

# Convolutional Neural Networks on FPGAs for Processing of ATLAS Liquid Argon Calorimeter Signals

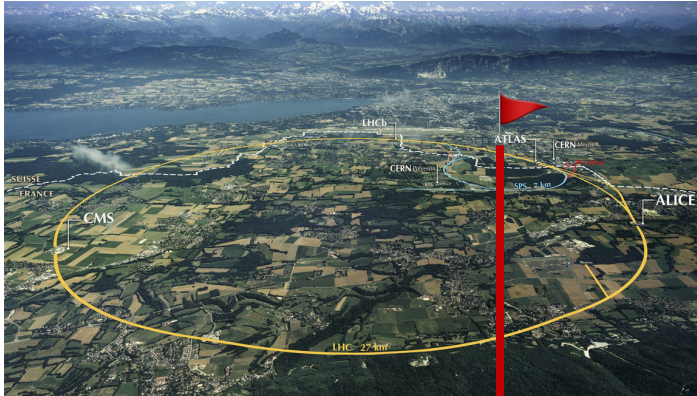
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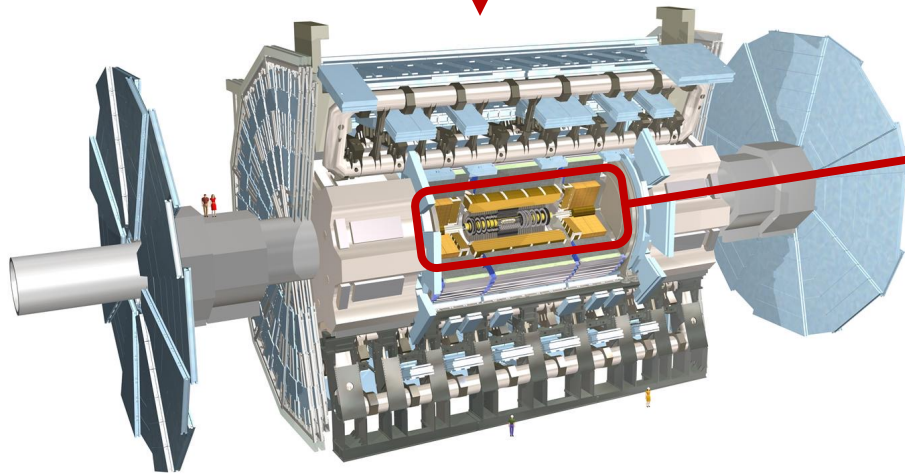
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# The ATLAS Detector at LHC



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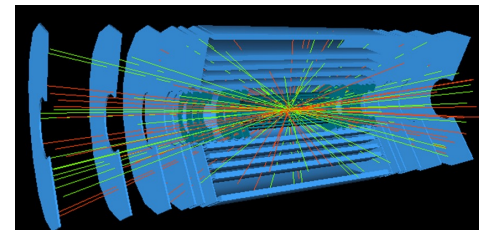
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## Large Hadron Collider (LHC)

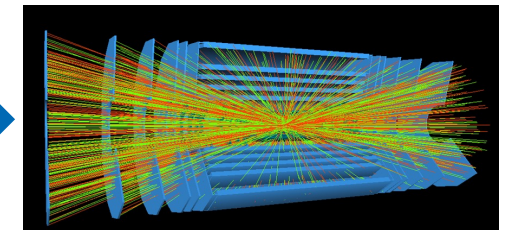
- proton bunches collide with **25 ns** spacing (40 MHz)
- 2029: start of **High Luminosity LHC (HL-LHC)**

## ATLAS detector

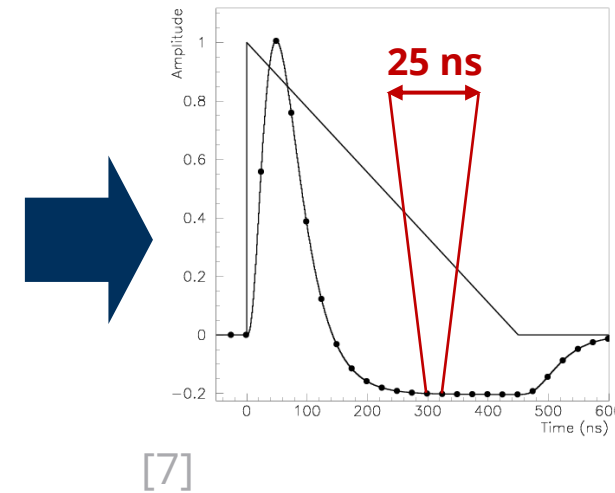
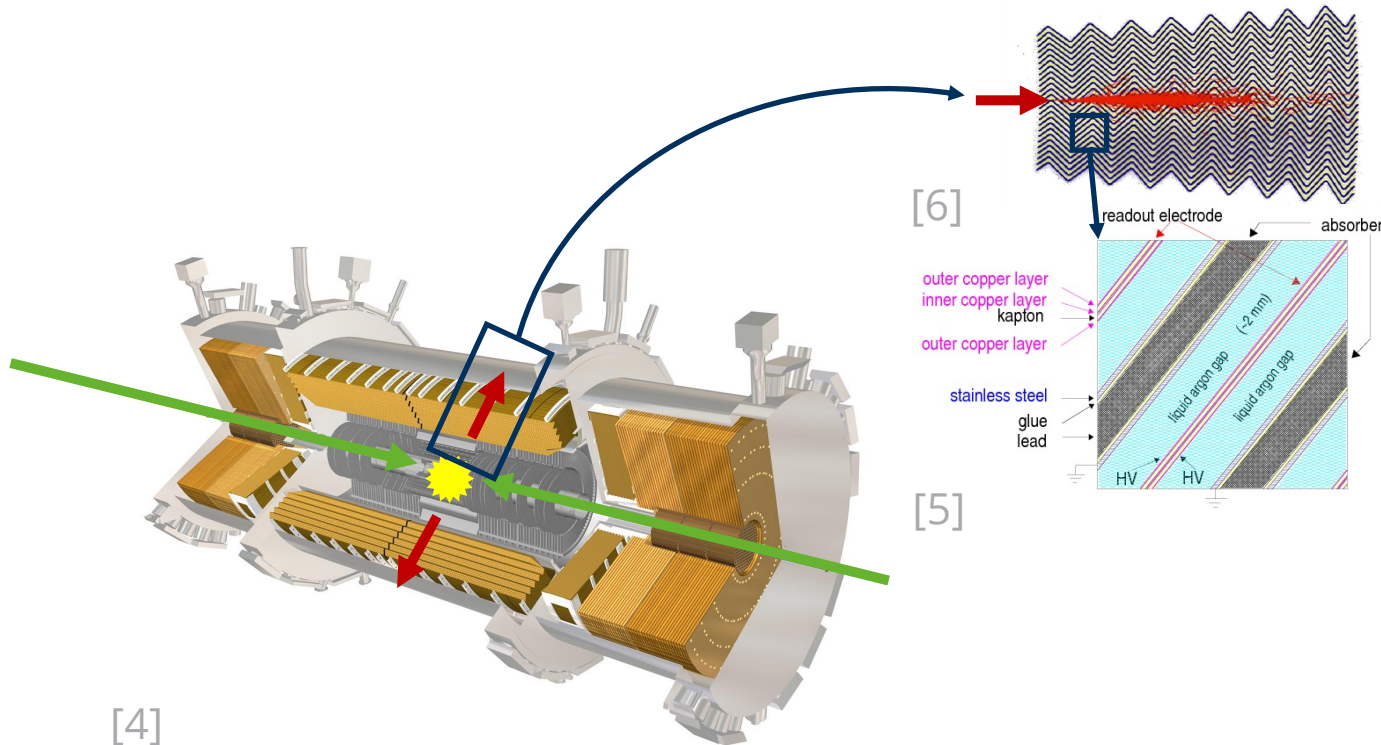
- HL-LHC: up to 200 collisions per bunch crossing (BC) (currently ~ 60), **pileup increases**
- modifications at **Liquid-Argon (LAr) calorimeter readout** necessary



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# LAr Calorimeter Readout



real time  
signal  
processing

Save ADC-values?  
(32 bit per BC and  
182468 cells)

~ 1.7 PB for just one  
minute of runtime  
of LHC!

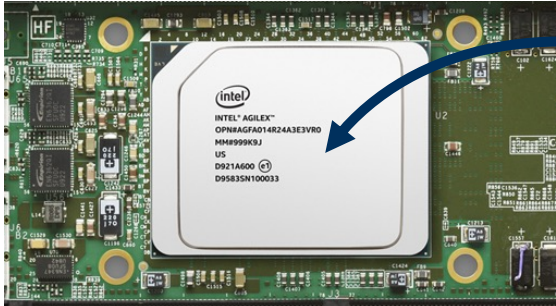
- absorber (Pb, Cu, W) and electrodes in accordion geometry
- liquid Argon (**LAr**) as active medium

- drifting ionisation electrons from electromagnetic shower raise **triangular pulse**
- shaped into **bipolar pulse**
- parameter of interest: **amplitude ~ deposited energy**

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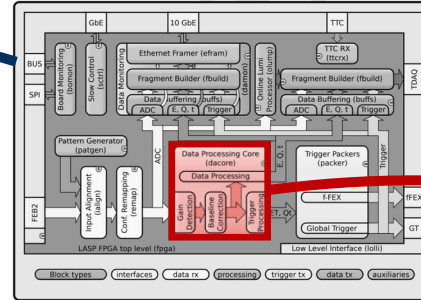
**FPGA - field programmable gate array**

**LASP** (liquid Argon signal processor) - **firmware**



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- Intel Agilex 7
- real time signal processing



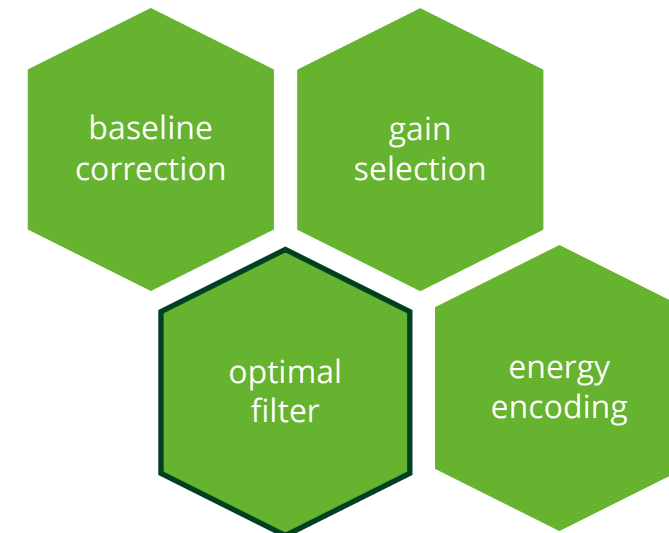
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- Implemented in VHDL targeting
- energy reconstruction in **data processing core (dacore)**



**reconstructed energy**  
of an event  
(using optimal filter)

For testing purposes:  
mirroring LASP dacore in  
**Python model**



# Reconstruction of Energy

## current way for energy reconstruction (OF)

$$y_t = \sum_n^{M-1} x_{t-n} \cdot a_n$$

$y_t$  ... OF output for bunch crossing (BC)  $t$

$\vec{x}$  ... input ADC samples

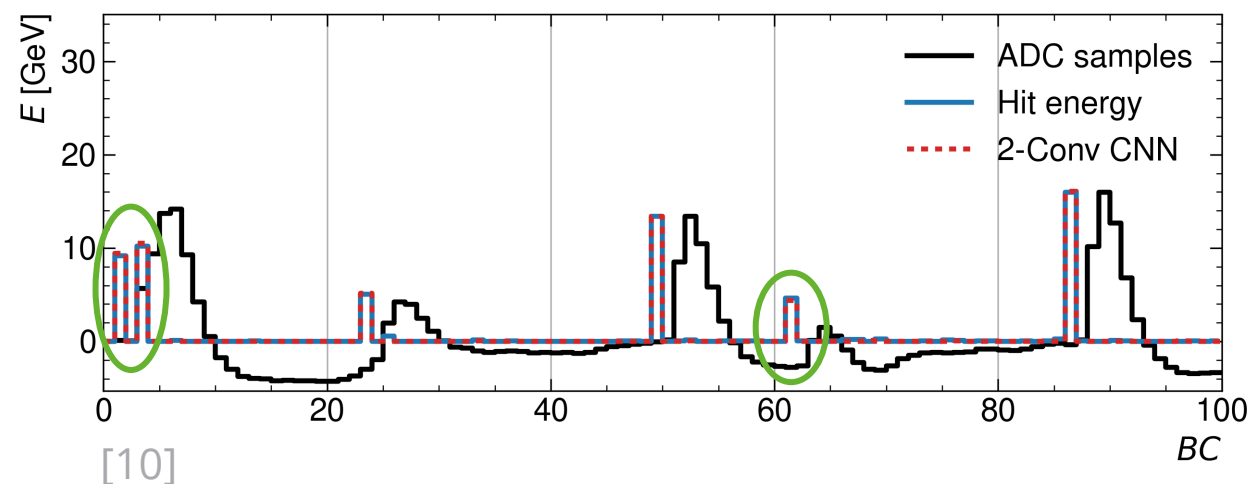
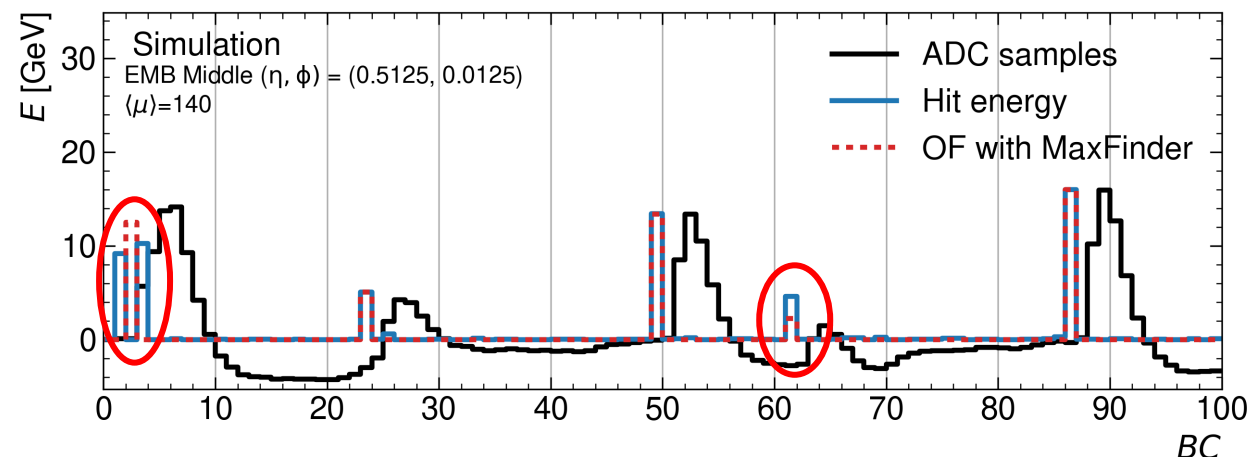
$a_n$  ... OF coefficients

$M$  ... OF filter depth

- close signals cannot be resolved
- signals within undershoot underestimated

## Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs)

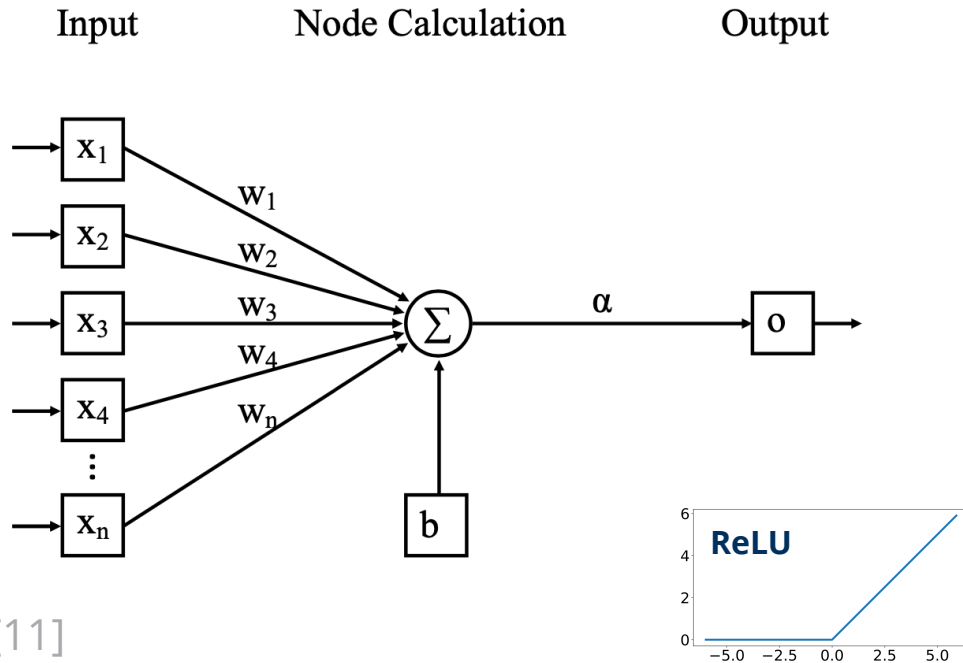
- optimized to reconstruct overlapping signals





# Artificial Neural Network (ANN)

## single node

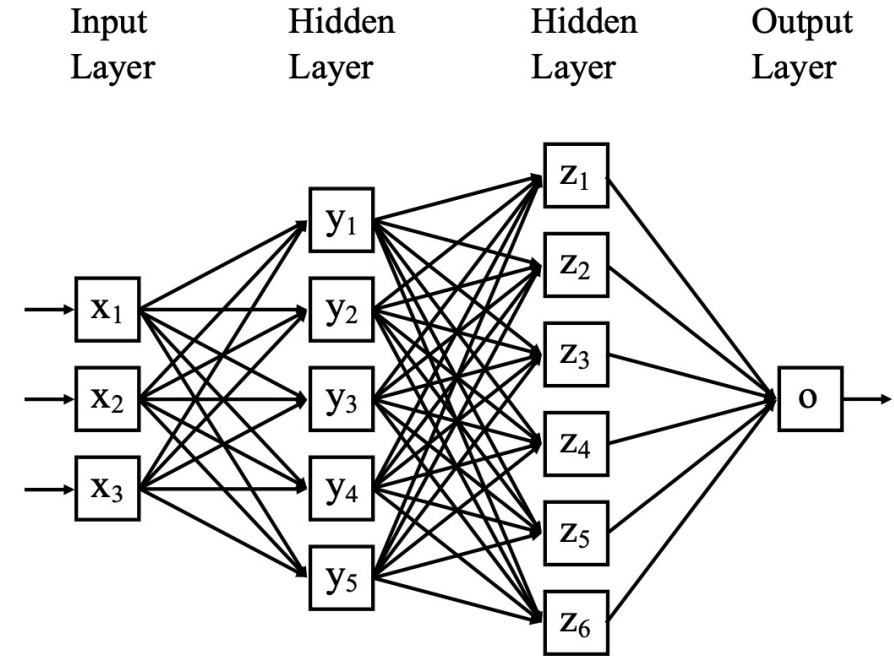


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$$y_t = A \left( \sum_{i=0}^n x_i \cdot w_i + b \right)$$

$y_t$  ... node output for time  $t$   
 $\vec{x}$  ... input samples  
 $\vec{w}$  ... weights  
 $b$  ... bias term  
 $A$  ... activation function (**ReLU**)

## full network

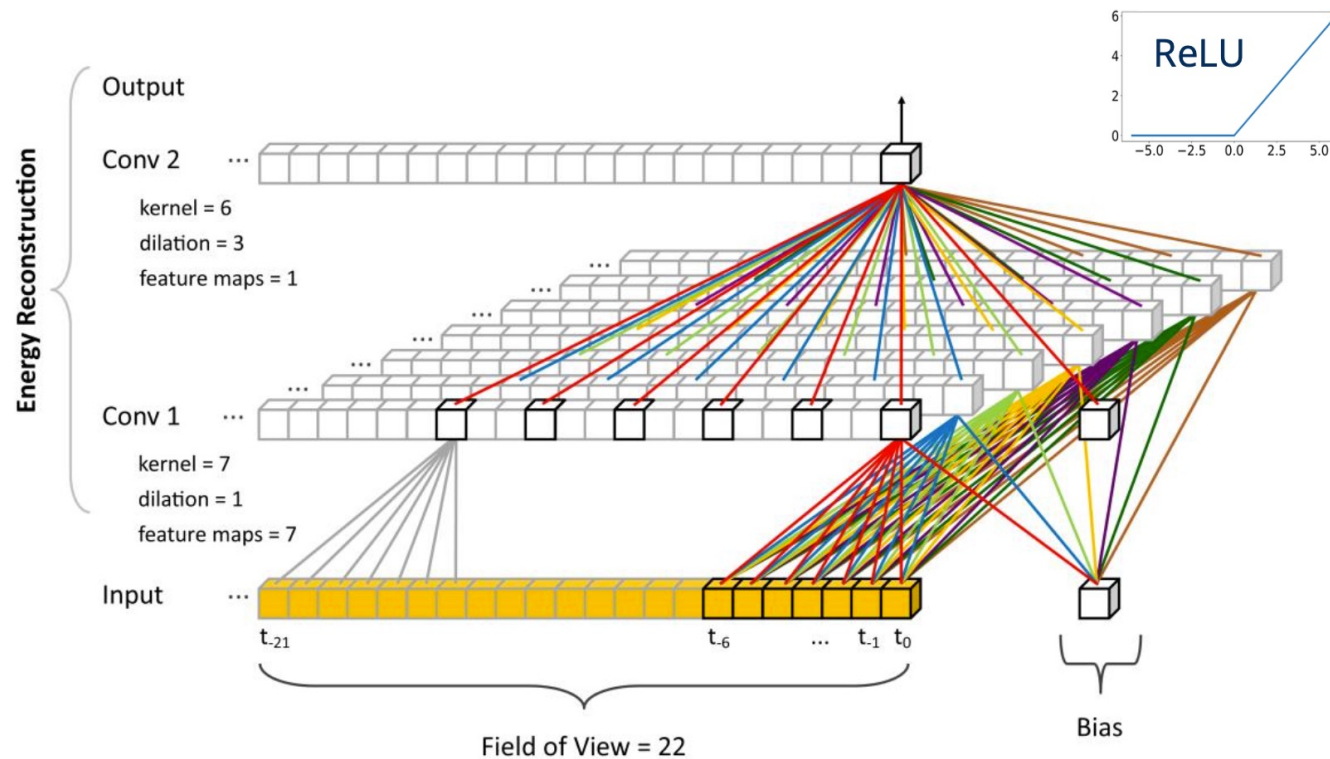


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$$\mathbf{x} = (x_1, x_2, x_3) \quad \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{W}_x \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{b}_x \quad \mathbf{z} = \mathbf{W}_y \mathbf{y} + \mathbf{b}_y \quad \mathbf{o} = \mathbf{W}_z \mathbf{z} + \mathbf{b}_z$$

- interconnections between **several nodes**, within layers
- during **training** output tuned to fit target

# CNNs for LAr Readout

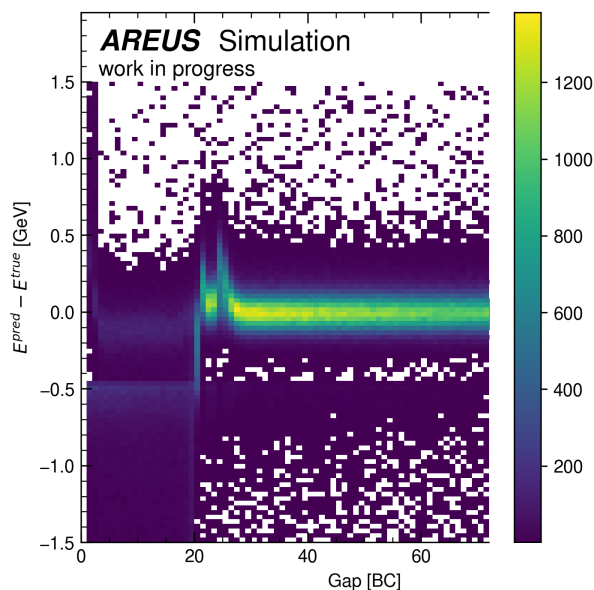
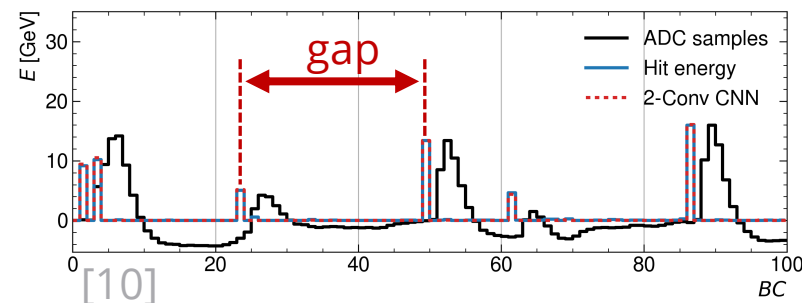


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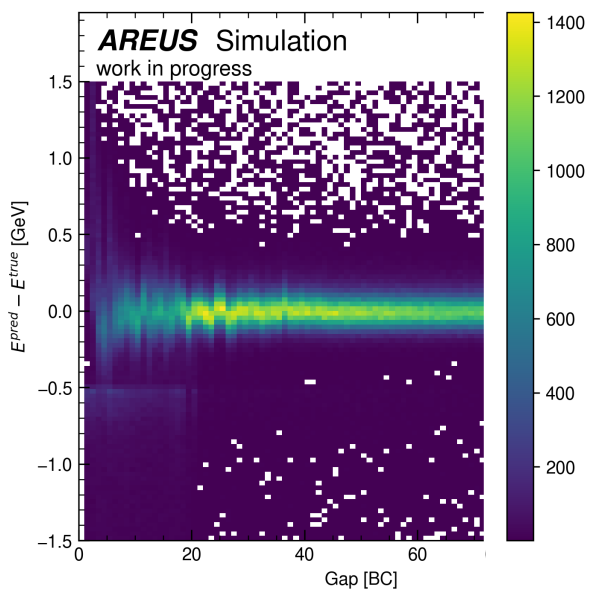
- **CNN** as ANNs which are specialized to **identify structures** (e.g. pulses from LAr calorimeter)
- network size **restricted by # of parameter** (so far ~100) available on the FPGA
- more resources on Agilex FPGA: **up to ~400 parameter possible**
- architecture of CNN optimized by **Hyperparameter search**

# Energy Reconstruction on CNN

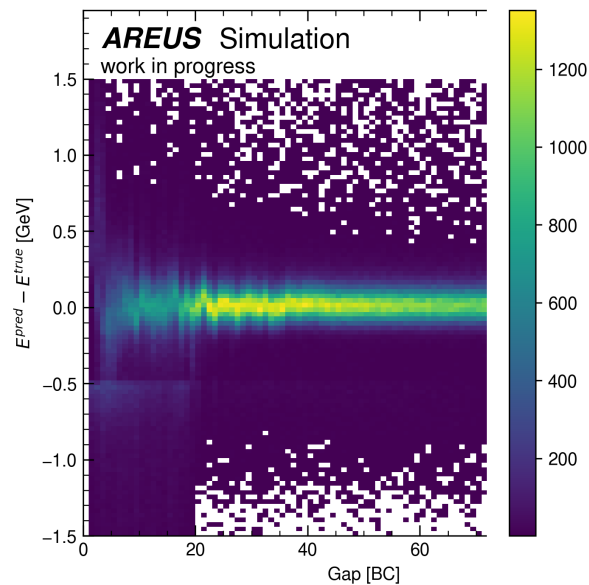
comparison of a well-trained 2-layer CNN (100 parameter) with 3- and 4-layer CNN **only trained during hyperparameter search**



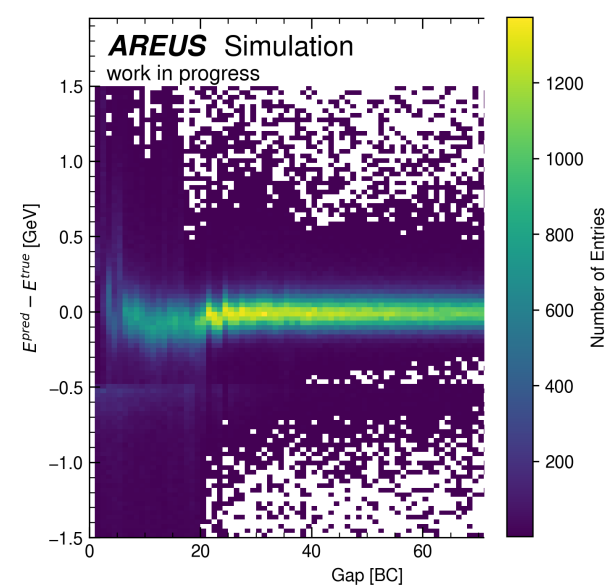
Optimal filter



2-layer CNN (~100 param.)



3-layer CNN (~400 param.)



4-layer CNN (~400 param.)



# Summary

- upgrade of LHC to HL-LHC increases pile up of LAr calorimeter signal
- CNN suitable replacement for optimal filter for energy reconstruction in LASP Firmware
- larger number of parameters for CNN enables networks with more layers
- CNNs with 400 parameter show comparable or better energy resolution after hyperparameter search compared to trained network with 100 parameter

## Outlook:

- Quantized training of 400 parameter CNN

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