

# Collision Course

## Particle Physics as a Machine-Learning Testbed

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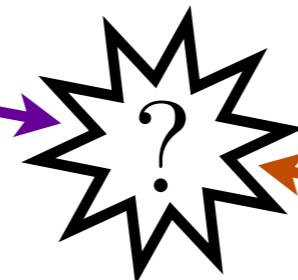
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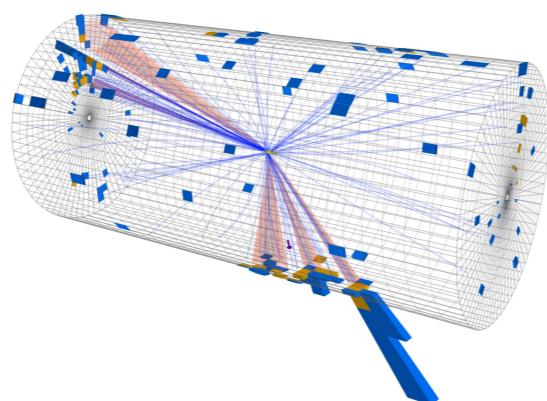
“*Theoretical Physics for Machine Learning*”  
Aspen Center for Physics, January 2019

Theoretical  
(High Energy)  
Physics

Mathematics,  
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# Relevance for the Dark Universe

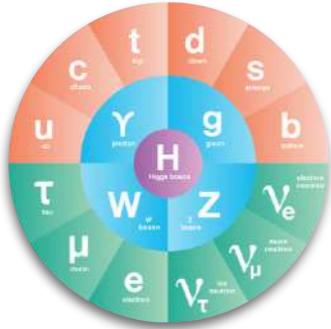
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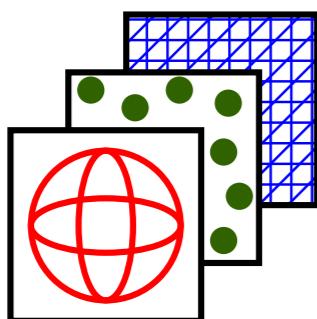
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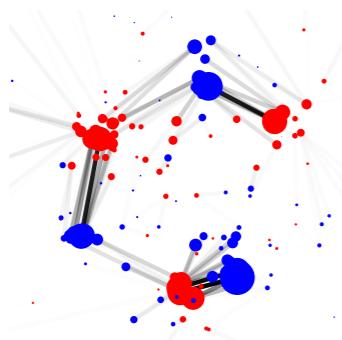
# Outline



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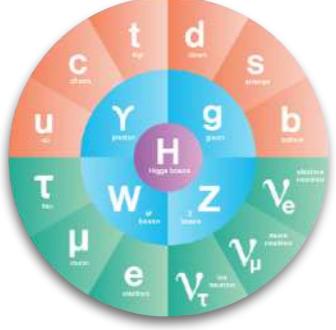
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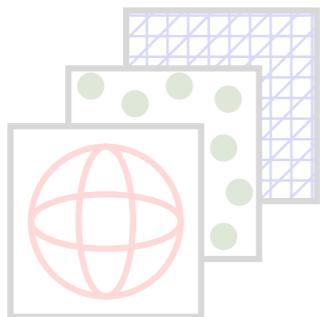
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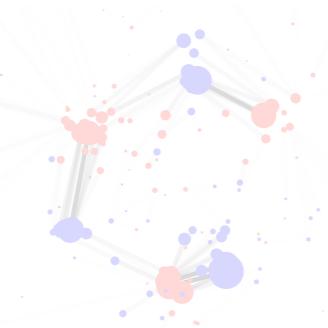
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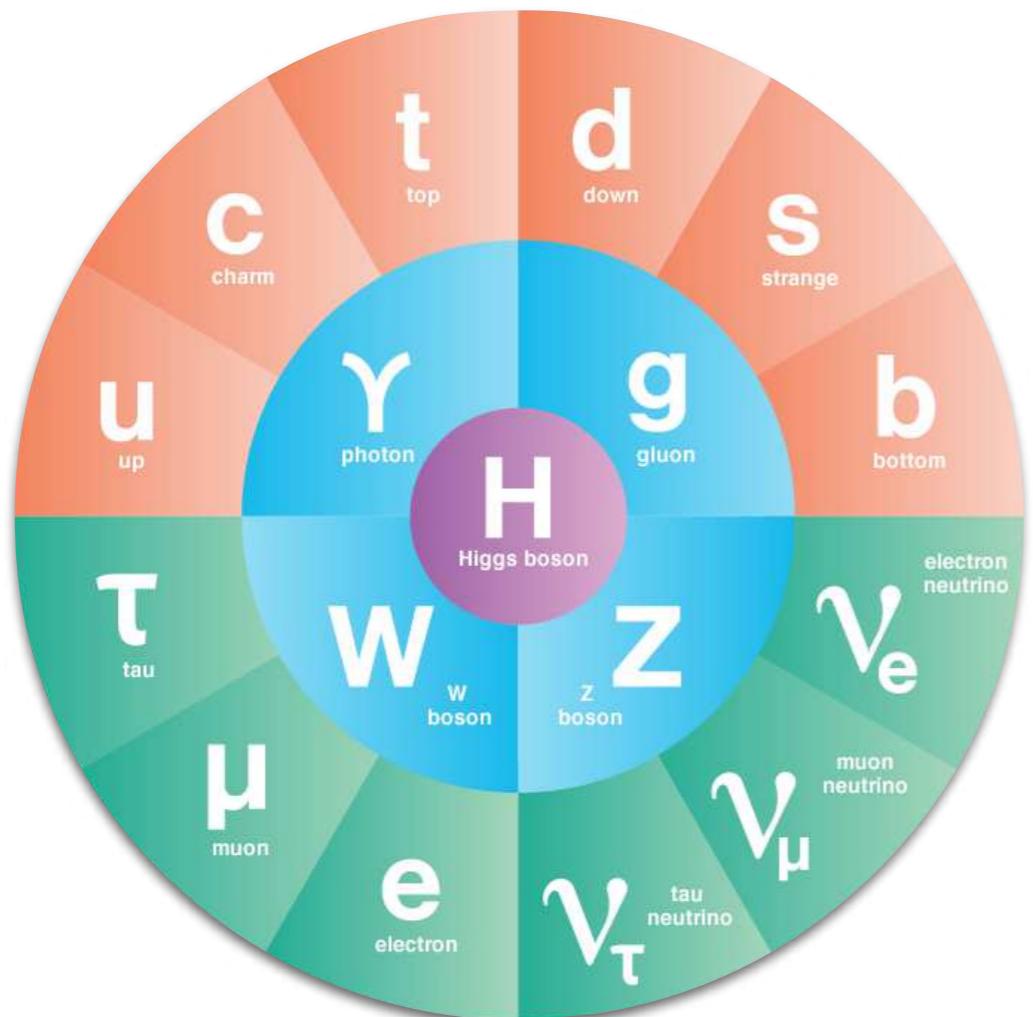
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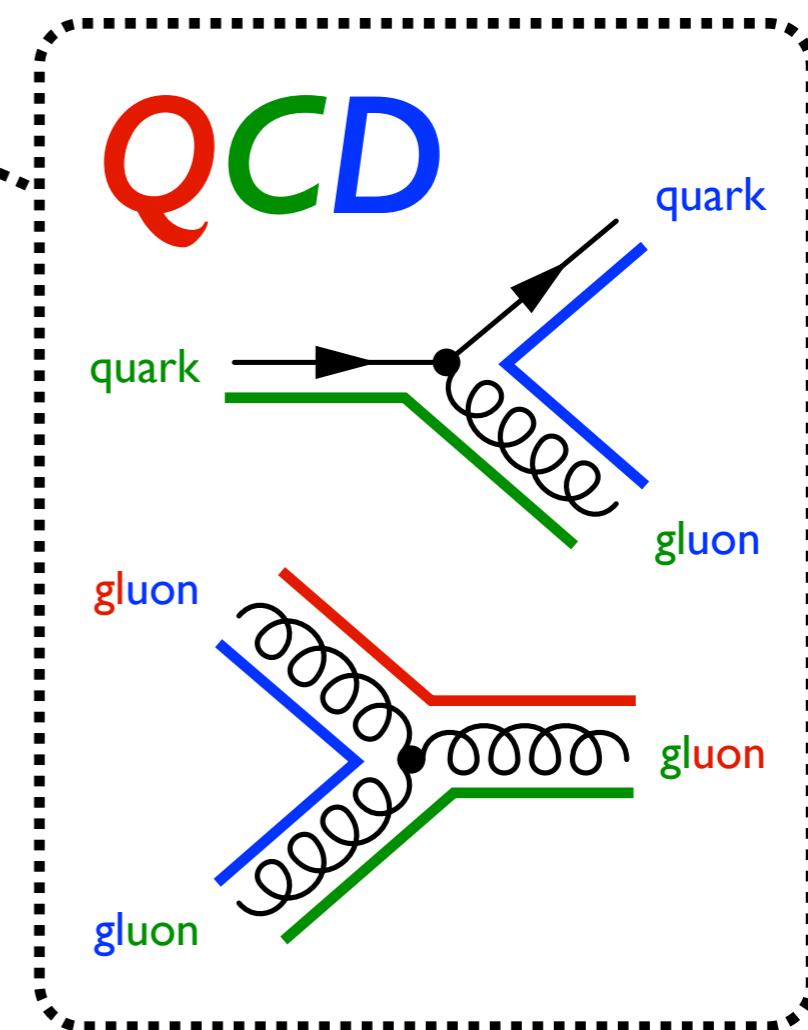
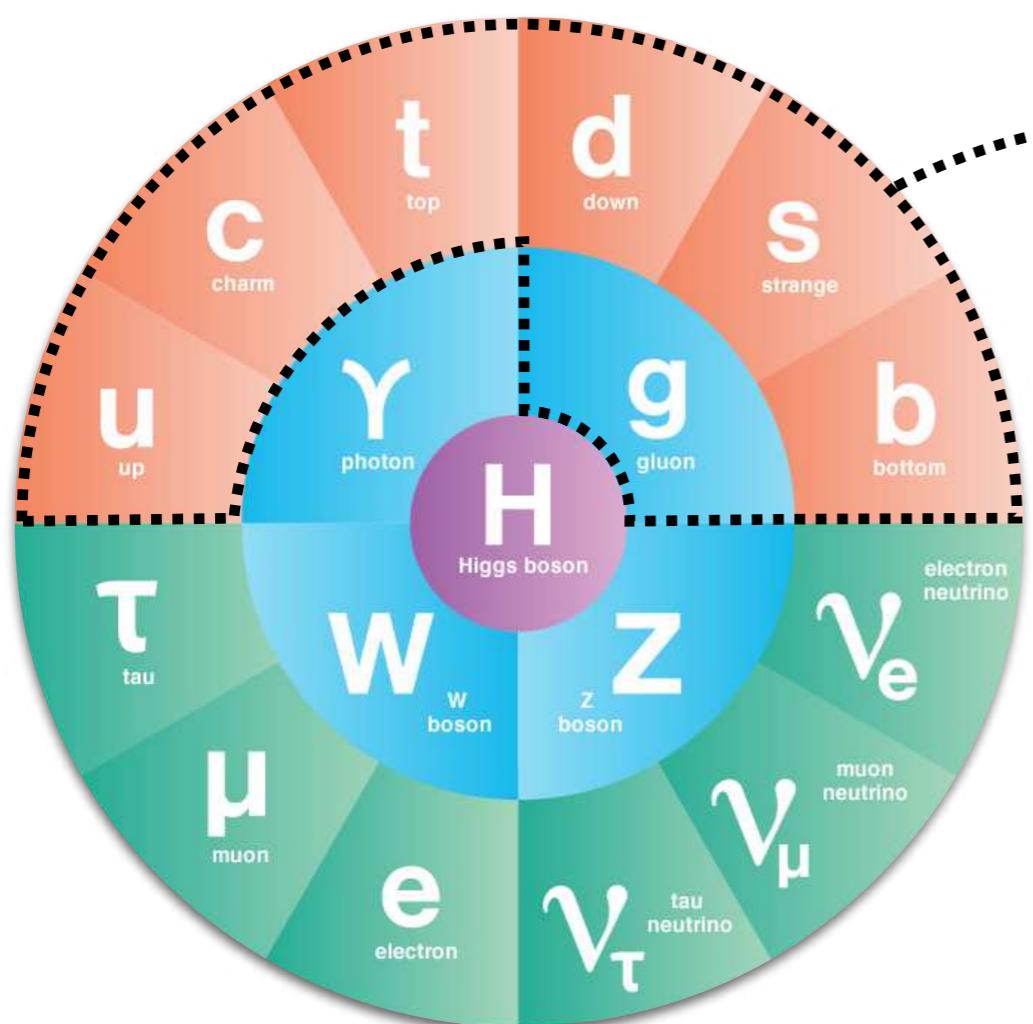


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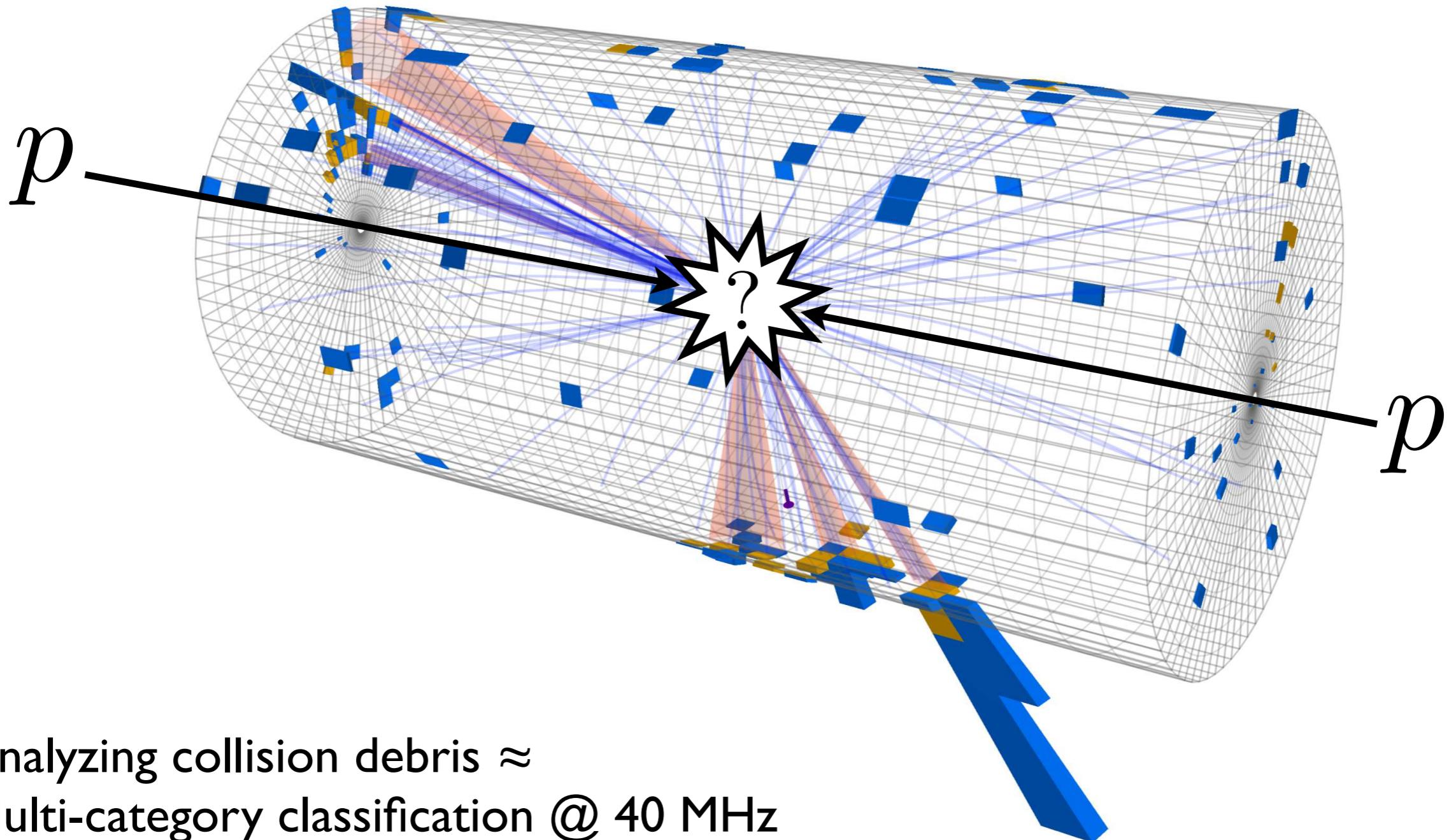
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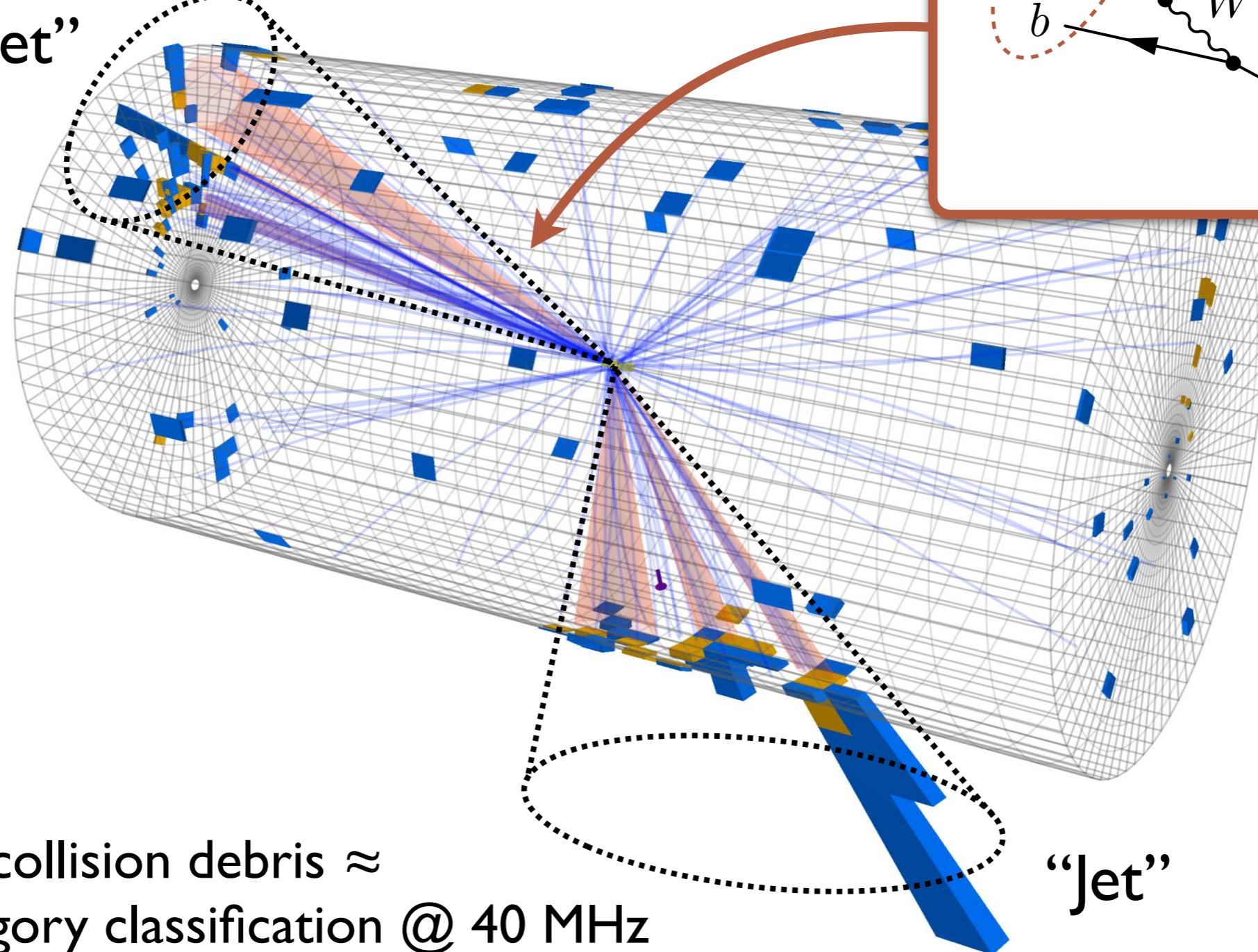


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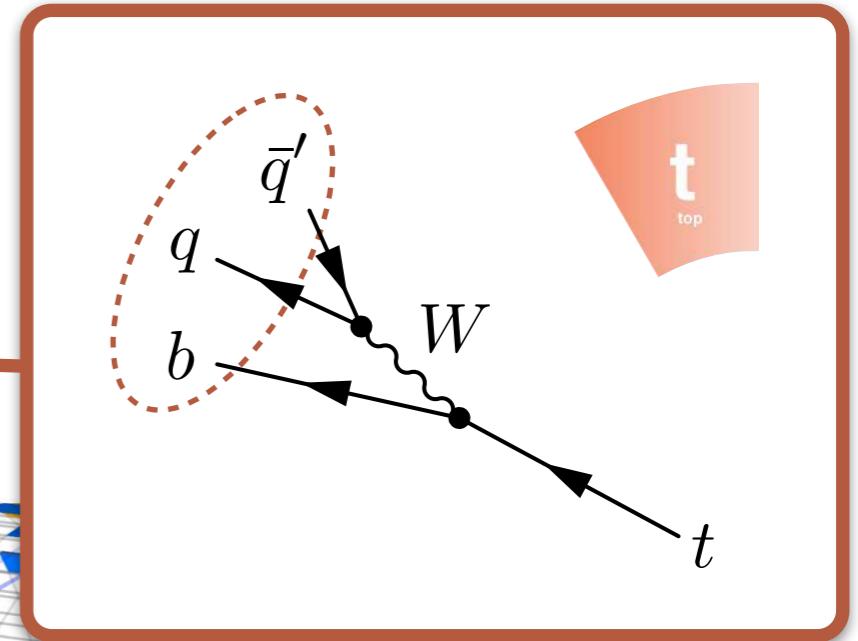
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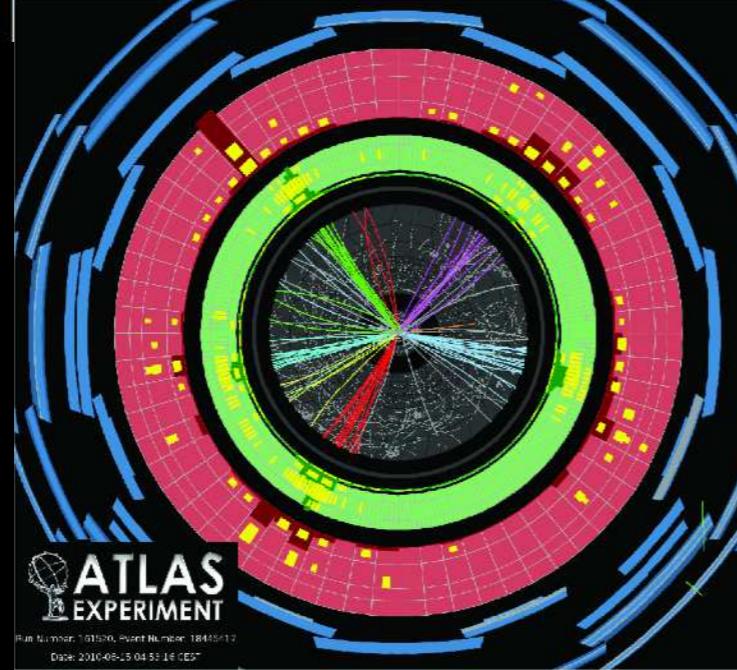
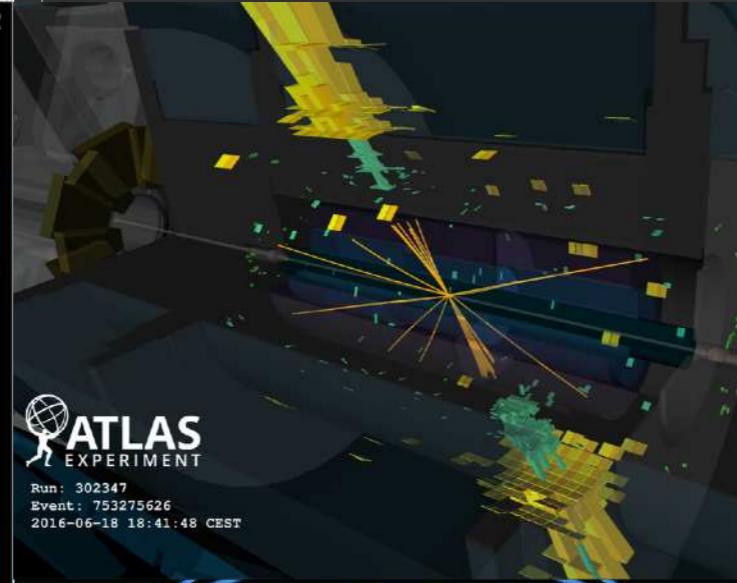
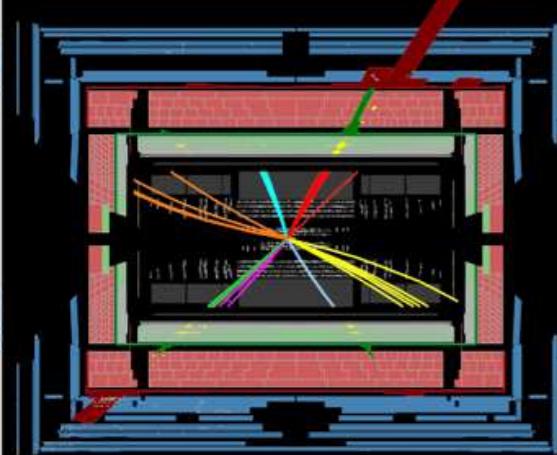
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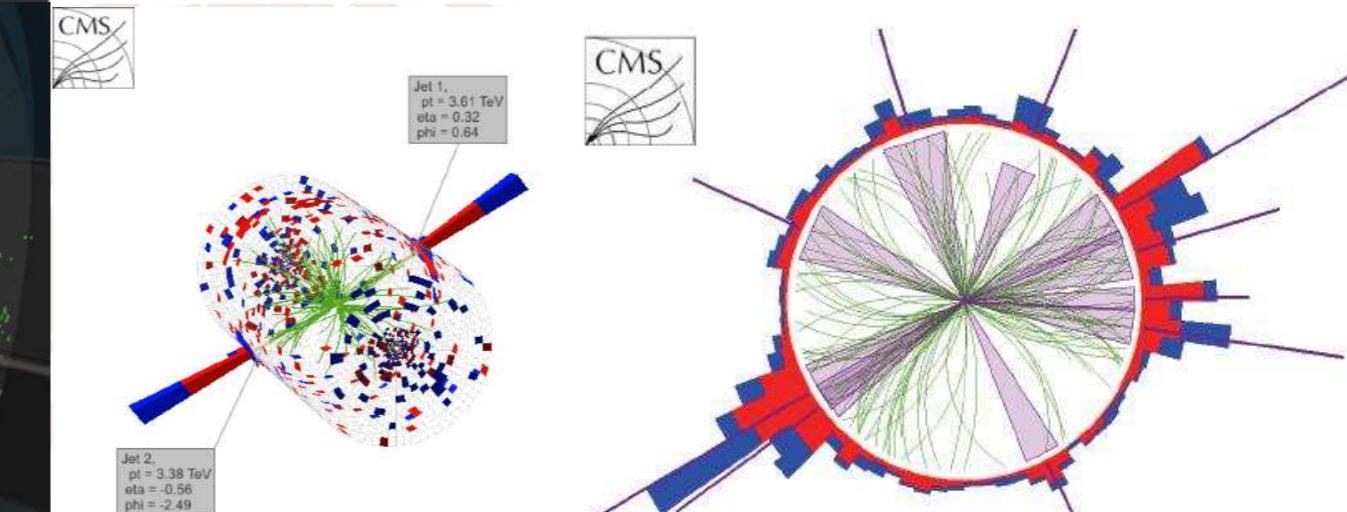
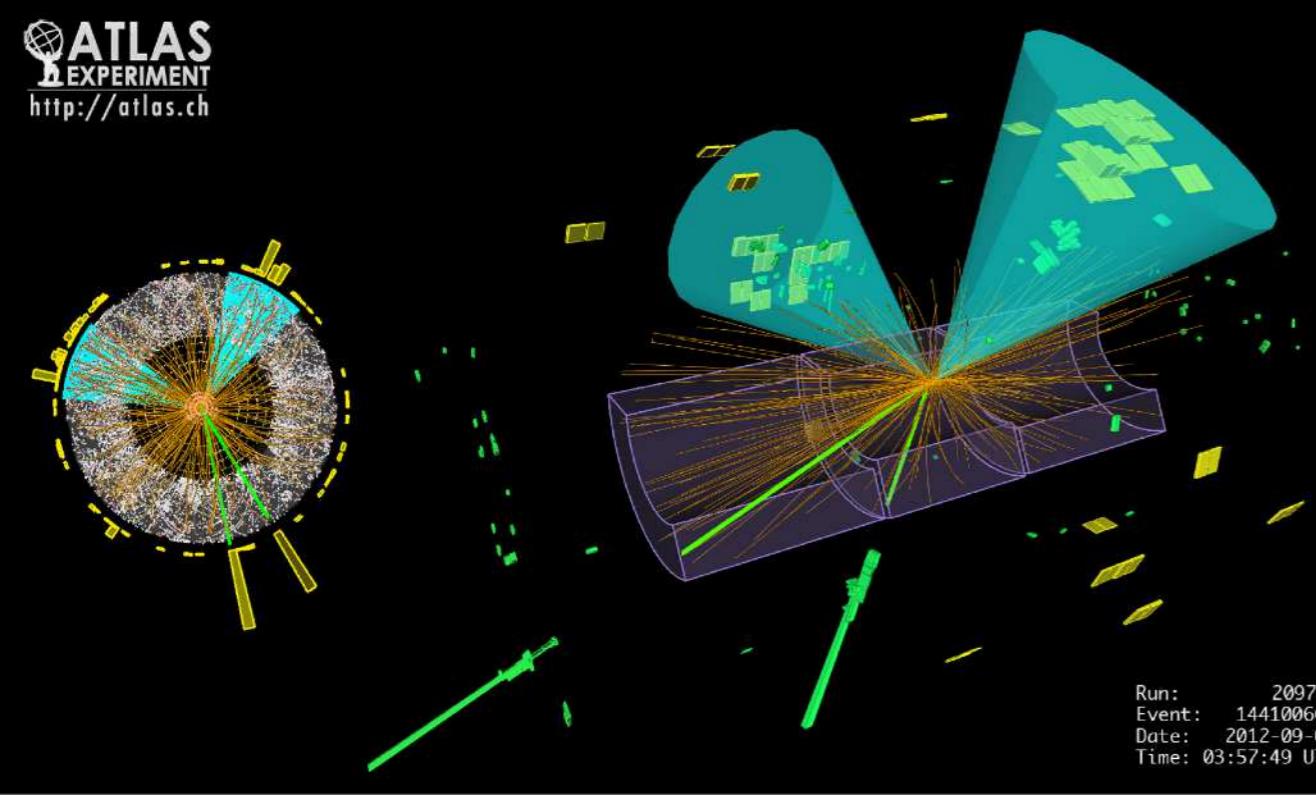


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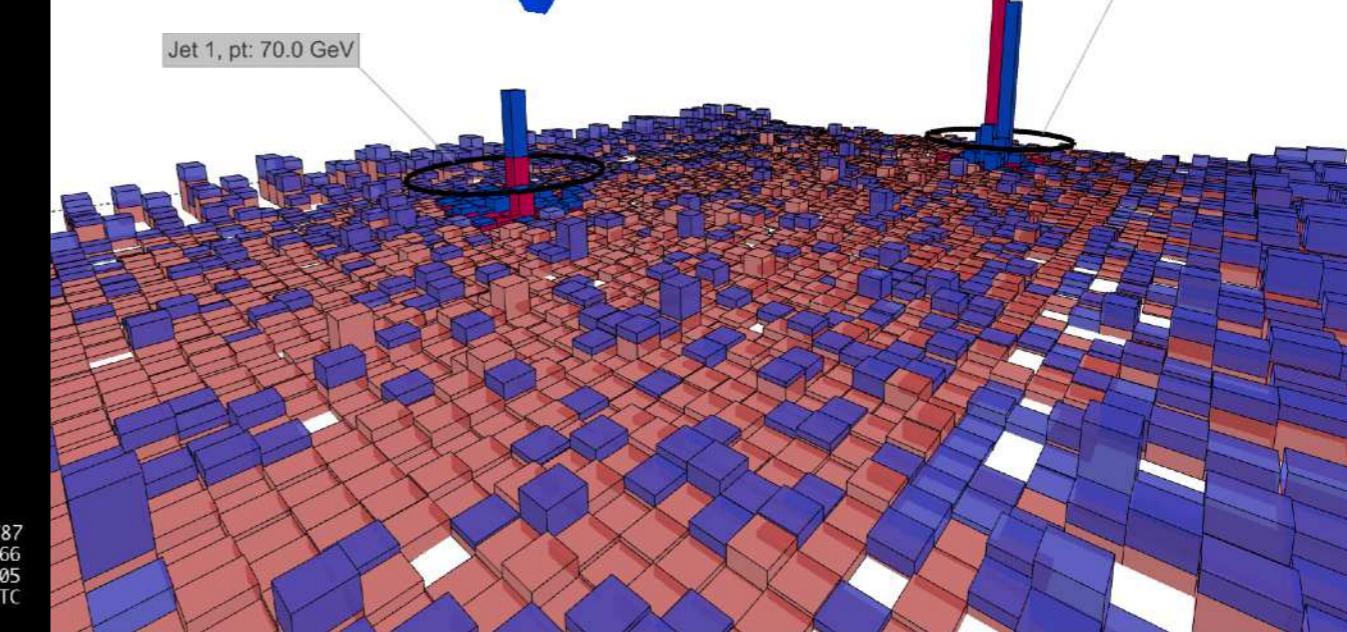
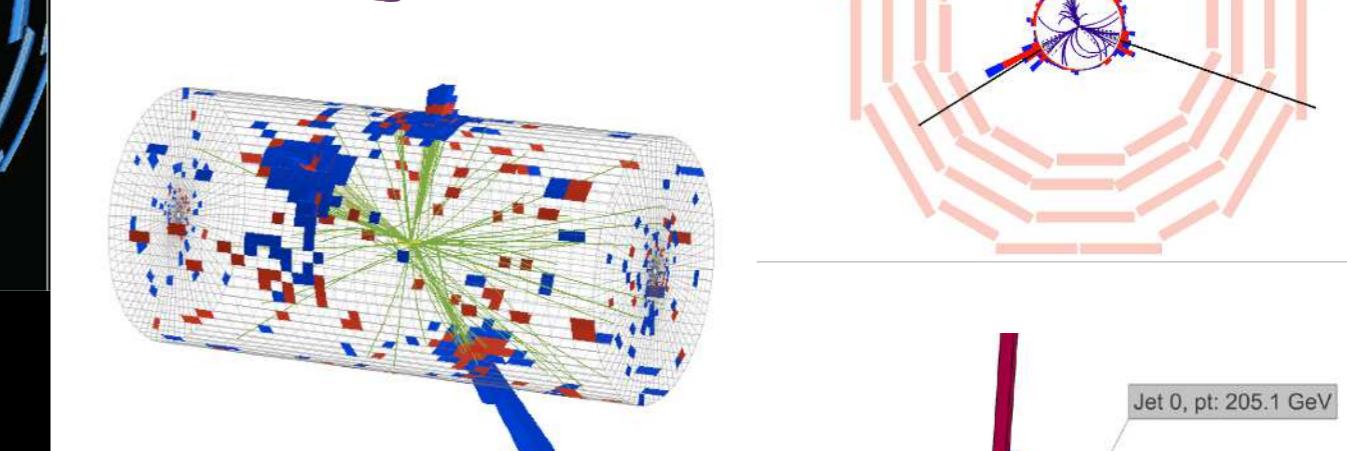
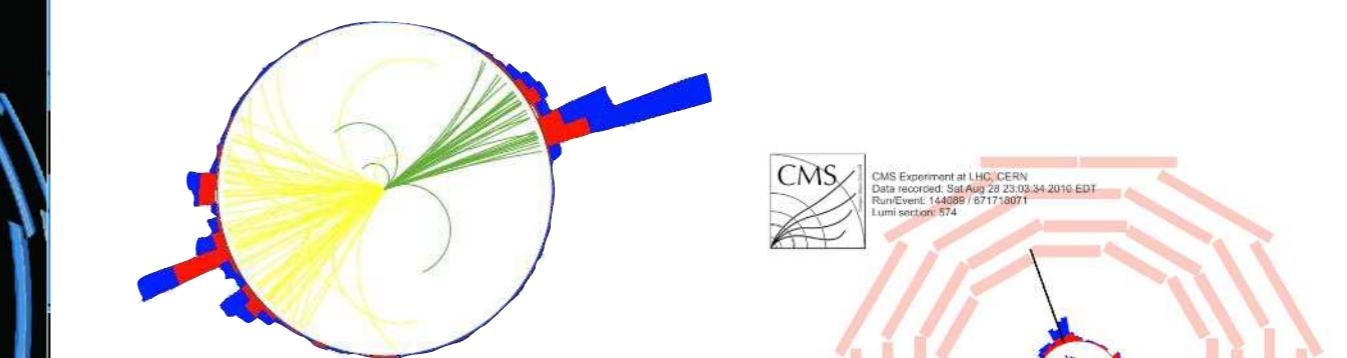
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EXPERIMENT  
<http://atlas.ch>

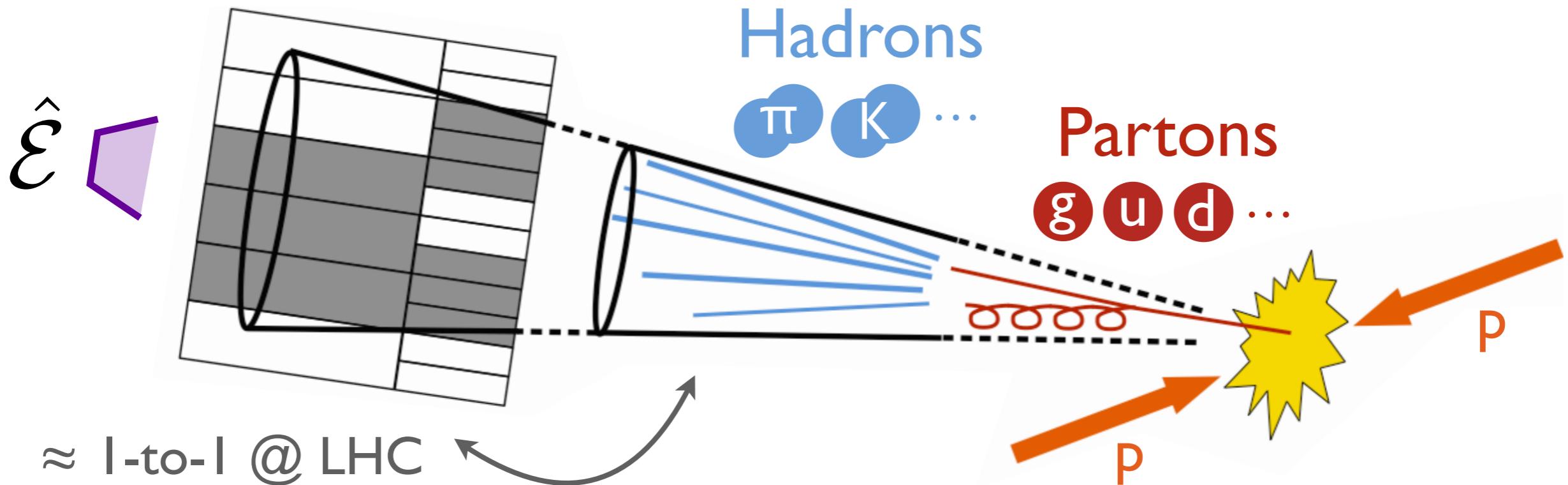


CMS Experiment at LHC, CERN  
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# Theory

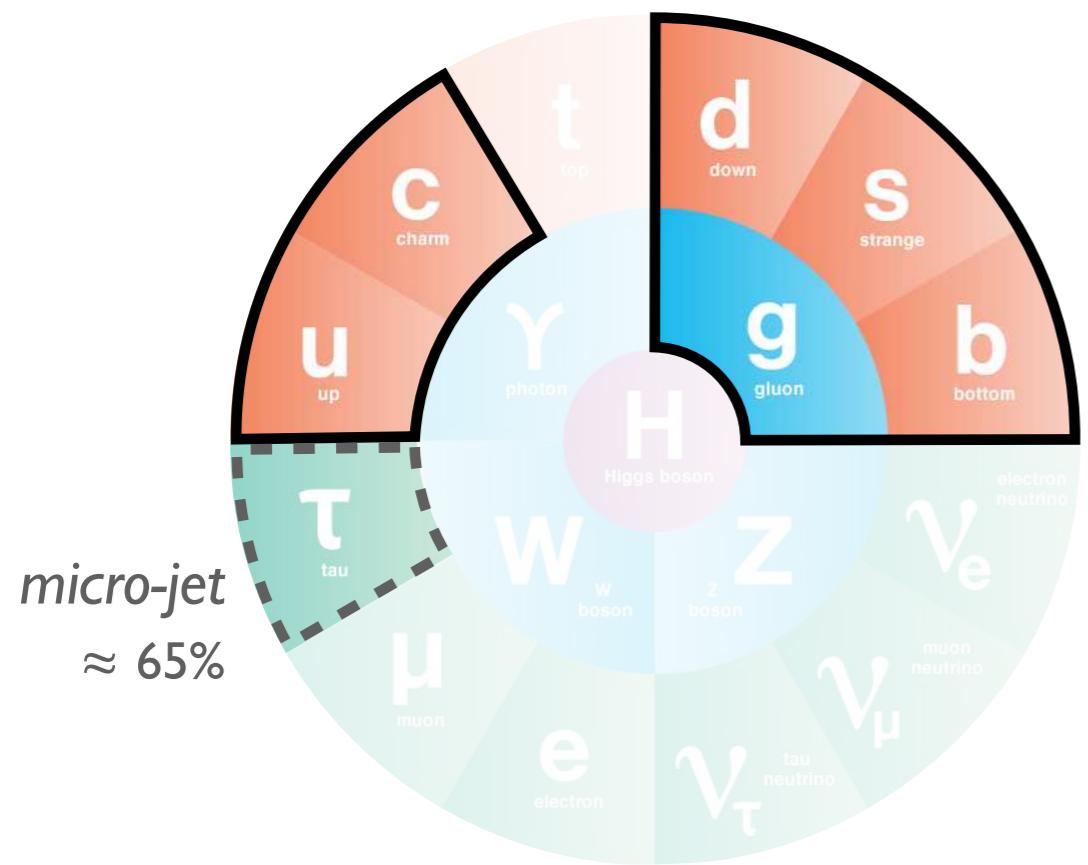
## Detection



Stress-Energy  
Flow Operator:

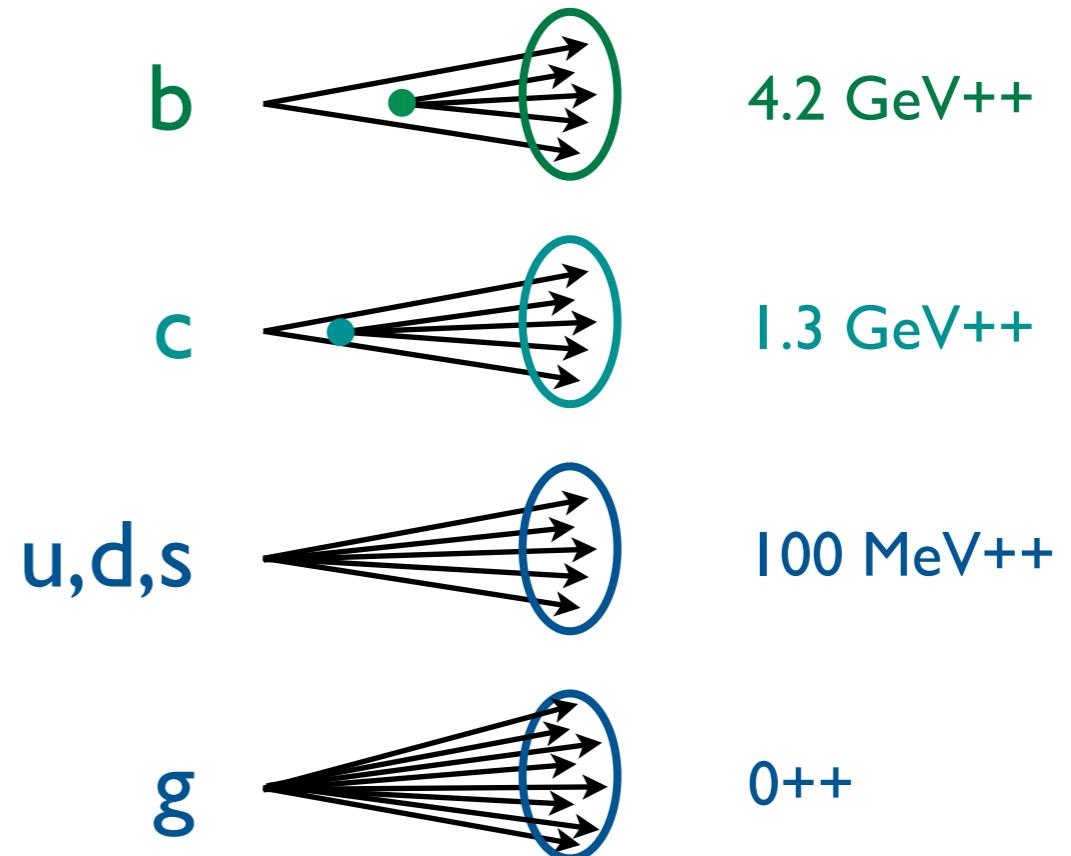
$$\hat{\mathcal{E}} \simeq \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \hat{n}_i T^{0i}(t, v t \hat{n})$$

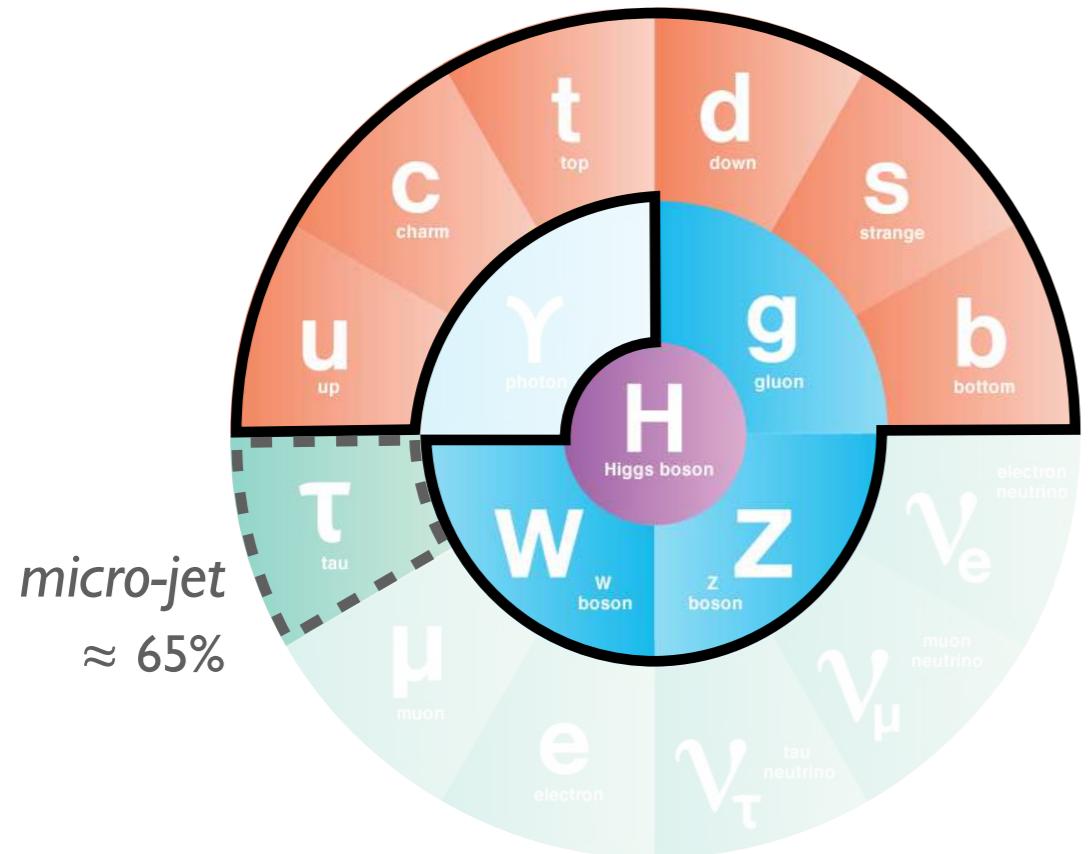
[Sveshnikov, Tkachov, [hep-ph/9512370](#); Hofman, Maldacena, [0803.1467](#); Mateu, Stewart, JDT, [1209.3781](#)]



## *Jets from QCD and the Standard Model*

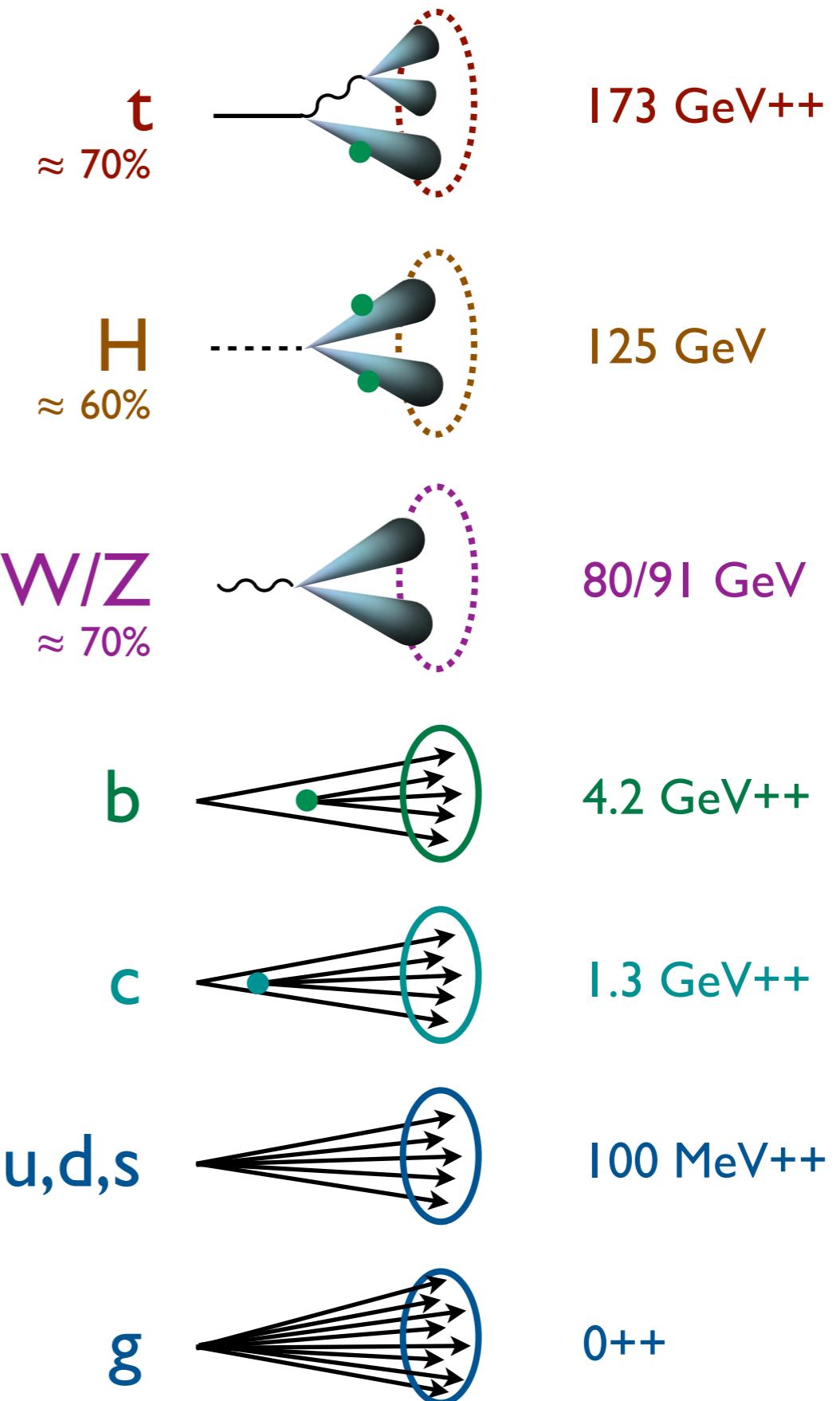
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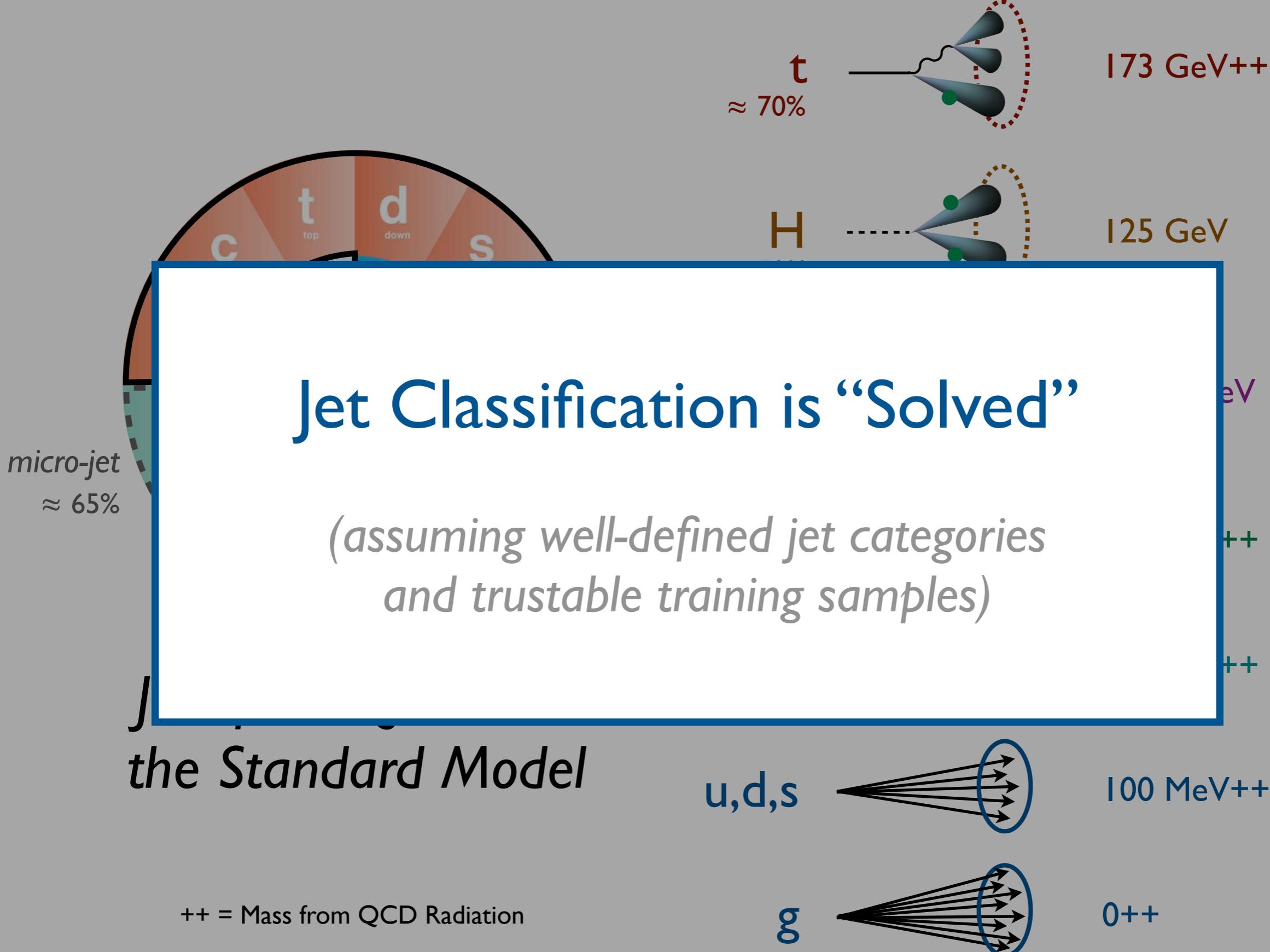




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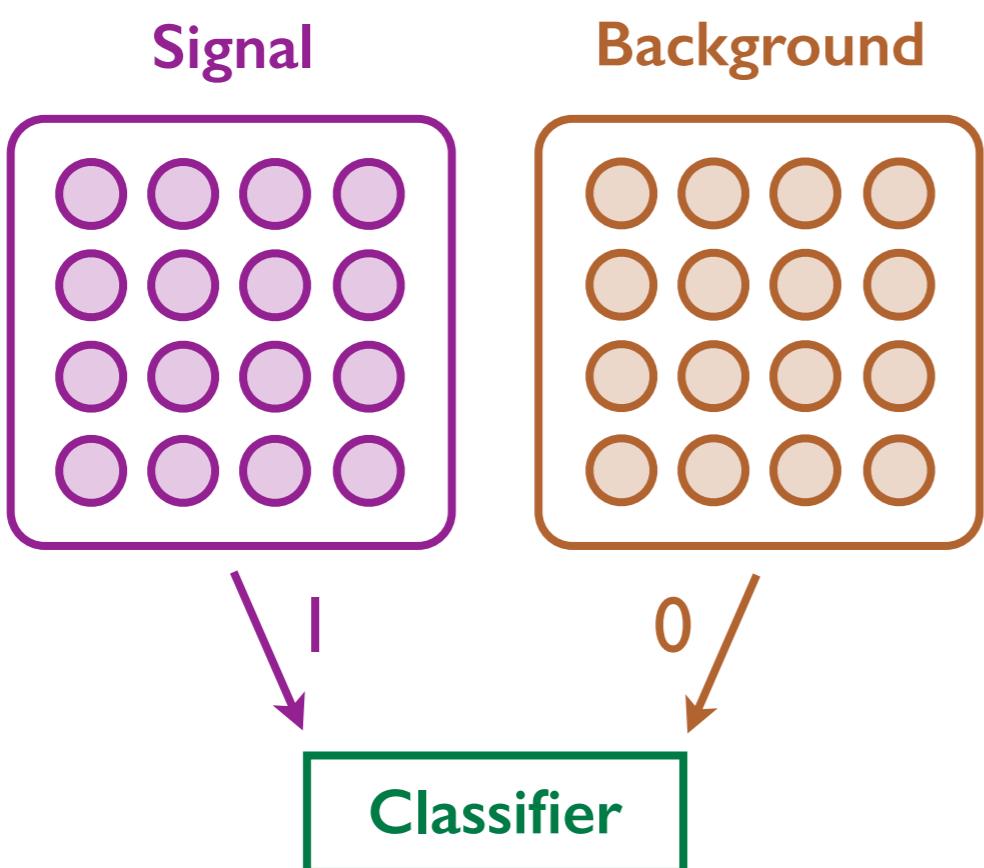


# A Cartoon of Machine Learning

For fully-supervised jet classification

$$\ell_{\text{MSE}} = \left\langle (\textcolor{violet}{h}(\vec{x}) - 1)^2 \right\rangle_{\text{signal}} + \left\langle (\textcolor{violet}{h}(\vec{x}) - 0)^2 \right\rangle_{\text{background}}$$

Classifier    Inputs



## Minimize Loss Function

(assuming infinite training sets,  
and flexible enough functional form)

$$h(\vec{x}) = \frac{p_{\text{sig}}(\vec{x})}{p_{\text{sig}}(\vec{x}) + p_{\text{bkgd}}(\vec{x})}$$

Optimal Classifier (Neyman–Pearson)

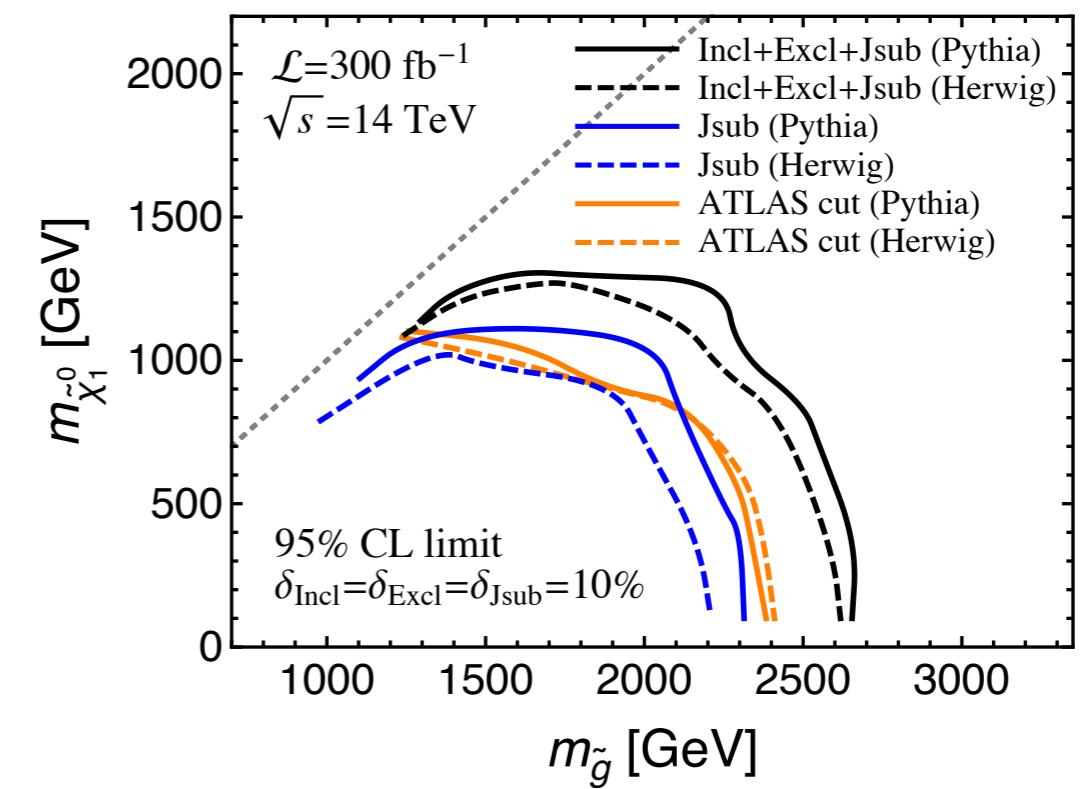
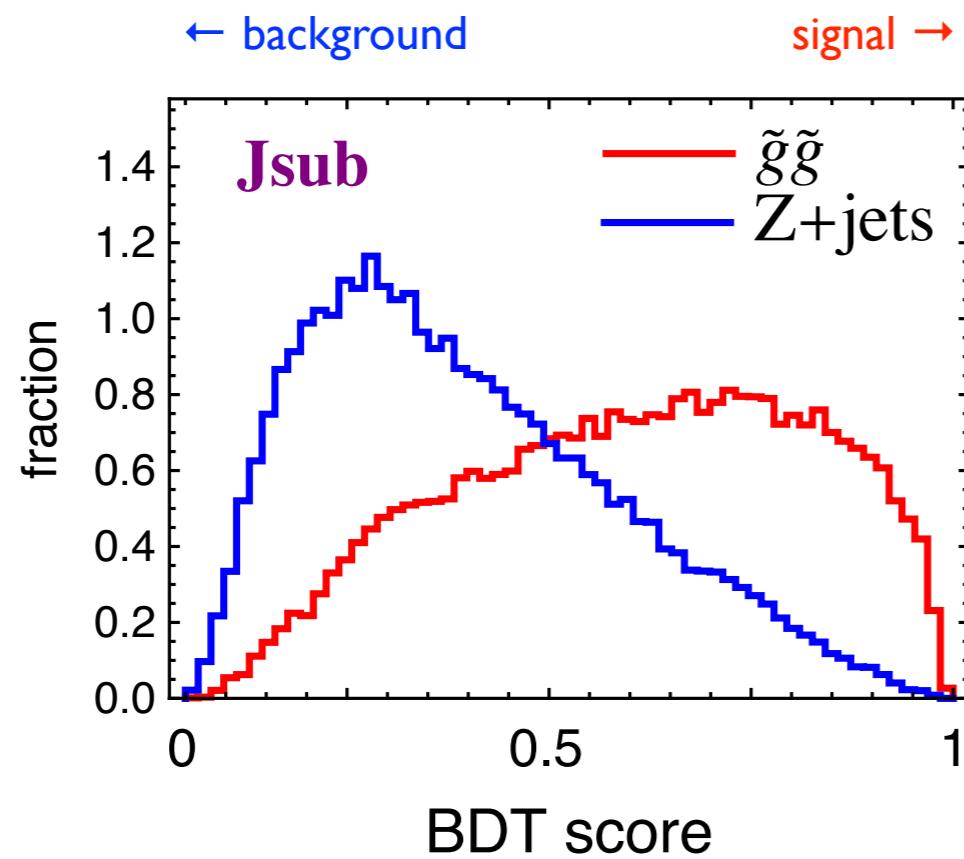
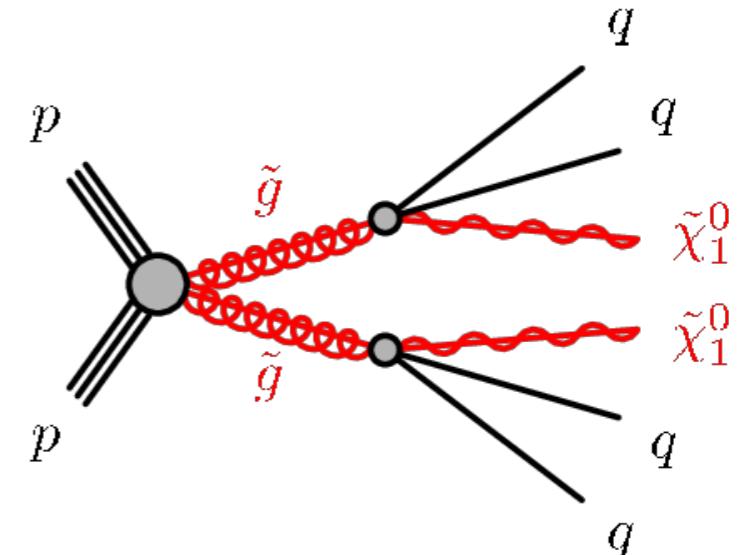
# E.g. Search for Gluino Cascade to Dark Matter

**Classifier:** Boosted decision tree (for each of 4 jets)

**Inputs:** Jet mass, width, track multiplicity

**Signal:** Quark enriched ( $C_F = 4/3$ )

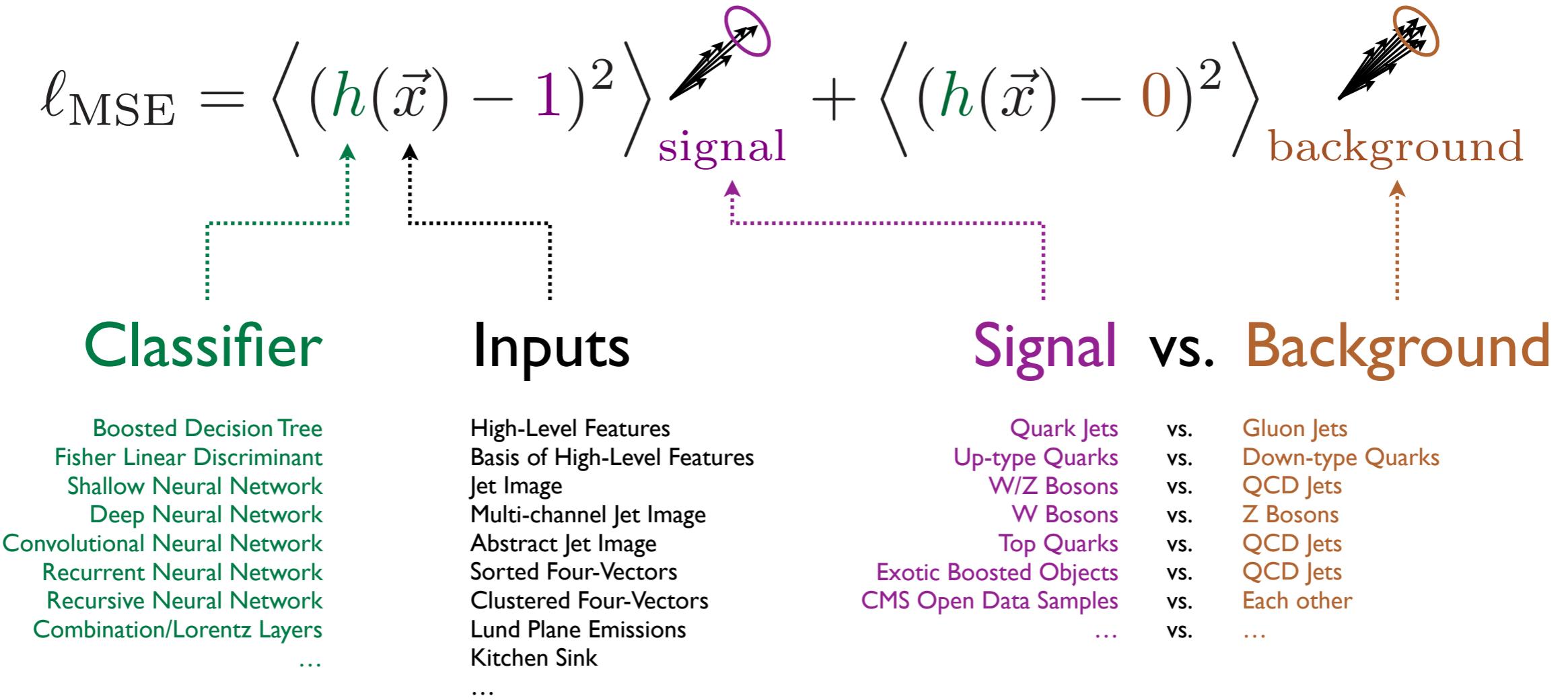
**Background:** Gluon enriched ( $C_A = 3$ )



[Bhattacherjee, Mukhopadhyay, Nojiri, Sakakie, Webber, 1609.08781]

# Jet Classification Studies

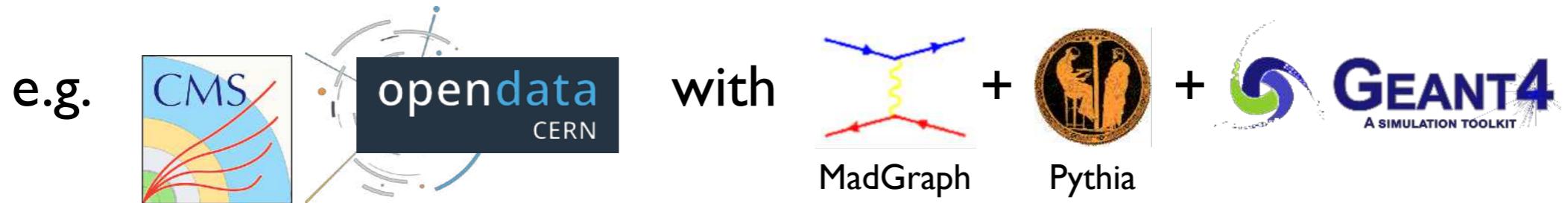
*Mix and match*



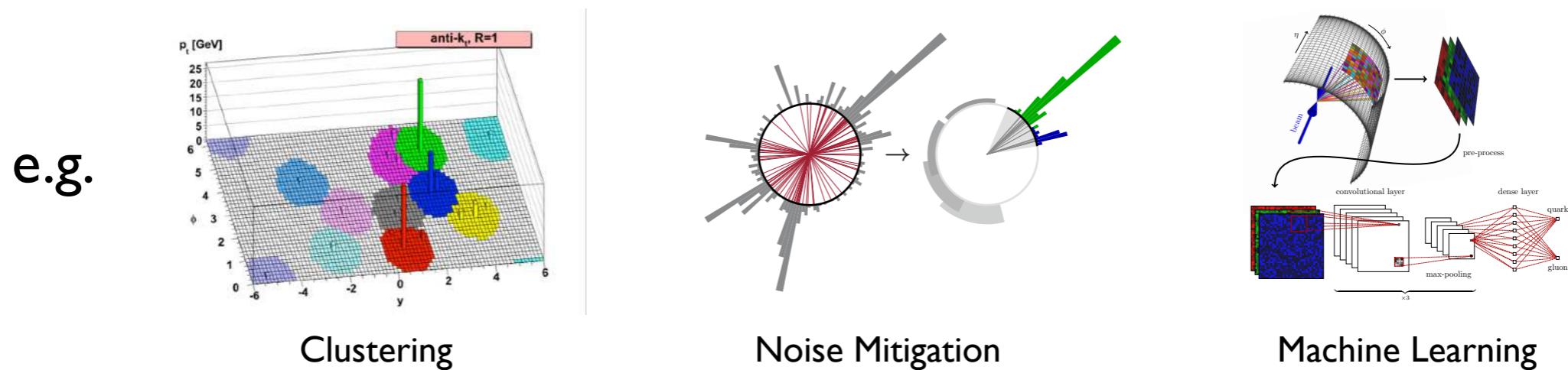
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# Particle Physics as ML Testbed

- Huge datasets with reliable simulations



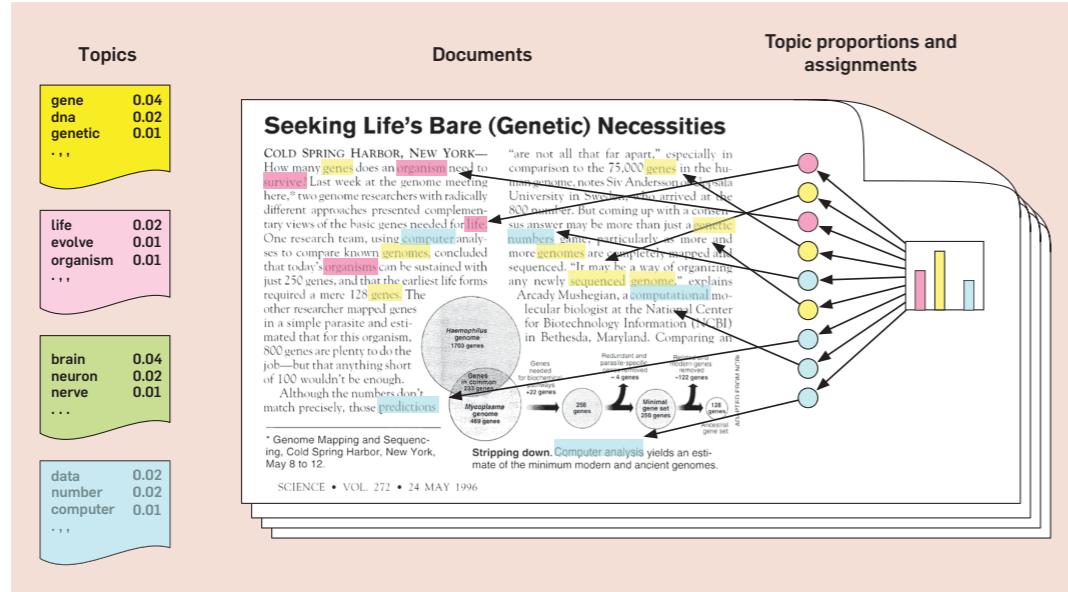
- Broad use of (un)supervised algorithms



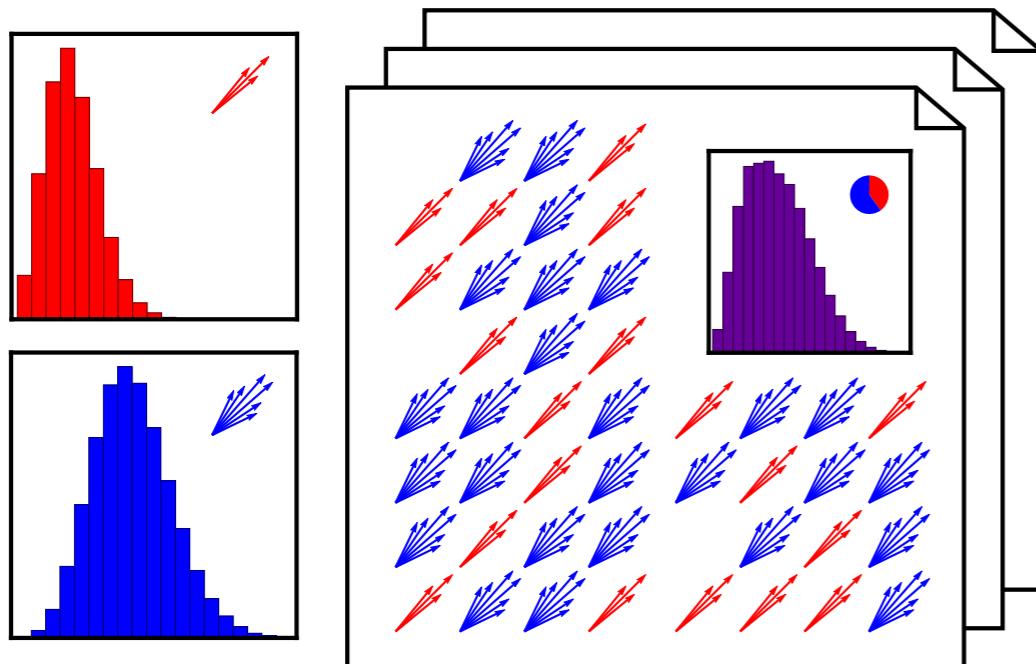
- Extensive domain knowledge and strong theory priors

[figures from Cacciari, Salam, Soyez, [0802.1189](#); Larkoski, Marzani, JDT, Tripathee, Xue, [1704.05066](#); Komiske, Metodiev, Schwartz, [1612.01551](#)]

# E.g. Topic Modeling for Jets



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Documents as bags of words  
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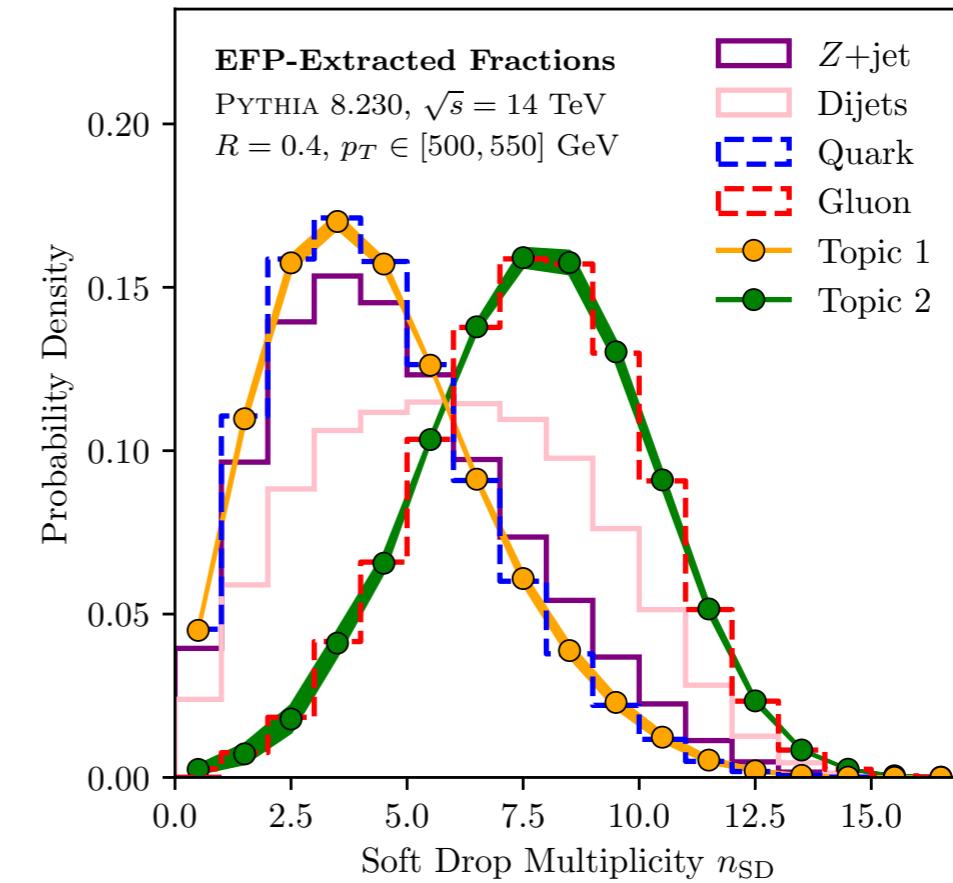
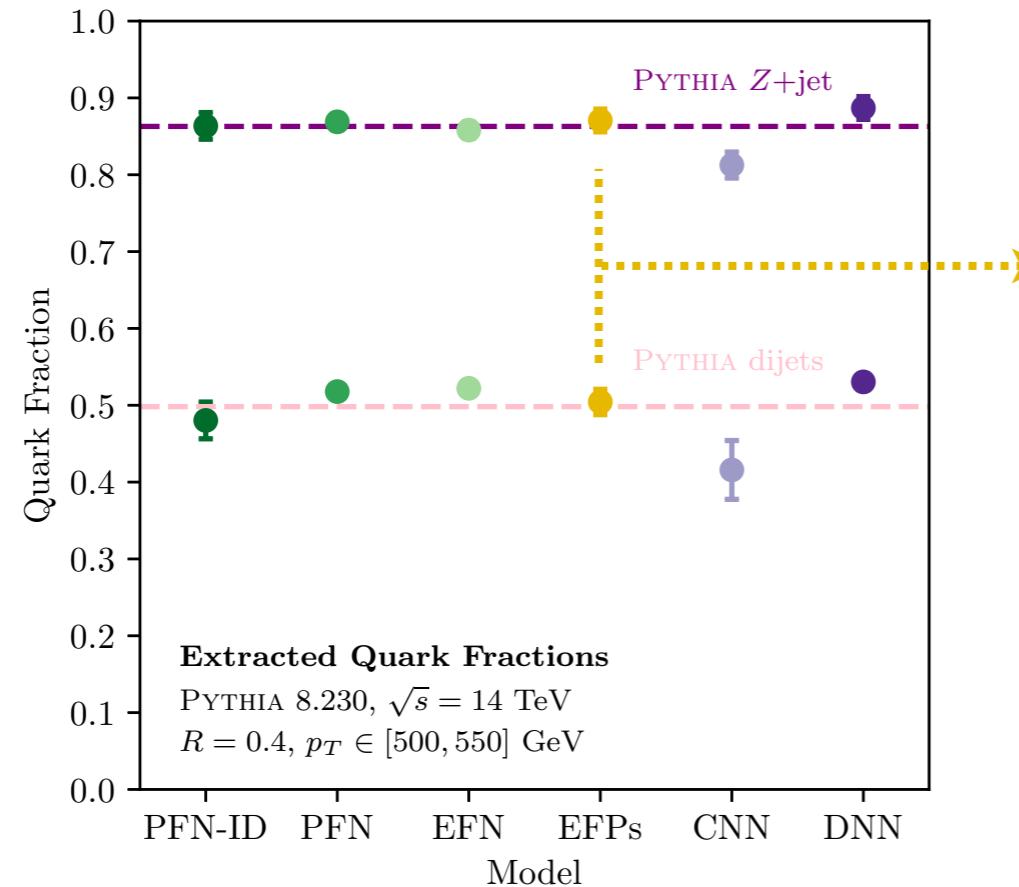


**Quark/Gluon Separation:**  
Jet histograms as mixtures of  
“mutually irreducible” categories  
(which they really are\*)

[Blei, CACM 2012; Metodiev, JDT, 1802.00008]

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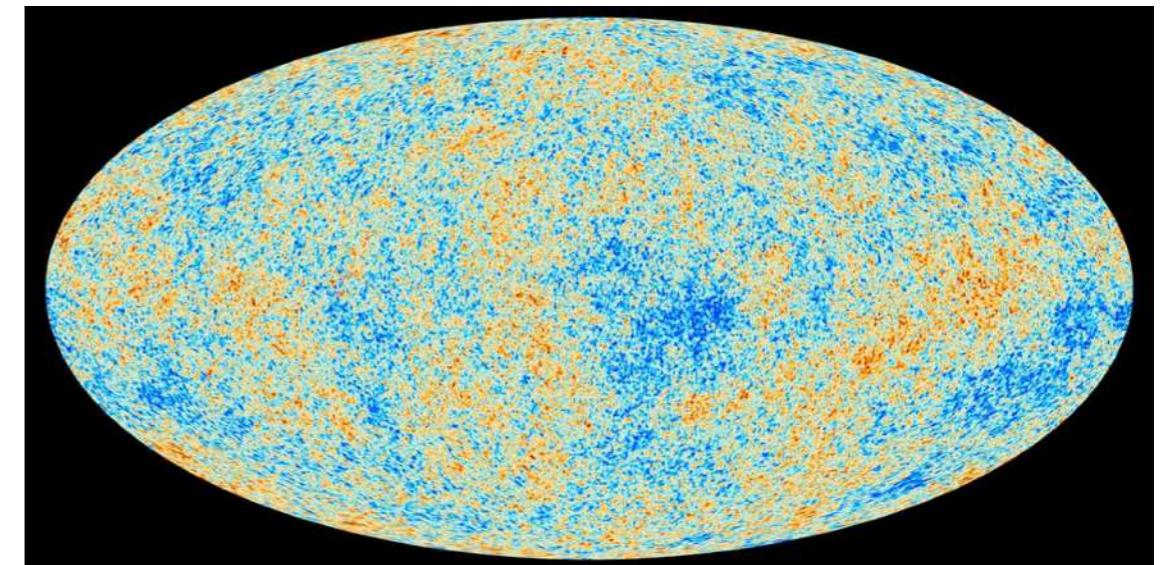
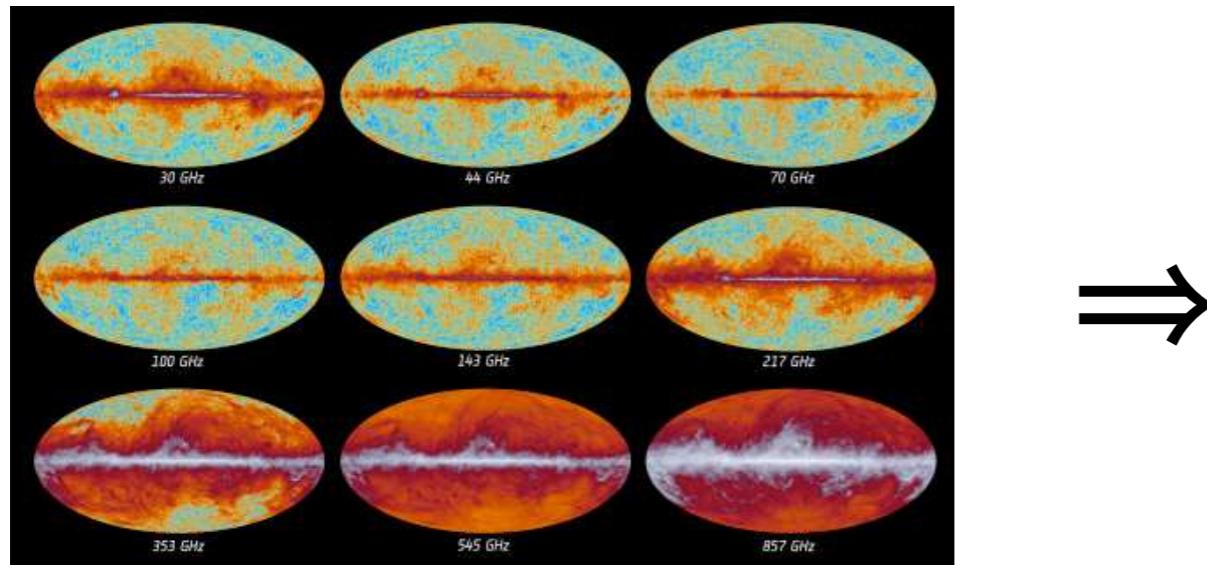
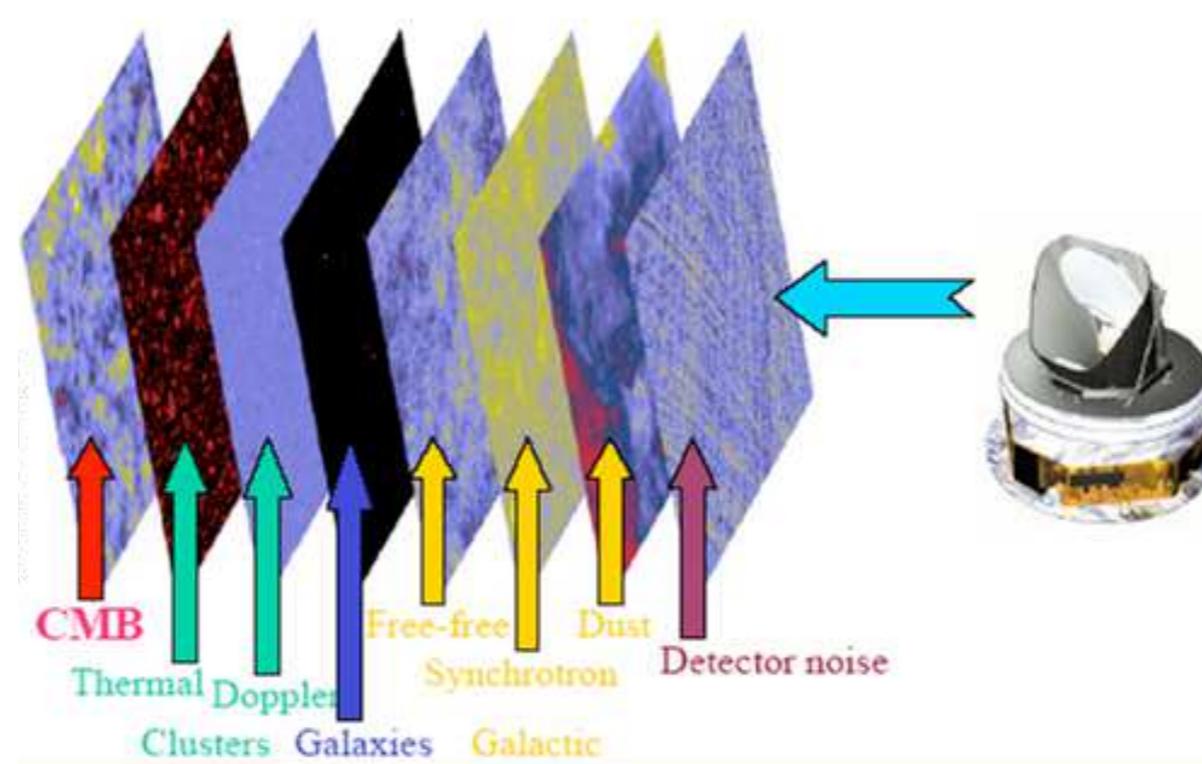
ML validation in complicated (but controlled) environment



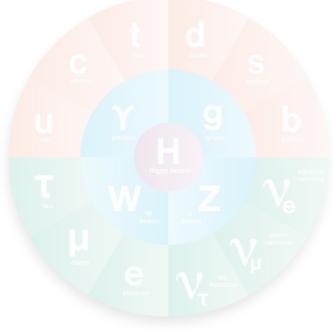
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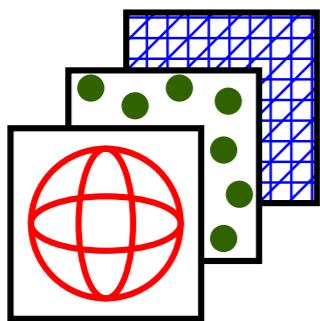
# Related to CMB Foreground Separation



[Planck Outreach]



## Particle Physics Primer



## Point Clouds & Energy Flow Networks



(The Metric Space of Collider Events)

# Relevance for the Dark Universe

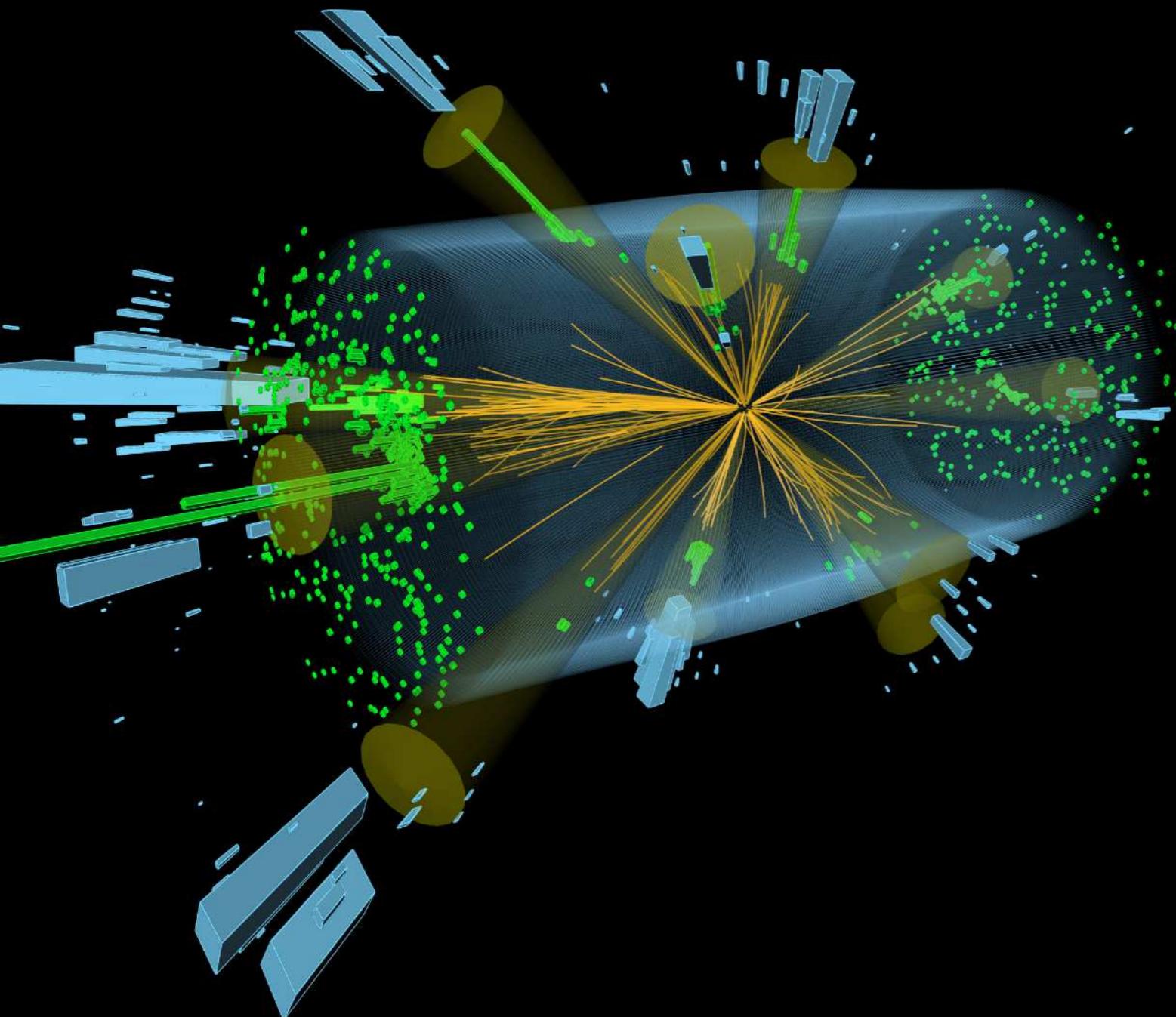
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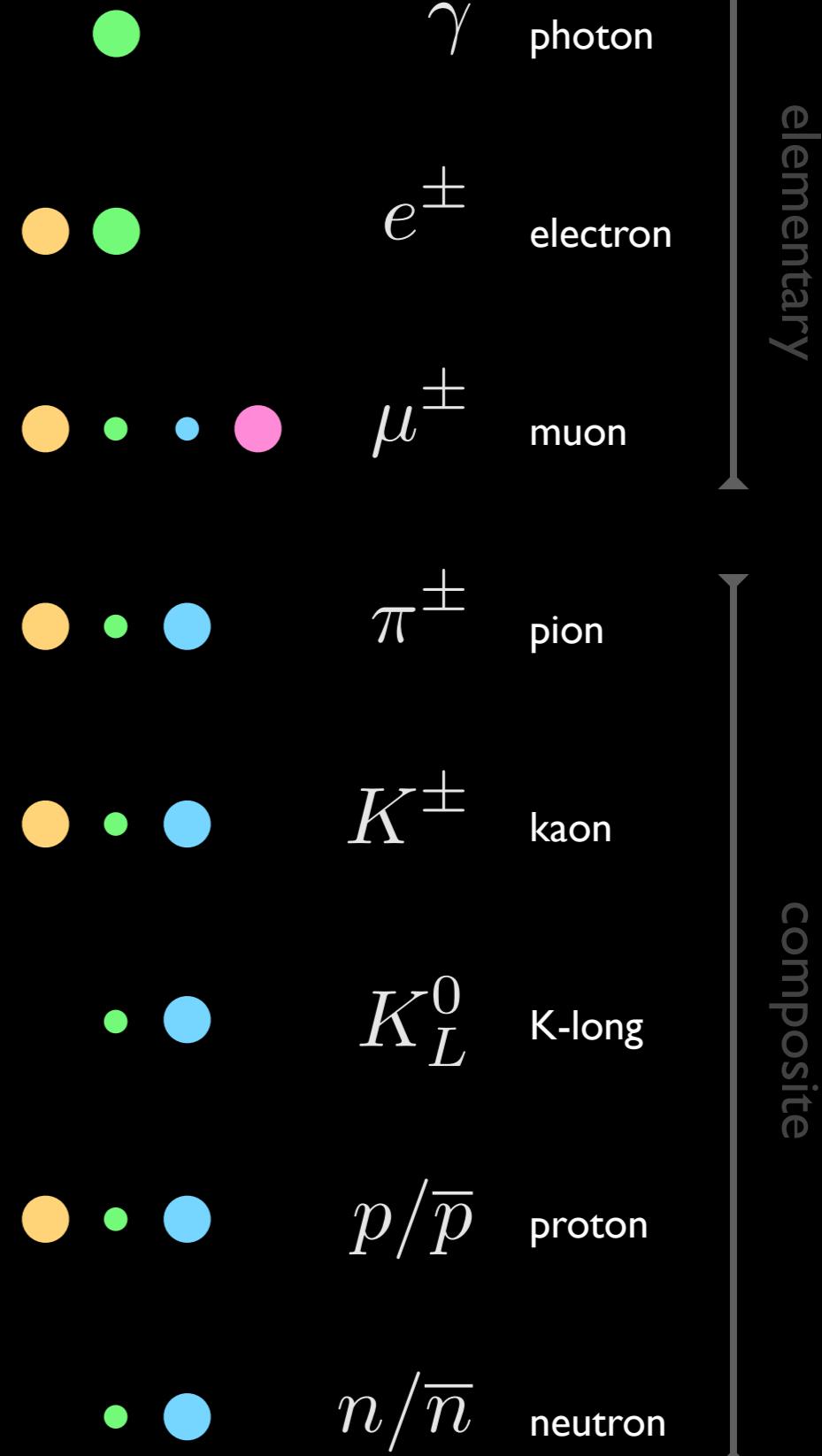
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# What is a Collision Event?



T E H M



# Point Cloud



[Popular Science, 2013]

# Key Fact #1: Events/Jets are Point Clouds

Jet constituents:

*Particle-like objects*

*Variable-length*

*Unordered set*



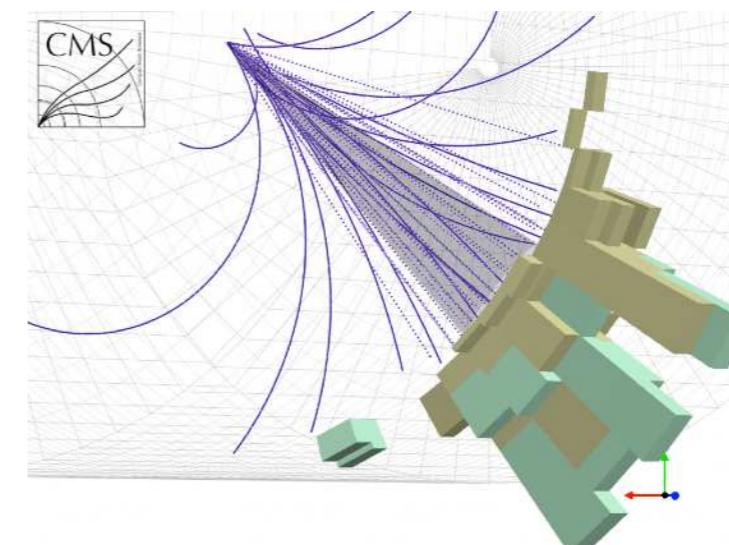
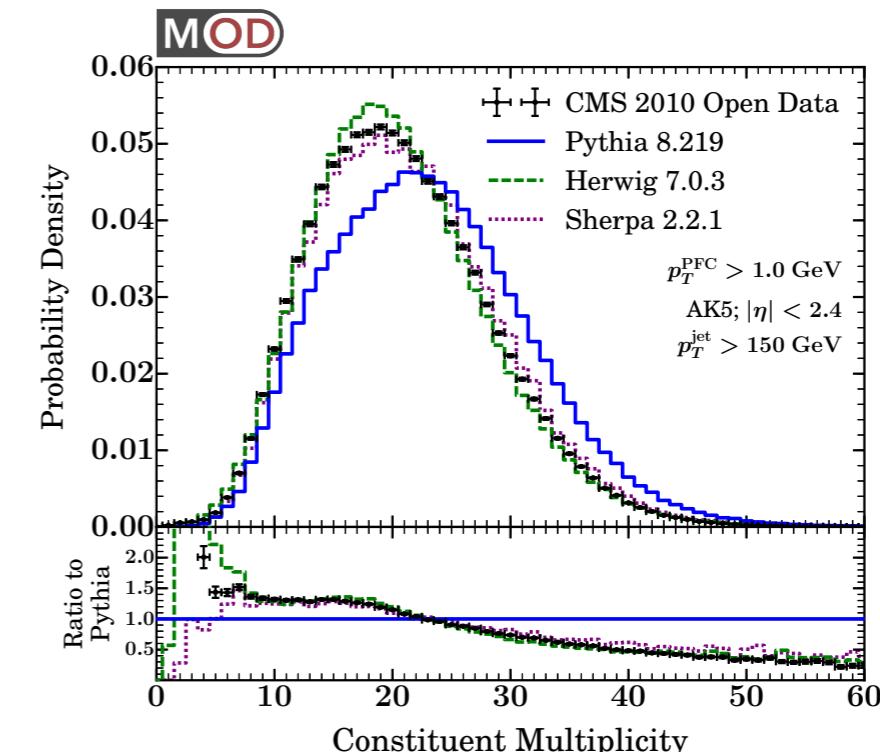
Per particle:

$\{E, p_x, p_y, p_z\}$  or  $\{p_T, \eta, \Phi, m\}$

*Flavor/charge labels*

*Vertex information*

*Quality criteria, etc.*

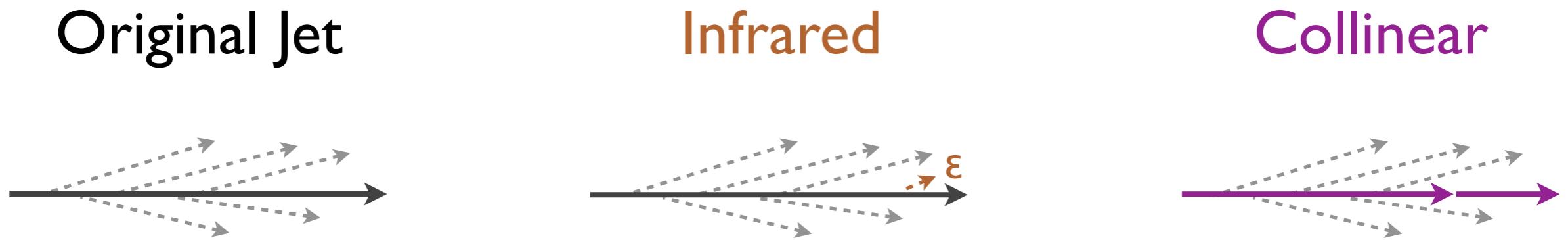


[plot from Tripathee, Xue, Larkoski, Marzani, JDT, [1704.05842](#)]

# Key Fact #2: IRC Safety is Important

Wide range of interesting observables are “safe”

*Interesting  $\approx$  Calculable in fixed-order perturbation theory*



**IRC Safe Observable:** Insensitive to **IR** or **C** emissions

*Enforces smooth interpolation between variable-length inputs (i.e.  $N \rightarrow N-1$ )*

(optionally)

Bottom line: Jets are **energy-weighted** point clouds

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(High Energy)  
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# Theoretical (High Energy) Physics



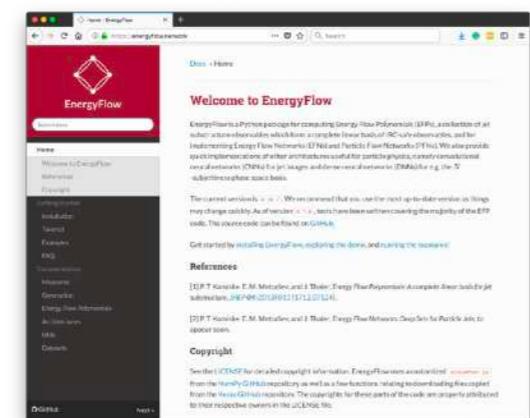
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# Energy Flow Networks

<https://energyflow.network/>

# Theory Prior: Dissect Jets with Addition

**Additive Observable:**  $\mathcal{O} = \sum_{i \in \text{jet}} \Phi(E_i, \vec{p}_i, \dots)$   
(relevant for factorization in SCET)

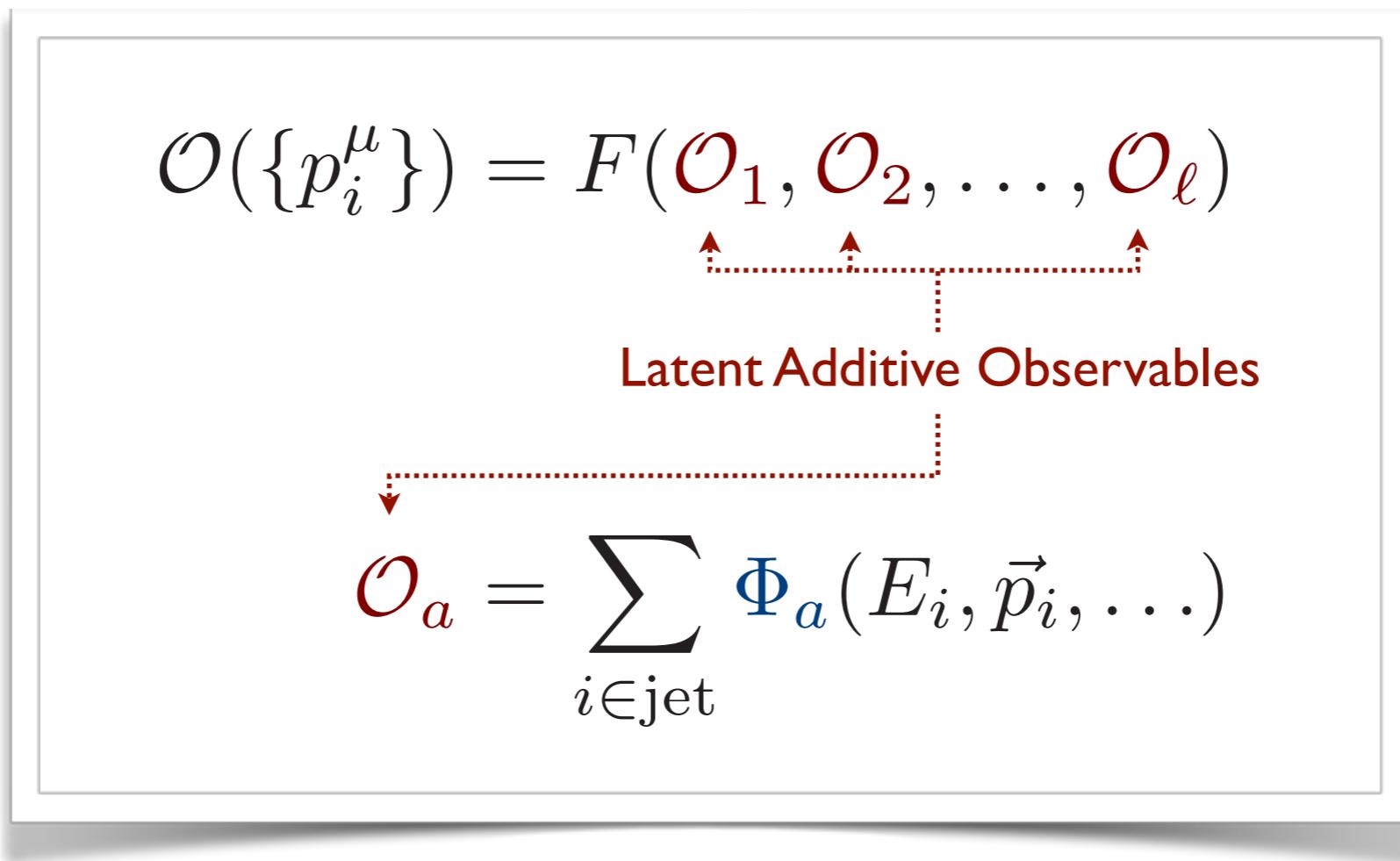
- Permutation invariant by construction
- Easily adapts to variable-length inputs
- Can approximate  $\Phi$  with neural networks
- Can incorporate additional particle properties
- Linear runtime in number of particles

**Additive Safe Observable:**  $\mathcal{O} = \sum_{i \in \text{jet}} E_i \Phi(\hat{p}_i) \quad \hat{p}_i = \frac{\vec{p}_i}{E_i}$

IRC safety guaranteed by energy weighting

# Conjectured Generalization

*Arbitrary permutation-symmetric observable?*



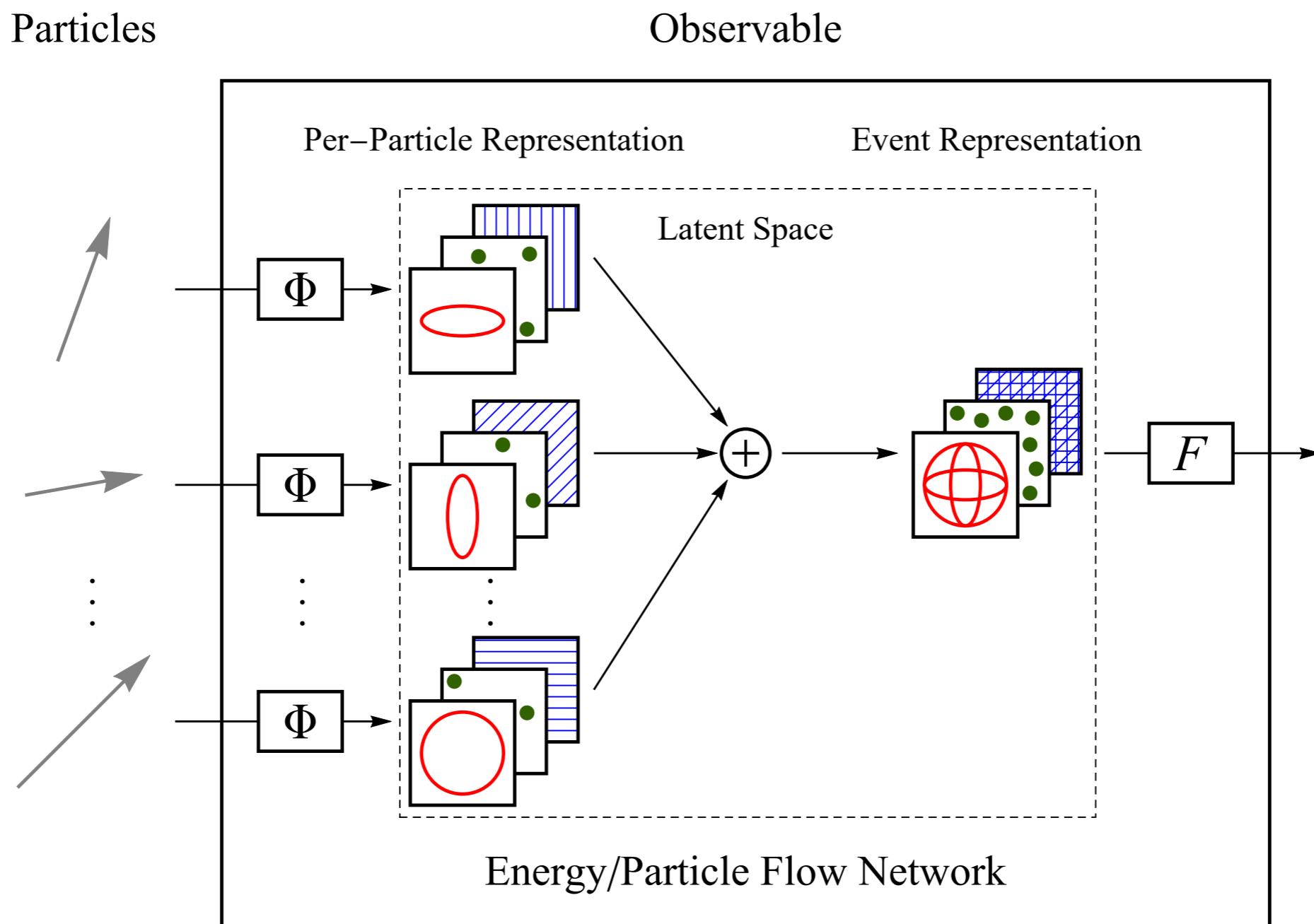
## Energy / Particle Flow Networks

IRC-safe  $\Phi$

General  $\Phi$

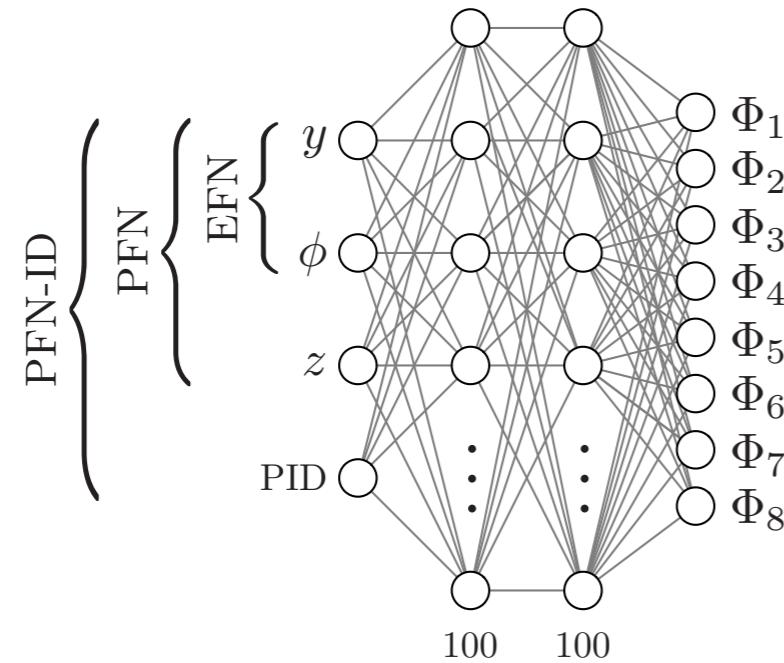
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Per-Particle:  $\Phi$

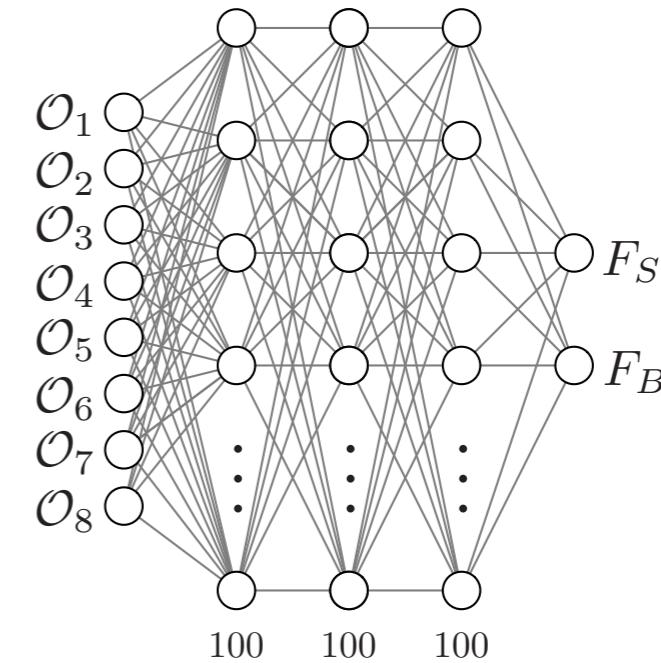


Per-Jet (Latent Space):

$$\text{EFN: } \mathcal{O}_a = \sum_{i \in \text{jet}} z_i \Phi_a(y_i, \phi_i)$$

$$\text{PFN: } \mathcal{O}_a = \sum_{i \in \text{jet}} \Phi_a(y_i, \phi_i, z_i, \text{PID}_i)$$

Latent Combiner:  $F$



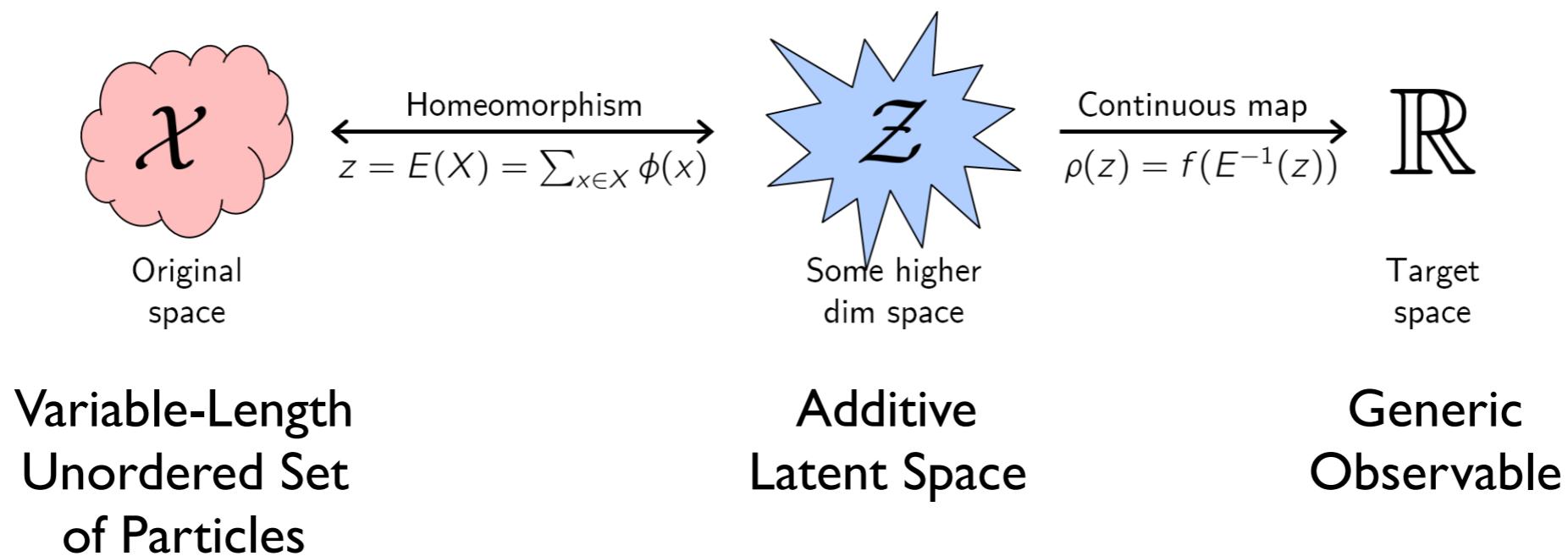
Final Discriminant:

$$\text{softmax}(F_S, F_B)$$

# Meanwhile in ML-Land: Deep Sets

**Theorem 2** A function  $f(X)$  operating on a set  $X$  having elements from a countable universe, is a valid set function, i.e., **invariant** to the permutation of instances in  $X$ , iff it can be decomposed in the form  $\rho \left( \sum_{x \in X} \phi(x) \right)$ , for suitable transformations  $\phi$  and  $\rho$ .

↑  
(!)



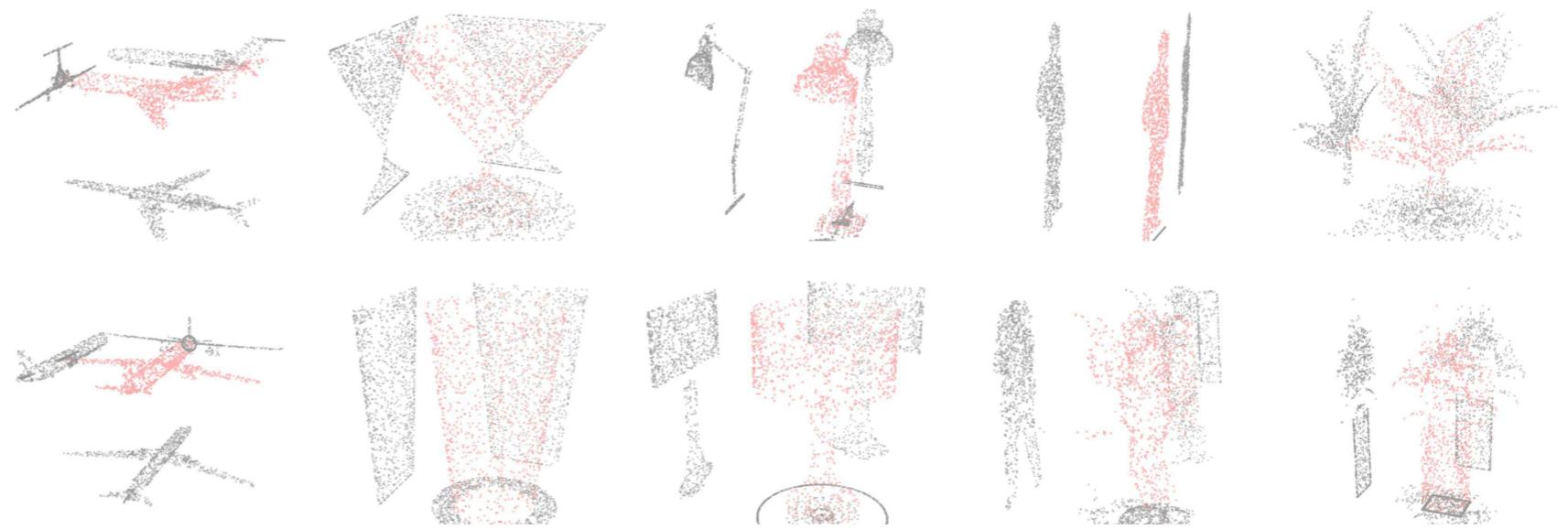
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# Deep Sets for...

## Celebrity Face Anomaly Detection



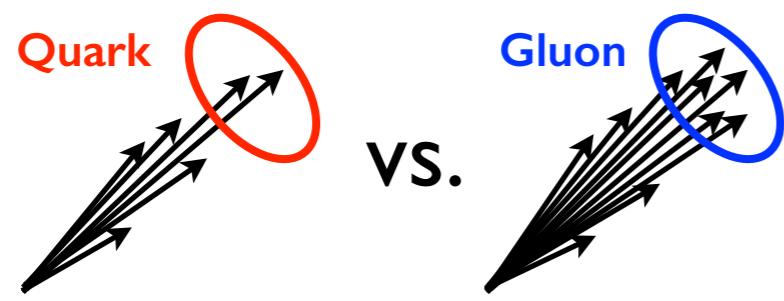
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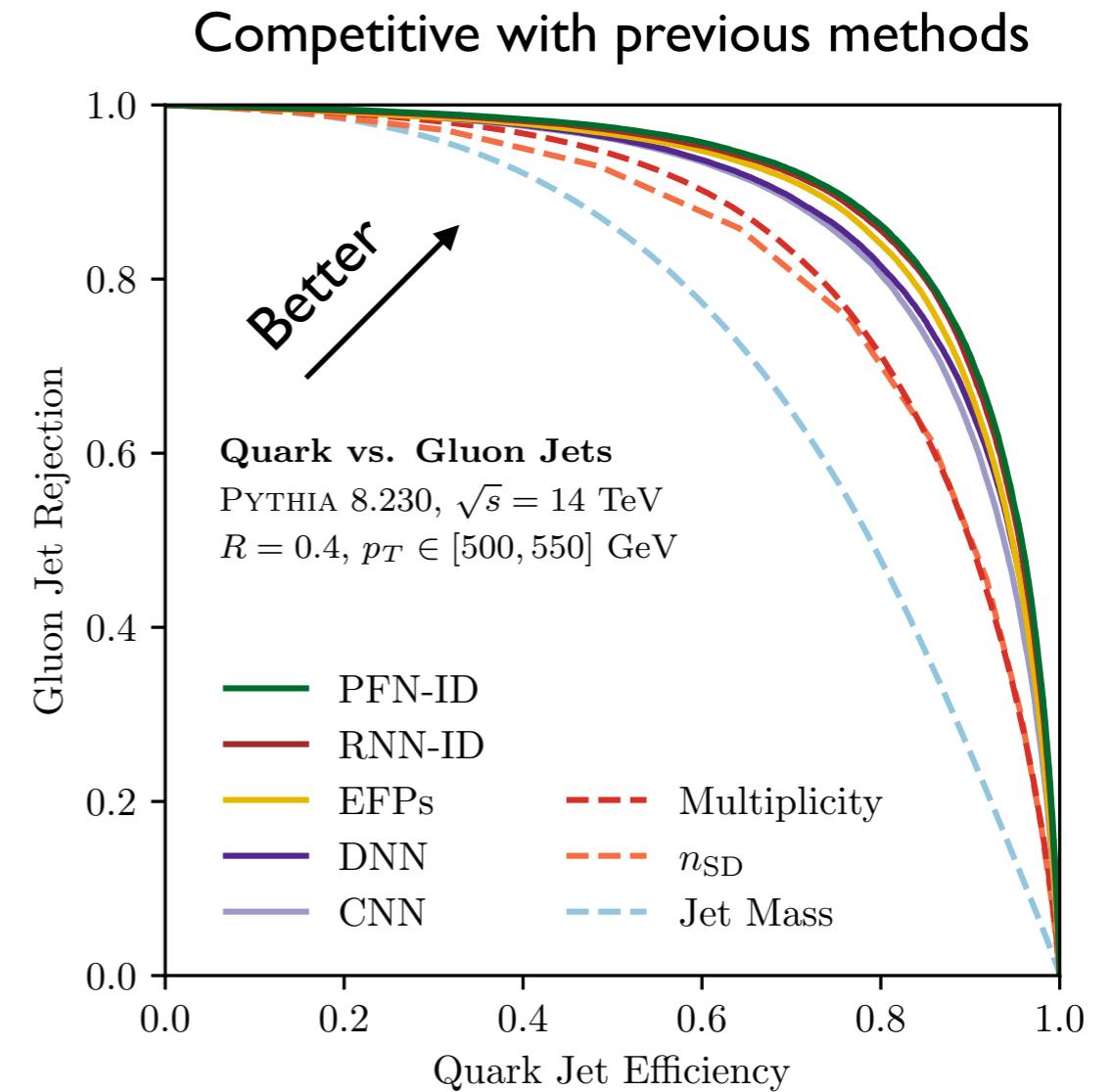
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# Deep Sets for Particle Jets

$Q$  vs.  $G$ : The “Hello, World!” of jet classification



*Theory prior:  
Network must be exploiting  
IRC singularity structure of QCD*



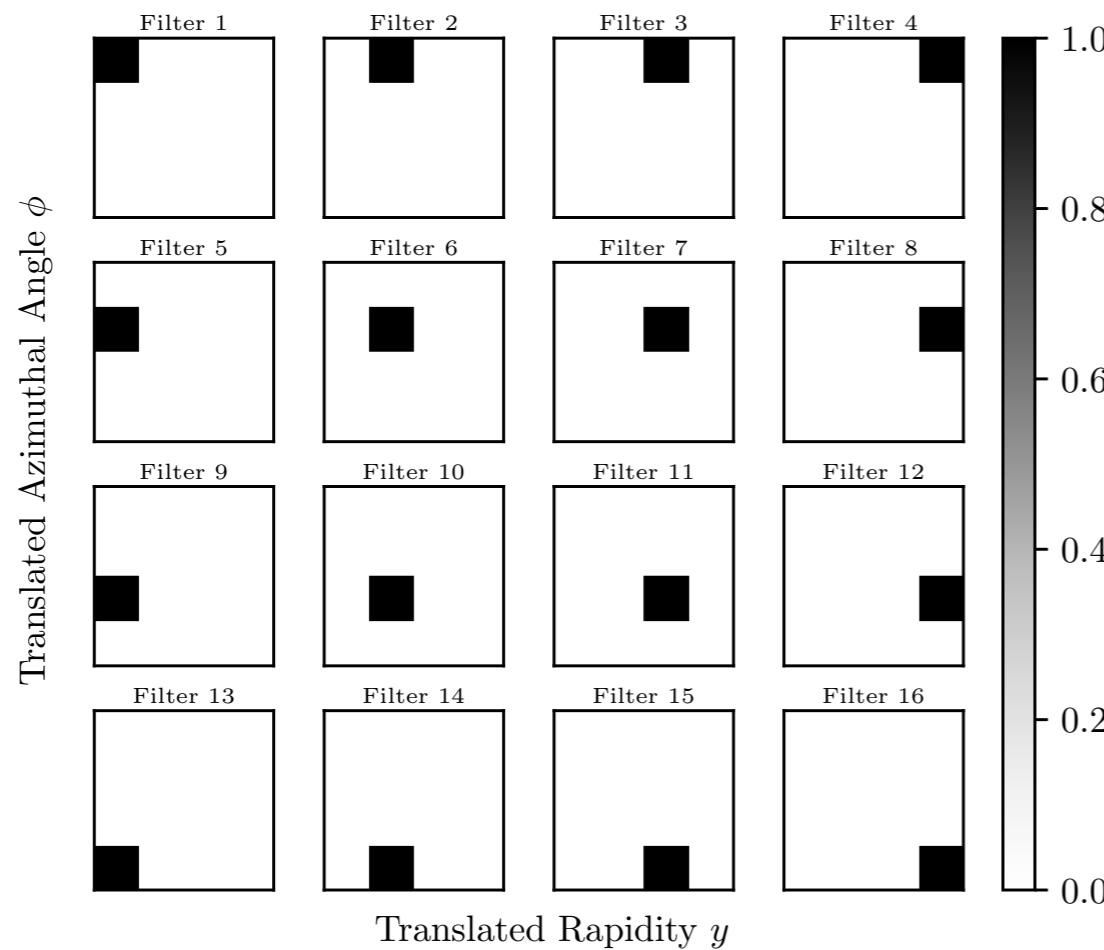
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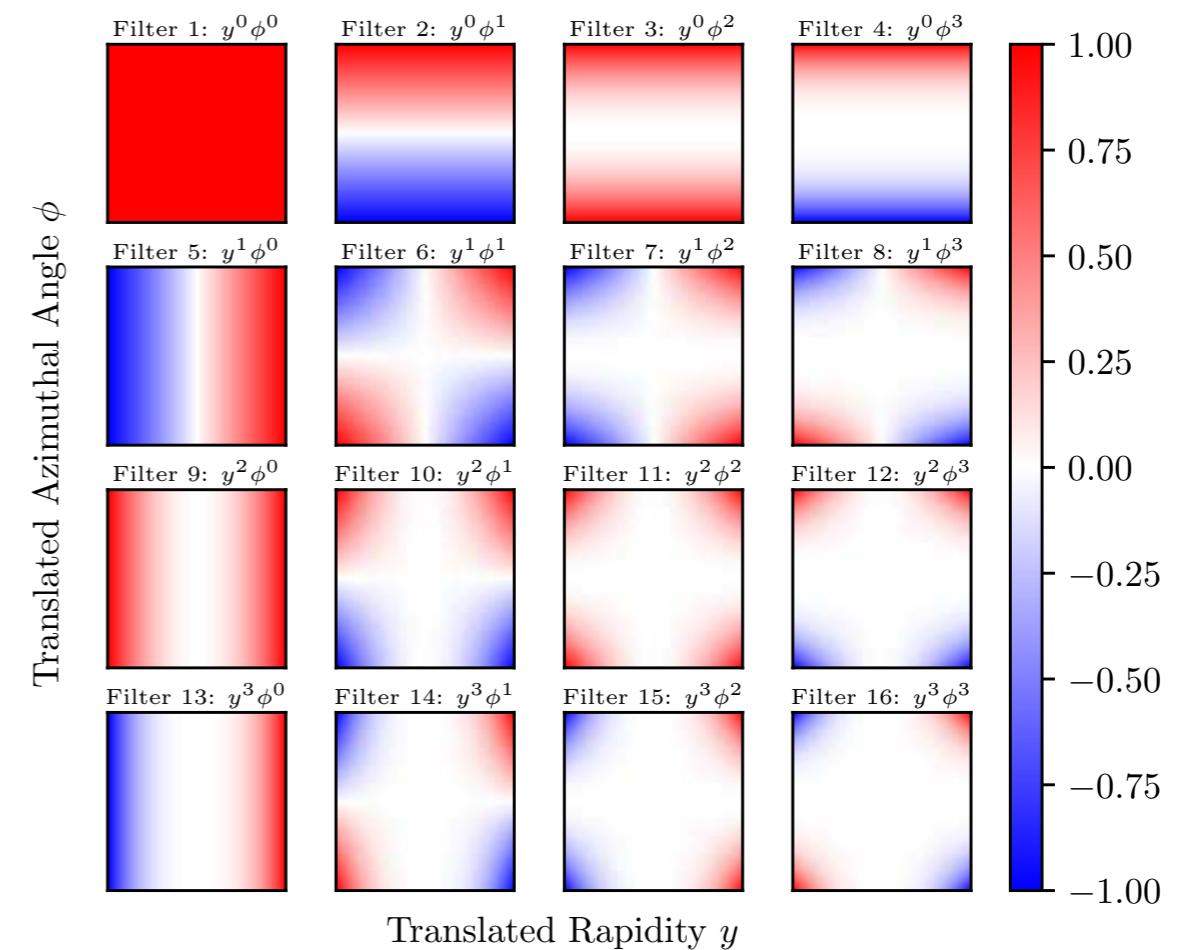
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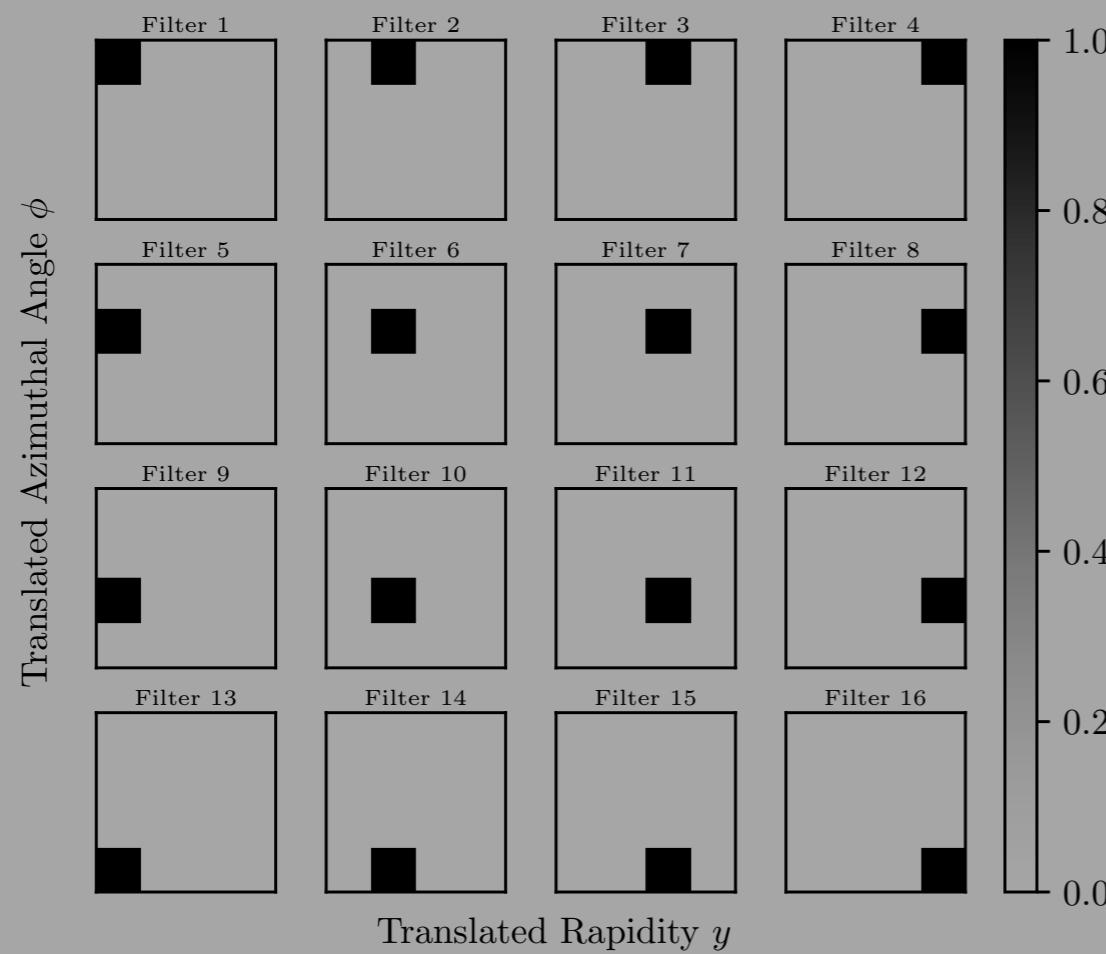


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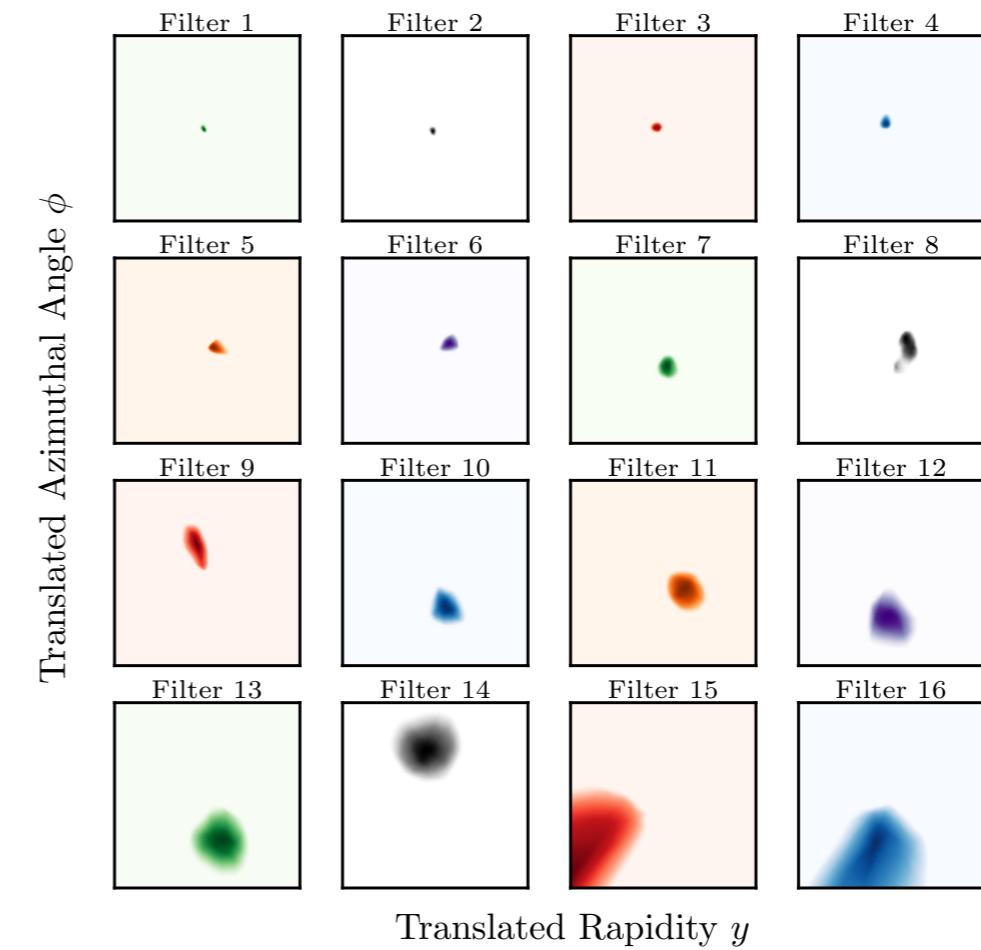
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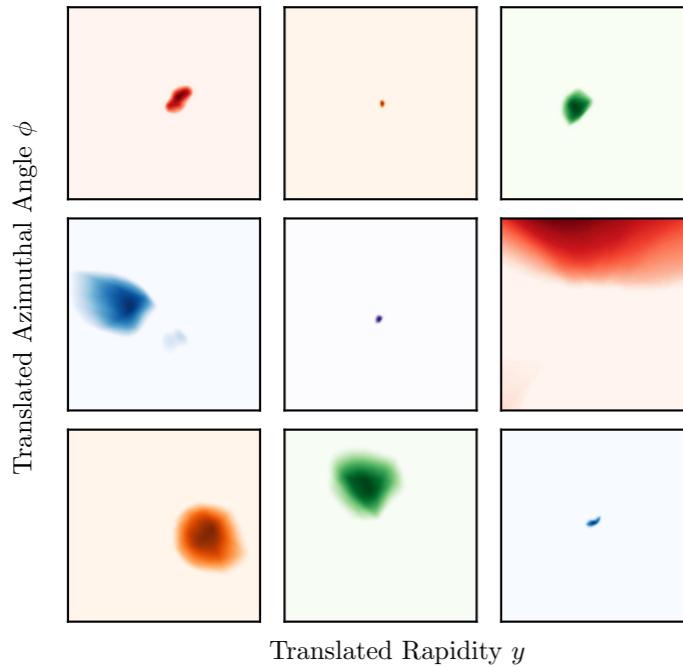


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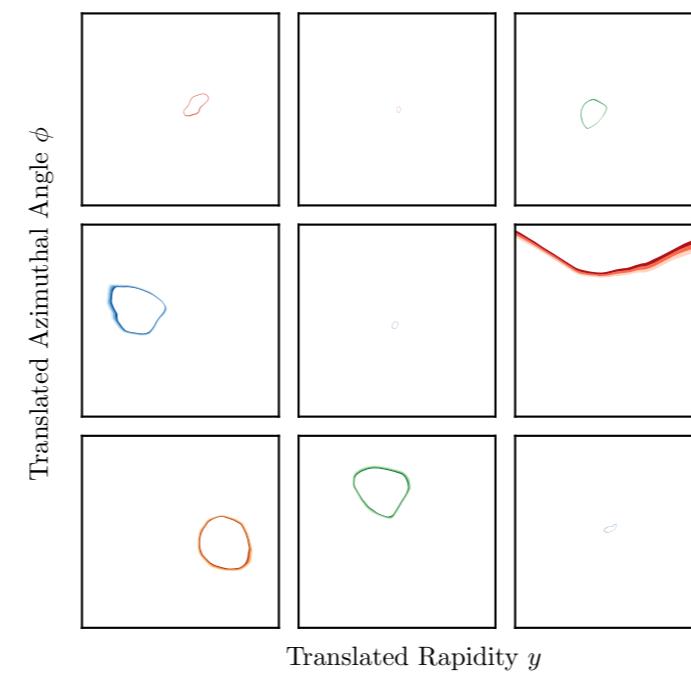


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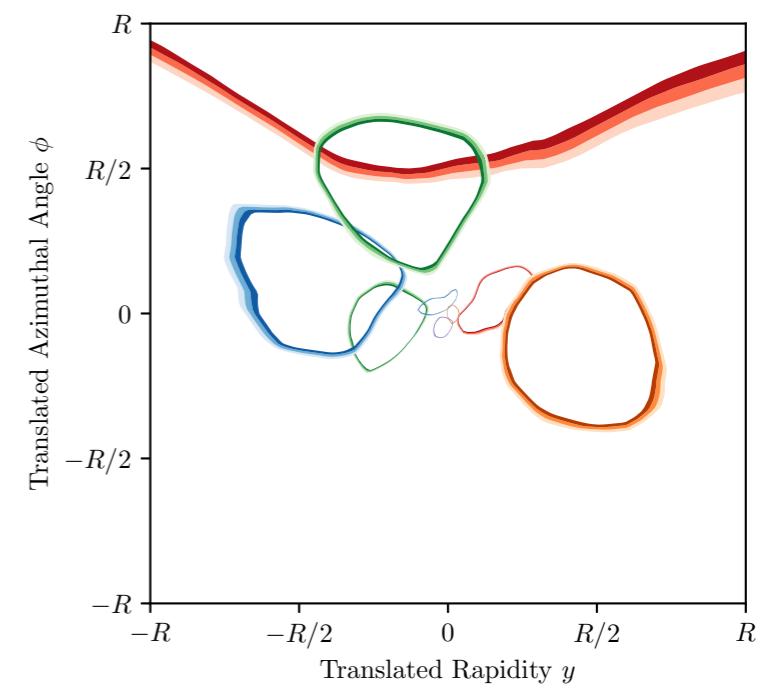
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## 50% Contours

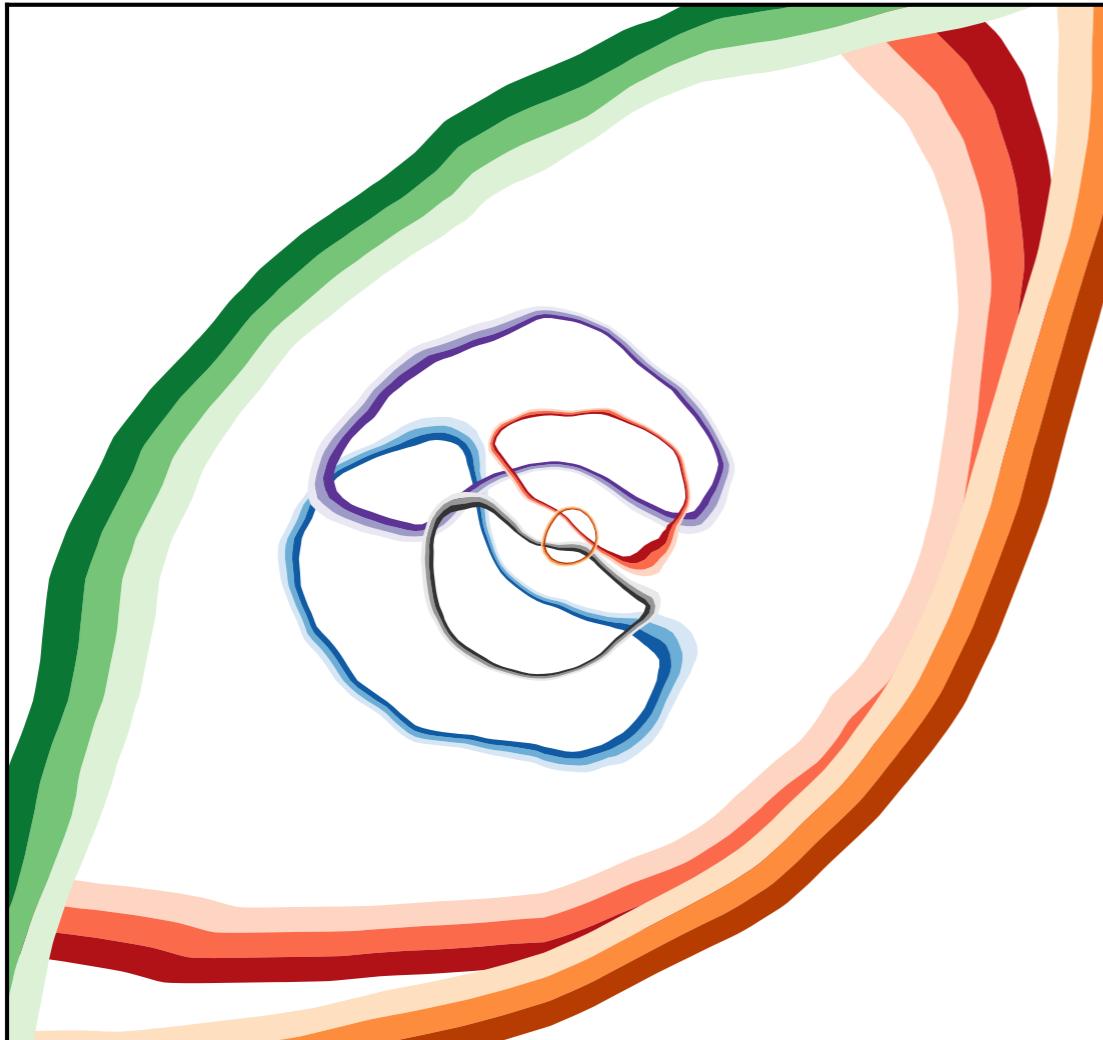


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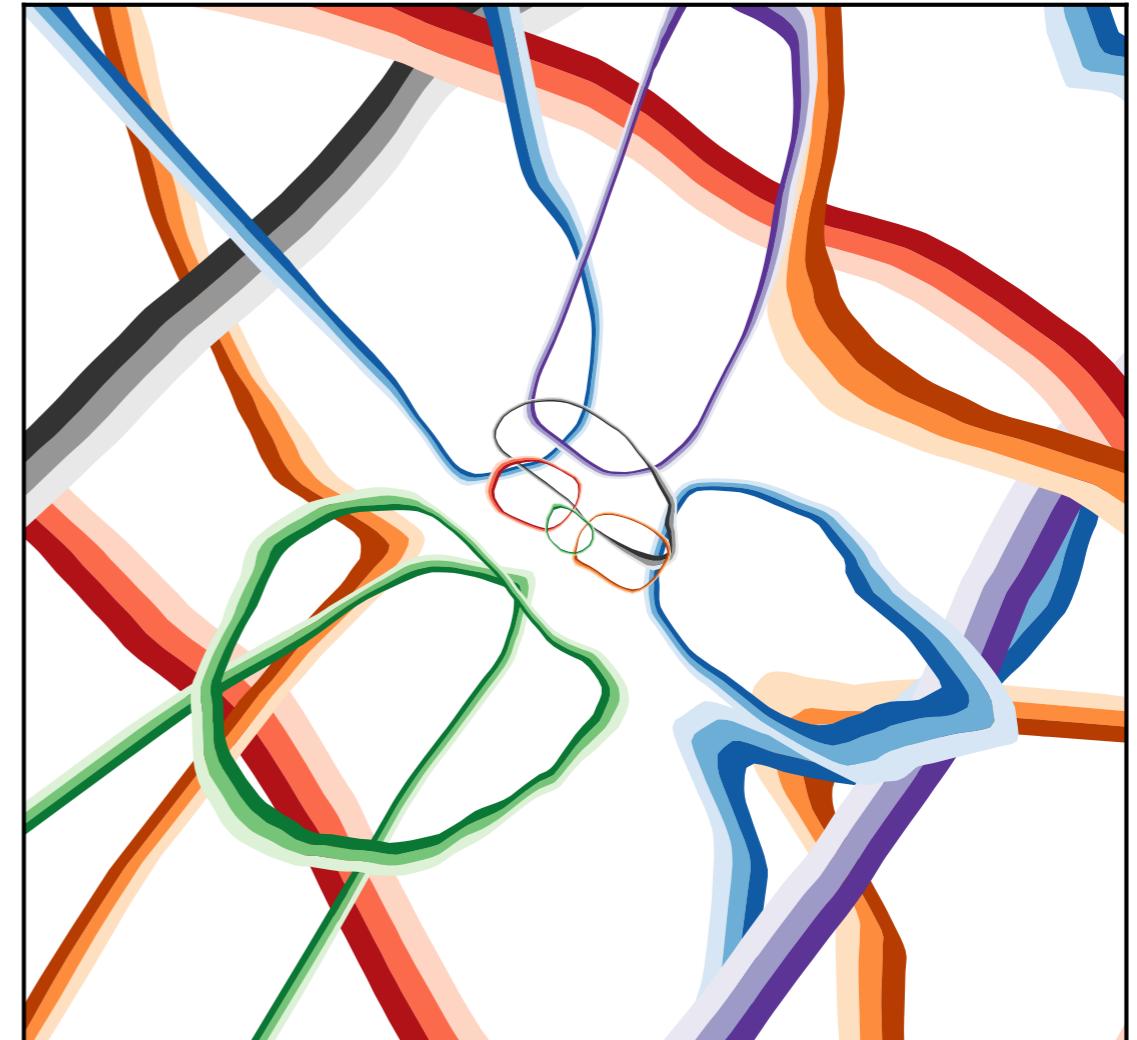


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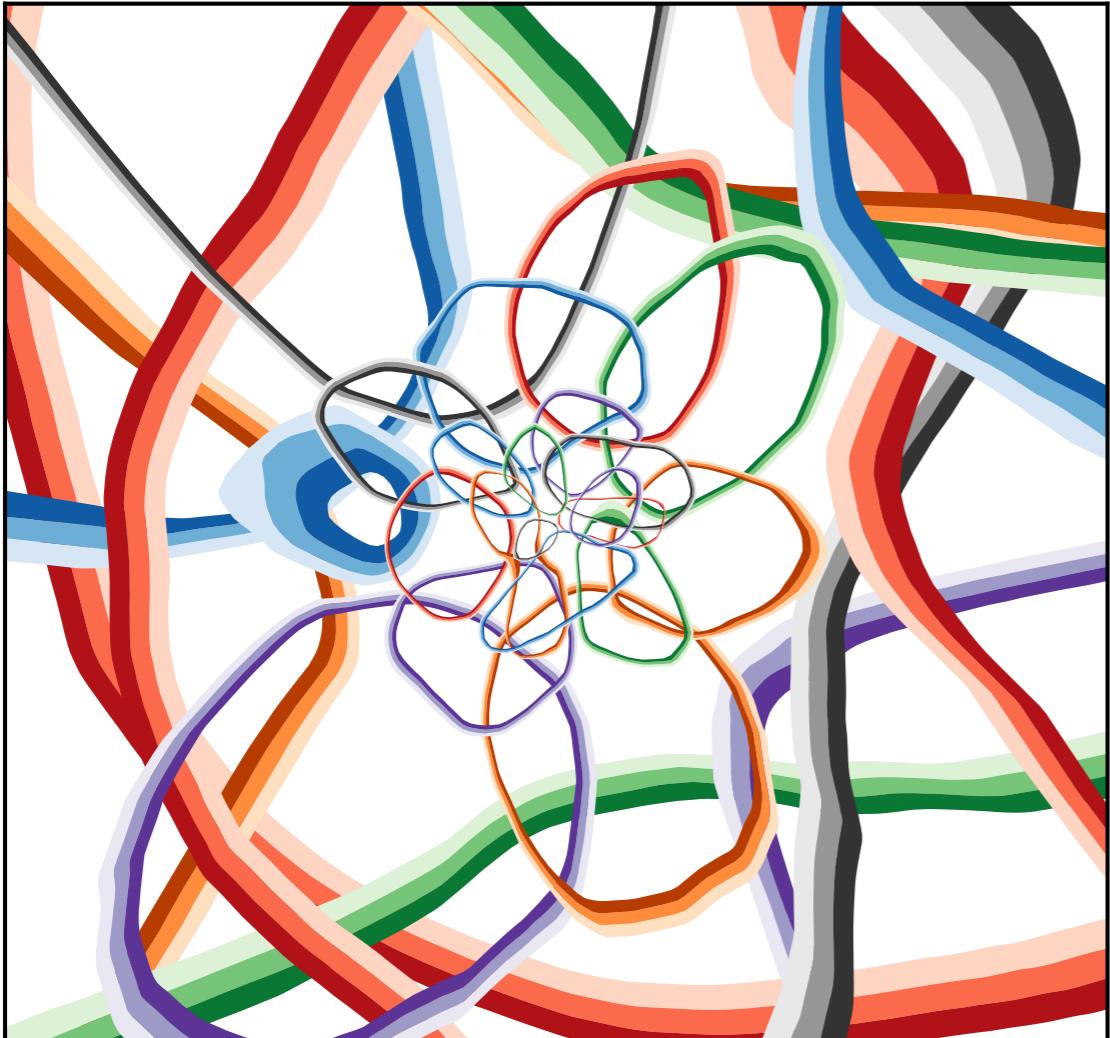


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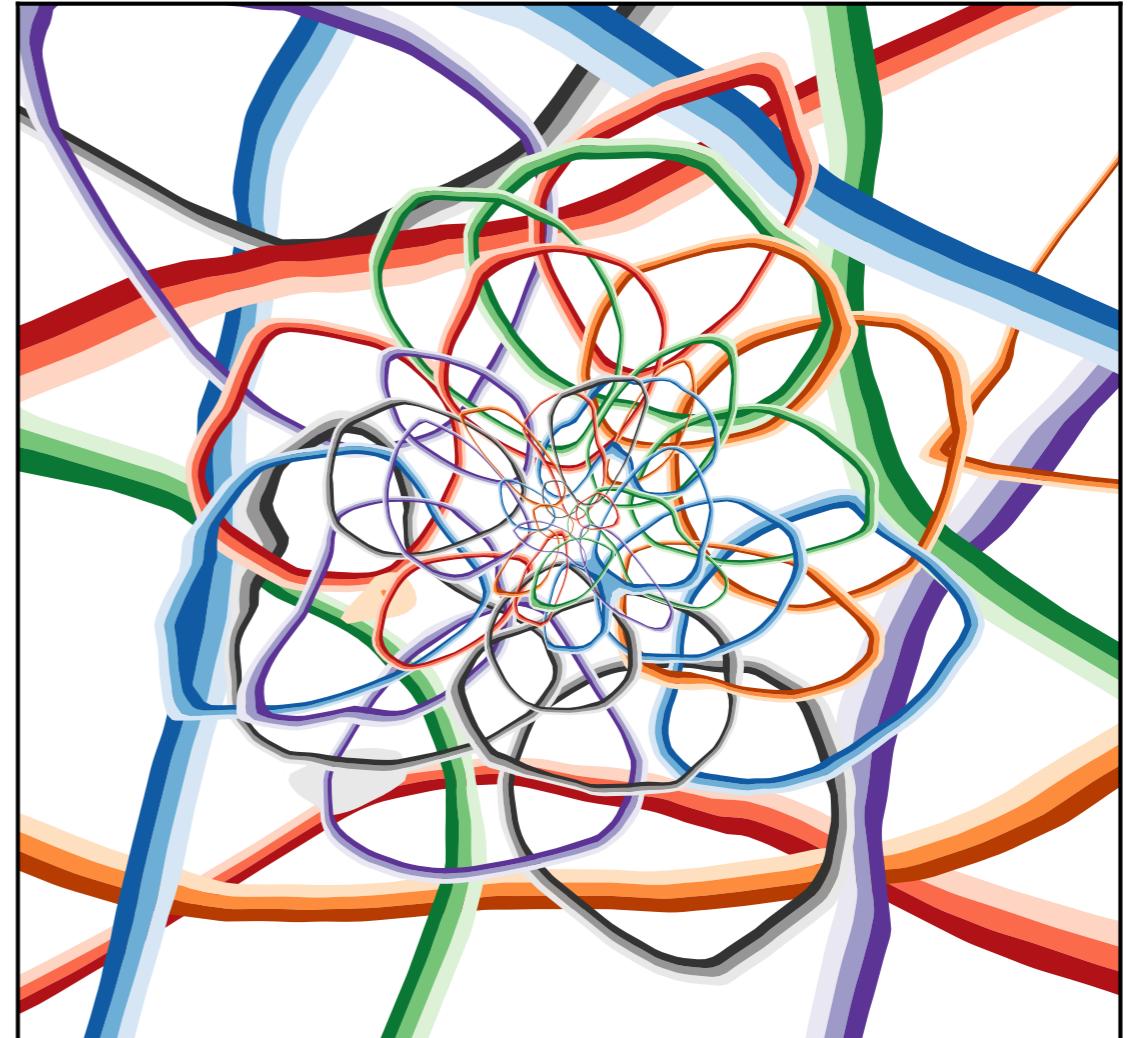


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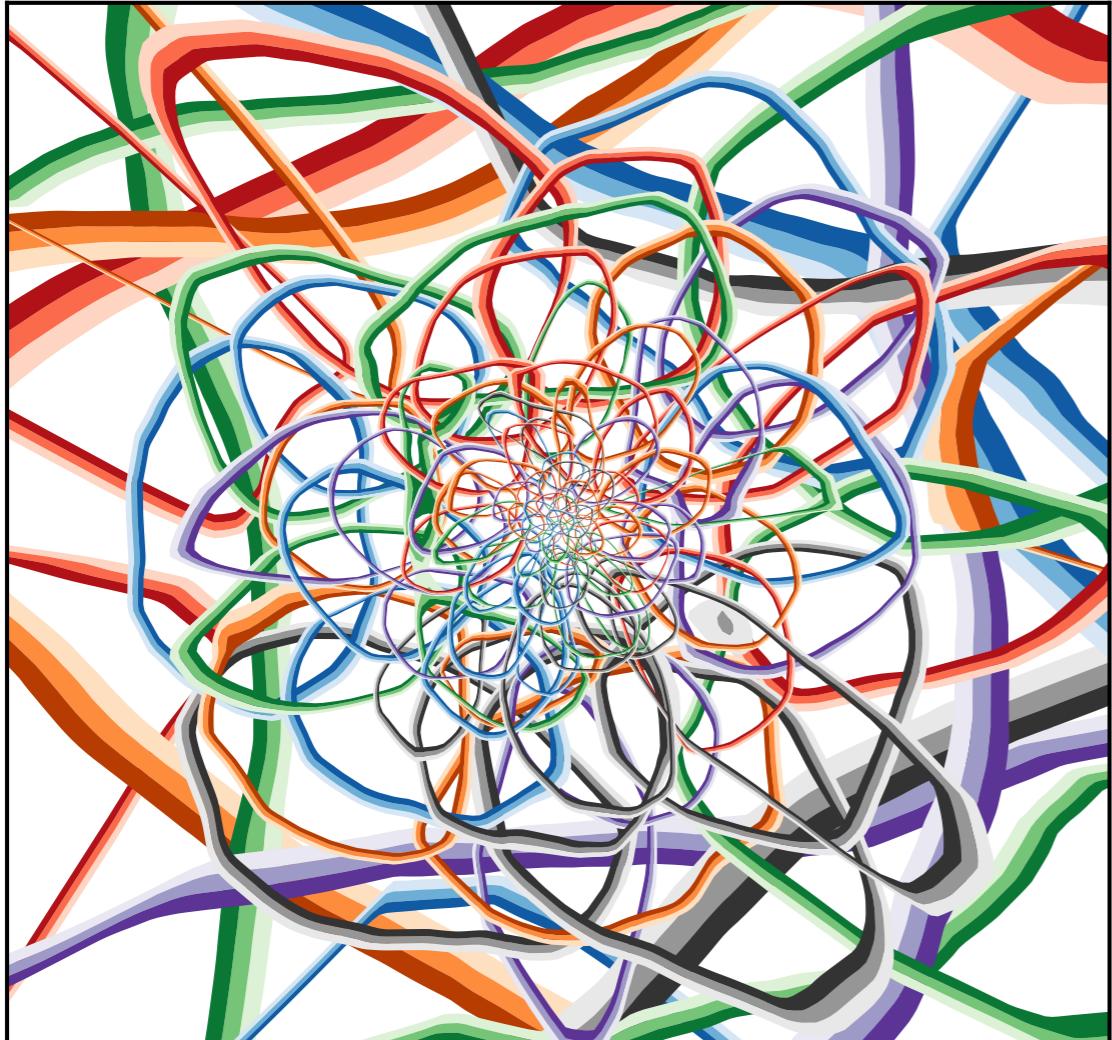


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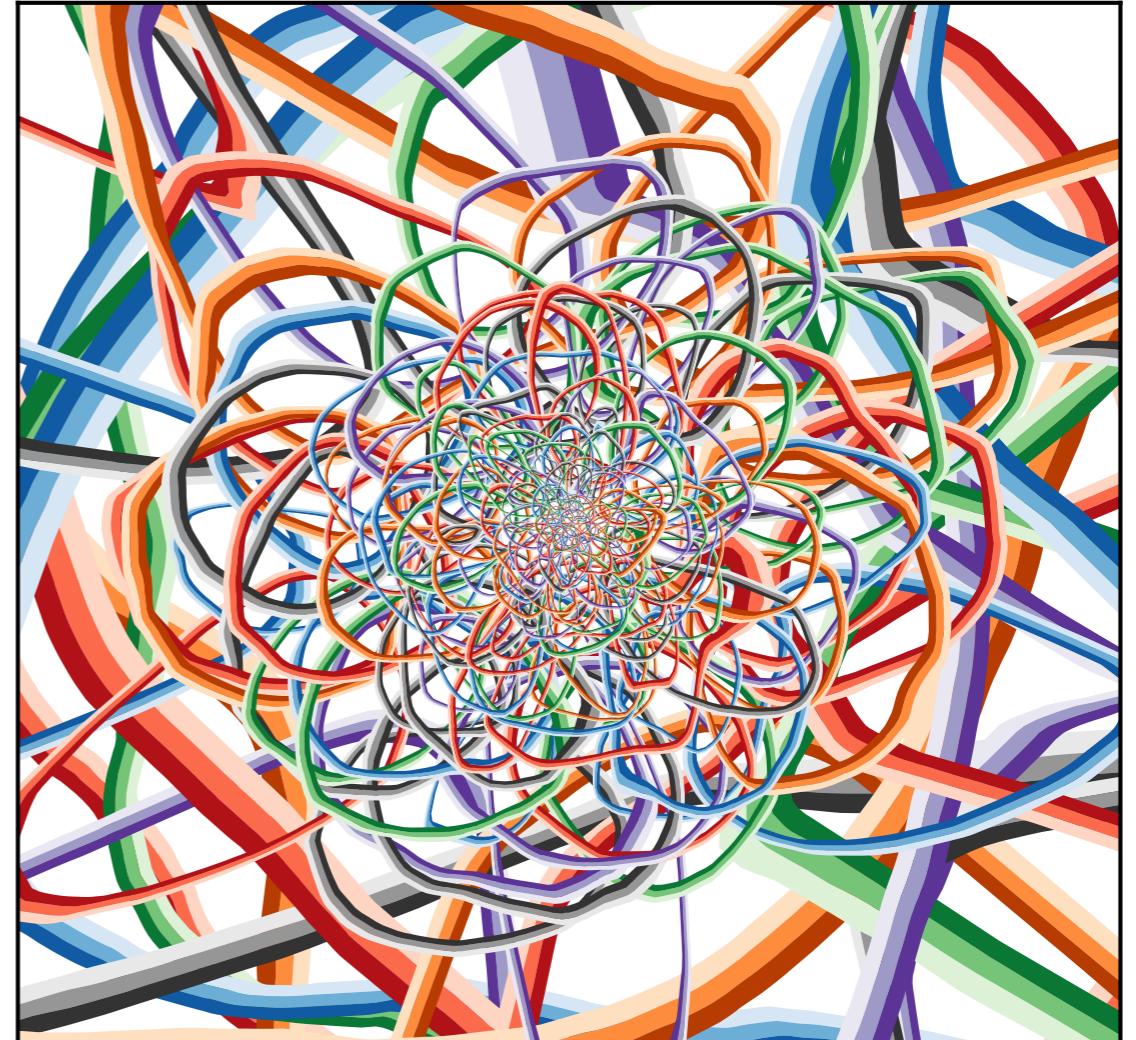


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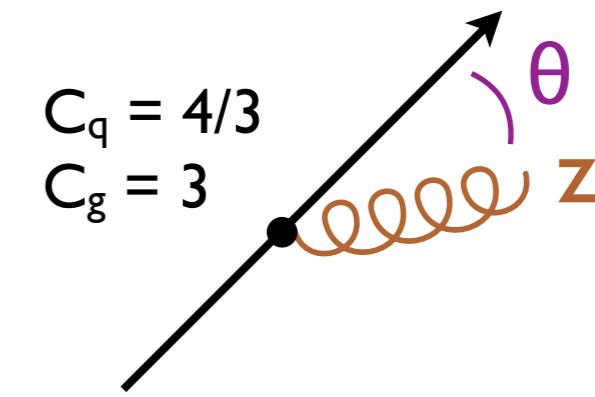
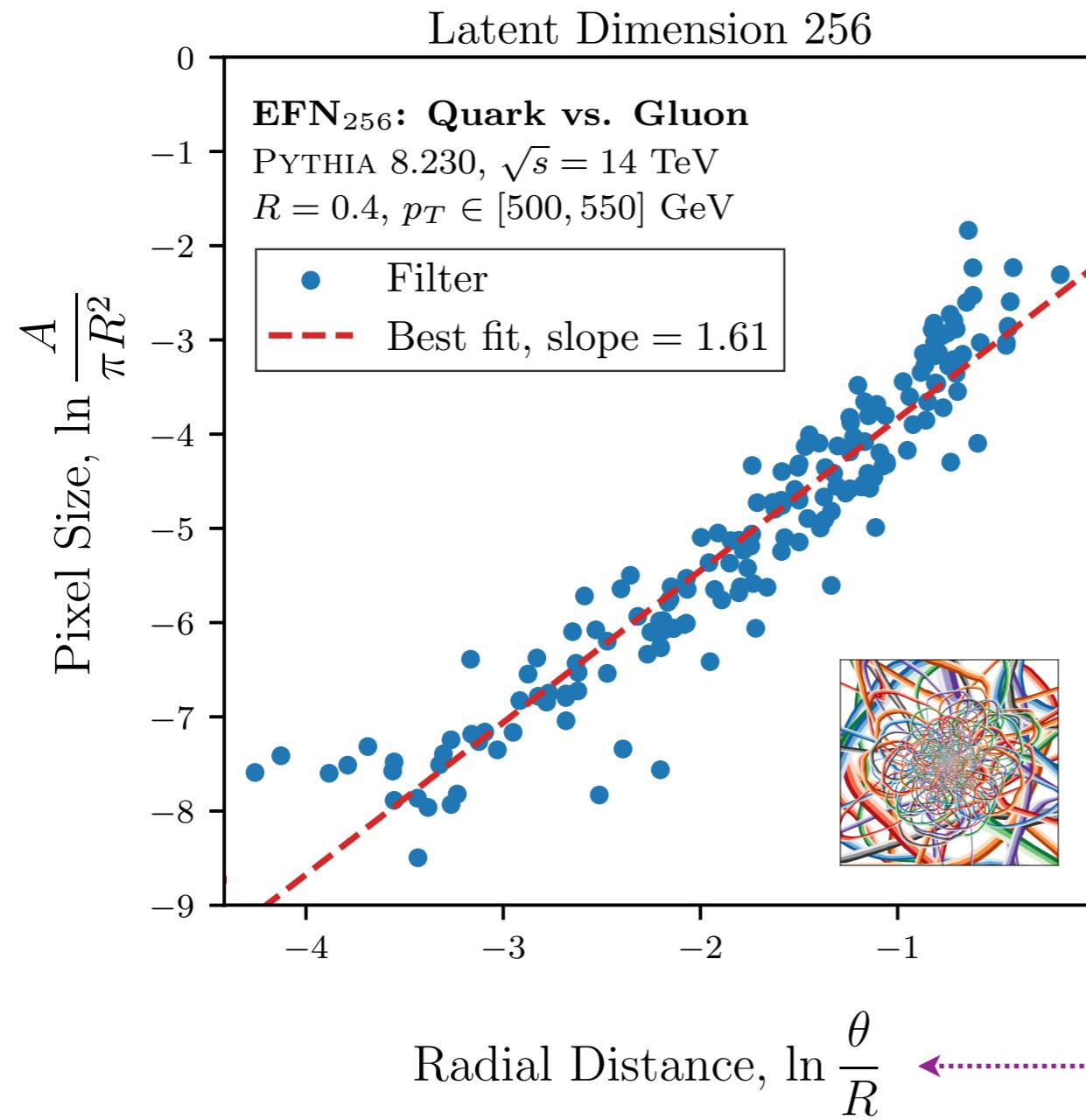


Latent Dimension 256



*Collinear singularity of QCD!*

# Learning the Singularity Structure of QCD

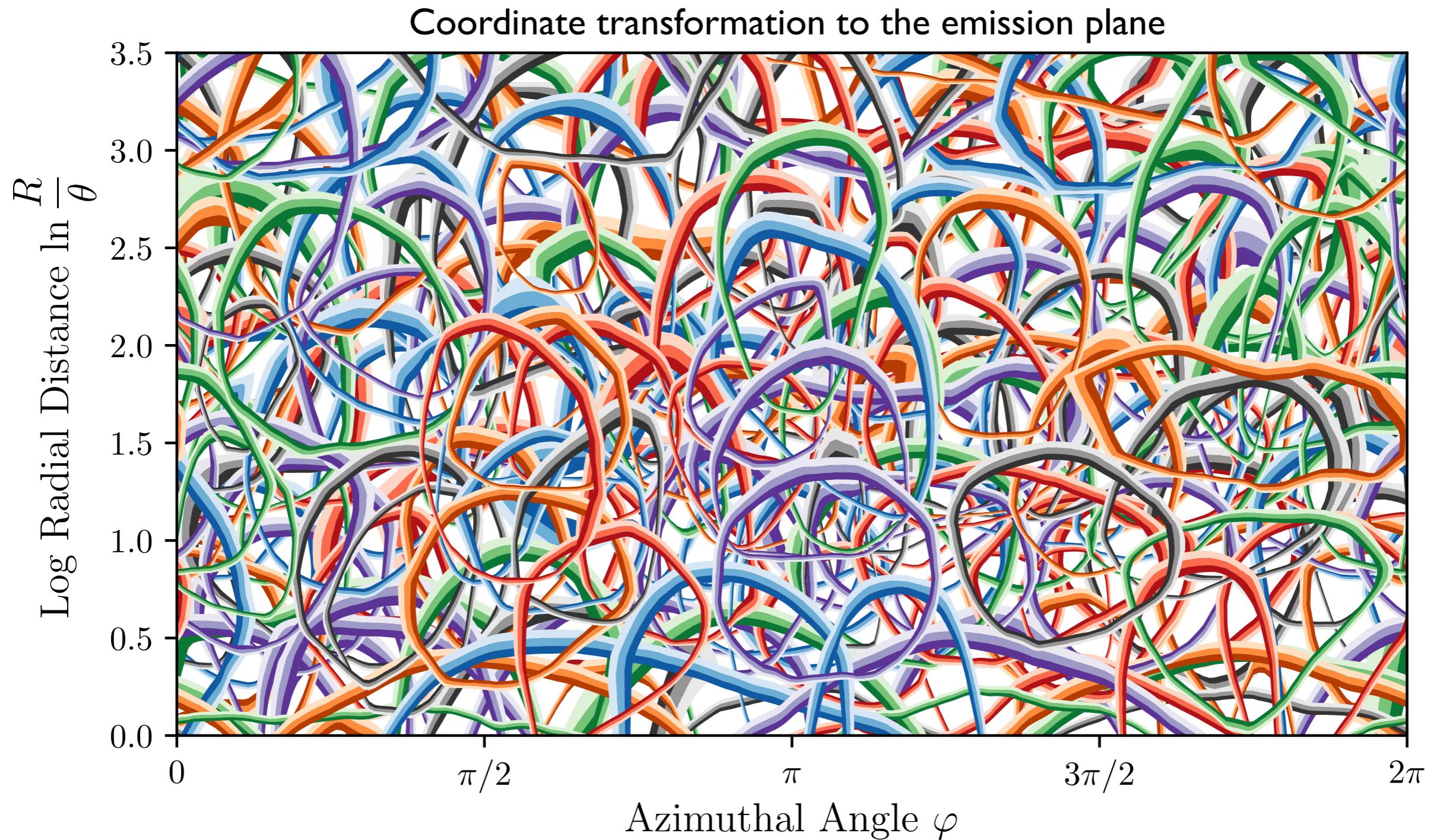


$$dP_{i \rightarrow ig} \sim \frac{2\alpha_s}{\pi} C_i \frac{d\theta}{\theta} \frac{dz}{z}$$

Collinear      Soft

[Komiske, Metodiev, JDT, 1810.05165]

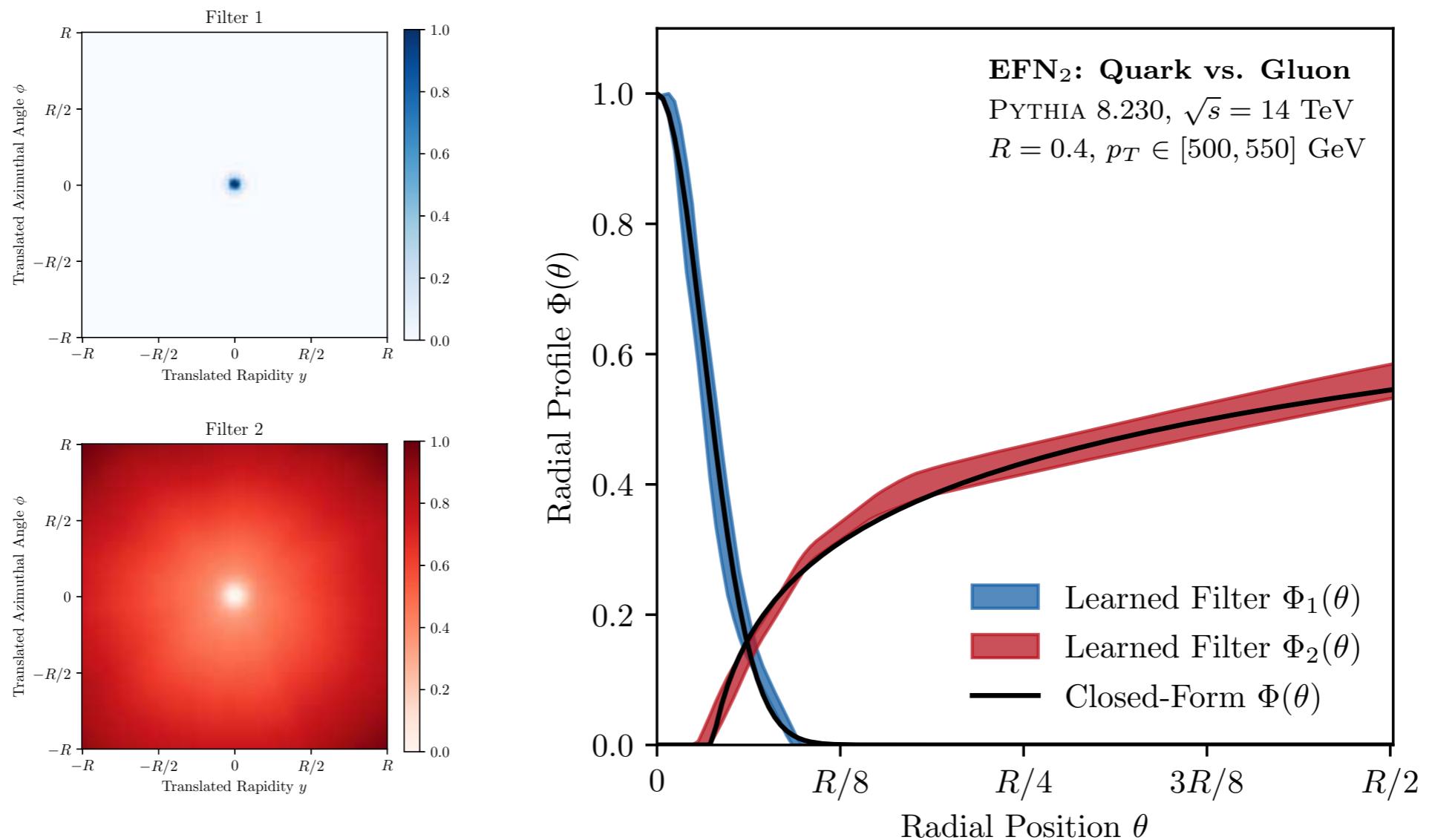
# Ready for the MoMA



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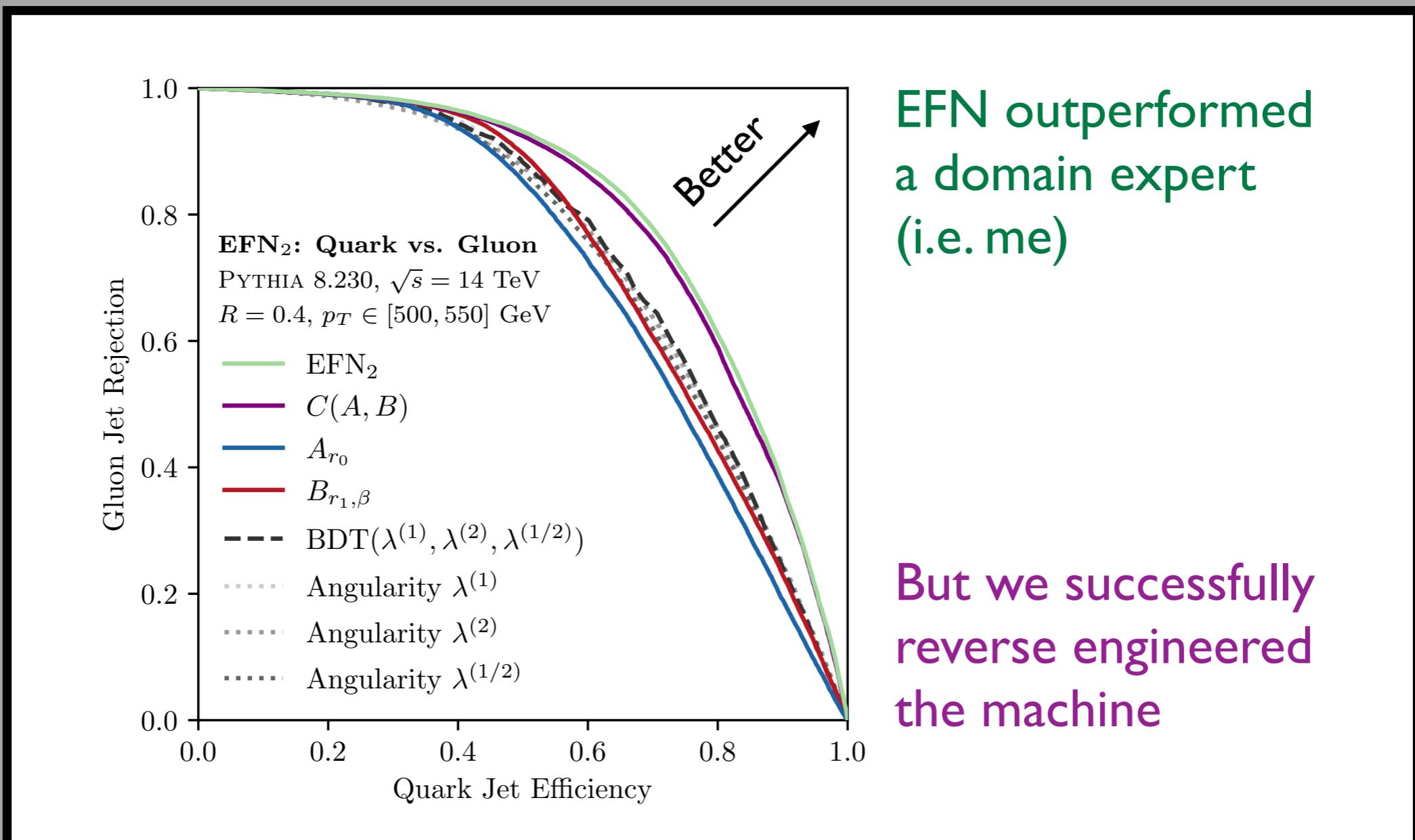
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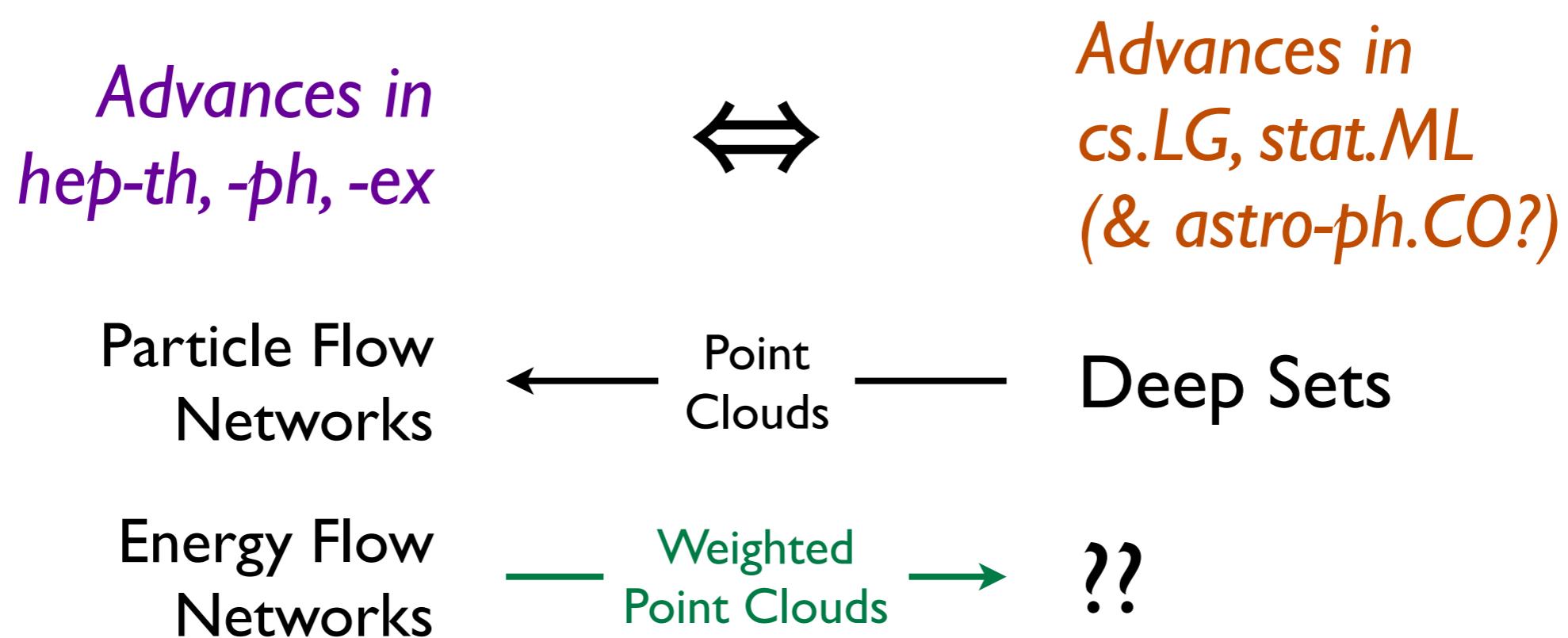


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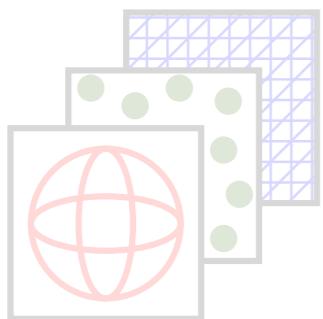
# The Broader Lesson



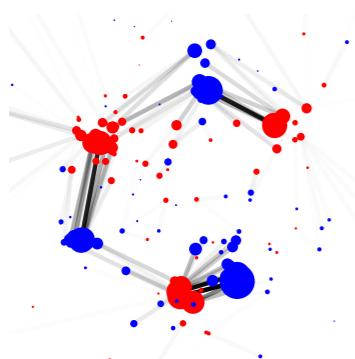
*Particle physics is a fascinating domain with rich data sets, established algorithms, and strong theory priors*



## Particle Physics Primer



## Point Clouds & Energy Flow Networks



(The Metric Space of Collider Events)

# Relevance for the Dark Universe

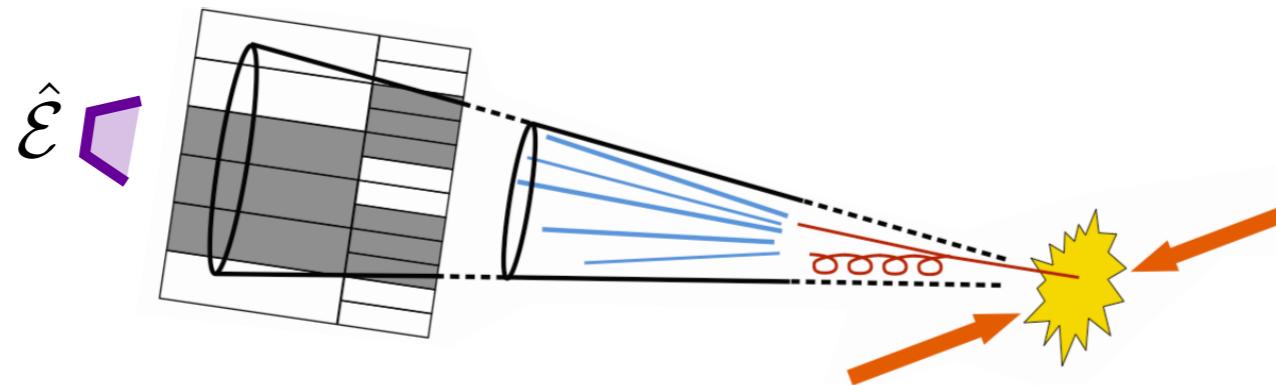
*Can ML enhance the search for dark matter  
(and other BSM physics) at colliders?*

Yes, almost every LHC analysis uses ML in some way  
Today: Focus on jet classification tasks

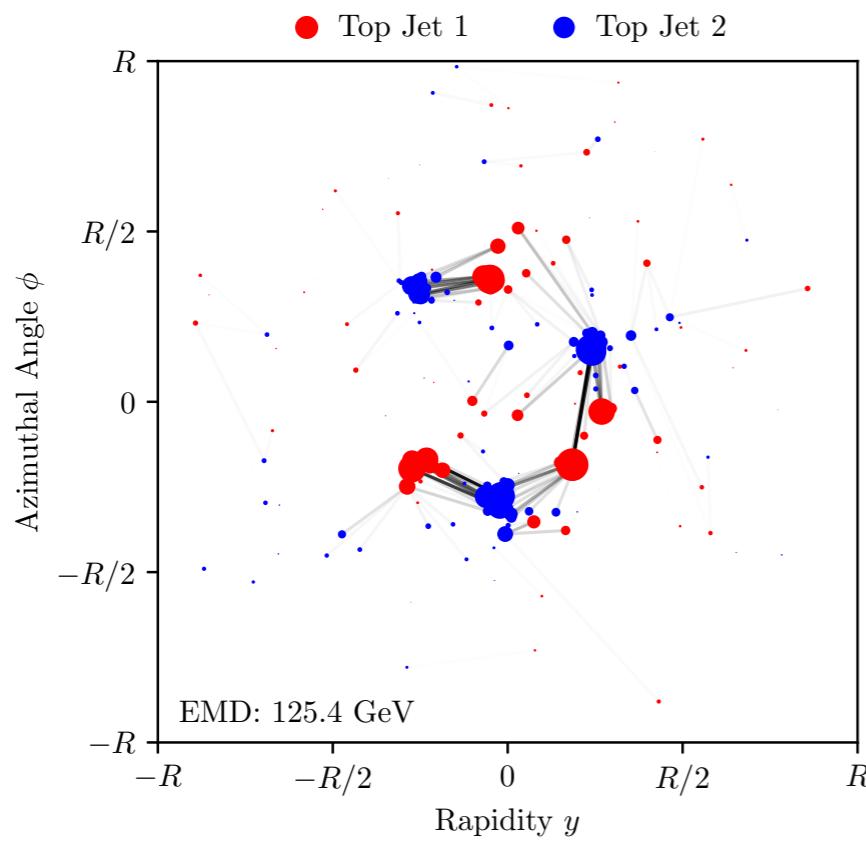
*Can the collider approach to ML inform  
astrophysical/cosmological investigations?*

Yes, with two broad lessons:  
Match ML architecture to symmetry of dataset  
Pursue ML alternatives when data has meta-structures

# Theory Prior: Keep a “Safe” Distance



*Difference in energy flow*  $\leftrightarrow$  *IRC-safe similarity measure*



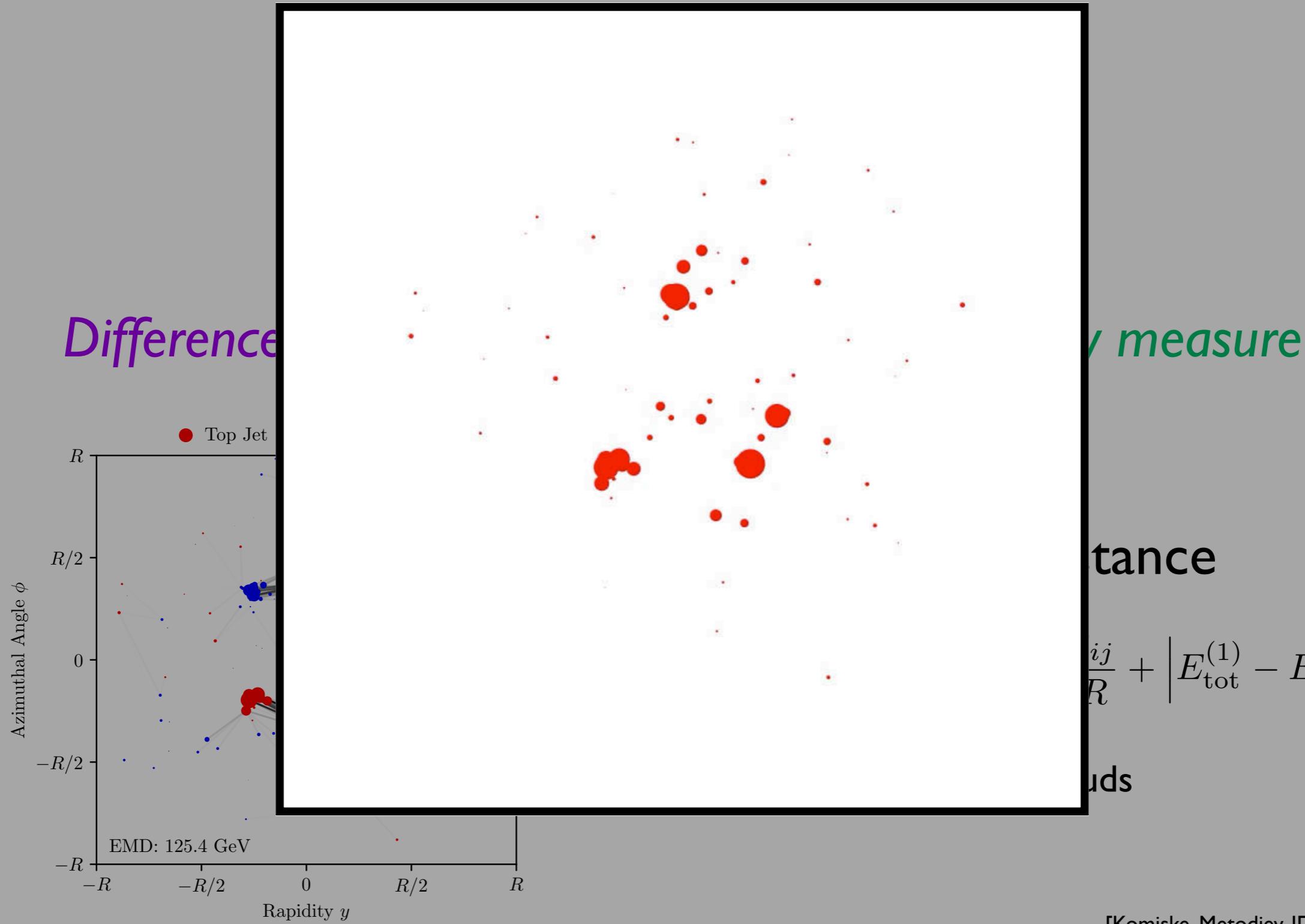
e.g. Earth Mover's Distance

$$\text{EMD}(\mathcal{E}_1, \mathcal{E}_2) = \min_{\{f_{ij}\}} \sum_{i=1}^{M_1} \sum_{j=1}^{M_2} f_{ij} \frac{\theta_{ij}}{R} + \left| E_{\text{tot}}^{(1)} - E_{\text{tot}}^{(2)} \right|$$

A metric for weighted point clouds

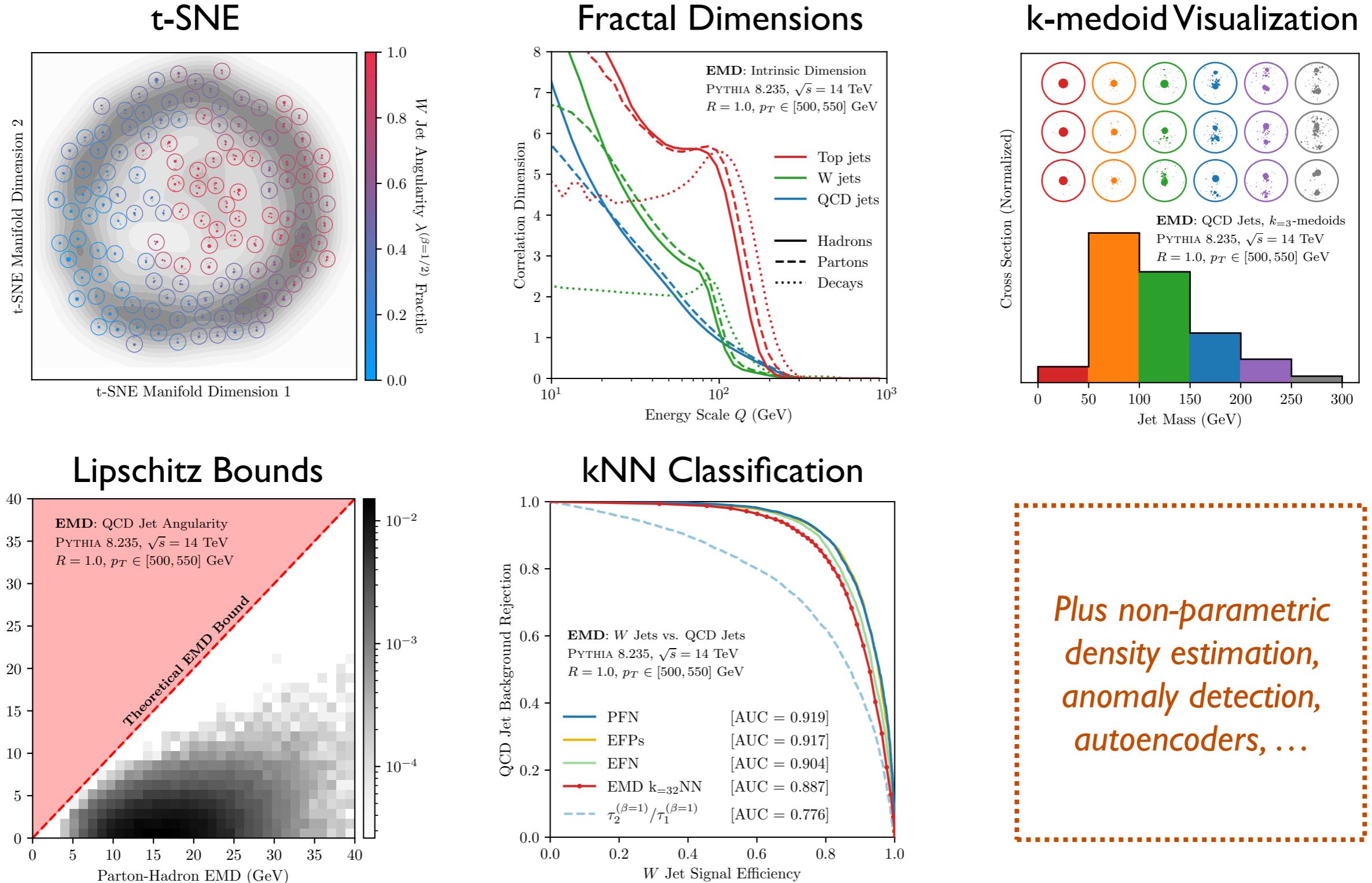
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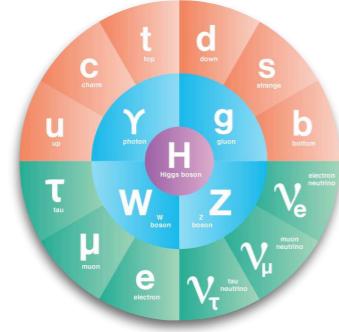
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# Rich Opportunities for Data Exploration



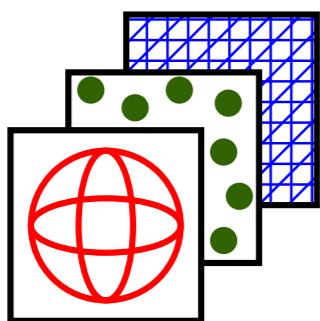
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# Summary



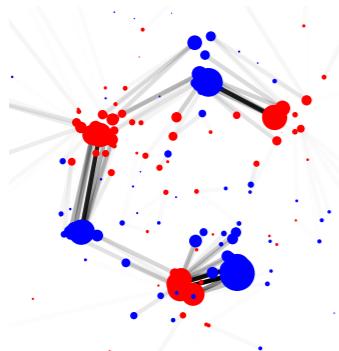
## Particle Physics Primer

*A rich domain with many machine learning opportunities*



## Point Clouds & Energy Flow Networks

*A new architecture for weighted point clouds*



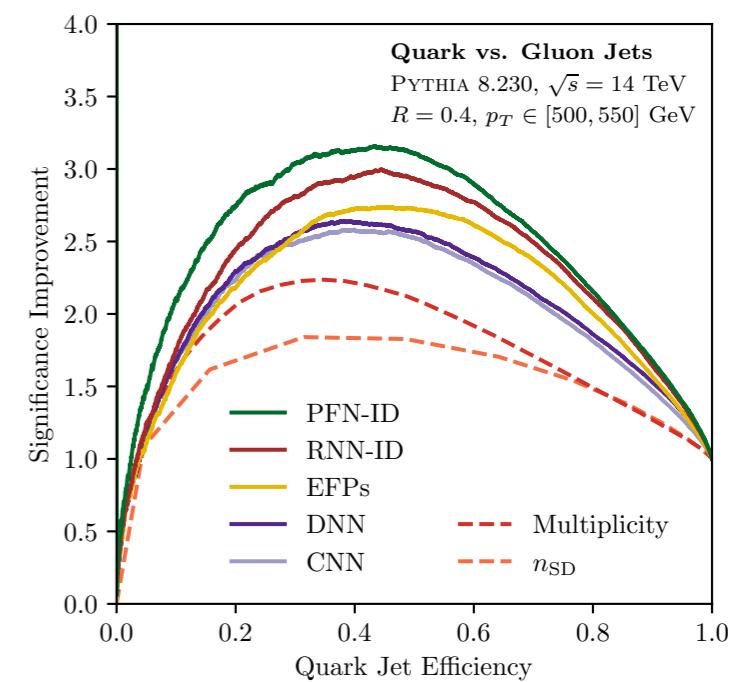
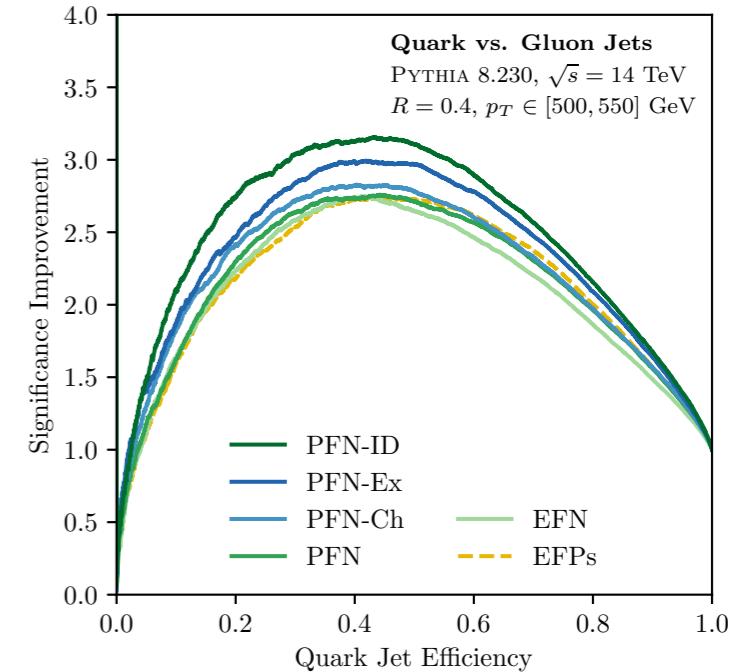
## (The Metric Space of Collider Events)

*Using geometry for data exploration in particle physics and beyond*

# *Backup Slides*

# More Quark/Gluon Performance

Model	AUC	$1/\varepsilon_g$ at $\varepsilon_q = 50\%$
PFN-ID	<b>0.9052</b> $\pm 0.0007$	<b>37.4</b> $\pm 0.7$
PFN-Ex	0.9005 $\pm 0.0003$	34.7 $\pm 0.4$
PFN-Ch	0.8924 $\pm 0.0001$	31.2 $\pm 0.3$
PFN	0.8911 $\pm 0.0008$	30.8 $\pm 0.4$
EFN	0.8824 $\pm 0.0005$	28.6 $\pm 0.3$
RNN-ID	0.9010	34.4
RNN	0.8899	30.5
EFP	0.8919	29.7
DNN	0.8849	26.4
CNN	0.8781	25.5
$M$	0.8401	19.0
$n_{SD}$	0.8297	14.2
$m$	0.7401	7.2

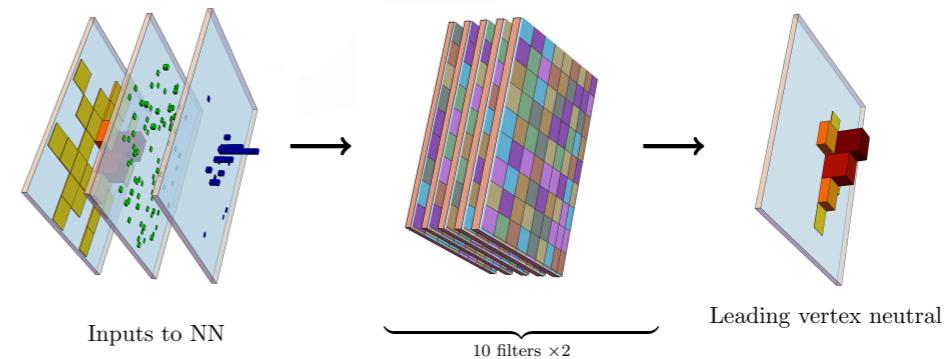


# Beyond Classification

## PUMML

### *Pileup Mitigation*

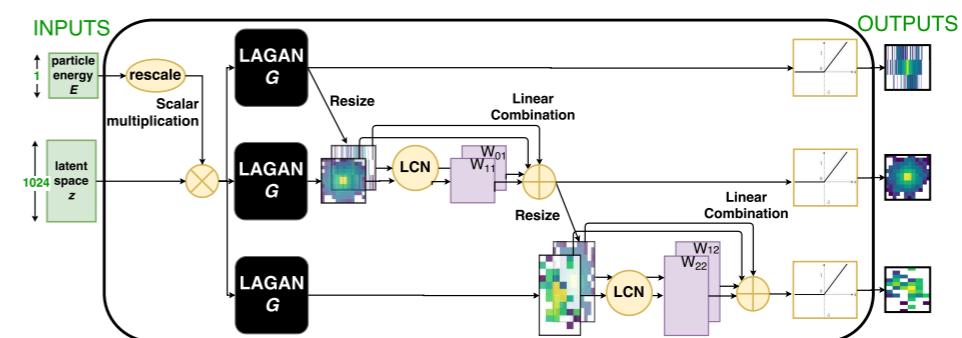
[Komiske, Metodiev, Nachman, Schwartz, 1707.08600]



## CaloGAN

### *Fast Detector Simulation*

Paganini, de Oliveira, Nachman, 1705.02355, 1712.10321;  
see also de Oliveira, Michela Paganini, Nachman, 1701.05927]



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### *Probability Modeling*

[Andreassen, Feige, Frye, Schwartz, 1804.09720;  
see also Monk, 1807.03685]

