

# Combine & Conquer: Event Reconstruction with Bayesian Ensemble Neural Networks

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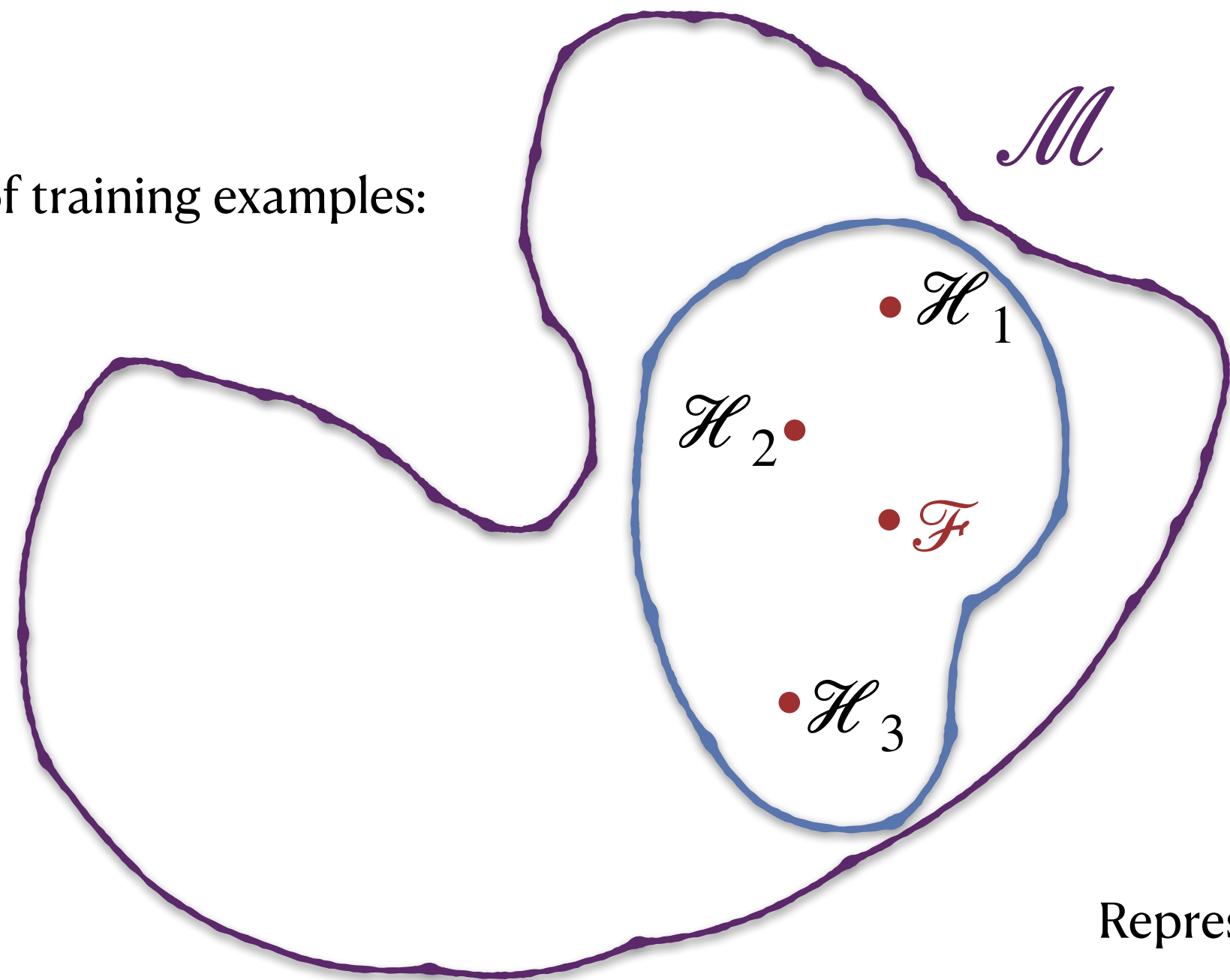


~~Combine~~  
"Divide and conquer"  
Gaius Julius Caesar

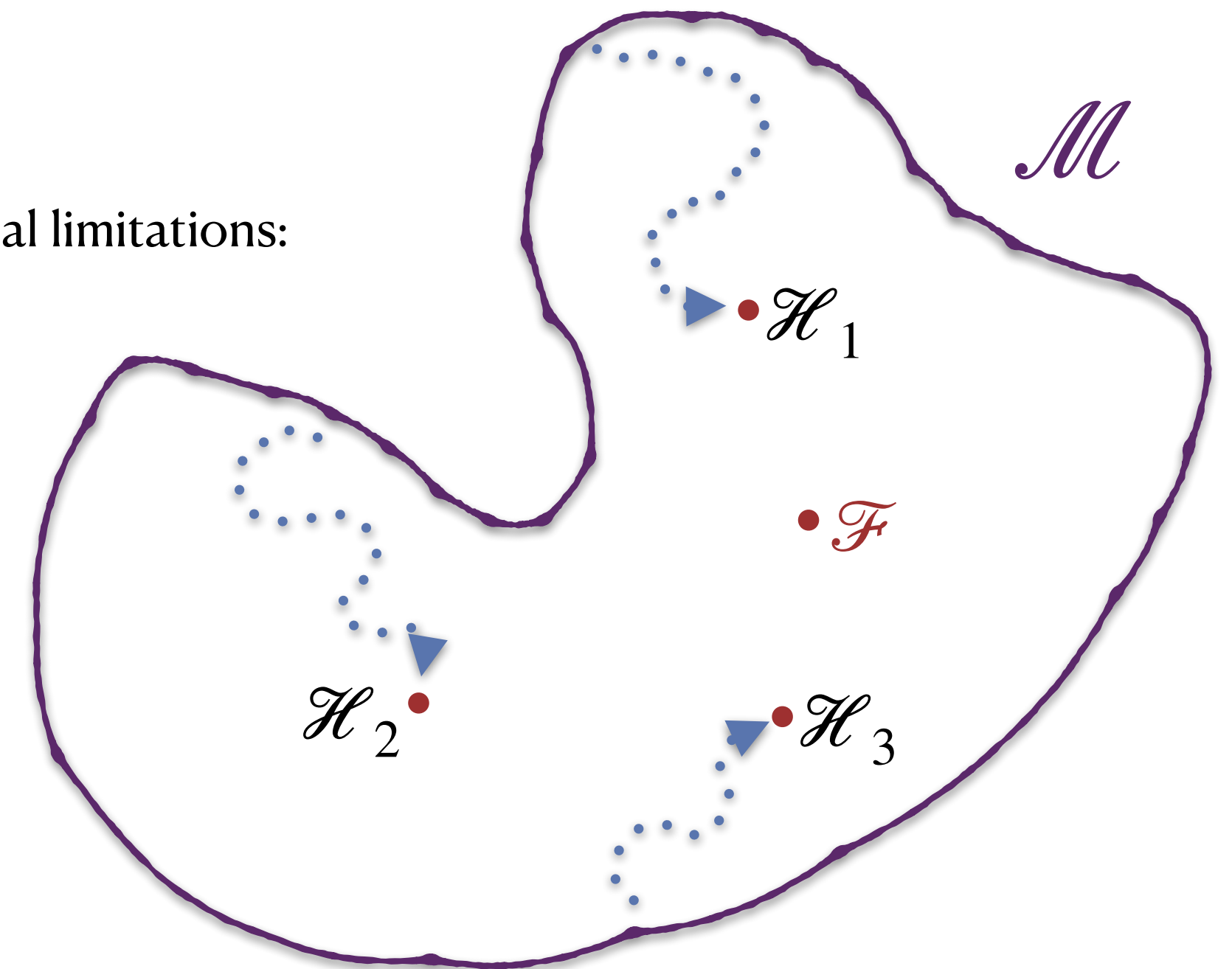
# Introduction

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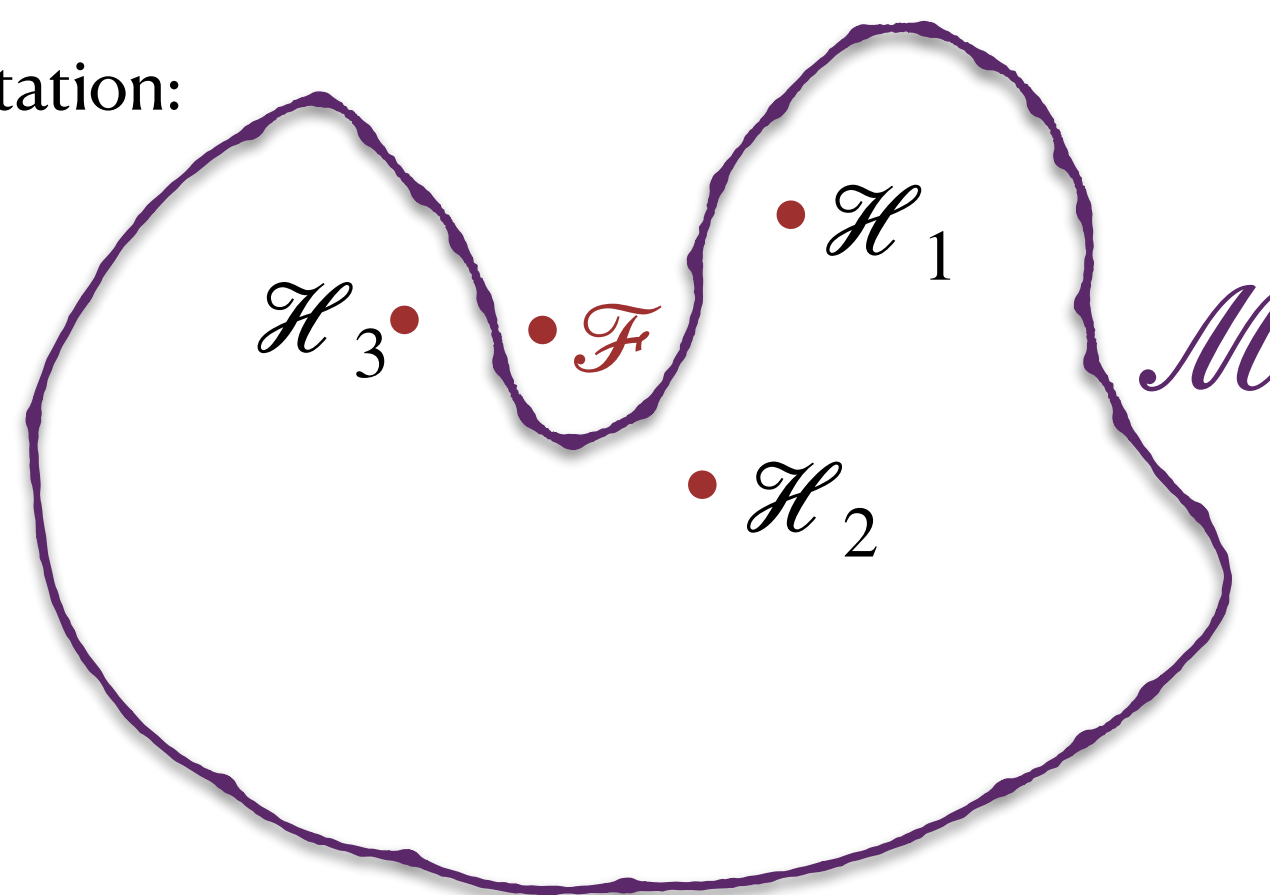
Lack of training examples:



Computational limitations:

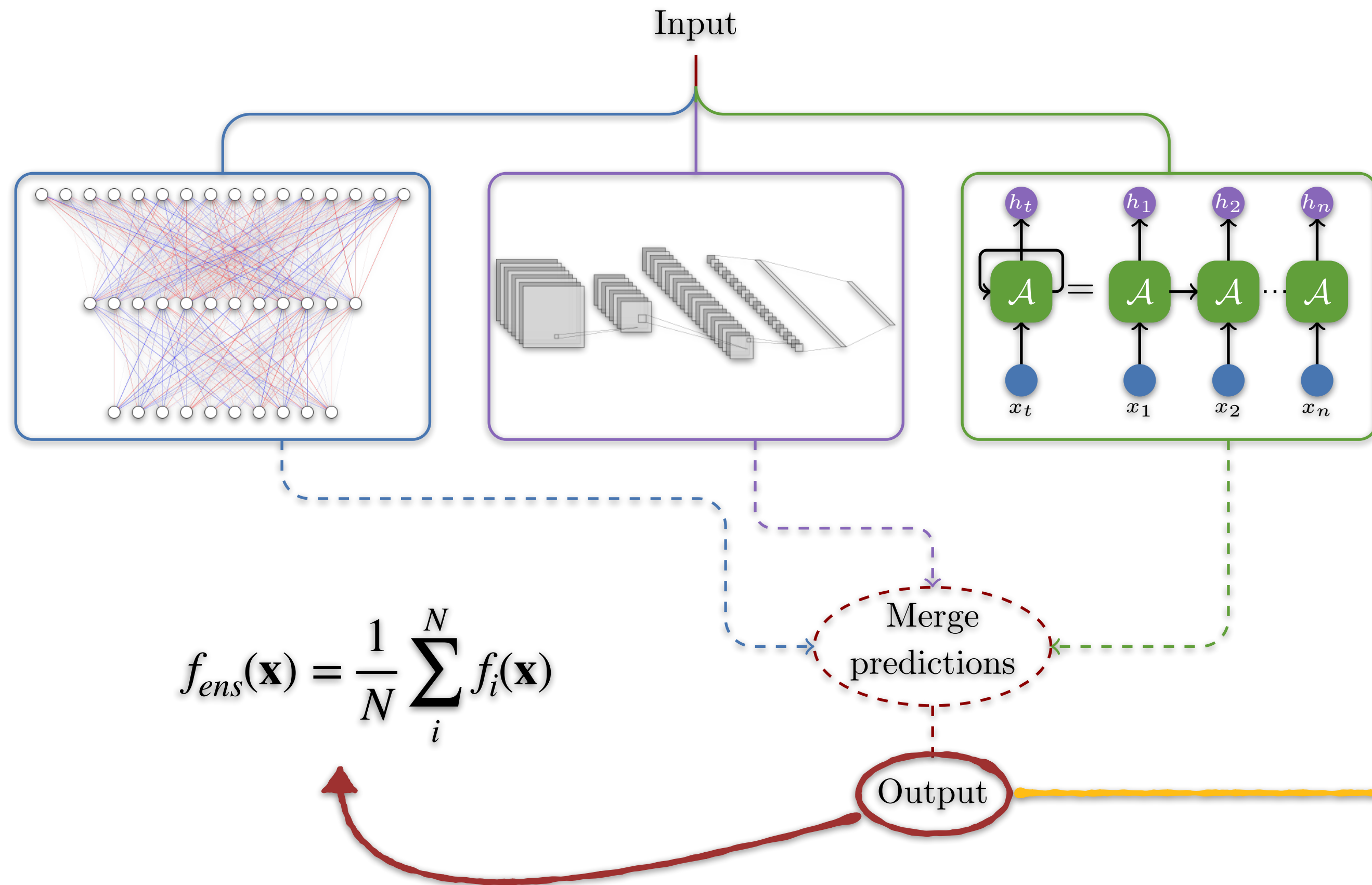


Representation:



Dietterich, 2000

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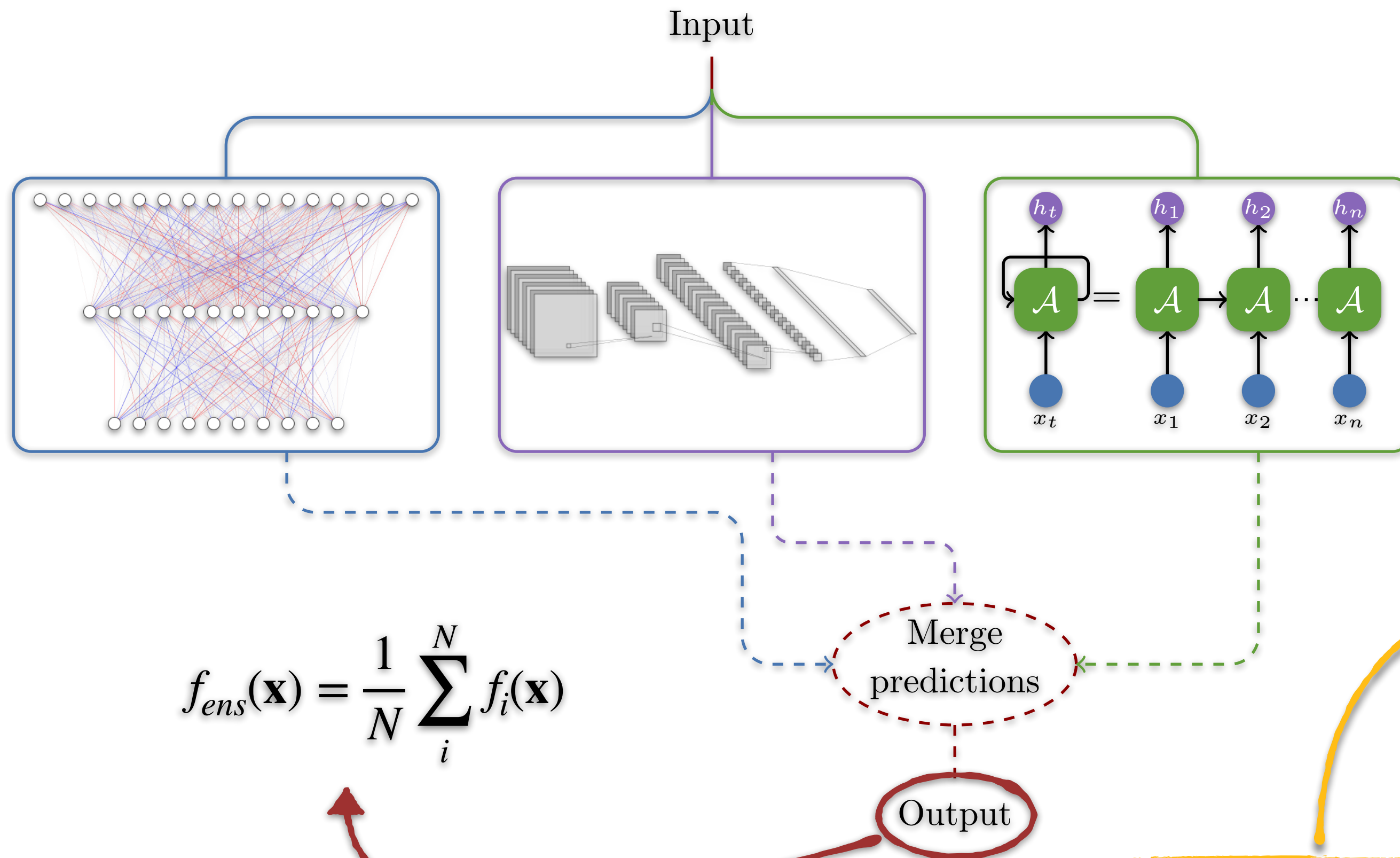


$$\text{Err}(f_{ens}) = \text{Err} \left\{ \frac{1}{N} \overline{\text{Var}(\mathbf{x})} + \left( 1 - \frac{1}{N} \right) \overline{\text{Cov}(\mathbf{x})} + \overline{\text{Bias}(\mathbf{x})}^2 \right\}$$

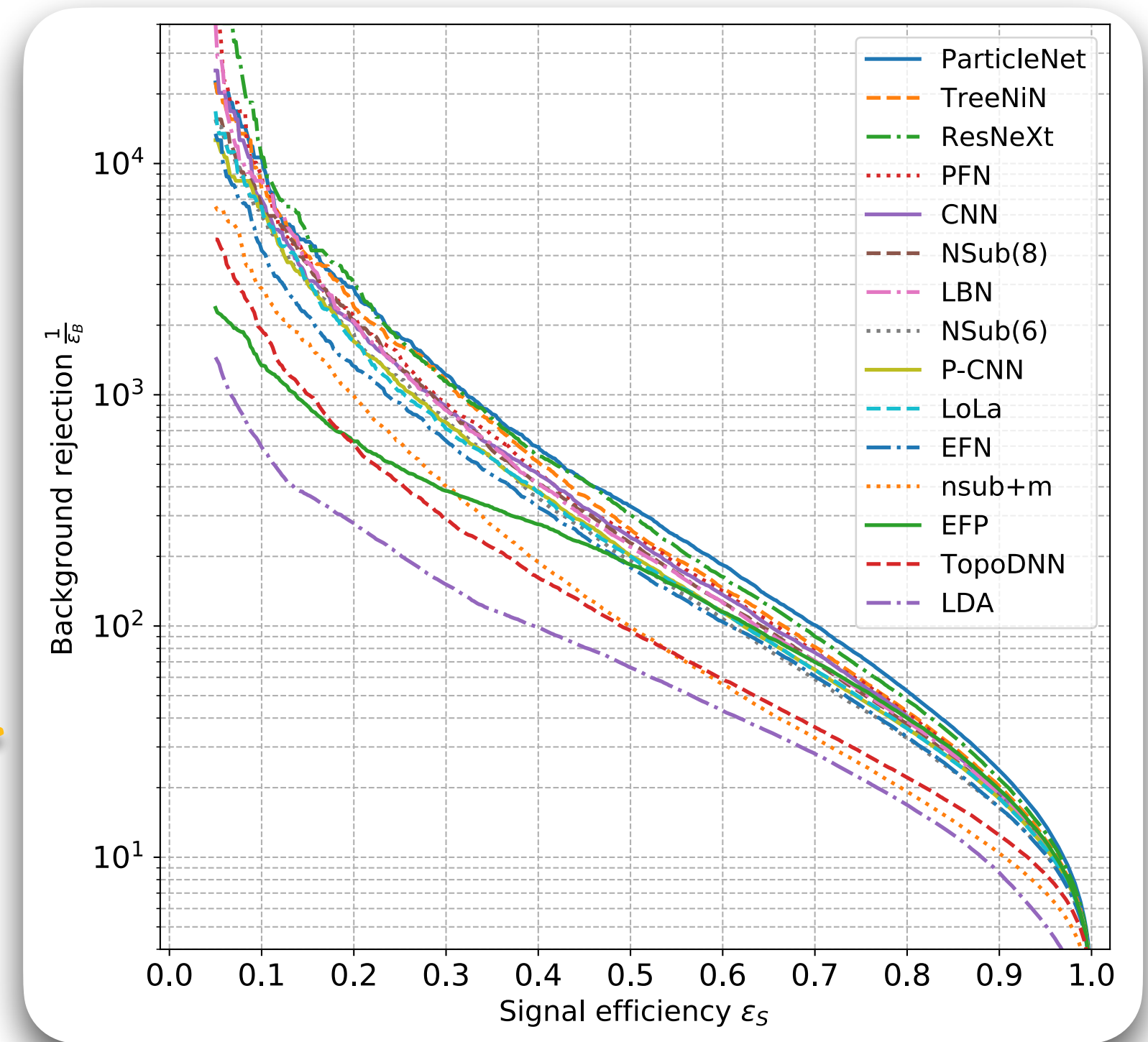
If the component networks are negatively correlated, the mean prediction will decrease the generalization error.

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Kasieczka et. al. SciPost'19

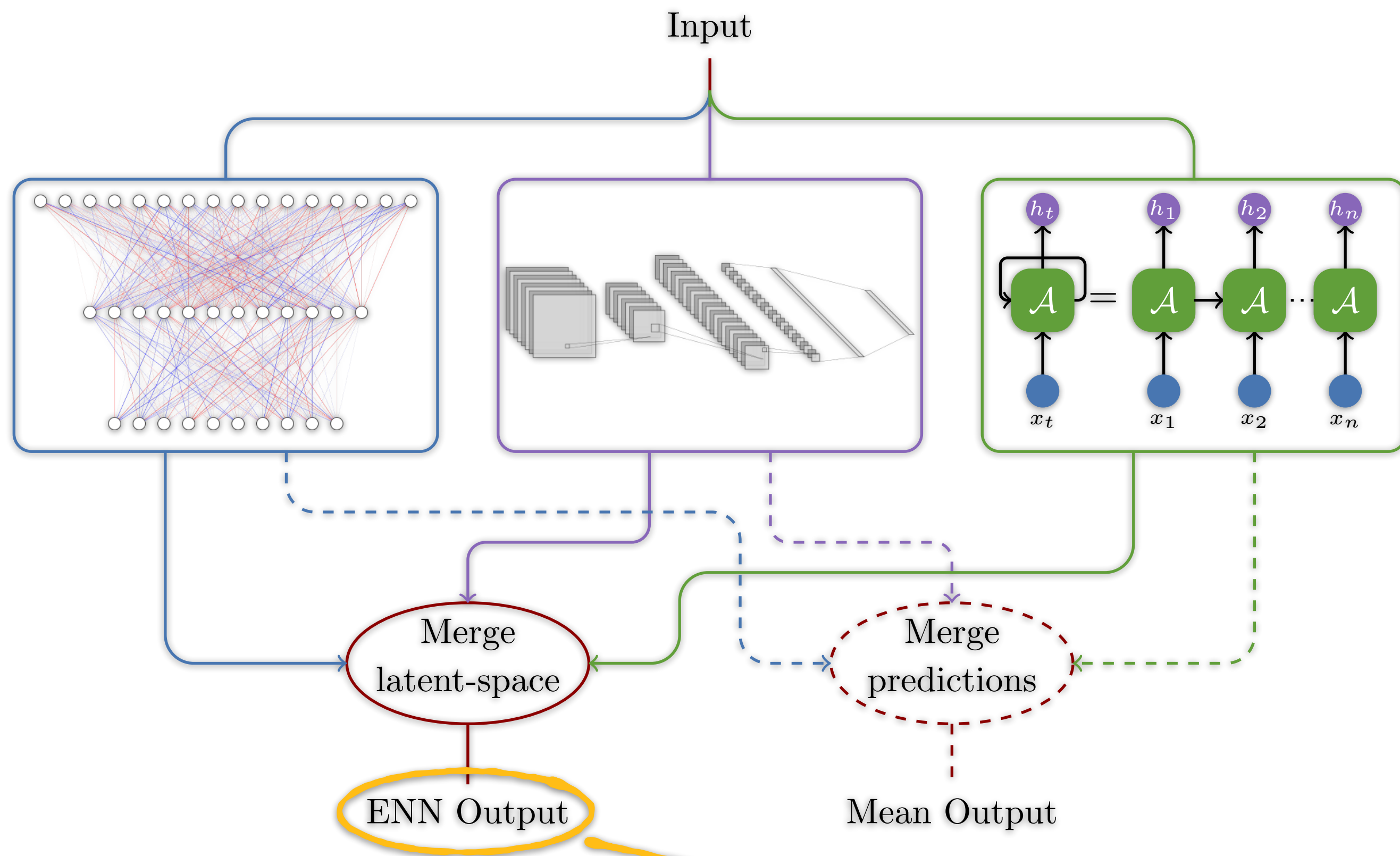


Improves computational ineficientes!!



Taking the mean of the same architecture which initialized multiple times can lead up to 15% improvement over component networks

# Introduction: Step further!

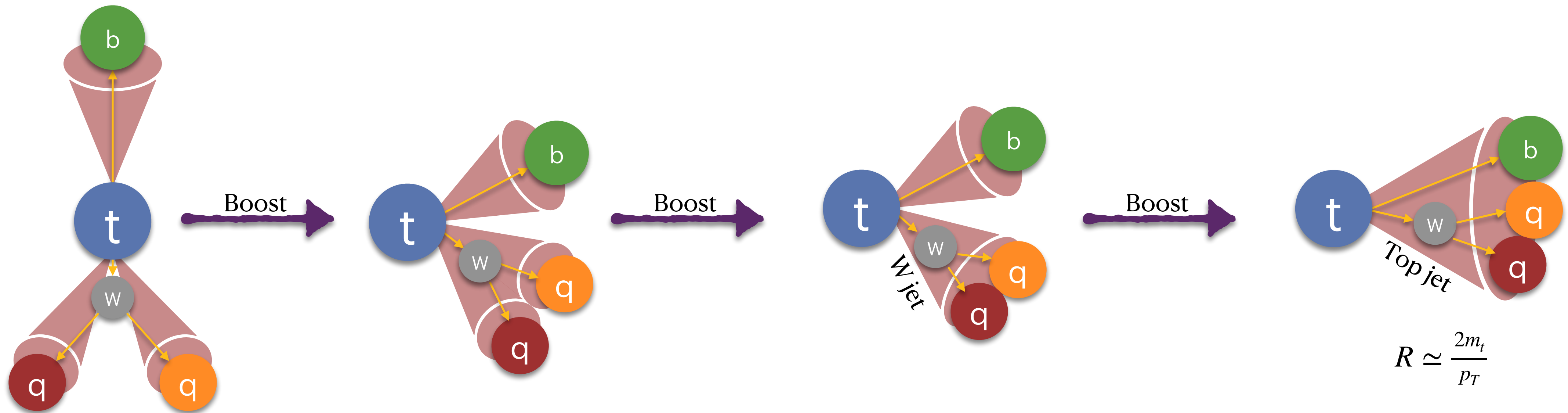


Instead of merging already trained output, merging latent-space during the training will allow two network to train with respect to each other. This will effectively expand the representation of the network hypothesis.

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## Traditional taggers

HEPTopTagger, Soft Drop Tagger, Mass Drop Tagger which are based on grooming, pruning and trimming techniques alongside with geometric substructure selection.

For an extensive review  
Plehn, Spannowsky, IOP '12

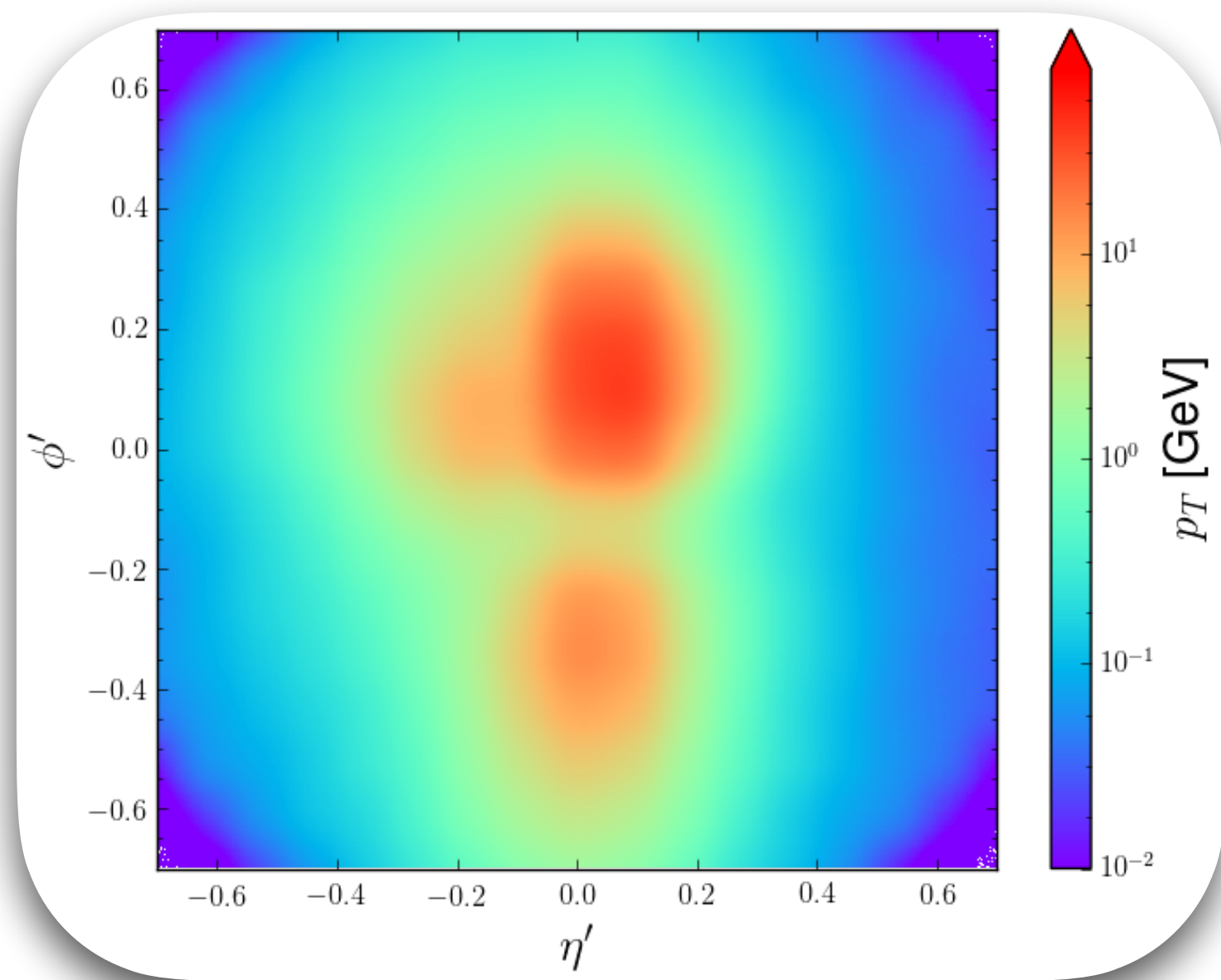
## ML Based Taggers

Several techniques have been presented so far with great success. In this talk we will look into Convolutional and Recurrent Networks.

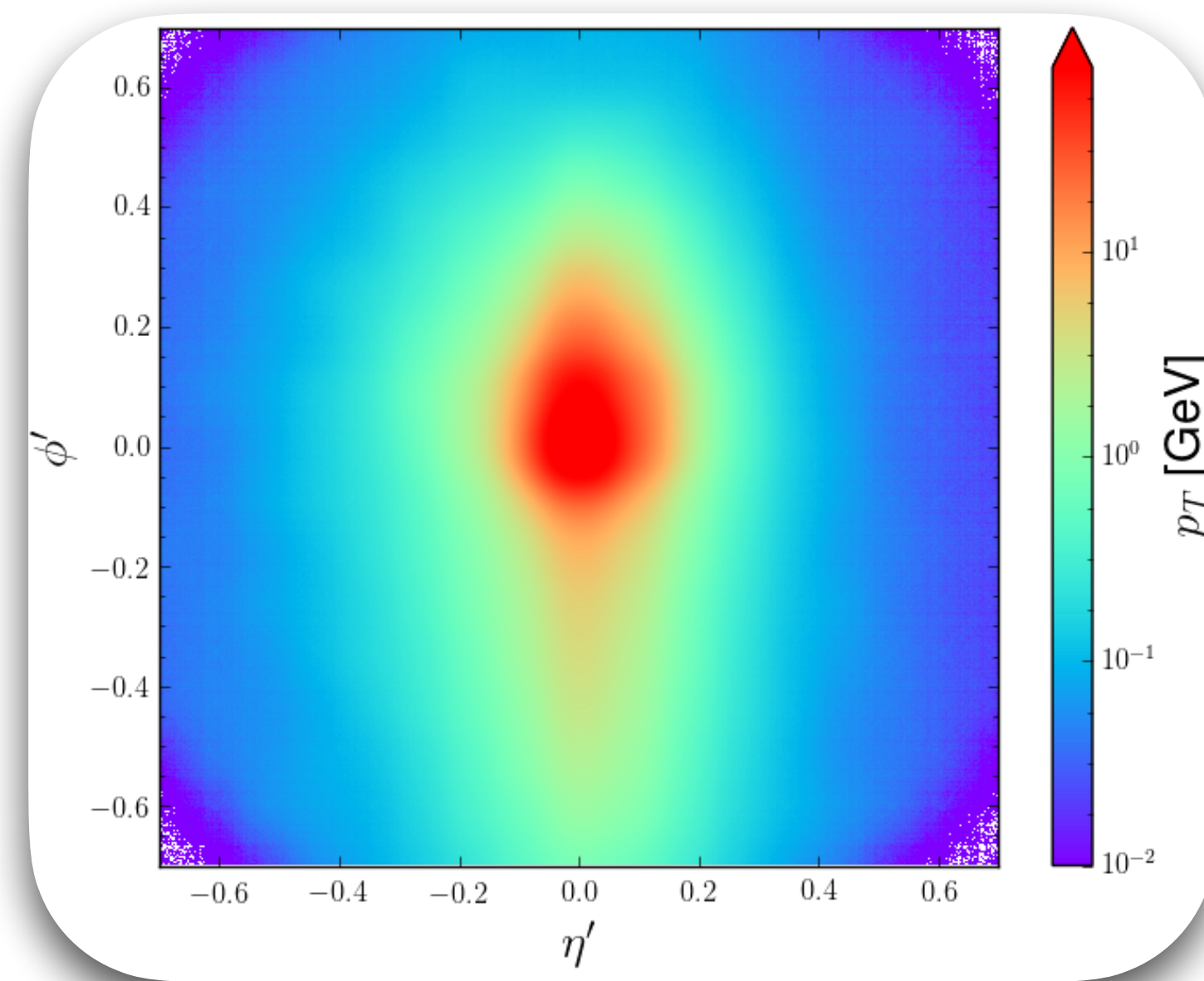
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# Top Tagging: CNN Preprocessing

Top Signal



QCD Background



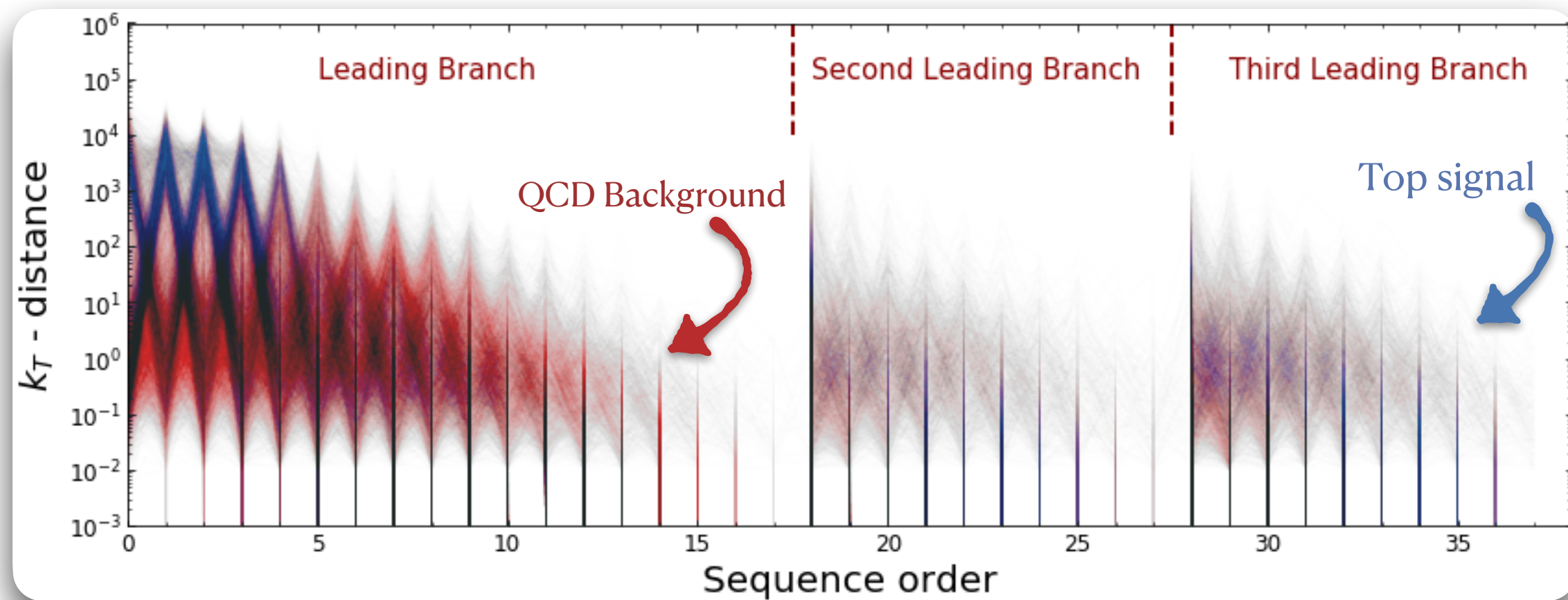
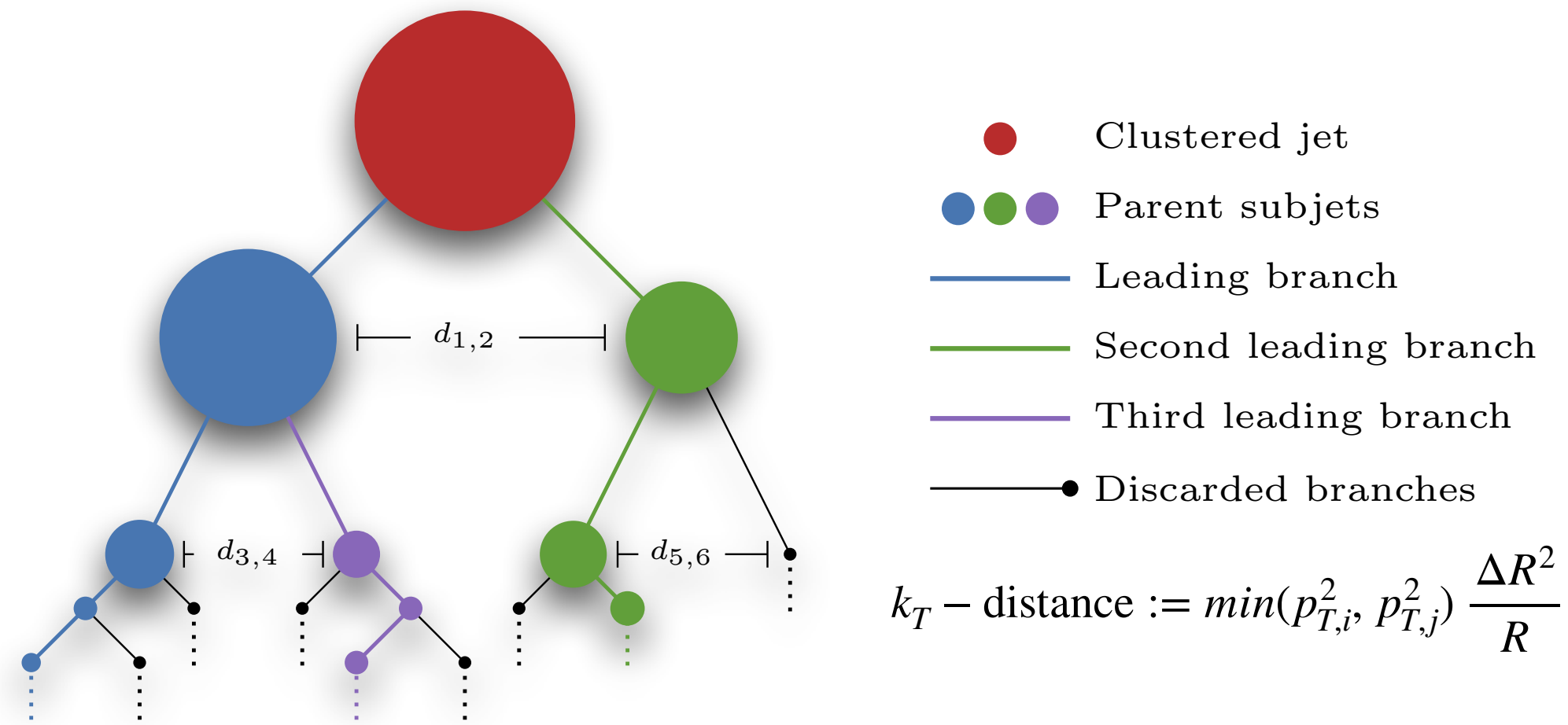
- ❖ Leading FatJet Definition: anti- $k_T$  algorithm with  $R = 0.8, p_T \in [550, 650]$  GeV,  $|\eta| < 2$
- ❖ Parton matching with  $\Delta R(j, t_{truth}) < 0.8$
- ❖ Jets are centred with respect to  $p_T$  weighted centroid where jet vector is at  $(\phi, \eta) = (0, 0)$
- ❖ Principal axis has been rotated to  $+\eta$  direction
- ❖ Energy deposits has been divided into  $37 \times 37$  pixels which corresponds to  $\eta$  &  $\phi \in [-1.5, 1.5]$ .
- ❖ Image has been flipped to place the most energetic quadrant to the top right corner.

Similar studies:

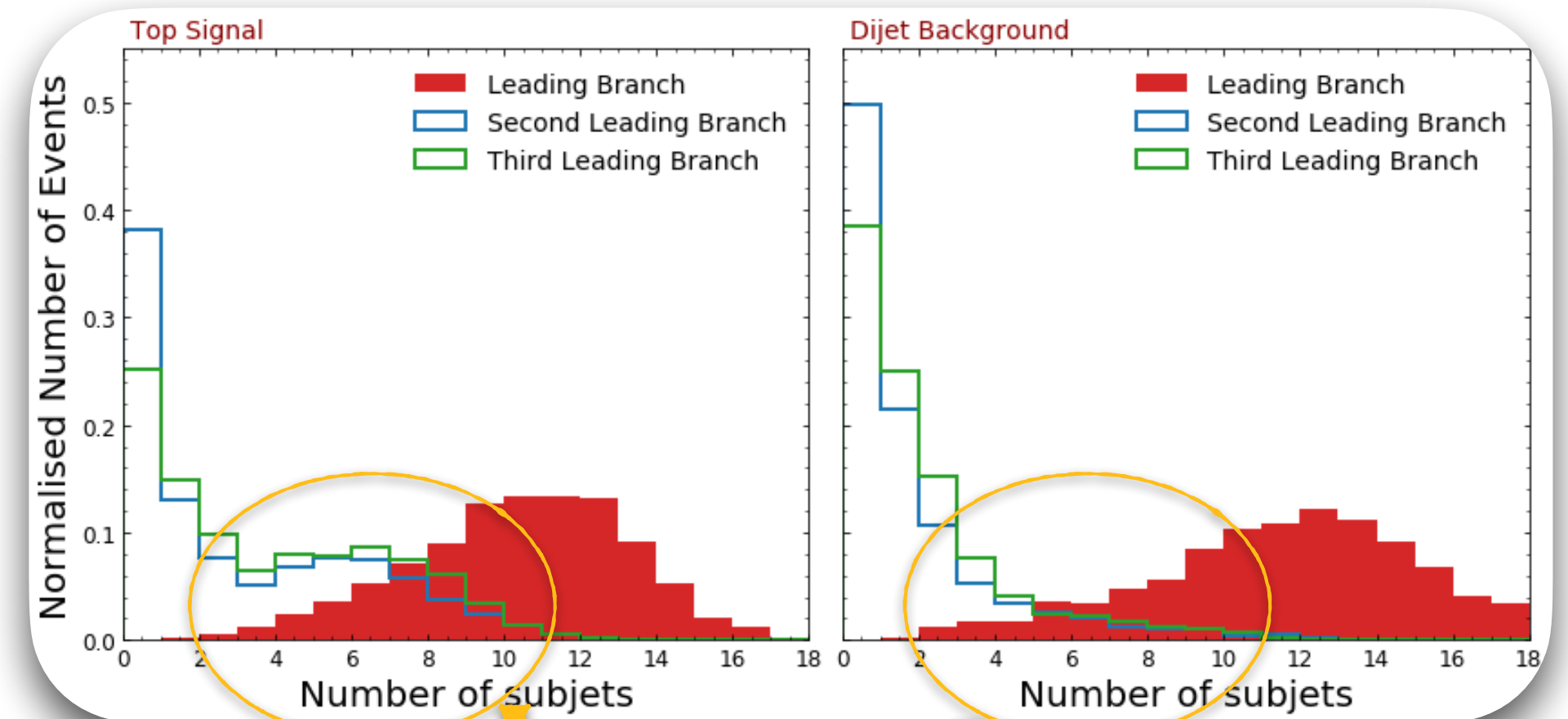
Kasieczka, Plehn, Russell, Schell; JHEP '17

Macaluso, Shih; JHEP '18

# Top Tagging: RNN Preprocessing



- ❖ Leading FatJet Definition: Cambridge algorithm with  $R = 0.8, p_T \in [550, 650] \text{ GeV}, |\eta| < 2$
- ❖ Tree leading branches are selected alongside with fatjet mass and mass-drop tagger reconstructed fatjet mass.

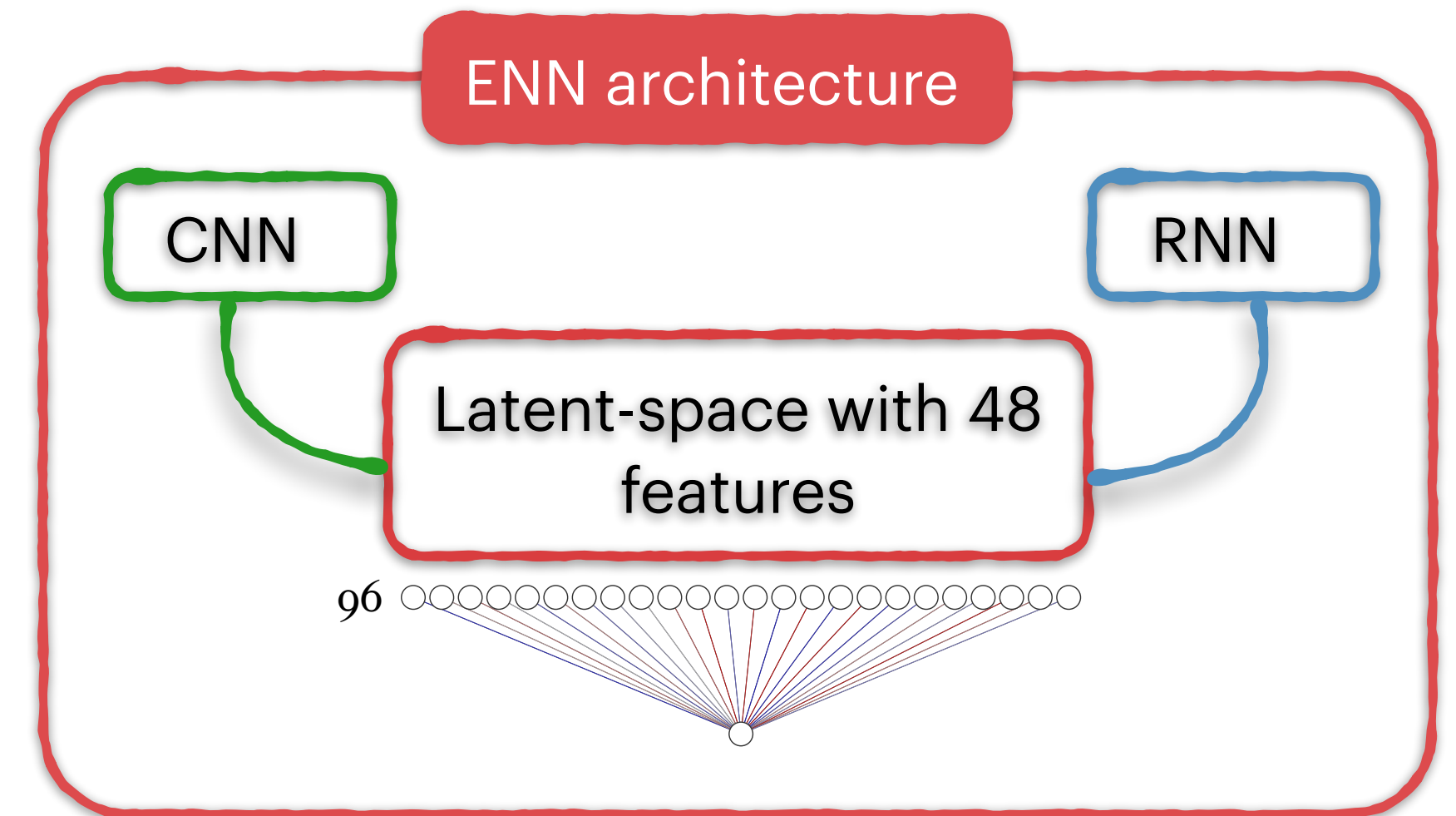
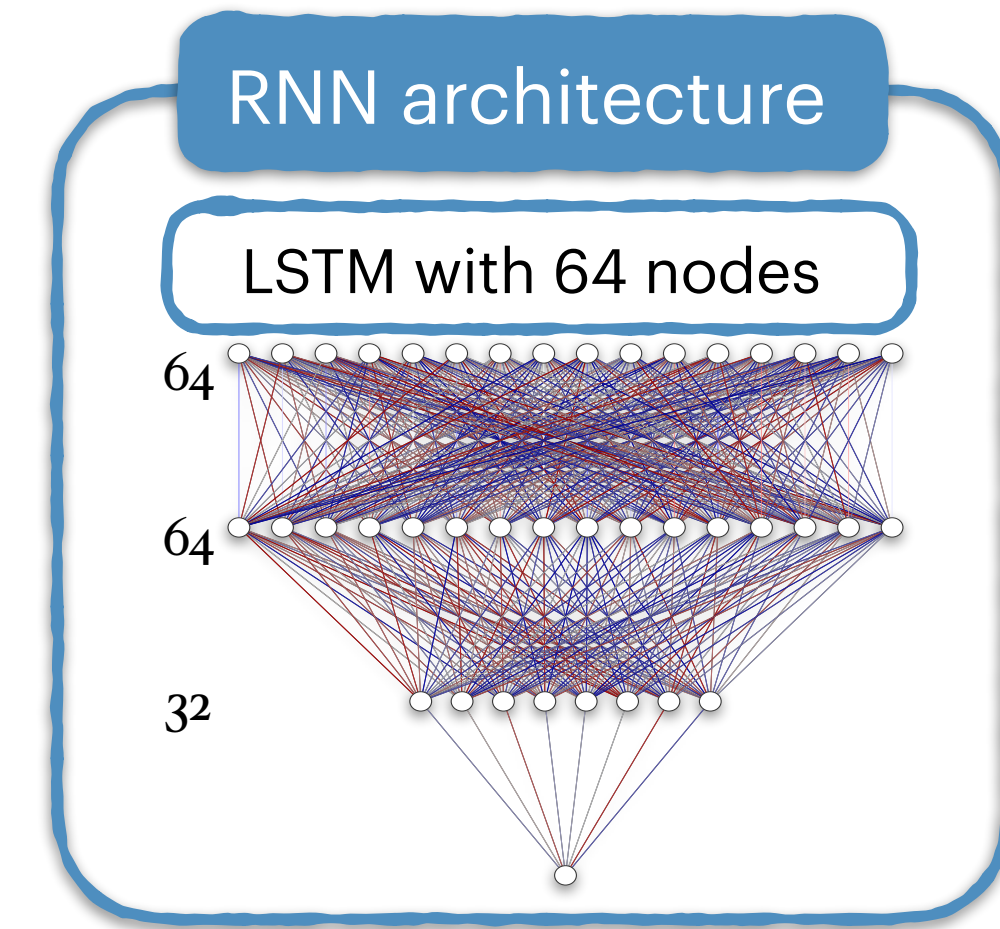
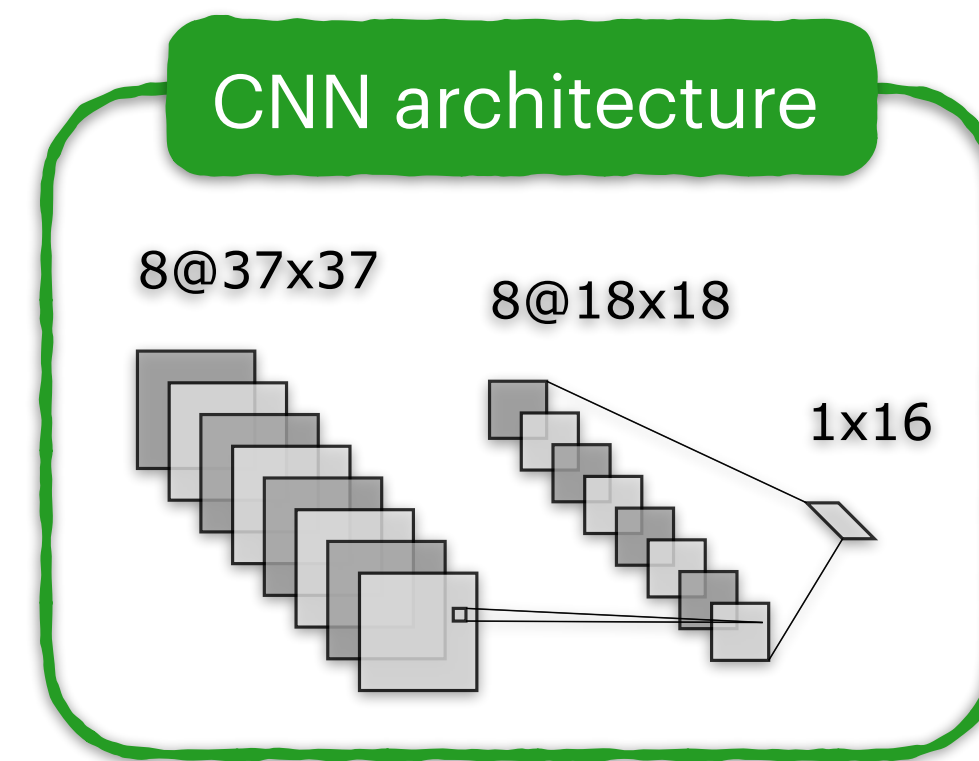
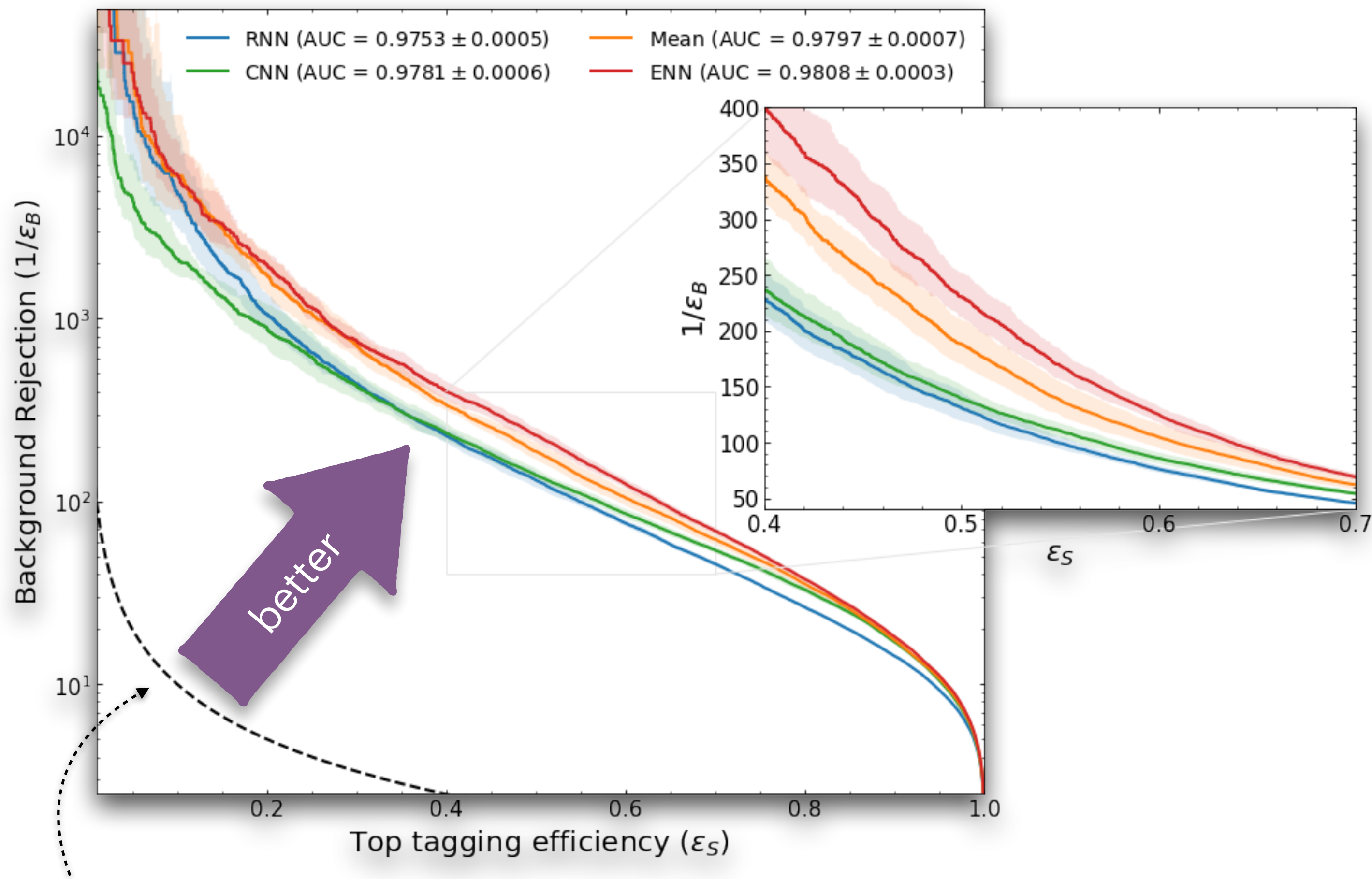


Similar studies:

Egan, Fedorko, Lister, Pearkes, Gay '17

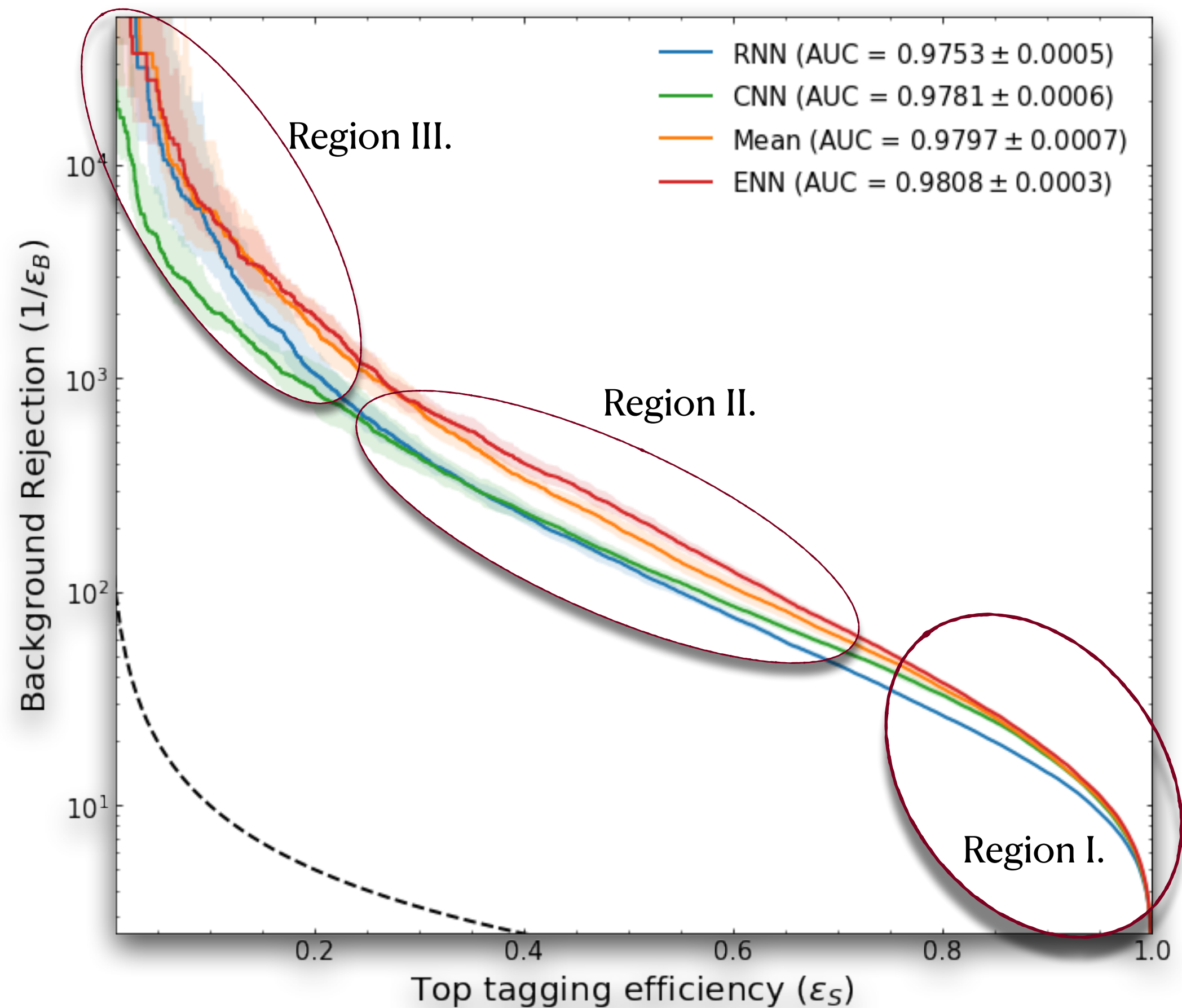
Loupe, Cho, Becot, Cranmer JHEP '19

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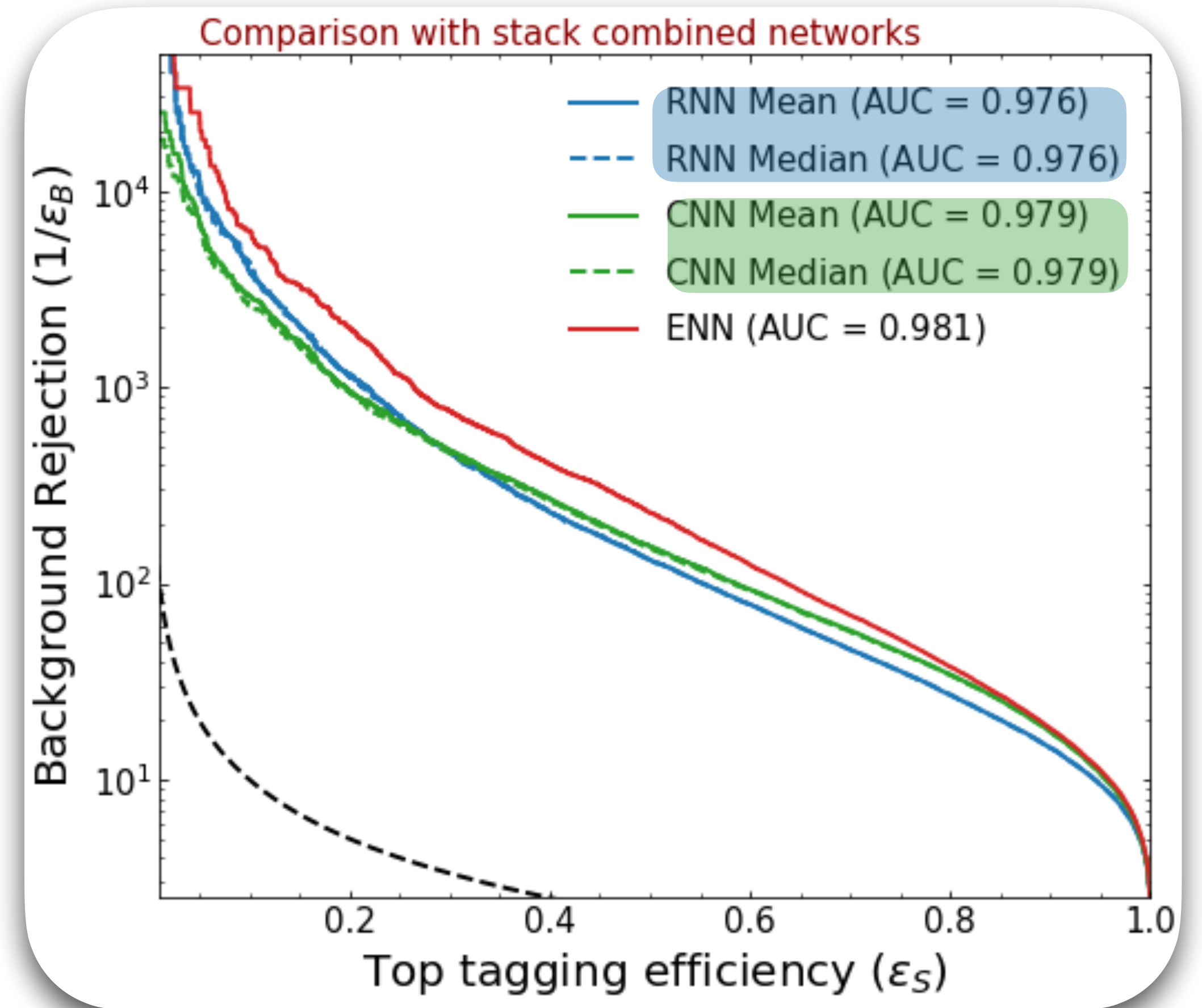
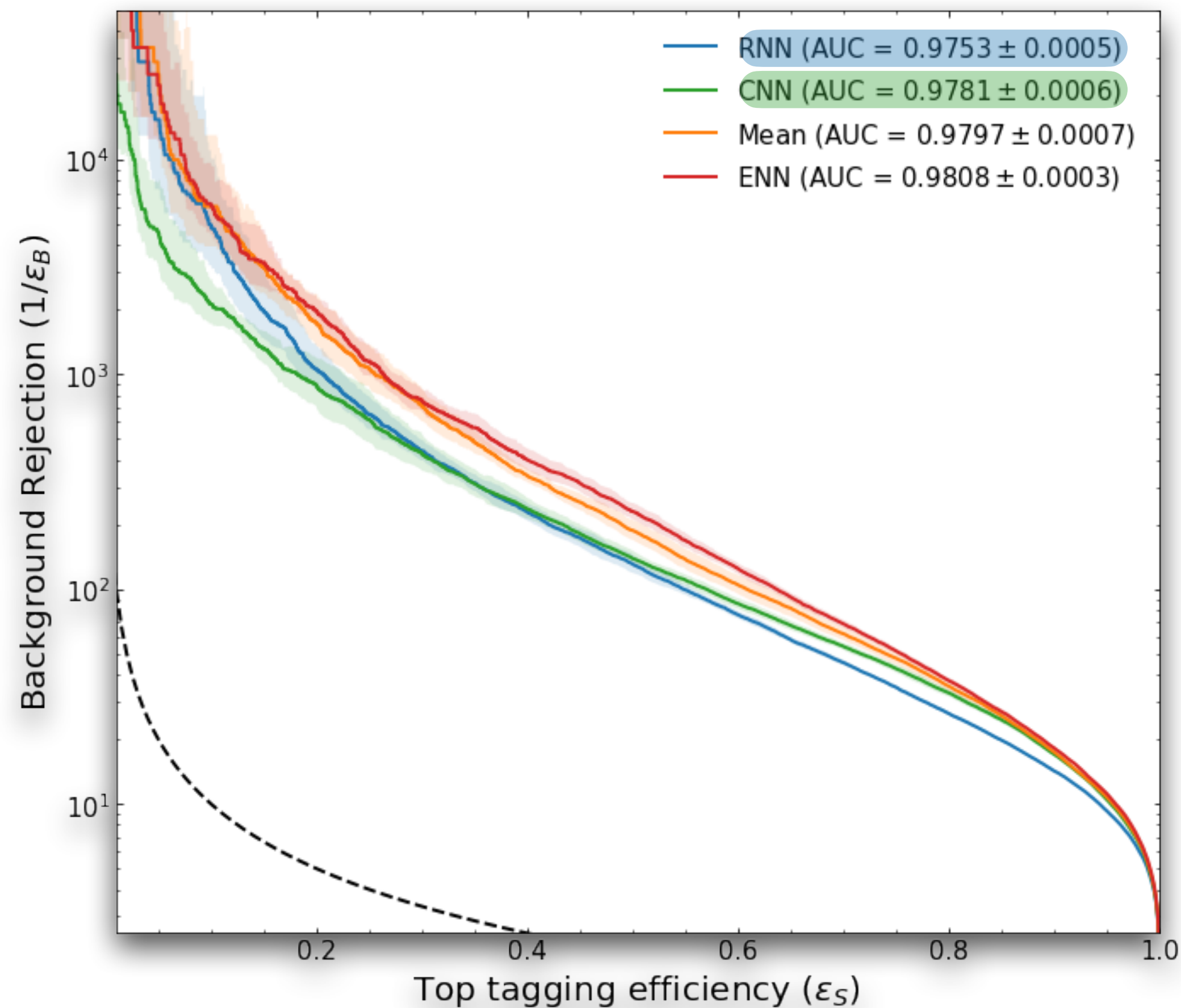
Random choice

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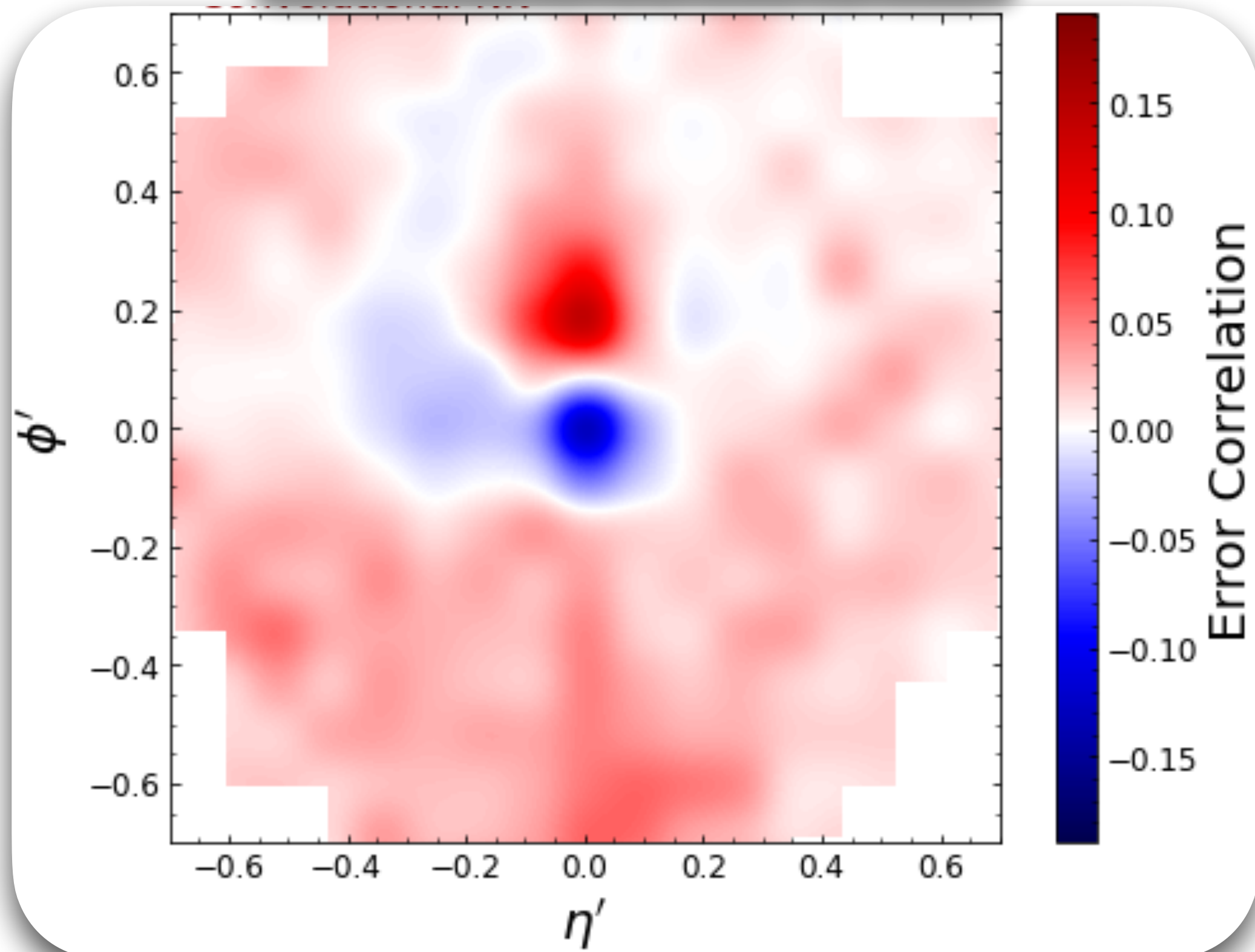
- ❖ Region I: Both RNN & CNN captures 3-prong substructure
- ❖ Region III: RNN & CNN captures dipole type substructure
- ❖ Region II: Mixed information coming from both RNN & CNN.

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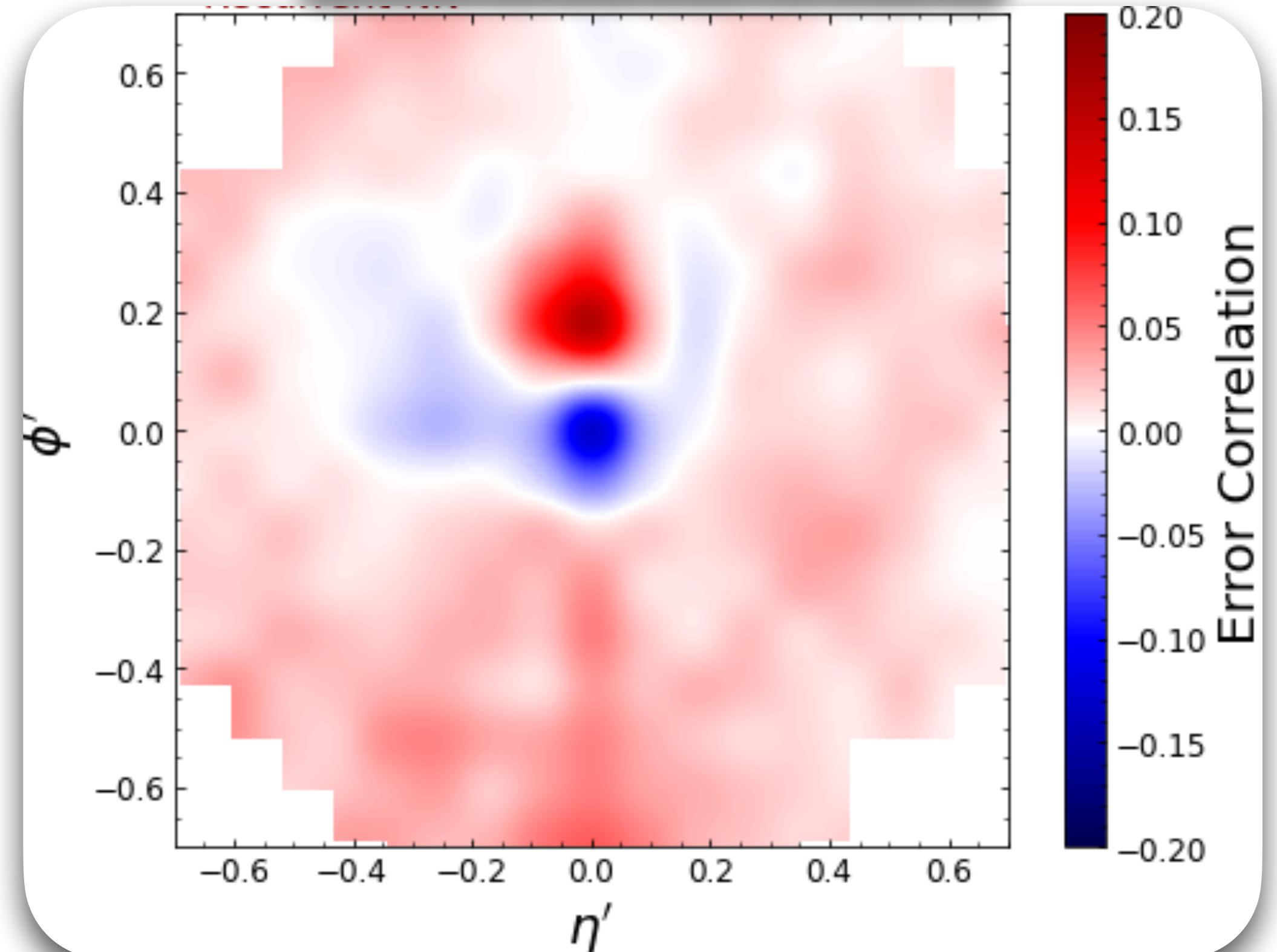


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Convolutional NN

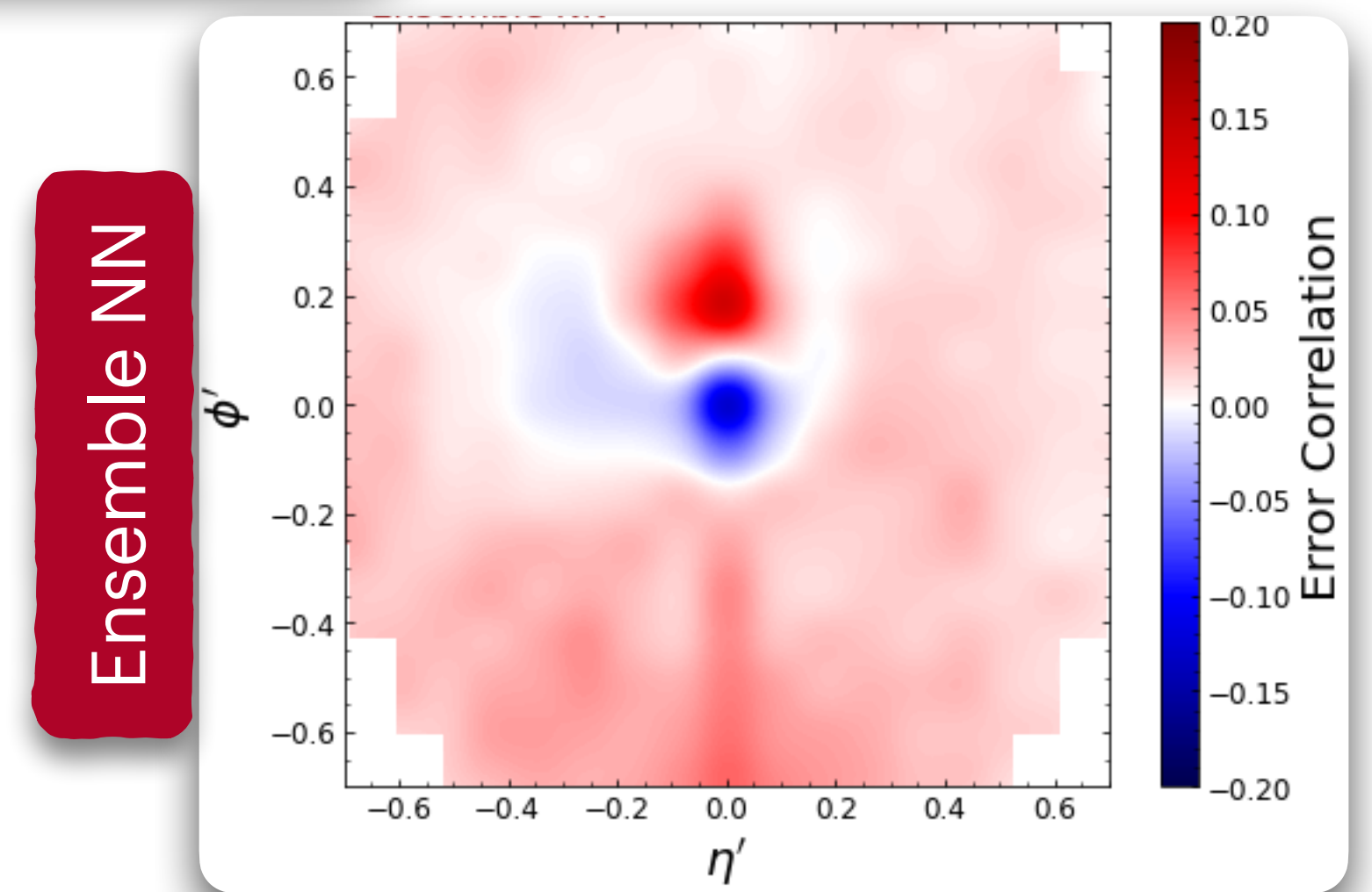
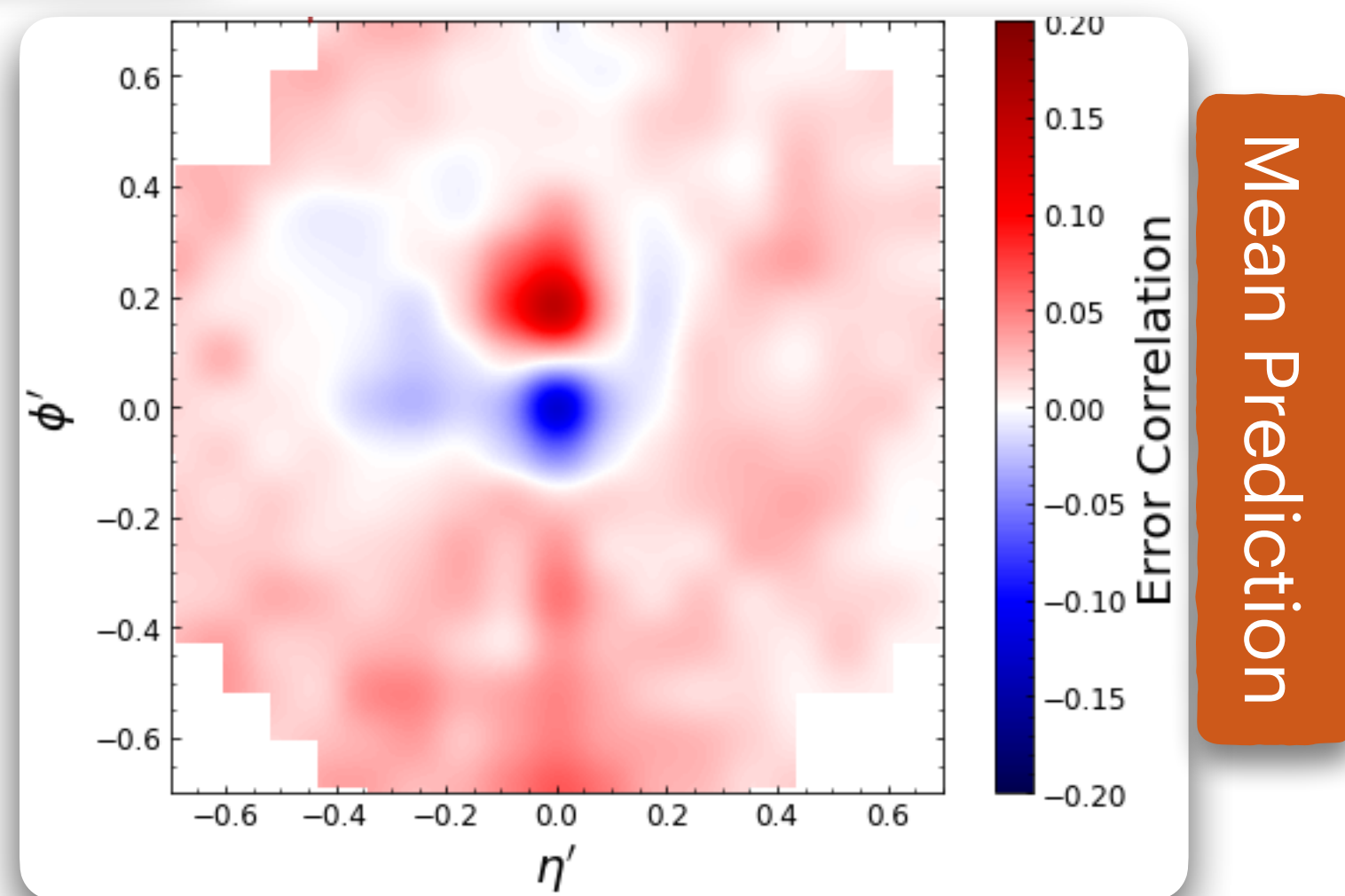
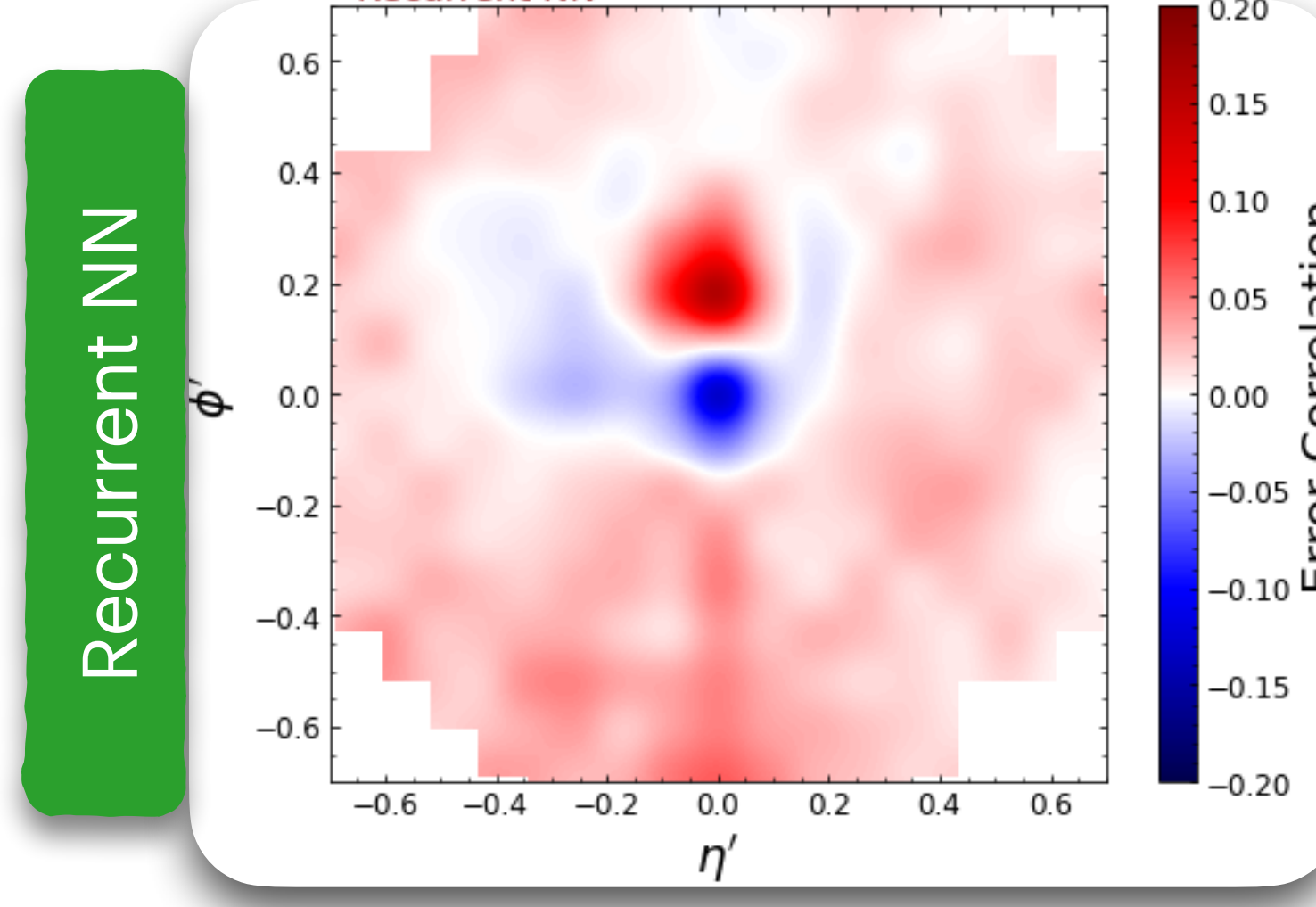
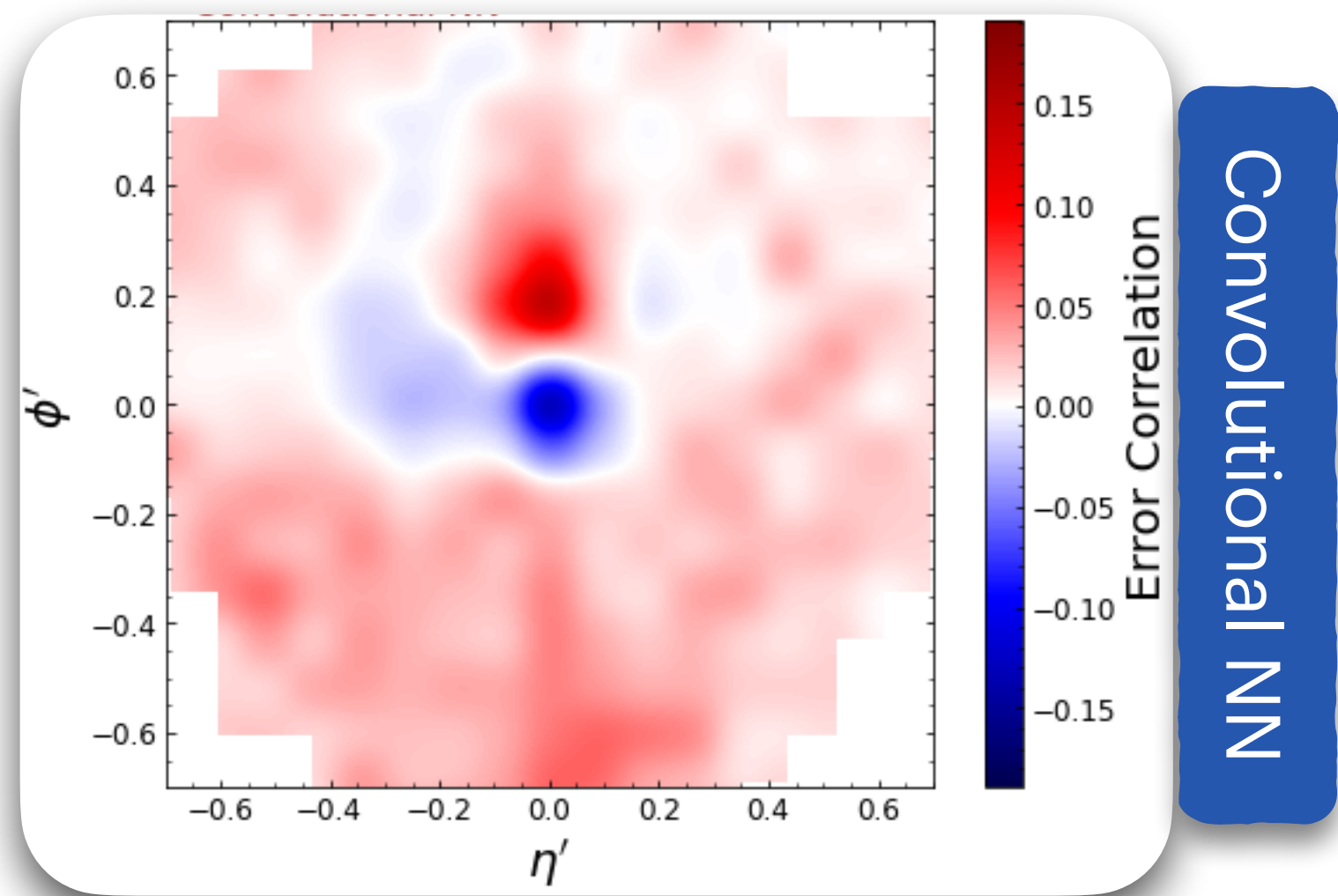


Recurrent NN



Each pixel's correlation with squared error:  $(\hat{y} - y_{truth})^2$

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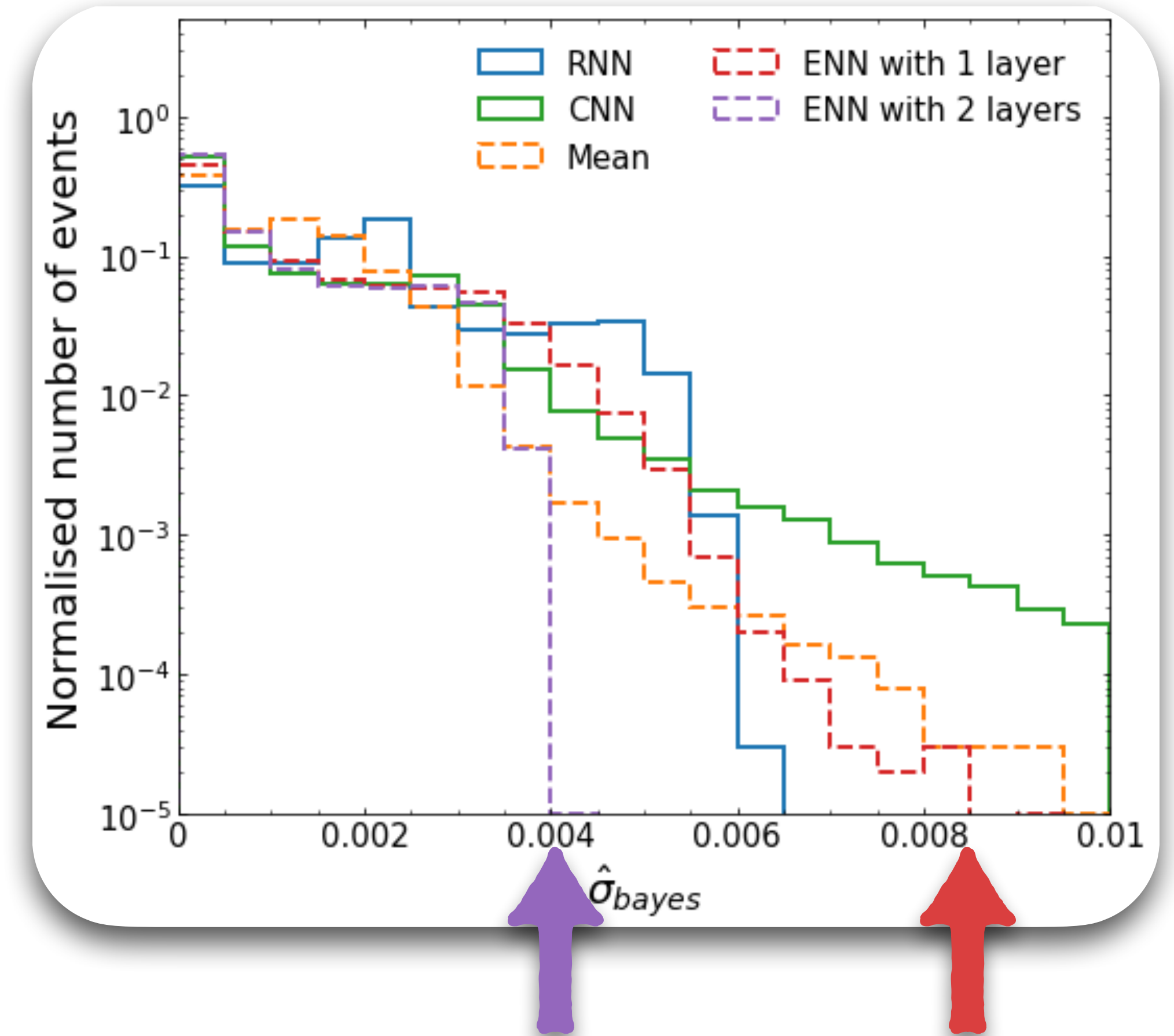
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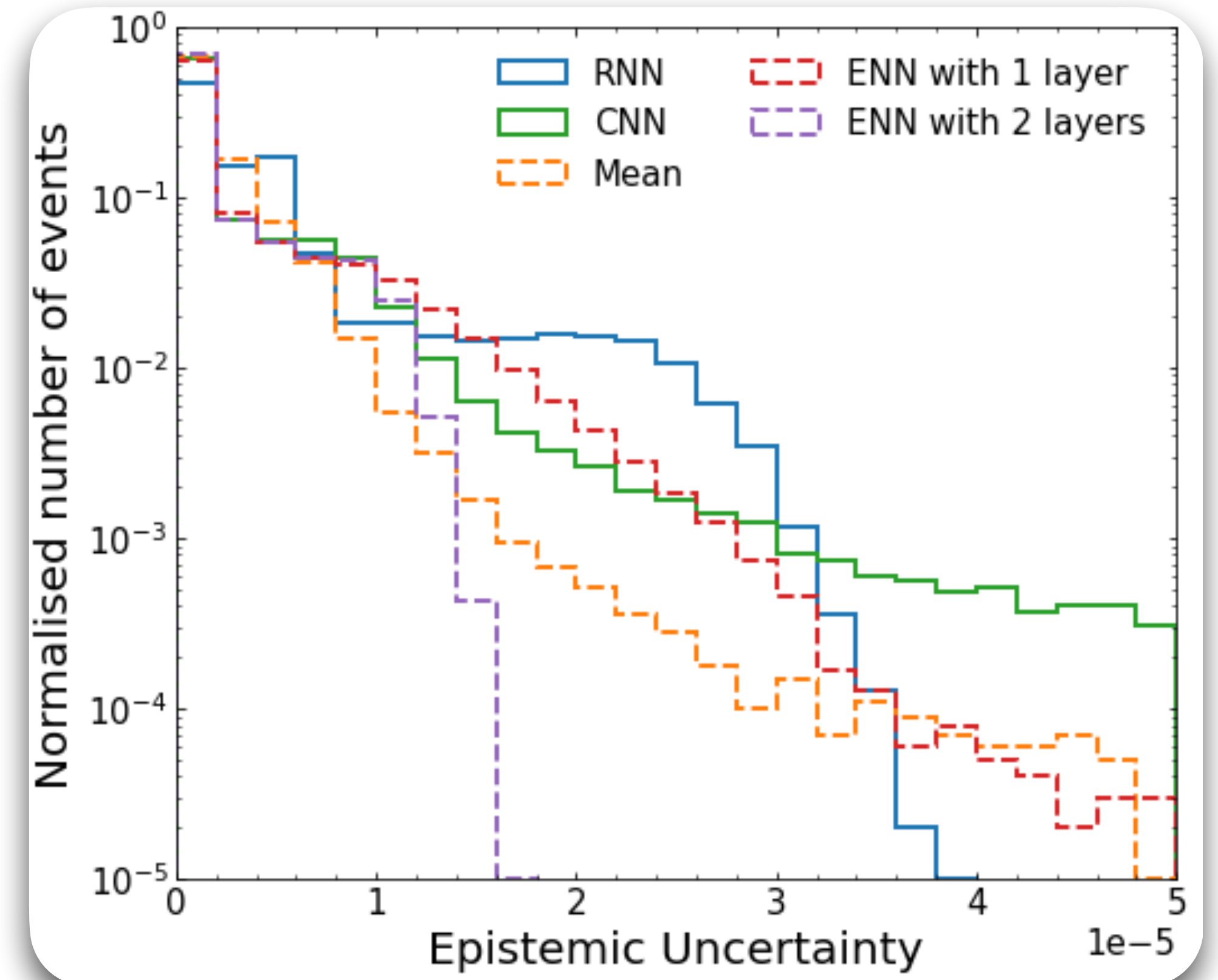
- Using Bayesian methods, one can estimate the deviation in the prediction of the network.
- The last layer of each network has been converted to a Bayesian layer to estimate the deviation in the prediction.
- Each network has been sampled 100 times with 100,000 test sample.



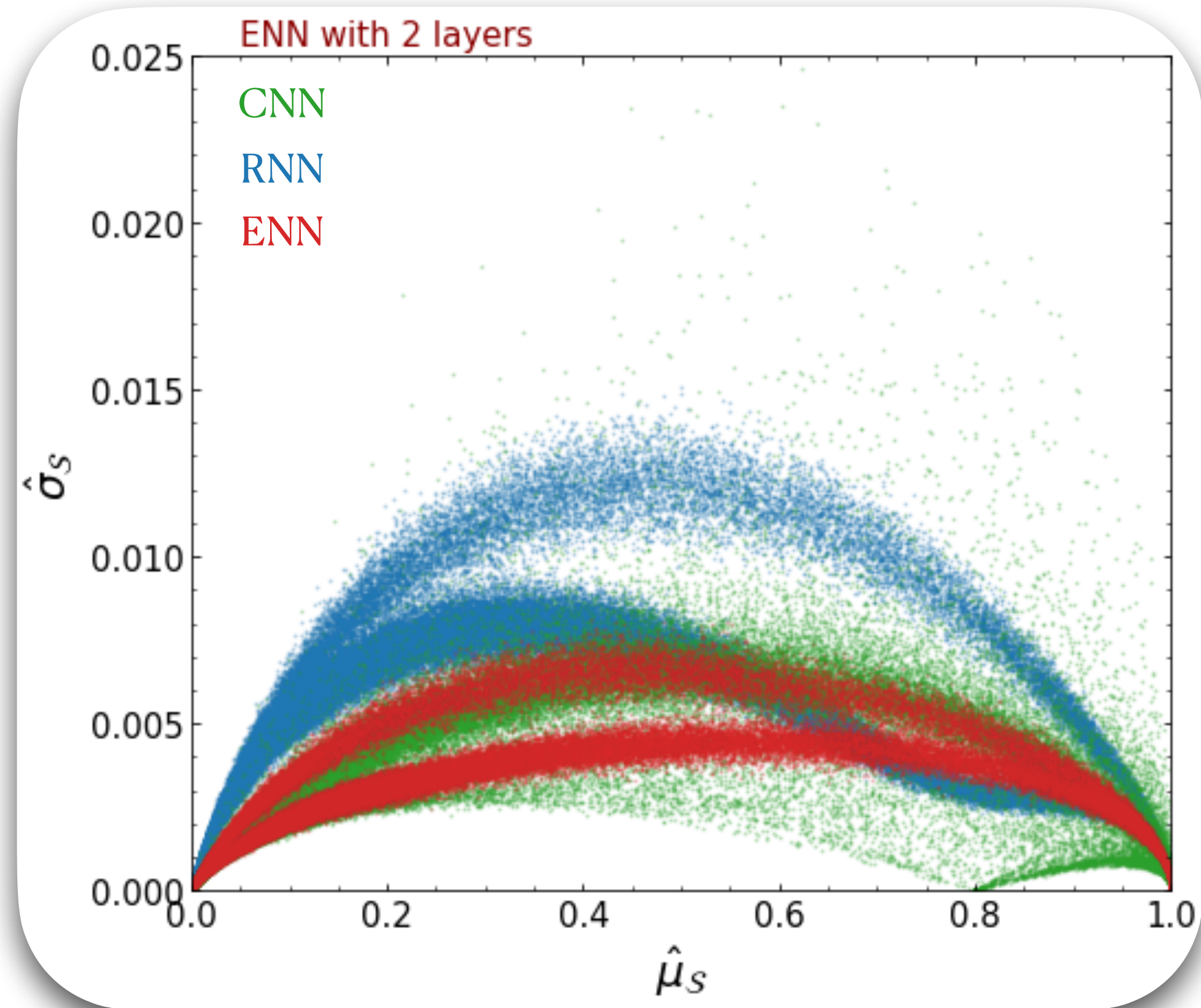
# Improving uncertainties with Ensemble Networks

- ❖ Epistemic Uncertainties: The uncertainties intrinsic to the proposed hypothesis.
- ❖ Aleatoric Uncertainties: The irreducible noise in the observations.

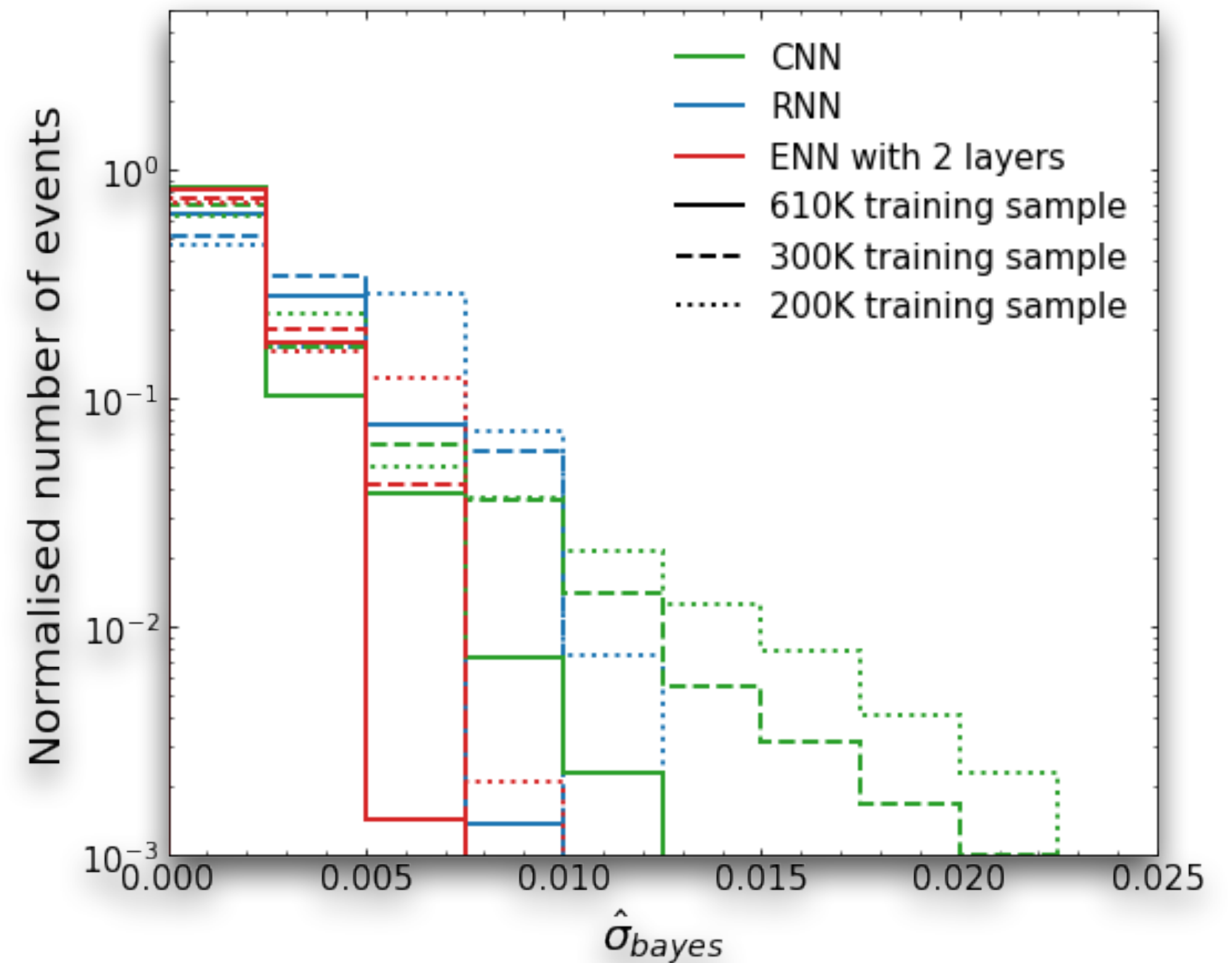
$$\text{Var}(y) = \underbrace{\langle \hat{y}^2 \rangle - \langle \hat{y} \rangle^2}_{\text{epistemic}} + \underbrace{\langle \hat{y} (1 - \hat{y}) \rangle}_{\text{aleatoric}}$$



# Improving uncertainties with Ensemble Networks



$$\mathcal{S} = -(\hat{y} \log_2(\hat{y}) + (1 - \hat{y}) \log_2(1 - \hat{y}))$$



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## Summary

- Ensemble methods provide a framework to expand the **representation** of a network hypothesis and allow more **robust** classification.
- It improves the classification performance by combining component **error correlations**.
- It goes beyond stack combining techniques by **optimizing over joint latent-space**.
- It **reduces** the **epistemic uncertainties** and less susceptible to lack of training samples.

## Discussion

- The parallel combining method **does not** render stack combining invalid. Each method is designed to solve a particular problem.
- ENN methods do not reduce bias or aleatoric uncertainties. **Genetic-Algorithm-based Selective Ensembles** might be the key to ultimate optimization. Zhou, Wu, Tang AI 2002