

# Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning for HEP

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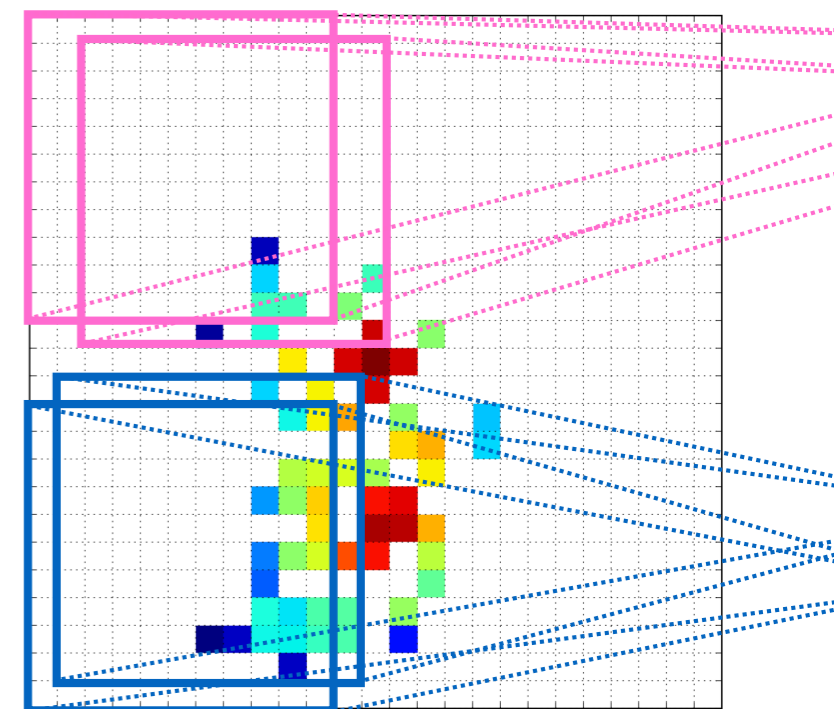
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Today: how can HEP benefit  
**from national initiatives**  
and how can our nation  
benefit **from AI/ML in HEP?**

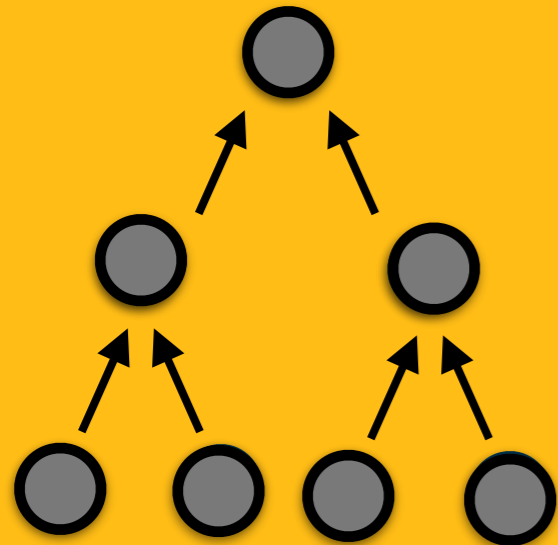
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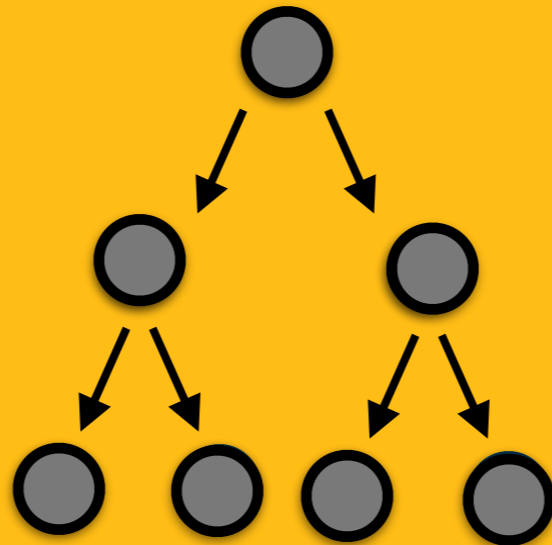
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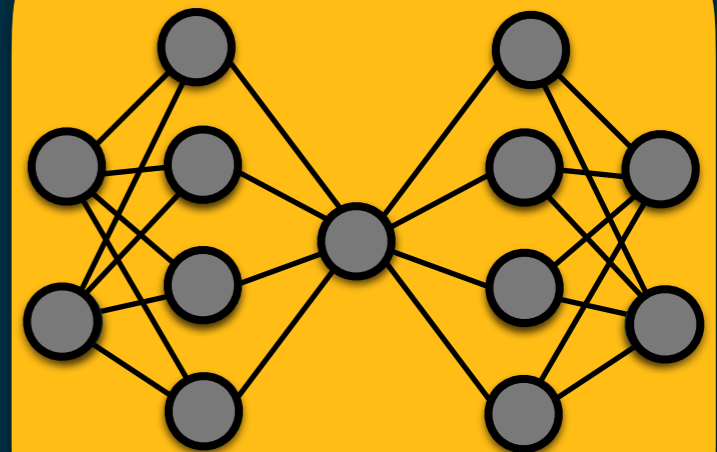
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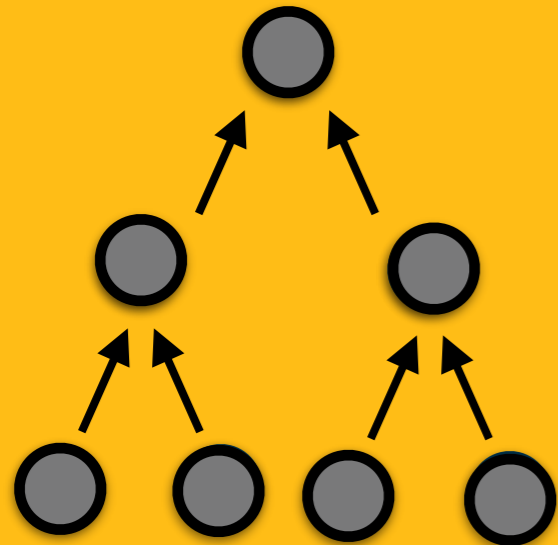
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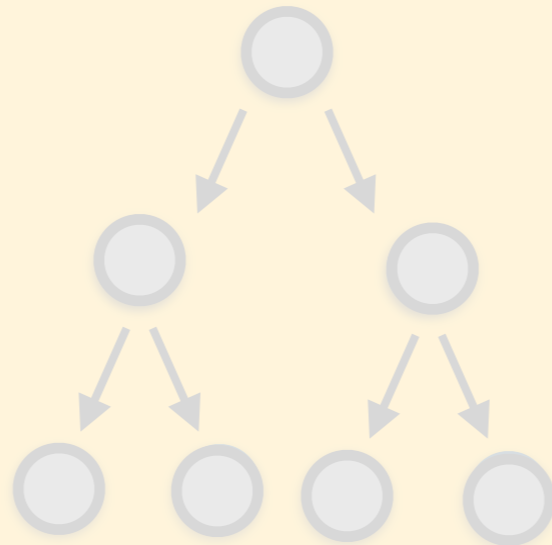
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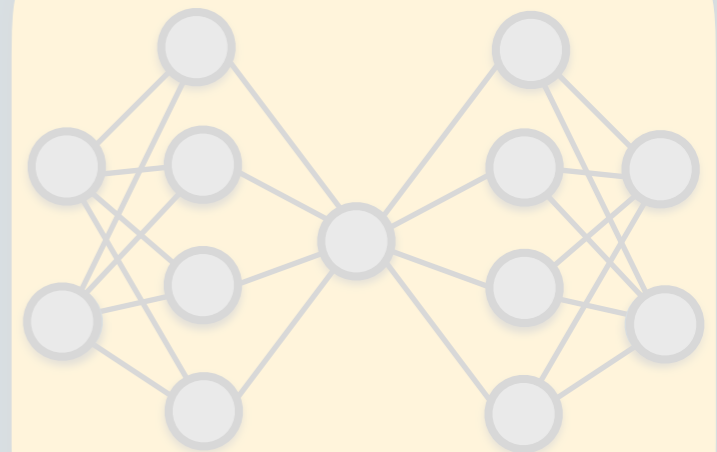
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Theory of everything



**Physics simulators**



Detector-level observables



Pattern recognition



**Nature**



Experiment



Detector-level observables

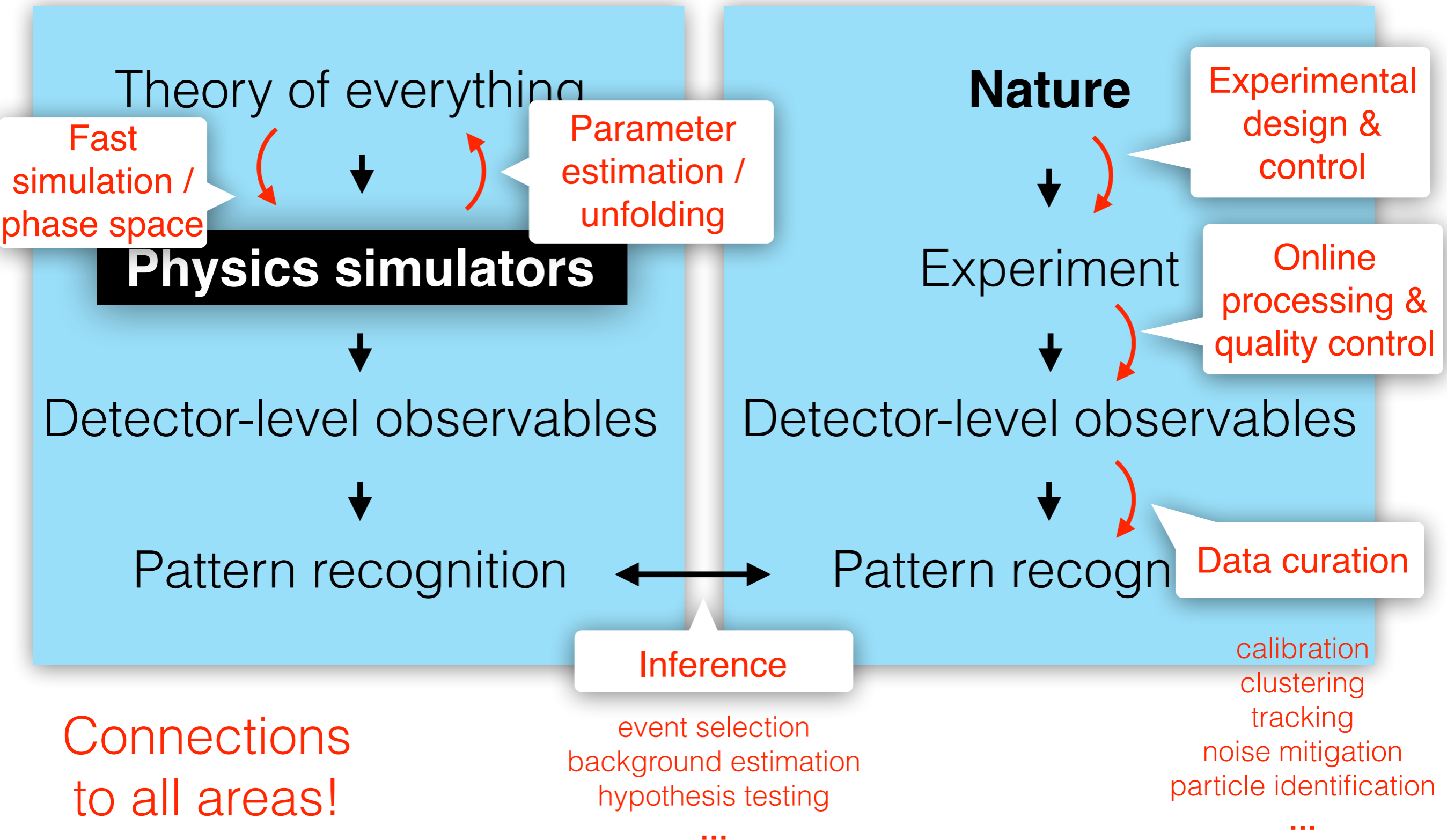


Pattern recognition

# Science of HEP + Machine Learning



matrix element / lattice calculations, ...





We have been using ML for a long time. However, the deep learning revolution is a **new paradigm**.

**Supercharging** existing techniques & new methods allow us to do innovative science that was **unthinkable** before!

This is enabled by both **project-dependent** and **project-independent** researchers **developing**, **adapting**, and **deploying** new methods.

(N.B. we need career paths for these researchers! ... plenty of postdoc opportunities, **but a lack of faculty/staff positions**)

Impact is **O(1)** - comparable to better instruments (!)

# We are already embracing ML4HEP



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## Machine Learning for Fundamental Physics

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Vision: To advance the potential for discovery and interdisciplinary collaboration by approaching fundamental physics challenges through the lens of modern machine learning.

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Mission: The Physics Division Machine Learning group is a cross-cutting effort that connects researchers developing, adapting, and deploying artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning (ML) solutions to fundamental physics challenges across the HEP frontiers, including theory. While most of the ML group members will have a primary affiliation with other areas of the division, there will be unique efforts within the group to develop methods with significant interdisciplinary potential. We have strong connections and collaborations with researchers in the [Computational Research Division](#), the [National Energy Research Scientific Computing Center \(NERSC\)](#), and the [Berkeley Institute of Data Science \(BIDS\)](#).



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Accelerated AI Algorithms for Data-Driven Discovery

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**This investment is fantastic, BUT it is not the end of the story!**

Machine Learning at SLAC

***We need to strengthen our support of existing initiatives and build a long-term foundation (e.g. base funding) in these areas.***



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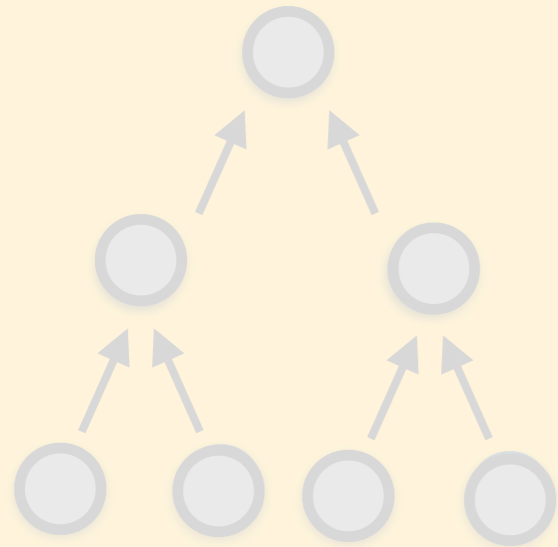
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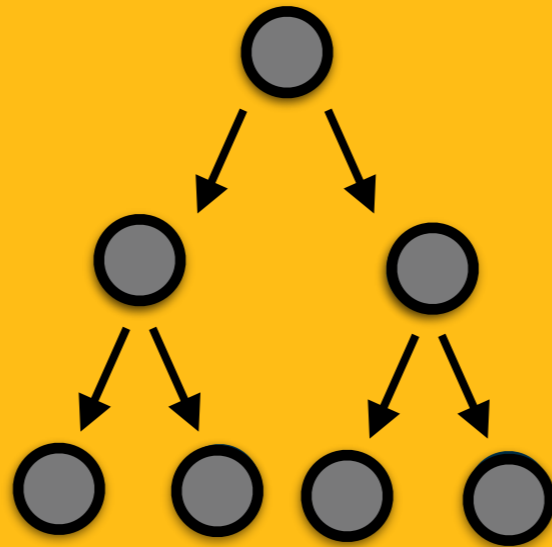
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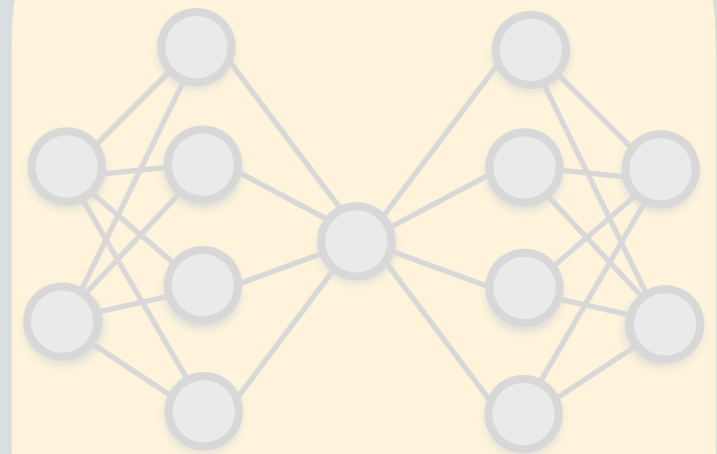
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NSF CISE is already making a big investment across science.

DOE ASCR (and DOE HEP) is also investing, but the “big” investment (beyond exascale) is likely on the horizon.

Where can we contribute? We have unique challenges that place our researchers at the forefront of AI/ML developments; our datasets can also inspire AI/ML researchers.

Simulation-based inference  
(combining simulations w/ ML)

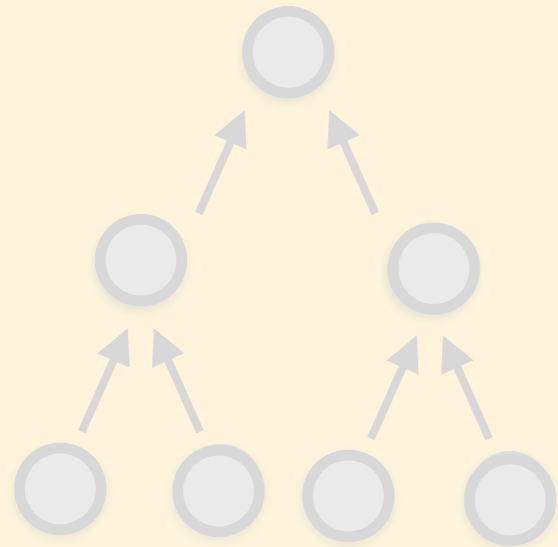
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exhaustive!**

Fast inference w/ custom hard/firmware

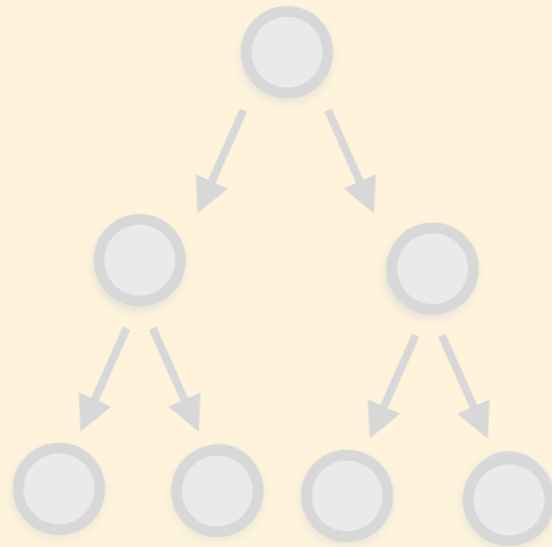
Anomaly detection &  
uncertainty quantification

XGBoost  
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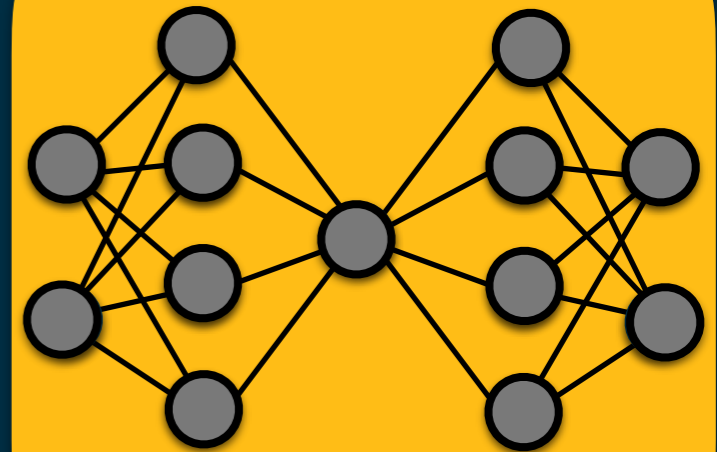




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## **AI/ML is a fantastic vehicle for broadening participation in HEP.**

*barrier to entry is lower and more universally understood at all levels (< college, undergrad, ...). See also DOE RENEW & NSF ExpandAI.*

(N.B. but also need to train people on the “traditional” path!)

## **Our methodologies and technologies may also have broader implications.**

e.g. decorrelation = fairness, fast inference (...)

*decorrelation means making some ML model ~independent from certain features. One aspect of fairness is to make decisions ~independent of protected features like race. The underlying concept is the same!*

*See also all of the people in HEP who are now playing leading roles in data science industry as engineers, managers, and researchers.*

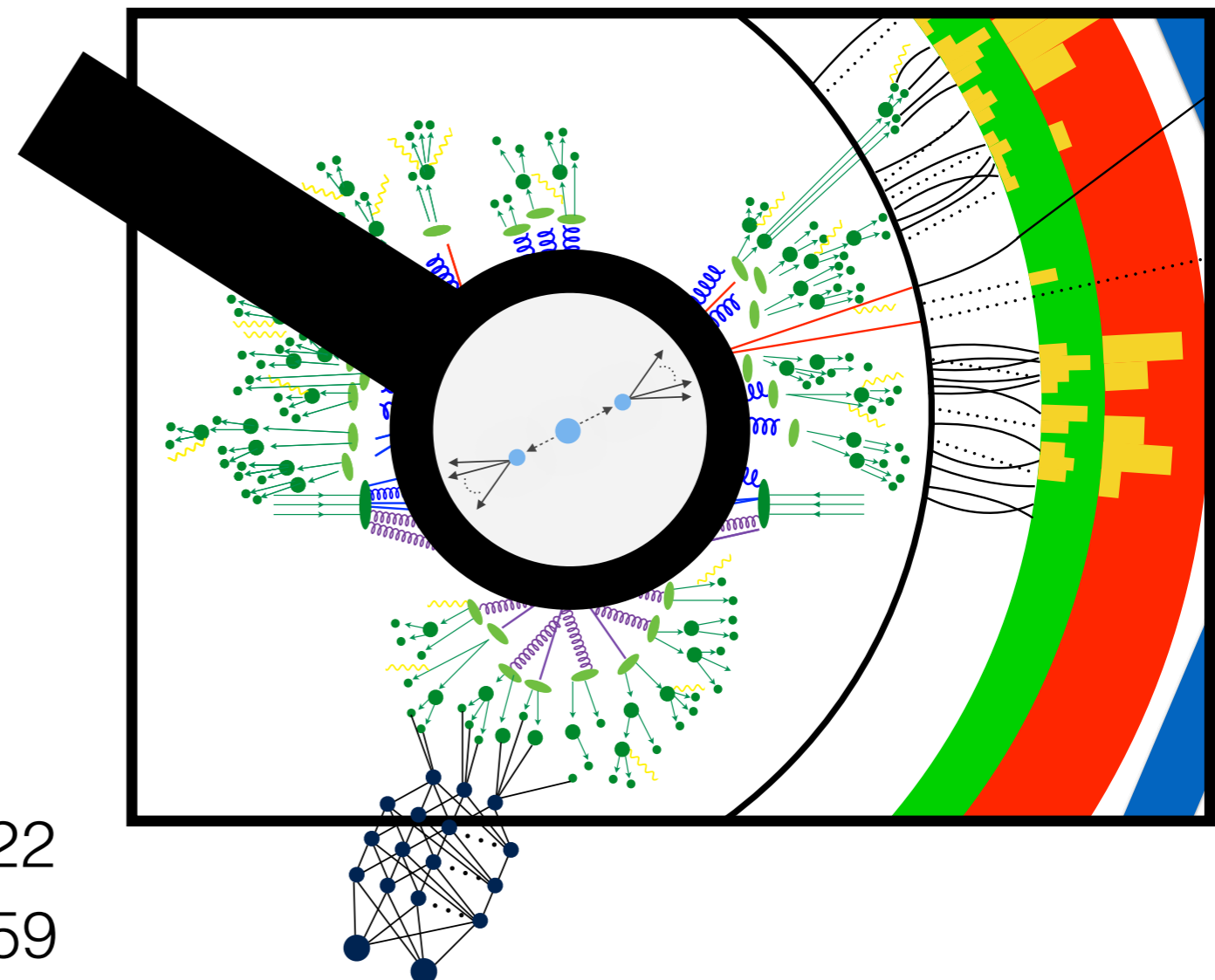
# Conclusions and Outlook

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We need innovative computational techniques to make the **data-driven discoveries of the future.**

This is not just about improving precision, it is about enabling new science!

I hope that P5 will make a strong statement(s) about AI/ML!



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# Questions?



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