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# Machine Learning Application in Jet Quenching Analysis

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- measurements?

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Can it be applied to a broader range? -physics interpretability



What we measured

Jet loses energy as a whole Internal structures of jets are modified (Jet observable A, B, C, D...)

Can they fully describe the jet quenching effect?

Can we disentangle each jet-QGP interaction from the

When we see modifications, are they from jet quenching, or nonquenching bias, or both?

In addition, the surface effect... Many jets experience little quenching, thus diminishing the significance of the results.

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A trained neural network can identify jet quenching level on

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different learning algorithms to be applied.





#### Part of the previous works



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The binary tree structure matches to the evolving process of a jet from \*\* the initial parton fragmentation to final hadronization

Records the history of how jet interact with the medium 







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## Thermal Bkg Effects are Considered in the Study

In data, we need to subtract uncorrelated background per event in heavy-ion collisions. To be as realistic as possible, we apply the same process in simulation.

### JEWEL simulation for dijet events:

**Non-quenched** jets (vacuum class) **Quenched** jets (medium class)

0-10% Centrality











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### **Embedding the simulated event** with a uncorrelated background:

\*Uncorr Bkg is simulated by the

### **Background subtraction algorithm: Event-wide Constituent Subtraction**

We use the jets reconstructed from the bkg-subtracted events for training.



bkg-sub event

### = mixed event



## ML Classified Quenched Jets – Jet Substructures





Quenchness: The LSTM output for each medium jet. If the value is closer to 1, then the jet is more quenched. And vice versa.



#### Neural network indeed learns from the jet-substructures. **But does it "understand" the quenching features?**

we can use the LSTM output to measure all kinds of jet observables that are unseen in the training. Hot Jet 2025

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PbPb jets (Jewel-Med)

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Jet energy loss is correlated with the ML output ML is able to get the key features of jet quenching

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Jet fragmentation functions are modified to different levels based on their quenching levels

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# pp jets with a fake "quenching" prediction

PbPb jets







PbPb jets

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### **Detector Effects for ML Performance: ROC and Binary Classification**

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## **Detector Effects for ML Performance: ROC and Binary Classification**

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## **Detector Effects for ML Performance: Fragmentation Function**

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• the classification of quenching level gets closure

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### LSTM can select jets with different quenching levels.

- $\checkmark$  It predicts correlation with the jet energy loss using photon-jet sample.
- ✓ It can be applied to various jet observables.

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### Summary

✓ It is effective under the impact of thermal background and detector effects —doable in data!

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## Thermal Bkg(Underlying Events) Simulation

### PYTHIA+ANGANTYR

### Centrality~0-10%

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## **Neural Network and Feature Engineering**

```
space = hp.choice('hyper_parameters',[
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'size_batch': hp.quniform('size_batch', 2000, 10000, 1000),
'num_epochs': hp.quniform('num_epochs', 30, 50, 5),
'num_layers': hp.quniform('num_layers', 2, 4, 1),
'Hidden_size 0': hp.quniform('hidden_size0', 8, 20, 2),
'hidden_size1': hp.quniform('hidden_size1', 4, 8, 2),
'learning_rate': hp.uniform('learning_rate', 0.01, 0.05),
'decay_factor': hp.uniform('decay_factor', 0.9, 0.99),
'loss_func' : hp.choice('loss_func', ['mse']),
```

Hyper parameter space

Stacked LSTM layers + 2 full-connect layers. Output of the last step from the top LSTM layer is directed to two full-connect layers.

Both the input and output dimensions of the first full-connect layer are the hyper-parameters defining the architecture of the neural network.

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Fully Connected layers

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### ML Classified Quenched Jets — Photon-Jet Imbalance

### PbPb jets

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pp jets

Why in pp jets there are jet with "energy loss"?

- Mismatch between photon and back-to back jet?
- Uncorrelated bkg fluctuation (pile-up simulation)?
- Does similar bias happen in PbPb when we study the quenching physics?

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### **Correlation between Photon-Jet Imbalance and LSTM**

PbPb jets

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- the classification of quenching level breaks

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## **Detector Effects for ML Performance: Photon-Jet Imbalance**

PbPb jets

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### **GEN level jets**

### **RECO level jets**

**DELPHES**: <u>1) Combine the Tracker +</u> **Calorimeters** 2) Comparable to CMS Particle Flow Candidates

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pp jets

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Work in progress: **Detector effects change the shape** of distributions, but the ordering remains

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## Jet Substructures with Showering History as NN Input

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Hardest branch of the jet

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Jet substructure variables are defined at the splitting points of the jet. They are sensitive to jet-induced medium response. Thus, they are good tools to study the jet energy loss in medium

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# Feature Engineering in this Study

Jet observable that represents the internal structure of a jet:

• Jet substructure

Input

Long Short-Term Memory Neural Network

- learning from sequential data
- Improved RNN (Recurrent Neural Network)

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