# Hunting dark matter signals with deep learning at the LHC

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### Plan

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- Neural Network algorithms
  - Event-by-even data
  - Data as 2D histograms
    - Performance invariance with the number of background events
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- Conclusions

# Models and sample generation

Simplified models Kinematic features Benchmark models

# Simplified models

### Monojet plus missing transverse energy channel

pp → DM DM j

- DM with a spin-0 mediator
- DM with a spin-1 mediator

DM with a spin-2 mediator

Axion-Like Particle (ALP) as DM

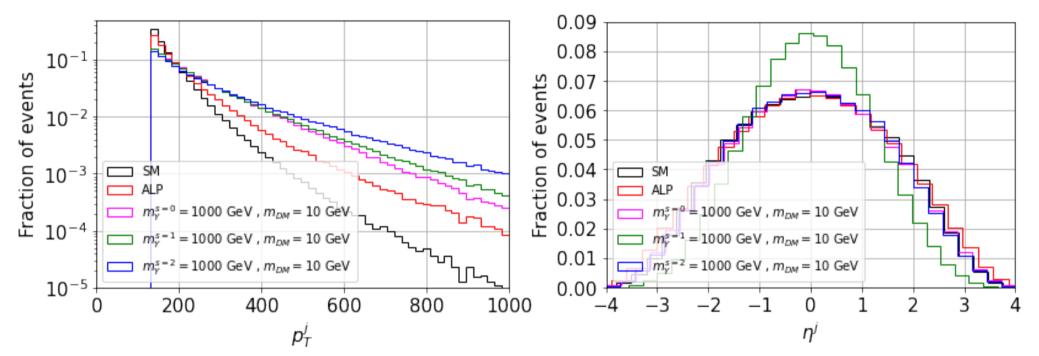
pp → a j

SM background

 $pp \rightarrow Zj(Z \rightarrow vv)$ 

## Simplified models

Each event has the monojet kinematic information  $(\mathbf{p}_{\tau}^{j}, \mathbf{\eta}^{j}, \mathbf{\Phi}^{j})$ 



- 1. The azimuthal angle distribution does not show any useful structure.
- 2. The coupling values do not modify the kinematic distributions.

### We simulated 1.5M SM events and 0.5M New Physics events

**MadGraph5\_aMC@NLO** to generate events with monojets plus missing energy at parton level. Parton shower and hadronization are performed with **Pythia**.

Detector-level data is simulated using **Delphes** with the default ATLAS card.

 $\sqrt{s}$ = 14TeV generation level cuts:  $p_i^{T}$ ≥130GeV and  $|\eta_i|$  ≤5 for the leading jet.

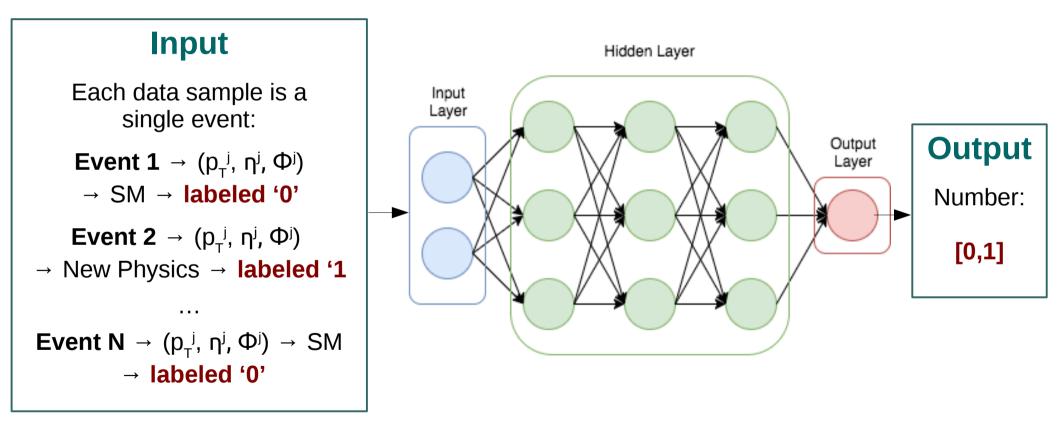
# Neural Networks algorithms

Event-by-even data
Data as 2D histograms
Performance invariance with the number of background events

## DNN with Event-by-event data

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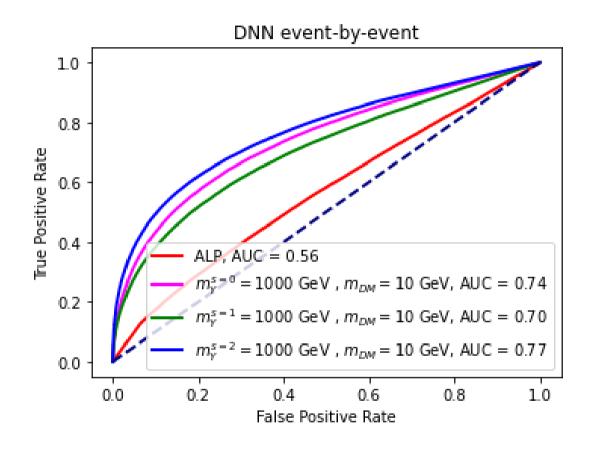


Data samples are divided with a 0.64:0.20:0.16 train-test-validation ratio

Trained each benchmark model vs SM **individually**.

## DNN with Event-by-event data

Receiver Operating Characteristic (ROC) curves:



Poor performance

The area under the ROC curve (AUC), a conventional metric to test the performance of binary classifiers

**AUC=1** is a perfect classifier, and **AUC=0.5** represents a random classifier

## DNN with data as 2D histograms

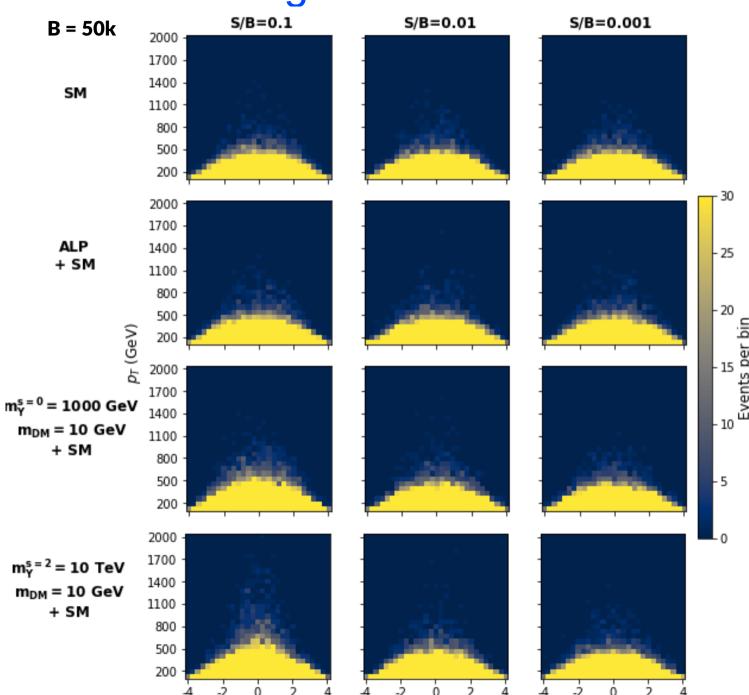
S: # NP events B: # SM events

The jet azimuthal angle Φ<sup>j</sup> does not provide any useful information.

We can construct 2D histograms made from the pair  $(\mathbf{p}_{\mathbf{r}}^{\mathbf{j}}, \mathbf{n}^{\mathbf{j}})$ 

- . 20k histograms with only SM events
- . 20k histograms with NP + SM events

per benchmark model and per S/B ratio

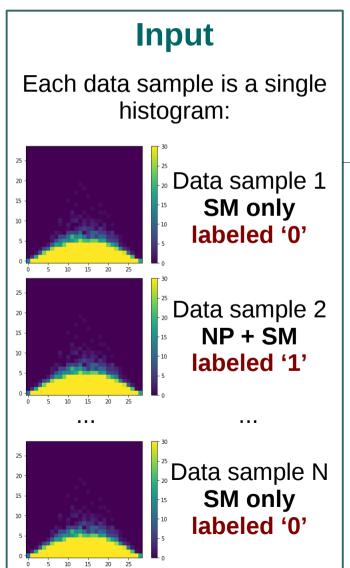


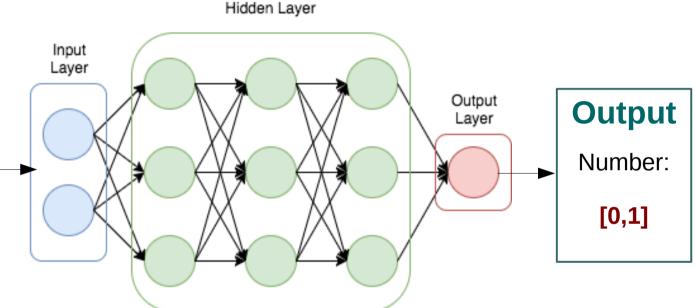
## DNN with data as 2D histograms

We simulated

20k SM only histograms and

20k New Physics + SM histograms (per benchmark model and per S/B ratio)



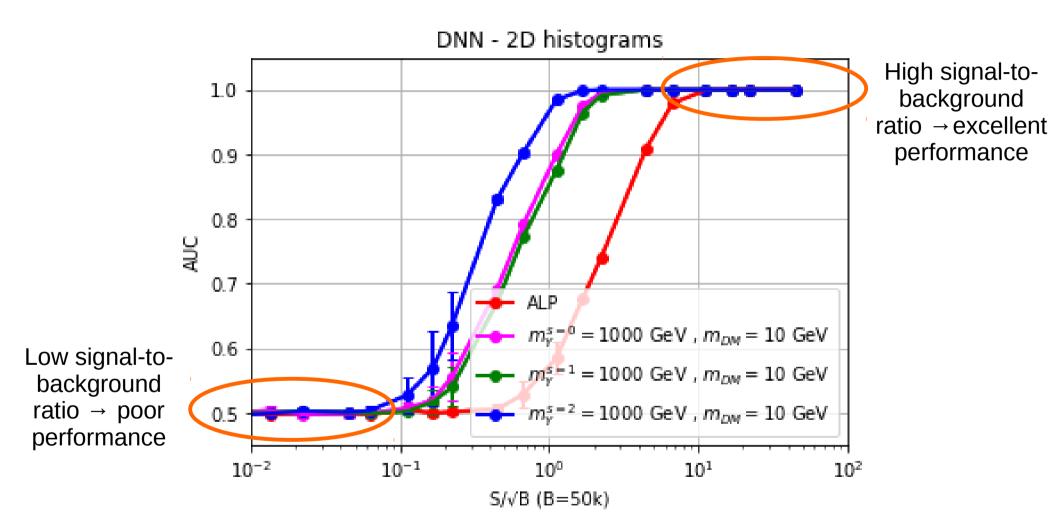


DNN trained to discriminate:
histograms with SM only events vs
histograms with NP+SM events

Trained each benchmark model vs SM individually.

## DNN with data as 2D histograms

Each point represents a DNN trained with a data set with a specific benchmark, S and B

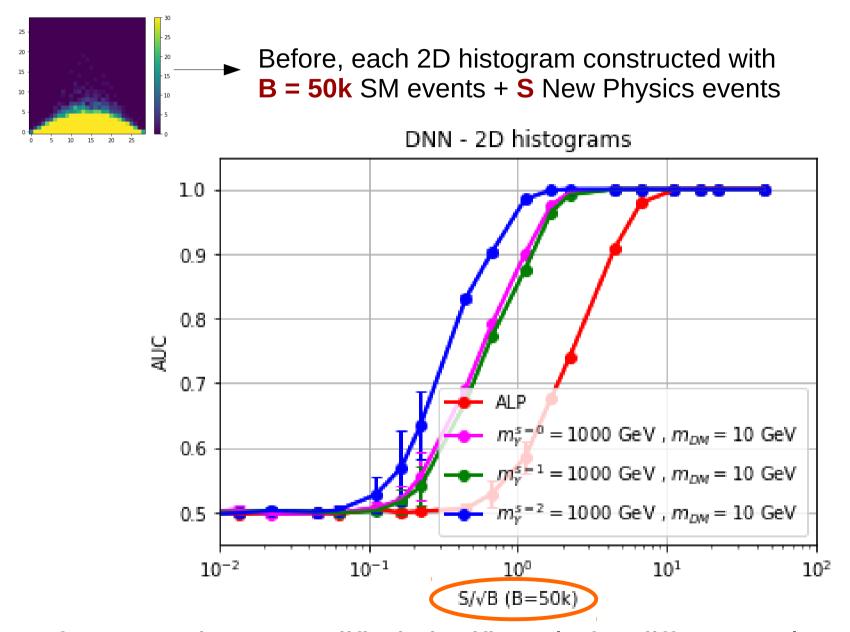


### **Great performance!**

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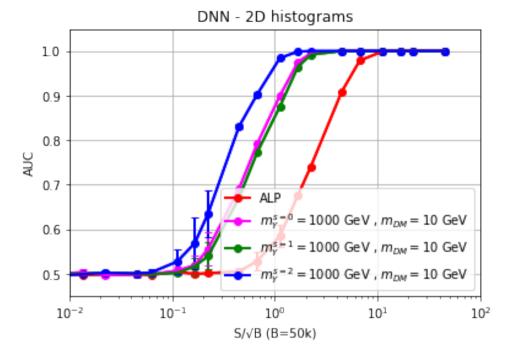
### Performance invariance with B



Performance is not modified significantly for different values of B, if the results are presented as a function of S/VB.

# Performance invariance with B

To know if a DNN with 2D histograms could distinguish a particular new physics model from the SM background, we only need to:



- Identify the curve of the corresponding benchmark model
- Calculate the model cross section for the chosen couplings
- Calculate the SM background cross section
- Calculate SI√B for any luminosity, and check the corresponding AUC

Also, we can have an idea of the luminosity needed to obtain a given efficiency. Change the last step for:

• Identify the SI√B value for the corresponding AUC you would like to get and calculate the luminosity needed

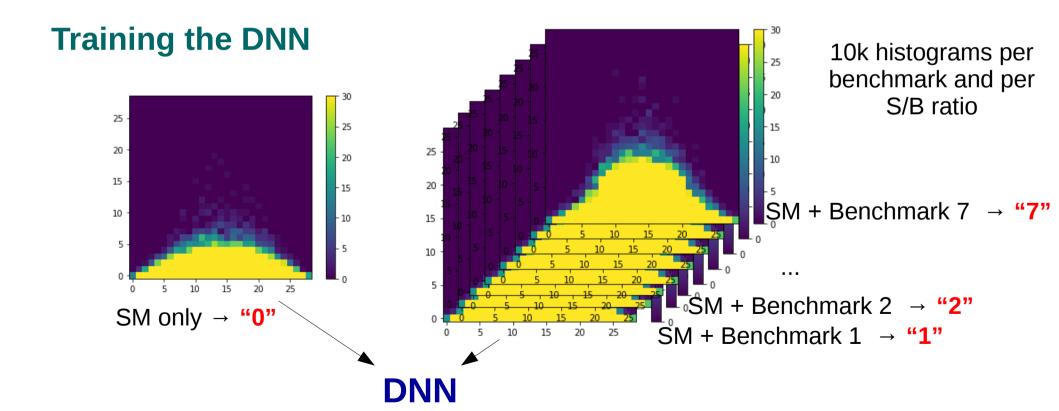
# events = cross section \* luminosity \* detector efficiency

# Multimodel classifiers

Multiclass classifier

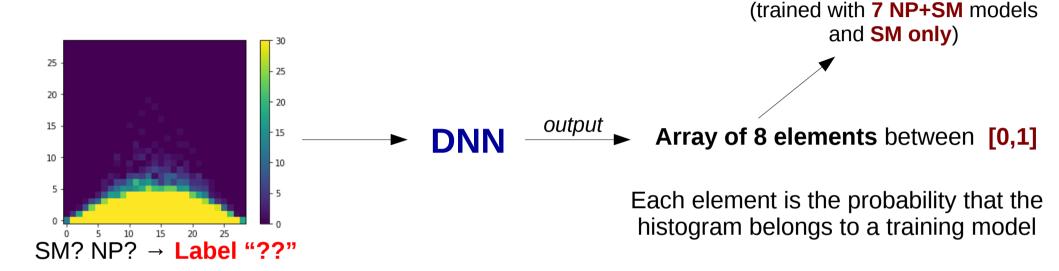
A single DNN trained with **several** new physics models:

SM only vs Benchmark 1 + SM vs ... vs Benchmark N + SM (labeled '0') (labeled '1') (labeled 'N')

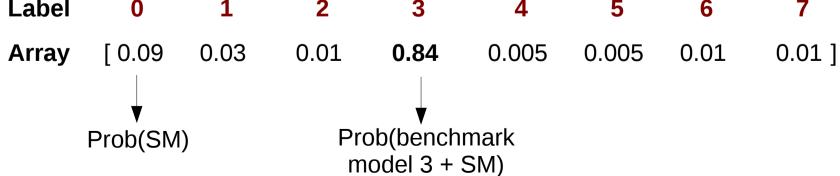


(In this work, 7 NP+SM models and SM only)

#### **Test the DNN**



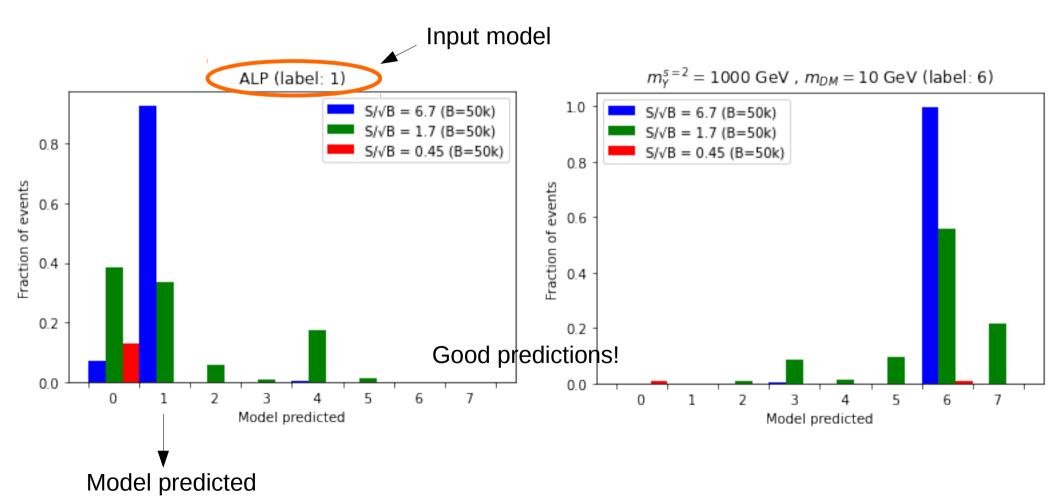




Histogram of the frequency of occurrence can be constructed

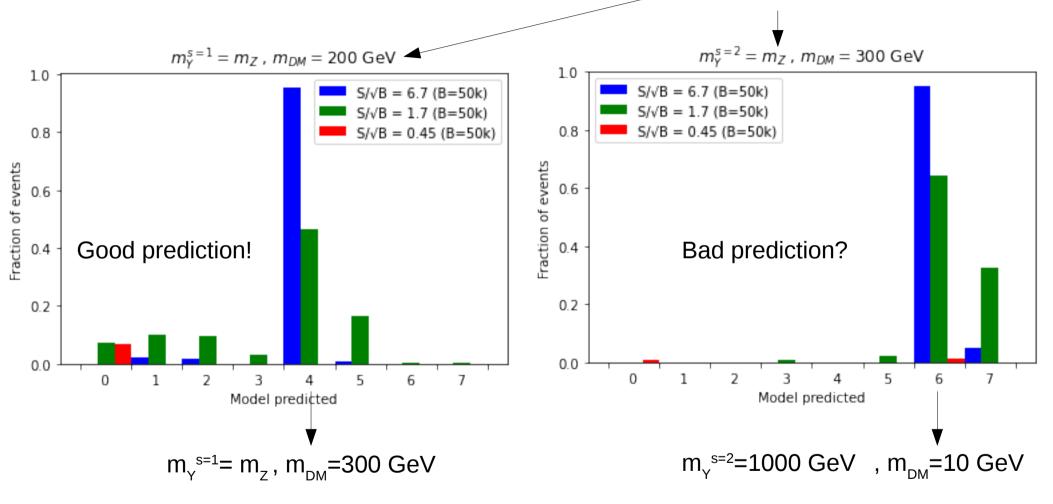
Which model is predicted by the DNN?

### **Testing with training models**



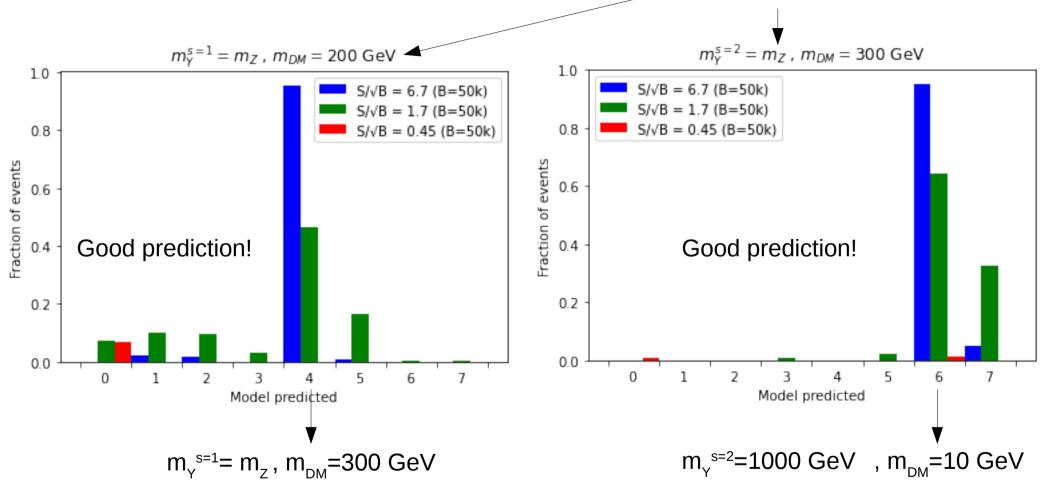
**Testing with non-training models** 

Input models completely new to the DNN



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The DNN classifies "kinematic distributions" not "models"

Predicts compatible kinetic distribution of the underlying model.

# Conclusions

### **Conclusions**

Search for dark matter signatures at the LHC using deep learning

- Monojet plus missing transverse energy channel of four simplified dark matter frameworks: ALP and spin-0, spin-1, and spin-2 mediator models
- One usual drawback of supervised techniques: the need of a specific data set per model → we describe a family of models with a single data set

### **Neural Networks (individual classifiers):**

- Discerning new physics signatures from SM background, two data representations:
  - → event-by-event data → poor performance
  - → 2D histograms
- → great performance
- DNN performance independent of the number of background event with  $S/\sqrt{B}$  as variable

**Easy to check** if a DNN could discriminate a particular model from the SM, for any luminosity. Or to estimate the luminosity needed to achieve a certain performance level.

#### **Multimodel classifiers:**

- Supervised algorithms trained with several benchmark models per DNN.
  - a more challenging task, but a good performance is achieved.
  - result points towards a compatible kinetic distribution, a key tool to guide further analysis

# Thank you!

