

Unsupervised tagging of semivisible jets with energy-based autoencoders in CMS

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- AEs are free to minimize reco error outside the background phase space! including the unknown signal phase space...
- → This is the problem of **OOD reconstruction**:



Normalized Autoencoders (NAE)

CMS

- NAE features a mechanism to suppress OOD reconstruction
- First introduced in arXiv:2105.05735 and used in HEP in arXiv:2206.14225



- NAE paradigm:
 - $\bullet\,$ Define a probability distribution p_{θ} so that high probability regions have low reco error
 - $\bullet\,$ Sample from $p_{\theta}\,$ via a MCMC
 - $\bullet\,$ Minimize the distance between the background and p_{θ} probability distributions
- We propose a different metric to measure this distance, using the Earth Mover's Distance (a.k.a Wasserstein distance) and train NAEs in a fully signal-agnostic fashion