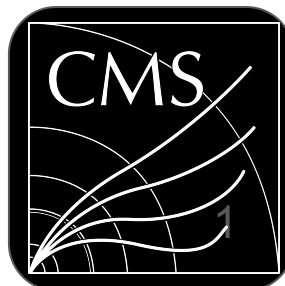


Types of ML in Particle Physics

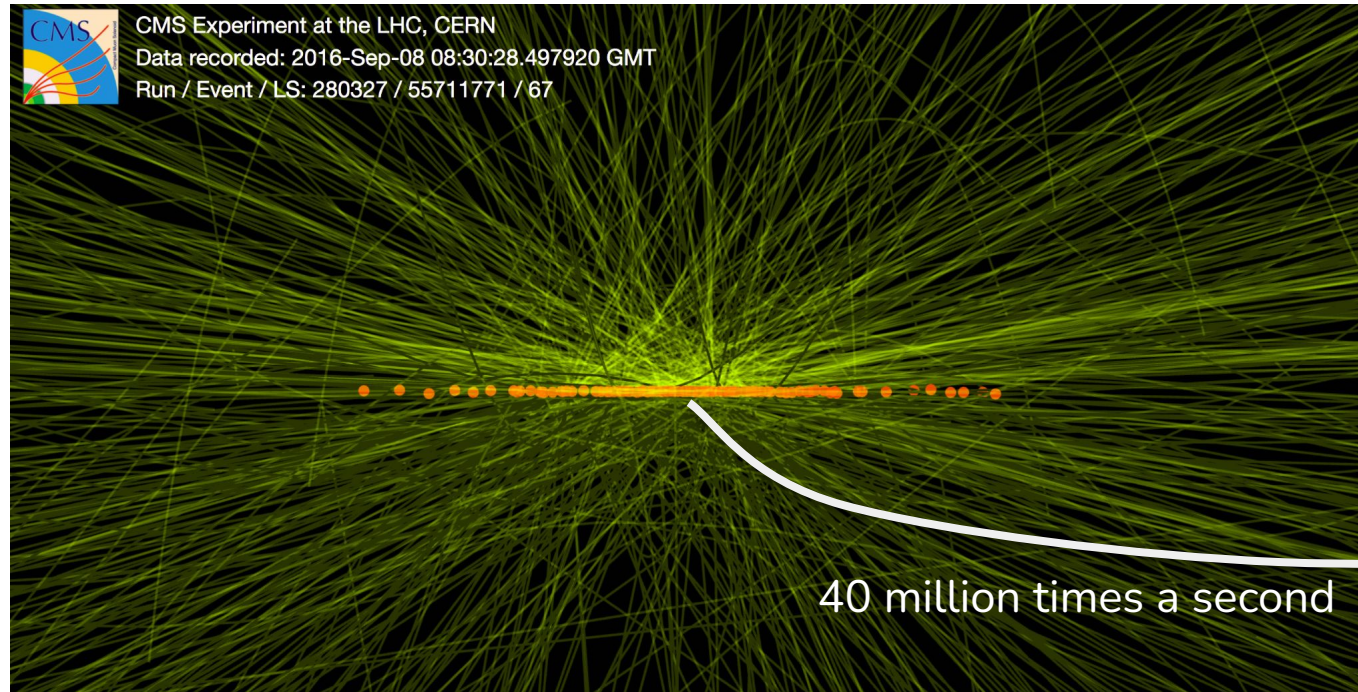
PHYSTAT: Statistics meets Machine Learning

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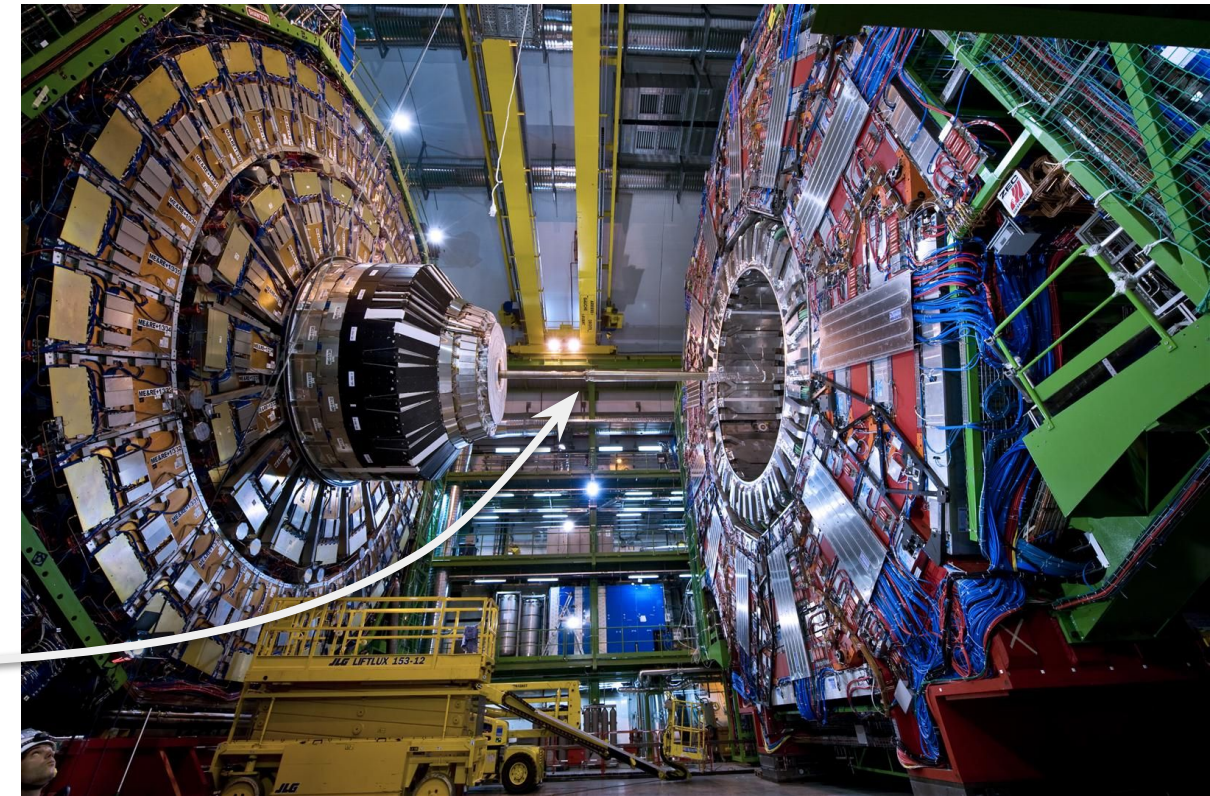
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Particle physics and big data



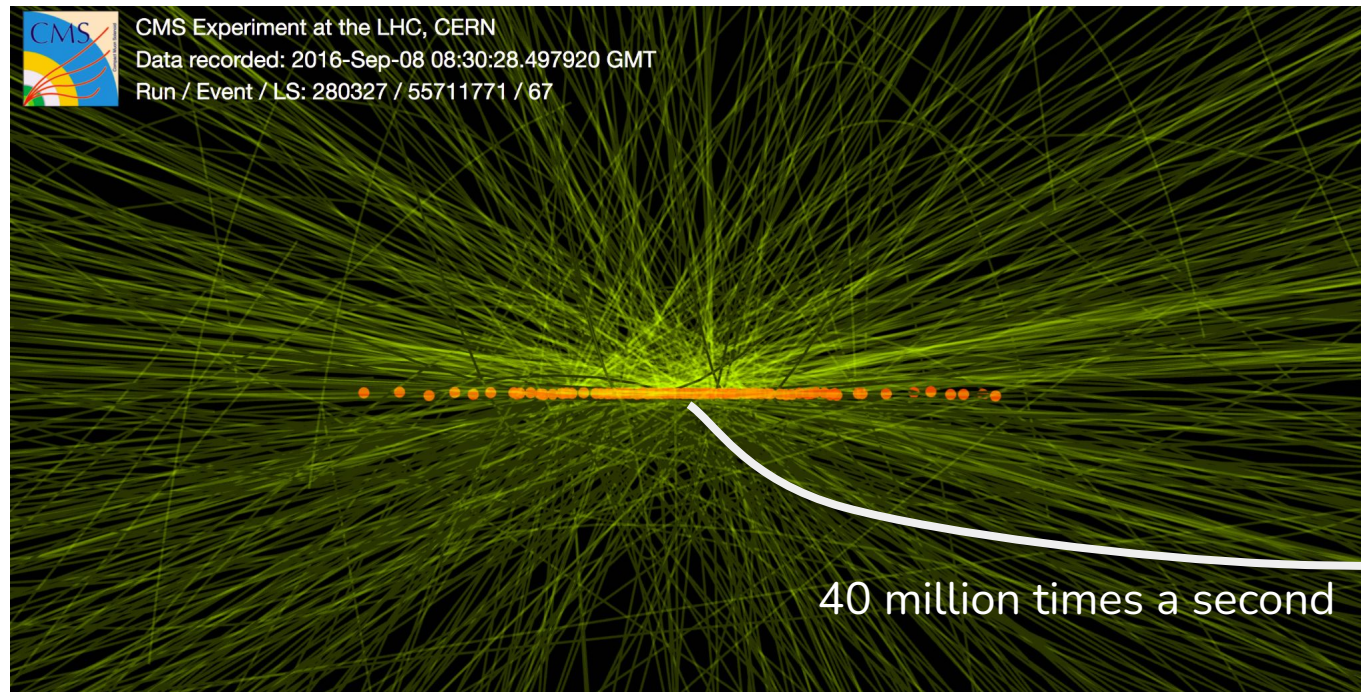
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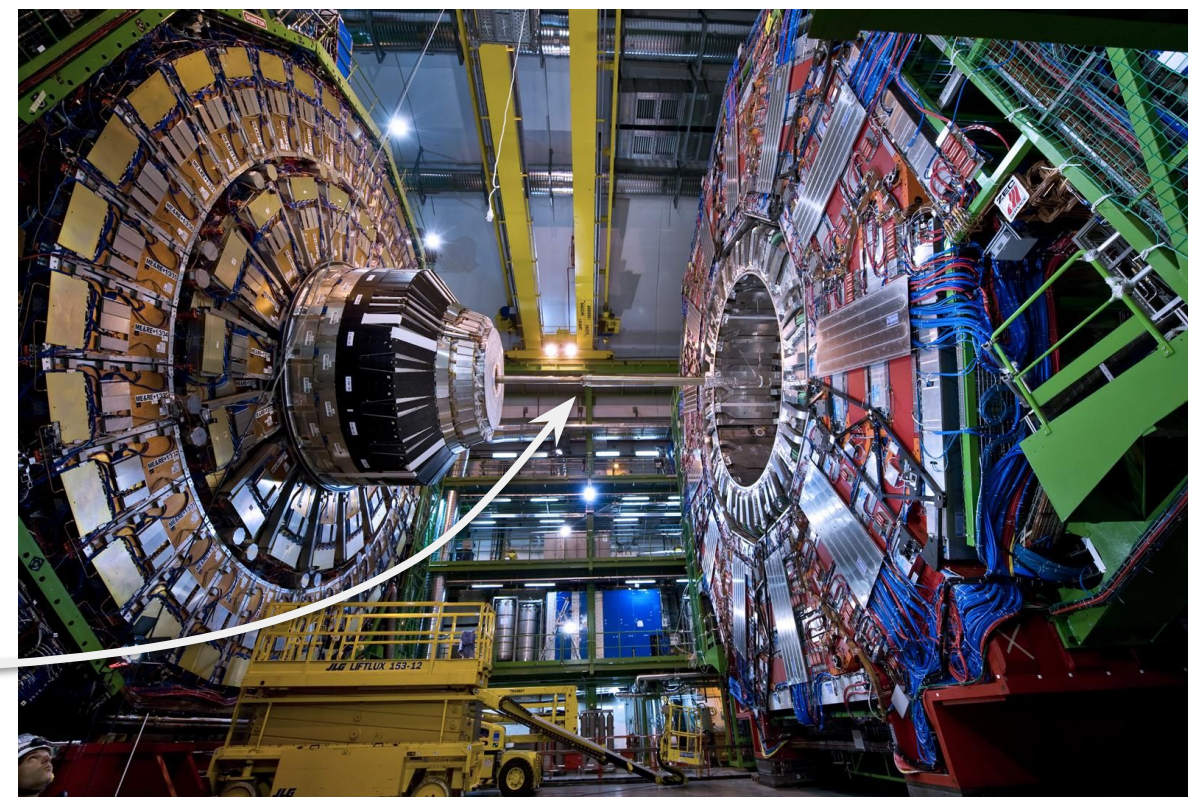
CMS detector with O(100 million) readout channels

- **Astronomically large:** ~500 Tb of data produced by CMS per-second
 - After real-time filtering of collisions (trigger) → Tens of Pb per-year saved offline for further analysis
- **Extremely diverse:** plethora of detector technologies with different geometry/readout
- **Well understood:** small uncertainty in the data
- **Well structured:** significant effort in making datasets easier to work with
- **High-fidelity/quality simulation:** provides “truth”

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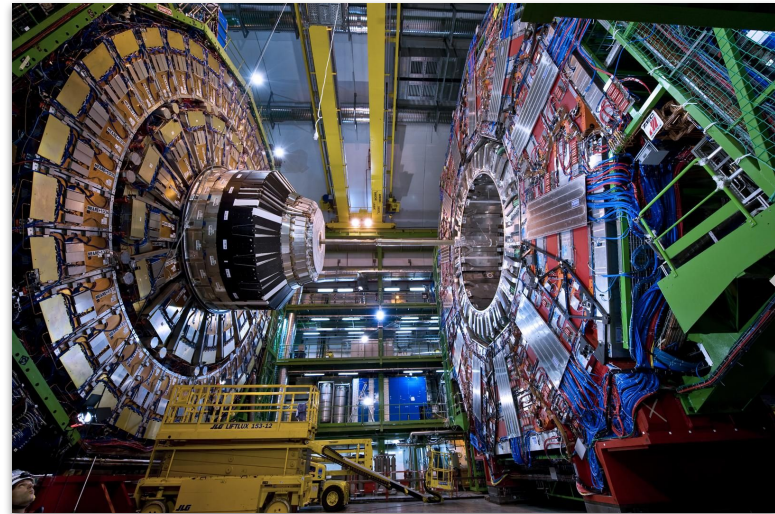
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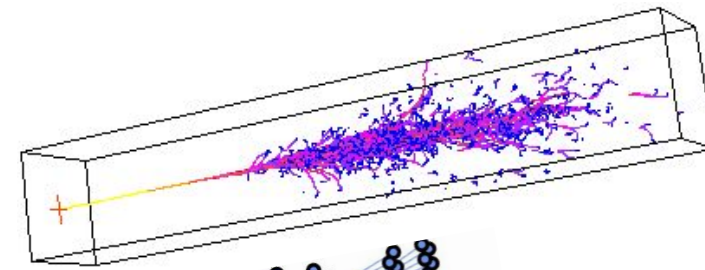
Ideal playground for Machine Learning initiatives

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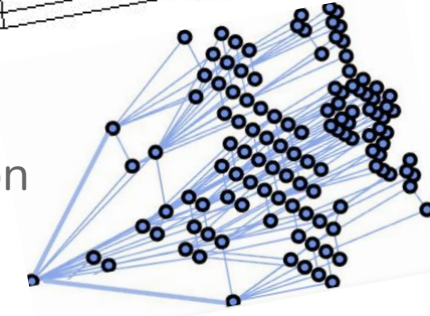
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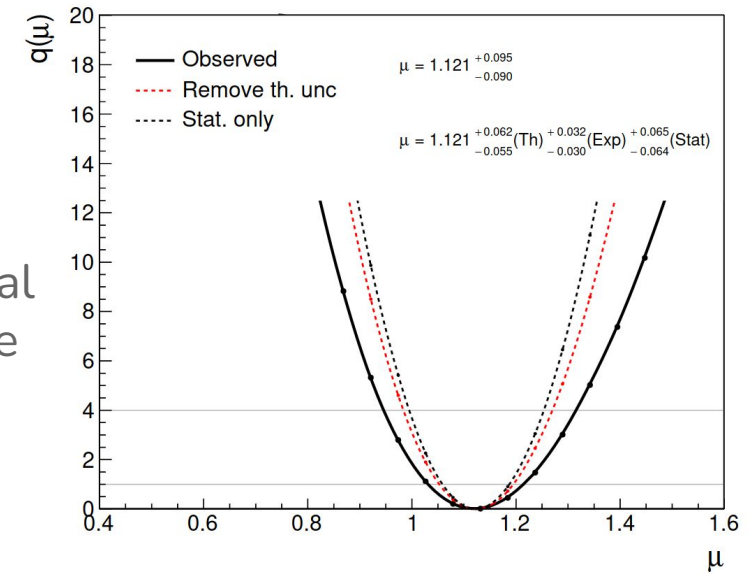
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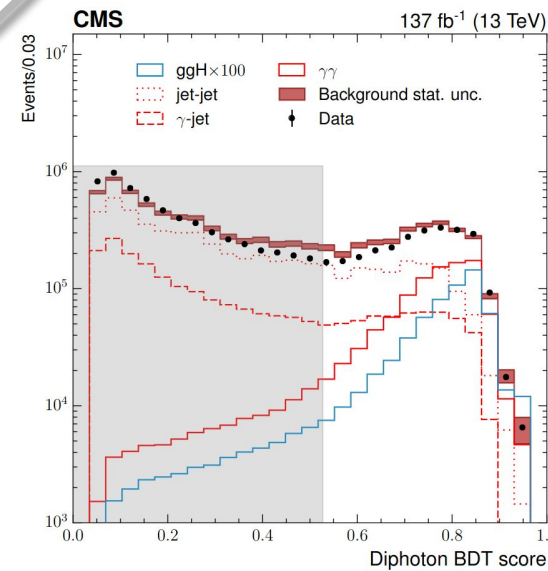
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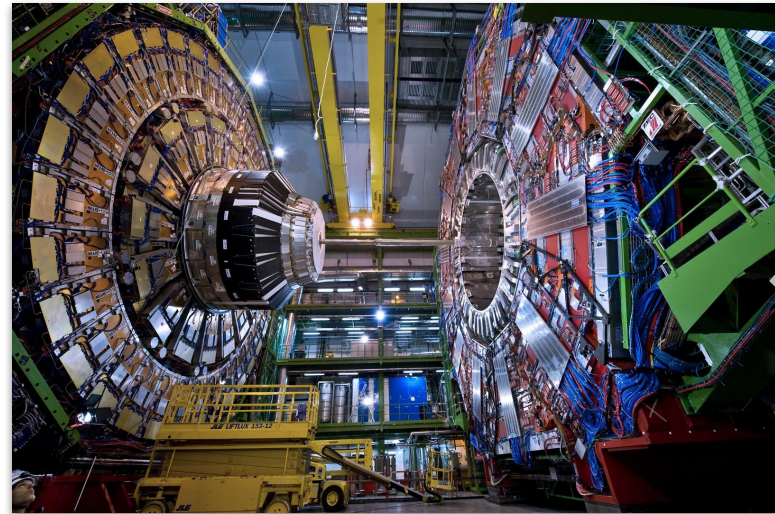
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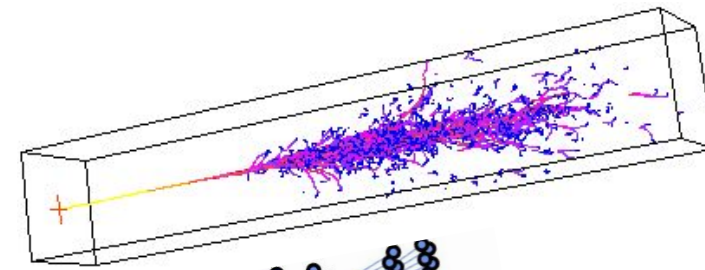
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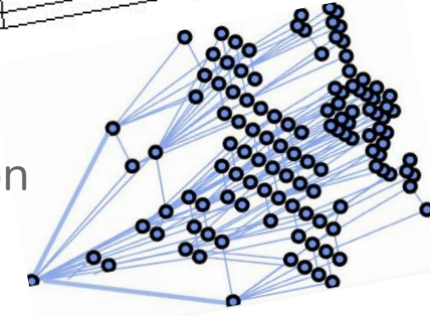
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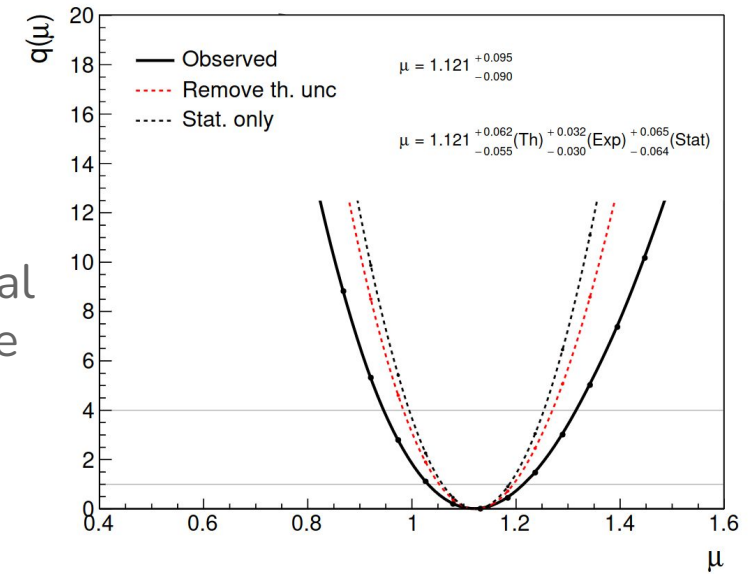
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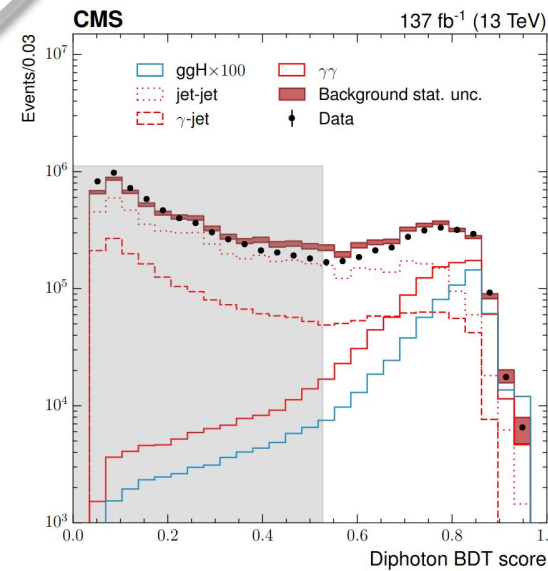
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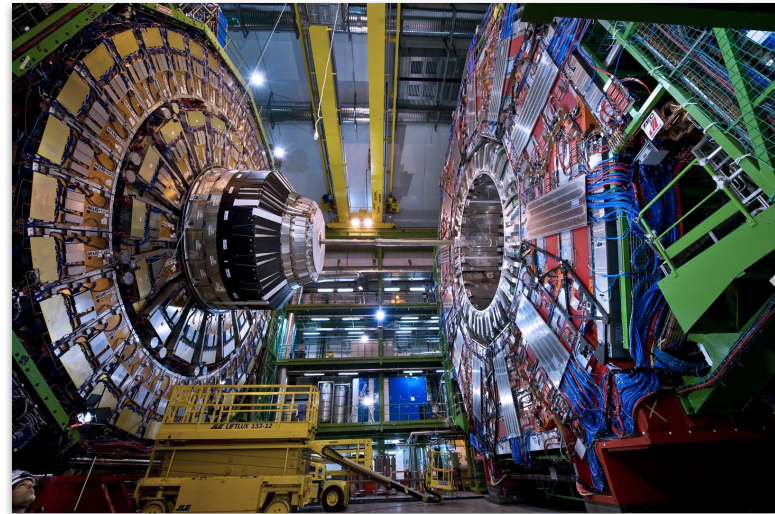
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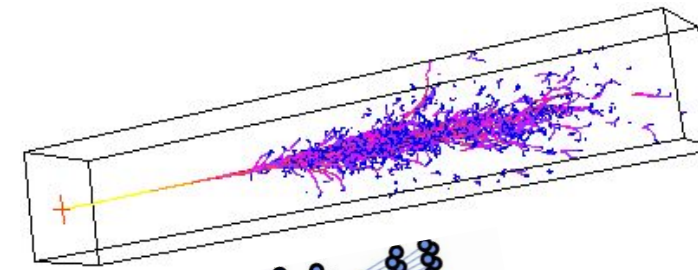
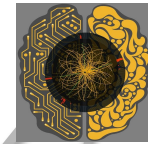
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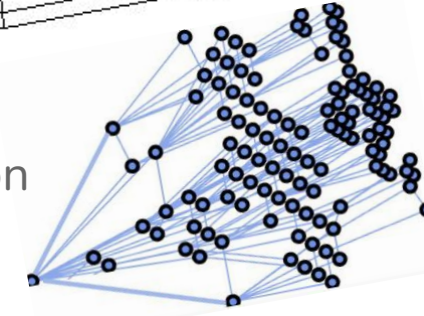
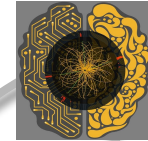
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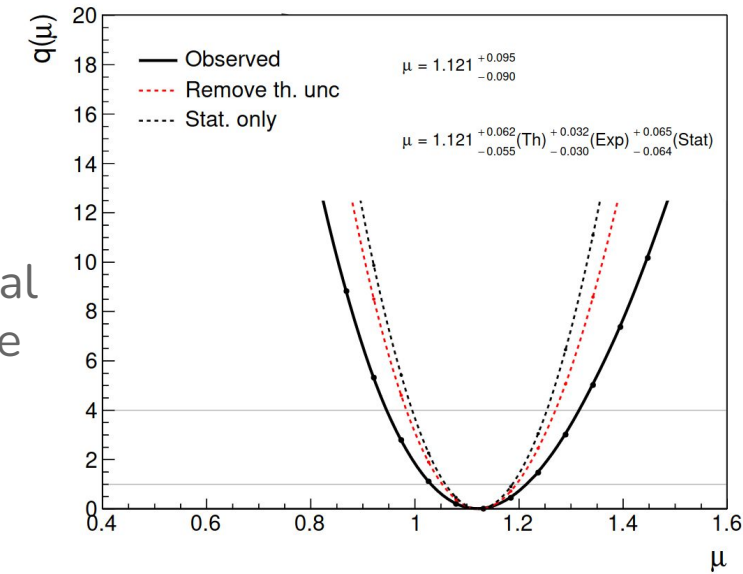
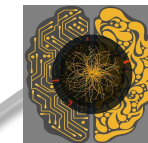
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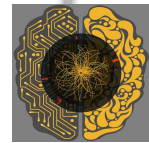
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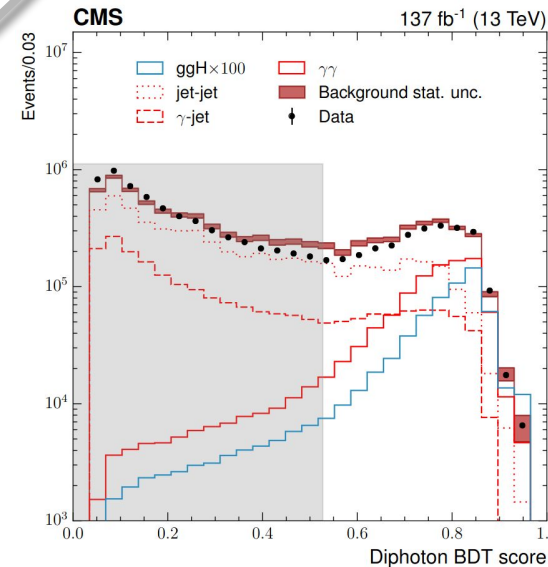
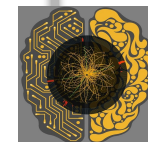
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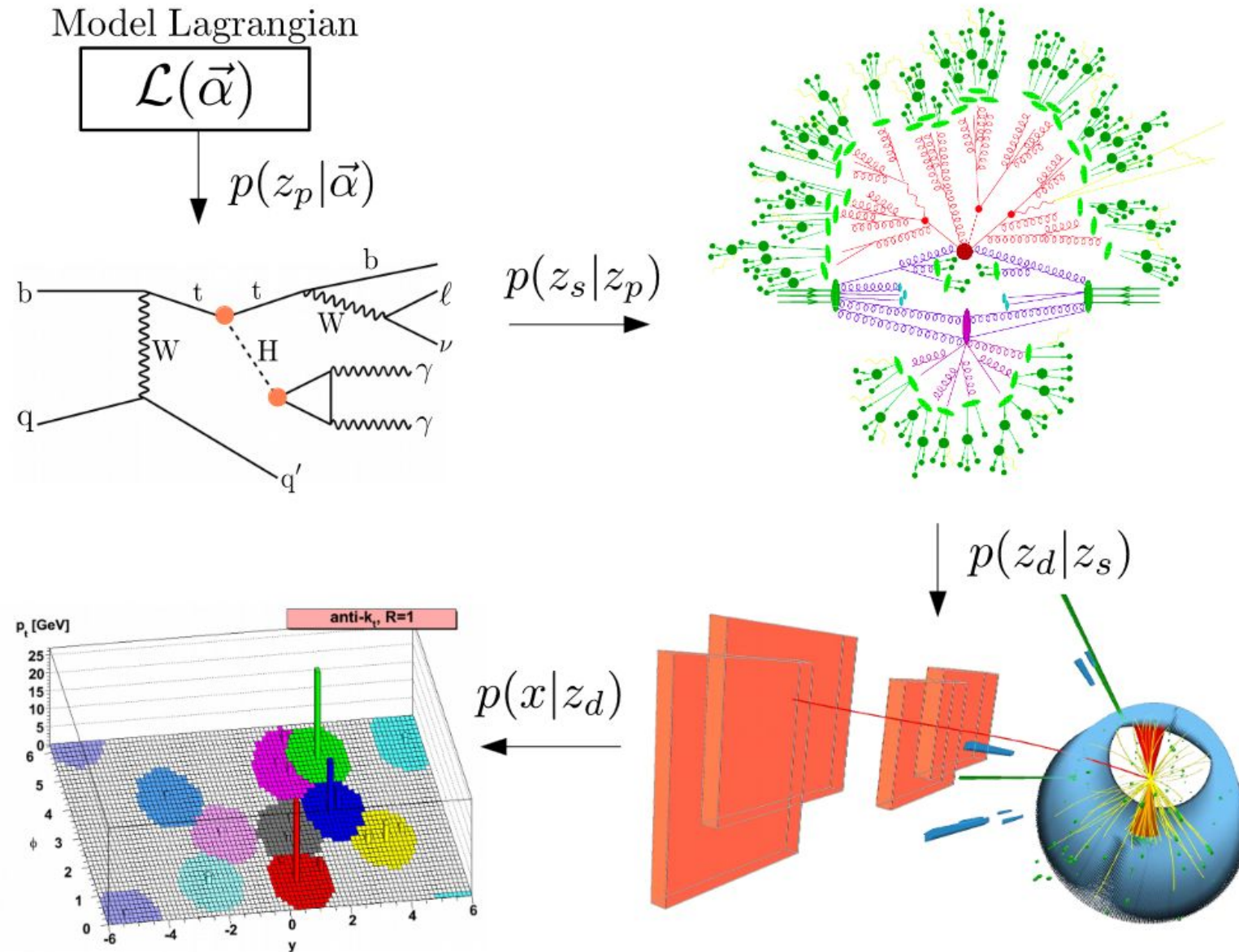
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Monte-Carlo simulation

- [Theory → observables] is described by highly-intractable likelihood
- Use high-fidelity MC simulation of each stage of collision event



High dimensional integral over latent variables

$$L(x|\vec{\alpha}) = \int dz_d \int dz_s \int dz_p p(x|z_d)p(z_d|z_s)p(z_s|z_p)p(z_p|\vec{\alpha})$$

Observables e.g.
reconstructed
energies, momenta
and angles of all
final state particles

Fundamental physics
parameters of interest
e.g. Higgs boson mass

- Provides “truth” for inference on real data
 - Accurate simulation is crucial to avoid bias (calibration)
- Labelled collisions for supervised learning

ML in particle physics

- **Disclaimer:** collider, CMS, experimental

[Neutrino Physics & ML workshop, ETH \(2024\)](#)

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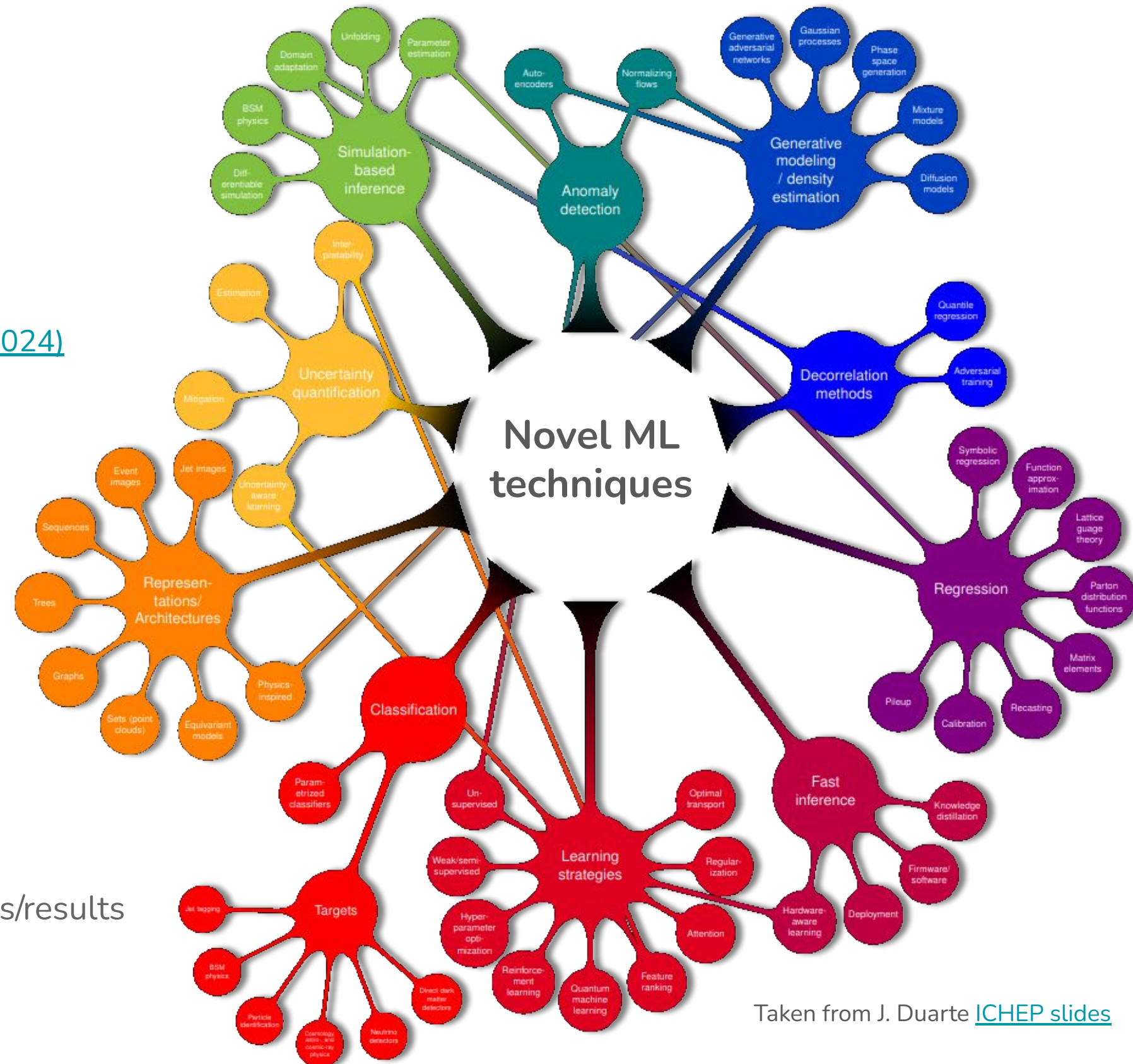
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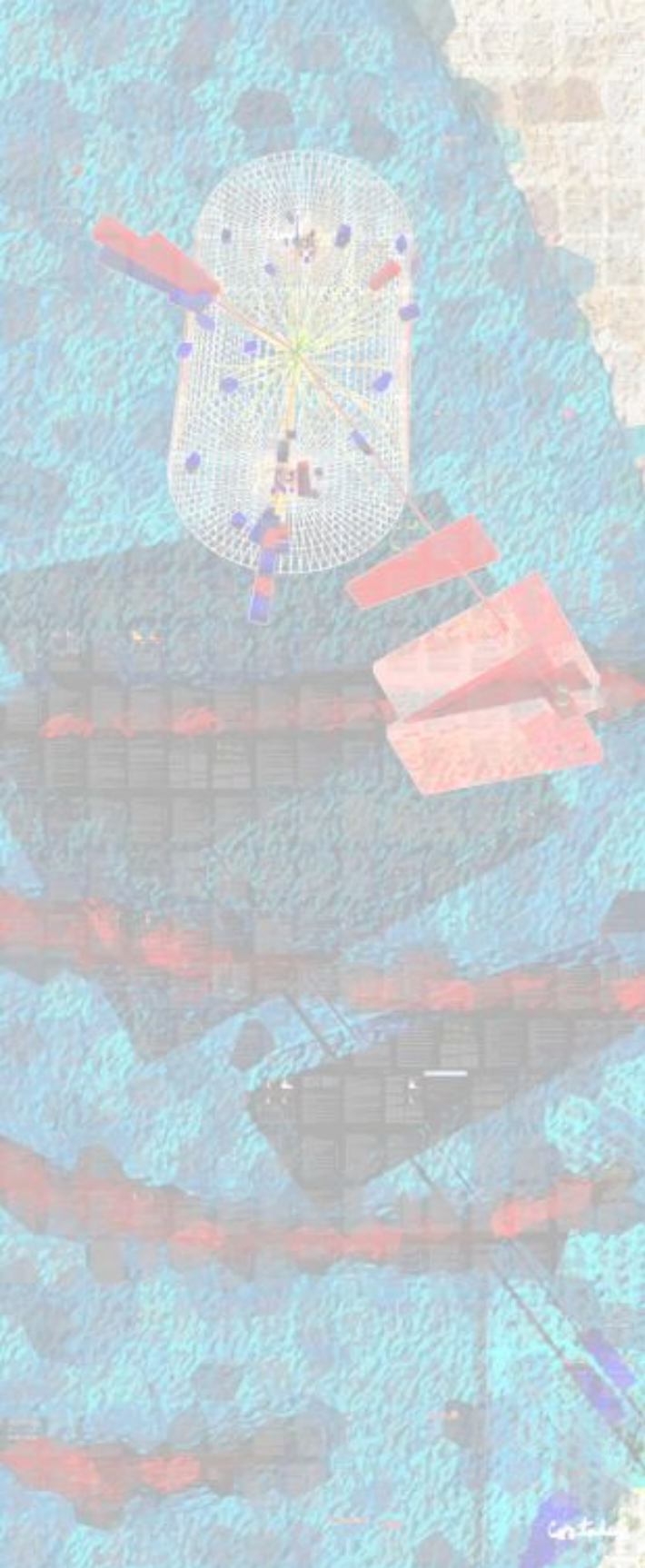
- Topics:

- Object identification & reconstruction
- Event classification
- Simulation (generative)
- Inference

- Try to keep relevant with mostly new applications/results



Taken from J. Duarte [ICHEP slides](#)

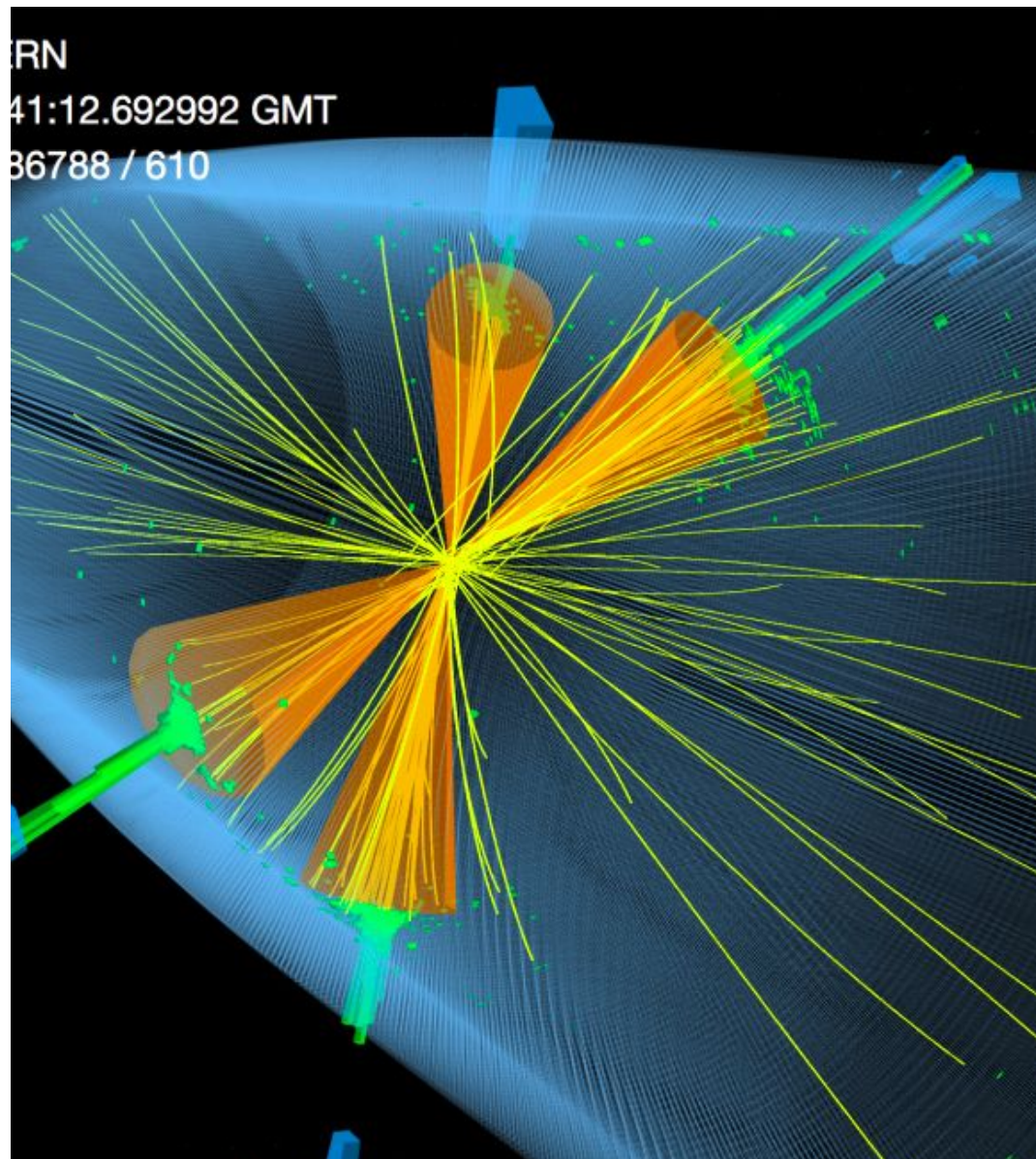


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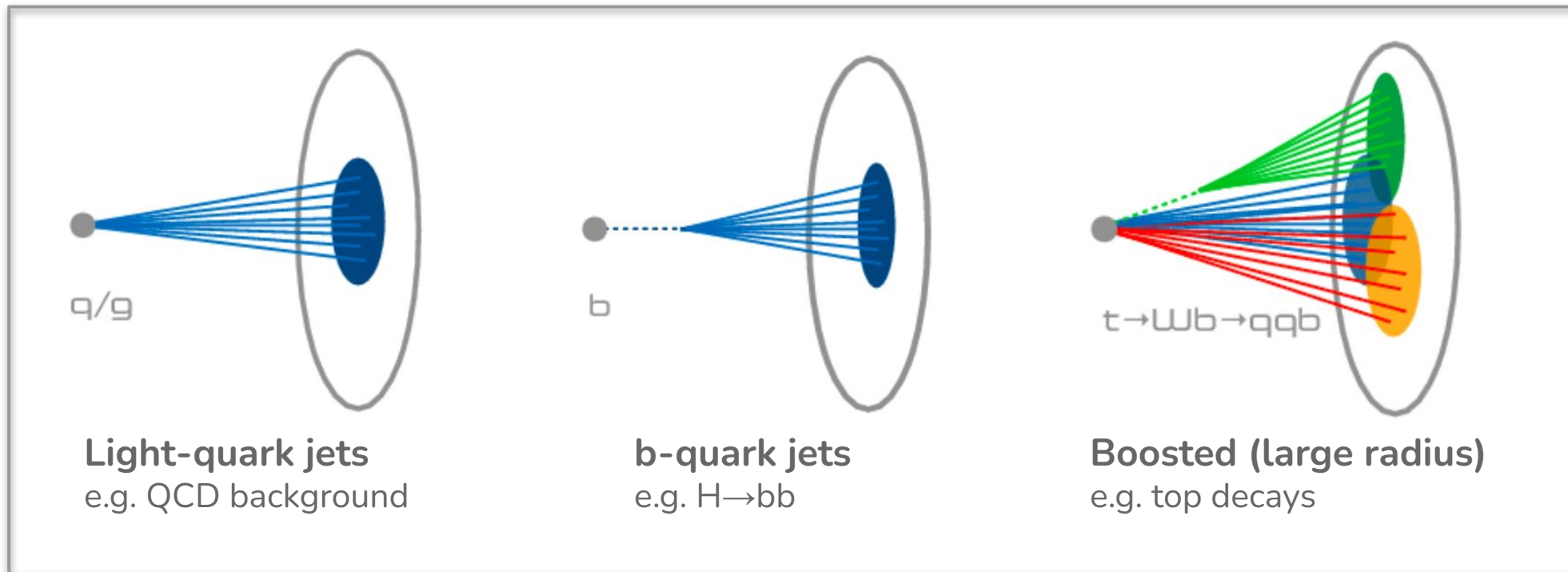
Jet classification



- Jet = spray of particles (cone) produced by hadronization of a quark/gluon when ejected from high-energy collision



- Jets come in different “flavours” → different substructure



- Jet constituent particles produce patterns of “hits” as they traverse detector
 - Essentially a pattern recognition problem
 - Has become a huge frontier in ML over last years (see [ML4Jets](#))

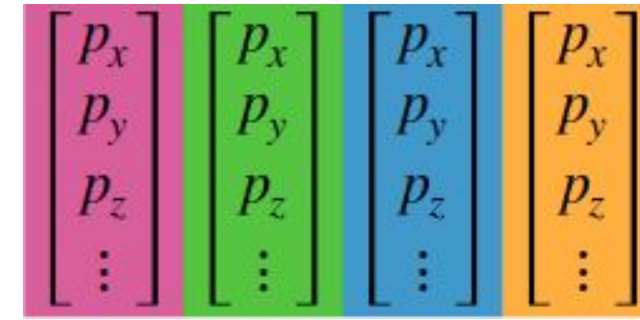
Jet representations

- Evolution of representations:



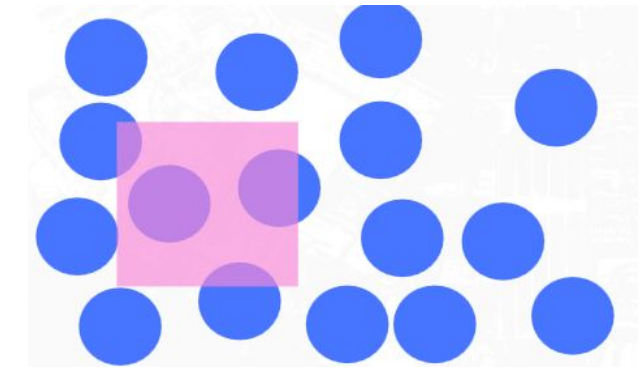
Image-based (CNN)

Difficult to combine non-additive quantities, very sparse (>90% pixels are blank)



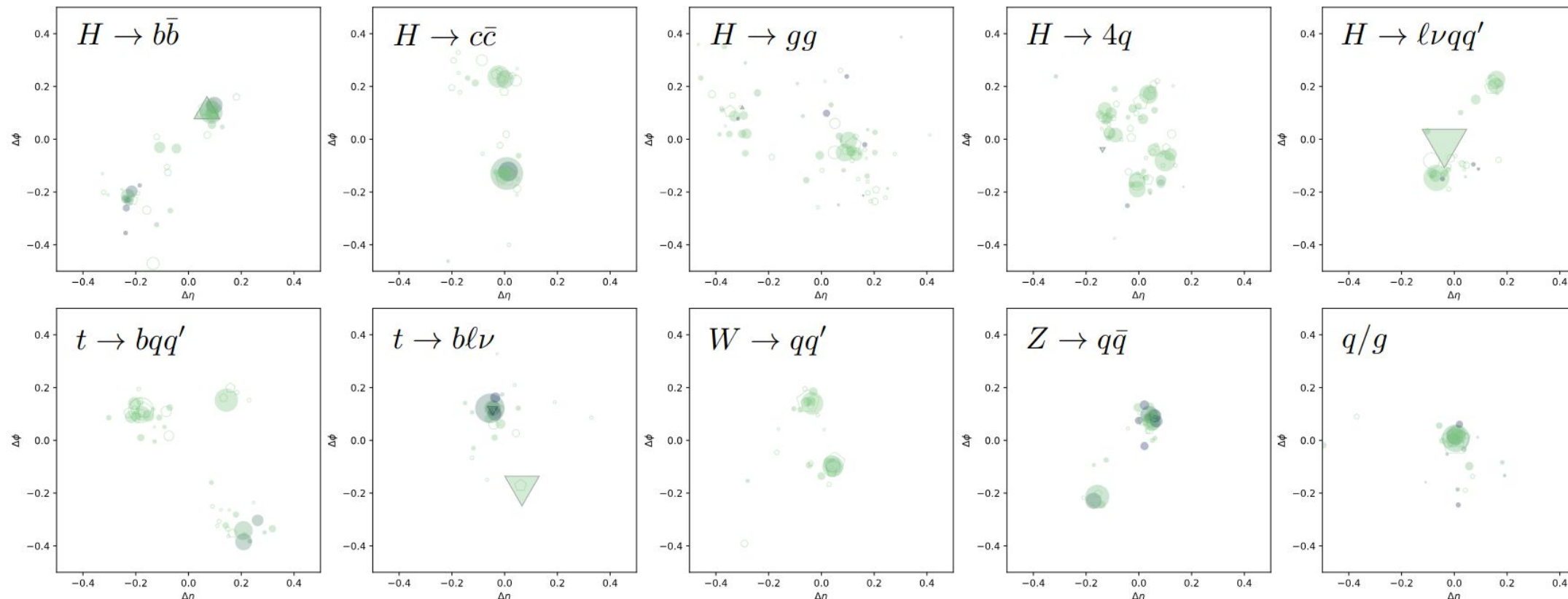
Sequences (RNN)

Can include any kind of constituent feature, no issues with sparse data, sorted list e.g. decreasing pT



Point/particle cloud (GNN)

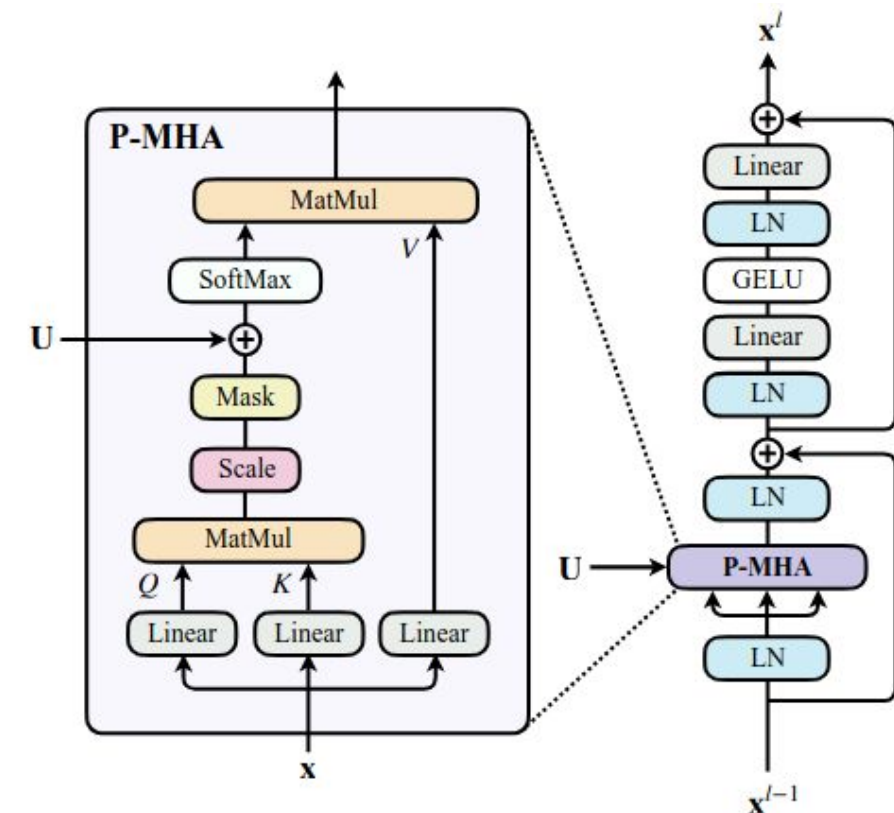
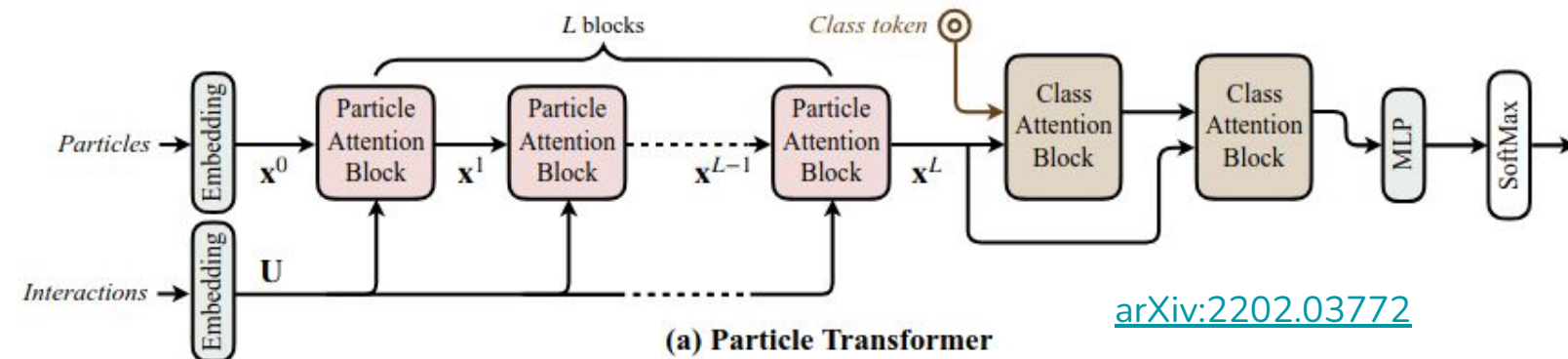
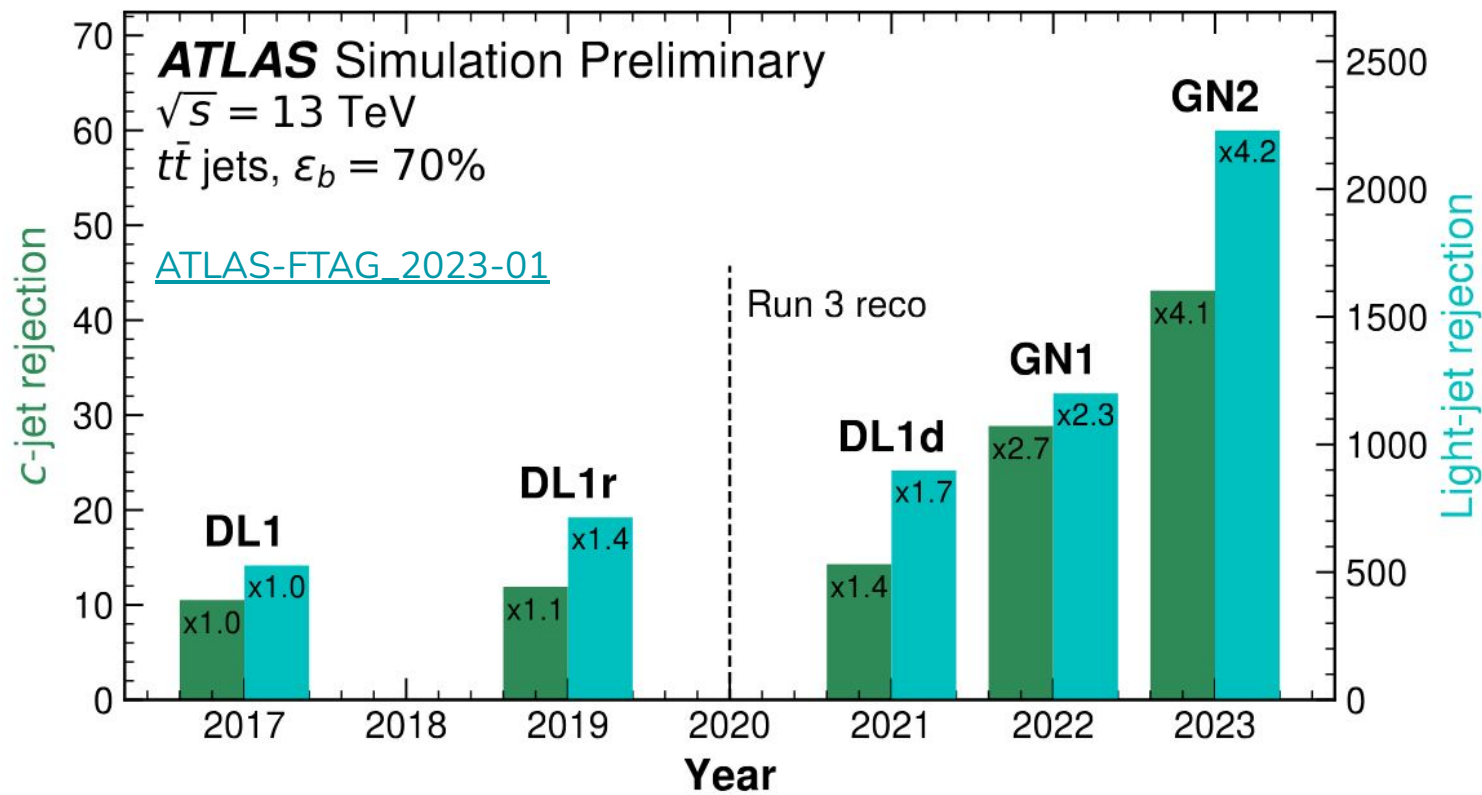
Unordered list is permutation invariant, no issues with sparse data



Ten types of jets viewed as particle clouds
 Coordinates = Direction of flight
 Size = Energy
 Shape = Particle ID
 Solid/Hollow = Charged/Neutral
 Blueness = Displacement from IP
[arXiv:2202.03772](https://arxiv.org/abs/2202.03772)

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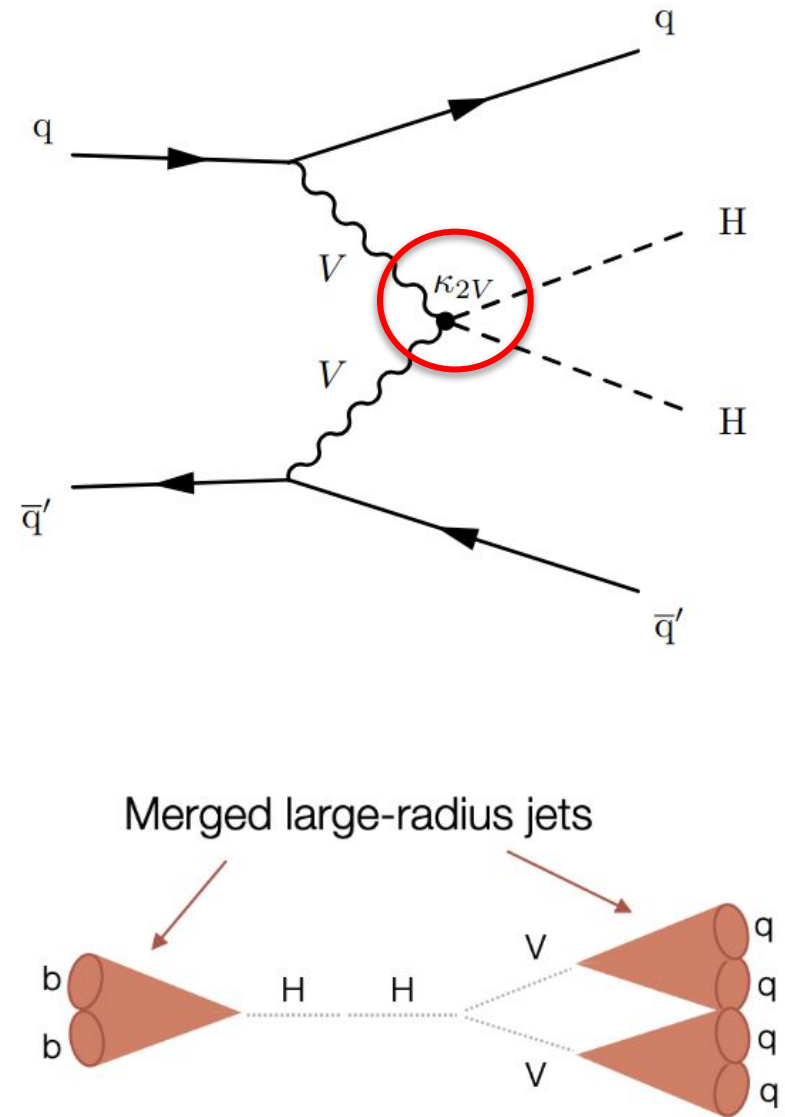
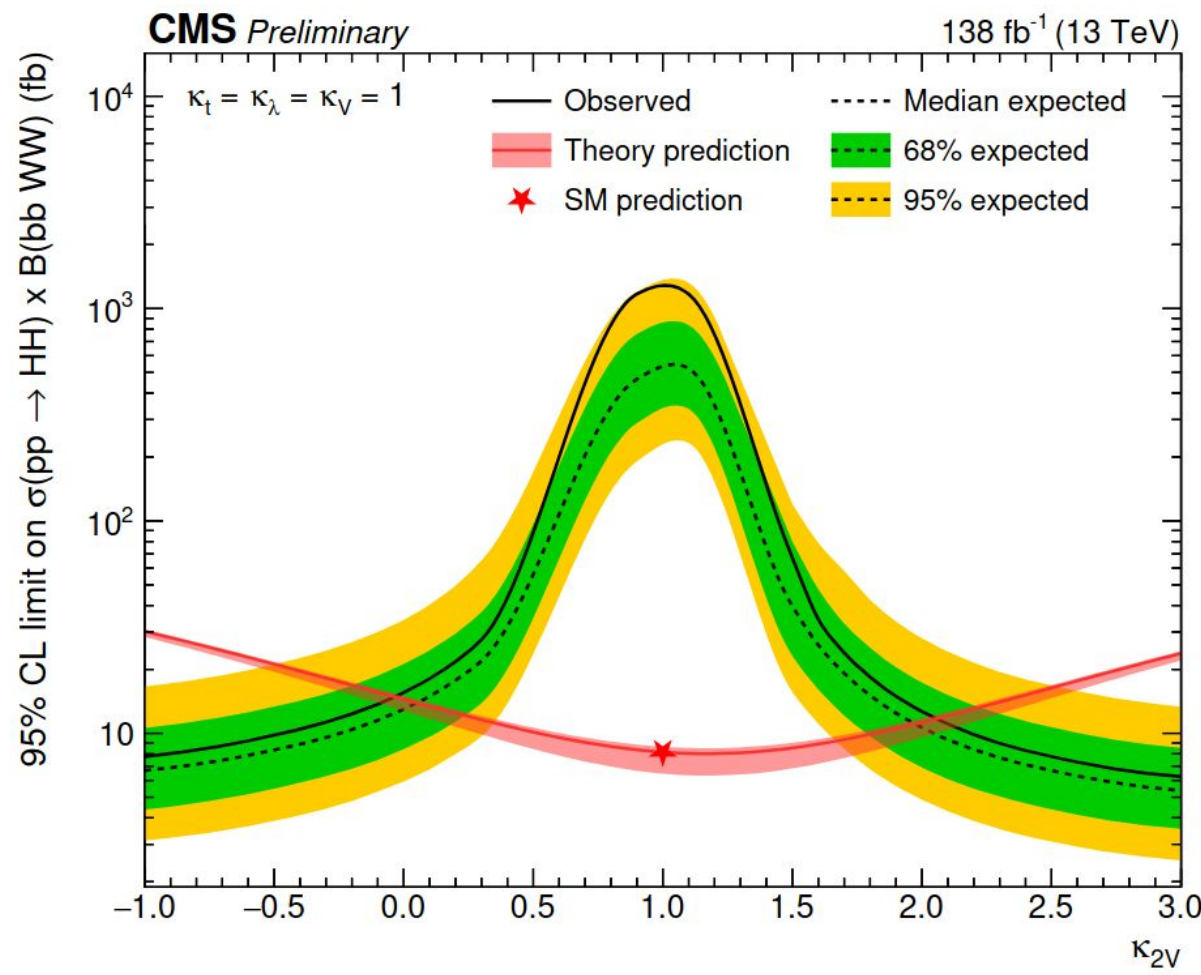
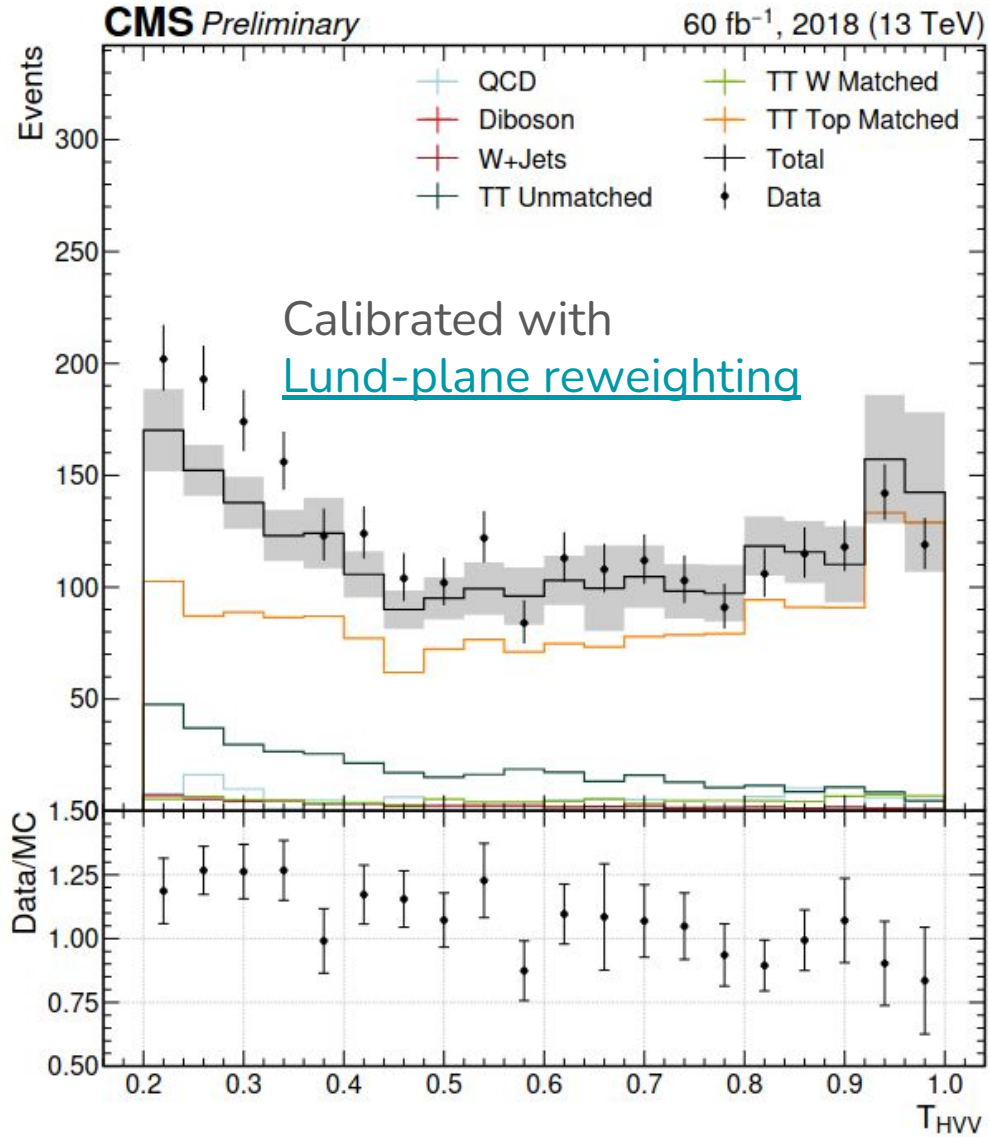
- Huge advances by using low-level information with Graph Neural Networks (e.g. [ParticleNet](#) in CMS, [GN1/GN2](#) in ATLAS)
- Now Transformers (e.g. [ParT](#)): “attention” gives more weight to certain jet constituents



- Add domain knowledge e.g. Lorentz Invariance in Pelican [\[arXiv:2211.00454\]](#)
 - Competitive performance with far fewer parameters!

Impact of improved jet classification

- Translates to significant improvements in particle physics measurements/searches
 - Search for boosted $HH \rightarrow bbVV \rightarrow bb4q$
 - Global particle transformer (GloParT) classifier to identify boosted $VV \rightarrow 4q$



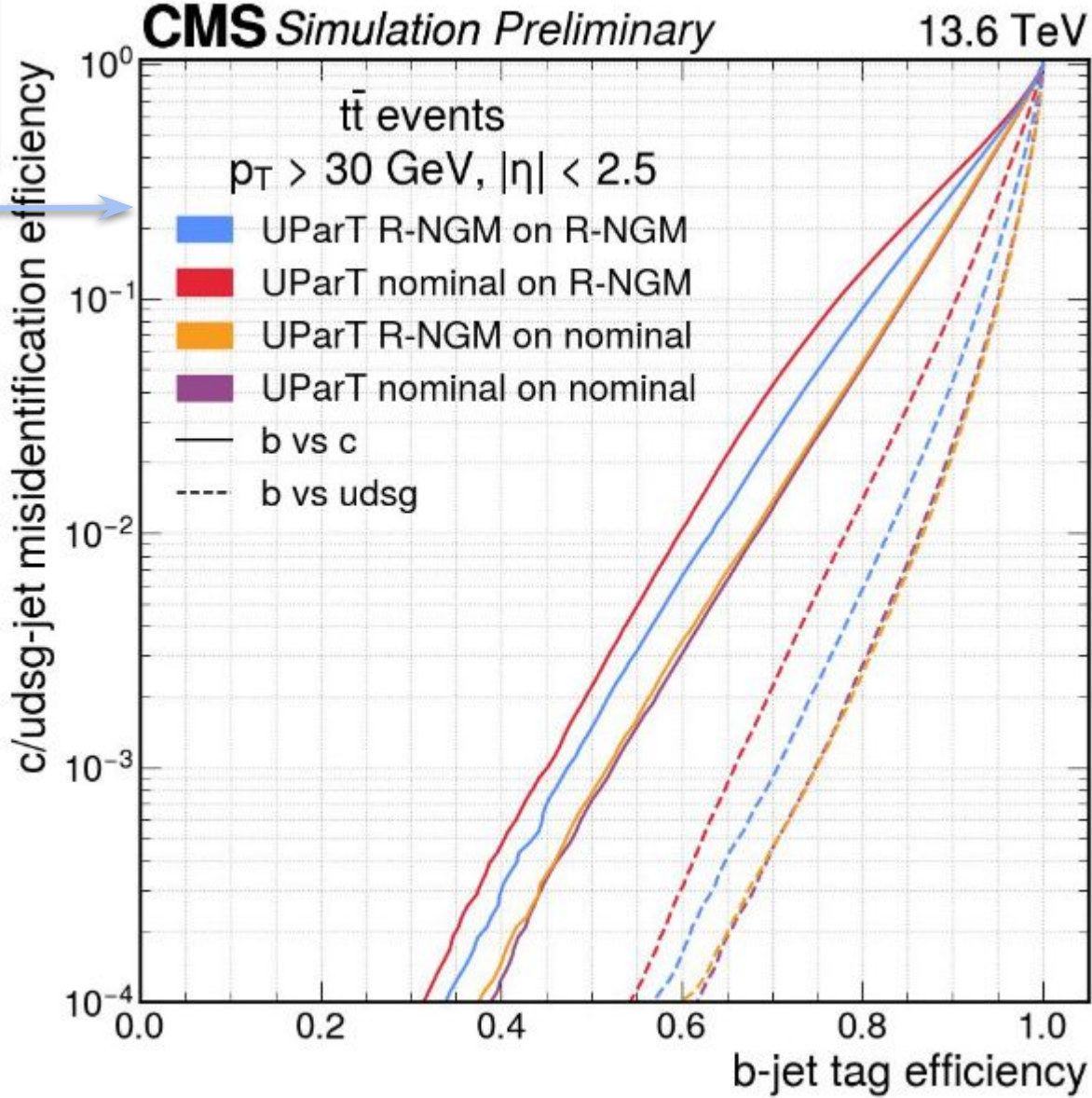
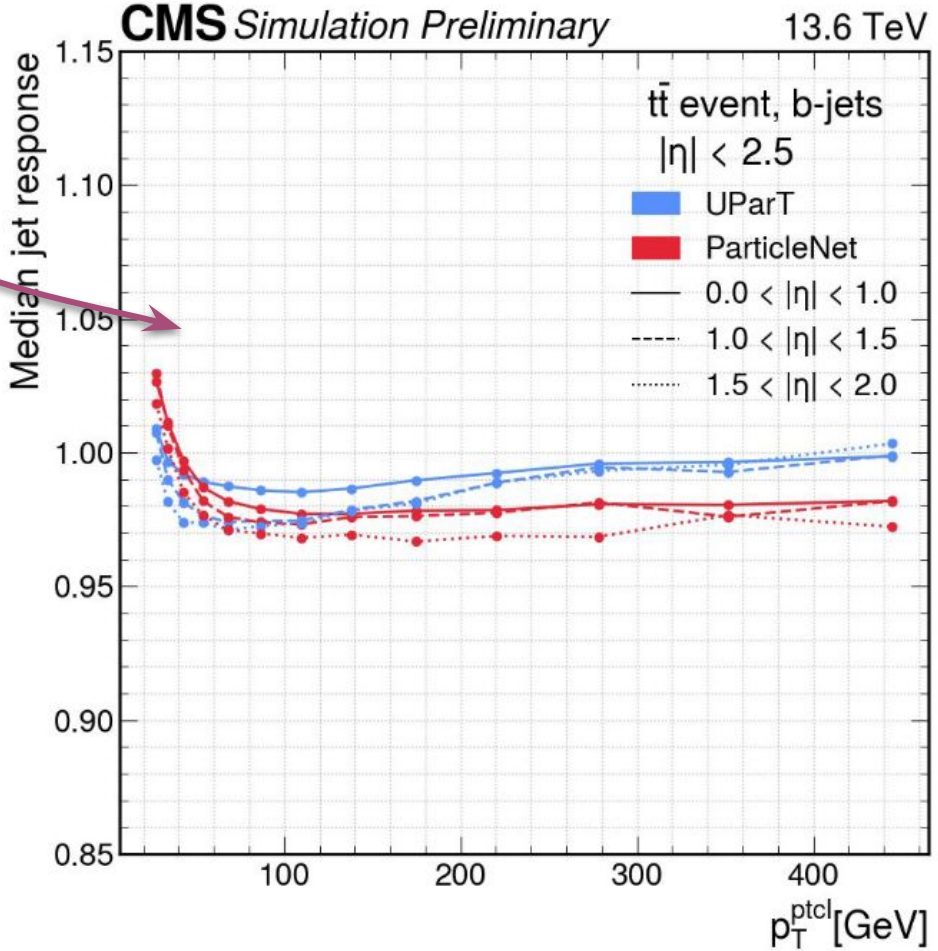
• Second best constraint on κ_{2V} from CMS to-date!

All-in-one algorithms

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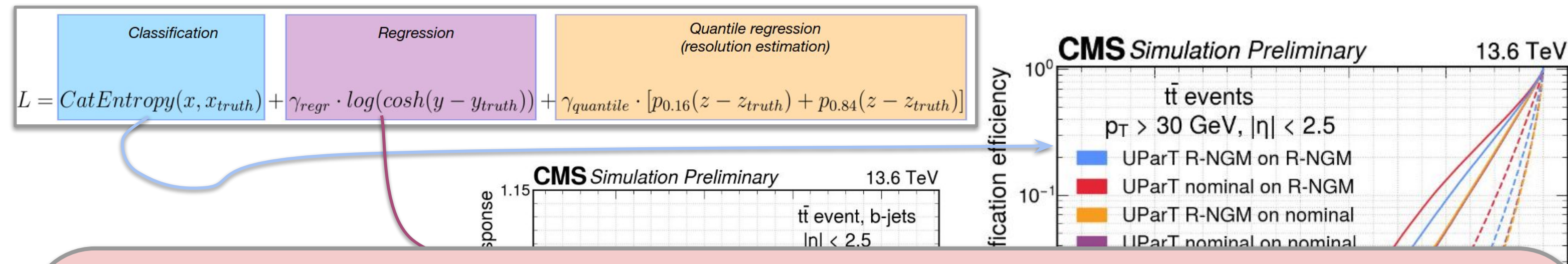
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- Adversarial training
 - Rectified Normed Gradient Method (R-NGM)
 - Improve robustness against perturbed data

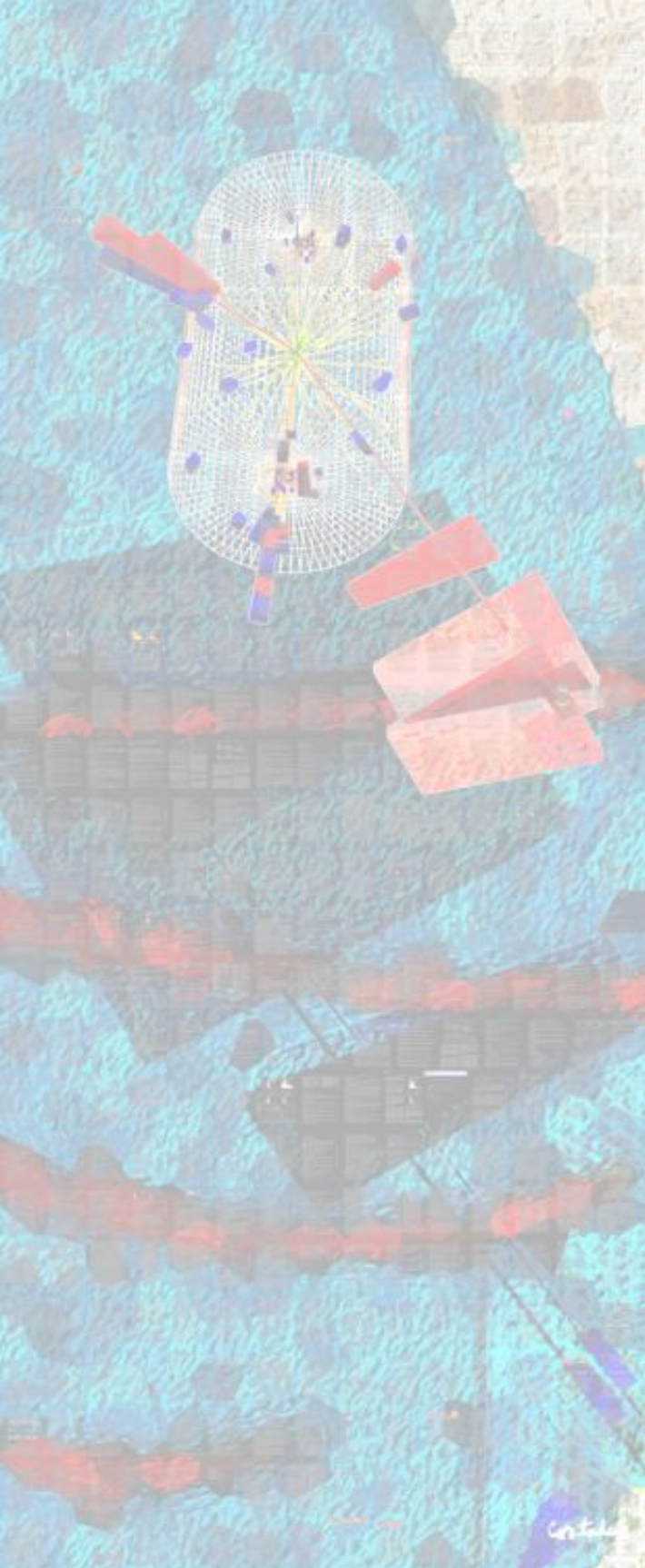


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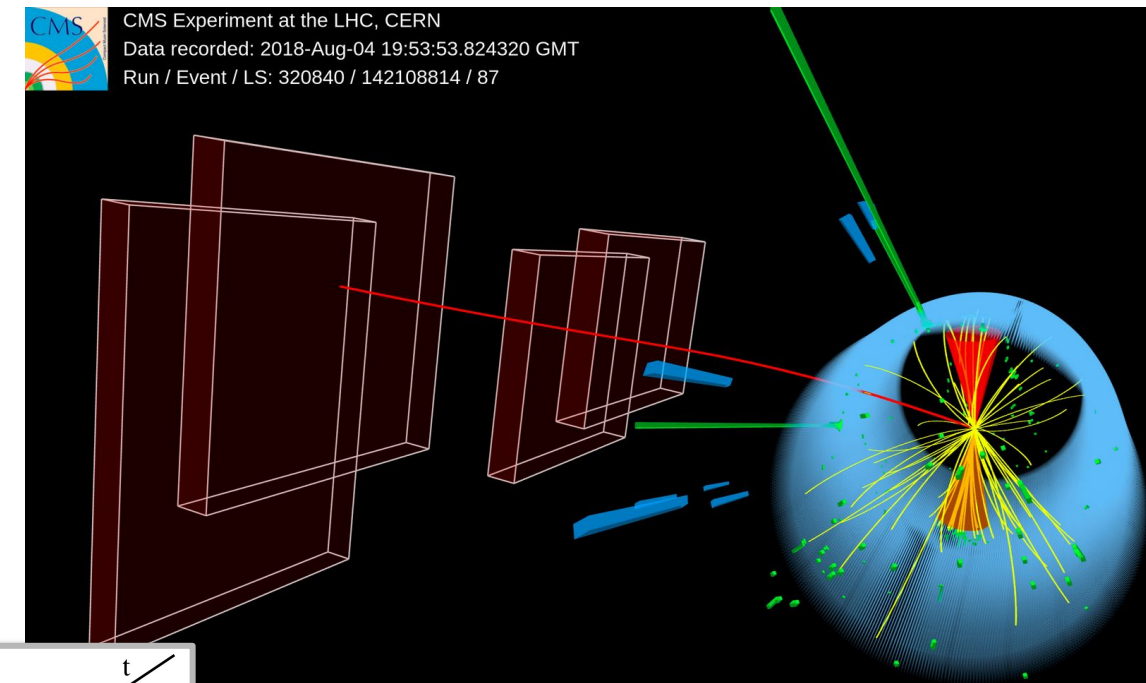


- A word of caution...
 - Challenging to calibrate sophisticated jet-taggers
 - Trained with simulation \rightarrow learn modeling-specific details. Systematic uncertainties!
 - Explainability/interpretability: what makes this particular jet Type-X like?
- Cover such topics this week

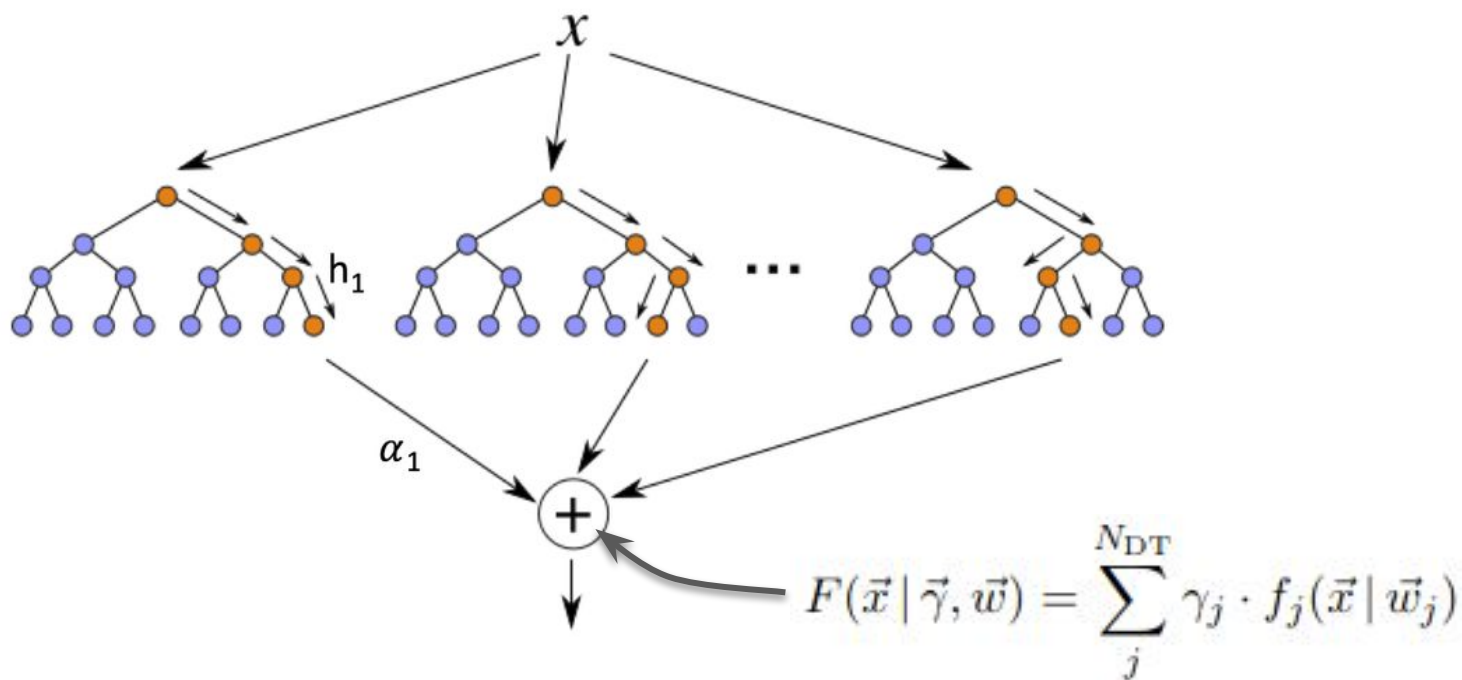
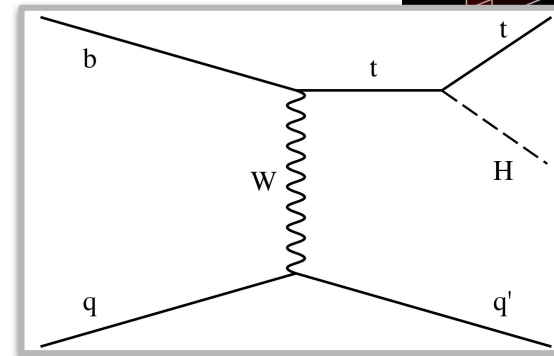


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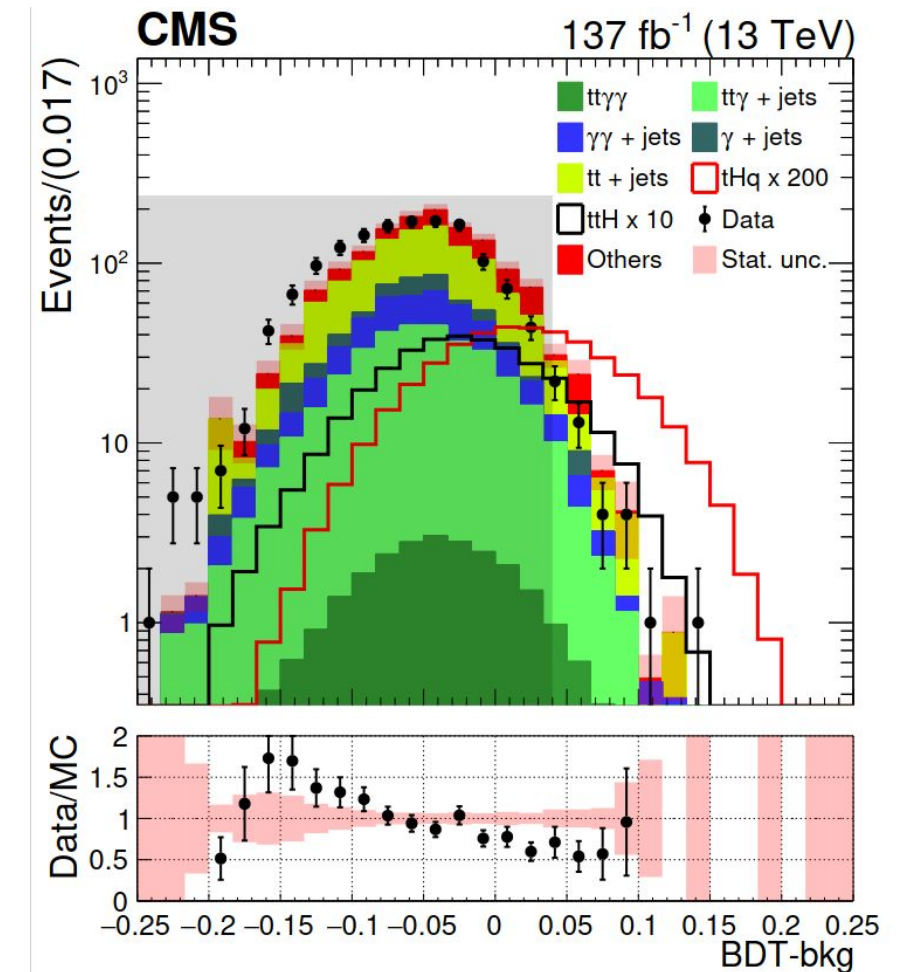
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- **Common task:** identify collisions of interest (“signal”) from “background”
 - Traditionally used (sequential) selection cuts to increase signal purity
 - Now use Multivariate ML algorithms based on high-level features
 - E.g. Boosted Decision Trees (BDT), Deep Neural Network (DNN)
- Output provides powerful summary to “cut” or fit directly



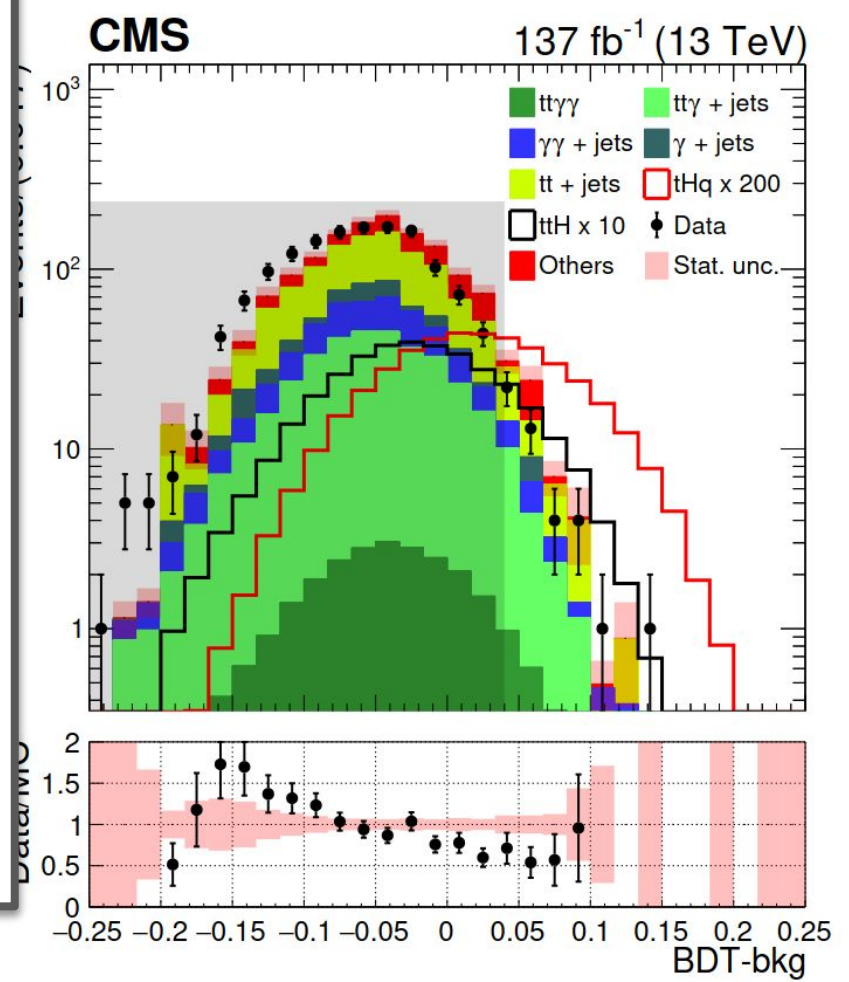
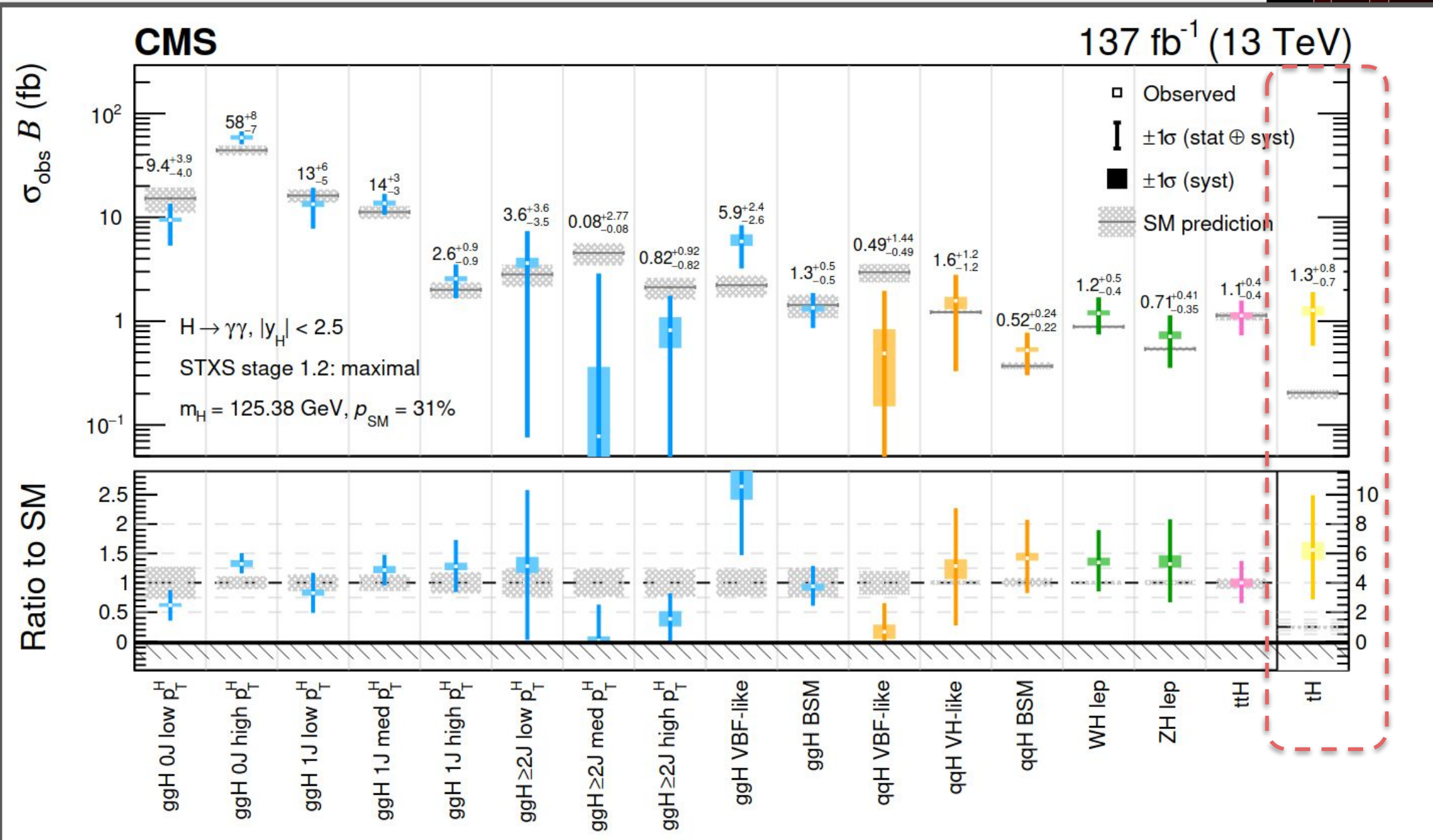
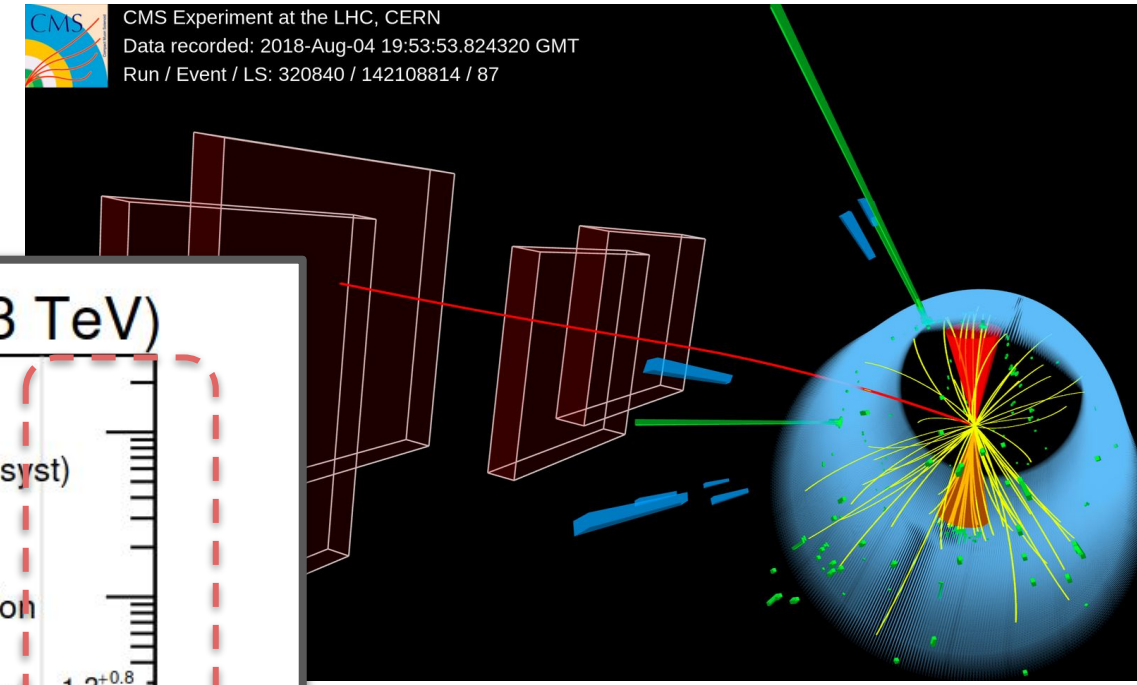
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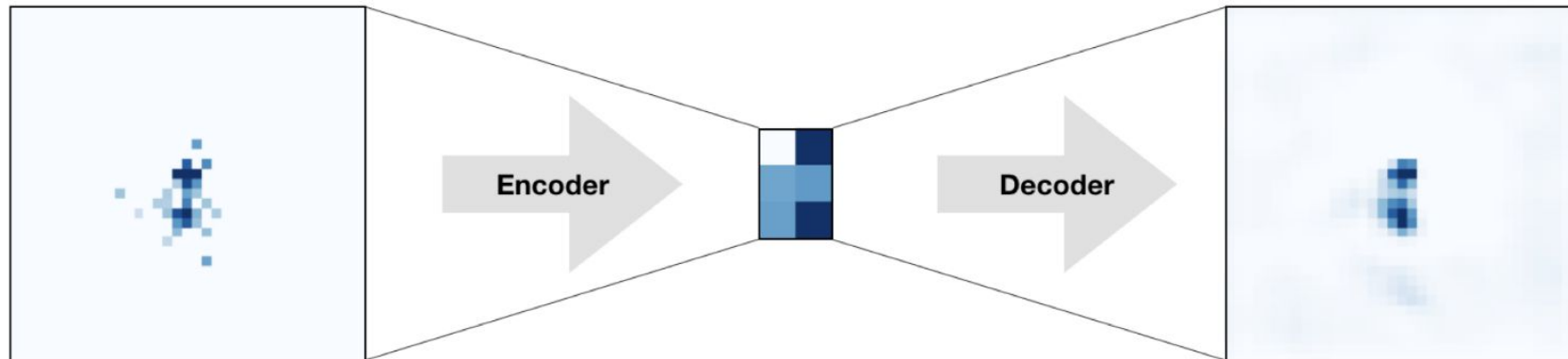
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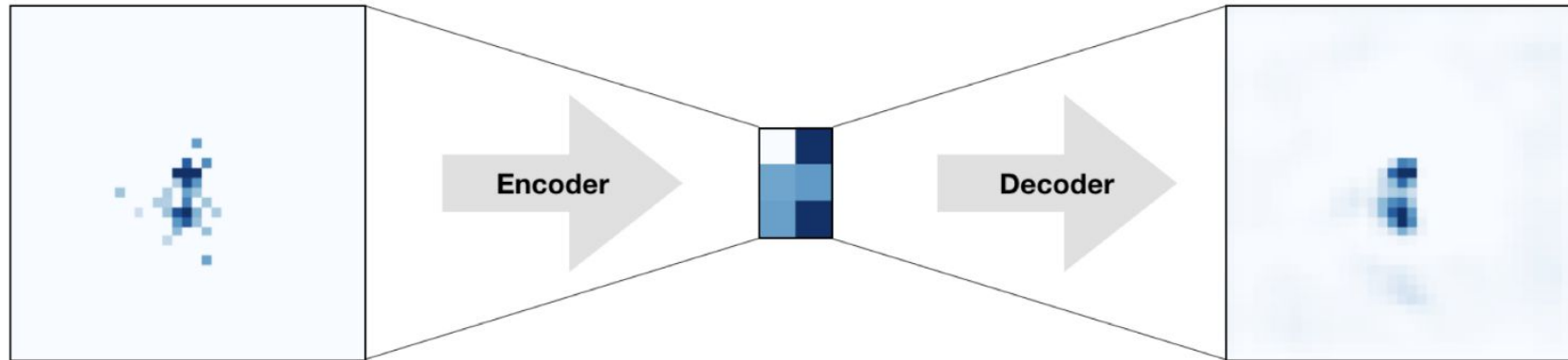
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- E.g. Unsupervised learning with (Variational) Auto-Encoders (AE)



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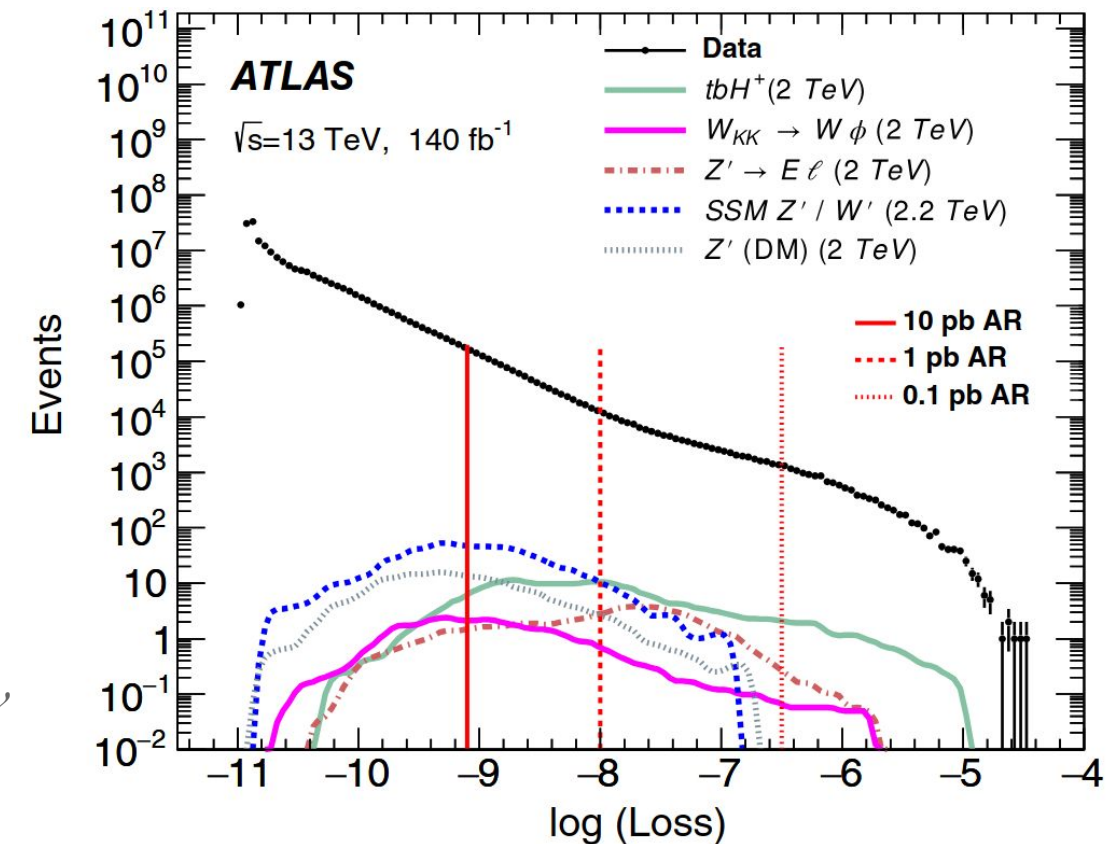
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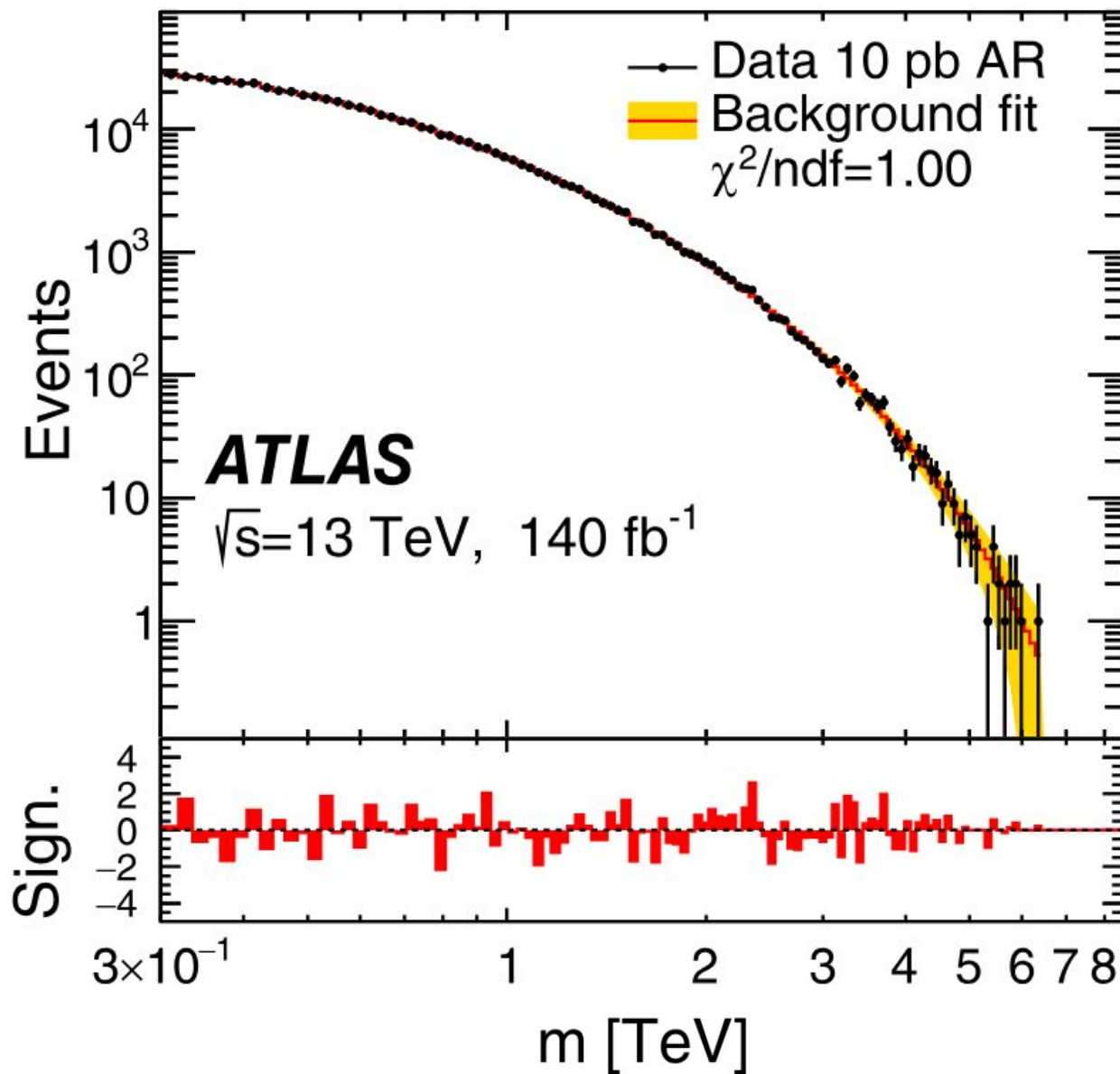
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- ATLAS apply AE to physics-informed representation (rapidity-mass matrix)
 - For searches involving different object pairs: $j+j, j+b, b+b, j+e, b+e, j+\gamma, j+\mu, b+\mu, b+\gamma$

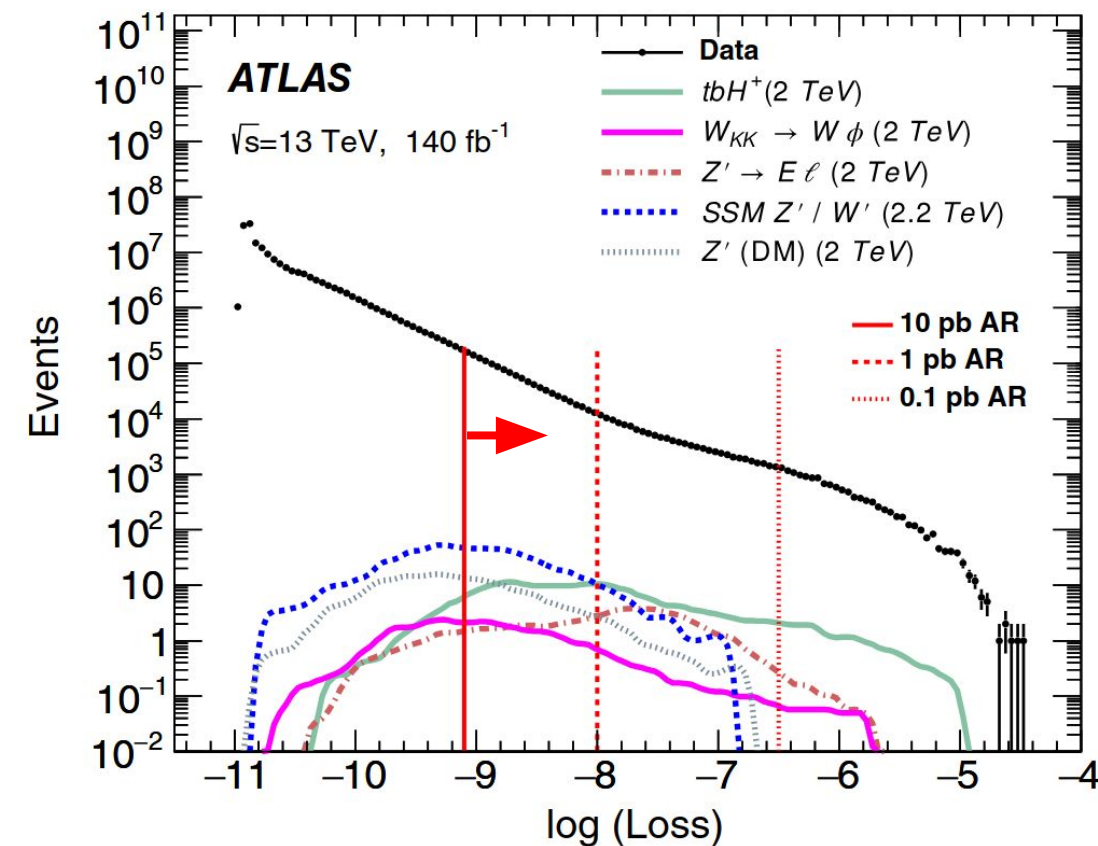


Model-agnostic searches

- What if we don't know what the signal looks like a-priori? Use Anomaly detection algorithms
- E.g. Unsupervised learning with (Variational) Auto-Encoders (AE)



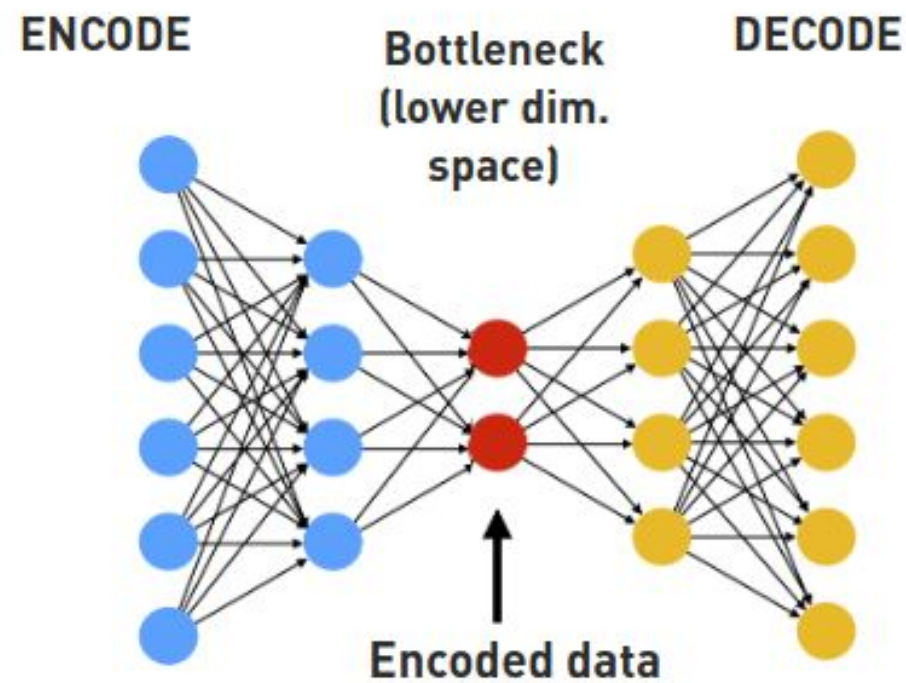
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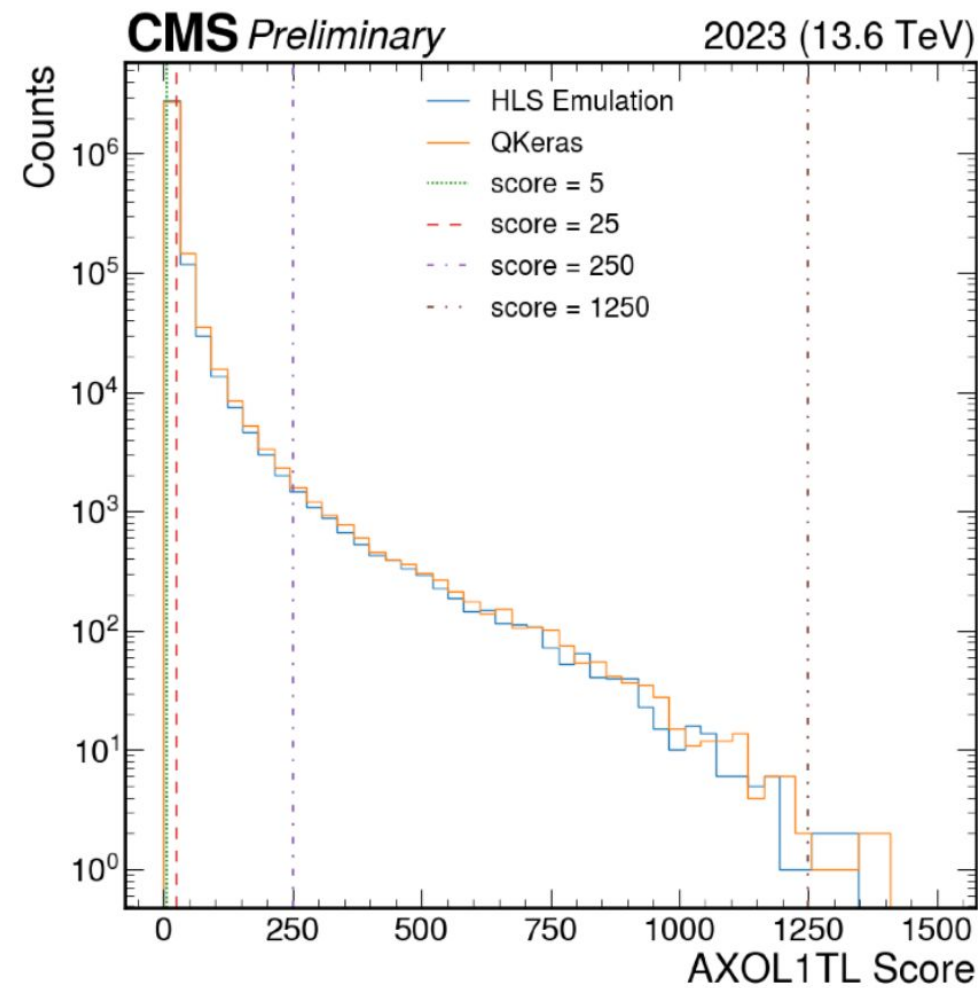
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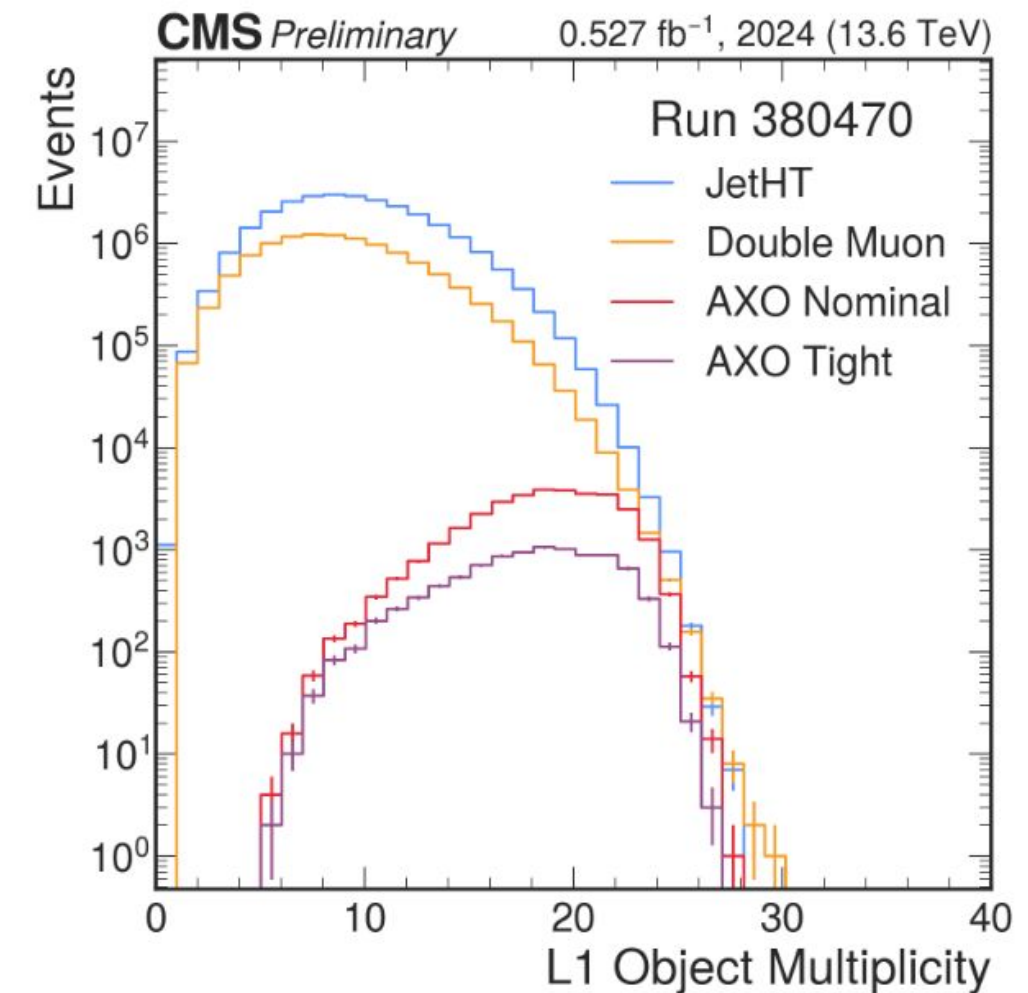
Selects unique events,
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Variational Auto-Encoder
Trained to compress and reconstruct collision data



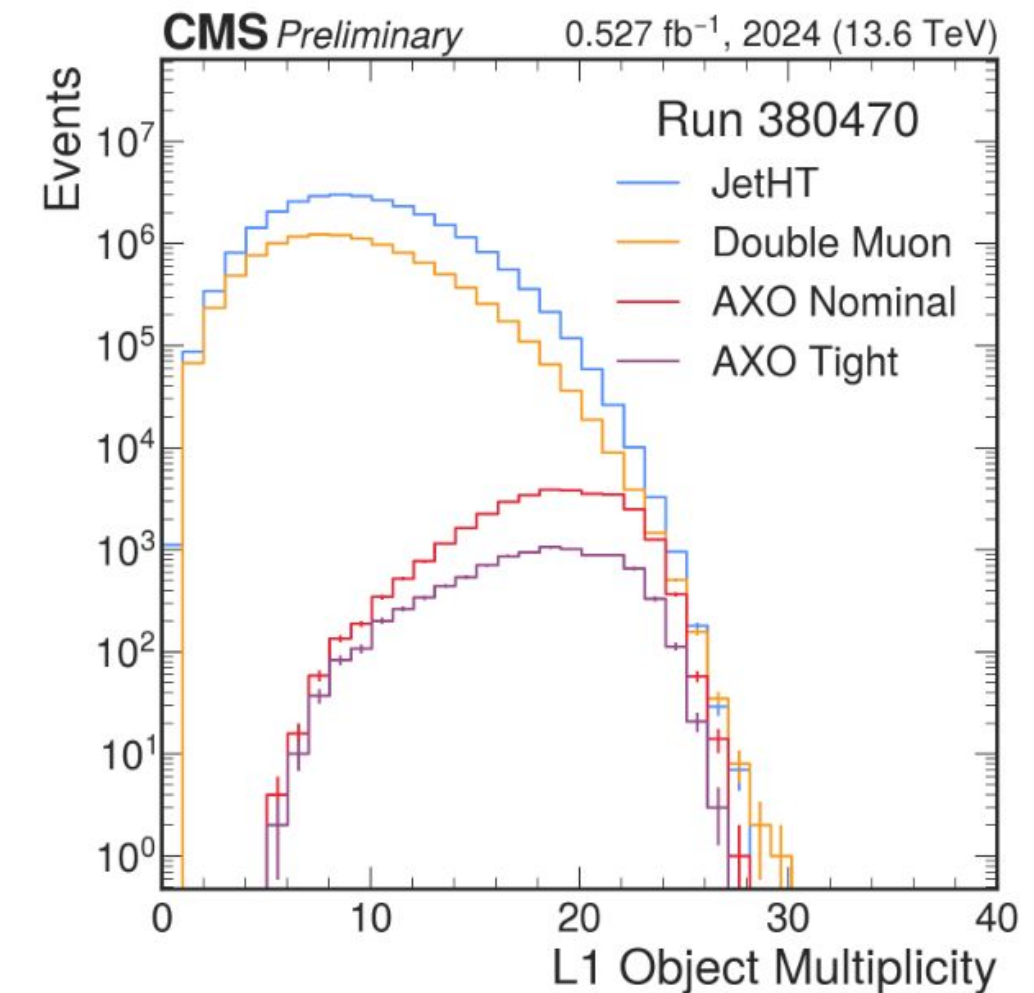
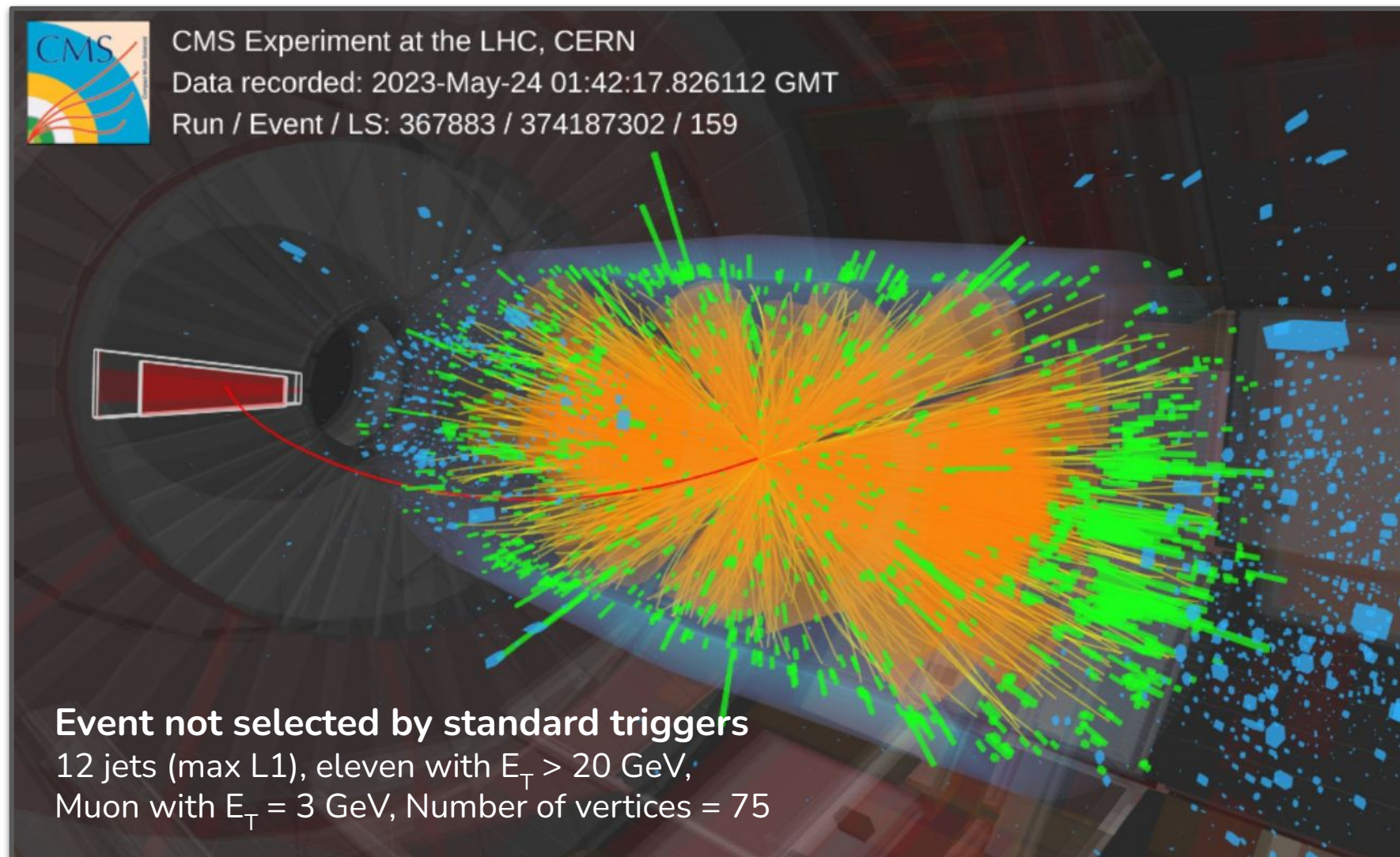
Trigger on events with high anomaly score



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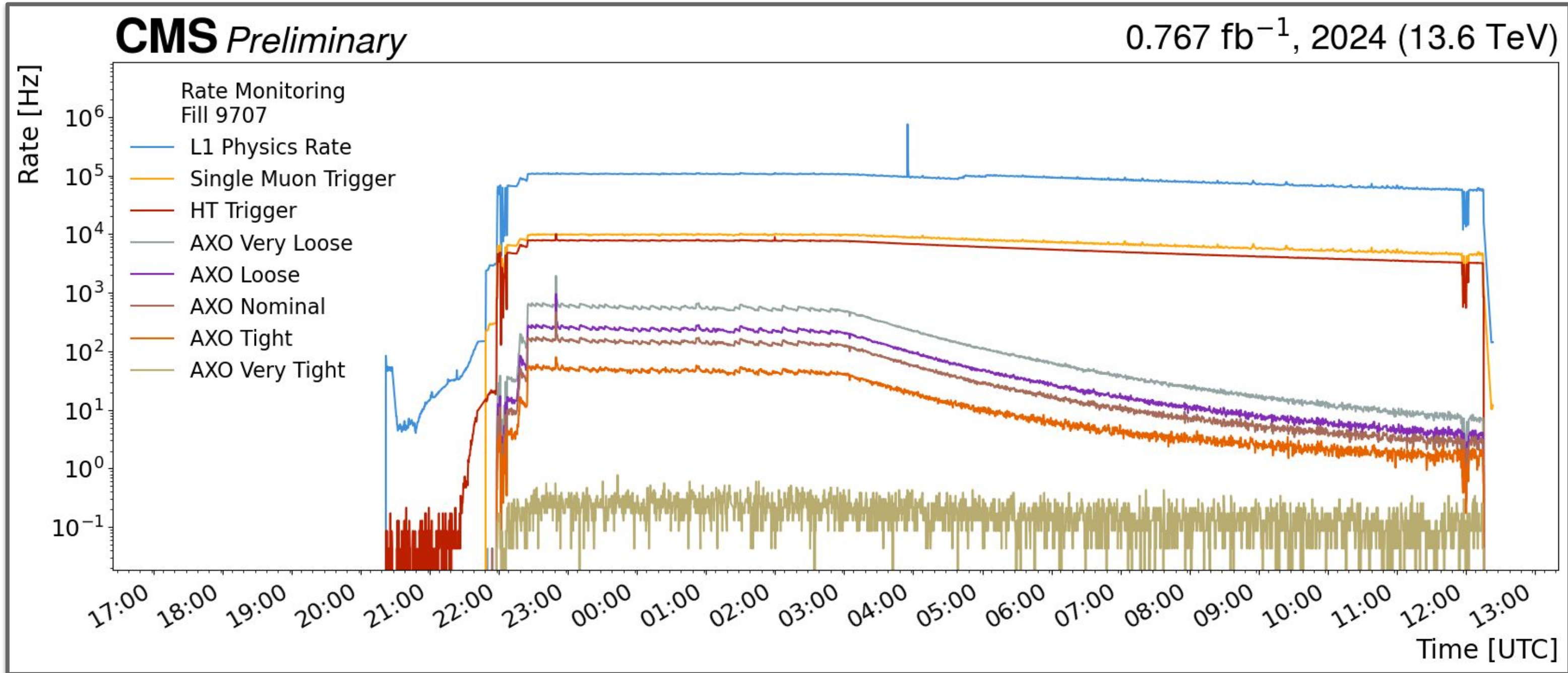


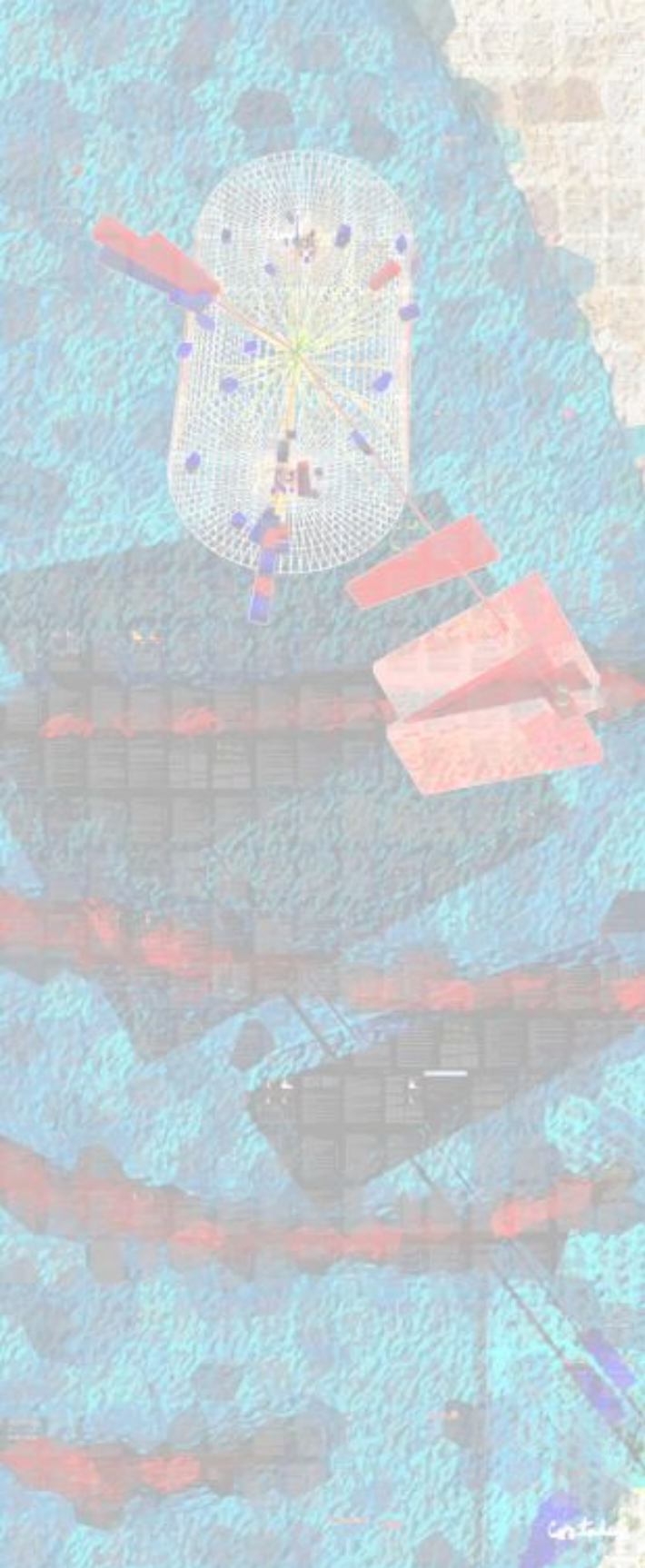
Anomaly detection in real-time



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- Demonstrated successful running in L1T (2024)

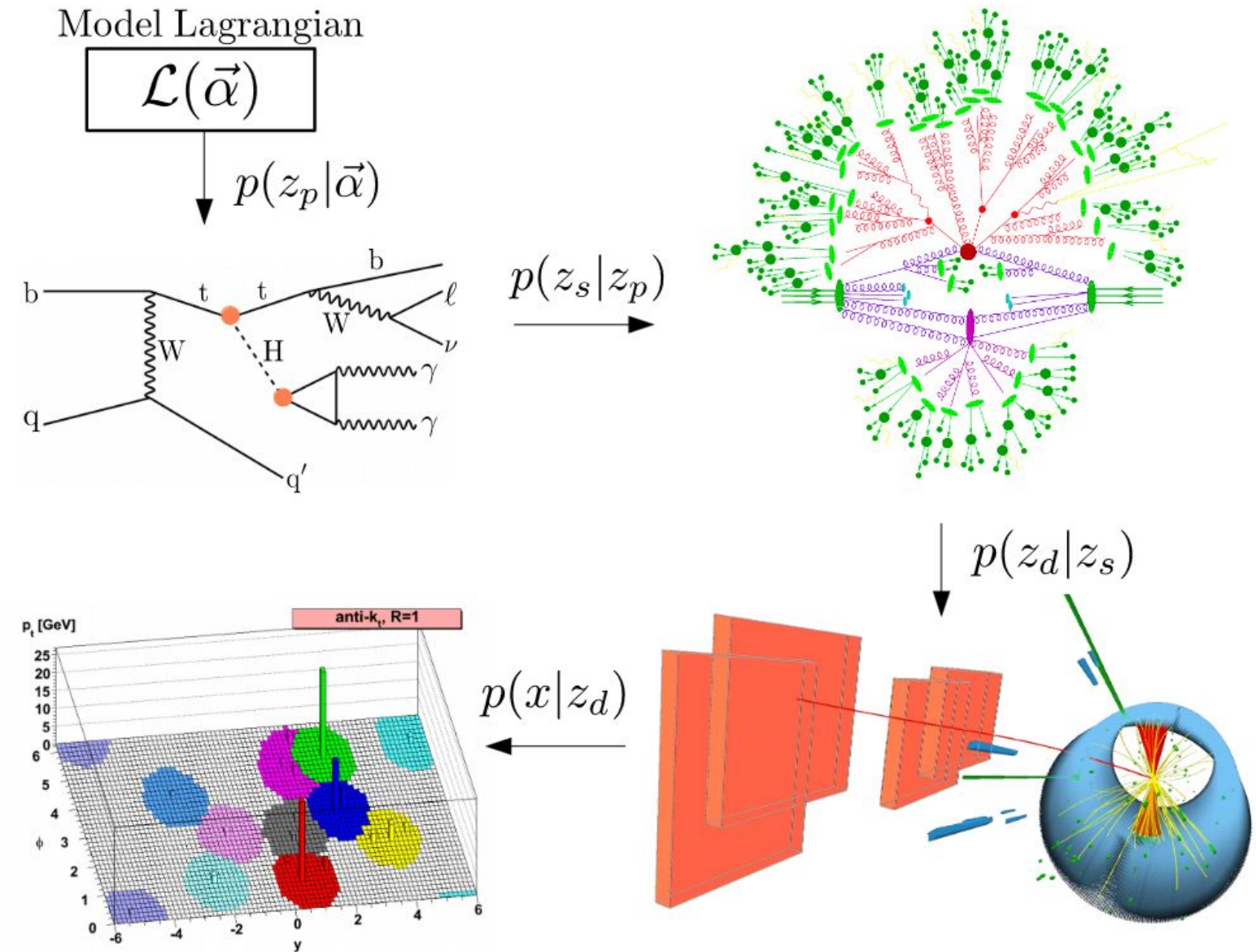
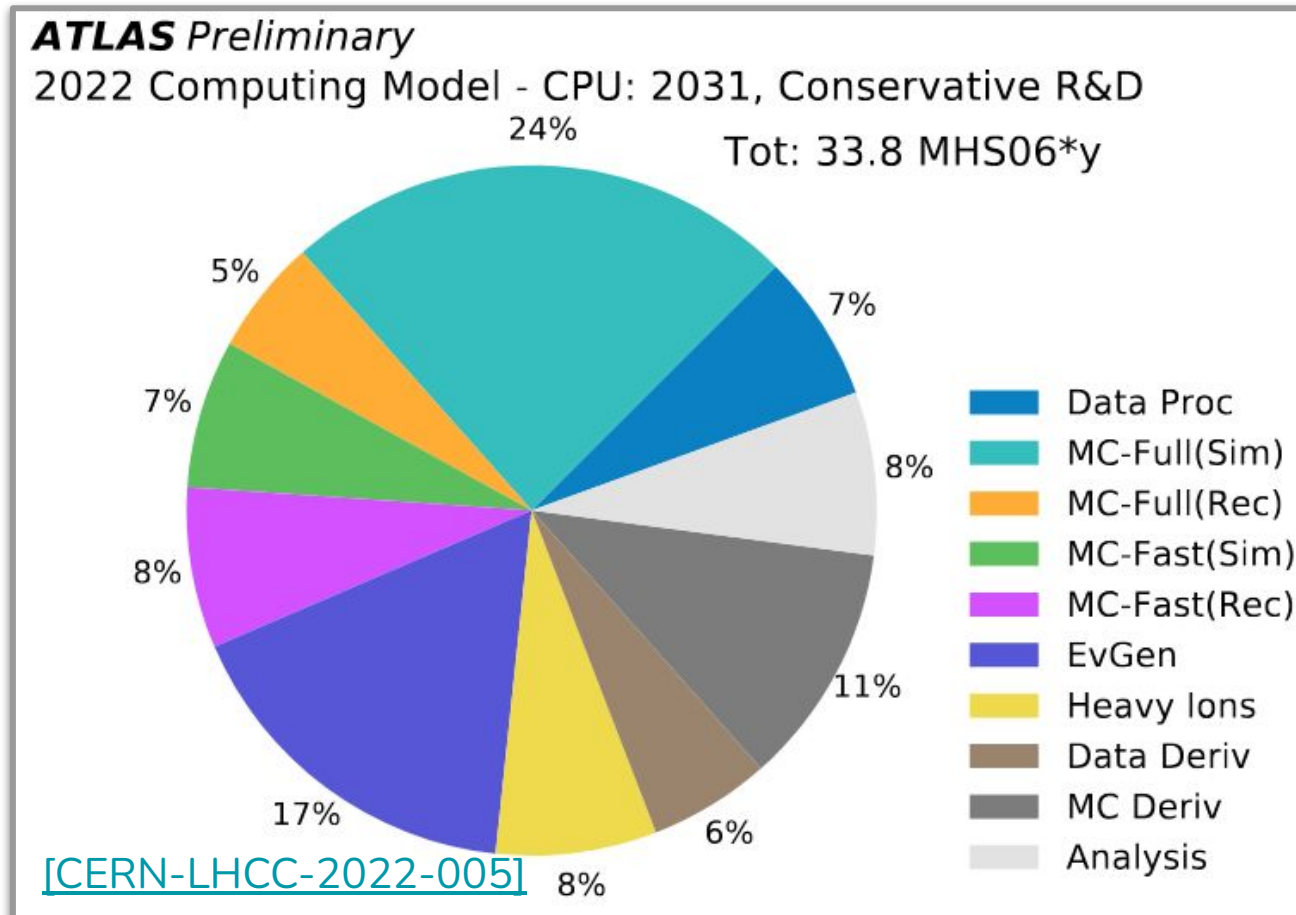




Simulation (generative)

Simulation is painful!

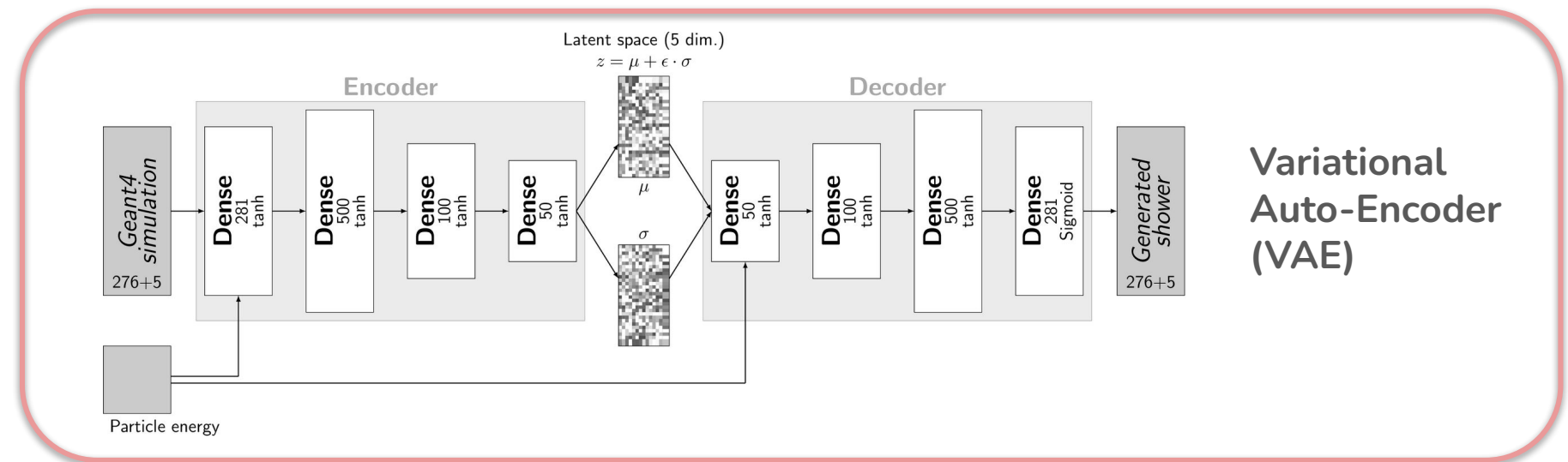
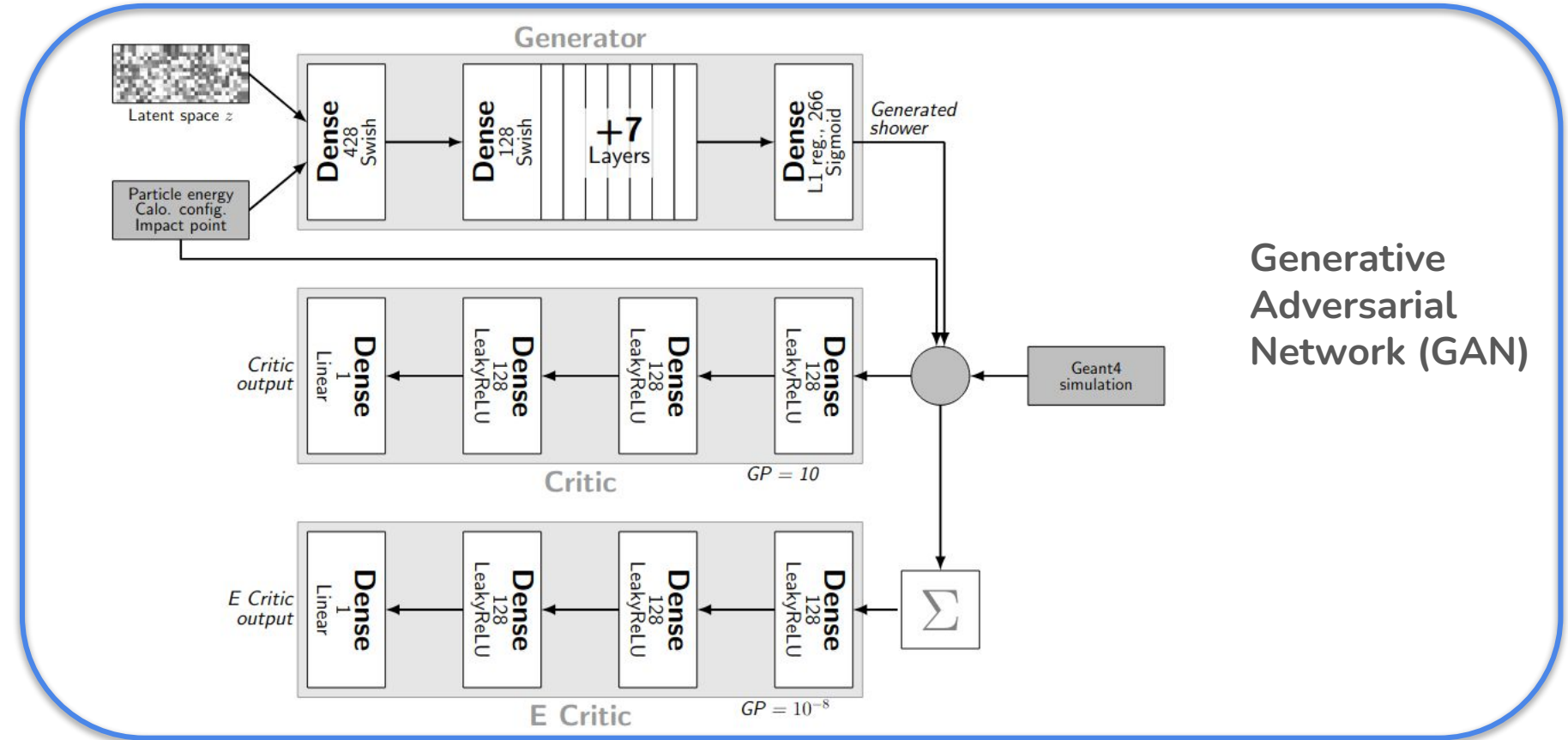
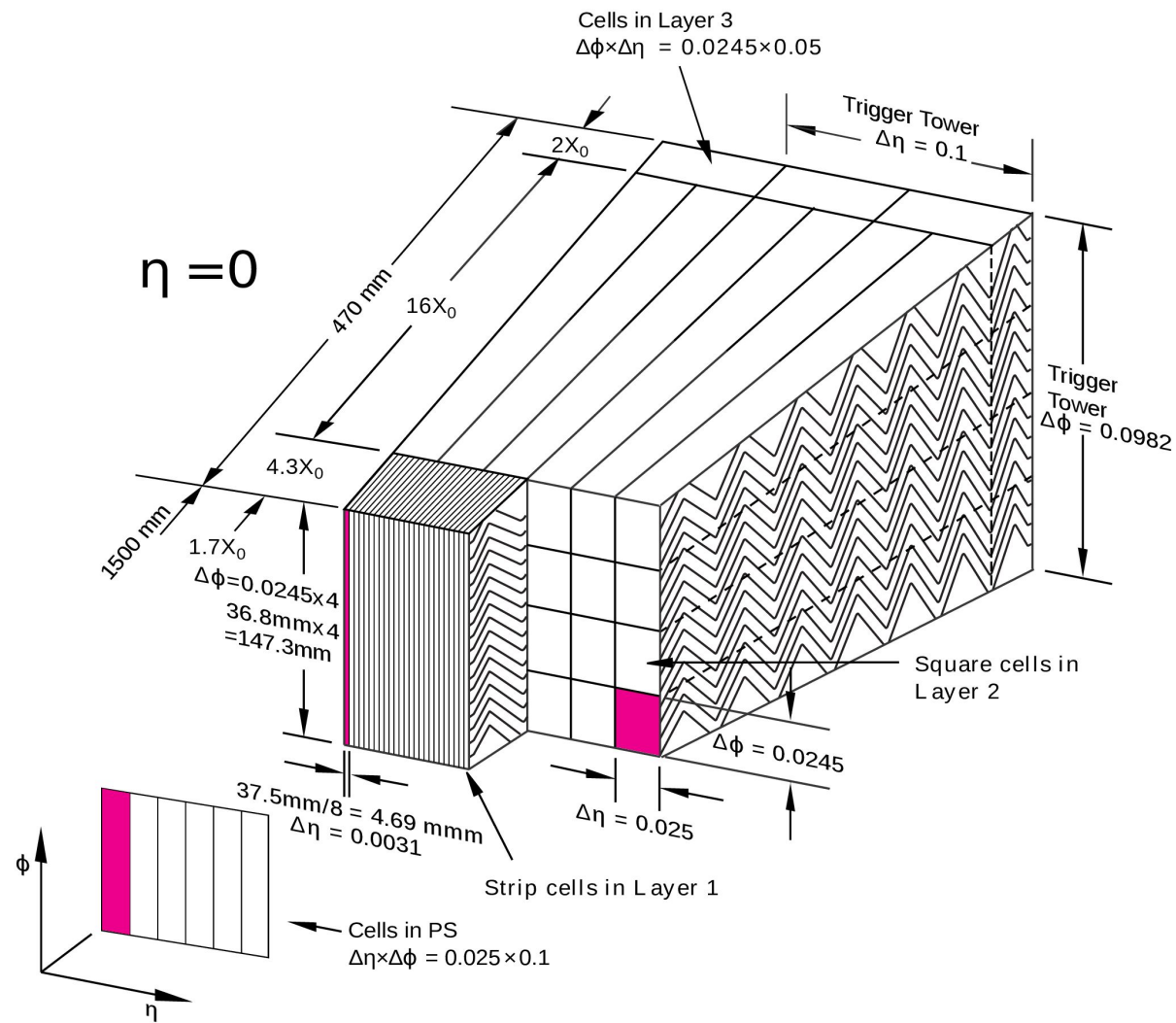
- MC simulation is extremely CPU-intensive



- Can we use ML to short-cut parts of the simulation chain?

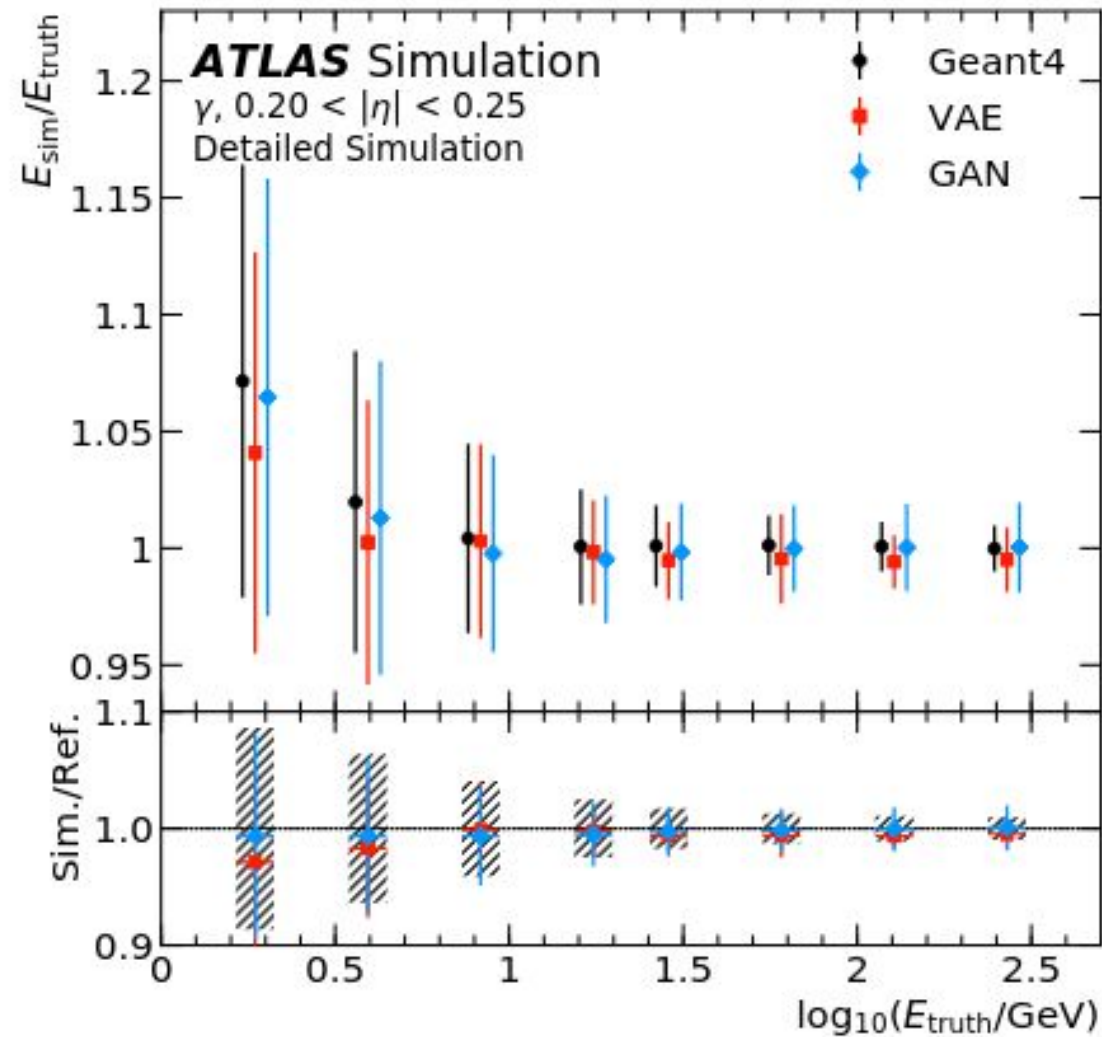
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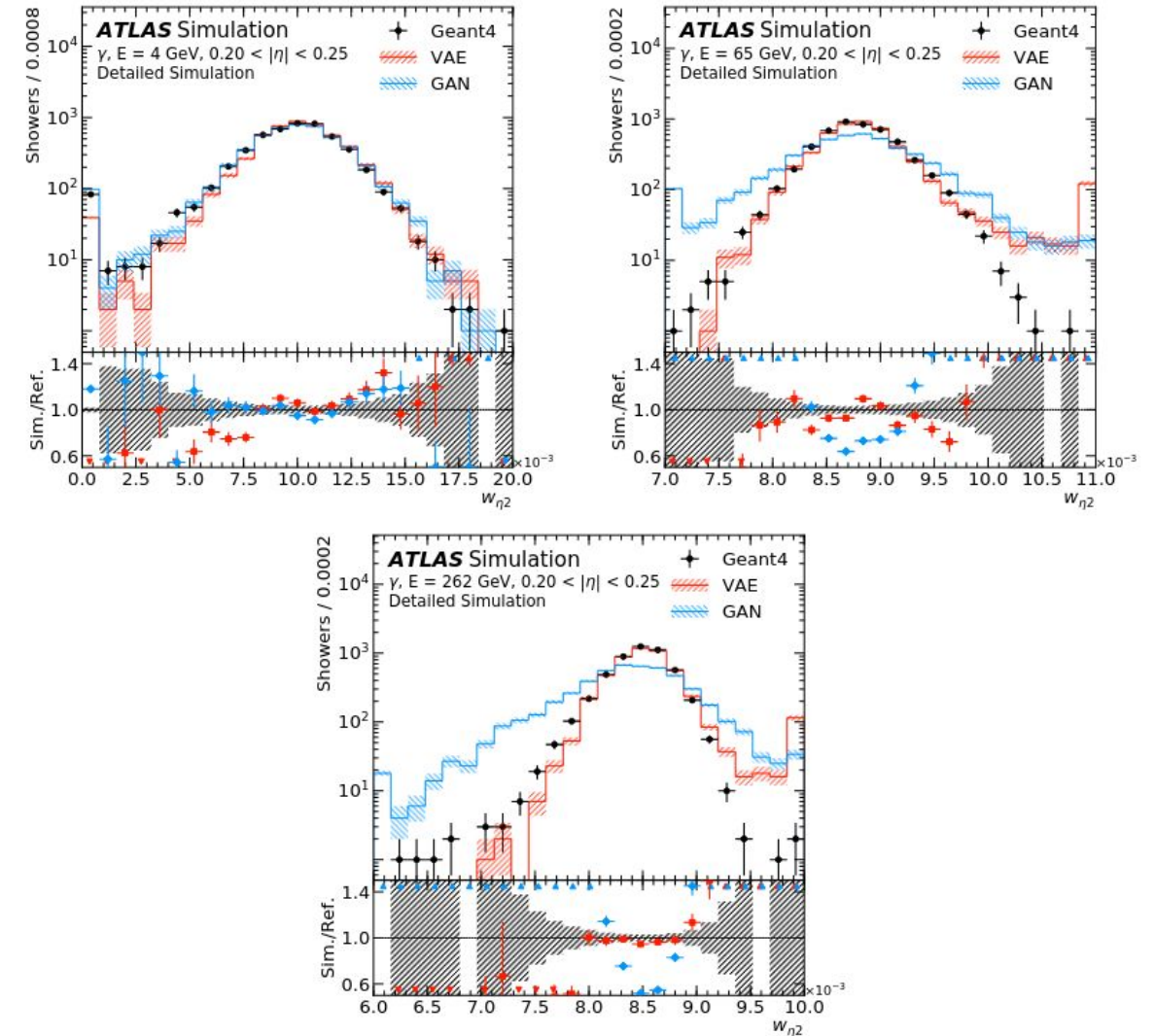


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 - Generation time reduced by up to two orders of magnitude, very small memory footprint (5 Mb)



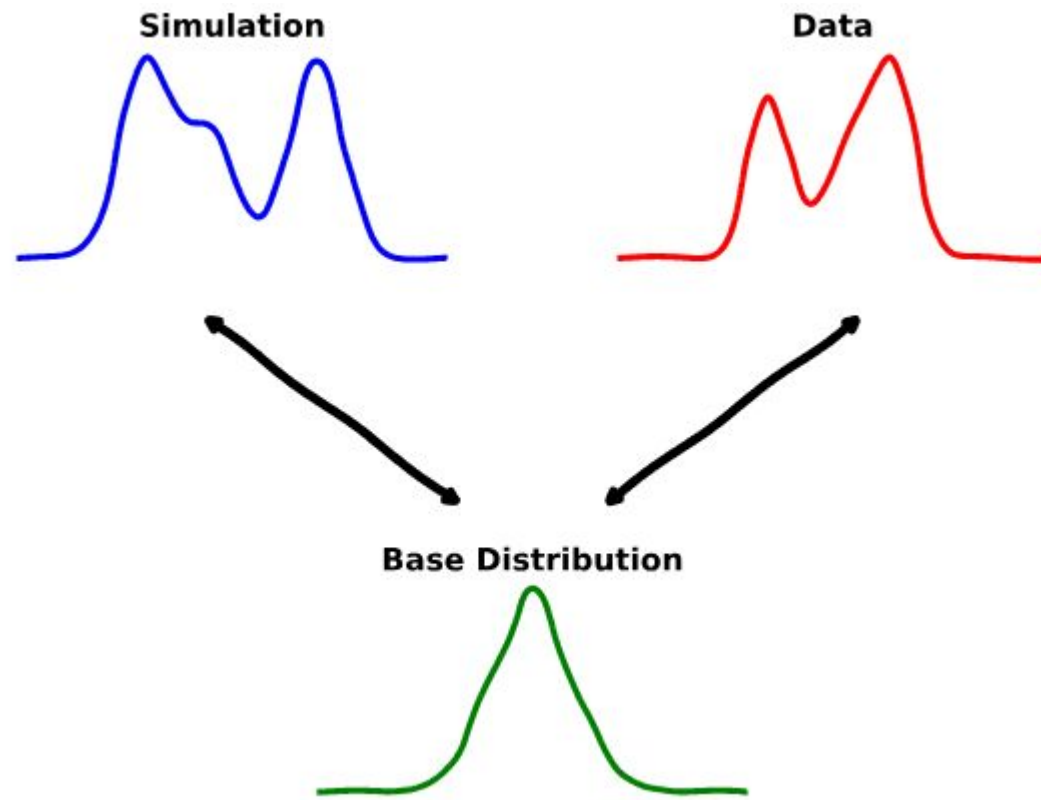
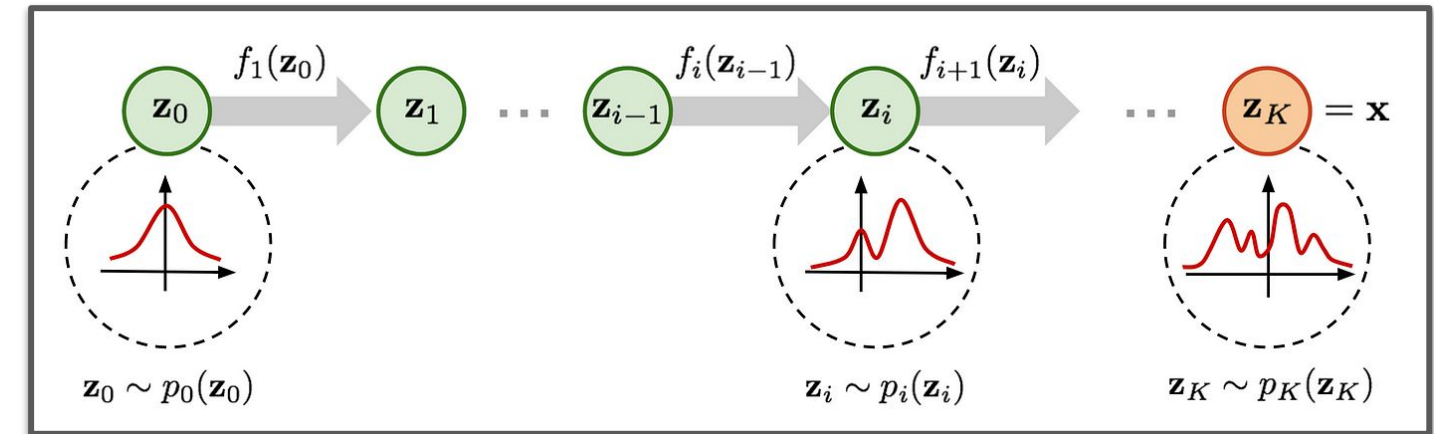
Total energy of shower: response & resolution
 Decent agreement, slightly better for GANs



Shower shape variables (lateral shower width)
 Room for improvement, VAE outperforms particularly for high pT photons

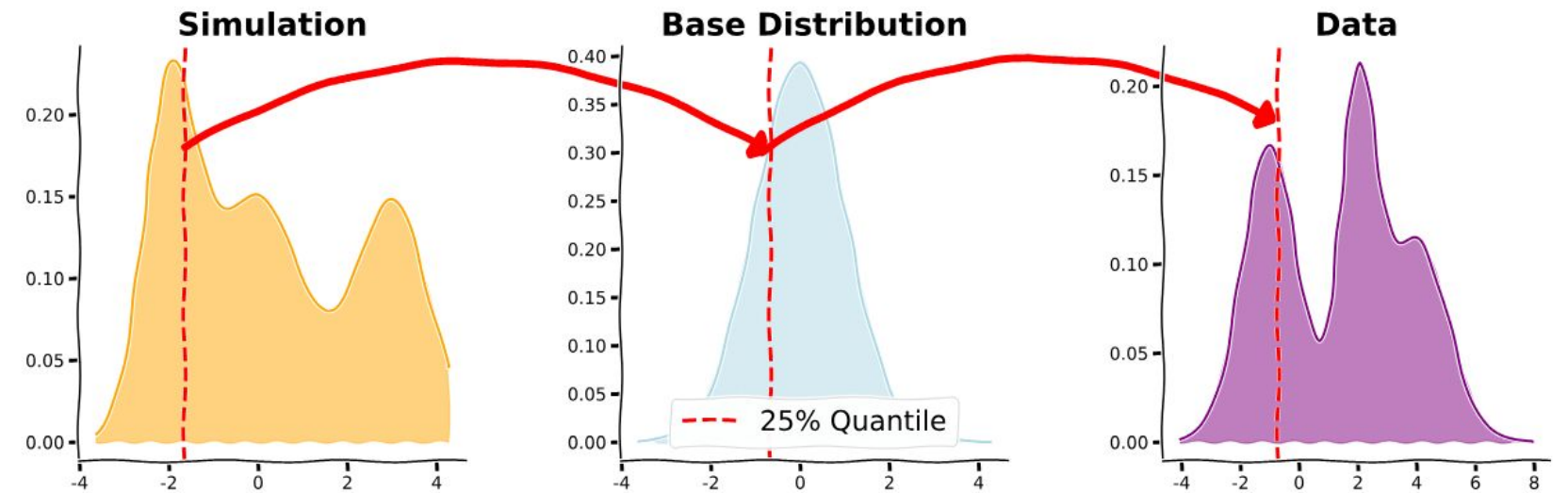
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 - ML approaches promise high-dimensional, unbinned calibration
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Normalising flow architecture

Map both simulation and data to share distribution, conditioned on boolean

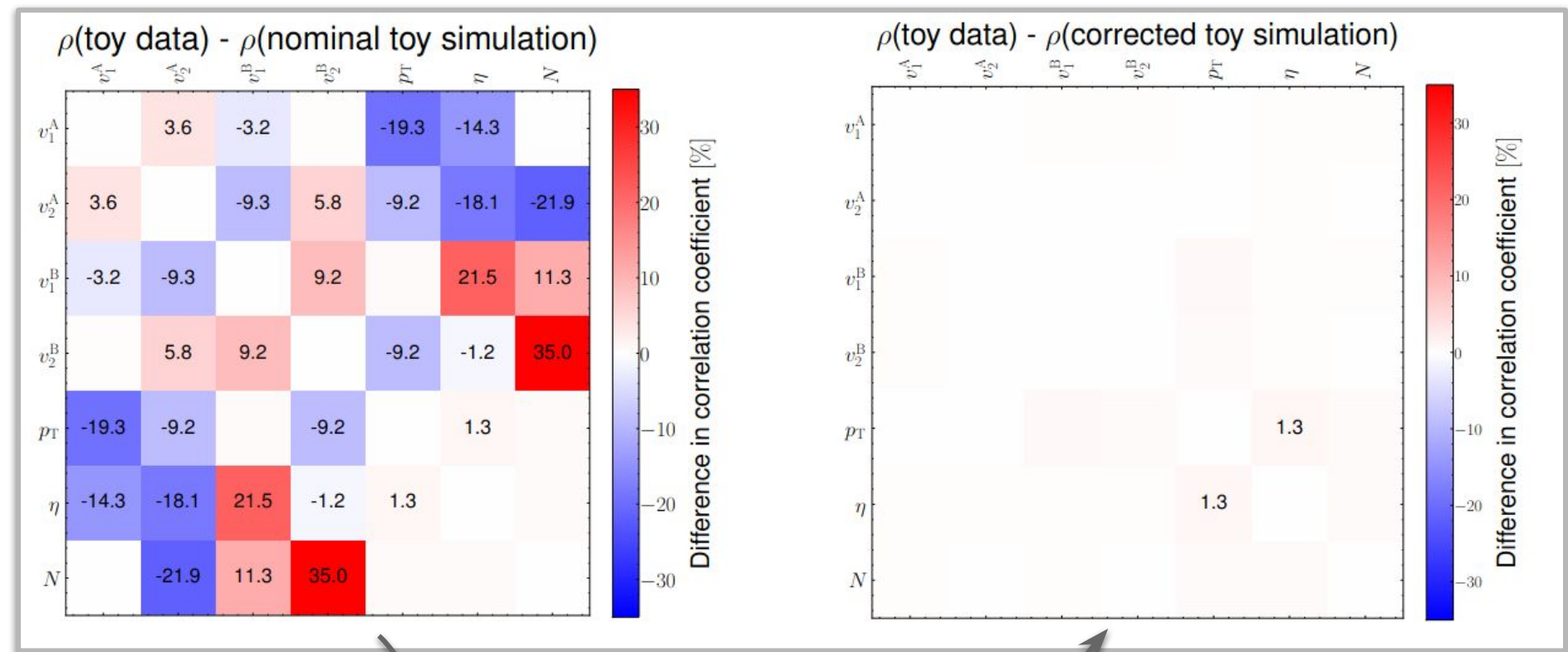
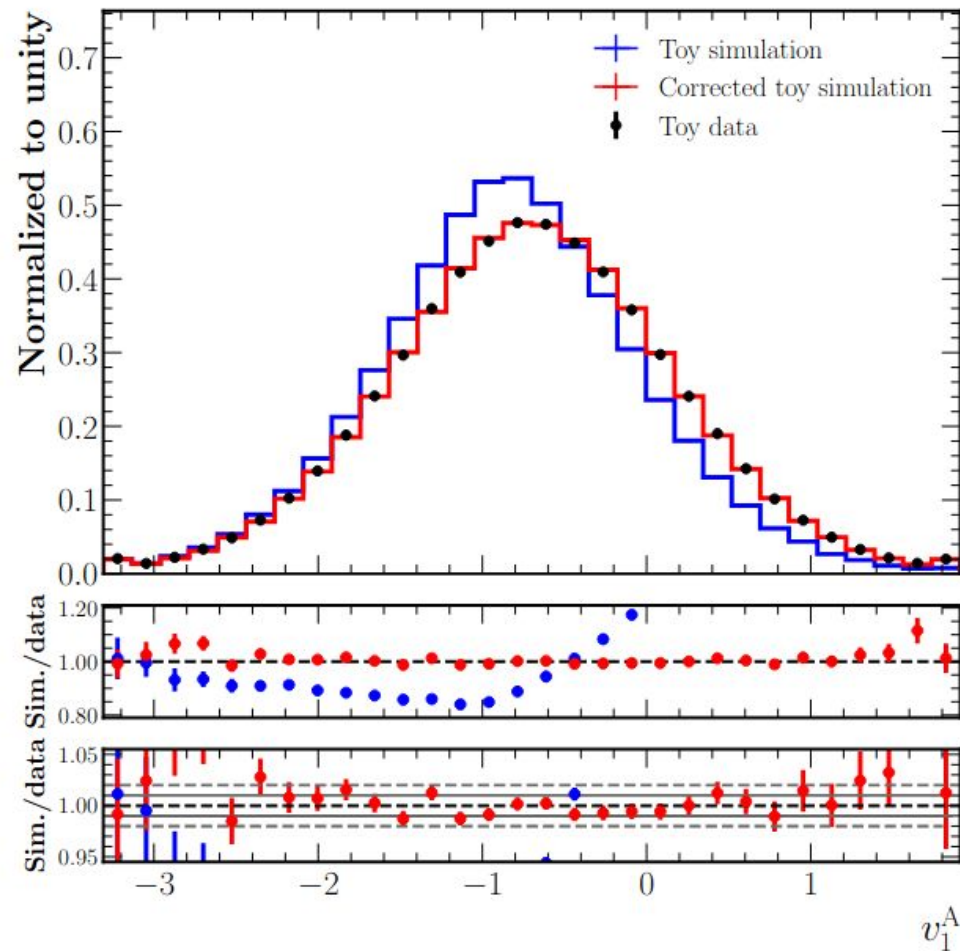


Morph simulation to data

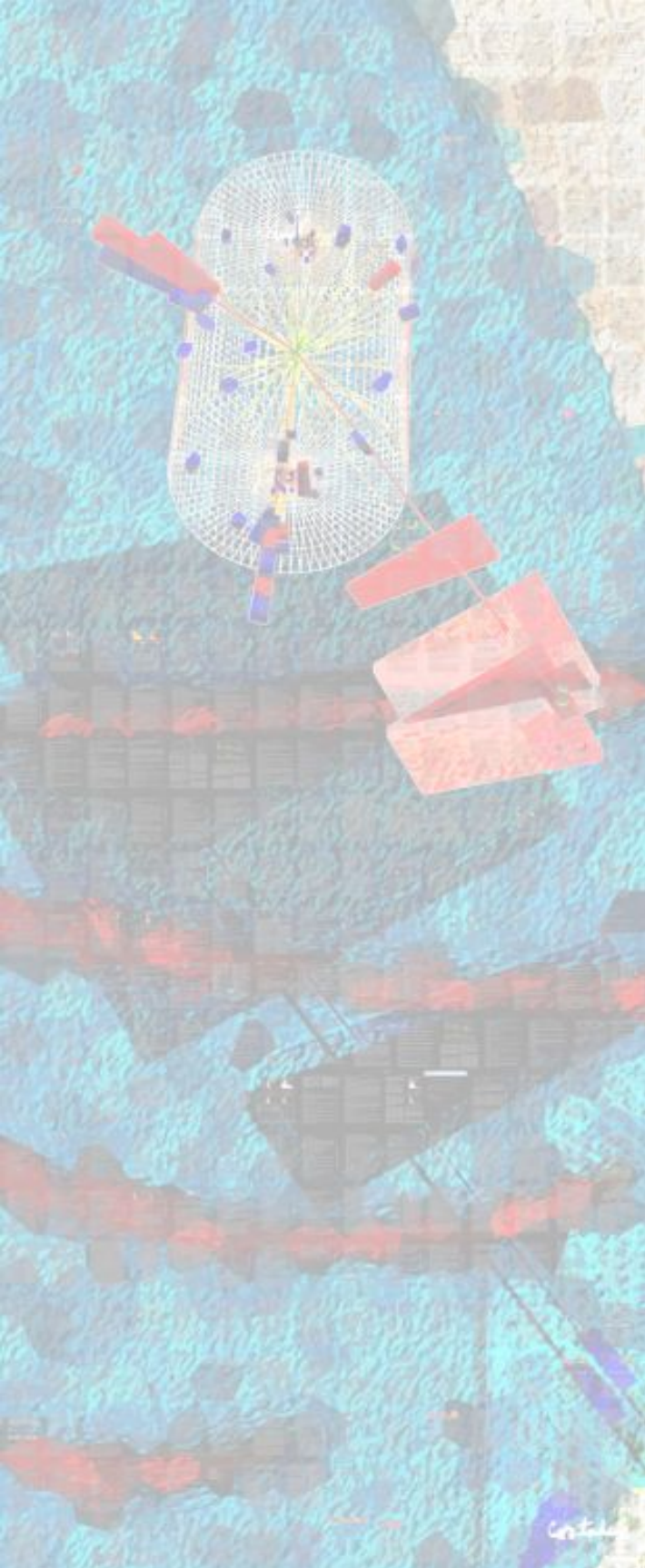
Flip boolean switch, quantiles are preserved

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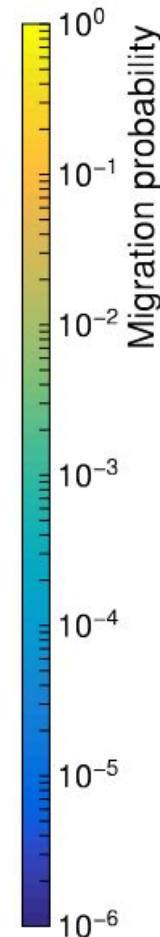
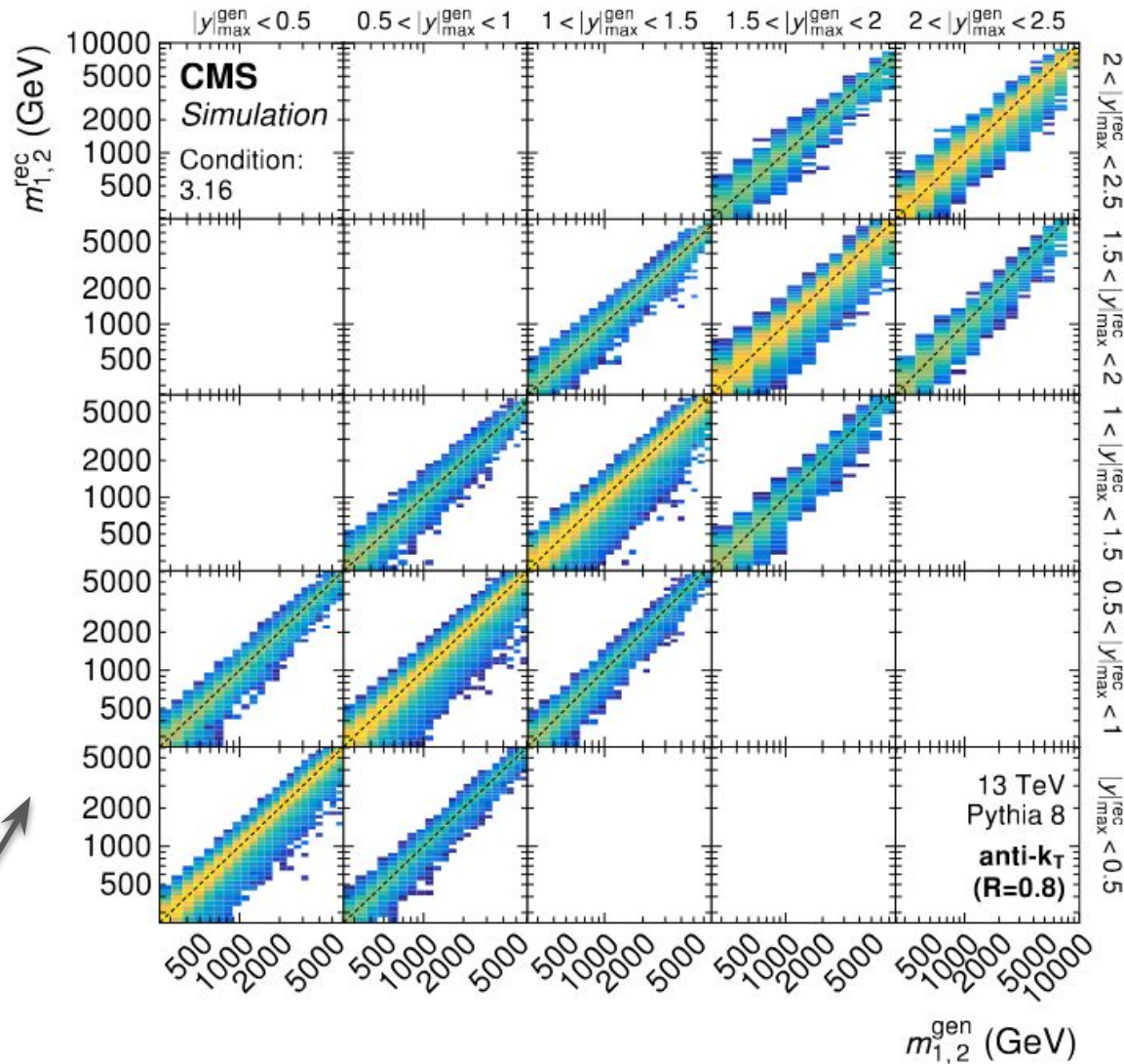
Apply morphing with flow



Inference

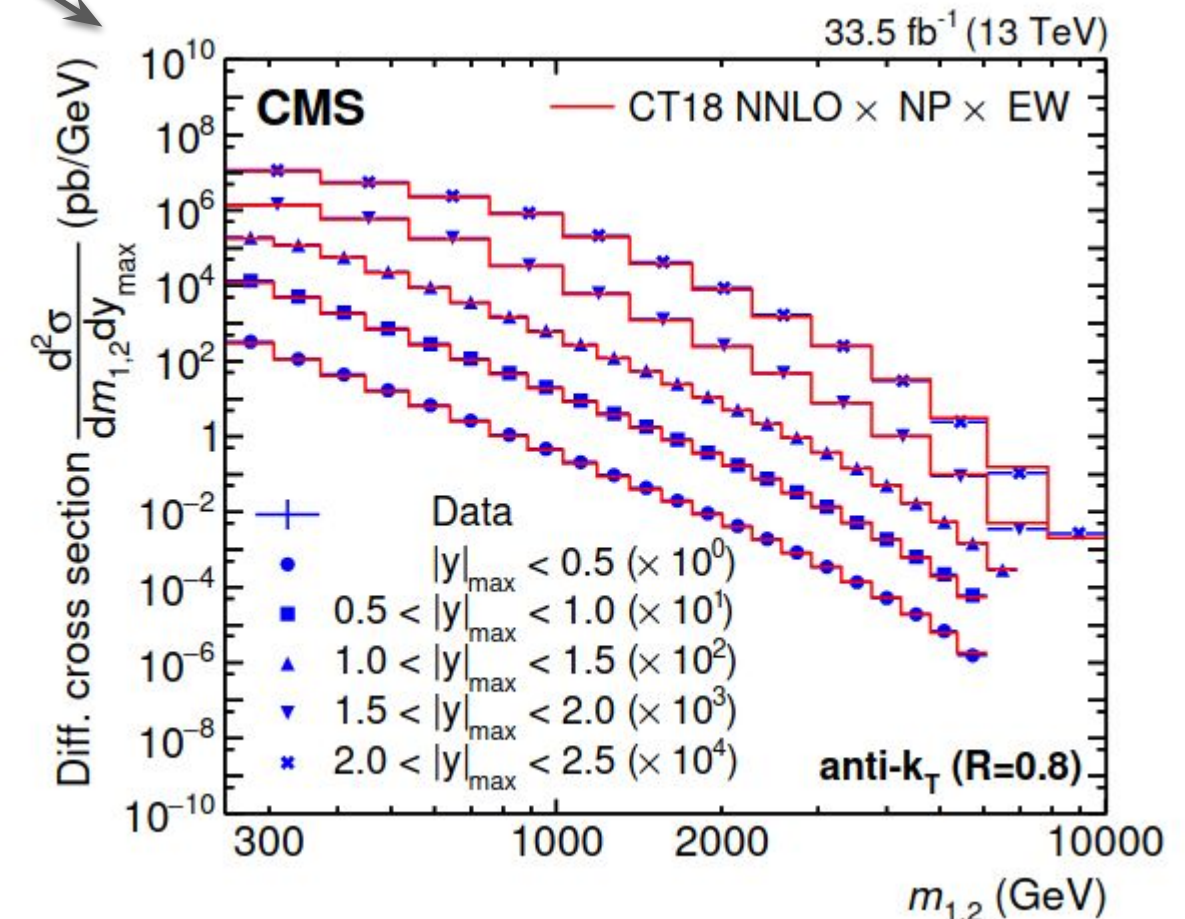
Unfolding

- **Unfolding:** reconstruct “true” distribution of a physical quantity from measured (i.e. smeared) data
 - Limited to small number of observables and present as differential cross section in predetermined bins



Unfold by solving:
(Perhaps with regularisation)

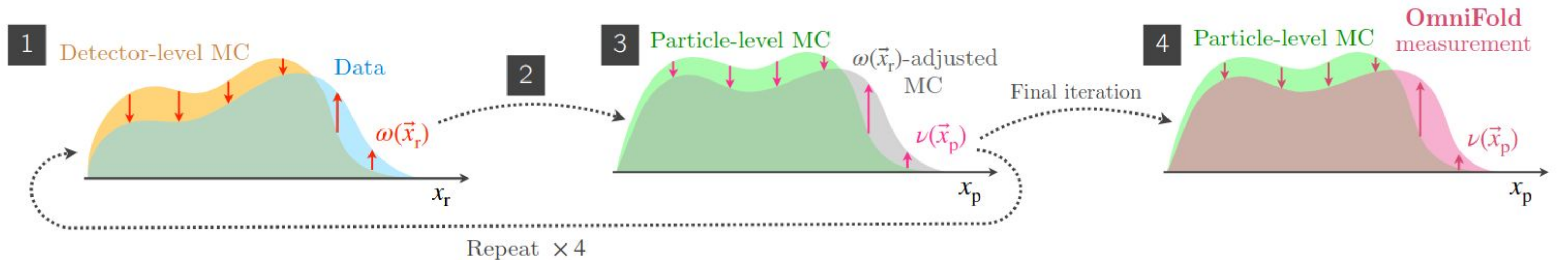
$$N_{\text{data}} = R N_{\text{unfold}} + N_{\text{bkg}}$$



Response matrix (R): extract from MC simulation:
Fraction of “truth” bin i lands in reco bin j

Unfolding with omnifold

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- **OMNIFOLD:** result provided (unbinned) as dataset of particle-level events



N-dimension event observables

$$\mathcal{L}[f(\vec{x})] = - \sum_{i \in A} w_i \log(f(\vec{x}_i)) - \sum_{i \in B} w_i \log(1 - f(\vec{x}_i))$$

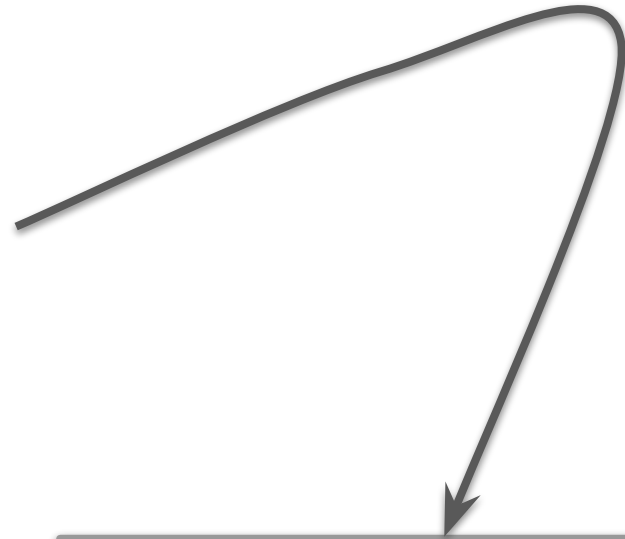
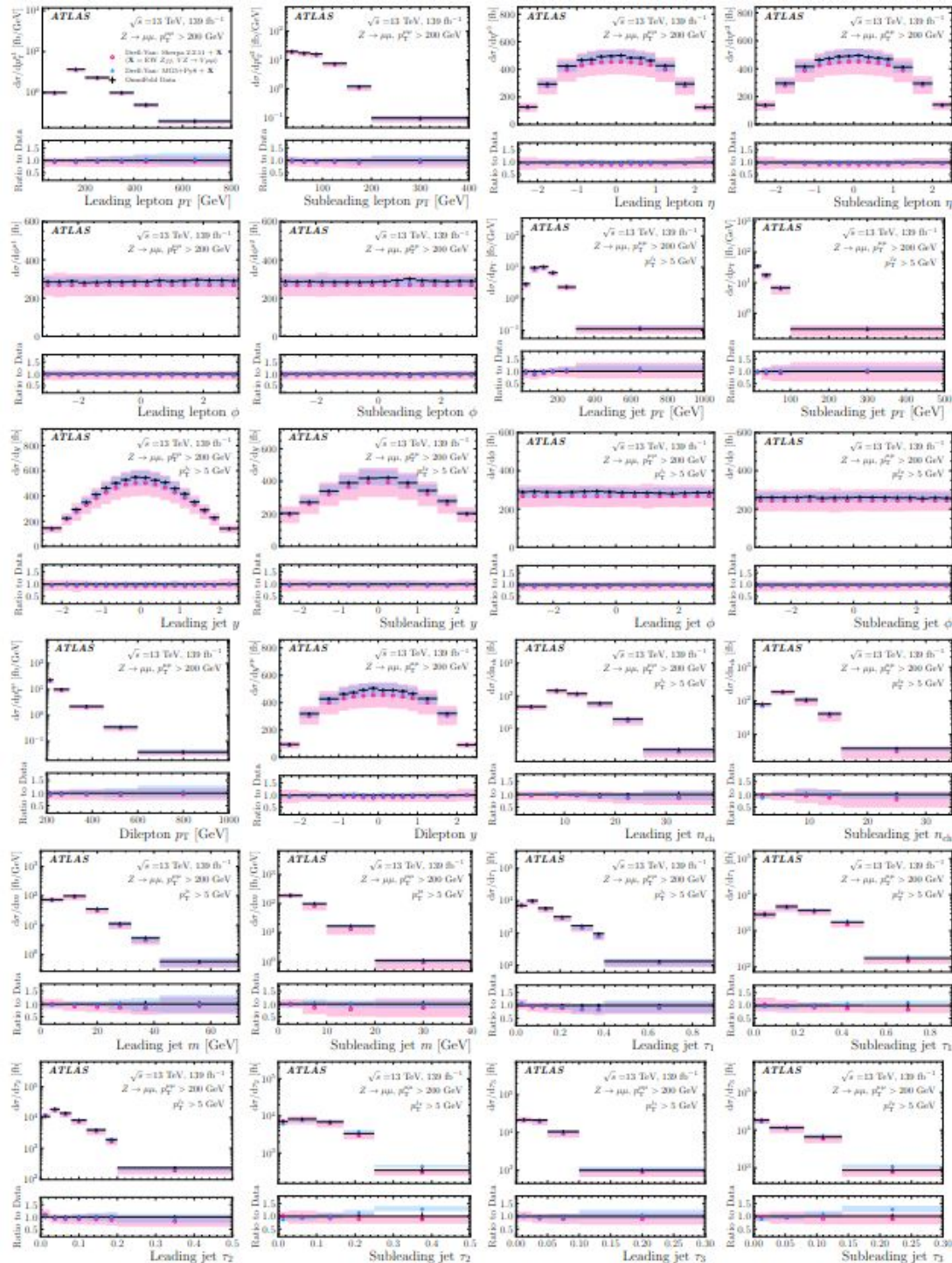
Output $f(x)$ used to extract likelihood-ratio (weight)

$$w(\vec{x}) = \frac{f(\vec{x})}{1 - f(\vec{x})} = \frac{p_A(\vec{x})}{p_B(\vec{x})}$$

Iterative NN reweighting procedure using BCE loss function over datasets A and B

Unfolding with omnifold

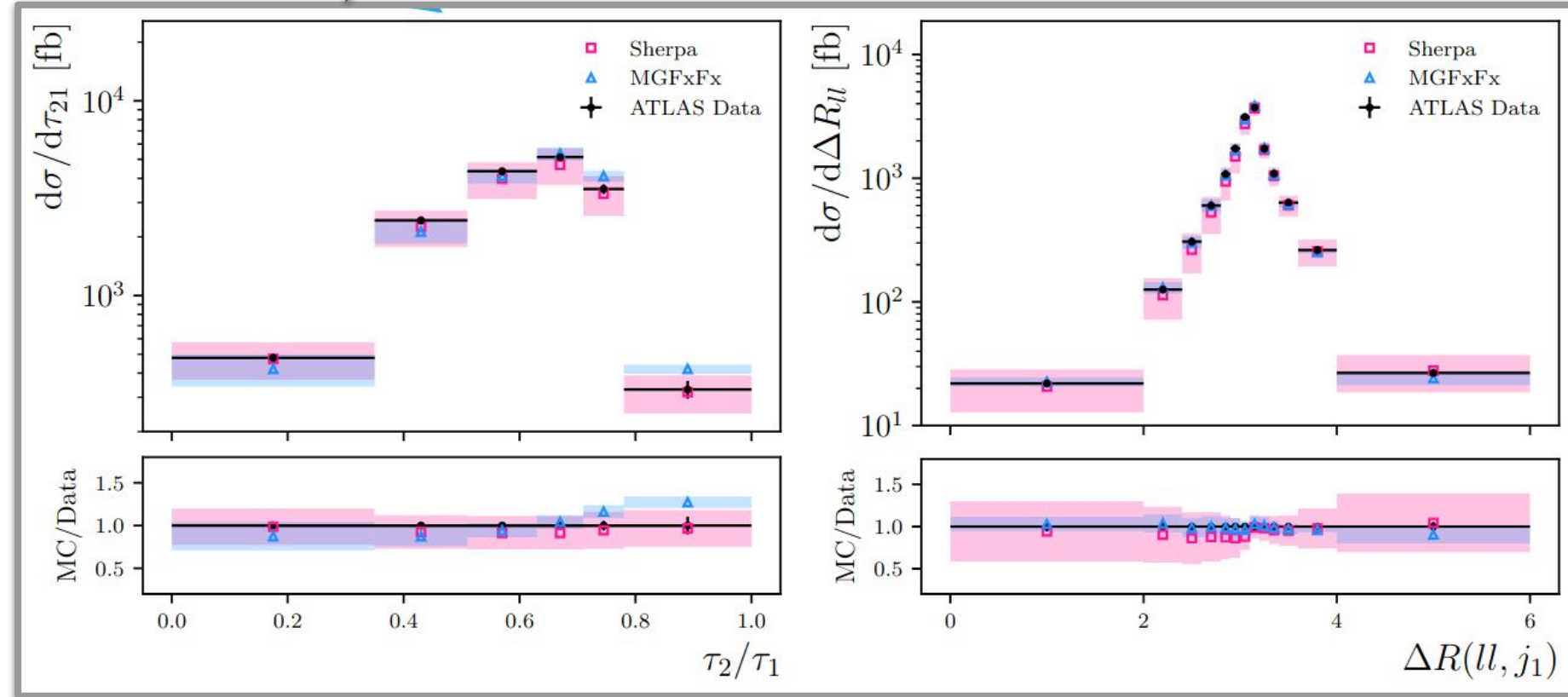
Z+jets process: $x = 24$ observables



Construct new observables from (reweighted) particle-level dataset: not presented in original paper

Dataset on [Zenodo](#)

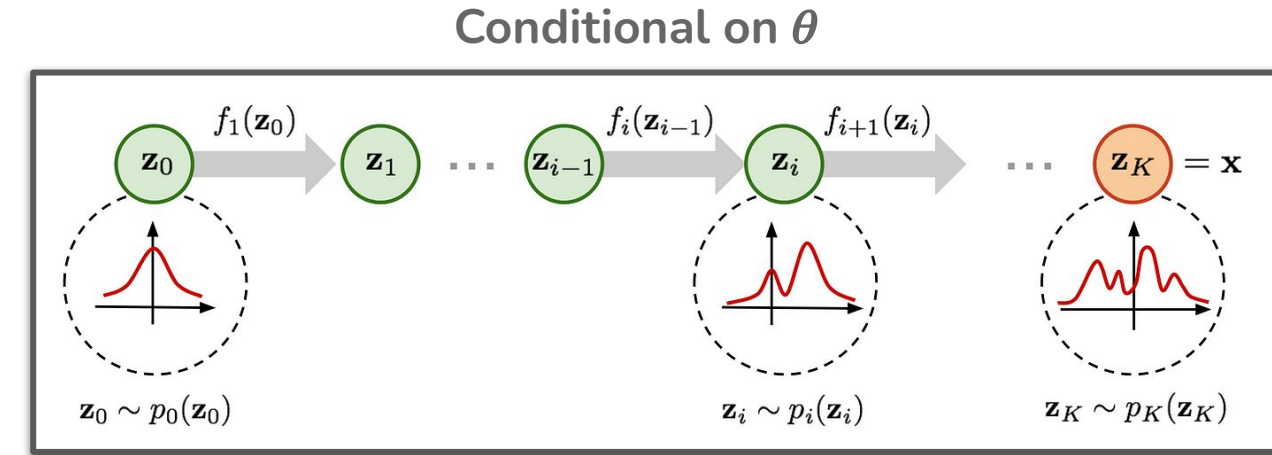
Code on [GitLab](#)



Taken from J. Duarte [ICHEP slides](#)

Invertible networks for inference

- CINN: Conditional Invertible Neural Network (e.g. Normalising Flow)
 - Map complex observable space to simple base distribution
 - Conditional on parameters we are trying to infer
 - Apply to high dimensional feature space → limited information loss
 - Learning the density, $p(x|\theta)$!

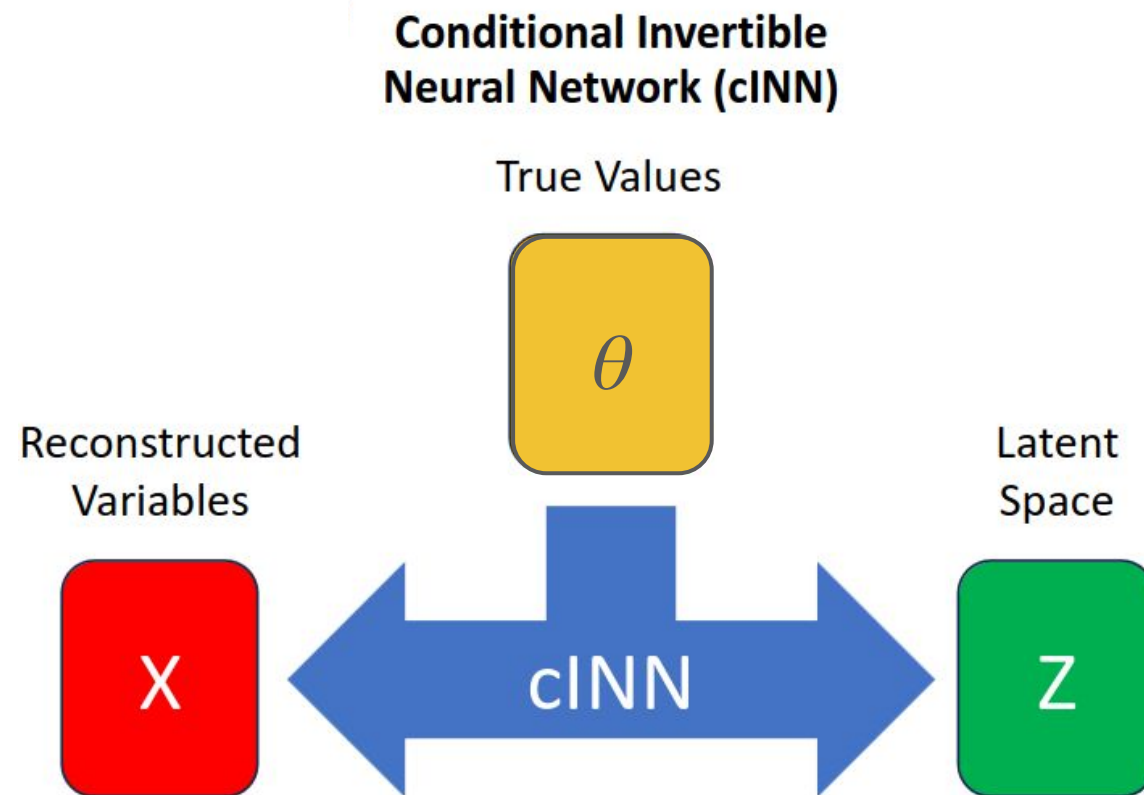


$$p(x|\theta) = p_z \left(T^{-1}(x|\theta) \right) \left| \text{Det } J_{T^{-1}}(x|\theta) \right|$$

(Learnt) Transformations of x to latent space z

Conditional on θ . Evaluate simple base distribution density

Conserves probability mass



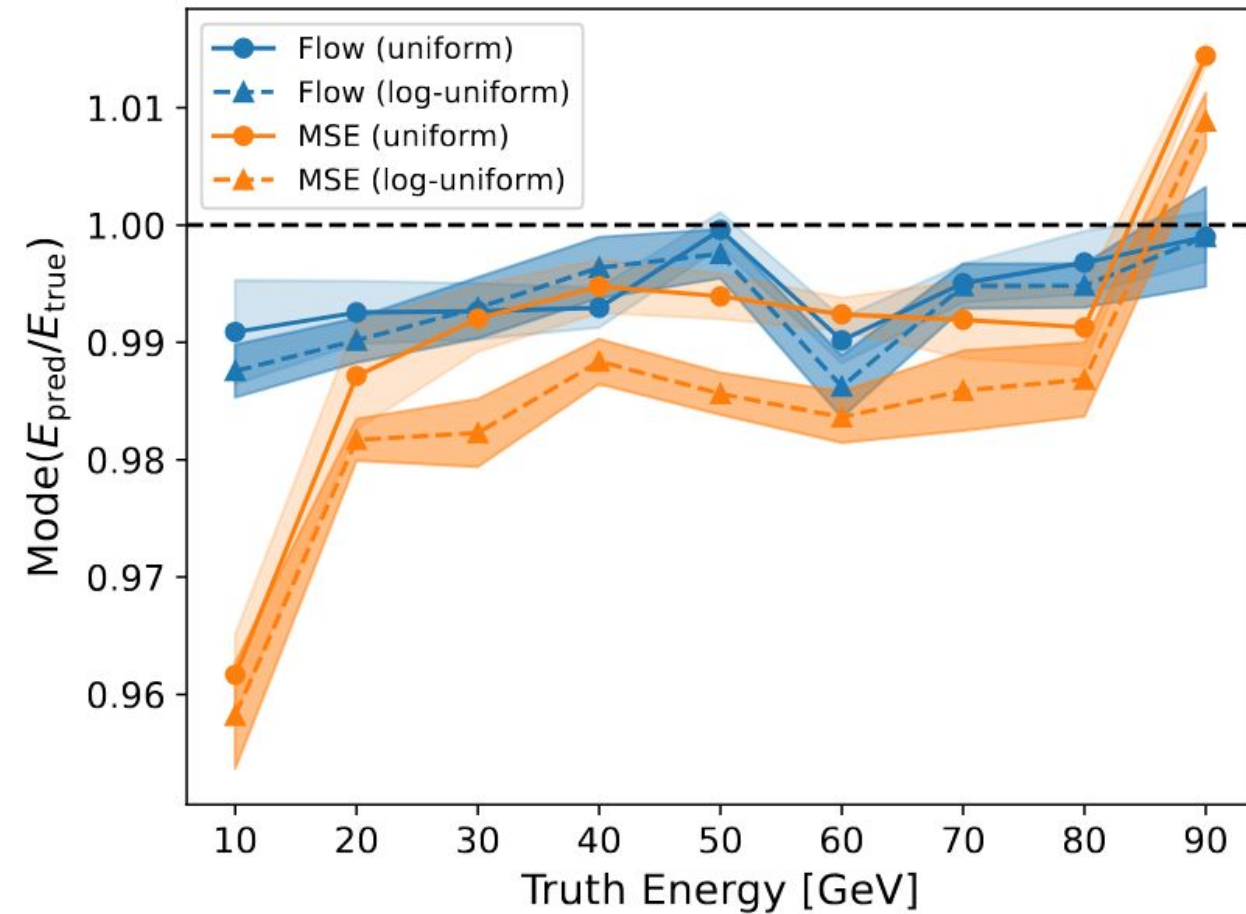
$$L(\mathcal{D}|\theta) = \prod_{x_i \in \mathcal{D}} p(x_i|\theta)$$

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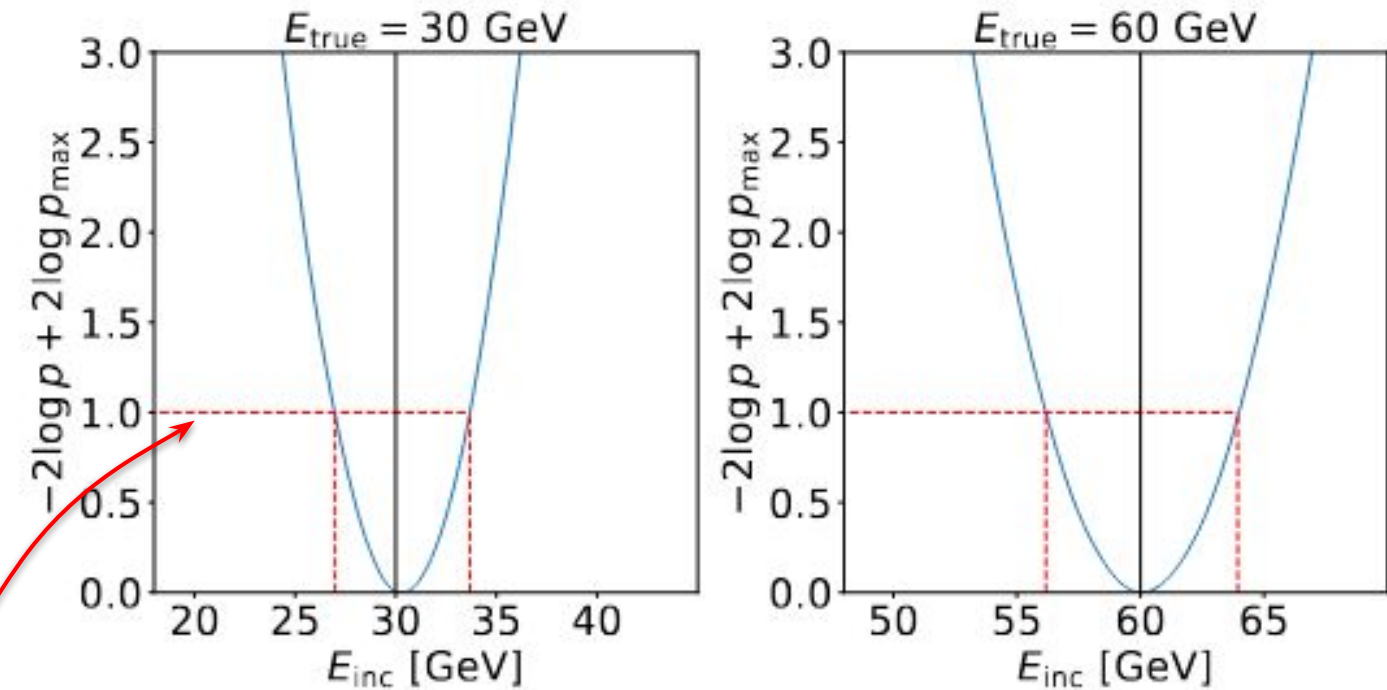
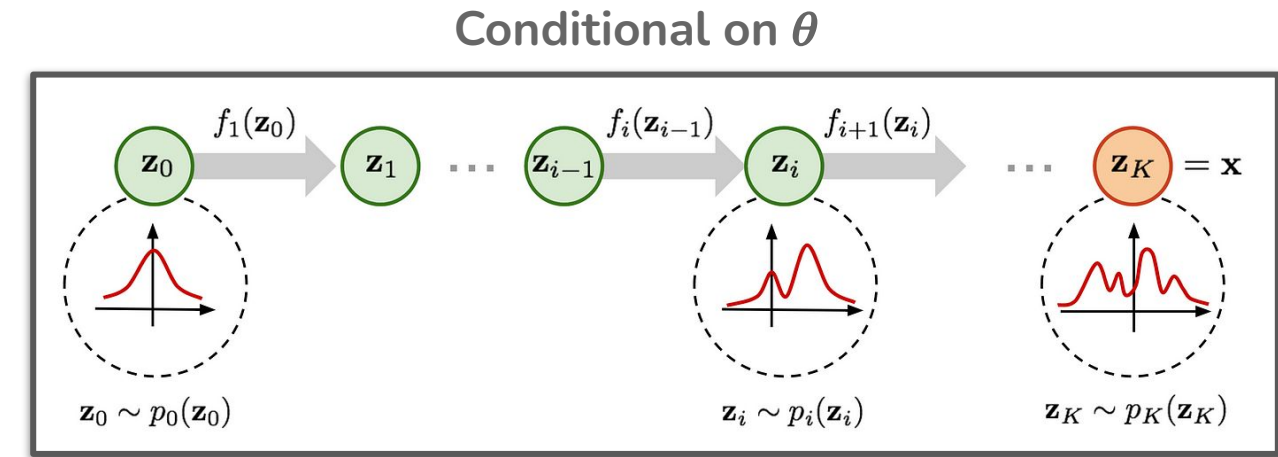
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Example: CALOFLOW [\[arXiv:2404.18992v1\]](https://arxiv.org/abs/2404.18992v1)

Infer incident pion energy (θ) from measured energy in calorimeter cells (x)



Learnt full density: per-shower resolution estimates



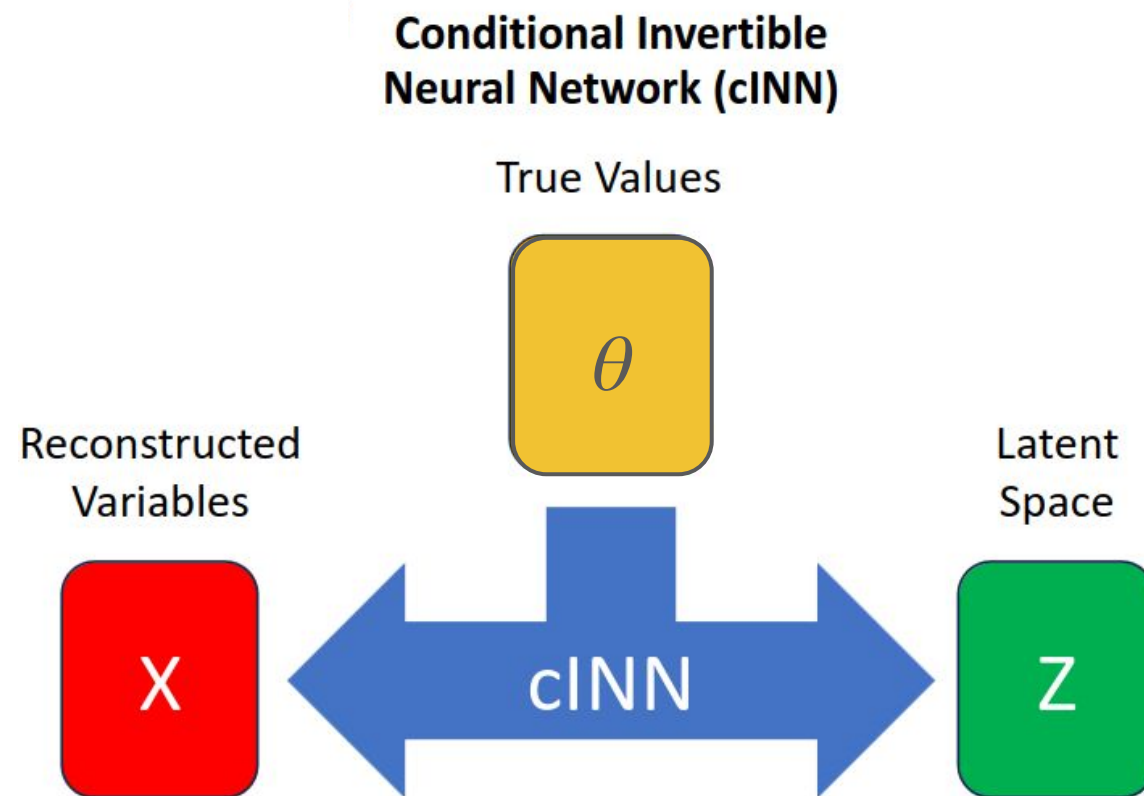
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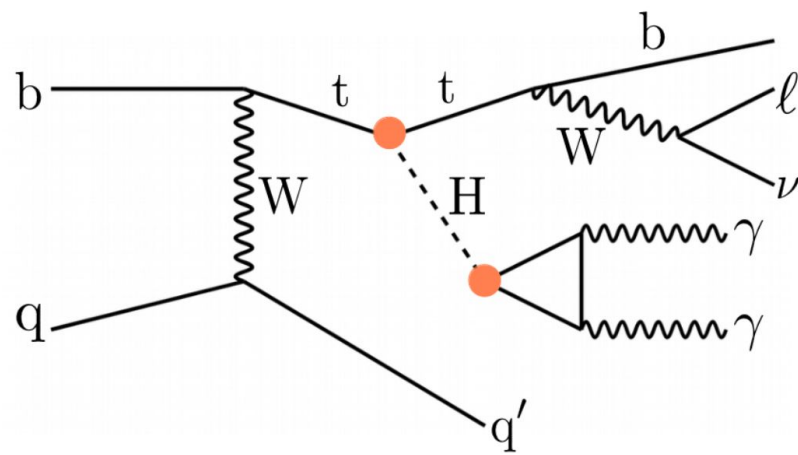
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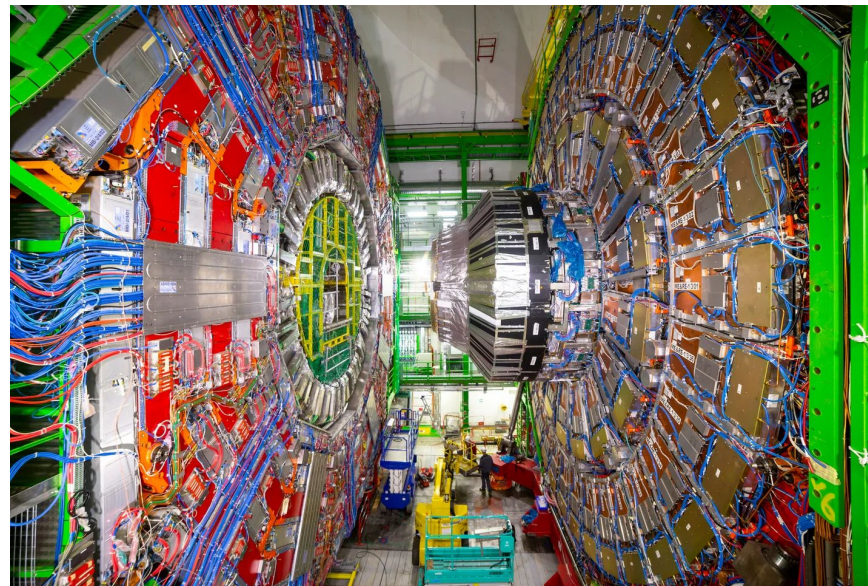
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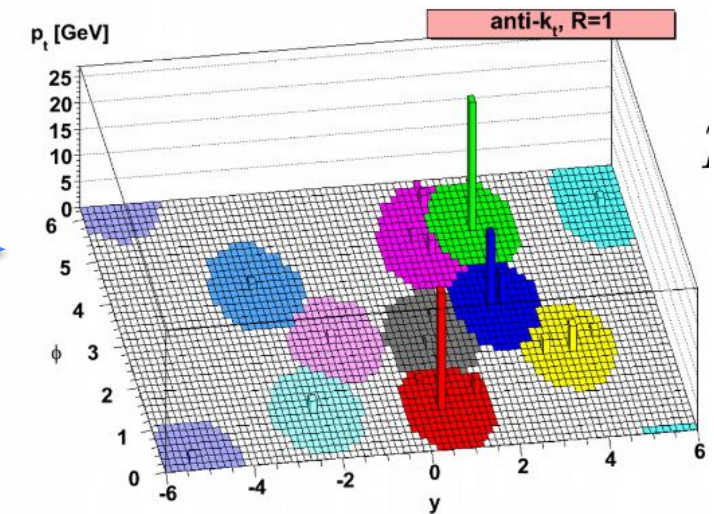
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Particle-level (truth)



Expensive CMS detector simulation (Geant4)



Detector-level (reconstructed)

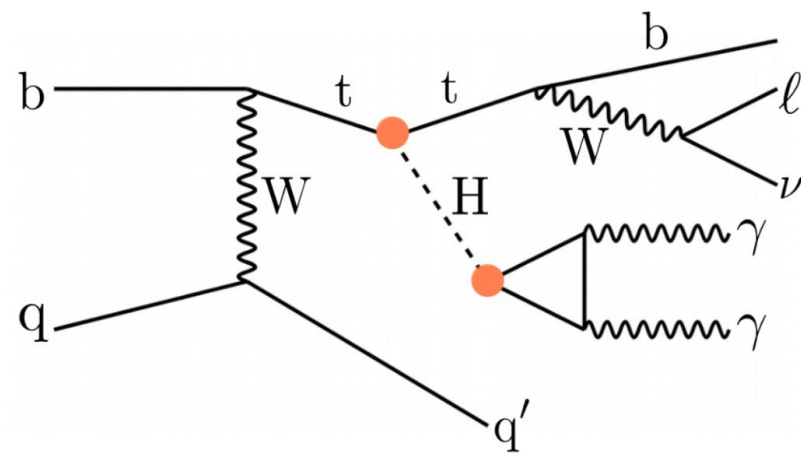
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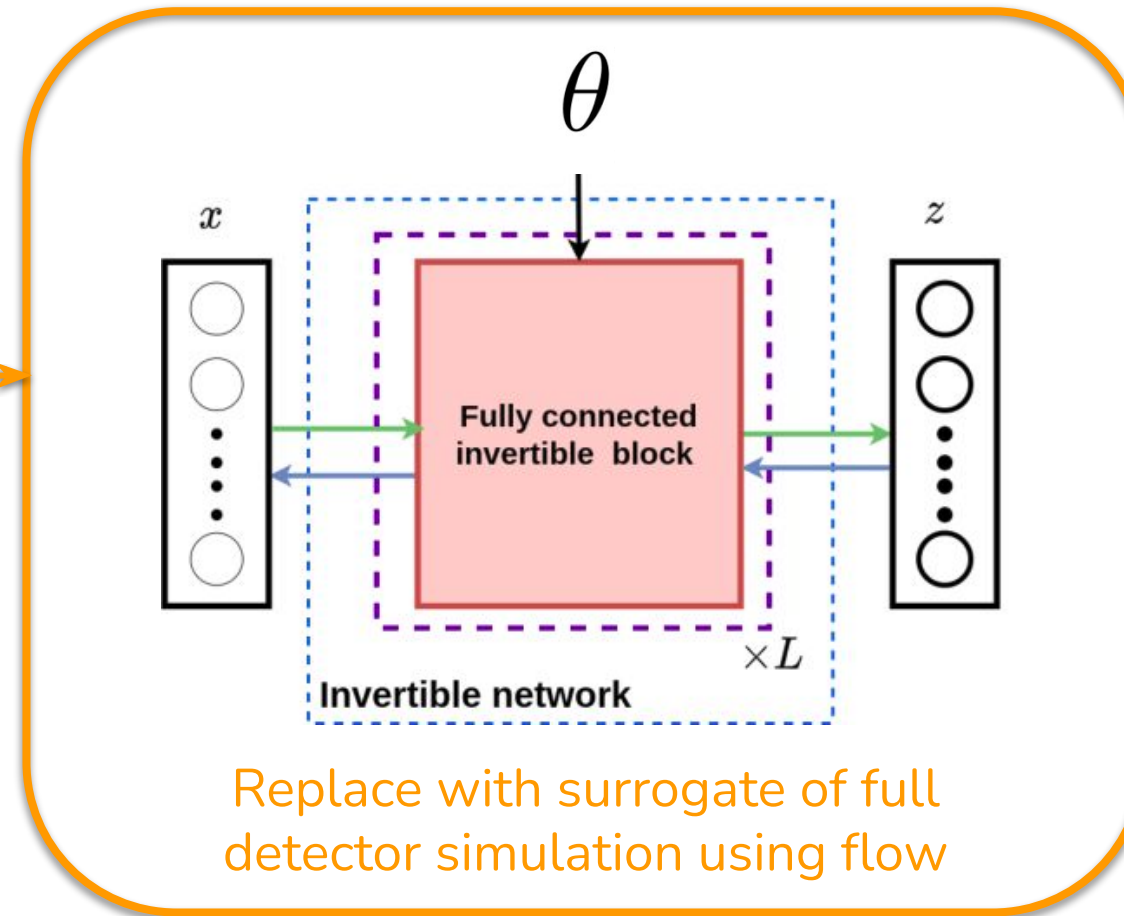
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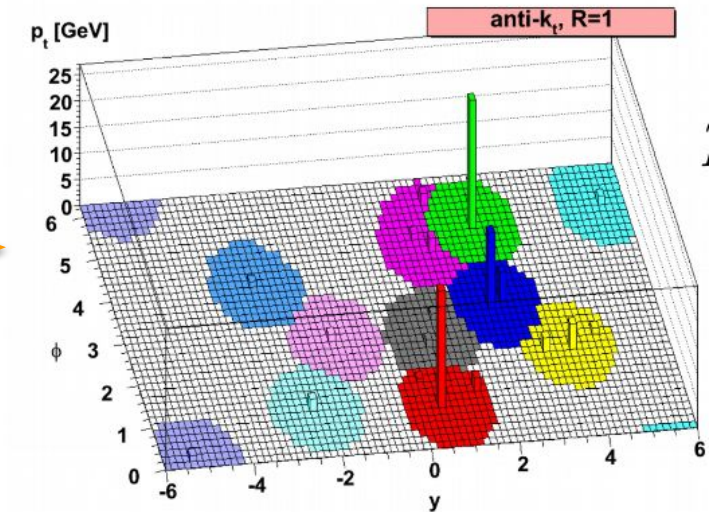
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Replace with surrogate of full detector simulation using flow

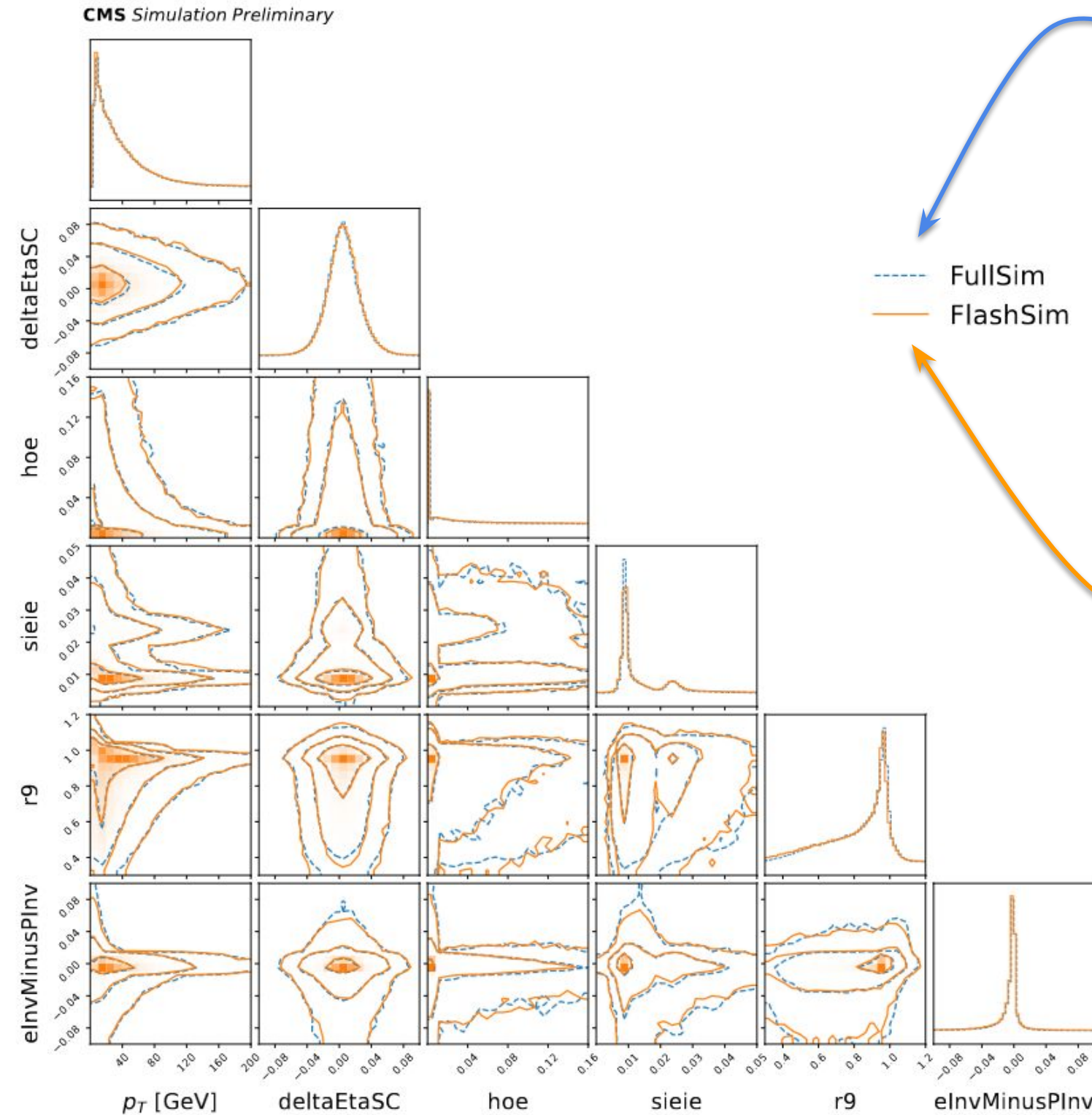


Detector-level (reconstructed)

Input data, x

Reconstructed particle momenta, angle, ID, ...

FlashSIM at CMS



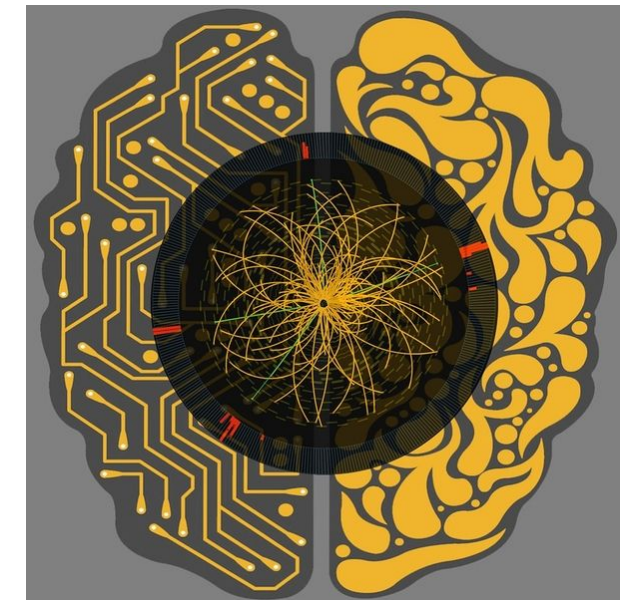
Full high-fidelity
MC simulation

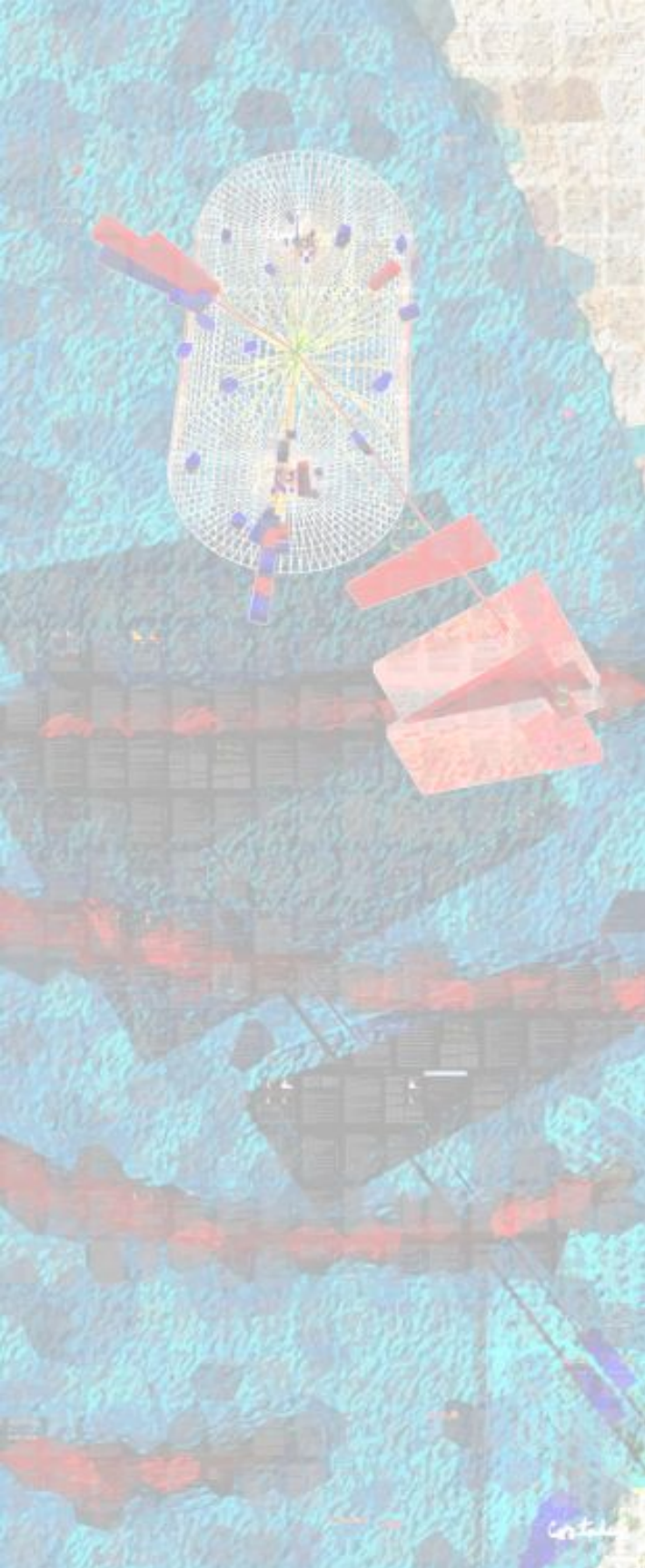
Generative
flow

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Outlook

- Covered many different “Types of ML in Particle Physics”: BDT, DNN, CNN, GNN, Transformer, GAN, NF, ...
 - With vast array of applications: object identification/reconstruction, event classification, anomaly detection, generation, inference
 - Only a subset: diffusion models, detector design & optimisation, pileup mitigation, background prediction, ...
 - ML is clearly opening up many new possibilities in the field!
- As our dependence on ML grows → Must ensure we use tool correctly
 - Performance is not the only relevant metric
 - Focus on robustness, interpretability, insensitivity to modeling details, ...
 - E.g. systematic-aware learning, domain adversarial training
- We will cover these kind of topics over [Phystat: Stats meets ML](#)
 - Plenty of interesting discussions to come!

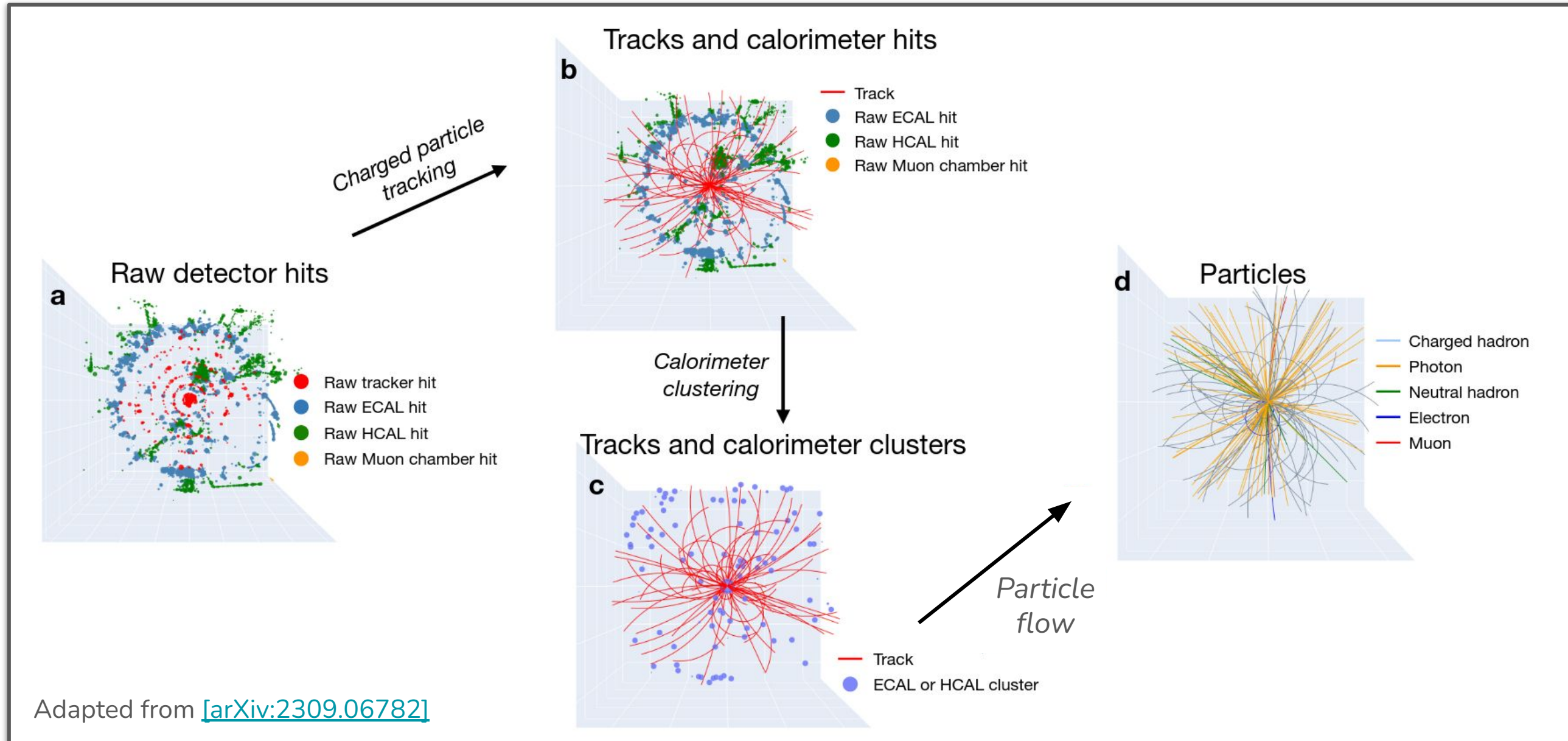




Back-Up

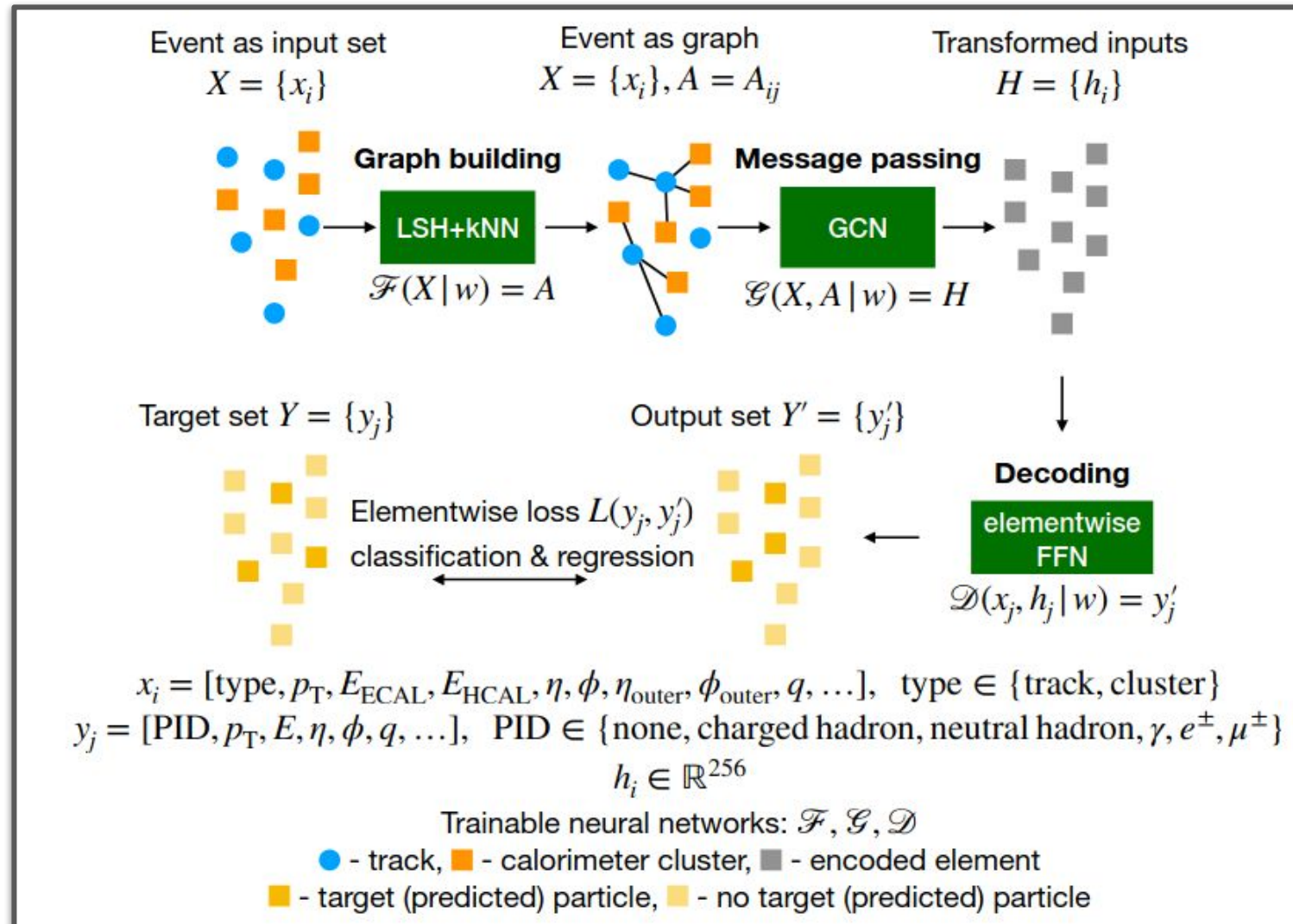
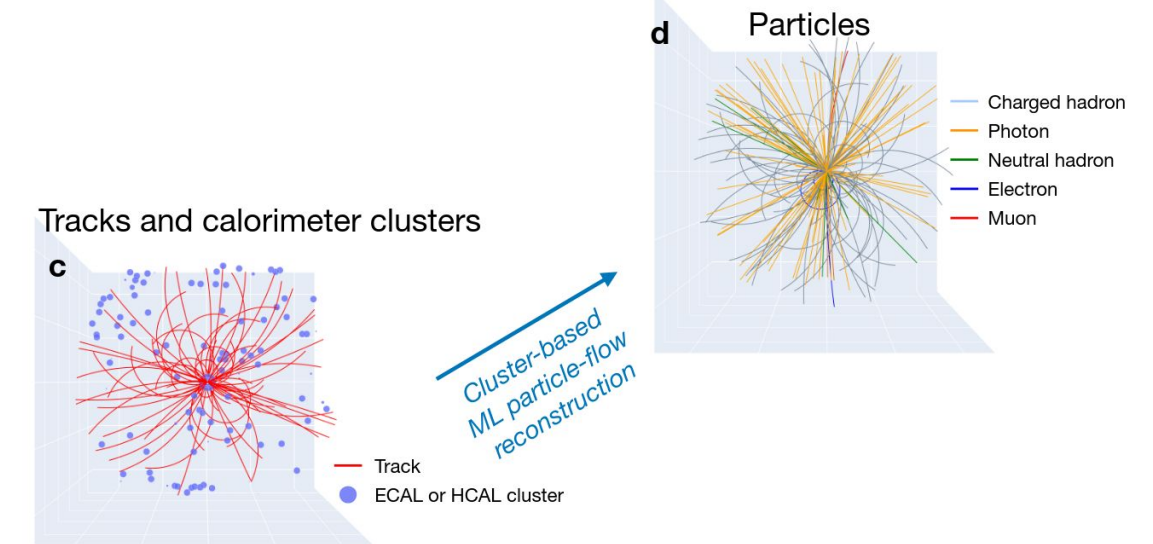
Object reconstruction

- Previous slides assume object (jet) has already been reconstructed from detector read-outs
 - Traditional object reconstruction follows rule-based algorithms (e.g. Kalman Filter, DBScan, Particle Flow)

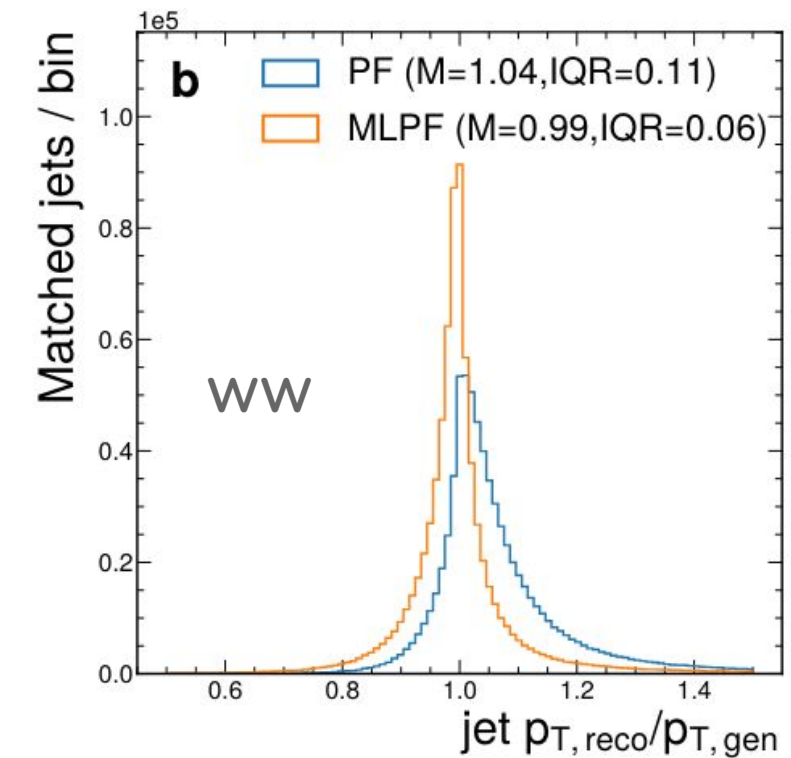
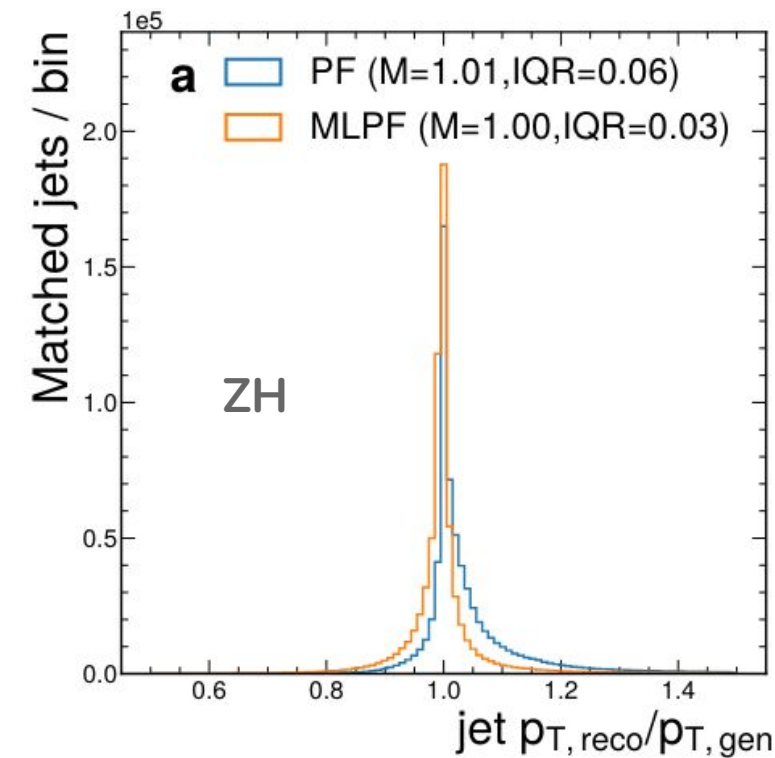


Object reconstruction

- Now investigating graph-based ML for reconstruction
 - Example: ML Particle Flow to learn mapping from tracks/clusters → particles



Demonstrate improved performance over rule-based algorithms



M: Median, IQR: Interquartile range

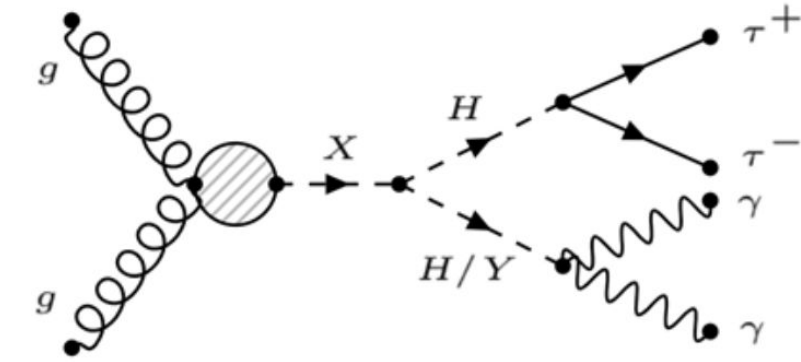
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Parametric classifiers

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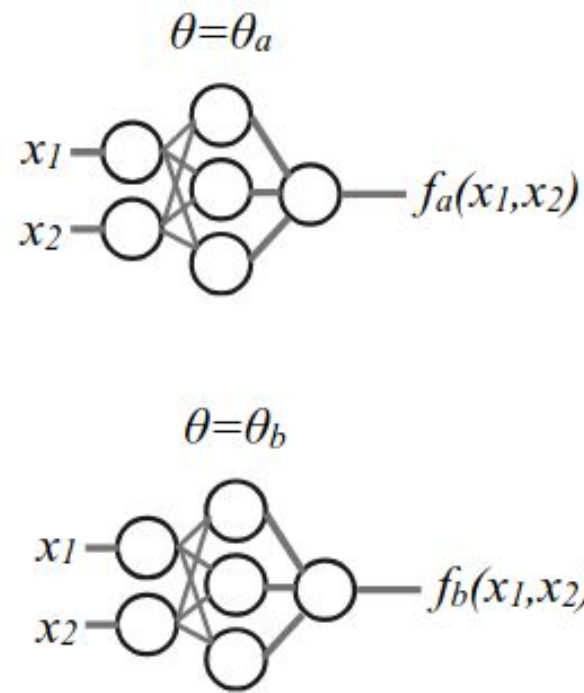
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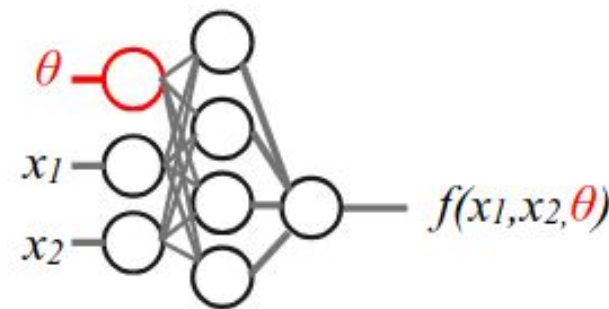
1. Train single classifier using simulation from many m_X hypotheses = sub-optimal
2. Train multiple classifiers, one at each hypothesis = unwieldy for large parameter space
3. **Parametric classifier:** output is conditional on m_X parameter

$$f(\vec{x}) \text{ to } f(\vec{x}; m_X)$$

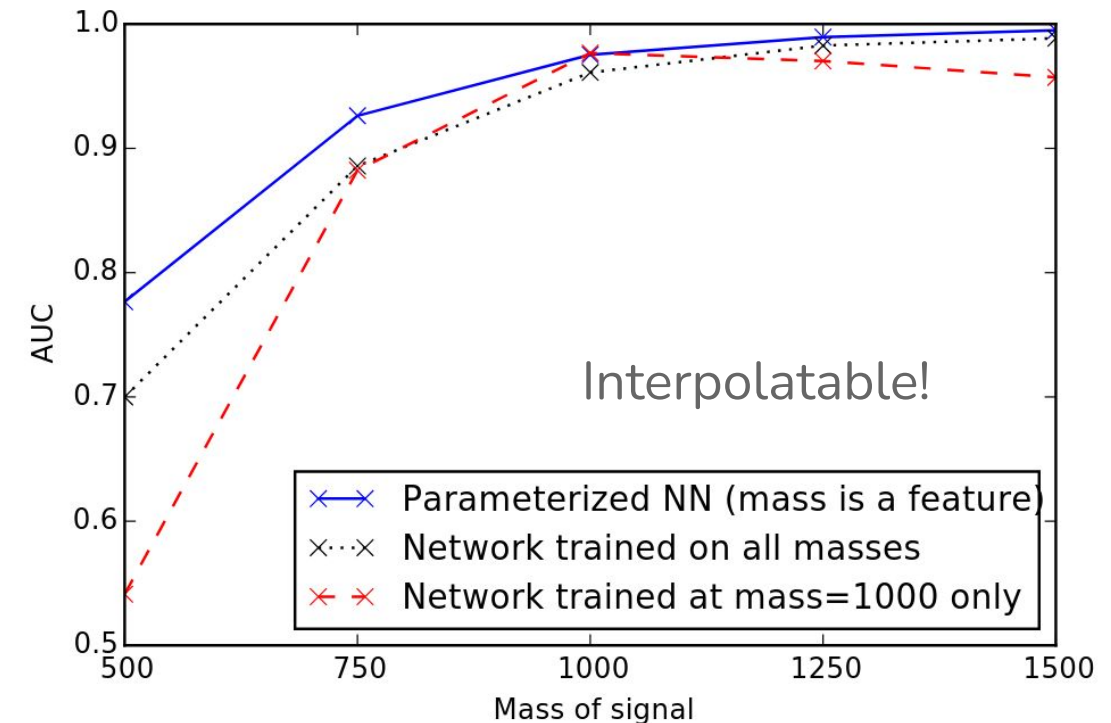
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Add m_X as additional training feature (θ)

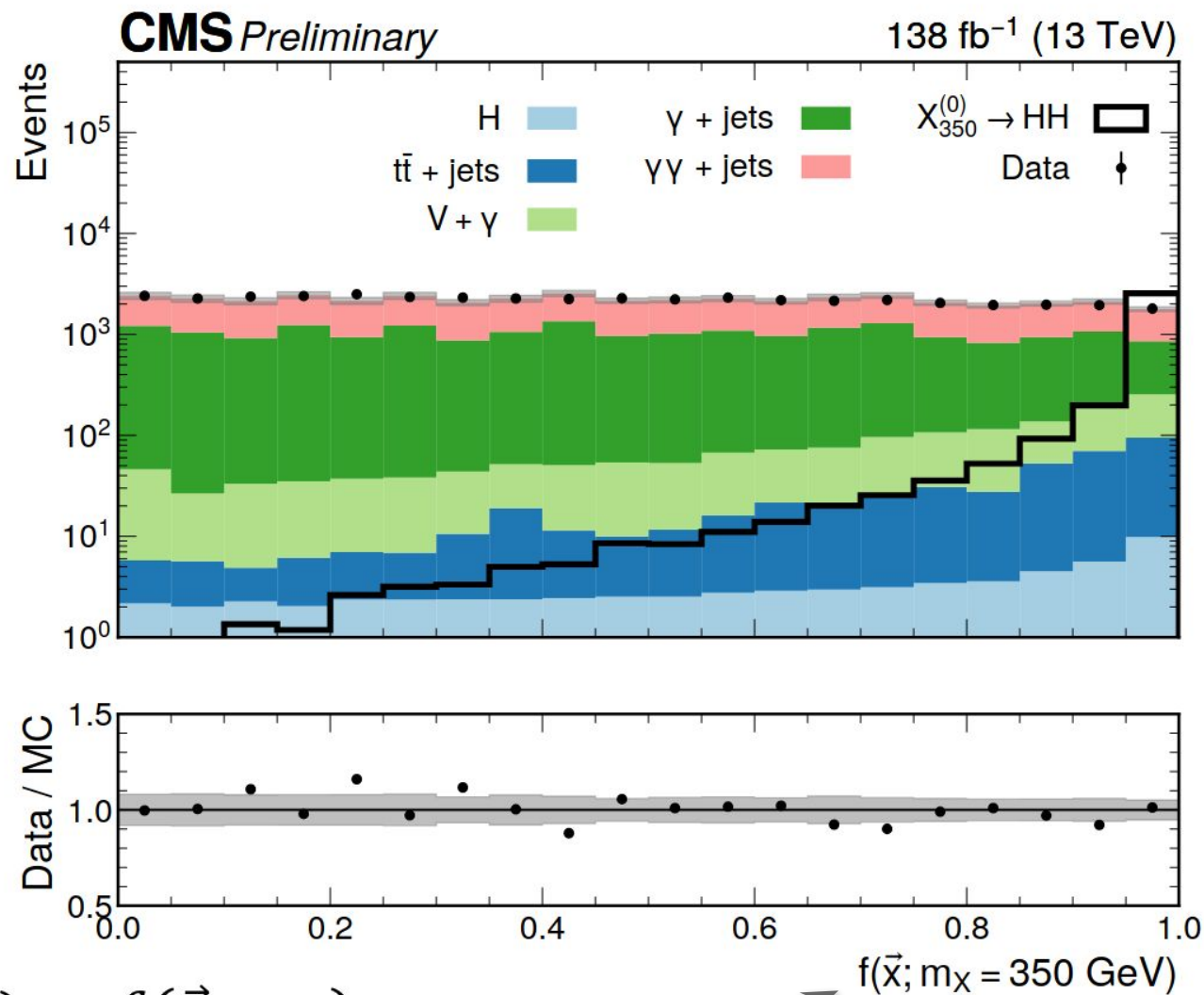
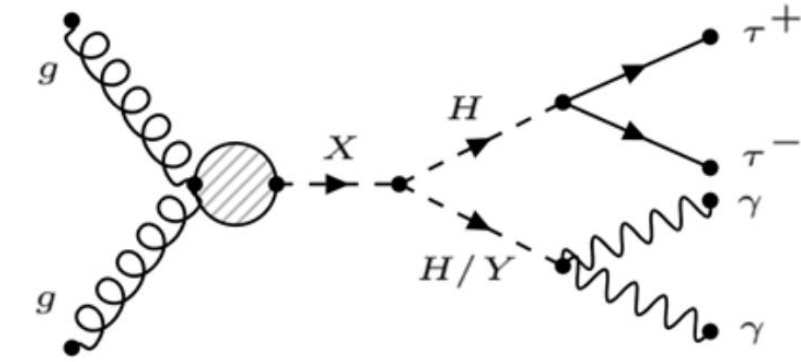


Train on all signal MC simultaneously $\{m_1, m_2, \dots\}$
Give background MC random values (in set)

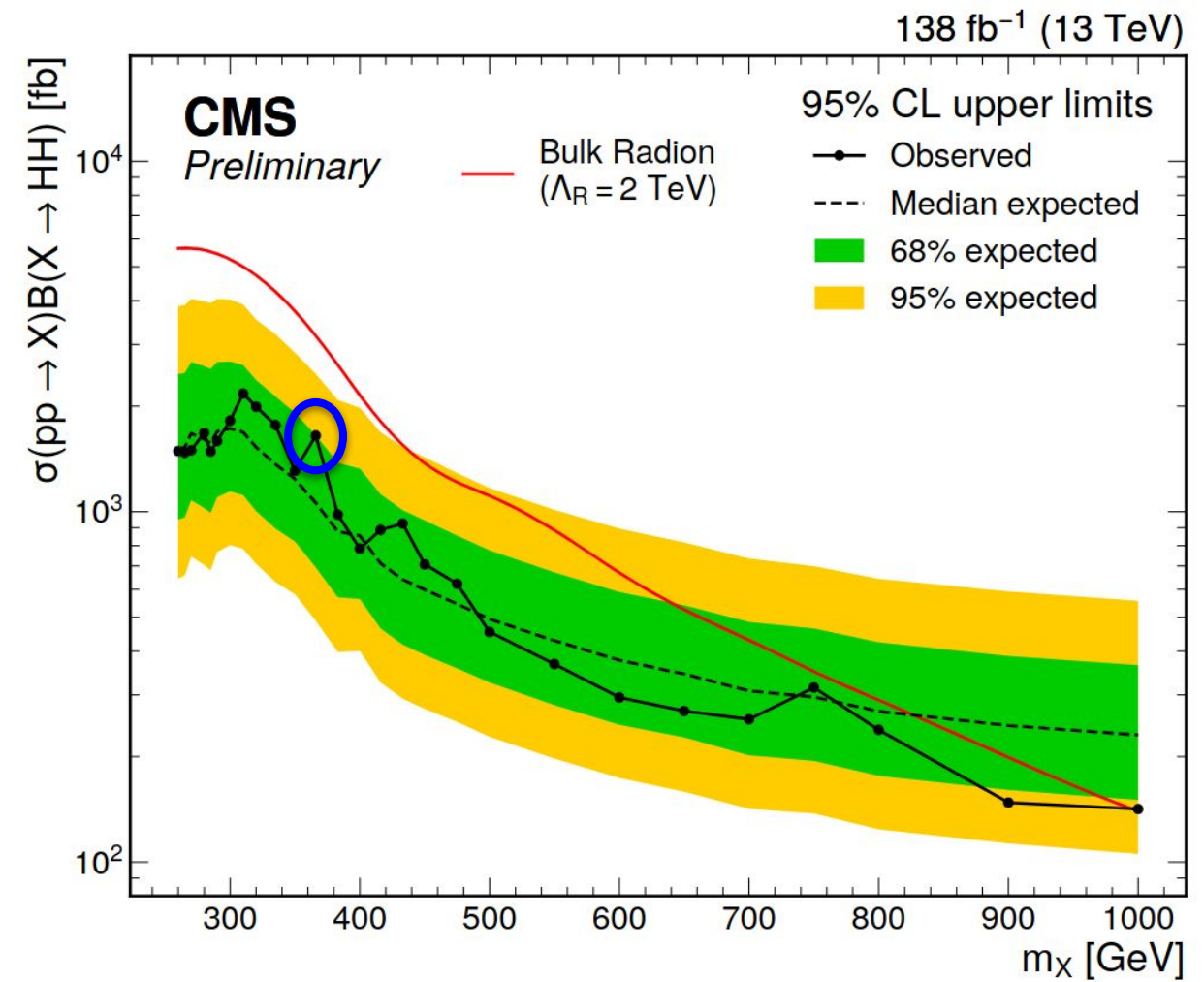


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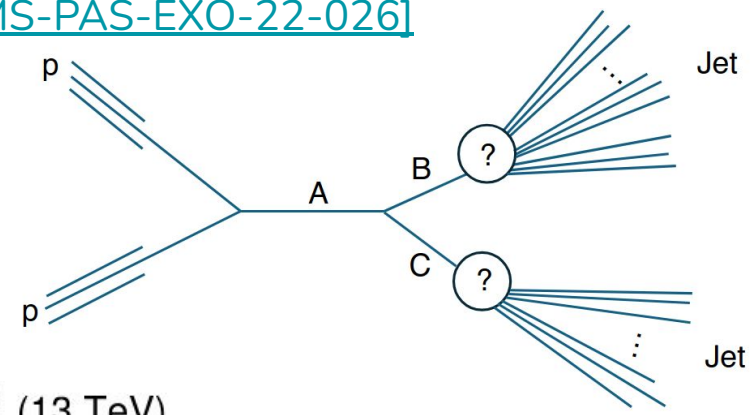
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$f(\vec{x})$ to $f(\vec{x}; m_X)$

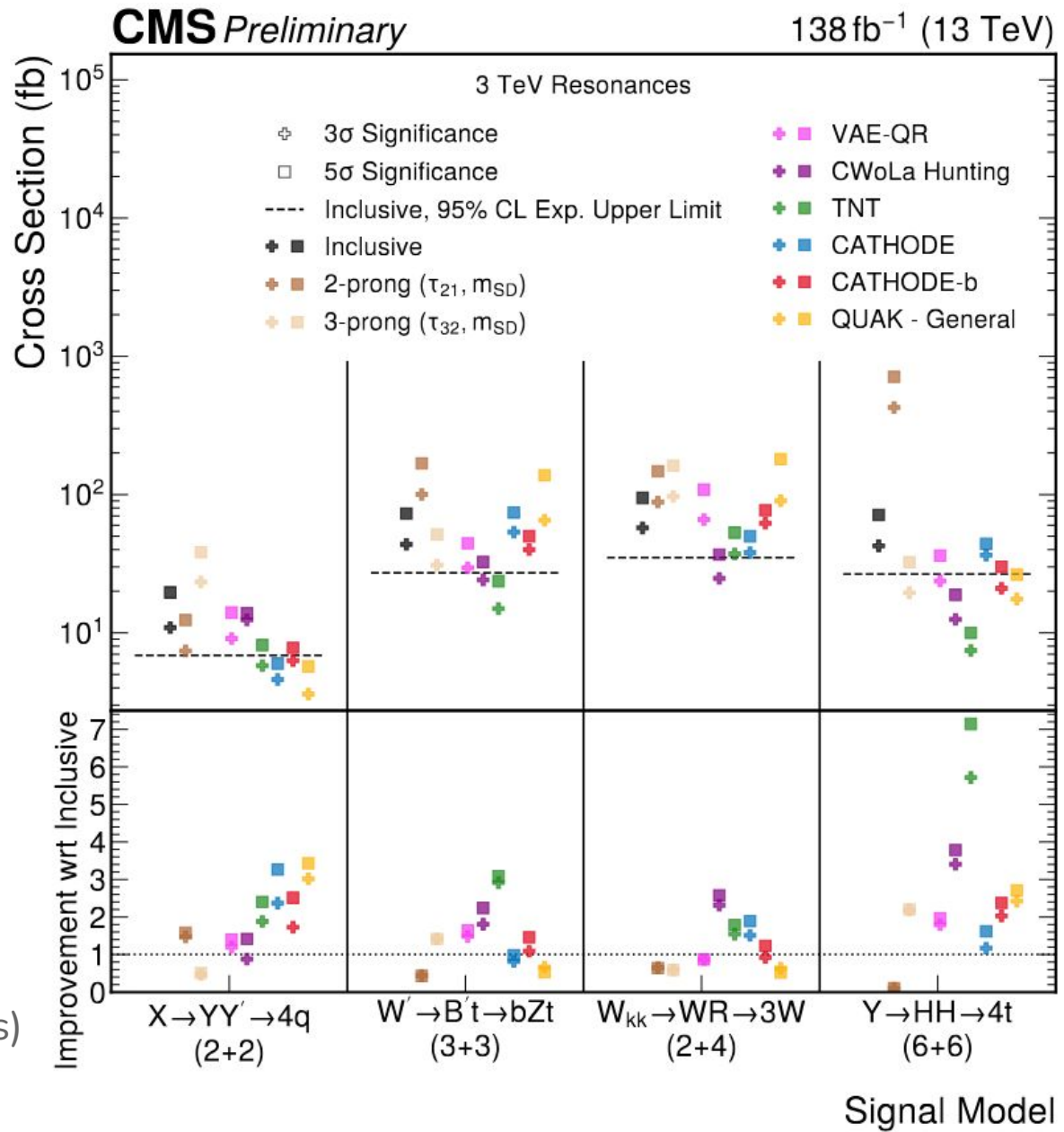
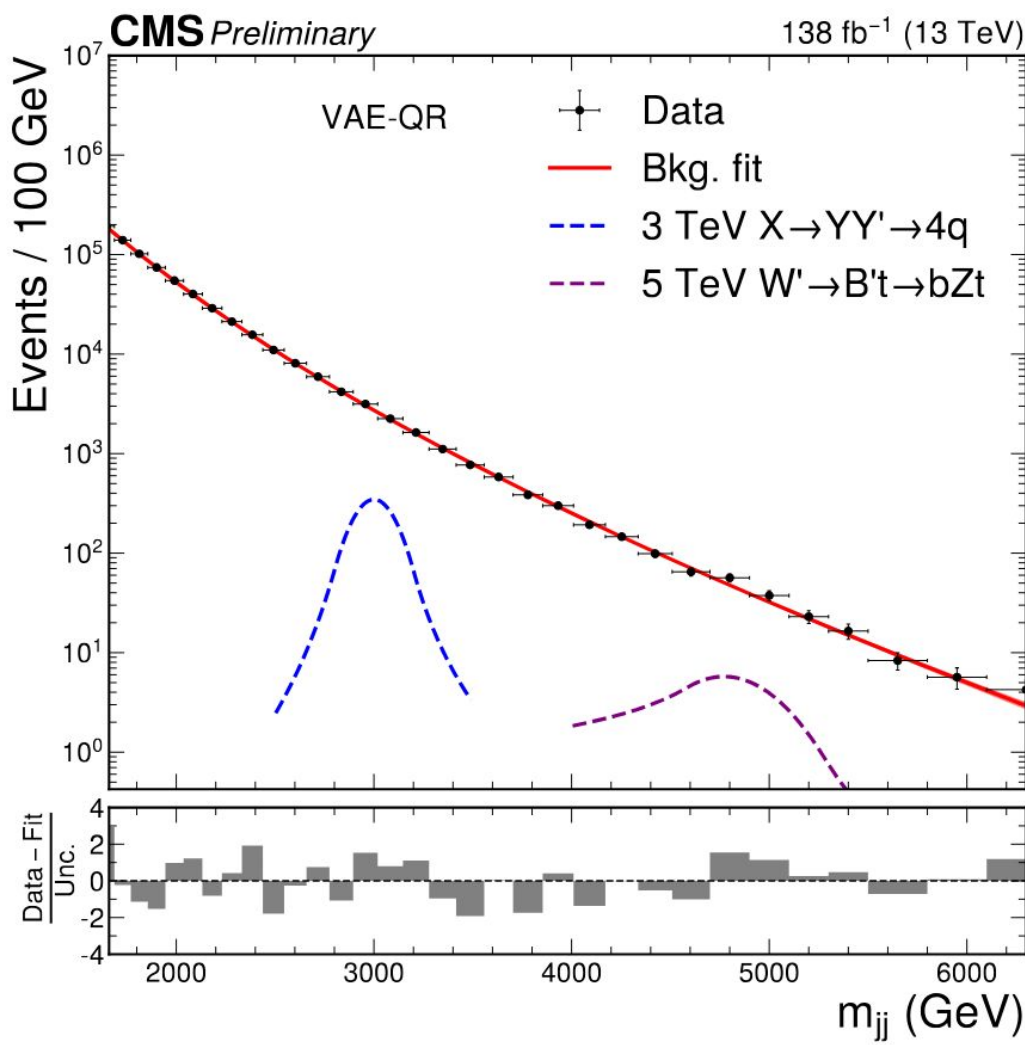


Optimised discriminant for each mass hypothesis



Model-agnostic searches

- What if we don't know what the signal looks like a-priori? Use Anomaly detection algorithms
- CMS apply model-agnostic approaches to dijet resonance searches with anomalous jet substructure

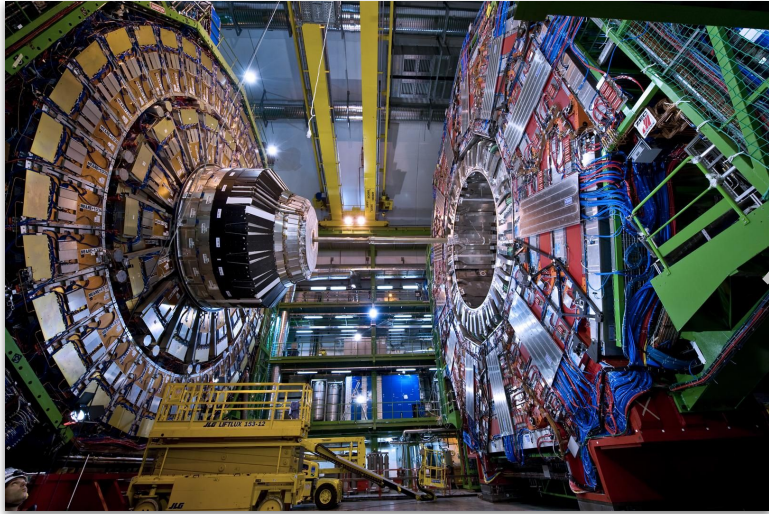


Increased discovery potential
 Cross section needed for 5σ discovery reduced by up to factor of 7, compared to inclusive dijet search

Other approaches including semi-supervised learning (partial labels) and weakly-supervised learning (noisy labels)

LHC triggering

Data-taking

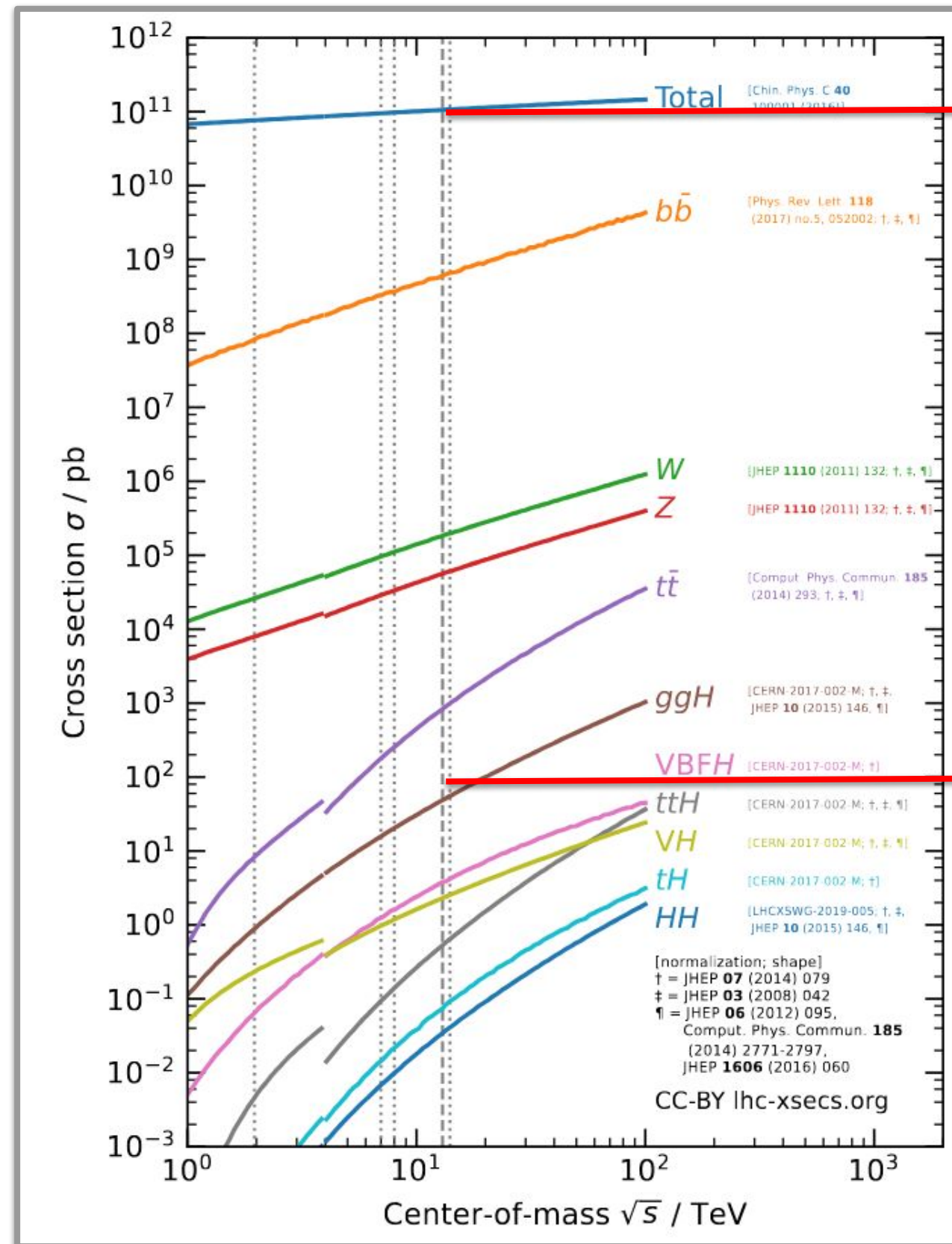
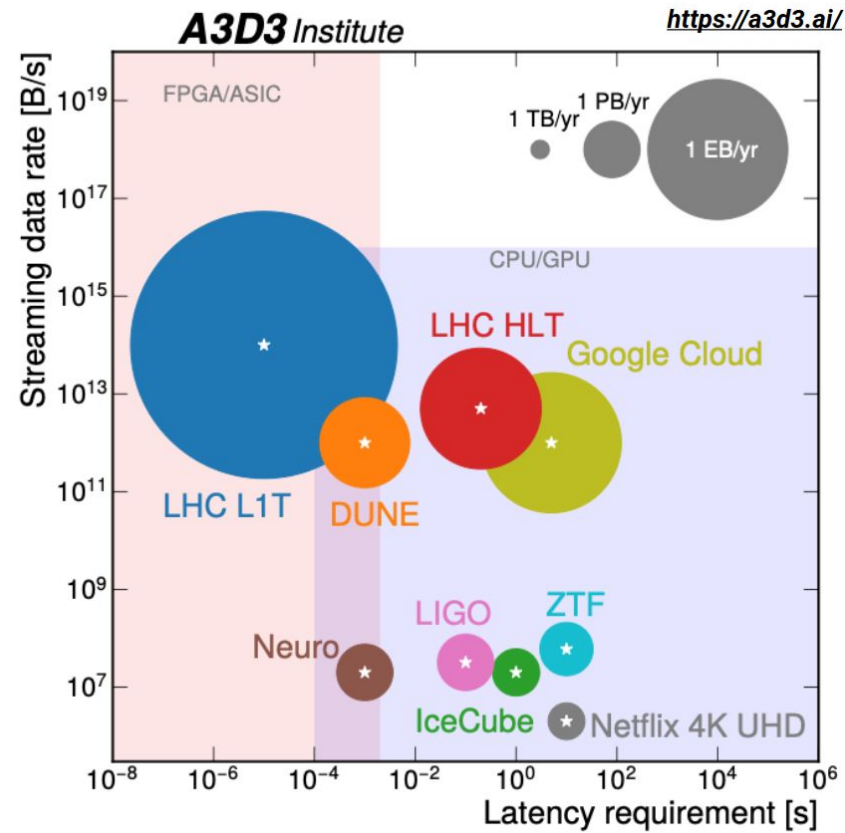


40 MHz collisions, O(100 million) readout channels

Online filtering
(Trigger)



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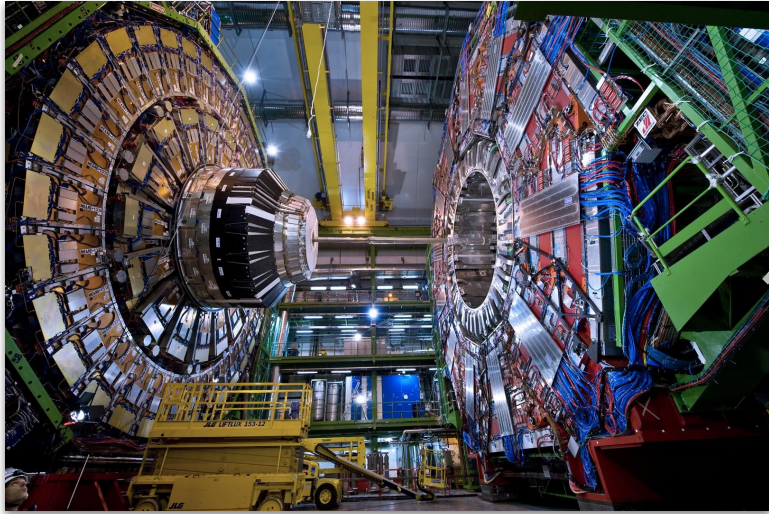


Probability to produce anything

Probability to produce a Higgs boson
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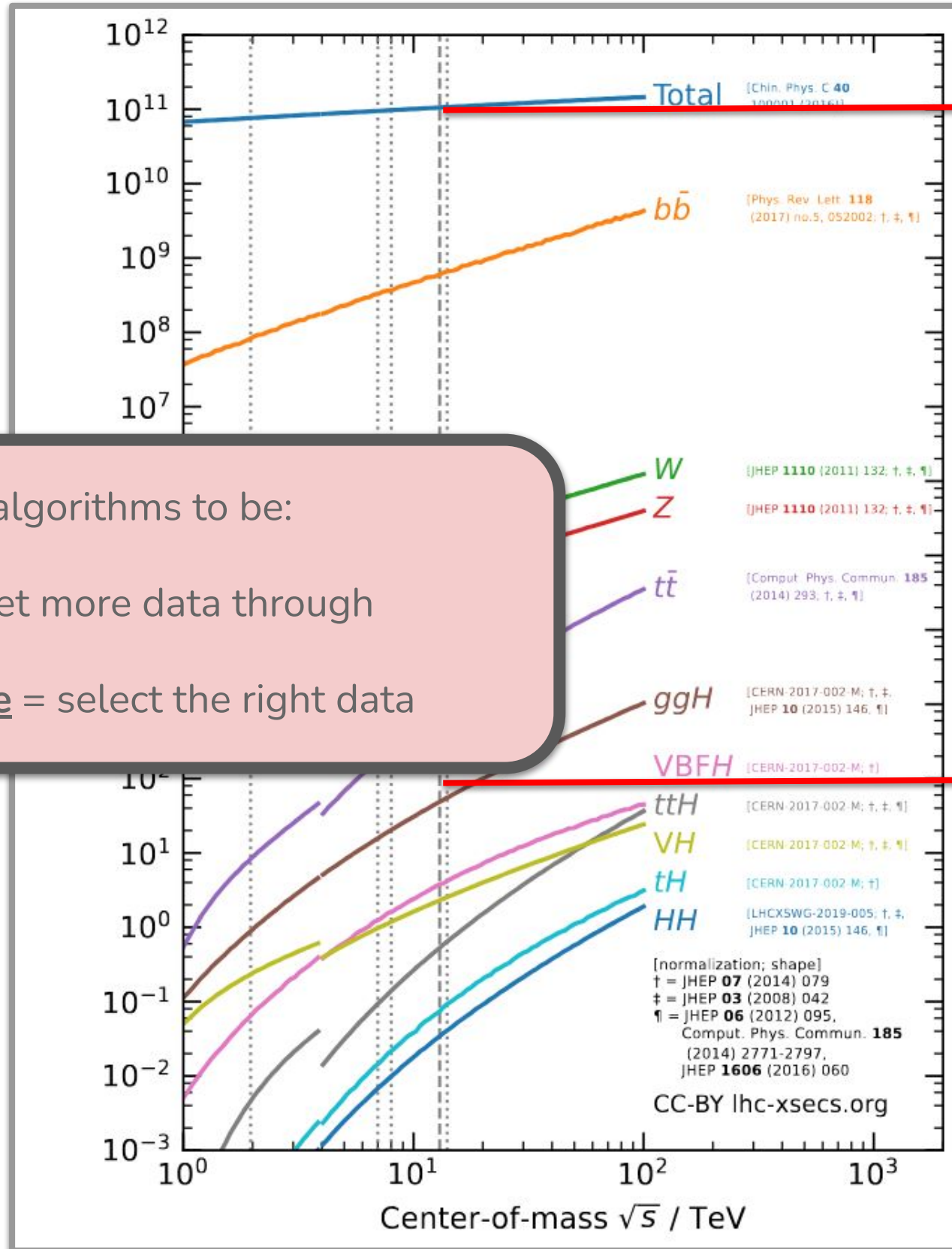
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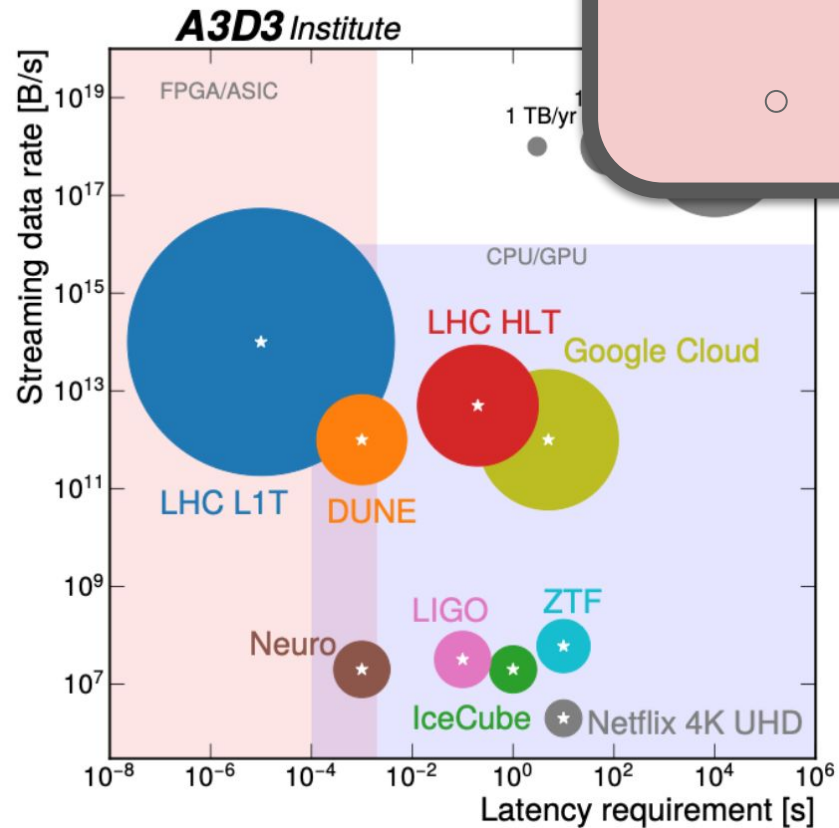
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- We need trigger algorithms to be:
 - Very fast = get more data through
 - Very accurate = select the right data

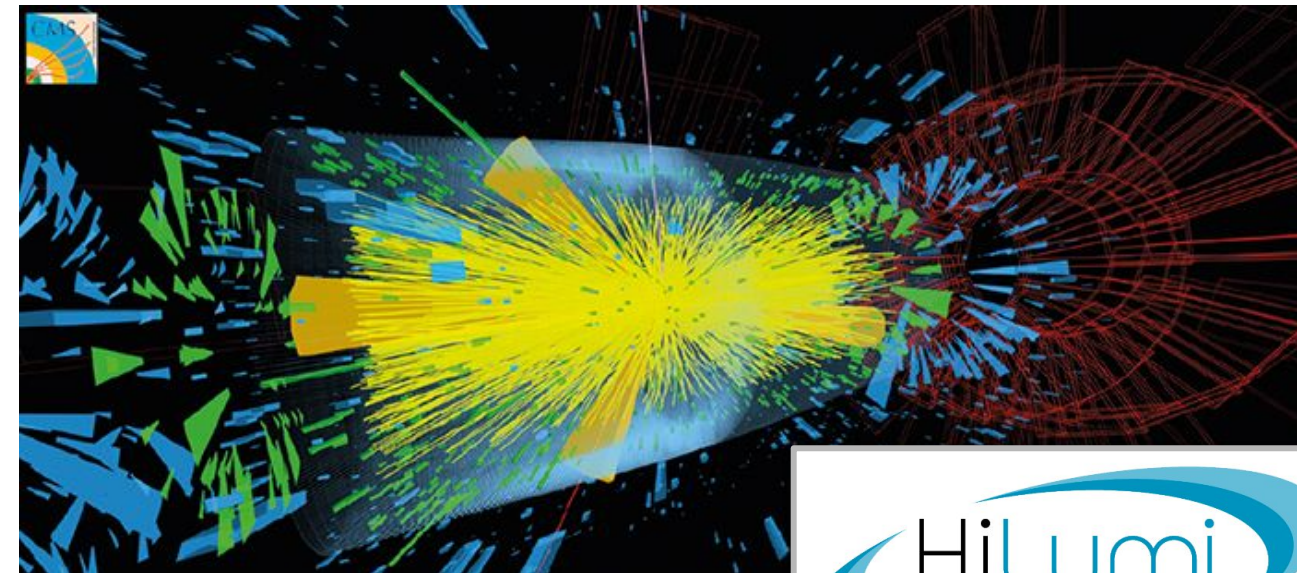


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Pile-Up = number of simultaneous p-p collisions in bunch crossing



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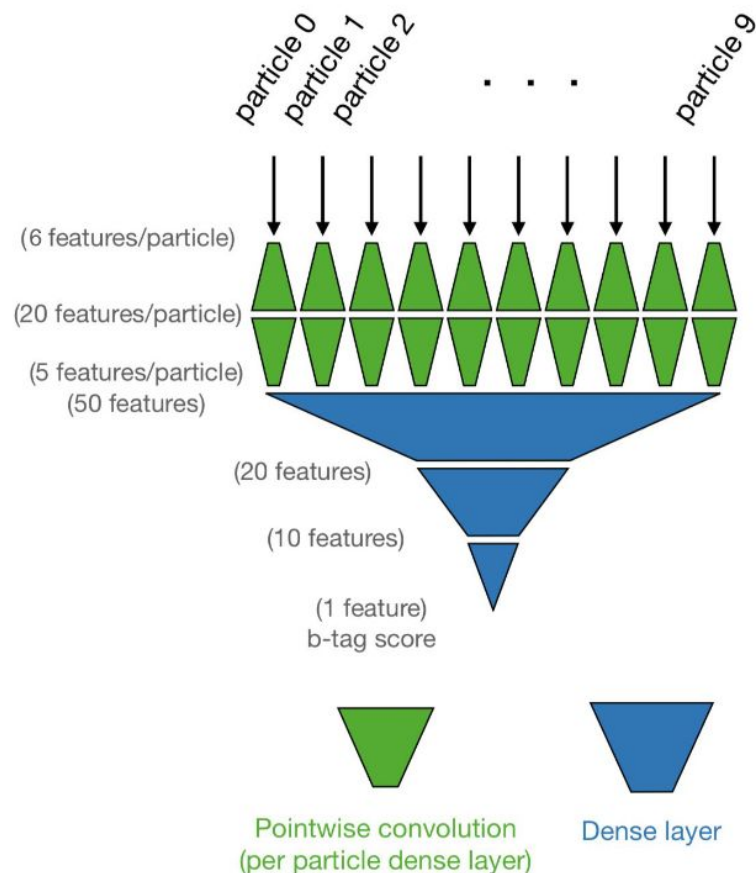
FastML

- Task becomes much harder during HL-LHC due to increased Pile-Up
- Advances in FPGA technology facilitates ML in the ultra-low latency, high-bandwidth environment

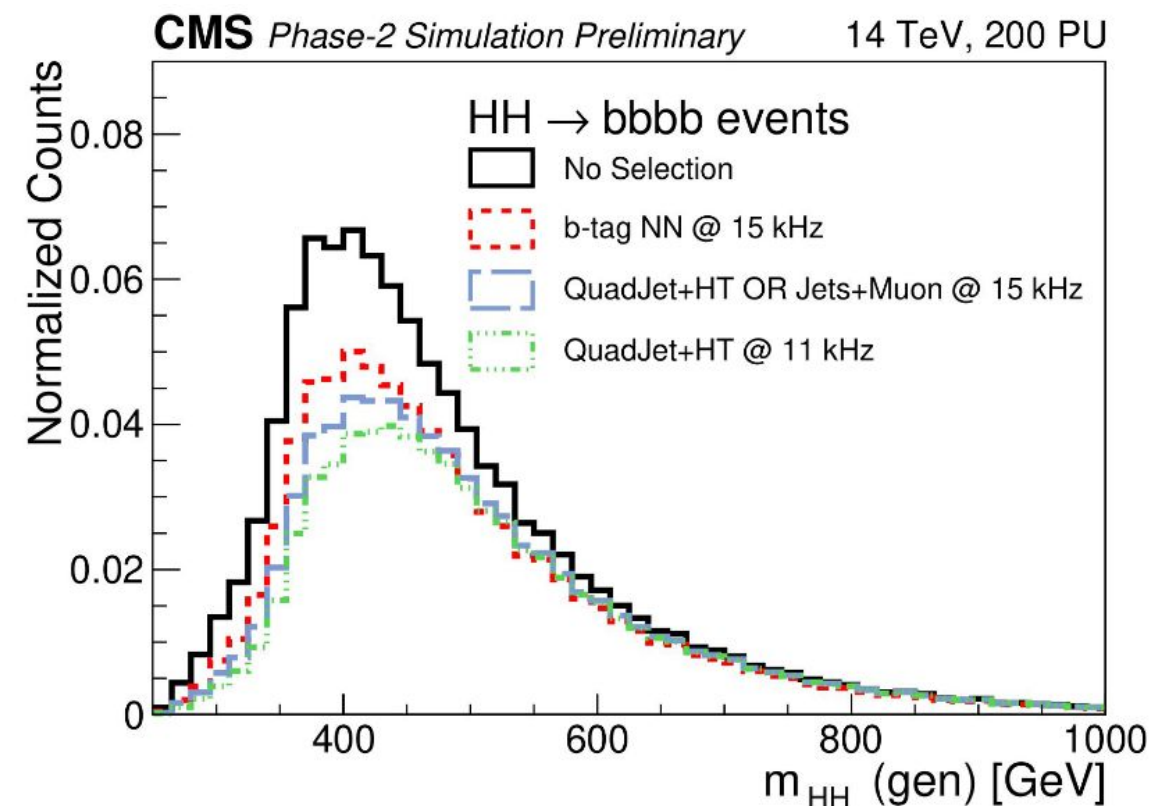
-   convert python ML model to FPGA language



Field Programmable Gate Array (FPGA)
 High parallelism, high flexibility,
 latency deterministic, power efficient



Example: CNN to identify b-quark jets in μs domain



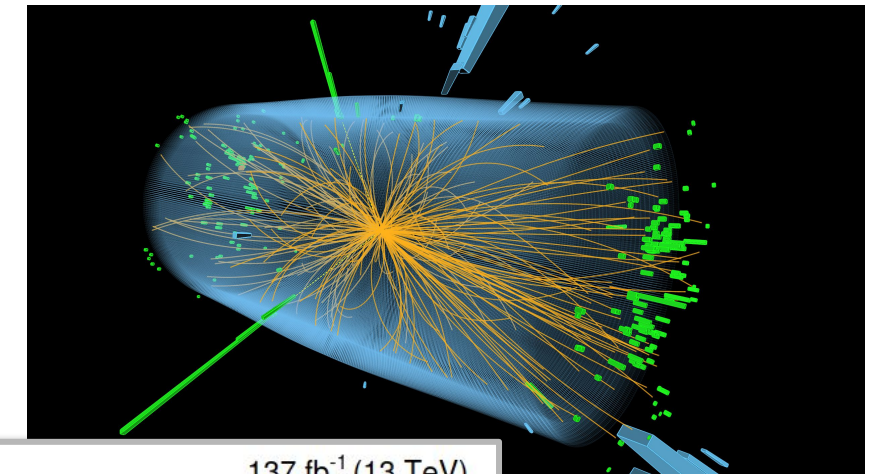
The inverse problem

Likelihood is integral over all possible trajectories through latent space

$$p(x|\theta) = \int dz p(x, z|\theta)$$

- Determine underlying parameters, θ , that produce observed data, x
- MC simulation: accurate density estimation in high-dim space is extremely challenging!
- Typically construct lower-dimensional summary statistic

Reconstructed four-momenta + ID of all final state particles



$$D \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{n \times d} \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^{h \times k}$$

Histogram of h bins in k dimensions

- Construct Poisson-likelihood using summary statistic to infer, $\theta = \{\mu, \nu\}$
 - e.g. to extract signal rate, μ , with nuisance parameters, ν

$$L(\text{data}|\mu, \nu) = \left(\prod_r \text{Pois} [N_r | \mu s(\nu) + b(\nu)] \right) \cdot \mathcal{C}(\nu)$$

- Where can ML improve inference over traditional methods?

