



## AI at Fermilab and beyond (in HEP)

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# Overview

- The data landscape, HPC facilities
- HEP activities in AI
  - “Domain” applications
    - Colliders
    - Neutrinos
    - Cosmology
  - “General” applications
    - Control of complex devices
    - Simulations
    - Realtime AI
- Conclusions and future effort, thoughts on collaboration, etc.

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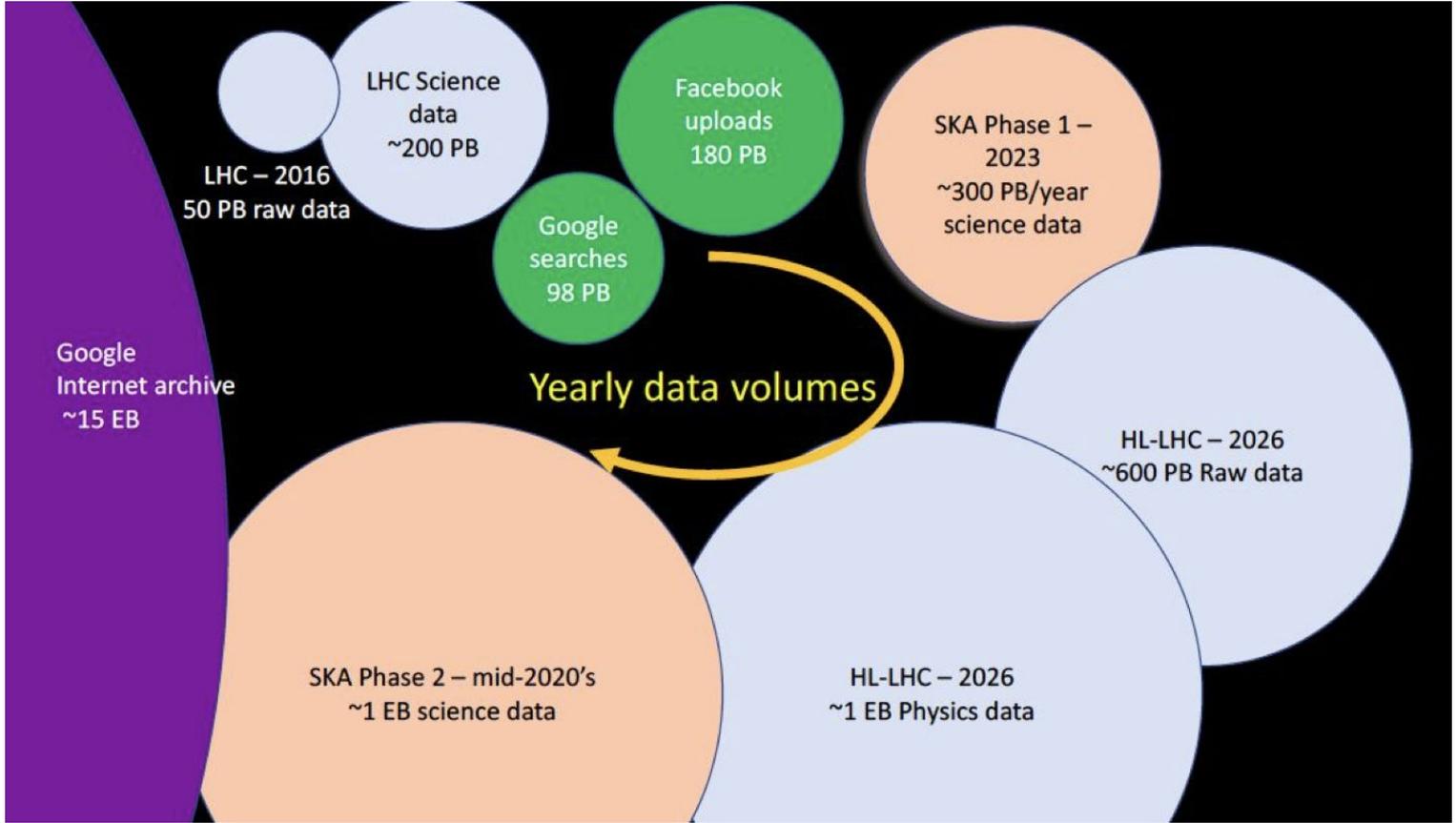
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# If data is the fuel for modern AI...

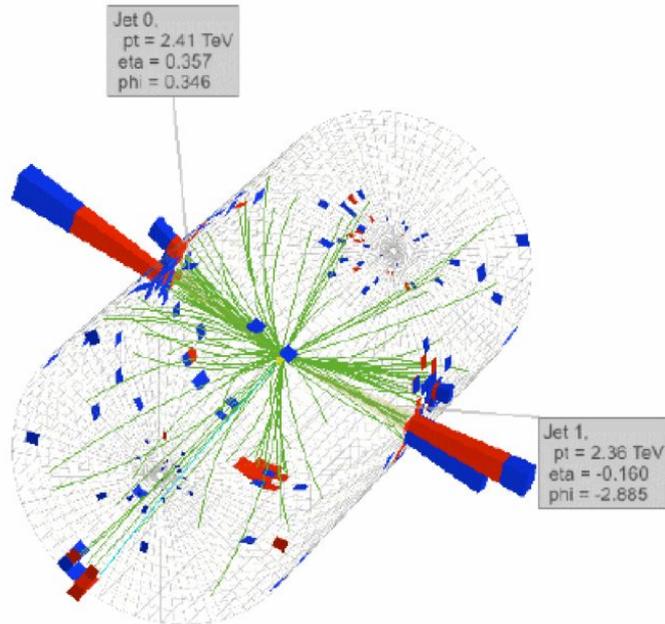


# HPC Facilities and AI

- HPC facilities are evolving towards AI and analysis workloads.
  - Long tradition in simulation applications.
  - Large implications for interconnect, storage systems, etc. -> Workloads change from compute intensive to IO intensive.
  - HPC + AI is a *dominant paradigm* in the US DOE -> major implications for HEP.
- AI provides a path to adapt HEP workloads to HPC facilities:
  - Map problems into machine learning problems.
  - Map imperative algorithms into AI models.
- Interesting, complex pros and cons:
  - Saves us the need to rewrite all of our code to support GPU/TPU/etc. platforms, but we need to understand biases and uncertainties in AI algorithms at a much deeper level.
    - Domain translation bias, efficient uncertainty propagation, model systematics.
    - Rich area for collaboration (within and without HEP).
    - HEP has an opportunity to provide leadership in these areas.



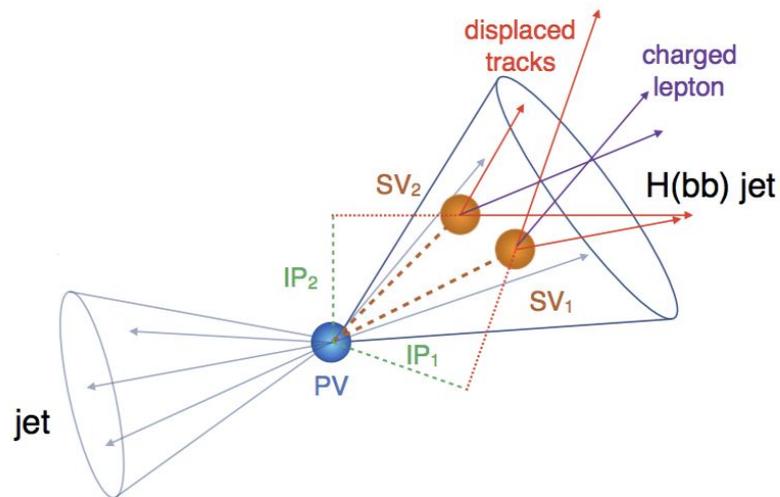
# Higgs at the LHC



CMS Experiment at LHC, CERN  
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Fermilab is the lead lab on the Compact Muon Solenoid experiment at the LHC

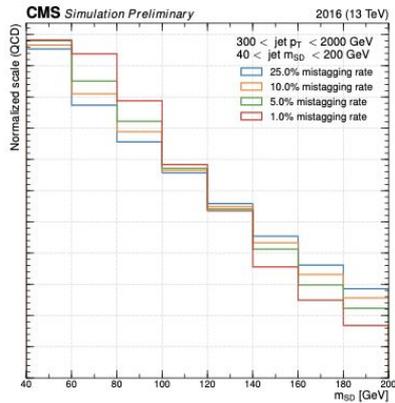
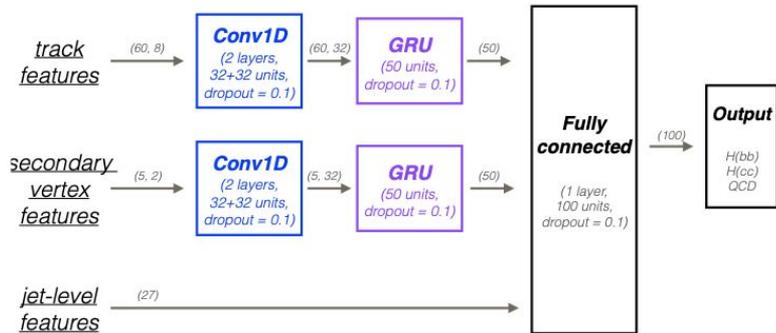
A broad range of physics from studying the Higgs boson to searches for dark matter



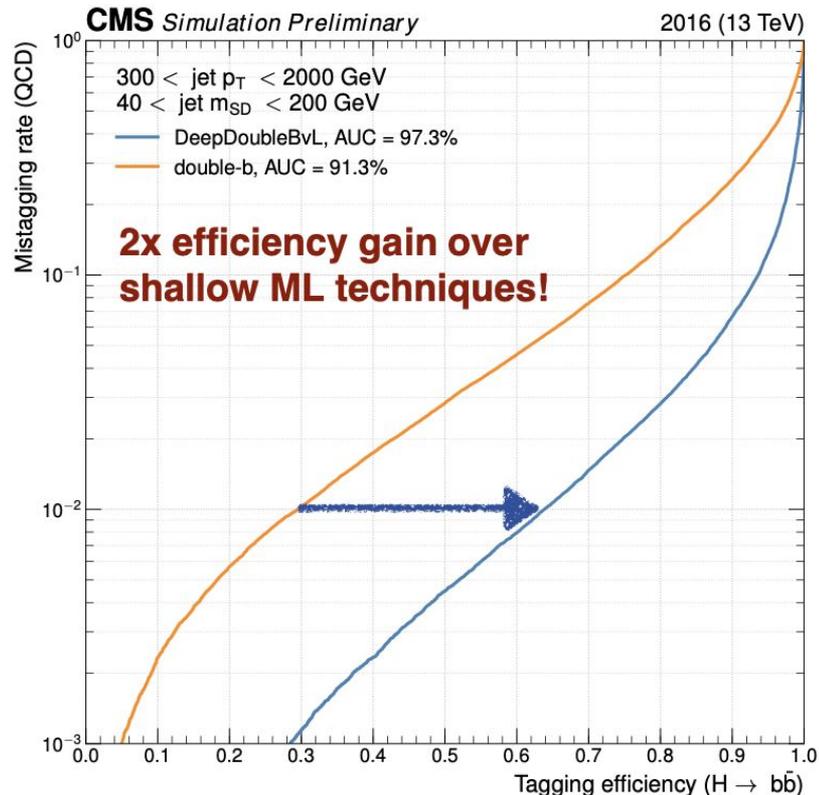
*New deep learning techniques to identify the Higgs boson in dense, energetic decays to bottom quarks*

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# Example: Identifying the Higgs



**decorrelation:**  
 teach the network how *not*  
 learn certain physical features;  
 important for controlling  
 systematic uncertainties



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# Neutrinos at NOvA

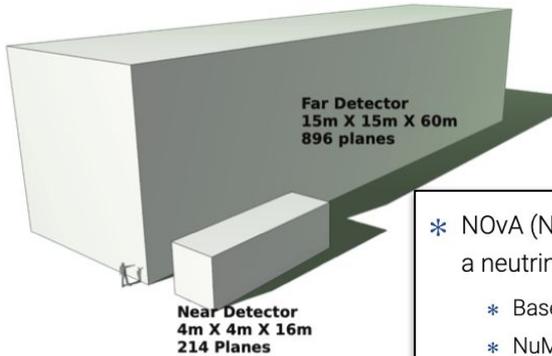


## Near Detector

0.3 kt, > 20,000 channels  
100 m below service  
1 km from NuMI

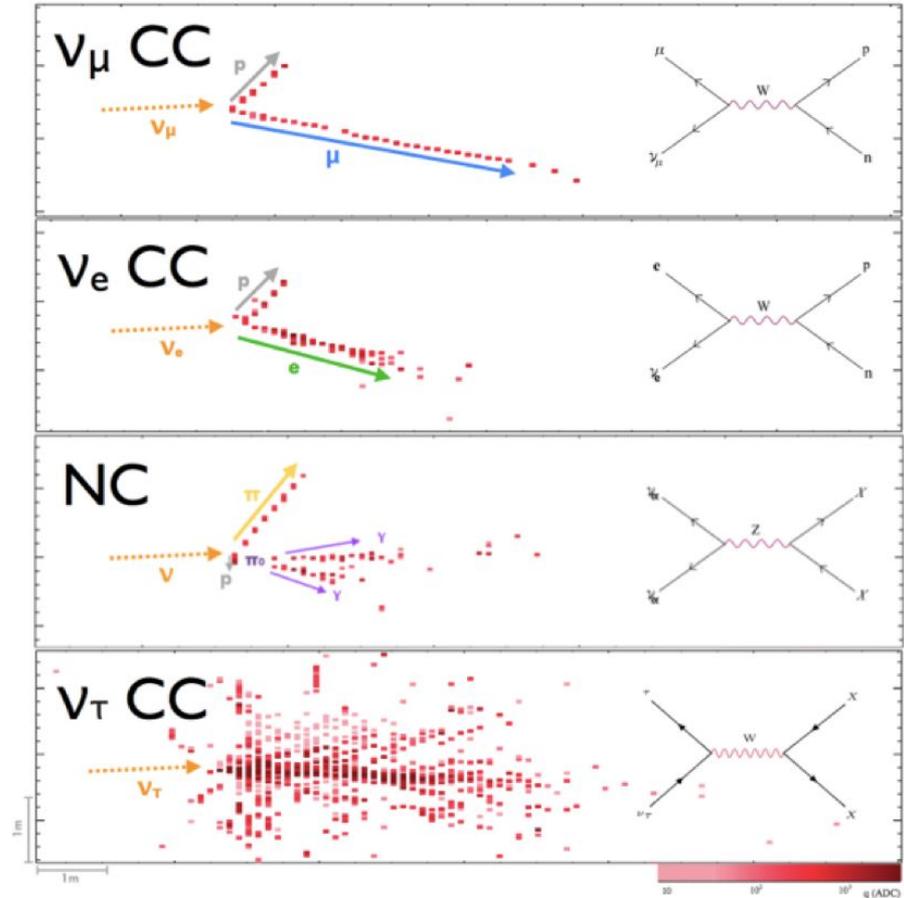
## Far Detector

14 kt, > 344,000 channels  
On surface  
810 km from NuMI



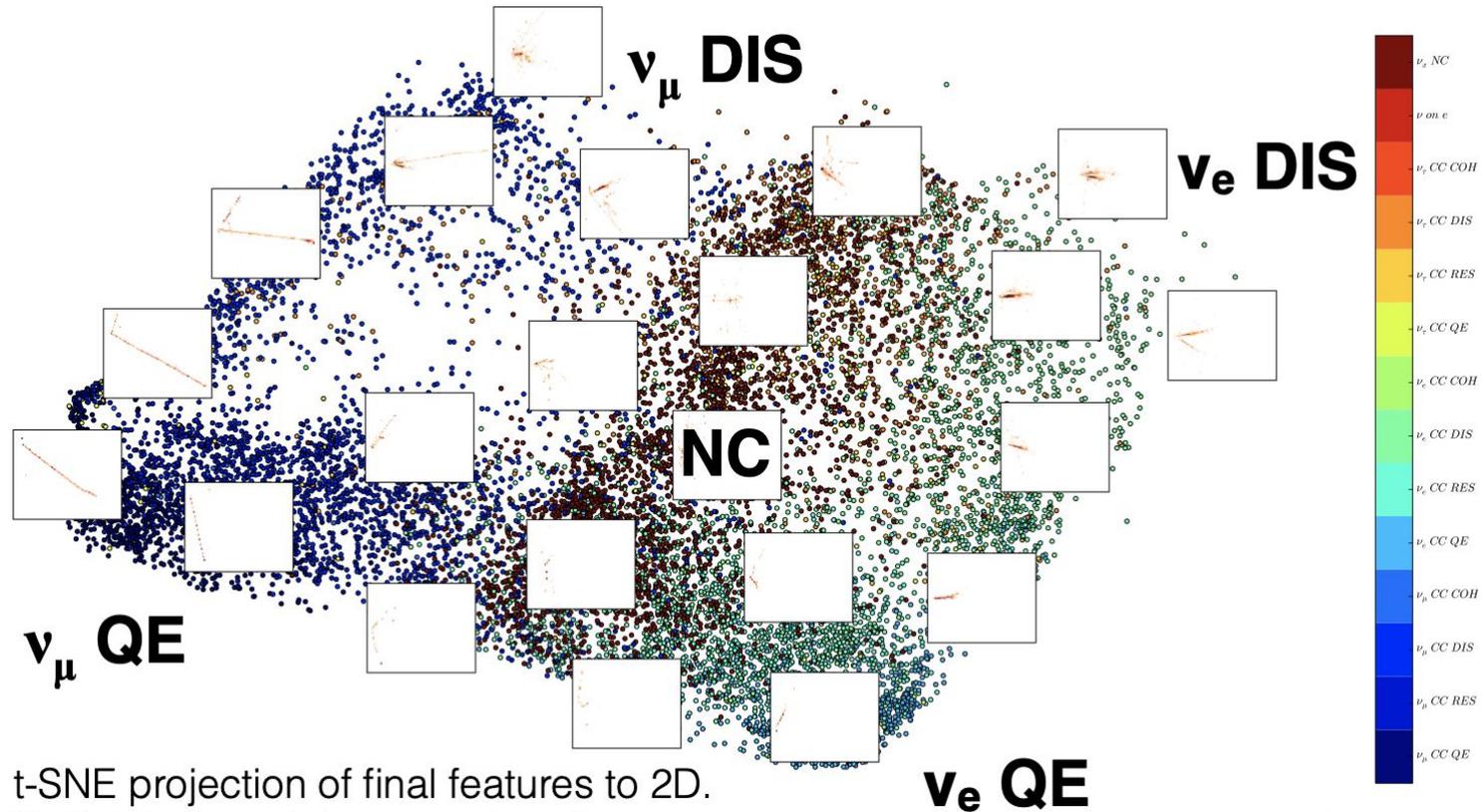
\* NOvA (NuMI Off-axis  $\nu_e$  Appearance) is a neutrino oscillation experiment

- \* Baseline of 810 km
- \* NuMI, beam of mostly  $\nu_\mu$
- \* 14 mrad off-axis from the beam
- \* Two functionally identical detectors



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# NOvA: explainable AI



t-SNE projection of final features to 2D.  
Truth labels, training sample subset.

Figure courtesy of A. Radovic

# AI in the Sky: Elements of Cosmic Experiments

Every main element of future cosmic experiments will be accelerated by AI.

**Data:** Trillions of particles in databases ( $\geq 6D$ )

**Task:** Recreate motions of particles under gravity, hydrodynamics

**Task:** Recreate observational noise elements in projected images of web

## Simulating the Universe



## Watching the sky



**Data:** Millions of sky pointings ( $\geq 2D$ )

**Task:** Optimize schedules over days and years

**Task:** Control the telescope and associated devices

## Analyzing Galaxies



**Data:** Billions of objects in Images (2D) and Spectra (1D)

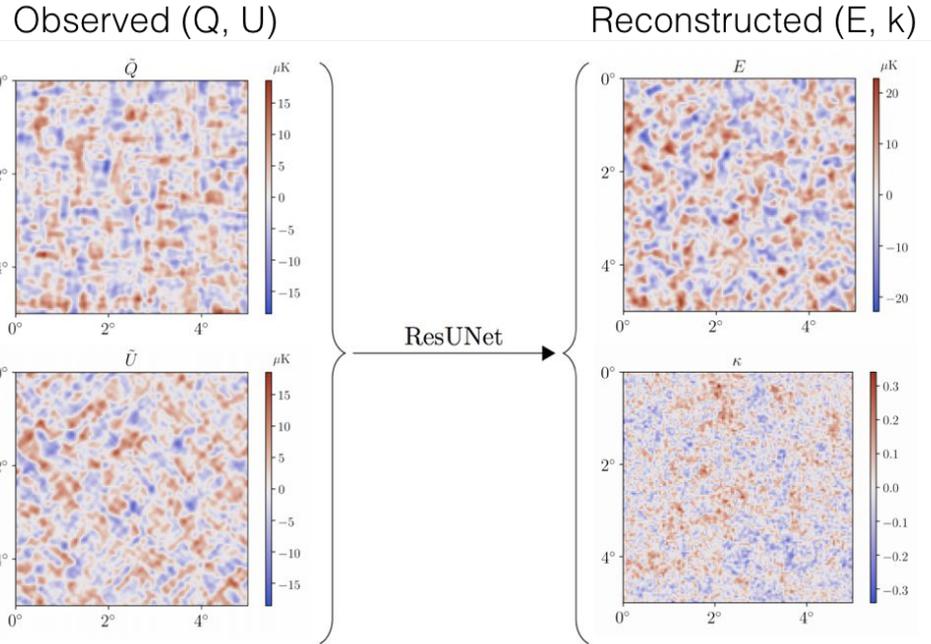
**Task:** Identify and measure objects in noisy data

**Task:** Separate data structures into components

# Read between the layers: decompose microwave maps



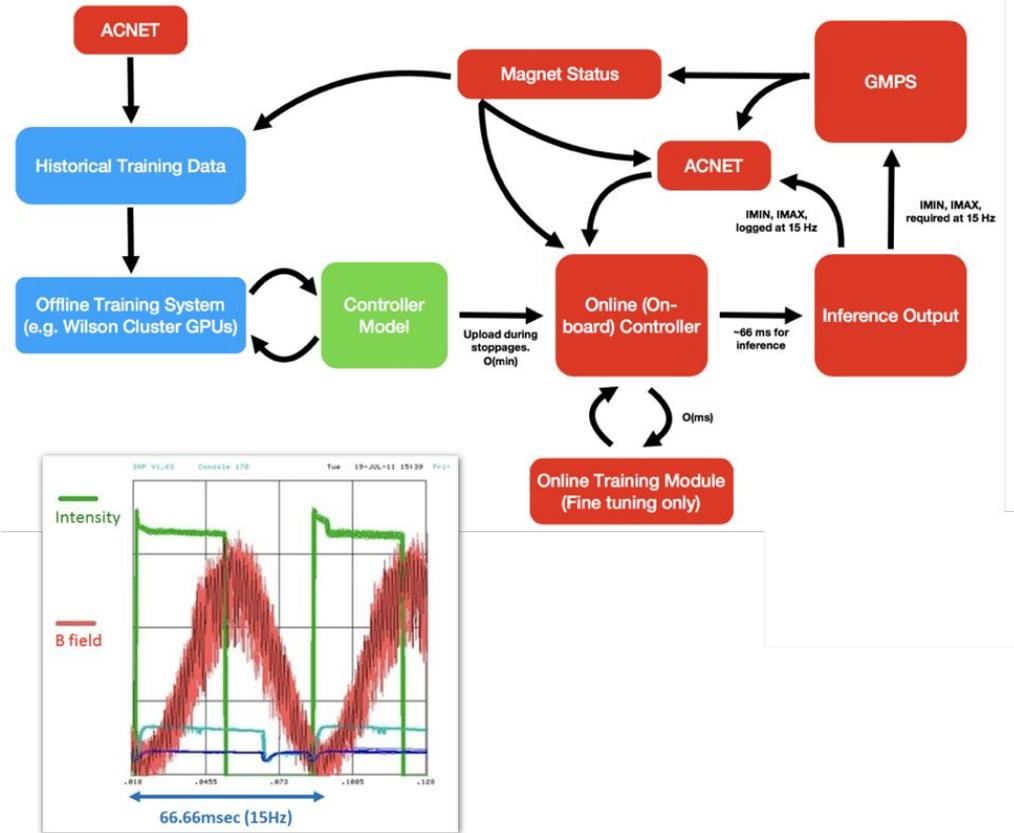
- South Pole Telescope (SPT): Polarized cosmic microwave background maps
- Earliest gravitational wave signatures that have very low signal



- Noise and other foregrounds obfuscate primordial
- Pioneered the use of Residual UNets to separate signals (k) from noise (E)

# Accelerator controls with reinforcement learning

- Seek to reduce losses in Fermilab Booster, reduce operational burdens
- Build a self-tuning system that consumes low-latency environment and accelerator state behavior and runs an AI algorithm on a custom FPGA board to control magnet power supplies
  - Leverages hls4ml tool and CMS trigger technology
- Scope of the project is a single-crate control system, but the effort lays the foundation for more ambitious future programs
- Collaborative effort with Pacific Northwest National Laboratory

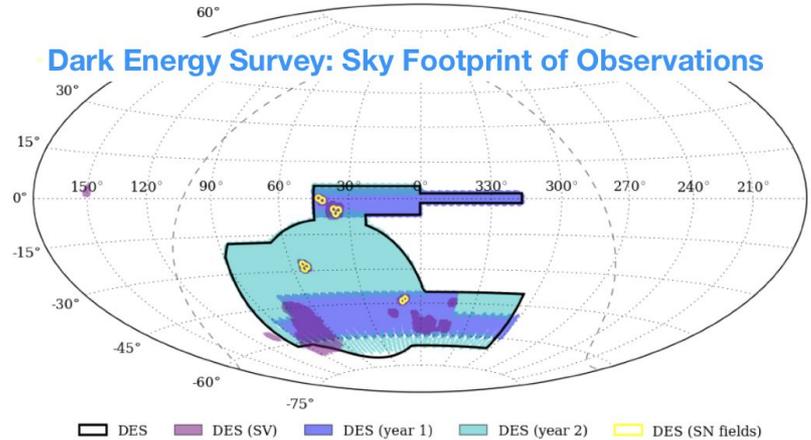


# Self-driving telescopes: Control machines, schedule observations

Precision Machine Control  
DES: 2012-2018



- Dark Energy Survey: Optical images, Chilean Andes
- Terabytes of data per night
- 500 million galaxies, thousands of exploding stars
- *Competing target requirements and environmental constraints*

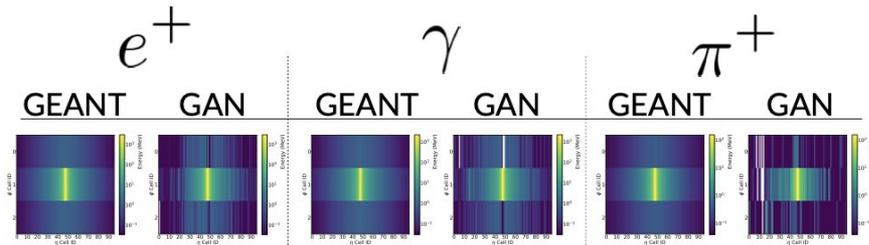


## Challenge of scheduling on multiple time scales:

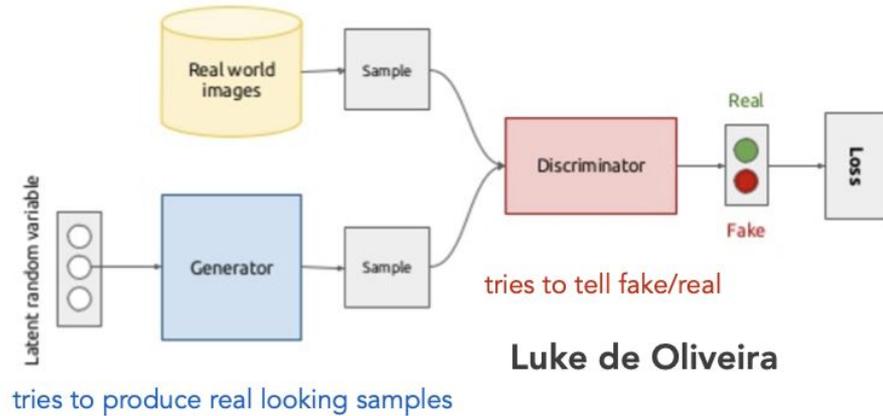
- Long: competition between faint galaxies (green) and transient objects (yellow)
- Short: weather, annual modulation of sky positions
- Exploring reinforcement learning for optimal scheduling and control (balance short term rewards with long-term cumulative gain)

# Generative models for simulation

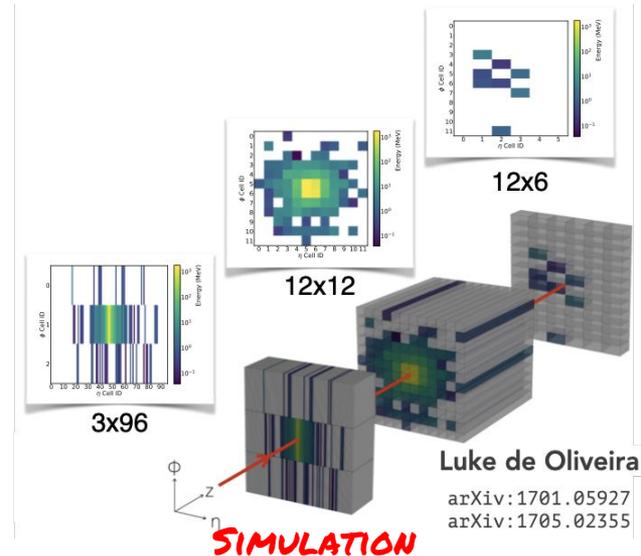
- Future simulation needs (e.g., HL-LHC) appear likely to outstrip even optimistic resource projections.
- Shower libraries face problems rooted in incompleteness and heavy data access.
- Generative models offer a potentially incredible speed-up along with better flexibility by modeling very complex distributions.



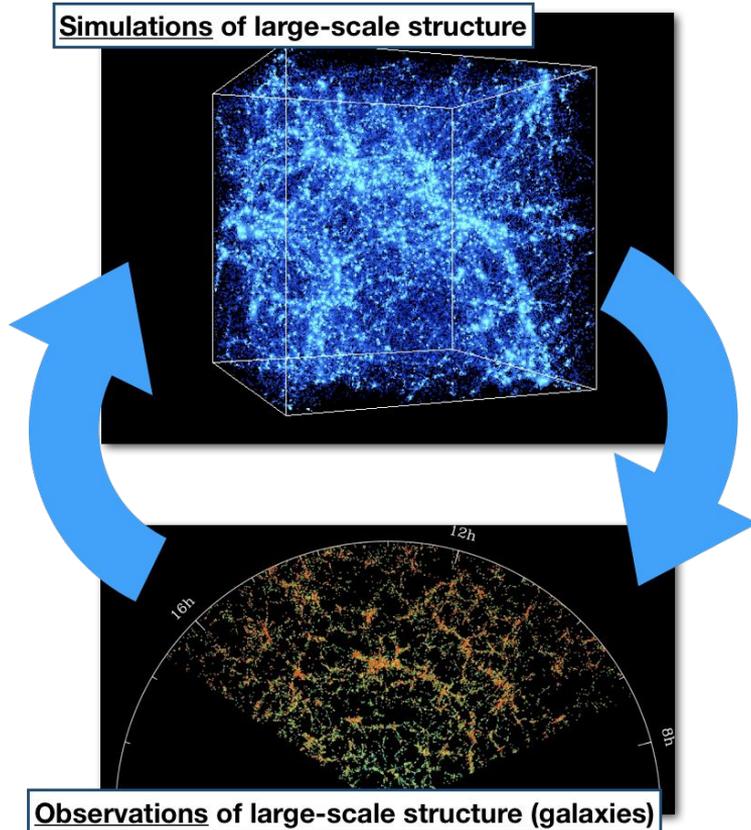
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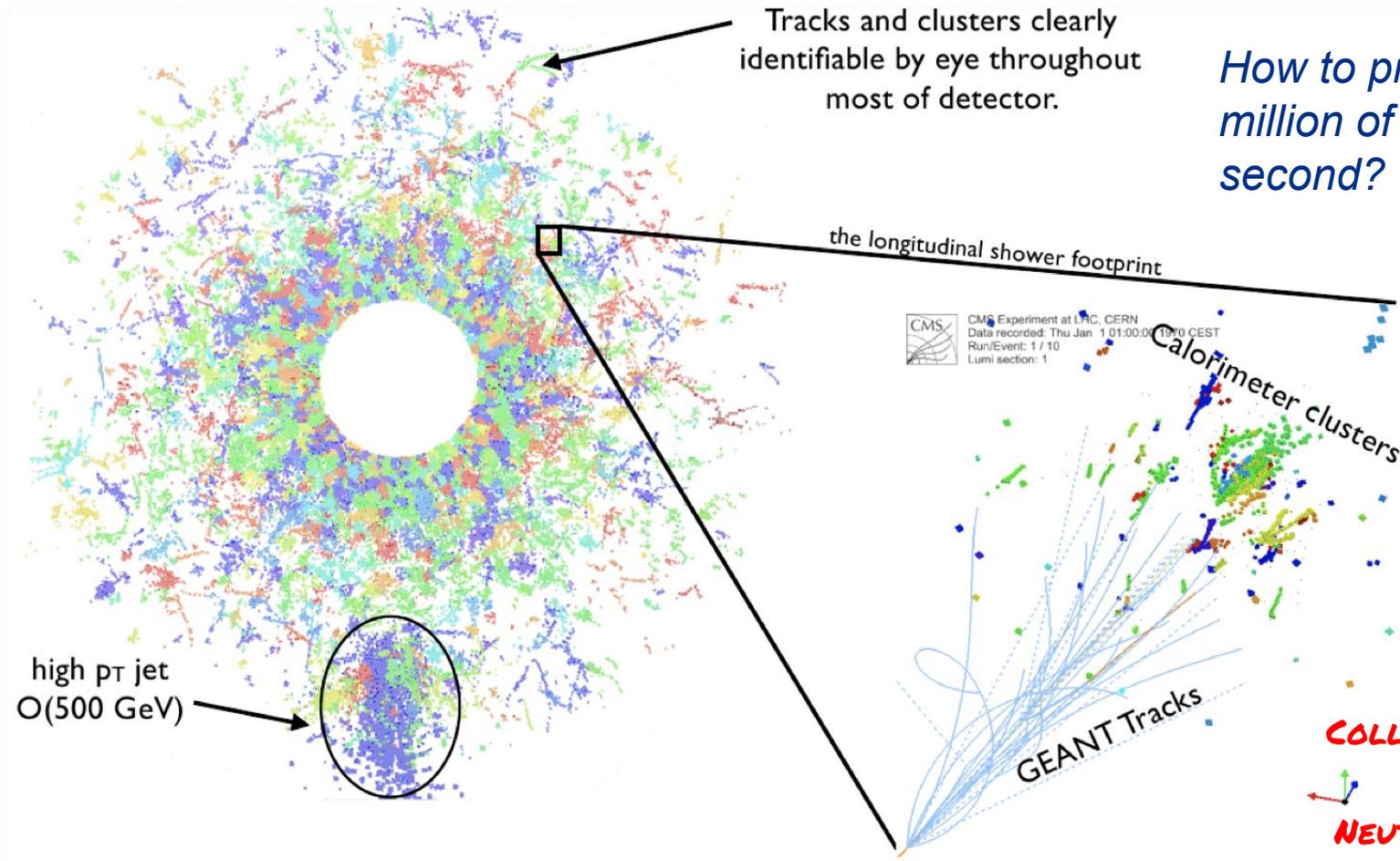


# Simulations represent theory



We compare simulated universes (blue, upper) to observed cosmic web of galaxies (red/yellow, lower)

- Across time scales: 3 orders of magnitude
  - Across spatial scales: 6 orders of magnitude
  - With forces: gravity, magnetohydrodynamics
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- A single conventional simulation: millions of CPU hours and petabytes of data
  - We need 1000's of simulations (models) to test against real data.
  - Parameterized model-assisted GANs for image and particle set generation
  - Using relationships between group symmetries and convolutions to speed up calculations



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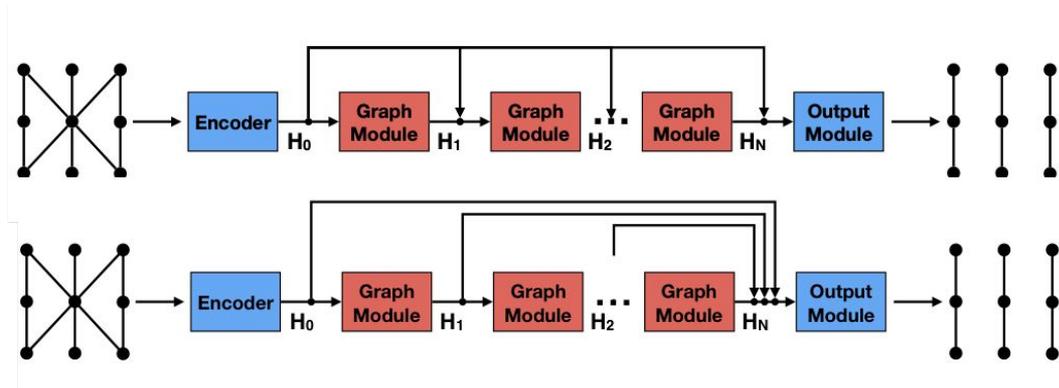
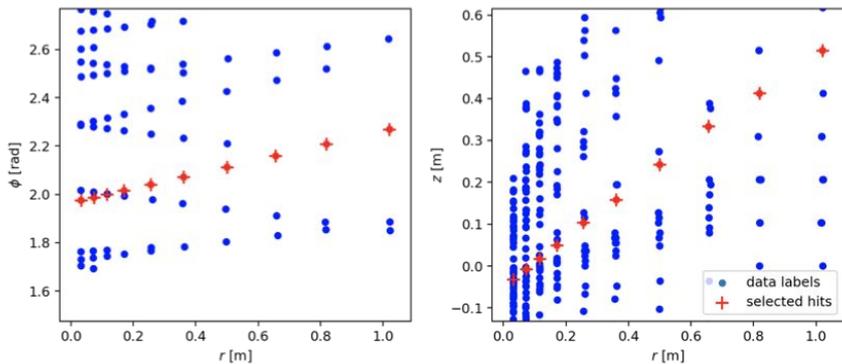
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**GRAPH NETWORKS**

# Beyond images

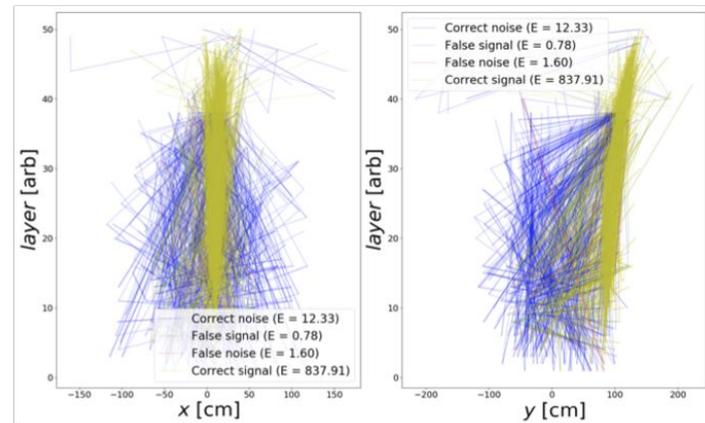
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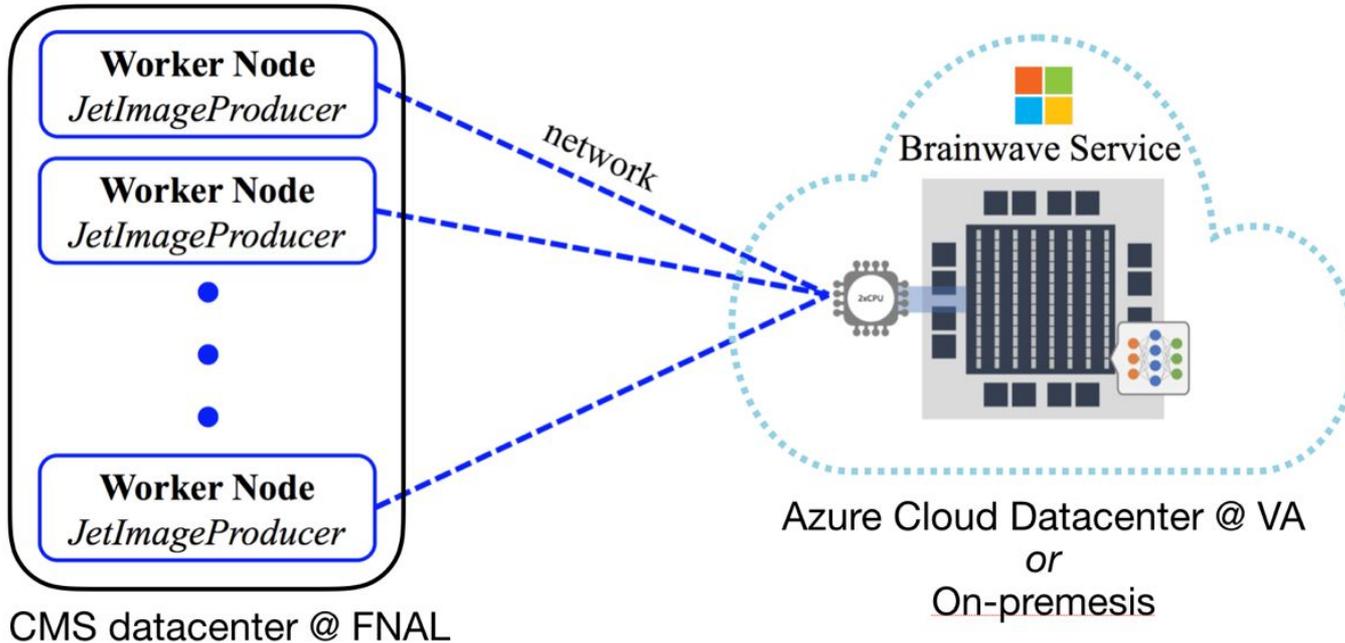
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Clustering



# Fast inference as a service

- Found 30x (175x) speed up for cloud (edge) inference using ResNet50 as compared to the experiment's software framework.

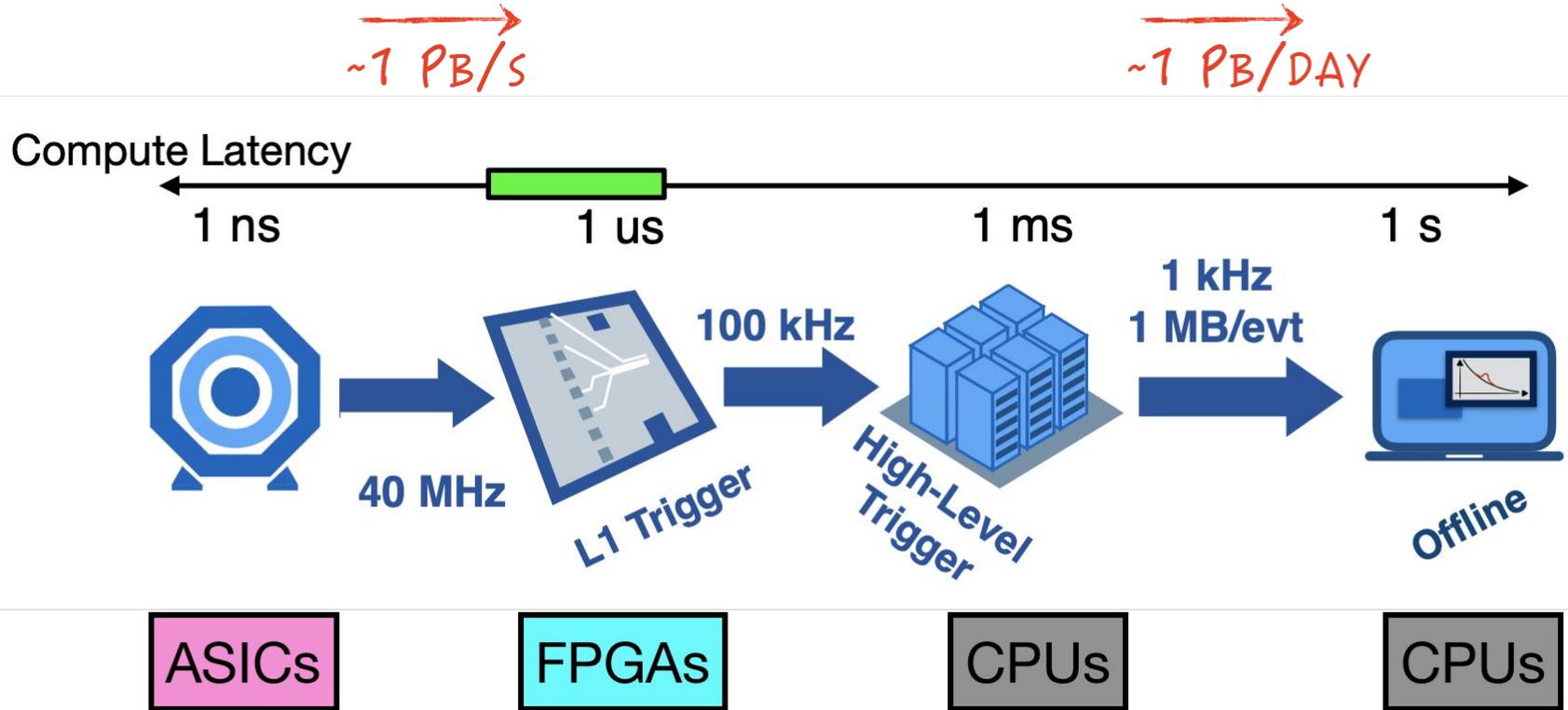


Non-disruptive integration of heterogeneous computing resources into HEP computing model.

Deploy as a service (many CPUs to few FPGAs) can be more cost-effective.

*Exploring applications across many experiments (LHC, neutrinos, cosmology, gravitational waves)*

# CMS data processing chain

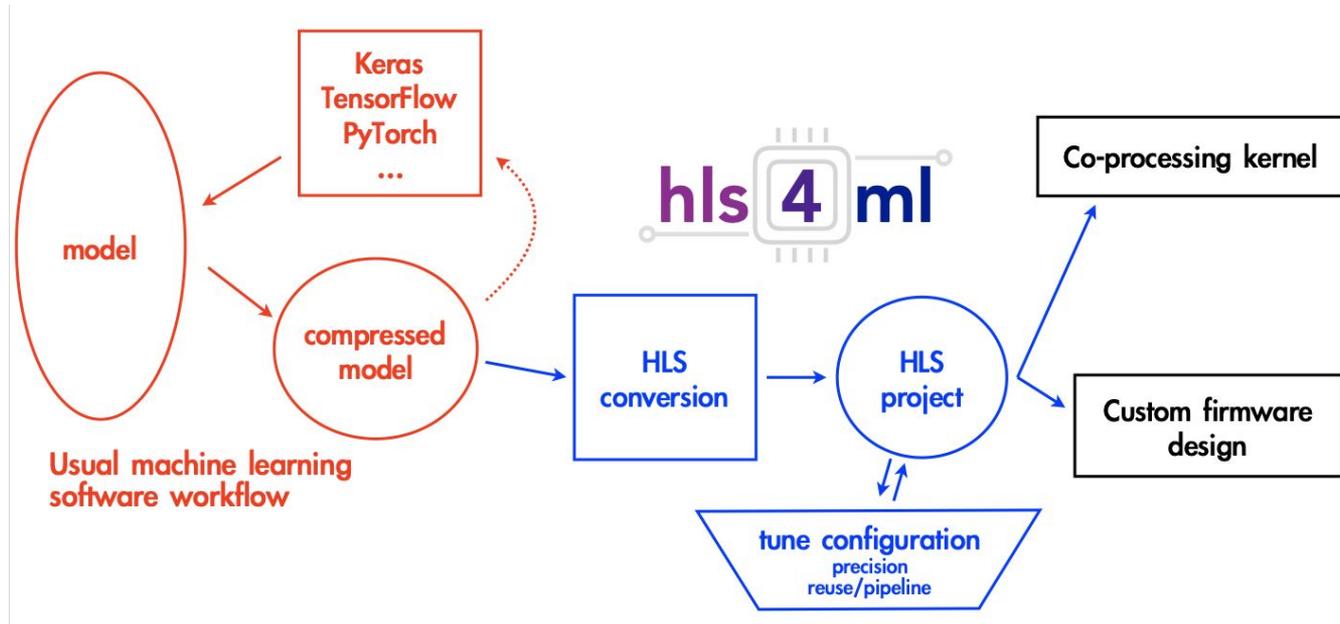


*REAL-TIME ON-DETECTOR AI*

Figure by N. Tran



- L1 Trigger: incorporate ML for on-detector real-time processing
- **hls4ml** - open-source automated translation tool: ML models to firmware
  - <https://fastmachinelearning.org/hls4ml>

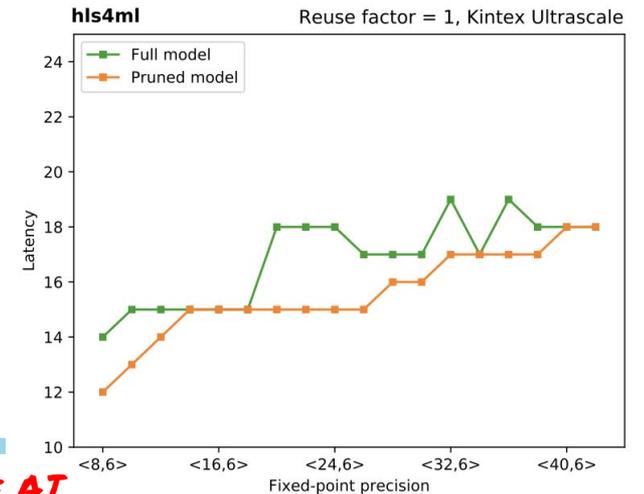
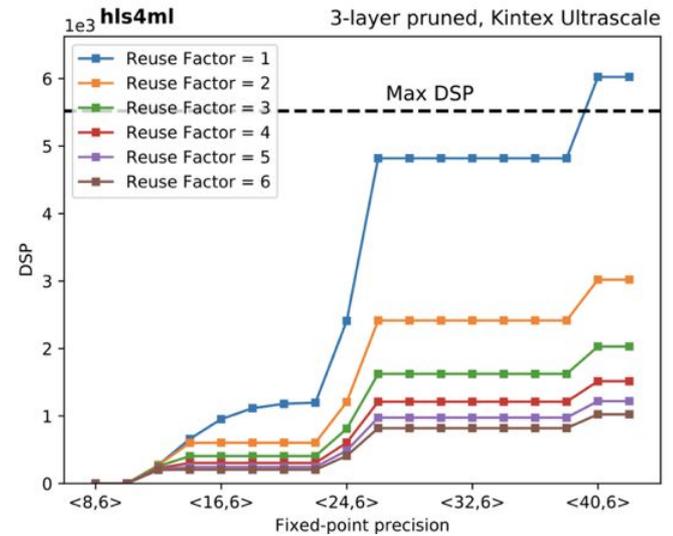


# ML in the hardware trigger, cont.

- All FPGA design
  - Flexible - many algorithm types for processing layers
- Application and adopting growing across the LHC
  - Firmware in hours instead of weeks/months
- Model compression and quantization showing no meaningful impact on classification performance.
  
- Growing interest with many on-going developments
  - CNNs, Graphs, RNNs, auto-encoders, binary/ternary
  - Alternate HLS (Intel, Mentor, Cadence)
  - Co-processors, multi-FPGA
  - Intelligent ASICs

<https://arxiv.org/abs/1804.06913>

*>5000 parameter  
fully-connected  
network in 100 ns*



# Future directions

- AI is an important area to invest in.
- There is a real possibility of the world resolving into an AI duopoly dominated by the US (companies) and China (government). This has serious ethical and sociological consequences.
- Dominance in AI comes from dominance in data. HEP data, particularly large open datasets but also those that are “closed” within the experiments provide useful material for building expertise in this area and we should leverage this fact for funding support and actively seek collaboration with computer scientists, electrical engineers, and mathematicians to build interdisciplinary teams around HEP datasets that can grow new centers of excellence in this intellectual space.
- Opportunities for collaboration abound - it is important we all work together.

# Thoughts on collaboration

- AI is a very challenging area to hire in. There is a very strong pull to companies that pay salaries we cannot match in science. We can compete on interesting problems! And we can continue to provide value as educators and for training.
  - “Workforce development” is a major “buzz phrase” in the US.
- The barriers to entry are (or at least can be) low. Ultimately large computing resources are required, but it is possible to bring real value to a collaboration around formal methods, algorithmic innovation, and creative applications.



## Thoughts on collaboration, cont.

- We are very eager to collaborate in this space at Fermilab. Please talk to us!
- There are also excellent opportunities to build collaborative networks around specific, focused applications and algorithms in Latin America. Some infrastructure investments are required, but within an HEP context (and access to HEP data), there are opportunities to build a *world-leading program* in an area.



# Conclusions

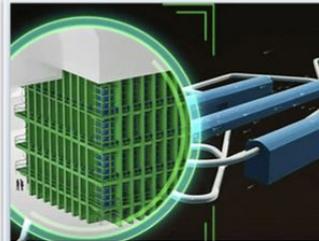
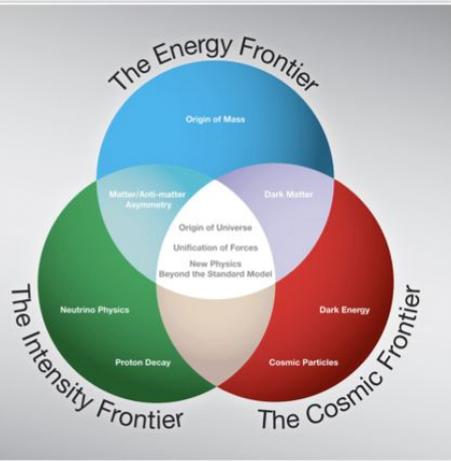
- The AI program in HEP is both deep and broad.
  - There are many topics I didn't cover in theory, speeding up event generators, data quality monitoring, computing operations, and so on.
- We are moving past the era of novelty applications are really looking at hard at two questions:
  - What are the applications we could not pursue without this technology? What is the real extent of the power that AI can bring to HEP science?
    - Young people are the key to this! We need people who grew up with a technology to see how to apply it in truly novel ways. The current generation of leaders must enable this activity and avoid seeing AI as only a way to solve old problems better. We want to find changes in kind, not only in degree.
  - How can HEP help improve AI?
    - We bring novel data, problems, constraints, and interests to the endeavor.
    - We are also good at understanding problems from first principles - we may have much to offer here in particular in terms of explainable AI.

Thanks for listening!

# Introduction to Fermilab

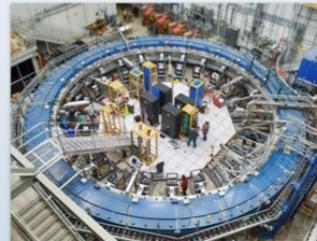
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We bring the world together to solve the mysteries of matter, energy, space and time.



## Deep Underground Neutrino Experiment

Fermilab hosts DUNE and the Long-Baseline Neutrino Facility, being built by scientists and engineers from more than 30 countries.



## Particle physics

Fermilab explores the universe at the smallest and largest scales, studying the fundamental particles and forces that govern our universe.



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Fermilab designs, builds and operates powerful accelerators to investigate nature's building blocks, advancing technology for science and society.

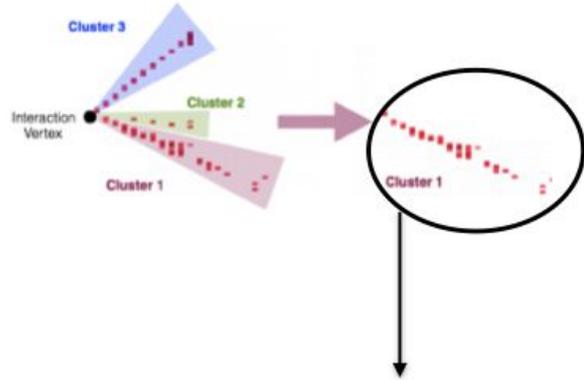


## Detectors, computing and quantum science

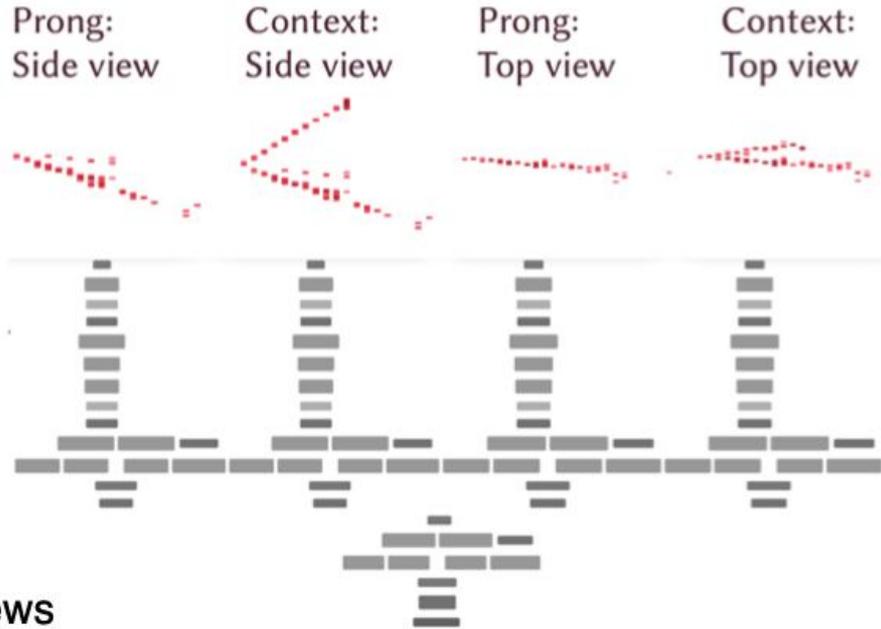
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# NOvA: Particle Reconstruction

Single particles are separated using geometric reconstruction methods.

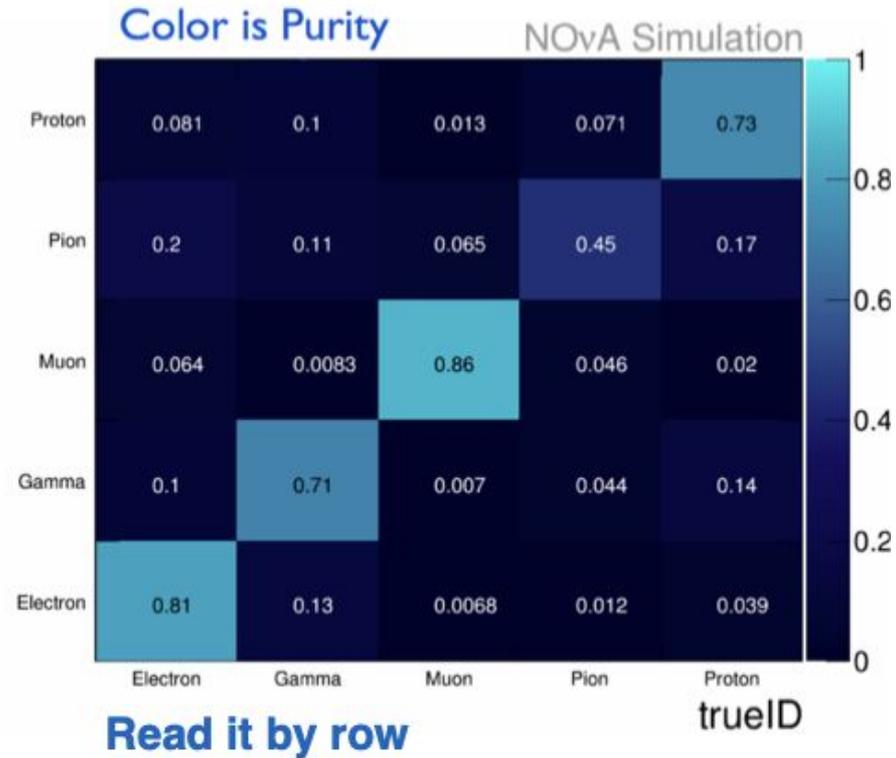
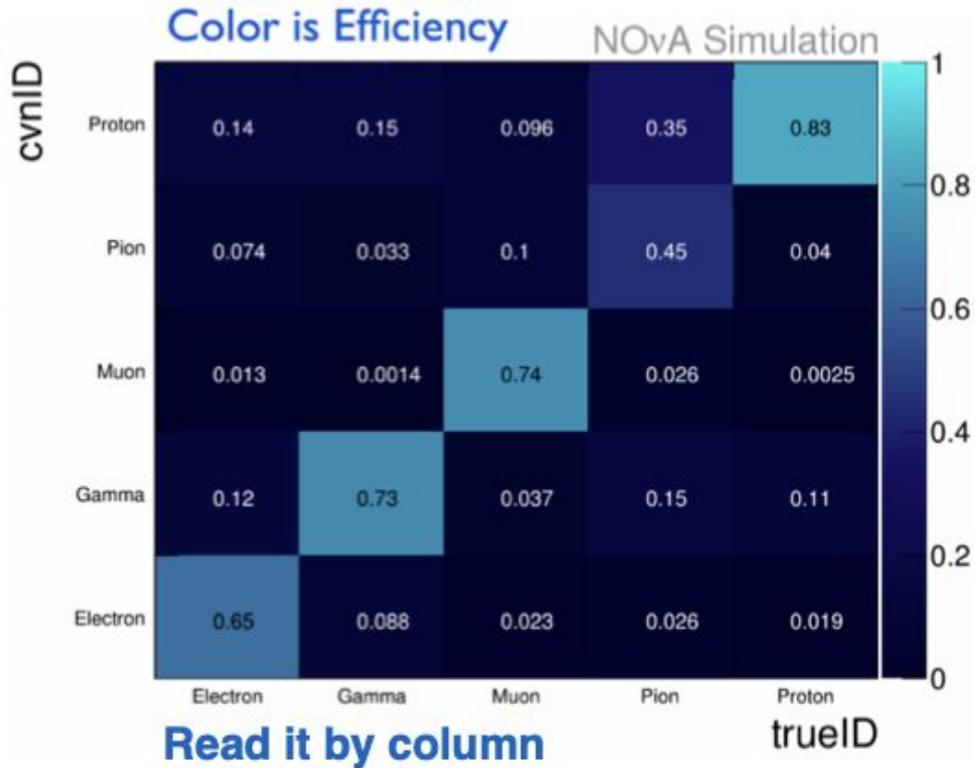


Classify particles using full event topology from both views as well as reconstructed cluster information (**4 views**)



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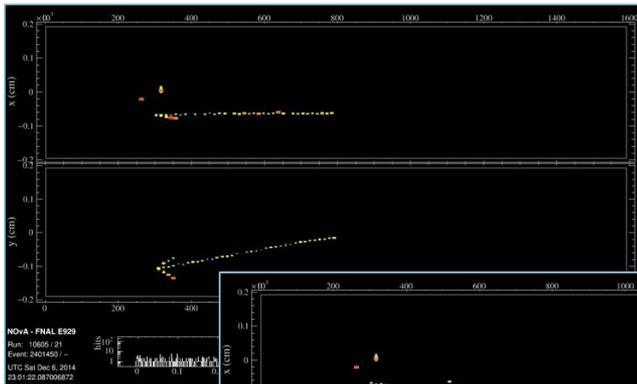
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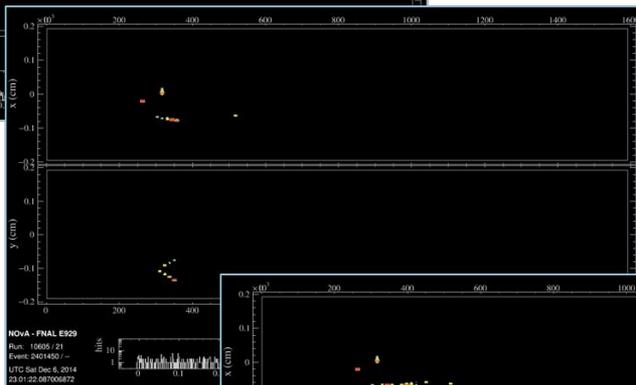
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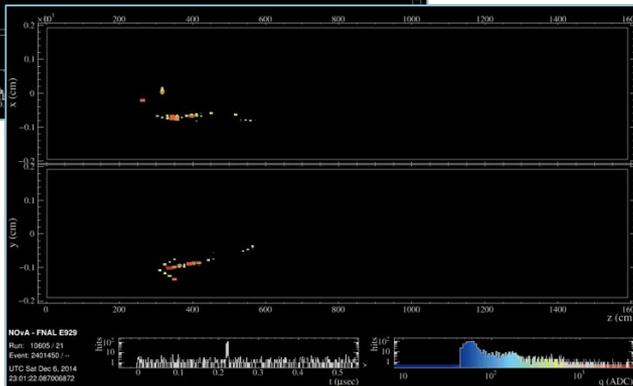
Muon event from data



Muon particle removed

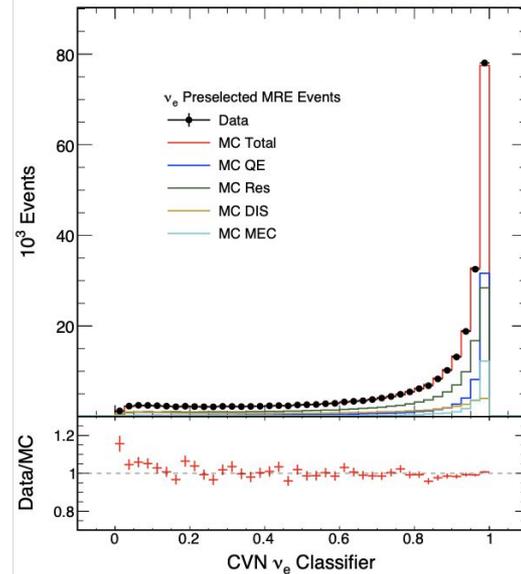


Muon replaced with simulated electron



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	MC	277320	163218	0.588555	
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NOvA Preliminary



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