



Computing and IA in HEP experiments

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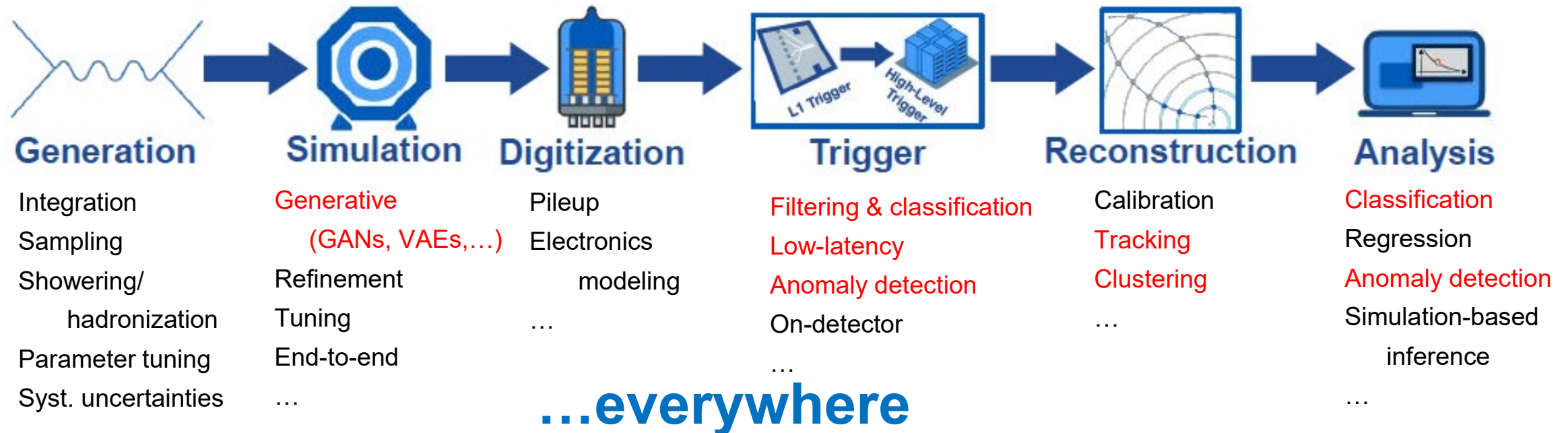
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Introduction

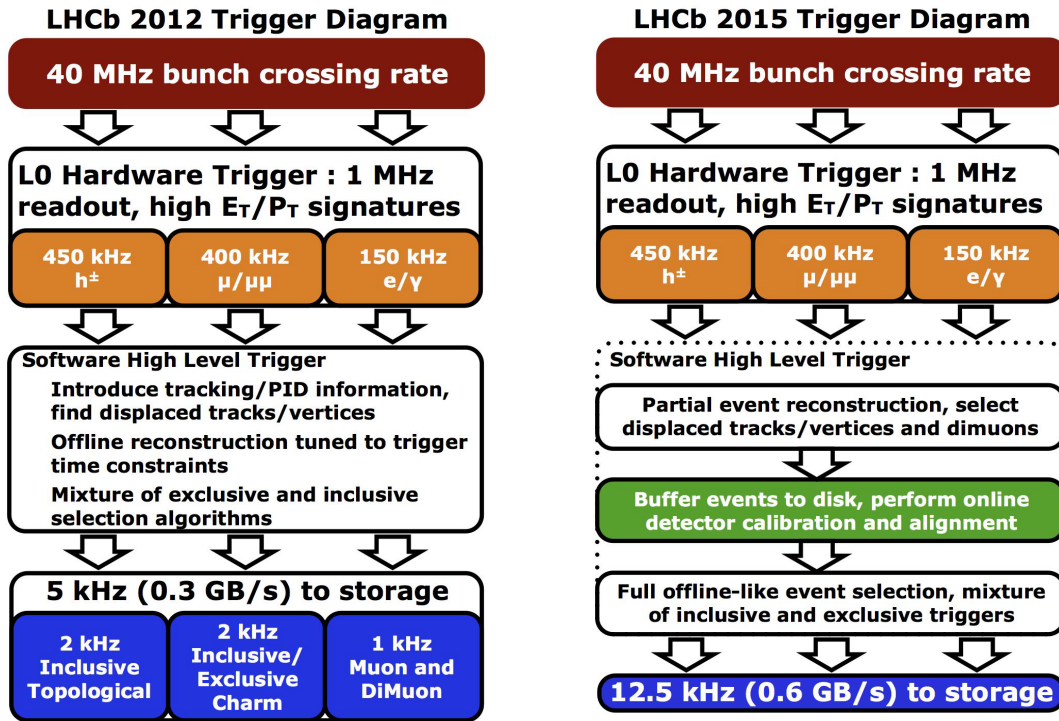
- Main objectives of today's Particle Physics program are:
 - Probing the SM with increasing precision \Rightarrow search for anomalies as evidence for BSM physics
 - Searching directly for BSM physics
- Require the processing, identification, storage and analysis of rare and/or complex signals hidden in immense amount of data (background)
 - Eg. at the LHC, $\sim 99.999\%$ of the data has no interest
- ML used since the 80's & 90's for (offline) event and particle identification, energy estimation, flavor tagging
- Since then, hardware and software technology progress lead to extensive HEP R&D adaptations and applications...



Case example: LHCb trigger evolution

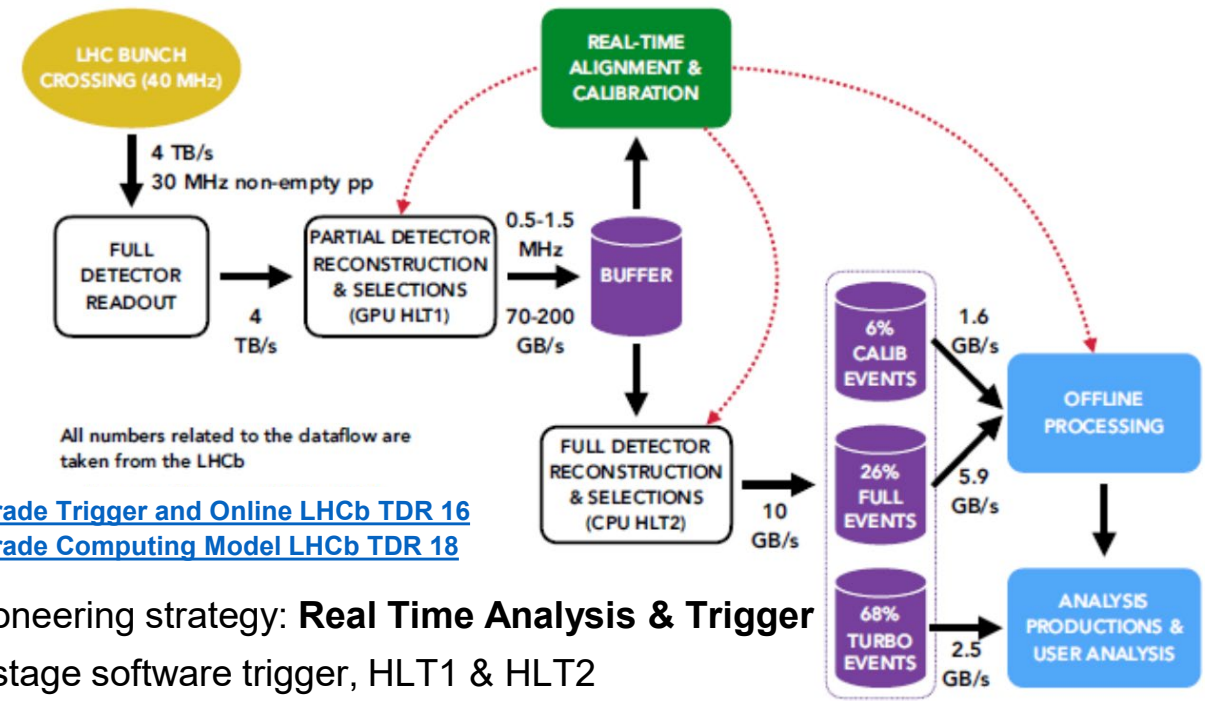
Increased Lumi by x 5
~ 6 int. per bxing

Run 1 & Run 2 (2011-2018)



- Traditional approach
- Hardware (L0) and software (HLT1, HLT2) on CPUs
- Exclusive and inclusive algorithms
- Full reconstruction offline
- Mostly an expert system combining different subdetectors

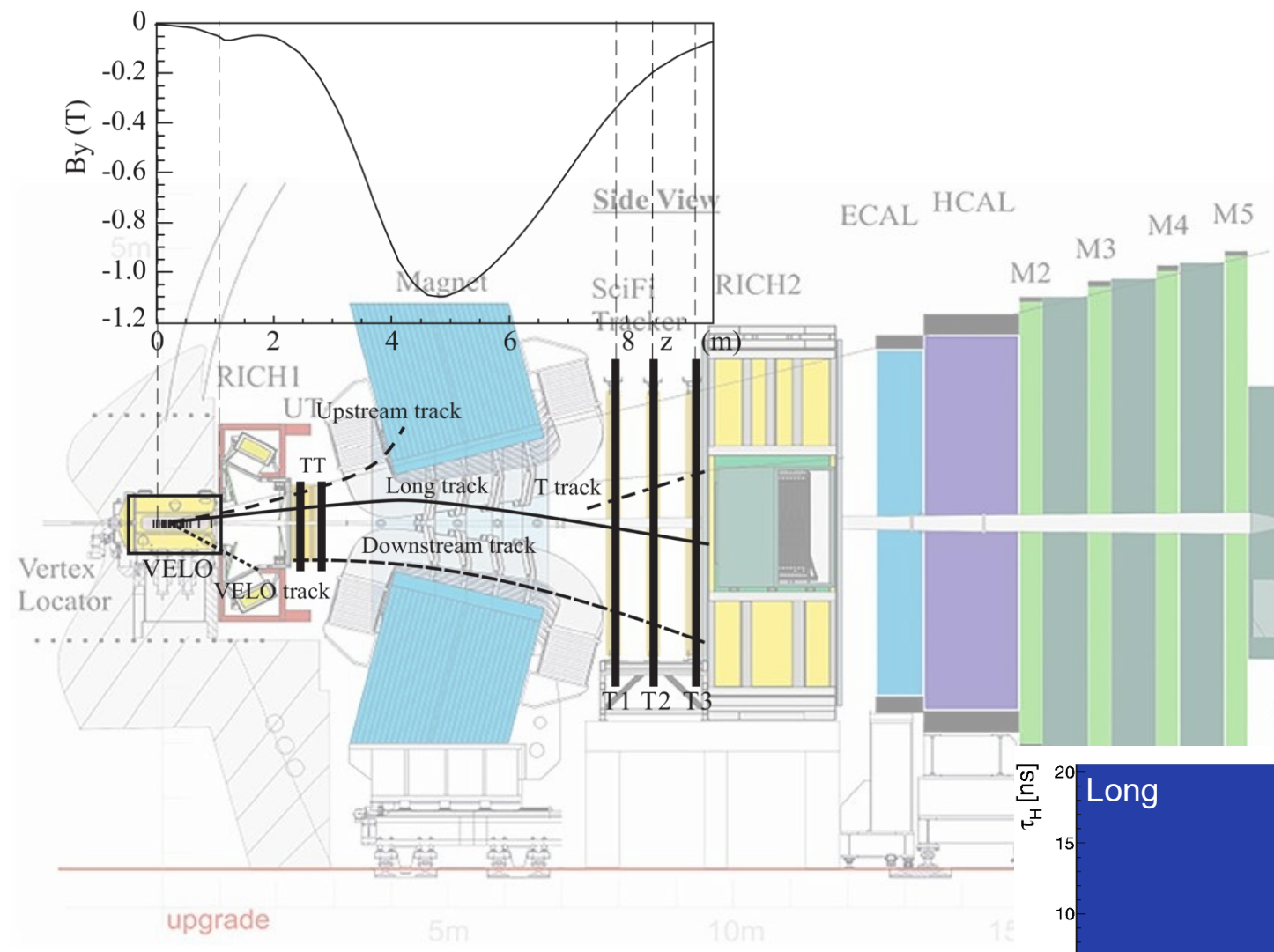
Run 3 (2022-2025) & Run 4 (2029-2032)



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[Upgrade Computing Model LHCb TDR 18](#)

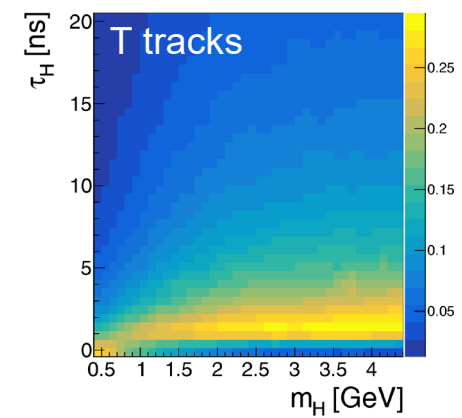
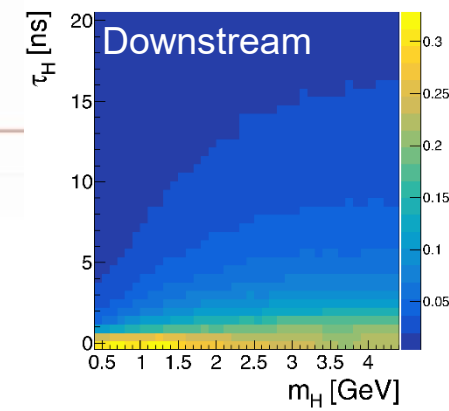
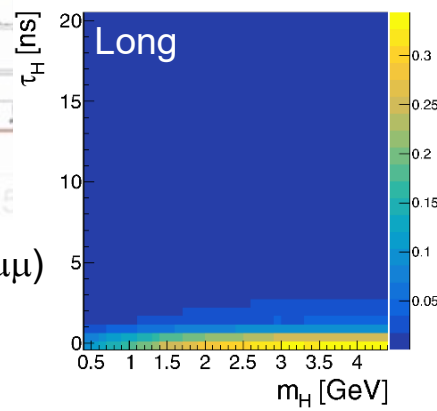
- Pioneering strategy: **Real Time Analysis & Trigger**
- 2-stage software trigger, HLT1 & HLT2
- All raw data (4 TB/s) at 30 MHz as input
- At HLT1, simplified reconstruction to reduce input rate by a factor of 20, using O(500) A50000 GPU cards
- At HLT2, full offline quality reconstruction & physics selection, reduce by another factor of 20 to 10 GB/s
- An expert system relying strongly on ML to exploit internal symmetries & correlations within and between subdetectors...

Track types and LLPs @ LHCb



- Tracks reconstructed from segments in the different trackers
- Downstream and T tracks can be used to reconstruct LLPs with $\tau > 100$ ps
 - Downstream for particles decaying 1-2 m from IP
 - T tracks used up to 7.5 m from IP
- The flexibility of the new trigger can be exploited to trigger on these signatures
 - Not previously triggered
- Expands physics program for decays with strange hadrons (~80% of these decay after VELO) and lifetime reach of BSM LLPs (Hidden Sector)

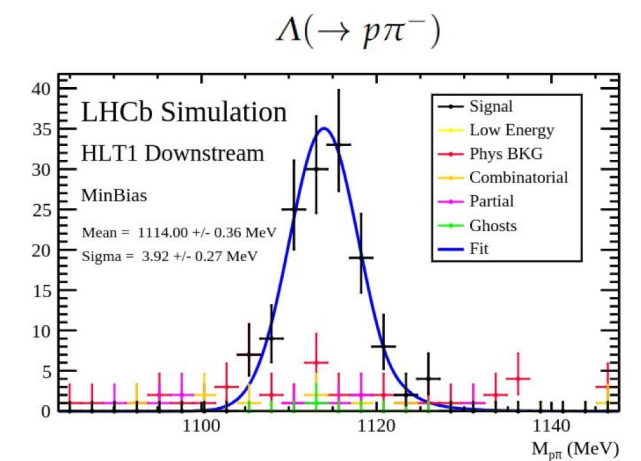
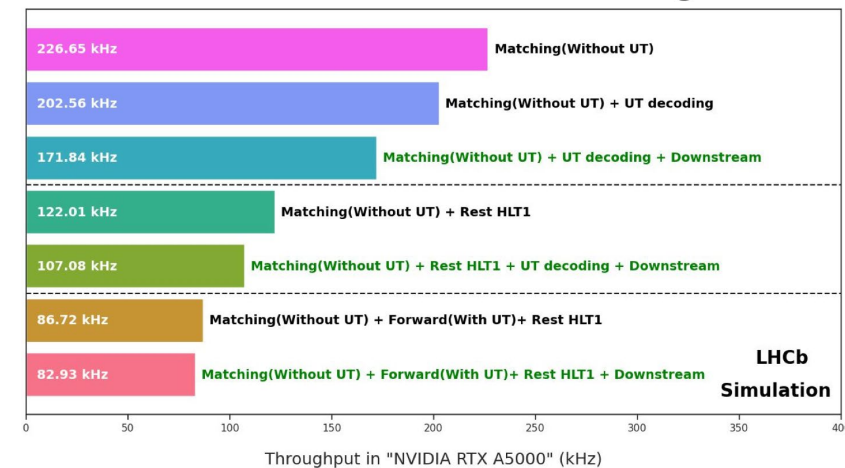
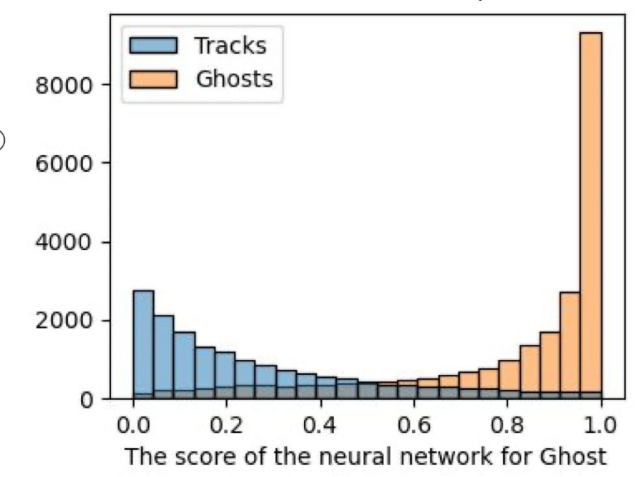
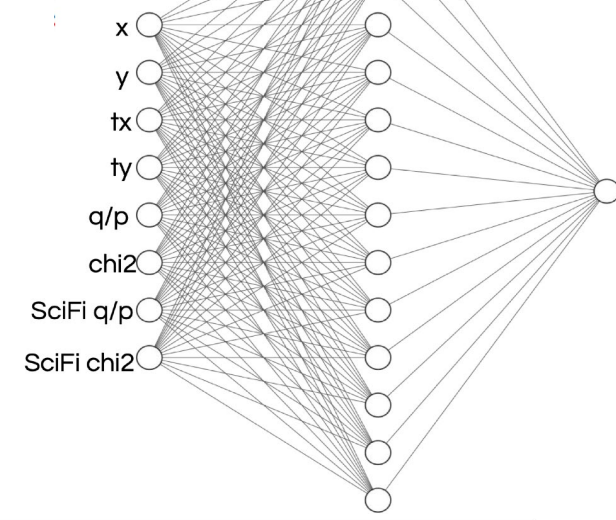
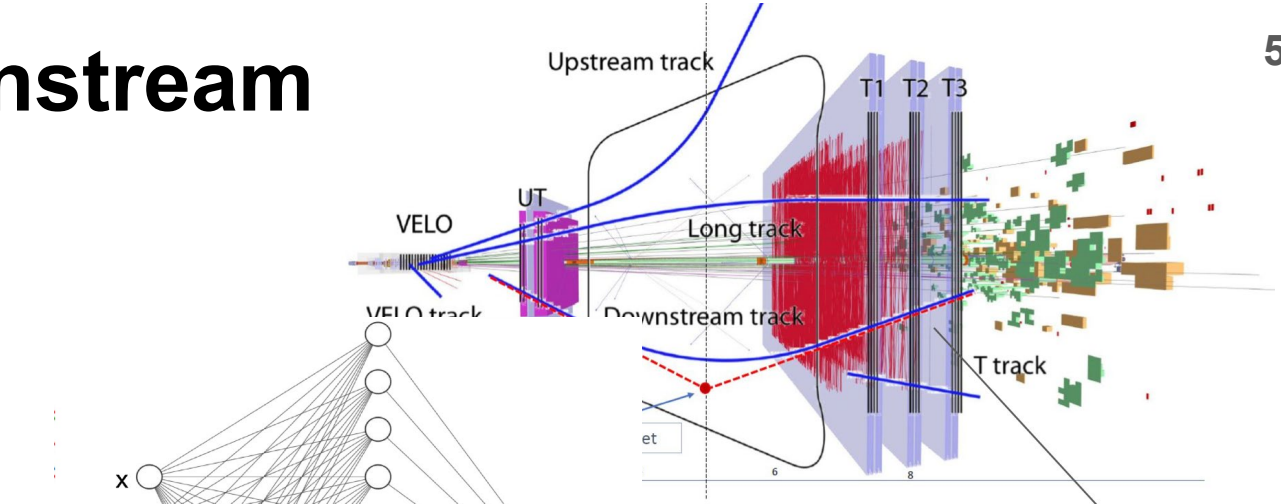
e.g. $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ H (\rightarrow \mu\mu)$
Acceptance



HLT1 Downstream

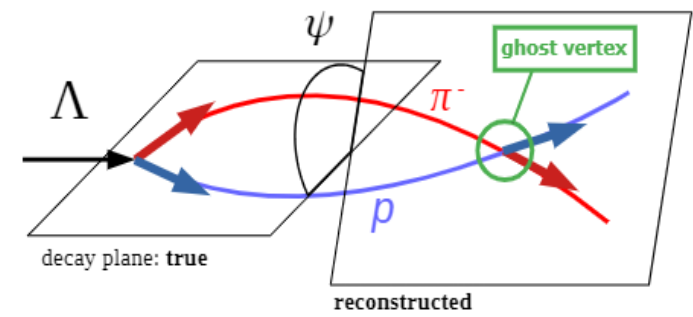
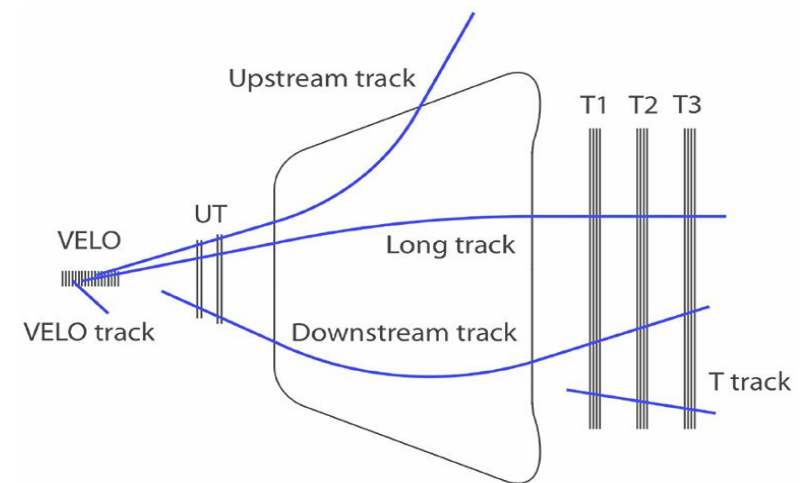
- Algorithm based on
 - Extrapolation of SciFi seeds to UT, including the effect of the magnetic field in the x coordinate
 - Search hits in windows of UT that are compatible with tracks coming from SciFi, and that are not used for Long tracks
- Ghost killer
 - Removal of fake tracks originating from spurious hits in the detector
 - NN with single hidden layer (14 nodes) & 8 features, model trained with RoE $B_s^0 \rightarrow \phi\phi$ MC sample
- Performance from $\Lambda_b \rightarrow \Lambda\gamma$ decays
 - Efficiency ~75%
 - Ghost rate ~20%
 - Momentum resolution ~4%, ~ constant for $p < 50$ GeV
 - Global impact on throughput ~3%

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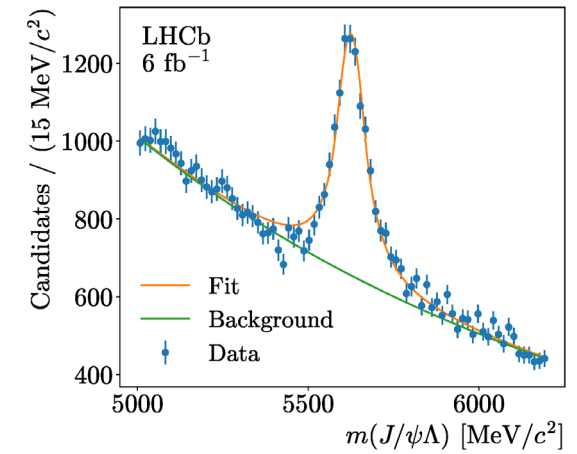
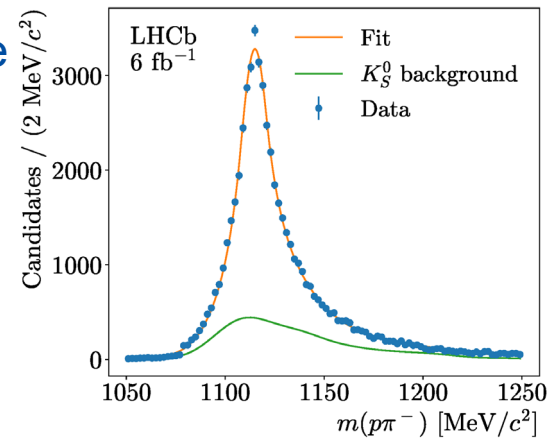


T tracks

- Unmatched SciFi segments to Long nor Downstream tracks historically unused
- Challenging
 - Short lever arm & weak B field
 - Large extrapolation through strong and inhomogeneous B field
 - Poor momentum resolution $\sim 20\%$
 - Large combinatorics, ~ 1500 2-track combinations/event @ 10 MHz
 - “Ghost vertices” due to closing-track topologies
- Feasible selection and offline reconstruction for physics
- Clear benefits for physics with strangeness ($\sim 40\%$ of the decays) and BSM LLPs with $\tau > 100$ ps
- Could be triggered?

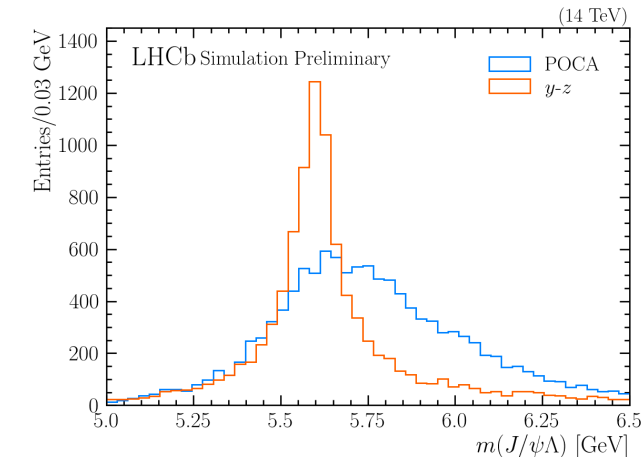


$\Lambda_b \rightarrow \Lambda J/\psi$ (Run 1 & 2) [arXiv:2211.10920 \[hep-ex\]](https://arxiv.org/abs/2211.10920)



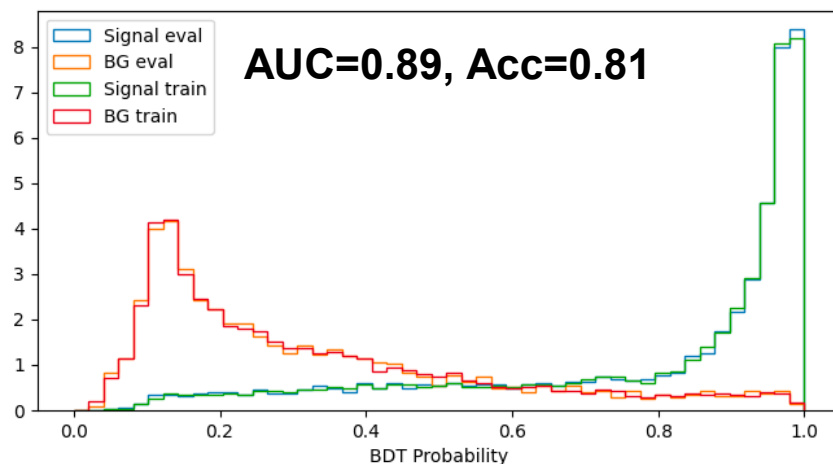
HLT2 T tracks

- Require clear signature in signal decay to control throughput, eg. $J/\psi \rightarrow \mu\mu$
 - Exploit small opening angle of decay products & linearity of tracks in yz place
- Vertex finding & fitting
 - Expensive, large combinatorics and extrapolation through strong/inhomogeneous field
 - Seeding with yz intersection instead of default POCA
 - 5th-order Runge-Kutta extrapolation in 1st iteration, polynomial after (for now)
- For processes w/o clear signatures



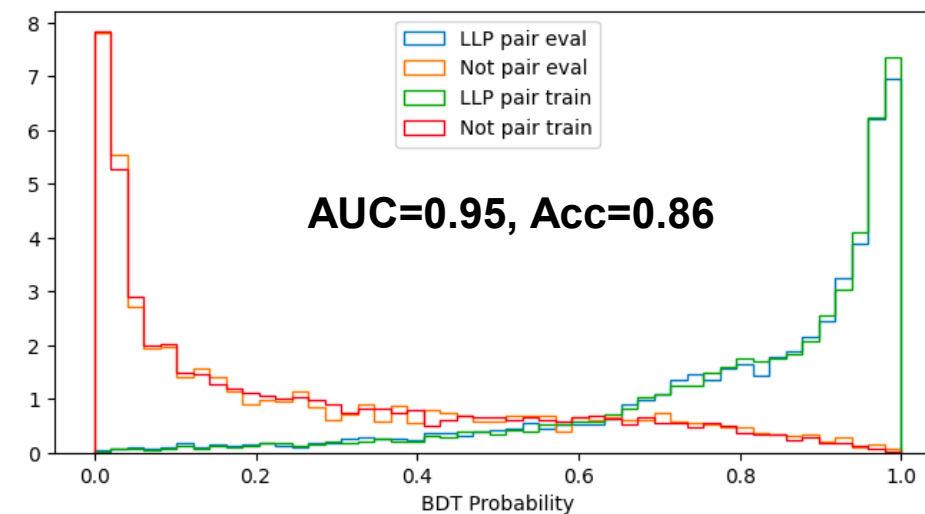
Binary CatBoost BDT to filter single tracks (20 iterations/trees)

- Use “unfitted” tracks, proton or pion from Λ or K_s^0 as signal
- 5 features: p_T , p_z , radial distance to beam pipe, η , y



Binary CatBoost BDT to filter pairs (100 iterations/trees)

- 7 features: y_{yz} , z_{yz} , Δy , Δr , Δt_y , Δt_x , $\text{sign}(t_y^1 \cdot t_y^2)$



- Reduces impact on throughput and combinations by 70%-85%, with ~75% signal efficiency
- Factory of SM and BSM signal signatures deployed/ongoing. PID also integrated

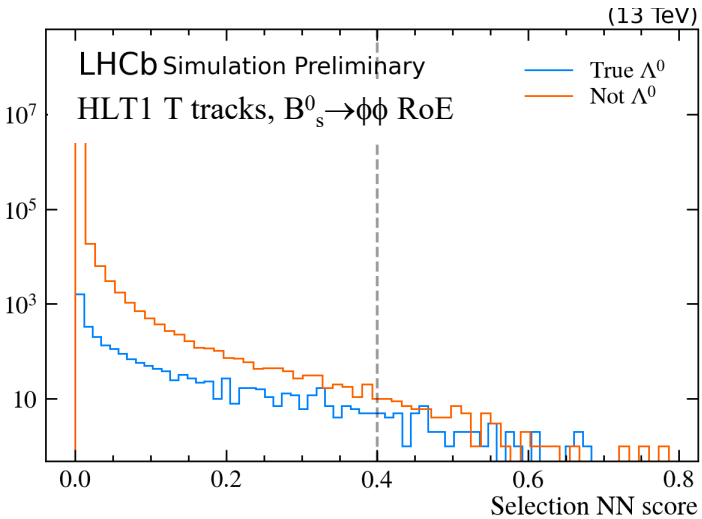
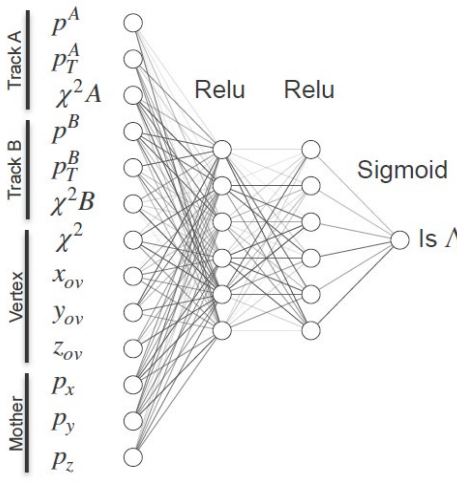
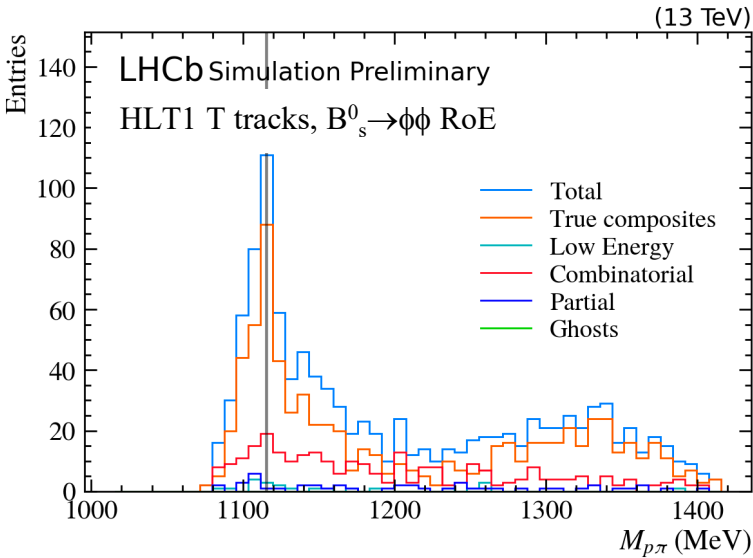
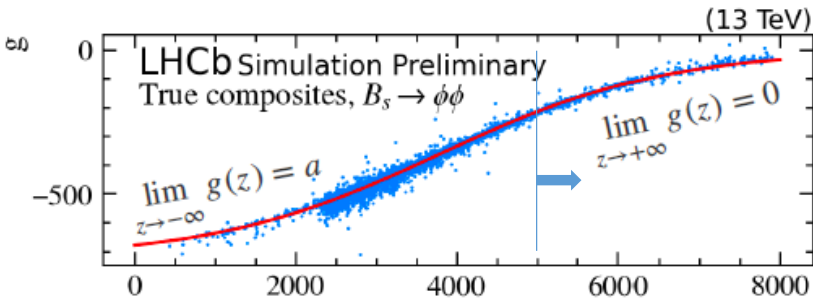
HLT1 T tracks

- No time for anything complicated
- Use simple extrapolation model

$$\begin{cases} x(z) = x_0 + tx(z - z_0) + \frac{q}{p}(z - z_0)g(?) \\ y(z) = y_0 + ty(z - z_0) \end{cases}$$

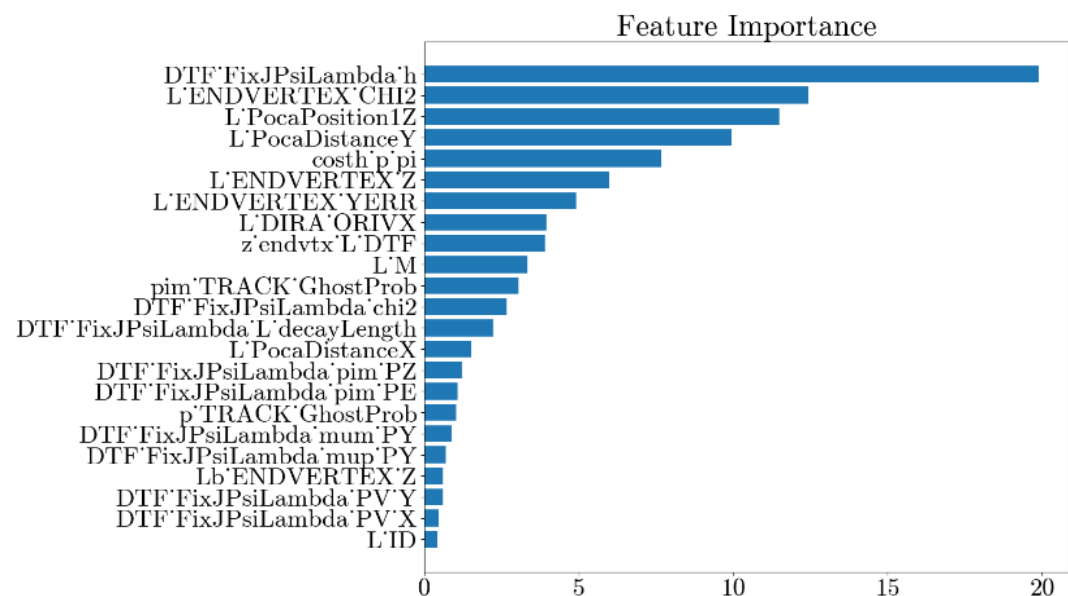
Unknown function,
Approximated with sigmoid

- For each track pair, vertex hypothesis created at POCA
 - Allows simple improvement of track momentum and slope
- Selection of two-track candidates
 - Requires opposite q/p signs,
1 < POCA < 8 m,
DOCA < 0.1 m
 - NN with 2 hidden layers,
with 6 nodes each &
13 input features
- First CUDA implementation in place, optimization ongoing

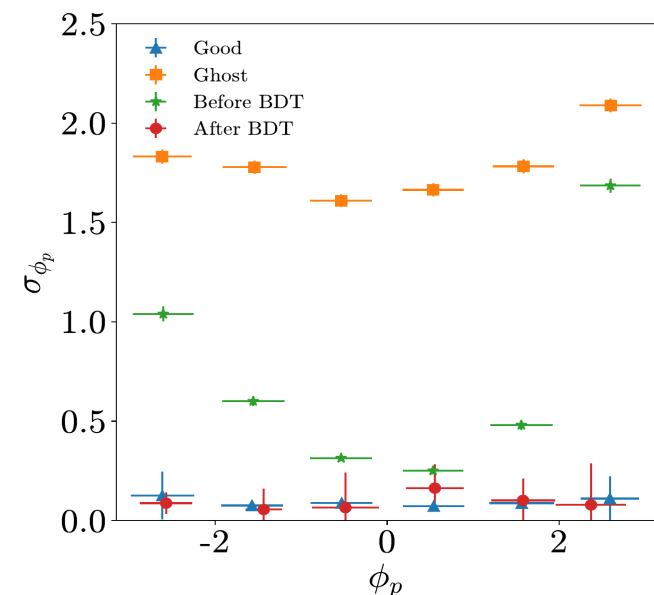
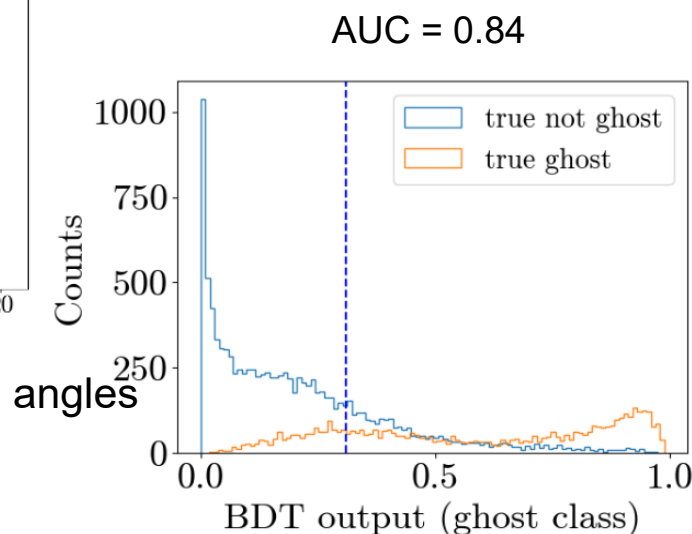
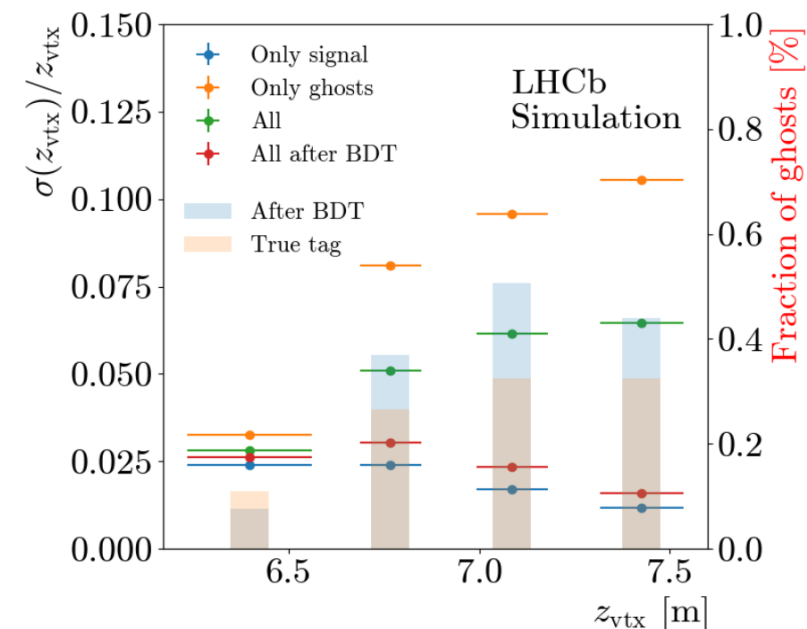
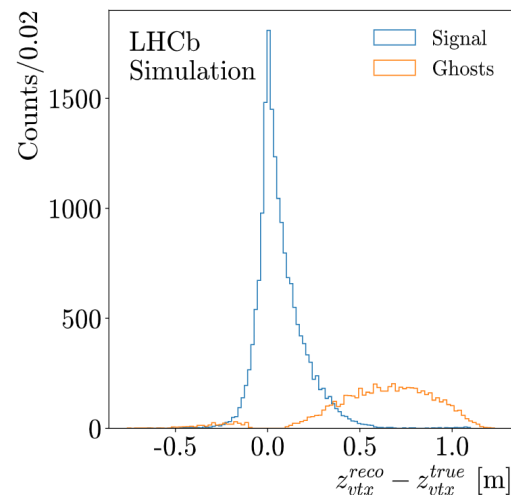


Offline ghost vertex reduction

- Closing-track events in very displaced vertex finding are an issue, mainly for low-Q decays
 - For $\Lambda \rightarrow p\pi^-$, ~30% of events affected, poor vertex resolution and large bias
- Binary CatBoost BDT classifier
 - Trained with topological variables

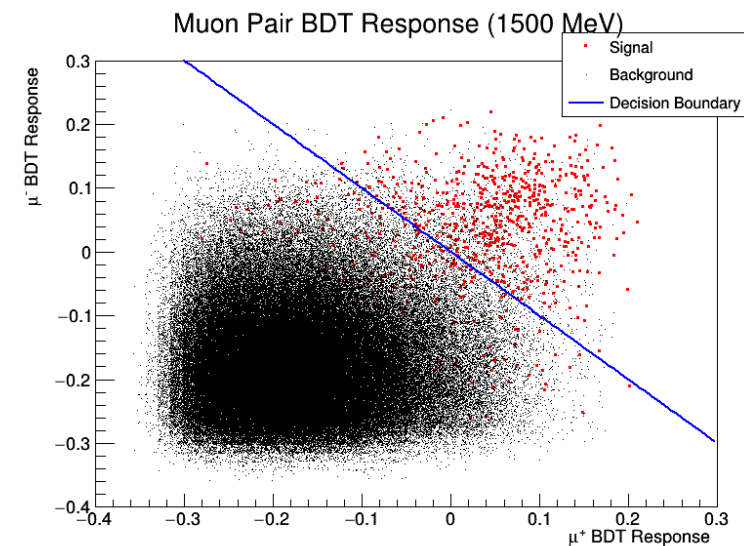
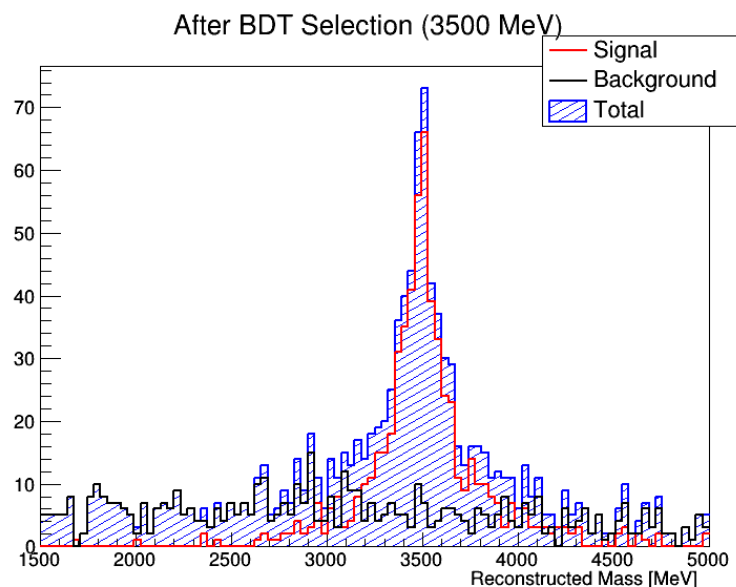
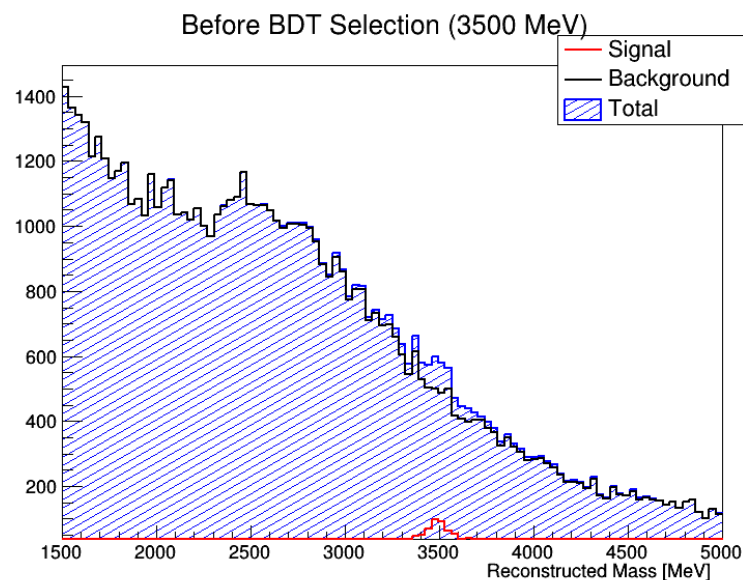


- Large impact on vertex and proton helicity resolutions, negligible on mass resolution



Offline/HLT2 combinatorial background suppression

- Suppression of combinatorial background in largely displaced vertex searches is a challenge due to large combinatorics and poorer resolutions
- Example: search for dark Higgs in $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ H(\rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-)$ decays
 - BDT trained on single muons
 - Features: p_T , p_z , IP, χ^2_{IP} , $\Delta LL(p-\pi)$, $\Delta LL(K-\pi)$, $\Delta LL(\mu-\pi)^{CALO}$, t_x , t_y
 - Applied to combinations of tracks to account for correlations



- Suppression of more than 99% of background
- Signal efficiency > 50%

- Other BSM modes under investigation & development

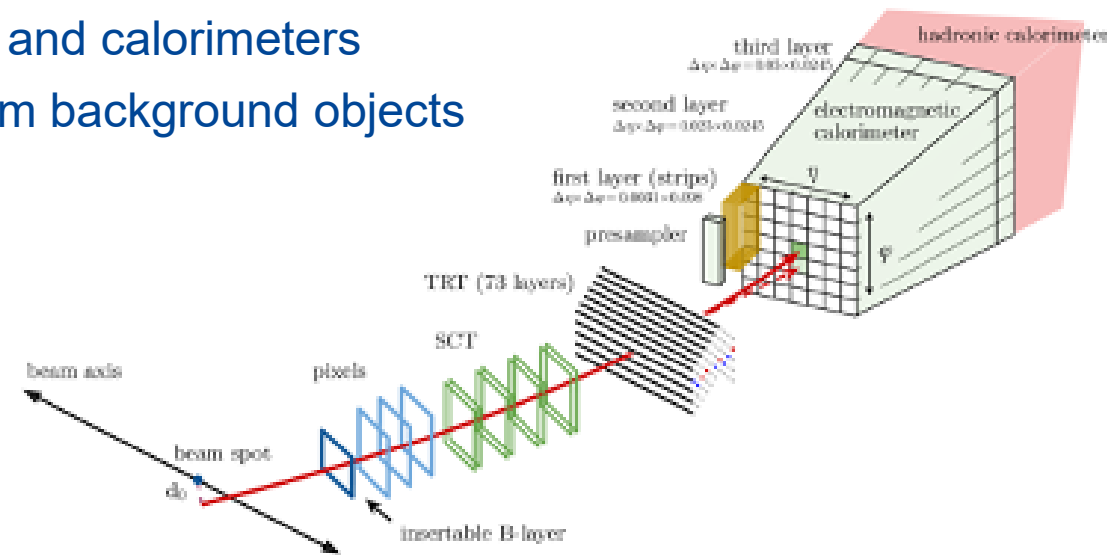
ATLAS electron identification

- Electrons are reconstructed combining information of tracker and calorimeters
- Likelihood (LH) discriminant to separate prompt electrons from background objects (hadrons, non-prompt electrons from b-quark decays, etc.)
- LH built using variables (PDFs) related to
 - properties of the track
 - shower development (energy in each calorimeter layer, depth/width of the shower)
 - track-cluster matching

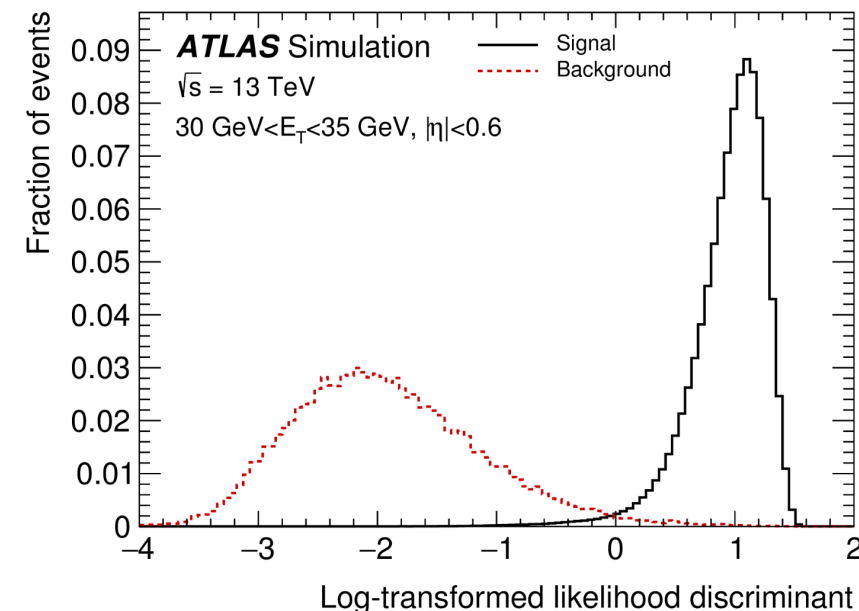
$$L_{S(B)}(\mathbf{x}) = \prod_i P_{S(B),i}(x_i)$$

$$d_L = \frac{L_S}{L_S + L_B}$$

- Better background rejection than a simple cut-based algorithm (criteria applied on each variable individually)
- Drawbacks:
 - Doesn't take into account correlations between input variables
 - Binomial classification (signal vs. background)

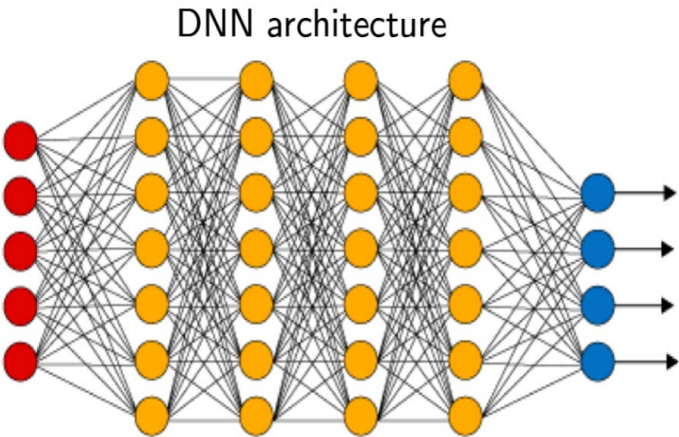


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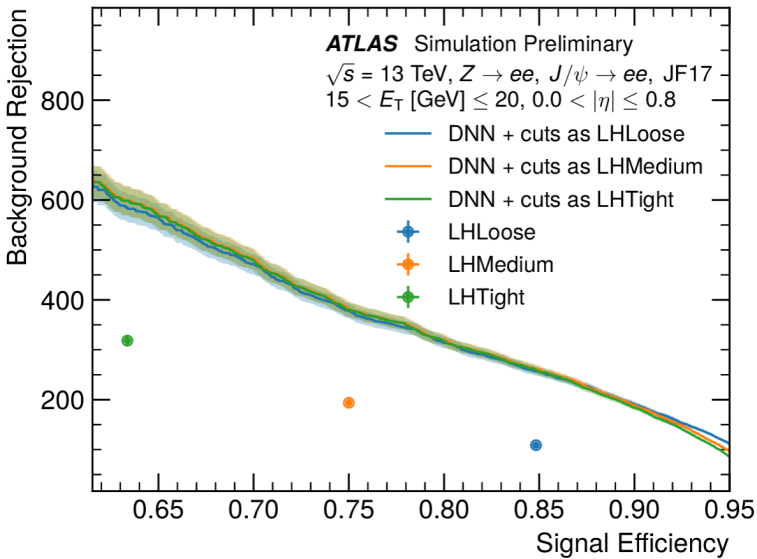
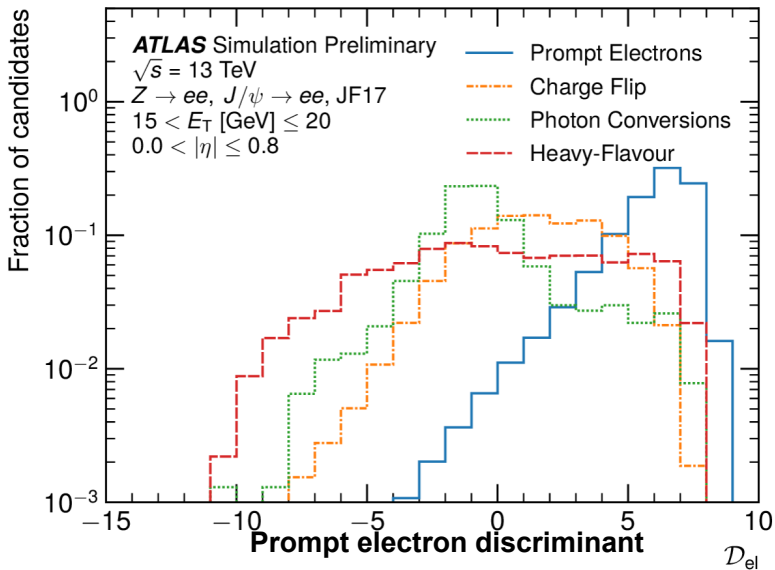
ATLAS electron identification using a DNN

- Architecture and configuration detailed in [ATL-PHYS-PUB-2022-022](#)
- Neural Networks are powerful in signal to background discrimination → Replacing previous electron identification based on a Likelihood-based approach (LH), while using **similar high-level input variables** as LH



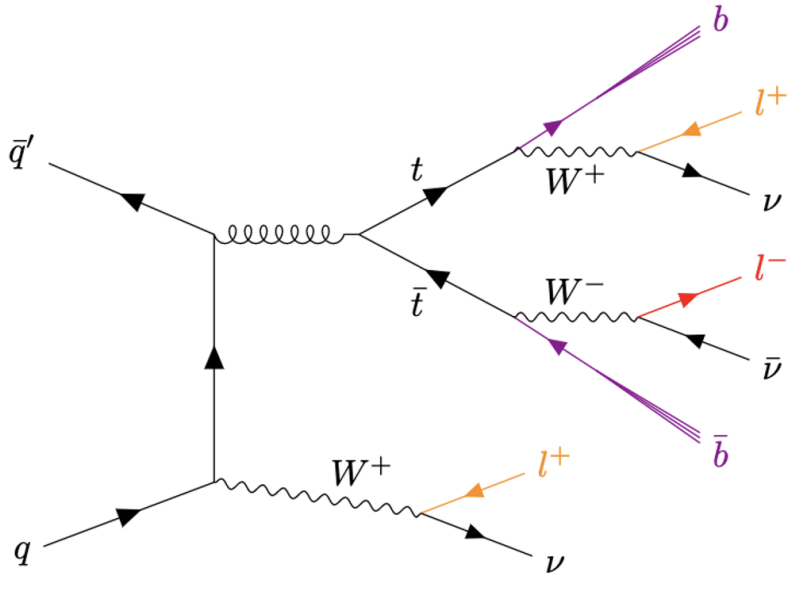
Class	Description
Prompt Electrons (EI)	Prompt isolated electrons coming from Z, W and J/psi
Charge Flip (CF)	Prompt with incorrectly reconstructed charge
Photon Conversion (PC)	Electrons coming from prompt photons
Heavy-Flavour (HF)	Electrons coming from a b- or c- hadron decay
Light-Flavour e/gamma	Electron coming from a u-, d- or s- hadron
Light-Flavour Hadrons	Undecayed hadrons

- **DNN architecture**
 - 5 hidden layers with 256 nodes each, activation function: leaky ReLU, batch normalization
- **Output layer**
 - Six outputs (signal + 5 background classes) with softmax activation for multiclass classification
- Outstanding discrimination, flexible discriminants built out of the DNN scores
- Discriminating performance comparing signal efficiency (ε) and background rejection ($1/\varepsilon$)
- At ~75% of signal efficiency, DNN outperforms LLH by a factor >2 background rejection

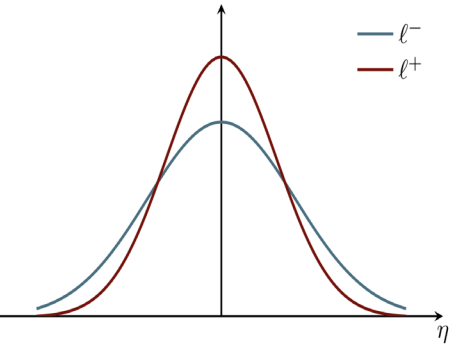


ttbarW leptonic charge asymmetry

- ML for lepton-top quark association



Odd lepton: always from (anti)top quark
Even lepton: need to select the correct one



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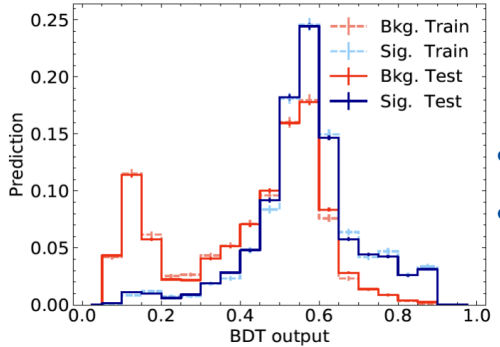
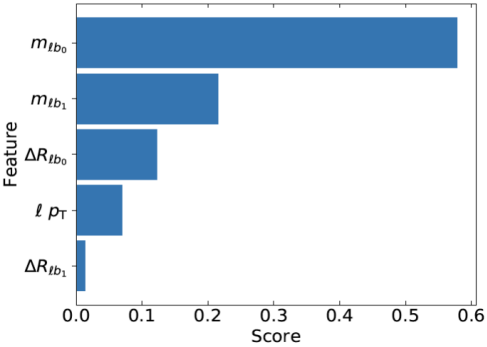
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$$A_c^\ell = -13.2 \pm 0.1 \text{ (theory) \%}$$

inclusive NLO+PS

$$A_c^\ell = \frac{N(\Delta|\eta_\ell| > 0) - N(\Delta|\eta_\ell| < 0)}{N(\Delta|\eta_\ell| > 0) + N(\Delta|\eta_\ell| < 0)} \quad \text{with} \quad \Delta|\eta_\ell| = |\eta_{\ell+}| - |\eta_{\ell-}|$$

- Charge asymmetry between the leptons coming from top and antitop quarks: enhanced in ttbarW events compared to ttbar
- Experimental challenge in ttbarW 3l final state:
 - Identify the charged leptons coming from top and antitop quarks
 - The correct even lepton is selected using GBDT



- For each event, trained even leptons (object level MVA, per lepton)
- The accuracy of the BDT for selecting the correct lepton is 71%

Searches for $t\bar{t}$ resonances

- Application of ML methods (DT & NN) to signal/background classification for searches for $t\bar{t}$ resonances

- Features

- p_T , η , ϕ of the lepton (μ or e)
- p_T , η , ϕ , b-tagging of the 4 more energetic jets
- p_T , ϕ of missing E_T
- both W invariant masses

- Training with simulated events

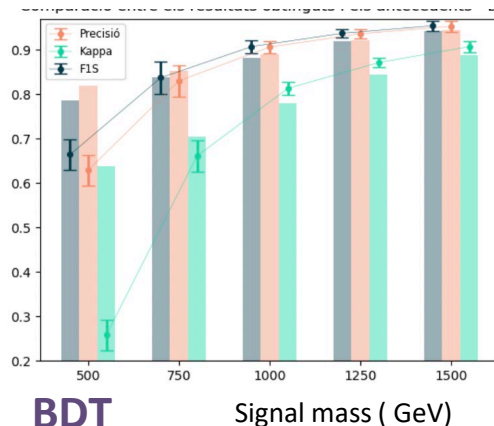
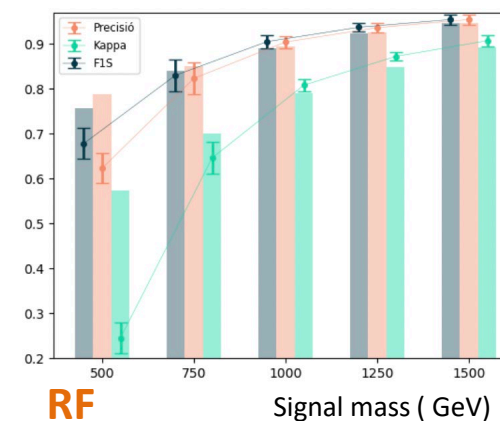
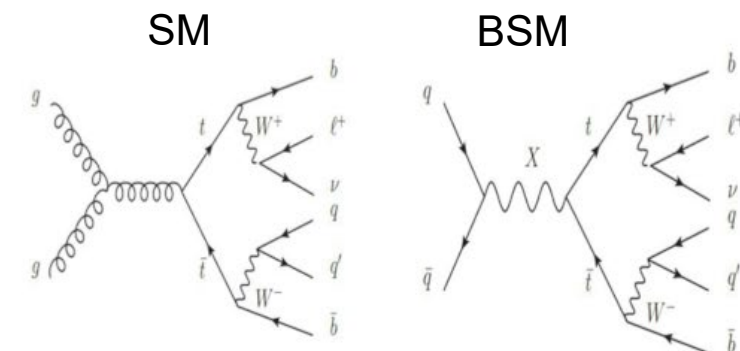
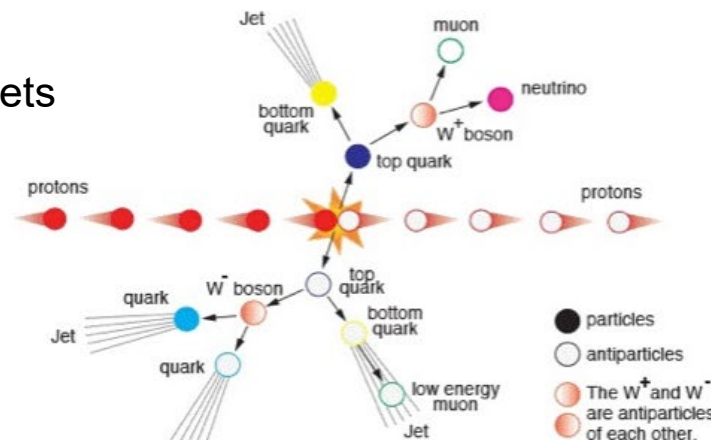
- 1 background dataset
- 5 signal datasets for 5 resonance masses (500, 750, 1000, 1250, 1500 GeV)

- Comparison of Random Forest (RFs), BDTs and NNs

- Syst. Uncertainties varying hyperparameters

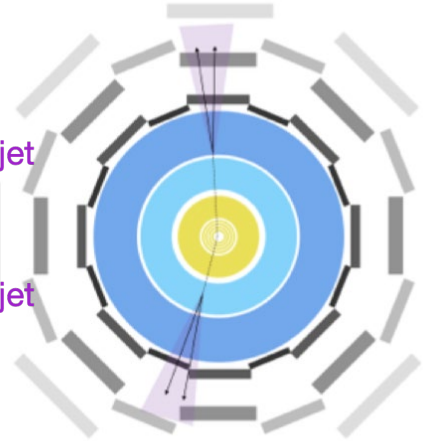
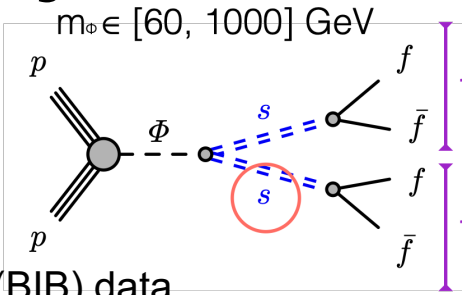
- NN studies for syst. errors in progress

[arXiv:2002.12220 \[hep-ph\]](https://arxiv.org/abs/2002.12220)



LLPs decaying into displaced hadronic jets

- Hidden Sector with a heavy boson decaying to long-lived scalars
- Signature: **2 displaced jets** in the ATLAS calorimeter
- Adversarial Neural Network separates signal from two types of bkgs
 - training on a set of signal MC, SM background MC and beam-induced background (BIB) data
 - mismodelling in input variables (eg. jet timing) had a big impact in the data/MC behaviour of the NN scores
 - Adversarial NN



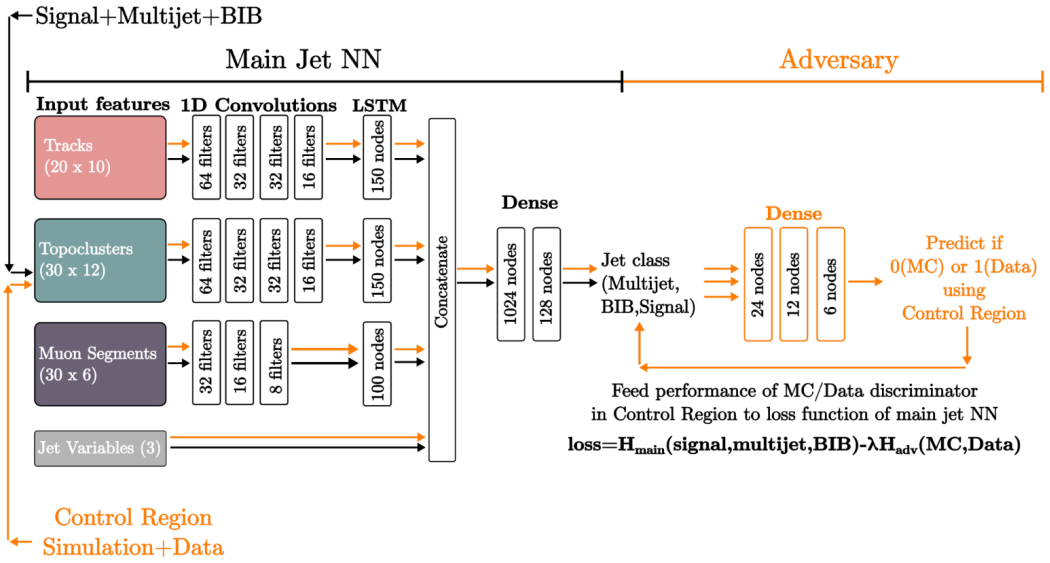
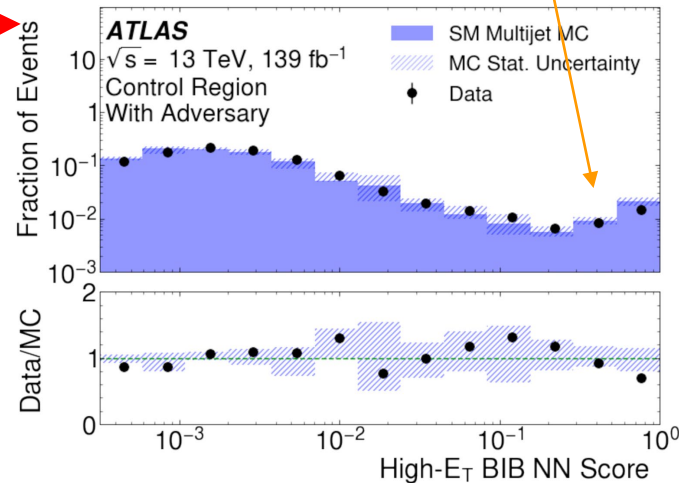
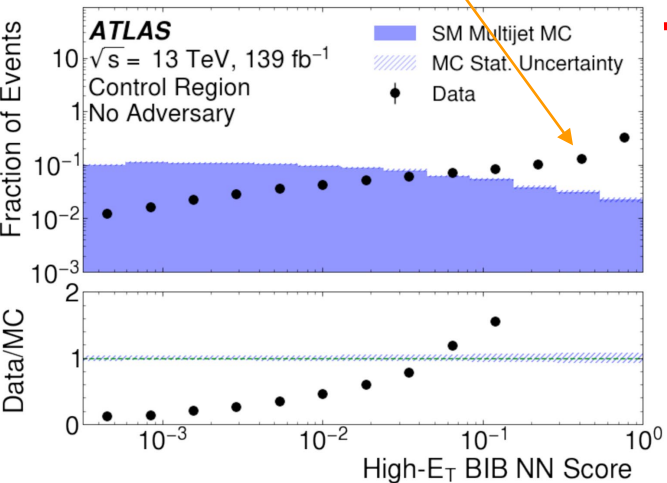
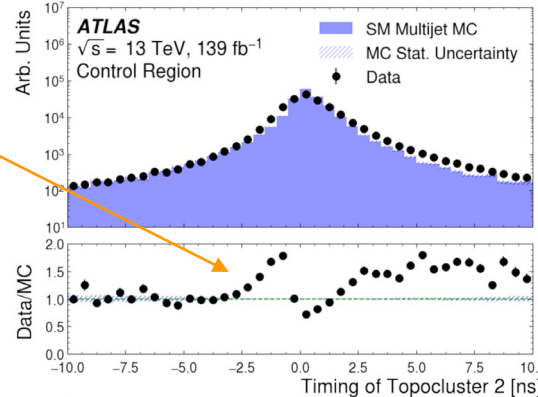
running in a control region avoids the NN to use data/simulation differences

mismodelling in jet timing

large impact in the BIB NN score

impact in the BIB NN score becomes tiny

adding Adversarial NN

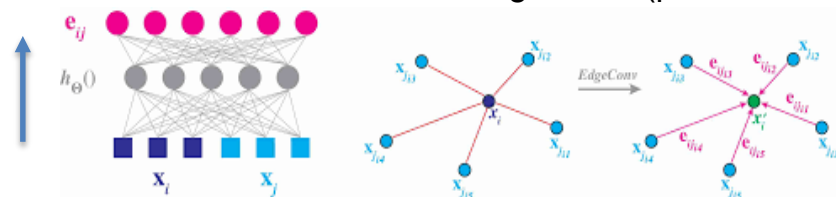


Anomaly detection

- Much progress in recent years developing powerful architectures for supervised DL tasks, such as

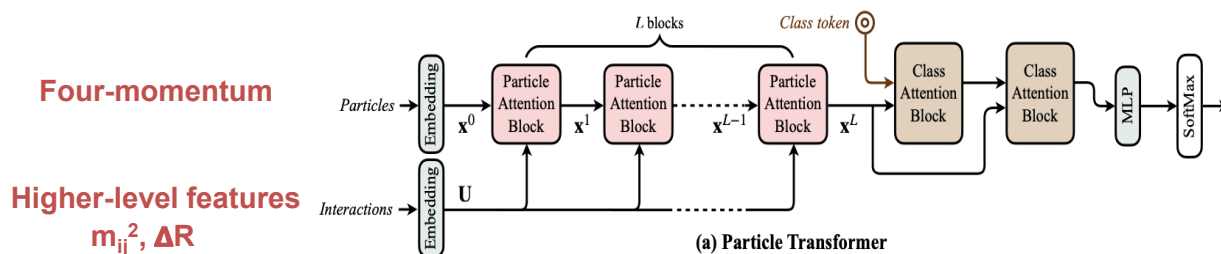
- **ParticleNet (PNet)**

Graphs that enhance the correlations among closest neighbours (pairwise features)



- **Particle Transformer (ParT)**

The self-attention mechanism allows to focus on the relevant correlations among the different objects of the event



- Are the best-performing classifiers also the best anomaly/outliers detectors?

- Trained only with “background” events (unsupervised)

- DarkMachines collab.** already explored anomaly detection in the HEP context

- PNet and ParT not explored yet for exotic searches

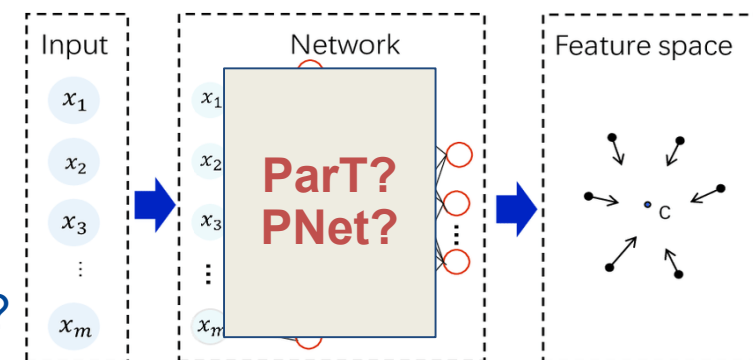
- Use pp collisions at 13 TeV

- Detector simulation performed with Delphes 3 using a simplified ATLAS detector card

- **Input variables:** four-momentum and type of objects, and the missing transverse momentum of the event

- Support Vector Data Description technique (SVDD) can be used to adapt any classifier into an anomaly detector

- Add an output layer (output space)
- Take Loss function as distance to a center in the output space
- Background events get closer to the center



Two other techniques are also being explored to adapt any classifier, known as **DROCC** and **Smearing**

Work still in progress but results look promising

Generative Models for simulation

- Classical simulation of proton-proton collisions implies:

- PS generation
- Hadronization/fragmentation
- Pass the particles through the detector

- Time consuming and expensive

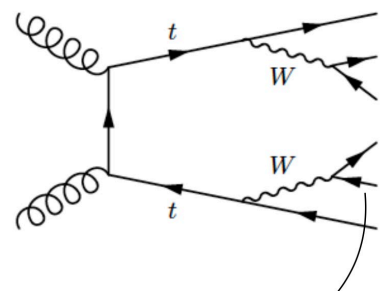
- Last above step is particularly expensive (eg. dense materials)
- Billions of events

- Alternative are high fidelity fast generative models, eg. GANs, VAEs & NFs

- Able to sample high dimensional feature distributions by learning from existing samples, eg. classical simulation
- Generate SM background and BSM physics scenario and process the data in a easy-format (sequence of 4 – vectors)
- Metrics to asses performance & syst. errors to be defined

- Use case:

- $pp \rightarrow t\bar{t}$ with 6 jets in the final state



Datasets used in this work have been taken from a uptodate repository; the ones generated by DarkMachines community. LHCsimulationProject, Feb 2020, doi:10.5281/zenodo.3685861. Available [here](#)

Loss Function

Variational AutoEncoder (VAE)

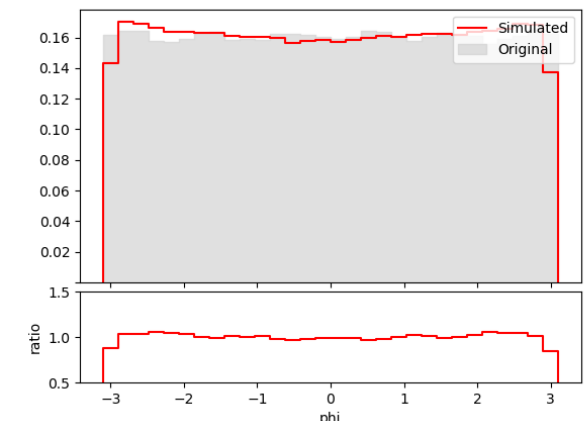
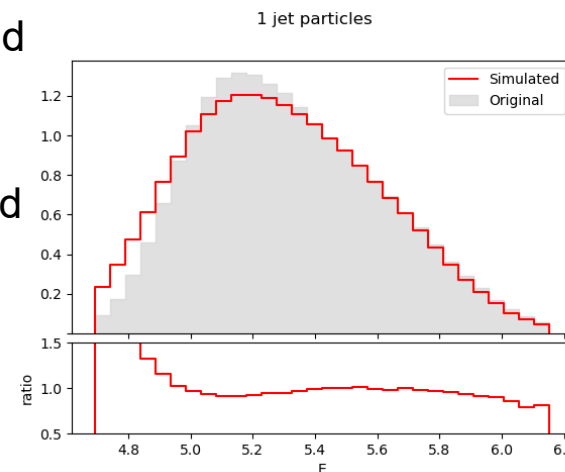
$$L_{VAE} = (1 - \beta)MSE + \beta KL$$

MSE: Mean Squared Error. Reconstruction term on the Final layer, which tends to improve The performance of the encoding-decoding schema

a regularisation term on the latent layer, that is proportional to the Kullback-Leibler (KL) divergence and tends to regularise the organisation of the latent space by making the distributions returned by the encoder close to a standard normal distribution with zero mean and unit variance.

To avoid Overfitting

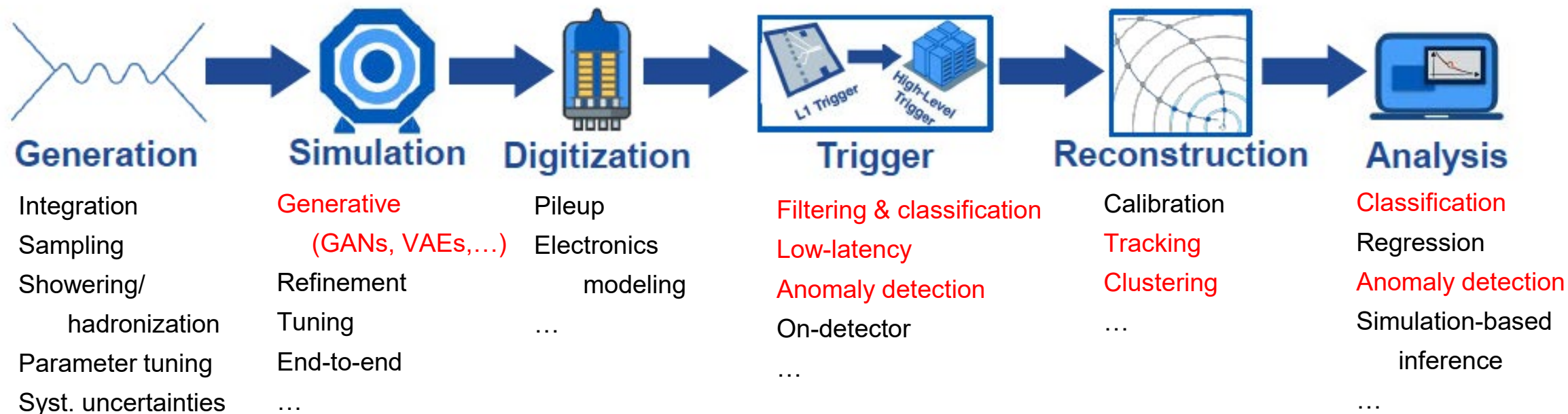
Results with β -VAE



E, ϕ of first jet using β -VAE with $\beta=0.001$

Conclusion

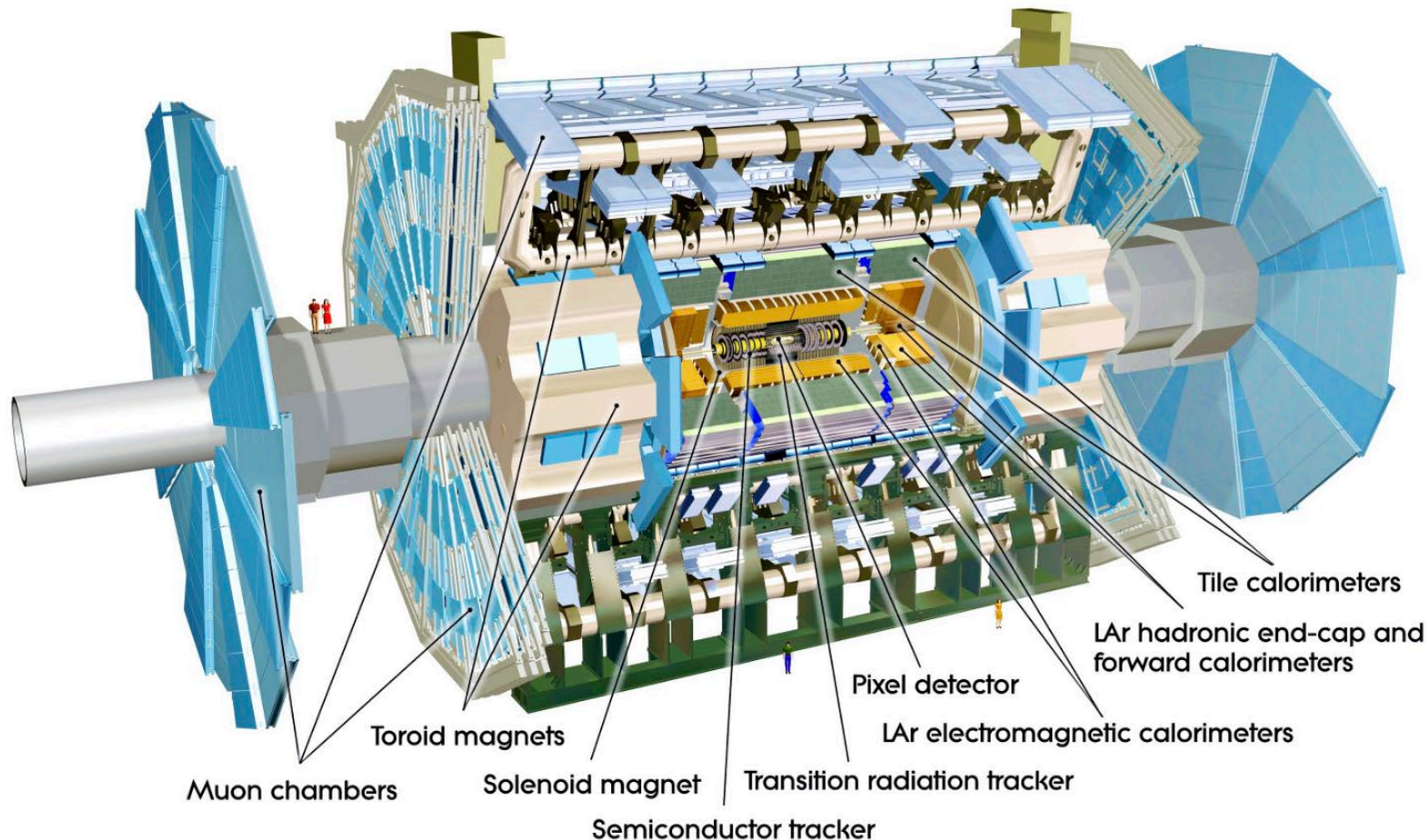
- ML/DL is a fundamental tool **everywhere** in today's (and future) HEP experiments
- Discussed a wide range of applications at ATLAS and LHCb experiments within the framework of the ASFAE projects



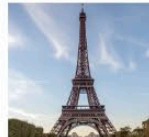
- Of critical importance for fully exploiting the physics potential of LHC during Run 3 and beyond
 - Both for probing with increasing precision the SM and searching for BSM physics
 - ATLAS @ IFIC: $t\bar{t}bW$ production & ch. asym., mono-top, $t\bar{t}b$ resonances, search for BSM LLPs, $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$, $diH \rightarrow b\bar{b}\gamma\gamma$
 - LHCb @ IFIC: Radiative b-hadron decays, Λ MDM/EDM, Charm baryon decays, BSM LLPs, Penta & Sexaquarks

Backup

ATLAS experiment



25 m diameter, 46 m long, 7000 tons weight ~



Axial field provided by **solenoid** (2 T) in central region (momentum measurement)

High resolution silicon **detectors**:

- 100 Mio. channels ($50\ \mu\text{m} \times 250\ \mu\text{m}$)
- 6 Mio. channels ($80\ \mu\text{m} \times 12\ \text{cm}$)

spatial resolution $\sim 15\ \mu\text{m}$ (in azimuthal direction)

Energy measurement down to 1° to the beam line with a **calorimeter system**

Independent **muon spectrometer** (superconducting toroid system)

Ultra-fast custom electronics filters the collisions: only 1 out of 30,000 bunch collisions is kept!

LHCb experiment



Weight: 5600 tonnes

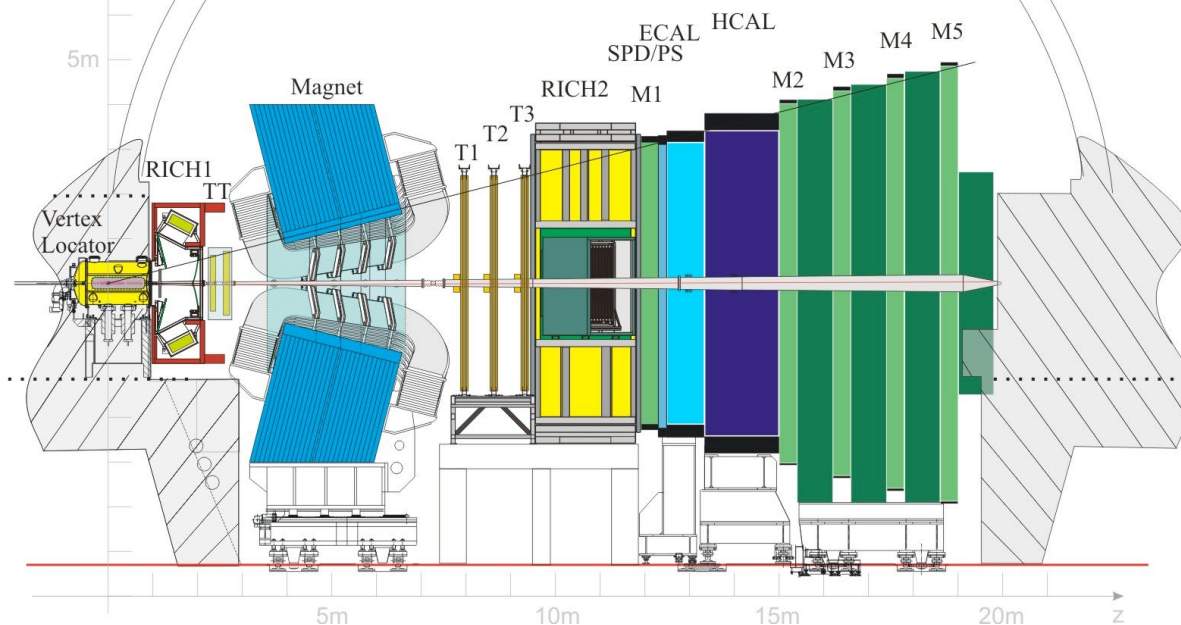
Height: 10 m

Length: 20 m

[JINST 3 S08005 \(2008\)](#)

[IJMP A 30, 07, 1530022 \(2015\)](#)

Run 1 & Run 2 (2011-2018)



- Forward spectrometer, optimized for the study of b and c hadron decays

- $2 < \eta < 5$ acceptance

- Huge b and c hadron production

$$\sigma(pp \rightarrow b\bar{b}X)_{2 < \eta < 5} \approx 144 \mu\text{b}$$

$$\sigma(pp \rightarrow c\bar{c}X)_{p_T < 8 \text{ GeV}, 2.0 < y < 4.5} \approx 2400 \mu\text{b}$$

- Integrated 10 fb^{-1}

- Excellent vertexing, tracking, momentum resolution $< 1\%$, and PID (K/ π /p/ μ /e/ γ)

- Wide physics program

- Mixing and CP violation in B decays
- Rare B/D/K decays
- Charm decays
- Semileptonic B decays

- Spectroscopy and exotic hadrons
- Hadron production
- Heavy ion physics, fixed target with SMOG
- Electroweak physics, QCD
- Exotics (dark matter, long-lived particles)

LHCb Upgrades timeline

LHCb		LHCb Upgrade I		LHCb Upgrade II				
Run 1 - Run 2		Run 3		Run 4		Run 5		Run 6
$L_{\text{int}} = 10 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ $L = 4 \times 10^{32} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$	LS2 Injector Upgrades LHCb Upgrade I	$L = 2 \times 10^{33} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$	LS3 HL-LHC ATLAS/CMS Phase 2 Upgrades LHCb Upgrade Ib (Consolidation)	$L_{\text{int}} \sim 50 \text{ fb}^{-1}$	LS4 LHCb Upgrade II	$L = 1-2 \times 10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$	LS5	$L_{\text{int}} \sim 300 \text{ fb}^{-1}$
2010 - 2018	2019 - 2022	2022 - 2025	2026 - 2028	2029 - 2032	2033 - 2034	2035 - 2038	2039	2040 - 20XX

Increased Lumi by x 5
 Limited to ~ 6 int. per
 bxing

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 int. per bxing

~ 40 int. per
 bxing

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HL-LHC

- Upgrade I – Run 3
 - Increase the luminosity from $4 \times 10^{32} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$ to $2 \times 10^{33} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$
 - Detectors and electronics upgrades needed
 - Trigger and DAQ redefined
- Consolidation/enhancement phase in LS3
 - First stage of Upgrade II “Upgrade Ib”
 - No luminosity change (baseline)
- Main installation phase in LS4
 - Full Upgrade II (luminosity increase)

