# **Anomaly Detection in CMS**

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# Incorporated such techniques in physics analyses to increase discovery potential and look for new exotic signals

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# **Designing the search**

- Best approach, take data and start eliminating the known i.e. standard model
- Use machine learning to learn from data itself how the standard model looks like  $\rightarrow$  complete signal & background model independent search
- Search for any anomaly w.r.t standard model

Credits: D. Shih, B. Nachman





Fun Fact : It's "Where's Waldo", except we don't know what it looks like?





anomalous jets?

**Different assumptions**  $\rightarrow$ **Complementary approaches** 

• Used five AI methods based on three different training algorithms







- Compared the performance of anomaly detection methods with several standard ones
- Used mock data demonstrating different backgrounds and tested sensitivity of new methods



- Similar observation with **3-pronged signal scenario** ( $W' \rightarrow B't \rightarrow bZt$ )
- For both signal scenarios, the inclusive search does not reach discoverylevel significance



Performance of different anomaly methods vary for the two signal scenarios and no method is optimal for both

All anomaly detection methods demonstrate increased sensitivity above inclusive search

• Performed bump hunt with all five methods on dijet invariant mass spectrum; no excess observed



Bkg. fit

5500

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5000

m<sub>ii</sub> (GeV)

5500

**Discovery Sensitivity** 



- Determined which crosssections would led to discovery  $(3\sigma/5\sigma)$
- Observed improvement with anomaly detection methods by a factor of 7 (3.3) as compared to inclusive (cutbased) method
- For every signal, at least one anomaly detection method reaches 5σ level

#### Courtesy: doi.org/10.1038/s41597-022-01187-8



- L1 trigger quickly decides if an event should be recorded or not, based on muon-system and calorimeter information.
- Are some BSM/rare SM events also lost?
- New development: Using anomaly detection @L1 trigger
  - unbiased approach → potentially enhanced sensitivity to SM or BSM physics that evades other triggers
  - Trained directly on data
  - runs in hundreds of nanoseconds on a single FPGA

- Rate stability tests were performed during 2023 data-taking; rate stability observed throughout the fill cycle
- More sensitive to final states with high object multiplicity
- Currently recording data with the AXOL1TL seeds (+ corresponding HLT paths), at rates up to a few hundred Hz
- Further developments on the algorithms are ongoing



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- Anomalous event captured with highest anomaly score ; not selected with normal L1T menu
- Offline reconstruction identified 7 jets and 1 muon in an event
- Excited to look at the anomalous events dataset collected by these triggers

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#### Conclusions

- Interesting results from Run 2 data; but we see **no significant excess** in any of the signal phase space
- Need to **develop new strategies** to search wider phase space but with **increased sensitivity to new physics**
- CMS has used machine-learning based **anomaly detection methodology** which is fully based on data; making it fully **signal and background independent**
- A full **dijet resonance search** is performed with various anomaly detection methods and have set the **most stringent limits on the cross section of various signal scenarios**
- Besides this, CMS developed **anomaly detection algorithm at the L1 trigger level** to enable fully unbiased analysis of rare/anomalous events



# Backup

- Developed two complementary algorithms for **anomalous event selection at L1 trigger** level
  - AXOL1TL : uses L1 global trigger input (10 jets, 4 electrons, 4 muons and 1 MET)
  - CICADA : uses raw calorimeter energy deposits as inputs
- Uses autoencoders to pick out topologies different from majority of events seen at the LHC

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- Firmware generation with hls4ml package to interface with frontend hardware
- runs in hundreds of nanoseconds on a single FPGA

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