



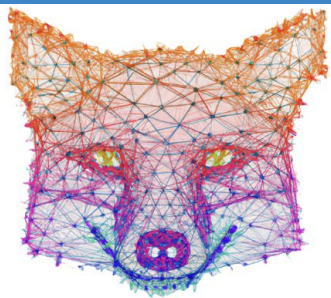
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# Challenges in HEP: Machine Learning

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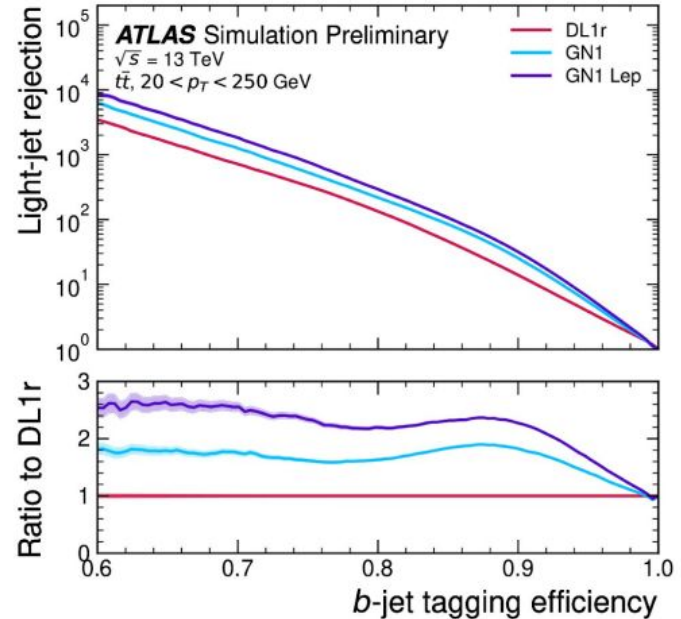
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# Machine Learning in HEP

- ML has been in HEP for ages: S-B separation and flavor tagging
- What's new:
  - Significant increase in compute power (GPUs) available for ML
  - Dramatic increase in ML architectures for different applications: transformers, large-language models (LLMs), graph neural networks (GNNs), convolutional neural networks (CNNs), etc
- ML advancements have already affected HEP, e.g., drastic improvement in flavor tagging (GN1).

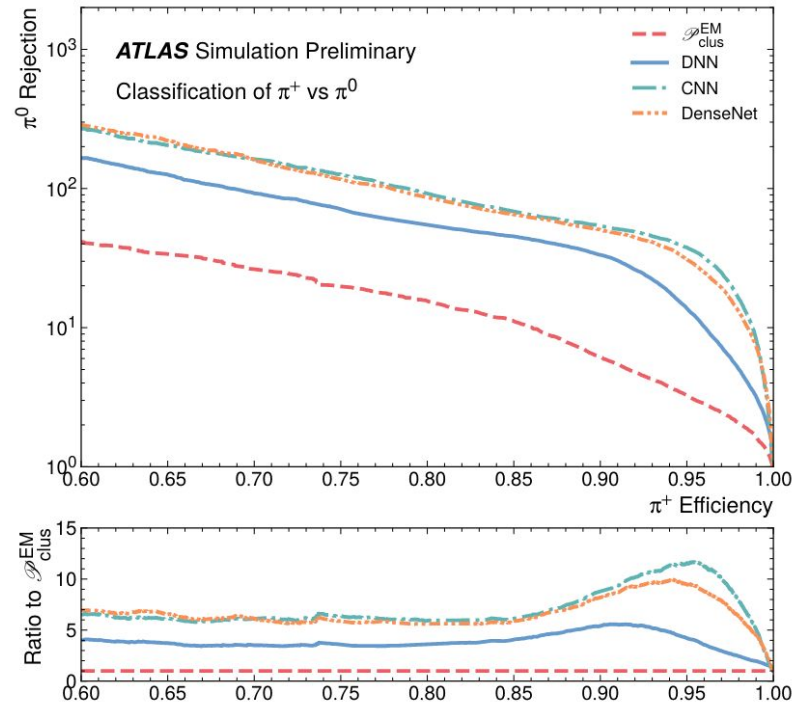
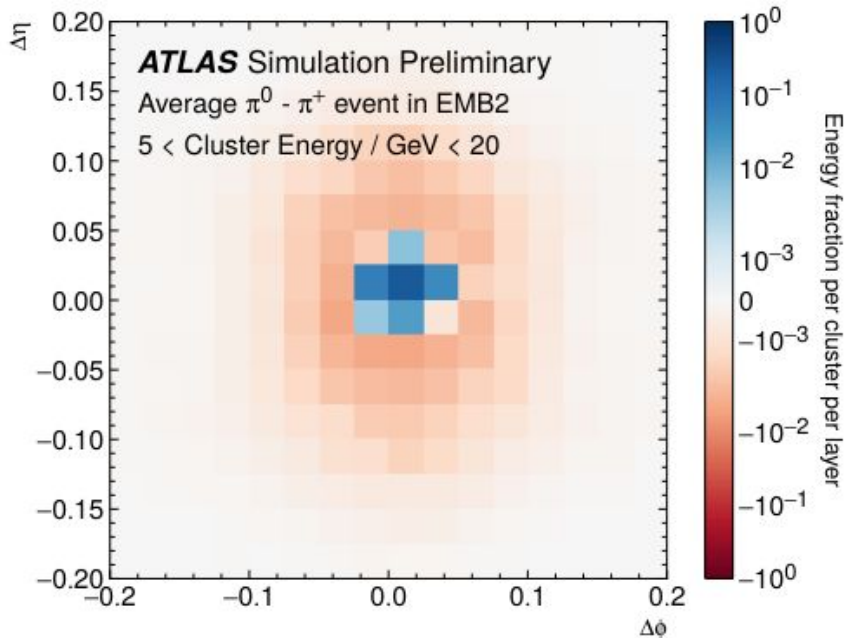


MVAs used since Run 1 (MV1)

# Machine Learning in HEP

- Increasing complexity, decreasing interpretability
- Compatibility with calibration techniques
  - Can you derive scale factors, systematics, etc?
- Systematics do not kill your gains
  - Study them early on!
  - Even a flat uncertainty can give you a rough idea
- ML enables portability (ability to run on different types of hardware, e.g., CPUs, GPUs, FPGAs)

- Pixelated calorimeter images: Convolutional NN (CNN)
- The ML techniques all do an excellent job of distinguishing  $\pi^0$  from  $\pi^\pm$  showers



# Why use Machine Learning?

- ML to exploit high-dimensional correlations
  - Our multidimensional distributions are rarely rectangular
  - Rectangular cuts won't maximize signal efficiency and background rejection
  - Maximizing our performance is essential in luminosity era
- ML as a surrogate model: fast and/or can run many types of hardware: e.g., ML-based track reconstruction, AtIFastSim3
- ML for non-standard data: data that is less confined than our physics objects (e.g., operational data), variable length input, etc

# High Luminosity - LHC

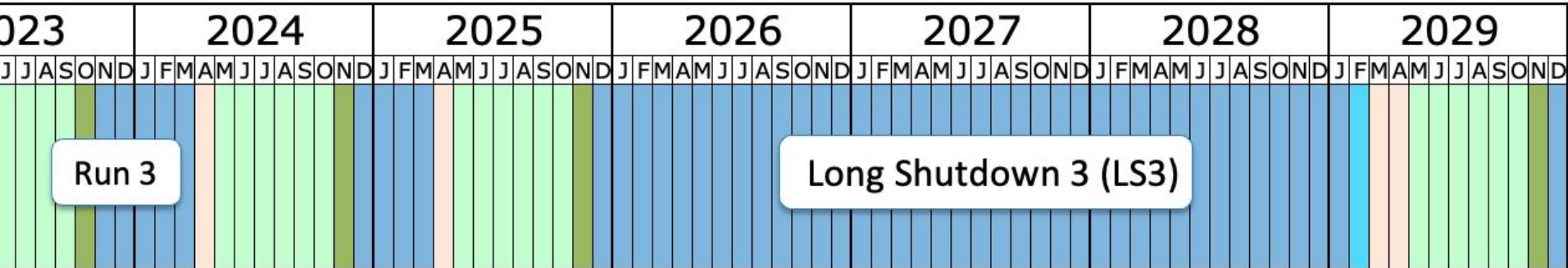
Trigger & data acquisition challenge

- Luminosity:  $2 \mapsto 7.5 \cdot 10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$
- Pileup: 60  $\mapsto$  200
  - more time consuming
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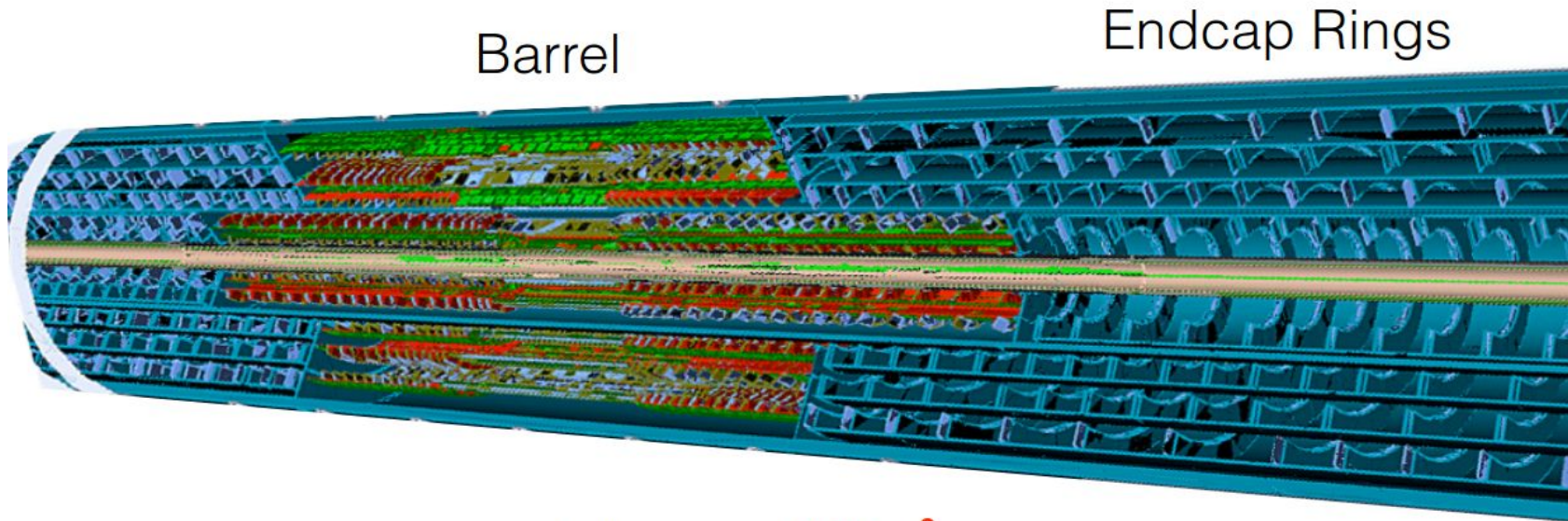


ATLAS detector upgrade

- New Tracker, new Timing Detector, additional muon chambers, new Tile electronics, ...



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Active area: **12.7 m<sup>2</sup>**

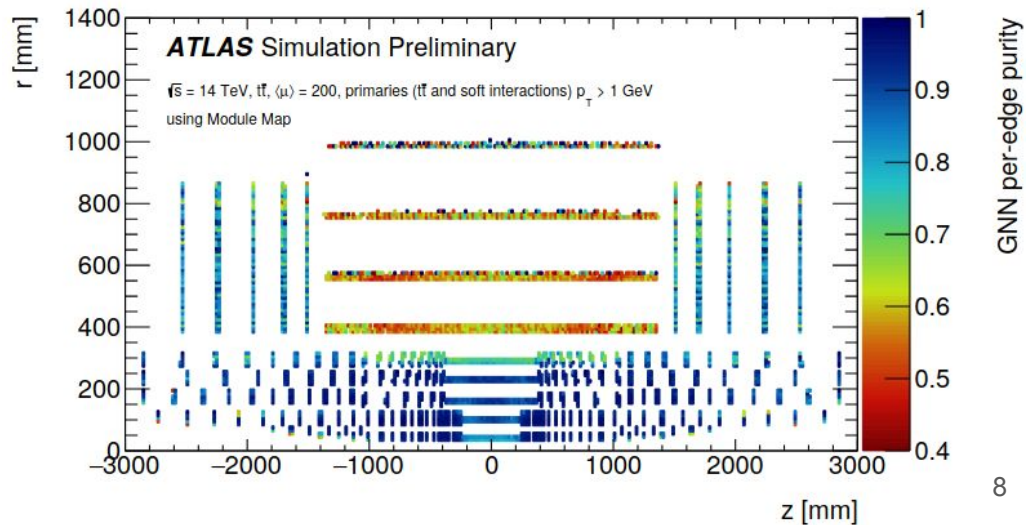
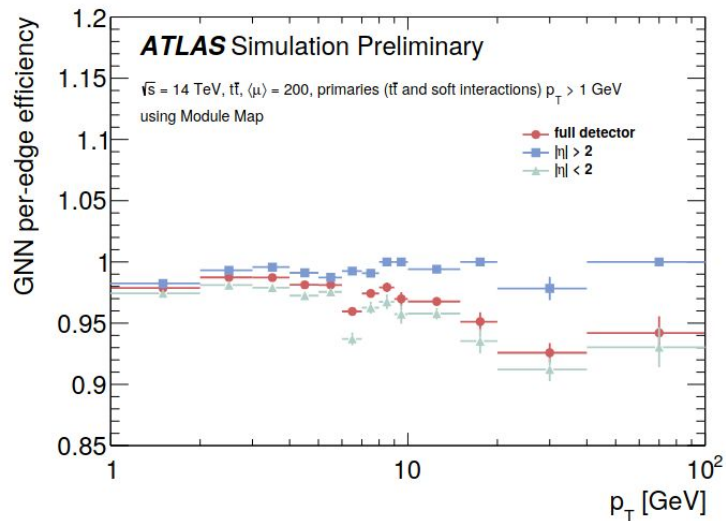
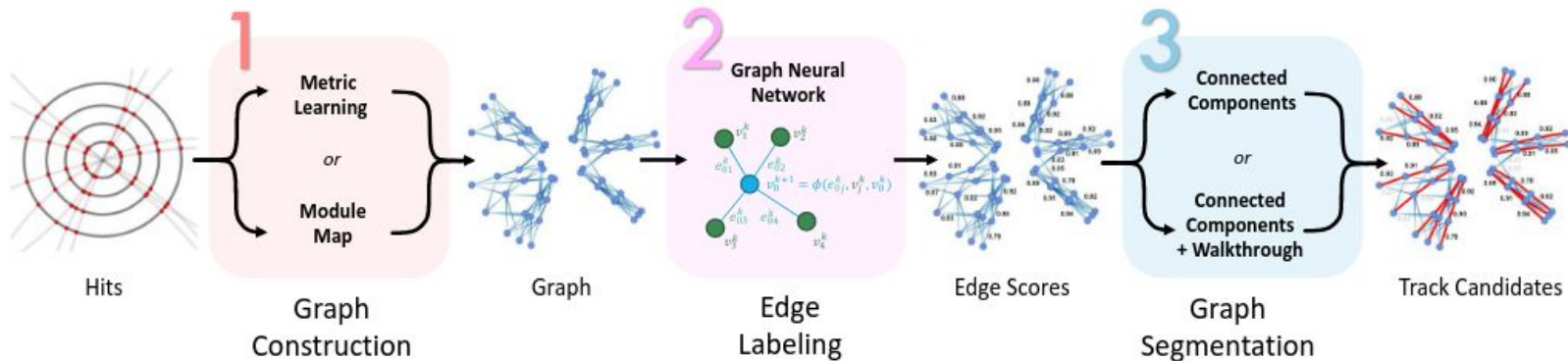
Pixel size: 50x50 (or 25x100)  $\mu\text{m}^2$

# of modules: 10276

# of FE chips: 33184

# of channels:  **$\sim 5 \times 10^9$**

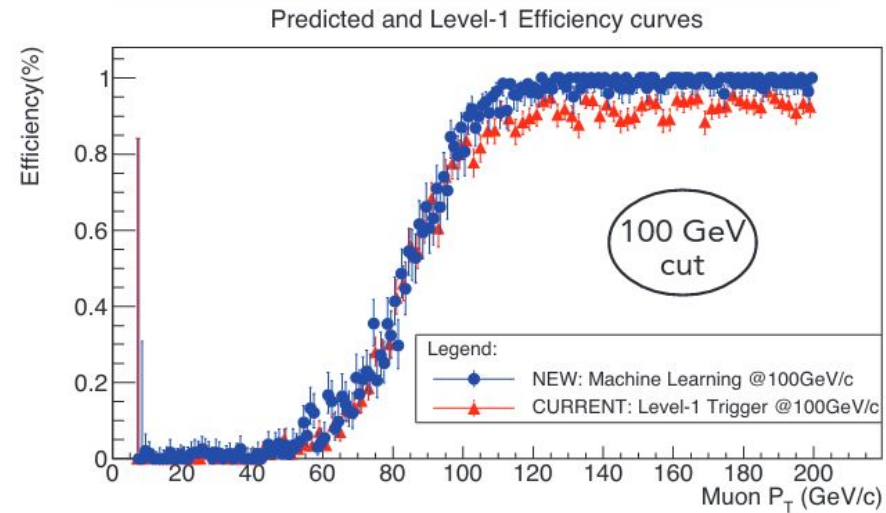
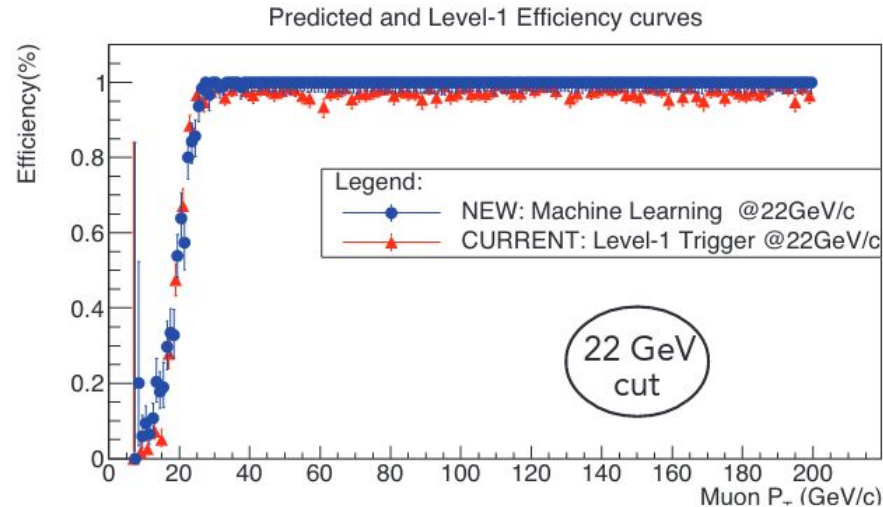
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# Real-time triggers

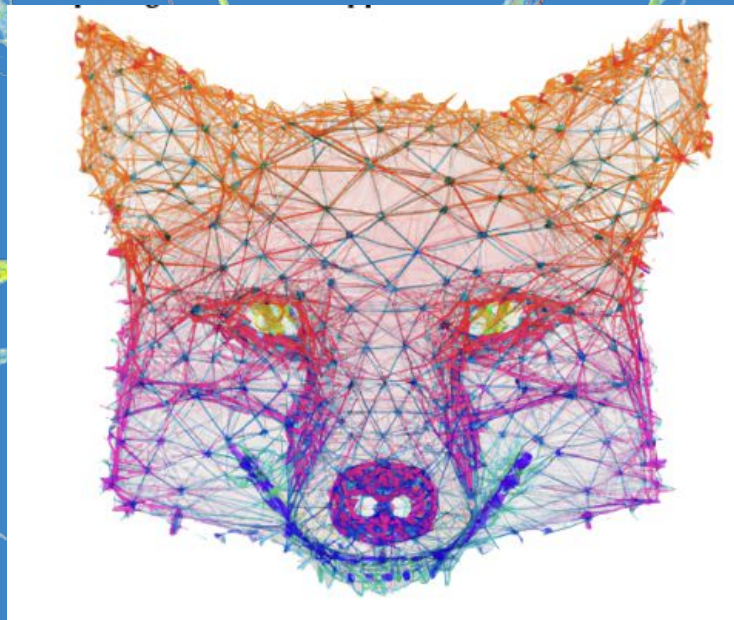
- Machine Learning [based muon trigger algorithms](#) for the Phase-2 upgrade of the CMS detector



At high values of  $p_T$ , the performances of the model predictions begin to decrease probably due to a low resolution for small bending muons.

# Some ideas for the future

- Can we also improve our reconstruction for new sub-detectors as HGTD or New Small Wheel?
- Can we use reinforcement learning for automatic data quality monitoring in HEP experiments?
- Can we also have an electron/photon identification with a convolutional neural network similarly to the jets?
- Can we try to [tag dark matter particles with ML](#)? Or search [for them](#)?
- Can we study the [systematic effects in Jet Tagging](#) Performance?
- Can we use [transformers for Particle Track Reconstruction](#) and Hit Clustering?
- Can we improve the knowledge on heavy ions collisions by studying [topological separation of dielectron signals](#)?



**Thanks for the attention!**