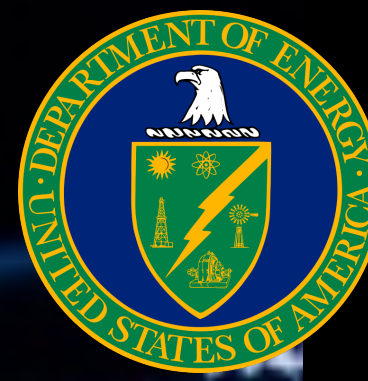
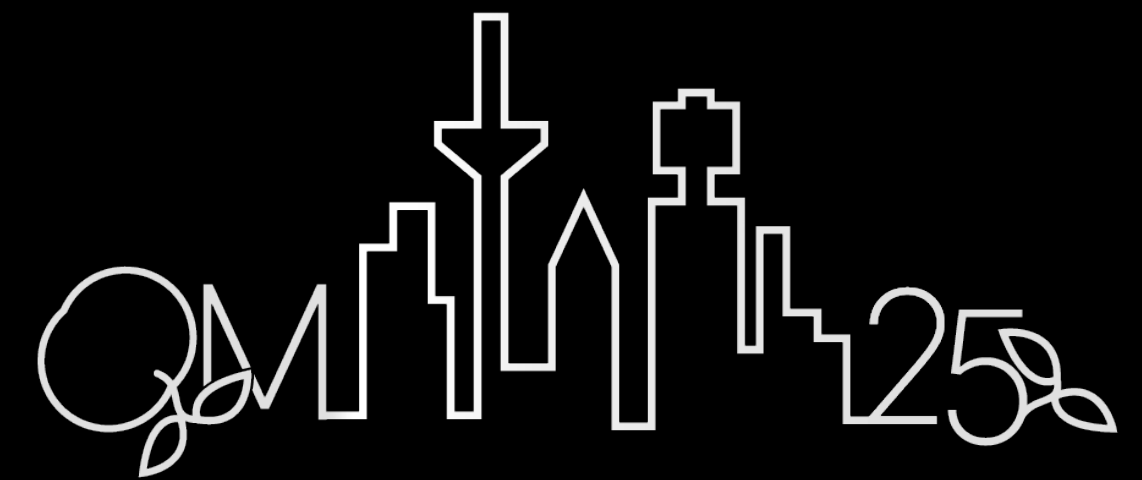


Machine Learning in Analysis Techniques for future physics

Hannah Bossi (MIT)
Quark Matter 2025
Frankfurt, Germany
April 12th, 2025

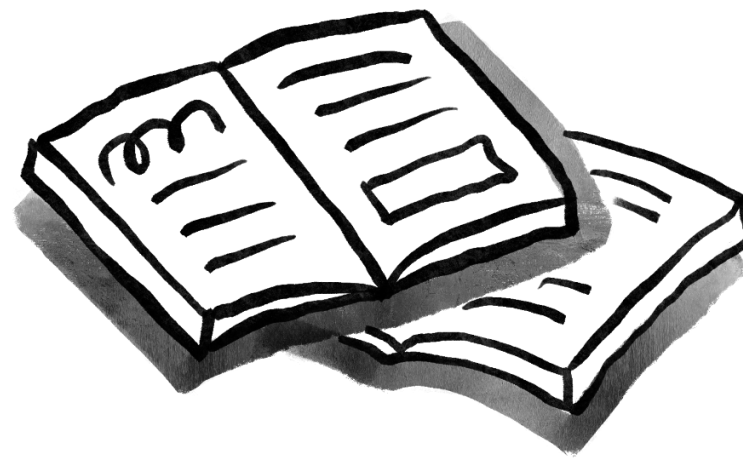


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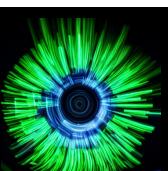


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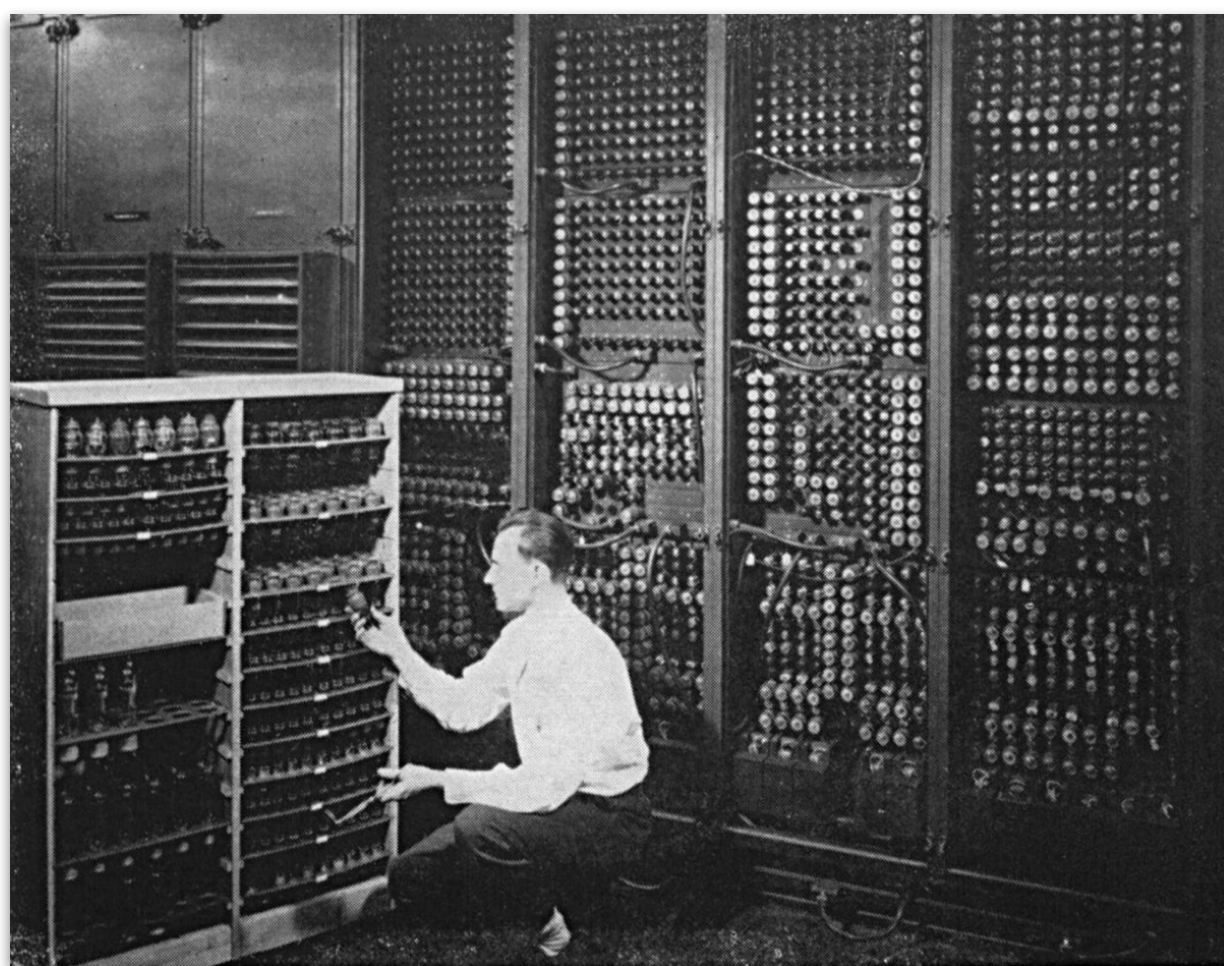
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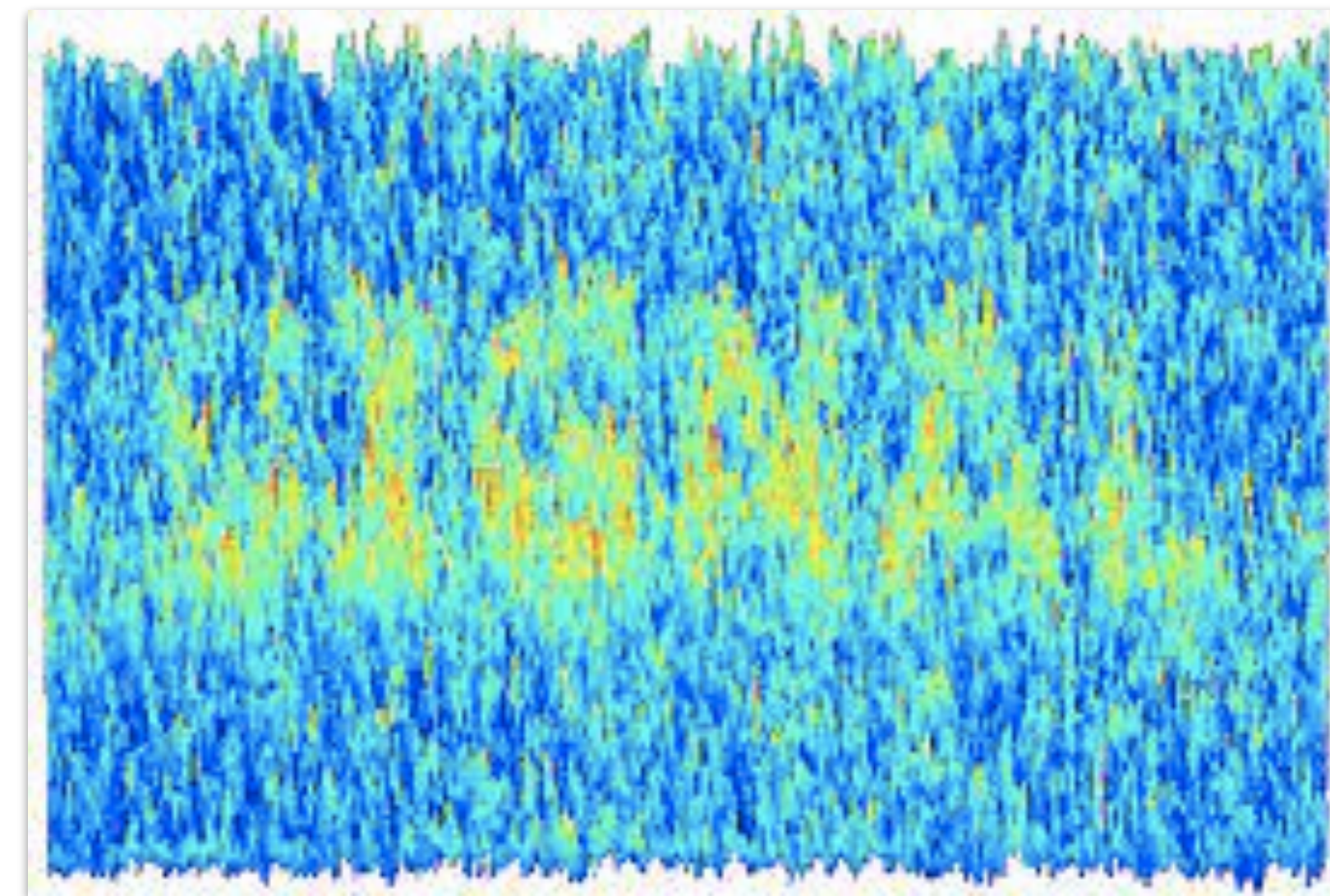


ORIGINS OF ML

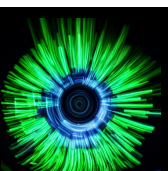


[\[Electronic Numerical Integrator and Computer, 1945\]](#)

- First electronic computers developed with the purpose of performing **computations that were difficult and time-consuming for humans** to perform accurately.
- Later push for computers to **replicate computations humans are naturally good at, i.e. pattern recognition**, but on larger datasets.

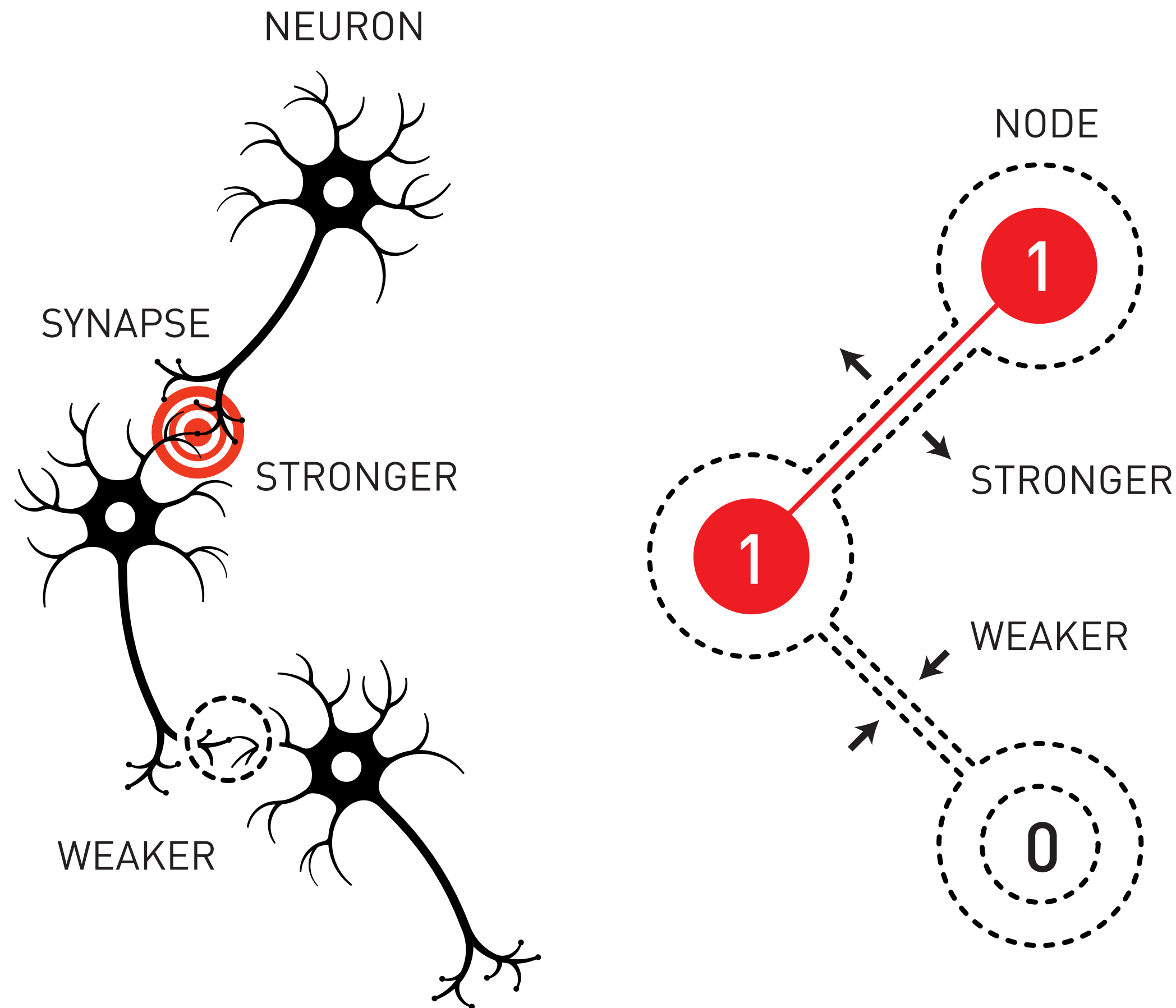


As a result, created algorithms that imitate how humans learn, i.e. learning from examples in a way that improves over time → **machine learning**



FOUNDATIONAL TOOLS

- Fundamental building blocks of machine learning directly mimic the brain!

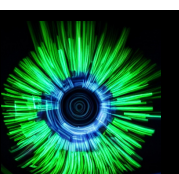


Neurons → Nodes
Synapses → Weighted couplings
Learning → training

- Connections between some neurons (synapses) become stronger and others weaker as we learn.

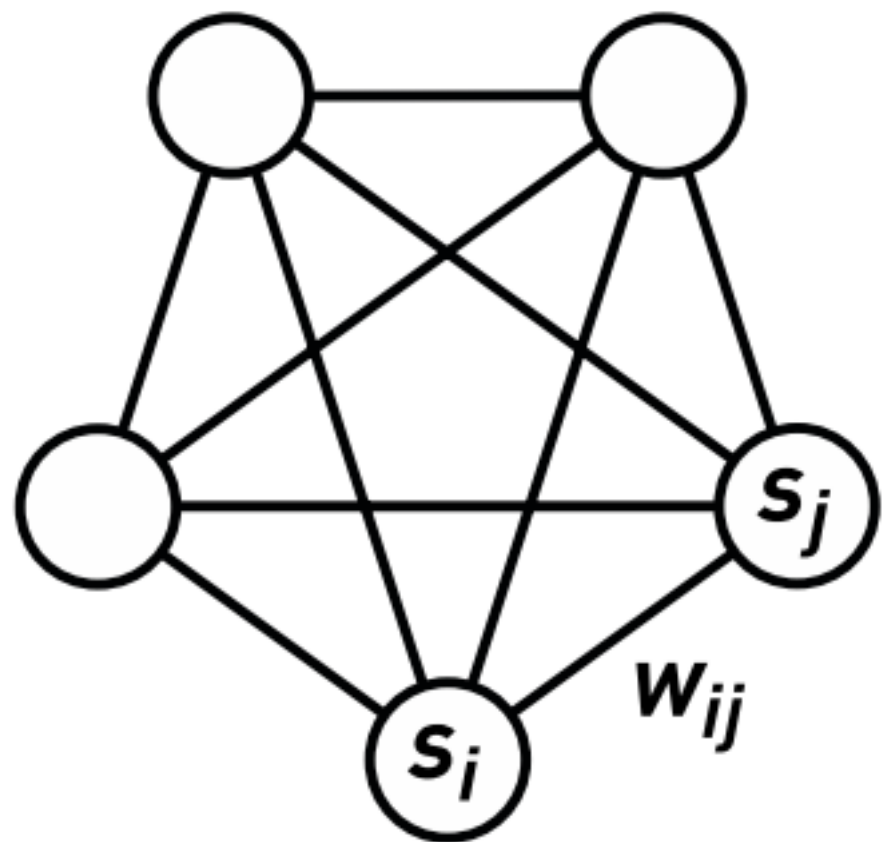
[\[D.O Hebb, "The organization of behavior", 1949\]](#)

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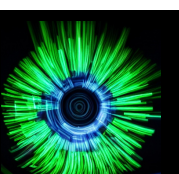
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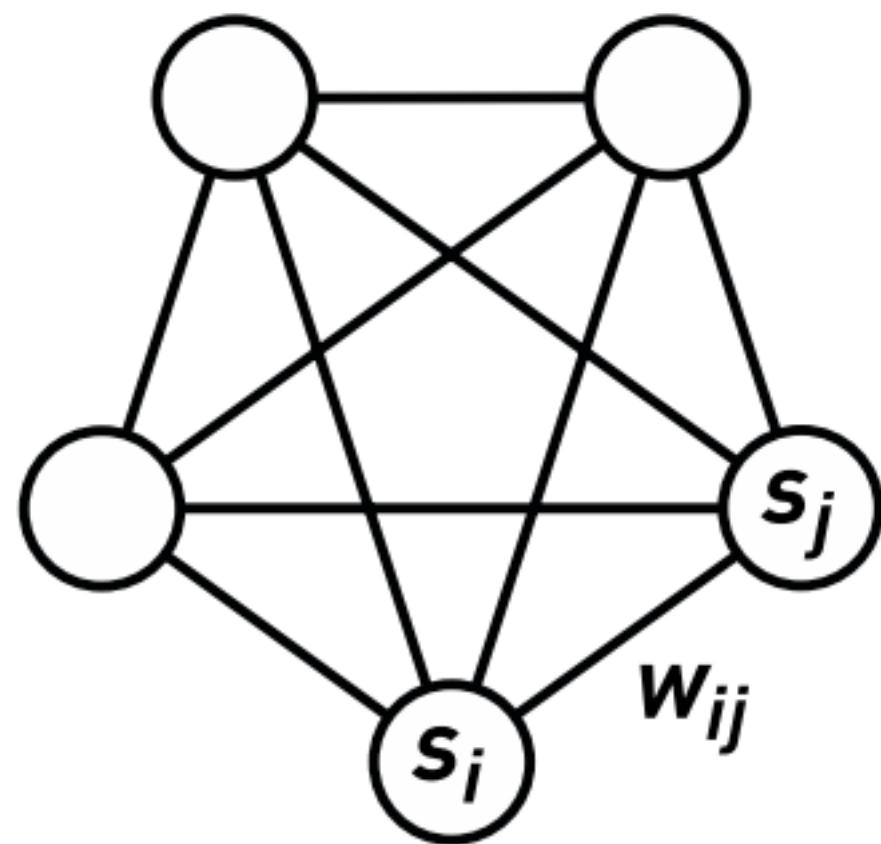
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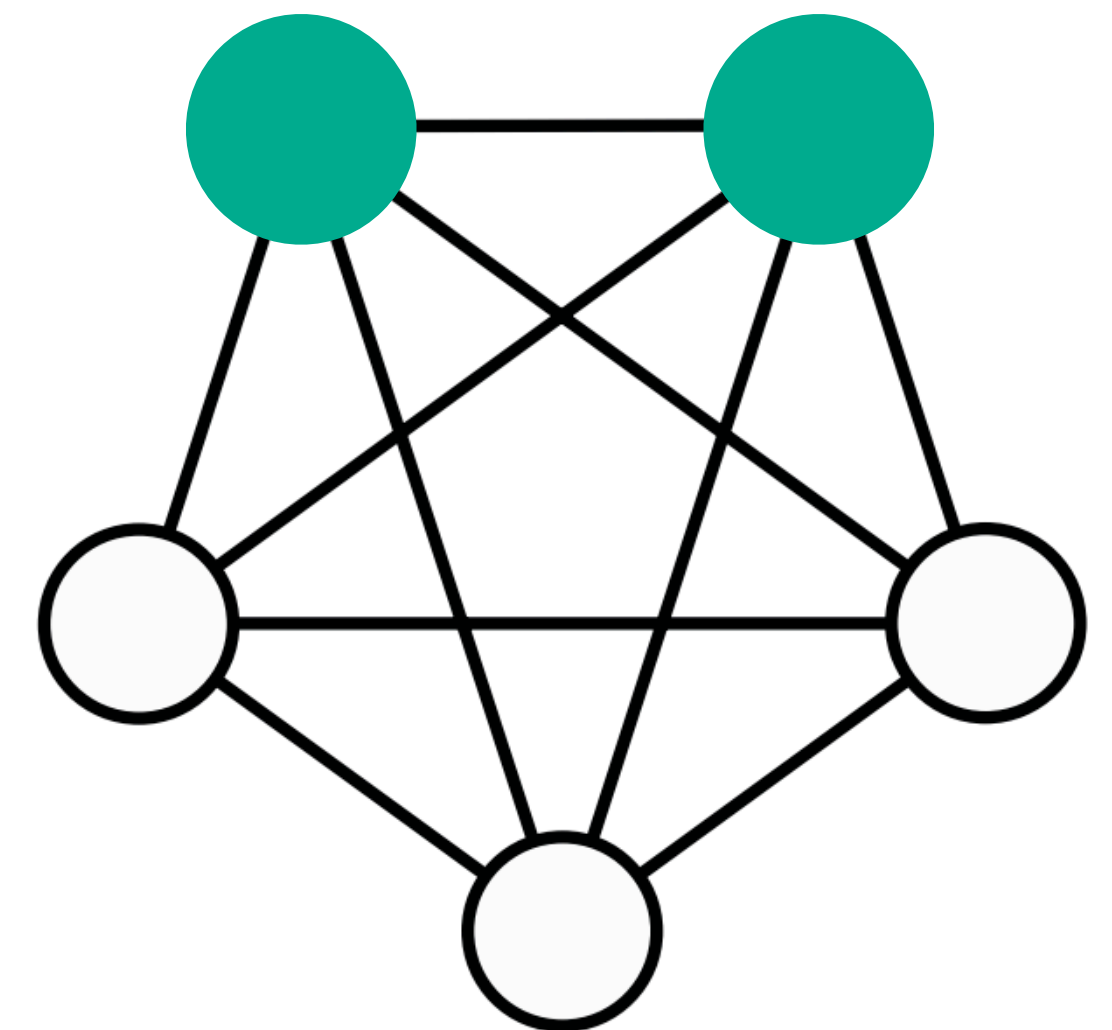
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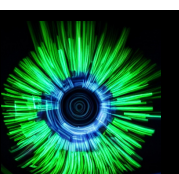


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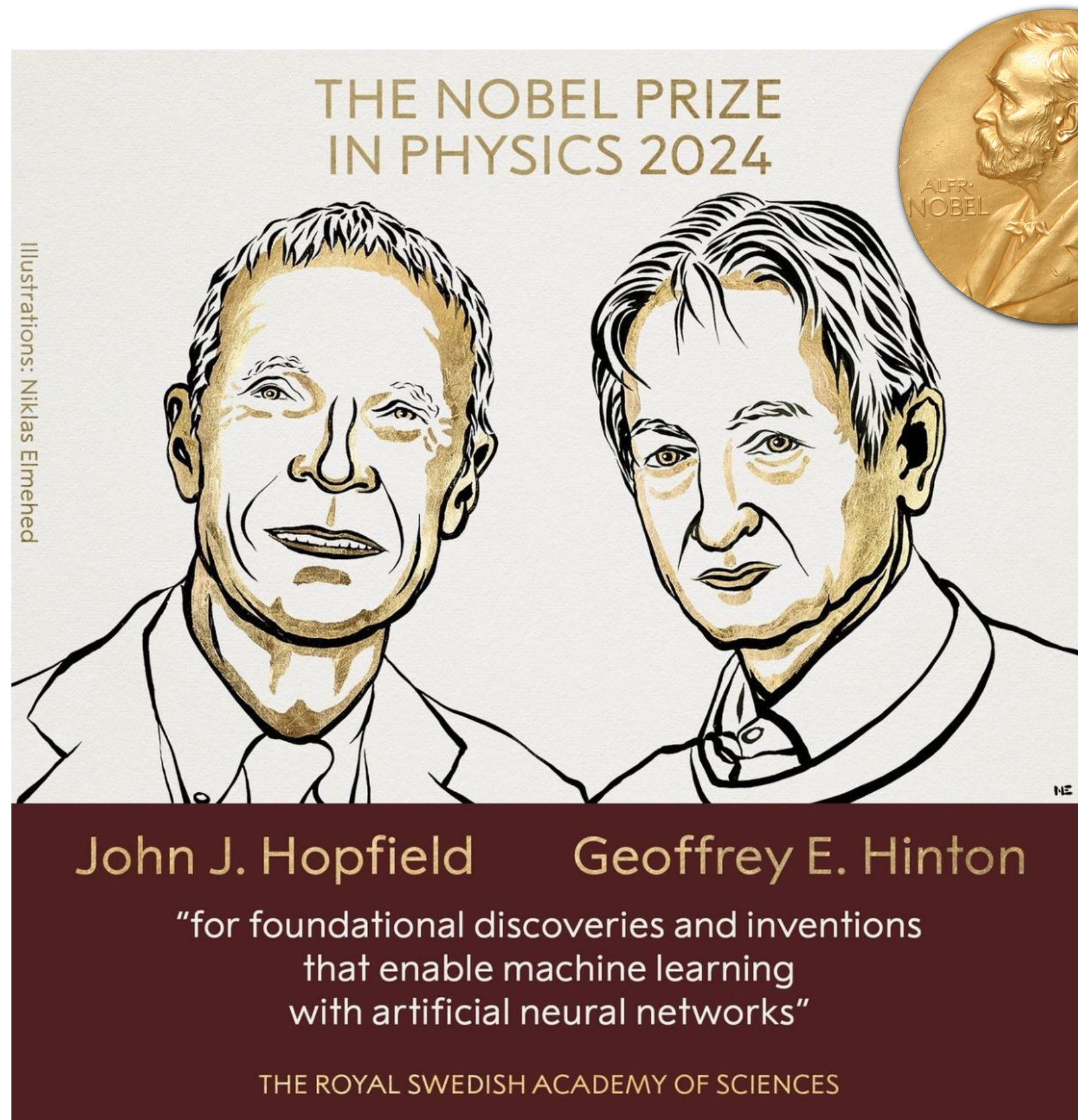
- Boltzmann machine: Nodes are subdivided into visible nodes and **hidden nodes**.



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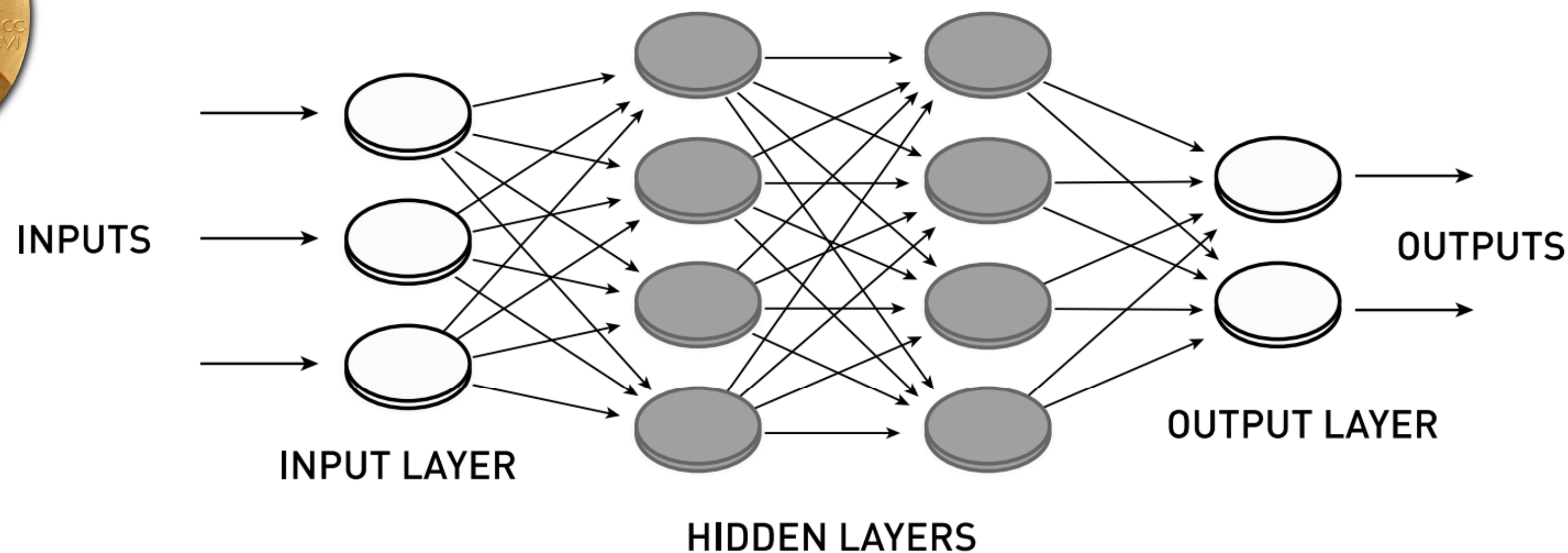


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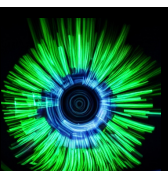


John Hopfield
(Hopfield Network)

Geoffrey Hinton
(Boltzmann Machine)

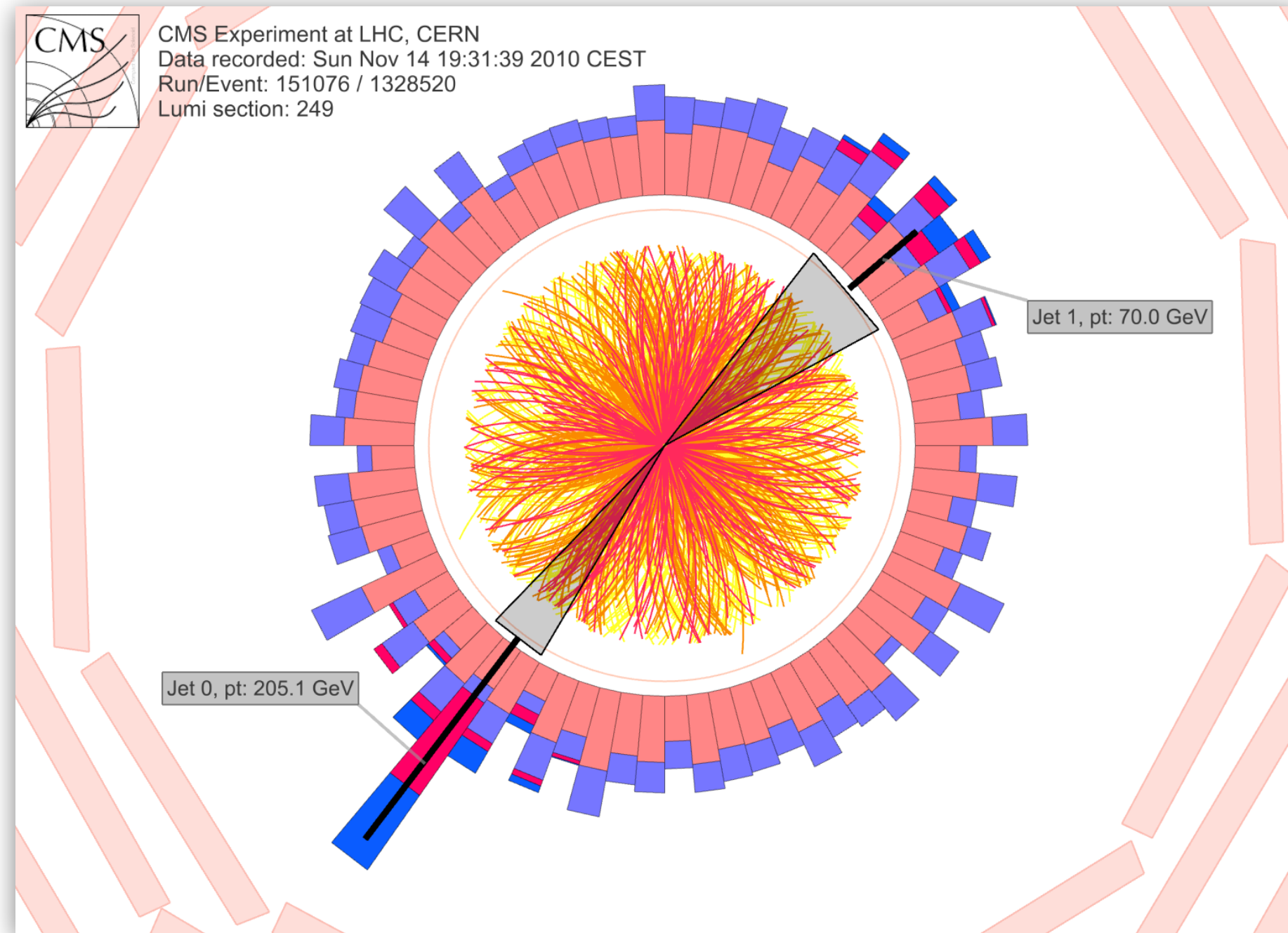


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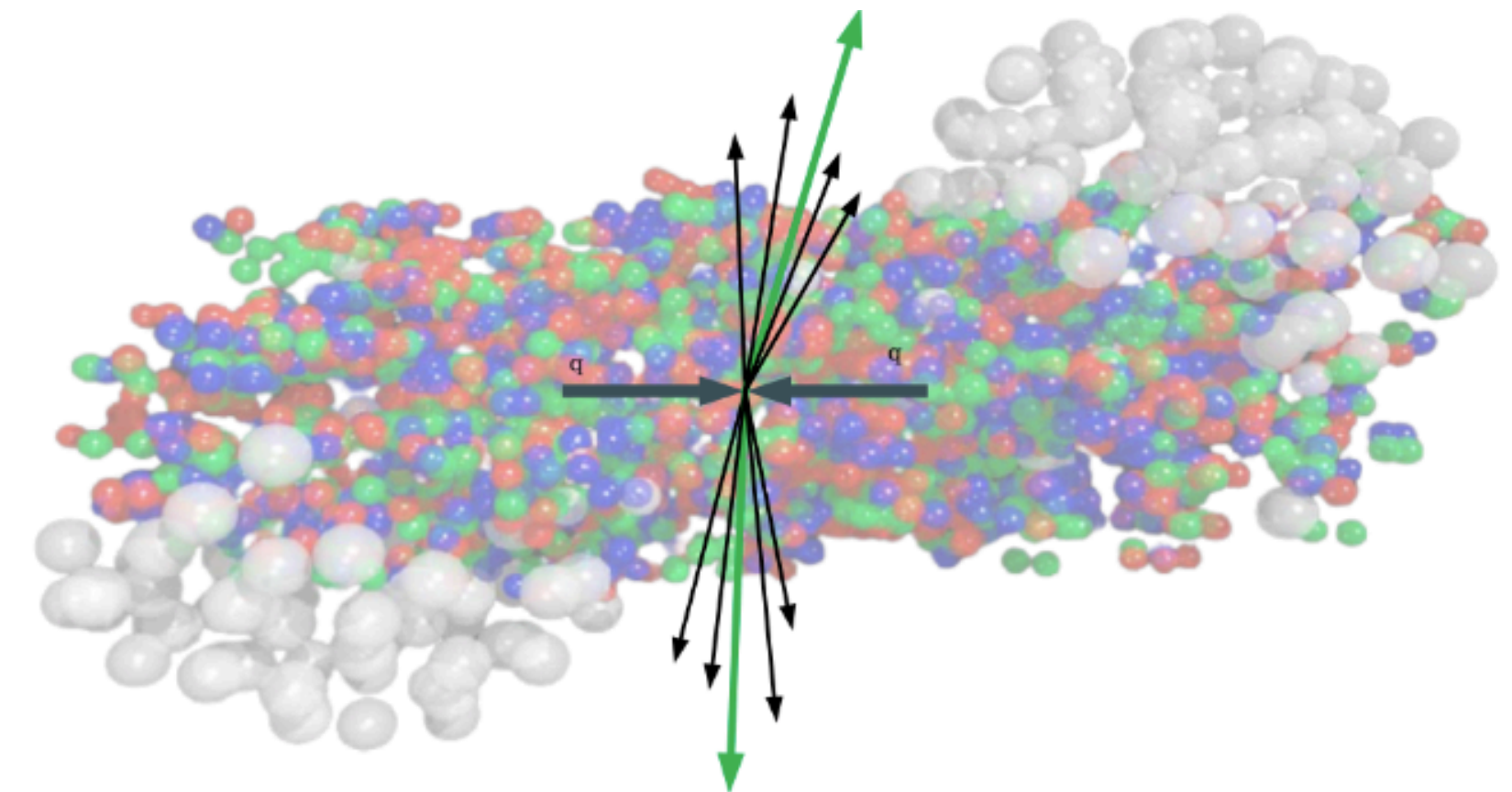


ML AND PHYSICS

Goal of measurements: To extract relevant physics information from available data!



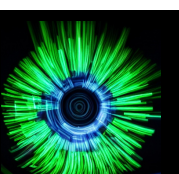
[\[CMS observes jet quenching\]](#)



Quark-Gluon Plasma (QGP)

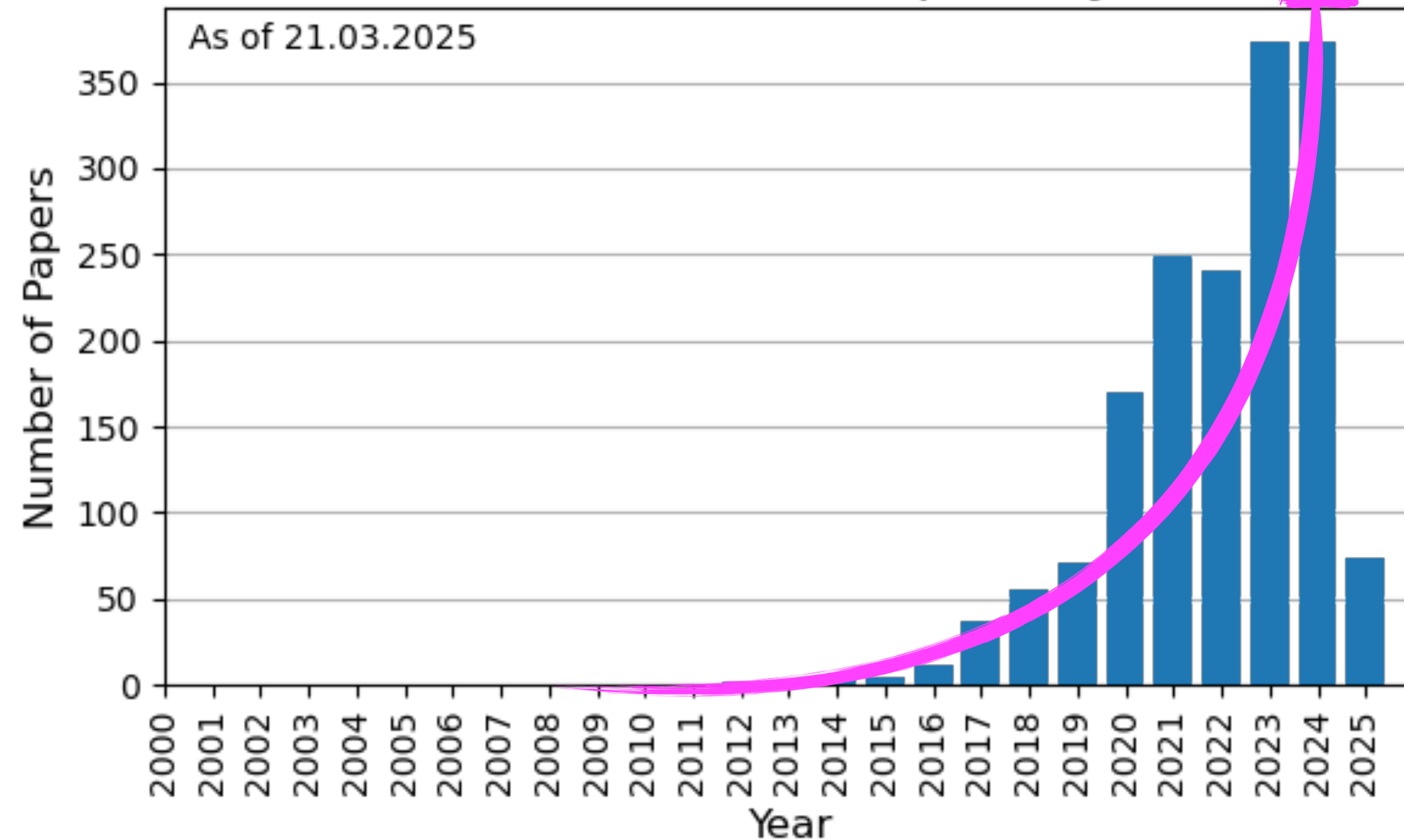
Historical approach: (1) make selection using a series of boolean decisions motivated by physics/experimental constraints (2) perform a statistical analysis on selected data.

What do we do when decision becomes difficult to derive from expert-knowledge alone?



ML ON THE RISE

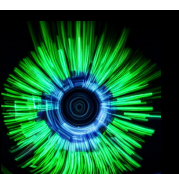
Number of HEP-ML Papers by Year



[\[HEPML-Living Review\]](#)

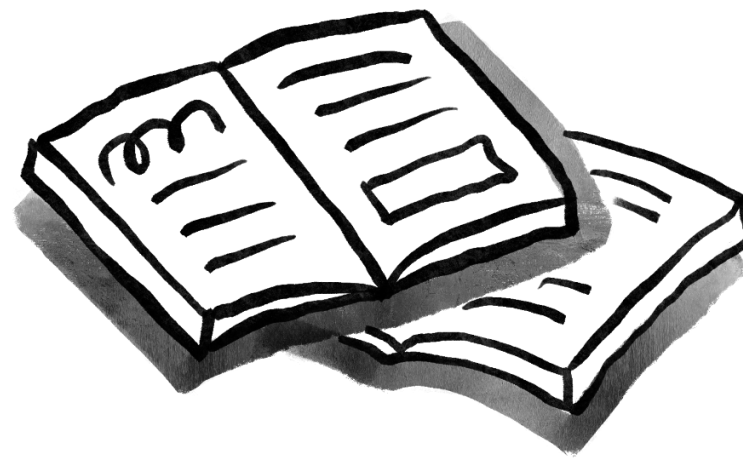
- Increase in computing power and collection of large datasets at modern facilities have lead to increased use of ML for physics.

In the coming decades, ML will help usher high energy physics into it's next era! (More on this later)



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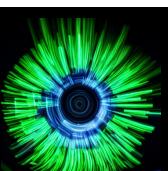


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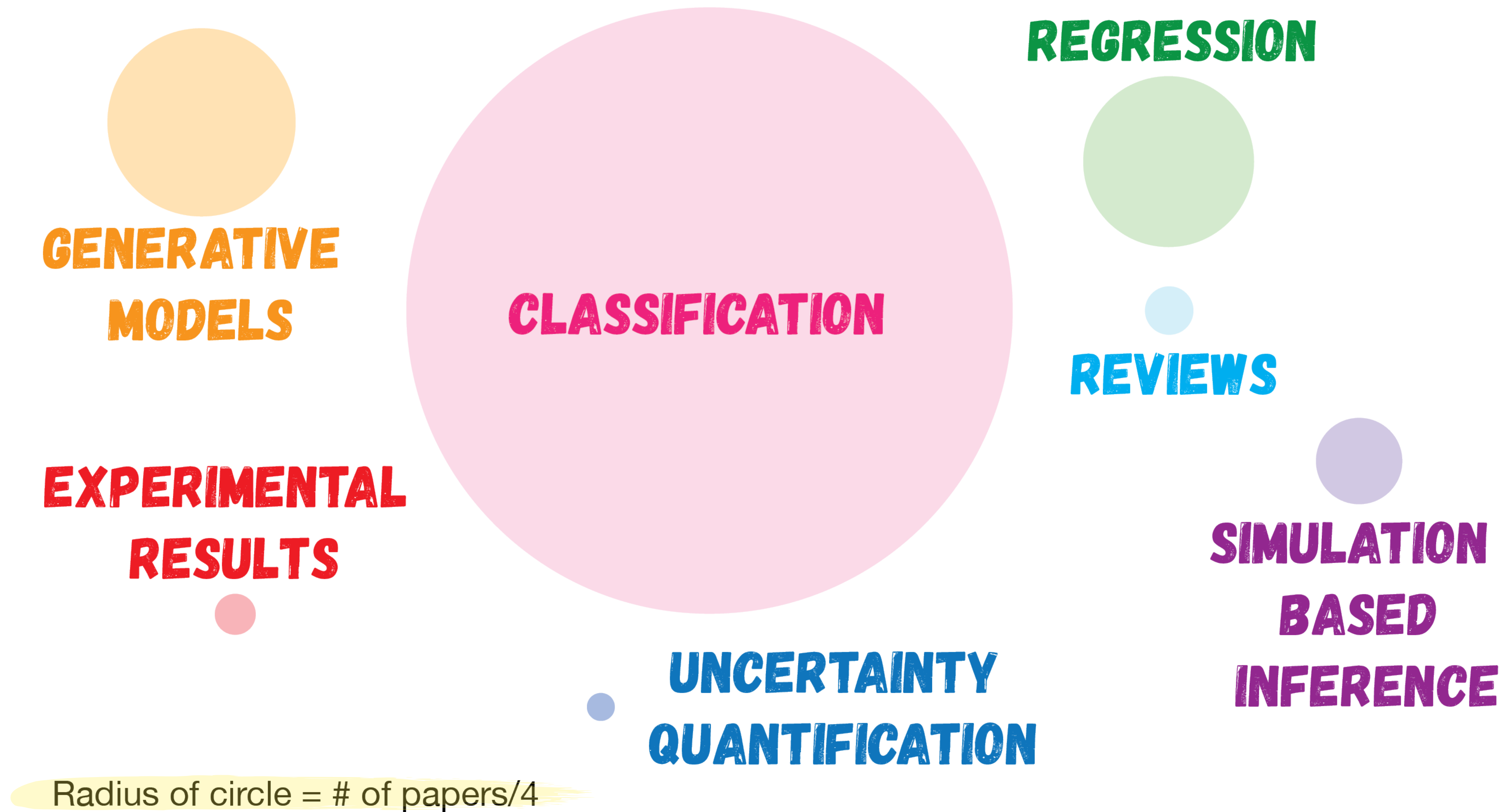
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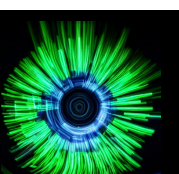
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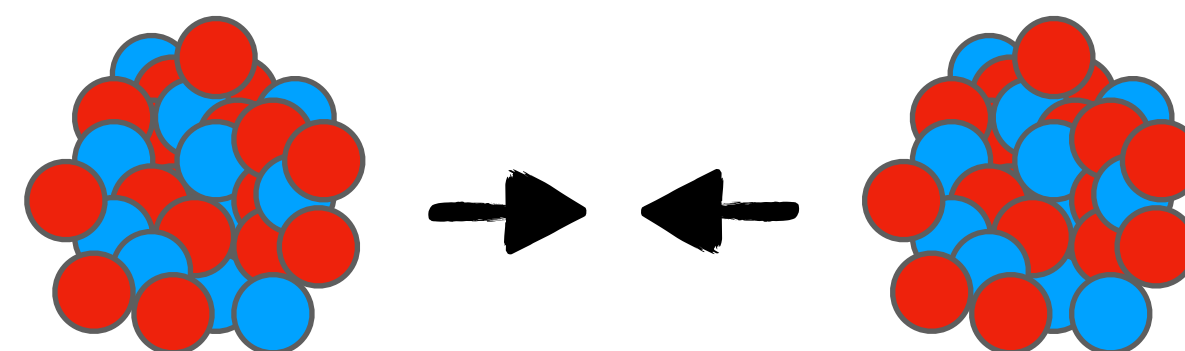
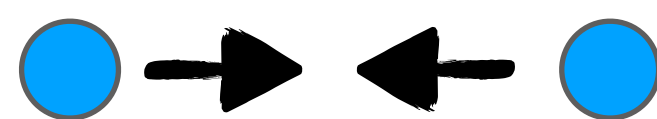
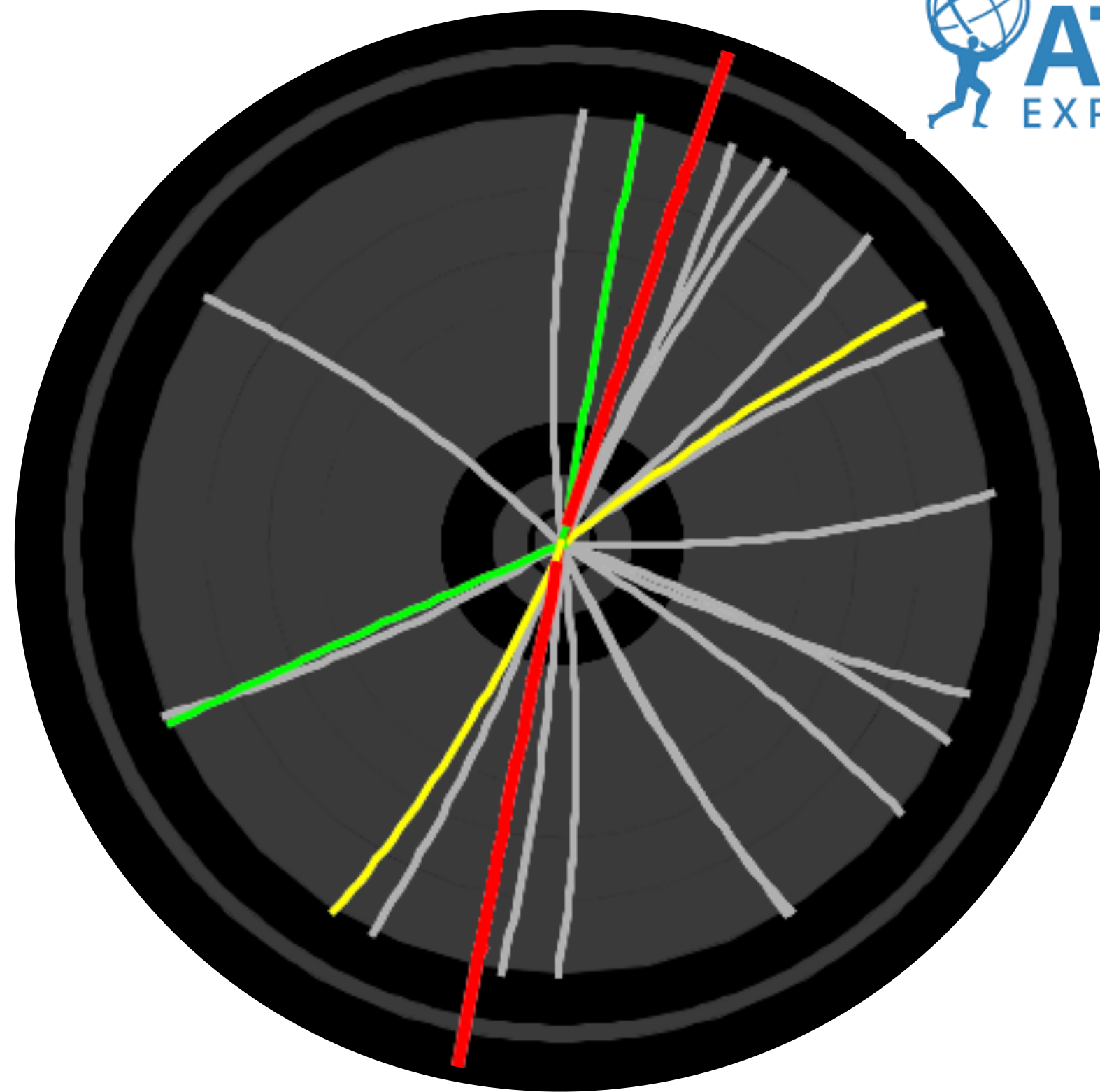


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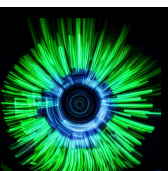


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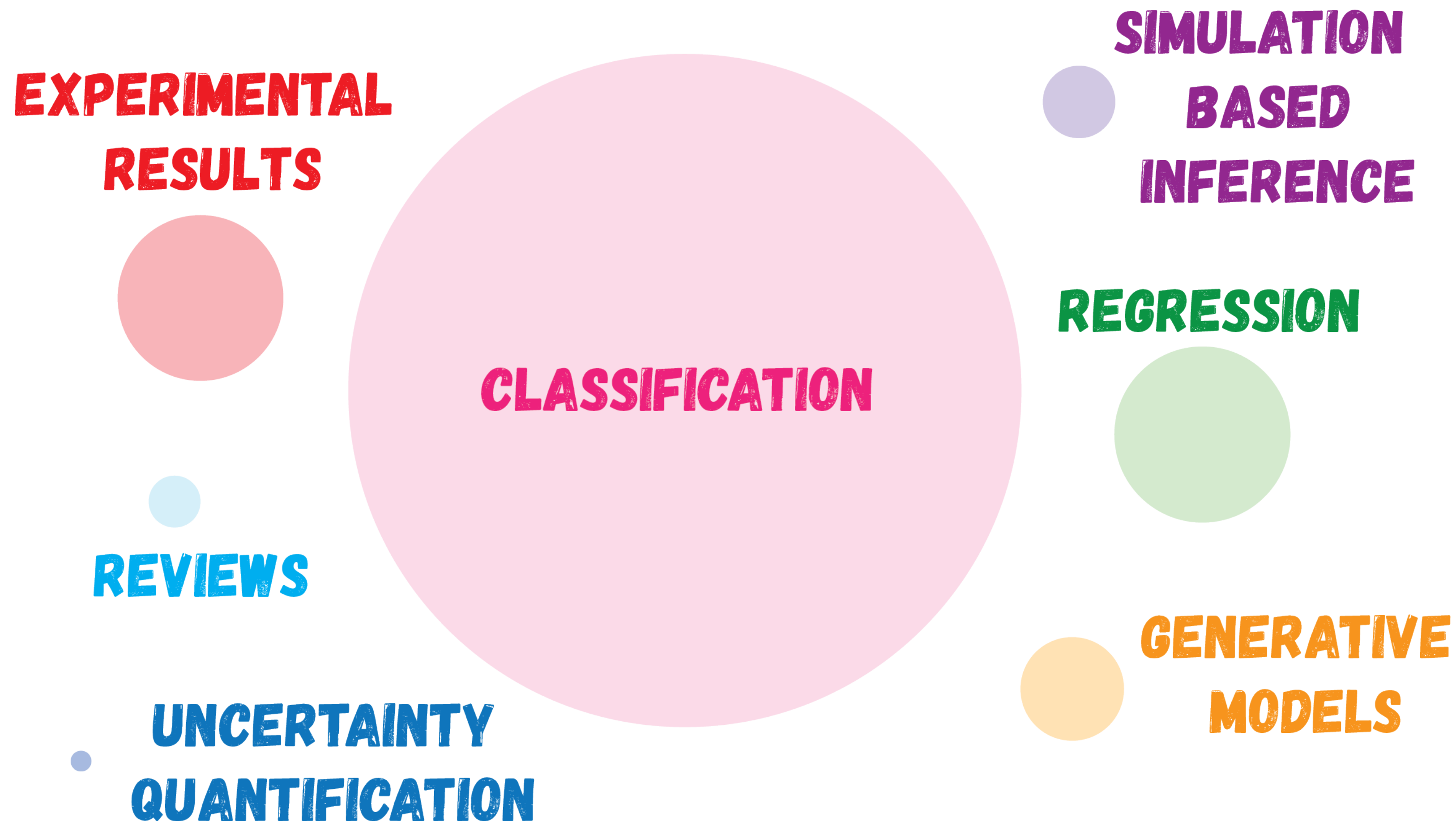
- Subset ML applications for heavy-ion collisions has some additional challenges.



- Higher particle multiplicities, higher degree of complexity.
- Large variance in simulations of heavy-ion collisions causes high dependence on sample used in training.



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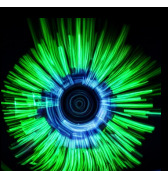


Radius of circle = 4 X # of papers

- Investigate paper subset within HEP that specifically relates to HIs or is a technique readily employed in HIs.
- Similar distribution between the different subtopics as HEP overall.

* Note experimental results include those performed with TMVA

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FIRST: WHAT CAN ML NOT DO?

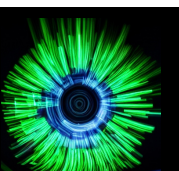


Garbage In



Garbage Out

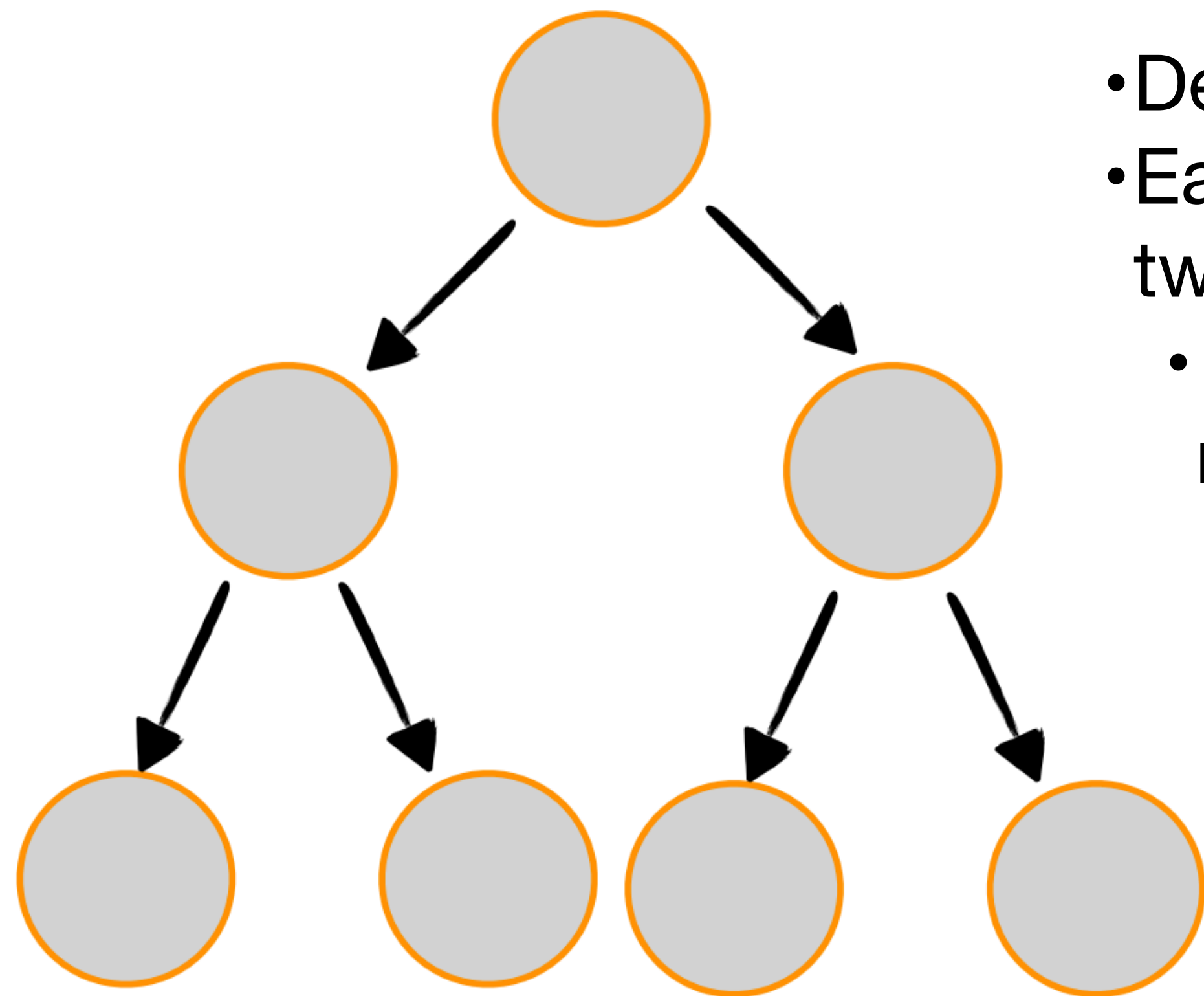
- ❌ ML cannot replace domain knowledge.
- ❌ ML is not a causation tool.
- ❌ **ML is not a magic fix!**



SIGNAL/BACKGROUND CLASSIFICATION

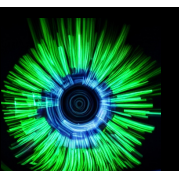
CLASSIFICATION

- Large amount of experimental applications of machine learning rely on signal vs. background classification.



- Decision trees are commonly used for signal classification
- Each **node** is a classification rule that splits the data into two or more parts.
 - In training you determine the proper rules that maximizes the information gain and minimize entropy

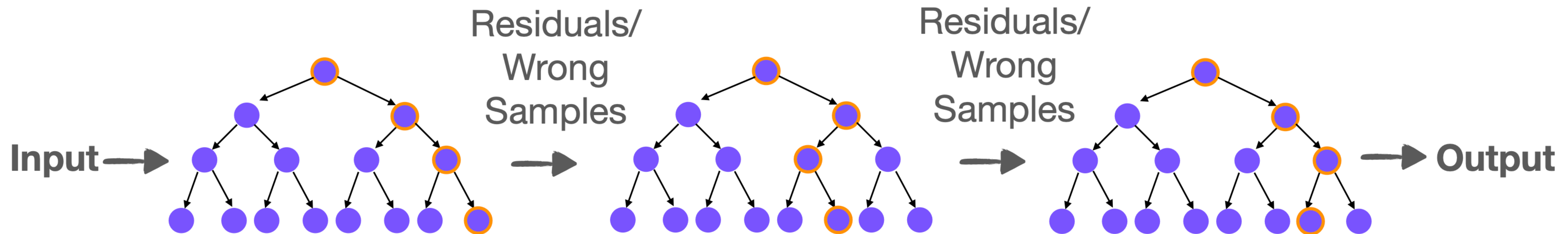
$$E(x) = \sum -p(x)\log_2(p(x))$$



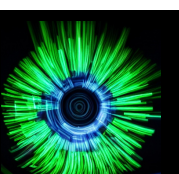
SIGNAL/BACKGROUND DISCRIMINATION

CLASSIFICATION

- Boosted decision trees are used when multiple weaker learners are combined in a series where each additional component seeks to minimize error of previous one.



Yann Coadou, [arXiv: 2206.09645](https://arxiv.org/abs/2206.09645)



HEAVY FLAVOR JET TAGGING

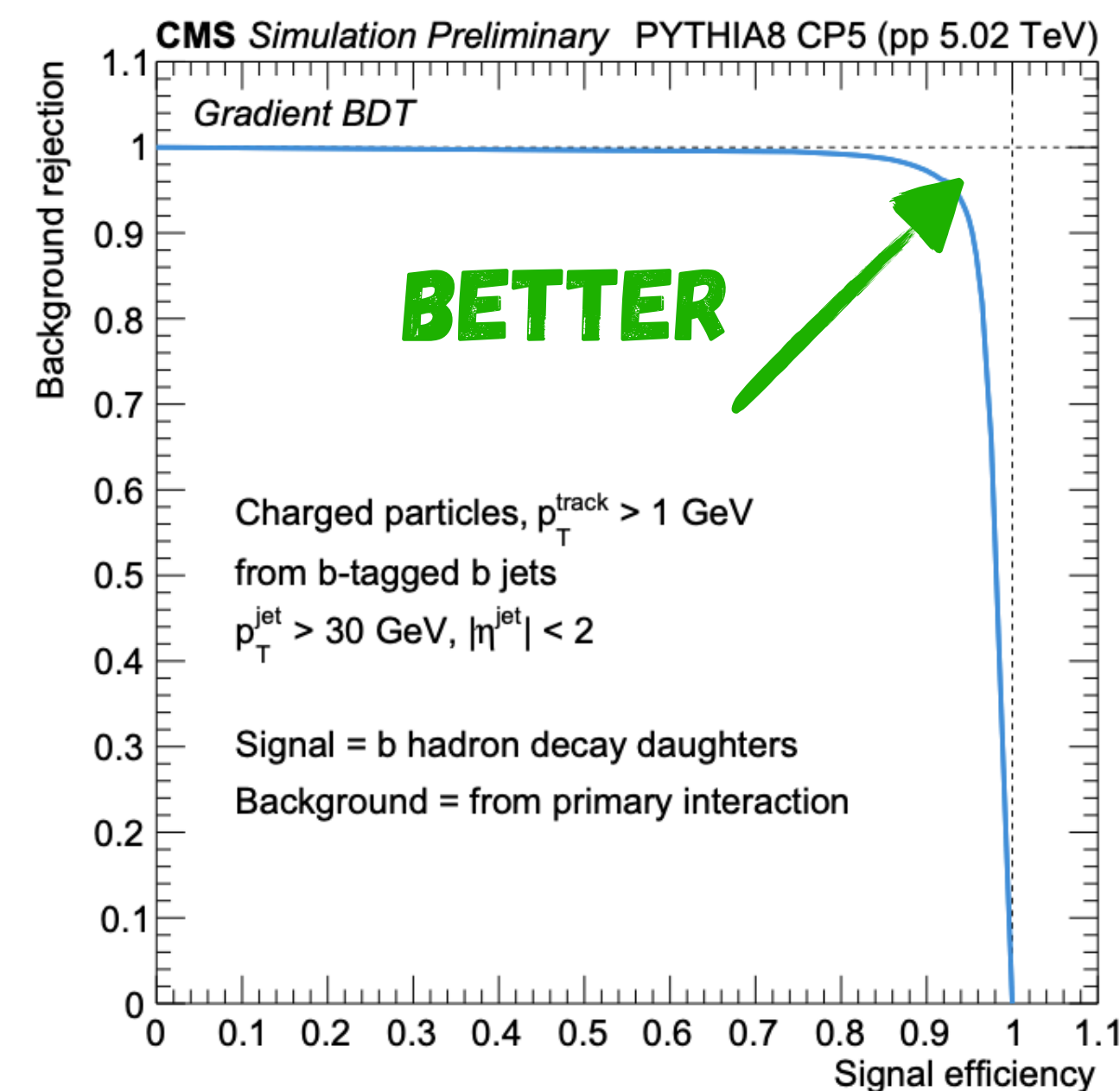
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ML approach: Learn from low-level features in a supervised approach using BDT or a GNN

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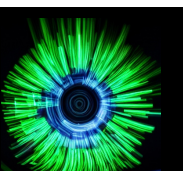
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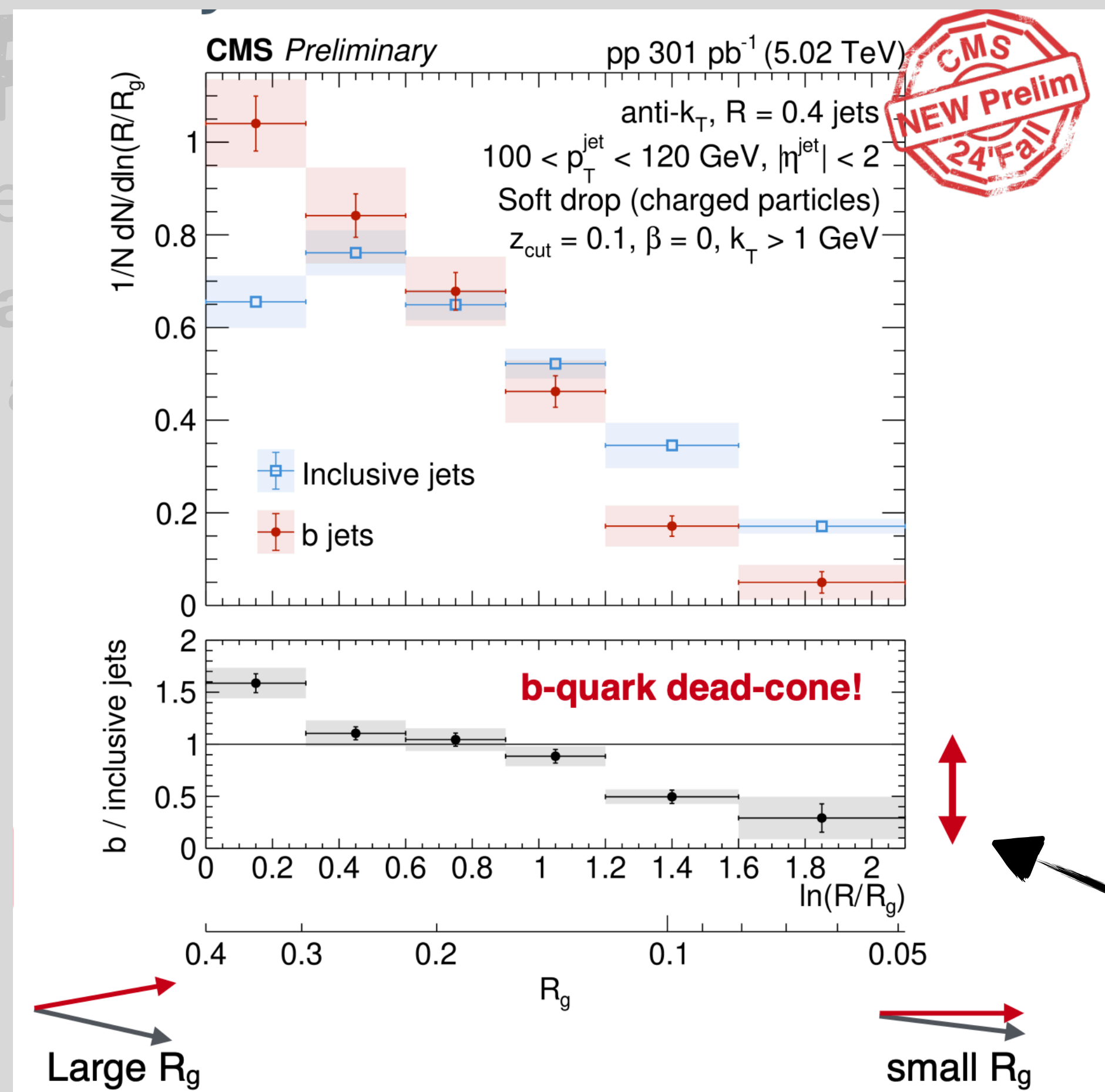


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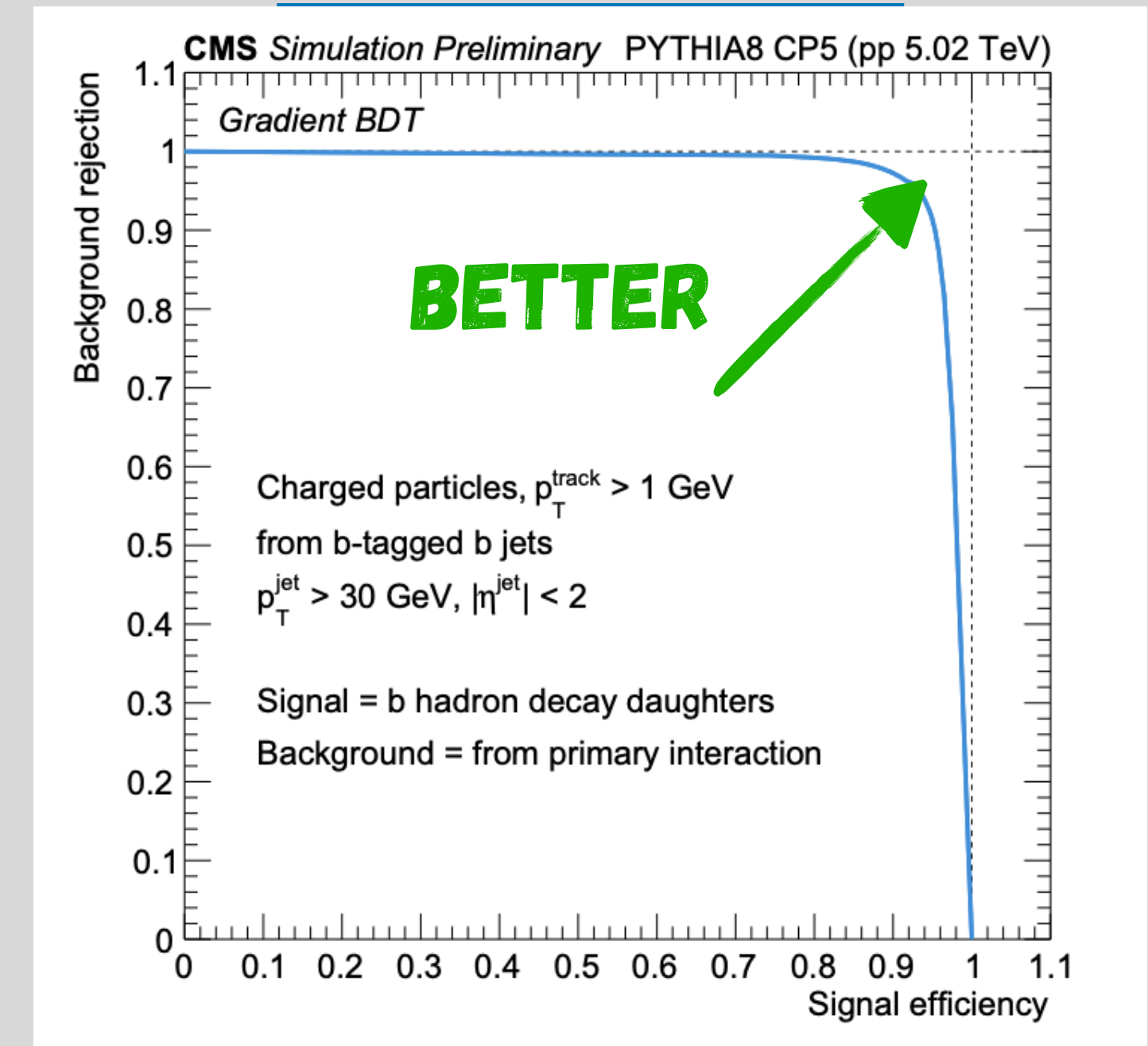
Conventional approach:
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ML approach:



**ENABLES THE FIRST OBSERVATION OF B-
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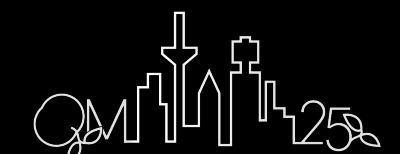
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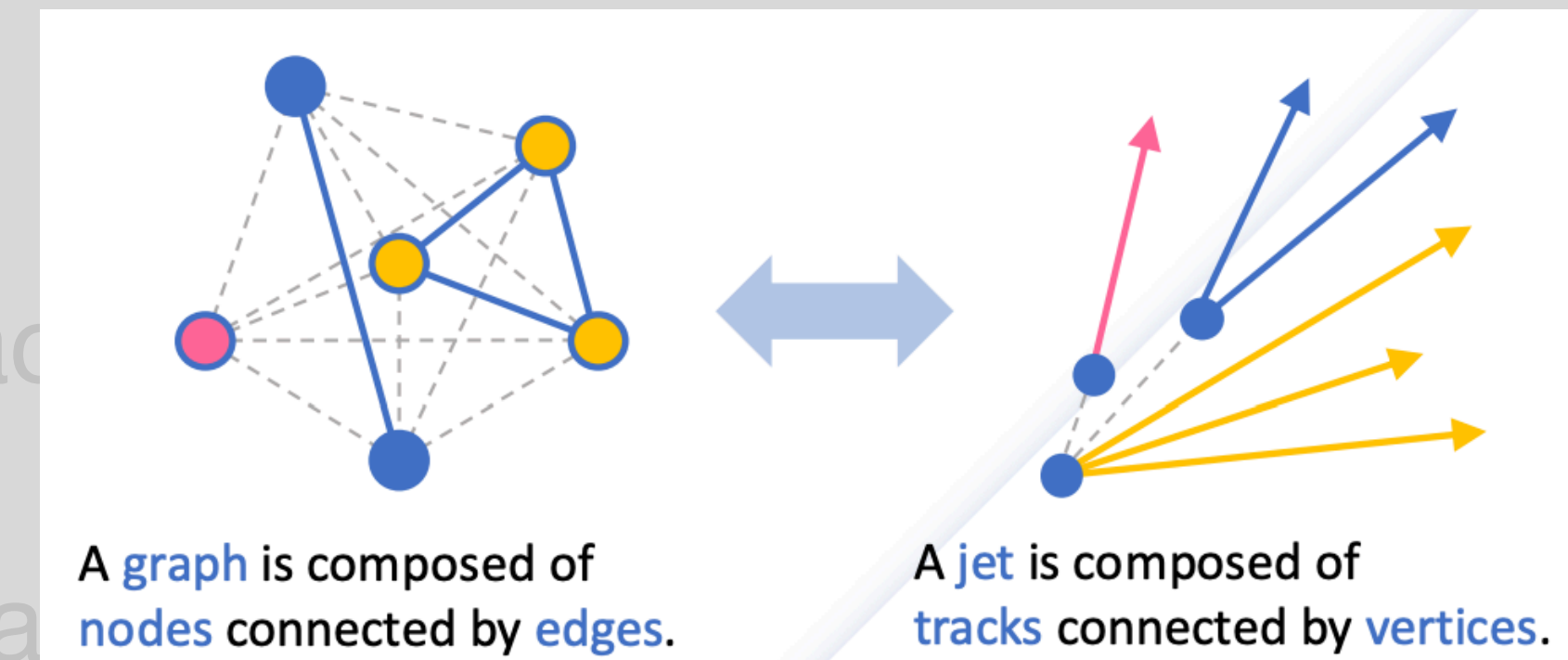
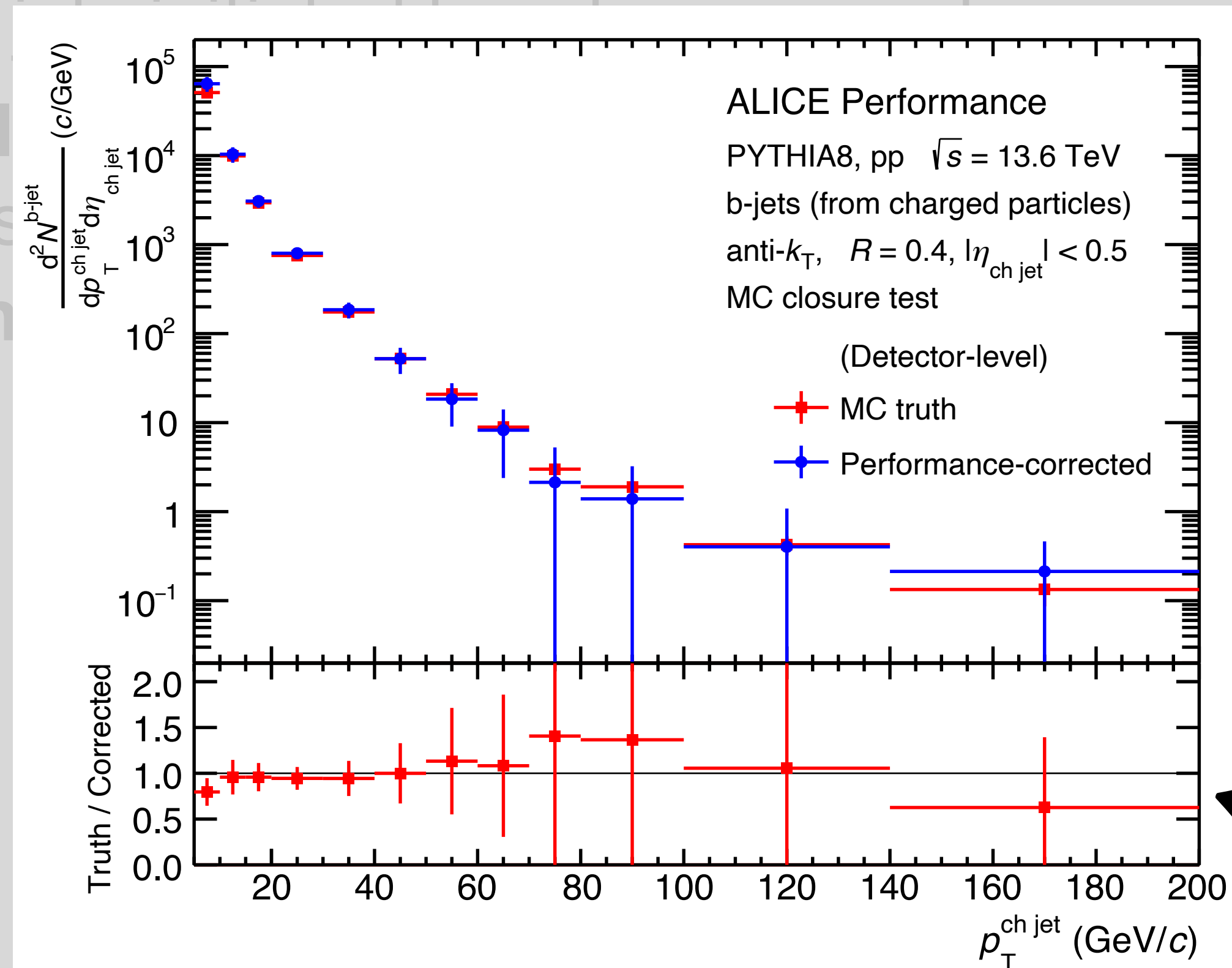


ENABLES IMPROVED MEASUREMENT OF THE B-JET CROSS SECTION IN ALICE!!

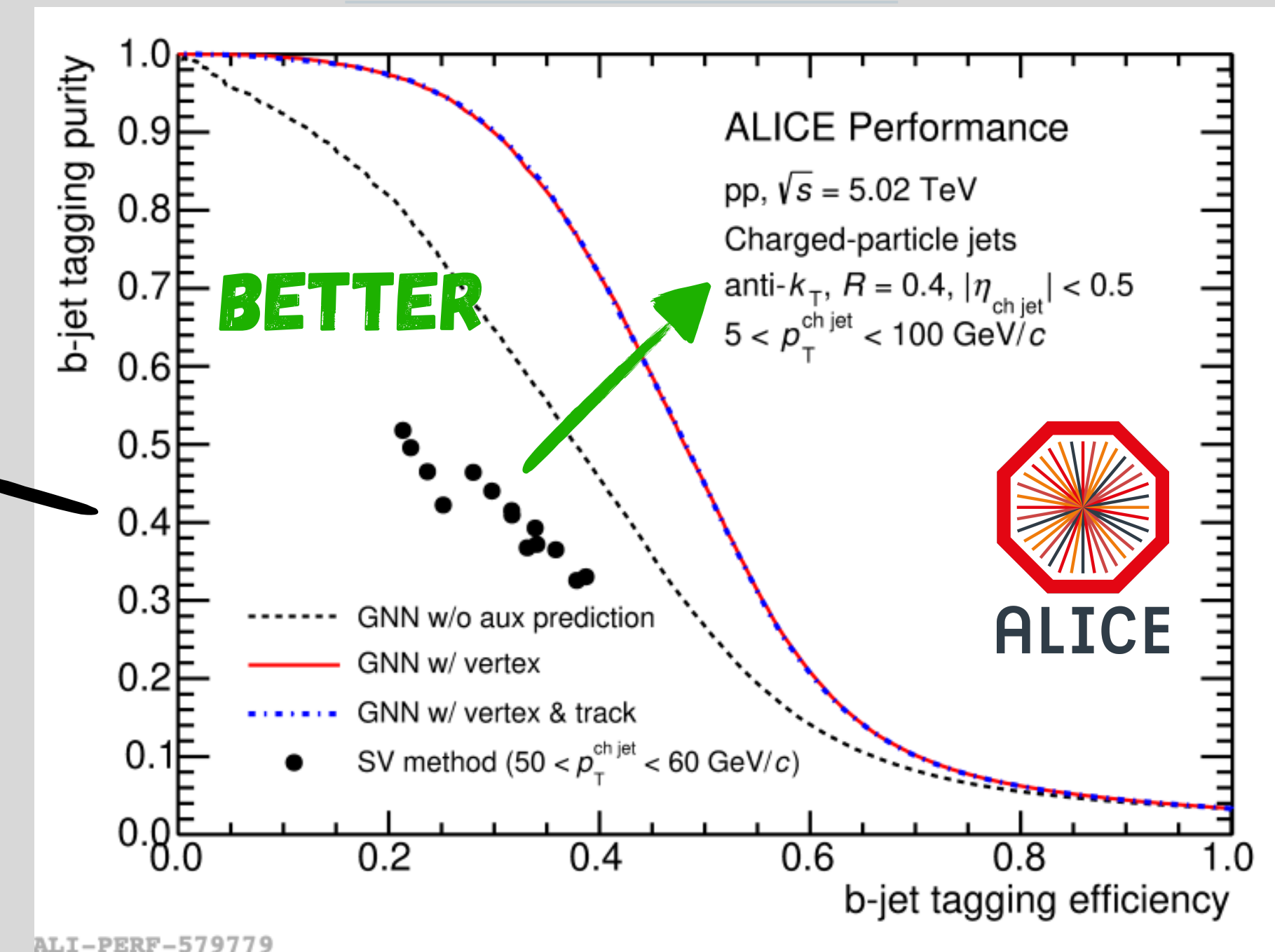
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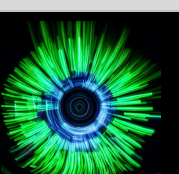
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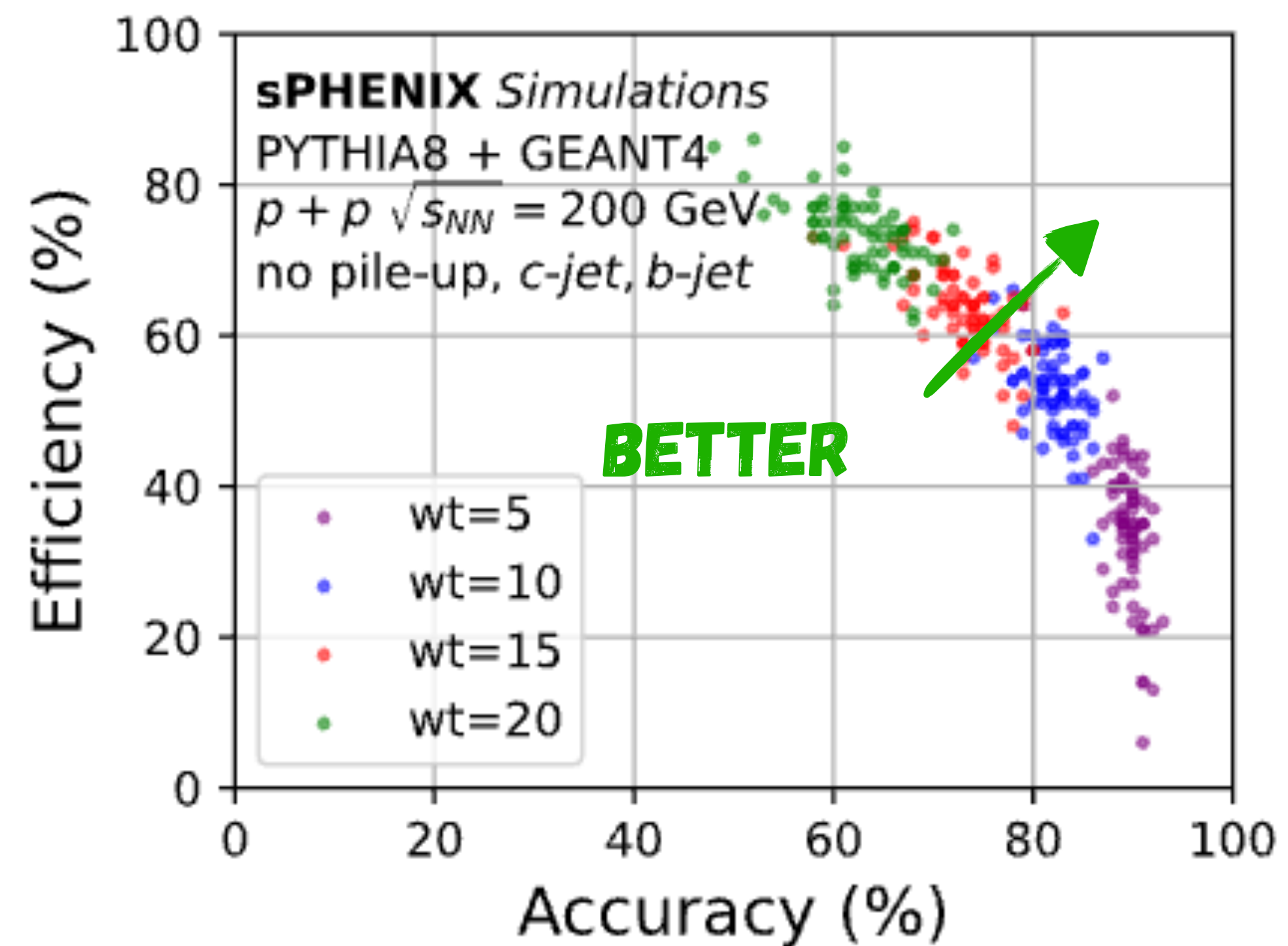
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- Use “long short-term memory (LSTM)” network that allows important information to be retained over long sequences.

- Training variables:
 - Jet variables
 - Jet constituent variables
 - Event variables



ML METHOD SHOWS IMPROVED HF JET TAGGING EFFICIENCY OVER TRADITIONAL APPROACH!



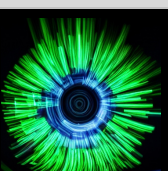
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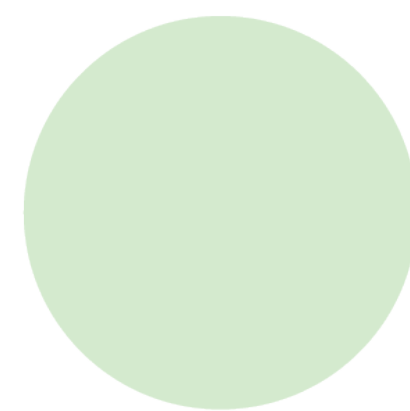
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REGRESSION OF JET PT

REGRESSION



- *Differential measurements of jets are key to understanding jet quenching!*
- These often involve pushing to large R and/or low p_T , where background contribution is difficult to subtract.

By now many methods in which ML can be used to solve this problem! We will discuss one.

See also.....

- Shallow NN trained on PYTHIA + HI Background

[\[PRC 99, 064904 \(2019\)\]](#) ALICE, [\[PLB 849 \(2024\) 138412\]](#)

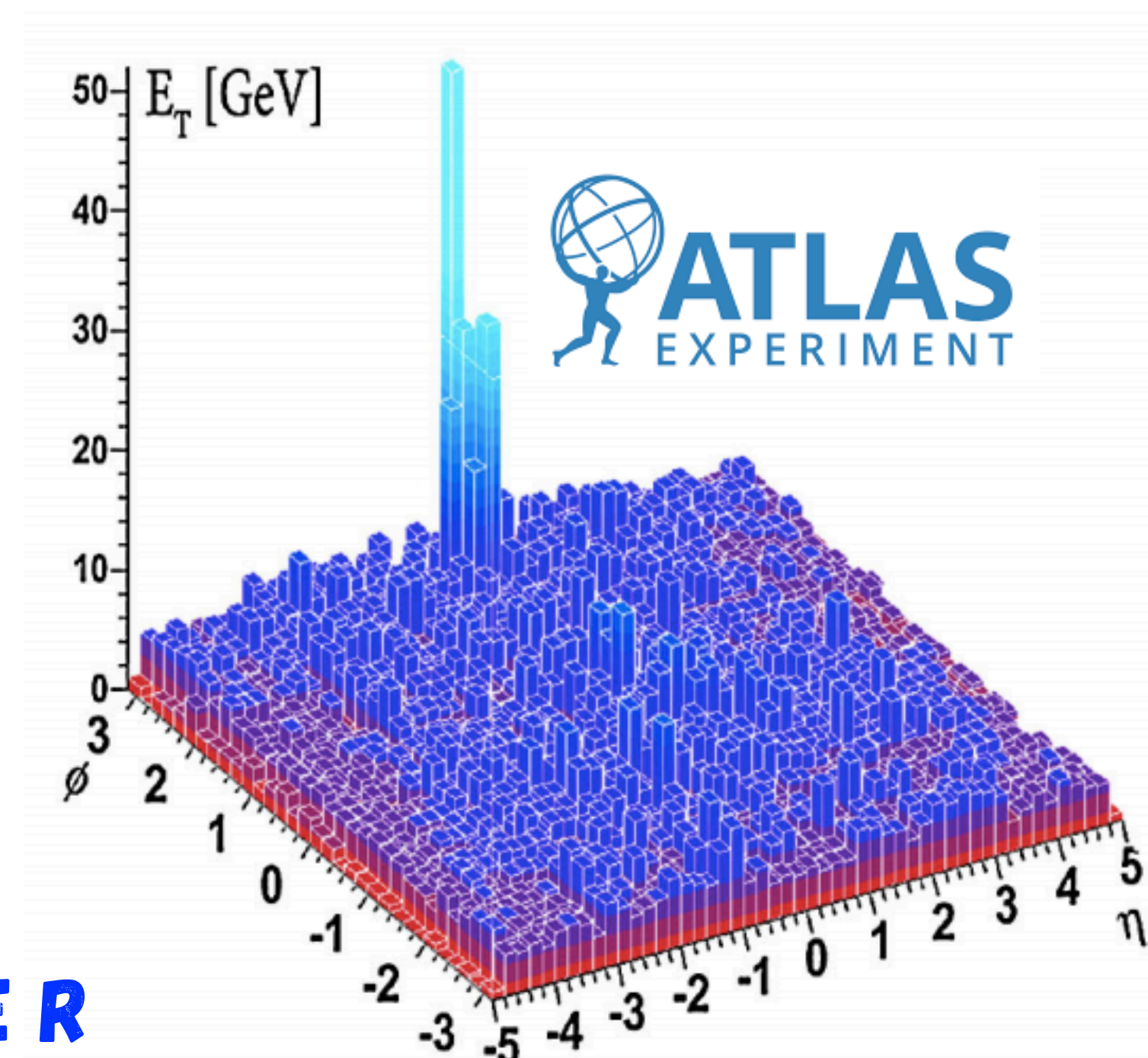
- CNN for regression of energy loss fraction

[\[JHEP 03 \(2021\) 206\]](#)

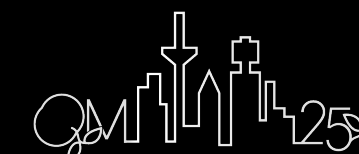
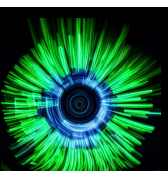
- Interpretable Deep NN

[\[Phys.Rev.C 108 \(2023\) 2, L021901\]](#)

**ENABLED LARGE R
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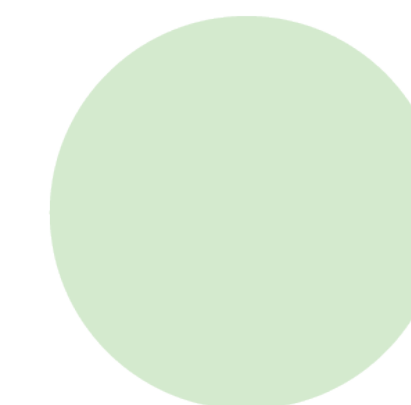


[\[ATLAS, PRL 105, 252303 \(2010\)\]](#)



JET PT RECONSTRUCTION

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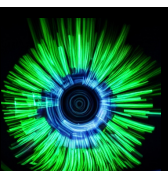
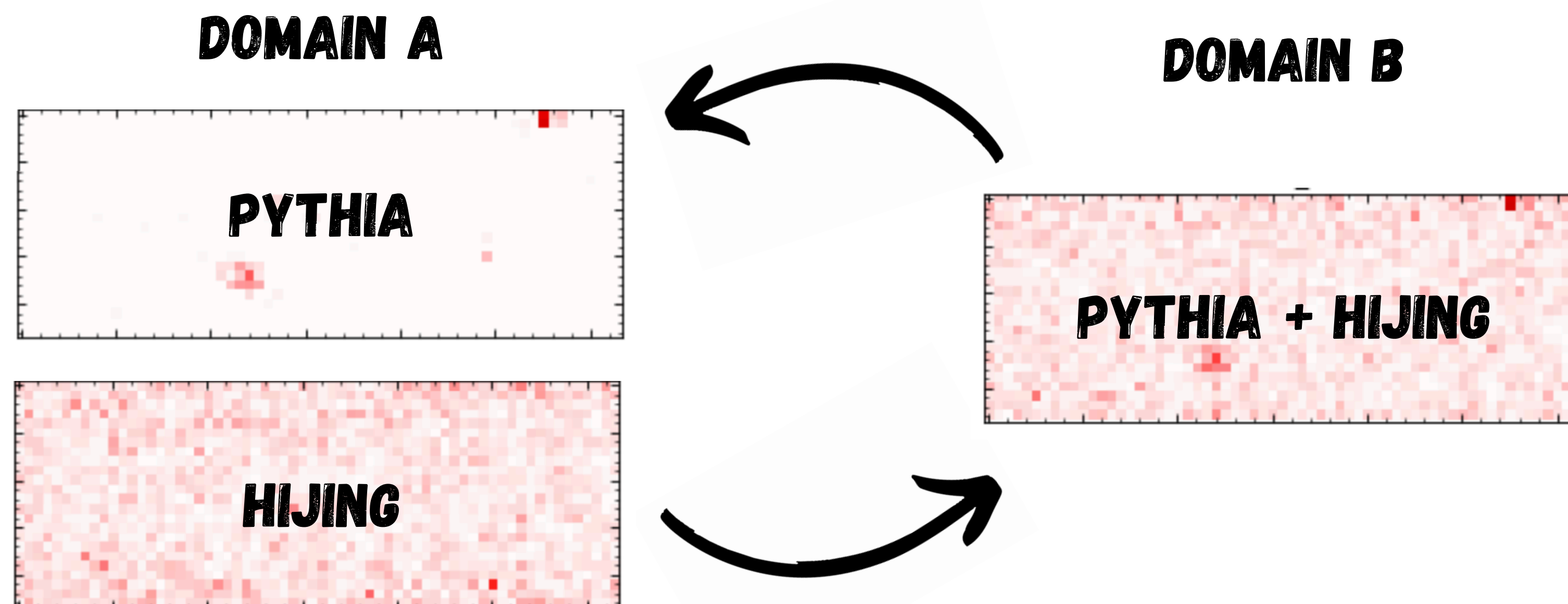


- Use generative AI (unpaired image-to-image translation, cycleGANs) to subtract jet background in an ***unsupervised*** way. [UVCGAN: [arXiv:2203.02557](https://arxiv.org/abs/2203.02557)]

- Composed of two generator-discriminator pairs w/ cyclic closure (i.e.

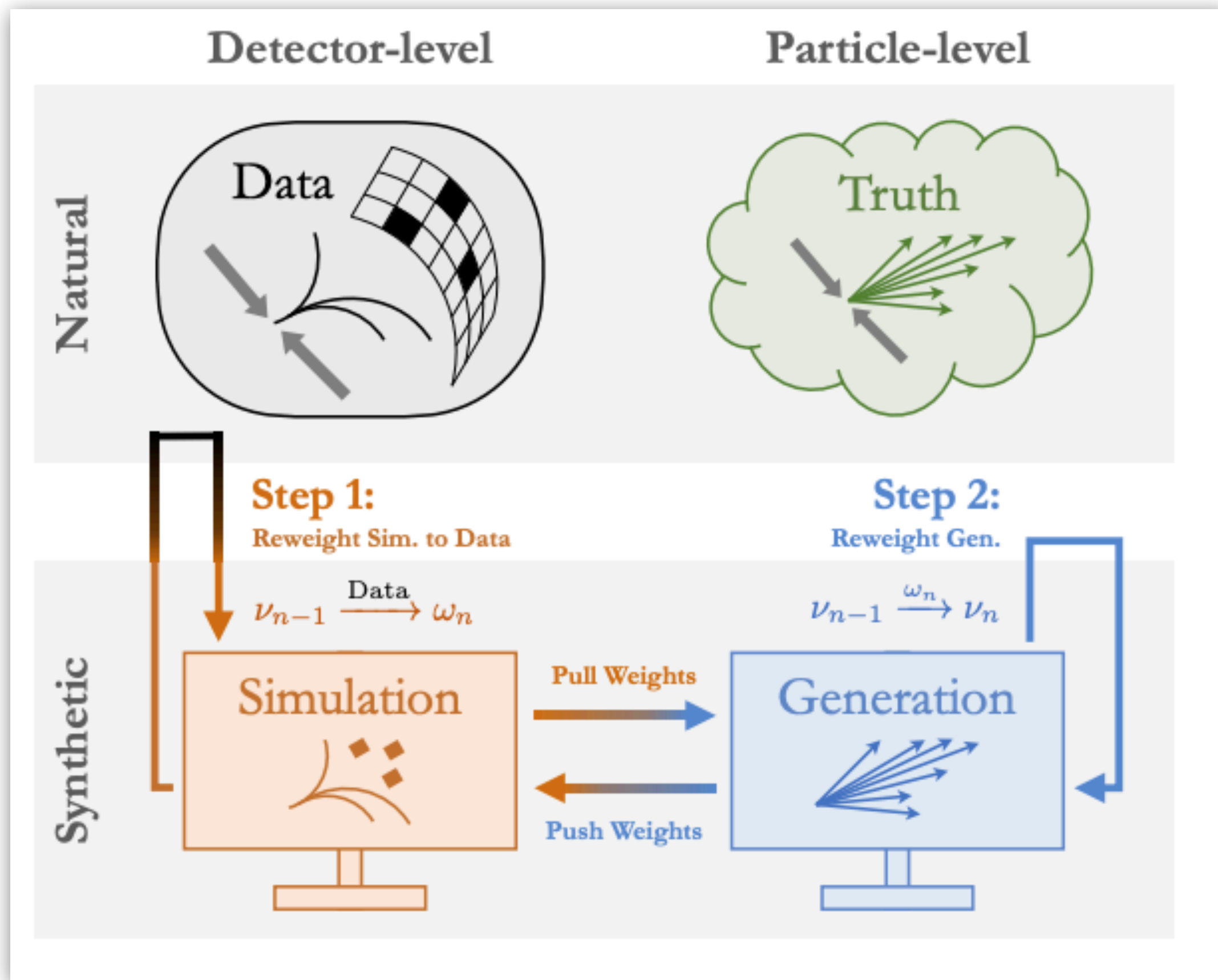
$$A \rightarrow B \rightarrow A \sim A)$$

- One to translate from domain $A \rightarrow B$
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UNFOLDING WITH ML

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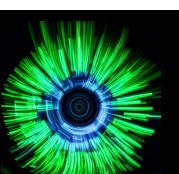


[PRL 124, 182001 (2020)]

Goal of unfolding: Correct measured distributions for smearing.

Conventional Approach: Apply unfolding procedure on a binned distribution and repeat for each observable.

ML-based Approach: Use ML to calculate weighting factors and unfold the phase space all at once, before the choice of binning or observable!

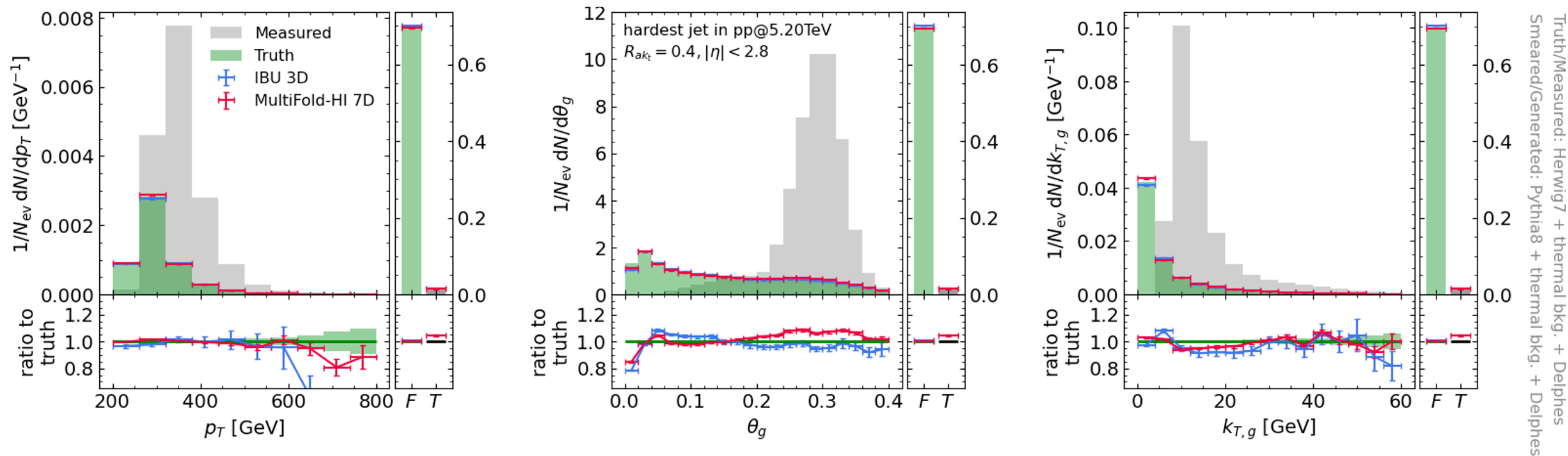


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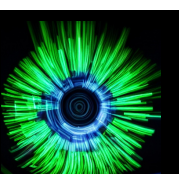
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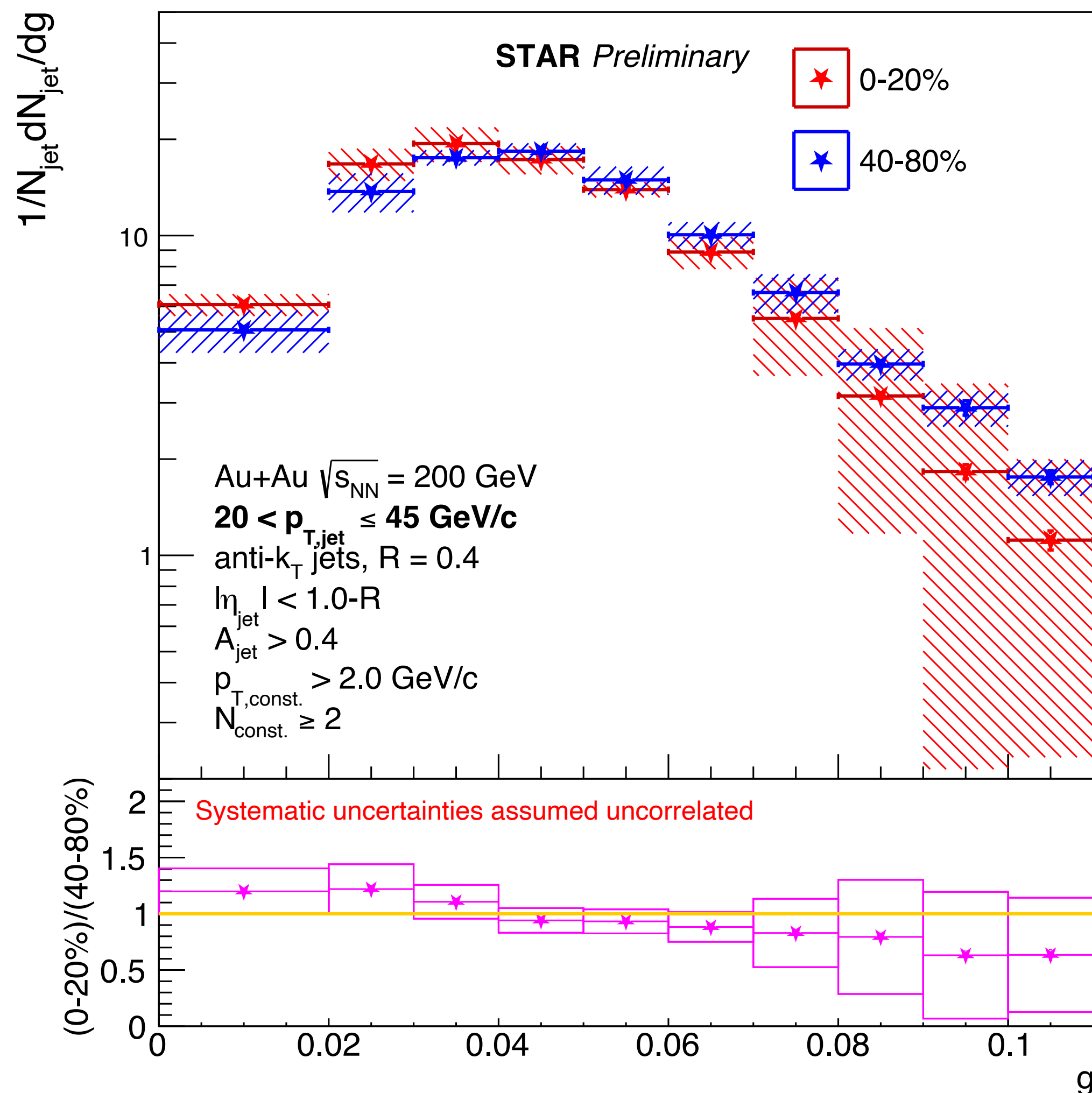
- Tested for the first time on simulation in a HI environment (PYTHIA/HERWIG + thermal background), similar or better performance to Bayesian unfolding in 3D.

- *No explicit background subtraction, built into MultiFold-HI!*



[A. Falcao, A. Tackas, to appear on arXiv]





MULTIFOLD ENABLES MULTI-DIFFERENTIAL MEASUREMENTS OF JET SUBSTRUCTURE IN AU+AU.

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TREATMENT OF SIMULATION DEPENDENCE SHOWN FOR THE FIRST TIME!!

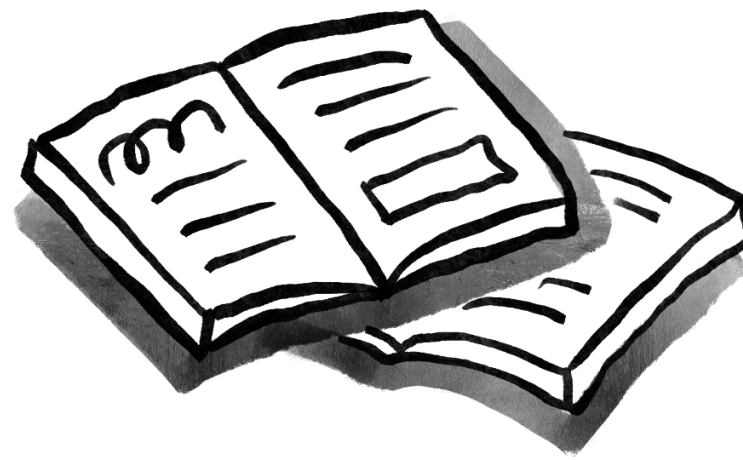
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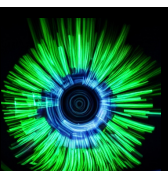


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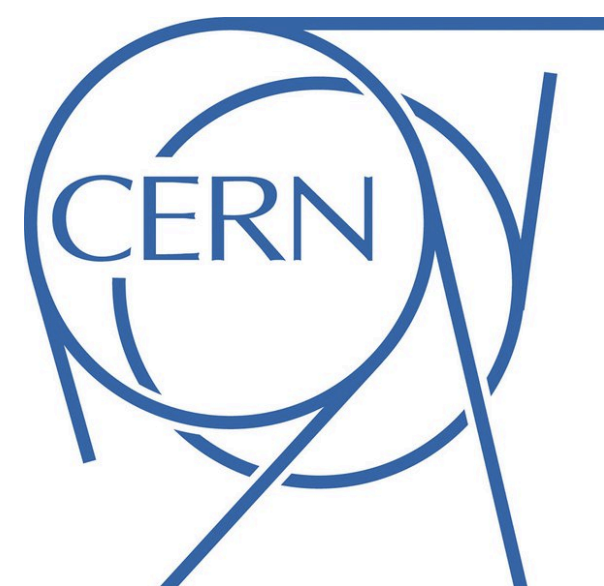
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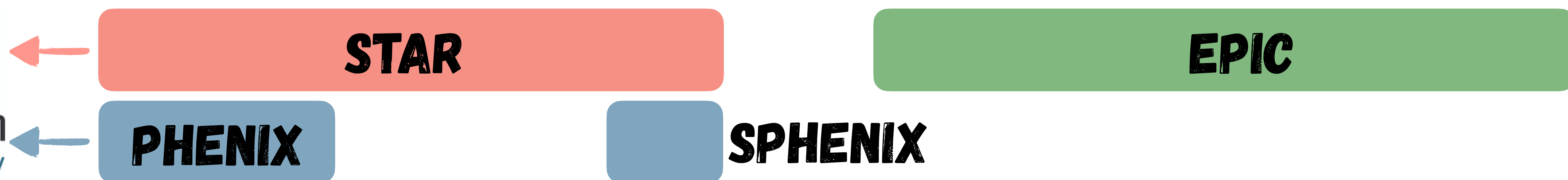
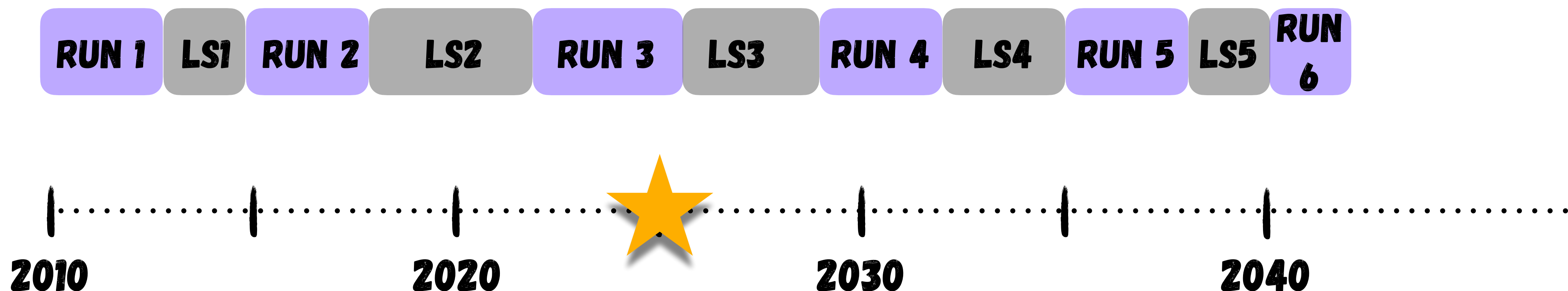
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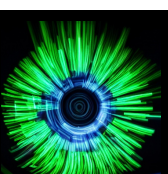
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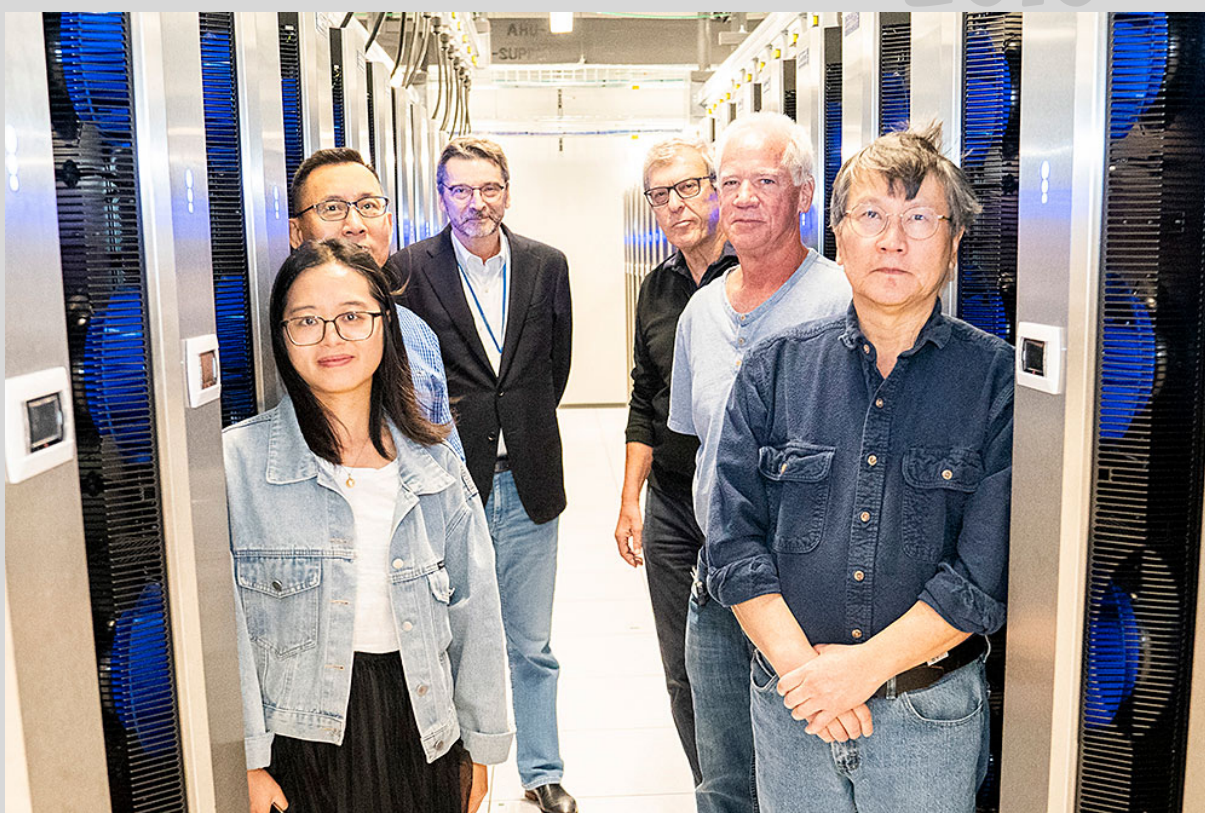
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Brookhaven's Computing Center Reaches 300 Petabytes of Stored Data

Largest compilation of nuclear and particle physics data in the U.S., all easily accessible — with plans for much more



"RHIC's newest detector, [sPHENIX](#), with a readout rate of 15,000 events per second, is projected to more than double the data we have now," said Chou.

- Total expected output from sPHENIX ~565 Petabytes

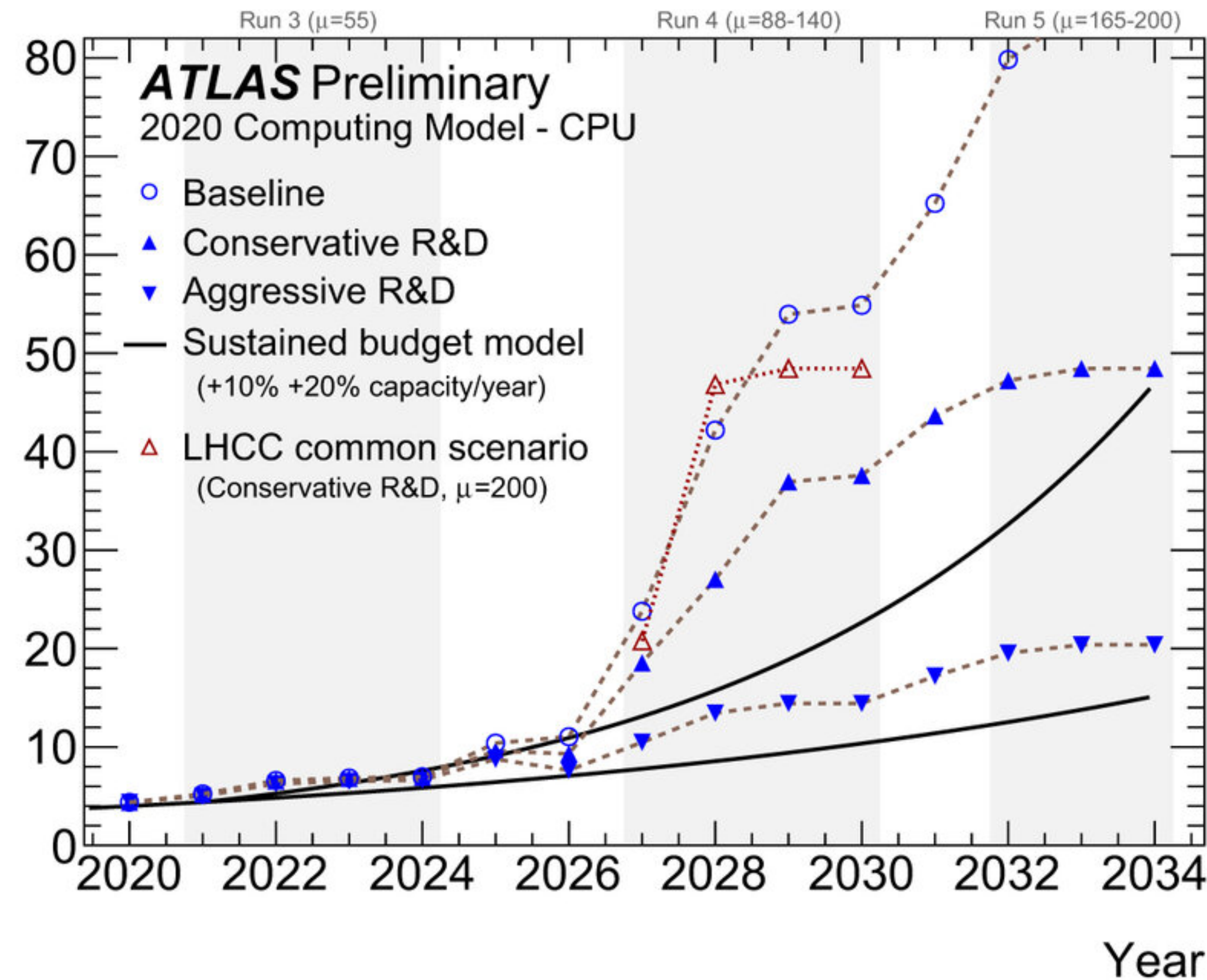
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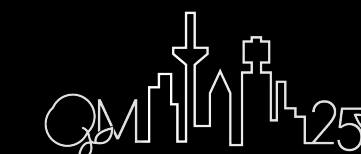
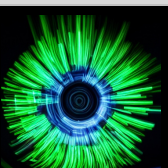
WHERE ARE WE GOING?



Annual CPU Consumption [MHS06.years]

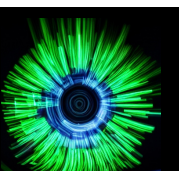
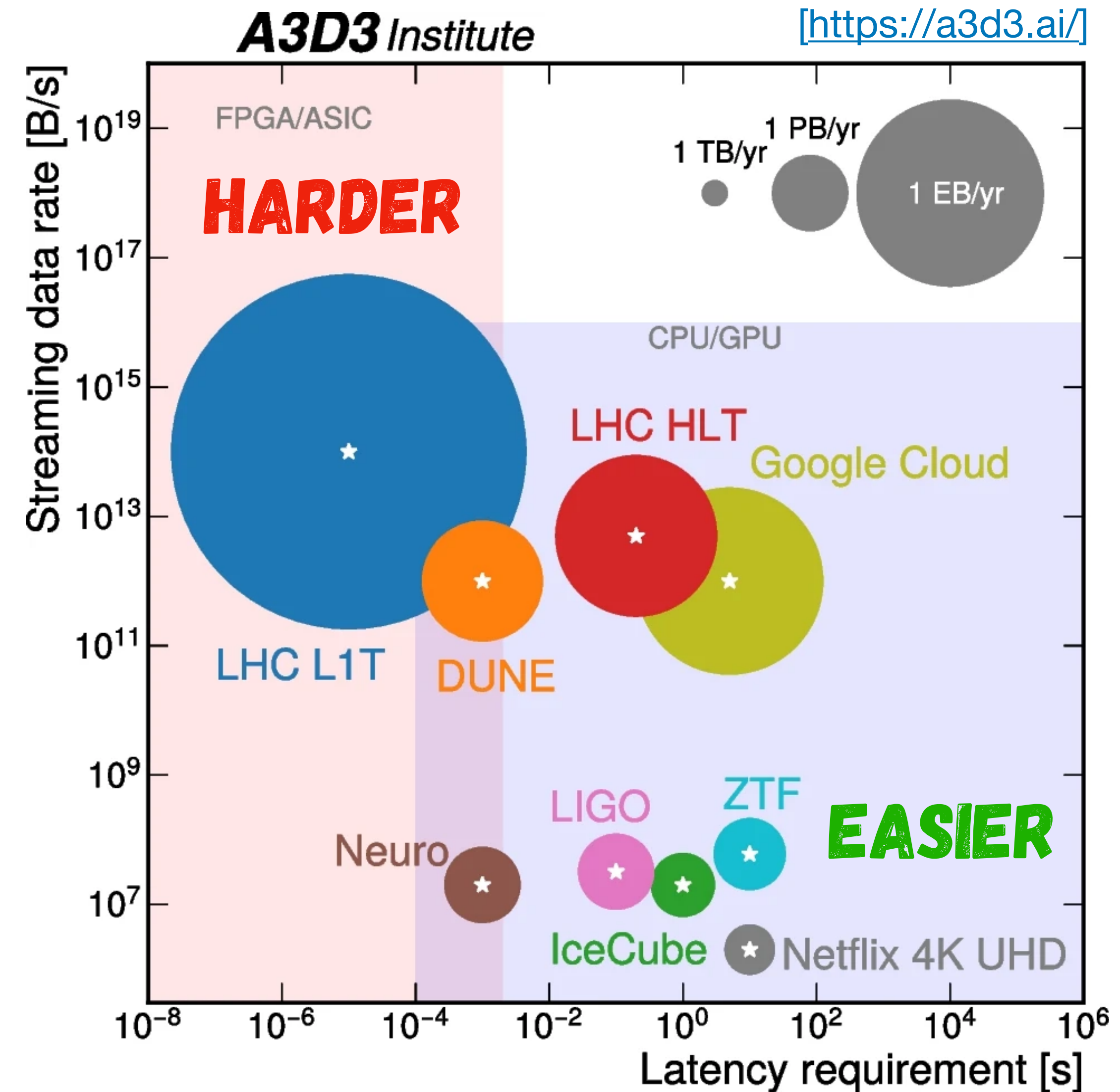


SAME TRENDS TRUE AT THE LHC!



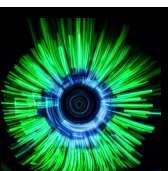
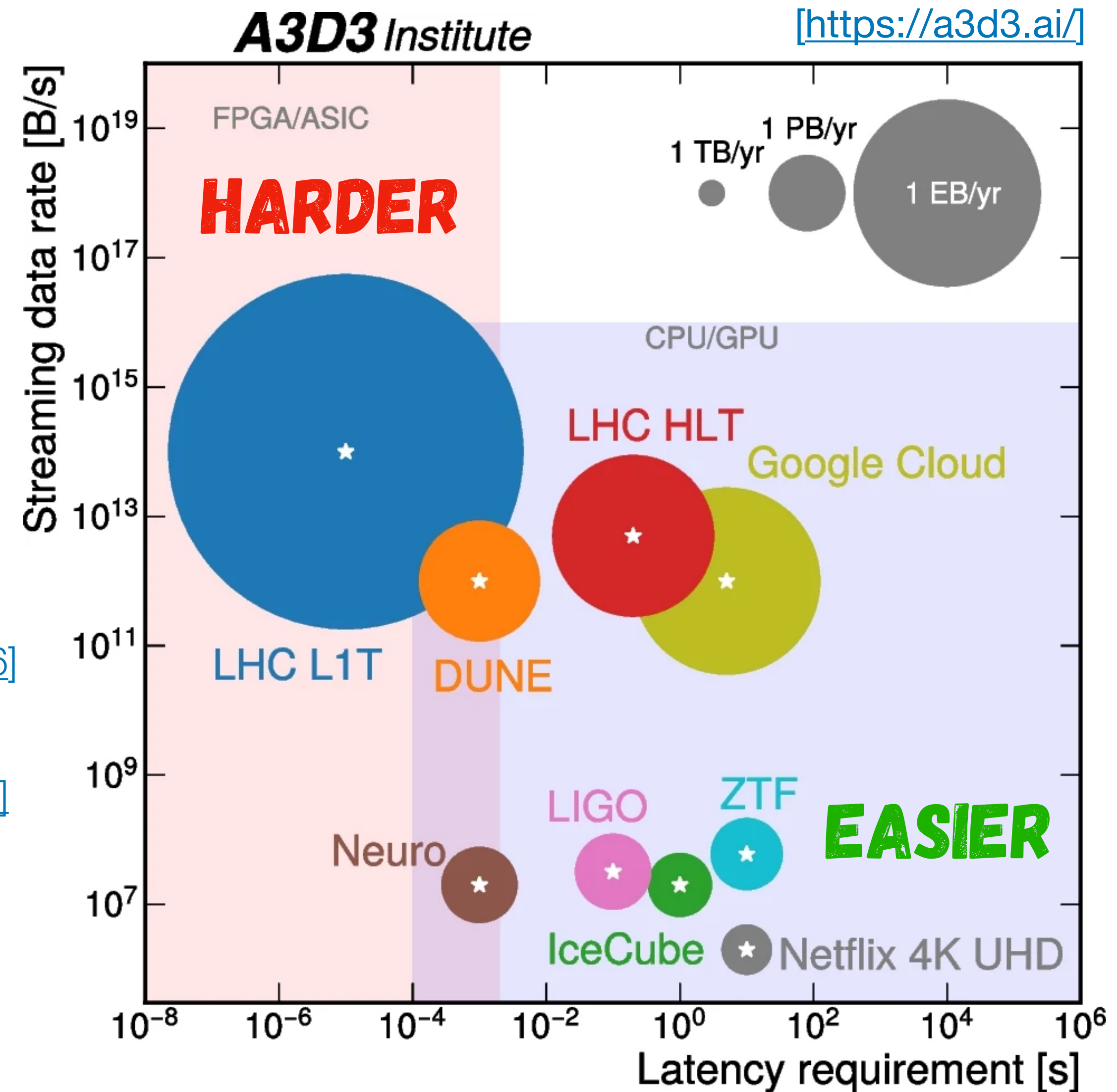
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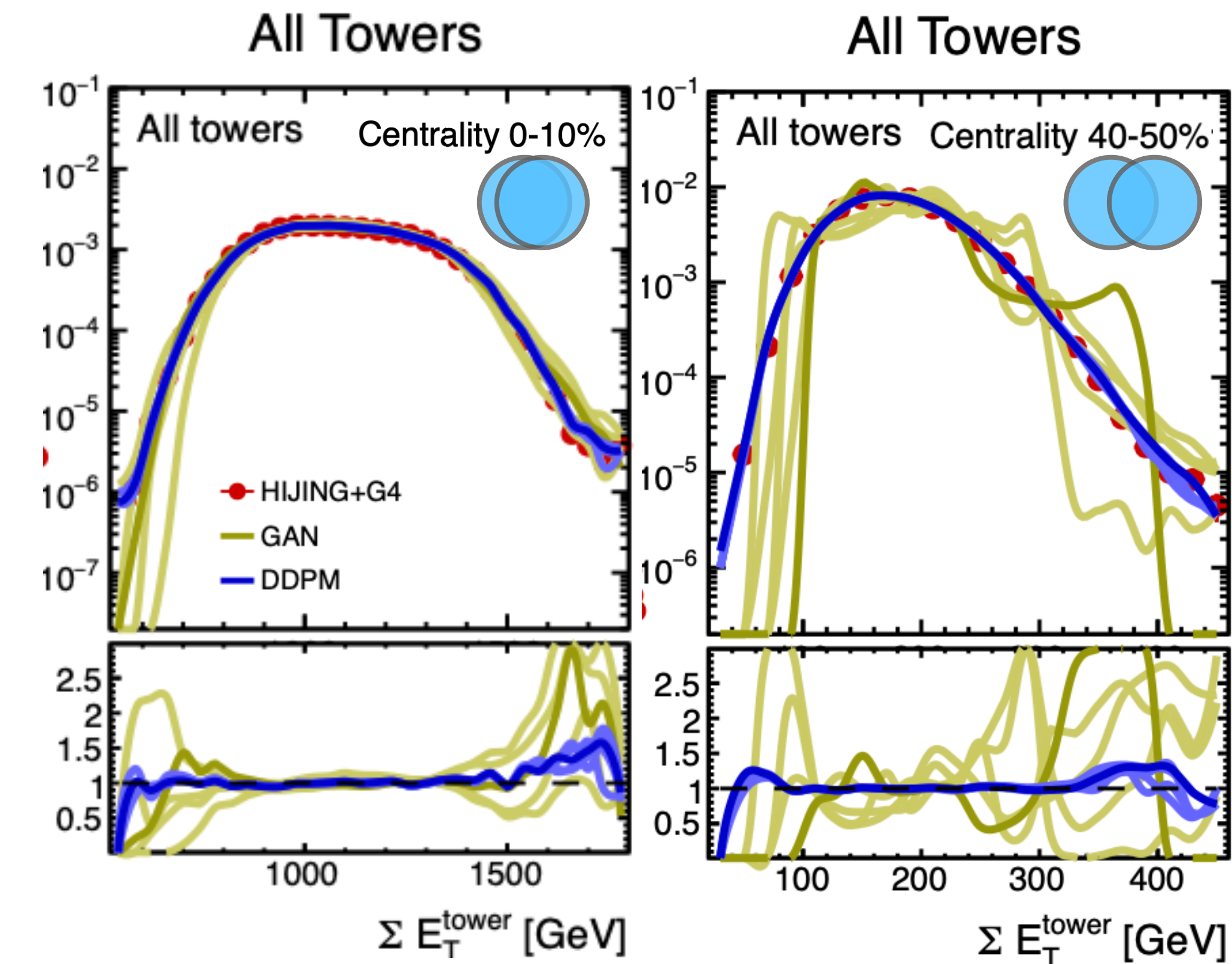
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- Perform fast selection/rejection of data with ML integrated into the firmware (FPGAs)
 - Use high level synthesis packages ex: [hls4ml](#)
CMS L1 Trigger [\[CMS-TDR-021\]](#) *sPHENIX HF Trigger* [\[JINST 19 C02066\]](#)
ATLAS Fake Track Rejection in Event Filter [\[ATLAS-TDR-029-ADD-1\]](#)
LHCb track reconstruction for HLT system [\[See website here\]](#)



FULL EVENT SIMULATION

- Full event simulations are highly complex and can be prohibitively computationally expensive (especially in HIs)
- Ex: using **denoising diffusion probabilistic model (DDPM)** and **Generative Adversarial Networks (GAN)** to generate heavy-ion events in sPHENIX designed to mimic HIJING

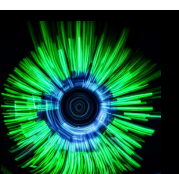


Method	Time per event
HIJING + GEANT4	40 mins
DDPM	1.34s
GAN	0.42 ms

- Tradeoff between time and accuracy!



[[Phys. Rev. C 110, 034912 \(2024\)](#)]



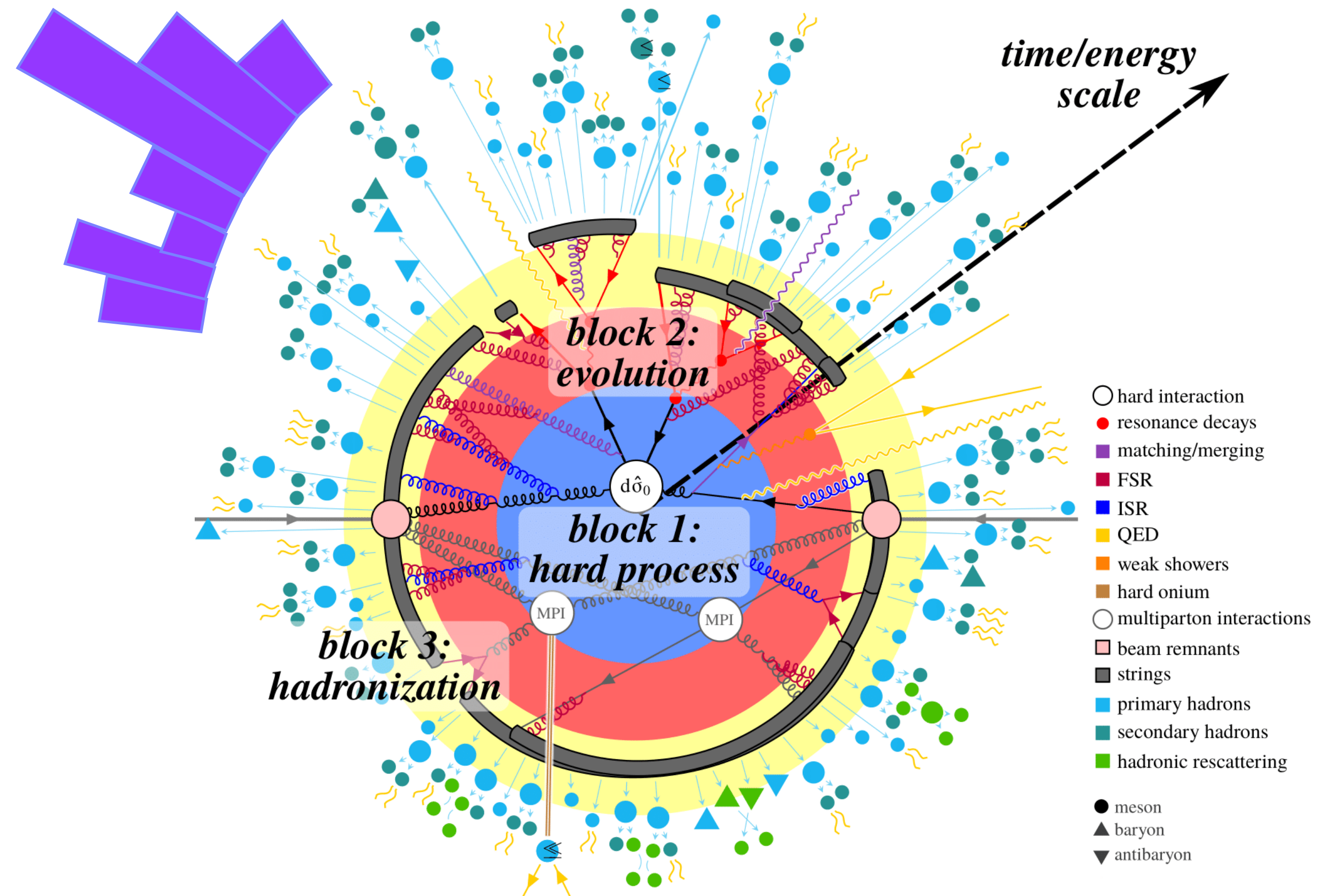
PARTIAL EVENT SIMULATION

- Can also take components of simulation that are computationally expensive and replace that with machine learning.

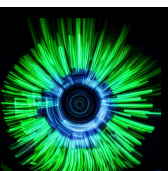
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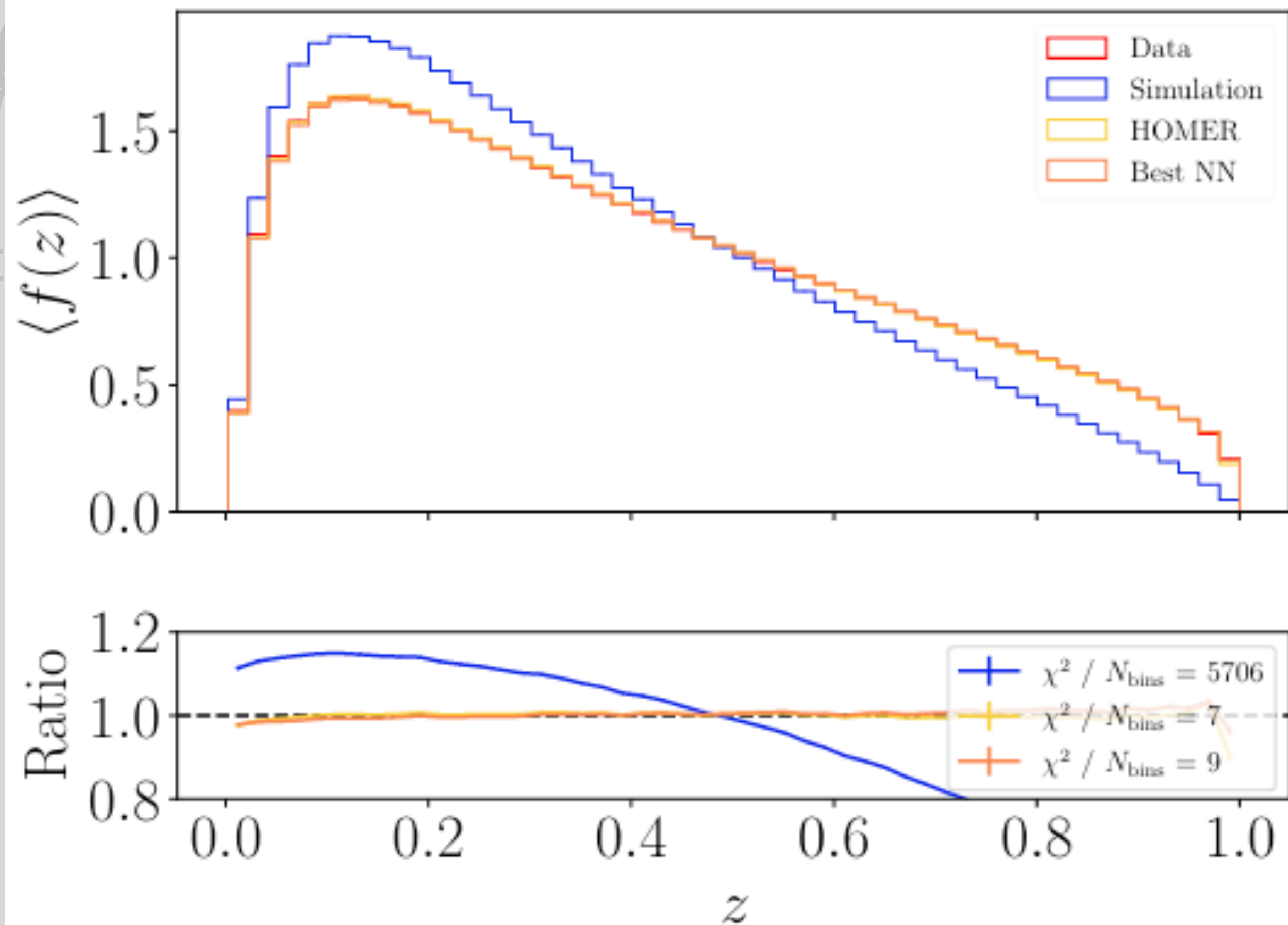
MLHAD

- Use ML to evaluate the collision kernel



[\[https://uclep.gitlab.io/mlhad-docs/\]](https://uclep.gitlab.io/mlhad-docs/)

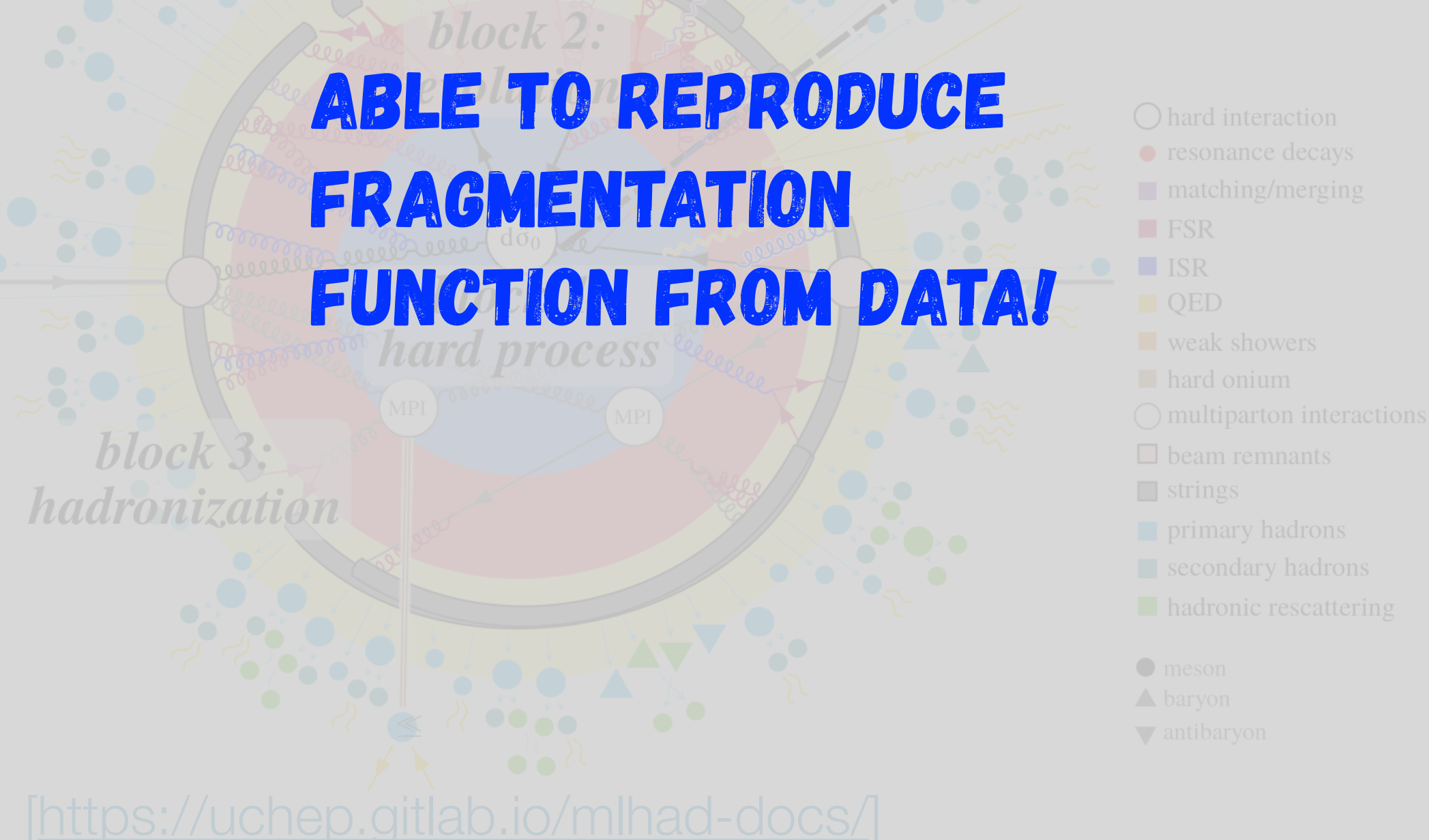




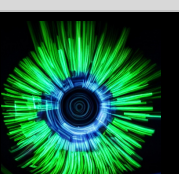
- **Goal:** learn data-driven fragmentation function by estimating likelihood ratios for each string break.
- Use *event weights* derived from base simulation in order to *train two neural networks* that are used to predict string break weights.

**ABLE TO REPRODUCE
FRAGMENTATION
FUNCTION FROM DATA!**

[[SciPost Phys. 18 \(2025\) 2, 054](https://arxiv.org/abs/2502.054)]



[<https://uchep.gitlab.io/mlhad-docs/>]



OPEN QUESTIONS FOR NEXT ~5 YEARS

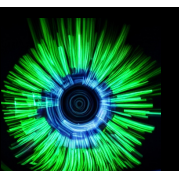
HOW DO WE ASSIGN A SYSTEMATIC
UNCERTAINTY FOR THE ML?

HOW DO WE CONSTRUCT
MORE INTERPRETABLE
MODELS?



HOW CAN WE MAKE ML-BASED
APPLICATIONS REPRODUCIBLE?

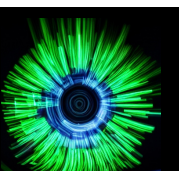
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SYSTEMATIC UNCERTAINTY FOR ML

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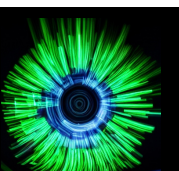
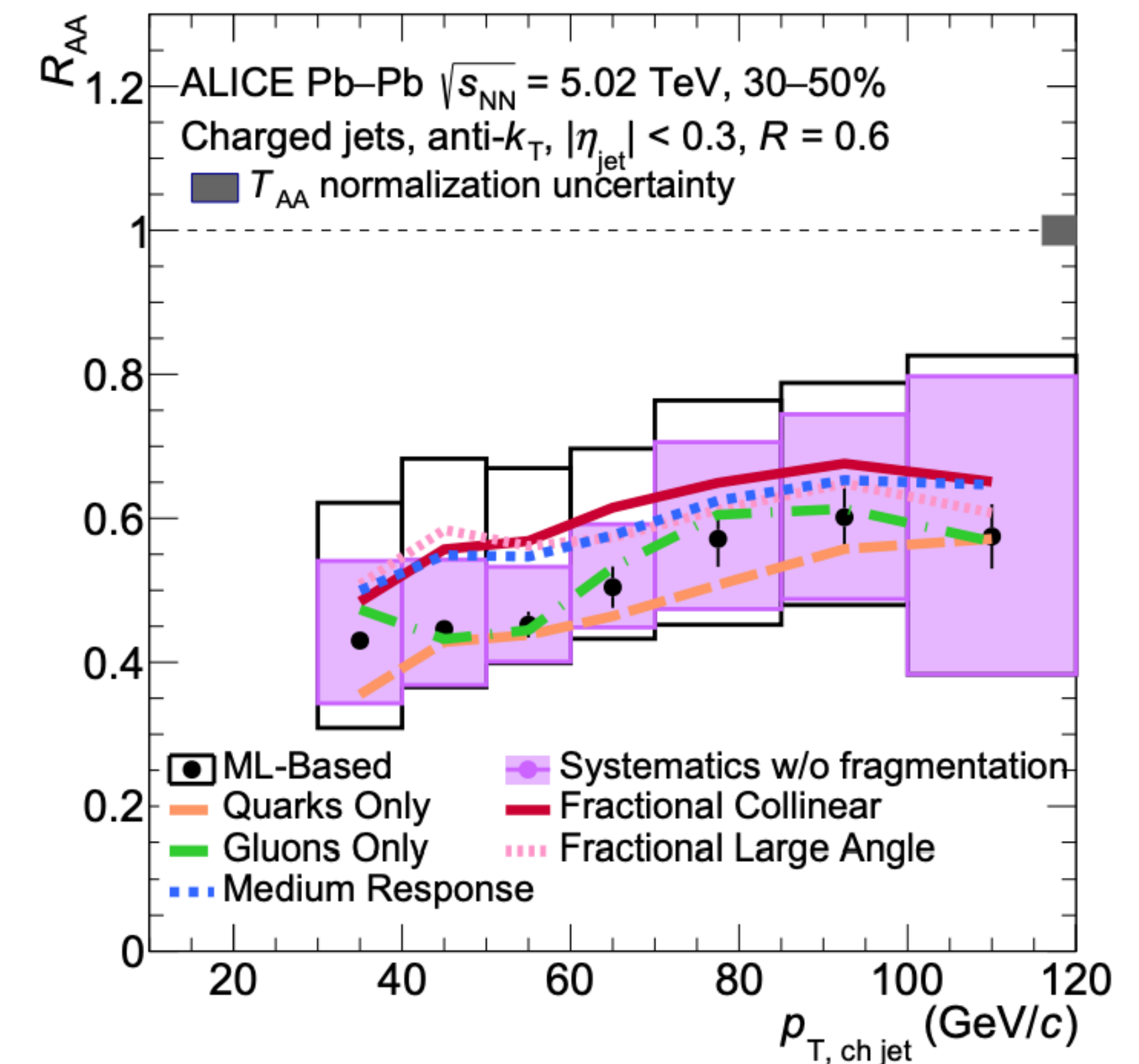
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ALICE, [PLB 849 (2024) 138412]

Example case: jet p_T reconstruction

- Initial ALICE approach is to train on five different fragmentation models, taking difference in final result as systematic uncertainty



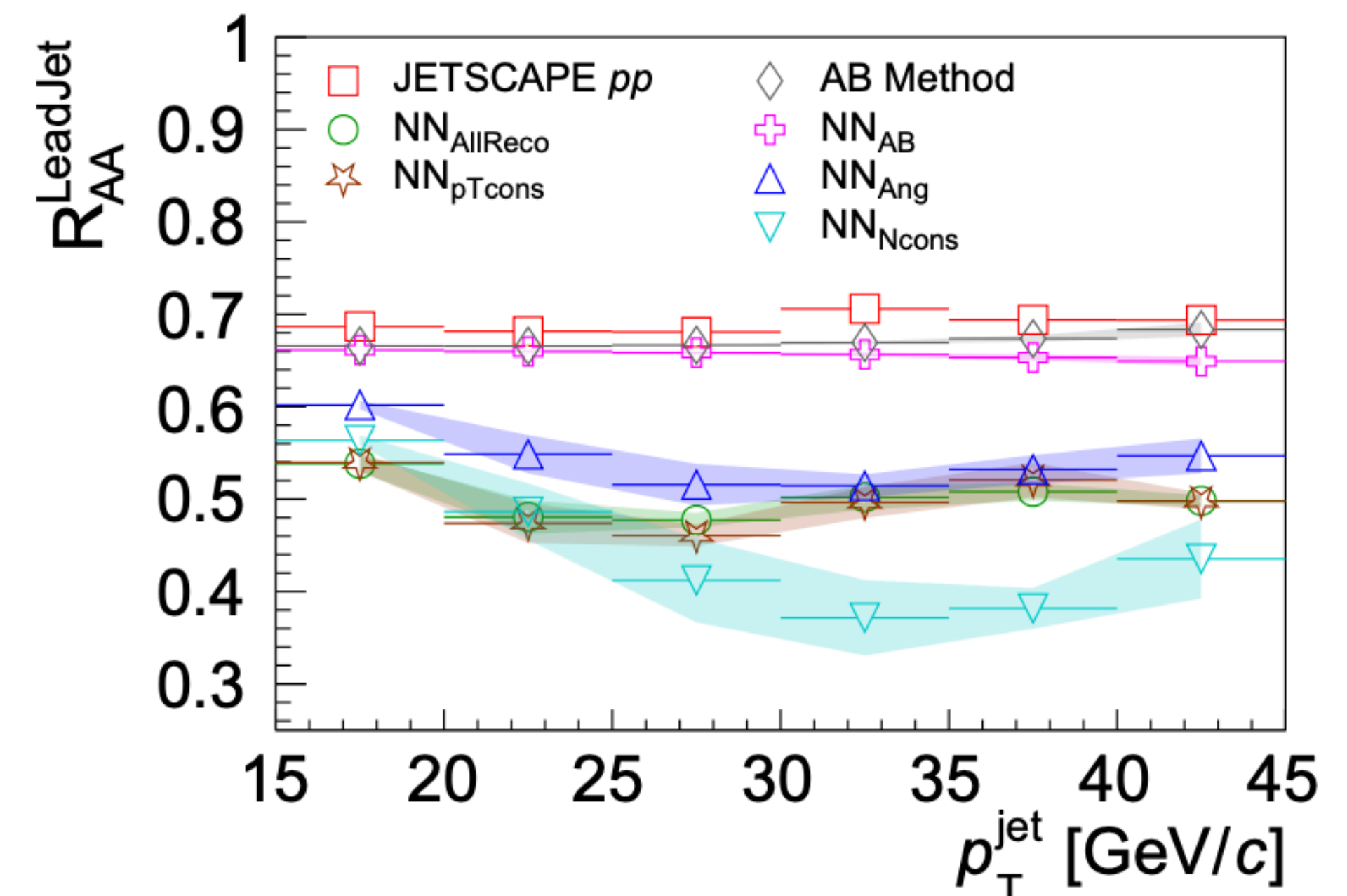
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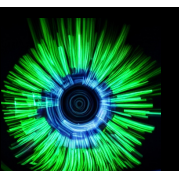
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- If the bias is too large, traditional techniques or ML w/ reduced complexity is preferable.

Example case: jet p_T reconstruction

- Indications that corresponding systematic uncertainty may be larger at lower p_T



[arXiv:2412.15440]



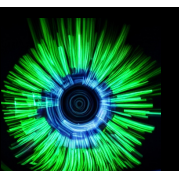
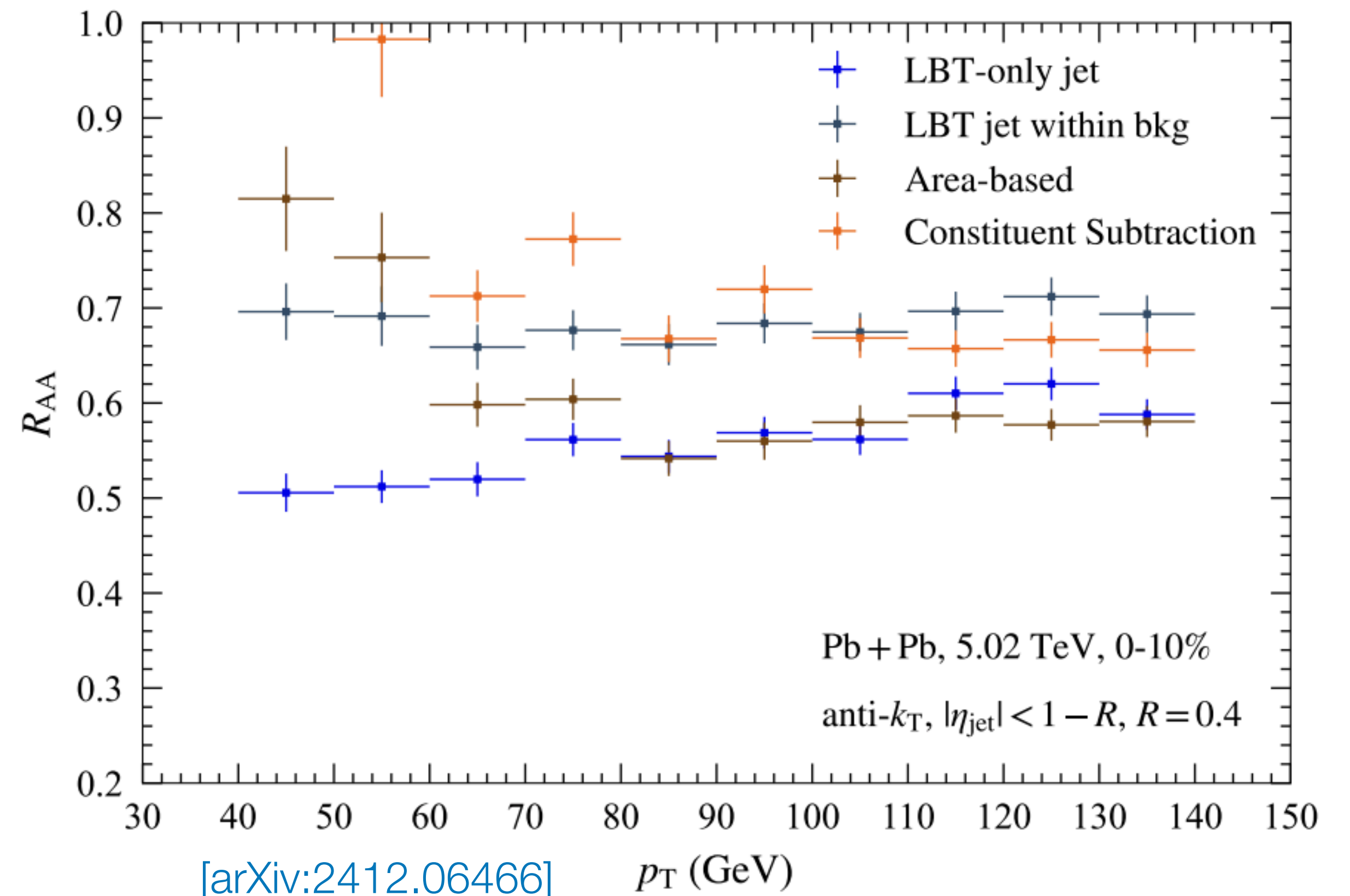
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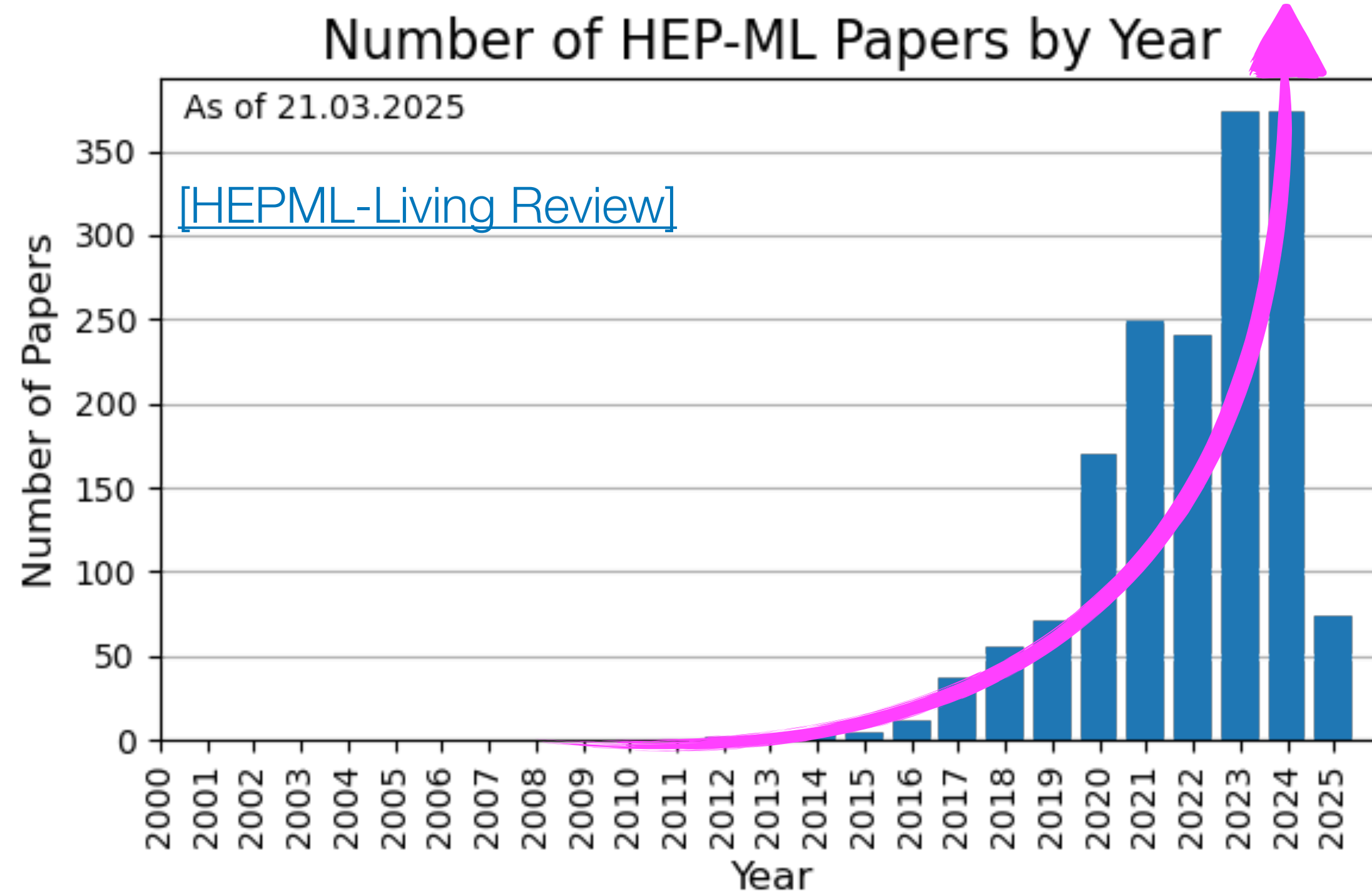
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- As simulations improve, so will our treatment of the systematic uncertainties.
- Training on LBT model appears to better reproduce results from traditional approaches than when trained on PYTHIA.
 - Applied to LBT + thermal background.

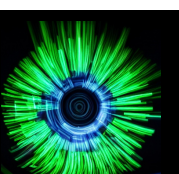


CONCLUSIONS

- We are taking more data and making more complex measurements than ever before!
- Machine learning has led to new physics insights and can be used throughout the whole analysis pipeline!
- **Many great examples at this conference!**



- Will be crucial at future facilities such as FAIR, HL-LHC, and the EIC!
- **Stay tuned for many interesting results in the future!!**





Thank you!!

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Backup

DATA REDUCTION

- One other solution is to reduce the data size, for example, with auto-encoders.

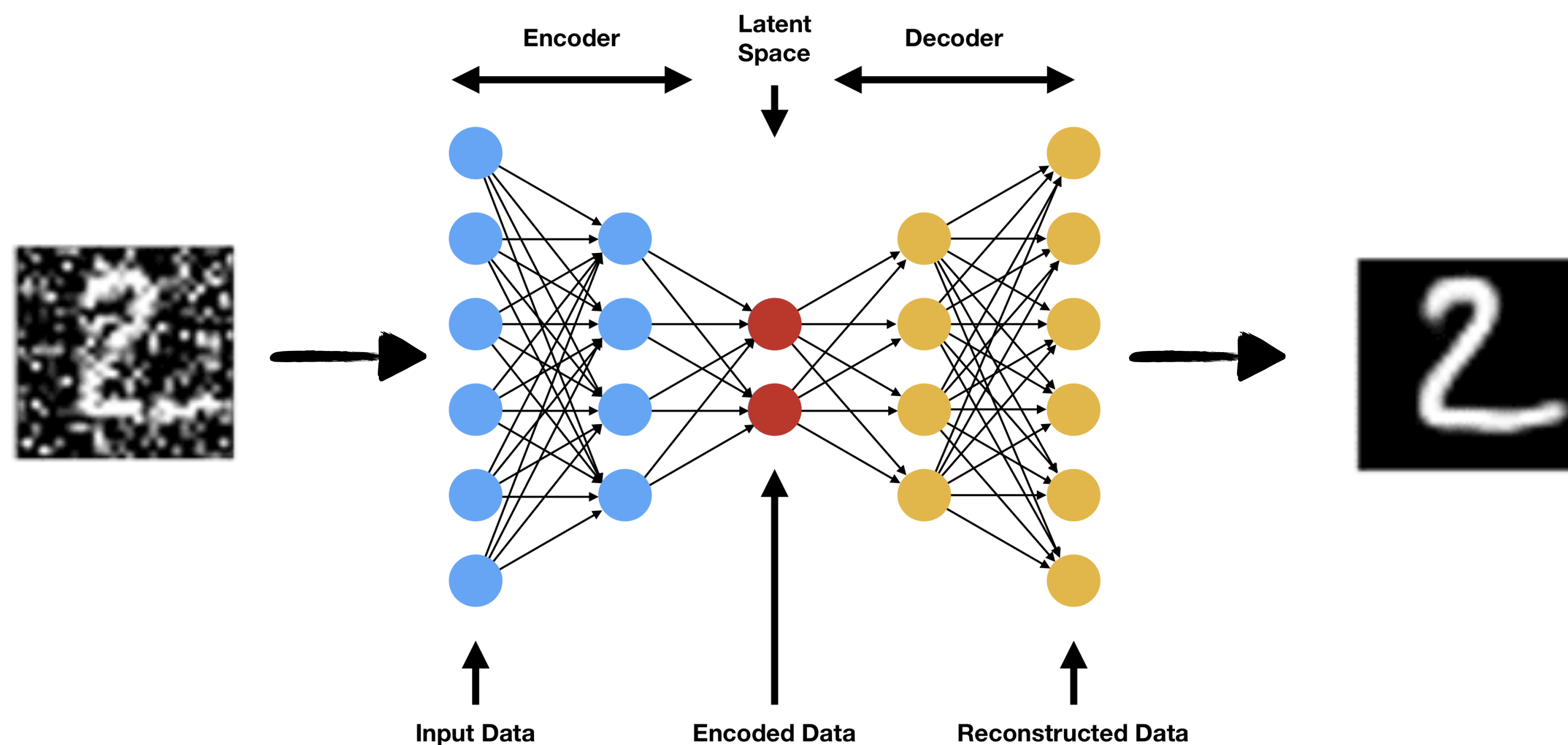
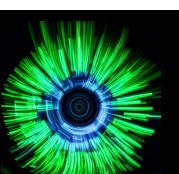
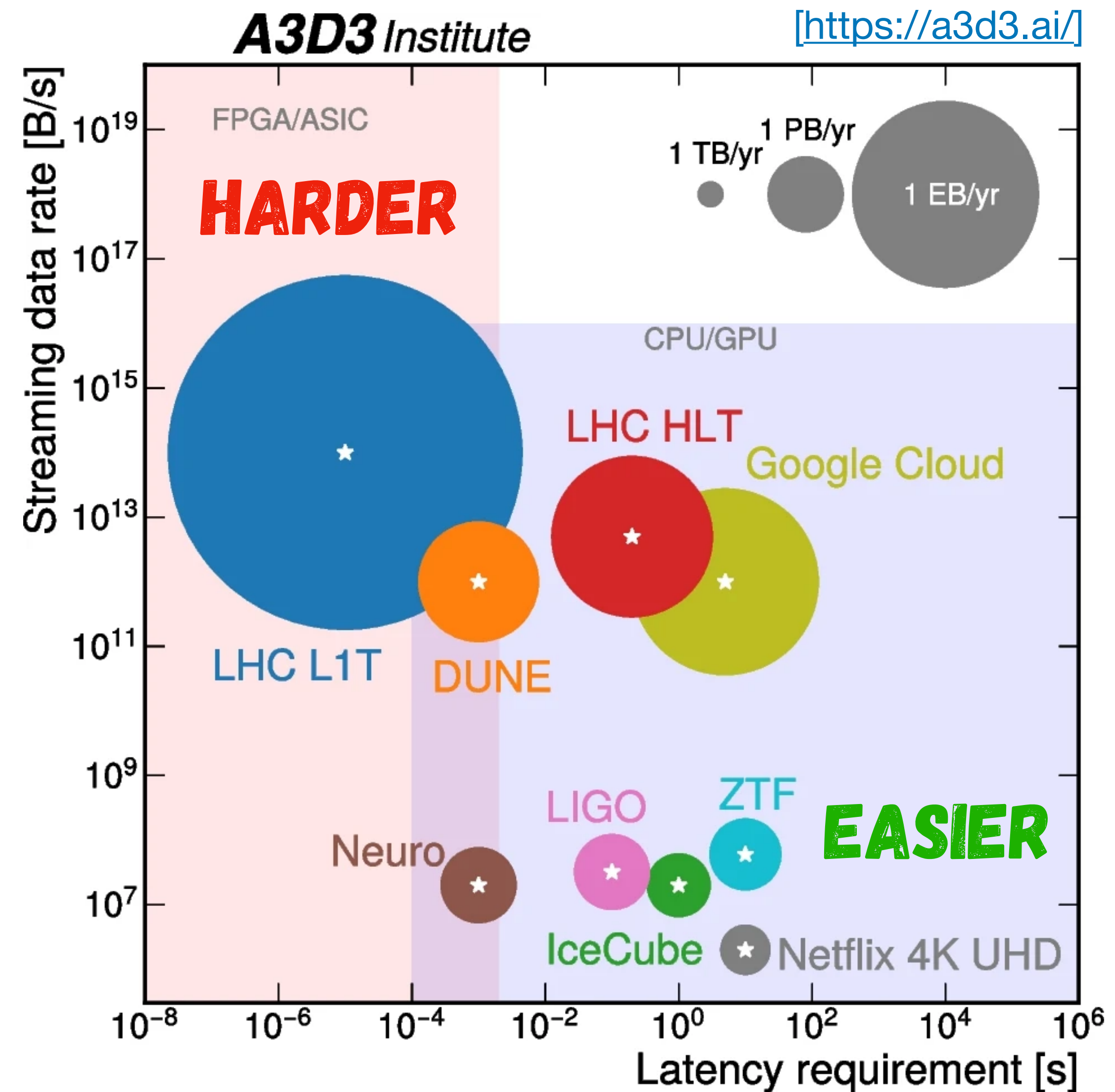


Image Credit: <https://www.compthree.com/blog/autoencoder/>

sPHENIX TPC [\[arXiv:2310.15026\]](https://arxiv.org/abs/2310.15026)

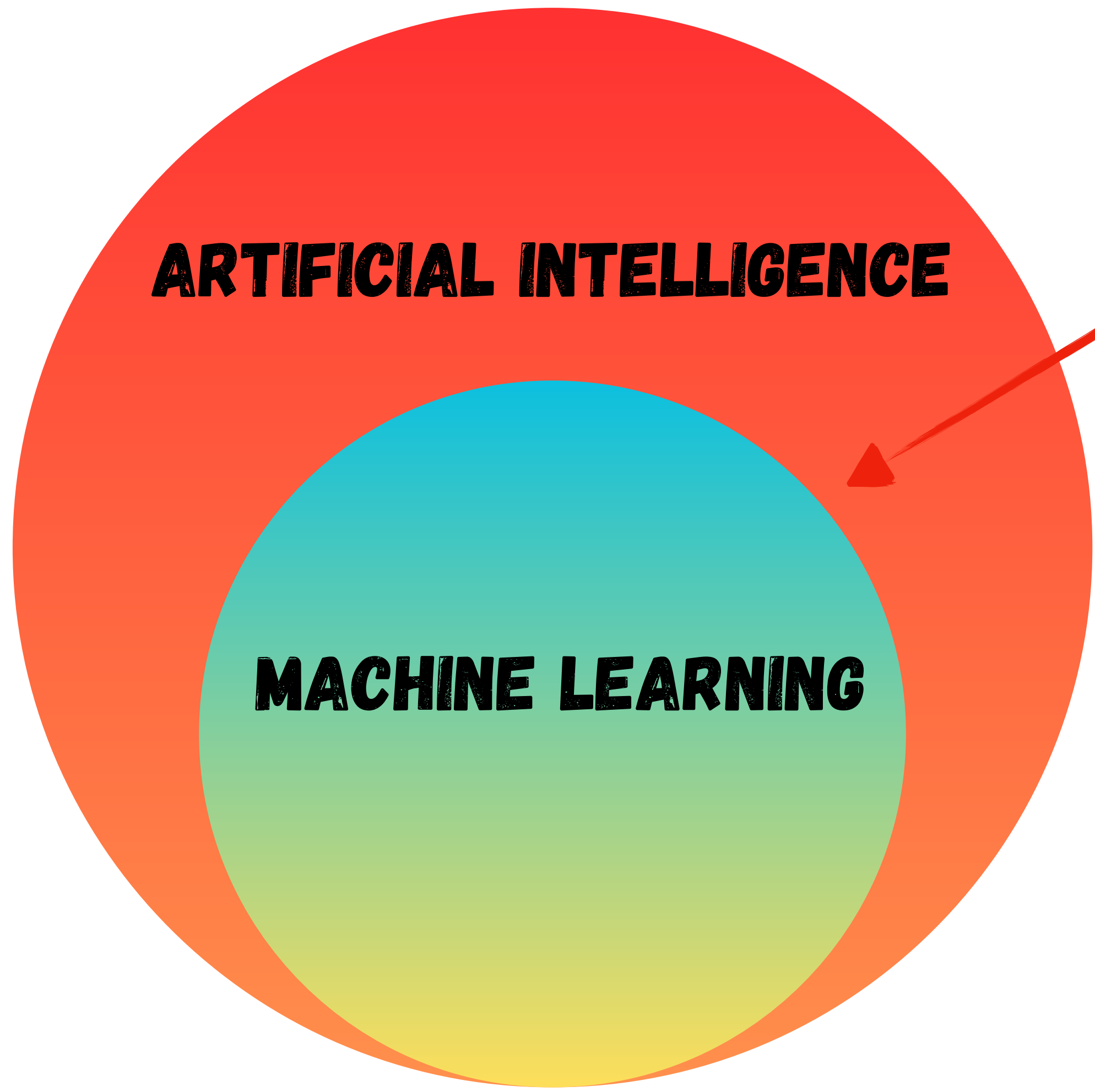
CMS HGCal upgrade [\[See talk at Fast ML 2022\]](#)

LHCb trigger system [\[See website here\]](#)



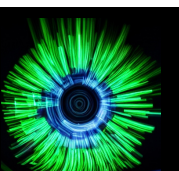
WHAT IS AI/ML?

Artificial Intelligence: Programs with the ability to acquire and apply knowledge and skills.



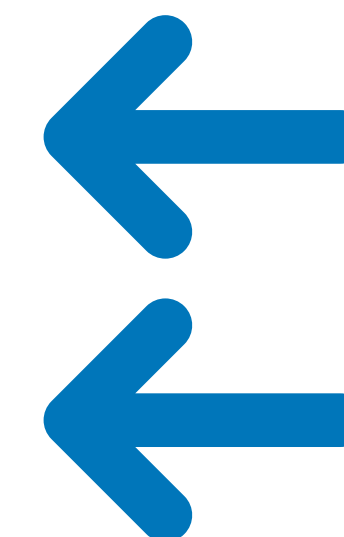
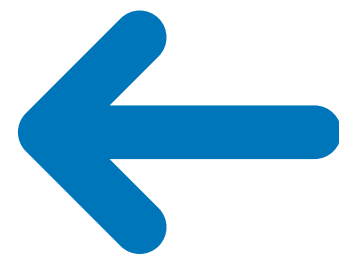
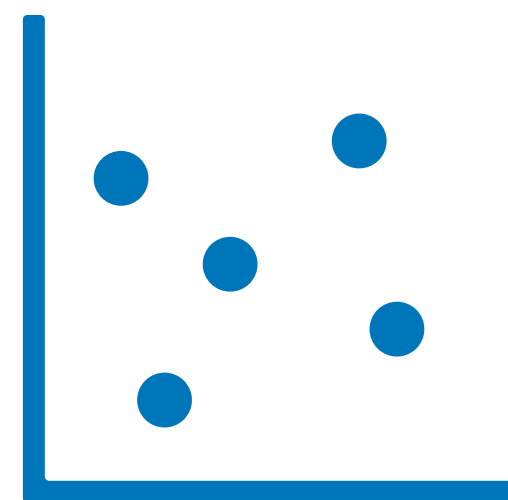
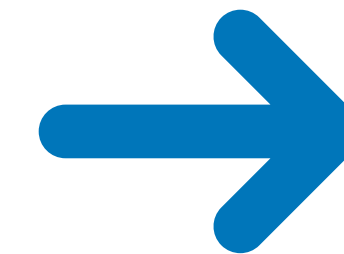
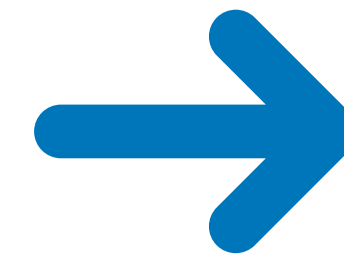
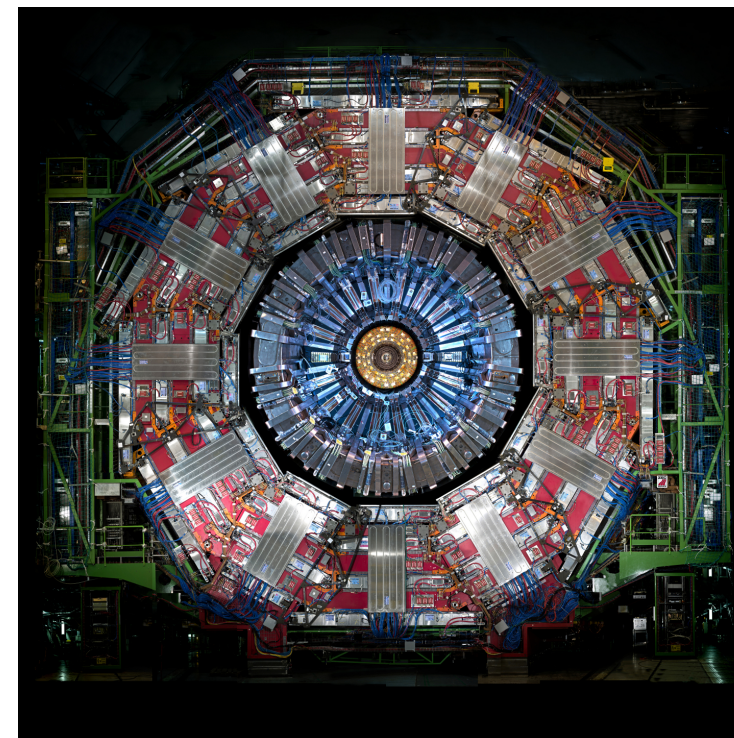
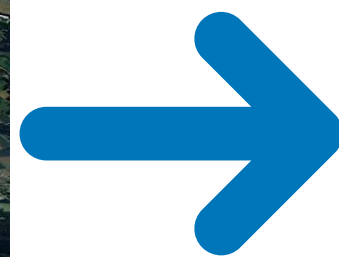
Ex: Chatbots (humans give rules)

Machine Learning: computational algorithms that imitate how humans learn, i.e. learning from examples in a way that improves over time



ANALYSIS PIPELINE

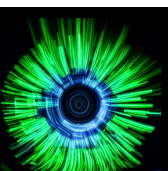
**MACHINE LEARNING CAN BE USED THROUGHOUT
THE ANALYSIS PIPELINE!**



**RECONSTRUCTED
DATA
SIMULATION**

EVENT/ANALYSIS SELECTIONS

RESULTS



ML FOR UNDERLYING PHYSICS

“Data”-based learning complements simulation-based inference.

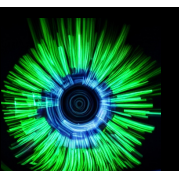
~ Given an answer
~ “White Box” ML
~ Underlying physics

~ Domain knowledge
~ “Black Box” ML
~ Answer

- Learning from data is difficult due to systematic experimental biases.
- Helpful in understanding uncertainties or shortcomings of models!

Proof of concept identifying the AP splitting function exists [\[PLB 829 \(2022\) 137055\]](#)

THIS IS A LONG TERM EFFORT!



HOW DOES THE MACHINE LEARN?

SUPERVISED LEARNING

Algorithm learns from a labeled set of “true values”.

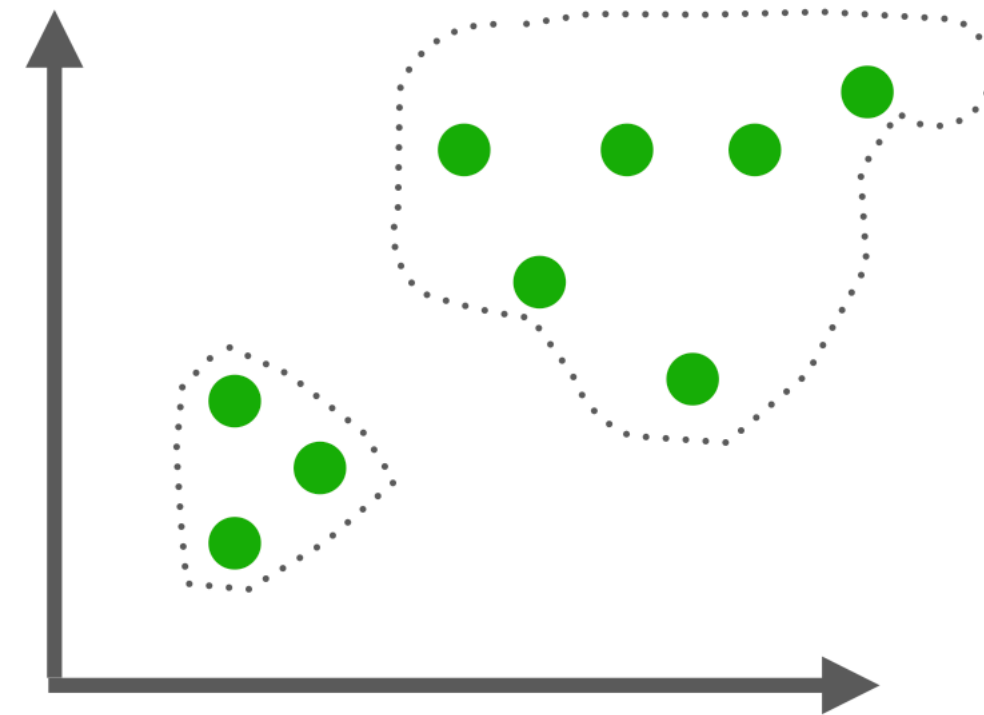


Driven by the Task

Analogy: Taking a test

UNSUPERVISED LEARNING

Algorithm finds structure in the data without knowing the desired outcome.



Driven by the Data

Analogy: Clustering

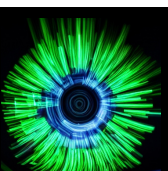
REINFORCEMENT LEARNING

Algorithm learns in a reward based system to determine a series of actions.

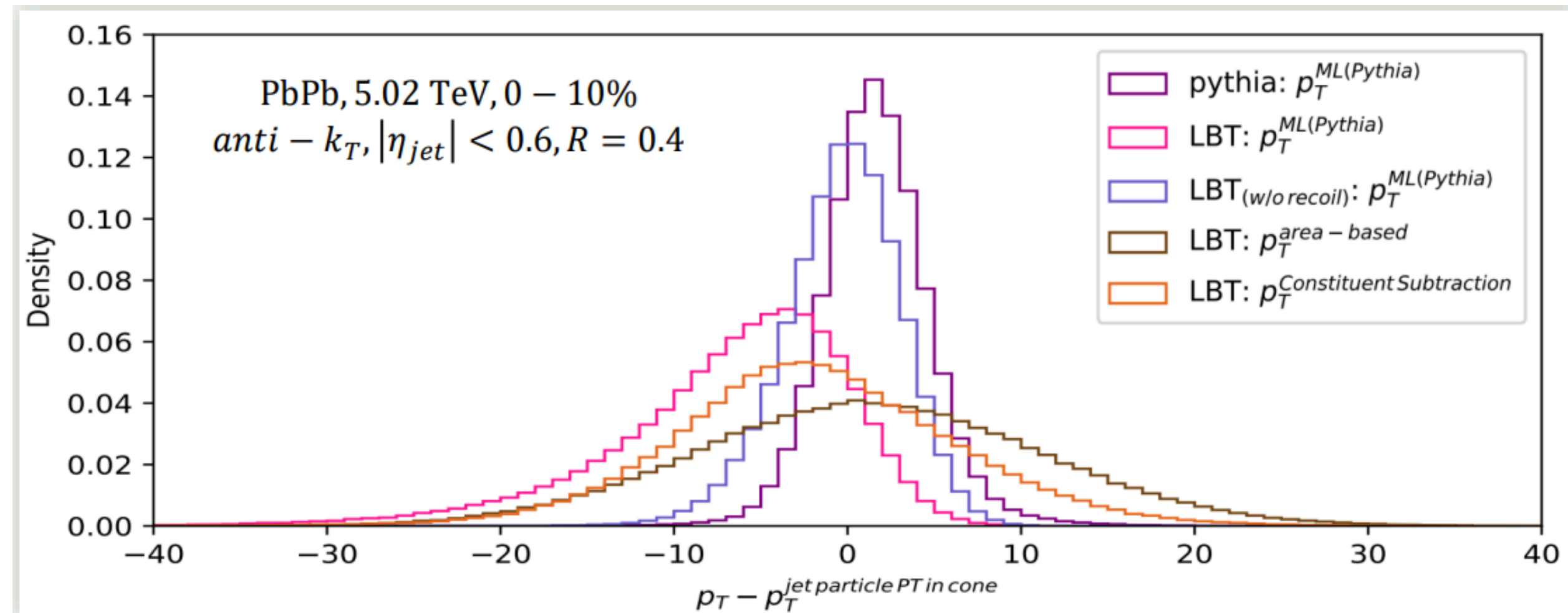


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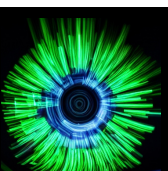
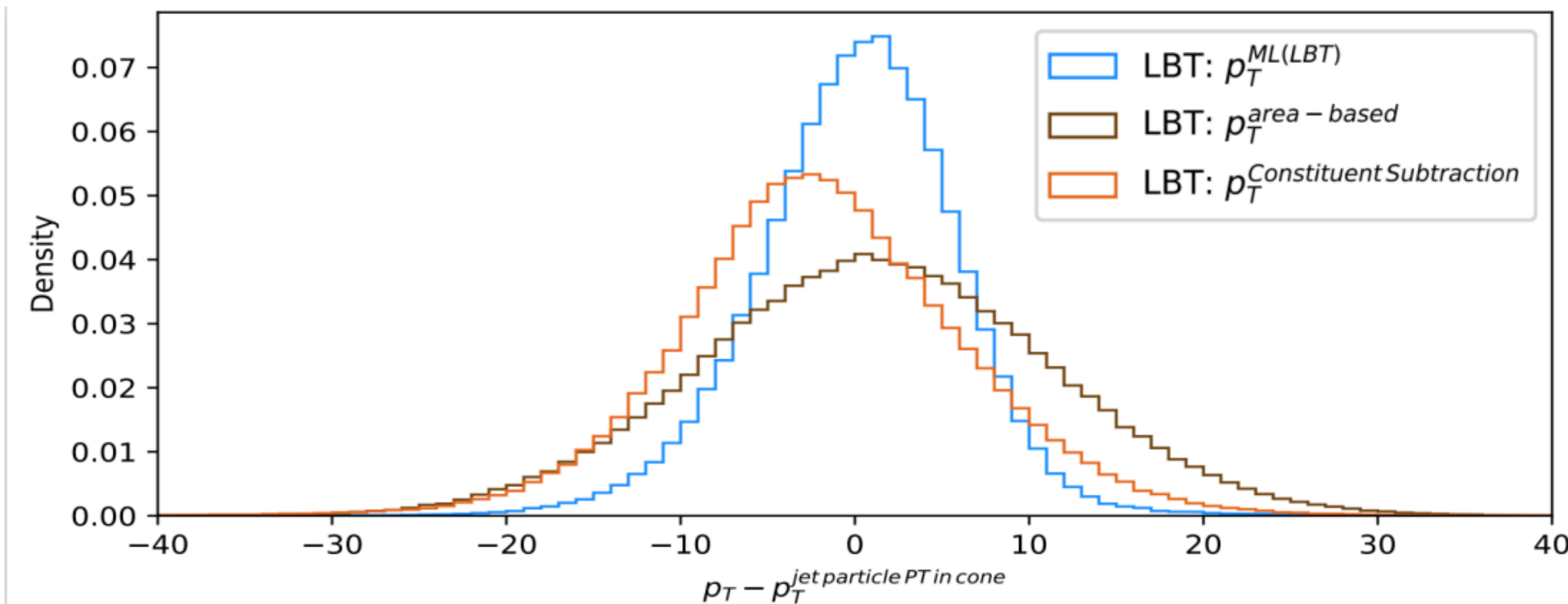
Analogy: Dog training



STUDIES WITH NN JET PT RECONSTRUCTION

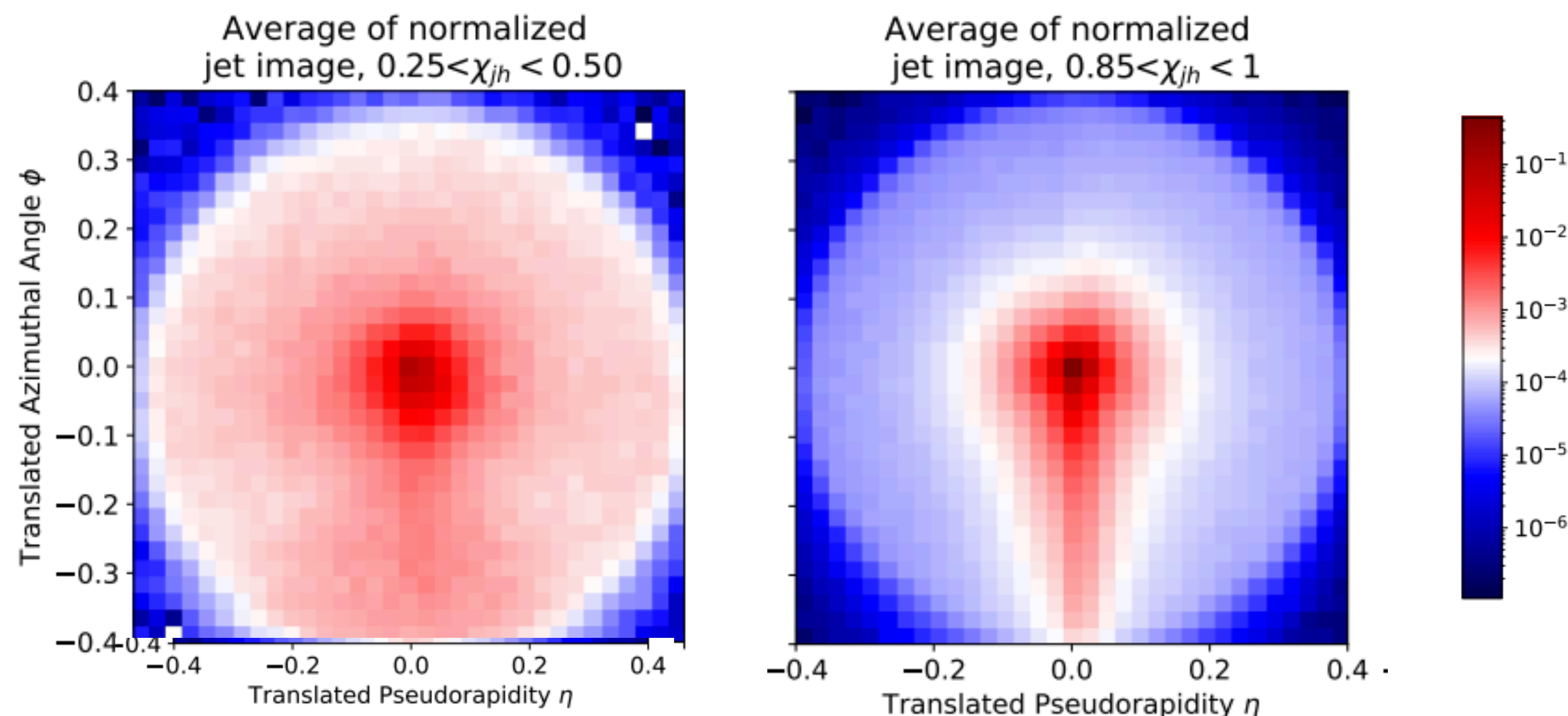


- See offset (bias) in δp_T when ML is trained in PYTHIA vs. LBT.
- Crucial for applications in data to correct for this bias in an unfolding procedure.
 - Apply same model on your data and the response matrix.



DEEP LEARNING JET MODIFICATIONS

Use supervised learning on jet images with a CNN to perform the regression task of predicting the energy loss ratio in HI collisions (hybrid model).

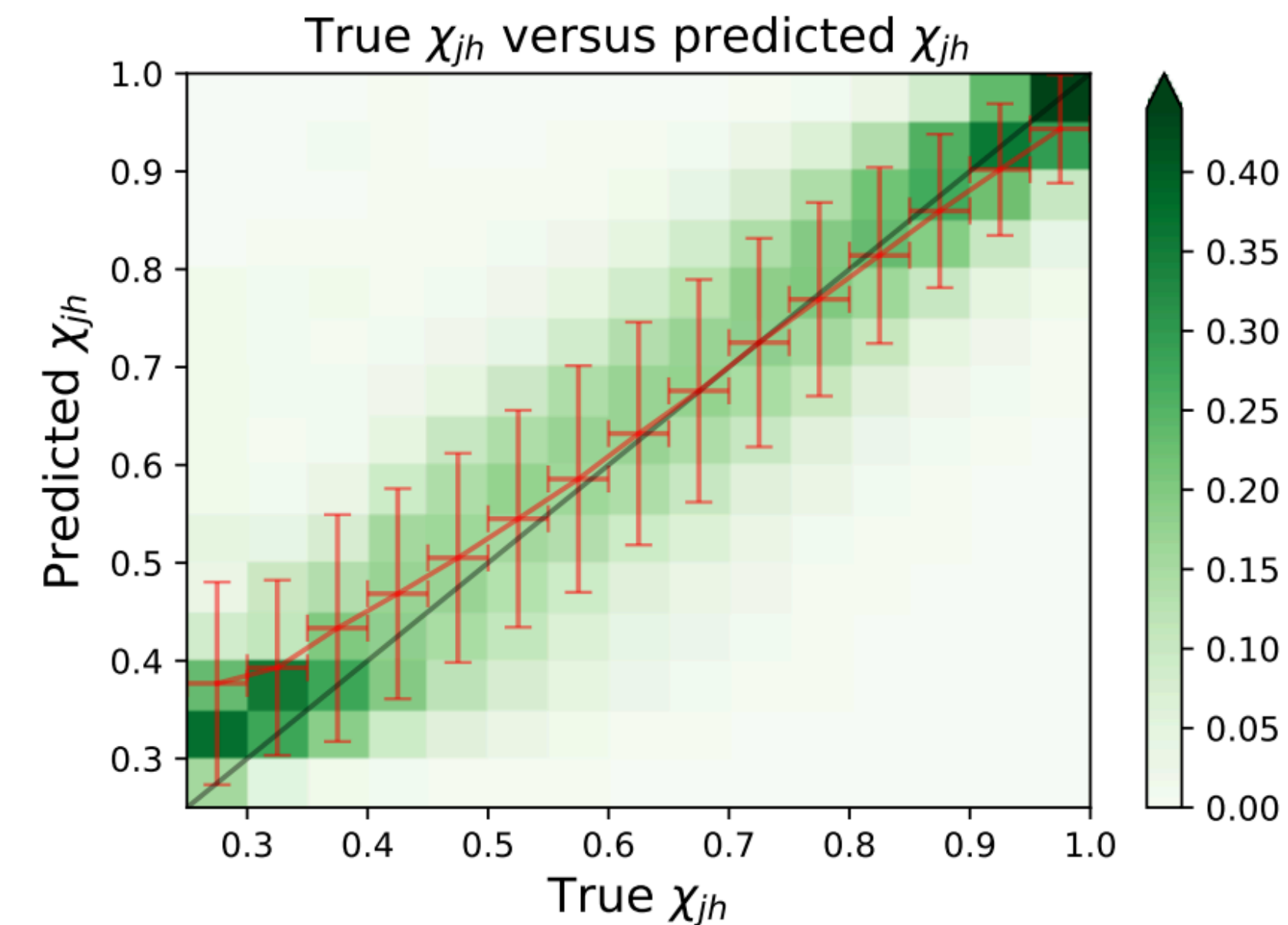


quenched

unquenched

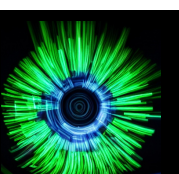
$$\chi_{jh} = \frac{E_f^h}{E_i^h}$$

[JHEP 2021, 206 (2021)]

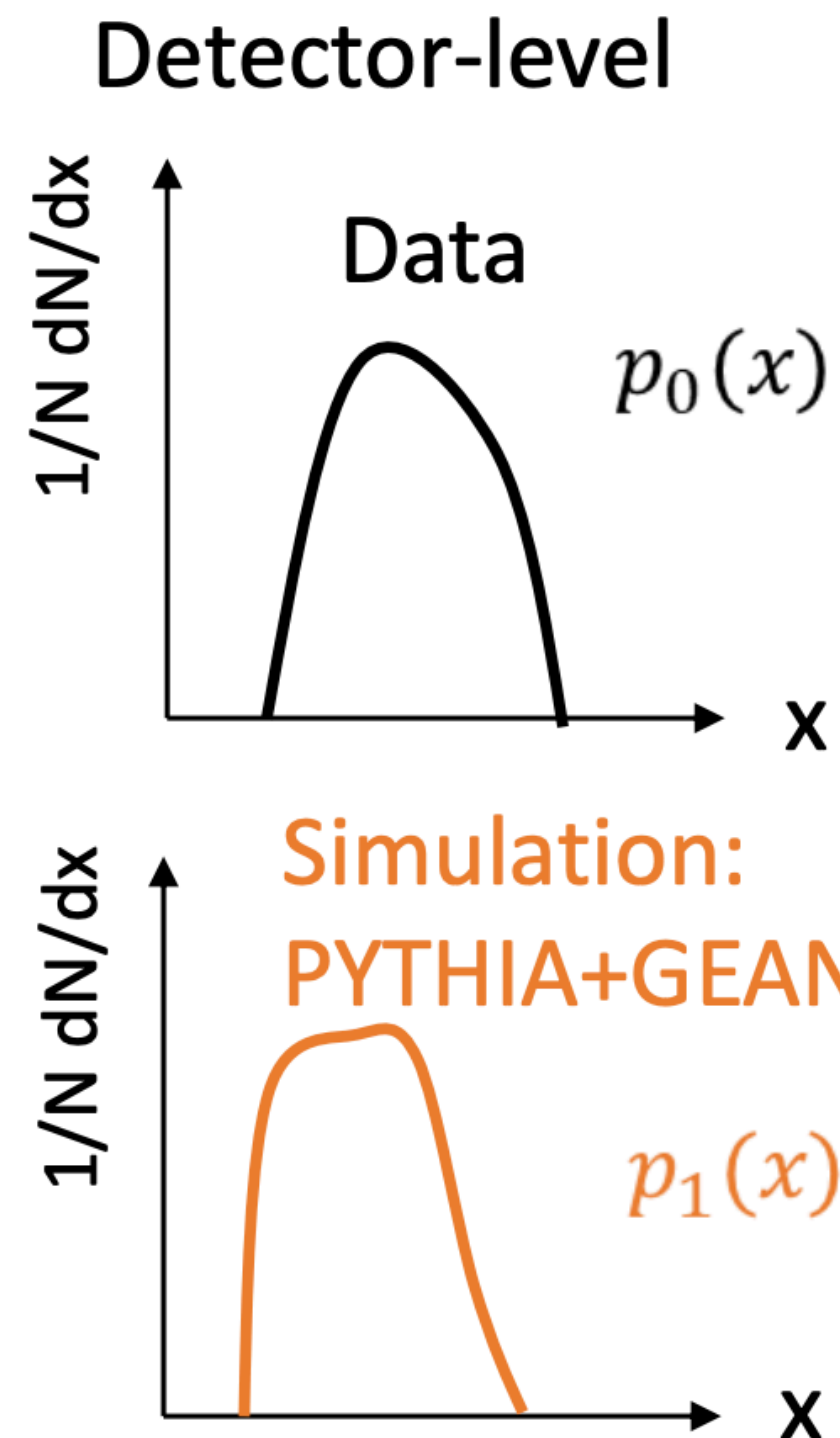
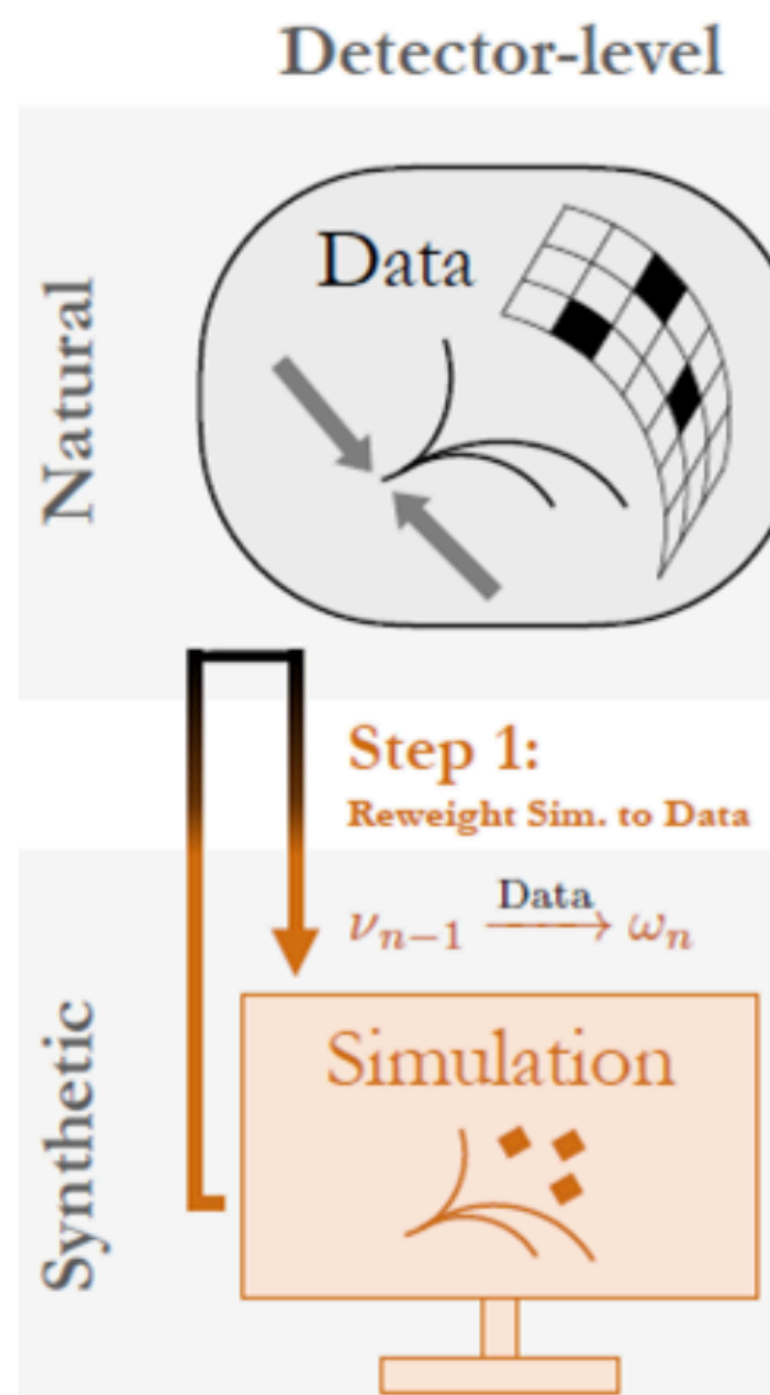


Shows good performance!

- Very useful to separate and study **quenched** vs. **unquenched** jets as well as extracting the initial energy of the jet. (Ideal probe of selection bias!)



OMNIFOLD/MULTIFOLD



E.g., Iteration 1, step 1:

Weights: $w(x) = p_0(x)/p_1(x)$

Ok for 1D

$$\approx f(x)/(1 - f(x))$$

(Andreassen and Nachman
PRD 101, 091901 (2020))

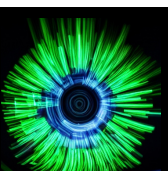
where $f(x)$ is a neural network and trained with the binary cross-entropy loss function

to distinguish jets
coming from data vs
from simulation

Where does the machine
learning part come in?

Unfolding → Reweighting histograms
→ Classification → Neural network

Slide from Youqi Song

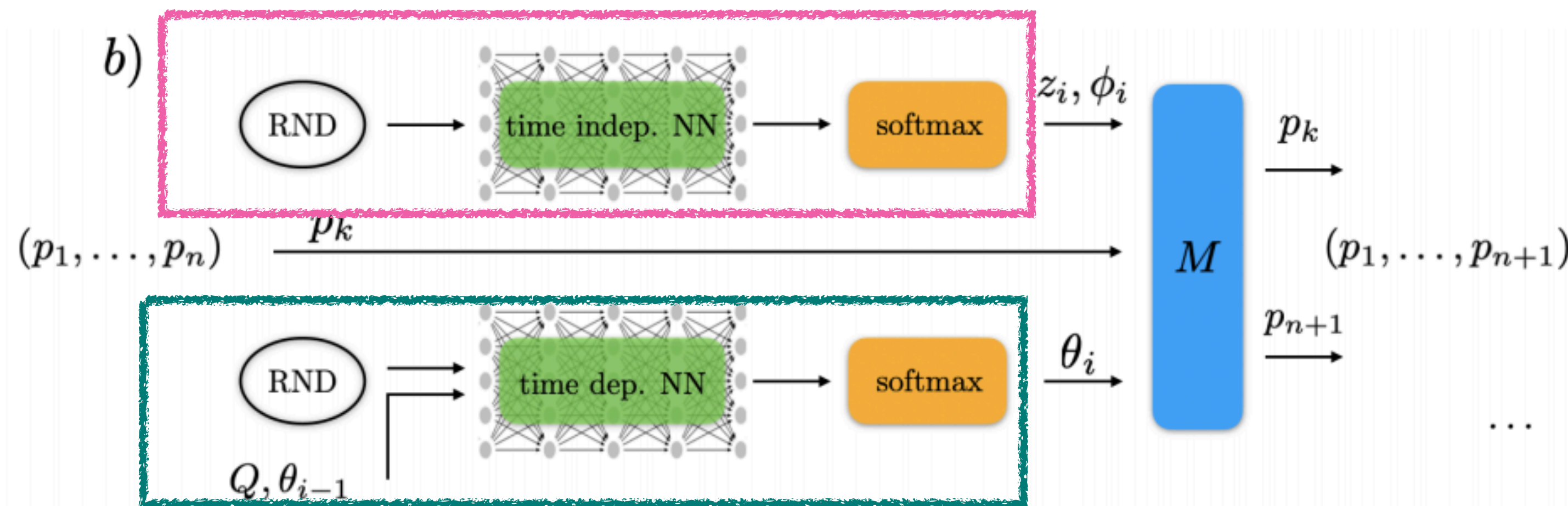


PROOF OF CONCEPT

- Extract splitting function from the network in white-box ML.

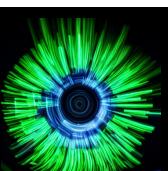
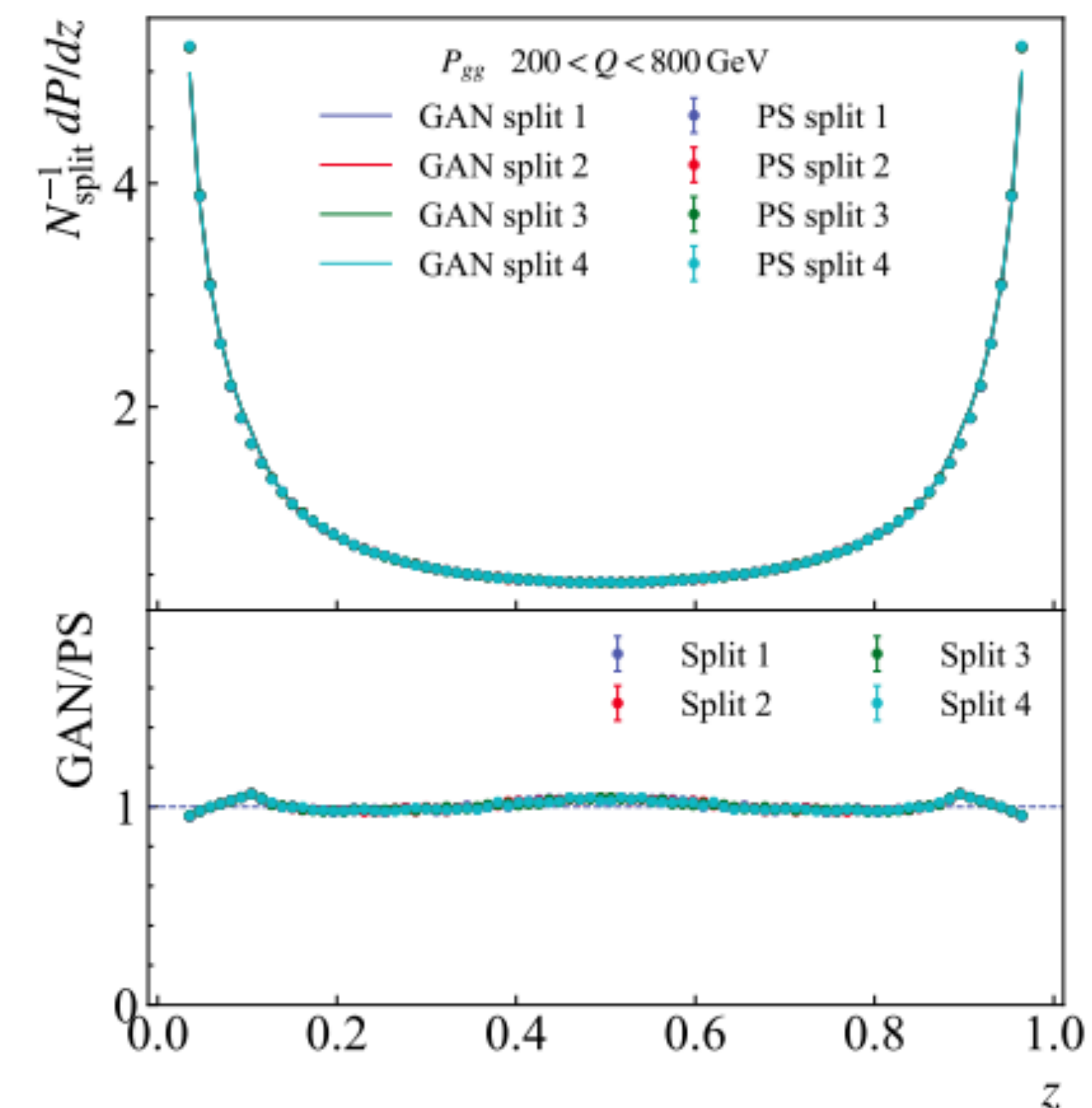
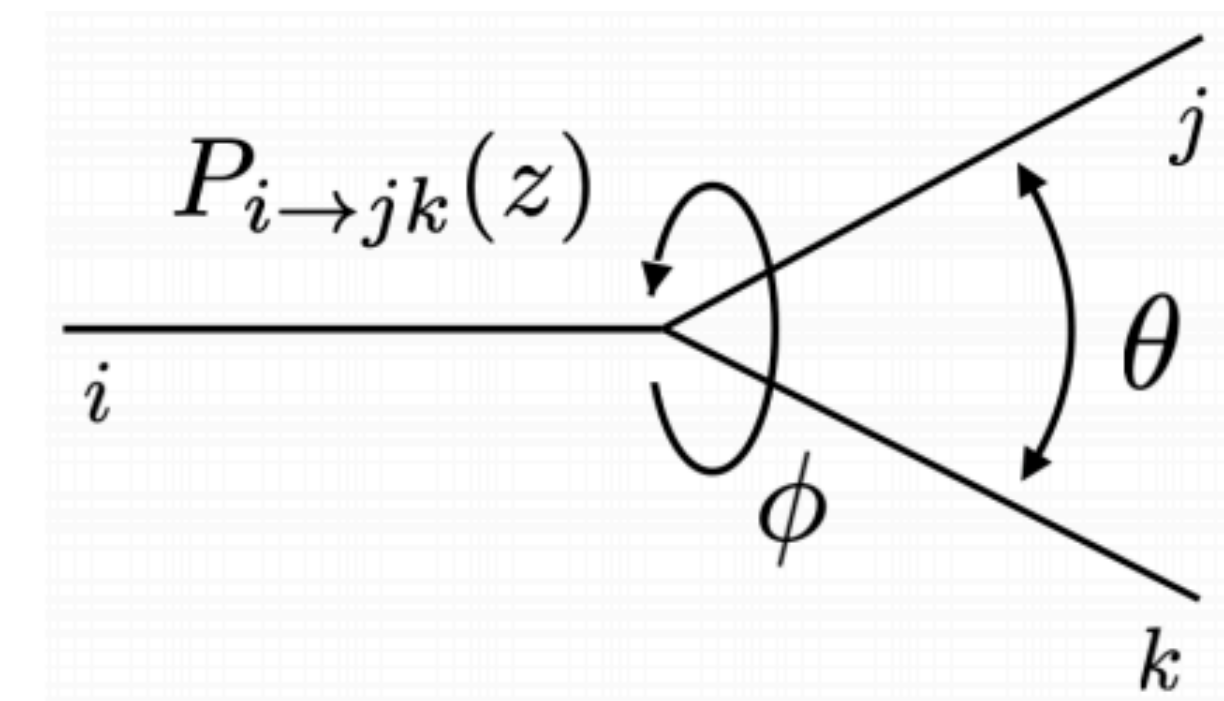
Done with a GAN split into two components.

1. Time independent learns the z, ϕ



2. Time dependent learns the θ

Was able to reproduce AP splitting function.



EVENT CLASSIFICATION AT THE EIC

[JHEP 03 (2023) 085]

- Study the effectiveness of ML-based classifiers to
 - Identify the flavor of the jet
 - Identify the underlying hard process of the collision

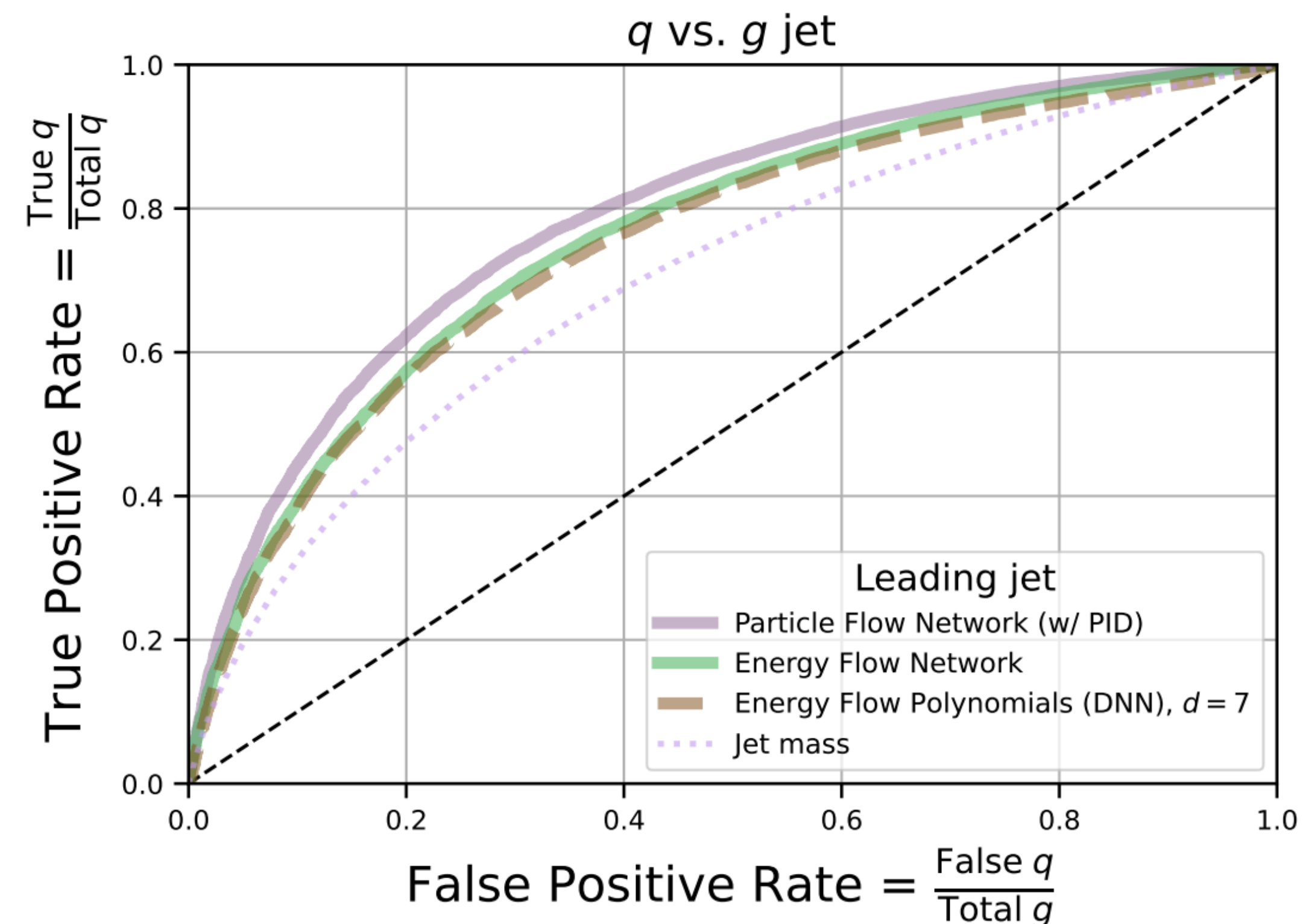
- Additionally study the effectiveness of different ways of representing information

- Particle Flow Networks [JHEP 01 (2019) 121]

$$f(p_1, \dots, p_N) = F\left(\sum_{i=1}^N \Phi(p_i)\right) \quad p_i = (z_i, \eta_i, \phi_i, \text{PID}_i)$$

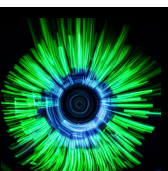
- Energy Flow Polynomials [JHEP 04 (2018) 013]

$$\text{EFP}_G = \sum_{i_1} \cdots \sum_{i_V} z_{i_1} \cdots z_{i_V} \prod_{(k,l) \in E} \theta_{i_k i_l}$$

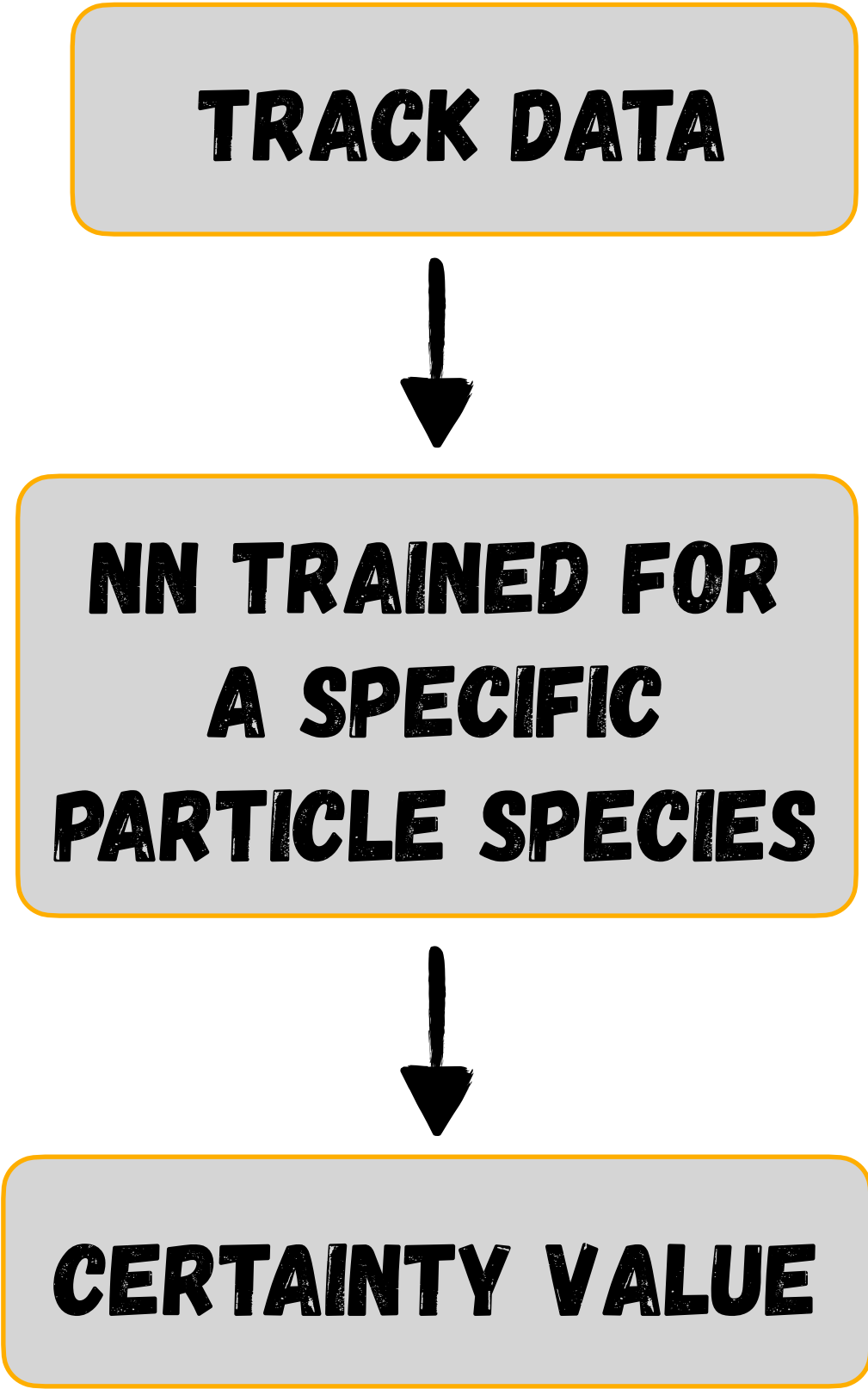


Indications that ML-based methods will have an improved performance over traditional techniques!

See also event classification with large language models, [arXiv:2404.05752]



ML FOR PARTICLE IDENTIFICATION



- Use NN trained on a specific particle type to predict a certainty value that is then compared to a pre-set threshold.
- Decide threshold based on efficiency/purity tradeoff.
- Takes into account particles from different sub-detectors (here TPC, TOF, TRD of ALICE) , robust against missing data.

Model	Precision	Recall
Standard	99.99 ± 0.01	78.37 ± 0.01
Ensemble	97.47 ± 0.25	99.46 ± 0.21
Mean	97.31 ± 0.07	99.52 ± 0.07
Proposed	97.49 ± 0.06	99.54 ± 0.05
Regression	97.33 ± 0.06	99.49 ± 0.07

Pion

Model	Precision	Recall
Standard	99.40 ± 0.01	59.72 ± 0.03
Ensemble	97.16 ± 0.46	93.74 ± 0.30
Mean	97.85 ± 0.41	93.34 ± 0.32
Proposed	97.80 ± 0.44	93.86 ± 0.27
Regression	97.38 ± 0.40	93.67 ± 0.38

Proton

Model	Precision	Recall
Standard	92.87 ± 0.01	60.37 ± 0.05
Ensemble	91.18 ± 02.00	82.72 ± 01.42
Mean	90.83 ± 01.71	82.32 ± 0.96
Proposed	91.55 ± 0.71	83.68 ± 0.82
Regression	91.17 ± 01.00	81.78 ± 0.21

Kaon

- When comparing the **standard method** to the **proposed method**, proposed method has better balance of precision (purity) and recall (efficiency)!

See also LHCb NN to identify calo hits [Int. J. Mod. Phys. A 30, 1530022 (2015)], ATLAS Electron PID w/ CNN [ATL-PHYS-PUB-2023-001]
CMS Deep NN to identify hadronic τ -lepton decays [JINST 17 (2022) P07023]



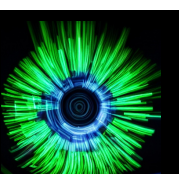
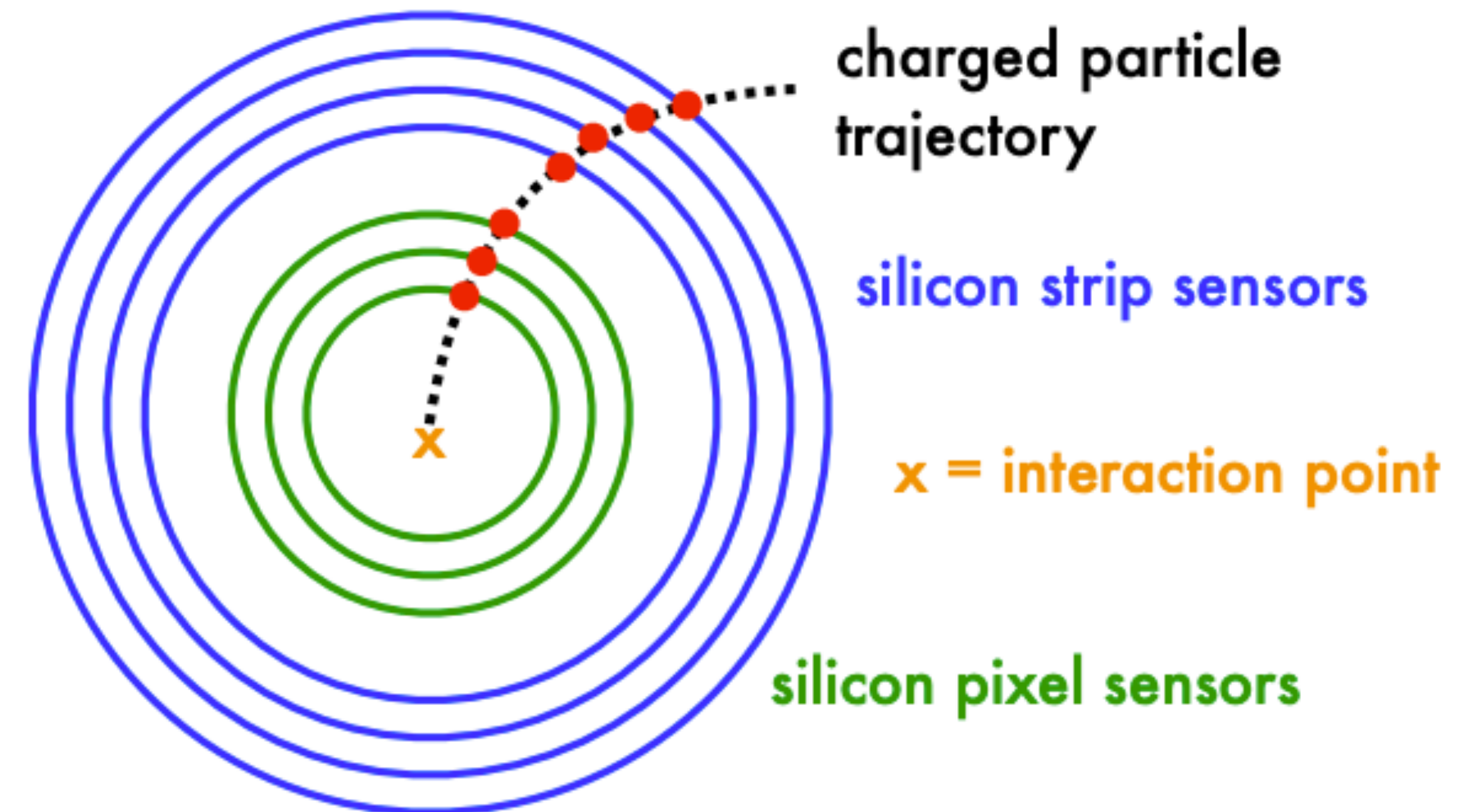
TRACK RECONSTRUCTION AT THE HL-LHC

- Data volume and reconstruction will also be a problem for the HL-LHC
 - Reconstructing charged particle trajectory is computationally expensive - increases with the power of the multiplicity.

Standard approach: Kalman Filter used to locate hits in charged particle trajectory

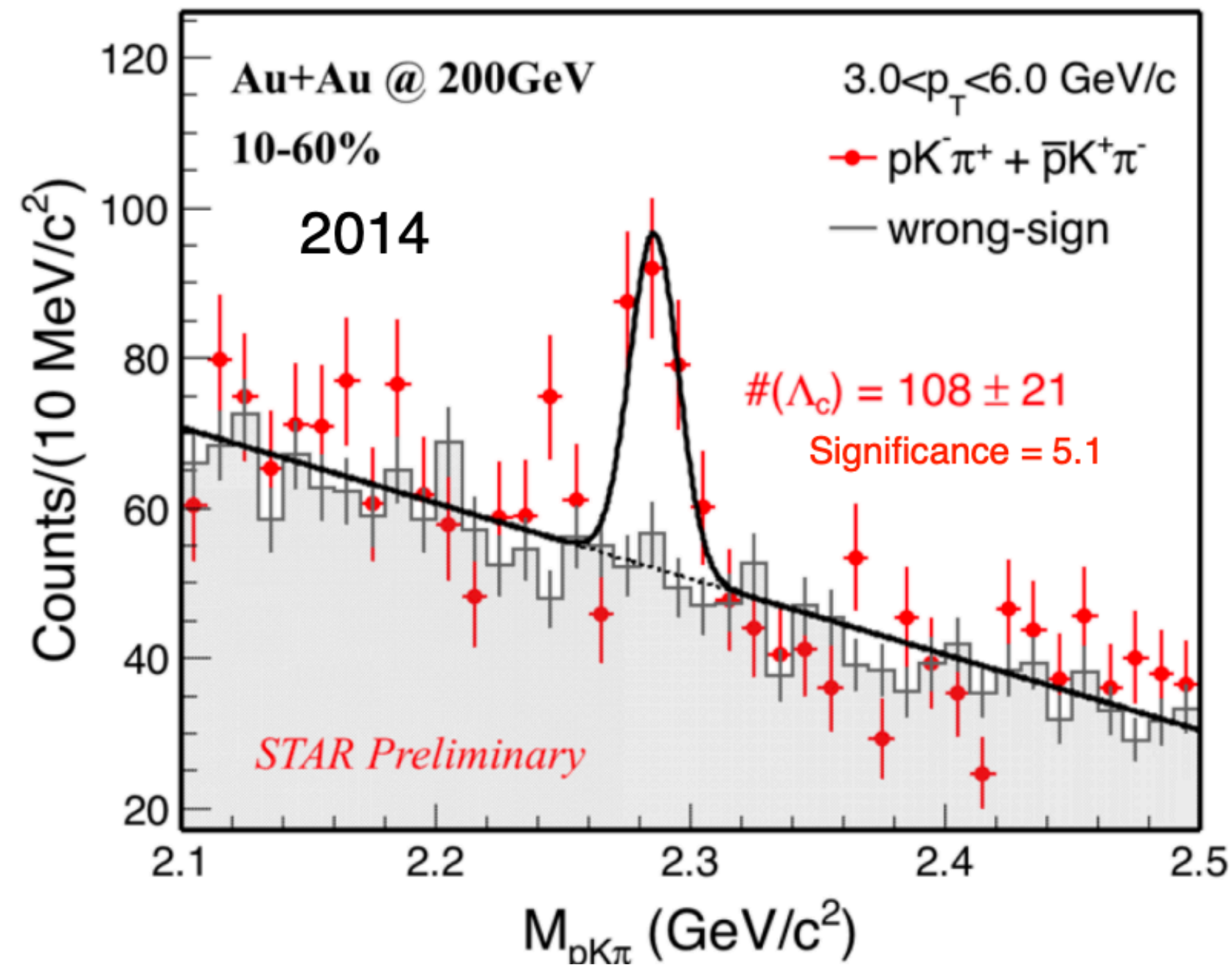
ML-based approach: Use ML tools to speed this up such as...

- Recurrent Neural Network [\[arXiv:2212.02348\]](https://arxiv.org/abs/2212.02348)
- Convolutional neural network [\[See Here\]](#)

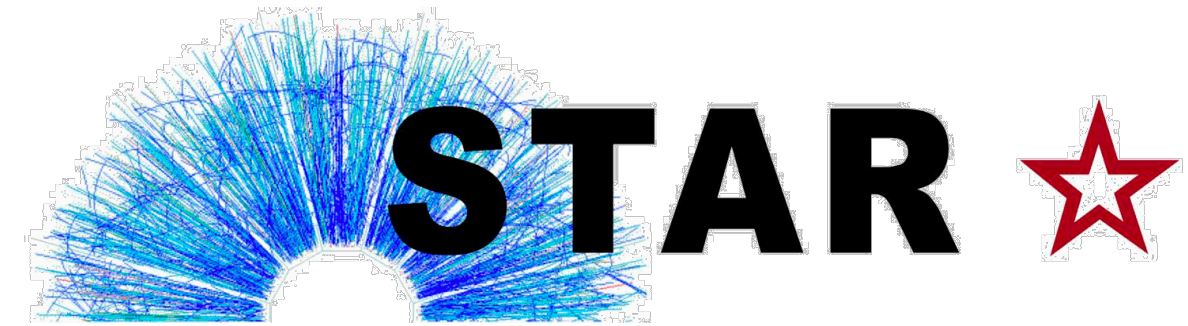
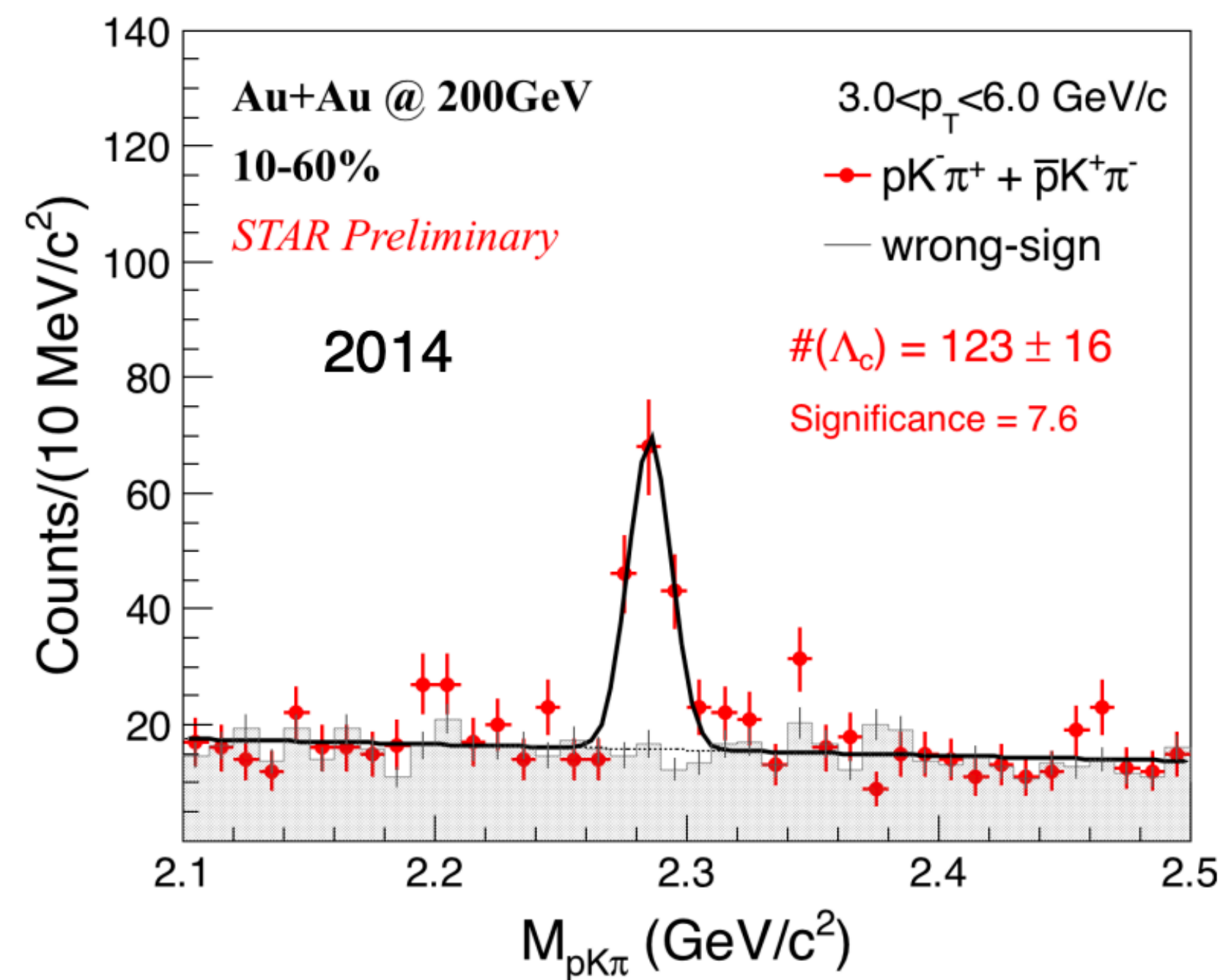


SIGNAL/BACKGROUND DISCRIMINATION

Traditional Techniques

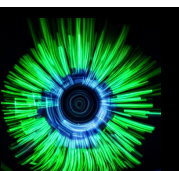


With BDT



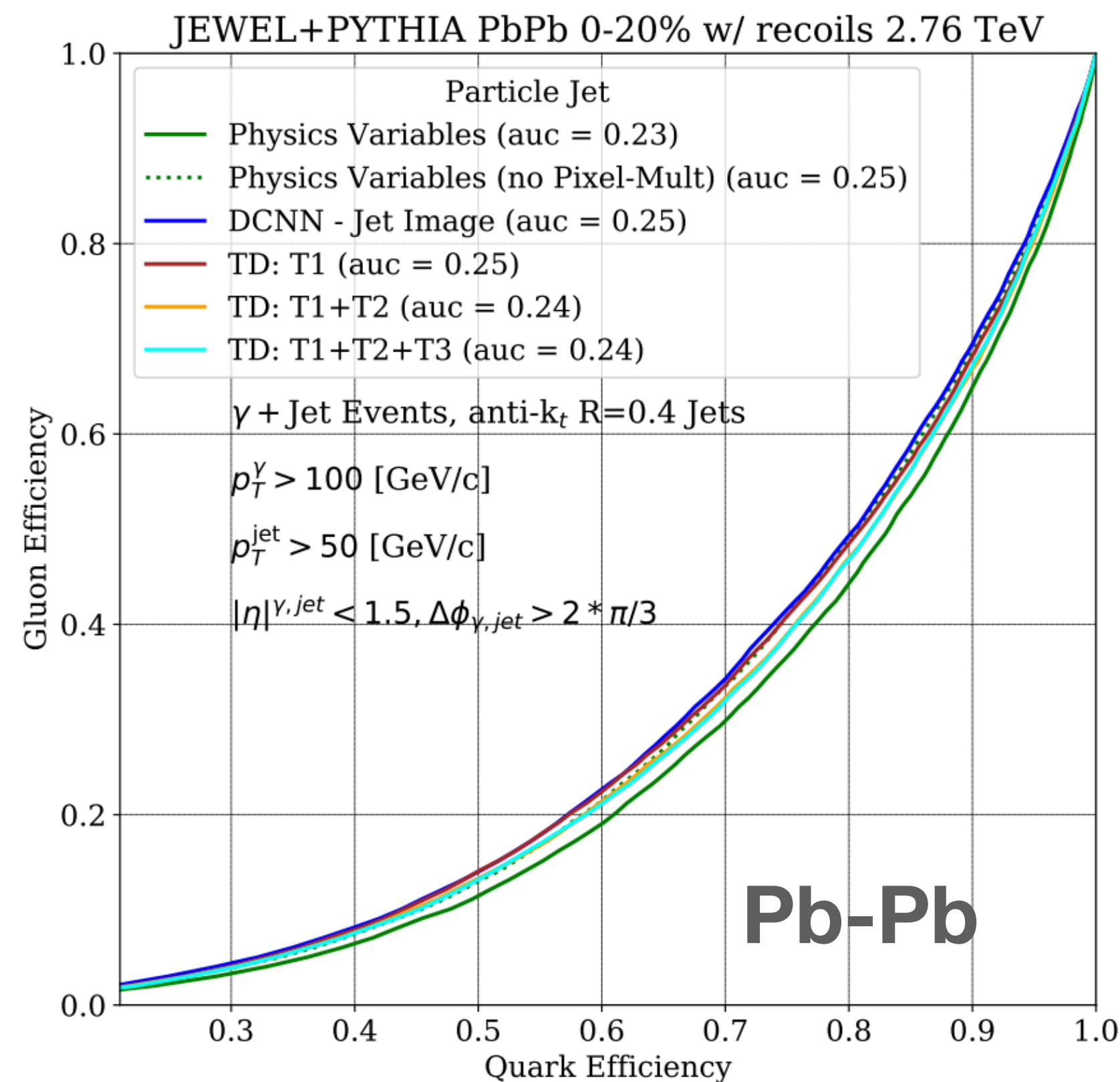
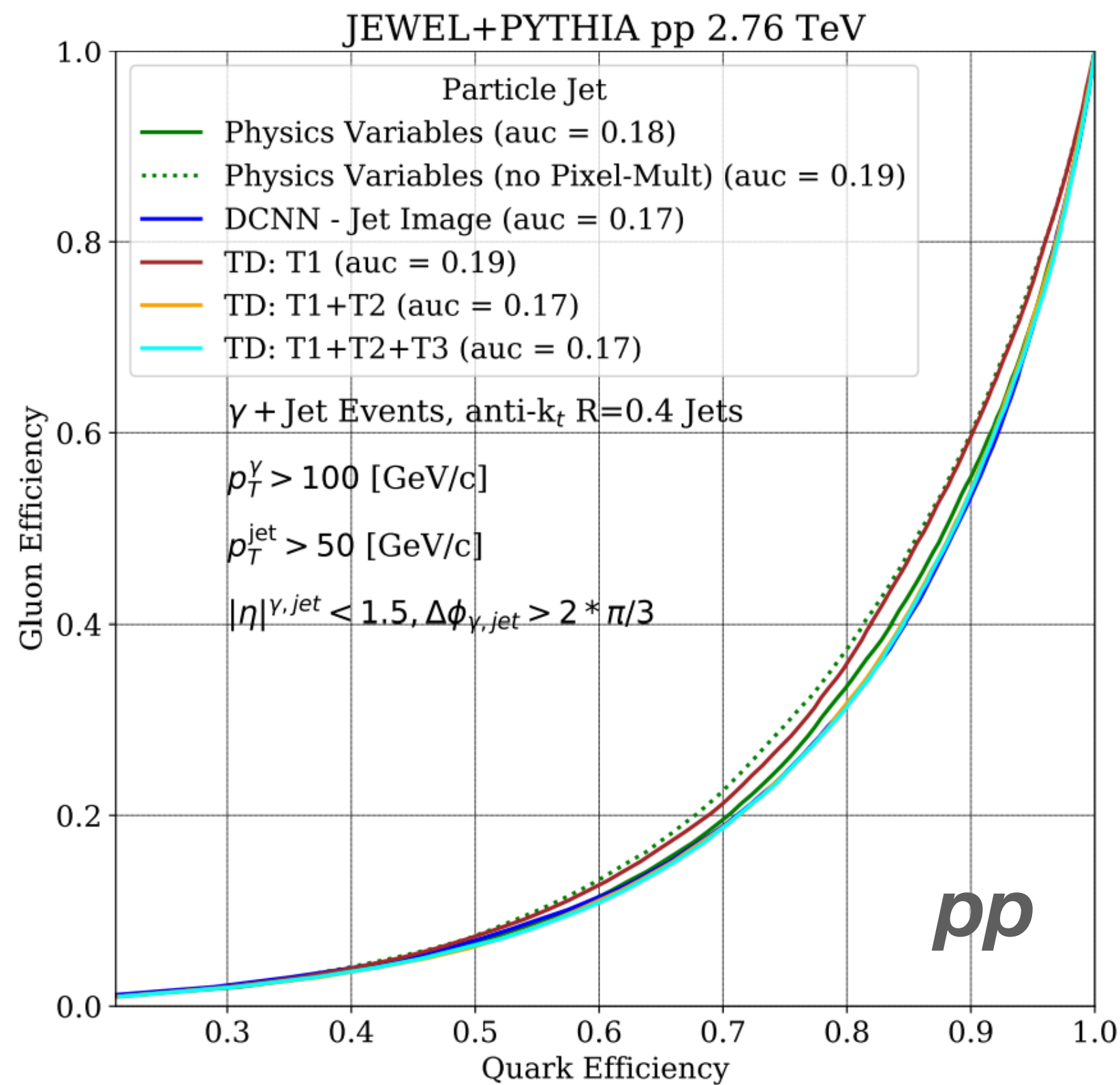
[[PRL 124, 172301 \(2020\)](#)]

- **Boosted Decision Tree** implemented in **ROOT TMVA** to optimize signal for Λ_c baryon production.
- Trained in a supervised manner with **EvtGen**
- 50% increase in signal significance with ML!



QUARK VS. GLUON JETS WITH ML

Y. Chien, R. Elayavalli: 1803.3589



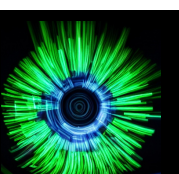
→ Lower the curve, the better the performance.

→ All methods explored tend to perform consistently, indicating that they may be picking up on similar features.

→ The performance worsens for Pb—Pb, due to the large UE.

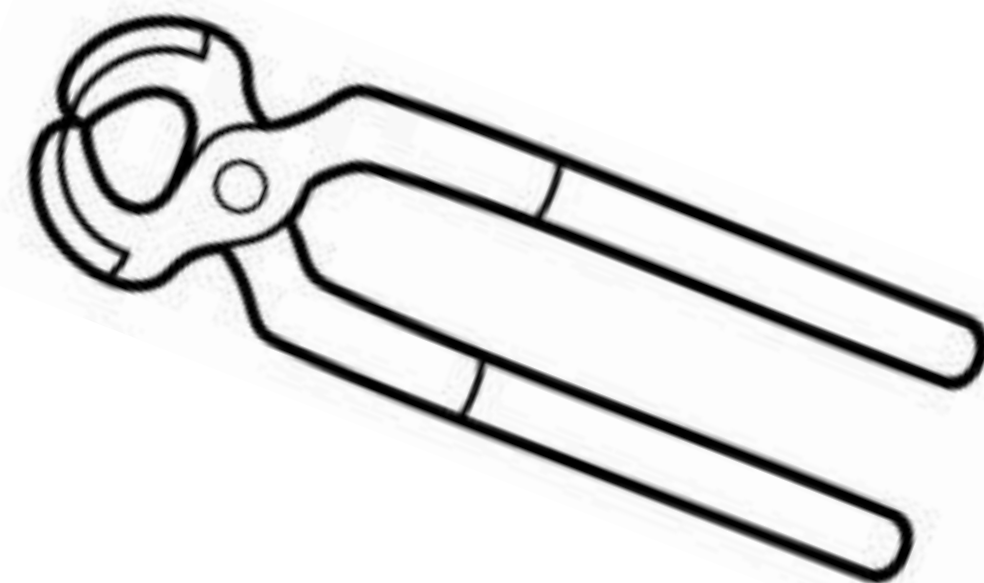
Quark and gluon discrimination is a difficult and ongoing effort in HIs!

Future: Apply these methods to data in pp and Pb—Pb!



MODERN ML TOOLS

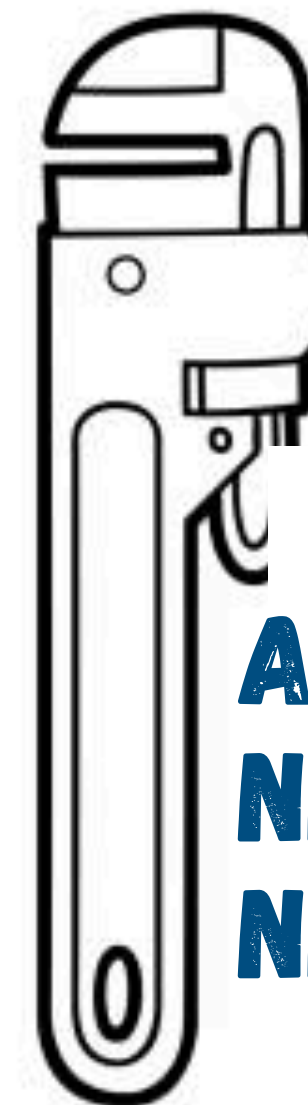
**BOOSTED
DECISION TREES
(BDTS)**



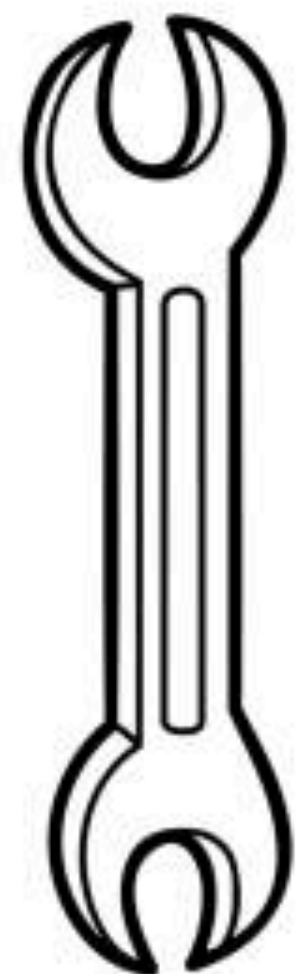
RANDOM FORESTS



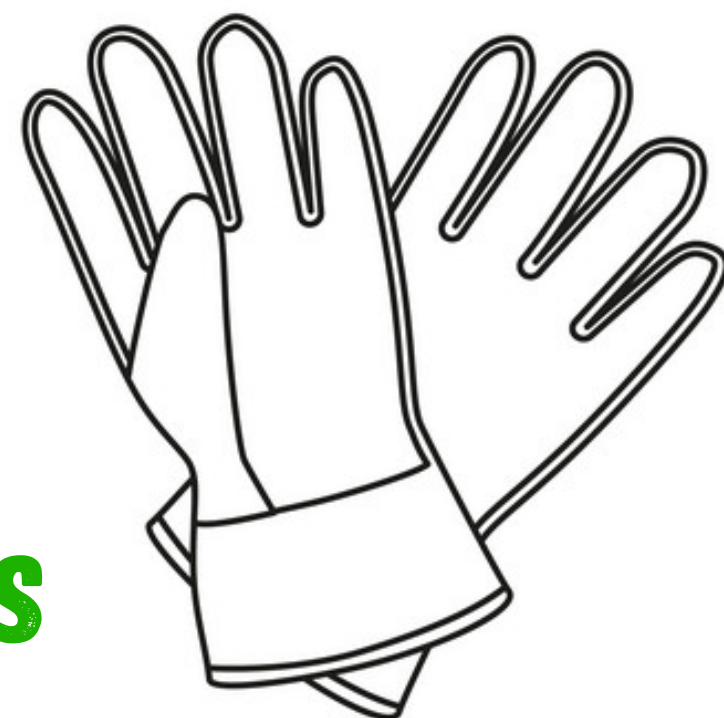
**CONVOLUTIONAL
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**ARTIFICIAL
NEURAL
NETWORKS (ANN)**

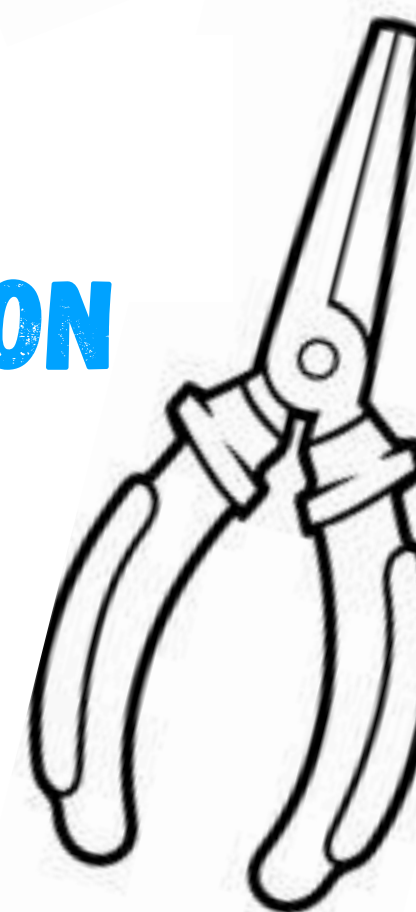


**NORMALIZING
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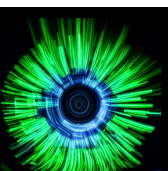


AUTOENCODERS

**LINEAR
REGRESSION**



**GENERATIVE
ADVERSARIAL
NETWORKS (GAN)**



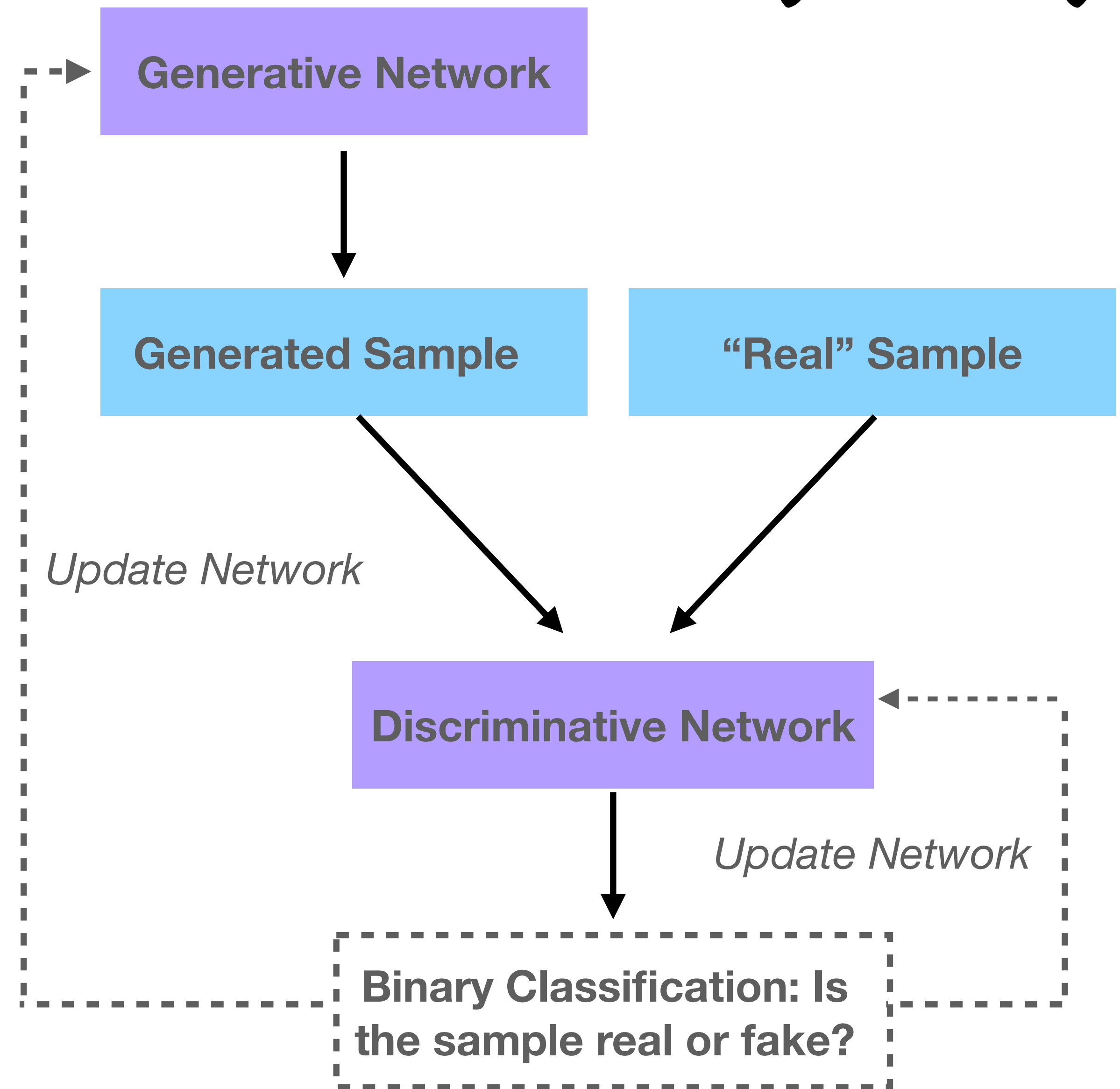
GENERATIVE ADVERSARIAL NETWORKS (GANS)

Two networks compete with one another in a game.

The generative network seeks to fool the discriminative network.

The discriminative network seeks to find the real sample from the generated samples.

Indirect training → generative network never sees the true distribution!

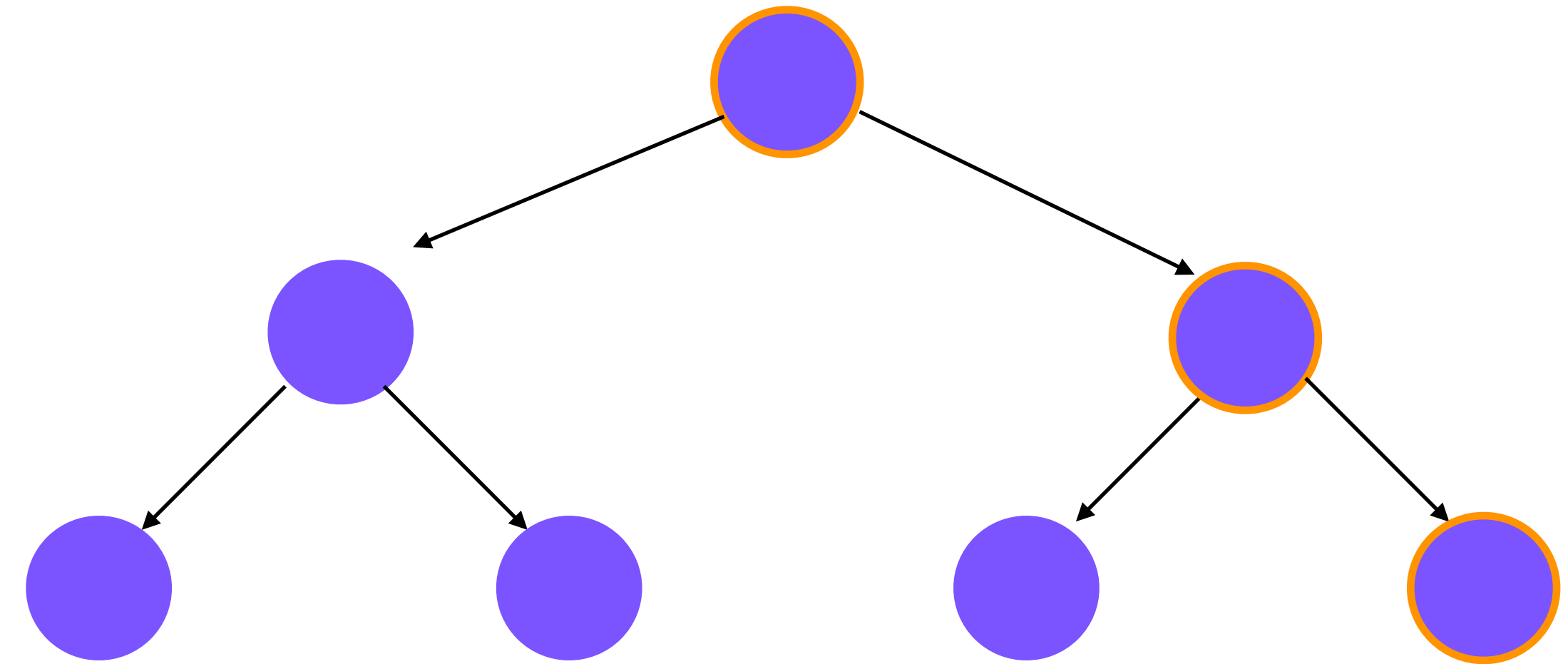


INTRO TO RANDOM FOREST

Random forests are composed of decision trees.

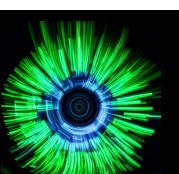
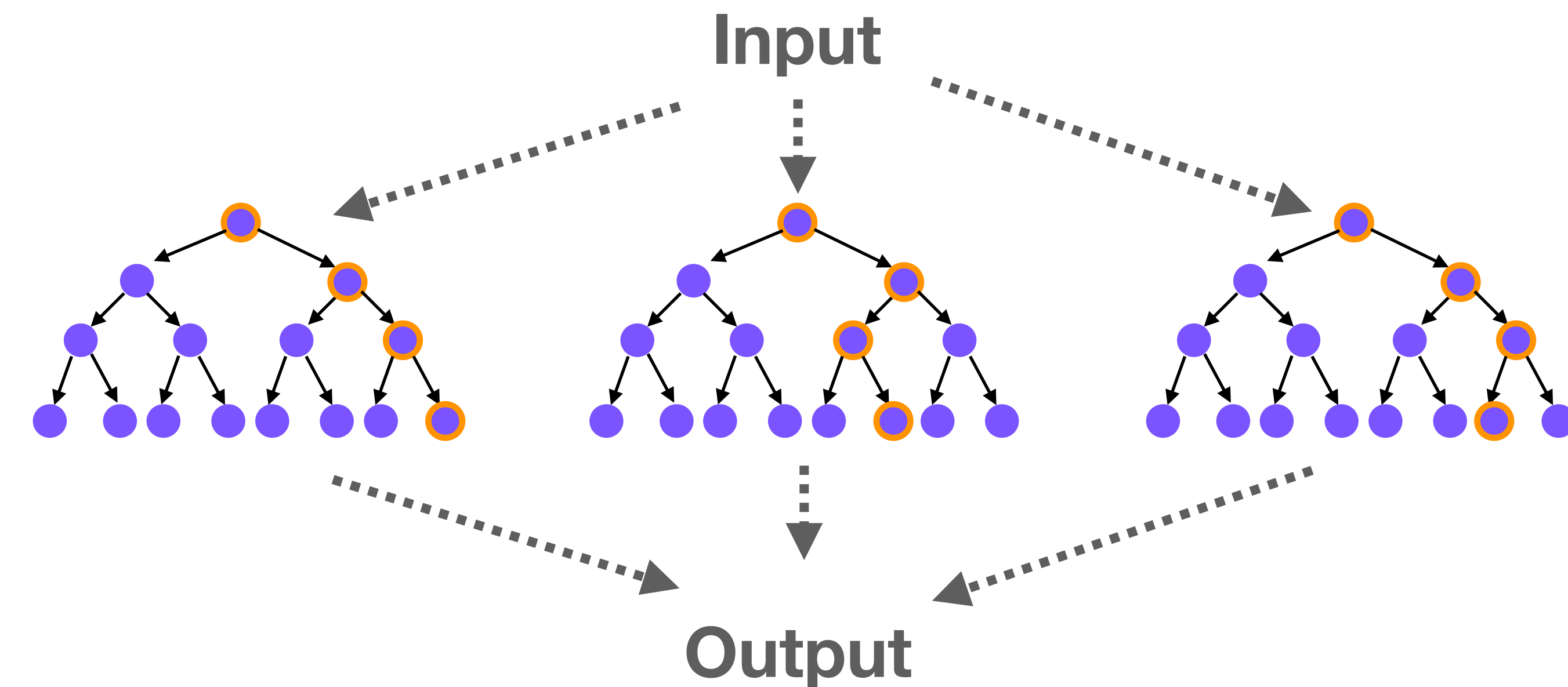
Decision trees are a set of rules organized in a tree structure.

Each node is a rule which subdivides the dataset into two or more parts (think 20 questions).



Output of the random forest is a combination of the output of each of the decision trees.

In training, the algorithm sets up the rules of each decision tree.



NEURAL NETWORKS

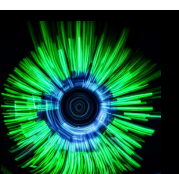
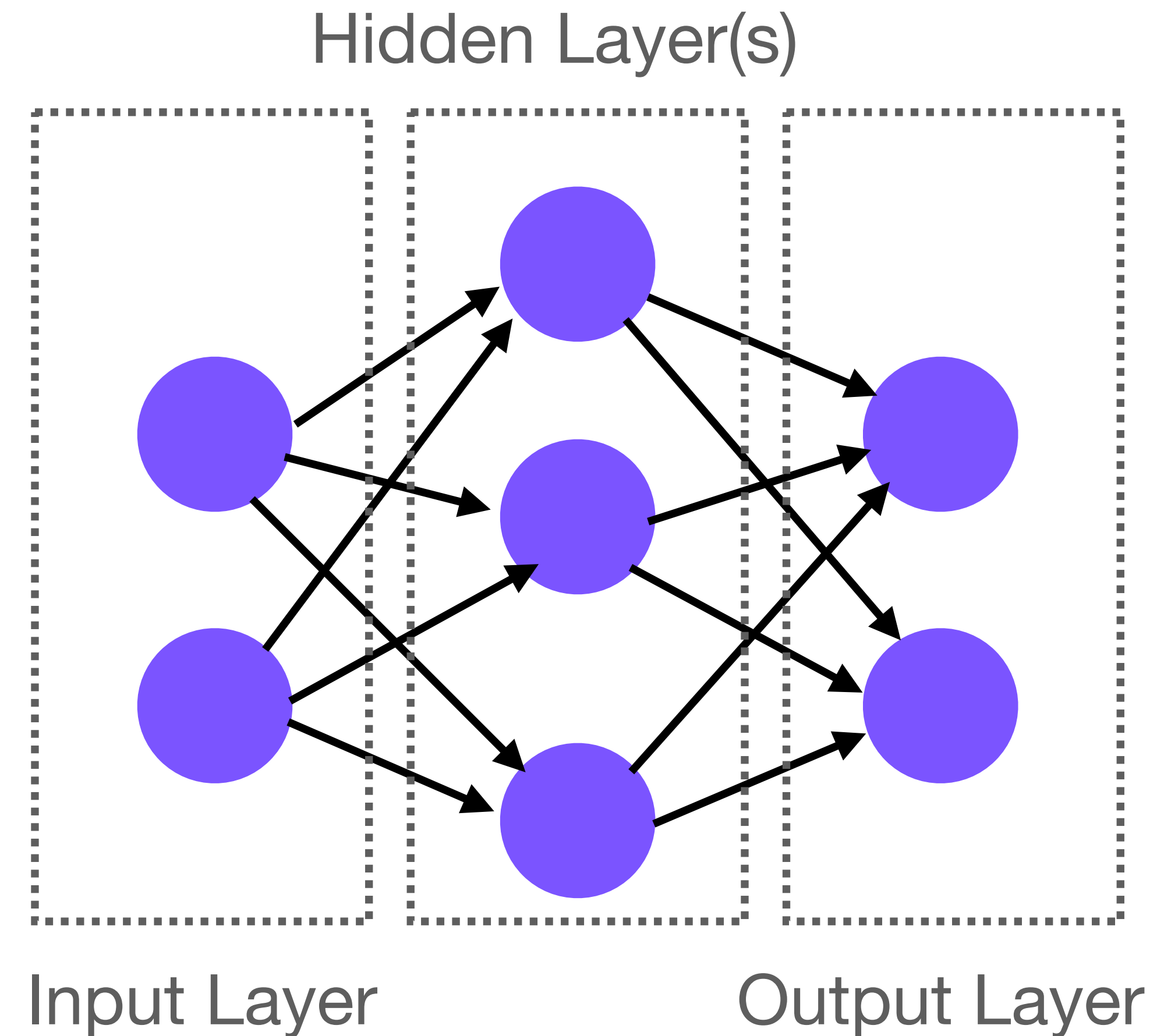
Flow of information happens between **nodes**.

A weight is associated with each input to a given node.

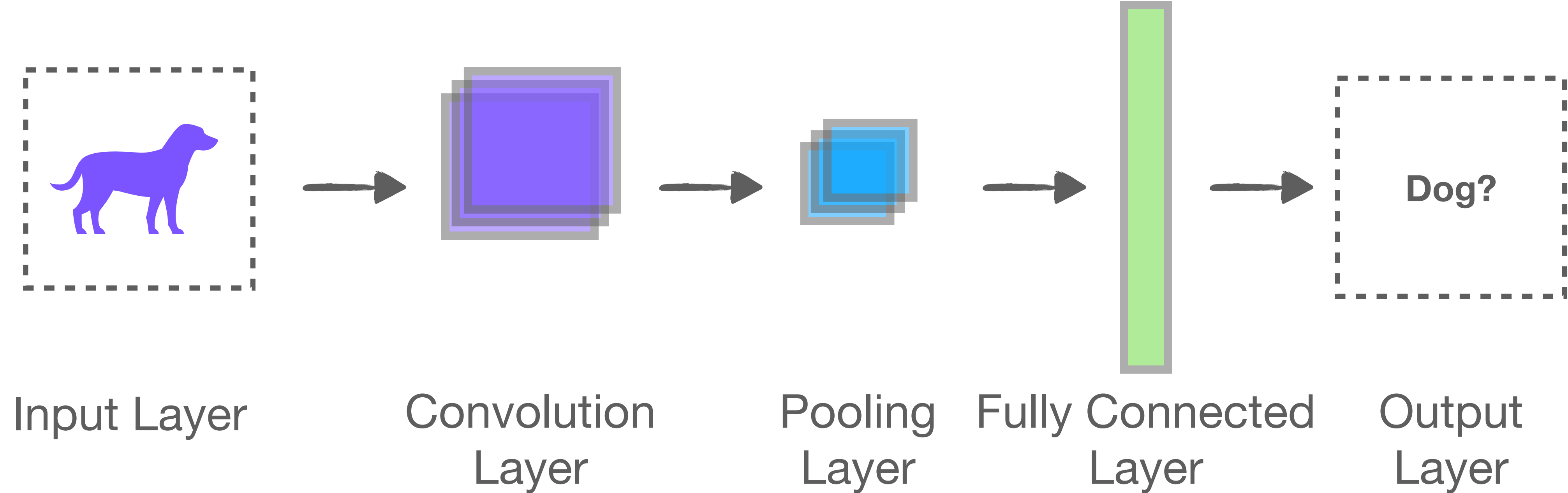
The output of each node is a function of the weighted inputs. The output of a node j , is generally written something like

$$O_j = \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} w_{ij} O_i$$

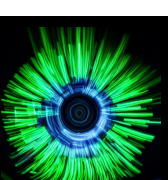
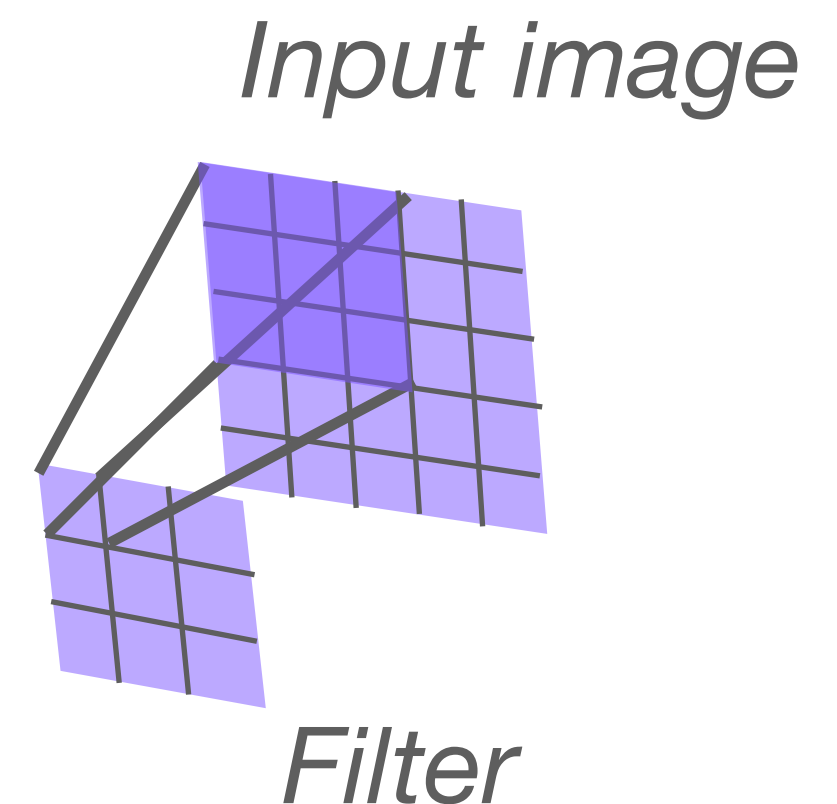
In training we seek to learn the set of weights which minimize the total error of the network.



CONVOLUTIONAL NEURAL NETWORKS (CNNs)



→ Key component of a CNN is the **convolution layer**, which (with the help of a filter) will determine if a feature/pattern is present.



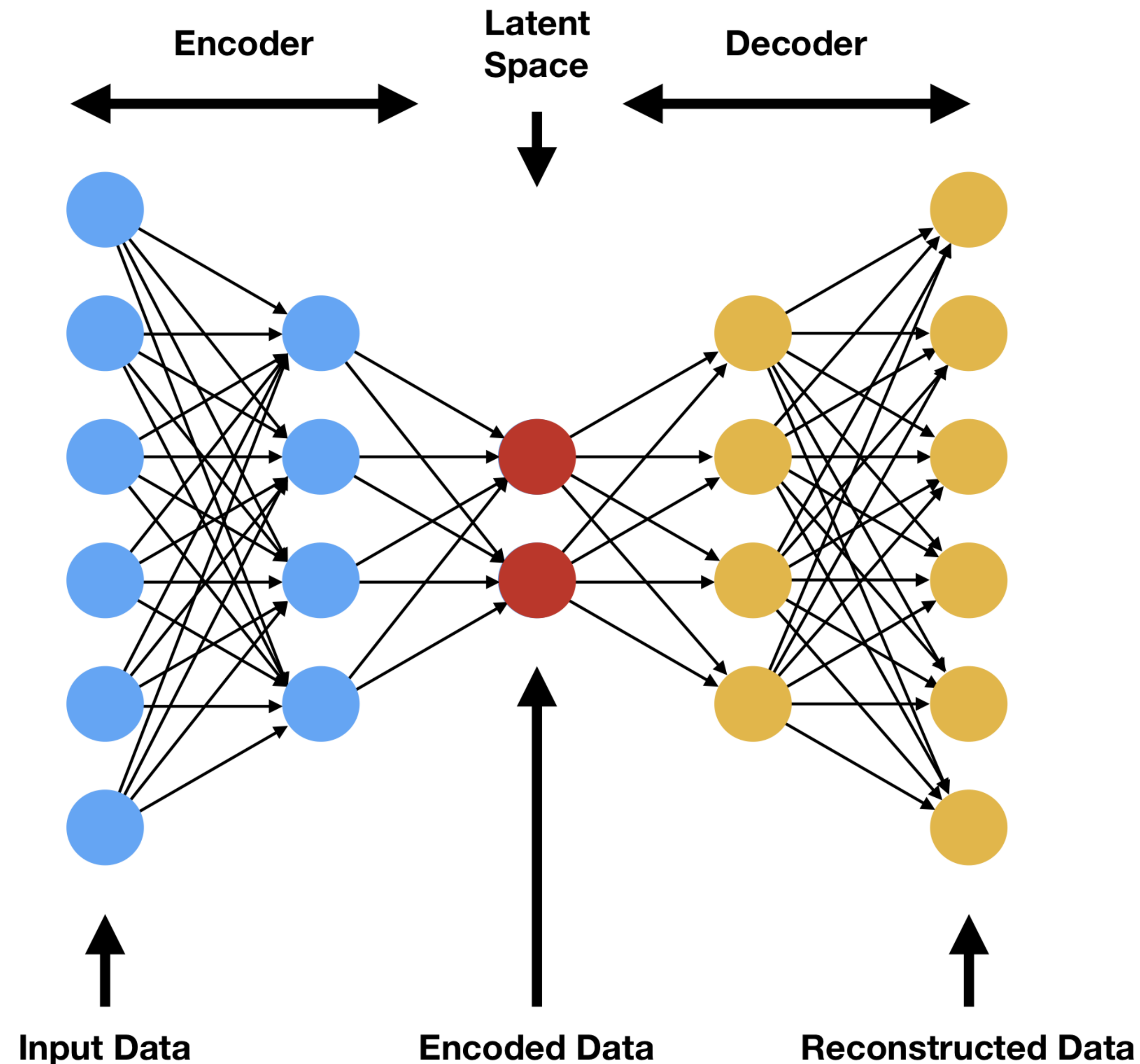
AUTO-ENCODERS

Simple task: NN architecture trained to copy inputs to outputs!

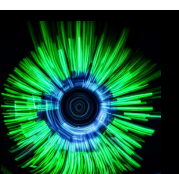
Encoder takes the input and dramatically reduces its complexity via a NN.

Decoder takes the encoded data and reconstructs outputs like the data.

Does not require labeled data as input!



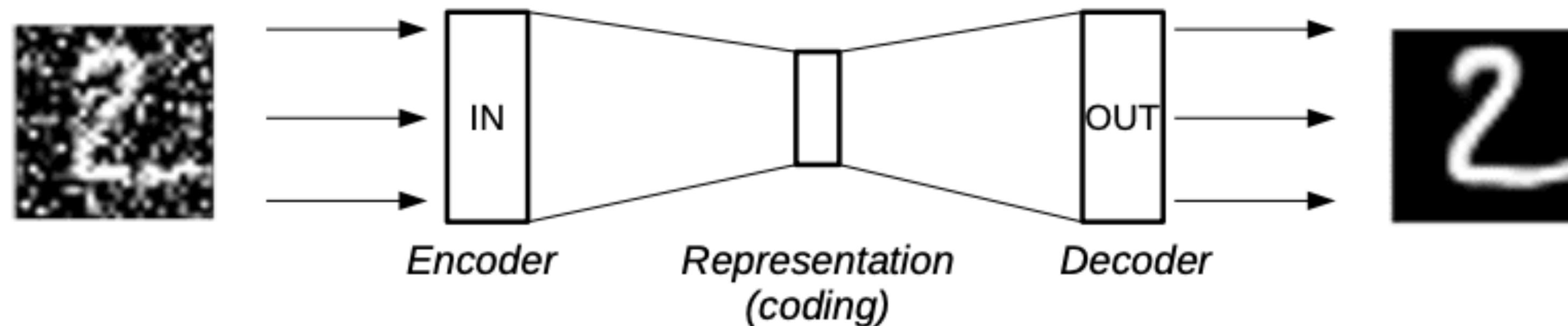
<https://www.compthree.com/blog/autoencoder/>



USES OF AUTO-ENCODERS

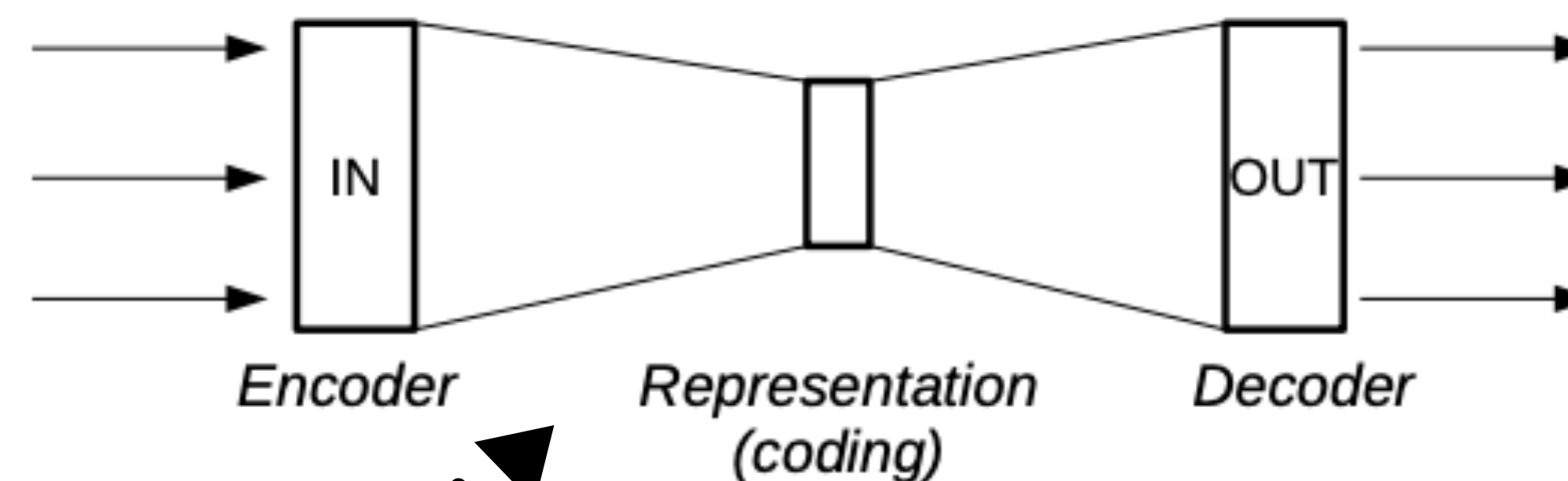
Used to learn efficient representations of some input data.

① De-noising inputs

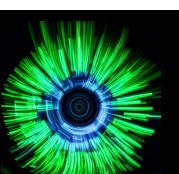


② Unsupervised learning

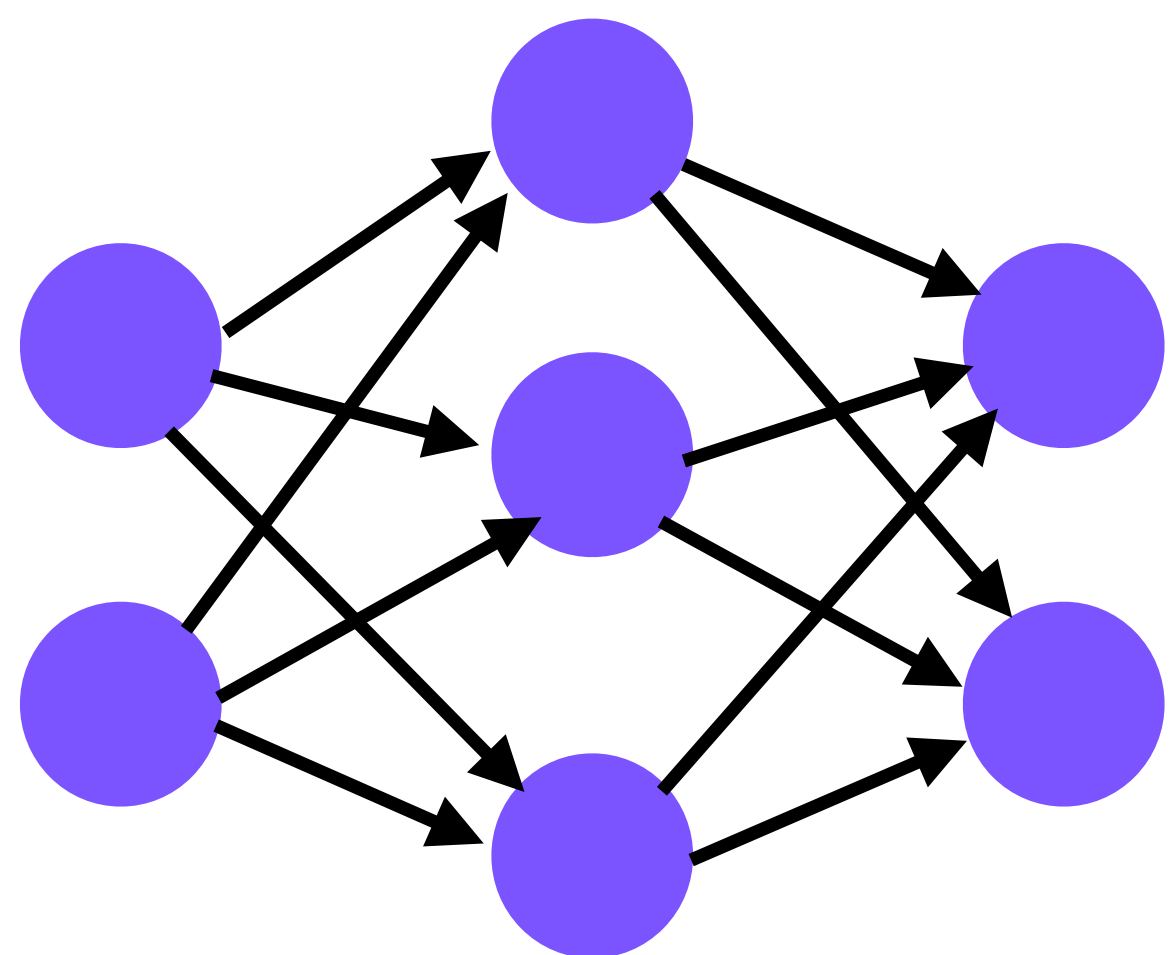
Sort items into classes here



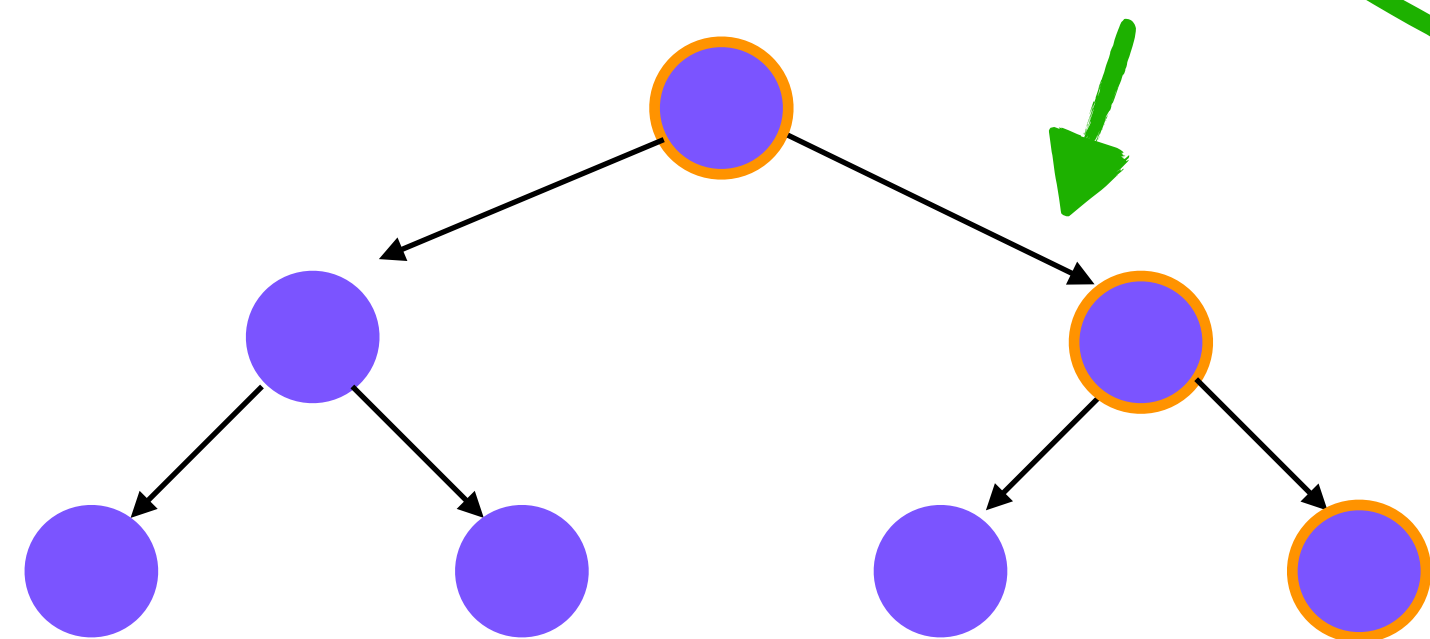
③ Anomaly detections: If you fail to reconstruct data in the decoding step you have an anomaly!



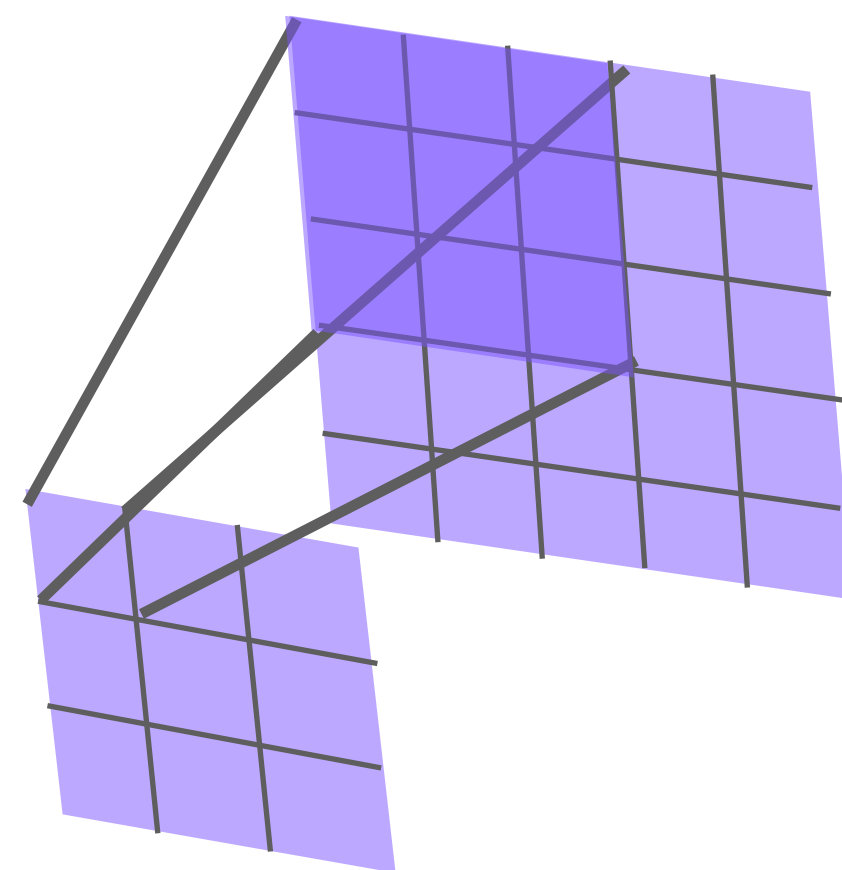
DIFFERENT ALGORITHMS FOR DIFFERENT PROBLEMS!



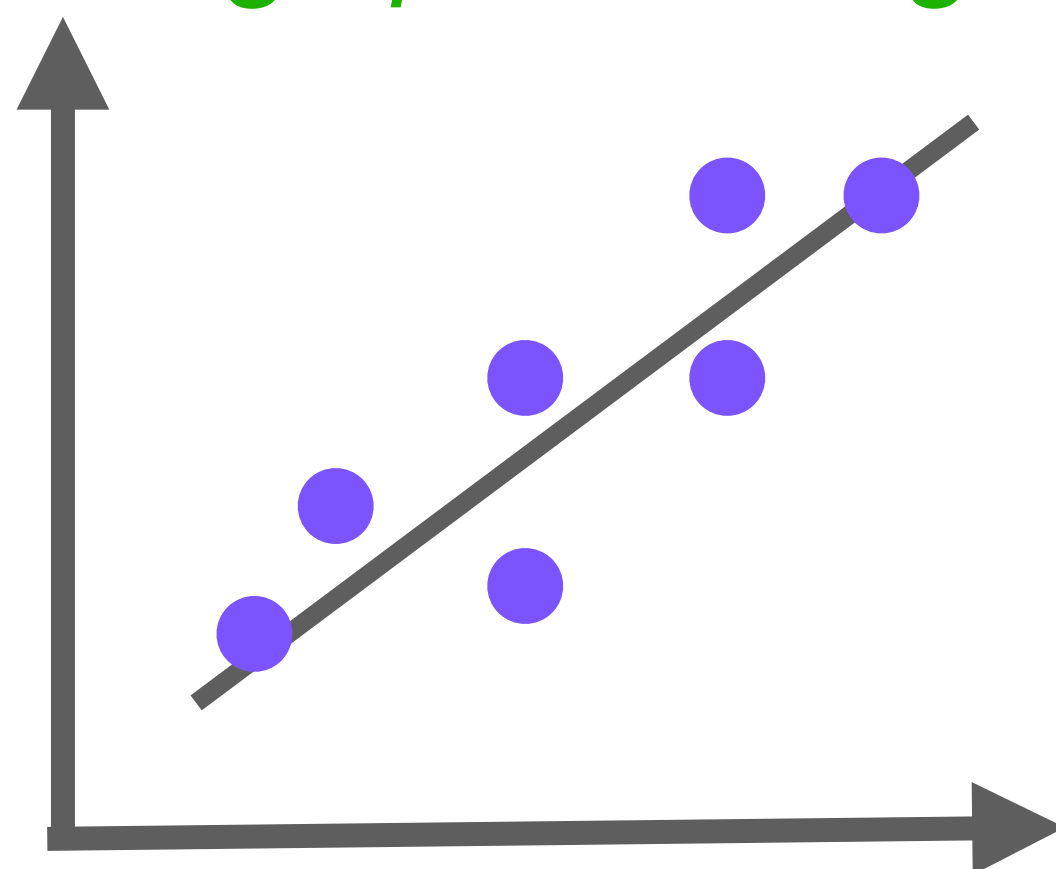
(Shallow or Deep) Neural Networks → *Great for making predictions!*



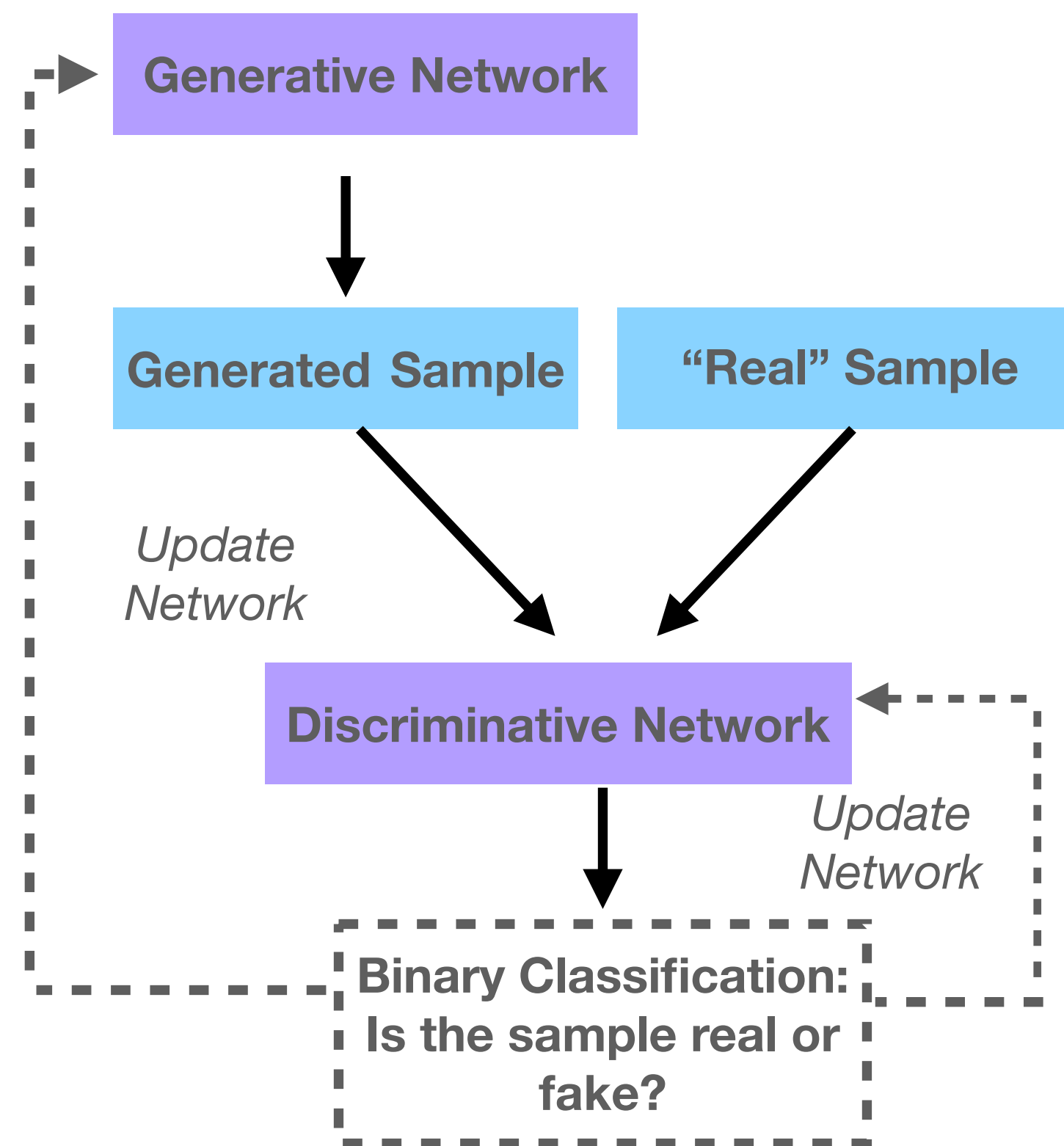
Random Forest (Decision Trees)



Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) → *Great for image processing!*



Linear Regression



Generative Adversarial Networks (GANs) → *Powerful tool for generating samples!*

