Event-Level Anomaly Detection for Multijet BSM Searches with Probabilistic Autoencoders

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Goals and Motivation

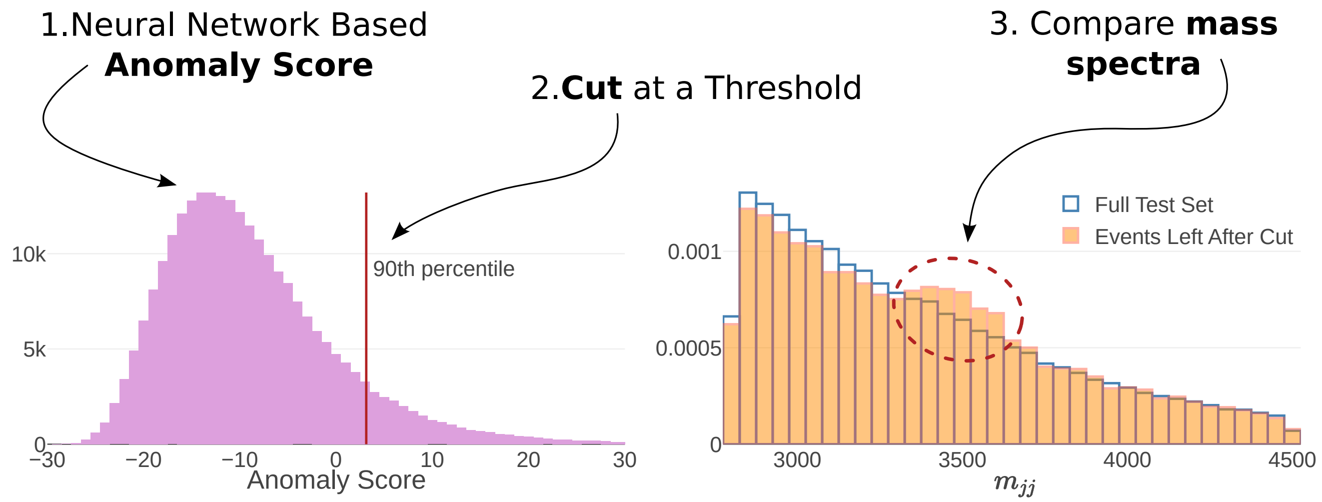
Standard BSM search techniques heavily rely on specific theory models. Rather than exploring all possible BSM models, maybe this could be done in a **model independent** way.

Unsupervised Anomaly Detection:

Makes **minimal assumptions on the signal model** (that it's quantifiably *different* from the background)

Only requires background data for training and it is **sensitive to low amounts of signal**

BSM Search Strategy:



LHC Olympics Challenge Data [1]

Data Format: 4-vector particle flow information of multijet events simulated with Pythia and Delphes.

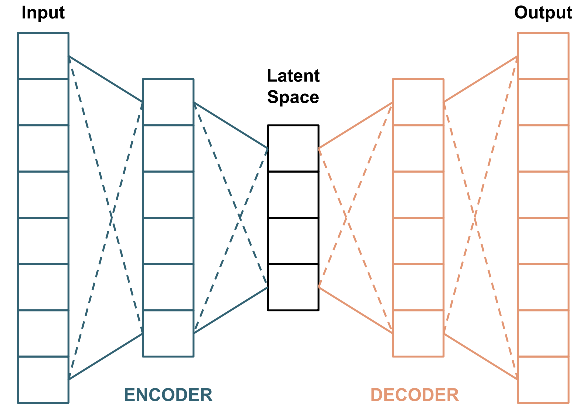
Feature Extraction: Jet kinematics, substructure variables or any other observables need to be computed and extracted by applying clustering algorithms **Datasets:**

- RnD dataset: QCD background (1M), dijet signal (100k) and trijet signal (100k)
- Background-only training set (1M)
- 3 different black-boxes with potential signal (1M each)
  - BB1 : 3.8 TeV Z' decaying in dijet with 834 signal event
  - BB2 : QCD background only
  - BB3 : 4.2 gKK decaying in dijet and trijet (BR trijet = 0.625)

Note: background is modeled differently across all datasets

Machine Learning Anomaly Detection

Autoencoders (AE)



- Inputs are reconstructed from a learned **lower-dimensional** representation
- Trained to minimize reconstruction error
- High reconstruction error ⇒ **anomalous events**

Normalizing Flows (NF)

- This model attempts to learn the **probability density function** of the data
- It uses a chain of **triangular maps** to create a **bijection** between the data space and a same-dimensional normal distribution

$\mathbf{b}_\gamma \rightarrow$ Triangular Map Chain

$\vec{x} \rightarrow$ Target Distribution

$\mathcal{J}_\gamma \rightarrow$ Jacobian of Map Chain

$\mathbf{b}_\gamma(\vec{x}) = \vec{u}$

$\vec{u} \rightarrow$ Gaussian Distribution

$$\boxed{p(\vec{x}) = p(\vec{u})\det|\mathcal{J}_\gamma|^{-1}}$$

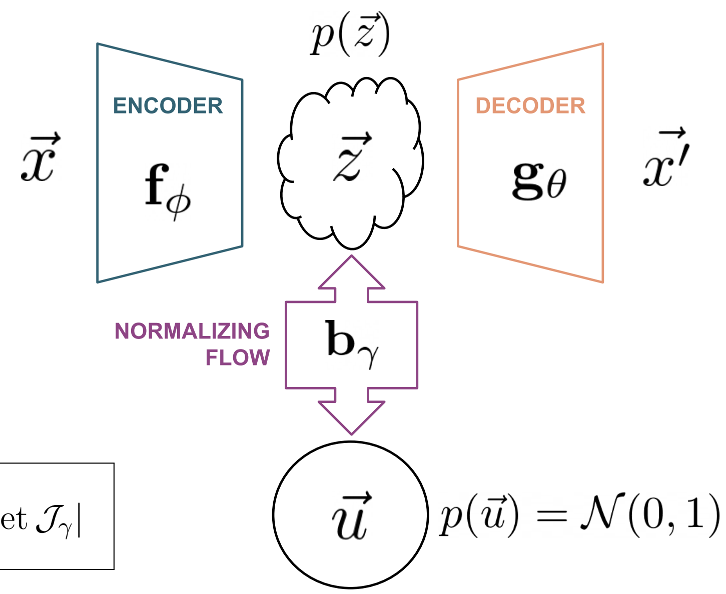
Probabilistic Autoencoder [2]

Combining Autoencoders and Normalizing Flows

- Train a NF model on the **latent space** of an AE
- The **likelihood of the inputs** approximates to:

$$\boxed{\ln p(\vec{x}) \approx -\frac{1}{2}||\vec{x}-\vec{x}'||^2\vec{\sigma}^{\circ-2} - \frac{1}{2}b_\gamma(\vec{z})^2 + \ln|\det \mathcal{J}_\gamma|}$$

$\vec{\sigma} \rightarrow$ average validation reconstruction error



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Results – Mass sculpting

Bias Mitigation Strategies

- Input feature **uniformization**
- **Sample weights** based on m_{jj} density.

★ Mass sculpting quantification:
⇝ **Jensen-Shannon Divergence** between test data and events passing the cut

★ Models trained on *QCD background data* and tested on *RnD dataset*
⇒ **Data-driven background model**

Performance Summary

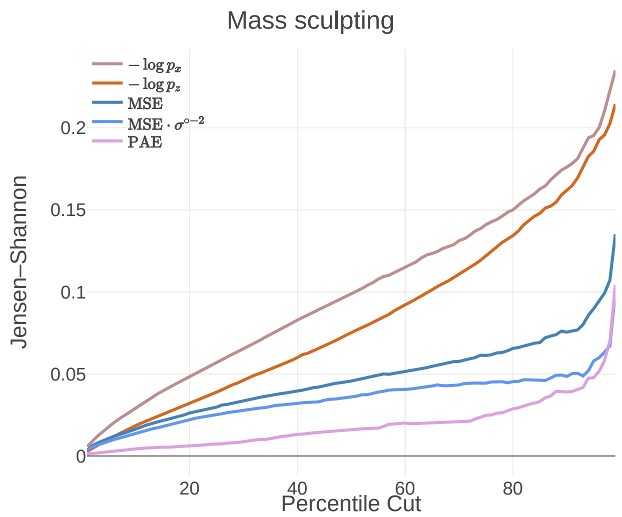
$\log p_x$: NF likelihood of inputs

$\log p_z$: NF likelihood of latent representation

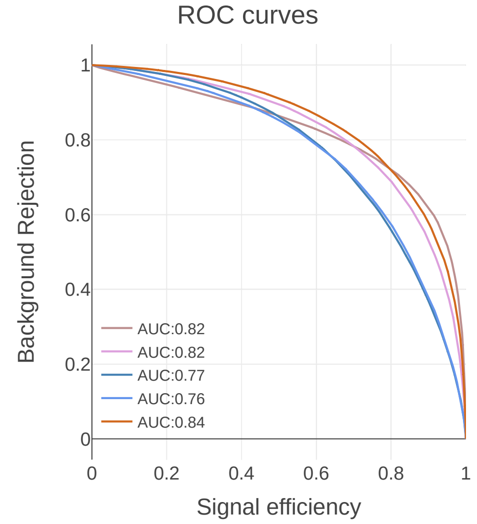
MSE: AE reconstruction error

MSE$\cdot\sigma^{\circ-2}$: MSE normalized to average validation reconstruction error

PAE: approximation of input likelihood with PAE



Results – Performance



★ NF likelihoods show good discrimination but are the most biased

★ Reconstruction error score compromises some performance for less bias

⇒ Combining the two scores results in **good performance and reduced bias**

Black Box 1 Dataset

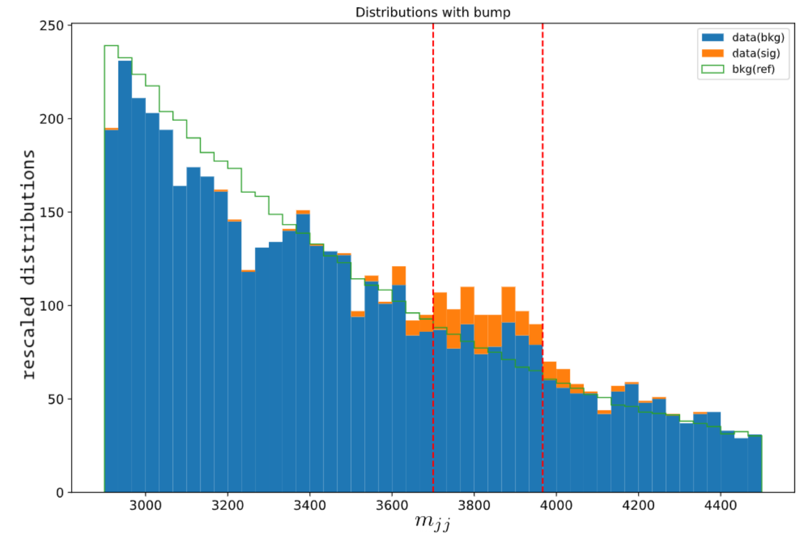
$Z' \to X, Y$
$m_{Z'} = 3.8\,TeV$
$m_X = 732\,GeV \;\; m_Y = 378\,GeV$
$834/1M$ signal events

Bump hunting [3] results

mean : $3866.7\,GeV$
width : $160\,GeV$
number of signal events : 118

signal bump significance $\gg 5\sigma$

★ Pae fitted on *Background-only training set*



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Future outlook

- performance studies on **3-prong signals**
- readjust method for **jet images** inputs

Conclusions

Autoencoder and **Normalizing Flow** neural networks tested on LHC Olympics Data for anomaly detection. Combining the two networks:

⇒ **Probabilistic Autoencoder** ensemble → successful unsupervised anomaly detection application to jet physics:

★ Sensitive to very low signal fractions

★ Low bias when using **Mitigation Strategies**

★ Allows for **successful Bump Hunting** on LHCO Black Box 1