

ML-Unfolding

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Case

Ideas

Progress

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ML-Unfolding — Case, Ideas, Progress, and News

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Case for (ML-)Unfolding

Number of analyses

- optimal forward inference:
full signal and background simulations
high-dimensional, unbinned SBI
 - CPU-limitation for many signals
- [Unfold detectors once](#)

Optimal analyses

- theory limiting many LHC analyses
make best use of continuous progress
 - allow for analyses to be updated
- [Unfold detectors/soft QCD and save data](#)

Public LHC data

- common lore:
LHC data too complicated for amateurs
no way to even try to publish LHC data
 - in truth:
hard scattering and decay simulations easy
BSM physics not in hadronization and detector
- [Unfold to hard scattering](#)



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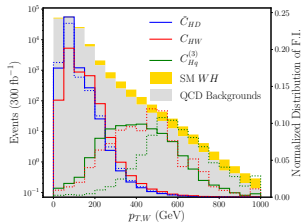
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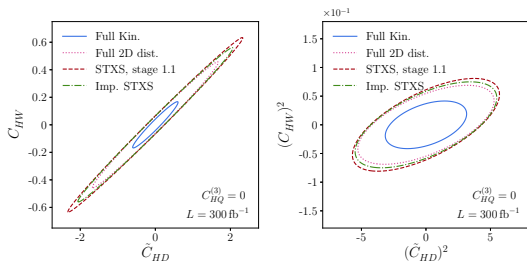
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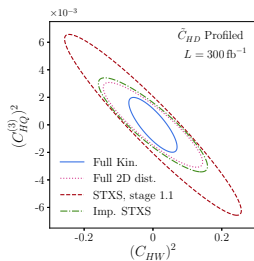
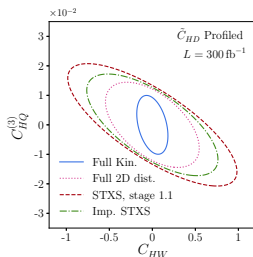
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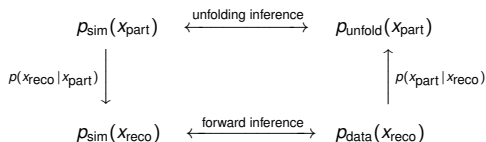
→ Full, unbinned kinematics the key [top groups doing better]



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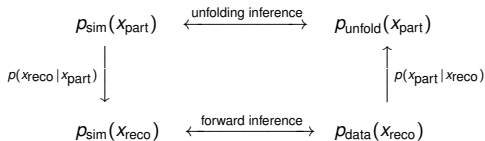
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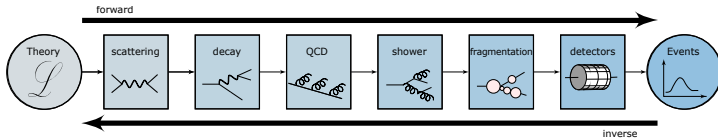


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LHC simulations

- paired
- stochastic, usually single-mode [nothing LHC is deterministic]
- following energy scale/resolution
- starting from fundamental parameters



Unfolding by reweighting

OmniFold

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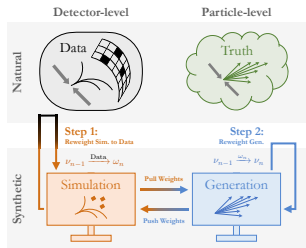


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Unfolding by generation

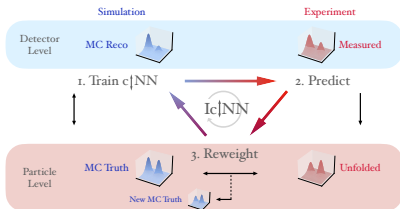
Sampling conditional probability

- just like forward ML-generation
- learn inverse conditional probability also from paired events $(x_{\text{part}}, x_{\text{reco}})$



Two improvements needed [taking some time]

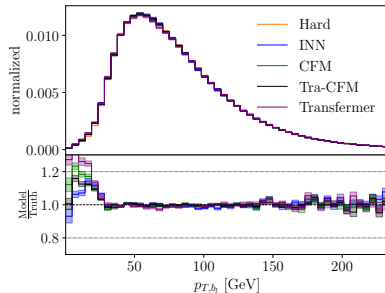
- likelihood loss to generate posterior → cINN
 - remove training prior → IcINN [Backes, Butter, Dunford, Malaescu]
- Driven by generative networks



Further improvements from generative AI

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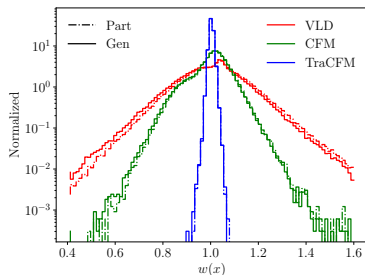
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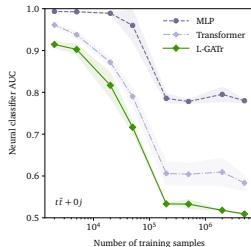
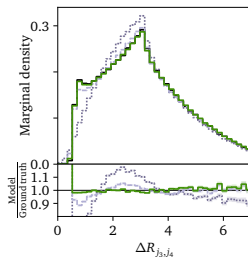
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- Lorentz-covariant GATr-CFM [$t\bar{t} + 4j$]



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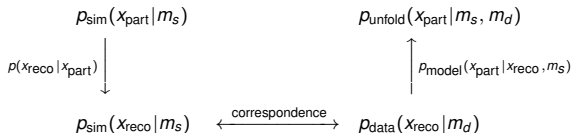
- Terascale statistics school:
 - TP 'So what would nobody ever use unfolding for?'
 - experts 'mass measurements, clearly'
 - TP (becoming very quiet)



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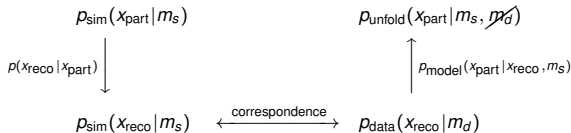
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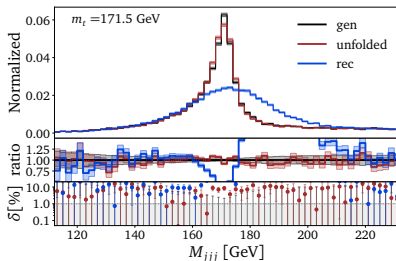
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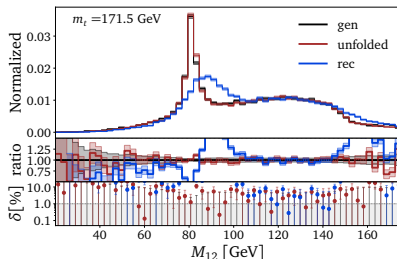
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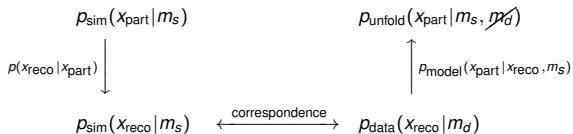
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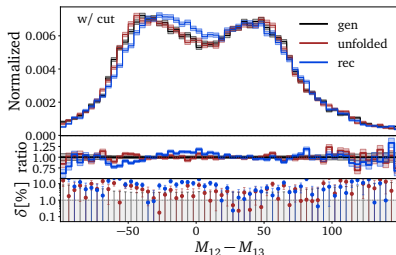
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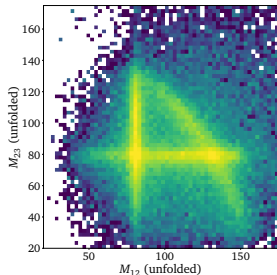
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Outlook

Unfolding LHC data

- efficient analyses
 - optimal updated analyses
 - public LHC data
 - my personal dream
 - LHC-inverse problem
 - unbinned & high-dimensional
 - ML (just) the transformative tool
- reweighting + conditional generation

Modern Machine Learning for LHC Physicists

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Abstract

Modern machine learning is transforming particle physics fast, bulging 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 lead students with basic knowledge of particle physics and significant enthusiasm for machine learning to relevant applications. 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 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.¹

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