

# Model-agnostic search for dijet resonances with the CMS detector

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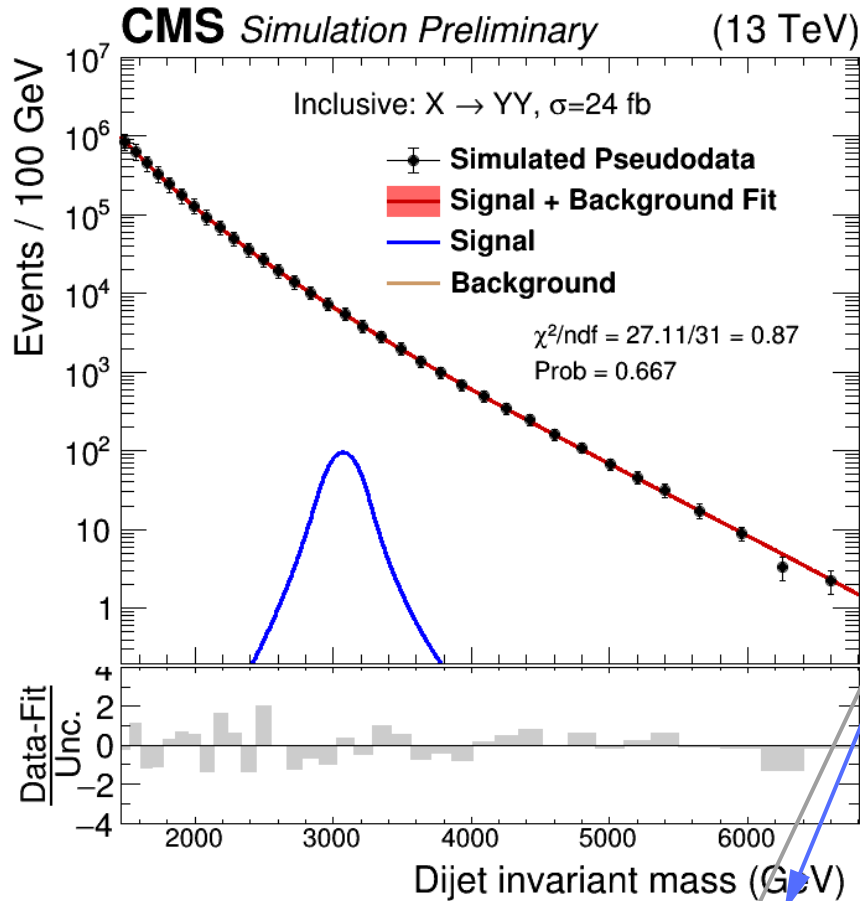
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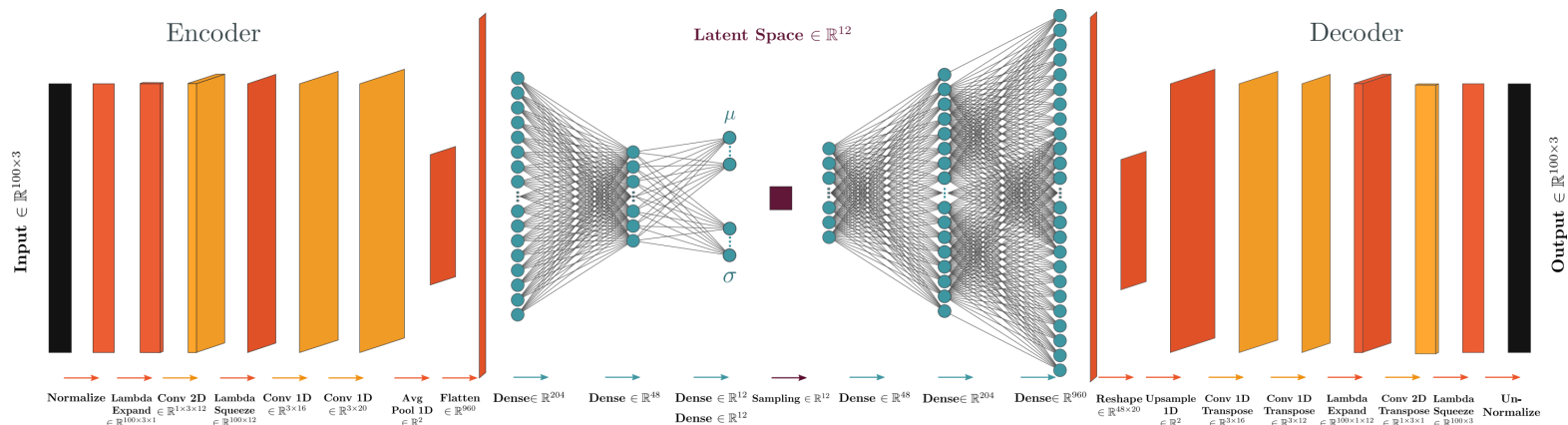
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# Overview

- Dijet events ( $\text{anti-}k_T$ ,  $R = 0.8$ )
- Look for a narrow resonance
- Leverage substructure
- Use state-of-the-art AD methods (as of two years ago)
- Compare **5** techniques for anomaly detection



# Methods: Variational Autoencoder



- Encodes up to 100 PF\* constituents per jet
- Trained with jets from a QCD-dominated sideband ( $\Delta\eta > 1.4$ )
- Final score: lowest reconstruction loss of the two jets
- Background sculpting controlled with quantile regression

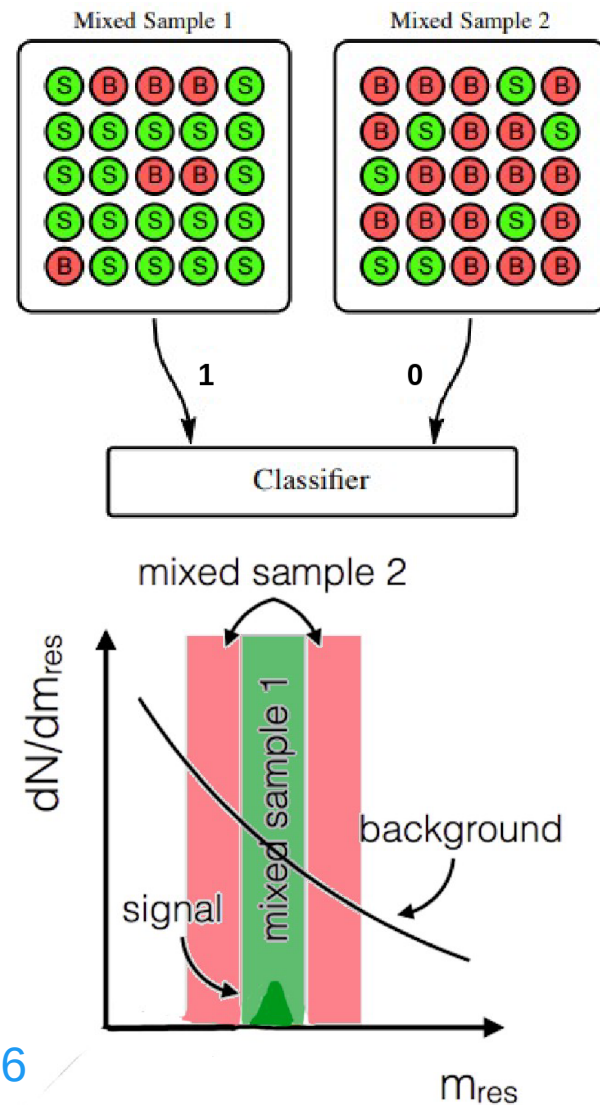
# Methods: Weak Supervision

Train a classifier between data and a background-like sample

- **CWoLa**: background taken from sidebands
- **CATHODE**: background interpolated from sidebands
- **Tag N' Train**: autoencoder preselection, targets events with **two** anomalous jets

Fewer features for CATHODE than CWoLa/TNT

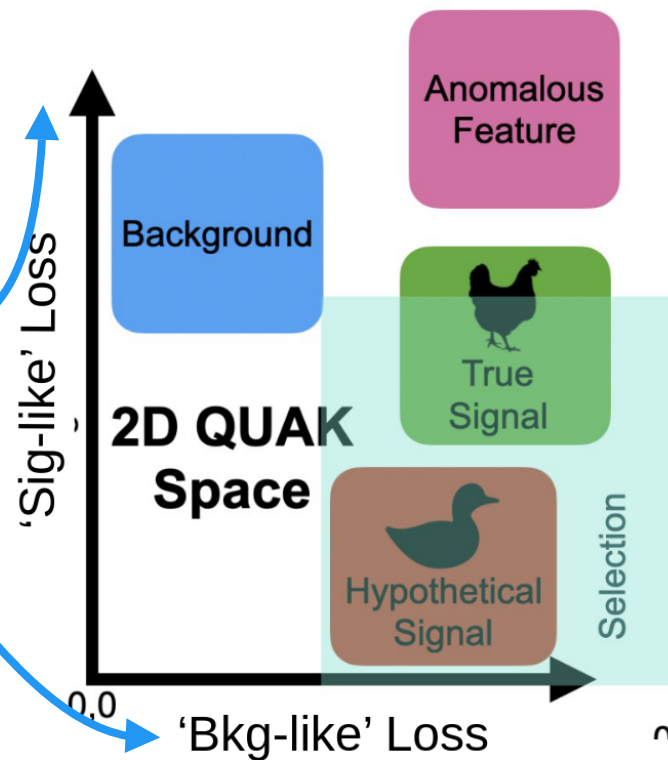
CWoLa: [1902.02634](#) / CATHODE: [2109.00546](#) / TNT: [2002.12376](#)



# Methods: **QUAK**

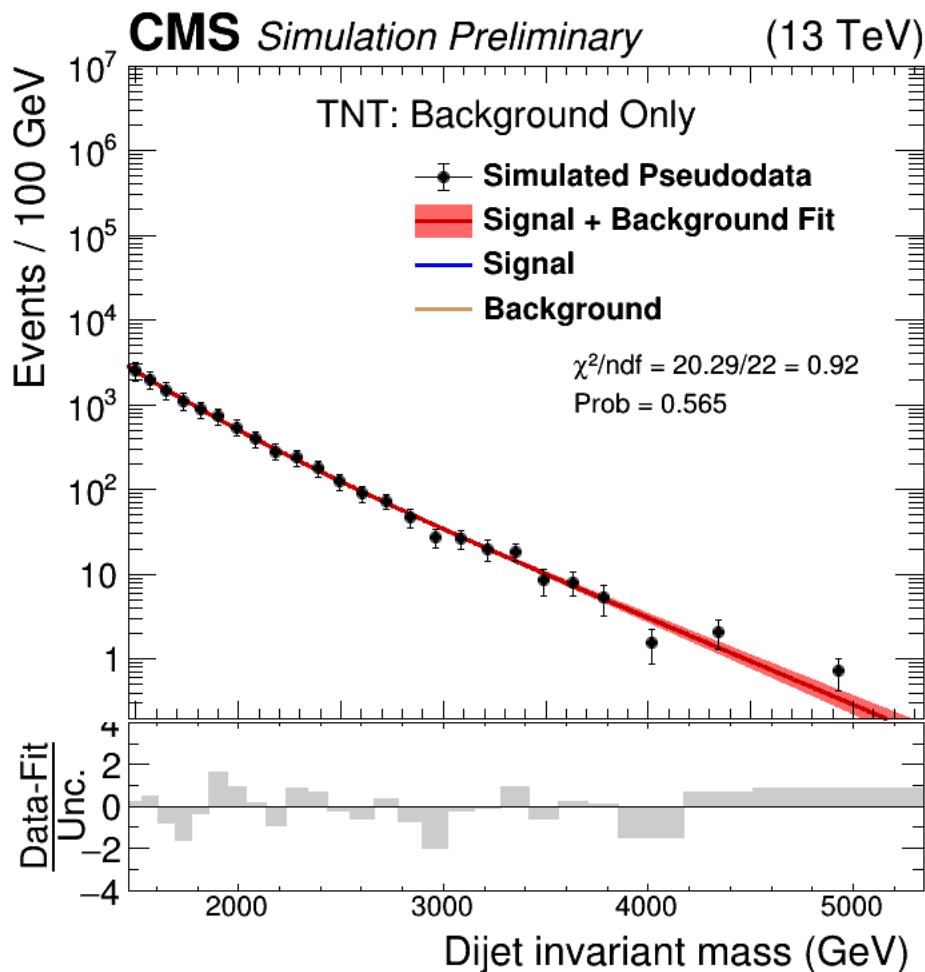
- Hybrid approach, encoding a **prior** on signal-like features
- Train two normalizing flows:
  - On a mixture of signal MCs
  - On background MC
- The losses define a **2D QUAK space**
- The signal is somewhere in that space...

Hypothetical QUAK Space



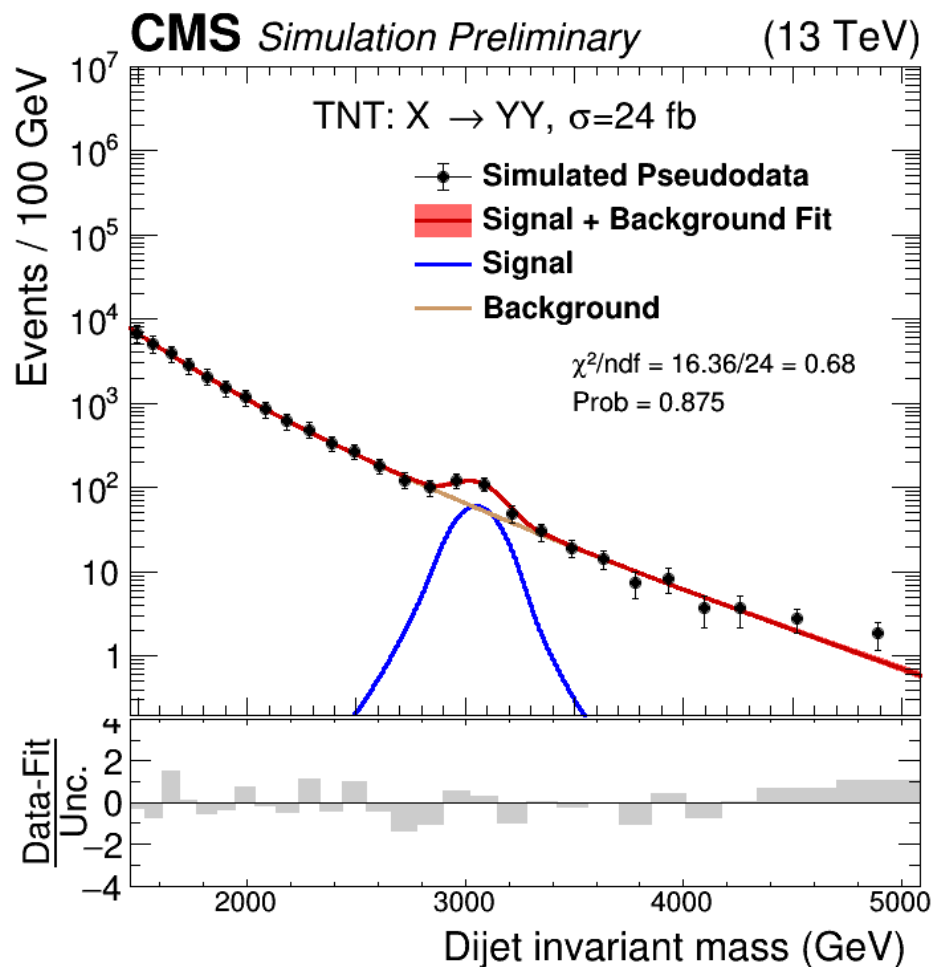
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- Select events
- Look at  $m_{jj}$  spectrum
- Fit with analytic functions



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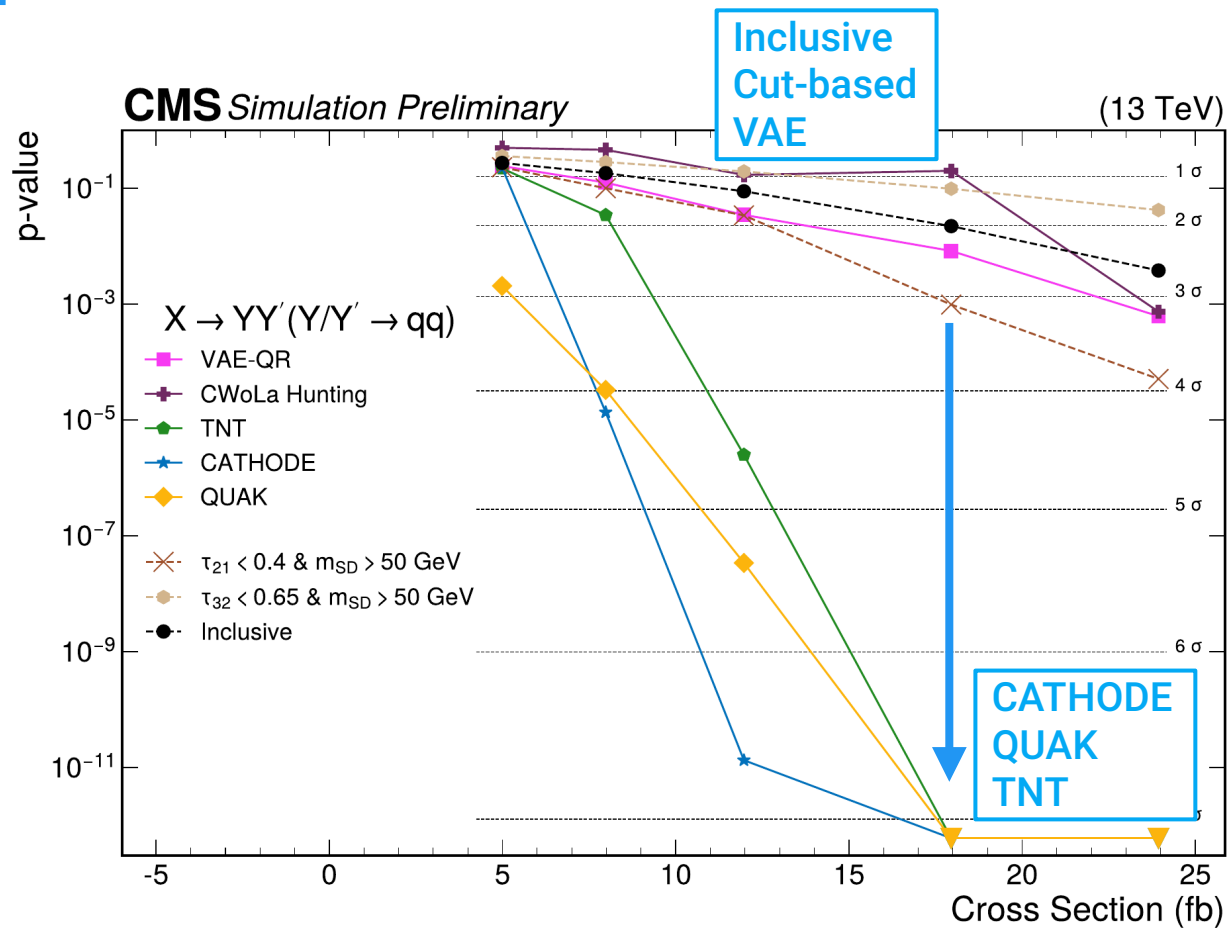
- Choose a working point
- Select events
- Look at  $m_{jj}$  spectrum
- Fit with analytic functions
- Find a bump (maybe)
- Derive a  $p$ -value



# Performance: 2 + 2

Testing performance on:  
 $X(3000) \rightarrow YY' \rightarrow qq \, qq$

$\simeq$  LHCO R&D dataset



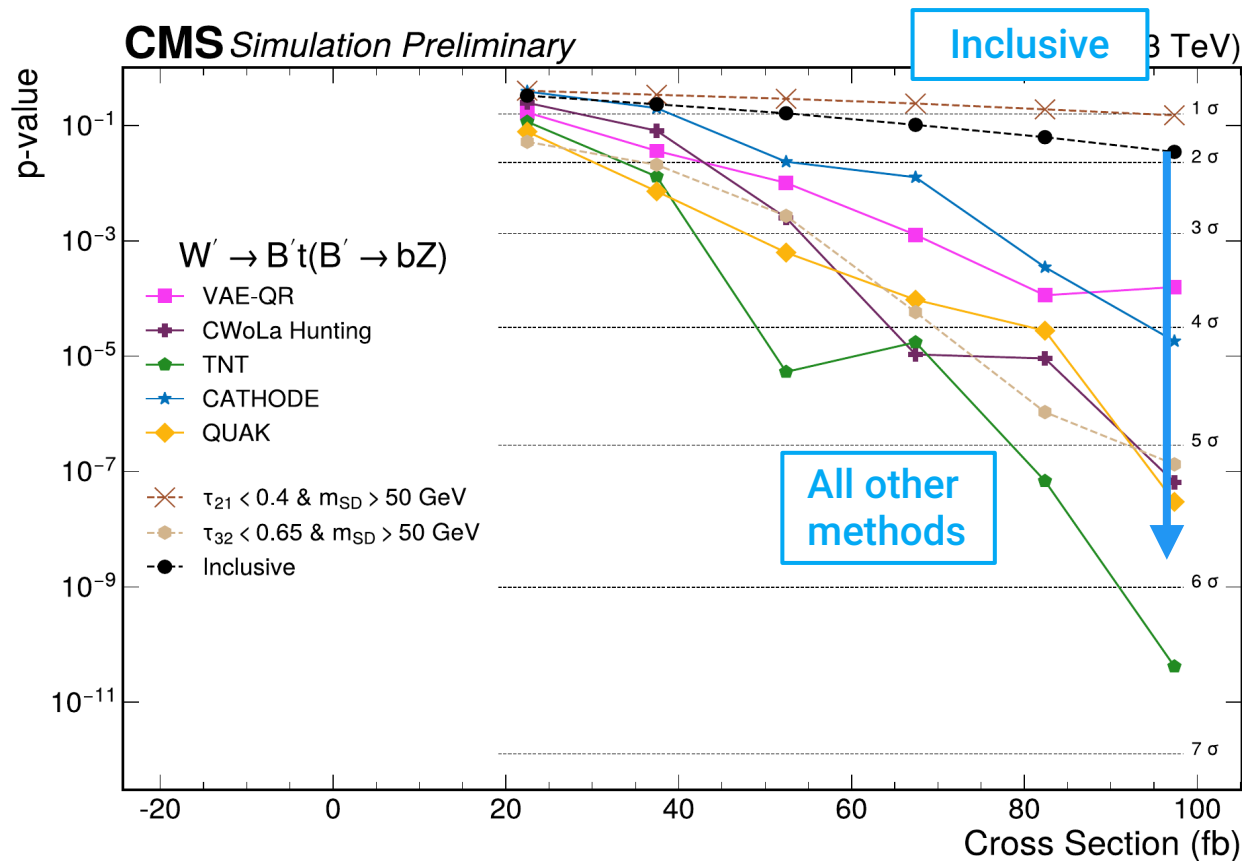


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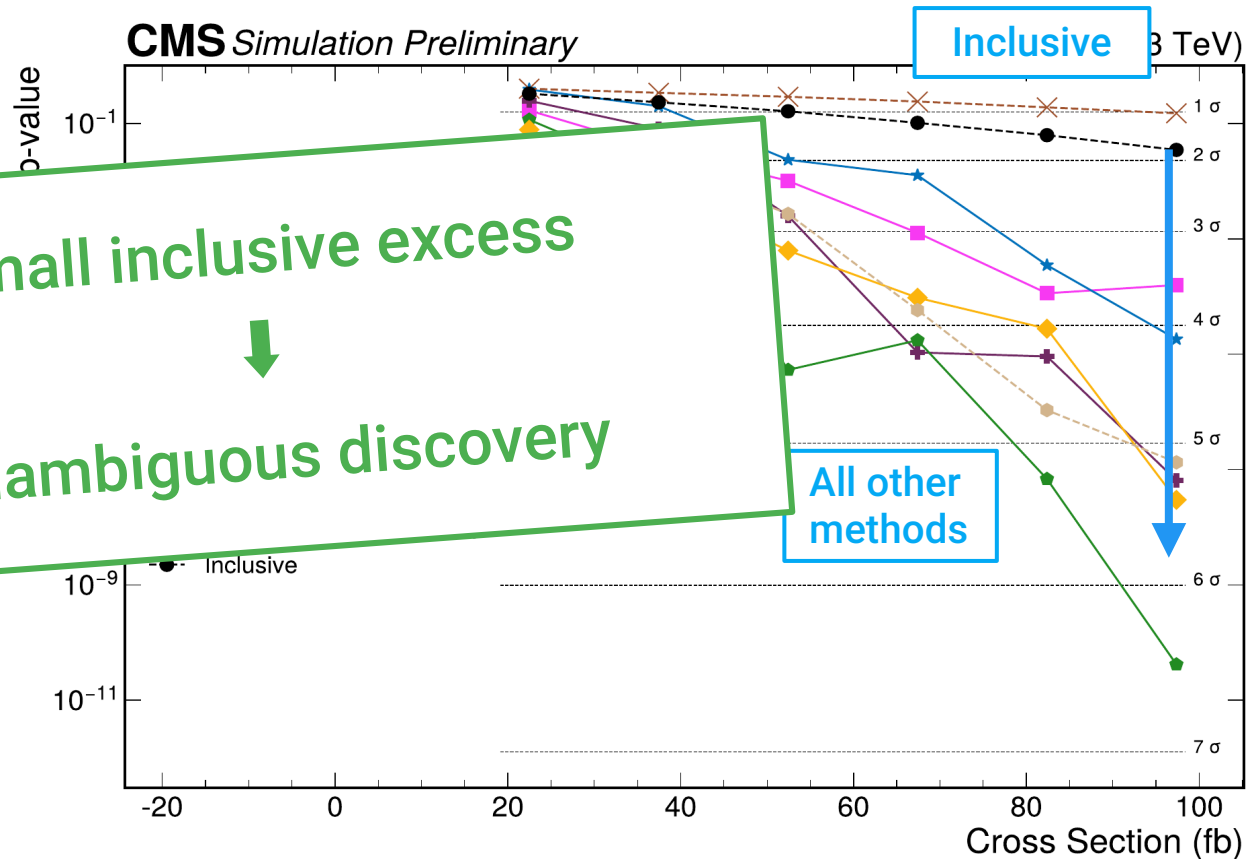
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3 + 3

Small inclusive excess



Unambiguous discovery

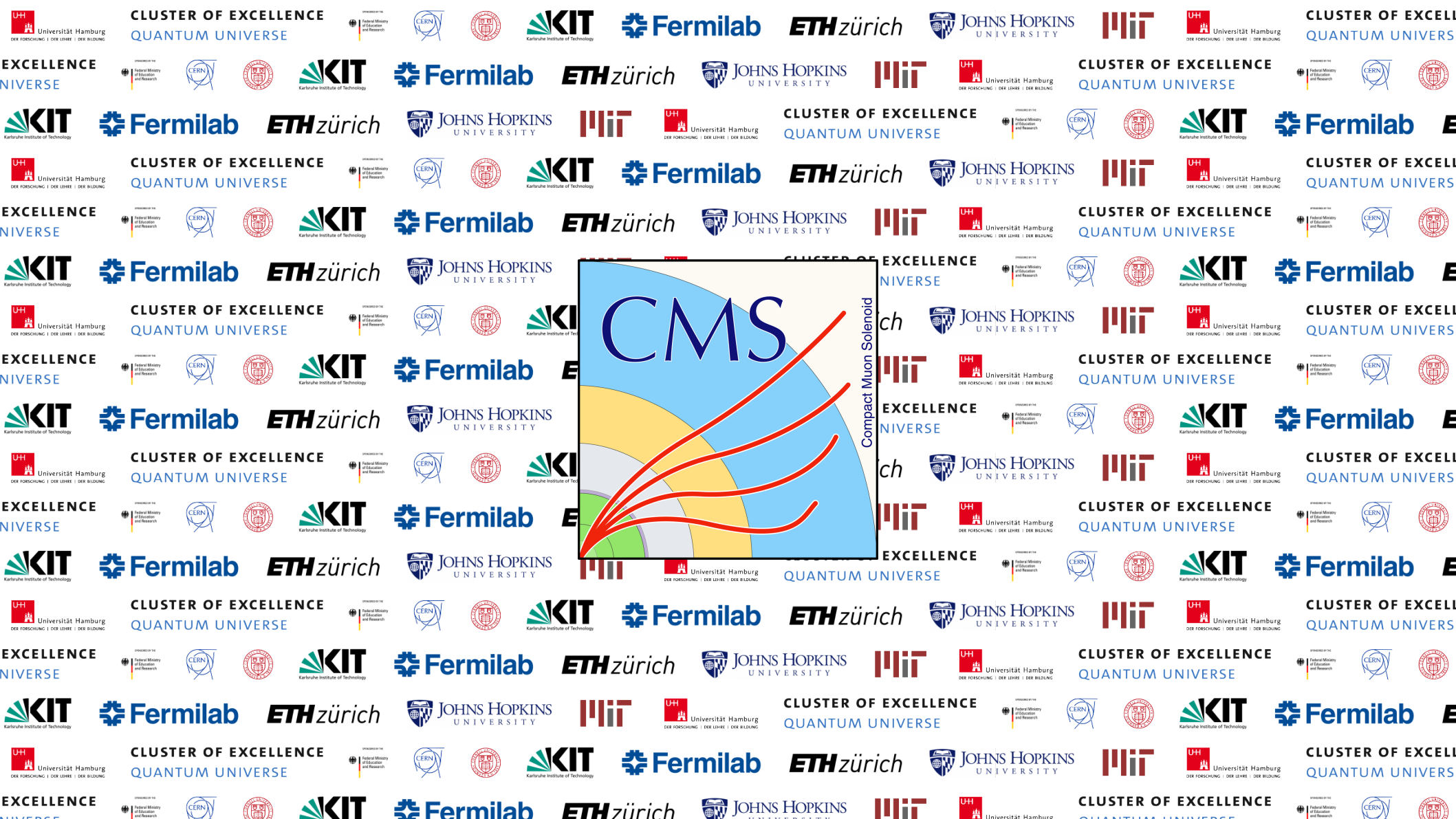


# Summary

- CMS joining the anomaly detection party
- Looking for dijet resonances with **5** methods:  
VAE, CWoLa, CATHODE, Tag N' Train, QUAK
- Promising performance in simulation
- No method to rule them all

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**Finalizing analysis in data: stay tuned**



# Input Features

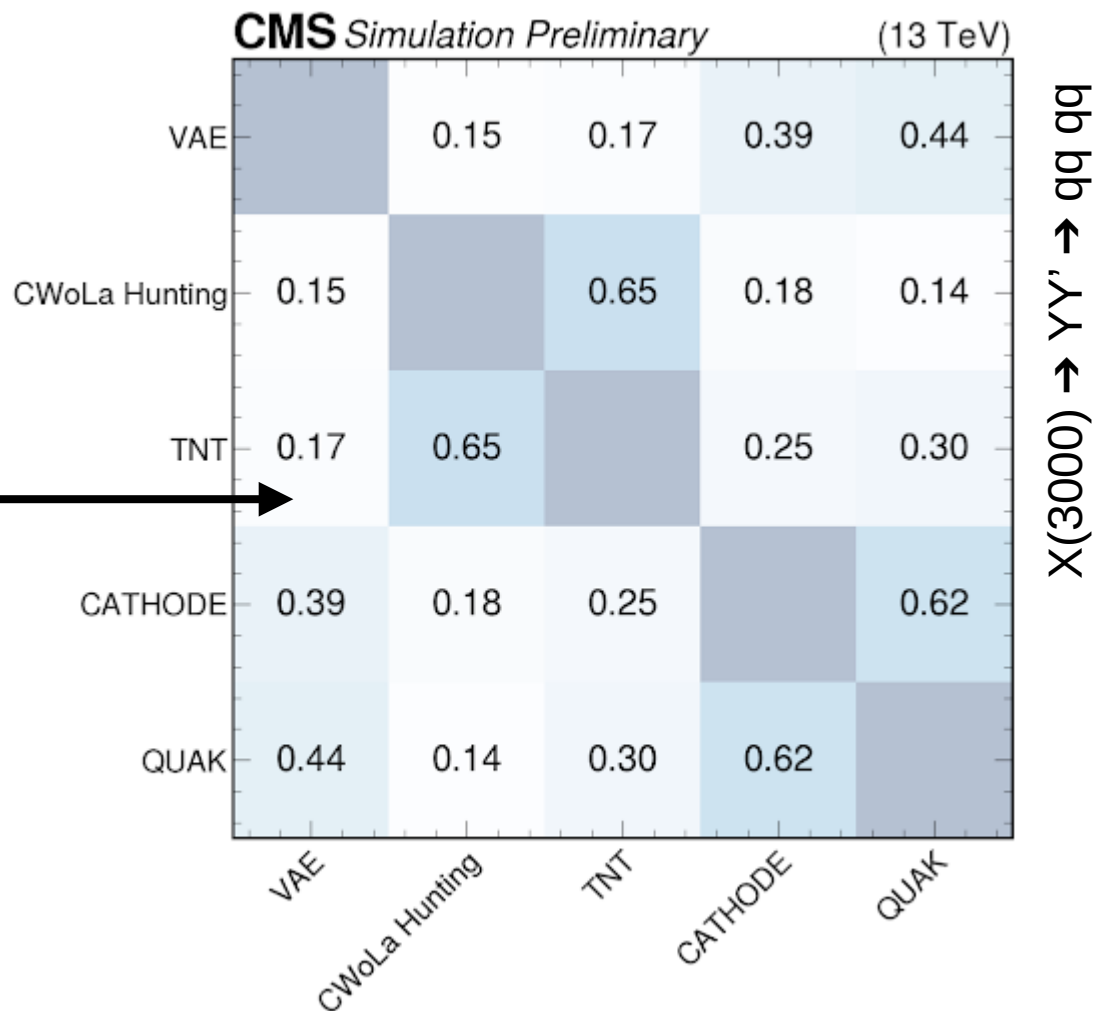
- **VAE:**  $p_T$ ,  $\eta$ ,  $\phi$  of leading 100 particle flow constituents (per jet)
- **CWoLa, TNT:**  $m_{SD}$ ,  $\tau_{21}$ ,  $\tau_{32}$ ,  $\tau_{43}$ ,  $n_{PF}$ ,  $LSF_3$ , b-tagging score (per jet)
- **CATHODE:**  $m_{SD1}$ ,  $m_{SD1} - m_{SD2}$ ,  $\tau_{41,1}$ ,  $\tau_{41,2}$  (per event)
- **QUAK:**  $m_{SD}$ ,  $\tau_{21}$ ,  $\tau_{32}$ ,  $\tau_{43}$ ,  $\sqrt{\tau_{21}/\tau_1}$ ,  $M/p_T$  (for each jet, per event)

# Complementarity

Do all methods find the same events?

Check correlation between scores

Small correlations  
➡ Complementarity



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Do all methods find the same events?

Check correlation between scores (background)

Small bg correlations

