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# Semi-Supervised Permutation Invariant Particle-Level Anomaly Detection

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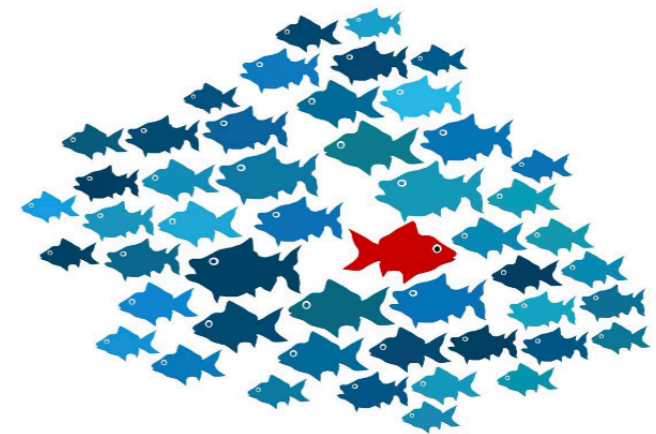
# Outline

1. Overview of Anomaly Detection
2. Particle Flow Network (PFN)
3. Anomaly Detection on Particle Flow Latent Space (ANTELOPE)
4. Application to LHC Olympics Dataset
5. Performance Results

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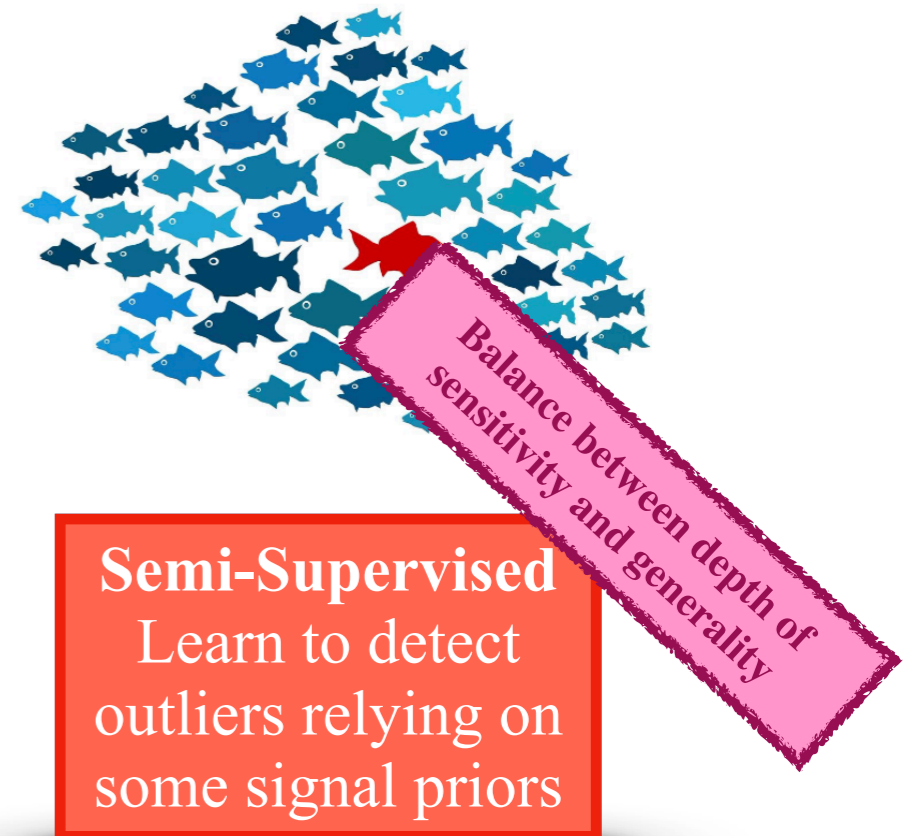
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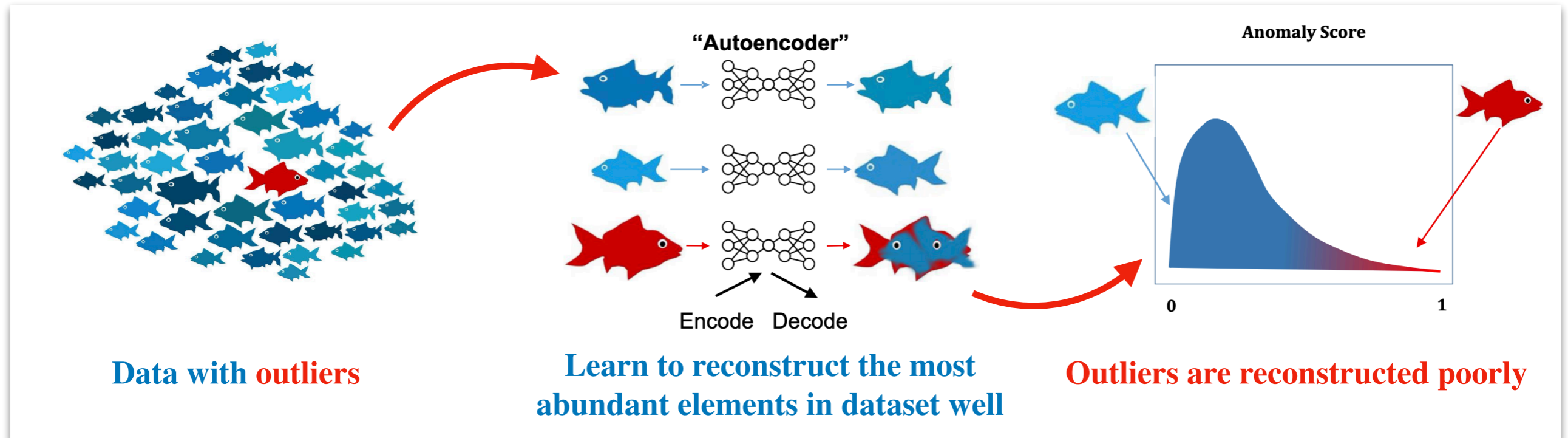
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# Challenges of AD Models in Collider Physics

- A common model for AD in collider data is the autoencoder (AE) / variational AE (VAE)



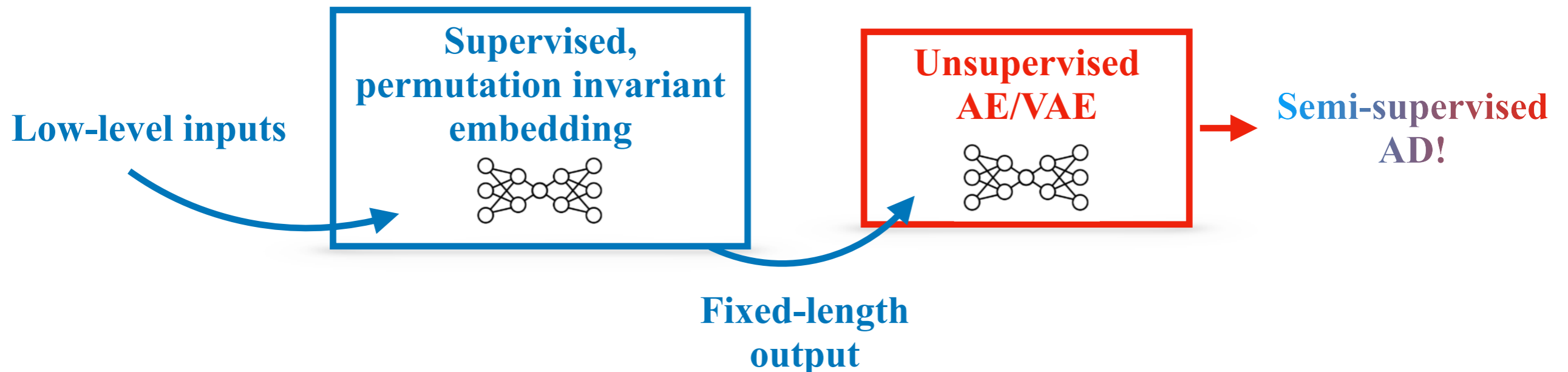
- **Problem:** AEs require a fixed length input → hard to provide low-level inputs
  - Collider events, at a fundamental level, can be described as an unordered collection of particles represented by low-level detector objects (tracks, calorimeter clusters, etc.)
    - This modeling is inherently variable in length and permutation invariant
  - This can be accommodated in AEs by zero-padding the inputs or via an RNN that models inputs as a sequence, but introduces unnatural ordering/padding to the inputs

# Permutation Invariant Particle-Level AD

- There are subtle correlations in low-level detector signatures that we should exploit...

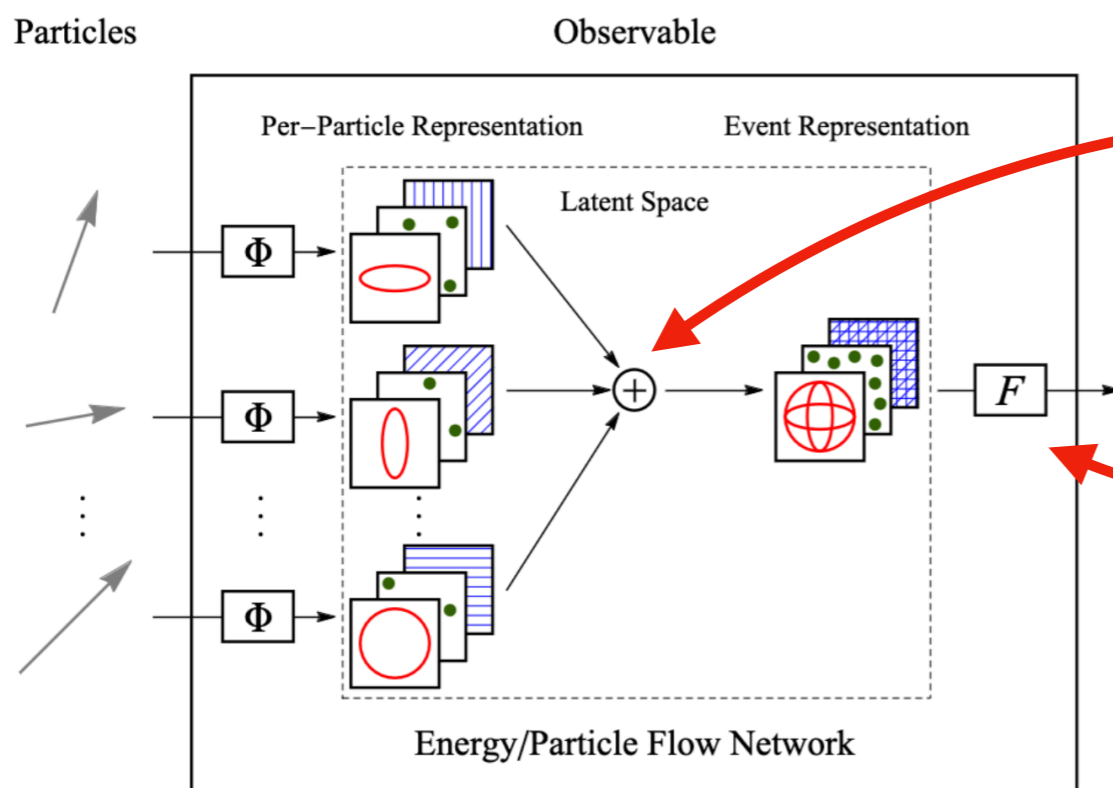
How can we gain the benefits of a semi-supervised approach for AD while using low-level detector objects and maintaining the natural permutation invariance of collider events?

- **We can use a supervised classifier to create an intelligent embedding of data**
  - This embedding should be fixed-length, preserve permutation invariance, and select salient features of our data that can be exploited in an AD task
  - We then use this embedding as input to an AE/VAE architecture



# Particle Flow Network (1)

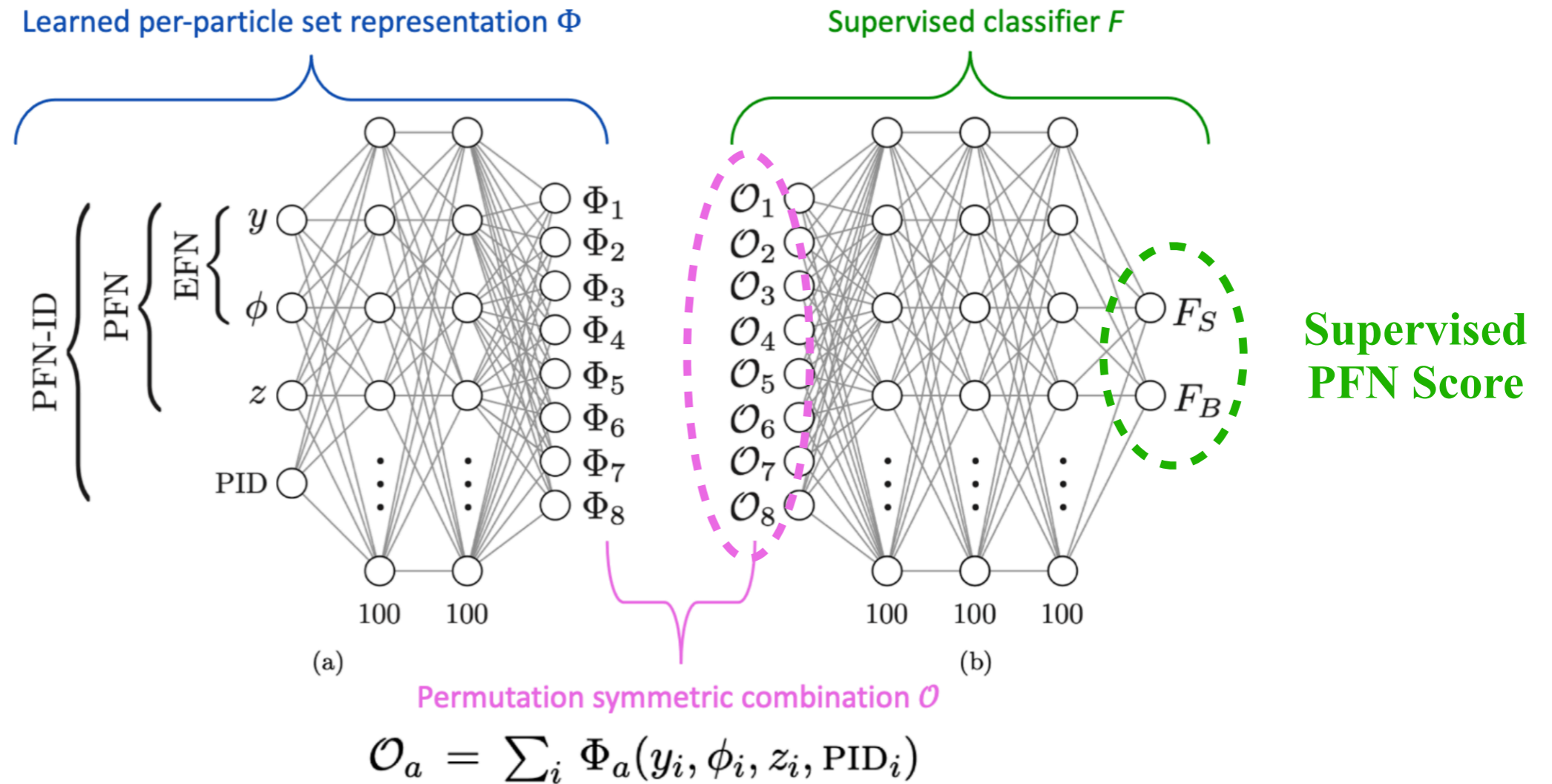
- One way to achieve this embedding is via a **Particle Flow Network (PFN)** architecture
- The **PFN** is a **supervised** classifier based on the **Deep Sets** framework for point clouds
  - The network takes in an arbitrary number of particles with features that are encoded into a latent space, per-particle representation by a set of learned functions  $\Phi_a$
  - These per-particle representations are combined into event level observables  $\mathcal{O}_a$  that are **inherently permutation invariant** by **summing** over all input particles



$$\mathcal{O}_a = \sum_i \Phi_a(y_i, \phi_i, z_i, \text{PID}_i)$$

- These observables are fed to a network  $F$  that is optimized for binary classification

# Particle Flow Network (2)

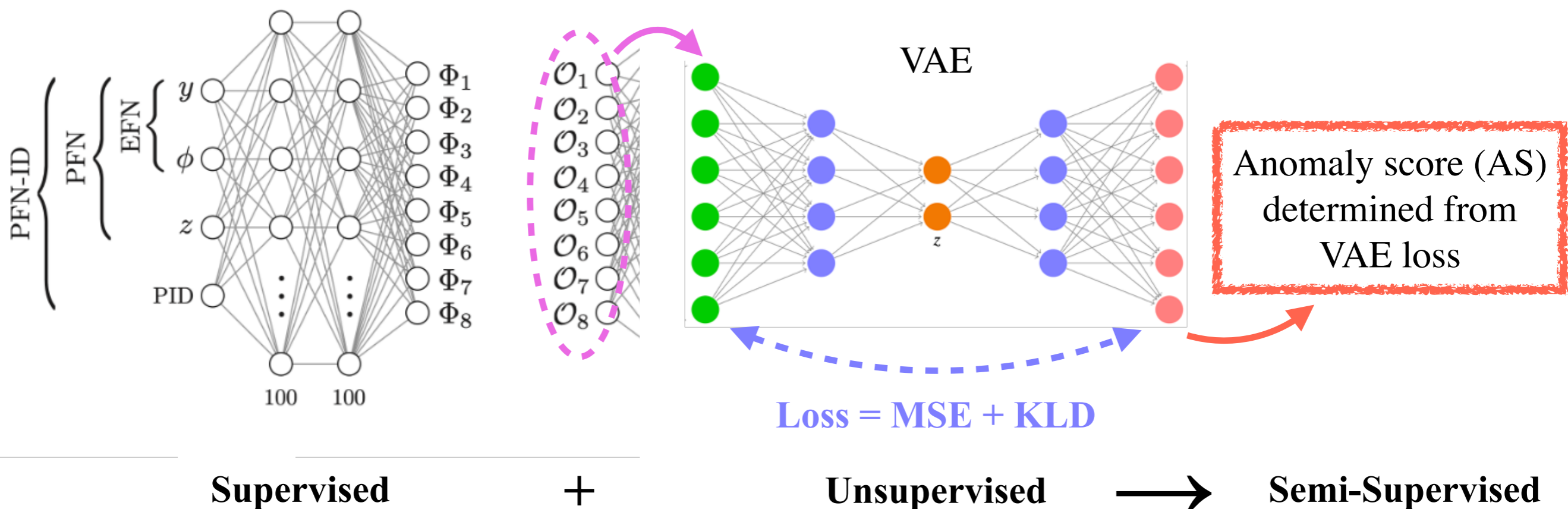


The PFN solves the problem of representing variable length unordered data by creating a **symmetric observables**  $\mathcal{O}_a$  of an arbitrary number of particles with  $d$  features



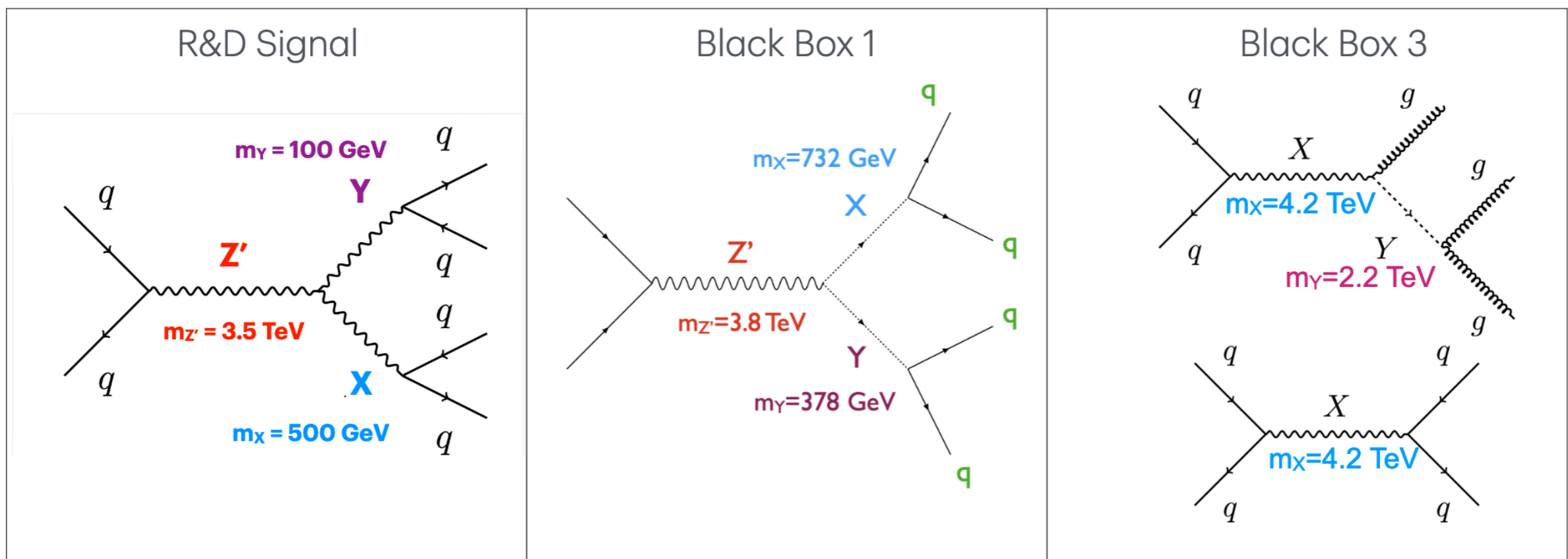
# Anomaly Detection on Particle Flow Latent Space

- The PFN embedding encodes key discriminating features learned by the supervised model according to the signal & background priors
  - These can be exploited to broaden the sensitivity beyond the trained signal model by AD while keeping a low-level, symmetric input modeling
- We use the PFN latent variables to design a novel architecture titled **ANTELOPE** that trains an **unsupervised** VAE on the  $\mathcal{O}_a$  and performs AD on the PFN's latent space



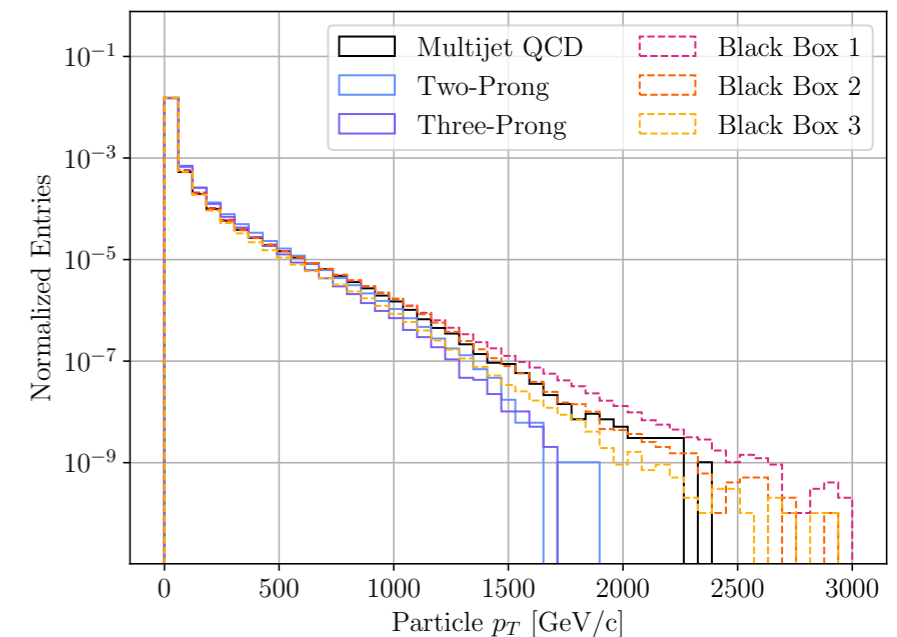
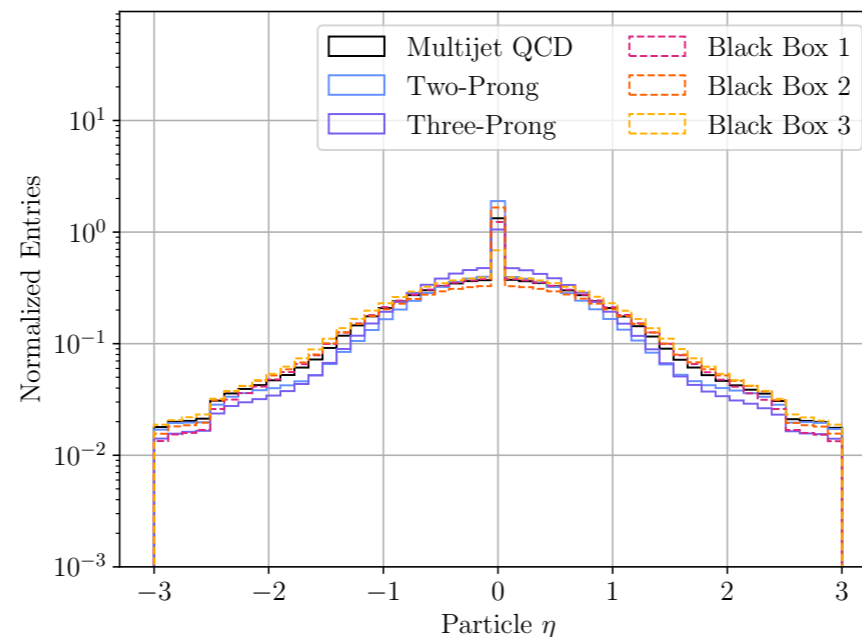
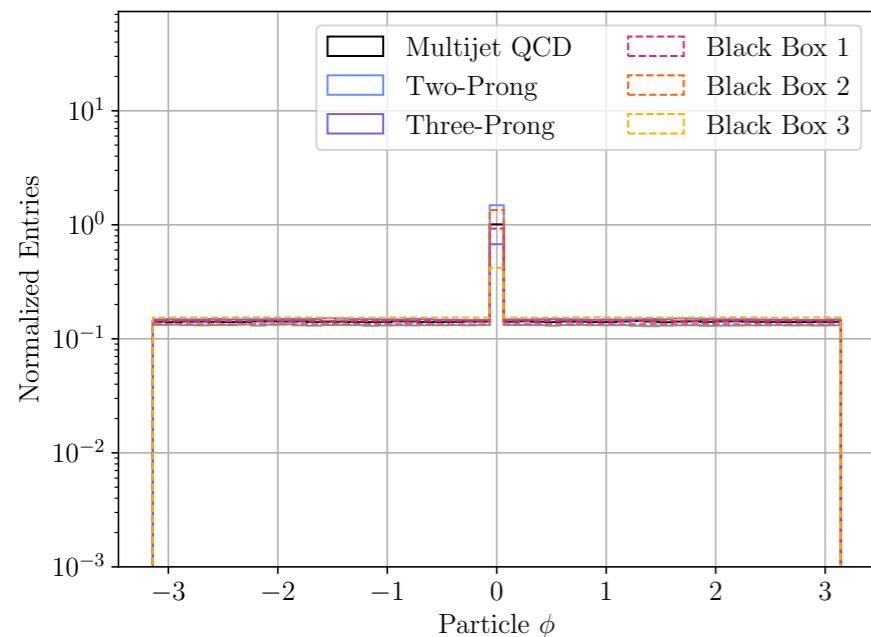
# LHC Olympics Dataset

- As proof of concept, we've applied the ANTELOPE model to the [LHC Olympics](#) dataset
- The dataset consists of 3 R&D and 3 black box samples
  - Each event described as a set of up to 700 (massless) particle four vectors ( $p_T, \eta, \phi$ )
  - **R&D:** QCD multijet, 2-prong, and 3-prong
  - **Black boxes:** **BB1** 2-prong    **BB2** QCD multijet    **BB3** Resonance  $\rightarrow$  Dijet/Trijet  
(No signal)



# Inputs & Pre-Processing

- We keep the 160 highest  $p_T$  particles as inputs and use their  $p_T, \eta, \phi$  as training features
  - Each feature is normalized via Min-Max scaling between 0 and 1
  - Events with less than 160 particles are zero-padded
    - By design, the padding does not impact the performance of the PFN/VAE



# of Events	R&D QCD	R&D 2-prong	R&D 3-prong	BB1	BB2	BB3
<b>Signal</b>	N/A	100k	100k	834	N/A	1200 dijet / 2000 trijet
<b>Total</b>	<b>1M</b>	<b>100k</b>	<b>100k</b>	<b>1M</b>	<b>1M</b>	<b>1M</b>

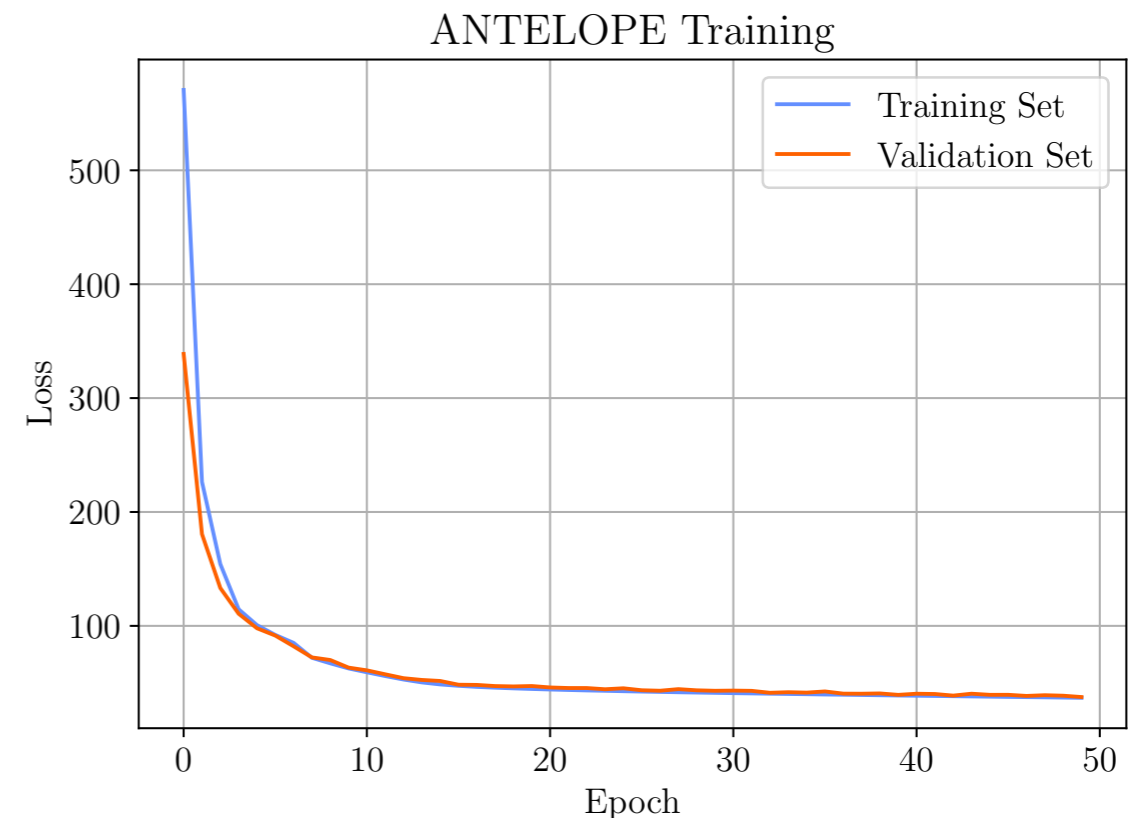
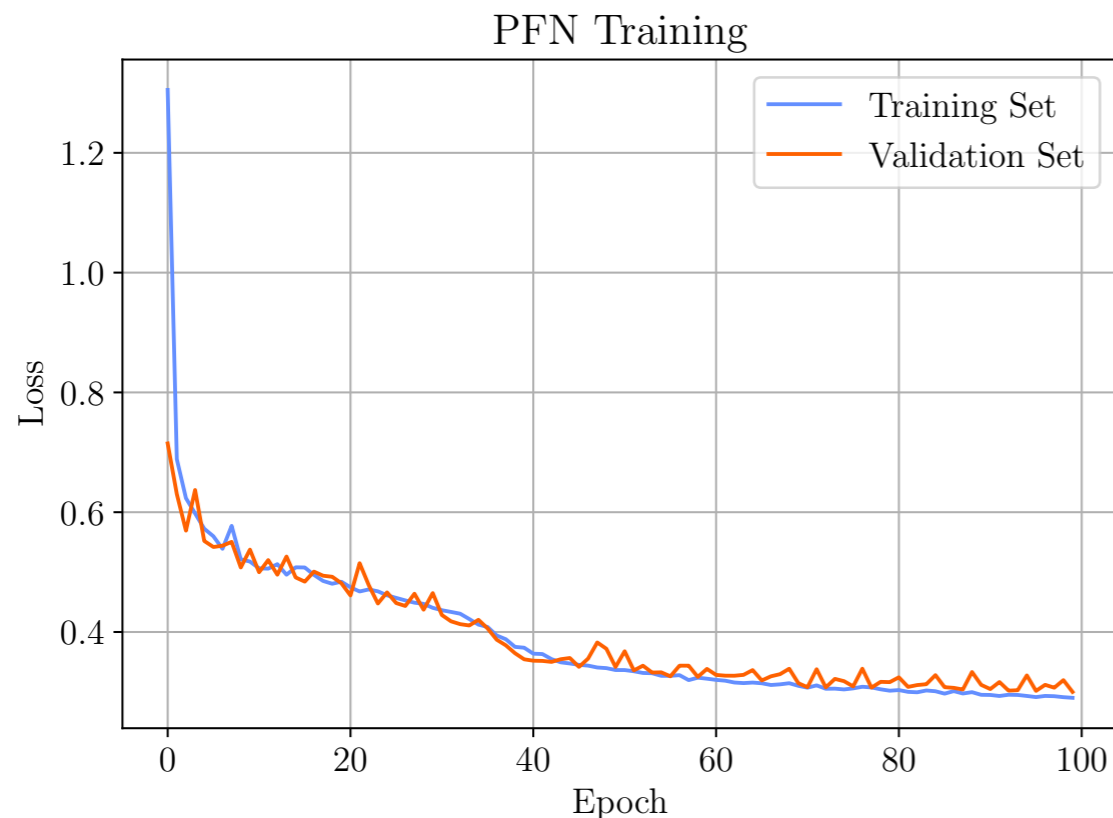
# Training

- The PFN used to generate the embedding for ANTELOPE is **trained on the 2-prong and QCD R&D samples**, with 80k events used from training and 20k for validation
- The VAE is trained on an orthogonal 80k events from QCD R&D meant to represent data, where these events are first encoded into the PFN's pre-trained  $\mathcal{O}_a$  basis before training

① **Train supervised PFN with 2-prong and QCD**

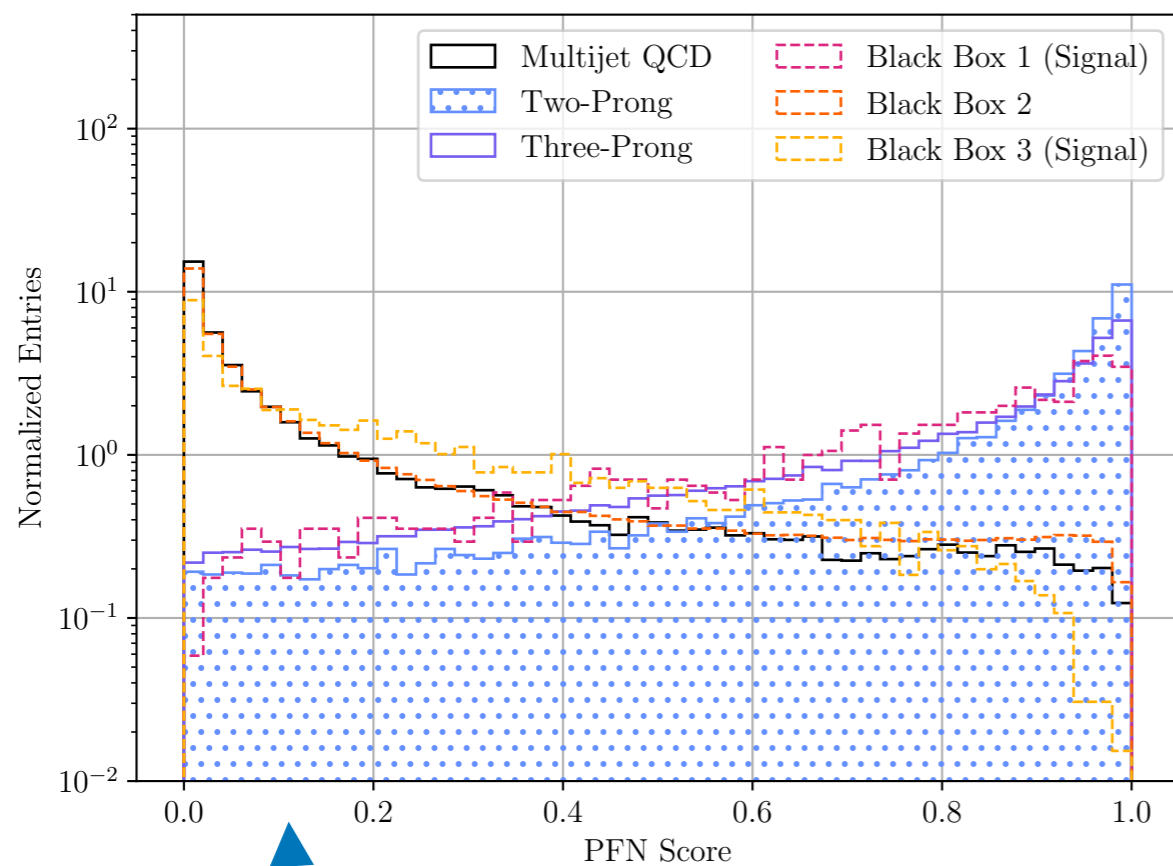
② **Embed events into PFN's latent space**

③ **Train VAE with orthogonal QCD events**

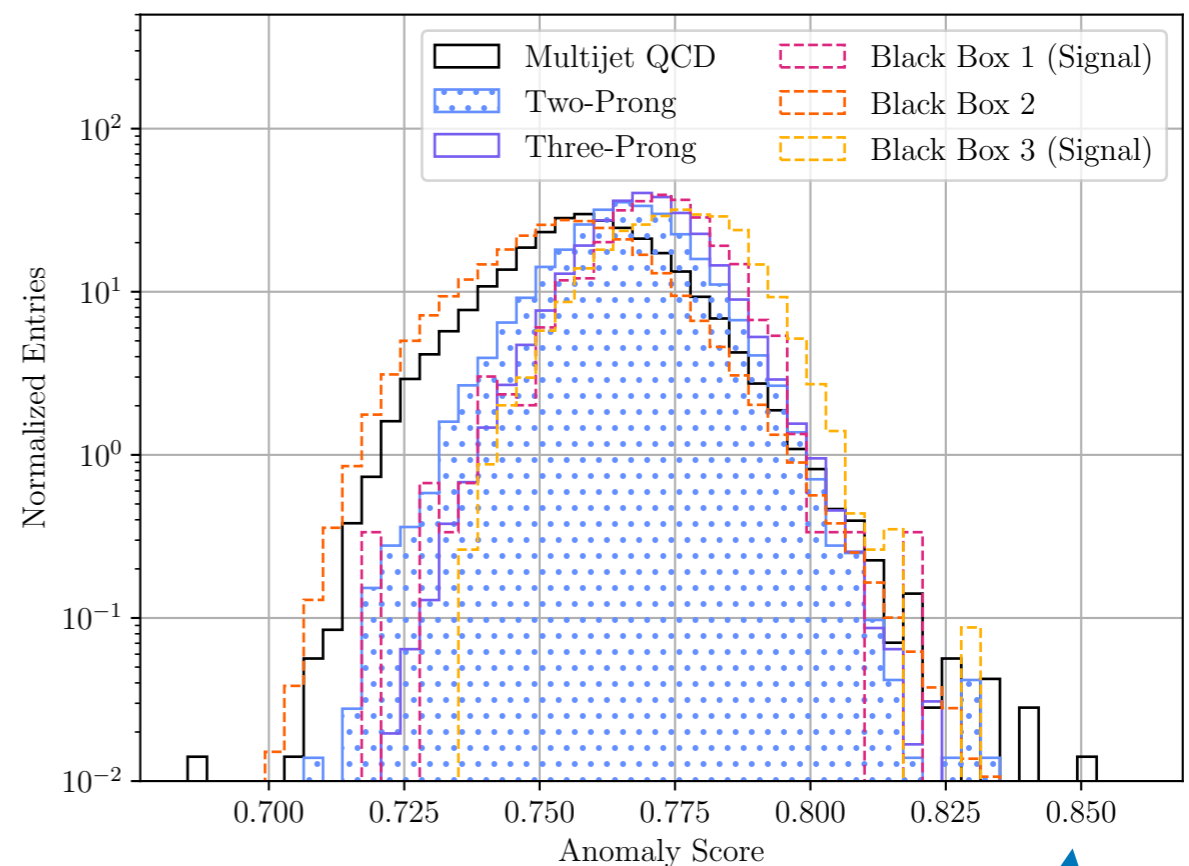


# ANTELOPE Performance: Anomaly Score

- We assess ANTELOPE's performance & model independence by comparing it to the standalone, supervised PFN classifier
- We evaluate both ANTELOPE and the PFN on the validation samples from training, the 3-prong R&D dataset, as well as the *signals* in the black boxes

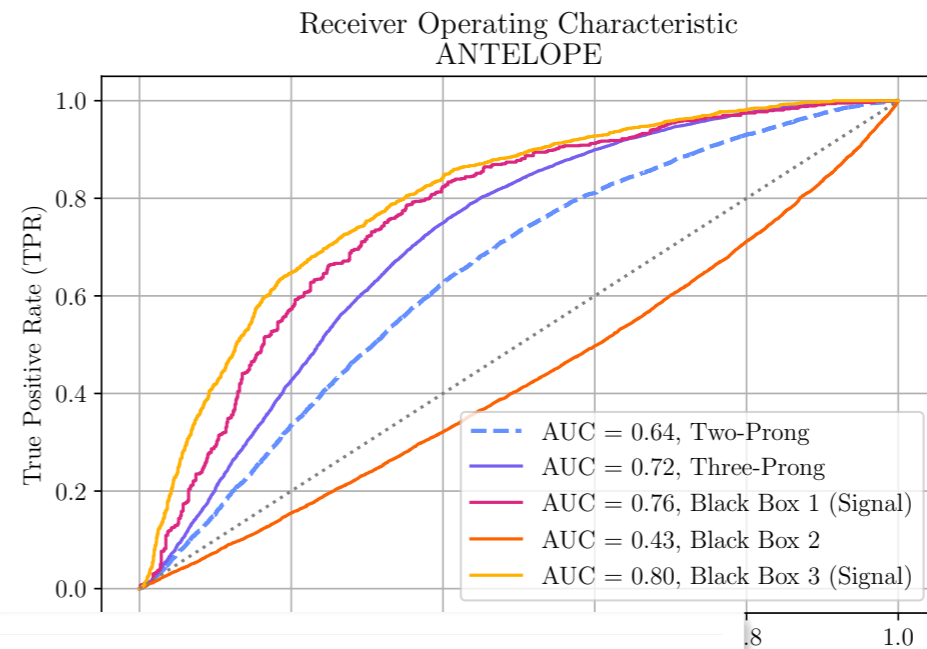
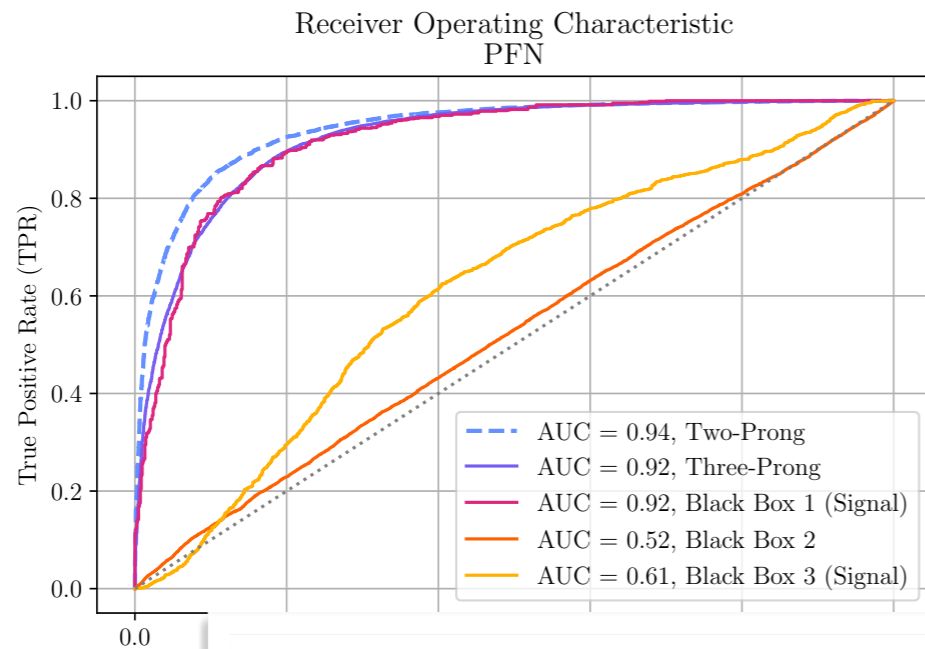


Softmaxed output of  
PFN classifier

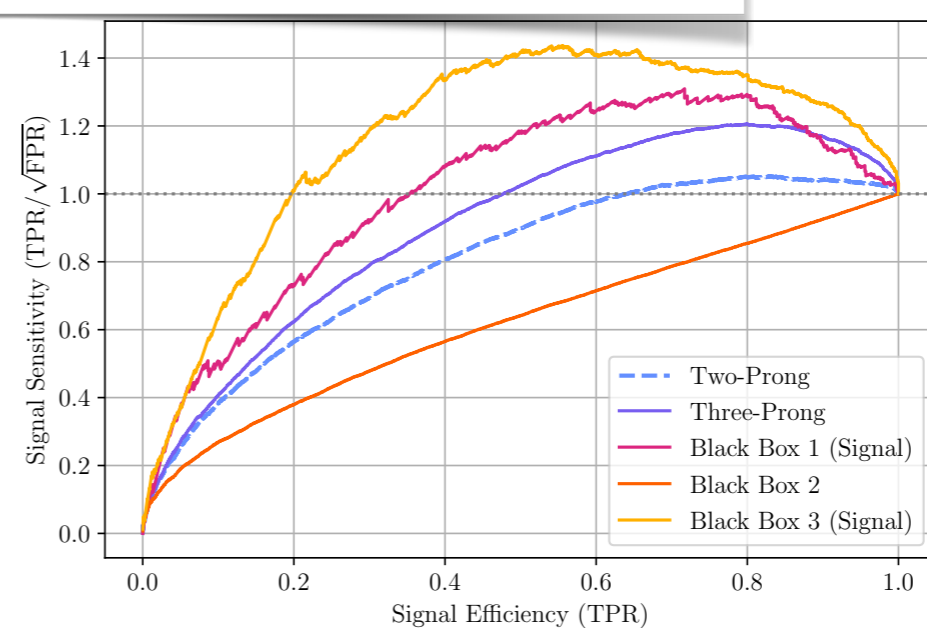
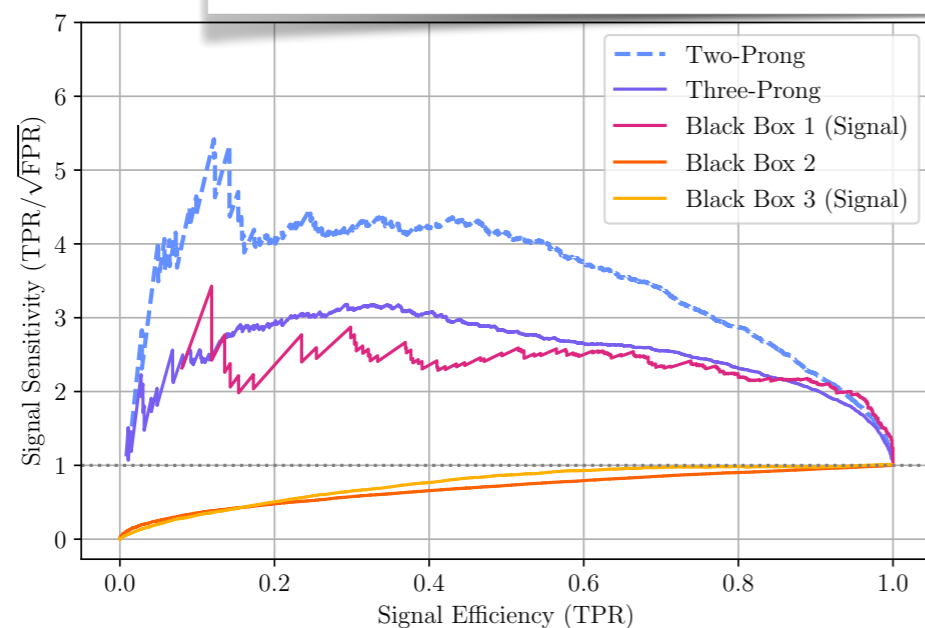


Log of ANTELOPE's output loss  
transformed by a sigmoid

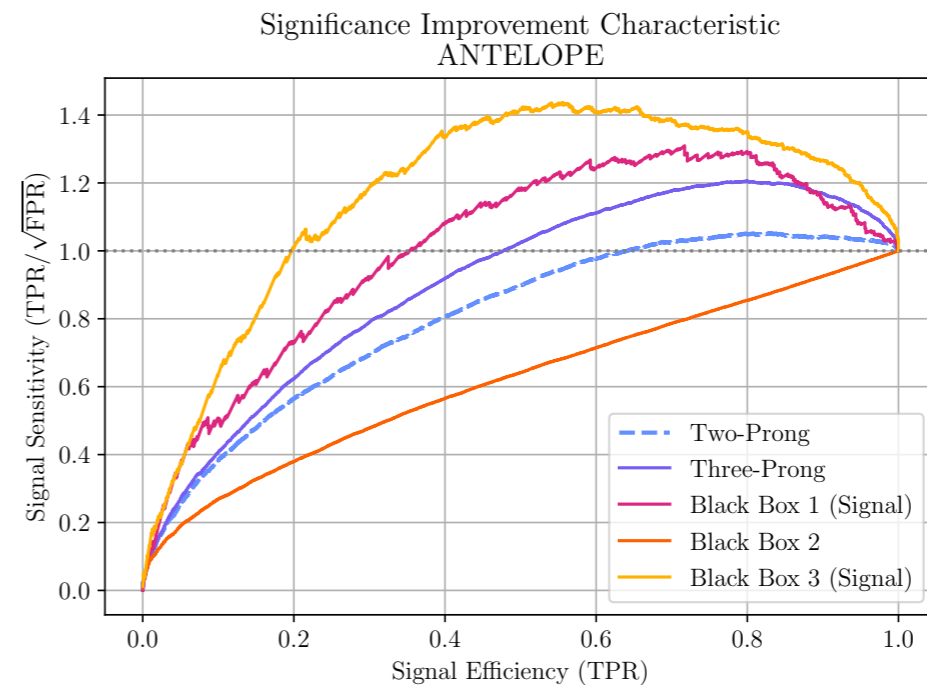
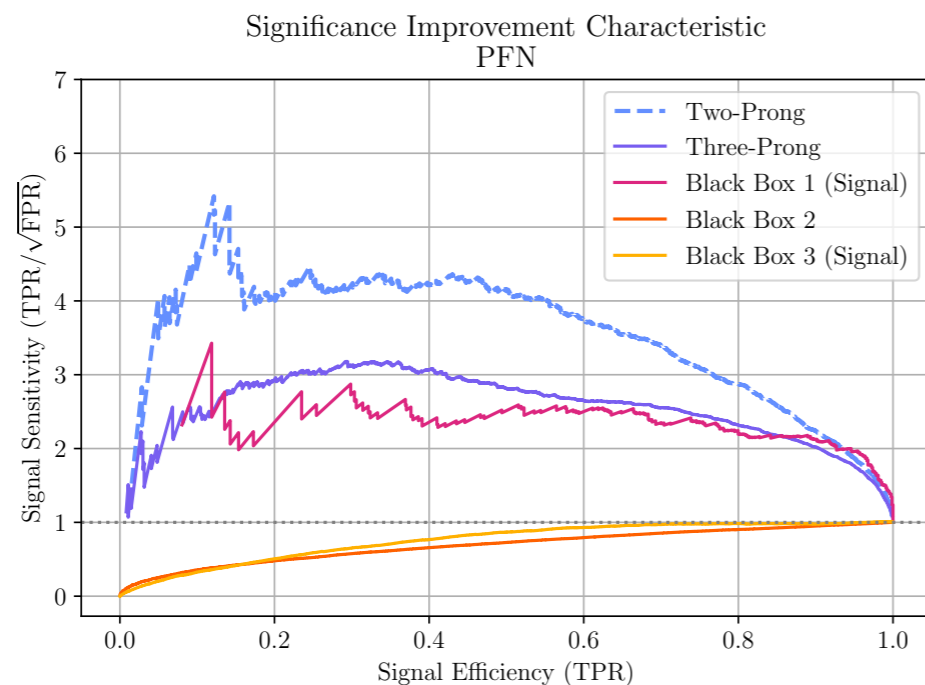
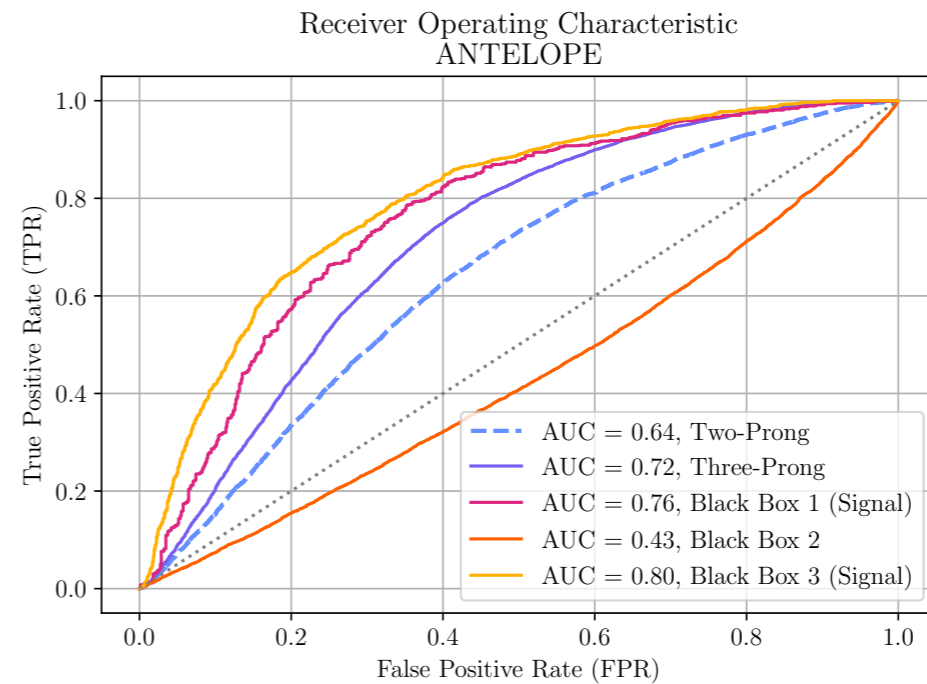
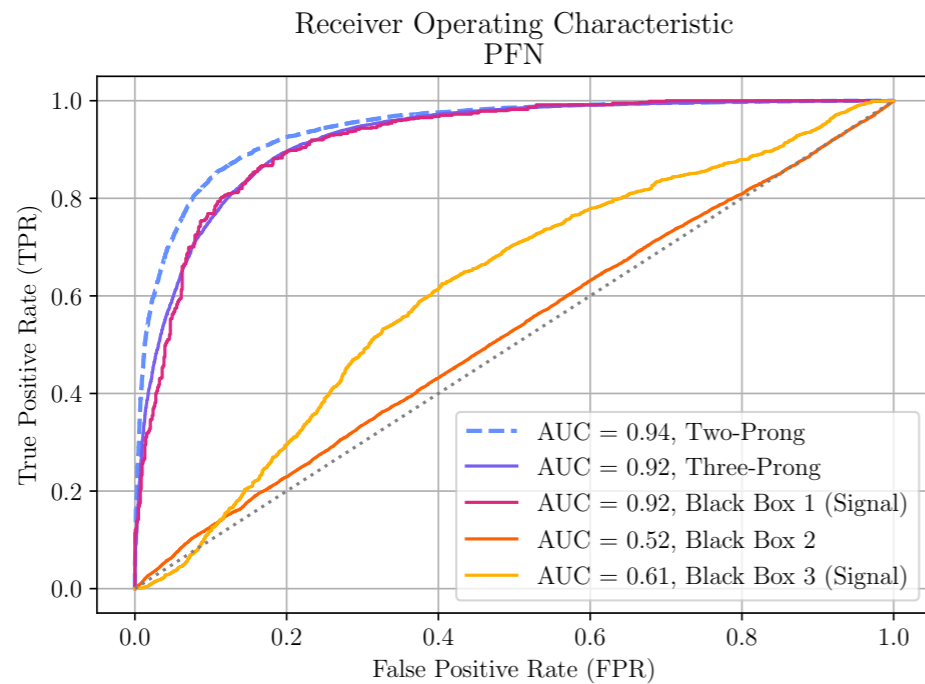
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Compare performance via common metrics: ROC and Signal Improvement Characteristic (SIC) curves

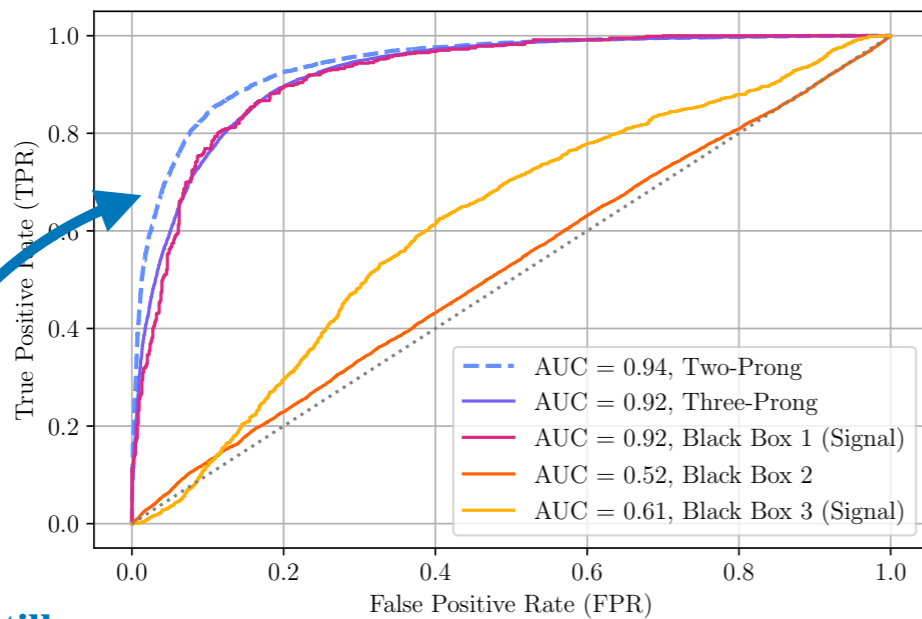


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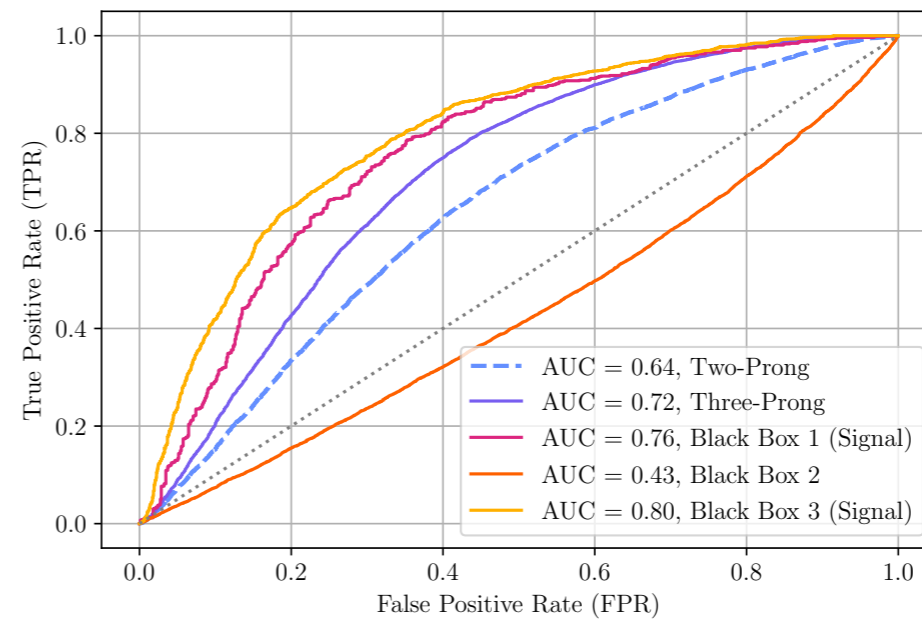


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PFN

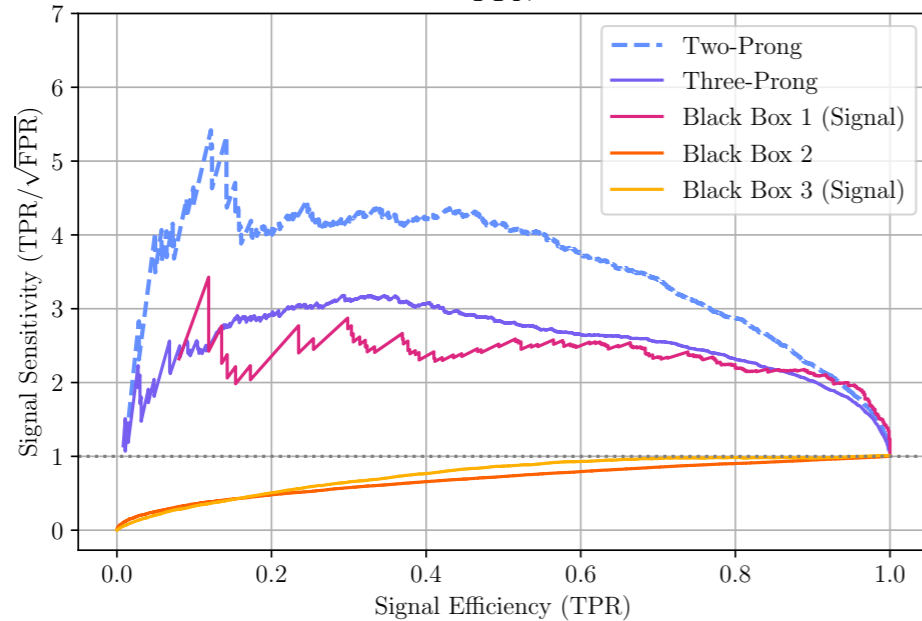


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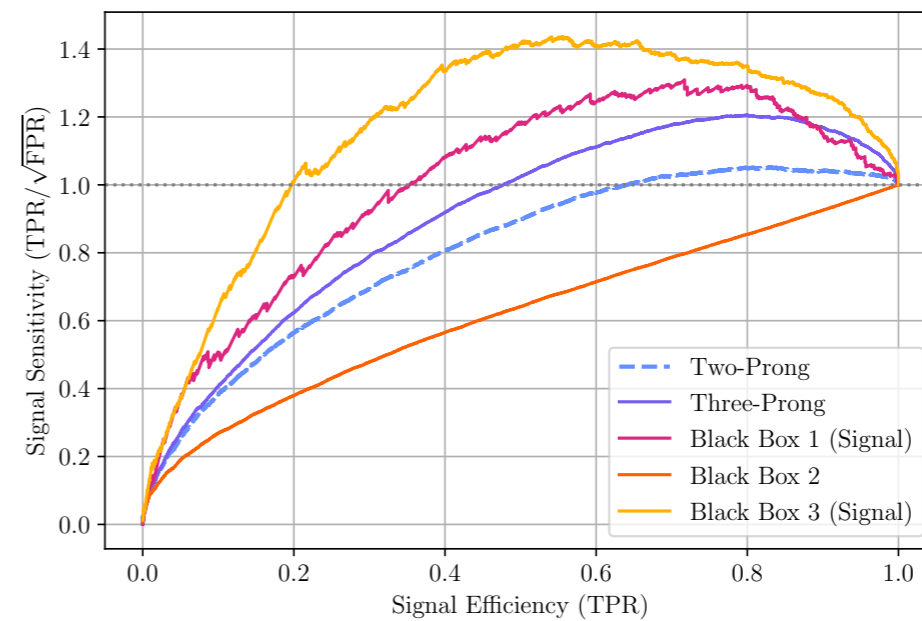


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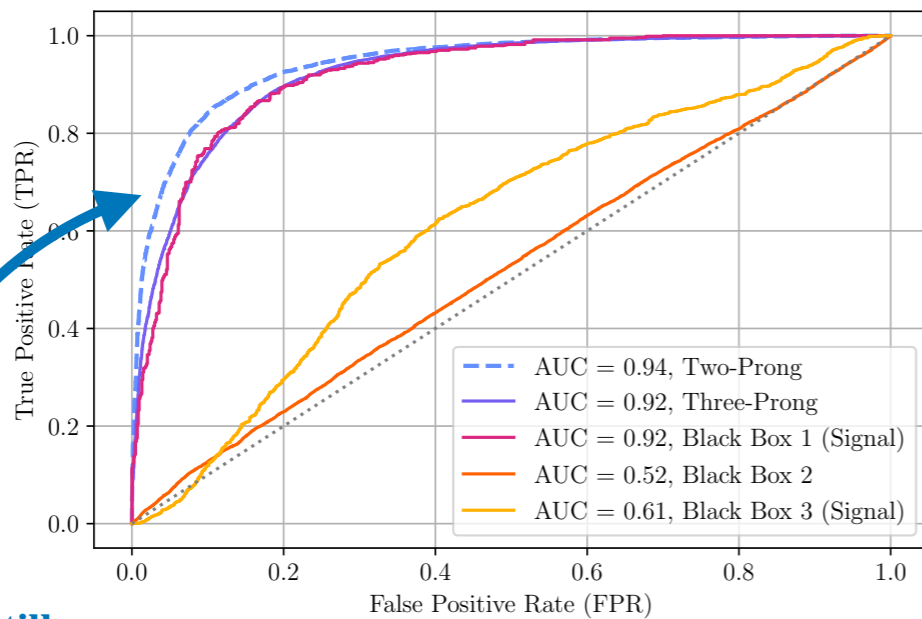
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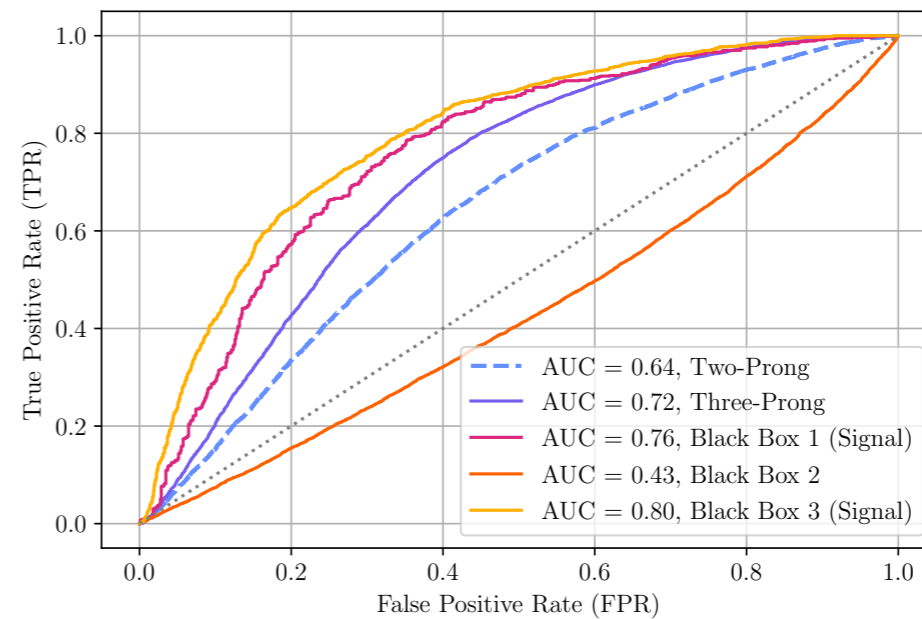
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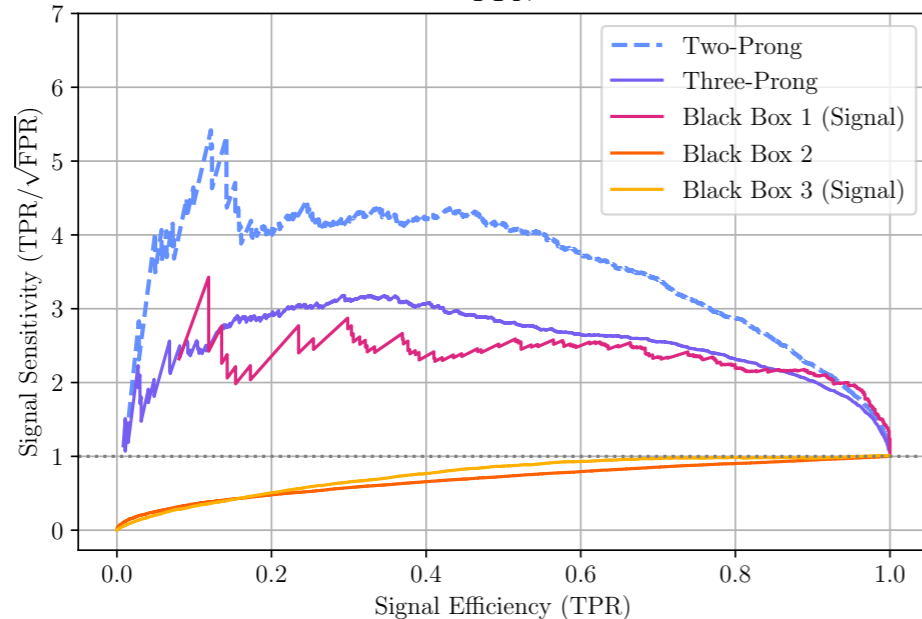
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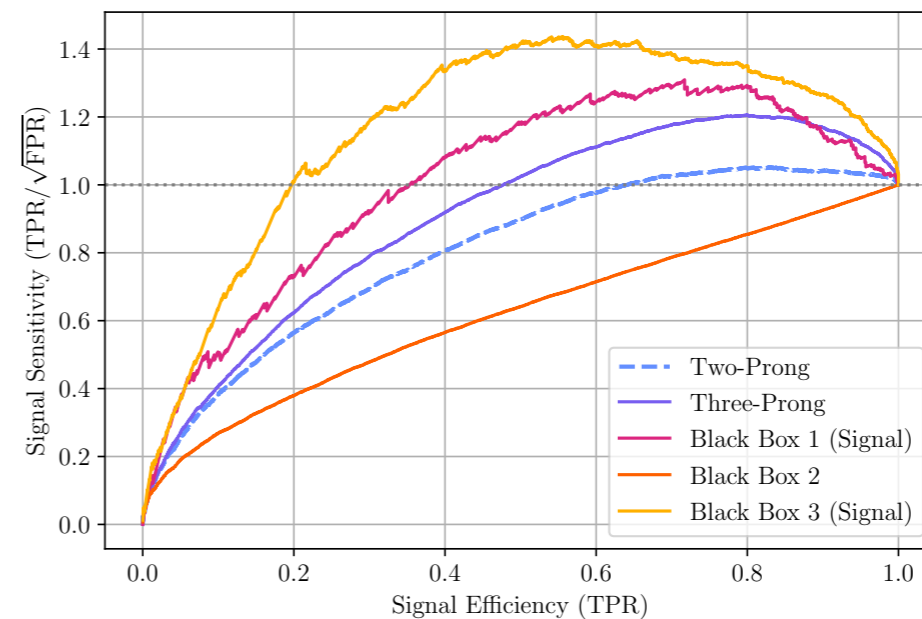


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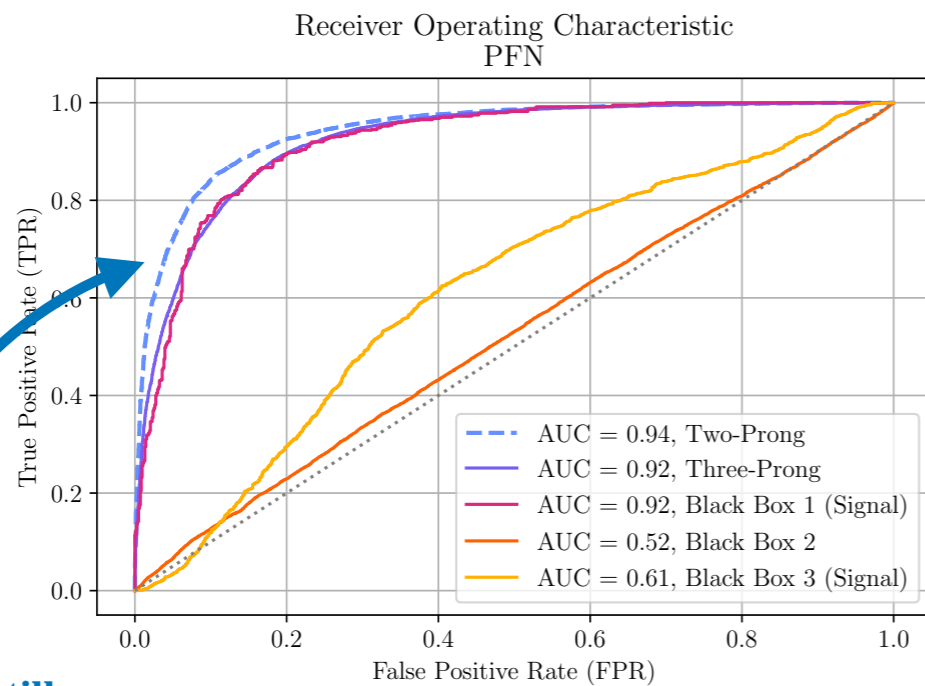
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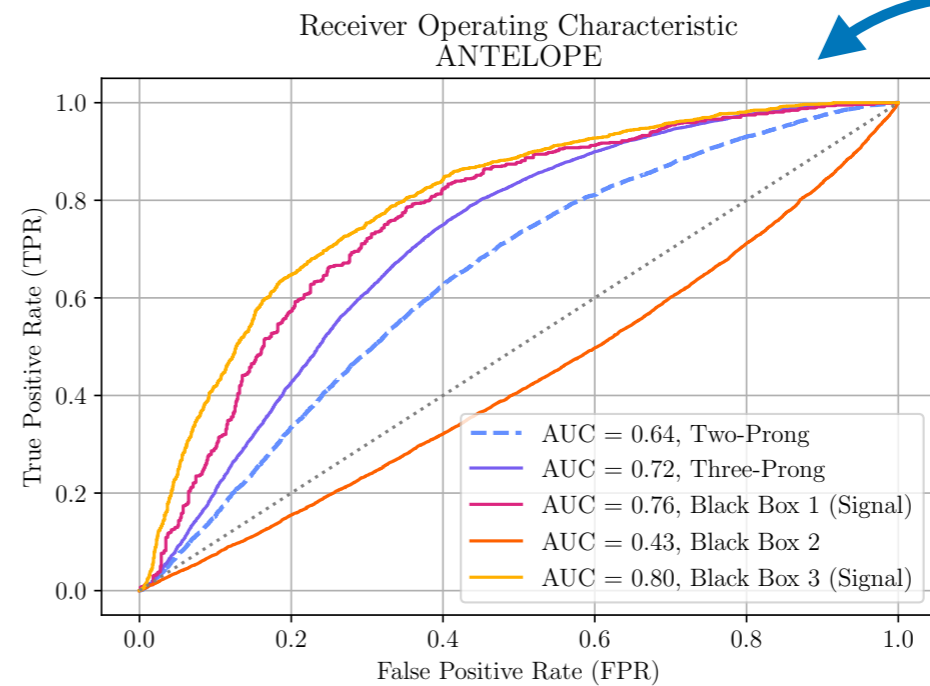
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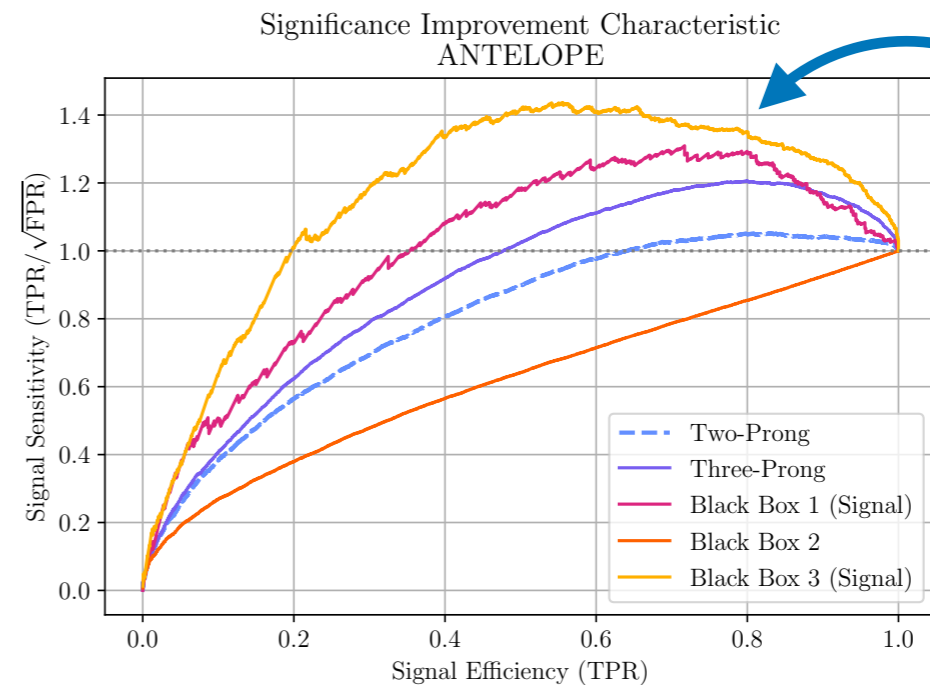
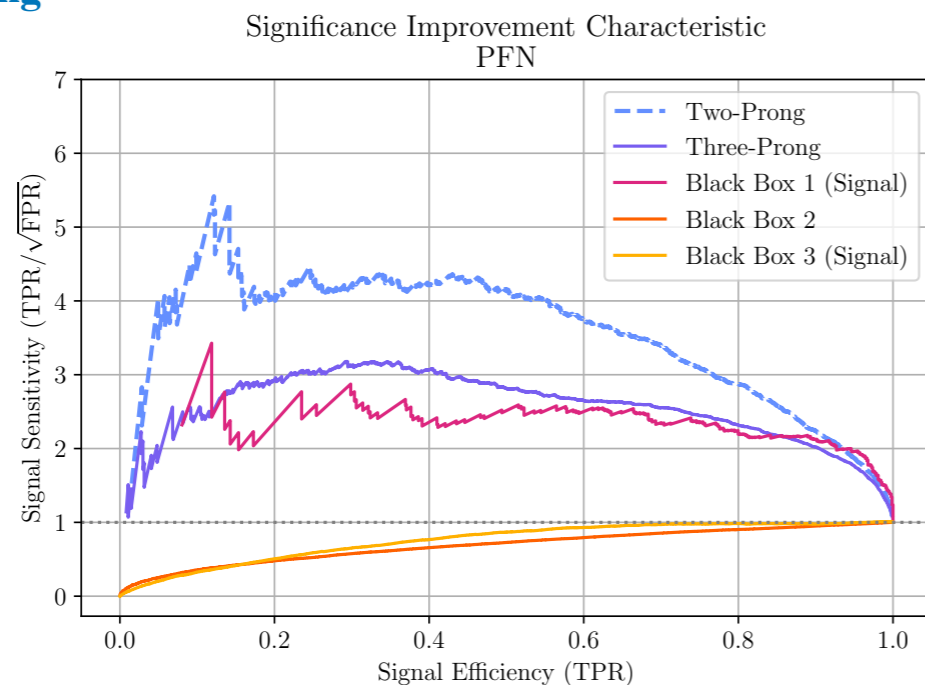
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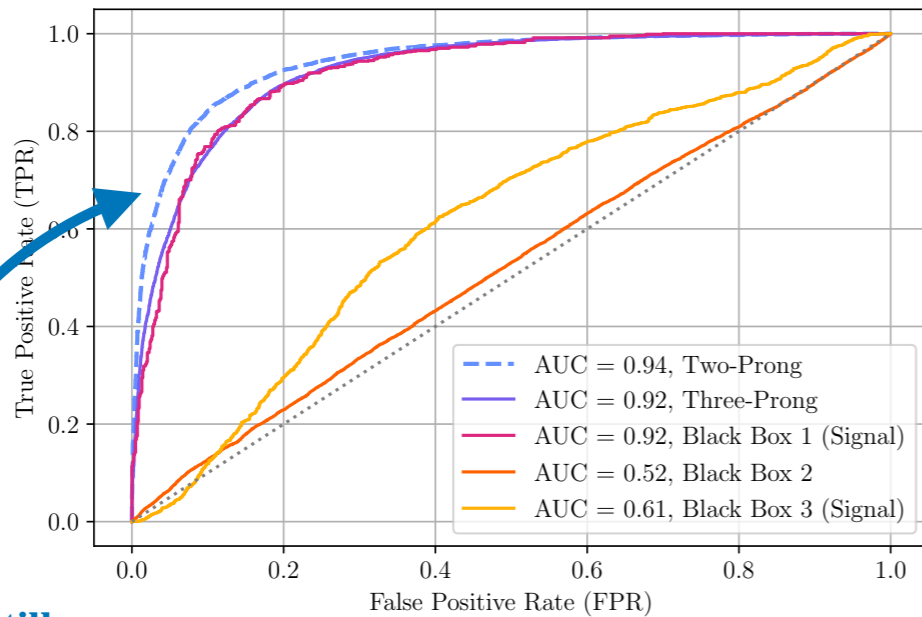
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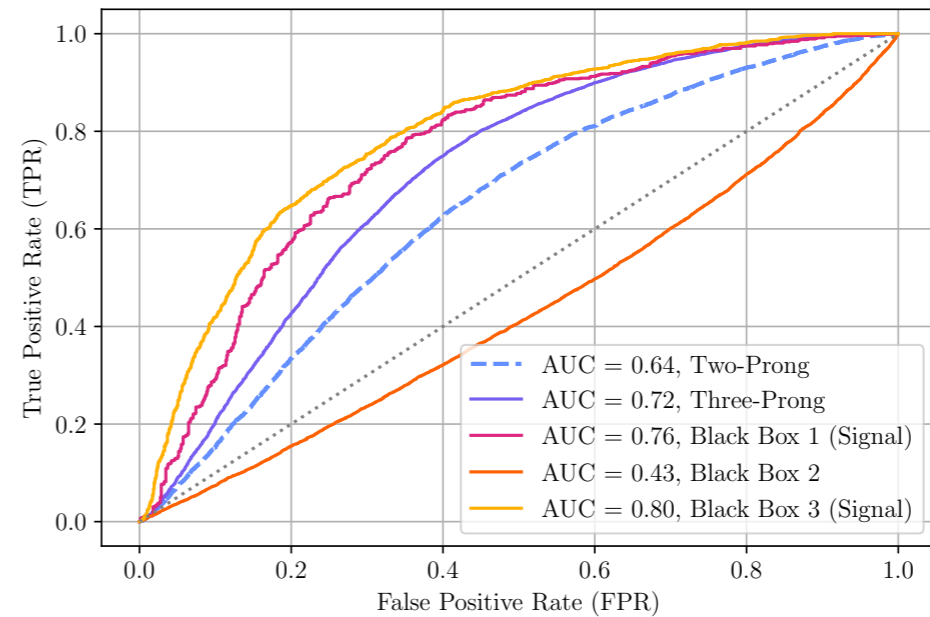
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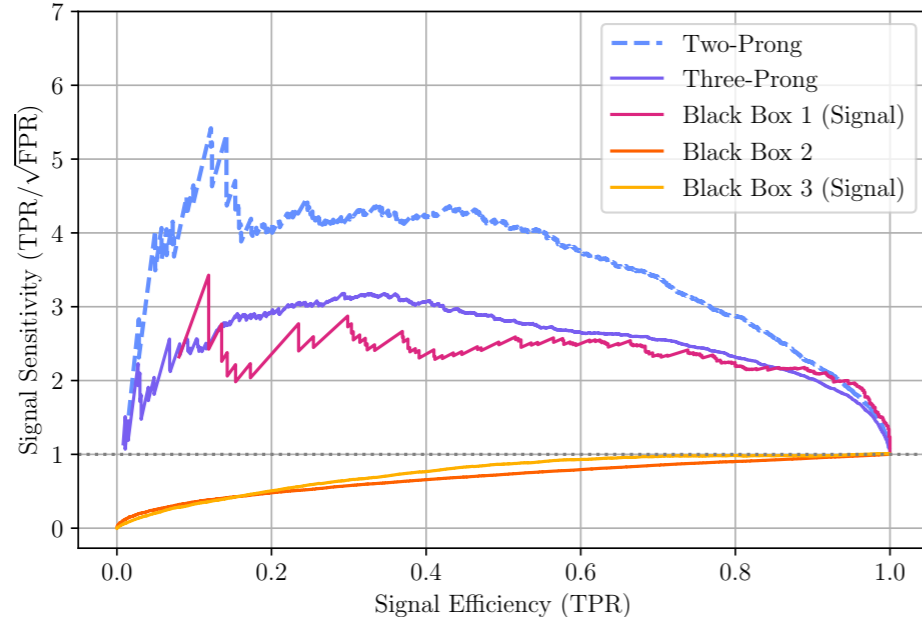
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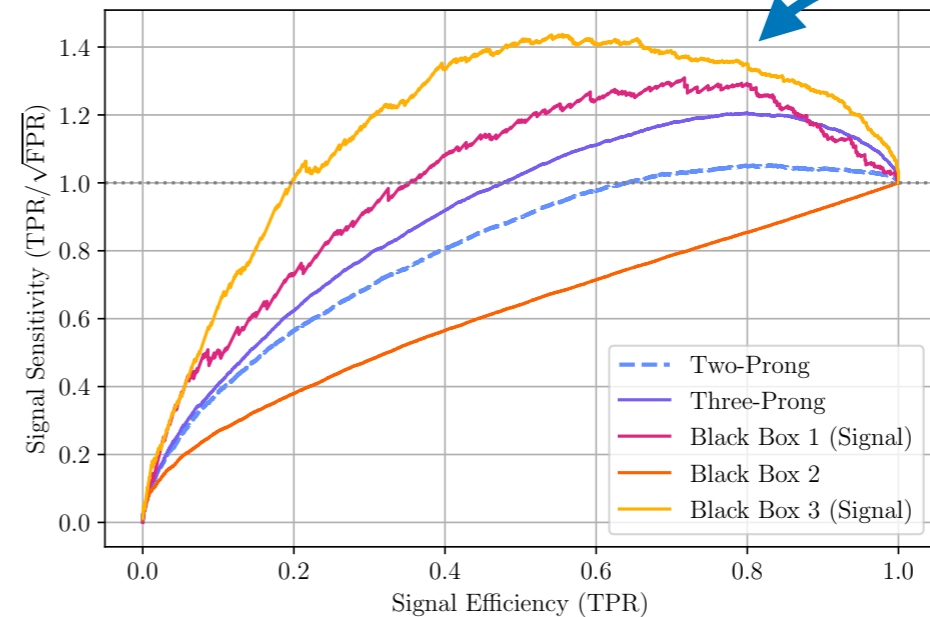


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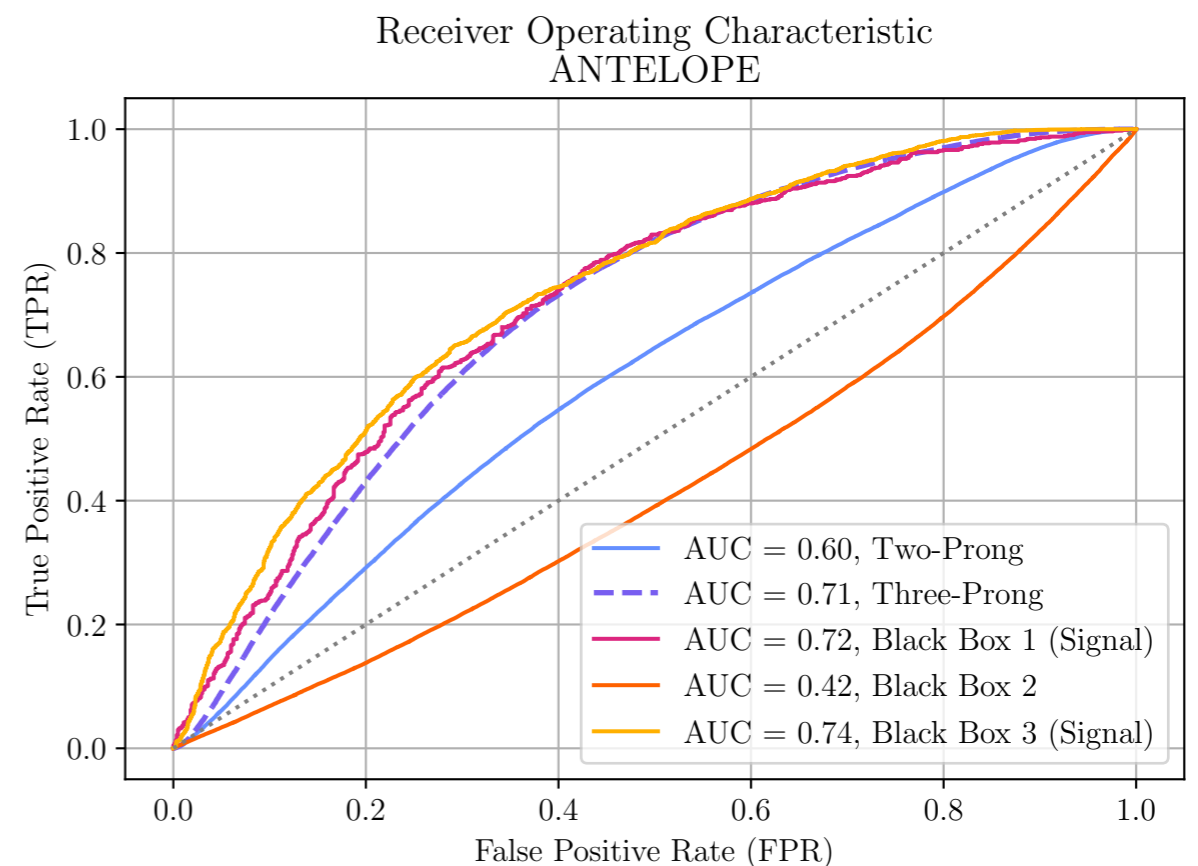
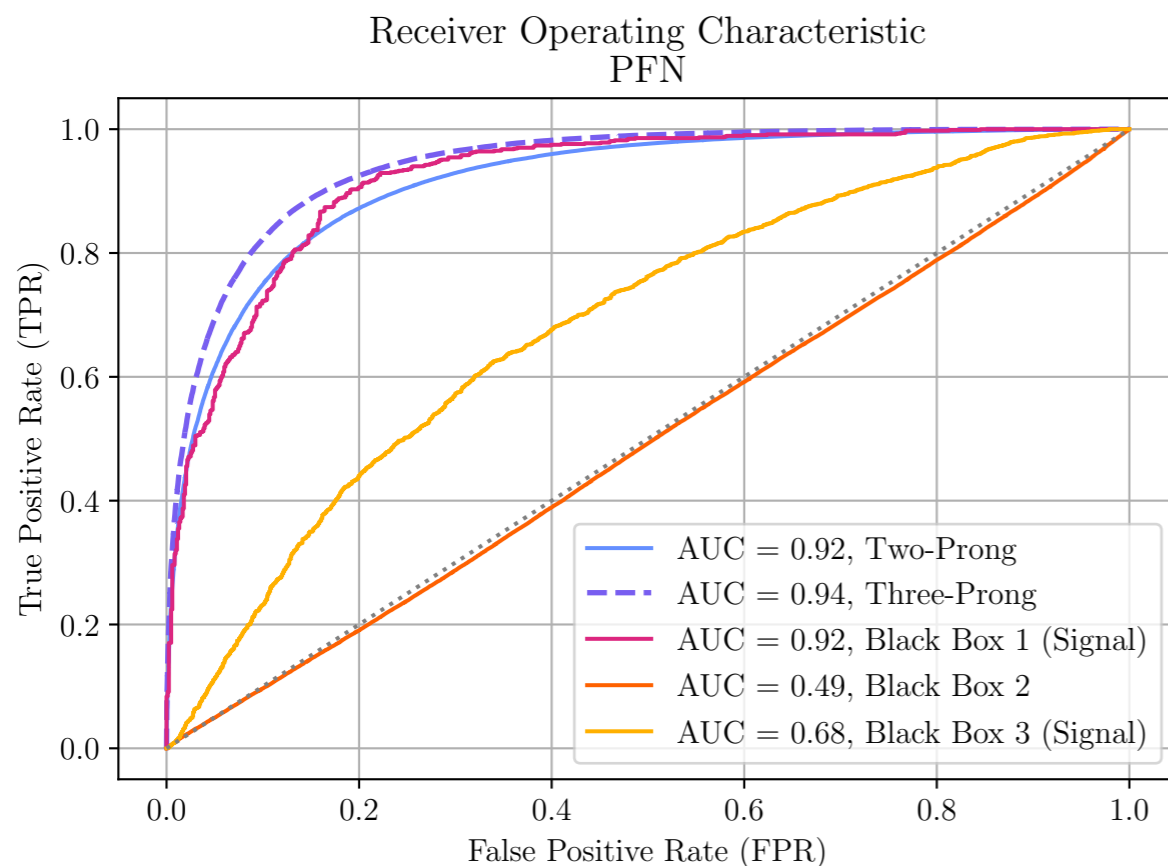
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In LHC0, no method was sensitive to BB3!

# ANTELOPE Performance: Model Robustness

- We verified the robustness of the ANTELOPE approach by repeating these studies using the **three-prong R&D** sample instead to train the PFN
- We observe similar trends in performance
  - The PFN encoding can be varied to accommodate different signal priors

**ANTELOPE still provides model independence and sensitivity beyond these priors**



# Concluding Remarks

- We've developed a new semi-supervised architecture ANTELOPE that performs anomaly detection on particle-level, unordered data by encoding the features into a PFN latent space
- ANTELOPE shows generalizability across many signal models assessed via LHCO dataset
  - The network is able to exploit low-level correlations to be sensitive to the challenging signal of BB3, where both dijet and trijet decay modes must be found
  - Different PFN embeddings can be employed for broad applications in BSM searches

## Thank you!

### Semi-supervised permutation invariant particle-level anomaly detection

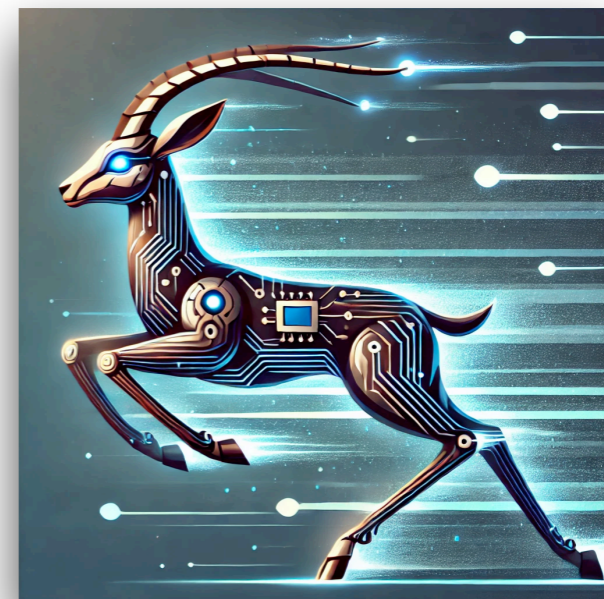
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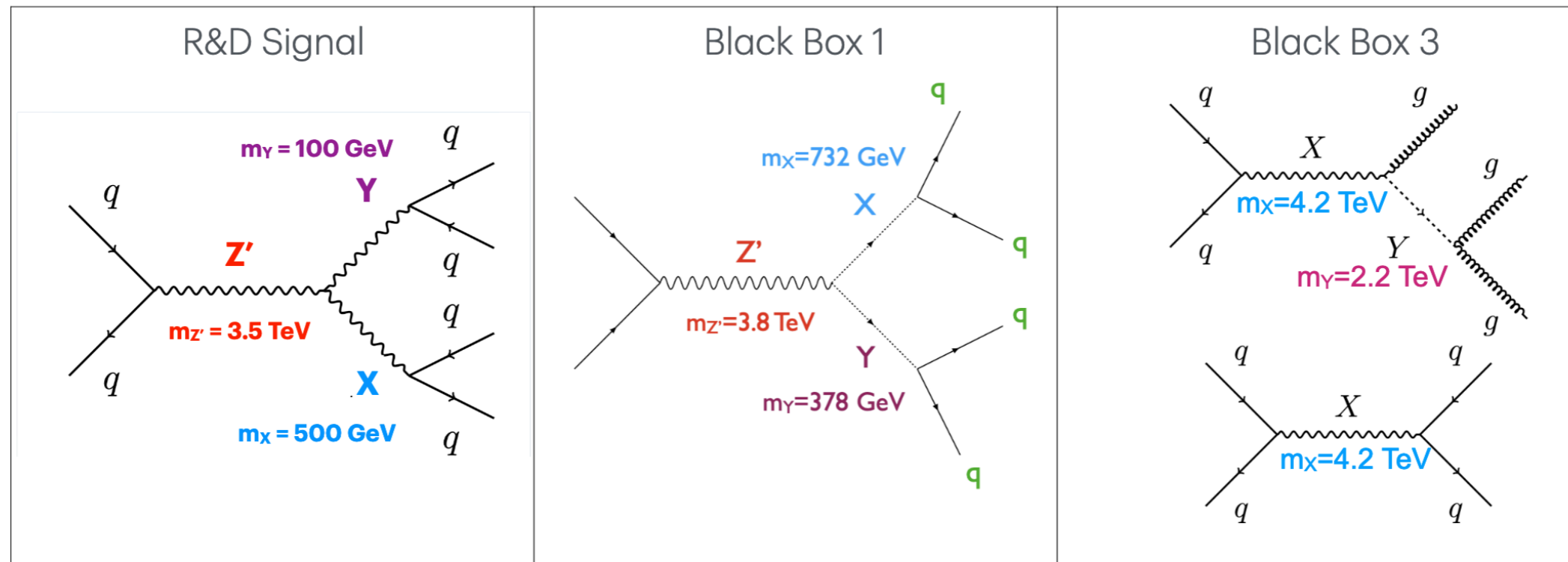


\*ChatGPT's interpretation of ANTELOPE

Backup

# LHC Olympics Dataset

- Sample definitions can be found in [LHCO paper](#), [R&D](#) and [black boxes](#) Zenodo links



**2-prong and 3-prong**

$$m_{Z'} = 3.5 \text{ TeV}$$

$$m_X = 500 \text{ GeV}$$

$$m_Y = 100 \text{ GeV}$$

**2-prong**

$$m_{Z'} = 3.8 \text{ TeV}$$

$$m_X = 732 \text{ GeV}$$

$$m_Y = 378 \text{ GeV}$$

**KK Graviton  $\rightarrow$  R( $\rightarrow$ gg) + g**

$$m_X = 4.2 \text{ TeV}$$

$$m_R = 2.2 \text{ TeV}$$

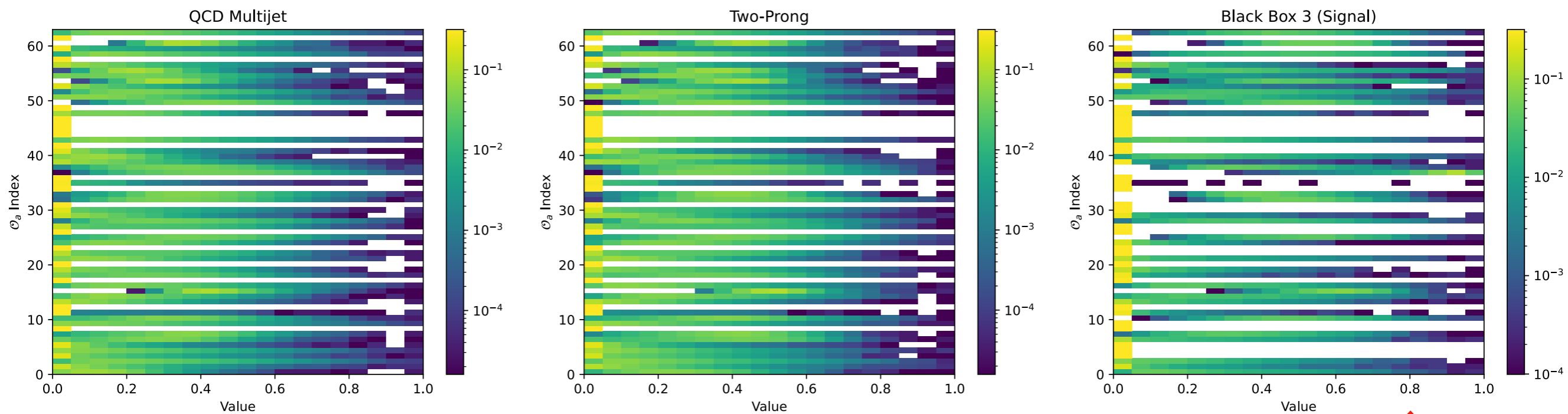
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- QCD Multijet**  $\rightarrow$  R&D: generated w/ Pythia, BB2: generated w/ Herwig & modified Delphes card

# PFN Latent Space

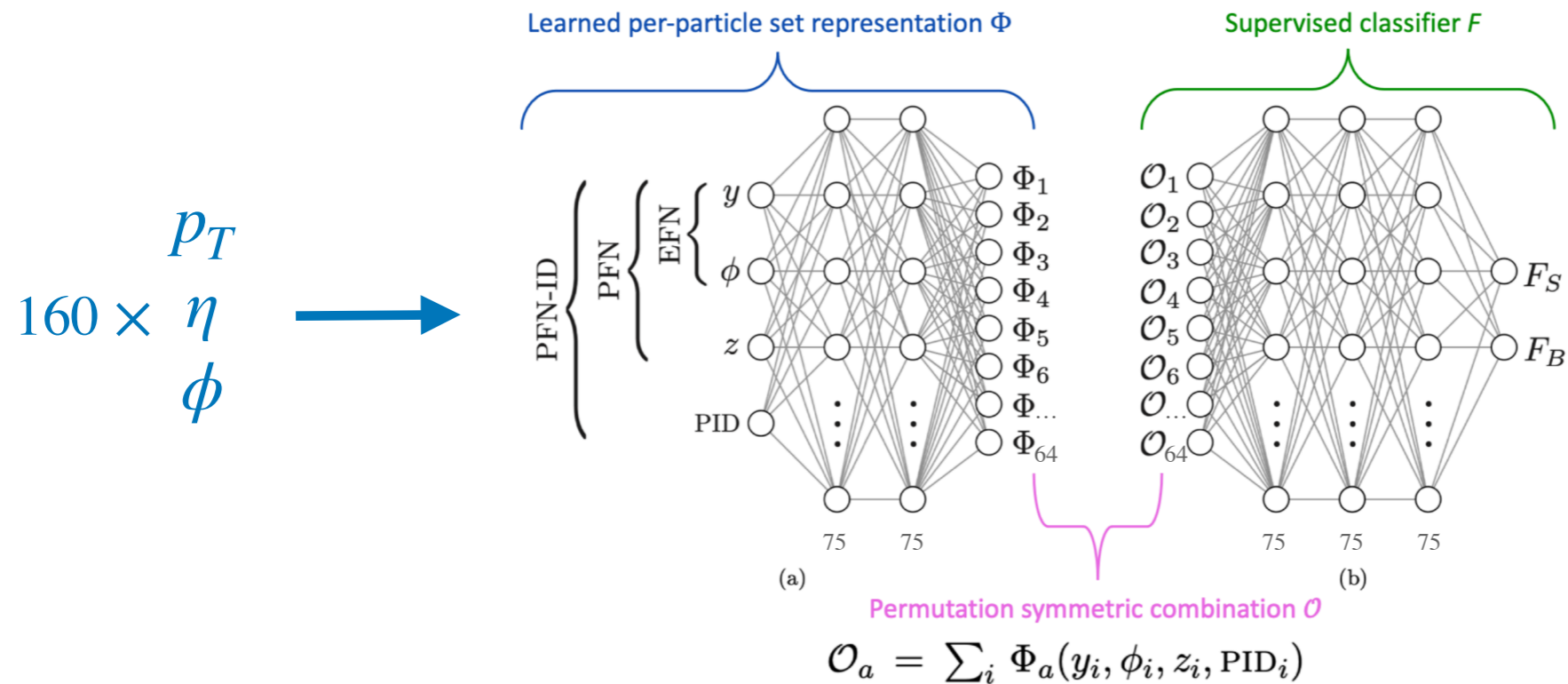
- Another nice feature of the PFN embedding is that we can inspect the latent space vars.
  - The latent space of the PFN is 64-dimensional  $\rightarrow$  64 individual  $\mathcal{O}_a$  distributions
  - These are plotted below, with all  $\mathcal{O}_a$  distributions scaled between 0 and 1



Anomalous distributions in latent space w.r.t. both QCD and two-prong samples

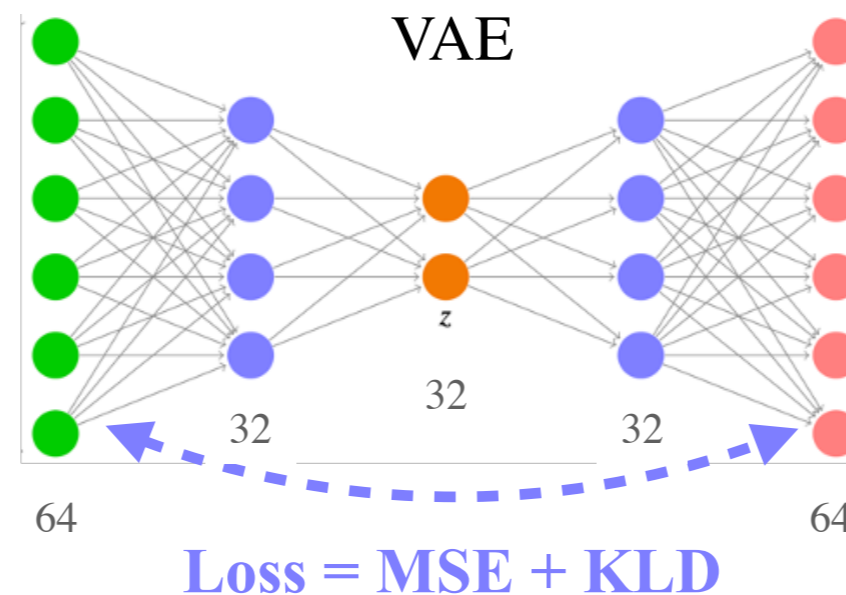


# PFN Architecture Details



- First stage of the PFN has a 3-dimensional input of  $p_T, \eta, \phi$  followed by two dense fully connected layers of dimension 75 with an output dimension of 64 (i.e. the  $\Phi_a$ )
- Each  $\Phi_a$  gets summed for the 160 input particles to derive the 64-dimensional  $\mathcal{O}_a$
- The second stage of the PFN takes in the 64  $\mathcal{O}_a$  as input, followed by 3 dense fully connected layers of dimension 75, and 2-dimensional binary classifier output
- A cross-entropy loss is used for the training and model optimization

# ANTELOPE Architecture Details



- Takes in as input the 64-dimensional  $\mathcal{O}_a$  from a pre-trained PFN
- The VAE has a hidden layer of dimension 32, and latent layer of dimension 32
- A combination of the mean square error (MSE) and Kullback-Leibler divergence  $D_{\text{KL}}$  are used in the definition of the loss function

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N |\mathcal{O}_i - \mathcal{O}'_i| + \lambda D_{\text{KL}}$$