

# Using Machine Learning to Improve our Understanding of the Jet Background in A+A Collisions

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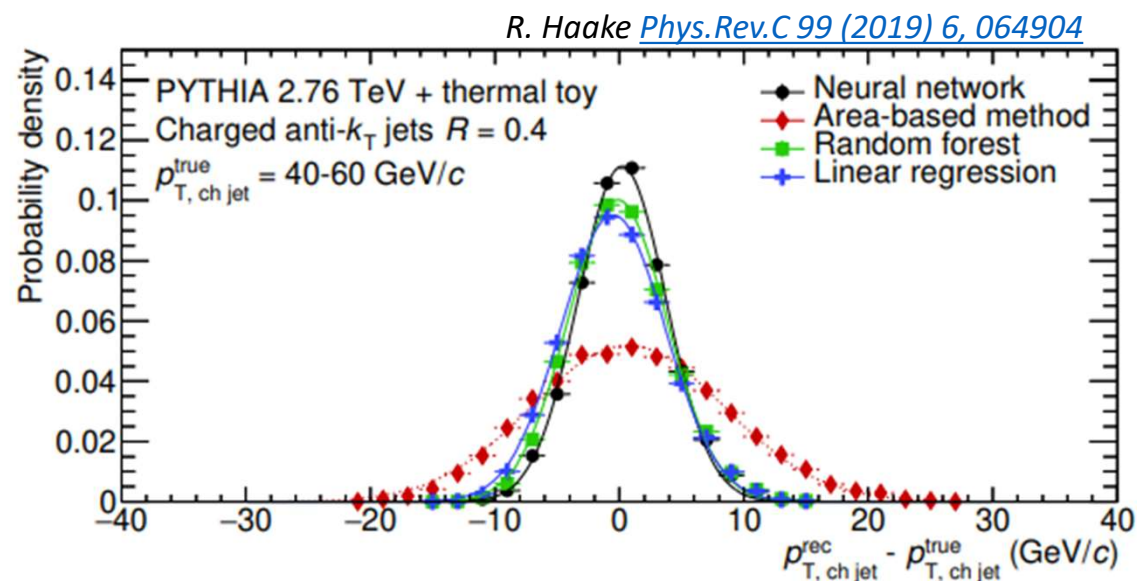
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# Motivations

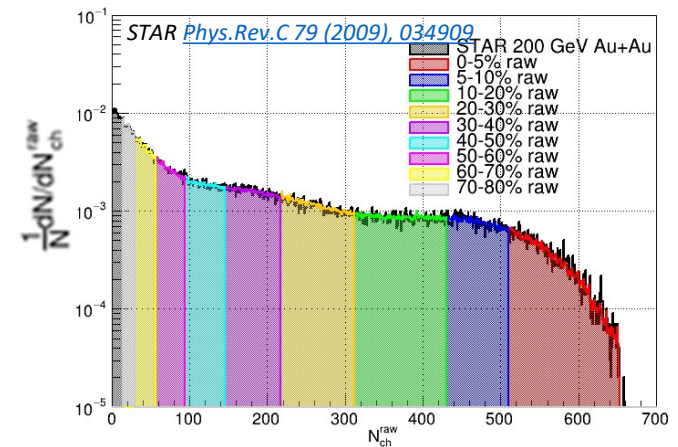
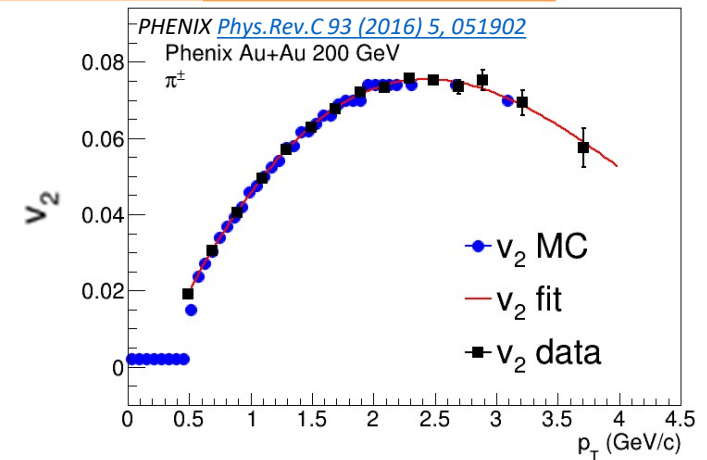
- Using a deep neural network for jet background subtraction increases momentum resolution for LHC energies

- *Develop similar method for RHIC energies!*
- *What is the 'Special Sauce' of the DNN?*



# Event Simulation

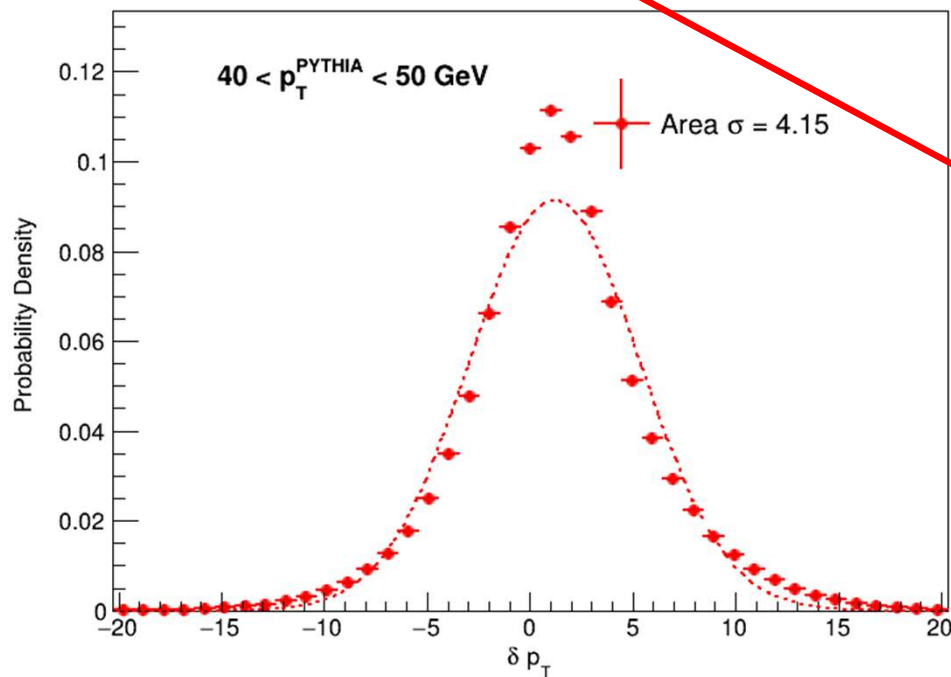
- **PYTHIA8** (Signal):
  - 25 Million (1 million per  $p_T$  hard bin) p+p events at 200 GeV, Tune 14
- **TennGen** (Background): *C. Hughes et al Phys. Rev. C 106 (2022), 044915*
  - **Multiplicity**: Sampled from corrected  $N_{ch}$  distribution *STAR Phys.Rev.C 79 (2009), 034909*
  - $p_T$ : Identified particle  $p_T$  spectrum fit with Boltzmann-Gibbs Blast wave *PHENIX Phys.Rev.C 88 (2013) 2, 024906*
  - $\phi$ : Identified particle flow harmonics ( $v_2, v_3, v_4$ ) *PHENIX Phys.Rev.C 93 (2016) 5, 051902*
  - $\eta$ : Uniform distribution  $|\eta| < 1.1$
- Merge PYTHIA8 charged particles with TennGen Au+Au 200 GeV background
- Find anti- $k_T$  jets
  - Only save jets with  $p_T^{PYTHIA} > 5.0$  GeV
  - ~30 Million jets per dataset
- Take  $p_T^{PYTHIA}$  to be truth value
  - Train-Test split: 20/80%



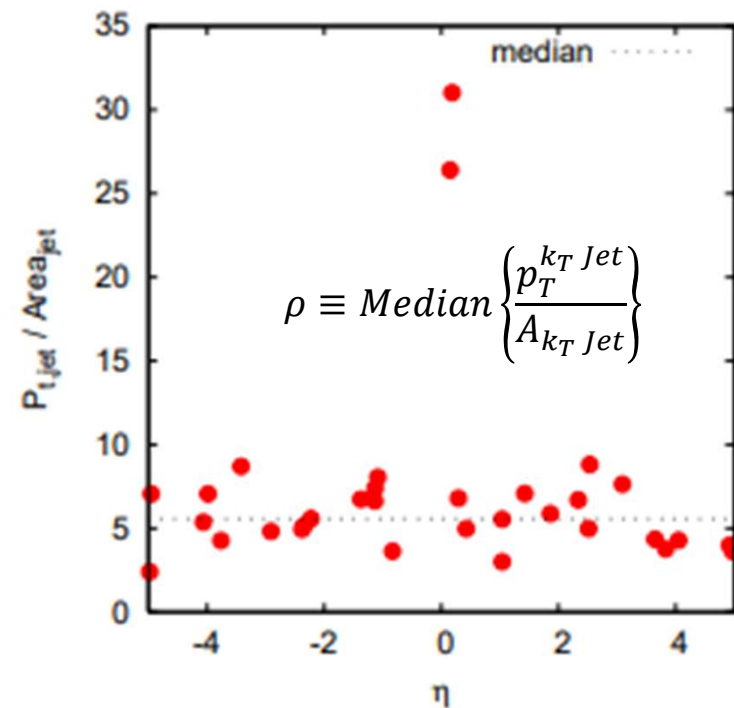
# Jet Background Subtraction

- Area Based Background Subtraction:

- $p_T^{Corr.} = p_T^{Uncorr.} - \rho A_{jet}$



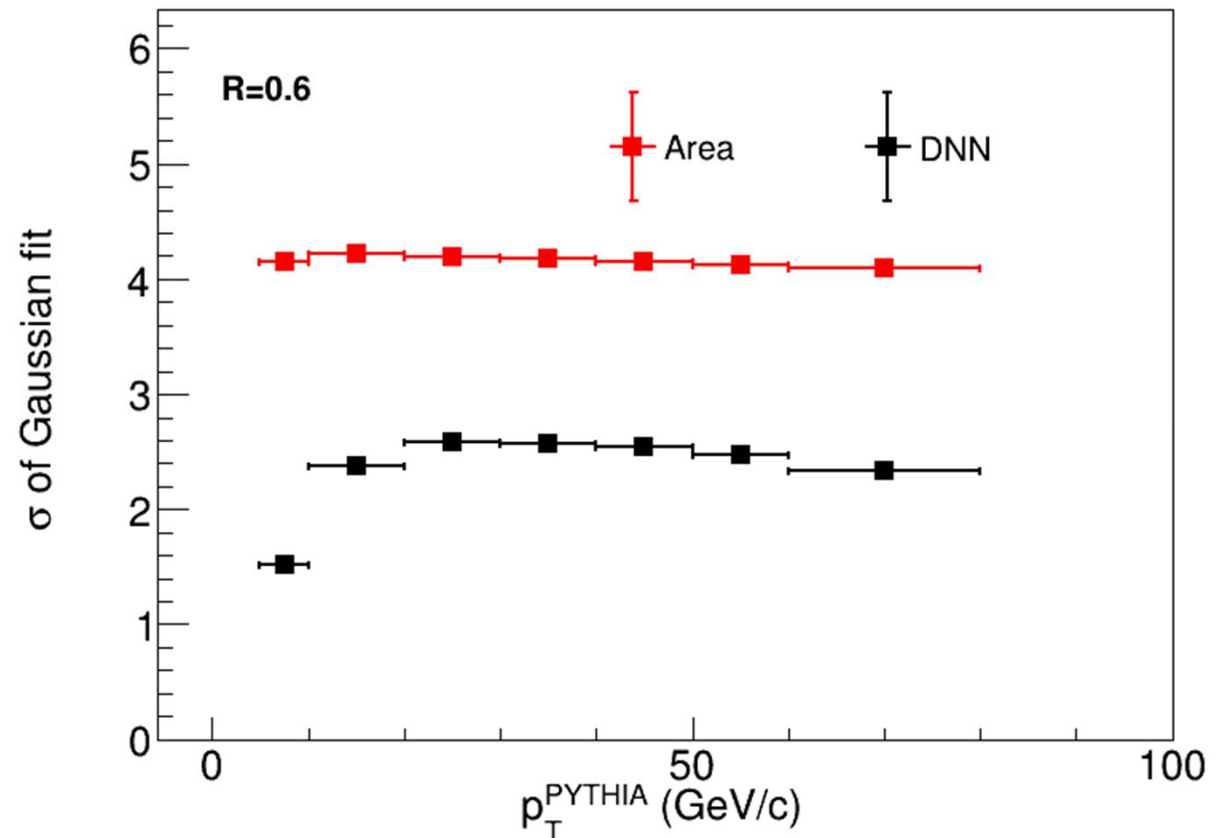
G. Soyez <https://arxiv.org/pdf/0905.2851.pdf>



# Deep Neural Network

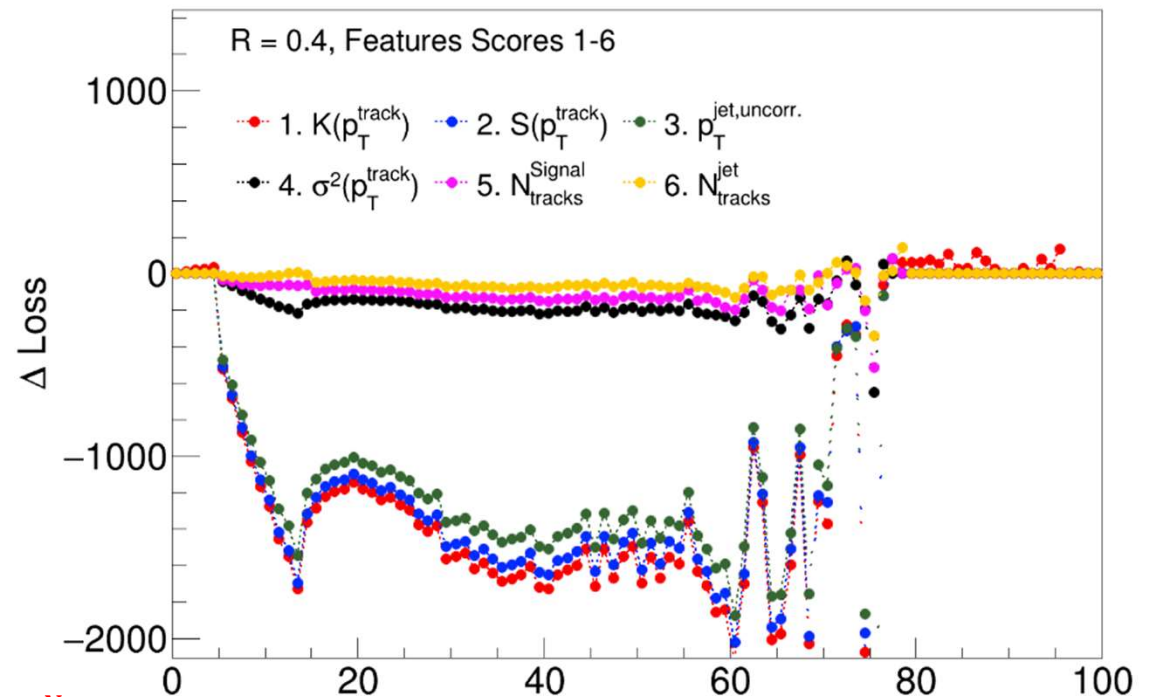
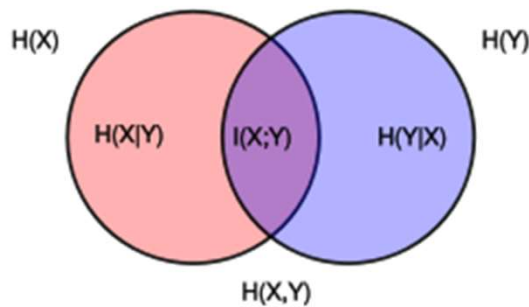
- Deep Neural Network (DNN):
  - Architecture: [N, 100,100, 50, 1]
  - Features:  $p_T^{Jet,Uncorr.}$ ,  $N_{tracks}$ ,  $\lambda_{jet}$ ,  $p_T^{Track 0} - p_T^{Track 7}$
- Similar architecture to neural network laid out in paper

R. Haake [Phys.Rev.C 99 \(2019\) 6, 064904](#)



# Feature space optimization

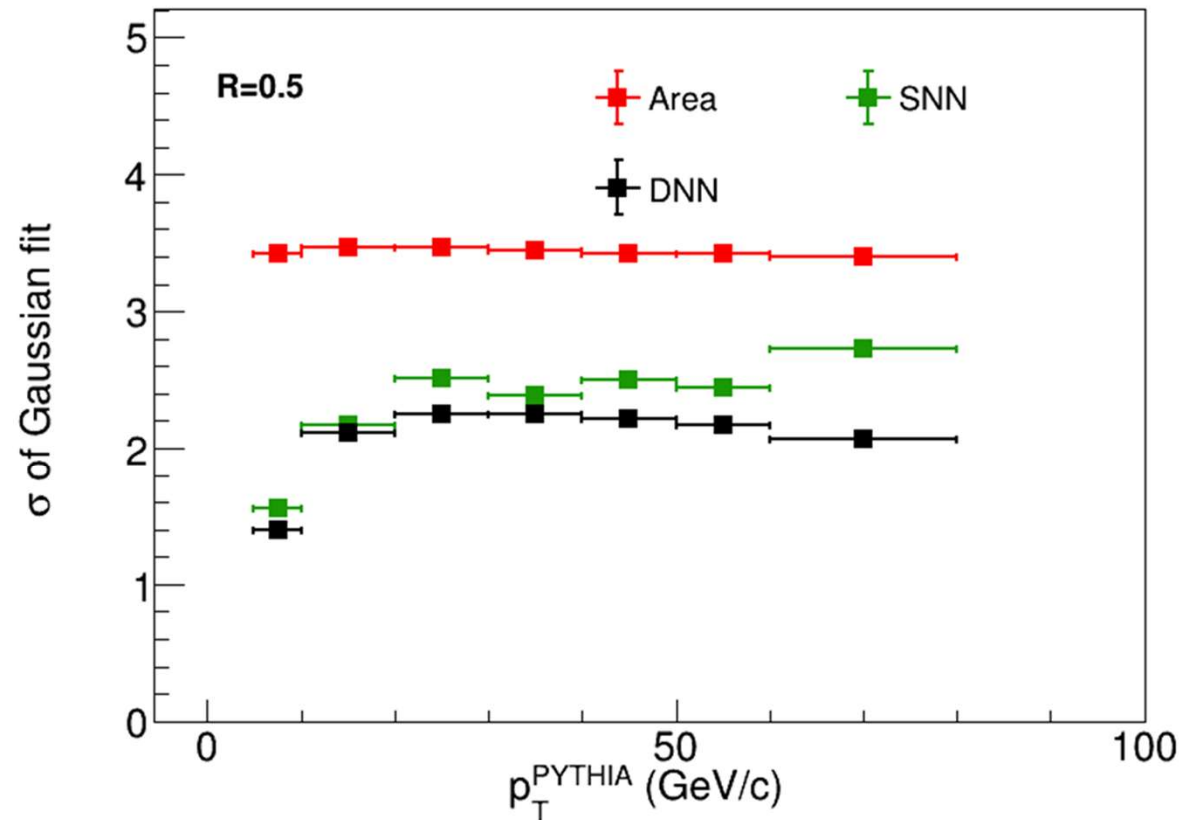
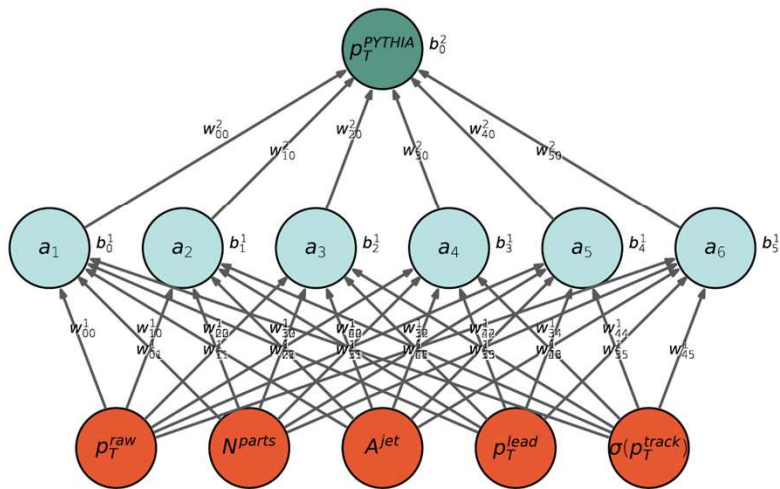
- Mutual Information:  $I(X;Y) = H(X,Y) - H(X|Y) - H(Y|X)$
- Permutation Scoring: Randomly permutes feature to see change in Cost (mean squared error) evaluation



$$MSE = \frac{1}{N} \sum_i^N (p_{T,i}^{PYTHIA} - p_{T,i}^{Predicted})^2 \quad p_T^{PYTHIA} [\text{GeV}]$$

# Shallow Neural Network

- Similar Performance to Deep Neural Network
- From  $\sim 16000$  parameters to 36





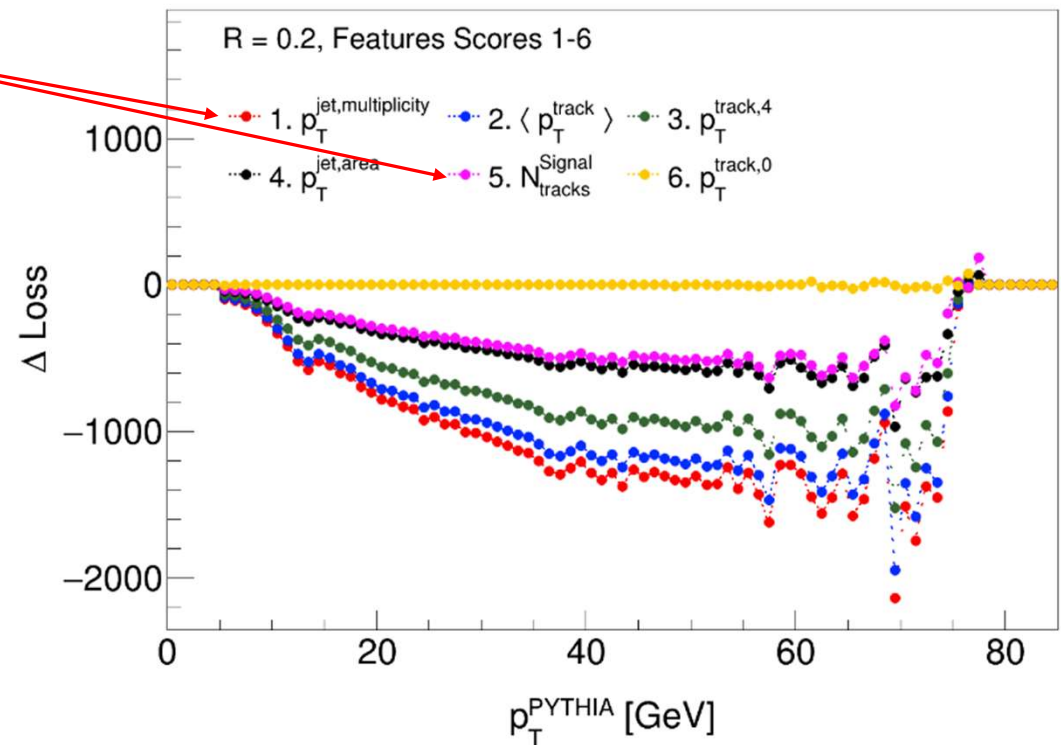
# Physics Intuition + ML

- $N_{constit}^{Jet}$  appears near the top of permutation importance
- Width of residual is driven by particle number fluctuations

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$$\sigma = \sqrt{N\sigma_{p_T}^2 + (N + 2N^2) \sum_n v_n^2 \mu_{p_T}^2}$$

$$p_T^{Corr.} = p_T^{Uncorr.} - \rho(N_{constit}^{Jet})$$

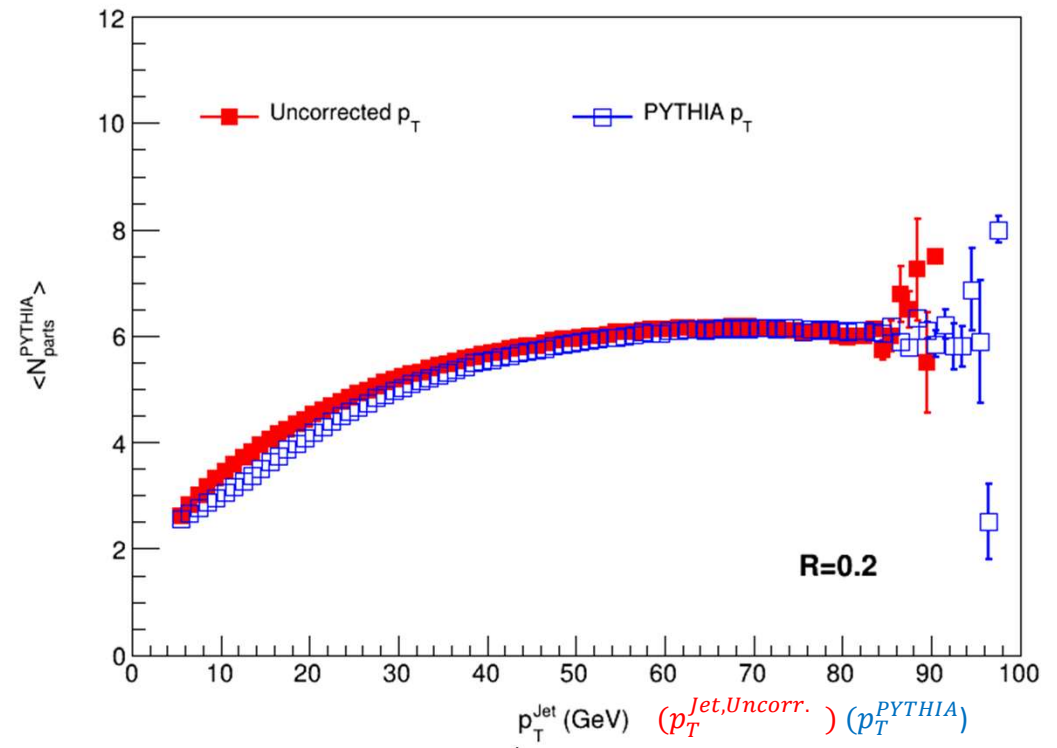
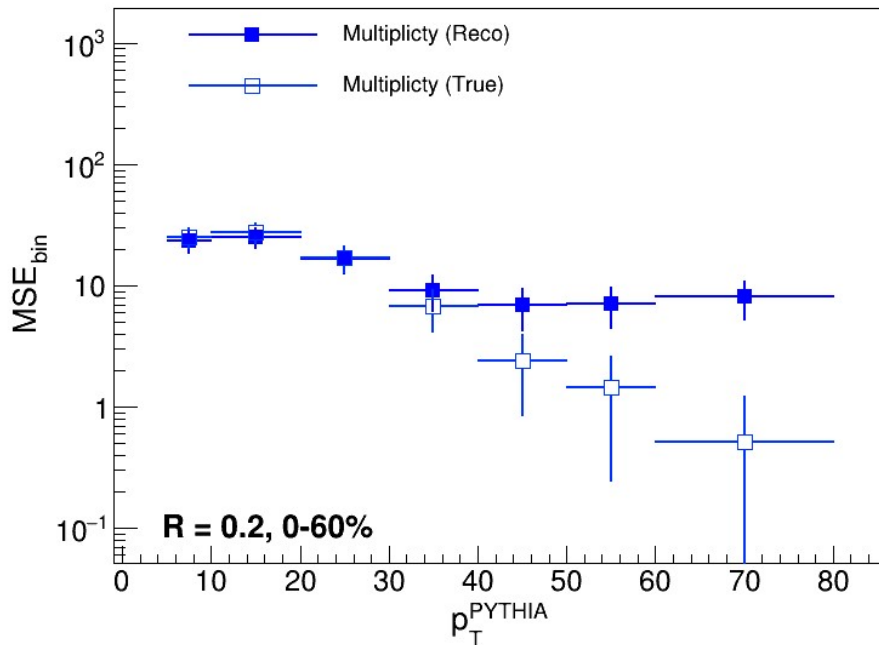




# Multiplicity Method

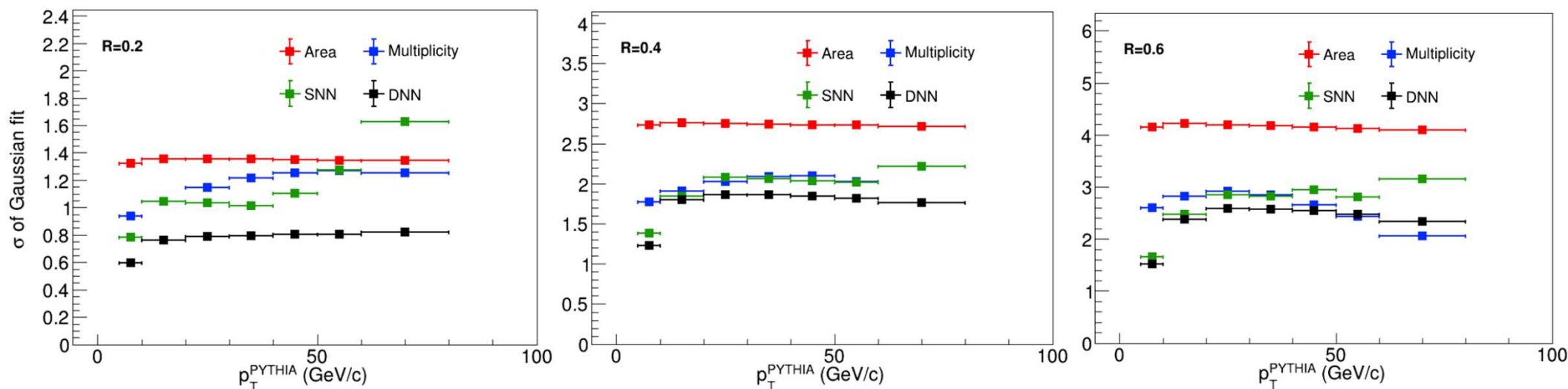
- Multiplicity Based Subtraction:

- $$p_T^{Corr.} = p_T^{Uncorr.} - \rho \underbrace{(N_{constit}^{Jet} - \langle N_{PYTHIA}^{Jet} \rangle)}_{\approx N_{Background}^{Jet}}$$



# Results

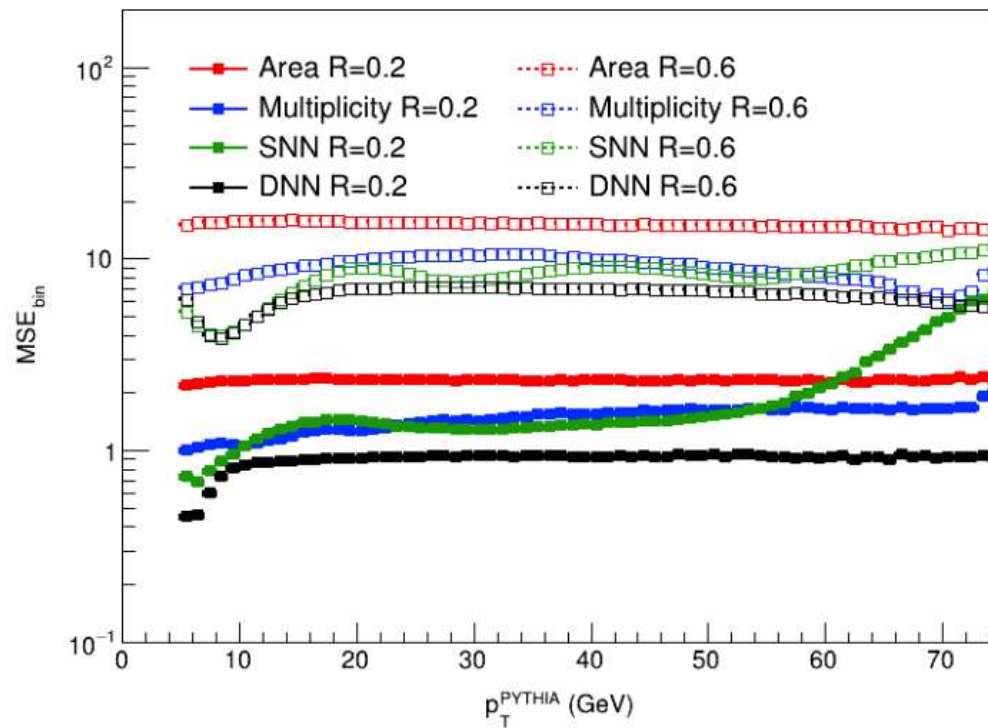
- Deep Neural Network will always perform best
- Shallow Neural Network can be engineered for similar performance
- Jet track multiplicity method comparable to ML



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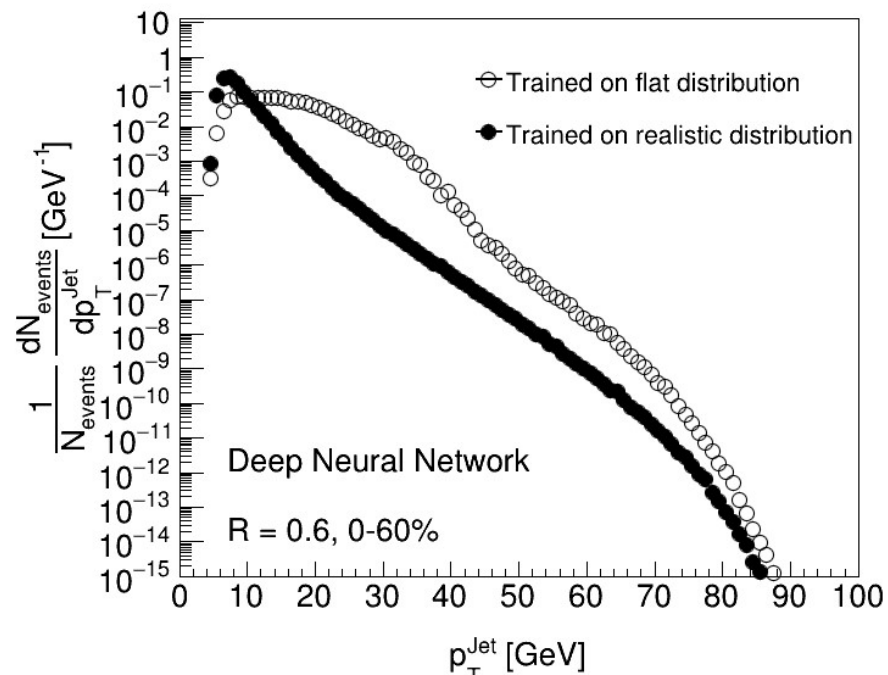
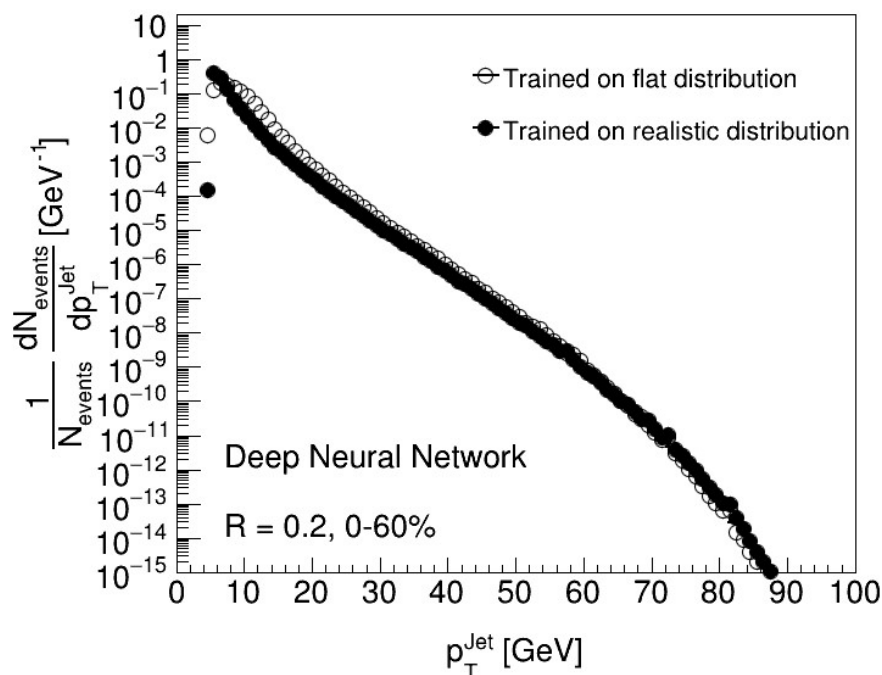
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- Multiplicity and Area based methods are consistent at all momentum regions



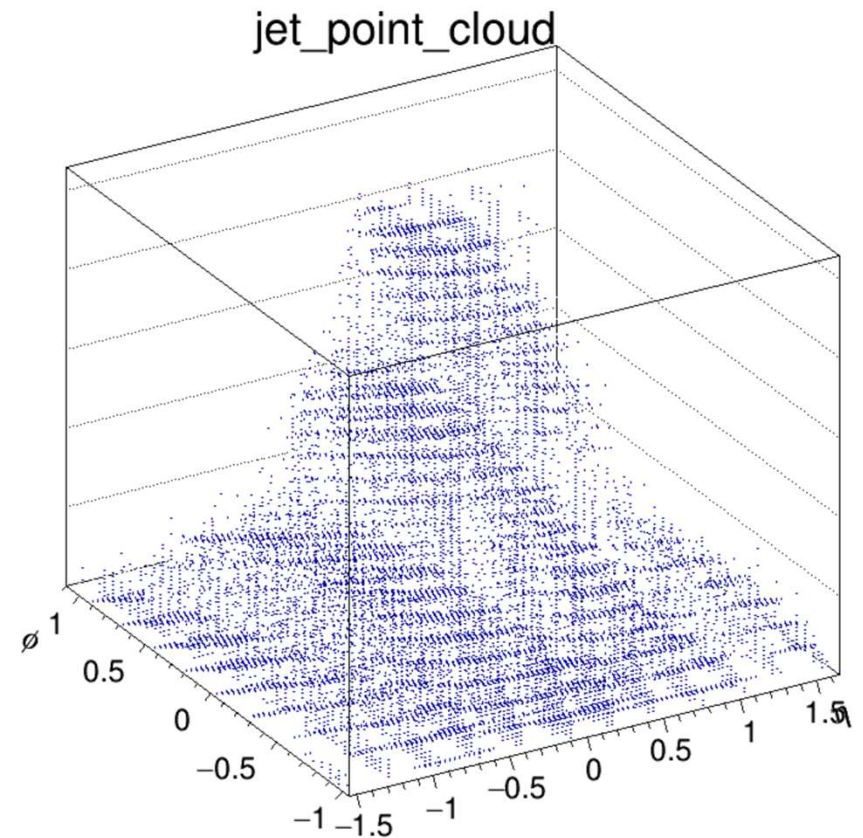
# Something to think about

- ML is highly dependent on training set
- Need clear understanding of how your model is biased



# Conclusions

- Machine Learning can be used as a tool to improve understanding of a complex problem (Jet background subtraction)
- Jet track multiplicity can be used to improve background subtraction over current methods
- **ML methods need refinement and clear understanding of what it's doing**

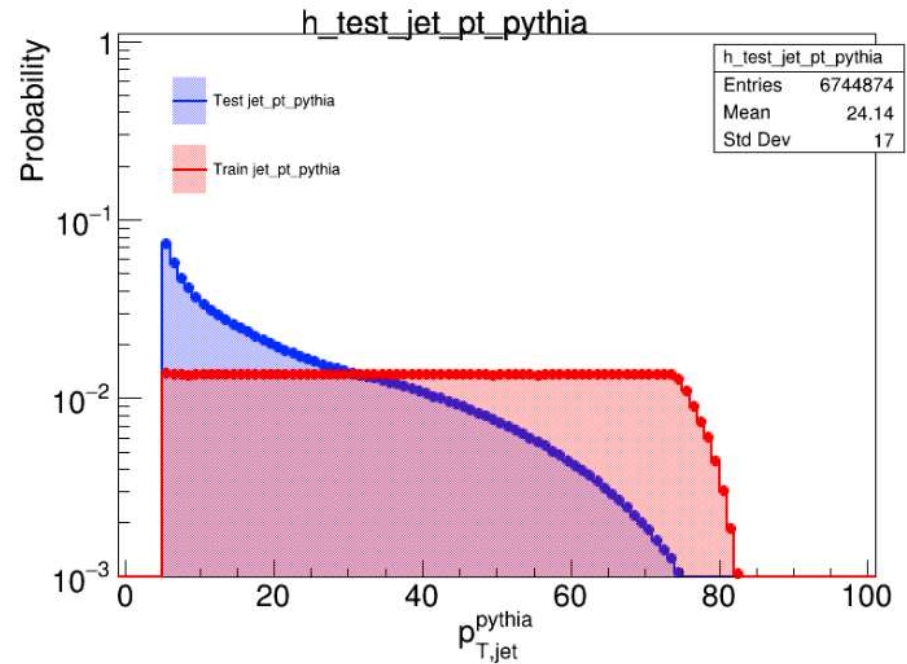
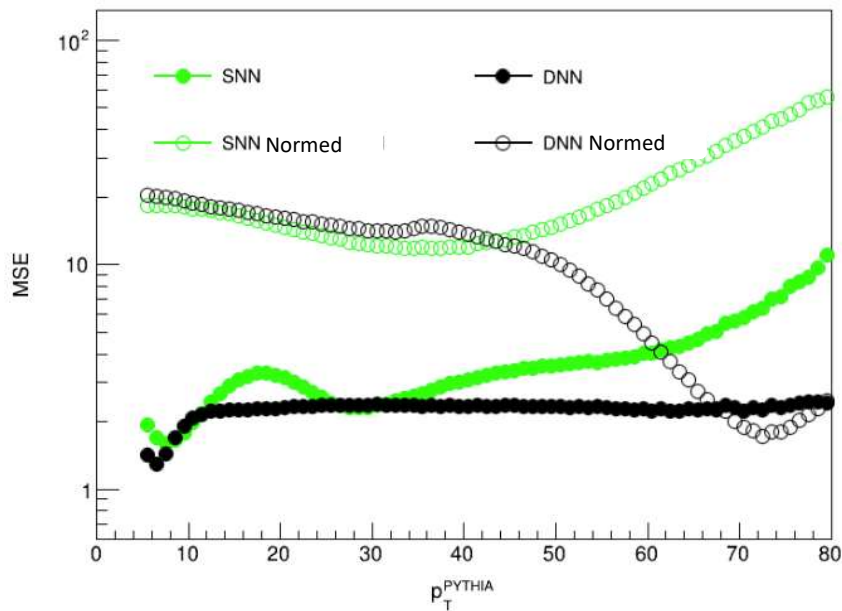


# Back-up

# The \*'s

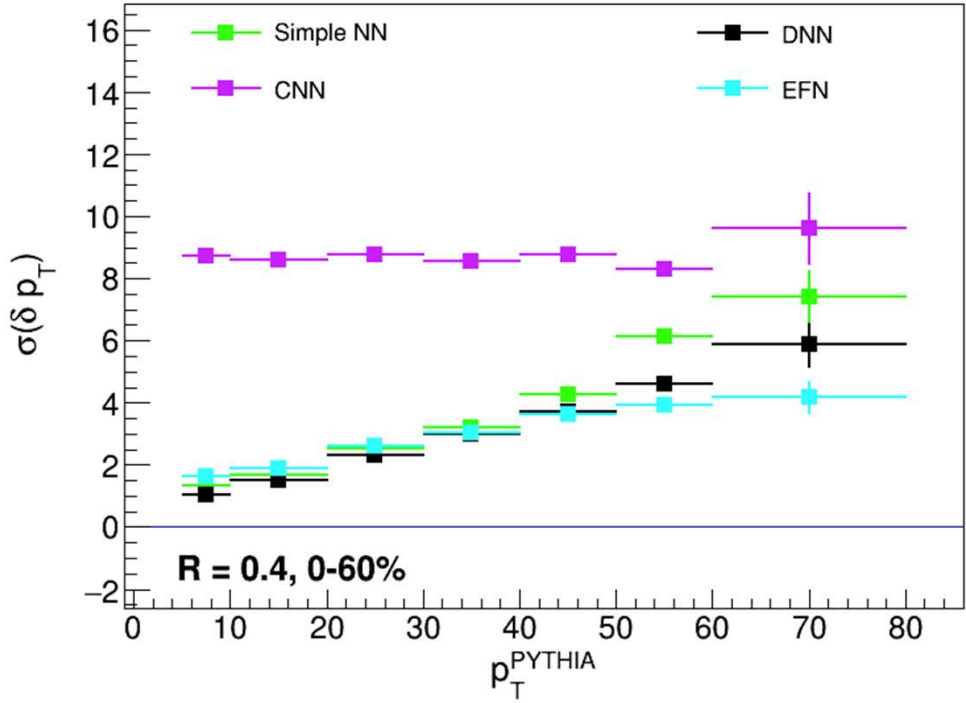
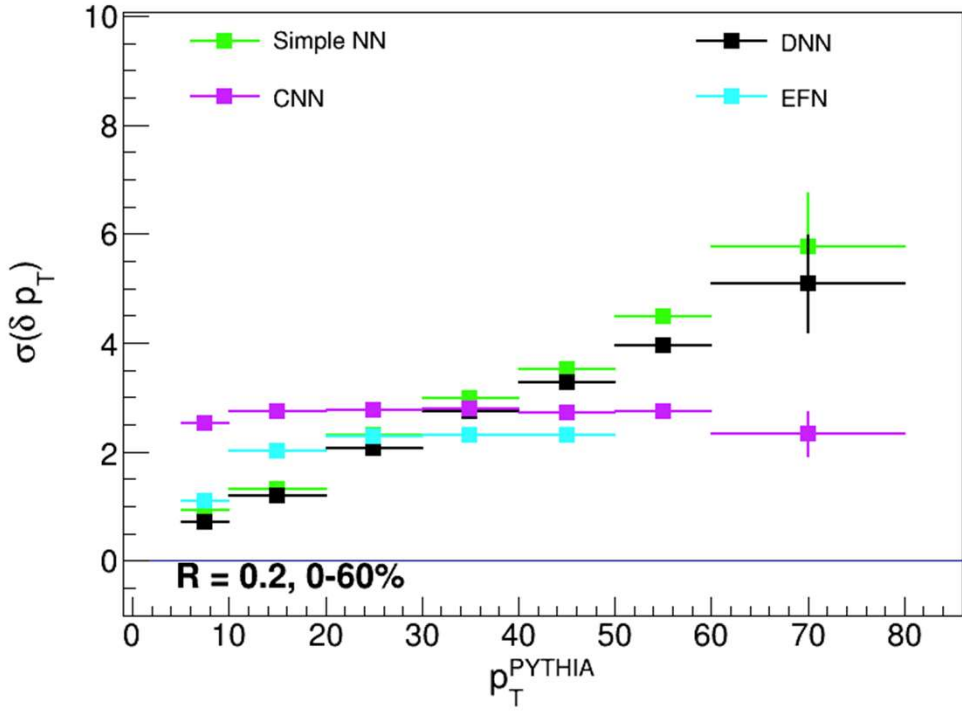
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- The relationship between input features and corrected jet momentum is dependent on ... the jet momentum!



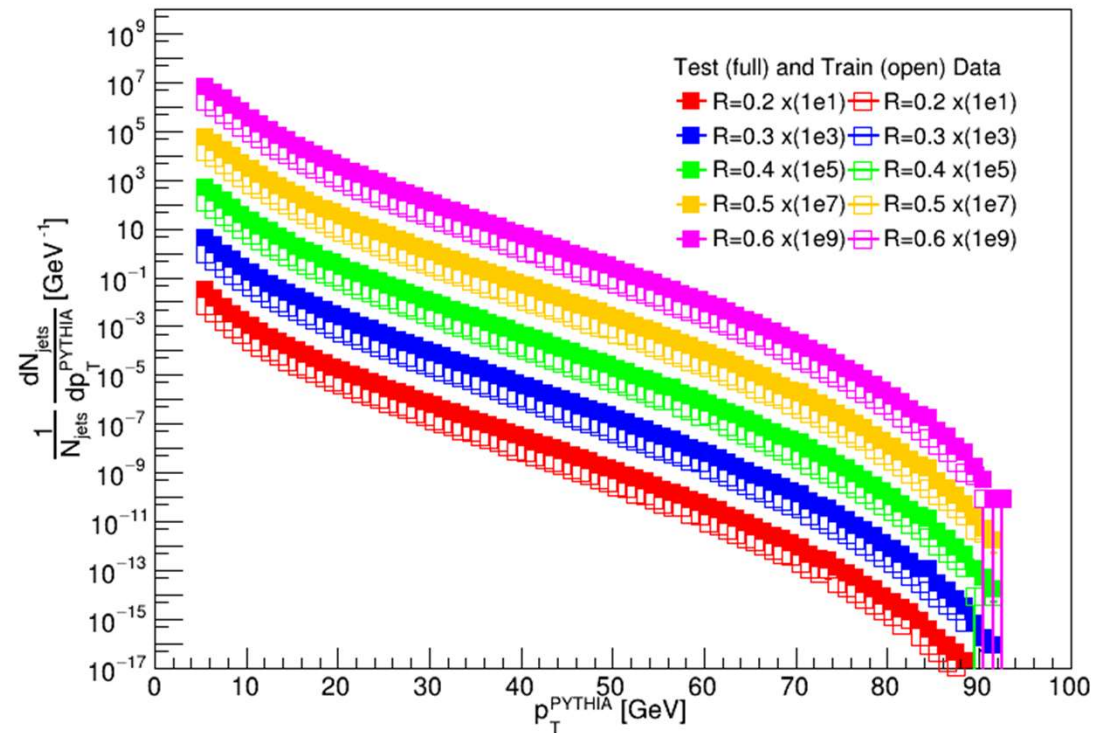


# Coming soon

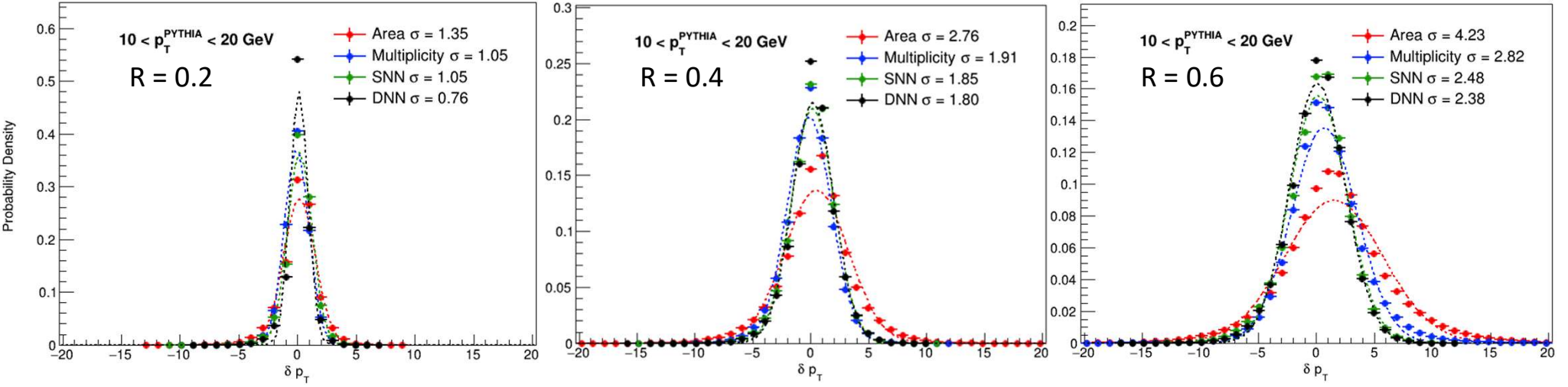


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$$\delta p_T = (p_{T,i}^{PYTHIA} - p_{T,i}^{Predicted})$$

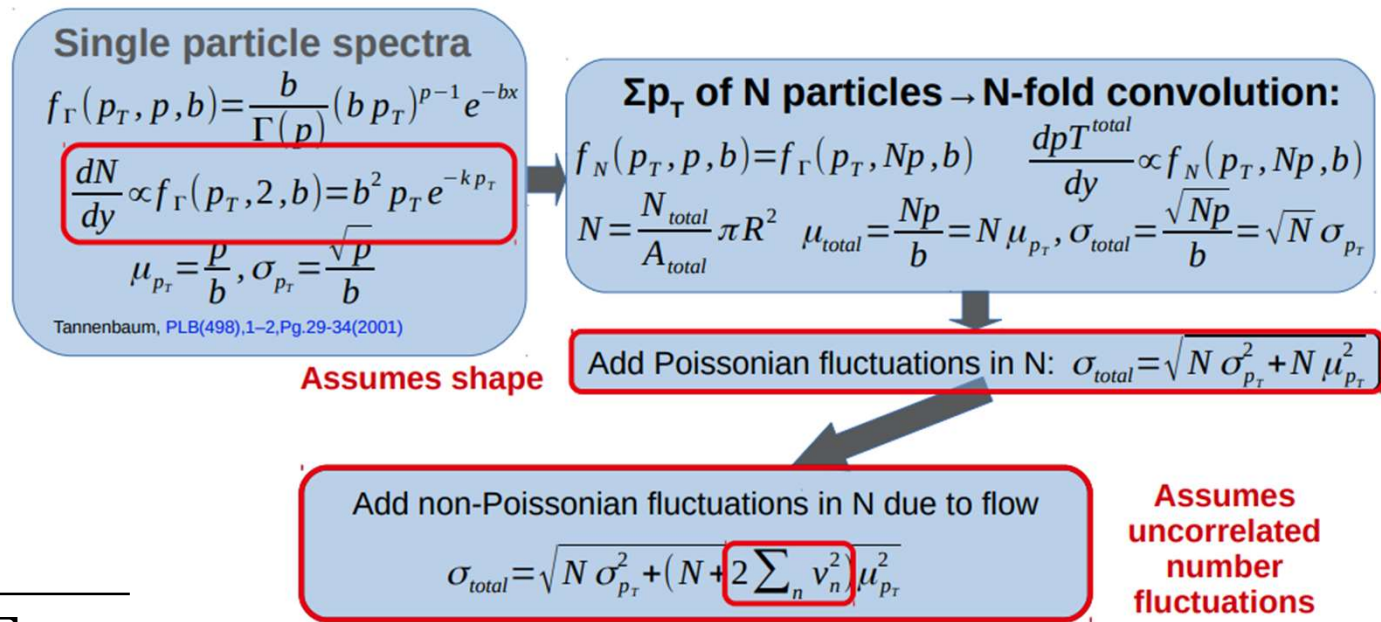
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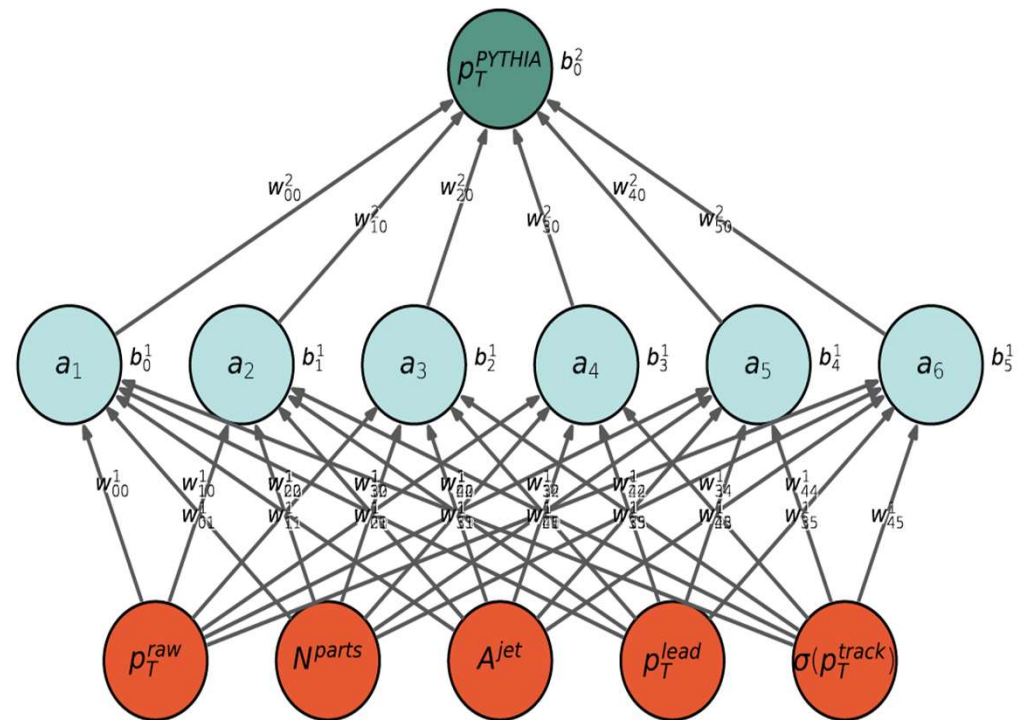
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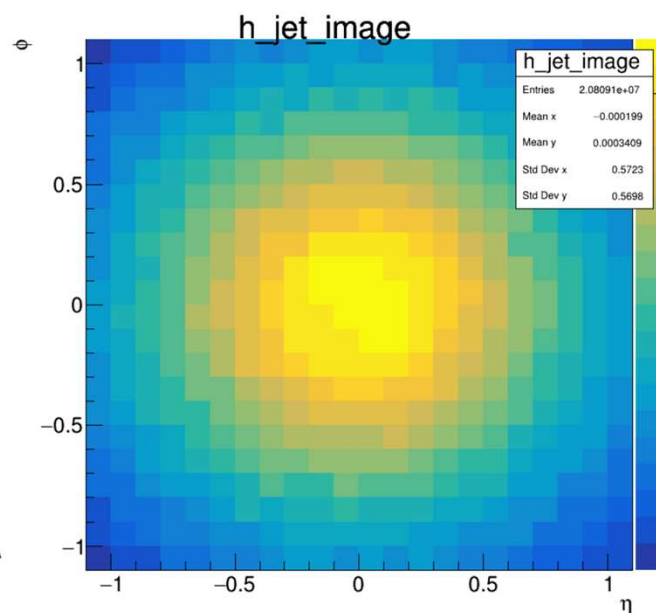
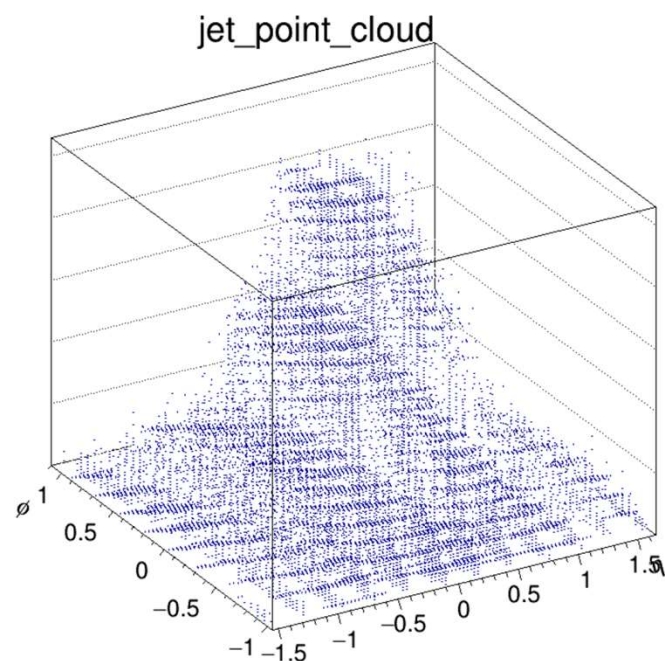
# Machine Learning Models

- TensorFlow Keras Sequential Models:

- All Models:
  - ADAM Optimizer
  - Standard Scaling
  - 100 Epochs (unless early stopping is triggered)
  - Cost Function/Metrics = Mean Sq. Error
  - Batch size = 1000



# Jet Representations



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[ "jet_pt_raw", "jet_nparts",
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  "jet_track_pt_6",
  "jet_track_pt_7"]
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# Energy Flow Network

- IRC safe network
  - Proof via deep sets Theorem:  
<https://arxiv.org/abs/1810.05165>

