

Anomaly Detection in the CMS

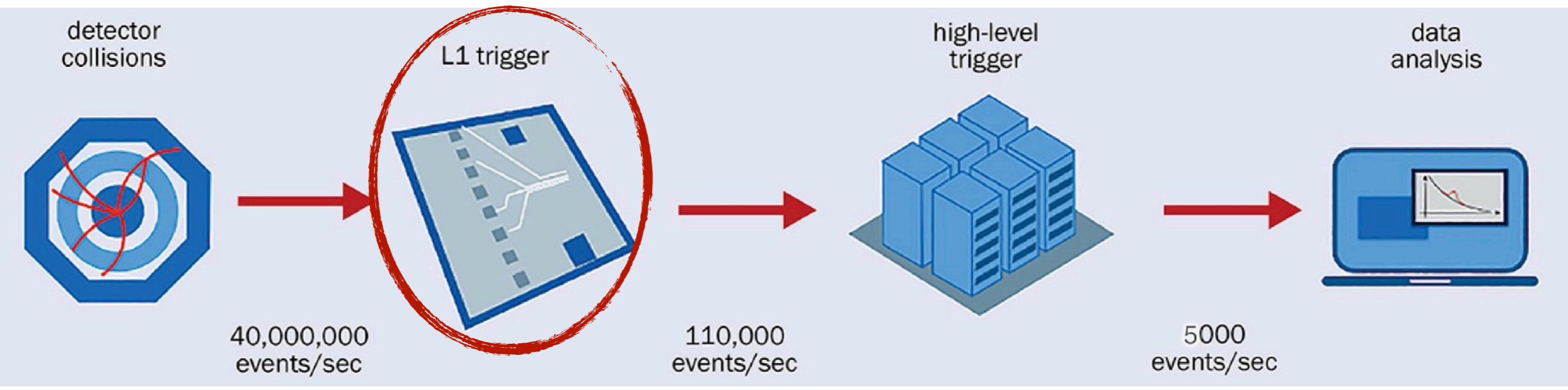
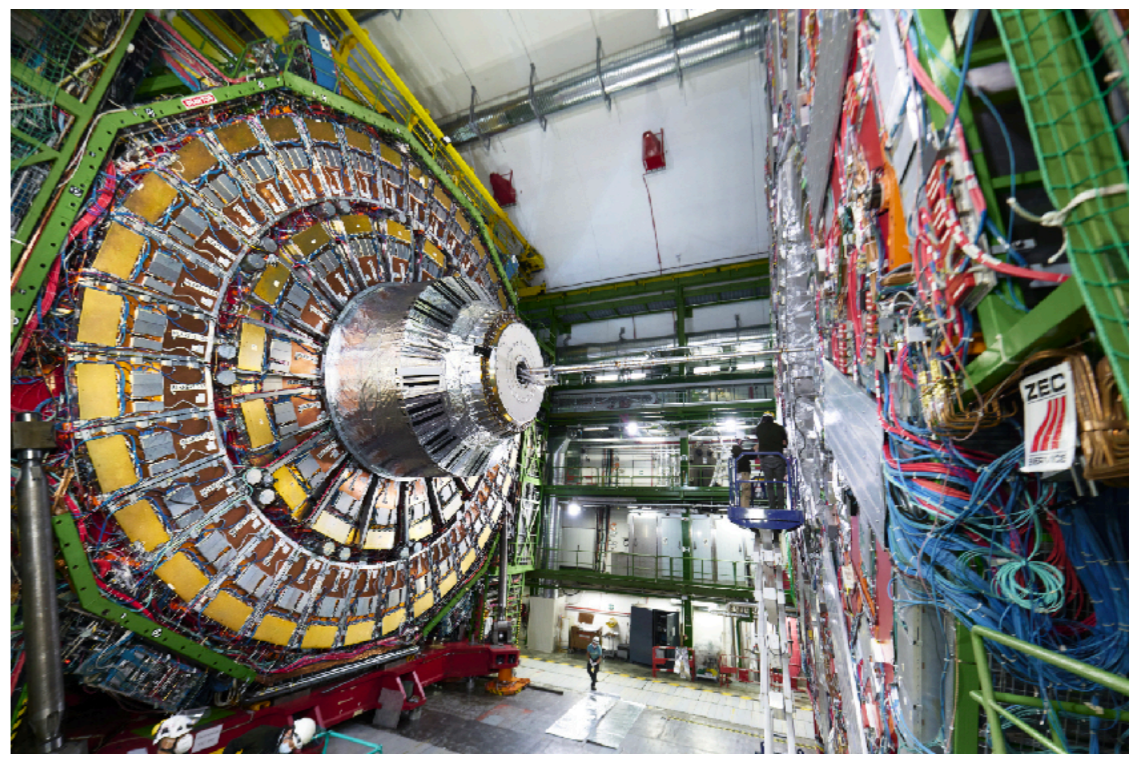
L1 Trigger

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CMS Level-1 Trigger

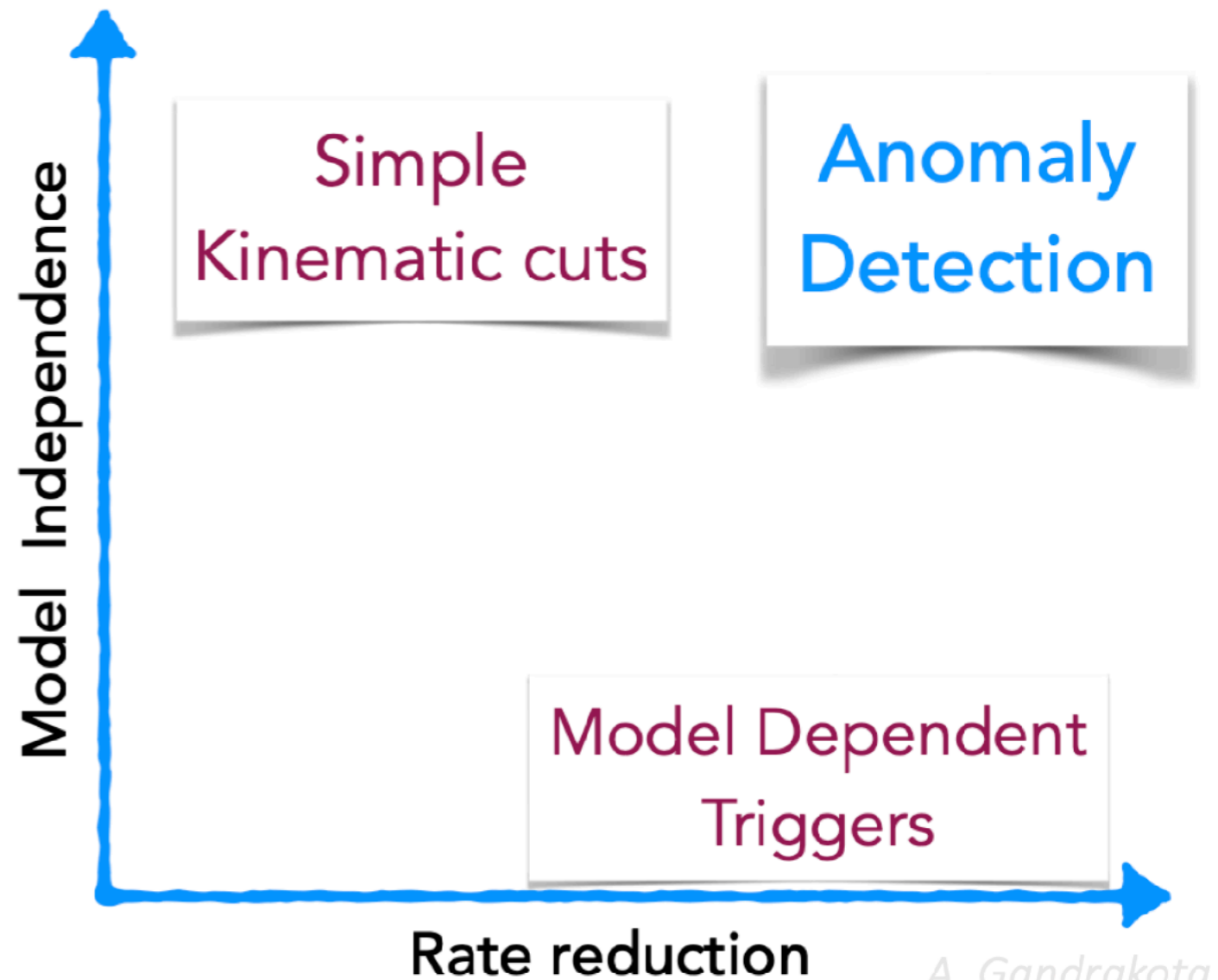
- L1 trigger rejects 99.75% of LHC events
 - Constrained by low latency of 50 ns and low resource utilization on FPGAs
- What if we are missing new physics because we did not design the right trigger?



Anomaly Detection in the Trigger

→ **What if we are rejecting new physics with our existing trigger algorithms?**

- **Signal agnostic** - Applicable to signatures for which we have not had the foresight to design specific triggers
- **High sensitivity** - Can improve signal efficiency for signatures that are limited by L1 trigger bandwidth



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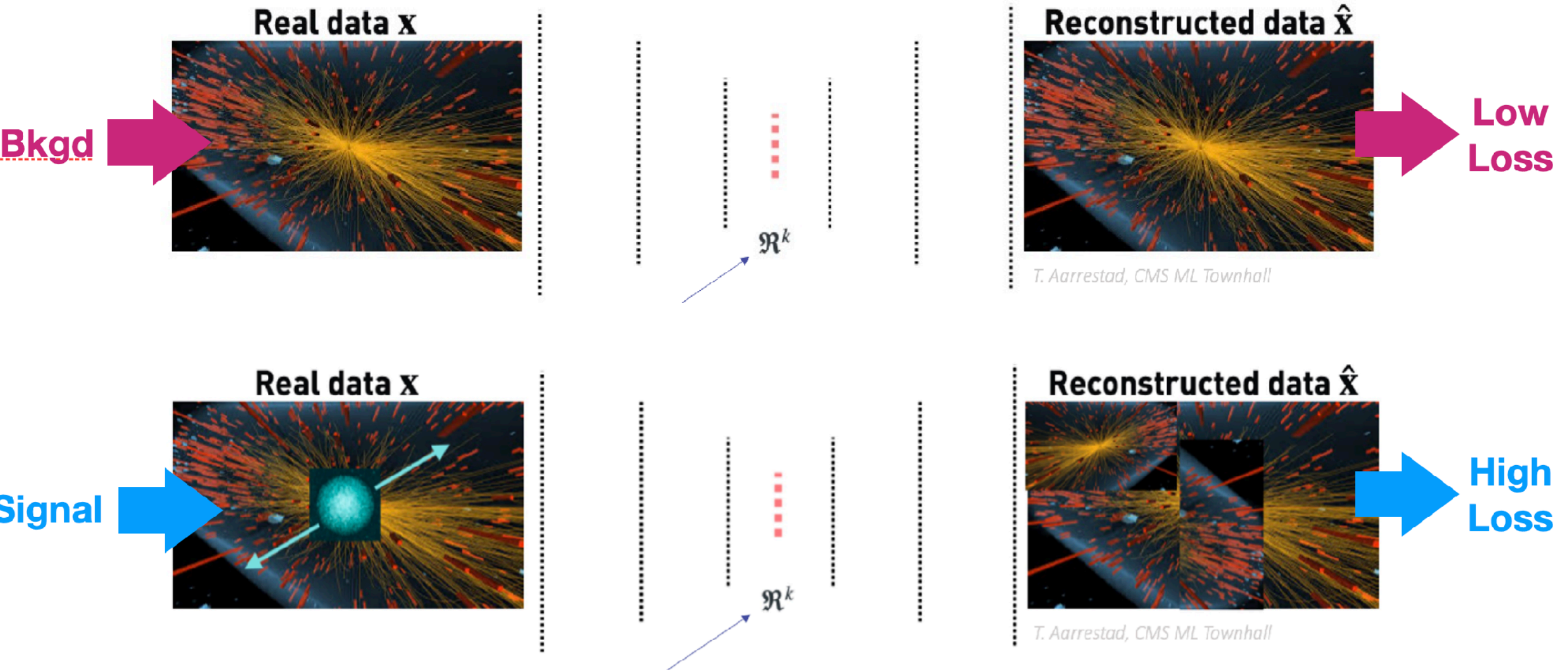
Autoencoders for Anomaly Detection

- Unsupervised ML learns efficient encodings of backgrounds

Train on ZeroBias LHC data

Bottleneck: autoencoder learns to compress high dimensional inputs into low dimensional latent space

$x - \hat{x}$ represents degree of abnormality

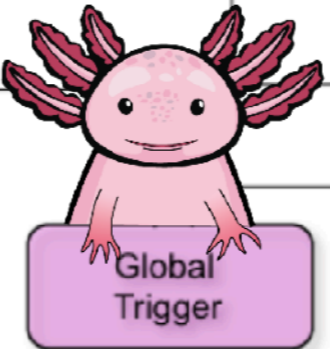
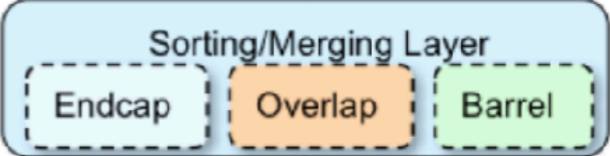
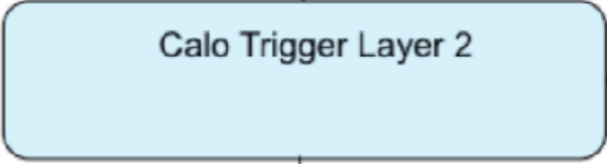
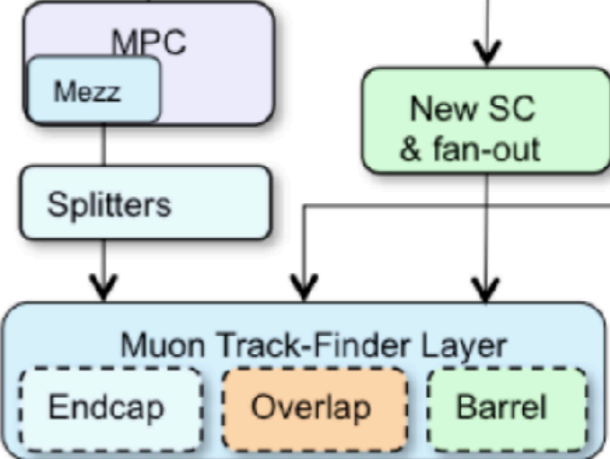
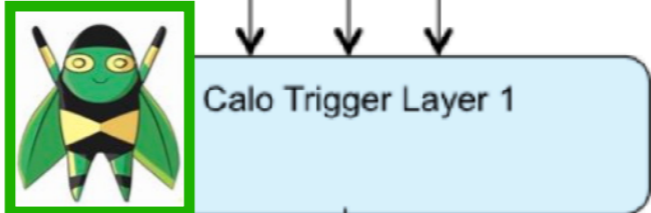
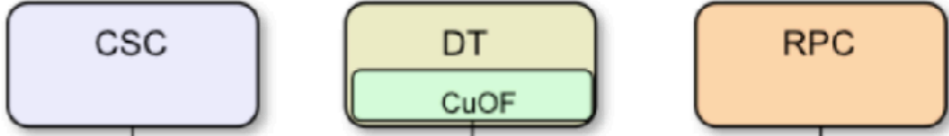
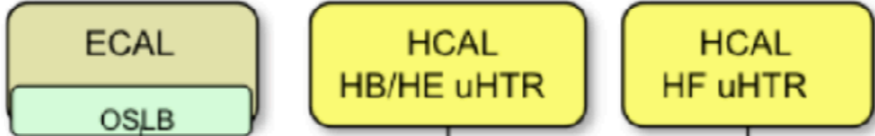
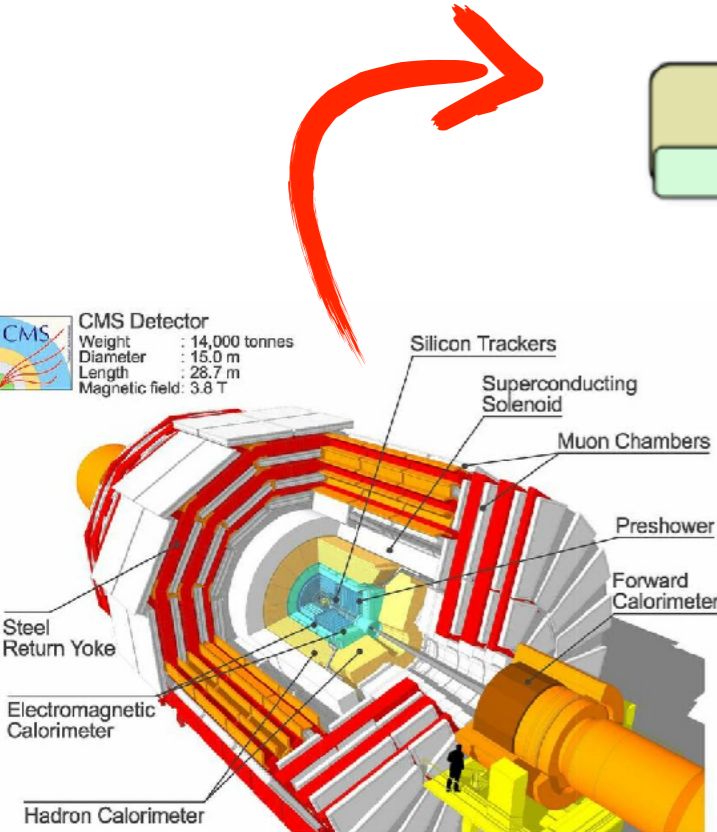


Current L1 Trigger Structure

- AXOL1TL+CICADA: autoencoder-based anomaly detection in L1 Trigger

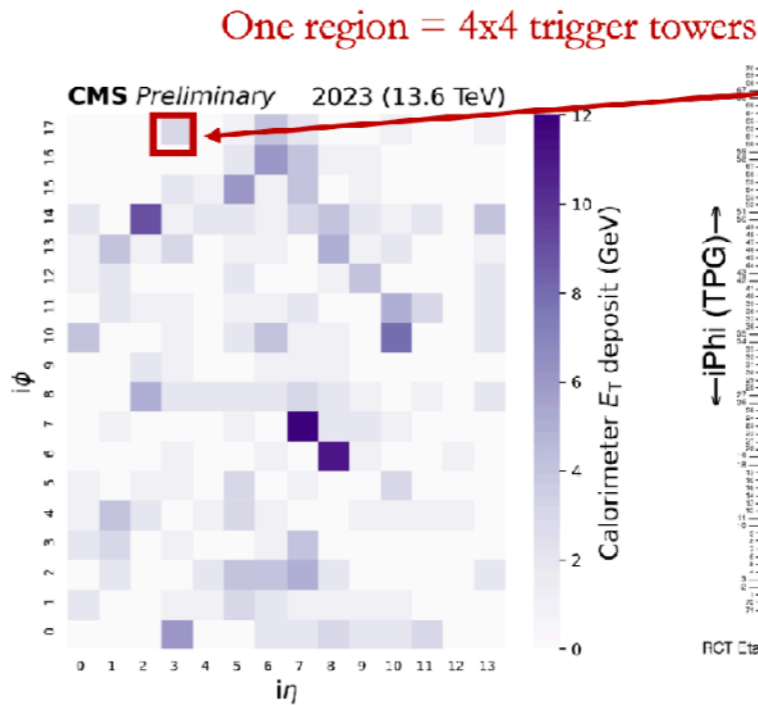
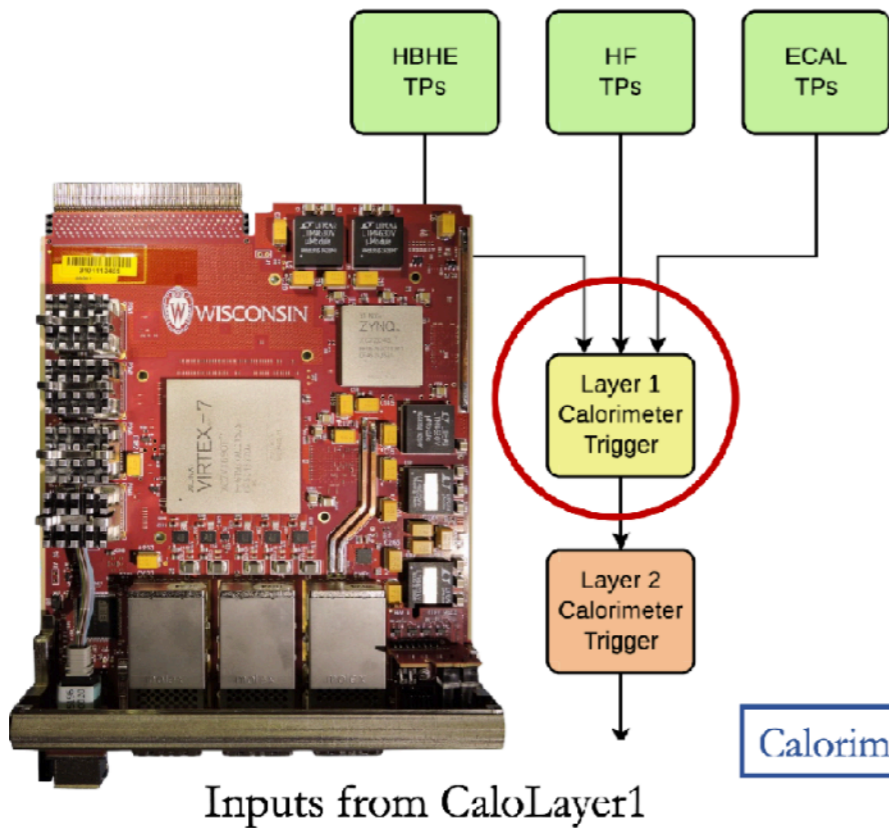
Calorimeter Trigger

Muon Trigger



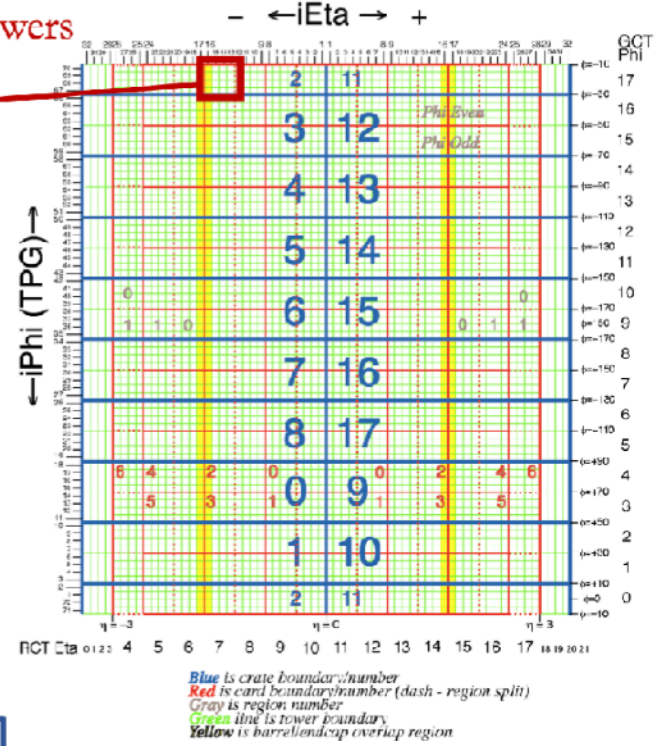
CICADA Design

- “**C**alorimeter **I**mage **C**onvolutional **A**nomaly **D**etection **A**lgorithm”
- Anomaly detection using custom board deployed at calorimeter layer-1 subsystem for L1 trigger
- Autoencoder that takes in low-level calorimeter energy deposit info (both ECAL and HCAL)
- Deployed this month!!



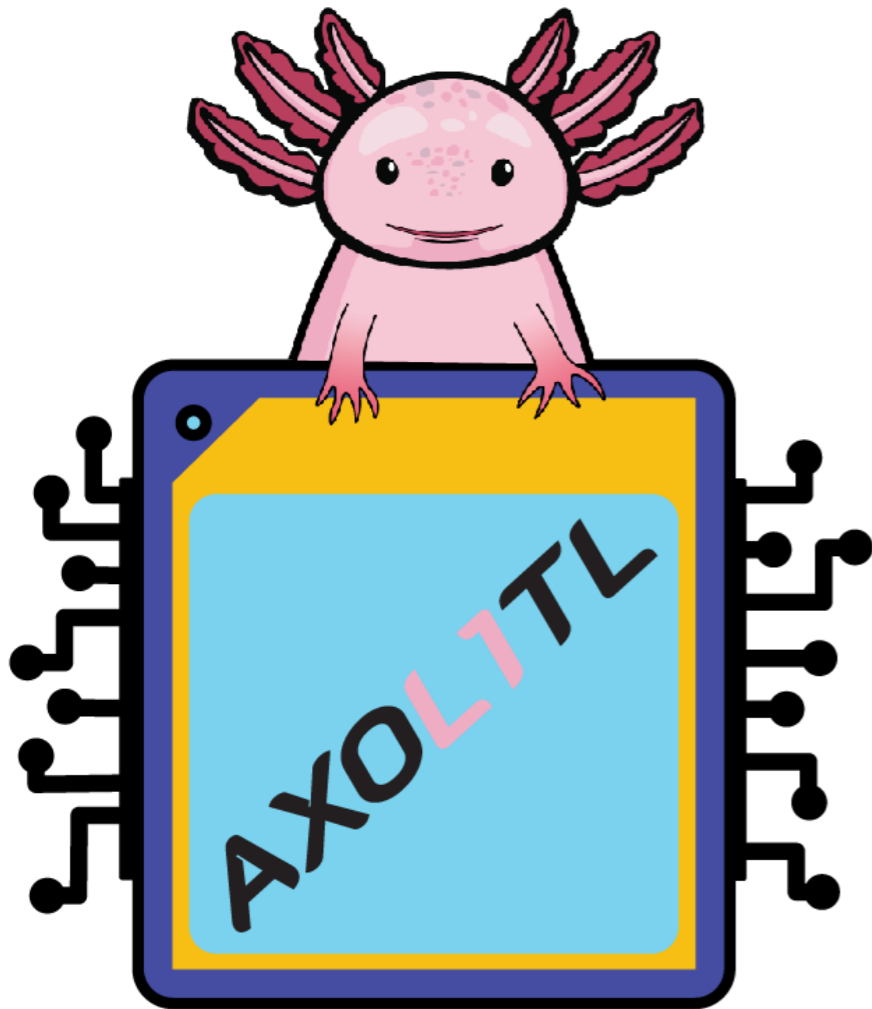
Calorimeter E_T deposit from one Zerobias event

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Calorimeter trigger tower-region map

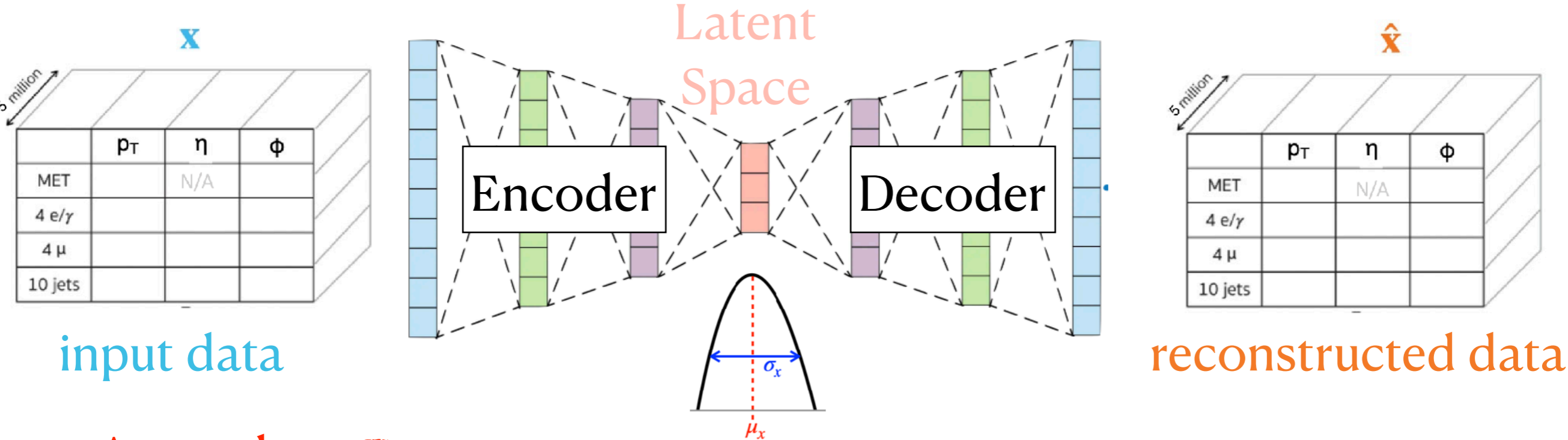
AXOLITL



- “**A**nomaly **eX**traction **O**nline **L1** **T**rigger **L**ightweight” → Anomaly detection at L1 Global Trigger in CMS
- Unsupervised variational autoencoder that inputs L1 Global trigger objects
- First ML-based and anomaly detection trigger in CMS
- Currently deployed and taking data as of May 2024!

AXOLITL Design

- **Inputs L1 trigger objects:** (p_T, η, ϕ) of MET, 4 electron/photons, 4 muons, 10 jets
- **Train on ZeroBias data** collected by CMS in 2023/2024
- **Variational autoencoder:** Additional KL-divergence loss term regularizes latent space to be normal gaussian $(N(\mu_x, \sigma_x) \rightarrow N(0,1))$ to prevent overfitting



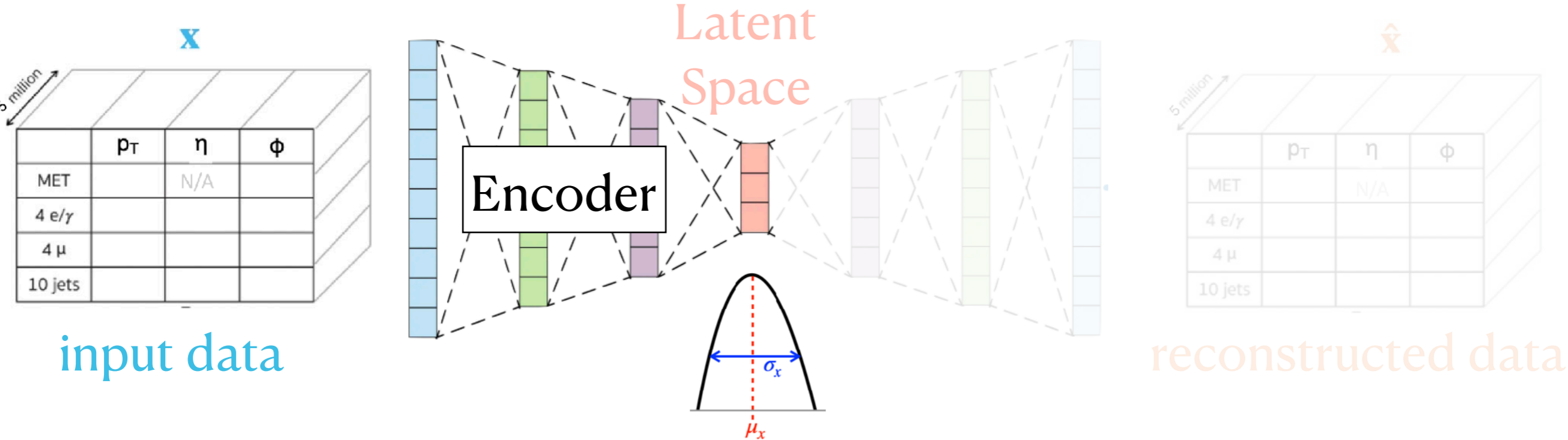
Anomaly Score

$$\text{Loss} = ||x - \hat{x}||^2 + \text{KL}[N(\mu_x, \sigma_x) \rightarrow N(0,1)]$$

Reconstruction loss *Full regularization term (Kullback–Leibler divergence)*

AXOLITL Design

- **Only deploy encoder half of the network**, compute degree of abnormality from latent space directly → **Halves the network size and latency!**
- Small, fully connected network architecture
 - **Satisfies strict μGT requirements**: latency of 50ns, low resource utilization

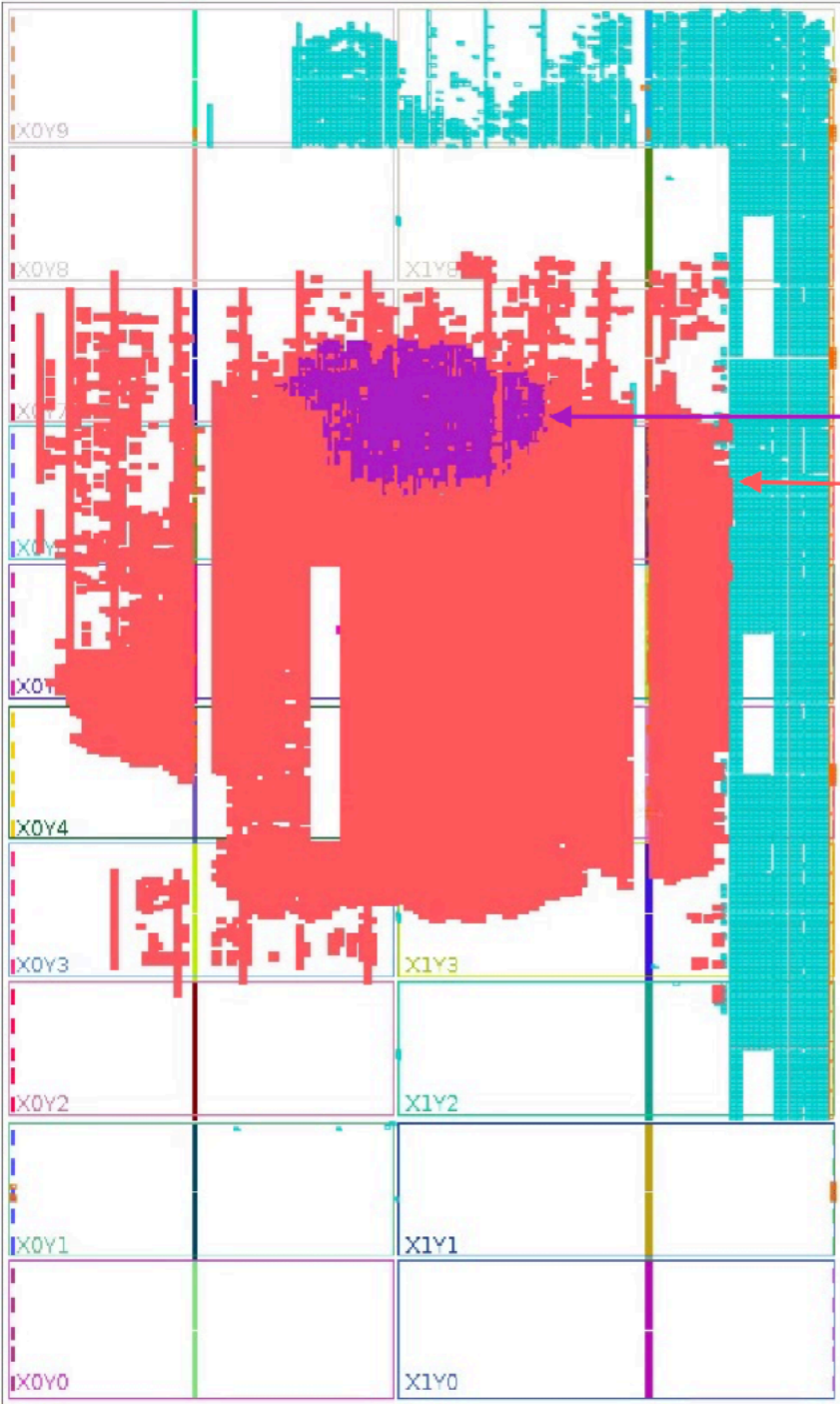


$$\text{Loss} = \text{Re} \left[\text{Anomaly Score} \sim \sum \mu_x^2 \right] \cdot \text{N}(0,1)$$

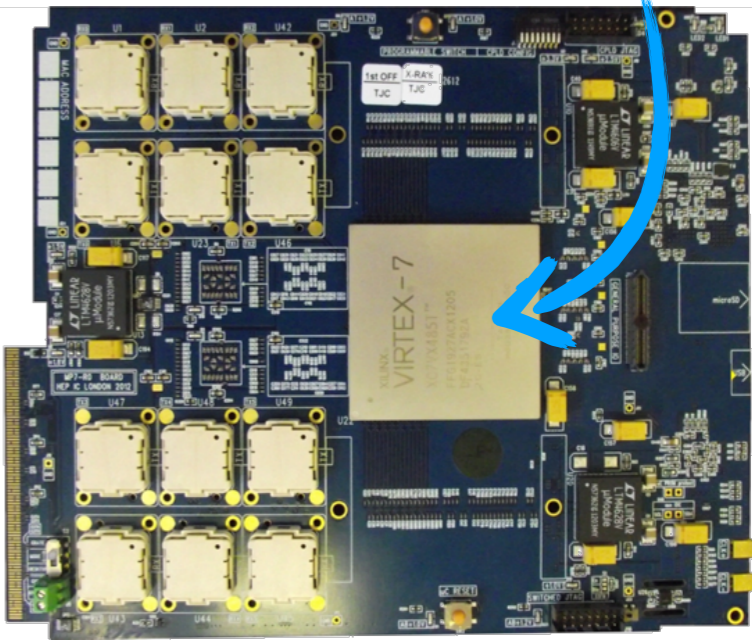
(Kullback-Leibler divergence)

AXOL1TL Implementation

Xilinx Virtex-7 FPGA on MP7 board used at Level-1 Global Trigger



AXOL1TL
MP7 payload
MP7 infrastructure



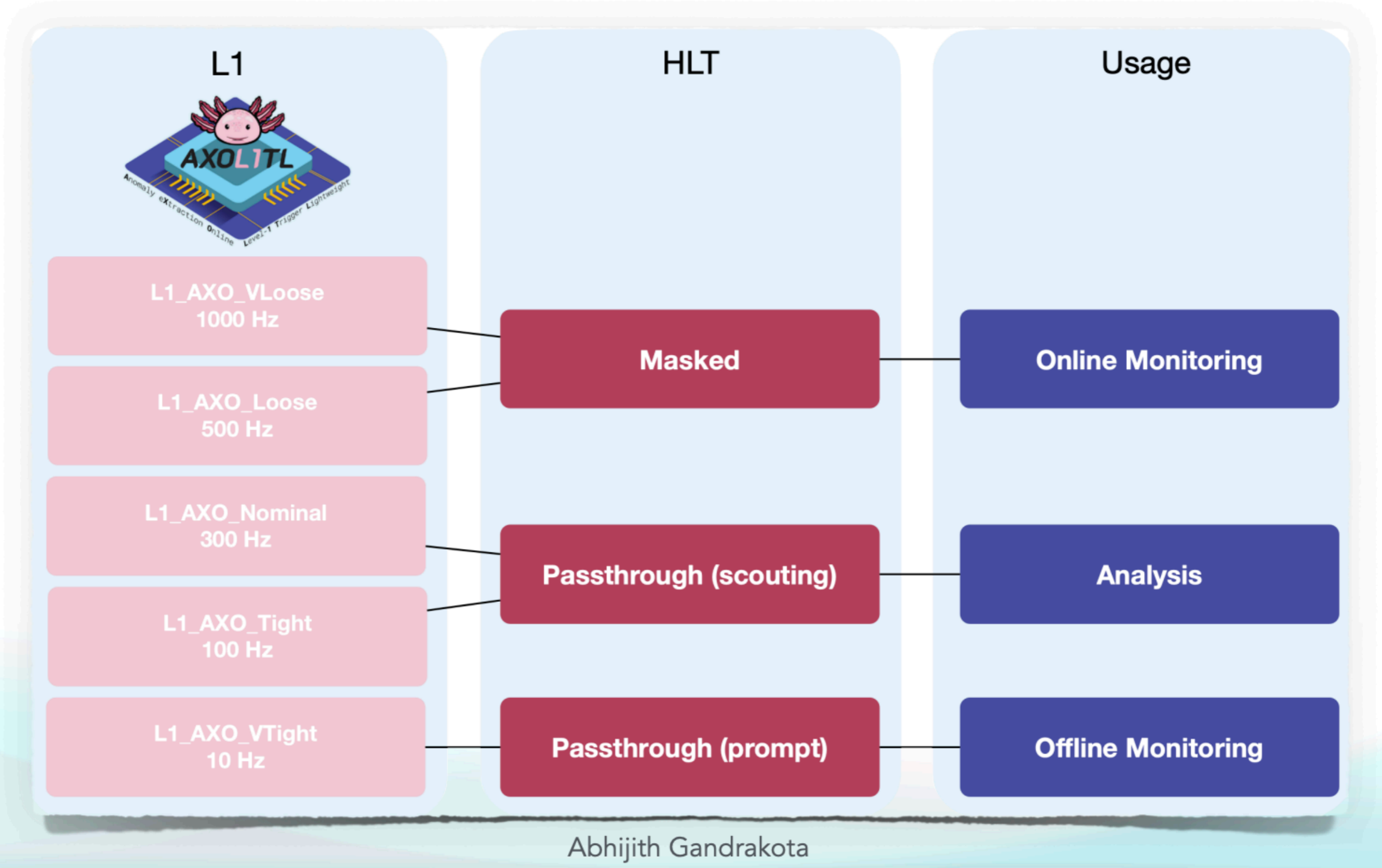
- Implemented on L1 FPGAs
- Satisfies strict μGT requirements: latency of 50ns, low resource utilization on FPGAs

Resource utilization of Virtex-7 FPGA chip on Imperial College MP7 μGT board

	Latency	LUTs	FFs	DSPs	BRAMs
AXOL1TL	2 ticks 50 ns	2.1%	~0	0	0

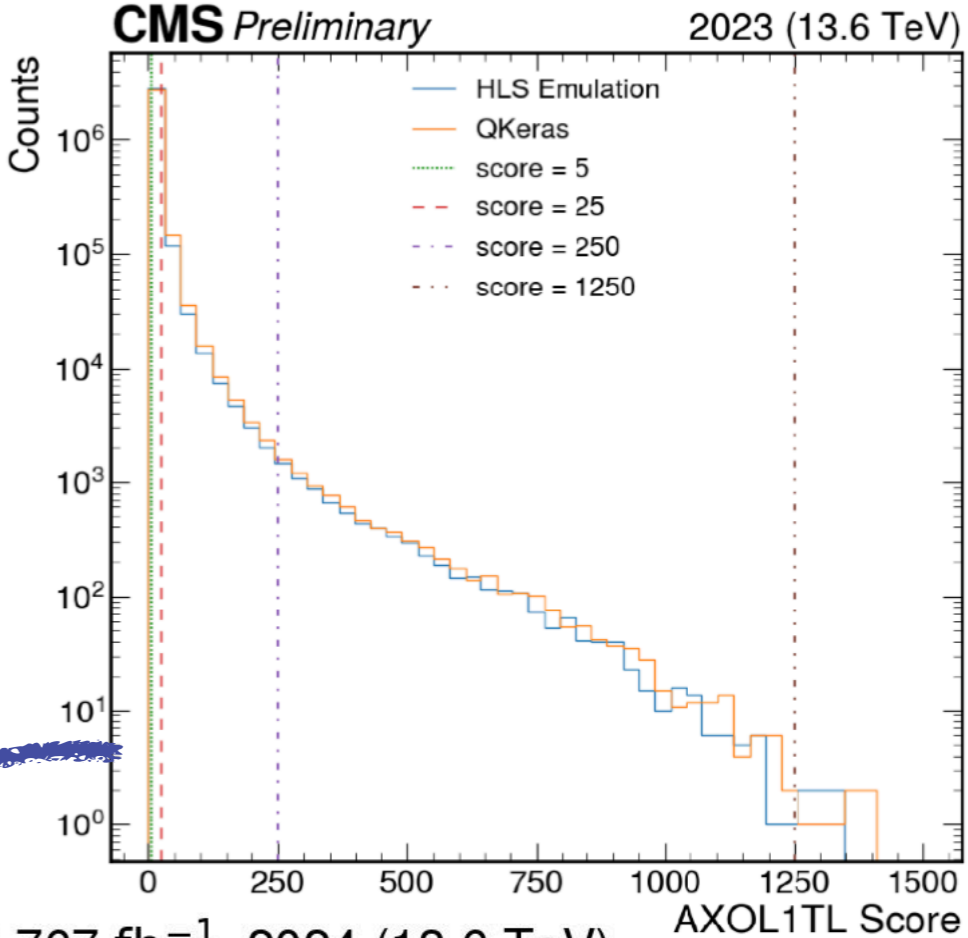


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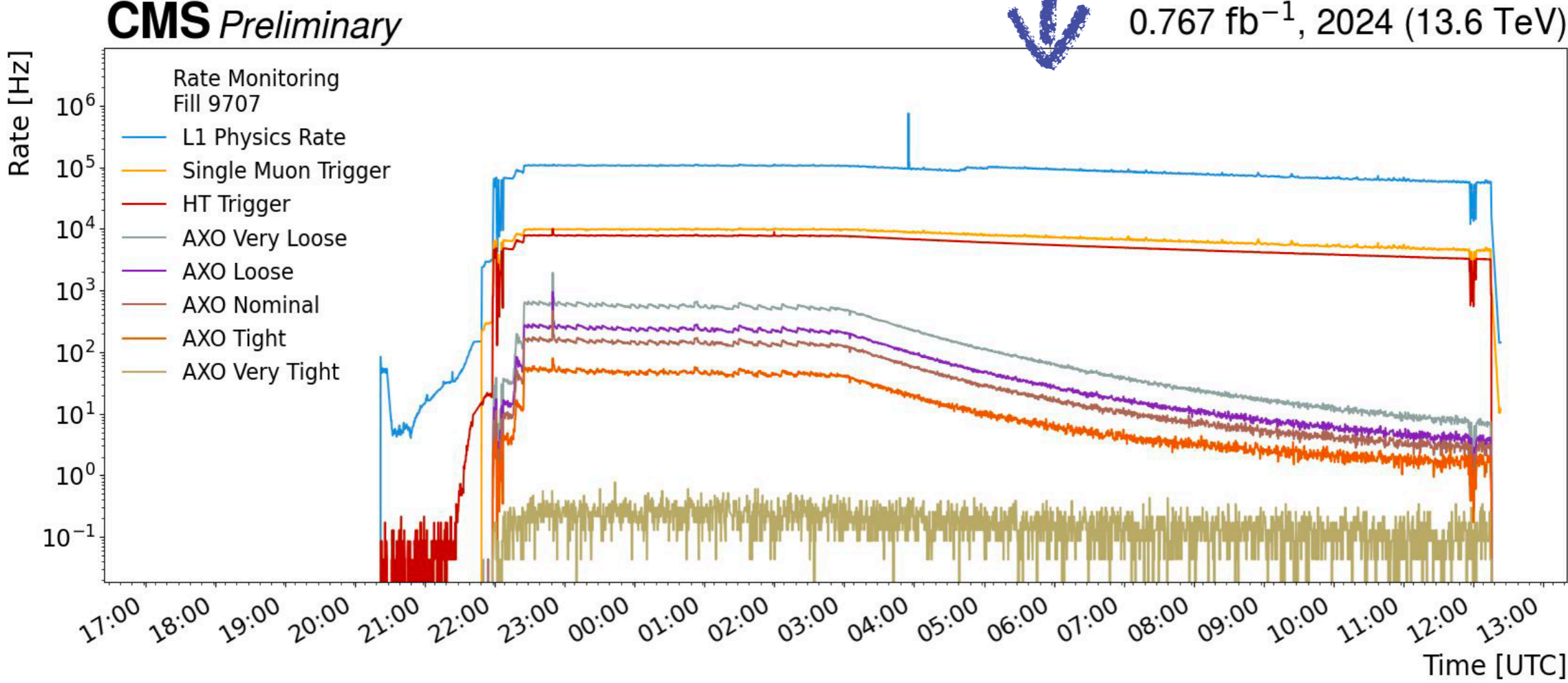


AXOL1TL Implementation

- Score thresholds target different trigger rates
- Rates stable relative to other L1 triggers
- Model updated for new data and model improvement

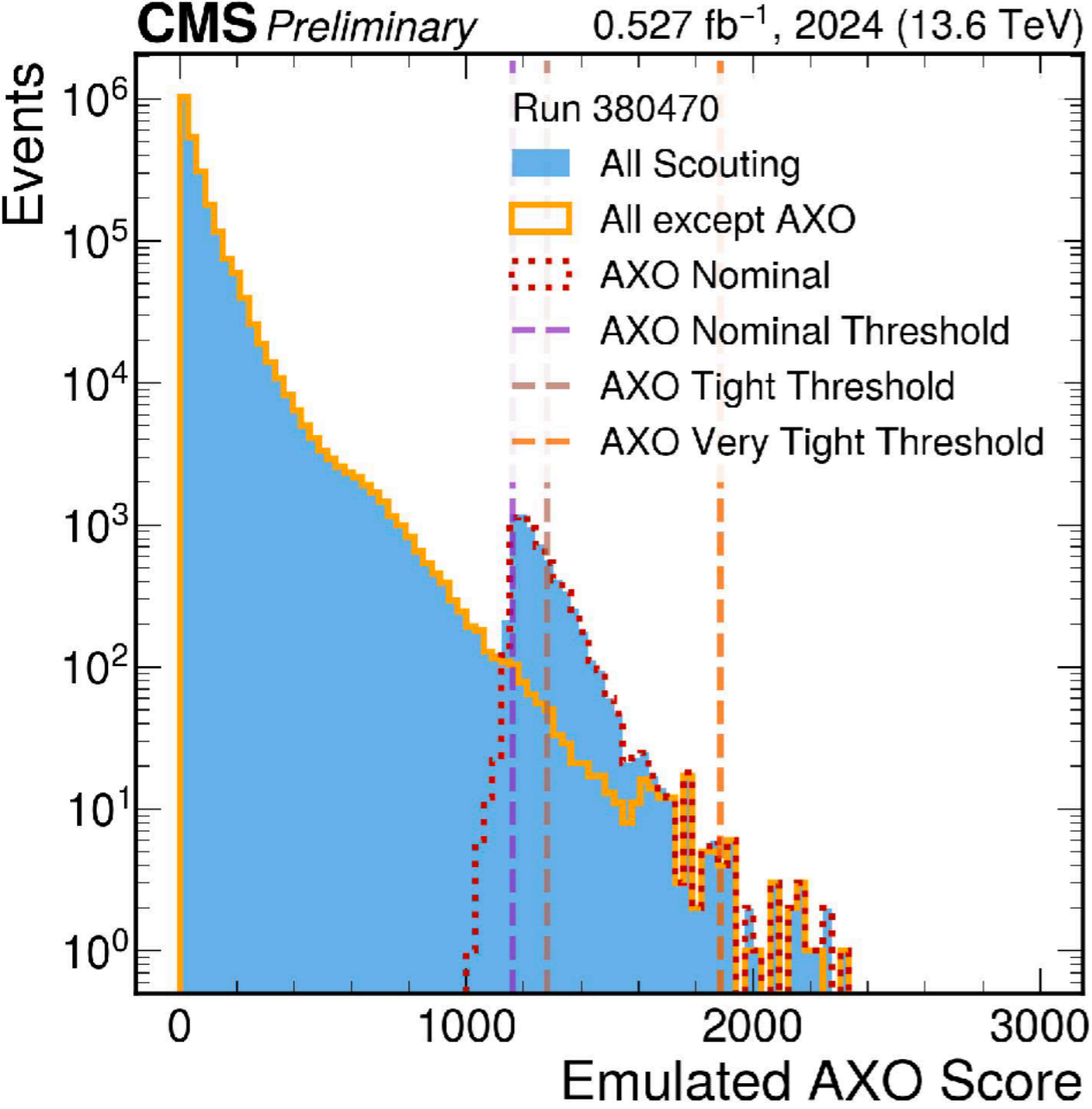


0.767 fb⁻¹, 2024 (13.6 TeV)



Preliminary Results

- Improved physics performance relative to existing L1 menu
- Large signal efficiency increase for low rate increase



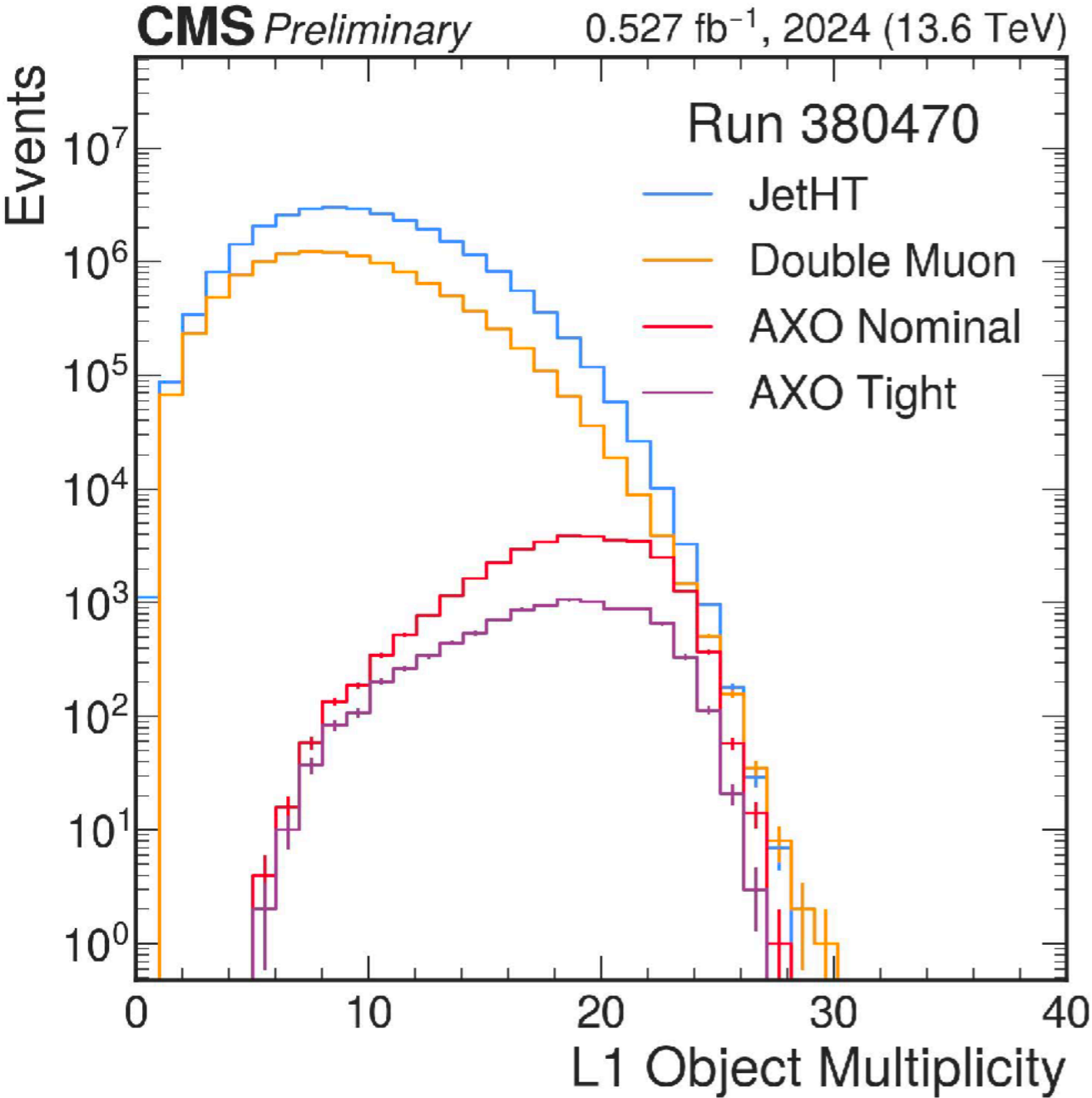
AXOL1TL rate	1 kHz	5 kHz
Signal Efficiency gain	46%	100%

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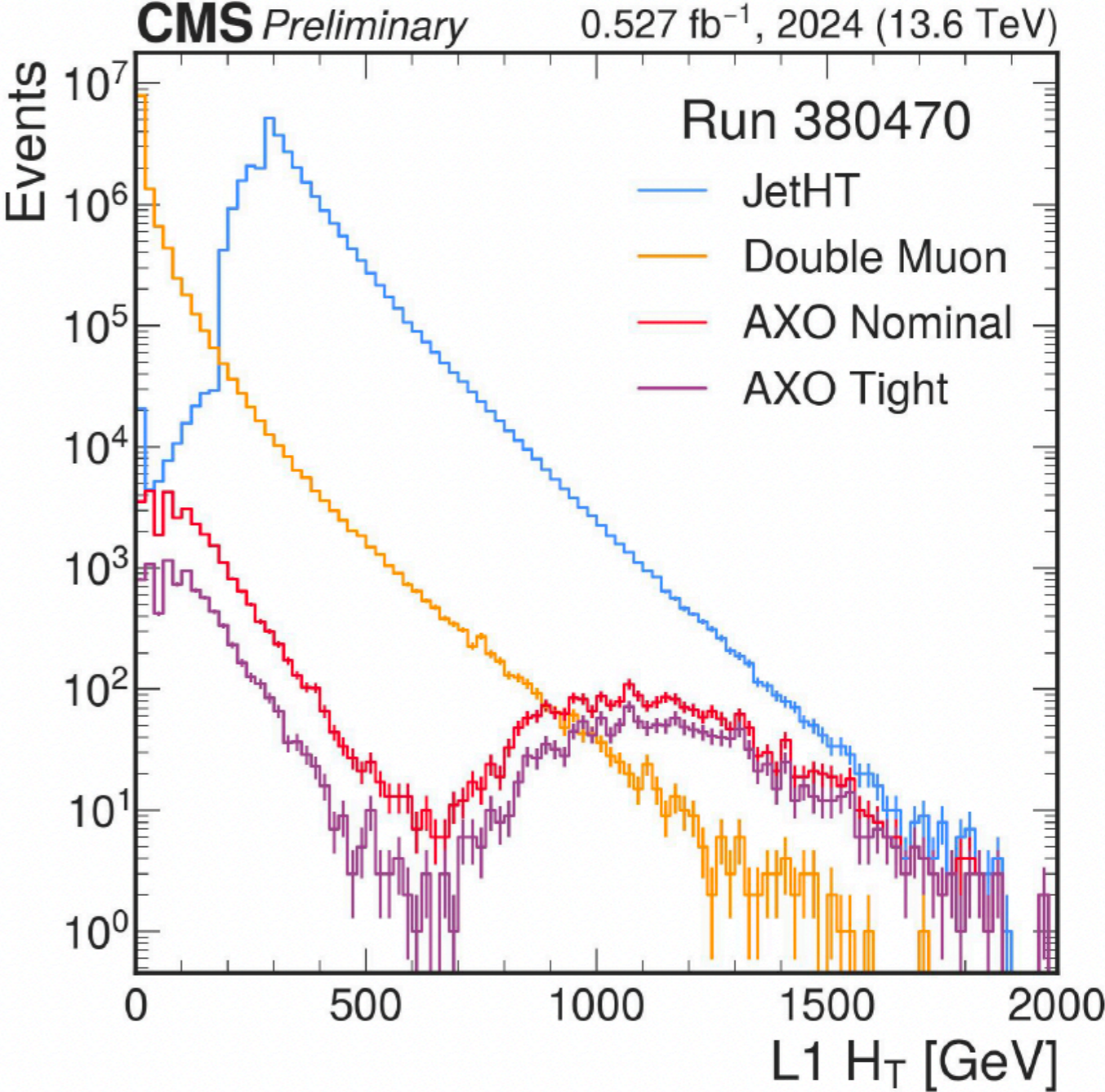
Evaluated on HH → aa → bbbb

→ Many AXOL1TL events are unique vs. existing triggers

Preliminary Results



→ Preference for higher object multiplicity vs. existing triggers

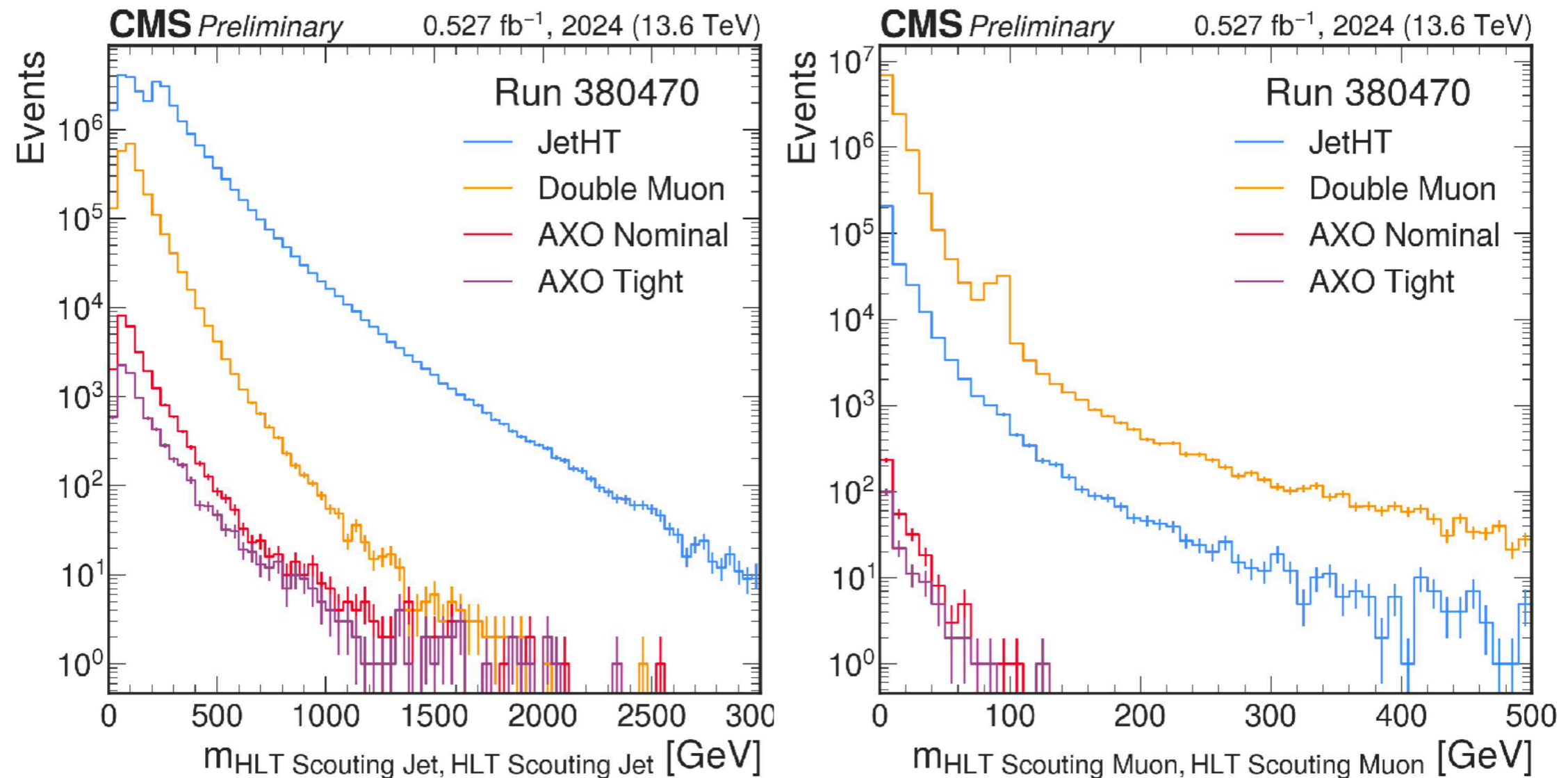


→ Preference for higher jet multiplicity & p_T

Preliminary Results

→ Preliminary invariant mass distributions recorded in partial scouting dataset (May 2024)

- AXO triggers: Generally smoothly falling distributions, no sculpting
- Ideal for BSM/SM searches



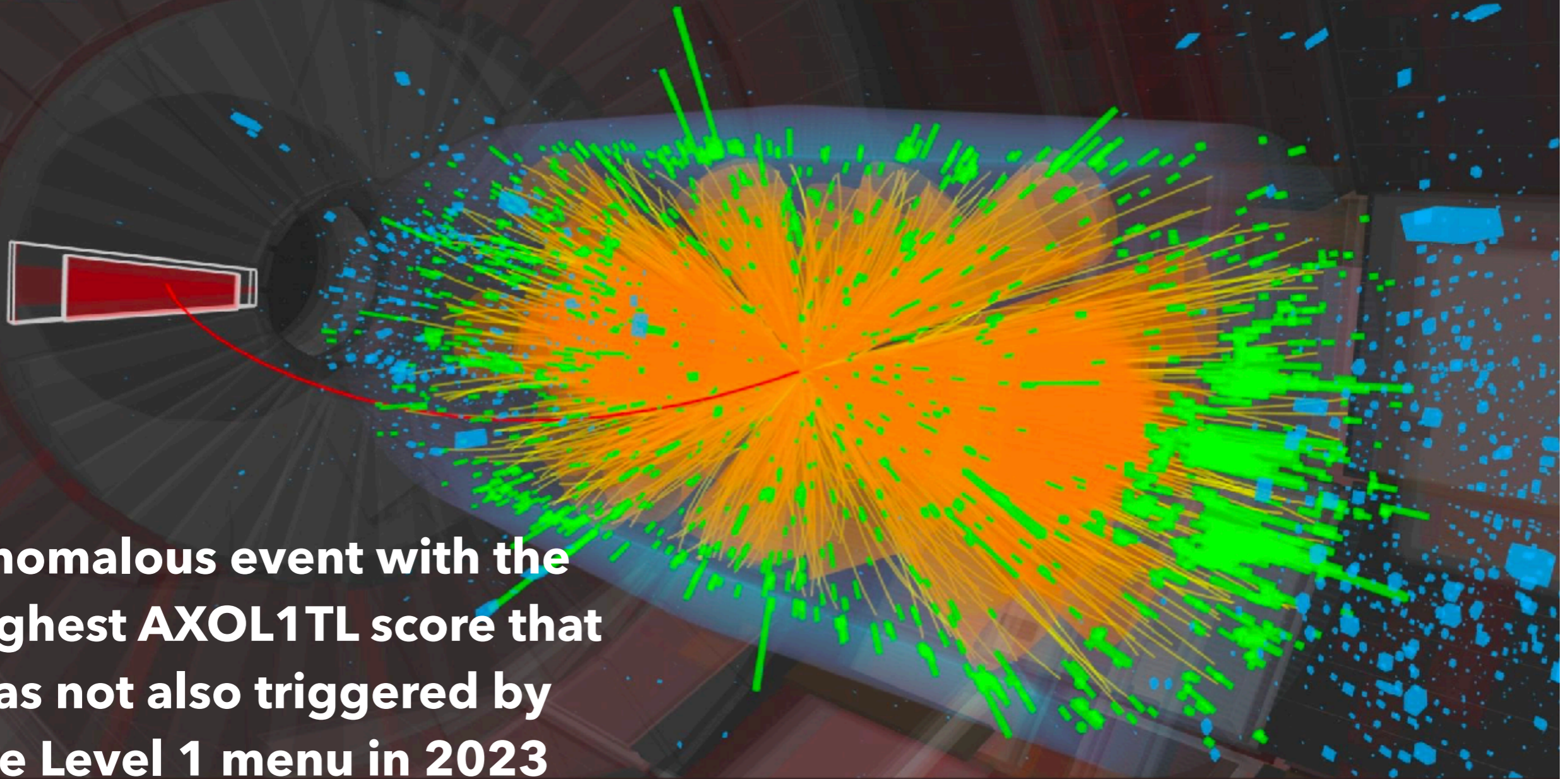
Anomalous Event Example



CMS Experiment at the LHC, CERN

Data recorded: 2023-May-24 01:42:17.826112 GMT

Run / Event / LS: 367883 / 374187302 / 159

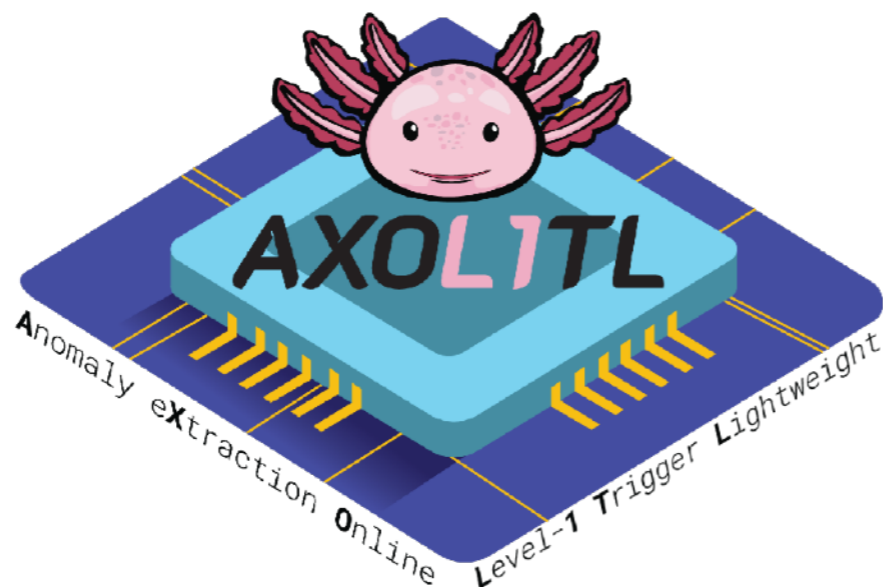


Anomalous event with the highest AXOL1TL score that was not also triggered by the Level 1 menu in 2023

[CMS-DP-2023-079](#)

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Conclusion



Publications/Presentations:

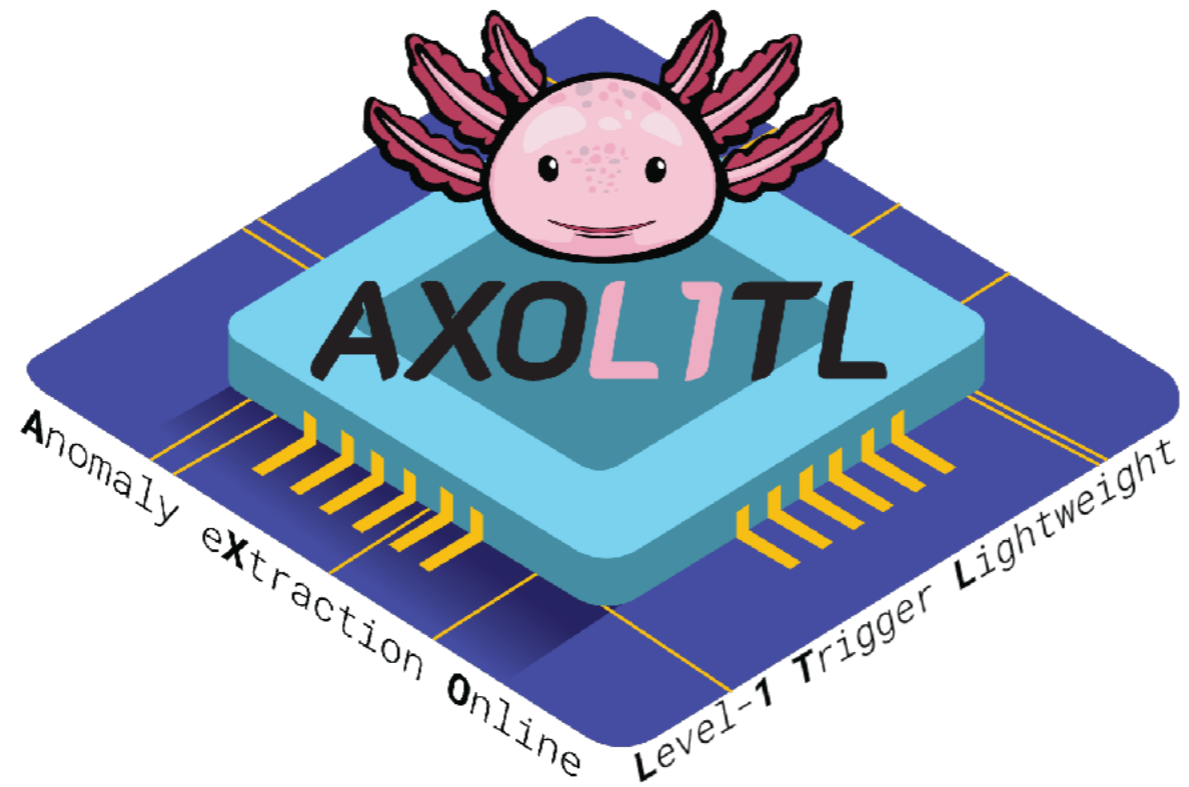
[DP Note 1: 2023 Test Crate Implementation](#)

[DP Note 2: 2024 Data Taking](#)

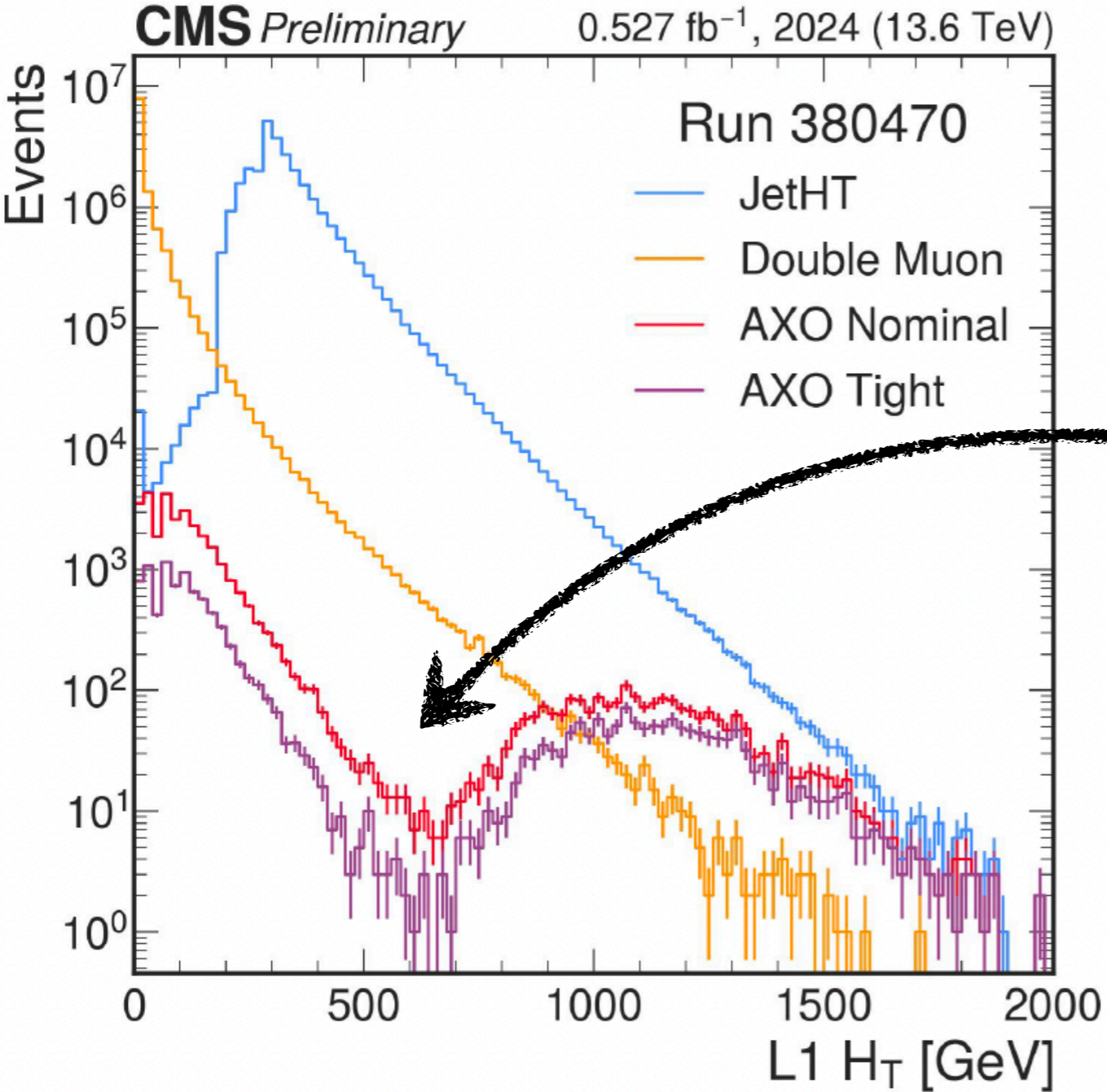
[ICHEP 2024 Presentation \(A. Gandrakota\)](#)

- First ML-based anomaly detection trigger deployed in CMS
 - Sensitive to rare SM + potential new physics despite low rates!
- Currently taking data!
 - Improving model for next year + HL-LHC
 - [See Axel's talk later today!](#)
 - Developing analysis strategy
- Possible due to support from CMS L1 Trigger community!





Preliminary Results



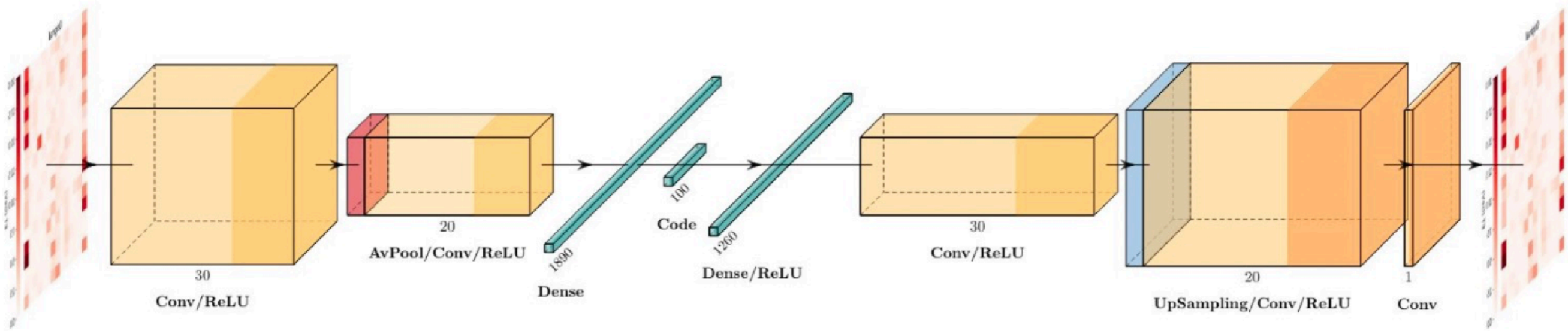
Dip in AXO-selected events due to the abundance of energetic dijet events seen by the L1T, making them less anomalous with respect to other features of interest

→ Preference for higher jet multiplicity & p_T



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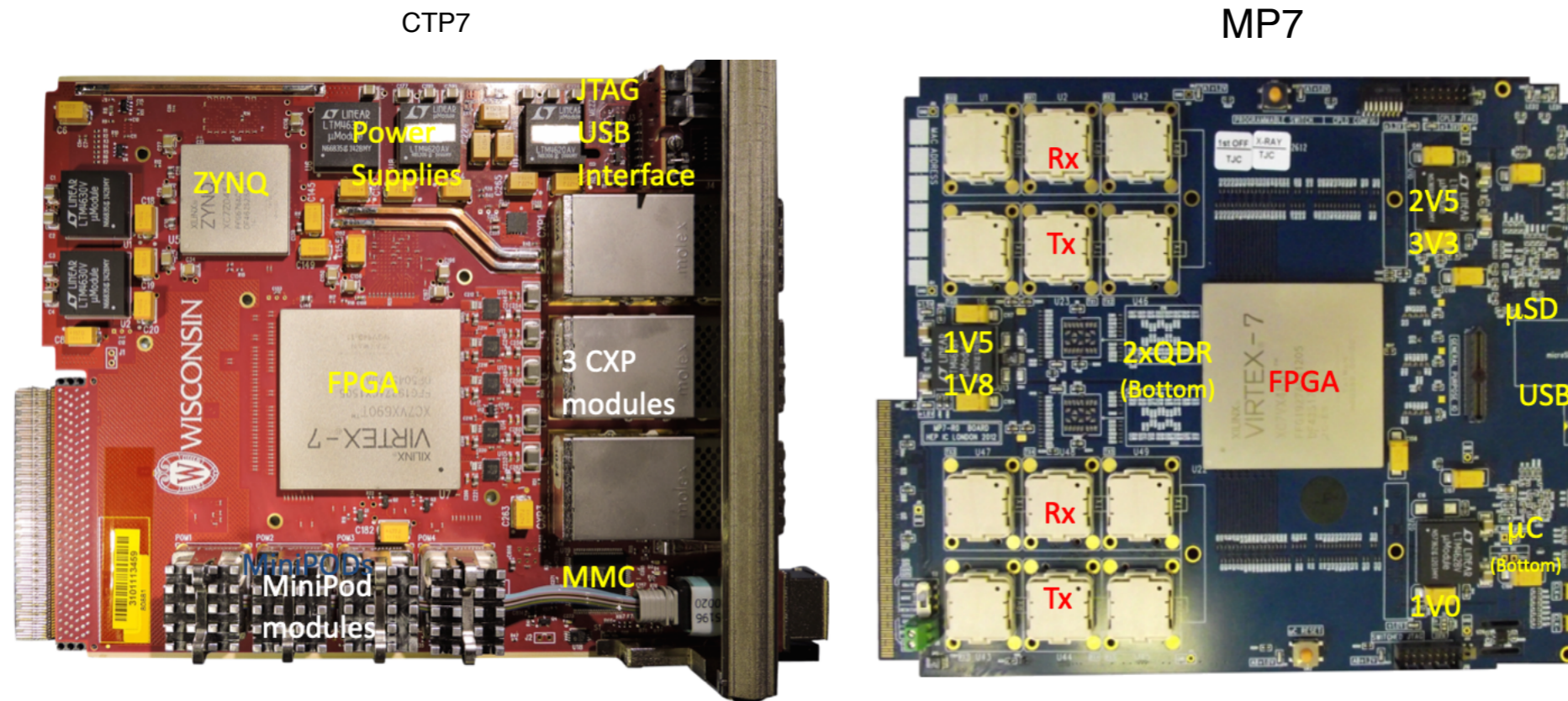
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- Unsupervised autoencoder trained on ZeroBias data
- Input 2D tensor calorimeter energy maps
- Encoder and decoder are convolutional neural networks
- Learn reconstruction of input energy maps
- Uses mean-squared error $MSE(\text{input}, \text{output})$ as anomaly score to trigger on anomalous events
- Uses knowledge distillation to train a smaller “student” model to directly regress MSE to replicate “teacher” performance to fit strict L1T constraints

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CMS FPGAs



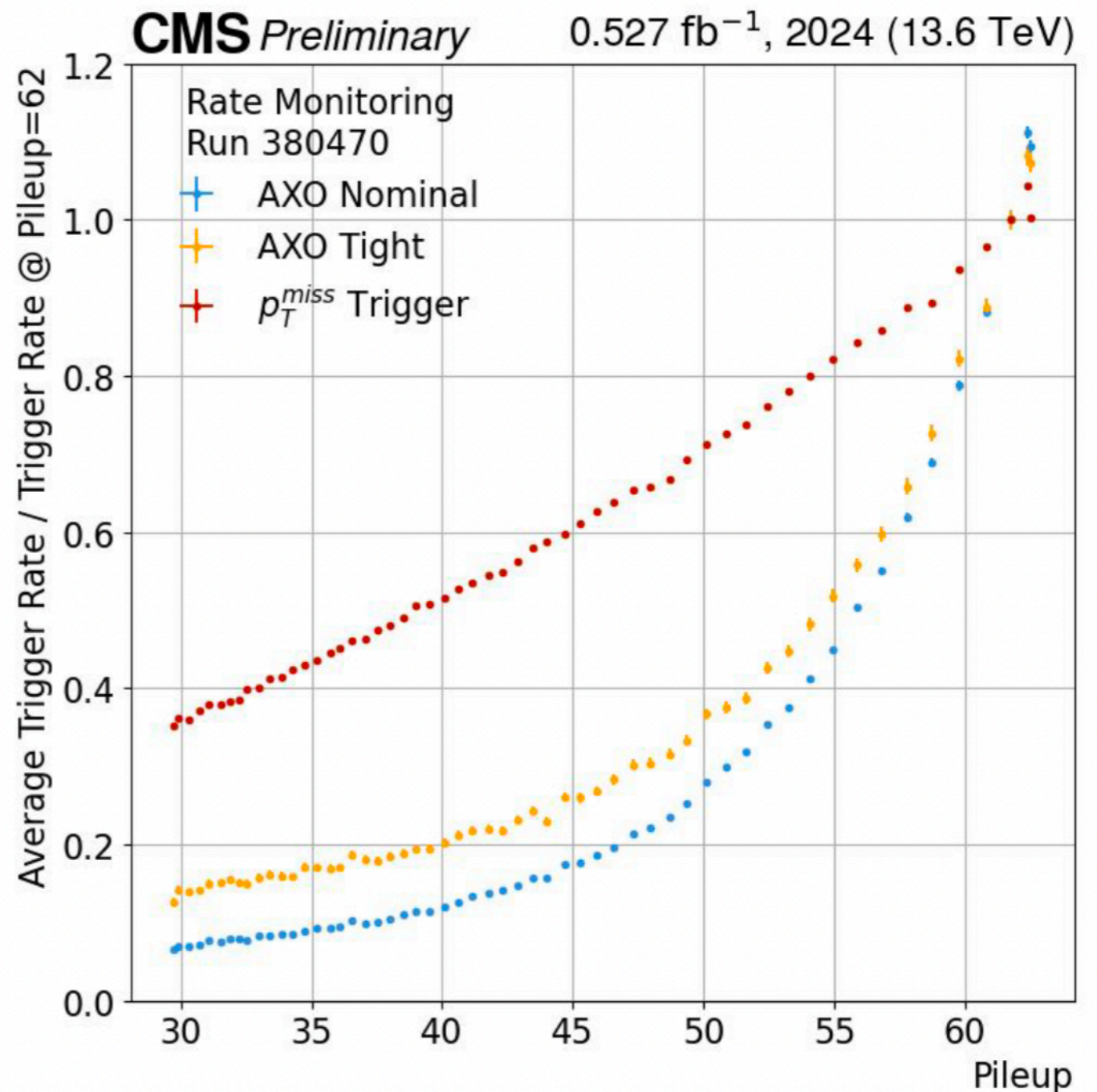
Calorimeter Trigger Processor(CTP7 – left), and Master Processor (MP7 - right)

- CTP7 (Layer-1) – μ TCA Single Virtex 7 FPGA, 67 optical inputs, 48 outputs, 12 RX/TX backplane
 - Virtex 7 allows 10 Gb/s link speed on 3 CXP(36 TX & 36 RX) and 4 MiniPODs (31 RX & 12 TX)
 - ZYNQ processor running Xilinx PetaLinux for service tasks, including virtual JTAG cable
- MP7 (Layer-2) – μ TCA Single Virtex 7 FPGA, up to 72 input & output links
 - Virtex 7 has 72 input and output links at 10 Gb/s
 - Dual 72 or 144MB QDR RAM clocked at 500 MHz

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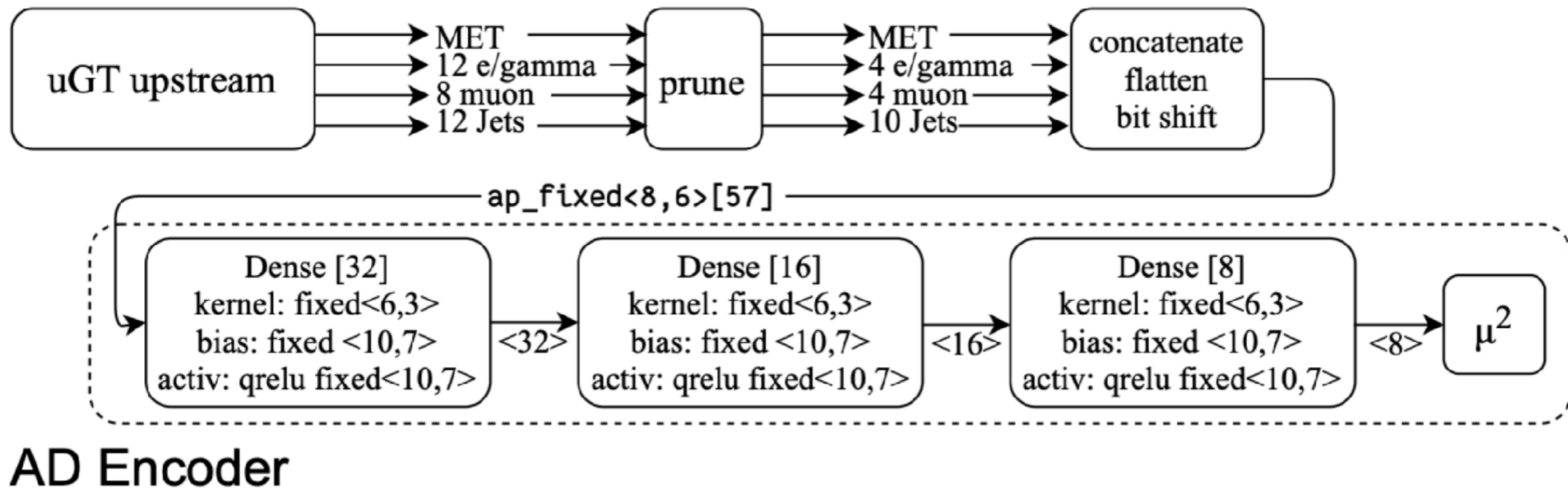
Pileup Dependence

- Strong pileup correlation due to correlation with high object multiplicity and high total energy, which increase at higher pileup.
- Pileup mitigation studies underway

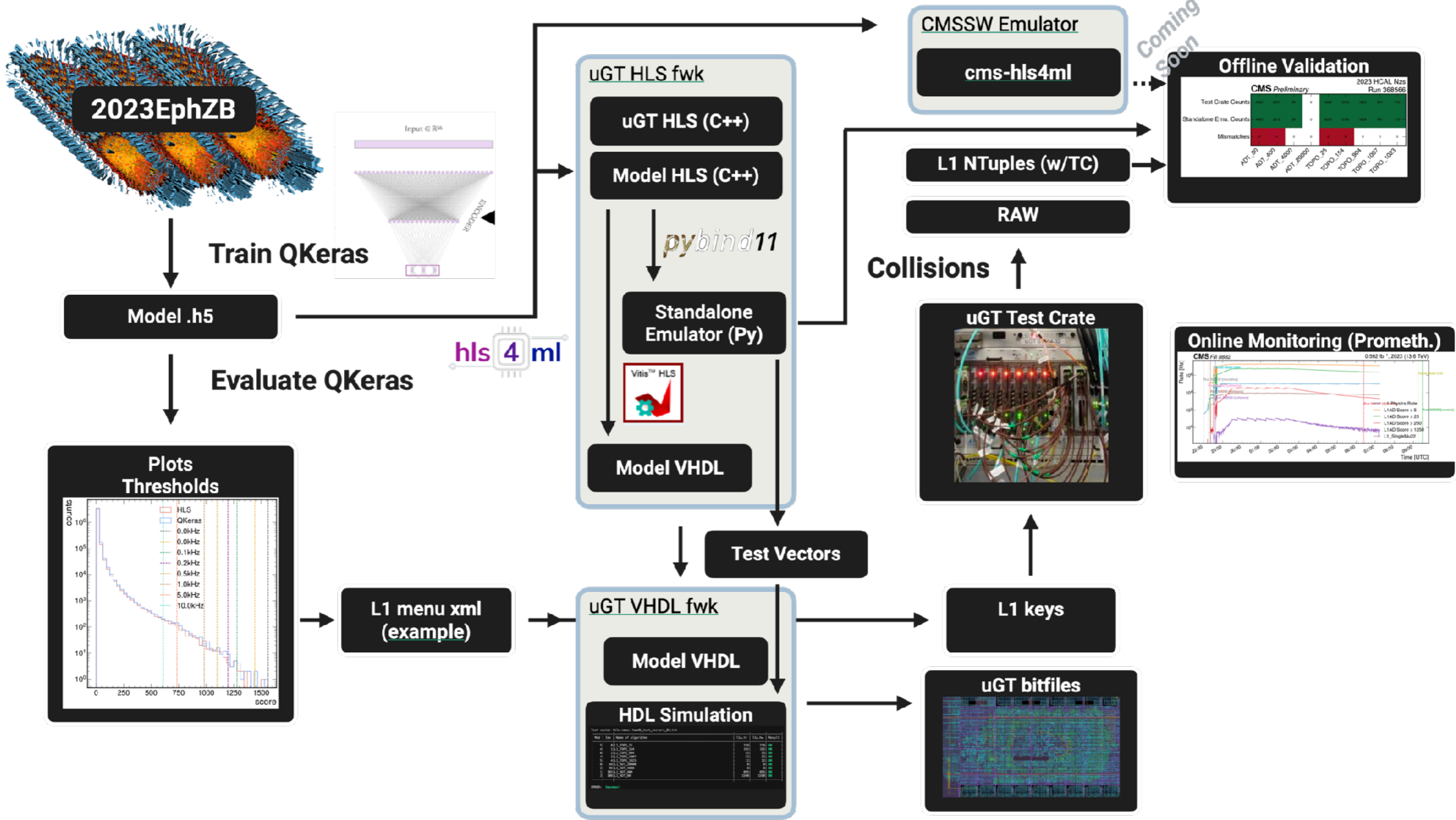




AD Encoder Implementation



Implementation





Anomaly Detection with CICADA



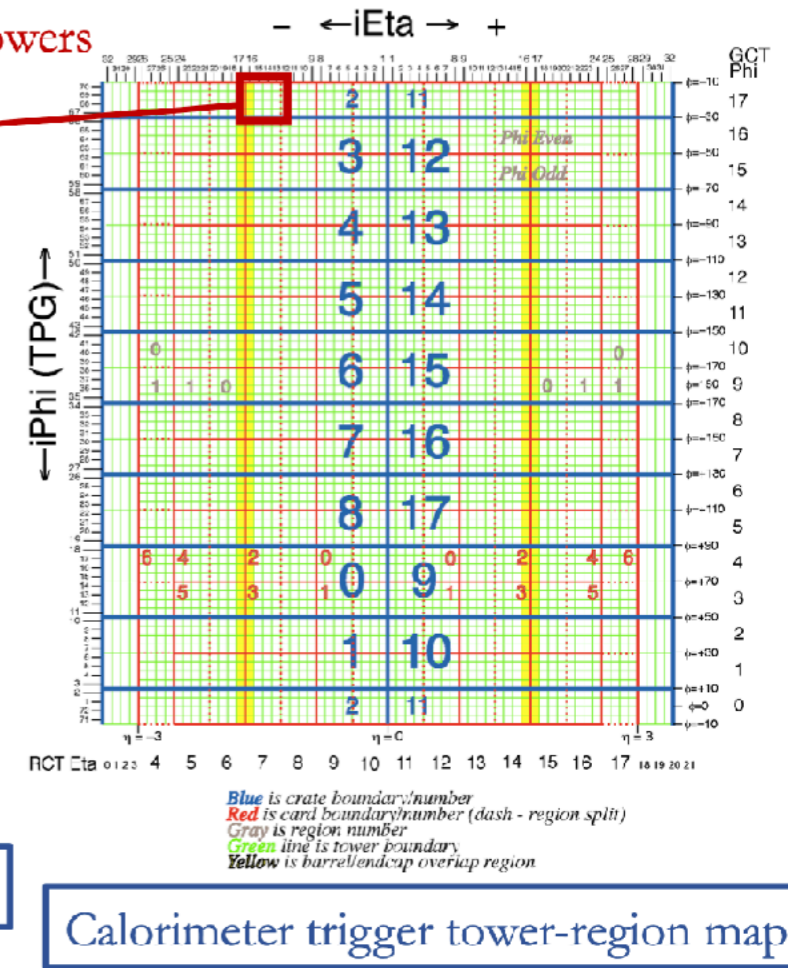
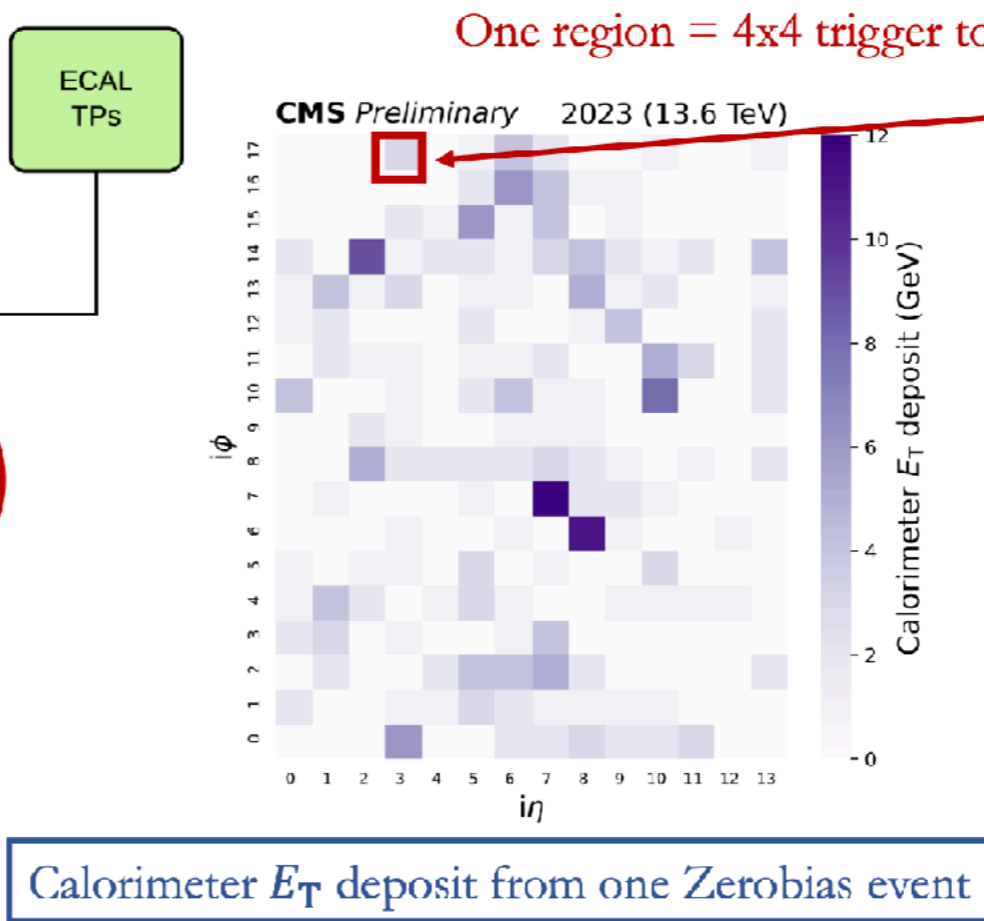
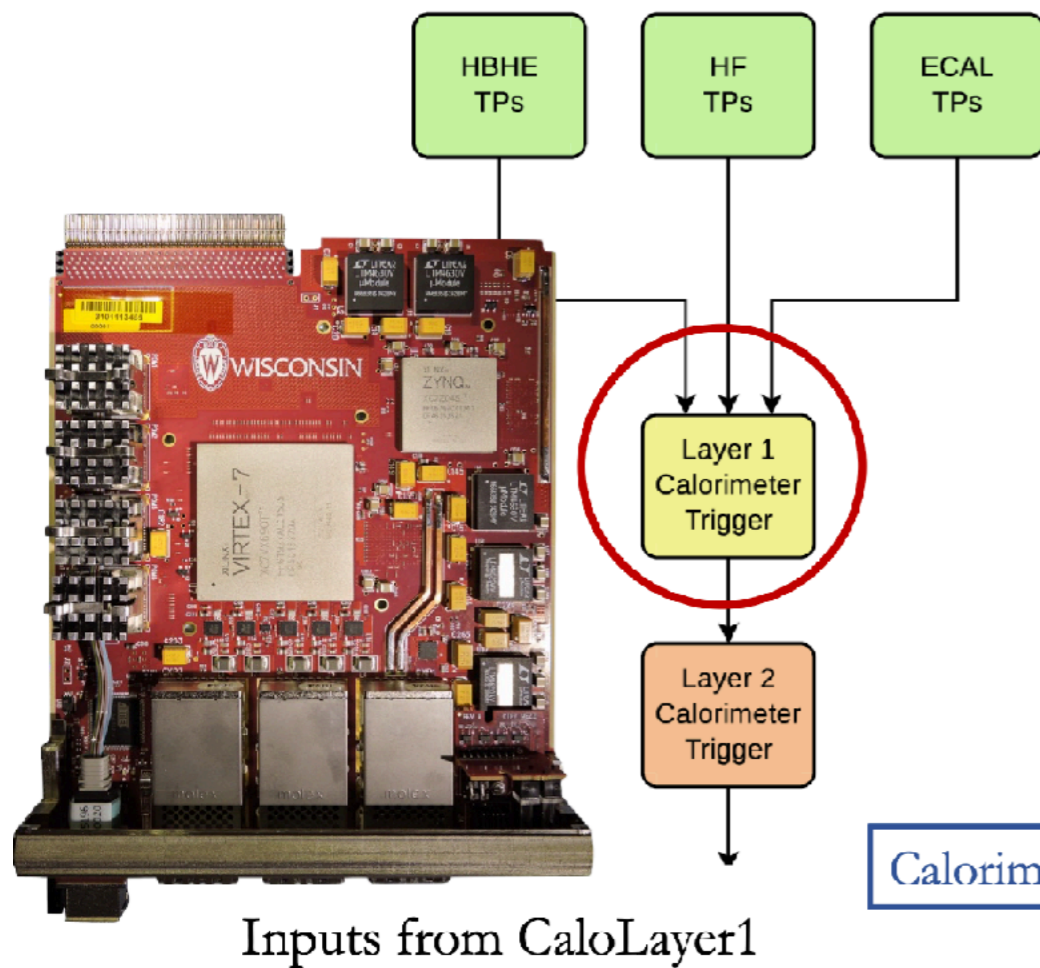
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- Uses custom board deployed at L1 calo layer 1
- Deployed ~last week!!



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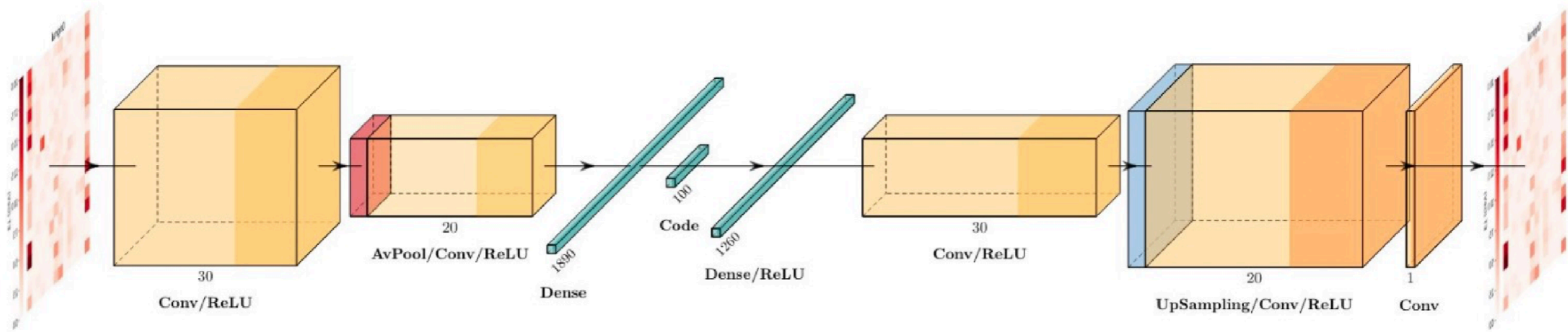
- Inputs low level calorimeter energy deposit information from calo layer 1 (both ECAL and HCAL)
- $18\phi \times 14\eta = 252$ calo tower regions = $\sim 2D$ summary of energy distribution profile for each region



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