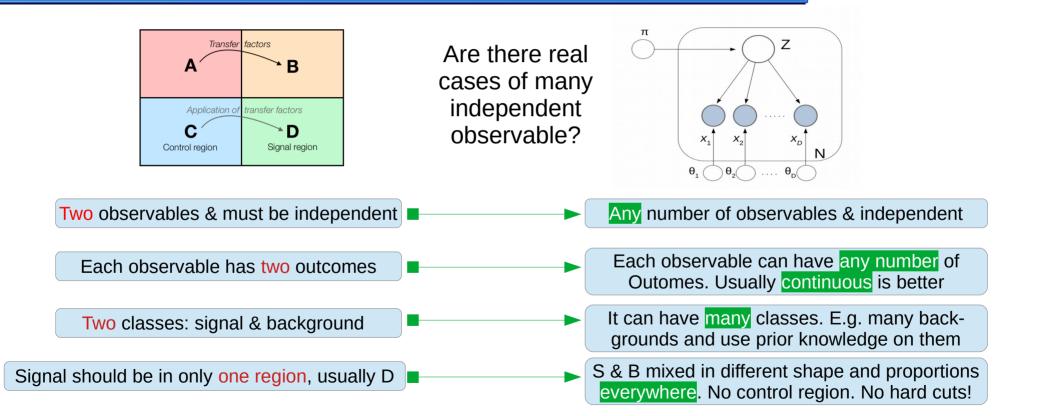
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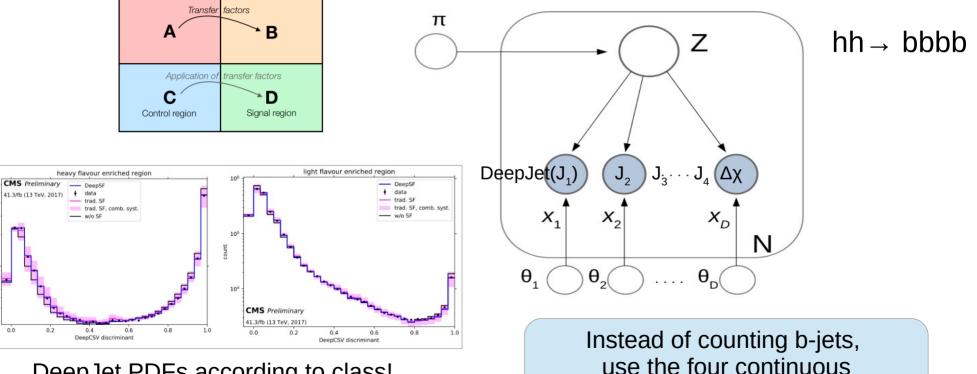










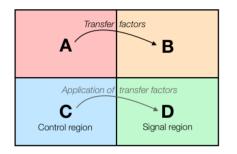


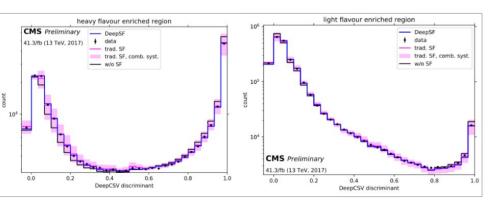
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Deepjet variables





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Ultimate goal:

• Arbitrary priors with uncertainty (usually MC)

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- Not arbitrarily flexible
- Model observed variables as being sampled from there
- Infere everything!
- Calibration (?)



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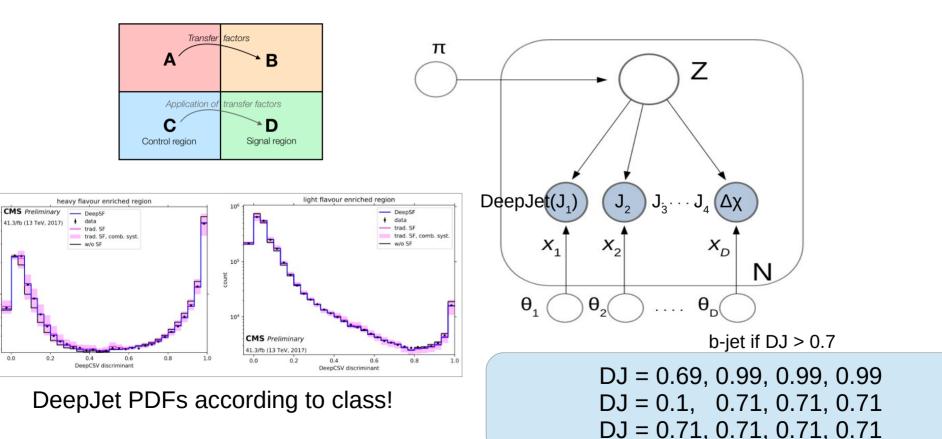
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Regular Article - Experimental Physics

Measurements of fiducial cross-sections for $t\bar{t}$ production with one or two additional *b*-jets in *pp* collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 8$ TeV using the ATLAS detector

ATLAS Collaboration*

(see discussion in 1701.04427)

malised to the NNLO+NNLL result [32–37]. PYTHIA 8 offers several options for modelling $g \rightarrow b\bar{b}$ splittings in the final-state parton showers, which may be accessed by varying the TIMESHOWER:WEIGHTGLUONTOQUARK (wgtq) parameter [75]. Differences between the models arise by neglecting (wgtq5) or retaining (wgtq3, wgtq6) the massdependent terms in the $g \rightarrow b\bar{b}$ splitting kernels. Differences also arise with respect to the treatment of the high $m_{b\bar{b}}$ region, with specific models giving an enhanced or suppressed $g \rightarrow b\bar{b}$ rate. The model corresponding to wgtq3 was chosen to maximise this rate. Finally, some of the models (wgtq5, wgtq6) offer the possibility to choose sgtq $\cdot m_{b\bar{b}}$ instead of the transverse momentum as the argument of $\alpha_{\rm S}$ in the $g \rightarrow b\bar{b}$ vertices. Here sgtq refers to the TIMESHOWER:SCALEGLUONTOQUARK parameter, and is allowed to vary in the range $0.25 \leq \text{sgtq} \leq 1$, with larger values giving a smaller $g \rightarrow b\bar{b}$ rate and vice versa. For the model wgtq5, sgtq was set to 1, a combination that minimises the $g \rightarrow b\bar{b}$ rate, while for wgtq6, sgtq was set to 0.25.

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Measurement of $t\bar{t}$ production with additional jet activity, including b quark jets, in the dilepton decay channel using pp collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 8$ TeV

CMS Collaboration*

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PYTHIA6 and HERWIG6. The normalization factors applied to the MADGRAPH and POWHEG predictions are found to be about 1.3 for results related to the leading additional b jet. The predictions from both generators underestimate the ttbb cross sections by a factor 1.8, in agreement with the results from Ref. [11]. The normalization factors applied to MC@NLO are approximately 2 and 4 for the leading and subleading additional b jet quantities, respectively, reflecting the observation that the generator does not simulate sufficiently large jet multiplicities. All the predictions have slightly harder $p_{\rm T}$ spectra for the leading additional b jet than the data, while they describe the behaviour of the $|\eta|$ and m_{bb} distributions within the current precision. The predictions favour smaller $\Delta R_{\rm bb}$ values than the measurement, although the differences are in general within two standard deviations of the total uncertainty.

7.2 Sequential kinematic reweighting

Following the flavour rescaling, a sequential reweighting is used to mitigate the kinematic mismodelling observed in $t\bar{t}$ +jets MC. The reweighting corrects for the distributions of N_{jets} , the number of large-R jets $(N_{LR-jets})$, the scalar sum of all jet and lepton p_T in the event (H_T^{all}) , and the average ΔR between any two jets $(\Delta R_{avg.}^{ij})$. These variables are related to the overall jet activities in the events and are observed to be mismodelled, especially the N_{jets} and H_T^{all} spectra. These variables capture the most representative global kinematics of the events, as well as kinematic properties of the individual jets such as p_T and their angular distributions.

The $t\bar{t}$ +jets events in $\geq 3b$ regions are reweighted according to the discrepancy between data and MC in the 2b regions. The reweighting factors are derived such that the overall MC prediction matches the data in the 2b regions. This is done based on the assumption that the deficiency of the radiation modelling in the parton shower is independent of the flavour of the radiated jets. Systematic variations on the $t\bar{t}$ +jets modelling cover possible deviations from such assumption.

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Four-tops ATLAS-CONF-2021-013



Accuracy = 0.71

Another feature of Bayesian computation is that we can compute the probability of a given measurement n_{SD} belonging to class z integrated over the λ_g , λ_q and π_g posterior distribution. Using our Monte Carlo samples, we calculate

$$p(z \mid n_{\rm SD}, X) \approx \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^{T} p(z \mid n_{\rm SD}, \pi_g^{(t)}, \lambda_g^{(t)}, \lambda_q^{(t)})$$
(4.1)

where X represents the training dataset and t is the posterior sample index. We show

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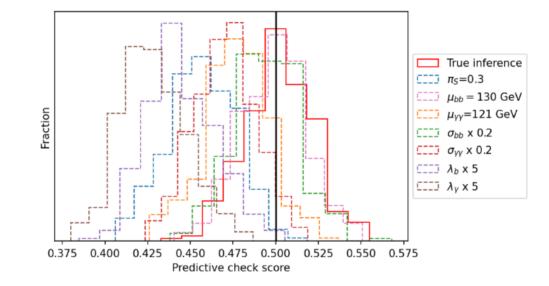


Figure 7. Predictive check score distributions for the true inference and for a few artificially shifted replicate data sets. We indicate in the right panel which parameters have been artificially fixed/shifted for each case. From the plot it can be recognized that the replicate data set from the inference process has a good agreement with the held-out data since it is centered around 0.5, as expected. We can also have a grasp on how much shift in the predictive check score is produced by different shifts in the parameters of the replicate data set PDF. As expected, in these cases the predictive score goes below 0.5, indicating the (injected) bias in the replicate PDF. From the plot it can be recognized that the data set and problem is not much sensitive to variations in $\mu_{b\bar{b}}$ and $\sigma_{b\bar{b}}$, this is in agreement with the discussion in Sect. III A and it is because of the very little variation that has the $m_{b\bar{b}}$ background in conjunction with large $\sigma_{b\bar{b}}$ and small signal fraction.

A multi-dimensional search for new heavy resonances decaying to boosted WW, WZ, or ZZ boson pairs in the dijet final state at 13 TeV

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Abstract A search in an all-jet final state for new massive resonances decaying to WW, WZ, or ZZ boson pairs using a novel analysis method is presented. The analysis is performed on data corresponding to an integrated luminosity of 77.3 fb^{-1} recorded with the CMS experiment at the LHC at a centre-of-mass energy of 13 TeV. The search is focussed on potential narrow-width resonances with masses above 1.2 TeV, where the decay products of each W or Z boson are expected to be collimated into a single, large-radius jet. The signal is extracted using a three-dimensional maximum likelihood fit of the two jet masses and the dijet invariant mass, yielding an improvement in sensitivity of up to 30%relative to previous search methods. No excess is observed above the estimated standard model background. In a heavy vector triplet model, spin-1 Z' and W' resonances with masses below 3.5 and 3.8 TeV, respectively, are excluded at 95% confidence level. In a bulk graviton model, upper limits on cross sections are set between 27 and 0.2 fb for resonance masses between 1.2 and 5.2 TeV, respectively. The limits presented in this paper are the best to date in the dijet final state.



Search for new heavy resonances decaying to WW, WZ, ZZ, WH, or ZH boson pairs in the all-jets final state in proton-proton collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV

Existing search by CMS improving ~30% sensitivity when using the correlation of the invariant masses

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Decorrelated variables based on Montecarlo simulations.

Danger: catch patterns that are from MC and expect them to be in real data

Squark pair events and multijet events are generated with PYTHIA 8.230 [97, 98] at a center-of-mass-energy of $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV interfaced with DELPHES 3.4.1 [99] using the default CMS run card. Jets are clustered using the anti- k_t algorithm [100] with radius parameter R = 0.4 implemented in FASTJET 3.2.1 [93, 101]. 1M signal events and 10M background events were generated, of which about 100k signal events and

For the Double Disco ABCD method, we use the loss function

 $\mathcal{L}[f,g] = \mathcal{L}_{\text{classifier}}[f(X),y] + \mathcal{L}_{\text{classifier}}[g(X),y] + \lambda \operatorname{dCorr}_{y=0}^{2}[f(X),g(X)], \quad (3.2)$

where now f and g are two neural networks that are trained simultaneously. When $\lambda = 0$, the loss will be minimized when f = g is the optimal classifier (up to degeneracies).

ABCDisCo: Automating the ABCD Method with Machine Learning

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ABSTRACT: The ABCD method is one of the most widely used data-driven background estimation techniques in high energy physics. Cuts on two statistically-independent classifiers separate signal and background into four regions, so that background in the signal region can be estimated simply using the other three control regions. Typically, the independent classifiers are chosen "by hand" to be intuitive and physically motivated variables. Here, we explore the possibility of automating the design of one or both of these classifiers using machine learning. We show how to use state-of-the-art decorrelation methods to construct powerful yet independent discriminators. Along the way, we uncover a previously unappreciated aspect of the ABCD method: its accuracy hinges on having low signal contamination in control regions not just overall, but *relative* to the signal fraction in the signal region. We demonstrate the method with three examples: a simple model consisting of three-dimensional Gaussians; boosted hadronic top jet tagging; and a recasted search for paired dijet resonances. In all cases, automating the ABCD method with machine learning significantly improves performance in terms of ABCD closure, background rejection and signal contamination.



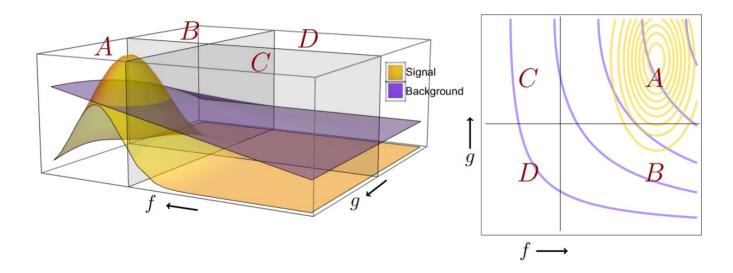


Figure 1. The ABCD method is used to estimate the background in region A as $N_A = \frac{N_B N_C}{N_D}$. It requires the signal to be relatively localized in region A and the observables to be independent on background. The shaded planes (left) or lines (right) denote thresholds which isolate the signal in region A.





