



# Jet flavor identification for FCCee

[clearly very relevant for FCC-hh as well]

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# Physics motivation

- Flavour tagging essential for the  $e^+e^-$  program, e.g.:

- ◆ **Higgs Sector:**

- (HL-)LHC can access 3<sup>rd</sup> gen. couplings and a few of 2<sup>nd</sup> generation
- Future  $e^+e^-$ : Measure Higgs particle properties and interactions in challenging decay modes
  - E.g.  $c\bar{c}$ , 1<sup>st</sup> gen quarks/fermions,  $gg$  [?]

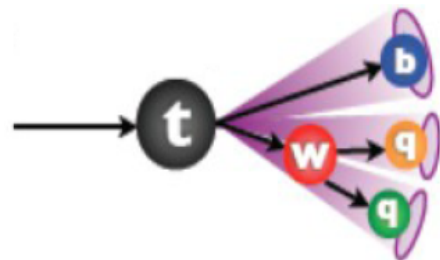
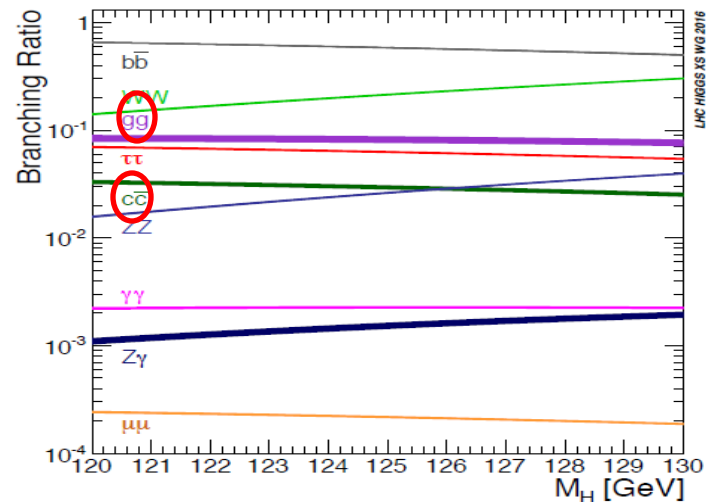
- ◆ **Top quark physics [if  $E_{CM}$  sufficient]**

- Precise determination of top properties [mass, width, Yukawa]

- ◆ **QCD Physics**

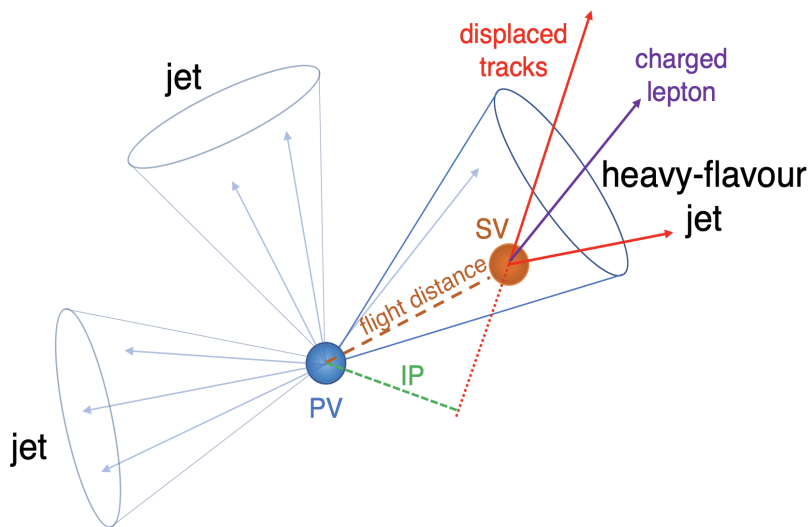
- strong coupling ( $\alpha_s$ ), event shapes ..
- modelling of hadronization, MC tuning, ...

- ◆ ....



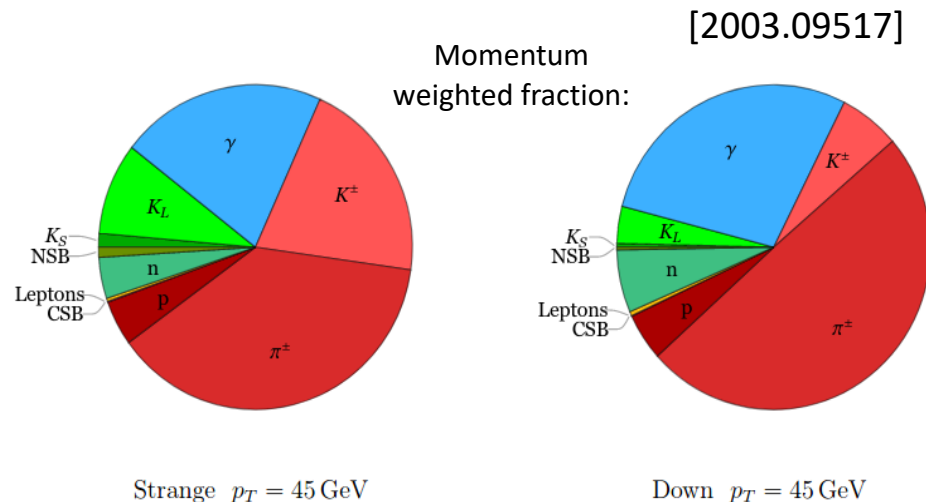
# Basics for jet flavor identification

## bottom/charm-tagging



- ◆ Large lifetime
- ◆ Displaced vertices/tracks
- ◆ Large track multiplicity
- ◆ non-isolated  $e/\mu$

## strange-tagging



- Large Kaon content
  - Charged Kaon as track:
    - K/pi separation
  - Neutral Kaons:
    - $K_S \rightarrow \pi\pi, K_L$

In the beginning: unclear what correlations existed among these

# Ingredients for powerful jet taggers

- Detectors
  - ◆ Pixel/tracking systems: Little material, spatial resolution, precise track alignment
  - ◆ PID systems: timing capabilities, energy loss (gas/silicon)
- Algorithm design
  - ◆ optimal representation of jet/ optimal processing of detector signal & evt reconstruction
  - ◆ sophisticated algorithm design
- **Scope of this work:**

Build a general framework for developing flavor tagging algorithms for future colliders [eg.,  $e^+e^-$ ]

  - ◆ **Fast detector simulation**
    - Understand detector requirements/ optimize design
      - eg., vertexing and PID capabilities of the FCCee detectors
  - ◆ **Develop a versatile flavor tagger**
    - Identify with high purity gluons, and ud, strange, charm, bottom quarks
    - Baseline: ParticleNet jet tagging algorithm
      - Results shown for FCCee & IDEA

# Detectors characteristics in $e^+e^-$

- $e^+e^-$  colliders provide a very clean environment
  - ◆ Lower occupancy , no pileup
- Powerful detectors:
  - ◆ Pixel/tracking detectors tailored for b/c tagging
    - Higher granularity wrt to LHC detectors
      - ATLAS/CMS pixel size:  $O(\sim 100 \times 100 \mu\text{m}^2)$
    - Less tracking material
      - $\sim 0.4\% X_0/\text{layer}$  CMS/ATLAS Pixel,  $\sim 0.15\text{-}0.2\% X_0/\text{layer}$  in  $e^+e^-$  detectors
      - better impact parameter resolution/ less multiple scattering
      - CMS/ATLAS Pixel resolution:  $O(10) \mu\text{m}$ ;  $\sim 2\text{-}5 \mu\text{m}$  in  $e^+e^-$
  - ◆ PID capabilities
    - $dE/dx$  (Si tracker),  $dN/dx$  (Drift)
    - Time-of-flight [timing layer]

Numbers indicative  
concepts evolve rapidly

→  $e^+e^-$ : Natural place to explore potential of jet tagging algorithms using advanced ML

→ A step further: Consider reconstructing the full event in  $e^+e^-$

# Particle ID: Cluster counting (dN/dx)

- Count number of **primary ionization** clusters along track path
- Avoids large Landau flukes
- Requires high granularity
- module added in Delphes

IDEA detector:

```
#####
# Cluster Counting
#####

module ClusterCounting ClusterCounting {

  add InputArray TrackSmearing/tracks
  set OutputArray tracks

  set Bz $B

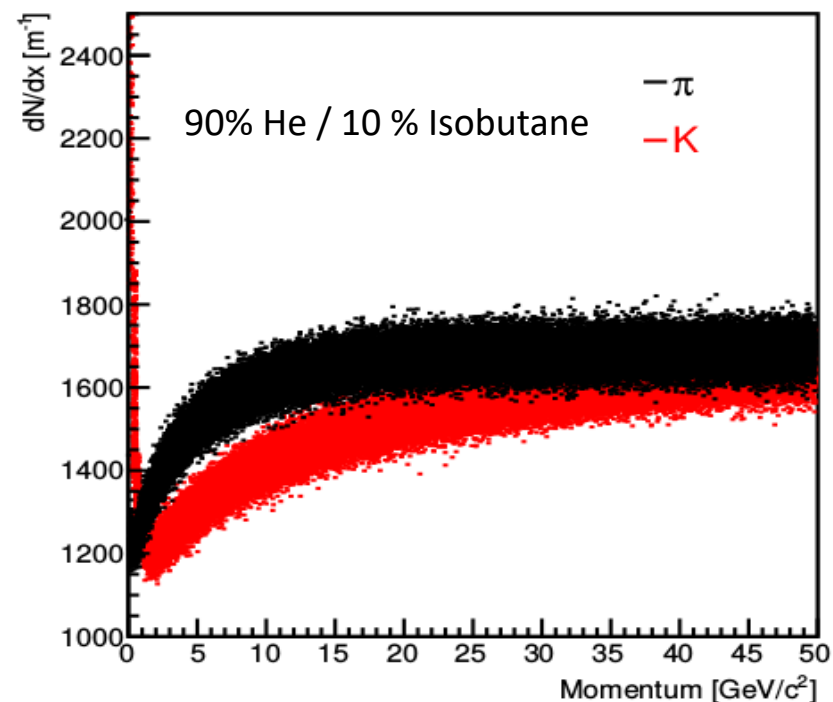
  ## check that these are consistent with DCHCANI/DCHNANO parameters in TrackCovariance module
  set Rmin $DCHRMIN
  set Rmax $DCHRMAX
  set Zmin $DCHZMIN
  set Zmax $DCHZMAX

  # gas mix option:
  # 0: Helium 90% - Isobutane 10%
  # 1: Helium 100%
  # 2: Argon 50% - Ethane 50%
  # 3: Argon 100%

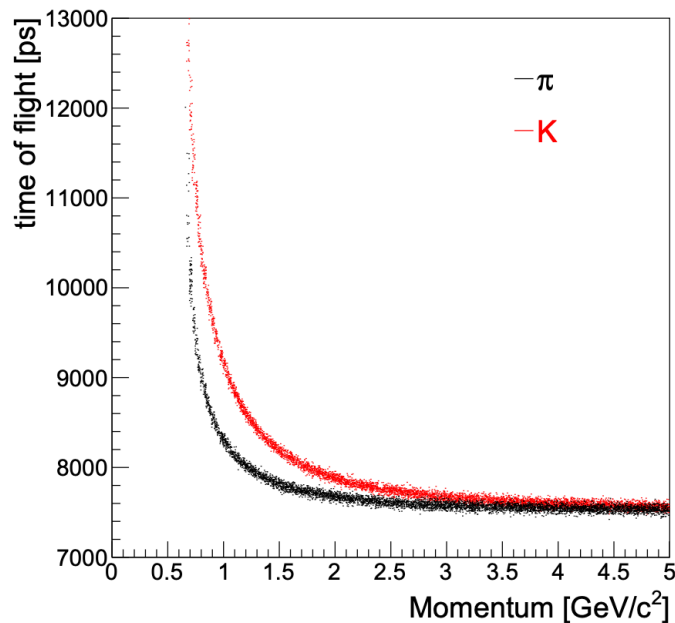
  set GasOption 0

}

```



# Particle ID: TOF



- Good K/ $\pi$  separation at low-momenta:

$$t_{\text{flight}} \equiv t_F - t_V = \frac{L}{\beta} = \frac{L\sqrt{p^2 + m^2}}{p}$$

- Assumption on vertex time [crucial for highly displaced  $K_S$ ]

```
#####
# Time Of Flight Measurement
#####

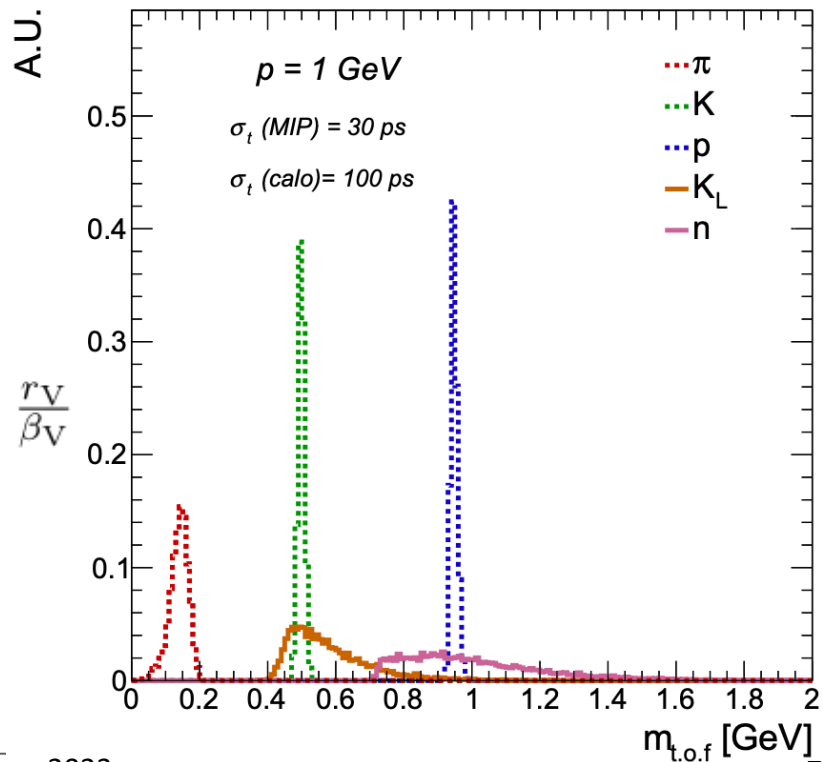
module TimeOfFlight TimeOfFlight {
  set TrackInputArray TimeSmearing/tracks
  set VertexInputArray TruthVertexFinder/vertices

  set OutputArray tracks

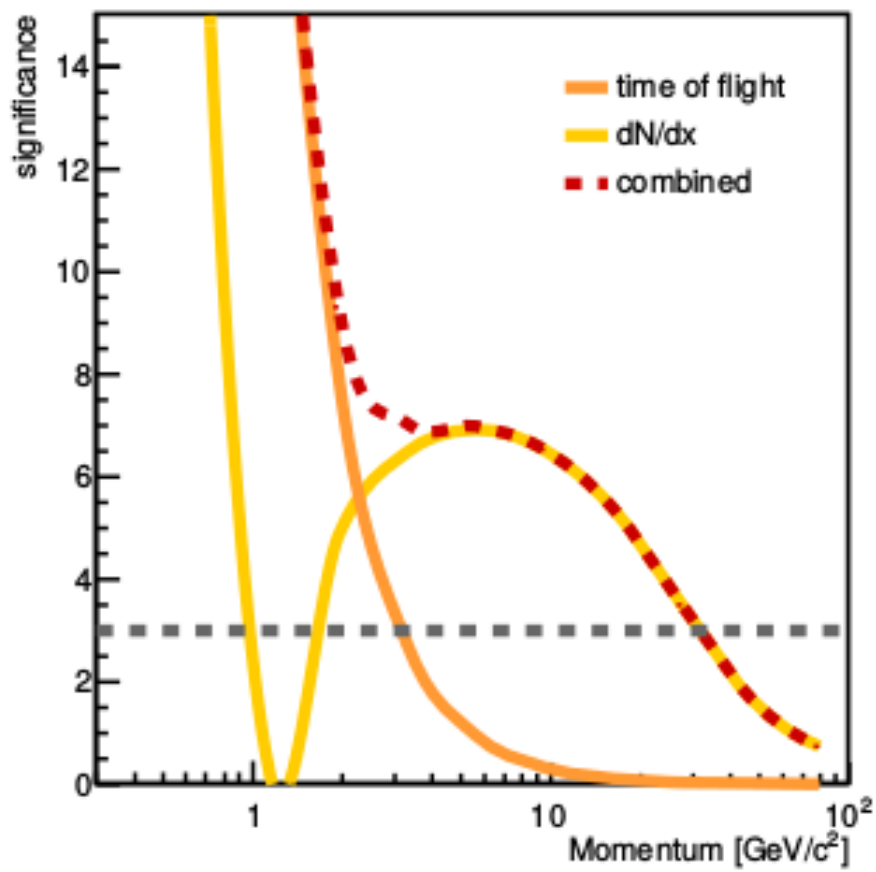
  # 0: assume vertex time tV from MC Truth (ideal case)
  # 1: assume vertex time tV = 0
  # 2: calculate vertex time as vertex TOF, assuming tPV=0

  set VertexTimeMode 2
}
```

$$t_V = \frac{r_V}{\beta_V}$$



# ParticleID: Combined



**3 $\sigma$  K/ $\pi$  separation for tracks w/ p < 30 GeV**



# Designing a Graph-based tagger

- **Jet representation:** critical for powerful jet tagging algorithms
  - ◆ **In theory:** A spray of particles produced by the hadronization of  $q$  and  $g$
  - ◆ **Experimentally:** A cone of reconstructed particles in the detector
- **Reminder:** Current and future experiments have / will have a **PF-based** event reconstruction
  - ◆ **Output:** mutually exclusive list of particles
    - Rich set of info/particle
      - Energy/momentum, position
      - Displacement, particle type
      - timing
      - ...
- **Until recently:** Jet taggers based on human-inspired higher-level observables
  - ◆ Inputs to cut-based or simple ML-based algorithms
- Move to **particle-based jet tagging:** i.e. exploit directly the PFcands
  - ◆ explore full potential of event reconstruction and detector granularity

**[O(50) properties/particle]**  
**x [~50-100 particles/jet]**  
**~O(1000) inputs/jet**

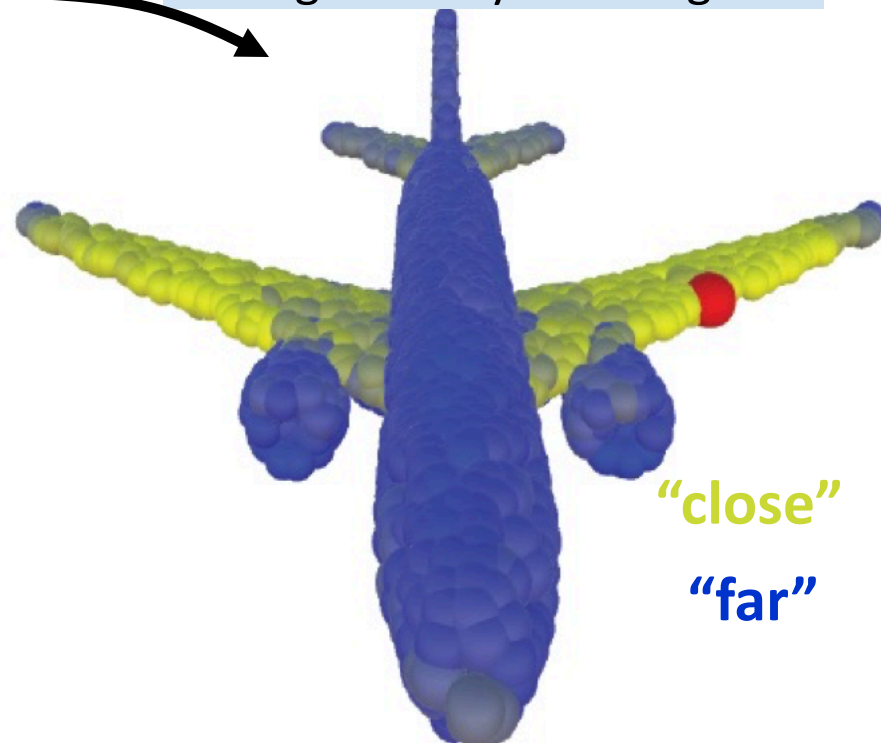
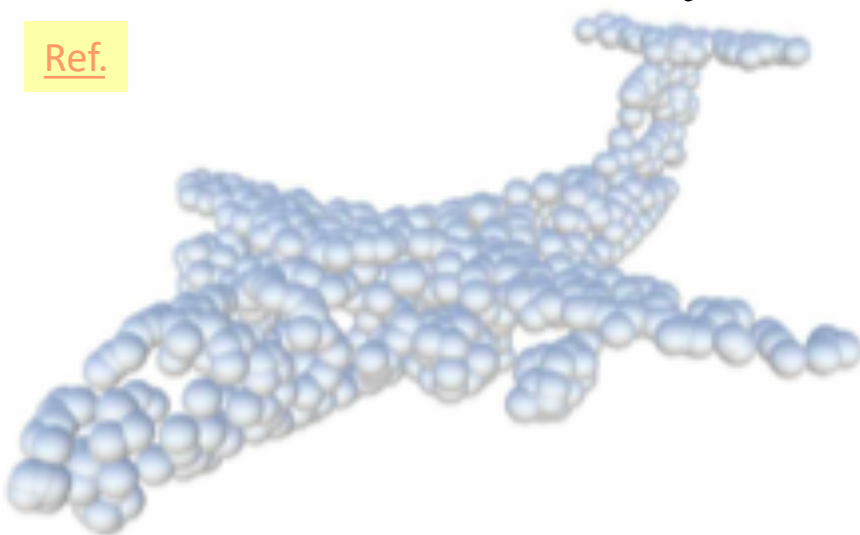
# Designing a Graph-based tagger (II)

- **Jet:** intrinsically unordered set of particles with relationships b/w the particles
  - ◆ i.e. human-chosen ordering not optimal
- A very active research area in ML community: **Point clouds**

Represent the object as  
a set of “points”

Group points based on  
similarity [usually using ML]  
e.g. Identify the wings

Ref.



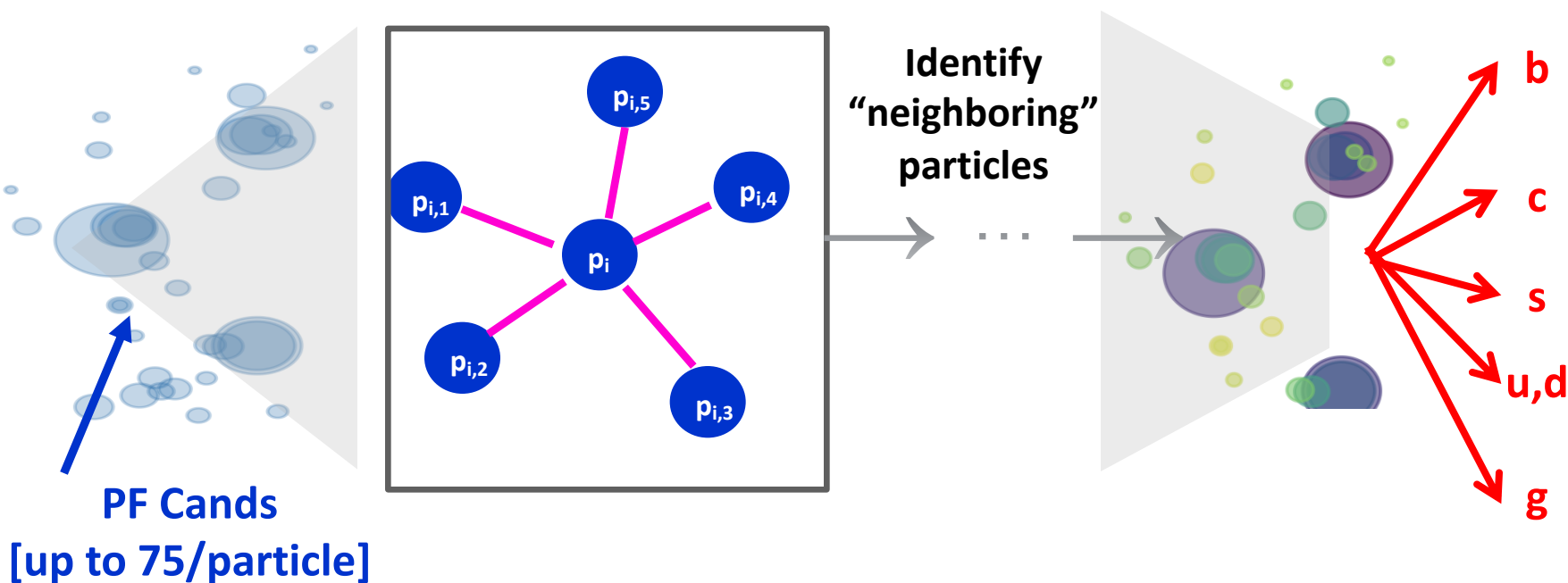
“close”

“far”

# ParticleNet(-ee)

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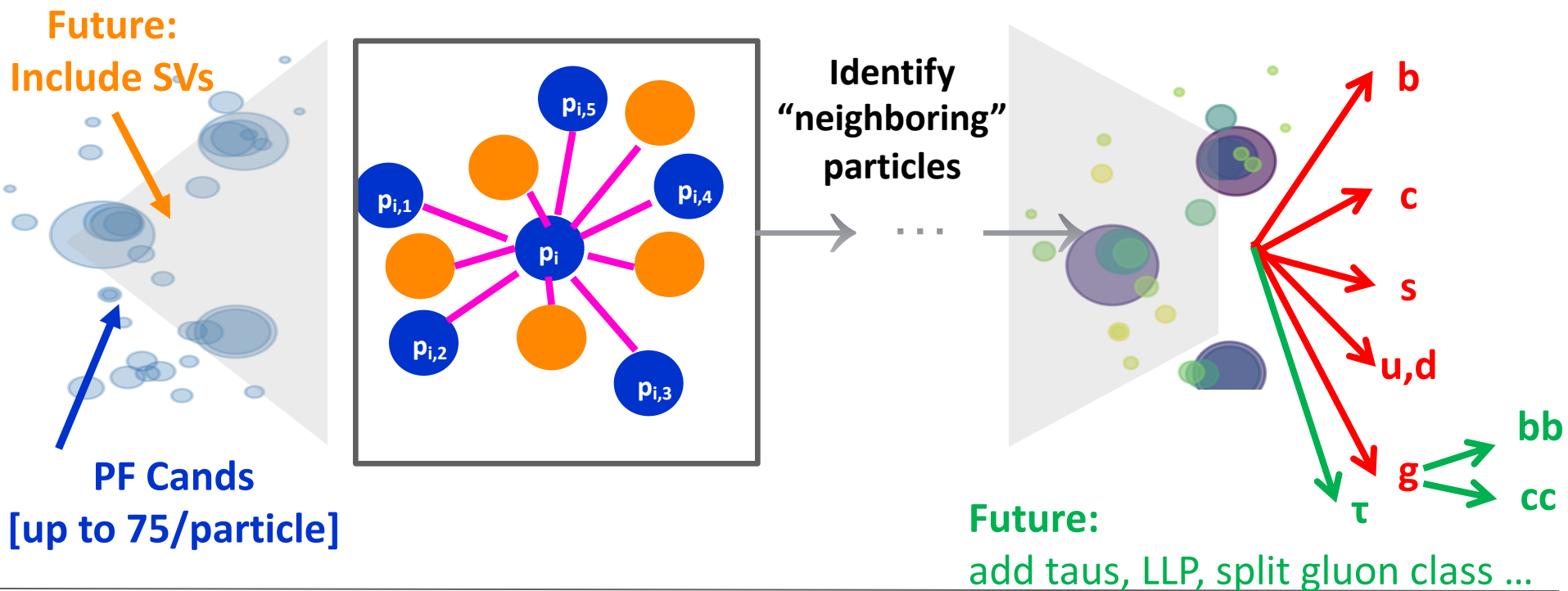
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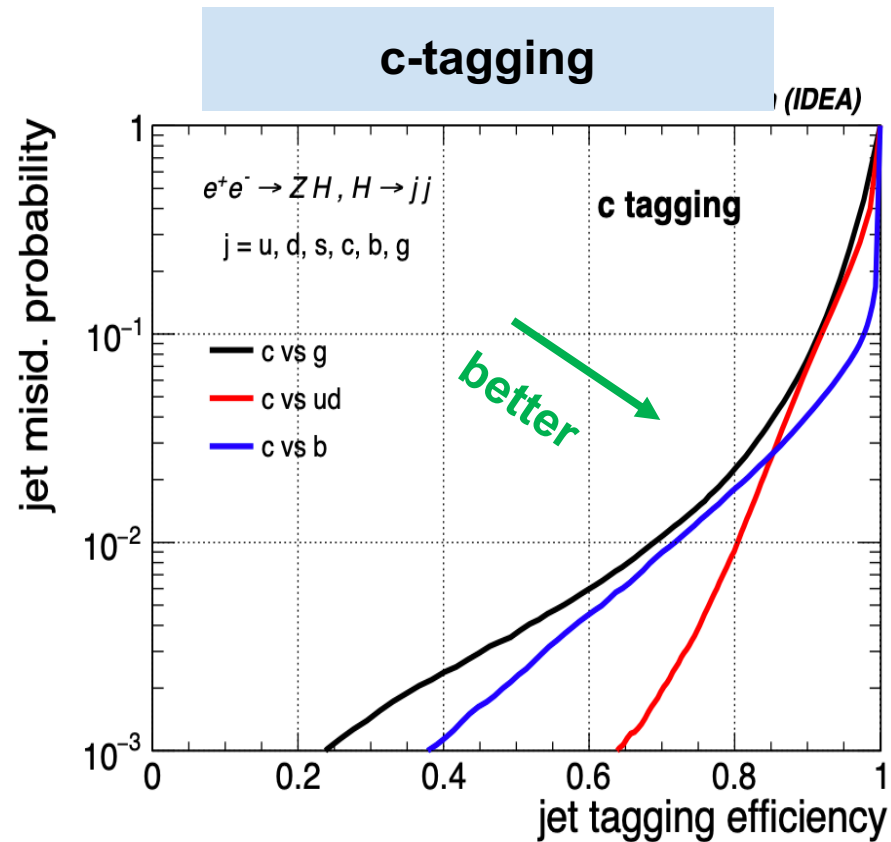
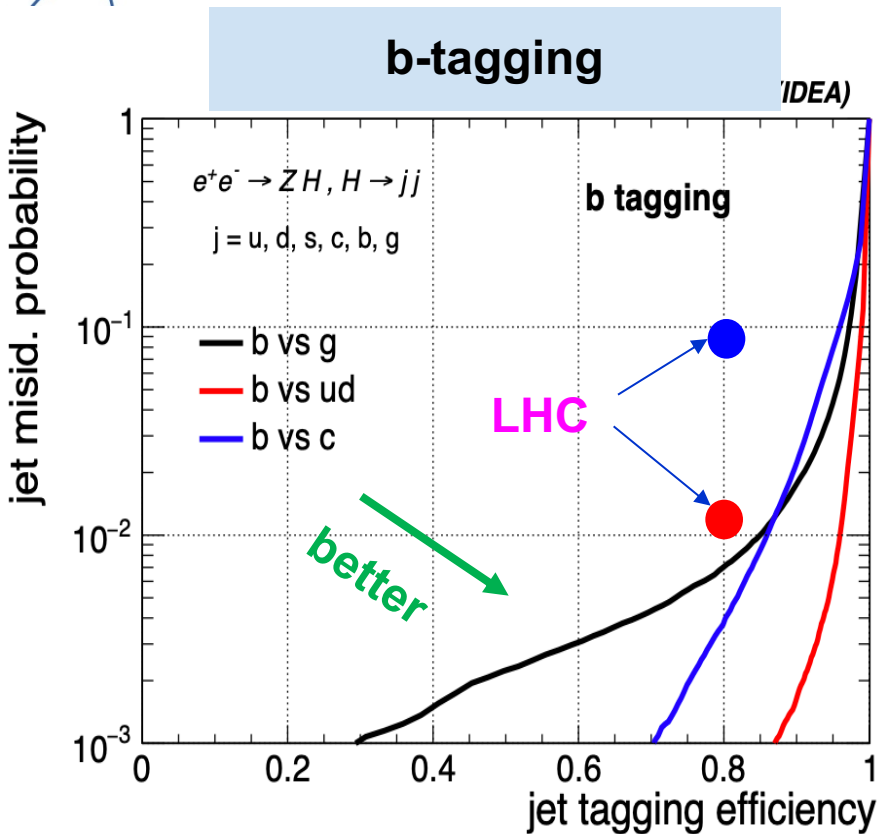
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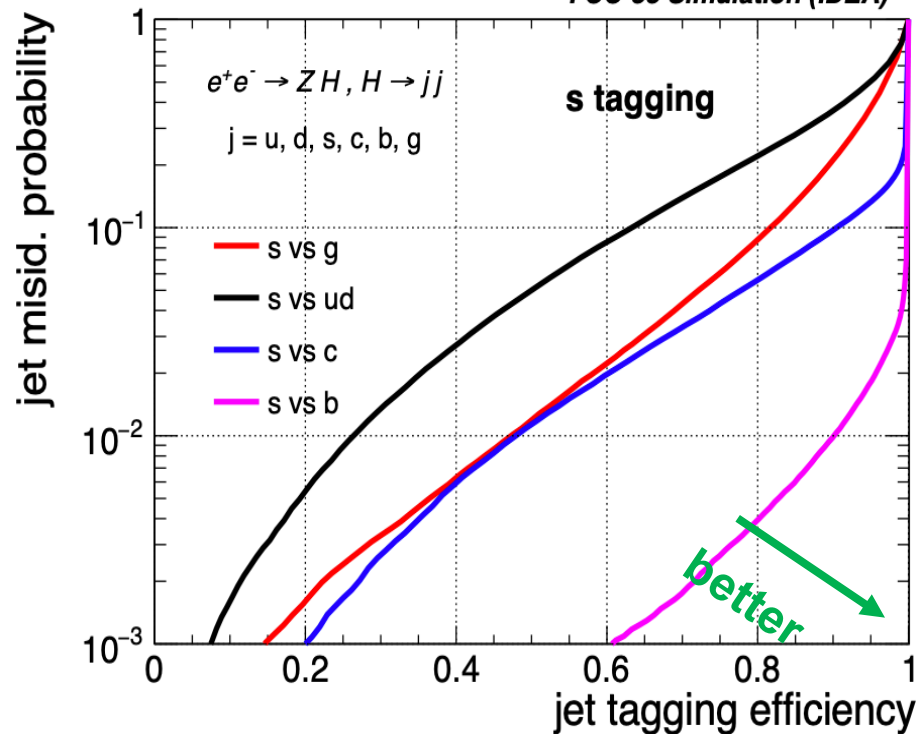
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Loose	90%	2%	0.1%	2%
Medium	80%	0.7%	<0.1%	0.3%

WP	Eff (c)	Mistag (g)	Mistag (ud)	Mistag (b)
Loose	90%	7%	7%	4%
Medium	80%	2%	0.8%	2%

# ParticleNet@FCCee: s/g tagging

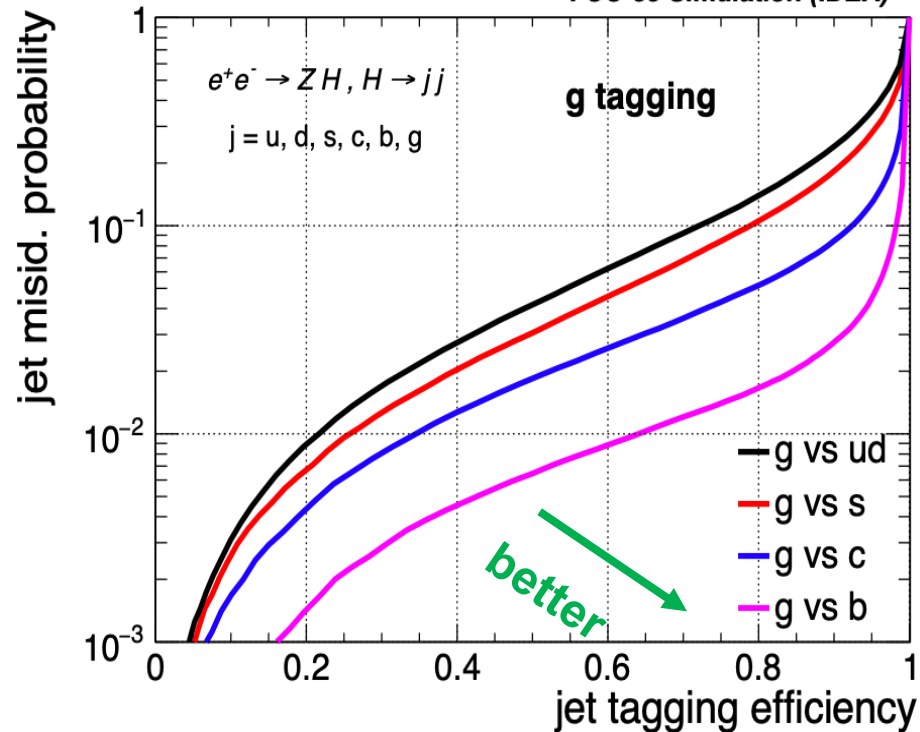
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FCC-ee Simulation (IDEA)



## gluon -tagging

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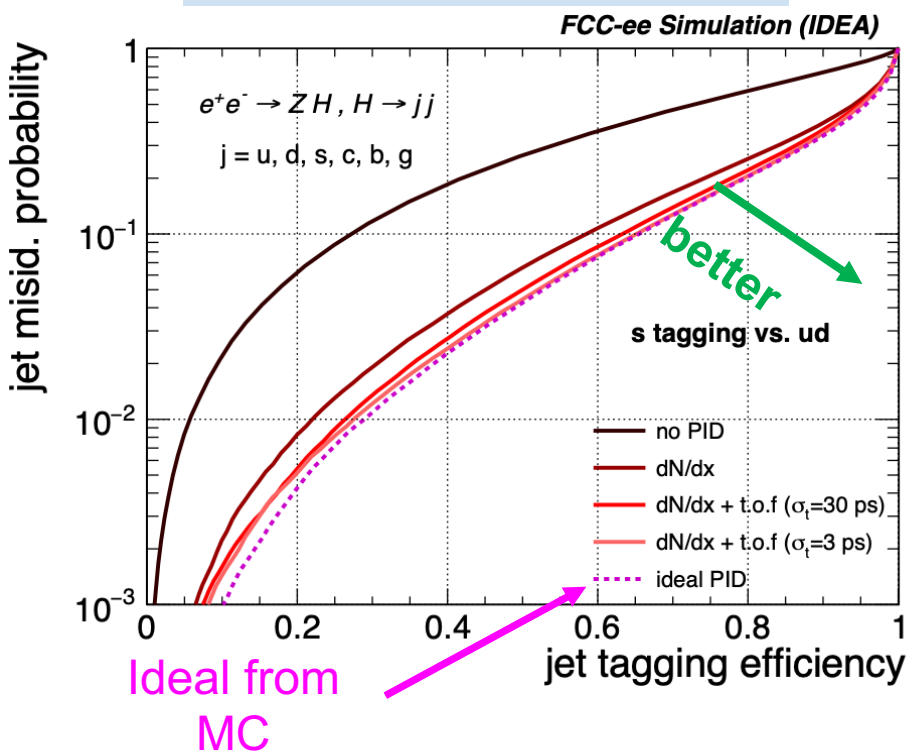


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Medium	80%	9%	20%	6%	0.4%

WP	Eff (g)	Mistag (ud)	Mistag (c)	Mistag (b)
Loose	90%	25%	7%	2.5%
Medium	80%	15%	5%	2%

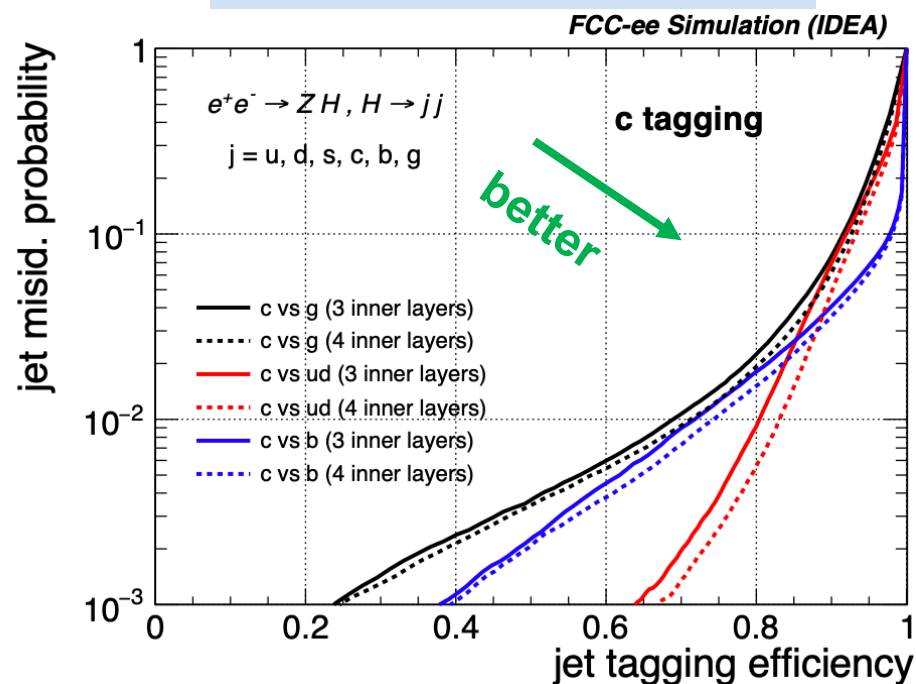
# Impact of detector configurations

## Strange tagging [PID]



- dN/dx brings most of the gain  
 additional gain w/ TOF (30ps)
  - ◆ TOF (3ps): marginal improvement
  - ◆ dN/dx + TOF(30ps) ~ perfect PID

## c-tagging [PIX layers]



- Additional pixel layer:
  - ◆ 2x improved BKG rejection in c-tagging
  - ◆ marginal/no improvement in b-tagging

# Teaser from the analysis front

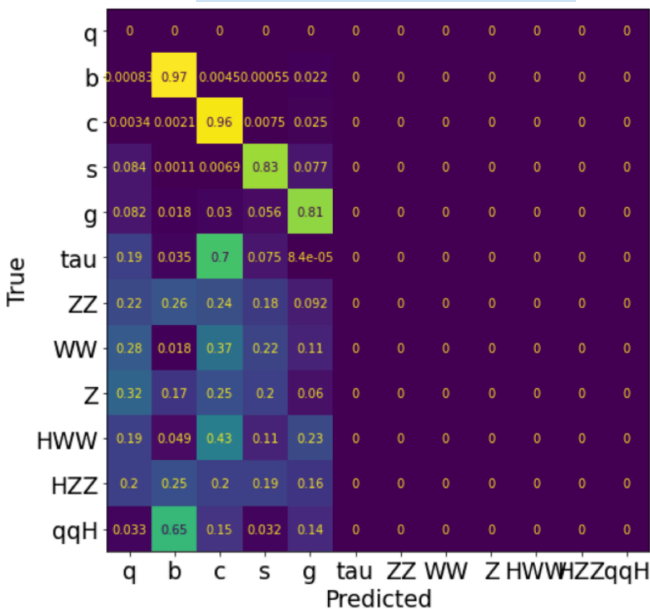
- Tools fully incorporated in FCCSW [[details](#)]

◆ Example:  $Z(\rightarrow \nu\nu)H(\rightarrow qq)$

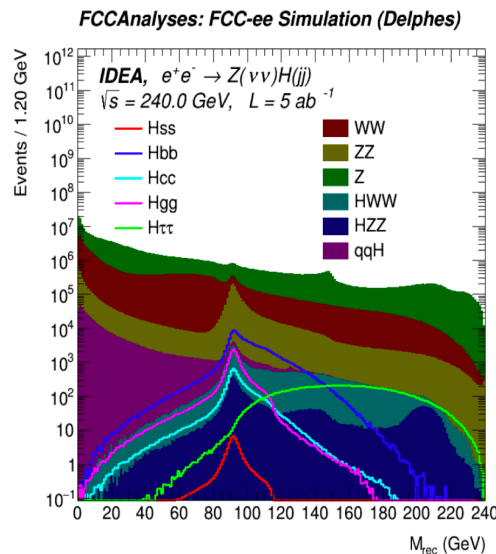
Signal extraction: 2D fit

Categorize events: bb, cc, ss, gg  
Sub-categories w/ different S/B

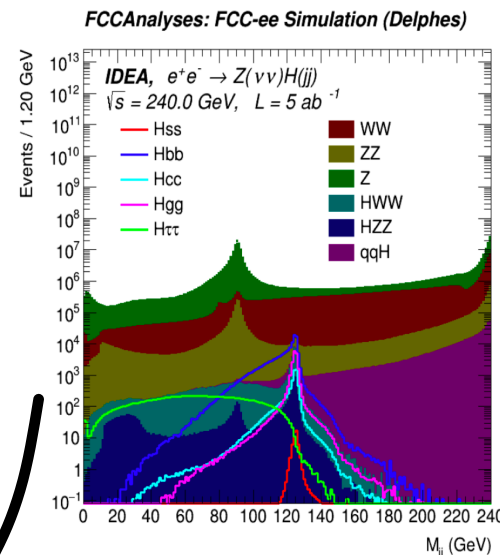
## ParticleNet-ee



## m(rec)



## m(jj)



Results @  $5\text{ab}^{-1}$   
(syst: 5% BKG, 0.1% SIG)

$Z(\rightarrow \nu\nu)$ $H(\rightarrow qq)$	bb	cc	ss	gg
$\delta\mu/\mu \text{ (%)}$	0.4	2.9	160	1.2

\*  $|\kappa_S| < 1.9$

More on Friday:  
[G. Marchiori](#)



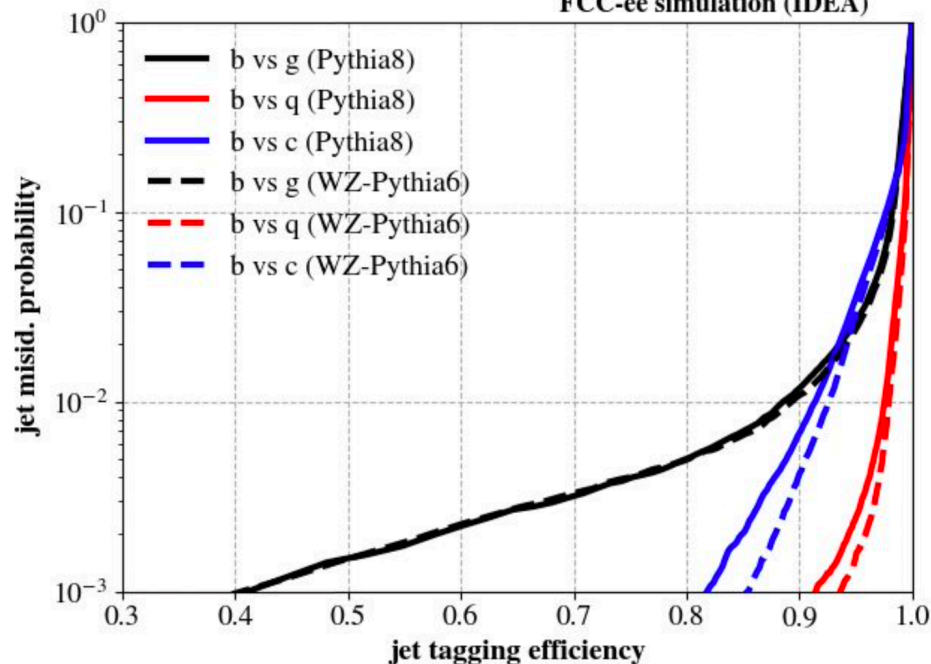
# Robustness

- ParticleNet-ee trained using *Pythia 8* samples

- tested on *Pythia 8* [solid lines]
- tested on *WZ-Pythia6* [dashed lines]

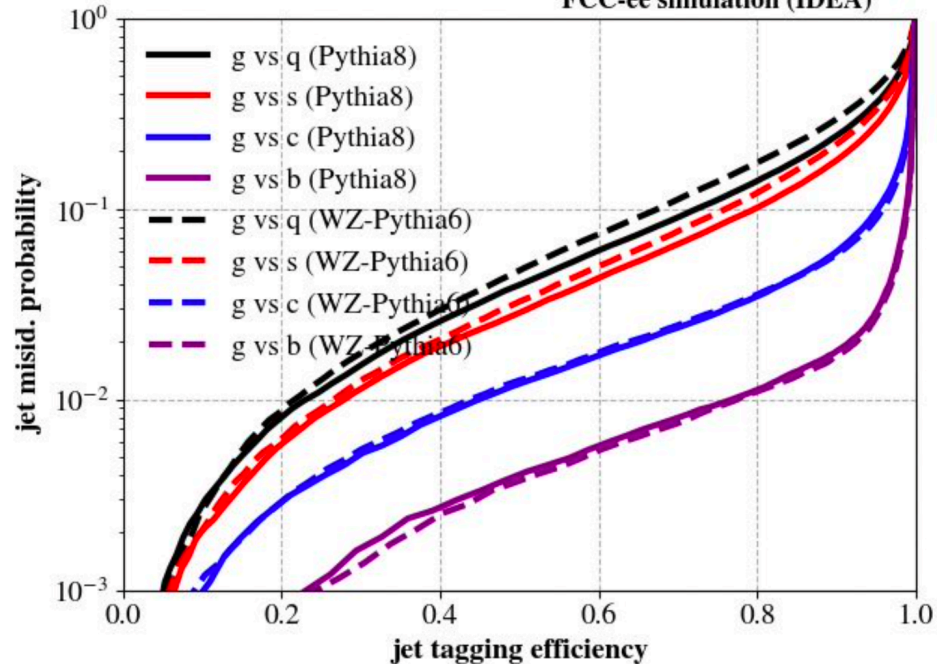
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- Modest dependence on choice of generator

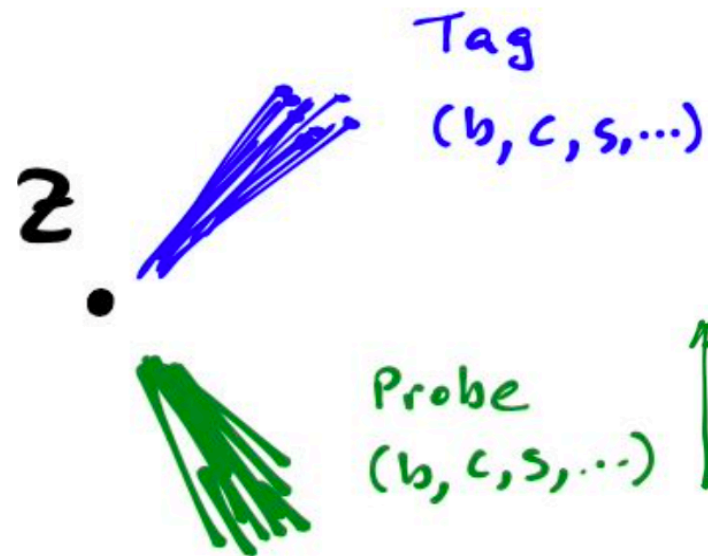
- still many tricks in our bag to further reduce the dependence

# Improving robustness

- Current development relies solely on MC
  - ◆ Full control of class definition, lot's of [MC] data [ $\sim 2\text{M}$  jets/ jet flavor]
    - but: MC  $\neq$  Data; potentially lead to large uncertainties
    - NB: it's also not Full SIM ..

- Another route: Use data
  - ◆ [Obvious] advantage: much smaller syst unc.

- How: Tag-and-probe @ Z pole
  - ◆ First: **Tag** one of the two jets with high purity
    - e.g. by using a pretrained MC-based algo
  - ◆ Then: create a **training** sample using the 2<sup>nd</sup> jet (**probe**).



## FCC-ee @ Zpole

Z $\rightarrow$ hadrons	$\sim 70\%$	$0.7 \times 10^6$ M
$\rightarrow$ uu/cc	$\sim 12\%$ /flavor	$8.4 \times 10^4$ M/ flavor
$\rightarrow$ dd/ss/bb	$\sim 15\%$ /flavor	$1.1 \times 10^5$ M/ flavor

# Improving robustness (II)

- Take into account tagging performance [& mistag rates]
  - NB: Each class does not have to be 100% pure on specific jet flavor or have the same population

## Best case: b-tagging

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Loose	90%	2%	0.1%	2%
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## “Worst” case: s-tagging

WP	Eff (s)	Mistag (g)	Mistag (ud)	Mistag (c)	Mistag (b)
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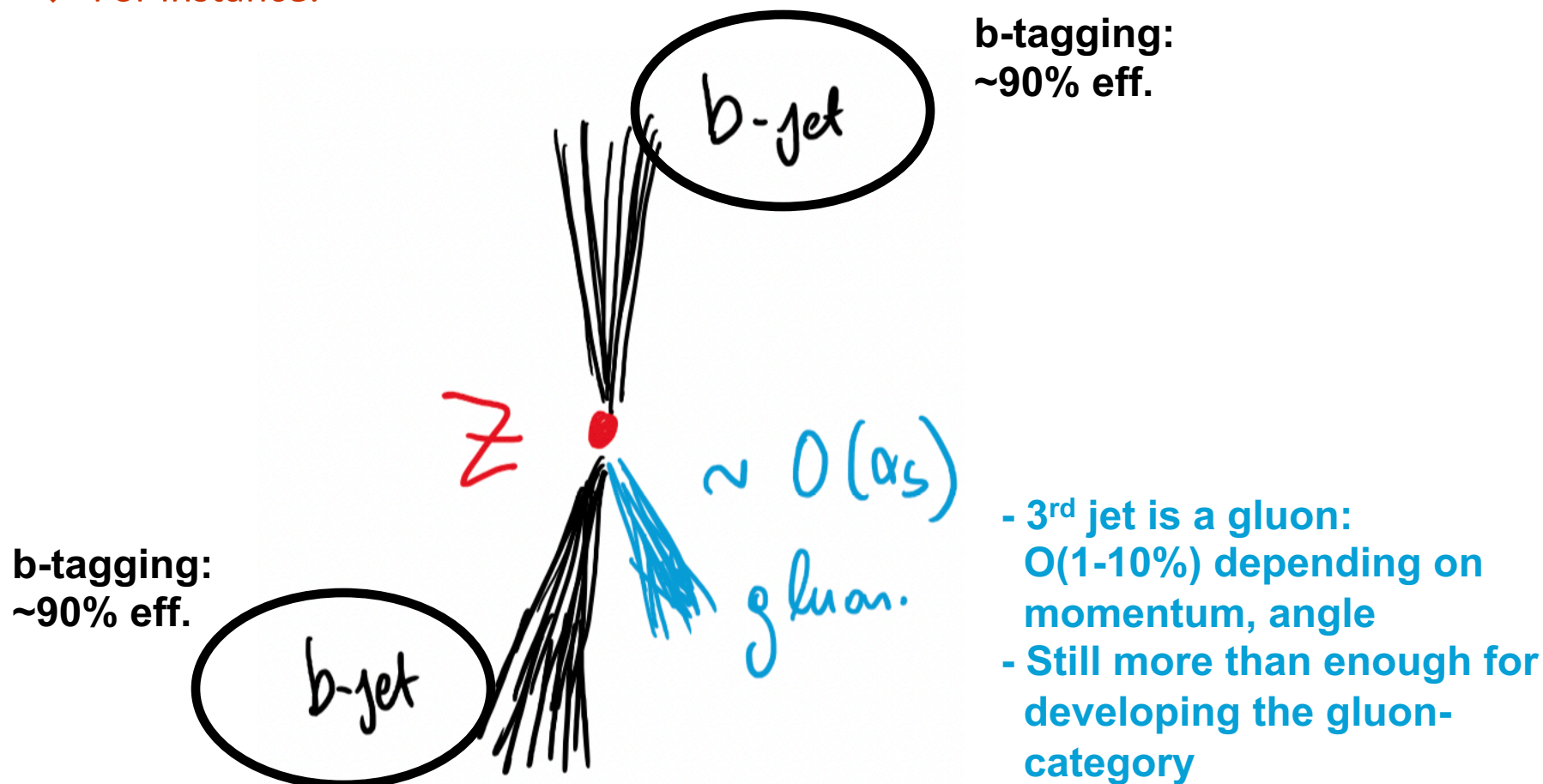
- Back-of-the-envelope: Training sample @ Zpole
  - bottom jets:  $\sim 1 \times 10^5$  M, strange jets:  $\sim 8.8 \times 10^4$  M
    - all other jet flavors in between

**Much larger training sample than what used for the MC-based training sample**

# Gluon tagging using data?

- Challenging... topic of discussion and brainstorming

- ◆ For instance:



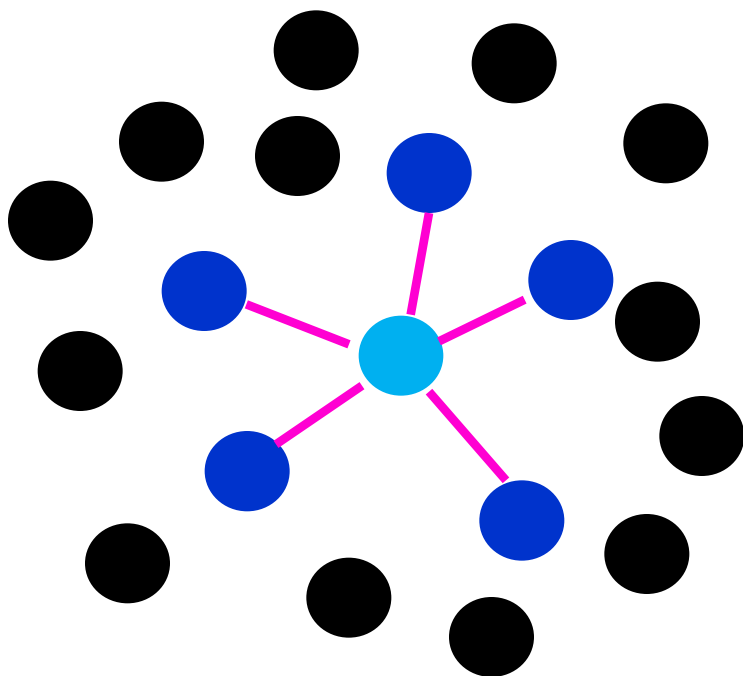
To be tested

# Pushing the limits further

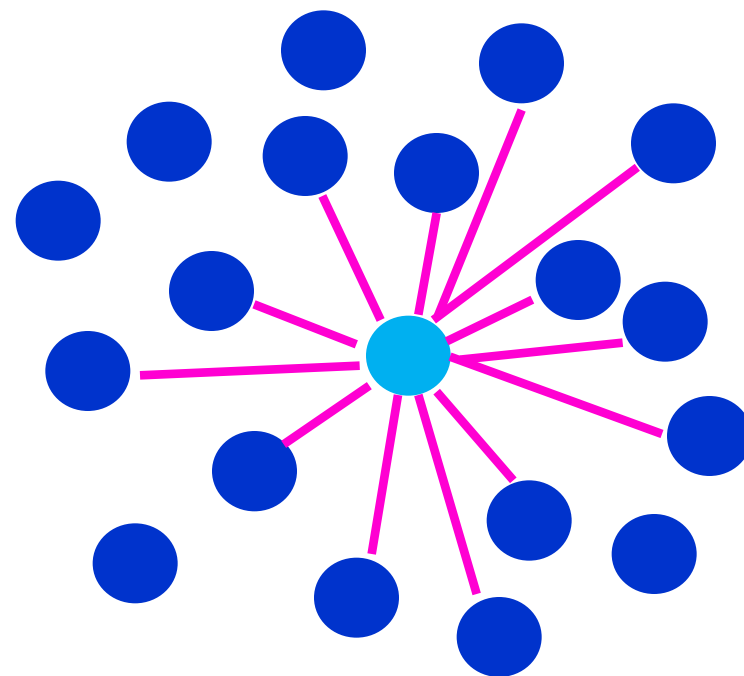
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ParticleNet-EE

ParticleTransformer

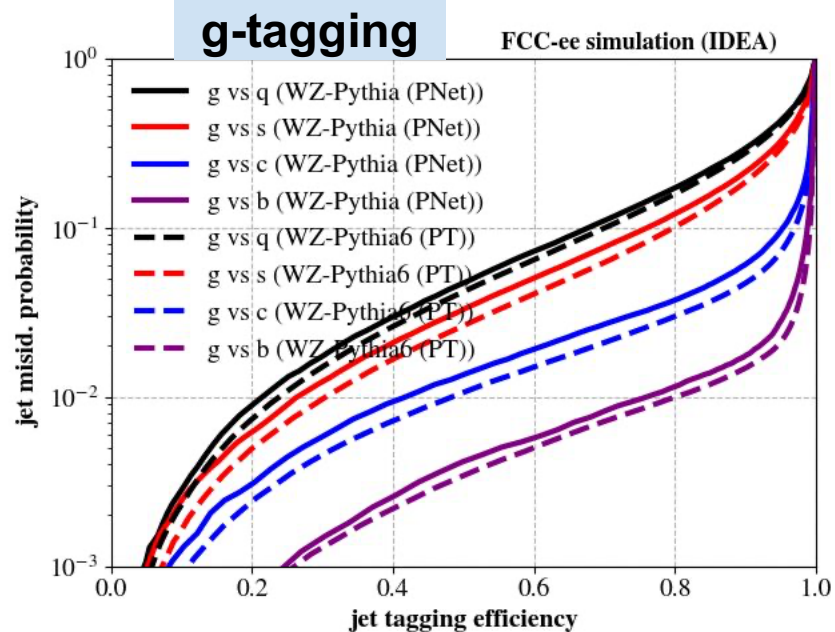
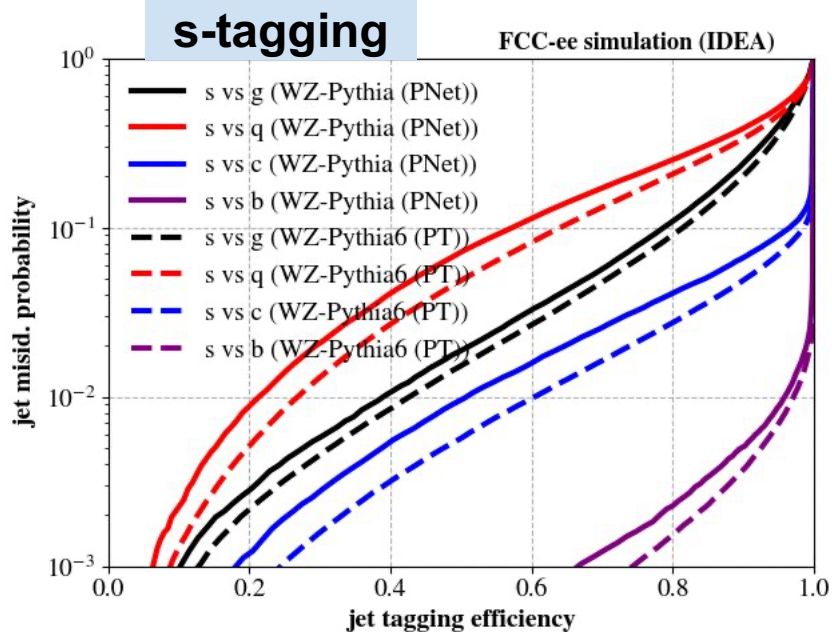
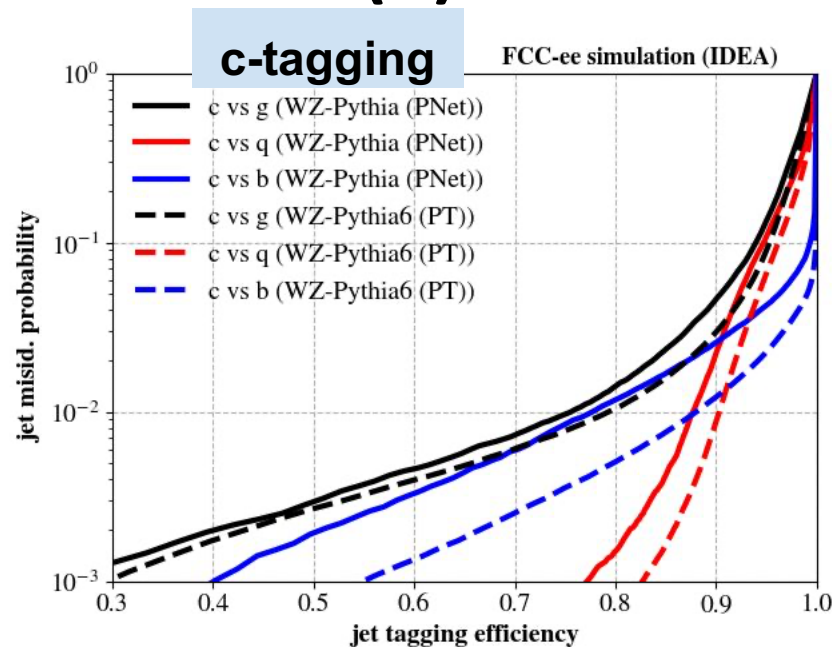
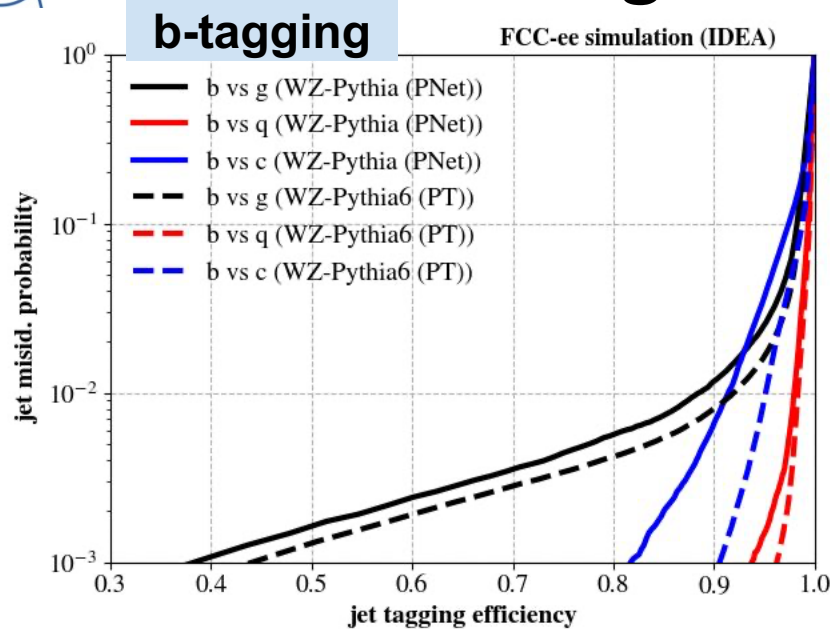


Use the  $k$ -nearest particles  
[ $k=8$  for ParticleNet-EE]



- Fully connected graph
- Include per-particle-pair properties more directly

# Pushing the limits further (II)



# Summary

- Powerful jet flavour identification important for the  $e^+e^-$  physics program
- Sophisticated jet tagging algorithms developed for  $e^+e^-$  experiments
  - ◆ Striking improvement in tagging performance compared to previous tools
    - allows us to explore more of the detector and event reconstruction potential
  - ◆ Fully integrated in FCCSW [data preparation, training, validation, inference, analysis] and explored in FCCee physics analyses [More tomorrow]
  - ◆ Still room for improvement / other ideas to try
    - Strong interest by the theory and experiment communities
- Why not testing them in actual  $e^+e^-$  data? → LEP
  - ◆ 5 M Z bosons / experiment →  $O(100K)$  training events / jet flavour
  - ◆ Great opportunity to commission these novel tools with real data
    - Bonus: Extract more physics out from LEP data [?]

# Review of a decade [CMS]

e.g., b-tagging

- Enormous progress over the last few years:

**The early days:**  
Human – inspired  
high-level variables  
+  
Cut-based selection

**Early Run 2:**  
Human – inspired  
high-level variables  
+  
Simple ML

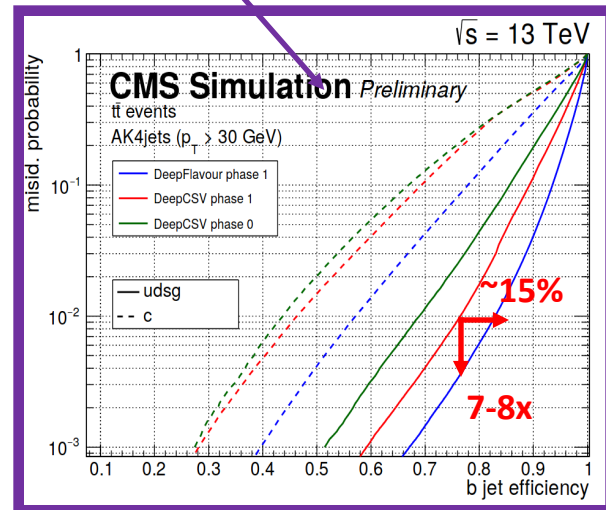
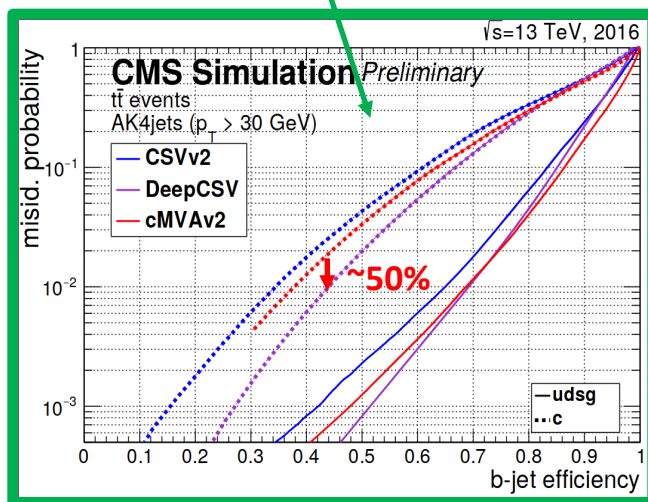
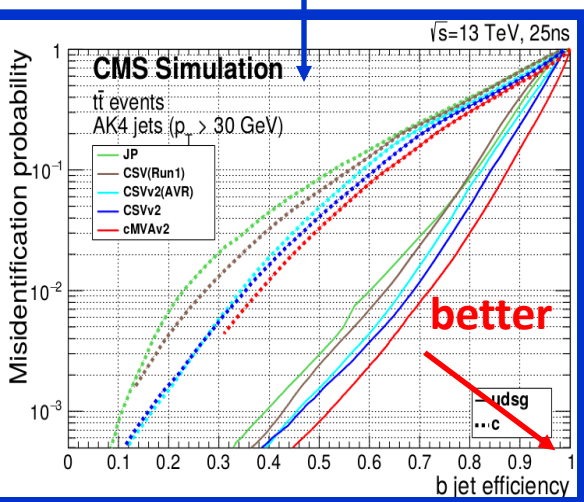
**The “Game changer”:**  
Inputs: low-level info  
[as particle sequences]  
+  
Advanced ML (CNN, RNN)

**Pushing limits further:**  
Inputs: low-level info  
[as unordered sets]  
+  
Graph Neural Nets

Run 1

Run 2

Run 3

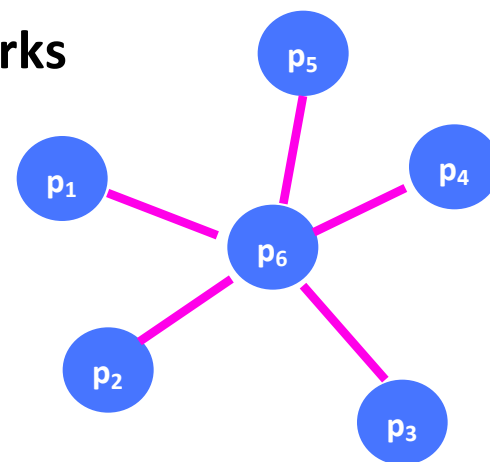


[Disclaimer: Focus on CMS results; similar methods developed by the other LHC experiments]



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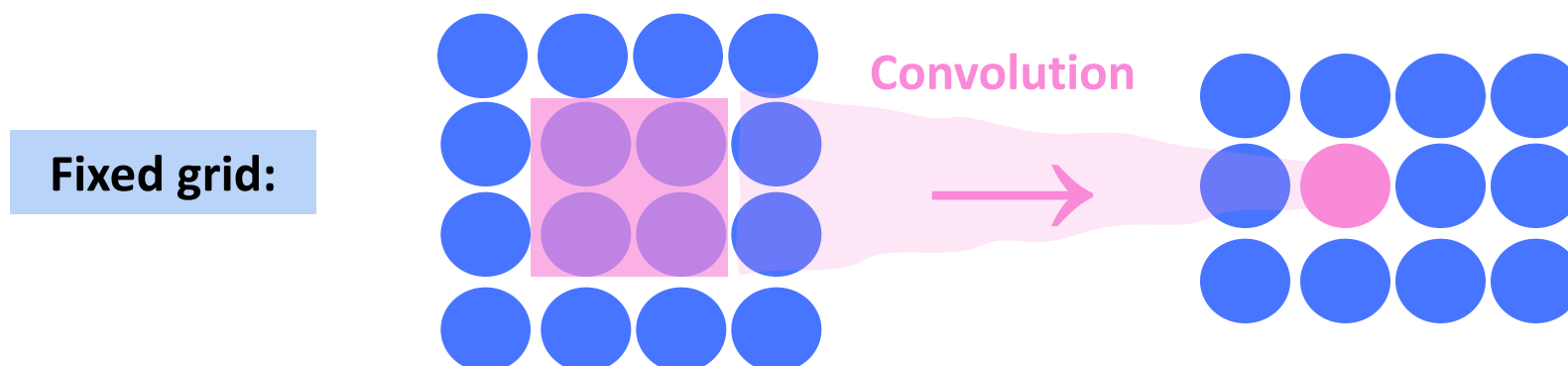
- Improve jet representation: “*Particle Sequences*” → “*Particle Clouds*”
  - ◆ Treat the jet as an unordered set of particles
  - ◆ Rich set of information per particle
    - can be “viewed” as the coordinates of each particle in an abstract space
  
- Improved Network architecture: **Graph Neural Networks**
  - ◆ Particle cloud represented as a graph
    - Each particle: **vertex** of the graph
    - Connections between particles: the **edges**
  
- **Build** the graph:
  - ◆ One approach: Fully connected Graph [but computationally very expensive]
  - ◆ Another possibility: apply some criteria
    - e.g.,  $k$ -Nearest Neighbors ( $k$ NN)



# Designing a Graph-based tagger (III)

- Last step: **Learn** from the graphs
  - ◆ Follow a **hierarchical learning** approach:  
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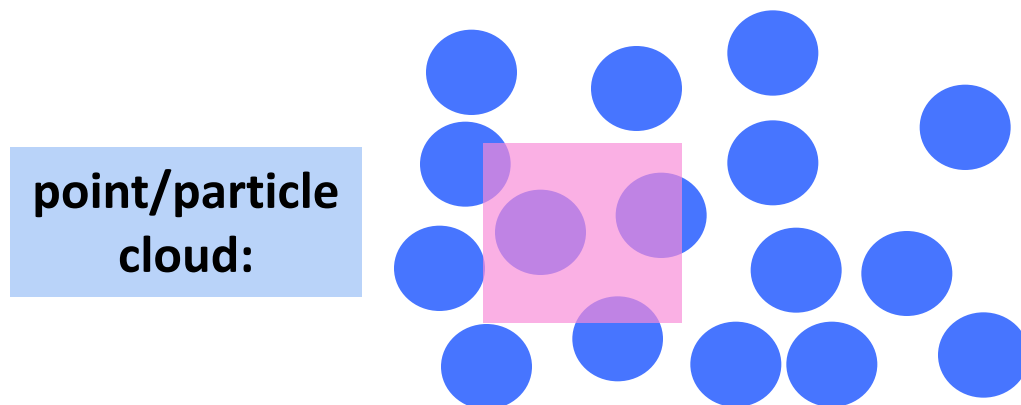
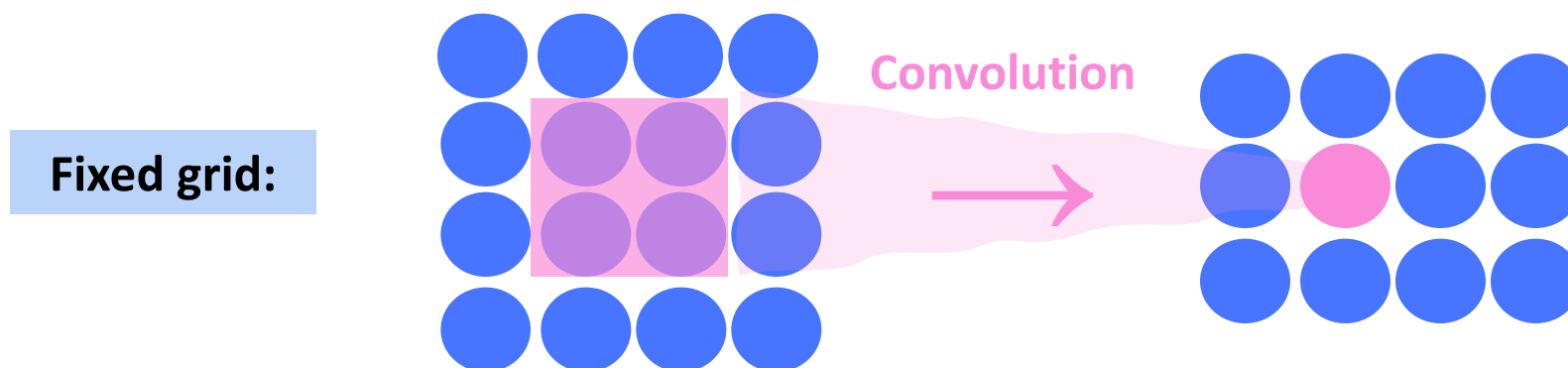
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**... but not straightforward on point/particle clouds**

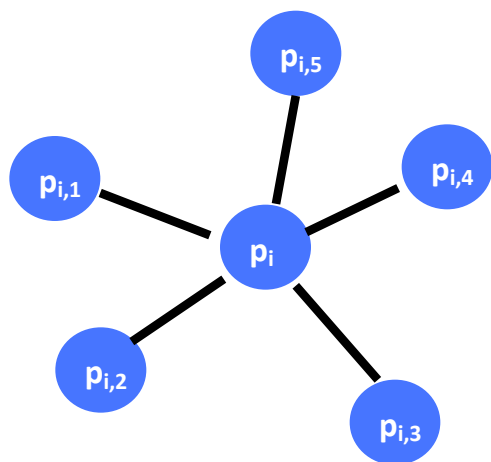
- Irregular and unordered sets
- Requires a permutation invariant convolutional operation

# EdgeConv: Convolution on point clouds

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- Find the  $k$ -nearest neighbors of each point

## k-Nearest Neighbors

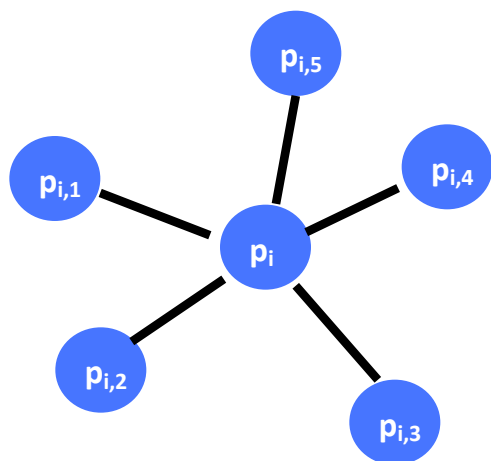


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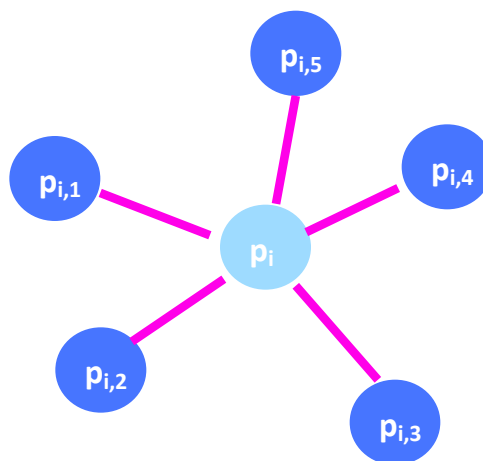
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- Find the ***k*-nearest neighbors** of each point
- Design a permutation invariant **convolution operation**
  - Define an **edge feature** function  $\rightarrow$  **aggregate** edge features w/ a symmetric func.

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## Convolution operation



In a nutshell:

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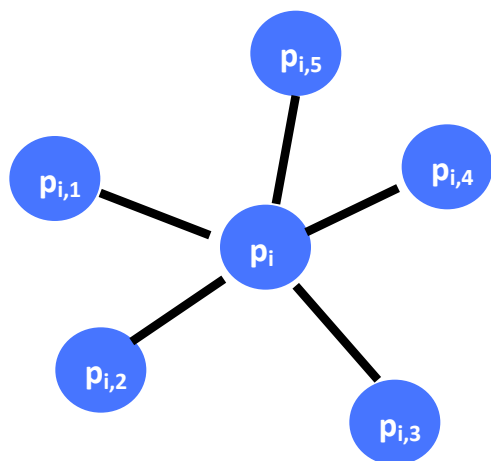
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# EdgeConv: Convolution on point clouds

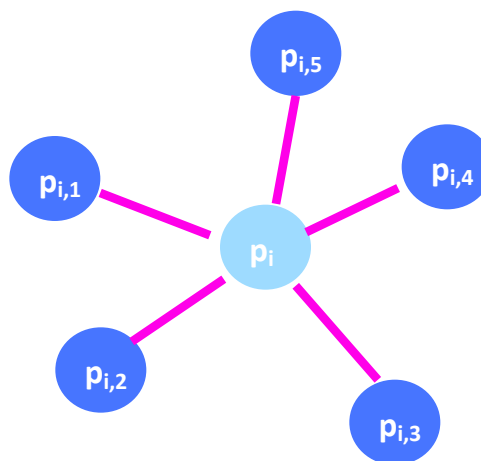
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- Find the ***k*-nearest neighbors** of each point
- Design a permutation invariant **convolution operation**
  - Define an **edge feature function**  $\rightarrow$  **aggregate** edge features w/ a symmetric func.
- Update Graph (ie Dynamic Graph CNN, DGCNN):**  
Using *k*NN in the feature space produced after EdgeConv
  - Can be viewed as a mapping from one particle cloud to another

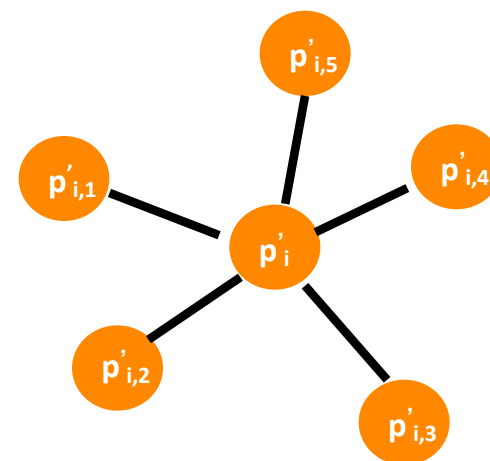
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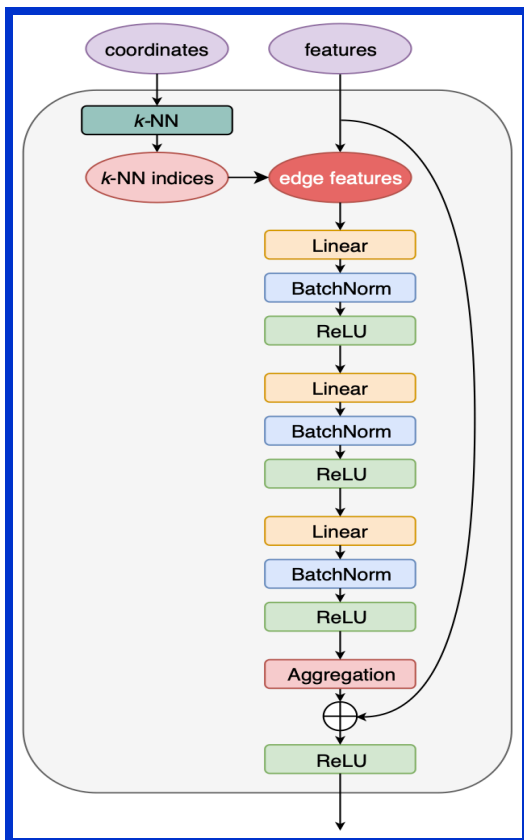
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- Based on EdgeConv and DGCNN
  - ◆ but customized for the jet tagging task

## EdgeConv block



### Introduced:

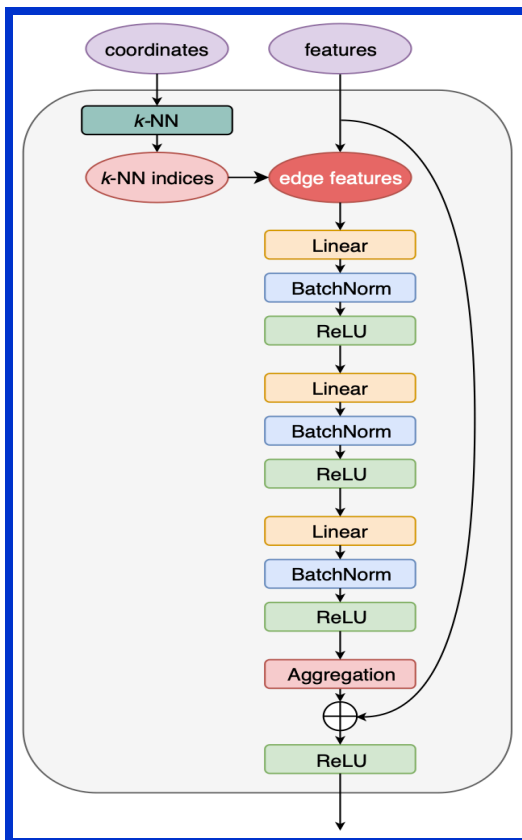
- features beyond spatial coordinates
- residual connections
- MLP conf.

# ParticleNet for jet tagging (II)

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- Based on EdgeConv and DGCNN
  - but customized for the jet tagging task

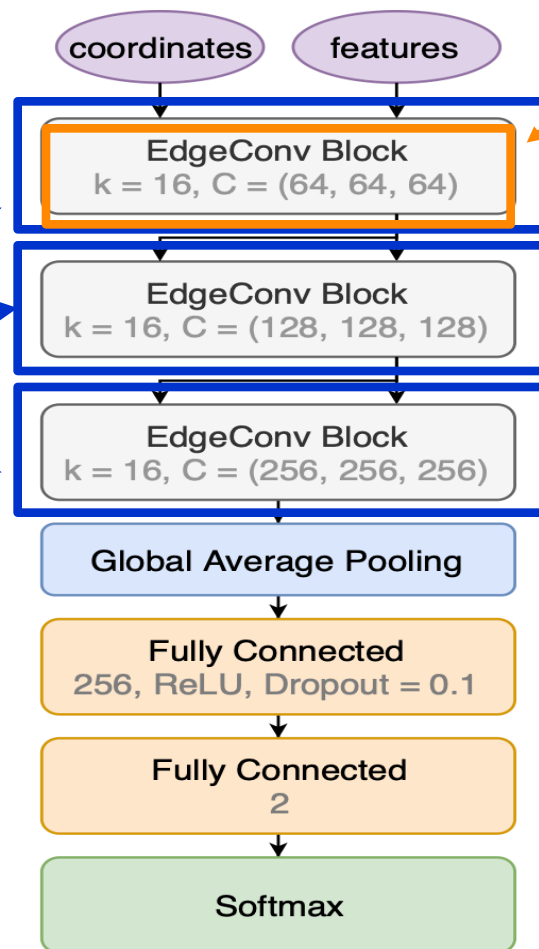
## EdgeConv block



**Introduced:**

- features beyond spatial coordinates
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- MLP conf.

## ParticleNet Architecture



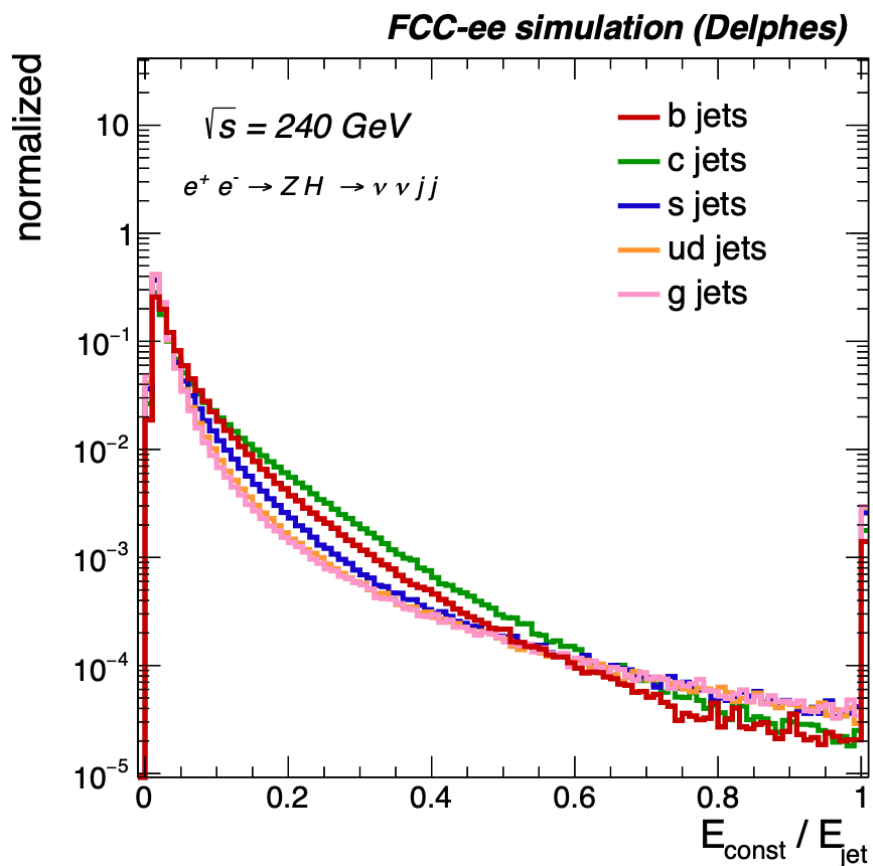
particles distributed in  $\eta$ - $\phi$

From local to more global structures



# Example of input features

## Constituent relative energy



## Impact parameter ( $d_0$ )

