

# Getting More from Hadron Calorimeters

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# 1 – A Challenging Future

The 2020 update of the European Strategy for Particle Physics (EUSUPP) encourages feasibility studies for new large, long-term projects which will once again push our technological skills to their limits.

## EUROPEAN STRATEGY FOR PARTICLE PHYSICS

The European Strategy for Particle Physics is the cornerstone of Europe's decision-making process for the long-term future of the field. Mandated by the CERN Council, it is formed through a broad consultation of the grass-roots particle physics community, it actively solicits the opinions of physicists from around the world, and it is developed in close coordination with similar processes in the US and Japan in order to ensure coordination between regions and optimal use of resources globally.

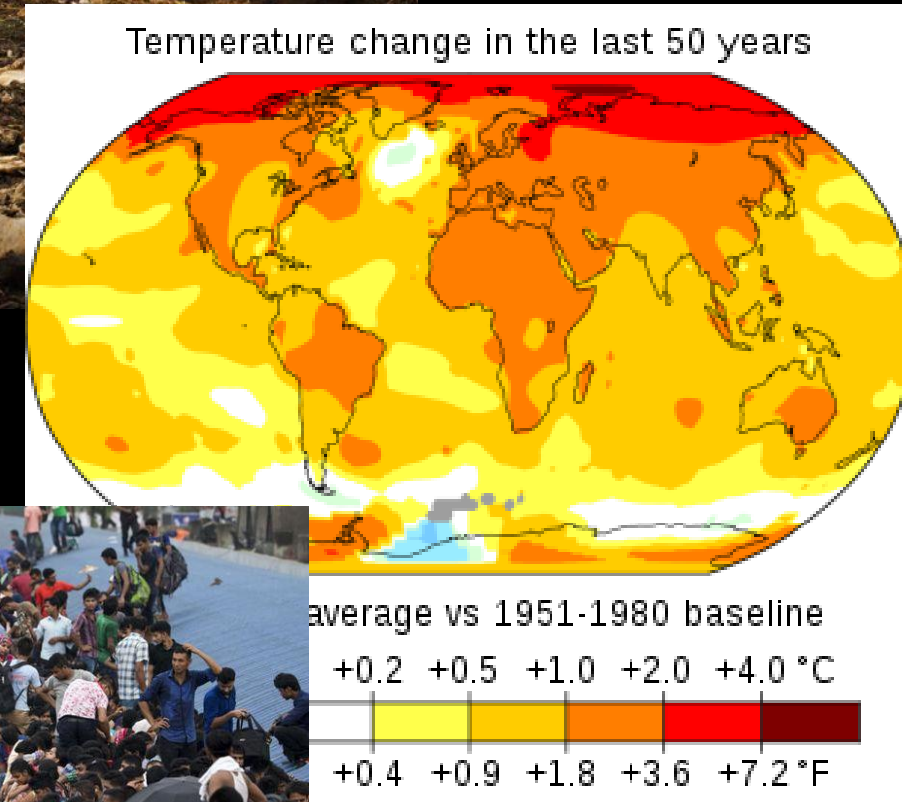
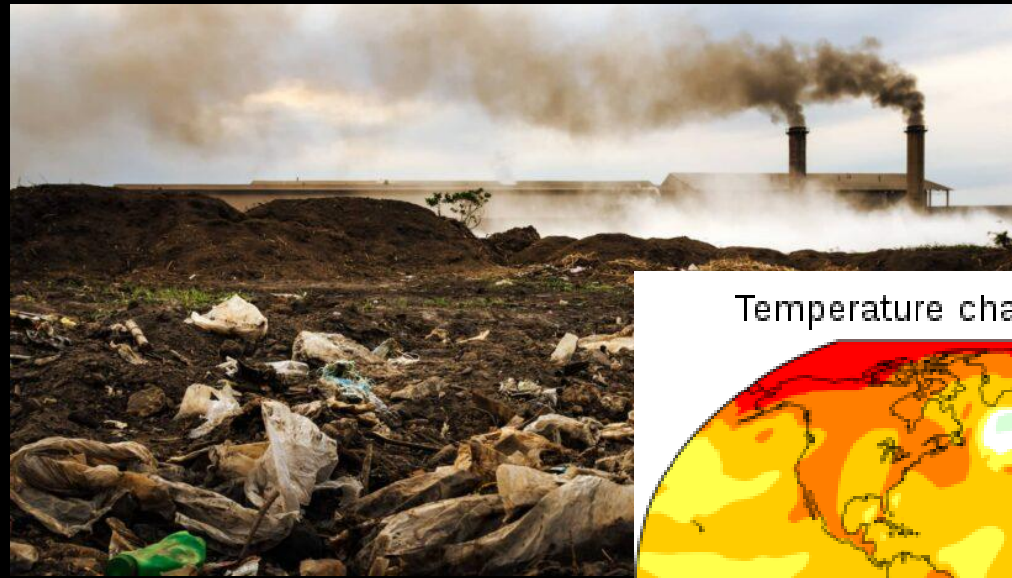
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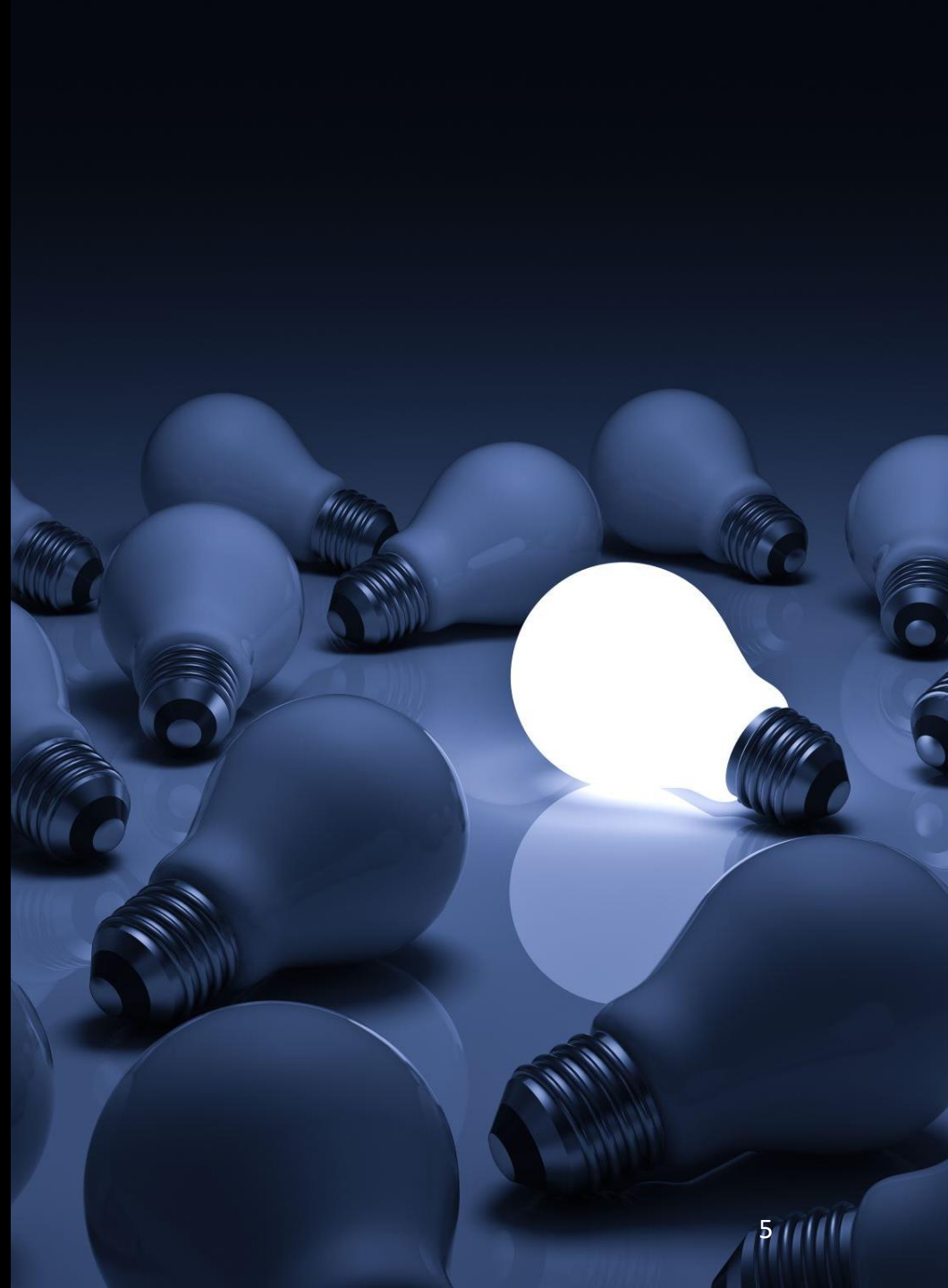
But **humanity faces**  
unprecedented global  
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Resources must be devoted  
to **seek solutions through**  
**applied science innovations**

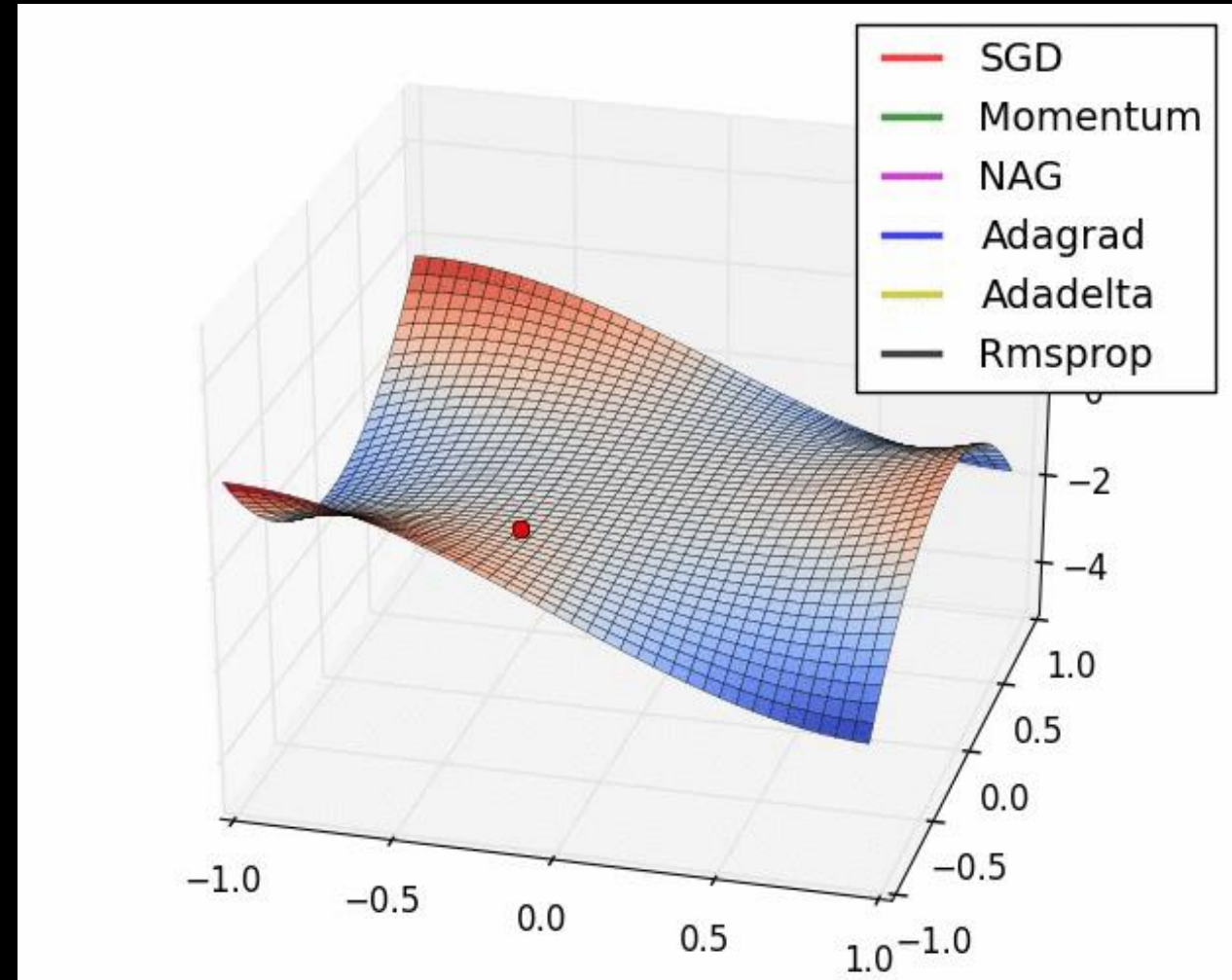
rather than investing in  
fundamental research.



→ Ensuring the maximum exploitation of any resources spent on fundamental research is a moral imperative



## 2 – Differentiable Optimization of Experiment Design and the MODE Project



# Outstanding Problems in Fundamental Science

- Formulating new theories of Nature
- Extracting sufficient statistics from high-D data
- Ensuring complete control of our type-1 error rates
- Explore higher energy / higher intensity frontiers, ensuring we do not miss new physics

Nowadays we are doing all of that with deep learning

The above are all data analysis tasks. Looking forward, we must look into our design problems, as **time from blueprint to commissioning is  $O(20)$  years!**

In market-driven human activities, **co-design** of hardware and software is already happening. **In HEP we still haven't started doing it systematically**

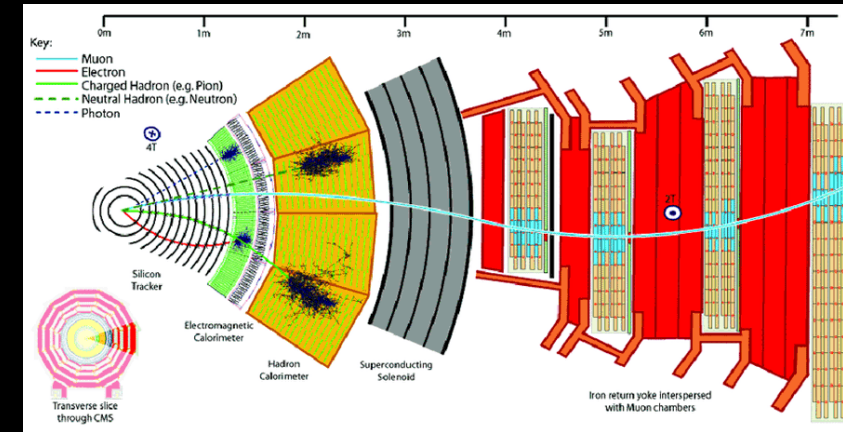
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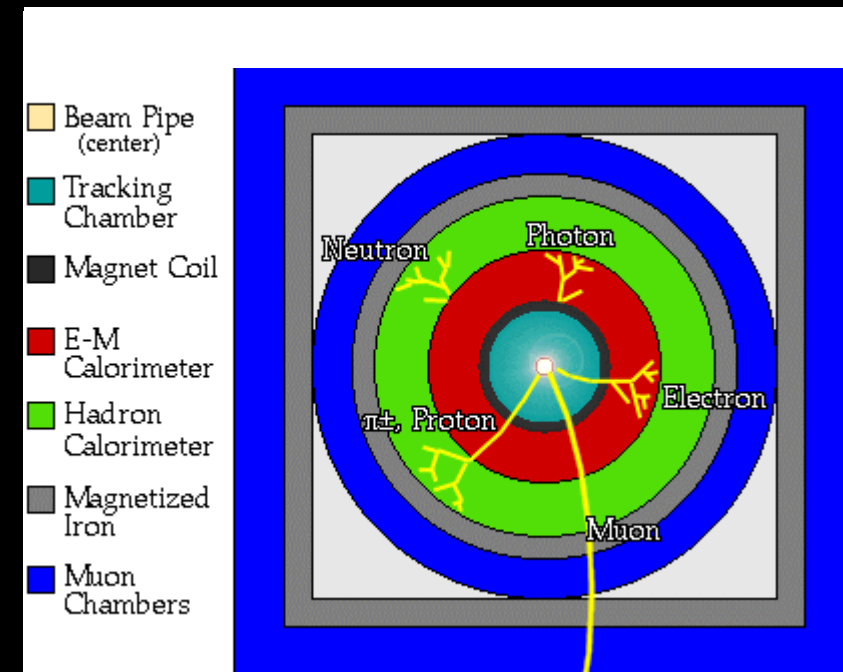
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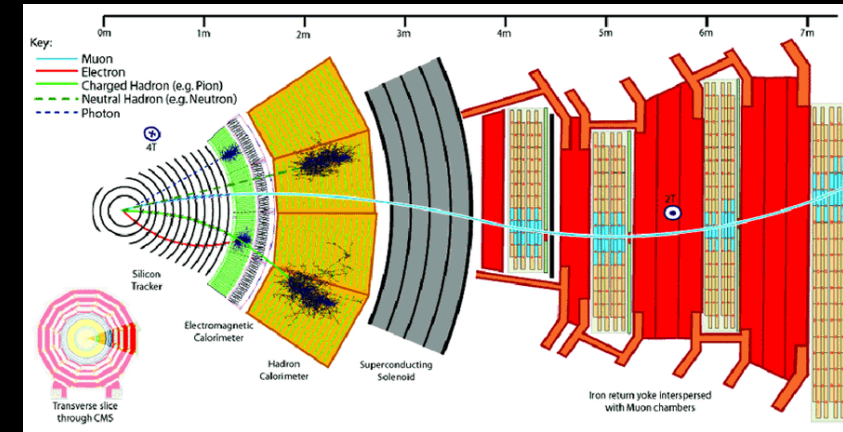
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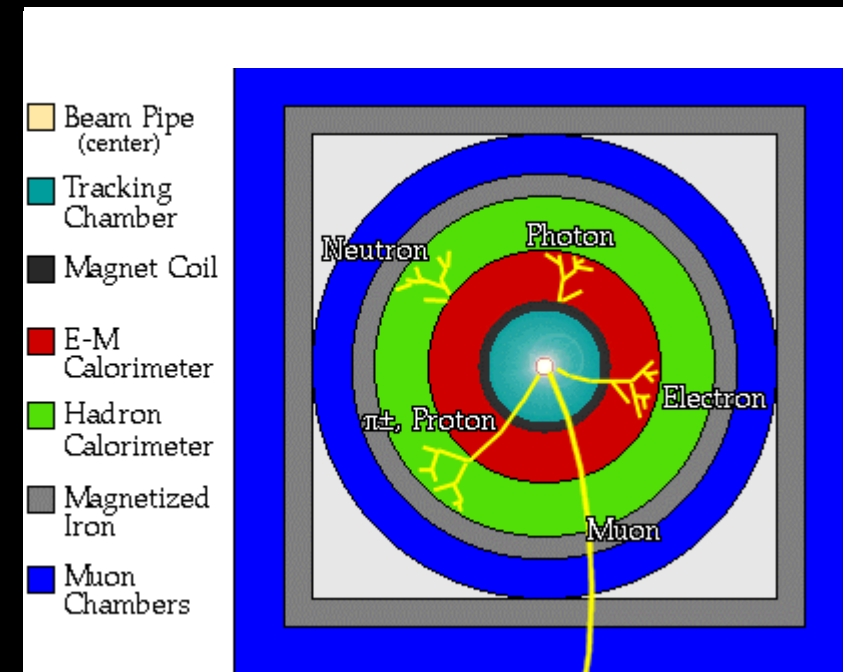
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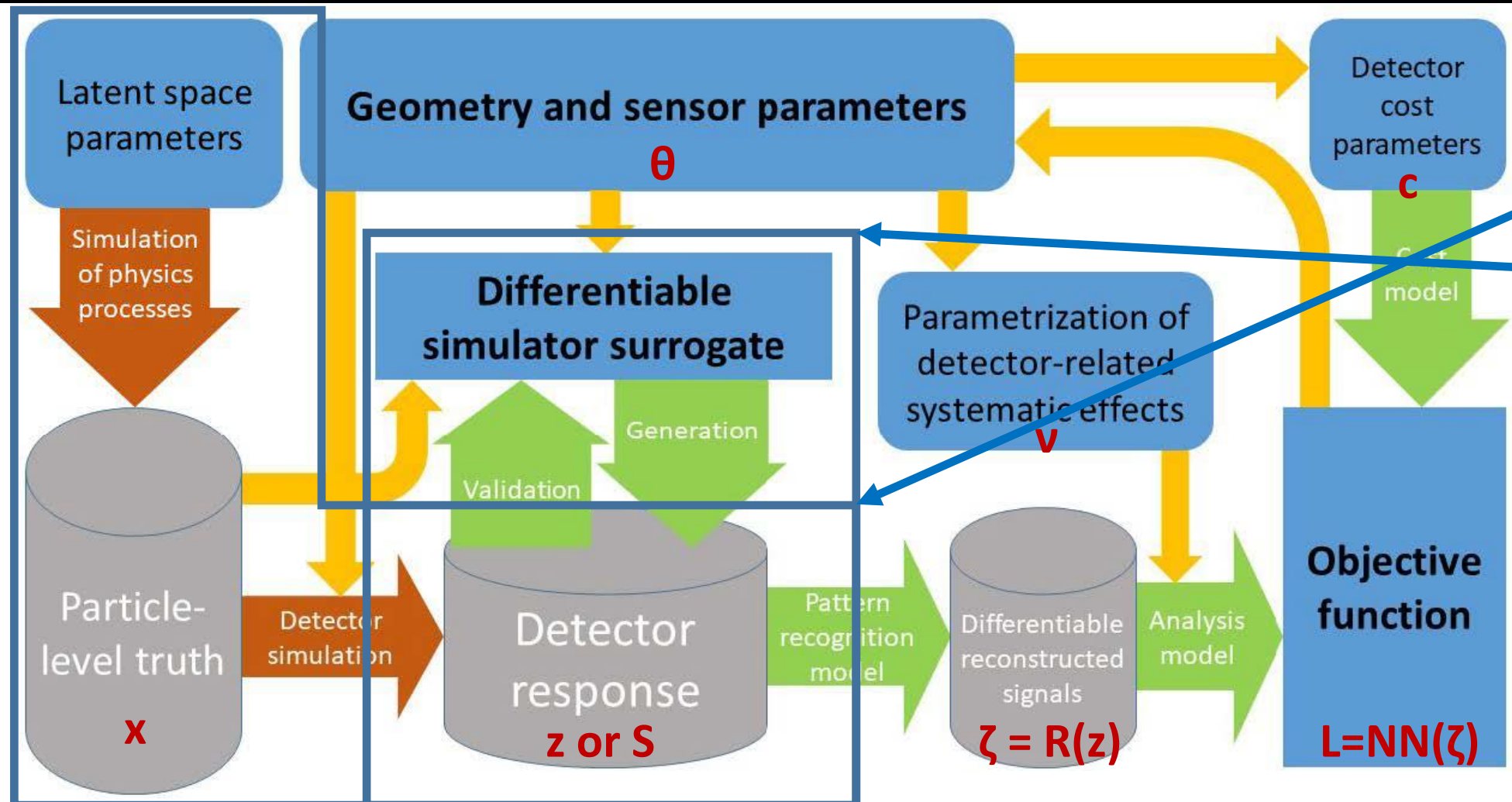
Those choices **do not directly maximize a high-level utility function**, such as the highest discovery reach for a physical process, or measurement precision



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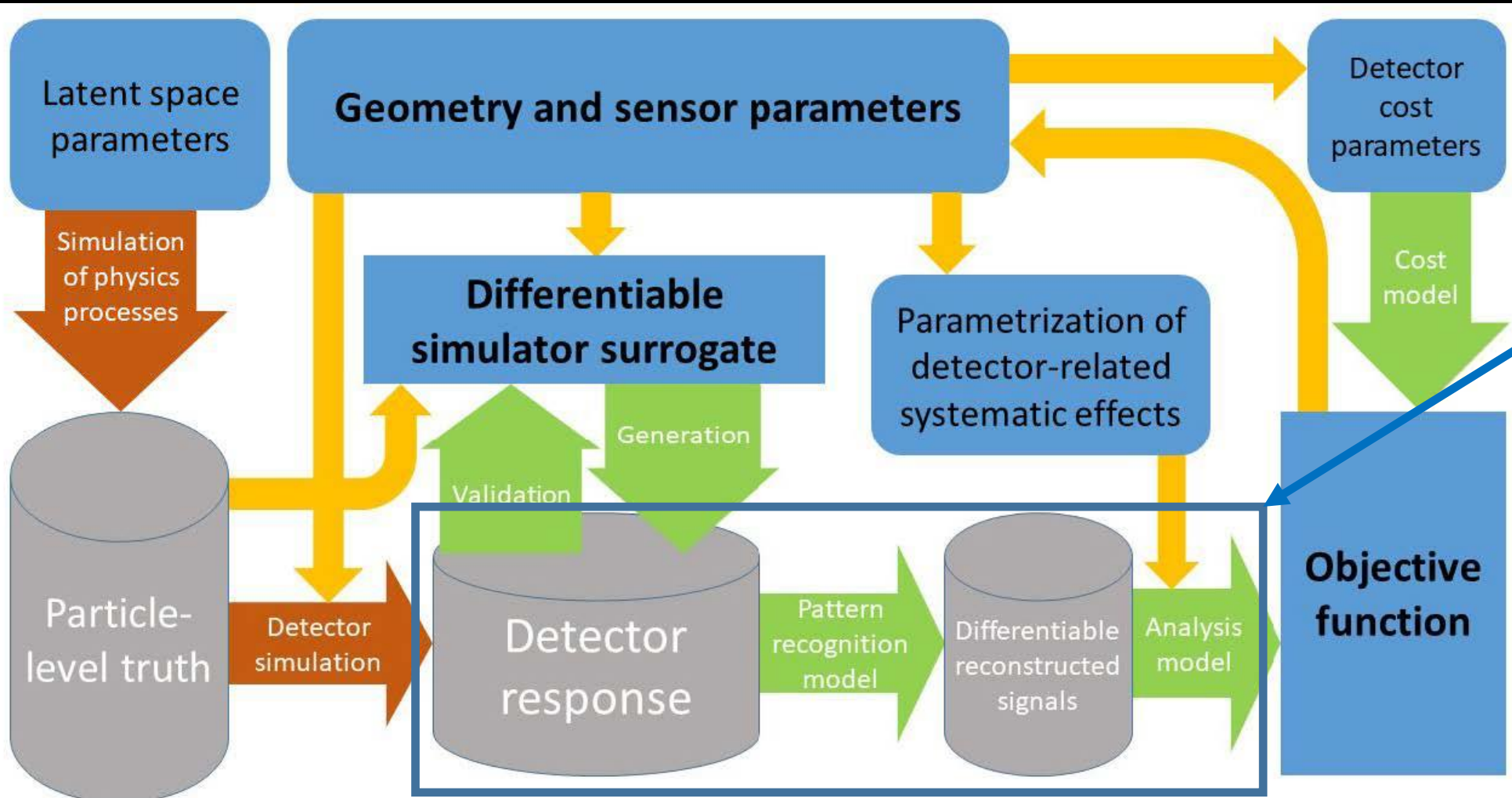


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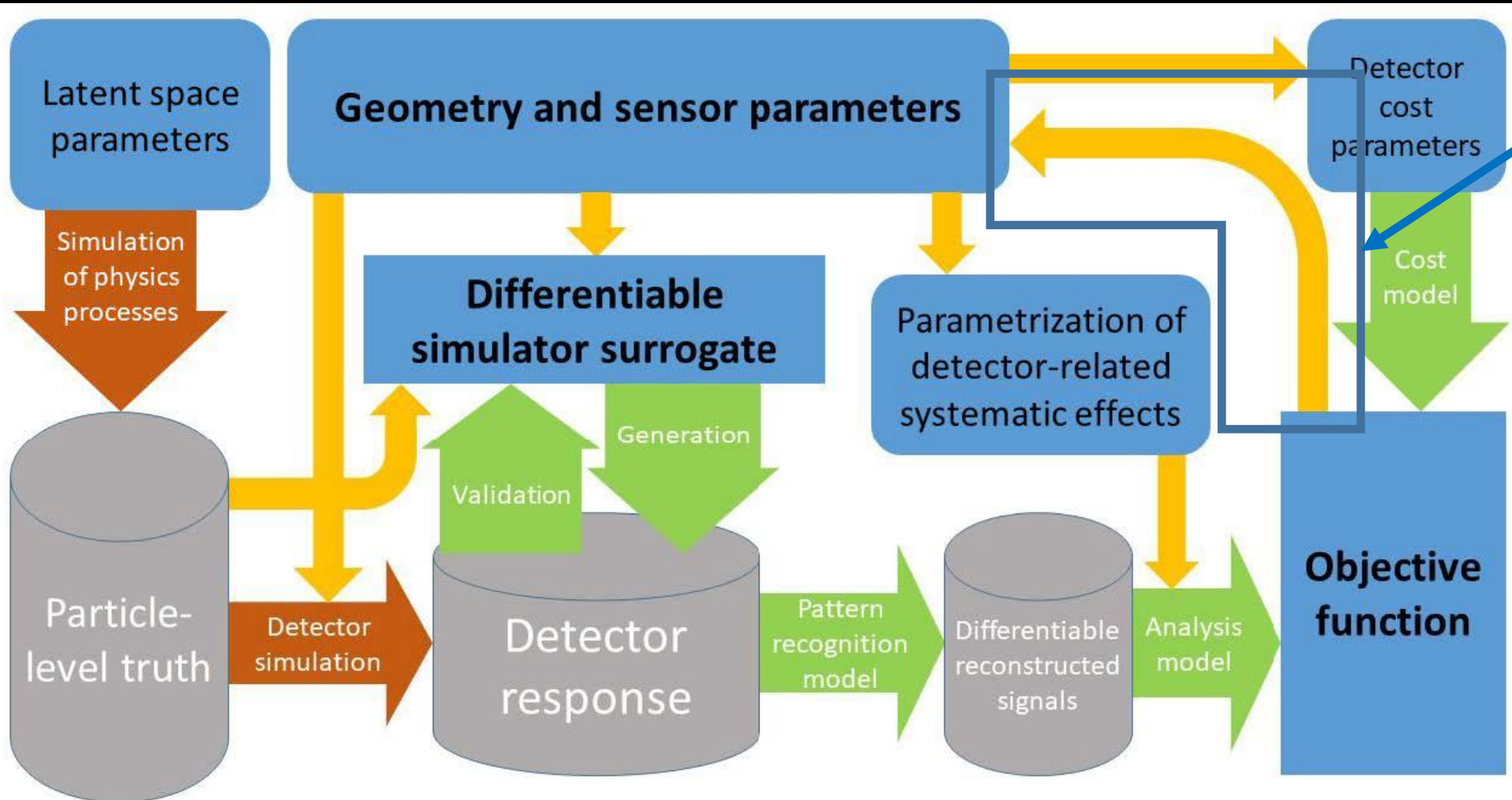
If the **simulation** can be bypassed by a **differentiable surrogate**, we remove the **stochasticity** of the physics and strongly simplify the problem

# Putting a Pipeline Together / 2



The model must include a **model** of the **absolute state-of-the-art** (or even extrapolated future performance!) of **reconstruction and inference** to **avoid any misalignment**

# Putting a Pipeline Together / 3



**Backpropagation** of the gradient of the objective function then allows to find optimal parameters  $\theta \rightarrow$  obtain **end-to-end optimality** of the instrument



# Machine-Learning *O*ptimized *D*esign of *E*xperiments MODE Collaboration

<https://mode-collaboration.github.io>



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# Active Projects: a Pot-Pourri

The target of **MODE** is to design a scalable, versatile architecture that can provide end-to-end optimization of particle detectors, **proving it on a number of different applications**

Idea: if we “solve” a few problems we may **construct a library of solutions** and exploit the universality of the underlying architecture and its modularity, re-using modeling efforts

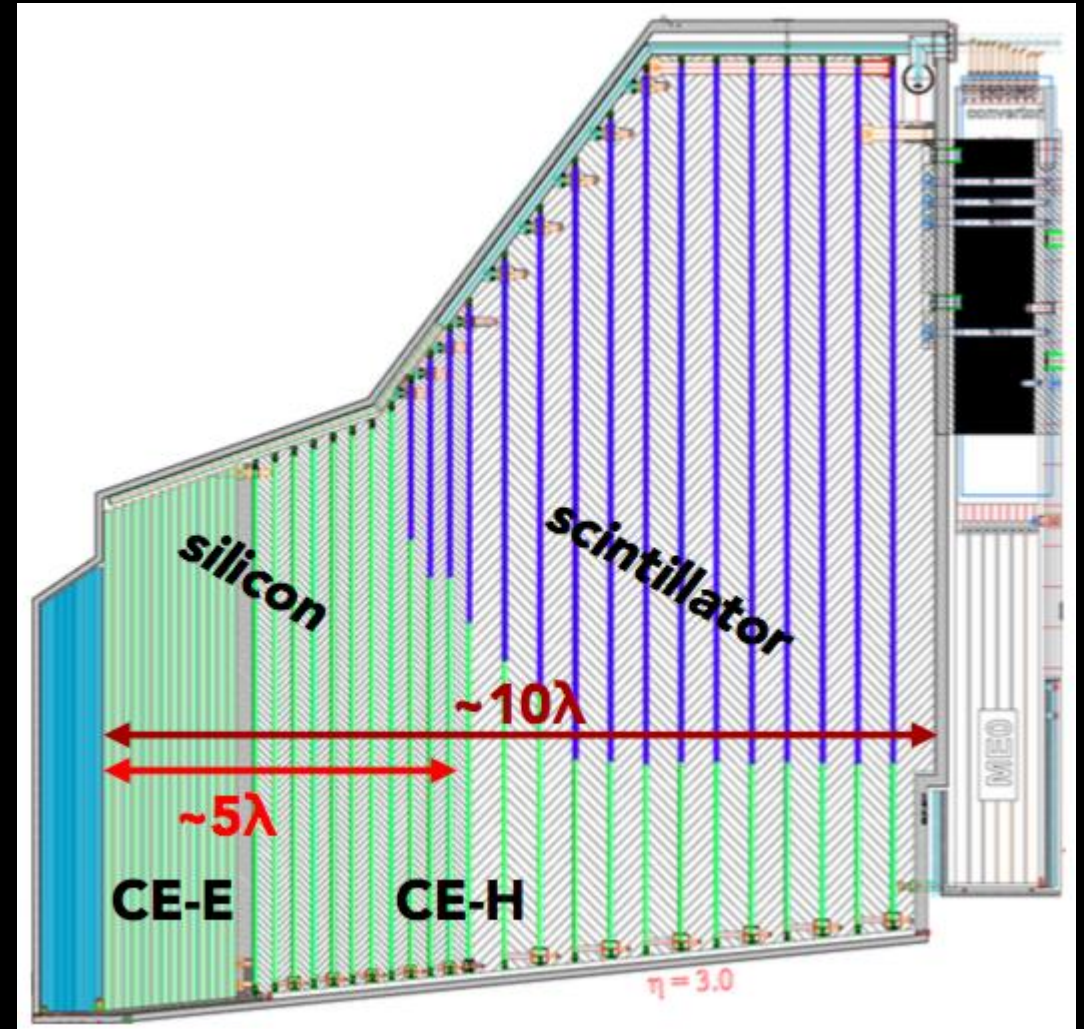
## Initial study cases:

- MUonE detector → **completed and published**
- LHCb EM calorimeter optimization → **preliminary results out**
- Muon tomography detector optimization → **preliminary results out, submitted to journal**
- Muon collider EM calorimeter → **in progress**
- Optimization of detectors for air Cherenkov showers (SWG0) → **Preliminary results out, ongoing**
- Hybrid calorimeter design integrating tracking layers → **started**

**plus many more envisioned**

### 3 – Optimization of Future Calorimeters

*Below: the HGCAL calorimeter for the CMS upgrade*



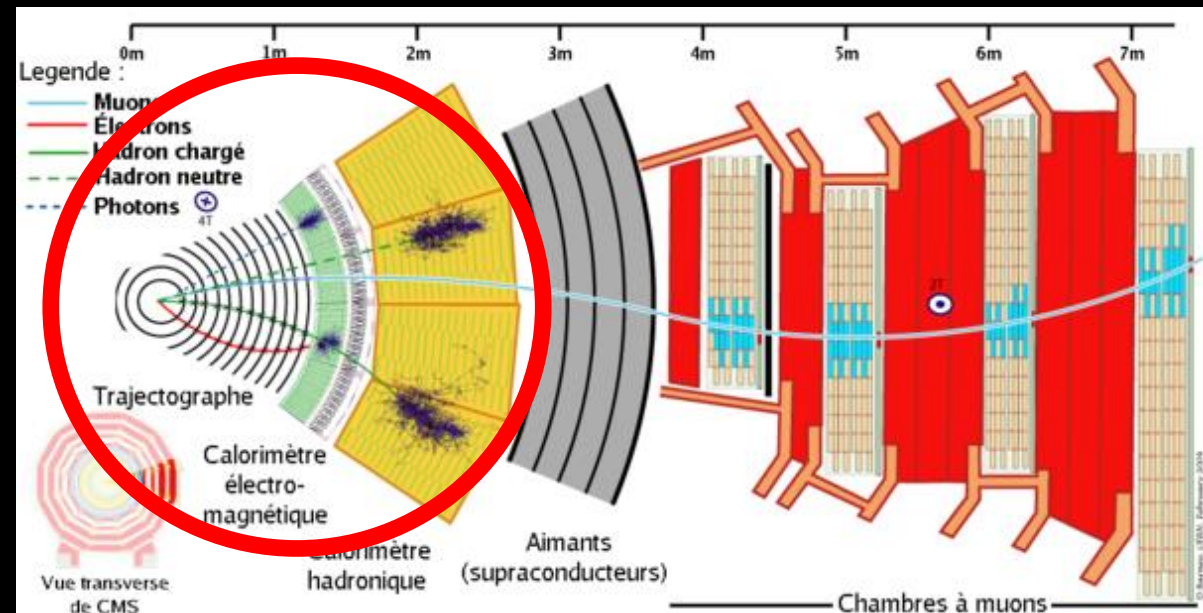
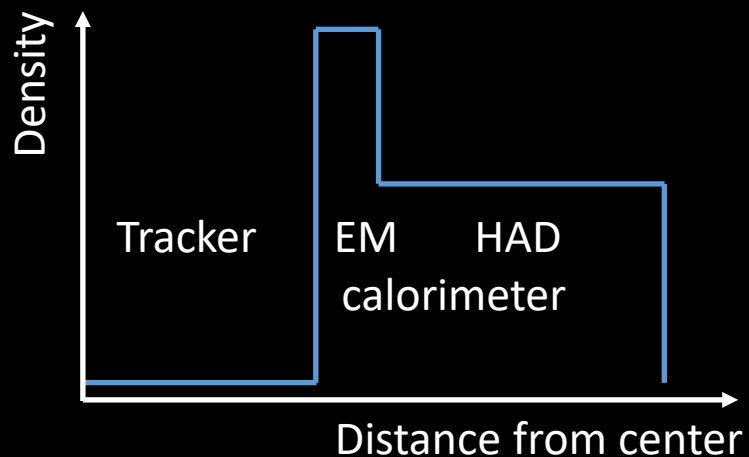
# A necessary question: Hybridization

In an impending AI revolution, the design of calorimeters is crying to be rethought.

Standard setup in particle detectors: lightweight tracker → dense calorimeter

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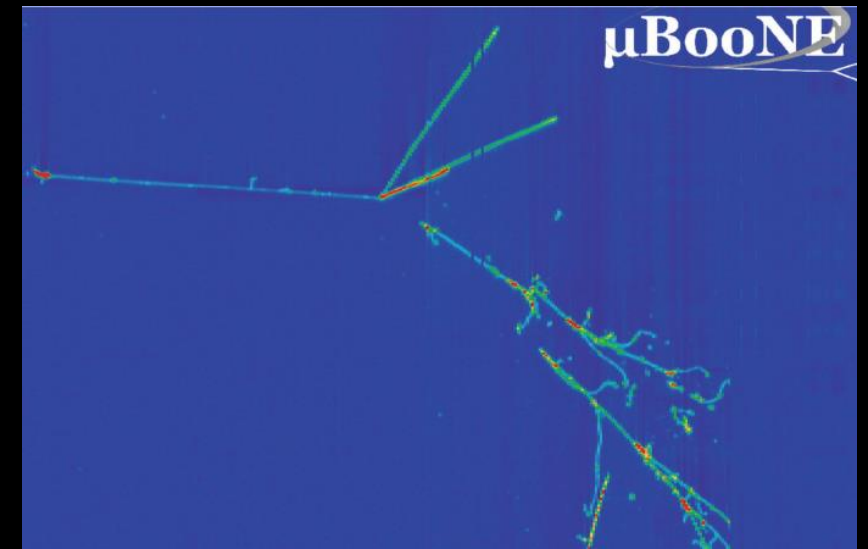
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But today/tomorrow we (will) have AI reconstruction...

Plan: Investigate coupled system of tracker and calorimeter, slowly vary density in  $z$  from step function to smoother transition, study effect on extractable information

→ Requires high-perf. reconstruction of nuclear interactions in pattern recognition step

→ Likely (almost guaranteed) to discover new ways / overcome standing paradigm



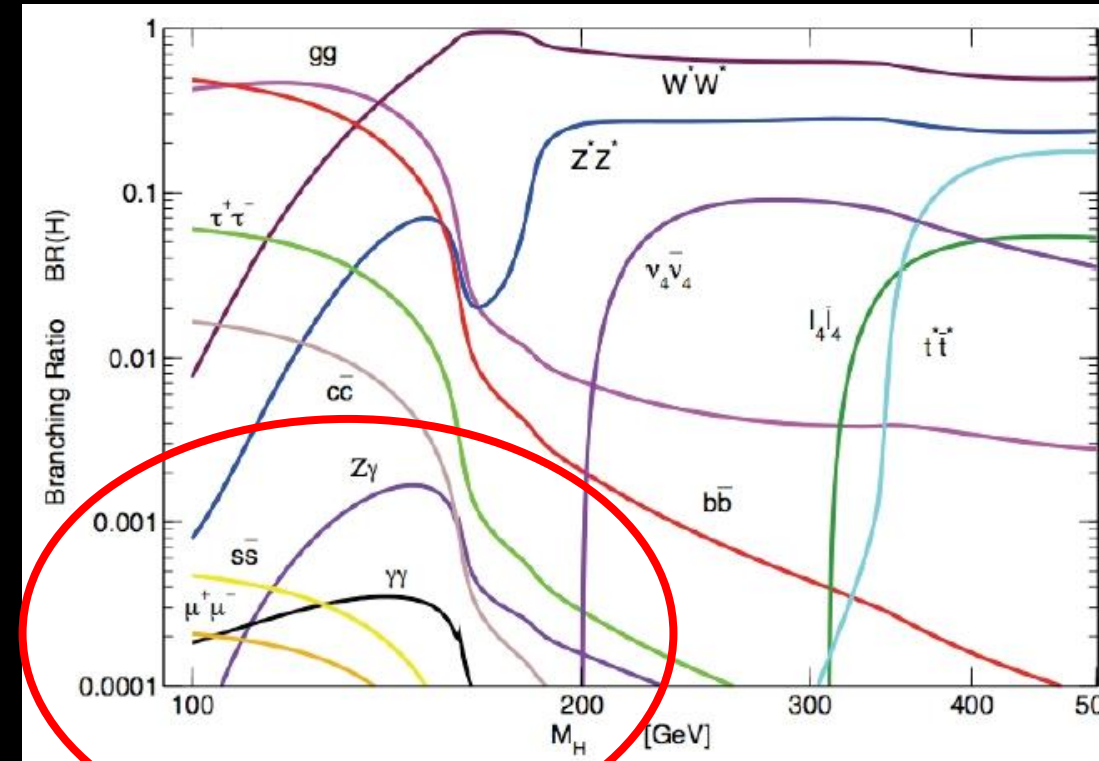
*Above: a totally out of context neutrino interaction. Behold the enormous amount of information a single interaction bears!*

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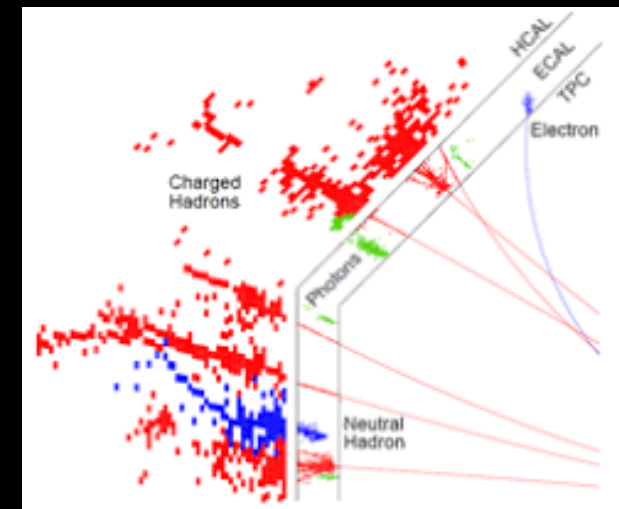
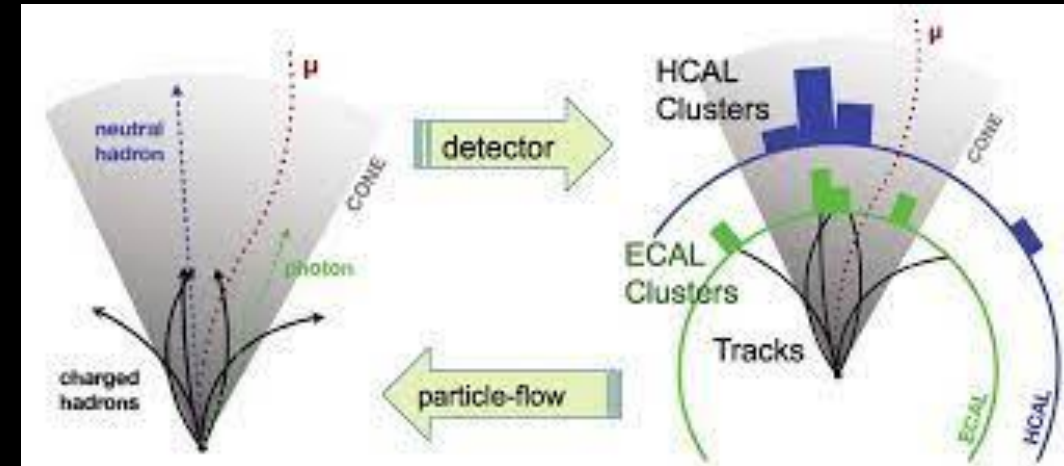


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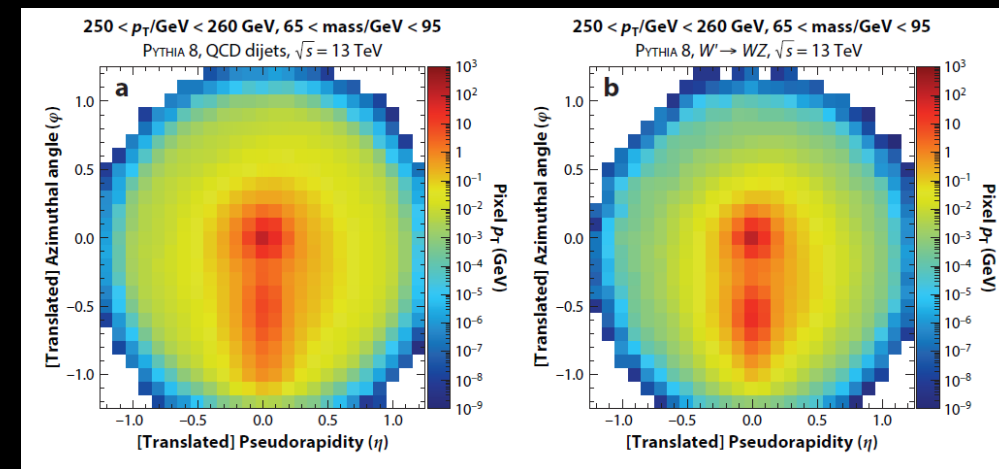
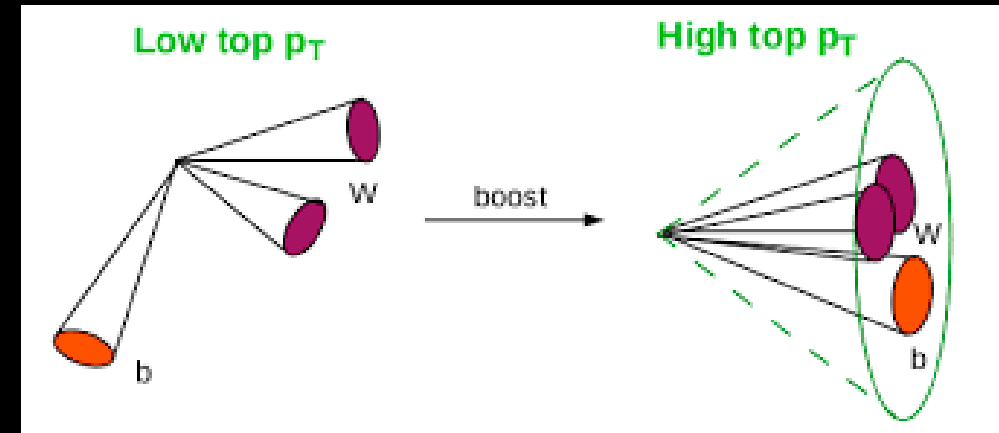


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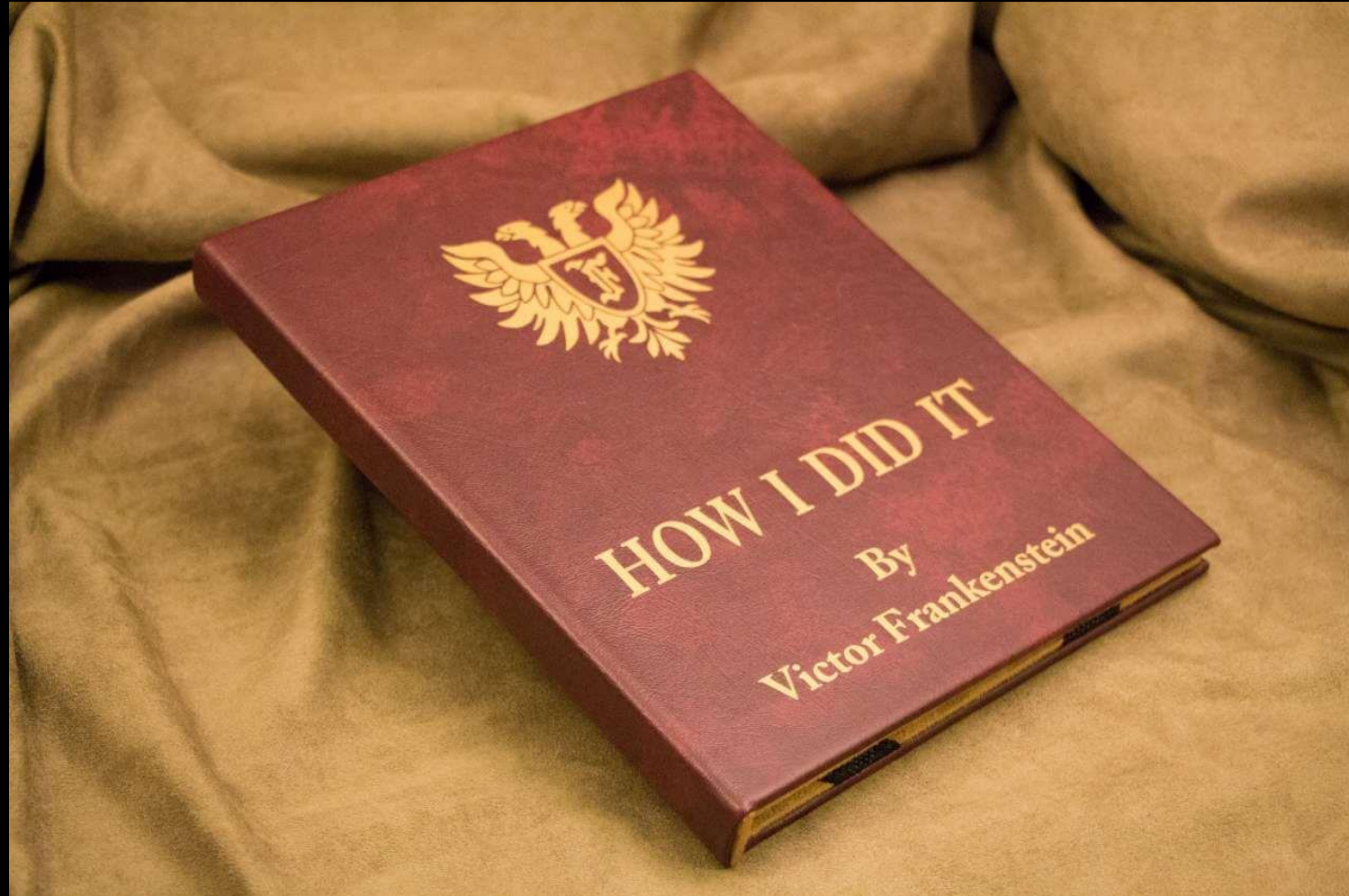
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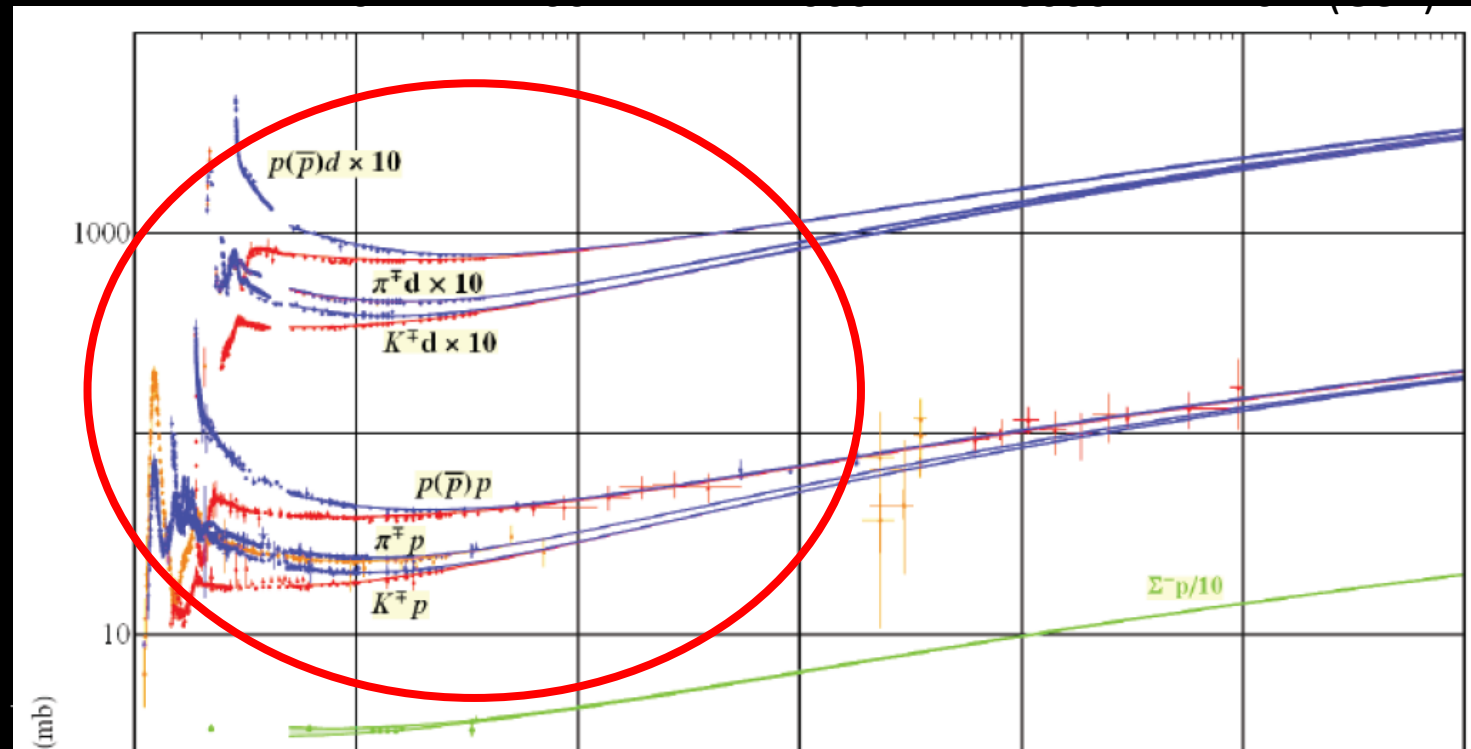


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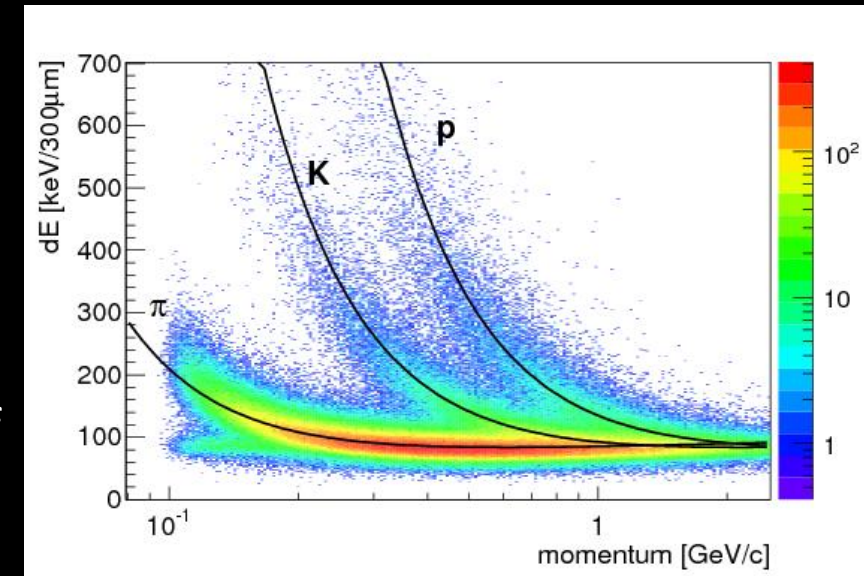
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- Protons are larger than pions and kaons, in fact the nuclear interaction cross sections of protons, pions, kaons are significantly different  
→ Harder to exploit than it looks,  
but it can be done



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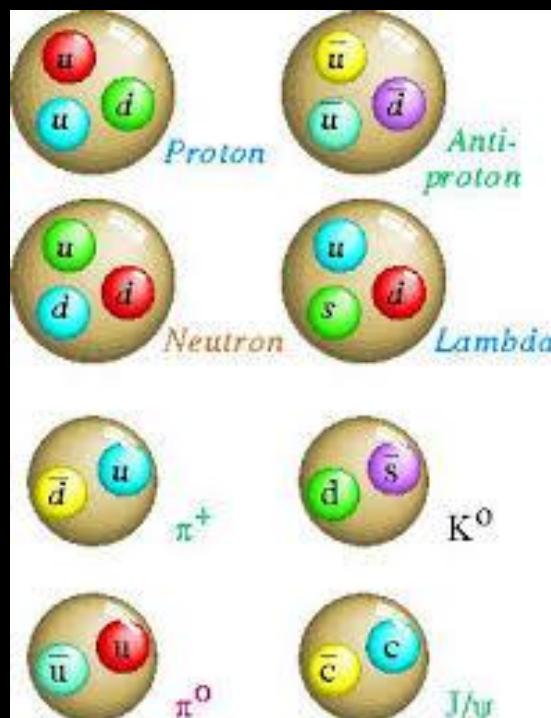
- Ionization power is also different (we only used this in tracking so far)
  - if we have sufficient granularity we can single out the ionization of each particle, at least away from the bulk of the shower
  - This information can then be used by ML tools



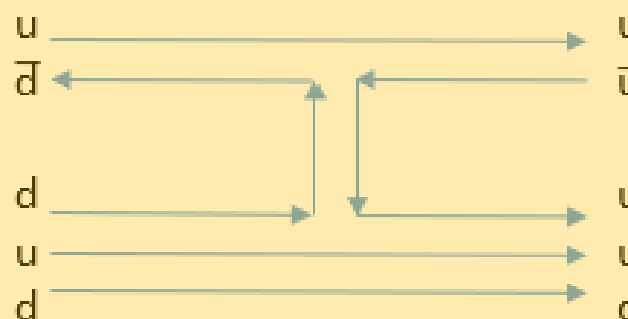
$$\left\langle -\frac{dE}{dx} \right\rangle = K z^2 \frac{Z}{A} \frac{1}{\beta^2} \left[ \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{2m_e c^2 \beta^2 \gamma^2 W_{\max}}{I^2} - \beta^2 - \frac{\delta(\beta\gamma)}{2} \right]$$



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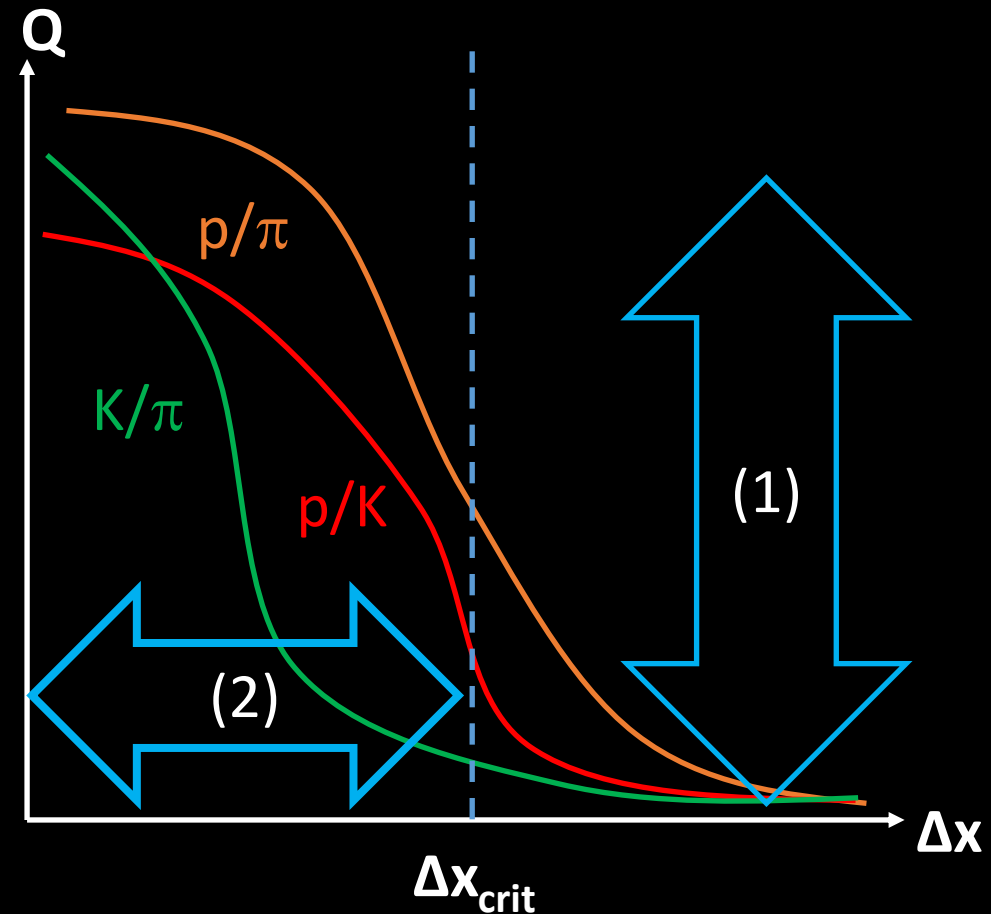
E.g.: Charge exchange  
(pions do it, kaons don't)



- Kaons contain one unit of strangeness, pions (and protons) do not  
→ the daughters in nuclear collisions are different

# Research Questions and a Money Plot

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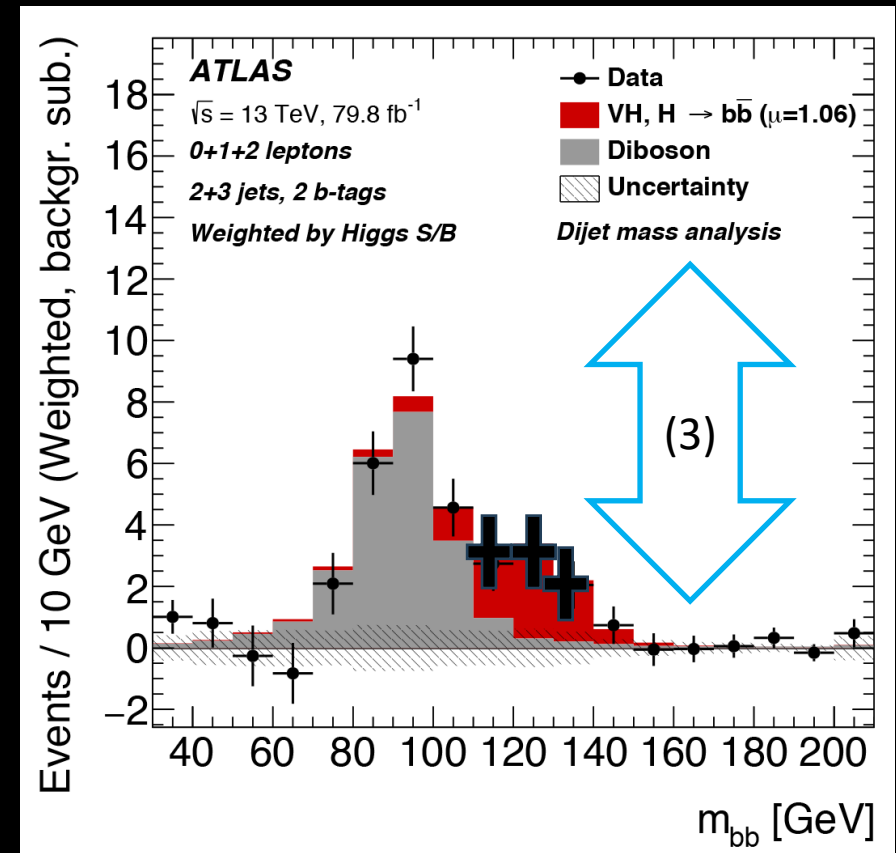


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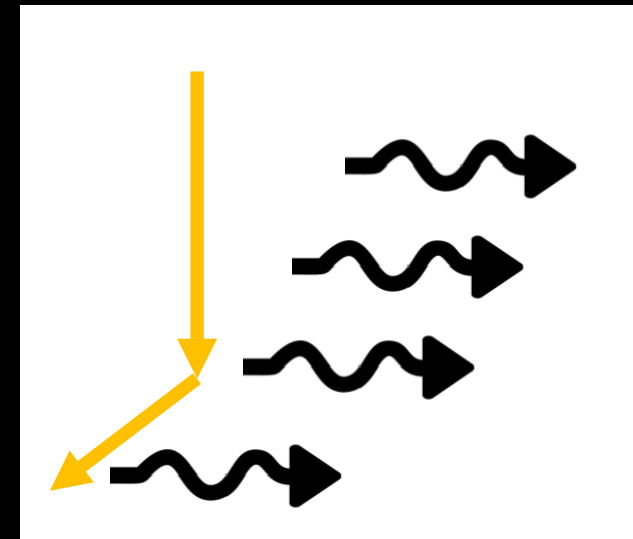
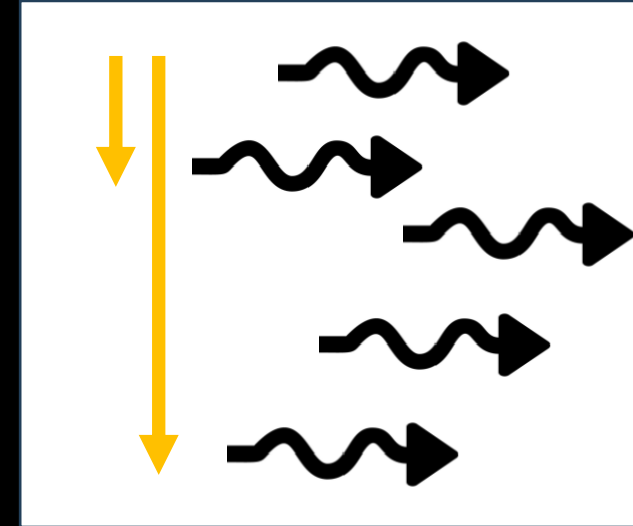
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- (4) **How much** further gain is possible by exploiting **timing information**?



# But can we afford mm-size cells?

Costly/unfeasible to have multi-million cell calorimeters. But is it also overkill, or are we limiting ourselves?

Also, in hadron colliders we strive for highest possible collision rate, which has three implications:

## 1 - Cannot afford to save all data

- Not a real issue, most collisions are un-interesting... but still a limitation

## 2 - Pileup complicates pattern recognition

- LHC challenged to retain performance as luminosity increases

## 3 - Have trouble using highest-granularity subdetectors for online selection

- Using pixel detectors inside ATLAS/CMS for triggering purposes is problematic

# A new, far-fetched idea

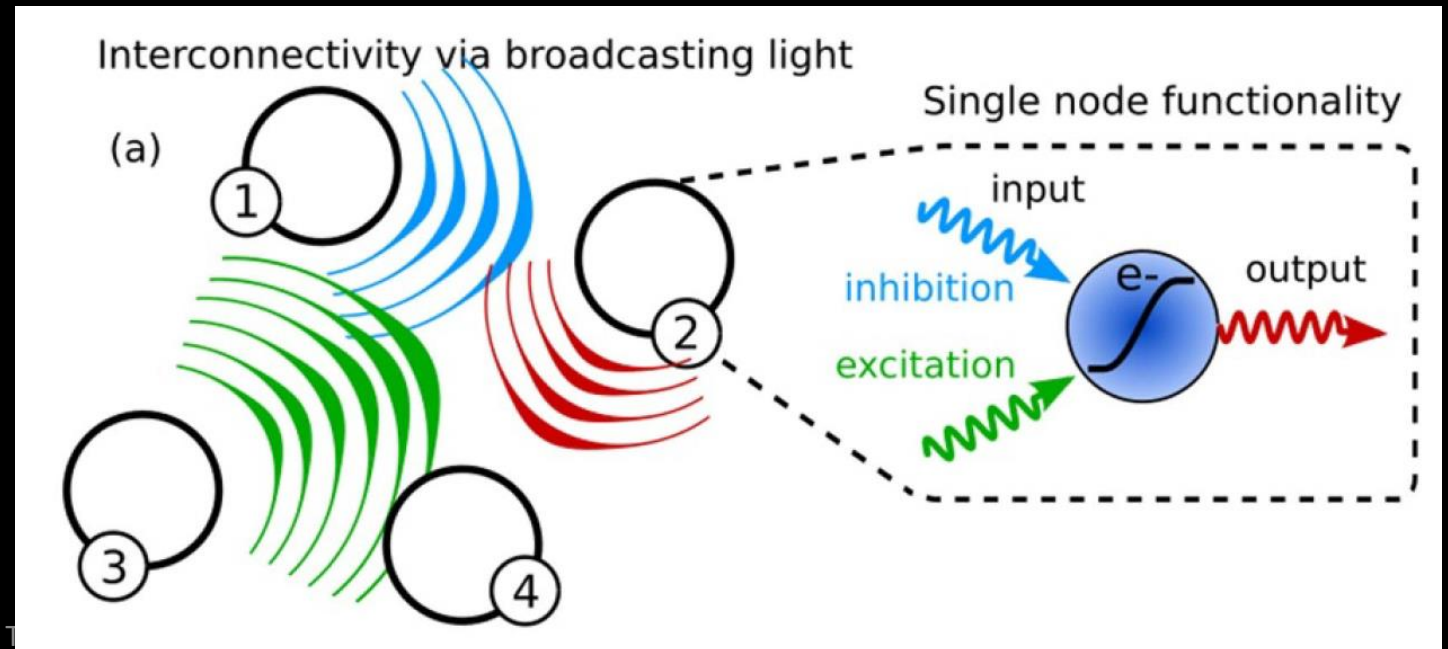
Introduce fast online preprocessing of light signals by nanophotonic devices embedded in the detector

- **exploit** timing structure
- **transmit** to back end higher-level primitives
- **enable** smarter triggering
- **improve** information extraction

# Timing with Neuromorphic Computing

Recent developments in nanophotonics: can use arrays of nanowires (light receivers/emitters) in micrometric substrates

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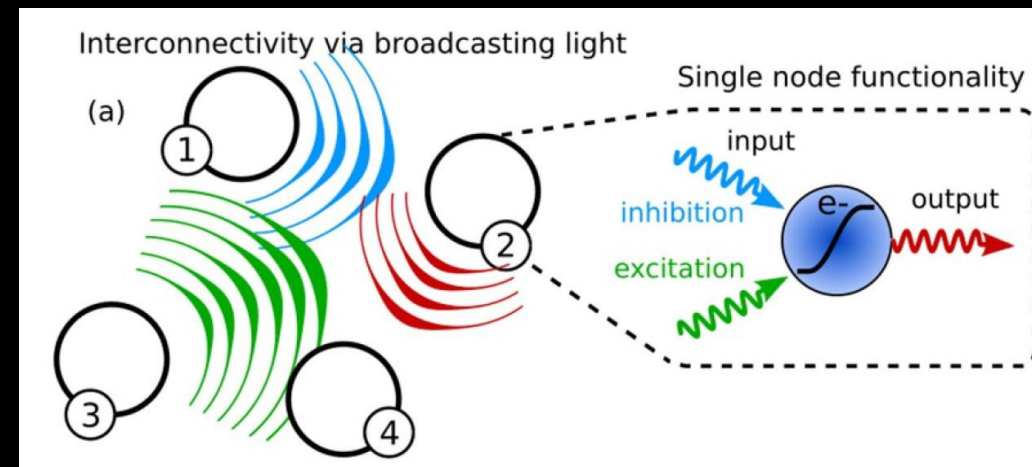
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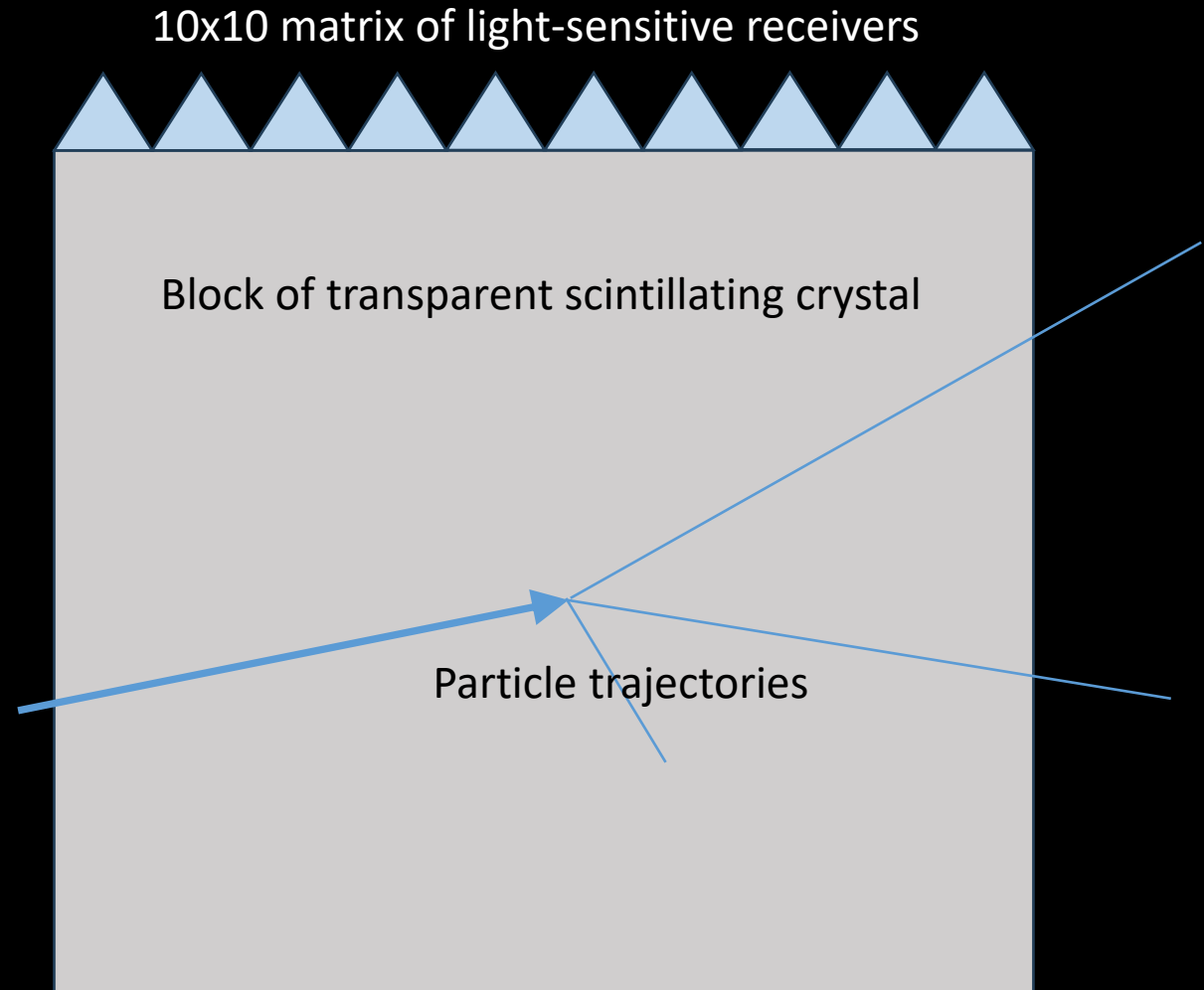
- **No transduction** (PMT gone) – photons are the **signal AND the computation** tokens
- **On-site fast computing**
- **Ultra-high energy efficiency**
- **Natural exploitation of time structure**





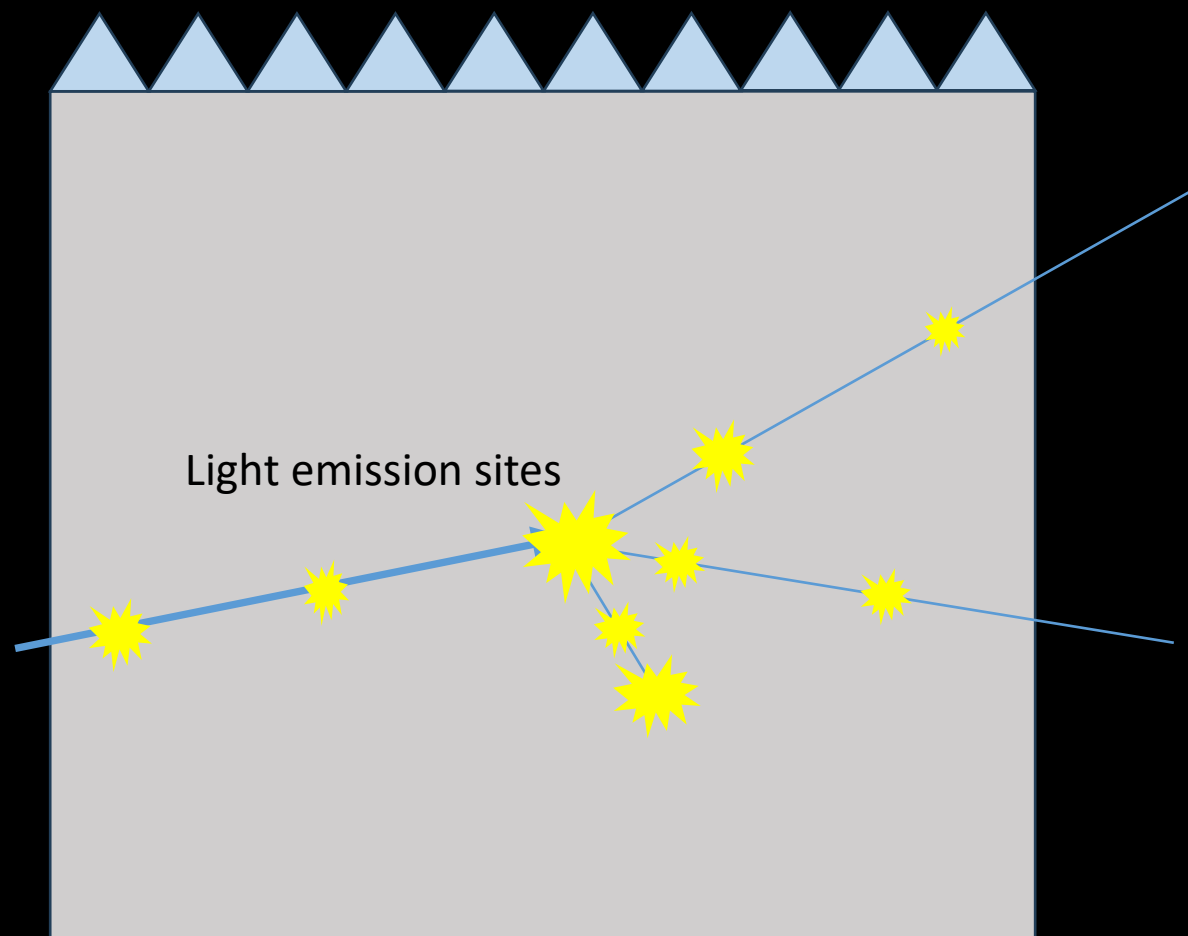
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Consider a small  
element of scintillating  
material in a calorimeter  
(e.g., few  $\text{cm}^3$ )



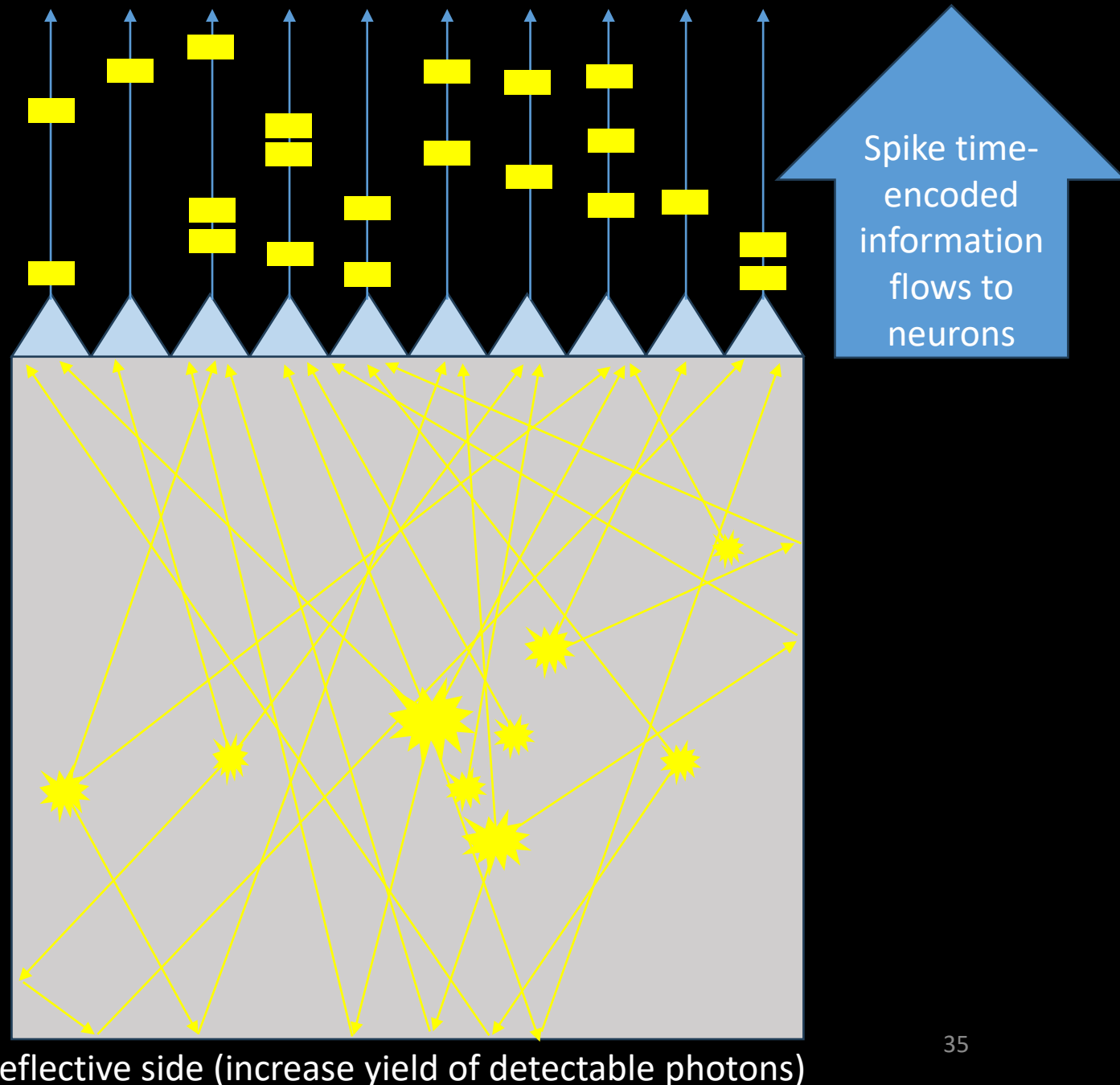
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The space-time structure of photon emission contains information on the processes locally taking place in the cubelet



Photon arrival front at interface provide for automatic (but not trivial) encoding

→ May try using a neuromorphic network to reconstruct the topology of interactions— or simply compress information into useful summaries, given detected photons emitted along the path and their arrival times



# An invitation

Within MODE we created a group that is looking into these matters:

- Particle ID information extraction from high-granularity data
- End-to-end modeling via differentiable programming, for optimization
- Exploitation of neuromorphic computing to reconstruct space-time patterns
- Readout and processing with nanowires

Institutions involved:

- INFN, Padova (Dorigo), RPTU (Gauger), LTU (Sandin), Lund (Mikkelsen), CMU (Lee)
- Projects seeking funding: several
  
- If you would like to participate, you are more than welcome!

# A Workshop

On September 23-25 we will hold the fourth MODE workshop in Valencia (Spain)

Please consider coming / presenting plans for detector design optimization there!  
<https://indico.cern.ch/event/1380163/overview>



Fourth MODE Workshop on Differentiable Programming for Experiment Design

Sep 23 - 25, 2024  
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# Summary

- After the paradigm shift of 2012 (AlexNet, Higgs discovery) it is **not reasonable any longer to do complex multidimensional inference without machine learning tools**
- The next paradigm shift enabled by AI is the assistance of properly interfaced tools in design of complex systems
- We can do more with calorimeters tomorrow, provided that we ensure that extractable information is suitably generated
- **Some bold new ideas need to be investigated by considering the issue as an end-to-end optimization problem**

Thank you for your time!

# Optimal for What?

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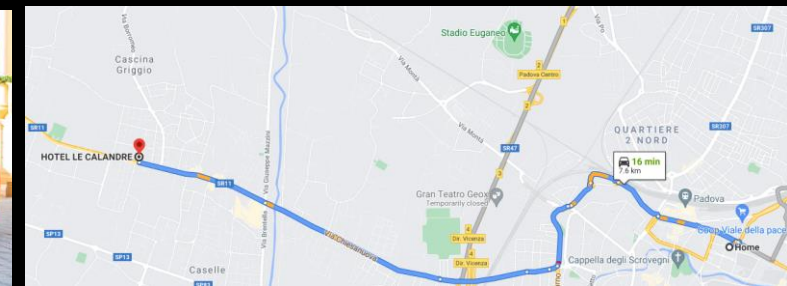
So, what does it mean for a detector to be *optimal*?

**What loss function** do we aim to minimize?

**Does it make sense to speak of an experiment-wide utility function?**



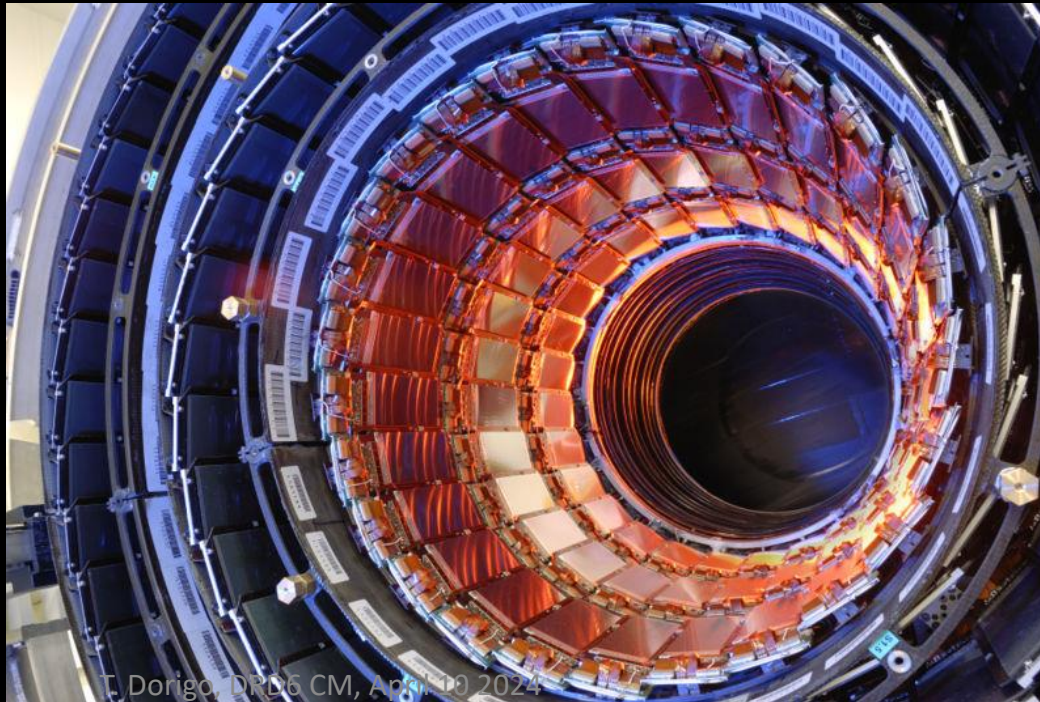
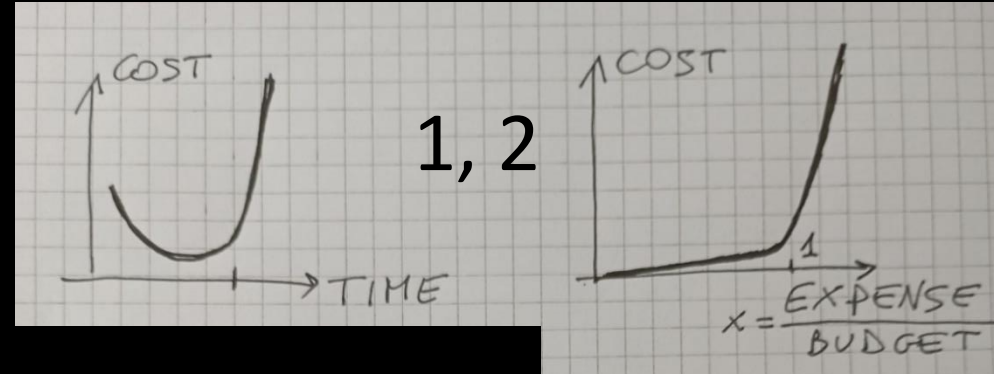
# Recipe for a Perfect Dinner



We are not alien to confidently taking complex decisions in a **multi-objective space**. We actually do it routinely...  
Of course, we are not deterred by knowing that the exact form of **our optimization target is arbitrary**

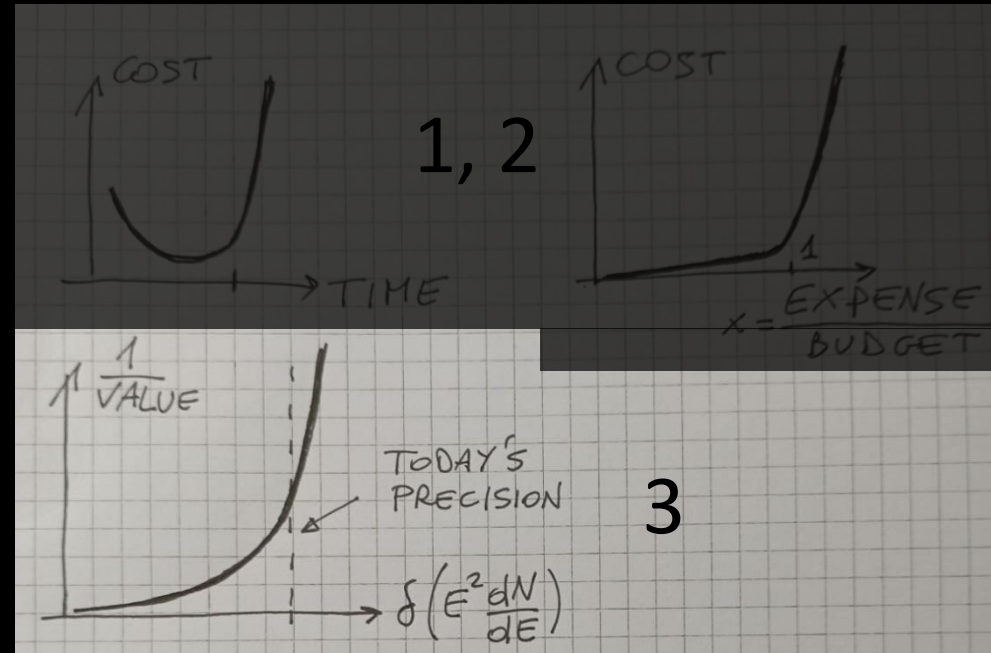
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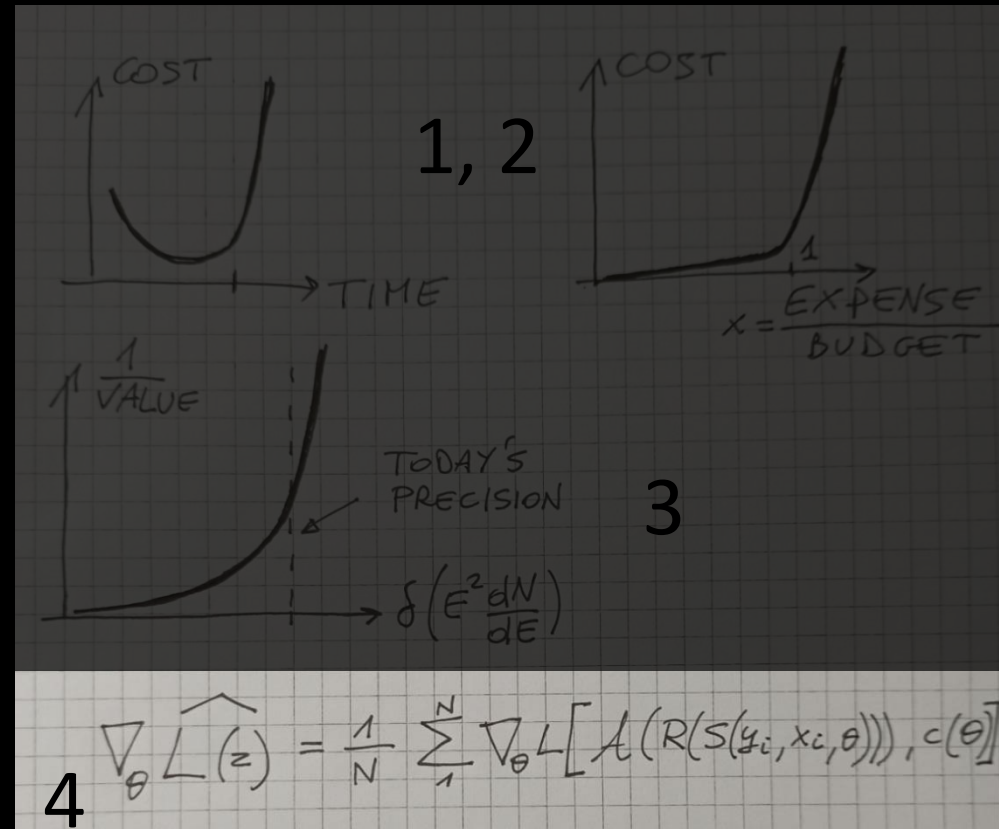
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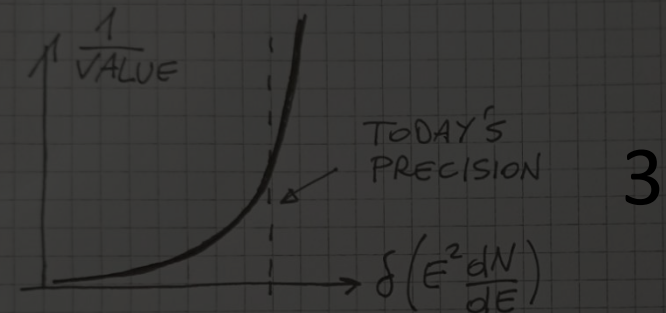
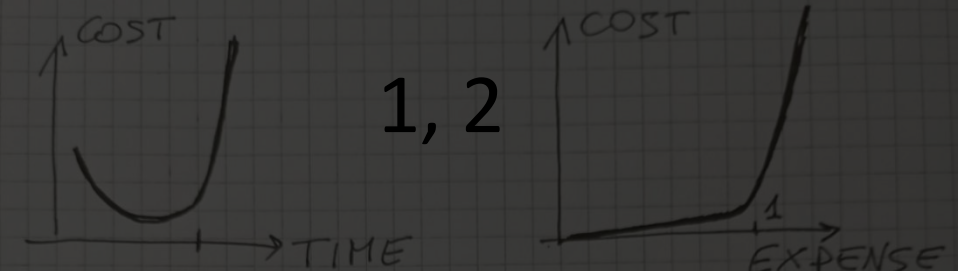
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