

# Learning Physics From Machines



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# What is Deep Learning?



What society thinks I do



What my friends think I do



What other computer scientists think I do



What mathematicians think I do

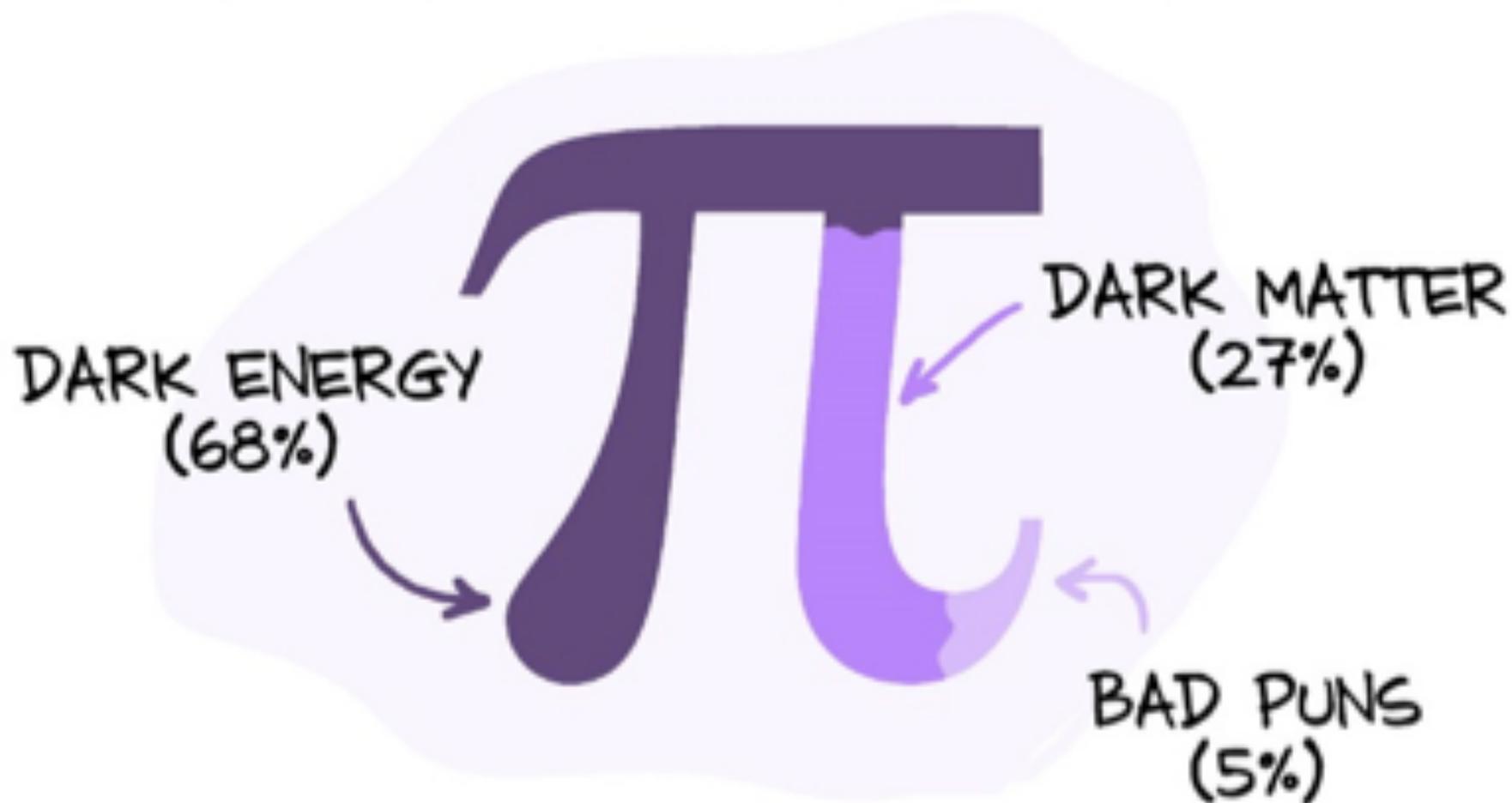


What I think I do

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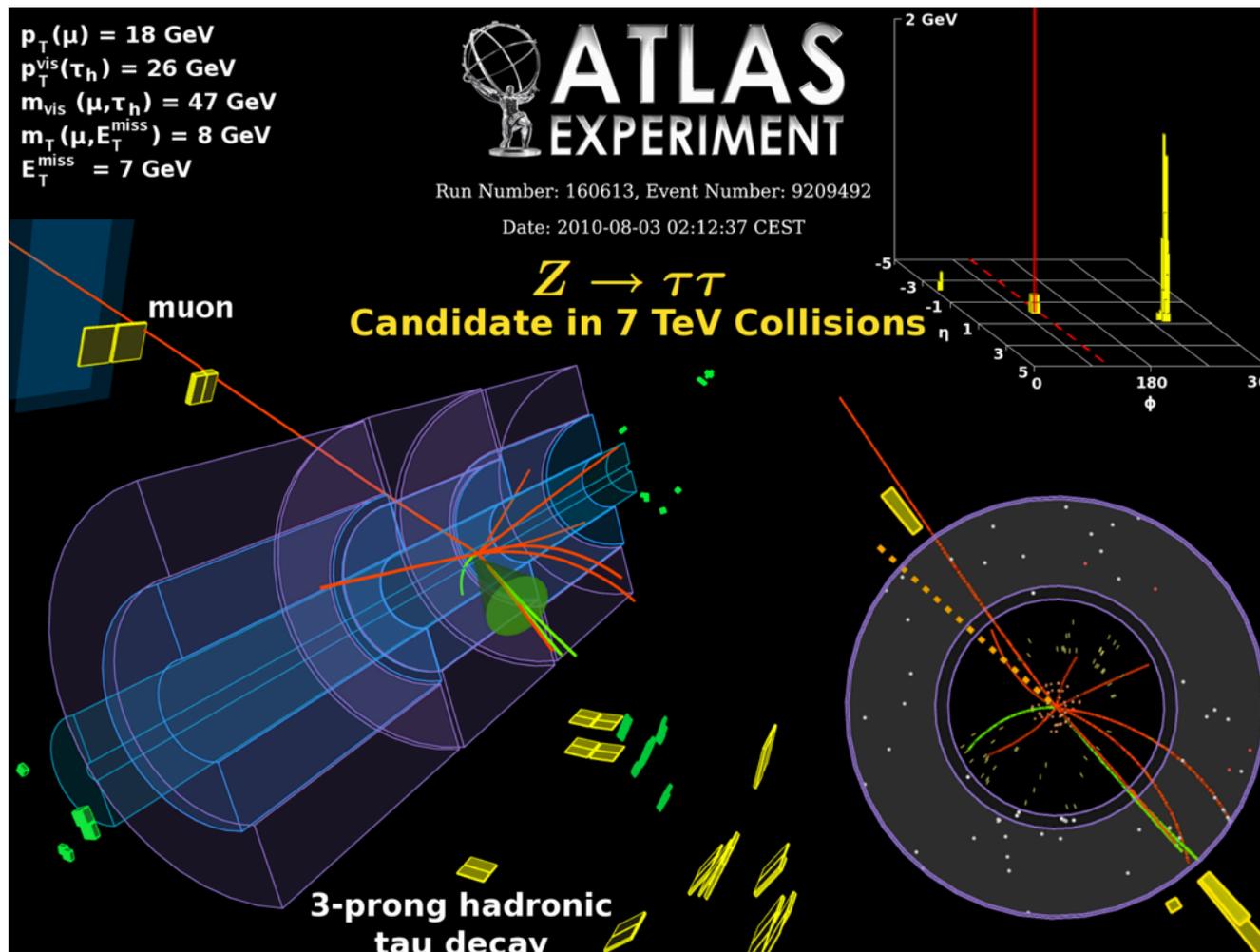
What I actually do

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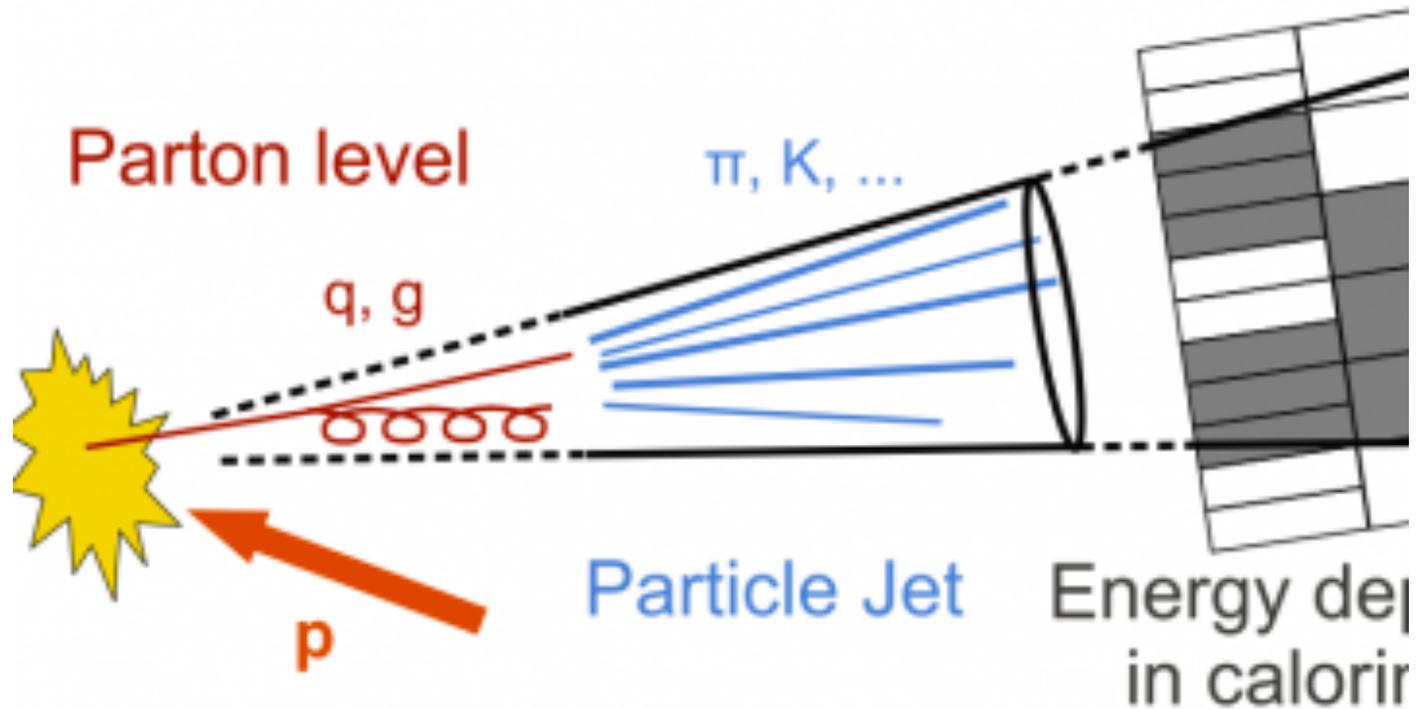
# Why deep learning?

A lot of information hiding in our data



The nature of our data demands it.

# Jets



# Benchmark case

## Jet Substructure Classification in High-Energy Physics with Deep Neural Networks

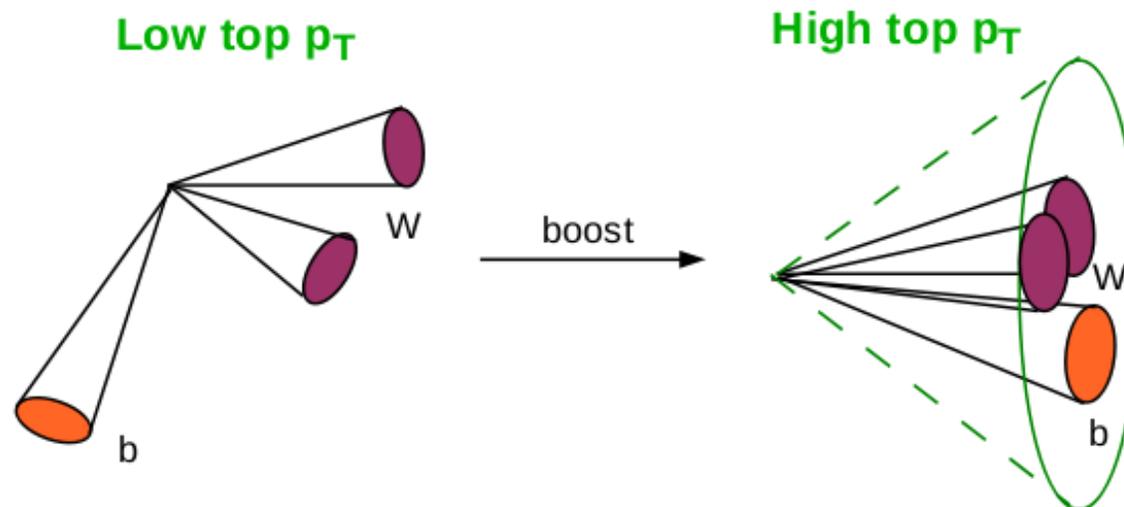
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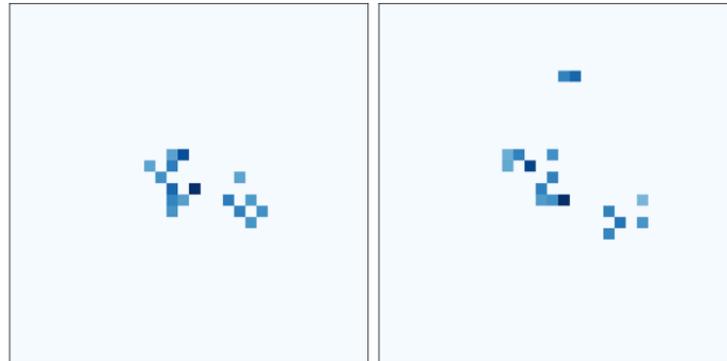


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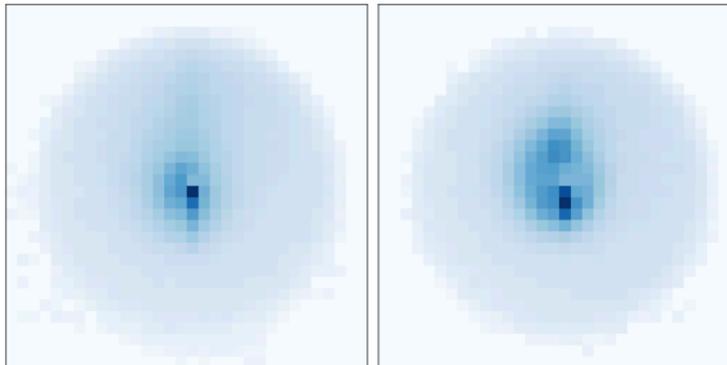
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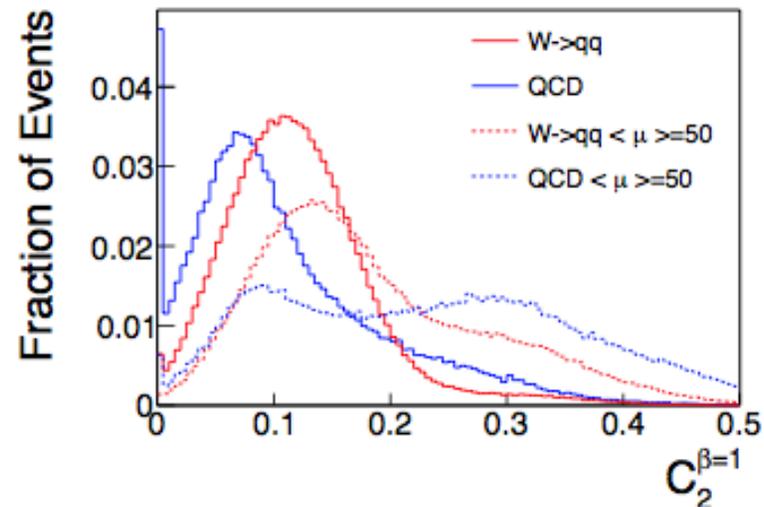
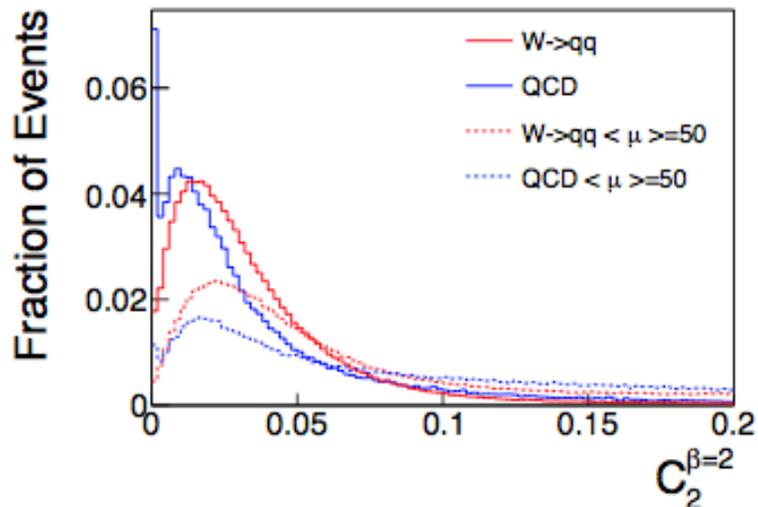
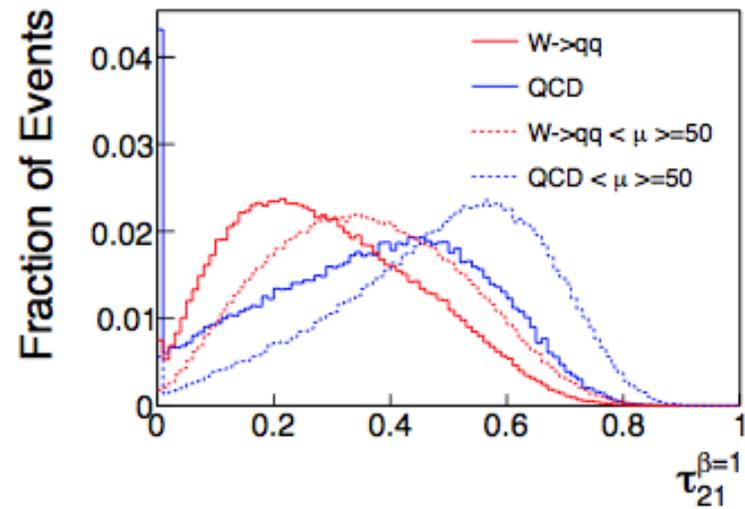
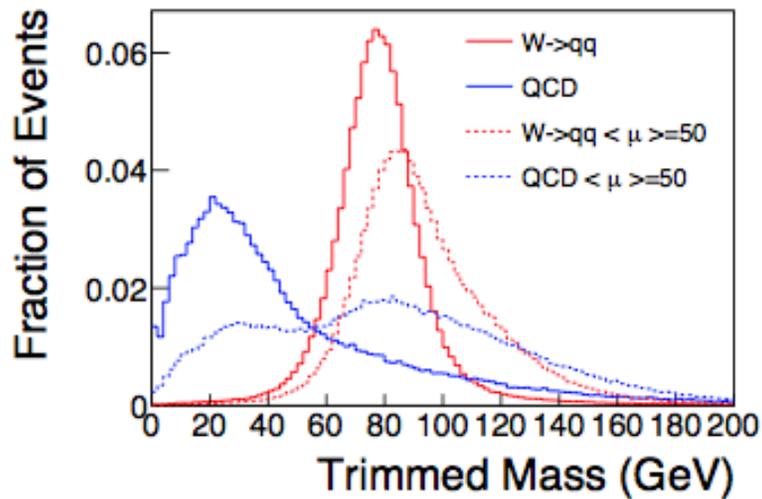
Single  
example



Average  
example



# High-level data



# Jet tagging

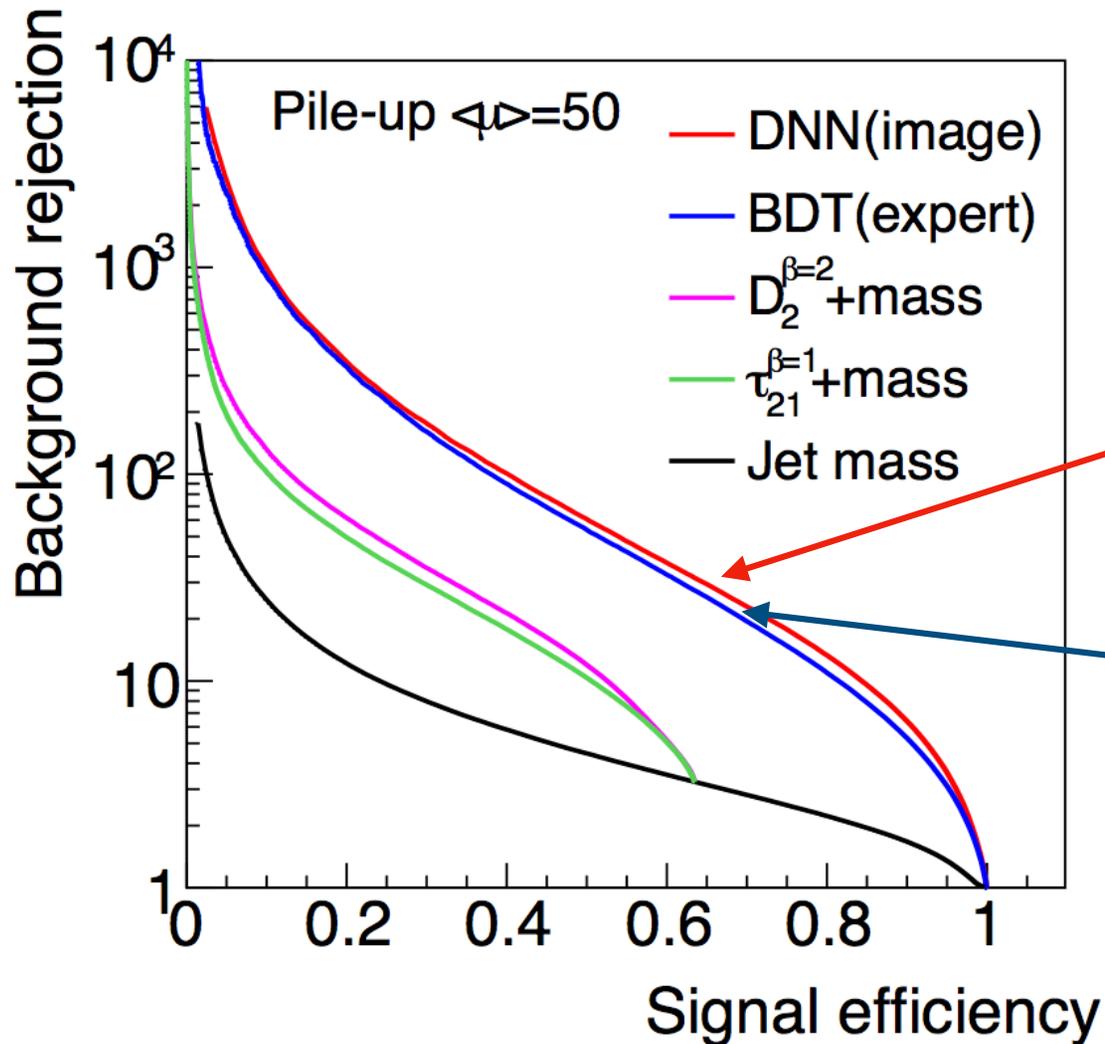


Image network

6HL features

# Jet tagging

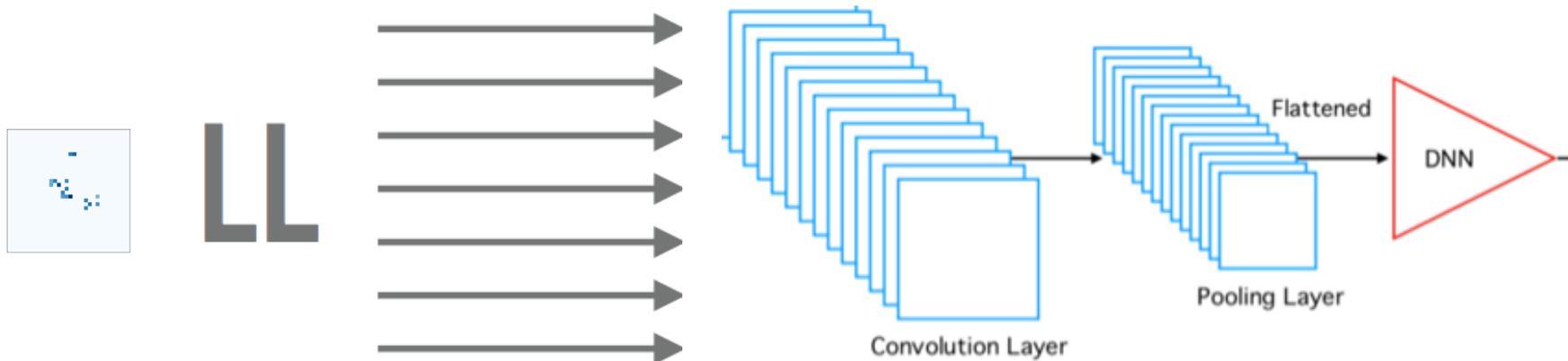
What has the  
machine learned?

Did it rediscover the HL features?  
Find a totally different strategy?



# What is ML doing?

Our low-level (LL) data are often high-dim

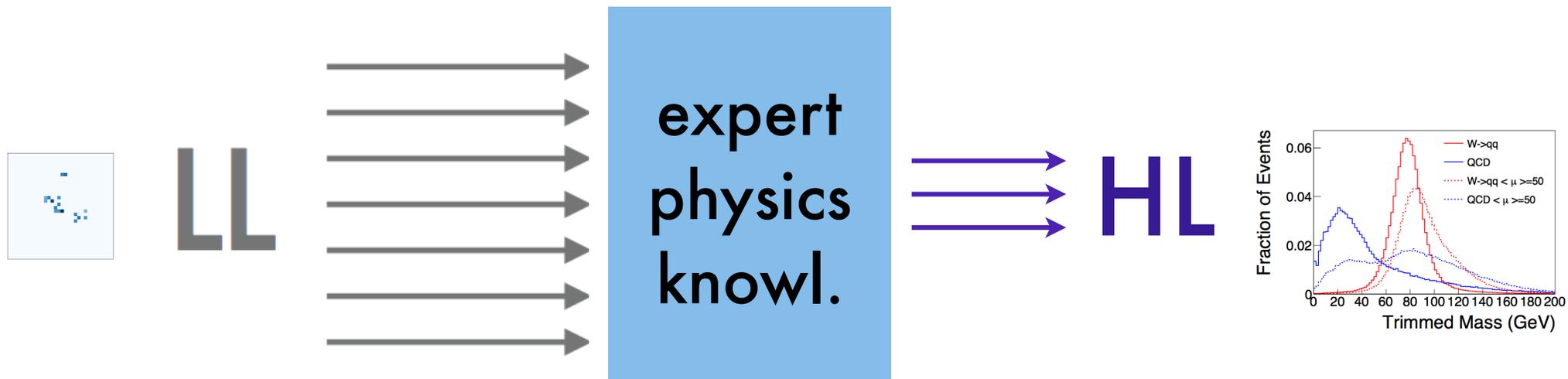


## Problem:

- Too many dimensions to verify modeling
- Little physical intuition for low-level data

# What is ML doing?

We often reduce data dimensionality



## Problem:

- Deep learning says **we are losing information**

# Yet we prefer HL

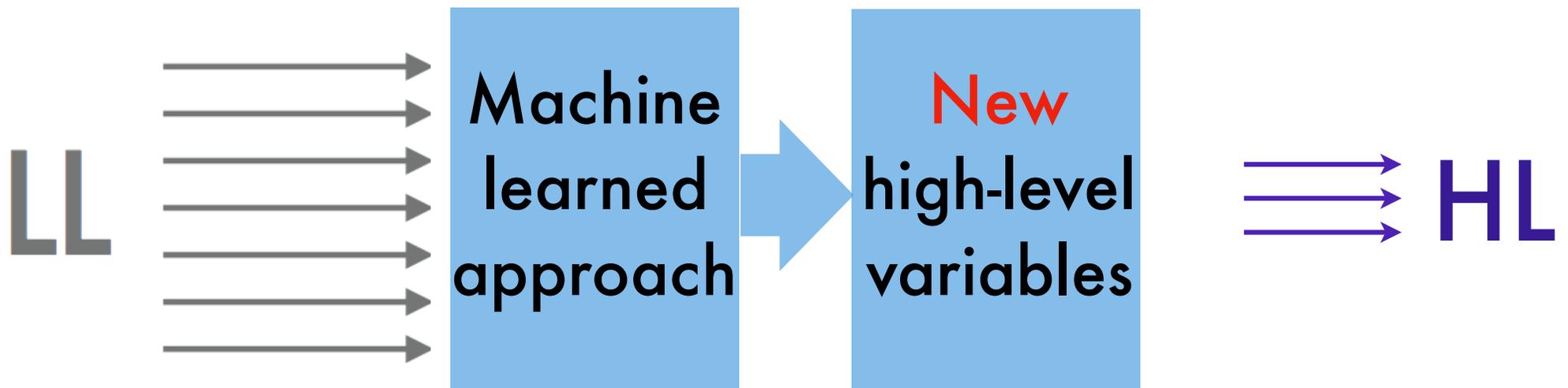
## High-Level data is preferred

- It is easier to understand
- Its modeling can be verified
- Uncertainties can be sensibly defined
- It is more compact and efficient

## Goal:

Find new HL features to include insights from ML  
probe of LL data

# Learning from ML



Use LL analysis as a probe, not a final product.

# How

- I. Define complete space of valid HL features
- II. Define mapping strategy
- III. Map ML into space of HL features

# I. Define space of features

## I. Define complete space of valid HL features

- provides context for NN solution,
- defines problem: map NN into this space

## Energy Flow Polynomials (EFP)

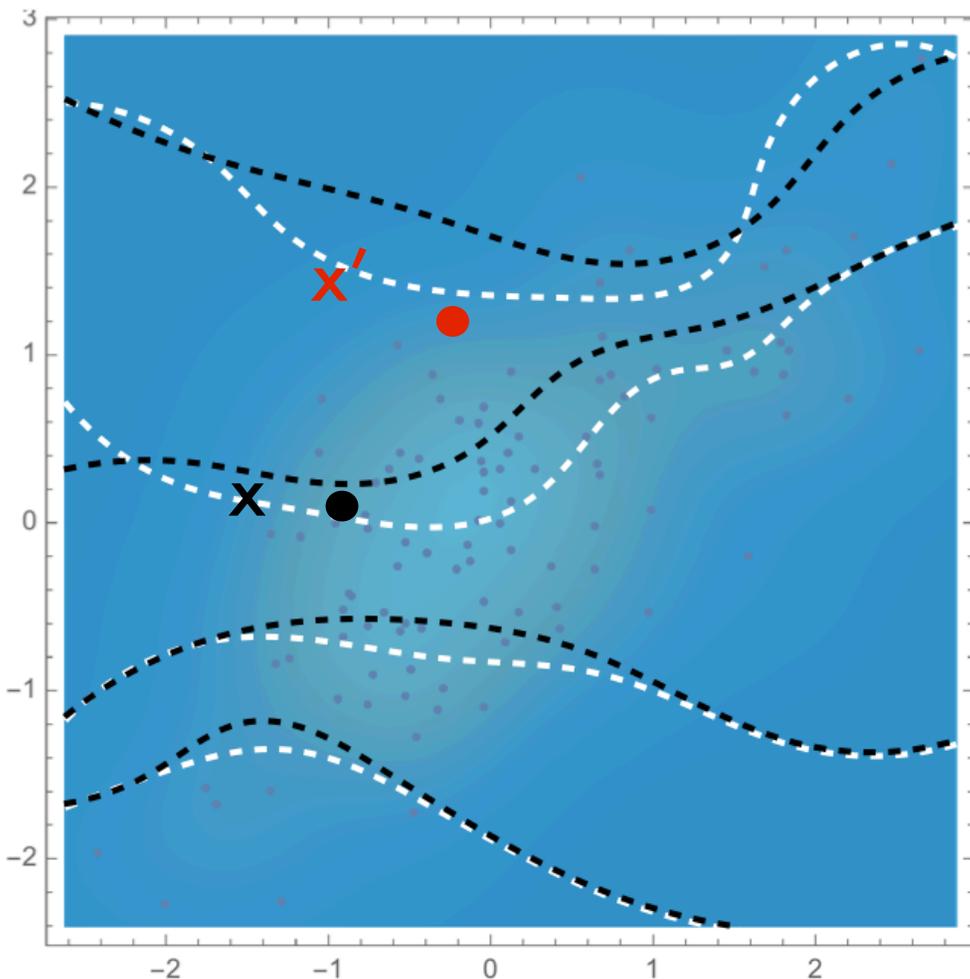


$$= \sum_a \sum_b \sum_c z_a z_b z_c \theta_{ab} \theta_{ac} \theta_{bc}^2$$

$$z_a^{(\kappa)} = \left( \frac{p_{\Gamma a}}{\sum_b p_{\Gamma b}} \right)^\kappa,$$

$$\theta_{ab}^{(\beta)} = (\Delta\eta_{ab}^2 + \Delta\phi_{ab}^2)^{\beta/2}.$$

# II. Mapping Strategy



An EFP maps to DNN if they have the same **decision ordering**:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{DNN}(x) &> \text{DNN}(x') \\ \text{EFP}(x) &> \text{EFP}(x') \end{aligned}$$

# III. Map ML to new HL

## A. Can we find the missing piece?

- Find a **supplemental** HL feature  $X$
- Goal:  $\{6HL+X\}$  reproduces DNN

## B. Can we rediscover HL features?

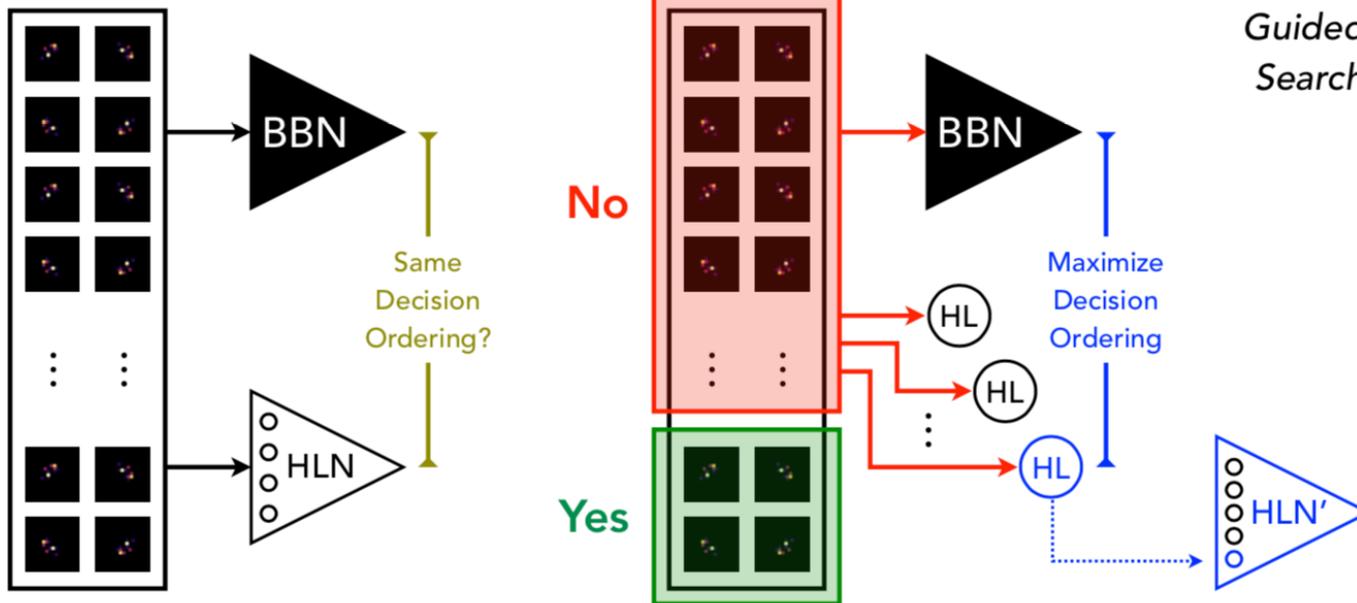
- Find a **whole new set** of HL features  $\{X_1, X_2, \dots\}$
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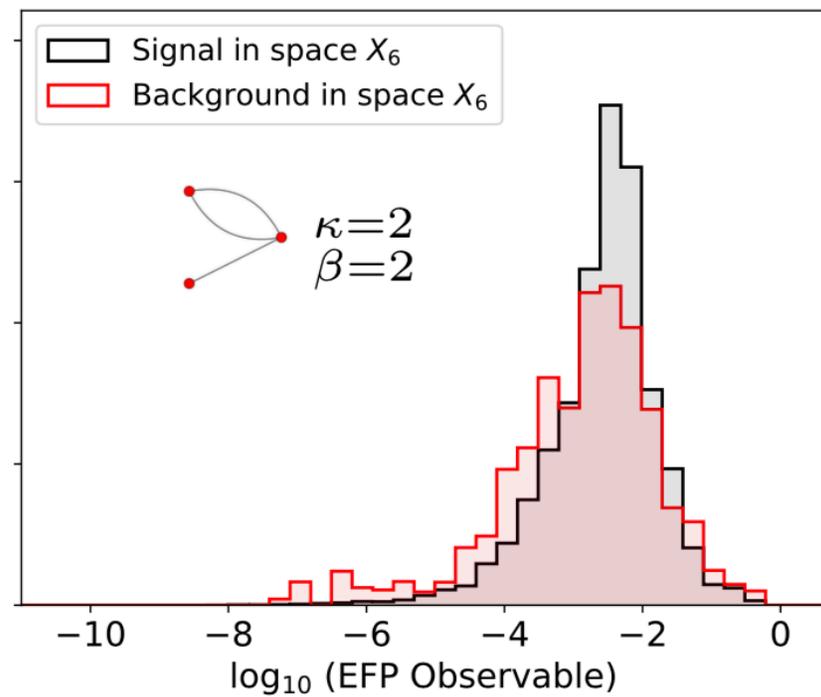
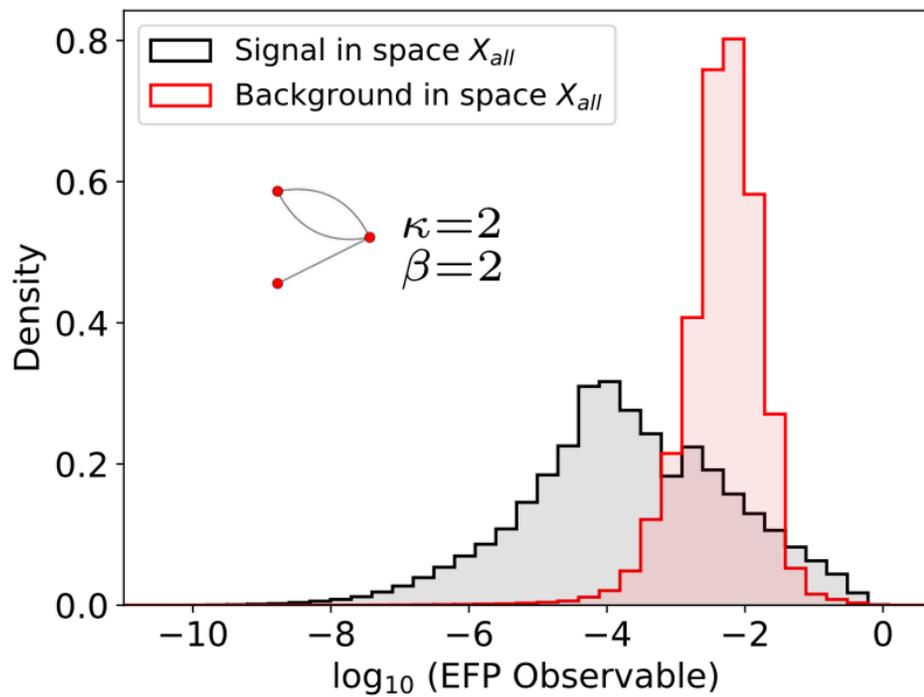
- Find a **supplemental** HL feature  $X$
- Focus on subset of data decisions disagree

Signal/Background Pairs



1. Create input pairs
2. Identify pairs where DN and HLN disagree
3. Over those pairs, find HL feature with max DO similarity.
4. add to HLN

# The winner



# It works!

Observable	AUC	ADO[CNN, Obs.]
$M_{\text{jet}}$	$0.898 \pm 0.004$	0.807
$C_2^{\beta=1}$	$0.660 \pm 0.006$	0.584
$C_2^{\beta=2}$	$0.604 \pm 0.007$	0.548
$D_2^{\beta=1}$	$0.790 \pm 0.005$	0.743
$D_2^{\beta=2}$	$0.807 \pm 0.005$	0.762
$\tau_2^{\beta=1}$	$0.662 \pm 0.006$	0.600
6HL	$0.9504 \pm 0.0002$	0.971
CNN	$0.9531 \pm 0.0002$	1.000
7HL <sub>black-box</sub>	$0.9529 \pm 0.0002$	0.973

6HL+ 

Found new HL feature that closes gap with DNN

# What is it?

## K = 2 graphs

- not IR collinear safe
- usually avoided

$$z_a^{(\kappa)} = \left( \frac{p_{\Gamma a}}{\sum_b p_{\Gamma b}} \right)^\kappa,$$

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Rank	EFP	$\kappa$	$\beta$	ADO[EFP, CNN] $_{X_6}$	AUC[EFP]	ADO[6HL + EFP, CNN] $_{X_{all}}$	AUC[6HL + EFP]
1		2	2	$0.647 \pm 0.003$	0.807	0.972	0.953
2		2	2	$0.646 \pm 0.003$	0.802	0.972	0.953
3		2	1	$0.646 \pm 0.003$	0.813	0.972	0.953
4		2	1	$0.644 \pm 0.003$	0.807	0.972	0.953
5		2	1	$0.641 \pm 0.003$	0.807	0.972	0.953

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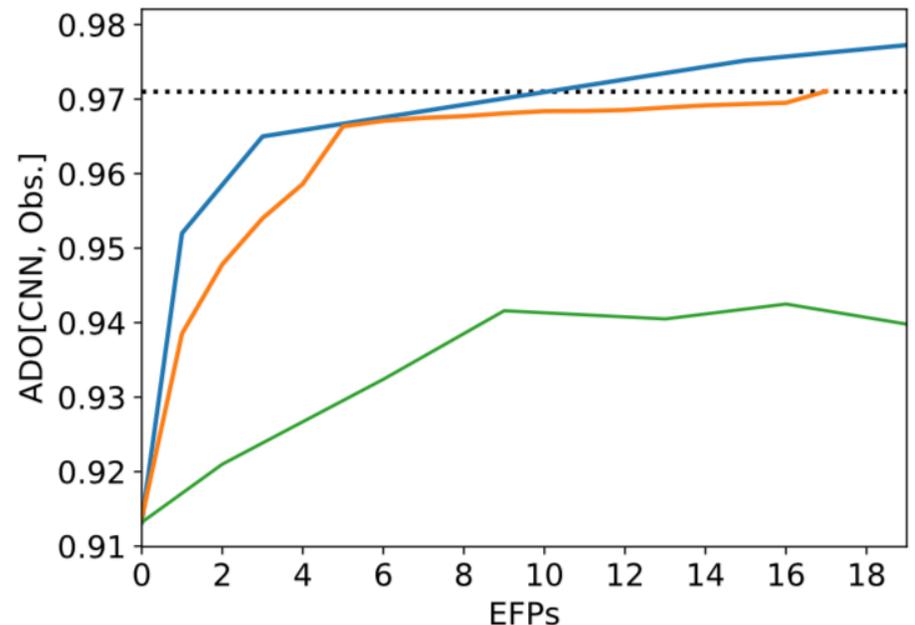
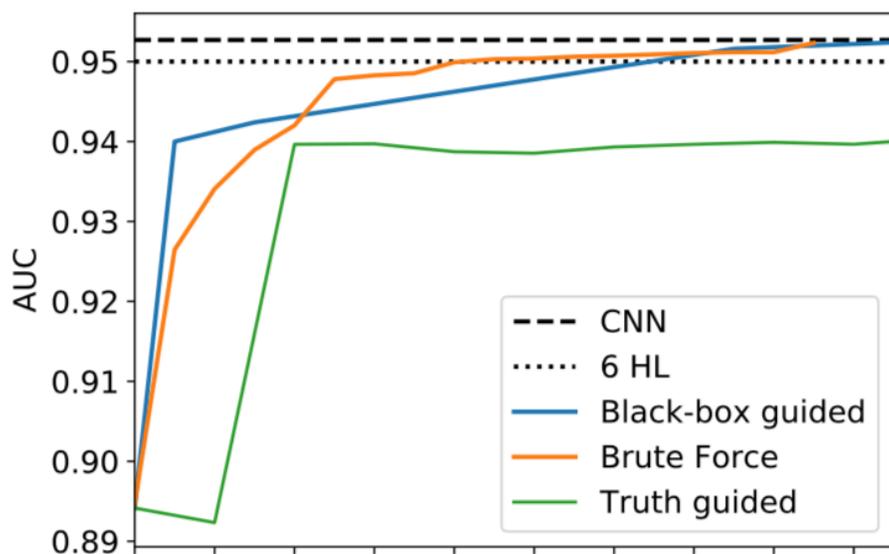
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# III. Map ML to new HL

## II. Can we rediscover HL features?

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- Also tried comparing to truth (skipping DN)

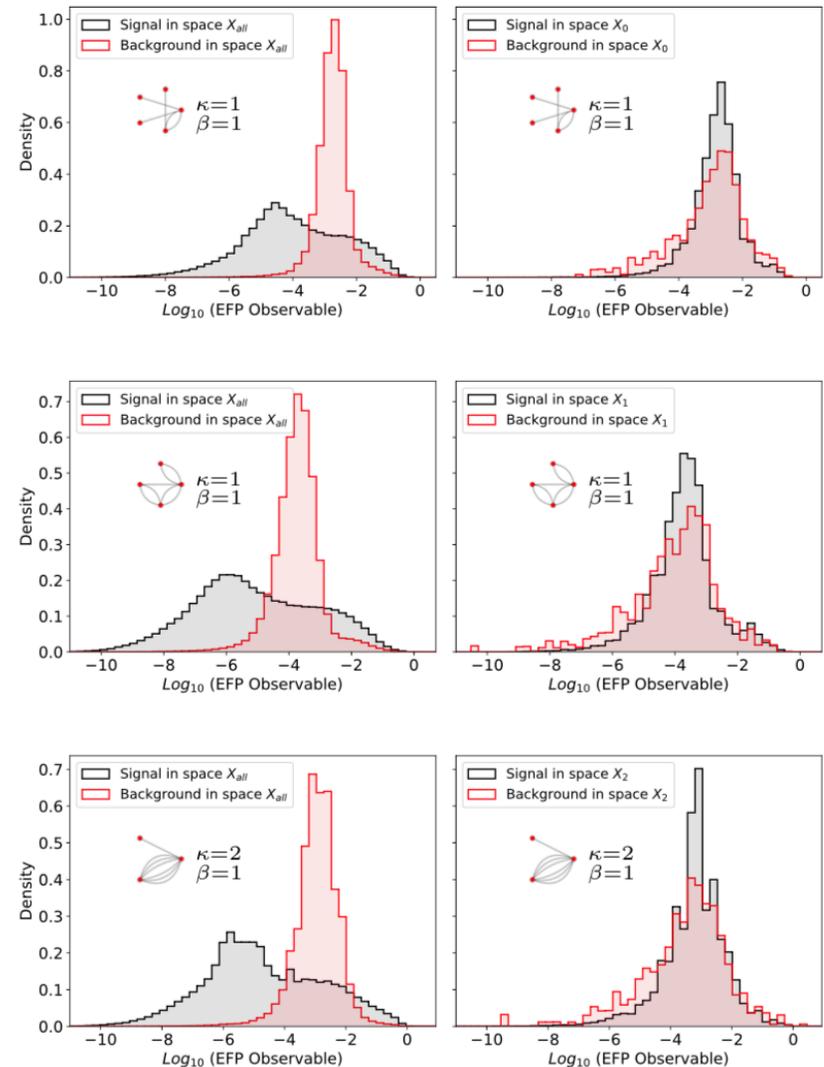


# Some weirdos

Graphs are weird

- some IRC unsafe
- others have high chromatic number

QCD theorists have  
not considered  
these classes



# Conclusions

I. Use DNNs as a probe of information, not final tool

II. Map DNN decisions into space of interpretable functions

- more compact
- can describe systematics
- can determine validity
- can reveal unexplored ideas