

Particle Physics through the Lens of Machine Learning

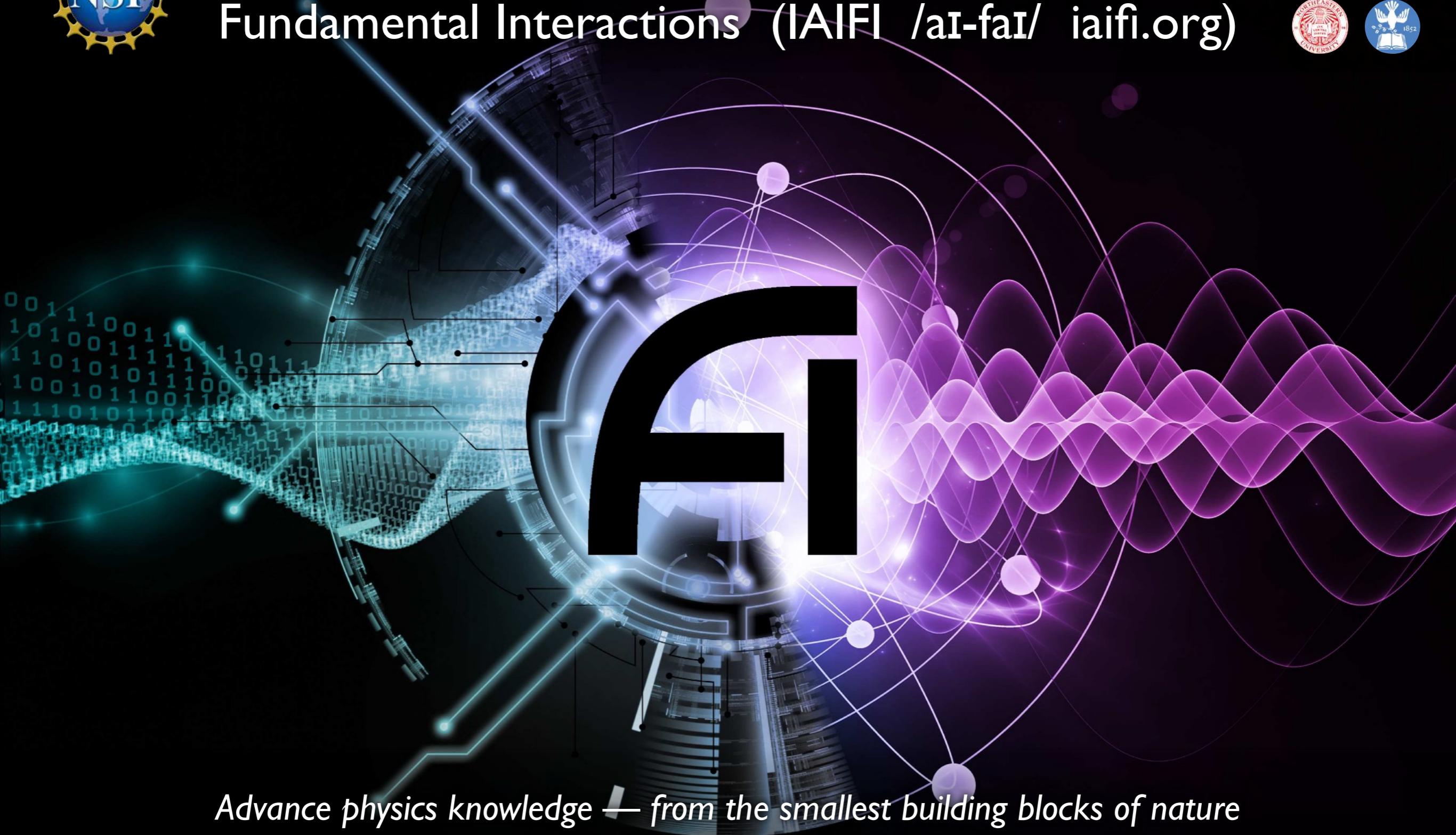
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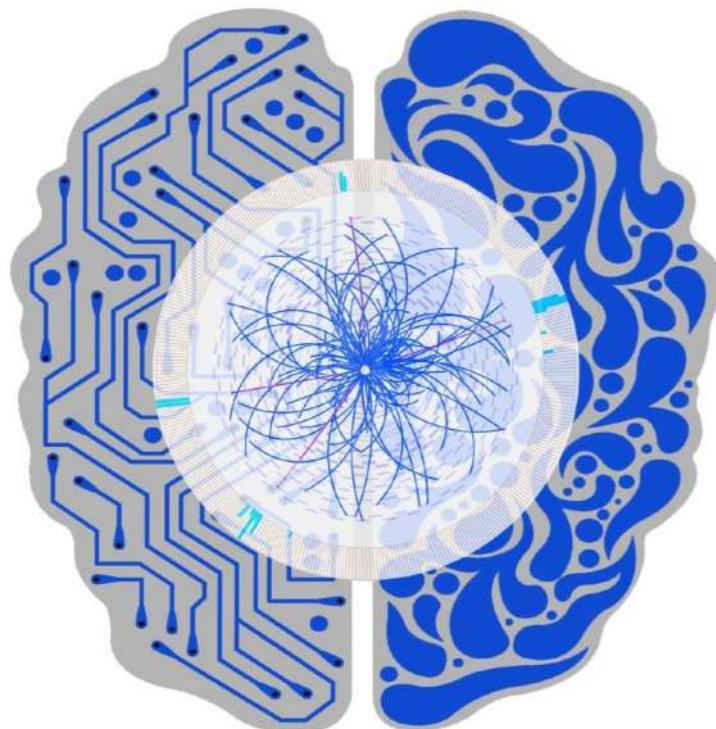
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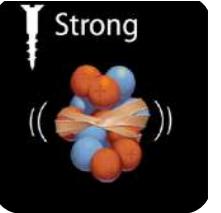
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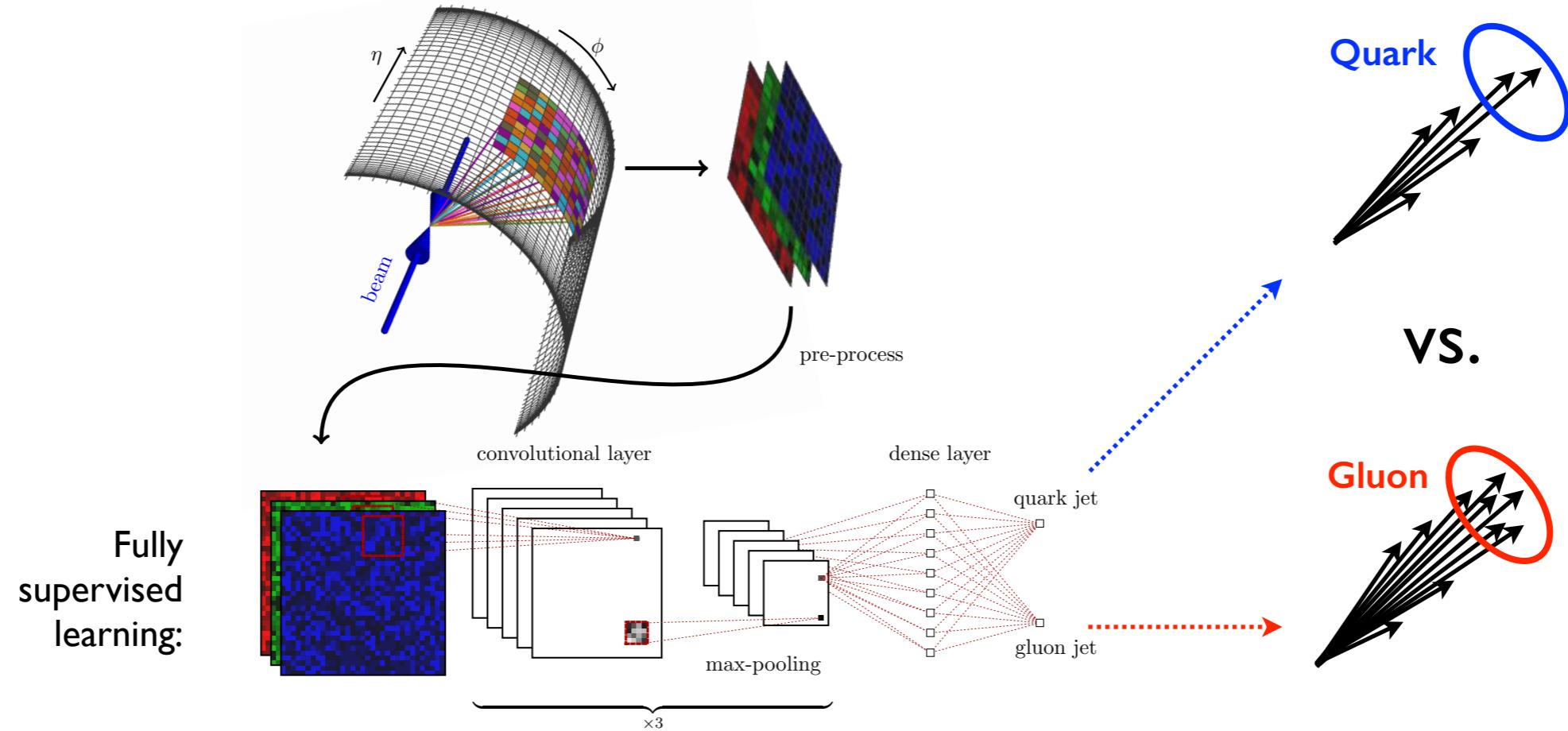
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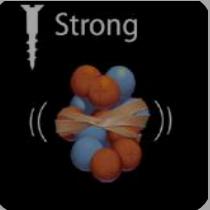
An IAIPI origin story: **Patrick and Eric** come to my office at MIT...



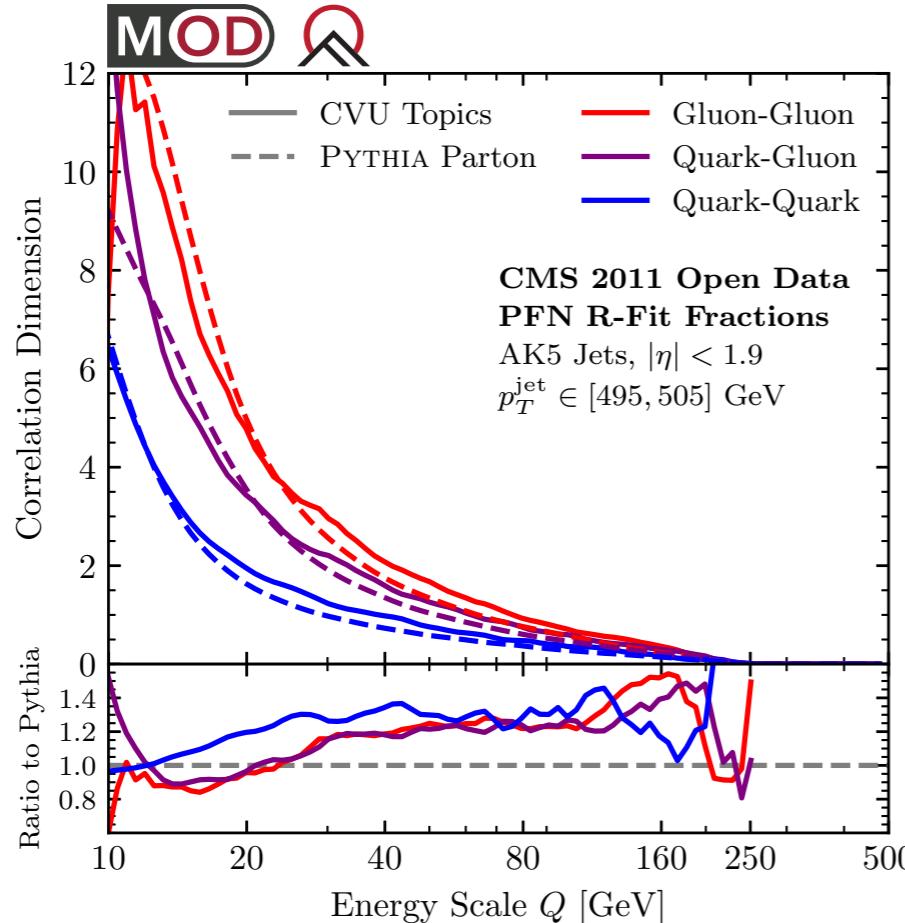
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[Komiske, Metodiev, Schwartz, [JHEP 2017](#)]





Weak Supervision for the Strong Force



Five years later,
I finally know an answer!

*Required weak supervision, topic modeling,
permutation-invariant networks,
simulation-based inference, optimal transport, ...*

[Komiske, Kryhin, JDT, PRD 2022]

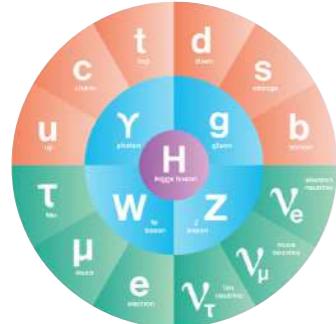


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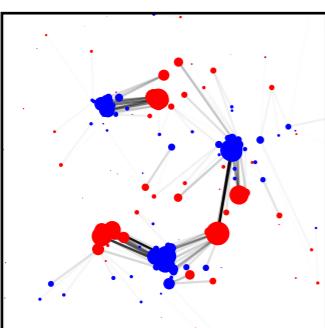
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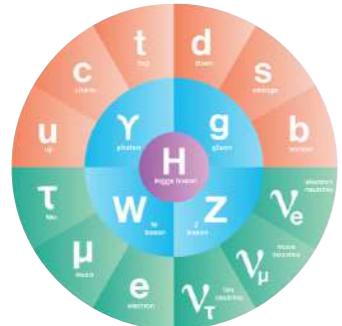
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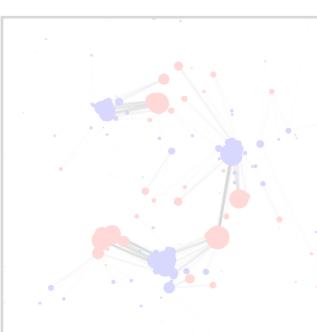
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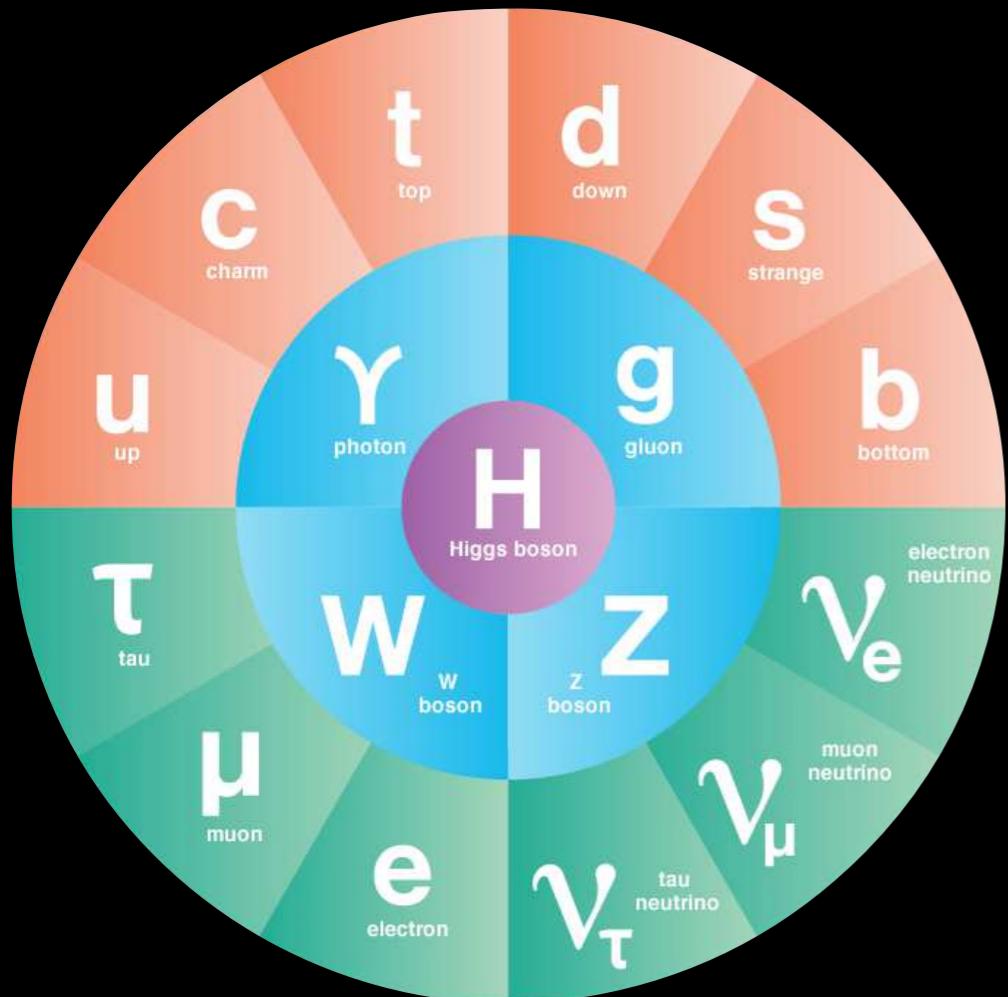


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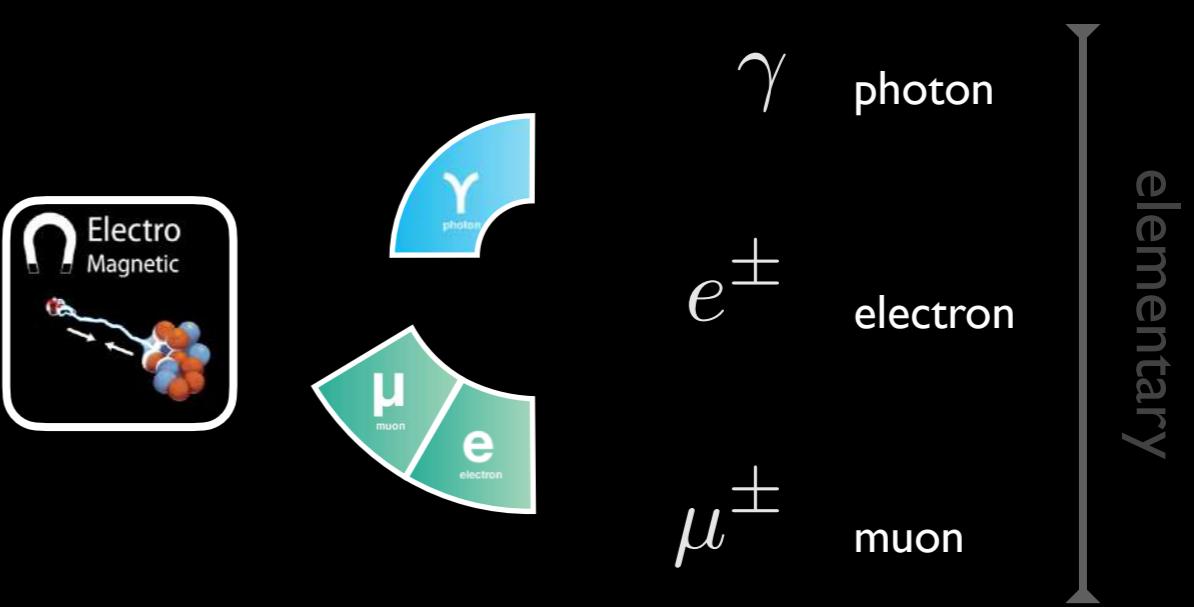
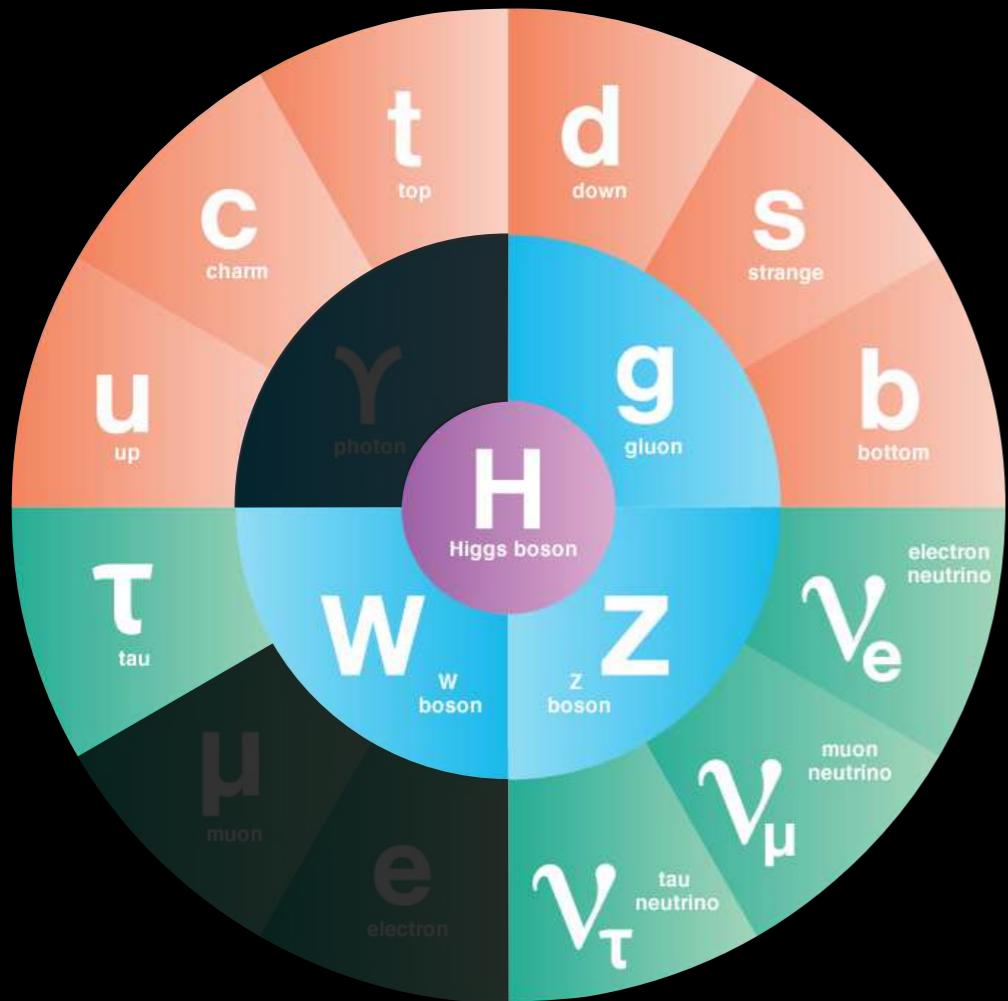


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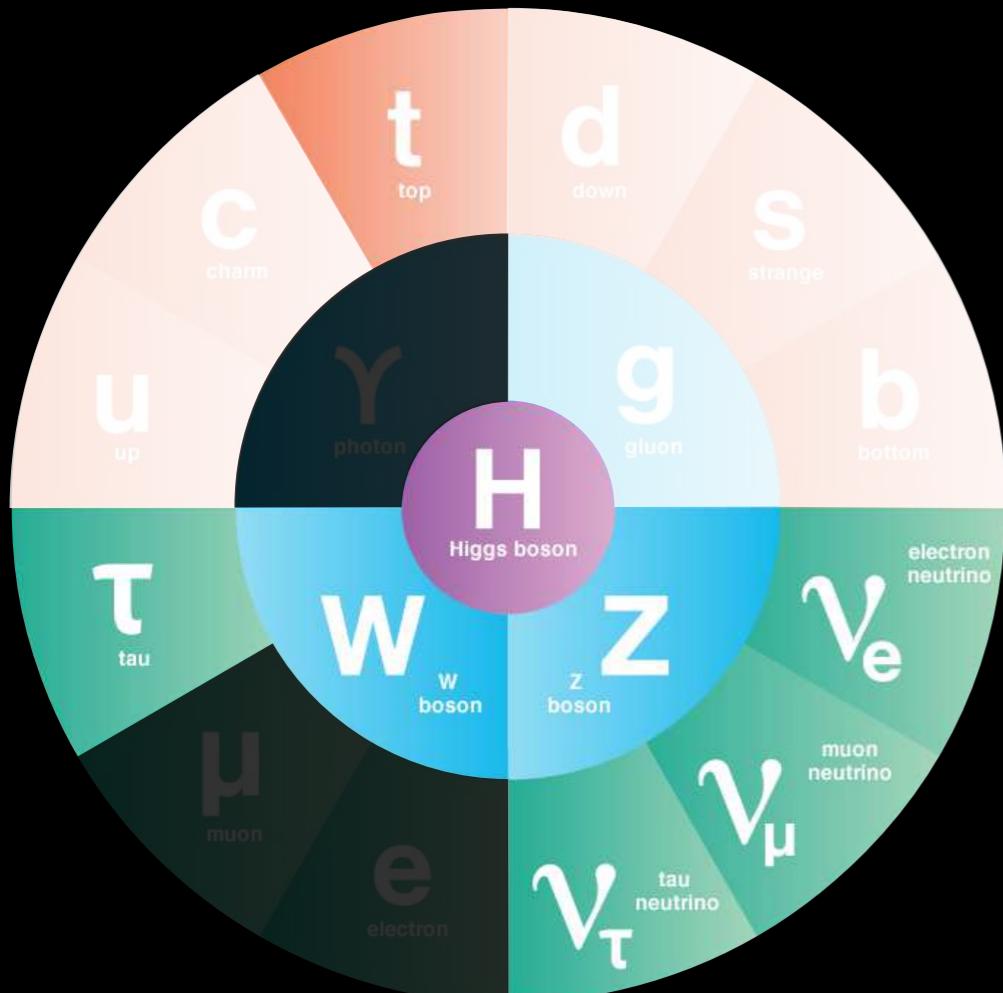
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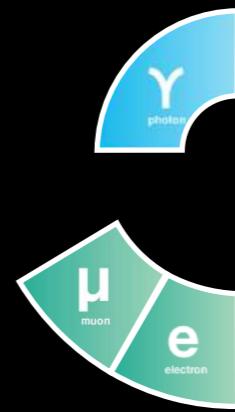
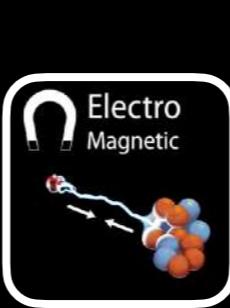
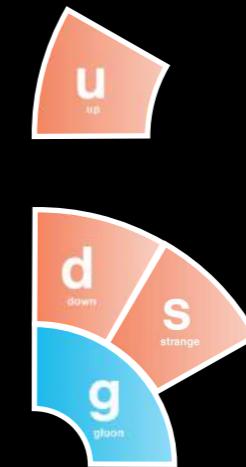
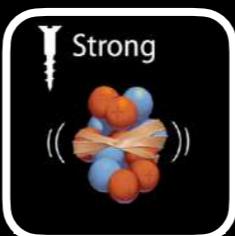


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**Strong Force
⇒ Confinement**

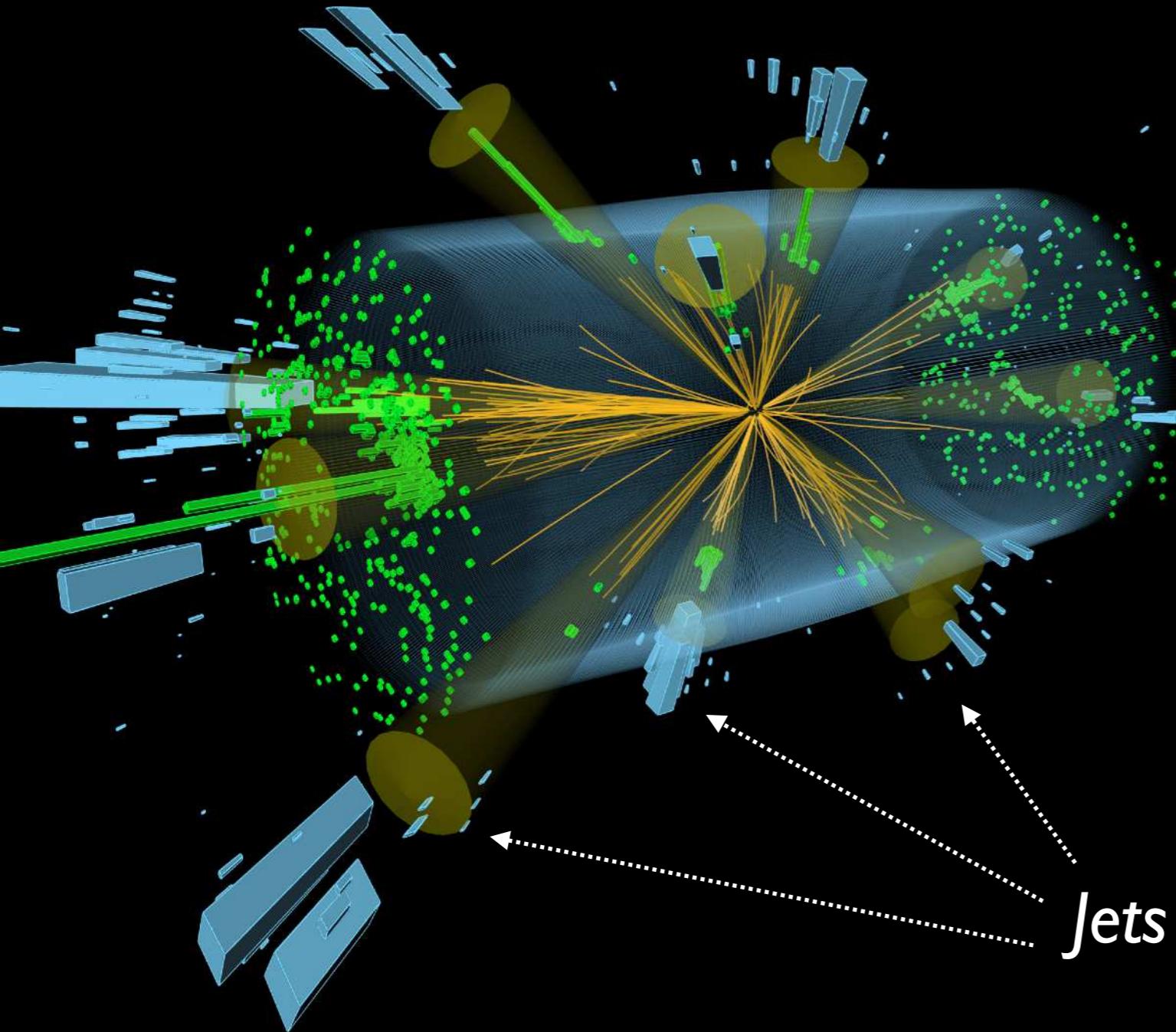
**Quarks
&
Gluons**



γ	photon	elementary
e^+	electron	
μ^+	muon	composite
π^+	pion	
K^+	kaon	composite
K_L^0	K-long	
p/\bar{p}	proton	composite
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Collider Event

Every 25 nanoseconds at the LHC



T E H M



γ

photon



e^+

electron



μ^+

muon



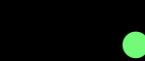
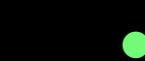
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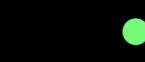
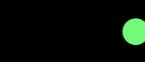
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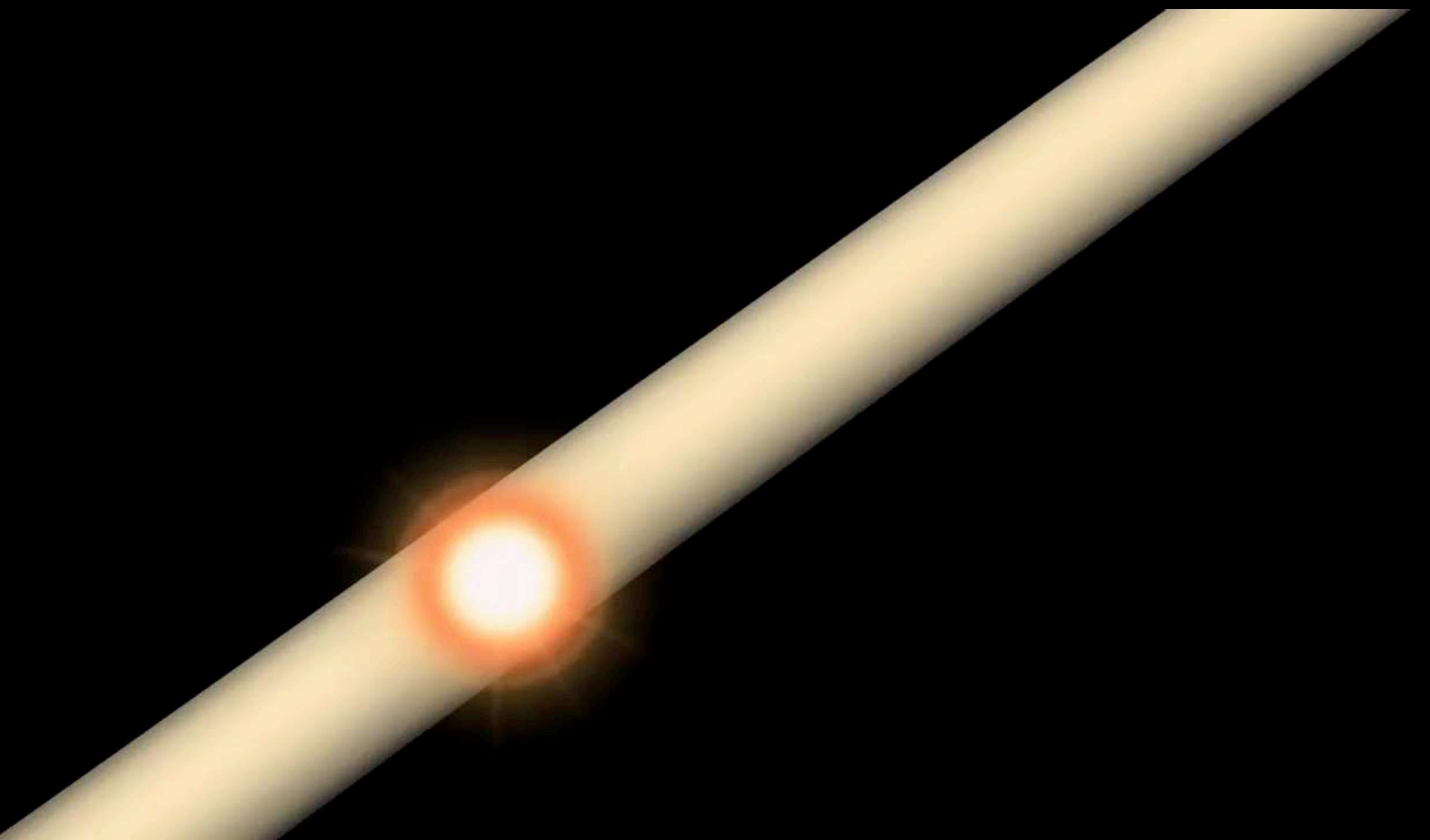


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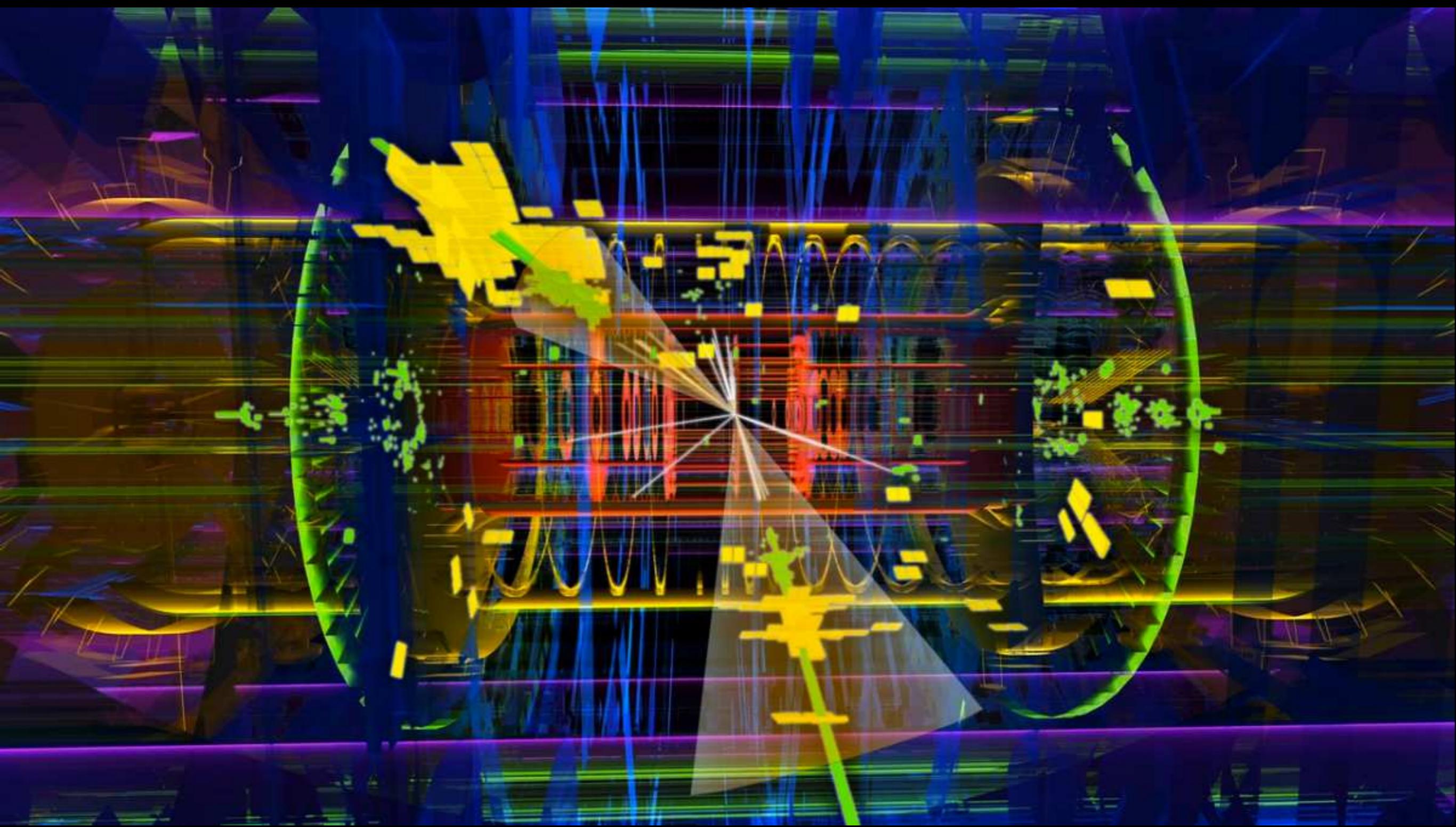
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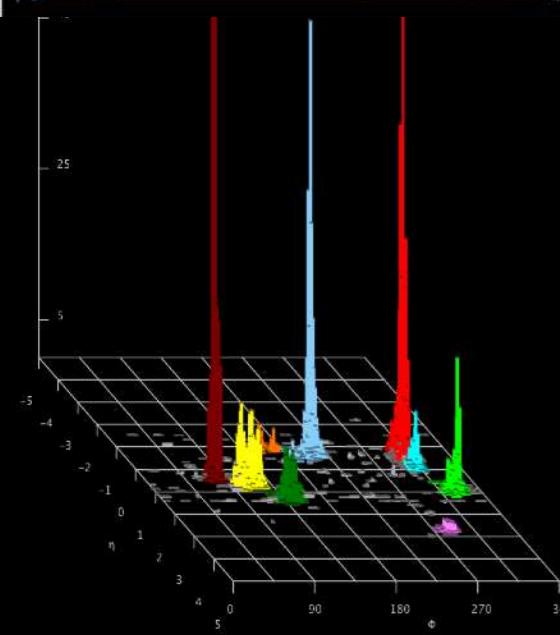
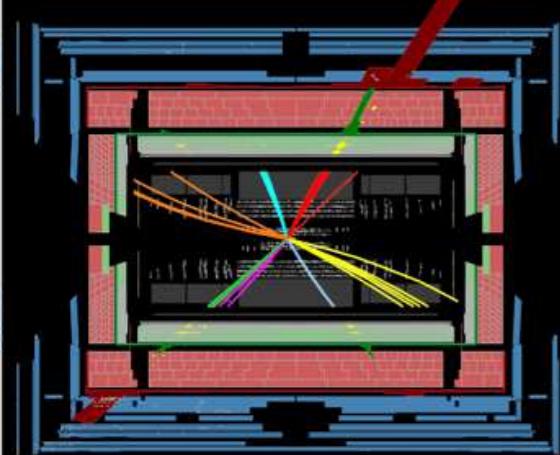




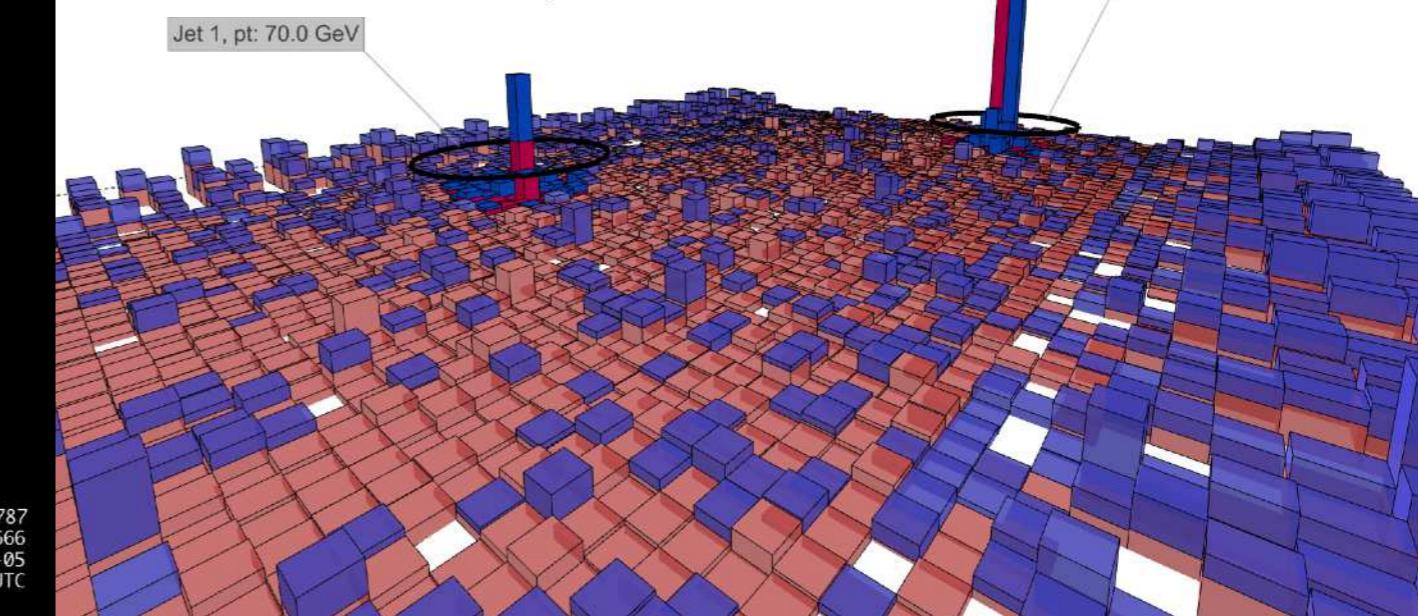
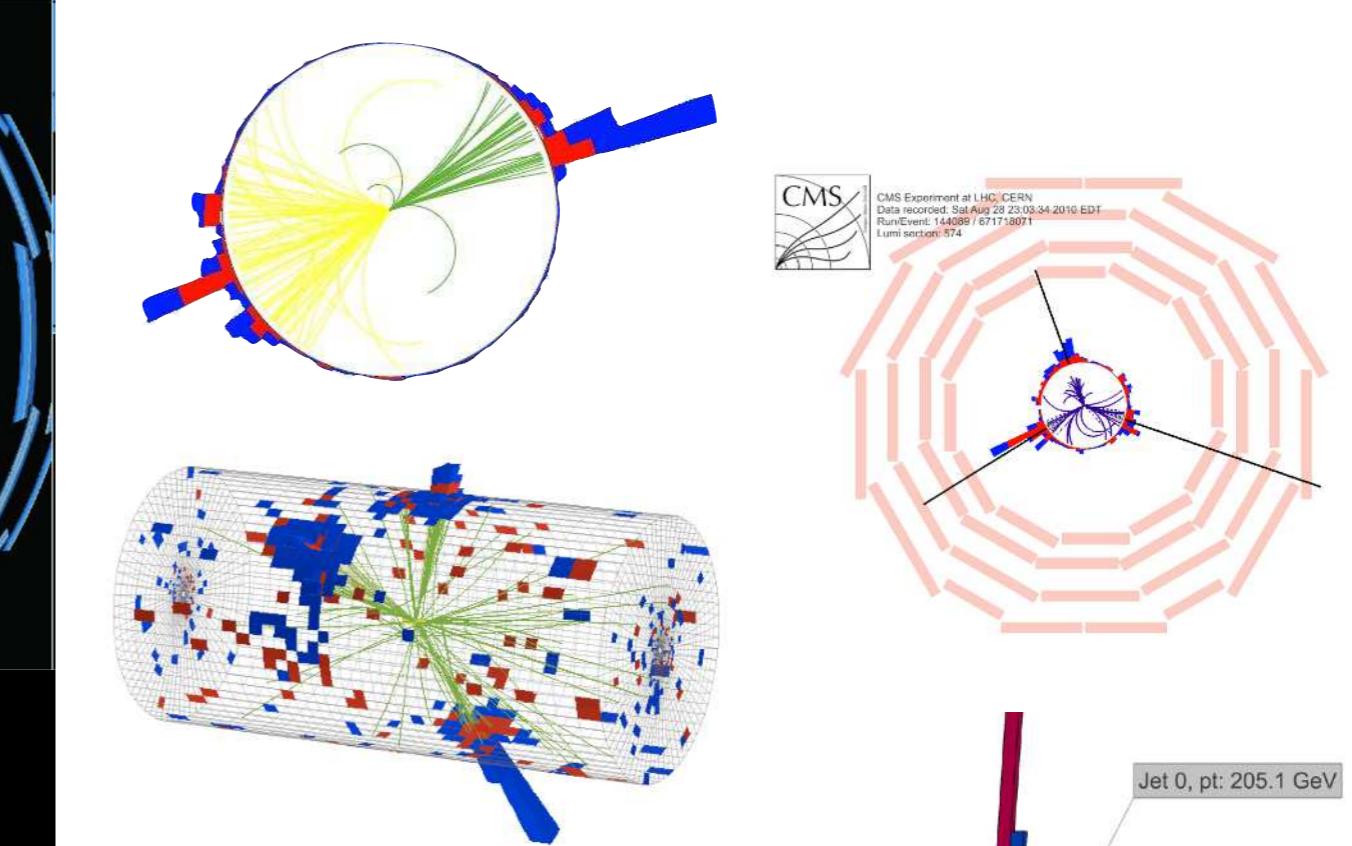
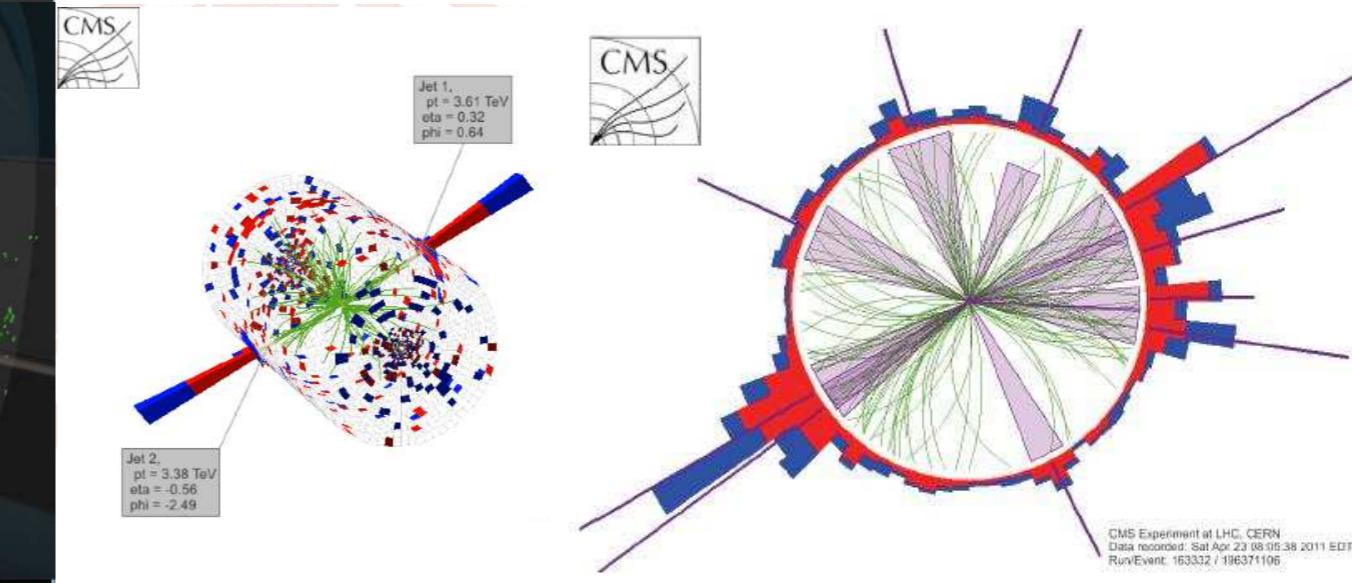
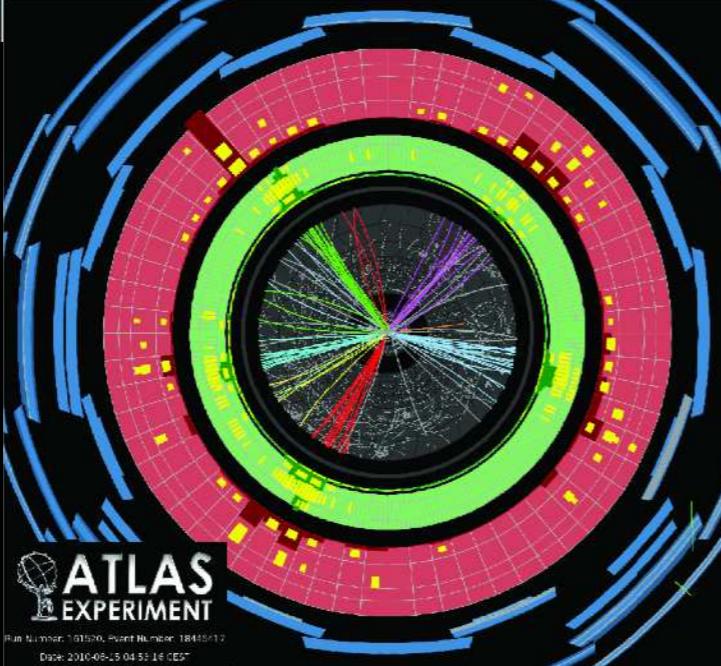
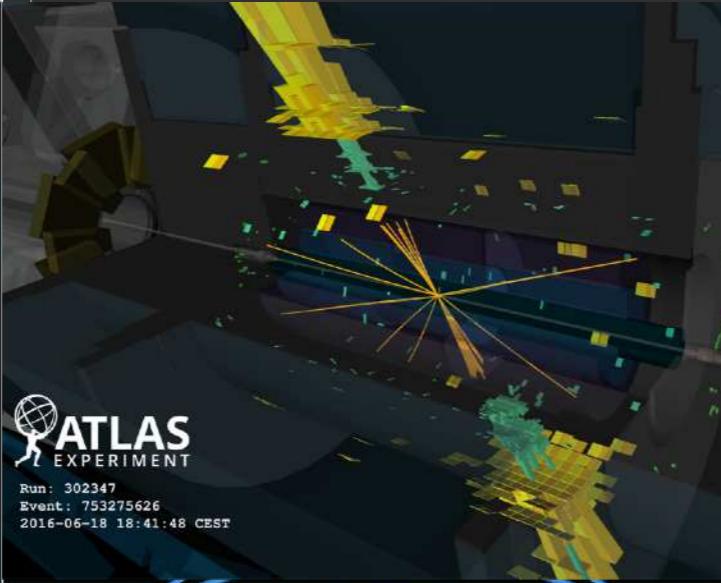
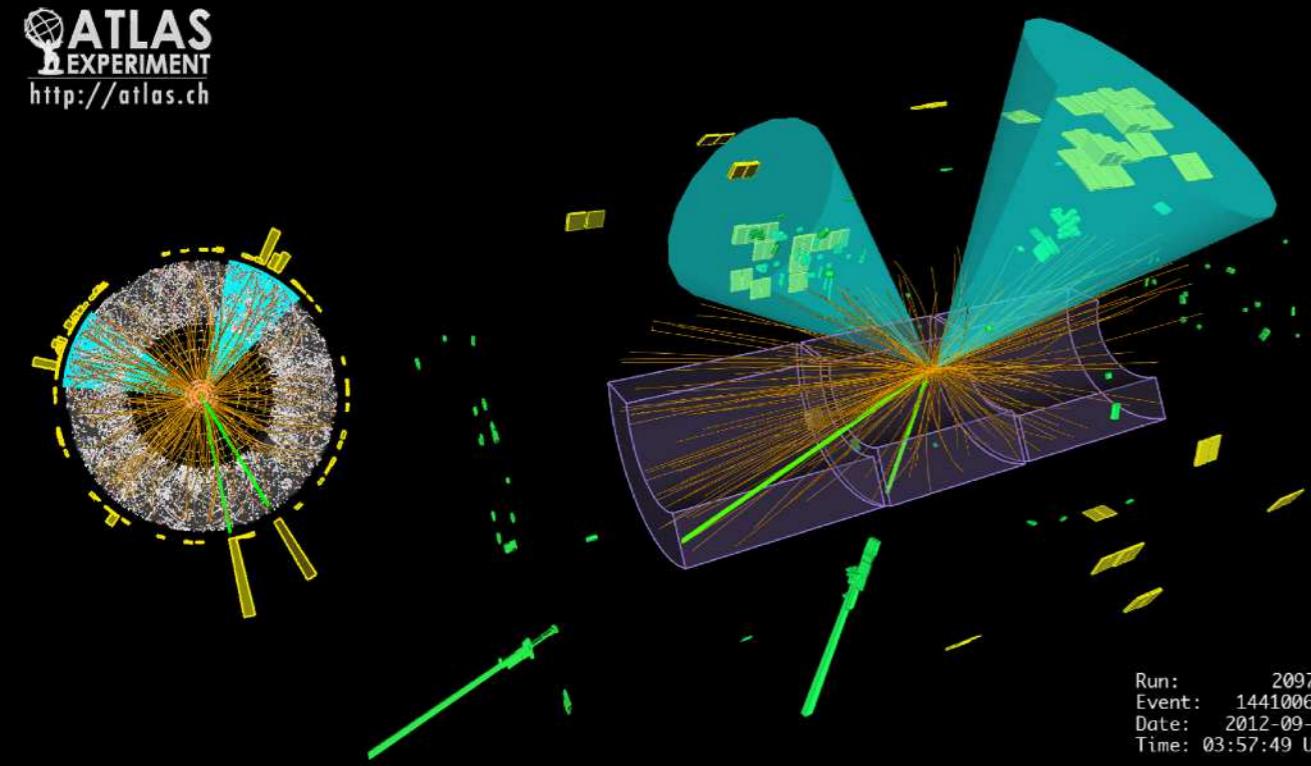


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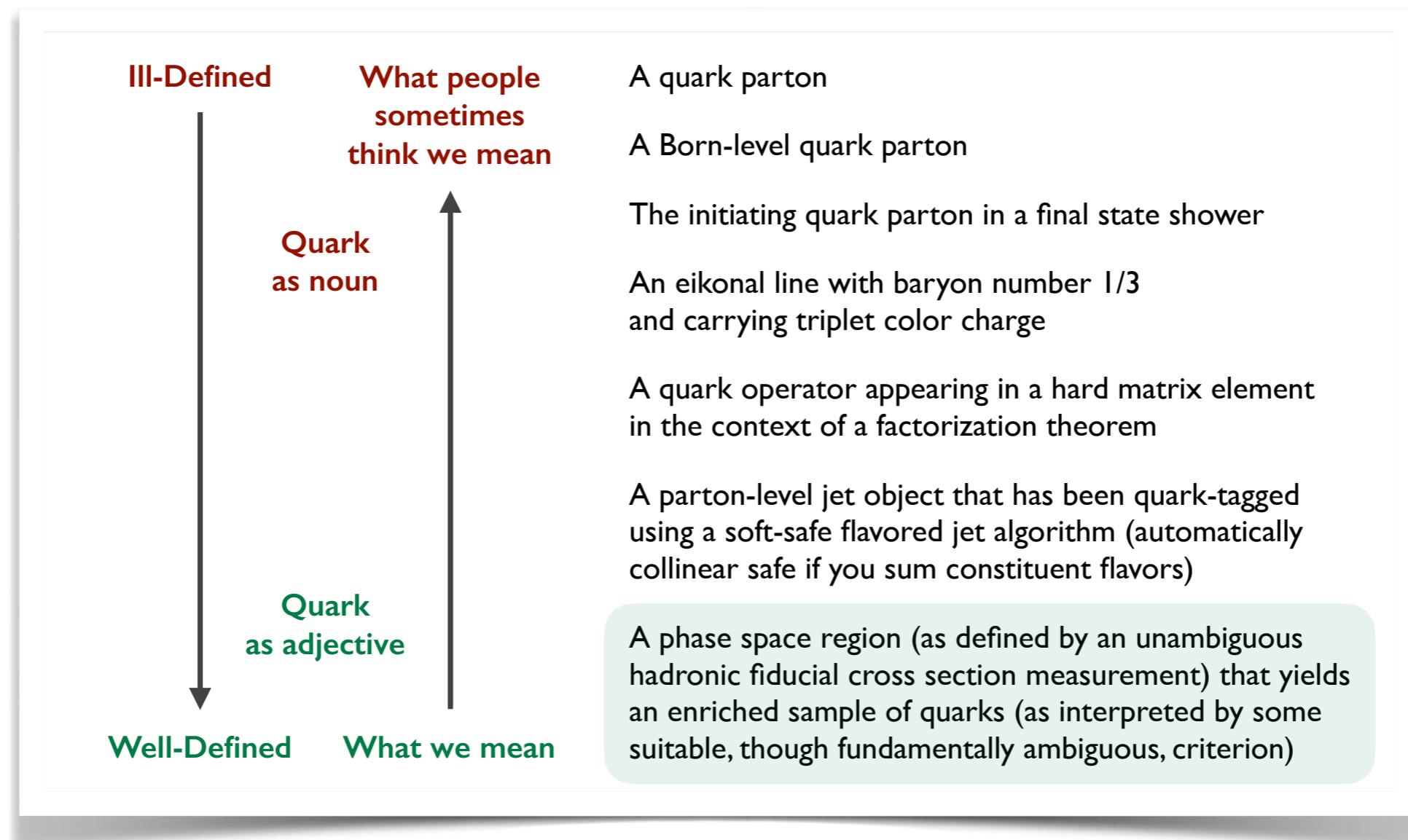


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<http://atlas.ch>



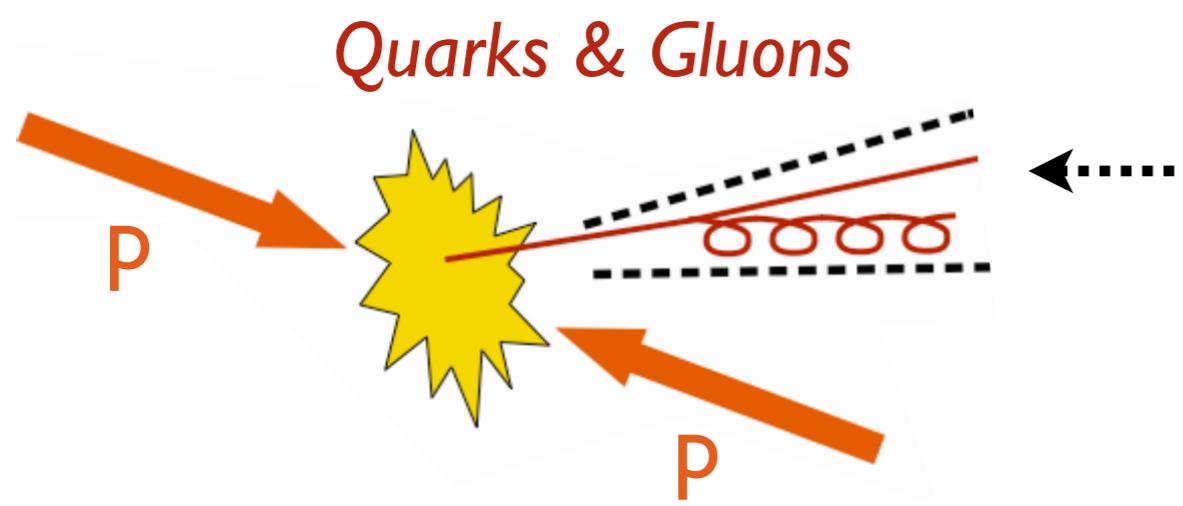
What is a “Quark Jet” vs. “Gluon Jet”?

Quark (color triplet) vs. Gluon (color octet)
But jet constituents are **color-singlet hadrons!**



[Gras, Hoeche, Kar, Larkoski, Lönnblad, Plätzer, Siódmok, Skands, Soyez, JDT, [JHEP 2017](#); citing long history going back at least to Nilles, Streng, [PRD 1981](#)]

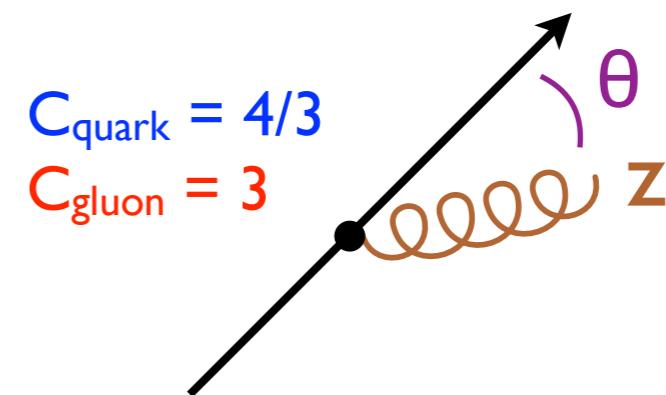
Emphasizing the Challenge



Quarks and gluons are primarily distinguished by their color charge

Altarelli-Parisi Splitting

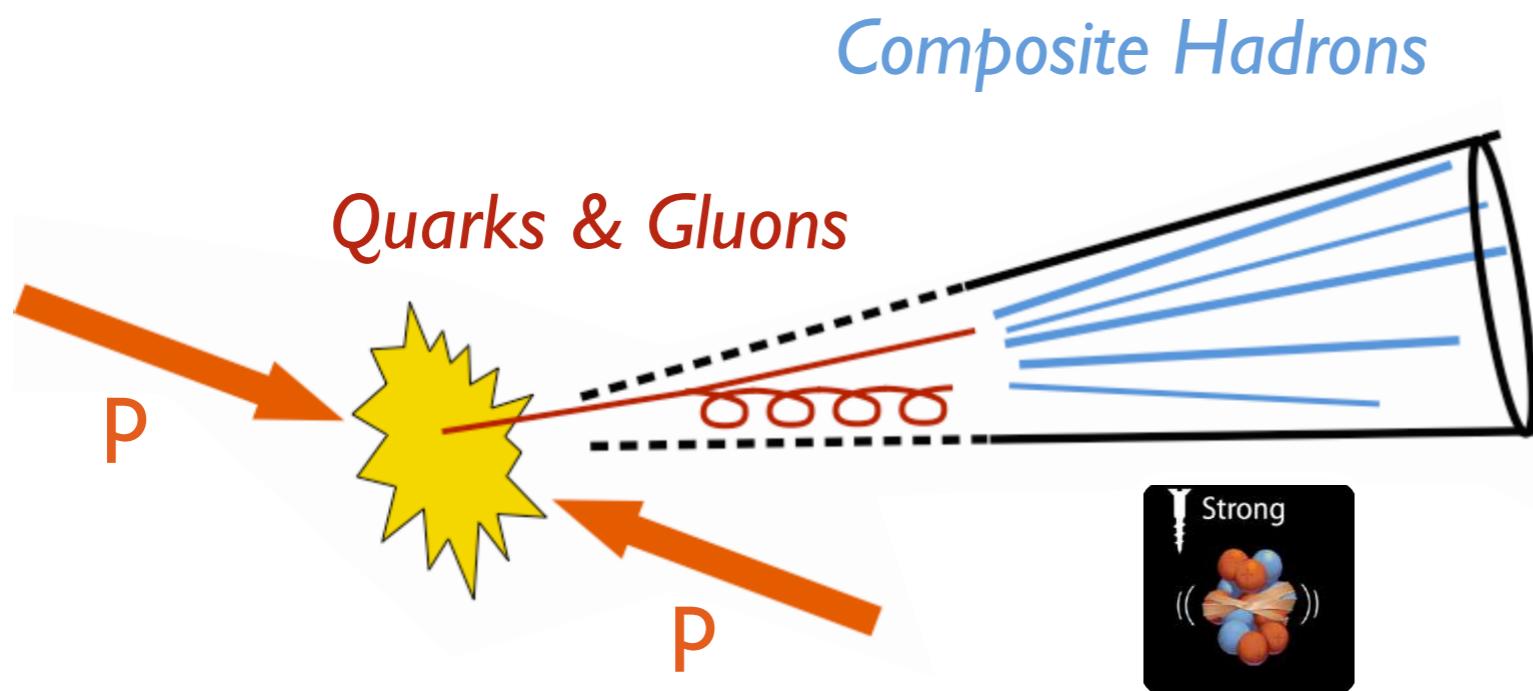
Core prediction of QCD



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

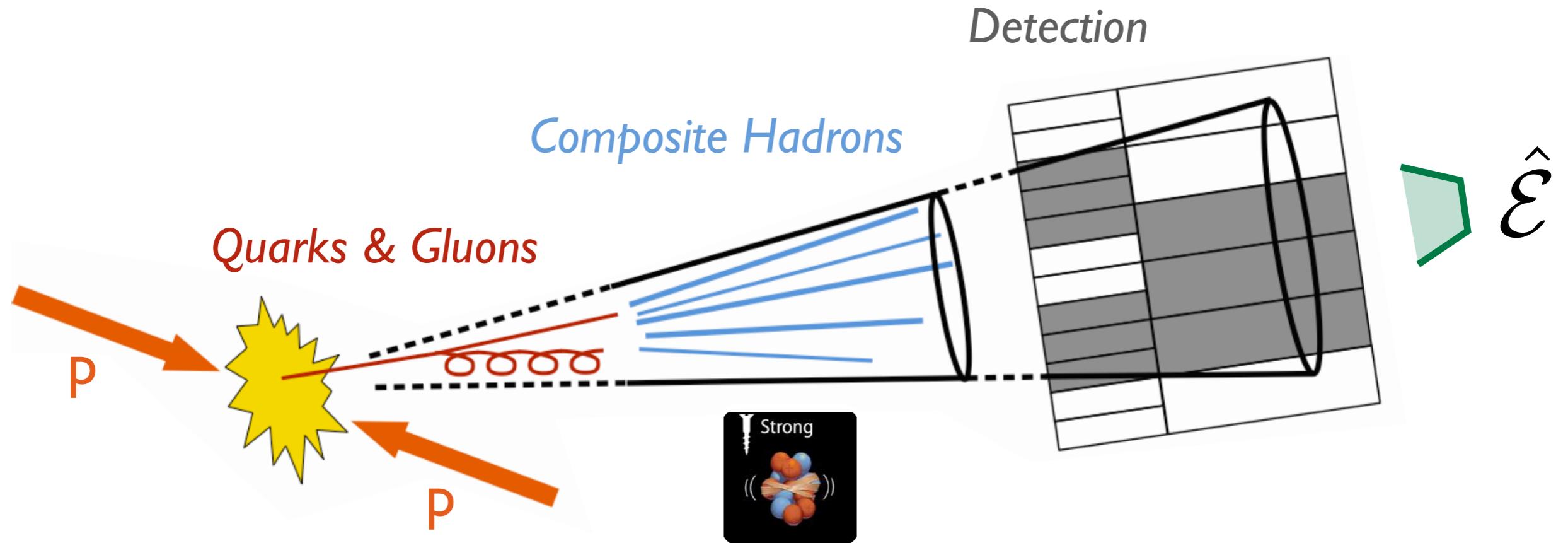
Collinear Soft

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Theory



Energy Flow:

Robust to hadronization and detector effects...
...but blind to direct **quark/gluon** information

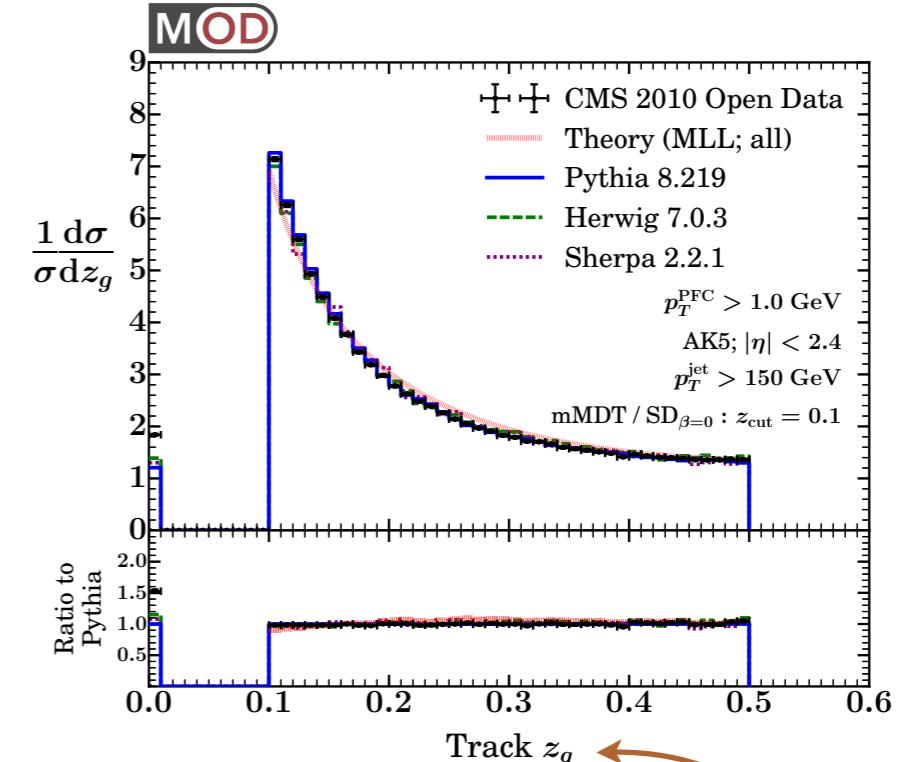
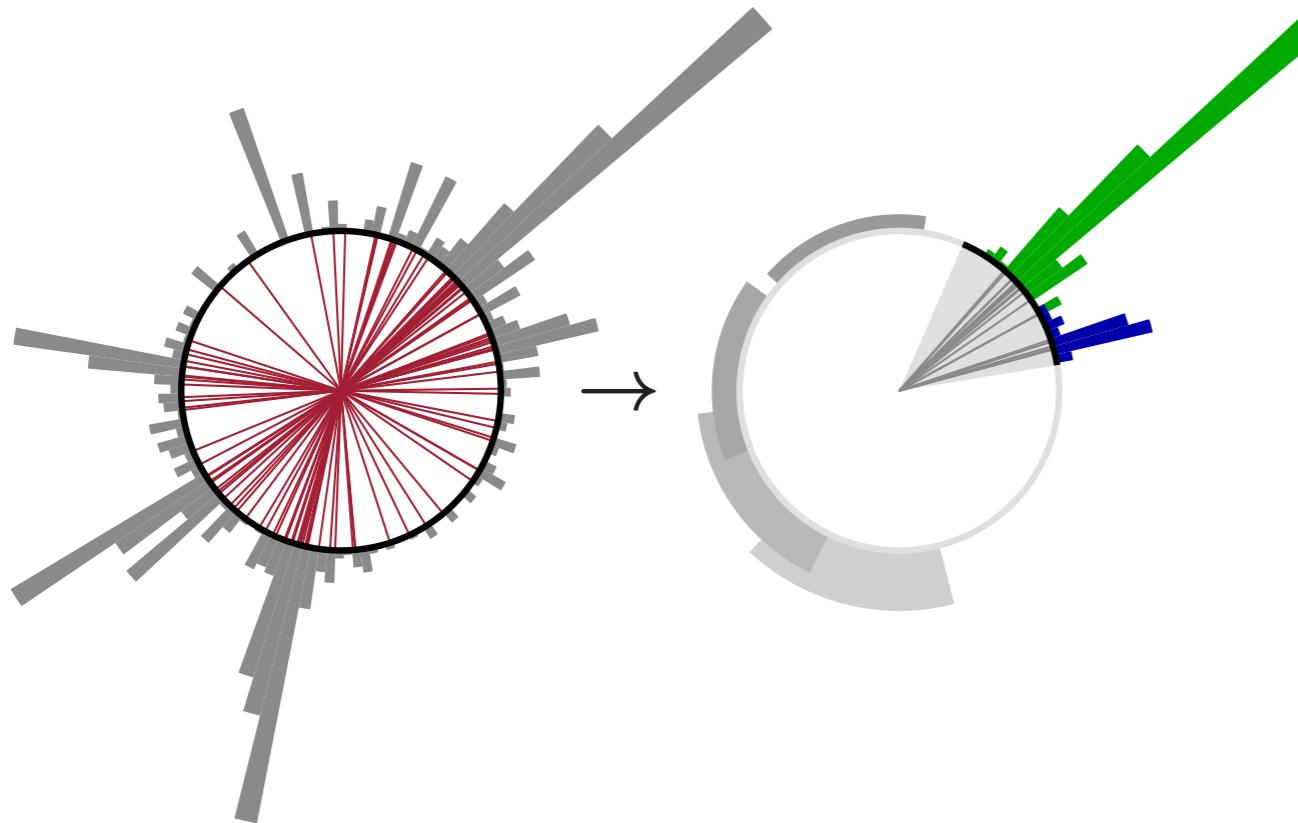
$$\hat{\mathcal{E}} \simeq \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \hat{n}_i T^{0i}(t, vt\hat{n})$$

(more about this in backup)

[see e.g. Sveshnikov, Tkachov, [PLB 1996](#); Hofman, Maldacena, [JHEP 2008](#); Mateu, Stewart, JDT, [PRD 2013](#); Belitsky, Hohenegger, Korchemsky, Sokatchev, Zhiboedov, [PRL 2014](#); Chen, Moult, Zhang, Zhu, [PRD 2020](#)]

Color-Blind Tests of QCD

First ever analysis using public LHC data!

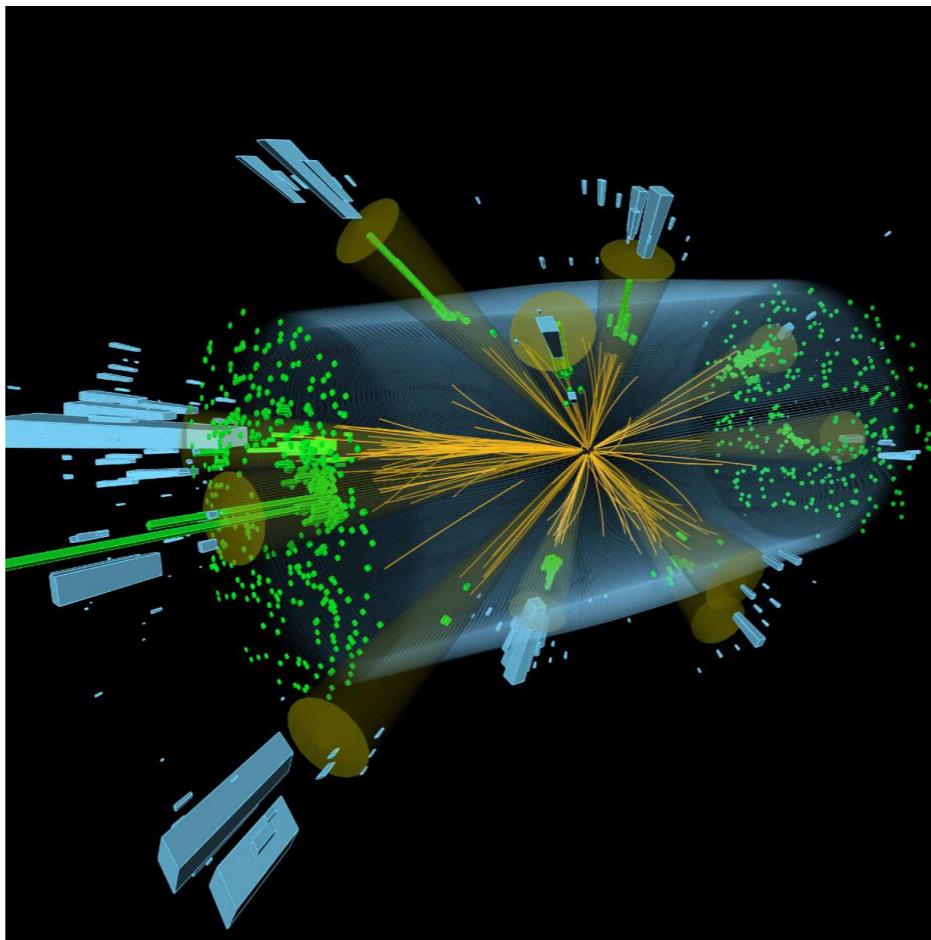


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Insensitive to quark/gluon composition. Can we do the opposite?!

[Tripathee, Xue, Larkoski, Marzani, JDT, [PRL 2017](#), [PRD 2017](#);
based on Larkoski, Marzani, JDT, [PRD 2015](#)]





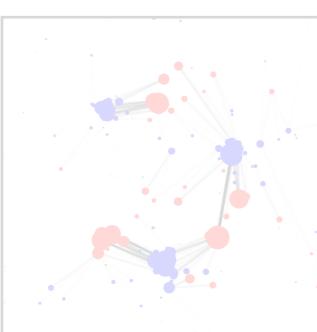
*Jets are manifestation of quarks and gluons,
but there is **no unambiguous way**
to tell a quark jet from a gluon jet*



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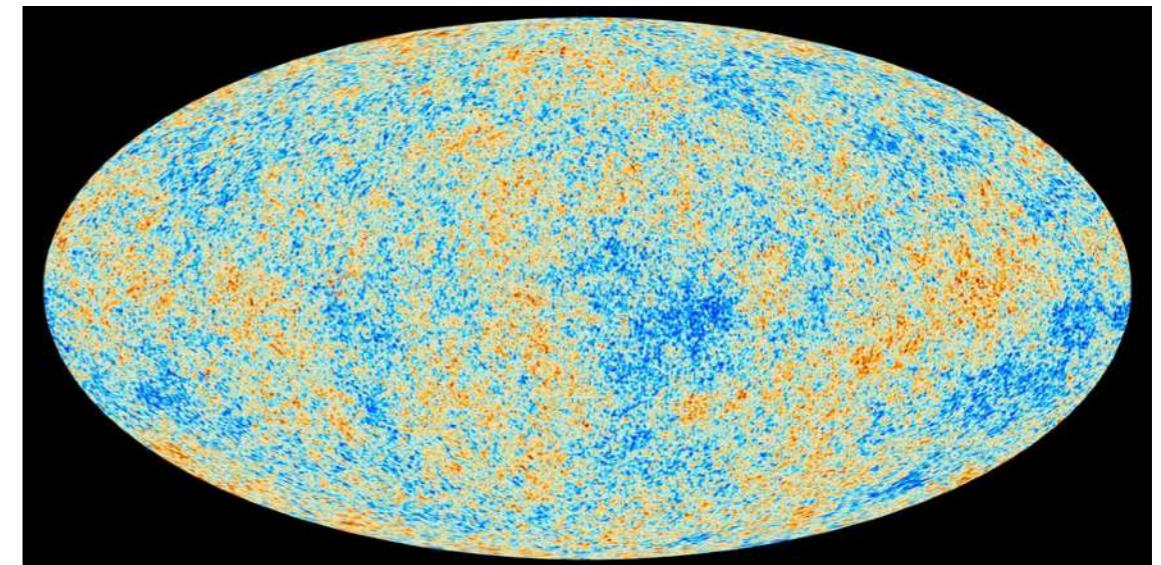
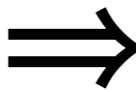
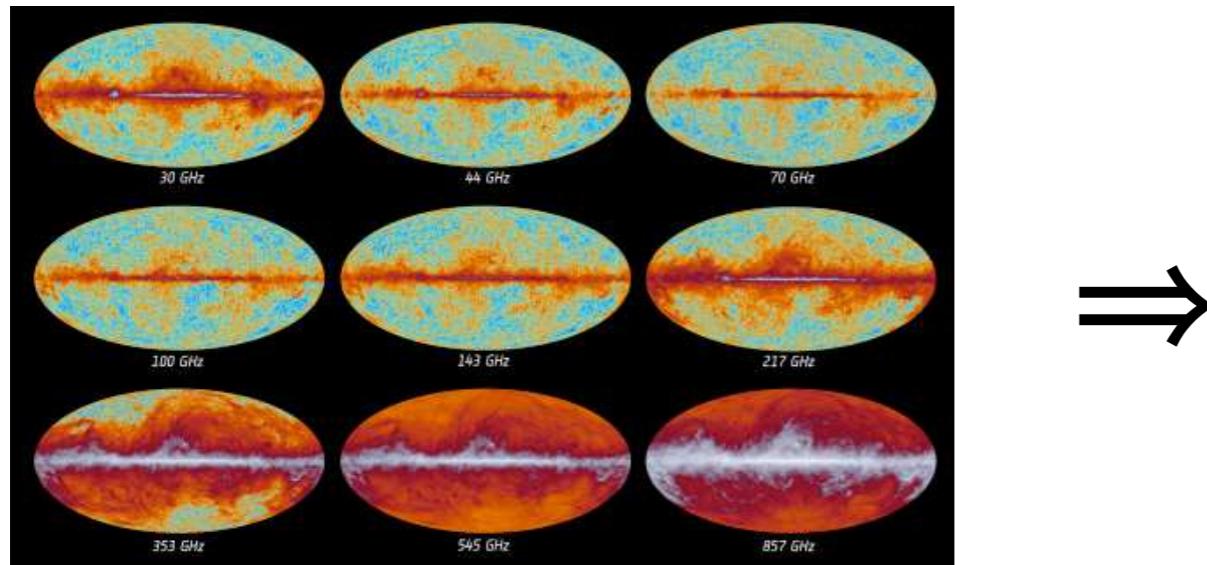
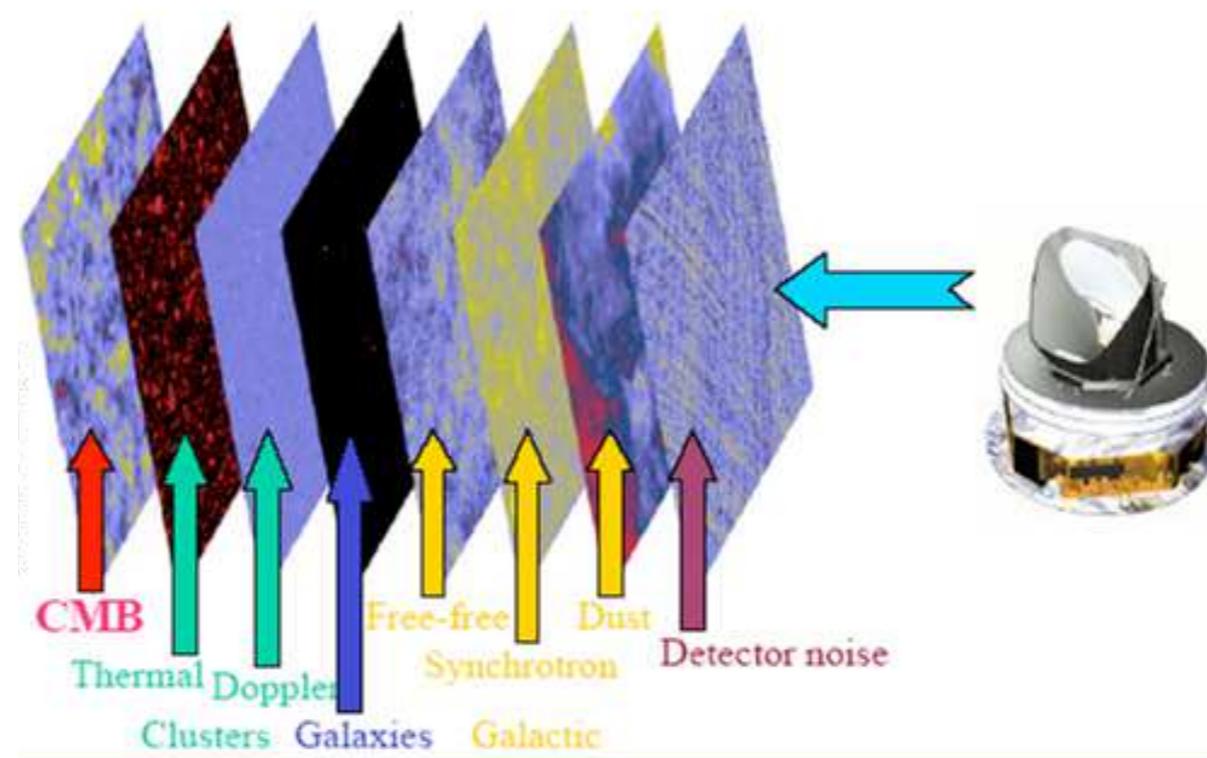


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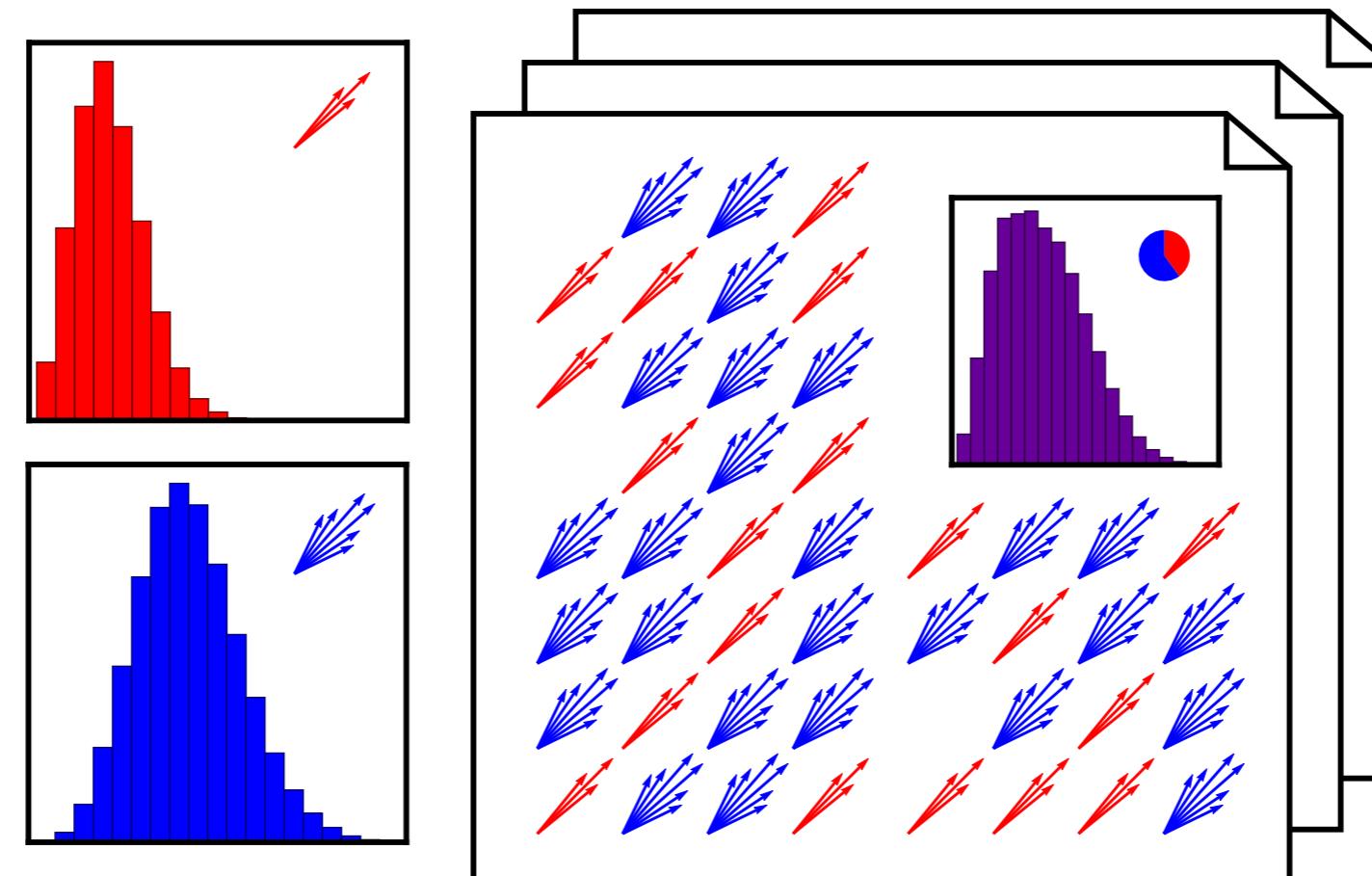
Blind Source Separation for Cosmology



[Planck Outreach]

Blind Source Separation for Quark/Gluon Jets?

While you can't unambiguously label individual jets, you can extract **quark** and **gluon** distributions from **hadron-level measurements**



In natural language processing, this is known as “**topic modeling**”

[Komiske, Metodiev, JDT, [JHEP 2018](#); cf. ATLAS, [PRD 2019](#); using Metodiev, Nachman, JDT, [JHEP 2017](#); Metodiev, JDT, [PRL 2018](#)
[see also Blanchard, Flaska, Handy, Pozzi, Scott, [PLMR 2013](#); Katz-Samuels, Blanchard, Scott, [JMLR 2016](#)]
[Yes, for those of you obsessed with these things, I flipped the color of quark and gluon on this slide.]

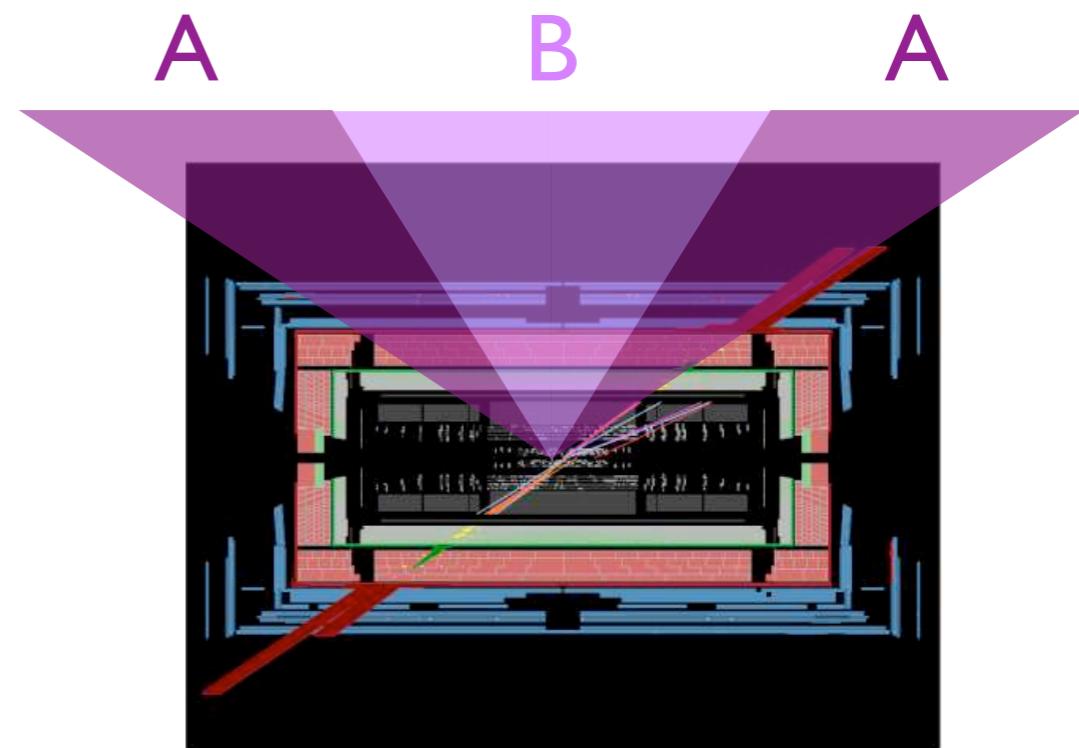
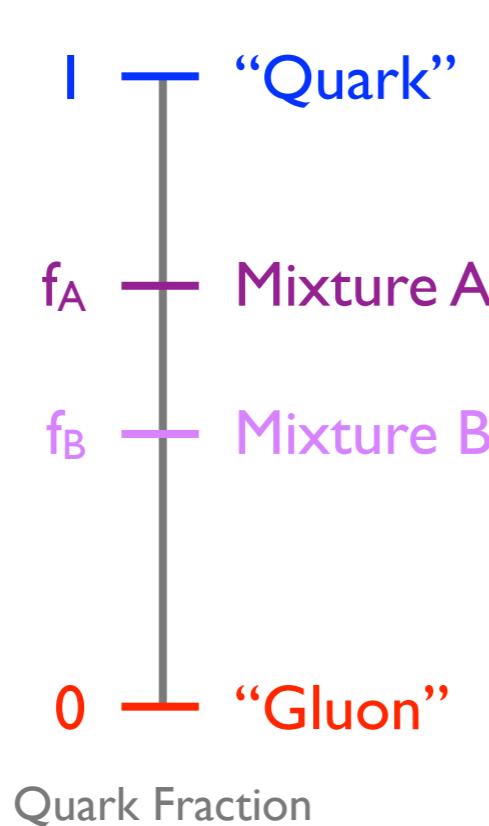


Fundamental Assumption

One can make jet samples that are mixtures of “quarks” and “gluons”

$$p_{\text{mixed}}(\vec{x}) = f_q \, p_{\text{quark}}(\vec{x}) + (1 - f_q) \, p_{\text{gluon}}(\vec{x})$$

↳ Jet Features



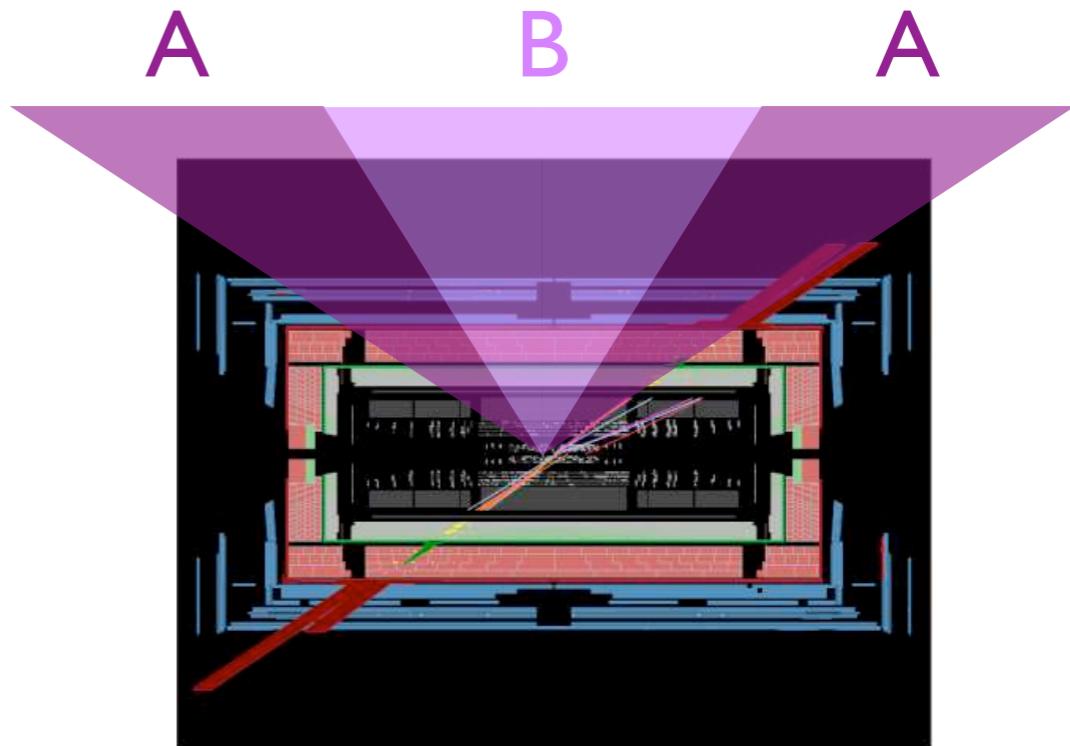
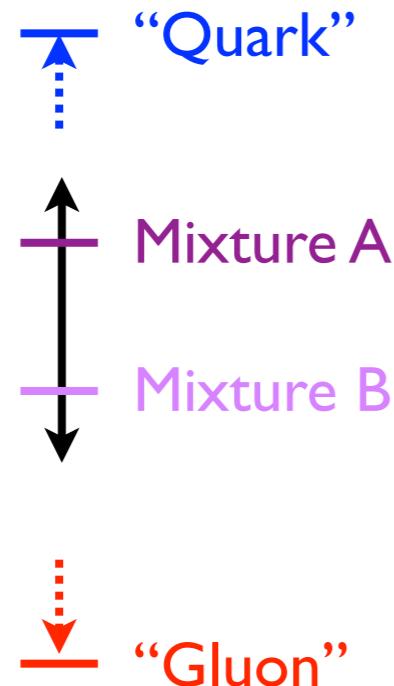
Non-trivial! Assumes A/B mixtures have unbiased jet properties

Fundamental Trick

From A/B mixtures you can define “quarks” and “gluons”

$$p_{\text{quark}}(\vec{x}) = \frac{p_A(\vec{x}) - \kappa_{AB} p_B(\vec{x})}{1 - \kappa_{AB}}$$

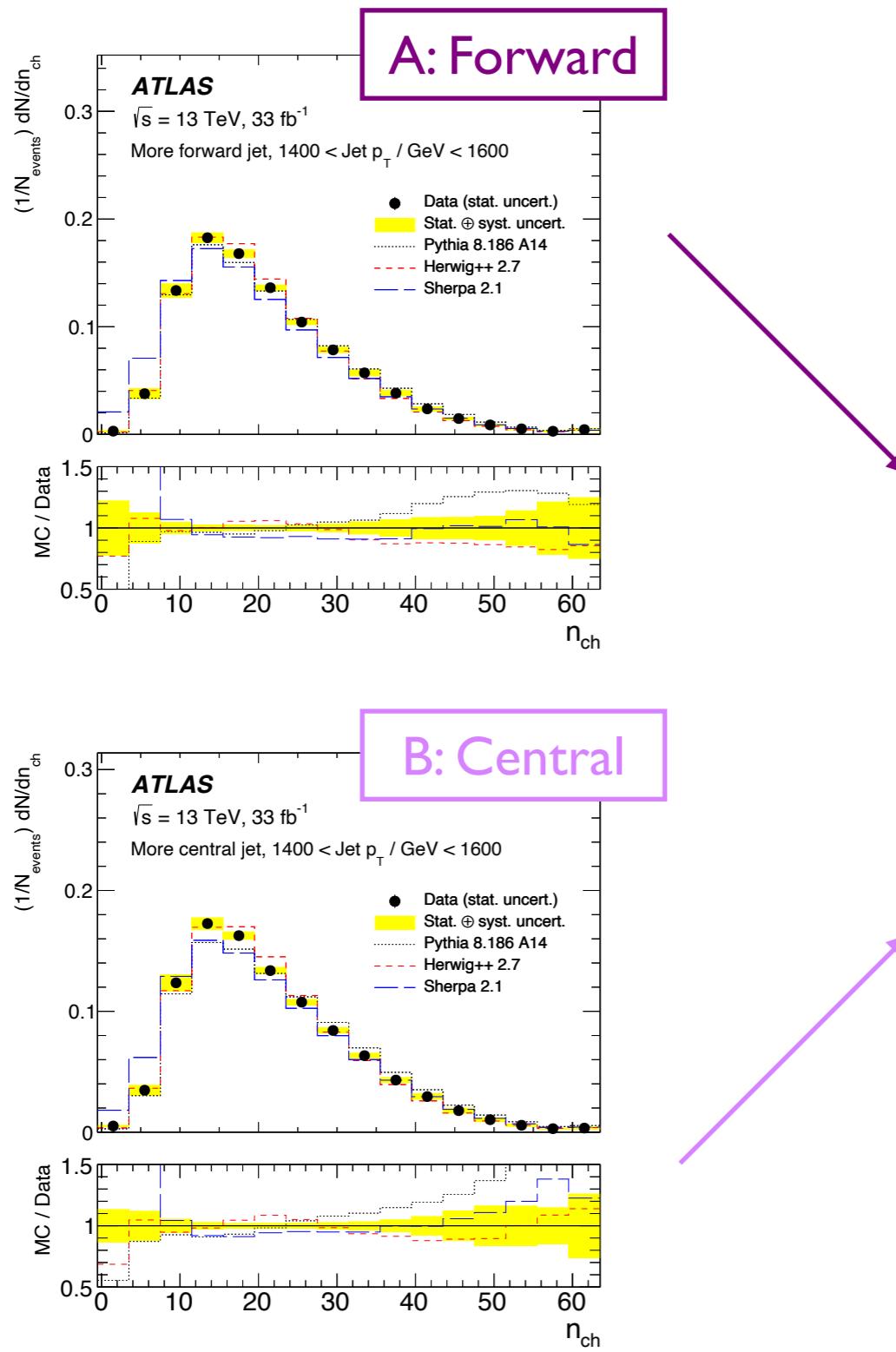
$$p_{\text{gluon}}(\vec{x}) = \frac{p_B(\vec{x}) - \kappa_{BA} p_A(\vec{x})}{1 - \kappa_{BA}}$$



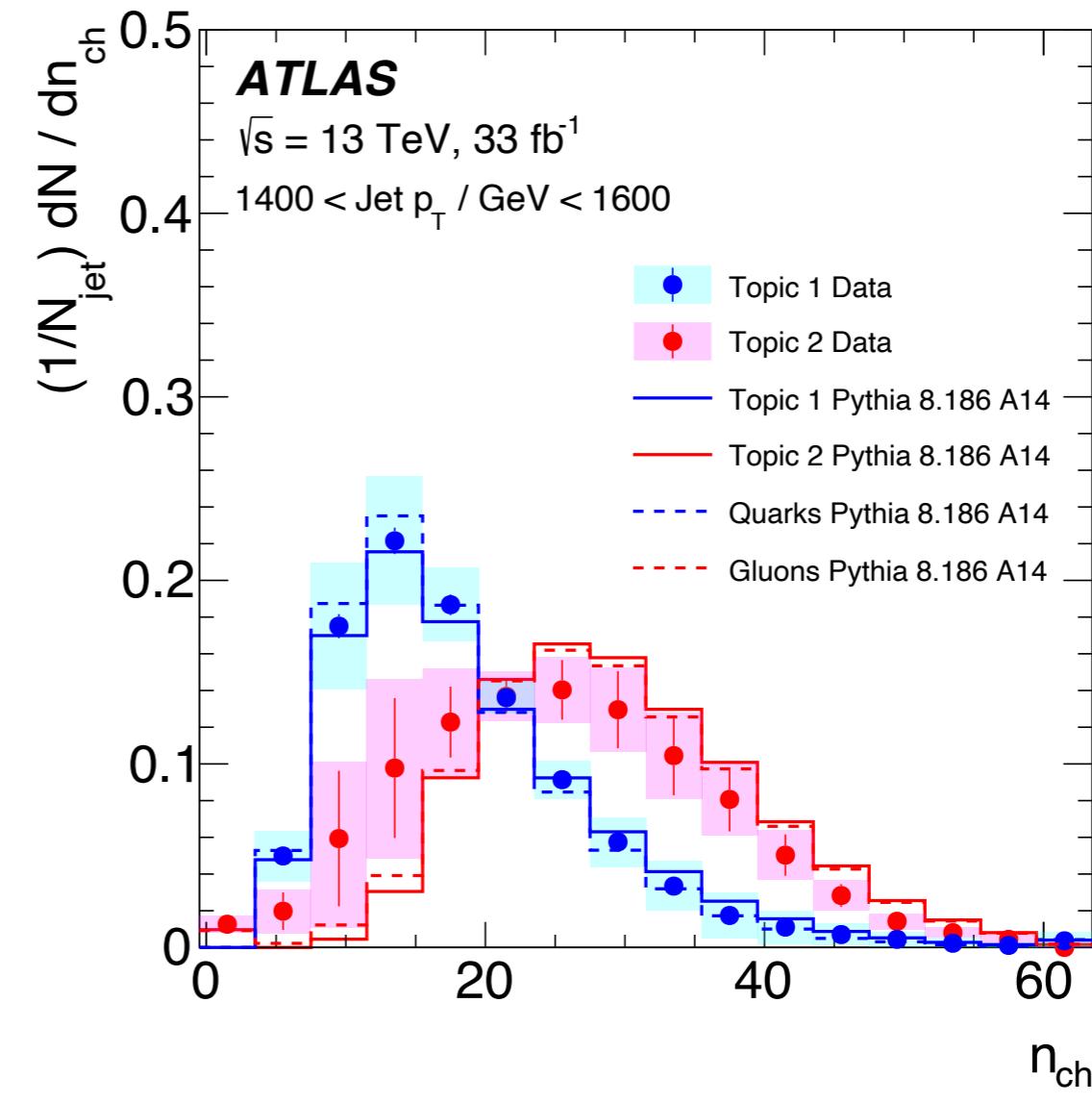
Choosing κ as big as possible yields “mutually irreducible” distributions

[Katz-Samuels, Blanchard, Scott, [JLMR 2016](#); advocated for in Komiske, Metodiev, [JDT, JHEP 2018](#)]

Jet Topics Result from ATLAS



Track multiplicity for
“Topic 1” and “Topic 2”



[ATLAS, PRD 2019]

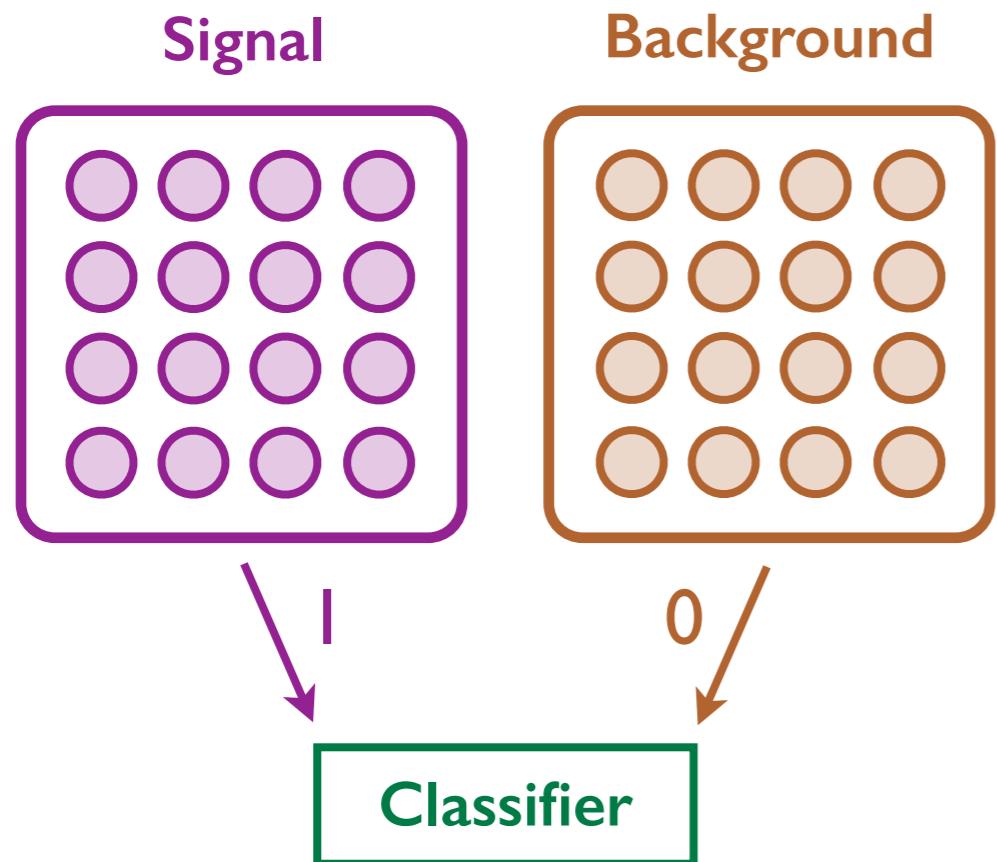
*“Ok, but don’t jet topics
depend on choice of jet features?”*



Yes! But to find maximal separability,
we can **leverage weak supervision!**
CWoLa = Classification Without Labels
(More accurately, classification with noisy labels)

Strong: Fully-Supervised Binary Classification

Training on pure, perfectly labeled examples



Minimize Loss Function

(asymptotically)

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

Optimal Classifier (Neyman–Pearson)

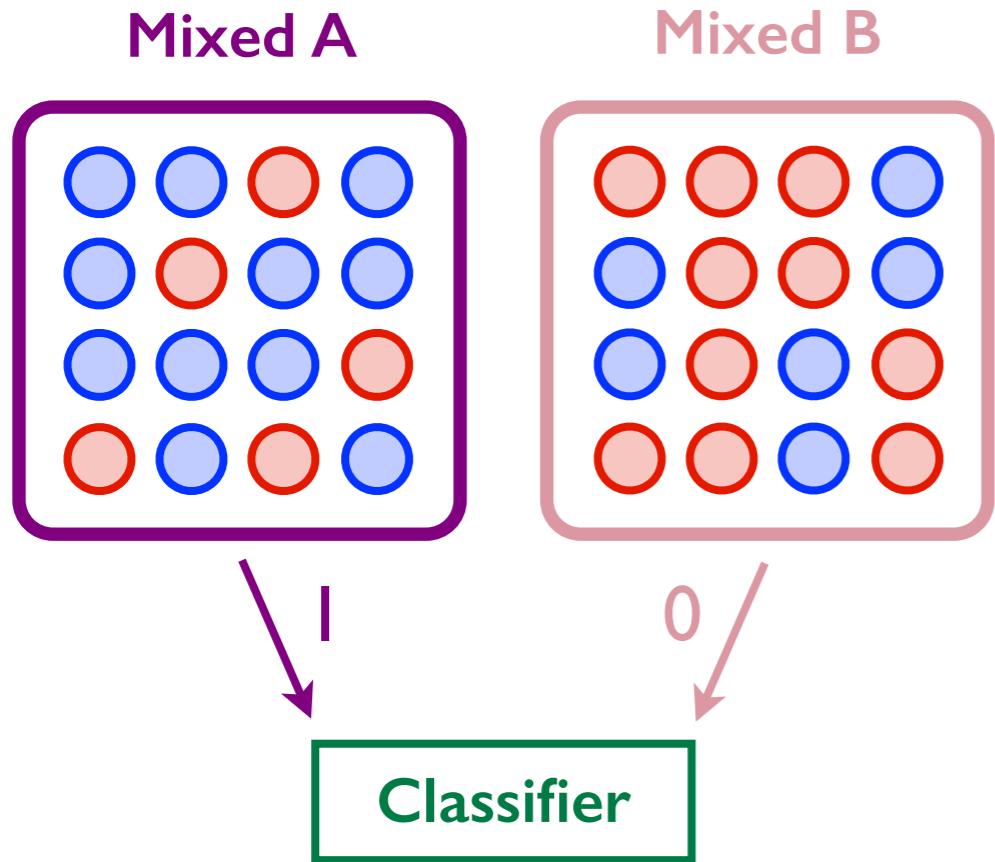
$$\ell_{\text{MSE}} = \left\langle (h(\vec{x}) - 1)^2 \right\rangle_{\text{signal}} + \left\langle (h(\vec{x}) - 0)^2 \right\rangle_{\text{background}}$$

↑ ↑
Classifier Inputs

(See backup for Lagrangian formulation of what this is doing)

Weak: Classification Without Labels (CWoLa)

Train directly on *mixed data!*



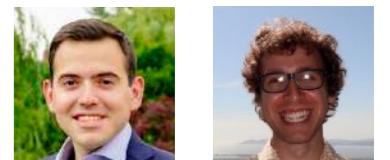
$$h_{\text{mixed}}(\vec{x}) = \frac{p_A(\vec{x})}{p_A(\vec{x}) + p_B(\vec{x})}$$
$$\neq$$
$$h_{\text{pure}}(\vec{x}) = \frac{p_q(\vec{x})}{p_q(\vec{x}) + p_g(\vec{x})}$$

but...

$$\frac{\partial h_{\text{mixed}}(\vec{x})}{\partial h_{\text{pure}}(\vec{x})} > 0$$

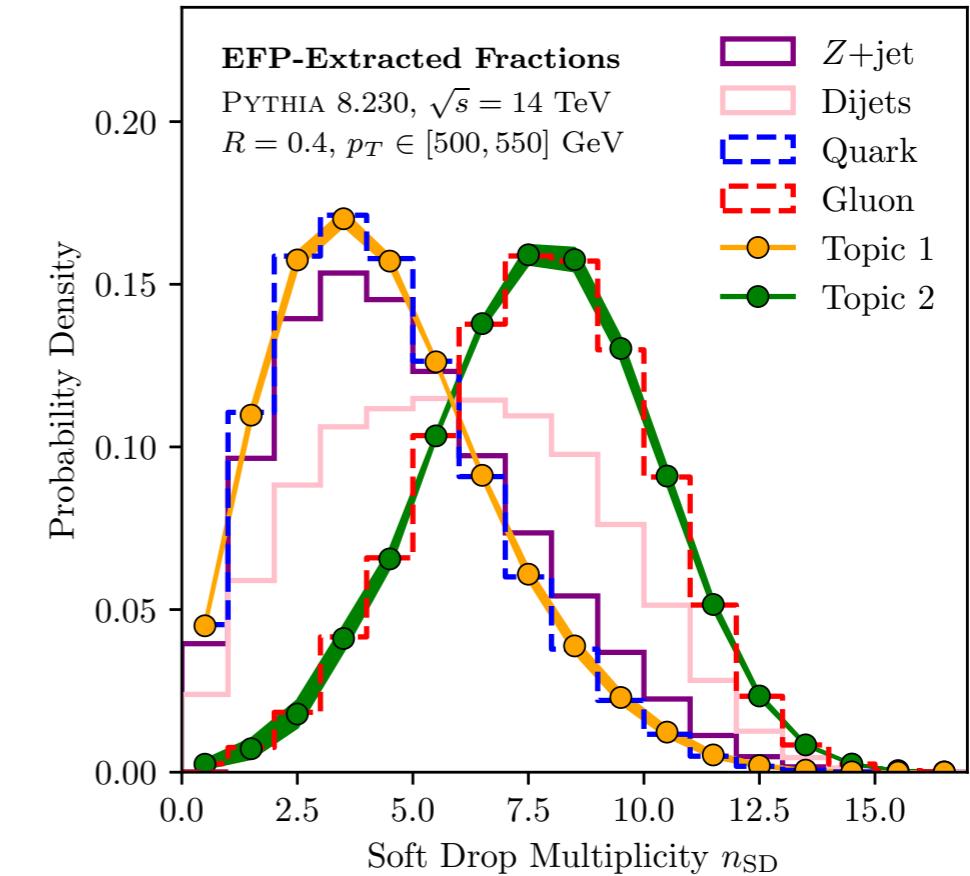
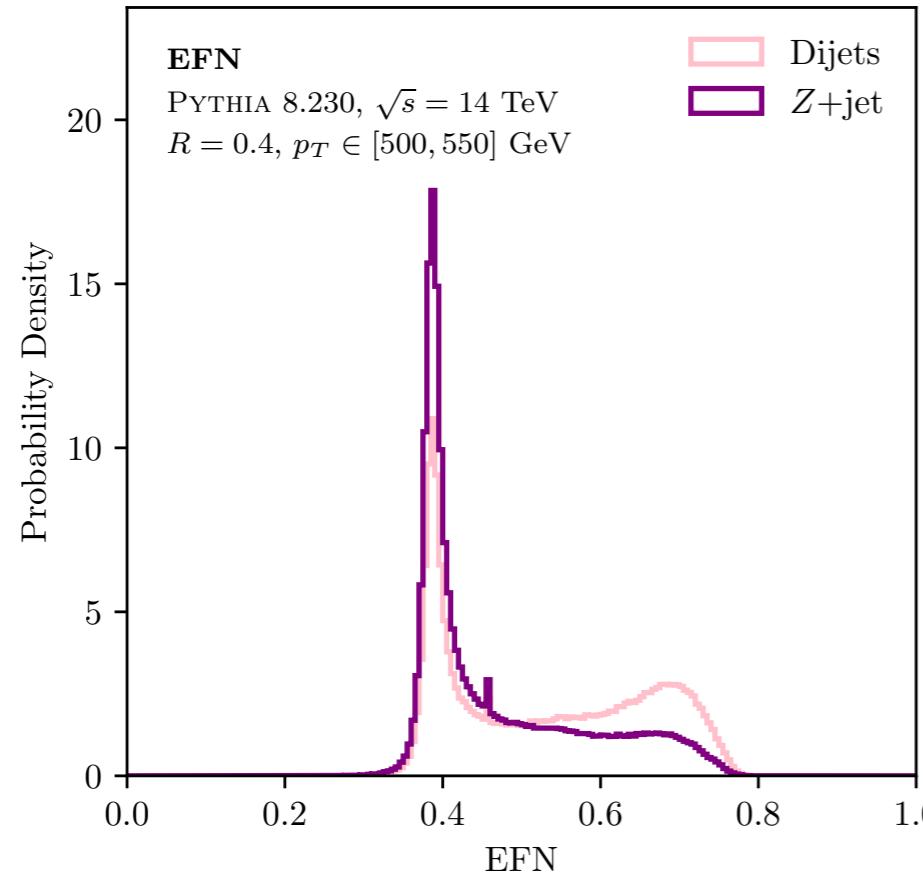
Weak supervision yields *same decision boundaries* as strong supervision!

[Metodiev, Nachman, [JDT, JHEP 2017](#); see also Blanchard, Flaska, Handy, Pozzi, Scott, [PLMR 2013](#); Cranmer, Pavez, Louppe, [arXiv 2015](#); Dery, Nachman, Rubbo, Schwartzman, [JHEP 2017](#); Cohen, Freytsis, Ostdiek, [JHEP 2018](#); Komiske, Metodiev, Nachman, Schwartz, [PRD 2018](#); Collins, Howe, Nachman, [PRL 2018, PRD 2019](#)]



The Well-Read CWoLa

Weak supervision meets topic modeling



$$h_{\text{pure}} \in [0, 1]$$

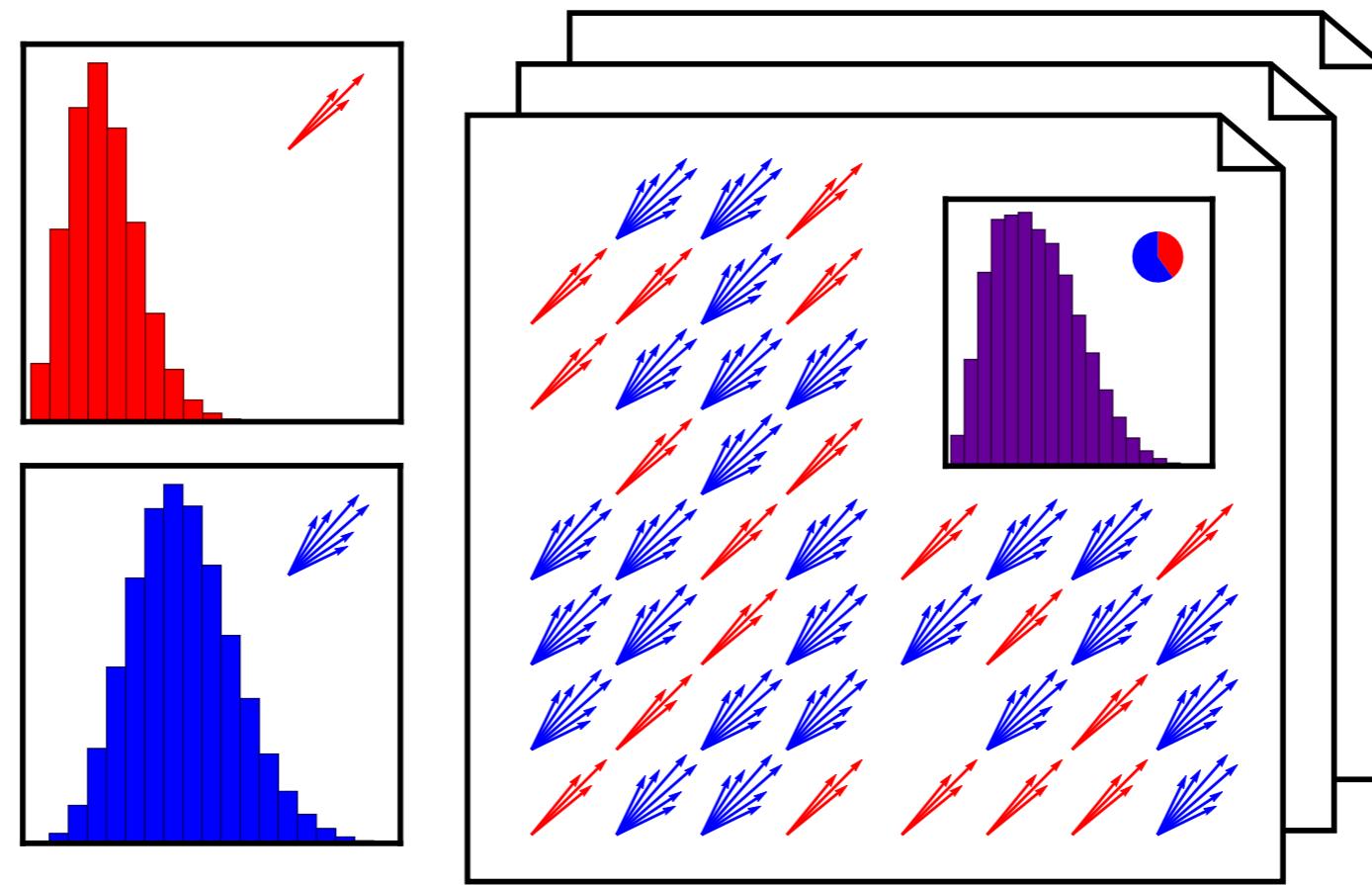
$$h_{\text{pure}} \in [0, 1]$$

$$h_{\text{mixed}} \in \left[\frac{f_g^A}{f_g^A + f_g^B}, \frac{f_q^A}{f_q^A + f_q^B} \right]$$

[using Katz-Samuels, Blanchard, Scott, [JLMR 2016](#); Metodiev, Nachman, [JDT, JHEP 2017](#); Metodiev, [JDT, PRL 2018](#)]

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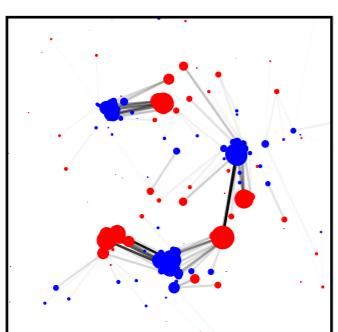
*By assuming jet samples are mixtures of “quarks” and “gluons”,
one can **operationally define** jet categories*



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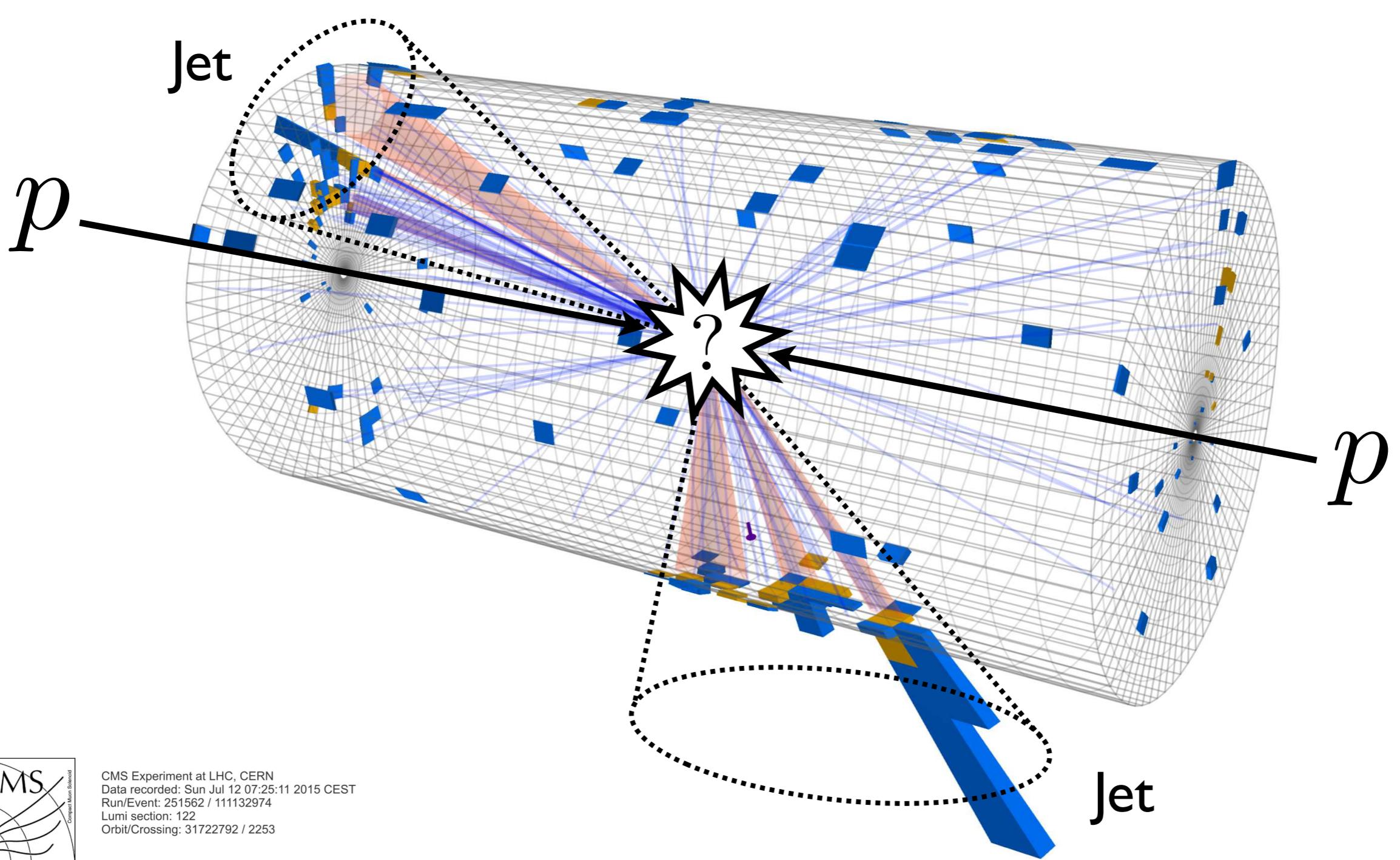
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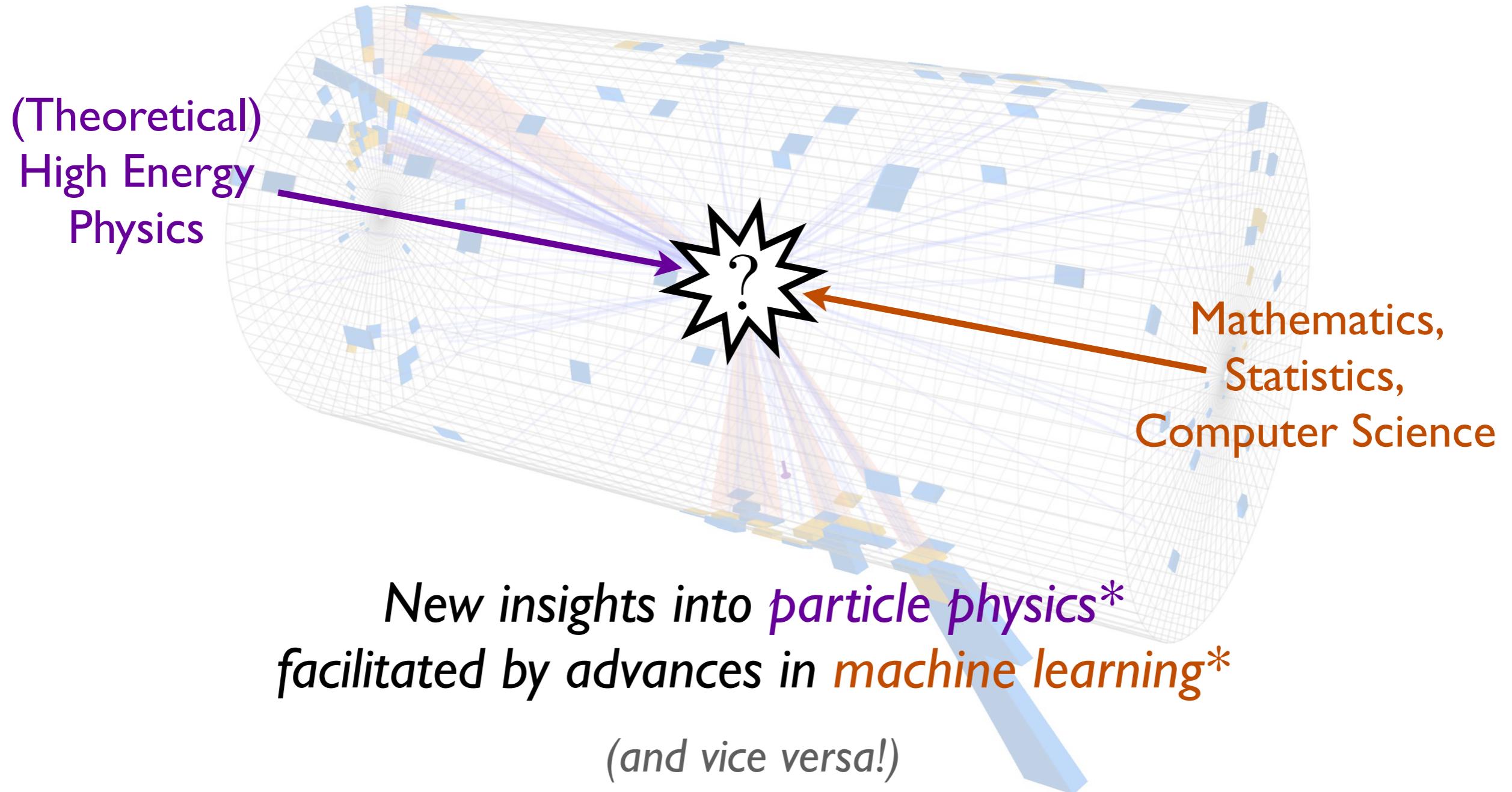
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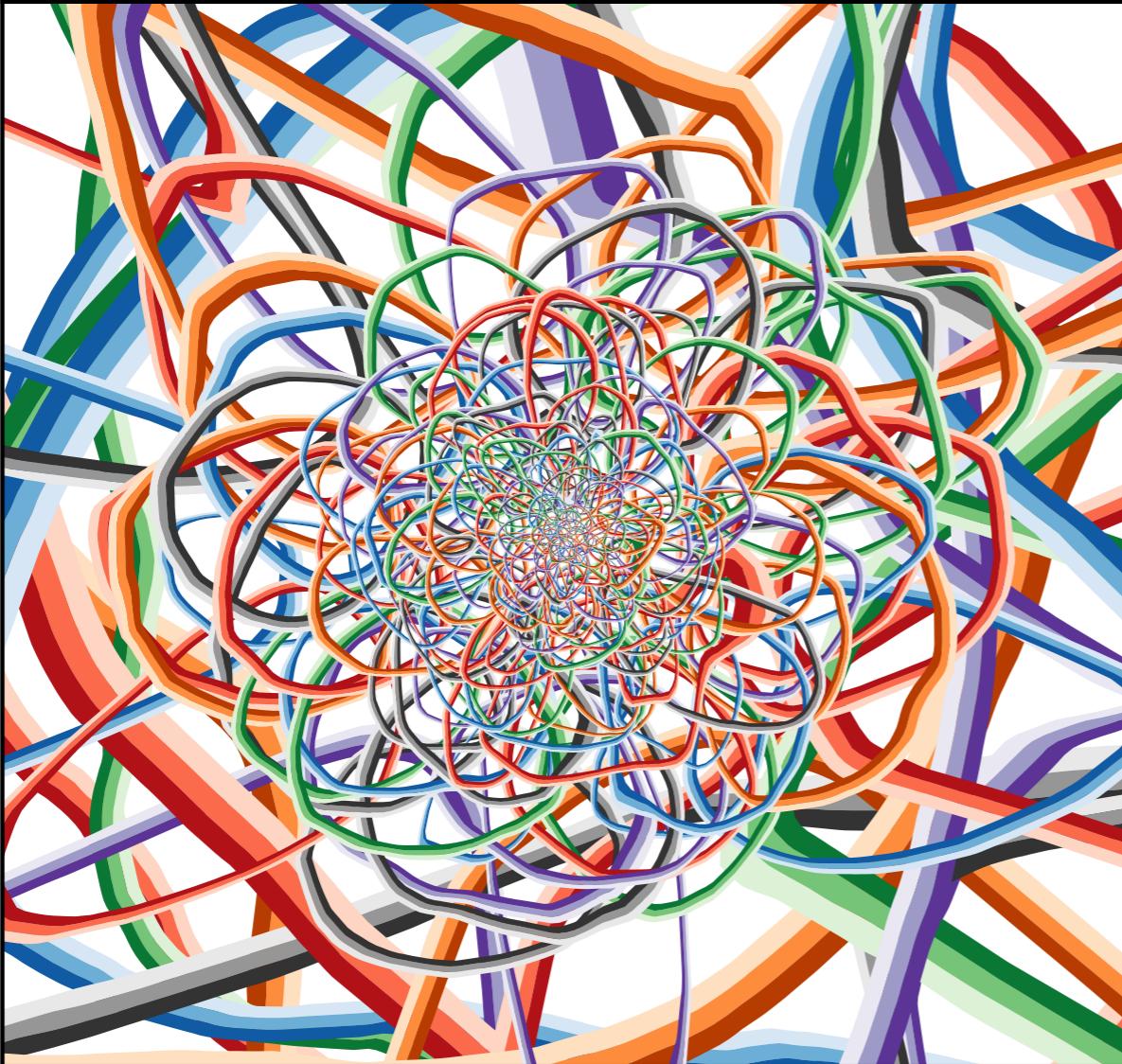
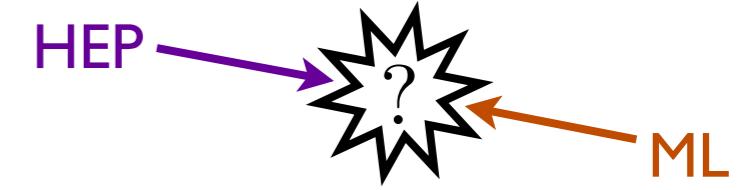
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Cue the Montage!

2019: Point Cloud Learning

Energy Flow Networks



*Set-based architecture with
interpretable latent space:*

$$S(\mathcal{J}) = F(V_1, V_2, \dots, V_\ell)$$

$$V_a(\mathcal{J}) = \sum_{i \in \mathcal{J}} E_i \Phi_a(\hat{n}_i)$$

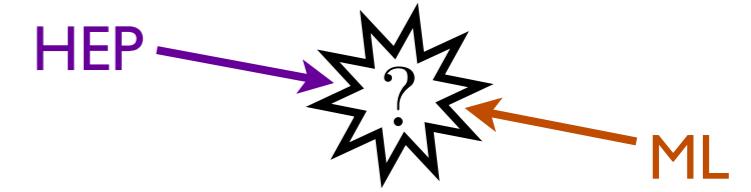
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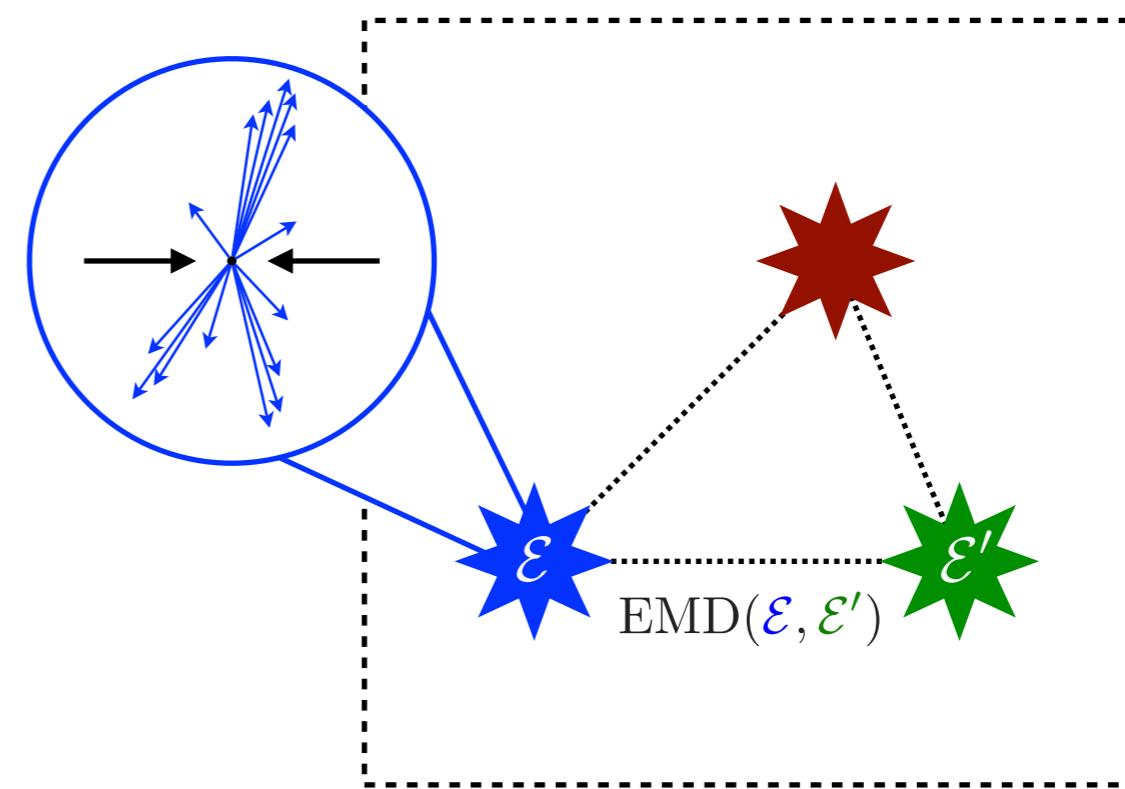
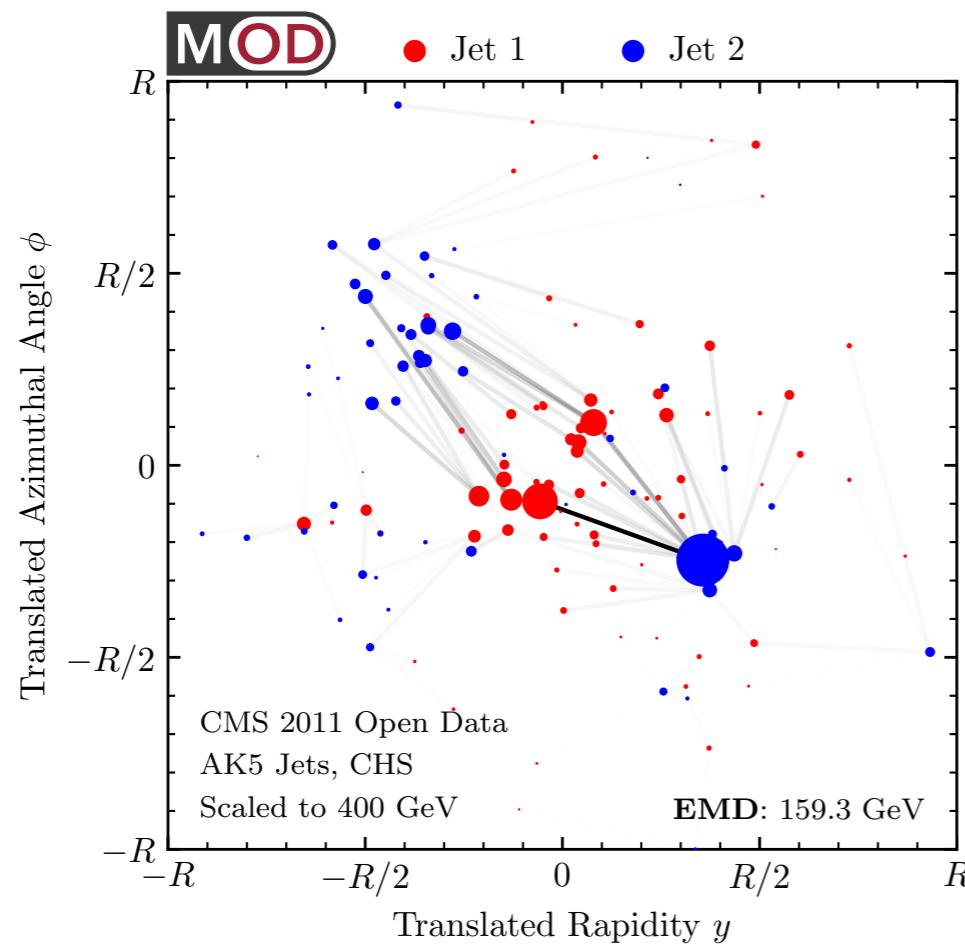
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2019: Metric Space for Colliders

Energy Mover's Distance



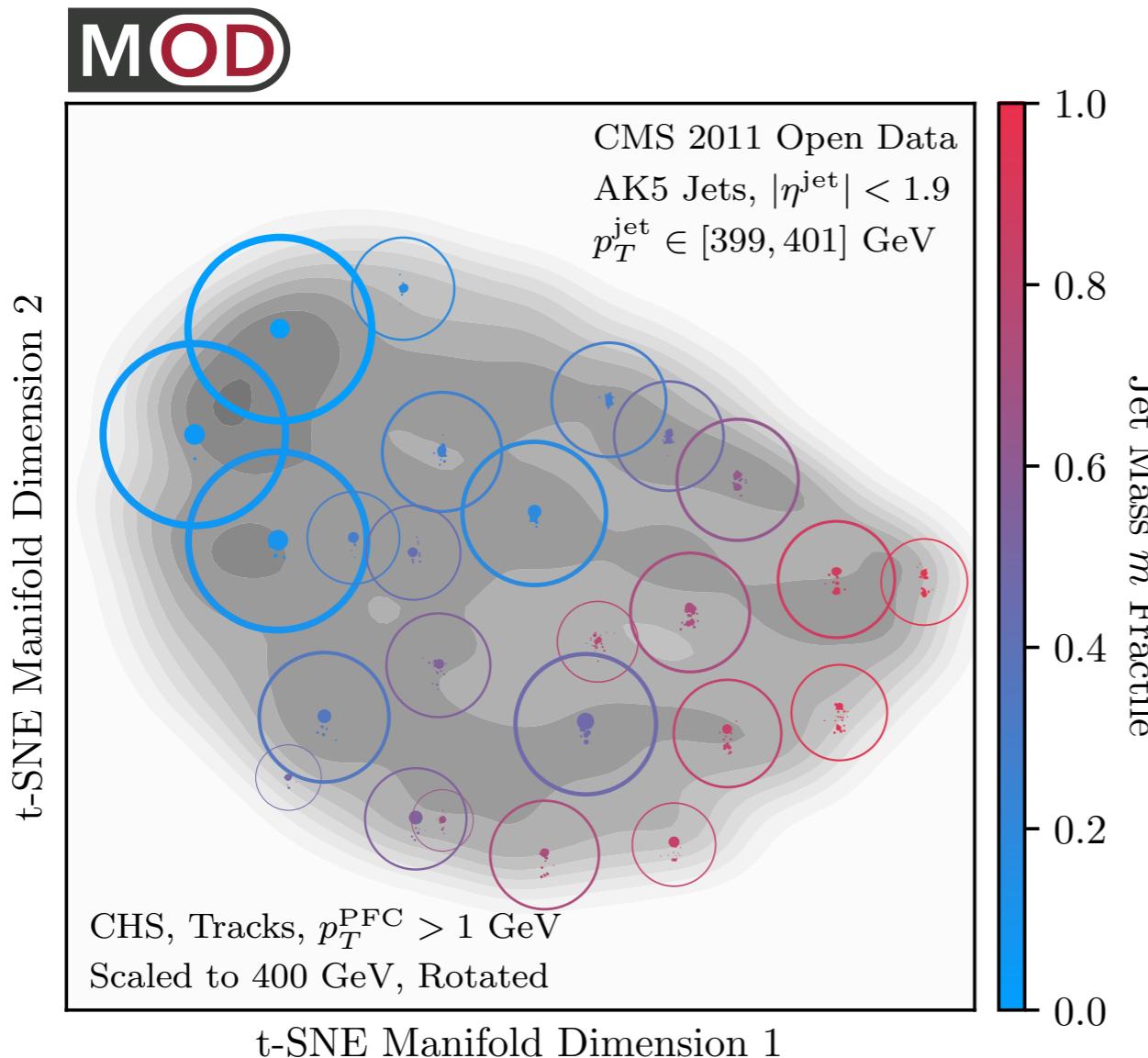
Optimal Transport for Collider Geometry



[Komiske, Metodiev, JDT, [PRL 2019](#); code at Komiske, Metodiev, JDT, [energyflow.network](#); open data study in Komiske, Mastandrea, Metodiev, Naik, JDT, [PRD 2020](#)]
[based on Peleg, Werman, Rom, [IEEE 1989](#); Rubner, Tomasi, Guibas, [ICCV 1998](#), [ICJV 2000](#); Pele, Werman, [ECCV 2008](#); Pele Taskar, [GSI 2013](#)]
[flavored variant in Crispim Romão, Castro, Milhano, Pedro, Vale, [EPJC 2021](#); linearized and unbalanced transport in Cai, Cheng, Craig, Craig, [PRD 2020](#), [PRD 2022](#)]

2020: Metric Space in Open Data

t-SNE Projection



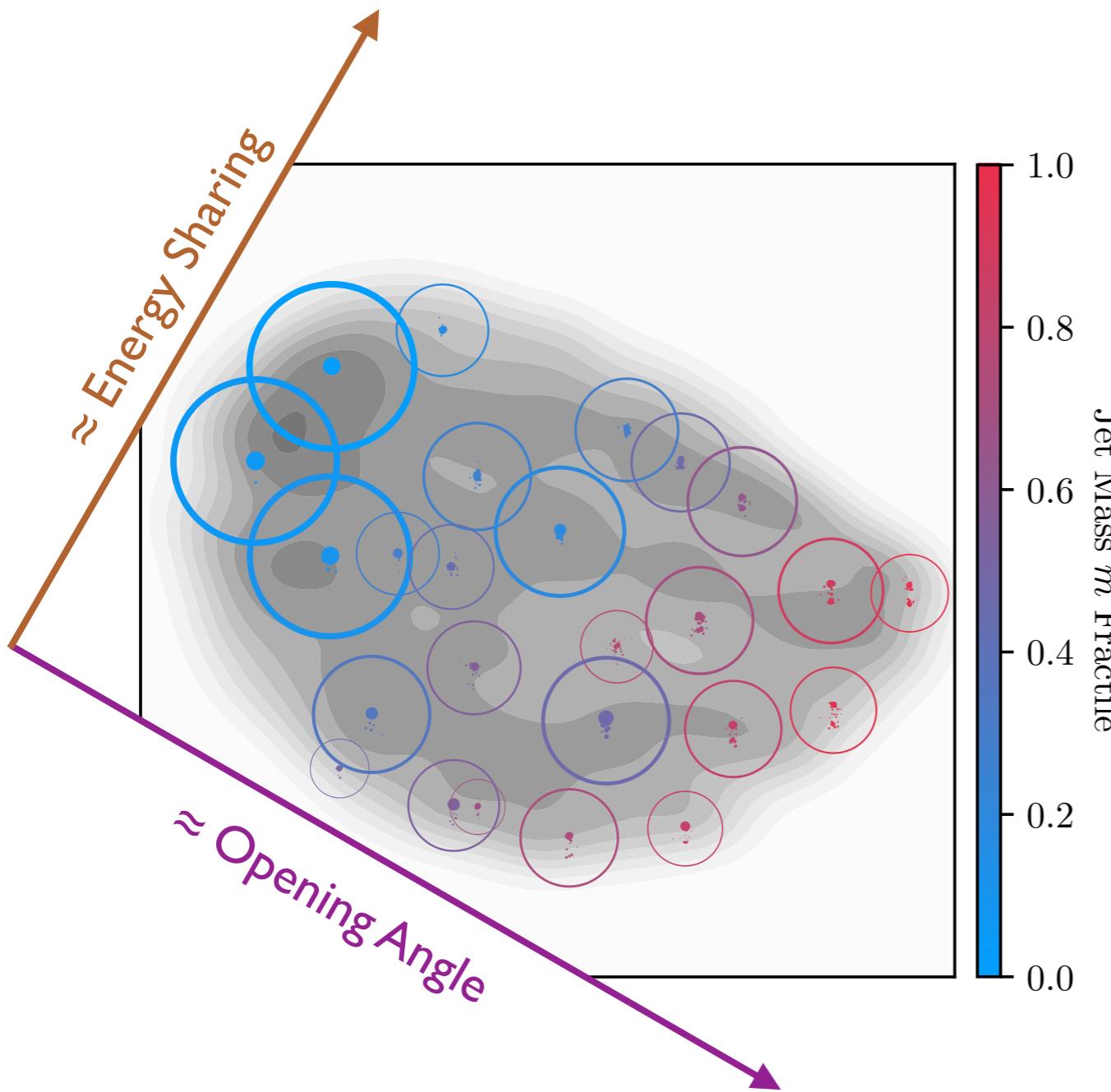
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2020: Metric Space in Open Data



t-SNE Projection



Coordinate system of QCD!

A diagram illustrating the coordinate system of QCD. It shows a point on a horizontal axis with a vertical arrow pointing downwards. A curved arrow labeled θ indicates a rotation around the vertical axis. A vertical arrow labeled z indicates a vertical displacement. Below the diagram is the equation:

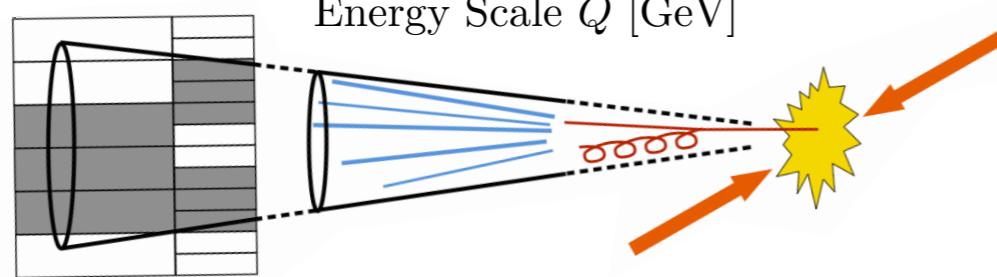
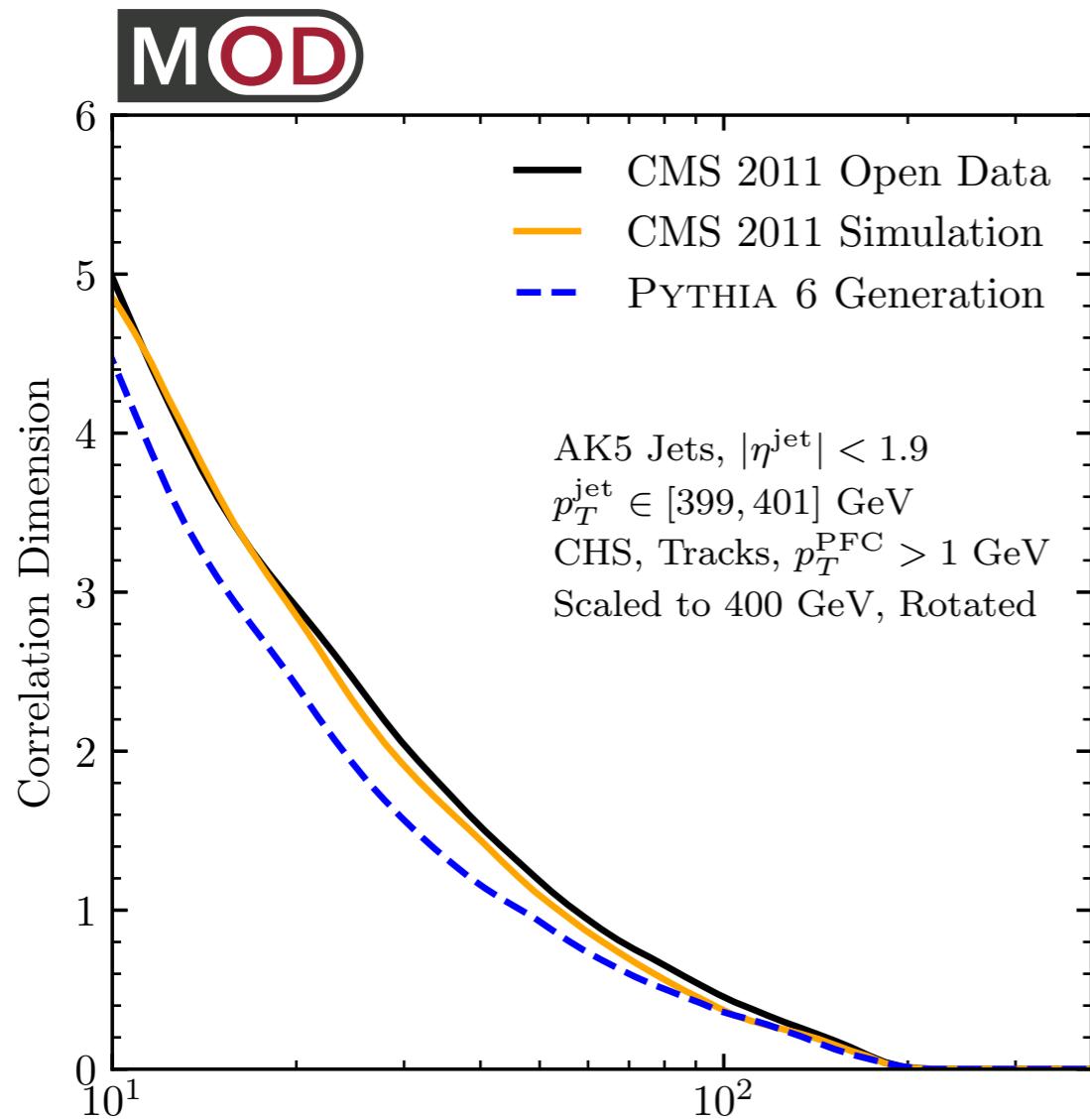
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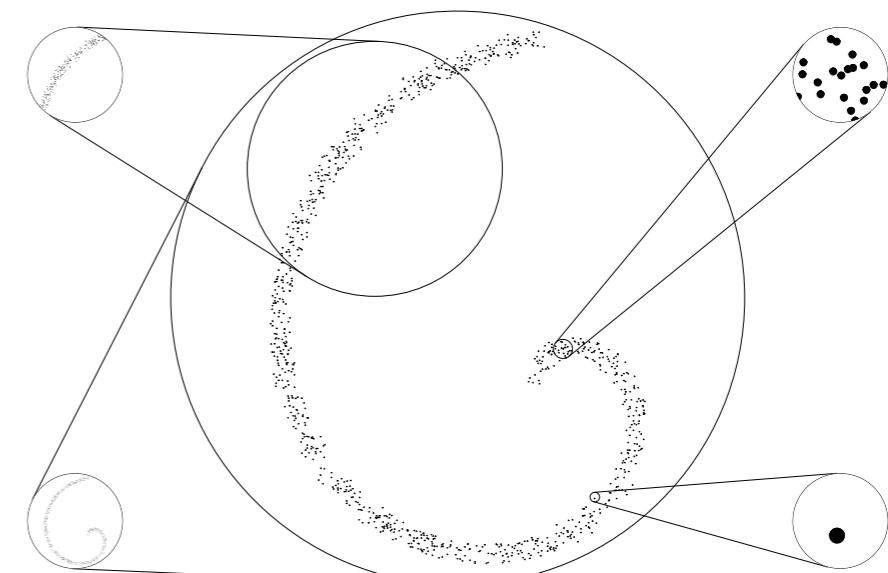
2020: Metric Space in Open Data

Correlation Dimension



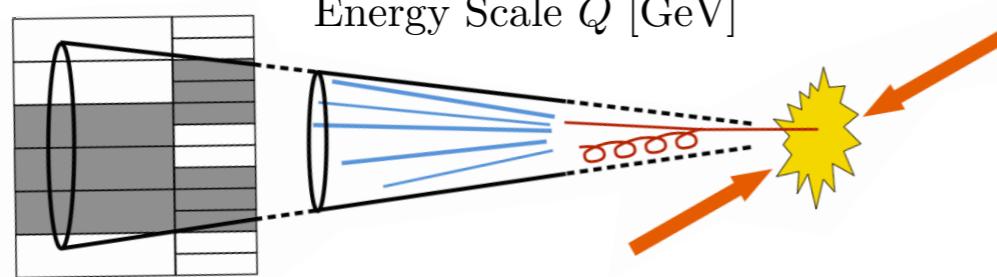
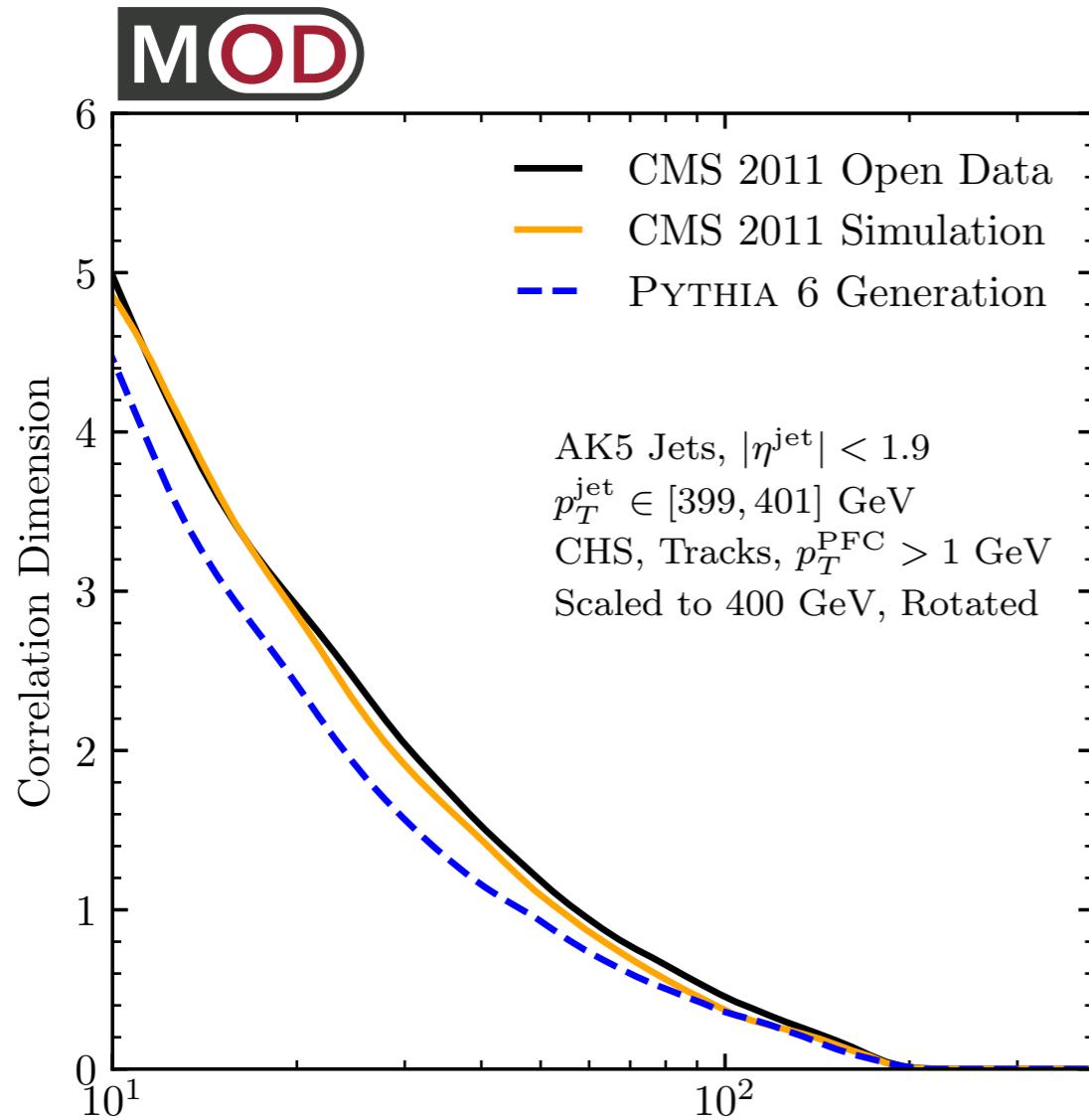
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Scale-dependent dimension



2020: Metric Space in Open Data

Correlation Dimension



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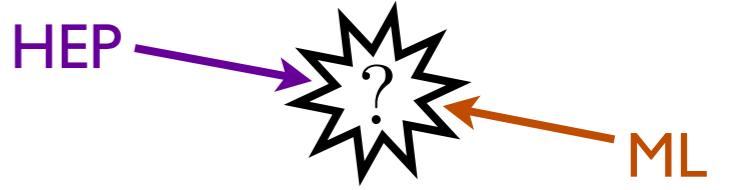
Scaling behavior of QCD!

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

*Hmm, detector effects
 distort underlying physics...*



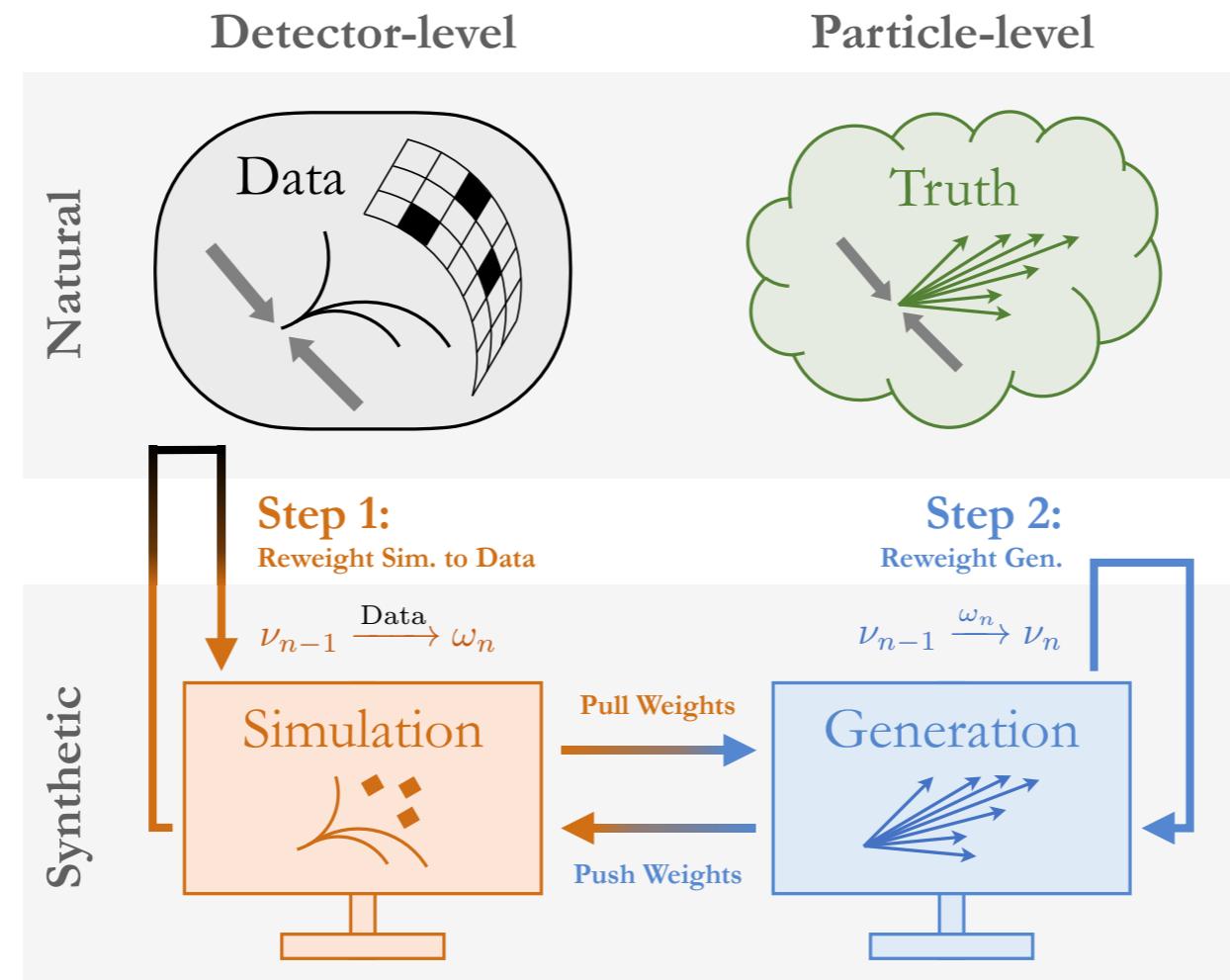
2020: Detector Unfolding



OmniFold



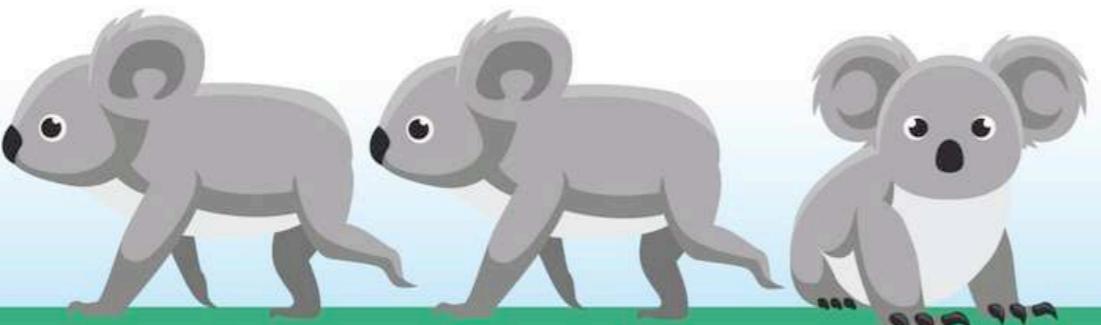
*Multi-dimensional unbinned detector corrections
via iterated application of machine-learned reweighting*



[Andreassen, Komiske, Metodiev, Nachman, JDT, [PRL 2020](#); + Suresh, [ICLR SimDL 2021](#);
Komiske, McCormack, Nachman, [PRD 2021](#); see unfolding comparison in Petr Baron, [APPB 2021](#)]
[see alternative in Bellagente, Butter, Kasieczka, Plehn, Rousselot, Winterhalder, Ardizzone, Köthe, [SciPost 2020](#)]



**Maintain a physical
distance of 1.5 m**



|..... 1.5 Metres

(or about 3 koalas)

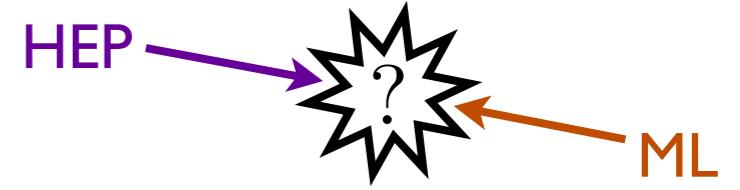


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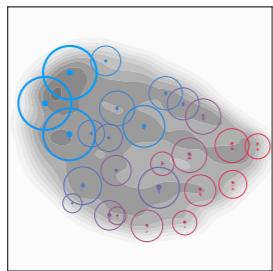
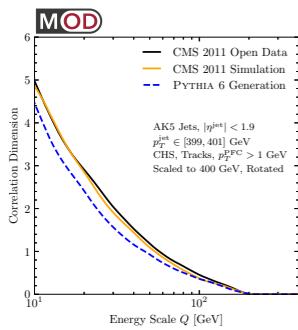


Oh, that...

2021: Launch of IAIFI

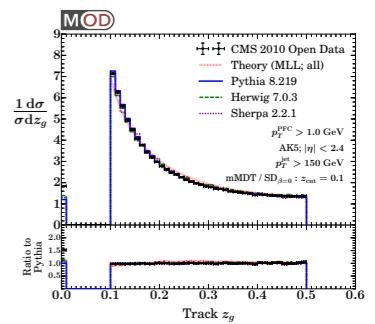
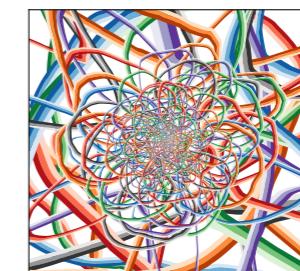


Can we finally put the “AI” in Altarelli-Parisi?



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

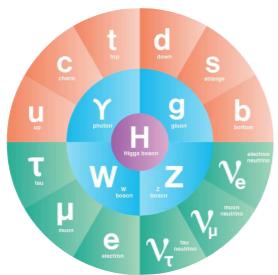
Must separate **quarks** from **gluons**!



2022: Putting All the Pieces Together



Quark and Gluon Jets
from the Strong Force



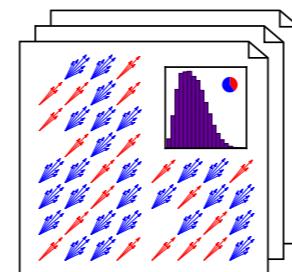
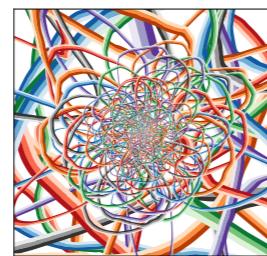
...Confronted with
Public Collider Data...



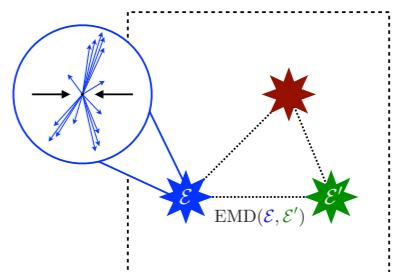
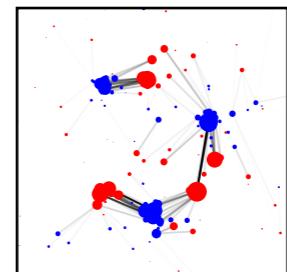
...Unfolded for
Detector Effects...



...Disentangled using Weak Supervision on
Set-Based Classifiers with Topic Modeling...



...Triangulated with
Optimal Transport!



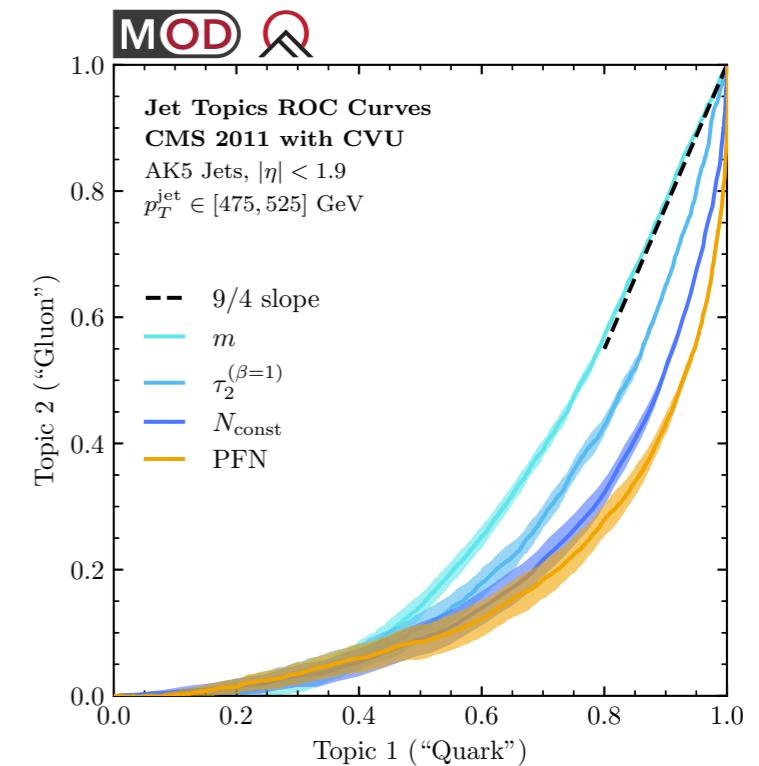
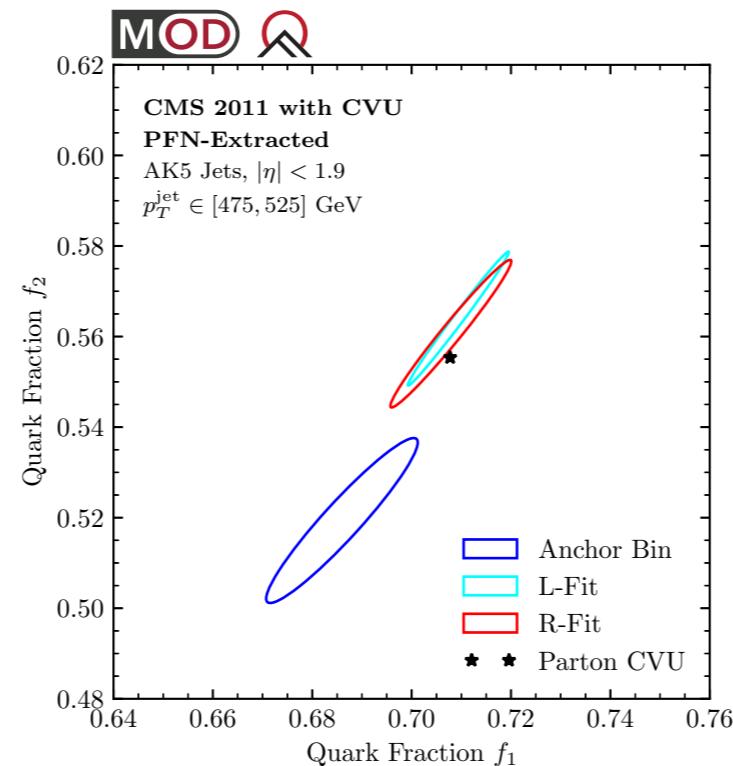
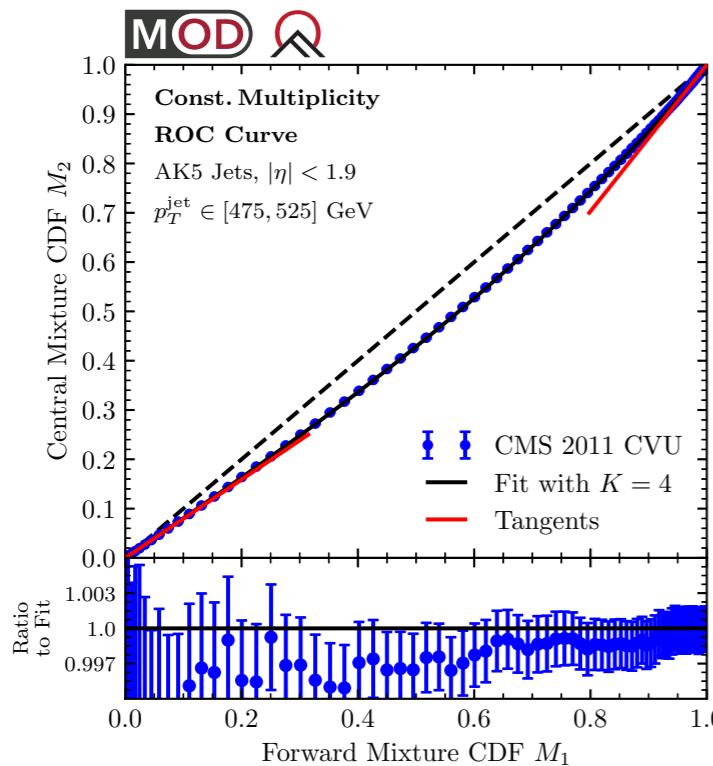
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2022: Putting All the Pieces Together



Plus some technical details as to how we extract reducibility factors, determine correlated uncertainties, and validate the method...

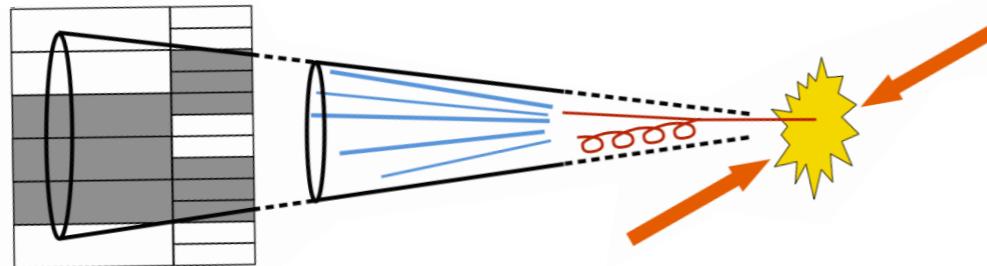
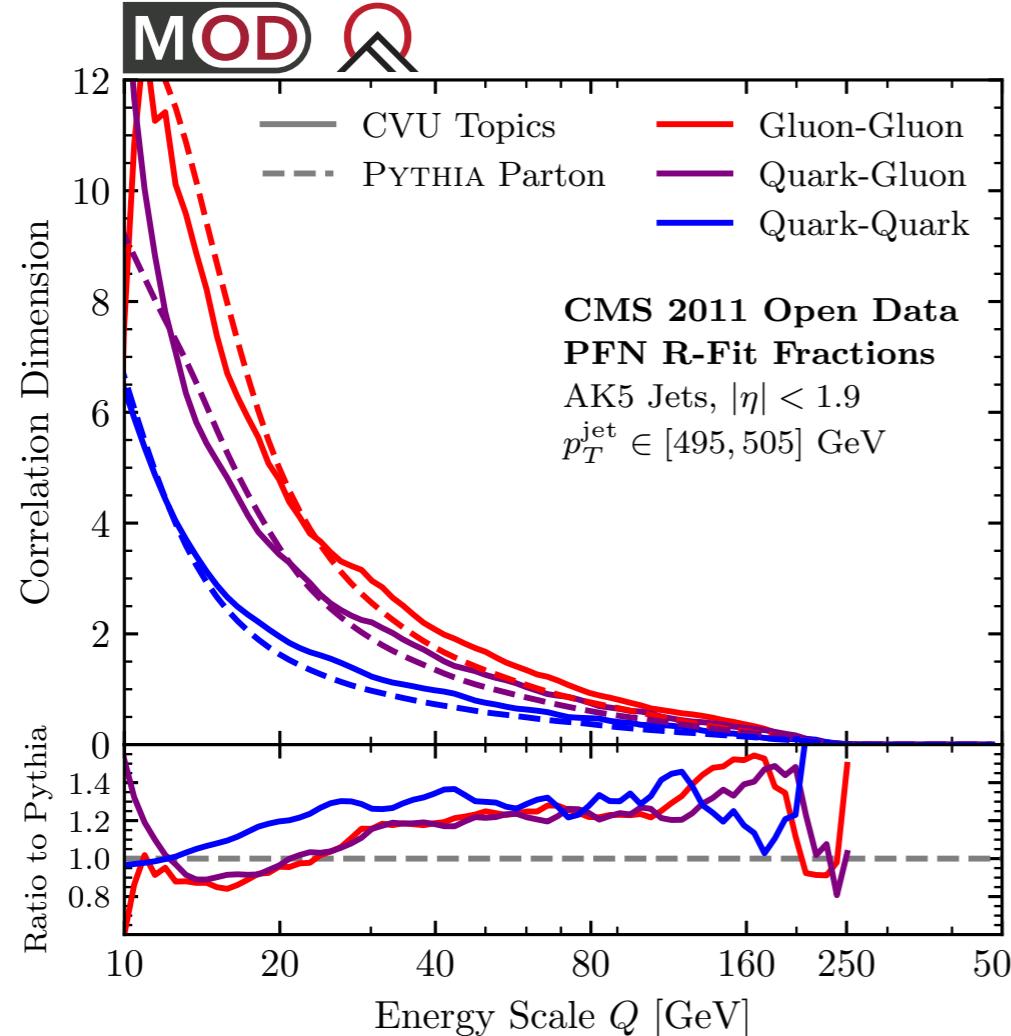


Once you know *quark fractions*, the rest is *linear algebra*

[Komiske, Kryhin, JDT, PRD 2022; using Komiske, Mastandrea, Metodiev, Naik, JDT, PRD 2020;
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Dimensionality of Quark/Gluon Jets



First Principles
QCD Calculation:

$$\dim_{IJ}(Q) \simeq \frac{2\alpha_s}{\pi} (C_I + C_J) \ln \frac{p_T/2}{Q}$$

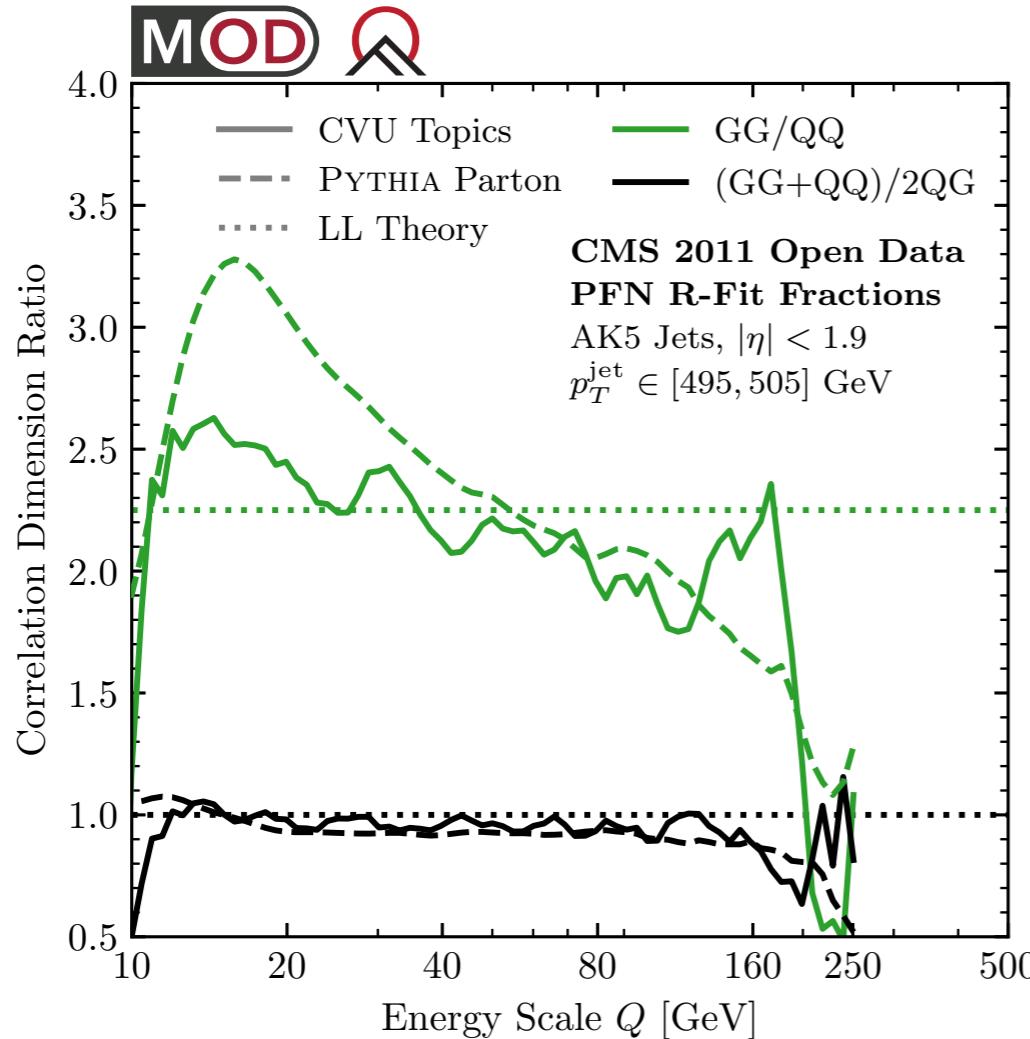
Color Factors of QCD!

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

[Komiske, Kryhin, JDT, PRD 2022]



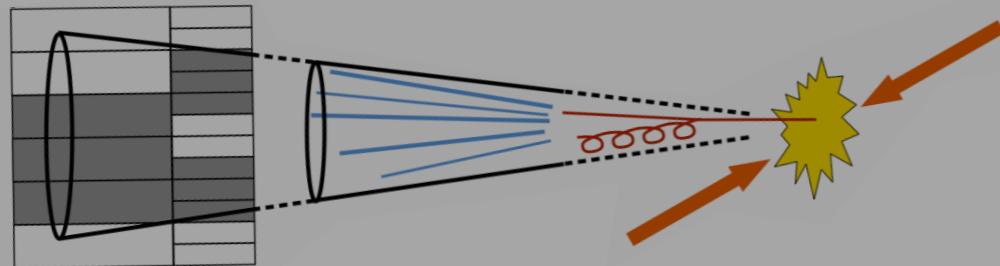
Dimensionality of Quark/Gluon Jets



*Fully data-driven extraction of
quark/gluon color ratio*

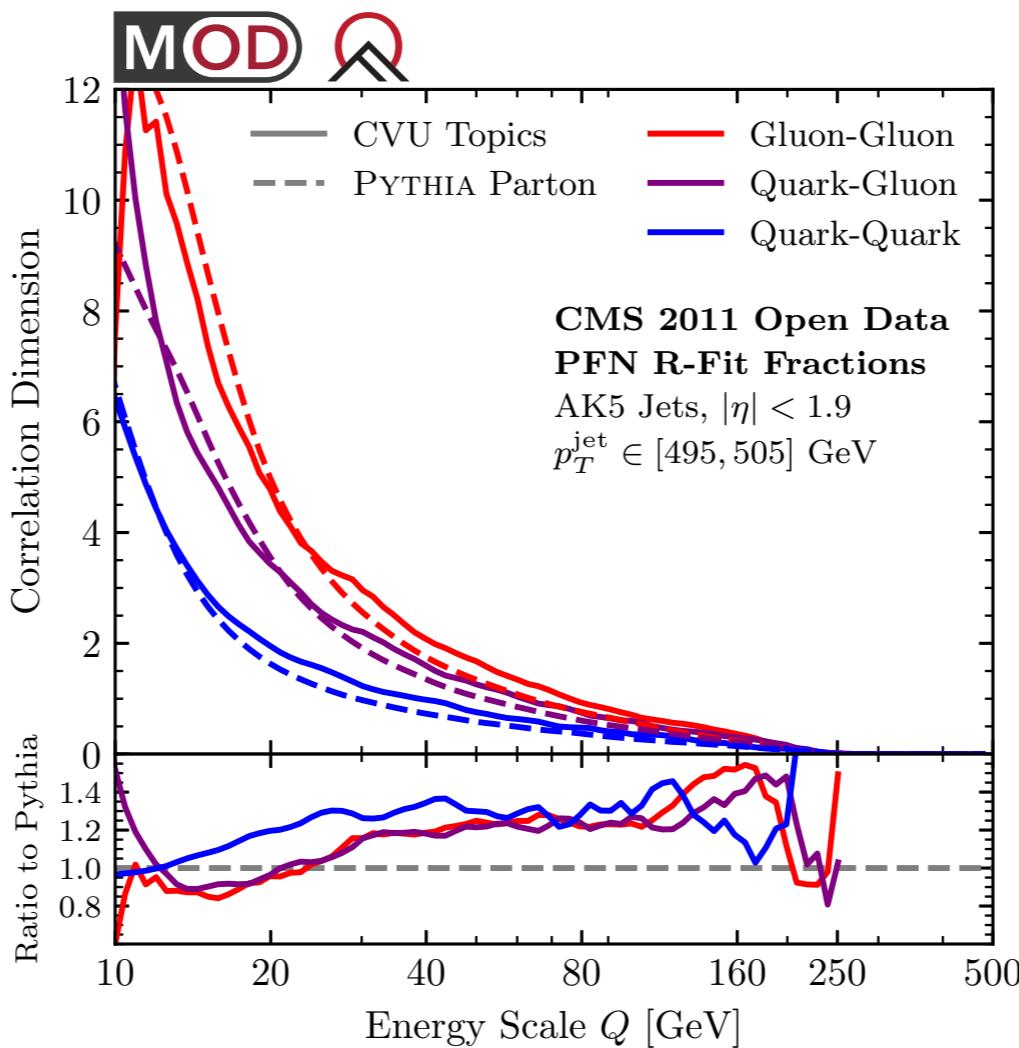
$$\frac{9}{4} = \frac{3}{4/3}$$

$$1 = \frac{(3) + (4/3)}{(3 + 4/3)}$$



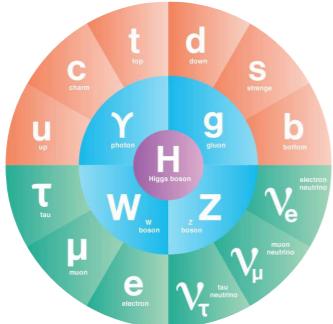
[Komiske, Kryhin, JDT, PRD 2022]





We gained new insights into strong force by fusing advances in machine learning with insights from quantum field theory

Summary



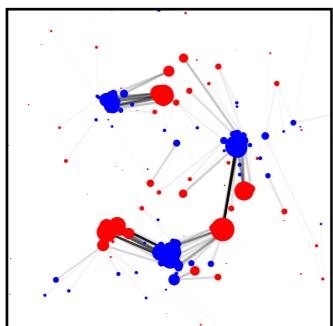
2017: A Quark/Gluon Conundrum

Quark/gluon jets offer an extreme example where fully supervised learning is fundamentally ambiguous



2018: Leveraging Weak Supervision

Assuming that “quark” and “gluon” jet categories exist, one can use machine learning to operationally define them

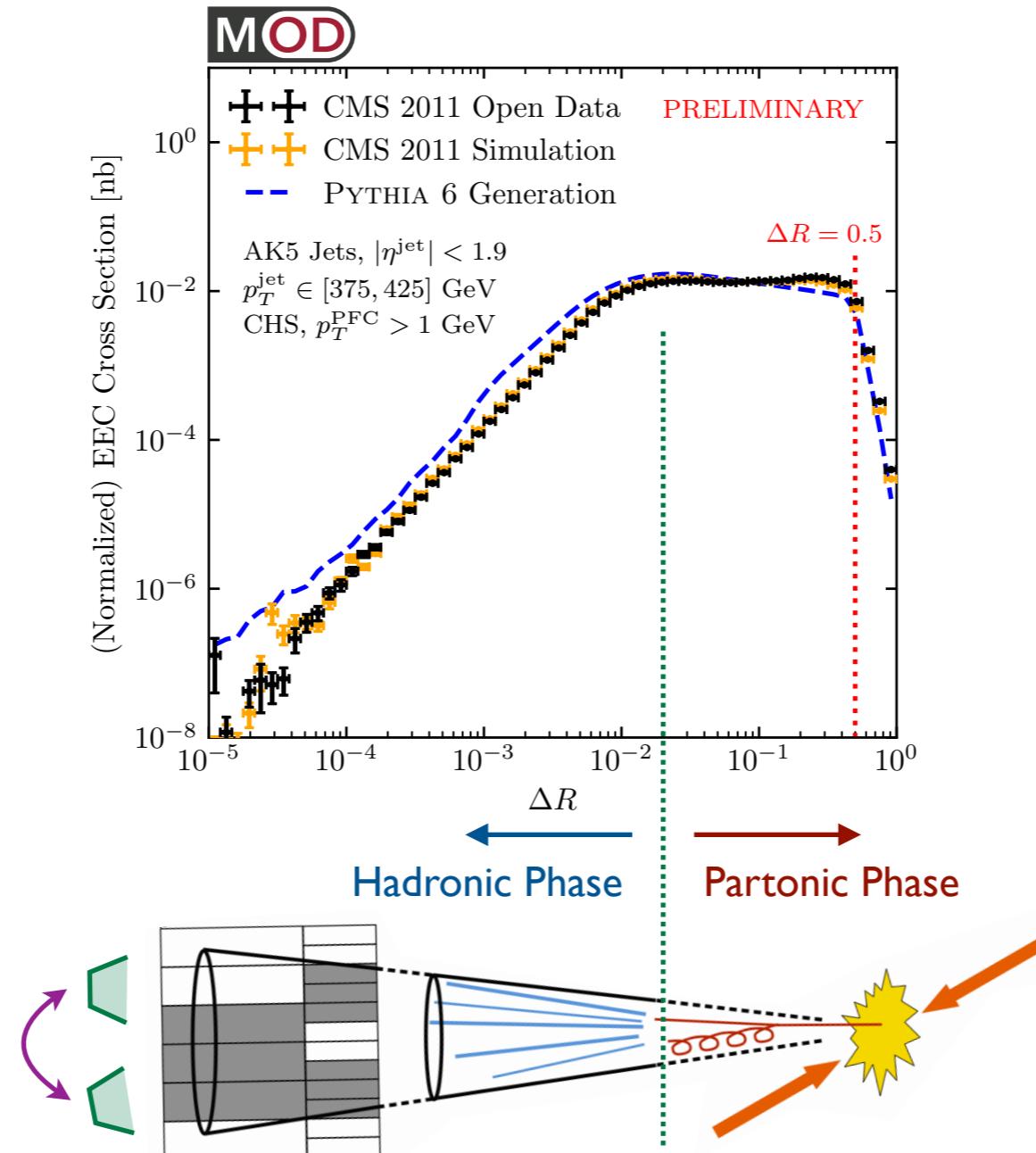


2019-2022: The Strong Force Revisited

Jet physics has crossed a important threshold where machine learning is now yielding insights that go beyond traditional analysis techniques

Backup Slides

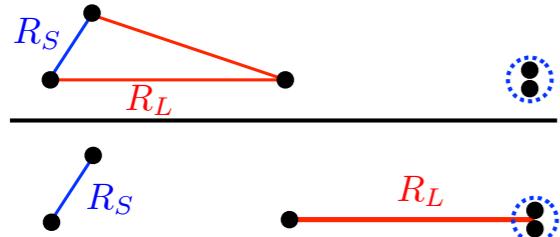
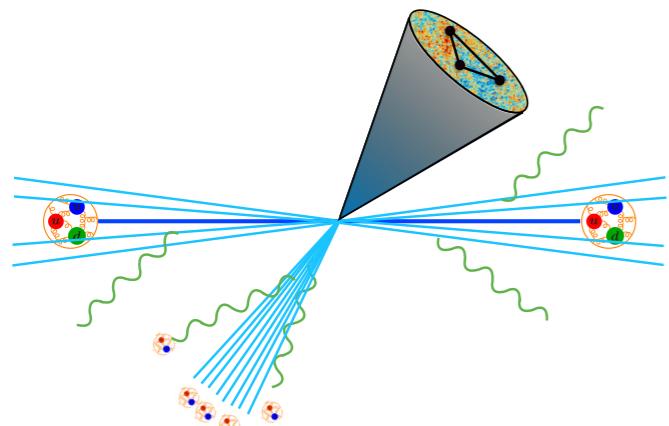
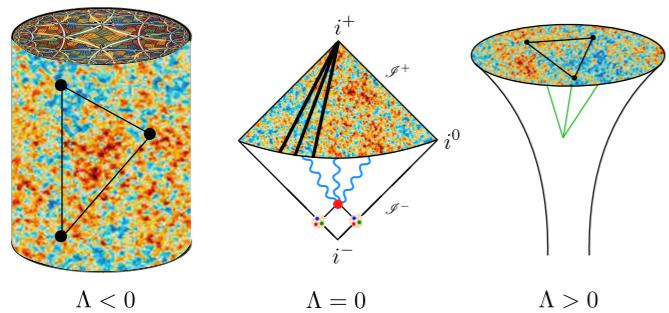
QCD through the Lens of Condensed Matter



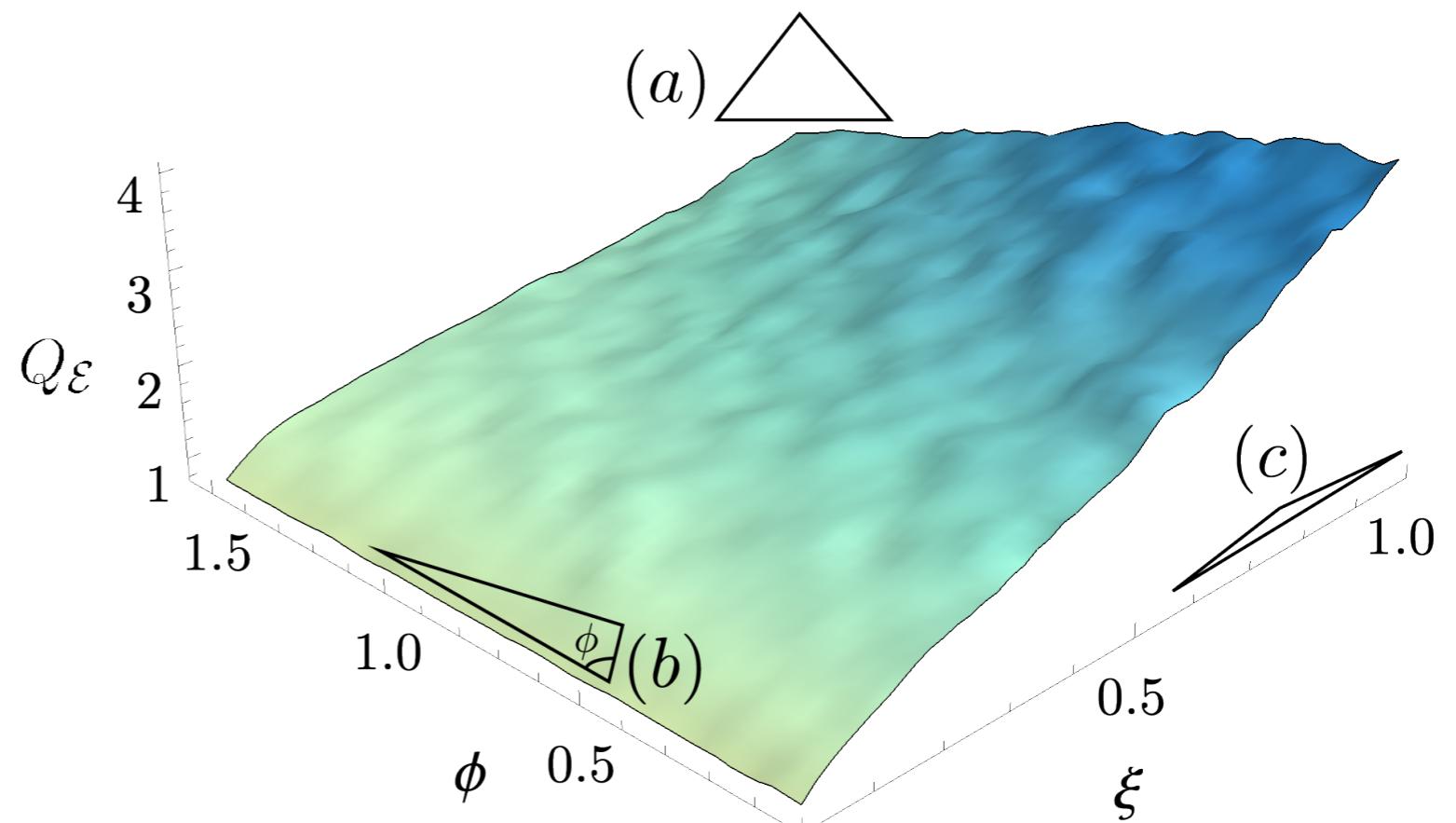
[Komiske, Moult, JDT, Zhu, arXiv 2022; see talks by Moult, BOOST 2019, BOOST 2020]



QCD through the Lens of Cosmology



CMS Open Data, $R_L \in (0.3, 0.4)$



[Chen, Moult, JDT, Zhu, JHEP 2022]



Principles of Fundamental Physics

Robustness of Energy Flow

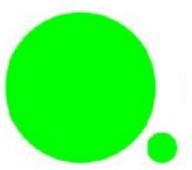
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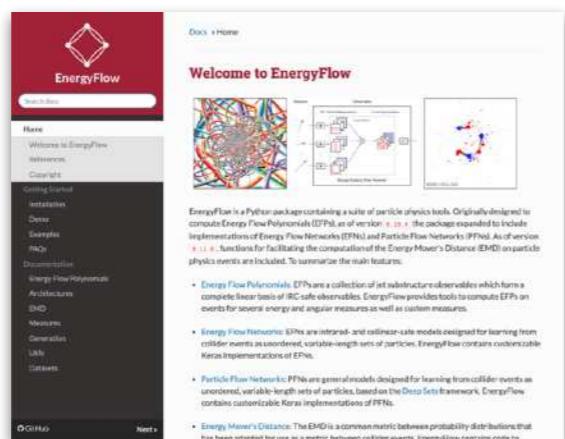
Power of Artificial Intelligence

Point Cloud Learning

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Energy Flow Networks

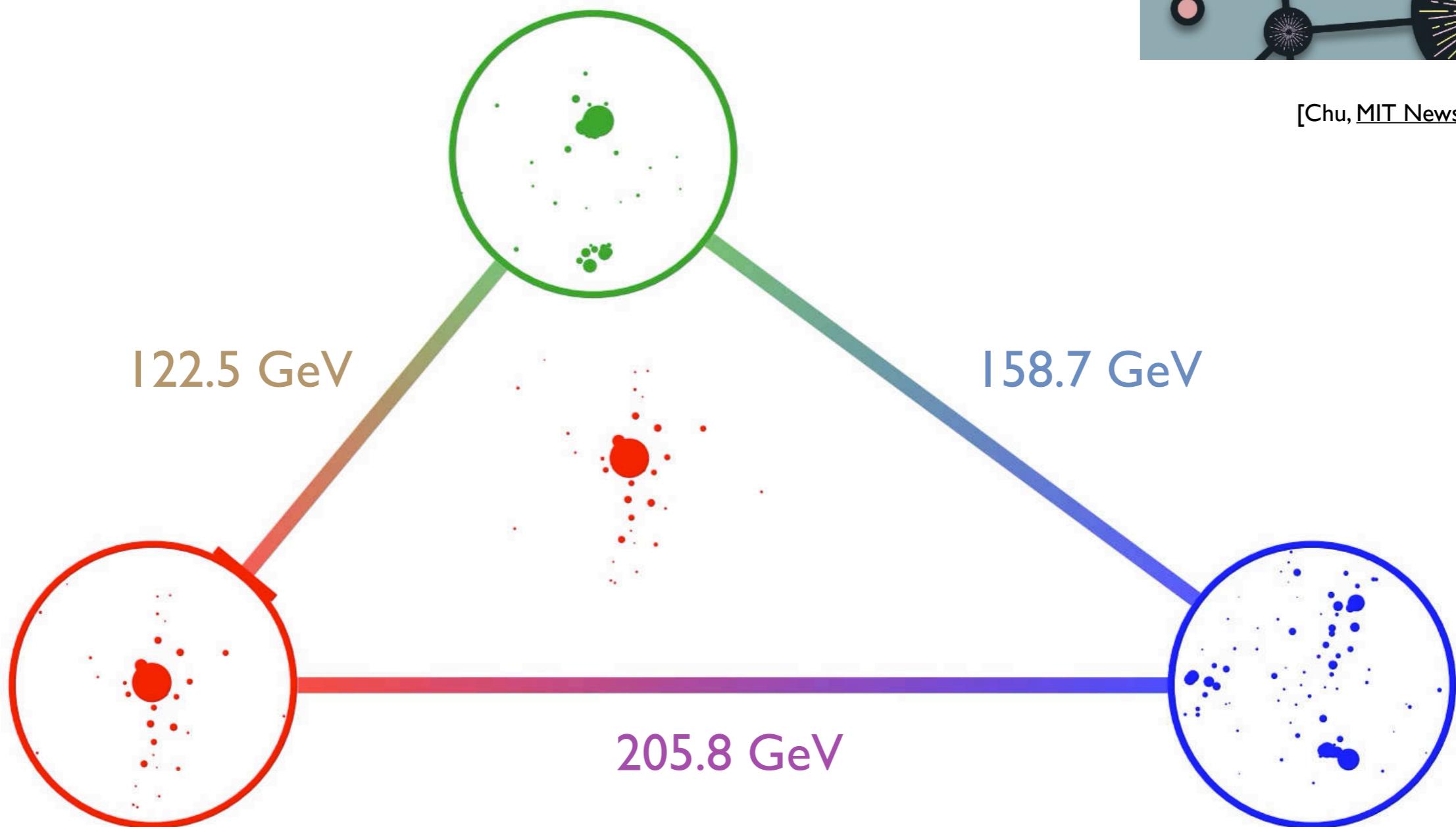
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Triangulating the Space of Jets

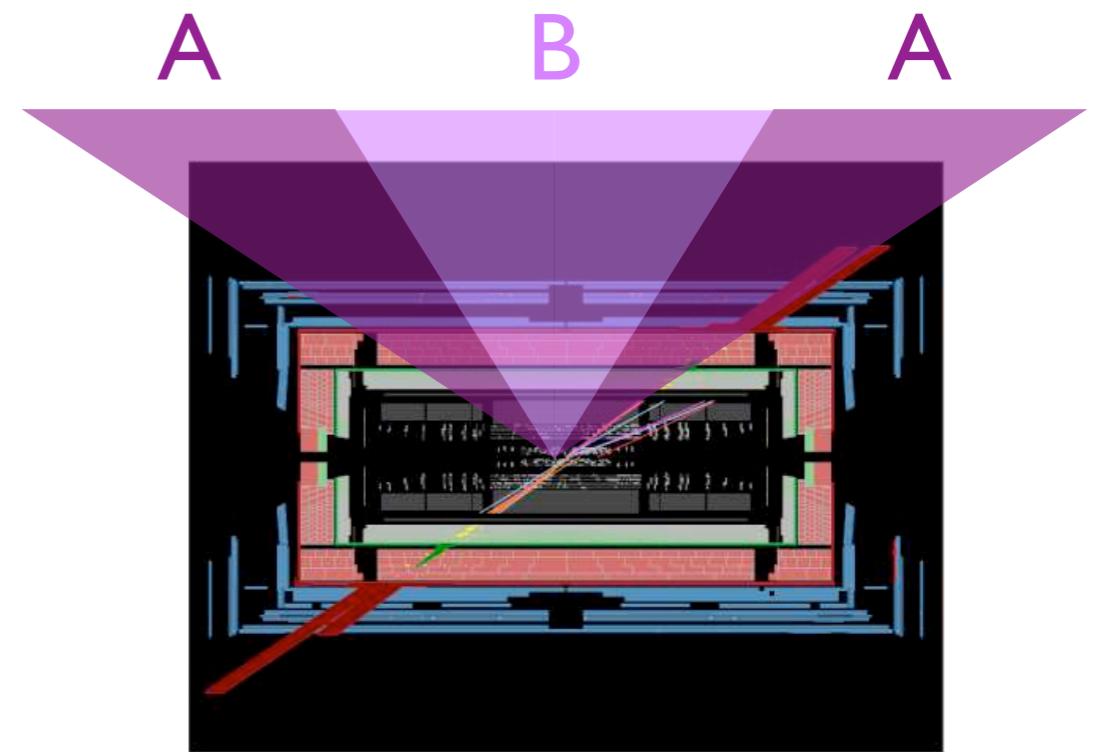
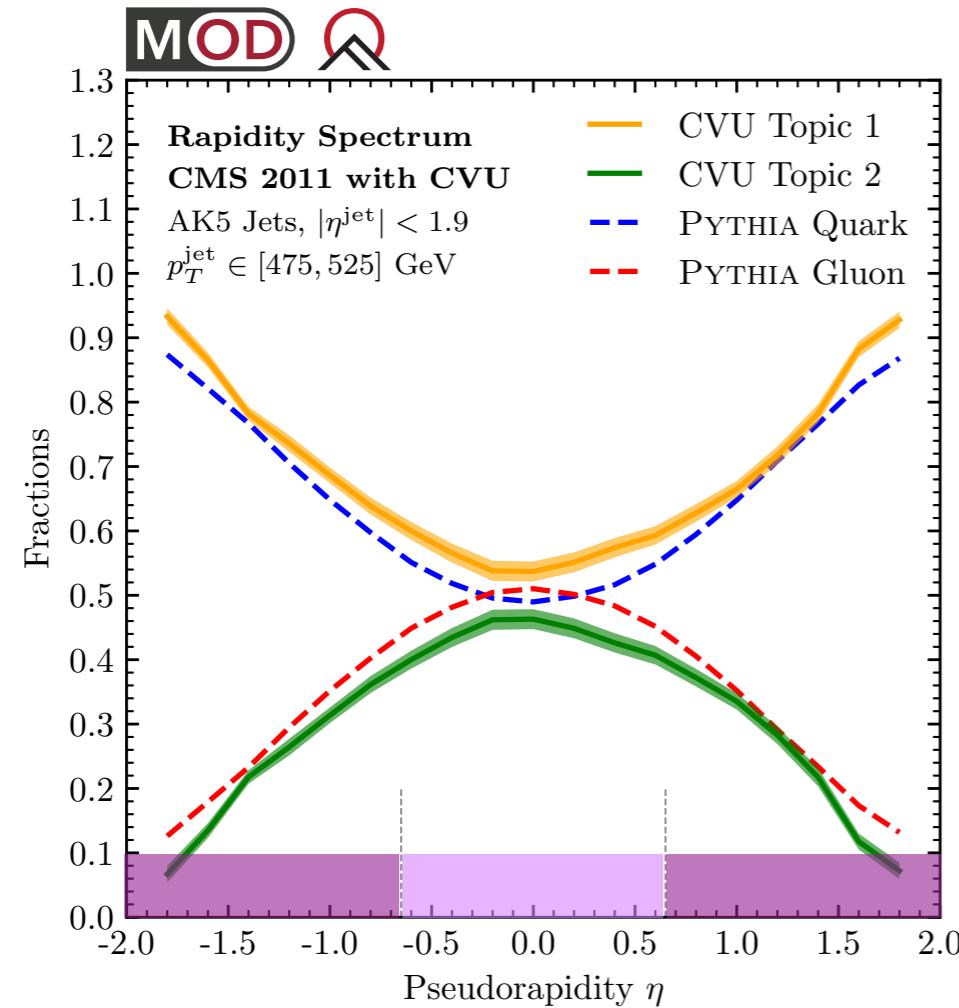


[Chu, MIT News July 2019]



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Rapidity-Dependent Quark/Gluon Fraction



[Komiske, Kryhin, JDT, arXiv 2022]



Likelihood Ratio Trick

Many HEP problems can be expressed in this form!

Key example of *simulation-based inference*

Goal: Estimate $p(x)$ / $q(x)$

Training Data: Finite samples P and Q

Learnable Function: $f(x)$ parametrized by, e.g., neural networks

Loss Function(al): $L = -\langle \log f(x) \rangle_P + \langle f(x) - 1 \rangle_Q$

Asymptotically: $\arg \min_{f(x)} L = \frac{p(x)}{q(x)}$ *Likelihood ratio*

$-\min_{f(x)} L = \int dx p(x) \log \frac{p(x)}{q(x)}$ *Kullback–Leibler divergence*

[see e.g. Cranmer, Pavez, Loupe, [arXiv 2015](#); D’Agnolo, Wulzer, [PRD 2019](#); simulation-based inference in Cranmer, Brehmer, Loupe, [PNAS 2020](#); relation to f-divergences in Nguyen, Wainwright, Jordan, [AoS 2009](#); Nachman, Thaler, [PRD 2021](#)]

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Asymptotically, same structure as *Lagrangian mechanics!*

Action: $L = \int dx \mathcal{L}(x)$

Lagrangian: $\mathcal{L}(x) = -p(x) \log f(x) + q(x)(f(x) - 1)$

Euler-Lagrange: $\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial f} = 0$

Solution: $f(x) = \frac{p(x)}{q(x)}$

Requires shift in focus from solving problems to specifying problems

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Machine Learning Requirements

If you have in hand...

Well-specified loss
Reliable training data
Learnable function

...then you can leverage ML!

Many HEP tasks can be phrased in this language

Physics input essential for robust usage of these tools

[see [HEPML-LivingReview](#) for extensive bibliography]