

New Physics Search with Parameterized NN

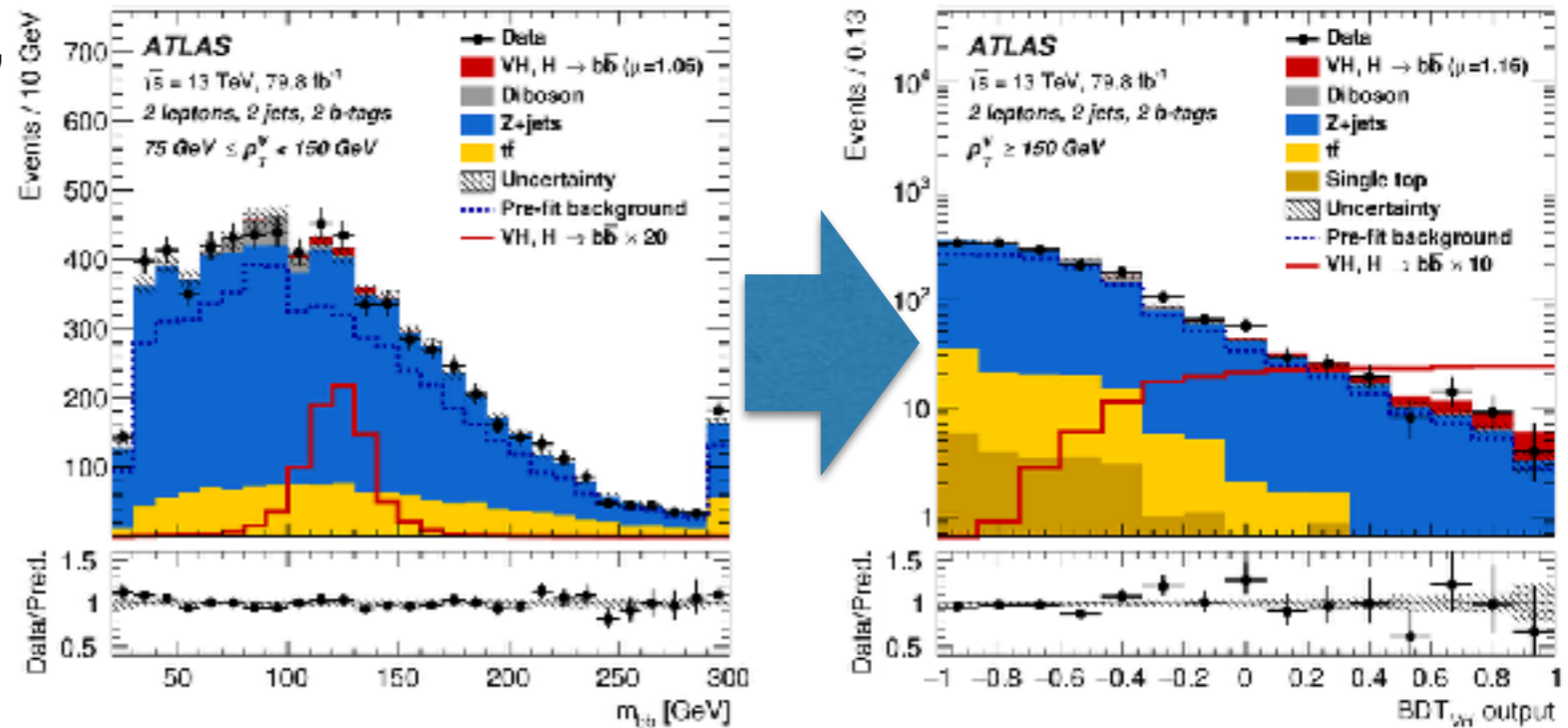
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Search for new physics using ML

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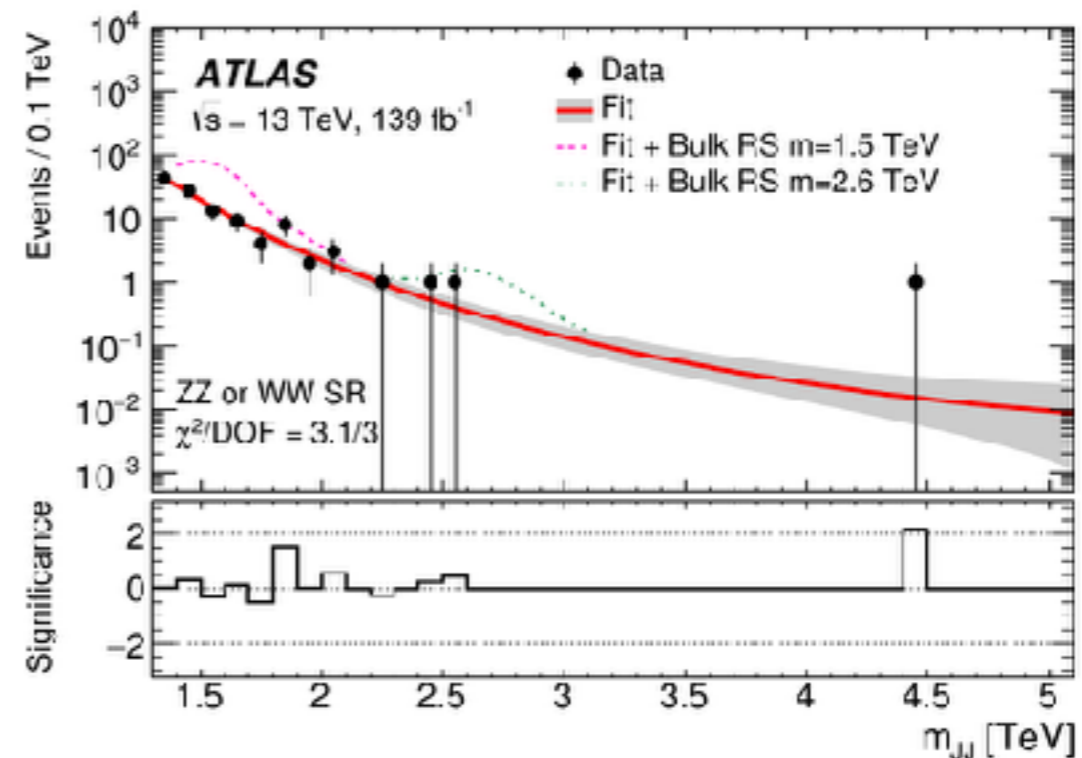
- If we want to test a **specific model**, ML classifier is a powerful tool to enhance signals

- e.g. $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$ is “observed” at ATLAS
- Using BDT: $3\sigma \rightarrow 5\sigma$ (!!)



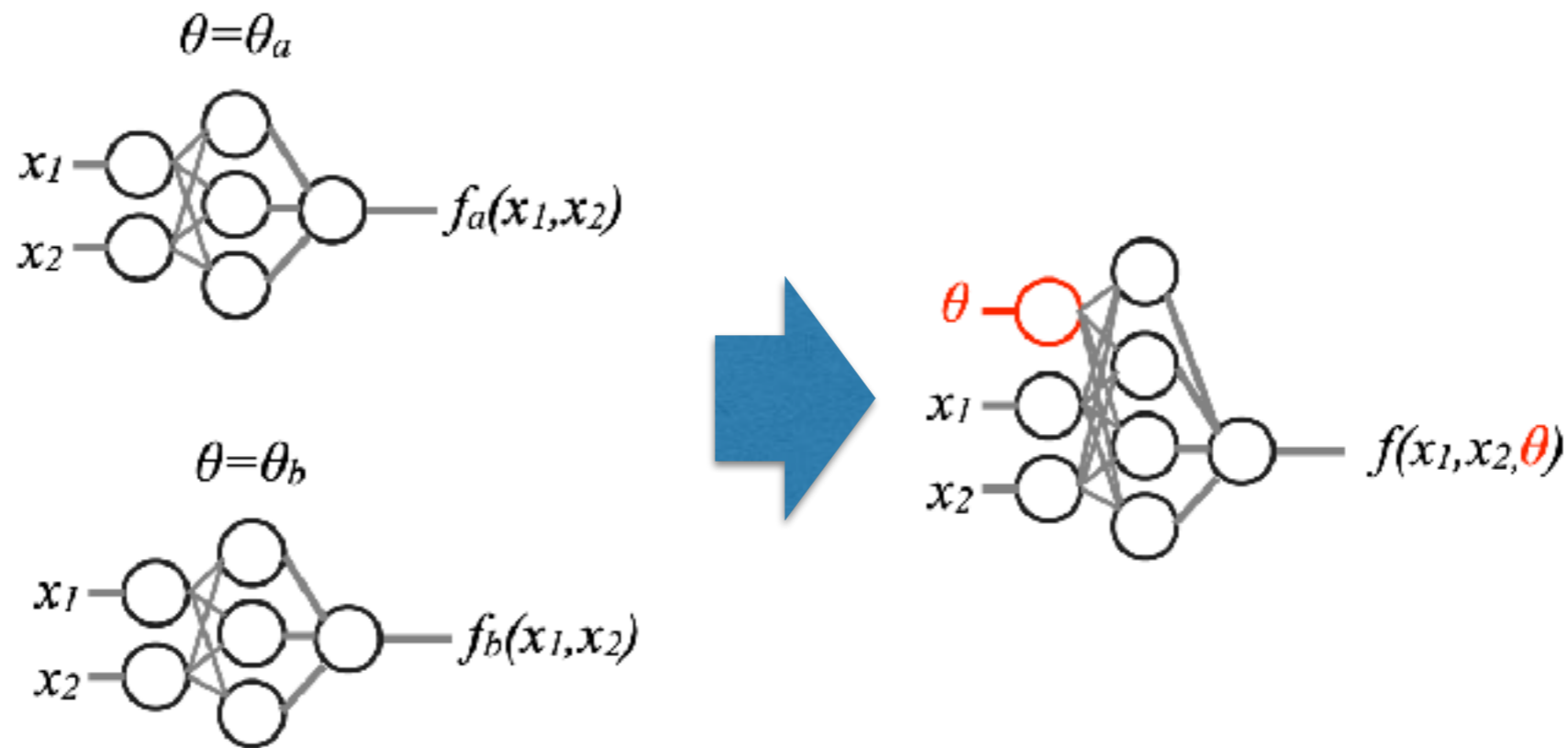
- Search for **hypothetical new particles** with unknown parameters e.g. resonant mass

- Training at each mass point? probably no sensitivity at mass points not used in the training
- We must *NOT* overlook these signals



Parameterized NN (pNN)

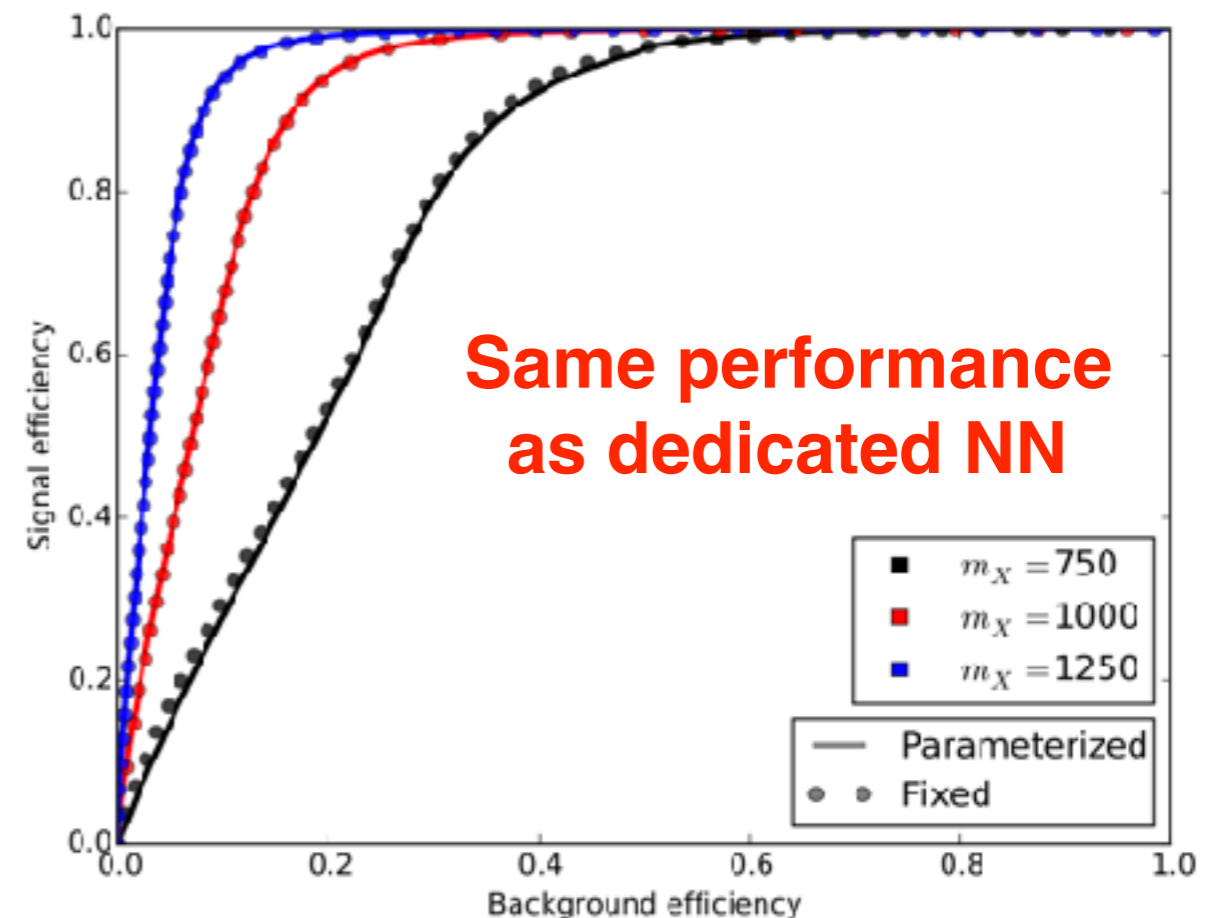
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- Adding a parameter of the physics model (θ ; for example mass) to the input of Neural Network
- (x_1, x_2, \dots) is the input variables (e.g. p_T, η, ϕ, E , etc.)
- Signal: all generated mass points are mixed up and used in the training
- Background: θ is **randomly assigned** to reproduce the same distribution used for the signal sample in the training

pNN -cont'd

- An example of narrow $t\bar{t}$ resonance ($X \rightarrow t\bar{t}$) search
 - Solid black line: pNN trained with signals with $m_X=500, 1000, 1250$ and 1500GeV (without 750GeV)
 - Black dots: a single NN trained at $m_X = 750\text{GeV}$



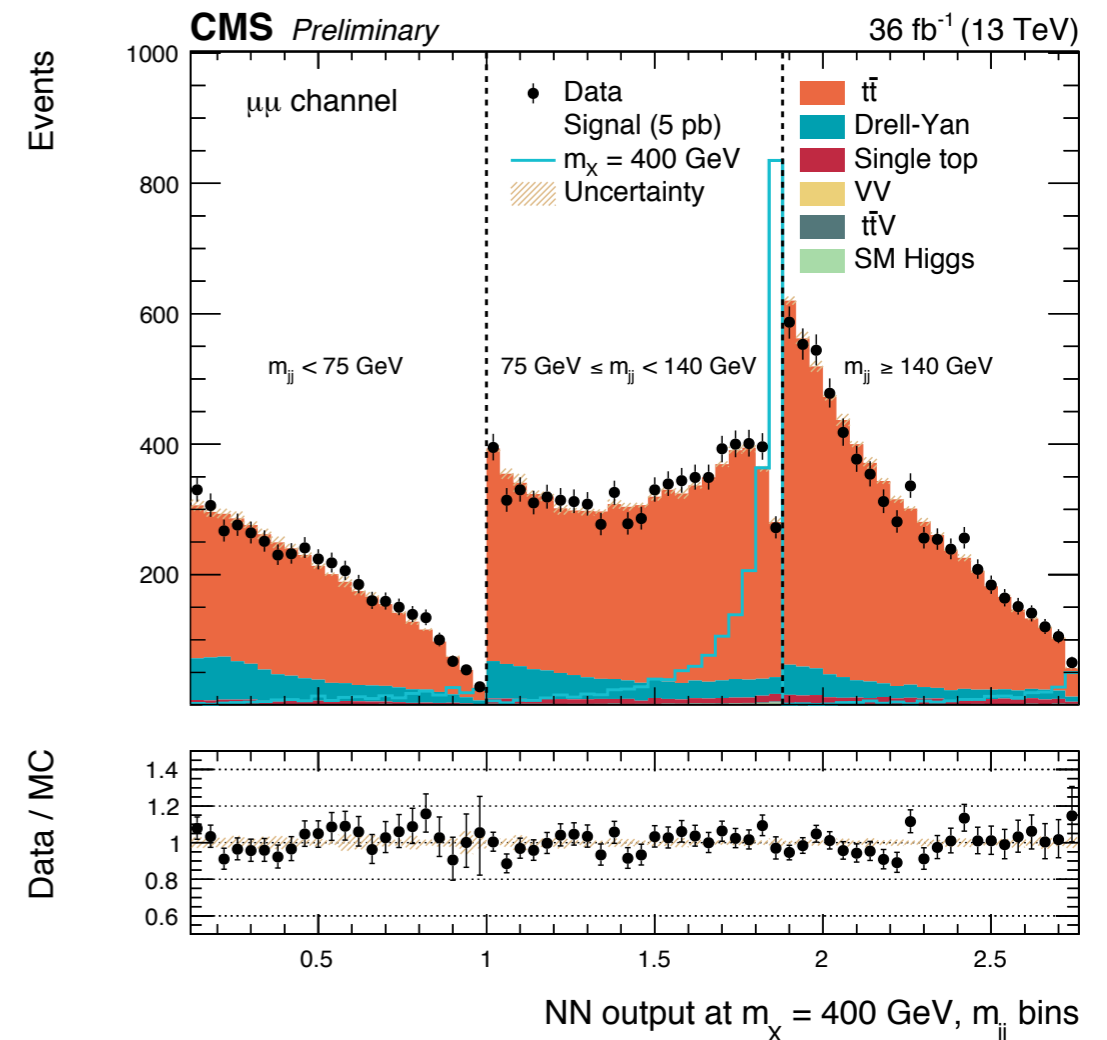
- Since m_X is randomly assigned for bkg sample, the “effective” MC statistics of bkg depends on number of mass points used in the training
- But it doesn't mean we have to reduce number of mass points in the training. If we can't ensure the linearity of kinematic variables between 2 mass points, the performance at the intermediate mass region may deteriorate

CMS $HH \rightarrow bbWW$ search

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- Using pNN
 - Input variables: dijet and dilepton kinematics + missing E_T
 - $m_X = (260, 270, 300, 350, 400, 450, 500, 550, 600, 650, 750, 800, 900) \text{ GeV}$ are used in the training
- Background normalization is constrained in $m_{h \rightarrow bb}$ sideband region
- Background modeling study should be repeatedly done at each mass point scanned in the interpretation

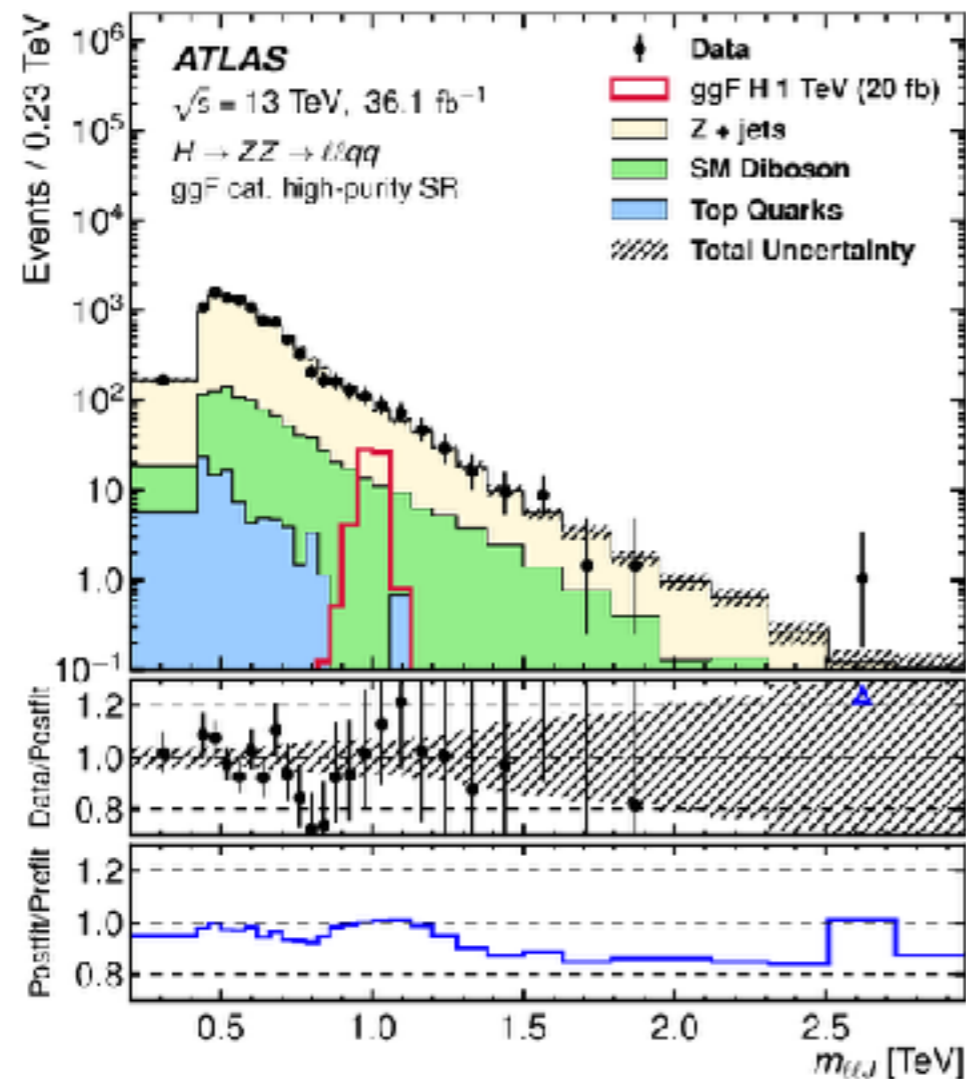
$f(x, 400 \text{ GeV})$ in $\mu\mu$ ch.



x65 sets of distributions

Improvement by ML v.s. simplicity

- If we expect clear peak of new physics signal
- 10-30% sensitivity gain by using NN
⇔ $\times N$ background modeling studies (N : number of mass points)



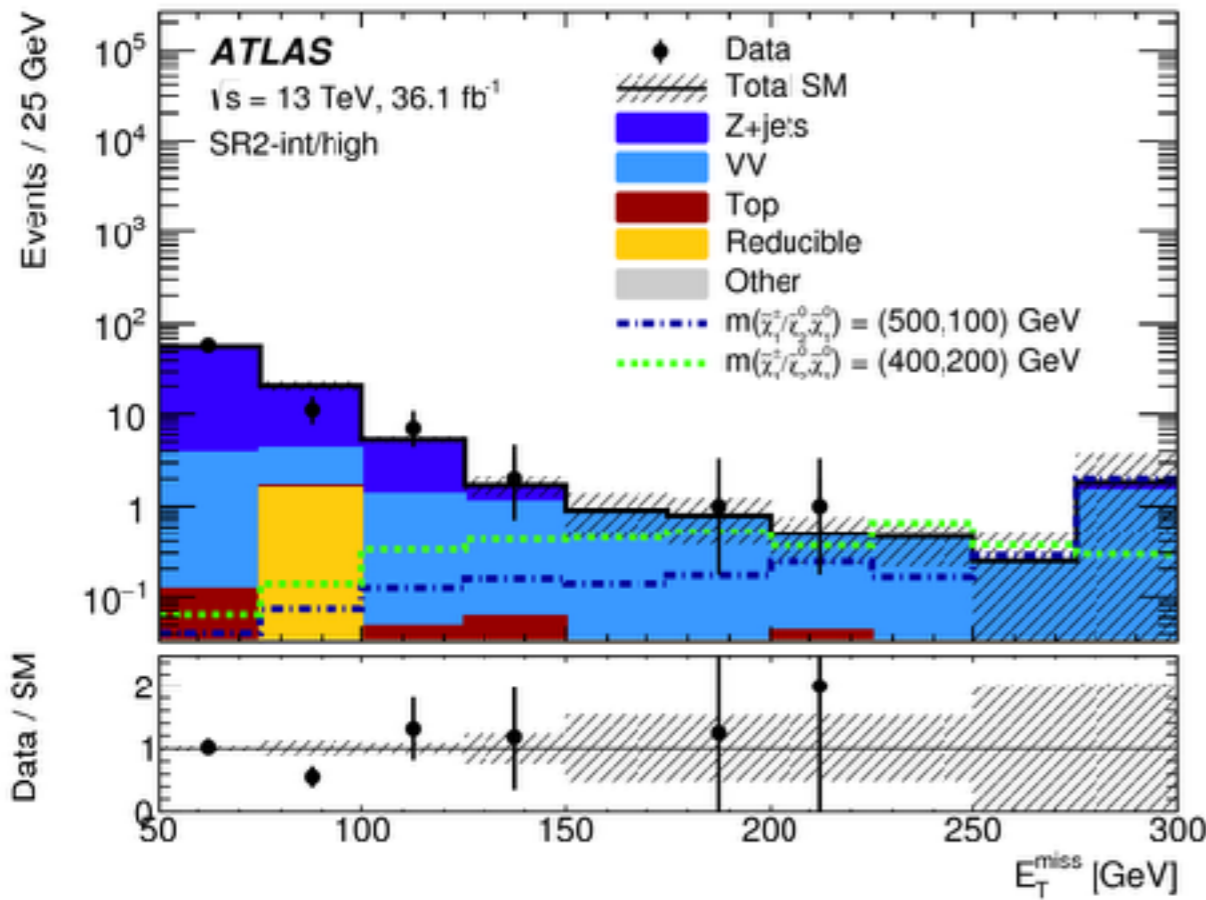
e.g. [JHEP03\(2018\)009](#)

- e.g. anomaly detection (anti-background tagger) with adversarial NN is a better approach in that case?

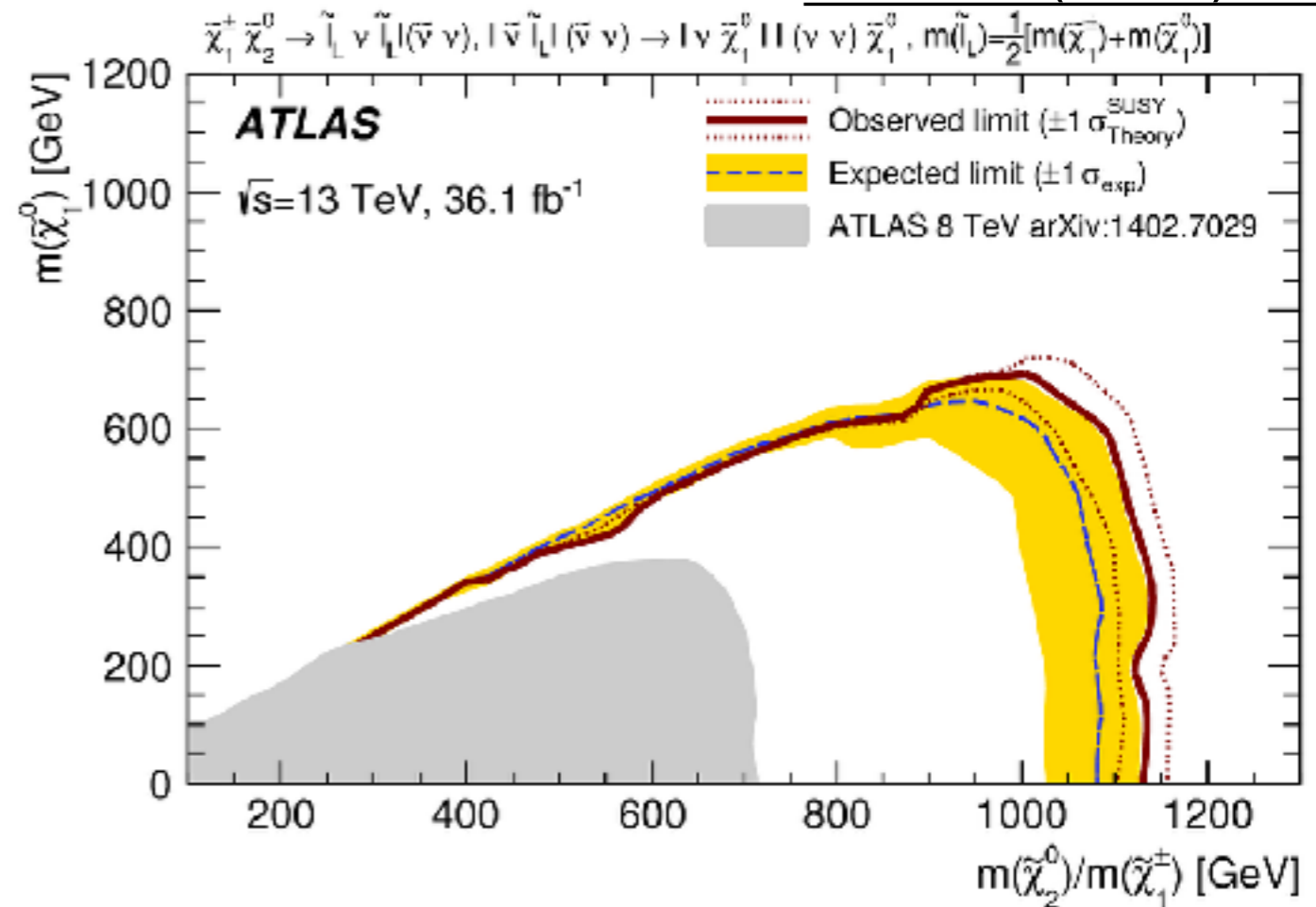
Good use case of pNN?

- If we can't reconstruct the theoretical parameters directly due to missing particles e.g. in SUSY and DM searches?
- Multi-dimensional pNN might be useful, but it depends on statistics of bkg samples

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Signal does not have “peak”



Signal kinematics depends on several parameters

Summary

- pNN expands input of NN to include not only experimental observables but also model parameters
- It can smoothly interpolate the sensitivity between parameters used in the training
- When the interpretation, anyway we need to perform independent analyses at each parameter point
 - xN efforts needed for background modeling study
 - In case we can reconstruct theoretical parameters directly, is it worth the cost?
- Might be useful for searches for invisible particles