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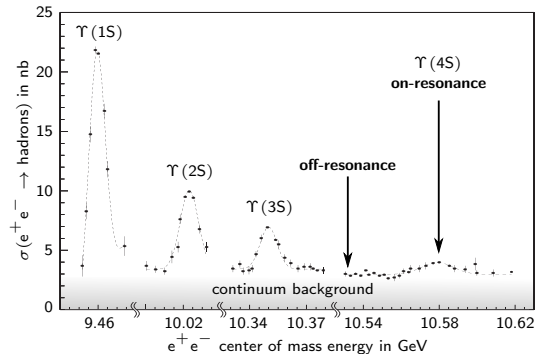
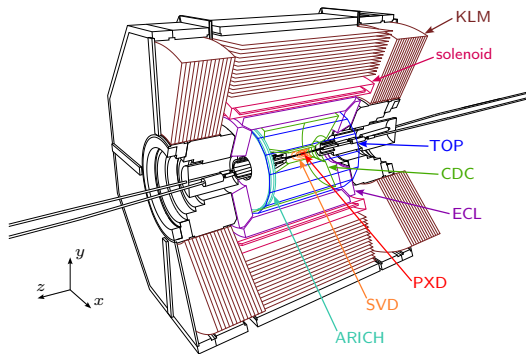
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# Belle II/SuperKEKB Overview

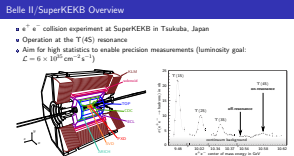
- $e^+ e^-$  collision experiment at SuperKEKB in Tsukuba, Japan
- Operation at the  $\Upsilon(4S)$  resonance
- Aim for high statistics to enable precision measurements (luminosity goal:  $\mathcal{L} = 6 \times 10^{35} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$ )



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## Theoretical Motivation

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SM Null Test ("Isospin Sum Rule")

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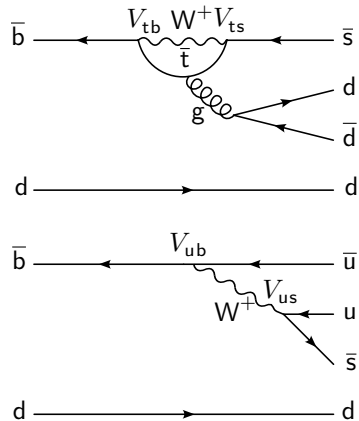
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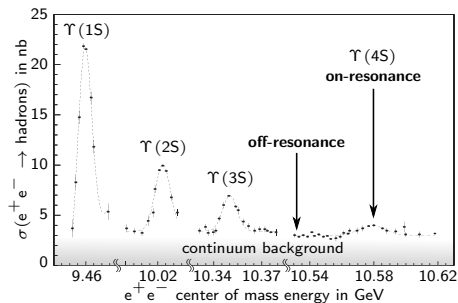
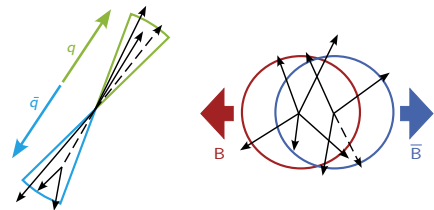
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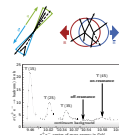
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1. Sum rule as null-test to the SM.
2. Holds in isospin symmetry limit (equal quark masses) (right?)
3. Not exactly = 0, but expected deviation from zero is still much smaller than experimental uncertainties.
4. Highlight the  $B \rightarrow K\pi$  decay modes appearing in sum rule.
5. Highlight that  $B^0 \rightarrow K^0 \pi^0$  is measured worst (also as not self tagging)
6. NP (particles) could contribute to loops.



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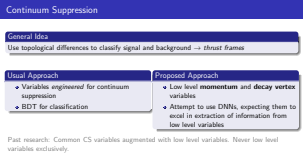
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1. Point to the event shape figure.
2. Explain uniform  $q\bar{q}$  background in resonances figure.

## Continuum Suppression



### General Idea

Use topological differences to classify signal and background  $\rightarrow$  *thrust frames*

### Usual Approach

- Variables *engineered* for continuum suppression
- BDT for classification

### Proposed Approach

- Low level **momentum** and **decay vertex** variables
- Attempt to use DNNs, expecting them to excel in extraction of information from low level variables

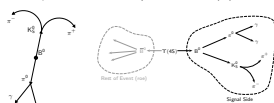
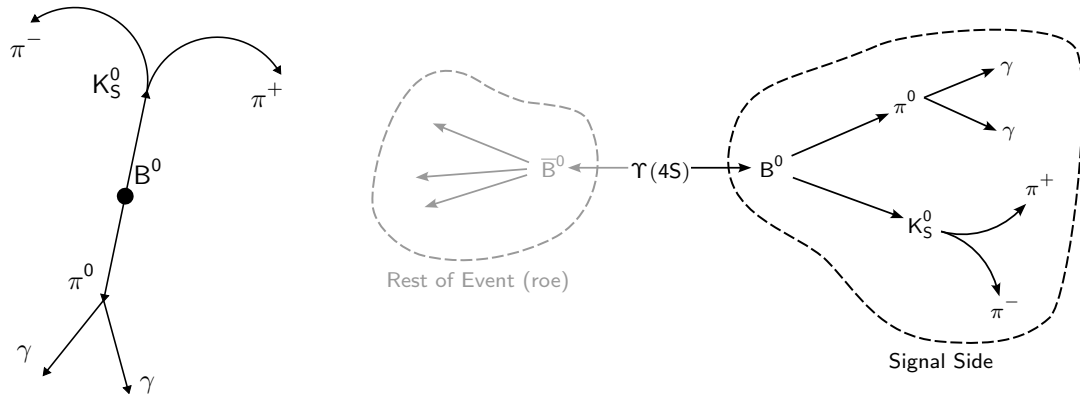
Past research: Common CS variables augmented with low level variables. Never low level variables exclusively.

1. Make sure to explain thrust frames!
2. Momentum/vertex variables in theory should contain all the information of event shape.

# Reconstruction and Data

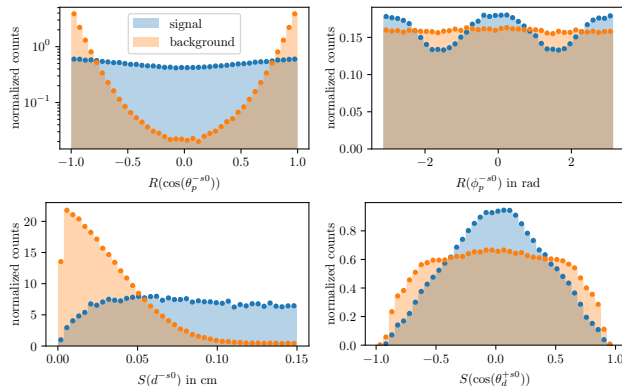
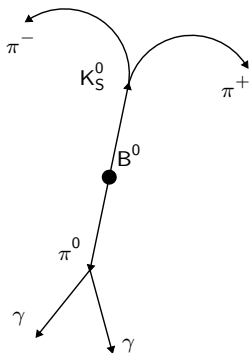
Chose  $B^0 \rightarrow K_S^0(\pi^+\pi^-)\pi^0(\gamma\gamma)$  as an example

- Reconstruct charged tracks and calorimeter clusters
- Tracks/clusters not matched to B decay form the *rest of event* (roe)



1. Explain signal thrust/roe thrust using figure on the left

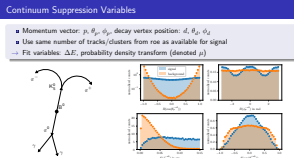
- Momentum vector:  $p, \theta_p, \phi_p$ , decay vertex position:  $d, \theta_d, \phi_d$
  - Use same number of tracks/clusters from roe as available for signal
- Fit variables:  $\Delta E$ , probability density transform (denoted  $\mu$ )



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Continuum Suppression Variables



1. Note that we attempted to use more variables from roe which did not result in a significant performance gain
2. Explain chosen orders tracks/clusters for variables
3. Explain notation (briefly)
4. Explain variables that do not fall under the naming scheme
5. Explain intuition for polar angle distribution based on antiparallel/random alignment of thrust axes.

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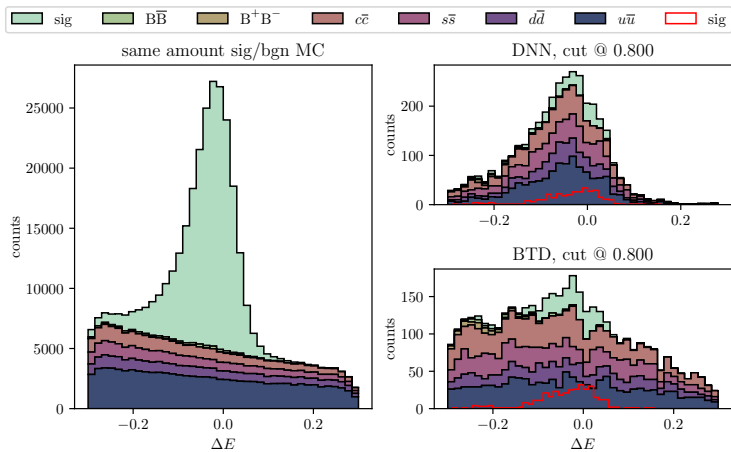
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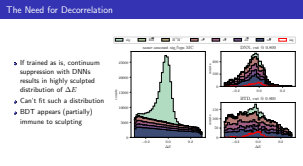


- If trained as is, continuum suppression with DNNs results in highly sculpted distribution of  $\Delta E$
- Can't fit such a distribution
- BDT appears (partially) immune to sculpting



## The Need for Decorrelation

1. Explain expected shape using left plot.
2. Highlight that fit with observed level of sculpting is clearly impossible.



- Efficiently estimable correlation metric, capturing also non-linear correlations
- Only one further hyperparameter introduced

Total loss:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{total}} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{classifier}}(\vec{y}, \vec{y}_{\text{true}}) + \lambda \cdot \text{dCorr}(\vec{z}, \vec{y})$$

However tuning still difficult:

- Too large  $\lambda$  degrades performance
- Effectiveness of decorrelation also influenced by other hyperparameters (batch size, network architecture)
- Systematic tuning extremely difficult due to conflicting objectives

→ Studies with preliminary hyperparameters to better understand behavior

### └ Tools(s) for Decorrelation

1. Also mention that adversary networks have been implemented, but could not be sufficiently tuned for this thesis.
2. Explain symbols in the equation!
3. Mention that classifier loss is binary cross-entropy.
4. Explain the conflicting objectives of best performance and effective decorrelation (problem: performance always better for correlated classifier).

Tools(s) for Decorrelation

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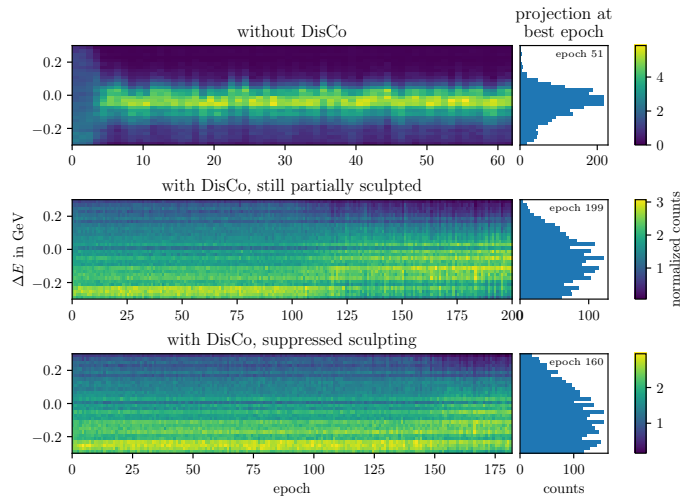
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# Monitoring DNN Training

## Evolution of $\Delta E$ (Background) Distribution

- Preliminary hyperparameters with different values for  $\lambda$  (0, 1, 1.8)
- Achieved decorrelation still not satisfactory
- Sculpting (partially suppressed) suddenly starts after sufficient number of epochs

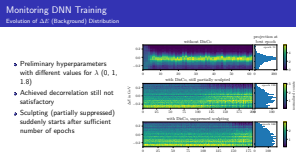


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## Monitoring DNN Training

1. Highlight that after sufficient training (or epochs), correlation (more or less suddenly) starts  $\rightarrow$  decorrelation is unstable.
2. Mention that here the goal was to reach lower sculpting than BDT in hope of this improving fit quality (i.e. lowering the statistical uncertainties). Thus the best decorrelation is still not satisfactory.
3. Distributions are normalized at each epoch!



## Choice of Hyperparameters

	prelim. value	final value	description
$n_{\text{layers}}$	5	5	number of layers
$n_{\text{neurons},0}$	100	100	1st dense layer neurons
$n_{\text{neurons},1}$	100	100	2nd dense layer neurons
$n_{\text{neurons},2}$	4	6	3rd dense layer neurons
$n_{\text{neurons},3}$	100	100	4th dense layer neurons
$n_{\text{neurons},4}$	100	100	5th dense layer neurons
weight decay	0.000142	0.000142	Weight decay for AdamW
learning rate	0.002	0.015	learning rate
dCorr on bgn	True	True	choice to compute dCorr on only background events
$\lambda$	1.8	2	scale of dCorr in total loss
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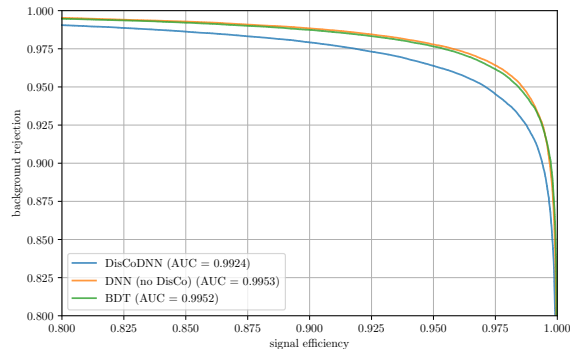
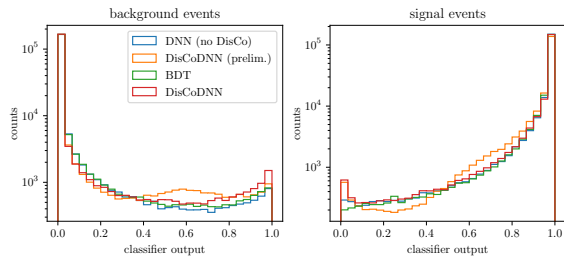
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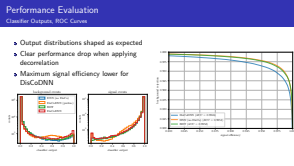
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- Output distributions shaped as expected
- Clear performance drop when applying decorrelation
- Maximum signal efficiency lower for DisCoDNN



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Performance Evaluation



1. Note that prelim. DisCoDNN only shown as reference for *not good* output distribution.

# $\Delta E$ and $\mu$ after Continuum Suppression

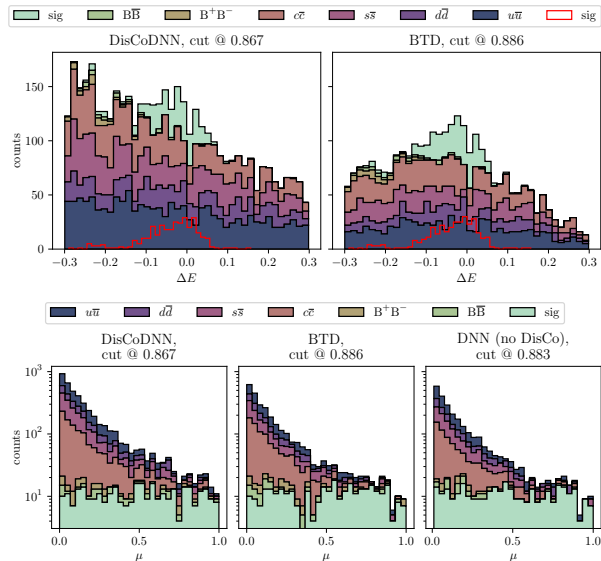
Cuts always chosen for 90% signal efficiency

$\Delta E$ :

- Effective decorrelation with DisCoDNN
- Remaining (but acceptable) sculpting for BDT
  - Could further investigate decorrelation for BDTs
- Overall better background suppression with BDT at same signal efficiency

$\mu$ :

- Shapes unaffected by decorrelation
- Reasonably flat signal contributions

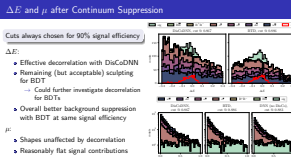


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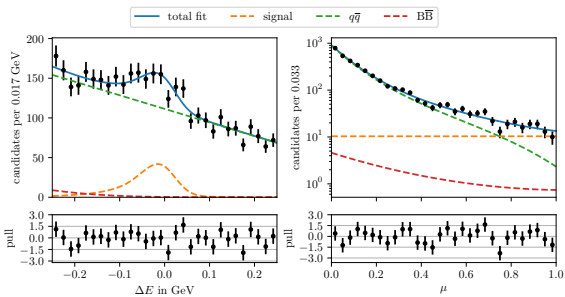
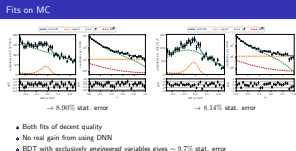
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$\Delta E$  and  $\mu$  after Continuum Suppression

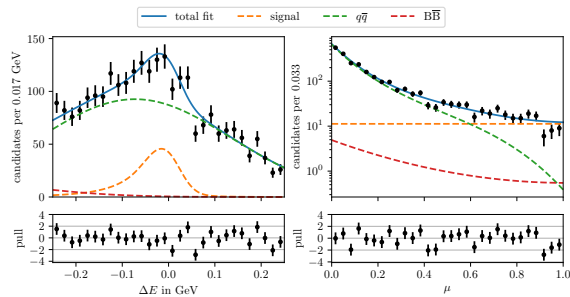
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## Fits on MC



→ 8.90% stat. error



→ 8.14% stat. error

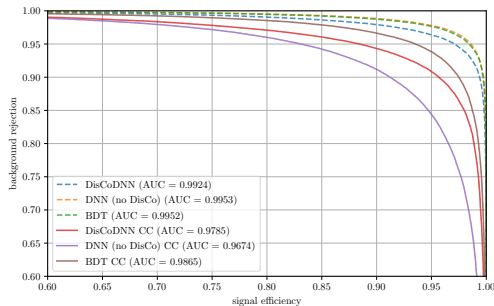
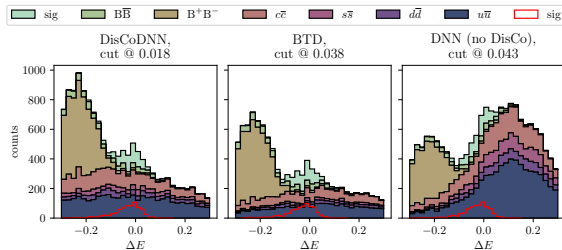
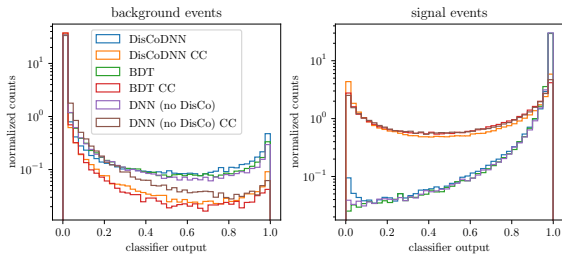
- Both fits of decent quality
- No real gain from using DNN
- BDT with exclusively *engineered* variables gives  $\sim 9.7\%$  stat. error

1. Shapes fixed on MC, final fit of only yields

# Classifier Generalizability

Apply to topologically similar control channel  
 $B^0 \rightarrow \bar{D}^0(K^+\pi^-\pi^0(\gamma\gamma))$

- All classifiers fail to identify signal
- Surprisingly good continuum suppression possible with very loose cuts
- DNN without decorrelation fails spectacularly

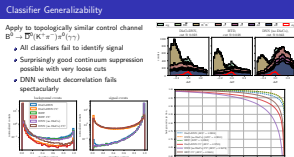


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## Classifier Generalizability

1. Mention that this demonstrates the problem of generalizability!
2. Note that DNN (no DisCo) seems *not* to just "compute" or estimate  $\Delta E$  and then more or less cut on that, as  $B\bar{B}$  background remains!
3. Possibly the correlations are then what allows the DNN to sculpt  $\Delta E$ . This would make sense as DisCoDNN does not really rely on correlations.





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### Conclusion & Outlook

1. In fact the sculpting also happens with only *engineered* variables. It's just that so far everyone always used BDTs which are not subject to that issue.

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Backup

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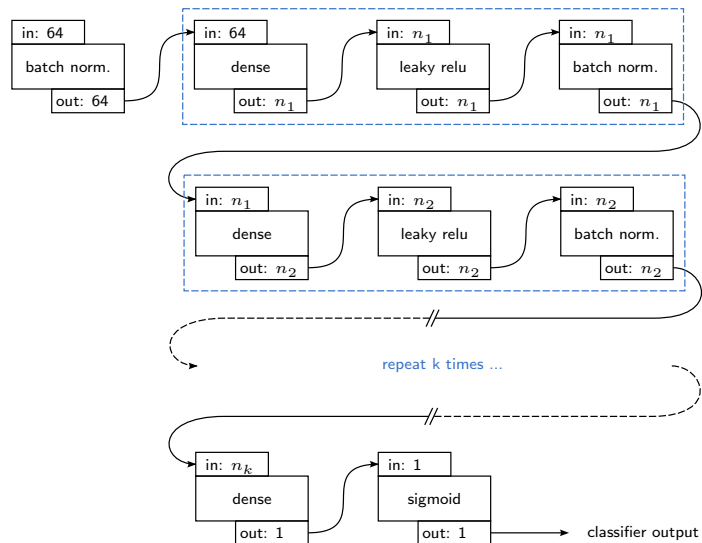
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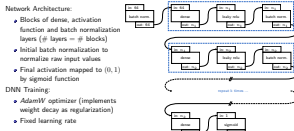
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- Initial batch normalization to normalize raw input values
- Final activation mapped to (0, 1) by sigmoid function

## DNN Training:

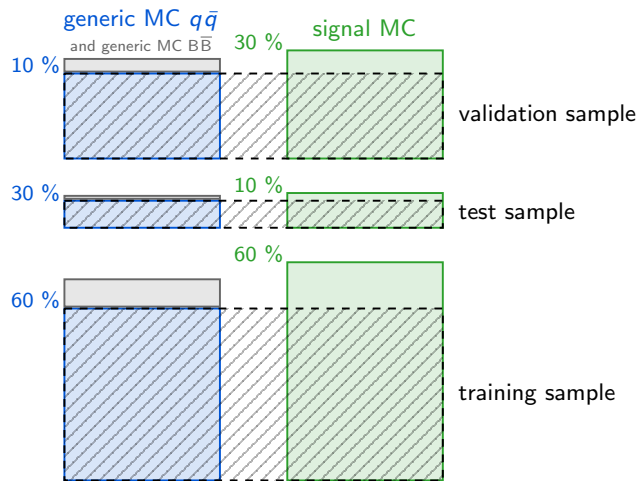
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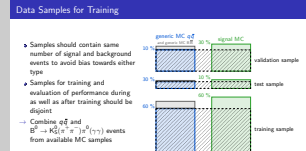
## Neural Network Architecture and Training



- Samples should contain same number of signal and background events to avoid bias towards either type
  - Samples for training and evaluation of performance during as well as after training should be disjoint
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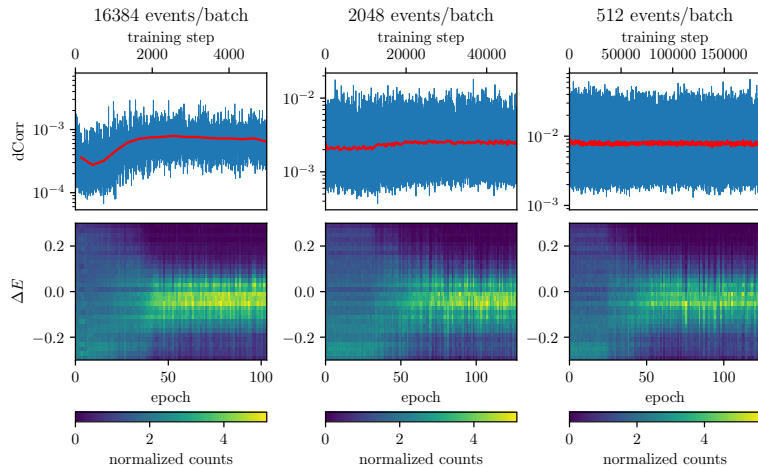
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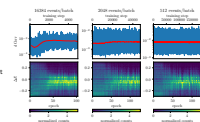
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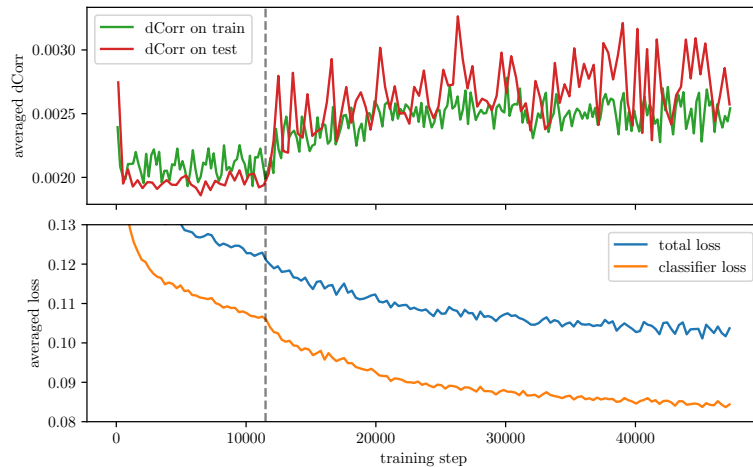
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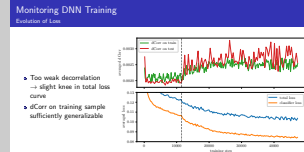


- Too weak decorrelation  
→ slight knee in total loss curve
- dCorr on training sample sufficiently generalizable



### Monitoring DNN Training

1. Talk about intuition of *barrier* in parameter space. DisCo appear to introduce barrier but never really plane the global (correlated) minimum.



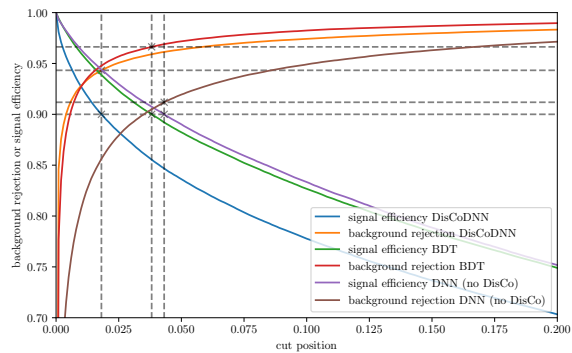
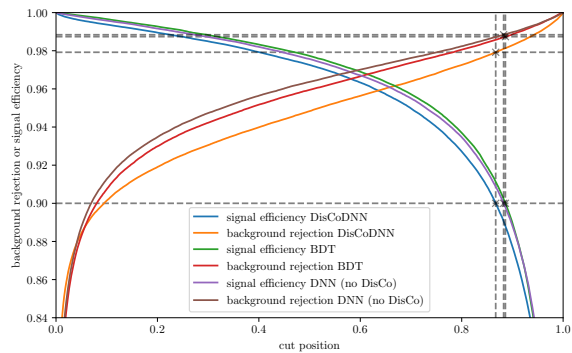
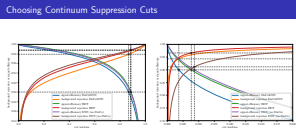


# Choosing Continuum Suppression Cuts

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└ Fits on MC

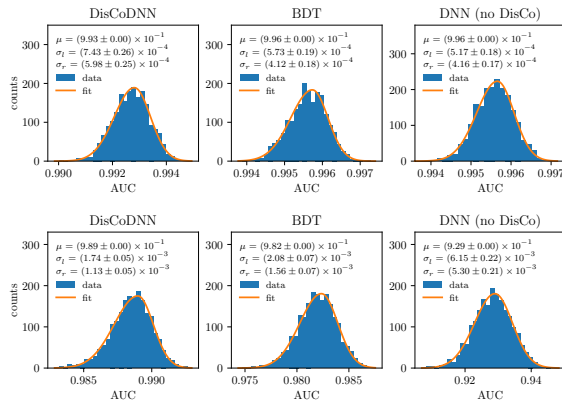
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## Bootstrapping

- Models fluctuations of occurrences of event types, not numerical fluctuations
- All classifiers remain reasonably stable

## Uncorrelated Toys

- Do not model correlations, as nearly impossible
- Classifiers that do not significantly sculpt  $\Delta E$  barely utilize correlations between input variables



## Classifier Performance Stability & Input Variable Correlations

