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# Attention to the strengths of physics interactions

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## Enhanced Deep Learning Event Classification for Particle Physics Experiments

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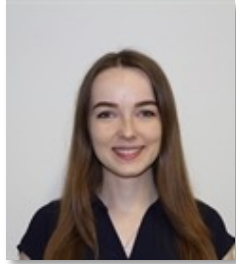
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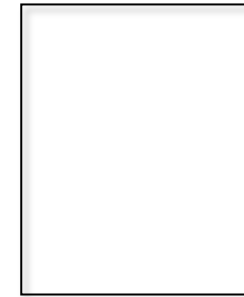
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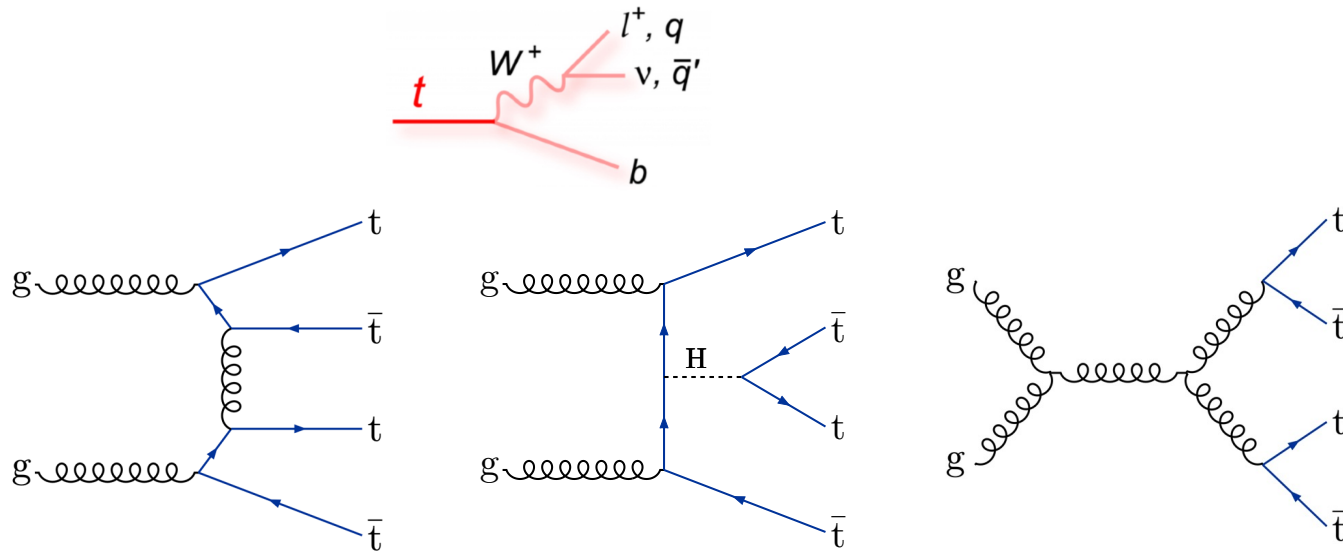
The question was: “**What is *the best event classifier* for the LHC?**”



# The four-top-quarks and $t\bar{t}H$ production at LHC

Production of **four top quarks** is very rare

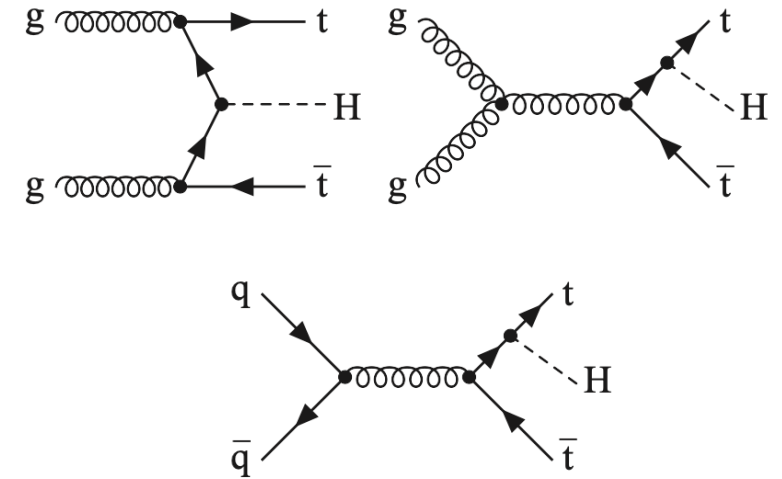
- **NLO QCD:**  $\sigma(t\bar{t}t\bar{t}) = 12 \text{ fb} \pm 20\%$  [[JHEP02\(2018\)031](#)]
- **NLO+NLL:**  $\sigma(t\bar{t}t\bar{t}) = 13.4 \text{ fb} \pm 11\%$  [[arXiv:2212.03259](#)]



Examples of Feynman diagrams for SM  $t\bar{t}t\bar{t}$  production at leading order in QCD and via an off-shell Higgs boson mediator

**First observation** of  $t\bar{t}t\bar{t}$  production with an observed (expected) significance of **6.1 $\sigma$  (4.3 $\sigma$ )** with **GNN** by **ATLAS** [[Eur. Phys. J. C 83, 496 \(2023\)](#)]  
**5.6 $\sigma$  (4.9 $\sigma$ )** with **BDT** by **CMS** [[Phys. Lett. B 847 \(2023\) 138290](#)]

The **Top-top-Higgs** has a small cross section (1/100 ggF)  
 $\sigma(t\bar{t}H) \sim 0.507 \text{ pb}$



Example tree-level Feynman diagrams for the  $pp \rightarrow t\bar{t}H$

**Observation of  $t\bar{t}H$  production**  
**6.3 $\sigma$  (5.1 $\sigma$ )** by **ATLAS** [[Phys. Lett. B 784 \(2018\) 173](#)]  
**5.2 $\sigma$  (4.2 $\sigma$ )** by **CMS** [[Phys. Rev. Lett. 120, 231801](#)]

# The four-top decays and Background composition

Simulated  $pp$  Collisions at  $\sqrt{S} = 13$  TeV

**Signal region:**

$\geq 6$  jets  $\geq 2$ b-jets and  $H_T \geq 500$  GeV

The most sensitive channel for **four-top** is:

- **Multilepton final state:**  
**2 Leptons Same Sign and 3 Leptons (2LSS/3L),**  
**13% branching ration, highest sensitivity – observation**

**Signal process:**

-  $t\bar{t}t\bar{t}$

**Physical backgrounds:**

-  $t\bar{t}Z$ ,  $t\bar{t}H$ ,  $t\bar{t}W$ ,  $t\bar{t}WW$

event ID; process ID; weight;  $\cancel{E}_T$ ;  $\phi_{\cancel{E}_T}$ ;  $obj_1, E_1, p_{T_1}, \eta_1, \phi_1$ ;  $obj_2, E_2, p_{T_2}, \eta_2, \phi_2$ ; ...

- **All other kinematic variables can be calculated from four-vectors**

	jets	b-jets	$e^-$	$e^+$	$\mu^-$	$\mu^+$	$\gamma$	$N_{\max}$
FCN, BDT	4	4	1	1	1	1		12
CNN, PN, ParT	no limits							18

Later, it is used for a second analysis as a signal (see slide 11)

$N_{\max}$  – the maximum number of objects in an event

# Summary of ML model details

arXiv:2211.05143

Variables per particle

Also receives  $\cancel{E}_T$ ;  $\phi_{\cancel{E}_T}$

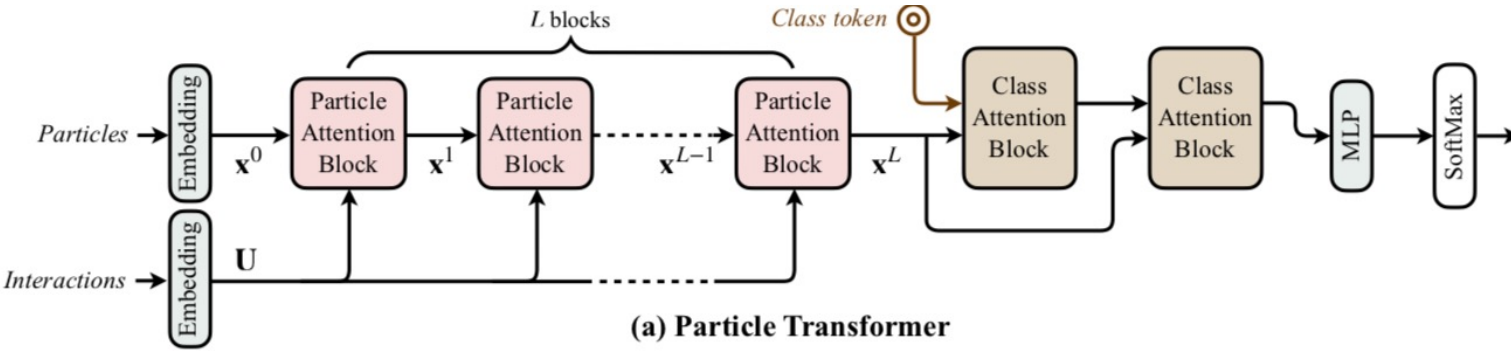
$E, p_T, \eta, \phi, \text{jet}_{\text{tag}}, \text{b-jet}_{\text{tag}}, e_{\text{tag}}^-, e_{\text{tag}}^+, \mu_{\text{tag}}^-, \mu_{\text{tag}}^+, \gamma_{\text{tag}}$

NN structure	Pairwise kinematic features	Loss function
BDT		Cross-entropy
BDT <sub>int.</sub>	$m_{ij}, \Delta R_{ij}$	
FCN		
CNN		
PN		
PN <sub>int.</sub>	$m_{ij}, \Delta R_{ij}$	
PN <sub>int.</sub> SMids	$m_{ij}, \Delta R_{ij} + \text{SM matrix}[1]$	
PN <sub>int.</sub> SM const	$m_{ij}, \Delta R_{ij} + \text{SM matrix}[2]$	
PN <sub>int.</sub> SM	$m_{ij}, \Delta R_{ij} + \text{SM matrix}[3]$	
ParT		
ParT <sub>int.</sub>	$m_{ij}, \Delta R_{ij}$	Focal [ $\alpha = 0.75, \gamma = 3$ ]
ParT <sub>int.</sub> SM (FL)	$m_{ij}, \Delta R_{ij} + \text{SM matrix}[3]$	
ParT <sub>int.</sub> SMids	$m_{ij}, \Delta R_{ij} + \text{SM matrix}[1]$	Cross-entropy
ParT <sub>int.</sub> SM const	$m_{ij}, \Delta R_{ij} + \text{SM matrix}[2]$	
ParT <sub>int.</sub> SM	$m_{ij}, \Delta R_{ij} + \text{SM matrix}[3]$	
SetT <sub>int.</sub> SM	$m_{ij}, \Delta R_{ij} + \text{SM matrix}[3]$	

The **particle input** variables and **pairwise kinematic features** that were used in the **NN structures**, each with their respective **loss function**

**16 MODELS IN TOTAL!**

# Transformers



(a) Particle Transformer

## Attention Modules

(scaled dot product attention):

- $Attention(Q, K, V) = SoftMax \left( \frac{QK^T}{\sqrt{d}} + U \right) V$
- $Q = queries, K = keys, V = values$
- $Self-attention \rightarrow Q = K = V$

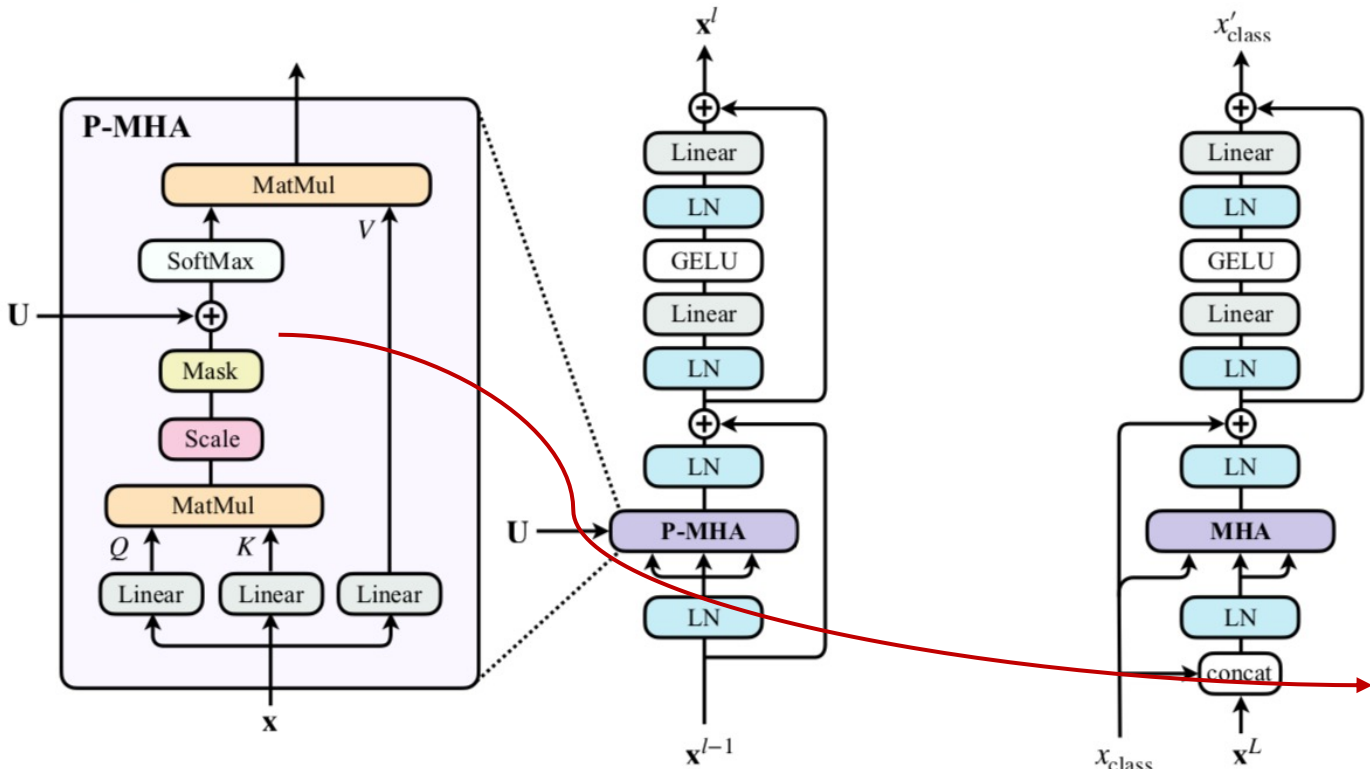
$$Q = Q \times W_Q$$

$$K = K \times W_K$$

$$V = V \times W_V$$

**Attention is All You Need!**

**U** → **Attention matrix** → correlation of “data sequence with data sequence”



(b) Particle Attention Block

(c) Class Attention Block

The architecture of (a) Particle Transformer (b) Particle Attention Block (c) Class Attention Block

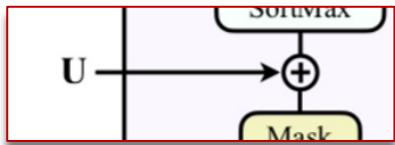
**U** → **Pairwise Features + SM interaction matrix** (attention matrix)



To show the interaction strength based on the SM coupling constants

# Adding Pairwise features

Include pairwise features in **Particle Transformer** through a trainable embedding  $U_{ij}$  for particles  $i$  and  $j$



**Pairwise Features +  
SM interaction matrix**  
(attention matrix)

## Attention Modules

$$\text{Attention}(Q, K, T) = \text{SoftMax} \left( \frac{QK^T}{\sqrt{d}} + U \right) V$$

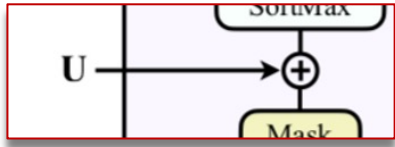
**Features** from the paper [\[arXiv:2202.03772\]](https://arxiv.org/abs/2202.03772)

- **ParT** uses high level features for better performance
  1.  $\Delta = \sqrt{(y_a - y_b)^2 + (\phi_a + \phi_b)^2}$
  2.  $k_t = \min(p_{T,a}, p_{T,b})\Delta$
  3.  $z = \min(p_{T,a}, p_{T,b}) / (p_{T,a}, p_{T,b})$
  4.  $m^2 = (E_a + E_b)^2 - \|p_a + p_b\|^2$
- These were also tested in **LightGBM**

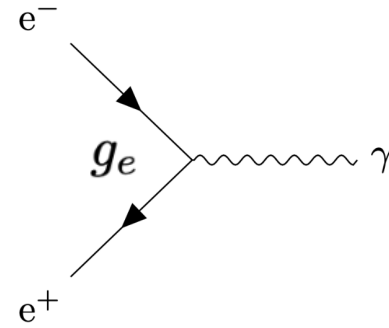
What we end up using :

$m_{ij}, \Delta R_{ij}$  and dynamically calculated **coupling constants** of interaction terms (i.e. a feature that is coupling constant when  $i$  and  $j$  are components of a **SM** current, and 0 otherwise)

# Interaction Matrices



**Pairwise Features +  
SM interaction matrix**  
(attention matrix)



**Matrix [1] – SM ids**

```
# - j jb e- e+ m- m+ g
([ [0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0], # -
  [0, 1, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1], # j
  [0, 1, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1], # jb
  [0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 1], # e-
  [0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1], # e+
  [0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1], # m-
  [0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 1], # m+
  [0, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 0] ] ) # g
```

**Matrix [2] – SM const**

```
# - j bjet e- e+ m- m+ g(photon)
([ [0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0], # -
  [0, g_s, g_s, 0, 0, 0, 0, g_e/2], # j
  [0, g_s, g_s, 0, 0, 0, 0, g_e/3], # bjet
  [0, 0, 0, 0, g_z, 0, 0, g_e ], # e-
  [0, 0, 0, g_z, 0, 0, 0, g_e ], # e+
  [0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, g_z, g_e ], # m-
  [0, 0, 0, 0, 0, g_z, 0, g_e ], # m+
  [0, g_e/2, g_e/3, g_e, g_e, g_e, g_e, 0] ] ) # g
```

- '1' indicates an interaction possible at **LO** in the **SM**
- '0' indicates interactions that only appear at higher orders

- $g_z = 0.758$  for the weak force for leptons
- $g_s = 1.22$  for the strong force in jet interactions
- $g_e = 0.31$  for the electromagnetic force in photon interactions



# The energy dependence of the coupling constants

## Matrix [3] – SM

```
# - j bjet e- e+ m- m+ g(photon)
( [[0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0], # -
  [0, g_s, g_s, 0, 0, 0, 0, g_e/2], # j
  [0, g_s, g_s, 0, 0, 0, 0, g_e/3], # bjet
  [0, 0, 0, 0, g_z, 0, 0, g_e ], # e-
  [0, 0, 0, g_z, 0, 0, 0, g_e ], # e+
  [0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, g_z, g_e ], # m-
  [0, 0, 0, 0, 0, g_z, 0, g_e ], # m+
  [0, g_e/2, g_e/3, g_e, g_e, g_e, g_e, 0] ] ) # g
```



Pairwise Features +  
SM interaction matrix  
(attention matrix)

Dynamically calculated **coupling constants** of interaction terms !

$\alpha$  is the running coupling constant

$$(*) \alpha(Q^2) = \frac{\alpha(\mu_0^2)}{1 - \frac{n\alpha(\mu_0^2)}{3\pi} \cdot \ln\left(\frac{Q^2}{\mu_0^2}\right)},$$

$$g_e = \sqrt{4\pi\alpha}$$

$$\alpha_s(Q^2) = \frac{\alpha_s(\mu_0^2)}{1 + \frac{\alpha_s(\mu_0^2)(33 - 2n_f)}{12\pi} \ln\left(\frac{Q^2}{\mu_0^2}\right)},$$

$$g_s = \sqrt{4\pi\alpha_s} \quad n_f - \text{number of quark flavors that are active}$$

Where  $\mu_0 = 91.1876 \text{ GeV}$ ,  $\alpha(\mu_0) = \frac{1}{127.5}$ ,  $\alpha_s(\mu_0) = 0.118$ ,  $n_f = 6$

$$Q^2 = \bar{p}_t^2 = \left(\frac{p_t^i + p_t^j}{2}\right)^2$$

energy scale

(\*) Considered only leptons

$n = 3$  – approximates the contribution of the different particles in the loop

$$g_z = 0.758$$

# Results for the $t\bar{t}t\bar{t}$ signal

		BDT	BDT <sub>int.</sub>	FCN	CNN
$t\bar{t} + h$	AUC	0.825(0)	0.831(0)	0.821(2)	0.778(6)
	$\epsilon_B(\epsilon_S = 0.7)$	0.206(0)	0.192(0)	0.203(1)	0.272(11)
	$\epsilon_B(\epsilon_S = 0.3)$	0.026(1)	0.026(0)	0.026(1)	0.037(1)
$t\bar{t} + W$	AUC	0.891(0)	0.895(0)	0.887(0)	0.867(5)
	$\epsilon_B(\epsilon_S = 0.7)$	0.099(0)	0.092(0)	0.103(1)	0.125(8)
	$\epsilon_B(\epsilon_S = 0.3)$	0.011(0)	0.011(0)	0.010(0)	0.011(1)
$t\bar{t} + WW$	AUC	0.740(0)	0.746(0)	0.737(1)	0.745(2)
	$\epsilon_B(\epsilon_S = 0.7)$	0.347(0)	0.339(0)	0.342(5)	0.335(3)
	$\epsilon_B(\epsilon_S = 0.3)$	0.050(0)	0.051(0)	0.054(0)	0.051(0)
$t\bar{t} + Z$	AUC	0.833(0)	0.856(0)	0.836(0)	0.839(1)
	$\epsilon_B(\epsilon_S = 0.7)$	0.191(0)	0.163(0)	0.192(0)	0.190(4)
	$\epsilon_B(\epsilon_S = 0.3)$	0.026(0)	0.019(0)	0.023(0)	0.021(1)
		PN	PN <sub>int.</sub>	PN <sub>int. SM</sub>	ParT <sub>int. SM (FL)</sub>
$t\bar{t} + h$	AUC	0.824(0)	0.842(1)	<b>0.846(1)</b>	0.844(1)
	$\epsilon_B(\epsilon_S = 0.7)$	0.199(0)	0.176(3)	<b>0.171(2)</b>	0.176(2)
	$\epsilon_B(\epsilon_S = 0.3)$	0.025(0)	<b>0.019(1)</b>	0.020(1)	0.020(1)
$t\bar{t} + W$	AUC	0.887(0)	0.895(2)	0.900(1)	<b>0.902(4)</b>
	$\epsilon_B(\epsilon_S = 0.7)$	0.102(1)	0.097(1)	<b>0.091(1)</b>	<b>0.091(5)</b>
	$\epsilon_B(\epsilon_S = 0.3)$	0.011(0)	0.011(0)	<b>0.010(0)</b>	0.011(0)
$t\bar{t} + WW$	AUC	0.742(0)	0.760(1)	0.765(0)	0.768(3)
	$\epsilon_B(\epsilon_S = 0.7)$	0.335(2)	0.311(1)	0.297(2)	0.294(7)
	$\epsilon_B(\epsilon_S = 0.3)$	0.051(0)	0.044(1)	<b>0.044(1)</b>	0.044(1)
$t\bar{t} + Z$	AUC	0.851(0)	0.879(1)	<b>0.887(1)</b>	0.892(0)
	$\epsilon_B(\epsilon_S = 0.7)$	0.168(4)	0.136(1)	<b>0.126(2)</b>	0.119(4)
	$\epsilon_B(\epsilon_S = 0.3)$	0.020(0)	0.016(1)	0.016(0)	0.016(0)
		ParT	ParT <sub>int.</sub>	ParT <sub>int. SM</sub>	SetT <sub>int. SM</sub>
$t\bar{t} + h$	AUC	0.824(0)	0.837(2)	<b>0.846(1)</b>	0.845(1)
	$\epsilon_B(\epsilon_S = 0.7)$	0.197(3)	0.179(6)	0.174(1)	0.176(3)
	$\epsilon_B(\epsilon_S = 0.3)$	0.023(0)	0.020(0)	0.020(0)	0.020(0)
$t\bar{t} + W$	AUC	0.896(1)	0.899(1)	<b>0.905(2)</b>	0.898(1)
	$\epsilon_B(\epsilon_S = 0.7)$	0.097(2)	0.090(1)	<b>0.089(3)</b>	0.094(2)
	$\epsilon_B(\epsilon_S = 0.3)$	0.010(0)	0.010(0)	<b>0.009(0)</b>	0.011(0)
$t\bar{t} + WW$	AUC	0.737(0)	0.767(1)	<b>0.769(0)</b>	0.763(1)
	$\epsilon_B(\epsilon_S = 0.7)$	0.354(3)	0.295(5)	<b>0.288(2)</b>	0.301(5)
	$\epsilon_B(\epsilon_S = 0.3)$	0.050(1)	0.040(0)	<b>0.042(0)</b>	0.047(1)
$t\bar{t} + Z$	AUC	0.839(1)	0.885(0)	<b>0.891(1)</b>	0.886(2)
	$\epsilon_B(\epsilon_S = 0.7)$	0.182(2)	0.130(1)	<b>0.119(3)</b>	0.129(4)
	$\epsilon_B(\epsilon_S = 0.3)$	0.021(1)	0.016(0)	<b>0.015(0)</b>	<b>0.014(0)</b>

The areas under the ROC curve and the background efficiencies, at signal efficiencies of 70% and 30% respectively

- Quoted uncertainties are extracted from three independent runs for each network architecture
- Numbers in bold indicate the best performance

Let's zoom in →

# Results for the $t\bar{t}t\bar{t}$ and $t\bar{t}H$ signals

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The **AUC** for both **4 top** and **top-top-Higgs** signal detection

		PN	PN <sub>int.</sub>	PN <sub>int. SMids</sub>	PN <sub>int. SM const</sub>	PN <sub>int. SM</sub>
$t\bar{t}t\bar{t}$	AUC	0.8471(1)	0.8729(0)	0.8725(0)	0.8727(0)	<b>0.8739(0)</b>
	$\epsilon_B(\epsilon_S = 0.7)$	0.1758(3)	0.1387(1)	0.1377(0)	0.1384(0)	<b>0.1369(1)</b>
	$\epsilon_B(\epsilon_S = 0.3)$	0.0207(0)	0.0182(0)	0.0178(0)	0.0178(0)	<b>0.0176(0)</b>
		ParT	ParT <sub>int.</sub>	ParT <sub>int. SMids</sub>	ParT <sub>int. SM const</sub>	ParT <sub>int. SM</sub>
$t\bar{t}t\bar{t}$	AUC	0.8404(0)	0.8708(0)	0.8715(0)	0.8717(0)	<b>0.8732(0)</b>
	$\epsilon_B(\epsilon_S = 0.7)$	0.1842(3)	0.1394(0)	0.1389(2)	0.1372(1)	<b>0.1366(0)</b>
	$\epsilon_B(\epsilon_S = 0.3)$	0.0230(0)	0.0172(0)	0.0180(0)	<b>0.0167(0)</b>	0.0169(0)

The models containing both the **pairwise features** and the **SM interaction matrix** performs **best**

The **background** can be significantly **reduced** by about **30%** compared to a **PN (GNN)**

		PN	PN <sub>int.</sub>	PN <sub>int. SMids</sub>	PN <sub>int. SM const</sub>	PN <sub>int. SM</sub>
$t\bar{t} + h$	AUC	0.8146(2)	0.8505(0)	0.8489(1)	0.8505(0)	<b>0.8523(0)</b>
	$\epsilon_B(\epsilon_S = 0.7)$	0.2292(1)	0.1787(0)	0.1785(1)	0.1764(3)	<b>0.1733(1)</b>
	$\epsilon_B(\epsilon_S = 0.3)$	0.0471(1)	0.0345(0)	0.0343(1)	0.0350(0)	<b>0.0340(0)</b>
		ParT	ParT <sub>int.</sub>	ParT <sub>int. SMids</sub>	ParT <sub>int. SM const</sub>	ParT <sub>int. SM</sub>
$t\bar{t} + h$	AUC	0.8058(1)	0.8507(0)	0.8473(0)	0.8497(0)	<b>0.8532(0)</b>
	$\epsilon_B(\epsilon_S = 0.7)$	0.2399(2)	0.1794(1)	0.1836(3)	0.1801(1)	<b>0.1748(1)</b>
	$\epsilon_B(\epsilon_S = 0.3)$	0.0502(0)	0.0357(0)	0.0355(1)	0.0367(0)	<b>0.0351(0)</b>

# Significance

Highlights the **enhanced performance** of **ParT int. SM** models over baseline **PN (GNN)** (neglecting sys err) for 4top signal

$$\sigma = \frac{s}{\sqrt{b}} \quad \sigma_{\delta_{sys}=0.2} = \frac{s}{\sqrt{b_{sys}}} \quad b_{sys} = b + (b \cdot \delta_{sys})^2$$

- At  $\epsilon_S = 0.7$ : significance boost from **2.21** to **2.98 $\sigma$**  with **ParT int. SM** => **PN** requires **82% more luminosity** !
- At  $\epsilon_S = 0.3$ : significance boost from **8.29** to **9.88 $\sigma$**  with **ParT int. SM** => **PN** needs **42% more luminosity** !
- At  $\epsilon_S = 0.3$ : significance boost from **8.29** to **10.48 $\sigma$**  with **ParT int. SM (FL)** => **PN** needs **60% more luminosity** !

Significance table (calculations assume  $L = 100 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ )

		$\sigma$	$\sigma_{\delta_{sys} = 0.2}$
BDT	$\epsilon_S = 0.3$	20.77	6.79
	$\epsilon_S = 0.7$	16.82	2.01
BDT <sub>int.</sub>	$\epsilon_S = 0.3$	21.93	7.53
	$\epsilon_S = 0.7$	17.51	2.17
FCN	$\epsilon_S = 0.3$	20.31	6.51
	$\epsilon_S = 0.7$	16.67	1.97
CNN	$\epsilon_S = 0.3$	20.88	6.86
	$\epsilon_S = 0.7$	16.73	1.98
PN	$\epsilon_S = 0.3$	23.09	<u>8.29</u>
	$\epsilon_S = 0.7$	17.68	<u>2.21</u>
PN <sub>int.</sub>	$\epsilon_S = 0.3$	25.30	9.83
	$\epsilon_S = 0.7$	<b>20.51</b>	<b>2.97</b>
PN <sub>int. SM</sub>	$\epsilon_S = 0.3$	<b>25.65</b>	<b>10.09</b>
	$\epsilon_S = 0.7$	<b>20.50</b>	<b>2.97</b>
ParT	$\epsilon_S = 0.3$	22.37	7.82
	$\epsilon_S = 0.7$	17.72	2.23
ParT <sub>int.</sub>	$\epsilon_S = 0.3$	24.54	9.29
	$\epsilon_S = 0.7$	20.21	2.89
ParT <sub>int. SM</sub>	$\epsilon_S = 0.3$	25.36	<u>9.88</u>
	$\epsilon_S = 0.7$	<b>20.53</b>	<b>2.98</b>
ParT <sub>int. SM (FL)</sub>	$\epsilon_S = 0.3$	<b>26.19</b>	<u>10.48</u>
	$\epsilon_S = 0.7$	20.28	2.91
SetT <sub>int. SM</sub>	$\epsilon_S = 0.3$	<b>25.58</b>	<b>10.03</b>
	$\epsilon_S = 0.7$	20.18	2.88

# Results

We asked the question: → **“Do the models saturate ?”**

## PN and ParT Models (with the pairwise features + the SM coupling constants)

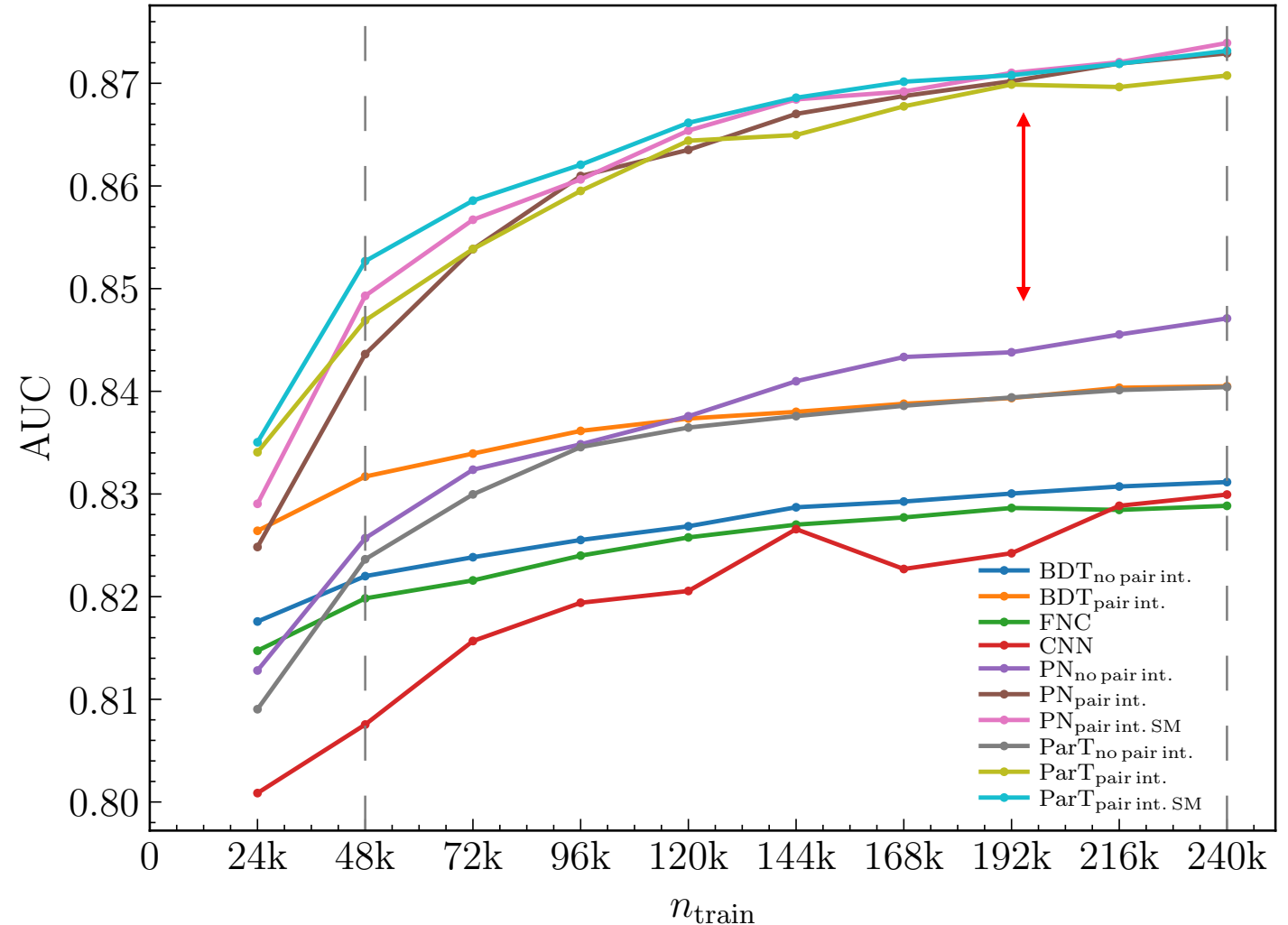
- Shows a steeper increase in **AUC** with fewer data
- Indicate higher data efficiency → less data needed for strong performance

## Other Models

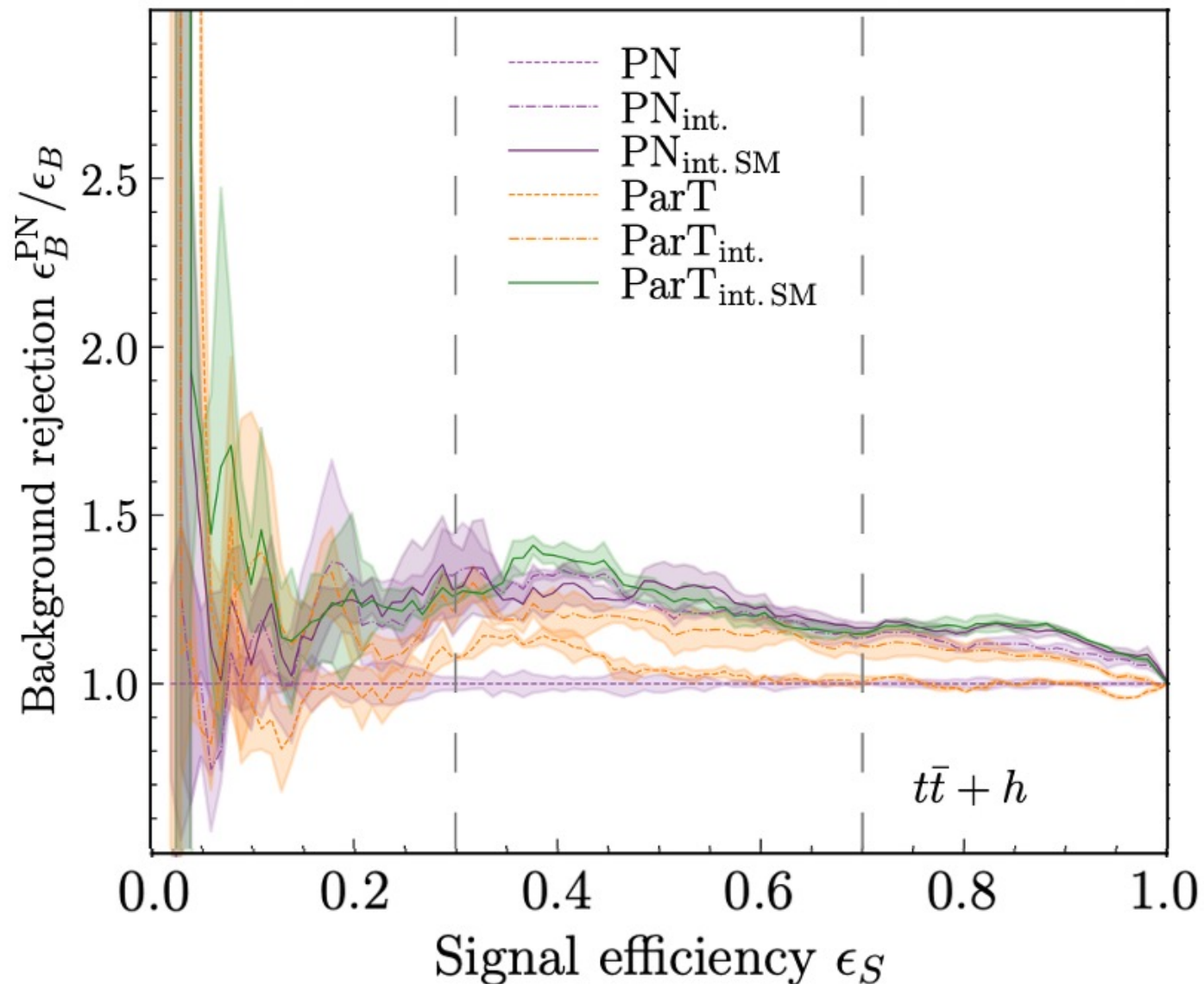
- **AUC** scores improve more gradually
- Suggest a requirement for larger datasets to match **PN** and **ParT** performance

**PN** and **ParT** models could be preferable in data-scarce cases

The **AUC** scores as a function of training size



# Results



A plot with signal efficiency VS background rejection

*\*compared to the ParticleNet (GNN)*

Models with integrated **pairwise features + SM interactions** exhibit up to a **40% higher background rejection**

Demonstrates the strength of **SM interaction matrix** as a powerful inductive bias in learning

X-axis – the signal efficiency

Y-axis – the background rejection

# Summary

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## Integration of energy-dependent **SM** interactions into **ML** models

- Embedding pairwise features and energy-dependent **SM** interactions into **ML** architectures significantly boosts event classification accuracy and efficiency:
  - Enhanced background suppression by **10-40%** compared to baseline **PN (GNN)** models
  - Approximately **10%** of this improvement is due to the **SM interaction matrix**
  - ML models show up to **30%** increase in significance vs. baseline
  - Achieving similar significance via increased luminosity would require **~70%** more data (compare to the baseline model)

**Transformers**, when supplemented with **pairwise features** and **SM couplings**, show potential as a **powerful tool** for collider physics challenges!

# CAN WE TURN CLASSIFIERS INTO ANOMALY DETECTORS ?



★ It has been observed that, *on average*, the top-performing classifiers serve as best anomaly detectors (**with the SM interactions**)

For further details, refer to Adrian's [talk](#)



**Thank you for your attention!**

**Back up**

# Math Behind the Attention Mechanism

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## Attention Modules

(scaled dot product attention):

- $Attention(Q, K, V) = SoftMax\left(\frac{QK^T}{\sqrt{d}} + \mathbf{U}\right)V$
- $Q = queries, K = keys, V = values$
- $Self\text{-}attention \rightarrow Q = K = V$

## How Particles Inform Each Other ?

### • Calculating Interaction Scores:

➤ **Attention Score**  $(Q, K) = \frac{QK^T}{\sqrt{d}}$

where  $\sqrt{d}$  is the dimensionality of the key vector, used to scale the dot product

### • Normalizing Scores to Probabilities:

➤ **Attention Weights** =  $SoftMax(\text{Attention Score})$

normalizes the scores to ensure they sum up to 1, acting as probabilities

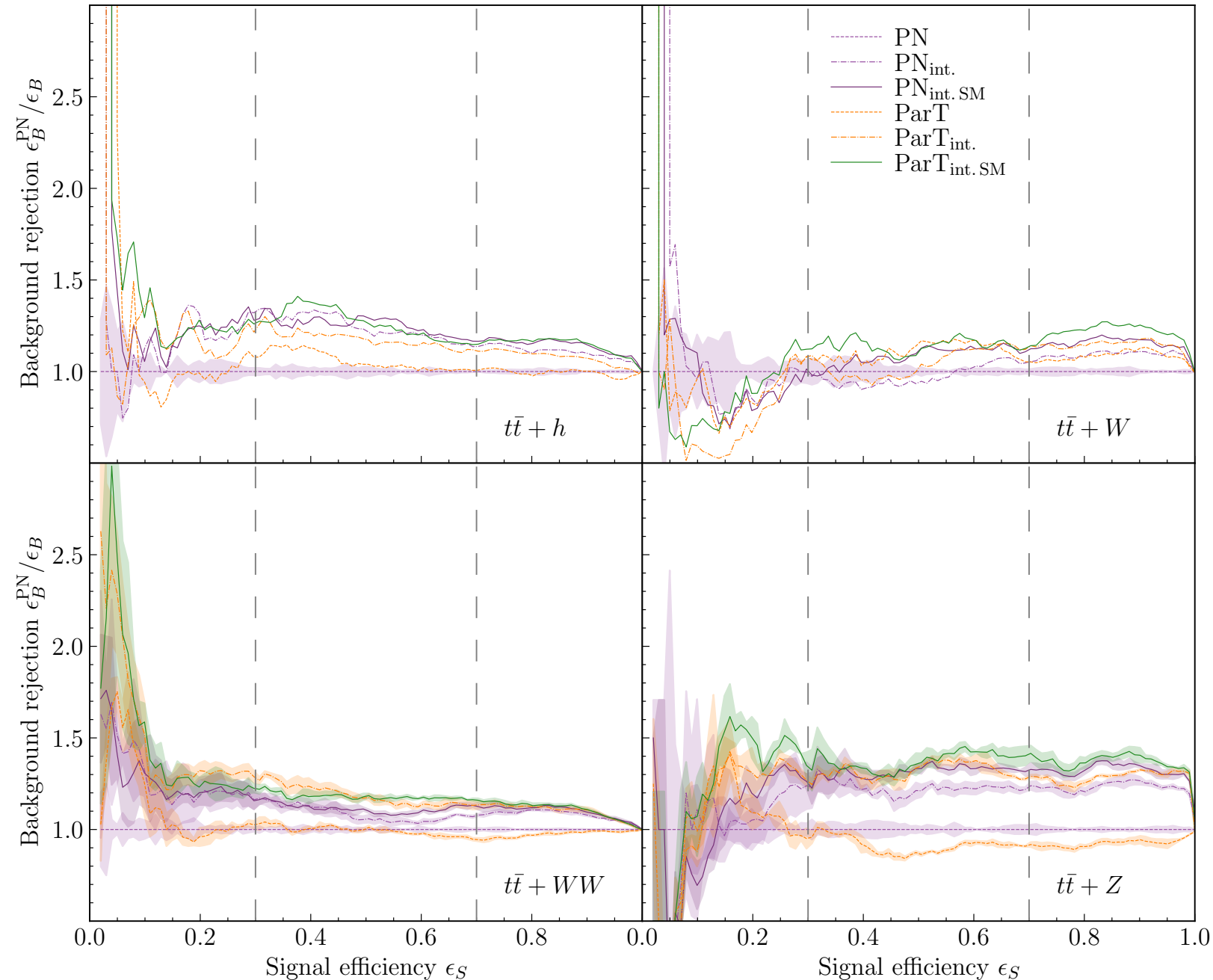
### • Particle Representation:

➤ **Output** =  $Attention\ Weights * V$

each particle's output is a combination of all particles' information, weighted by their computed relevance

**Result: captures the dynamic interactions between particles**

A plot with signal efficiency VS background rejection



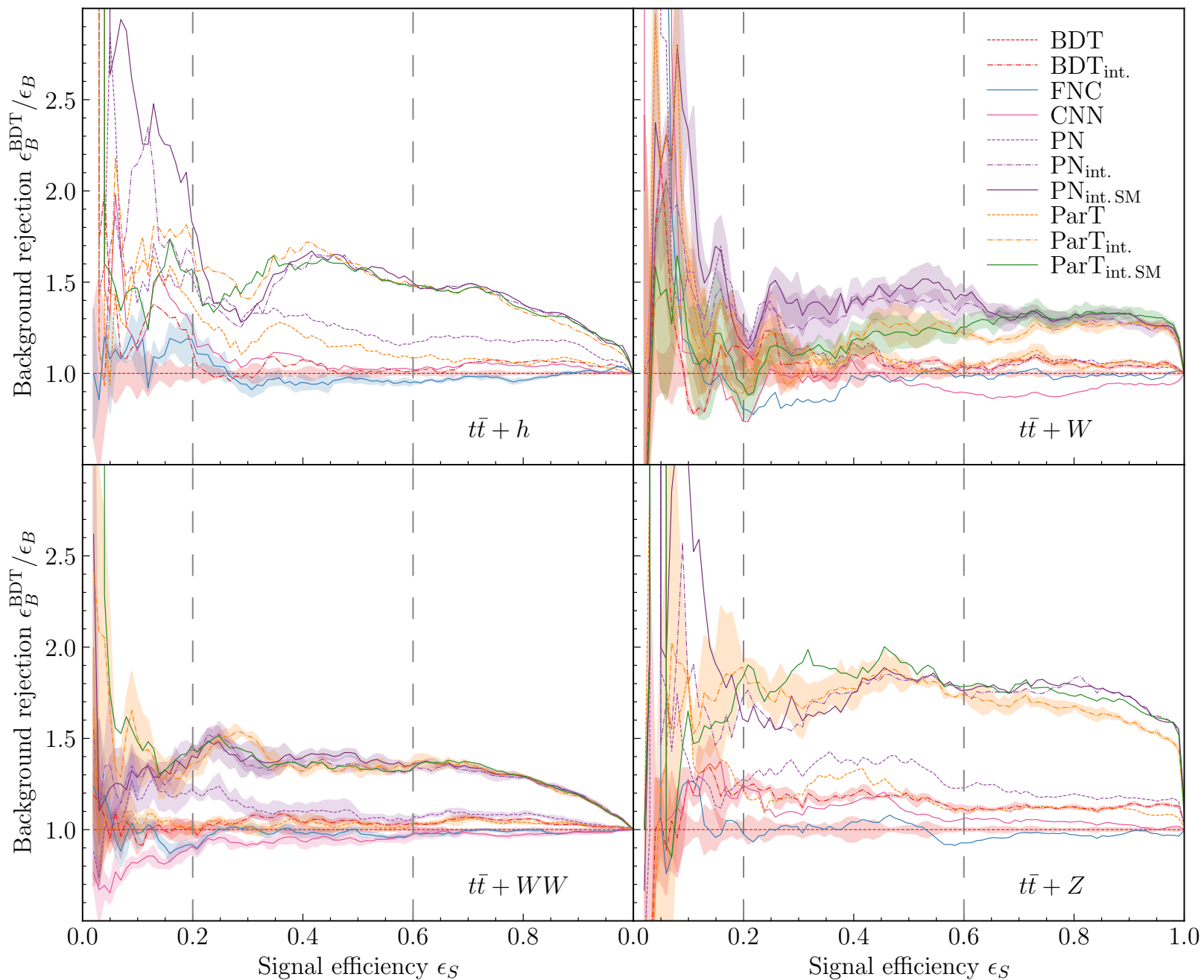
compared to the **ParticleNet (GNN)**

We can achieve a **10-40% higher background rejection** for signal efficiencies between **30-90%** by switching from **GNN** to **models with the pairwise features + the SM coupling constants**

X-axis – the signal efficiency

Y-axis – the background rejection

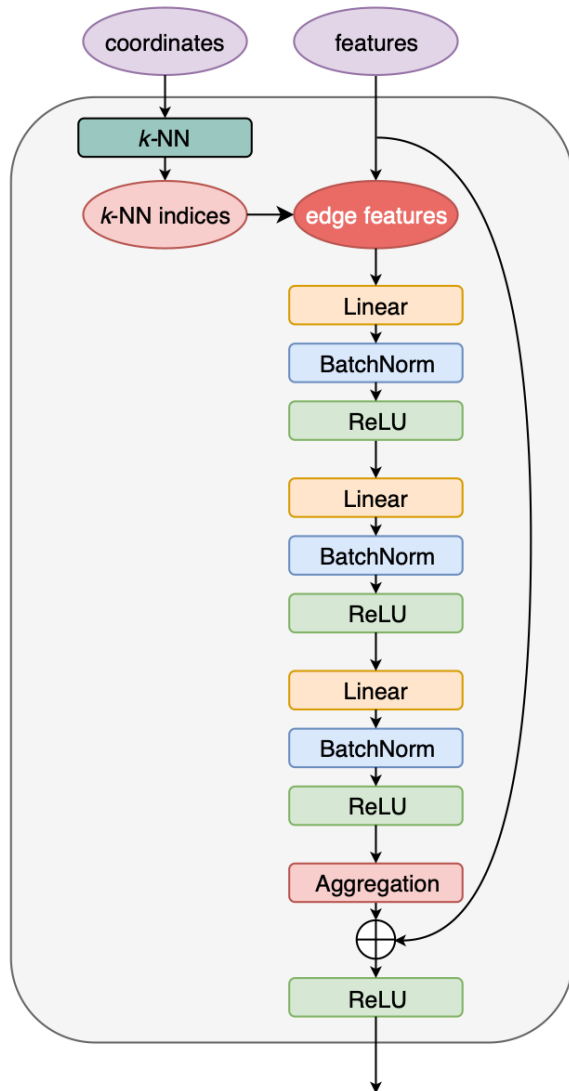
A plot with signal efficiency VS background rejection



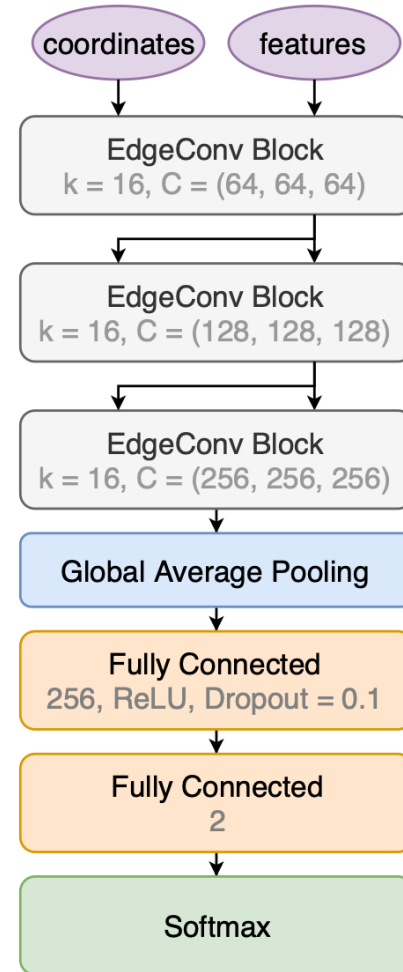
Compared to the **BDT**  
for full size of the dataset

X-axis – the signal efficiency  
Y-axis – the background rejection

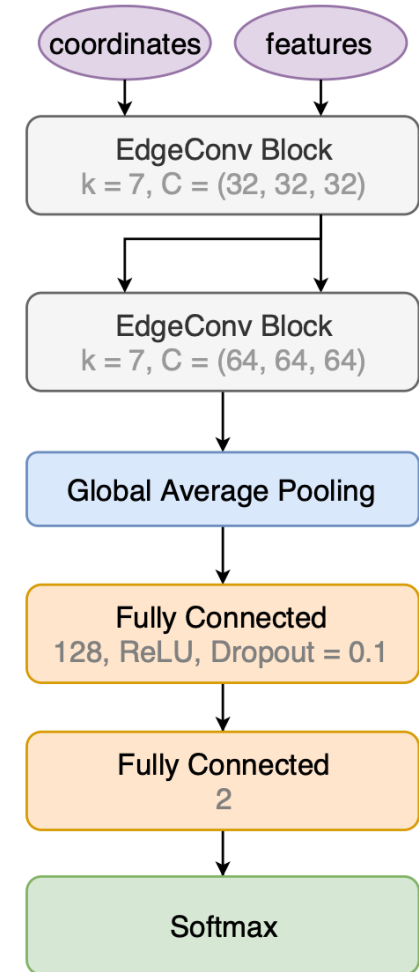
# EdgeConv and ParticleNet



The structure of the EdgeConv block



(a) ParticleNet



(b) ParticleNet-Lite

The architectures of the ParticleNet and the ParticleNet-Lite networks

# 1D CNN

- Input is a **Particle List**
- **LRP** is a backpropagation method

