



Advanced Neural Network Applications in Heavy-Ion Physics: From Track Search to Quark-Gluon Plasma Analysis

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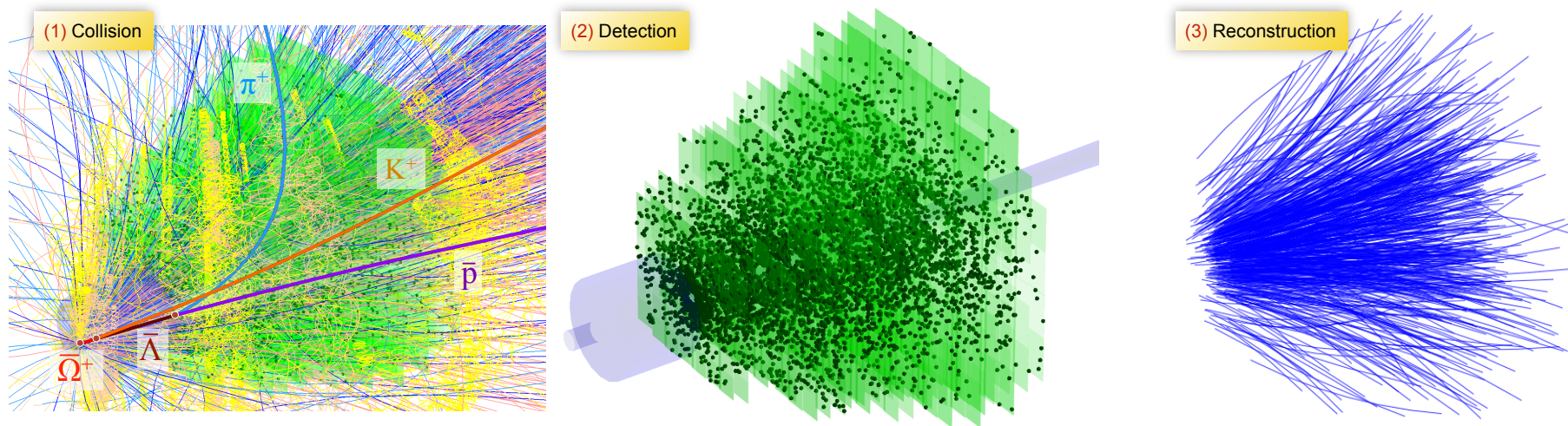
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FLES: First Level Event Selection in CBM

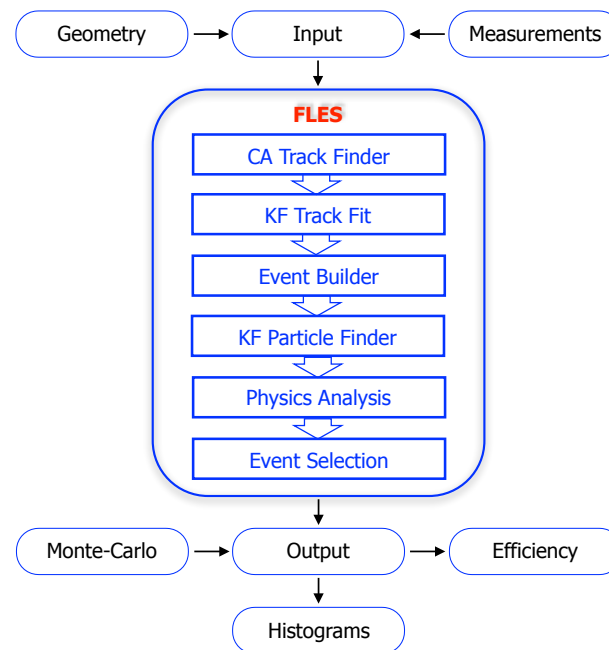


- Future **fixed-target heavy-ion** experiment at FAIR
- Explore the phase diagram at high net-baryon densities
- 10^7 Au+Au collisions/sec
- ~ 1000 charged **particles/collision**
- **Non-homogeneous** magnetic field
- **Double-sided strip** detectors
- **4D** reconstruction of **time slices**.

The full event reconstruction will be done **on-line** at the **First-Level Event Selection (FLES)** and **off-line** using the same **FLES** reconstruction package.

- Cellular Automaton (**CA**) Track Finder
- Kalman Filter (**KF**) Track Fitter
- **KF** short-lived **Particle Finder**

All reconstruction algorithms are **vectorized** and **parallelized**.

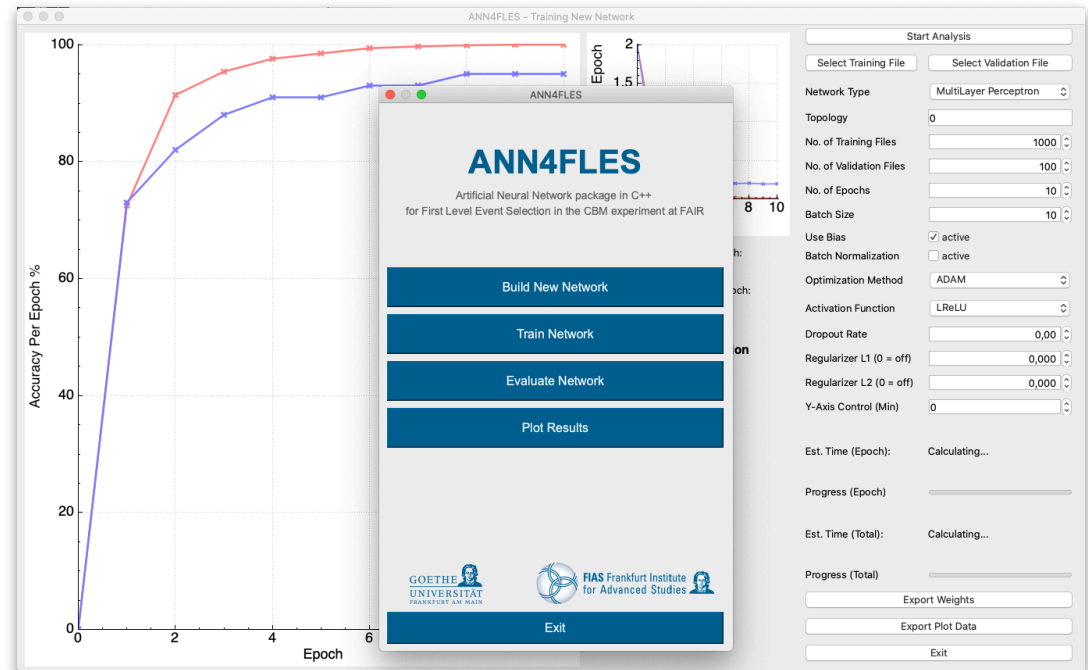
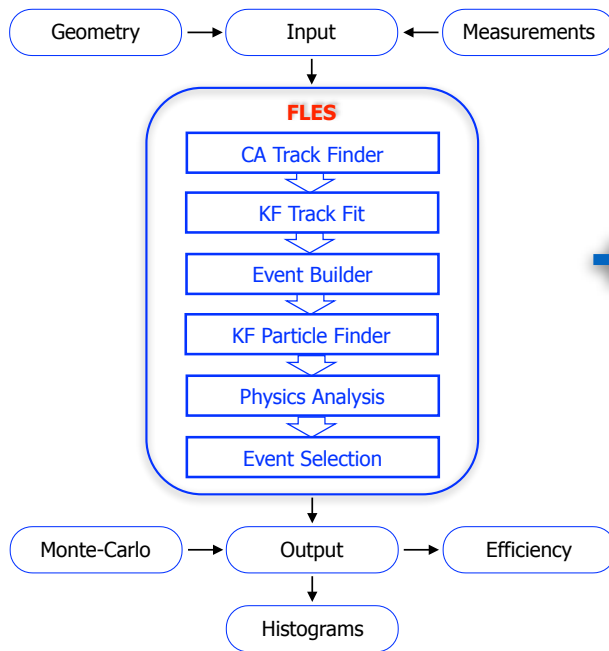


ANN4FLES : Artificial Neural Networks for FLES



Analytical and data based solutions

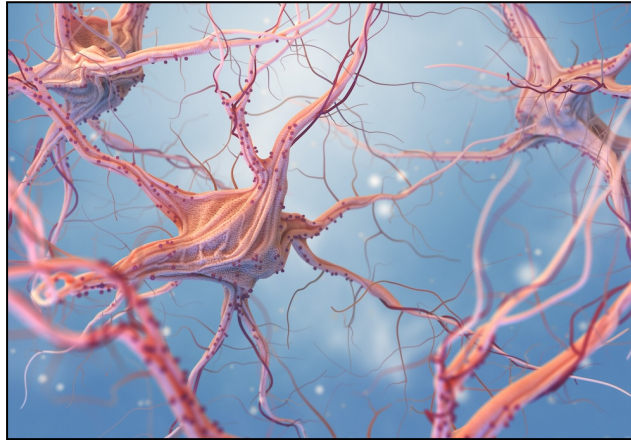
- **Analytical approach:** Uses well-defined physical models and mathematical methods to reconstruct particle trajectories, energies, and interactions in high-energy physics experiments.
- **Data-driven approach:** Uses large data sets and machine learning techniques, especially artificial neural networks (ANNs), to identify patterns and optimize reconstruction and analysis algorithms without explicit model assumptions.



- **ANN4FLES** is a fast **C++** package designed for use of Artificial Neural Networks (ANN) in the **CBM** experiment.
- The package includes a Graphical User Interface (**GUI**) for network selection and hyperparameter adjustment.
- **Implemented networks** in ANN4FLES include: Multilayer Perceptron (**MLP**), Convolutional Neural Network (**CNN**), Recurrent Neural Networks (**RNN**), Graph Neural Networks (**GNN**), Bayesian Neural Network (**BNN**), ...
- Extensive **testing** on datasets like **MNIST**, **CIFAR**, **Cora**, etc., has been **performed** and **compared** with **PyTorch**.

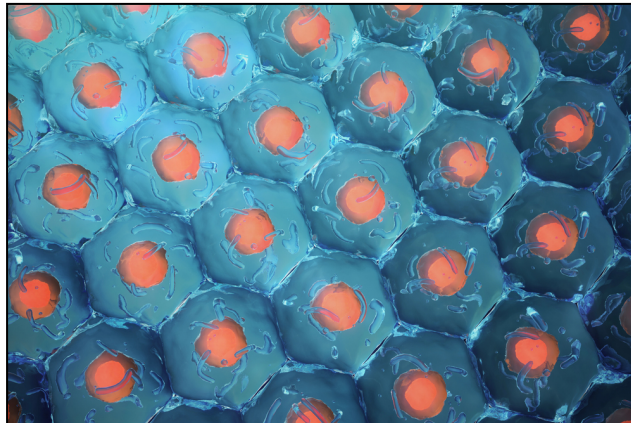


Schematic structure of a system of neurons.



- Elementary units
- **Global** communication
- Parallel work
- Reliable system
- Pattern recognition

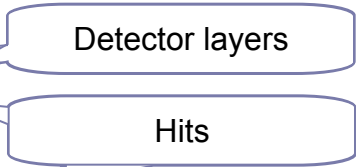
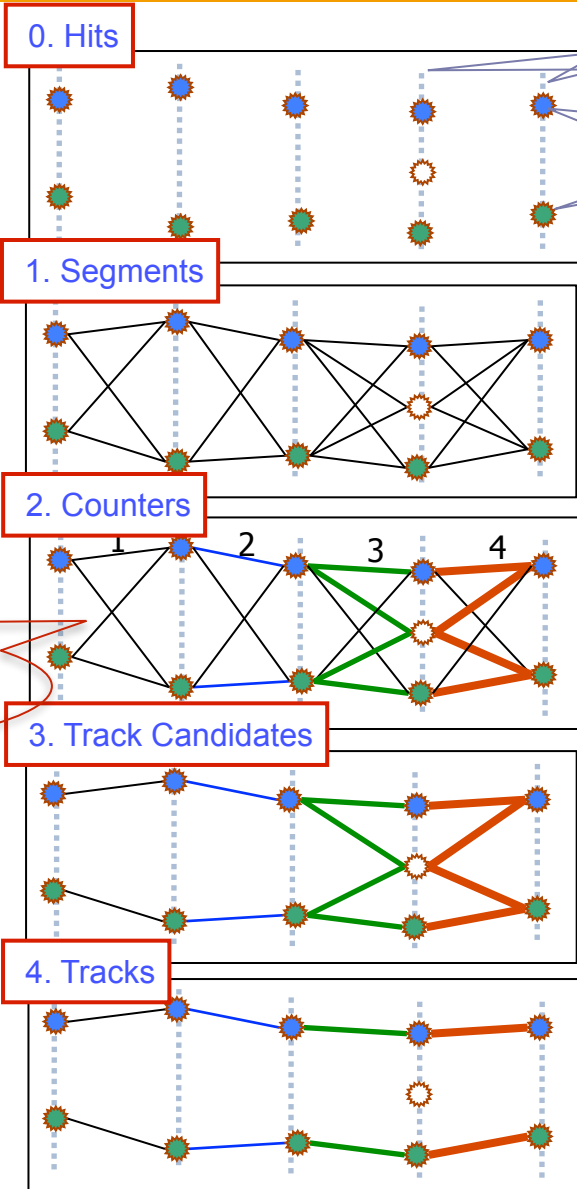
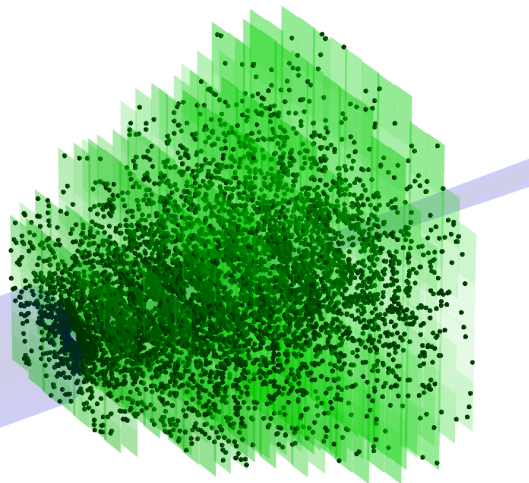
Schematic structure of a system of cells.



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Cellular Automaton (CA) Track Finder



Cellular Automaton:

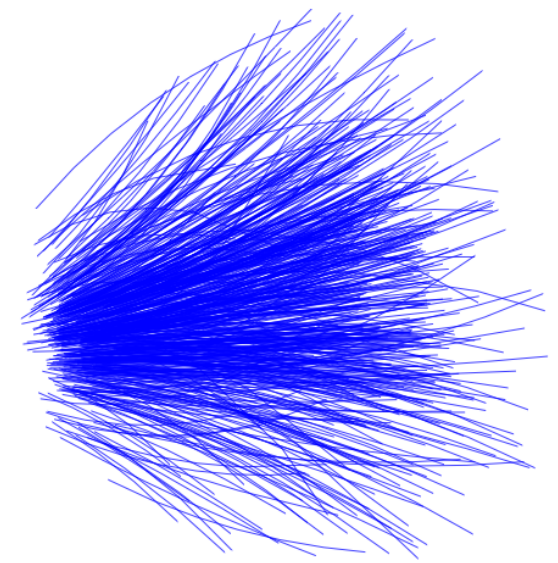
1. Build short track segments.
2. Connect according to the track model, estimate a possible position on a track.
3. Tree structures appear, collect segments into track candidates.
4. Select the best track candidates.

Local Graph Neural Network

Cellular Automaton:

- visually simple
- intrinsically parallel
- local w.r.t. data
- memory optimized
- staged algorithm

Well-suited for many-core CPU/GPU



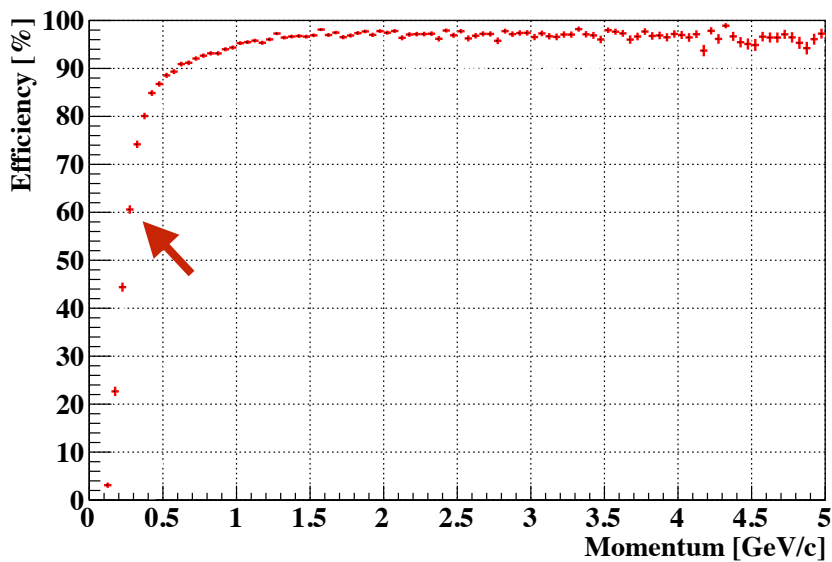
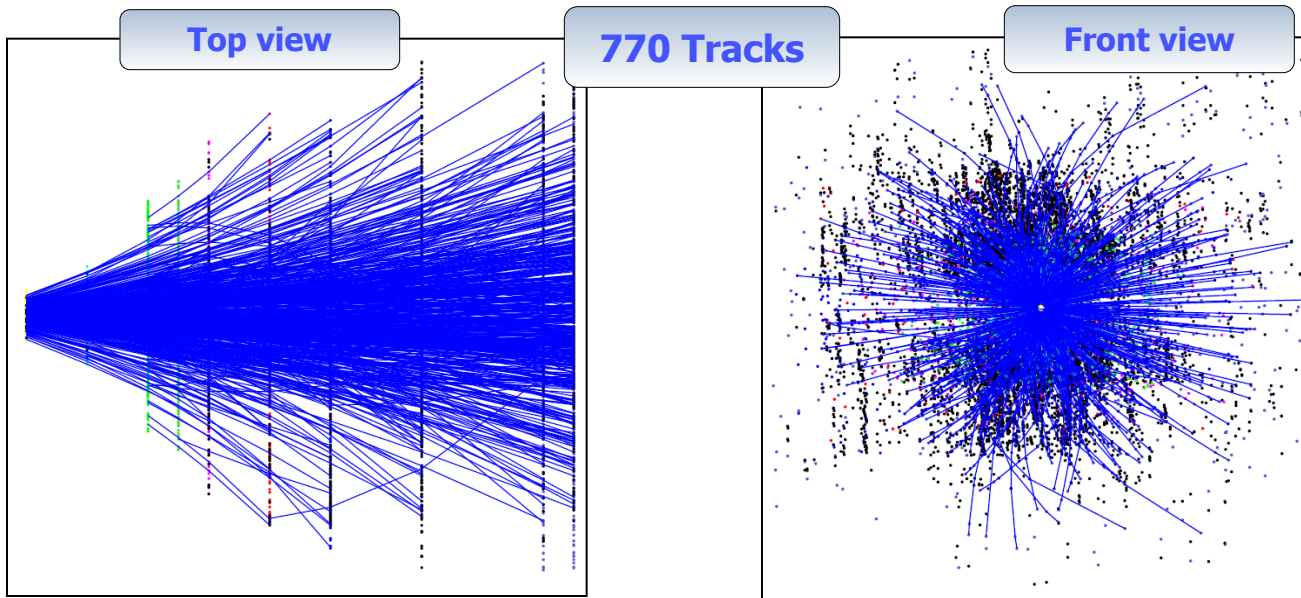
Useful for complicated event topologies with heavy combinatorics



Cellular Automaton (CA) Track Finder



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Track category	Eff, %
All tracks	90.9
Primary high- p	97.5
Primary low- p	92.6
Secondary high- p	91.1
Secondary low- p	63.8
Clone level	0.4
Ghost level	5.9
MC tracks found	134
Time, ms/ev	10

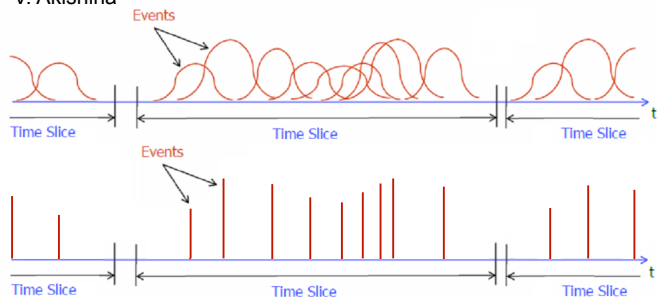
Fast and efficient track finder



Time-based (4D) Track Reconstruction



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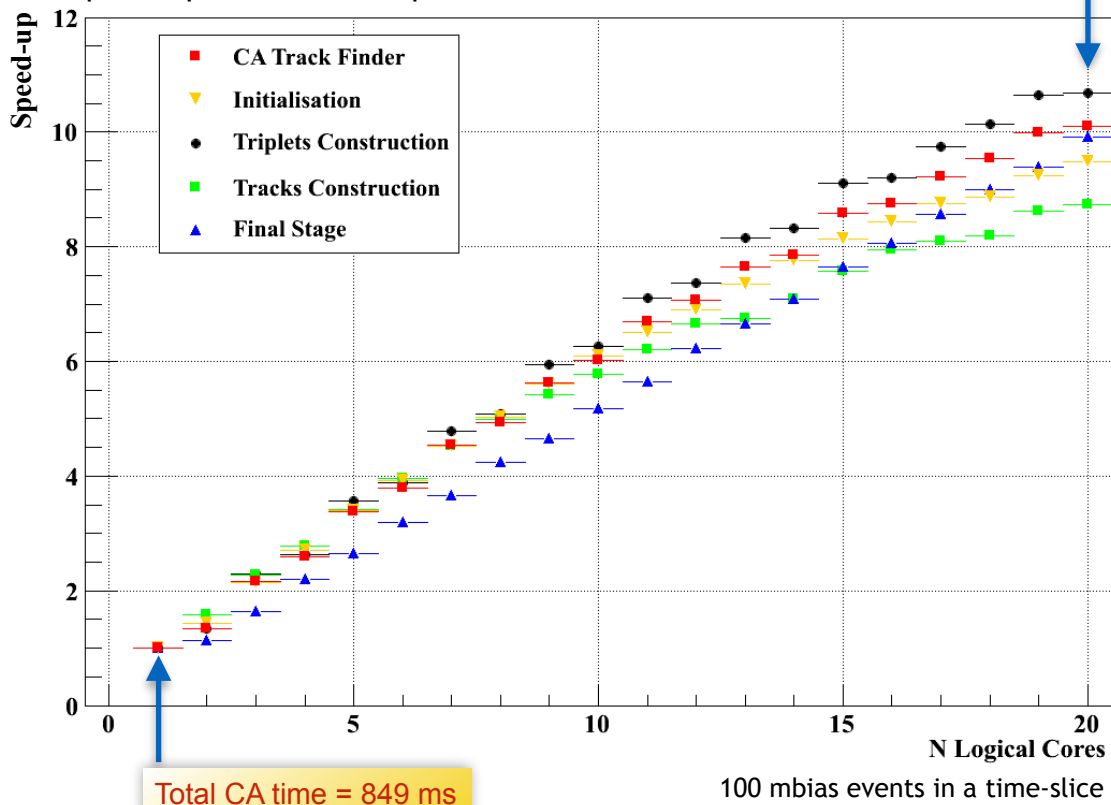


- The **beam** in the CBM will have **no bunch structure**, but continuous.
- Measurements in this case will be **4D** (x, y, z, t).
- Significant **overlapping of events** in the detector system.
- Reconstruction of **time slices** rather than events is needed.

Efficiency, %	3D	4D
All tracks	83.8	83.0
Primary high- p	96.1	92.8
Primary low- p	79.8	83.1
Secondary high- p	76.6	73.2
Secondary low- p	40.9	36.8
Clone level	0.4	1.7
Ghost level	0.1	0.3
Time/event/core, ms	8.2	8.5

Total CA time = 84 ms

Speed-up factor due to parallelization within the time-slice



Total CA time = 849 ms

100 mbias events in a time-slice

3D reconstruction time 8.2 ms/event is recovered in 4D case

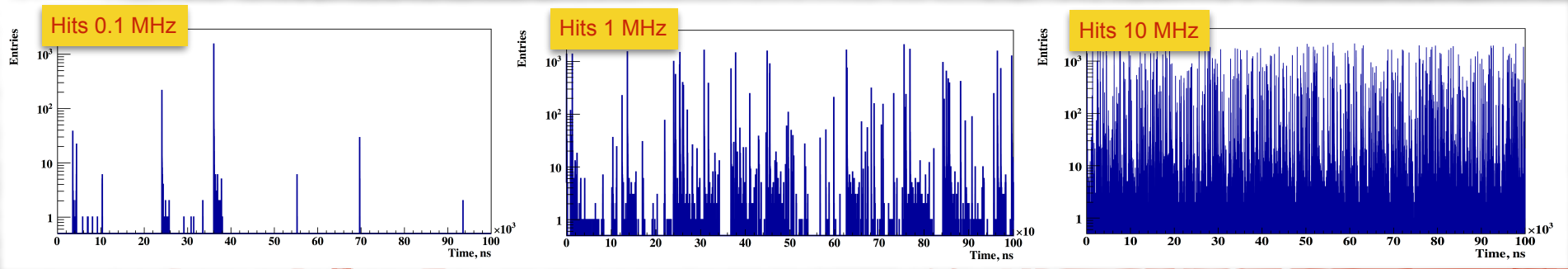


4D Event Building at 10 MHz

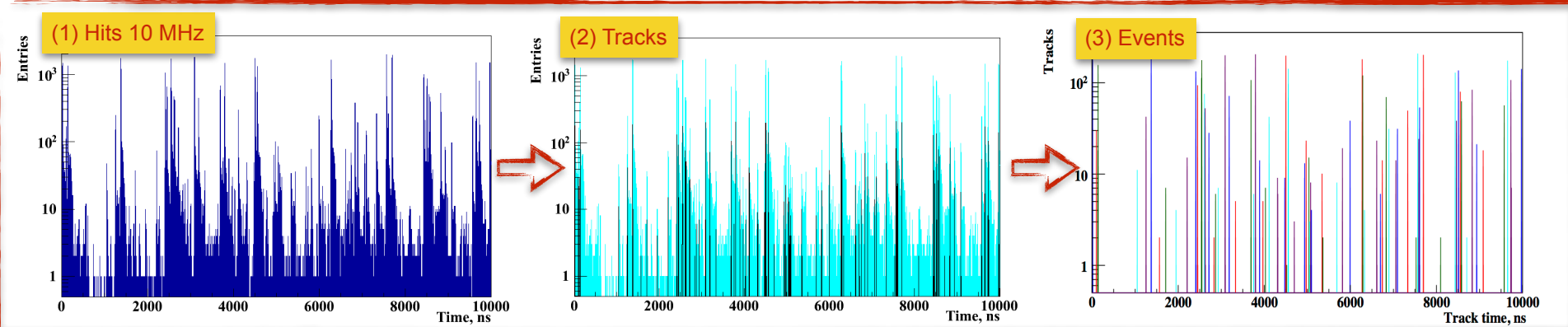


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Hits at high input rates



From hits to tracks to events



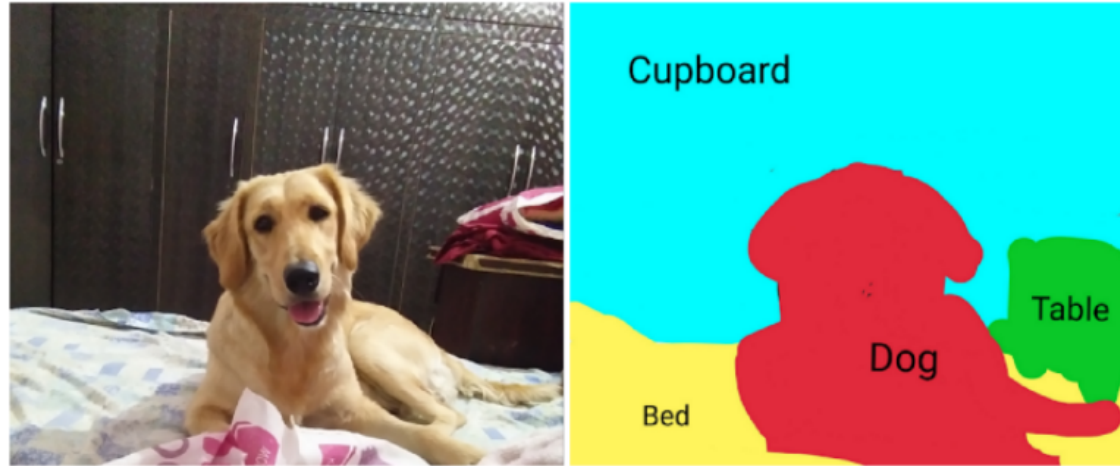
Reconstructed tracks clearly represent groups, which correspond to the original events



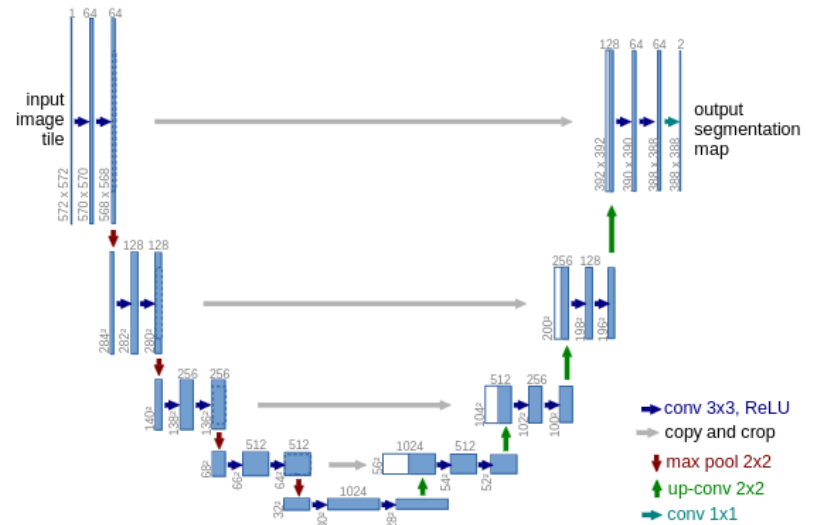
U-Net Segmentation ANN Model



- Unlike image classification task, assign a class to each pixel of the image.
- A segmentation model returns much more detailed information about the image.



- U-shaped semantic segmentation which has a contracting path and an expansive path.
- During the contraction, the feature information is increased while spatial information is decreased.
- On the other hand, every step of expansive path feature map size by a factor of 2.
- Then the reduced feature map is concatenated with the corresponding cropped feature map from the contracting path.



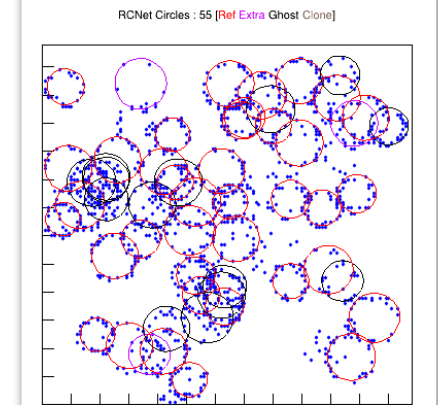
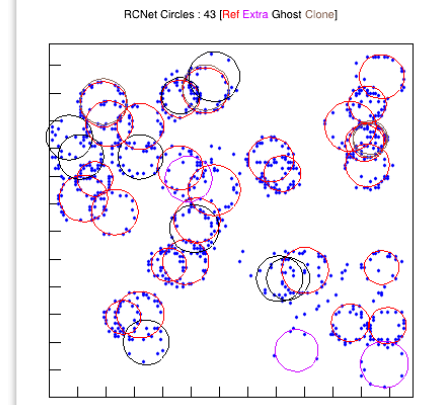
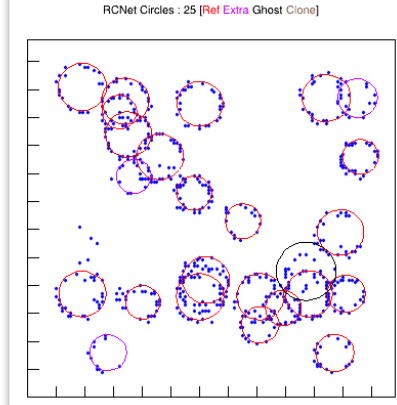
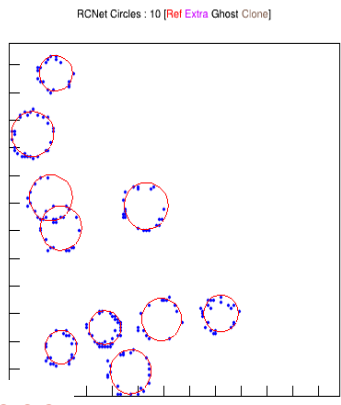
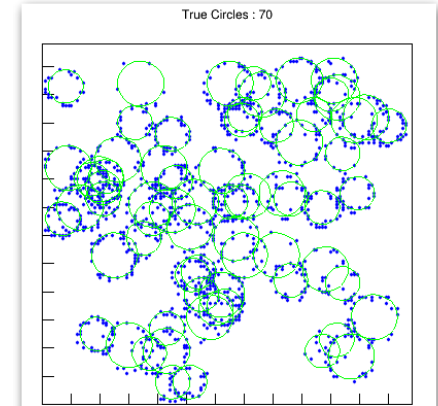
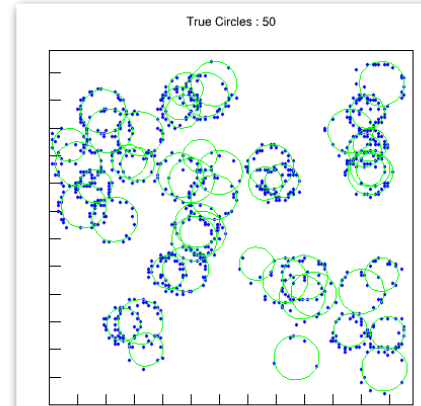
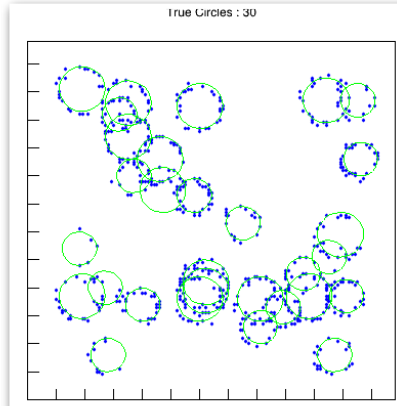
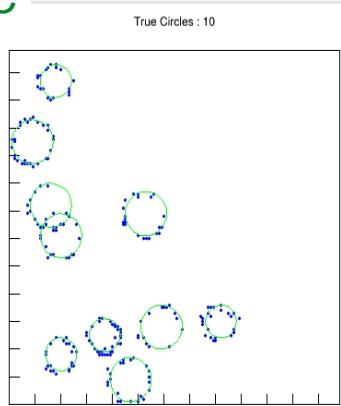
U-Net architecture (<https://arxiv.org/pdf/1505.04597.pdf>)



Ring Center Net for Ring Finding in High Density Regions



MC



Reco

10 Rings

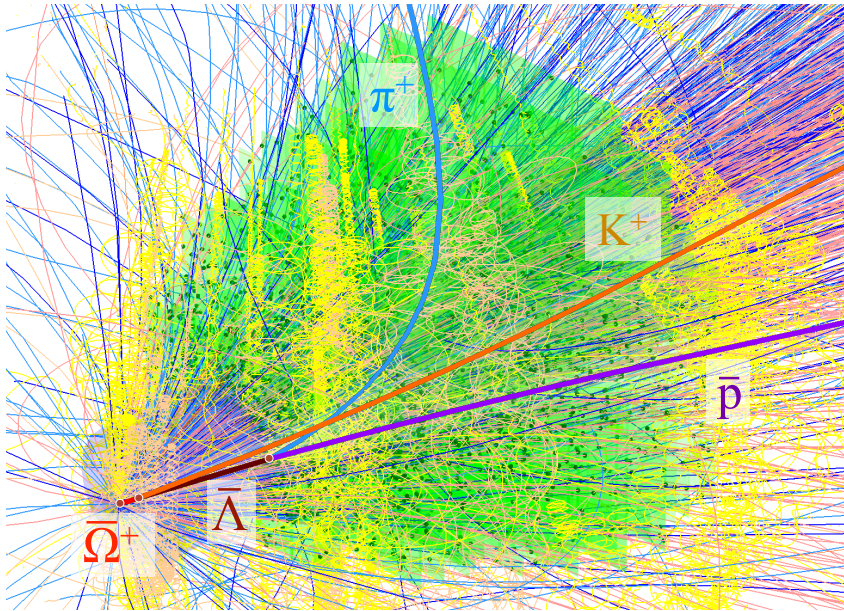
30 Rings

50 Rings

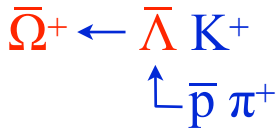
70 Rings

RCNet is capable to find rings in high density regions

KF Particle - Reconstruction of short-lived Particles



Simulated AuAu collision at 25 AGeV



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KFParticle Lambda(P, Pi);           // construct anti Lambda
Lambda.SetMassConstraint(1.1157);   // improve momentum and mass
KFParticle Omega(K, Lambda);       // construct anti Omega
PV -= (P; Pi; K);                  // clean the primary vertex
PV += Omega;                        // add Omega to the primary vertex
Omega.SetProductionVertex(PV);      // Omega is fully fitted
(K; Lambda).SetProductionVertex(Omega); // K, Lambda are fully fitted
(P; Pi).SetProductionVertex(Lambda); // p, pi are fully fitted
    
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$$\mathbf{r} = \{ x, y, z, p_x, p_y, p_z, E \}$$

State vector

$$\mathbf{C} = \langle \mathbf{r} \mathbf{r}^T \rangle =$$

Covariance matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} \sigma_x^2 & C_{xy} & C_{xz} & C_{xp_x} & C_{xp_y} & C_{xp_z} & C_{xE} \\ C_{xy} & \sigma_y^2 & C_{yz} & C_{yp_x} & C_{yp_y} & C_{yp_z} & C_{yE} \\ C_{xz} & C_{yz} & \sigma_z^2 & C_{zp_x} & C_{zp_y} & C_{zp_z} & C_{zE} \\ C_{xp_x} & C_{yp_x} & C_{zp_x} & \sigma_{p_x}^2 & C_{p_x p_y} & C_{p_x p_z} & C_{p_x E} \\ C_{xp_y} & C_{yp_y} & C_{zp_y} & C_{p_x p_y} & \sigma_{p_y}^2 & C_{p_y p_z} & C_{p_y E} \\ C_{xp_z} & C_{yp_z} & C_{zp_z} & C_{p_x p_z} & C_{p_y p_z} & \sigma_{p_z}^2 & C_{p_z E} \\ C_{xE} & C_{yE} & C_{zE} & C_{p_x E} & C_{p_y E} & C_{p_z E} & \sigma_E^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Features:

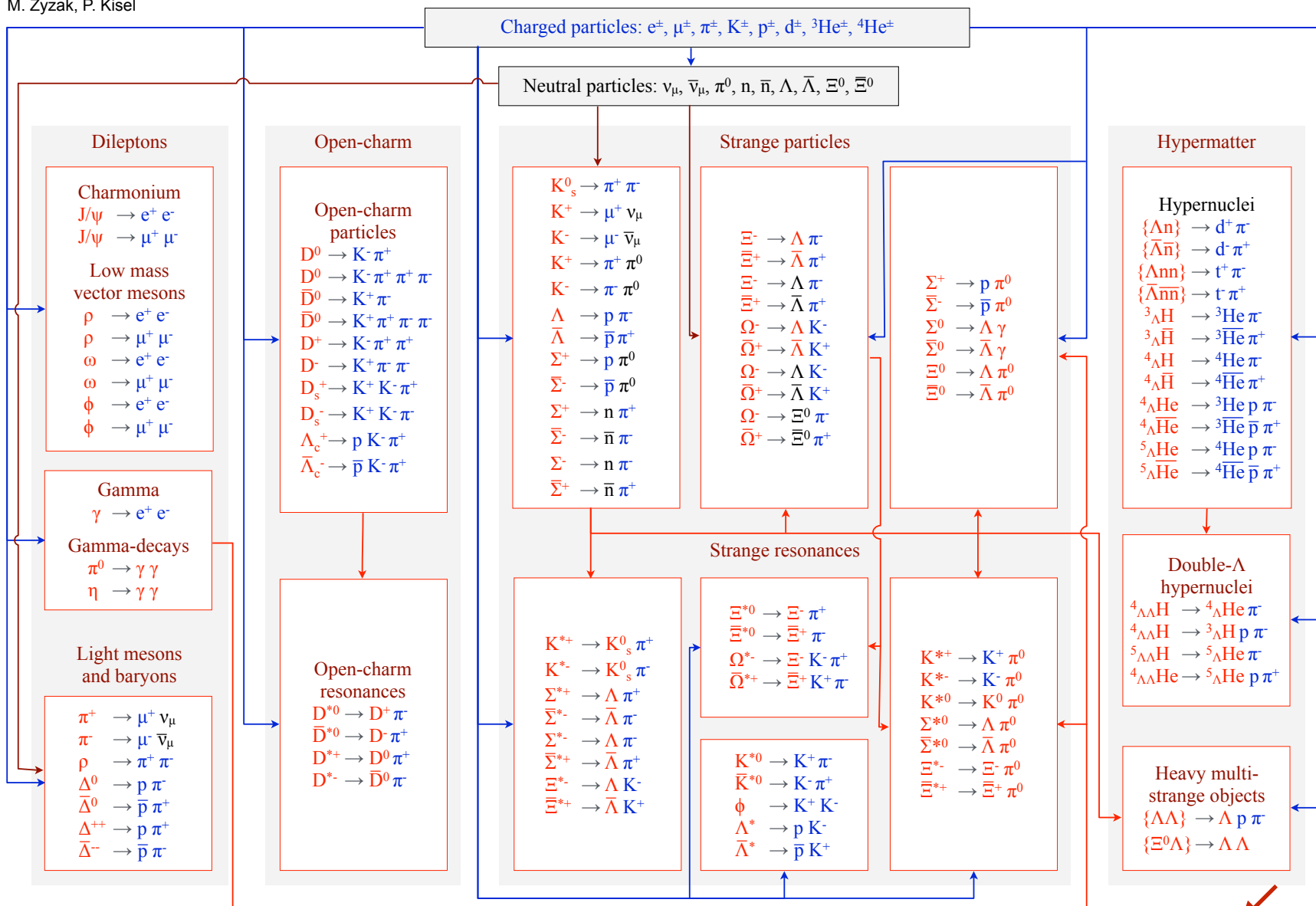
- KF Particle class describes particles by the **state vector** and the **covariance matrix**.
- Covariance matrix contains essential information about tracking and **detector** performance.
- The method for **mathematically correct** usage of covariance matrices is provided by the KF Particle package based on the **Kalman filter** (KF).
- Heavy mathematics of KF requires **fast** and **vectorised** algorithms.
- **Mother** and **daughter** particles are treated in the same way.
- The **natural** and **simple interface** allows two reconstruct easily complicated decay chains.
- The package is geometrically independent and can be adapted to **different experiments** (CBM, ALICE, STAR).

KF Particle provides a simple and very efficient approach to physics analysis

KF Particle Finder for Online Analysis and Selection



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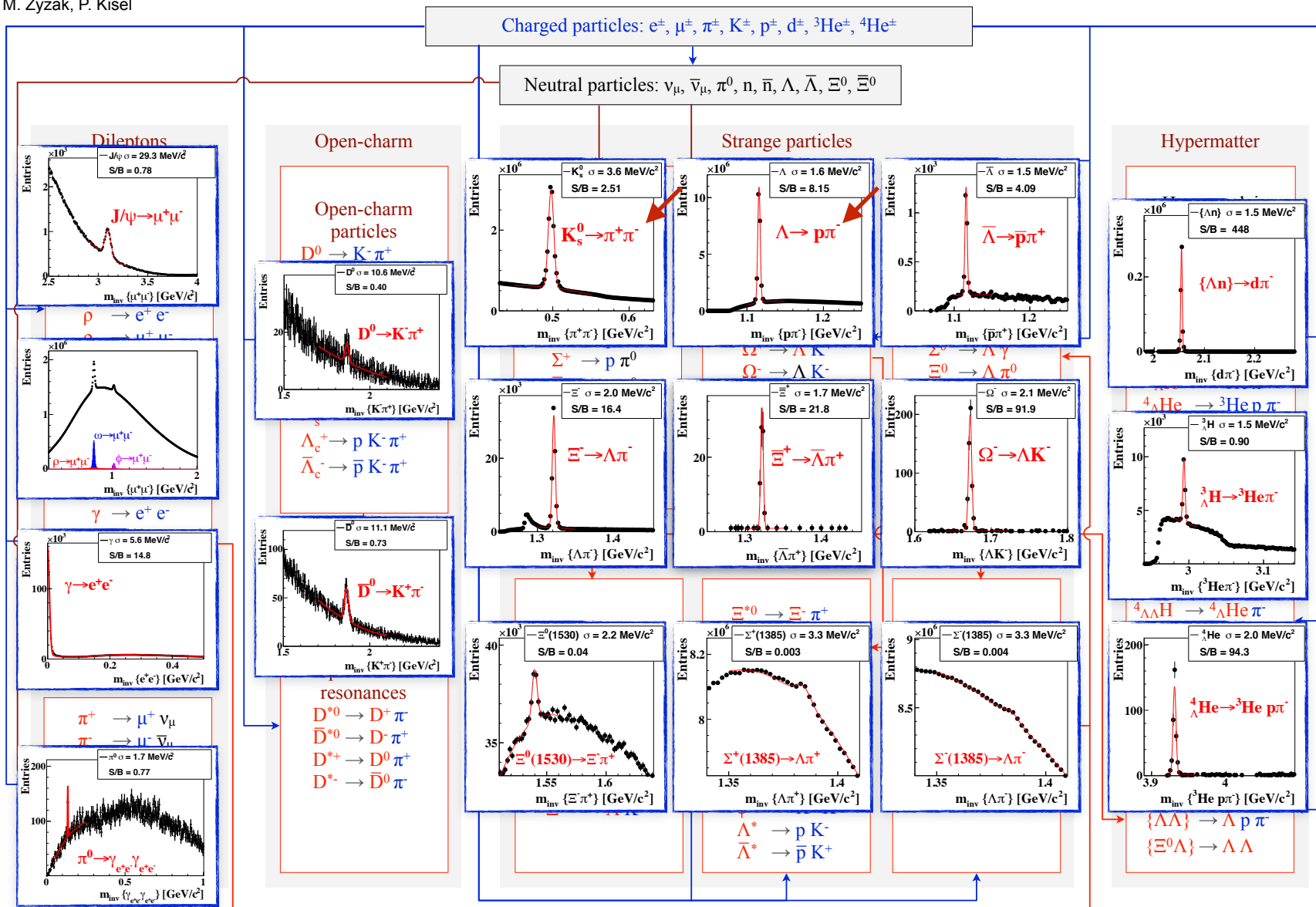
Online search for short-lived particles

1.4 ms/event/core

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ANN based Particle Competition in the KF Particle Finder



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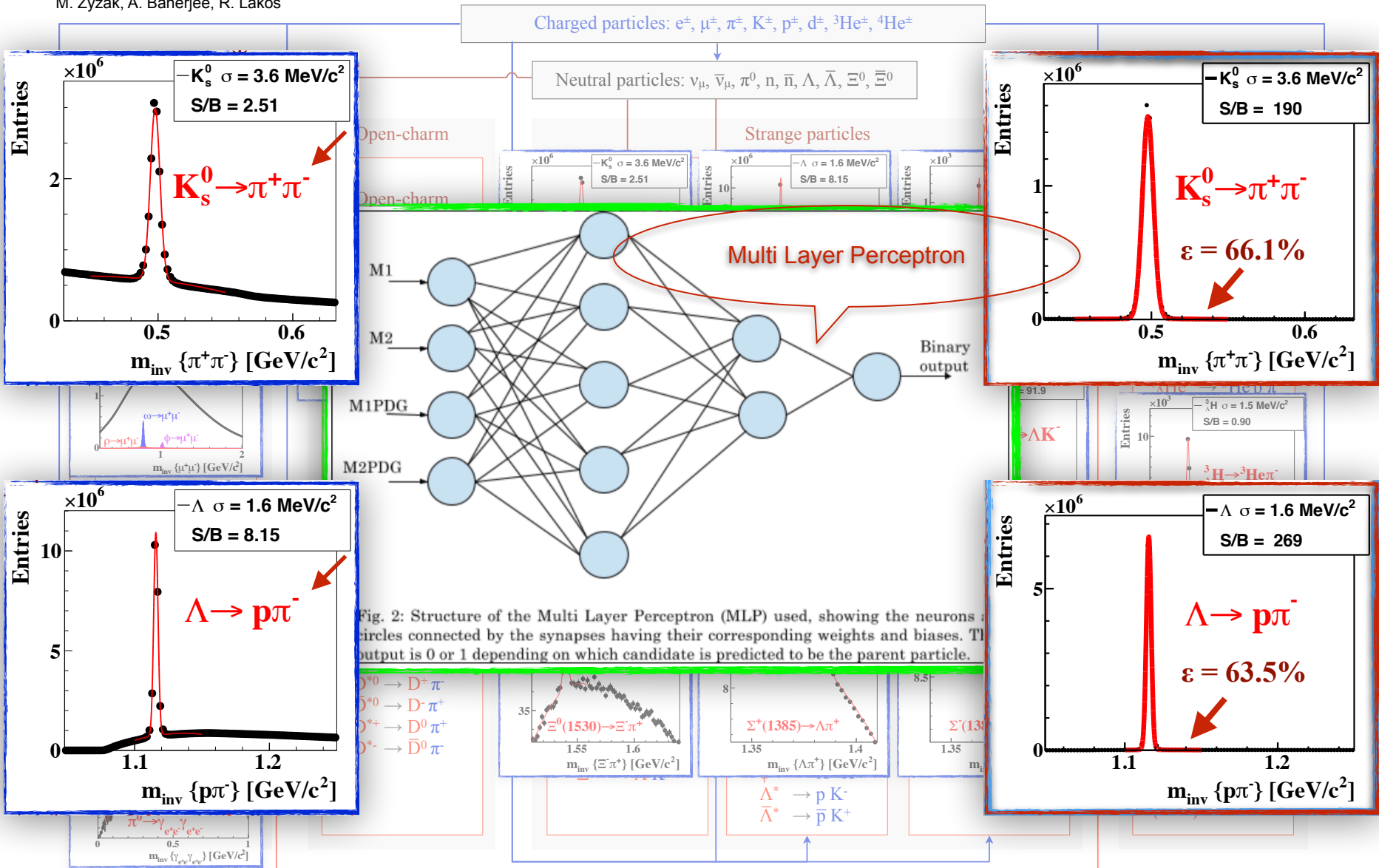


Fig. 2: Structure of the Multi Layer Perceptron (MLP) used, showing the neurons (circles) connected by the synapses having their corresponding weights and biases. The output is 0 or 1 depending on which candidate is predicted to be the parent particle.

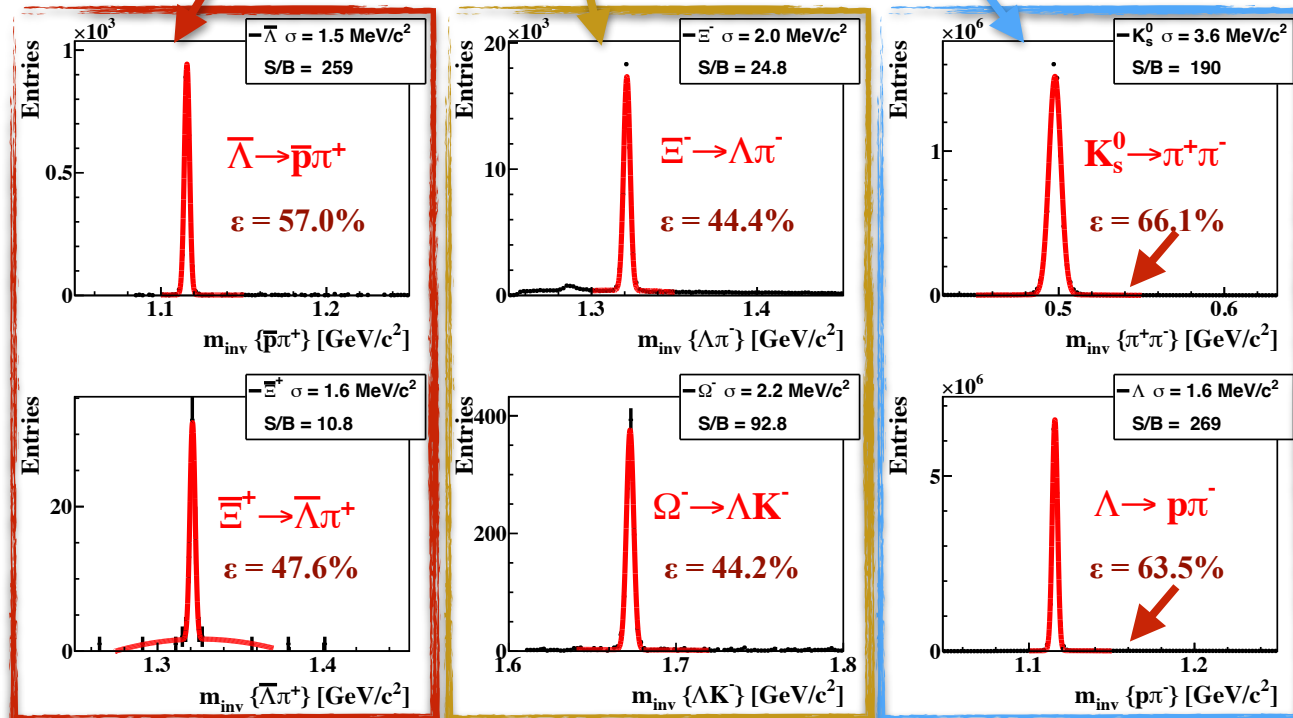
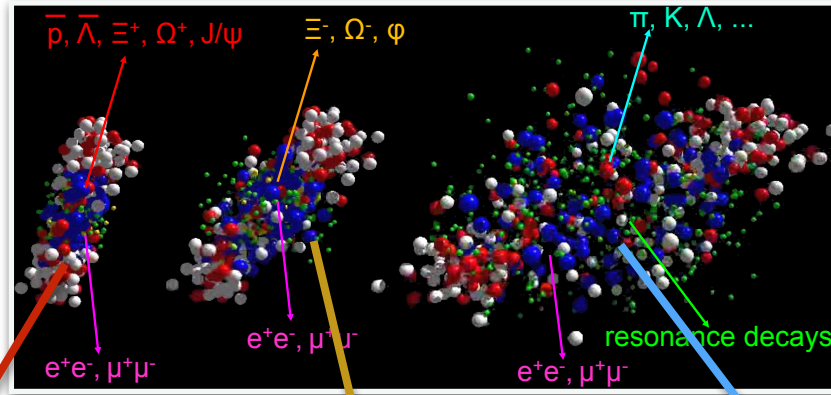
A Multilayer Perceptron is used to solve the particle competition task in the KF Particle Finder



Clean Probes of Collision Stages



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AuAu, 10 AGeV, 3.5M central UrQMD events, MC PID

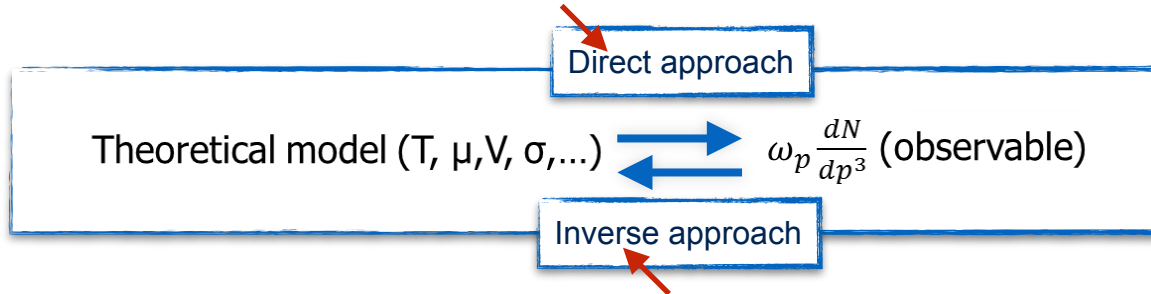
Study of the properties of colliding matter is possible



Online Physics Analysis?



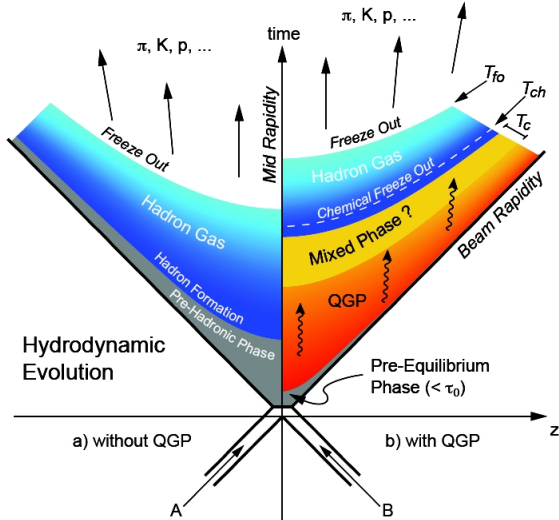
Online physics analysis = online extraction of medium properties in heavy-ion collisions



Motivation:

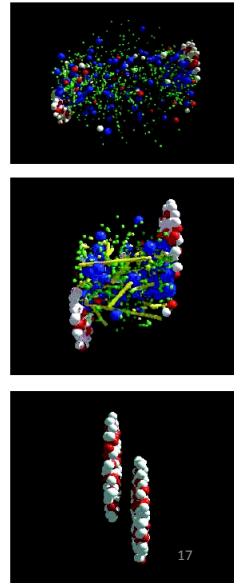
- Determination of physical properties of QCD matter created in HIC (temperature, flow, phase transitions, ...)

Stages of a collision



Chemical freeze-out (T_{ch}) inelastic collisions cease
 Kinetic freeze-out ($T_{fo} < T_{ch}$) elastic collisions cease

Models for different stages



Final momentum spectrum ([Blast-Wave](#), [Tsallis](#), ...)

Statistical-thermal models for chemical freeze-out ([ideal hadron gas](#), [Van der Waals hadron gas](#), [Hagedorn states](#), ...)

Relativistic hydrodynamics ([ideal](#), [viscous](#); $(0+1)D$, $(1+1)D$, $(3+1)D$, ...)

Initial stage ([Glauber](#), [CGC](#), ...)

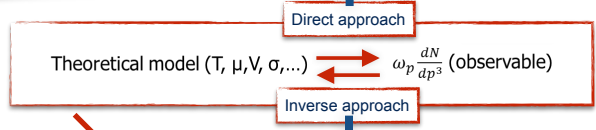
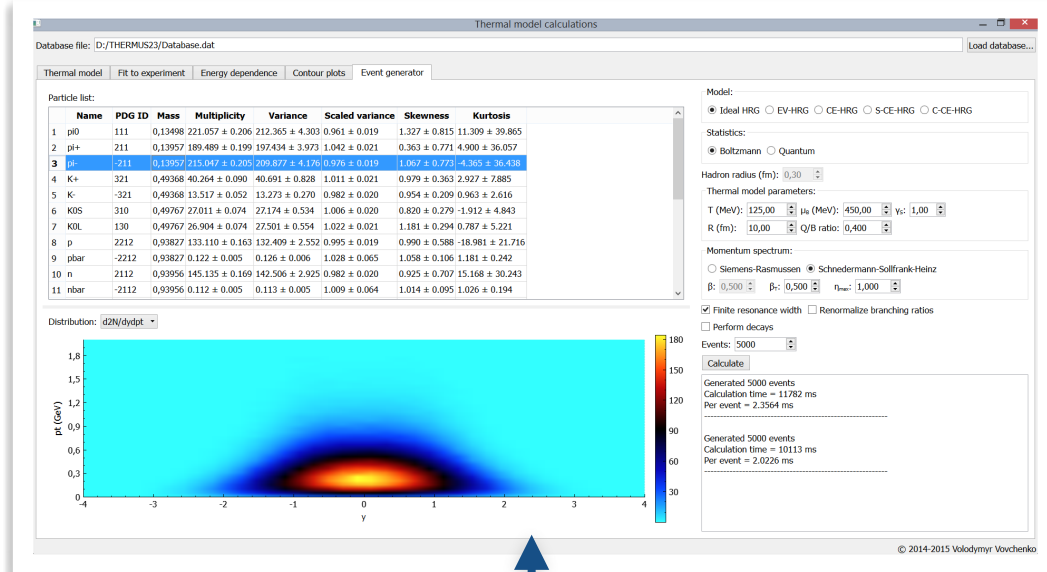
How to extract the parameters of theoretical models?



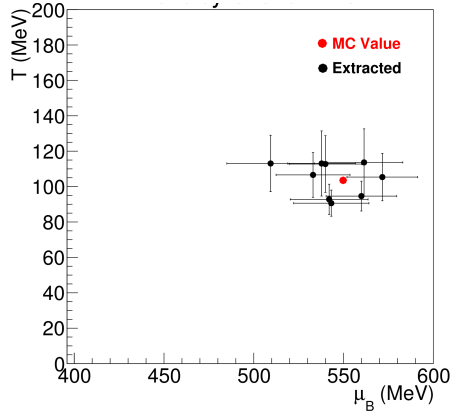
Online Physics Analysis (macroscopic)



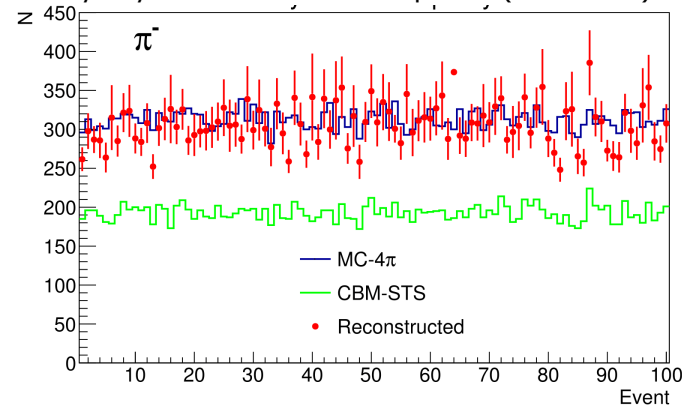
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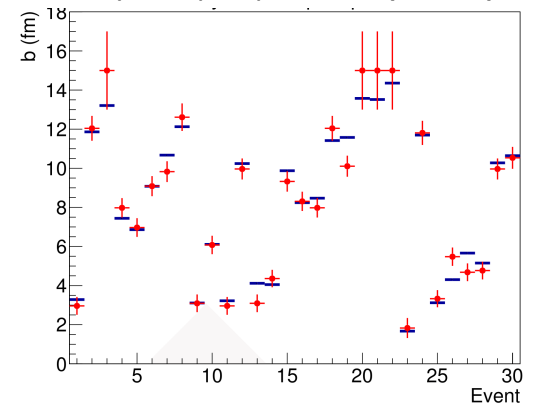
E.-by-E. extraction of T and μ_B (HRG)



E.-by-E. yield estimate incl. acceptance (Blast-Wave)



E.-by-E. impact parameter (Glauber)



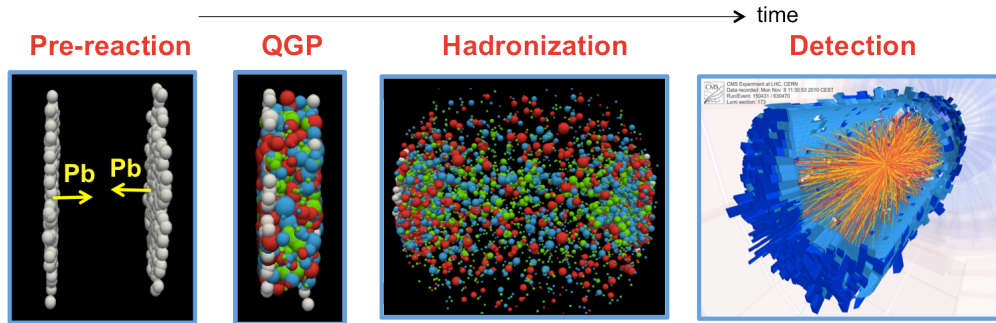
Extraction of the parameters of macroscopic theoretical models is feasible



Online Physics Analysis (microscopic)

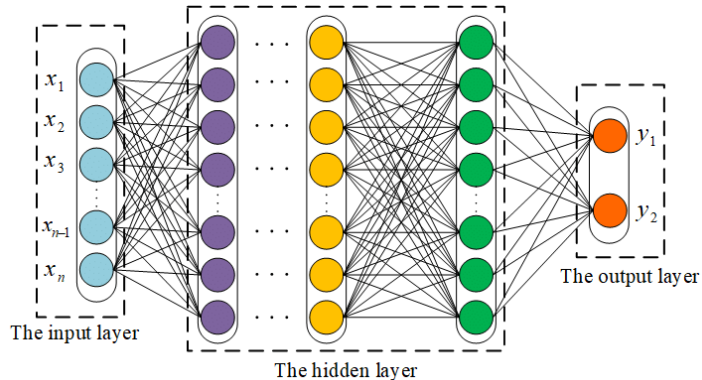


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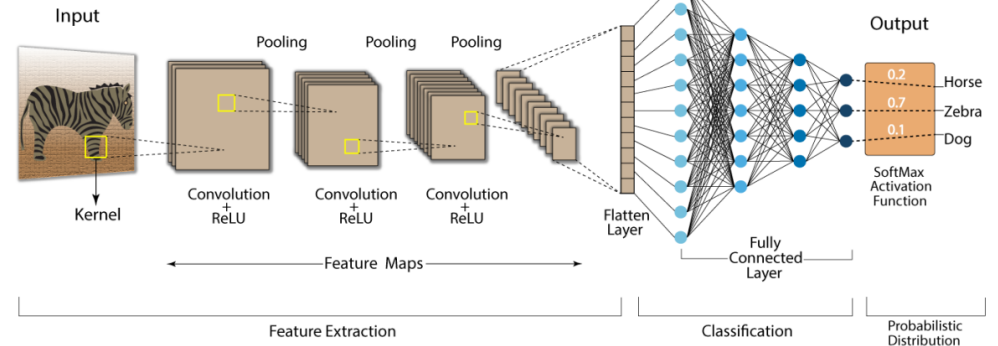
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- Direct observation of QGP is not possible.
- Rely on the produced particles as probes.
- Classify events with QGP based on the reconstructed particles to prove **feasibility of using ANNs**.

Fully-Connected Neural Network (FCNN)



https://www.researchgate.net/publication/342092474_Diagnosis_of_Blade_Icing_Using_Multiple_Intelligent_Algorithms

Convolutional Neural Network (CNN)



<https://developersbreak.com/convolution-neural-network-deep-learning/>

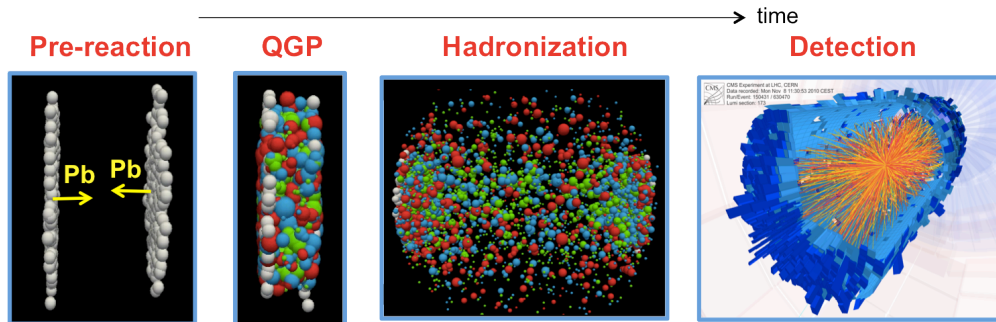
Use of Artificial Neural Networks for selection of events with QGP



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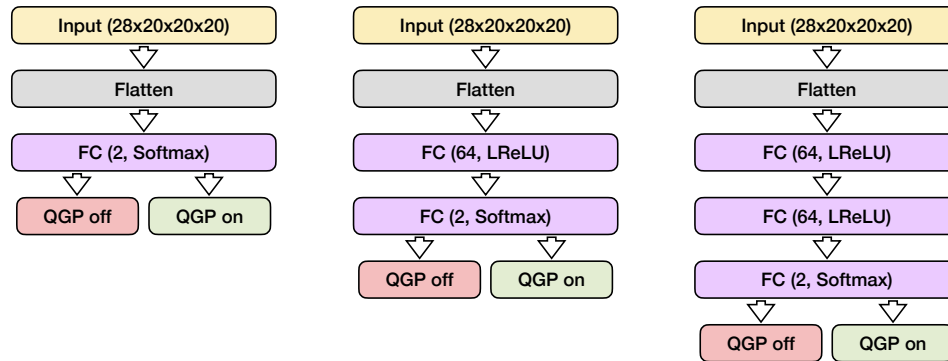


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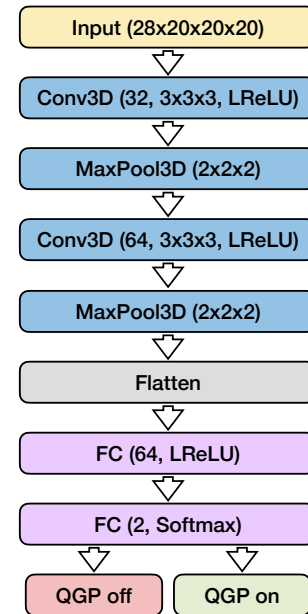


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Fully-Connected Neural Networks (FCNN)



Convolutional Neural Network (CNN)



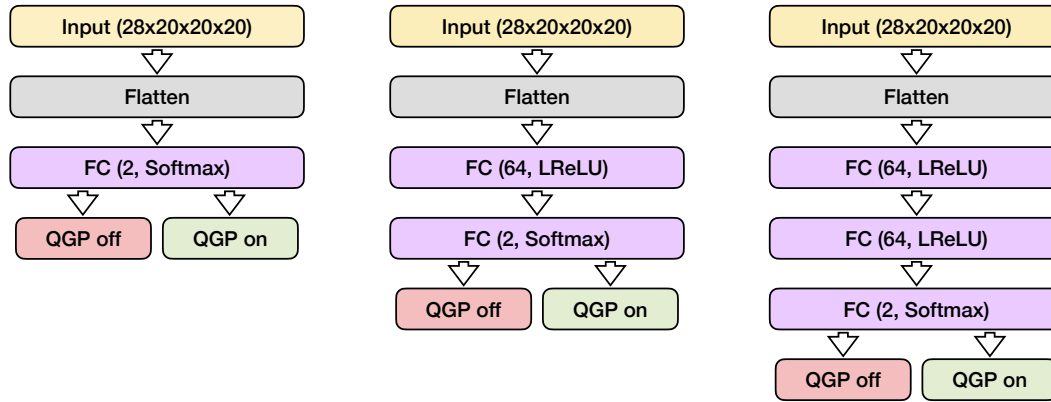
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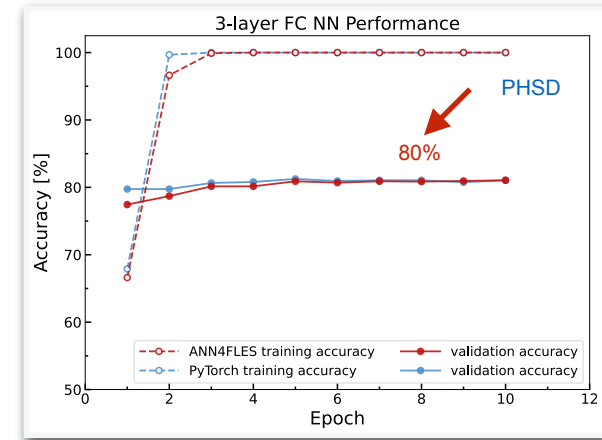
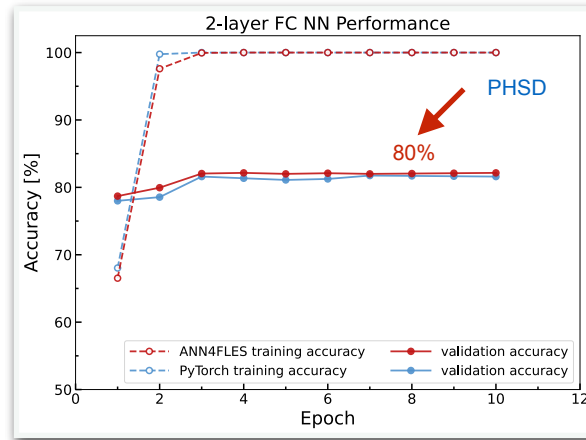
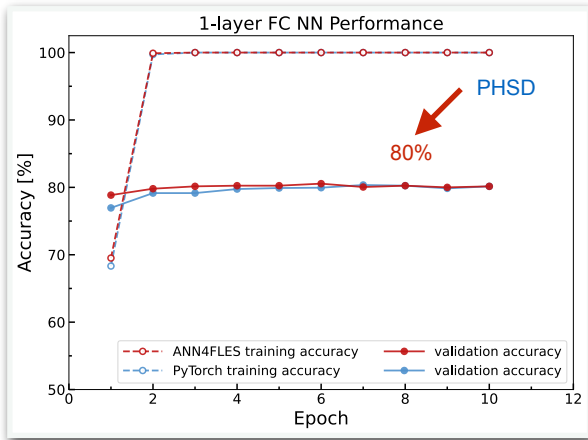
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Structure of **one-, two- and three-layer Fully-Connected Neural Networks** used for QGP detection



Training and validation accuracy for the **FCNN** networks

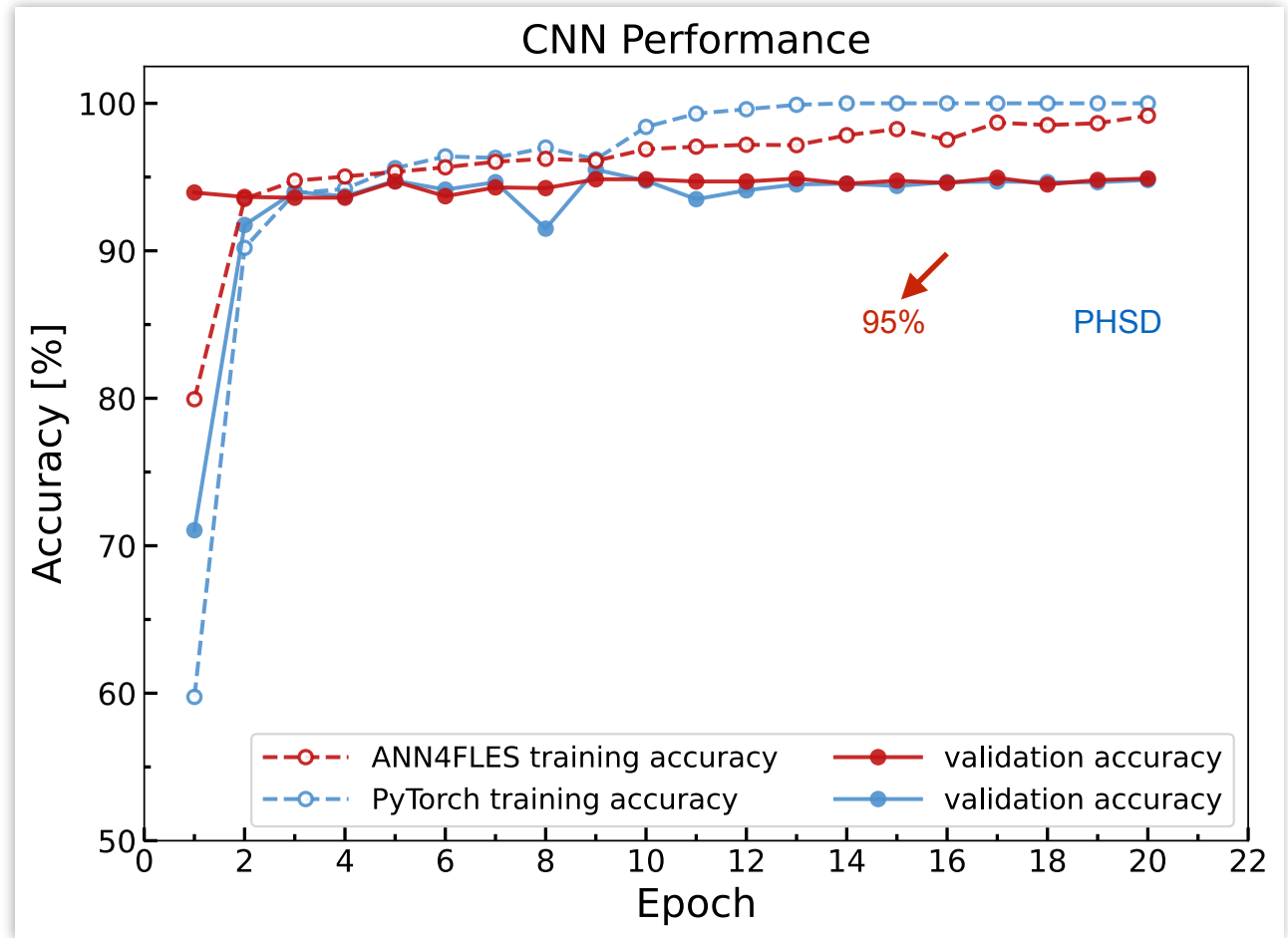
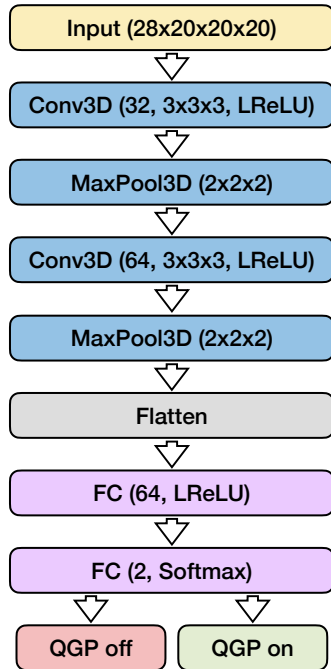
A Fully-Connected Neural Network (**FCNN**) based **QGP Trigger** is **not feasible**



Convolutional Neural Network (CNN)



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Training and validation accuracy for the CNN

A Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) based QGP Trigger is feasible

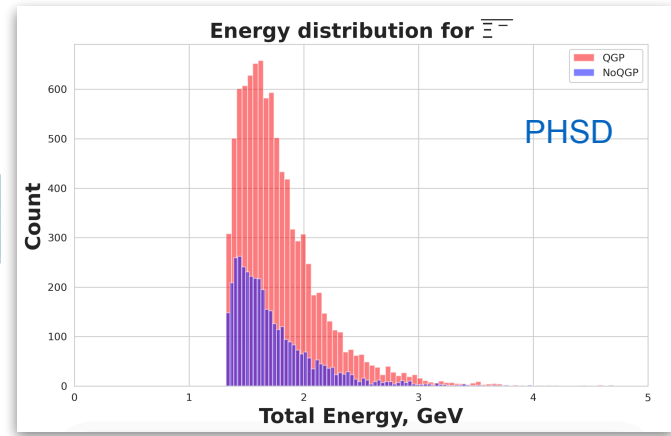
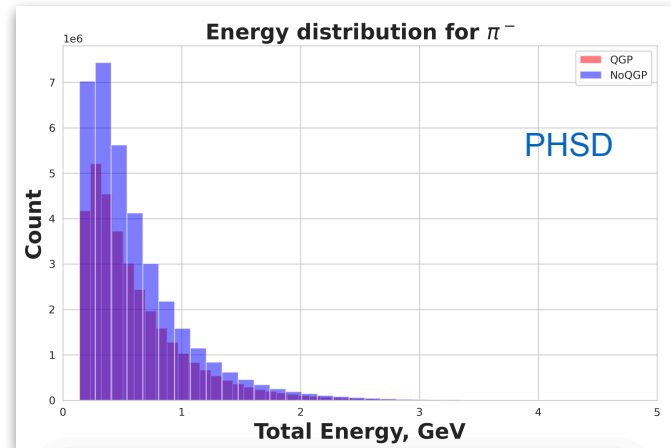
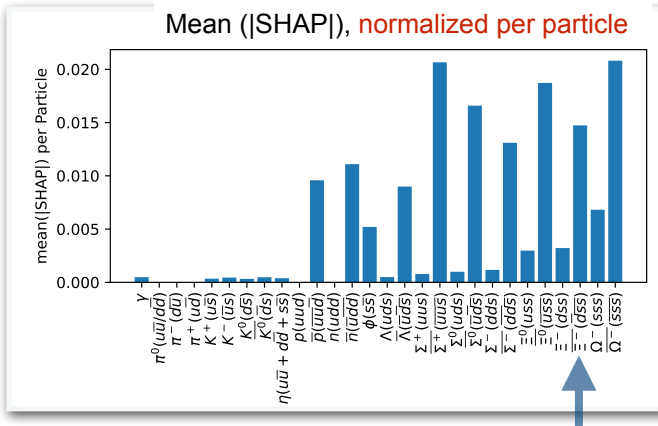
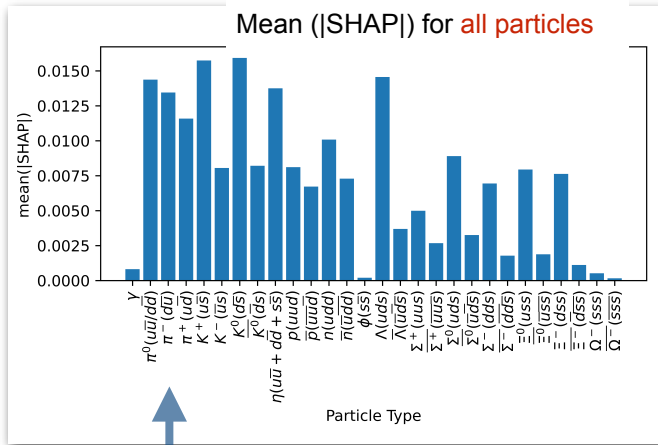
Interpretable ANN: Shapley Additive Explanations



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Method based on cooperative game theory used to **increase transparency and interpretability** of machine learning models.

For each feature, SHAP score is determined by evaluating the **average contribution of adding the feature** over all possible feature subsets defined without that feature.



- Light particles are important for model prediction
- Anti-baryons are more important than baryons per particle

SHAP analysis shows that ANN has learned the correct features associated with **QGP** production.

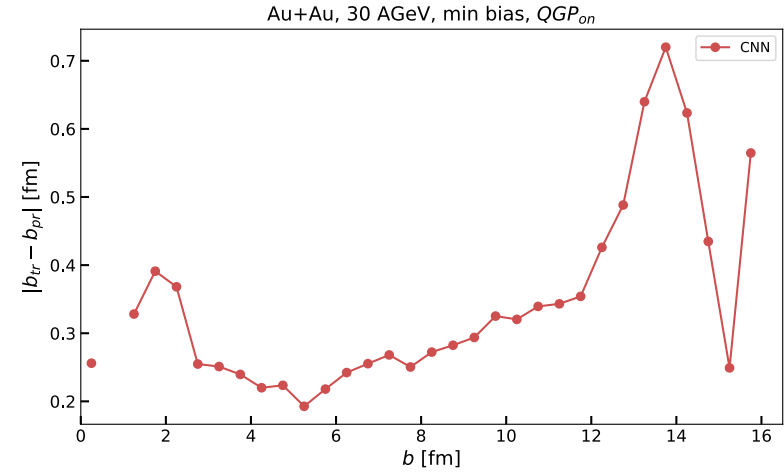
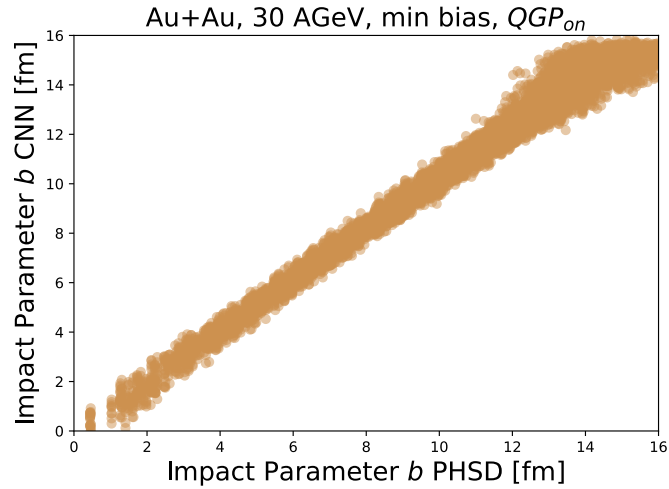


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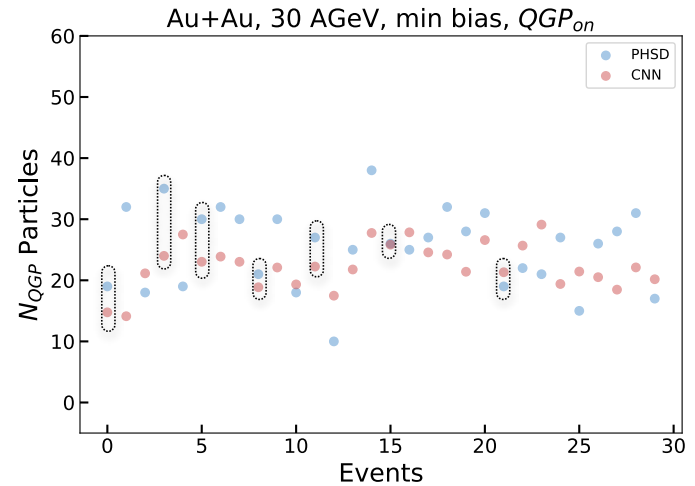
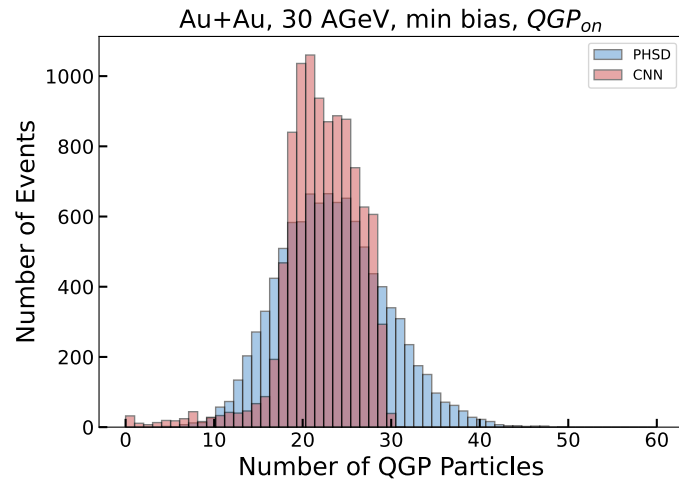


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Impact Parameter



Number of QGP Particles



The basic characteristics of the collision are well reconstructed by ANN (according to the PHSD model)

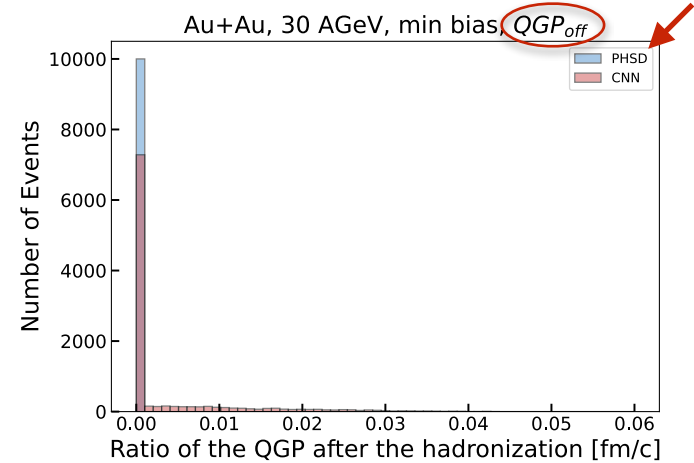
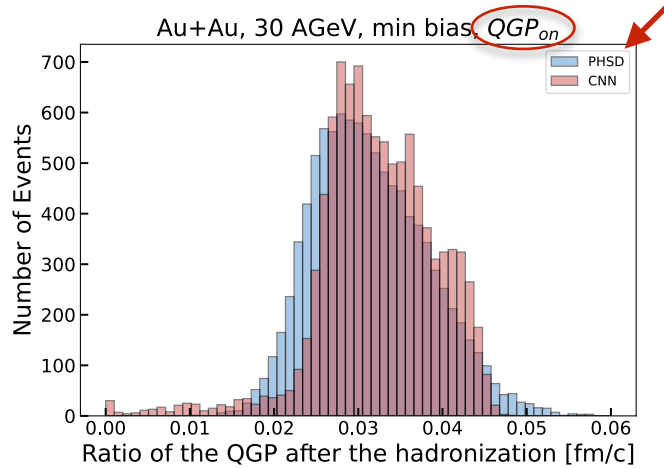


PHSD Trained: Case1 and Case2 Data of UrQMD?

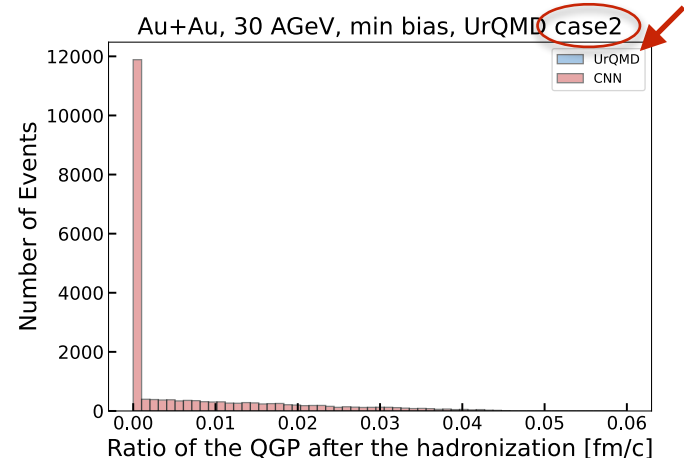
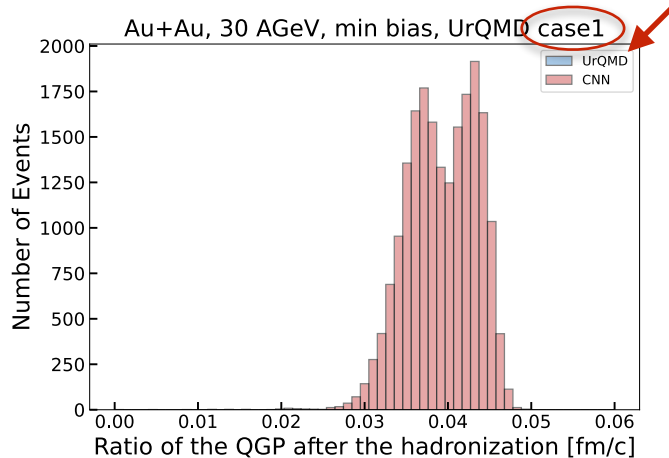


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PHSD: Ratio of the QGP (\approx the QGP Volume)



UrQMD: Ratio of the QGP (\approx the QGP Volume)



Since the ANN detects QGP collisions equally well, it is model independent in this case

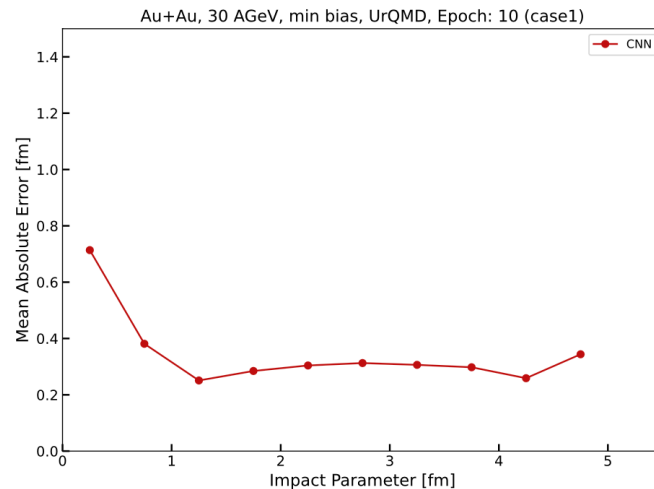
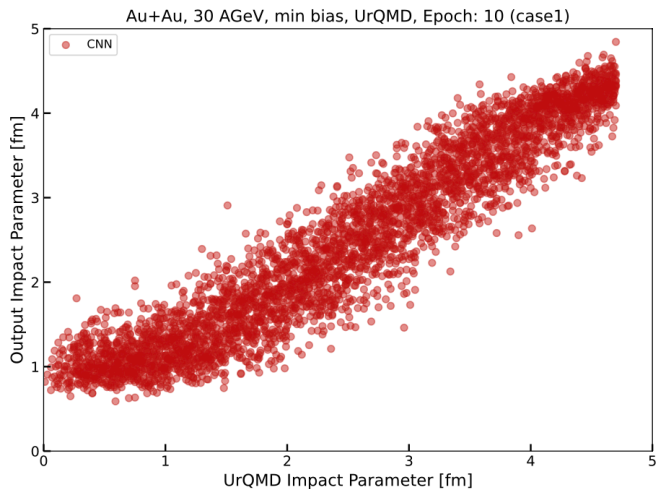


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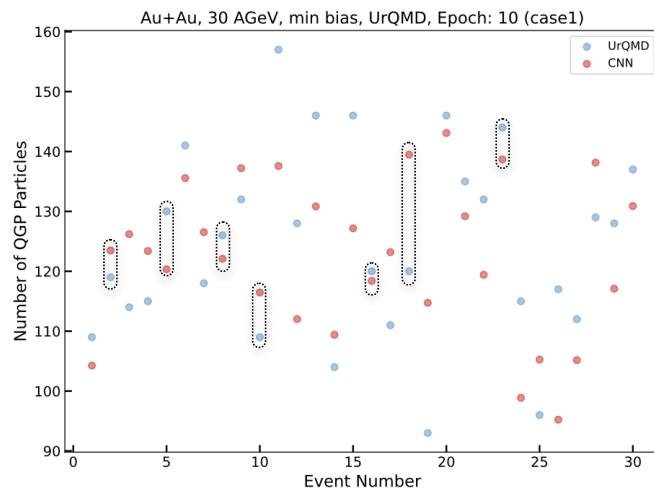
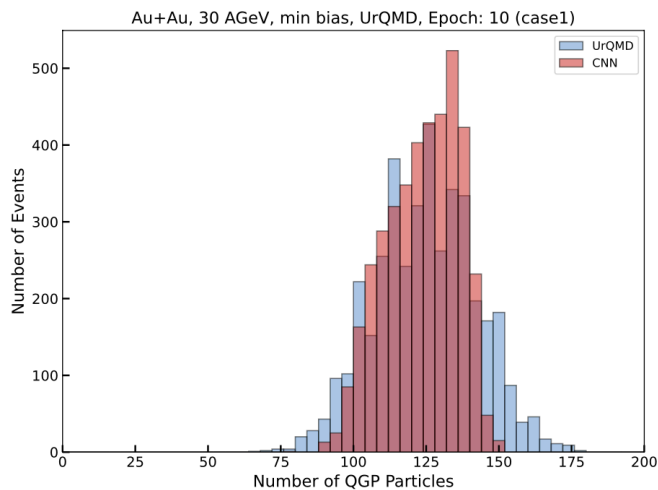


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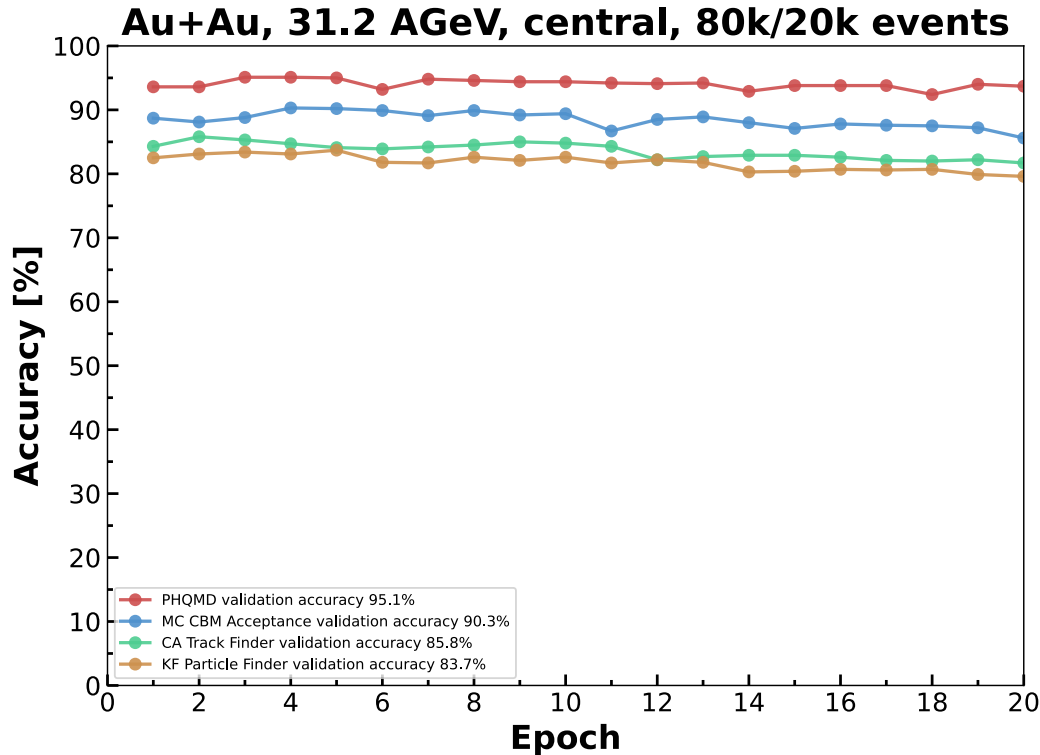
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CBM: ANN based QGP Classification



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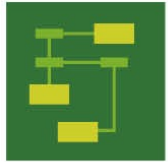


Stage	Efficiency	Drop
1 CNN on PHSD	95.1%	
2 CBM Acceptance	90.3%	- 4.8%
3 CA Track Finder	85.8%	- 4.5%
4 KF Particle Finder	83.7%	- 2.1%

Online selection of collisions with QGP is possible in the CBM experiment with the efficiency of **83.7%**.

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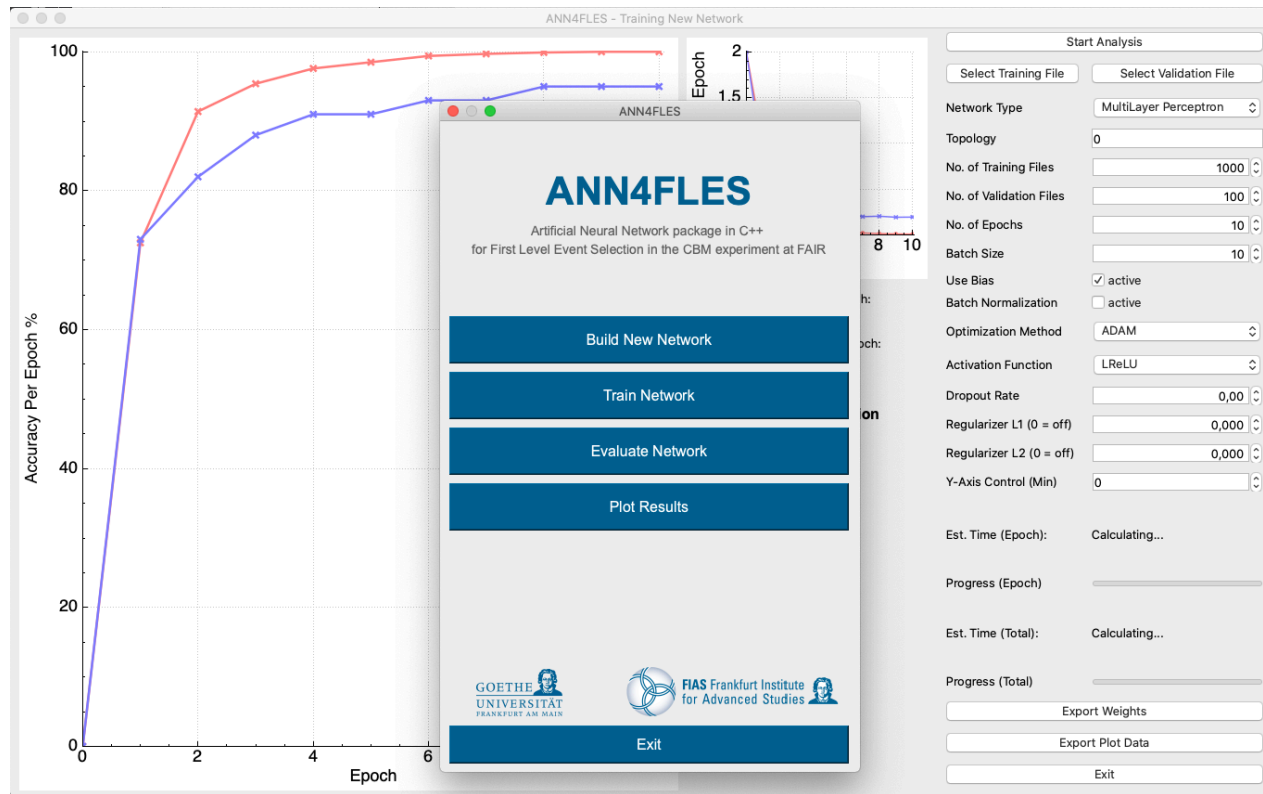
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Summary



- A package of algorithms ANN4FLES based on Artificial Neural Networks for the CBM, ALICE and STAR experiments is under development.
- The package has already been successfully used for data reconstruction and analysis, and for the estimation of the properties of colliding matter.