Physics-inspired top tagging

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Based on
Kasieczka, Plehn, MR, Schell '17
Butter, Kasieczka, Plehn, MR '17
Kasieczka, Kiefer, Plehn, MR (in progress)

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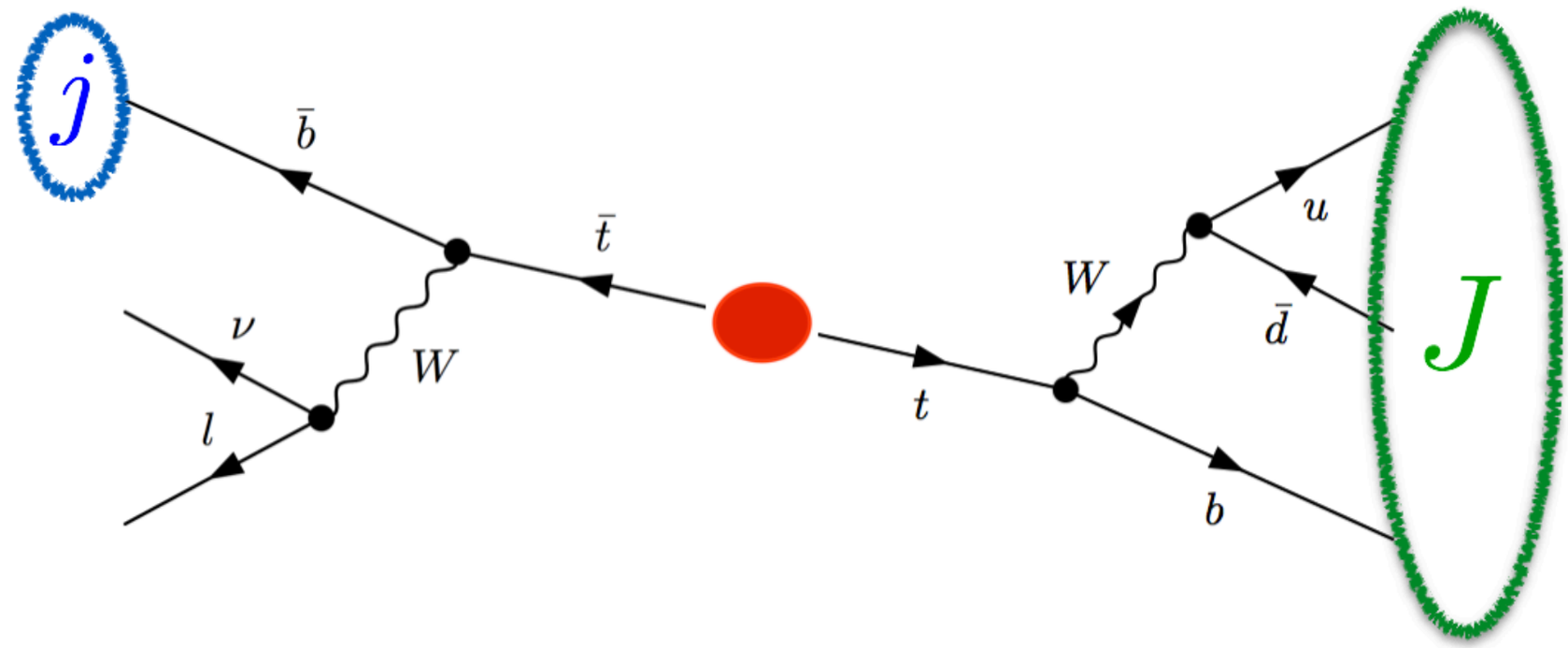
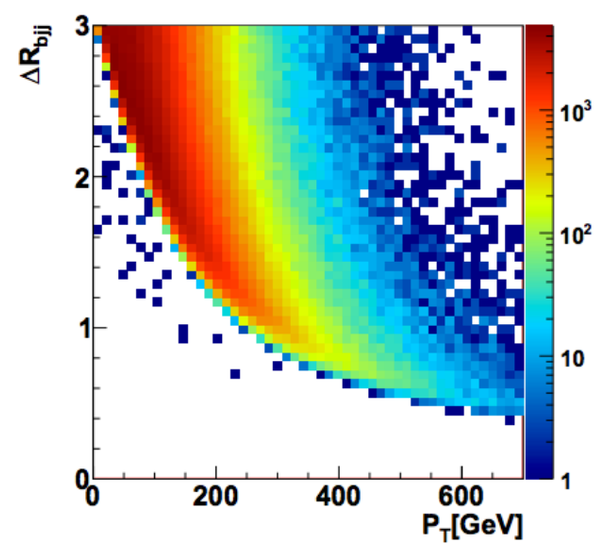
Top tagging

Kaplan, Rehermann, Schwartz, Tweedie '08
Plehn, Spannowsky, Takeuchi, Zerwas '10

Reconstructing highly-boosted top decays

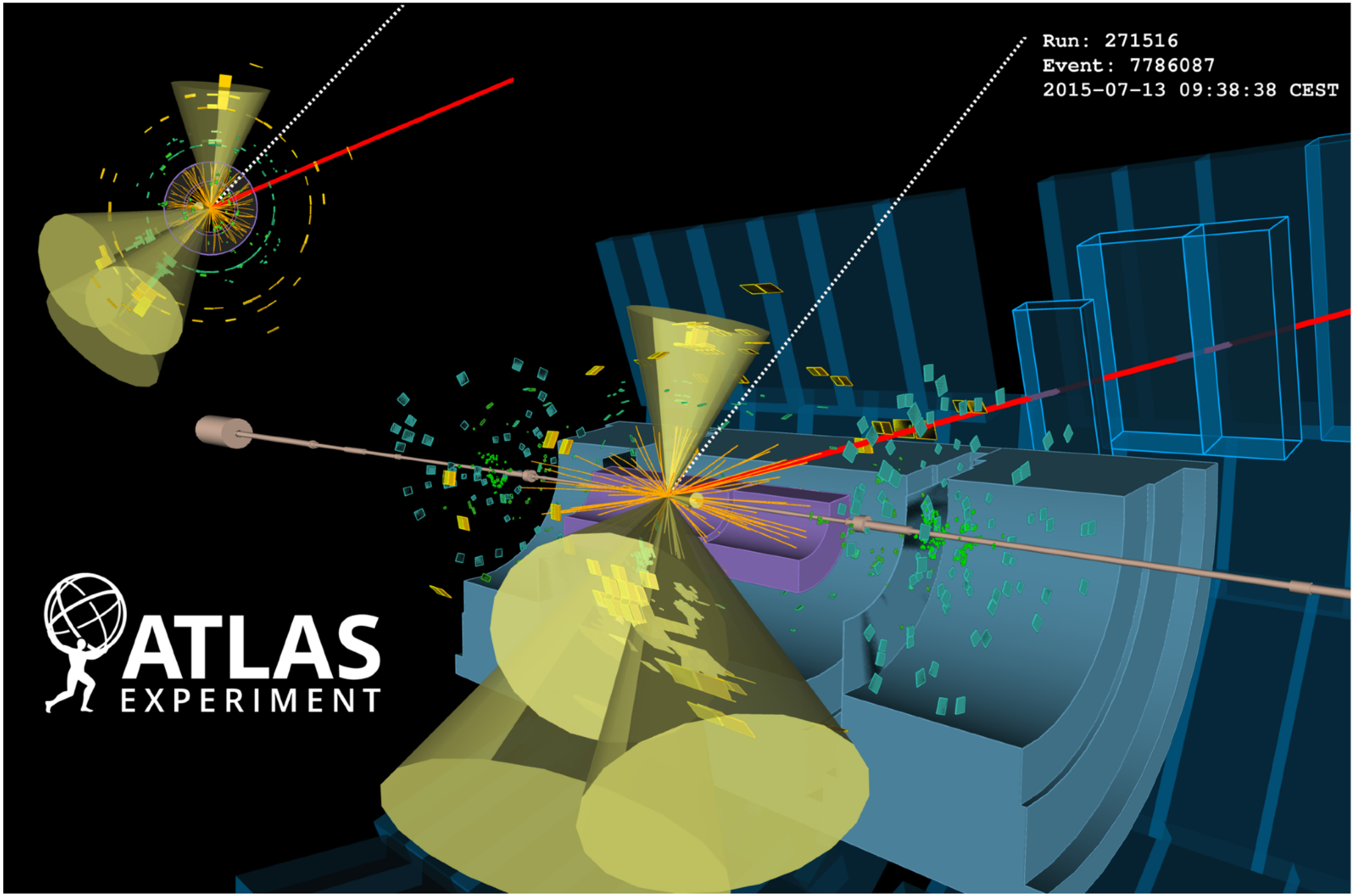
- Easy to reconstruct tops when decay products are well-separated
- But standard reconstruction methods fail when tops are highly-boosted
- Instead of trying to resolve decay products individually, merge all into "fat jet"
- By now this is well-understood experimentally and theoretically





$$\Delta R \sim \frac{2m}{p_T}$$

We see something like this



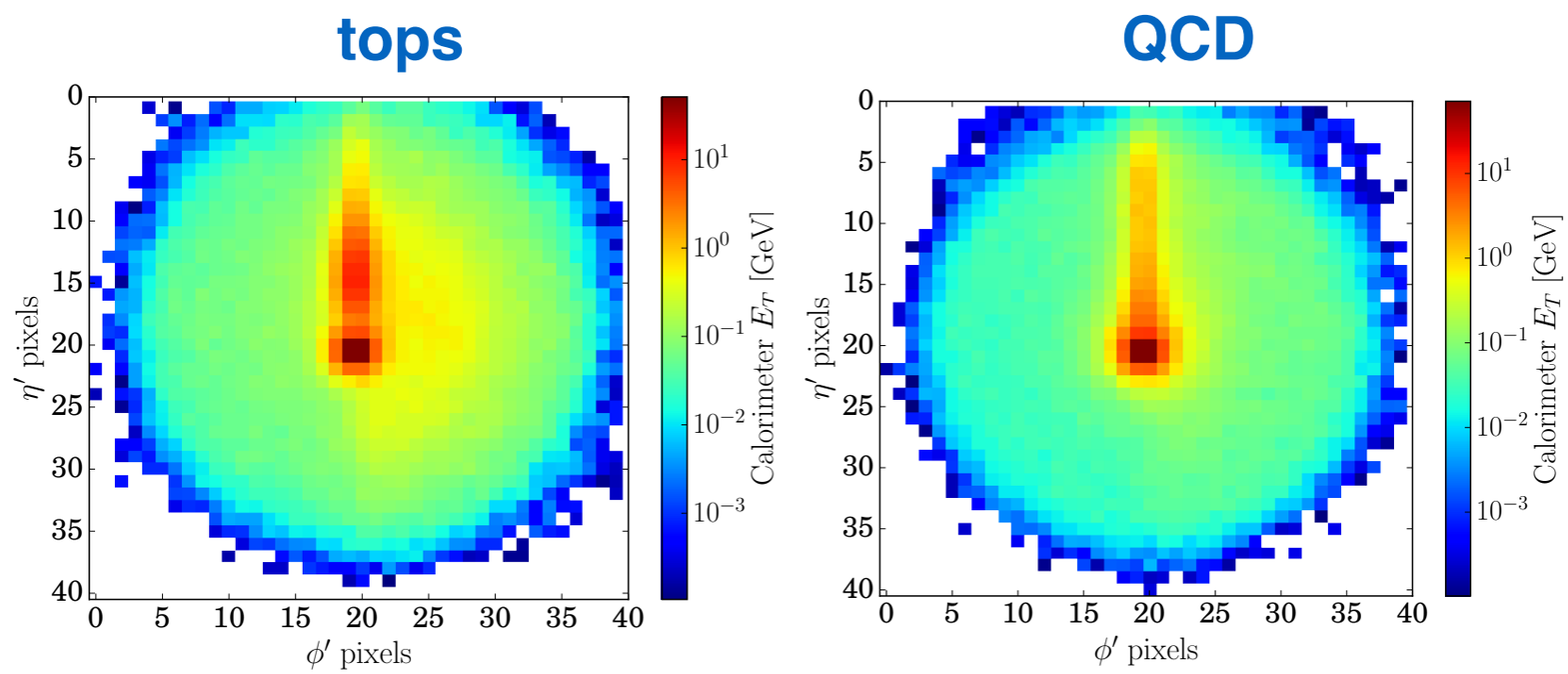
Jets as images

de Olivera, Kagan, Mackey, Nachman, Schwarzmann '15

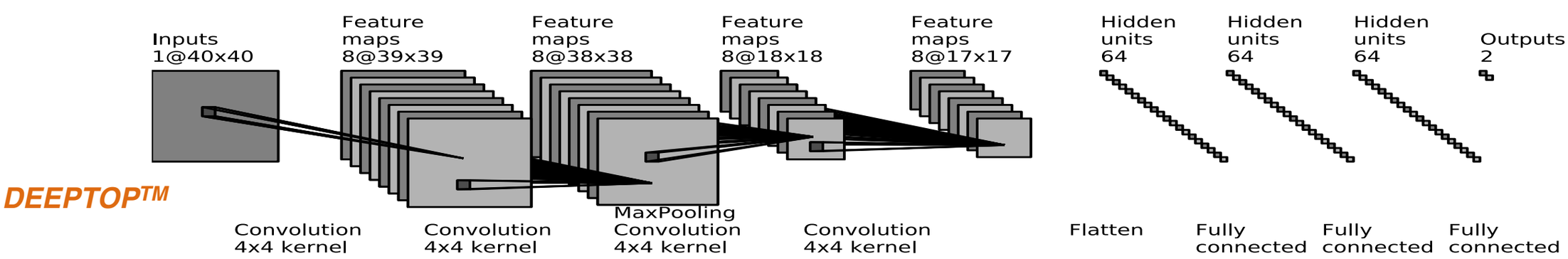
Can recent advances in DNNs benefit jet physics?

Kasieczka, Plehn, MR, Schell '17

- View calorimeter plane as 2-d "image" with energy deposits as pixels
- After some pre-processing, train a *convolutional neural network* (no details here) on sample of top jets and QCD background



- Last layer of network converts weights for each image into probability of it being either top or QCD



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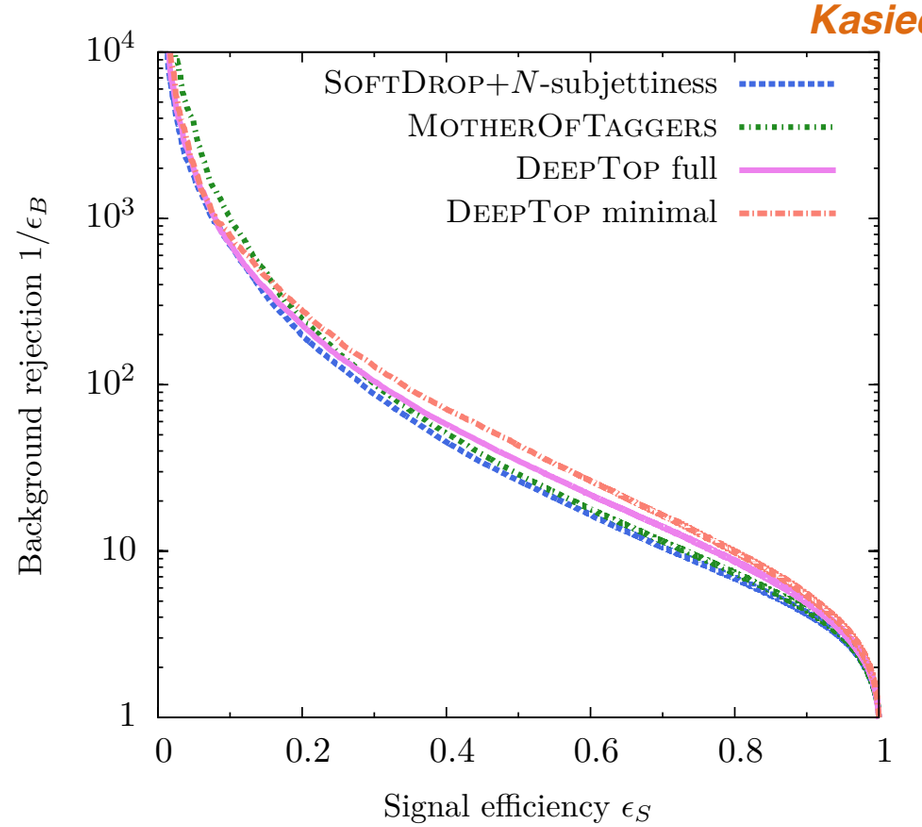
Jets as images

Test performance against traditional taggers and BDT

Kasieczka, Plehn, MR, Schell '17

- Can see mild improvement in background rejection
- Deep neural networks outperform BDT classifiers - logical next step for machine learning on real data
- Preprocessing actually causes loss of information in final classification



But images have many limitations

- Cannot include tracking information
- Not adaptable for non-uniform detectors
- Can we use more physics-motivated inputs, not "pixels"?

Butter, Kasieczka, Plehn, MR '17

Beyond images: LoLa

Why not use the jet constituent 4-vectors directly?

Two ingredients:

1. CoLa* - learns the jet clustering history

$$k_{\mu,i} \xrightarrow{\text{CoLa}} \tilde{k}_{\mu,j} = k_{\mu,i}\, C_{ij}$$

$$C = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & C_{1,N+2} & \cdots & C_{1,M} \\ 0 & 1 & & \vdots & C_{2,N+2} & \cdots & C_{2,M} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & 0 & \vdots & & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 1 & C_{N,N+2} & \cdots & C_{N,M} \end{pmatrix}$$

- Test on-shell conditions

$$\tilde{k}^2_{\mu,1} = (k_{\mu,1} + k_{\mu,2} + k_{\mu,3})^2 = m_t^2$$
$$\tilde{k}^2_{\mu,2} = (k_{\mu,1} + k_{\mu,2})^2 = m_W^2 \ .$$

2. LoLa** - learns the kinematics

$$\tilde{k}_j \xrightarrow{\text{LoLa}} \hat{k}_j = \begin{pmatrix} m^2(\tilde{k}_j) \\ p_T(\tilde{k}_j) \\ w^{(E)}_{jm}\, E(\tilde{k}_m) \\ w^{(d)}_{jm}\, d^2_{jm} \end{pmatrix}$$

transform 4-vectors into: invariant mass, pT, energy and Minkowski distance

effectively a rotation in observable space

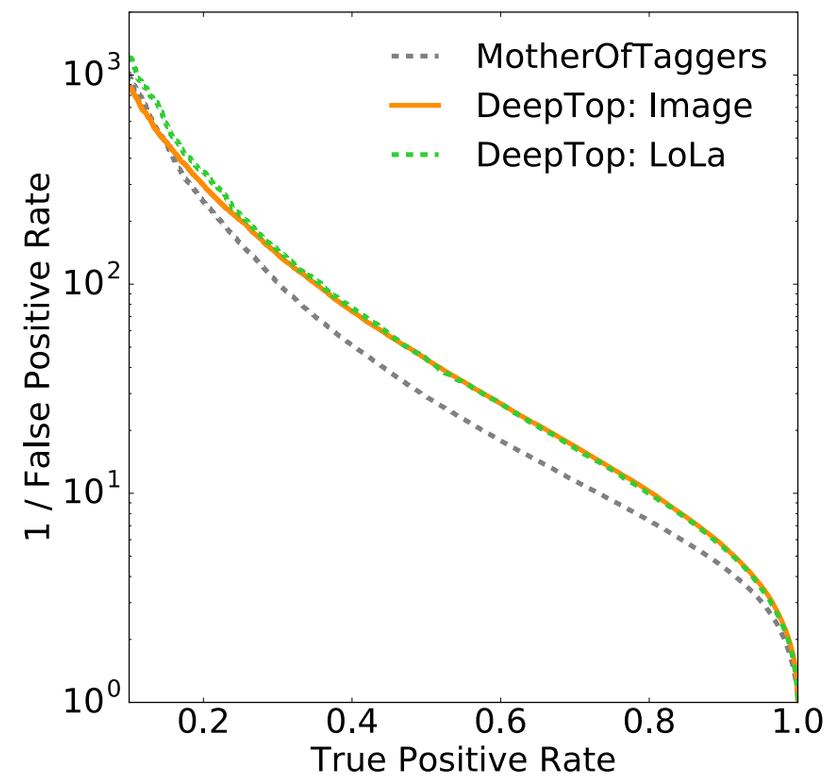
** CoLa = Combination Layer*

*** LoLa = Lorentz Layer*

Performance of LoLa

First test: do we do better than images?

- Using calorimeter information only, no improvement over images (unsurprising)
- Evidence that LoLa learns the same features as image-based approach
- Far less training time, fewer weights, fewer inputs required
- Same performance for much less CPU time = suggests we should move away from images

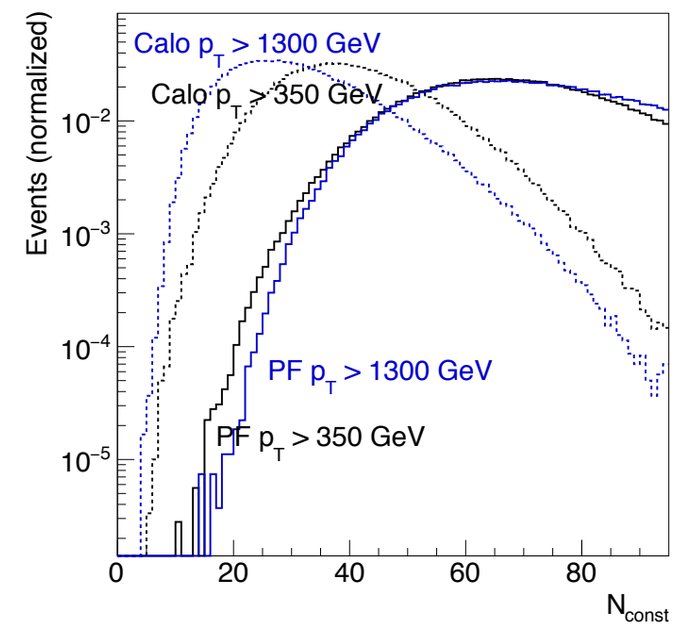


But how does LoLa improve physics performance?

Ultra-boosted tops

Calorimeter resolution degrades for high pT tops

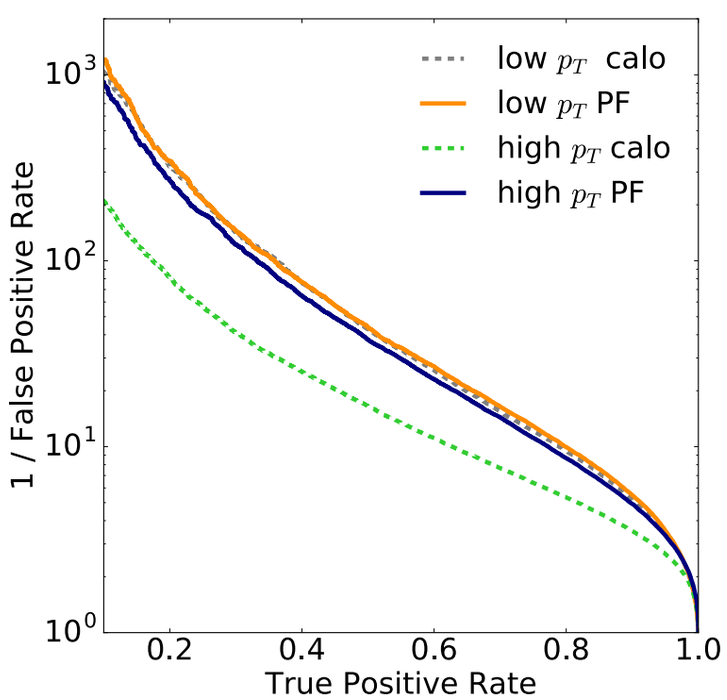
More likely that jet constituents will land on same cell, so loss of information



Use much higher-resolution tracking

Same number of constituents at high pT so no loss of info

Massive increase in performance

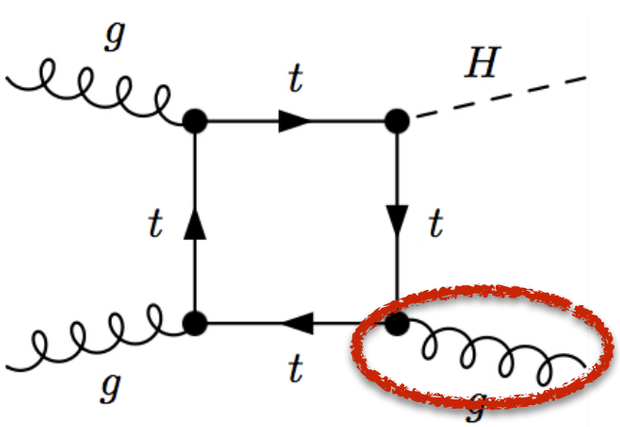


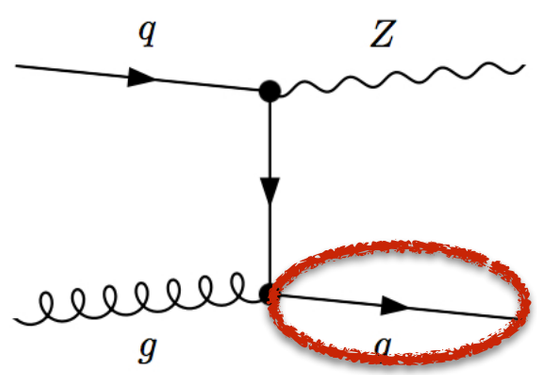
Impact on resonance searches?

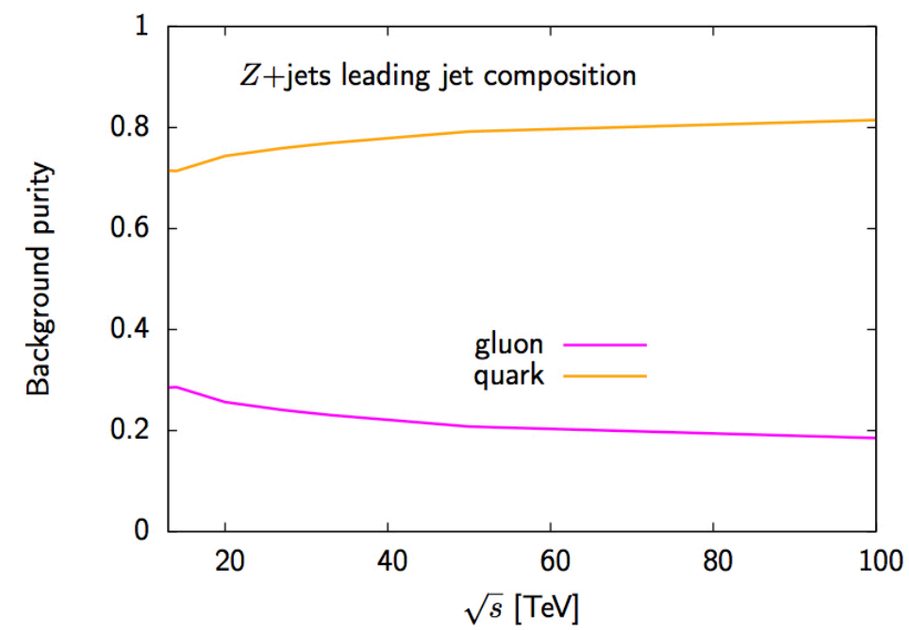
Quark-gluon tagging

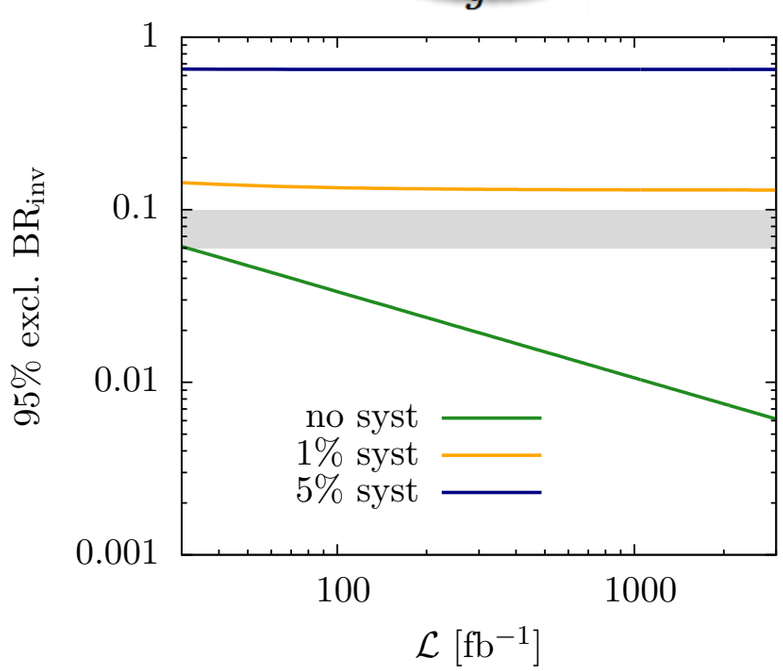
Also well-suited to NN-based taggers (but more challenging)

- Discrimination based on splitting functions and ratio of Casimir operators CA/CF
- Broad phenomenological applications
- e.g. improving searches for invisible Higgs decays with monojets









preliminary!

- Even with optimistic systematics, not yet competitive
- More optimisation to be done

Reference dataset

Have your own NN-based tagger you'd like to test?

- Community sample available in compressed h5 or ROOT format
- Details and instructions available as Google Doc at:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Hcuc6LBxZNX16zjEGeq16DAzspkDC4nDTyjMp1bWHRo/edit

- This is a living document, please update it with your own NN performance results!
- Some results should be presented at BOOST next week, keep your eyes peeled!

Conclusions

- Recent developments in machine learning have found novel and exciting applications in top tagging
- Two approaches presented here: image-based and 4-vector based
- Both show excellent ability to identify hadronic top decays
- LoLa approach has more physics-motivated inputs + simpler network architecture + less CPU time
- Ability to include tracking and extend to very high pT
- Broad pheno applications, including BSM
- Time to start on real data?

Backup: DeepTop analysis

Signal: all-hadronic ttbar, Background: QCD dijets

(PYTHIA8 + Delphes)

Cluster calorimeter towers or particle-flow objects into fat jets

$$\text{C-A } \Delta R = 1.5$$
$$350 \text{ GeV} < p_{T,J} < 450 \text{ GeV}$$
$$|\eta_J| < 1.0$$

Sort jet constituents by pT, feed four-vectors into NN

300k signal and background events

Train/test/validation split: 60/20/20

Backup: preprocessing

Don't want to waste network parameters on learning special relativity, pre-process to remove this dependence