## Machine-Learning quantum entanglement with top quark pair production at the LHC

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### Why top quark pair production?

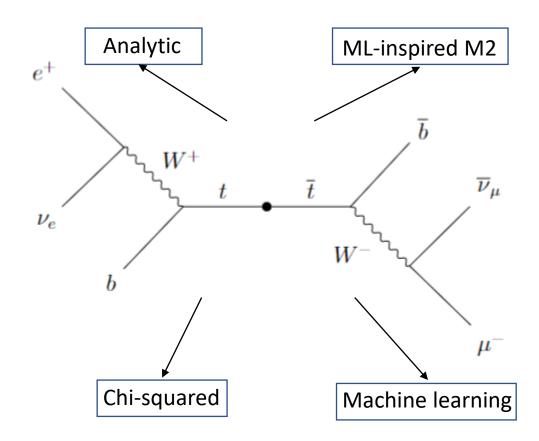
- Growing interest in observing entanglement and violation of Bell's inequality at the LHC. 2106.01377 Barr 2102.11883 Fabbrichesi, Floreanini, Panizzo 2110.10112 Severi, Boschi, Maltoni, Sioli
- Top quark pair productions are good candidate because they decay before decorrelation and that the lepton from two-step decay is highly correlated with Top spin.

$$\frac{1}{\Gamma} \frac{\mathrm{d}\Gamma}{\mathrm{d}\cos\chi} = \frac{1+\alpha\cos\chi}{2} = \begin{cases} +1.0 & l^+ \text{ or } \overline{d} \\ -0.31 & \nu \text{ or } u \\ -0.41 & b & 1001.3422 \text{ Mahlon, Parke} \end{cases}$$

- χ is the angle between the decay product and top quark spin axis in the top quark rest frame.
- To obtain optimal basis for spin-correlation study, we need to reconstruct top quarks in dileptonic ttbar events.

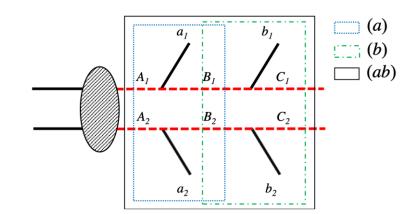
### Top quark reconstruction

- To maximally exclude backgrounds, we study events with different flavored lepton final states.
- We need to find the neutrino momentum and the correct b quark and lepton pairing given all the visible momentum.
- We compared the performance of different reconstruction methods cross different statistics and chose one to do analysis.
- Event generation using MG5 for event generation. PYTHIA8 for partonshower and hadronization. Delphes for detector effect



### ML-inspired M2 reconstruction

- Generalization of MT2, which allows additional mass constraints.
- Obtain neutrino momentum from minimization.
- Reconstructed mass distribution of the non-constrained mass is not optimal.
- Accuracy of combinatorial assignment is better when using neural network, we used it to resolve combinatorics instead of M2.



$$\begin{split} M_{2CW}^{(b\ell)} &\equiv \min_{\vec{q}_1, \vec{q}_2} \left\{ \max\left[ M_{P_1}(\vec{q}_1, \tilde{m}), \ M_{P_2}(\vec{q}_2, \tilde{m}) \right] \right\} \\ \vec{q}_{1T} + \vec{q}_{2T} &= \vec{P}_T \\ M_{P_1} &= M_{P_2} \\ M_{R_1}^2 &= M_{R_2}^2 = m_W^2 \\ M_{2Ct}^{(\ell)} &\equiv \min_{\vec{q}_1, \vec{q}_2} \left\{ \max\left[ M_{P_1}(\vec{q}_1, \tilde{m}), \ M_{P_2}(\vec{q}_2, \tilde{m}) \right] \right\} \\ \vec{q}_{1T} + \vec{q}_{2T} &= \vec{P}_T \\ M_{P_1} &= M_{P_2} \\ M_{R_1}^2 &= M_{R_2}^2 = m_t^2 \\ 1703.06887. \text{ Kim. Matchev. Moortant. Pape} \end{split}$$

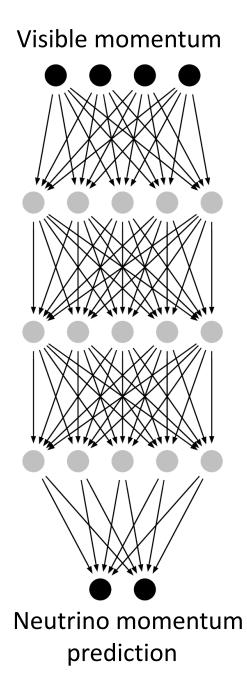
### Machine learning reconstruction

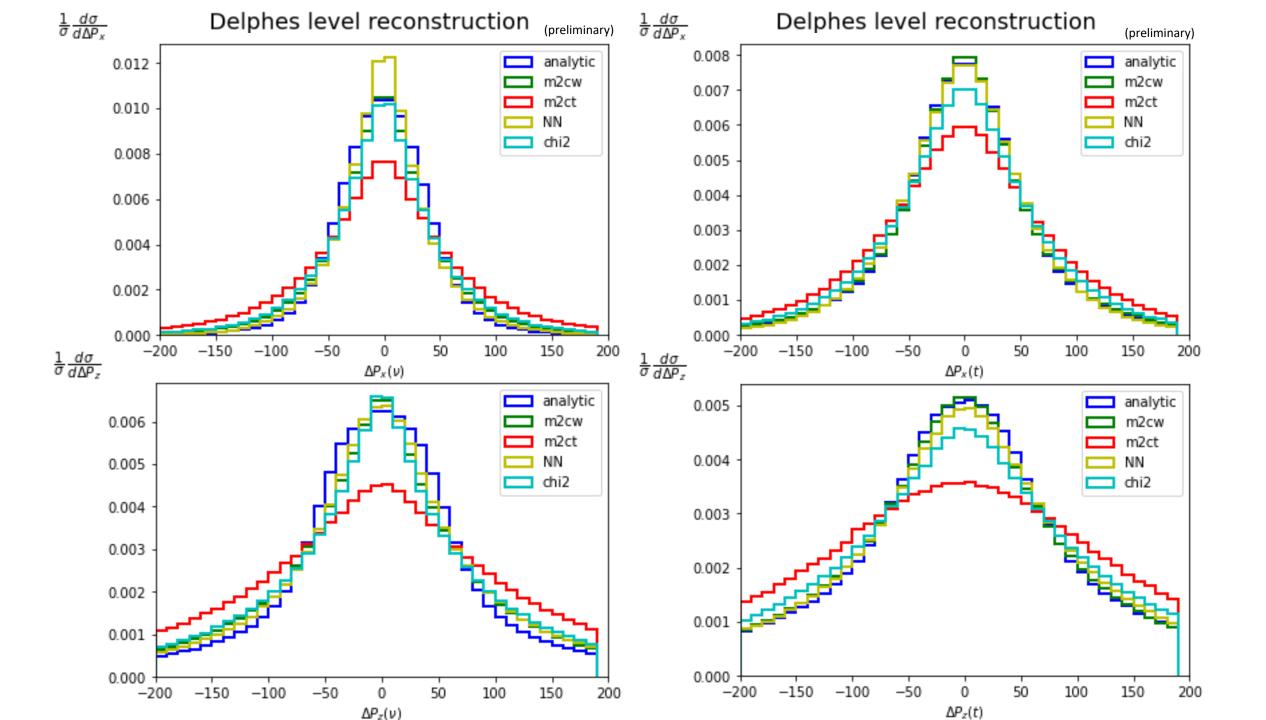
- Fully connected DNN trained on parton level data.
- Uses mean squared loss of neutrino momentum.
- Adds additional mean squared loss of Top and W masses, as inspired from the chi-squared method.

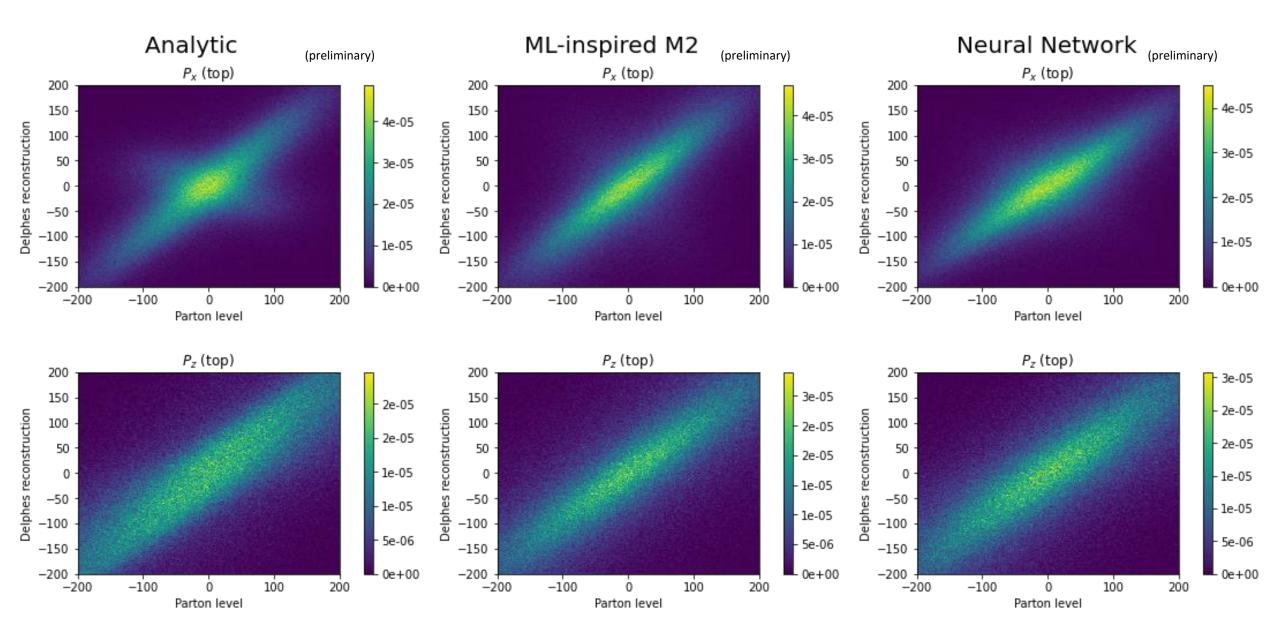
$$L = \sum_{i=1}^{6} (\hat{p}_{i} - p_{i})^{2} + \lambda_{1} \left[ (\hat{m}_{t} - m_{t})^{2} + (\hat{m}_{\bar{t}} - m_{t})^{2} \right] + \lambda_{2} \left[ (\hat{m}_{W^{+}} - m_{W})^{2} + (\hat{m}_{W^{-}} - m_{W})^{2} \right]$$

• A separate network resolves combinatorial assignment of b quark and leptons.

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#### Top quark production as a two-qubit system

For a system of two spin-1/2 particles, the density matrix can be written as  $I_4 + B_i^+ \sigma^i \otimes I_2 + B_i^- I_2 \otimes \sigma^i + C_{ii} \sigma^i \otimes \sigma^j$ 

$$\rho = \frac{I_4 + B_i^{\top} \sigma^i \otimes I_2 + B_i^{\top} I_2 \otimes \sigma^i + C_{ij} \sigma^i \otimes \sigma^j}{4}$$

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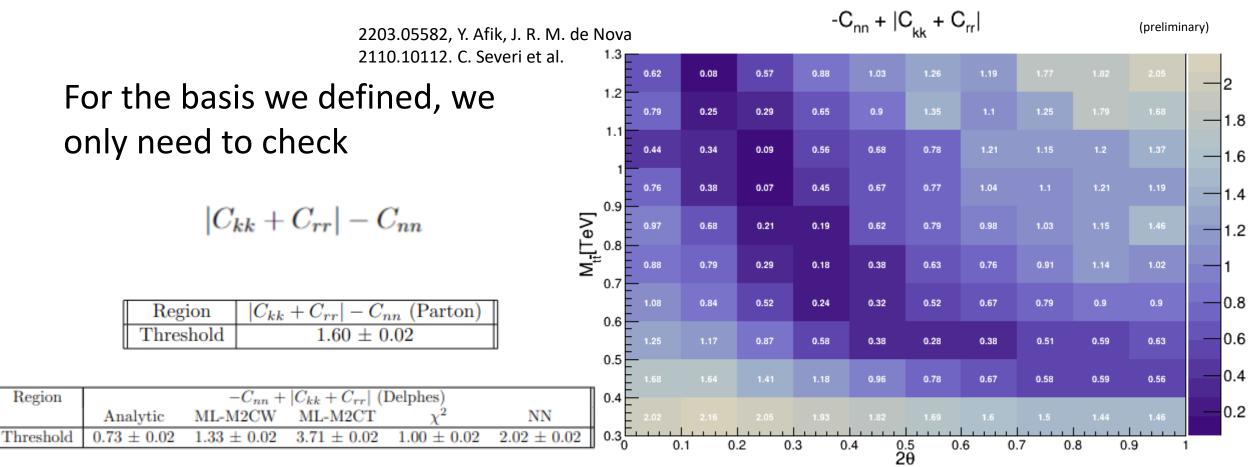
 $C_{ij} = \langle \sigma^i \otimes \sigma^j \rangle$  Represents the spin correlation between the two particles.

We can compute the  $C_{ij}$  by computing angles between  $l^+(l^-)$  and the axis in  $t(\bar{t})$  rest frames respectively.

$$\hat{k} = \text{top direction}, \qquad \hat{r} = \frac{\hat{p} - \hat{k}\cos\theta}{\sin\theta}, \qquad \hat{n} = \hat{k} \times \hat{r}, \qquad \hat{p} = (0, 0, 1)$$

### Entanglement

# For a system of two spin-1/2 particles, the criterion for entanglement is $|C_{11} + C_{22}| - C_{33} > 1$ , equivalent under permutation.

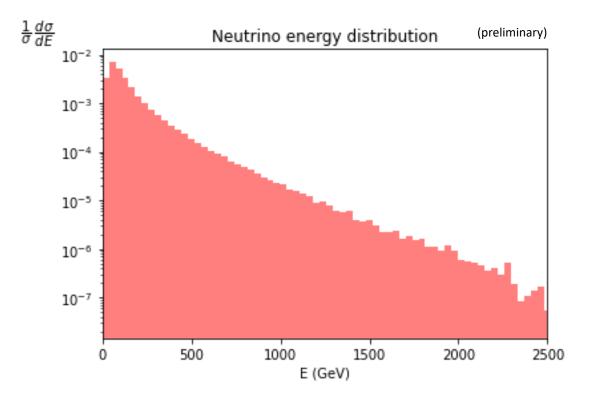


#### Summary

- Top quark pair-production at the LHC provides a window to study the foundations of QM in the high-energy regime.
- The dilepton final state is useful as the top (anti-top) and lepton spins are fully correlated.
- We should choose the reconstruction method that best fits our purpose.
- The ML-M2CW method performs better than others in the reconstruction of the entanglement signature.
- We should continue to explore semi-leptonic channel.

#### Analytic reconstruction

- Based on the four on-shell conditions.
- Involves solving quartic polynomial with potential multiple real solutions.
- We compute weighted solution based on neutrino energy distribution.
- Does not consider widths of Top and W masses. Reconstructed mass distribution is not optimal.



#### **Entanglement Calculation**

• We can either calculate the spin correlation matrix by estimating the differential cross-section or using anti-symmetry.

$$\frac{1}{4}\alpha_a\alpha_b = \frac{N(\cos\theta_a^i\cos\theta_b^i > 0) - N(\cos\theta_a^i\cos\theta_b^i < 0)}{N(\cos\theta_a^i\cos\theta_b^i > 0) + N(\cos\theta_a^i\cos\theta_b^i < 0)}$$

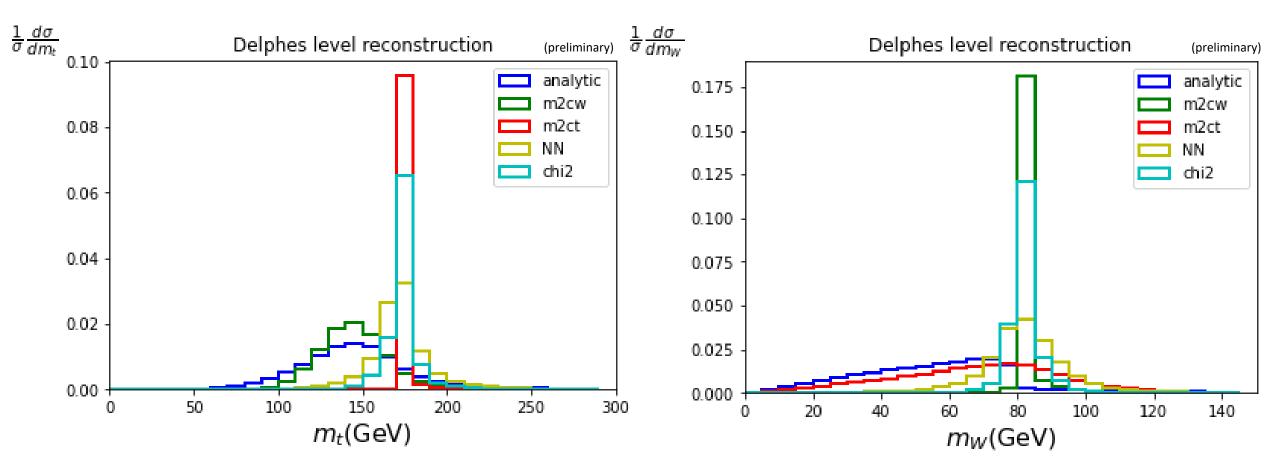
#### Chi-squared reconstruction

- Minimized over chi-squared statistic.
- Uses explicit mass information

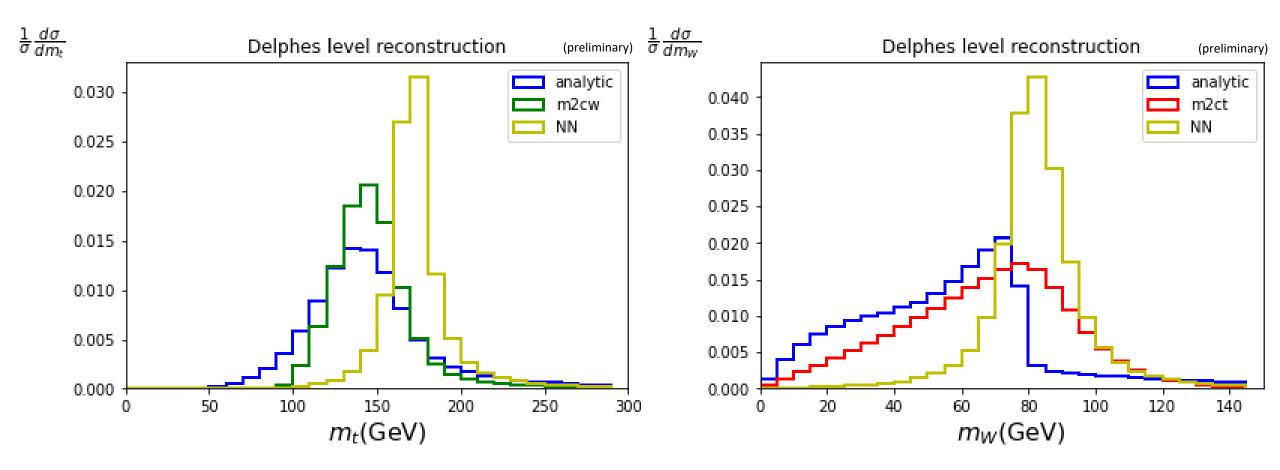
$$\begin{split} \chi^2 &\equiv \min_{\begin{subarray}{c} p_T = p_{\nu T} + p_{\bar{\nu} T}} \left[ \frac{\left( m_{bl+\nu} - m_t \right)^2}{\sigma_t^2} + \frac{\left( m_{l+\nu} - m_W \right)^2}{\sigma_W^2} \\ &+ \frac{\left( m_{\bar{b}l-\bar{\nu}} - m_t \right)^2}{\sigma_t^2} + \frac{\left( m_{l-\bar{\nu}} - m_W \right)^2}{\sigma_W^2} + \frac{\left( |pT_t| - |pT_{\bar{t}}| \right)^2}{\sigma_{pT}^2} \right] \end{split}$$

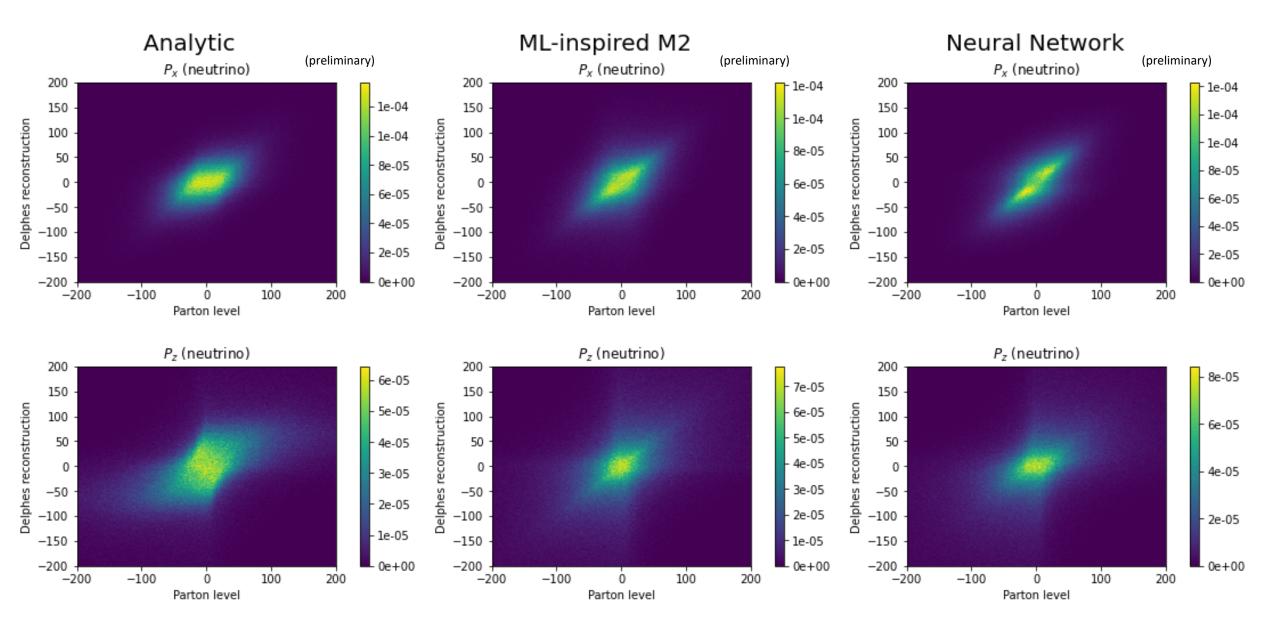
- Resolves combinatorics by choosing the combination with a smaller chisquared value.
- More hyperparameters are used compared to other methods.
- Cannot generalize to other mass configurations.

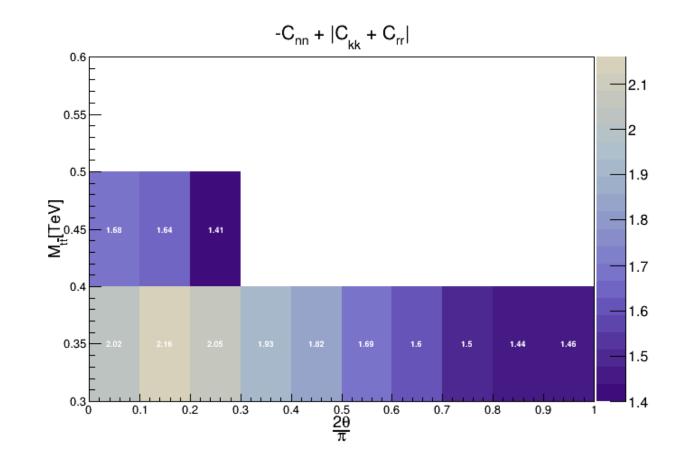
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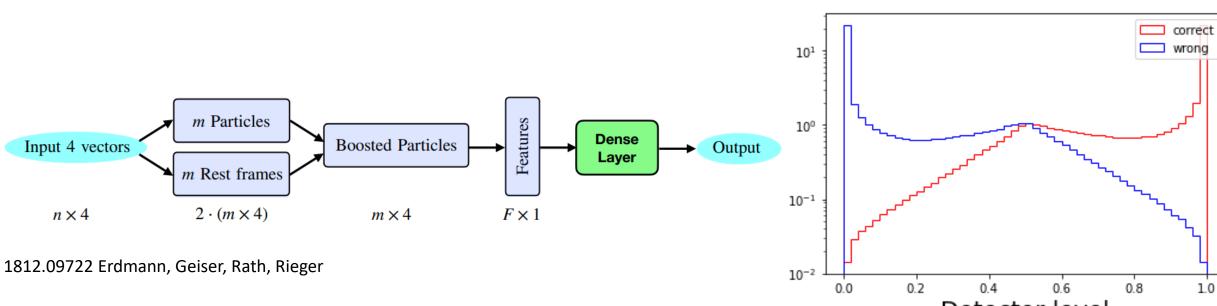




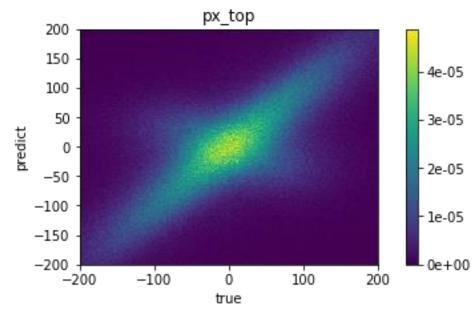


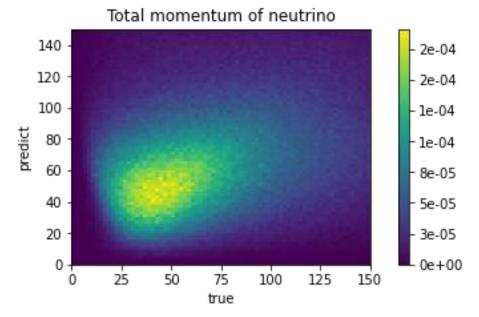
#### Combinatorial Classification: Lorentz Boosted Network

- Motivated by particle kinematics in the rest frames of various particle combinations.
- Form linear combinations of input momentums and boosts into rest frames.
- Output features of the boosted particles.
- We used the network structure studied in our previous work. 2202.05849 Alhazmi, Dong, Huang, Kim, Kong, Shih



#### Analytic





3e-05

- 2e-05

- 2e-05

- 1e-05

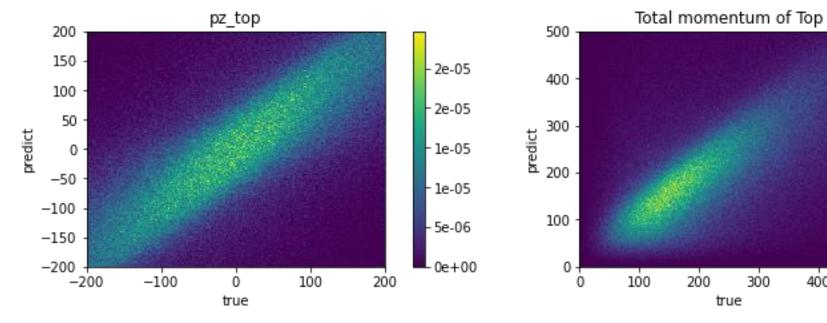
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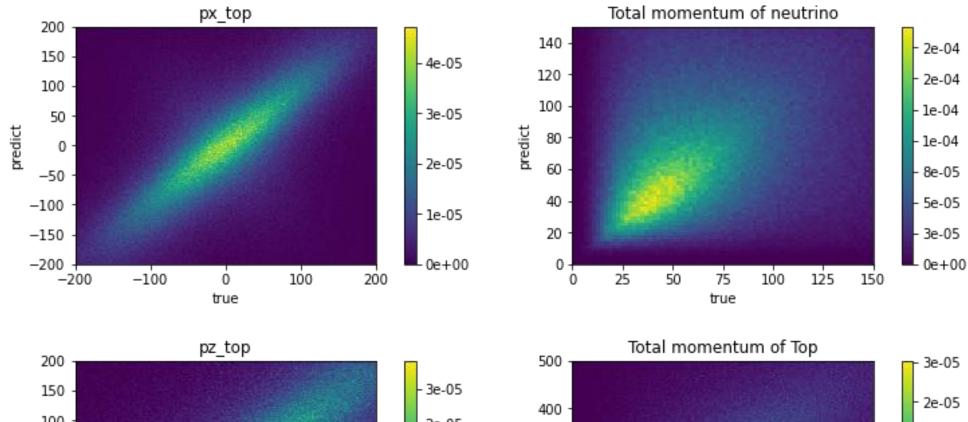
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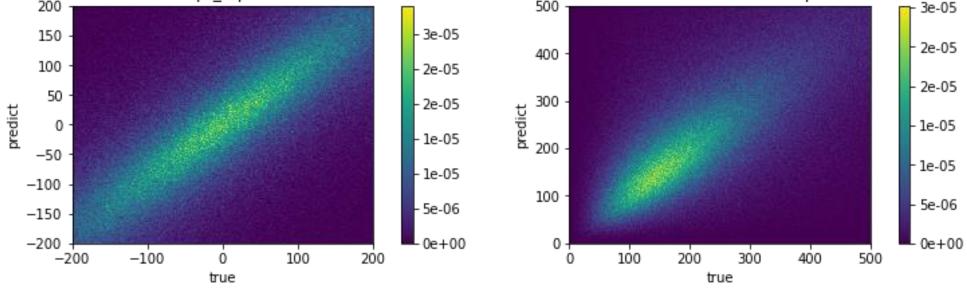
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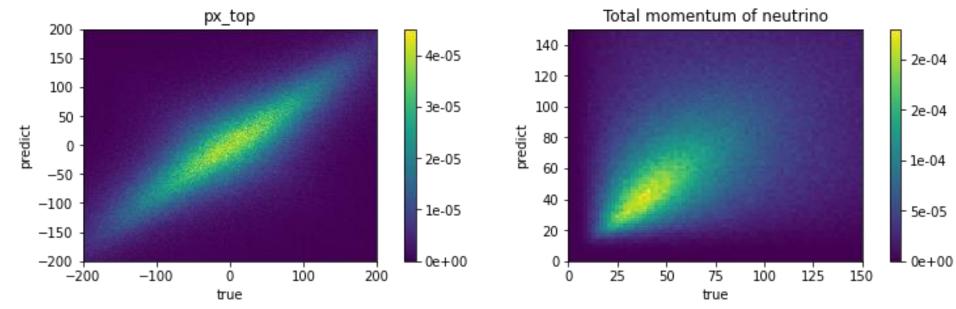


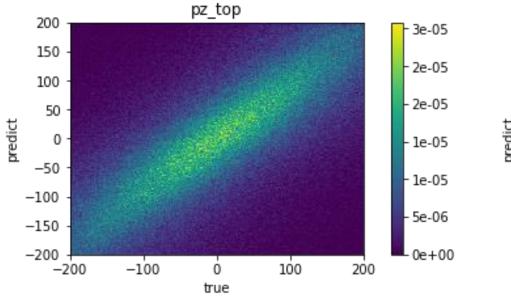
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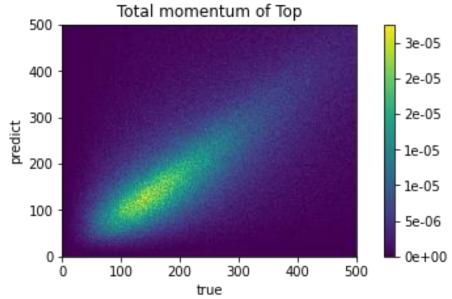




#### Neural Network







#### Chi squared

2e-04

2e-04

- 1e-04

- 1e-04

- 8e-05

- 5e-05

3e-05

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