

# Towards a data-driven model of Hadronization using Normalizing Flows

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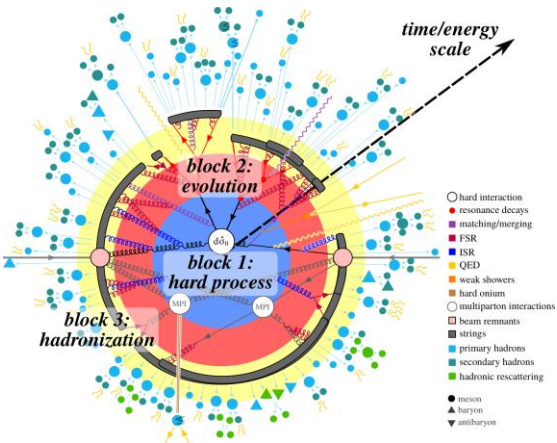
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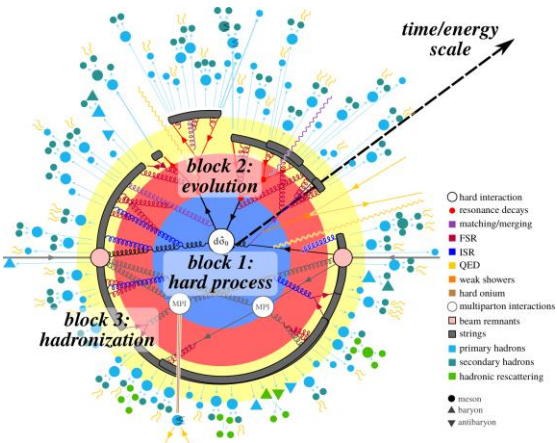
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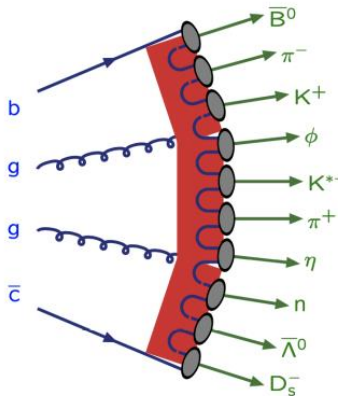
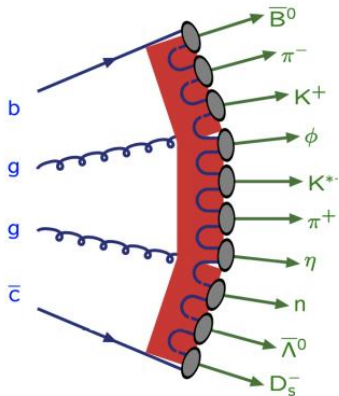


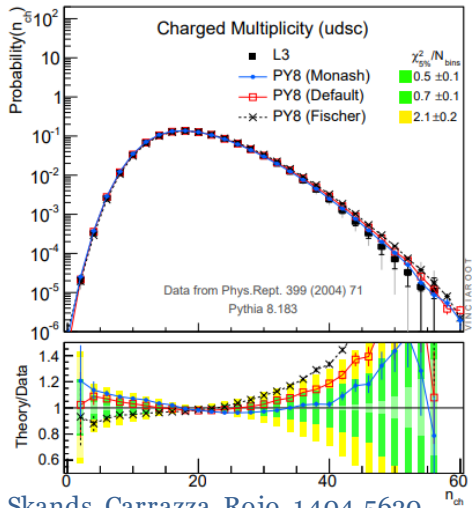
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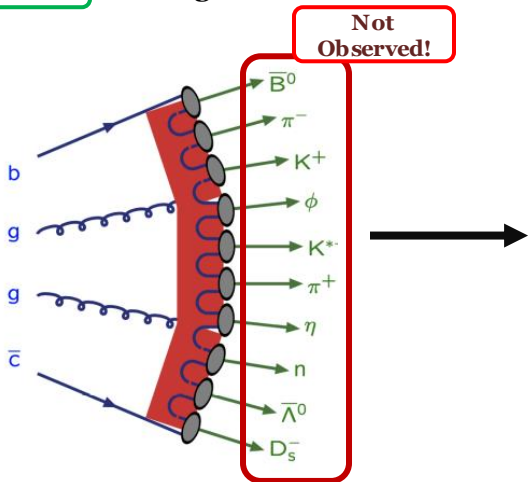


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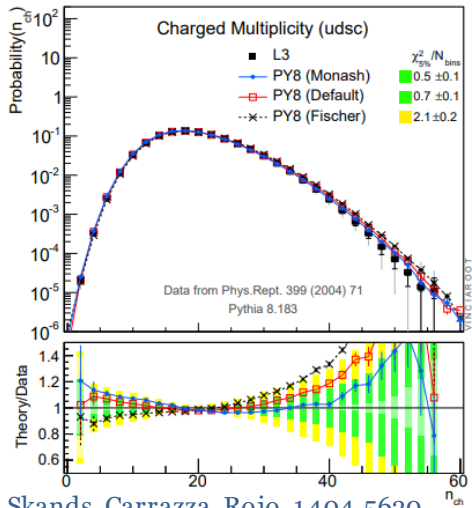
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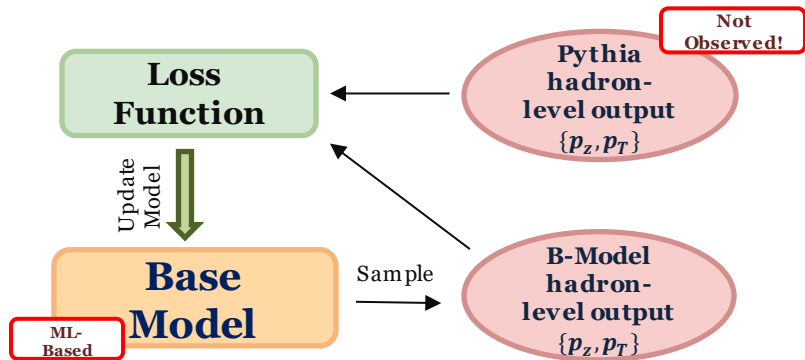
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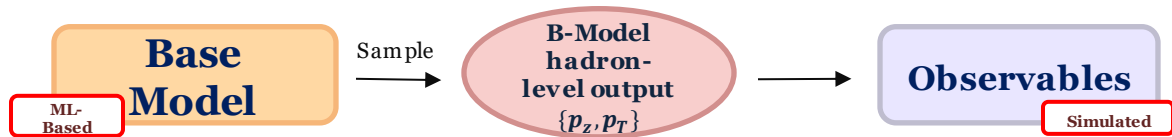
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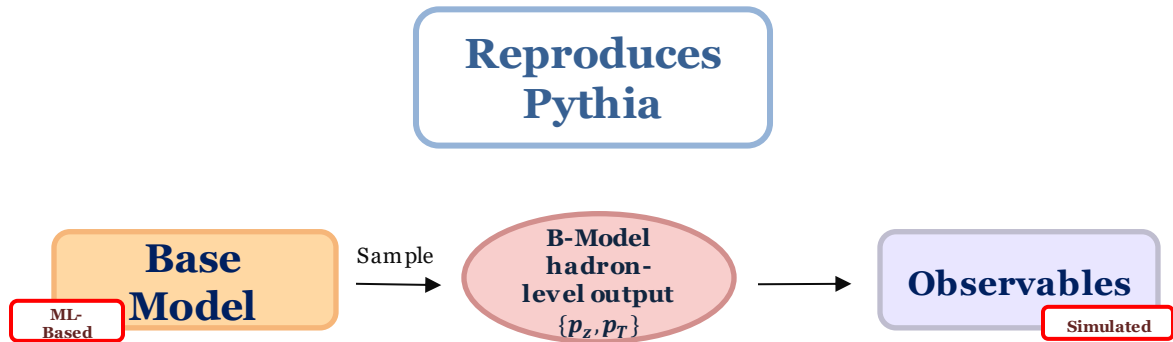
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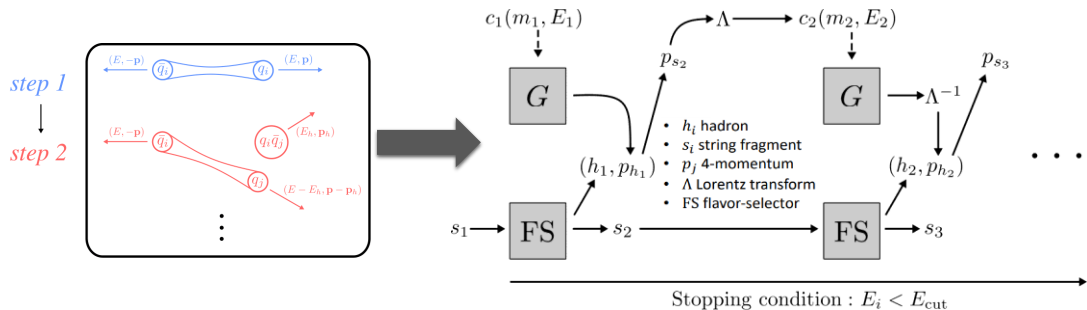


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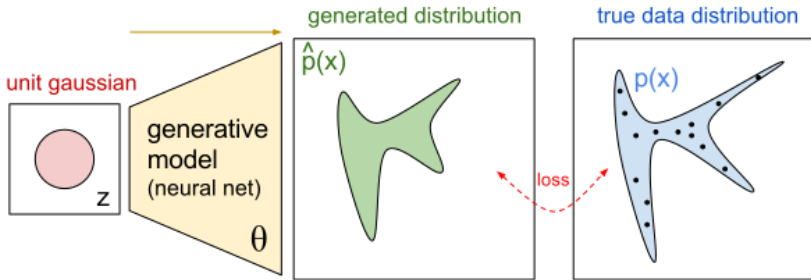


## We need a generative model!

Sample hadron kinematics:  
Train on  $\{\mathbf{p}_z, \mathbf{p}_T\}$

Emission of different Mesons:  
Condition on mass ( $m$ ) and energy ( $E$ )

<https://openai.com/research/generative-models>



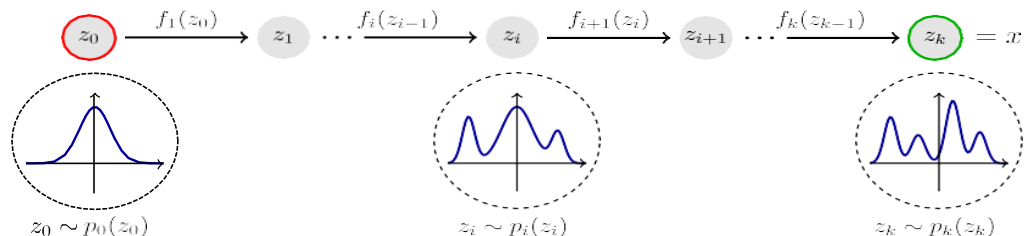
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$\Rightarrow$  Task: Learn the probability distribution  $p(x)$  of the data

**Which generative model should we choose?**

Is it able to learn  
**complex**  
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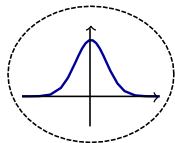
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**Exact probability distribution is  
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$$p_k(z_k) = p_0(z_0) \prod_{i=1}^K \left| \det \left( \frac{\partial f_i(z_{i-1})}{\partial z_{i-1}} \right) \right|^{-1}$$

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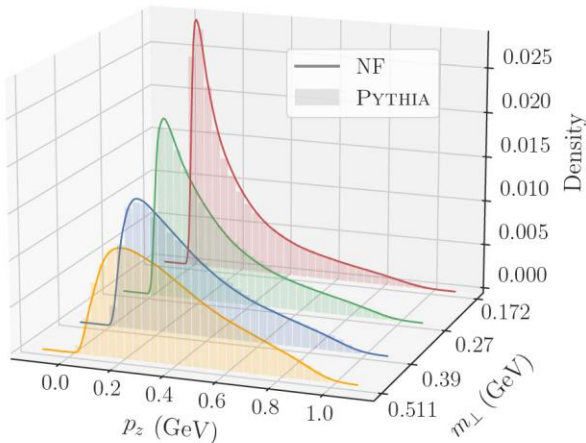




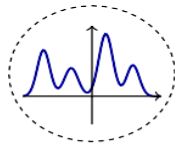
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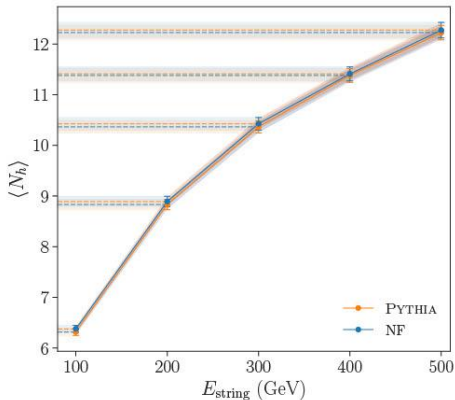
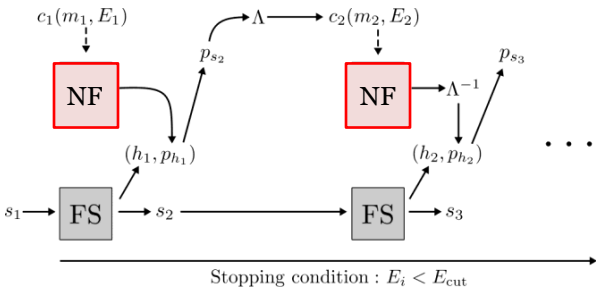
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$\Rightarrow$  **Multiplicity obtained by MLHad agrees with Pythia!**

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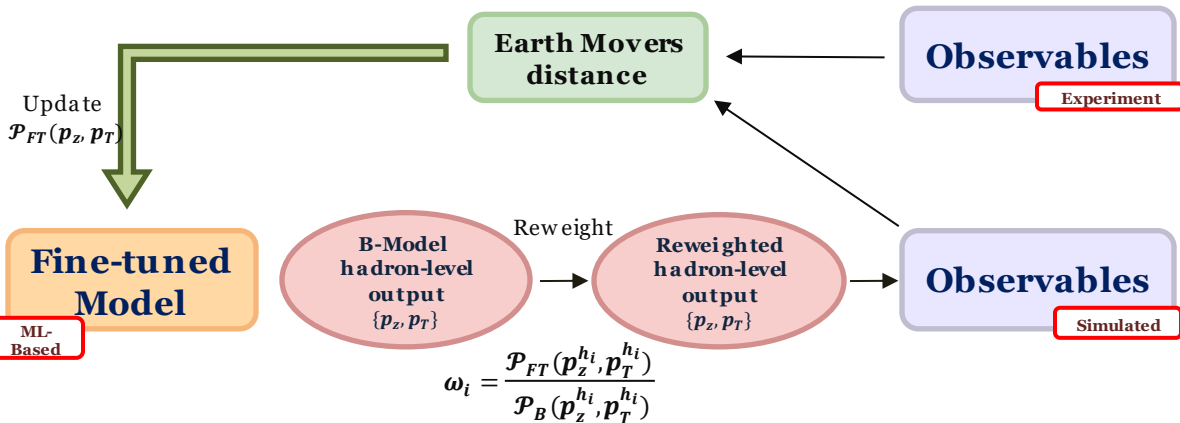
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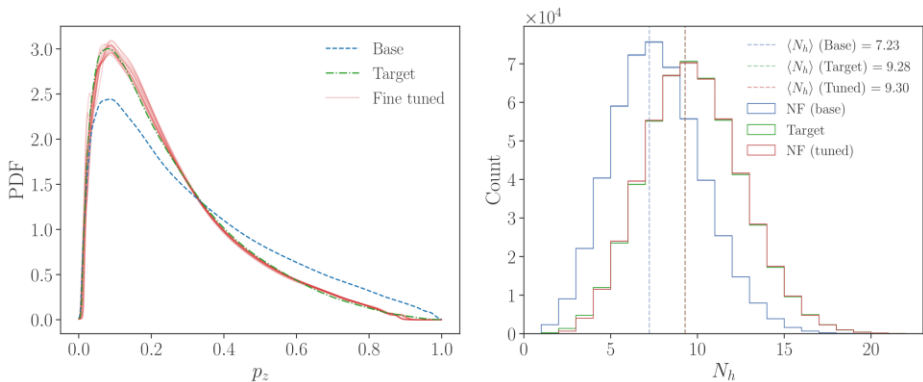
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## Step 2: Fine-tune B-Model on physical observables



Base: Pythia default parameters  
Target: Pythia perturbed;  $\alpha_{\text{Lund}}=1.5$



### **MAGIC is a very promising methods for data-driven hadronization models!**

- ➔ Excellent results by training on only one observable (multiplicity)!
- ➔ More details on MAGIC and uncertainty quantification in [arXiv: 2311.09296](https://arxiv.org/abs/2311.09296)

### **More MLHAD work**

- Reweighting Monte Carlo Predictions and Automated Fragmentation Variations in Pythia 8 ([arXiv:2308.13459](https://arxiv.org/abs/2308.13459))
- Pythia Flavor Reweighting (arXiv:24NN.NNNNN)
- Collective Reweighting Method - two part reweighter (arXiv:2407.XXXXX)
- Tuning Hadronization Models

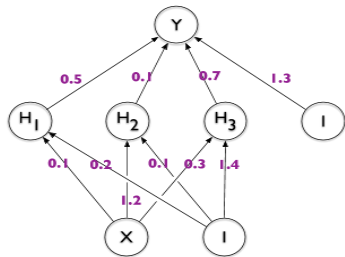
**Project Homepage:**  
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# Backup

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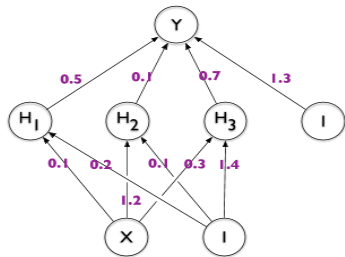


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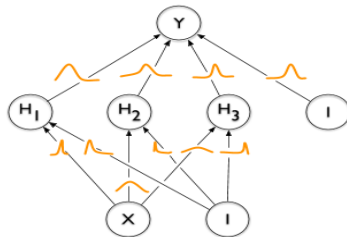
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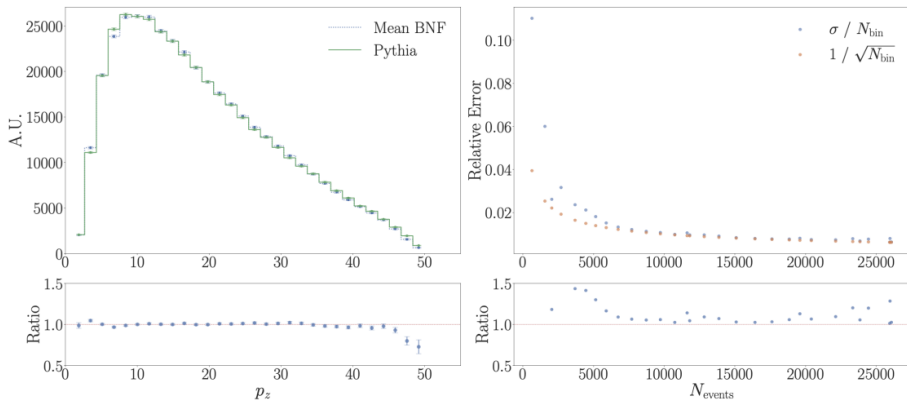
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## Bayesian Neural Networks (BNN)



Weights are sampled from a distribution  
→ Distribution parameter are updated in each epoch

- **BNN are easy to implement: Add additional loss function for weight distribution**
- **Capture statistical and training uncertainties**

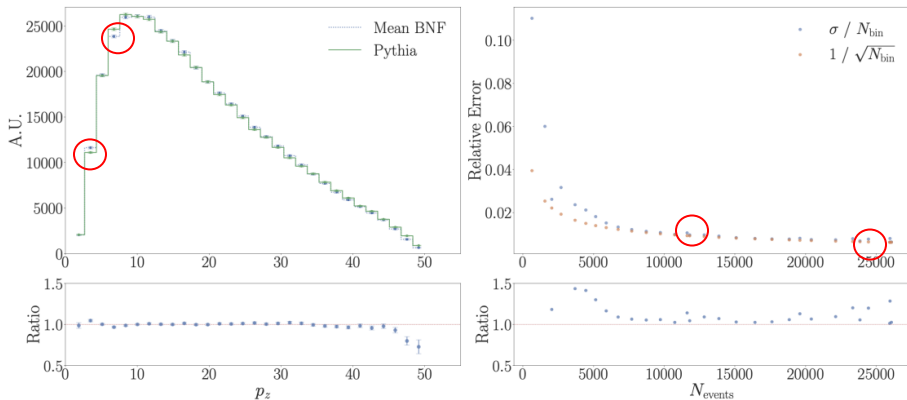


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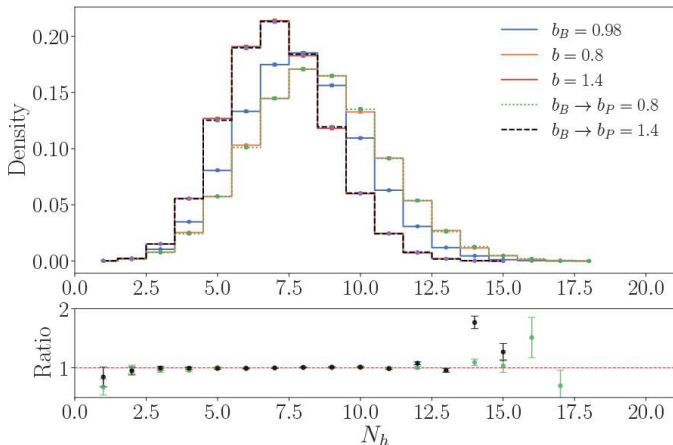


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$b$  is a free parameter in the Lund function used in Pythia: StringZ:bLund

Train nominal NF conditioned on different  $b$   
→ Get likelihood

→ Reweight nominal output using ratio of likelihoods:

$$w = \prod_i \frac{p_{nom}^{(i)}(z)}{p_{pert}^{(i)}(z)}$$

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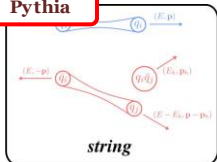
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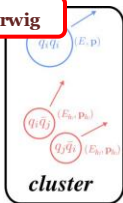
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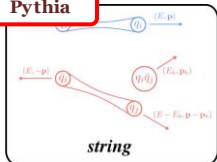




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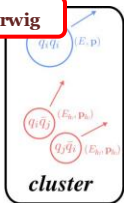
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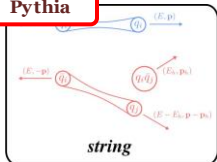


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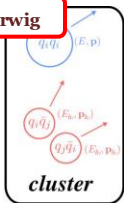
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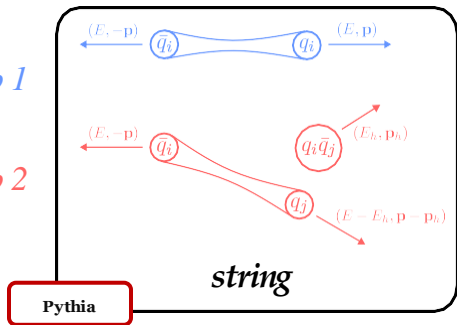
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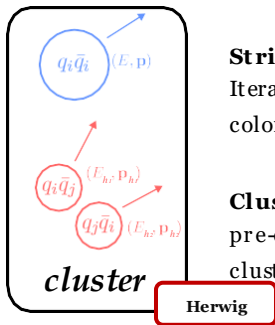
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MLhad: Ilten, Menzo, Youssef, Zupan, 2203.04983,  
<https://gitlab.com/uchep/mlhad>



HadML: (Chan, Ghosh,) Ju, (Kania), Nachman, (Sangli,) Siodmok, 2203.12660, 2305.17169

**String model:**

Iteratively split parton connected by QCD color strings with linear potential

**Cluster model:**

pre-confine partons into proto-clusters, then split by two-body decays

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**Small Detour:  
No ML, only Had**

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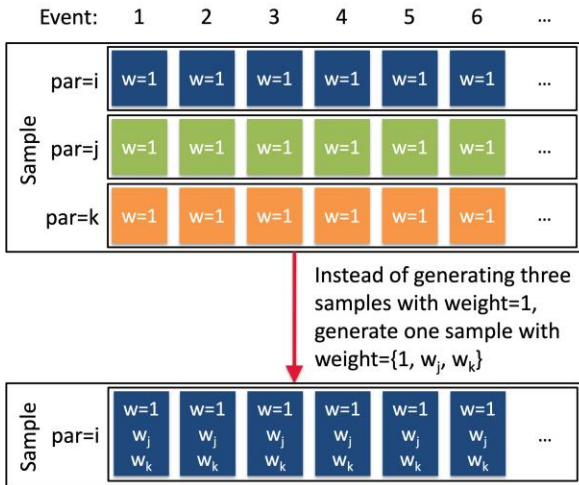


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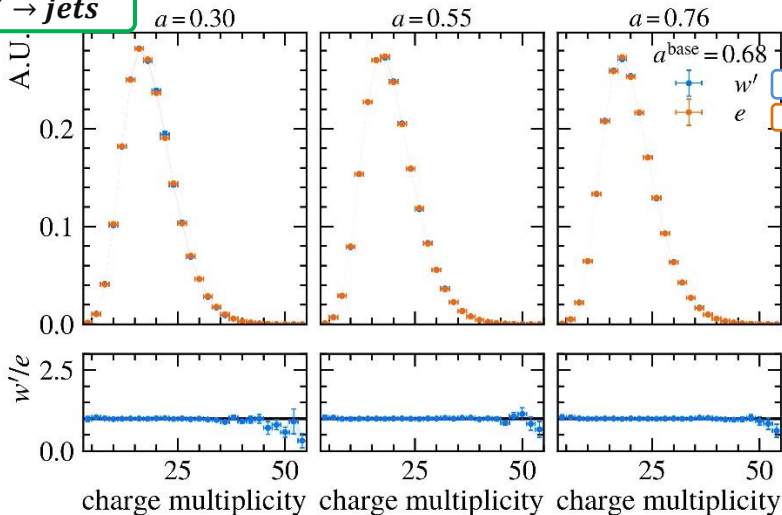
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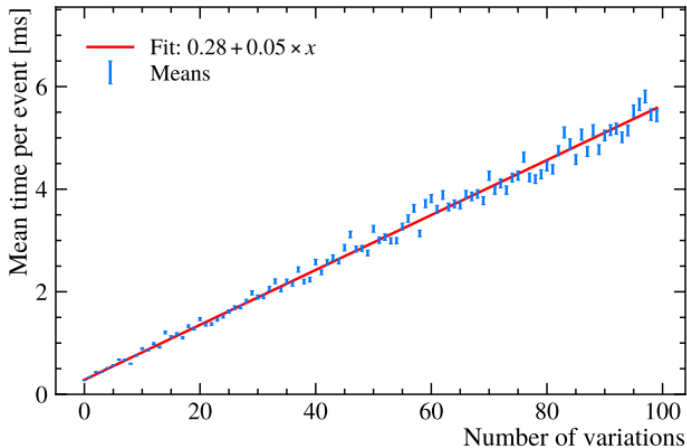


- **Event generation is time consuming**
  - We want to reweight events without regenerating
- **Use a modified veto algorithm**
  - New event weights for different hadronization param are book kept
- **We calculate event weights for different hadronization options in a single event generation!**



$e^+e^- \rightarrow Z \rightarrow \text{jets}$

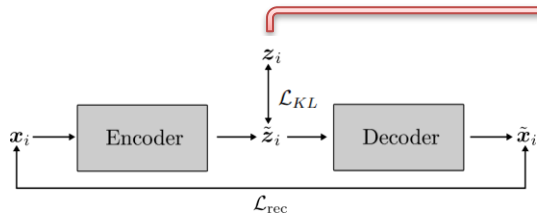




- ➔ **Generate 100 samples with different variations of aLund**
- ➔ **Each sample has 1000 events**
- ➔ **Cost per additional parameter variation is around 0.05 ms**
- ➔ **We have a speed up by a factor ~3**

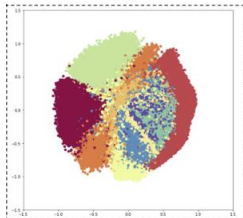
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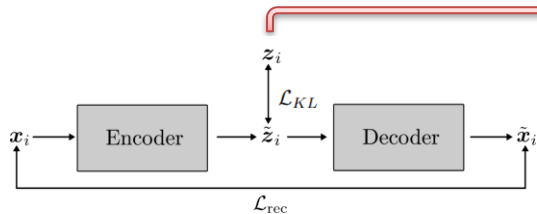


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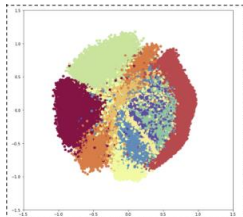
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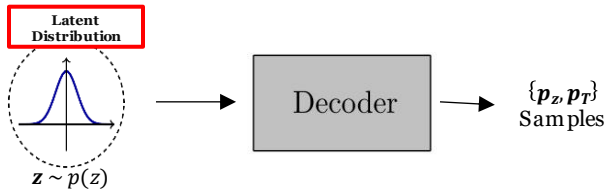
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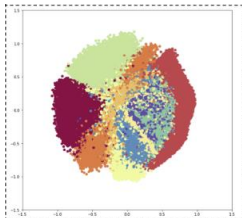
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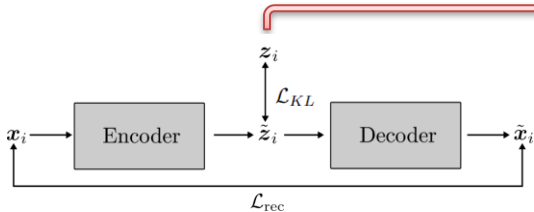
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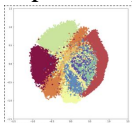
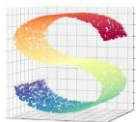
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Vanilla VAE

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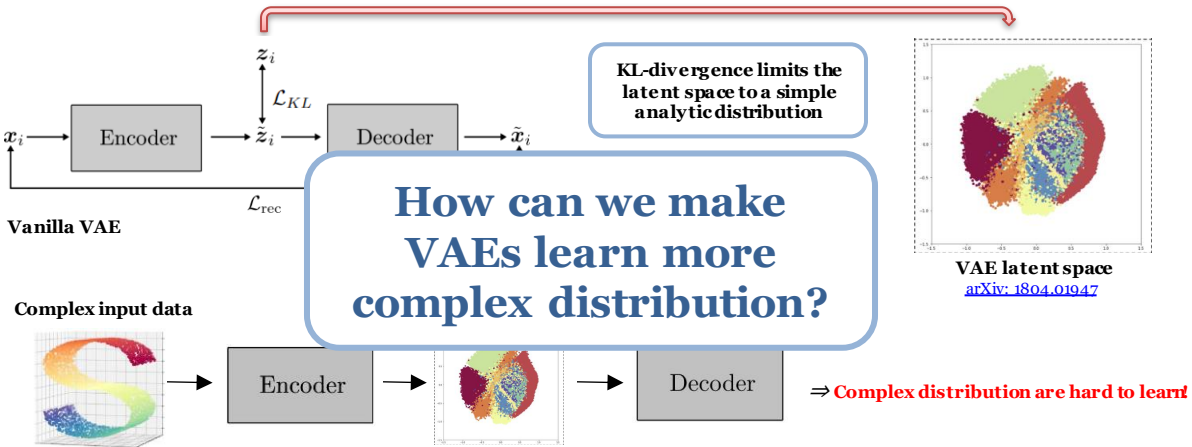
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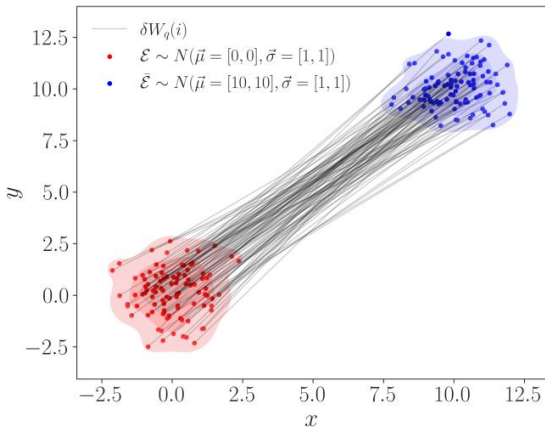
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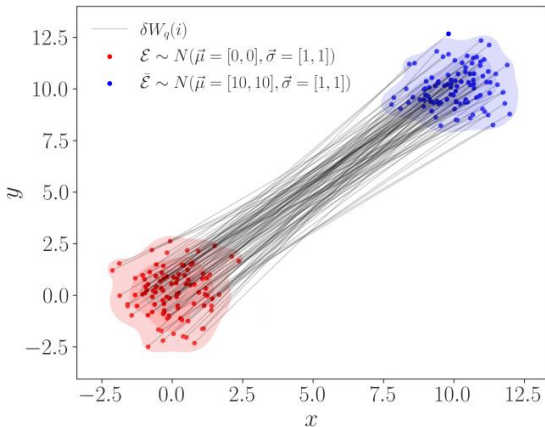
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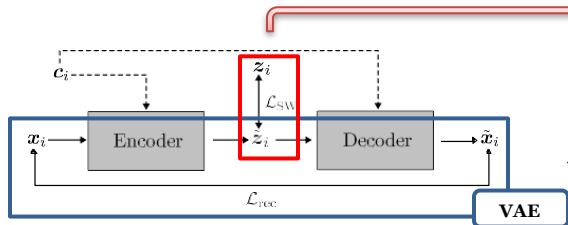
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- ➔ WD in 1D has a closed form solution
- ➔ Sorted Difference of the two samples



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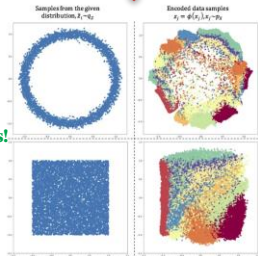


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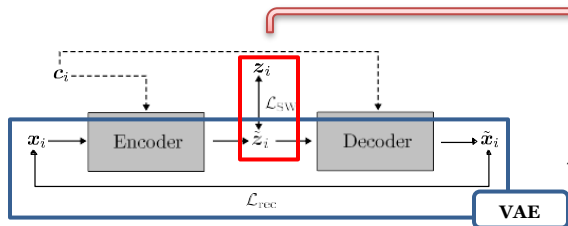
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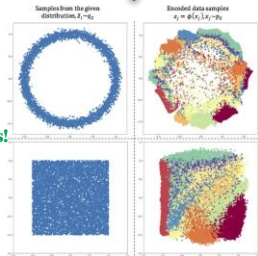


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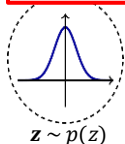
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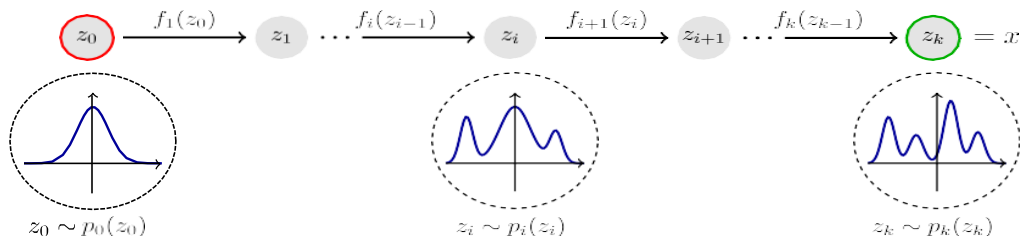
Latent  
Distribution



$\{p_z, p_T\}$   
Samples

Decoder “just” generates samples

⇒ No access to the probability distribution



$z_0$  - random vector sampled from a Gaussian  $p_0(z_0)$

$f_i$  - invertible NN that transforms  $p_0(z_0)$  to  $p_i(z_i)$  by change of variables

Complex target distribution  $p_k(z_k)$  is learned

⇒ Can learn complex distributions!

Exact probability distribution is obtained by change of variables

$$p_k(z_k) = p_0(z_0) \prod_{i=1}^K \left| \det \left( \frac{\partial f_i(z_{i-1})}{\partial z_{i-1}} \right) \right|^{-1}$$

⇒ Access to the exact probability distribution

Removed pion emission restriction

### → Propagation of errors

- ML architecture with Bayesian Normalizing Flows (presented in part)

### → Train on observables only

- Two part reweighter (not part of the talk)
- Train on global observables with Fine tuning (results not shown in this talk)

### → To train on experimental data

- Want fast evaluation of parameter dependency
- Use reweighting method
- First implementation in Pythia for Lund string model (to be released soon in Pythia)