

# MACHINE LEARNING IN ATLAS

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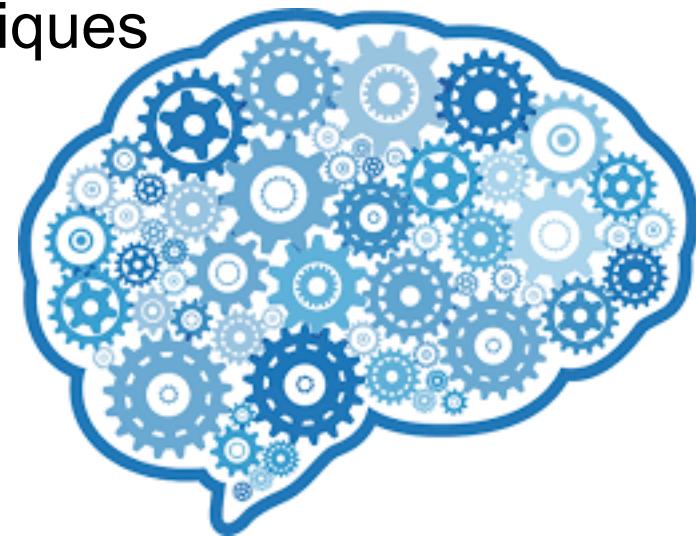
# Machine Learning Introduction

- Allows an algorithm to learn patterns without being explicitly programmed
- Focus of this talk: algorithms trained on simulated data where **truth values are known**
  - Some studies using unlabeled data, beyond the scope of this talk
- Many different algorithms exist, general procedure is:
  - Initial algorithm parameters are random
  - Simulated data is fed through the algorithm
  - Predicted classification is compared to truth classification, error is quantified according to a loss function
  - Error is back-propagated to adjust the algorithm parameters
  - This process is repeated until stopping criteria is reached
- Important considerations:
  - Dependency on variables used and algorithm hyperparameters
  - Must check for overtraining

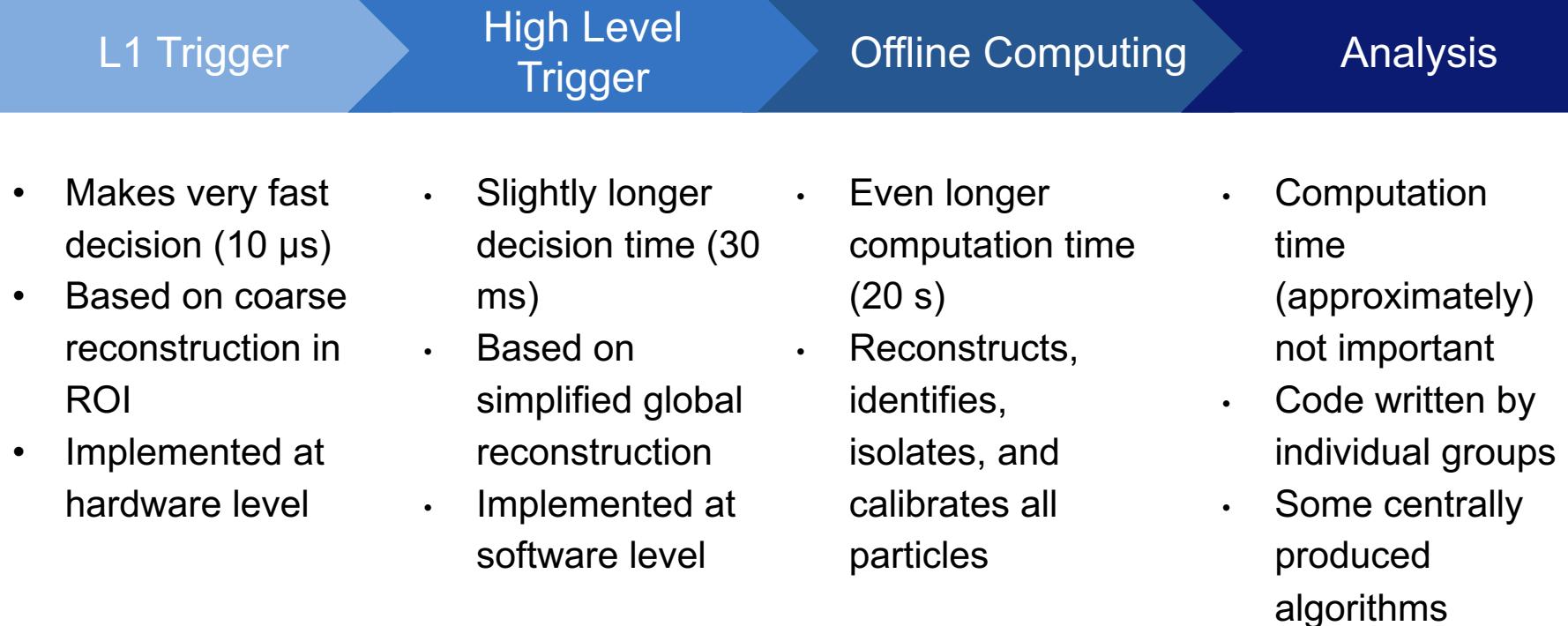
# Machine Learning for HEP

- Can utilize information not available in cut-based techniques:
  - Variables whose distributions overlap (exploit shape differences)
  - Non-linear correlations between input variables
  - Low-level variables
- Can reduce dependence on systematic uncertainties
- Can mitigate effects of simulation mis-modeling
- Often much faster than current techniques

Generally better performance on classification and similar tasks



# HEP Environments



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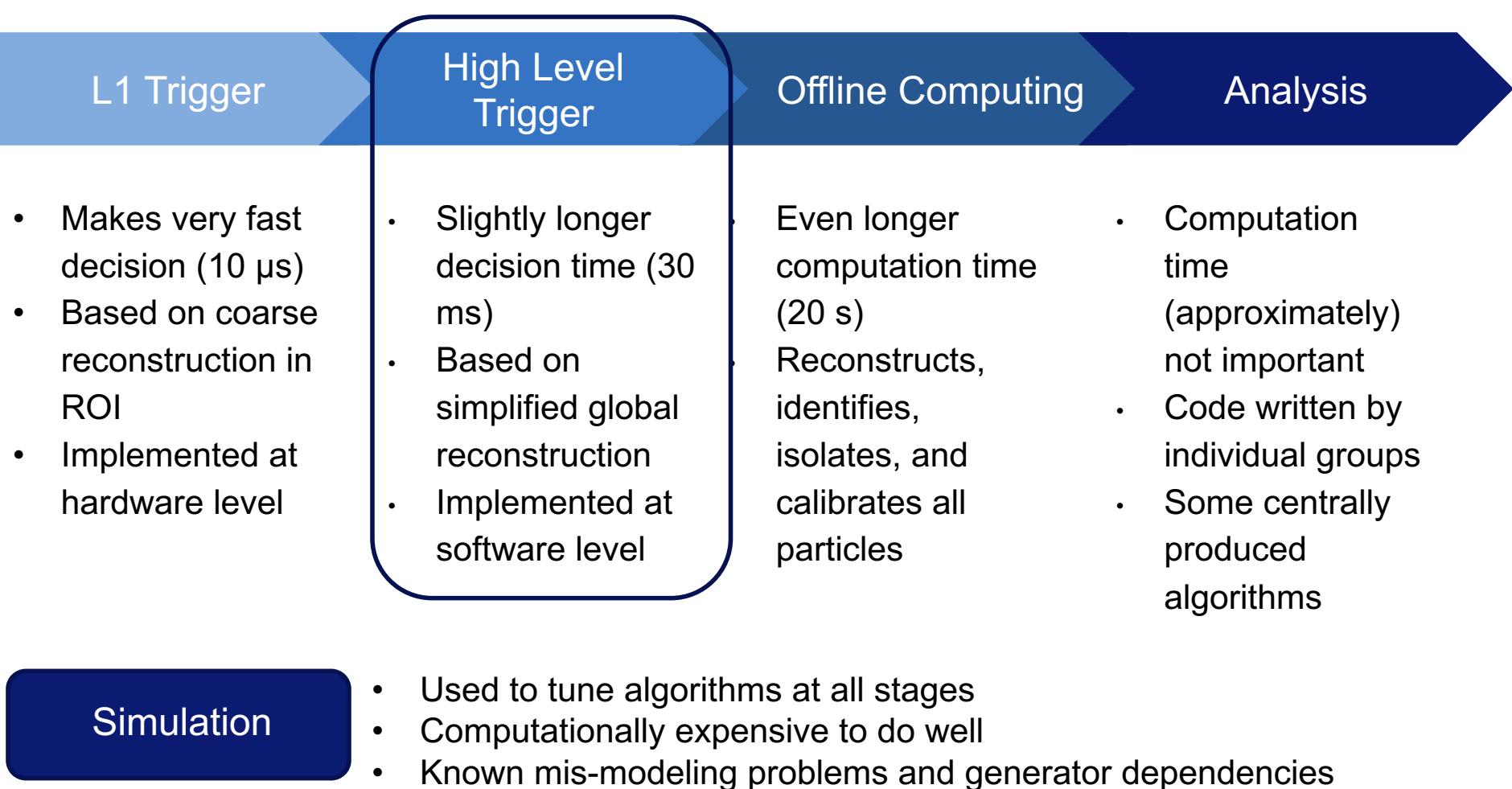
High Level  
Trigger

Offline Computing

Analysis

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- Makes very fast decision ( $10 \mu\text{s}$ )
  - Based on coarse reconstruction in ROI
  - Implemented at hardware level
  - Slightly longer decision time (30 ms)
  - Based on simplified global reconstruction
  - Implemented at software level
  - Even longer computation time (20 s)
  - Reconstructs, identifies, isolates, and calibrates all particles
  - Computation time (approximately) not important
  - Code written by individual groups
  - Some centrally produced algorithms
- Simulation
- Used to tune algorithms at all stages
  - Computationally expensive to do well
  - Known mis-modeling problems and generator dependencies

# HEP Environments



# Particle ID with Machine Learning

# $W^\pm$ and Top Quarks

Want to separate hadronically decaying  $W^\pm$  and top quarks from general QCD jet background

## Training data construction:

1. Reconstruct jets with standard anti- $k_t$  algorithm and trimming
2. Calculate jet substructure variables
3. Reconstruct ‘truth jets’ from long-lived particles
4. Match jets with truth jets and original truth particles to get labels

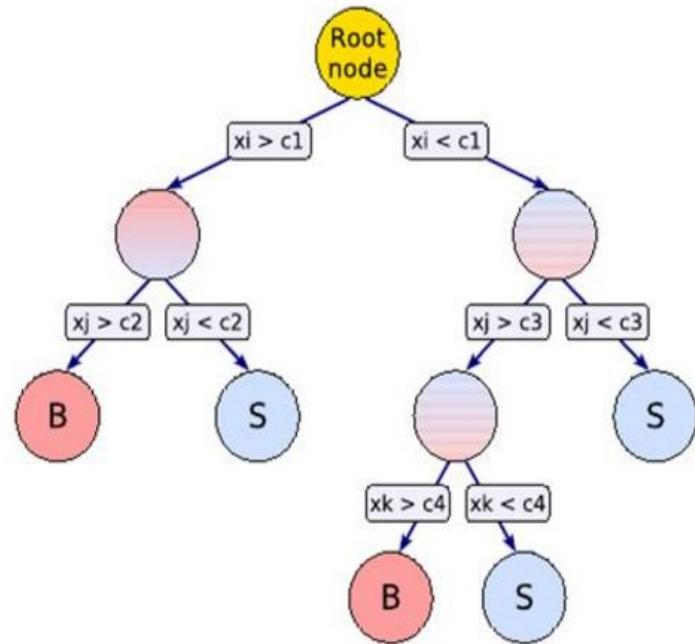
## Training variables:

Observable	Variable	Used For
Energy Correlation Ratios	$ECF_1, ECF_2, ECF_3$ $C_2, D_2$	top, $W$
N-subjettiness	$\tau_1, \tau_2, \tau_3$ $\tau_{21}, \tau_{32}$	top, $W$
Center of Mass Observables	Fox Wolfram ( $R_2^{\text{FW}}$ ) Sphericity ( $S$ ) Thrust ( $T_{\text{MIN}}, T_{\text{MAJ}}$ )	$W$ $W$ $W$
Splitting Measures	$Z_{\text{CUT}}$ $\mu_{12}$ $\sqrt{d_{12}}, \sqrt{d_{23}}$	$W$ $W$ top, $W$
Planar Flow	$\mathcal{P}$	$W$
Dipolarity	$\mathcal{D}$	$W$
Angularity	$a_3$	$W$
Aplanarity	$A$	$W$
KtDR	$KtDR$	$W$
Qw	$Q_w$	top

# Boosted Decision Trees

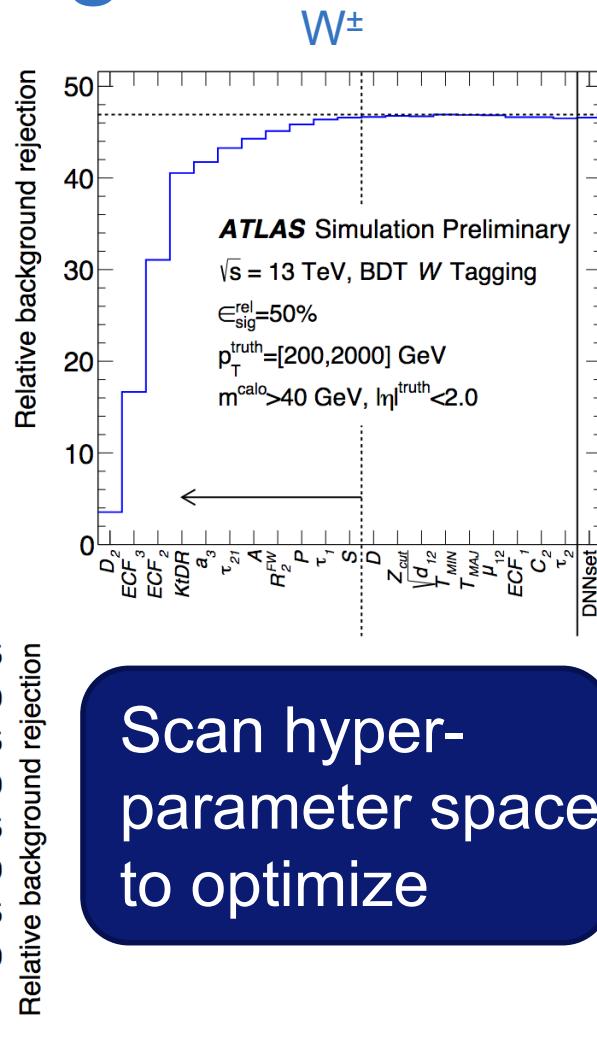
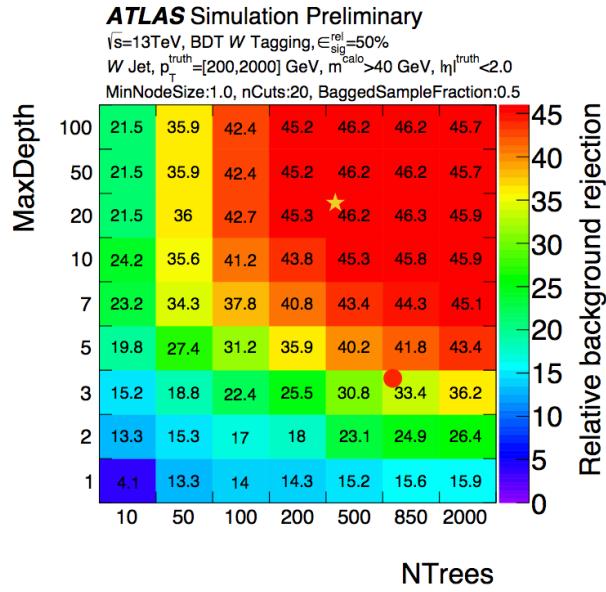
Combine many shallow decision trees into a boosted forest

1. All events (signal and background) are equally weighted and mixed at the top of first tree
2. At each branching, an optimal cut is found to separate S and B
3. When algorithm stops (due to predefined # of branches or events per node) each node is assigned an S or B label
4. Boosted: all incorrectly classified events are given a higher weight for next tree
5. Final classifier is the weighted average of the forest



# BDT Training

Iteratively add variables to pick best set



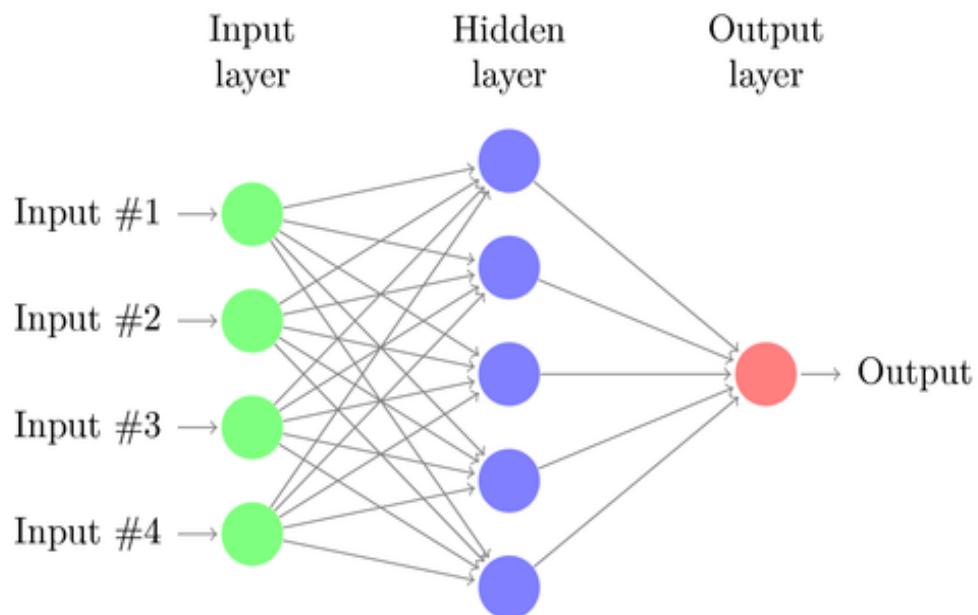
Scan hyper-parameter space to optimize

Check for over-training with cross validation

# Neural Networks

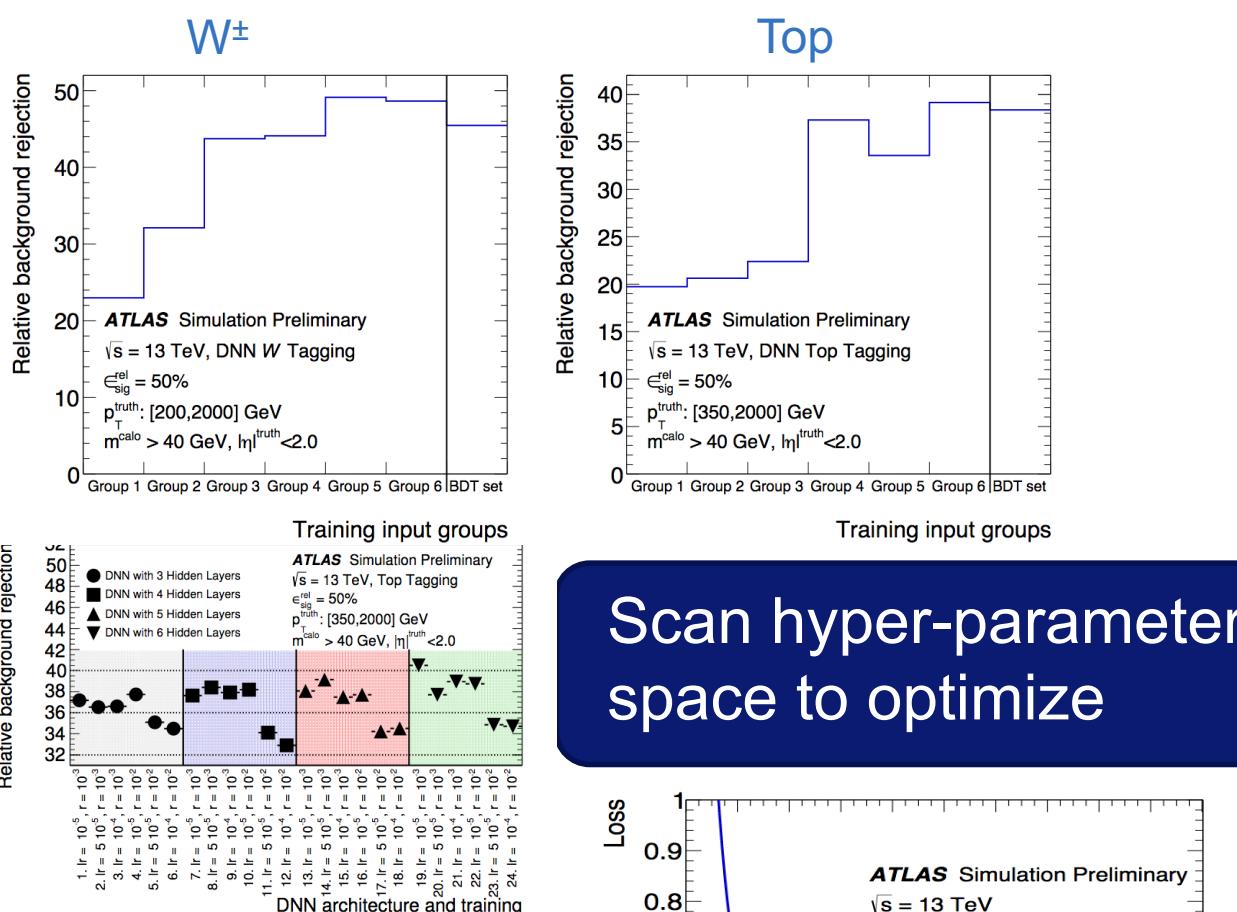
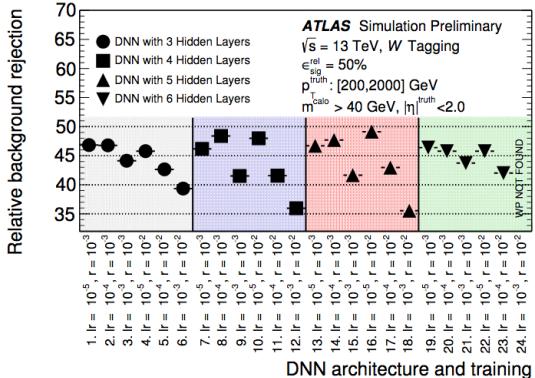
Based on biological networks: a collection of connected nodes that pass information downstream

1. Define a structure of multiple layers, each with different numbers of nodes
2. Define a (initially random) matrix for dimensional transformation between the layers
3. Feed data through the network to predict a classification probability (0 to 1)
4. Back-propagate error through the network and changing the matrix values

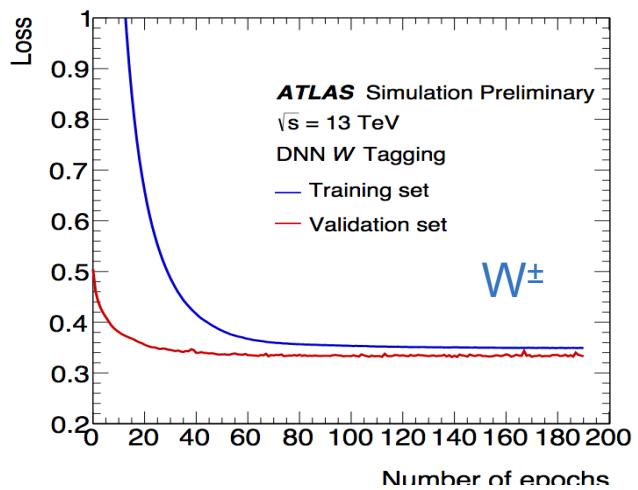


# NN Training

Iteratively add variables in groups to pick best set

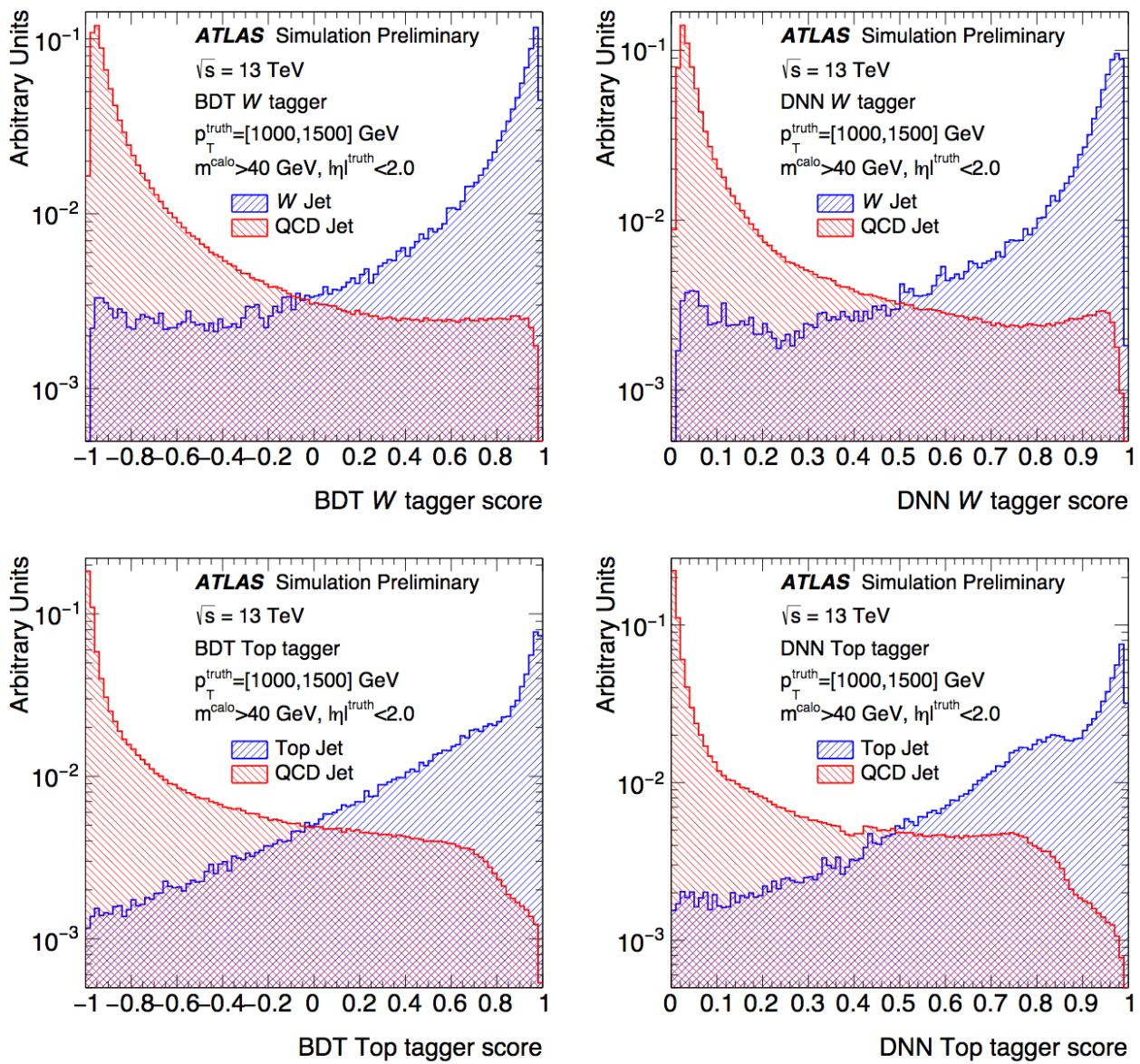


Check for over-training with cross validation

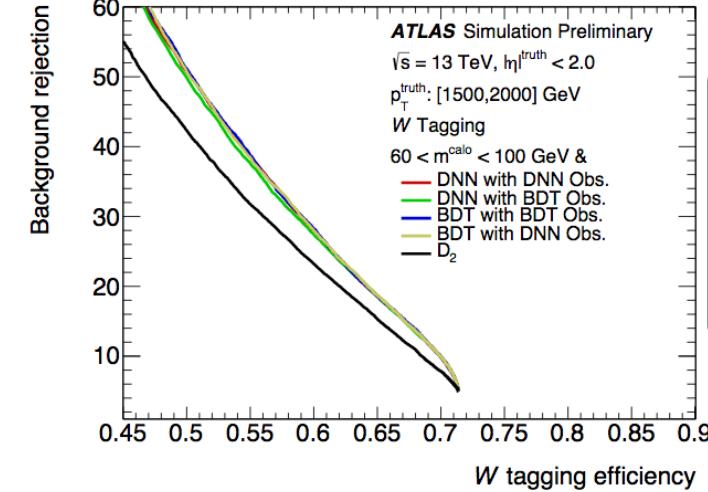
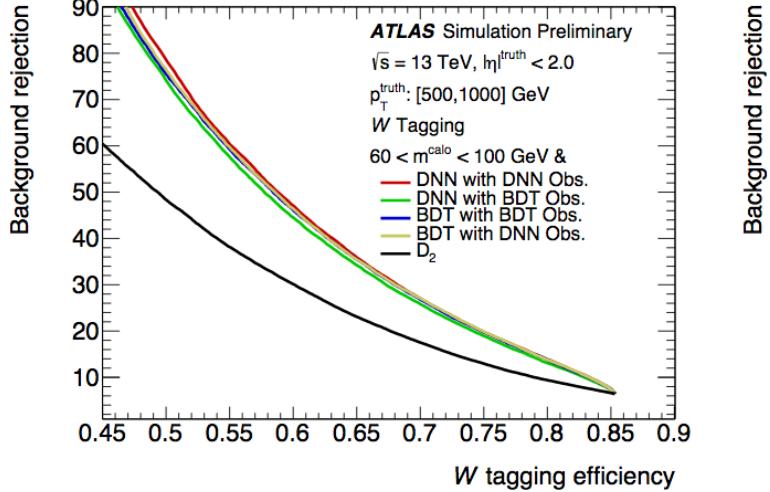


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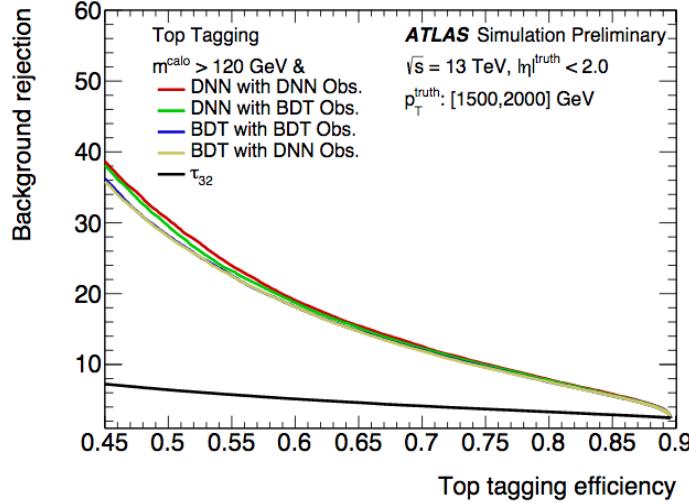
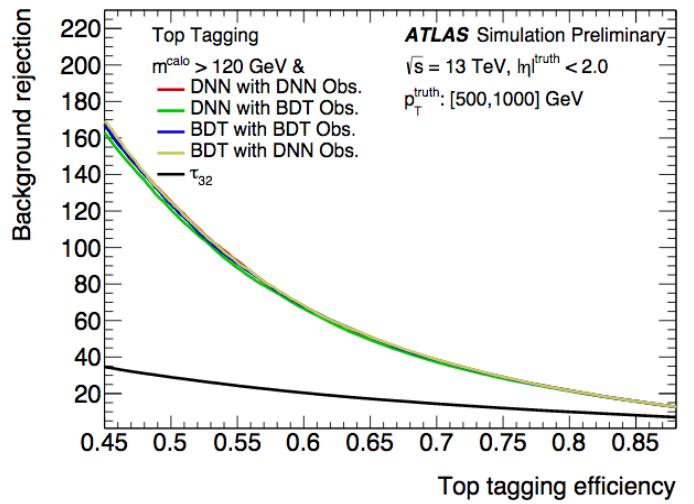
- Trained algorithms produce discriminant distributions
- Select cut for desired efficiency



# Results



BDTs and NNs outperform cuts on physics motivated variables

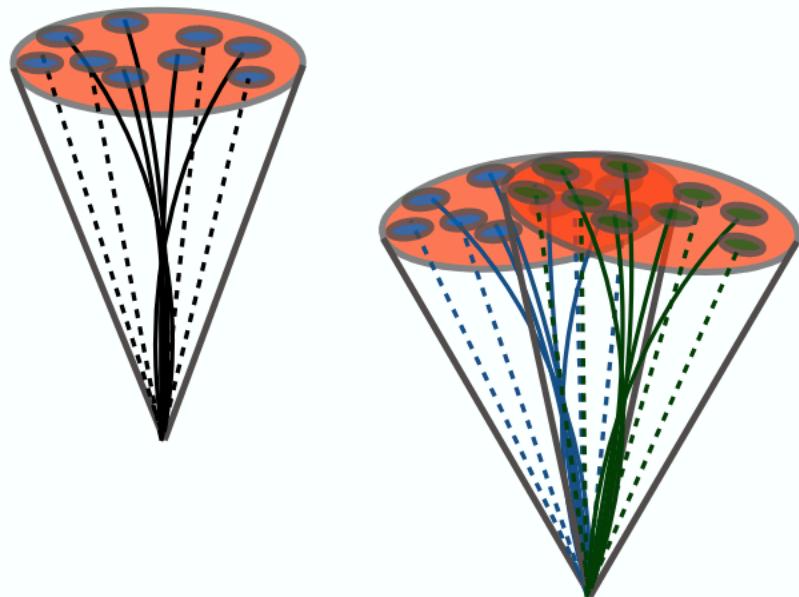
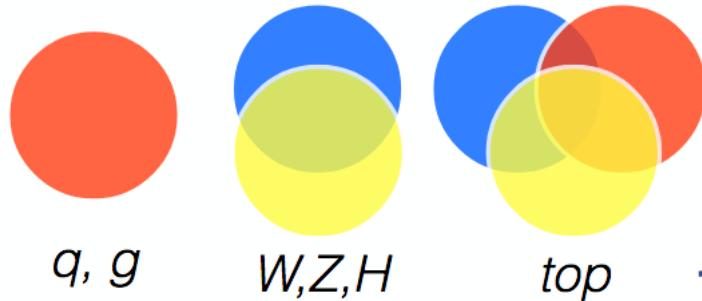


BDTs and NNs perform similarly even when trained with other variables

# Jet Images and Computer Vision

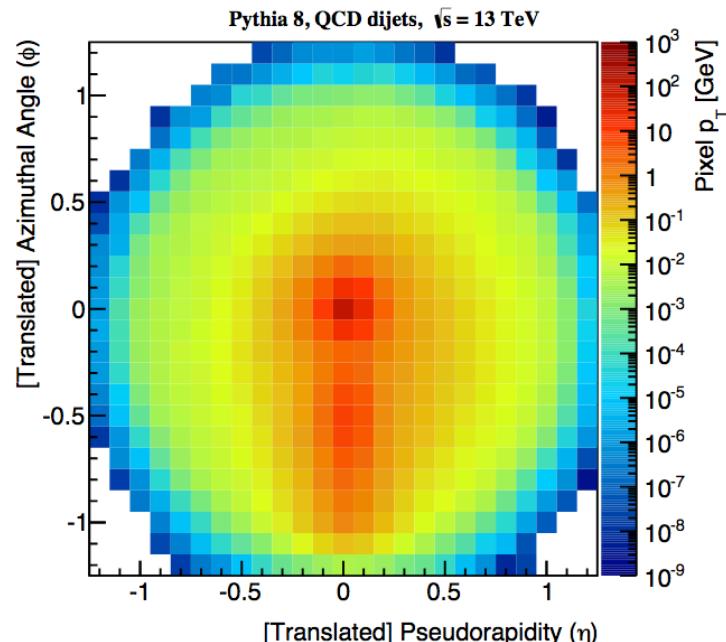
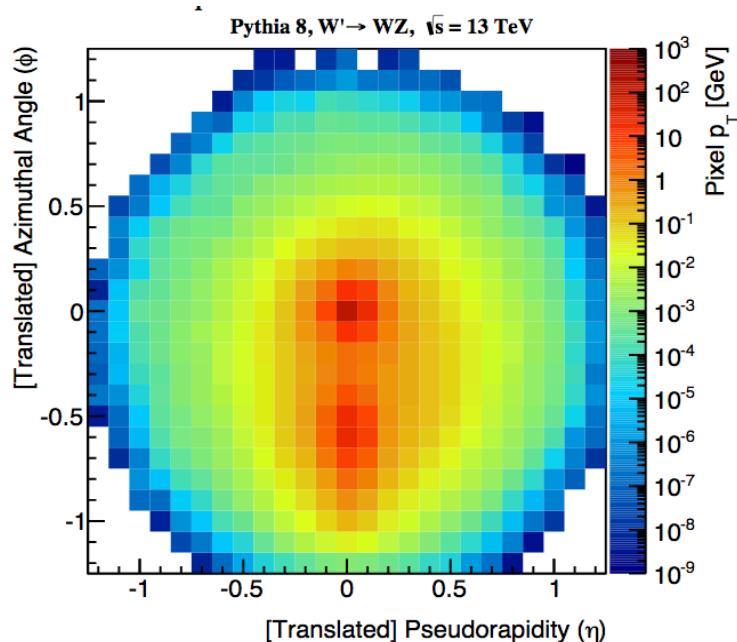
# Jets in ATLAS

- Cone-like showers of quarks and gluons that produce more particles all close to each other
- Can come from QCD processes or boosted bosons and tops
- Typically identified using constructed variables that describe substructure inside jet



# Jet Images

Cells in the calorimeter become pixels in an image



1. Center the image on largest energy deposit
2. Select a fixed window size around center
3. Color pixel according to energy deposited in that cell

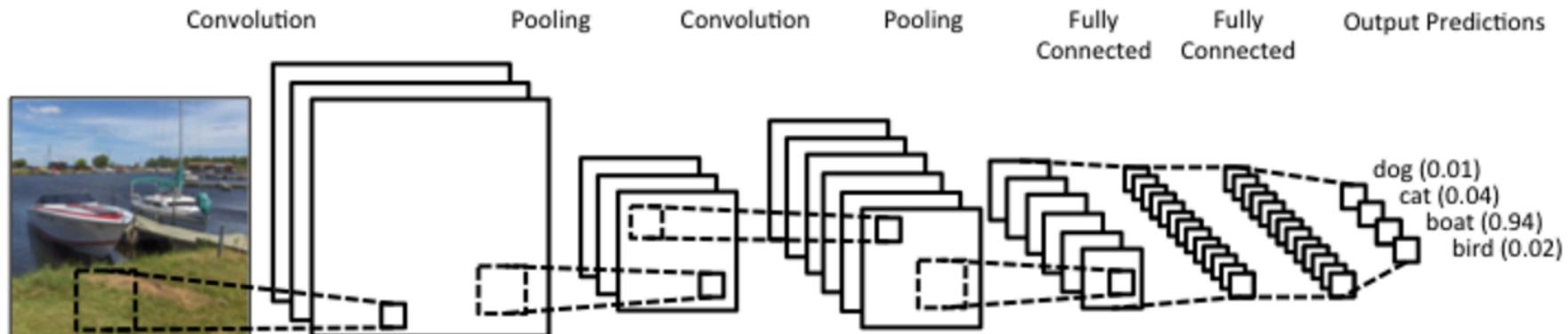
Note: jet images are sparser than images in other computer vision applications and do not have well defined edges → introduces new difficulties

# Convolutional Neural Networks

A type of deep NN typically used for image processing

Consist of some combination of 3 layer types:

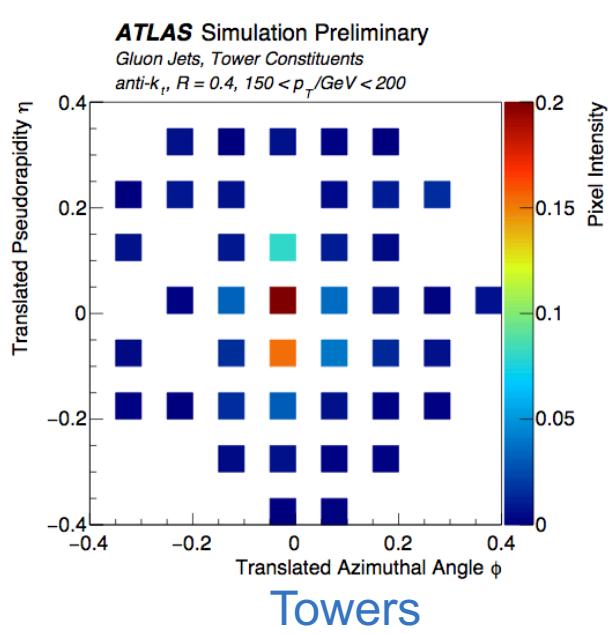
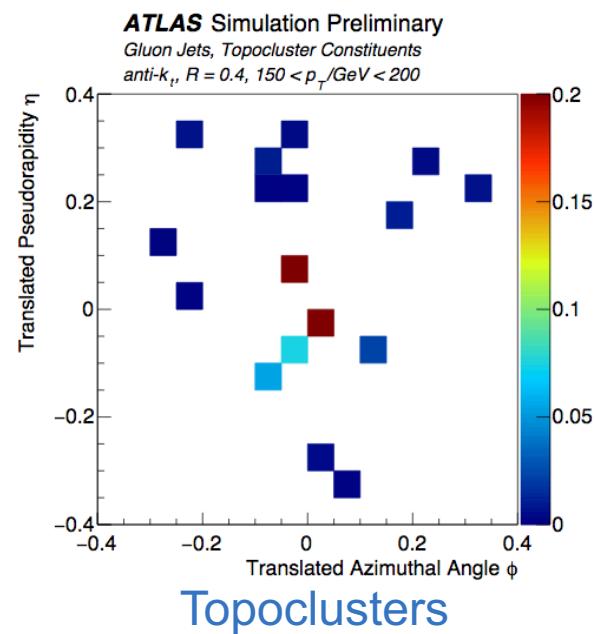
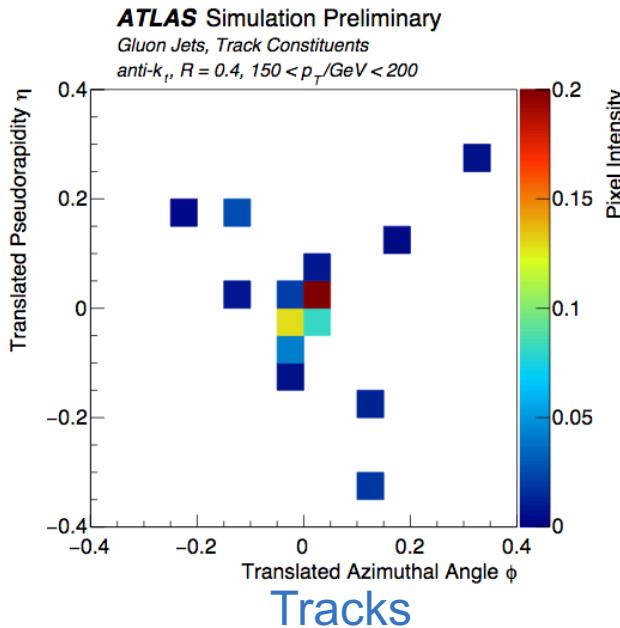
- **Convolution**: a set of learnable filters (kernels) that are convolved across the width and height of input data using a sliding window
- **Pooling**: provides non-linear down-sampling by combining the outputs of several neurons
- **Fully Connected**: traditional NN layer



# Quark vs Gluon Jet ID: Data

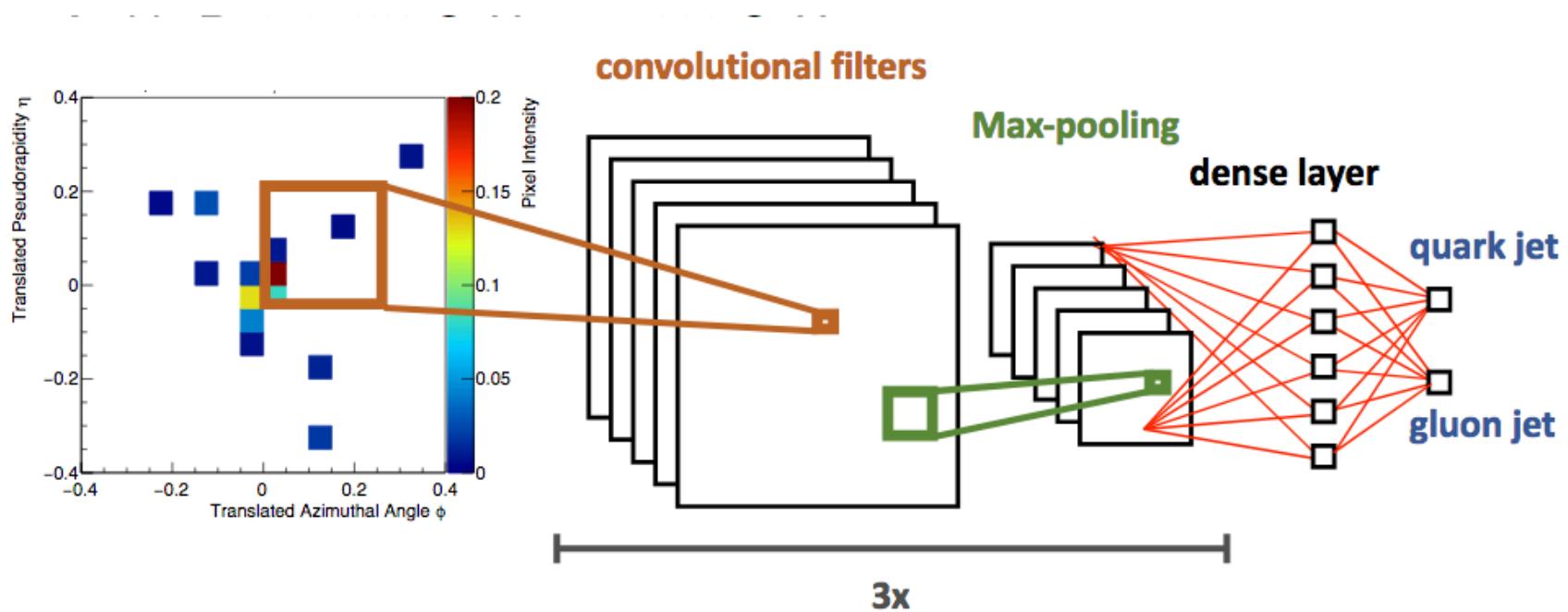
Looked at 3 ways to calculate pixel energy:

- **Topo-clusters**: groups of energy deposits, used for jet clustering
- **Calo-towers**: fixed size division of calorimeter projected onto grid
- **Tracks**: tracks associated to jets with ghost-association



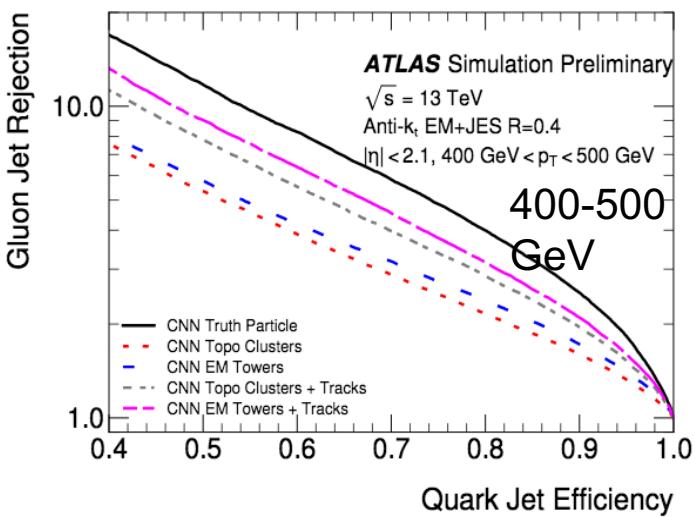
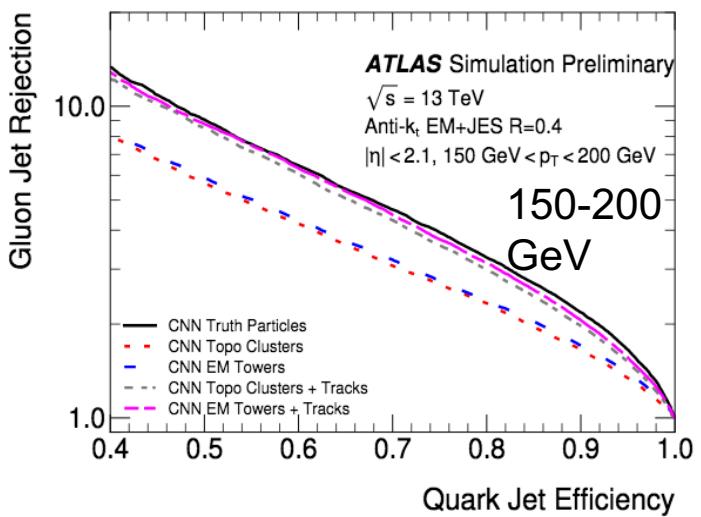
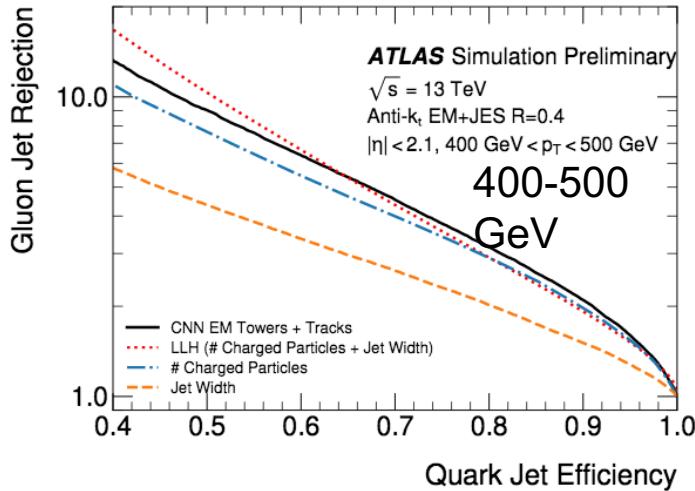
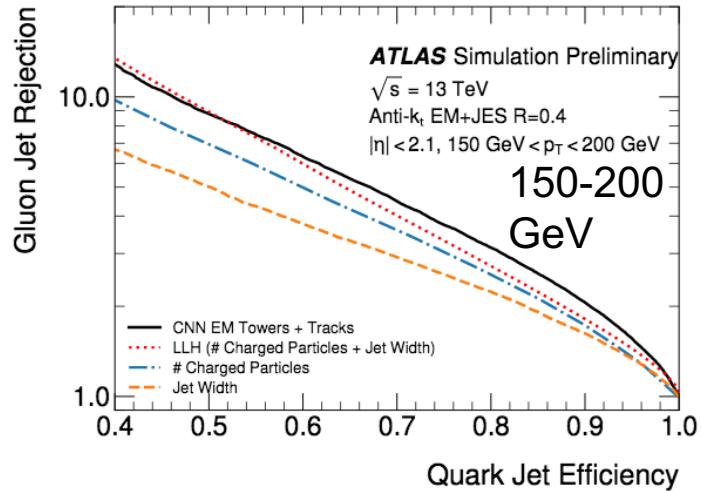
Also pre-processed images to exploit space-time symmetries (in backup)

# Quark vs Gluon Jet ID: Network



- 3 convolution and max pooling combinations
- Final output is softmax probability of being quark jet or gluon jet

# Quark vs Gluon Jet ID: Results



Comparisons to physics motivated variables

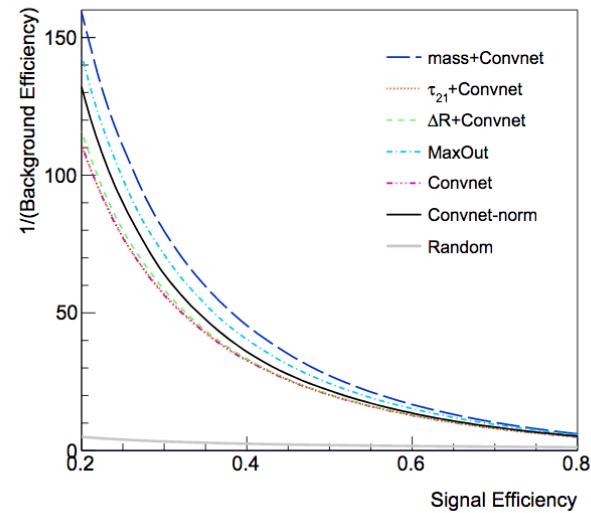
Comparisons of pixelization schemes

# What Is It Learning?

Now look at a study on separating W jets from QCD jets

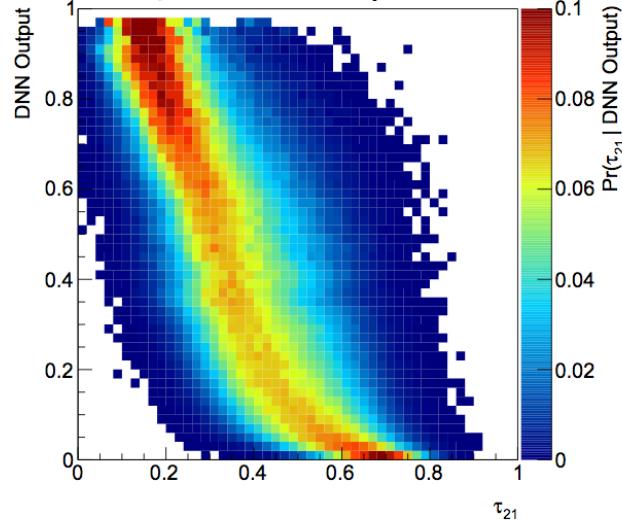
Combine DNN with physics variables

$250 < p_T/\text{GeV} < 300 \text{ GeV}, 65 < \text{mass}/\text{GeV} < 95$   
 $\sqrt{s} = 13 \text{ TeV, Pythia 8}$

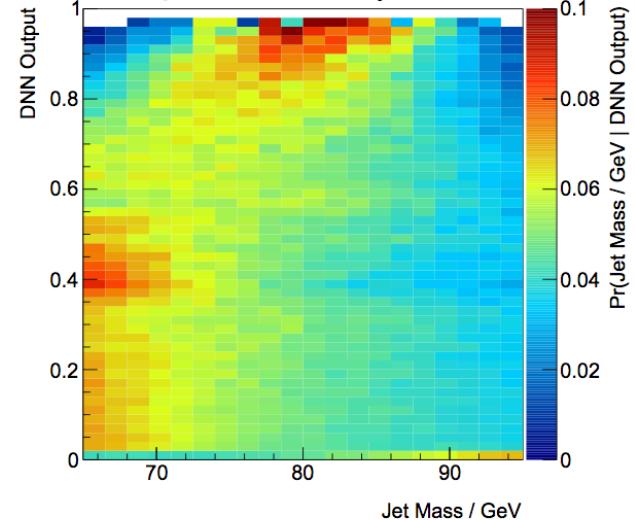


Look at correlation of DNN output with physics variables

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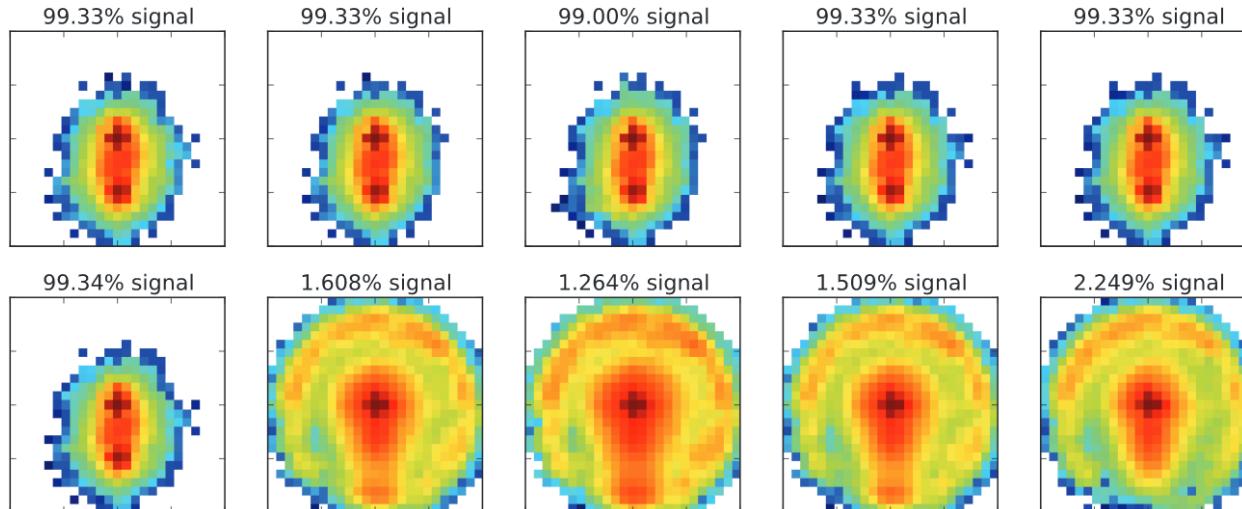


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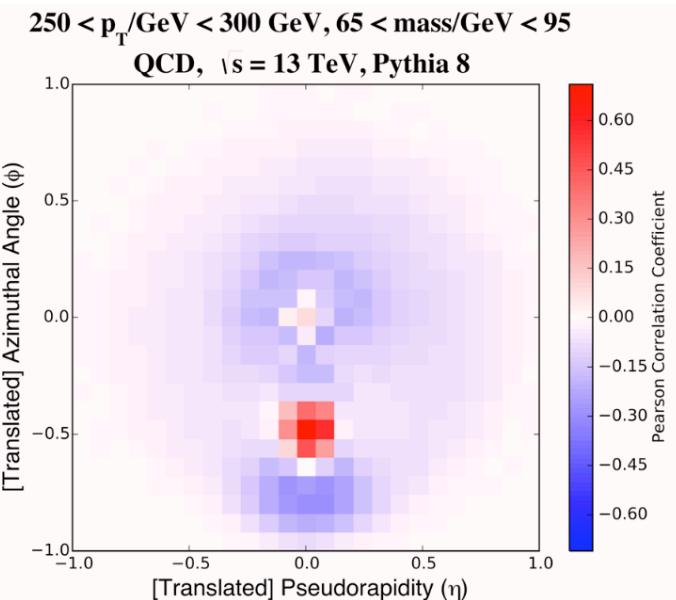


Network learns most variables, but doesn't entirely learn jet mass

# What Is It Learning?



Look at average of 500 most activating images for different nodes

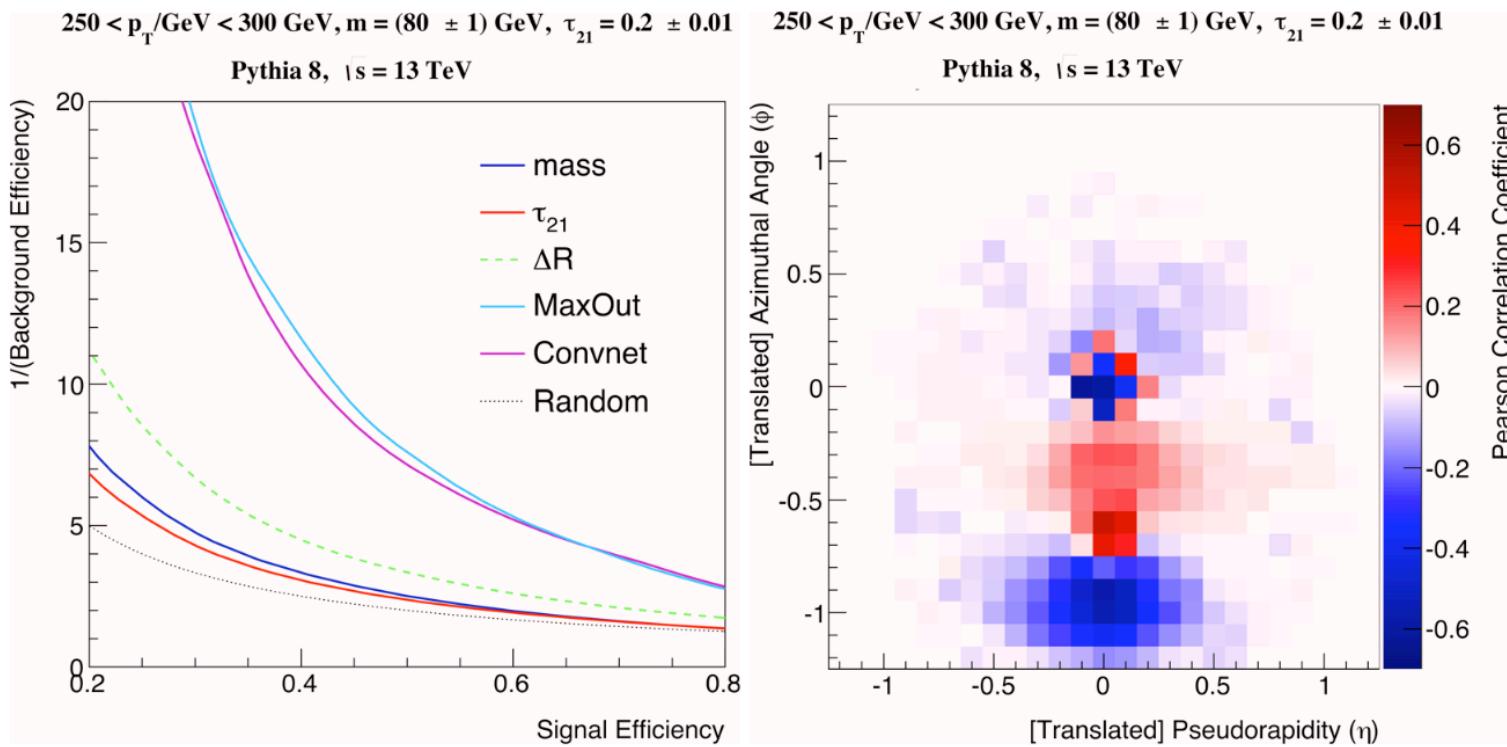


Look at correlation of each pixel with classification output

Learning that QCD background has wider radiation and W has 2 clear prongs!

# What Is It Learning?

Restrict phase space to eliminate power of substructure variables



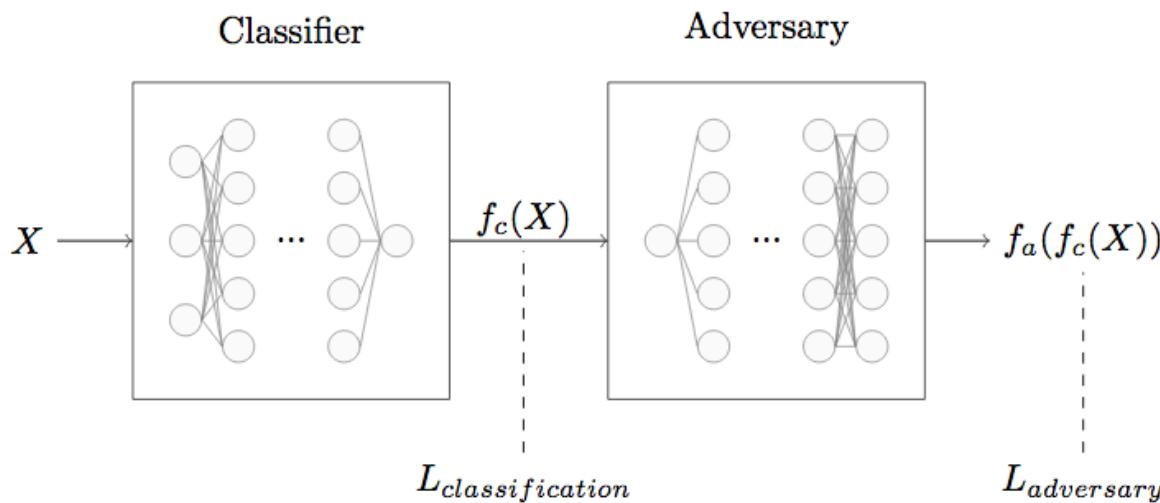
Network is learning additional information outside of substructure!

# Adversarial Networks

# Adversarial Networks

- Pit 2 networks against each other in a non-cooperative game
- Adversary network takes output of main task network and tries to predict something from it
- Loss function becomes combination of competing objectives

$$E(\theta_f, \theta_r) = \mathcal{L}_f(\theta_f) - \mathcal{L}_r(\theta_f, \theta_r)$$



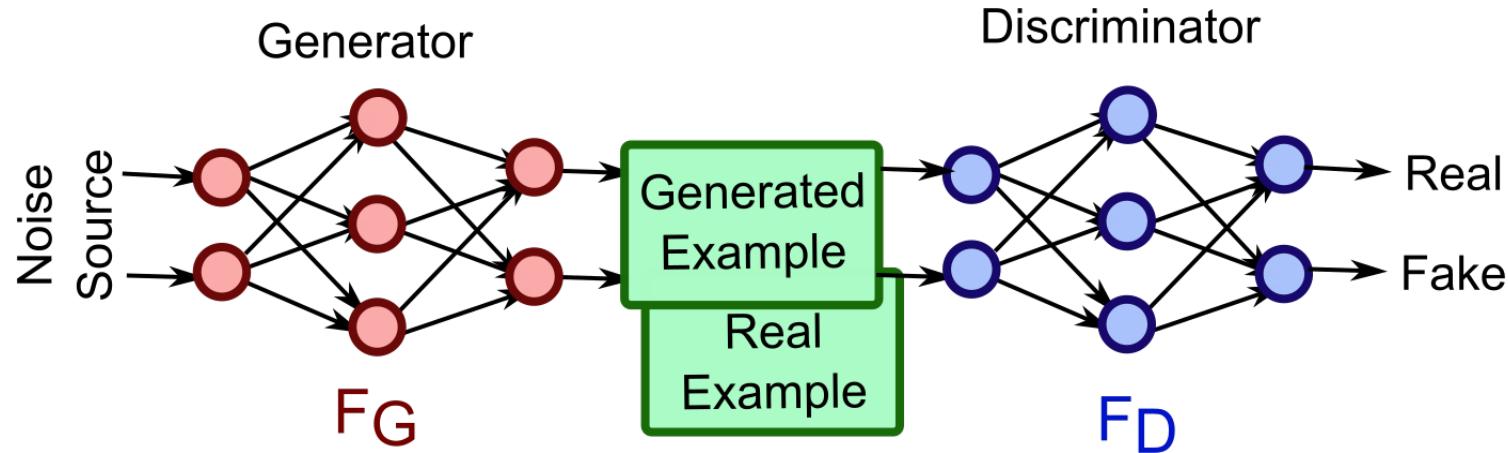
# Simulations in ATLAS

- Full simulations in ATLAS are very computationally expensive (if done well)
- FASTSim reduces CPU time, but is also less accurate
- Many analyses need lots of high quality simulations to optimize their design → currently no good solution

Can we use ML to solve this?

# Generative Adversarial Networks

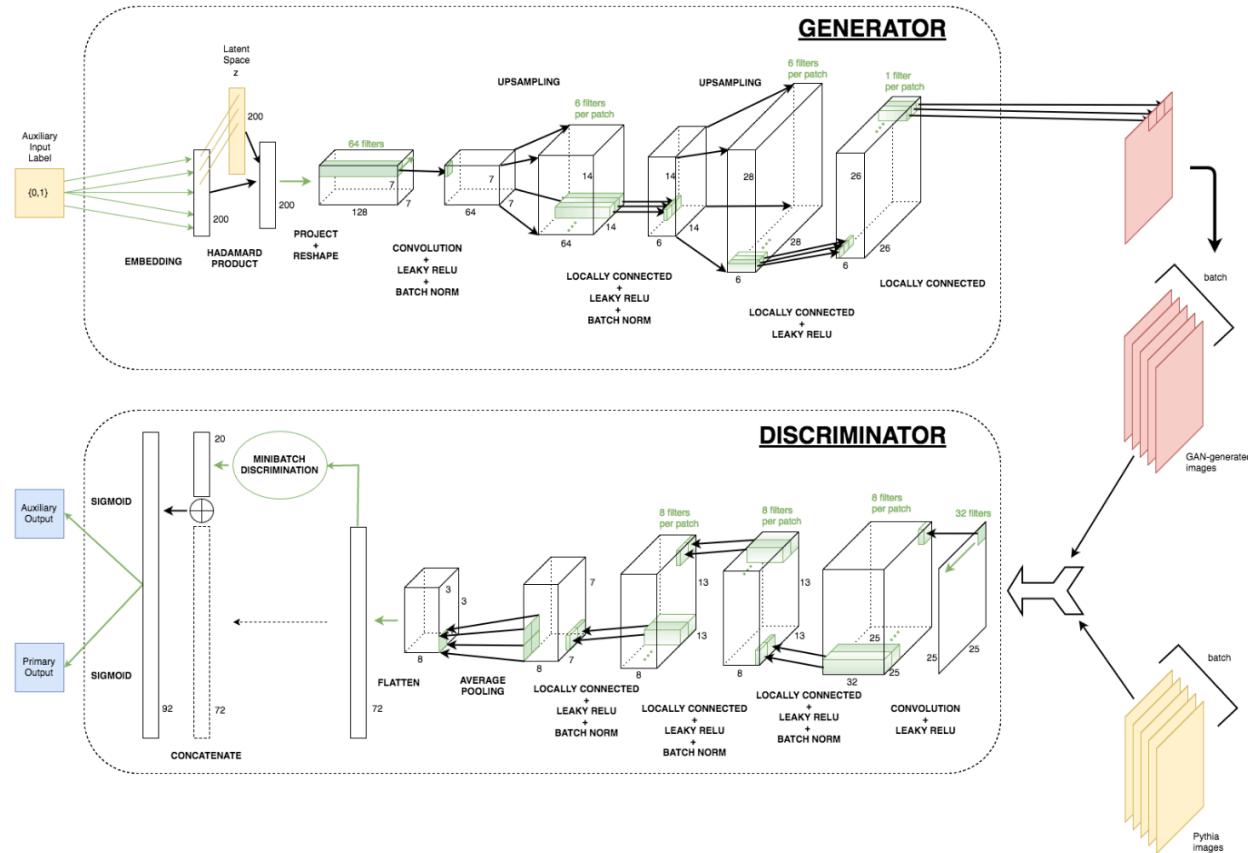
- GANs pit a generator **G** against a discriminator **D**
  - G tries to generate physics simulations from random noise input
  - D tries to separate simulations from G from Pythia simulations
- First ATLAS study is generating jet images
- Common problem with GANs is mode collapse: G learns one small feature that is maximally confusing to D
  - Can alleviate this by adding an auxiliary task to D
  - In this study, auxiliary task is distinguishing W jets from QCD jets



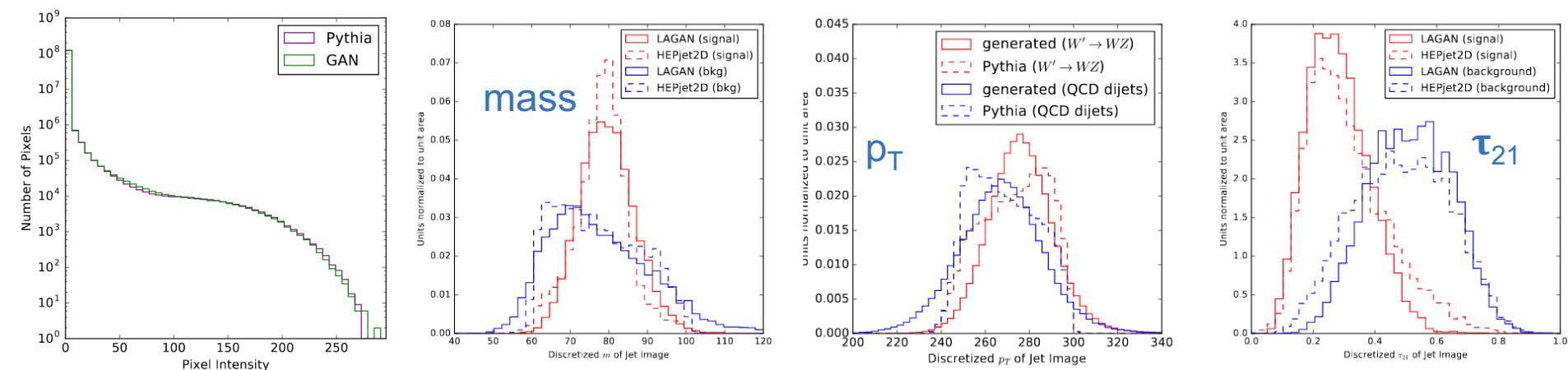
# GAN Architecture

For HEP tasks, create a location aware GAN (LAGAN) with:

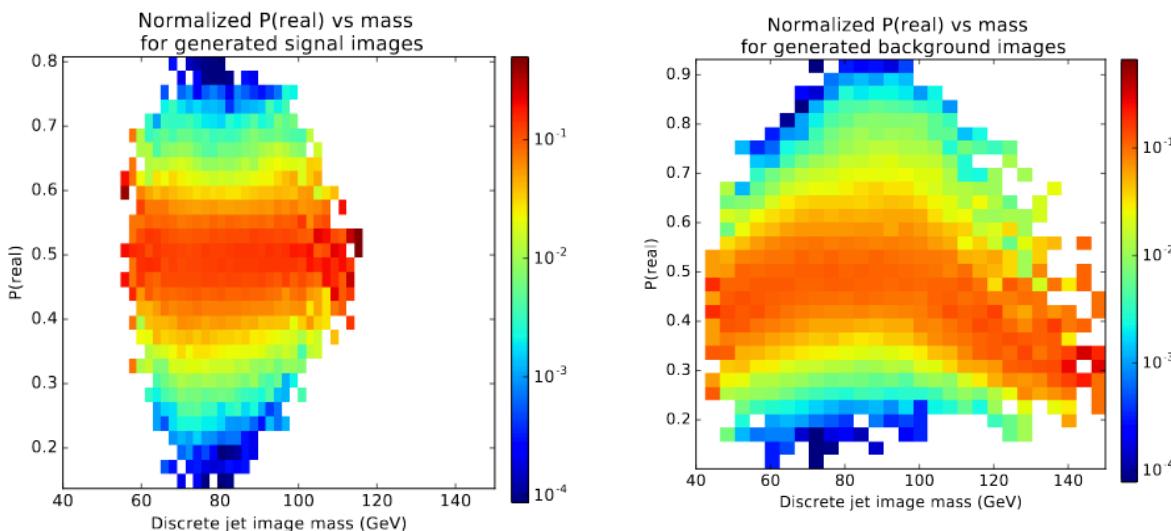
- Locally connected layers
- Rectified Linear Units in last layer to create sparsity
- Batch normalization to help stabilize
- Minibatch discrimination to enforce sparsity and high dynamic range



# GAN Results



Accurately reproduces pixel intensity and substructure variable distributions

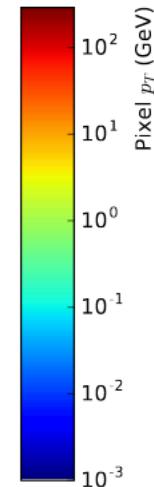
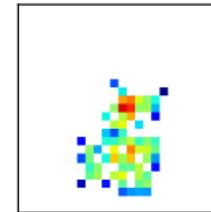
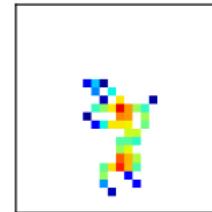
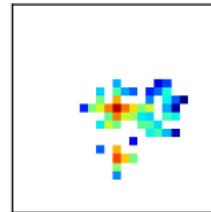
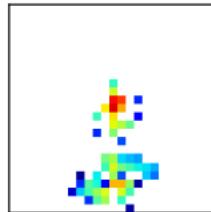
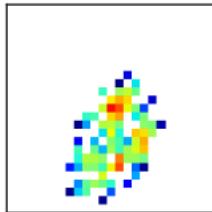


Training converges  
to stable point  
where D gives 1/2

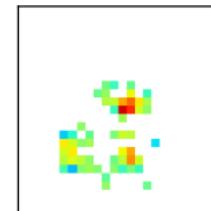
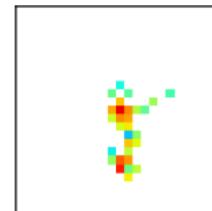
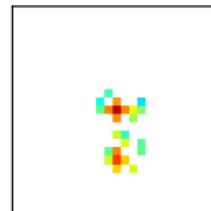
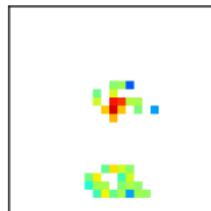
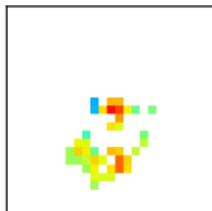
# What is the GAN Learning?

Random Pythia Jets and their nearest GAN neighbors

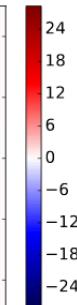
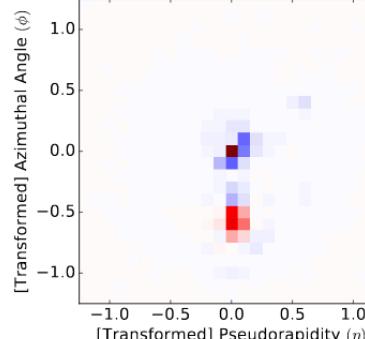
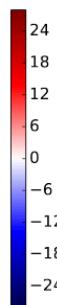
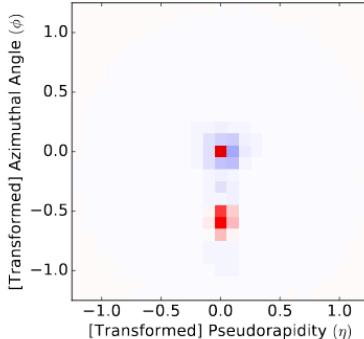
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GAN



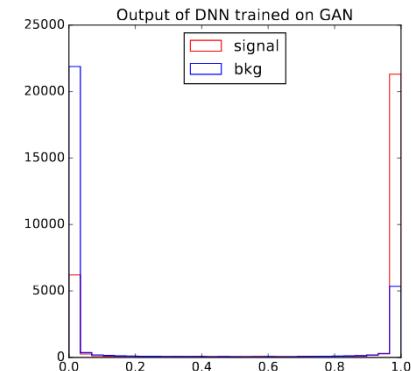
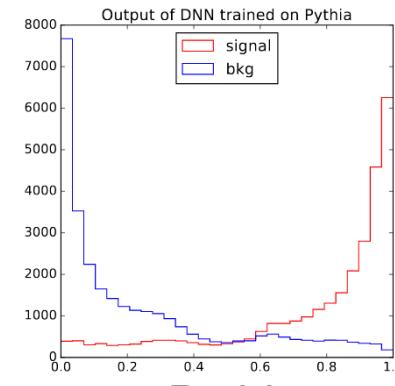
Signal and Background Correlations



Pythia

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DNN Output

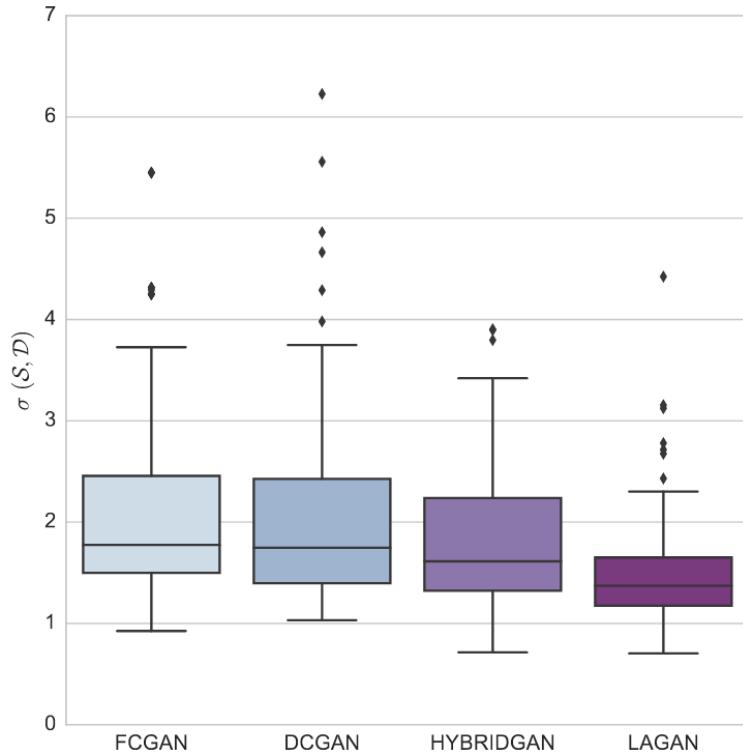


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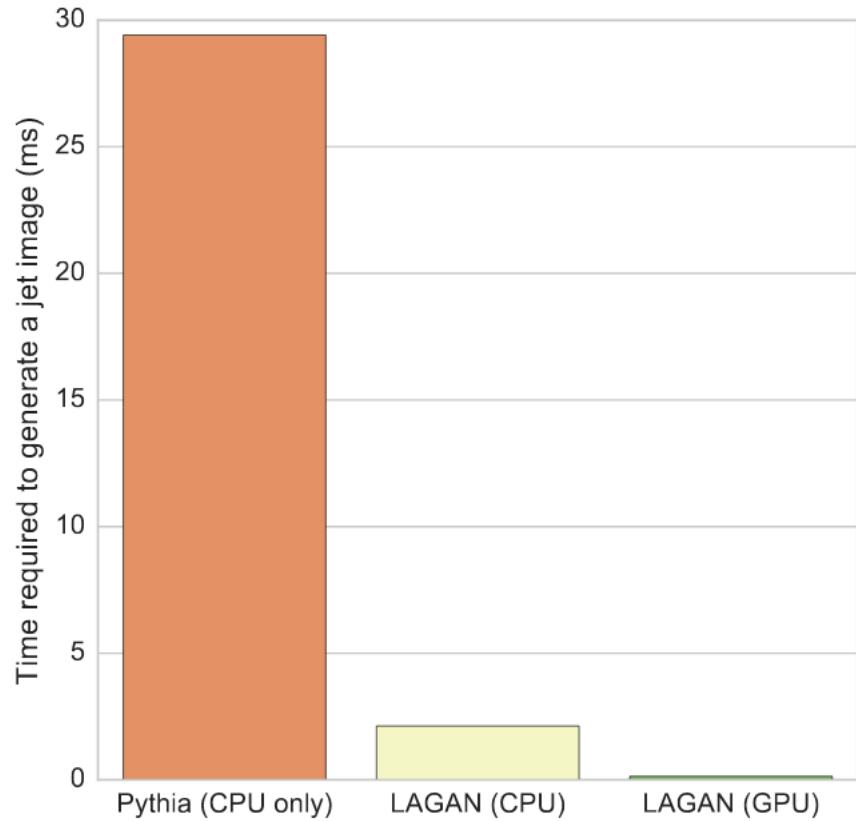
GAN

Learning images well while not memorizing Pythia distributions, but also learning to produce easier to discriminate images

# GAN Performance and Speed



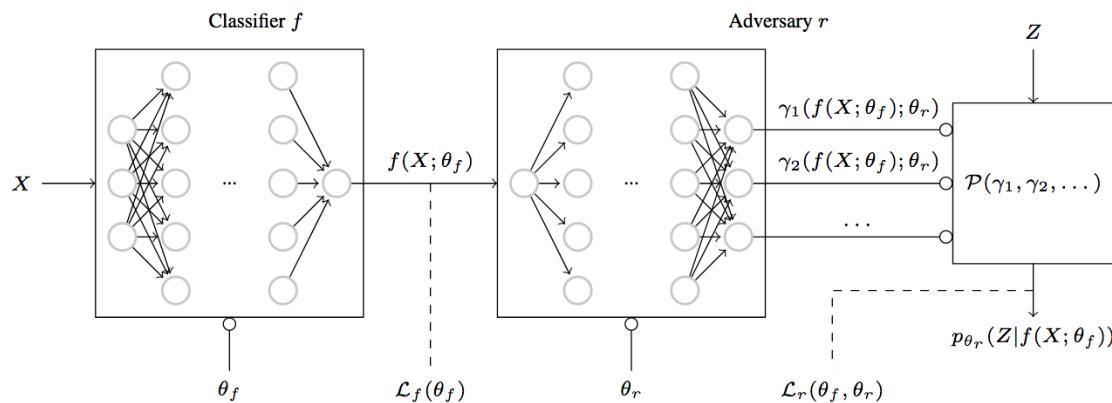
LAGAN performs better than other common GAN architectures



LAGAN is an order of magnitude faster even on CPU

# Imposing Constraints

- Outside of simulation generation, can use ANNs to **impose physics driven constraints on training**
- Big challenge in HEP is robustness with respect to systematic uncertainties and changing conditions
- To train a discriminator robust to or de-correlated from a physics variable, train adversary to reproduce this variable from the output of the classifier



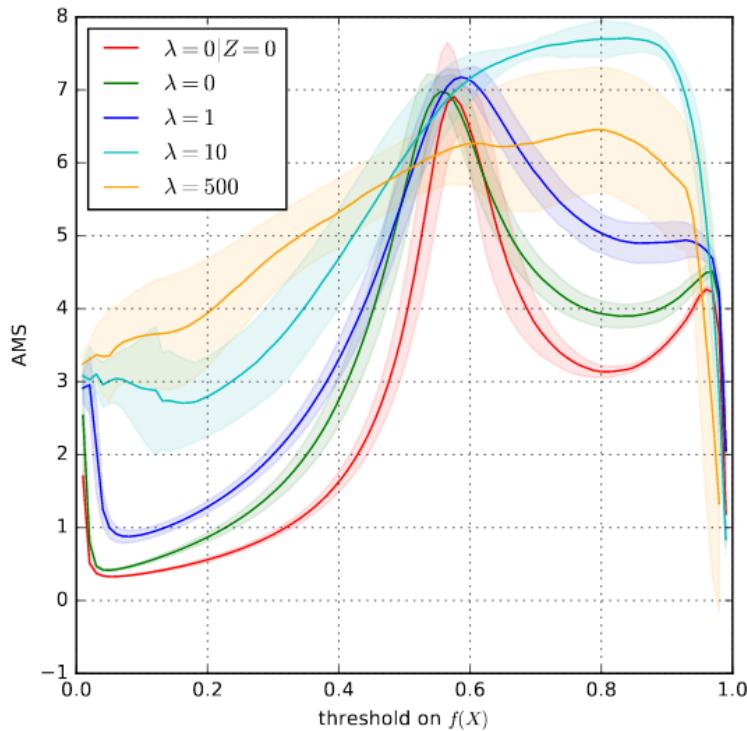
Optimizing both goals concurrently is impossible, so introduce weighting parameter:

$$L_{\text{tagger}} = L_{\text{classification}} - \lambda L_{\text{adversary}}$$

[Paper Here](#)

# Reducing Pileup Dependence

- Can introduce nuisance parameter representing pileup
  - First study is discretized: Z=0 for no pileup Z=1 for 50
- Primary task: distinguishing W jets from QCD jets
- Adversary task: predicting Z from primary output

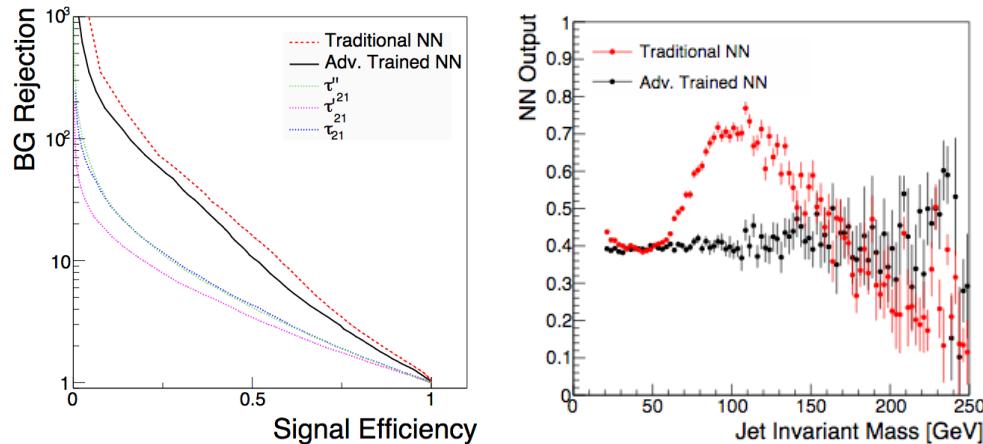


Trading classification accuracy  
for robustness to pileup  
increases final significance

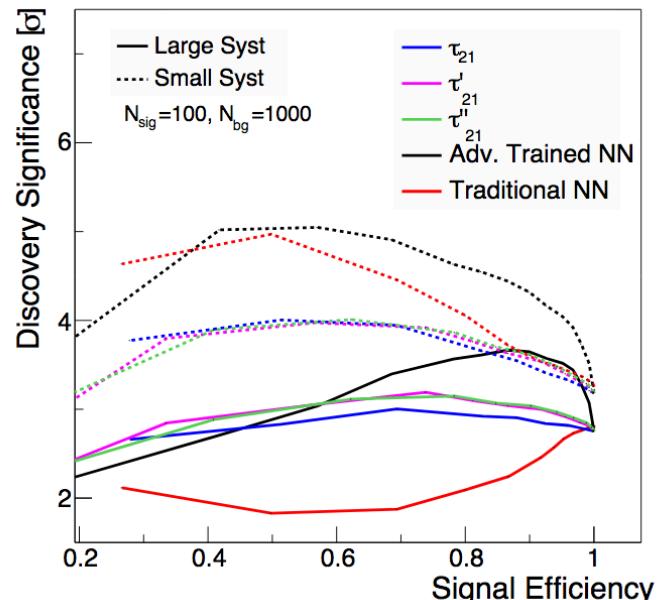
# Jet Mass Decorrelation

[Paper Here](#)

- Many jet tagging procedures distort jet mass distribution
  - Increases uncertainty in background modeling
  - Decreases significance of final results
- Primary task: distinguish W jets from QCD jets
- Adversary task: reproduce jet mass from primary output



ANN less efficient than regular NN, but also not mass dependent



**ANN provides better final significance!**

# Recurrent Neural Networks

# Recurrent Neural Networks

- RNNs take in **time ordered** data
- Basic unit is a cell with some internal state
  - Initial state is 0
  - At each training step, a new event is fed in and combined with the current internal state
  - Combination rules are learned during training
- Allow for embedding variable length information into a fixed length space while maintaining information from ordering
  - The output embedded vector can then be fed to a classifier

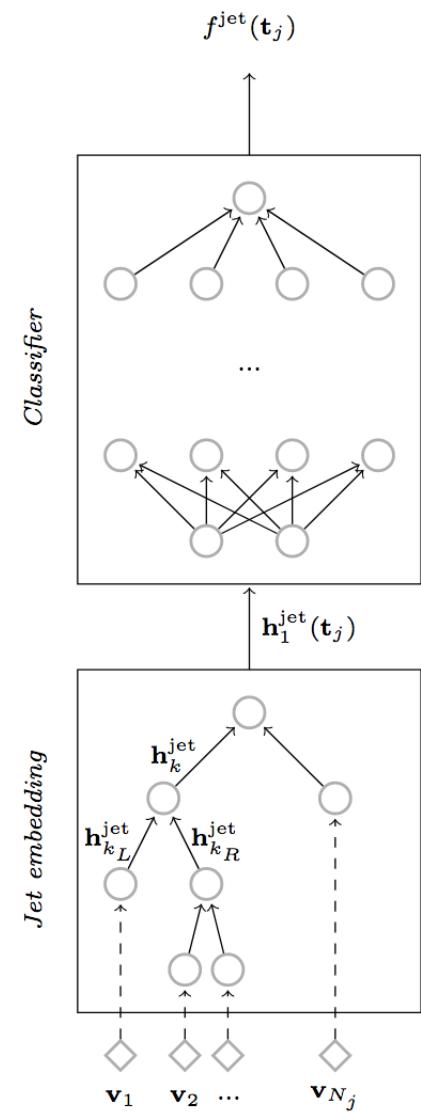
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# RNN for Jet ID: Concept

- RNNs widely used for language processing, can extend this to jet construction:
  - The particles in a jet should follow some order determined by QCD
  - 4 momentum of particles are the ‘words’ and the ordered clustering into jets are the ‘sentences’

Ordered jets are embedded into a binary tree, weights of the tree are learned by the RNN (bottom up)

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{h}_k^{\text{jet}} &= \begin{cases} \mathbf{u}_k & \text{if } k \text{ is a leaf} \\ \sigma \left( W_h \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{h}_{k_L}^{\text{jet}} \\ \mathbf{h}_{k_R}^{\text{jet}} \\ \mathbf{u}_k \end{bmatrix} + b_h \right) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \\ \mathbf{u}_k &= \sigma (W_u g(\mathbf{o}_k) + b_u) \\ \mathbf{o}_k &= \begin{cases} \mathbf{v}_{i(k)} & \text{if } k \text{ is a leaf} \\ \mathbf{o}_{k_L} + \mathbf{o}_{k_R} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

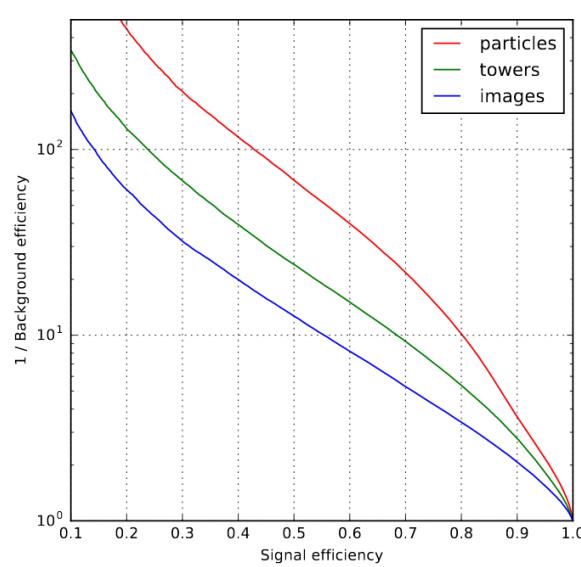


# RNN for Jet ID: Results

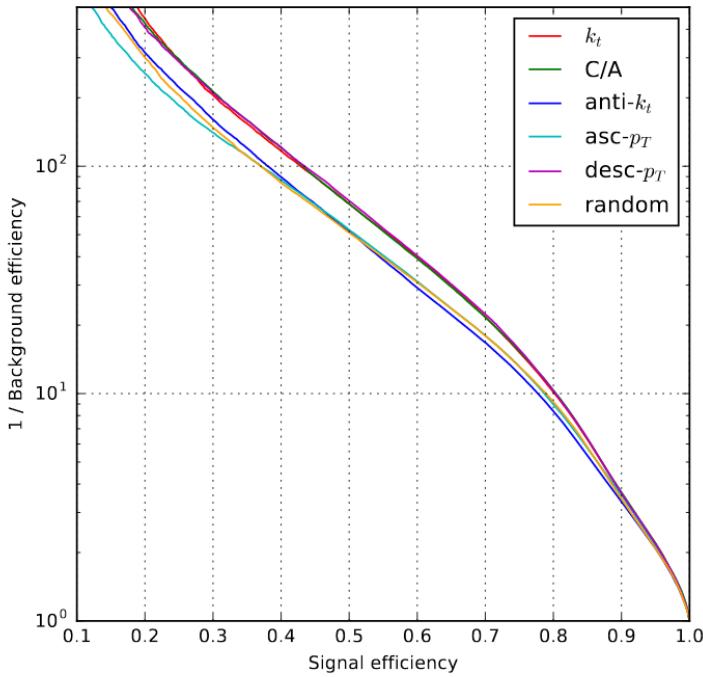
- Applied to distinguishing W jets from QCD jets
- Looked at using information from pre-processed images and raw  $p_T$  information calo towers or individual particles

Input	Architecture	ROC AUC
Projected into images		
towers	MaxOut	<b>0.8418</b>
towers	$k_t$	$0.8321 \pm 0.0025$
towers	$k_t$ (gated)	$0.8277 \pm 0.0028$
Without image preprocessing		
towers	$\tau_{21}$	0.7644
towers	mass + $\tau_{21}$	0.8212
towers	$k_t$	$0.8807 \pm 0.0010$
towers	C/A	$0.8831 \pm 0.0010$
towers	anti- $k_t$	$0.8737 \pm 0.0017$
towers	asc- $p_T$	$0.8835 \pm 0.0009$
towers	desc- $p_T$	<b><math>0.8838 \pm 0.0010</math></b>
towers	random	$0.8704 \pm 0.0011$
particles	$k_t$	$0.9185 \pm 0.0006$
particles	C/A	<b><math>0.9192 \pm 0.0008</math></b>
particles	anti- $k_t$	$0.9096 \pm 0.0013$
particles	asc- $p_T$	$0.9130 \pm 0.0031$
particles	desc- $p_T$	$0.9189 \pm 0.0009$
particles	random	$0.9121 \pm 0.0008$

Best RNNs ~ MaxOut with images, but faster and easier to train



Better with particle and towers than images → information lost in images



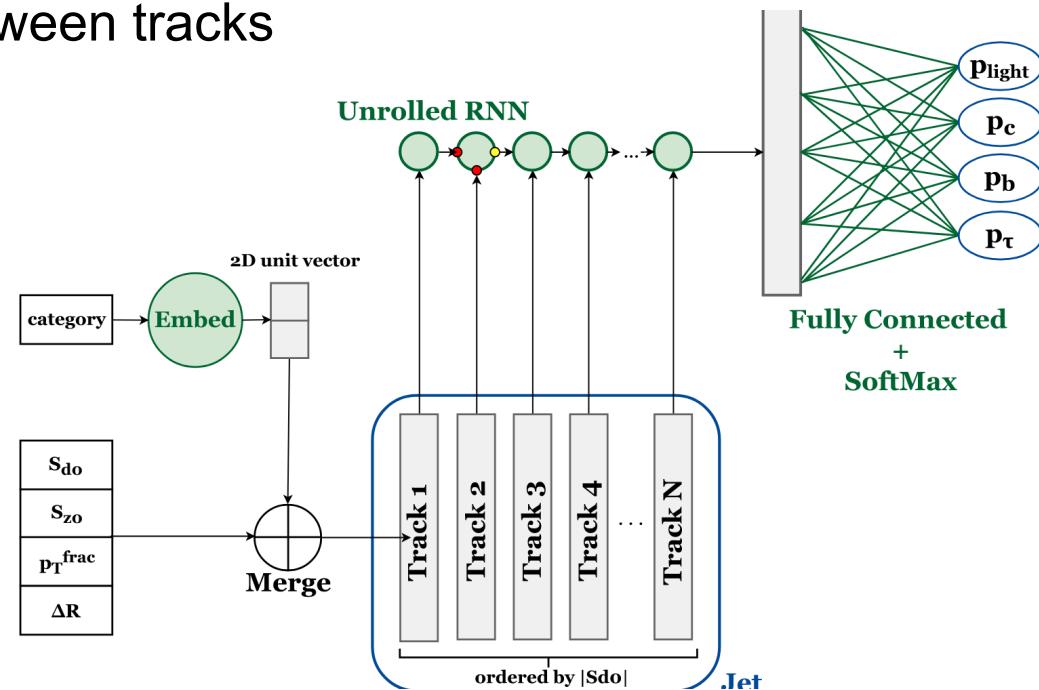
The algorithm used to order matters:  $k_T$  and desc- $p_T$  best

# RNN for B-tagging: Concept

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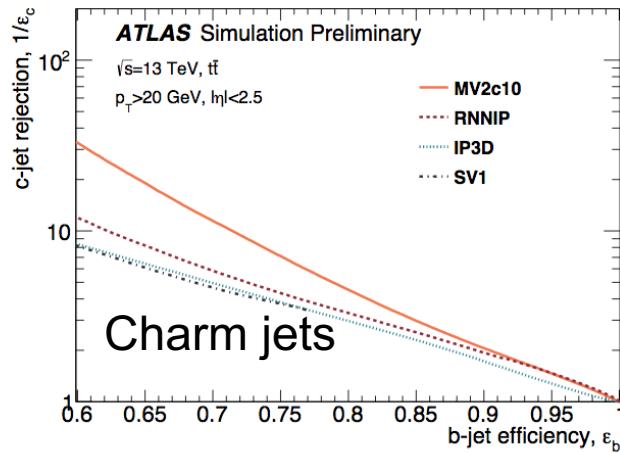
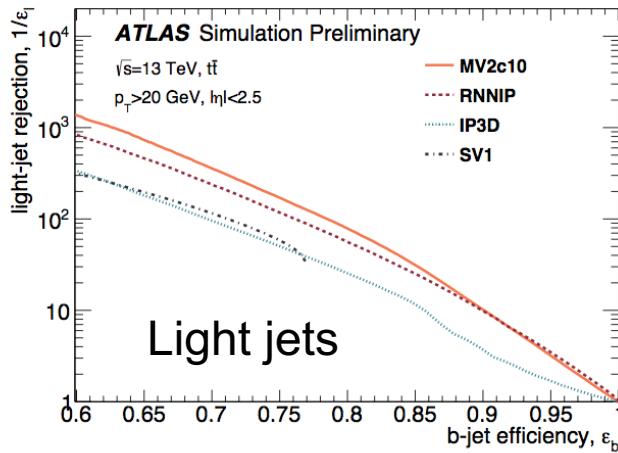
- Current b-tagging uses impact parameter (IP) information from tracks and secondary vertex information
  - Combined in a BDT for final application
- Current IP algorithm (IP3D) applies a LH to tracks to predict if they came from a certain flavor particle
  - Neglects correlations between tracks

RNN application treats tracks as variable length sequence to embed

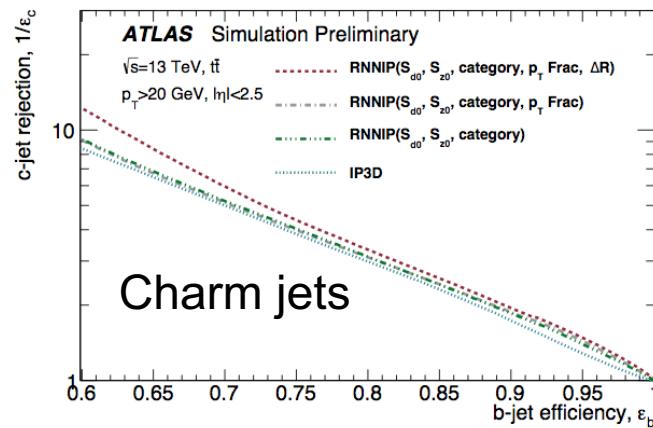
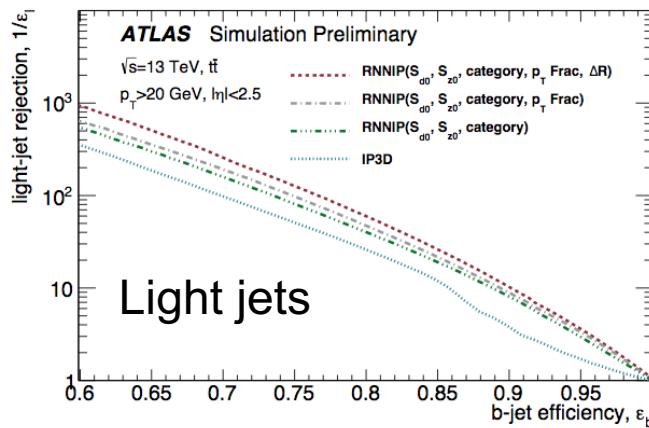


# RNN for B-tagging: Results

RNN outperforms IP3D, almost as well as combined BDT



Including substructure variables further improves RNN



RNN could replace IP3D and improve b-tagging accuracy!

# Additional Studies

- Unsupervised mixture modeling and weakly labeled learning (improved quark vs gluon jets discrimination)
- Bonsai trees for triggers (improved accuracy and speed)
- DNNs for exotic particle searches (analysis classification)
- Reweighting/calibration with BDTs
- Studying parton shower modeling dependence in jet images and eliminating scale dependence
- Reinterpretation of LHC data for BSM searches based on theory parameters (what should the LHC events look like)
- Other particle IDs (taus, photons)
- Color studies with CNNs (additional information by separating energy contributions from different particle types)
- CNNs for EM Particle ID (my work!)
- LHC work summarized here

# Conclusions

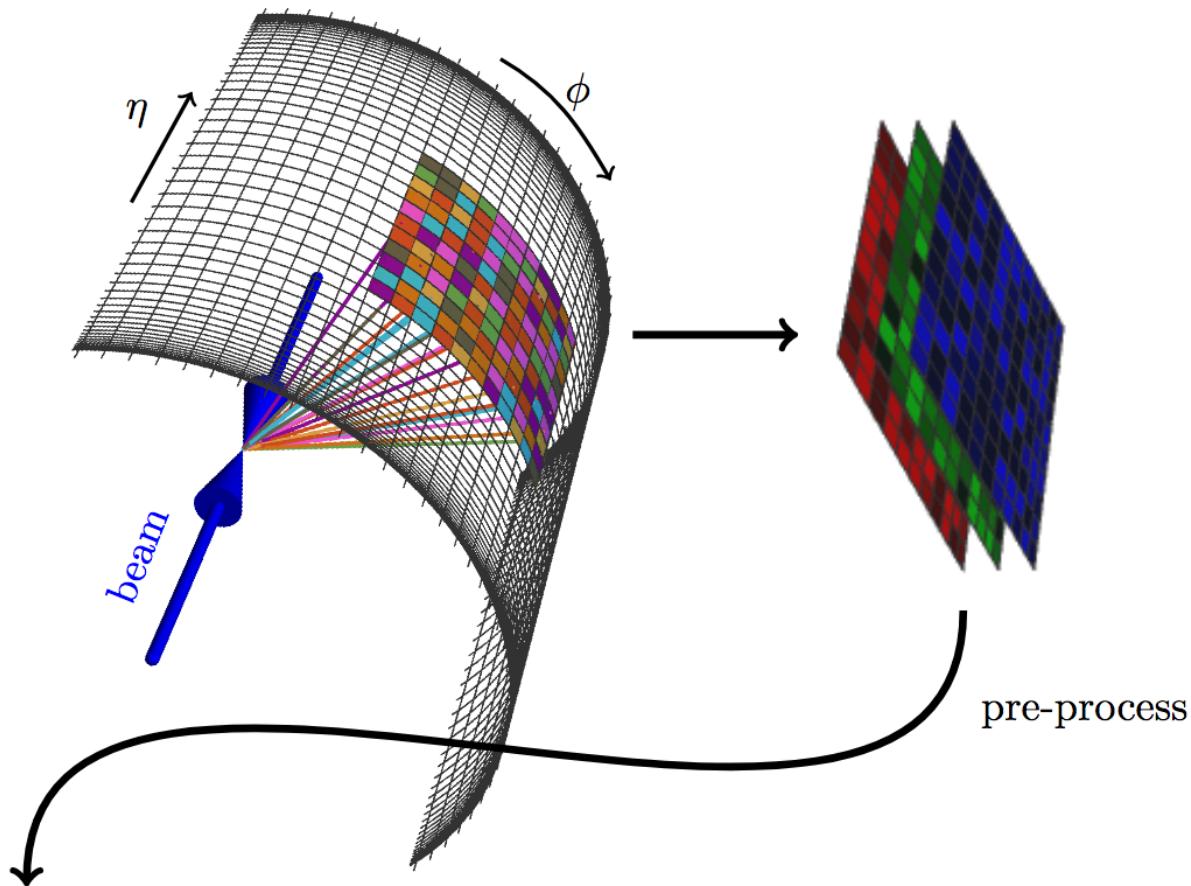
- Machine learning outperforms physics motivated techniques in many applications
- Can be applied to all stages of LHC physics
- Complexity of events and dependence on pileup will only increase as we move to HL LHC
  - Need to develop better triggers, taggers, and reduce pileup dependence
- Many exciting areas for continued research and collaboration with industry to use cutting edge ML techniques!

# Backup

# Variable Grouping in BDT Training

Observable	W-Boson Tagging Observable Groups						
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7 (BDT)
$ECF_1$			o	o	o	o	
$ECF_2$			o	o	o	o	o
$ECF_3$			o	o	o	o	o
$C_2$	o	o			o	o	
$D_2$	o	o			o	o	o
$\tau_1$			o	o	o	o	o
$\tau_2$			o	o	o	o	
$\tau_{21}$	o	o			o	o	o
$R_2^{\text{FW}}$		o	o	o	o	o	o
$S$		o	o	o	o	o	o
$\mathcal{P}$					o	o	o
$\mathcal{D}$					o	o	
$a_3$			o	o	o	o	o
$A$		o	o	o	o	o	o
$T_{\text{MIN}}$		o		o		o	
$T_{\text{MAJ}}$	o		o			o	
$Z_{\text{CUT}}$					o	o	
$\mu_{12}$					o	o	
$\sqrt{d_{12}}$	o	o	o		o	o	
$KtDR$					o	o	o

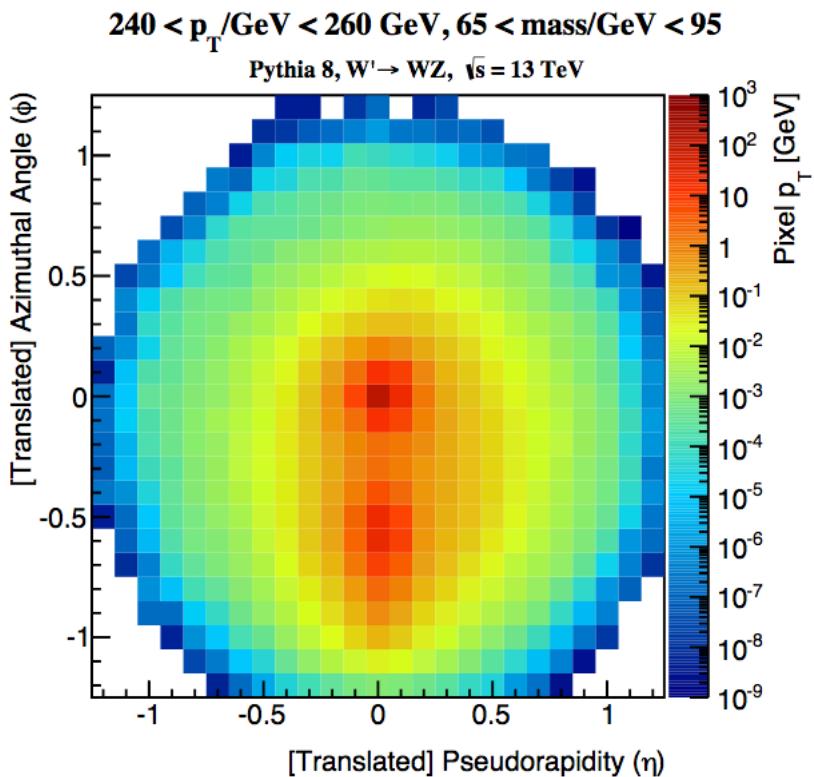
# Projection onto Calo Towers



# $W^\pm$ vs QCD Jet ID: Data

Want to separate boosted  $W^\pm$  jets from QCD background

- Restricted study to 250-300 GeV jet  $p_T$ , and 65-95 GeV jet mass
- Images formed using calo-tower technique, 25x25 pixel images
- Pre-processed with translation, rotation, and parity flip



# $W^\pm$ vs QCD Jet ID: Architecture

Compared performance of 2 network types:

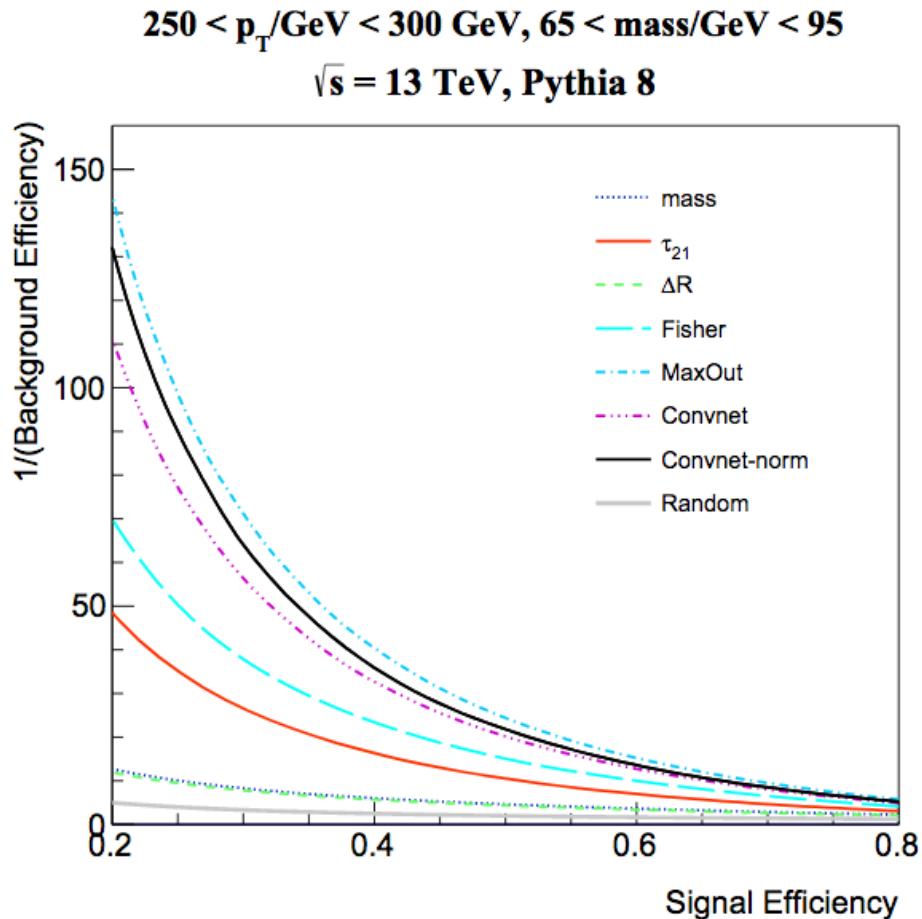
## 1. CNN:

- 3 convolution, max pooling, and dropout layer combinations
- 11x11 kernels in first layer, 3x3 in other layers
- 1 densely connected layer
- Output layer of sigmoid classification

## 2. MaxOut:

- 2 Maxout layers: value of node is max of all inputs
- 2 fully connected layers
- Output layer of sigmoid classification

# $W^\pm$ vs QCD Jet ID: Results



DNNs outperform  
physics motivated  
variables!

# Bjet track Correlations

