

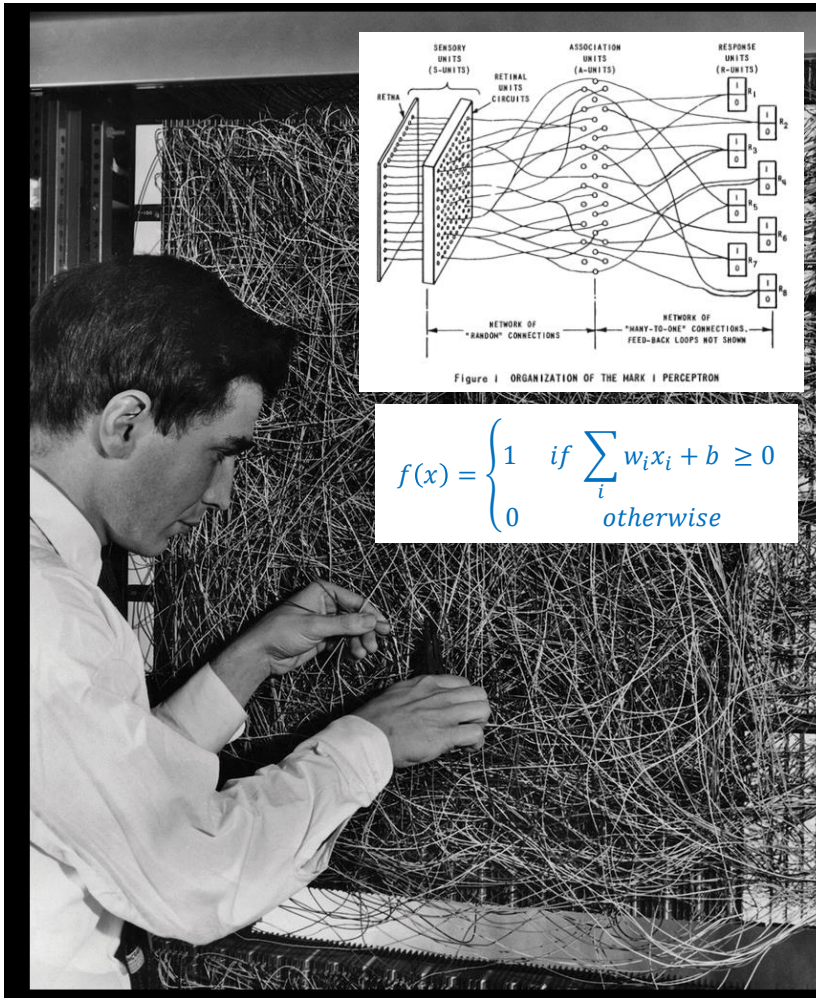
Introduction to Machine Learning in High Energy Physics

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A Long History of Machine Learning



Prompt: Several giant woolly mammoths approach treading through a snowy meadow [...]

Perceptron

A Long History of ML in High Energy Physics

NEURAL NETWORKS AND CELLULAR AUTOMATA IN EXPERIMENTAL HIGH ENERGY PHYSICS

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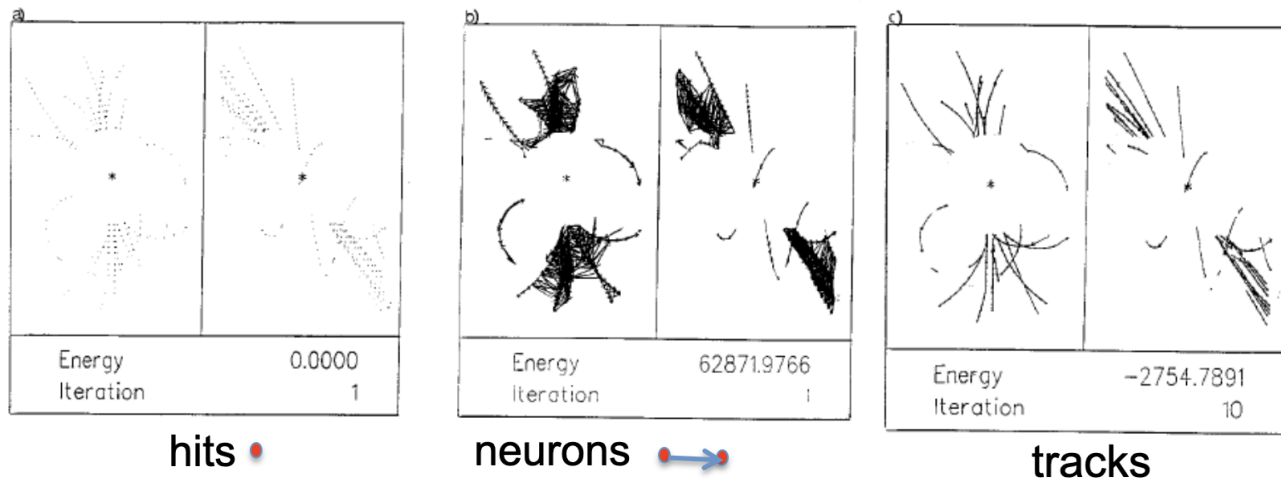


Figure 5. First try of neural track finding on simulated Delphi events. a) the hits. b) all neurons are initially possible. c) after settling.

How was it to work on AI in those days?

- The local LAL reaction was rather different
 - I got **FIRED** from the Delphi group
 - LAL directors agreed to let me stay at the lab anyway

From [talk](#)



- Bruce Denby

A Long History of ML in High Energy Physics

Nuclear Instruments and Methods in Physics Research A306 (1991) 459-466
North-Holland

Tagging the decays of the Z^0 boson into b quark pairs with a neural network classifier

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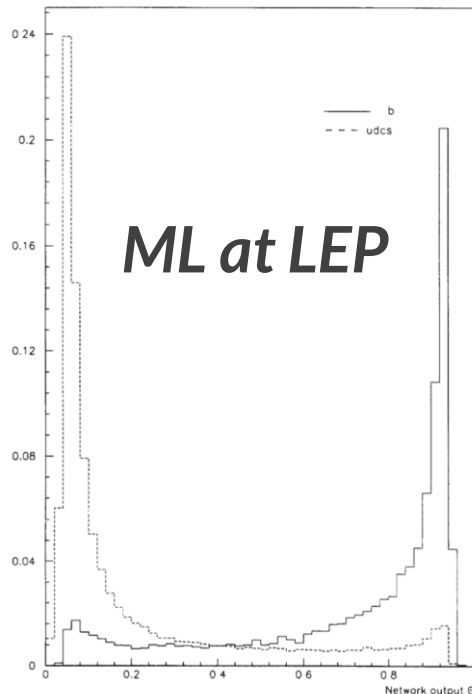


Fig. 2. Probability density function for the network output after full training, for $b\bar{b}$ (solid line) and non- $b\bar{b}$ (dashed line) events. $t_1 = 0.05, t_2 = 0.95$.

TAGGING B QUARK EVENTS IN ALEPH WITH NEURAL NETWORKS

(Comparison of different methods:

Neural Networks and Discriminant Analysis)

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ABSTRACT

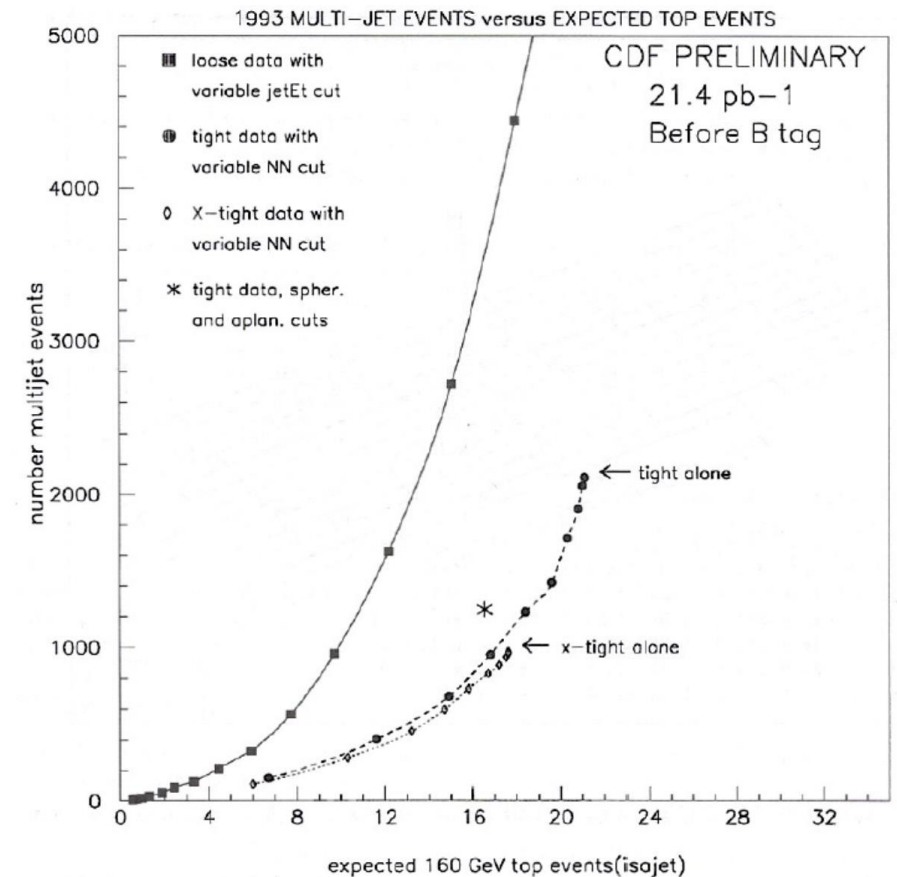
In this work we present the comparison of different methods to tag b quark events: multilayered perceptron, LVQ, discriminant analysis, combination of two methods. The sample events come from the ALEPH Monte Carlo and data.

WORKSHOP ON NEURAL NETWORKS
FROM BIOLOGY TO HIGH ENERGY PHYSICS
ELBA INTERNATIONAL PHYSICS CENTER
MARCIANA MARINA

JUNE 5-14, 1991

CDF Top Search in all-hadronic channel using Neural Nets!!

- Proton-Antiproton Collider Conference, Tsukuba, Japan, 18-22 October 1993



2012

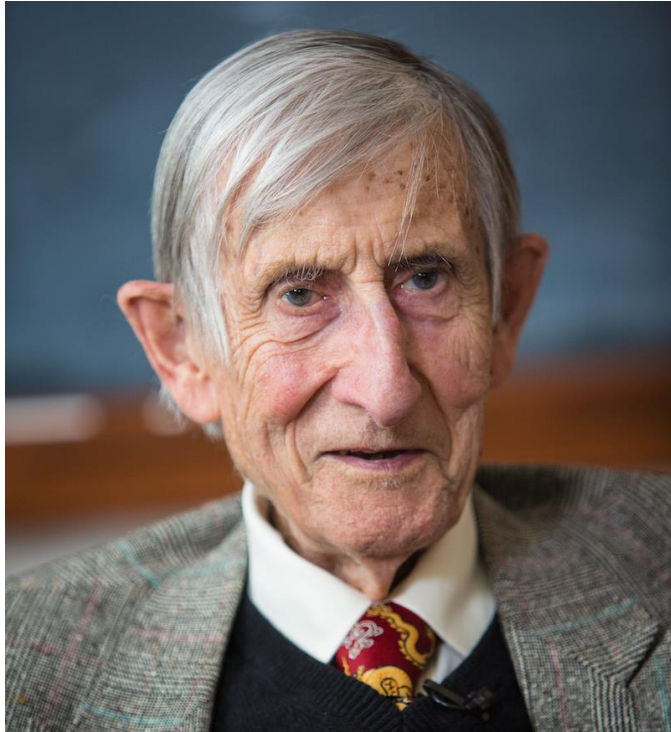
The New York Times

Physicists Find Elusive Particle Seen as Key to Universe

Table 1 | Effect of machine learning on the discovery and study of the Higgs boson

Analysis	Years of data collection	Sensitivity without machine learning	Sensitivity with machine learning	Ratio of P values	Additional data required
CMS ²⁴ $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$	2011–2012	2.2σ , $P = 0.014$	2.7σ , $P = 0.0035$	4.0	51%
ATLAS ⁴³ $H \rightarrow \tau^+\tau^-$	2011–2012	2.5σ , $P = 0.0062$	3.4σ , $P = 0.00034$	18	85%
ATLAS ⁹⁹ $VH \rightarrow bb$	2011–2012	1.9σ , $P = 0.029$	2.5σ , $P = 0.0062$	4.7	73%
ATLAS ⁴¹ $VH \rightarrow bb$	2015–2016	2.8σ , $P = 0.0026$	3.0σ , $P = 0.00135$	1.9	15%
CMS ¹⁰⁰ $VH \rightarrow bb$	2011–2012	1.4σ , $P = 0.081$	2.1σ , $P = 0.018$	4.5	125%

Radovic, Williams, Rousseau, MK, et al.
[Nature 560, 41–48 \(2018\)](#)



New directions in science are launched by new tools much more often than by new concepts. The effect of a concept-driven revolution is to explain old things in new ways. The effect of a tool-driven revolution is to discover new things that have to be explained.

- Freeman Dyson

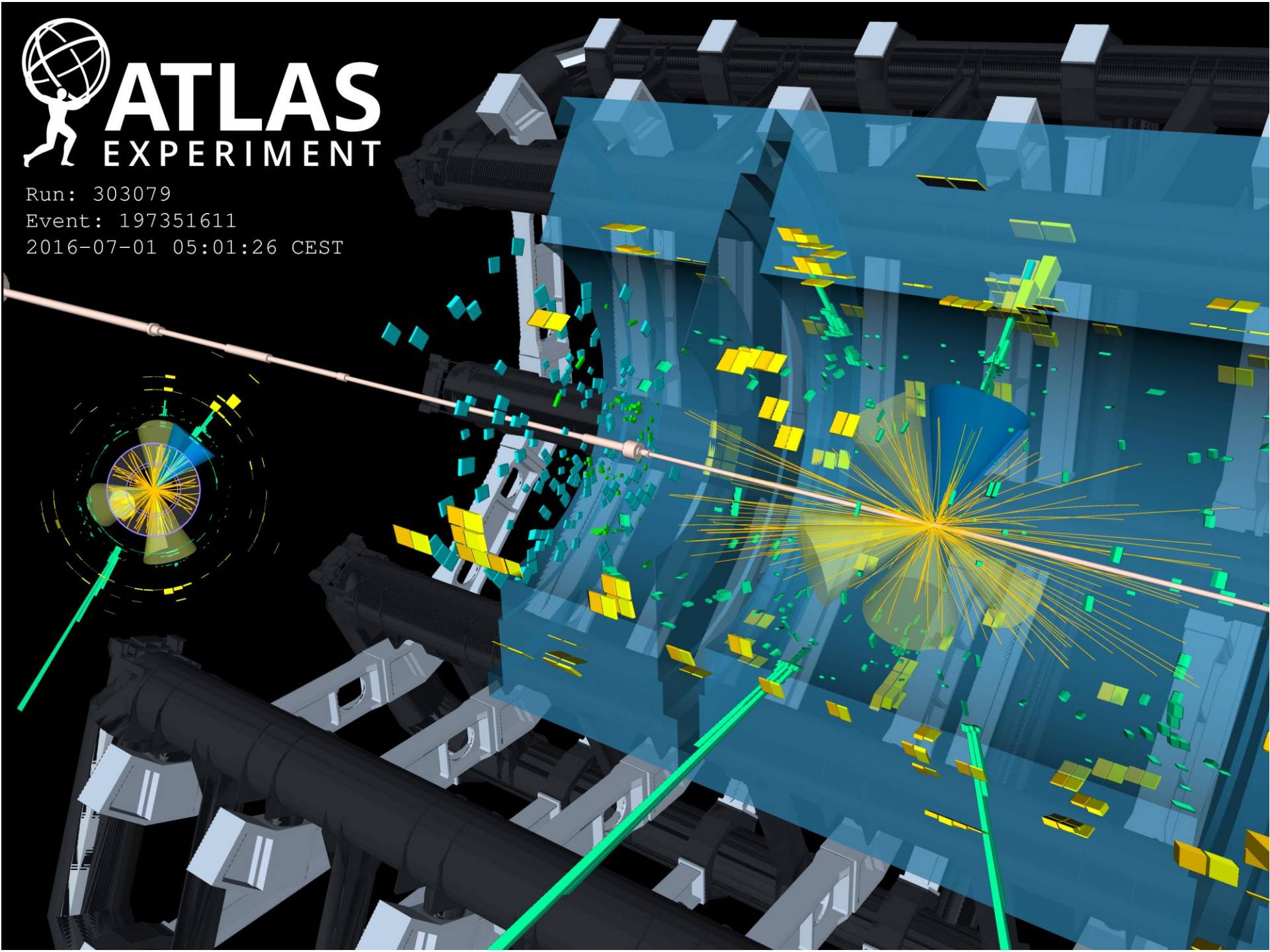


ATLAS EXPERIMENT

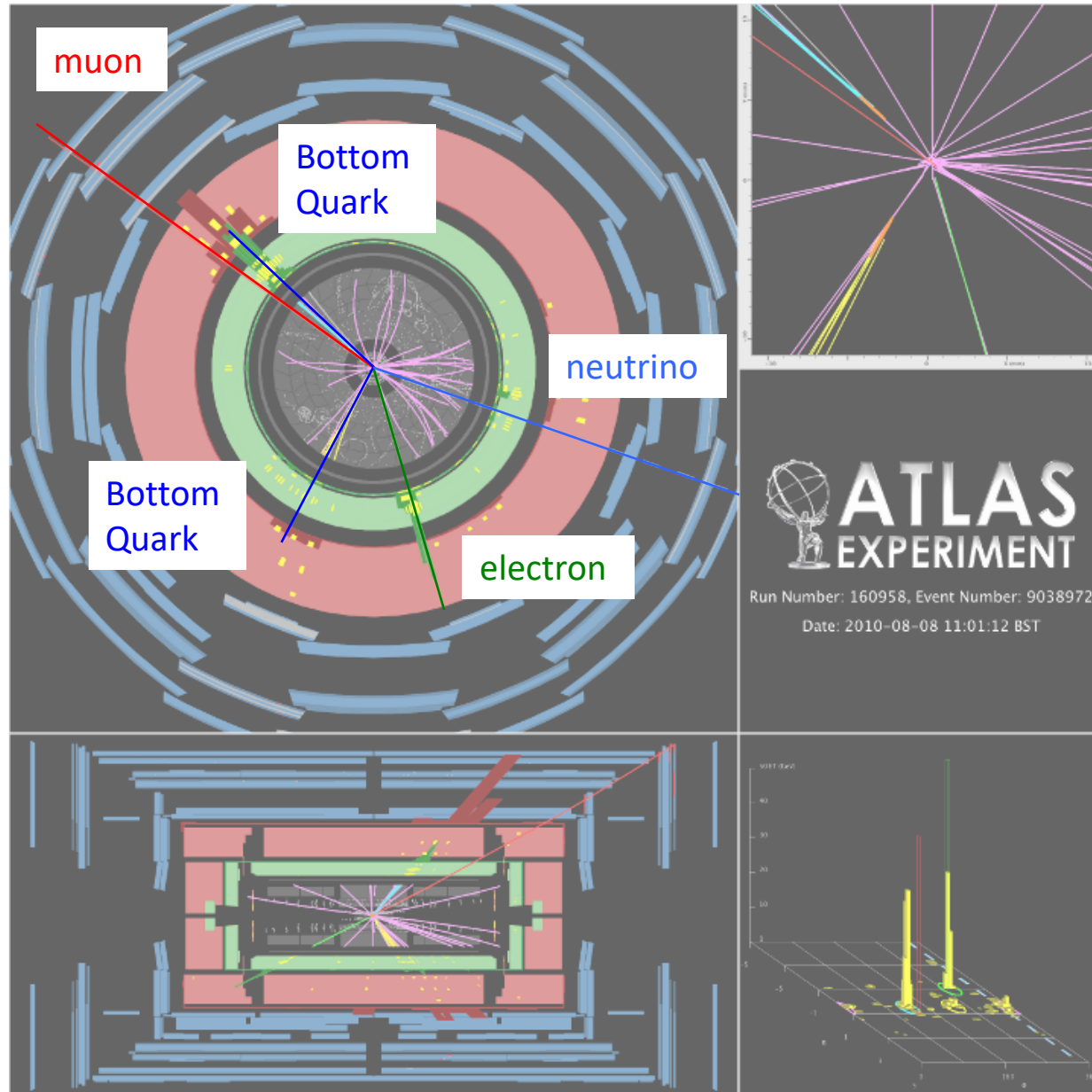
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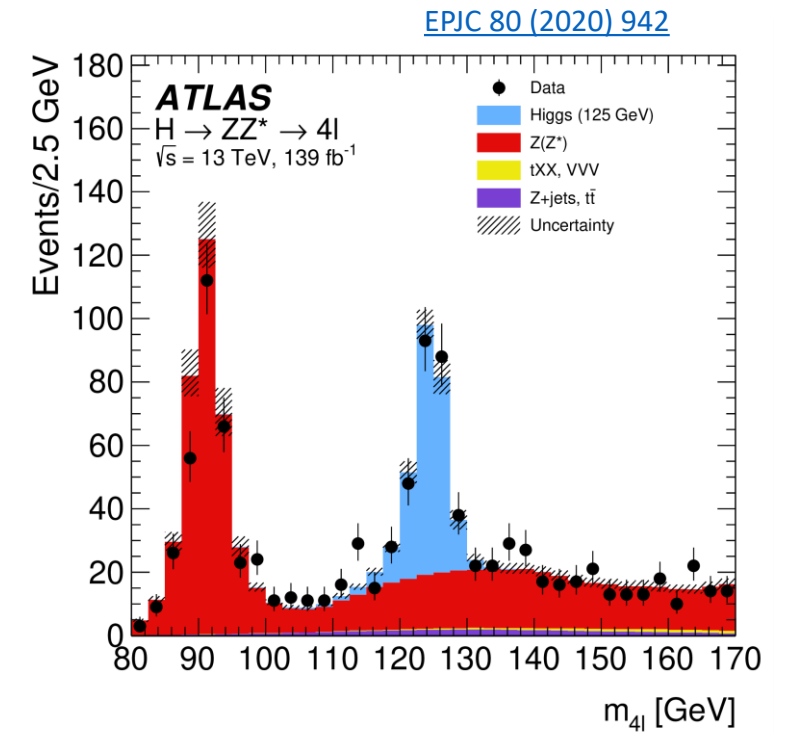
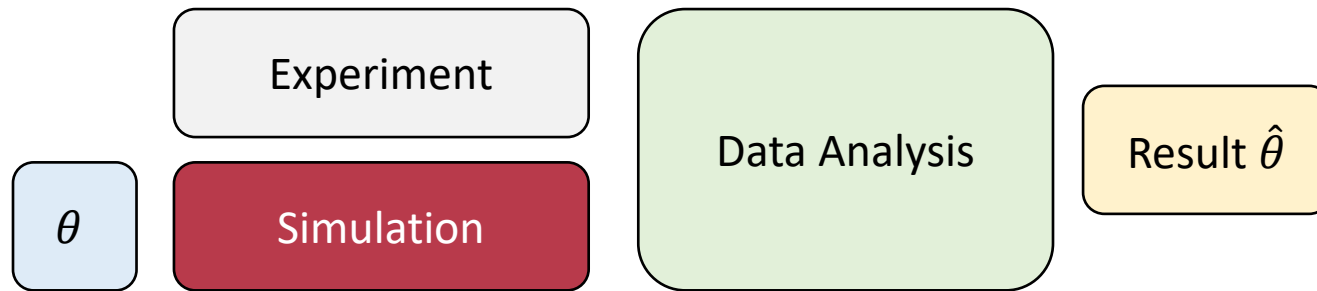
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Studying Collisions



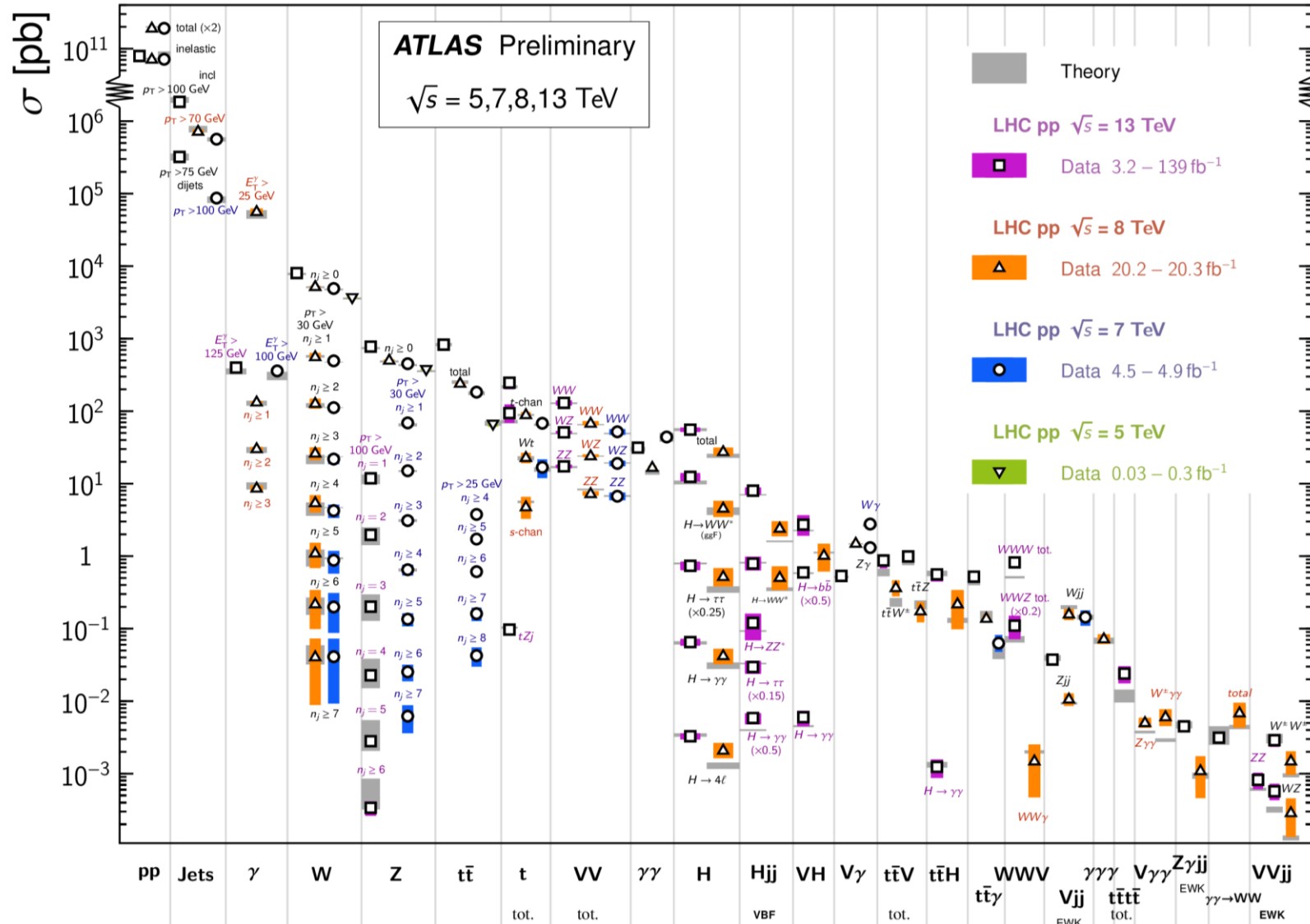
Data Analysis Workflow



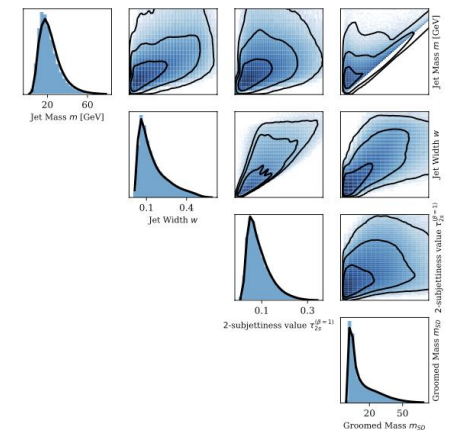
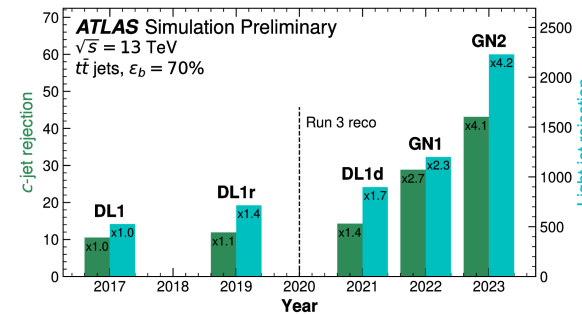
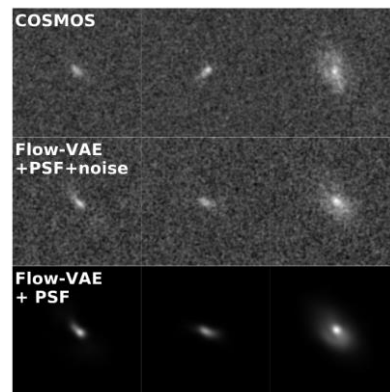
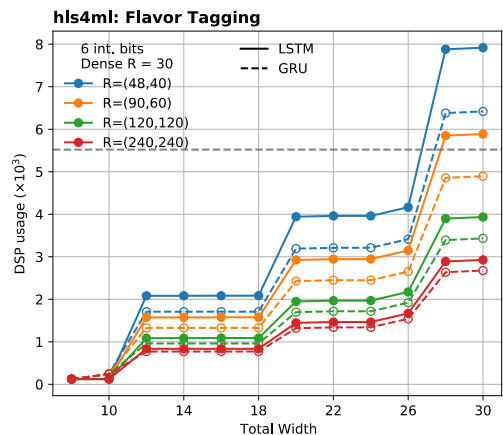
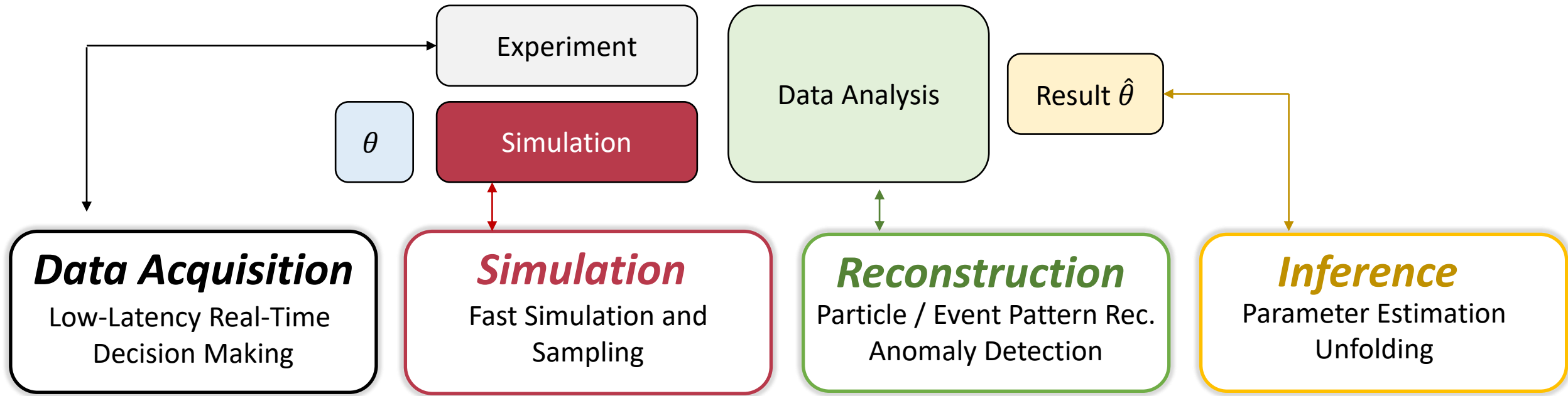
This work very well!

Standard Model Production Cross Section Measurements

Status: February 2022

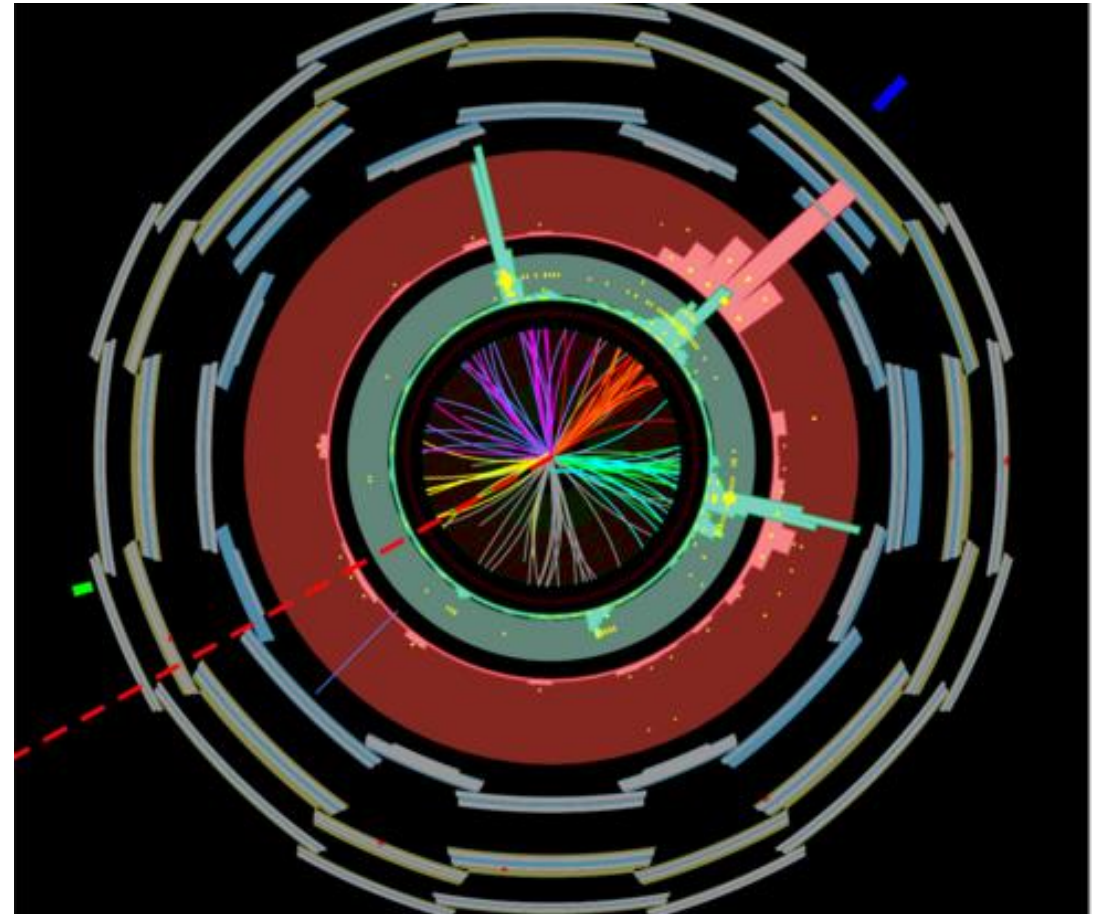


Machine Learning Across Data Analysis



What kinds of ML models are used?

Reconstruction

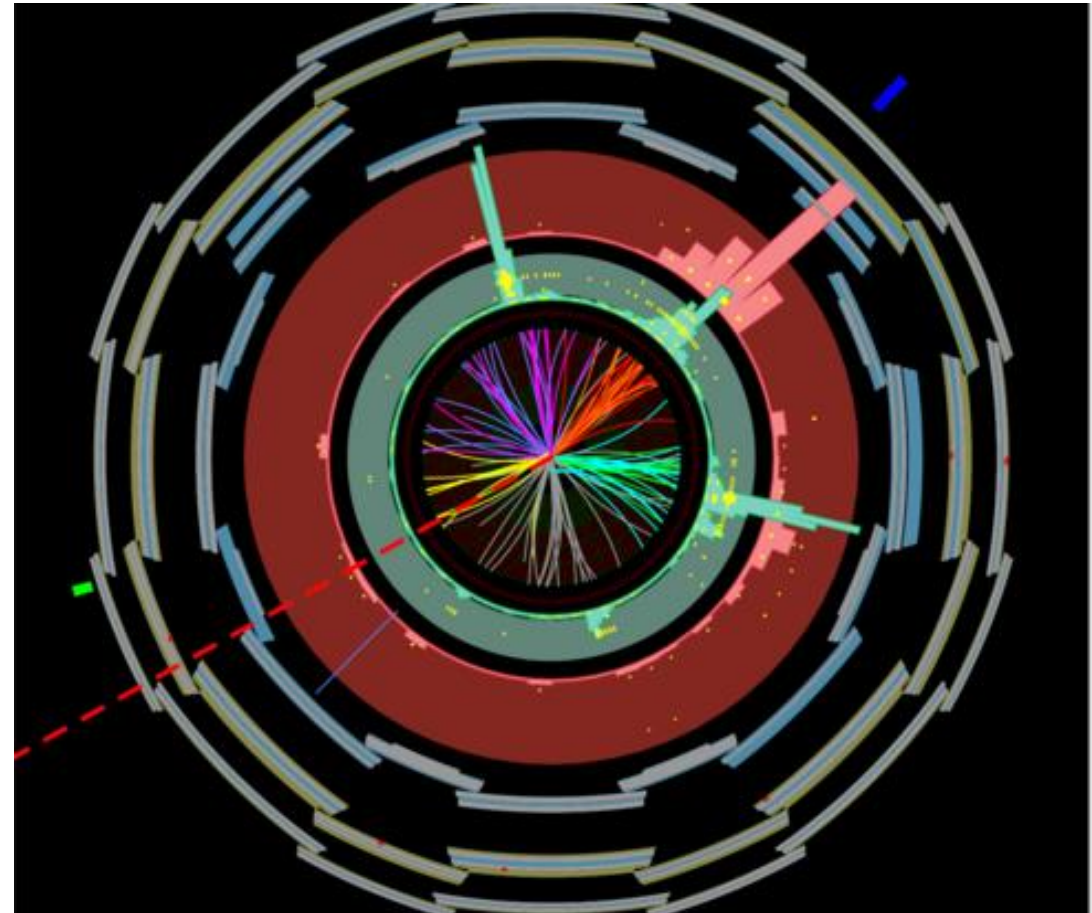


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Sparse high dimensional data
Irregular detector geometry

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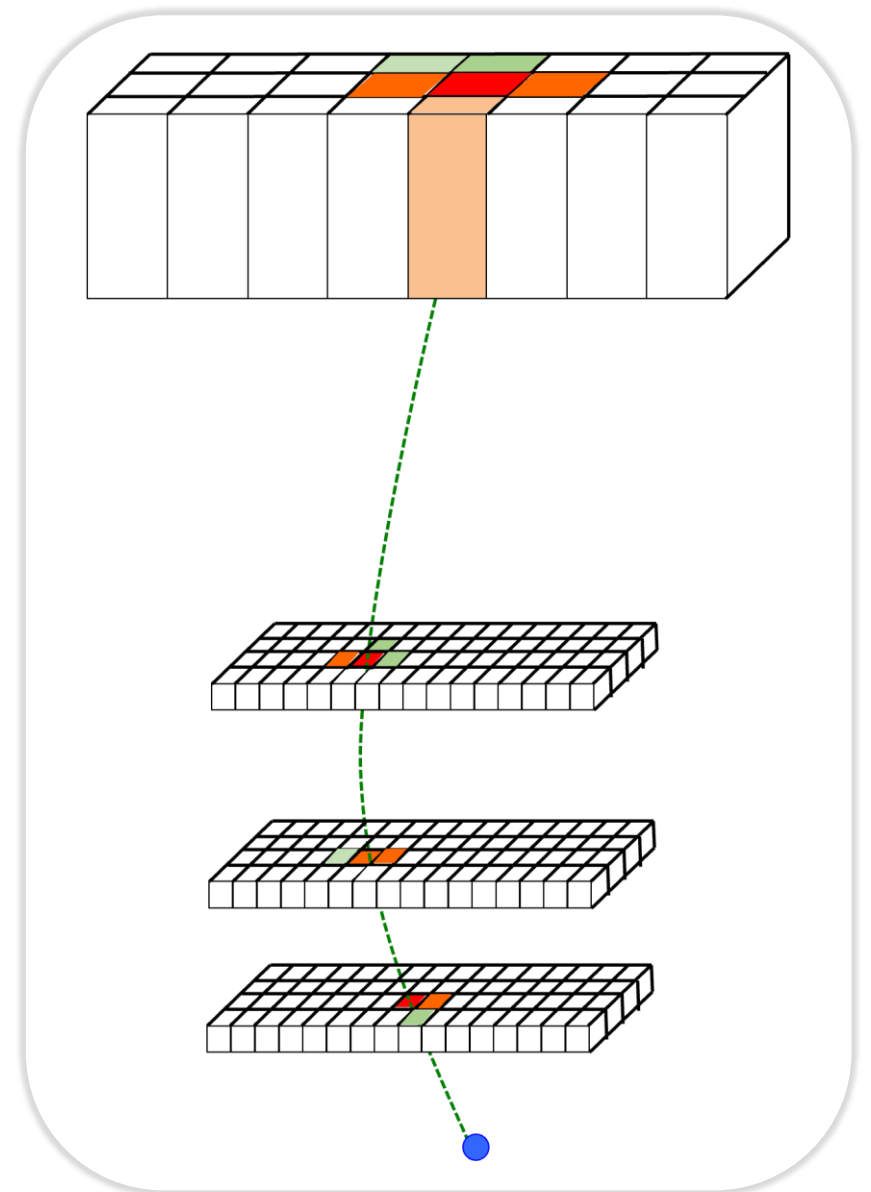
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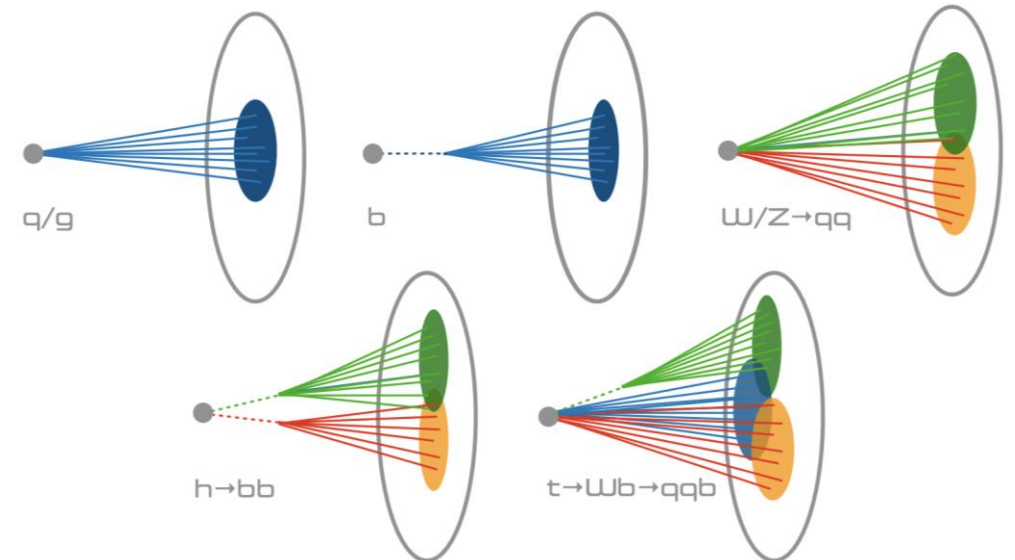
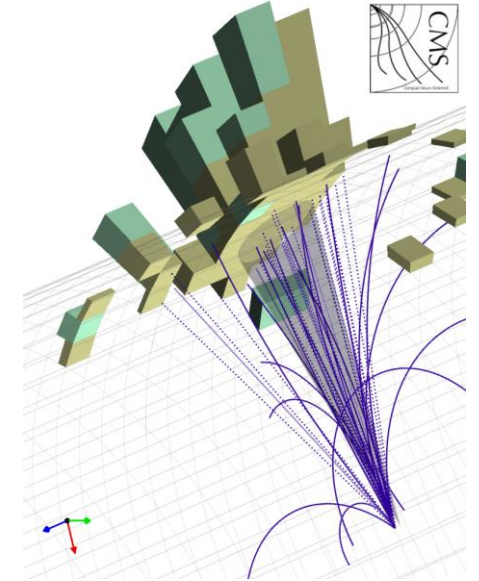
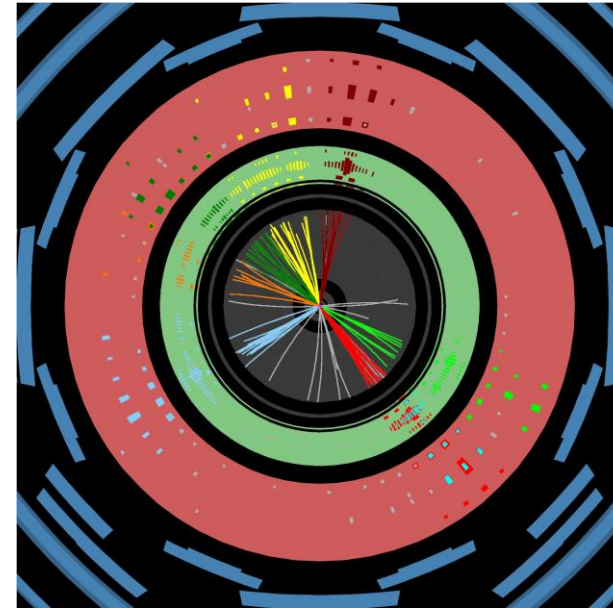


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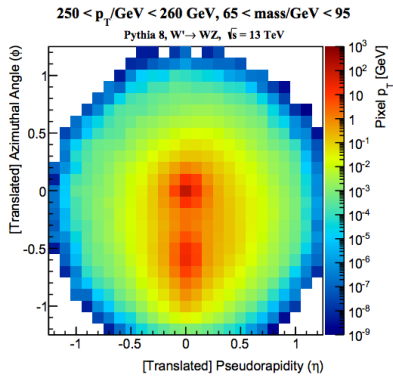
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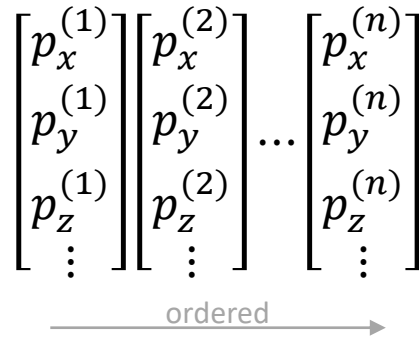
What kind of data is used in Reconstruction?

Images



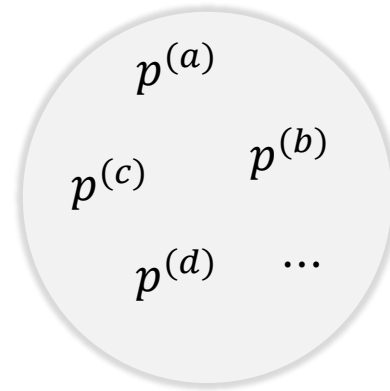
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Sequences



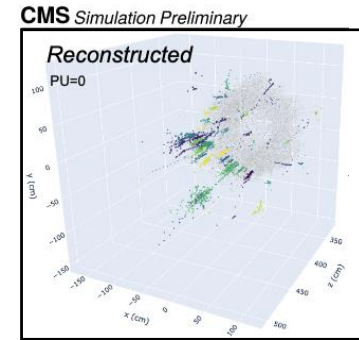
Data ordered as sequence,
translation equivariance in “time”

Sets



Data unordered list
permutation equivariance

Graphs & Point Clouds

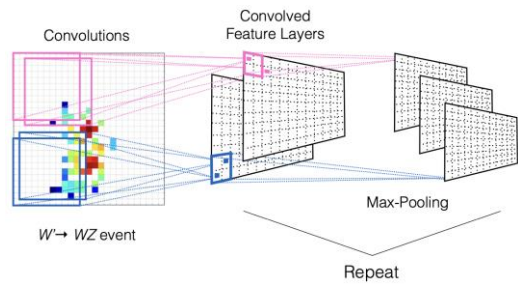


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Data distributed in “space”
permutation equivariance
geometric relations

What kind of ML models work best for Reconstruction?

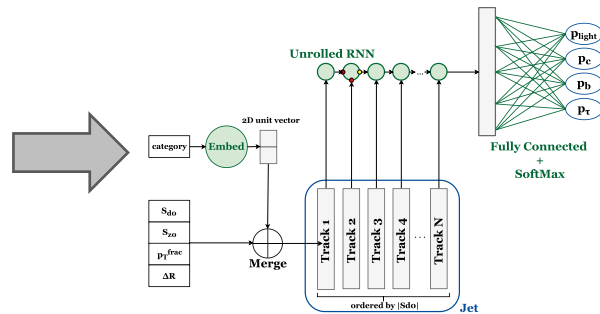
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Convolutional NN

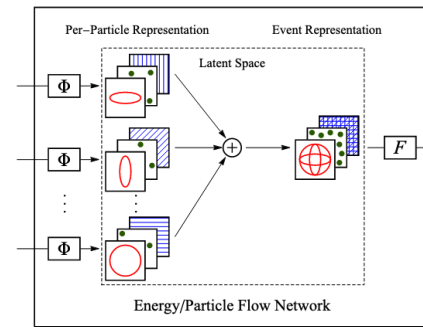
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Recurrent NN

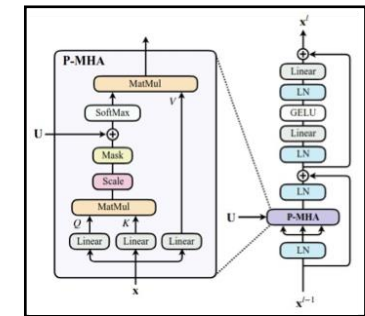
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Deep Sets

Graphs & Point Clouds

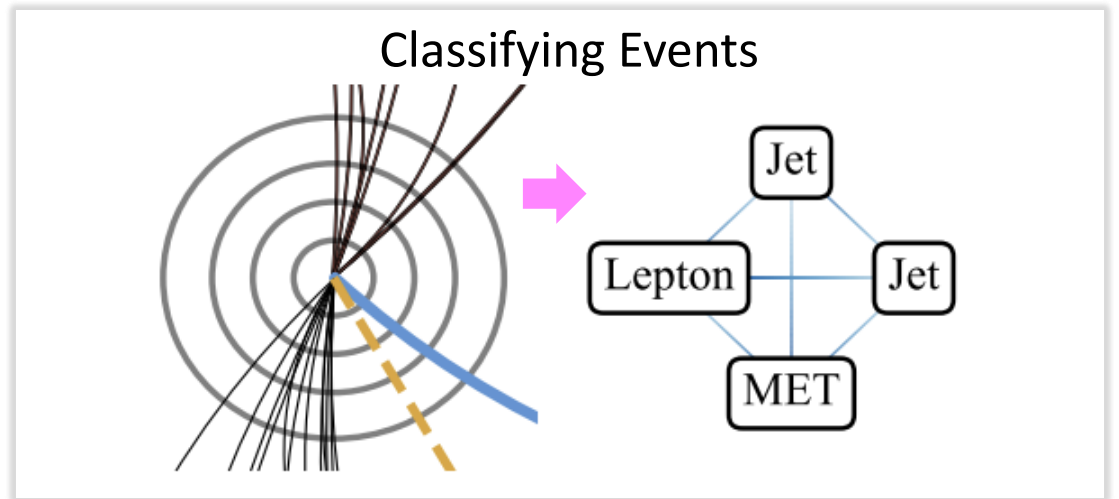
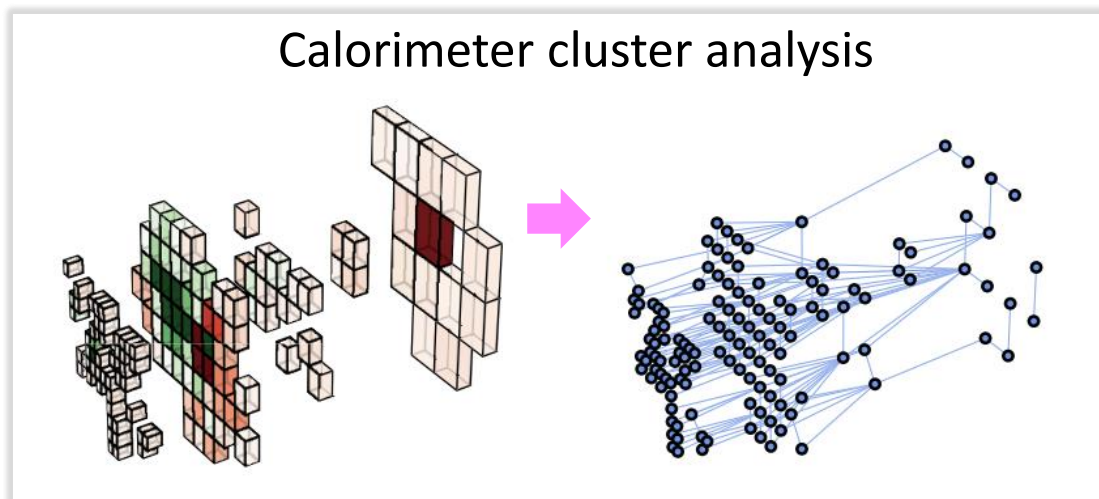
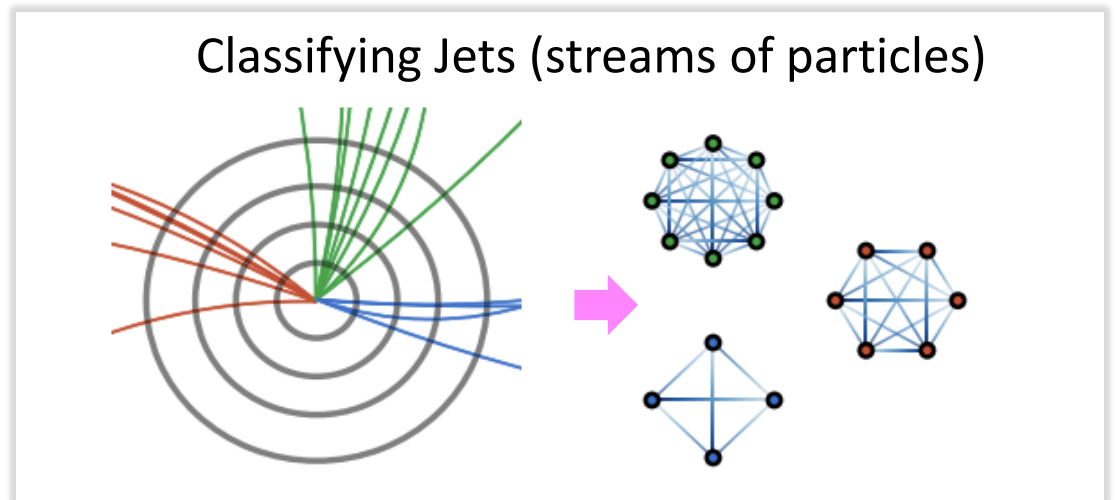
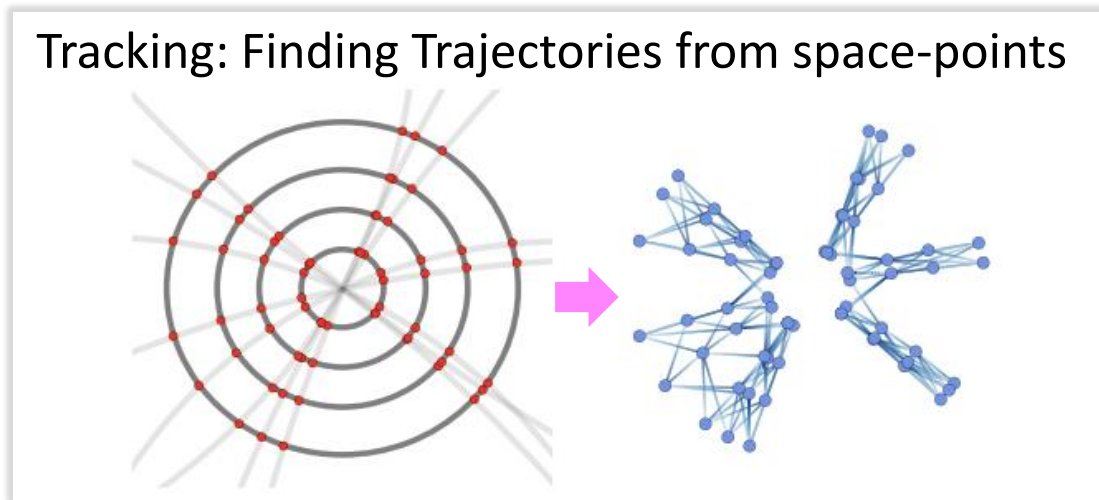


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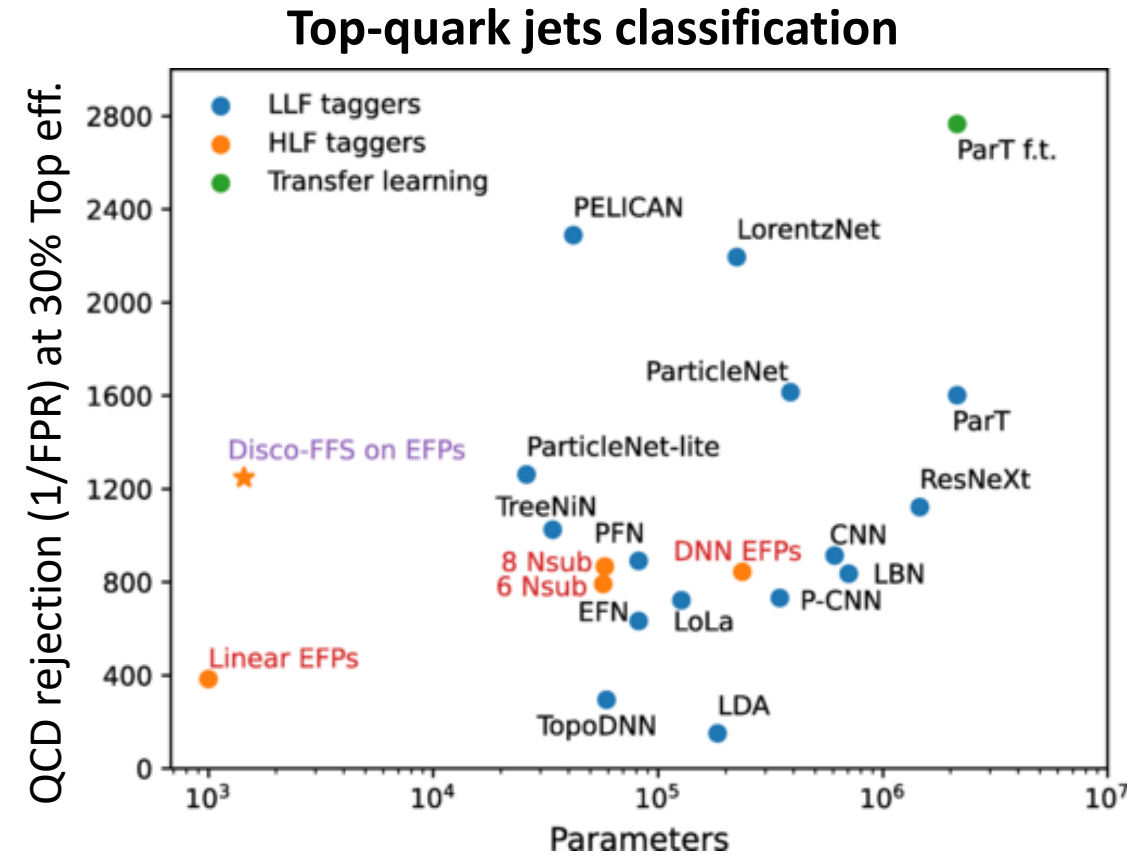
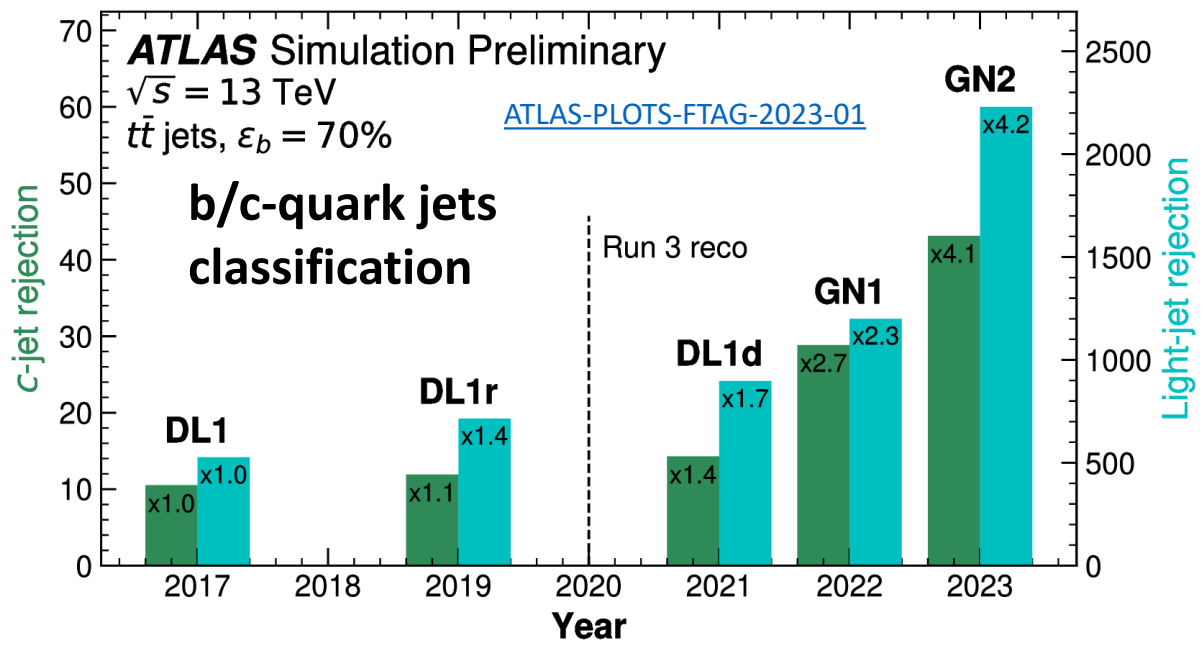
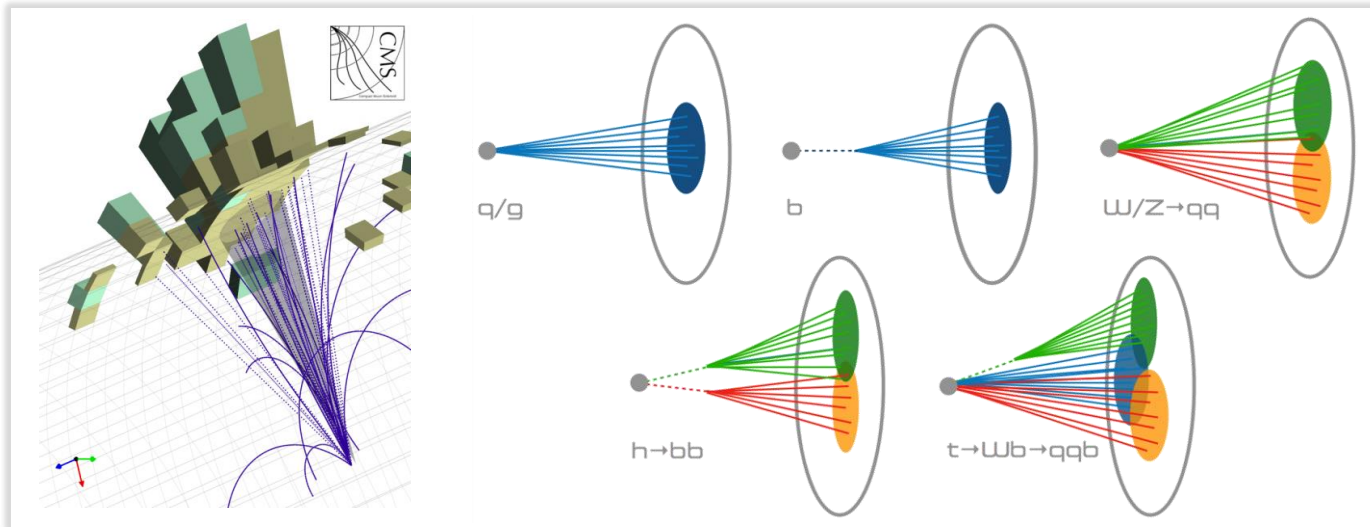
Graphs NNs & Transformers

Graph Neural Networks and Transformers

Good fit for sparsity, irregular geometry, and variable cardinality of HEP data



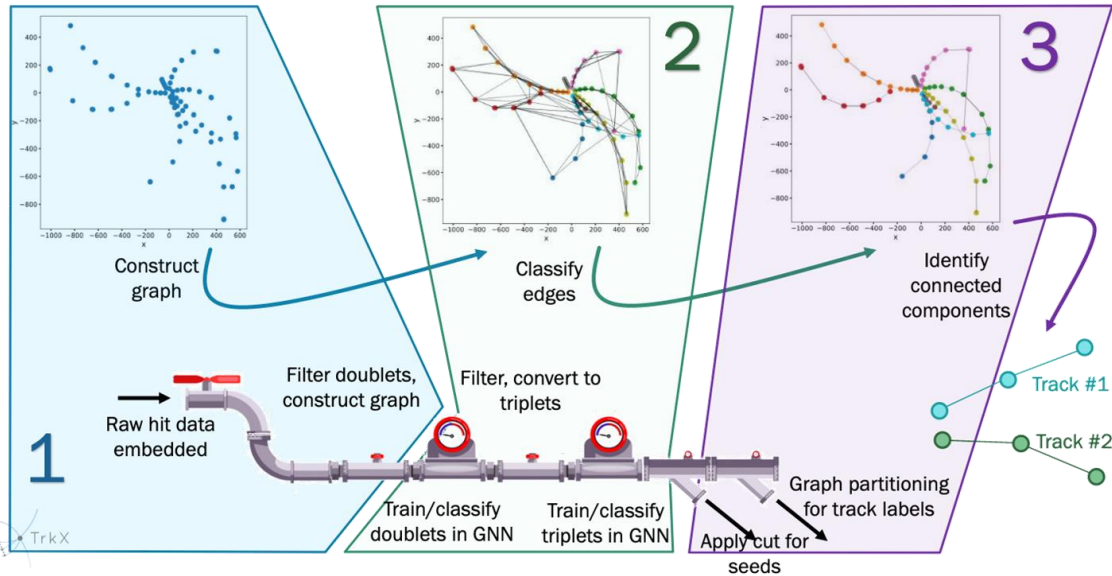
Evolution of models for jet classification



Bigger, more complex, multi-component ML Pipelines

Graph-based Tracking

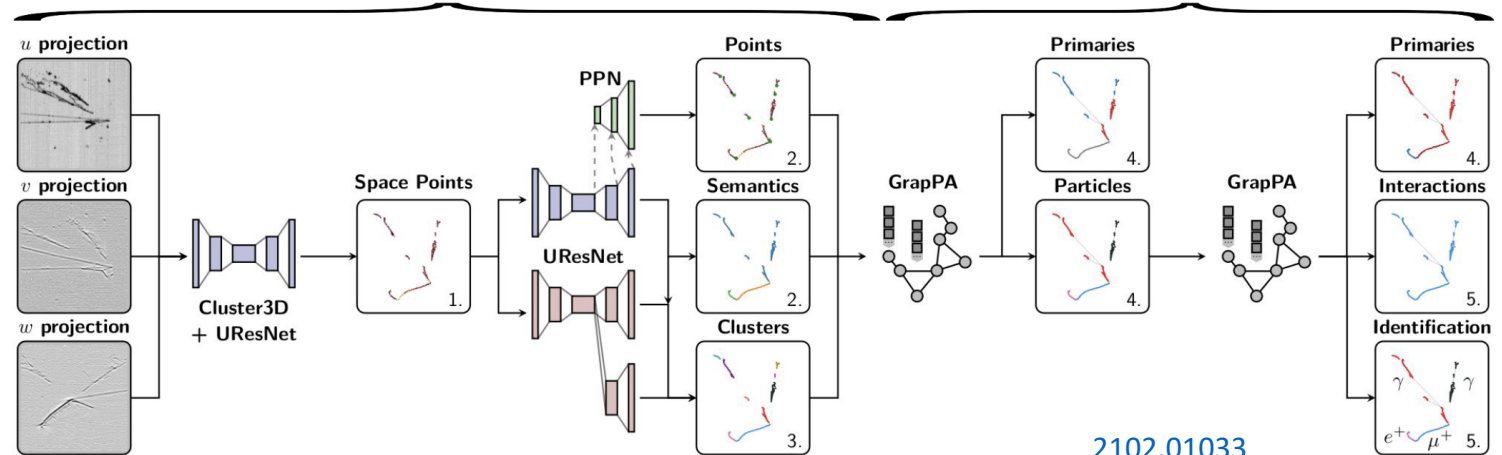
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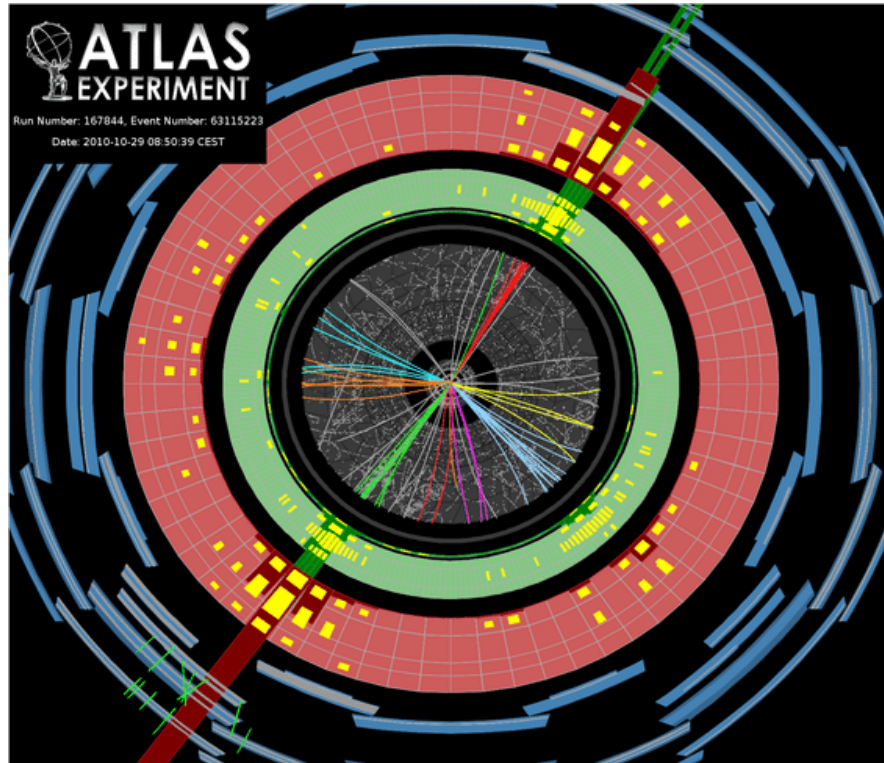
Neutrino End-to-End Reconstruction

Convolutional NN

Graph NN



Event Classification



→ What kind of interaction event happened in the collision?

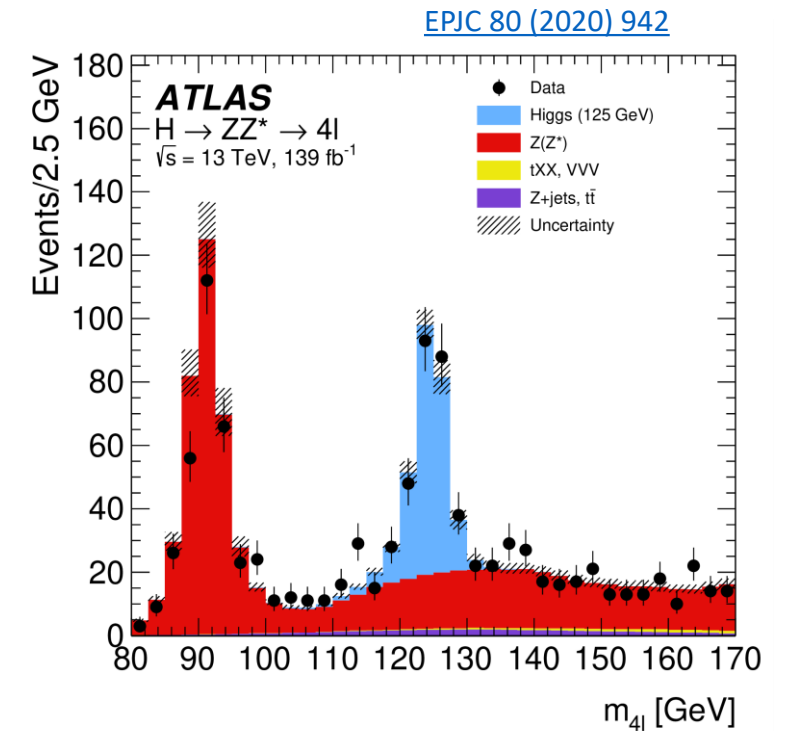
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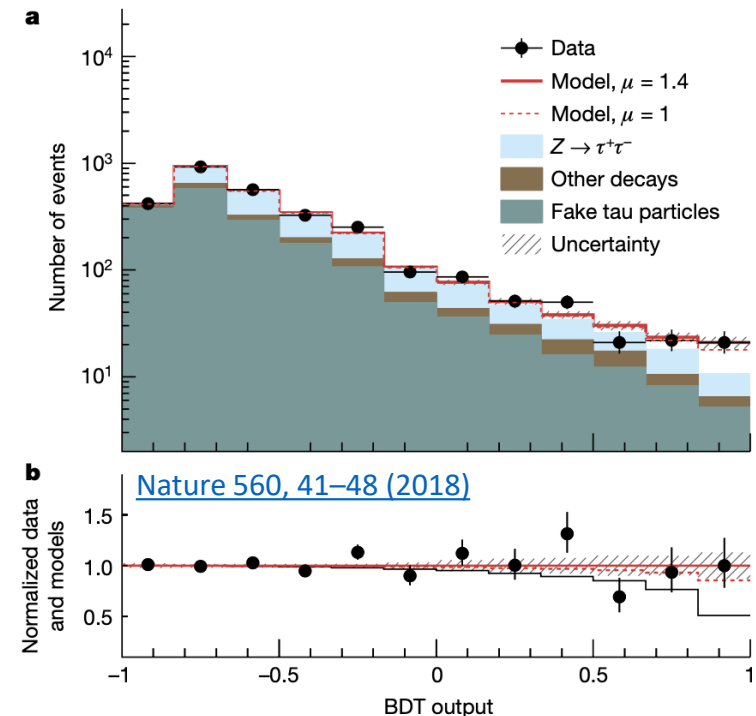
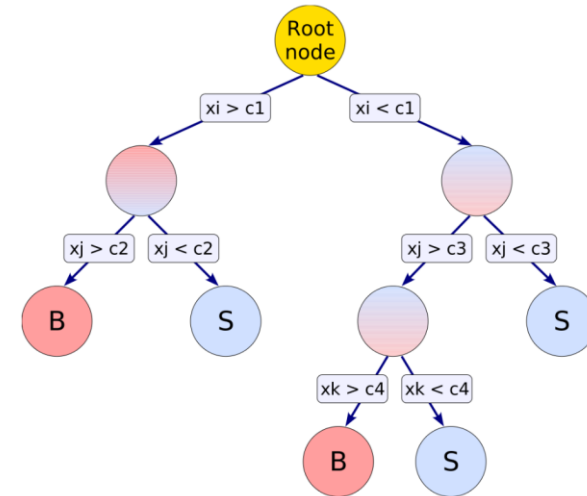
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Combine many variables in MVA?

Decision Tree based models tend to work very well for tabular tasks



Event Classification

Instead of ML on tabular features...

Can use set of particles and their features

“Lower-level” than engineered features

- A particle has meaning when considered in relation to other particles in event

Neural networks used more and more, especially graph & transformer models

- May need to deal with geometric relationships, variable length inputs, ...

Low-level processing is what NNs good at

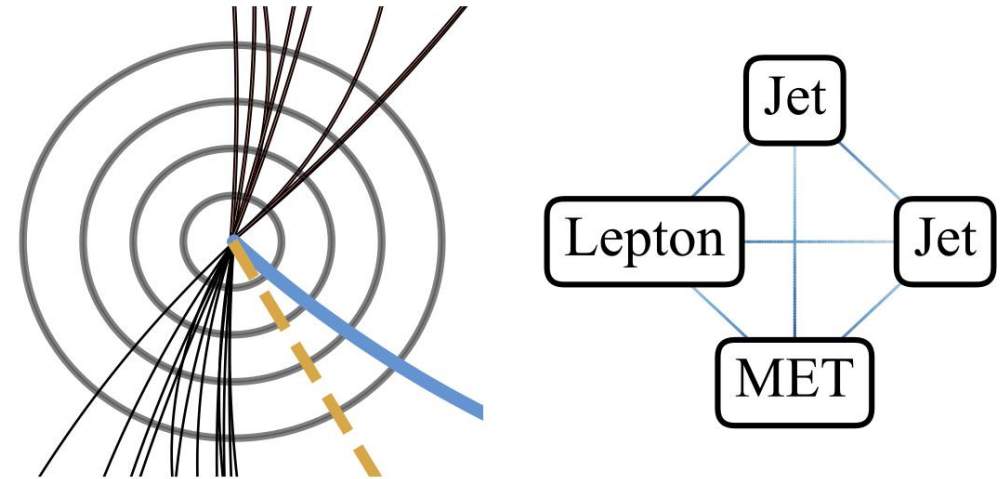


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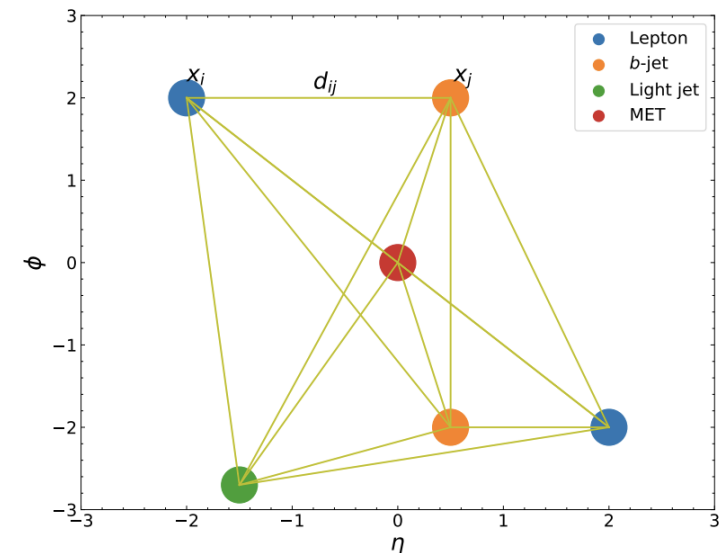
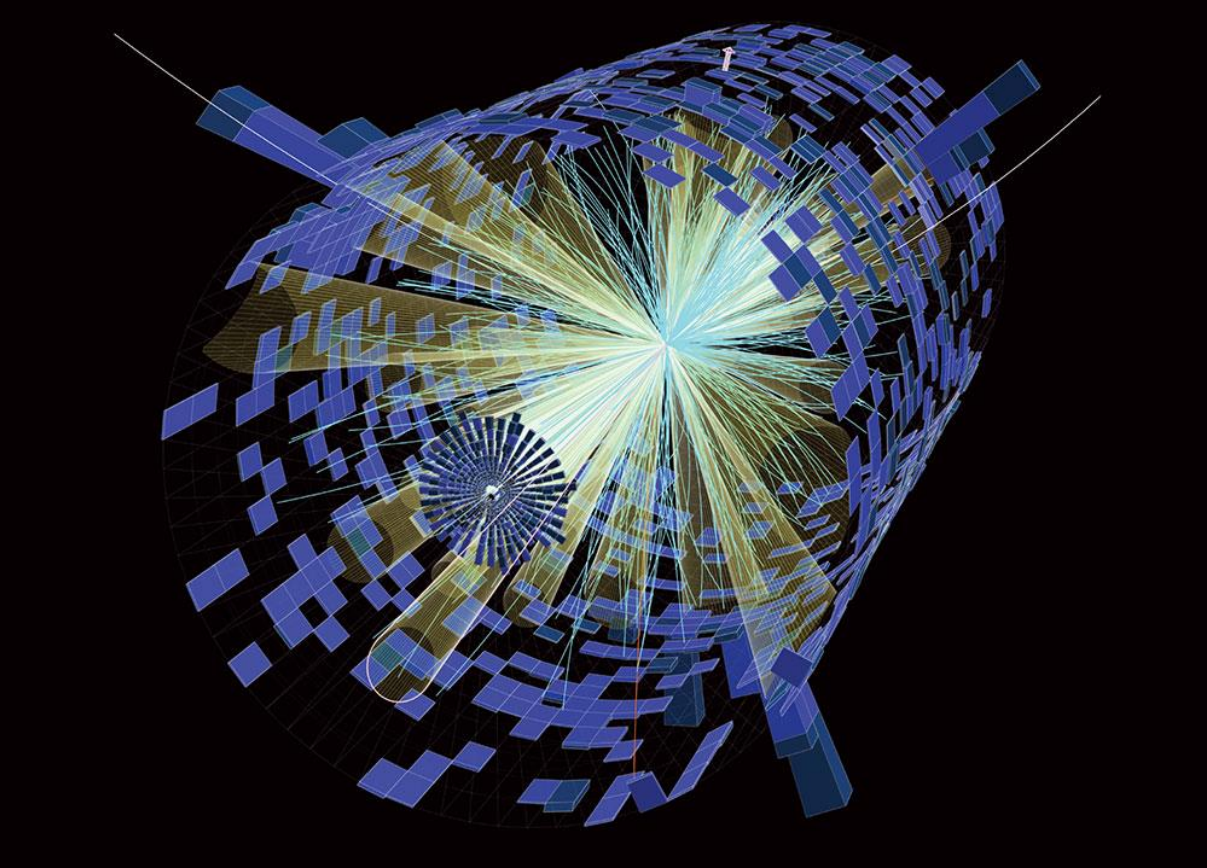
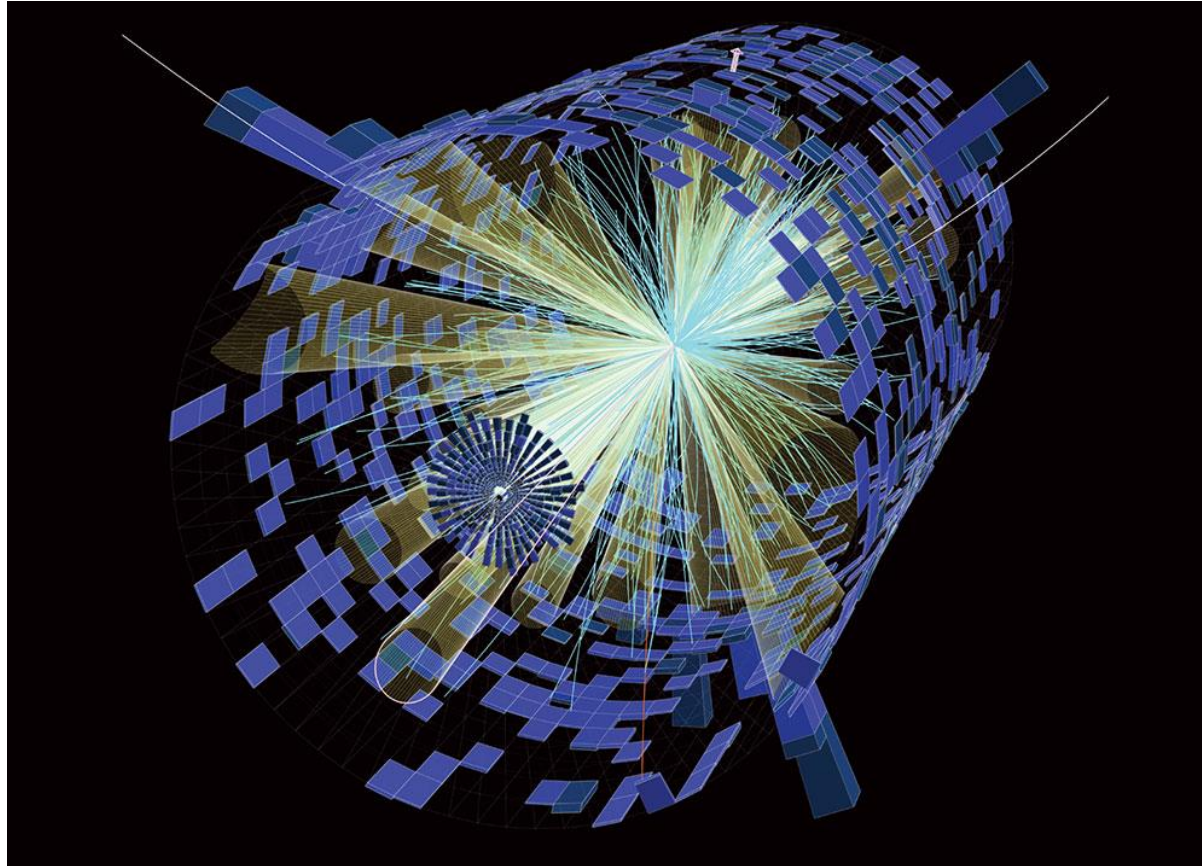


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Simulation



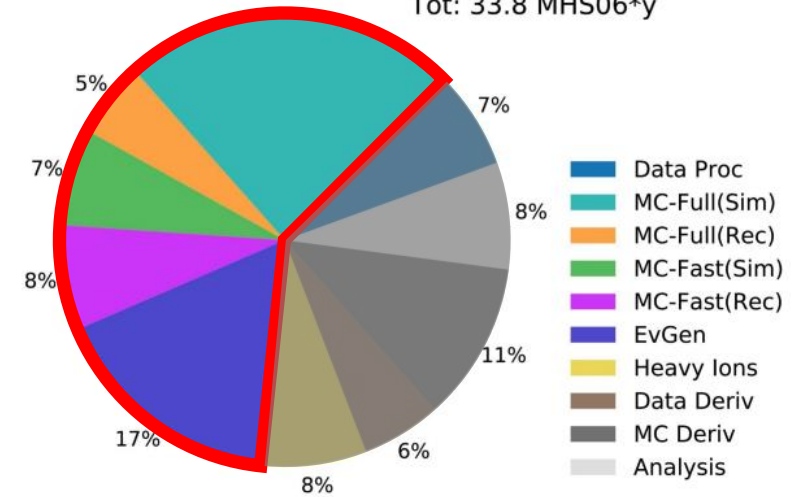
Simulation Challenges



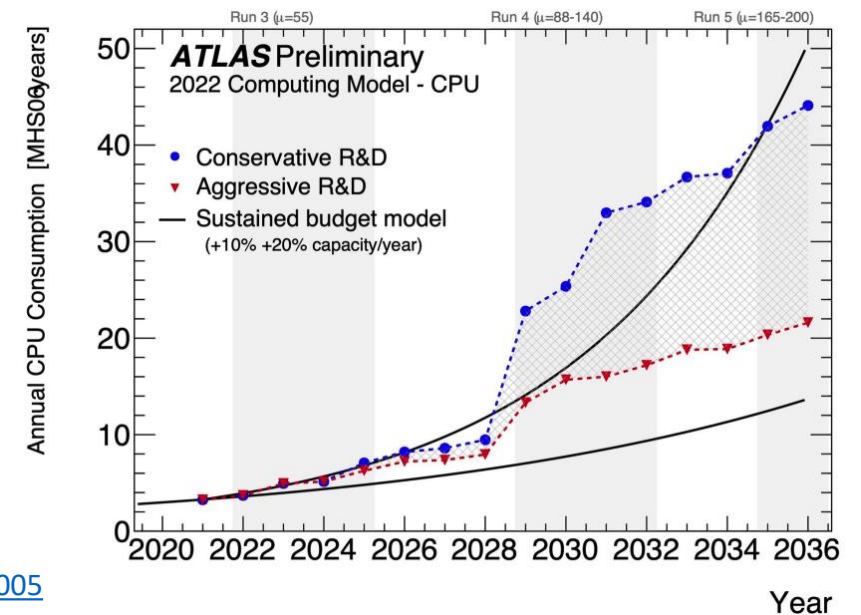
ATLAS Preliminary

2022 Computing Model - CPU: 2031, Conservative R&D

24% Tot: 33.8 MHS06*y



Computing Budget



ML for Simulation

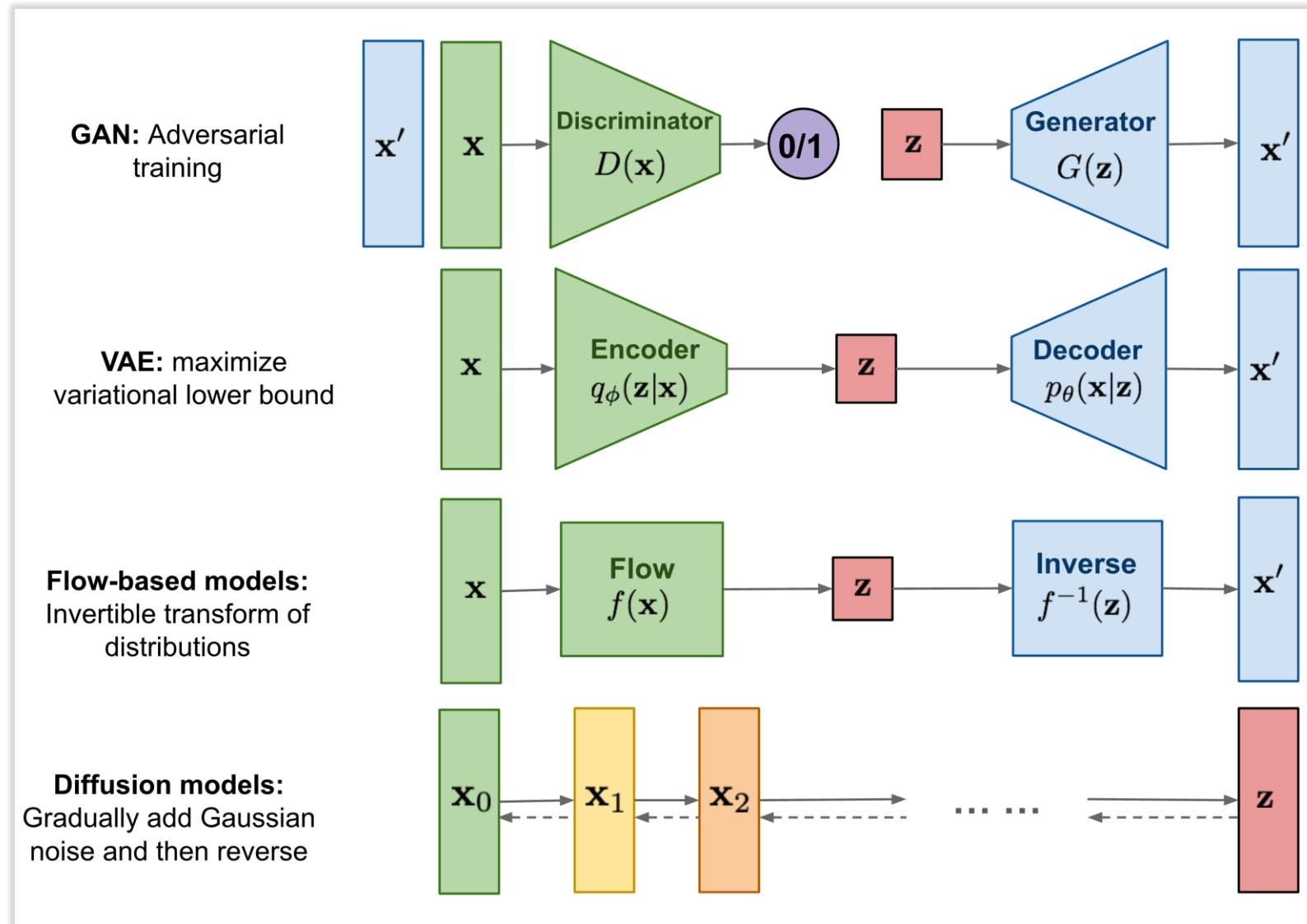
Deep Generative Models

Learn to create “plausible” data by transforming random noise

Model structure depends on training method

Architecture choice depends on data type,

- Just like reconstruction



Deep Generative Models For Speeding Up Simulation

Detector Simulation

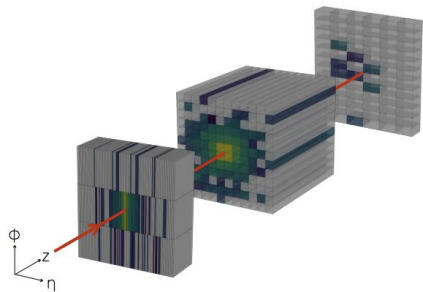
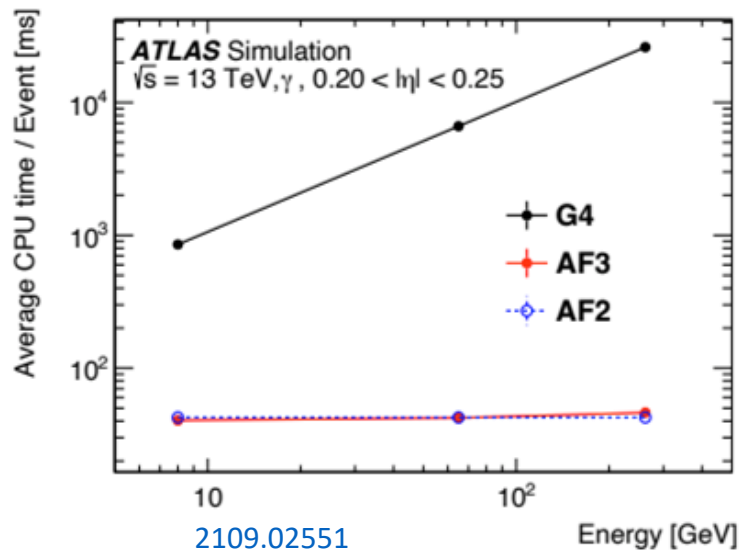
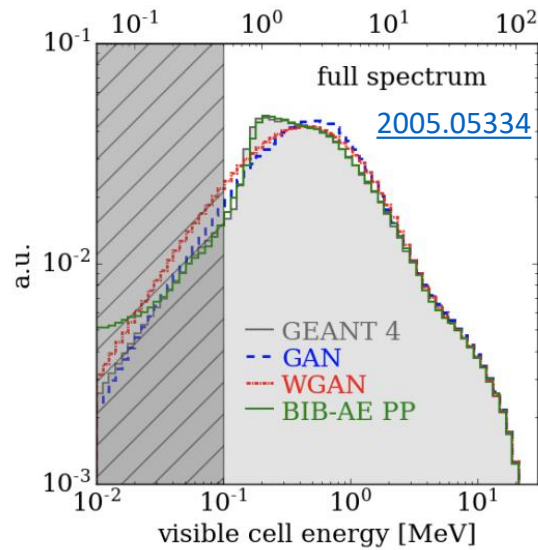


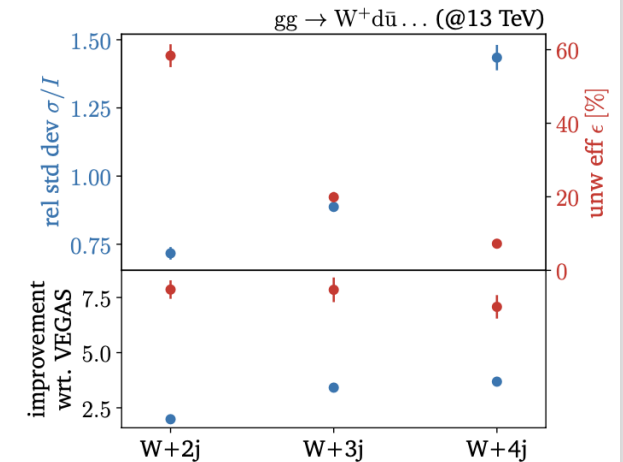
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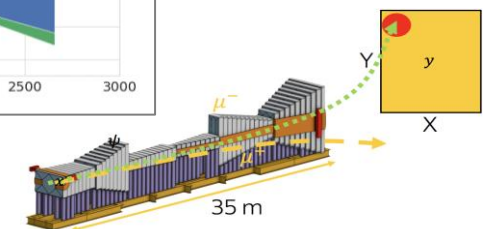
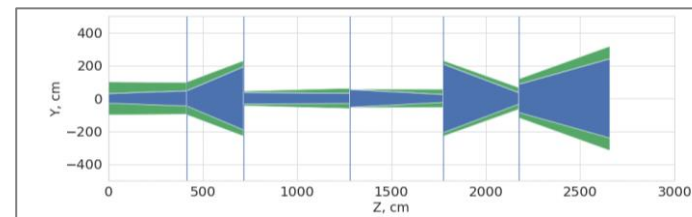
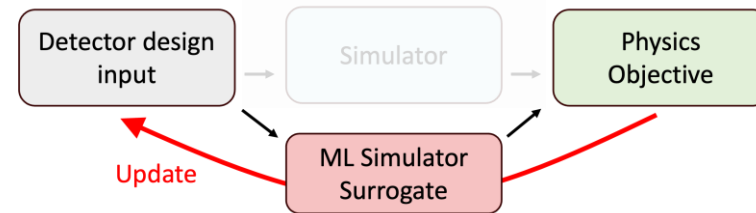
Matrix Elements & Event Generators

[2311.01548](#)
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Heinrich, MK, [2203.00057](#)



Detector Design Optimization



Shirobokov, MK, et al.
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Conclusion

Long history of ML in HEP, and the recent ML advancements have made major impacts on HEP

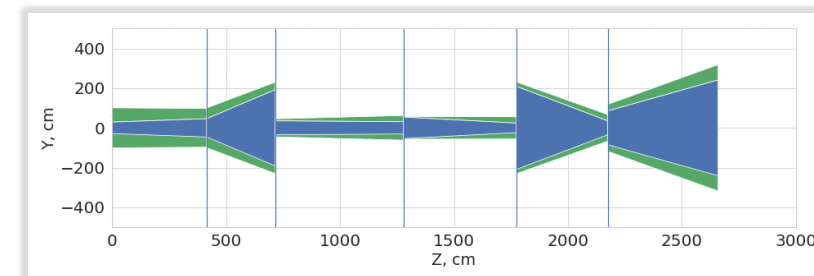
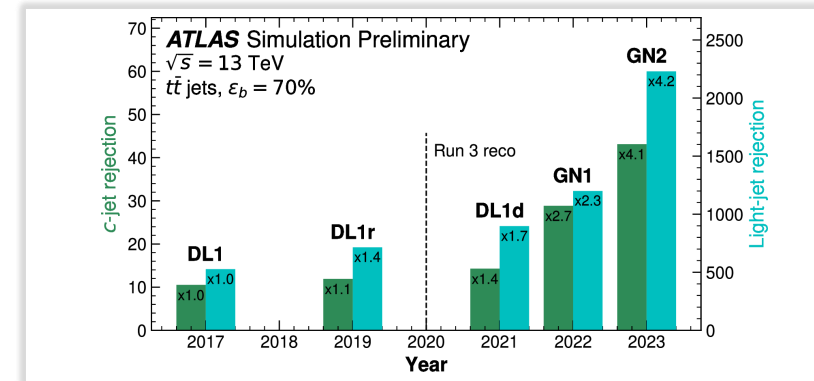
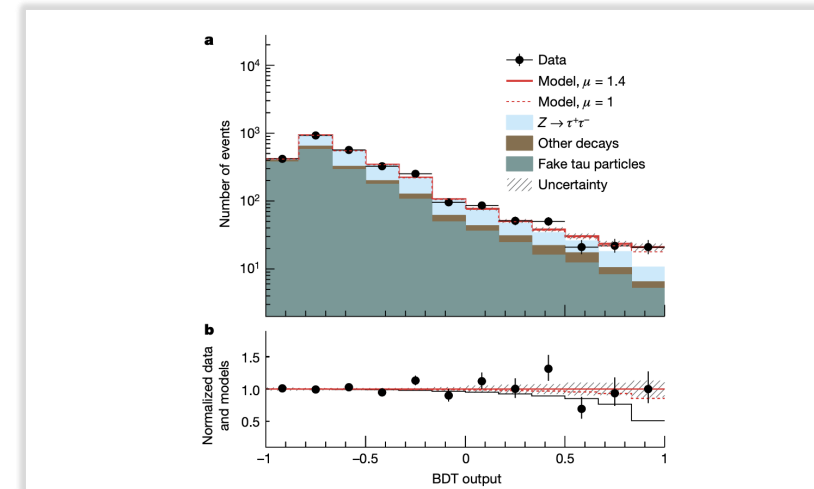
Complexity of HEP data warrants careful consideration about how and where to apply ML

- What kind of data? How much data?
How to frame the task of interest?

Can build sophisticated systems to approach complex challenges and address completely new questions!

But... for low-latency models, hardware constraints \rightarrow architecture design constraints

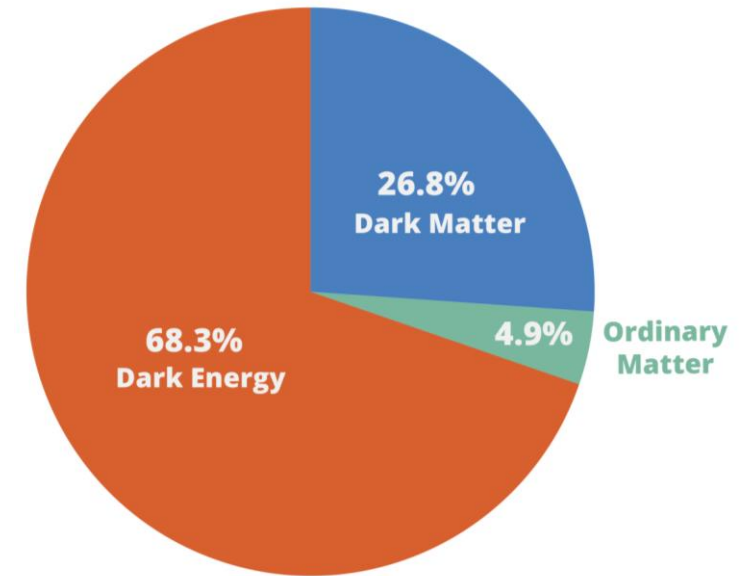
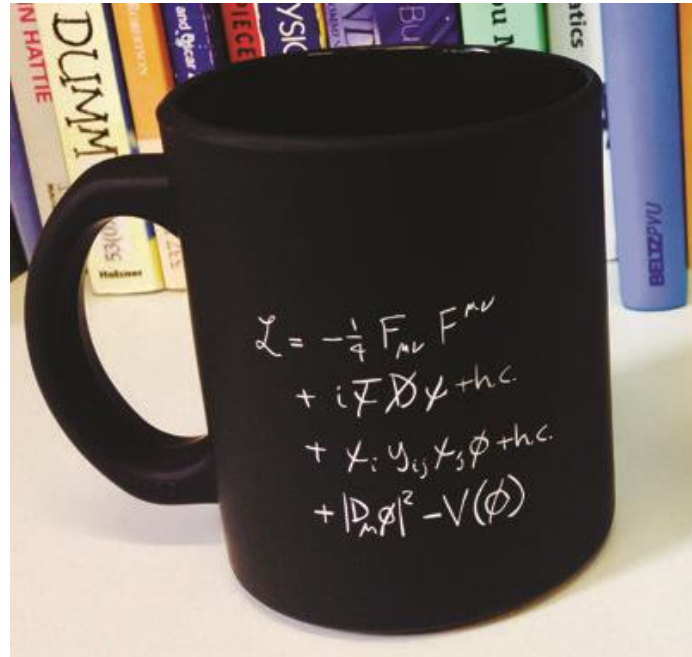
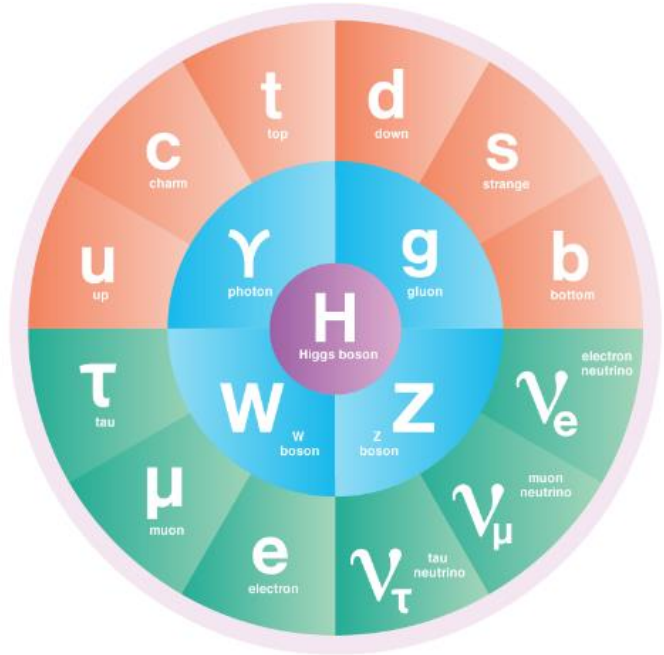
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Backup

High Energy Physics – What We Know

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High Energy Physics – Big Questions

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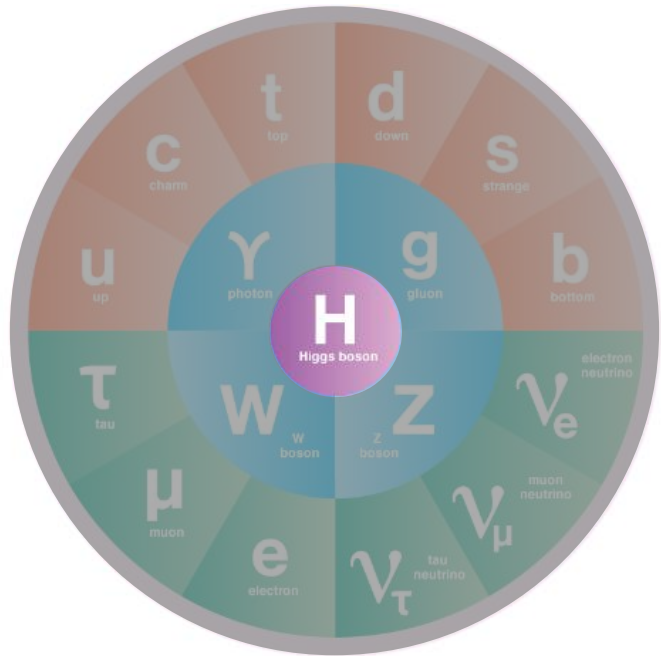


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What is Dark Matter?
What is Dark Energy?

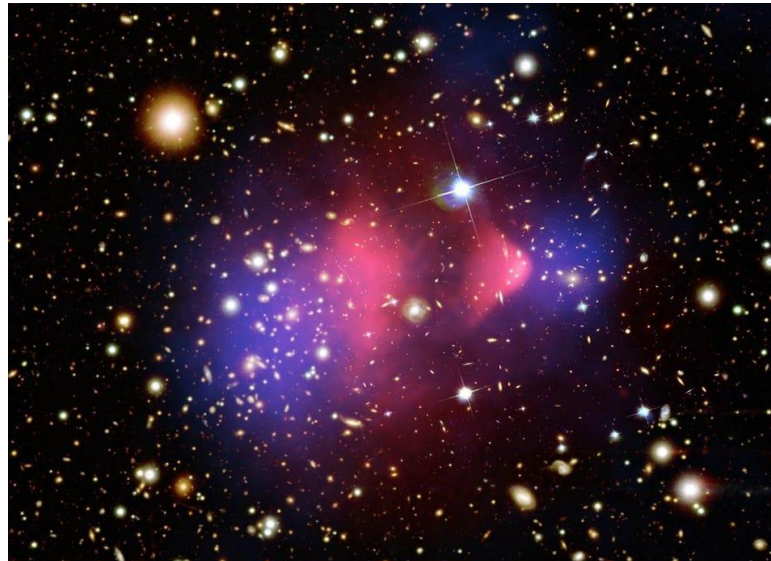


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Why is there more matter than anti-matter in the universe?

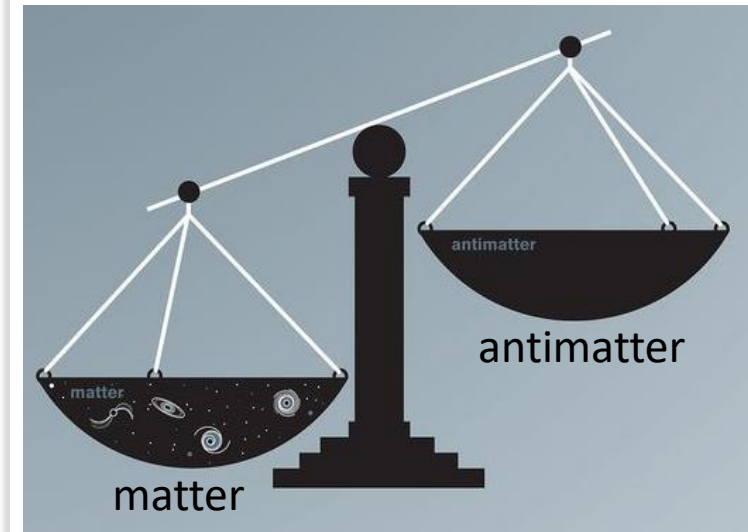


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Studying Physics at the Smallest Scales

