

# The Dark Machines Anomaly Score Challenge

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<https://github.com/bostdiek/DarkMachines-UnsupervisedChallenge>

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## The Dark Machines Anomaly Score Challenge: Benchmark Data and Model Independent Event Classification for the Large Hadron Collider

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# Challenge Justification and Goals

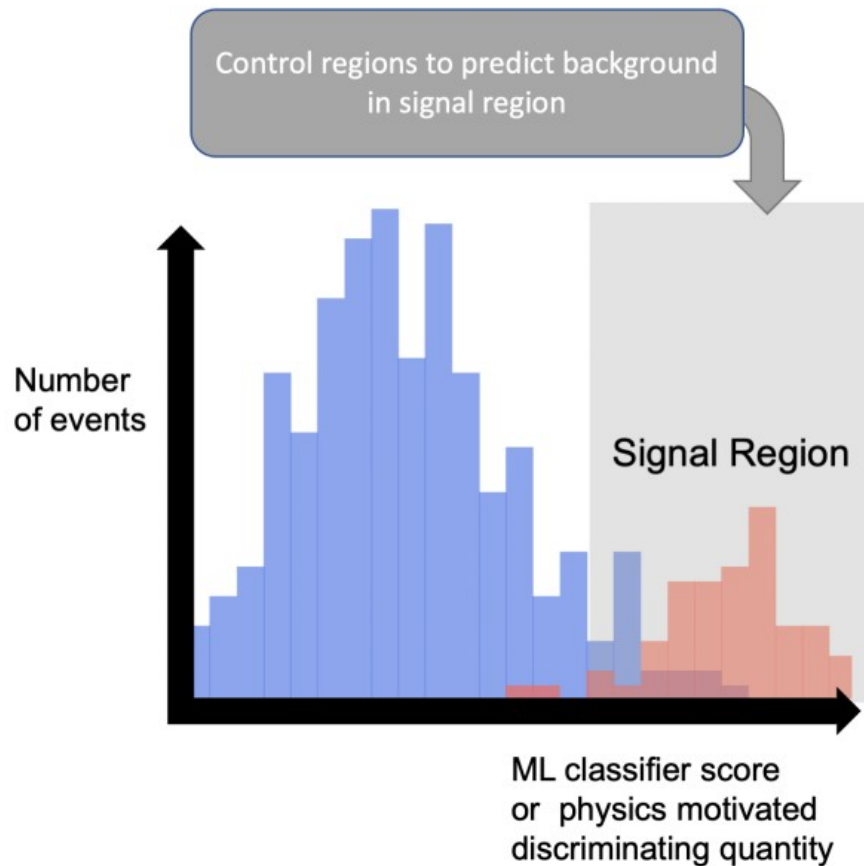
- Goal is to perform model-agnostic searches
- Already examples of similar searches:
  - DØ Collaboration at Tevatron using SLEUTH
  - H1 Collaboration at HERA using 1-D signal detection algorithm
  - CDF Collaboration at Tevatron (using similar to above)
- Searching for localized excesses in events can be done by Machine Learning
  - We look at anomaly detection techniques
- Unlike LHC Olympics which looked at overdensities as signals in black box data
  - <https://arxiv.org/abs/2101.08320>

# Challenge Outline

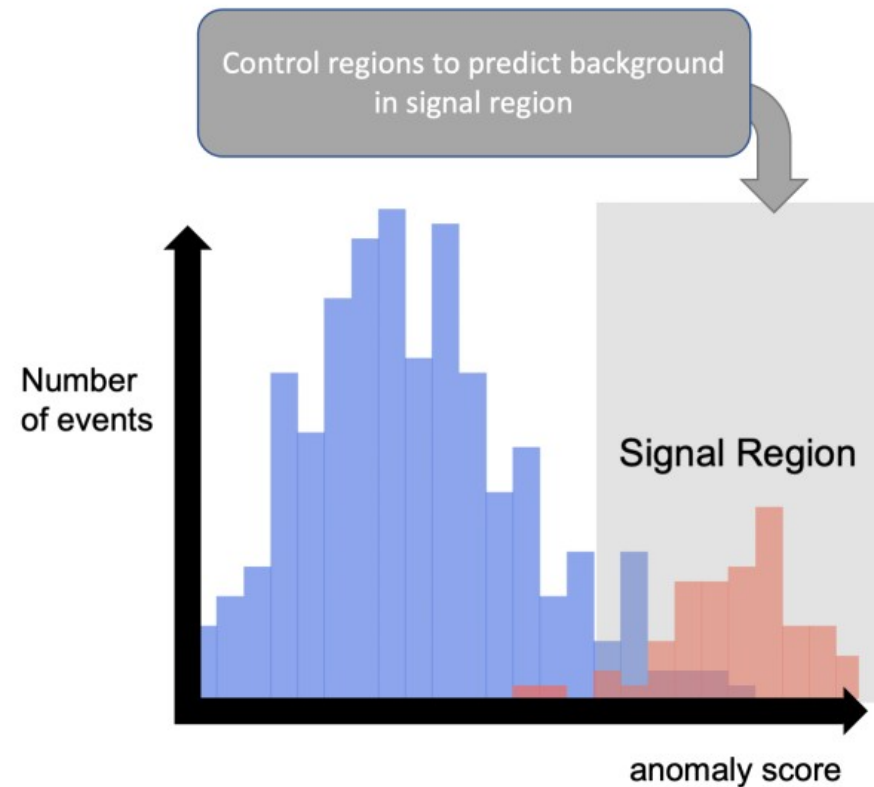
- Dataset of > 1 Billion SM Events (Les Houches: <https://arxiv.org/pdf/2002.12220.pdf>)
  - <https://zenodo.org/record/3685861>
- Hackathon Dataset: (<https://zenodo.org/record/3961917>)
  - 4 different channels (channels here defined as distinct datasets based on selection cuts)
  - 11 different BSM signals (19 total mass points)
  - 34 unique signal/channel combinations
- Train each method 4 times (once per channel) using SM
- Select ML methods which perform best to apply to blinded Secret Dataset: <https://zenodo.org/record/4443151>

# General Strategy

Detection of “expected” signal events



Detection of “unexpected” anomalous events

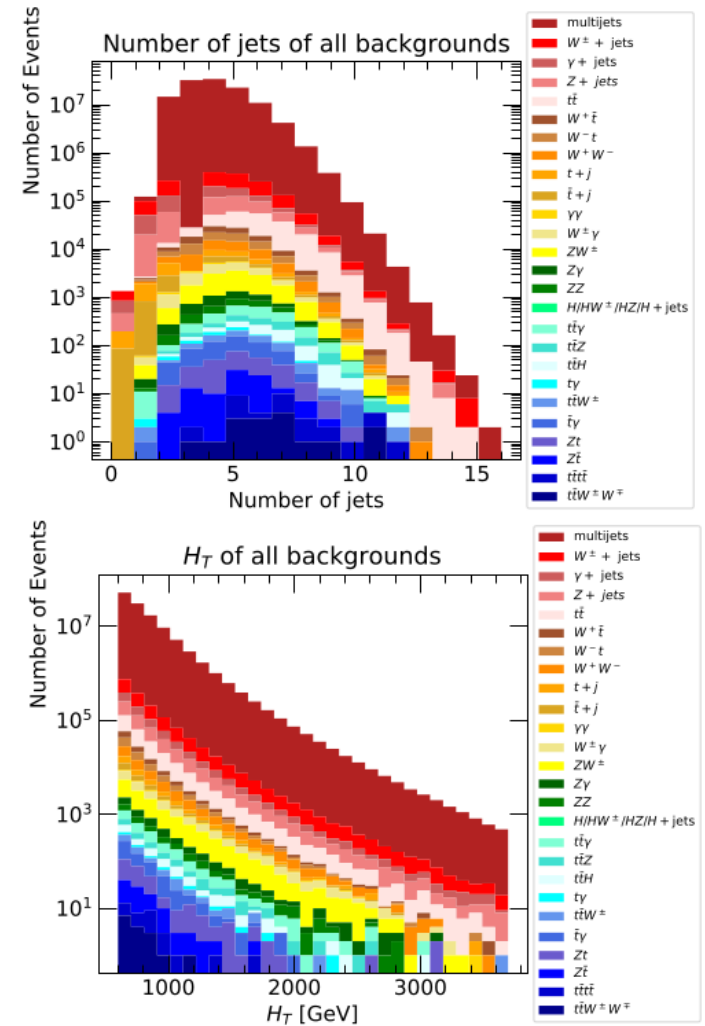


Challenge object is an event-by-event anomaly score and we use this to define a signal region

# The Standard Model Datasets

SM processes			
Physics process	Process ID	$\sigma$ (pb)	$N_{\text{tot}} (N_{10\text{fb}^{-1}})$
$pp \rightarrow jj(+2j)$	njets	$19718_{H_T > 600\text{GeV}}$	415331302 (197179140)
$pp \rightarrow l^\pm \nu_l(+2j)$	w_jets	$10537_{H_T > 100\text{GeV}}$	135692164 (105366237)
$pp \rightarrow \gamma j(+2j)$	gam_jets	$7927_{H_T > 100\text{GeV}}$	123709226 (79268824)
$pp \rightarrow l^+ l^- (+2j)$	z_jets	$3753_{H_T > 100\text{GeV}}$	60076409 (37529592)
$pp \rightarrow t\bar{t} (+2j)$	ttbar	541	13590811 (5412187)
$pp \rightarrow t + \text{jets} (+2j)$	single_top	130	7223883 (1297142)
$pp \rightarrow \bar{t} + \text{jets} (+2j)$	single_topbar	112	7179922 (1116396)
$pp \rightarrow W^+ W^- (+2j)$	ww	82.1	17740278 (821354)
$pp \rightarrow W^\pm t (+2j)$	wtop	57.8	5252172 (577541)
$pp \rightarrow W^\pm \bar{t} (+2j)$	wtopbar	57.8	4723206 (577541)
$pp \rightarrow \gamma\gamma (+2j)$	2gam	47.1	17464818 (470656)
$pp \rightarrow W^\pm \gamma (+2j)$	Wgam	45.1	18633683 (450672)
$pp \rightarrow ZW^\pm (+2j)$	zw	31.6	13847321 (315781)
$pp \rightarrow Z\gamma (+2j)$	Zgam	29.9	15909980 (299439)
$pp \rightarrow ZZ (+2j)$	zz	9.91	7118820 (99092)
$pp \rightarrow h (+2j)$	single_higgs	1.94	2596158 (19383)
$pp \rightarrow t\bar{t}\gamma (+2j)$	ttbarGam	1.55	95217 (15471)
$pp \rightarrow t\bar{t}Z$	ttbarZ	0.59	300000 (5874)
$pp \rightarrow t\bar{t}h (+1j)$	ttbarHiggs	0.46	200476 (4568)
$pp \rightarrow \gamma t (+2j)$	atop	0.39	2776166 (3947)
$pp \rightarrow t\bar{t}W^\pm$	ttbarW	0.35	279365 (3495)
$pp \rightarrow \gamma \bar{t} (+2j)$	atopbar	0.27	4770857 (2707)
$pp \rightarrow Zt (+2j)$	ztop	0.26	3213475 (2554)
$pp \rightarrow Z\bar{t} (+2j)$	ztopbar	0.15	2741276 (1524)
$pp \rightarrow t\bar{t}\bar{t}$	4top	0.0097	399999 (96)
$pp \rightarrow t\bar{t}W^+W^-$	ttbarWW	0.0085	150000 (85)

$$H_T = \sum_i |p_{T,j_i}|$$



Madgraph+Pythia+Delphes | jets, b-jets, electrons, muons, photons

# The Analysis Channels

## Channel 1: 214K SM Events

- $H_T \geq 600$  GeV
- $MET \geq 200$  GeV
- $MET/H_T \geq 0.2$
- At least 4 (b)-jets with  $p_T > 50$  GeV
- At least 1 (b)-jets with  $p_T > 200$  GeV

## Channel 2b: 340K SM Events

- $H_T \geq 50$  GeV
- $MET \geq 50$  GeV
- At least 2  $\mu/e$  with  $p_T > 15$  GeV

## Channel 2a: 20K SM Events

- $MET \geq 50$  GeV
- At least 3  $\mu/e$  with  $p_T > 15$  GeV
- At least 1 (b)-jets with  $p_T > 200$  GeV
- Few training events, many ML methods struggle

## Channel 3: 8.5M SM Events

- $H_T \geq 600$  GeV
- $MET \geq 100$  GeV
- Large dataset, timed out training on some methods

# The Methods

Abbreviation	Algorithm	Section	Hyperparameters	# Submitted
SimpleAE	Autoencoders	<a href="#">4.1</a>	Tab. <a href="#">6</a>	1
VAEs	Variational Autoencoders	<a href="#">4.2</a>	Tab. <a href="#">7</a>	140
DeepSetVAE	Deep Set Variational Autoencoders	<a href="#">4.3</a>	Tab. <a href="#">8</a>	4
ConvVAE (NoF)	Convolutional Variational Autoencoders	<a href="#">4.4</a>	Tab. <a href="#">9</a>	1
Planar	ConvVAE+Planar Flows	<a href="#">4.5.1</a>	Tab. <a href="#">10</a>	1
SNF	ConvVAE+Sylvester Normalizing Flows	<a href="#">4.5.2</a>	Tab. <a href="#">11</a>	3
IAF	ConvVAE+Inverse Autoregressive Flows	<a href="#">4.5.3</a>	Tab. <a href="#">12</a>	1
ConvF	ConvVAE+Convolutional Normalizing Flows	<a href="#">4.5.4</a>	Tab. <a href="#">13</a>	1
CNN	Convolutional ( $\beta$ )VAE	<a href="#">4.6</a>		2
KDE	Kernel Density Estimation	<a href="#">4.7</a>	Tab. <a href="#">14</a>	36
Flow	Spline autoregressive flow	<a href="#">4.8</a>	Tab. <a href="#">15</a>	2
Deep SVDD	Deep SVDD	<a href="#">4.9</a>	Tab. <a href="#">16</a> & <a href="#">17</a>	80
Combined (Deep SVDD & Flow)	Spline autoregressive flow with Deep SVDD	<a href="#">4.10</a>		8
DAGMM	Deep Autoencoding Gaussian Mixture Model	<a href="#">4.11</a>	Tab. <a href="#">19</a>	384
ALAD	Adversarial Anomaly Detection	<a href="#">4.12</a>	Tab. <a href="#">21</a>	96
Latent	Anomaly Detection in the Latent Space	<a href="#">4.13</a>	Tab. <a href="#">22</a>	288

- Top 9 and the last use some form of encoding - decoding with a reconstruction error anomaly score
- Planar, SNF, IAF, ConvF, Flow and Combined use some form of flow based likelihoods
- KDE, DAGMM and Latent use clustering or density estimation
- # submitted refers to number of methods of this type that were created

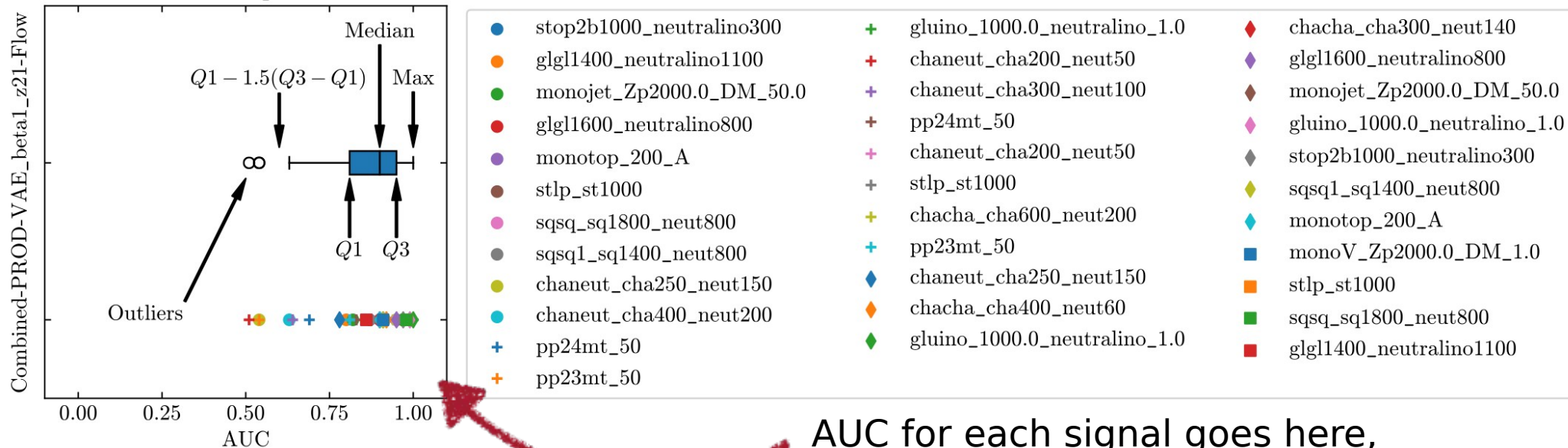


# Metrics for Results

## Figures of Merit:

- Area under the ROC curve (AUC)
- The signal efficiency at a background efficiency of  $10^{-2}$
- The signal efficiency at a background efficiency of  $10^{-3}$
- The signal efficiency at a background efficiency of  $10^{-4}$

Example

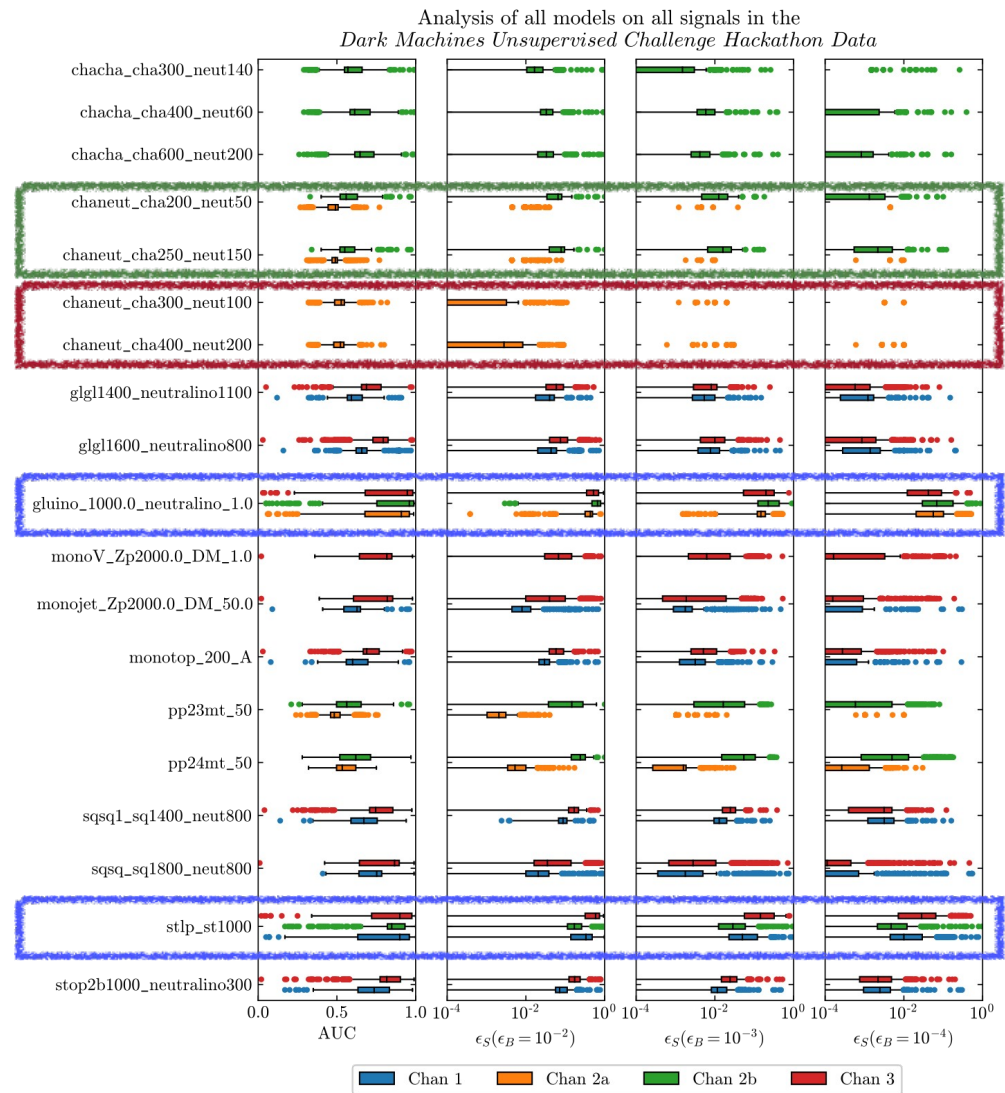


AUC for each signal goes here, summarized by box-and-whisker plot

# Summary Results

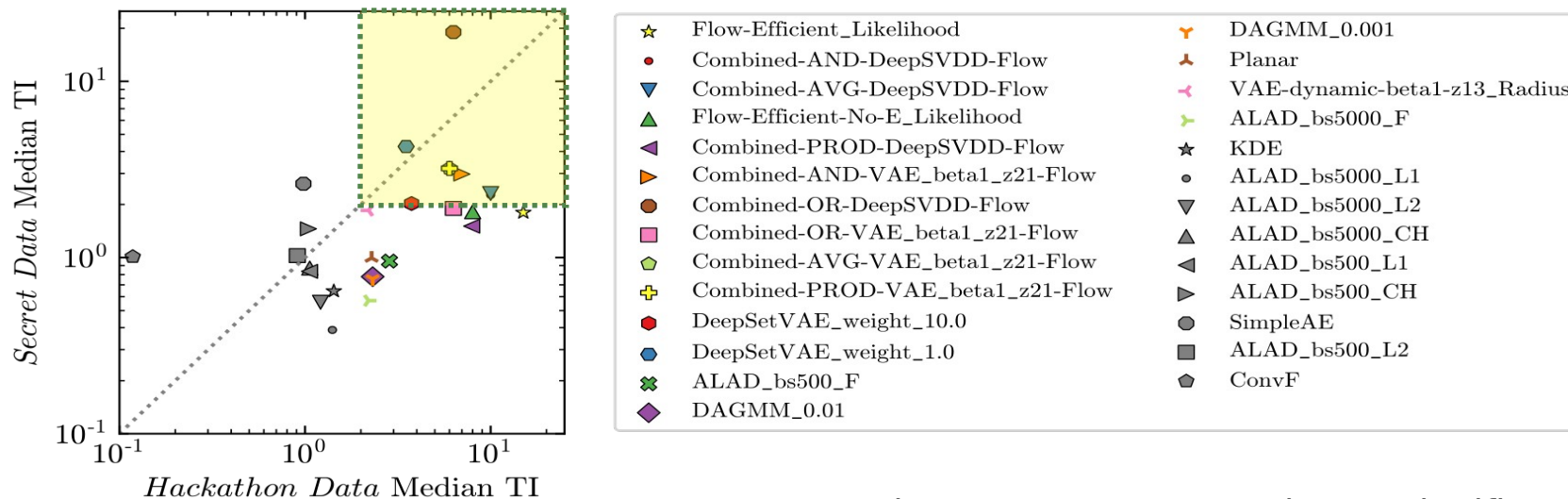
- Each method is a point on the box-and-whisker plot
- Each row is a BSM signal
- Some BSM easy for most methods
- Some BSM challenging for all methods
- Some BSM are easier than others to get a good anomaly score with

Each figure of merit has its own top methods, can we combine to form a single metric?



# Best Performing Methods

Compare *Hackathon* and *Secret Data* results



Methods with Median TI > 2 on both datasets

Model	Hackathon Data	Secret Data
Combined-OR-DeepSVDD-Flow	6.30	19.02
DeepSetVAE_weight_1.0	3.50	4.27
Combined-AVG-VAE_beta1_z21-Flow	6.00	3.21
Combined-PROD-VAE_beta1_z21-Flow	6.00	3.20
Combined-AND-VAE_beta1_z21-Flow	7.00	2.98
Combined-AVG-DeepSVDD-Flow	10.00	2.31
Combined-AND-DeepSVDD-Flow	10.00	2.26
DeepSetVAE_weight_10.0	3.75	2.03

- TI: Total Improvement → maximum Significant Improvement over all background rejections over all channels

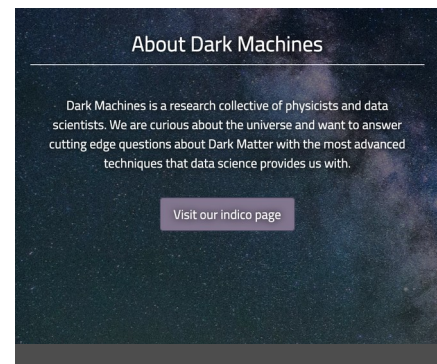
$$SI \equiv \frac{\epsilon_S}{\sqrt{\epsilon_B}}$$

- Apply the models to the same signals on the hackathon and secret datasets

- Each of the best performing models has some fixed target component (Deep SVDD, bVAE with b=1) and latent space seems to be important

# Conclusion

- Model-agnostic searches
- Primarily use Variational Auto-Encoders
- Variety of channels and signals
- Best methods use some form of fixed target
- Anomaly Detection is hard: seems even the Median metric doesn't generalize well!
- [https://twitter.com/dark\\_machines?s=20](https://twitter.com/dark_machines?s=20)
- <https://darkmachines.org/>



# Backups

# Variational Autoencoder

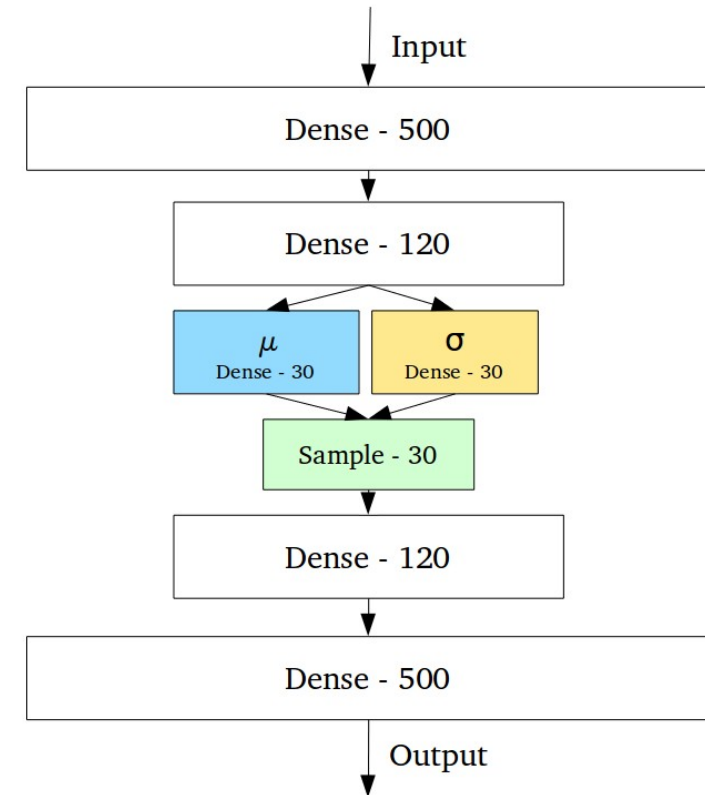
- Same structure as an Autoencoder (encoder, bottleneck, decoder) except the latent space is continuous by design
- Sampling can be done on latent vectors to produce a continuous set of outputs
- (Generally) Minimum Squared Error (MSE) + Kullback-Liebler Divergence used as error

$$\sum_{i=1}^N \frac{1}{2} (t_i - y_i)^2$$

Typical MSE

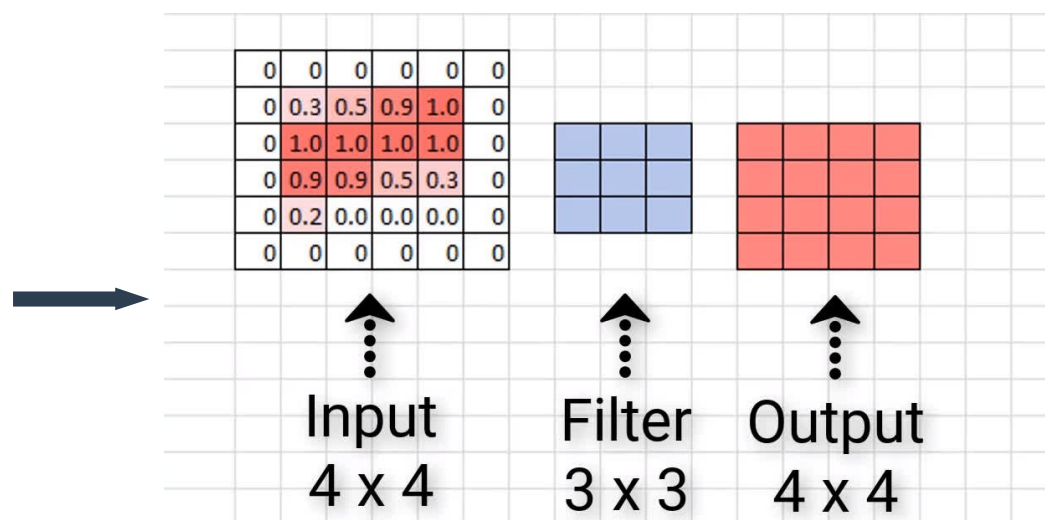
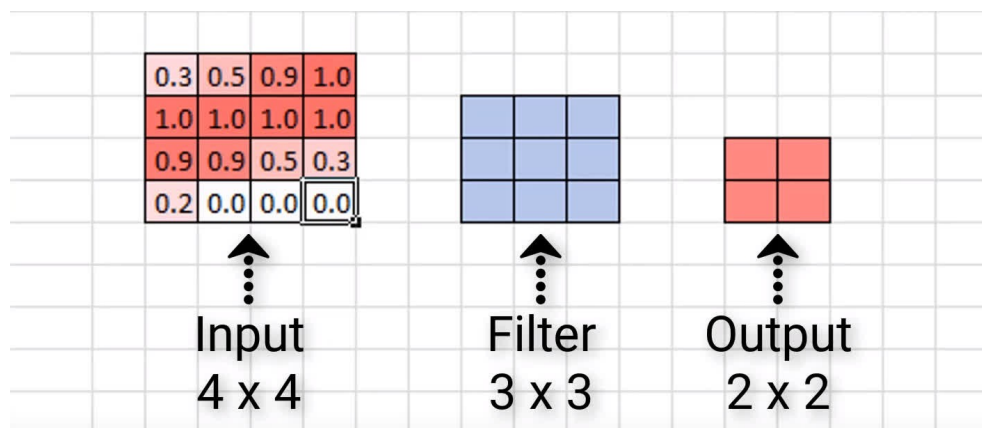
$$\sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i^2 + \mu_i^2 - \log(\sigma_i) - 1$$

KL-Divergence



# Challenges with the VAE

- Should the events be zero padded?
- Should we take a smaller number of objects?
- Which anomaly score to use:
  - Just one or the other of reconstruction or KL
  - Radius in the latent space
  - Beta parameters (and how to tweak them)



# The BSM Physics

BSM process	Channel 1	Channel 2a	Channel 2b	Channel 3
$Z' + \text{monojet}$	×	×		×
$Z' + W/Z$				×
$Z' + \text{single top}$	×			×
$Z'$ in lepton-violating $U(1)_{L_\mu - L_\tau}$		×	×	
$\mathcal{R}$ -SUSY stop-stop	×		×	×
$\mathcal{R}$ -SUSY squark-squark	×			×
SUSY gluino-gluino	×	×	×	×
SUSY stop-stop	×			×
SUSY squark-squark	×			×
SUSY chargino-neutralino		×	×	
SUSY chargino-chargino			×	

Some processes have different mass spectra or decay modes: 19 signals, 34 Signal-Channel combinations

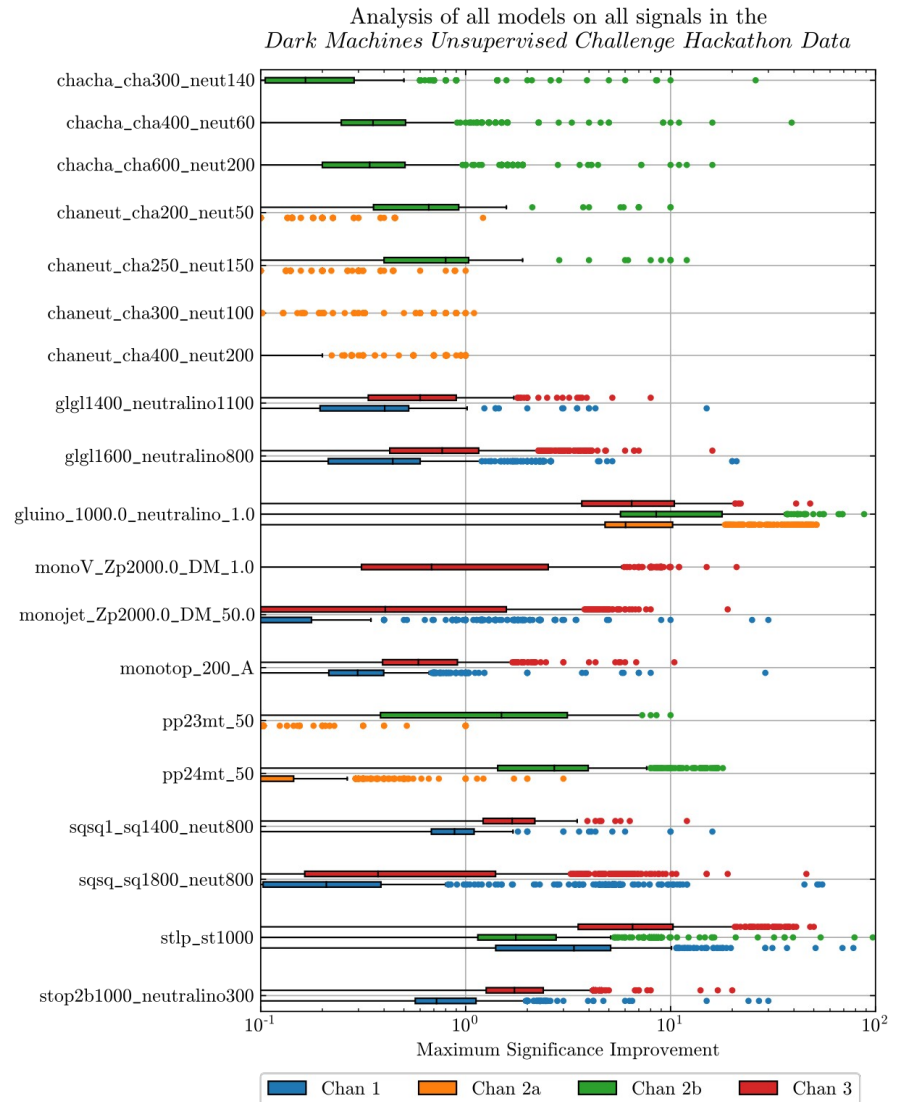


# Maximum Significant Improvement

$$\sigma_S = \frac{S}{\sqrt{B}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_{AD} &= \frac{S'}{\sqrt{B'}} \\ &= \frac{\epsilon_S S}{\sqrt{\epsilon_B B}} \\ &= \frac{\epsilon_S}{\sqrt{\epsilon_B}} \sigma_S \end{aligned}$$

$$SI \equiv \frac{\epsilon_S}{\sqrt{\epsilon_B}}$$



# Total Improvement Across Signals

Total Improvement for models over all signals on  
*Dark Machines Unsupervised Challenge Hackathon Data*

