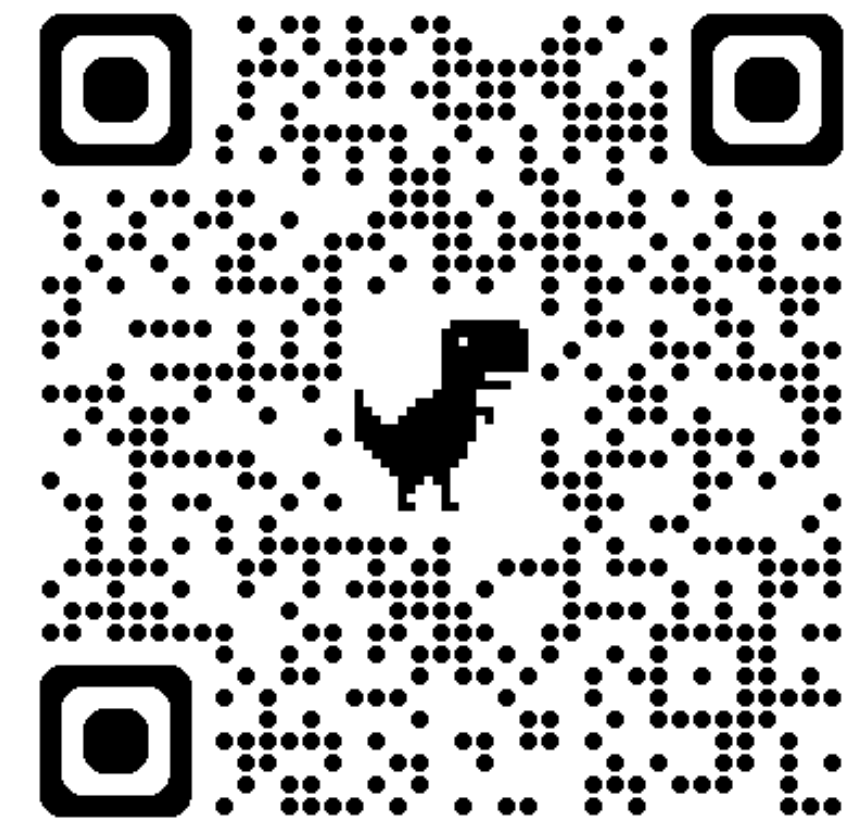




# Large-Scale Pretraining and Finetuning for Efficient Jet Classification

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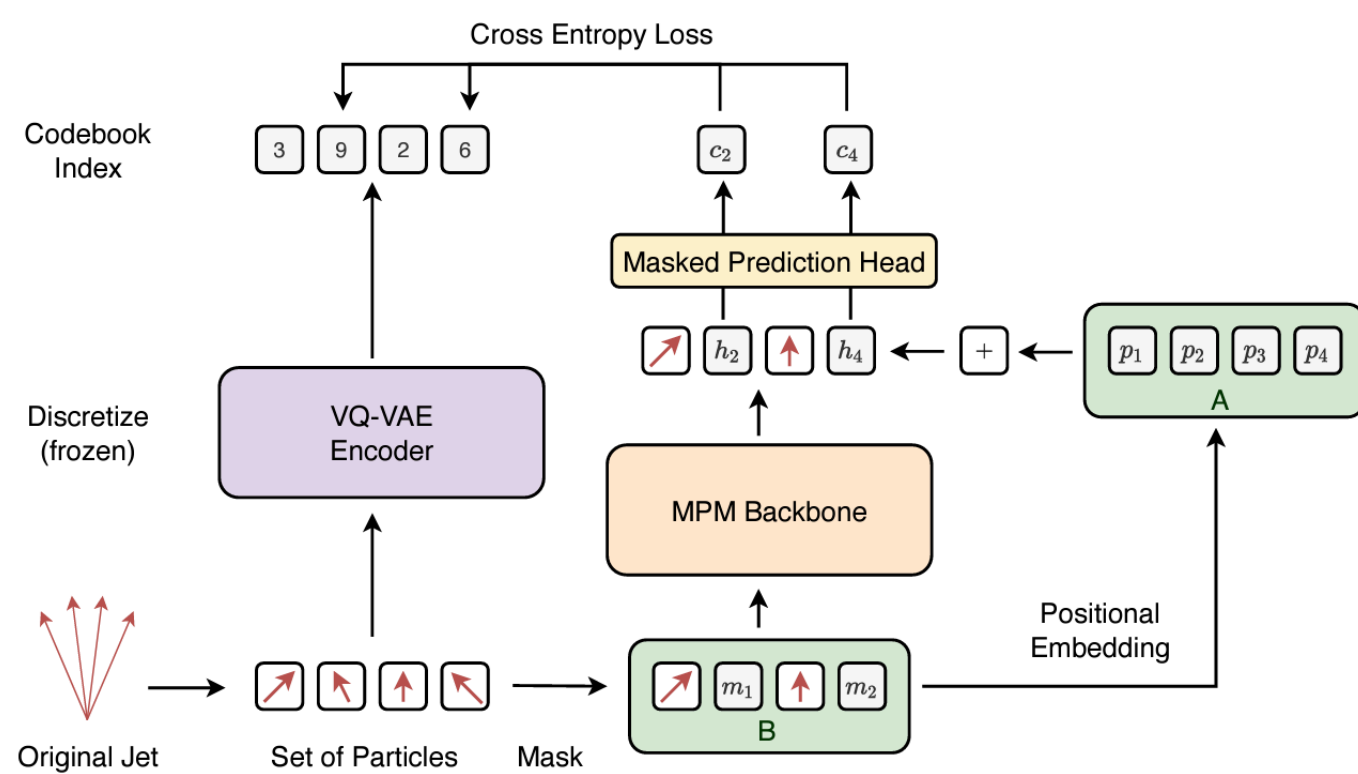


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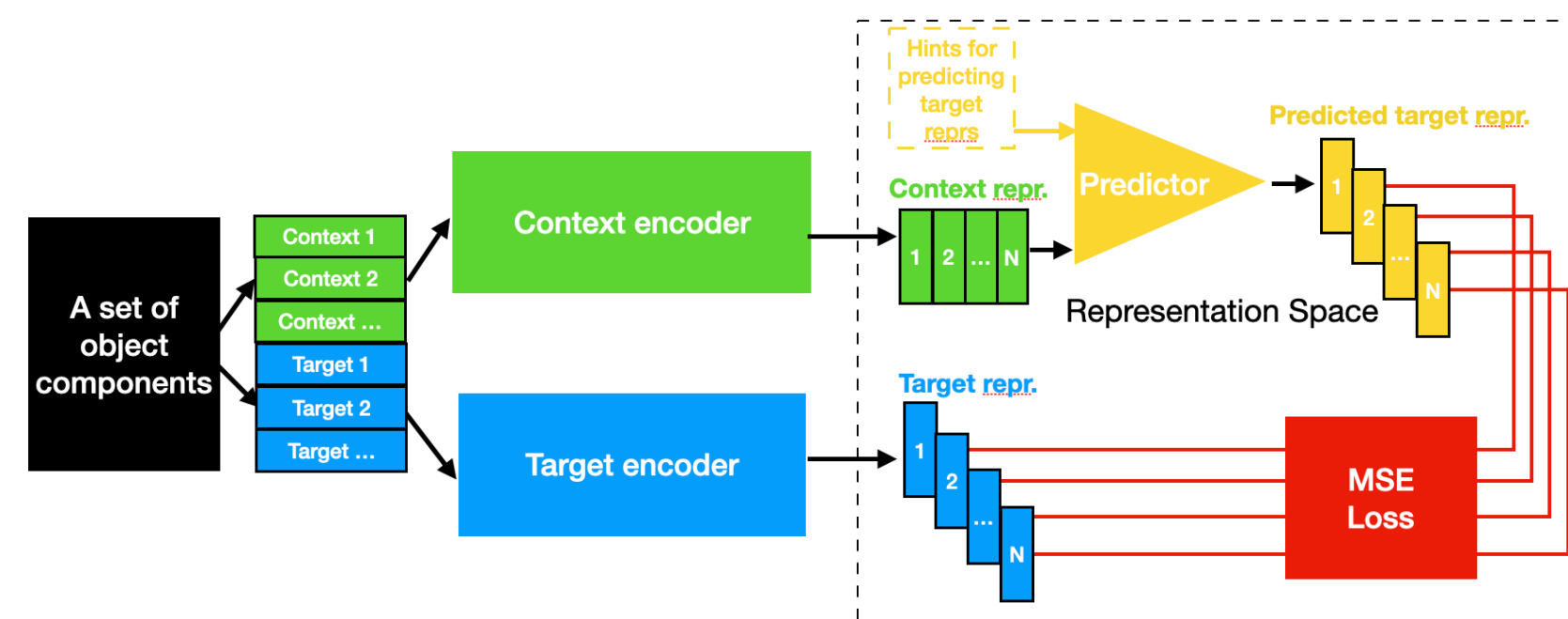
# Intro to SSL strategies

As opposed to supervised learning, which is limited by the availability of labeled data, self-supervised approaches can learn from vast unlabeled data (2304.12210)

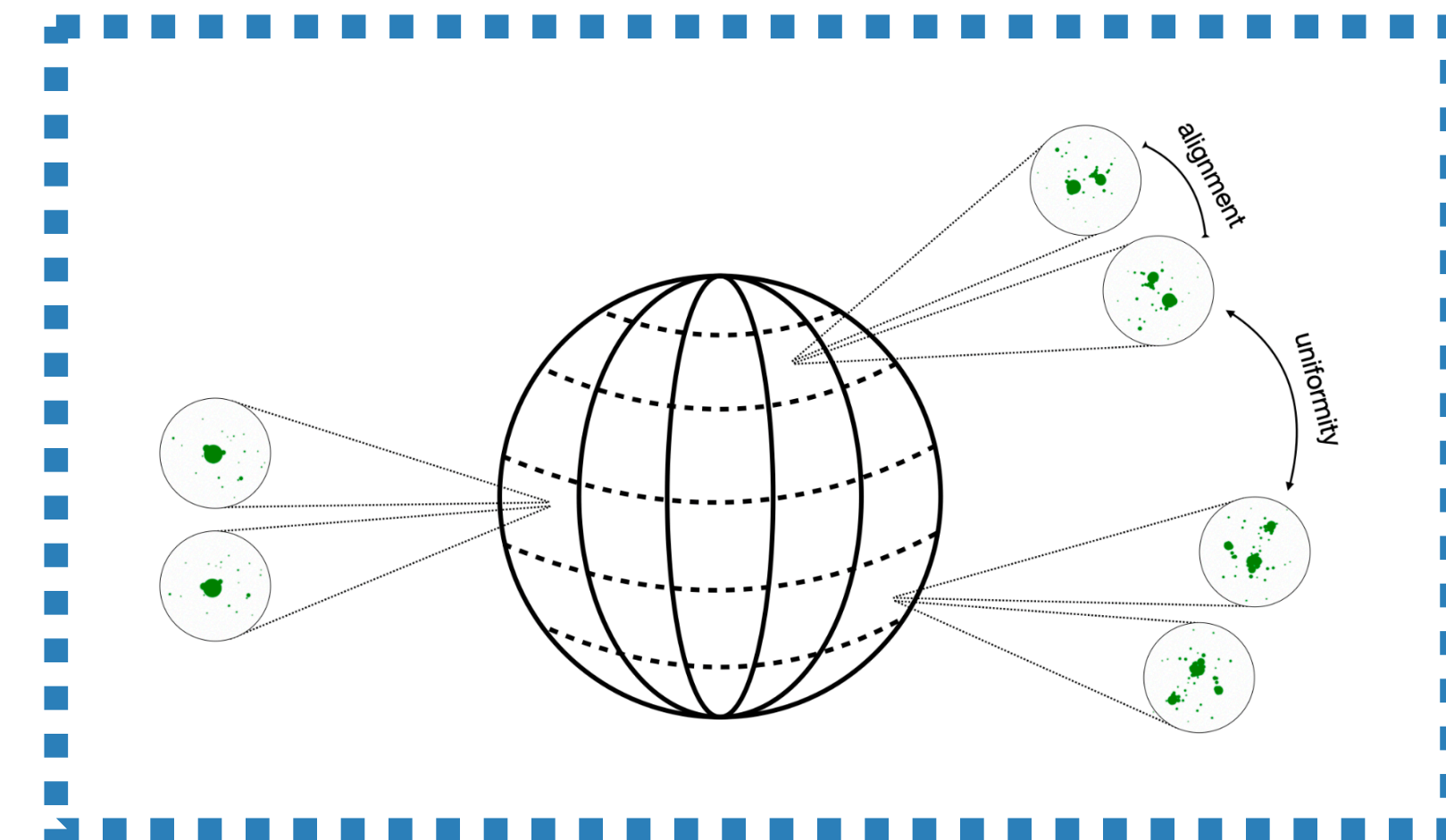
To learn useful features from the data itself without using labels



Masked Modeling



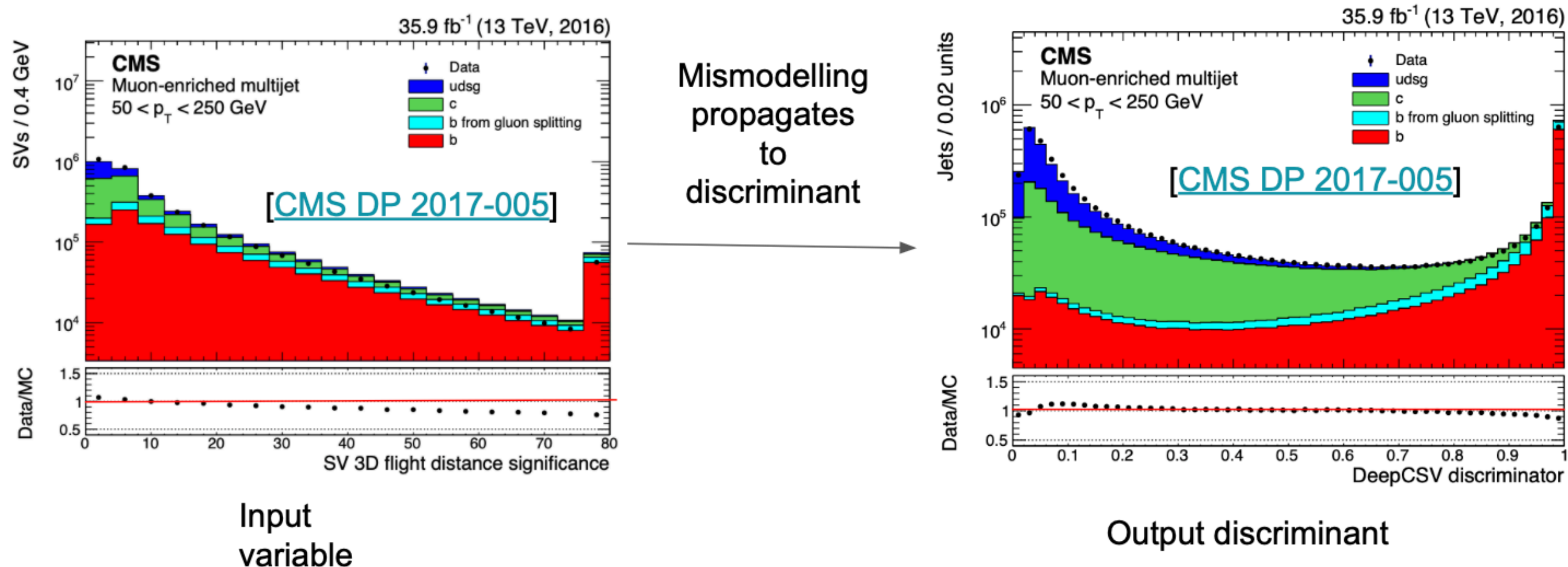
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Contrastive Learning

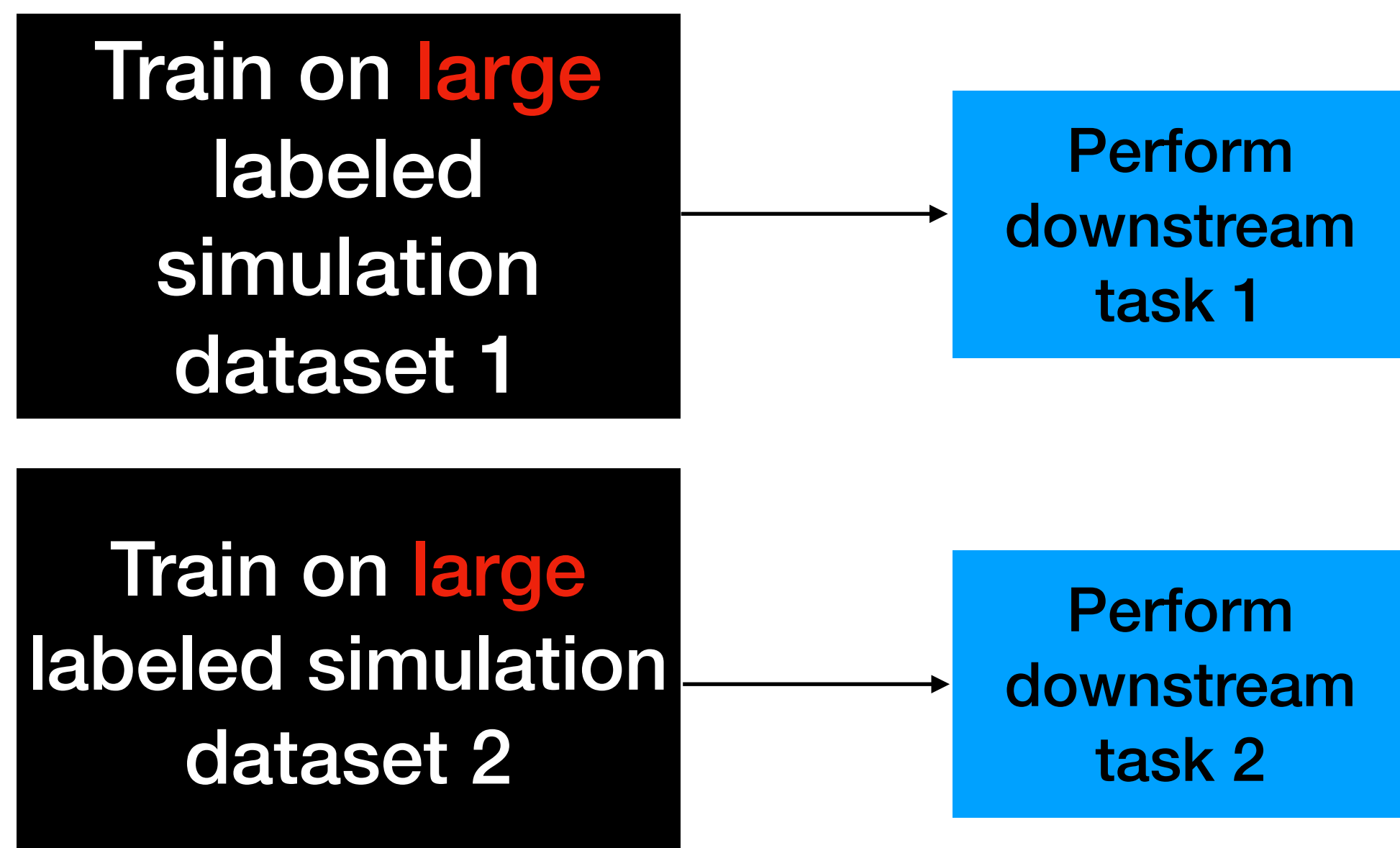
# Necessity of SSL in LHC Physics

- Simulations don't model the data perfectly: need a way to directly train on data
- It will be even harder and more computationally expensive to produce high-quality simulations for High Luminosity LHC (1803.04165)

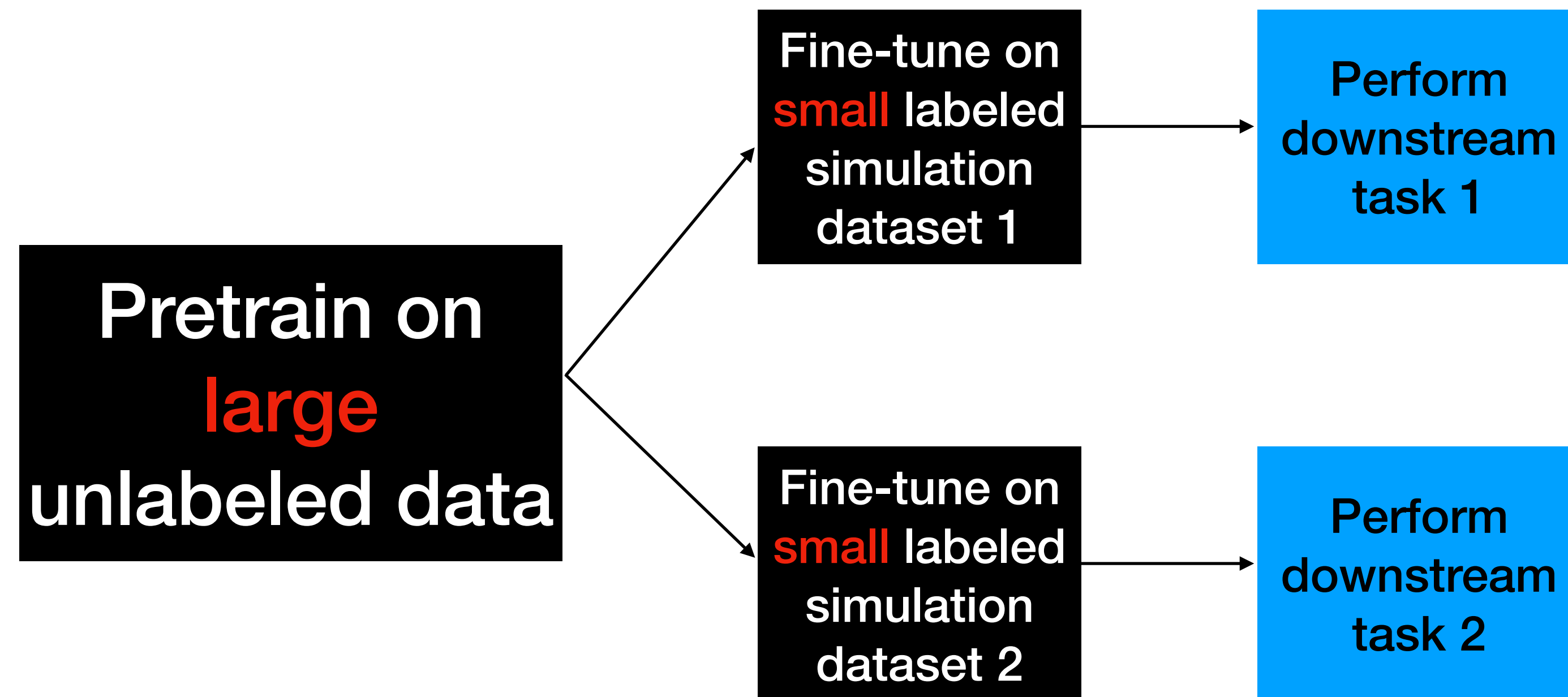


# First Goal of the Project

- To show that we can leverage SSL to learn powerful, generic, and transferable features directly from vast unlabeled data.

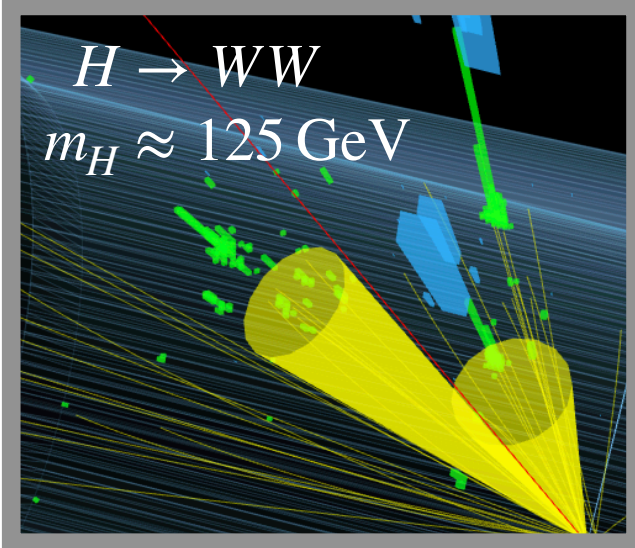
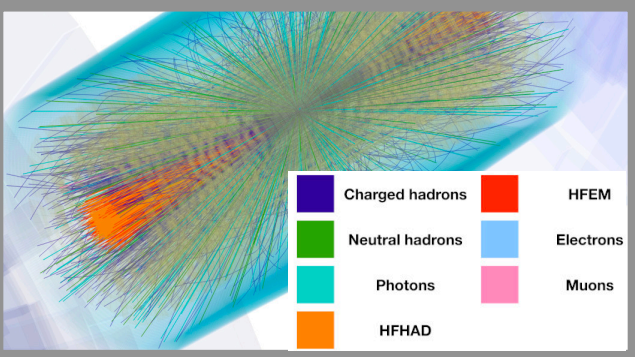
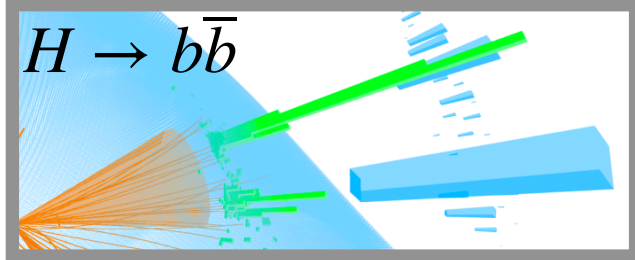
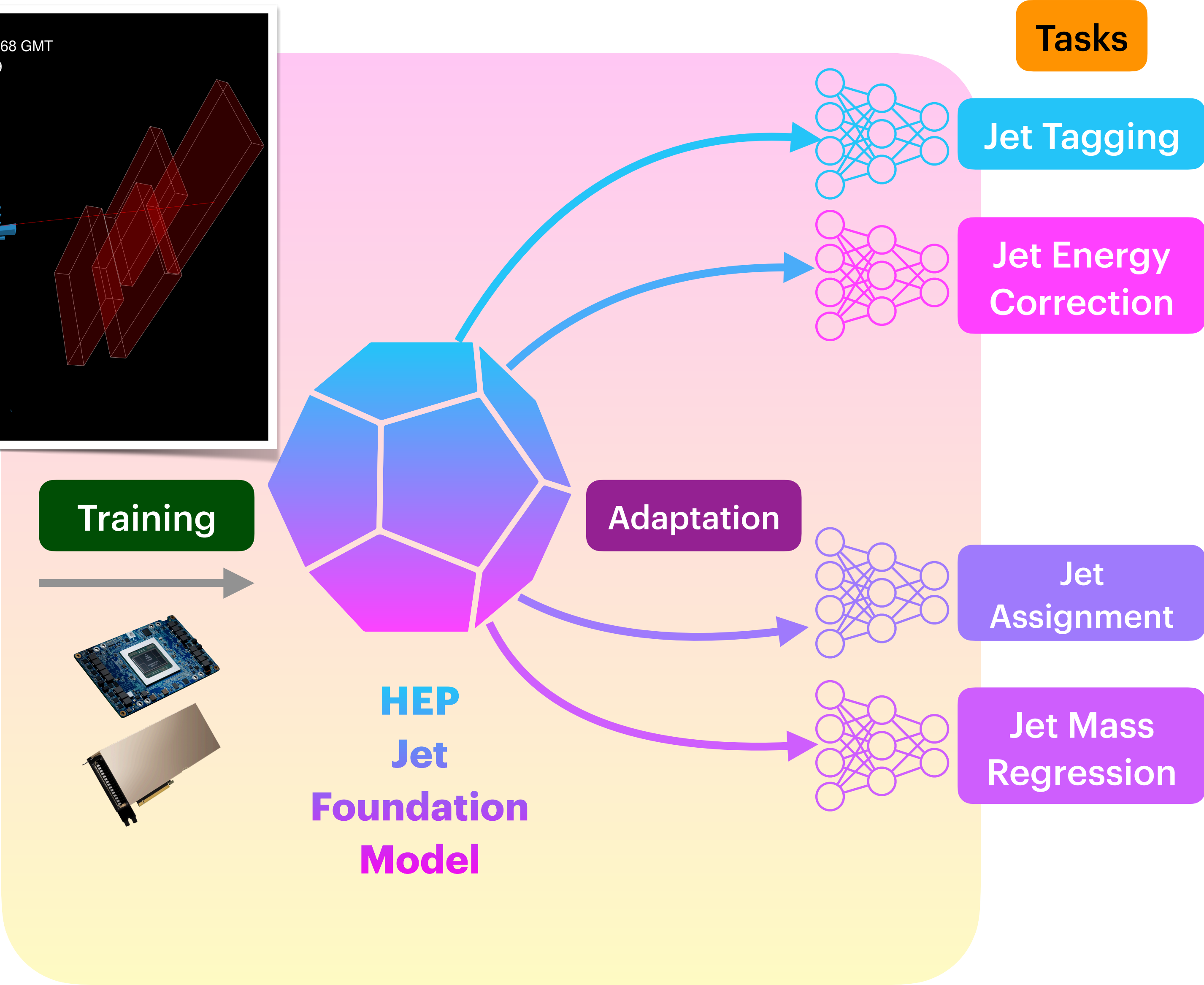
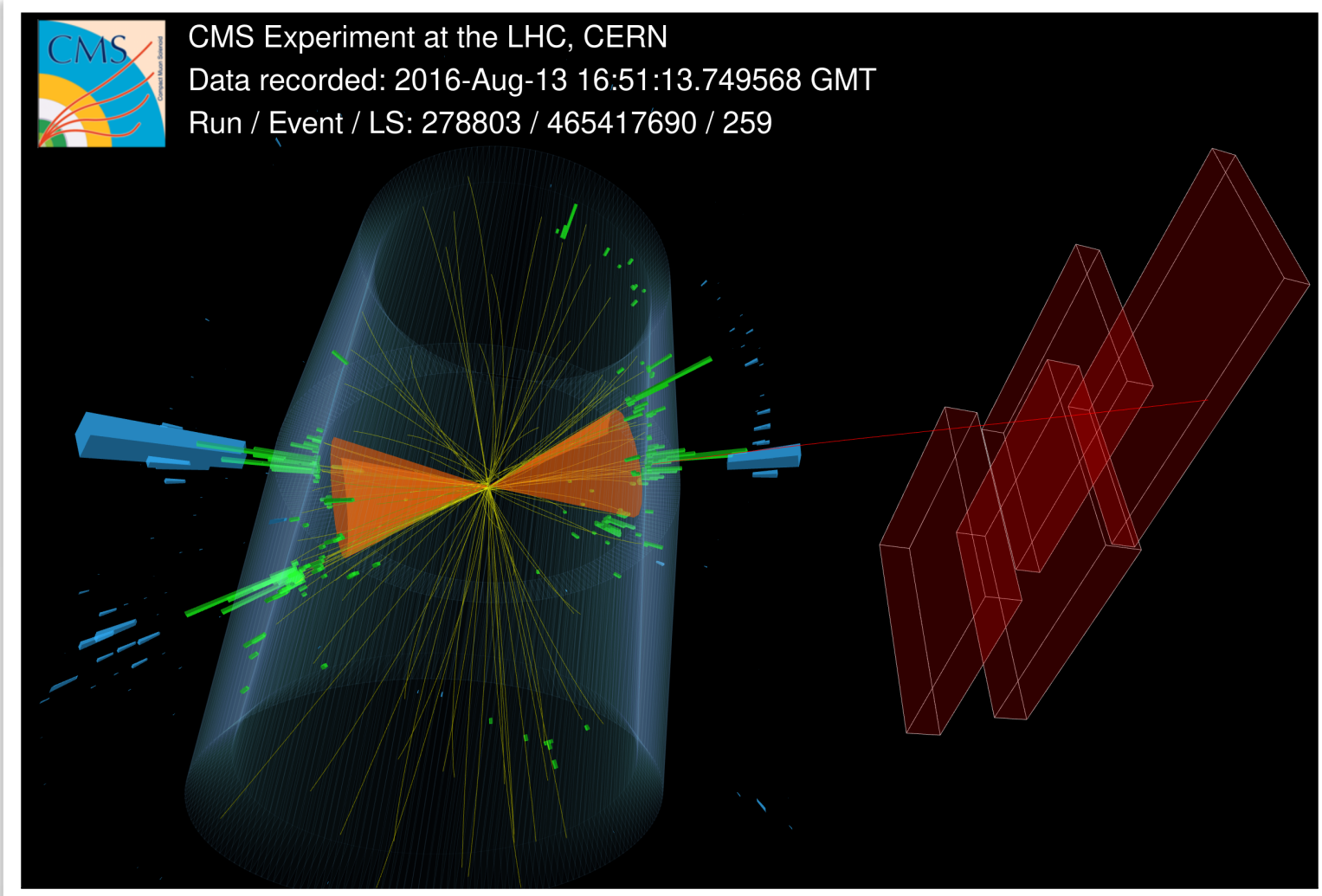


Current workflow using only Supervised Learning



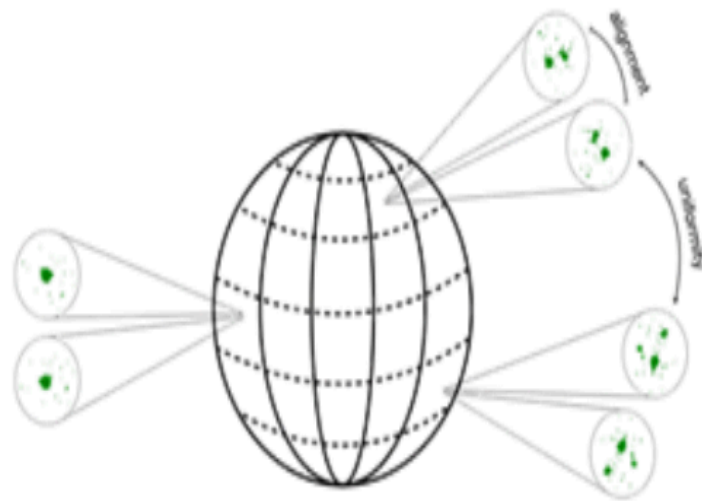
Workflow incorporating SSL

# Toward Foundation Model



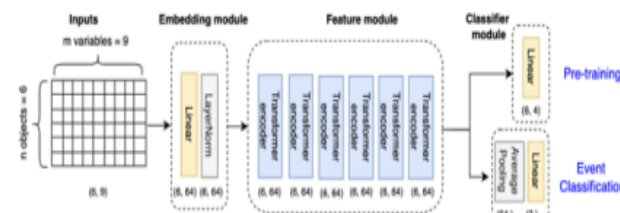
# Towards Foundation Model in HEP

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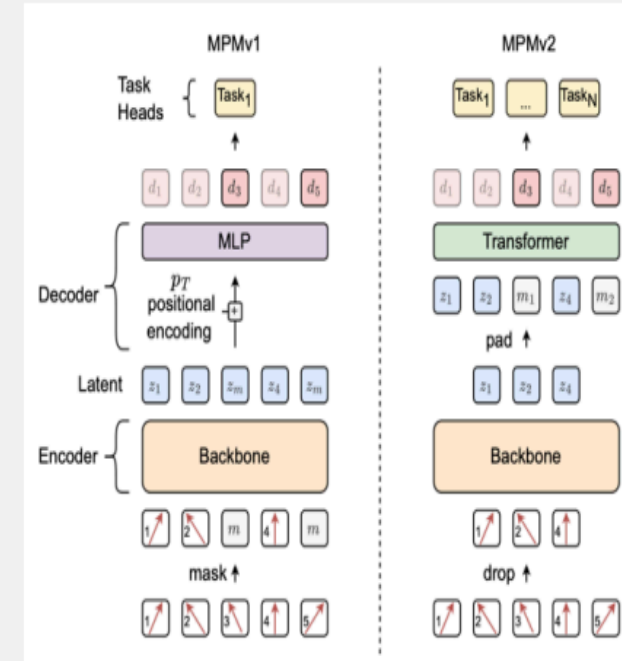
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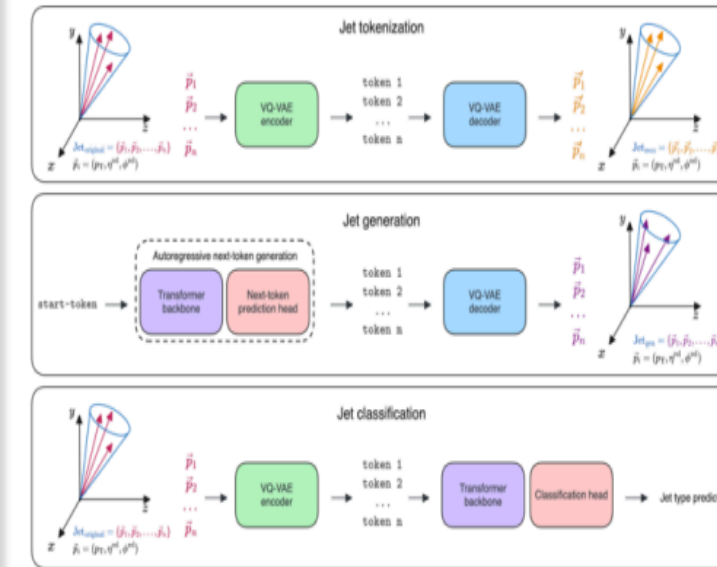
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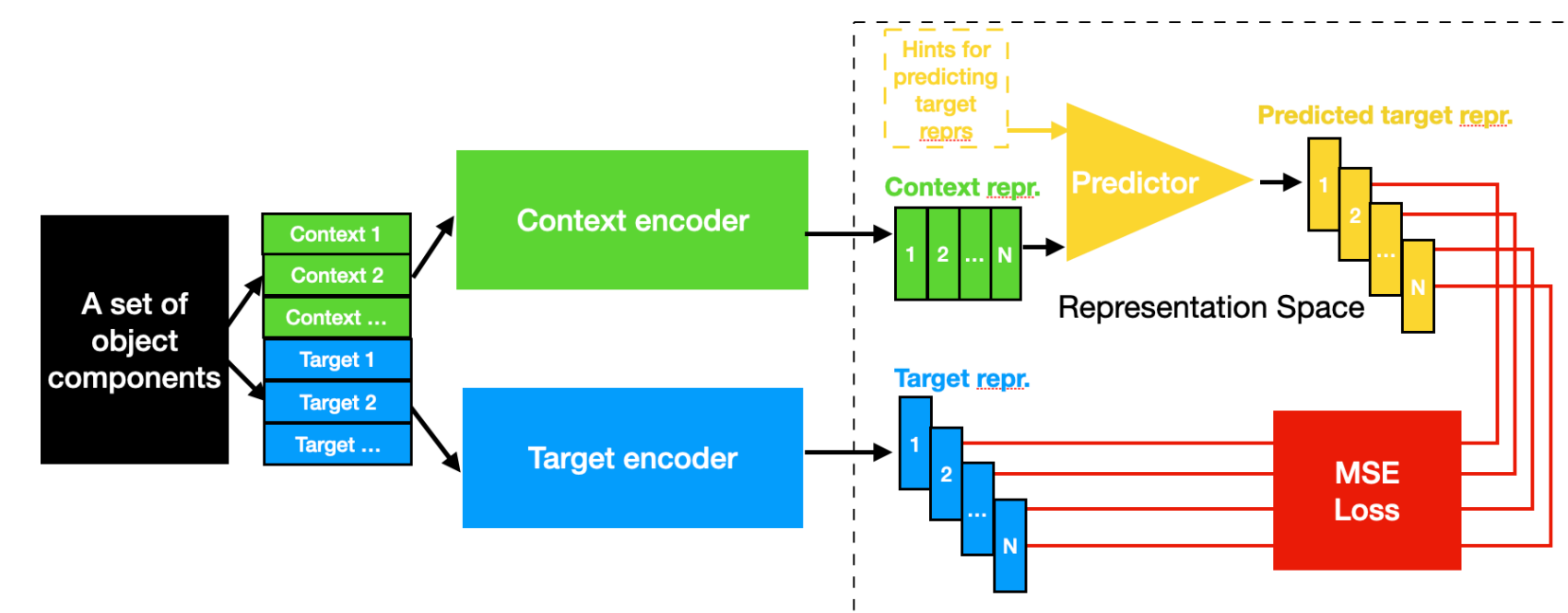
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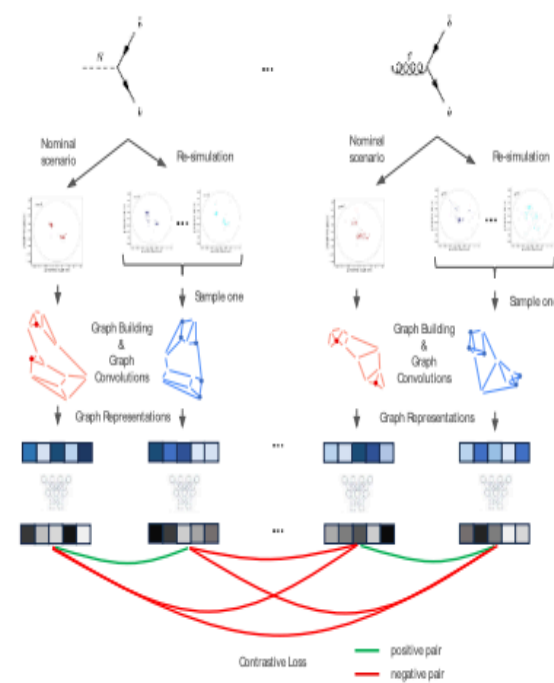
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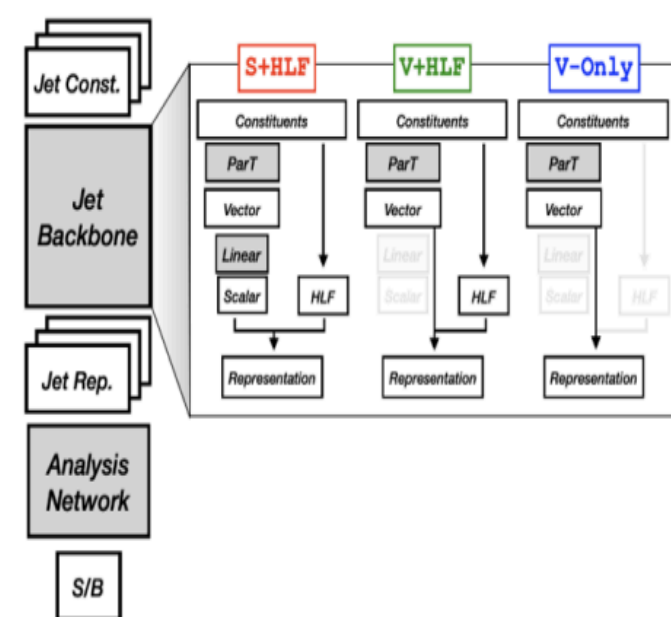
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## Contrastive Learning: Re-Simulation



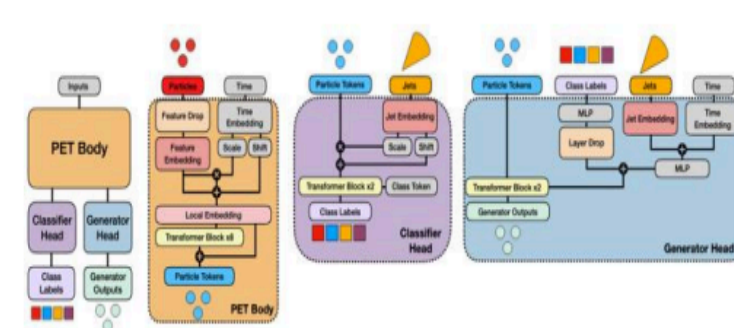
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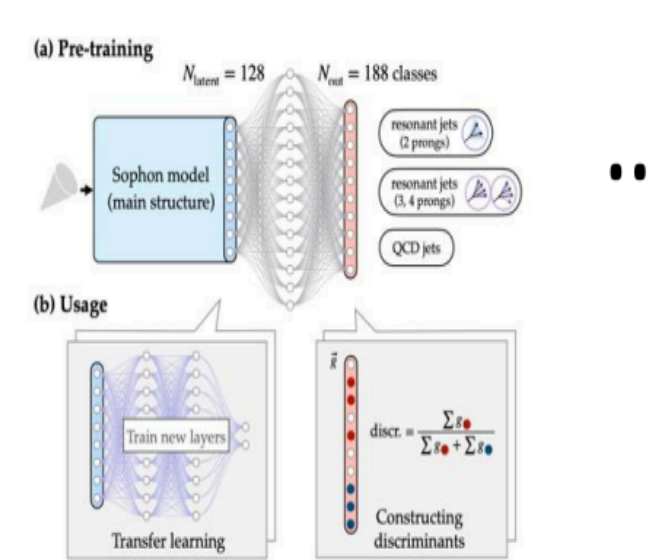
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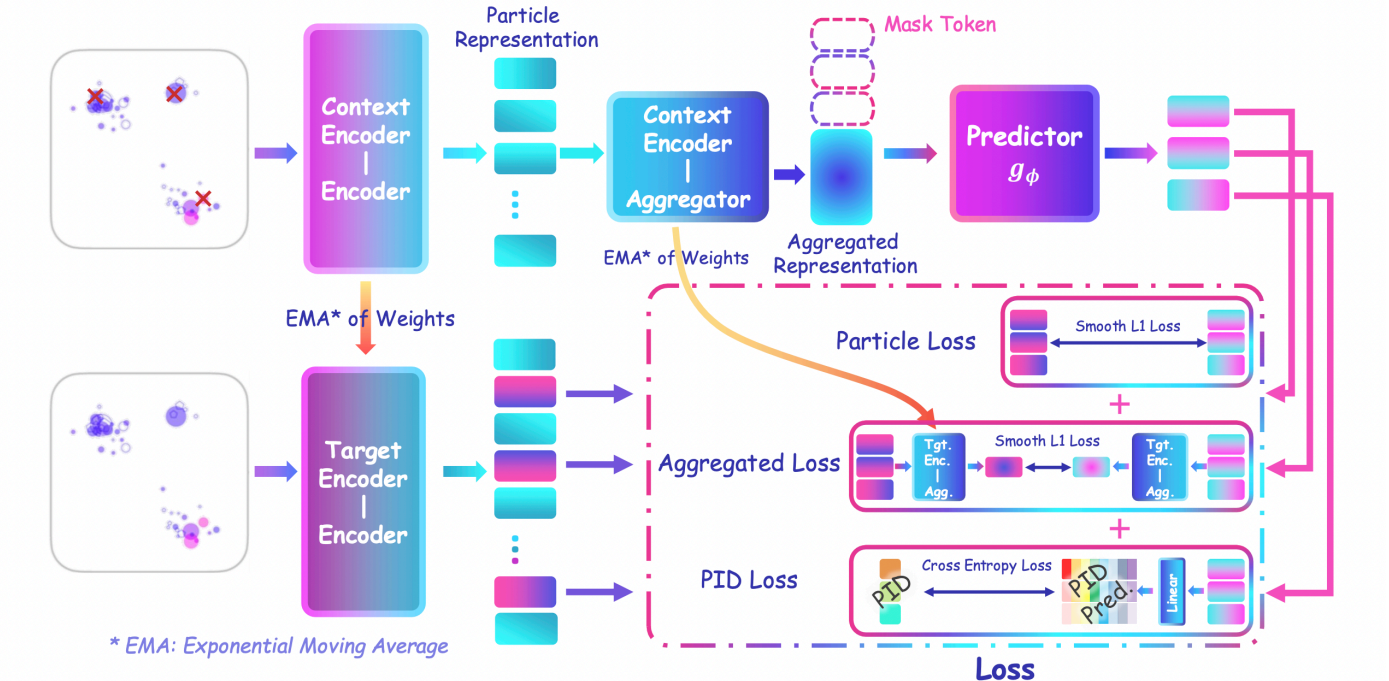
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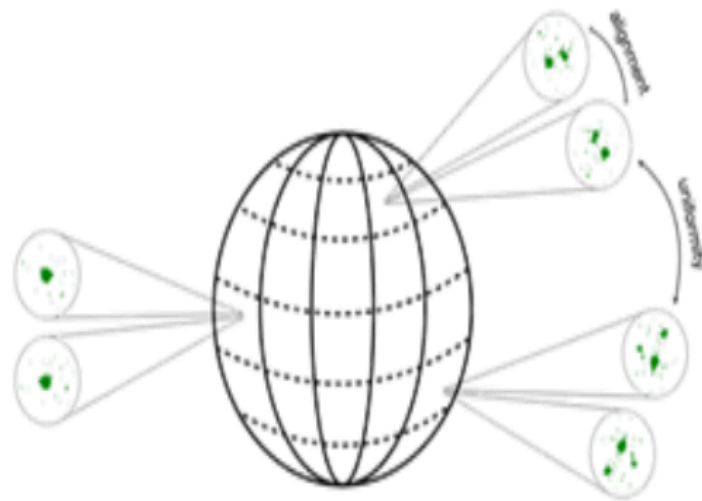
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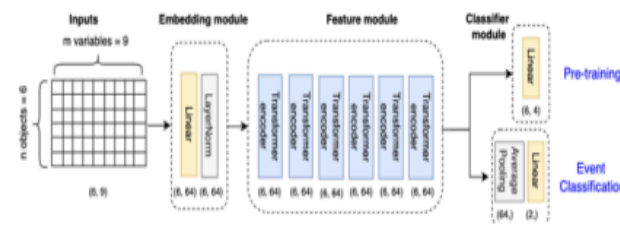
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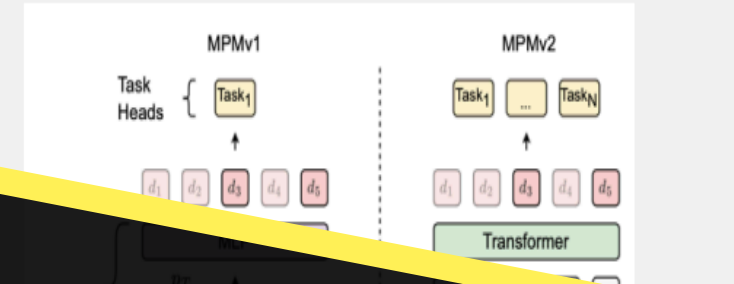
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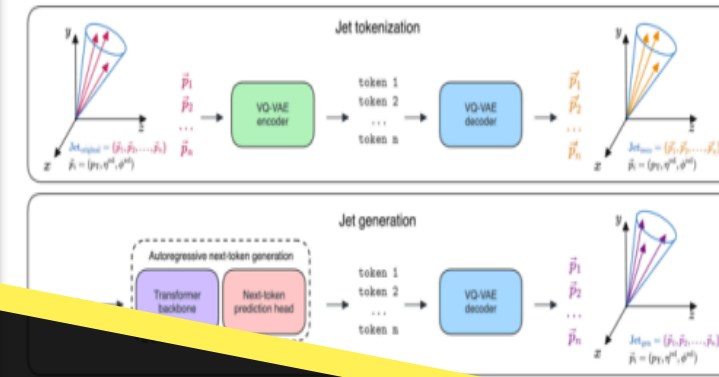


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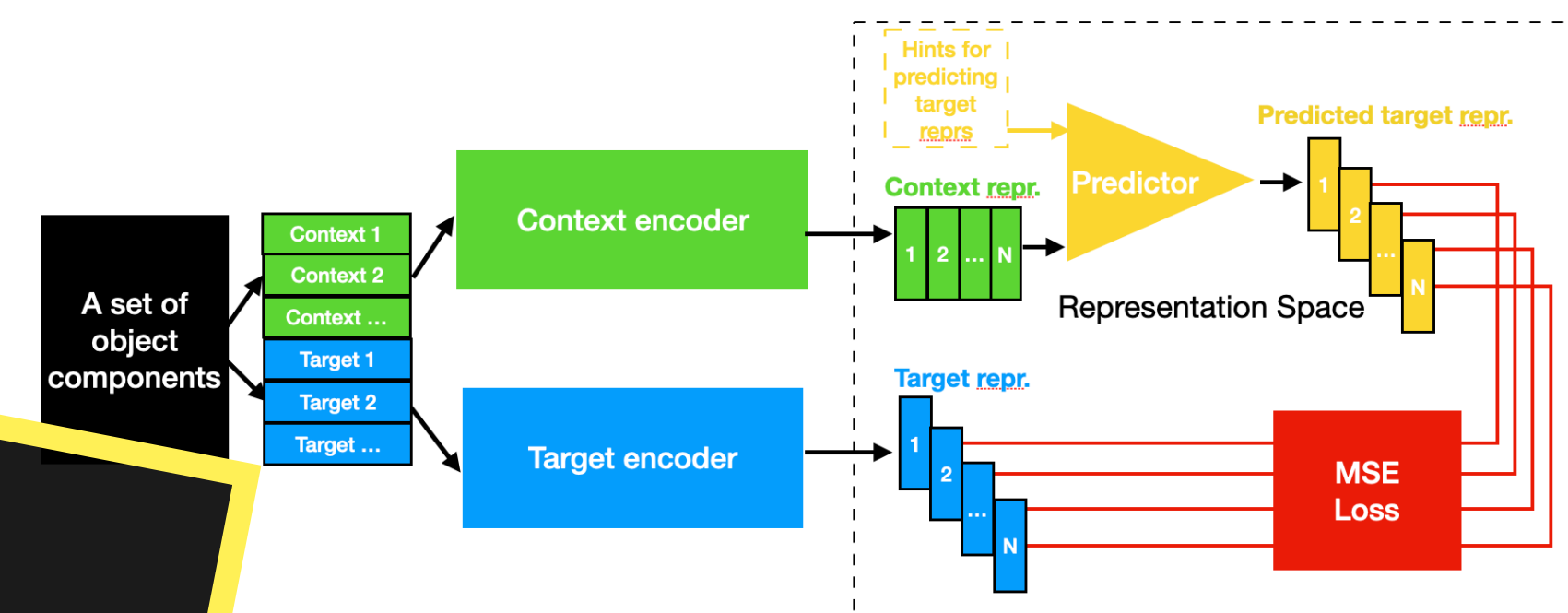
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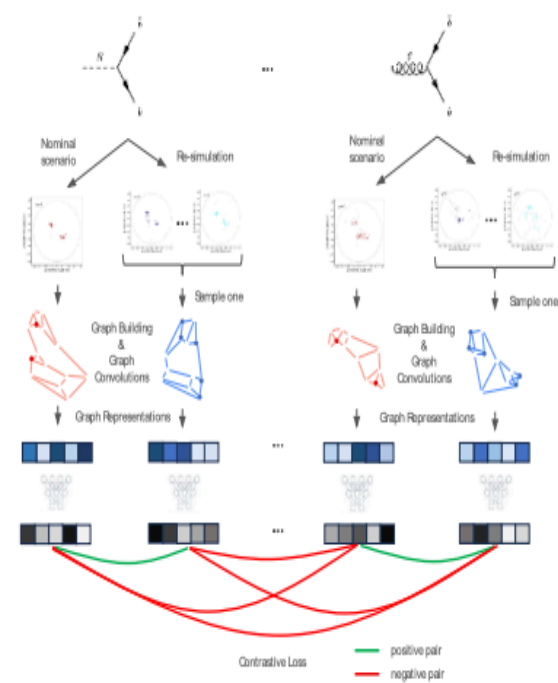


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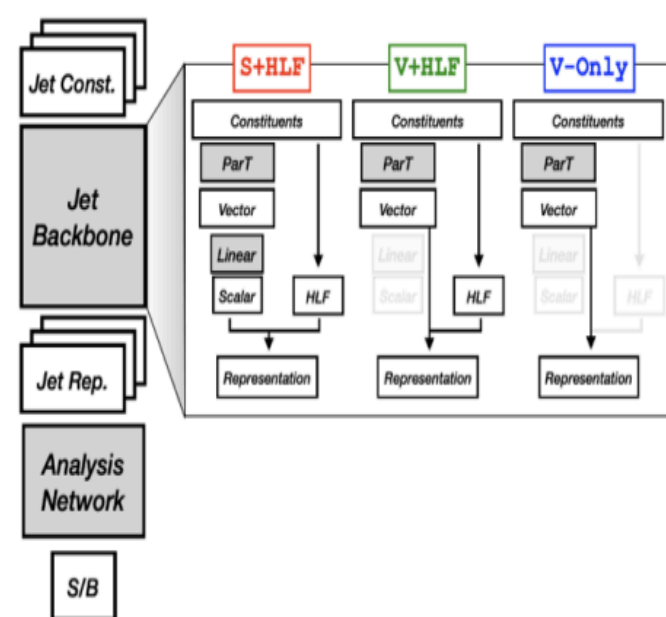
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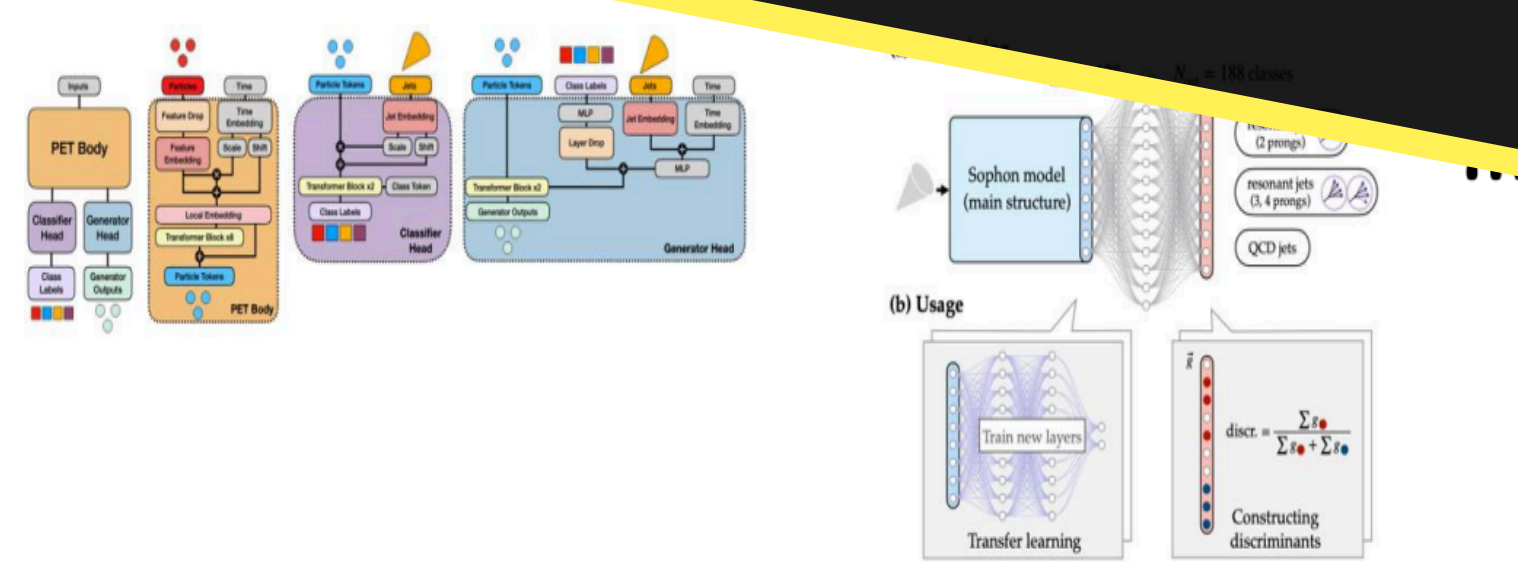
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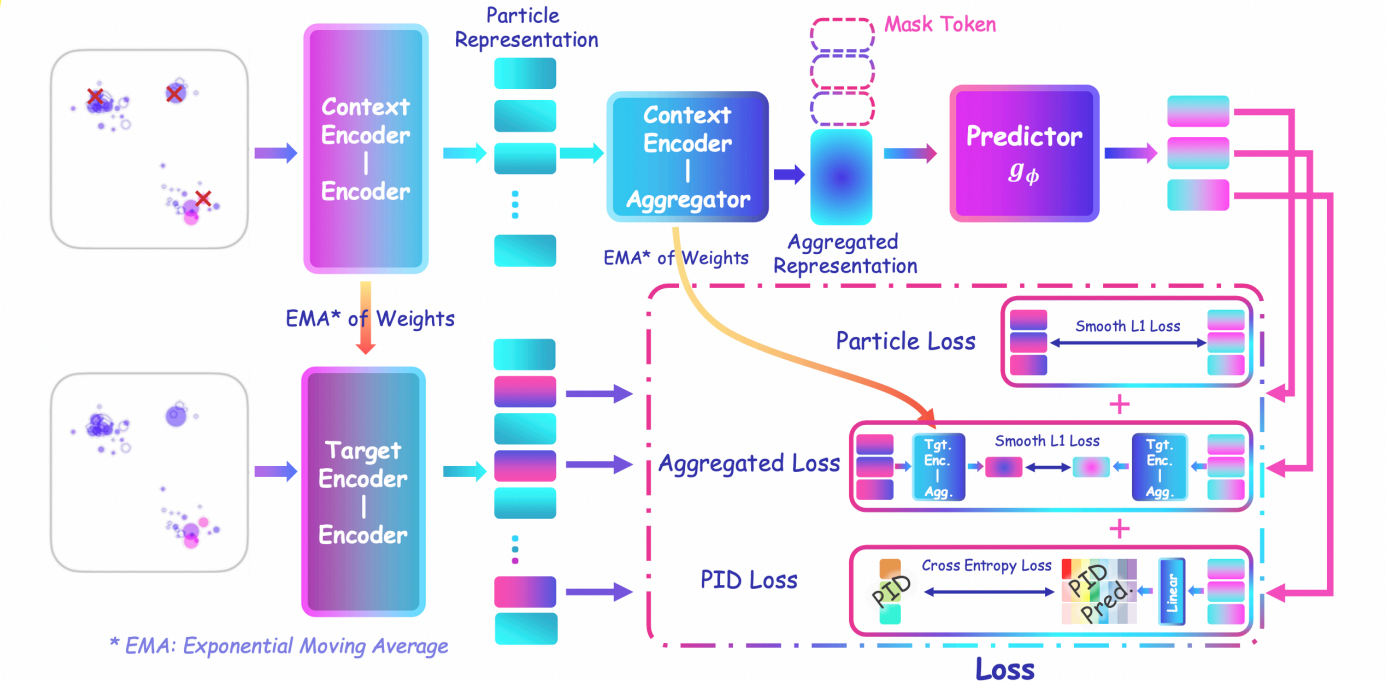
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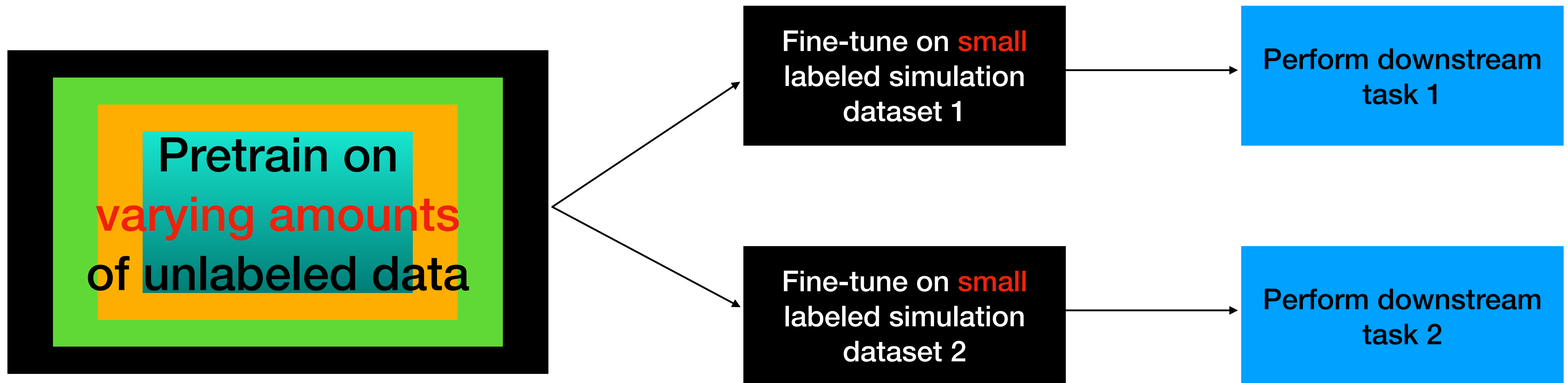
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# Primary Goal of the Project

- Focus on studying the effect of **scaling up** the sizes of pretraining datasets on the performance of foundation model.





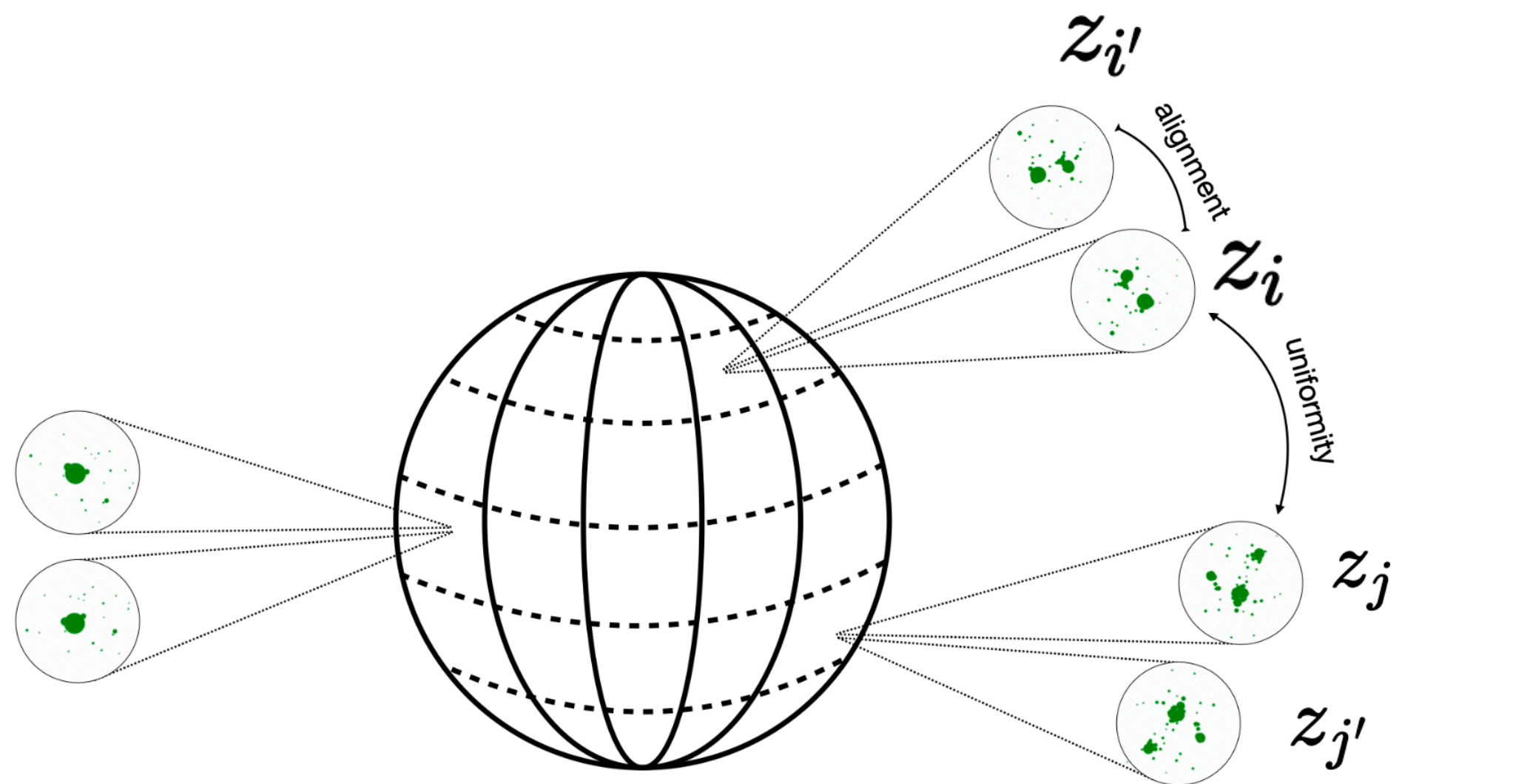
# Outline

- Toward Foundation Model in HEP
- Goals of the Project
- Intro to JetCLR
- Transfer Learning: from JetClass to Top Tagging
- Scaling up pretraining dataset size
- Some technical details
  - Classification head for finetuning: MLP vs Linear Projection
  - Techniques to speed up training
- Ongoing and Future work

# Intro to JetCLR

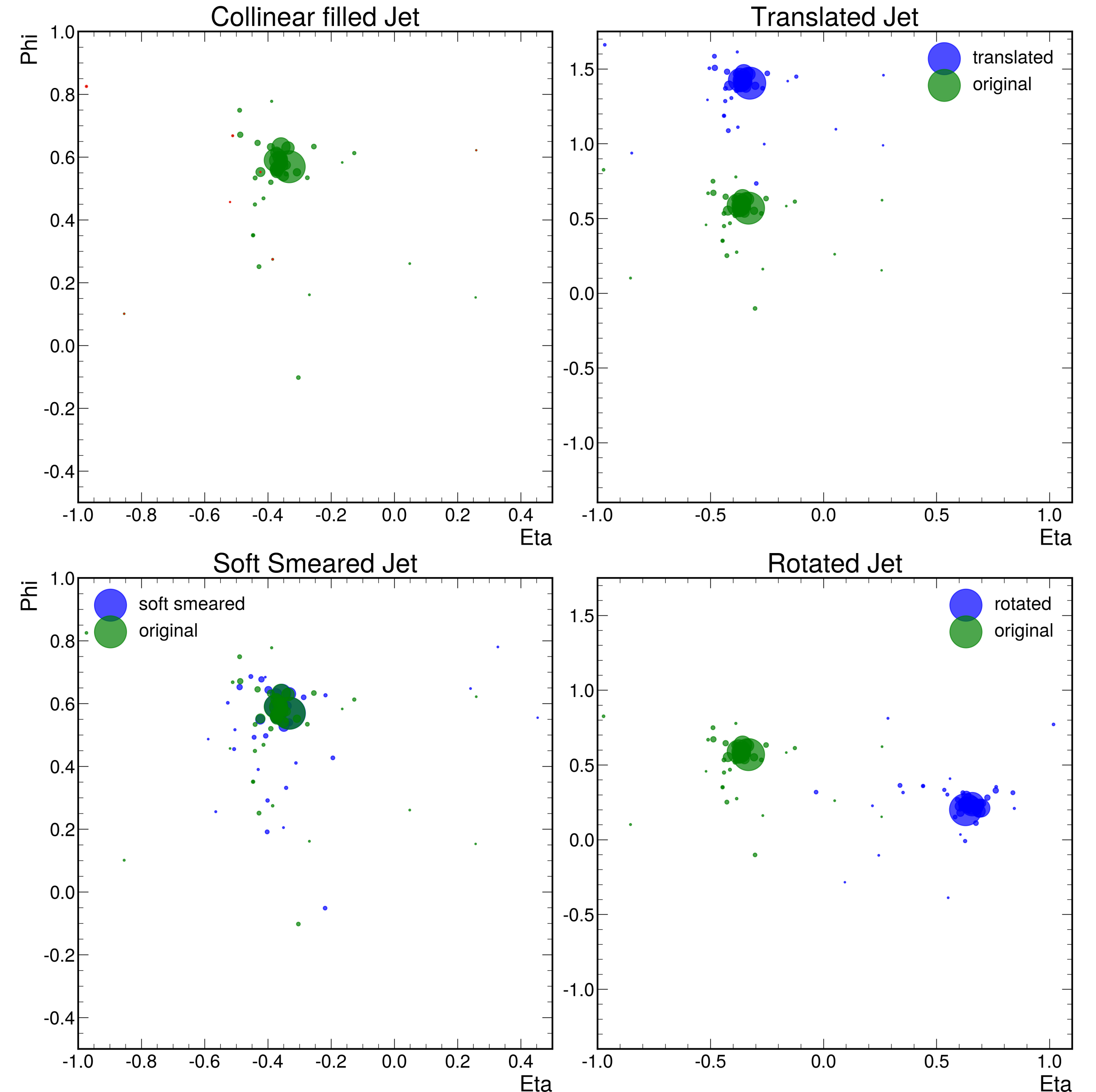
# Augmentations

SimCLR loss



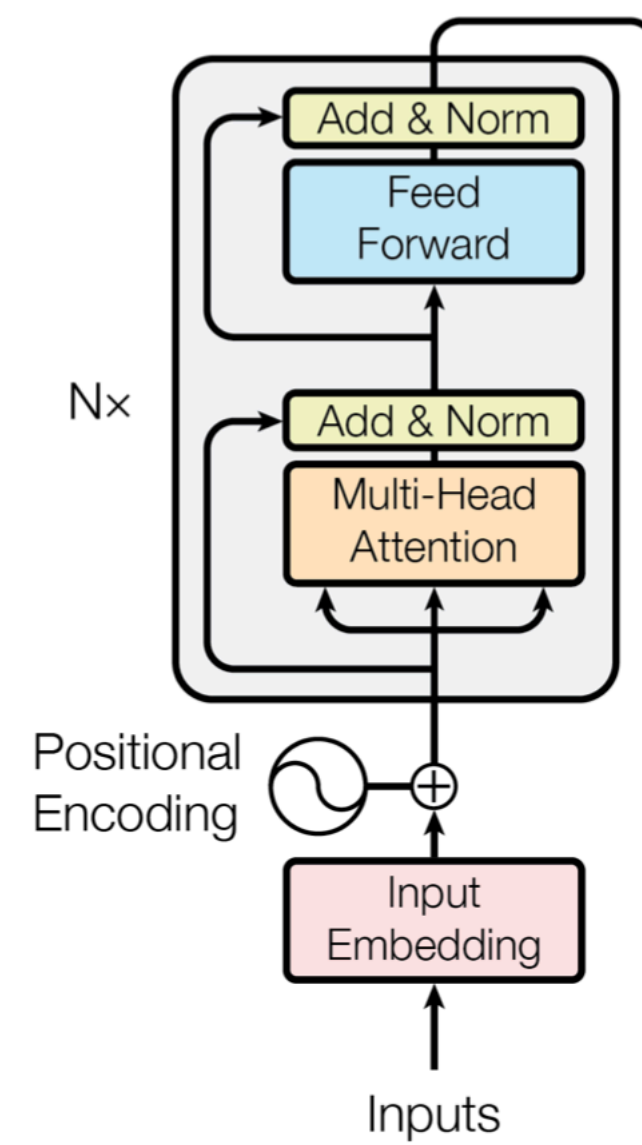
$$\mathcal{L}_i = -\log \frac{e^{s(z_i, z_i')/\tau}}{\sum_{j \neq i \in \text{batch}} \left[ e^{s(z_i, z_j)/\tau} + e^{s(z_i, z_j')/\tau} \right]}$$

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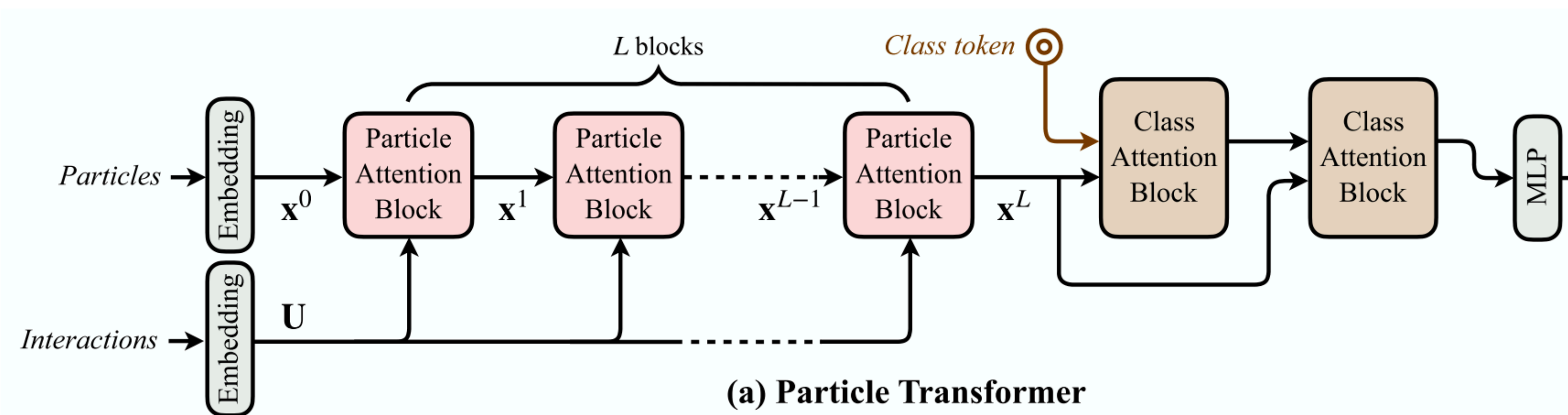
# Model Architecture for encoder

- Started with a simple Transformer encoder
- Working on switching to more advanced architectures such as Particle Transformer



Transformer Encoder

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(a) Particle Transformer

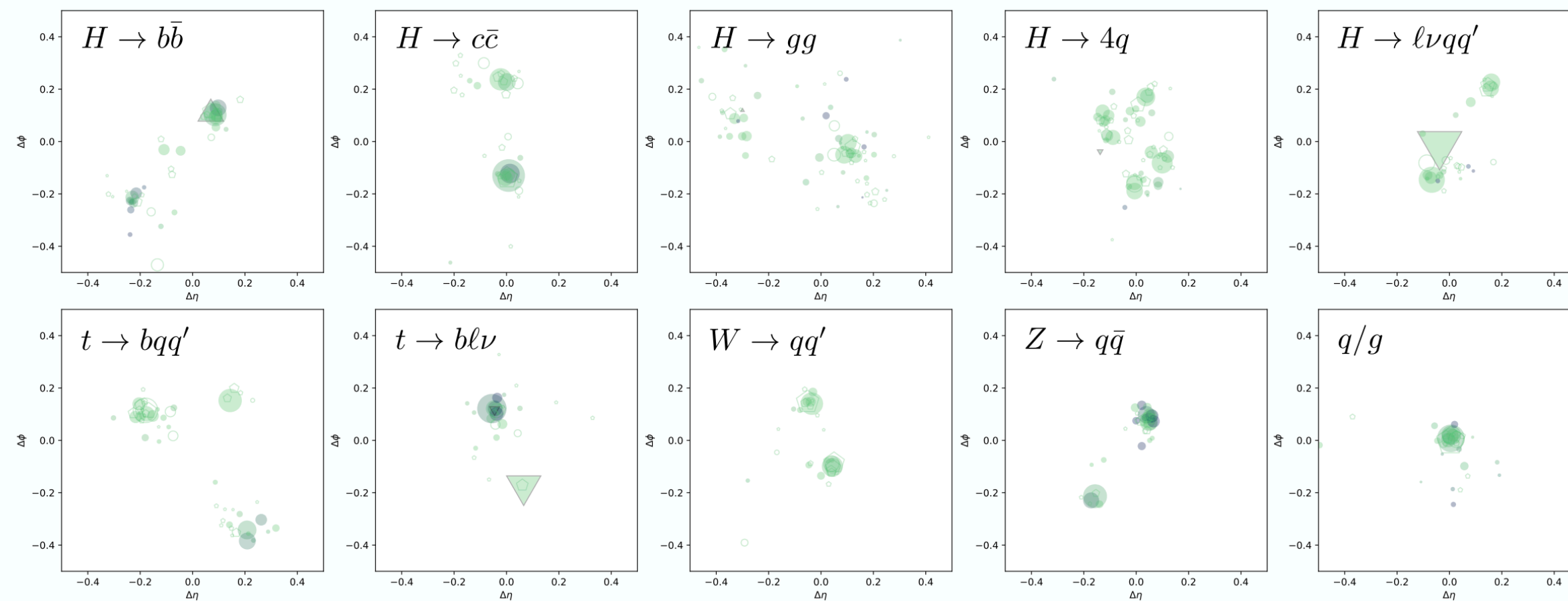
Particle Transformer

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# Datasets

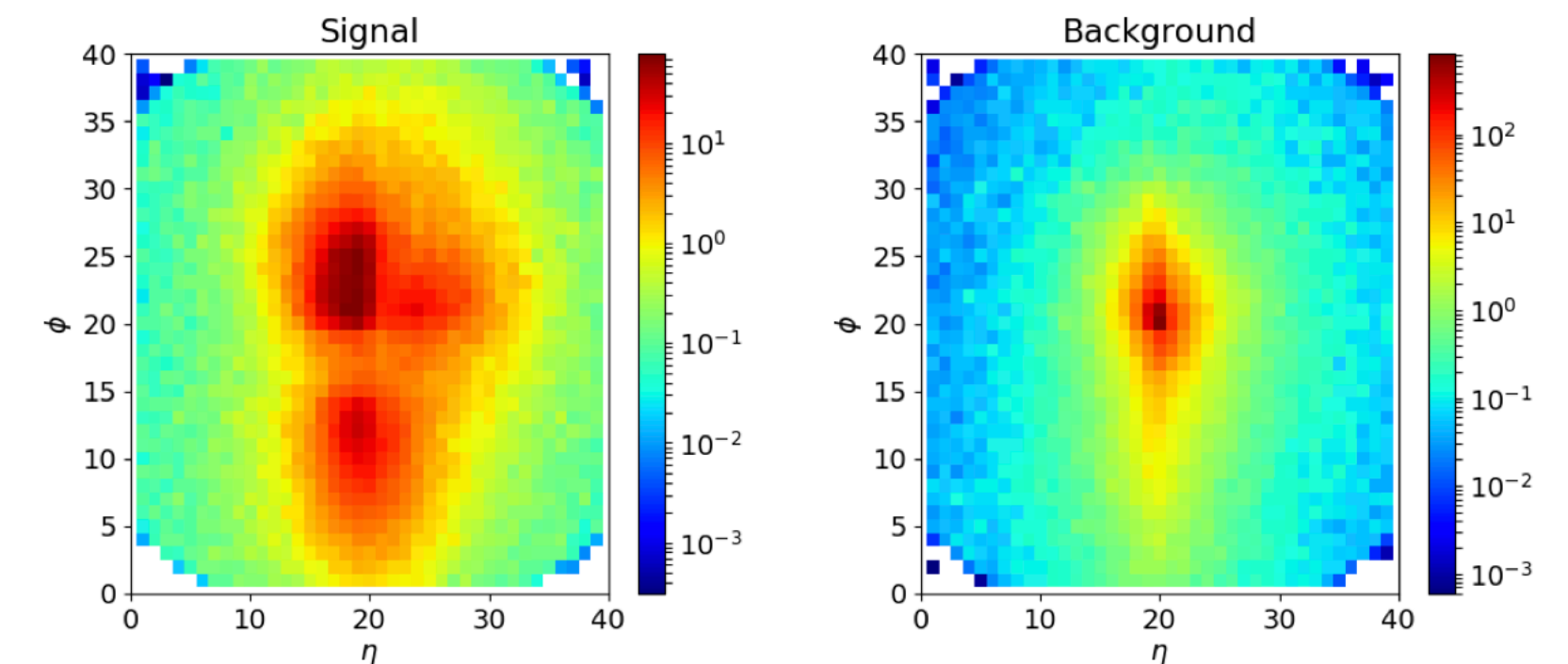
JetClass for unlabeled pretraining, Top Tagging for labeled finetuning

Dataset name	Size	Description	Role in transfer learning
<b>JetClass Dataset</b>	100 Million Jets	Contains 10 classes of jets	Stand in for unlabeled “data”, use for pretraining
<b>Top Tagging Dataset</b>	1.2 Million Jets	Only Top and QCD jets	Stand in for labeled “simulation”, use for fine-tuning



JetClass Dataset

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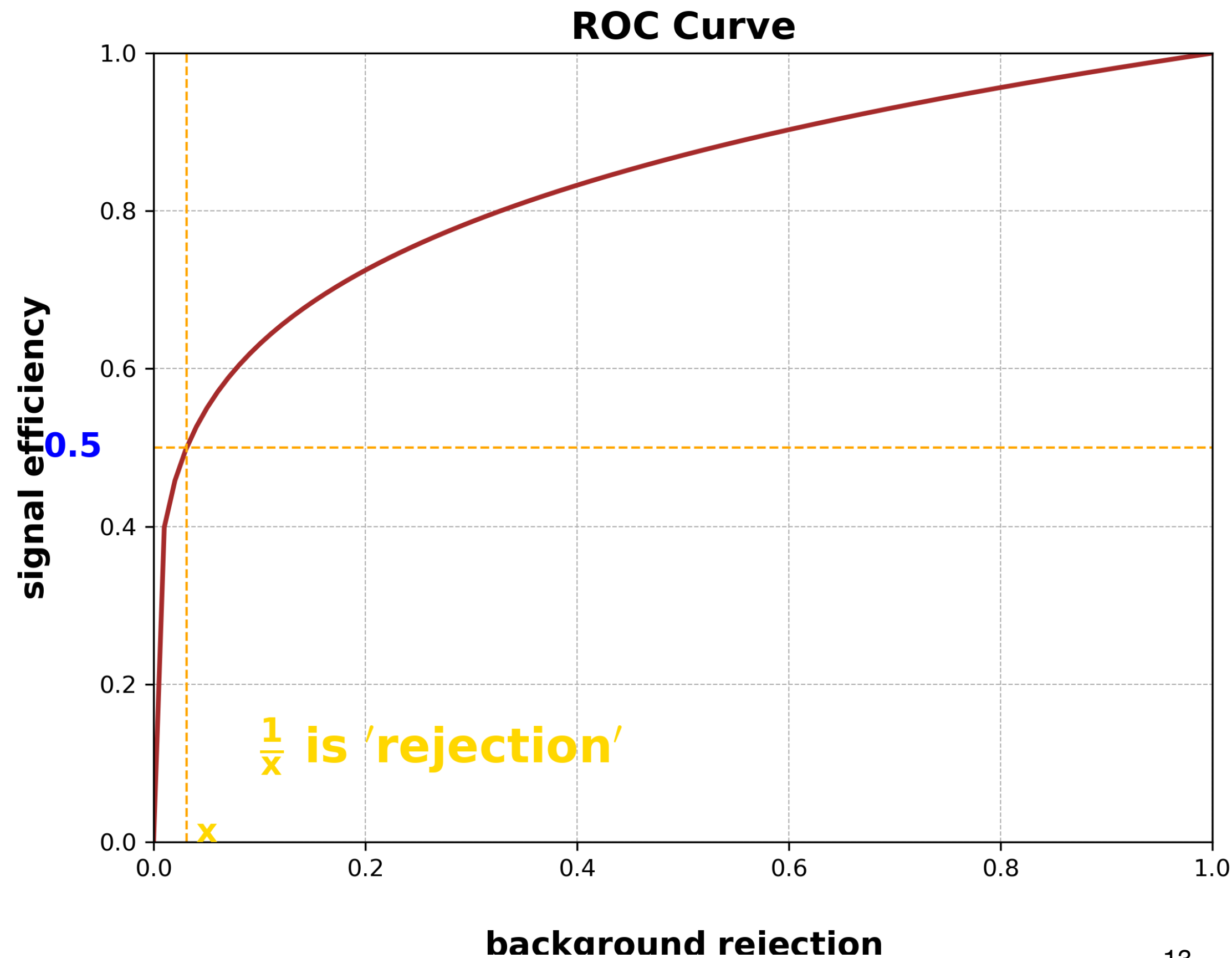
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# Metrics

**Accuracy: correctly predicted / total number of samples**

**Rejection: inverse of background rejection (FPR) at 50% signal efficiency (TPR)**

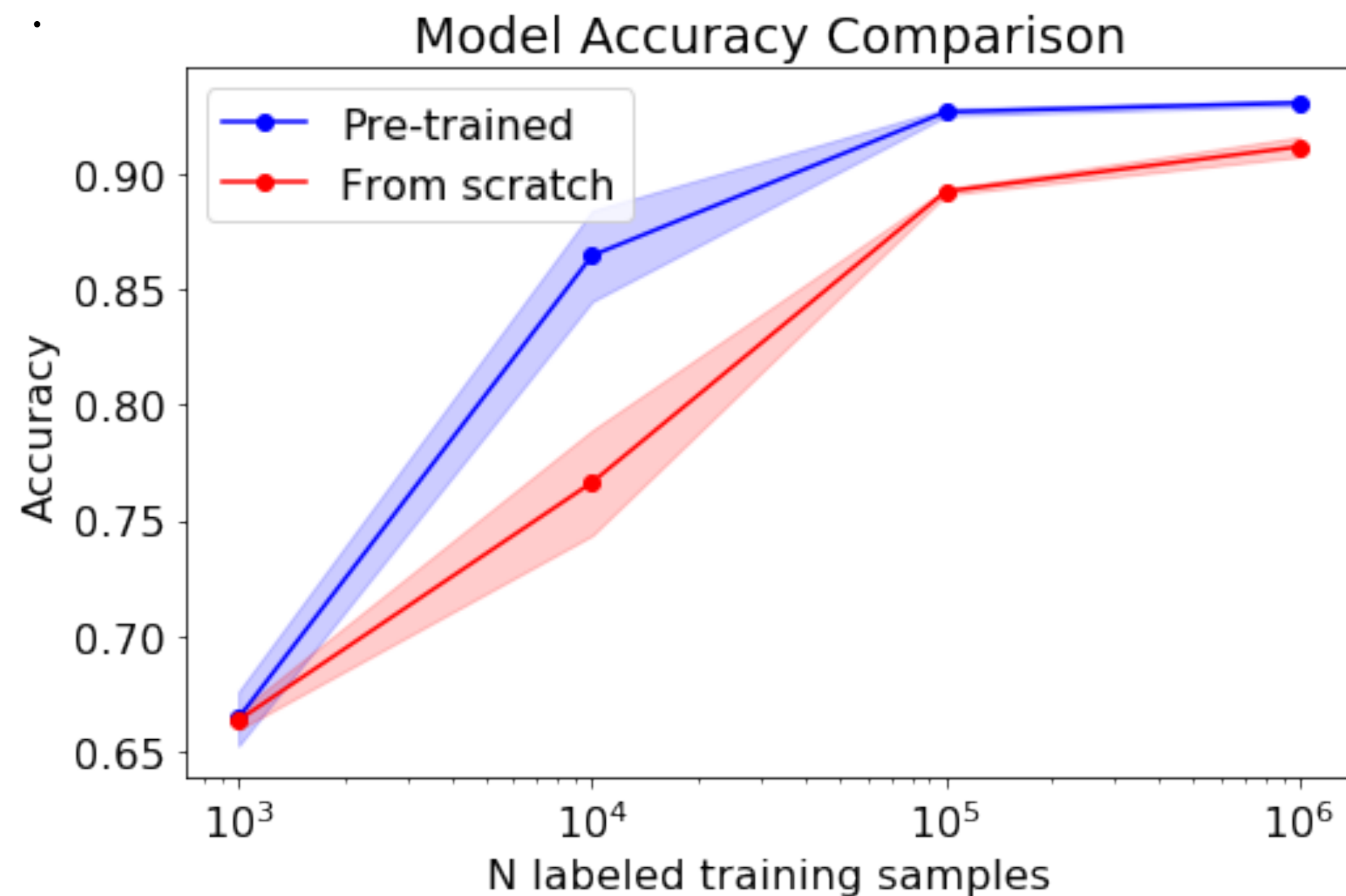


**Significance: In a background dominant dataset, how much background you can reject while letting in a certain fraction of signal samples (the more the better)**

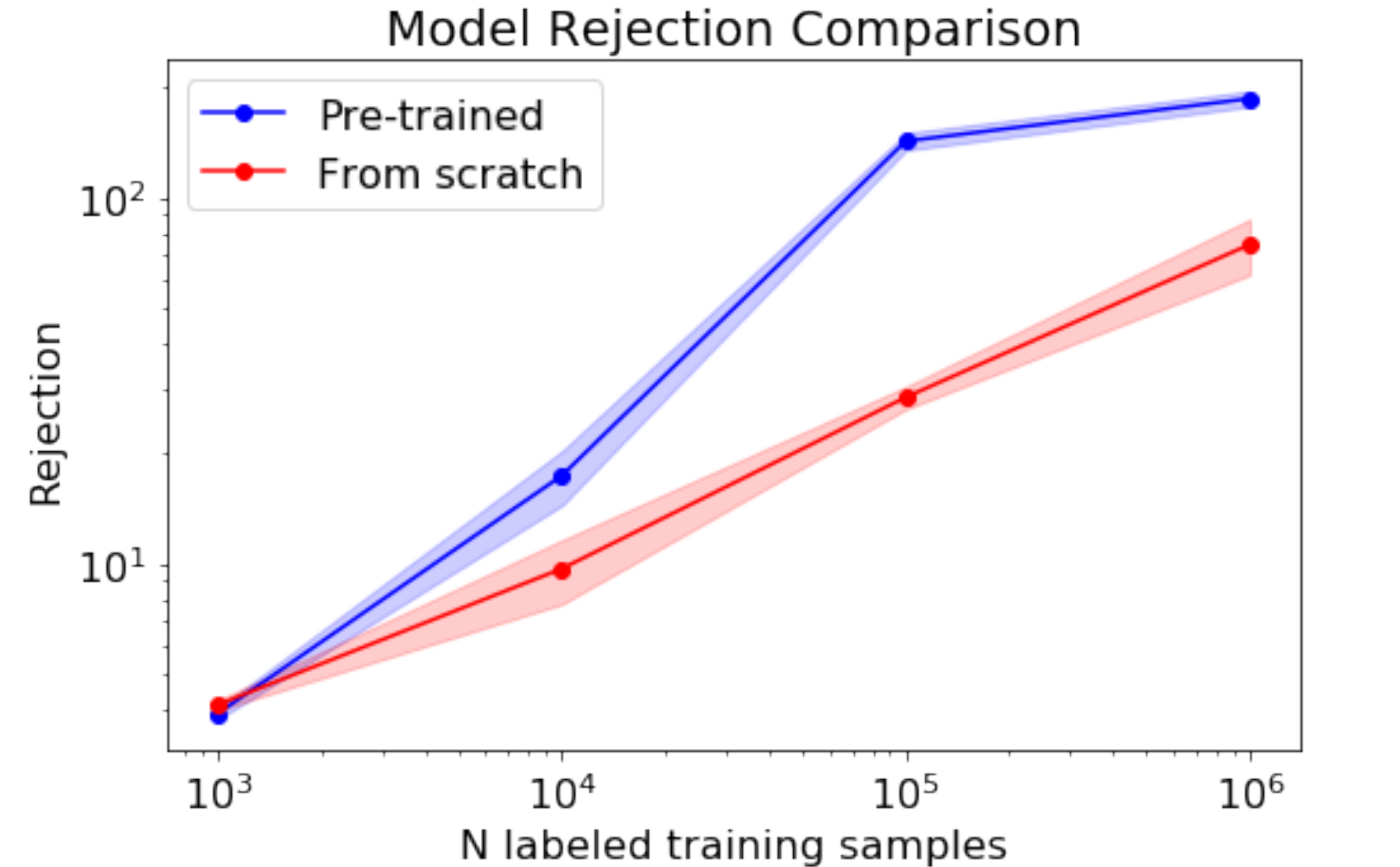
# Pretraining on JetClass and fine-tuning on Top Tagging

The pre-trained model requires significantly fewer samples to achieve high accuracy and rejection rate: higher data efficiency

- The averages and standard deviations over 5 trainings are shown in solid lines and uncertainty bands, respectively



Pretrained: pretrained with 1M jets

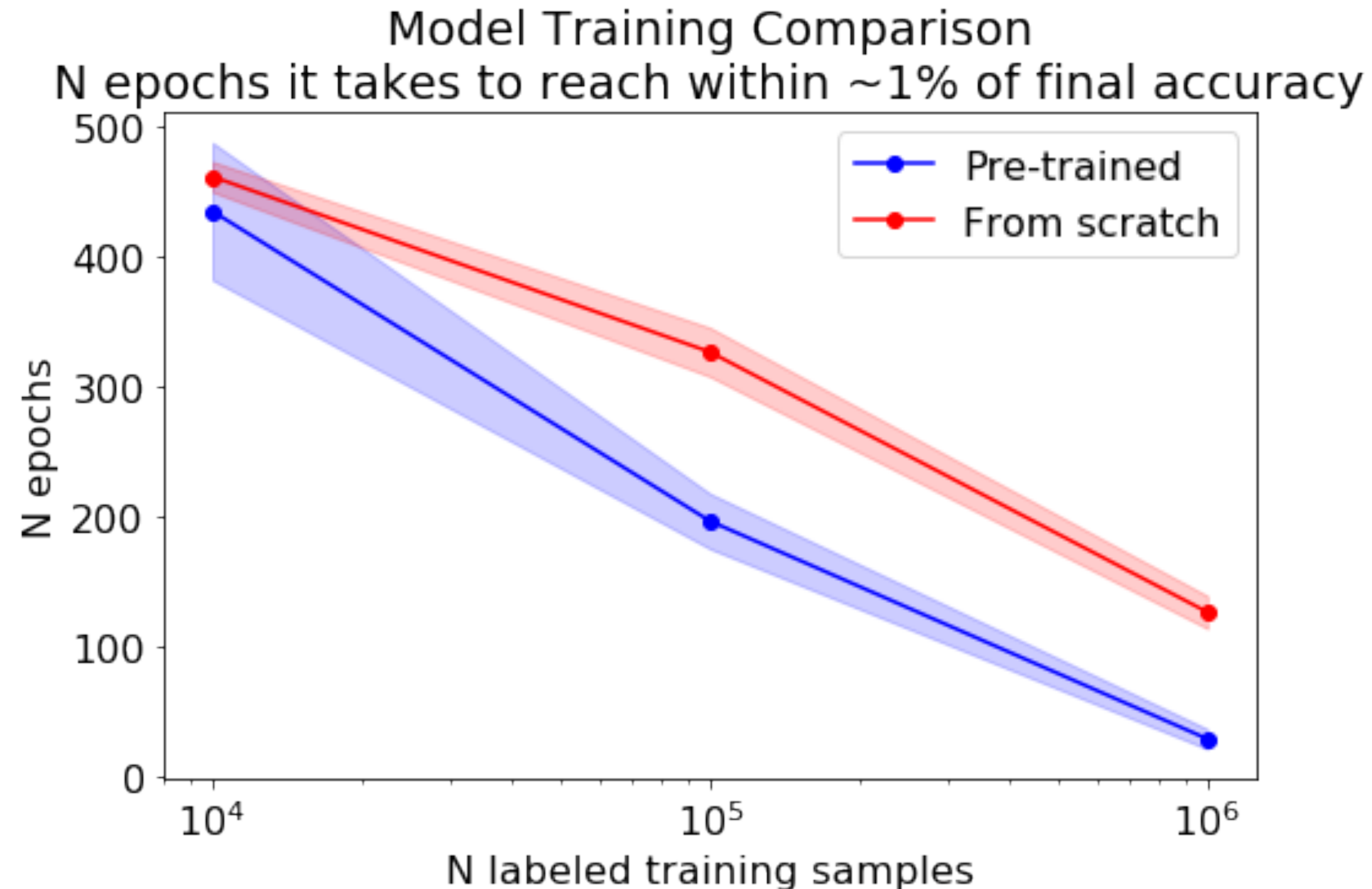


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# Pretraining on JetClass and fine-tuning on Top Tagging

The pre-trained model converges much faster: higher computational efficiency

- The averages and standard deviations over 5 trainings are shown in solid lines and uncertainty bands, respectively

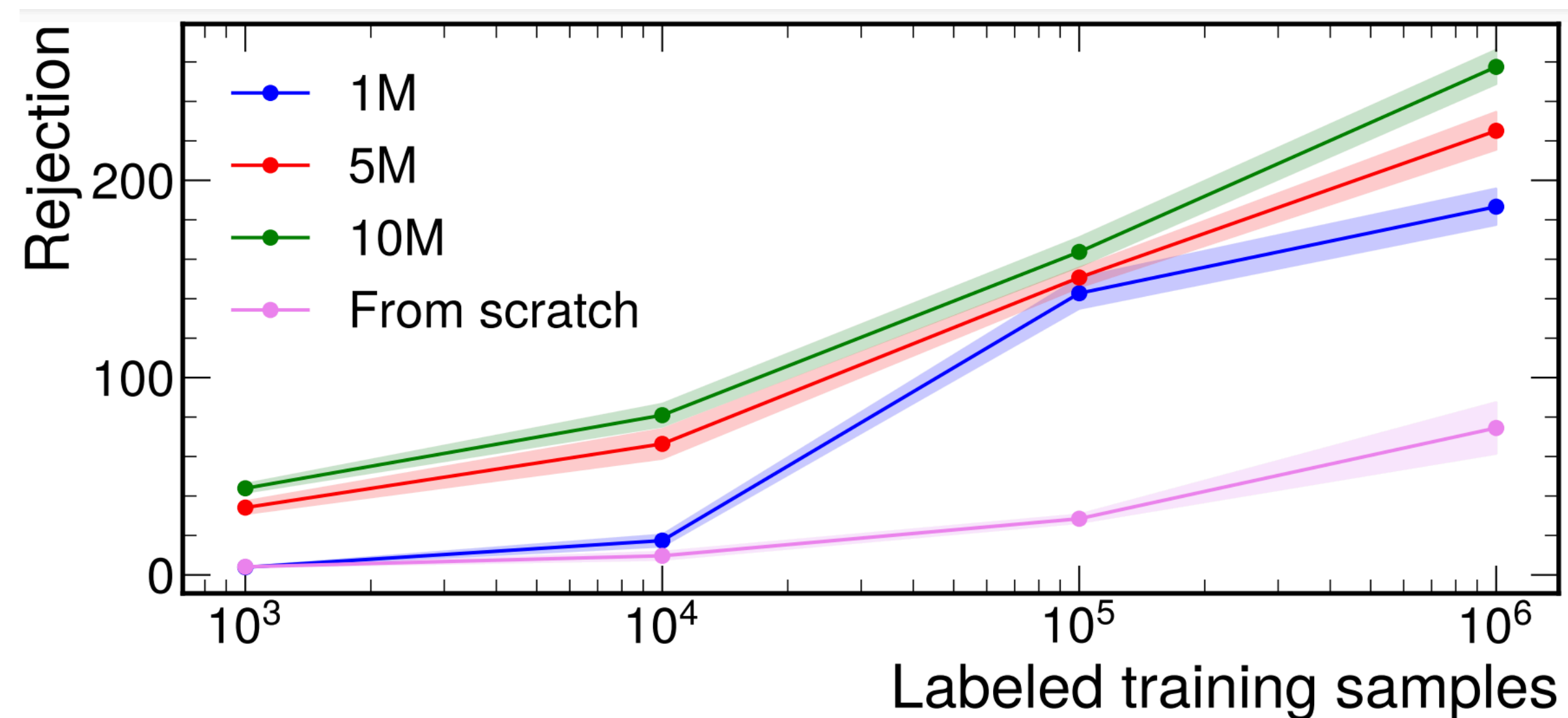


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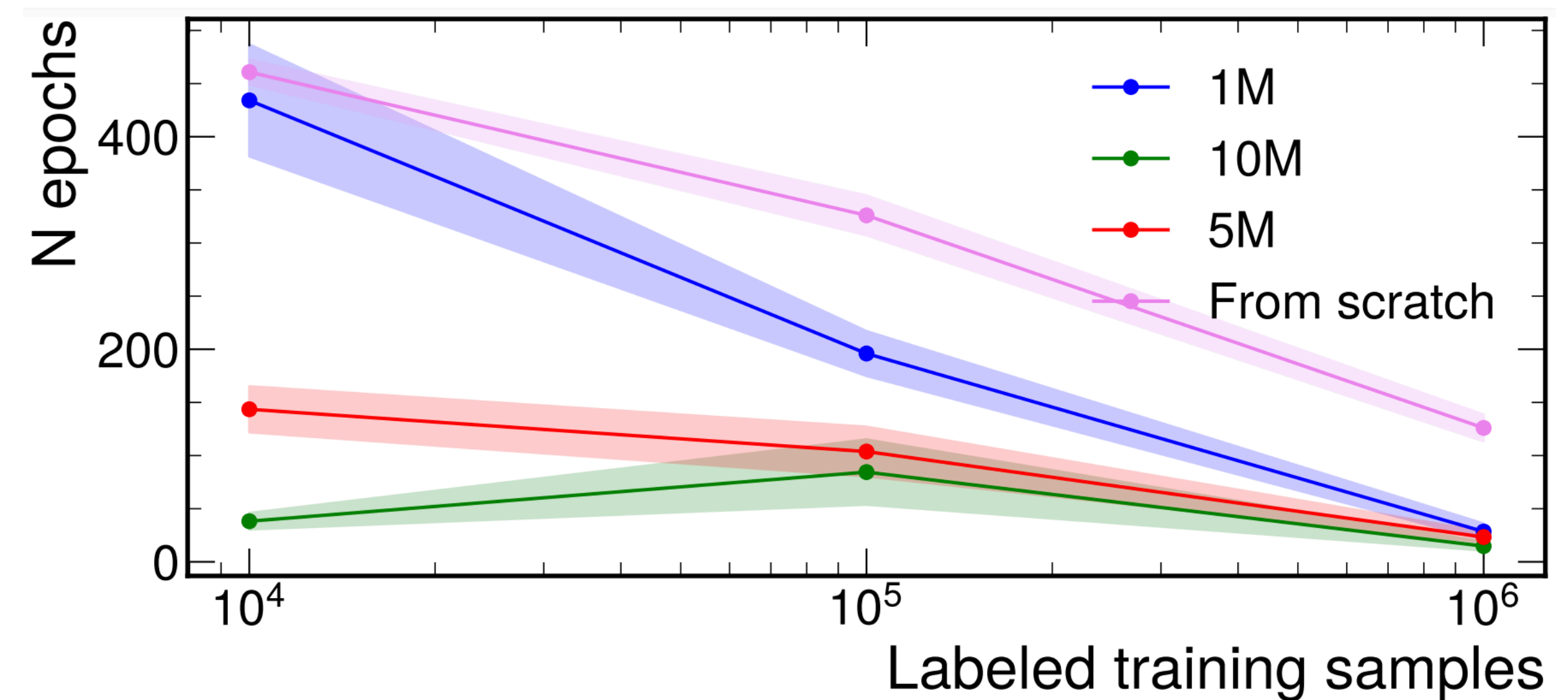
# Scaling up pretraining dataset size

By scaling up the pretraining dataset, the model demonstrated enhanced performance and faster convergence: both data and computational efficiency improve as we use larger datasets for pretraining

Background rejection at 50% signal efficiency



Number of epochs required to reach within 1% of the final accuracy

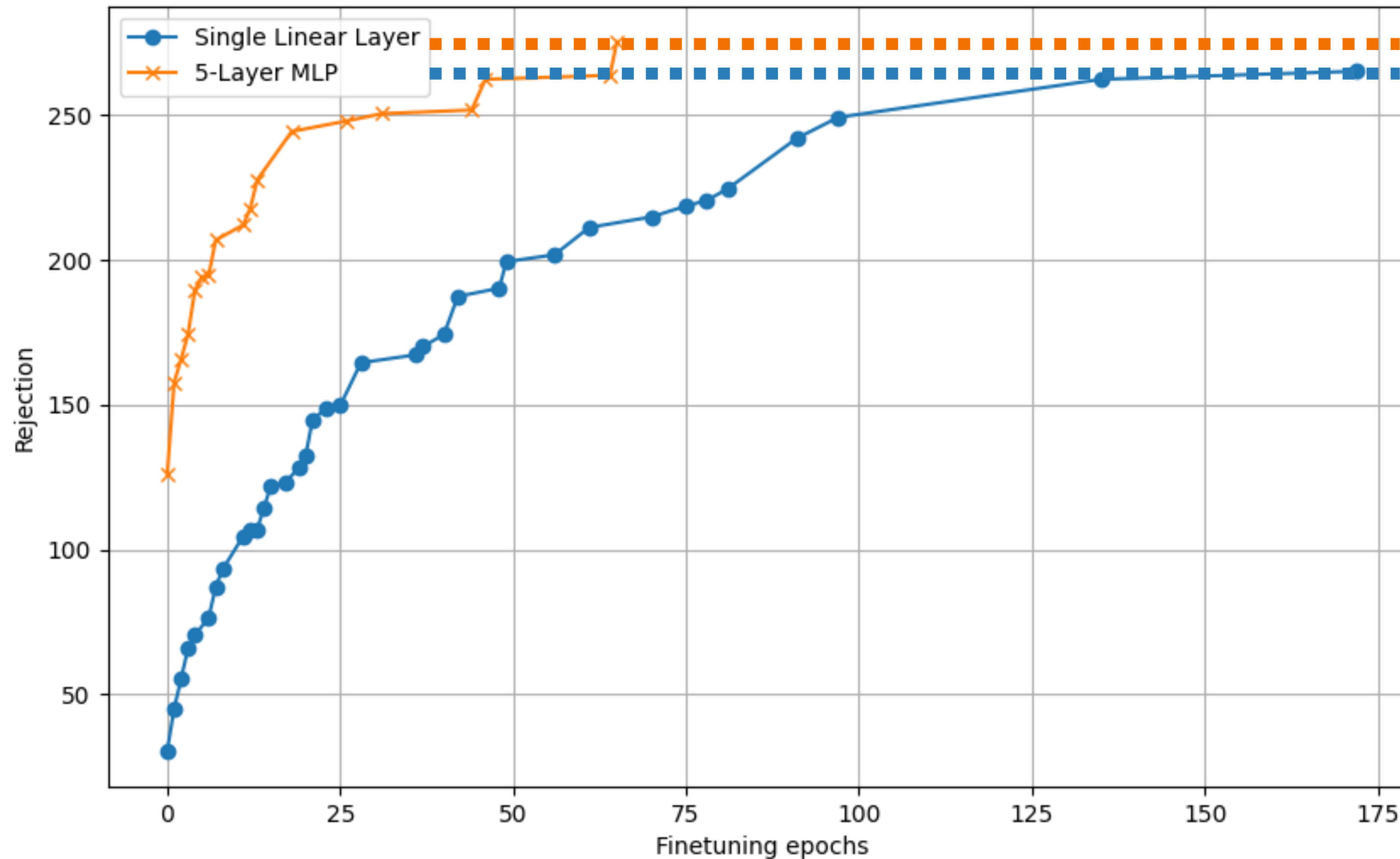


Rejection: inverse of background rejection at 50% signal efficiency



# Classification head for finetuning: MLP vs Linear Projection

Using an MLP with activation helps converge faster, but no significant improvement in performance



# Techniques to speed up training

**Steps we took to ensure the model finished pretraining within a reasonable amount of time**

- Removed unnecessary CPU-GPU synchronizations, especially read-out from GPU for recording losses
- Modified the default model dimensions to be multiples of 8 to make use of CUDA matrix multiplication kernels more efficiently
- Fused point-wise operations into a single CUDA kernel when computing the contrastive loss.
- Utilized the Automatic Mixed Precision (AMP) package
  - Measures to mitigate the numerical instability caused by using AMP in backup.

# Conclusion

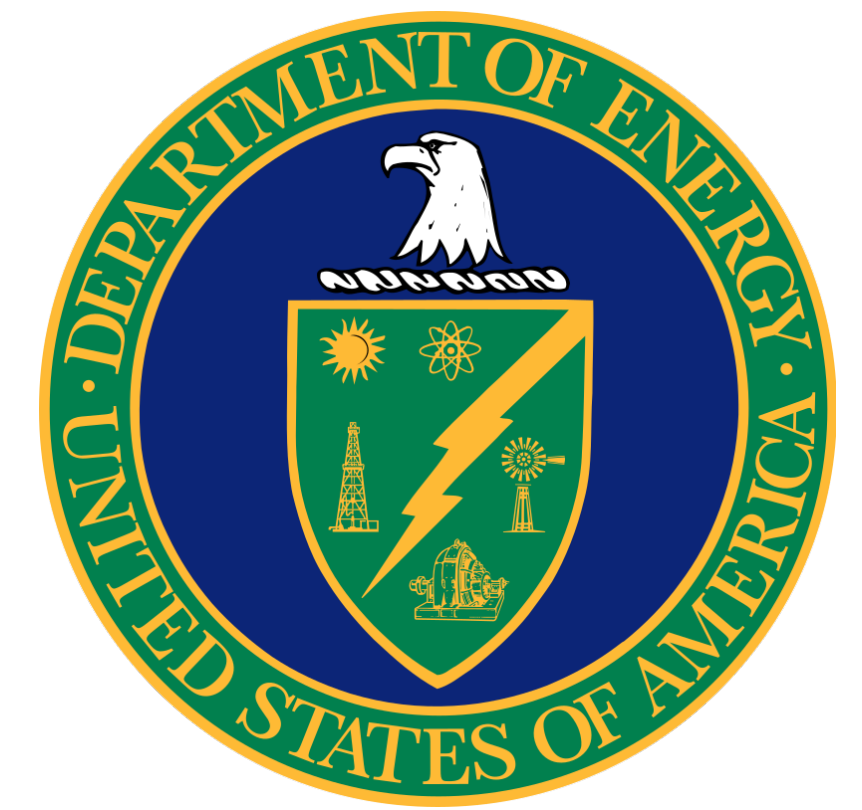
- Through large-scale pretraining followed by finetuning, our SSL approach has demonstrated
  - **Enhanced data efficiency**—requiring fewer labeled training samples to achieve superior performance compared to the fully supervised approach.
  - **Greater computational efficiency**—enabling the model to converge significantly faster than its fully supervised counterpart.
  - **Both efficiencies increase as the pretraining dataset size increases.**
- This paves the way for the use of unlabeled data in HEP and contributes to a better understanding of the potential of SSL for scientific discovery.

# Ongoing and Future work

- Ongoing work
  - Study the effectiveness of more advanced architectures like the ParticleTransformer as the backbone encoder
- Pretrain on JetClass v2, an even larger dataset
- Evaluate on different SSL strategies beyond JetCLR
- Explore other physically motivated augmentations
  - Pairing the two jets from dijet events
  - Using two subjects clustered with smaller radii
  - Using tracks and clusters as two views of the same jet
  - ...

# Support

Thank you for listening!



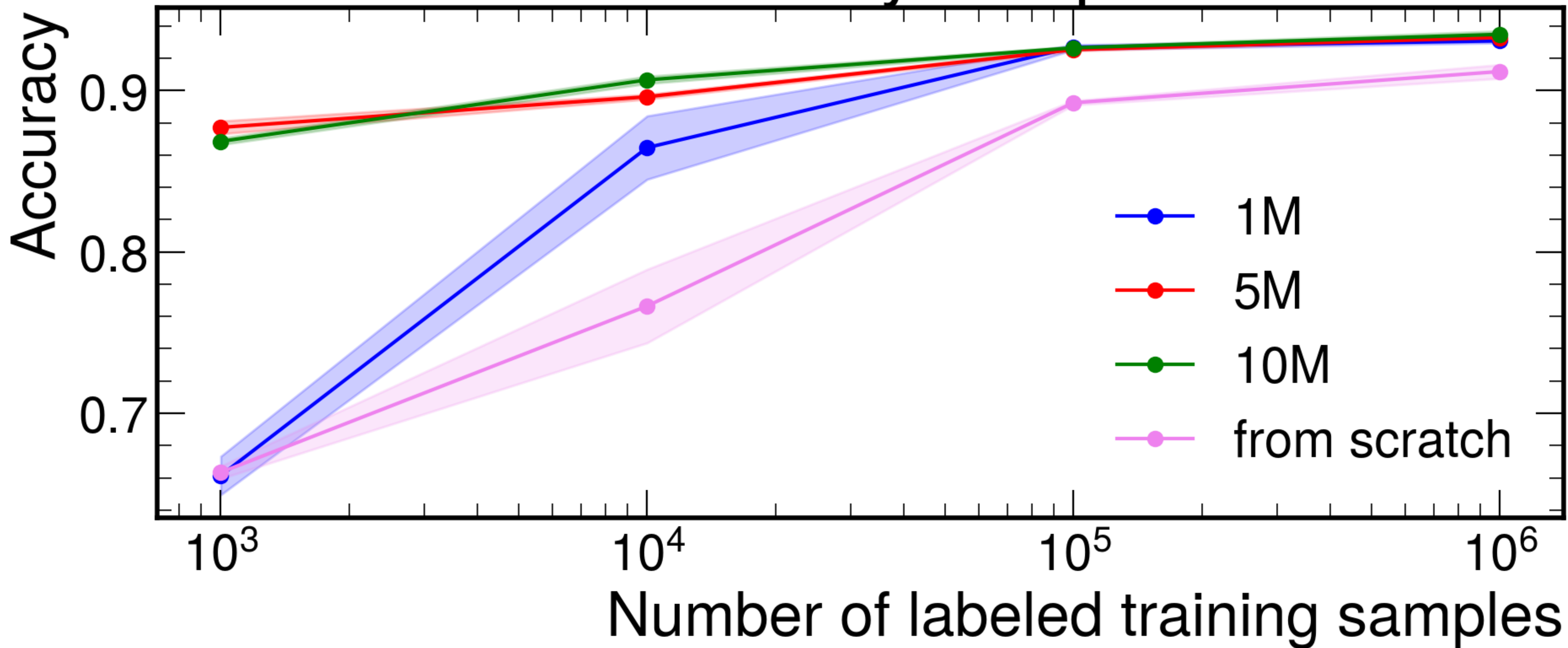
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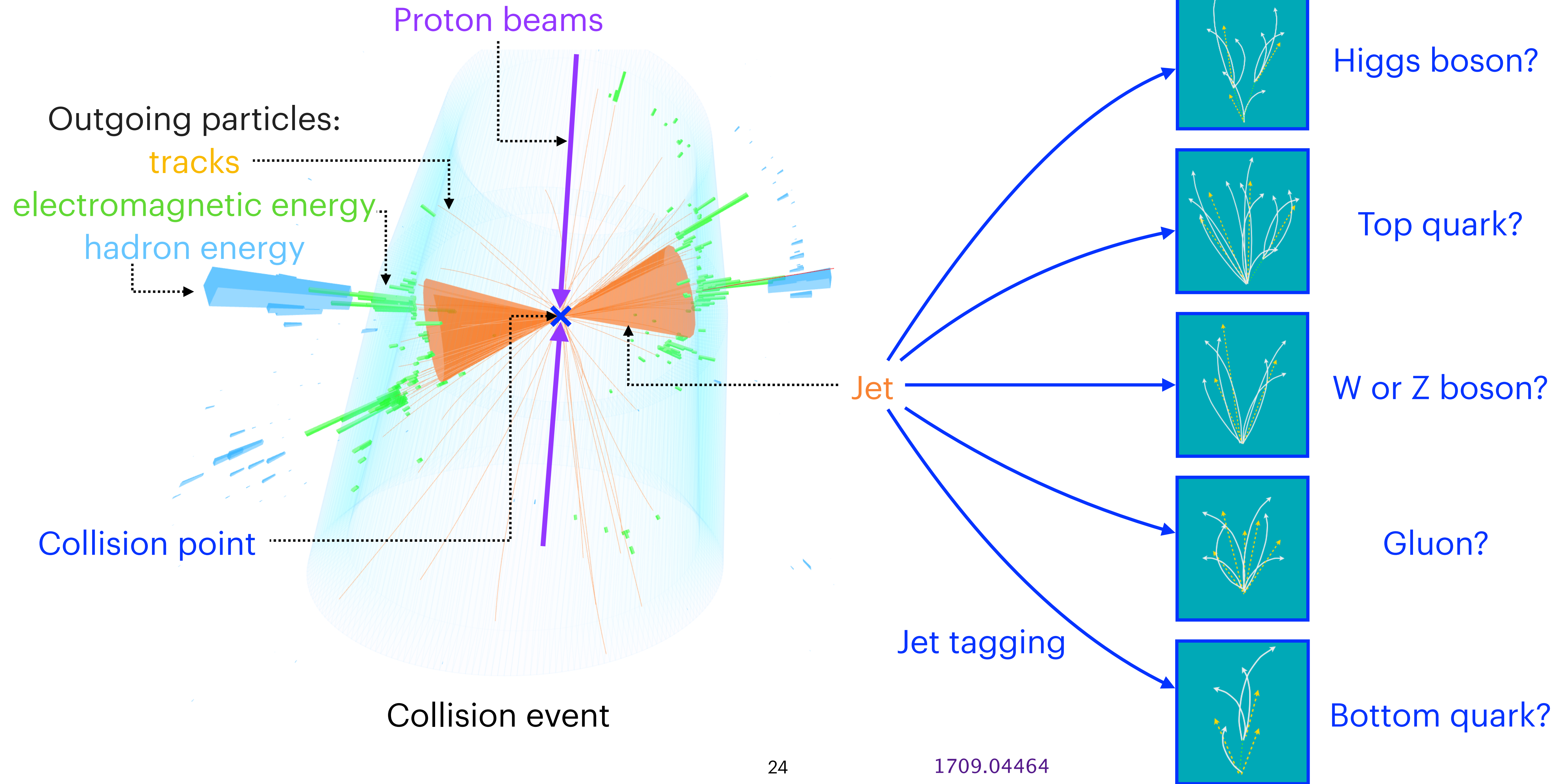
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# Model accuracy comparison



# LHC and Jet Tagging



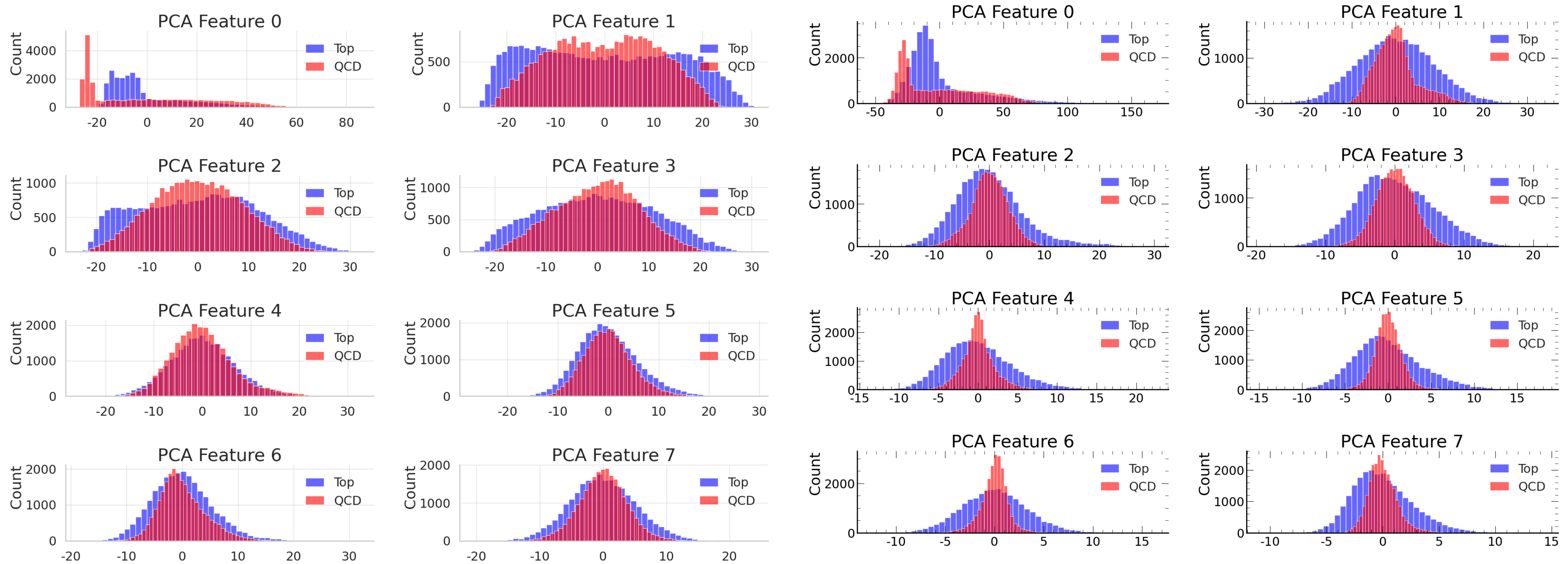


# Measures to mitigate the numerical instability caused by using AMP

- Monitor loss and gradient values regularly with tensorboard
- Gradient clipping with a maximum norm of 0.1
- Set the  $\epsilon$  parameter to  $10^{-4}$  in the Adam optimizer.
- Manually run certain parts of the code in full precision

# Pretraining on JetClass and fine-tuning on Top Tagging

The pre-trained model shows a much clearer separation between signal and background



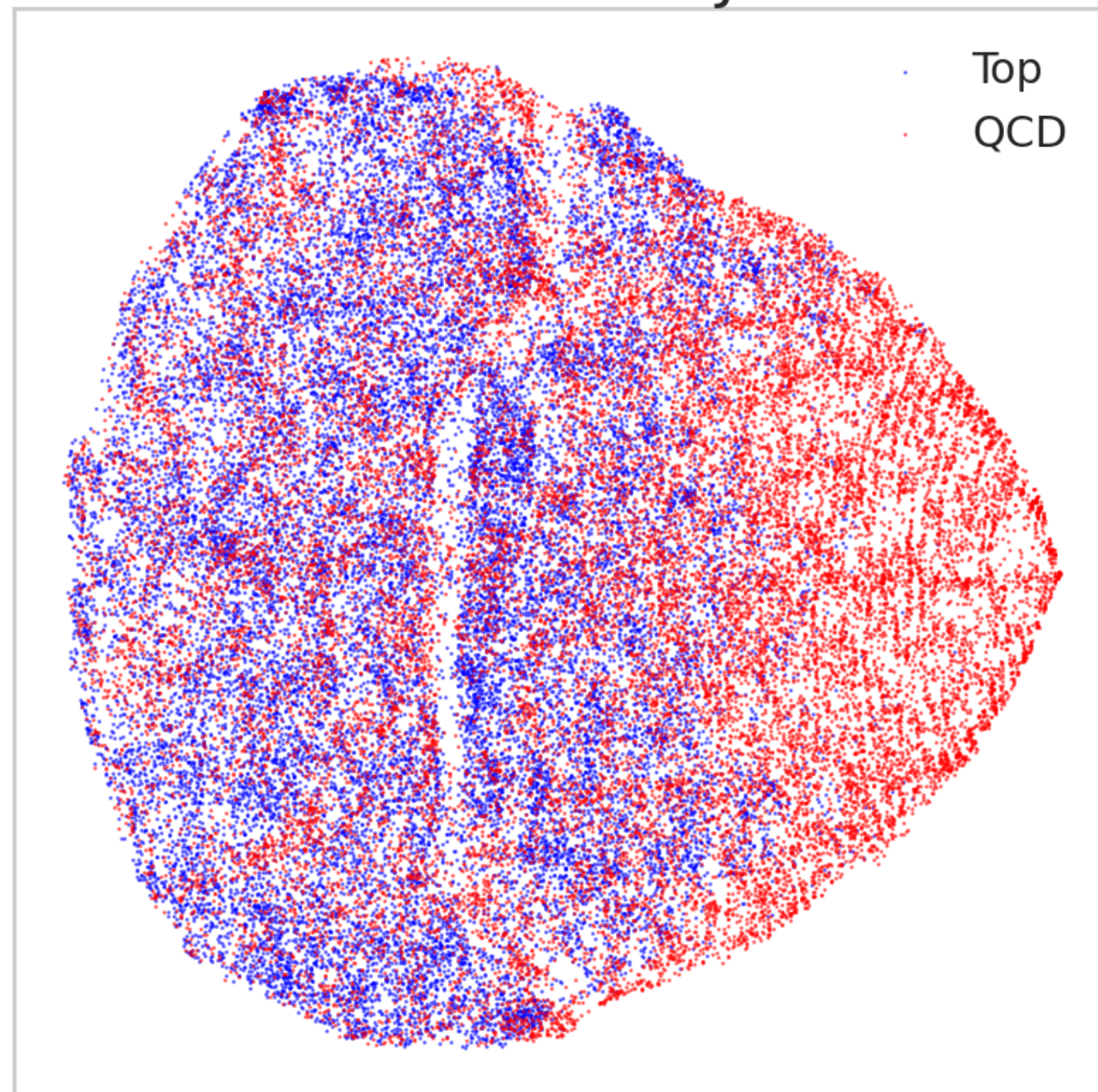
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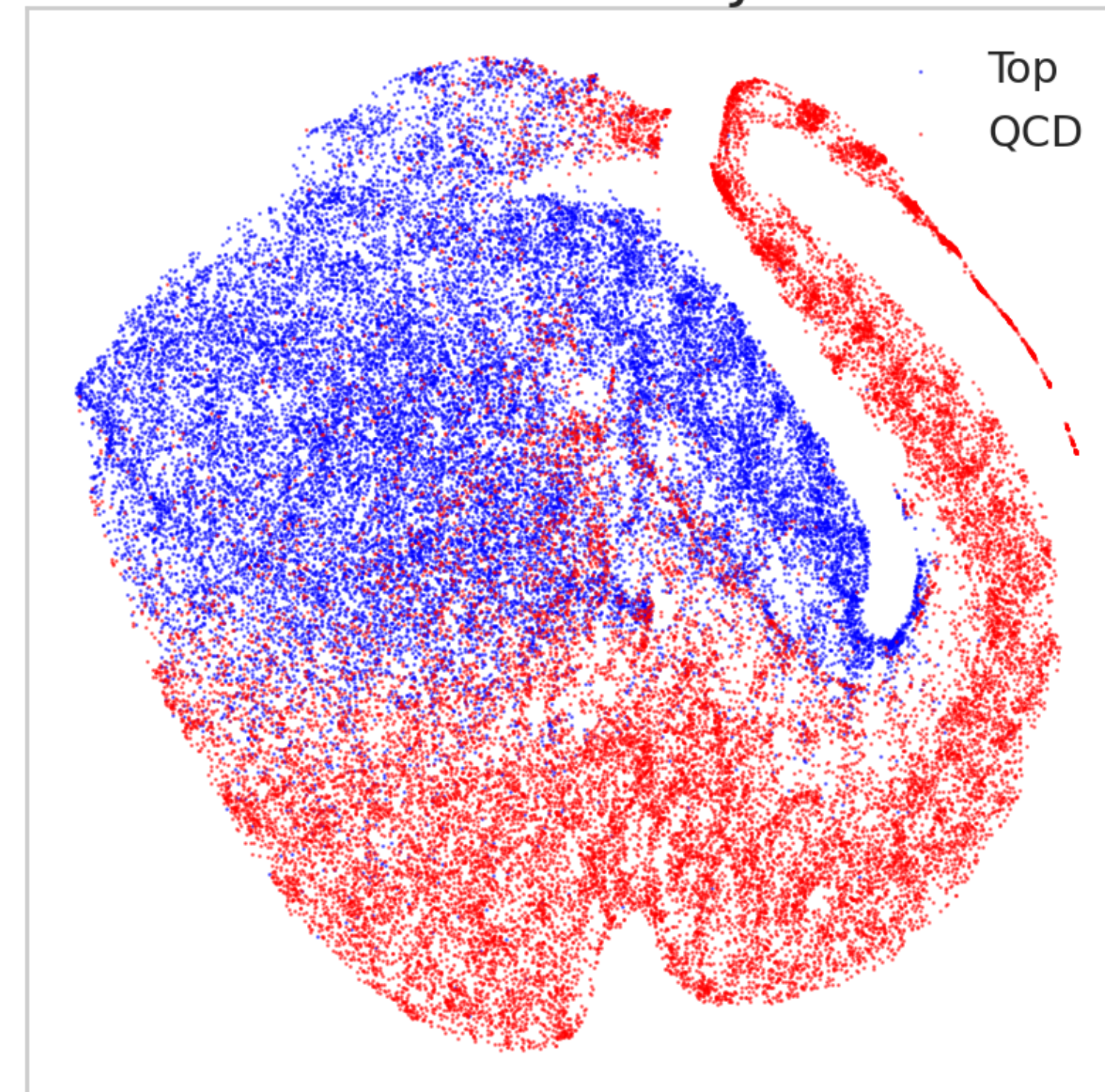
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t-SNE Visualization of Jet Features



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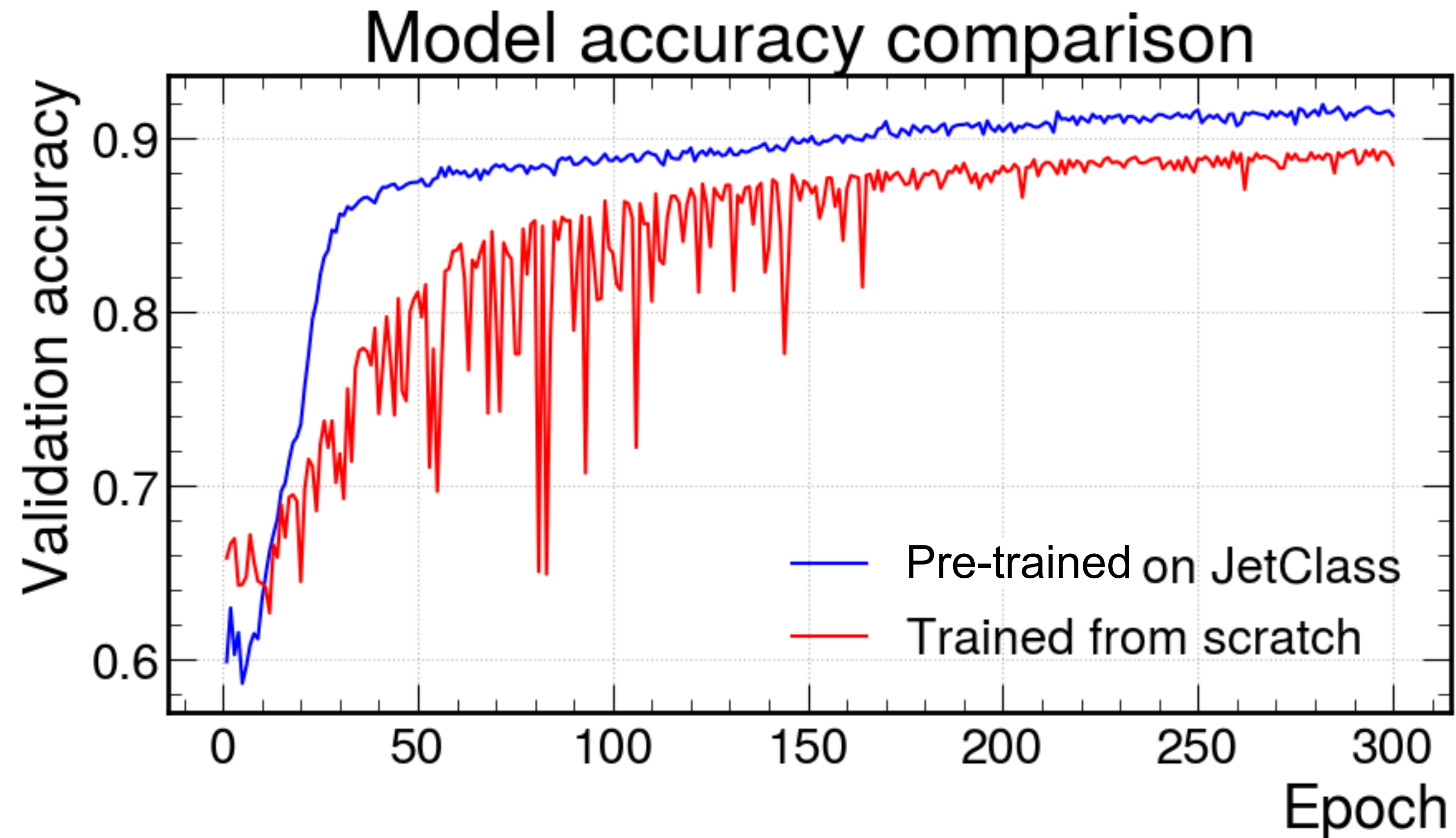
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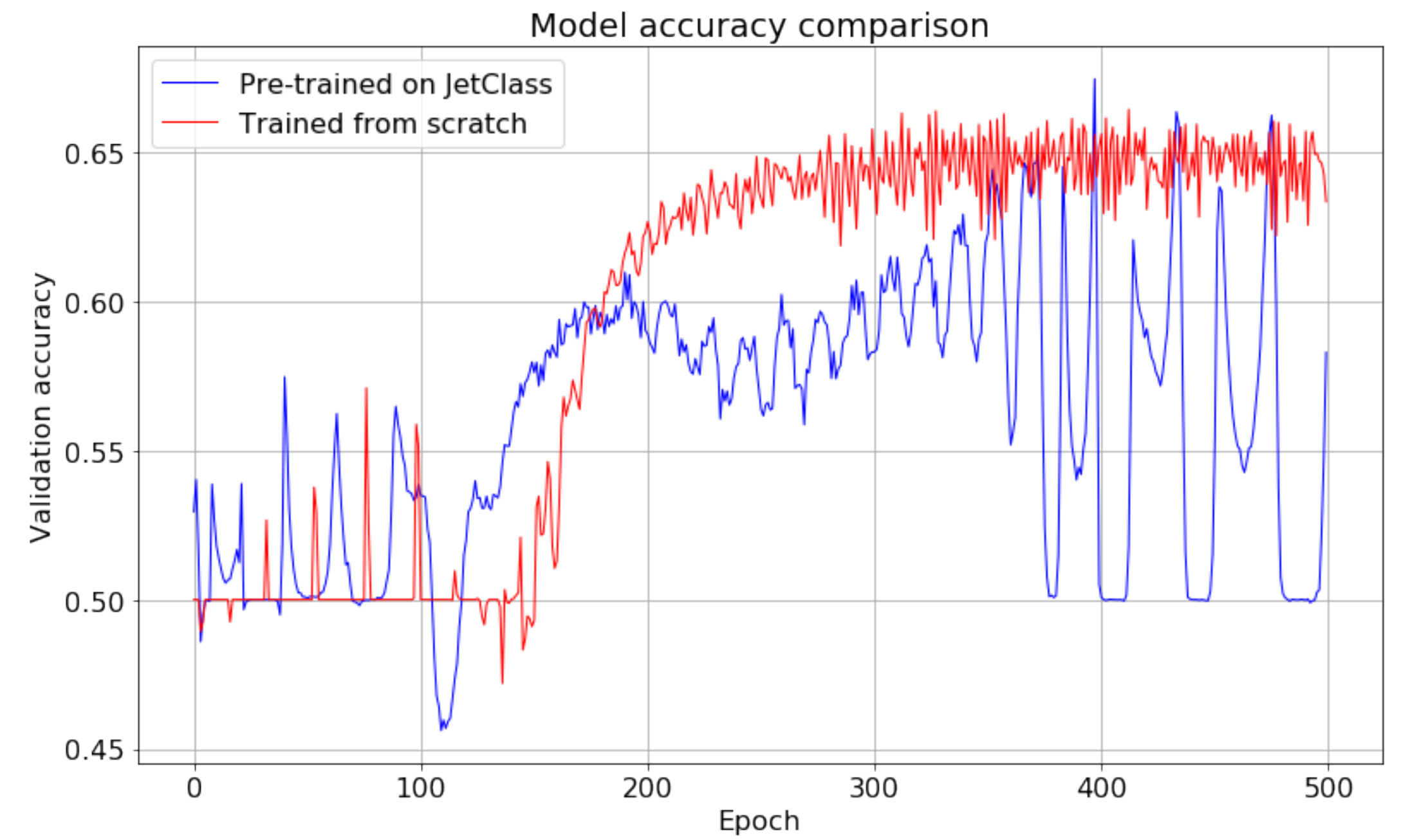
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Despite limited data, the pre-trained model achieves higher accuracy and converges faster

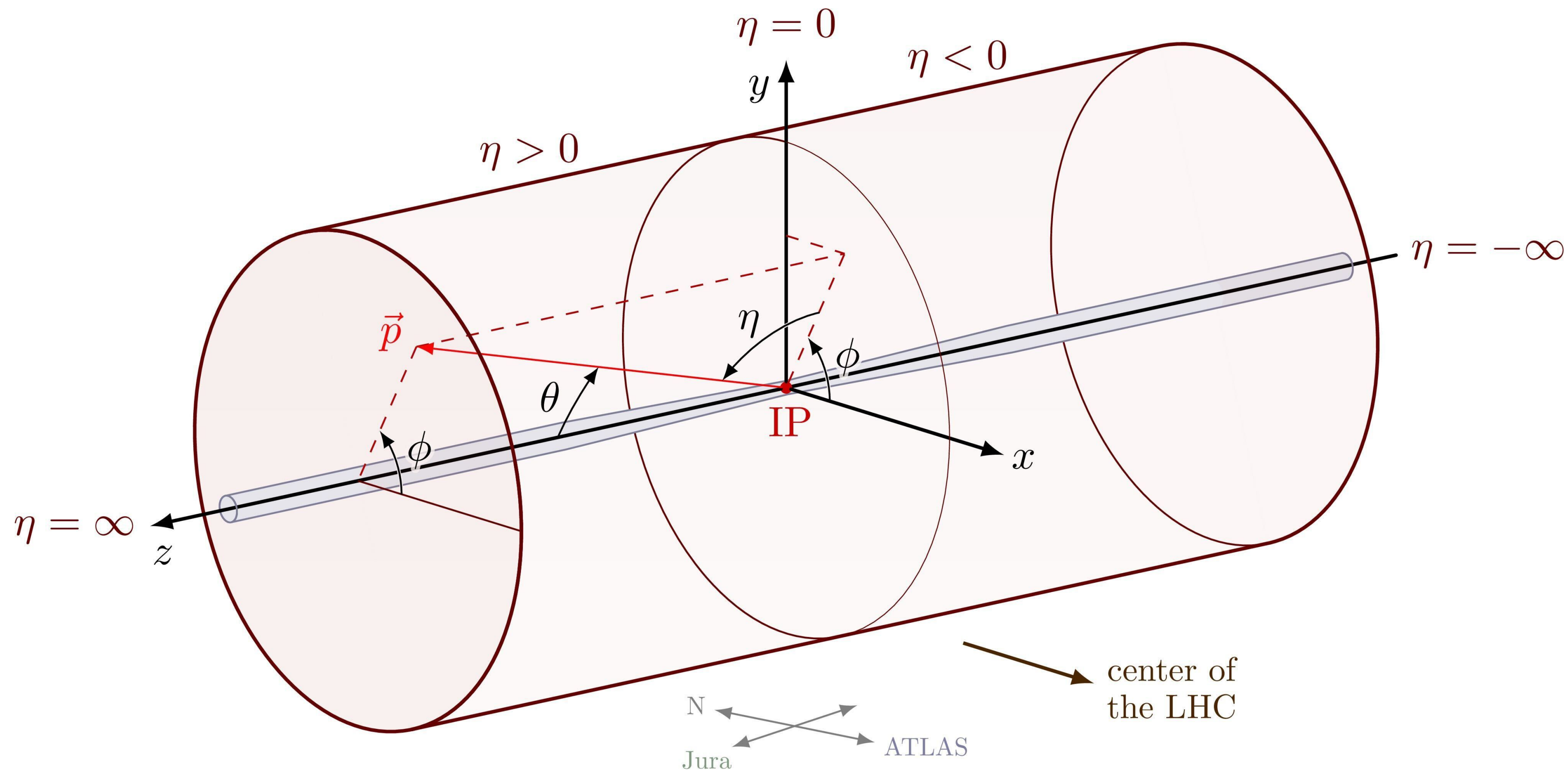


- A linear layer was added to the encoder for fine-tuning.
- Blue curve was pre-trained on 1% of the JetClass dataset (1 Million jets) with SimCLR
- Red curve was trained from scratch
- Both models share the same hyperparameters
- Both models are trained with 100k jets (1/12 of the Top Tagging Dataset)

# Accuracies of two trials trained with 1000 labeled samples



# The CMS detector coordinate system



$$\eta \equiv -\ln \left[ \tan \left( \frac{\theta}{2} \right) \right]$$

[https://tikz.net/axis3d\\_cms/](https://tikz.net/axis3d_cms/)

# Details of the Top Tagging Dataset

The top signal and mixed quark-gluon background jets are produced with using Pythia8 [25] with its default tune for a center-of-mass energy of 14 TeV and ignoring multiple interactions and pile-up. For a simplified detector simulation we use Delphes [26] with the default ATLAS detector card. This accounts for the curved trajectory of the charged particles, assuming a magnetic field of 2 T and a radius of 1.15 m as well as how the tracking efficiency and momentum smearing changes with  $\eta$ . The fat jet is then defined through the anti- $k_T$  algorithm [27] in FastJet [28] with  $R = 0.8$ . We only consider the leading jet in each event and require

$$p_{T,j} = 550 \dots 650 \text{ GeV} . \quad (1)$$

For the signal only, we further require a matched parton-level top to be within  $\Delta R = 0.8$ , and all top decay partons to be within  $\Delta R = 0.8$  of the jet axis as well. No matching is performed for the QCD jets. We also require the jet to have  $|\eta_j| < 2$ . The constituents are extracted through the Delphes energy-flow algorithm, and the 4-momenta of the leading 200 constituents are stored. For jets with less than 200 constituents we simply add zero-vectors.

# Details of the JetClass Dataset

**Simulation setup.** Jets in this dataset are simulated with standard Monte Carlo event generators used by LHC experiments. The production and decay of the top quarks and the  $W$ ,  $Z$  and Higgs bosons are generated with MADGRAPH5\_aMC@NLO (Alwall et al., 2014). We use PYTHIA (Sjöstrand et al., 2015) to evolve the produced particles, i.e., performing parton showering and hadronization, and produce the final outgoing particles<sup>1</sup>. To be close to realistic jets reconstructed at the ATLAS or CMS experiment, detector effects are simulated with DELPHES (de Favereau et al., 2014) using the CMS detector configuration provided in DELPHES. In addition, the impact parameters of electrically charged particles are smeared to match the resolution of the CMS tracking detector (CMS Collaboration, 2014). Jets are clustered from DELPHES E-Flow objects with the anti- $k_T$  algorithm (Cacciari et al., 2008; 2012) using a distance parameter  $R = 0.8$ . Only jets with transverse momentum in 500–1000 GeV and pseudorapidity  $|\eta| < 2$  are considered. For signal jets, only the “high-quality” ones that fully contain the decay products of initial particles are included<sup>2</sup>.

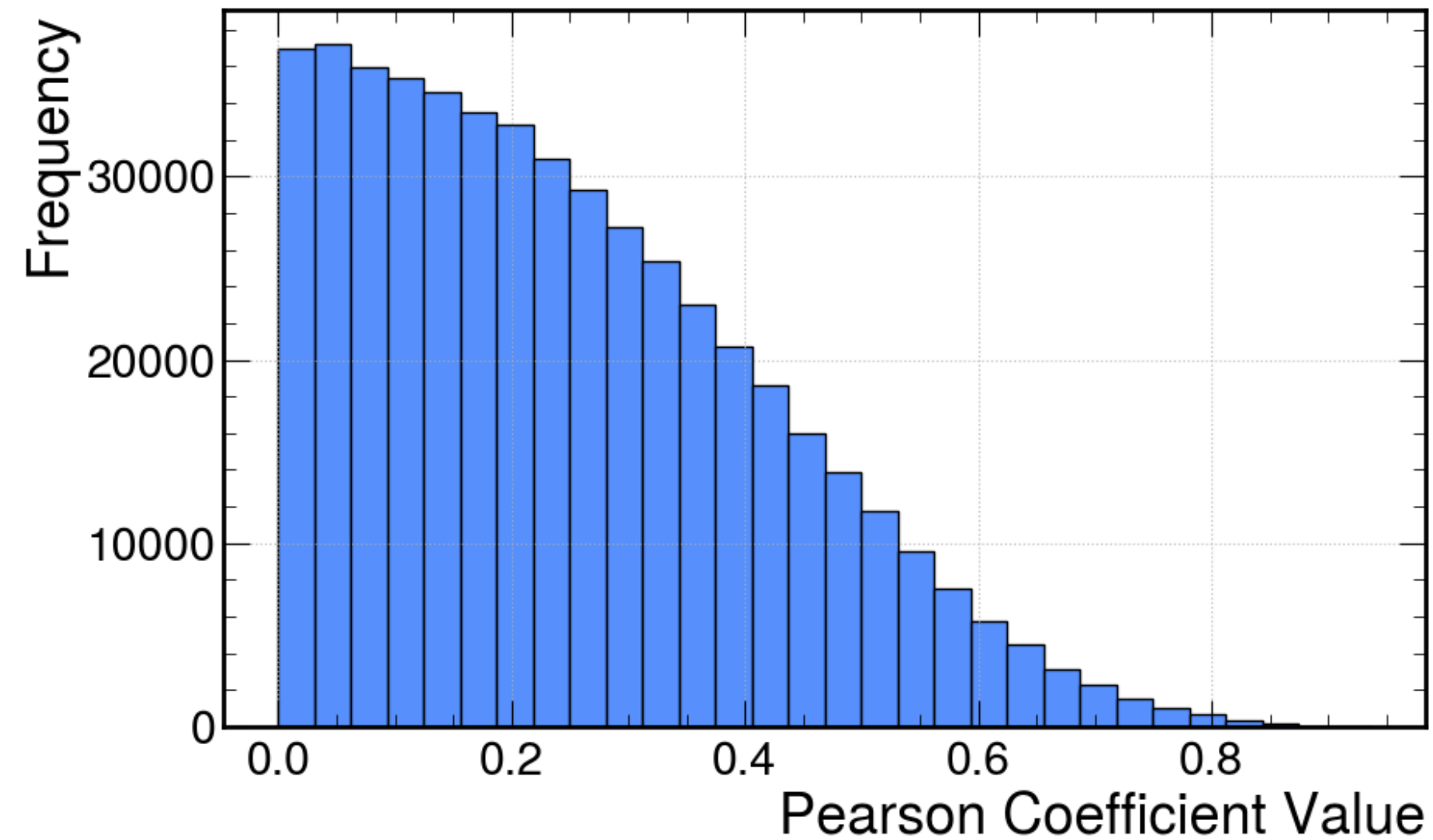


# Training on Top Tagging

## Are the features correlated?

Distribution of Pearson Correlation Coefficients for Top features

Mean = 0.25



Distribution of Pearson Correlation Coefficients for QCD features

Mean = 0.44

