

# Classifying hadronic objects in ATLAS with ML/AI algorithms

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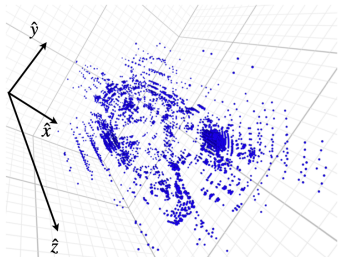
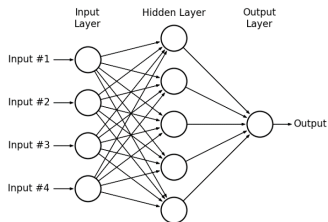
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# Introduction

We are well into the ML era of HEP!

ML used in all levels:

- Classification for low-level object definition
- Regression for calibration
- Density estimation for backgrounds
- Analysis specific signal/background separation
- Likelihood estimation and hypothesis testing



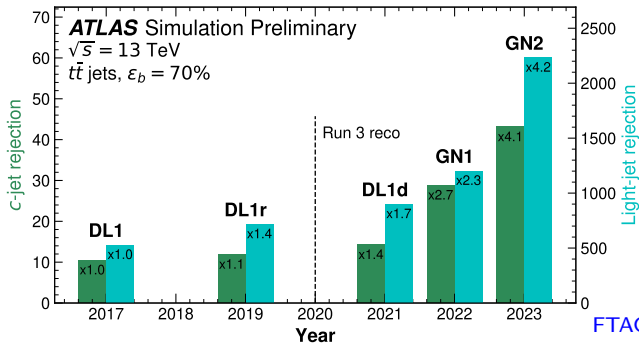
Will cover some recent results in ATLAS on hadronic object classification for

- Boosted resonance jet-tagging
- Single-pion identification
- Event missing transverse energy evaluation

# Historical Perspective on Jet-Tagger Progress

The trend for boosted  $W/Z/t/h \rightarrow R = 1.0$  jet identification (jet-tagging):

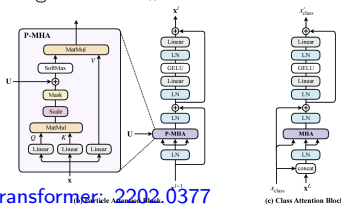
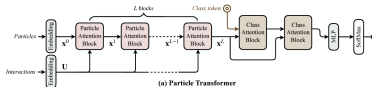
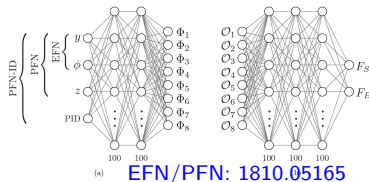
- 1) High-level taggers on jet substructure observables
  - Robust and easy to interpret at analysis/theory level
- 2) Machine learning taggers on jet-substructure
  - Non-trivially combine several observables for better discrimination
- 3) Machine learning taggers on low-level inputs
  - Lose interpretativeness for performance



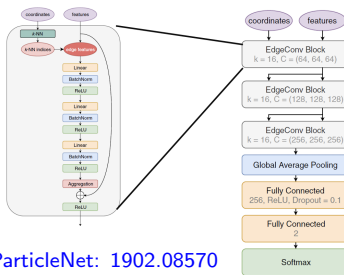
# ML-era: Architectures

Machine-learning/pheno community is developing faster than we can test on data!

- Normal dense neural networks
- **ResNet**: CNN Architecture representing jet as image
- **Energy/Particle Flow networks (EFN/PFN)**: General decomposition of IRC-safe observables
- **ParticleNet**: Graph network on point cloud
- **ParticleTransformer**: Transformer
- **GN2X**: Transformer with auxiliary tasks
- **LundNet**: Graph on declustering history
- **PELICAN**: Lorentz invariant network



**ParticleTransformer: 2202.0377**

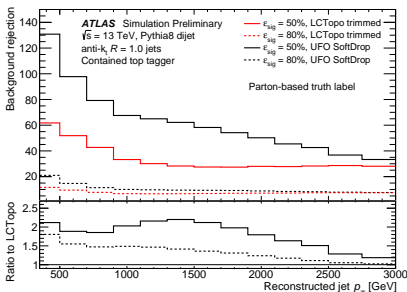
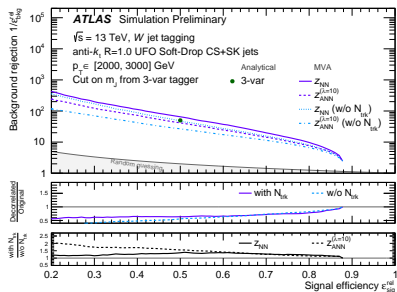


Baseline DNN **top-taggers** / **W-tagger** at 50/80% signal efficiency over 15/10 substructure observables

- Factor  $\sim 1.6/6$  gain for W/top-tagging vs single substructure variable

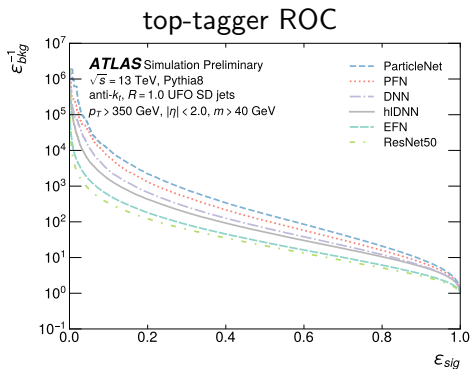
Tagger performance deeply connected to **jet definition!**

- Over Run2 moved from calorimeter  $\rightarrow$  calorimeter+tracking information
- Factor 2 gains in background rejection
  - Due to better mass+substructure resolution



Constituent based **top-tagger** / **W-tagger** outperform high-level features ones:

- Provide network the lowest level information available: the jet constituents themselves
- Another factor 2-3 improvement!
- ResNet/EFN under-perform w.r.t **theoretical performance**
- Real simulation studies important!



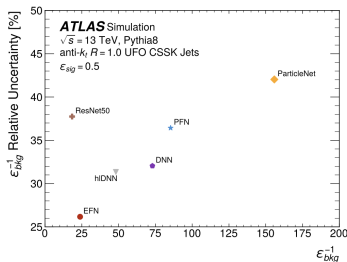
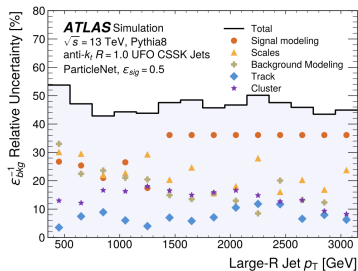
W-tagging summary table

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But as we provide lower-level information the taggers can start to learn features more specific to generator/training dataset

New results evaluating **approximate** bottom-up experimental uncertainties and theory uncertainties on top-taggers

- Better taggers have higher uncertainties by almost factor 2
- Want to develop ways to break this trend
  - Hypothesis: EFN has less model dependency than other taggers since focus on IRC-safe observables?



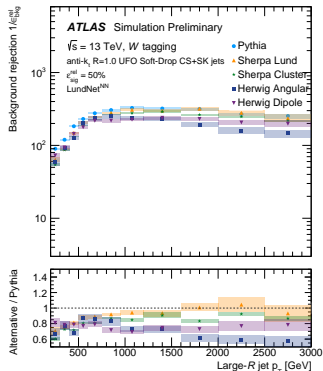
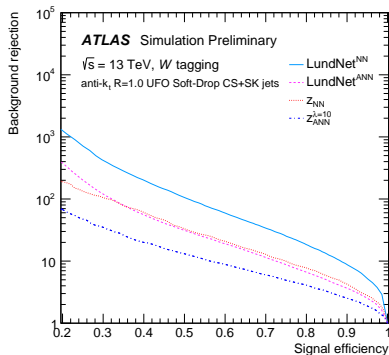
Open-data available! See Kevin Grief Poster

Train a network inspired by ParticleNet on the [Lund-plane points](#):

- Graph neural-network on C/A re-clustering history of jet formation

But also see comparably modeling dependency as other networks

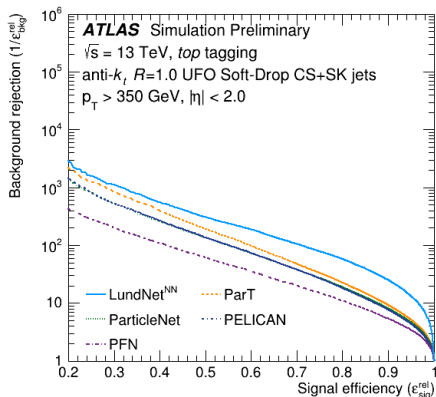
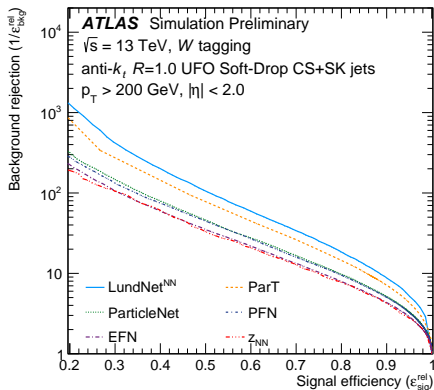
- Lund-plane point position can be suggestive if IR/collinear splitting
- Can clip out regions of Lund jet plane to remove IRC unsafe regions?





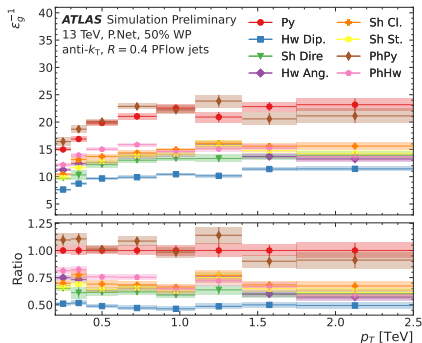
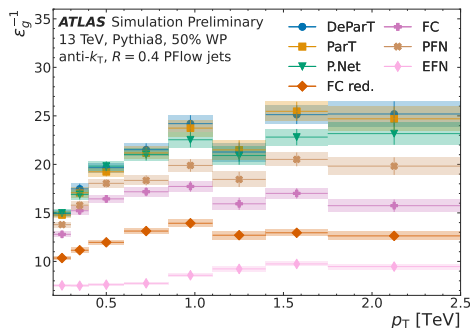
Of all explored architectures in ATLAS, the physics driven Lund-net tagger performs the best so far

- Better than standard transformers or symmetry driven PELICAN
- Is stronger hyper-parameter optimization needed?
- How does the modeling dependence fit into this picture?
- Are detector details important?



Similar studies also in  $R = 0.4$   $q/g$ -tagging!

- Interesting in the context of vector-boson scattering/fusion measurements
- Harder problem than  $W/t/h$ -tagging
  - Main differences: colour-factors  $\rightarrow$  more radiation in gluon-jets
- All previous conclusions follow here
- Currently limited by capability to calibrate such a tagger

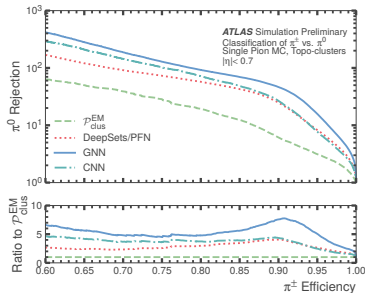
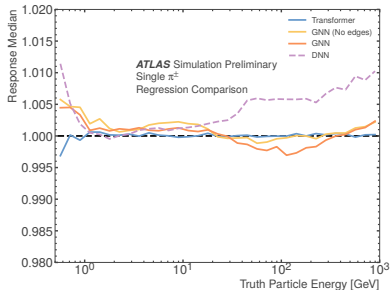
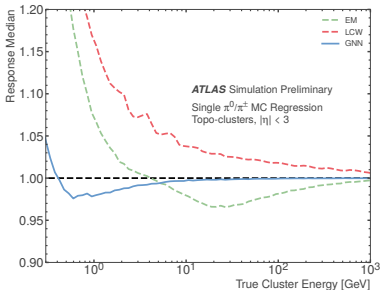


Similar **architectures studies** for the classification and regression of single-pions

- Important for calibration of jet constituents

Similar improvement trends as in tagging results:

- Point-cloud/graphs better representations
- Tracking information helps



Missing transverse momentum calculation relies on well calibrated objects:

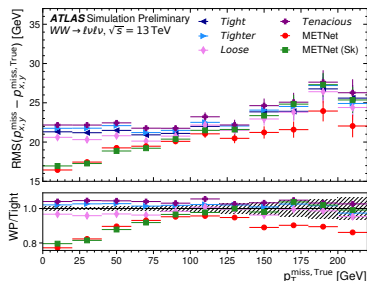
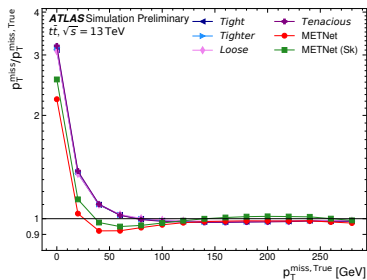
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hard term
soft term

Several semi-arbitrary working points defined to define the input objects

New METNet DNN algorithm to combine these choices as a regressor to truth value

- Much better scale and resolution with respect to truth
- Can also adjust network to output a score confidence to define a METNet significance:  $\text{METNetSig} = |\mathbf{E}_T^{\text{miss}}| / \sigma(|\mathbf{E}_T^{\text{miss}}|)$



Presented several results on ML techniques for hadronic object identification:

- Constituent level: single-pion identification/response
- Jet-level: jet origin classification
- Event-level: MET calculation and response

Usage of ML techniques have provided improvements almost everywhere

- ML allows us to easily utilize the lowest-level information and their correlations

But it is not the end of the line:

- New ML algorithms always incoming
  - Full detector performance is important for these
- Pushing into regime where networks might be learning simulation specific features
  - Understanding the source of this model-dependence will be crucial to generalize the performance of these new taggers
  - Behavior in data is fundamental for its usability in physics
- ATLAS has top-tagging [Open-data](#) to provide inputs for the pheno/ML community to also study these



# BACKUP

The tagger approach to substructure limited by capability to calibrate

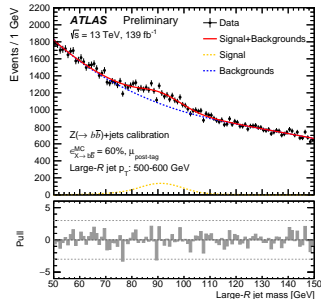
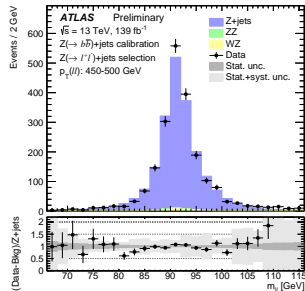
- Train on simulation, but also apply to data

Often use top-down approach, where calibrate to a well known resonance

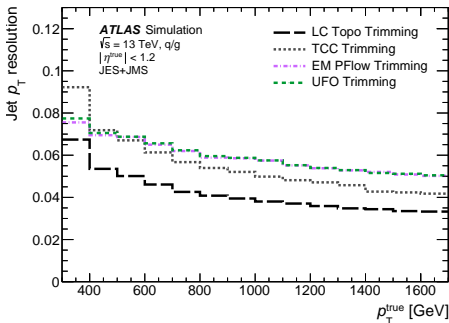
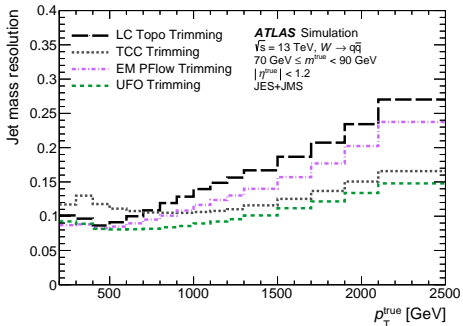
- $t\bar{t}$ ,  $V + \text{jets}$ ,  $V + \gamma$
- Can measure QCD jet rejection in multijet topologies

Difficulties can arise:

- No easy SM resonance: e.x. calibrating to  $h$
- Limited probe statistics at high- $p_T$
- Limited trigger/selection capabilities at low- $p_T$

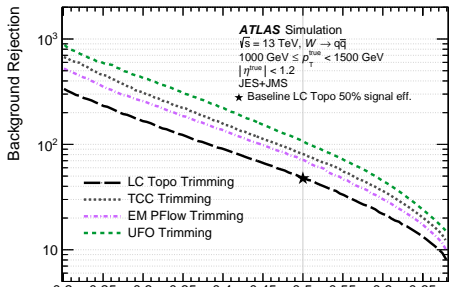


# Jet collections



Tagger performance deeply connected to jet input definition!

- Over Run2 moved from  
**Topological Clusters**  $\rightarrow$   
**Track-Calo Clusters**  $\rightarrow$  **Unified Flow-Objects**
- Better mass+substructure resolution





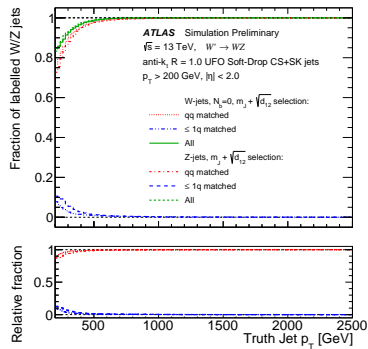
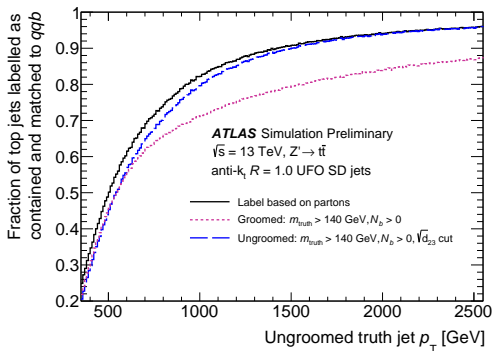
# Taggers Definitions

Over several publications iterated on **top** and **W** truth label definitions

- Move from parton history to ghost-associated matching between truth and reco jets

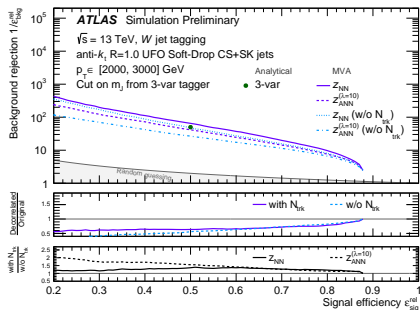
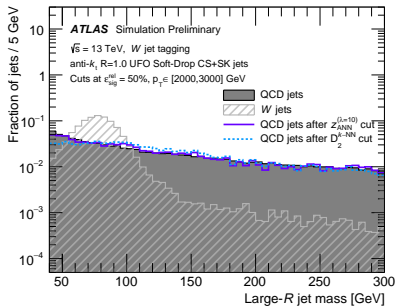
More robust truth-labeling helps with cleaner classification labels

- Less generator dependence



# Mass Decorrelation

- Similar to top-tagger, developed a **DNN  $W$ -tagger** over 10 substructure variables
- But obviously the DNN learns that the mass is very good discriminant
    - Sculpts background to look like signal!
    - Not an input to the network
    - Difficult to use sideband regions in analysis
  - Train against a second “adversarial” network to force network to decorrelate the feature: Loss function  $L = L_{classifier} - \lambda L_{adv}$
  - Decorrelated tagger similar to cut-based.
  - Correlated tagger has 10x better background rejection

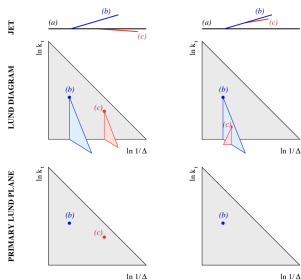


Recluster jet with C/A algorithm and each split represented on **lund jet plane** based on:

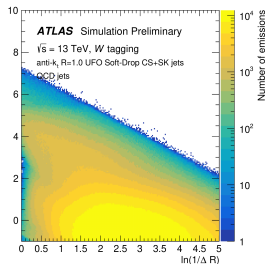
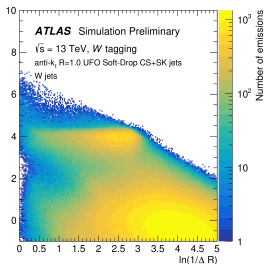
transverse momentum  $k_T$ , angle  $\Delta$ , and momentum fraction  $z$

Variables can distinguish splitting type:

- ISR: low  $\ln(1/\Delta)$
- Non-perturbative: low  $\ln(k_T)$
- hard colinear: high  $z \rightarrow$  top graph edge



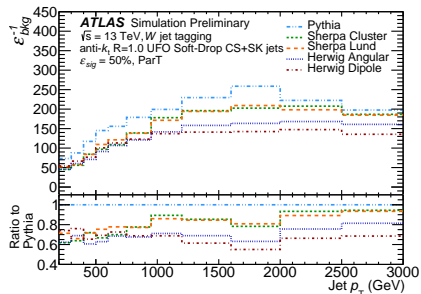
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Similar results for constituent based  $W$ -tagger

- Transformers performing best on this dataset
- But still large modeling uncertainty



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ResNet 50	0.885	0.803	21.4	5.13	1,486,209	9 ms
EFN	0.901	0.819	26.6	6.12	1,670,451	4 ms
hIDNN	0.938	0.863	51.5	10.5	93,151	3 ms
DNN	0.942	0.868	67.7	12.0	876,641	3 ms
PFN	0.954	0.882	108.0	15.9	689,801	4 ms
ParticleNet	0.961	0.894	153.7	20.4	764,887	38 ms

