

The Metric Space of Collider Events

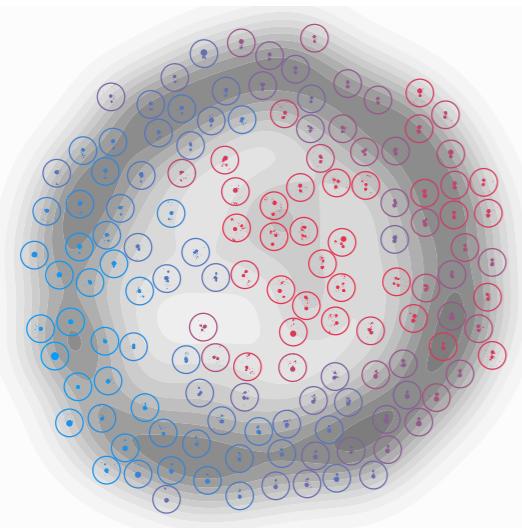
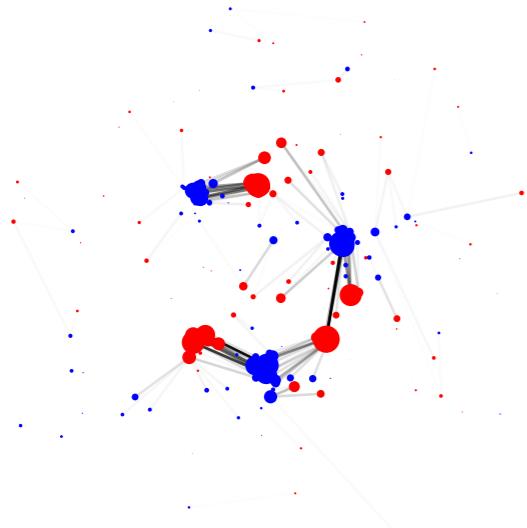
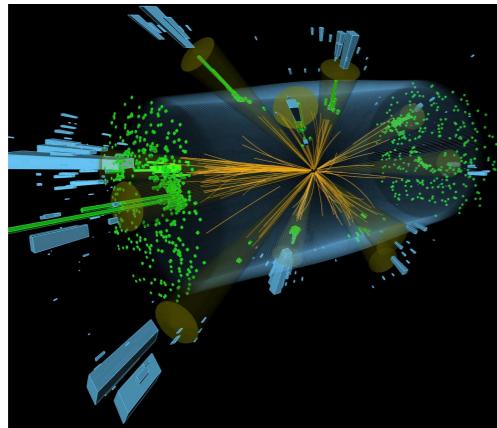
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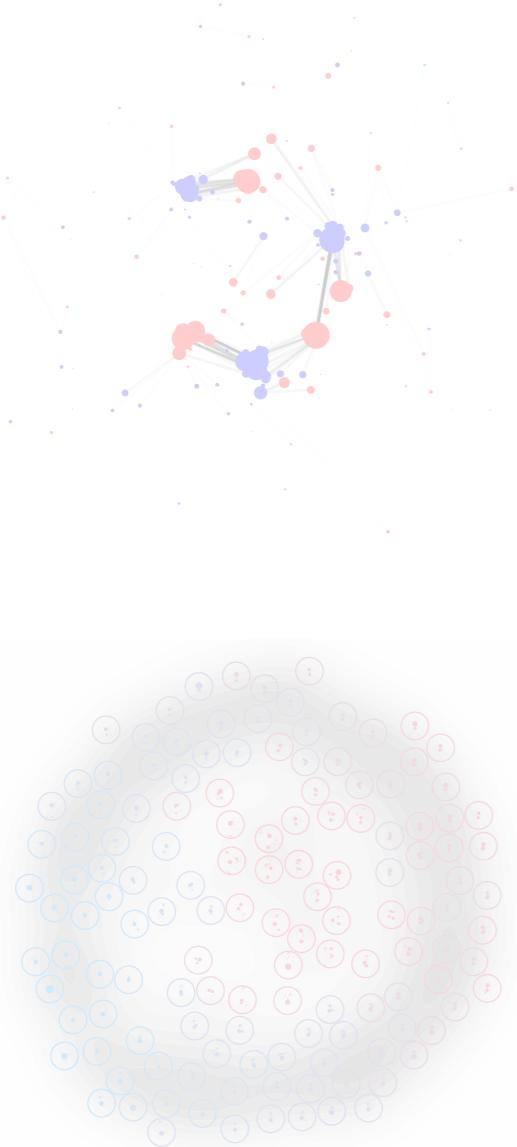
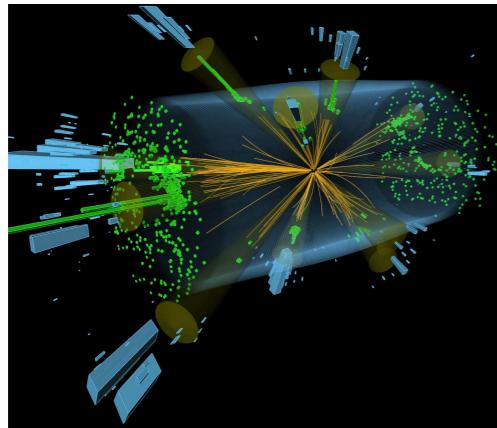
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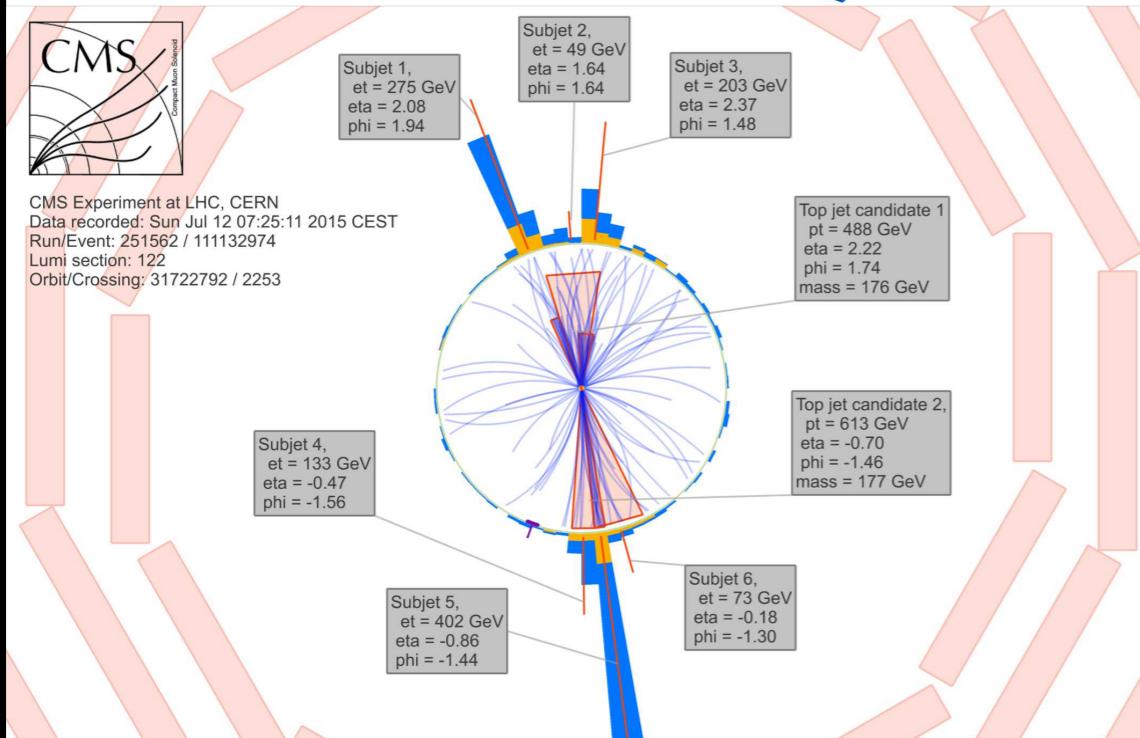
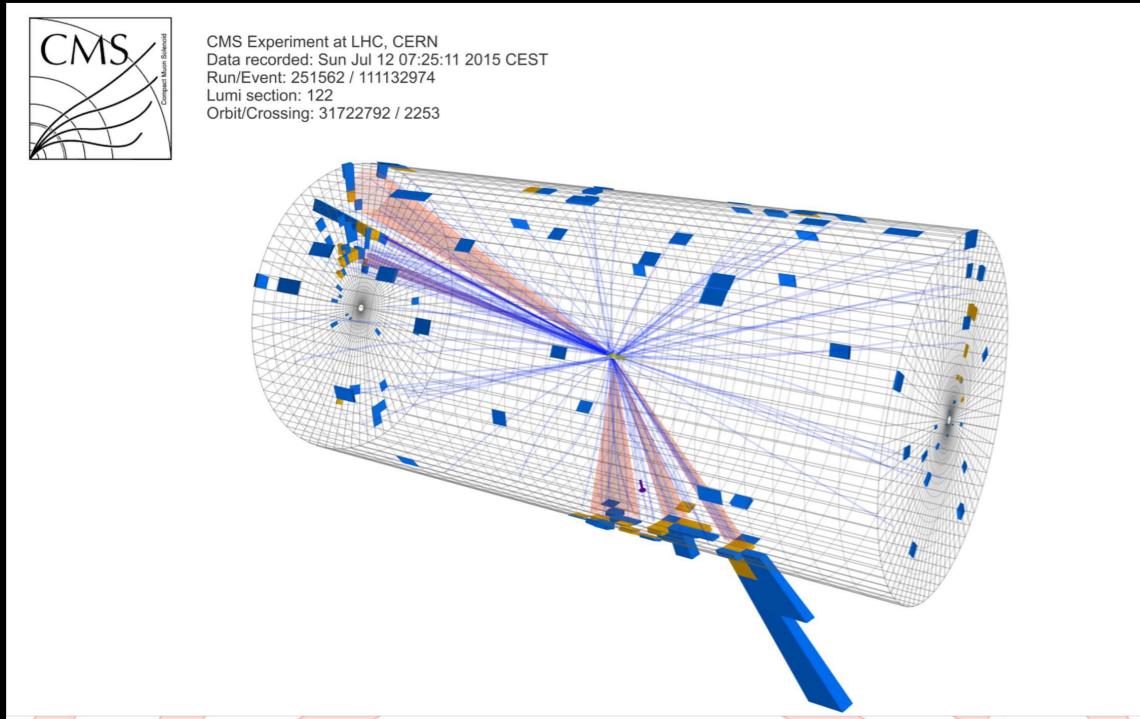
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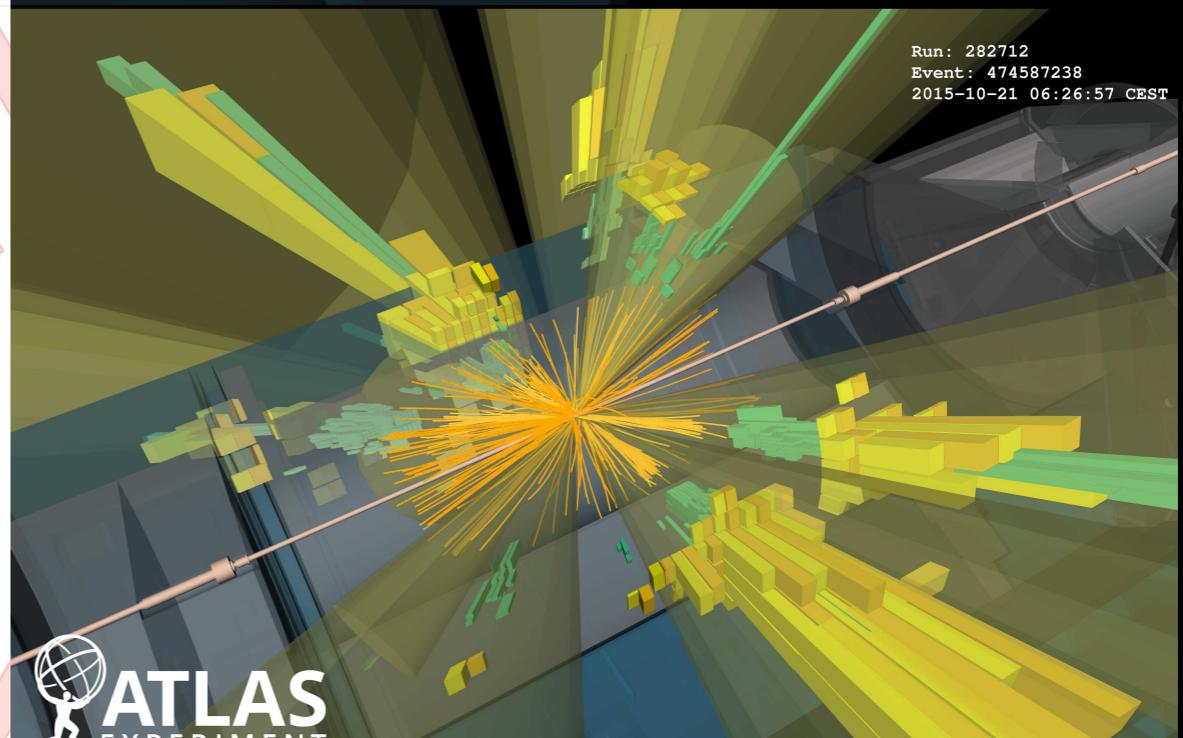
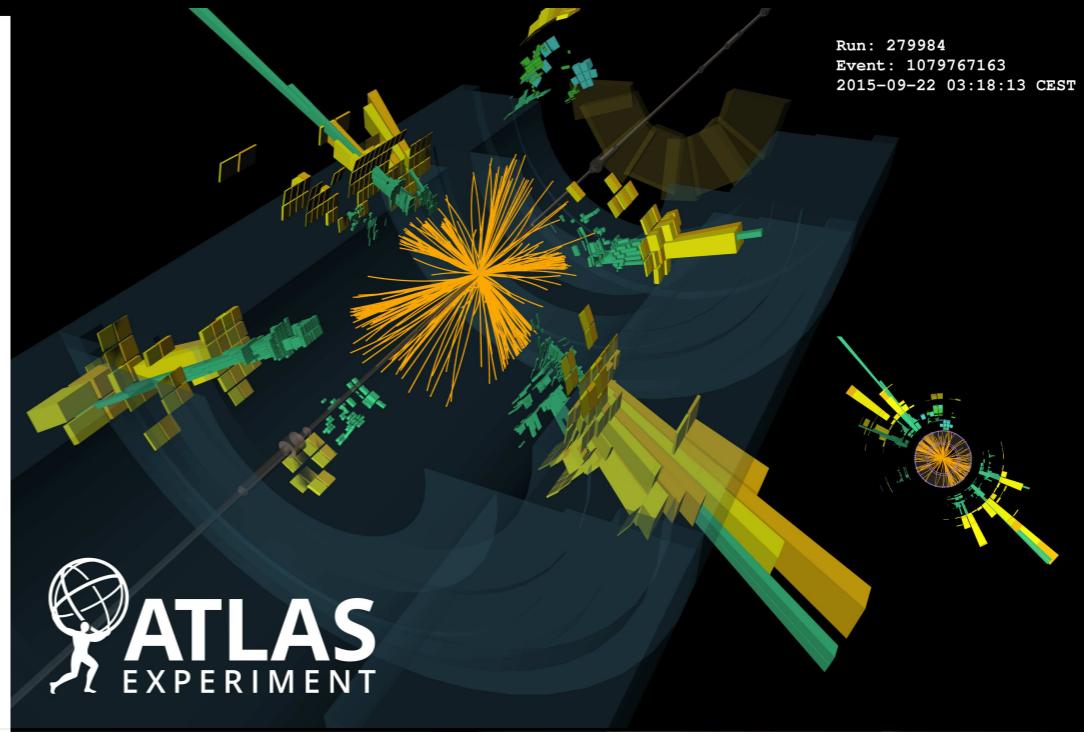
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Events at the Large Hadron Collider

Jets (collimated sprays of color-neutral particles) are ubiquitous at high-energy colliders



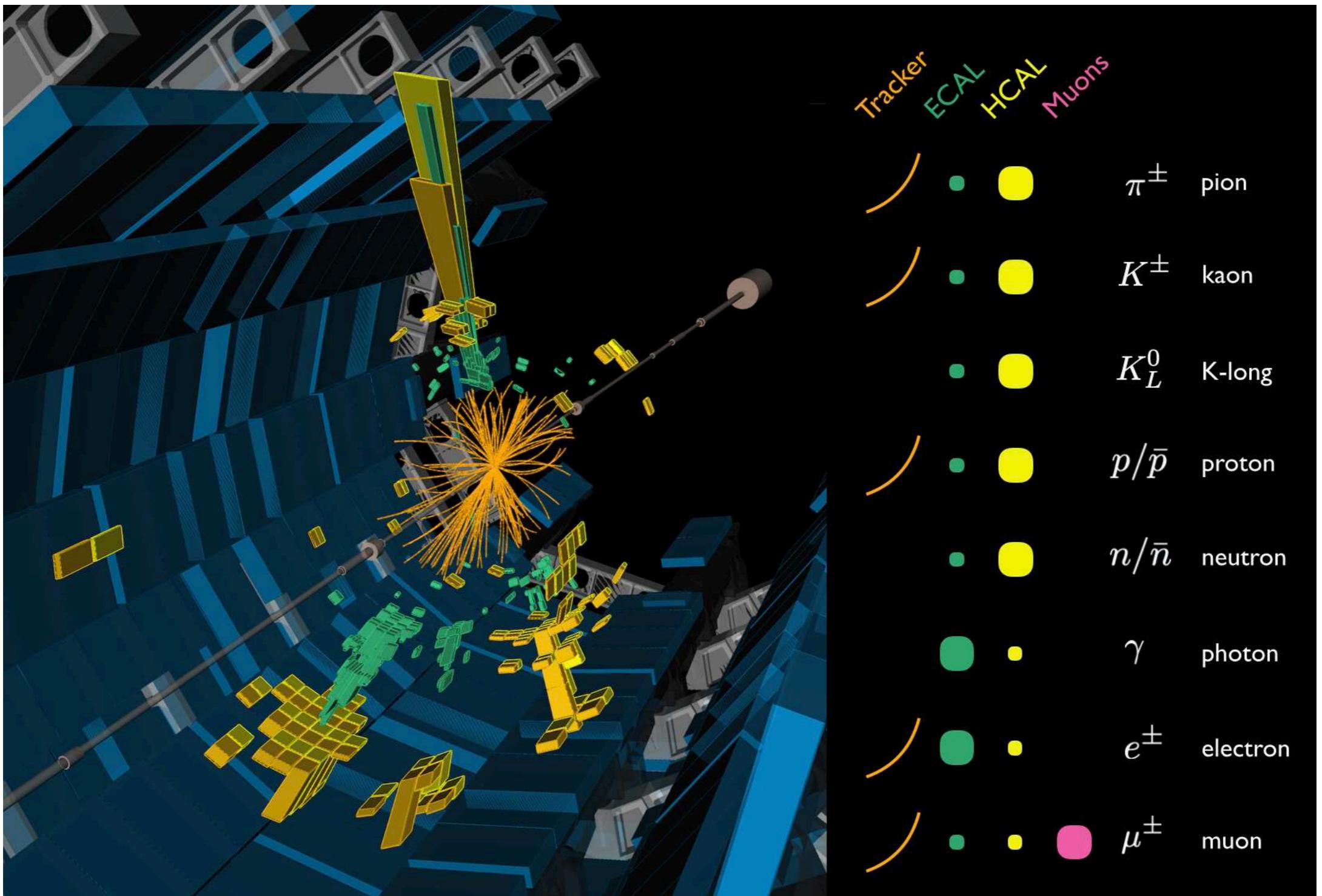
CMS hadronic $t\bar{t}$ event



ATLAS high jet multiplicity events

Events in Detectors

Information synthesized from numerous detector subsystems each with different resolutions and idiosyncrasies



Event Formation in Theory

Hard collision

Good understanding via perturbation theory

Fragmentation

Semi-classical parton shower, effective field theory

Hadronization

Poorly understood (non-perturbative), modeled empirically

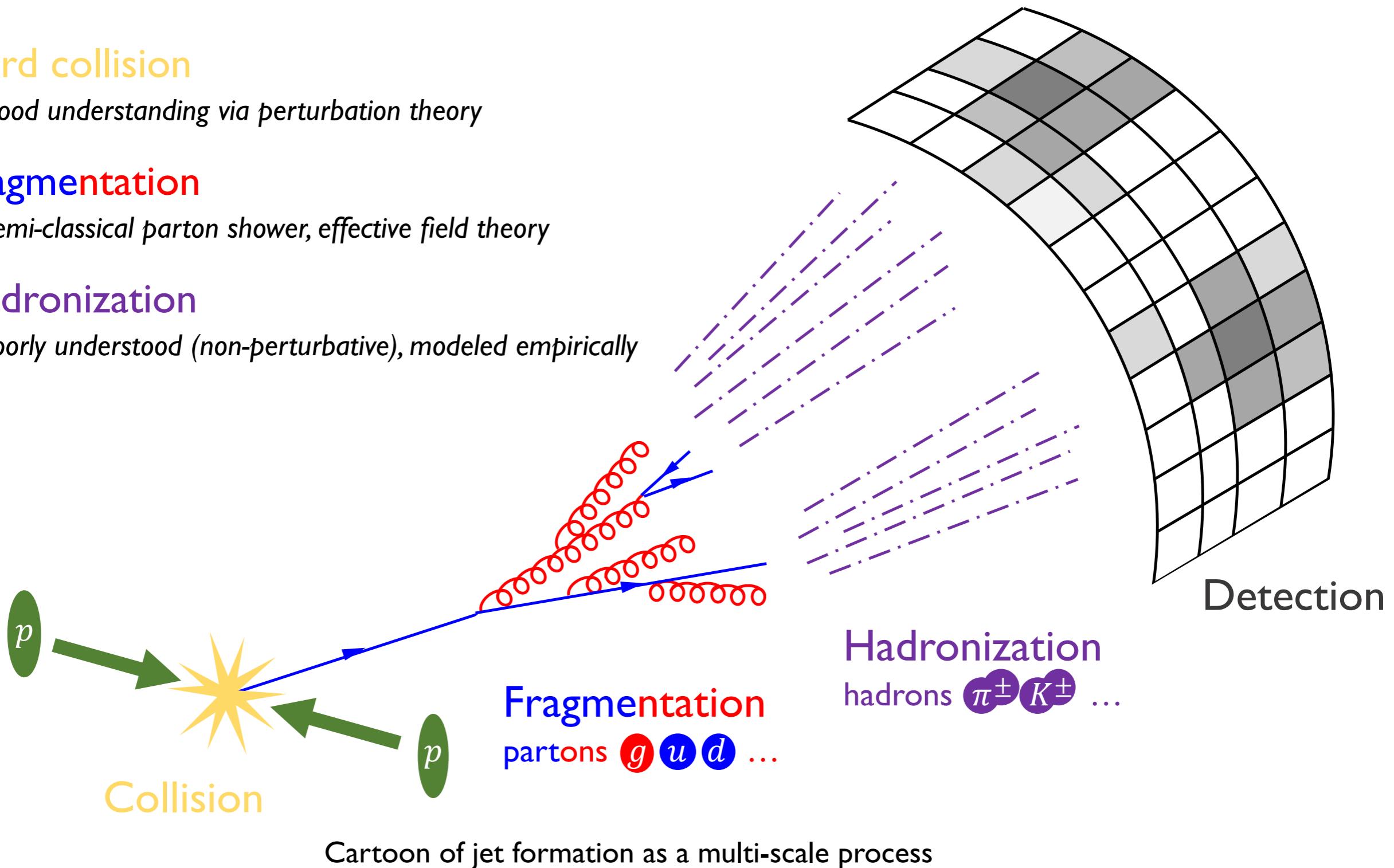
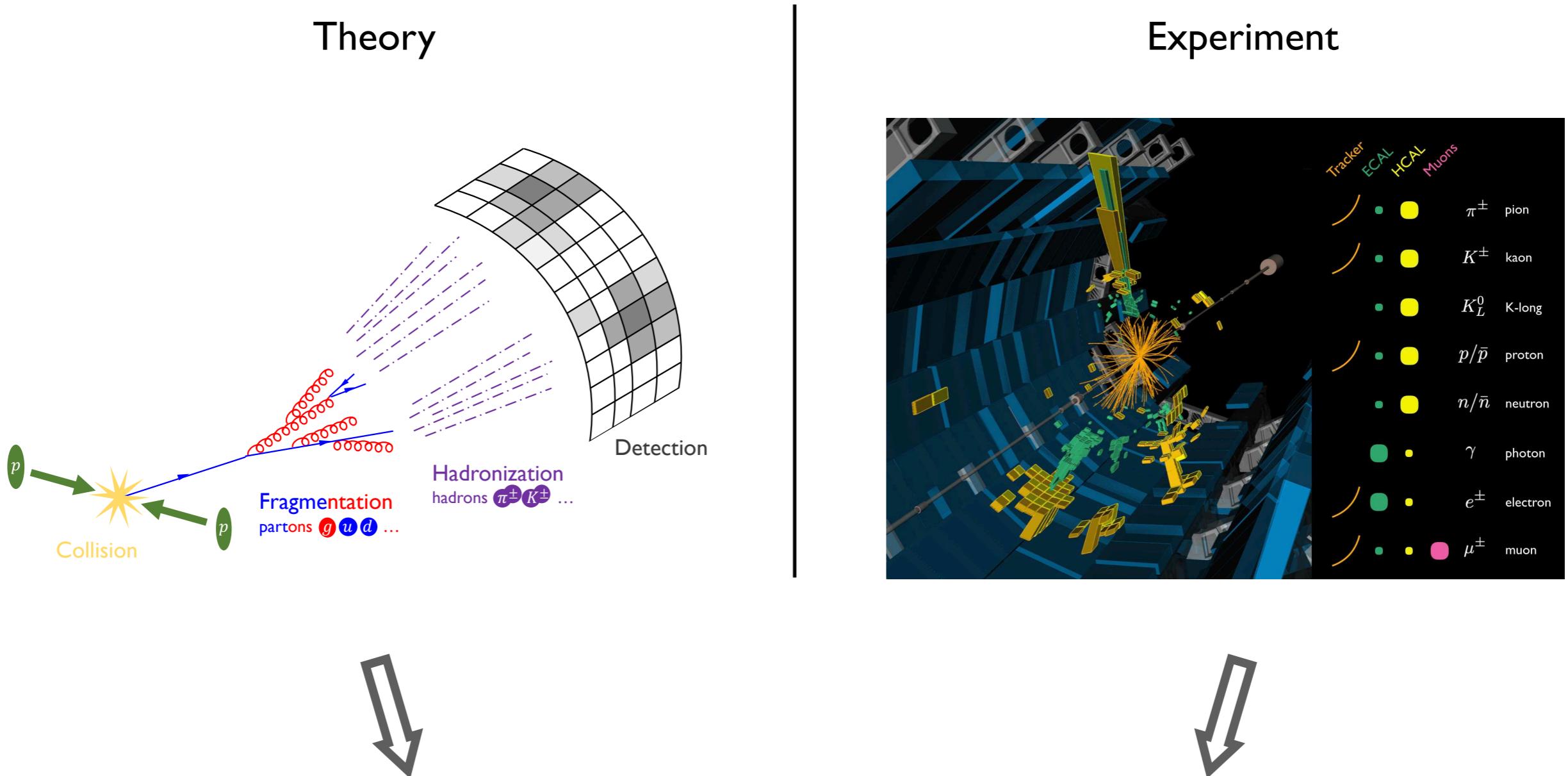


Diagram by Eric Metodiev

Events in Theory vs. Experiment



What information is both theoretically and experimentally robust?

Theoretically and Experimentally Robust Information

Infrared and Collinear Safe Information

Infrared (IR) safety – observable is unchanged under addition of a soft particle

$$\longleftrightarrow = \xrightarrow{\epsilon \rightarrow 0}$$

Collinear (C) safety – observable is unchanged under a collinear splitting of a particle

$$\longleftrightarrow = \xrightarrow{1-\lambda \quad \lambda}$$

Theoretically

QCD has soft and collinear divergences associated with gluon radiation



$$dP_{i \rightarrow ig} \simeq \frac{2\alpha_s}{\pi} C_a \frac{d\theta}{\theta} \frac{dz}{z} \quad \begin{aligned} C_q &= C_F = 4/3 \\ C_g &= C_A = 3 \end{aligned}$$

Experimentally

IRC safety is a statement of *linearity* in energy and *continuity* in geometry

[Sveshnikov, Tkachov, [hep-ph/9512370](#); Tkachov, [hep-ph/9601308](#);
Cherzor, Sveshnikov, [hep-ph/9710349](#)]

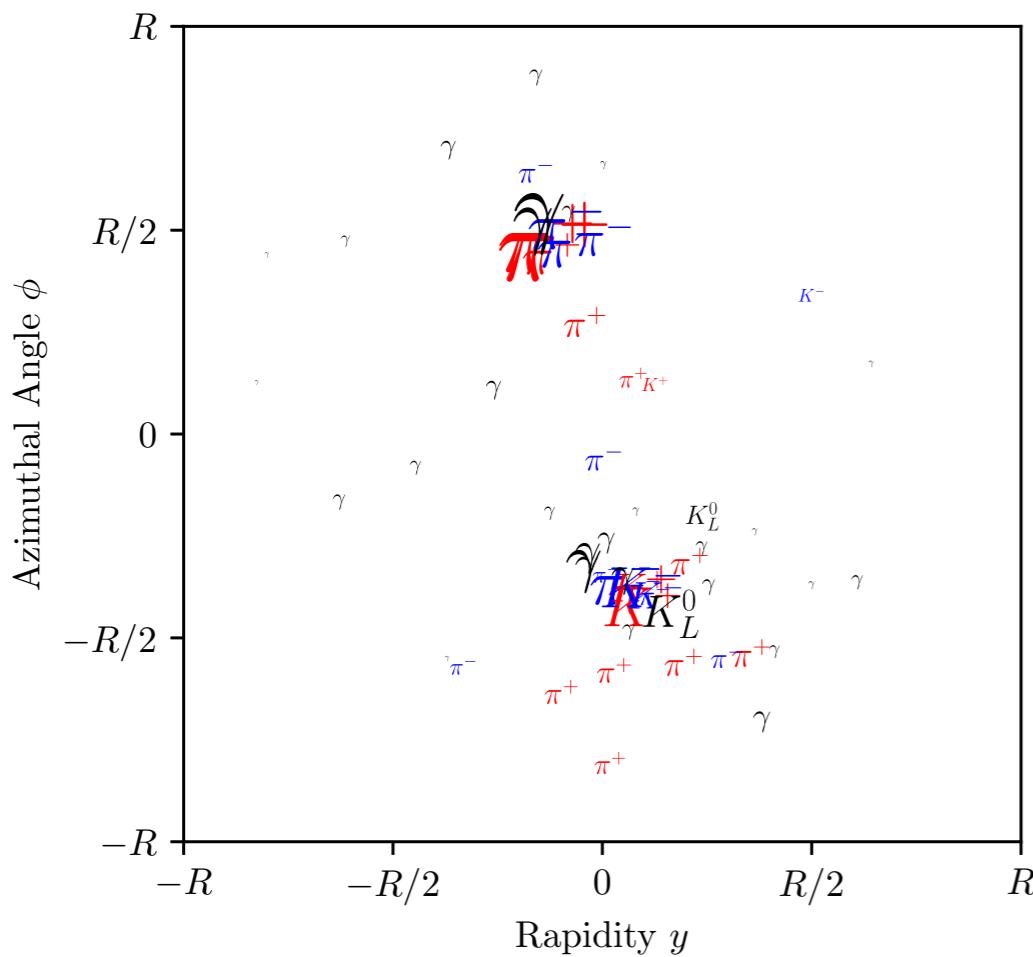
Events as Distributions of Energy

*Energy flow distribution fully captures **IRC**-safe information*

$$\rho(\hat{n}) = \sum_{i=1}^M E_i \delta(\hat{n} - \hat{n}_i)$$

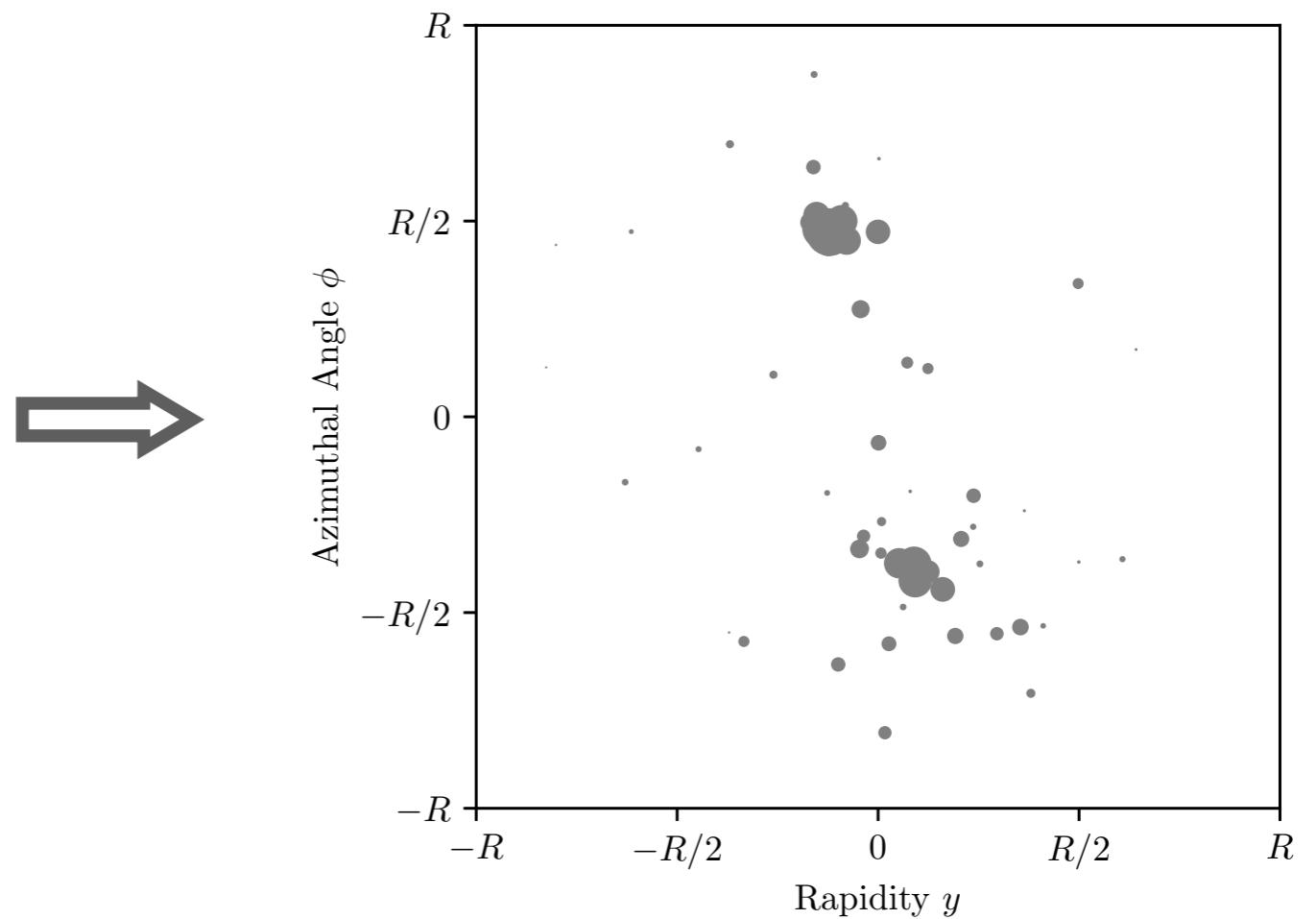
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 Energy Flow Energy Direction
 Distribution (p_T) (y, φ)

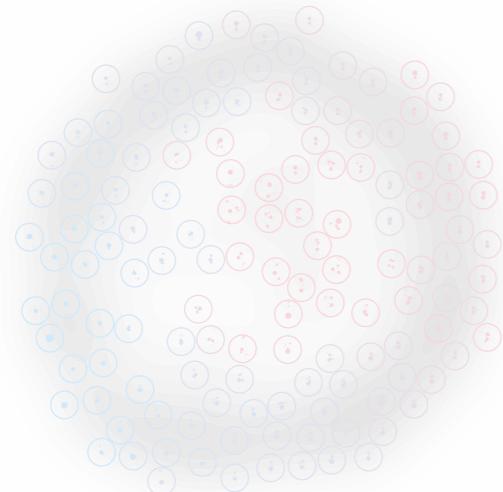
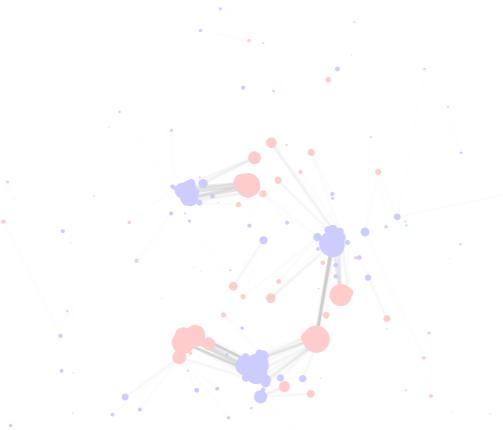
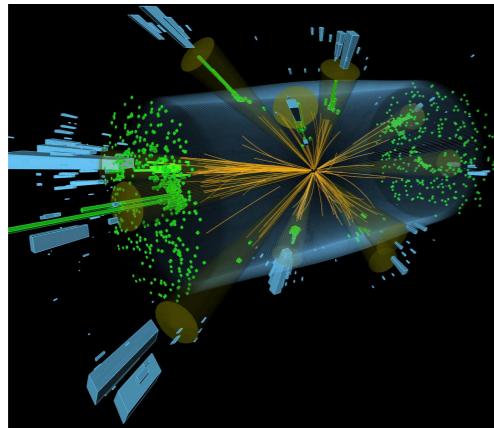
Full event is a set of particles having momentum and charge/flavor



[PTK, Metodiev, Thaler, [1810.05165](#);
 PTK, Metodiev, Thaler, *to appear soon*]

The **energy** flow is unpixelized and ignores charge/flavor information



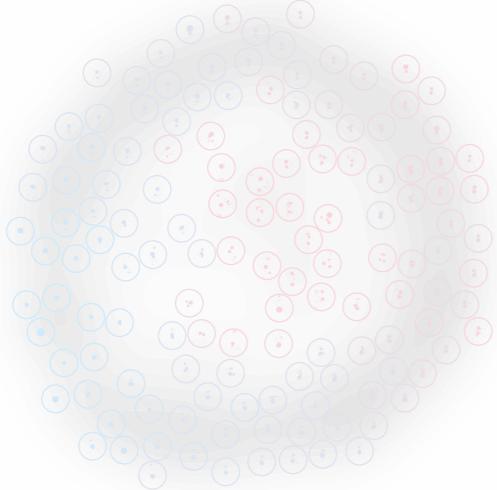
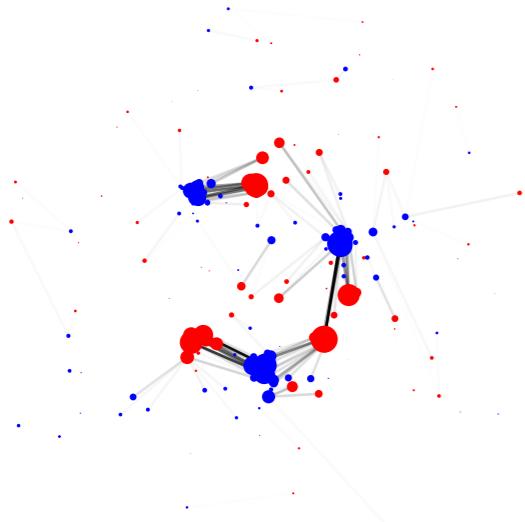
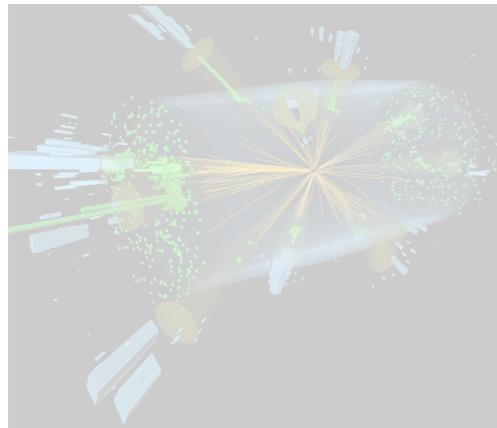


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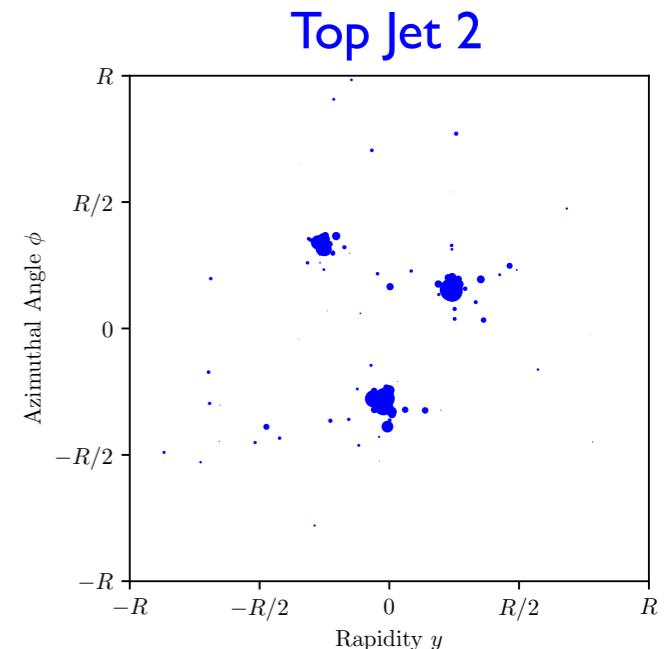
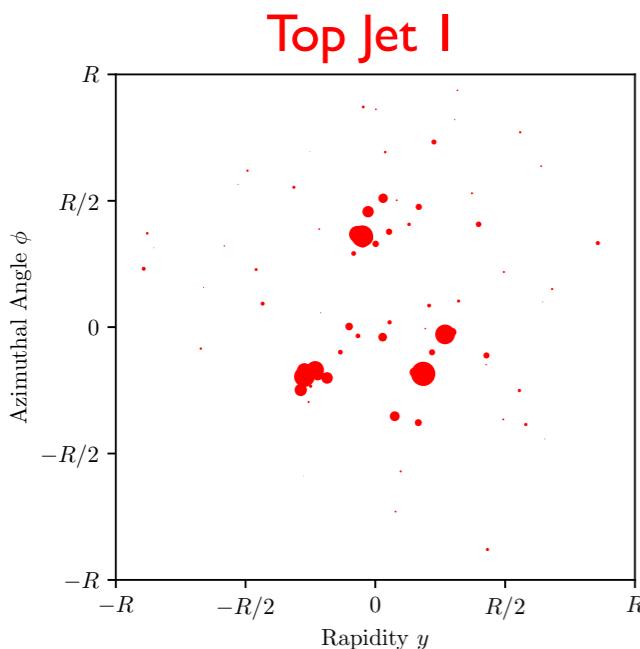
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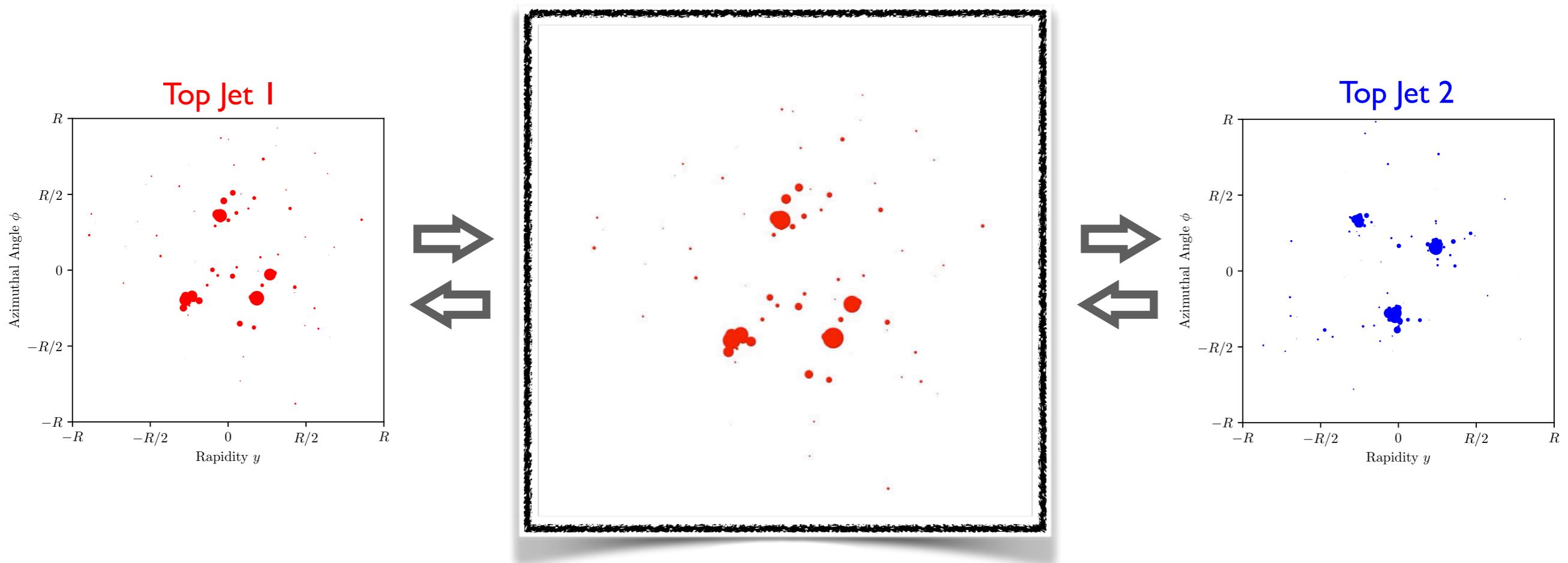
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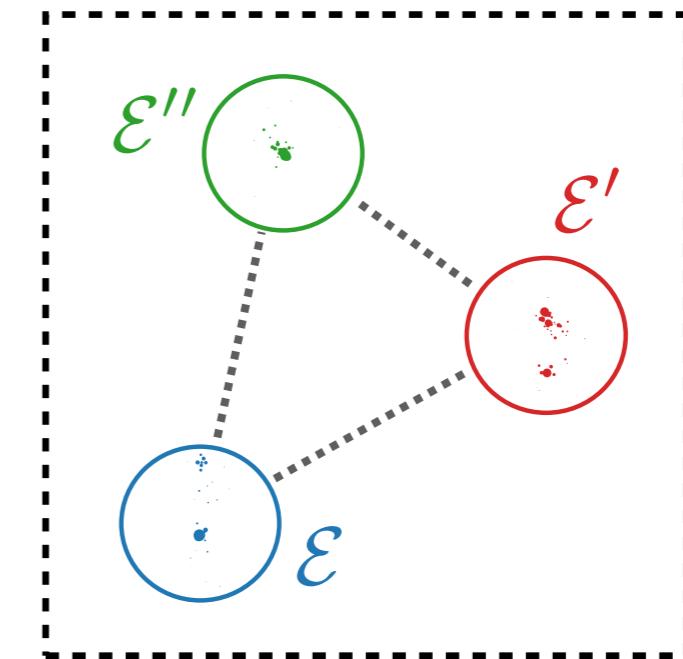
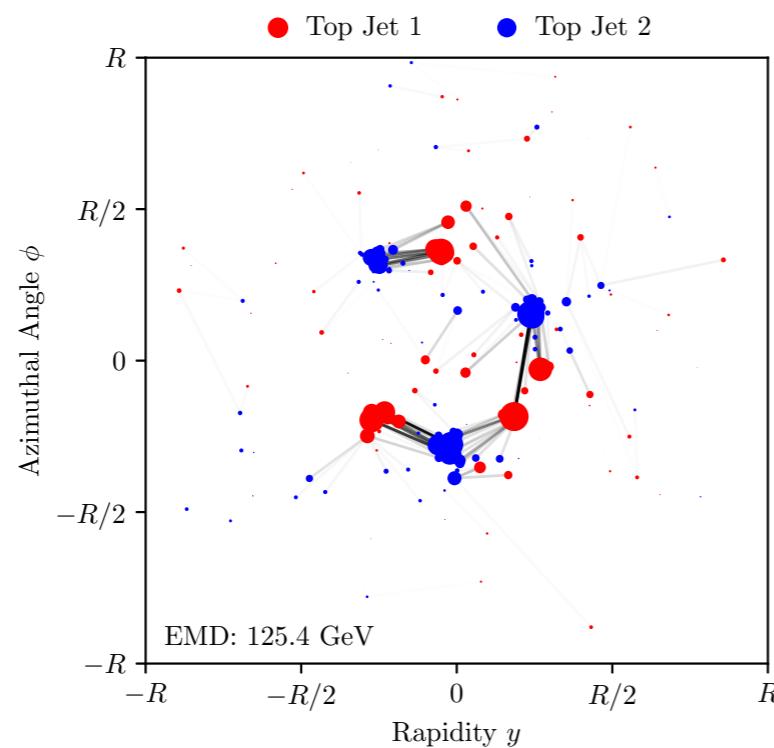
[PTK, Metodiev, Thaler, 1902.02346]

EMD between energy flows defines a metric on the space of events

$$\text{EMD}(\mathcal{E}, \mathcal{E}') = \min_{\{f_{ij} \geq 0\}} \sum_i \sum_j f_{ij} \frac{\theta_{ij}}{R} + \left| \sum_i E_i - \sum_j E'_j \right|$$

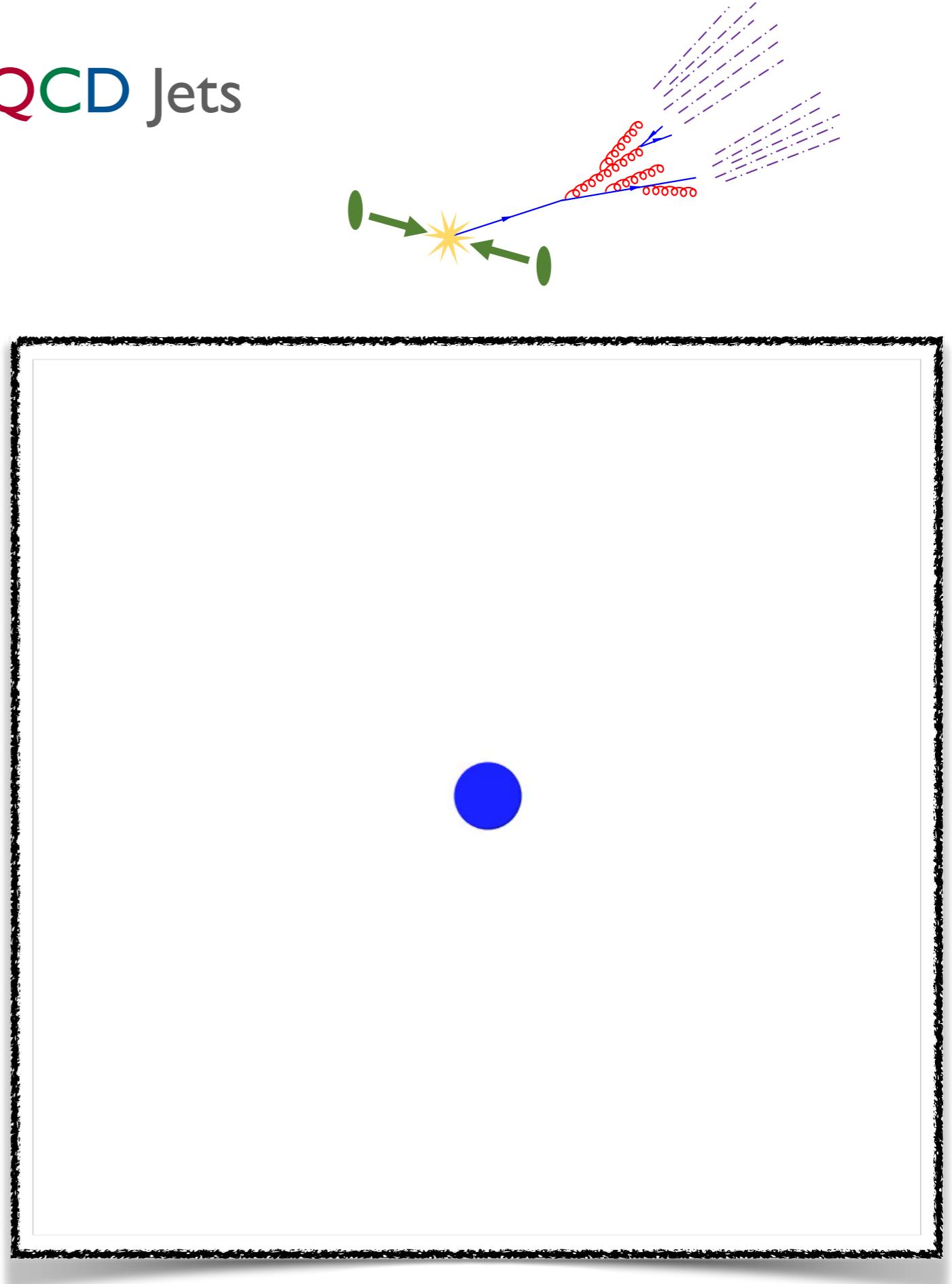
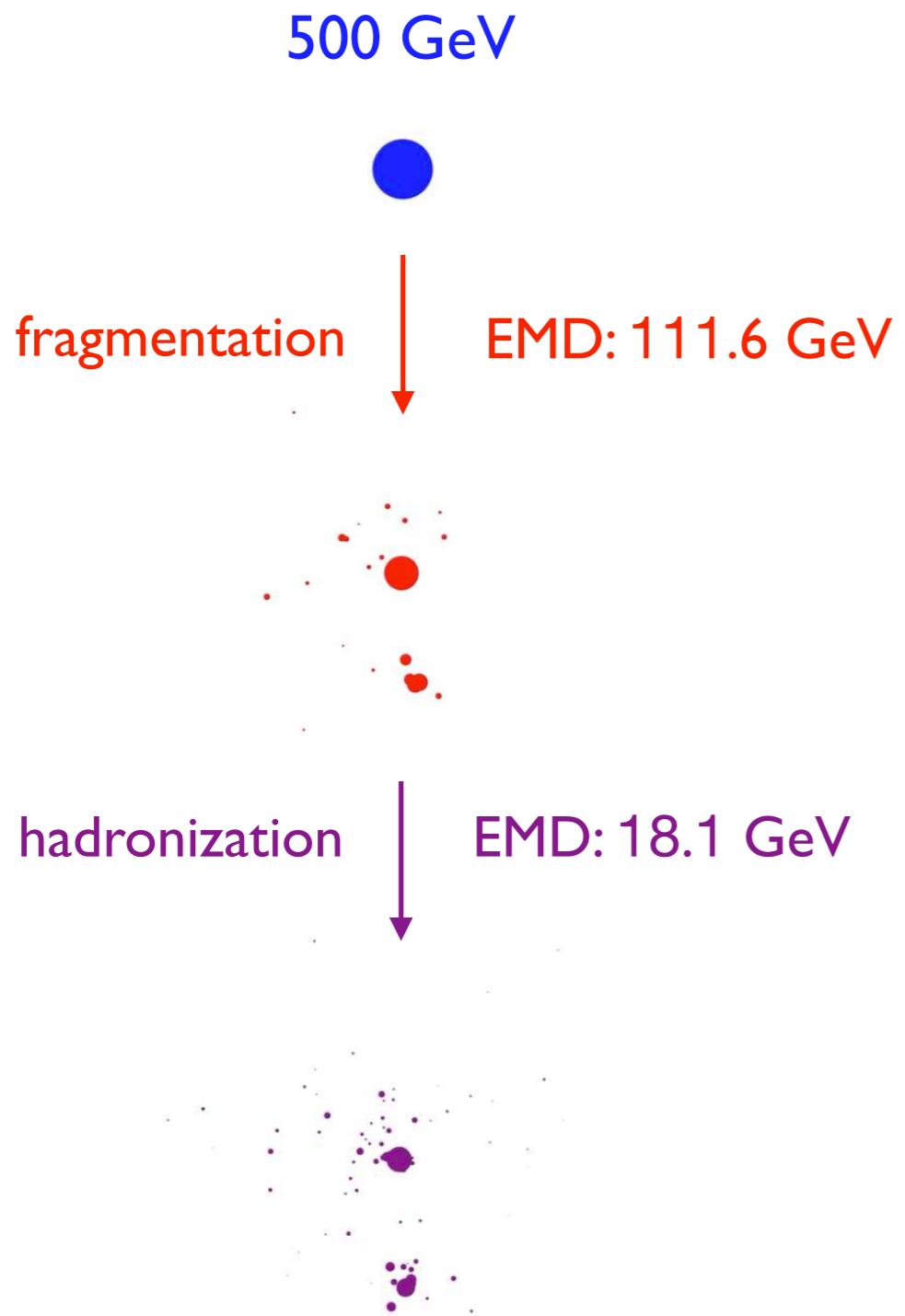
Cost of optimal transport
Cost of energy creation

$$\sum_j f_{ij} \leq E_i, \quad \sum_i f_{ij} \leq E'_j, \quad \sum_{ij} f_{ij} = \min \left(\sum_i E_i, \sum_j E'_j \right)$$

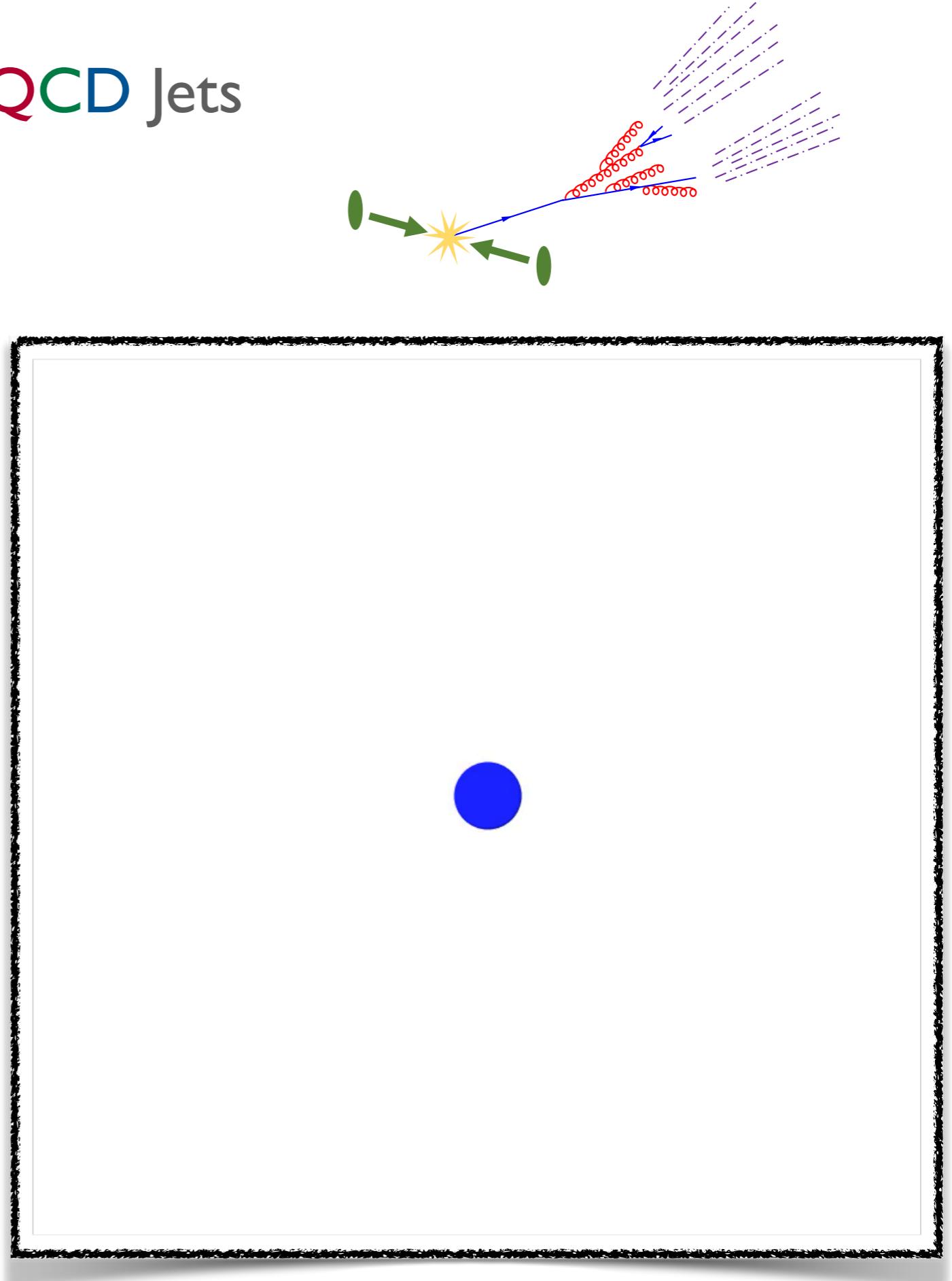
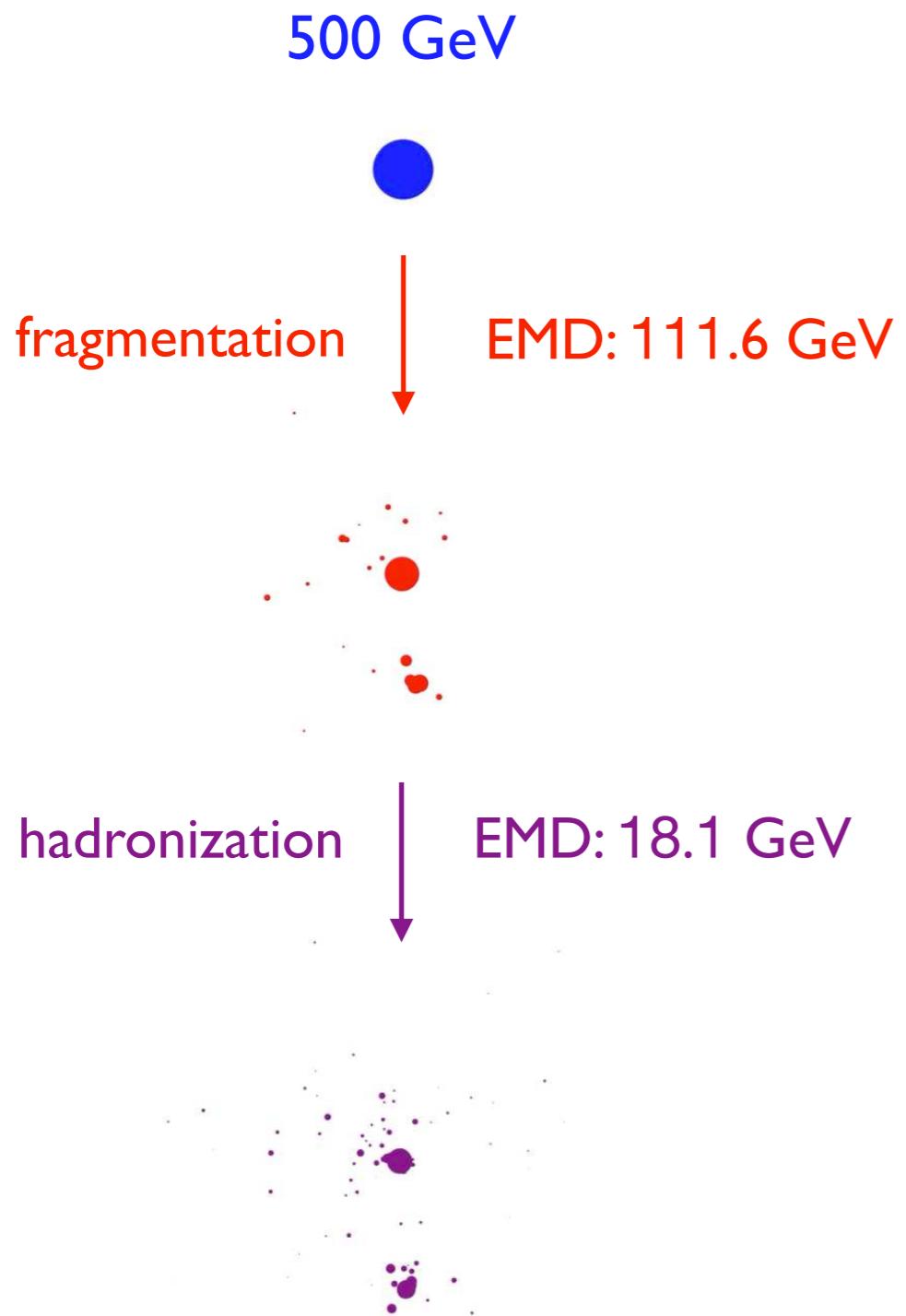


Triangle inequality satisfied for $R \geq d_{\max}/2$
 $0 \leq \text{EMD}(\mathcal{E}, \mathcal{E}') \leq \text{EMD}(\mathcal{E}, \mathcal{E}'') + \text{EMD}(\mathcal{E}'', \mathcal{E}')$

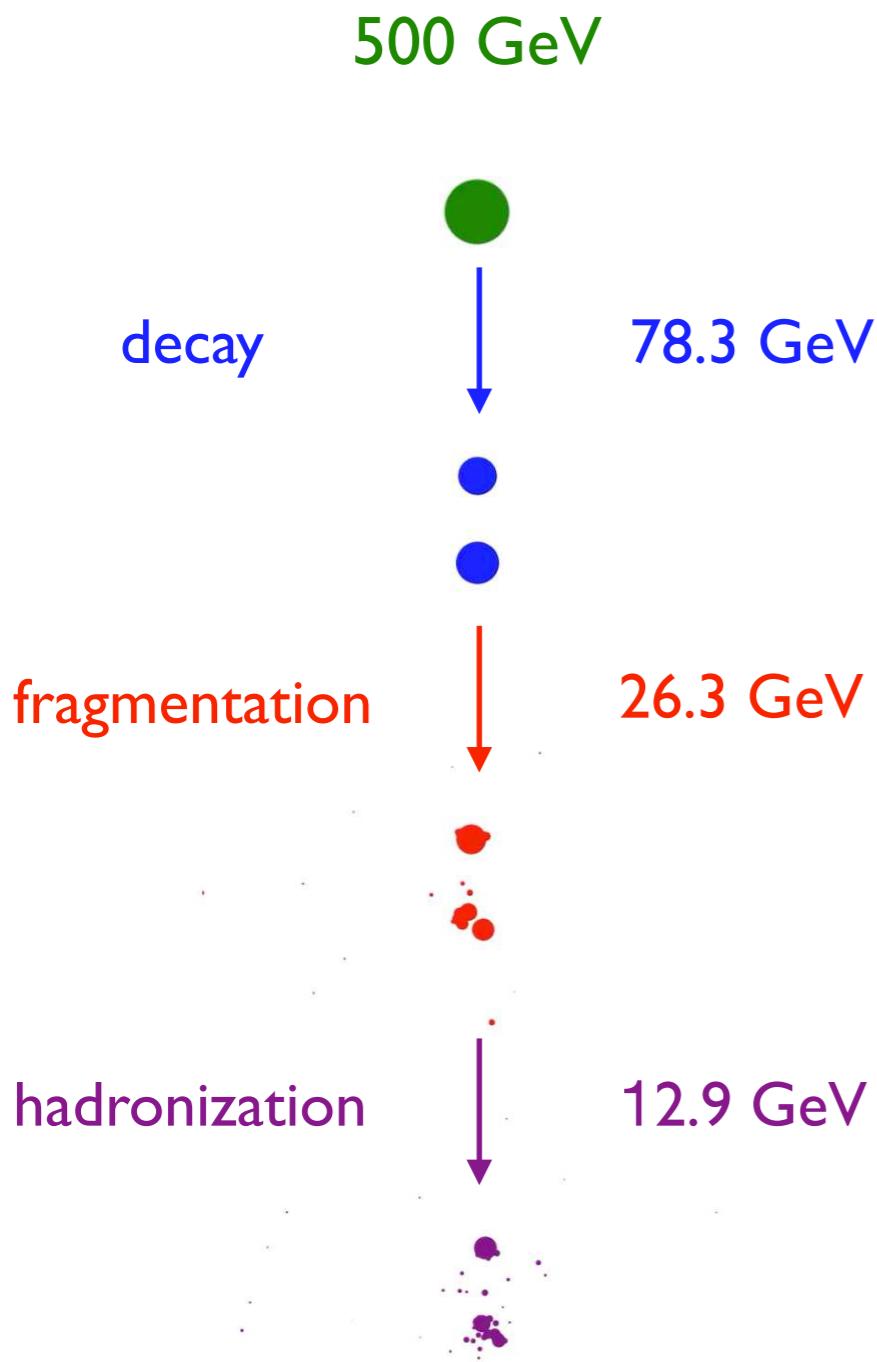
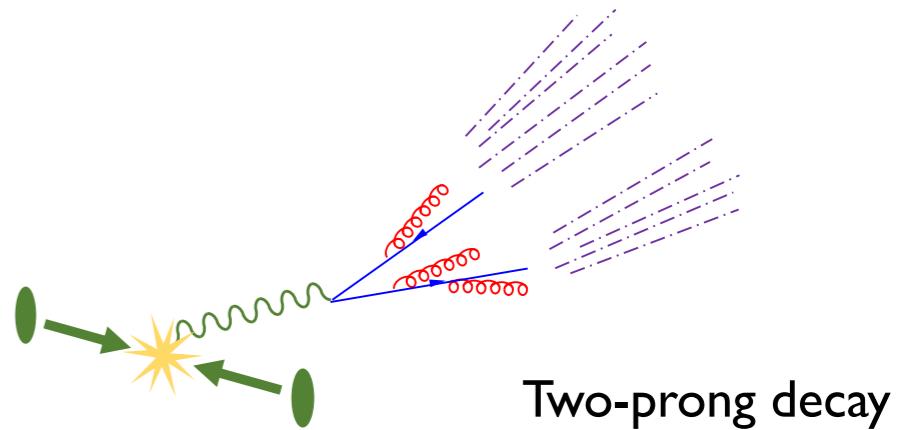
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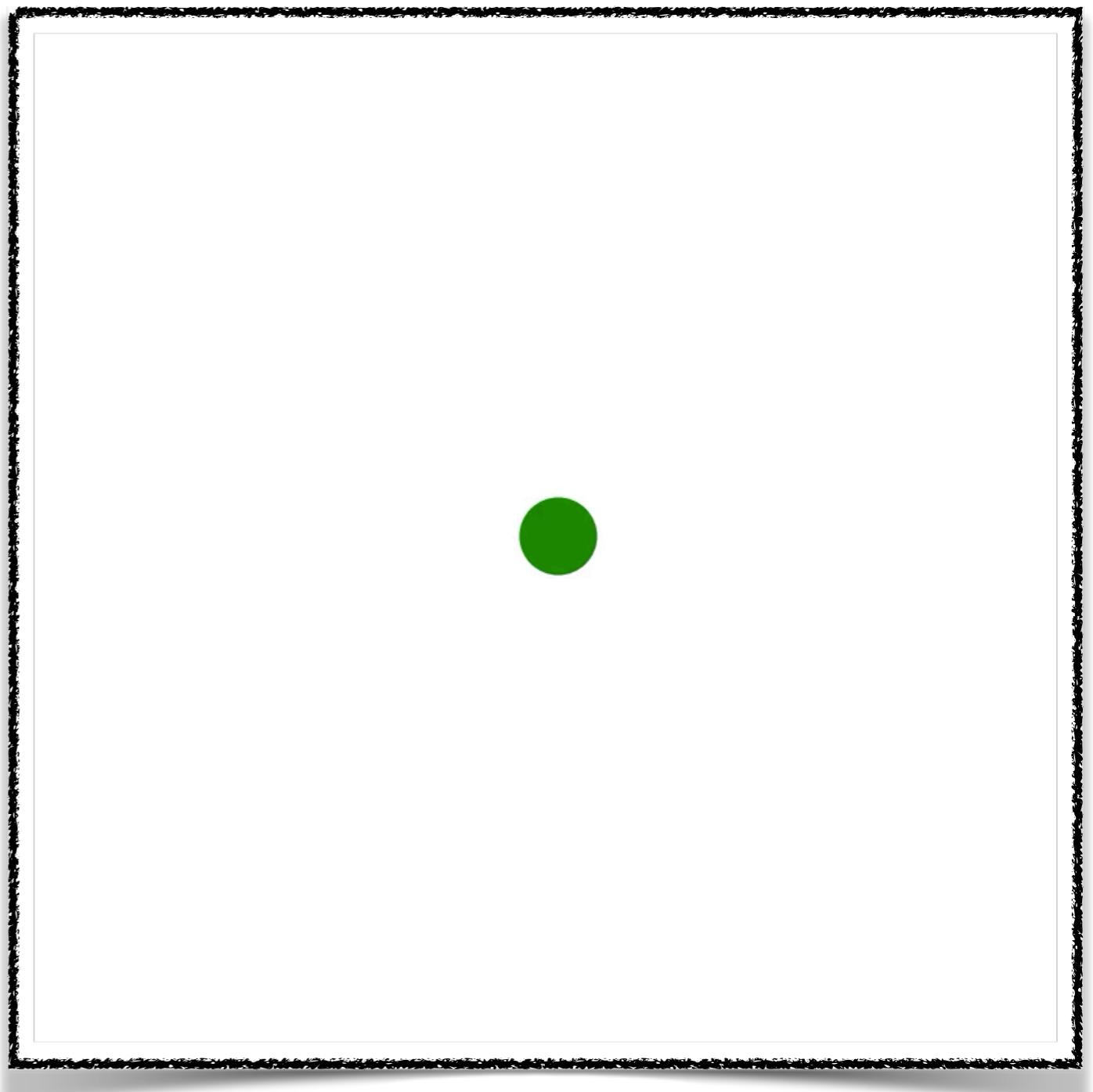
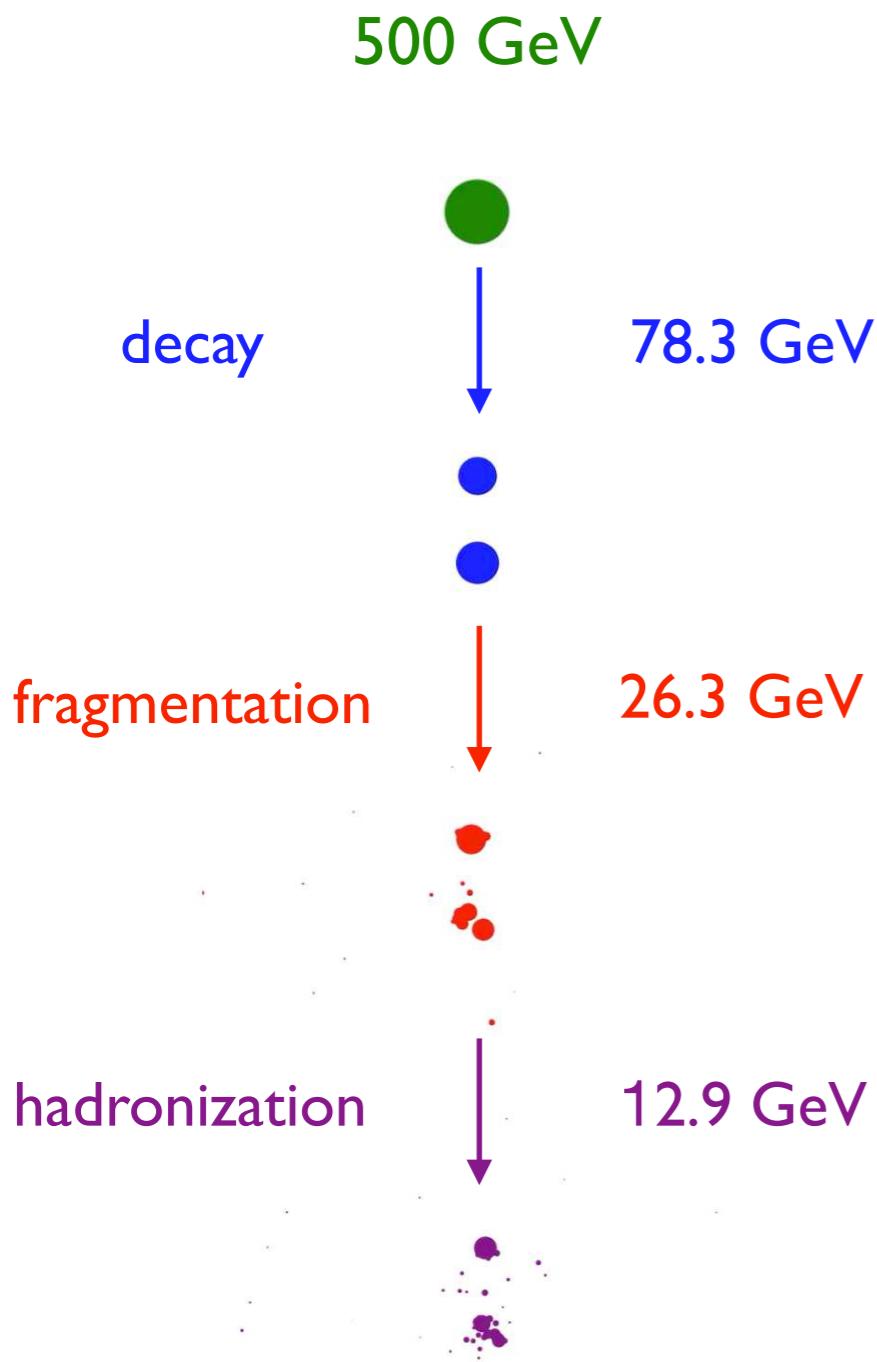
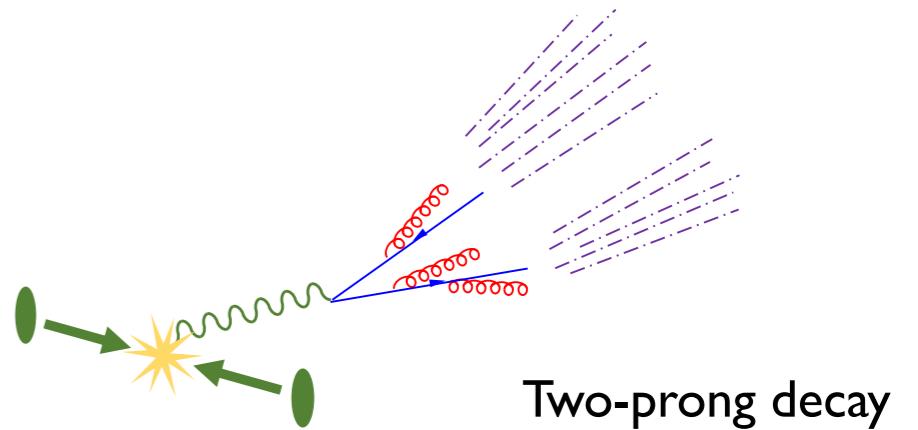
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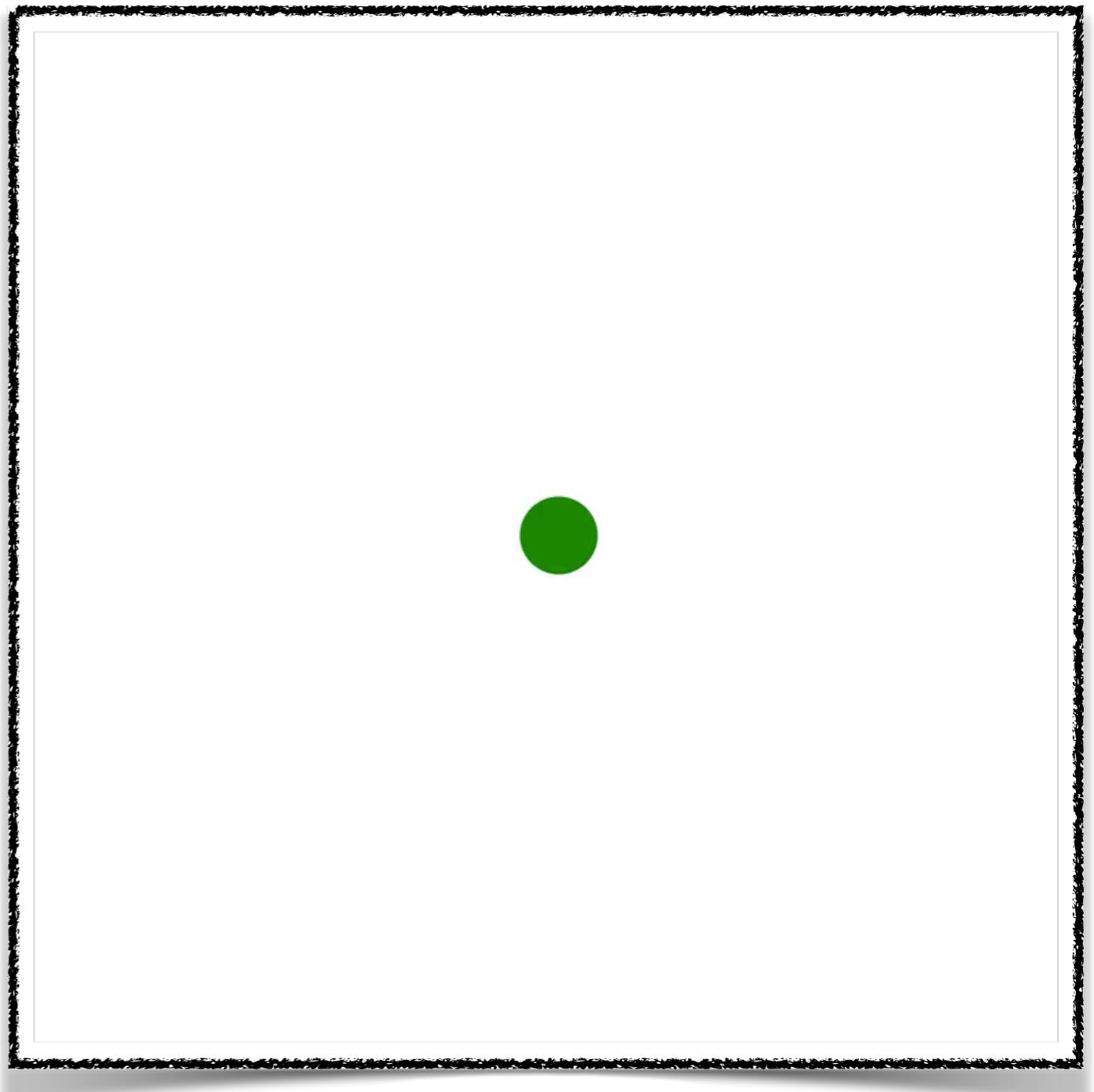
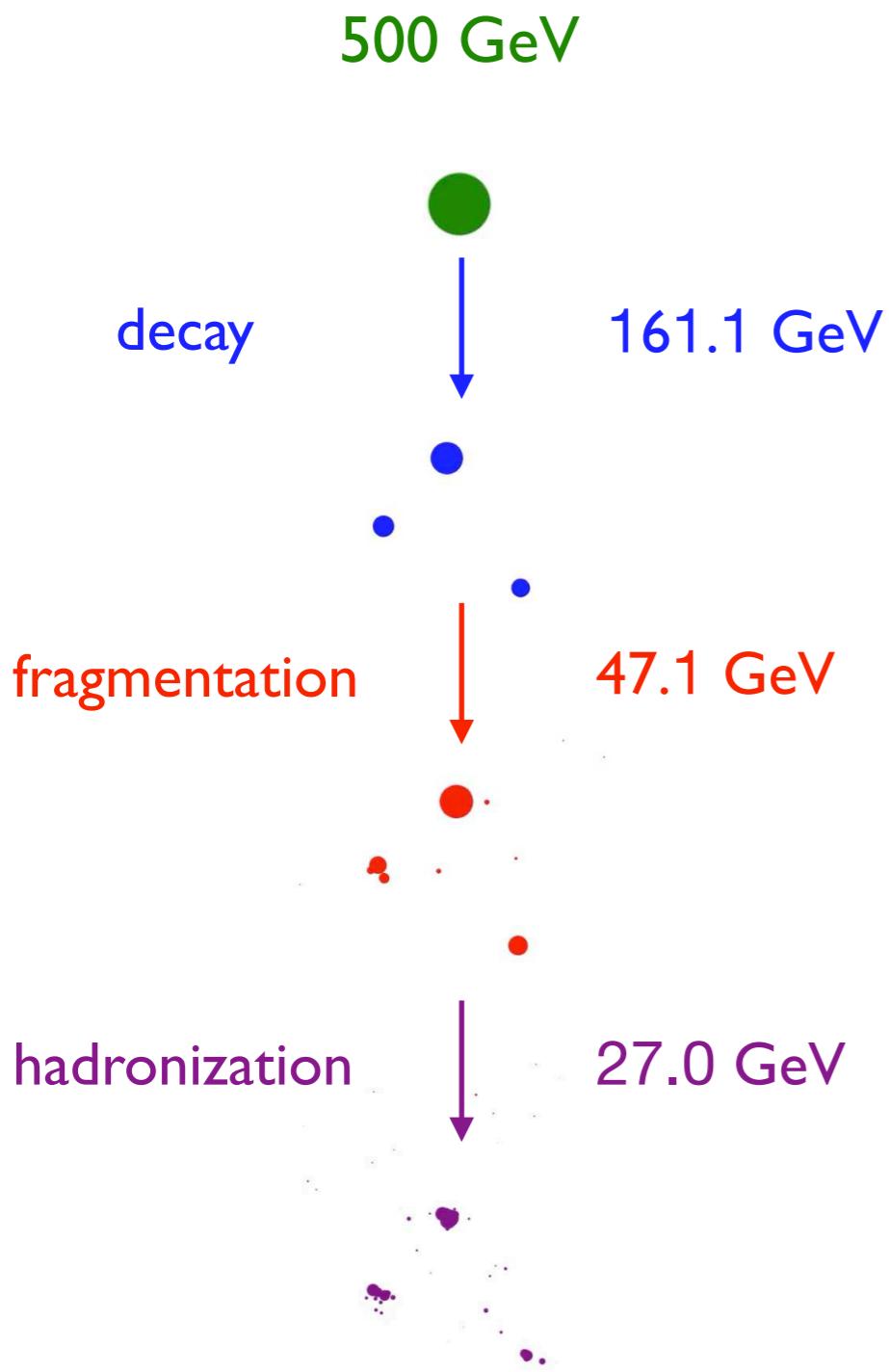
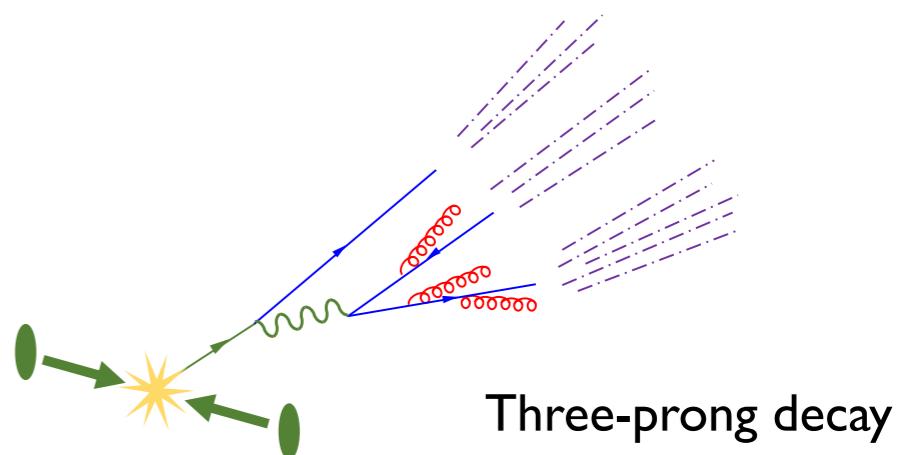
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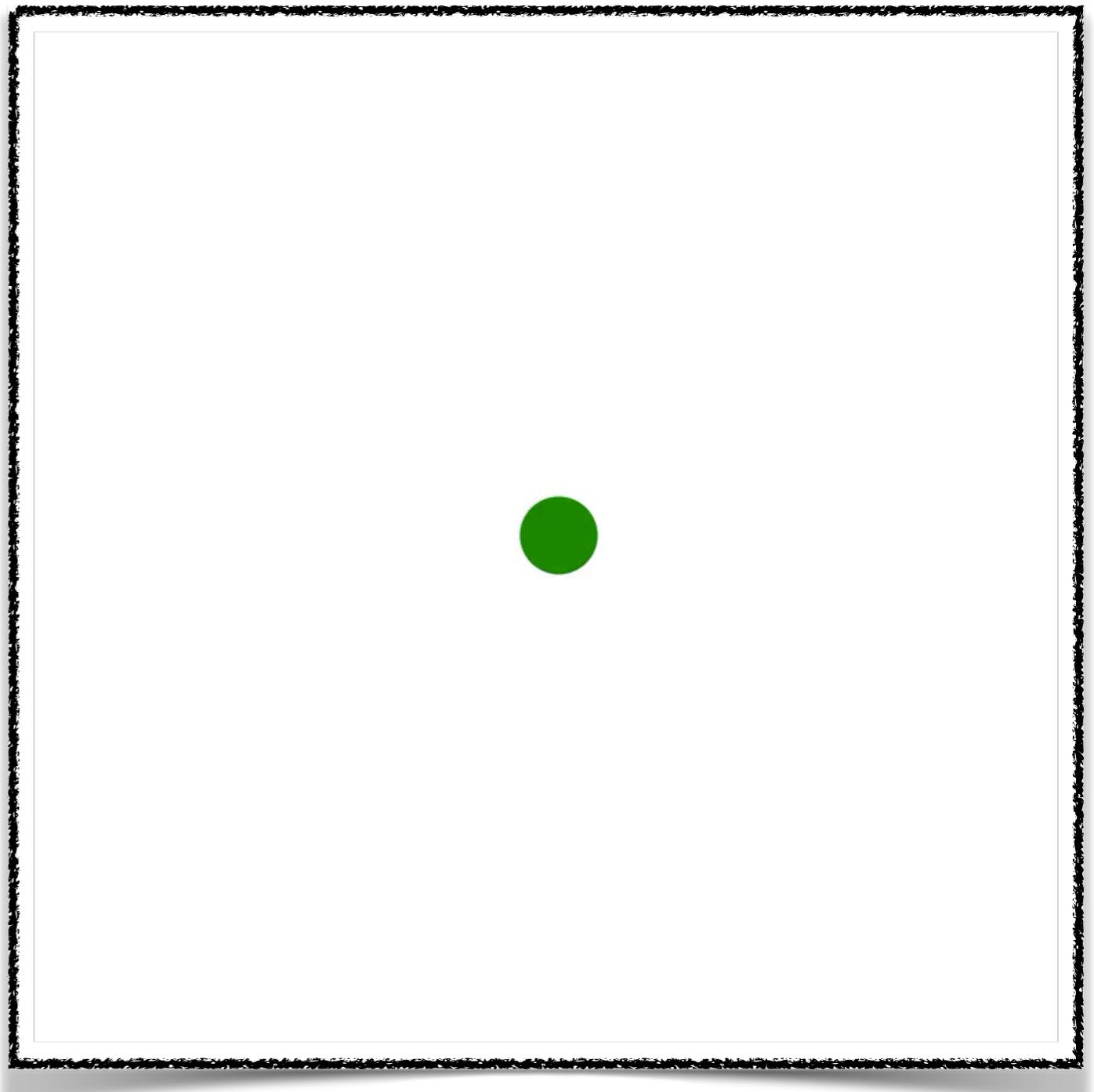
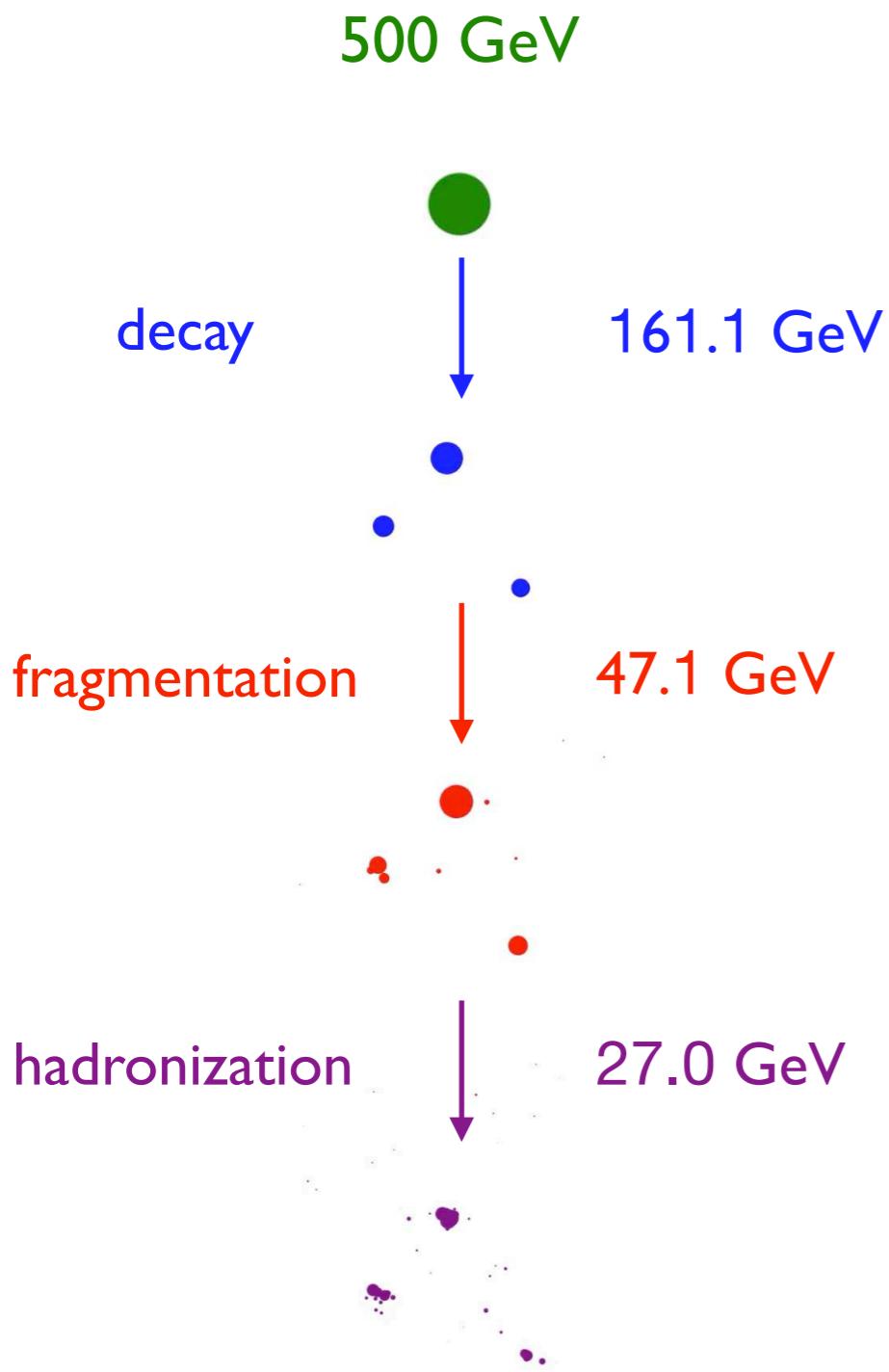
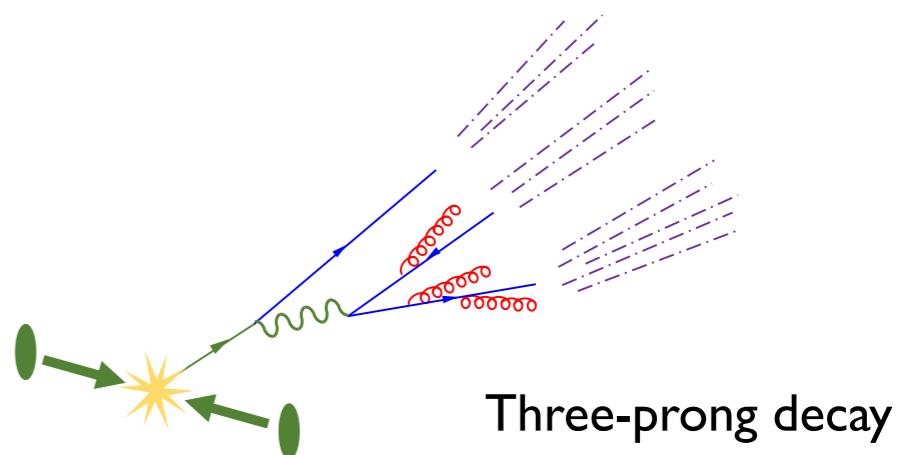
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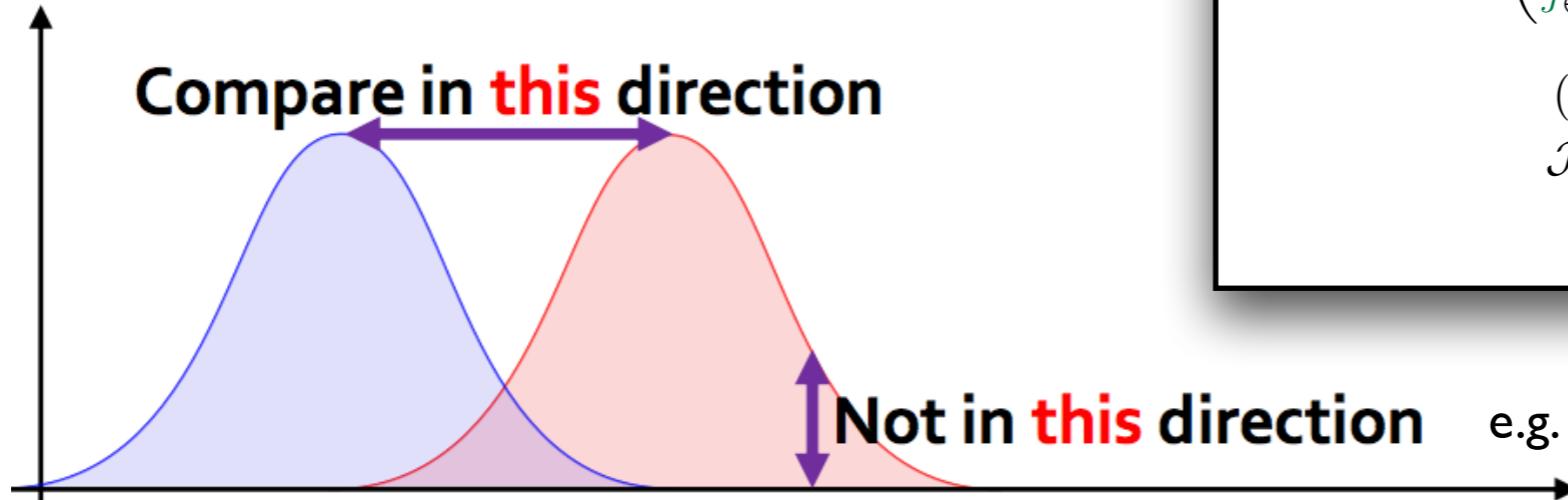


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Earth Mover's Distance for the Connoisseur

p-Wasserstein distance is a metric on probability distributions



[figure from Kun, [Math n Programming](#)]

$$W_p(\mu, \nu) \equiv \left(\inf_{\mathcal{J} \in \mathcal{J}(\mu, \nu)} \int_{M \times M} d(x, y)^p d\mathcal{J}(x, y) \right)^{1/p}$$

(M, d) , metric space
 $\mathcal{J}(\mu, \nu)$, space of joint distributions with marginals μ, ν

Earth mover's distance is 1-Wasserstein metric on discrete distributions

Recent use in Machine Learning

Wasserstein Generative Adversarial Networks

[Arjovsky, Chintala, Bottou, [1701.07875](#);

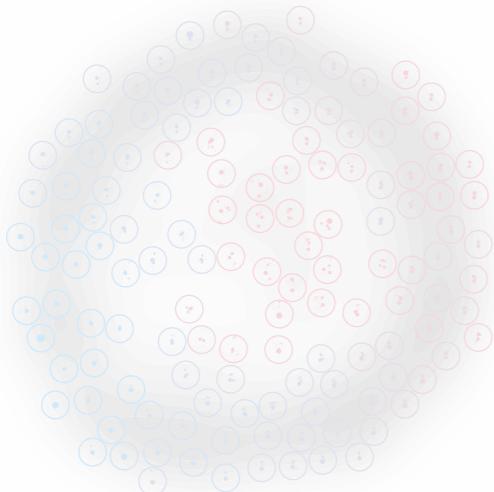
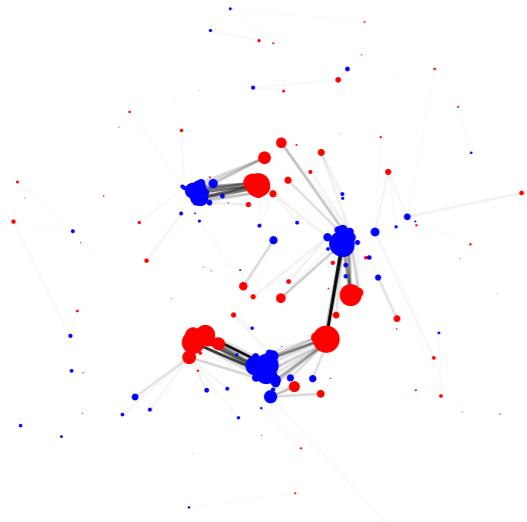
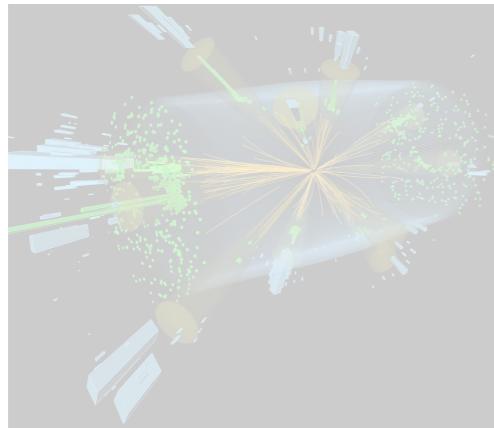
in particle physics:

- Erdmann, Geiger, Glombitza, Schmidt, [1802.03325](#)
- Erdmann, Glombitza, Quast, [1807.01954](#)

Wasserstein(-Wasserstein) Autoencoders

[Tolstikhin, Bousquet, Gelly, Schölkopf, [1711.01558](#)]

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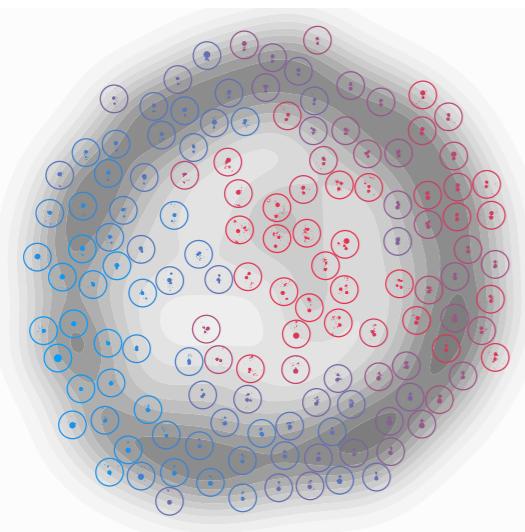
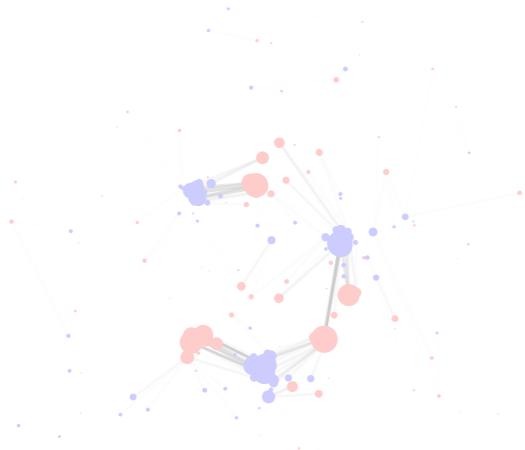
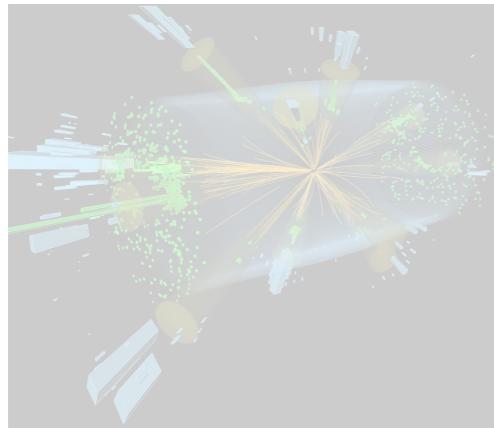
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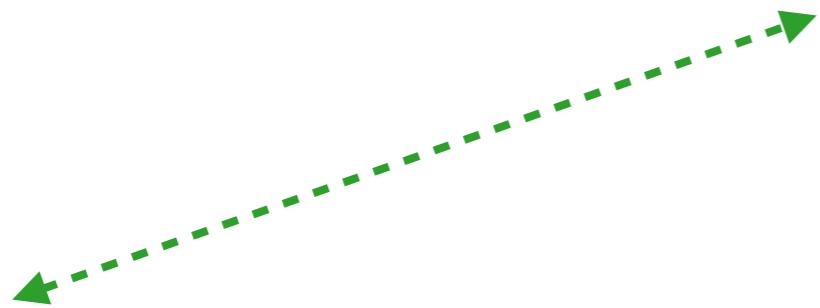
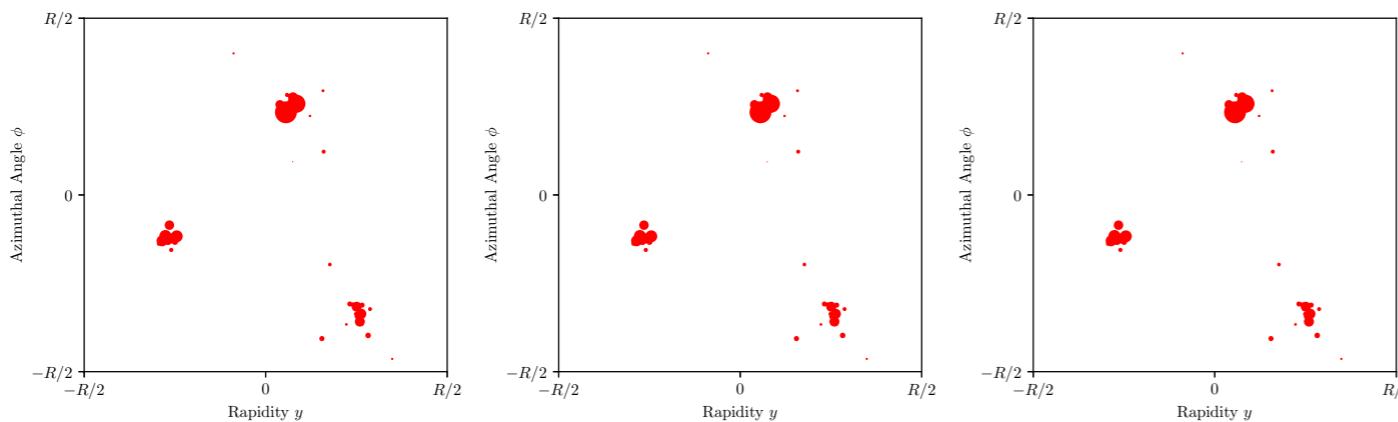
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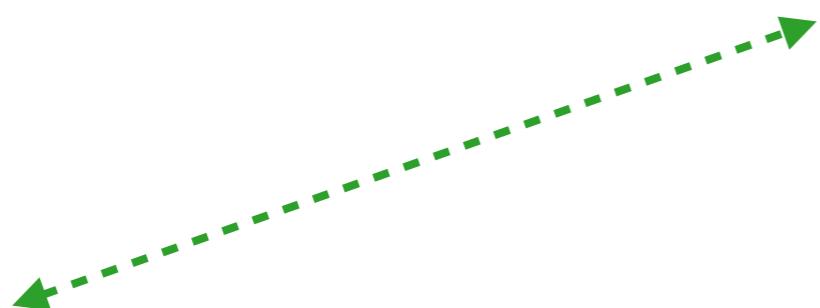
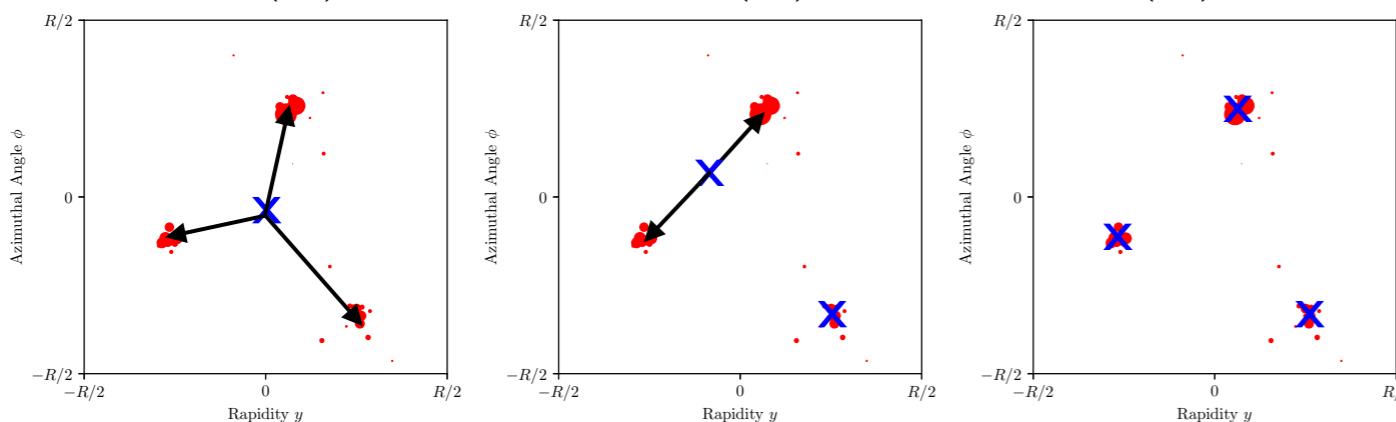
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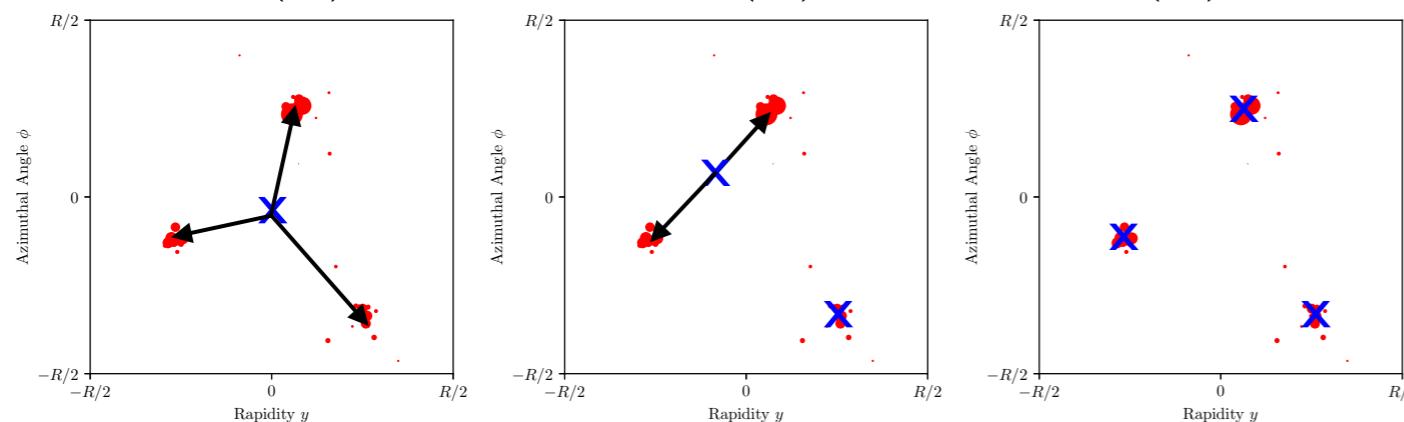
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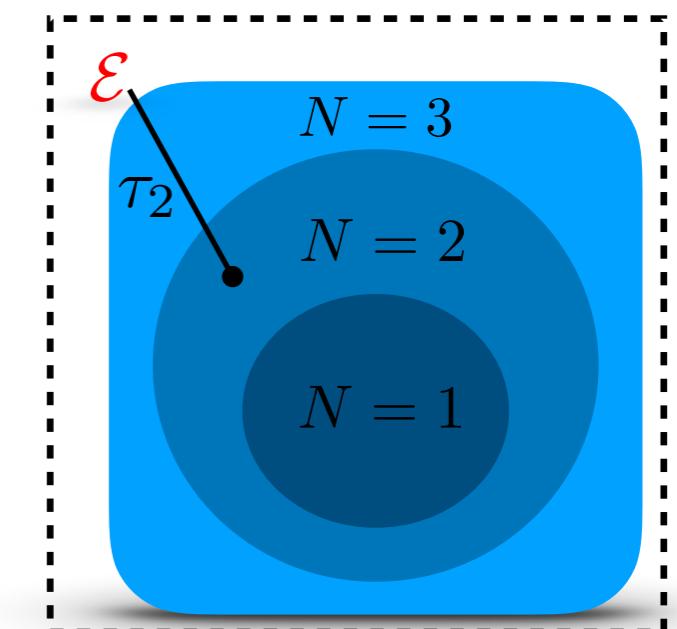
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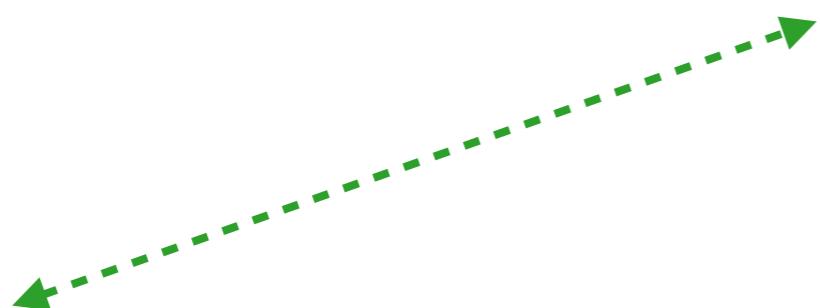


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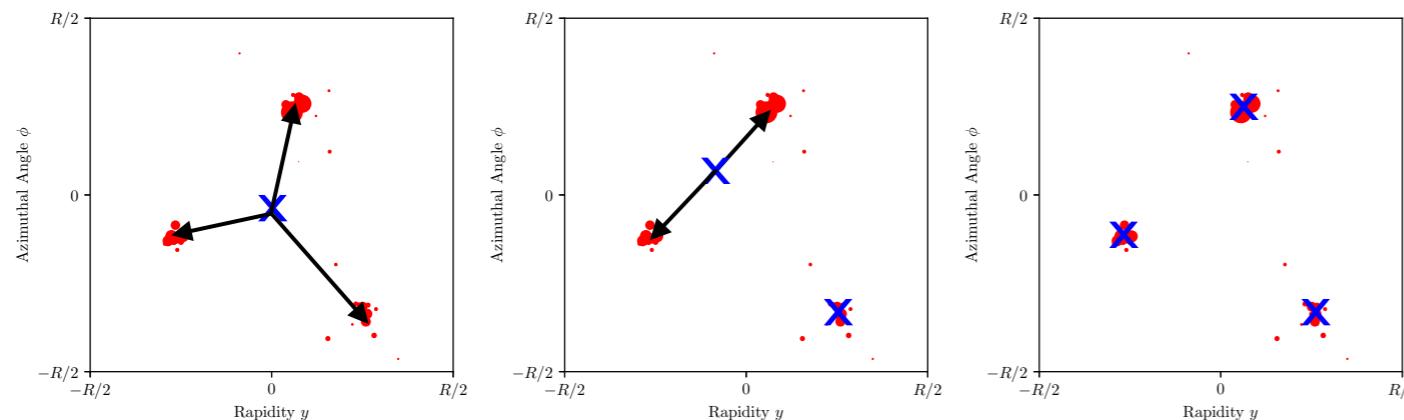
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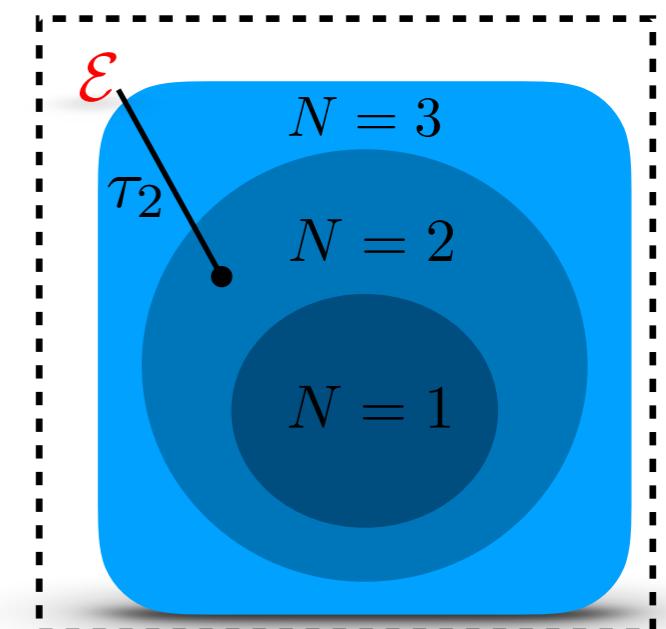
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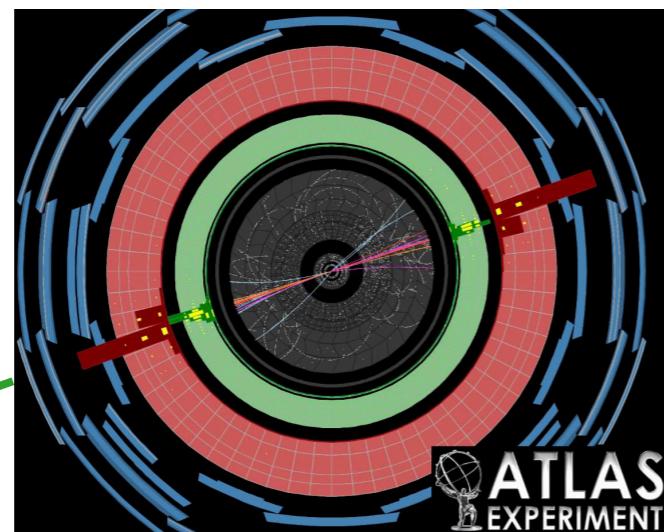
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[Farhi, [PRL 1977](#)]

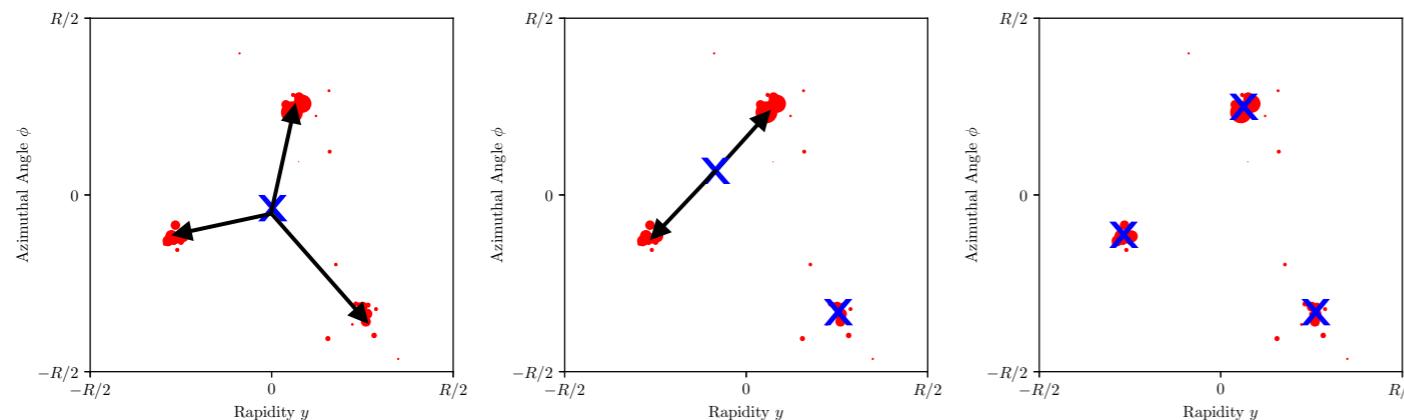
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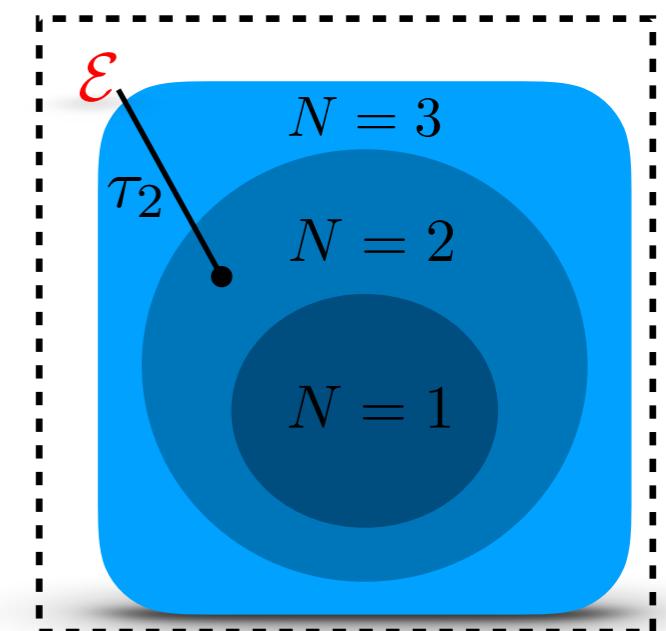
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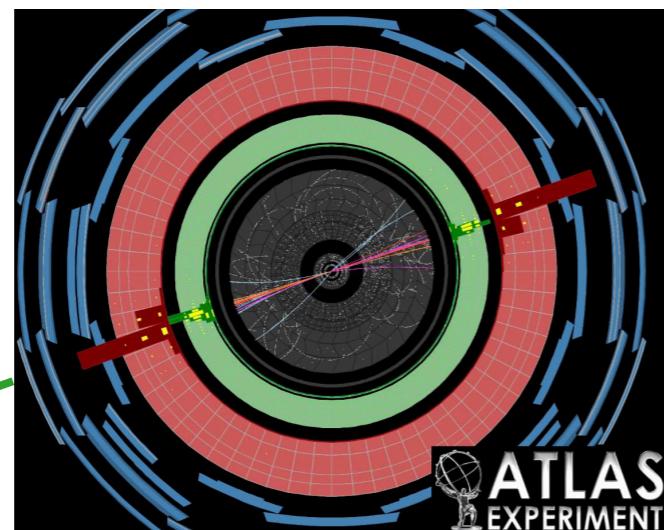
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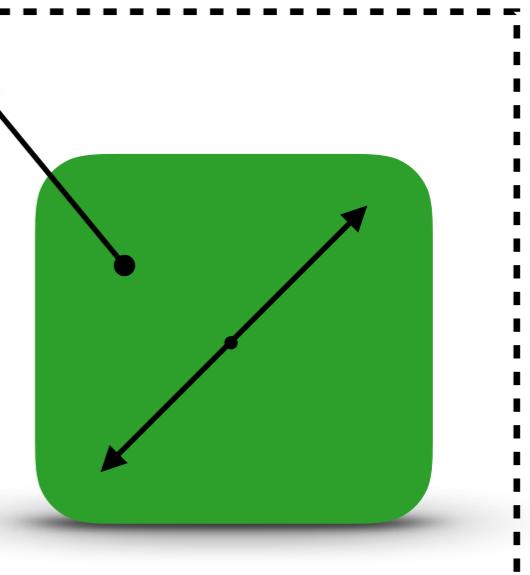
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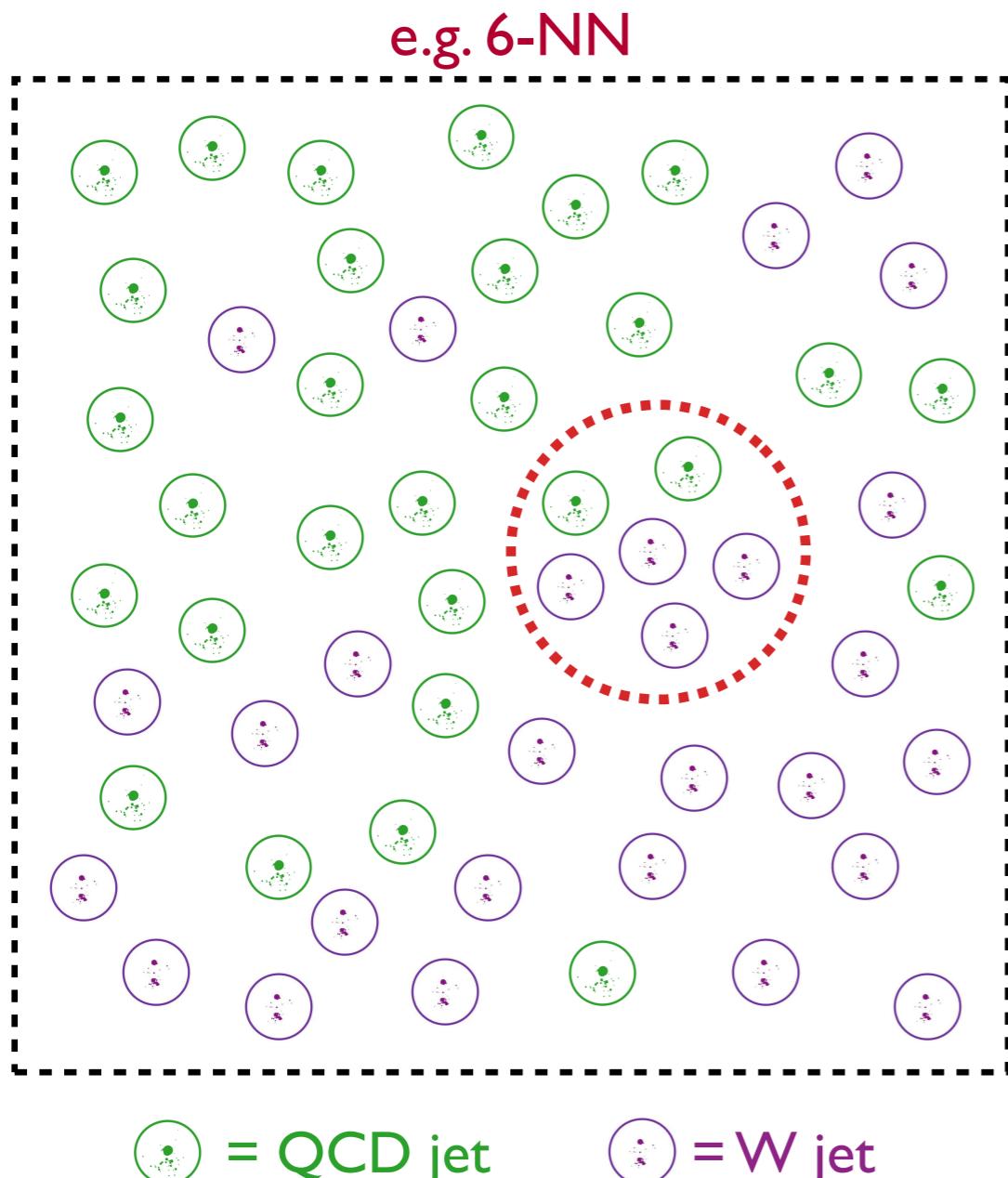
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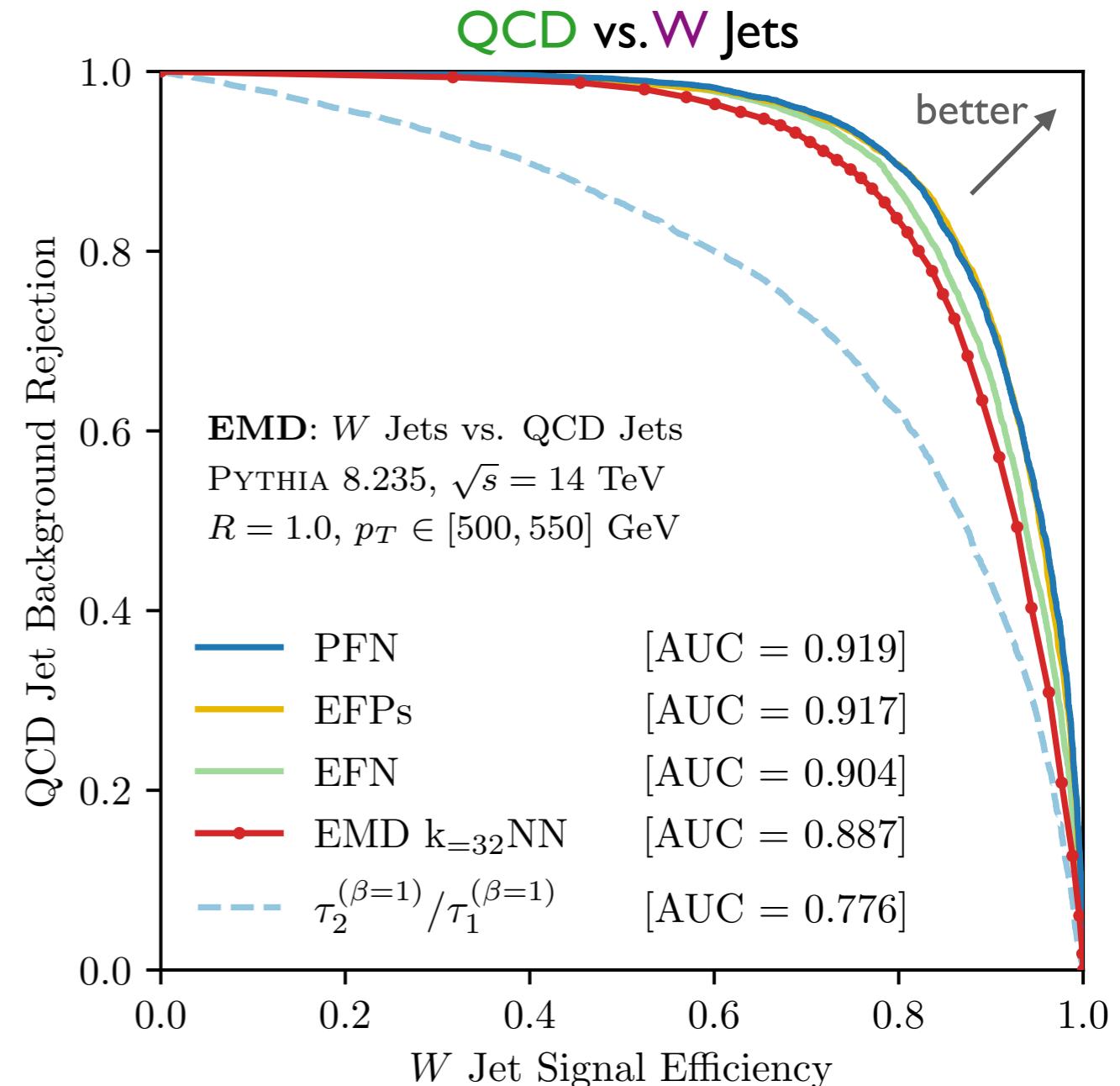


space of back-to-back configurations

Current – Jet Classification by Nearest-Neighbor Density Estimation



Abstract space of events



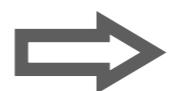
Approaches performance of modern machine learning

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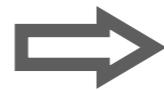
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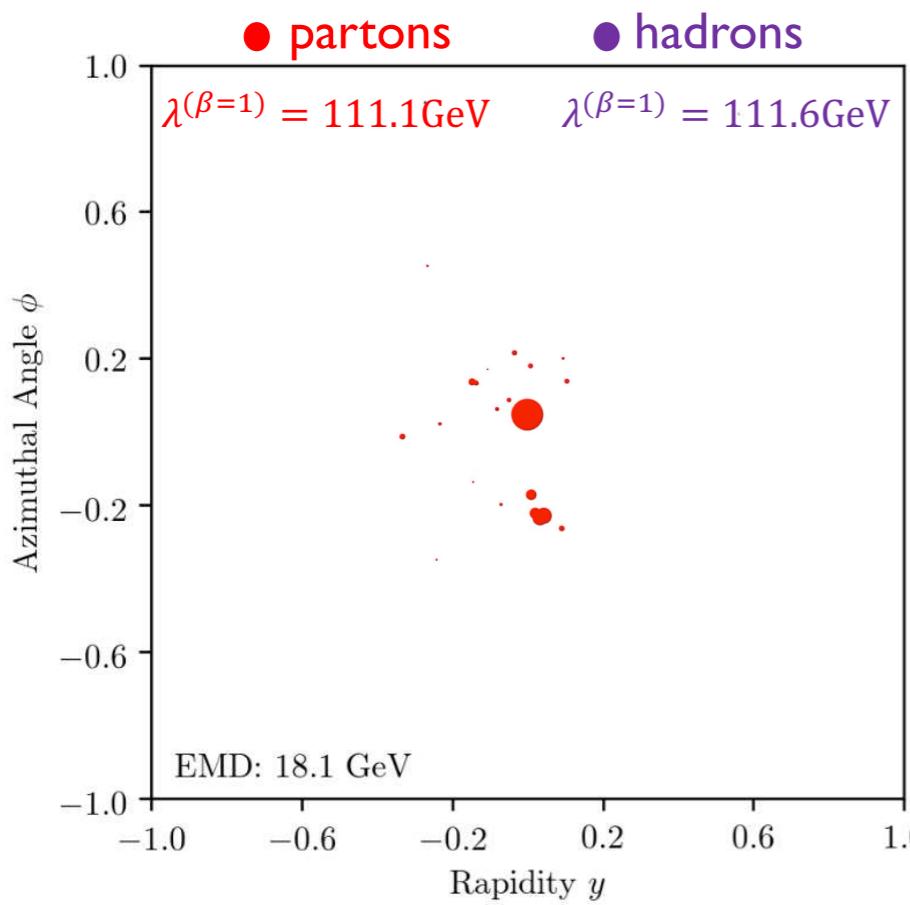
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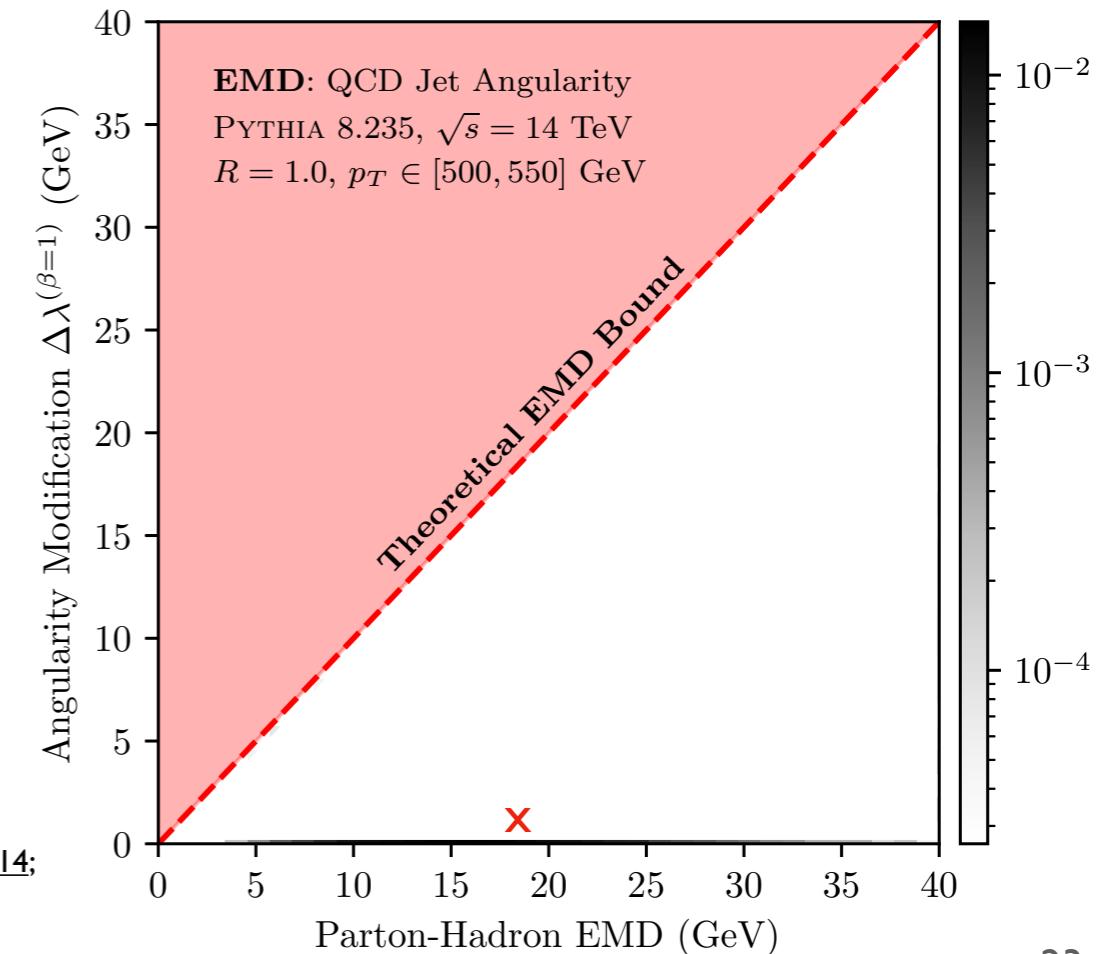


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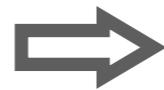


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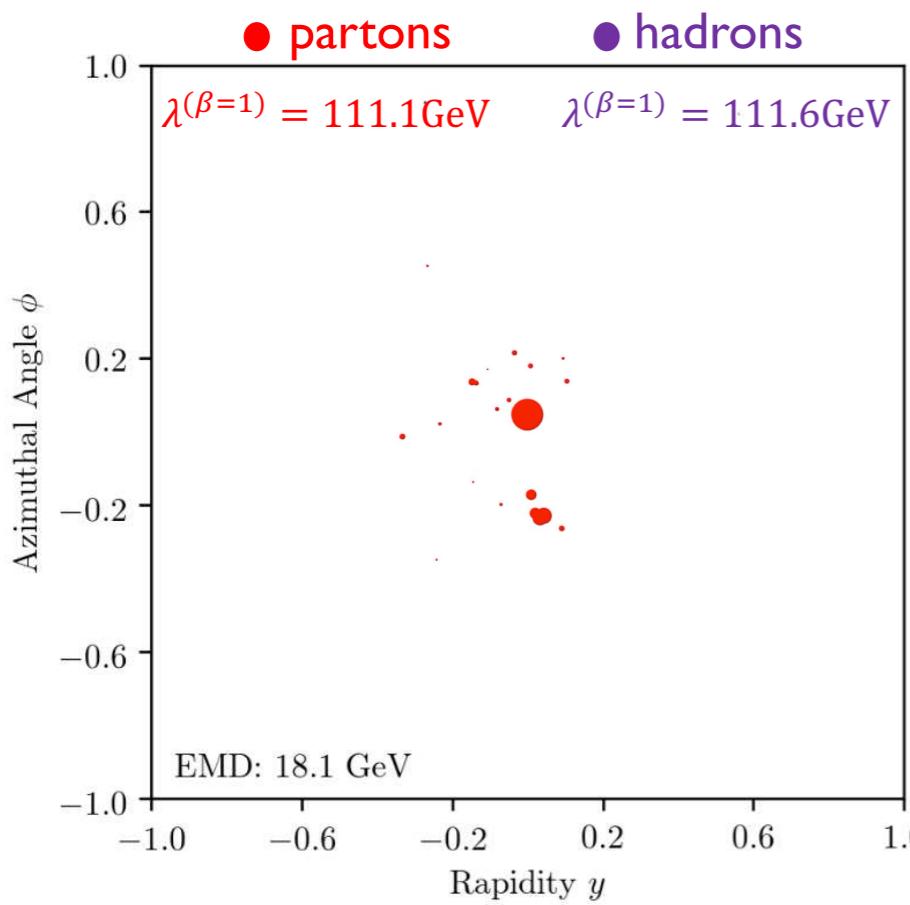
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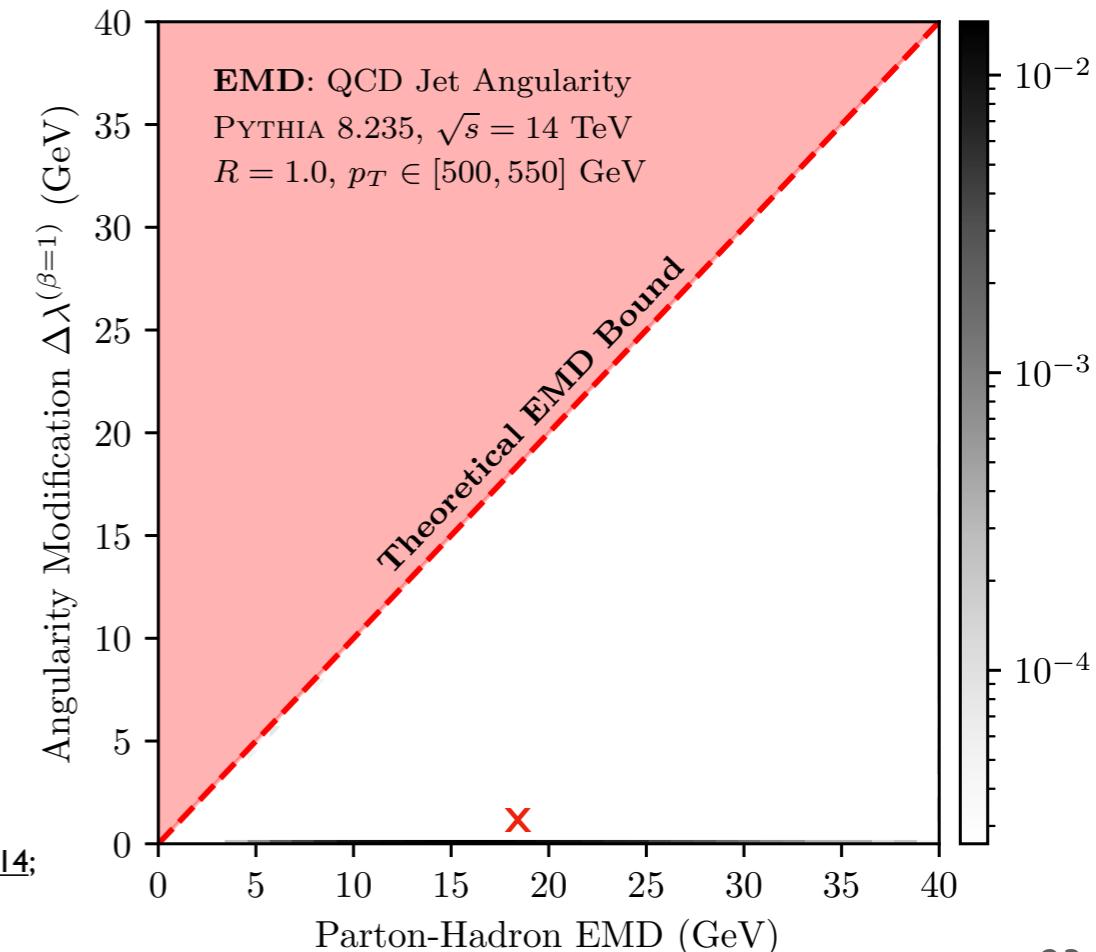


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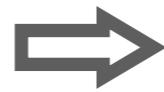


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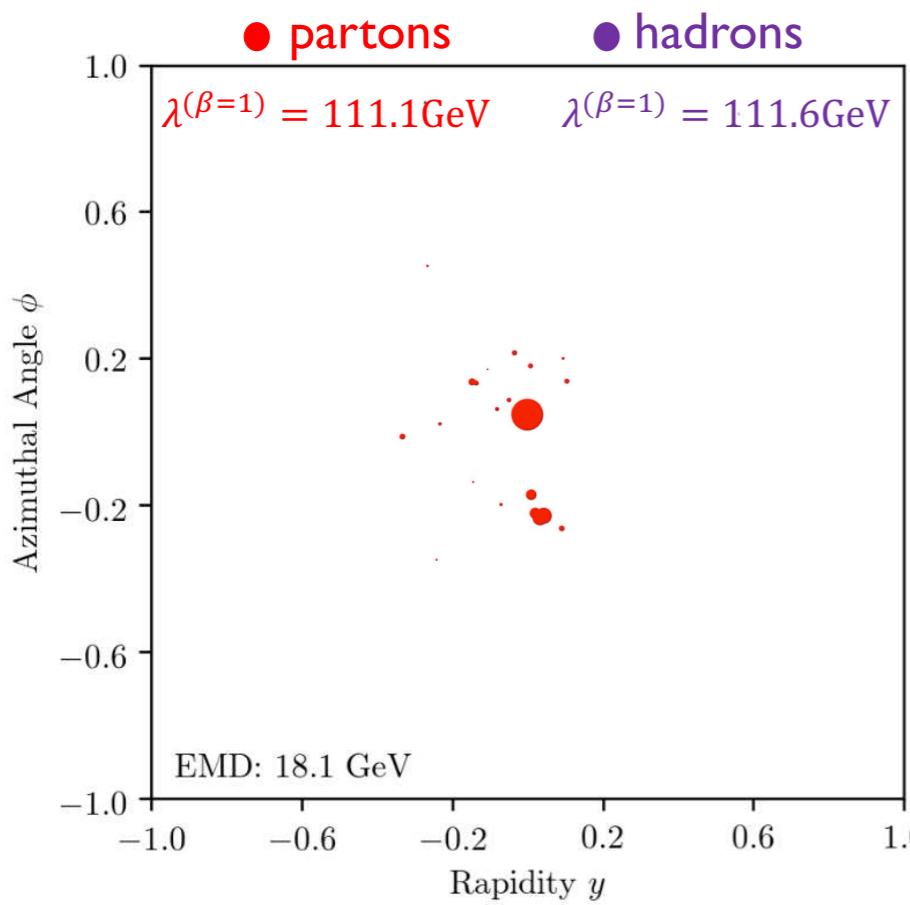
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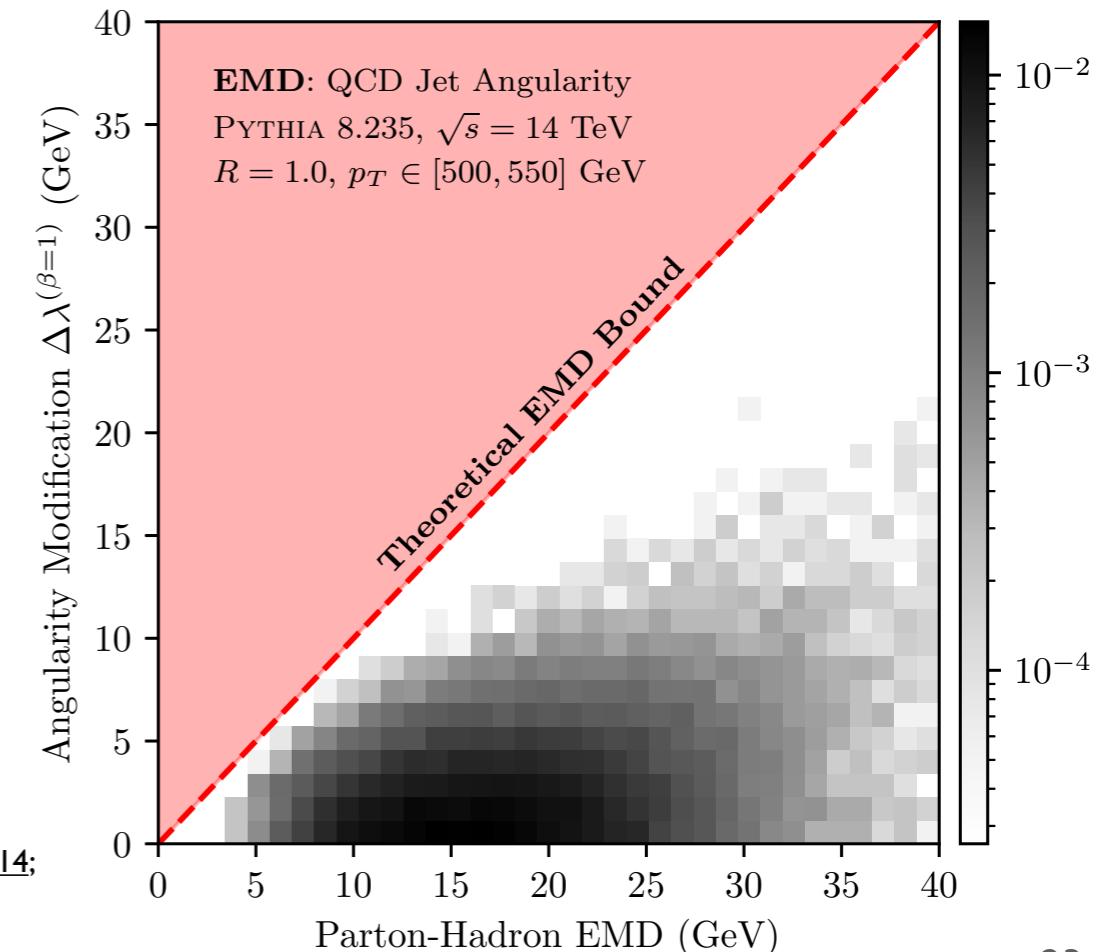


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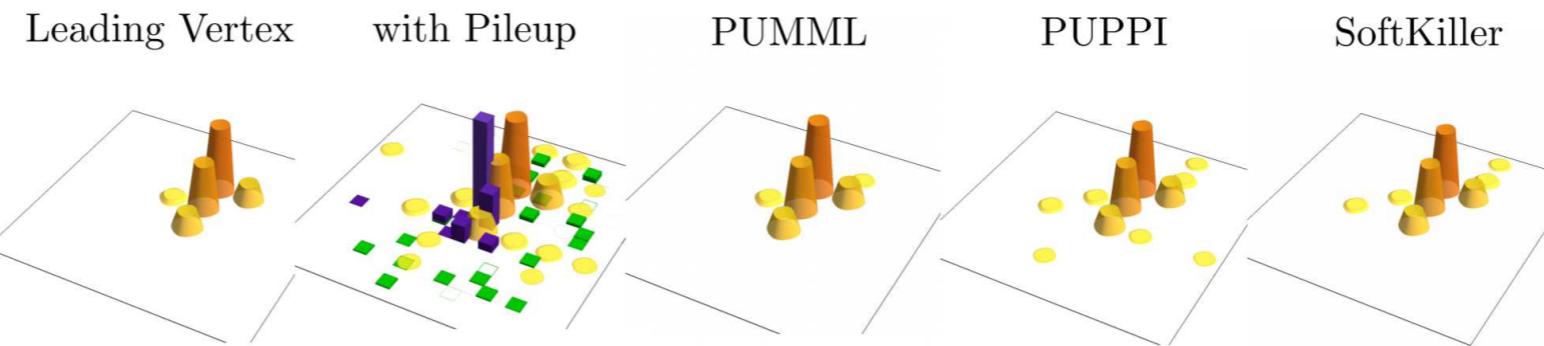
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Future – Optimizing Pileup Removal

[PTK, Metodiev, Nachman, Schwartz, [1707.08600](#)]

PileUp Mitigation with Machine Learning (PUMML)

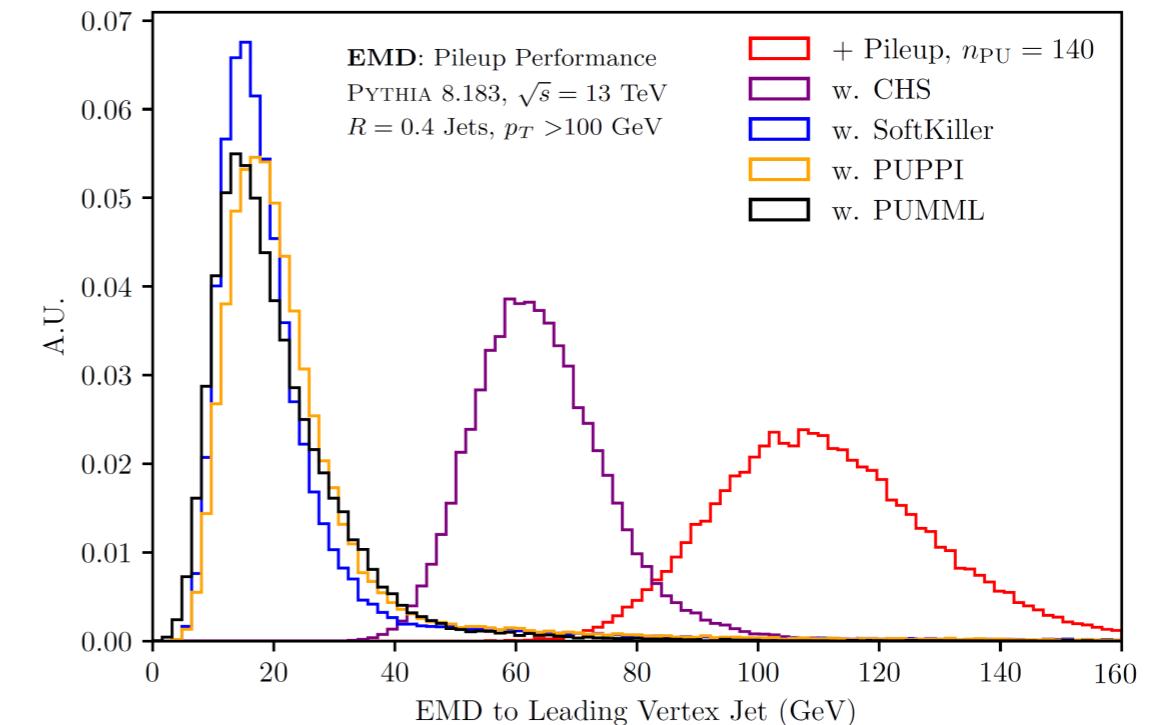
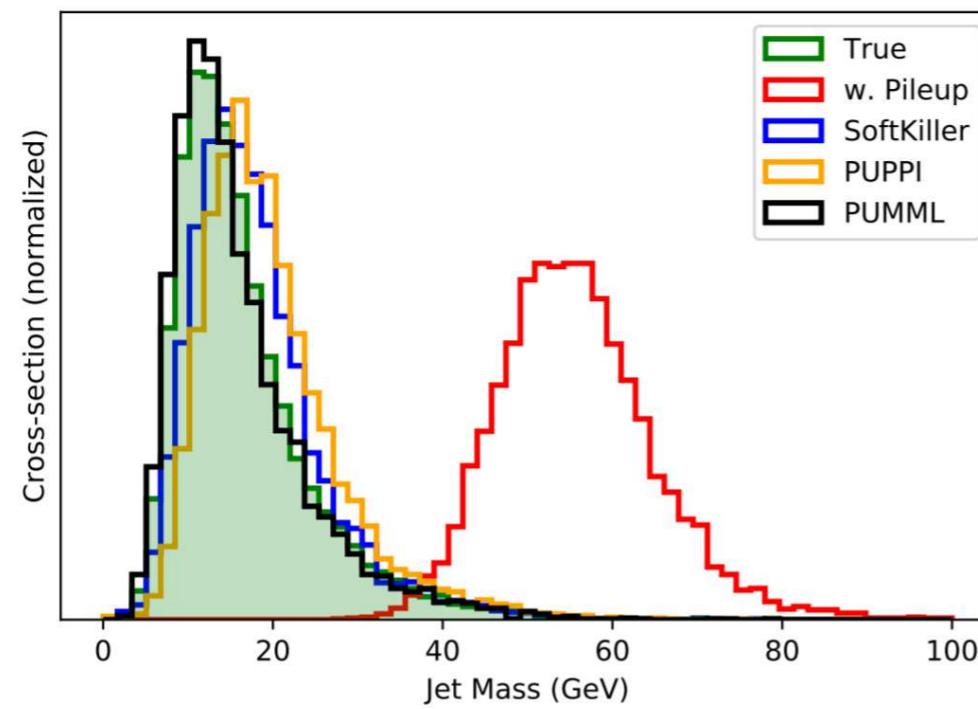


PUMML with jet images

- pixel-based custom loss function
- compared specific IRC-safe observables

PUMML with EMD?

- no pixelation, automatic loss function
- related to all IRC-safe observables

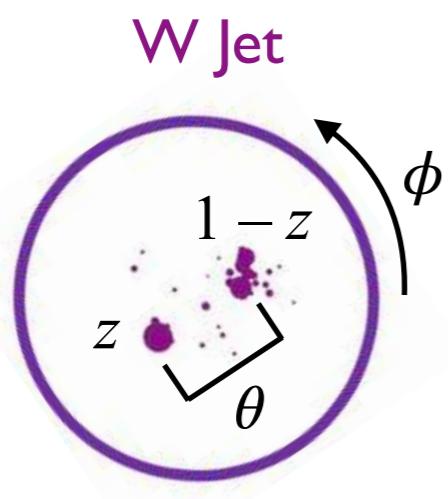


(Event) Space Exploration

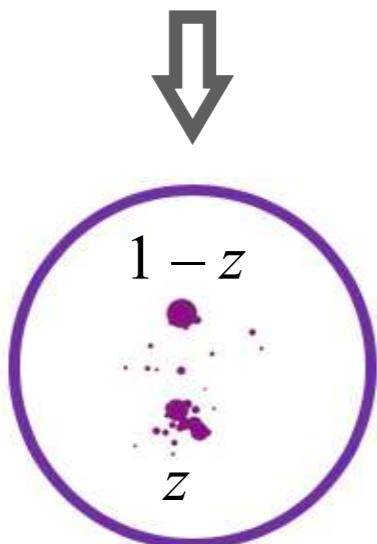


Visualizing the Metric Space of W Jets

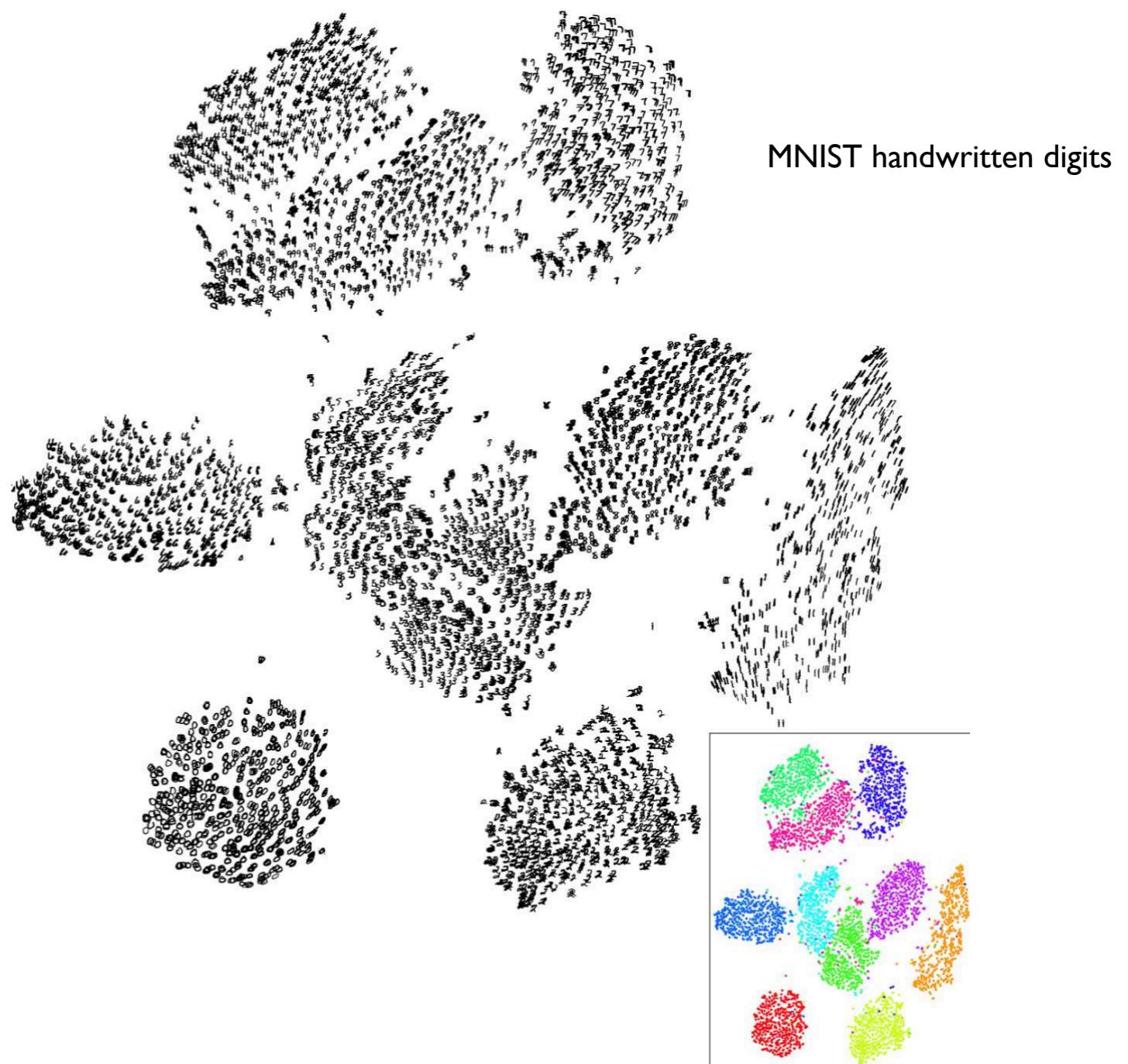
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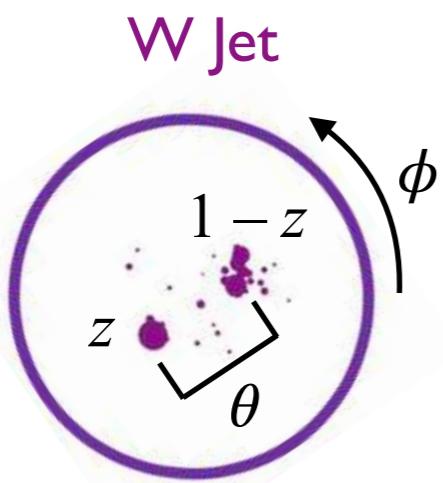
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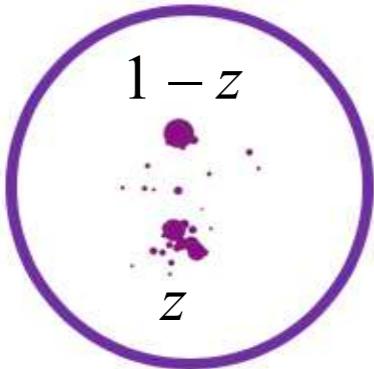
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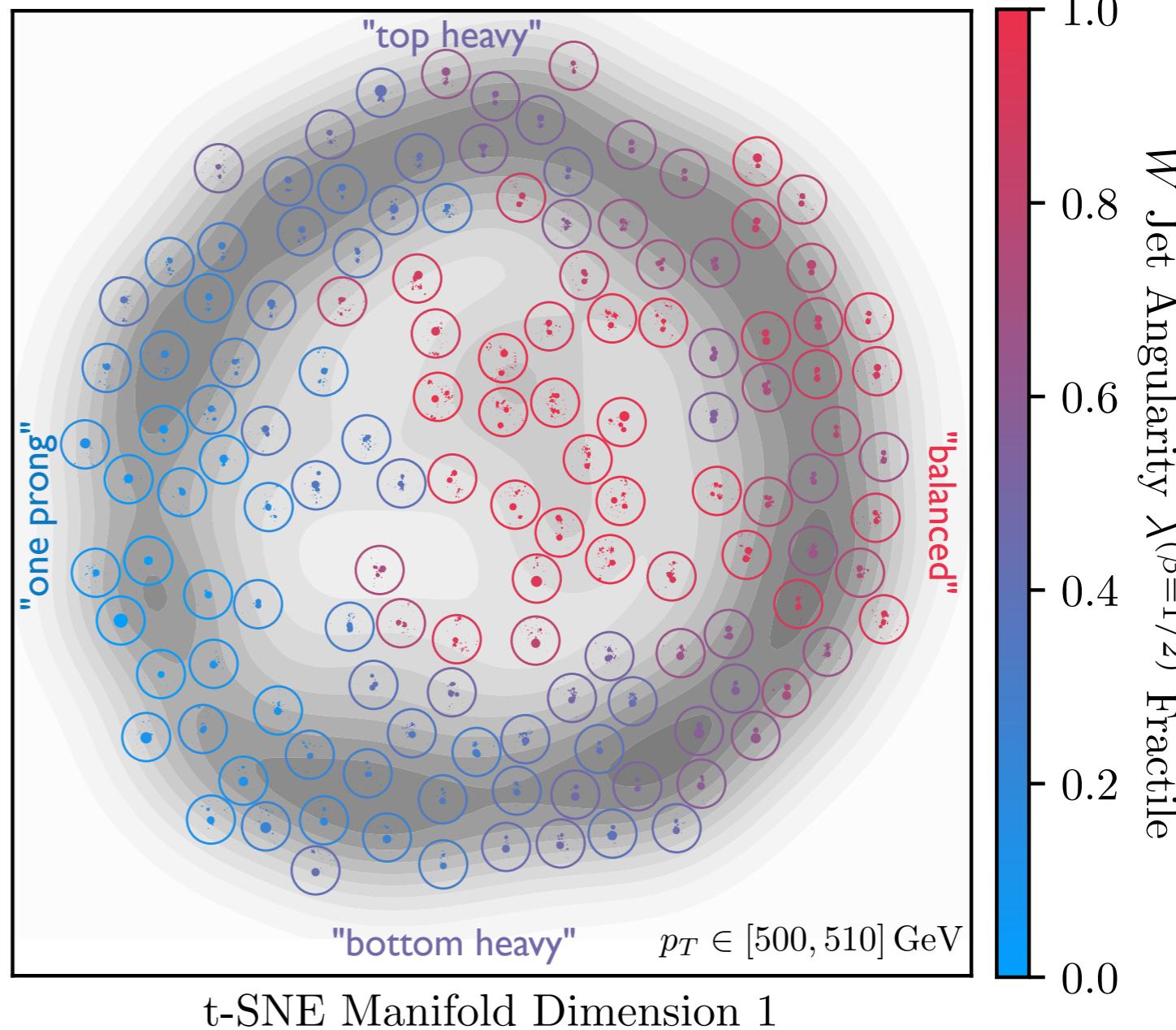
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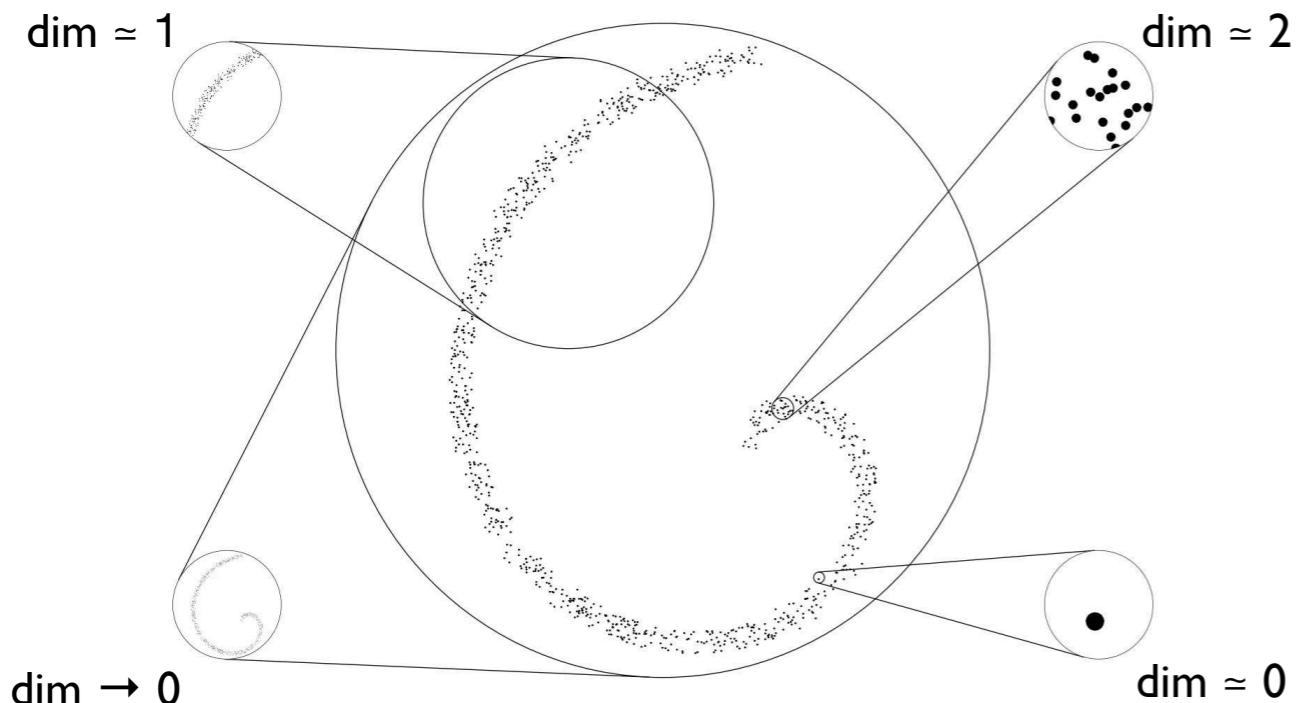
Gray contours represent the density of jets
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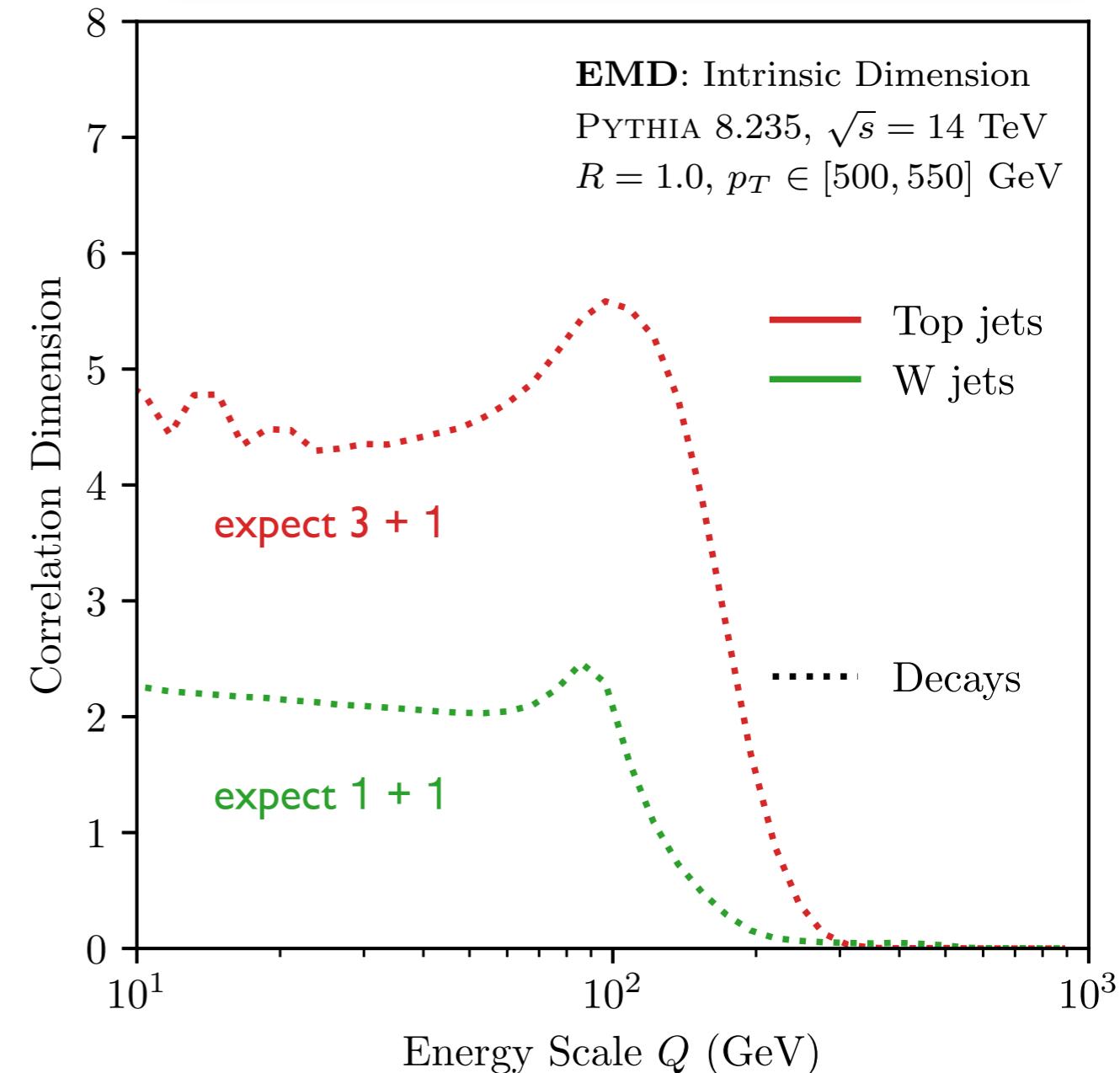
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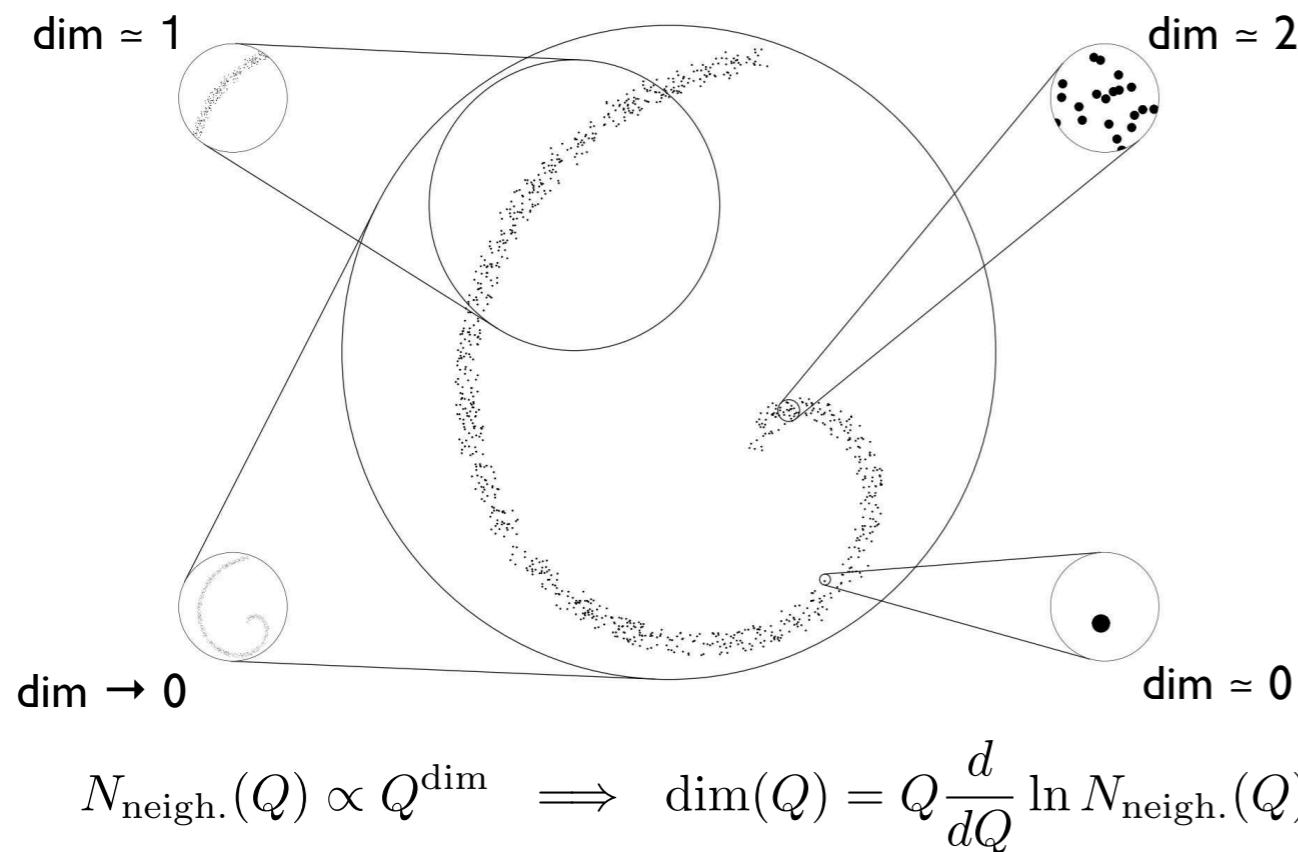
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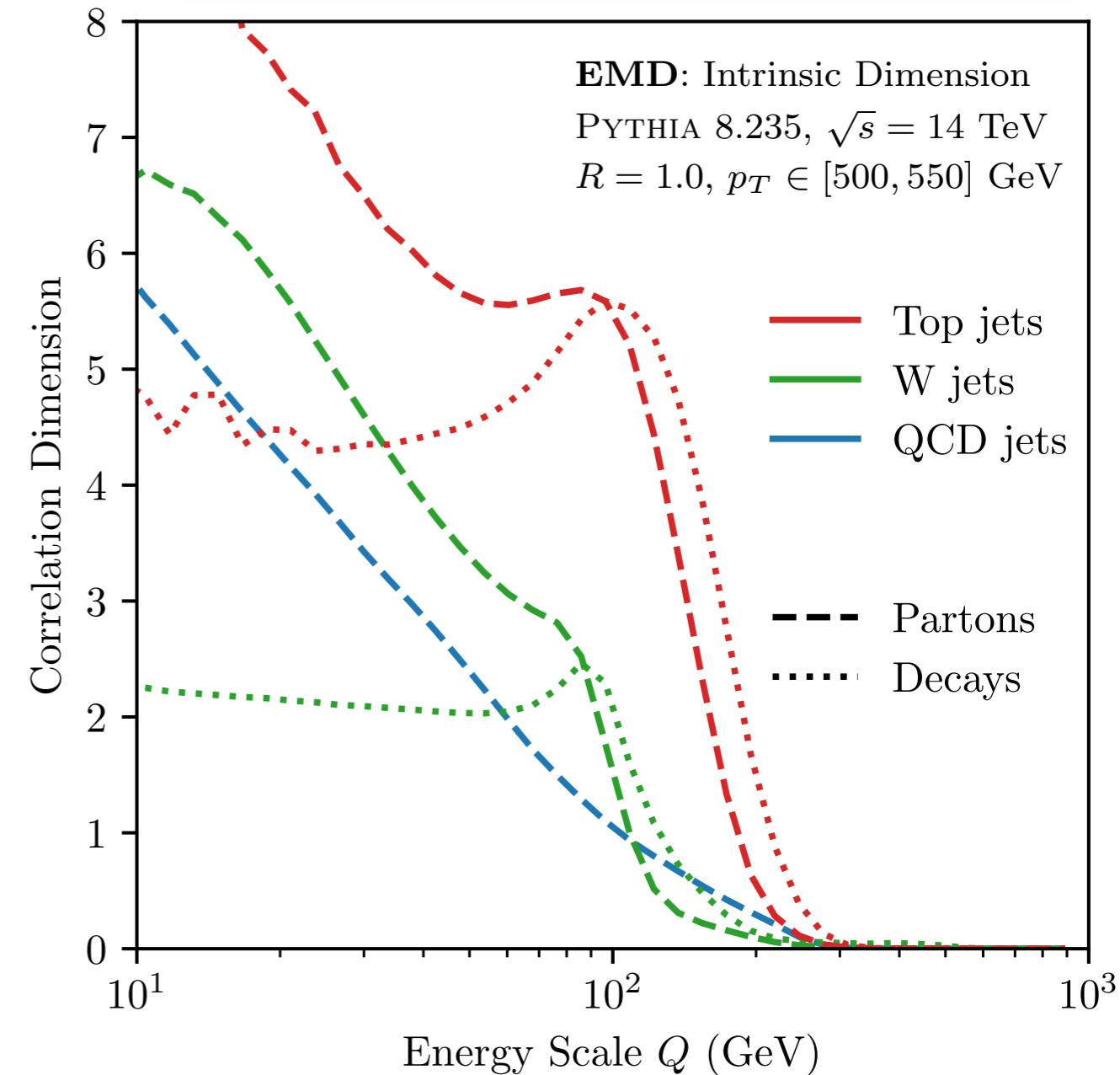
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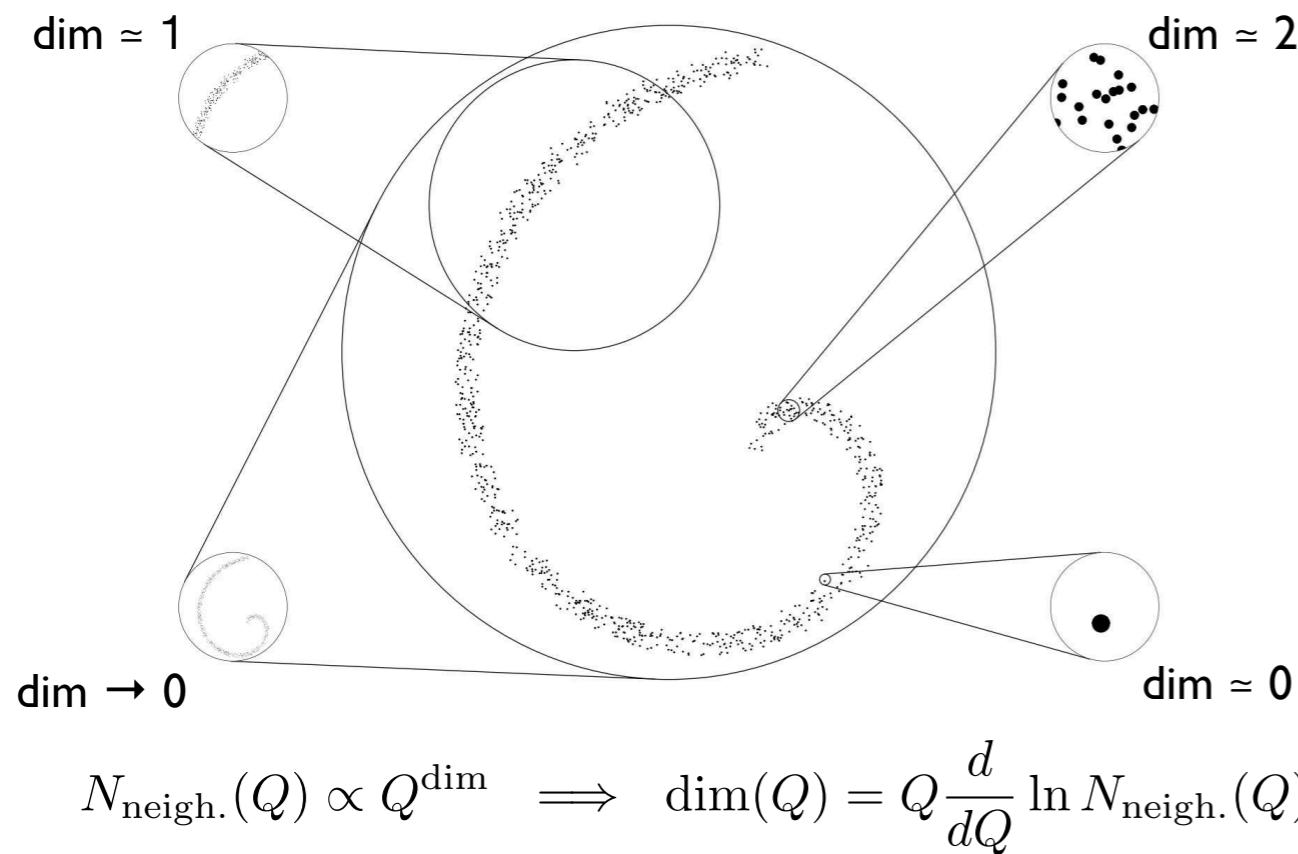
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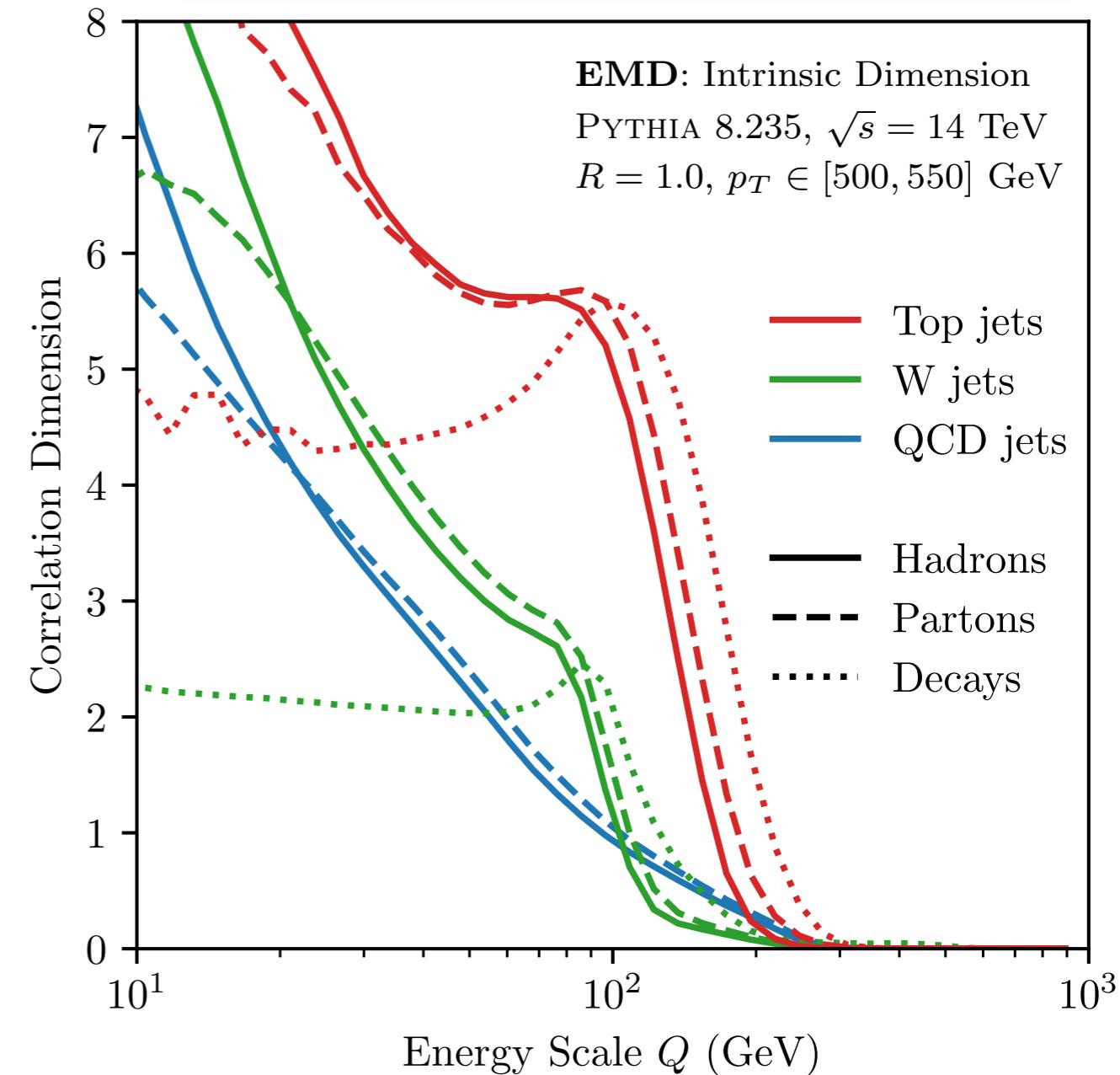
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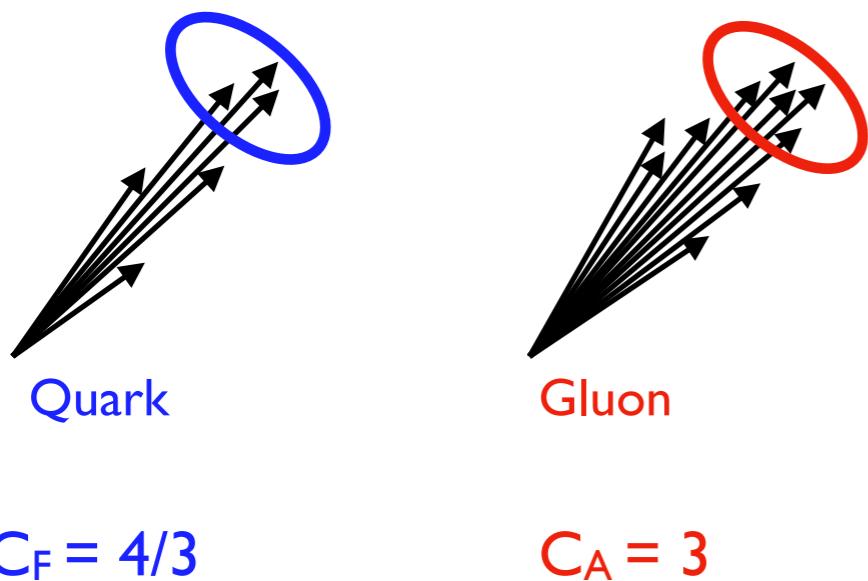


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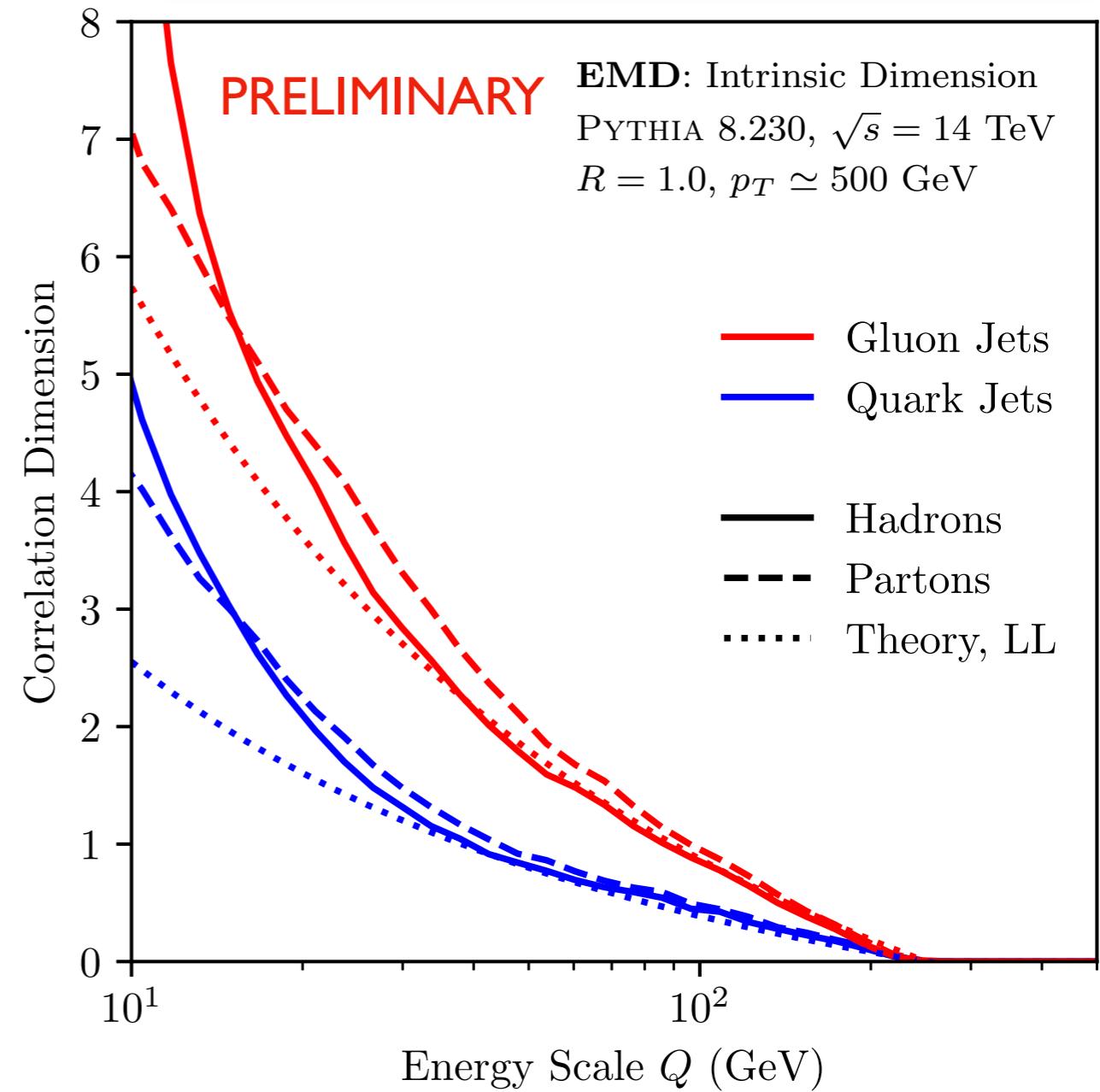
Leading log (single emission) calculation:

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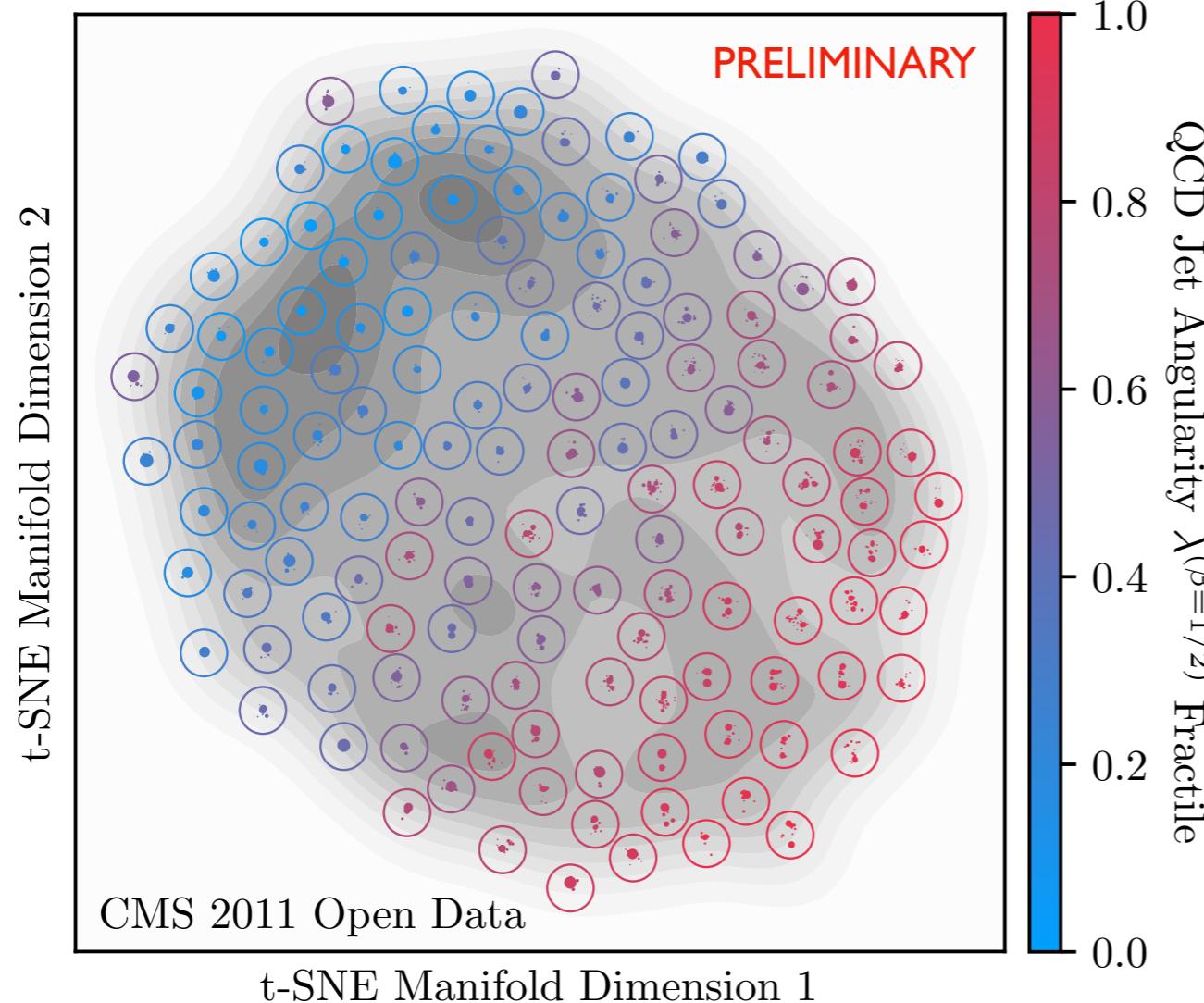
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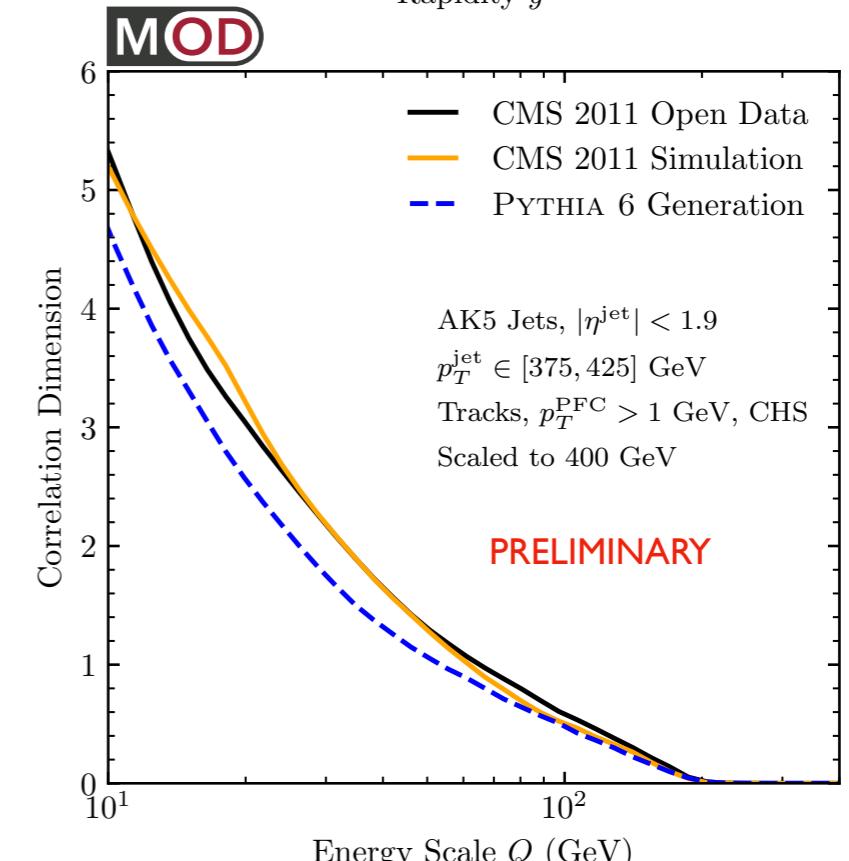
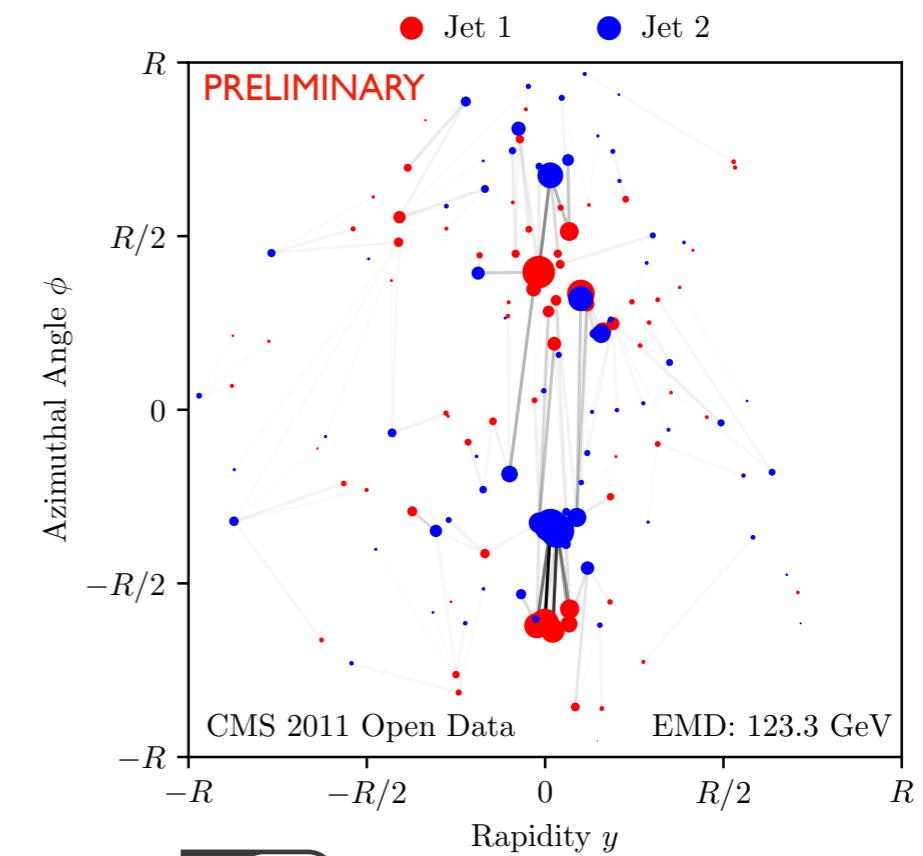
Visualizing Jets with CMS Open Data



Application of EMD techniques to the jet primary dataset in CMS 2011 Open Data



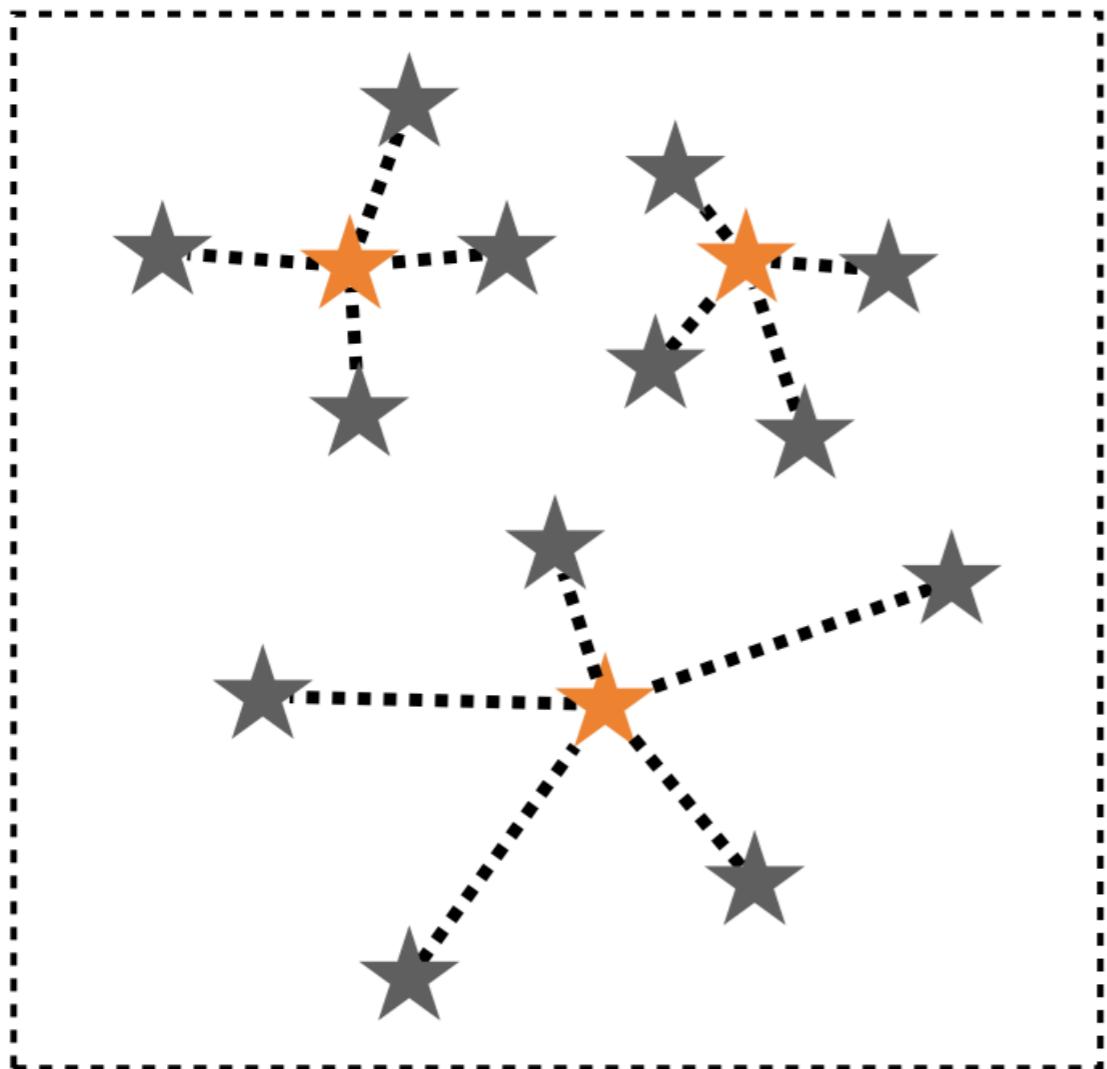
[Mastandrea, Naik, PTK, Metodiev, Thaler, *in progress*]



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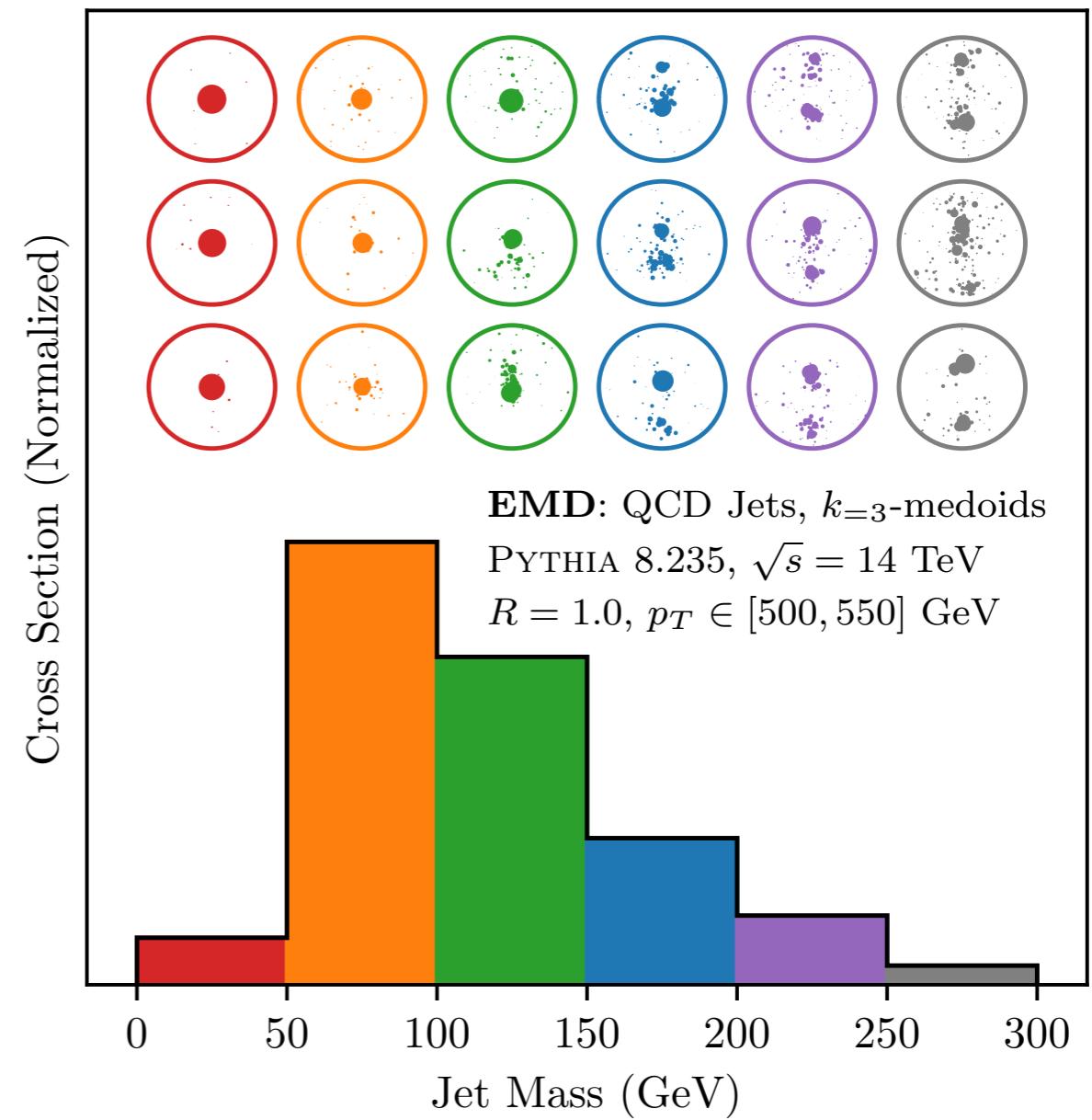
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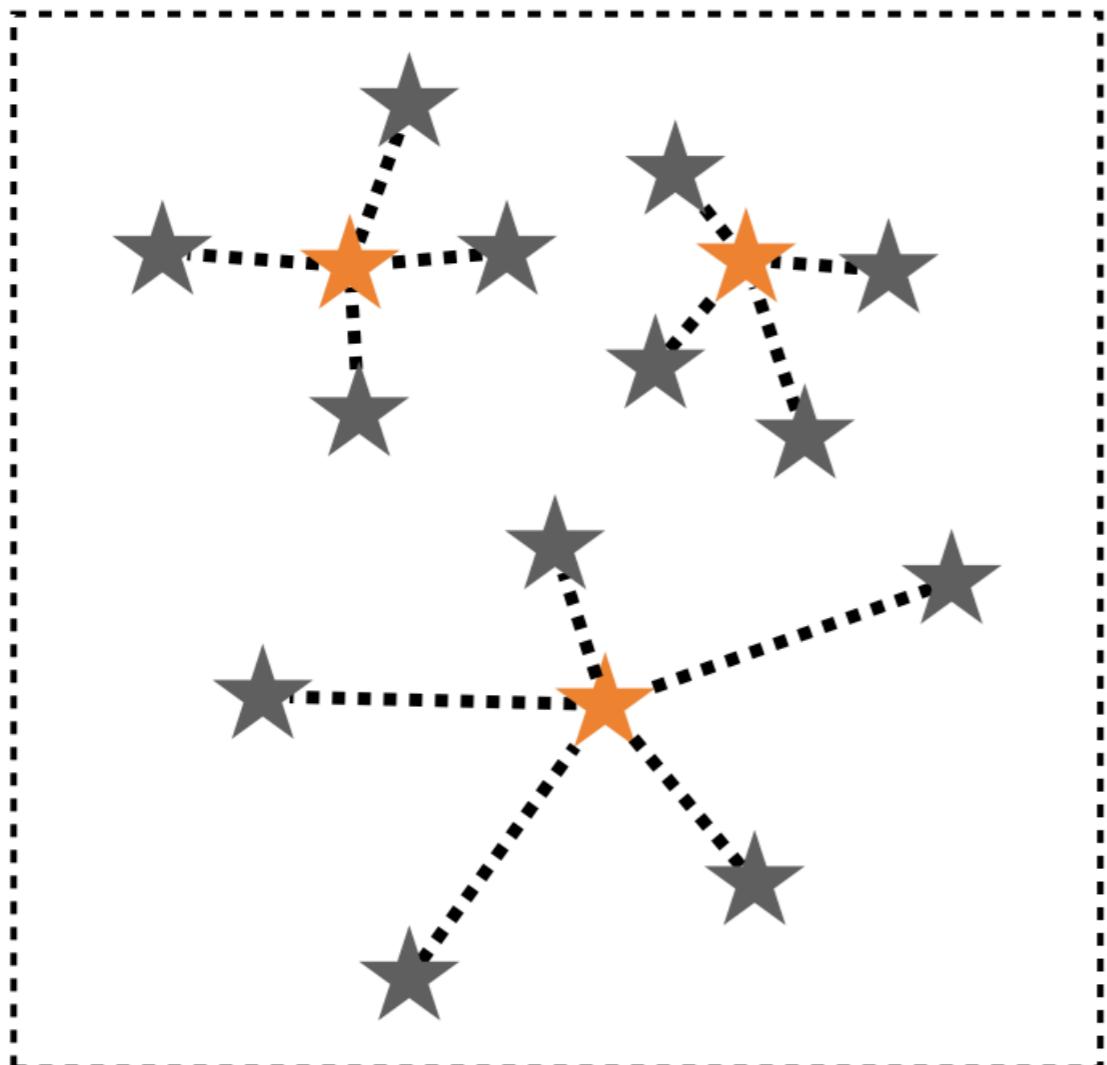
[diagram by Jesse Thaler]



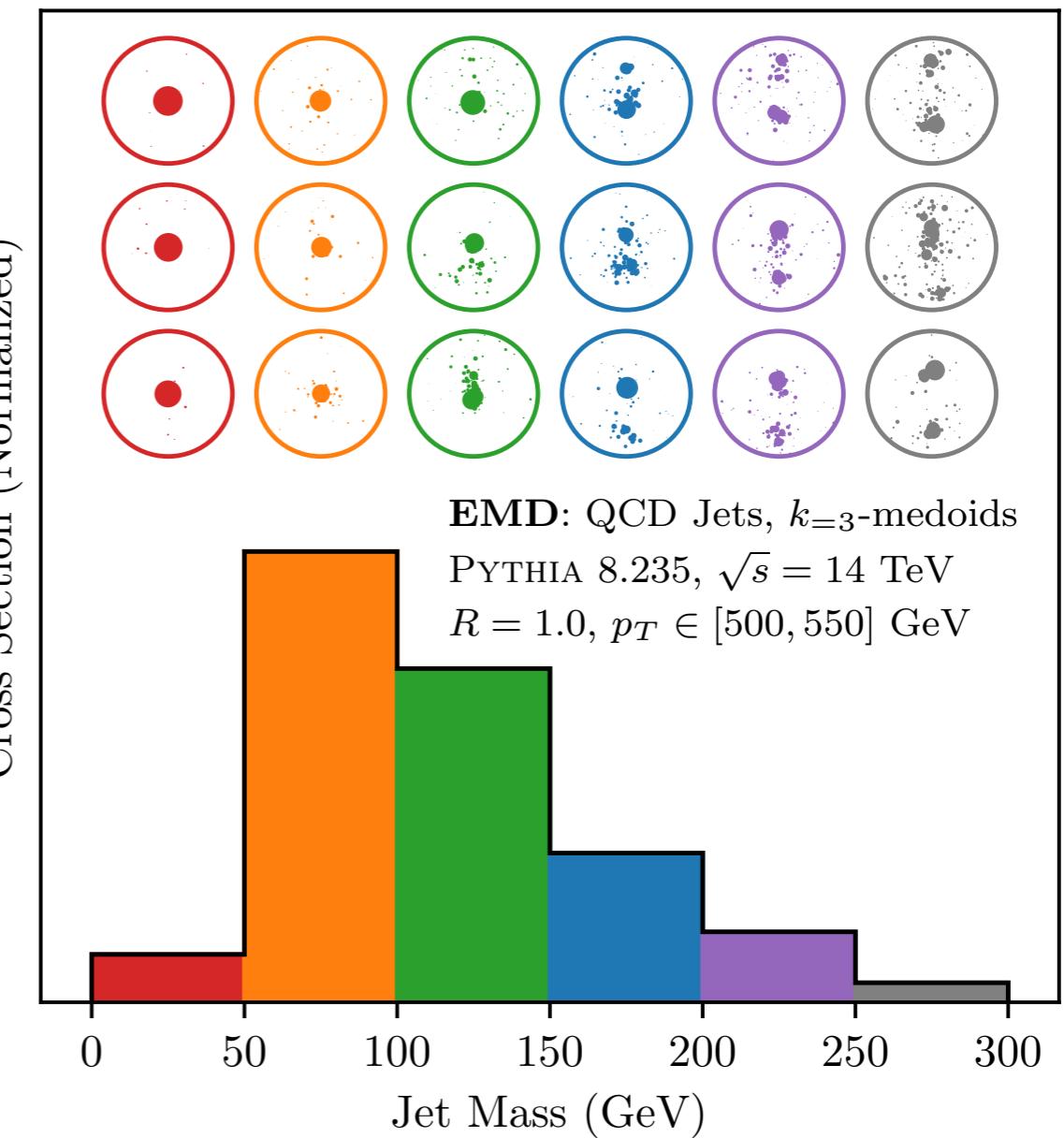
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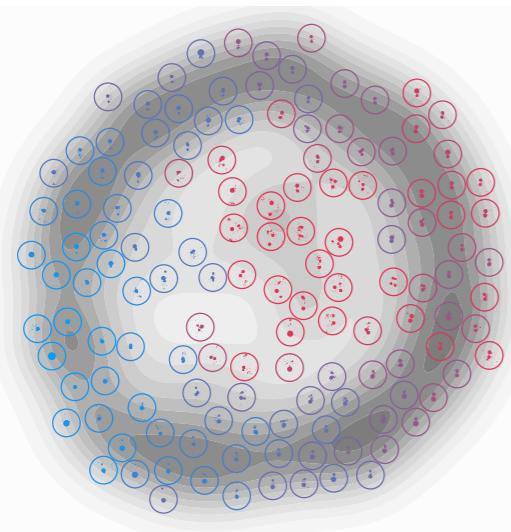
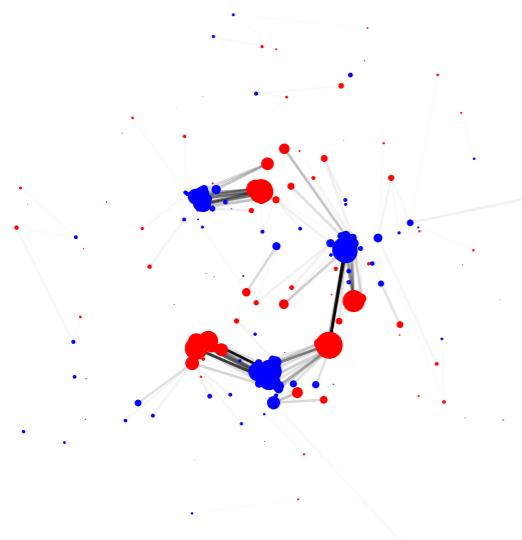
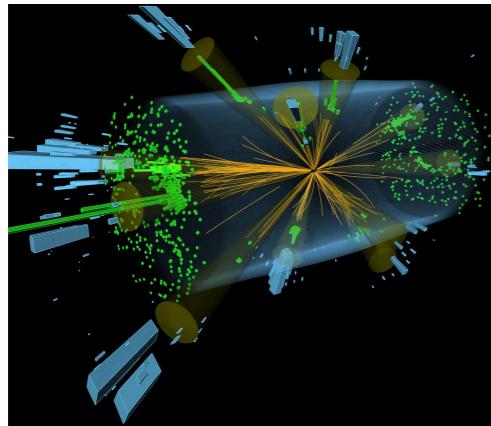
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Three "most" representative jets in each bin





When are two events similar?

IRC-safe energy flow is theoretically and experimentally robust

The Energy Mover's Distance

Quantifies the difference in energy flow between events

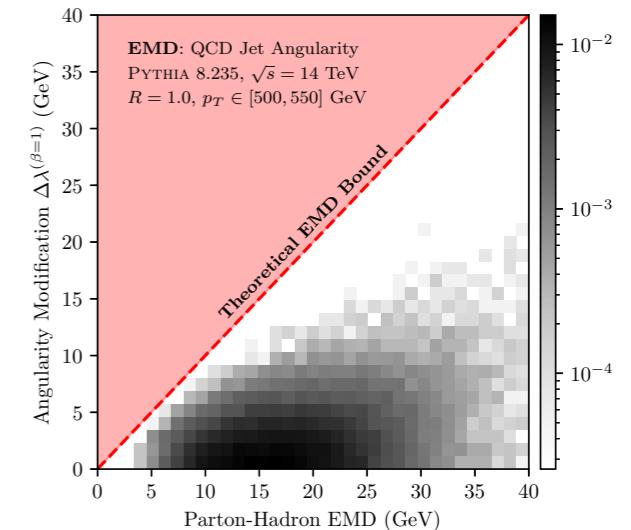
Particle Physics Applications

Classification, quantifying modifications, understanding observables, exploring and visualizing event space

Further Directions

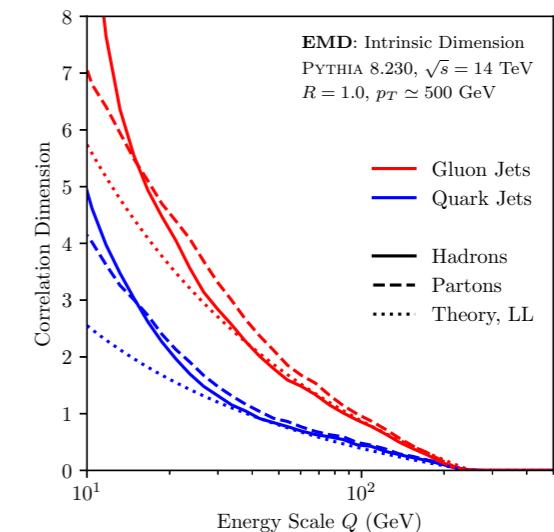
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- Non-parametric density estimates (unfolding?)
- Automated data compression (triggering?)



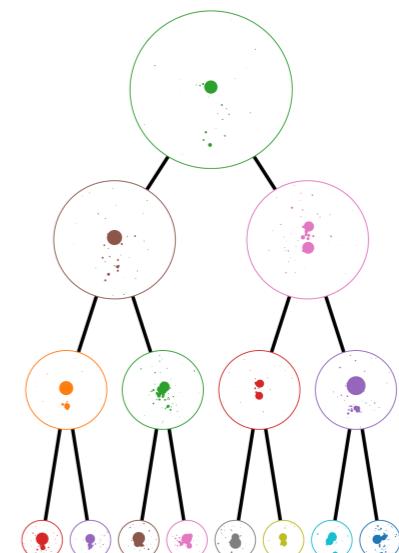
Theoretical

- Define new observables with EMD?
- Precision QCD calculations of event space geometry?
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Algorithmic

- Loss function for modern ML in particle physics?
- Metric trees to turn $O(N^2)$ into $O(N \log N)$?



EnergyFlow Python Package

<https://energyflow.network>

Parallelized EMD calculations via the Python Optimal Transport library

Keras implementations of EFNs, PFNs, DNNs, CNNs, efficient EFP computation

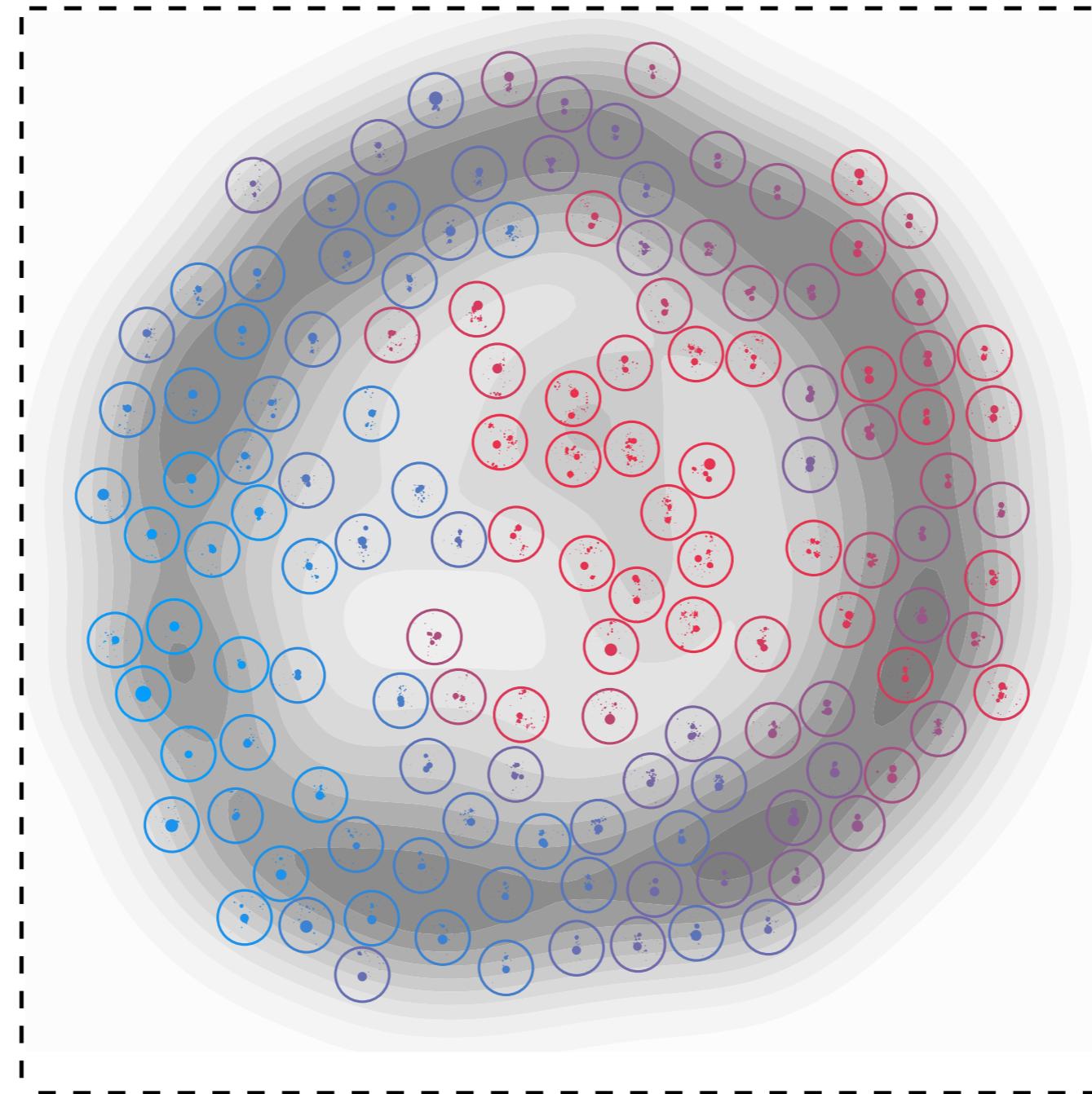
Several detailed [examples](#) and [demos](#) for common use cases and visualization procedures

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Additional Slides

Boosted W Jets

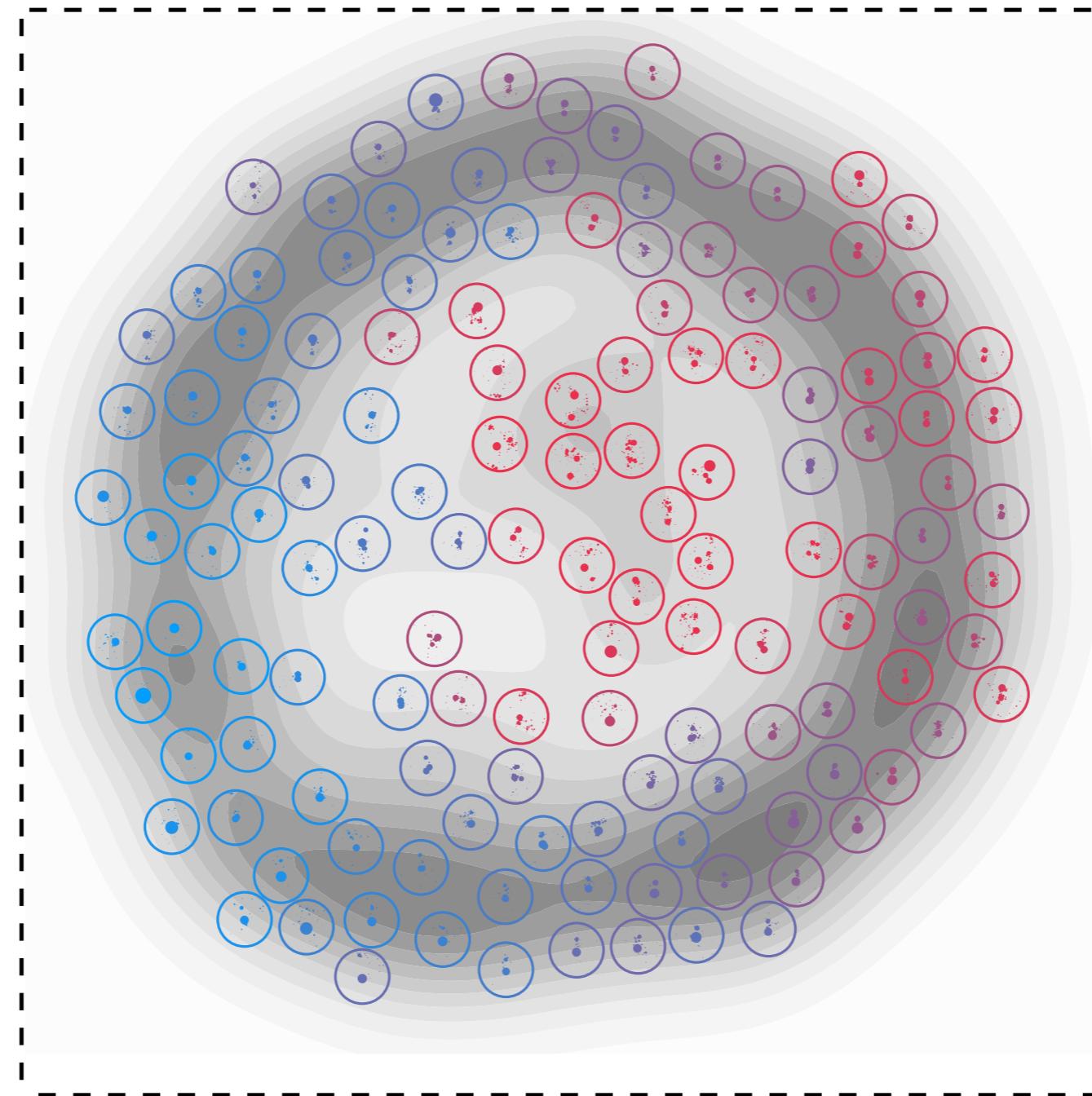


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