

# AutoML to tune VAEs

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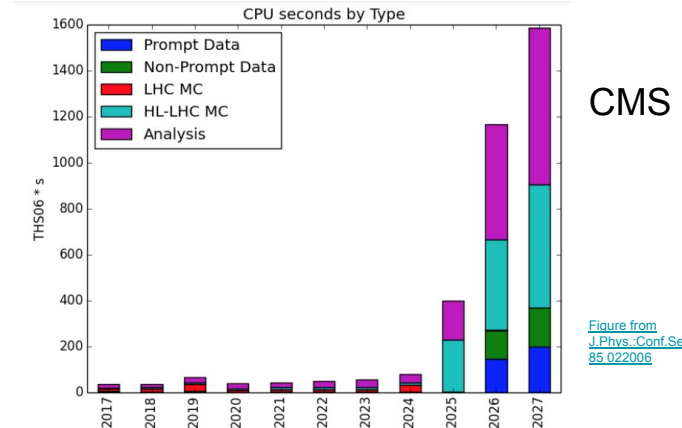
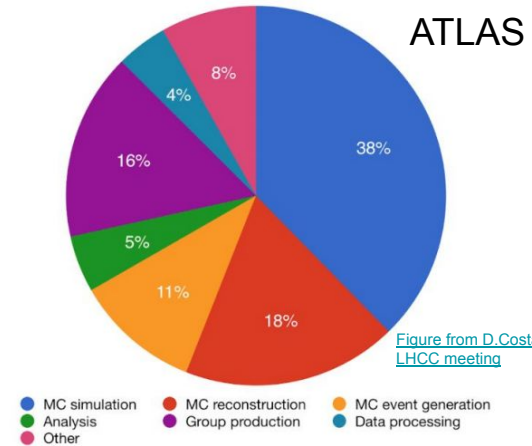


# Motivation

- Successful physics programs depend on the availability of Monte Carlo simulated events;
- Simulations, and shower simulation in the calorimeter in particular, are a large part of CPU consumption in the experiments;
- An alternative: fast simulation approach using Machine Learning;
- **Challenge:** How to optimize the hyperparameters of these models automatically.

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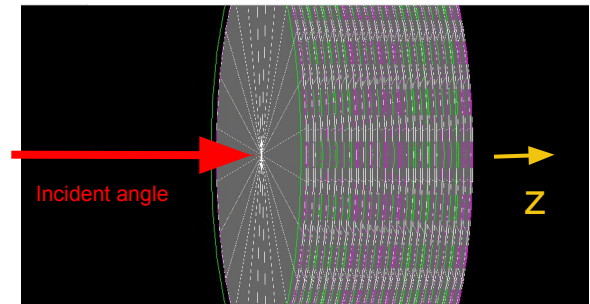
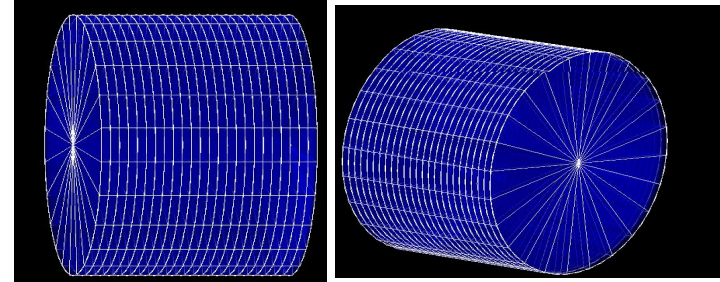
Wall clock consumption per workflow



# Context - Shower Simulations

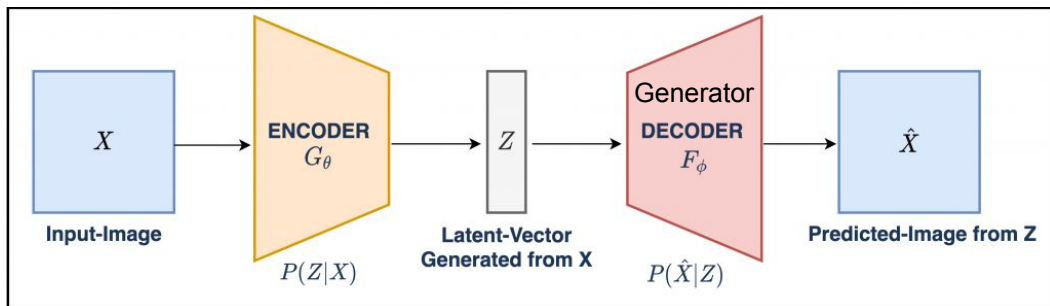
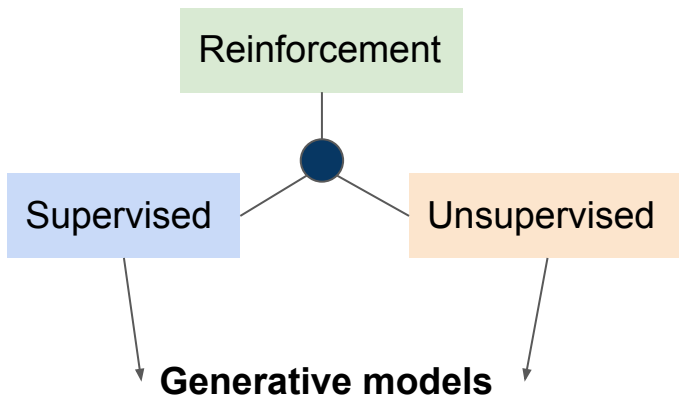
- The **calorimeter** is segmented into layers (z), and in radial (r) and azimuthal angle (phi);
- Incoming particle hits the calorimeter and generates **secondary particles**;
- Showering process: Cascade of **energy deposition** along the calorimeter layers;
- For the simulation, one shower in a layer can be seen as an **image**;
- Currently, the main method used is the Geant4 Monte Carlo simulation.

PBWO4 Geometry with 24x24x24 cell segmentation



# Context - Machine Learning Techniques

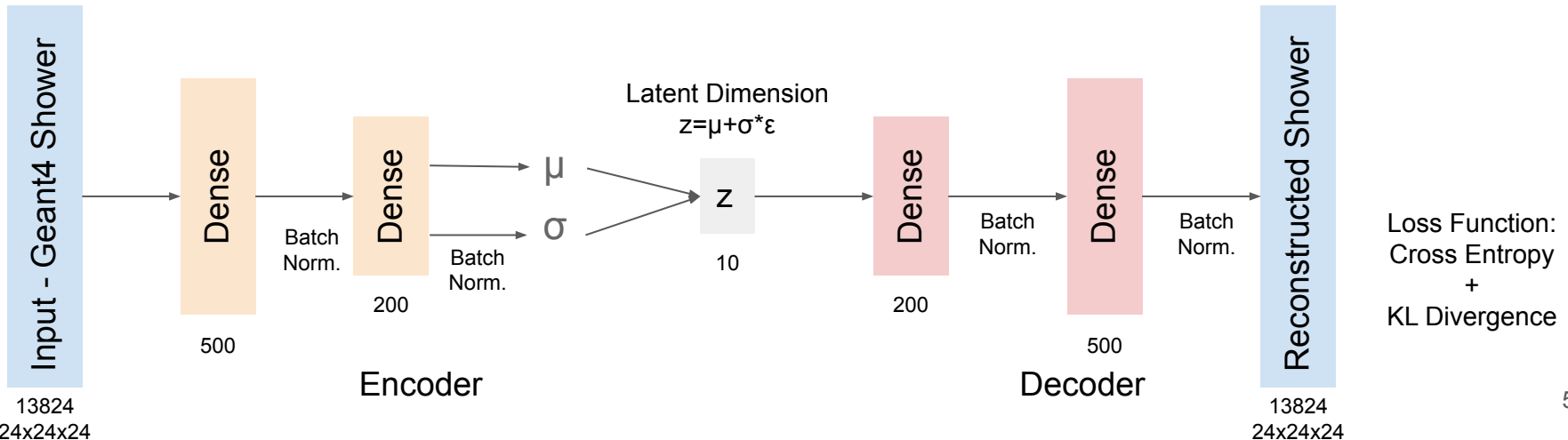
- Machine Learning: Learns to improve performance by experience;
- Generative Models
  - Learn the true data distribution of the training set to reproduce it;
  - From noise, generate new data;
- Variational Autoencoder (VAE)



[Reference](#)

# Implementing VAE for shower simulation

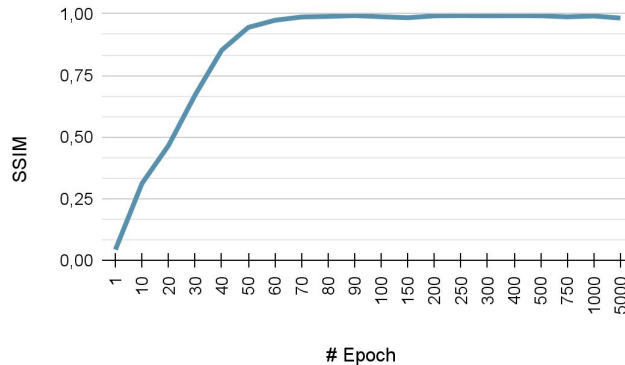
- Training data (Geant4):
  - 10k events;
  - Incident particles
    - Energy: 60 GeV
    - Direction: perpendicular to the surface of the calorimeter
- Model: learns to simulate the energy deposited in the (24, 24, 24) calorimeter.



# Tuning the hyperparameters

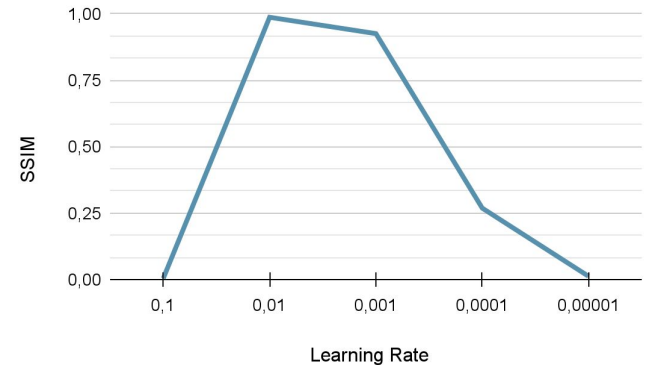
- Hyperparameters: parameters of the model that are used to control the learning process;
- We can try to tune it by changing one value at a time and seeing the impact in the model by hand;
- Metric: SSIM

**Epoch Change**



Fixed  
Hyperparameters:  
latent\_dim:10;  
ki:RandomNormal;  
bi:Zeros;  
batch\_size:100;  
dense\_layers:2;  
int\_dim1:500;  
int\_dim2:200;  
epochs:varies;  
activ:relu;  
outActiv:sigmoid;  
val\_split:0.1;  
wkl:0.5;  
opt:Adam;  
lr:0.001;

**Learning Rate Change**



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epochs:50;  
activ:relu;  
outActiv:sigmoid;  
val\_split:0.1;  
wkl:0.5;  
opt:Adam;  
lr:varies;

# AutoML

- Automatically search the best hyperparameters according to a certain metric;
- Has the advantage of changing more than one at the same time;
- Multiple ways of tuning: Random Search, Bayesian Optimization, Hyperband Algorithm;
- AutoKeras and Keras Tuner;



```
Trial 99 Complete [00h 02m 11s]
val_loss: 1631254.0
```

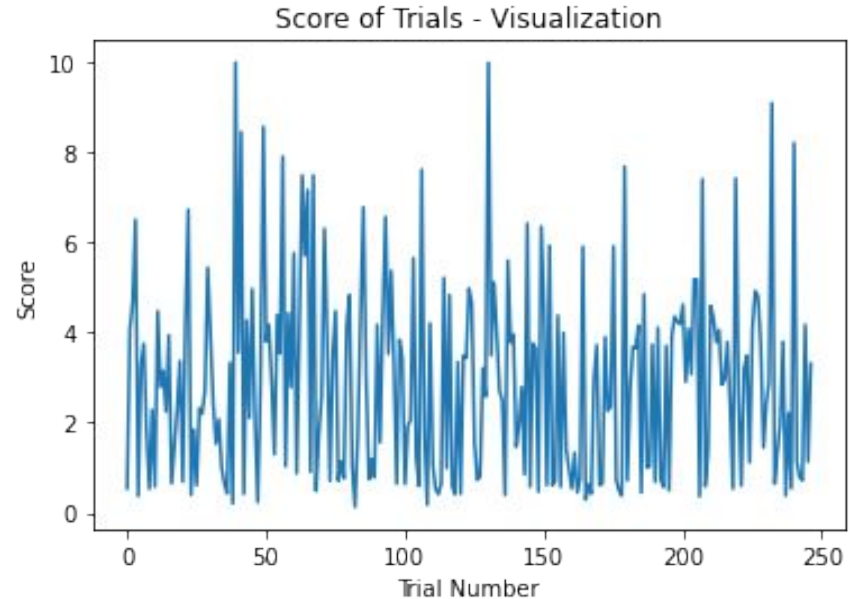
```
Best val_loss So Far: 14444.9970703125
Total elapsed time: 07h 45m 14s
```

```
Search: Running Trial #100
```

Hyperparameter	Value	Best Value So Far
latdim	150	30
lr	0.001	0.0001
activ	softsign	gelu
wkl	0.005	0.5
opt	2	3
ki	LecunNormal	LecunUniform
bi	Zeros	VarianceScaling
enc_layers	4	5
intdim_enc0	750	750
dec_layers	4	5
intdim_dec0	200	100
batch_size	200	50
epochs	90	50
intdim_enc1	250	750
intdim_enc2	50	1000
intdim_enc3	500	100
intdim_dec1	100	1000
intdim_dec2	350	500
intdim_enc4	50	1000
intdim_enc5	200	50
intdim_dec3	750	50
intdim_dec4	350	50
intdim_dec5	100	500

# AutoML - RandomSearch

- Input
  - Model;
  - Number of trials;
  - Range of each hyperparameter;
  - Metric (for scoring the trials);
- Randomly pick a new set of hyperparameters (hp) at each trial;
- Train the model using these hp;
- Calculate a score using the input metric;
- Compare the score to previous trials;

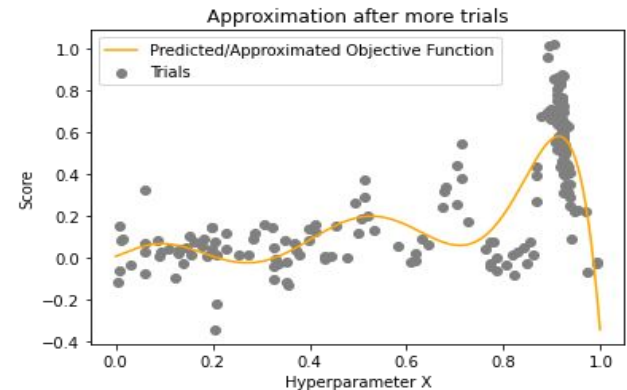
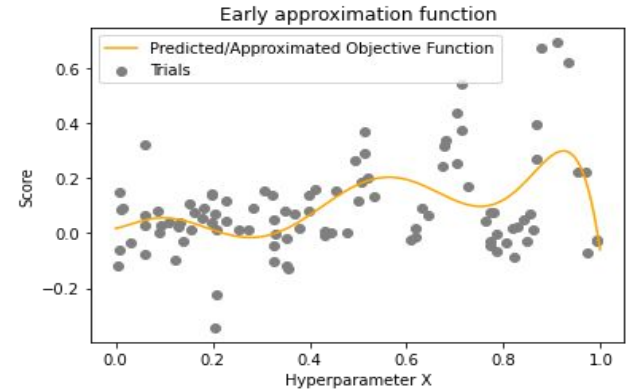




# AutoML - Bayesian Optimization

It optimizes the tuning process by trying to calculate an approximation of the objective function for the tuning (score as a function of the hyperparameters):

- Pick a random set of hp, calculate the score;
- Estimate the objective function with a Gaussian process from the values of previous trials;
- Predict the score of N random sets of hp with this approximated objective function;
- Get the best set and train the model with it;
- Use this trained trial to better estimate the objective function.

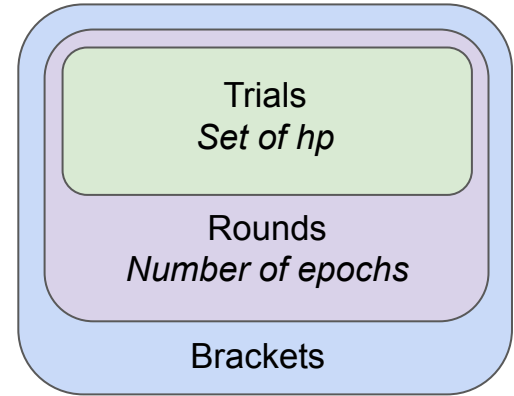


# AutoML - Hyperband

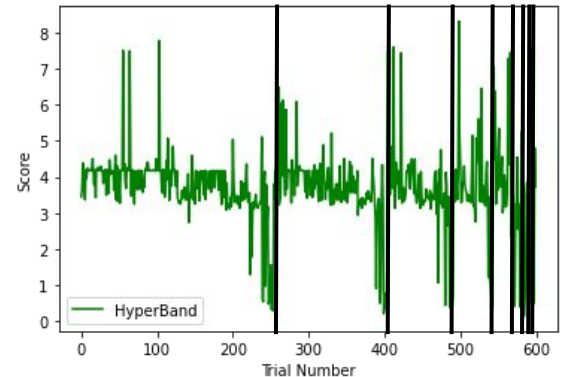
Improves the Random Search by exploring a bigger space in less time (running on fewer epochs) and **keeping the best trials to develop further**:

- Input
  - Maximum number of epochs to train ( $m$ )
  - Factor ( $n$ ) for which to increase the number of epochs;
- For each round  $i$ , train the  $m/n^i$  of sets on  $n^i$  epoch.
  - Choose the best trials to run for more epochs.
- To explore more of the space, we have brackets (black lines).

Hyperband Scheme



Score of Trials - Visualization

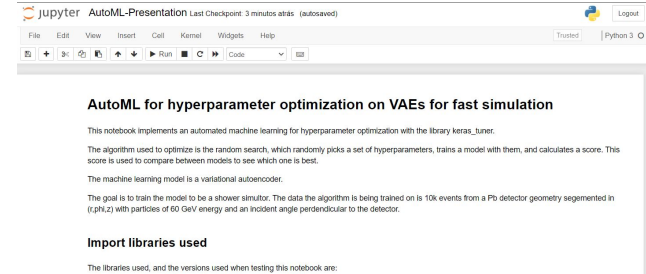


# AutoML - Code Details

- Implementation of the VAE for each method using Keras Tuner.
- Jupyter Notebook - [Link](#)

```
def build_model(hp):  
    vae = VAEBlock(hp)  
    vae.compile(optimizer=vae.optimizer, loss=[vae.my_loss()])  
    return vae
```

```
tuner_rs = MyTuner(  
    build_model,  
    objective= keras_tuner.Objective('val_all', direction='min'),  
    max_trials=250,  
    #overwrite=True,  
    directory='automl',  
    project_name='metrica_bonita')
```



The screenshot shows a Jupyter Notebook window titled "AutoML-Presentation" with a "Last checkpoint 3 minutes atrás (autosaved)" status. The notebook content includes the following text:

### AutoML for hyperparameter optimization on VAEs for fast simulation

This notebook implements an automated machine learning for hyperparameter optimization with the library `keras_tuner`.

The algorithm used to optimize is the random search, which randomly picks a set of hyperparameters, trains a model with them, and calculates a score. This score is used to compare between models to see which one is best.

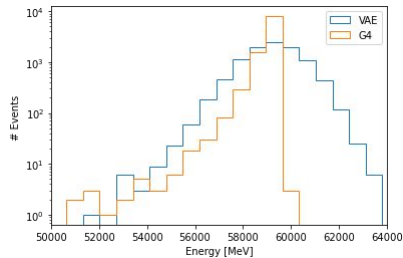
The machine learning model is a variational autoencoder.

The goal is to train the model to be a shower simulator. The data the algorithm is being trained on is 10k events from a Pb detector geometry segmented in  $(z, p_{T,2})$  with particles of 60 GeV energy and an incident angle perpendicular to the detector.

#### Import libraries used

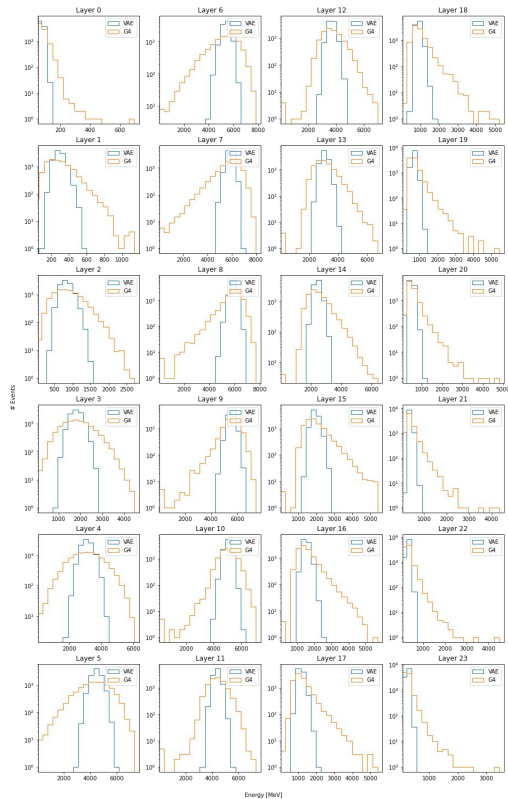
The libraries used, and the versions used when testing this notebook are:

# AutoML - What we want the model to be good at

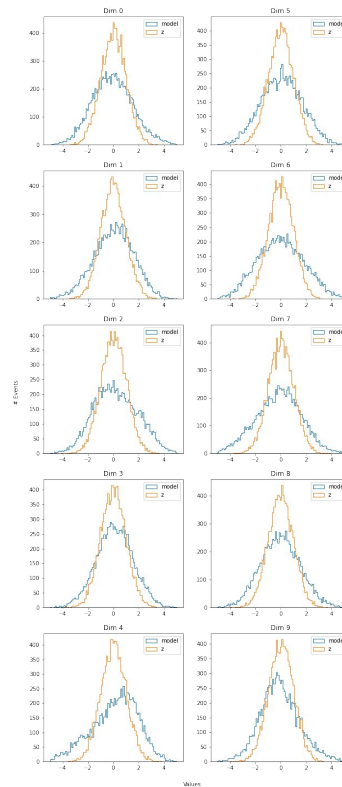


Total Energy

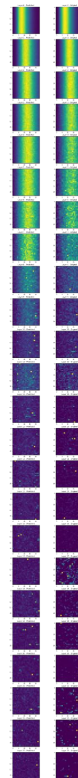
Energy per layer



Representation



How gaussian the latent representation is



# AutoML - Metrics to choose the best model

- Loss?
  - Problem - different weights for the reconstruction part and the gaussianity of the latent space;
- Loss, but with same weight and order of magnitude for both parts?
  - Problem - the value for the cross entropy wasn't a good measure to look at similarities capturing the high and low energetic parts in the reconstruction;
- SSIM for the reconstruction?
  - Problem - Didn't take into account the gaussianity of the latent space;
- MSE as a metric to compute the distance between the gaussian distribution and the learned latent space distribution?
  - Problem - Didn't take into account the reconstruction part;
- Combine MSE and SSIM?
  - Worked well for the results on the evaluations!!
  - **But....**

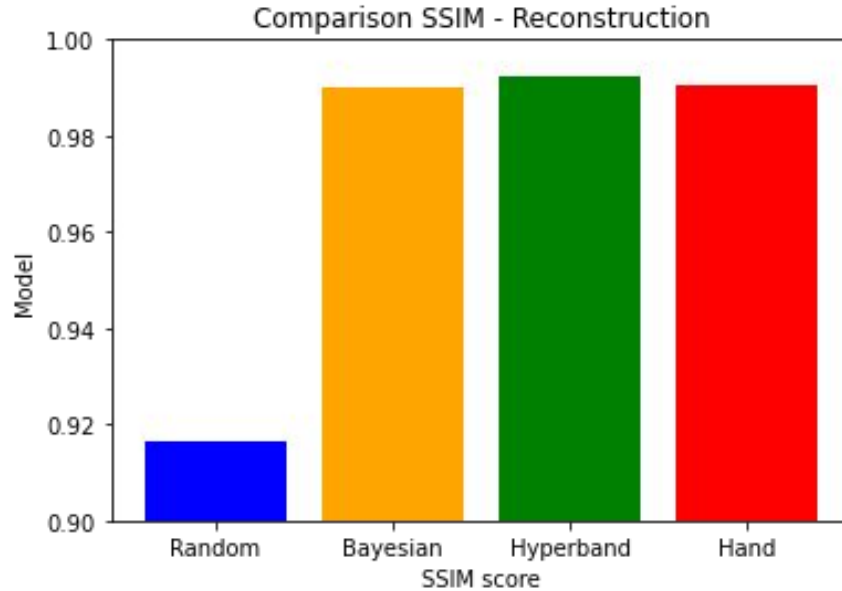
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- What about the generation, that takes into account the physics properties of the simulation?
  - Problem: The best models scored from those metrics didn't do well with the generation
- Solution: Combined metric - the Machine Learning part and the Physics part.
  - The SSIM for the reconstruction;
  - MSE as a metric to compute the distance between:
    - gaussian distribution and the learned latent space distribution
    - total energy deposited in the calorimeter, comparing the Geant4 and the generation with VAE from random values;
  - Mean of the MSE of the energy deposited in each layer, comparing the Geant4 and the generation with VAE;

# AutoML - Comparison

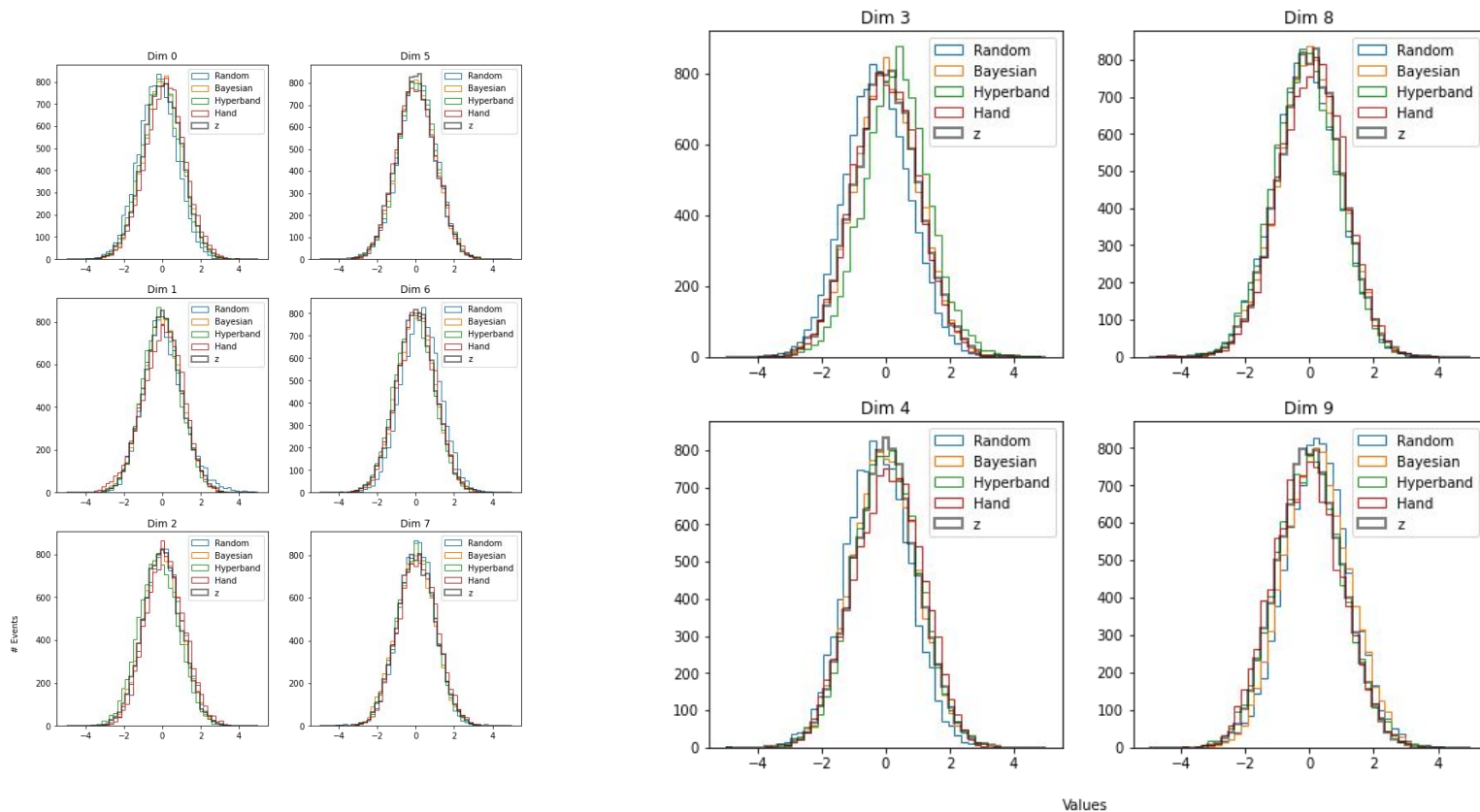
- **Random** - Best model using the Random Search.
  - 250 trials - 10h50min
  - The best model took 13 minutes to train (150 epochs);
- **Bayesian** - Best model using the Bayesian Optimization.
  - 250 trials - 13h14min
  - The best model took 9 minutes to train (90 epochs);
- **Hyperband** - Best model using the Hyperband.
  - 610 trials - 7h34min
  - The best model took 6 minutes to train (64 epochs);
- **Hand** - Best model considering the 4 metrics when using the hand tuning.
  - The whole hand tuning process took 3-4 days - 130 models evaluated;
  - The best model took 34 minutes to train (1000 epochs);

# AutoML - Results - Reconstruction SSIM

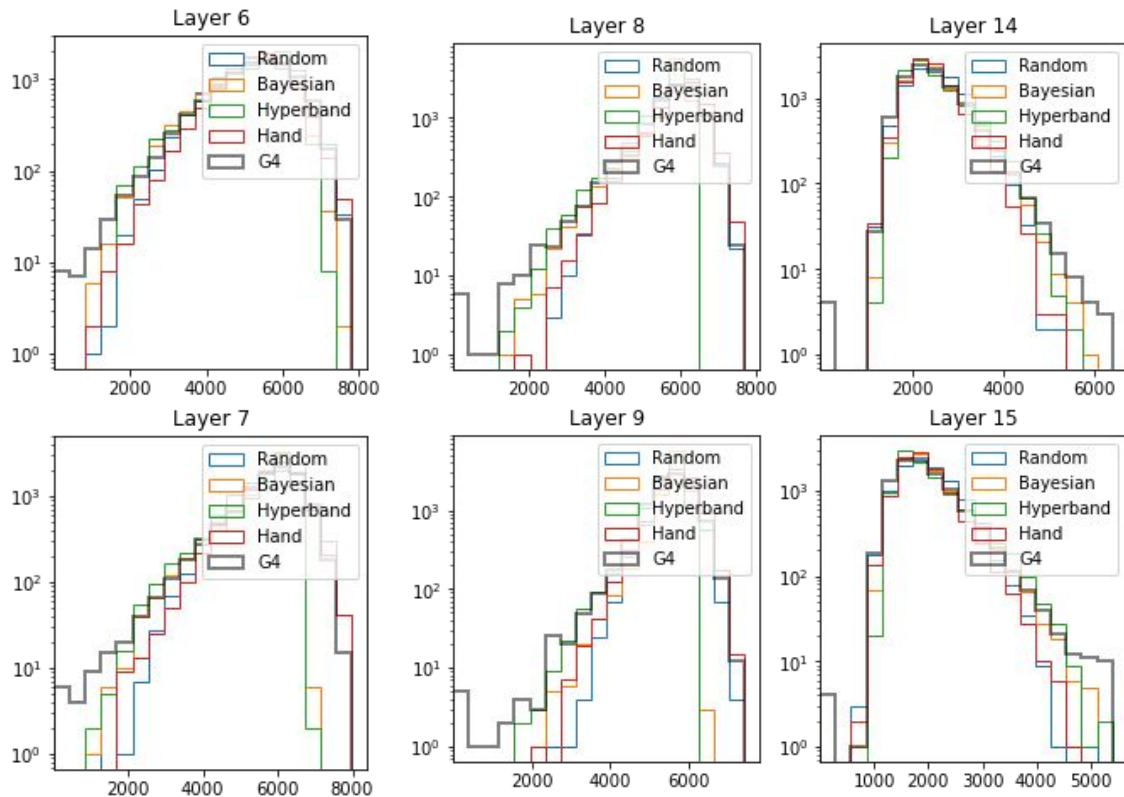




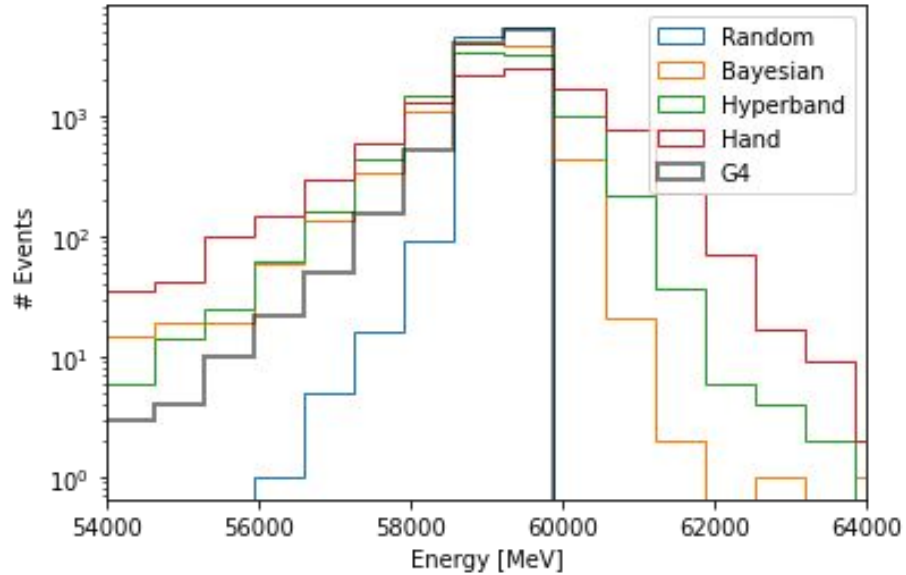
# AutoML - Results - Gaussianity of the Latent Space



# AutoML - Results - Energy per Layer



# AutoML - Results - Total Energy



# AutoML - Comparison

	Random Search	Bayesian Optimization	Hyperband
+	Simple	Tracking of the tuning process Approximate objective function for fast scoring	Fast Explore larger space Tracking of the tuning process
-	No control of the tuning process	Too long to approximate a good enough function	Discard some trials too fast

# Summary and Conclusion

- Monte Carlo simulated events are a large part of **CPU consumption**;
- An alternative is to use **fast simulation** with Machine Learning;
- To improve the model, we have to **hand tune the hyperparameters**;
- **AutoML** can help to optimize those parameters automatically.
- To select the best model with the AutoML, it is important to have the right metric;
  - **Combined metric** (ML and physics) allow the tuner to choose the best considering all aspects of the problem

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## *Future*

- Possibility to expand this algorithm to more complex problems!
- Never tried before in shower simulation context, and can help in different areas, besides using VAEs.