

Scientific Data Challenges



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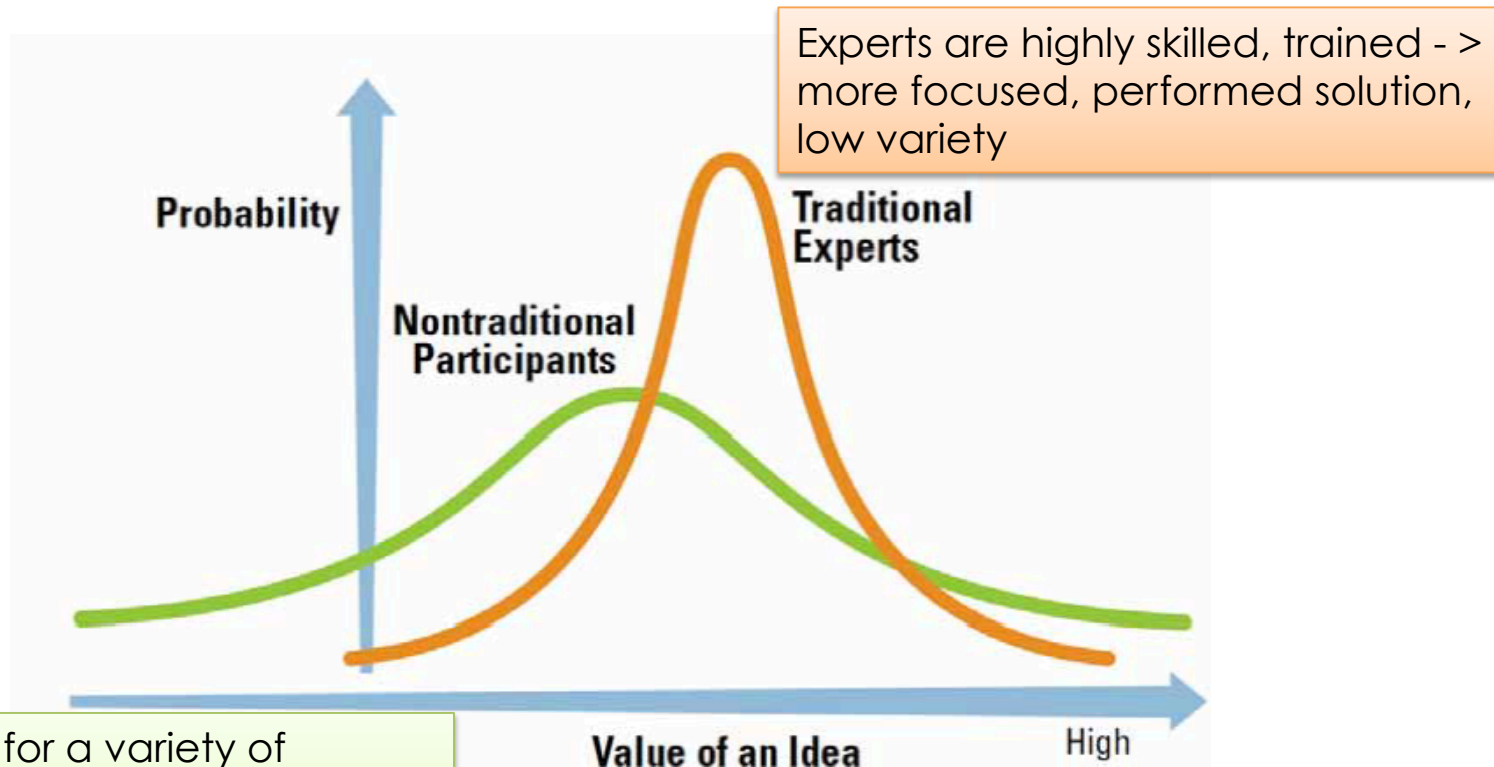


Why challenges work ?



MOTIVATION OF ORGANIZING CONTESTS: EXTREME VALUE

Courtesy : Lakhani 2014




OI is suitable for a variety of nonconventional surprising ideas that are « far » from traditional expertise - > high volatility

Not just ML, but a general trend:
Open Innovation, Open Science










Higgs Machine Learning Challenge



Higgs challenge  **the HiggsML challenge**
May to September 2014

When High Energy Physics meets Machine Learning

info to participate and compete : <https://www.kaggle.com/c/higgs-boson>

Organization committee

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| Balázs Kégl - <i>Appstat-LAL</i> | David Rousseau - <i>Atlas-LAL</i> | Isabelle Guyon - <i>Chalearn</i> |
| Cécile Germain - <i>TAO-LRI</i> | Glen Cowan - <i>Atlas-RHUL</i> | Claire Adam-Bourdarios - <i>Atlas-LAL</i> |

Advisory committee

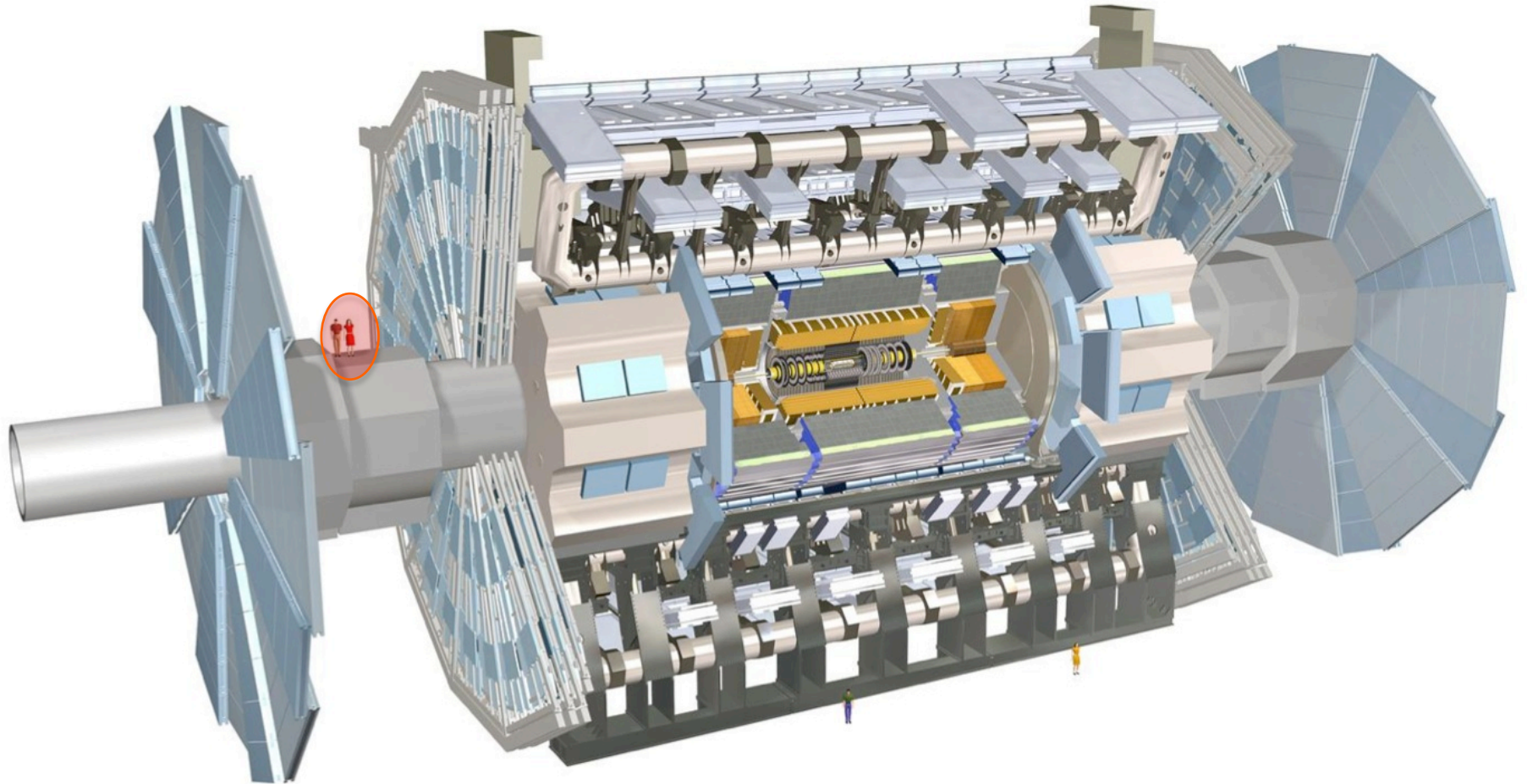
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| Thorsten Wengler - <i>Atlas-CERN</i> | Joerg Stelzer - <i>Atlas-CERN</i> |
| Andreas Hoecker - <i>Atlas-CERN</i> | Marc Schoenauer - <i>INRIA</i> |

ATLAS detector



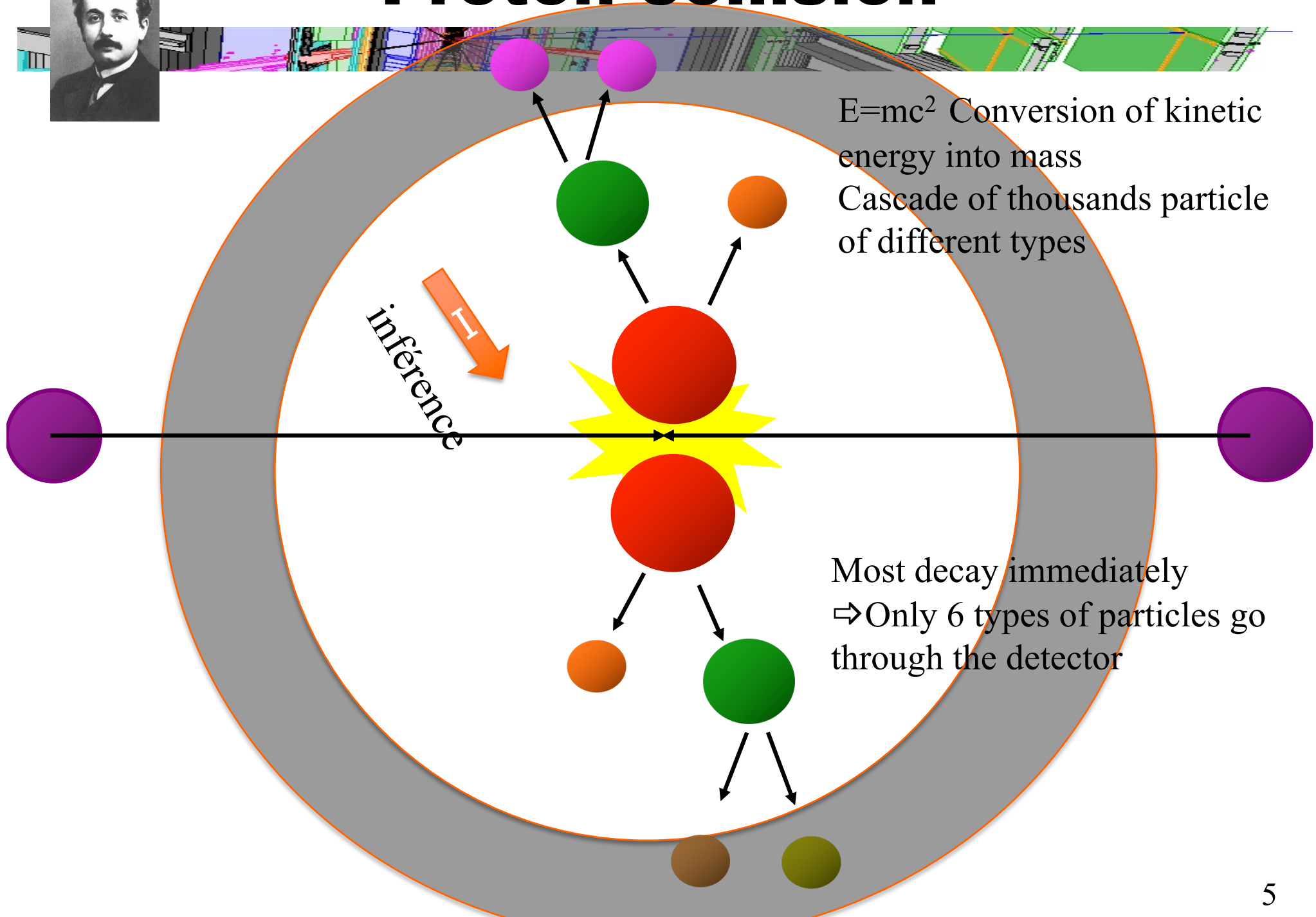
Diamètre: 25m
Longueur: 46m
Poids: 7000 tonnes

3000 km de câbles
100 millions de canaux





Proton collision

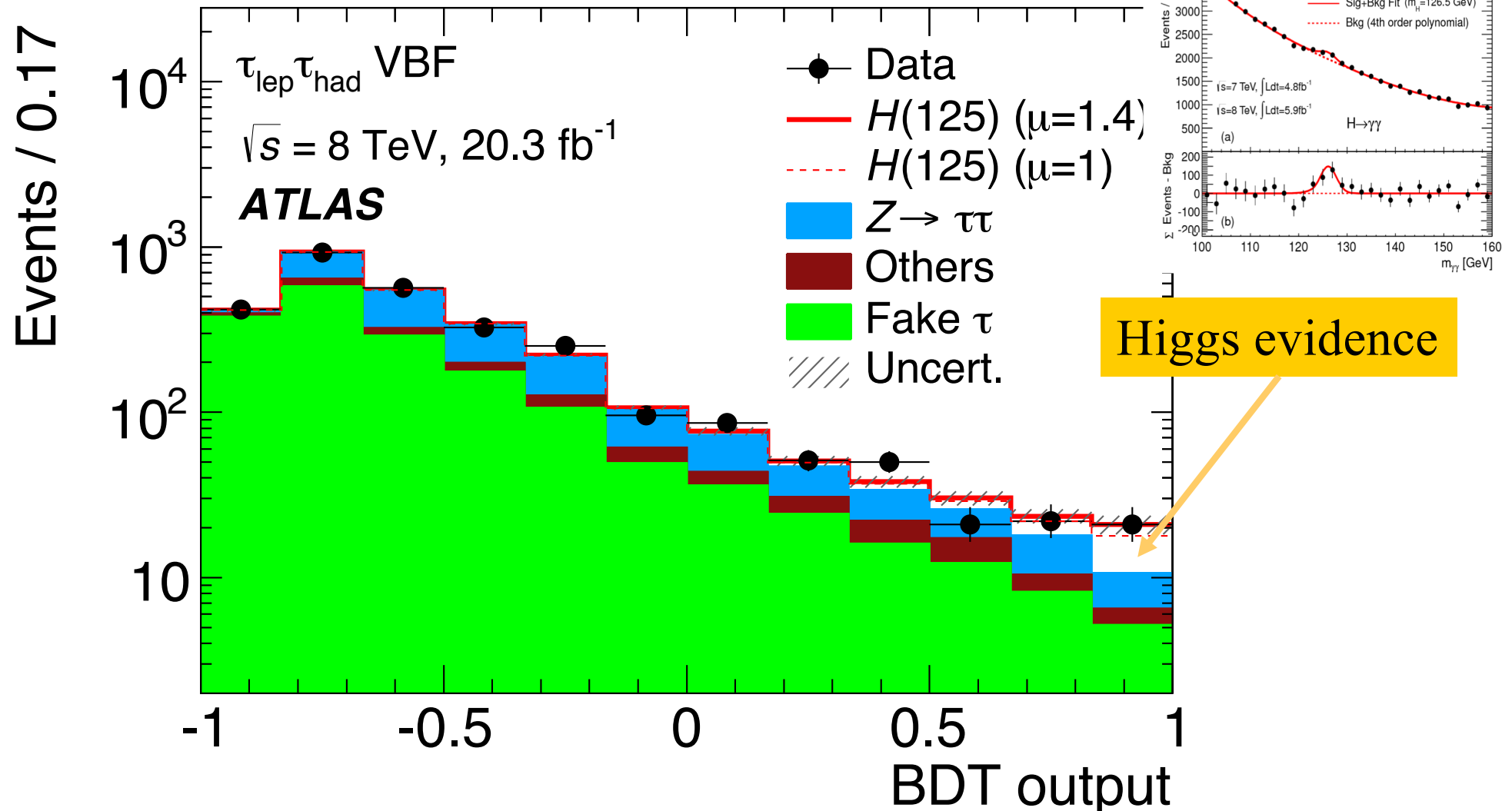


Classifier



JHEP 04, 117 (2015) 1501.04943

Boosted Decision Tree using ~a dozen of high level variables



Dataset



Permanently available and usable by anyone (also non ATLAS) on CERN Open Data:

<http://opendata.cern.ch/collection/ATLAS-Higgs-Challenge-2014>

ASCII csv file, with mixture of Higgs to tautau (lephad) signal and corresponding backgrounds, from official GEANT4 ATLAS simulation

800.000 events (250k public, 550k private)

Weight and Label (for training dataset only)

weight (fully normalised)

label : « s » or « b »

Variables (used in ATLAS paper):

DER_mass_MMC

DER_mass_transverse_met_lep

DER_mass_vis

DER_pt_h

DER_deltaeta_jet_jet

DER_mass_jet_jet

DER_prodetta_jet_jet

DER_deltar_tau_lep

DER_pt_tot

DER_sum_pt

DER_pt_ratio_lep_tau

DER_met_phi_centrality

DER_lep_eta_centrality

Primitive 3-vectors allowing to compute the conf note variables (mass neglected),

16 independent variables:

PRI_tau_pt

PRI_tau_eta

PRI_tau_phi

PRI_lep_pt

PRI_lep_eta

PRI_lep_phi

PRI_met

PRI_met_phi

PRI_met_sumet

PRI_jet_num (0,1,2,3, capped at 3)

PRI_jet_leading_pt

PRI_jet_leading_eta

PRI_jet_leading_phi

PRI_jet_subleading_pt

PRI_jet_subleading_eta

PRI_jet_subleading_phi

PRI_jet_all_pt


Real analysis vs challenge



- | | |
|---|--|
| <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Systematics (and data vs MC)2. 2 categories x n BDT score bins | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. No systematics2. No categories, one signal region |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Background estimated from data (embedded, anti tau, control region) and some MC2. Weights include all corrections. Some negative weights (tt)3. Potentially use any information from all 2012 data and MC events4. Few variables fed in two BDT | <ol style="list-style-type: none">3. Straight use of ATLAS G4 MC4. Weights only include normalisation and pythia weight. Neg. weight events rejected.5. Only use variables and events preselected by the real analysis6. All BDT variables + categorisation variables + primitives 3-vector |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Significance from complete fit with NP etc...2. MVA with TMVA BDT | <ol style="list-style-type: none">7. Significance from "regularised Asimov"8. MVA "no-limit" |

Simpler, but not too simple!

Final leaderboard

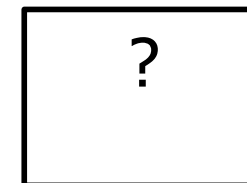
| # | Δrank | Team Name <small>‡ model uploaded * in the money</small> | Score <small>?</small> | Entries | Last Submission UTC (Best – Last Submission) | |
|-----|-------|---|--|---------|--|------------------------------------|
| 1 | ↑1 | Gábor Melis ‡ * | 7000\$ | 3.80581 | 110 | Sun, 14 Sep 2014 09:10:04 (-0h) |
| 2 | ↑1 | Tim Salimans ‡ * | 4000\$ | 3.78913 | 57 | Mon, 15 Sep 2014 23:49:02 (-40.6d) |
| 3 | ↑1 | nhlx5haze ‡ * | 2000\$ | 3.78682 | 254 | Mon, 15 Sep 2014 16:50:01 (-76.3d) |
| 4 | ↑38 | ChoKo Team <small>👤</small> | | 3.77526 | 216 | Mon, 15 Sep 2014 15:21:36 (-42.1h) |
| 5 | ↑35 | cheng chen | | 3.77384 | 21 | Mon, 15 Sep 2014 23:29:29 (-0h) |
| 6 | ↑16 | quantify | | 3.77086 | 8 | Mon, 15 Sep 2014 16:12:48 (-7.3h) |
| 7 | ↑1 | Stanislav Semenov & Co (HSE Yandex) | | 3.76211 | 68 | Mon, 15 Sep 2014 20:19:03 |
| 8 | ↓7 | Luboš Motl's team <small>👤</small> | | 3.76050 | 589 | Mon, 15 Sep 2014 08:38:49 (-1.6h) |
| 9 | ↑8 | Roberto-UCIIM | | 3.75864 | 292 | Mon, 15 Sep 2014 23:44:42 (-44d) |
| 10 | ↑2 | Davut & Josef <small>👤</small> | | 3.75838 | 161 | Mon, 15 Sep 2014 23:24:32 (-4.5d) |
| 45 | ↑5 | crowwork <small>👤</small> ‡ | HEP meets ML award XGBoost authors Free trip to CERN | 3.71885 | 94 | Mon, 15 Sep 2014 23:45:00 (-5.1d) |
| 782 | ↓149 | Eckhard | Tuned TMVA | 3.49945 | 29 | Mon, 15 Sep 2014 07:26:13 (-46.1h) |
| 991 | ↑4 | Rem. | | 3.20423 | 2 | Mon, 16 Jun 2014 21:53:43 (-30.4h) |
| | |  simple TMVA boosted trees | | 3.19956 | | |

Participation

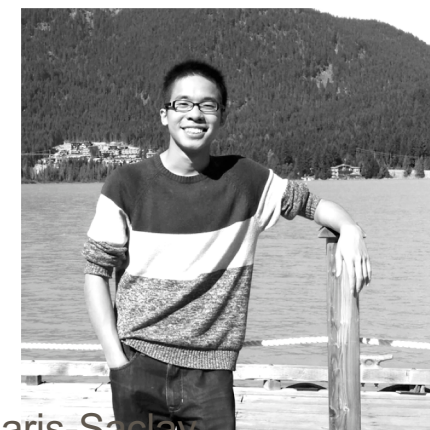


- Big success !
- 1785 teams (1942 people) have participated (participation=submission of at least one solution)
 - (6517 people have downloaded the data)
 - → most popular challenge on the Kaggle platform, ever (Amazon.com employee access challenge 1687 teams, Allstate Purchase Prediction Challenge 1567 teams)
- 35772 solutions uploaded
- 136 forum topics with 1100 posts

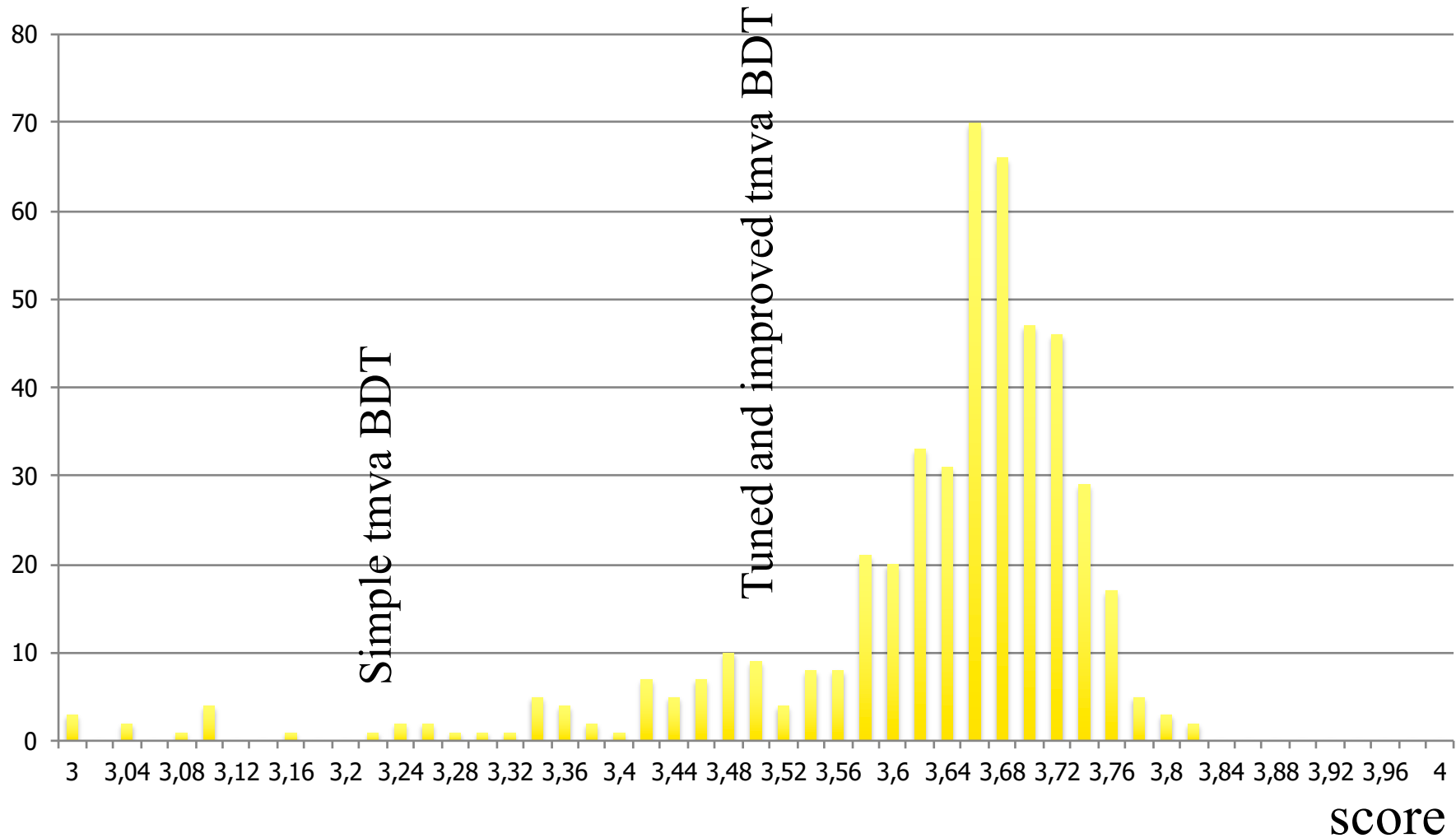
Who are the winners?



- ❑ See <http://atlas.ch/news/2014/machine-learning-wins-the-higgs-challenge.html>
- ❑ 1 : Gabor Melis (Hungary) lisp developer and consultant : wins 7000\$
 - Note : hired by DeepMind in summer 2015
- ❑ 2 : Tim Salimans (Neitherland) data science consultant: wins 4000\$
 - Note : hired by Google Brain
- ❑ 3 : Pierre Courtiol (France) ? Data Scientist : wins 2000\$
 - Note : hired by OWKIN
- ❑ HEP meets ML award: team crowwork, Tianqi Chen and Tong He PhD students in data science at Seattle and Vancouver. Provided XGBoost used by many participants. Win a free trip and visit to CERN in 2015.
 - → longer lasting contribution, XGBoost later became the de facto standard for BDT

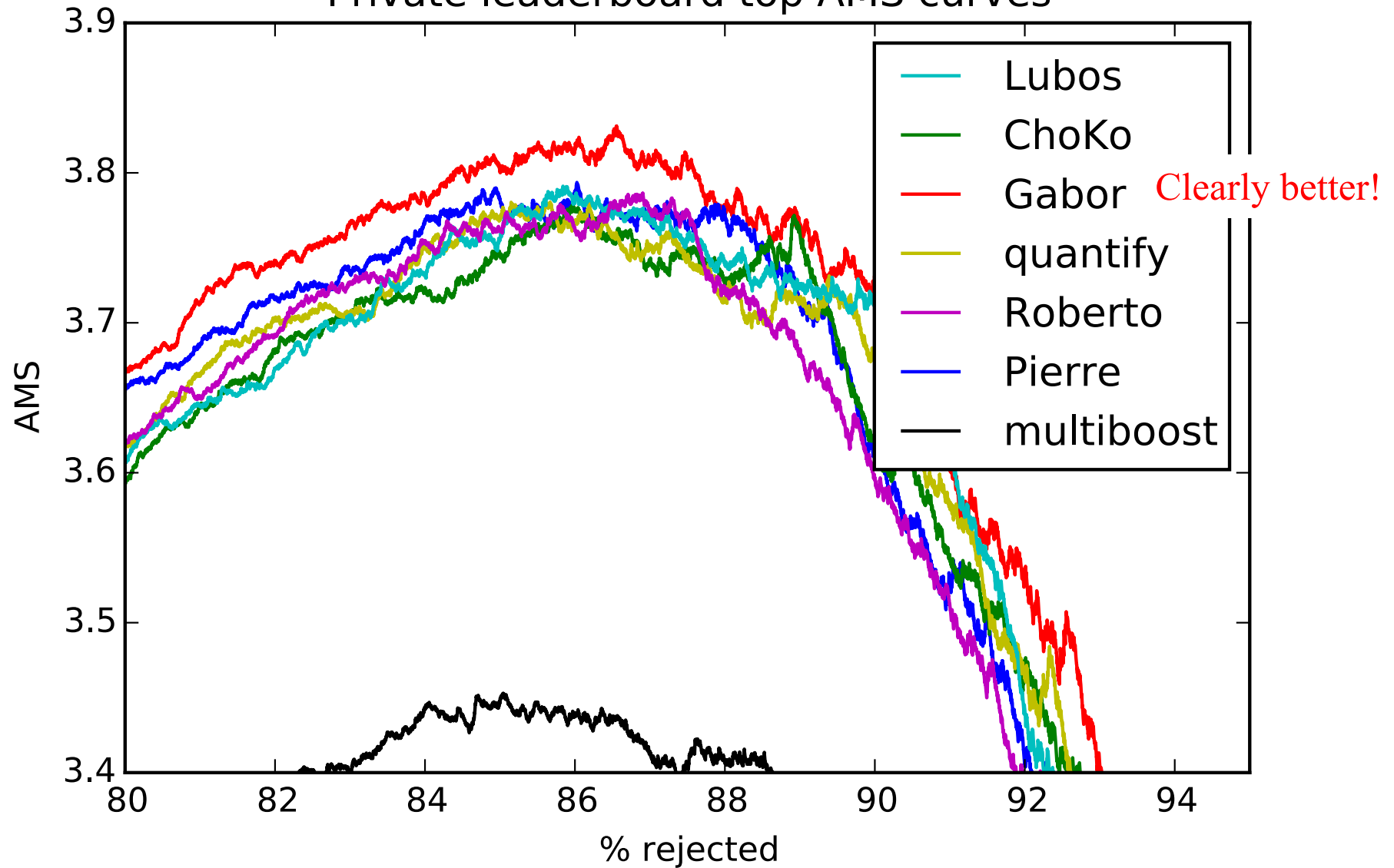


Best private scores



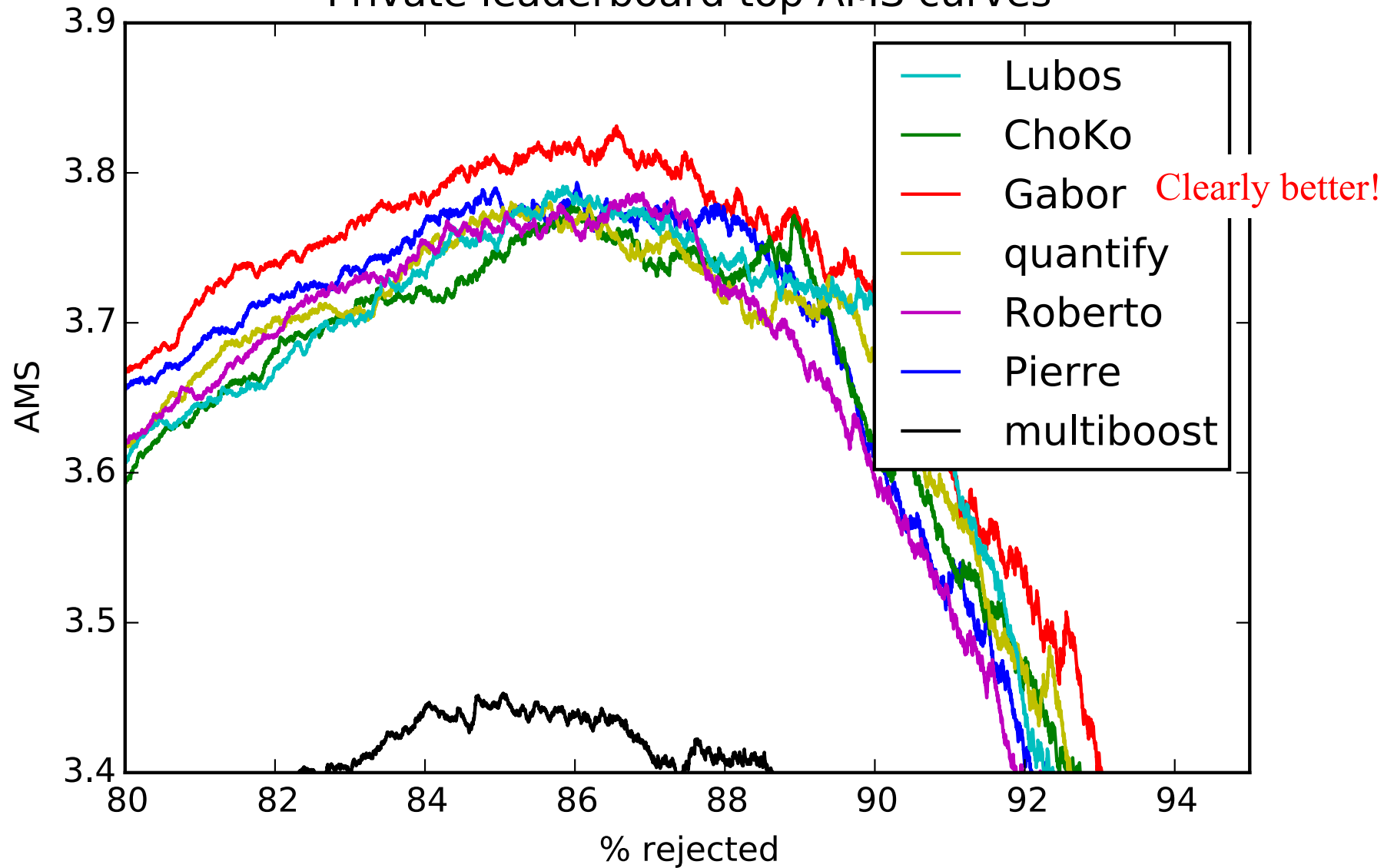


Private leaderboard top AMS curves





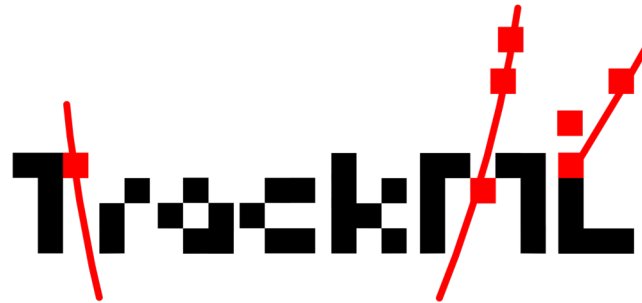
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HiggsML outcome



- ❑ Best significance 20% than with Root-TMVA (equivalent to 40% more data)
- ❑ (gradient) BDT algorithm of choice in this case where number variables and number of training events limited
- ❑ NN very slightly better (#1 Gabor) but much more difficult to tune, need more training data
 - → main hindsight regret on the design of HiggsML : too few data
- ❑ XGBoost written for HiggsML, now best BDT on the market
- ❑ Wealth of ideas, documented in [JMLR proceedings v42](#)
- ❑ Raised awareness about ML in HEP



Several relevant talks in IPA Advanced Pattern Recognition

Workshop : <https://indico.cern.ch/event/847626/timetable/?view=standard>:

- Moritz Kiehn : TrackML challenge summary
- Andreas Salzburger : ACTS (TrackML simulation engine)
- Sergei Gorbunov : #1 solution
- Marcel Kunze : #3 solution and more
- Lucy Linder : spin-off Quantum Computing
- Basara, Biswas, Ghosh : spin-off Optical Processor Unit
- Sabrina Amrouche : spin-off similarity Hashing
- Tobias Isenberg/Xiyao Wang : spin off data visualisation

Who and How



- Organisation: Jean-Roch Vlimant (Caltech), Vincenzo Innocente, Andreas Salzburger (CERN), Sabrina Amrouche, Tobias Golling, Moritz Kiehn (Geneva University), David Rousseau, Yetkin Yilmaz (LAL-Orsay), Paolo Calafiura, Steven Farrell, Heather Gray (LBNL), Vladimir Vava Gligorov (LPNHE-Paris), Laurent Basara, Cécile Germain, Isabelle Guyon, Victor Estrade (LRI-Orsay), Edward Moyse (University of Massachusetts), Mikhail Hushchyn, Andrey Ustyuzhanin (Yandex, HSE)

5-6 FTE year

Platforms:



accuracy



throughput

TrackML

sponsors



kaggle



NVIDIA



UNIVERSITÉ DE GENÈVE

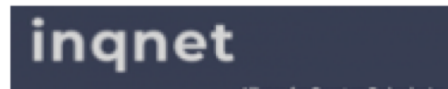


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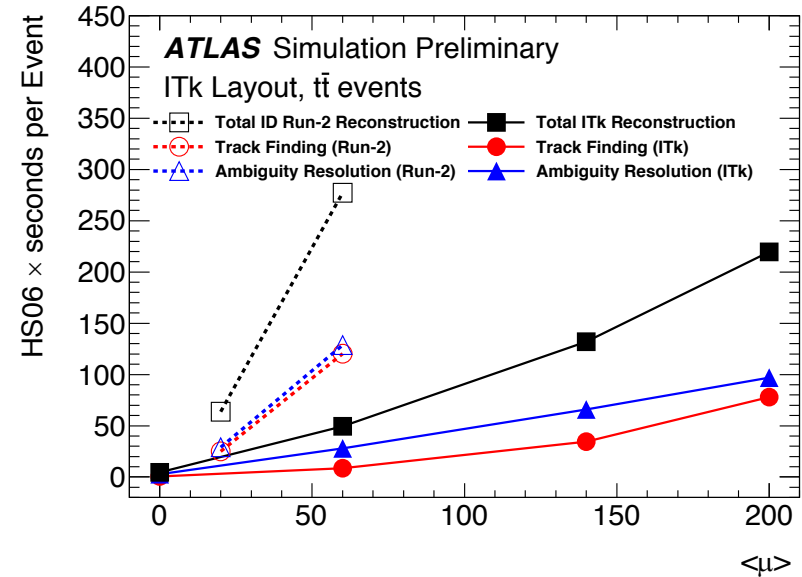


Tracking crisis

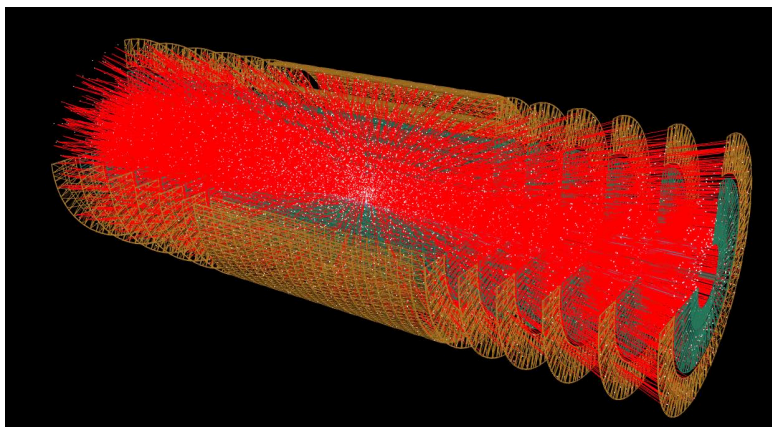
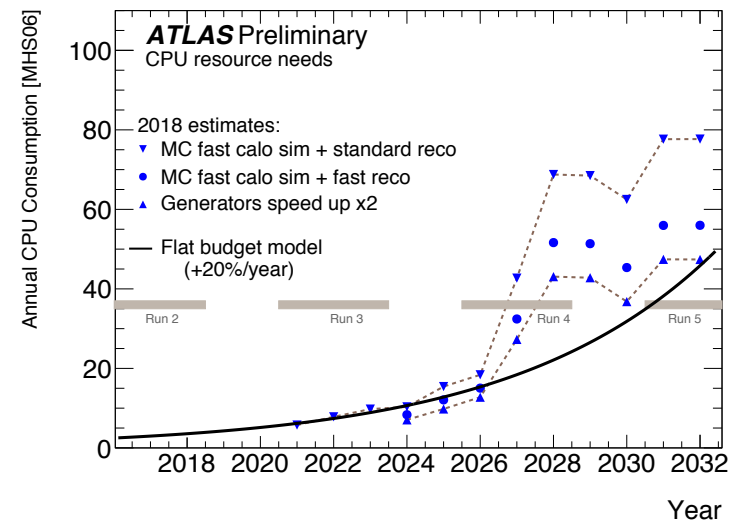


- ❑ Tracking (in particular pattern recognition) dominates reconstruction CPU time at LHC
- ❑ HL-LHC (phase 2) perspective : increased pileup
:Run 1 (2012): $\langle n \rangle \sim 20$, Run 2 (2015): $\langle n \rangle \sim 50$, Phase 2 (2025): $\langle n \rangle \sim 200$
- ❑ CPU time quadratic/exponential extrapolation
- ❑ On-going Large effort within HEP to optimise software and tackle micro and macro parallelism.
- ❑ >20 years of LHC tracking development. Everything has been tried?
 - Maybe yes, but maybe algorithm slower at low lumi but with a better scaling have been dismissed ?
 - Maybe no, brand new ideas from ML

❑ → challenge ~~TrackML~~ !!



Similar plots from CMS



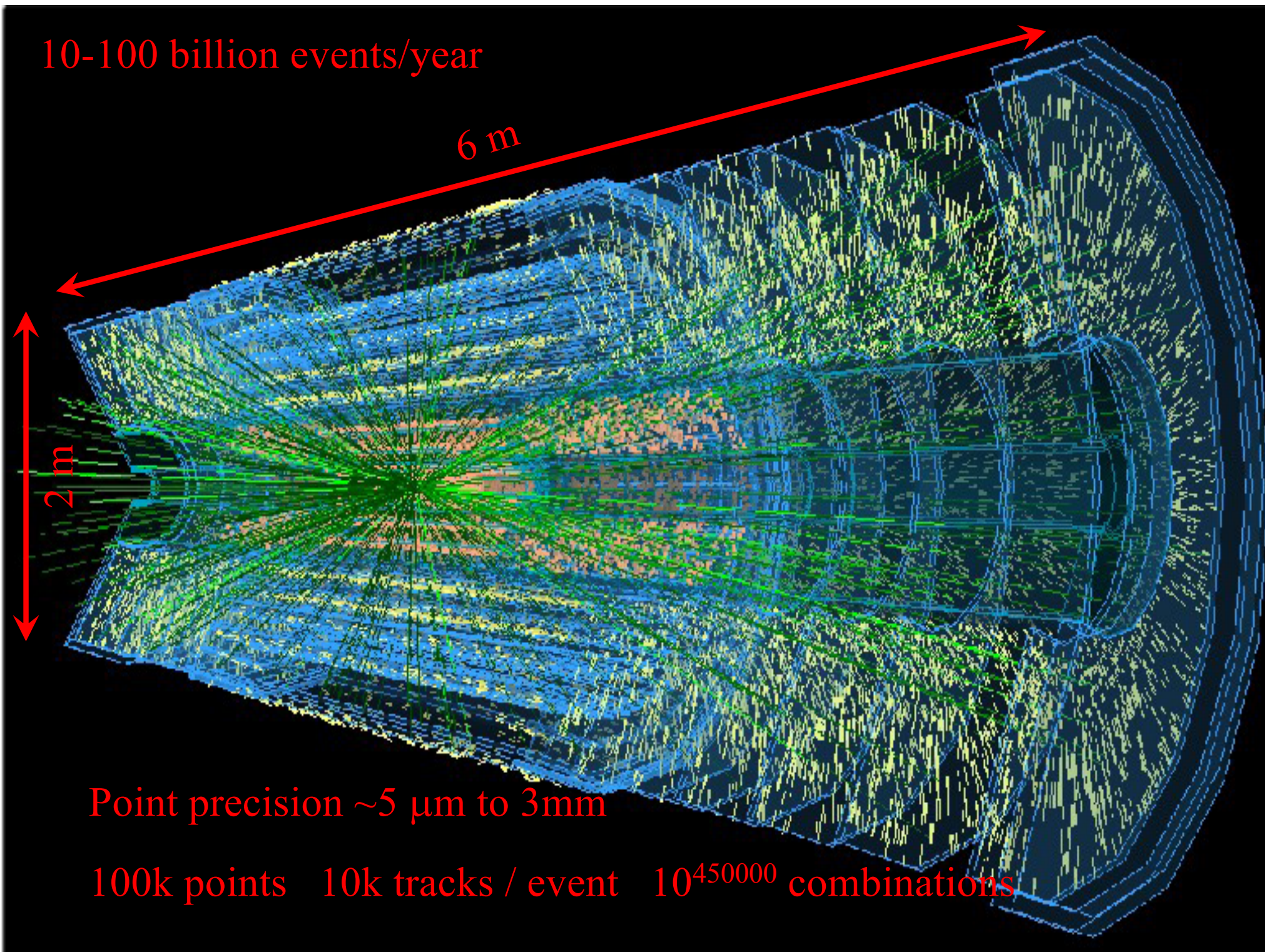
10-100 billion events/year

6 m

2 m

Point precision $\sim 5 \mu\text{m}$ to 3mm

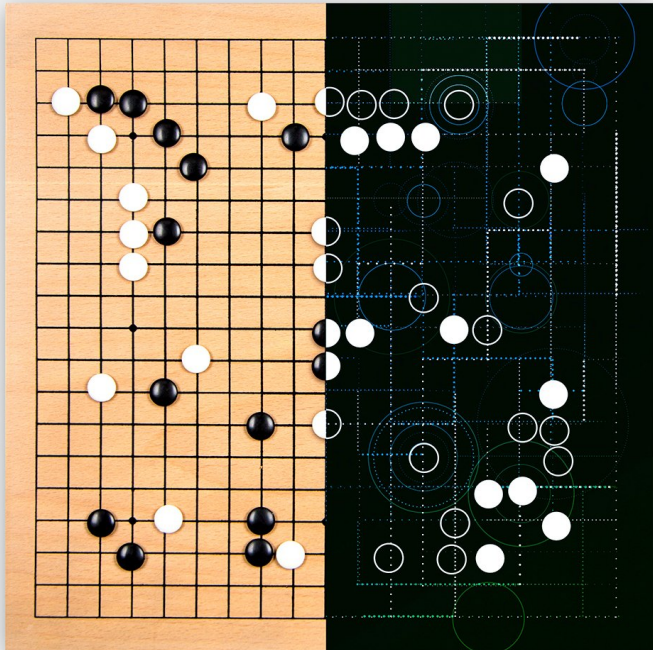
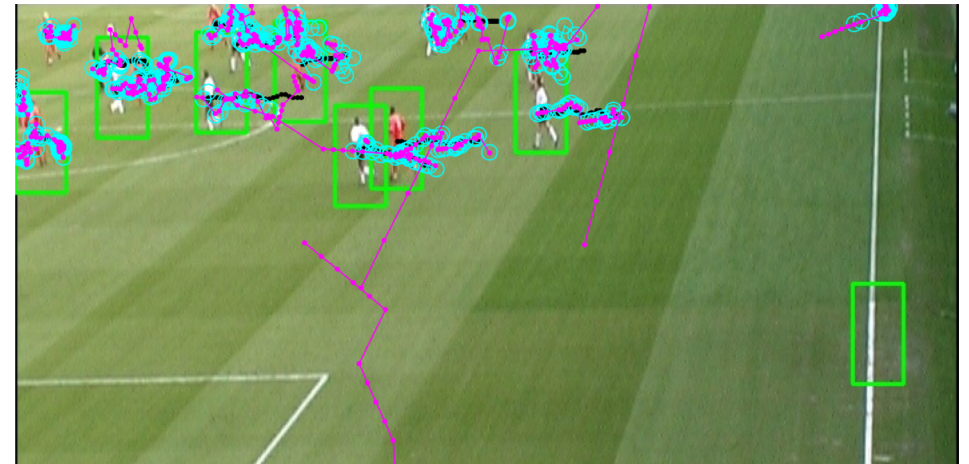
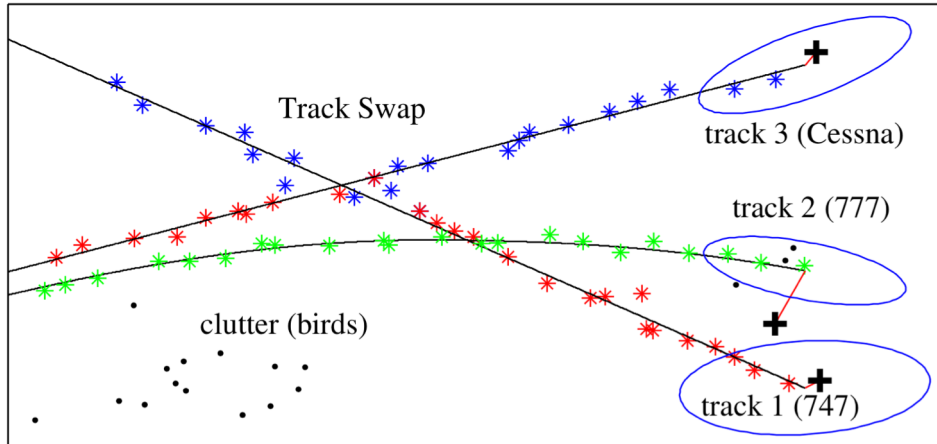
100k points 10k tracks / event 10^{450000} combinations



Tracking outside HEP



□ ...is very different



An early attempt

Computer Physics Communications 49 (1988) 429–448
North-Holland, Amsterdam

NEURAL NETWORKS AND CELLULAR AUTOMATA IN EXPERIMENTAL HIGH ENERGY PHYSICS

B. DENBY

Laboratoire de l'Accélérateur Linéaire, Orsay, France

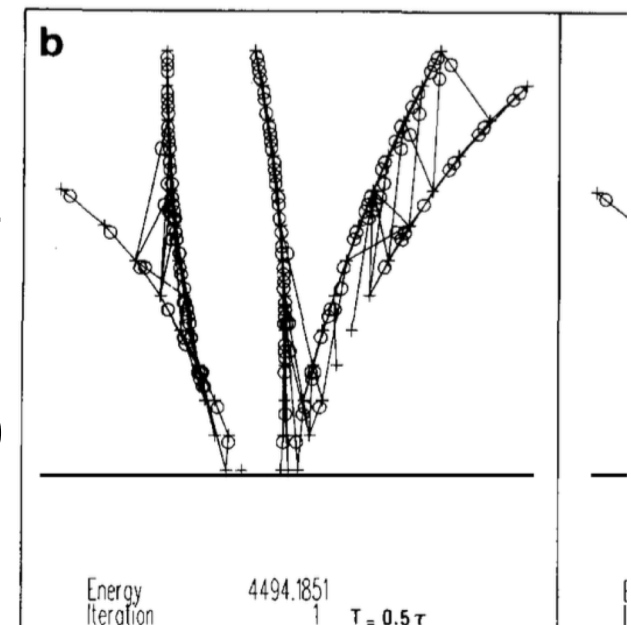
Received 20 September 1987; in revised form 28 December 1987

- 1987 Very first Neural Net in HEP paper known
- NN for tracking and calo clustering
- B. Denby then moved from Delphi at LEP to CDF at Tevatron. He still active outside HEP: 2017 analysis of ultrasonic image of the tongue
- 1992 JetNet Carsten Peterson, Thorsteinn Rognvaldsson (Lund U.) , Leif Lonnblad (CERN) (~500 citations) really started NN use in HEP

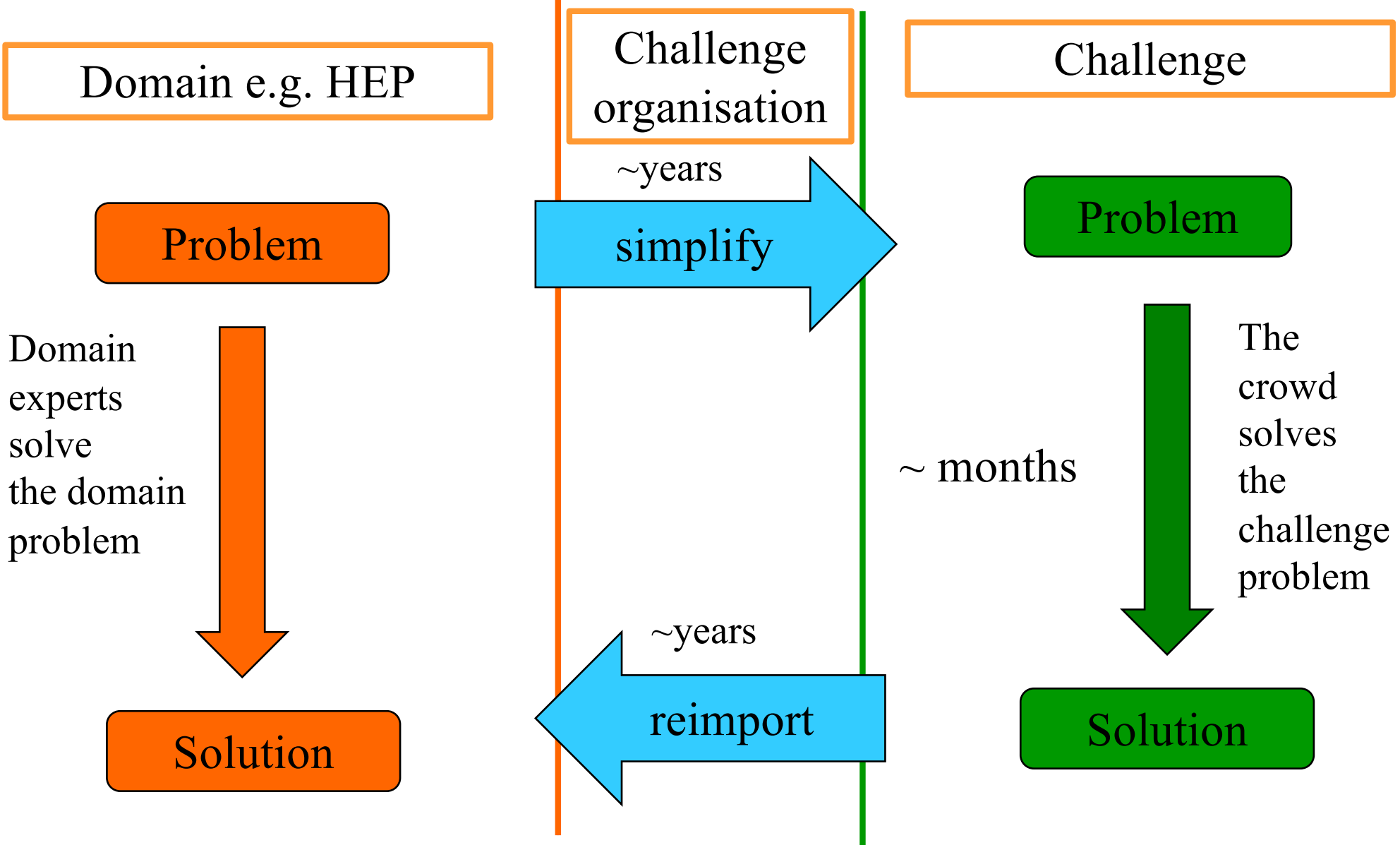
Scientific Data Challenges, David Rousseau, Oct 2019, Institut



Bruce Denby



From domain to challenge and back



TrackML in a nutshell



- ❑ Accurate simulation engine (ACTS <https://gitlab.cern.ch/acts/acts-core>) to produce realistic events
 - Ttbar events with 200 pileup
 - Silicon detector with barrels and disks (simplified HL-LHC ATLAS or CMS Si detector)
 - **One file with list of 3D points**
 - Ground truth : one file with point to particle association
 - Ground truth auxiliary : true particle parameter (origin, direction, curvature)
 - Typical events with ~200 parasitic collisions (~10.000 tracks/event)
- ❑ Large training sample 10k events, 0.1 billion tracks, 1 billion points, ~100GByte
- ❑ Accuracy phase (May to August 2018) on Kaggle
 - Participants are given the test sample (with usual split for public and private leaderboard) and run the evaluation to find the tracks
 - They should upload the tracks they have found
 - **A track is a list of 3D points**
 - Score : fraction of points correctly grouped together
 - Evaluation on test sample with per-mille precision on 100 event
- ❑ Throughput phase Sep to Mar 2019 on Codalab
 - Participants submit their code to solve the same problem
 - Strong CPU incentive

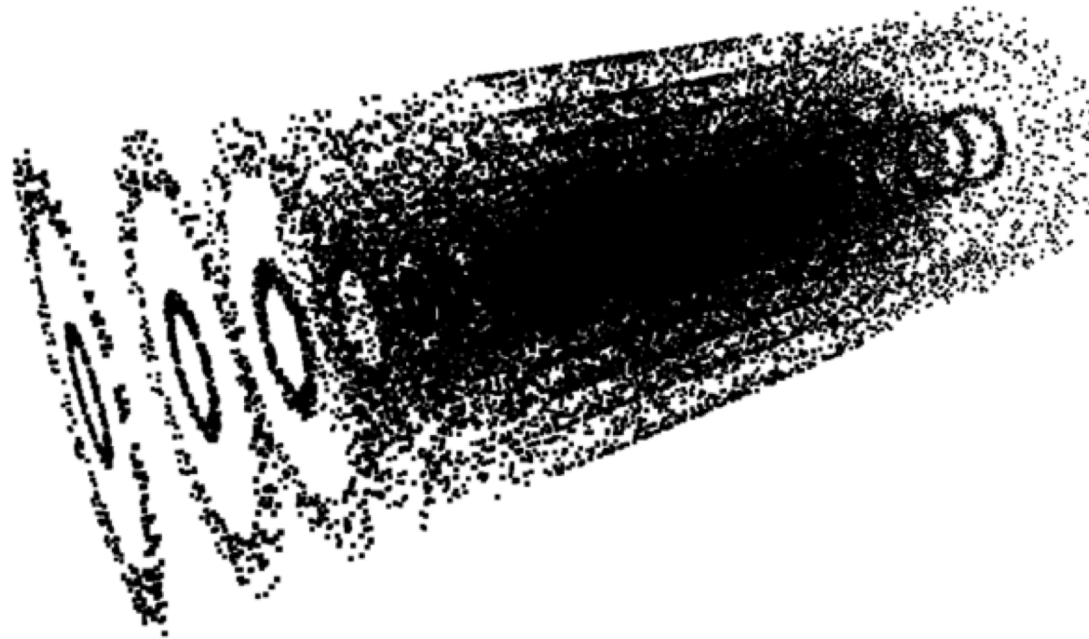
TrackML timeline



Dataset



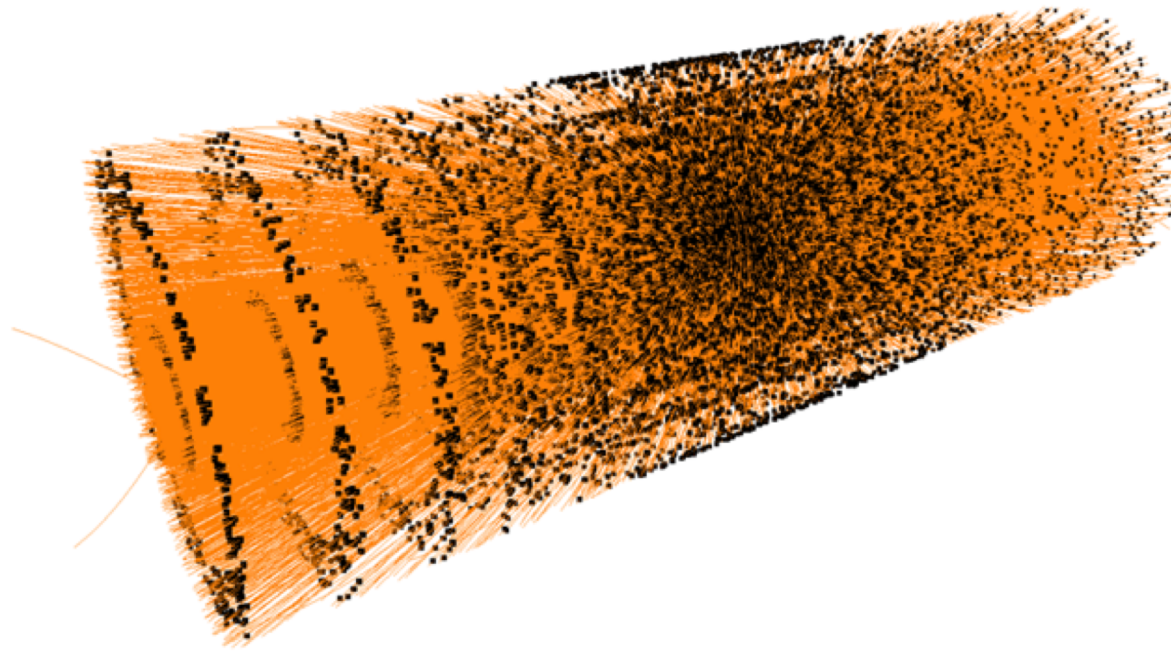
3D points



Dataset



3D points → tracks



Datasets



□ Particle file

| | | origin vertex (mm) | | | momentum (GeV) | | | charge | |
|---|------------------|--------------------|-----------|-----------|----------------|------------|------------|--------|--|
| | particle_id | vx | vy | vz | px | py | pz | q | |
| 0 | 4503805785800704 | -0.021389 | -0.012618 | -0.624757 | 38.907001 | -16.146099 | -84.311096 | -1 | |
| 1 | 4504011944230912 | -0.021389 | -0.012618 | -0.624757 | -0.661993 | 0.118267 | 249.181000 | 1 | |
| 2 | 4504080663707648 | -0.021389 | -0.012618 | -0.624757 | 0.821614 | 0.954217 | 0.948994 | -1 | |
| 3 | 4504149383184384 | -0.021389 | -0.012618 | -0.624757 | 0.300791 | 0.080450 | 2.656530 | 1 | |
| 4 | 4504218102661120 | -0.021389 | -0.012618 | -0.624757 | -0.552250 | -0.481988 | -0.888733 | 1 | |

(note : we do not ask participant to reconstruct these track parameters but these could be useful latent variables)

□ (static)Detector file

| | | | | center position (mm) | | | 3x3 rotation matrix | | | |
|---|-----------|----------|-----------|----------------------|-----------|---------|---------------------|-----------|--------|-----------|
| | volume_id | layer_id | module_id | cx | cy | cz | rot_xu | rot_xv | rot_xw | rot_xu |
| 0 | 6 | 2 | 1 | -65.7965 | -5.17830 | -1502.5 | 0.078459 | -0.996917 | 0.0 | -0.996917 |
| 1 | 6 | 2 | 2 | -139.8510 | -6.46568 | -1502.0 | 0.046183 | -0.998933 | 0.0 | -0.998933 |
| 2 | 6 | 2 | 3 | -138.6570 | -19.34190 | -1498.0 | 0.138156 | -0.990410 | 0.0 | -0.990410 |
| 3 | 6 | 2 | 4 | -64.1764 | -15.40740 | -1498.0 | 0.233445 | -0.972370 | 0.0 | -0.972370 |

Datasets



Hit file

(measured position mm)

(pixel location and charge)

| | hit_id | volume_id | layer_id | module_id | x | y | z | ncells | pixels |
|---|--------|-----------|----------|-----------|----------|-----------|---------|--------|-------------------------|
| 0 | 1 | 7 | 2 | 1 | -63.9659 | -3.70513 | -1502.5 | 1 | [[141, 605, 0.297491]] |
| 1 | 2 | 7 | 2 | 1 | -40.2738 | 2.82386 | -1502.5 | 1 | [[48, 176, 0.291861]] |
| 2 | 3 | 7 | 2 | 1 | -88.1049 | -11.72380 | -1502.5 | 1 | [[263, 1044, 0.327308]] |
| 3 | 4 | 7 | 2 | 1 | -39.7041 | -8.71702 | -1502.5 | 1 | [[279, 182, 0.327097]] |
| 4 | 5 | 7 | 2 | 1 | -30.4918 | -8.19262 | -1502.5 | 1 | [[283, 18, 0.258165]] |

Truth file

(true position mm

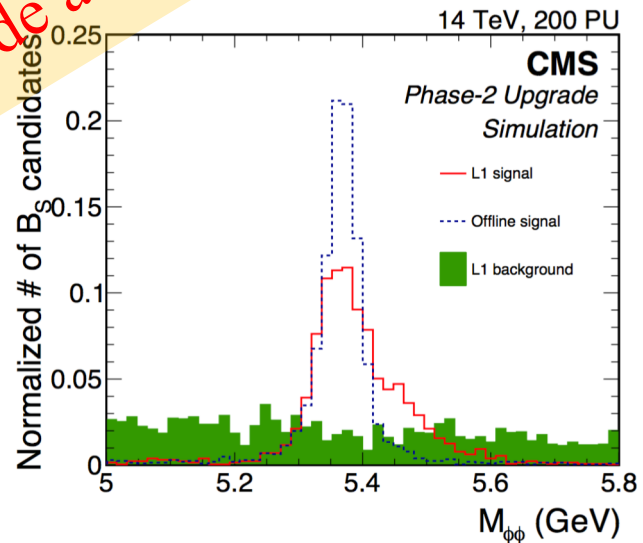
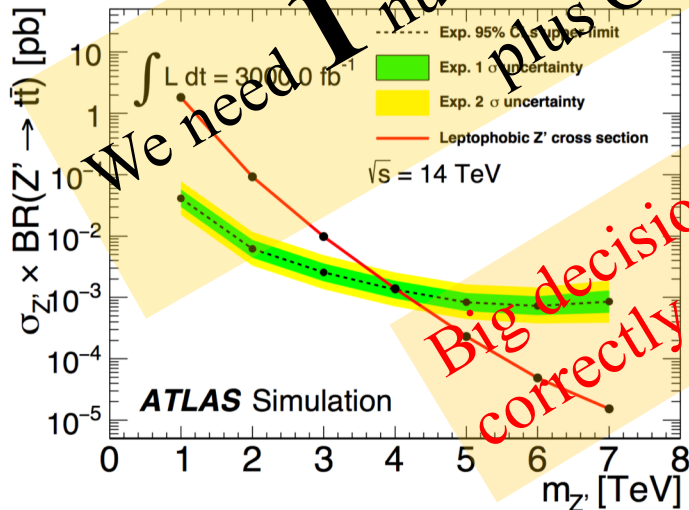
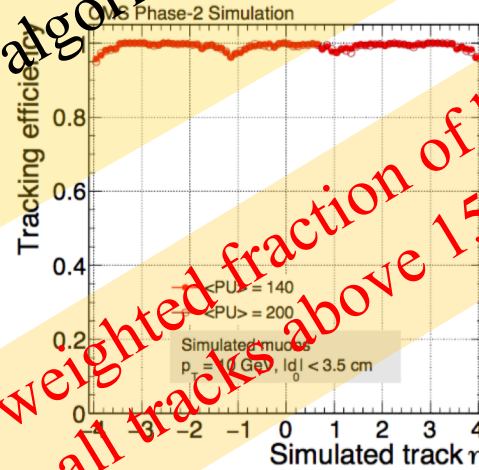
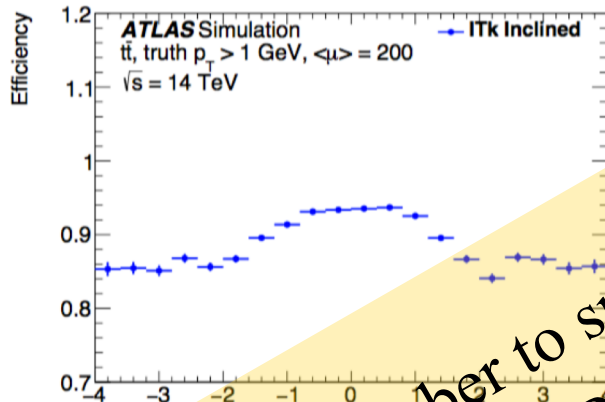
particle momentum GeV)

| | hit_id | particle_id | tx | ty | tz | tpx | tpy | tpz | weight |
|---|--------|--------------------|------------|-----------|---------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| 0 | 1 | 58562600635465728 | -63.972698 | -3.72889 | -1502.5 | -0.342366 | -0.001899 | -7.83544 | 0.018565 |
| 1 | 2 | 103582997587951616 | -40.287201 | 2.84328 | -1502.5 | -0.366049 | 0.013878 | -13.55470 | 0.035088 |
| 2 | 3 | 108088040324333568 | -88.089600 | -11.72360 | -1502.5 | -0.550128 | -0.041929 | -9.22279 | 0.018542 |
| 3 | 4 | 108090926542356480 | -39.712601 | -8.71581 | -1502.5 | -0.363936 | -0.094646 | -14.01150 | 0.035088 |
| 4 | 5 | 108103502206599168 | -30.470400 | -8.18647 | -1502.5 | -0.413489 | -0.123403 | -20.65790 | 0.000000 |

Score



- 2017 CMS tracker Technical Design Report : Chapter 6 expected performance 31 pages 58 figures
- ATLAS Si strip Technical Design Report Chapter 4 ITk Performance and Physics Benchmark Studies 54 pages 80 figures



We need 1 number to specify how good an algorithm is, plus CPU time
 Big decision : score is ~ « the weighted fraction of hits correctly associated ». Include all tracks above 150MeV

Real life vs challenge

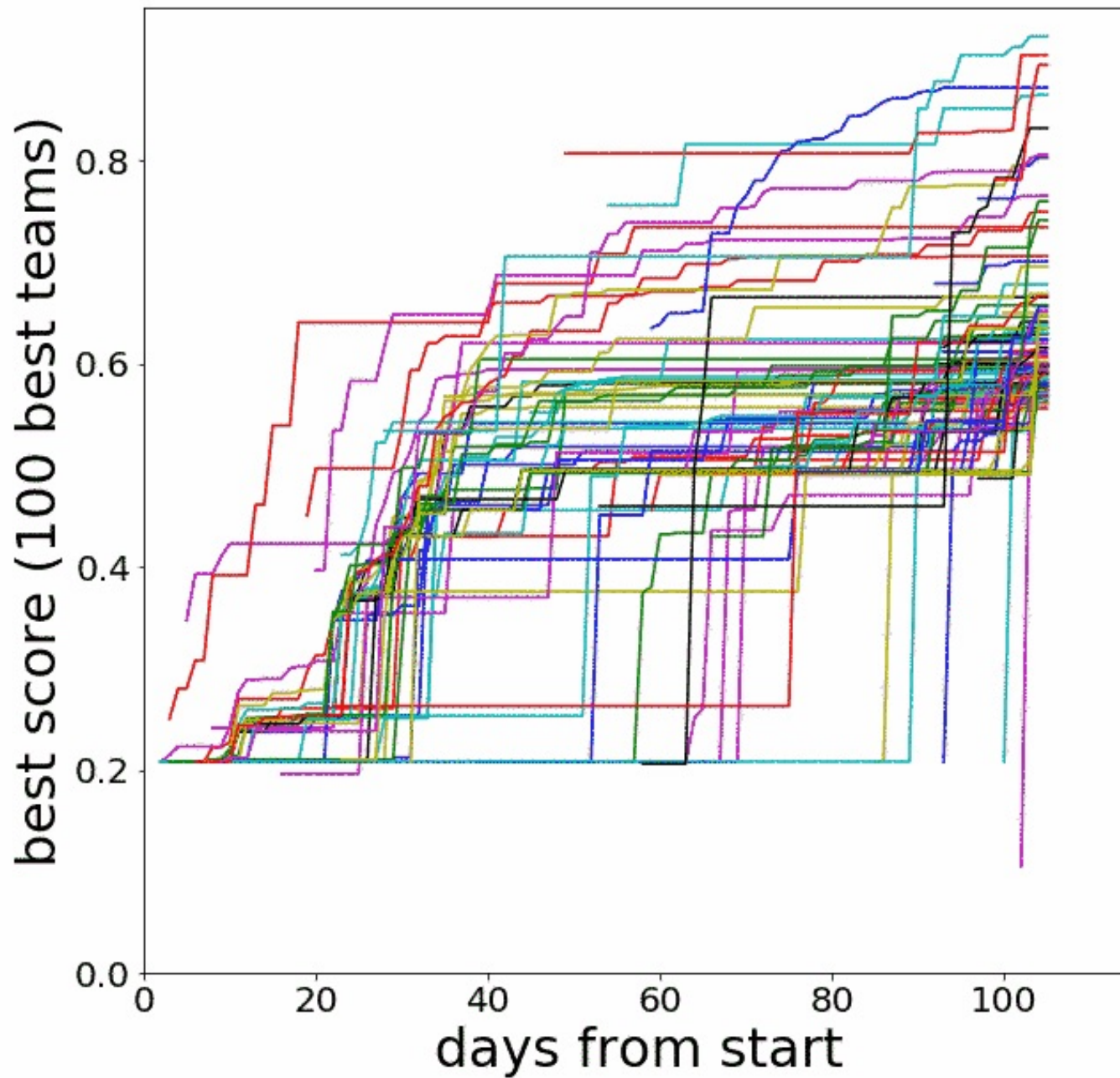


1. Wide type of physics events
2. Full detailed Geant 4 / data
3. Detailed dead matter description
4. Complex geometry (tilted modules, double layers, misalignments...)
5. Hit merging
6. Allow shared hits
7. Output is hit clustering, track parameter and covariance matrix
8. Multiple metrics (see TDR's)

1. One event type (ttbar)
2. ACTS (MS, energy loss, hadronic interaction, solenoidal magnetic field, inefficiency)
3. Cylinders and slabs
4. Simple, ideal, geometry (cylinders and disks)
5. No hit merging
6. Disallow shared hits
7. Output is hit clustering
8. Single number metrics

Simpler, but not too simple!

Evolution of leaderboard



Final Leaderboard



Only public LB to private LB rank change



| | | | | | | |
|----|-----|-------------------------|--|---------|----|-----|
| 1 | — | Top Quarks | | 0.92182 | 10 | 19d |
| 2 | — | outrunner | | 0.90302 | 9 | 18d |
| 3 | HEP | Sergey Gorbunov | | 0.89353 | 6 | 18d |
| 4 | HEP | demelian | | 0.87079 | 35 | 1mo |
| 5 | — | Edwin Steiner | | 0.86395 | 5 | 18d |
| 6 | — | Komaki | | 0.83127 | 22 | 18d |
| 7 | — | Yuval & Trian | | 0.80414 | 56 | 18d |
| 8 | — | bestfitting | | 0.80341 | 6 | 18d |
| 9 | — | DBSCAN forever | | 0.80114 | 23 | 18d |
| 10 | — | Zidmie & KhaVo | | 0.76320 | 26 | 18d |
| 11 | — | Andrea Lonza | | 0.75845 | 15 | 18d |
| 12 | — | Finnies | | 0.74827 | 56 | 18d |
| 13 | — | Rei Matsuzaki | | 0.74035 | 12 | 18d |
| 14 | — | Mickey | | 0.73217 | 10 | 2mo |
| 15 | — | Vicens Gaitan | | 0.70429 | 19 | 1mo |
| 16 | — | Robert | | 0.69955 | 3 | 21d |
| 17 | — | Yuval-CPMP tribute band | | 0.69364 | 20 | 20d |
| 18 | — | N. Hi. Bouzu | | 0.67573 | 9 | 22d |
| 19 | — | Steins;Gate | | 0.66763 | 12 | 19d |
| 20 | ▲1 | Victor Nedel'ko | | 0.66723 | 4 | 2mo |

clay

Experience with first phase



- ❑ 630 participants
- ❑ Some only downloaded provided solutions, but >100 did provide original code (or tuning of existing code)
- ❑ Lots of exchange on the forum
 - People googling courses on HEP tracking...
 - Exchanging ideas, and even code...
 - ...up to a certain point (score $\leq 50\%$)
- ❑ A variety of algorithms with various role for ML

A few competitors

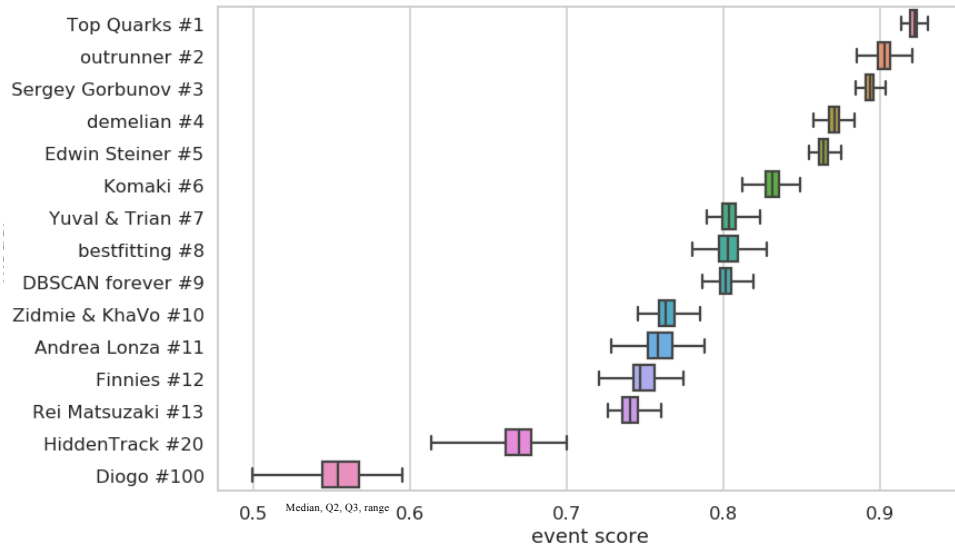


- ❑ icecube (Oslo CS master student) #1 92.2 % : combinatorial approach+ML
- ❑ outrunner (Taiwan sw engineer) #2 90.3% Deep Learning approach
 - Evaluates probability of any two points to be on same track
 - Very innovative!
 - However takes one full day per event !
- ❑ Sergey Gorbunov #3 89.4% demelian #4 87.1% : HEP tracking trigger experts
- ❑ Yuval (israëli entrepreneur) & Trian (greek sw engineer) #7 80.4% : unsupervised clustering with randomized projections
- ❑ CPMP (french IBM engineer) #9 80.1% : DBSCAN unsupervised clustering algorithm
 - we gave DBSCAN in starting kit, with a 20% score, because in only required a few lines

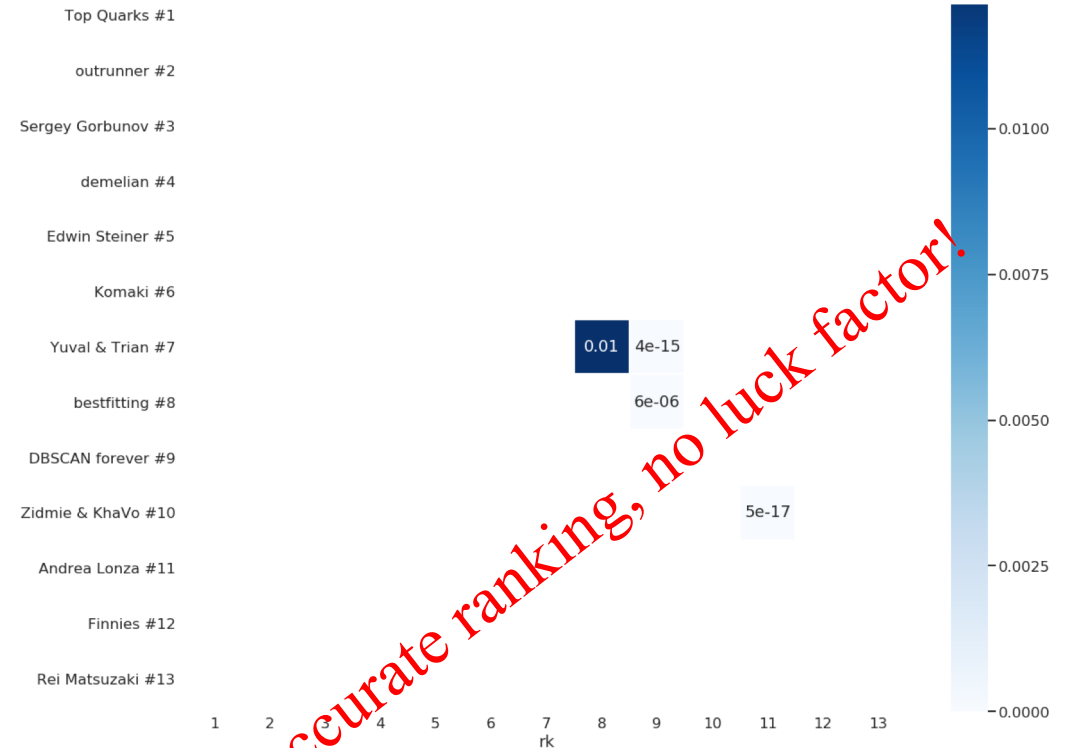
Ranking Accuracy



Score distributions on 125 test events



Wilcoxon Signed-Rank test



e.g. Participant Data Analysis



We provided a data visualisation notebook: but participants did much better within two days:

Data Exploration:

Data

Comments

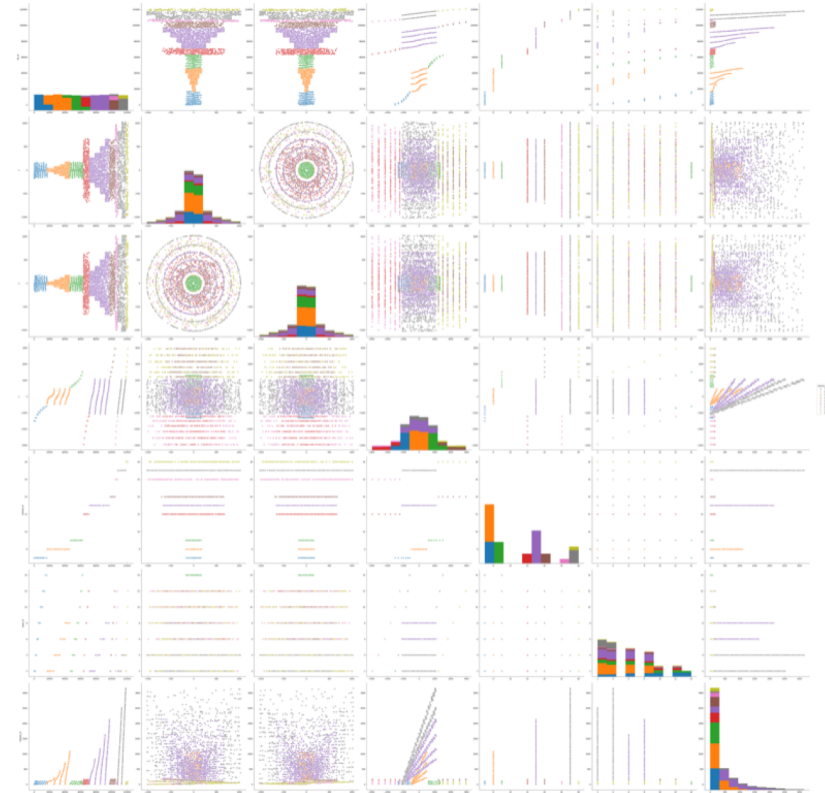
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variables histograms.

The (hit_id, x) and (hit_id, y) pairs show us how different volumes are layered.

This figure idea is taken from [Joshua Bonatt's notebook](#).

Code

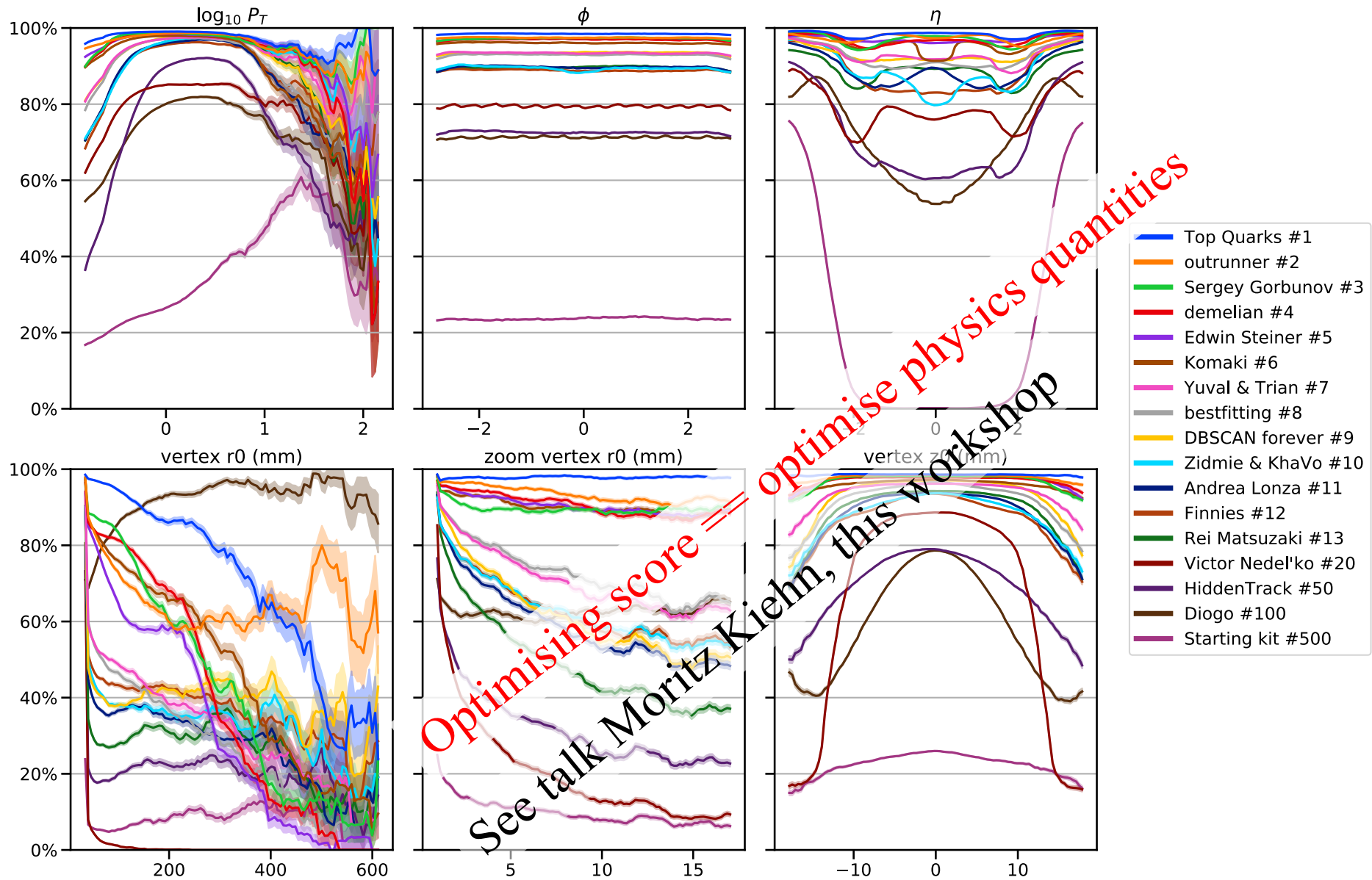


Particle Data

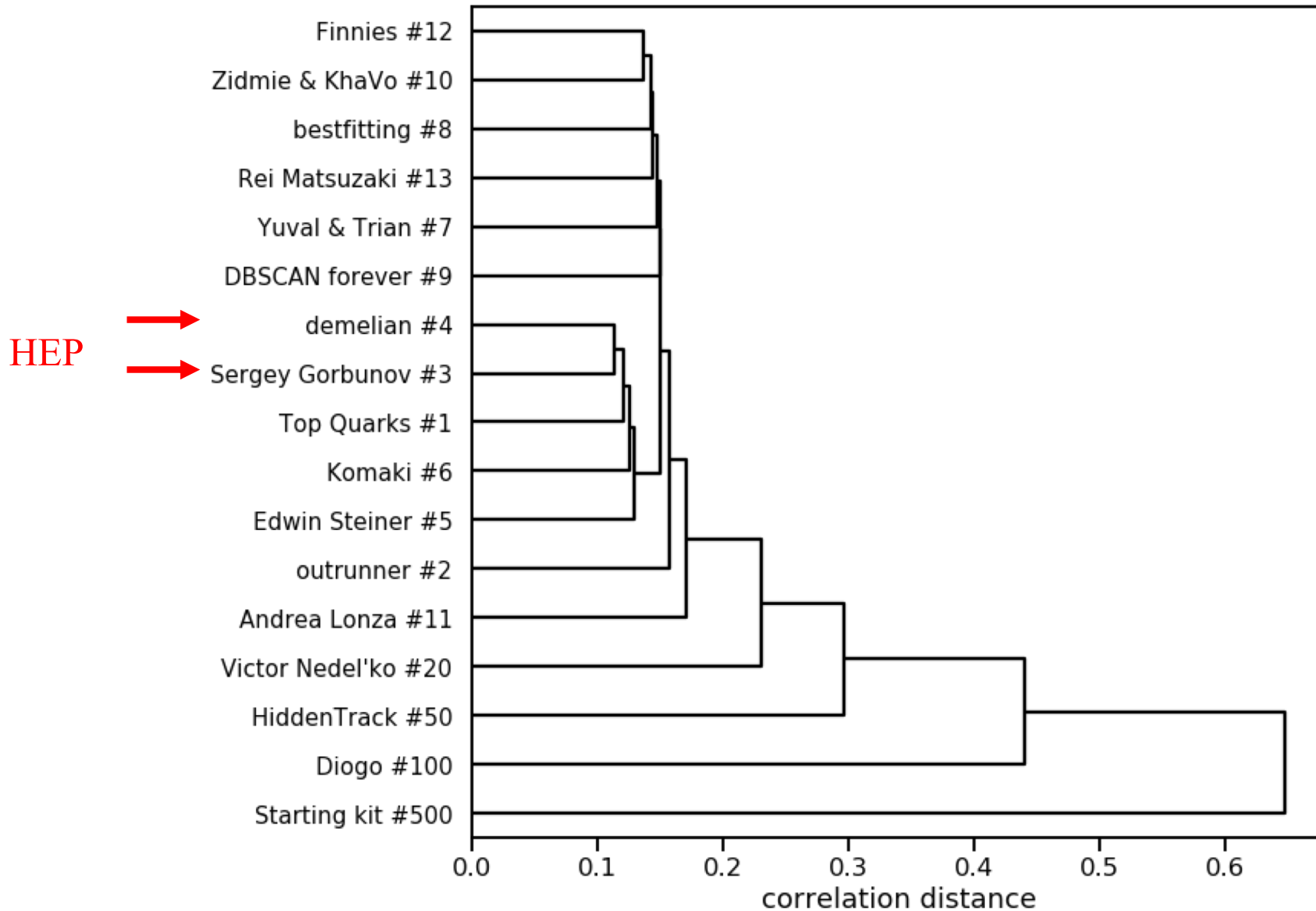
The particle data help us understand each particle's initial position, momentum, and charge, which we can join with the event truth data set to get the particle's final position and momentum. This is needed to identify the tracks that each particle generated.

The data look like this:

Efficiency all



Participants dendrogram



Throughput Phase



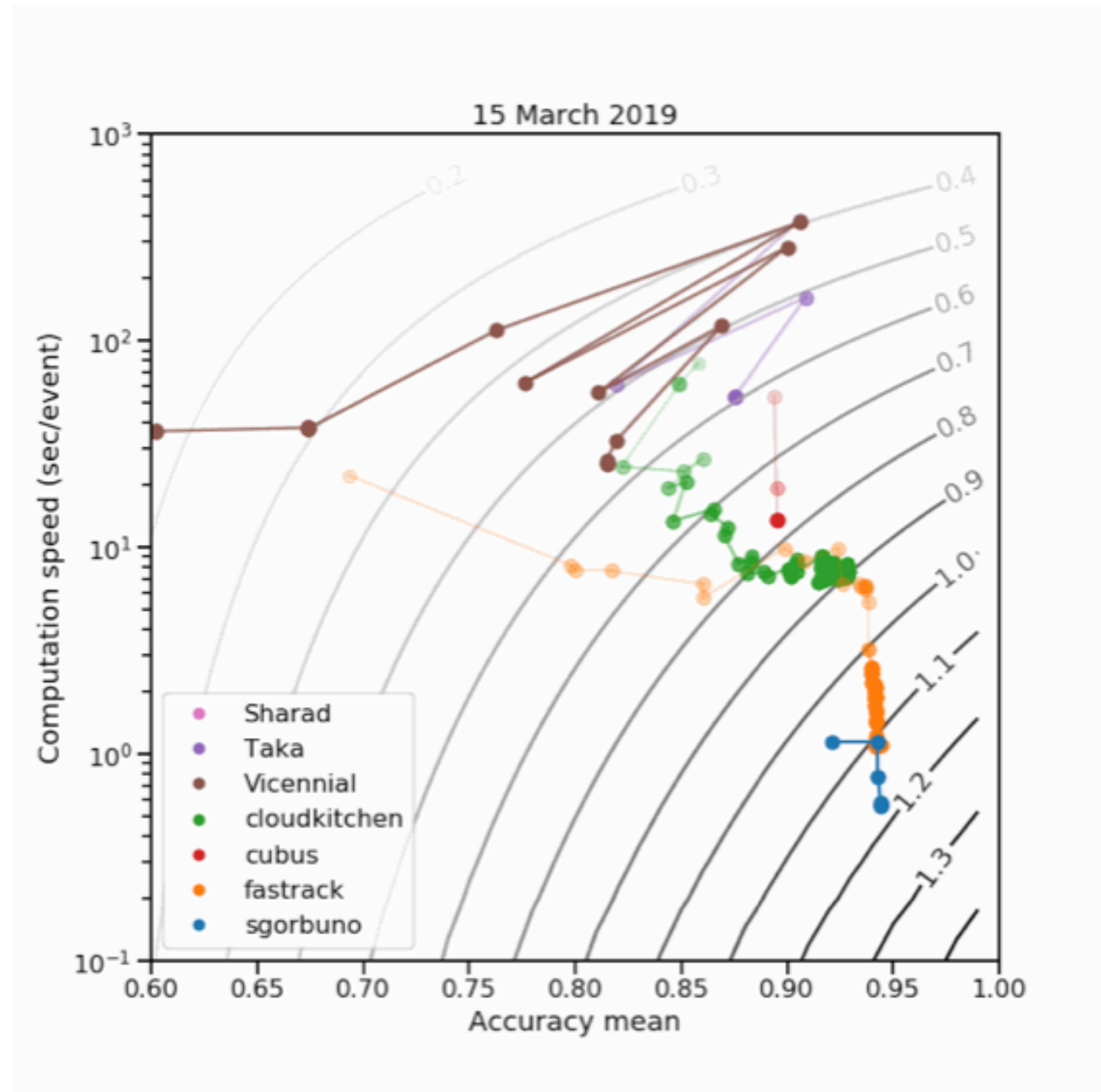
Now participants submit their software...
... and are evaluated on accuracy AND speed !

Launched 6th Sep 2018 until 12th March 2019 on Codalab

Throughput platform



- ❑ Kaggle initially told us they would also provide the speed estimate...
- ❑ ...but they suddenly declined.
- ❑ ...so we did it ourself on Codalab, with U Paris-Sud resources.
- ❑ Specific difficulties:
 - Speed measurement reproducibility no better than 3% (even on dedicated machine)
 - Many hacks anticipated (e.g. dumping the data in the log file...)
 - More hacks for sure...
- ❑ →decision : remeasure speed at the end of the competition many times on a dedicated machine
 - →it worked
- ❑ Providing for competition with accurate online time measurement is an open problem (Kaggle is working on it, given the demand, see e.g. « [the Airbus Ship Detection challenge](#) »)

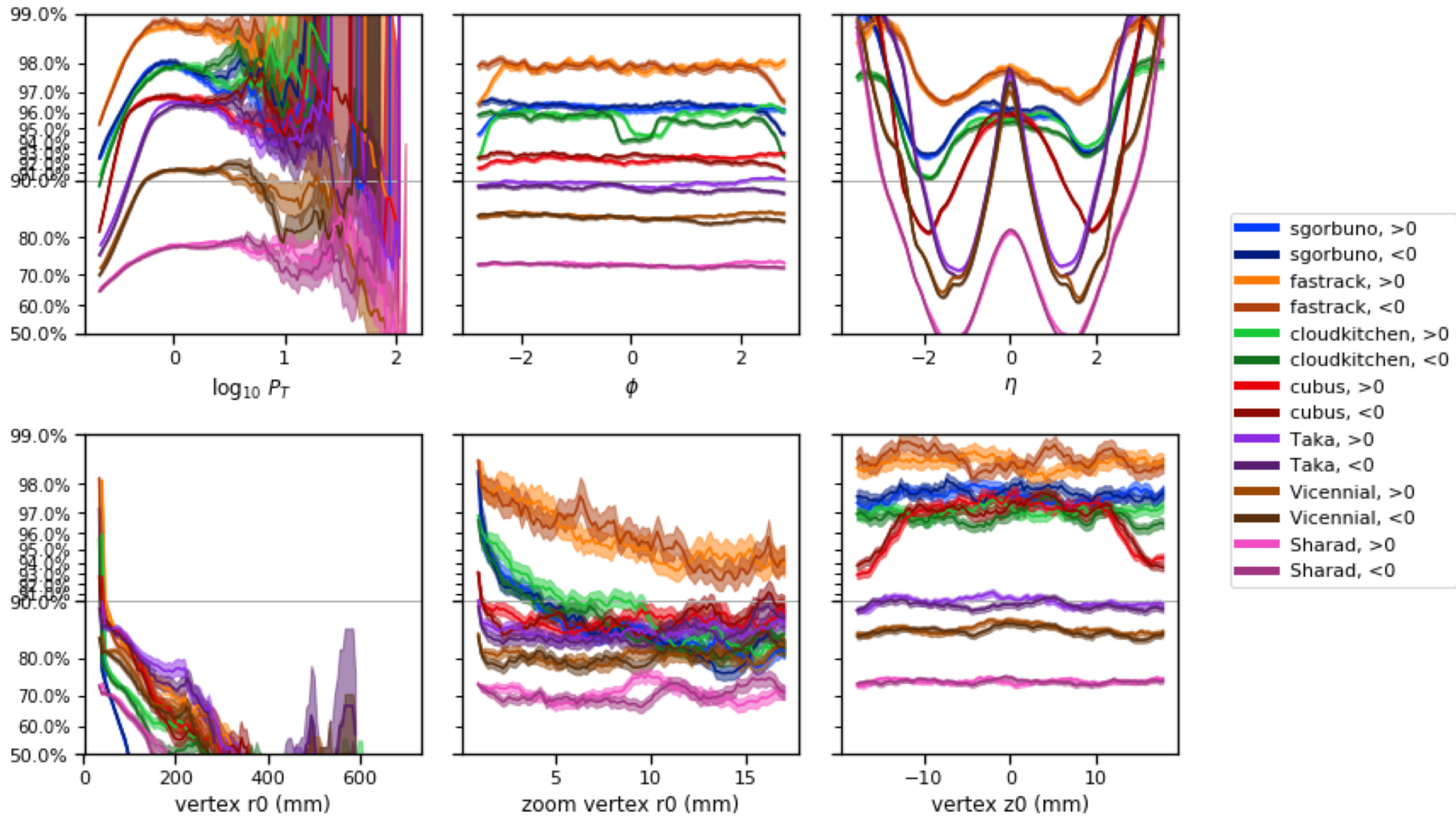


Accuracy mean

Throughput phase LB

| RESULTS | | | | | | | | Private leaderboard | |
|---------|-------------------------|---------|--------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|----------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------|
| # | User | Entries | Date of Last Entry | score ▲ | accuracy_mean ▲ | accuracy_std ▲ | computation time (sec) ▲ | computation speed (sec/event) ▲ | Duration ▲ |
| 1 | sgorbuno HEP | 9 | 03/12/19 | 1.1727 (1) 1.16 | 0.944 (2) 0.943 | 0.00 (14) | 28.06 (1) | 0.56 (1) 0.60 | 64.00 (1) |
| 2 | fastrack HEP | 53 | 03/12/19 | 1.1145 (2) 1.12 | 0.944 (1) 0.944 | 0.00 (15) | 55.51 (16) | 1.11 (16) 1.00 | 91.00 (6) |
| 3 | cloudkitchen HEP | 73 | 03/12/19 | 0.9007 (3) 0.897 | 0.928 (3) 0.927 | 0.00 (13) | 364.00 (18) | 7.28 (18) 7.41 | 407.00 (8) |
| 4 | cubus | 8 | 09/13/18 | 0.7719 (4) 0.770 | 0.895 (4) 0.895 | 0.01 (9) | 675.35 (19) | 13.51 (19) 13.7 | 724.00 (9) |
| 5 | Taka | 11 | 01/13/19 | 0.5930 (5) | 0.875 (5) | 0.01 (12) | 2668.50 (23) | 53.37 (23) | 2758.00 (13) |
| 6 | Vicennial | 27 | 02/24/19 | 0.5634 (6) | 0.815 (6) | 0.01 (10) | 1270.73 (20) | 25.41 (20) | 1339.00 (10) |
| 7 | Sharad | 57 | 03/10/19 | 0.2918 (7) | 0.674 (7) | 0.02 (4) | 1902.20 (22) | 38.04 (22) | 1986.00 (12) |
| 8 | WeizmannAI | 5 | 03/12/19 | 0.0000 (8) | 0.133 (11) | 0.01 (11) | 88.08 (17) | 1.76 (17) | 124.00 (7) |
| 9 | harshakoundinya | 2 | 03/12/19 | 0.0000 (8) | 0.085 (13) | 0.01 (6) | 49.22 (8) | 0.98 (8) | 86.00 (3) |
| 10 | iWit | 6 | 03/10/19 | 0.0000 (8) | 0.082 (15) | 0.01 (8) | 48.23 (3) | 0.96 (3) | 85.00 (2) |

Throughput phase Efficiency



Not quite as good as for accuracy phase: do not spend time when not worth it

Where did ML people go ?



- ❑ 100 participants registered on Codalab but only 10 submitted non trivial code. Why ? Our guesses:
 - Kaggle visibility vs Codalab visibility.
 - On Kaggle people win points across competition, can access « Grand master status », etc... very valuable on their CV
 - « Professional » kagglers move from one challenge to the next. No interest in long term involvement
 - (still we had some praises like « most interesting challenge I had ever done »)
 - Codalab is a research platform
 - No GPU (while ML code « naturally » run on GPU)
 - C++ vs python : python was allowed but people realise they had to write in C++ for speed. Many ML people do not know C++
 - Not completely trivial effort to properly wrap code for submission

HEP wins at the end



- ❑ The podium are HEP experts. Was it worth it ?
- ❑ Definitely : best solutions in <1 s to be compared to >10 s for ATLAS or CMS (order of magnitude comparison)
- ❑ HEP people liked the gamification of the problem.
 - Also one is ALICE, one is ATLAS, one is Computing Center management.
- ❑ The dataset will be released on CERN Open Data portal for future development
 - Already used in research papers e.g. tracking with quantum computing (see talk in CERN Grand Finale workshop)
- ❑ On going work to integrate the best ideas (of both phases) in future algorithms for ATLAS and CMS (many discussion in that workshop)

TrackML Conference talks



- ❑ Connecting The Dots 2015 Seattle
- ❑ Connecting The Dots 2016 Vienna
- ❑ CHEP 2016 Okinawa
- ❑ Connecting The Dots / Intelligent Trackers 2017 Orsay
- ❑ NeurIPS 2017 Los Angeles CiML workshop
- ❑ Connecting The Dots 2018 Seattle
- ❑ CHEP 2018 Sofia
- ❑ WCCI 2018 Rio de Janeiro
- ❑ ICHEP 2018 Seoul
- ❑ IEEE NSSMIC 2018 Sidney
- ❑ IEEE eScience 2018 Amsterdam
- ❑ NeurIPS 2018 Montreal Competition workshop
- ❑ ACAT 2019 Saas-Fe
- ❑ Connecting The Dots 2019 Valencia
- ❑ EPS 2019 Ghent
- ❑ CHEP 2019 Adelaïde
- ❑ ...and much more workshops and seminars....

Useful links



- ❑ See also Laurent Basara's talk in Detector and Data Handling session Friday 12:45, about the algorithms exposed
- ❑ Contact : trackml.contact@gmail.com
<https://sites.google.com/site/trackmlparticle> Twitter : @trackmlhc
- ❑ Accuracy phase @ Kaggle : <https://www.kaggle.com/c/trackml-particle-identification>
 - →chapter in the NeurIPS 2018 Competition book [arXiv:1904.06778](https://arxiv.org/abs/1904.06778) final version just released
- ❑ Throughput phase @ Codalab :
<https://competitions.codalab.org/competitions/20112>
 - Write-up being finalized
- ❑ CERN Grand Finale workshop 1-2 Jul 2019 :
<https://indico.cern.ch/event/813759/>

Wrapping-up



How to design a scientific data challenge ?

No recipe!



Still some guidelines



- ❑ An interesting scientific problem
 - For science (e.g. physics)
 - For Computer Science
- ❑ Personpower to create the challenge (2-3 FTE year for HiggsML 5-6 for TrackML)
- ❑ Focus on one problem, and simplify
- ❑ A realistic (high statistics) dataset
- ❑ One figure of merit
 - Should match the scientific expertise
 - Easily understandable for non experts
- ❑ A challenge platform
 - Kaggle very popular, can fund prize money
 - RAMP or Codalab more flexible
- ❑ A starting kit to kick-start people (not too directive)
- ❑ A competitive market ! Another challenge is one click away
 - Simple explanation "for the dummies"
 - Submission of trivial solution should be possible in a few minutes
 - Communication !
- ❑ Monitor competition, be responsive on forum
- ❑ Take care of most active participants
- ❑ **Most important is what happens after the competition :**
 - long lasting collaboration with participants
 - long lasting use of dataset