

# Practical ML Examples in HEP\*

\* HEP = biased towards my interested, collider experiments and jets...

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**Particle Physics**

# Glossary

**Tagger: Classifier used to identify an object.**

ie: b-tagger identifies a jet as containing a b-hadron or not

**Fake: Object of class  $x$  tagged as class  $y$**

**Signal: What you are looking for**

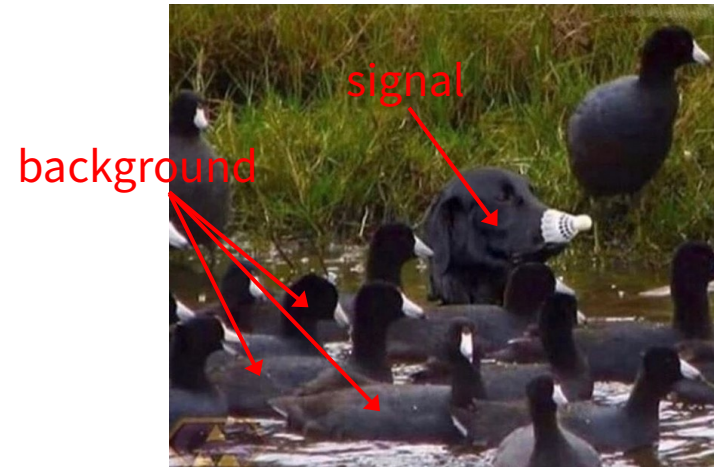
aka the needle

**Background: What you want to reduce**

aka the haystack

irreducible = cannot be reduced because it looks exactly like the signal

Search for the dogduck



# Machine Learning Quick Start

**BDT or NN or ...**

trained **parameters**

$$y = f(\vec{x}; \vec{\theta})$$

**output**

ie: likelihood event  
contains  $h \rightarrow bb$

**input**

ie: jets in an event

# Uses of Machine Learning in HEP

## Classification (Supervised)

does this event contain a Higgs boson or QCD background?



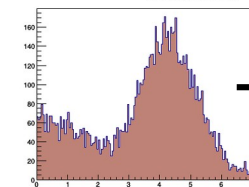
## Classification (Unsupervised)

does this event look like new physics?



## Regression

value of a function without a (simple) analytical form



Mean: 3.6  
Stddev: 1.8

## Event Generation

generate new events without the need for complicated simulation

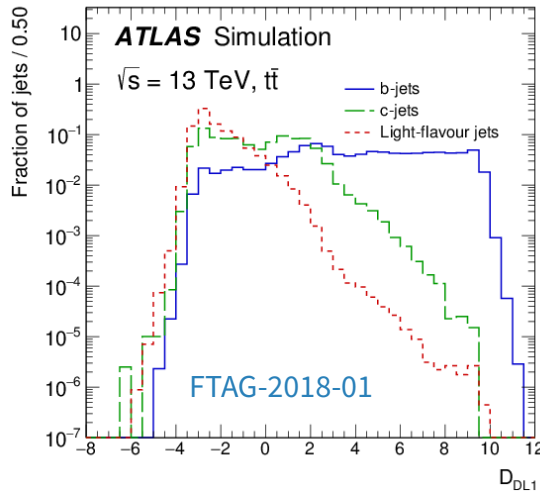


**and constantly growing...**

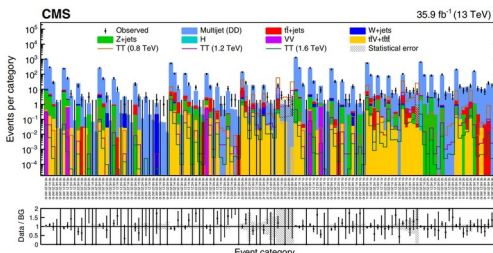
# Object/Event Classification

## The classical use of ML in High Energy Physics...

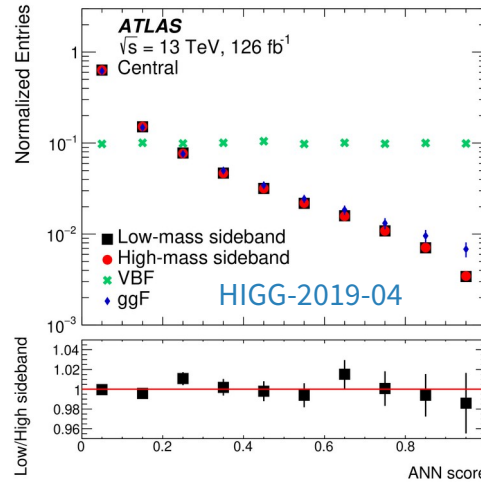
NN on reconstructed secondary vertices to identify b-jets



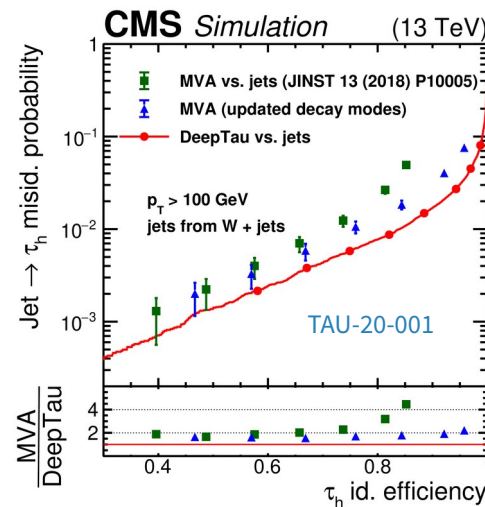
NN classifies jets as W, Z, H, t, b, light and categories in event are counted for vector-like quarks search [B2G-18-005](#)



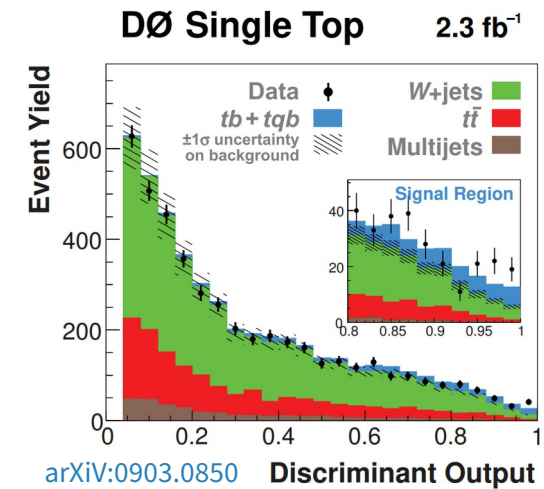
ANN for identifying VBF h→bb events from QCD



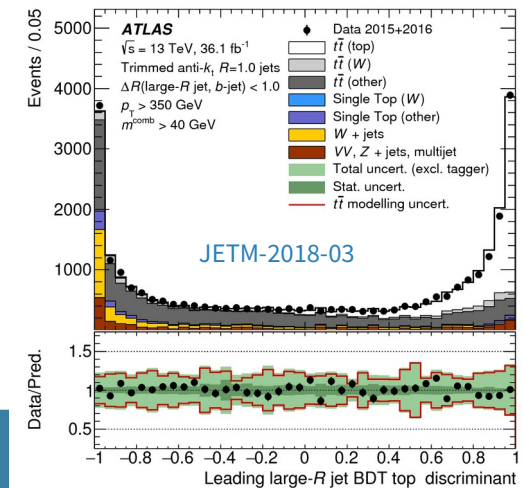
NN for identifying taus



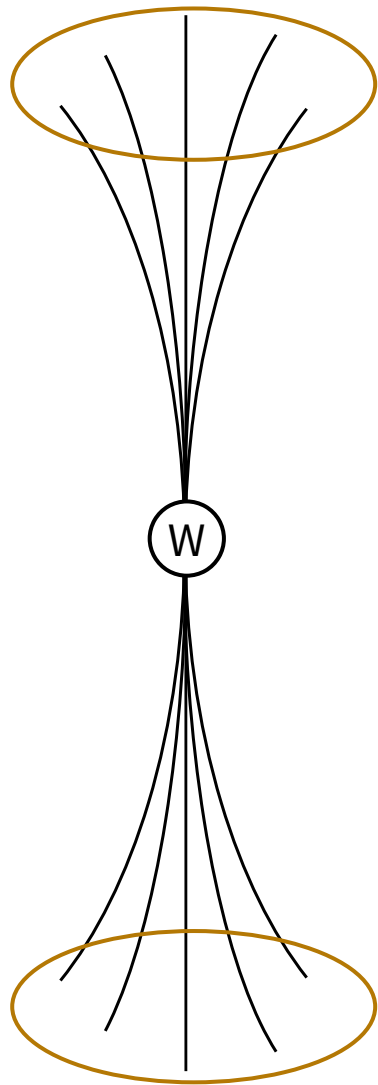
BDT used for observation of single top quark production



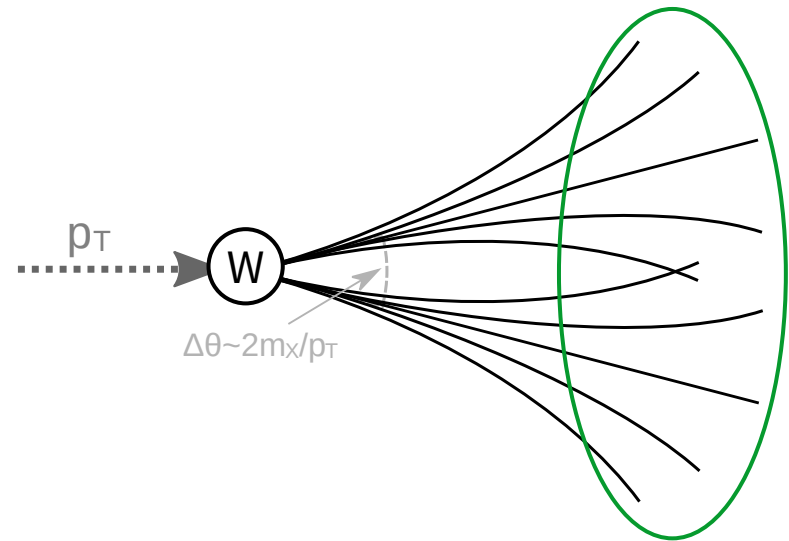
BDT for identifying W vs top jets



# What are boosted objects?



A **hadronically decaying** particle  $W$  at rest can be reconstructed using **two anti- $k_T$   $R=0.4$  jets**.

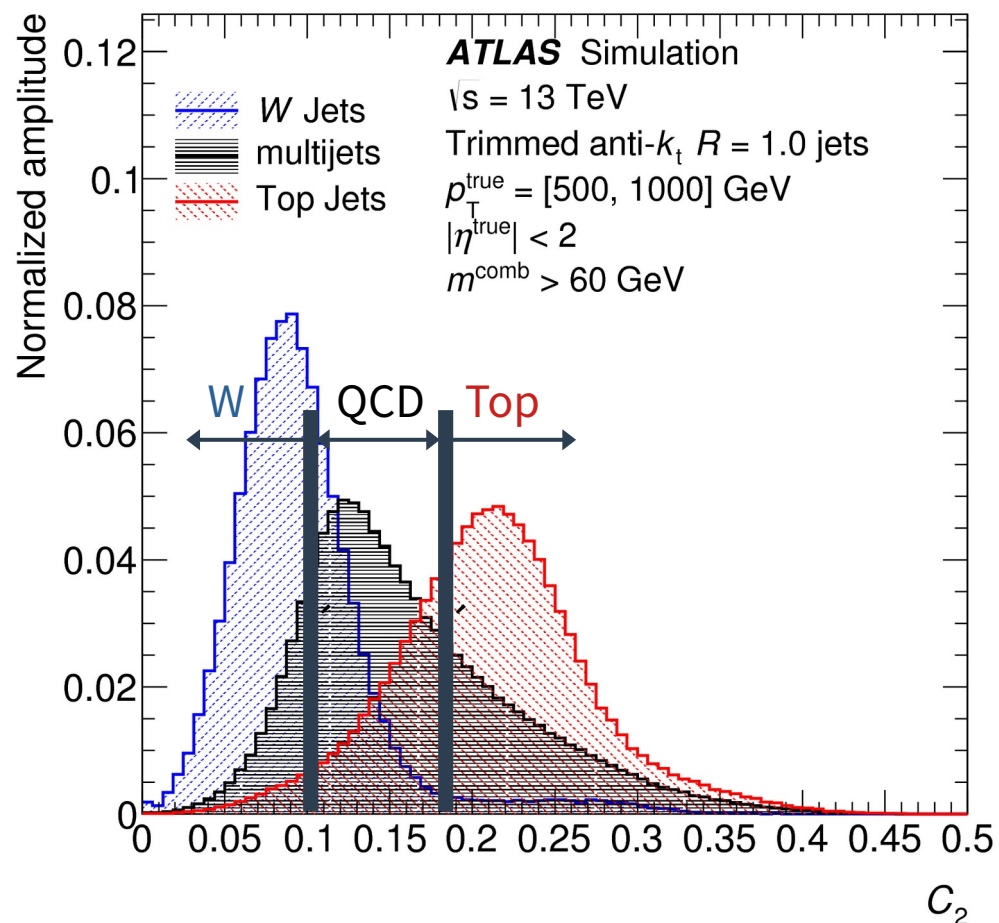


But if  $W$  is boosted, then anti- $k_T$   $R=0.4$  will not be able to resolve two separate jets.

**Solution:** reconstruct a **single large- $R$  jet** and look at the **radiation pattern of the constituents** (substructure).

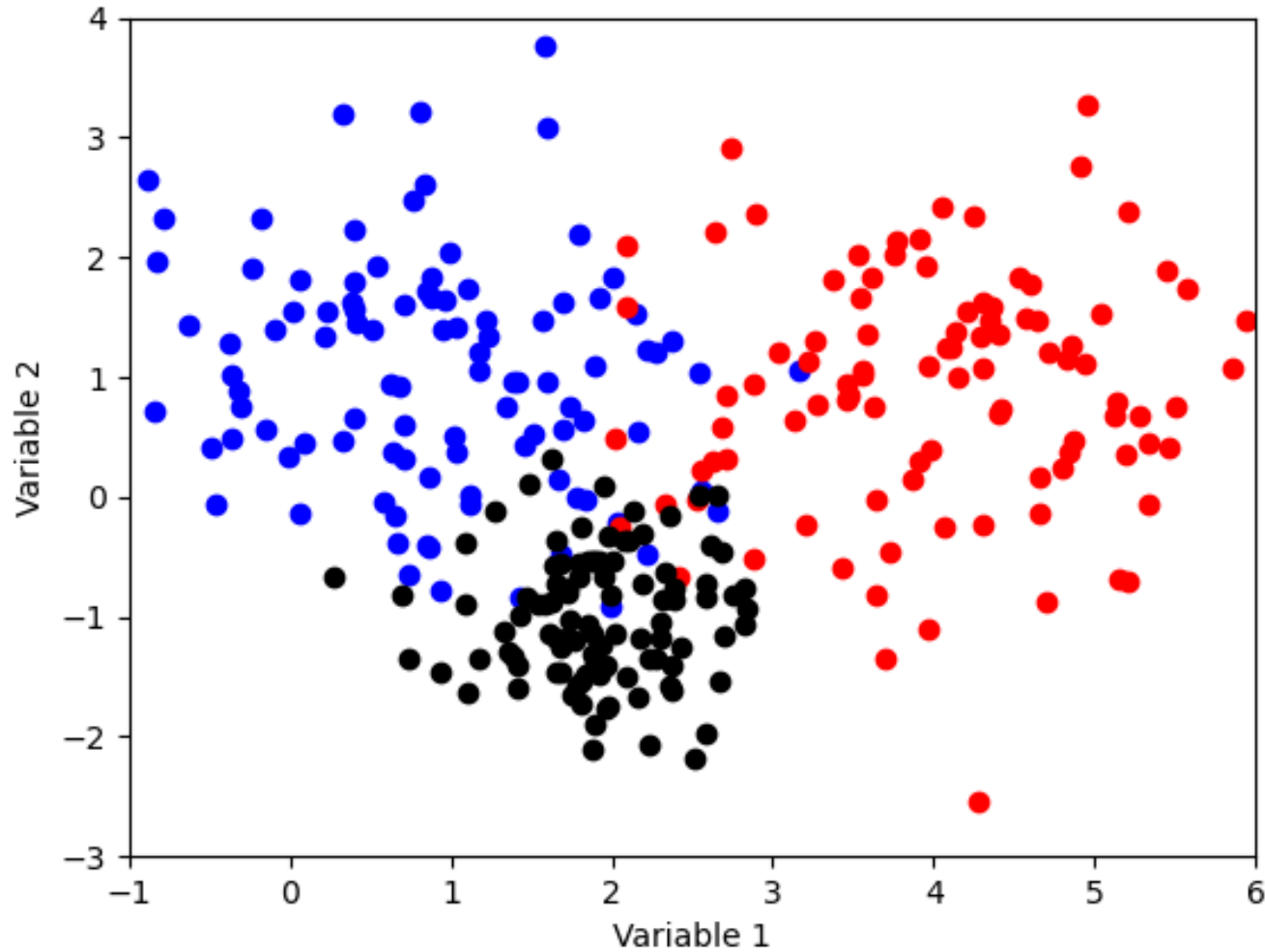
- Invariant mass of constituents?
- How many hard prongs?
- How many b-tagged track jets?

# Some Jet Moments



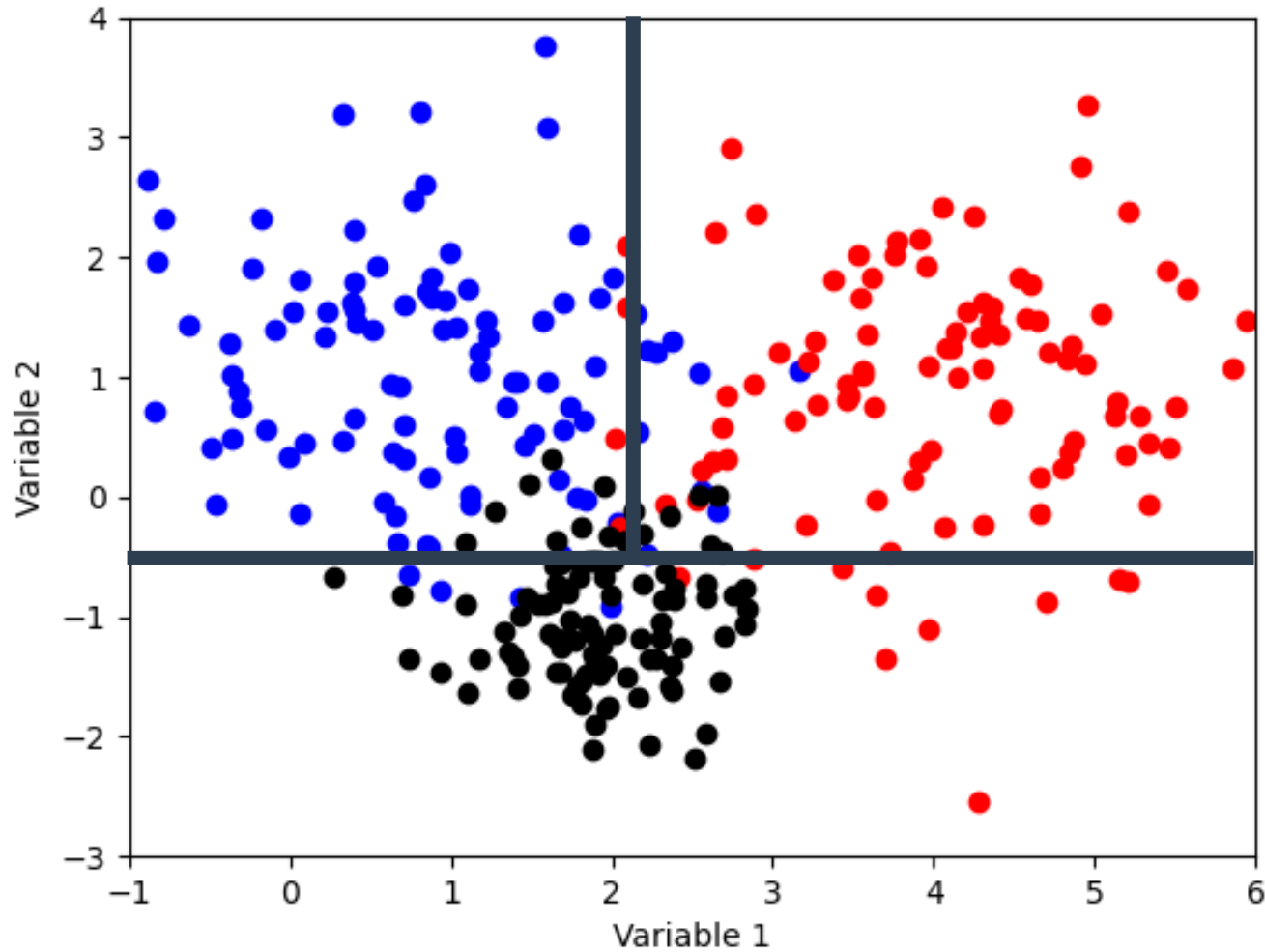
Observable	Variable	Used for
Calibrated jet kinematics	$p_T, m^{\text{comb}}$	top, W
Energy correlation ratios	$e_3, C_2, D_2$	top, W
$N$ -subjettiness	$\tau_1, \tau_2, \tau_{21}$	top, W
	$\tau_3, \tau_{32}$	top
Fox–Wolfram moment	$R_2^{\text{FW}}$	W
Splitting measures	$z_{\text{cut}}$	W
	$\sqrt{d_{12}}$	top, W
	$\sqrt{d_{23}}$	top
Planar flow	$\mathcal{P}$	W
Angularity	$a_3$	W
Aplanarity	$A$	W
KtDR	$KtDR$	W
Qw	$Q_w$	top

# Multivariate Classification With ML



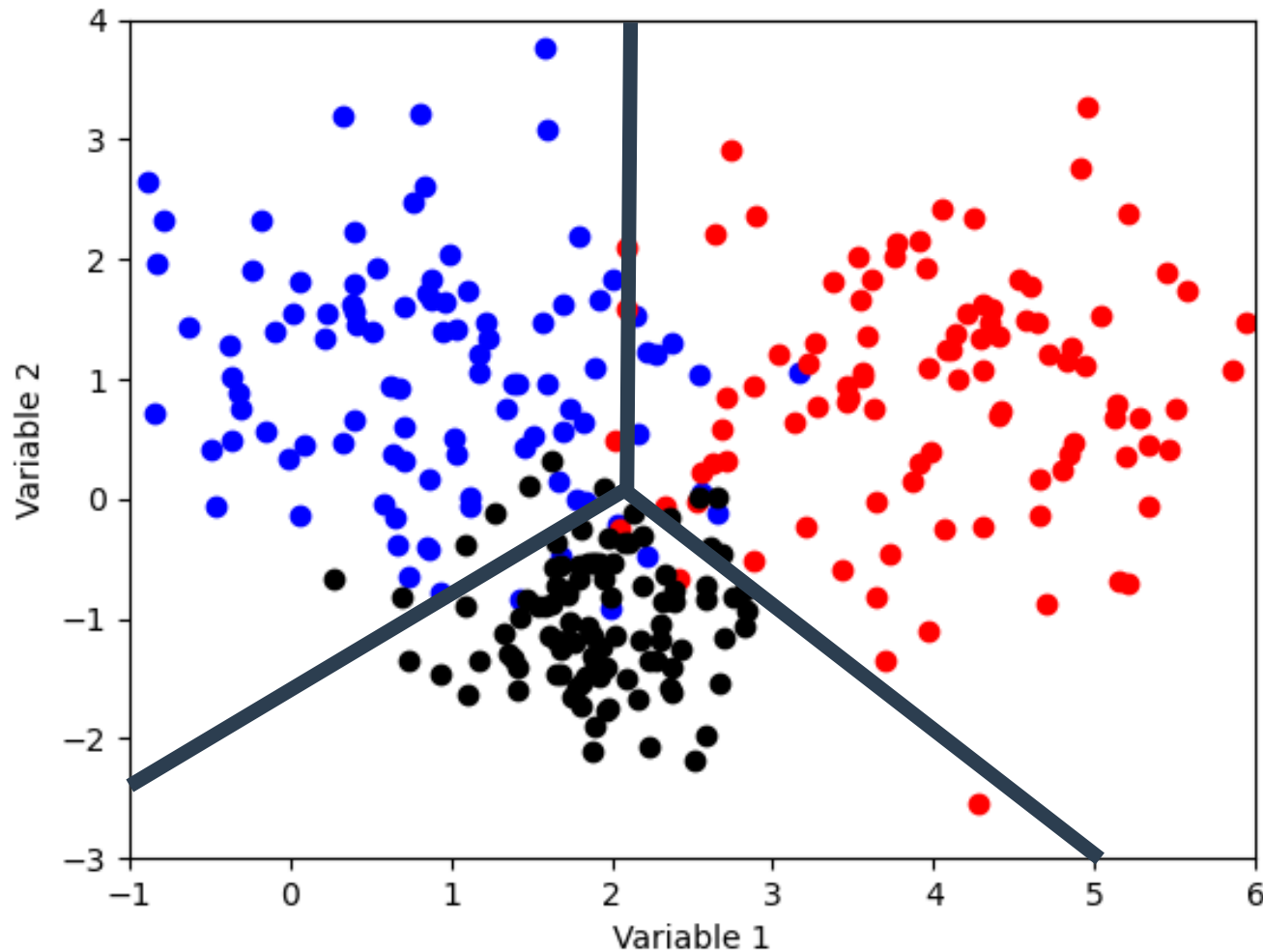


# “Cut-Based” Classification

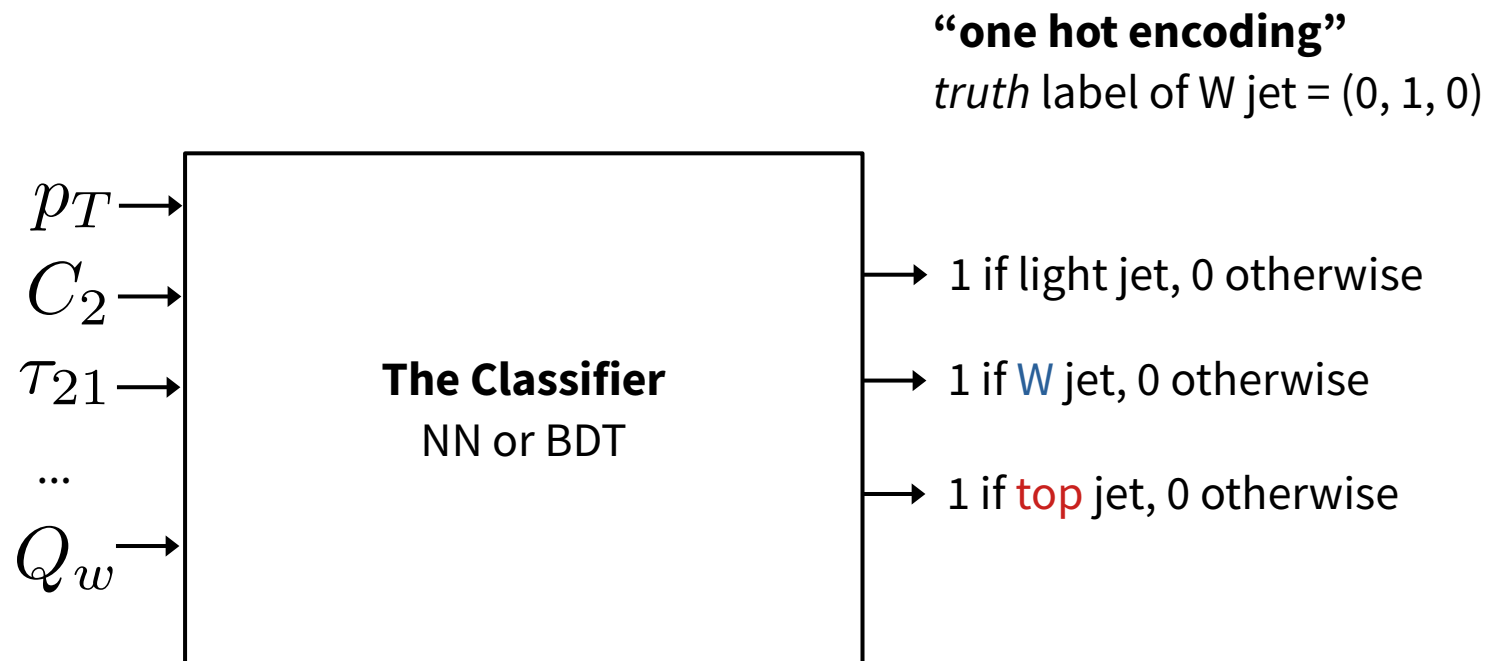


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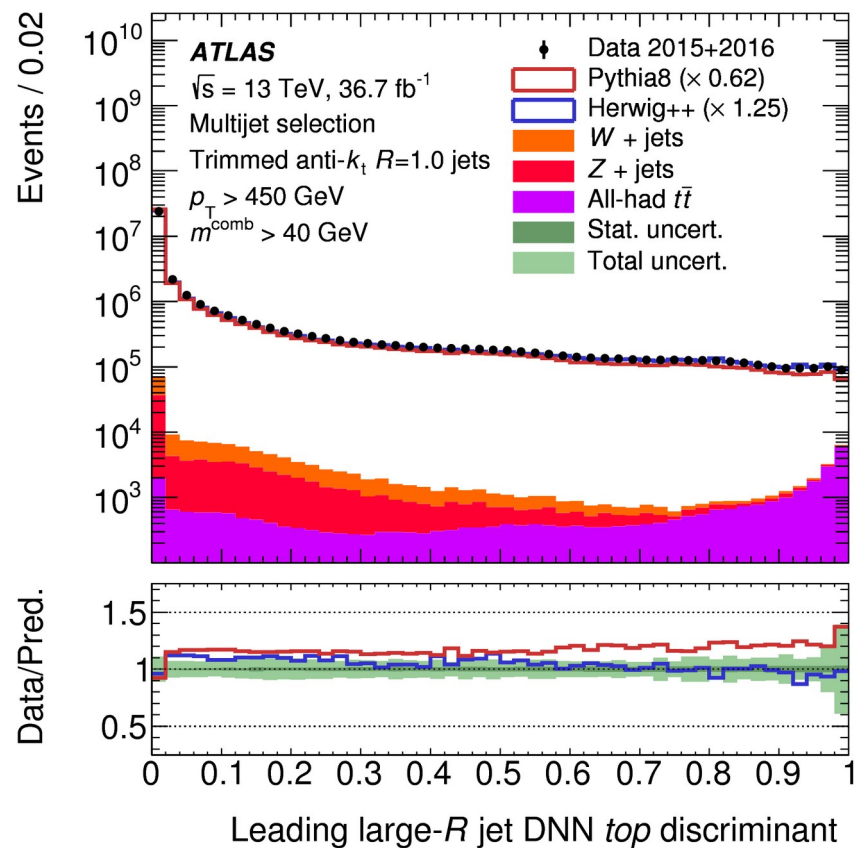
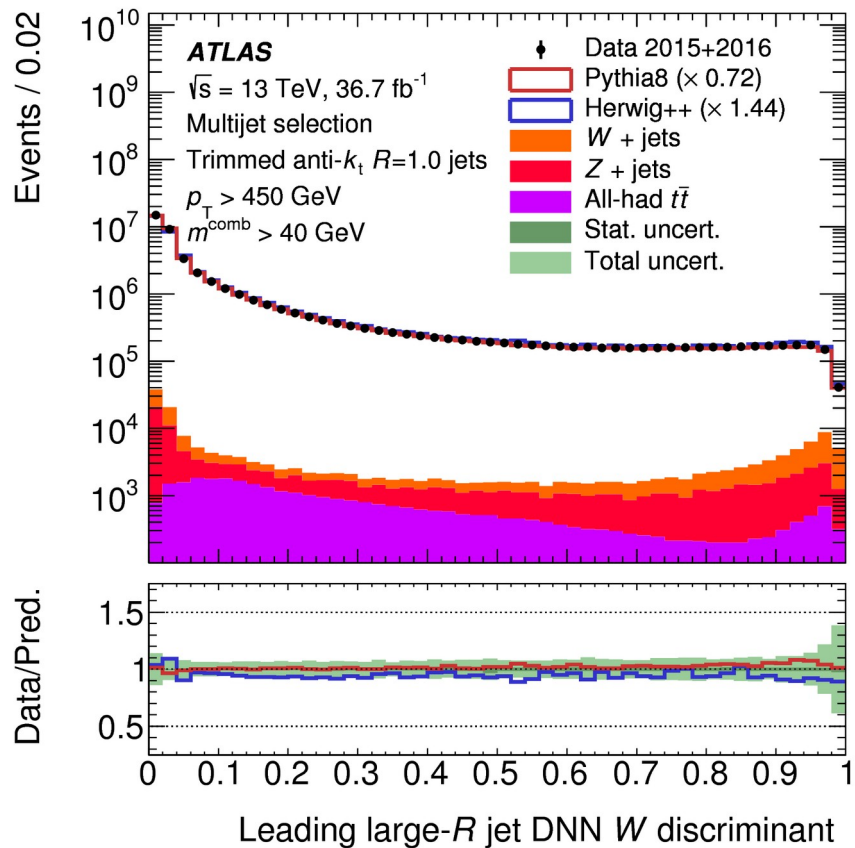
Neural network or BDT also  
allows to draw curly boundaries!



# Architecture



# Results of ATLAS Classifier



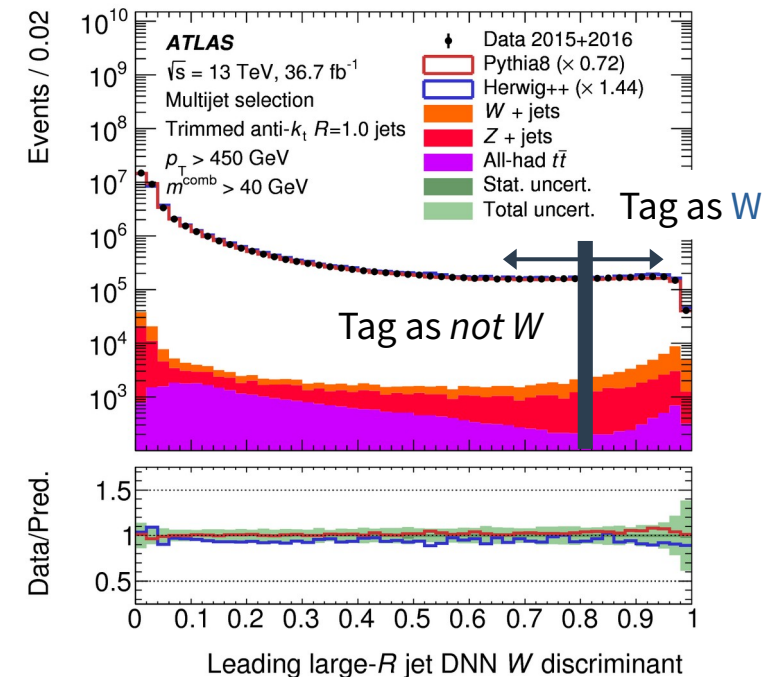
# How to Choose Class?

In most ML tutorials, you will see:

$$\text{class} = \text{argmax}\{[p_W, p_{QCD}, P_t]\}$$

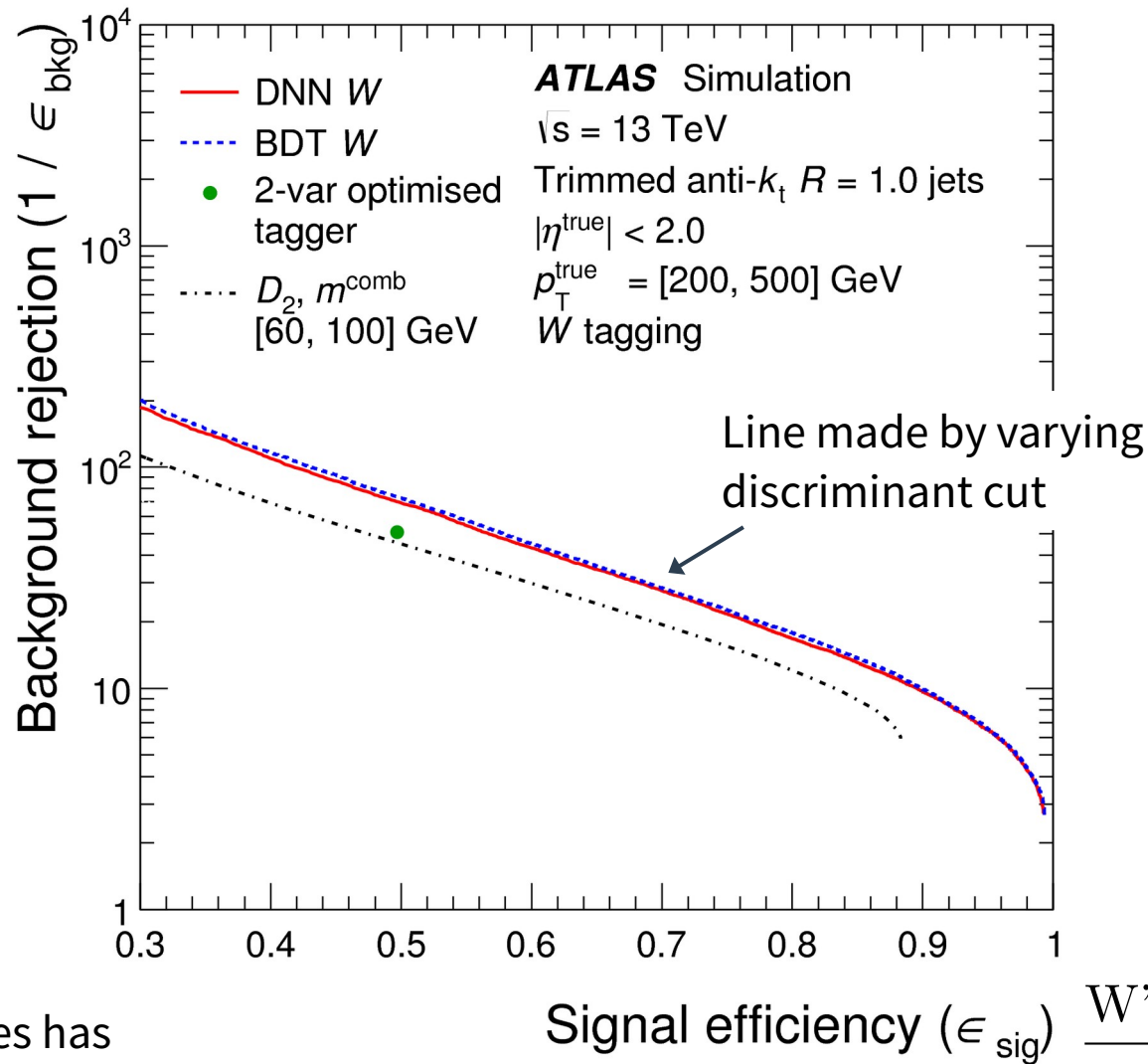
In HEP, we often cut on discriminator variable:

- Tight cut  $\rightarrow$  very pure sample
  - Low on statistics
  - Used for measurements
- Loose cut  $\rightarrow$  many signal events
  - Good for searches
- Chosen value is part of analysis optimization
  - Sometimes only few *calibrated* cuts allowed



# Receiver Operating Characteristic (ROC) Curve

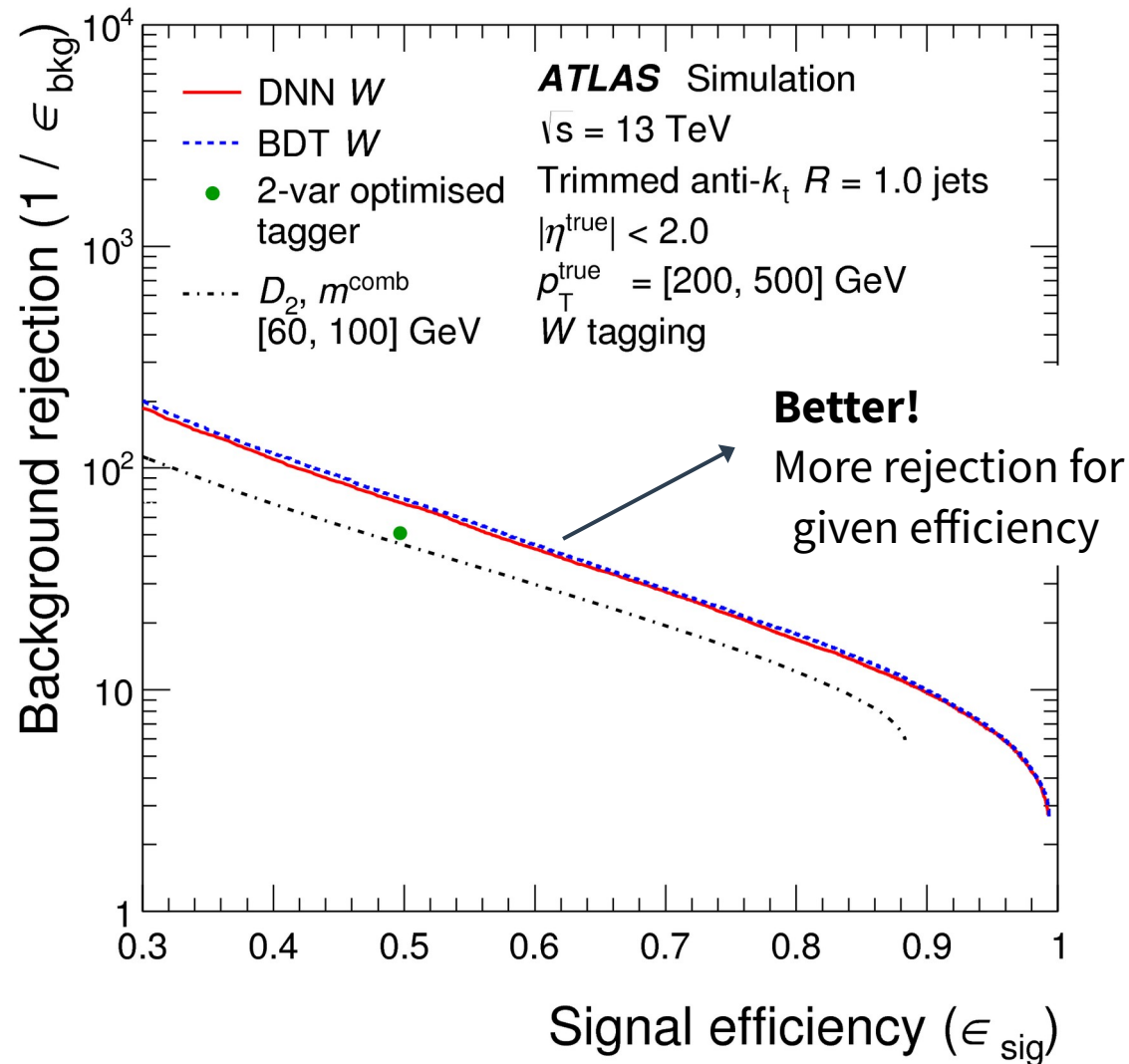
$\frac{\text{all background}}{\text{bkg passing cut}}$



**Q:** Which of the curves has the best performance?

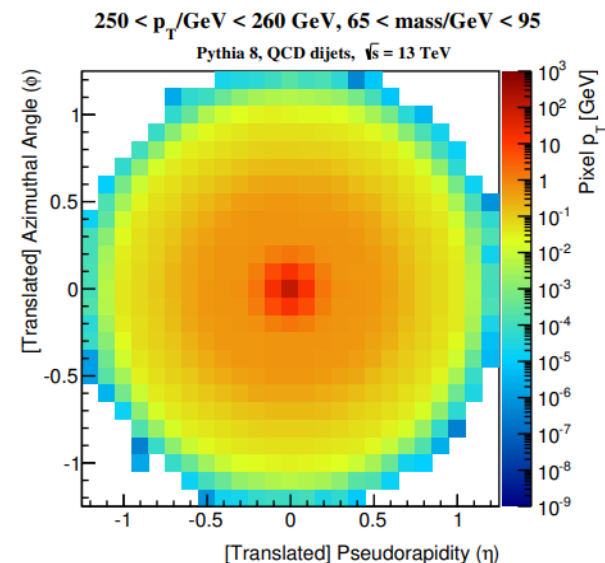
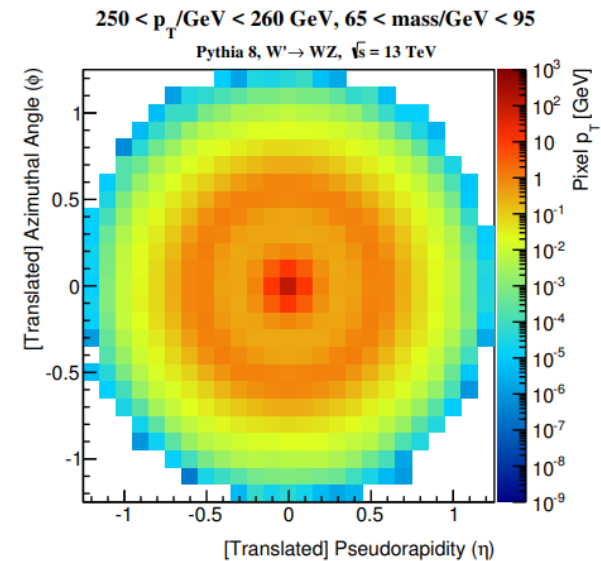
$\frac{\text{W's passing cut}}{\text{all W's}}$

# Receiver Operating Characteristic (ROC) Curve



## Calorimeter $\approx$ an image

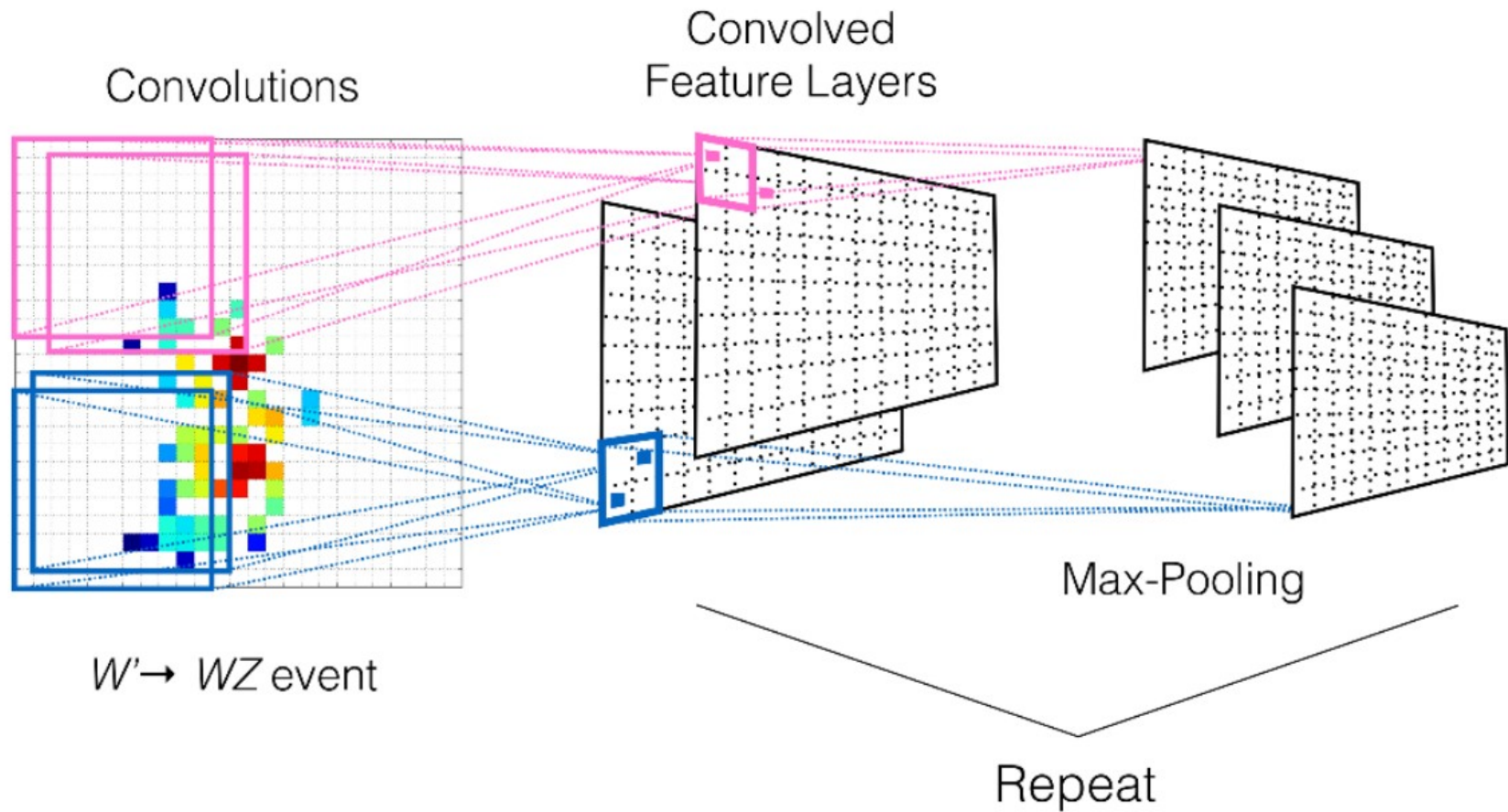
- $x, y = \varphi, \eta$
- color = energy deposition
- Image classification is a key part of ML in industry
- Can a NN **learn** the calculation of “**jet moments**” from images?
- And can it calculate **jet moments** we didn't think of?





# Convolutional Neural Networks

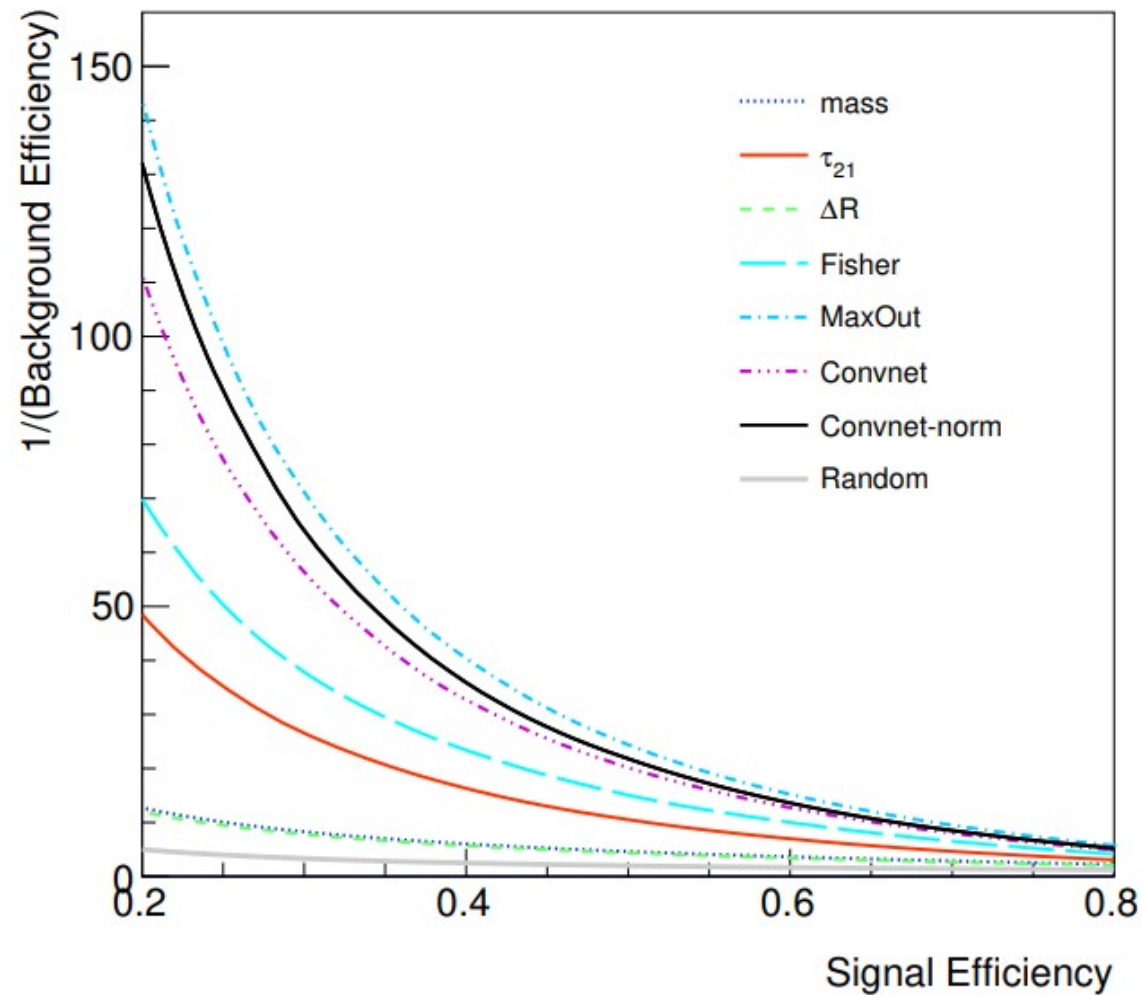
CNN's are a great architecture for processing images



# Result of Jet Images

$250 < p_T/\text{GeV} < 300 \text{ GeV}$ ,  $65 < \text{mass}/\text{GeV} < 95$

$\sqrt{s} = 13 \text{ TeV}$ , Pythia 8

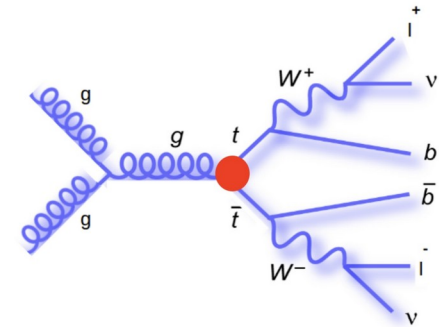


# Calibrating a Classifier

- Classifier is a black box... no idea what it is learning.
- Training is (mostly) done on simulated events.
  - What if our simulation is wrong? NN can be sensitive to random corners...
- **Calibration: ensure same efficiency in MC as in data**
  - 1) Run classifier on data that is pure in signal via selection
  - 2) Run classifier on MC (pure in signal)
  - 3) Scale Factor = correction to MC =  $\epsilon_{\text{data}}/\epsilon_{\text{MC}}$
  - 4) Repeat on background sample second SF

**THIS IS THE HARDEST PART TO PUT A NEW CLASSIFIER INTO PRODUCTION!!!**

## Example of pure b-jet sample



Any jets in a dileptonic ttbar event will be b-jets

# Important Classifier Figures

- Thoughts?

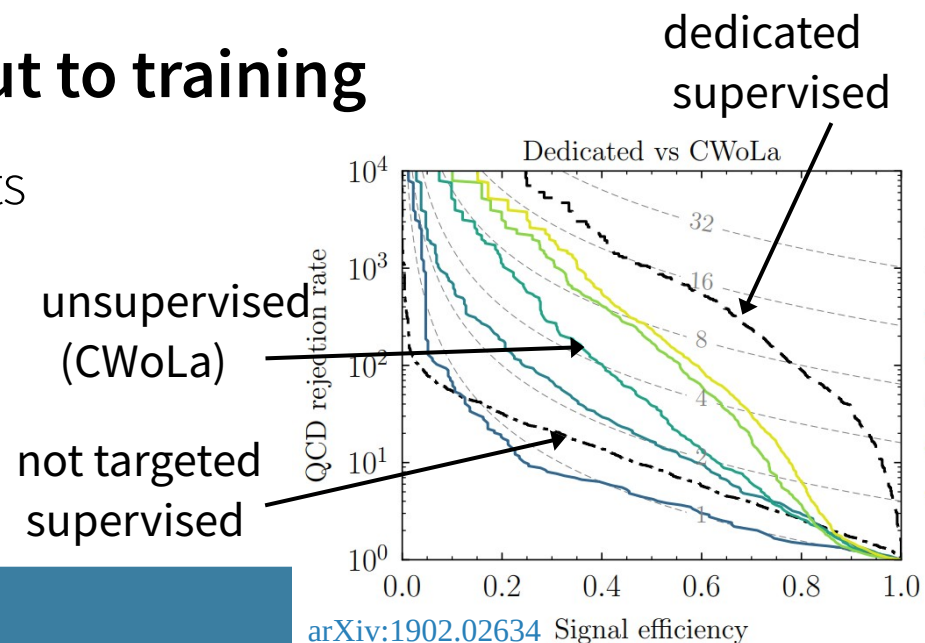
# Important Classifier Figures

- **Plot your input variables**
  - Teaches you what is important. Even better if you include correlations
- **ROC curves are great way to compare classifiers**
  - Great overview of the performance. Not just a single point.
- **Always include a simple cut-based for comparison**
  - If your NN does not outperform cut-based, then don't use it (Keep It Simple).

# Anomaly Searches

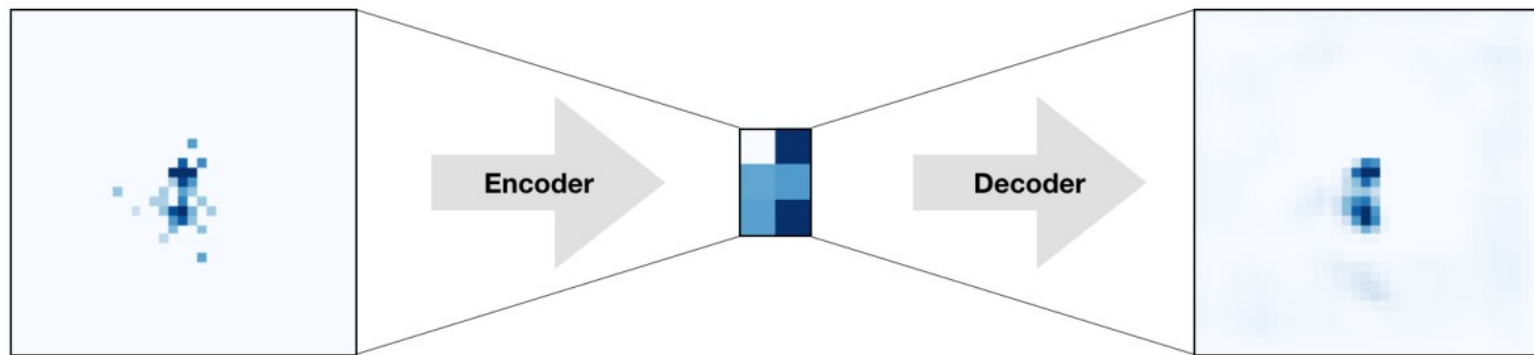
Given collision events, **find ones that you can't explain.**

- **Supervised: train on background and signal**
  - Most powerful, but model dependent. *Not anomaly search*.
- **Weakly Supervised: train with imperfectly labeled data**
  - Hard to tell if “anomaly” is new physics *or bad modeling*
- **Unsupervised: no simulation as input to training**
  - The “holy grail” of ML in collider experiments



# Auto Encoders

Learn to **encode and decode** your data to a **representation**



If trained on class of  $x$

$$x \approx d(e(x, \theta_e), \theta_d)$$

If **not** trained on class of  $x$

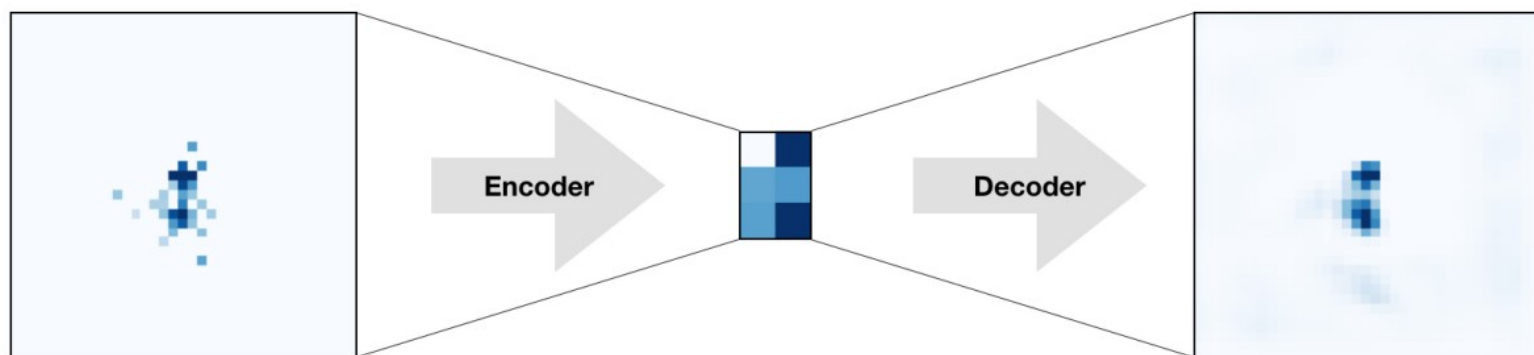
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$$L = |x - d(e(x, \theta_e), \theta_d)|$$

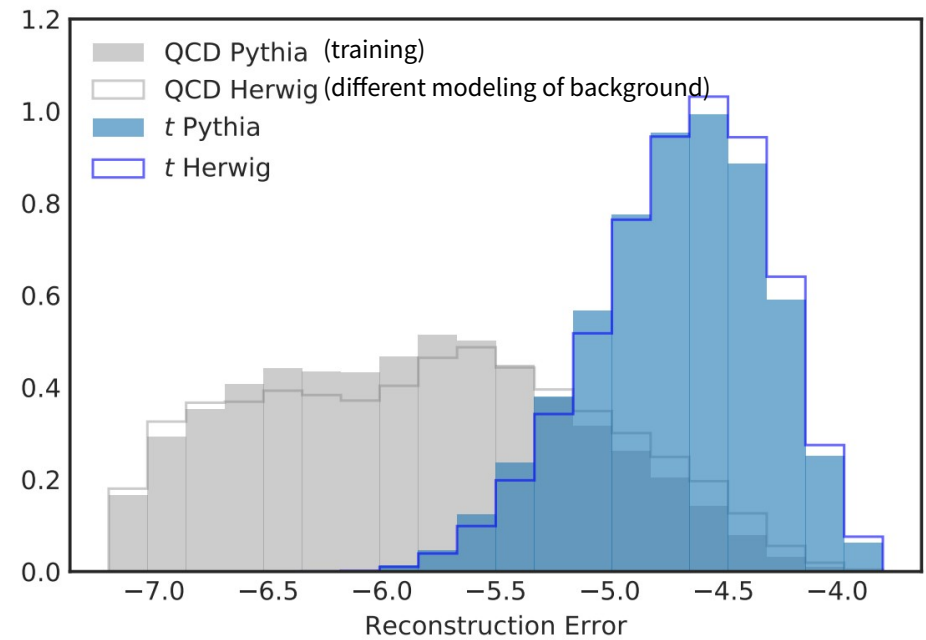
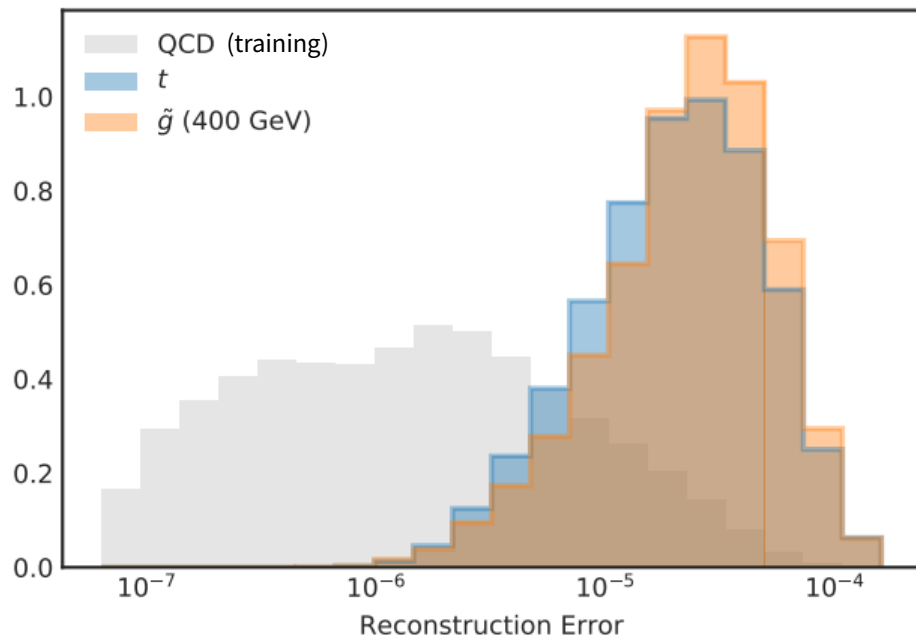


# Searching for New Physics with Deep Autoencoders\*

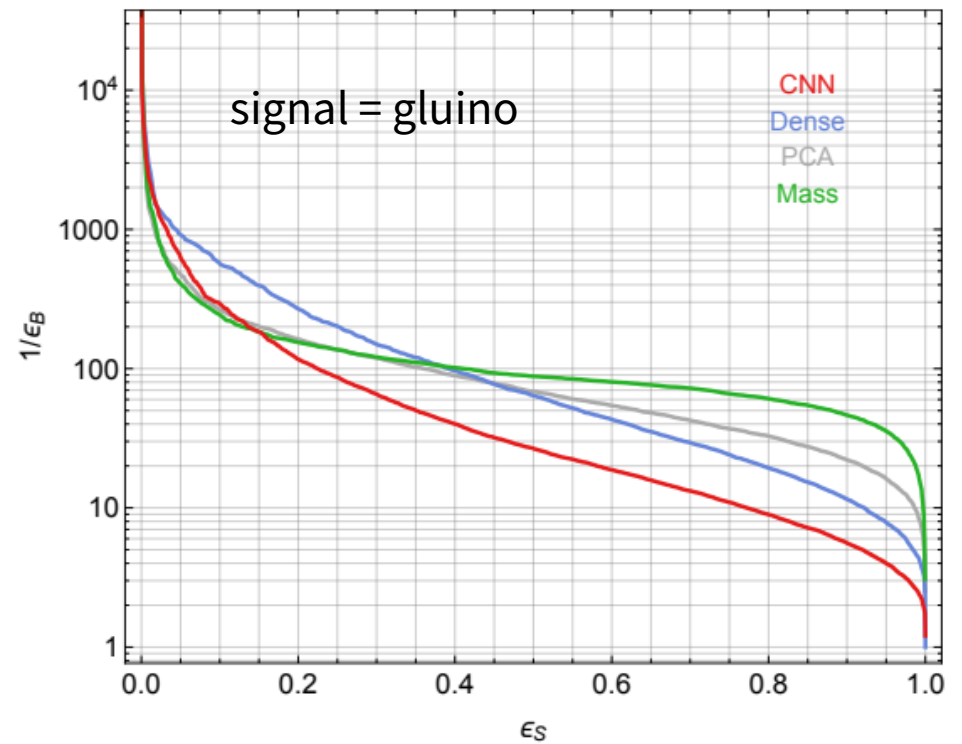
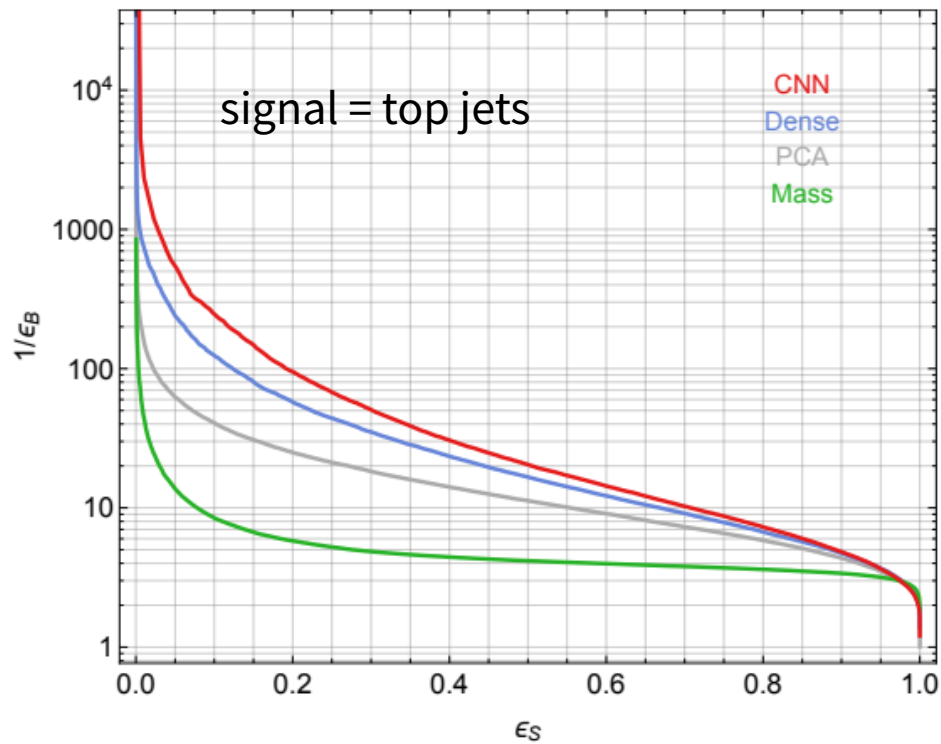
\* Marco Farina, Yuichiro Nakai, David Shih

- **Proposed for a (weakly) supervised jet substructure search**
- ***Input to the autoencoder is a jet image***
- **Three architectures tried**
  - Principal Component Analysis
  - Deep Neural Network
  - Convolutional Neural Network
- **Two approaches to training**
  - Weakly supervised: train on simulated background
  - Unsupervised: train on (simulated) background with signal injected

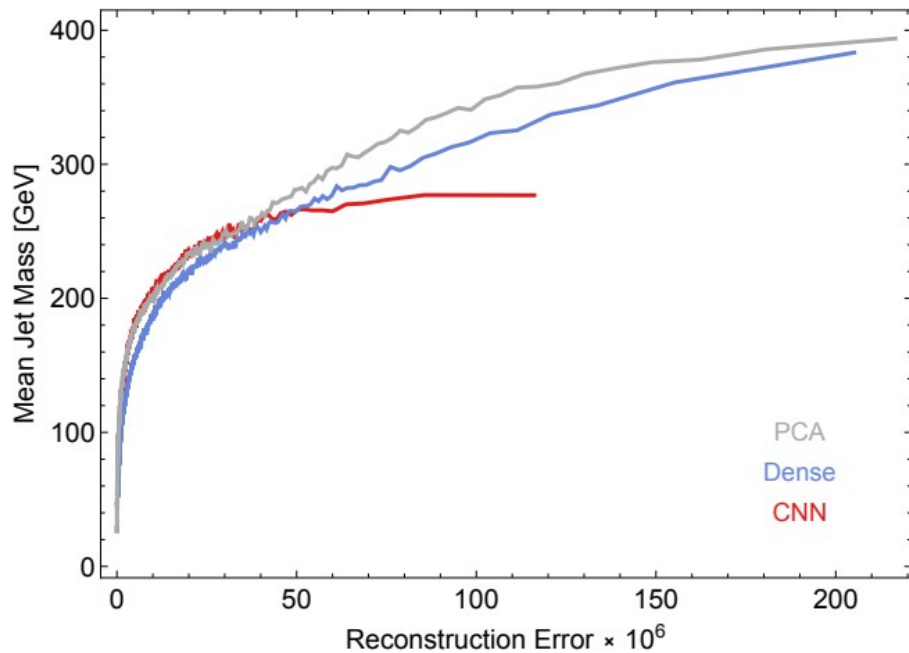
# Reconstruction Error



# Performance



# Be Careful of Black Boxes

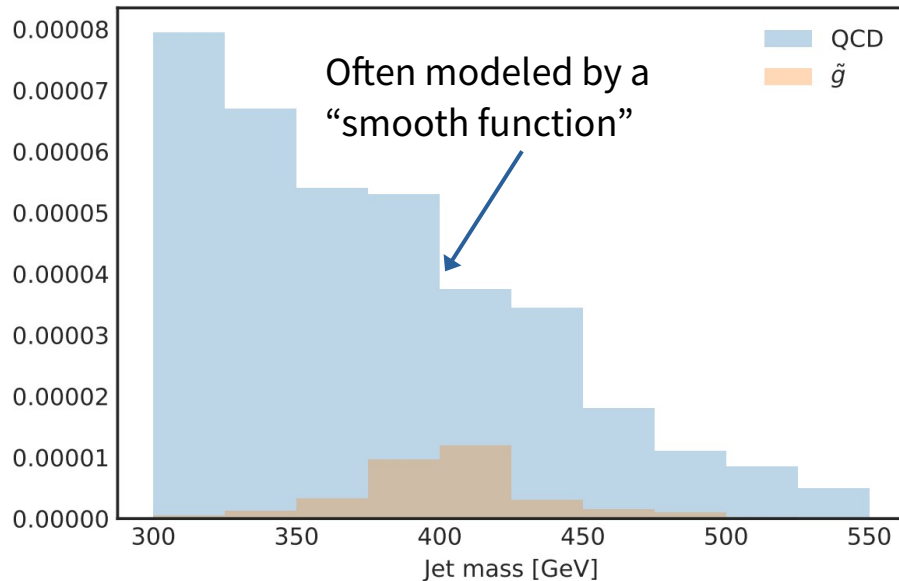


## Typical analysis flow:

- 1) Reduce background (ie: classifier)
- 2) Estimate remaining background

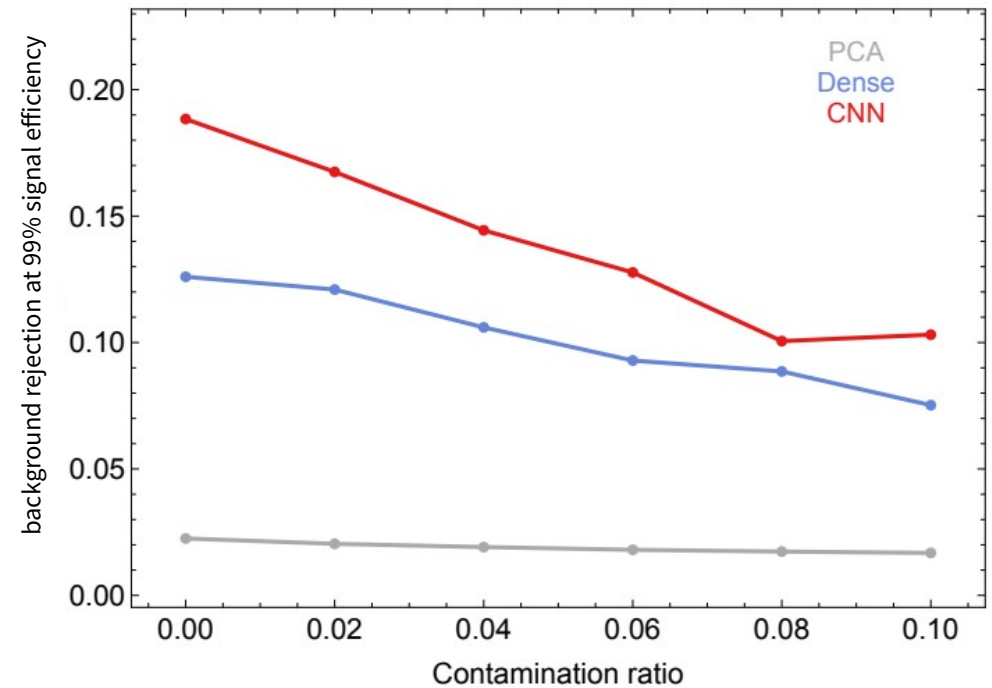
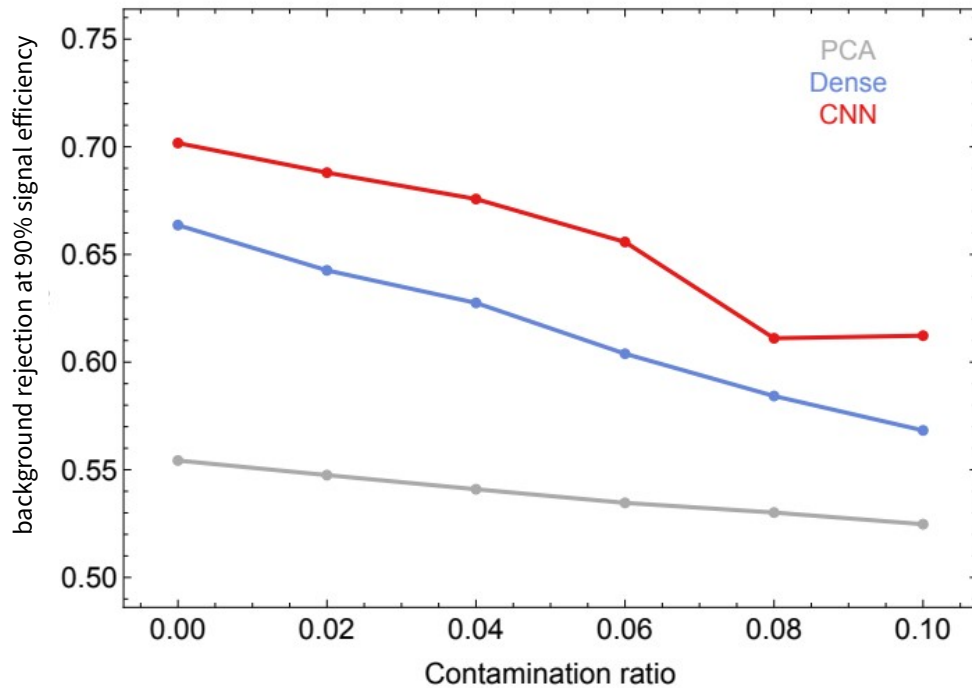
**You need to make sure that 1) does not make 2) harder.**

ie: do not sculpting of background!



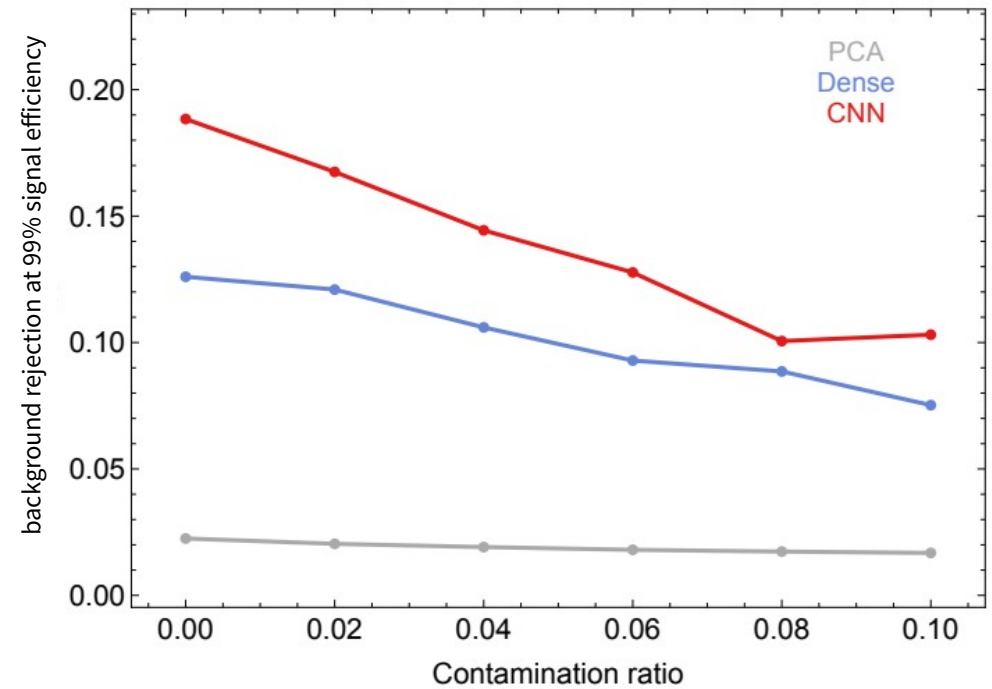
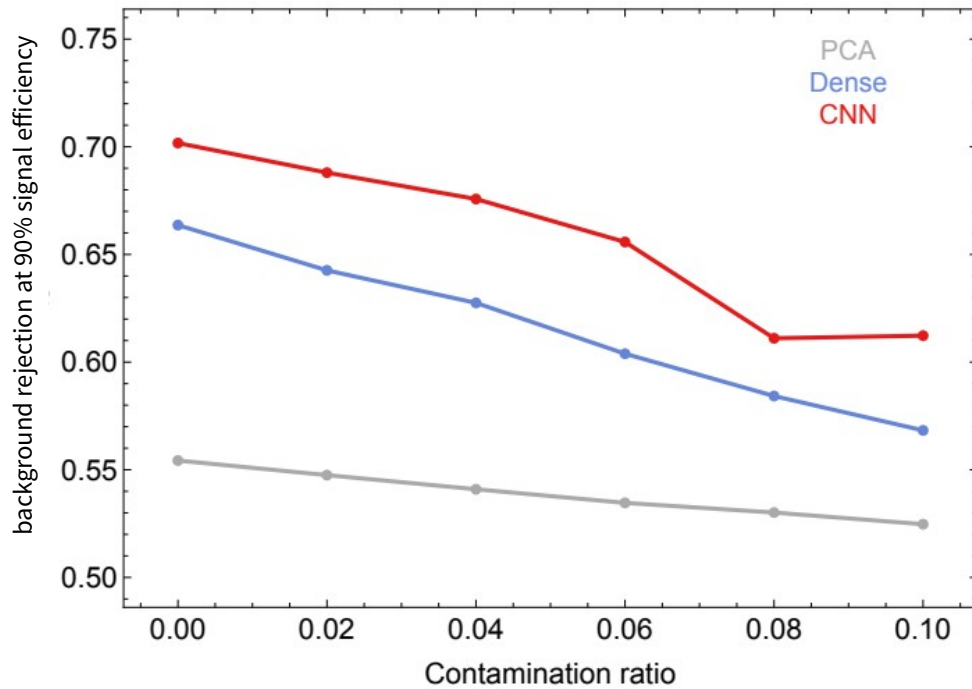
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Estimate quantity given properties.

$$y = f(\vec{x}; \vec{\theta})$$

- Example: calibrated jet energy given calorimeter measurements
- ML gives opportunity to handle correlations

# Calibrating Jets

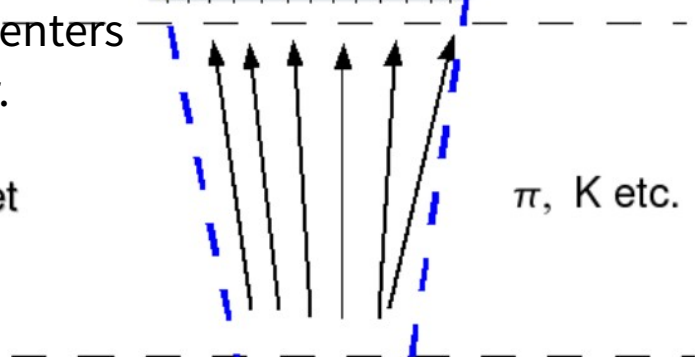
This is what our detector sees.  
“reconstructed”

Calorimeter jet

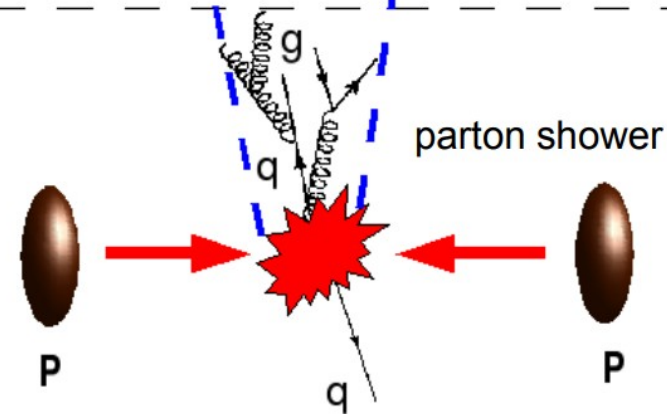


This is what enters  
our detector.  
“the truth”

Particle jet



Parton jet



**Calibration:**  $f(x) \equiv \langle p_T^{\text{reco}} | p_T^{\text{true}} = x \rangle = x$

reconstructed energy = true energy *on average*

## Why is this hard?

- Calorimeter response not gaussian
- Calorimeter response not fully known
- Different jets respond differently
  - Depends on jet content (ie: b- vs light jet)

**Calibration depends on many variables. NN is a convenient way to account for their correlation.**



# Numerical Inversion

- Learning to **predict  $p_T^{\text{true}}$  given  $p_T^{\text{reco}}$  does not close**

- Due to assumptions on learning sample (ie:  $p_T^{\text{true}}$  distribution)

- **Numerical inversion to the rescue:**

1) Learn calorimeter response “ $f(p_T^{\text{true}})$ ”

2) Invert function  $f(p_T^{\text{true}})$  to get calibration  $p_T^{\text{reco,cal}} = f^{-1}(p_T^{\text{reco}})$

3) Apply multiple  $f^{-1}(x; \theta_i)$  sequentially to correct for  $\theta_i$

$$p_T^{\text{reco}} \mapsto \hat{p}_T^{\text{reco}} = f_{\theta_n}^{-1} \left( \cdots f_{\theta_2}^{-1} \left( f_{\theta_1}^{-1} \left( p_T^{\text{reco}} \right) \right) \cdots \right)$$

- **Neural Net can be used to create a single  $f^{-1}(x; \theta_{0..n})$**

- Generalized Numerical Inversion: A Neural Network Approach to Jet Calibration

# Numerical Inversion With NN

1) Learn detector response by training NN  $L(x, \theta)$

- Approximation of  $f_{\theta}(x) = \langle p_T^{\text{reco}} | p_T^{\text{true}} = x, \theta \rangle$

2) Learn inversion by training NN  $C(L(x, \theta), \theta)$  to predict  $x$

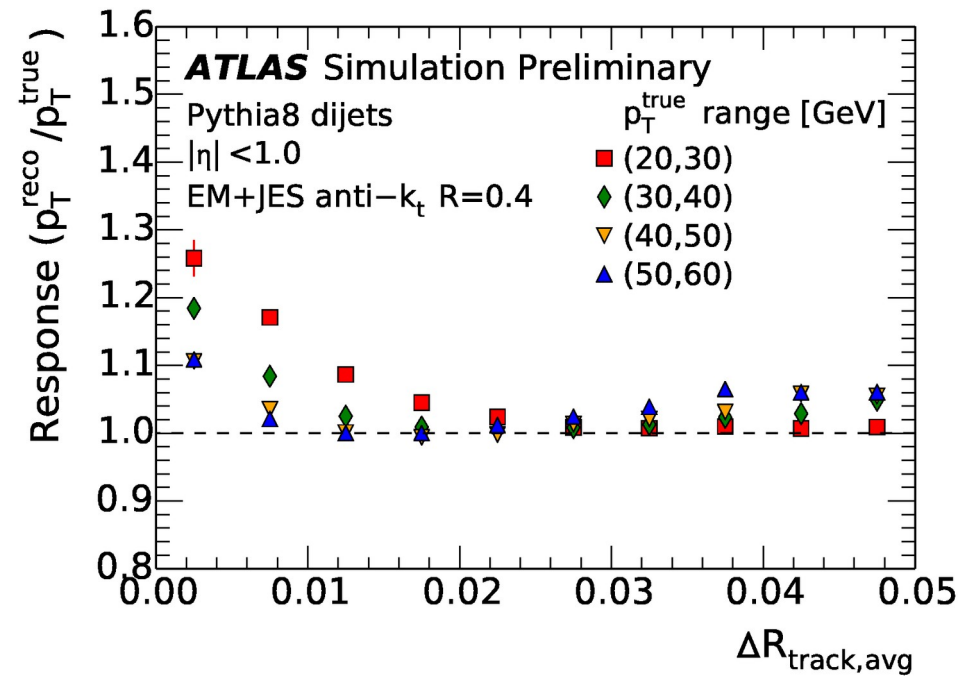
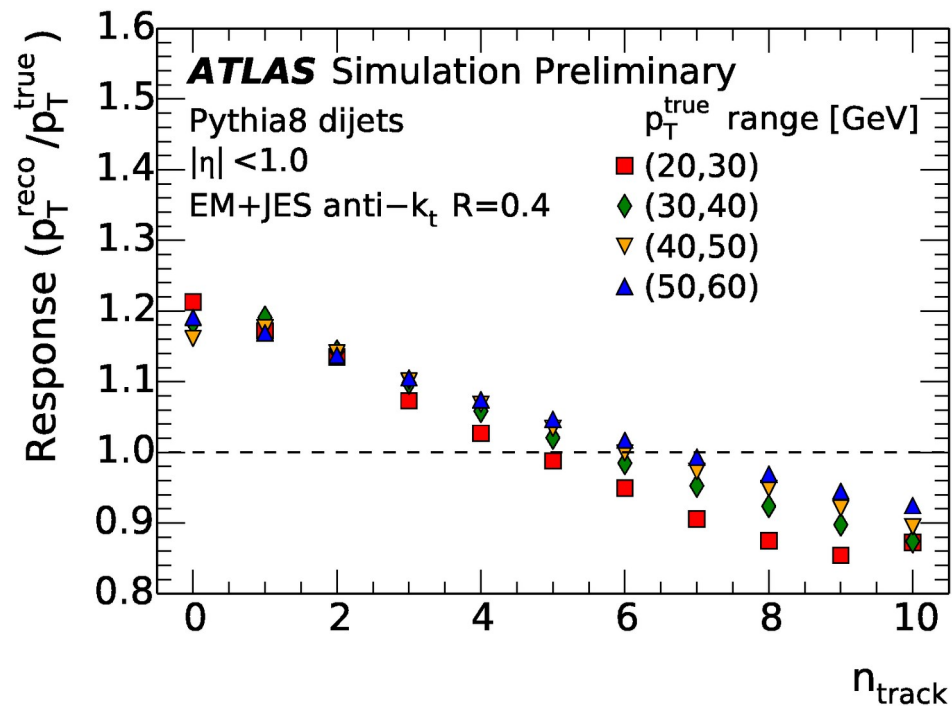
3) Apply calibration

$$p_T^{\text{reco}} \mapsto \hat{p}_T^{\text{reco}} = C(p_T^{\text{reco}}, \theta)$$

**Note:**

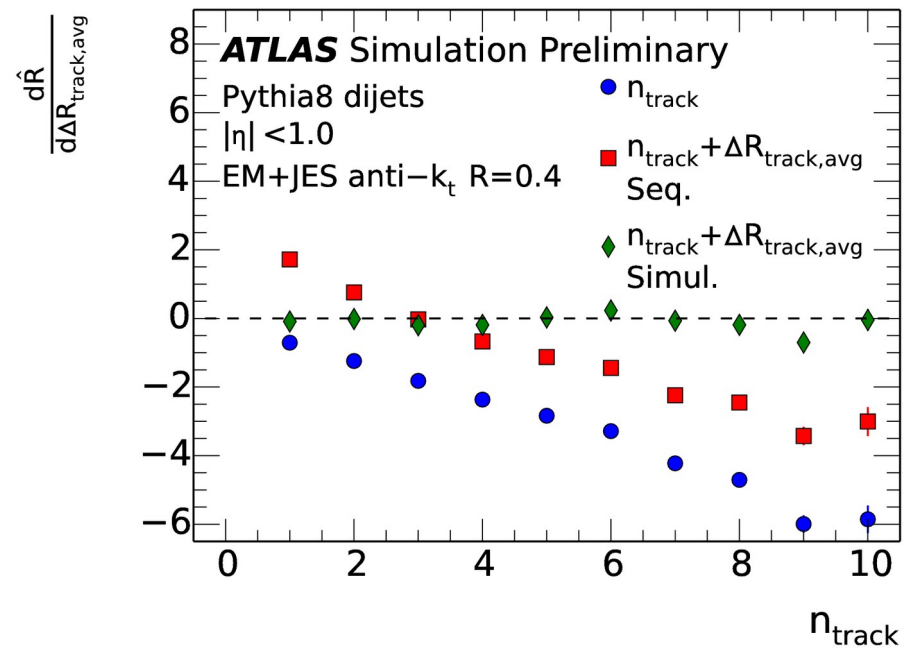
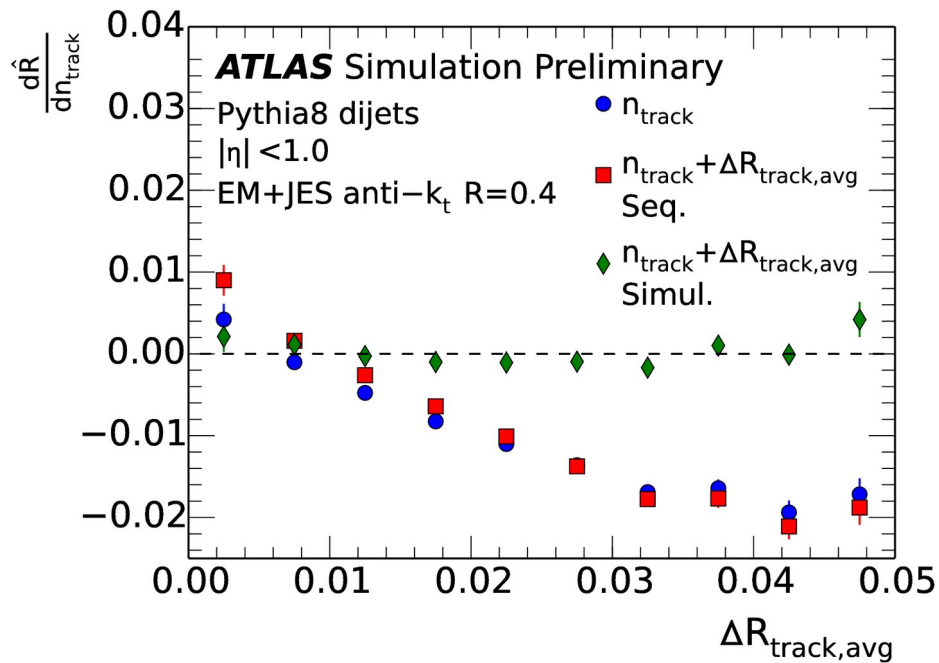
- $\theta$  are jet moments that predict jet type (ie: radiation pattern of quark vs gluon)

# Response vs $\theta$

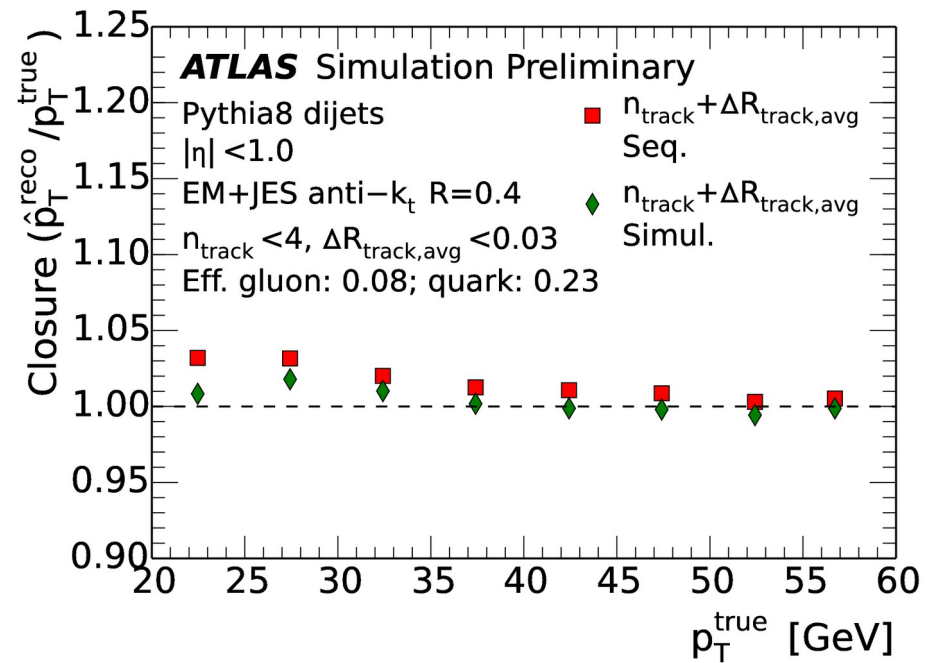
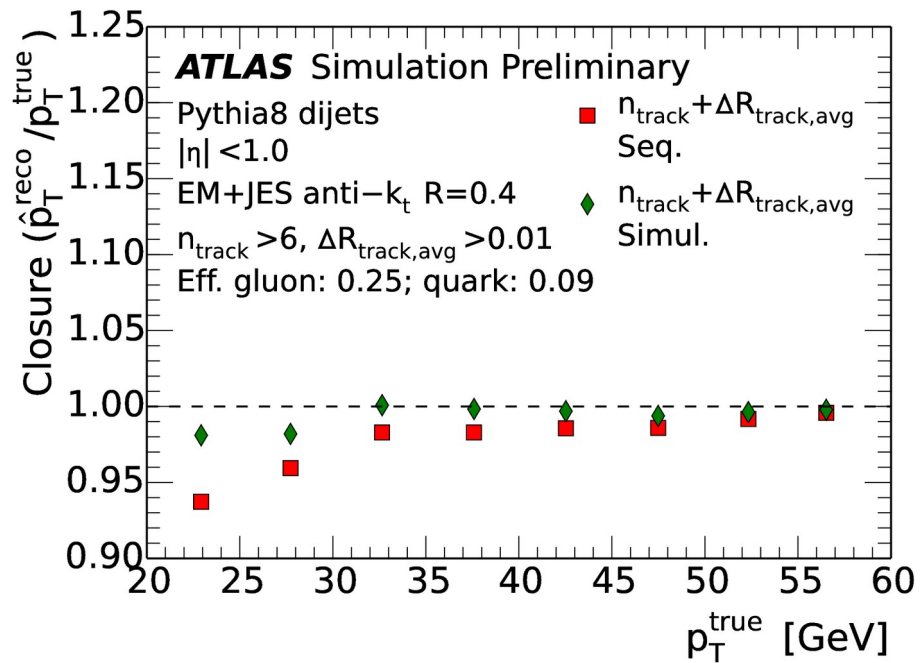


# Removing Dependence on $\theta$

$$\hat{R} \equiv \langle \hat{p}_T^{\text{reco}} / p_T^{\text{true}} | p_T^{\text{true}} = x \rangle$$

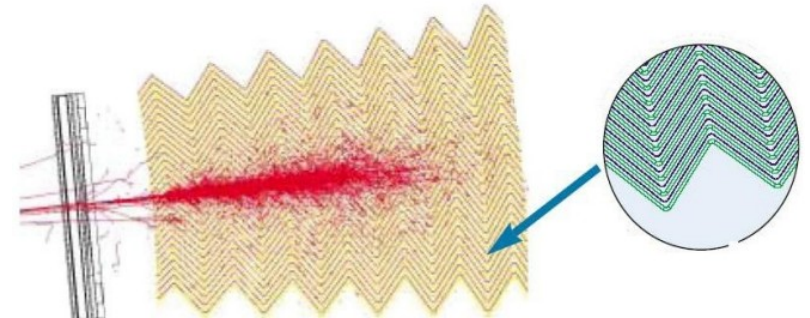


# Closure of Method



- **Simulating our detector is very computationally expensive**

- Especially harmonica structure of our Ecal

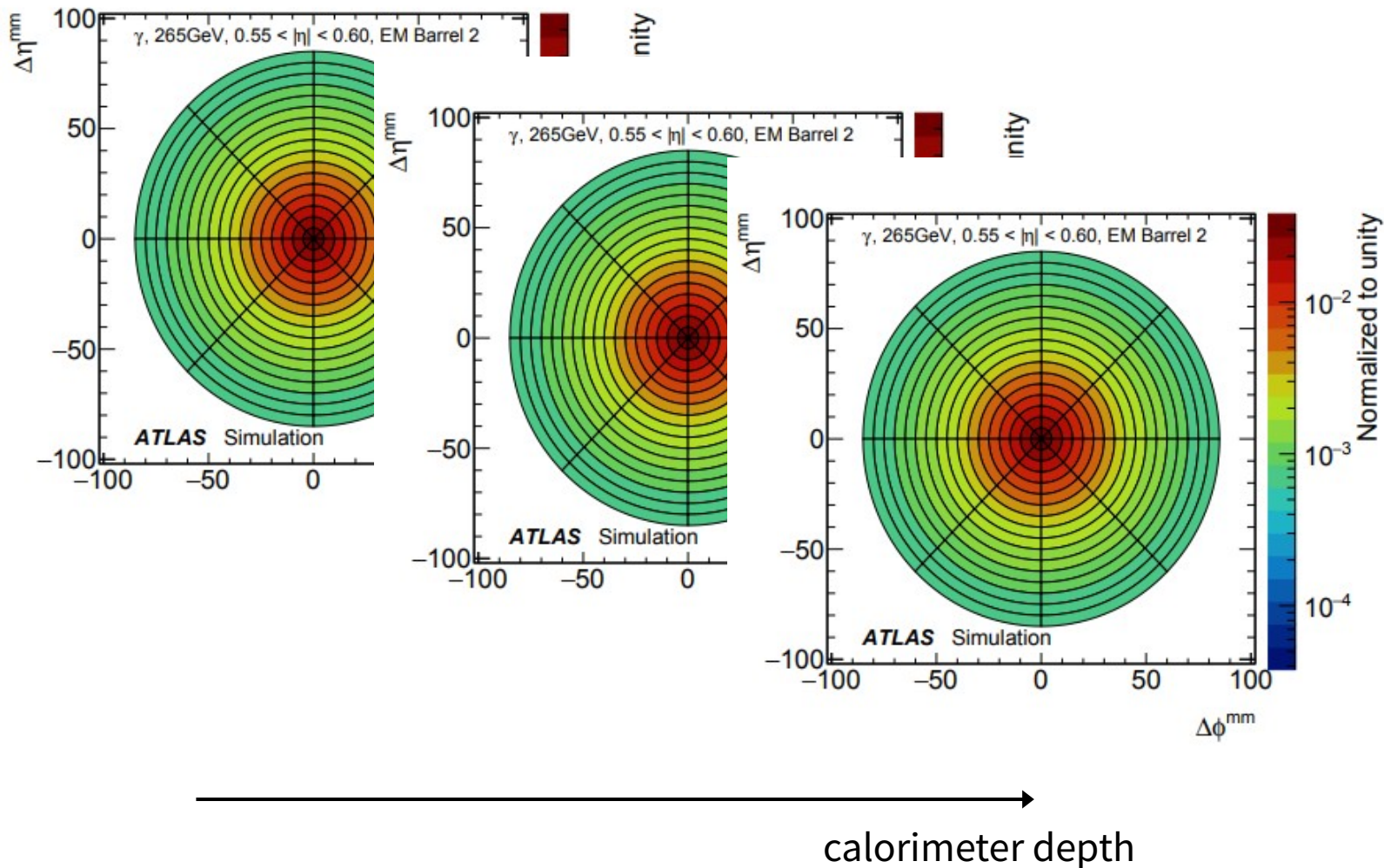


- **Fast Simulation is very useful**

- PCA: database of frozen showers, assigned randomly
- GAN: Showers generated via neural network (inputs: particle and rand num)

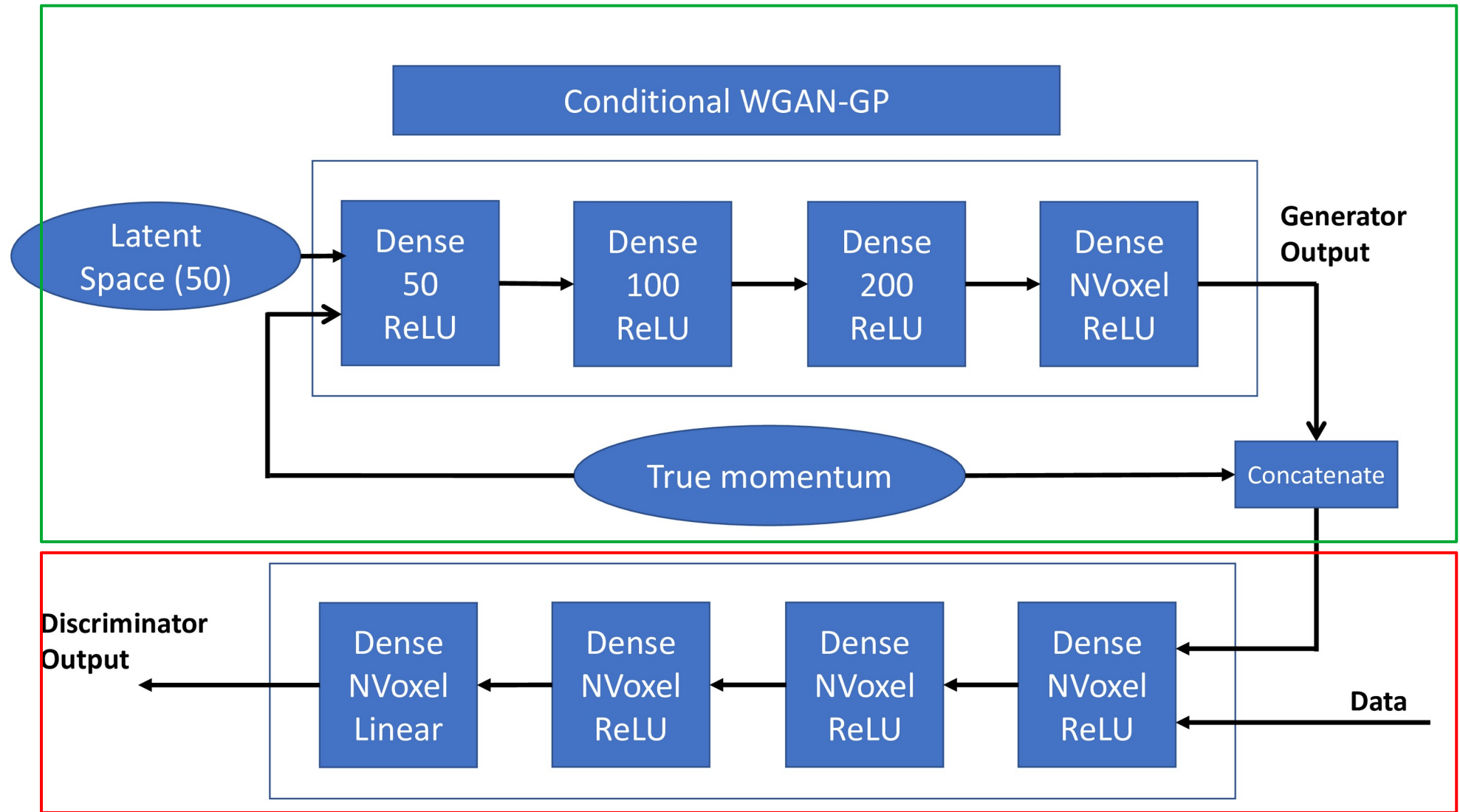
# Voxelizing a Shower

Think of it as a 3D image.



# Generative Adversarial network

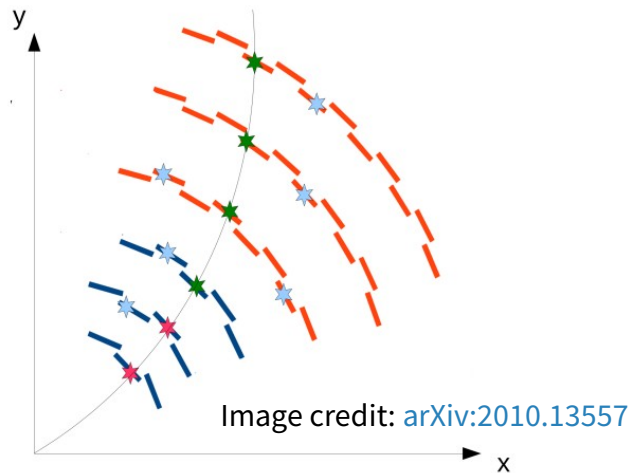
## Generate Shower



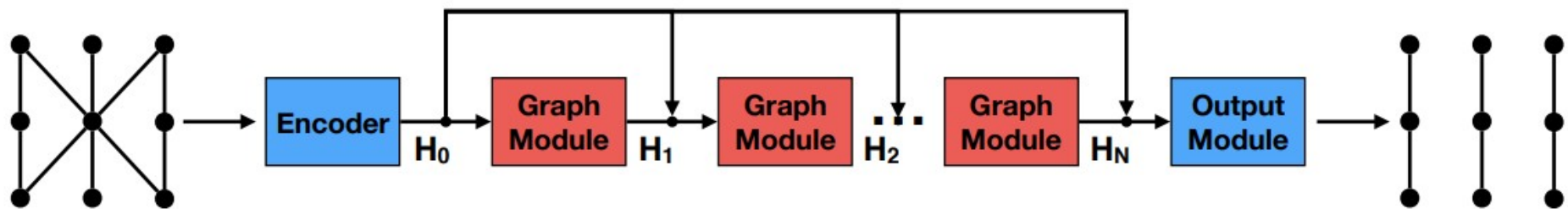
Adversary: Reject unrealistic showers during training



All possible hit combinations



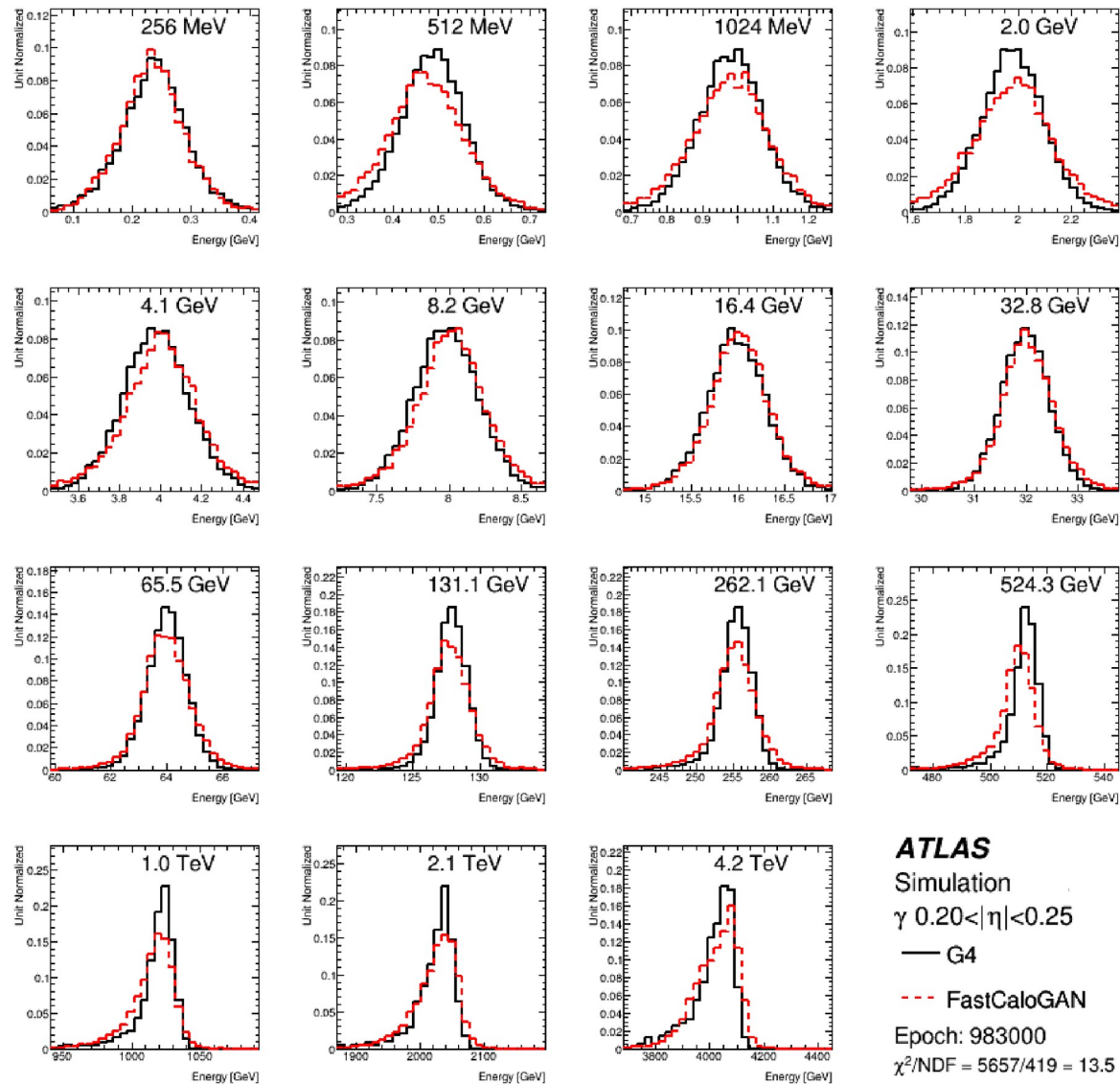
Hit combinations corresponding to a single track



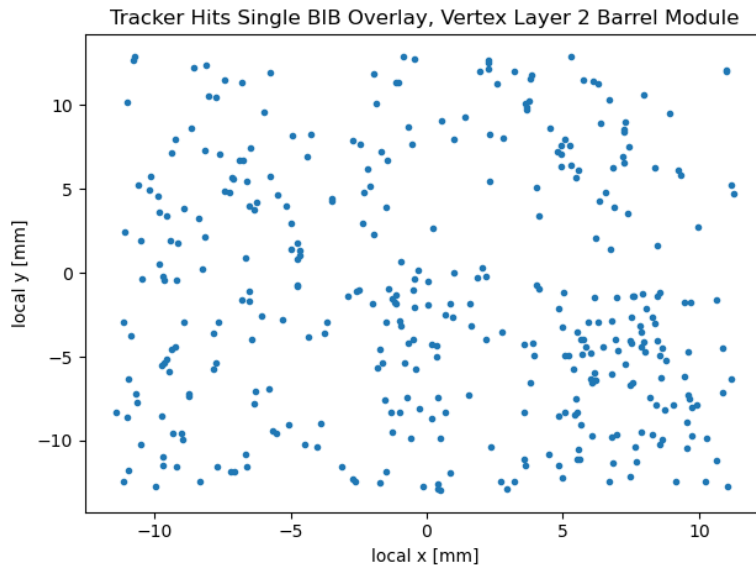
[arXiv:2003.11603](https://arxiv.org/abs/2003.11603): bunch of people at LBL

Great intro to GNN's: [Relational inductive biases, deep learning, and graph networks](#)

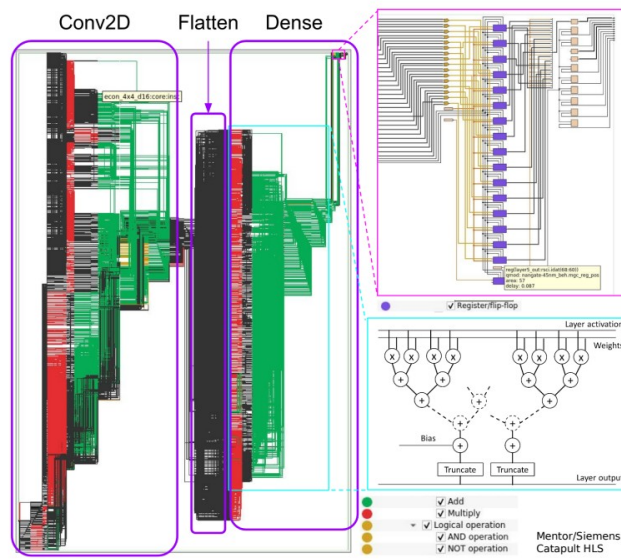
# GAN Results



## Example “pixel data”



## Logic implementation using HLS4ML



- **Pixel detectors (tracking)**

- x/y positions with hits
- Many hits! Lots of data...
- Very sparse

- **Compression**

- Lossless already good
- Can you improve via lossy? (use NN)

- **Caveats to NN “in detector”**

- Need to be energy efficient
- Need to be radiation hard
  - Are NN’s inherently reliant to SEUs?

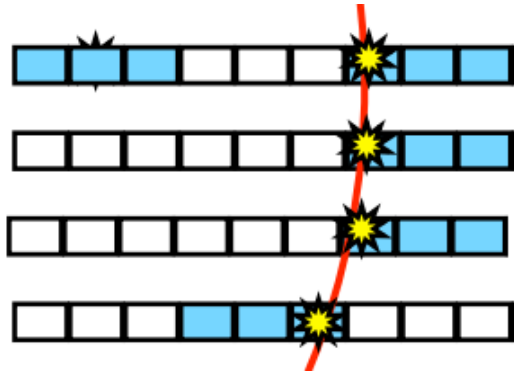
# Pattern Recognition via Associative Memory

arXiv:2101.05078

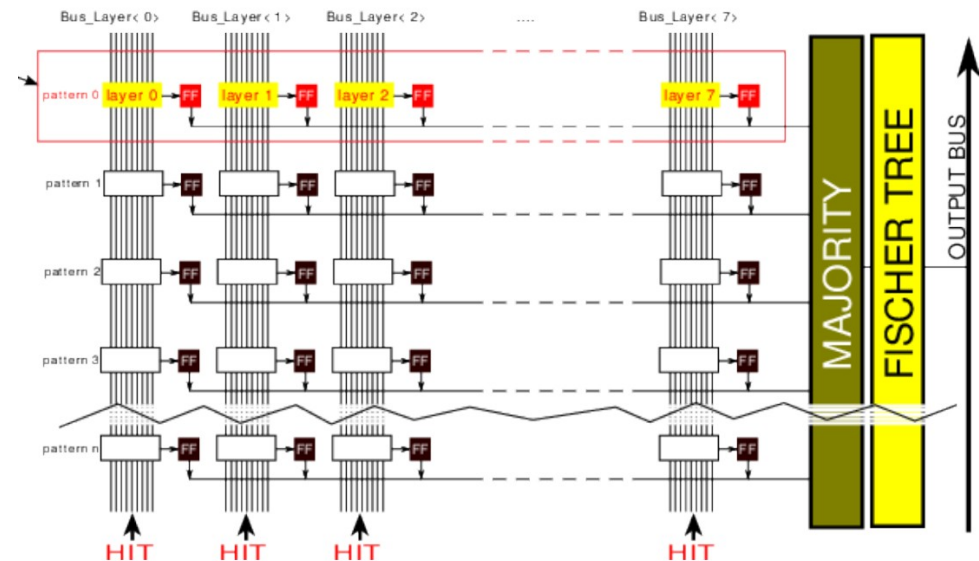
**Hardest** part of track reconstruction is pattern recognition.

Pattern recognition = which hits came from the **same particle**

**Pattern:** possible pattern a track leaves in the tracking detector.



**Associative Memory:** simultaneous matching against  $I$  patterns



Creating **pattern bank** of  $N$  most likely patterns is **ML**.

# Proposed Short Projects

## Classification (Supervised)

Boosted Top vs W/Z vs QCD Tagger

## Classification (Unsupervised)

Anomalies in Hadronic Resonances using Auto-Encoders

## Regression

Improving Jet Energy Scale/Resolution

## Event Generation

Event Simulation Using Adversarial Networks

**Note: Limitation in project ideas = generating data (currently my responsibility)**