## Unfolding: Machine Learning Approaches

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Why "unfold" instead of "fold"?
Unfolding is ill-posed, BUT only way to compare different experiments and to compare with non fully exclusive predictions. Data also survive much longer.

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$$
\hat{T} \approx R^{-1} M
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 observables \& discretize into $O(10)$ bins




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For a community white paper, see JINST 17 (2022) P01024, 2109.13243

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## Higher Dimensions

Some phenomena can't be probed in a few dimensions.

What about observables that are not per-event?

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Detector-level


Step 1:
Reweight Sim. to Data


Simulation


Particle-level


Step 2:
Reweight Gen.

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Measured


Ideal


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## Full phase-space unfolding

OmniFold is:

- Unbinned
- Maximum likelihood*
- Improves the resolution from correlations with detector response
*when binned, OmniFold converges to LucyRichardson (aka Iterative Bayesian Unfolding)

In fact, OmniFold can also work on low-level inputs (e.g. energy flow particles). In that case, you can construct observables after the measurement.

## Some technical details

Please ask if you are interested, but briefly, OmniFold...

- Can accommodate backgrounds (unbinned) via neural positive reweighing
- Can accommodate acceptance effects
- Has a number of choices for how to update weights and/or keep track of acceptance effects
https://github.com/hep-lbdl/OmniFold


## First Results

I'll now spend $a \sim 1$ minute flashing the first unbinned measurement results

There is no time to give the physics content justice, so l'll be brief, but please let me know if you have any questions!

# Results from H1, LHCb, STAR, ... 

New methods for unbinned unfolding are here! We should be ready to use them also for BSM!

+CMS open data study

## Future + challenges

So far, OmniFold seems to work as designed! Exciting to see where this will take us.

There are still some challenges we need to overcome:

- OmniFold is computationally expensive (need to train many networks, especially with ensembling to reach precision)
- How to publish an unbinned result? (all results so far are presented as binned) - see 2109.13243. Breaks HEPData!
- Modeling/closure uncertainties in high dimensions (not a new problem, but perhaps more acute)
- What about profiling? See 2302.05390 for a partial solution.


## Conclusions and Outlook

A new measurement paradigm is possible, enabled by ML-based unfolding methods

We can analyze our data holistically and future-proof it using unbinned techniques

More R\&D is required, but in parallel, these tools are already


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dataset 1: sampled from $p(x)$
dataset 2: sampled from $\boldsymbol{q}(\boldsymbol{x})$

Create weights $\boldsymbol{w}(\boldsymbol{x})=\boldsymbol{q}(\boldsymbol{x}) / \boldsymbol{p}(\boldsymbol{x})$ so that when dataset 1 is weighted by $\boldsymbol{w}$, it is statistically identical to dataset 2.

What if we don't (and can't easily) know $\boldsymbol{q}$ and $\boldsymbol{p}$ ?
(and don't want to estimate them by binning)

## Classification for reweighting

Fact: Neutral networks learn to approximate the likelihood ratio $=q(x) / p(x)$
(or something monotonically related to it in a known way)
Solution: train a neural network to distinguish the two datasets!

This turns the problem of density estimation (hard) into a problem of classification (easy)

## Neural reweighing: works very well!

StringZ: aLund<br>- Unweighted<br>StringFlav:probStoUD<br>- Weighted








Full phase-space reweighing using simulated $e^{+} e^{-}$

## Works even when the differences are small (left) or localized (right).

These are histogram ratios for a series of one-dimensional observables

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After iteration 2


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After iteration $\infty$


