

# Time-of-Flight Estimation using Machine Learning Techniques

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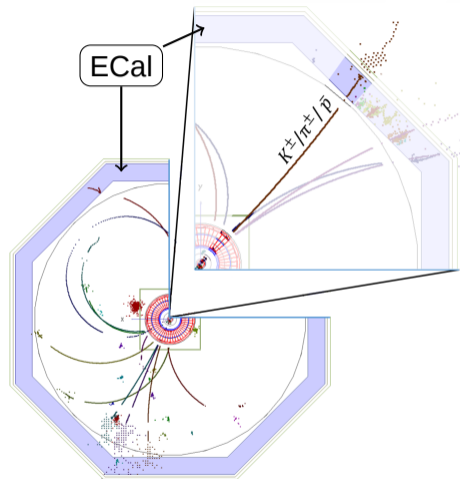
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# Time-of-Flight and Particle Identification

- > time-of-flight (TOF) estimation for hadron showers  $\Rightarrow$  particle identification
- > for  $p \lesssim \mathcal{O}(10 \text{ GeV})$  :  $\pi^\pm$  vs.  $K^\pm$  vs.  $\bar{p}$
- > particle identified by electric charge &

$$m_0 = \frac{p \cdot \text{TOF}}{\ell_{\text{track}}} \sqrt{1 - \left( \frac{\ell_{\text{track}}}{(\text{TOF} \cdot c)} \right)^2}$$

- > case study: International Linear Collider + International Large Detector

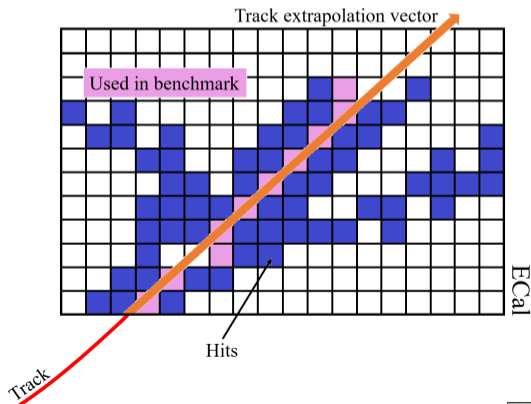


# Benchmark Time-of-Flight Estimator

- > select hits closest to track extrapolation into ECal in first 10 layers
- > correct measured hit time by travel time to detection position, assuming velocity  $c$

$$t_{\text{corrected},i} = t_i - \frac{d(\text{ECal}, (x, y, z)_i)}{c}$$

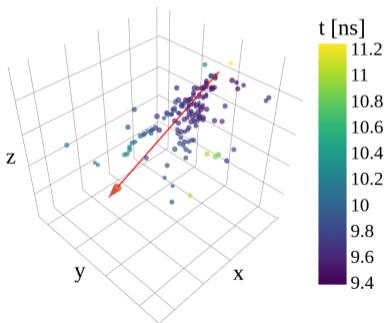
$$\text{TOF} = \frac{1}{n_{\text{hits}}} \sum_{i=1}^{n_{\text{hits}}} t_{\text{corrected},i}$$



# Dataset

> 5D point cloud  $\oplus$  track information:

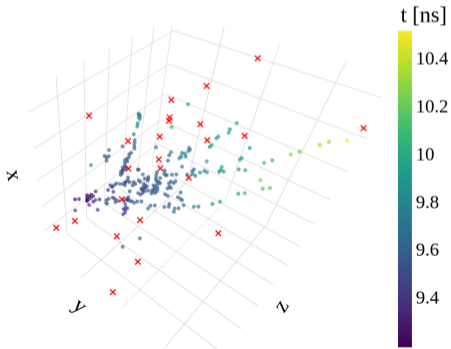
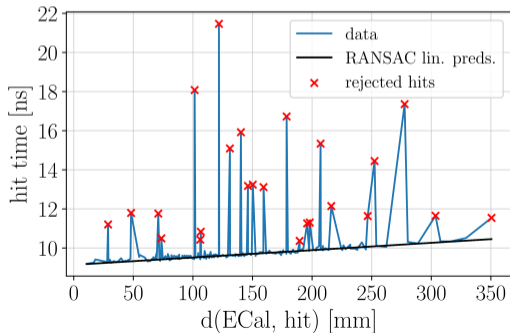
$$\underbrace{\{ [x, y, z, e, t]_i \}}_{\text{coordinates, per hit}} \oplus \underbrace{[ \ell_{\text{track}}, \rho, \rho_T, \rho_x, \rho_y, \rho_z, x_{\text{ECal}}, y_{\text{ECal}}, z_{\text{ECal}} ]}_{\text{reconstructed track information, per shower}} \mid i = 1 \dots n_{\text{hits}} \} \times n_{\text{showers}}$$



- > assume hit time resolution  $\pm 50$  ps in ECal
- > define distances using 3D euclidean metric + two extra channels:  
 $(x, y, z)^T \oplus (e, t)$
- > order hits by distance to ECal entry point  $d(\text{ECal}, \text{hit})$

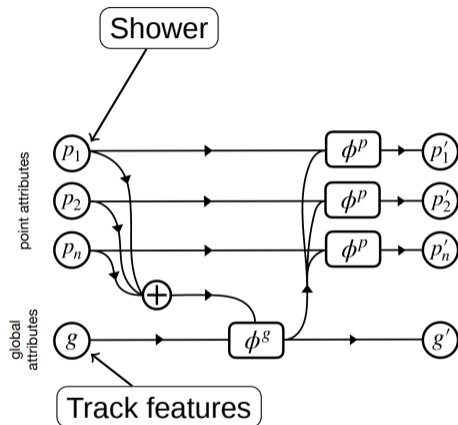
# RANSAC

- > outliers in space and time
- > random sample consensus (RANSAC) algorithm used for outlier rejection
- > fit affine function:  $t$  vs.  $d(\text{ECal, hit})$
- > if  $(t_i - \text{RANSAC pred.}_i) \leq 0.5 \text{ ns}$ : keep hit, else: reject



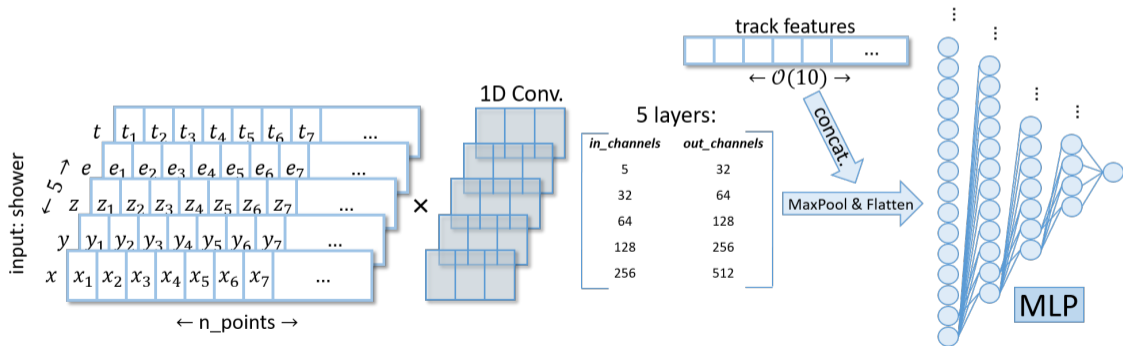
# EPiC Regression

- > 3 equivariant point cloud (EPiC) layers from  
EPiC-GAN: arXiv:2301.08128  
E. Buhmann, G. Kasieczka, J. Thaler  
for encoding of input
- > connect global with local information
- > 4 layer MLP for TOF regression based on  
encoded input

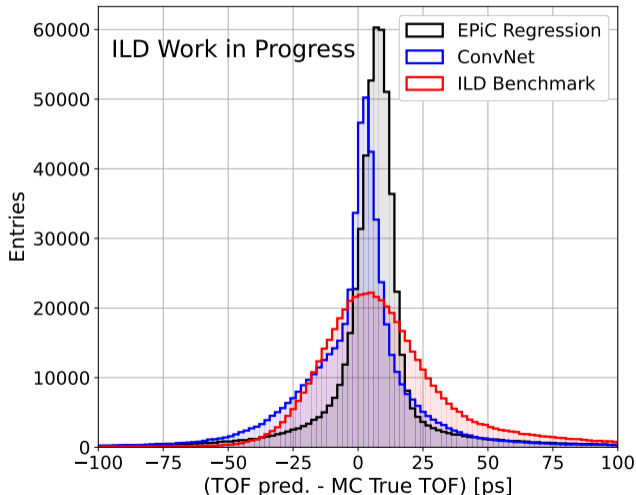


# Simpler: ConvNet

- > 1D convolutions along  $x, y, z, e, t$  for encoding of input
- > relies on ordering  $\Rightarrow$  kernels move along shower development direction
- > 4 layer MLP for TOF regression



# Results



- > EPiC regression & ConvNet beat ILD benchmark
- > smaller RMS90, less biased

Network	RMS90	$\mu_{90}$
Benchmark	$23.62 \pm 0.02$	$9.73 \pm 0.03$
EPiC	$15.00 \pm 0.02$	$6.17 \pm 0.01$
ConvNet	$18.18 \pm 0.02$	$-0.48 \pm 0.02$



# A Closer Look at the Results

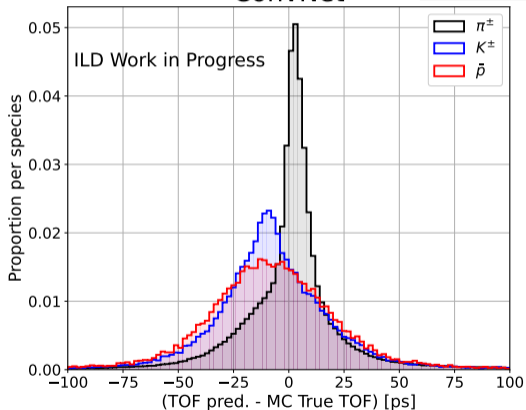
## An Exemplary Look at ConvNet

analytic:

$$\text{TOF} = \sqrt{\left(\frac{m_{\pi} \ell_{\text{track}}}{p}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\ell_{\text{track}}}{c}\right)^2}$$

type	$m$ [MeV]	%
$\pi^{\pm}$	140	85
$K^{\pm}$	490	10
$(\bar{p})$	940	5

ConvNet



- > TOF prediction performance dominates for  $\pi^{\pm}$
- > network learned  $\pi^{\pm}$  mass? — no!
- > mass-ordering does not follow order of distributions
- > **hypothesis:**  
**network learned at least two different mass classes and predicted TOF based on that**

# Hypothesis

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> 'mass classes':

1. well-learned  $m_1 \simeq m_{\pi^\pm}$
2. approximate  $m_2 \simeq m_p$

>  $\{ [x, y, z, e, t]_i \oplus [\ell_{\text{track}}, p, p_T, p_x, p_y, p_z, x_{\text{ECal}}, y_{\text{ECal}}, z_{\text{ECal}}] \mid i = 1 \dots n_{\text{hits}} \} \times n_{\text{showers}}$

> what the network does:

1. rough TOF estimate, based hit times

2. estimates corresponding mass class:  $m_{1,2} = \frac{p \cdot \text{TOF}}{\ell_{\text{track}}} \sqrt{1 - \left( \frac{\ell_{\text{track}}}{\text{TOF} \cdot c} \right)^2}$

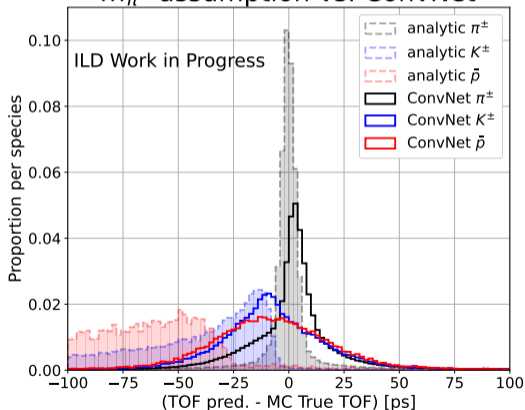
3. corrects rough TOF estimate, based on:  $\text{TOF} = \sqrt{\left( \frac{m_{1,2} \ell_{\text{track}}}{p} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{\ell_{\text{track}}}{c} \right)^2}$

# Testing the Hypothesis — Mass Class 1

Assuming all Particles are  $\pi^\pm$

type	$m$ [MeV]	%
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$m_{\pi^\pm}$  assumption vs. ConvNet



> analytic:

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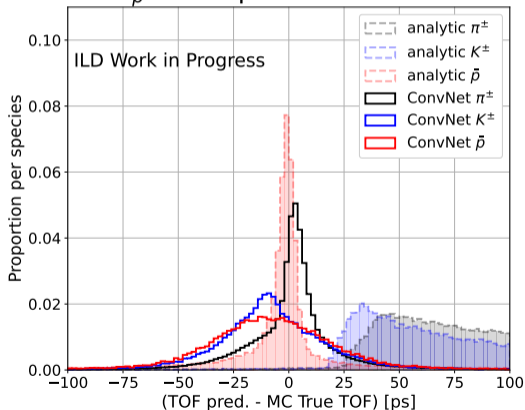
> ConvNet  $\pi^\pm, K^\pm$  distributions roughly match analytic predictions for  $\pi^\pm, K^\pm$  in **both** cases assuming  $m_{\pi^\pm}$

# Testing the Hypothesis — Mass Class 2

Assuming all Particles are  $\bar{\rho}$

type	$m$ [MeV]	%
$\pi^\pm$	140	85
$K^\pm$	490	10
$\bar{\rho}$	940	5

$m_{\bar{\rho}}$  assumption vs. ConvNet



> analytic:

$$\text{TOF} = \sqrt{\left(\frac{m_p \ell_{\text{track}}}{p}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\ell_{\text{track}}}{c}\right)^2}$$

> ConvNet prediction for  $\bar{\rho}$  wide but approximates analytic prediction for  $\bar{\rho}$ , assuming  $m_{\bar{\rho}}$

> low  $\bar{\rho}$  abundance  $\Rightarrow$  difficult to learn  $m_{\bar{\rho}}$

> ConvNet has understood, that  $\geq 2$  mass classes exist

# Summary & Outlook

## Summary:

- > idea: build a TOF regression network



- > predict TOF



- > use TOF +  $p$  +  $\ell_{\text{track}}$  for particle identification

EPIC Regression, ConNet

## Outlook:

- > continue to understand what the networks are doing
- > no hyperparameter optimisation yet
- > prevent internal particle identification
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- > skip TOF regression, classify  $\pi^\pm$  vs.  $K^\pm$  vs.  $\overset{(-)}{p}$  directly


# Thank you!

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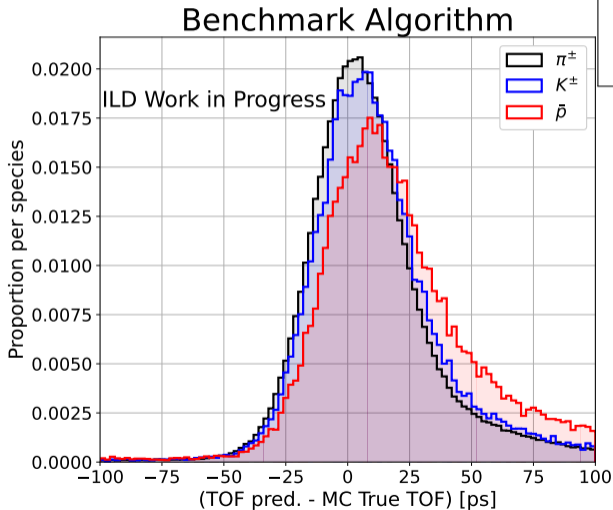
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# Backup



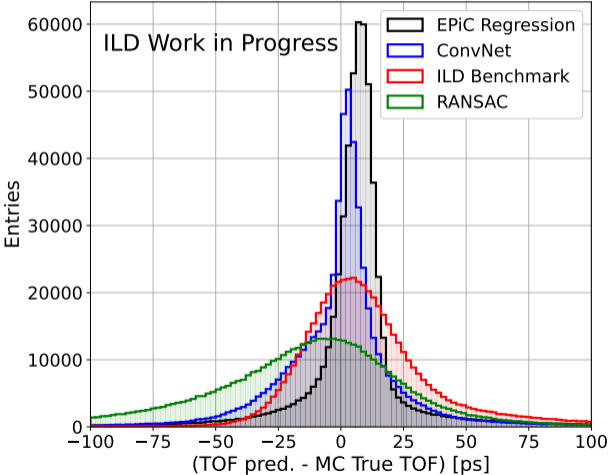
# A Closer Look at the Benchmark Algorithm

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# Performance Comparison to RANSAC



# Testing the Hypothesis #1

Assuming all Particles are  $\pi^\pm$

analytic:

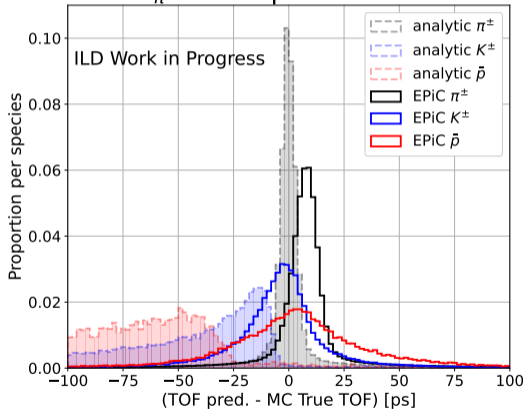
$$\text{TOF} = \sqrt{\left(\frac{m_\pi \ell_{\text{track}}}{\rho}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\ell_{\text{track}}}{c}\right)^2}$$

$$m_{\pi^\pm} \simeq 140 \text{ MeV}$$

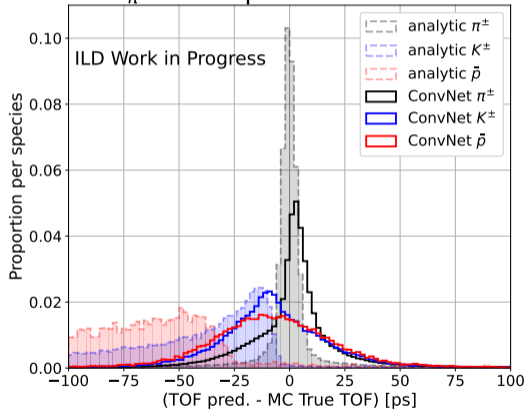
$$m_{K^\pm} \simeq 490 \text{ MeV}$$

$$m_{\bar{\rho}} \simeq 940 \text{ MeV}$$

$m_{\pi^\pm}$  assumption vs. EPiC



$m_{\pi^\pm}$  assumption vs. ConvNet



# Testing the Hypothesis #2

Assuming all Particles are  $K^\pm$

analytic:

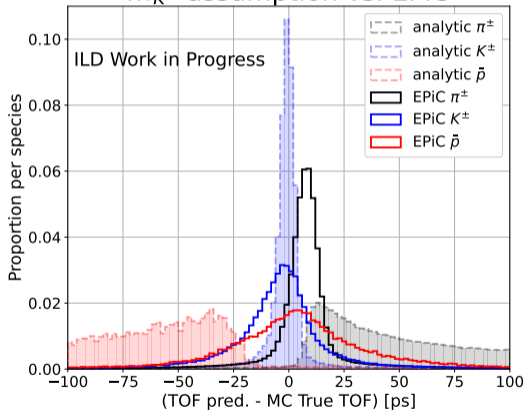
$$\text{TOF} = \sqrt{\left(\frac{m_K \ell_{\text{track}}}{p}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\ell_{\text{track}}}{c}\right)^2}$$

$$m_{\pi^\pm} \simeq 140 \text{ MeV}$$

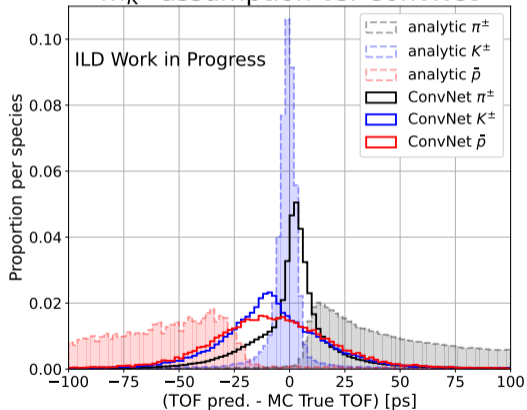
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$m_{K^\pm}$  assumption vs. EPiC



$m_{K^\pm}$  assumption vs. ConvNet



# Testing the Hypothesis #3

Assuming all Particles are  $\bar{p}$

analytic:

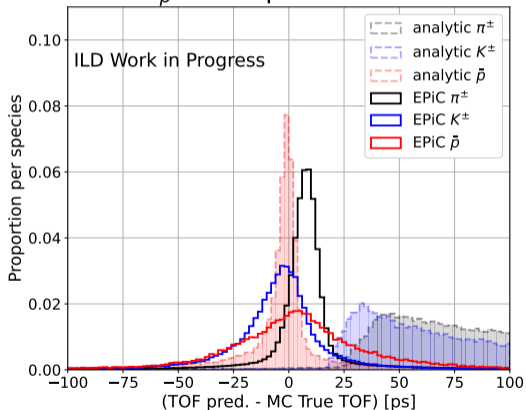
$$\text{TOF} = \sqrt{\left(\frac{m_p \ell_{\text{track}}}{p}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\ell_{\text{track}}}{c}\right)^2}$$

$m_{\pi^\pm} \simeq 140 \text{ MeV}$

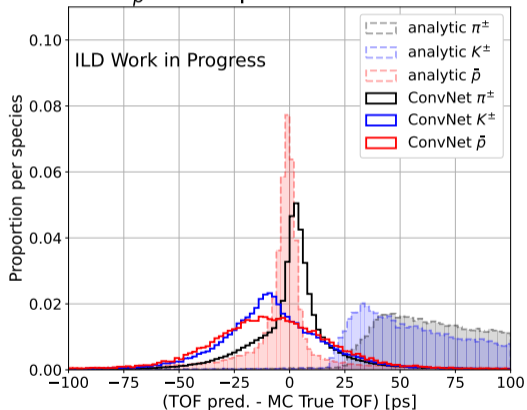
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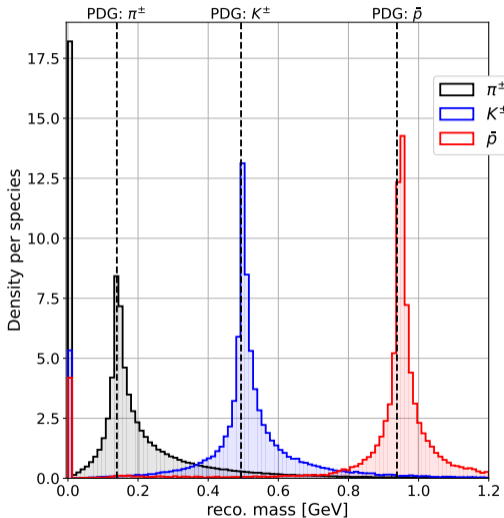
$m_{\bar{p}}$  assumption vs. EPiC



$m_{\bar{p}}$  assumption vs. ConvNet



# Reconstructing the Masses - Benchmark Algorithm

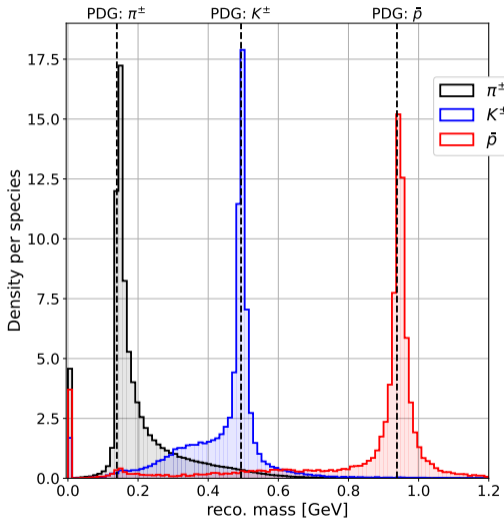


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1. predict TOF
2. use  $\ell_{\text{track}}$  and  $p$  to calculate

$$m_{\text{reco.}} = \frac{p \cdot \text{TOF}_{\text{pred.}}}{\ell_{\text{track}}} \sqrt{1 - \left( \frac{\ell_{\text{track}}}{(\text{TOF}_{\text{pred.}} \cdot c)} \right)^2}$$

# Reconstructing the Masses - EPiC Regression

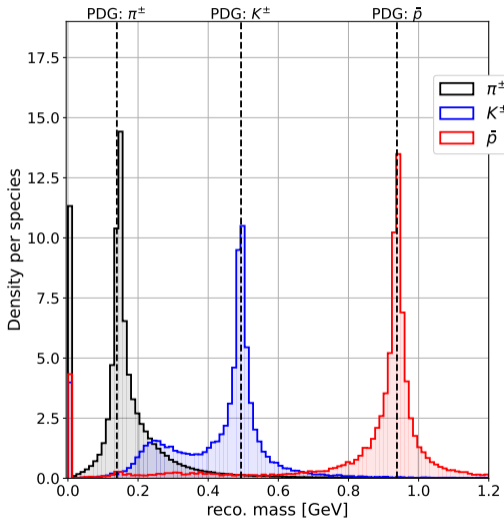


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# Reconstructing the Masses - ConvNet

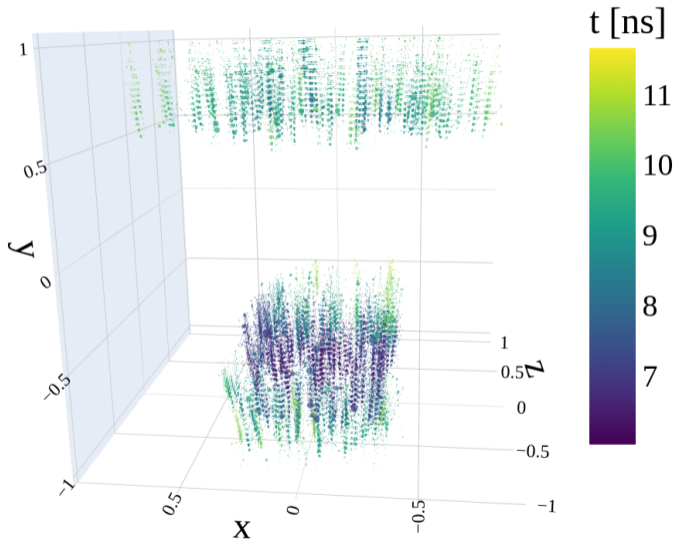


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1. predict TOF
2. use  $l_{\text{track}}$  and  $p$  to calculate

$$m_{\text{reco.}} = \frac{p \cdot \text{TOF}_{\text{pred.}}}{l_{\text{track}}} \sqrt{1 - \left( \frac{l_{\text{track}}}{(\text{TOF}_{\text{pred.}} \cdot c)} \right)^2}$$

# Network Input - Boxed, Biased





# Problems

