



Machine Learning Techniques in 4 top final states

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Structure

- The Standard Model of particle physics
- Four top quark production
- State of the art
- Event Level MVA
- Top reconstruction
- Conclusions

The Standard Model (SM)

Three out of the four fundamental interactions

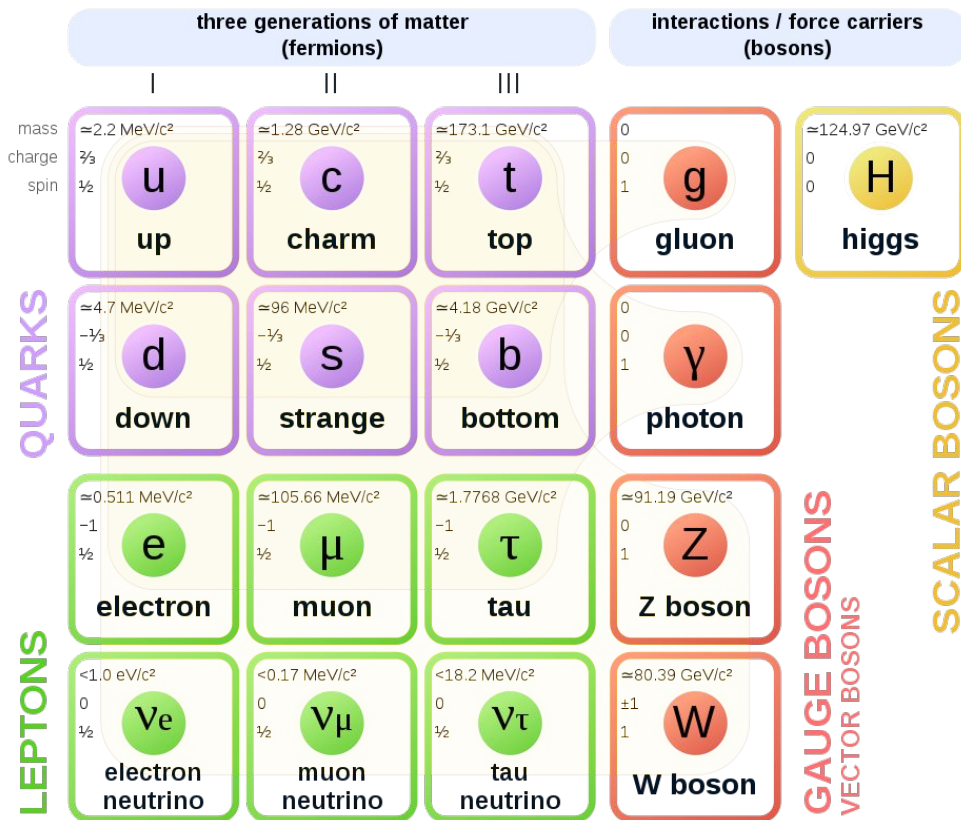
- Electromagnetic
- Strong
- Weak

Elementary particles

- Quarks
- Leptons
- Gauge bosons
- Higgs bosons

Not covered phenomena

- gravitational interaction
- dark Energy
- dark Matter
- matter-antimatter asymmetry



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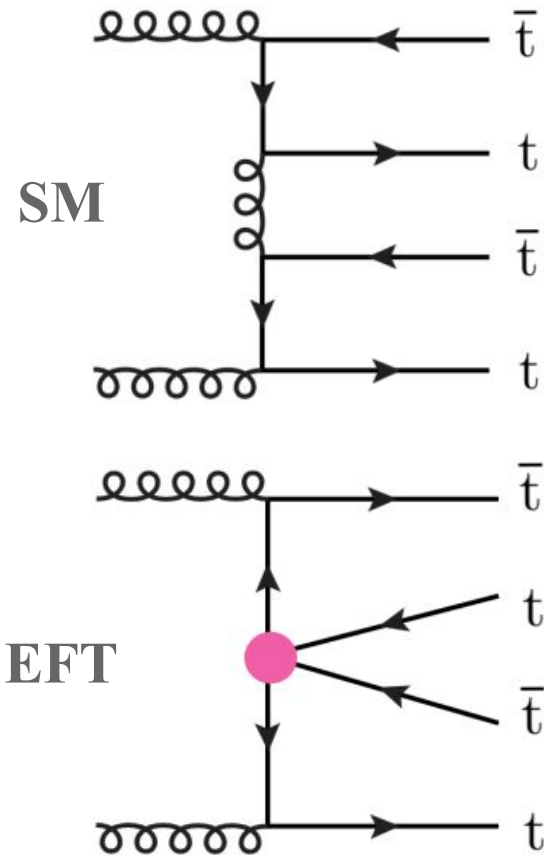
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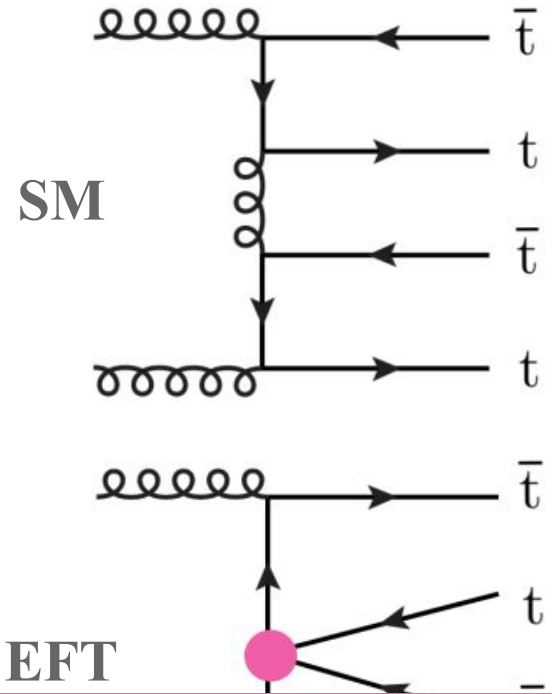
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See Maryam's talk!

tttt decay channels

Multiple final states

1ℓ & 2ℓOS channels

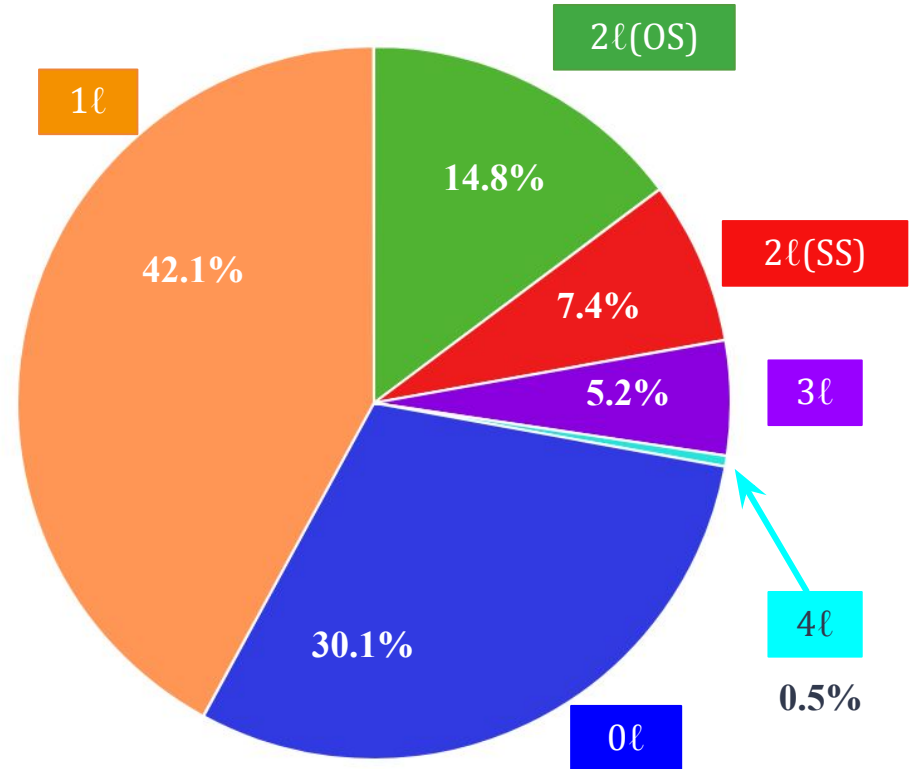
- BR ~ 57%
- large tt irreducible background

2ℓSS & multilepton

- BR ~ 13%
- highest sensitivity

0ℓ (hadronic)

- BR ~ 31%
- significant QCD & tt backgrounds



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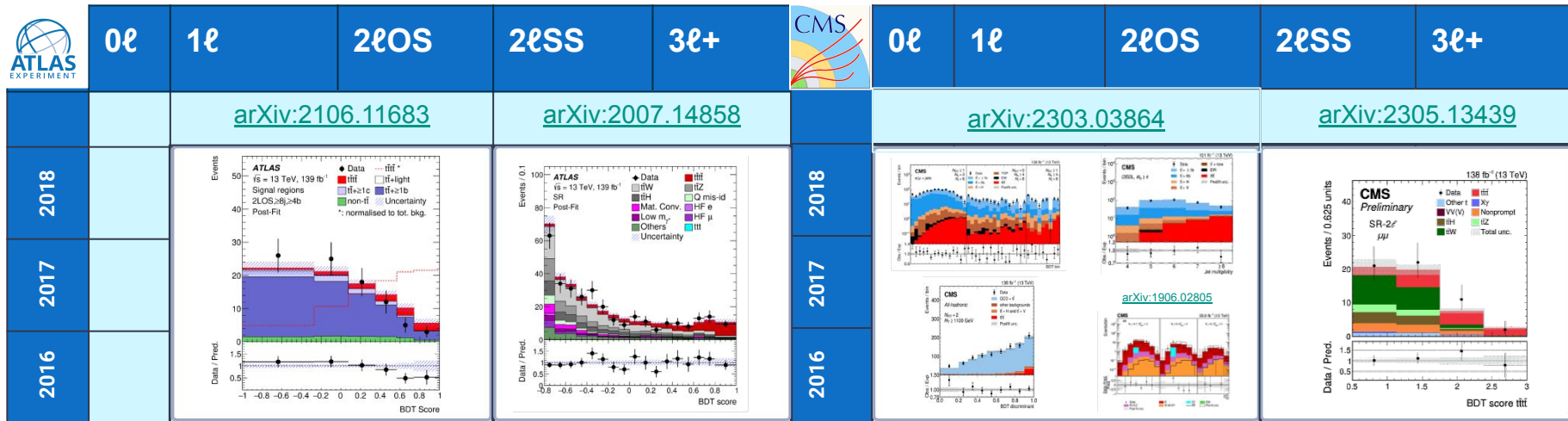
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ML in tttt

- Many searches through the years → **Boosted Decision Trees (BDTs) as the main tool**



| | 0ℓ | 1ℓ | 2ℓ0S | 2ℓSS | 3ℓ+ | | 0ℓ | 1ℓ | 2ℓ0S | 2ℓSS | 3ℓ+ |
|------|----|---|------|---|-----|------|---|----|---|------|-----|
| | | arXiv:2106.11683 | | arXiv:2007.14858 | | | arXiv:2303.03864 | | arXiv:2305.13439 | | |
| 2018 | | | | | | 2018 | | | | | |
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tttt @ ATLAS with Neural Networks (NNs)

arXiv:2303.15061

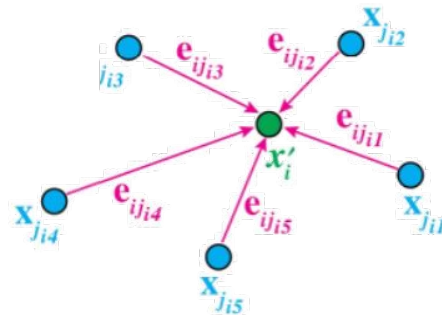
2ℓSS & 3ℓ+ channels

- ttW BKG estimation procedure
- Separate treatment of 3t, tttW, tttq
- Lower jet and lepton p_T cuts

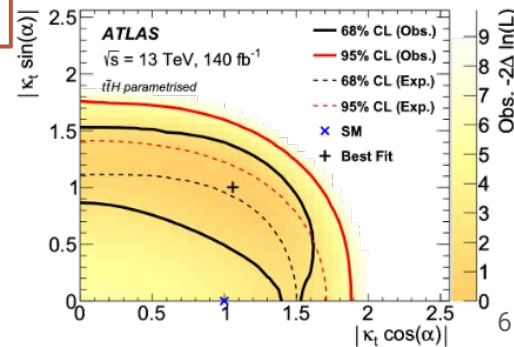
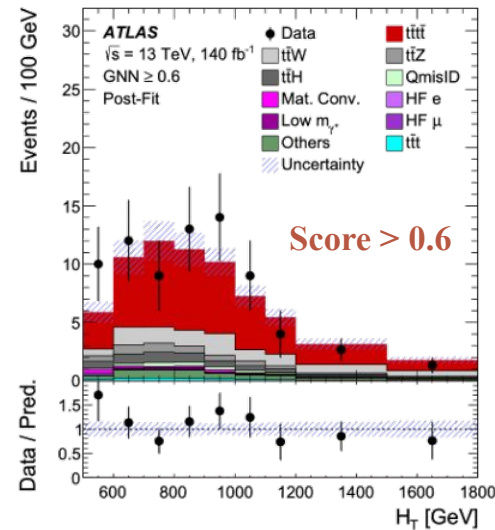
Graph NN (GNN) [GRAPH NETS]

- Edge-Convolution layers (multi-jet correlation)
- **Each node**
 - jets, leptons, E_T^{miss}
 - 4-momenta, b-tagging scores, lepton charges, multiplicities
- **Edges:** 3 angular separation features
- Classifier training for xSec measurement

Edge convolution [1801.07829]

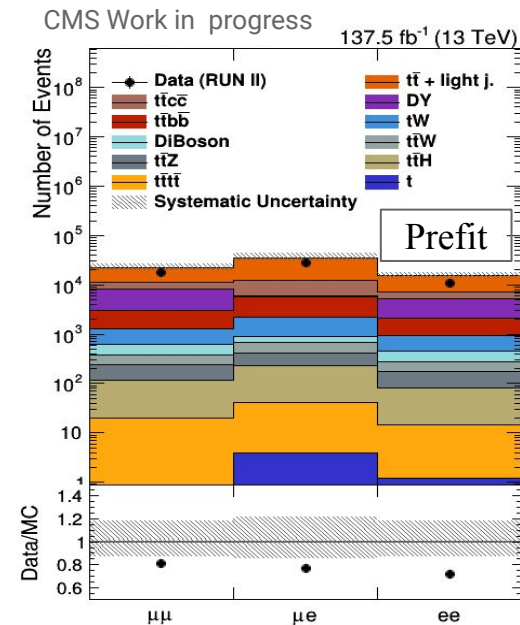
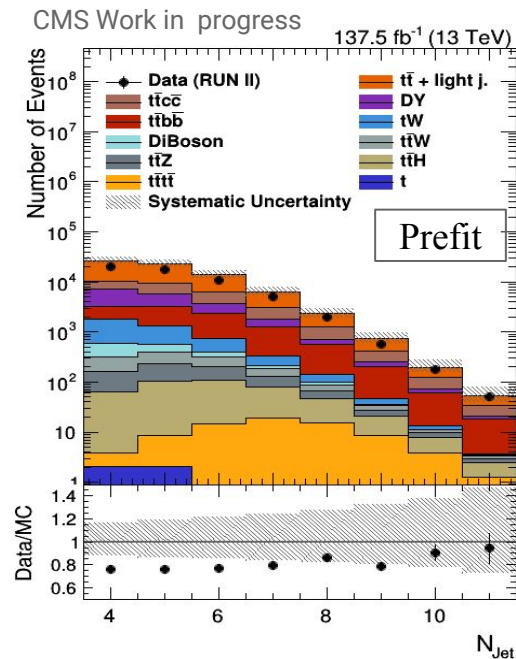
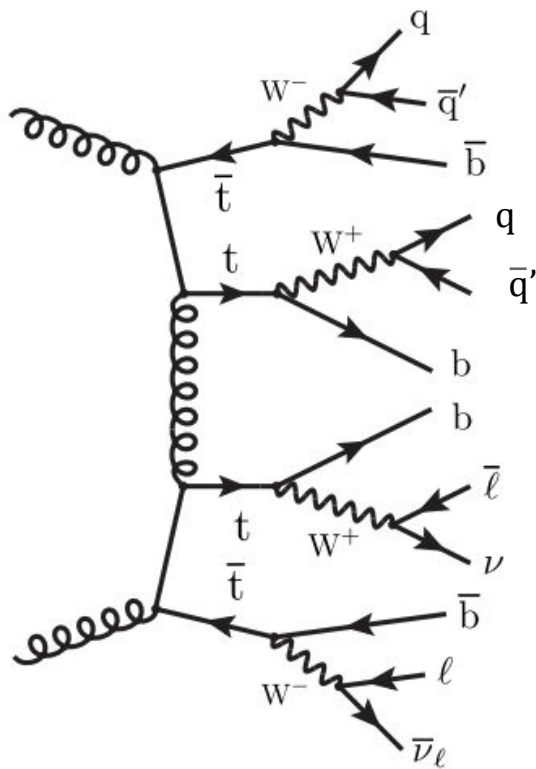


Constraints on κ_t and CP mixing angle α
 $|\kappa_t| < 1.8$ (1.6)

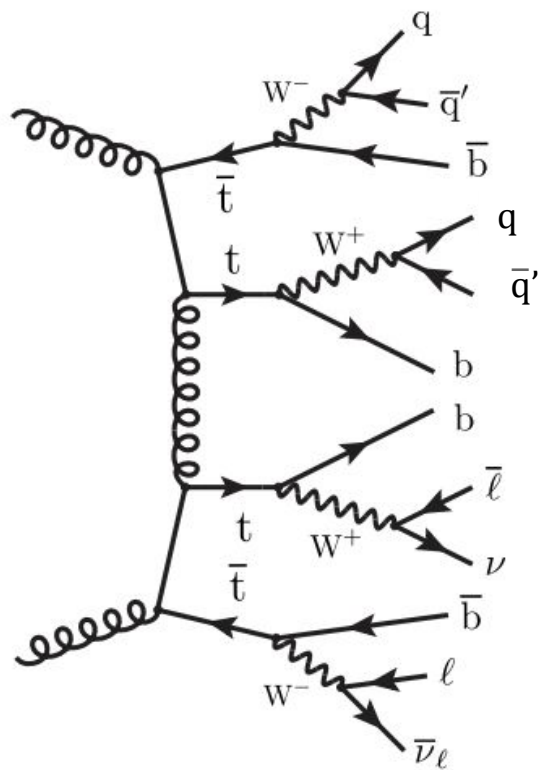


6.1σ (4.3σ) expected, consistent with SM

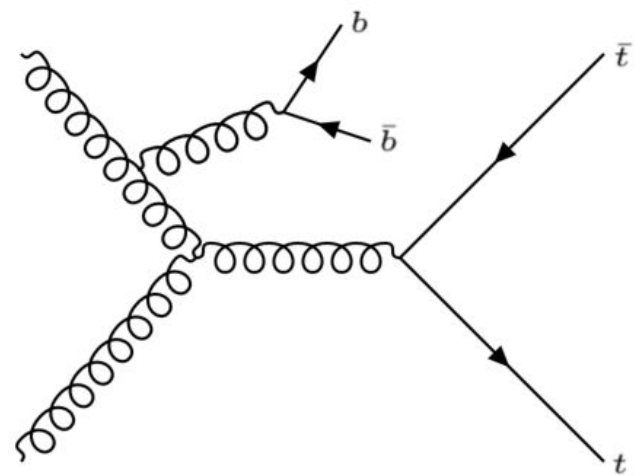
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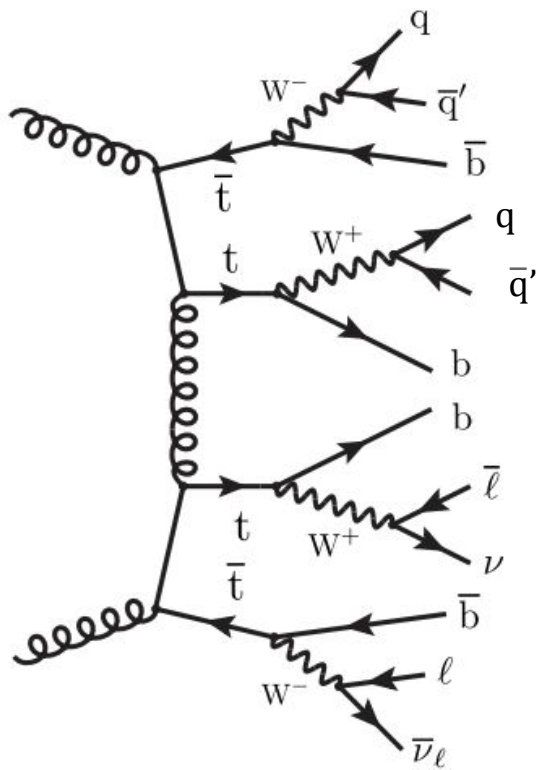
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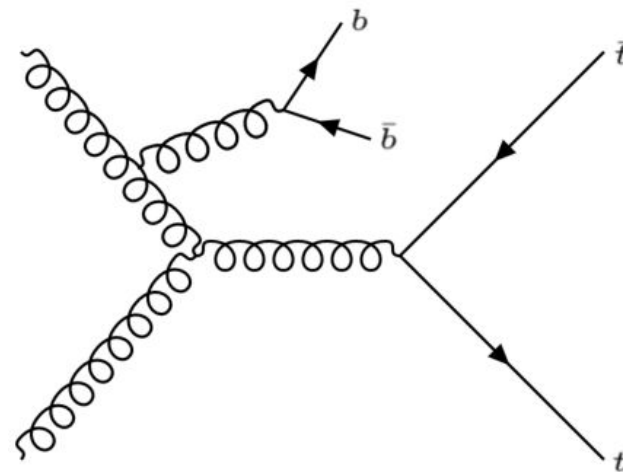
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ML approach

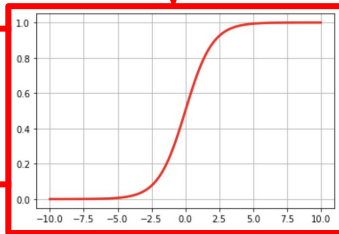
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|---------------------|---------|------------|
| input_1: InputLayer | input: | (None, 48) |
| | output: | (None, 48) |

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|---|---------|------------|
| batch_normalization_1: BatchNormalization | input: | (None, 48) |
| | output: | (None, 48) |

| | | |
|----------------|---------|------------|
| dense_1: Dense | input: | (None, 48) |
| | output: | (None, 96) |

$$\text{sigmoid} = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-x}}$$

| | | |
|----------------|---------|------------|
| dense_2: Dense | input: | (None, 96) |
| | output: | (None, 53) |



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| dense_3: Dense | input: | (None, 53) |
| | output: | (None, 4) |

tttt, ttbb, ttcc, tlight

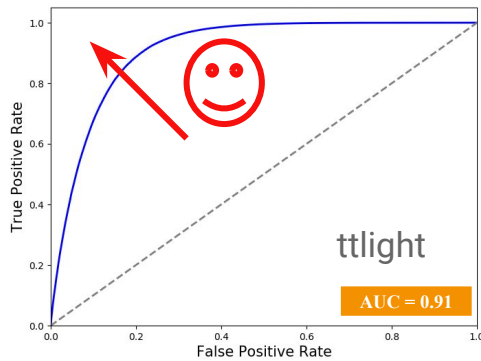
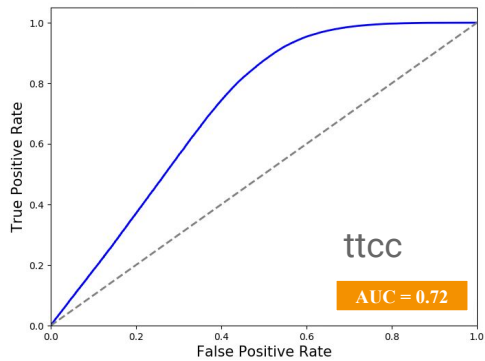
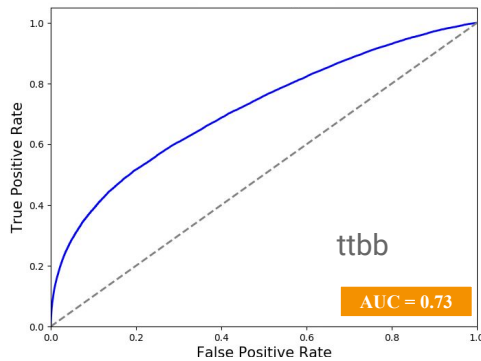
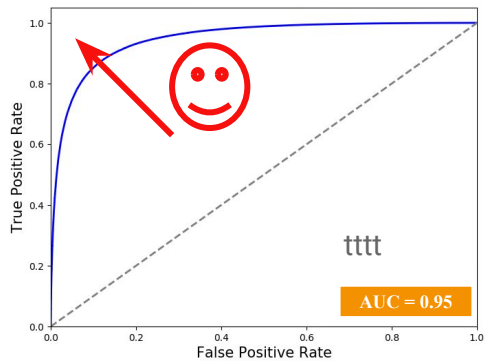
Input features:

- N_{jets}
- m_T of leptons, jets, lepton/jet-system
- p_T, η, ϕ of (sub)leading lepton and first 3 leading jets
- p_T of first 8 jets
- $H_T, H_{T,b}, \Delta H_T$
- $\Delta\phi, \Delta\eta$ of leptons and jet system
- ΔR between b-jets, b-jets & leptons
- m_{4b}^2
- m_T^2 of leptons and b-jets

| Category | Count |
|----------|---------|
| TTTT | 1292052 |
| TTLight | 890844 |
| TTCC | 255187 |
| TTBB | 97361 |

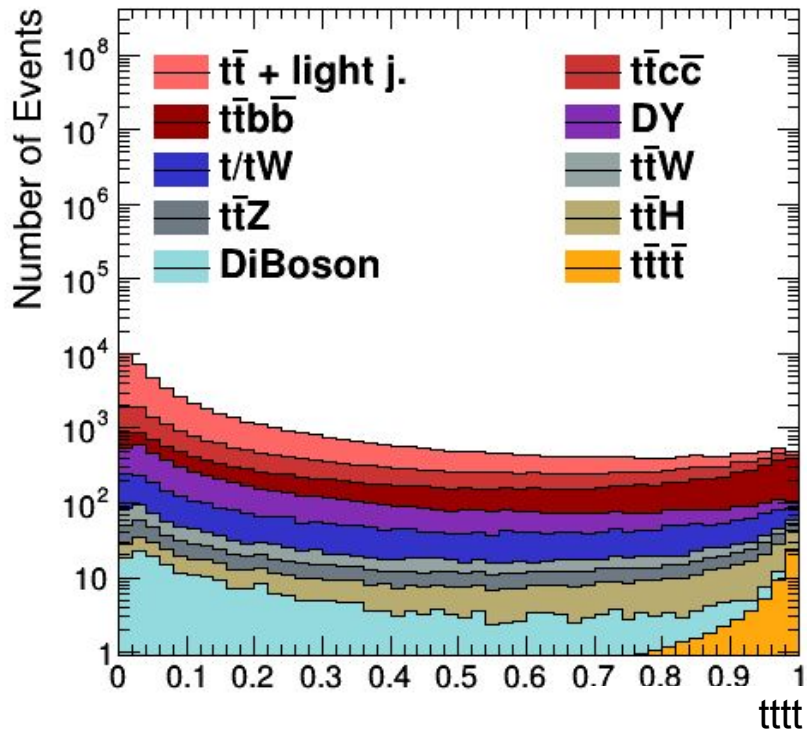
Event level Neural Network (NN)

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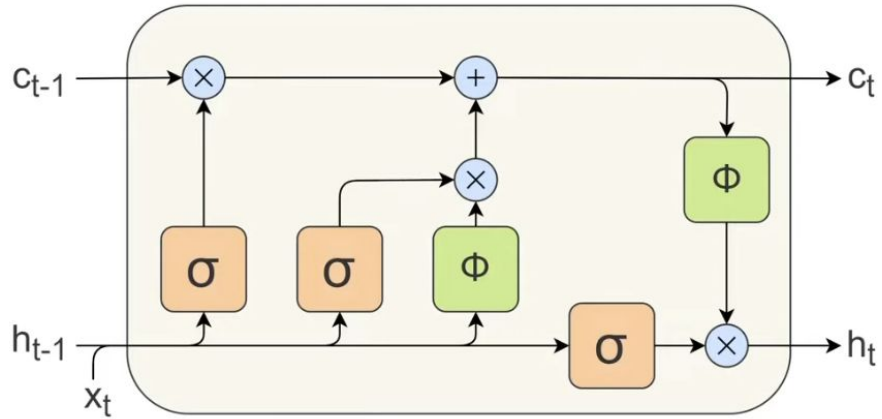
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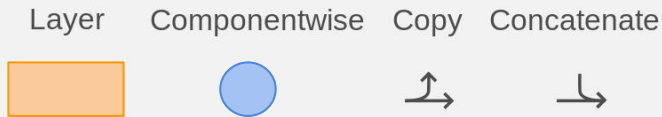
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- How to improve the score?

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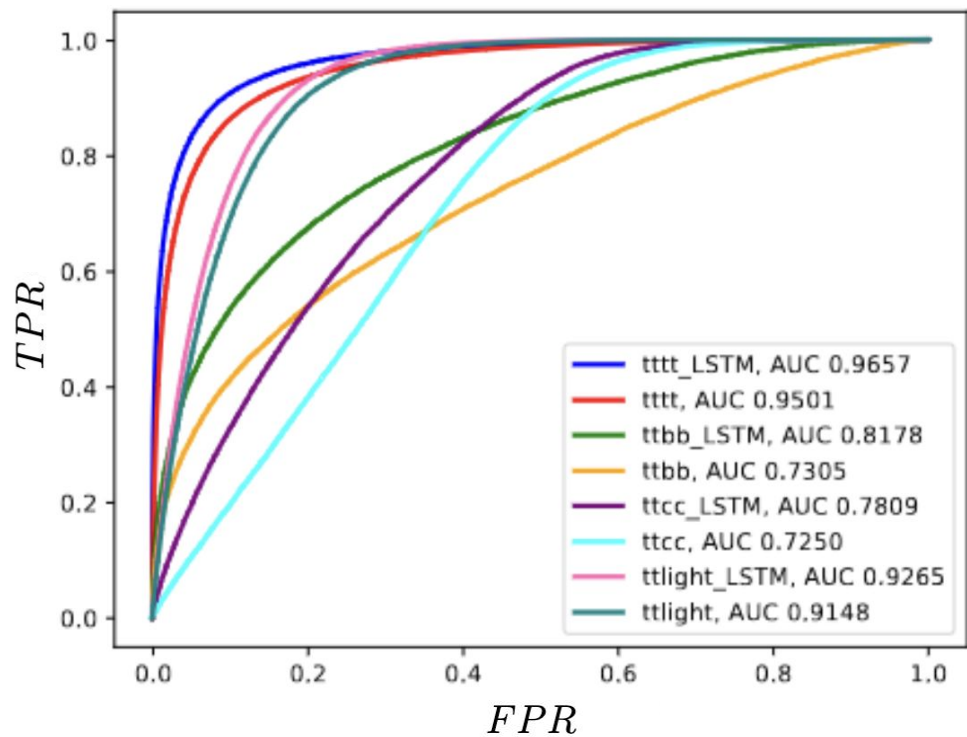


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Legend:

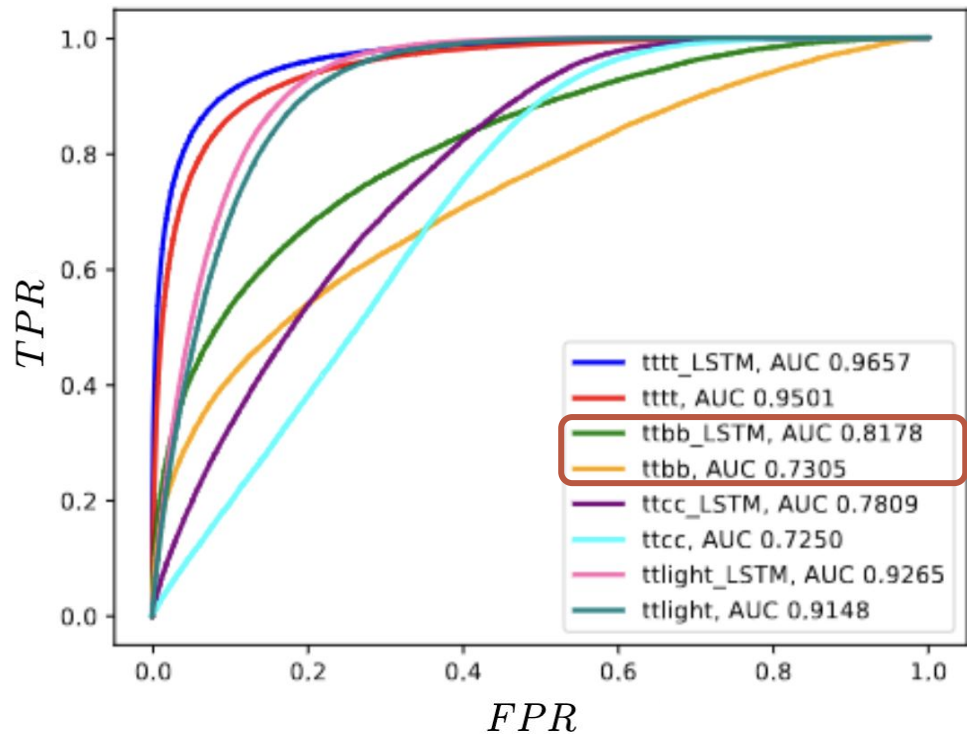


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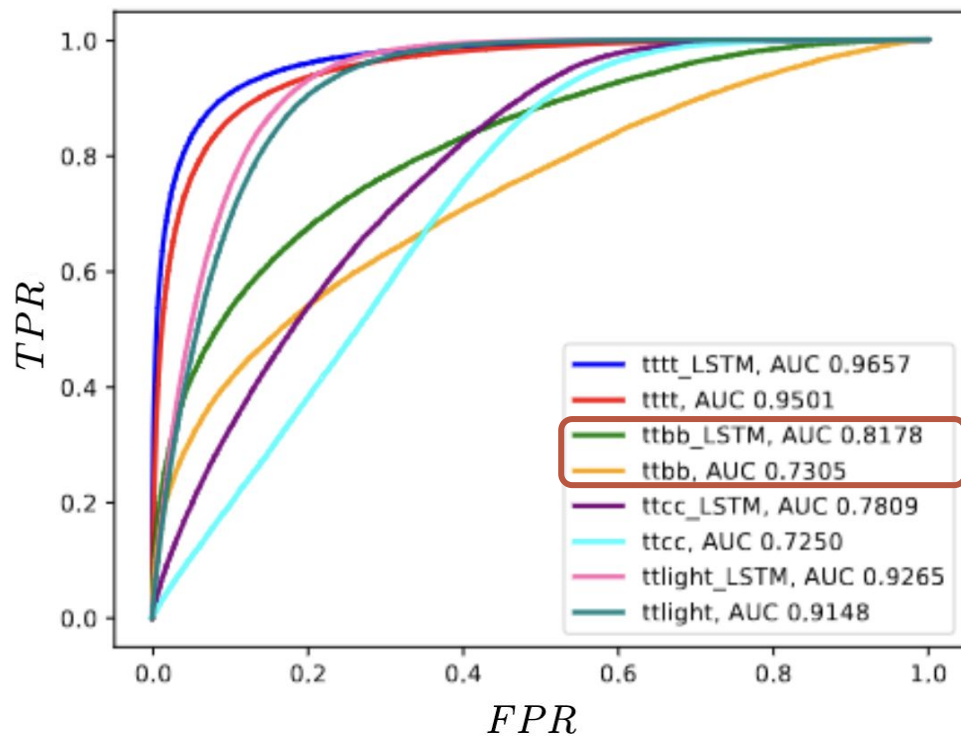
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1% increase for tttt, ttcc, ttlight
3% for ttbb

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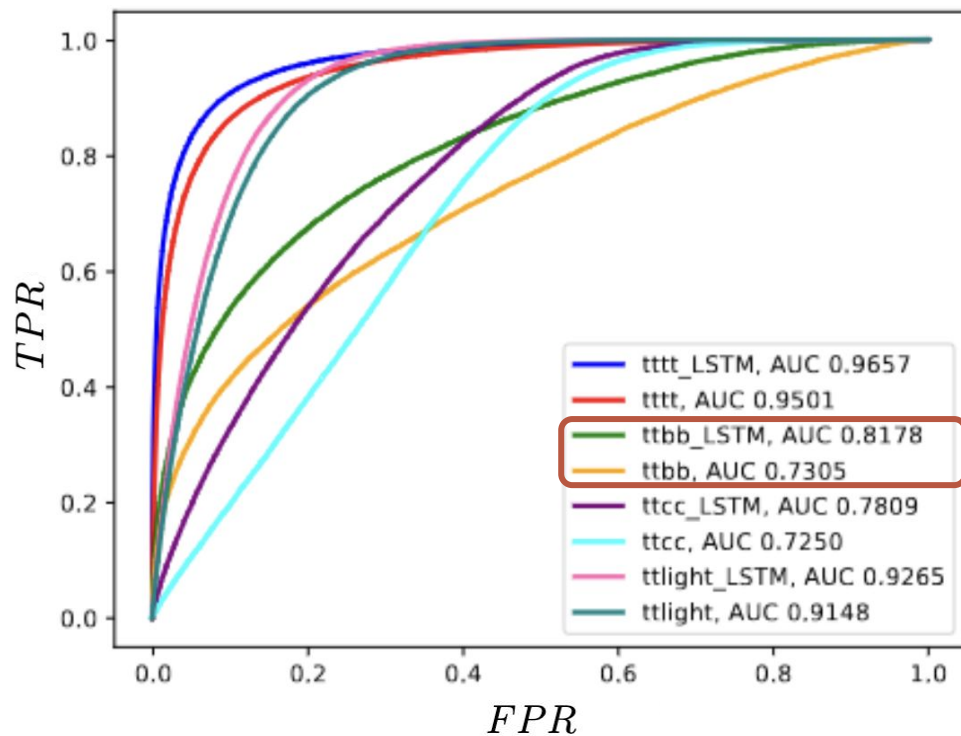


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- Tagging hadronic component

Top quark configurations

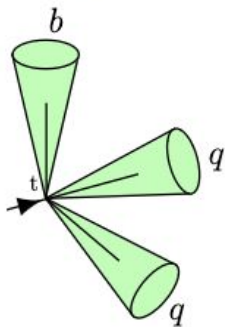
2 possible configurations based on the angular superposition between quarks and b-jet



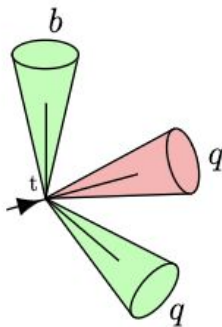
Category definition

Adapting the strategy from a previous charged Higgs search

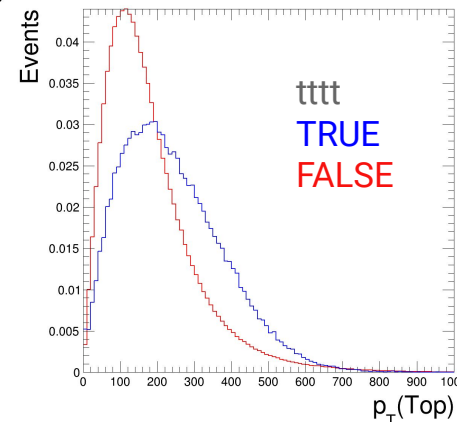
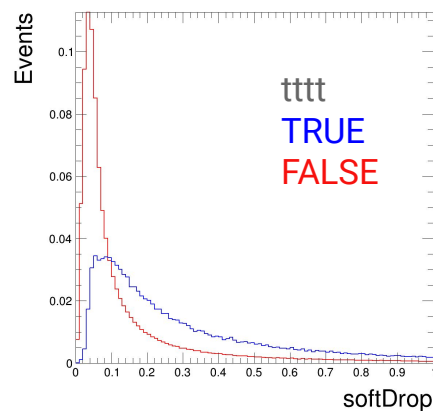
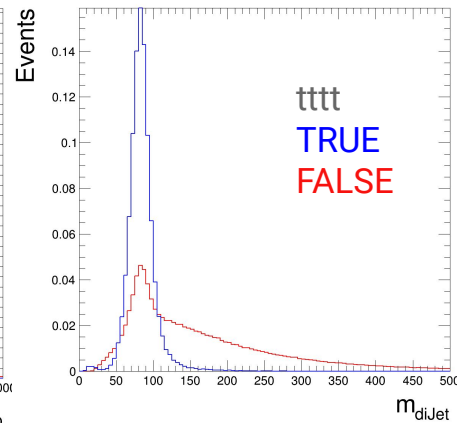
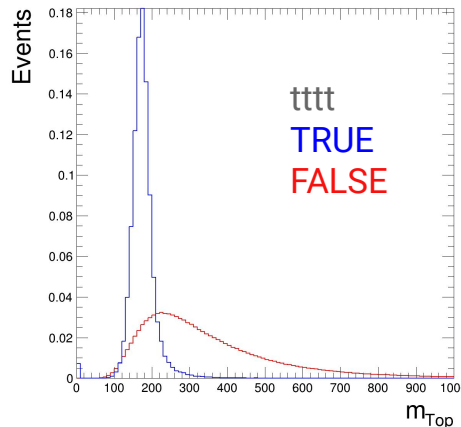
- **Signal** truth-matched trijets
- **Background** at least one non-matched jet
- $\Delta R(q, j) < 0.4$



Signal



Background

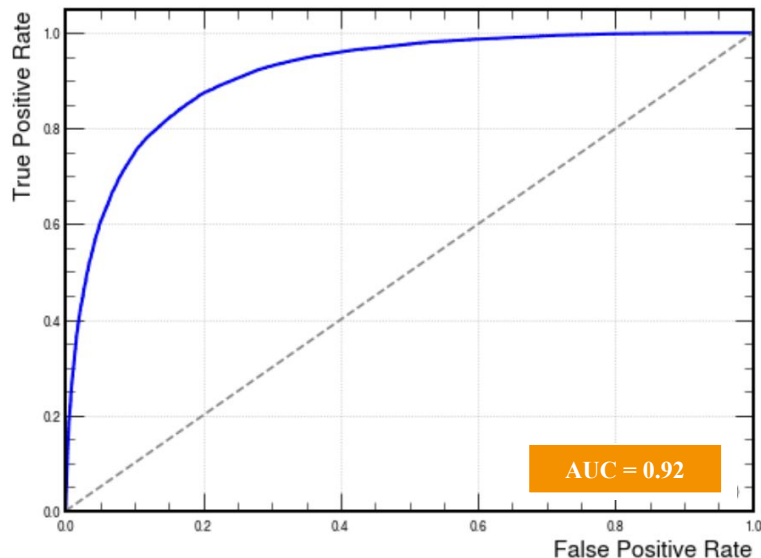


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Define 4 WPs →

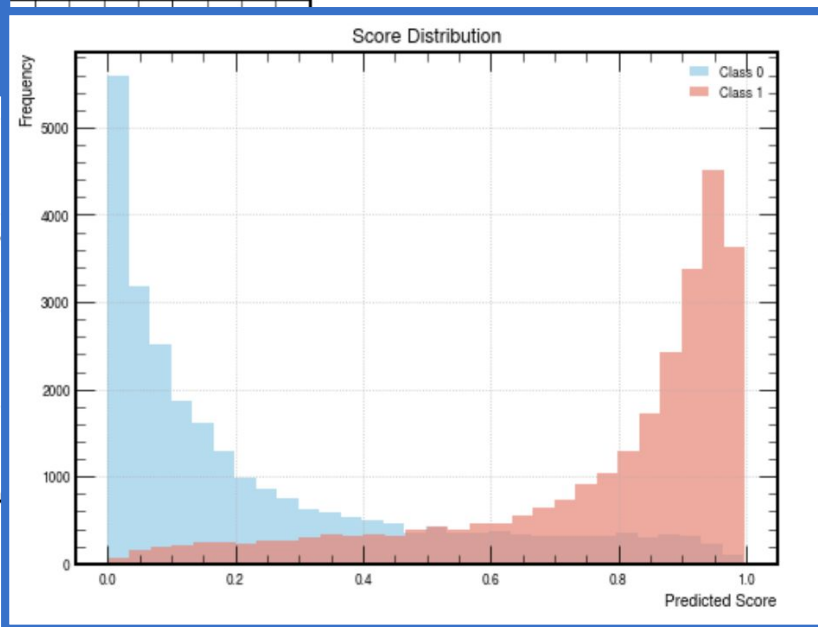
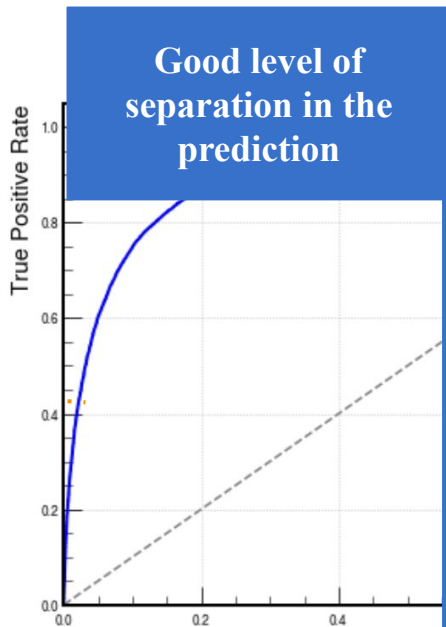
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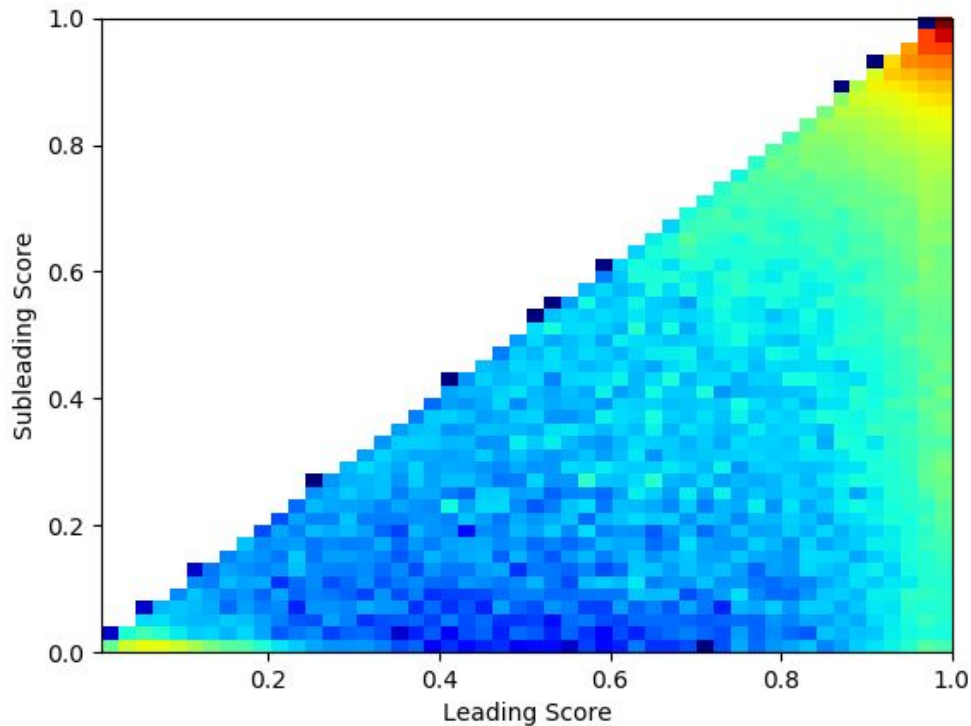
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Residual misclassification due to low statistics

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- Most signal events have two high scores
- Tail to low values for the subleading
- Very few events have no signal-like hadronic top candidates

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2LSS+MULTILEP:

2LOS:

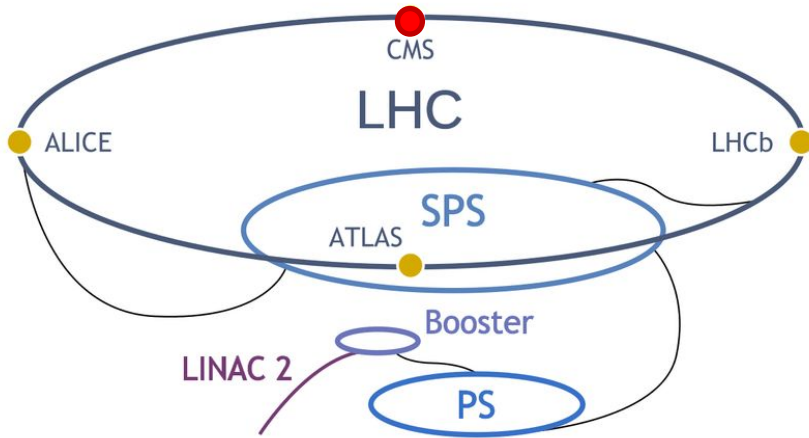


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Large Hadron Collider (LHC)



LINAC 2
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SPS
LHC

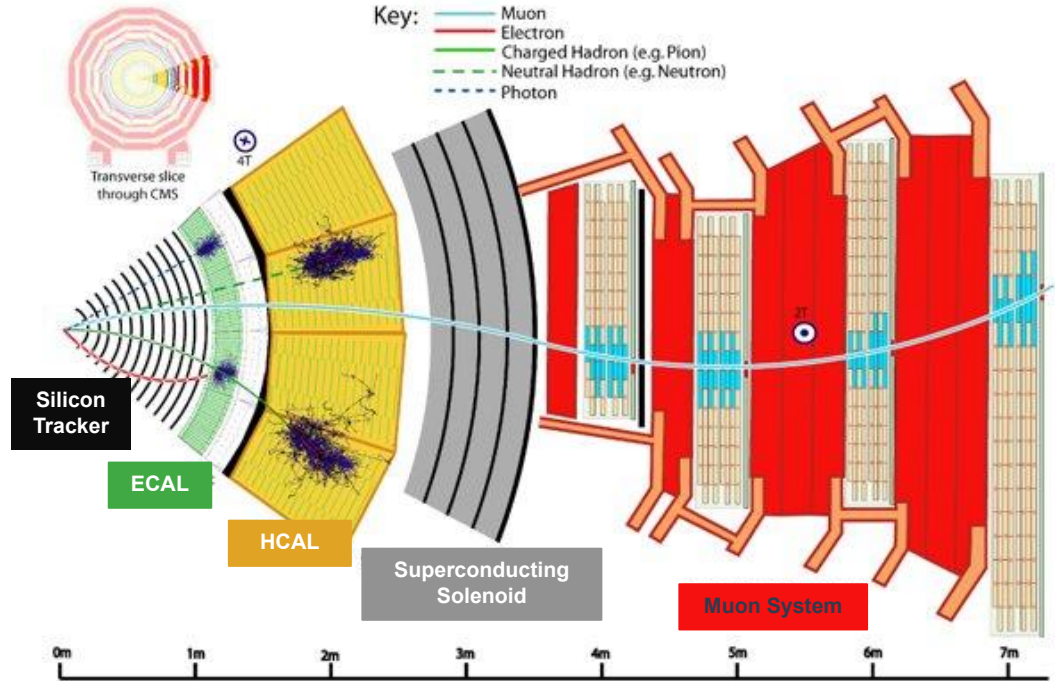
Linear Accelerator 2
Proton Synchrotron
Super Proton Synchrotron
Large Hadron Collider

- Proton-proton collision with (Run-II 2016-2018)
 - Centre of mass energy
 $\sqrt{s} = 13 \text{ TeV}$
 - Peak instantaneous luminosity
 $L = 2 \times 10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$
- 4 main experiments
 - ALICE
 - ATLAS
 - LHCb
 - **CMS**

Compact Muon Solenoid (CMS)

Cylindrical detector made of:

- **Silicon Tracker;**
- **Electromagnetic Calorimeter (ECAL);**
- **Hadronic Calorimeter (HCAL);**
- **Superconducting Solenoid;**
- **Muon System.**



CMS reference frame

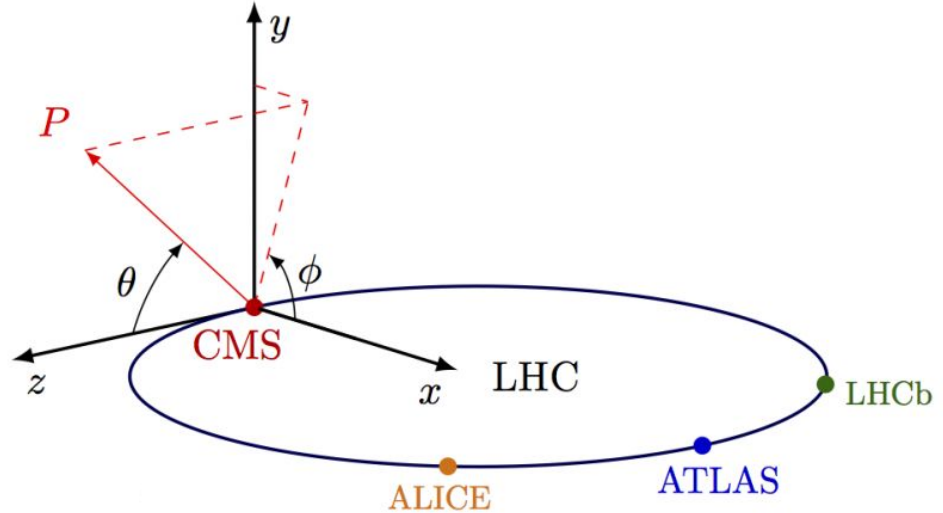
- r : radial distance from z-axis;
- Φ : angle on (x-y) plane;
- η : pseudorapidity, defined as:

$$\eta = - \ln\left(\tan\frac{\theta}{2}\right)$$

In which θ is the polar angle

Angular distances between objects using Φ and

$$\Delta R = \sqrt{(\Delta\Phi)^2 + (\Delta\eta)^2}$$



tttt @ LHC

Many SM and BSM searches through the years

SM

CMS

2ℓSS & multilepton: [[TOP-22-013](#)]

All-hadronic & 1ℓ & 2ℓOS: [[TOP-21-005](#)]

ATLAS

2ℓSS & multilepton: [[CERN-EP-2023-055](#)]

2ℓSS & multilepton: [[Eur. Phys. J. C 80 \(2020\) 1085](#)]

BSM

CMS

tttt + MET SUSY: [[SUS-21-007](#)]

type II HDM: [[TOP-18-003](#)]

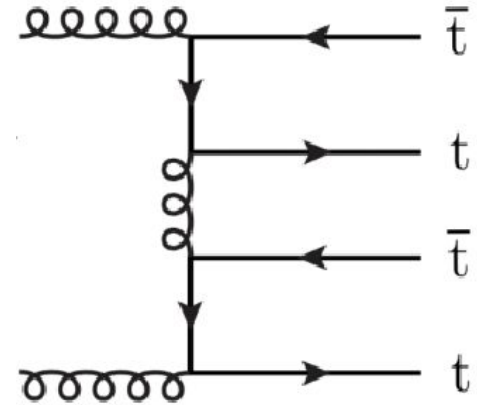
ATLAS

top-philic resonances : [[CERN-EP-2023-048](#)]

Heavy Higgs: [[ATLAS-CONF-2022-039](#)] [[CERN-EP-2022-170](#)]

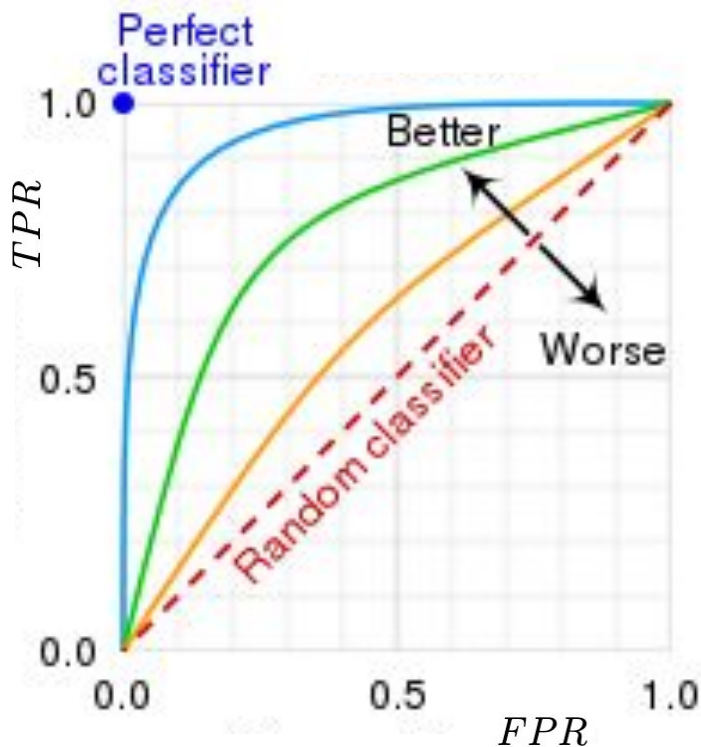
R-parity violating SUSY: [[Eur. Phys. J. C 81 \(2021\) 102](#)]

Glauinos + bjets: [[ATLAS-CONF-2018-041](#)]



MVA Evaluation

Model performance given in terms of ROC Area Under Score (AUC)



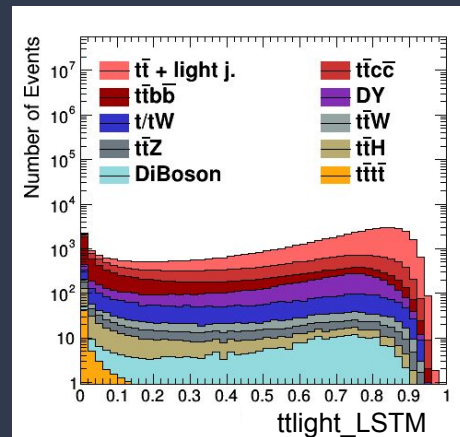
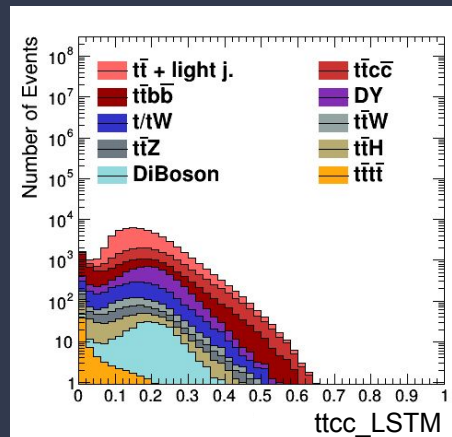
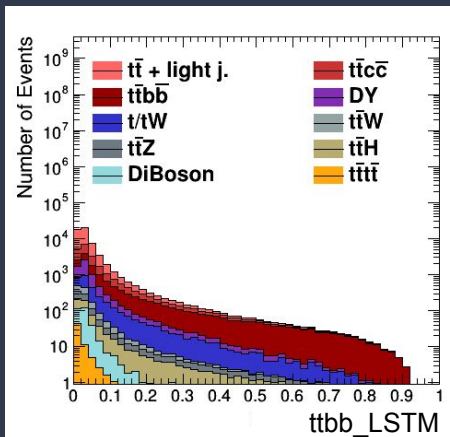
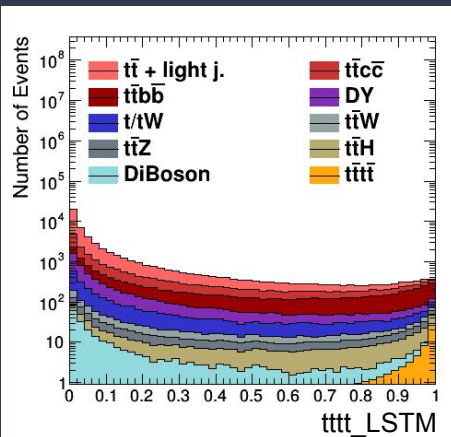
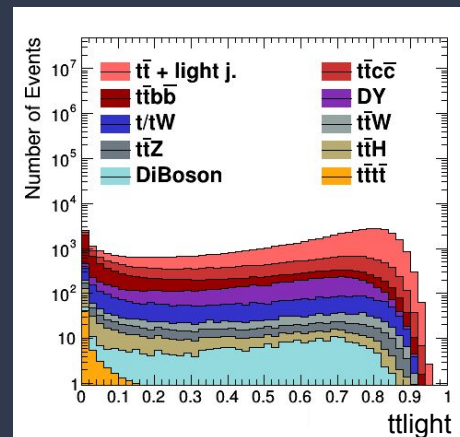
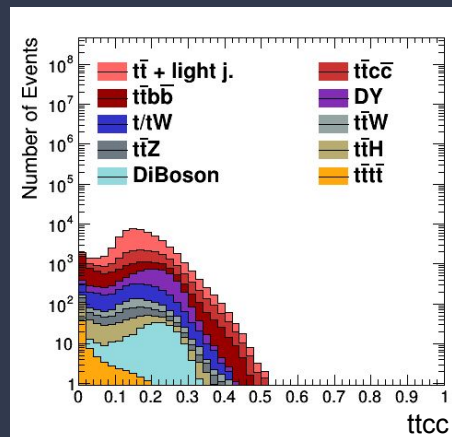
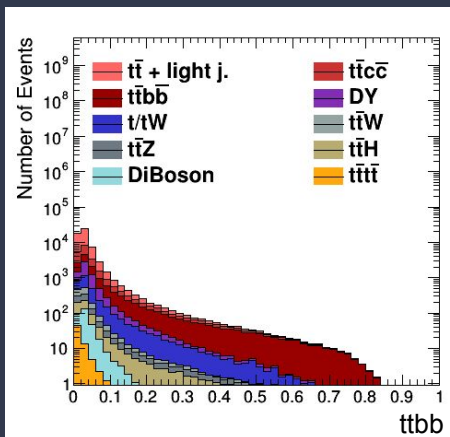
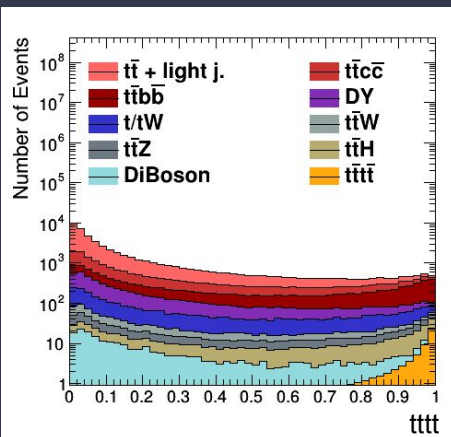
$$TPR = \frac{TP}{TP + FN}$$

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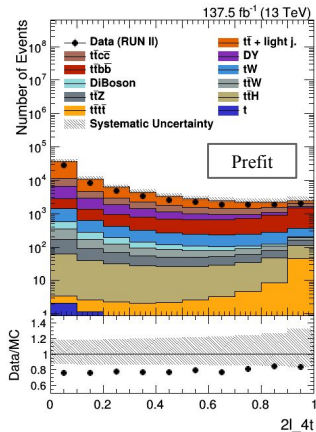
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Model performances

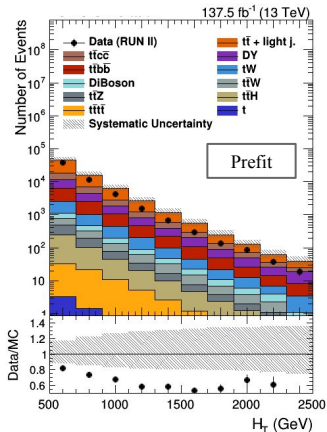


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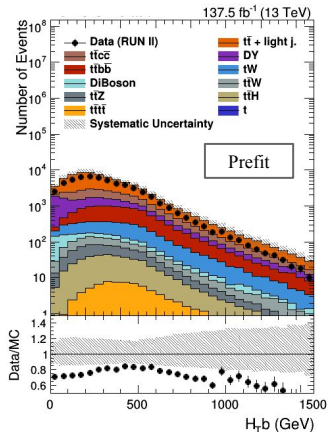
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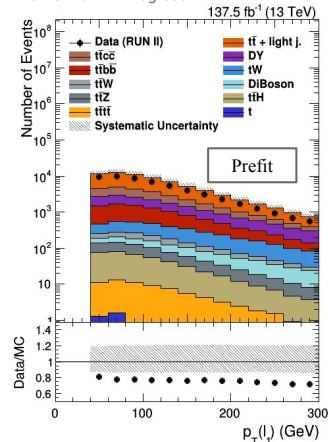
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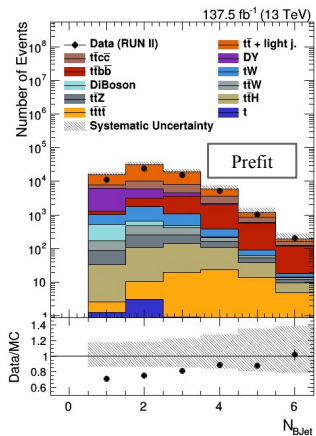
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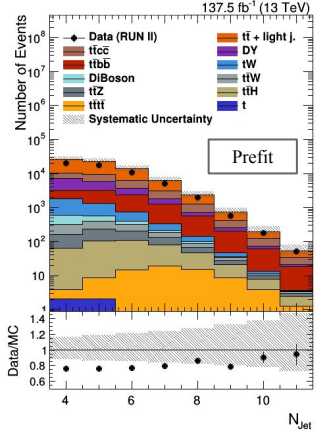
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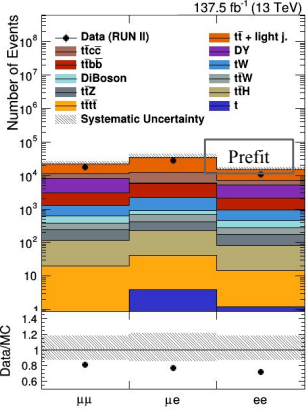
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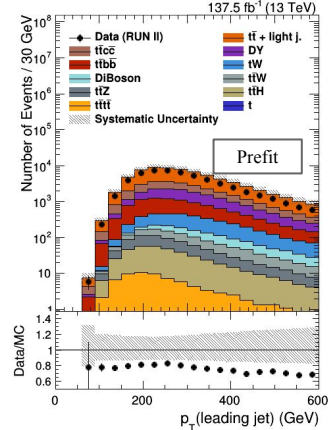
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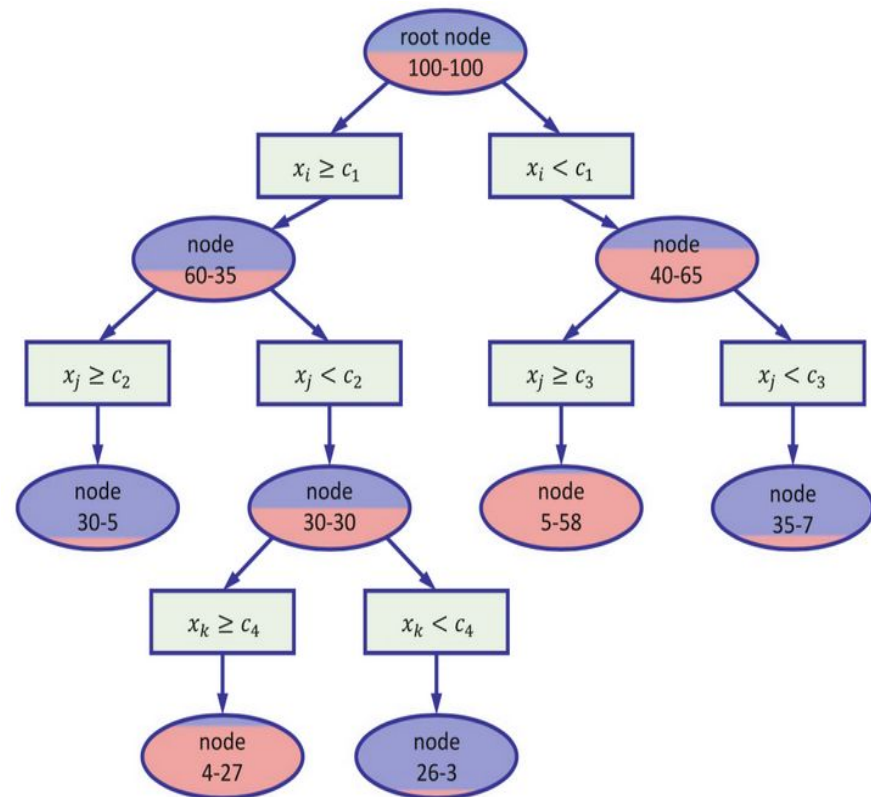
Boosted Decision Trees (BDTs)

Supervised Learning: classification known from the outset

- **Input:** kinematics and high level variables
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Many benefits...

- **Efficiency:** training and predictions are very fast
- **Not scale sensitive:** mix of continuous and discrete variables
- **Non linear decision boundaries:** modelling complex non linear relationships
- **Easy interpretability:** importance of each feature known



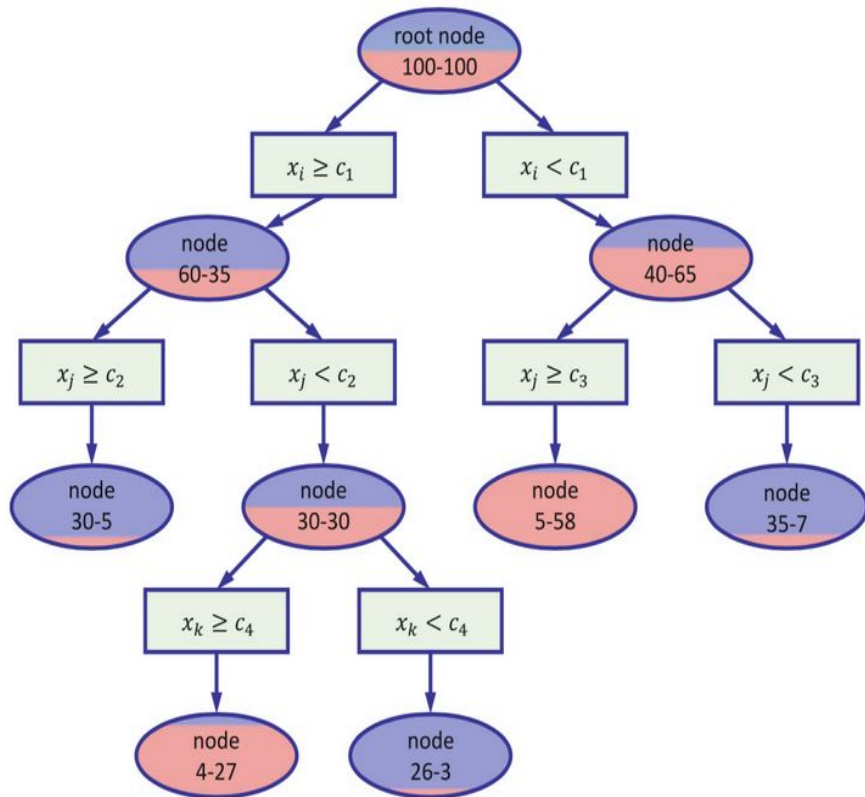
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- **Sensitive to overfitting:** always cross validate!
- **Limited generalization:** small or noisy datasets affect prediction
- **Difficulty with large datasets:** can easily become computationally expensive



tttt @ CMS with BDTs

arXiv:2305.13439

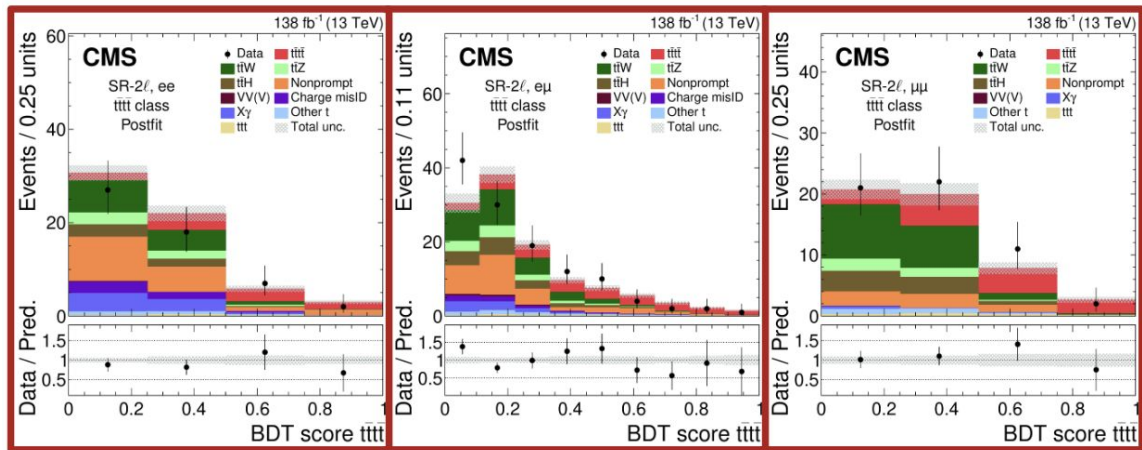
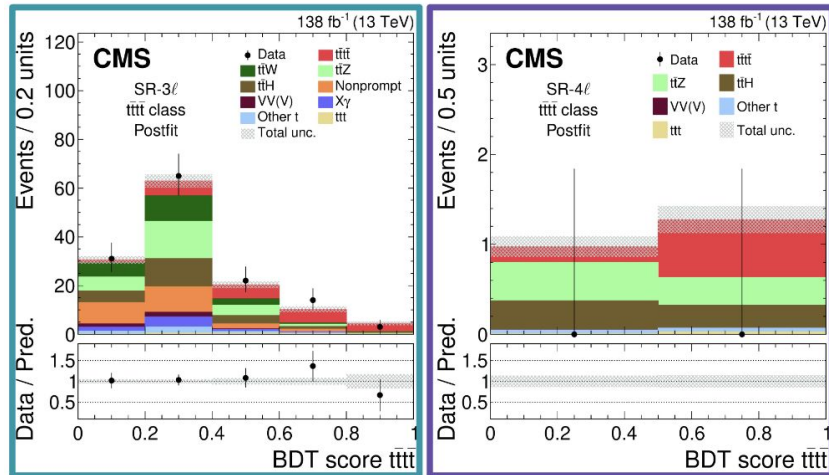
2lSS & 3l & 4l

- ttW modelling: NLO QCD MC
- Additional large uncertainty on ttW + jets
- Improved lepton ID, b-tagging, SR selection

Event level BDT

- Multivariate analysis: tttt, ttX, tt
- 31 input features
- Different BDTs trained for different channels to account for kinematic differences
- Thorough tuning and cross validation

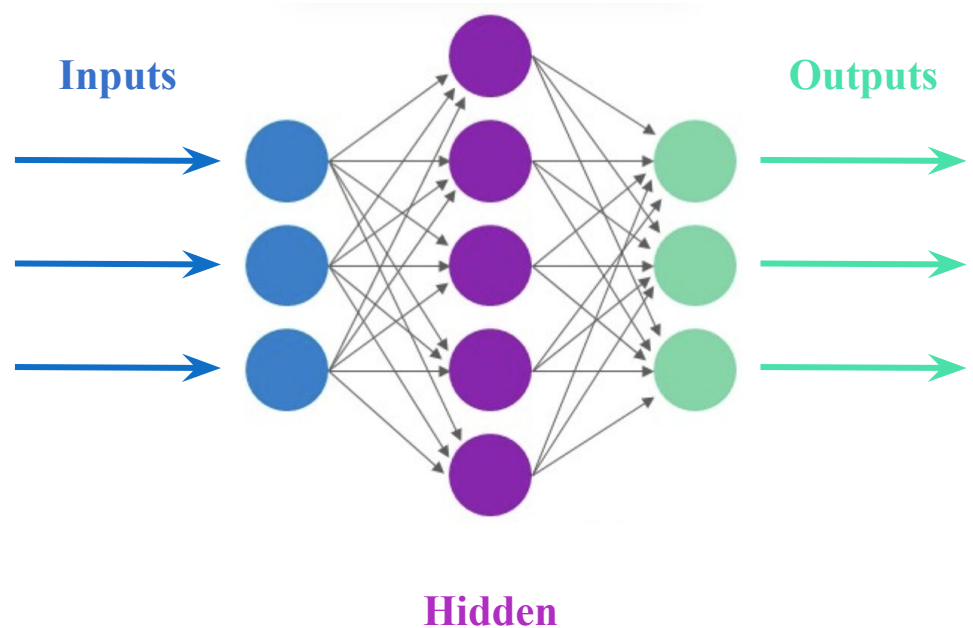
Fit optimized by flavour splitting the SR
 5.5σ (4.9σ) expected, consistent with SM



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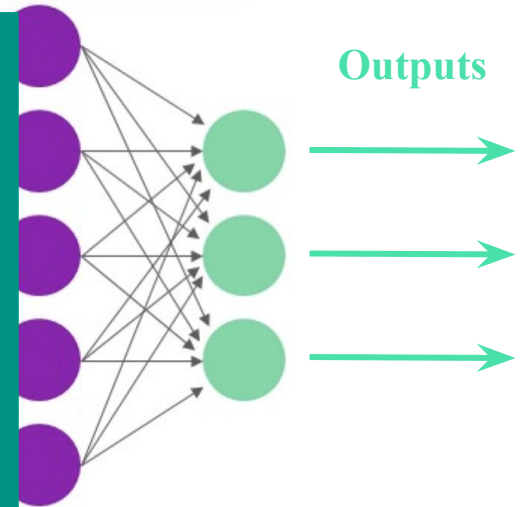
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Pros

- **Pattern Recognition:** recognizing complex patterns, aiding tasks like particle identification and event reconstruction.
- **Data-driven Insights:** valuable insights from data, revealing correlations not immediately apparent.
- **Adaptability:** ML adapts to changing conditions, handling diverse datasets effectively.
- **Improved Sensitivity:** ML techniques enhance experiment sensitivity by improving signal discrimination.



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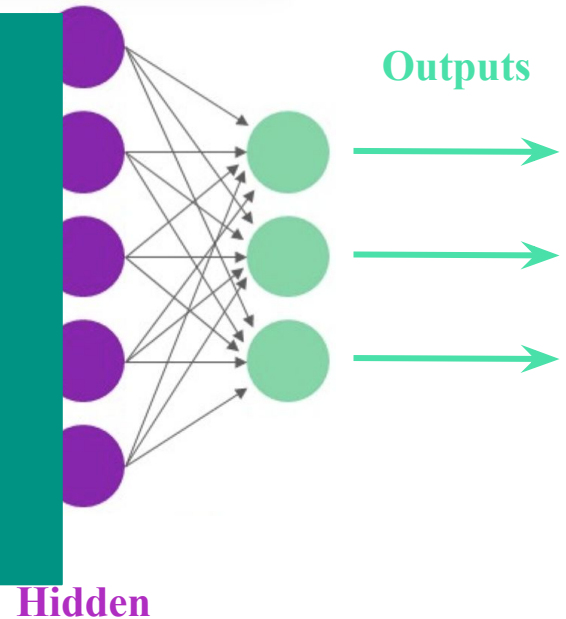
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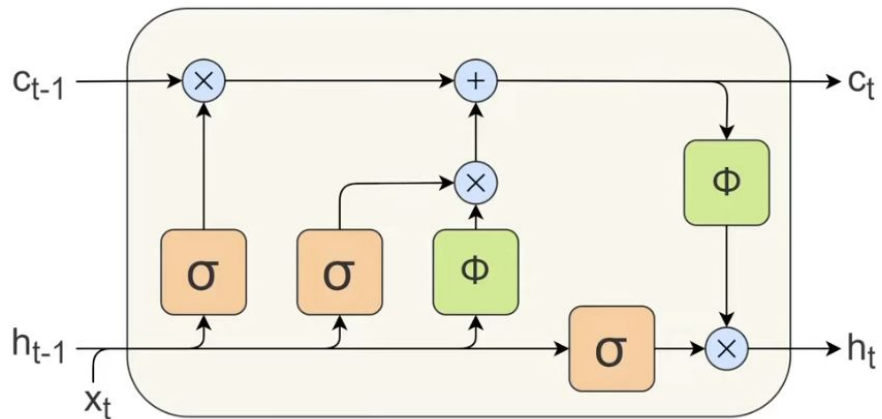
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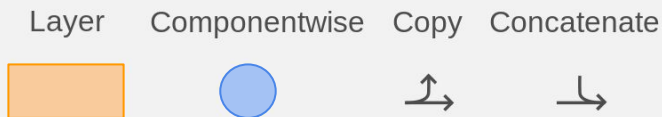
- **Interpretability:** may be difficult to pick up the logic behind the learning
- **Overfitting:** may capture noise or spurious correlations instead of genuine physics signals
- **Computational Complexity:** computationally intensive, requiring significant resources
- **Model Validation and Uncertainty Estimation:** validating predictions and estimating uncertainty is challenging, requiring rigorous methods



LSTM Layer



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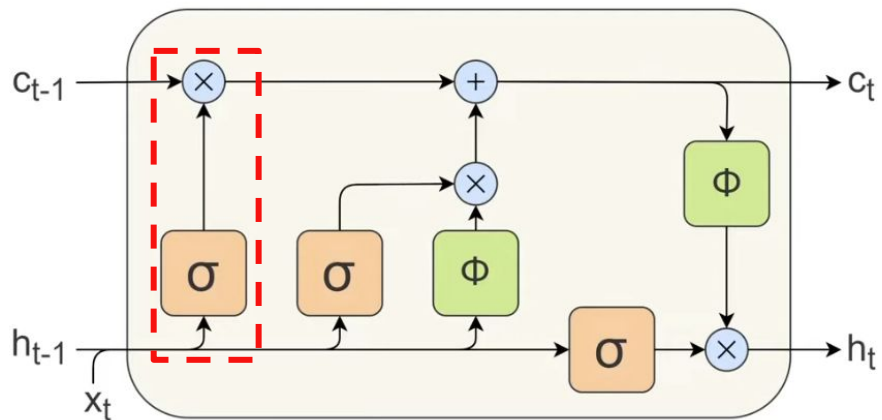
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Componentwise



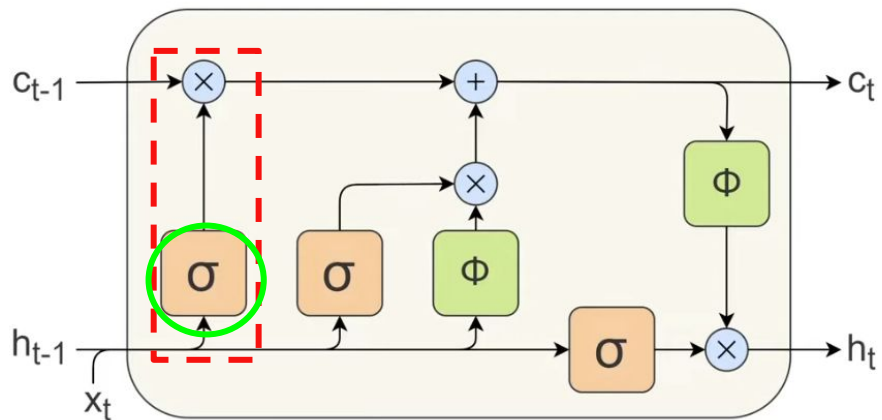
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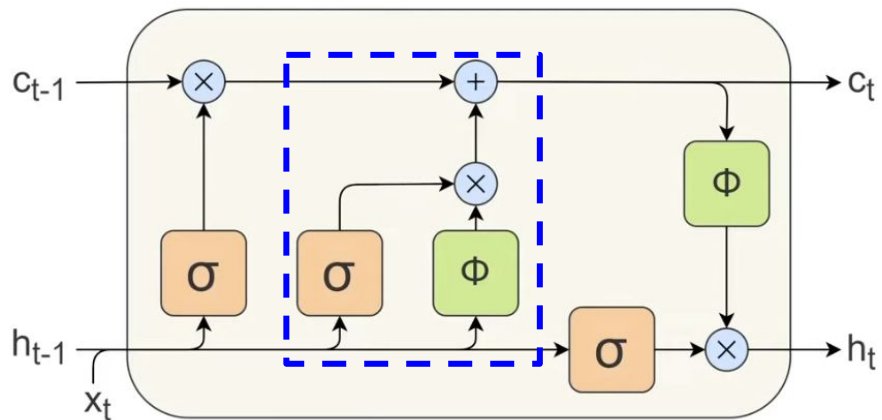
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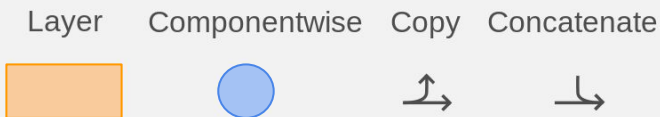
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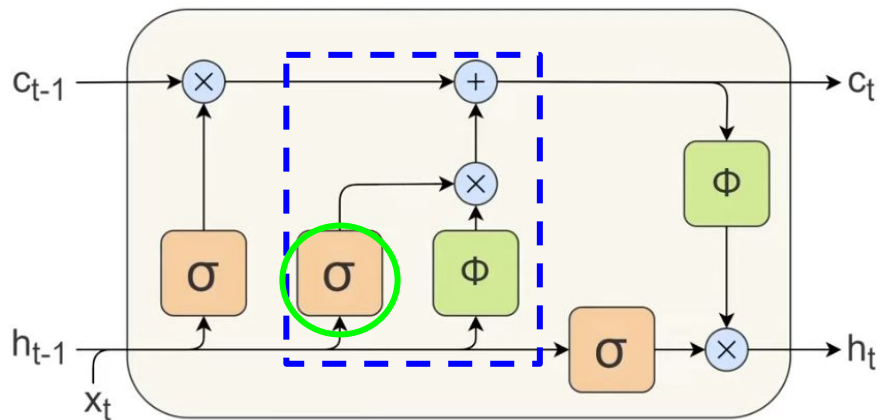
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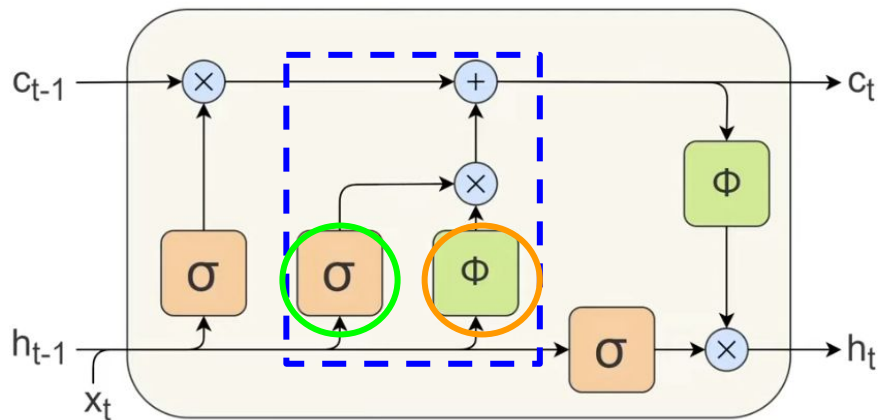
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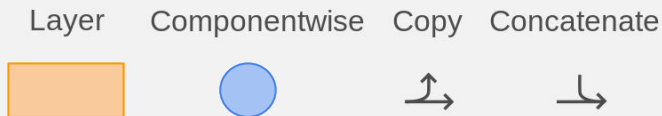
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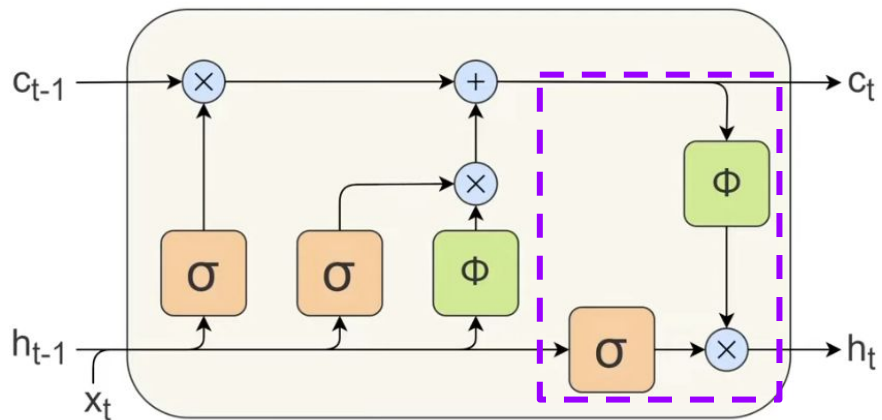
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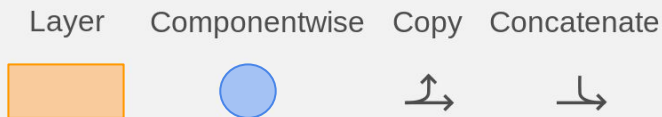
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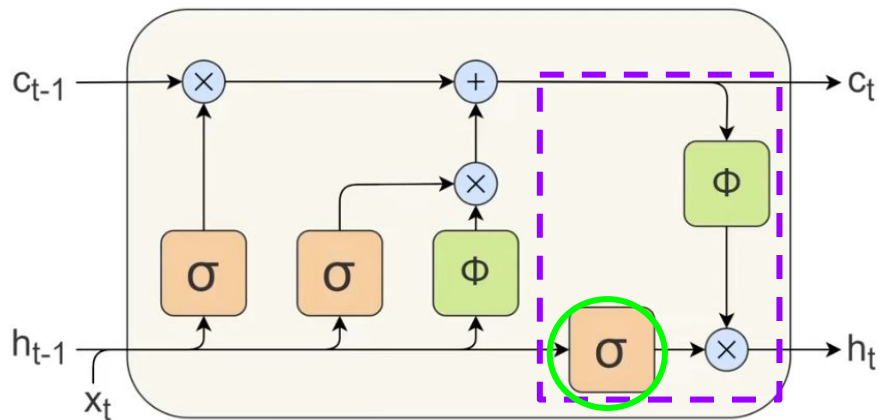
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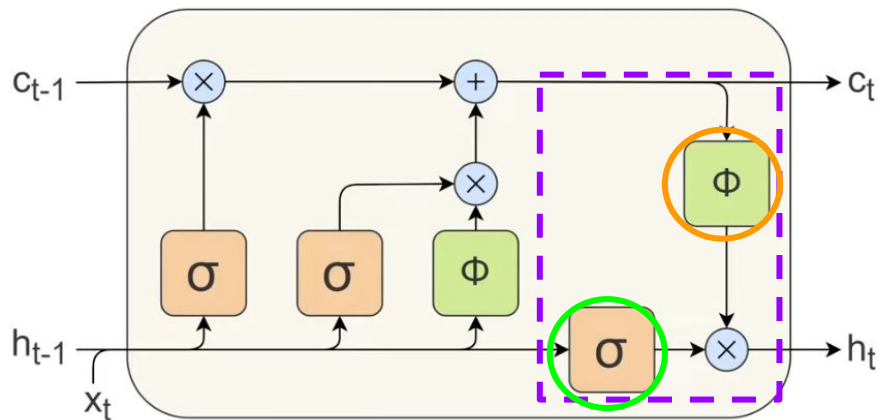
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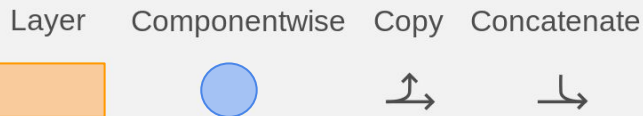
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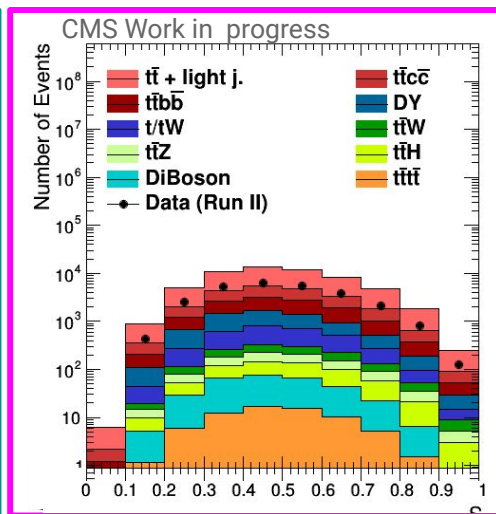
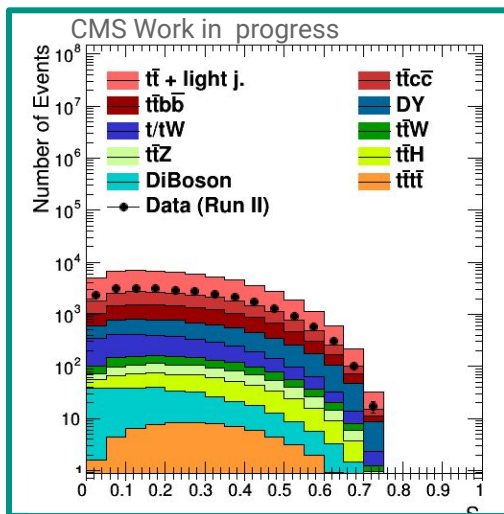
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MVA Evaluation



➤ Better performance for tttt and ttlight

➤ How to improve the score?

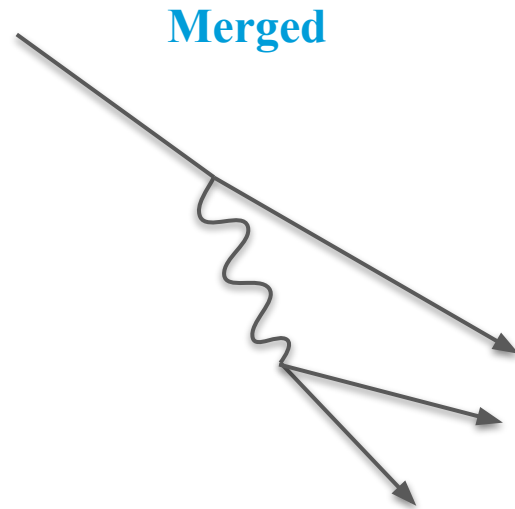
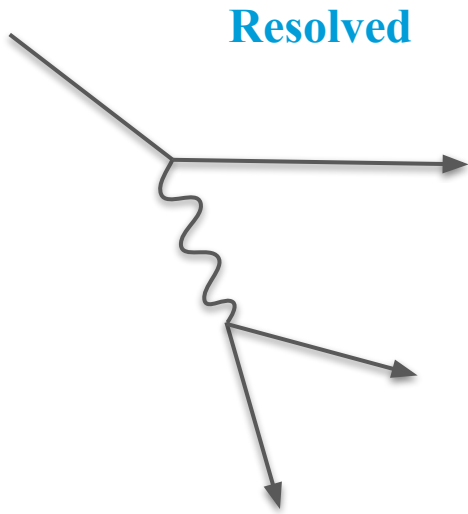
- Long Short Term Memory layer
- Adding topology variables + LSTM

$$M^{\alpha\beta} = \frac{\sum_i p_i^\alpha p_i^\beta}{\sum_i |p_i|^2} \longrightarrow S = \frac{3}{2}(\lambda_2 + \lambda_3)$$

$$C = \frac{H_T}{\sum_i E_i}$$

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Top p_T

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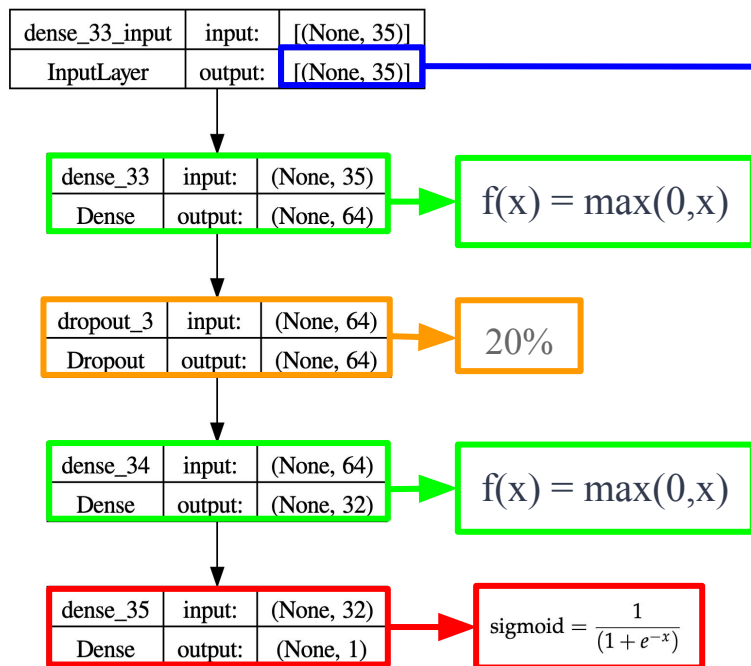


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Object Level NN



Kinematic variables of:

- Single subjets;
- W boson system;
- Top quark system;

Angular separations;

Jets flavour scores;

Soft Drop defined as:

$$\frac{\min(p_T^{LgdJet}, p_T^{SubldgJet})}{p_T^{LgdJet} + p_T^{SubldgJet}} \cdot \Delta R(p_T^{LgdJet}, p_T^{SubldgJet})^2$$

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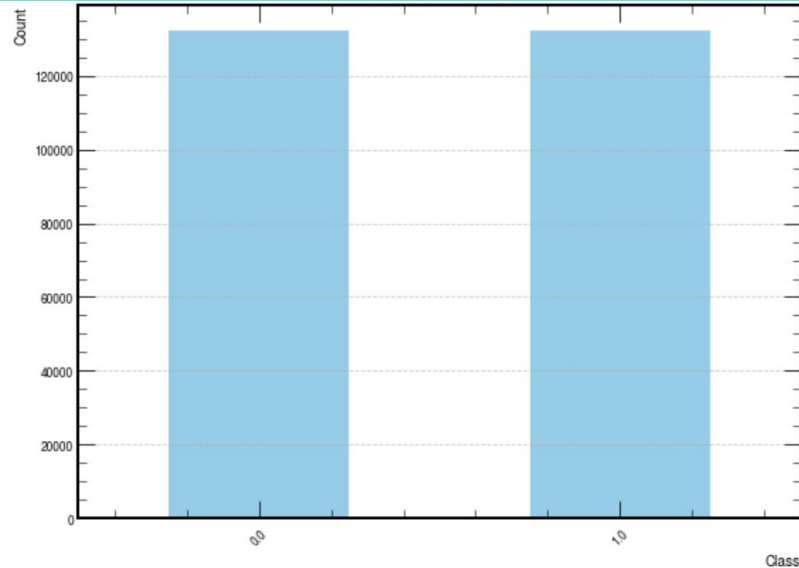
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| dense_33_input | input: | [(None, 35)] |
|----------------|--------|--------------|

- 260k entries in 2IOS baseline selection
 - 50% signal (1)
 - 50% background (0)
- Robust Scaler for data preprocessing;

$$X_{\text{scale}} = \frac{x_i - x_{\text{med}}}{x_{75} - x_{25}}$$

| | | |
|----------|---------|------------|
| dense_35 | input: | (None, 32) |
| Dense | output: | (None, 1) |

$$\text{sigmoid} = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-x}}$$



pres;

ned as:

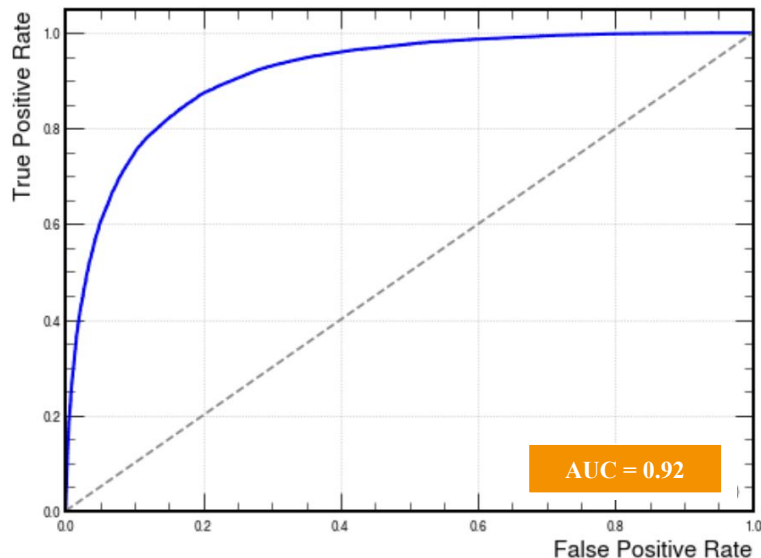
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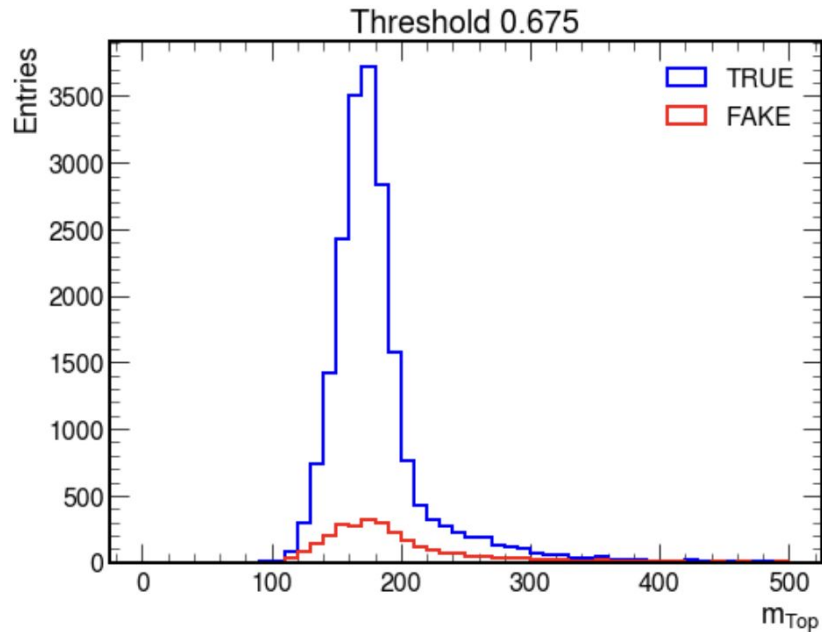
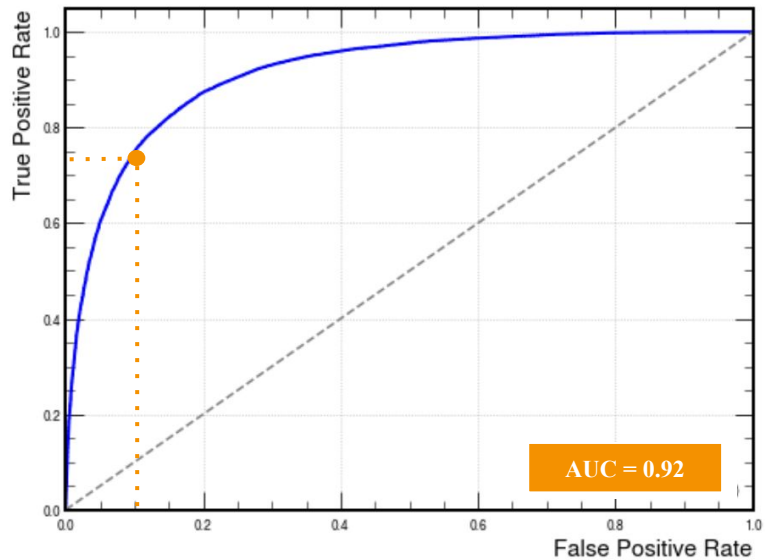
Good performance with a Keras DNN with 2 Dense Layers (64/32), a Dropout Layer (20%), and a ~300k balanced dataset normalized with a robust scaling technique.

Define 4 WPs →

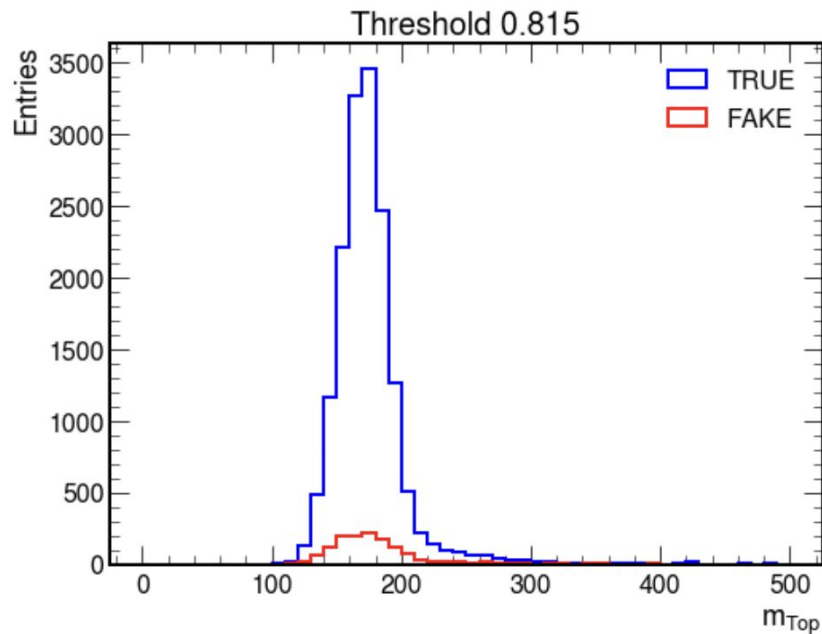
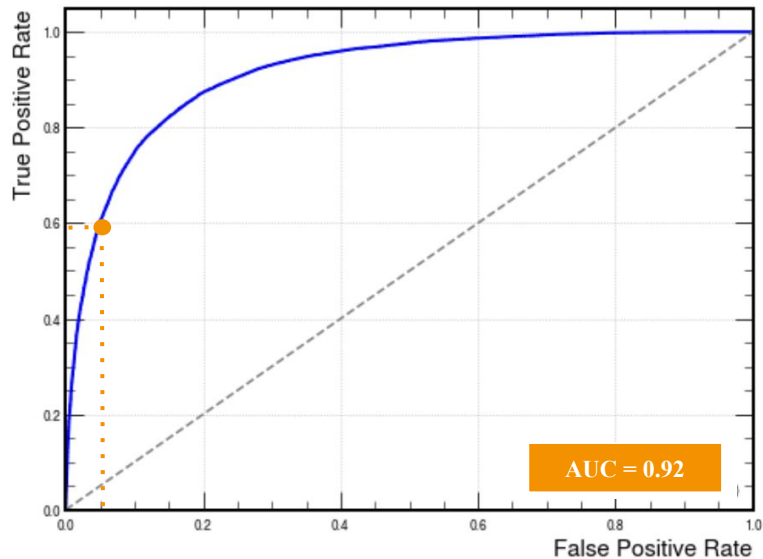
- FPR @ 10% = 0.675 → L
- FPR @ 5% = 0.599 → M
- FPR @ 1% = 0.936 → T
- FPR @ 0.1% = 0.977 → VT



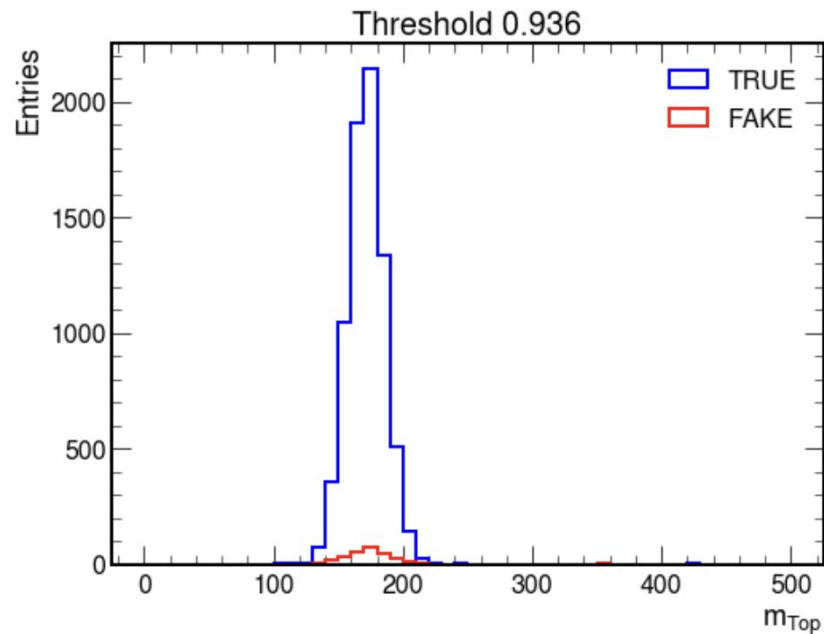
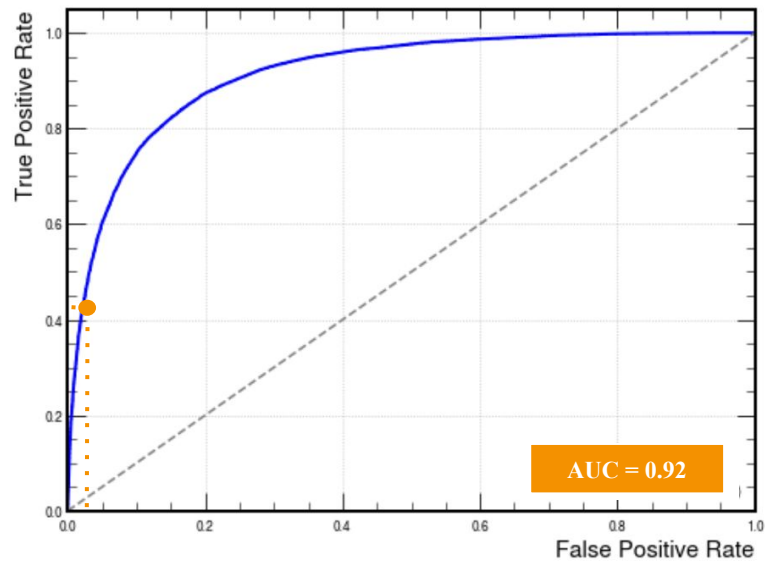
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