Note

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1 Higgs Production

We want to apply deep learning methods to distinguish vector boson fusion (VBF) from gluon-gluon fusion (GGF) and Higgs production at the LHC.

We want to apply the CWoLa method, then can use the real data without knowing the true label.

2 Sample Preparation

2.1 Monte Carlo samples

We consider Standard Model (SM) di-photon Higgs events produced via GGF and VBF channels at a center-of-mass energy of $\sqrt{s} = 14$ TeV. The Higgs boson events are generated using `MadGraph 3.3.1` [1] for both GGF and VBF production. The Higgs decays into the di-photon final state, and the parton showering and hadronization are simulated using `Pythia 8.306` [2]. The detector simulation is conducted by `Delphes 3.4.2` [3]. Jet reconstruction is performed using `FastJet 3.3.2` [4] with the anti-k_t algorithm [5] and a jet radius of $R = 0.4$. These jets are required to have transverse momentum $p_{\mathrm{T}} > 25$ GeV.

The following `MadGraph` scripts generate Monte Carlo samples for each production channel.

GGF Higgs Sample Generation

```
generate p p > h QCD<=99 [QCD]
output GGF_Higgs
launch GGF_Higgs

shower=Pythia8
detector=Delphes
```

```
analysis=OFF
madspin=OFF
done

set run_card nevents 100000
set run_card ebeam1 7000.0
set run_card ebeam2 7000.0

set run_card use_syst False

set pythia8_card 25:onMode = off
set pythia8_card 25:onIfMatch = 22 22
done
```

VBF Higgs Sample Generation

```
define v = w+ w- z
generate p p > h j j $$v
output VBF_Higgs
launch VBF_Higgs

shower=Pythia8
detector=Delphes
analysis=OFF
madspin=OFF
done

set run_card nevents 100000
set run_card ebeam1 7000.0
set run_card ebeam2 7000.0

set run_card use_syst False

set pythia8_card 25:onMode = off
set pythia8_card 25:onIfMatch = 22 22
done
```

2.2 Event selection

The selection cuts after the `Delphes` simulation:

- n_γ cut: The number of photons should be at least 2.
- n_j cut: The number of jets should be at least 2.
- $m_{\gamma\gamma}$ cut: The invariant mass of two leading photons $m_{\gamma\gamma}$ are required 120 GeV $\leq m_{\gamma\gamma} \leq$ 130 GeV.

Table 1 summarizes the cutflow number at different selection cuts.

Table 1: Number of passing events and passing rates for GGF and VBF Higgs production at different selection cuts.

Cut	GGF	pass rate	VBF	pass rate
Total	100000	1	100000	1
n_γ cut	48286	0.48	53087	0.53
n_j cut	9302	0.09	42860	0.43
$m_{\gamma\gamma}$ cut	8864	0.09	40694	0.41

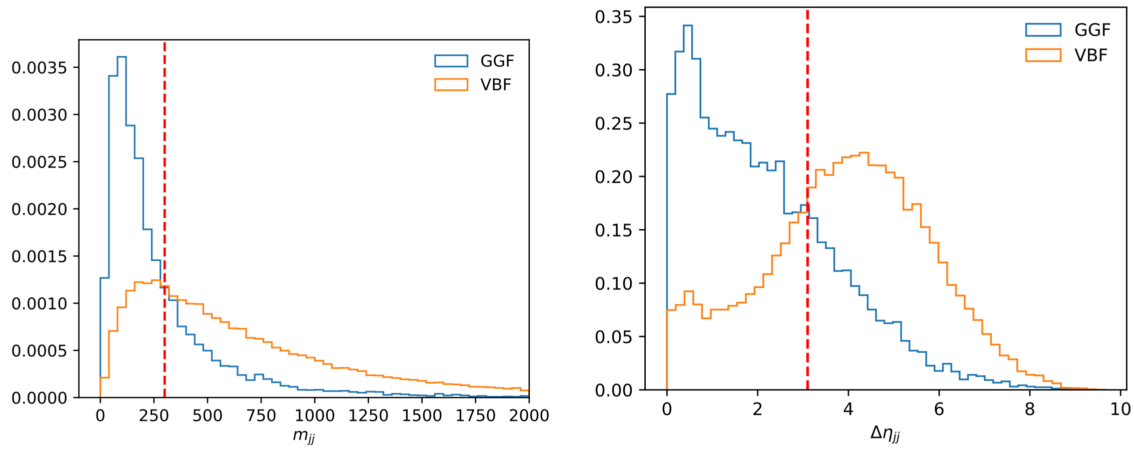
Figure 1 shows the distributions of m_{jj} (the invariant mass of the two leading jets) and $\Delta\eta_{jj}$ (the pseudorapidity difference between the two leading jets). The scatter plot of m_{jj} versus $\Delta\eta_{jj}$ is presented in Figure 2.

2.3 Event image

The inputs for the neural networks are event images [6, 7, 8]. These images are constructed from events that pass the kinematic selection criteria described in section 2.2. Each event image has three channels corresponding to calorimeter towers, tracks, and photons. The following preprocessing steps are applied to all event constituents:

1. Translation: Compute the p_{T}-weighted center in the ϕ coordinates, then shift this point to the origin.
2. Flipping: Flip the highest p_{T} quadrant to the first quadrant.
3. Pixelation: Pixelate in a $\eta \in [-5, 5]$, $\phi \in [-\pi, \pi]$ box, with 40×40 pixels

Figure 3 shows the event images for GGF and VBF production modes.



(a) m_{jj} distribution

(b) $\Delta\eta_{jj}$ distribution

Figure 1: Distributions of the invariant mass m_{jj} and pseudorapidity difference $\Delta\eta_{jj}$ of the two leading jets. Red dashed lines are selection cuts used to construct mixed datasets.

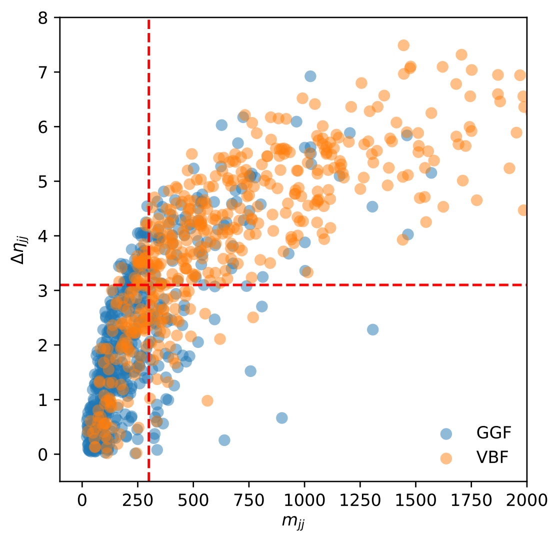
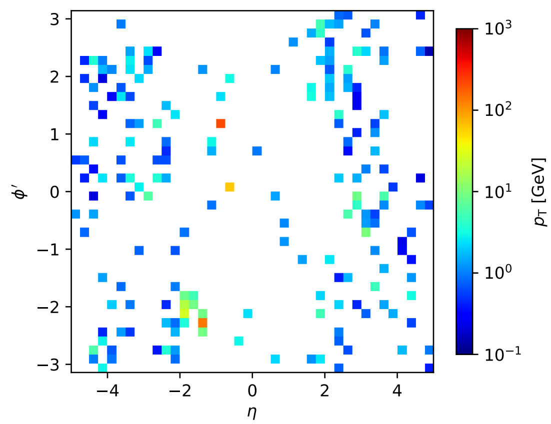
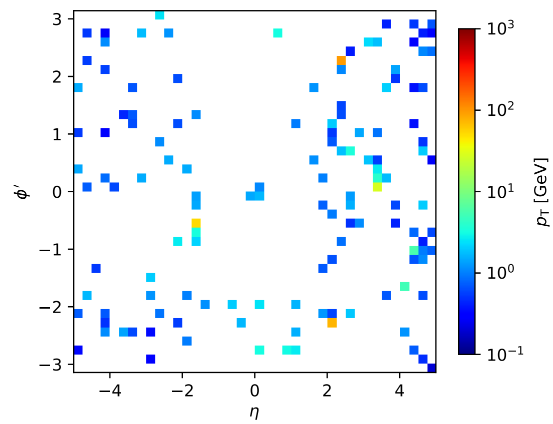


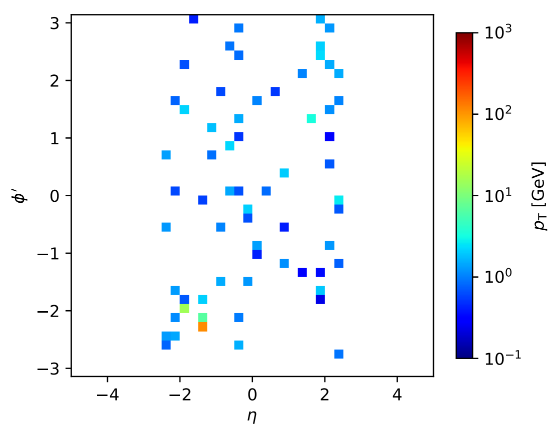
Figure 2: Scatter plot of m_{jj} versus $\Delta\eta_{jj}$. Red dashed lines are selection cuts used to construct mixed datasets.



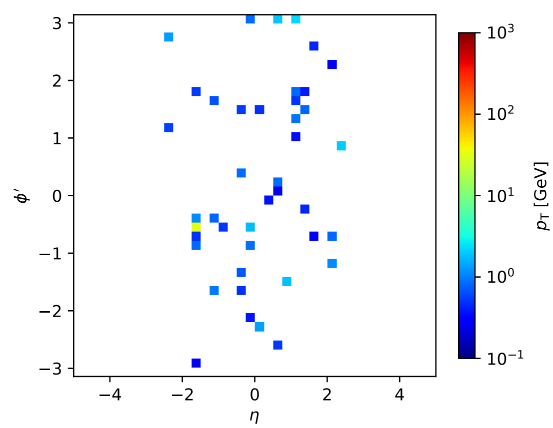
(a) GGF: Calorimeter Tower



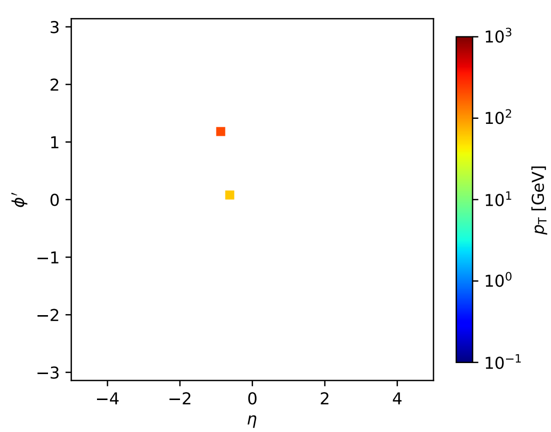
(b) VBF: Calorimeter Tower



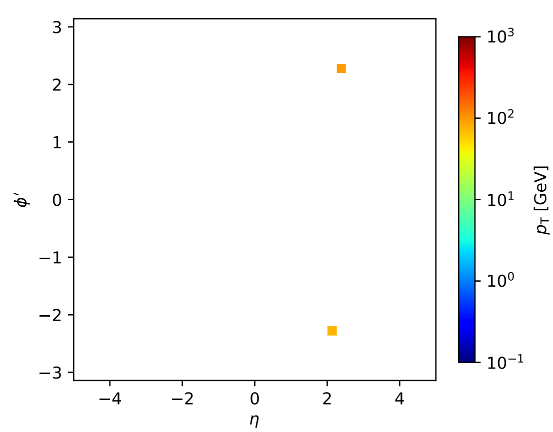
(c) GGF: Track



(d) VBF: Track



(e) GGF: Photon



(f) VBF: Photon

Figure 3: Event images for GGF and VBF production, separately shown for calorimeter towers, tracks, and photons.

2.4 Mixed datasets

Based on figure 1, we set selection cuts of $m_{jj} > 300$ GeV and $\Delta\eta_{jj} > 3.1$. We consider three cases: applying each cut individually and simultaneously. These cuts define the signal region (SR), which is VBF-like, and the background region (BR), which is GGF-like. Table 2 summarizes the cutflow results for different selection criteria.

Table 2: Number of passing events and passing rates for GGF and VBF Higgs production under different selection cuts.

Cut	GGF	pass rate	VBF	pass rate
Total	100000	1.00	100000	1.00
n_γ cut	9302	0.09	42860	0.43
n_j cut	9302	0.09	42860	0.43
$m_{\gamma\gamma}$ cut	8864	0.09	40694	0.41
m_{jj} cut: SR	2695	0.03	29496	0.29
m_{jj} cut: BR	6169	0.06	11198	0.11
$\Delta\eta_{jj}$ cut: SR	2317	0.02	28160	0.28
$\Delta\eta_{jj}$ cut: BR	6547	0.07	12534	0.13
$m_{jj}, \Delta\eta_{jj}$ cuts: SR	1832	0.02	26446	0.26
$m_{jj}, \Delta\eta_{jj}$ cuts: BR	5684	0.06	9484	0.09

The total cross-section for VBF production is $\sigma_{\text{VBF}} = 4.278$ pb^{-1} at NNLO and for GGF production is $\sigma_{\text{GGF}} = 54.67$ pb^{-1} at N3LO, as referenced in this link. The branching ratio for the di-photon decay channel is $\Gamma(h \to \gamma\gamma) = 2.270 \times 10^{-3}$, as given in this link.

Assuming the luminosity of $\mathcal{L} = 300$ fb^{-1}, we can estimate the number of events belonging to the SR and BR. These results are summarized in table 3

3 Training CNN

The total sample sizes are mentioned in section 2.4. We allocate 80% of the data for training and 20% for validation. The testing set consists of the SR's 10,000 VBF and 10,000 GGF events.

The convolutional neural network (CNN) model structure is summarized in figure 4. The internal node uses the rectified linear unit (ReLU) as the activation function. The loss function is the binary cross-entropy. The `Adam` optimizer minimizes the loss value. The learning rate is 10^{-4}, and the batch size is 512. We employ the early stopping technique to

Table 3: The number of events of mixed datasets under different selection cuts.

(a) $m_{jj} > 300$ GeV

	GGF	VBF
BR	2297	326
SR	1003	859

(b) $\Delta\eta_{jj} > 3.1$

	GGF	VBF
BR	2437	365
SR	863	820

(c) $m_{jj} > 300$ GeV, $\Delta\eta_{jj} > 3.1$

	GGF	VBF
BR	2116	276
SR	682	770

prevent over-training issues with a patience of 10.

The training results are summarized in table 4. The performance of the $\Delta\eta_{jj}$ cuts is better than the m_{jj} cut. Moreover, when both cuts are applied together, the performance is slightly worse than when applying either cut individually.

Table 4: The CNN training results. The ACC and AUC are evaluated based on 10 training. The selection cuts of $m_{jj} > 300$ GeV and $\Delta\eta_{jj} > 3.1$ are applied.

	M_1/M_2		S/B	
Cut	ACC	AUC	ACC	AUC
m_{jj}	0.712 ± 0.023	0.741 ± 0.041	0.576 ± 0.010	0.596 ± 0.014
$\Delta\eta_{jj}$	0.828 ± 0.043	0.889 ± 0.050	0.604 ± 0.014	0.630 ± 0.015
$m_{jj}, \Delta\eta_{jj}$	0.753 ± 0.022	0.792 ± 0.035	0.573 ± 0.007	0.596 ± 0.008

3.1 More events

This section assumes the luminosity of $\mathcal{L} = 3000$ fb^{-1}. The number of events belonging to the SR and BR are summarized in table 5.

The training results are summarized in table 6. All datasets' performance is better than the results in table 4. The $\Delta\eta_{jj}$ cut performs better than the m_{jj} cut. Moreover, when both cuts are applied together, the performance is slightly worse than the $\Delta\eta_{jj}$ cut but better than m_{jj}. These results are similar to the previous one.

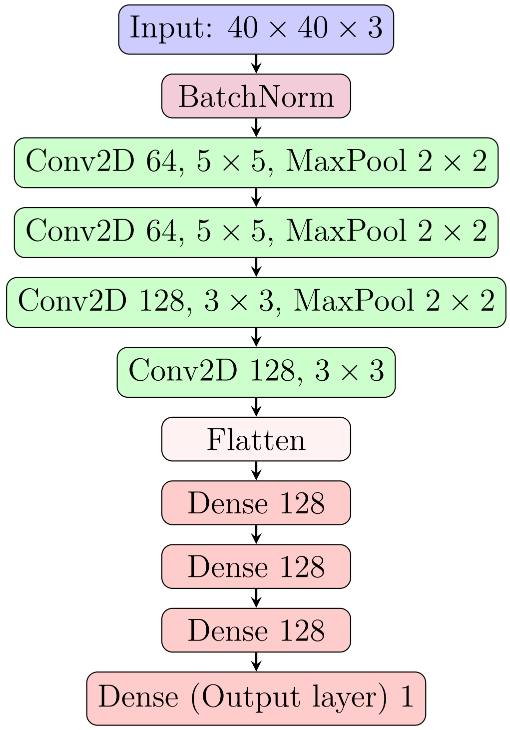


Figure 4: The architecture of the CNN model with key hyperparameters.

Table 5: The number of events of mixed datasets under different selection cuts.

(a) $m_{jj} > 300$ GeV

	GGF	VBF
BR	22967	3262
SR	10034	8593

(b) $\Delta\eta_{jj} > 3.1$

	GGF	VBF
BR	24375	3652
SR	8626	8204

(c) $m_{jj} > 300$ GeV, $\Delta\eta_{jj} > 3.1$

	GGF	VBF
BR	21162	2763
SR	6821	7705

Table 6: The CNN training results. The ACC and AUC are evaluated based on 10 training. The selection cuts of $m_{jj} > 300$ GeV and $\Delta\eta_{jj} > 3.1$ are applied.

	M_1/M_2		S/B	
Cut	ACC	AUC	ACC	AUC
m_{jj}	0.907 ± 0.002	0.969 ± 0.002	0.598 ± 0.008	0.625 ± 0.009
$\Delta\eta_{jj}$	0.931 ± 0.004	0.979 ± 0.002	0.615 ± 0.005	0.648 ± 0.006
$m_{jj}, \Delta\eta_{jj}$	0.929 ± 0.003	0.978 ± 0.002	0.608 ± 0.004	0.638 ± 0.005

4 p_{T} normalization

To remove the potential dependence of the input samples on m_{jj}, we standardize the event images to remove the difference in input data distributions between the SR and BR. We calculate the mean and standard deviation of the event image transverse momentum and use these values to standardize each event image. We standardize each channel separately.

The number of events in the SR and BR are the same as previously in table 5.

The training results are summarized in table 7. The m_{jj} cut performs better than the previous one (table 6).

Table 7: The CNN training results with p_{T} normalization technique. The ACC and AUC are evaluated based on 10 training. The selection cuts of $m_{jj} > 300$ GeV and $\Delta\eta_{jj} > 3.1$ are applied.

	M_1/M_2		S/B	
Cut	ACC	AUC	ACC	AUC
m_{jj}	0.874 ± 0.004	0.946 ± 0.003	0.624 ± 0.005	0.663 ± 0.006
$\Delta\eta_{jj}$	0.928 ± 0.005	0.979 ± 0.002	0.597 ± 0.005	0.630 ± 0.006
$m_{jj}, \Delta\eta_{jj}$	0.917 ± 0.003	0.973 ± 0.002	0.603 ± 0.004	0.636 ± 0.006

5 Different cut setting

We set selection cuts of $m_{jj} > 225$ GeV and $\Delta\eta_{jj} > 2.3$ to ensure the SR and BR datasets have similar sizes. Table 8 summarizes the cutflow results for different selection criteria.

Assuming the luminosity of $\mathcal{L} = 3000$ fb^{-1}, we can estimate the number of events belonging to the SR and BR. These results are summarized in table 9

Table 8: Number of passing events and passing rates for GGF and VBF Higgs production under different selection cuts.

Cut	GGF	pass rate	VBF	pass rate
Total	100000	1.00	100000	1.00
n_γ cut	9302	0.09	42860	0.43
n_j cut	9302	0.09	42860	0.43
$m_{\gamma\gamma}$ cut	8864	0.09	40694	0.41
m_{jj} cut: SR	3638	0.04	32993	0.33
m_{jj} cut: BR	5226	0.05	7701	0.08
$\Delta\eta_{jj}$ cut: SR	3611	0.04	32914	0.33
$\Delta\eta_{jj}$ cut: BR	5253	0.05	7780	0.08
$m_{jj}, \Delta\eta_{jj}$ cuts: SR	2842	0.03	31113	0.31
$m_{jj}, \Delta\eta_{jj}$ cuts: BR	4457	0.04	5900	0.06

Table 9: The number of events of mixed datasets under different selection cuts.

(a) $m_{jj} > 225$ GeV

	GGF	VBF
BR	19457	2244
SR	13544	9612

(b) $\Delta\eta_{jj} > 2.3$

	GGF	VBF
BR	19557	2267
SR	13444	9589

(c) $m_{jj} > 225$ GeV, $\Delta\eta_{jj} > 2.3$

	GGF	VBF
BR	16594	1719
SR	10581	9064

The training results are summarized in table 10. The results are better than the table 7 by 1%. Similarly, the m_{jj} cut performs best.

Table 10: The CNN training results with p_{T} normalization technique. The ACC and AUC are evaluated based on 10 training. The selection cuts of $m_{jj} > 225$ GeV and $\Delta\eta_{jj} > 2.3$ are applied.

	M_1/M_2		S/B	
Cut	ACC	AUC	ACC	AUC
m_{jj}	0.864 ± 0.004	0.940 ± 0.004	0.632 ± 0.006	0.673 ± 0.007
$\Delta\eta_{jj}$	0.913 ± 0.006	0.972 ± 0.003	0.605 ± 0.007	0.640 ± 0.009
$m_{jj}, \Delta\eta_{jj}$	0.896 ± 0.007	0.961 ± 0.004	0.616 ± 0.005	0.653 ± 0.006

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