

Jets and substructure in proton-proton collisions

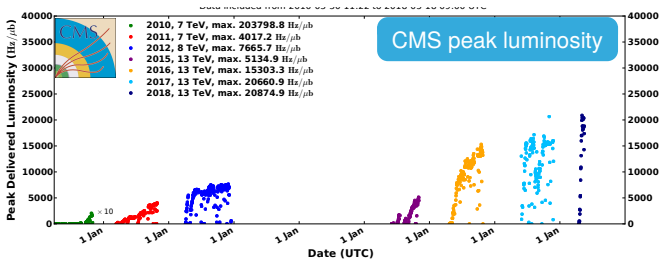
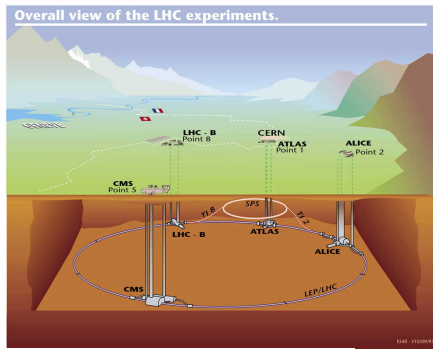
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Physics at the high energy frontier

- ▶ LHC has been colliding protons at **13 TeV** center-of-mass energy.
- ▶ Particle physics entering **precision phase** in study of EW symmetry breaking.
- ▶ Searching for new physics at the **highest energy** ever attained.





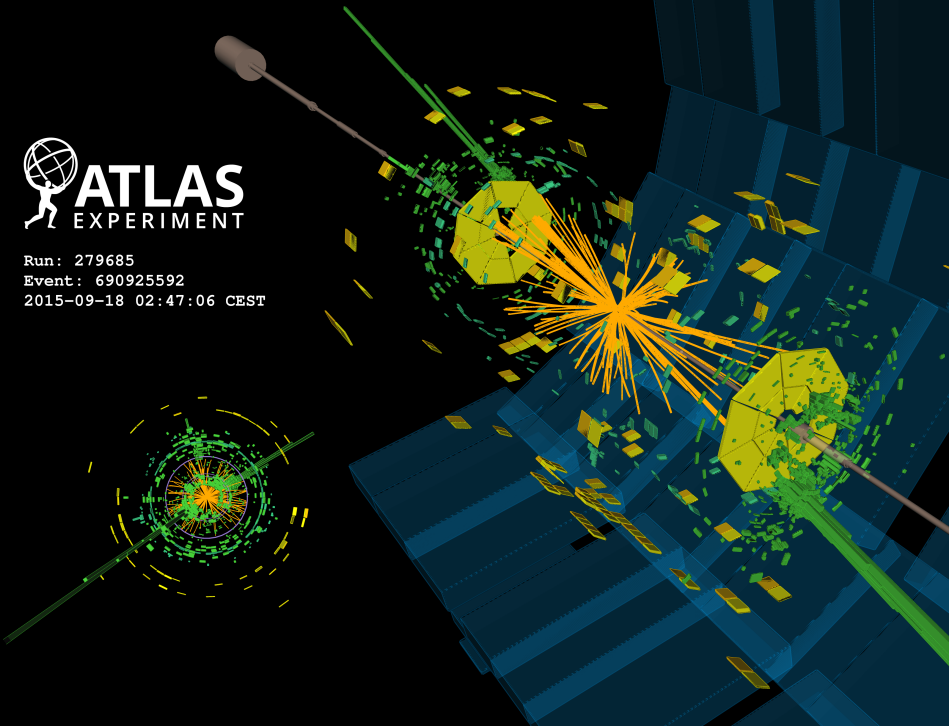
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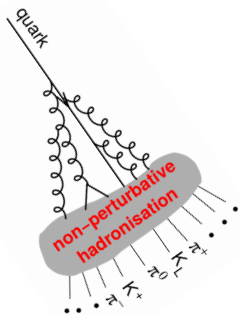
JET SUBSTRUCTURE AND MACHINE LEARNING

Jets as proxies for partons

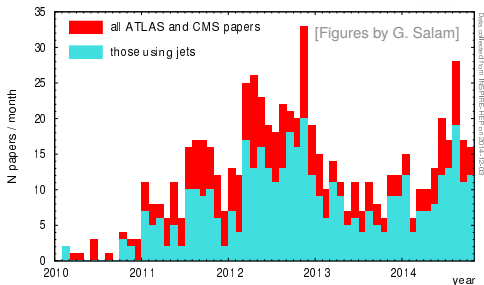
Because of color confinement, quarks and gluons shower and hadronise immediately into **collimated bunches** of particles.

Hadronic jets can emerge from a number of processes

- ▶ scattering of partons inside colliding protons,
- ▶ hadronic decay of heavy particles,
- ▶ radiative gluon emission from partons, ...



Jets are prevalent
at hadron colliders



Jet algorithms

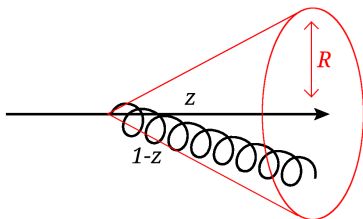
A jet algorithm maps final state **particle momenta** to **jet momenta**.

$$\underbrace{\{p_i\}}_{\text{particles}} \implies \underbrace{\{j_k\}}_{\text{jets}}$$

This requires an external parameter, the **jet radius** R , specifying up to which angle separate partons are recombined into a single jet.

Basic idea of jet algorithm is to **invert QCD branching** process, clustering pairs which are closest in metric defined by the divergence structure of the theory.

$$d_{ij} = \min(k_{t,i}^{2p}, k_{t,j}^{2p}) \frac{\Delta_{ij}^2}{R^2}$$



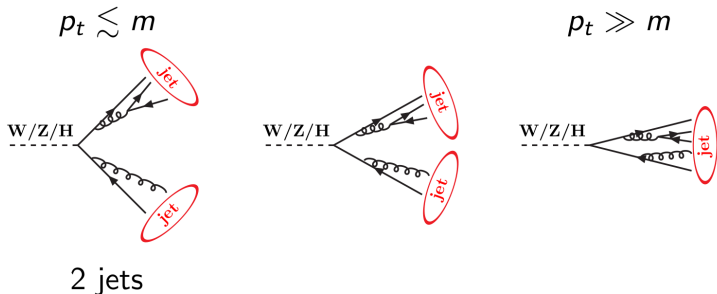
Choice of jet radius

The jet radius parameter roughly controls the size of the jet

- ▶ Standard choice for small- R jets: $R = 0.4$ (ATLAS and CMS)
 - ▶ Used for QCD jets by most experimental analyses
 - ▶ Aim is to contain most of the decay of light quarks and gluons
- ▶ Typical choice for large- R jets: $R = 0.8$ (CMS) or $R = 1$ (ATLAS)
 - ▶ Used for boosted jets by most experimental analyses
 - ▶ Aim is to contain hadronic decay of decaying particle such as W , Z , top, H , ...

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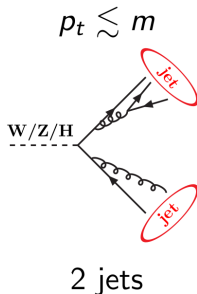
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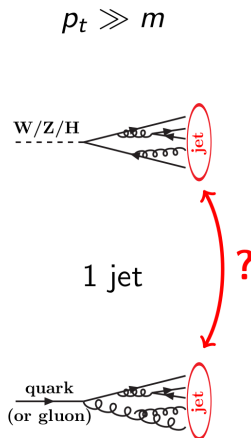
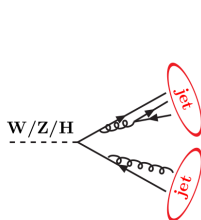
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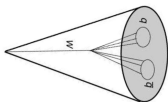
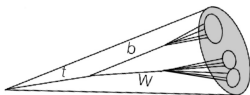


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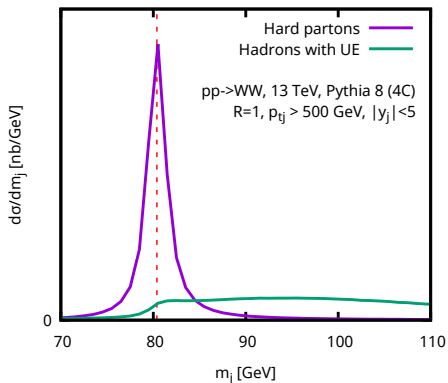
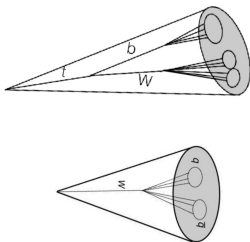
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- ▶ But jet mass distribution is highly distorted by QCD radiation and pileup.



Identifying boosted objects

Two main approaches to identify boosted decays:

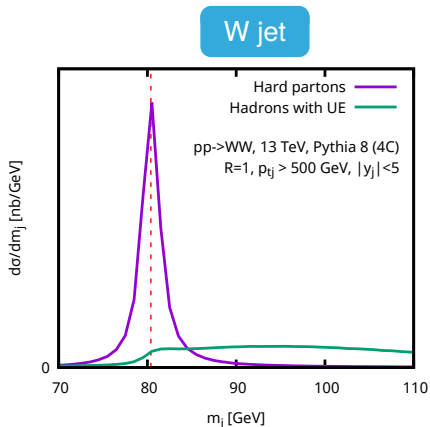
1. Manually constructing substructure observables that help distinguish between different origins of jets.
2. Apply machine learning models trained on large input images or observable basis.

Later in this talk: new approaches bridging some of the gap between these two techniques.

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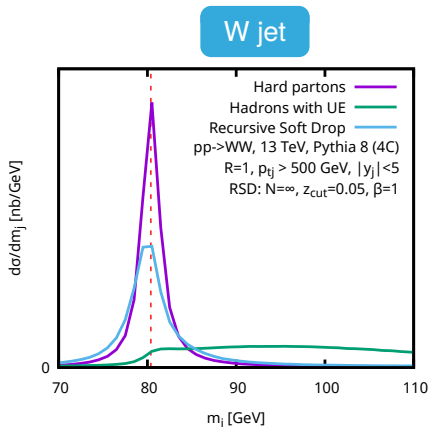
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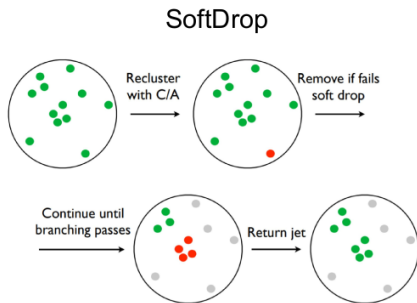
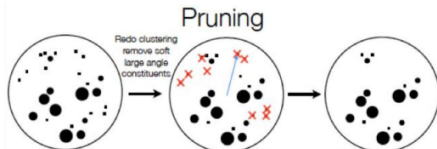
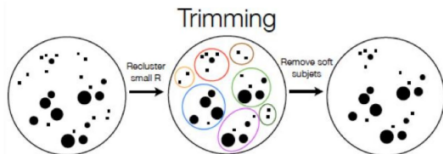


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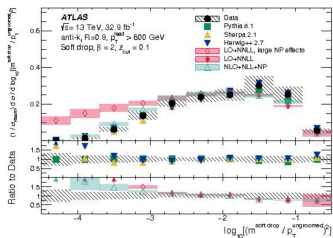
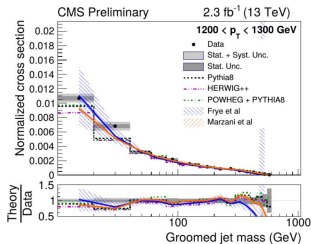
Jet grooming: common tools



Groomed jet mass

- ▶ The jet mass is one of the simplest observables.
- ▶ Provides a unique connection between measurements and theoretical calculations.
- ▶ Grooming mitigates some non-perturbative effects such as underlying event.
- ▶ Can be calculated to high precision by resumming large logarithms and matching to fixed order

$$\text{Resummation of large logs} \leftarrow \underbrace{N^{kLL}}_{\text{small } \rho} + \underbrace{N^mLO}_{\text{large } \rho} \longrightarrow \text{Fixed order at } \sim O(\alpha_s)$$



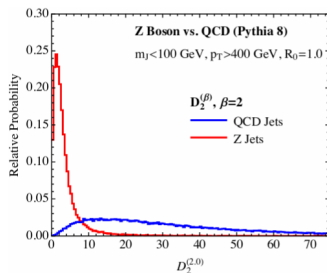
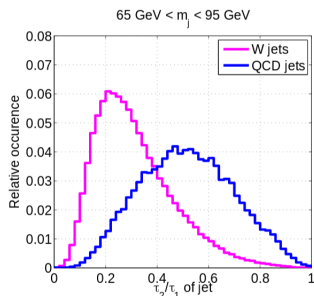
Substructure observables

- ▶ Variety of observables have been constructed to probe the hard substructure of a jet ($V/H/t$ decay lead to jets with multiple hard cores).
- ▶ Radiation patterns of colourless objects ($W/Z/H$) differs from quark or gluon jets.
- ▶ Efficient discriminators can be obtained e.g. from ratio of N -subjettiness or energy correlation functions.

[Thaler, Van Tilburg [JHEP 1103 \(2011\) 015](#)]

[Larkoski, Salam, Thaler [JHEP 1306 \(2013\) 108](#)]

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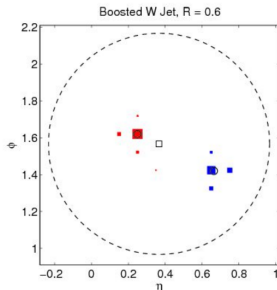
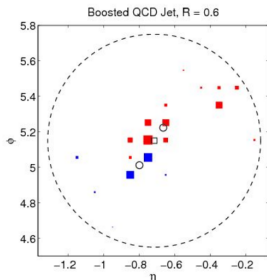


Jet shapes: N -subjettiness

- Measures radiation around N axes that align with the dominant radiation directions

$$\tau_N^{(\beta)} = \frac{1}{p_t R^\beta} \sum_{i \in \text{jet}} p_{t,i} \min(\theta_{ia_1}^\beta, \dots, \theta_{ia_N}^\beta)$$

- Use $\tau_{21}^{(\beta)} = \tau_2^{(\beta)} / \tau_1^{(\beta)}$ for 2-pronged jets and $\tau_{32}^{(\beta)} = \tau_3^{(\beta)} / \tau_2^{(\beta)}$ for 3-pronged jets



Jet shapes: Energy correlation functions

- ▶ Measures dispersion through N -point correlation functions, which are sensitive to $(N - 1)$ -prong substructure

$$e_2^{(\beta)} = \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq N} z_i z_j \theta_{ij}^\beta, \quad e_3^{(\beta)} = \sum_{1 \leq i < j < k \leq N} z_i z_j z_k \theta_{ij}^\beta \theta_{ik}^\beta \theta_{jk}^\beta$$

- ▶ Advantage: doesn't need subjet/axes finding procedure
- ▶ Efficient 2-prong discriminants can be constructed through ratio

$$D_2^{(\beta)} = \frac{e_3^{(\beta)}}{(e_2^{(\beta)})^3}$$

- ▶ While for 3-pronged jets

$$C_3^{(\beta)} = \frac{e_4^{(\beta)} e_2^{(\beta)}}{(e_3^{(\beta)})^2}$$

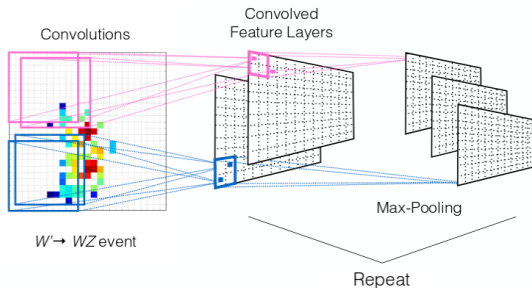
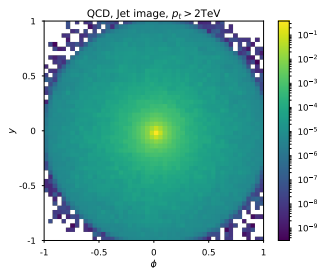
Recent wave of results in [applications of ML algorithms](#) to jet physics.

Classification problems have been tackled through several orthogonal approaches

- ▶ [Convolutional Neural Networks](#) used on representation of jet as image
- ▶ [Recurrent Neural Networks](#) used on jet clustering tree.
- ▶ Linear combination or dense network applied to an [observable basis](#) (e.g. N -subjettiness ratios, energy flow polynomials)

Convolutional Neural Networks and Jet Images

- ▶ Project a jet onto a fixed $n \times n$ pixel image in rapidity-azimuth, where each pixel intensity corresponds to the momentum of particles in that cell.
- ▶ Can be used as input for classification methods used in computer vision, such as deep convolutional neural networks.

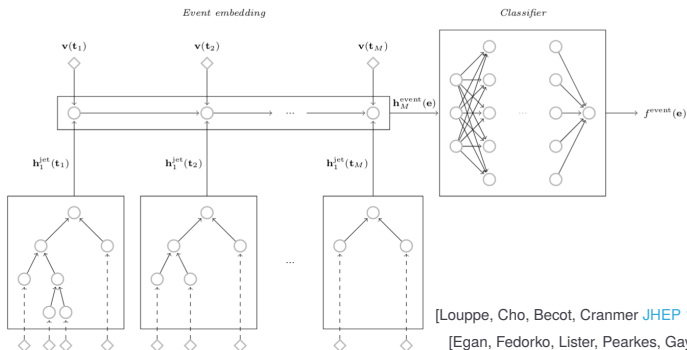


[Cogan, Kagan, Strauss, Schwartzman [JHEP 1502 \(2015\) 118](#)]

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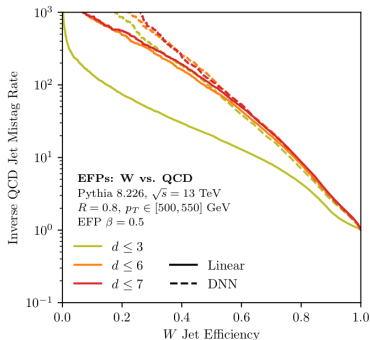
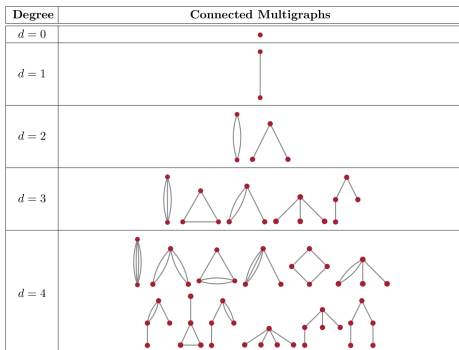
Recurrent Neural Networks and clustering trees

- ▶ Train a recurrent/recursive neural network on kinematic information of successive declusterings of a jet.
- ▶ Techniques inspired from Natural Language Processing with powerful applications in handwriting and speech recognition.



Observable basis as low-dimensional representation

- ▶ Construct an observable basis that encodes the main physical properties of a jet (e.g. set of N -subjettiness ratios, energy flow polynomials, ...).
- ▶ Train a dense neural network or use linear methods to build a classifier from these inputs.



[Komiske, Metodiev, Thaler [JHEP 1804 \(2018\) 013](#)]

[Datta, Larkoski [JHEP 1706 \(2017\) 073](#)]

Beyond classification problems

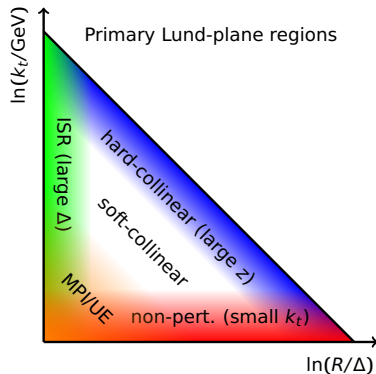
- ▶ Classification problems are one of the easiest application of ML, but by far not the only one!
- ▶ Many promising applications of ML methods for:
 - ▶ fast simulations using unsupervised generative models
[Paganini, de Oliveira, Nachman [PRL 120 \(2018\) 042003](#)]
 - ▶ regression tasks such as pile-up subtraction
[Komiske, Metodiev, Nachman, Schwartz [JHEP 1712 \(2017\) 051](#)]
 - ▶ anomaly detection for new physics
[Collins, Howe, Nachman [PRL 121 \(2018\) 241803](#)]
 - ▶ distance metric of collider events
[Komiske, Metodiev, Thaler [arXiv:1902.02346](#)]
 - ▶ etc ...

THE LUND PLANE
(arXiv:1807.04758)

Lund diagrams

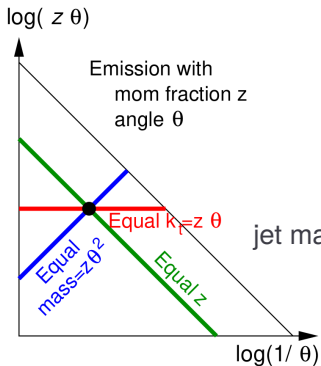
- ▶ Lund diagrams in the $(\ln z\theta, \ln \theta)$ plane are a very useful way of representing emissions.
- ▶ Different kinematic regimes are clearly separated, used to illustrate branching phase space in parton shower Monte Carlo simulations and in perturbative QCD resummations.
- ▶ Soft-collinear emissions are emitted uniformly in the Lund plane

$$dw^2 \propto \alpha_s \frac{dz}{z} \frac{d\theta}{\theta}$$

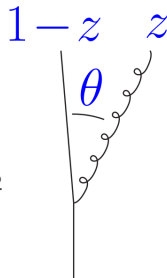


Lund diagrams

Features such as mass, angle and momentum can easily be read from a Lund diagram.

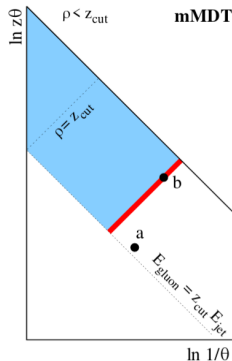
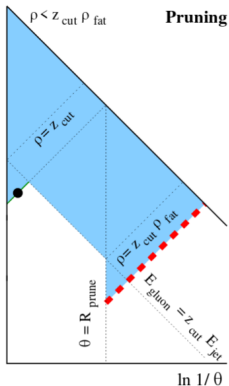
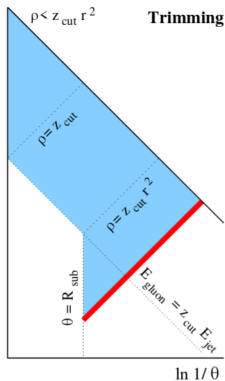


$$\text{jet mass} \equiv \frac{m^2}{p_t^2 R^2} \approx z_1 \theta_1^2$$



Lund diagrams for substructure

Substructure algorithms can often also be interpreted as cuts in the Lund plane.



[Dasgupta, Fregoso, Marzani, Salam [JHEP 1309 \(2013\) 029](#)]

Studying jets in the Lund plane

Lund diagrams can provide a useful approach to study a range of jet-related questions

- ▶ First-principle calculations of Lund-plane variables.
- ▶ Constrain MC generators, in the perturbative and non-perturbative regions.
- ▶ Brings many soft-drop related observables into a single framework.
- ▶ Impact of medium interactions in heavy-ion collisions.
- ▶ Boosted object tagging using Machine Learning methods.

We will use this representation as a novel way to **characterise radiation patterns in a jet**, and study the application of recent ML tools to this picture.

Lund plane representation

To create a Lund plane representation of a jet, recluster a jet j with the Cambridge/Aachen algorithm then decluster the jet following the **hardest branch**.

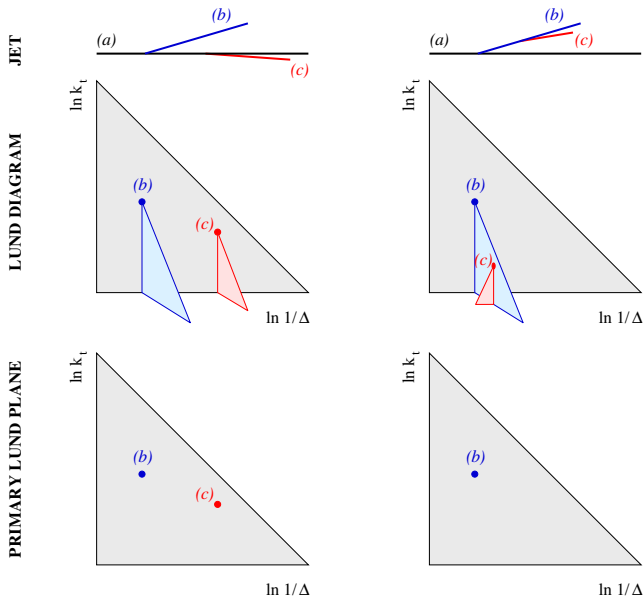
1. Undo the last clustering step, defining two subjets j_1, j_2 ordered in p_t .

2. Save the kinematics of the **current declustering**

$$\Delta \equiv (y_1 - y_2)^2 + (\phi_1 - \phi_2)^2, \quad k_t \equiv p_{t2}\Delta,$$
$$m^2 \equiv (p_1 + p_2)^2, \quad z \equiv \frac{p_{t2}}{p_{t1} + p_{t2}}, \quad \psi \equiv \tan^{-1} \frac{y_2 - y_1}{\phi_2 - \phi_1}.$$

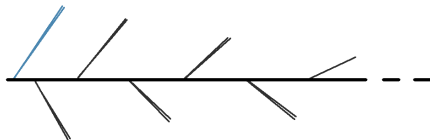
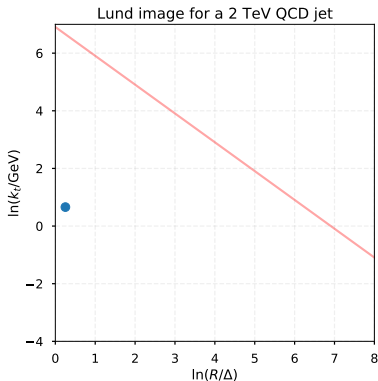
3. Define $j = j_1$ and iterate until j is a single particle.

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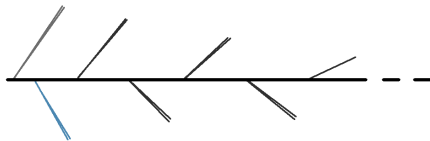
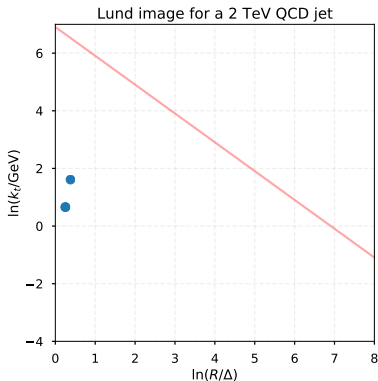
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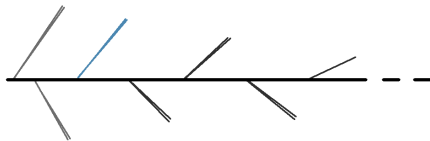
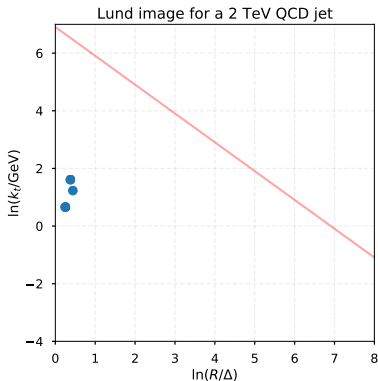
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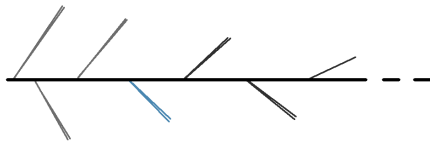
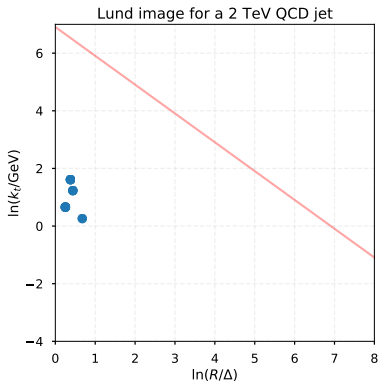
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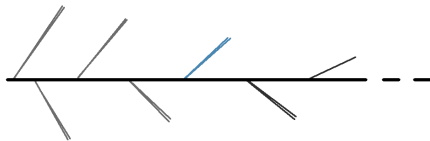
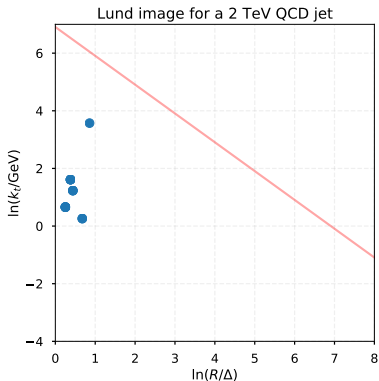
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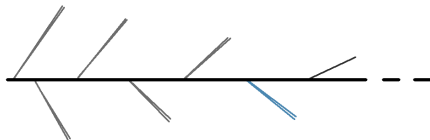
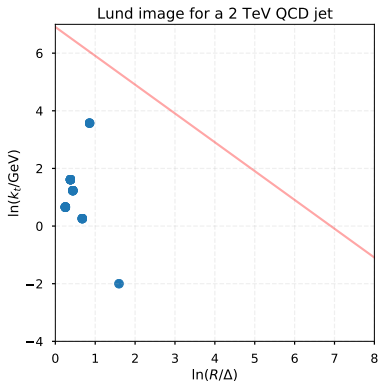
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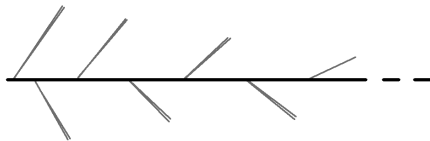
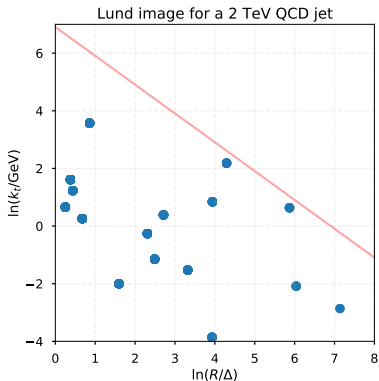
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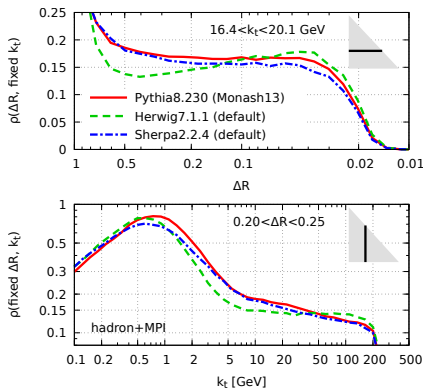
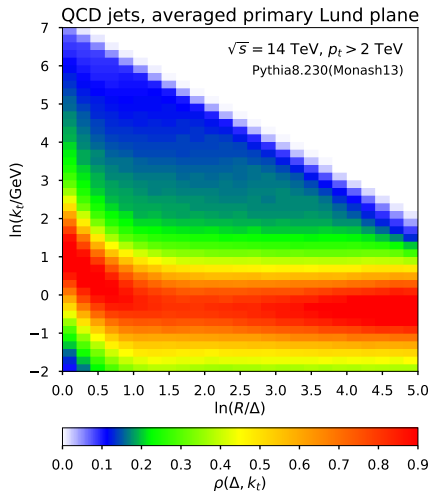


Lund representation of a jet

- ▶ Each jet has an image associated with its primary declustering.
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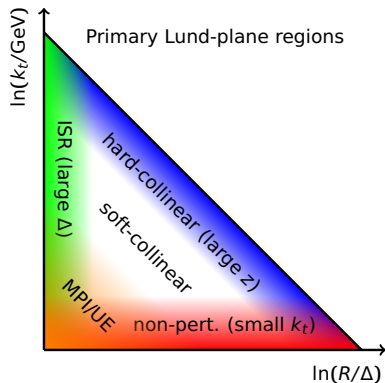
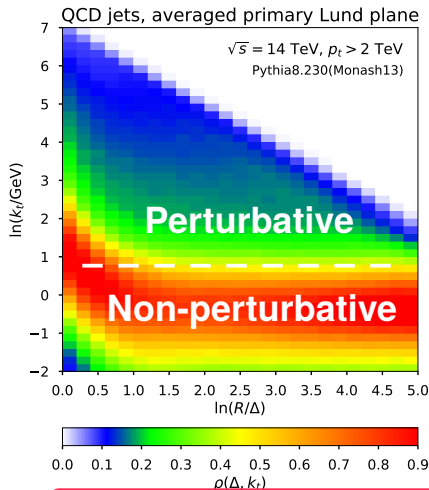
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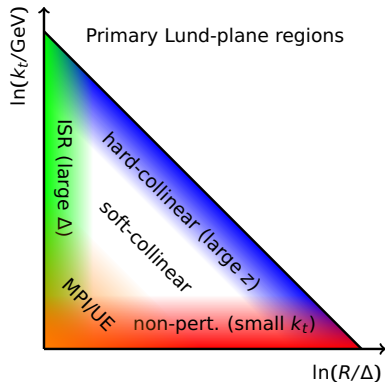
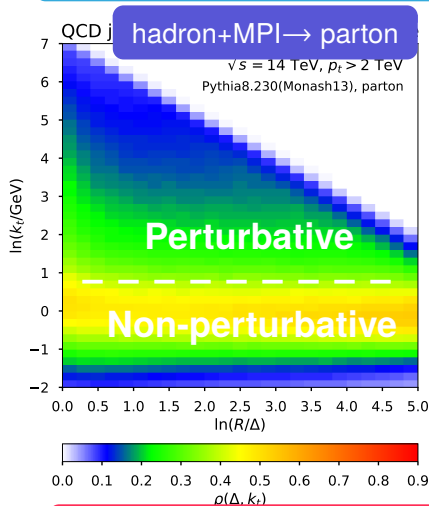
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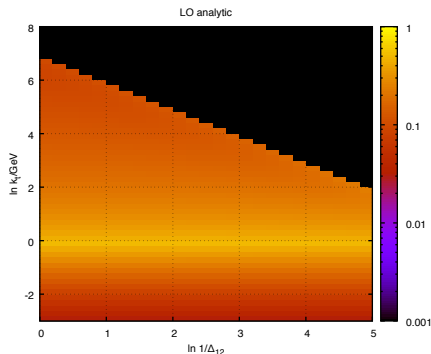


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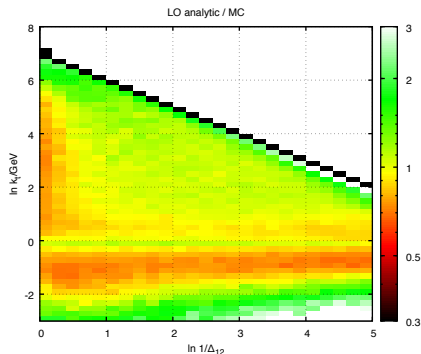


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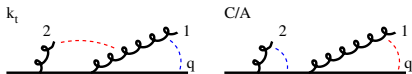
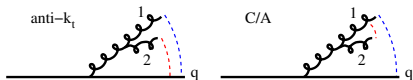
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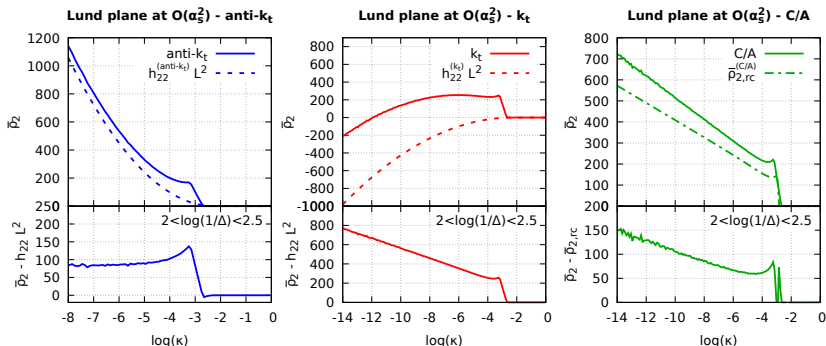
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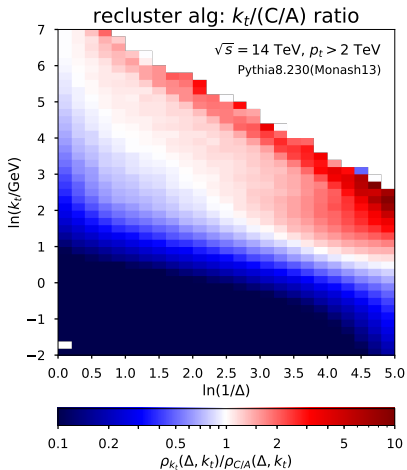
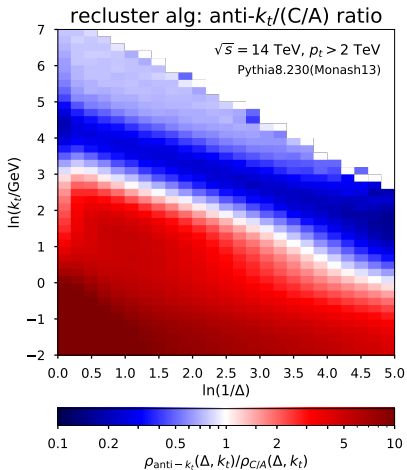


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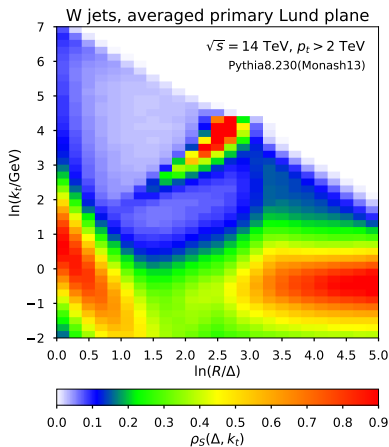
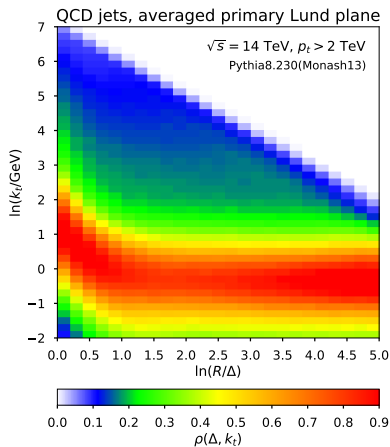


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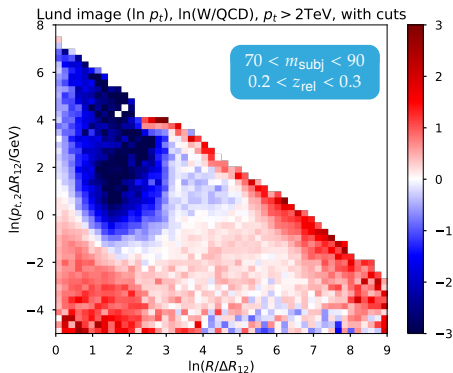
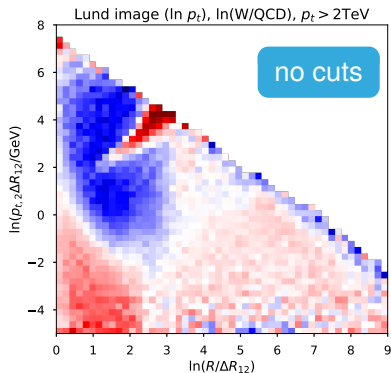
Lund images for QCD and W jets

- ▶ Hard splittings clearly visible, along the diagonal line with jet mass $m = m_W$.



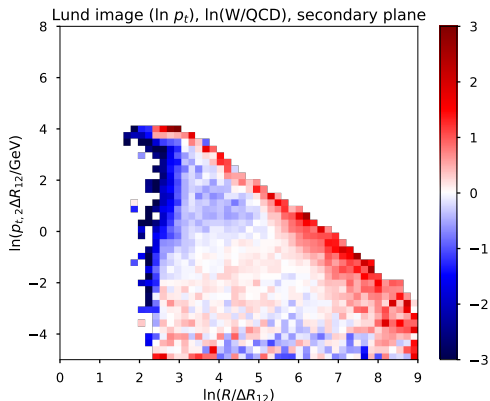
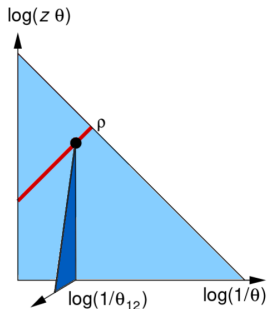
Discriminating features in the Lund plane

- ▶ Can identify discriminating features by considering log ratio of averaged images.
- ▶ W peak is clearly visible – but after cuts, depletion of emissions at relatively large angles remains distinctive signature.



Secondary Lund plane

- ▶ Secondary Lund planes are ignored: some information is therefore lost, but still achieves good performance.
- ▶ This limitation can be overcome by extending the methods we will discuss to include secondary planes as inputs.



APPLICATION TO BOOSTED W TAGGING

We will now investigate the potential of the Lund plane for boosted-object identification.

Two different approaches:

- ▶ A log-likelihood function constructed from a leading emission and non-leading emissions in the primary plane.
- ▶ Use the Lund plane as input for a variety of Machine Learning methods.

As a concrete example, we will take dijet and WW events, looking at CA jets with $p_t > 2$ TeV.

Log-likelihood use of Lund Plane: leading emission

Log-likelihood approach takes two inputs:

- ▶ First one obtained from the “leading” emission.
- ▶ The second one which brings sensitivity to non-leading emissions.

Leading emission is determined to be the first emission in the Lund declustering sequence that satisfies $z > 0.025$ (\sim mMDT tagger)

Define a \mathcal{L}_ℓ log likelihood function

$$\mathcal{L}_\ell(m, z) = \ln \left(\frac{1}{N_S} \frac{dN_S}{dm dz} \bigg/ \frac{1}{N_B} \frac{dN_B}{dm dz} \right)$$

where the ratio of $\frac{dN_{S/B}}{dm dz}$ is the differential distribution in m and z of the leading emission for signal sample (background) with $N_S(N_B)$ jets.

Log-likelihood use of Lund Plane: non-leading emissions

Non-leading ($n\ell$) emissions within the primary Lund plane are incorporated using a function

$$\mathcal{L}_{n\ell}(\Delta, k_t; \Delta^{(\ell)}) = \ln \left(\rho_S^{(n\ell)} / \rho_B^{(n\ell)} \right)$$

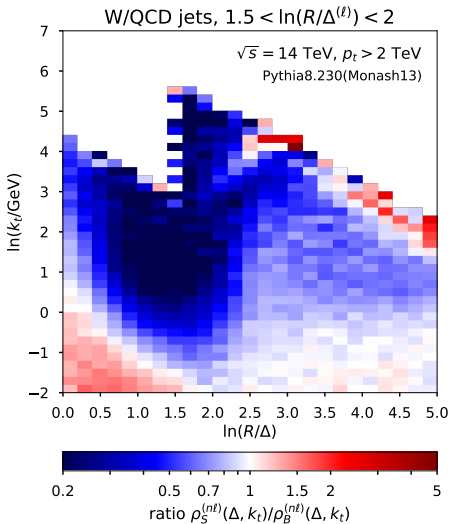
where $\rho^{(n\ell)}$ is determined just over the non-leading emissions,

$$\rho^{(n\ell)}(\Delta, k_t; \Delta^{(\ell)}) = \frac{dn_{\text{emission}}^{(n\ell)}}{d \ln k_t d \ln 1/\Delta d \Delta^{(\ell)}} \bigg/ \frac{dN_{\text{jet}}}{d \Delta^{(\ell)}}$$

as a function of the angle $\Delta^{(\ell)}$ of the leading emission.

Log-likelihood use of Lund Plane: non-leading emissions

$\mathcal{L}_{n\ell}$ log-likelihood function in a specific bin.



Log-likelihood use of Lund Plane: full discriminator

Overall log-likelihood signal-background discriminator for a given jet is then given by

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{tot}} = \mathcal{L}_{\ell}(m^{(\ell)}, z^{(\ell)}) + \sum_{i \neq \ell} \mathcal{L}_{n\ell}(\Delta^{(i)}, k_t^{(i)}; \Delta^{(\ell)}) + \mathcal{N}(\Delta^{(\ell)})$$

where $\mathcal{N} = - \int d \ln \Delta d \ln k_t (\rho_S^{(\ell)} - \rho_B^{(\ell)})$.

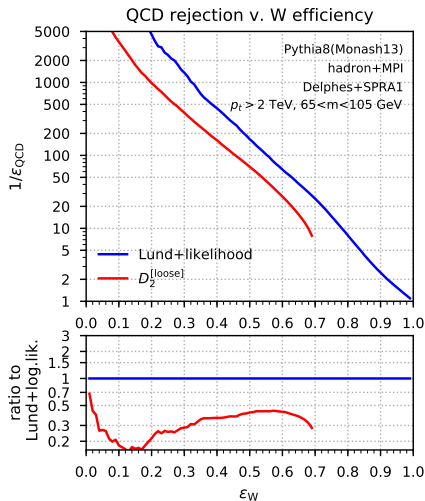
Each subjet i in the sum brings information about whether it is in a more background-like or signal-like part of the Lund plane.

Optimal discriminator if:

- ▶ Leading emission correctly associated with W 's two-prong structure.
- ▶ Non-leading emissions are independent from each other.
- ▶ Emission patterns for those emissions depend only on $\Delta^{(\ell)}$.

Tagging with LL method

- ▶ Compare the LL approach in specific mass-bin with equivalent results from the Les Houches 2017 report ([arXiv:1803.07977](https://arxiv.org/abs/1803.07977)).
- ▶ Substantial improvement over best-performing substructure observable.



A variety of ML methods can be applied to the Lund plane in order to construct efficient taggers.

We will investigate three approaches:

- ▶ Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN) applied on 2D Lund images.
- ▶ Deep Neural Networks (DNN) applied on the sequence of declusterings.
- ▶ Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) networks applied on the sequence of declusterings.

Recurrent networks with a Lund plane

- ▶ Jets generally associated with a **clustering trees**, where each node contains similar type of information.
- ▶ Particularly well-adapted for **recurrent networks**, which loop over inputs and use the same weights.
- ▶ **LSTMs** are a widely used variant designed to have memory over longer separations.
- ▶ For each declustering node, we consider the inputs $\{ \ln(R/\Delta R_{12}), \ln(k_t/\text{GeV}) \}$
- ▶ Inputs are IRC safe as long as there is a cutoff in transverse momentum.

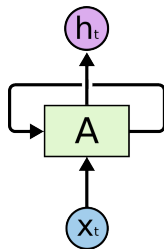
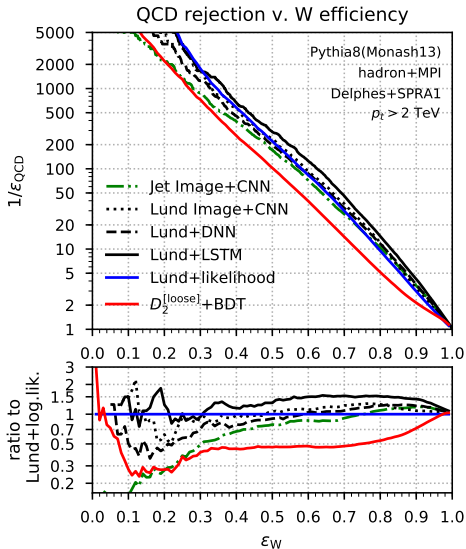


Figure from
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LSTMs for jet tagging

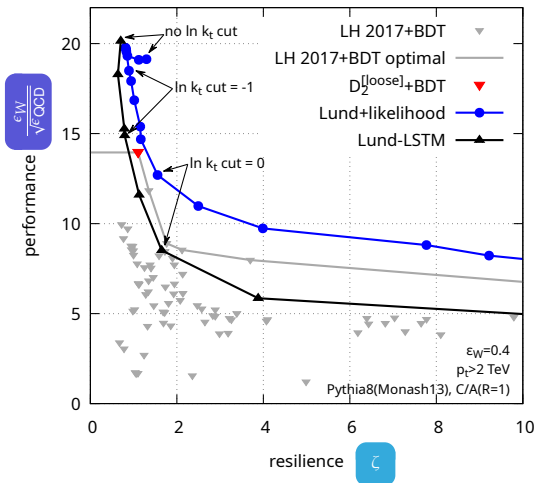
- ▶ LSTM network substantially improves on results obtained with other methods.
- ▶ Large gain in performance, particularly at higher efficiencies.



Sensitivity to non-perturbative effects

- ▶ Performance compared to resilience to MPI and hadronisation corrections.
- ▶ Vary cut on k_t , which reduces sensitivity to the non-perturbative region.

performance v. resilience [full mass information]



$$\Delta\epsilon = \epsilon - \epsilon'$$

$$\zeta = \left(\frac{\Delta\epsilon_S^2}{\langle\epsilon\rangle_S^2} + \frac{\Delta\epsilon_B^2}{\langle\epsilon\rangle_B^2} \right)^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

(c.f. [arXiv:1803.07977](https://arxiv.org/abs/1803.07977))

$$\langle\epsilon\rangle = \frac{1}{2}(\epsilon + \epsilon')$$

- ▶ Lund-likelihood performs well even at high resilience.
- ▶ ML approach reaches very good performance but is not particularly resilient to NP effects.

REINFORCED JET GROOMING
(arXiv:1903.09644)

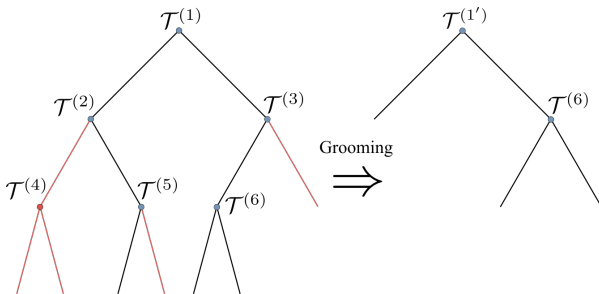
Grooming a jet tree

- ▶ Cast jet as clustering tree where state of each node $\mathcal{T}^{(i)}$ is a tuple with kinematic information on splitting

$$s_t = \{z, \Delta_{ab}, \psi, m, k_t\}$$

- ▶ Grooming algorithm defined as a function π_g observing a state and returning an action $\{0, 1\}$ on the removal of the softer branch, e.g.

$$\pi_{\text{RSD}}(s_t) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } z > z_{\text{cut}} \left(\frac{\Delta_{ab}}{R_0}\right)^\beta \\ 1 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

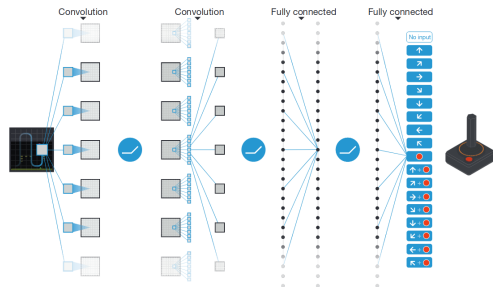


Reinforcement learning with Deep-Q-Networks

Reinforcement learning are usually built from two elements:

- ▶ an agent deciding which actions to take in order to maximize reward
- ▶ an environment, observed by the agent and affected by the action

Deep Q-Network is a RL algorithm which uses a table of Q -values $Q(s, a)$, determining the next action as the one that maximizes Q .



A neural network is used to approximate the optimal action-value function

$$Q^*(s, a) = \max_{\pi} \mathbb{E}[r_t + \gamma r_{t+1} + \dots | s_t = s, a_t = a, \pi]$$

Defining a grooming environment

To find optimal grooming policy π_g , define an environment and a reward function so that problem can be solved with RL.

- ▶ Initialize list of all trees used for training.
- ▶ Each episode starts by randomly selecting a tree and adding its root to a priority queue (ordered in Δ_{ab}).
- ▶ Each step removes first node from priority queue, then takes action on removal of soft branch based on state s_t of node.
- ▶ After action, update kinematics of parent nodes, add current children to priority queue, and evaluate reward function.
- ▶ Episode terminates once priority queue is empty.

Defining the reward function

- ▶ Key ingredient for optimization of grooming policy is reward function used at each training step.
- ▶ We construct a reward with two components
 - ▶ First piece R_M evaluated on the full jet tree, comparing the jet mass to a target value.
 - ▶ Second component R_{SD} looks at kinematics of current node.
- ▶ Total reward is then given by

$$R(m, a_t, \Delta, z) = R_M(m) + \frac{1}{N_{SD}} R_{SD}(a_t, \Delta, z)$$

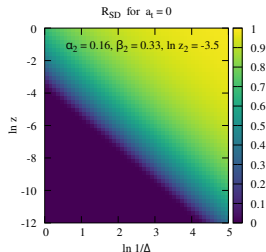
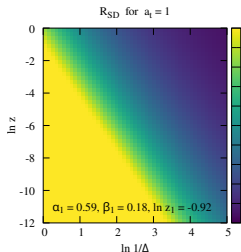
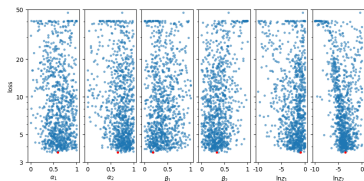
- ▶ where mass reward is defined using a Cauchy distribution

$$R_M(m) = \frac{\Gamma^2}{\pi(|m - m_{\text{target}}|^2 + \Gamma^2)}$$

Defining the reward function

- ▶ To provide baseline behaviour for the groomer, we include a “Soft-Drop” reward R_{SD} evaluated on the current node
- ▶ Calculated on the current node state, gives positive reward for removal of wide-angle soft radiation and for keeping hard-collinear emissions.

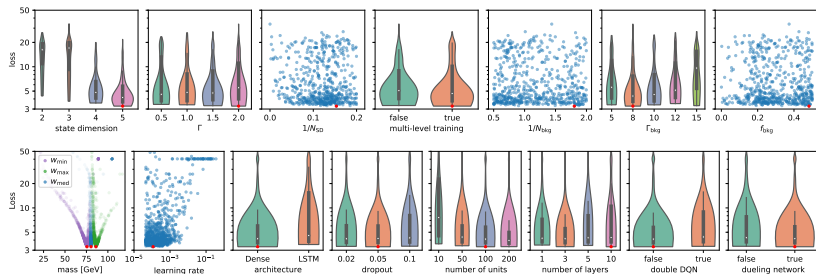
$$R_{SD}(a_t, \Delta, z) = a_t \min \left(1, e^{-\alpha_1 \ln(1/\Delta) + \beta_1 \ln(z_1/z)} \right) + (1 - a_t) \max \left(0, 1 - e^{-\alpha_2 \ln(1/\Delta) + \beta_2 \ln(z_2/z)} \right)$$



Implementation and multi-level training

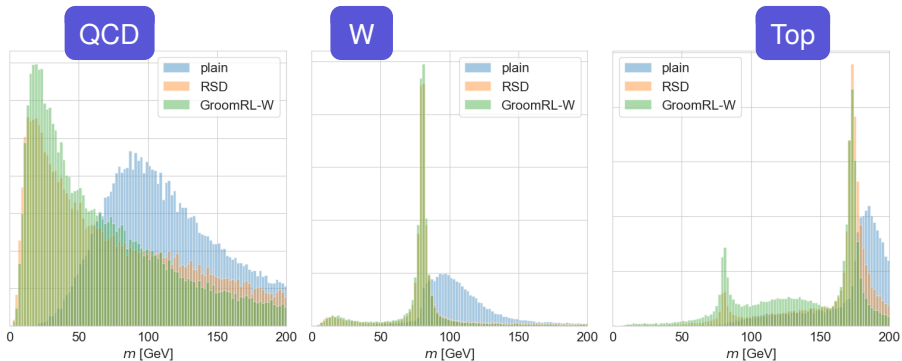
- ▶ Train RL agent with multi-level approach using both signal and bkg into account. Sample consists of 500k W/QCD or Top/QCD Pythia 8 jets.
- ▶ At the beginning of each episode, randomly select a signal or background jet with probability $1 - p_{\text{bkg}}$.
- ▶ In the background case, mass reward function is changed to

$$R_M^{\text{bkg}}(m) = \frac{m}{\Gamma_{\text{bkg}}} \exp\left(-\frac{m}{\Gamma_{\text{bkg}}}\right).$$



Groomed jet mass spectrum

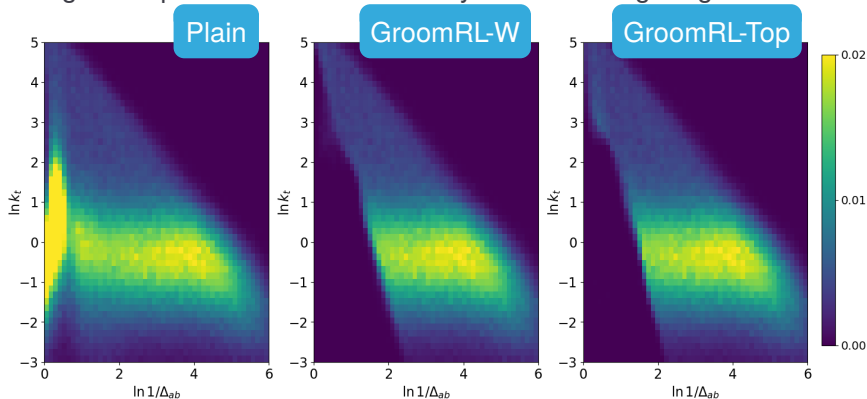
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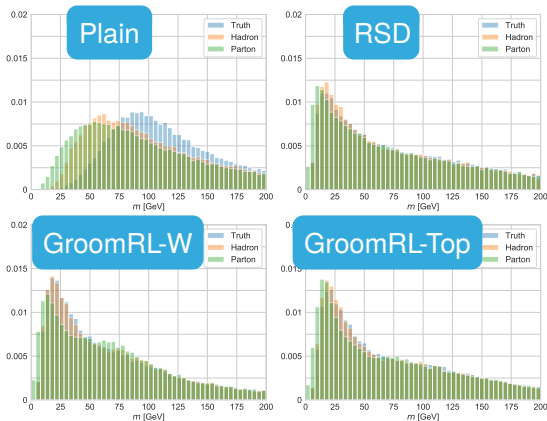
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Robustness to non-perturbative effects

- ▶ Resilience to hadronisation and underlying event corrections is a key feature of modern grooming algorithms
- ▶ Strategy derived from reinforcement learning shows similar behaviour to heuristic method
- ▶ No parton or hadron-level data was used in the training!



CONCLUSIONS

Conclusions: the view from pp physics

- ▶ Jet substructure is a very active subfield providing a **wide range of tools** that can be readily applied in heavy ion physics.
- ▶ Cross-talk with **machine learning** community has lead to many new advances and insights.
- ▶ Many yet to come, e.g. in tackling more complicated regression tasks or unsupervised learning approaches.
- ▶ Discussed a way to study and exploit **radiation patterns in a jet** using the Lund plane.
- ▶ Introduced a framework for promising **application of reinforcement learning** to jet grooming
 - ⇒ easily extendable to other choices of reward function.