Overview of Machine Learning for Particle Physics

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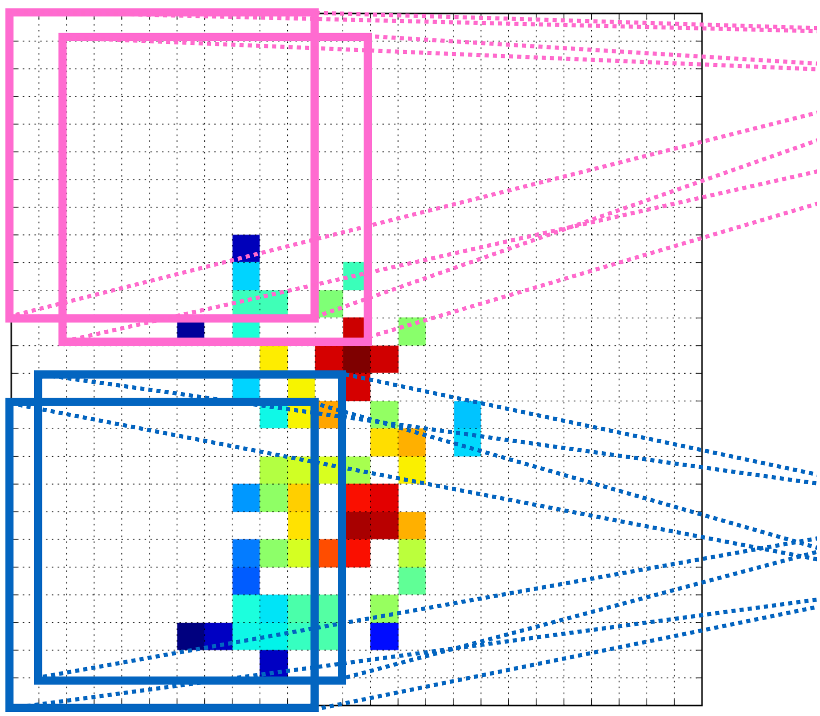

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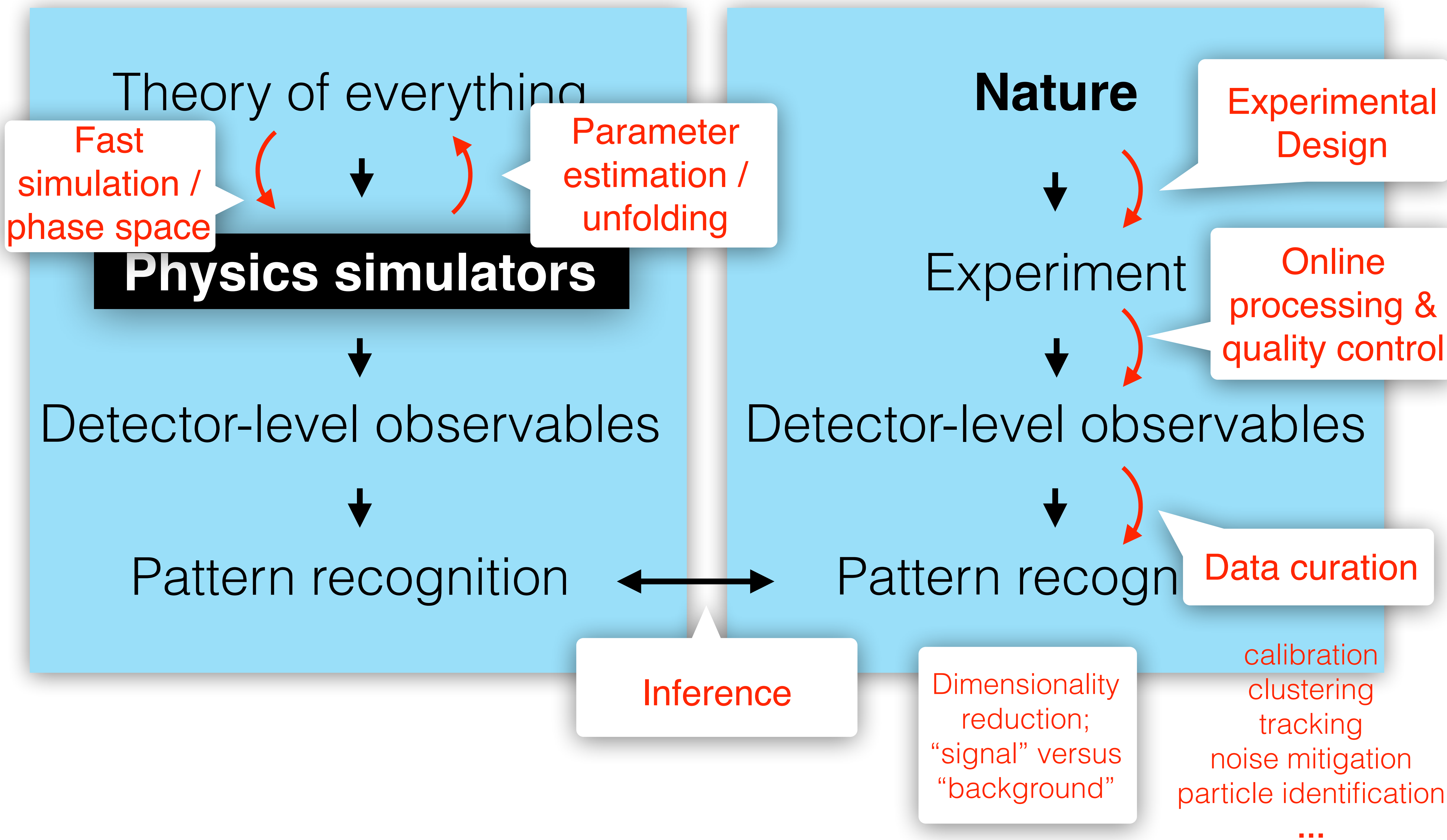

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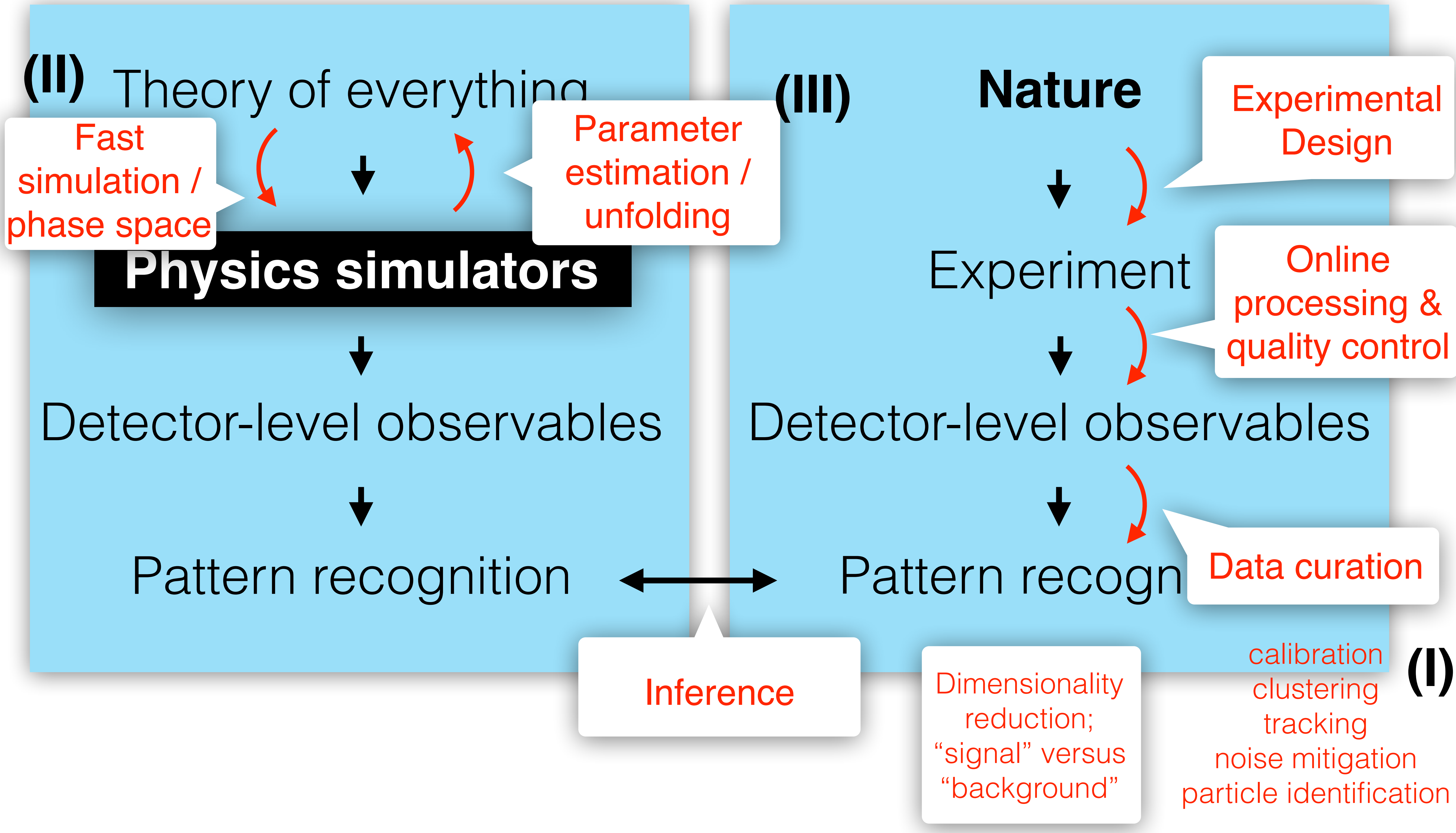

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Data curation

Dimensionality reduction; “signal” versus “background”

calibration
clustering
tracking
noise mitigation
particle identification
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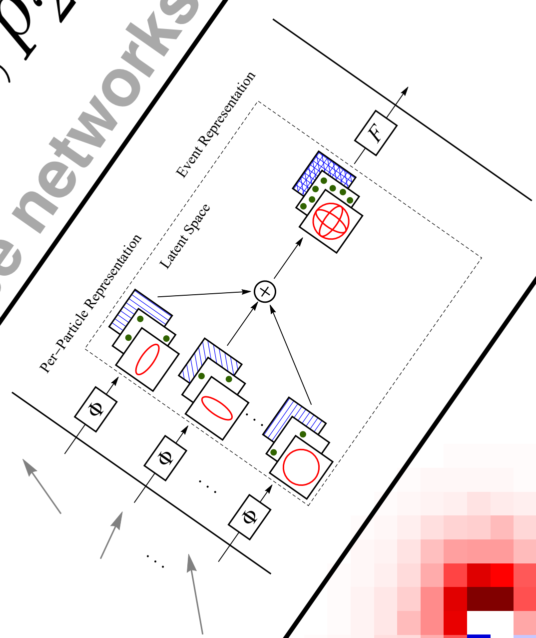

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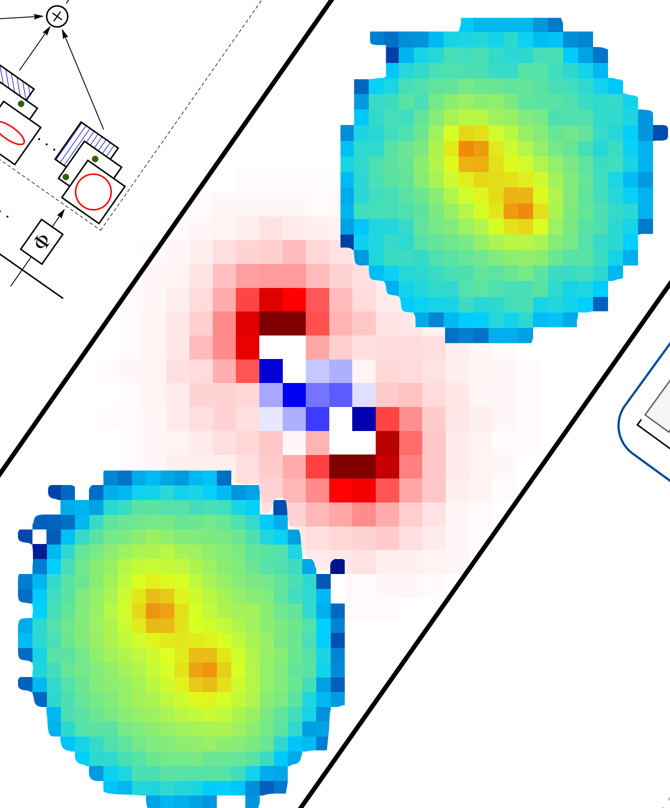

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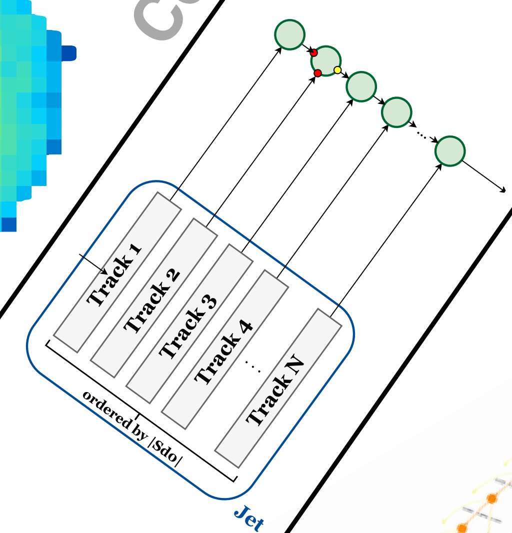

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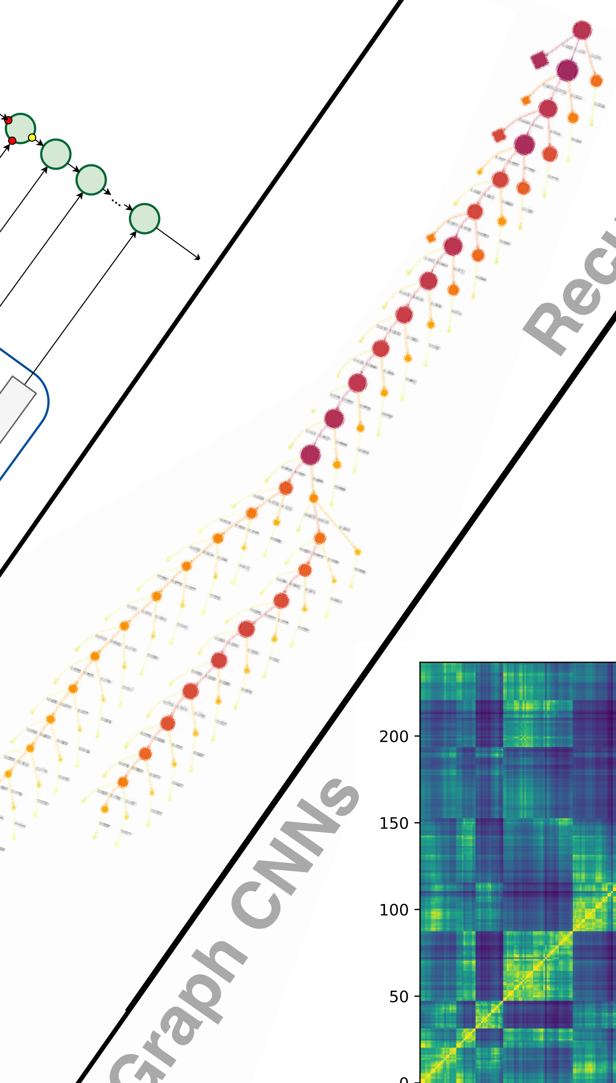

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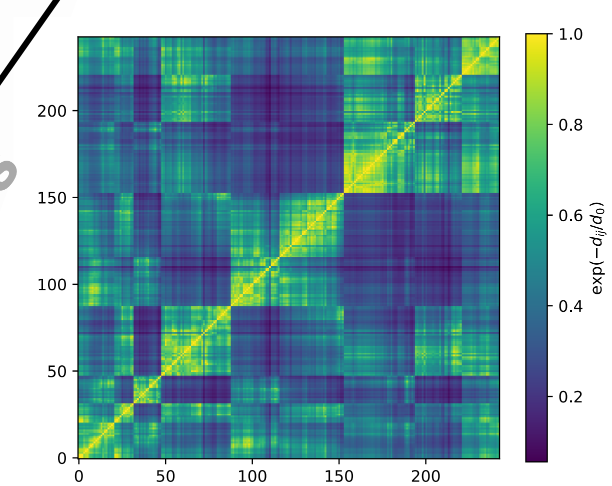

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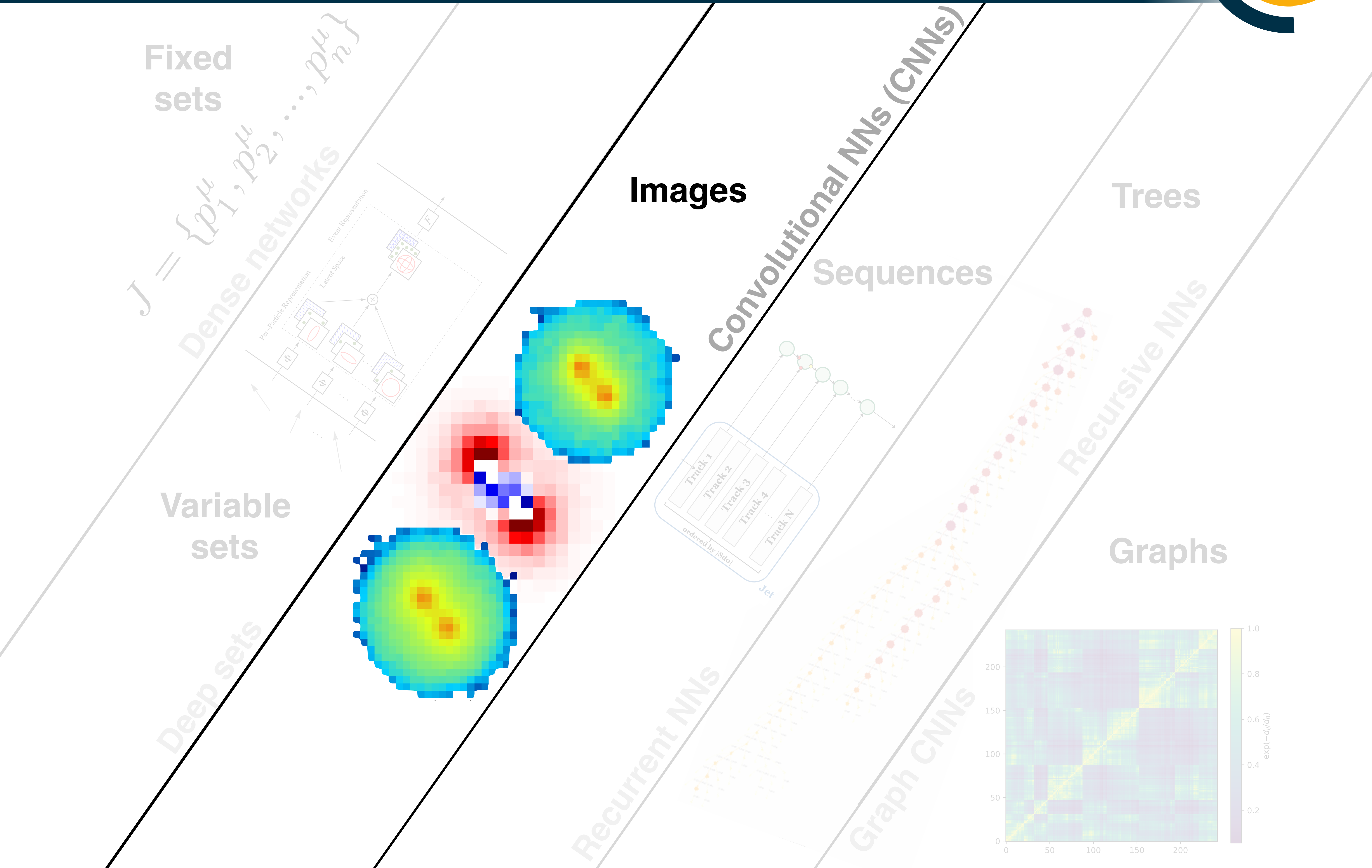

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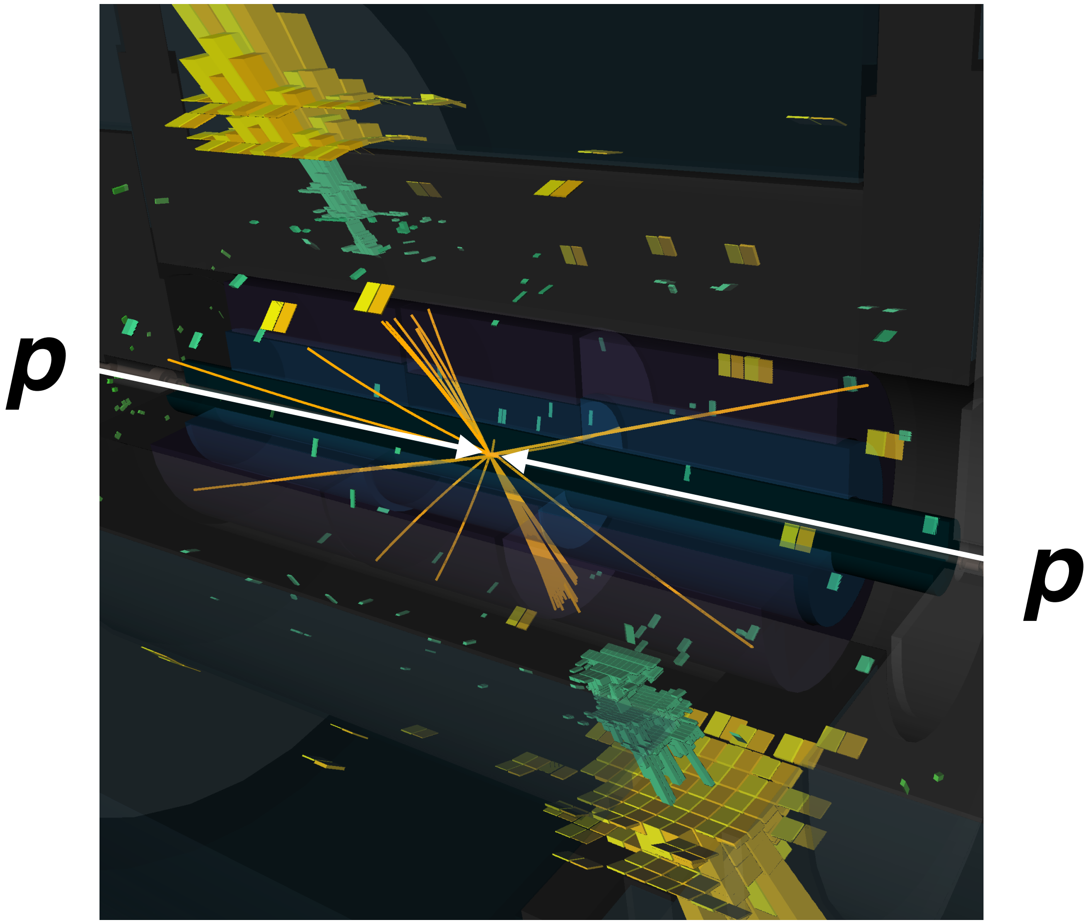

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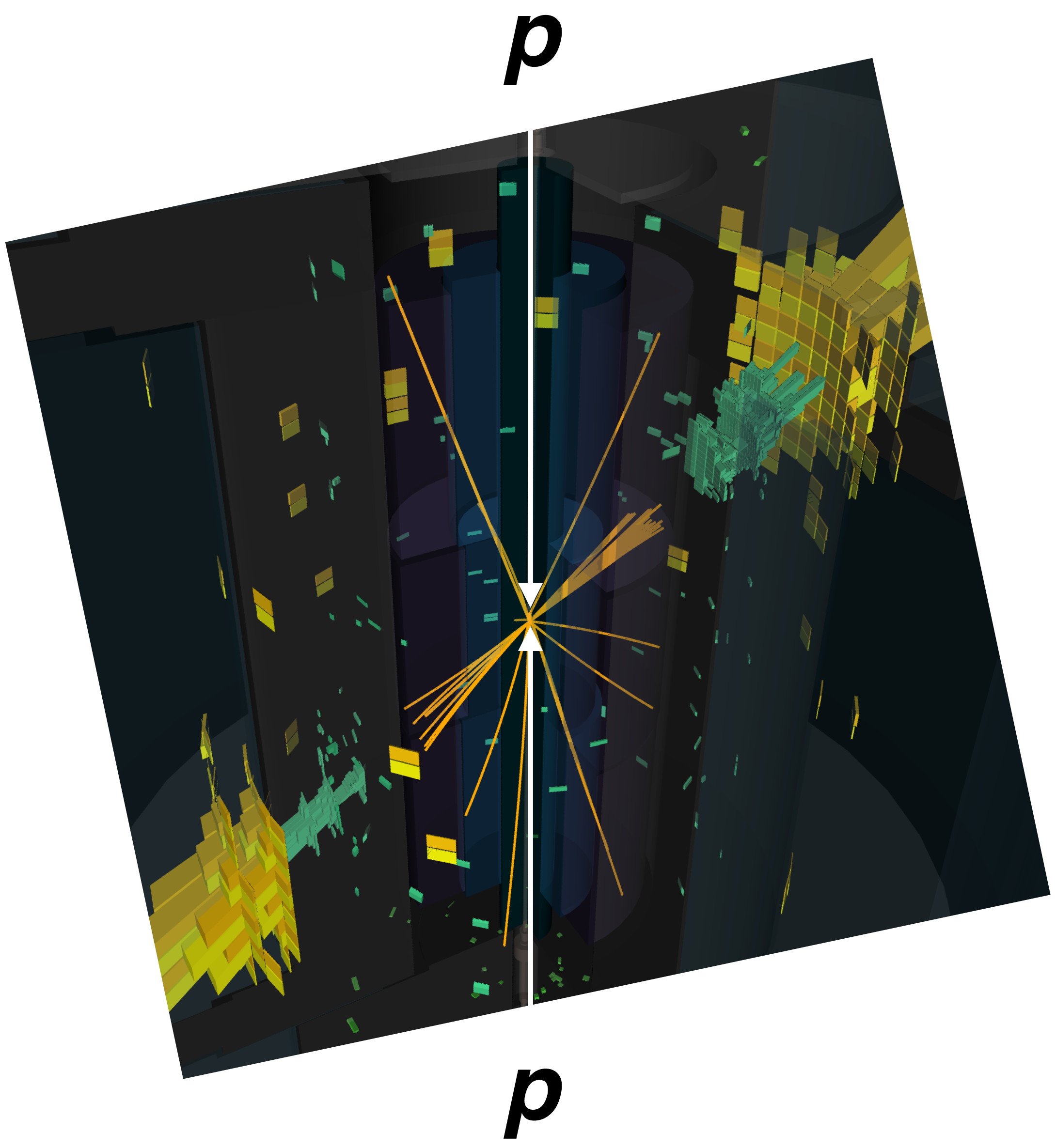

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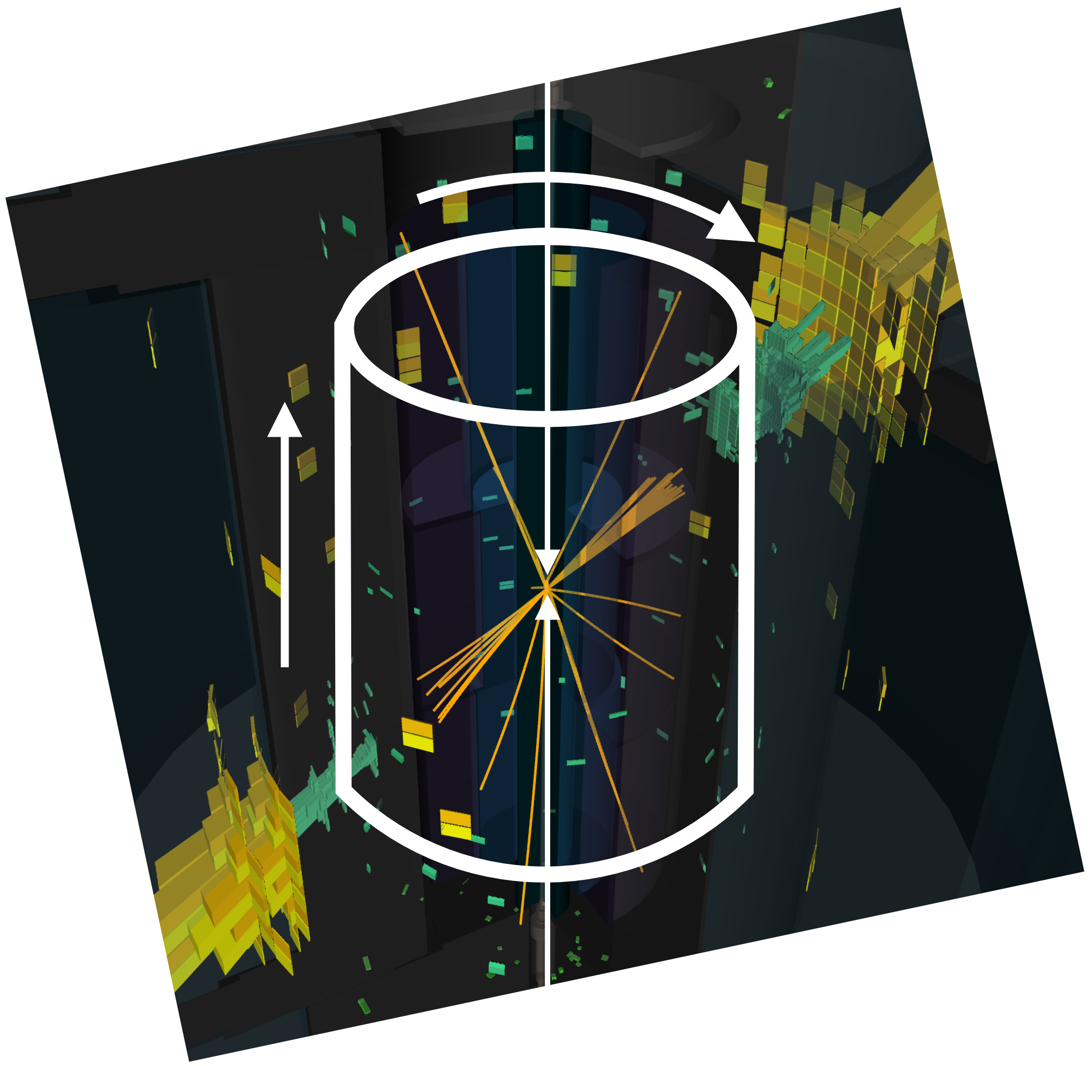

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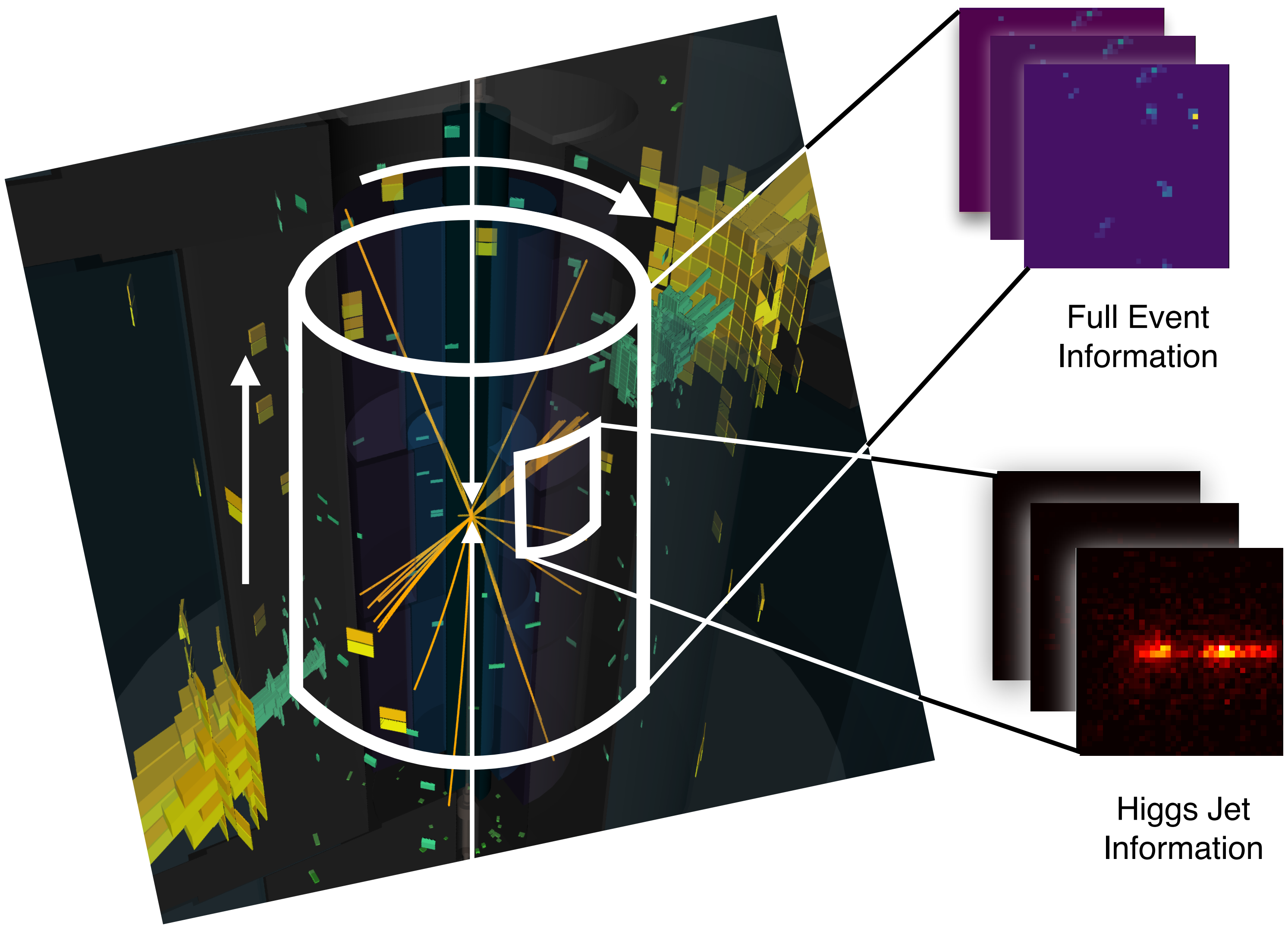

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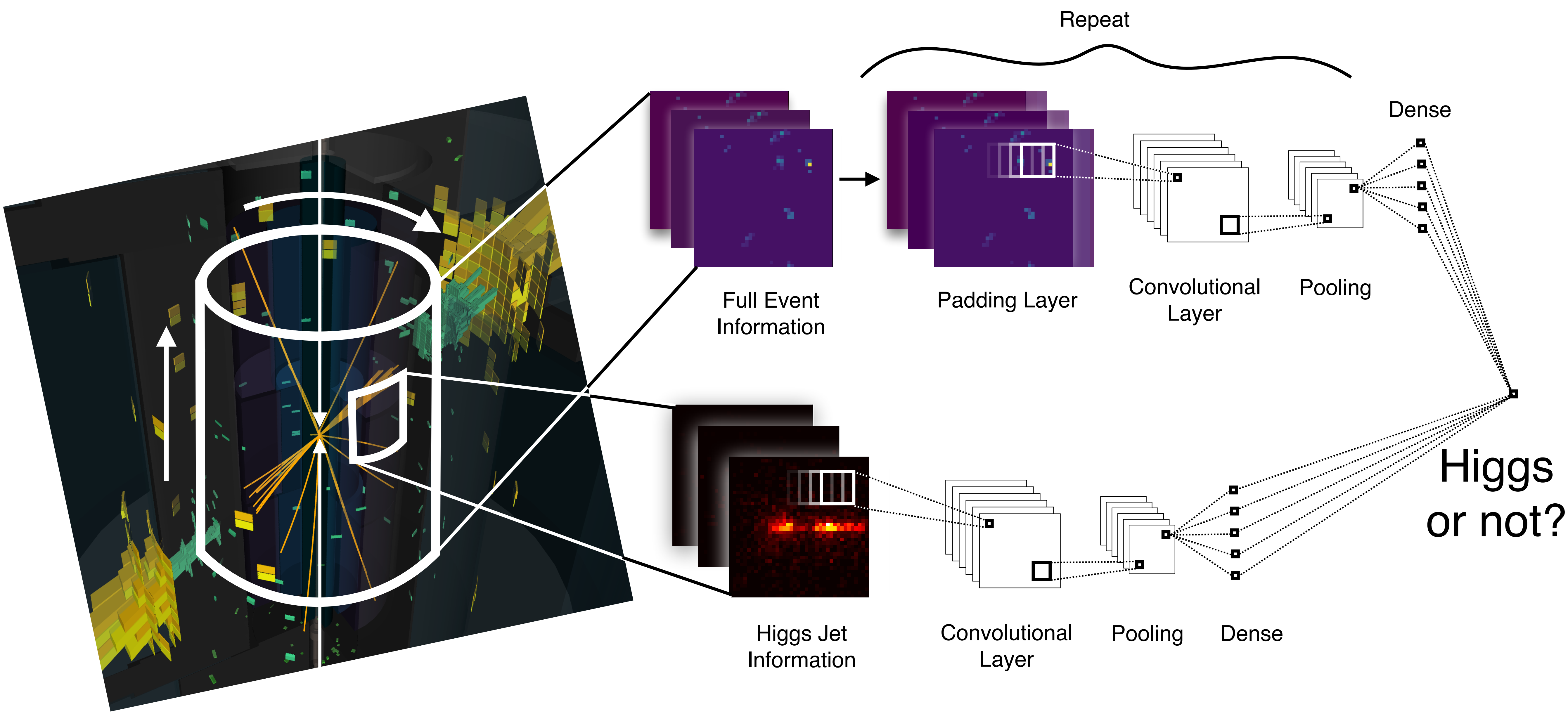

Can combine local and global information from jet images and “event” images.

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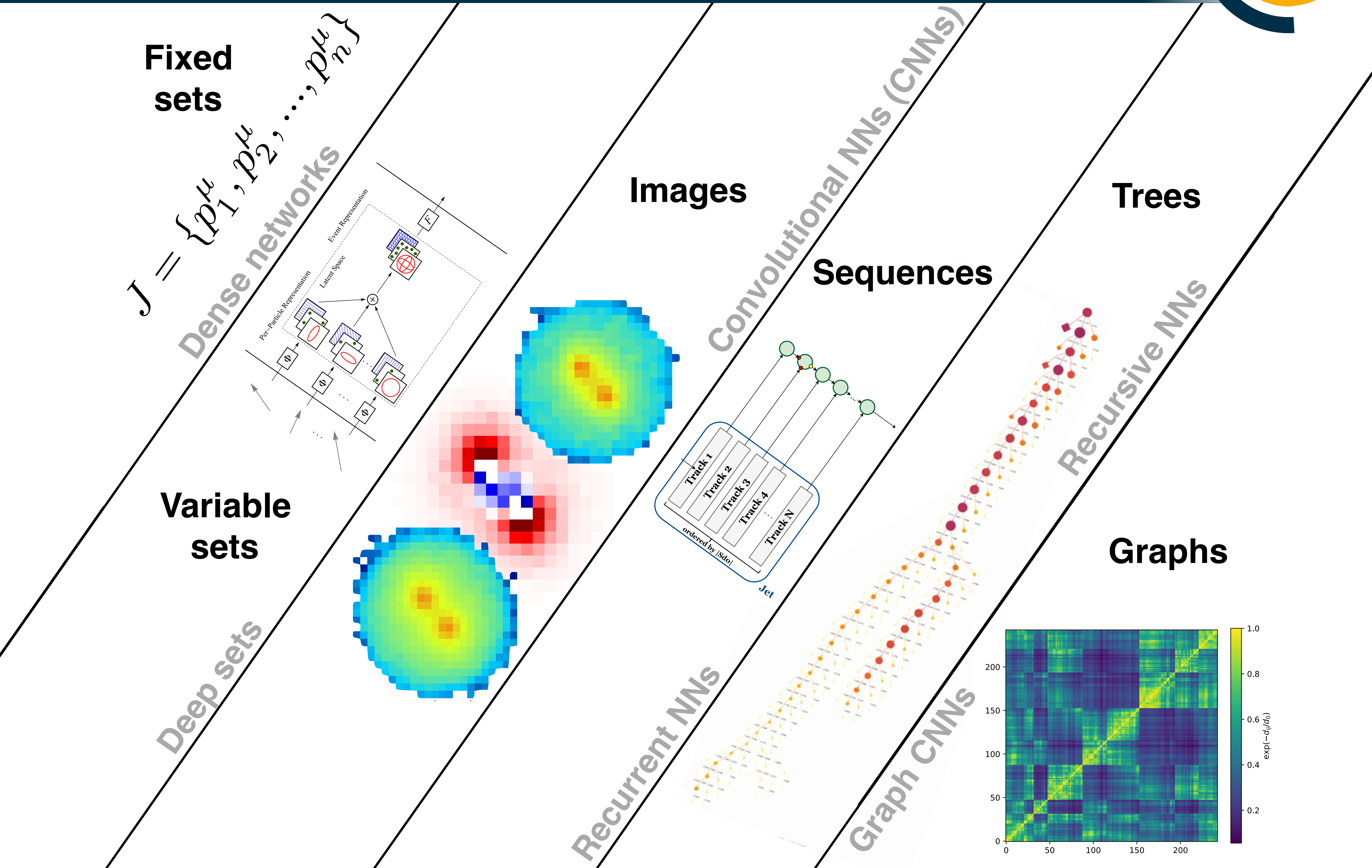

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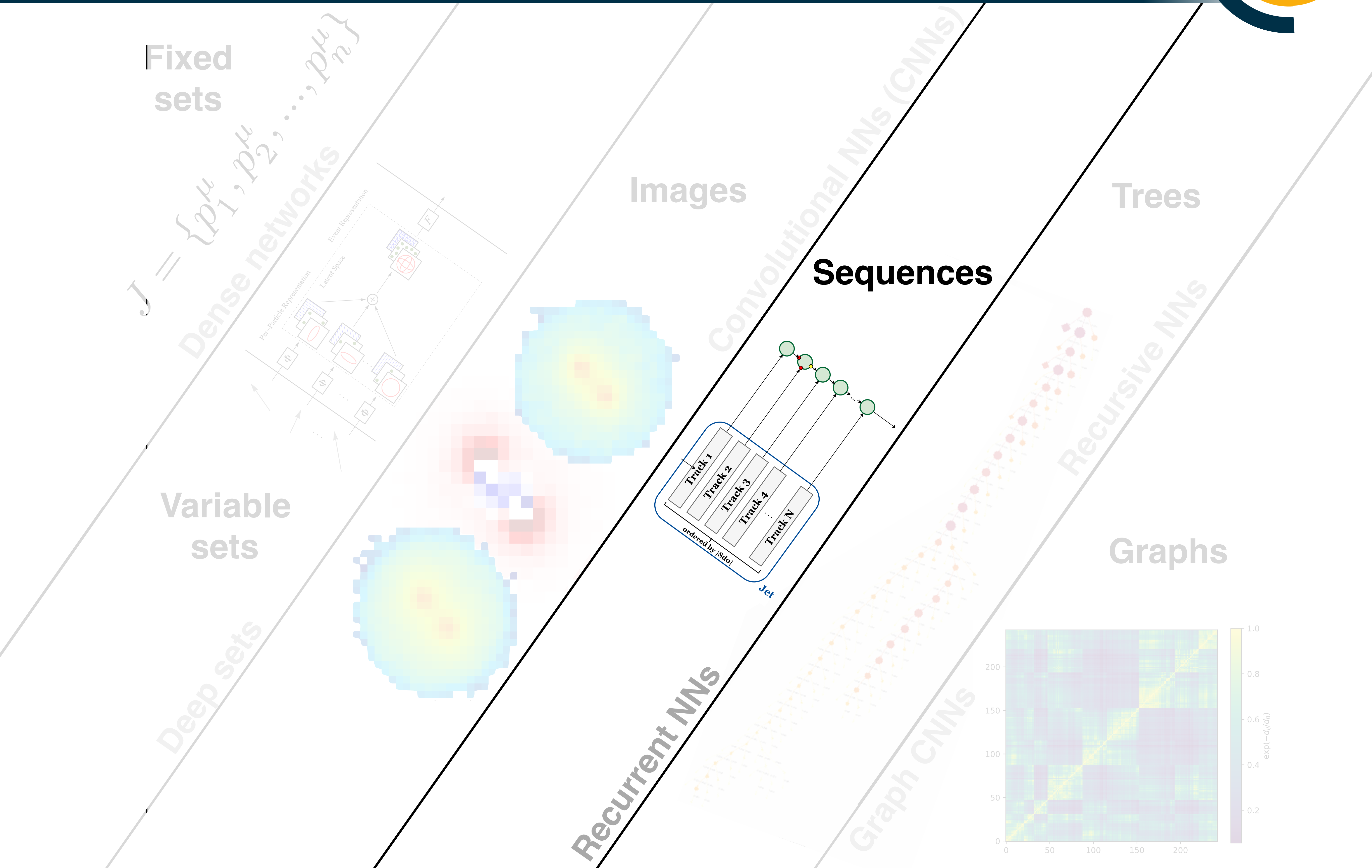

Sequence learning

One key challenge with images is that they have a fixed size.

In many contexts, this is ideal, because the data also have a fixed size. However, this is not always the case.

For example, events / jets have a variable number of particles.

One can represent these particles as a sequence in order to apply variable-length approaches that can access the full feature granularity.

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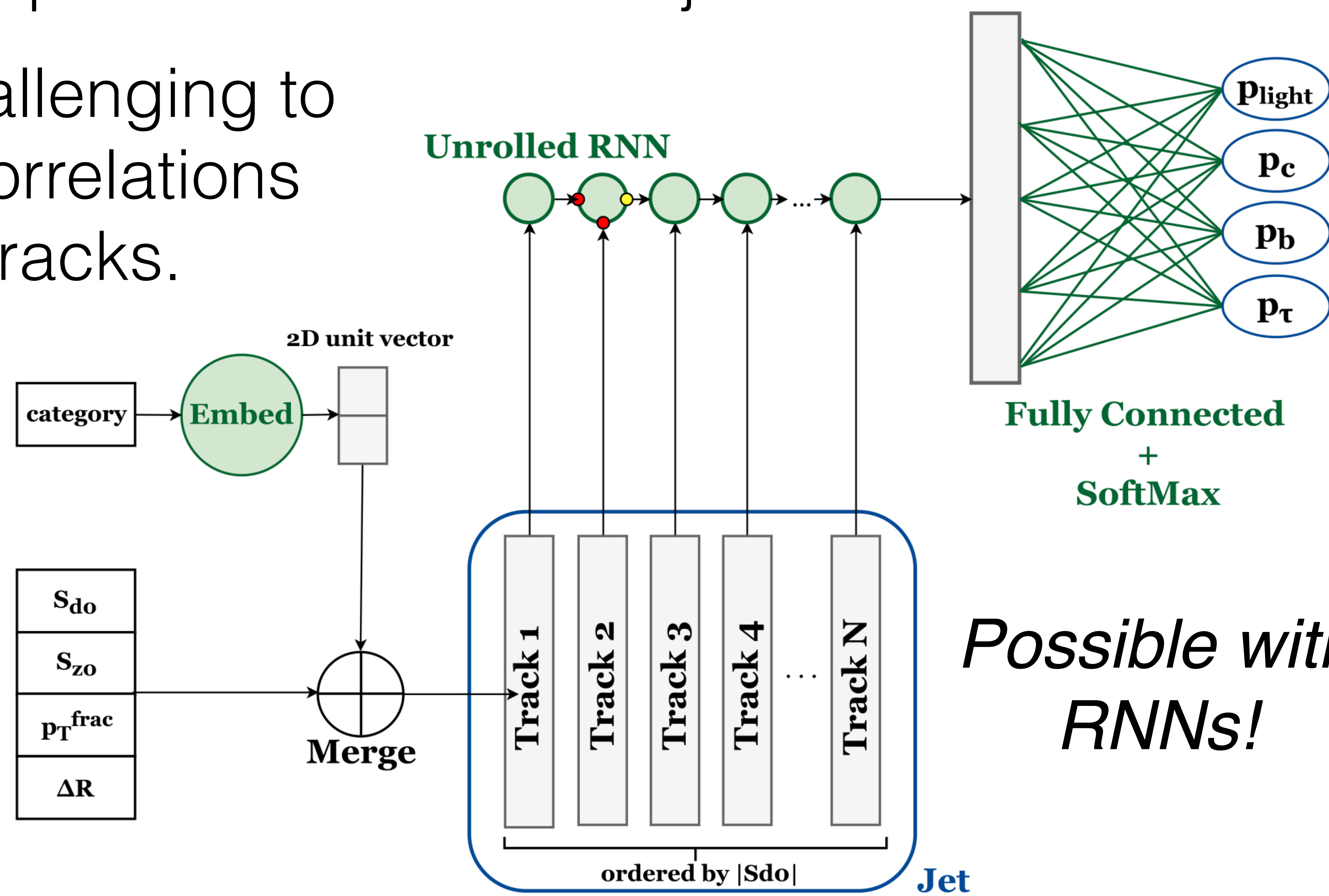

Possible with RNNs!

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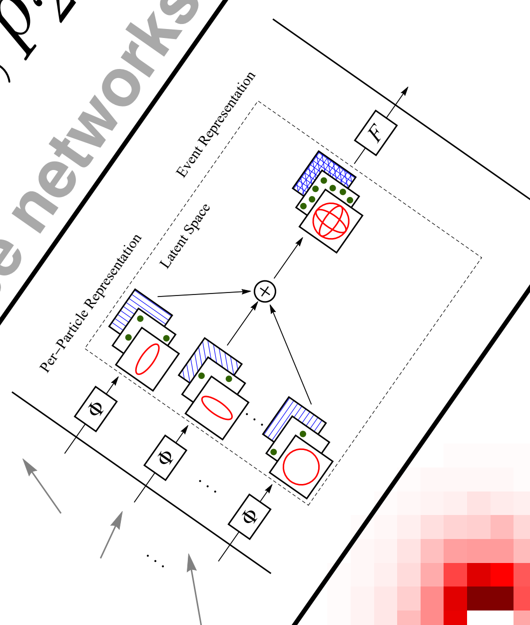

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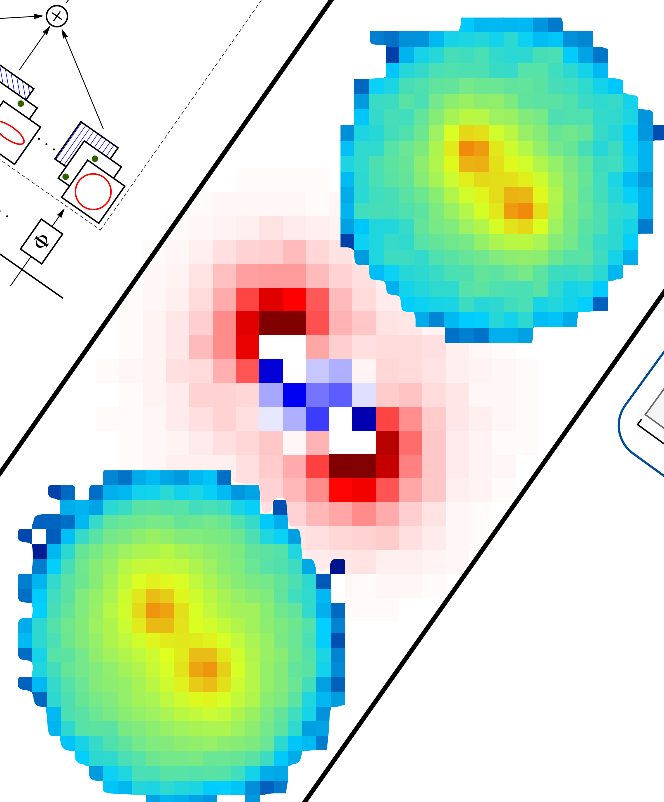

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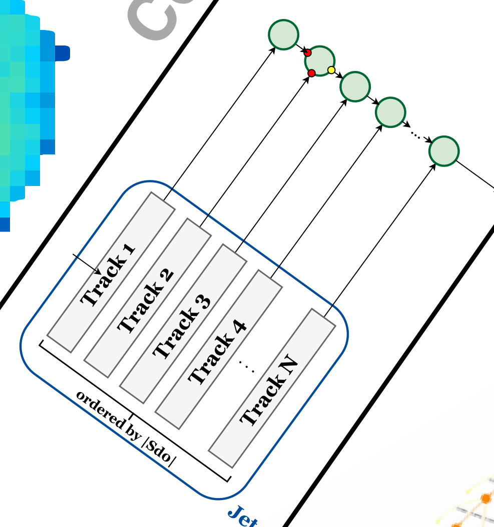

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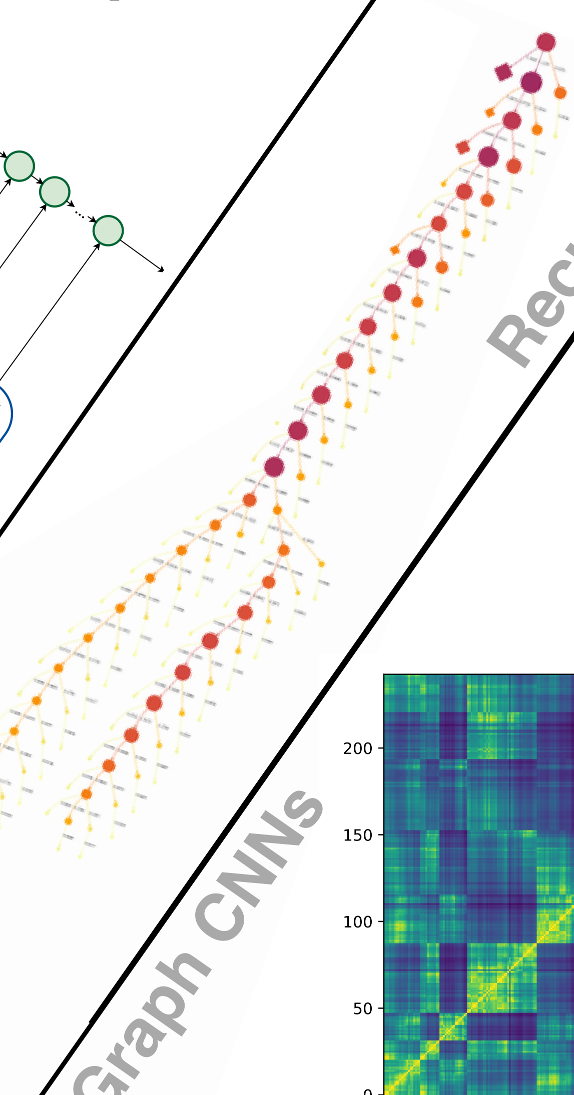

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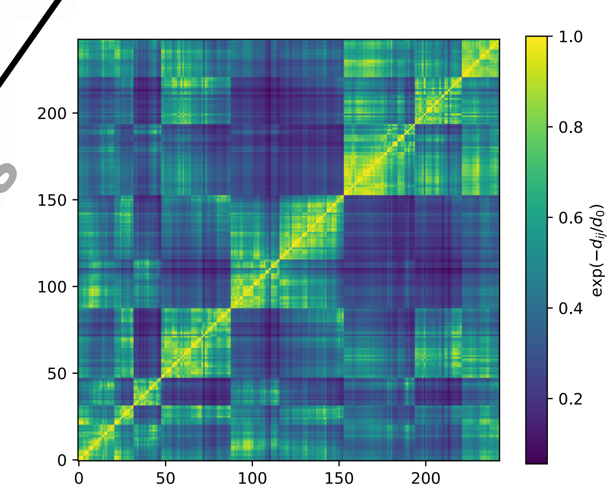

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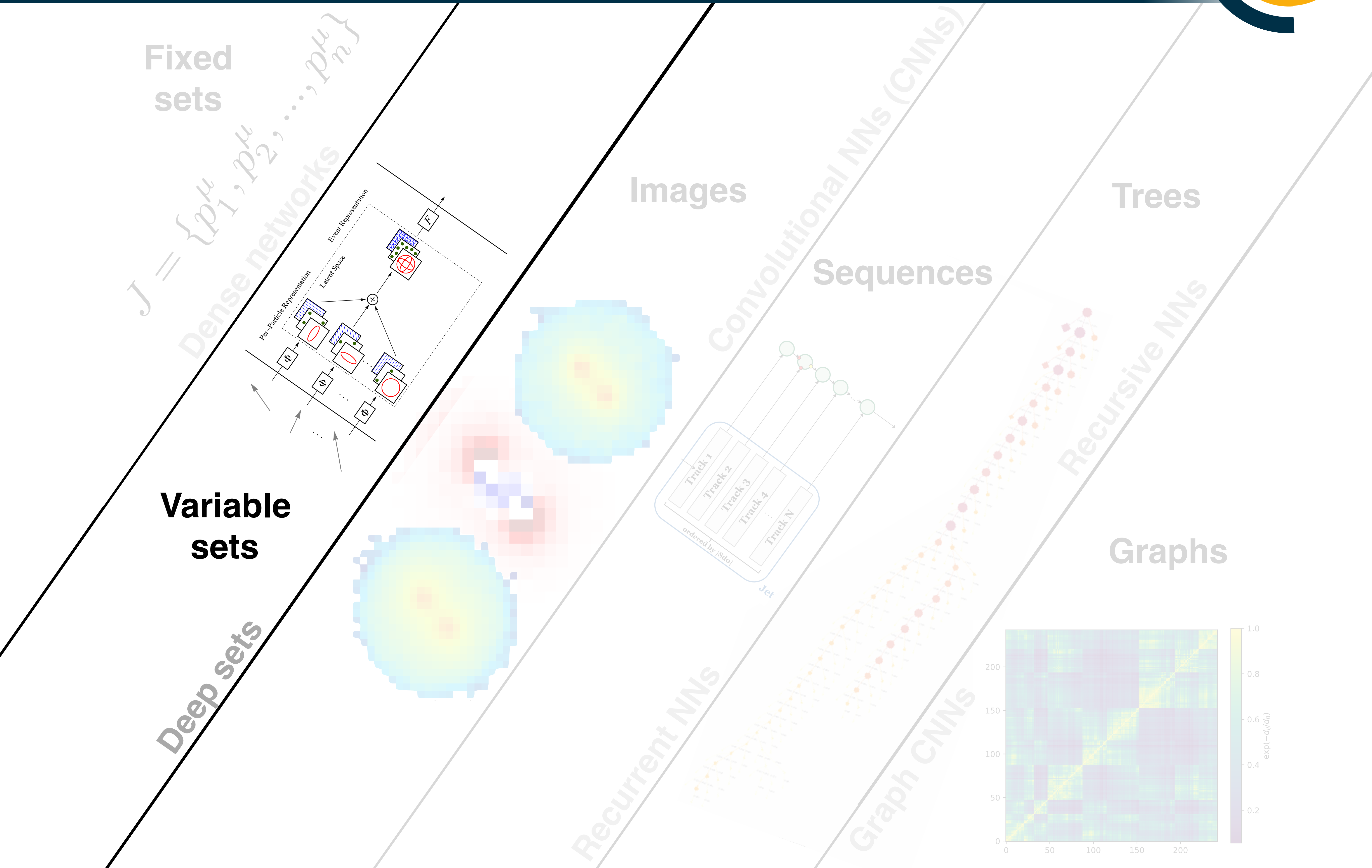

Learning with sets

A challenge with sequence learning is that thanks to quantum mechanics, there is often no unique order.

A common scenario is that we have a variable-length **SET** of particles and we would like to learn from them directly.

Solution: set learning / point cloud approaches

Solution 1: Deep sets

Factorize the problem into two networks: one that embeds the set into a fixed-length latent space and one that acts on a permutation invariant operation on that latent space:

$$f(\{x_1, \ldots, x_M\}) = F\left(\sum_{i=1}^{M} \Phi(x_i)\right)$$

Due to the sum, this structure can operate on any length set and the order of the inputs doesn't matter.

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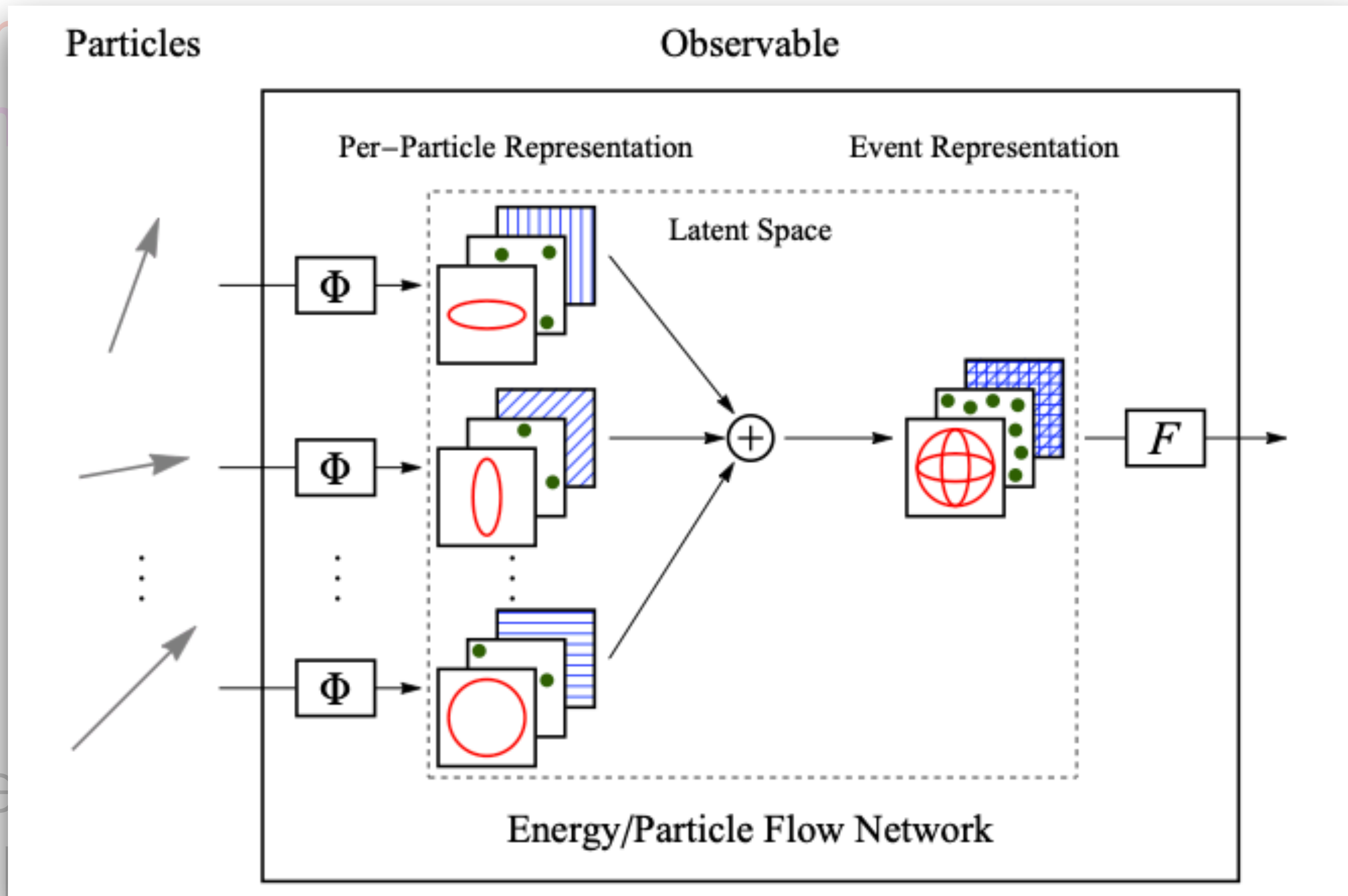

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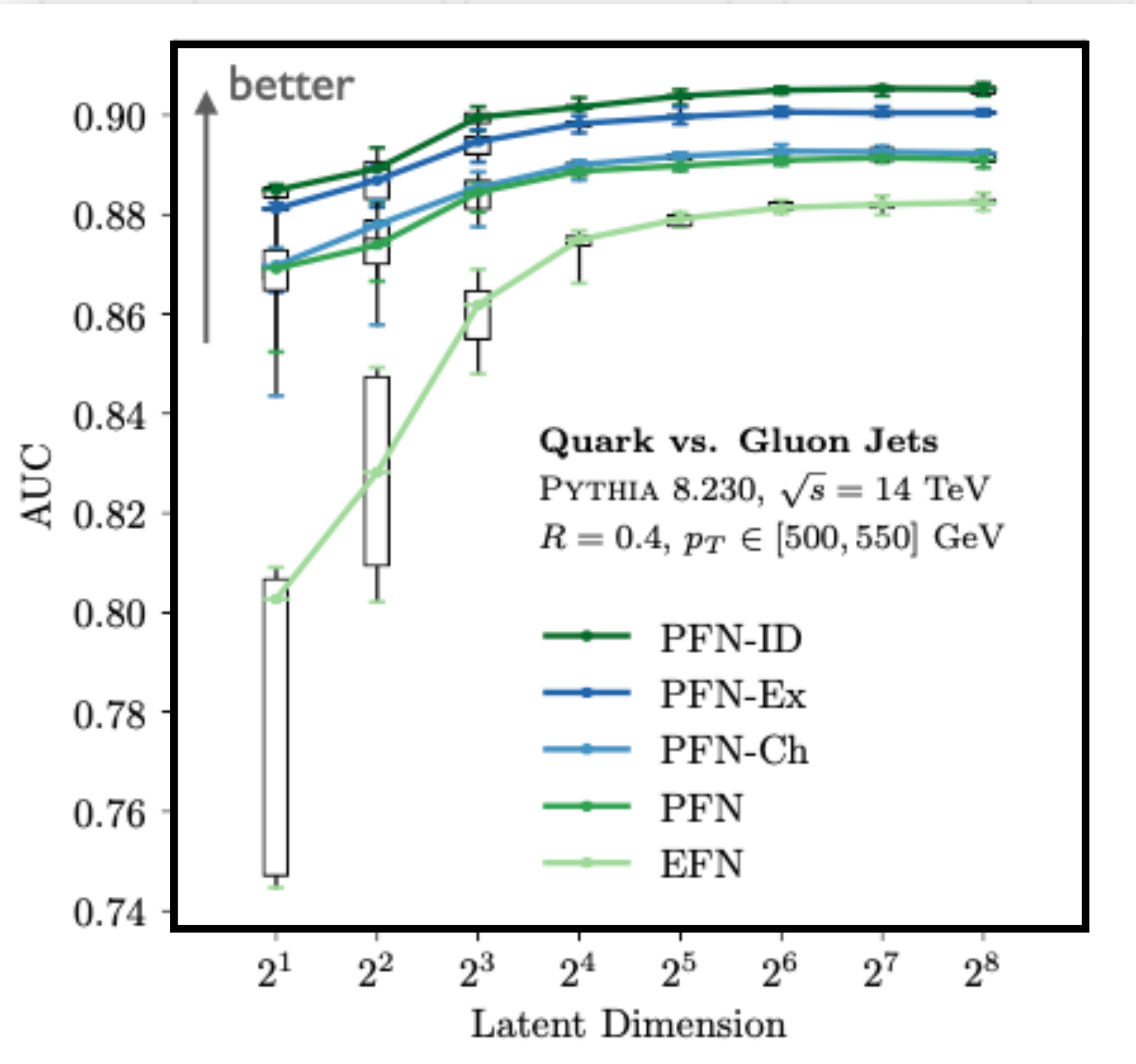

- Can readily incorporate per-particle features
- Can be made infrared and collinear safe (EFN) safe

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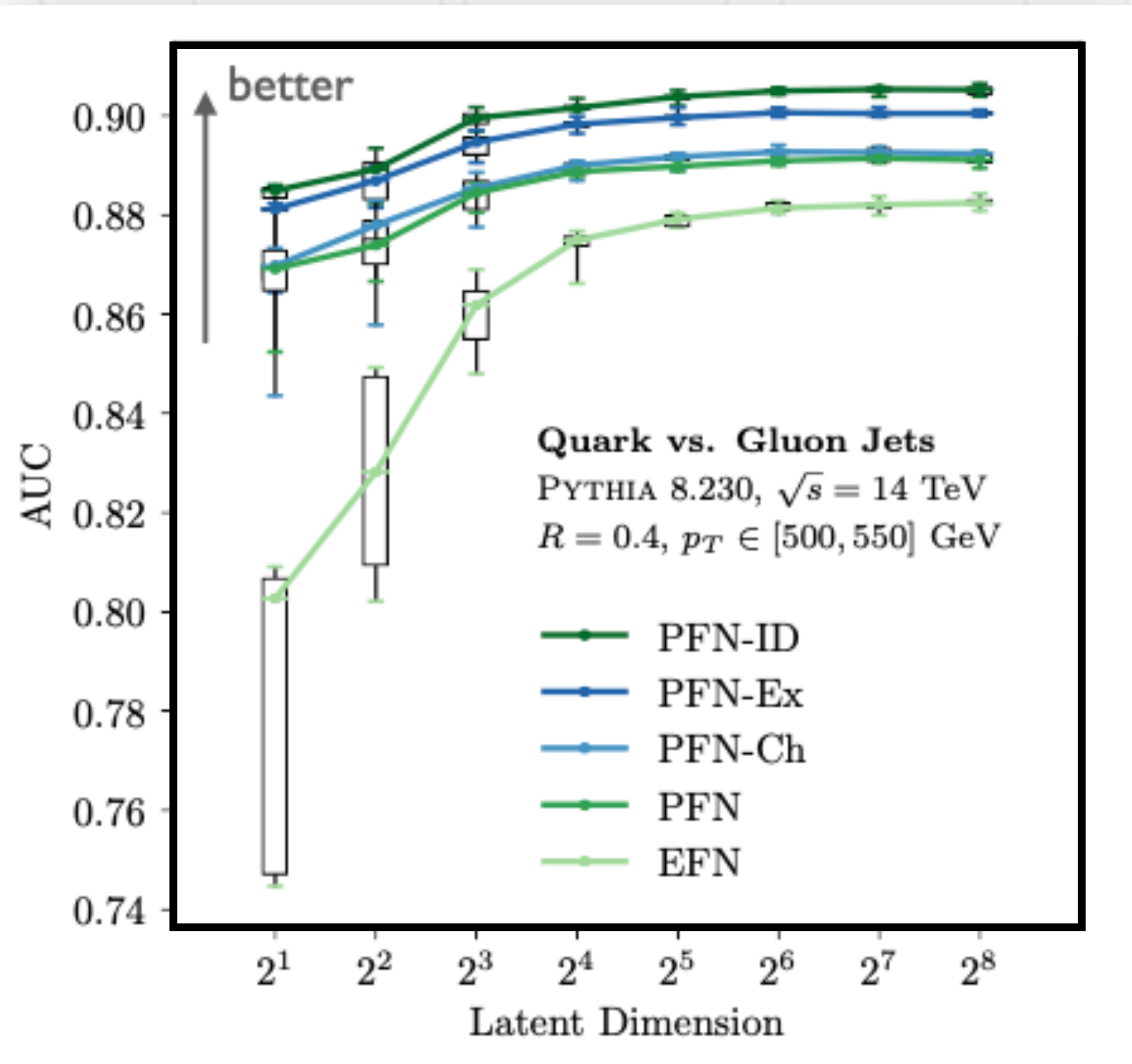

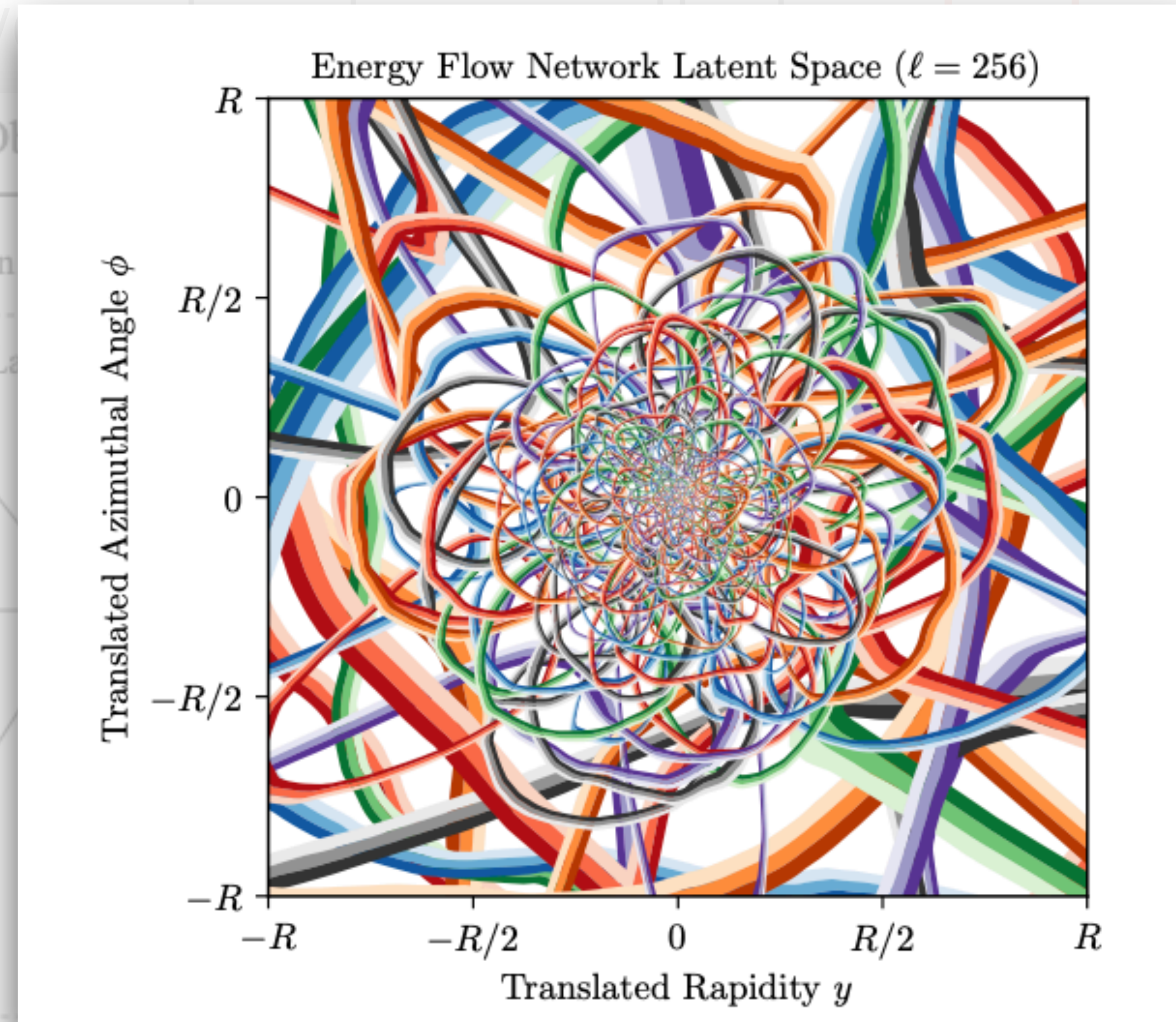

Latent space in IRC safe case is interpretable (and predictable!)

See also equivalent / covariant networks (e.g. 2203.06153)

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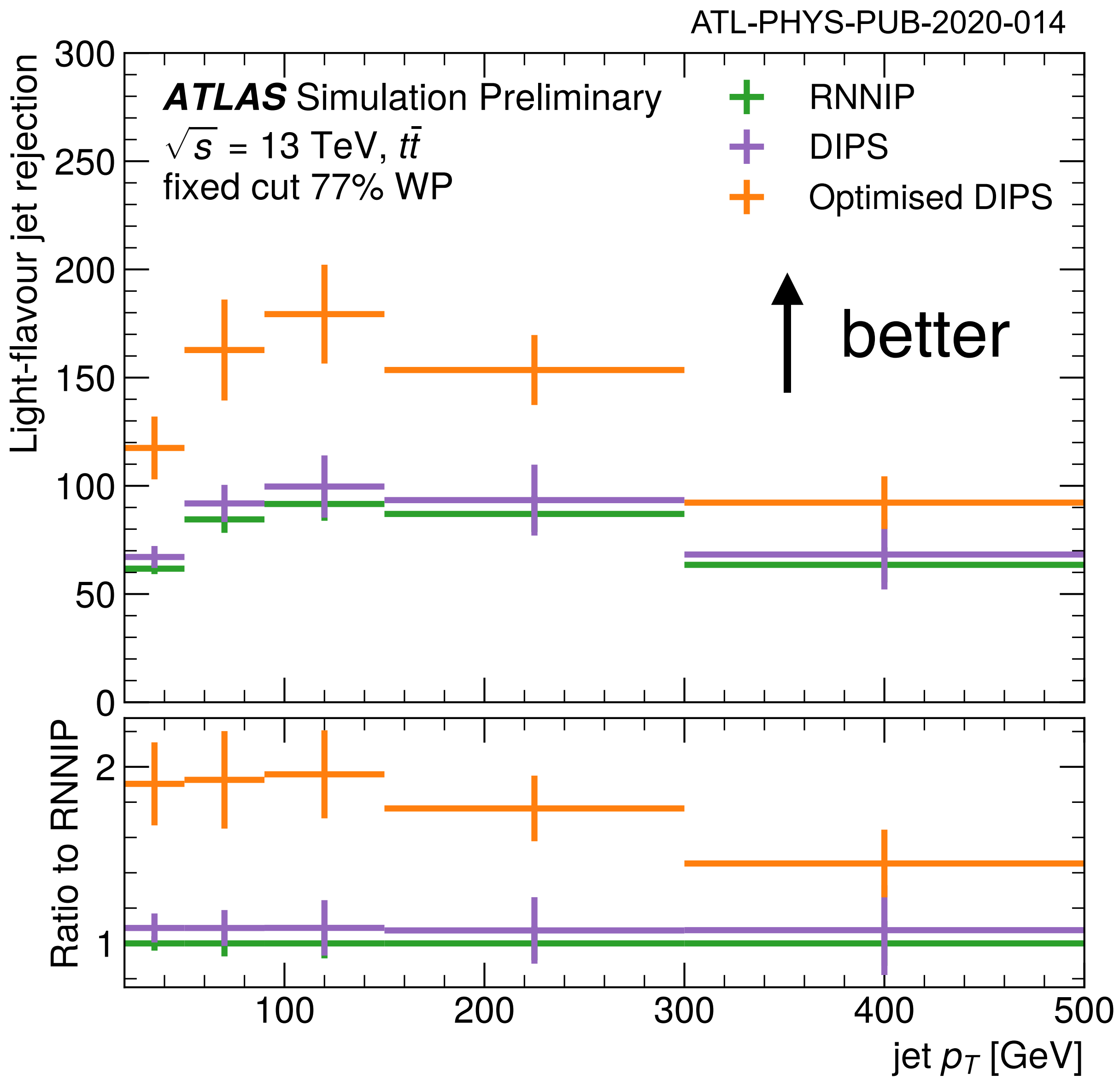

Faster to train than RNN so can do R&D on input features to improve overall performance.

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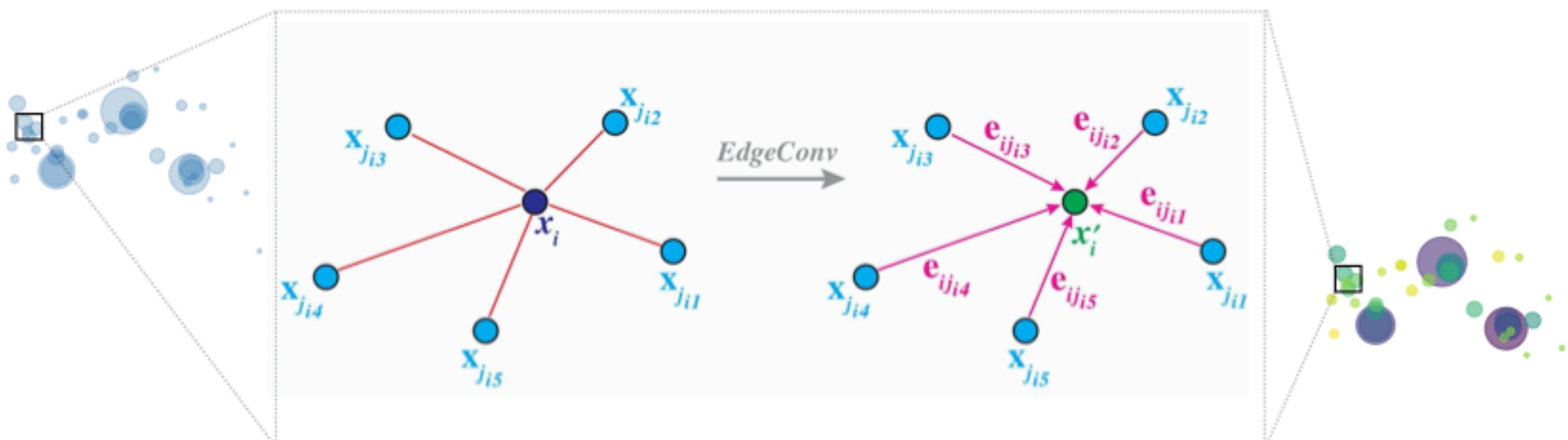
M. Zaheer et al. https://arxiv.org/abs/1703.06114; P. Komiske, E. Metodiev, & J. Thaler, JHEP 01 (2019) 121

Solution 2+: Graphs and Transformers

Classic CNNs operate on a fixed grid and are not invariant under the permutation of points

Can generalize CNNs to act on graphs



Need to define distances using particle properties

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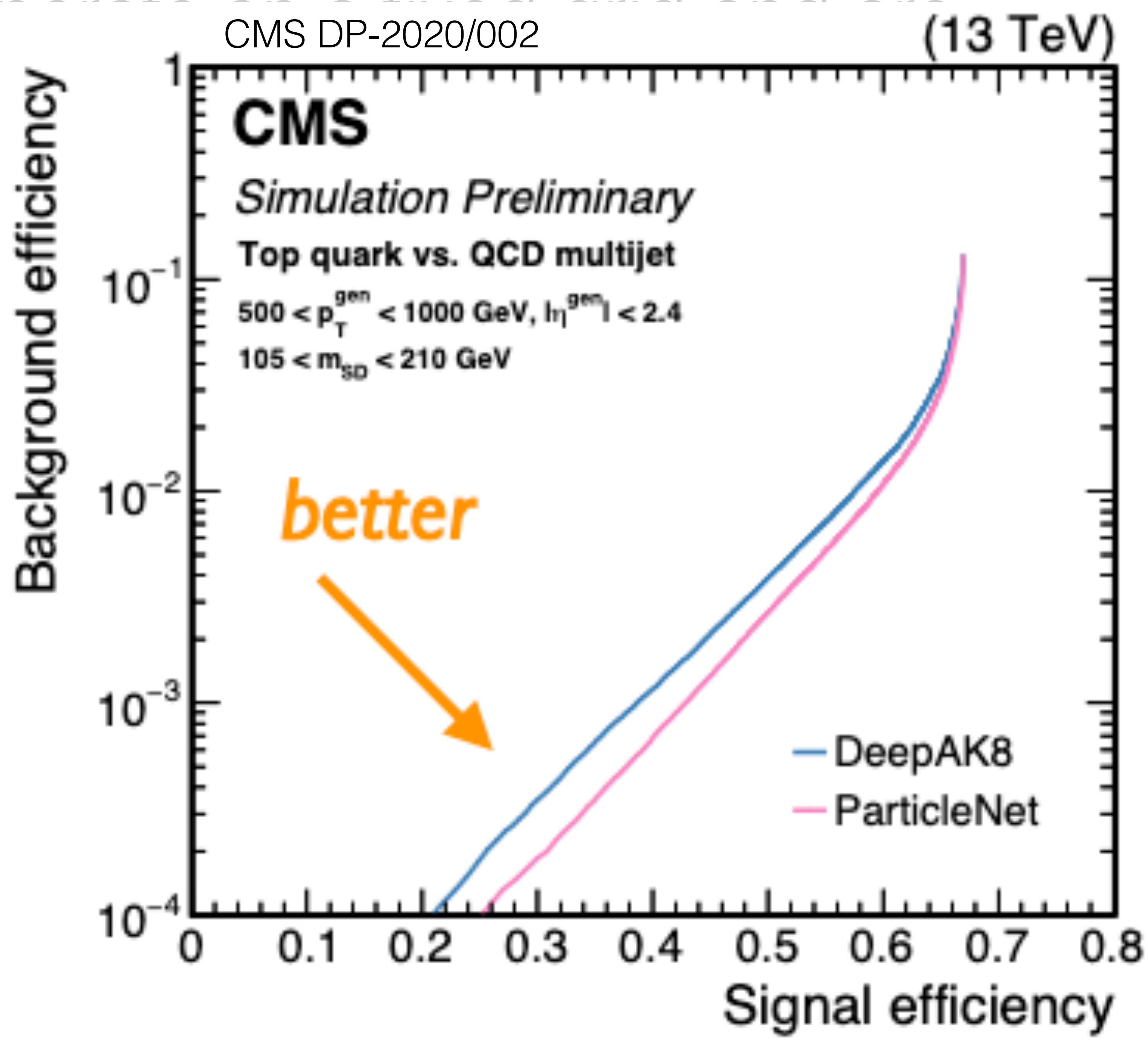
Competitive performance to other state-of-the-art methods



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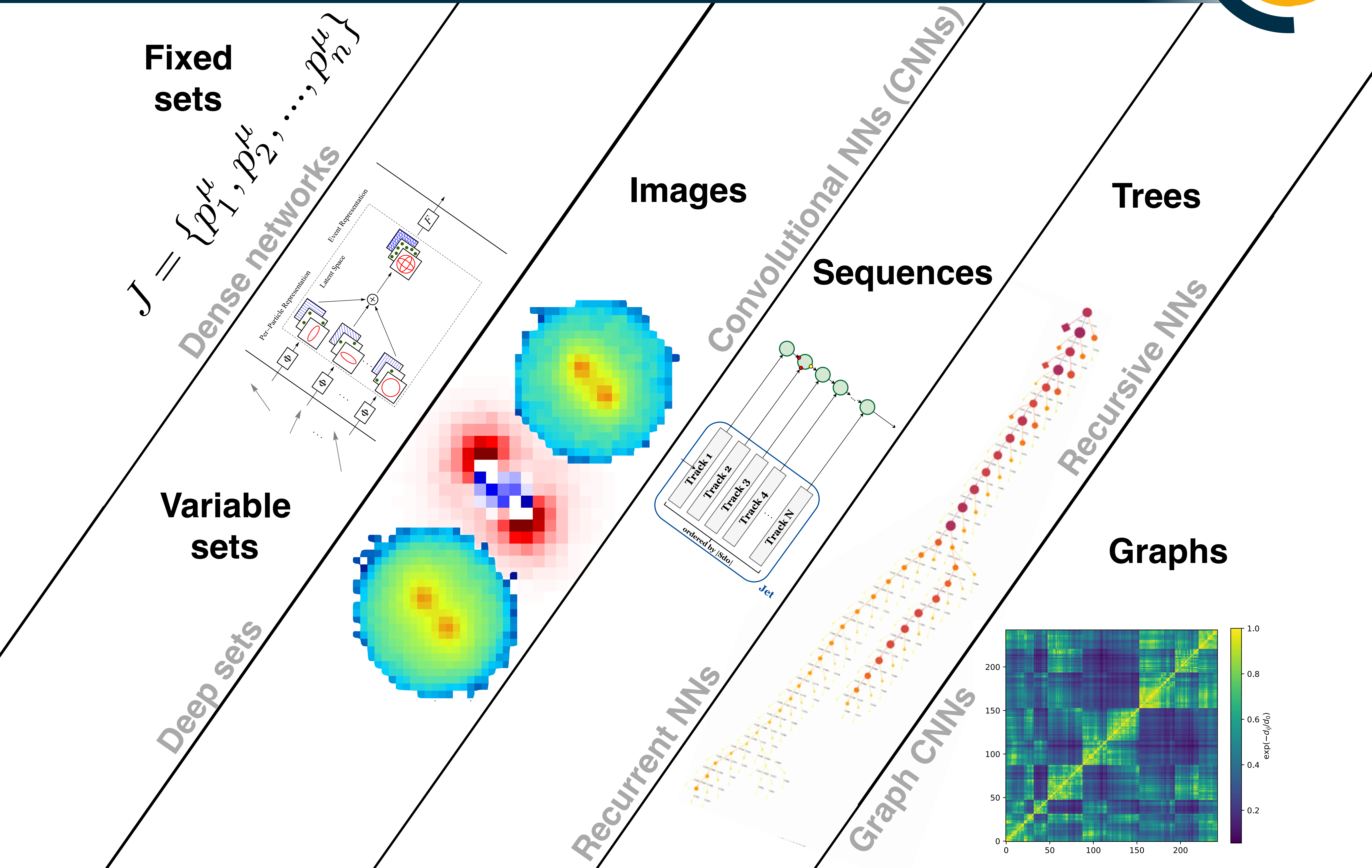

Step 2: set up the learning task

One way to categorize methods is based on their level of ***supervision***

Unsupervised = no labels
Weakly-supervised = noisy labels
Semi-supervised = partial labels
Supervised = full label information

Supervised

This is 99% of the ML. We have labeled examples and we train a model to predict the labels from the examples.

Need to be careful about what loss function to pick (more on that in a little bit…)

Unsupervised

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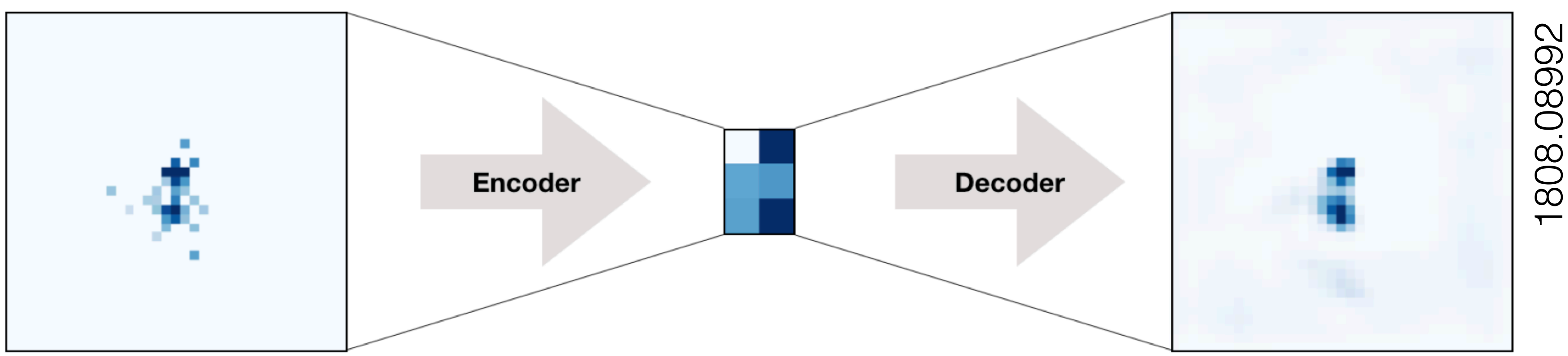
Typically, the goal of these methods is to implicitly or explicitly estimate p(x).



One strategy (autoencoders) is to try to compress events and then uncompress them. When x is far from uncompres(compress(x)), then x probably has low p(x).

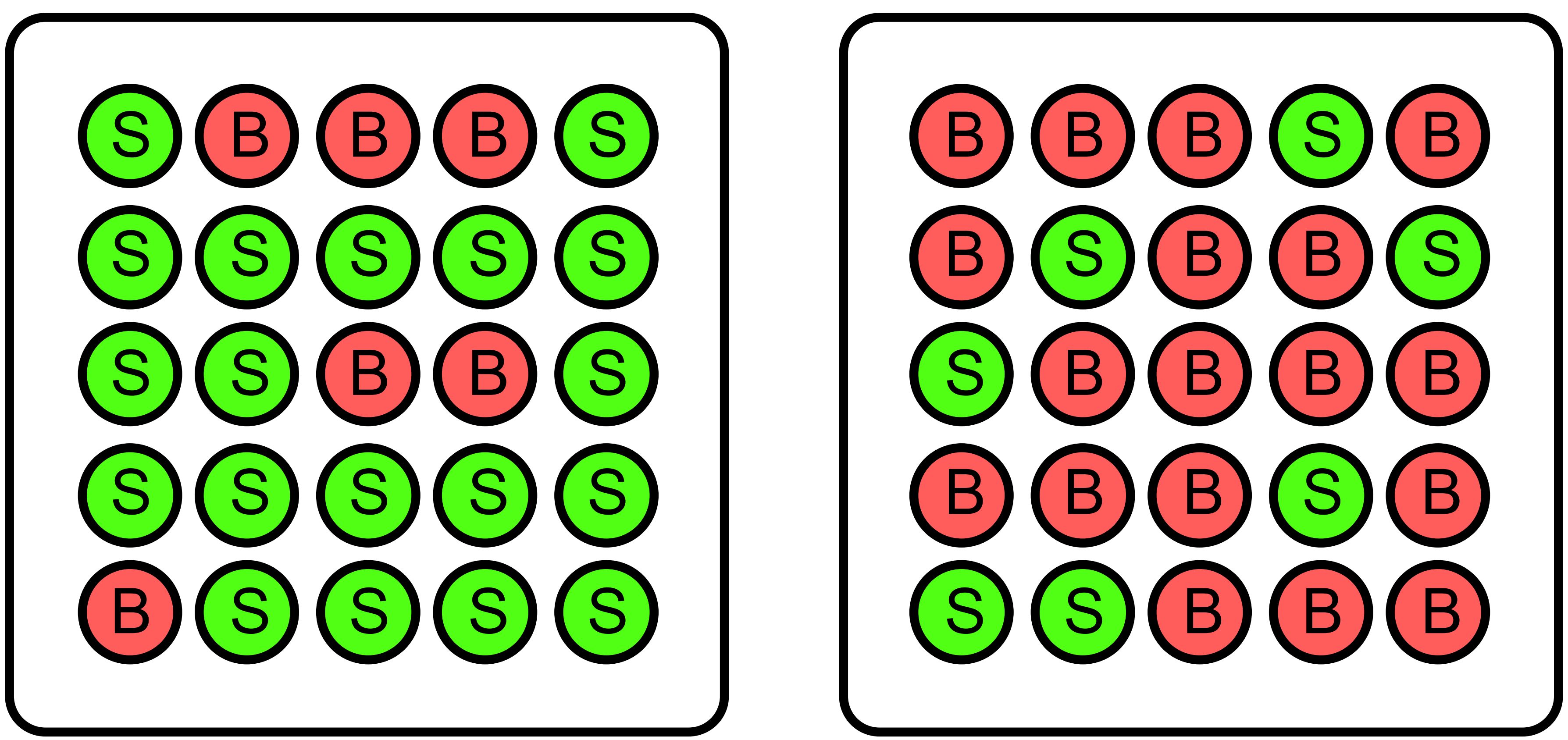
Talking point: anomaly detection!

Weakly-supervised

Weakly-supervised = noisy labels

Typically, the goal of these methods is to estimate *p(possibly signal-enriched)/p(possibly signal-depleted)*

Signal enriched | Signal depleted



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Semi-supervised

Semi-supervised = partial labels

Typically, these methods use some signal simulations to build signal sensitivity

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e.g. SM background versus many signals

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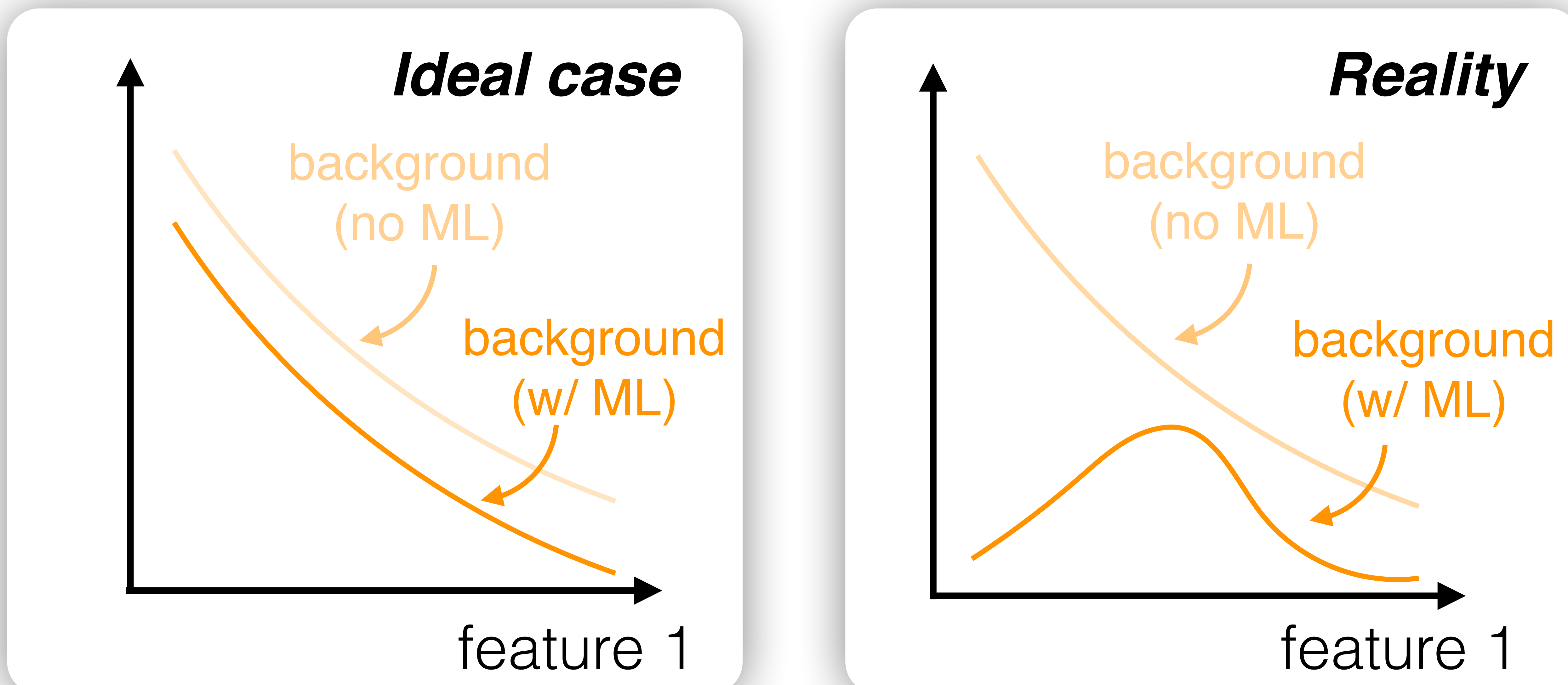

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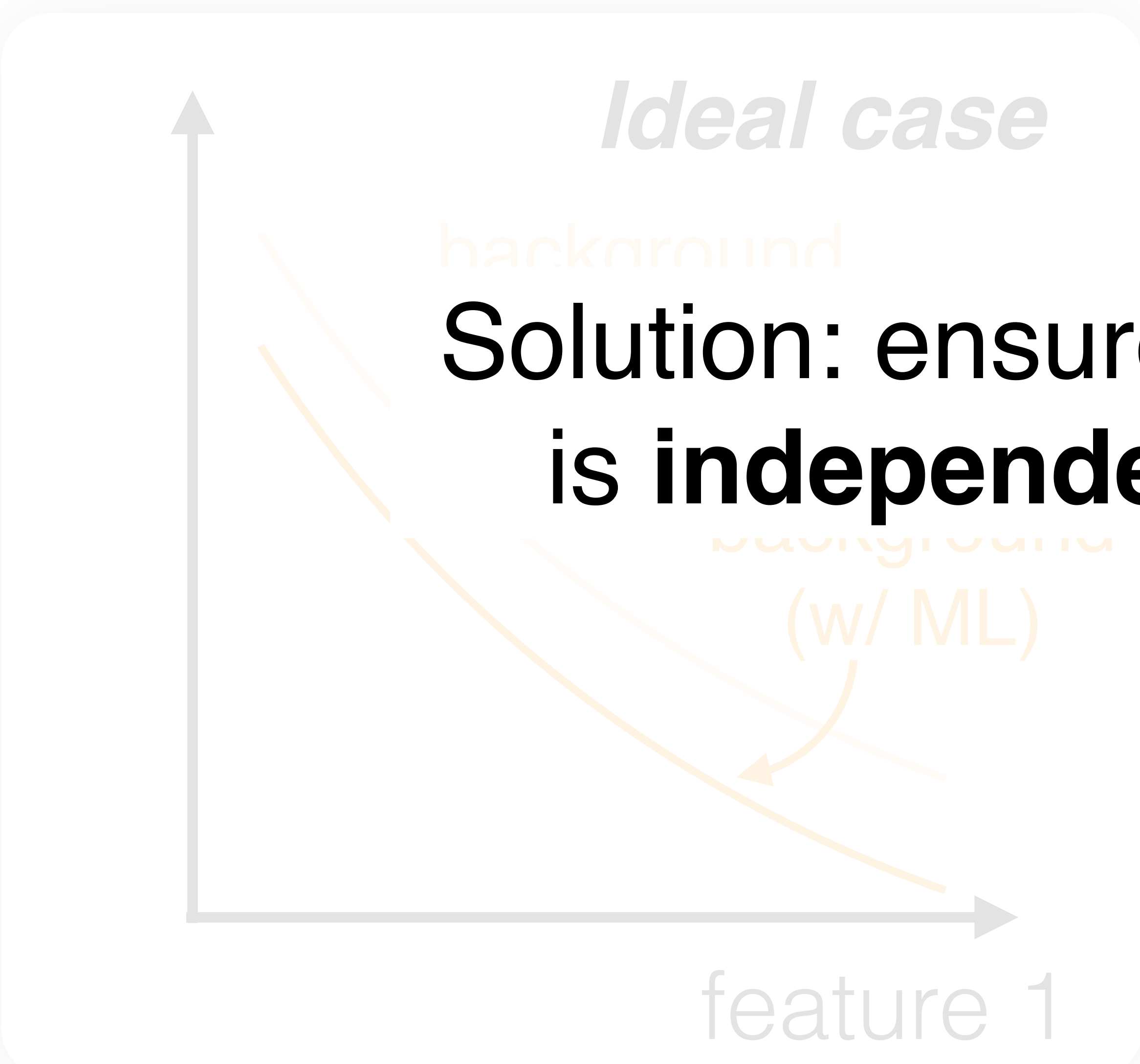

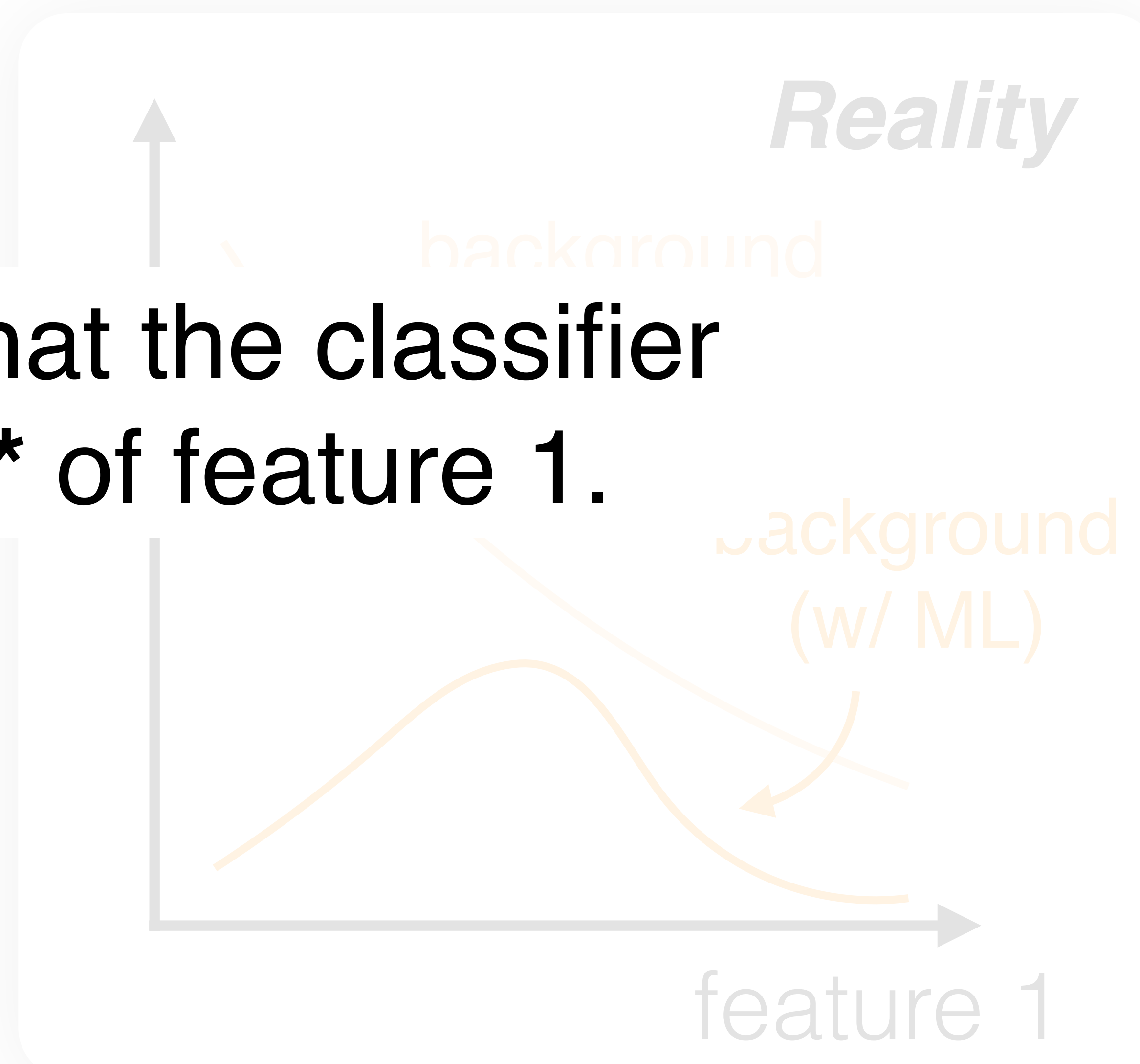

Solution: ensure that the classifier is **independent*** of feature 1.

**This is actually sufficient but unnecessary. There are many dependencies (e.g. linear) that would not sculpt bumps.*

Caution Part I: decorrelation

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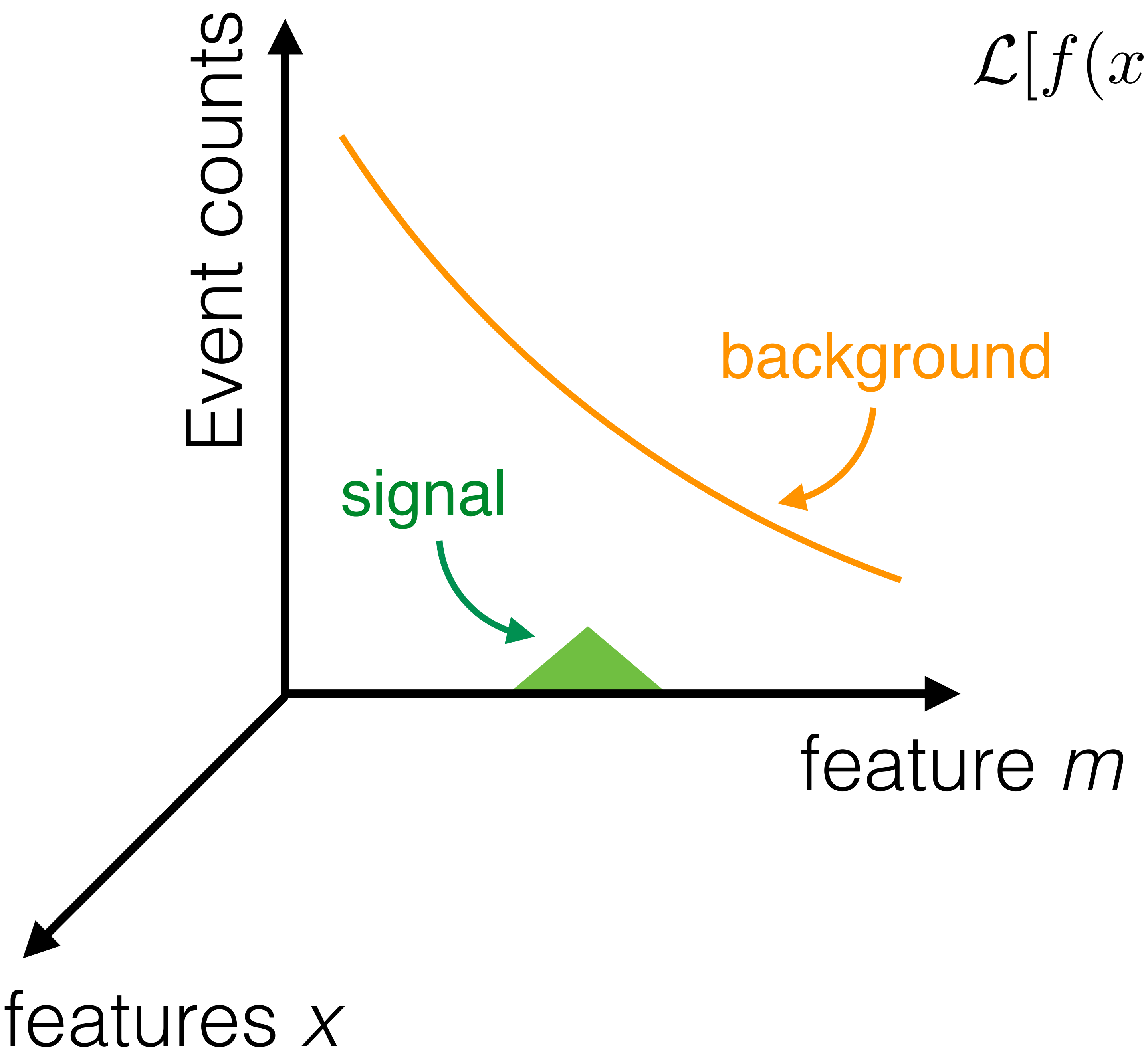

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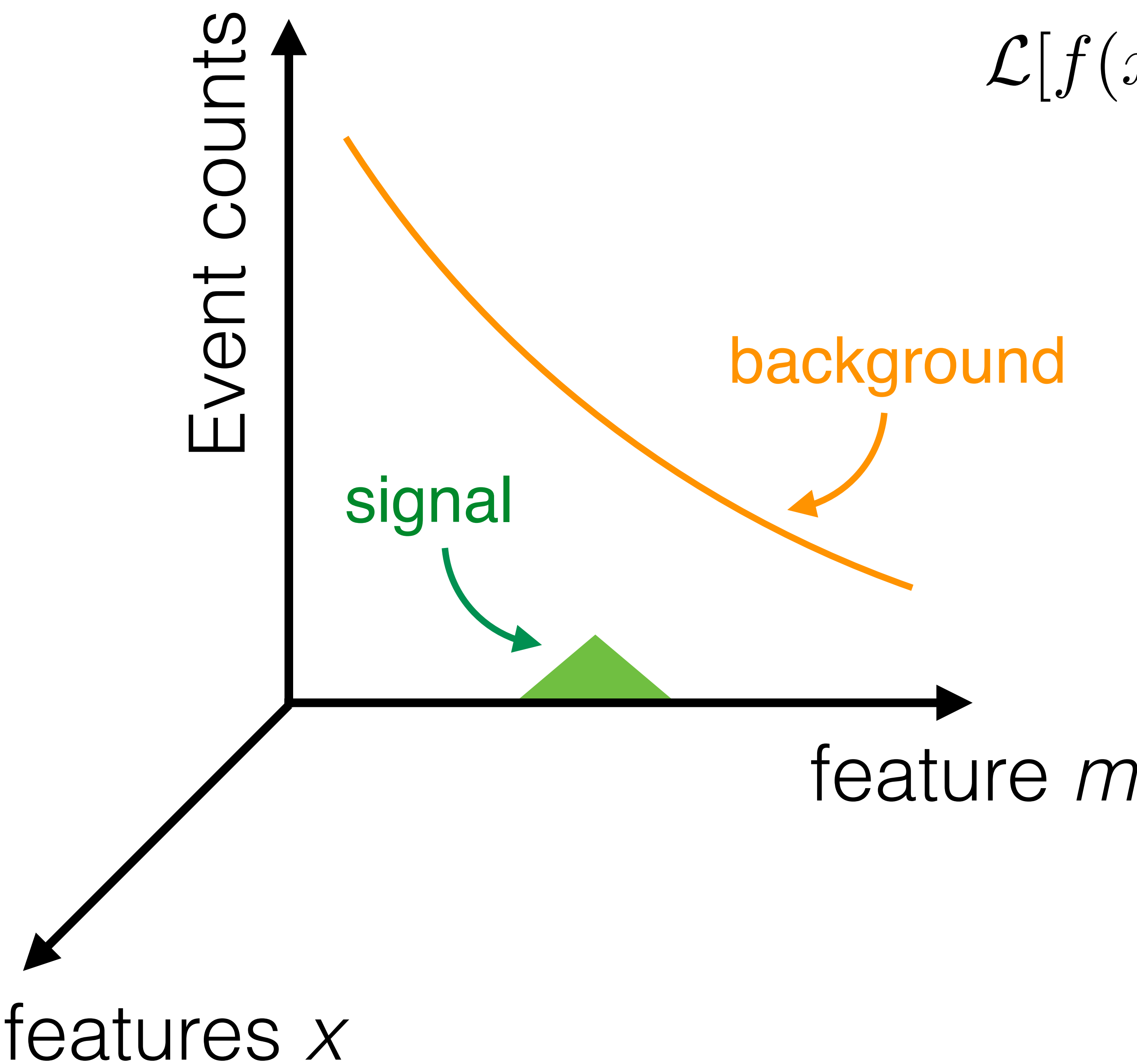

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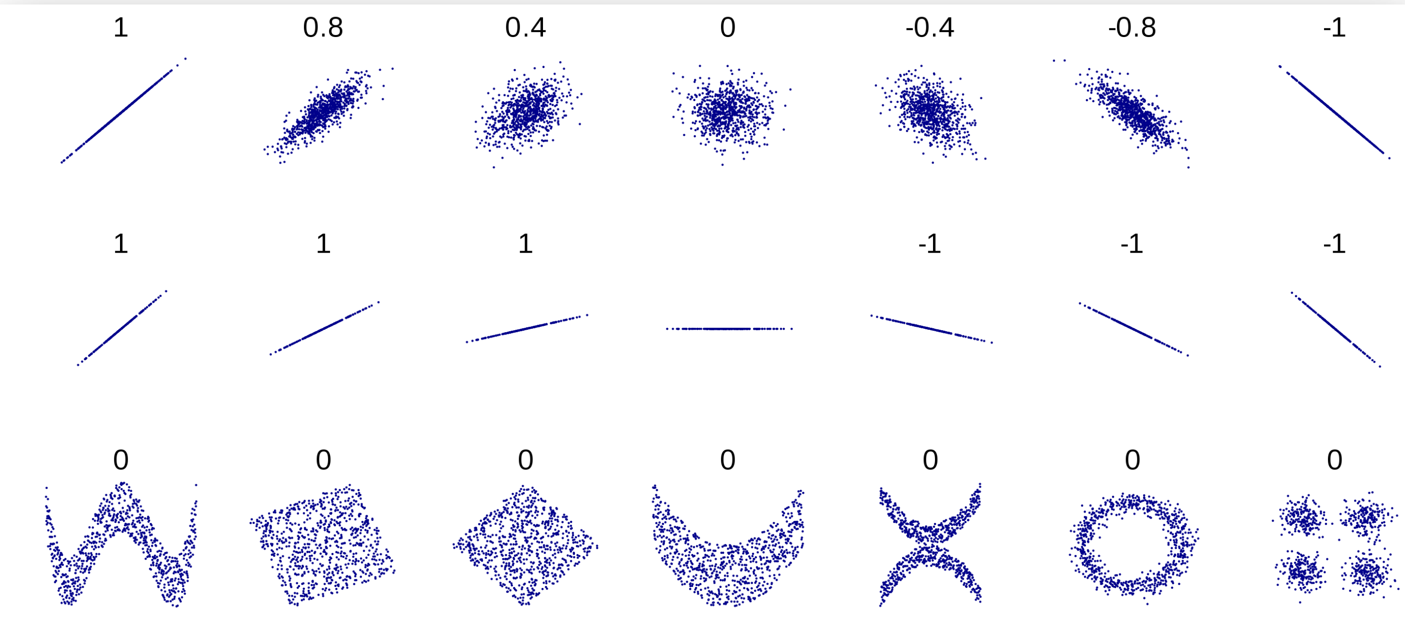

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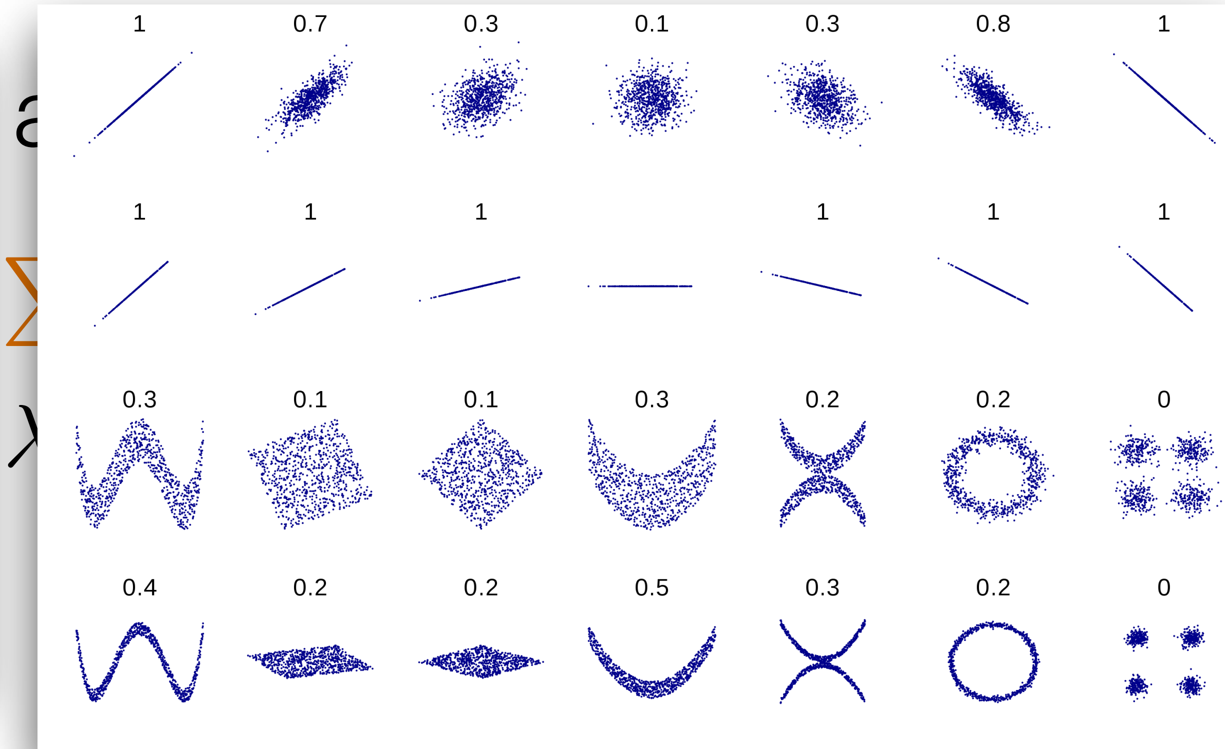

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Cons: Hard to train (minimax problem) & many parameters

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Distance Correlation

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Pros: Convex (easier to train) and no free parameters

Cons: Memory intensive to compute distance correlation

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Mode Decorrelation

Mode Decorrelation (MoDE): L_{decor} is small when the **CDF** of $f(x)$ is the same across different values of m.

Pros: Readily generalizes beyond independence (can require linear, quadratic (+monotonic), …

No free parameters and small memory footprint

Cons: In its simplest form, need discrete bins in m (does not seem to be fundamental)

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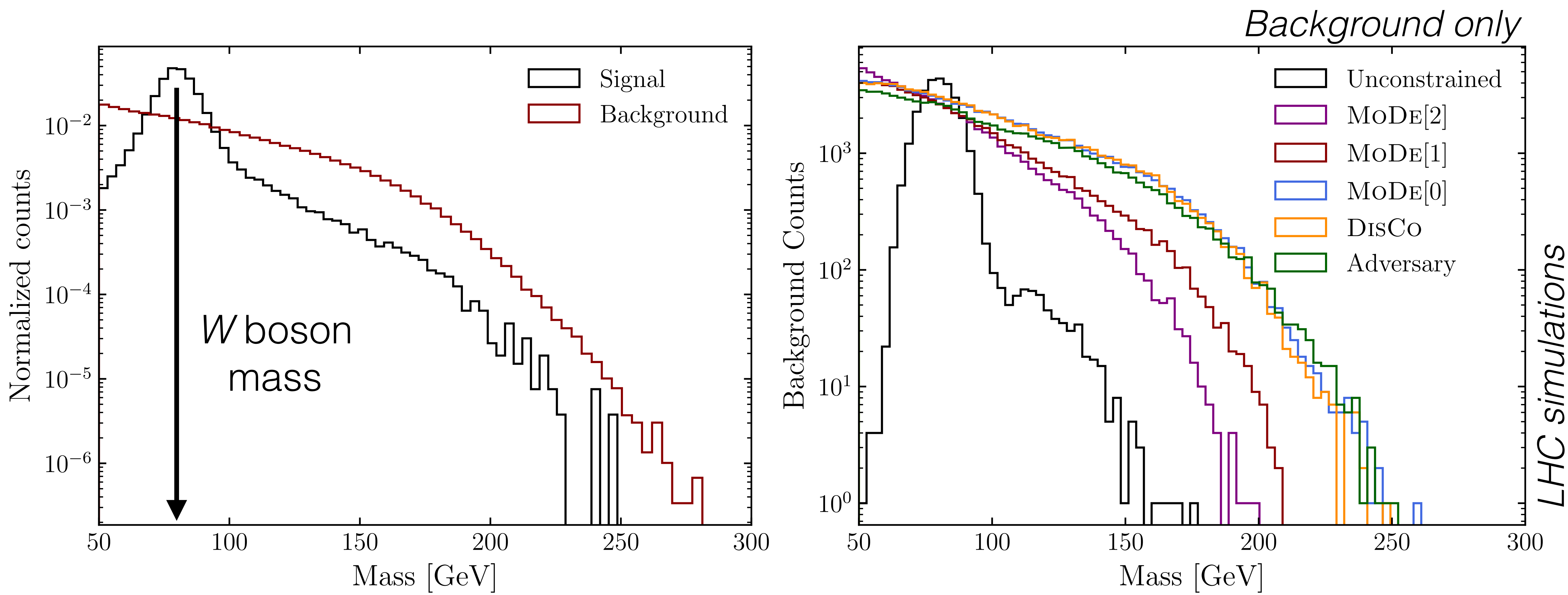
Overview

Real world example: the search for Lorentz-boosted *W* bosons at the Large Hadron Collider



MoDe[0] enforces independence, [1] is linear, [2] is monotonic quadratic, …

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N.B. think twice about using decorrelation for uncertainties! See 2109.08159.

Caution Part II: prior dependence

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e.g. the particle energy is uniform during training, but exponential for certain running conditions.

(usually not an issue for classification)

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One way to do this is to find an f that minimizes the mean squared error (MSE):

$$f = \mathrm{argmin}_g \sum_i (g(x_i) - y_i)^2$$

Then*, f(x) = E[y|x].

*If you have not seen this before, please let me know if you need help with the proof!

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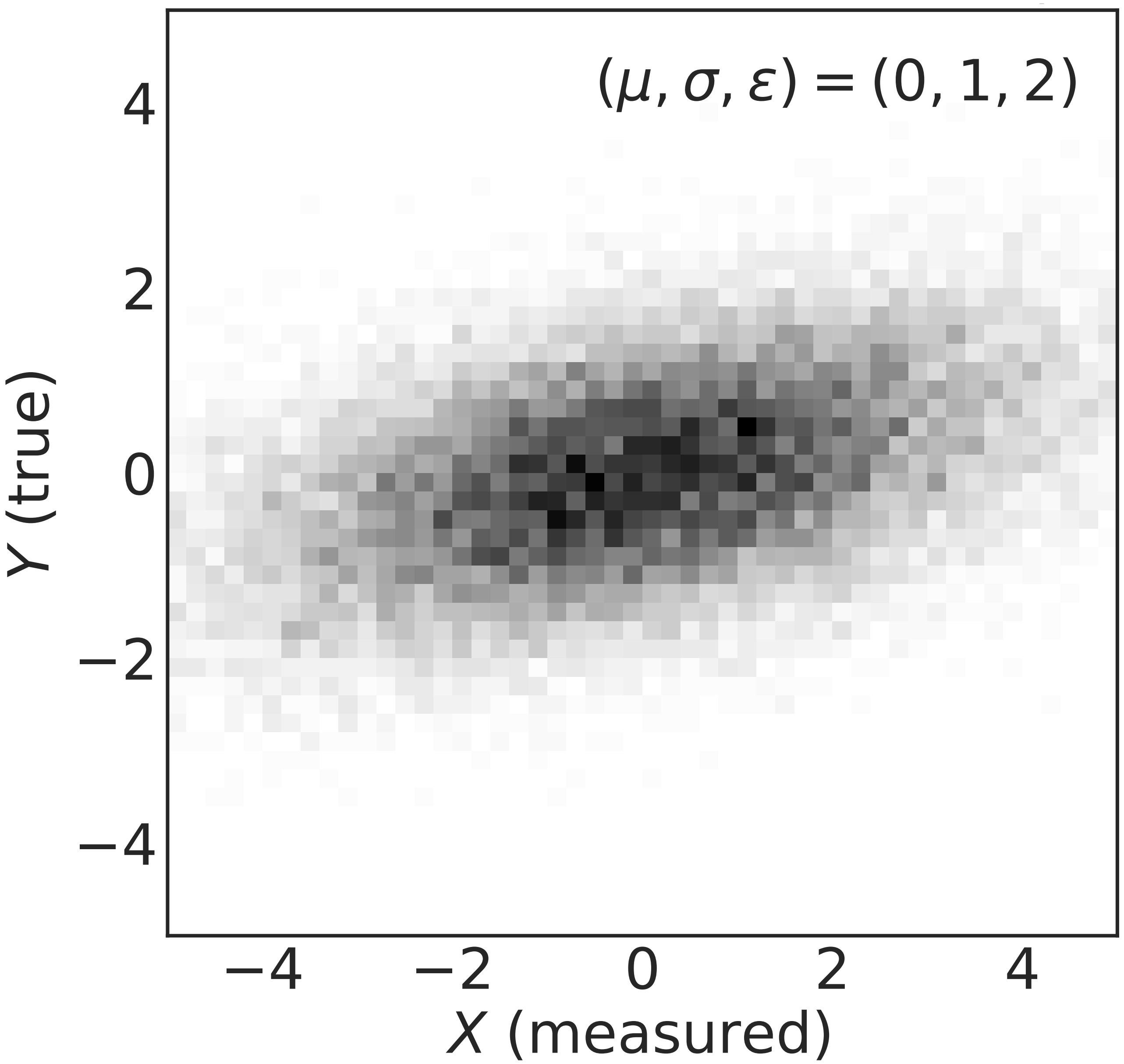
$$f(x) = E[y|x] = \int \mathrm{d}y\, y\, p(y|x)$$

$$E[f(x)|y] = \int \mathrm{d}x\, \mathrm{d}y'\, y'\, p_{\mathrm{train}}(y'|x)\, p_{\mathrm{test}}(x|y)$$

this need not be y even if $p_{train} = p_{test}$ (!)

Gaussian Example



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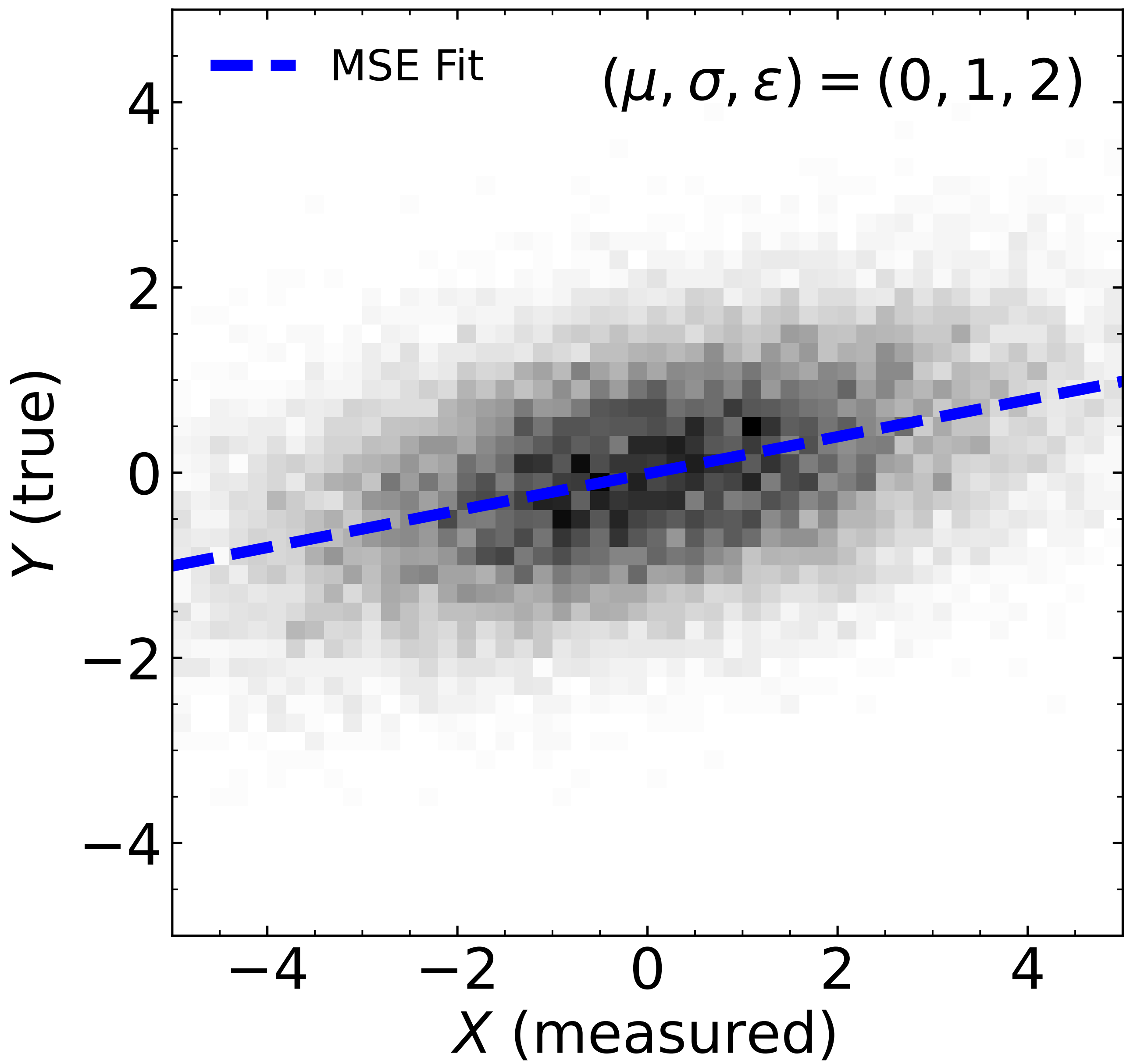

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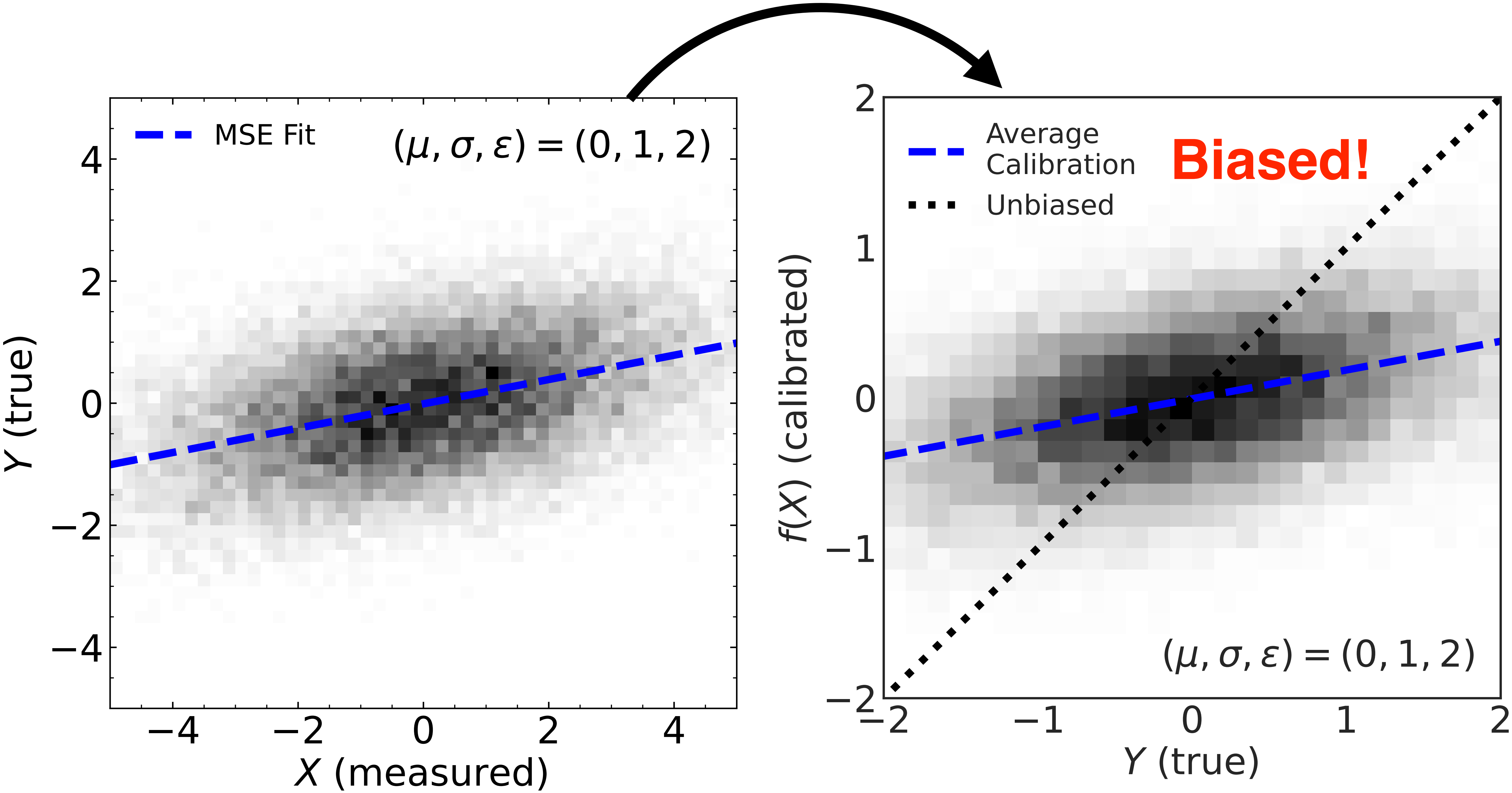

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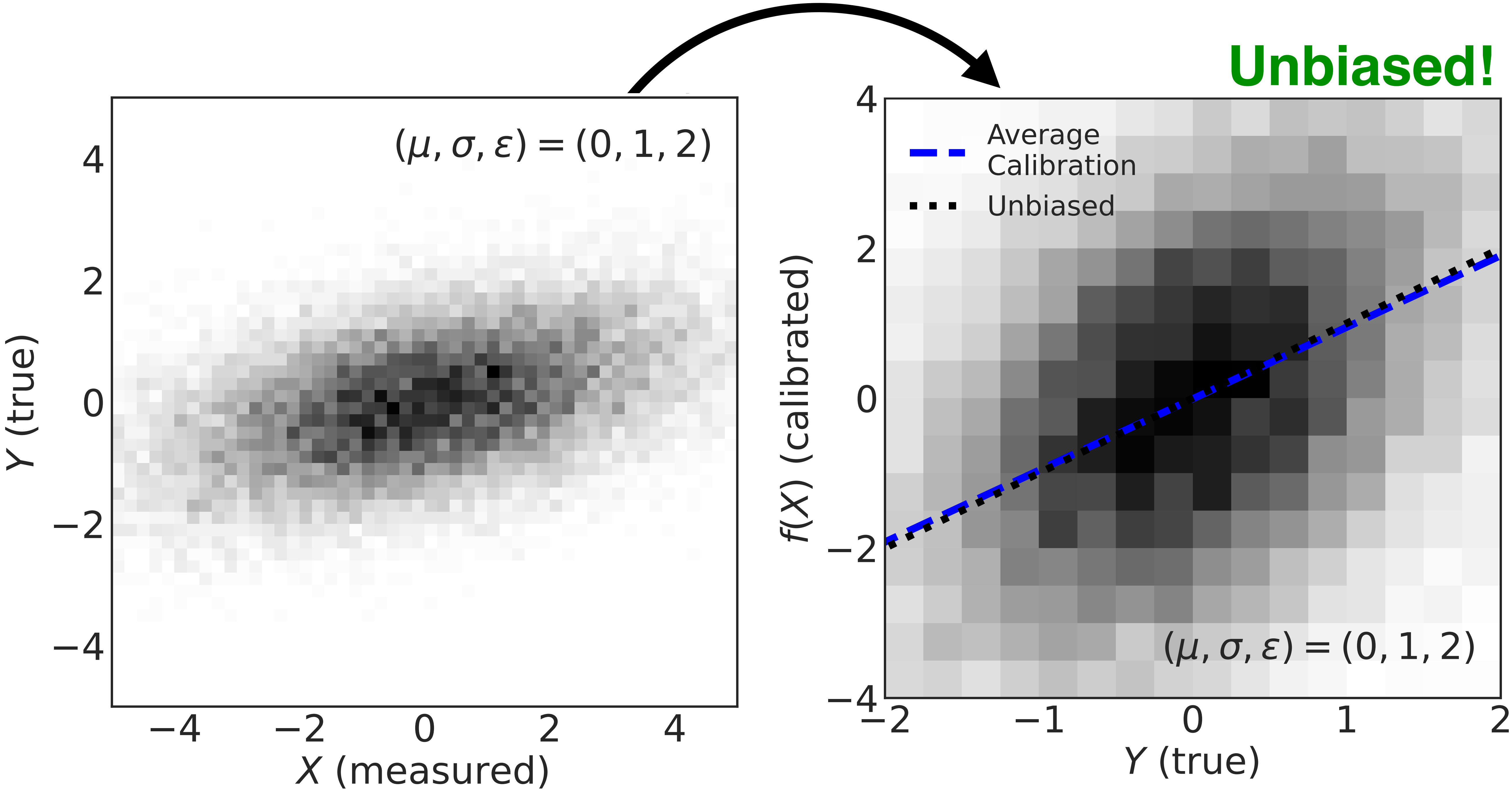
Gaussian Example: MLE instead!



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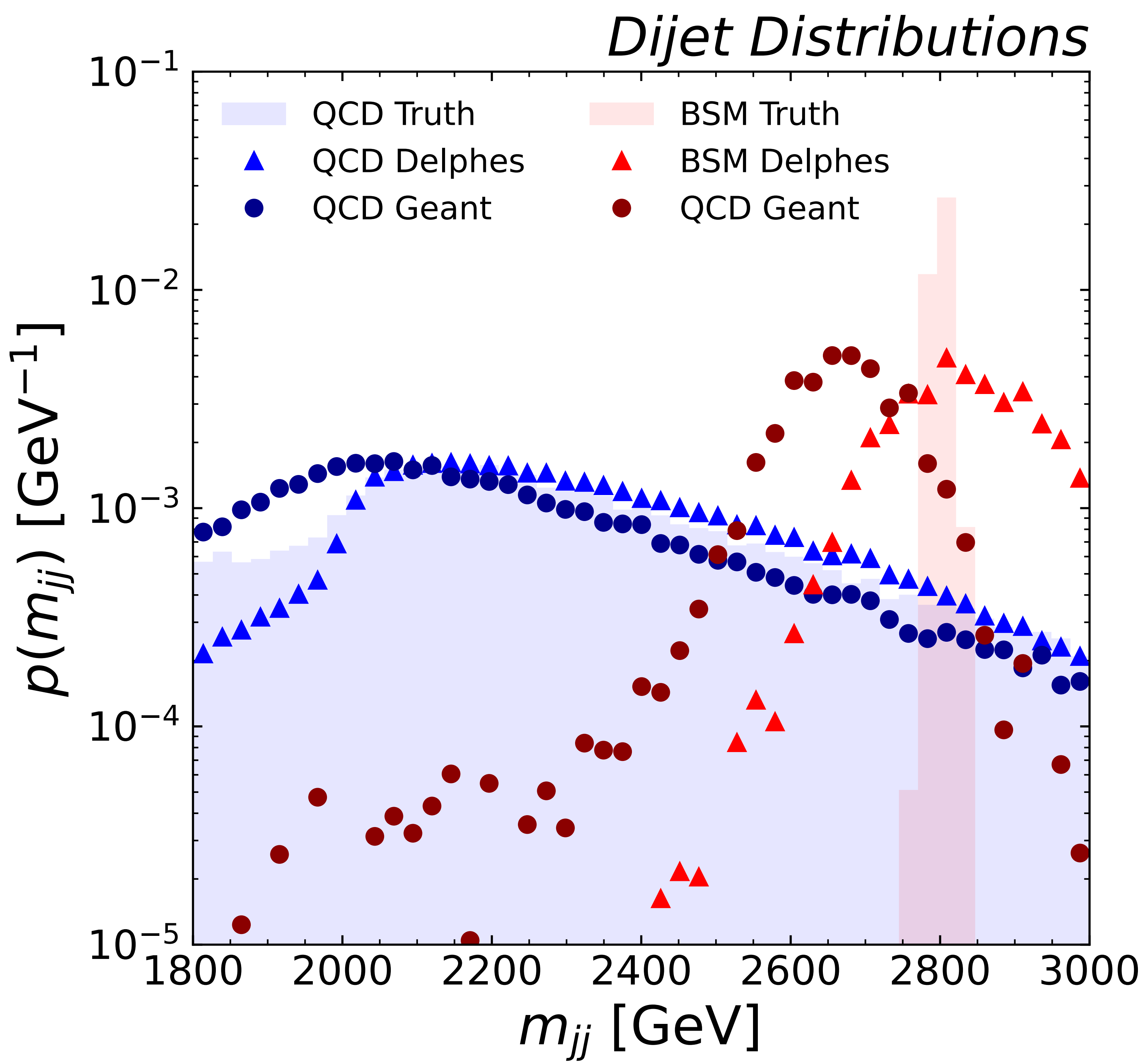

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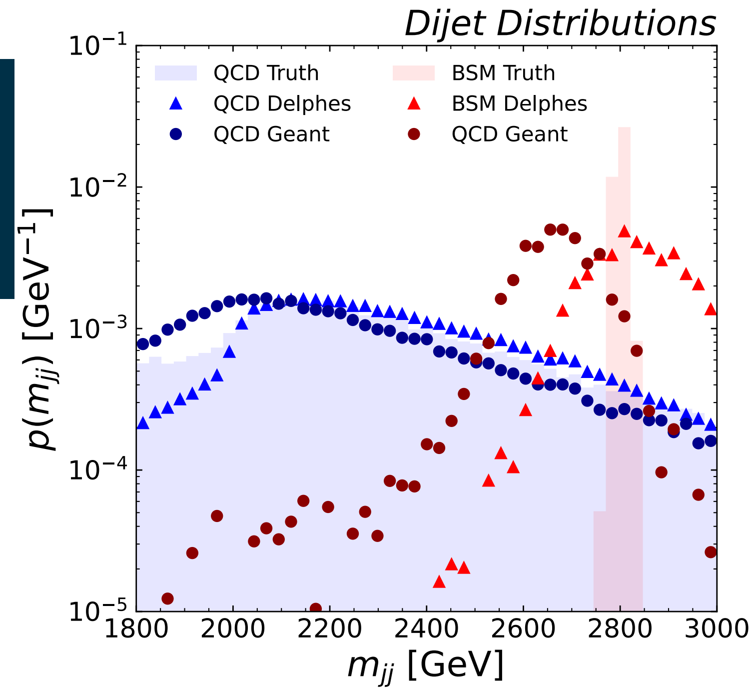
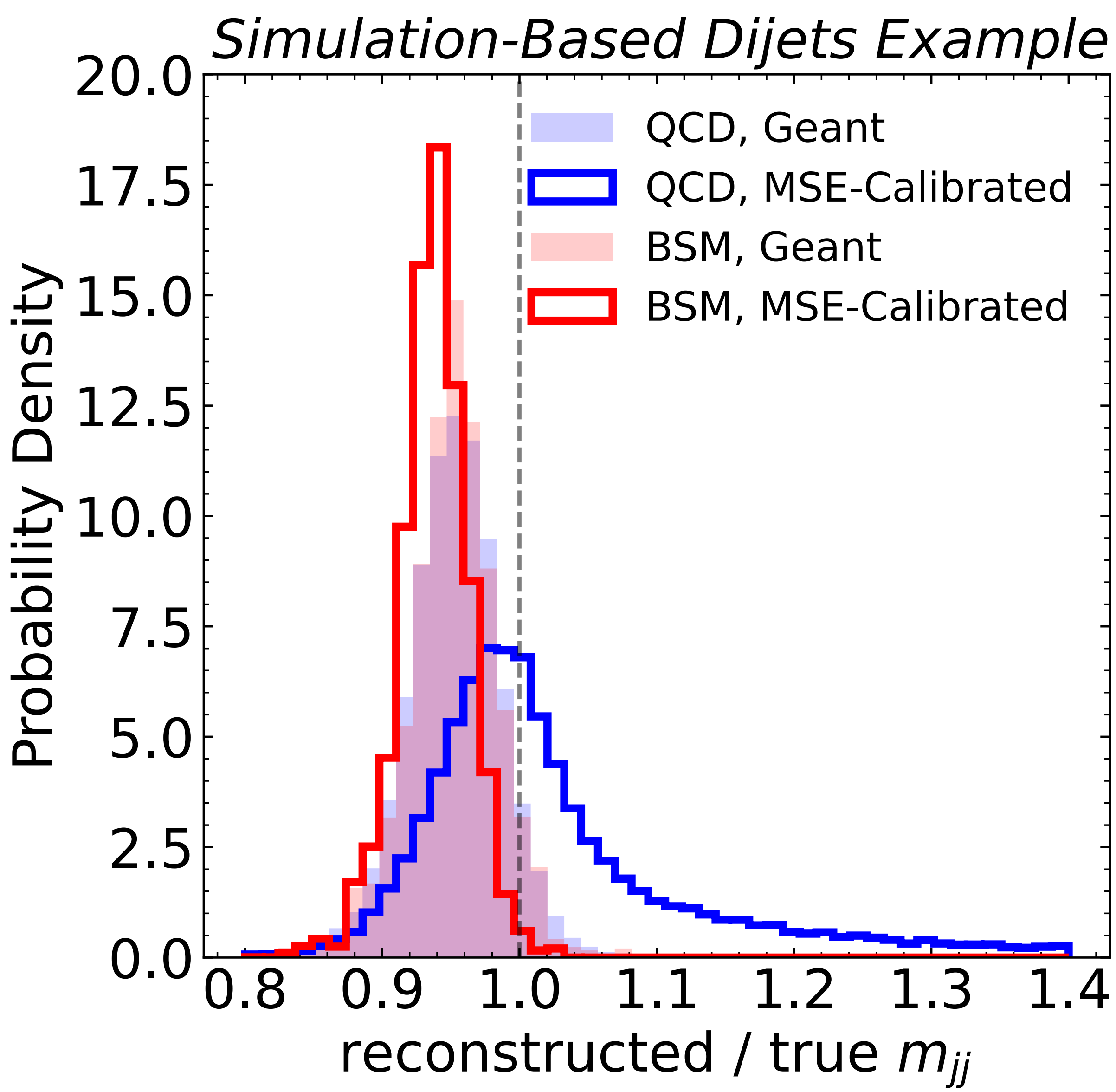
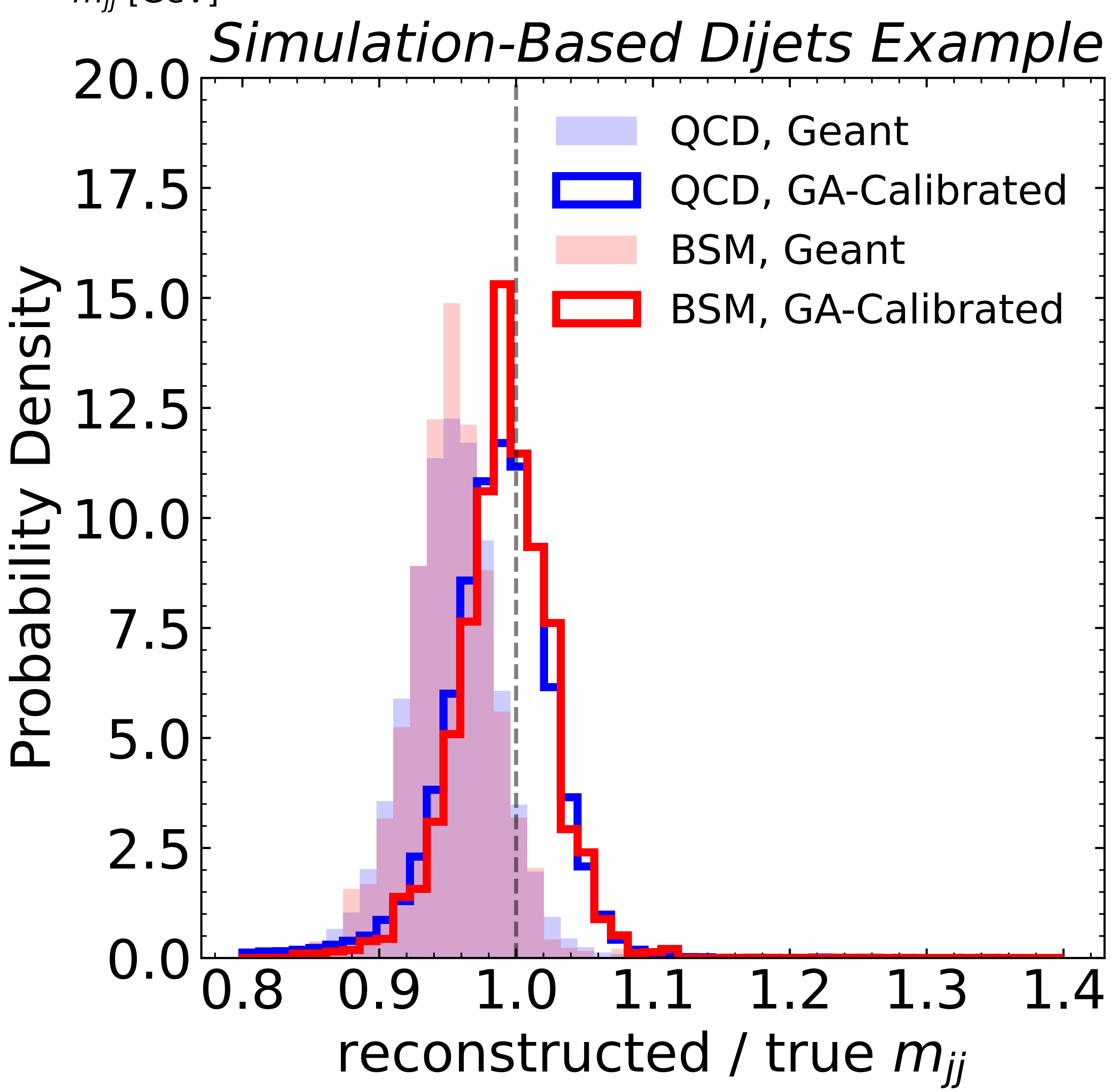
Physics Example

GA = (local) MLE







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Particle Physics + Machine Learning

(II) Theory of everything

Fast simulation / phase space

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Physics simulators

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Detector-level observables

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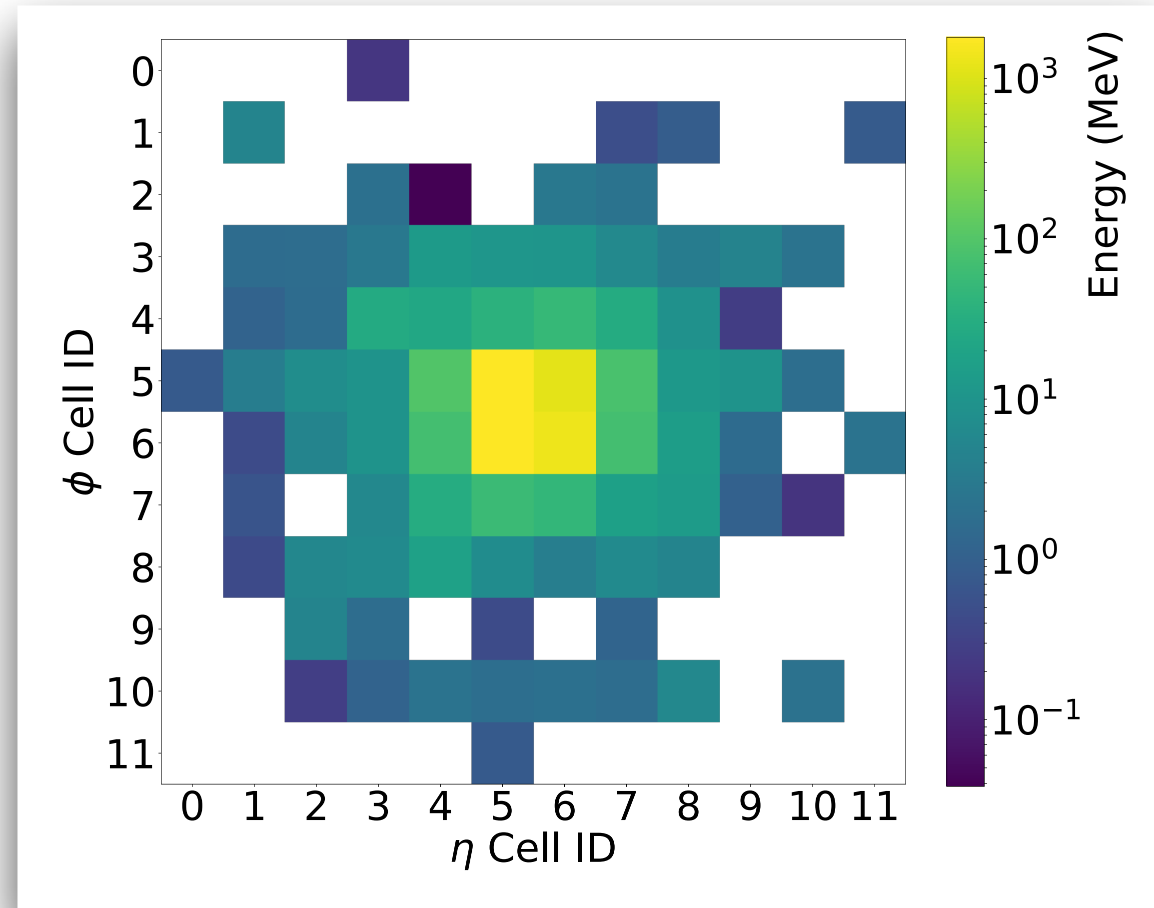
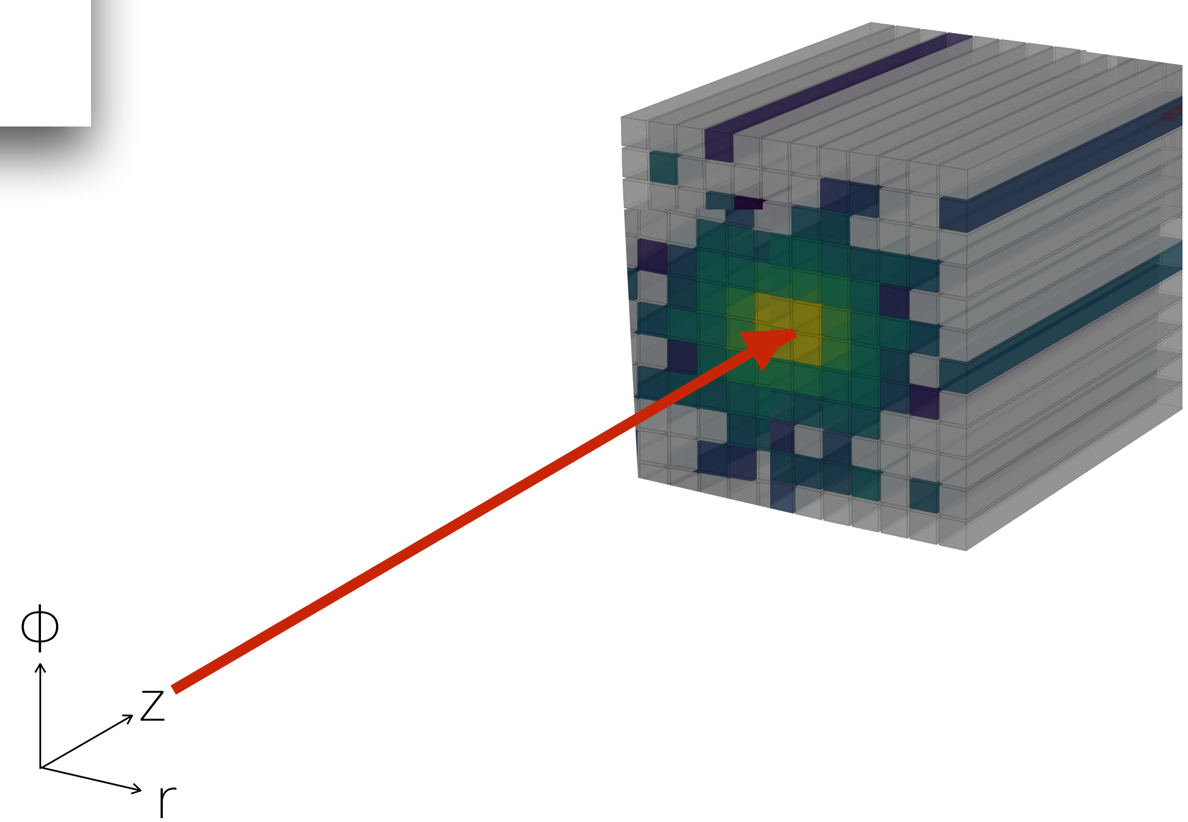
Surrogate Models with ML



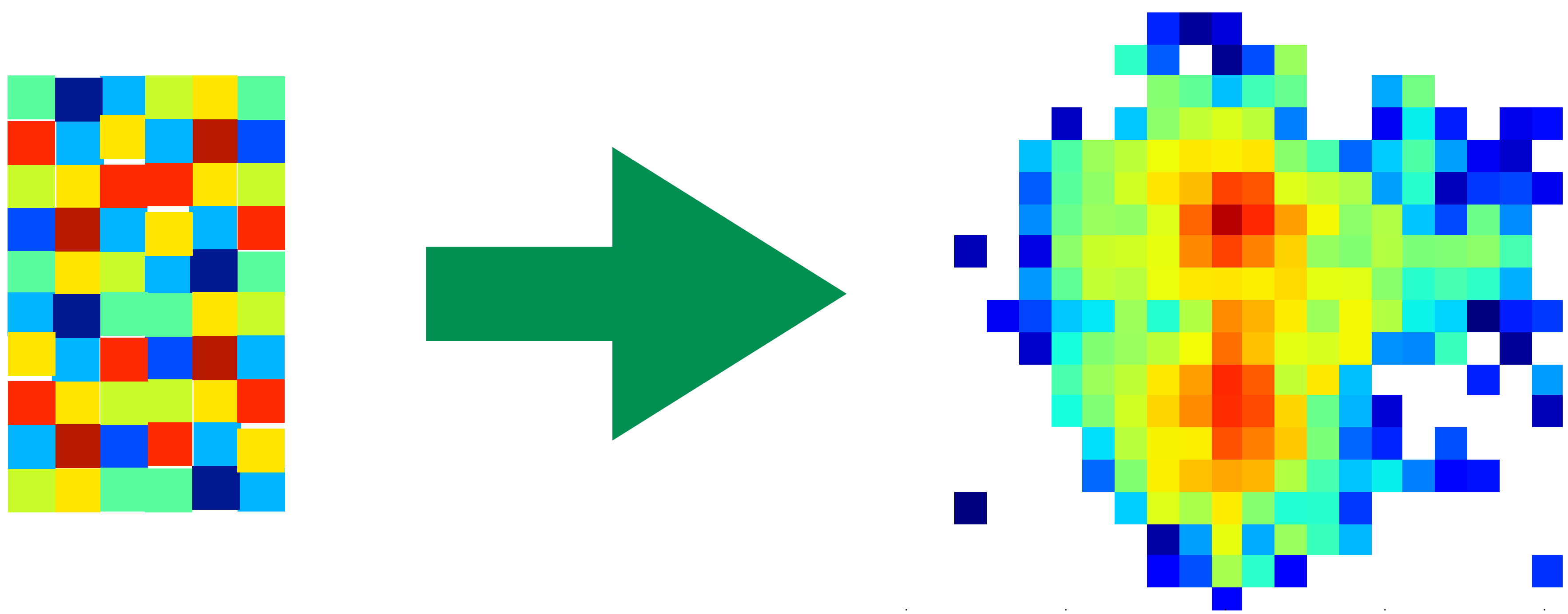
Can we train a neural network to emulate the detector simulation?



Grayscale images: Pixel intensity = energy deposited

Introduction: generative models

A **generator** is nothing other than a function that maps random numbers to structure.



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Tools

GANs

Generative Adversarial Networks

Score-based

NFs

Normalizing Flows

VAEs

Variational Autoencoders

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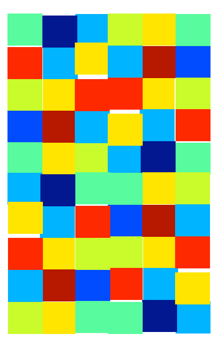
Introduction: GANs

Generative Adversarial Networks (GANs):
A two-network game where one ***maps noise to structure*** *and one* ***classifies images as fake or real****.*



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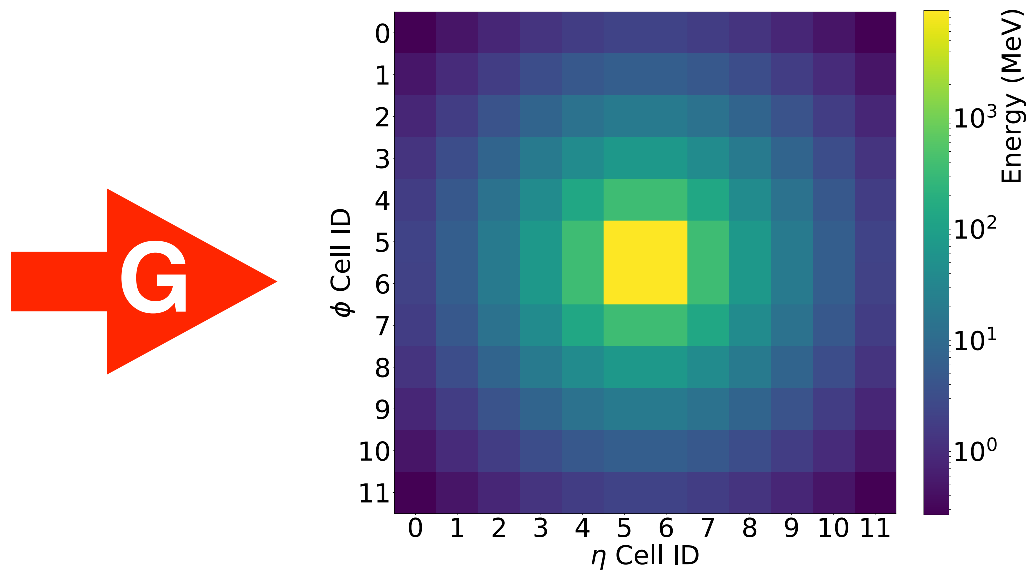
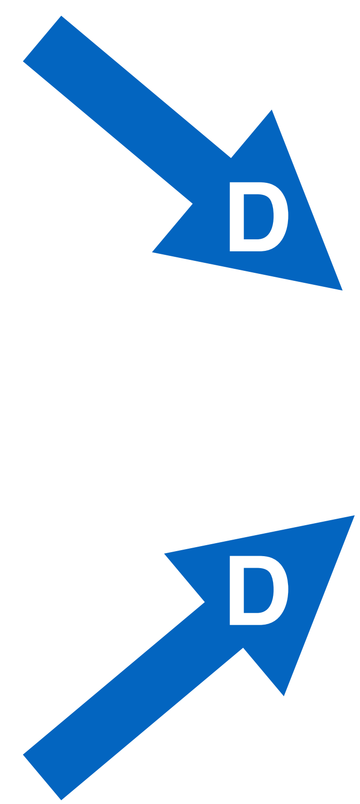
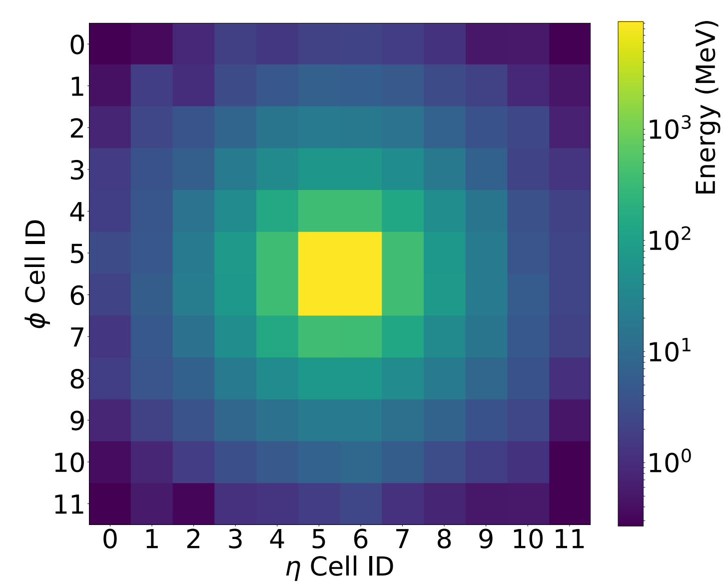




{real,fake}

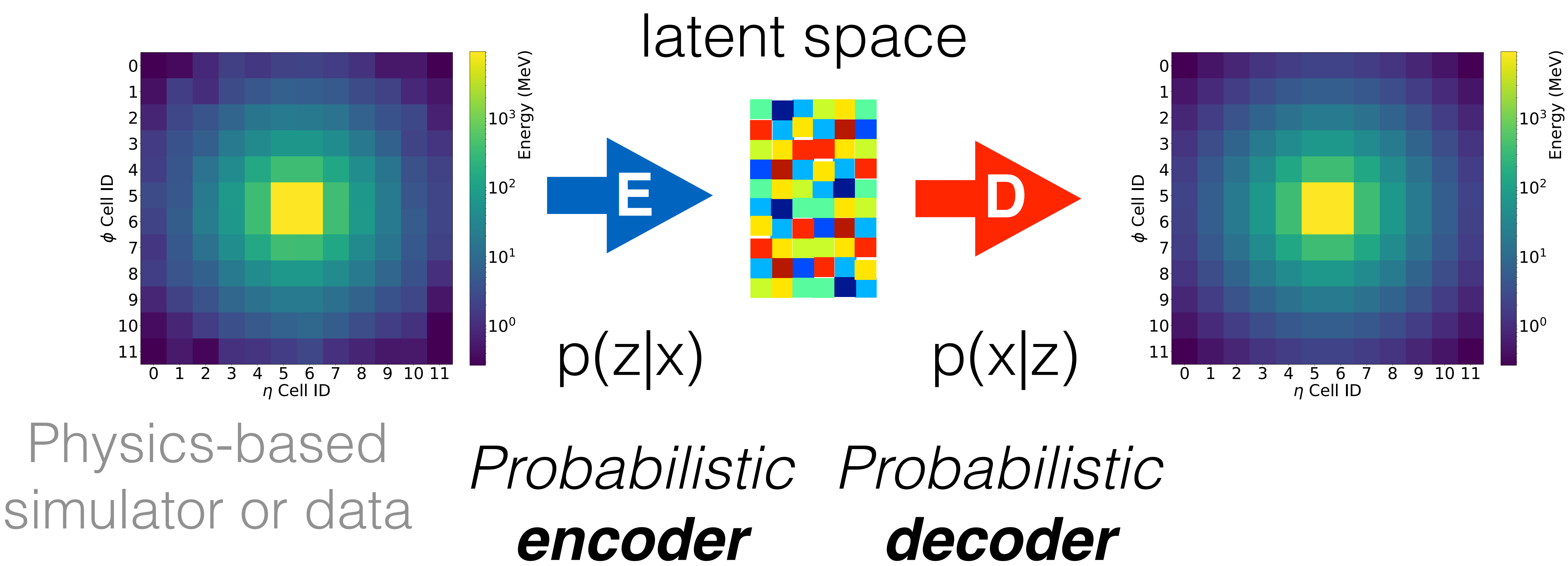
When **D** is maximally confused, **G** will be a good generator



Physics-based simulator or data

Introduction: VAEs

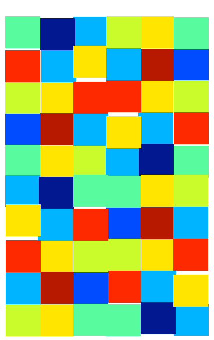
Variational Autoencoders (VAEs):
A pair of networks that embed the data into a latent space with a given prior and decode back to the data space.



Introduction: NFs

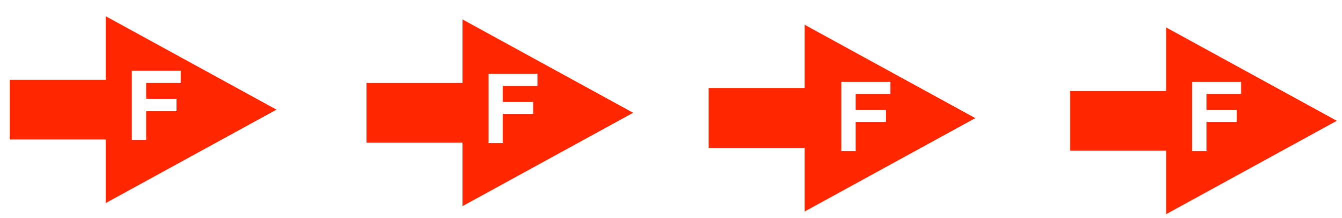
Normalizing Flows (NFs):
A series of invertible transformations mapping a known density into the data density.

Optimize via maximum likelihood

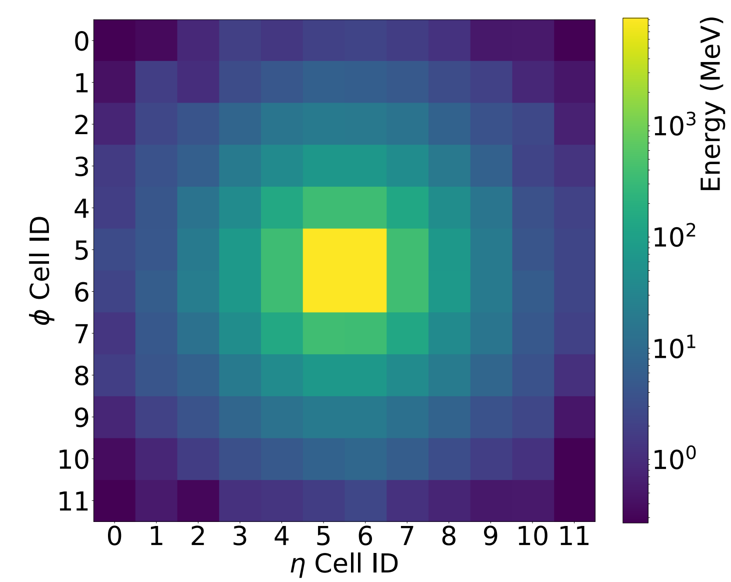


latent space

$p(z)$



Invertible transformations with tractable Jacobians



$$p(x) = p(z)\, |dF^{-1}/dx|$$

$p(x)$

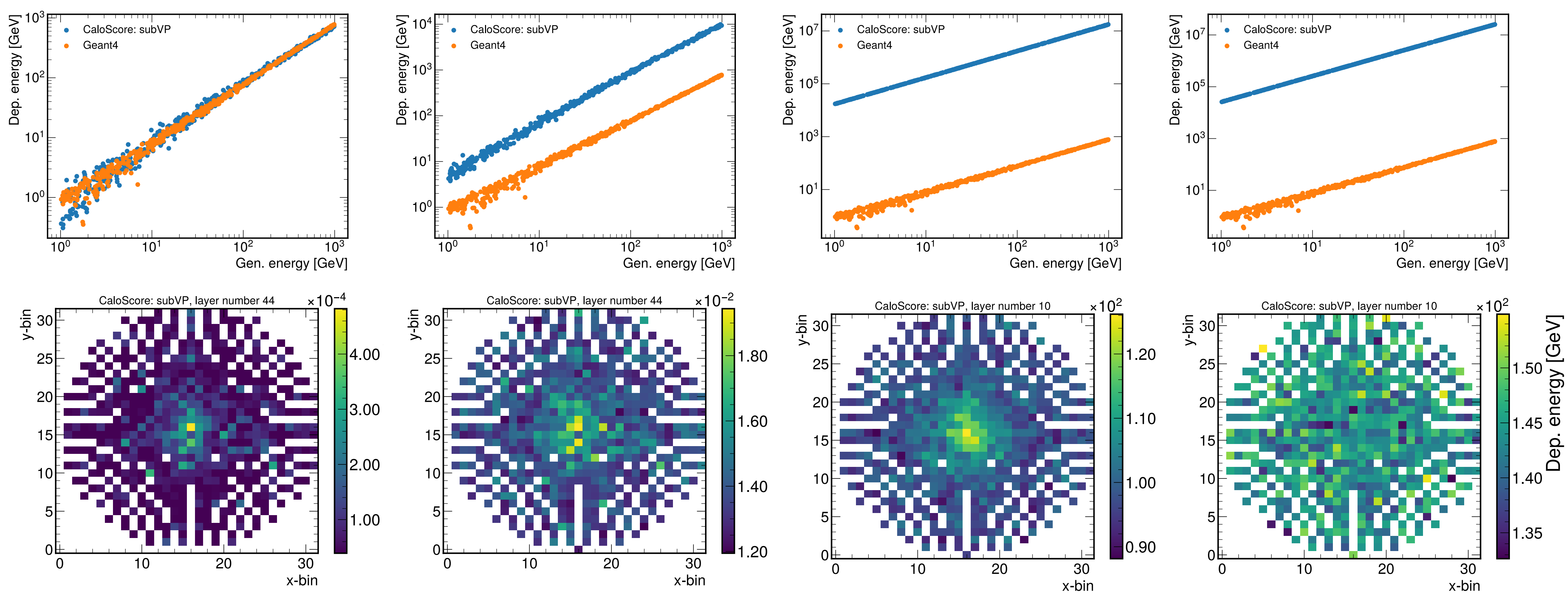
Introduction: Score-based

Score-based

Learn the gradient of the density instead of the probability density itself.

Forward diffusion (training)

t=0 **t=0.25** **t=0.75** **t=1**



Reverse-time diffusion (data generation)

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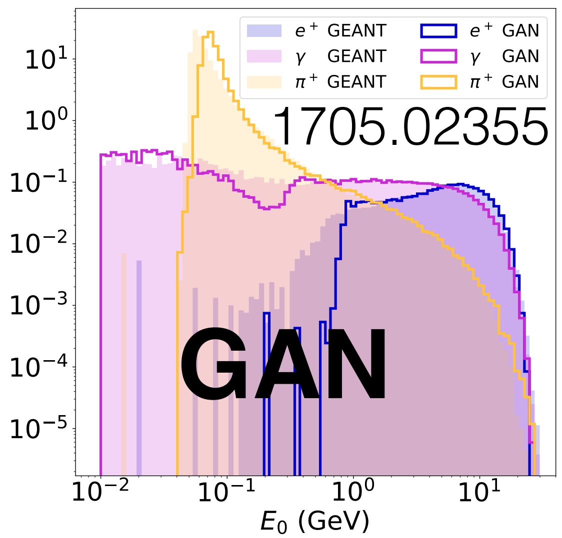
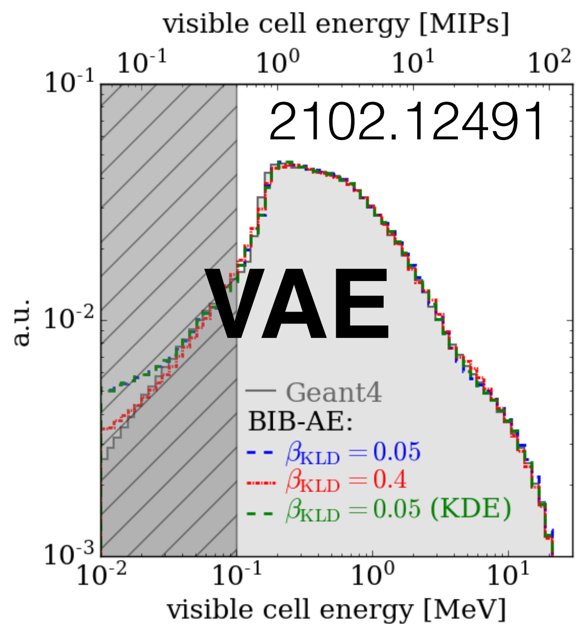
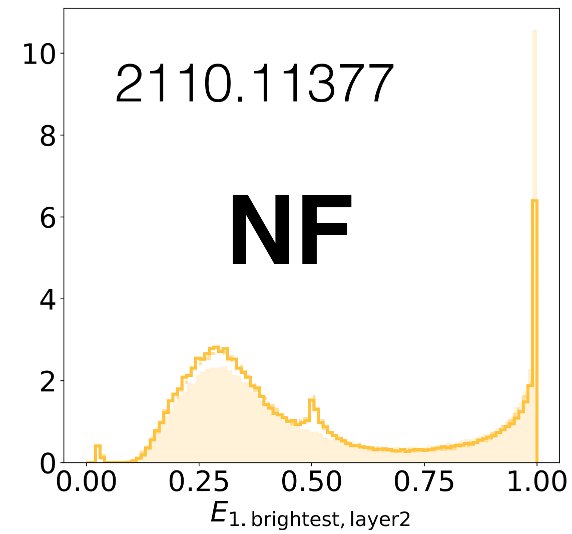
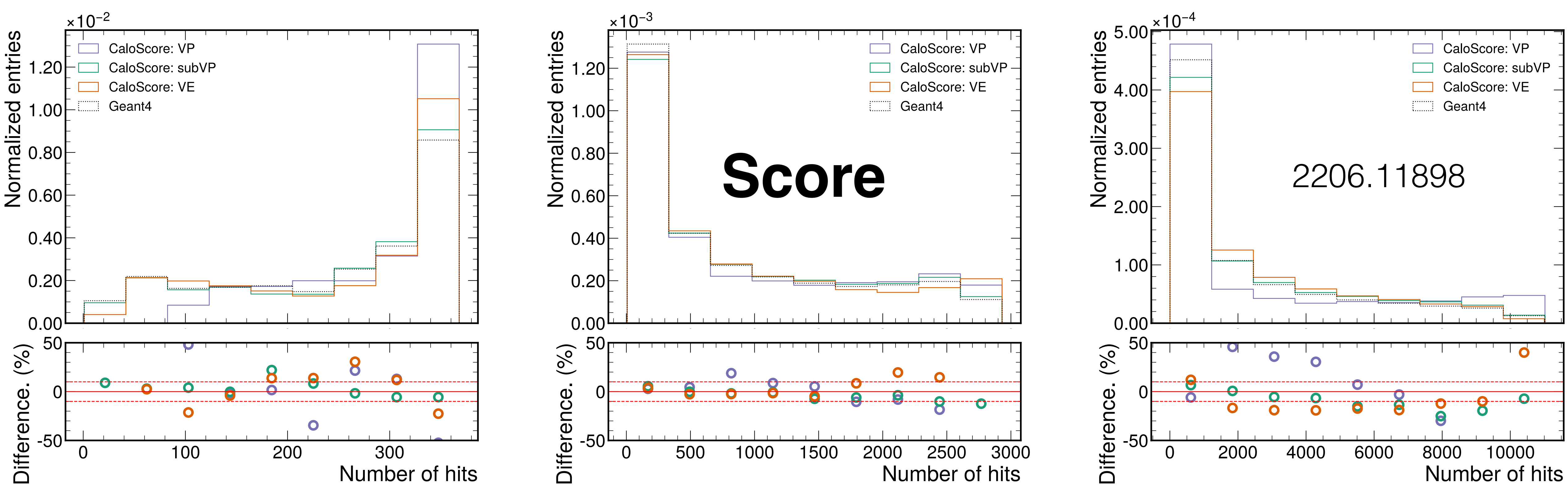
Calorimeter ML Surrogate Models







Many papers on this subject - see the living review for all



See also https://calochallenge.github.io/homepage/ and https://calochallenge.github.io/homepage/

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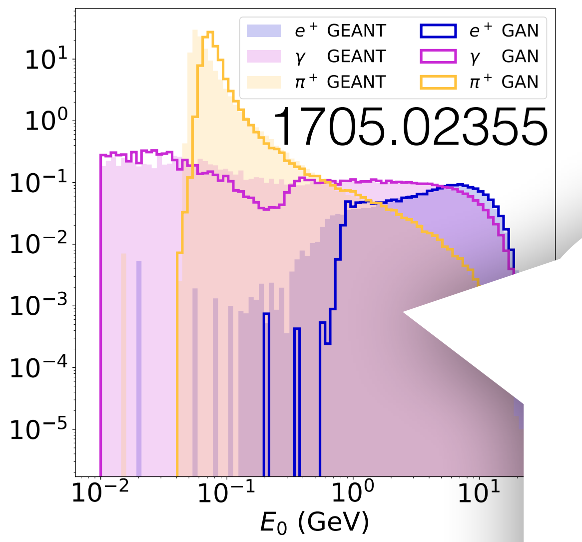
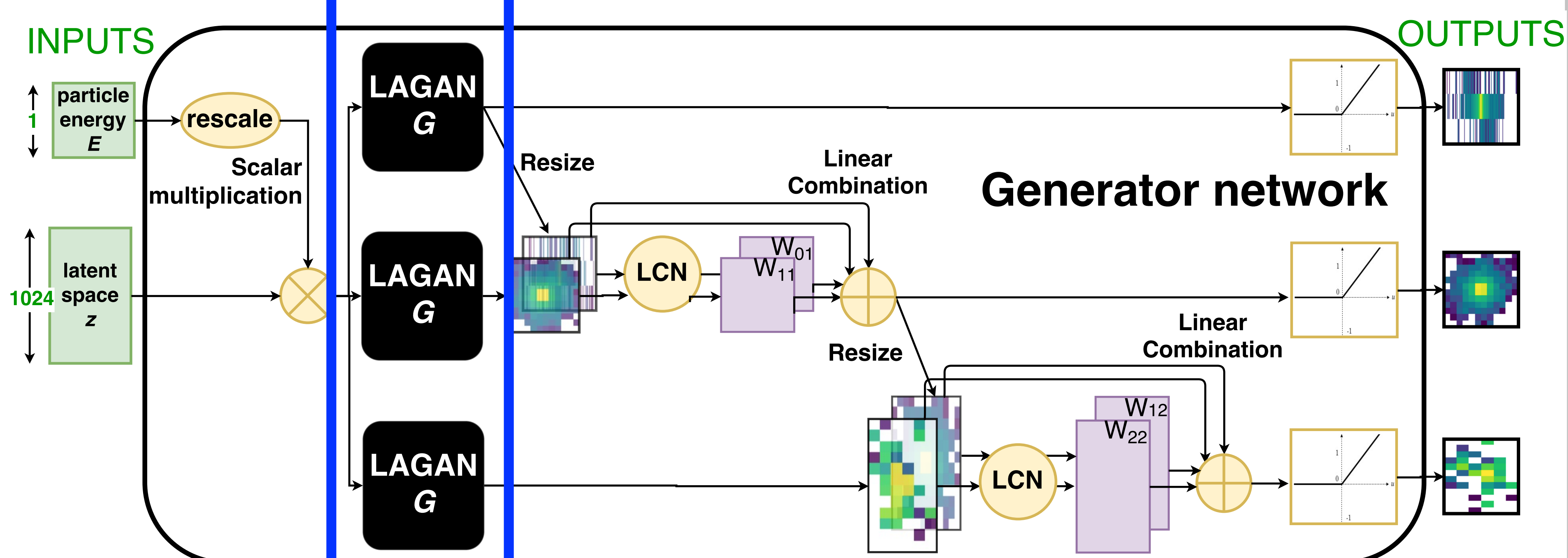


One image per calo layer

One network per particle type; input particle energy



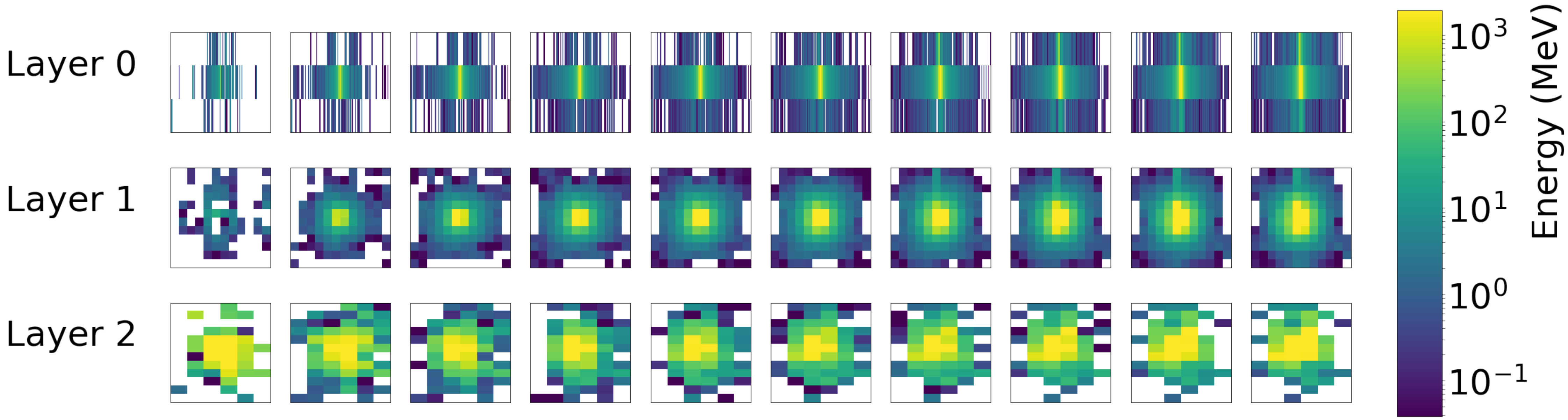
LA = Locally Aware, like a CNN

use layer i as input to layer i+1

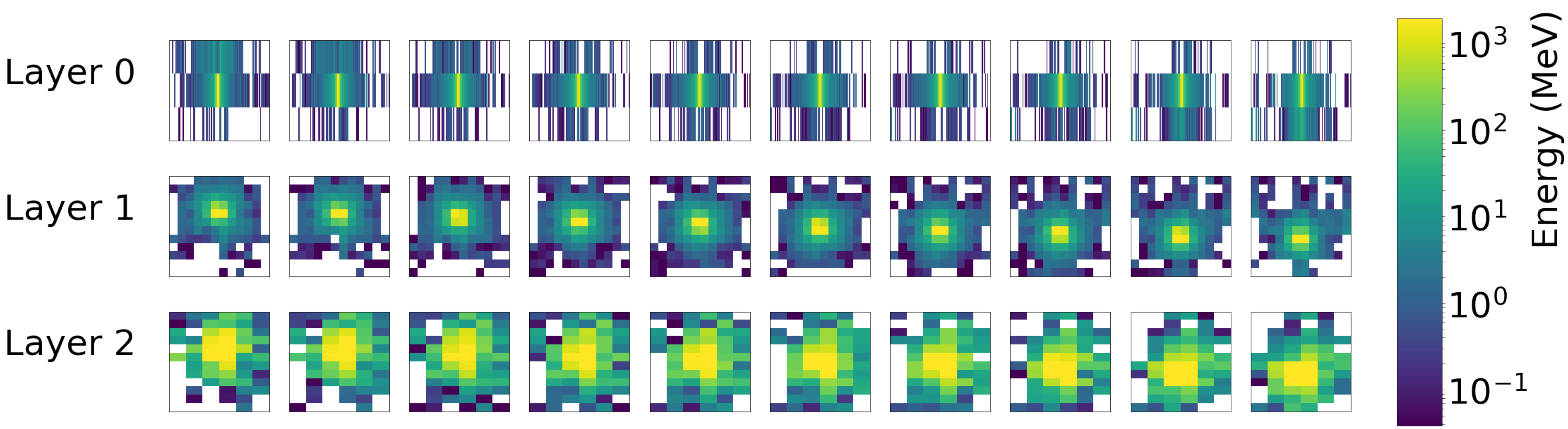
ReLU to encourage sparsity

Conditioning

Fix noise, scan latent variable corresponding to energy



Fix noise, scan latent variable corresponding to x-position



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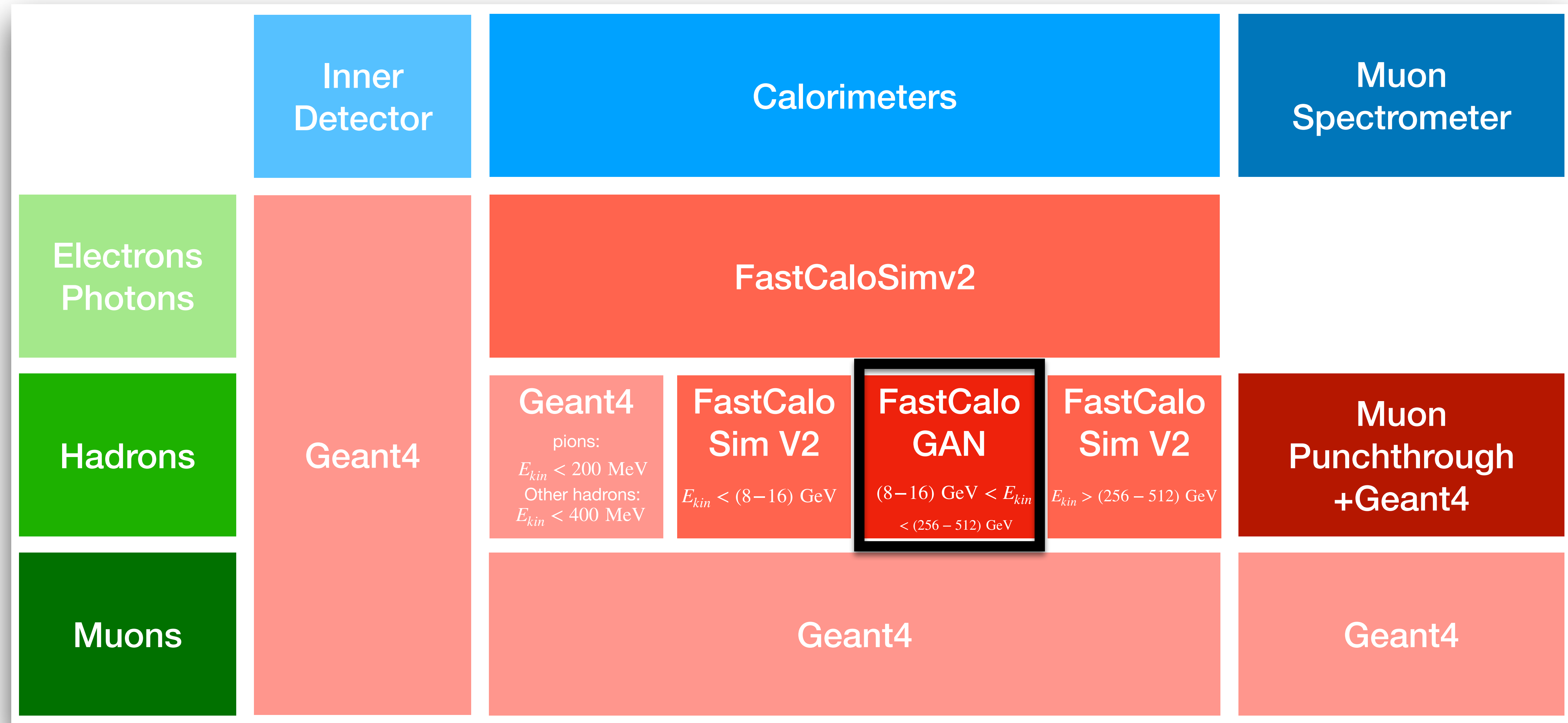

Our (ATLAS Collaboration) fast simulation (AF3) now includes a GAN at intermediate energies for pions

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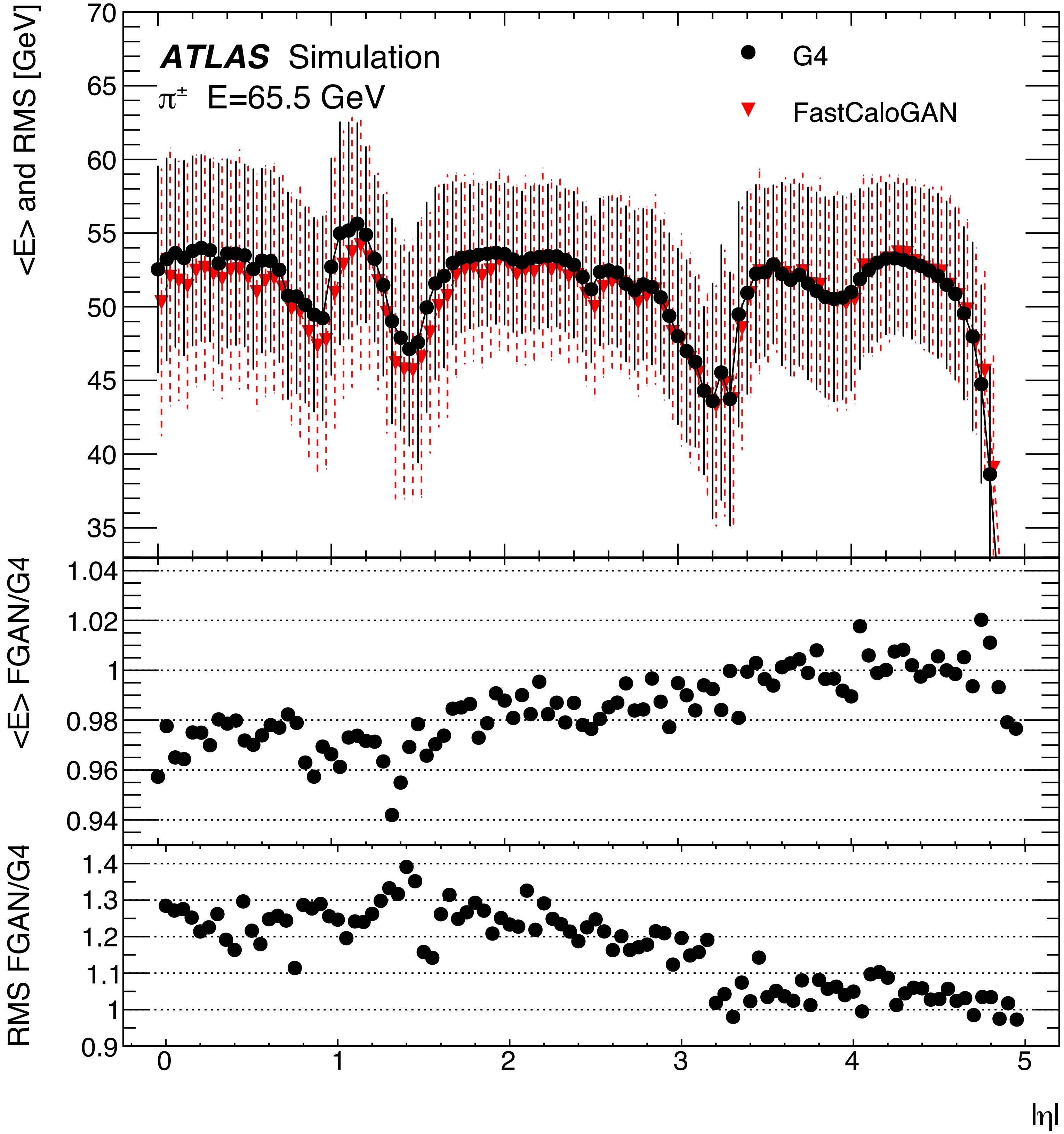

The GAN architecture is relatively simple, but it is able to match the energy scale and resolution well.

There is one GAN per η slice

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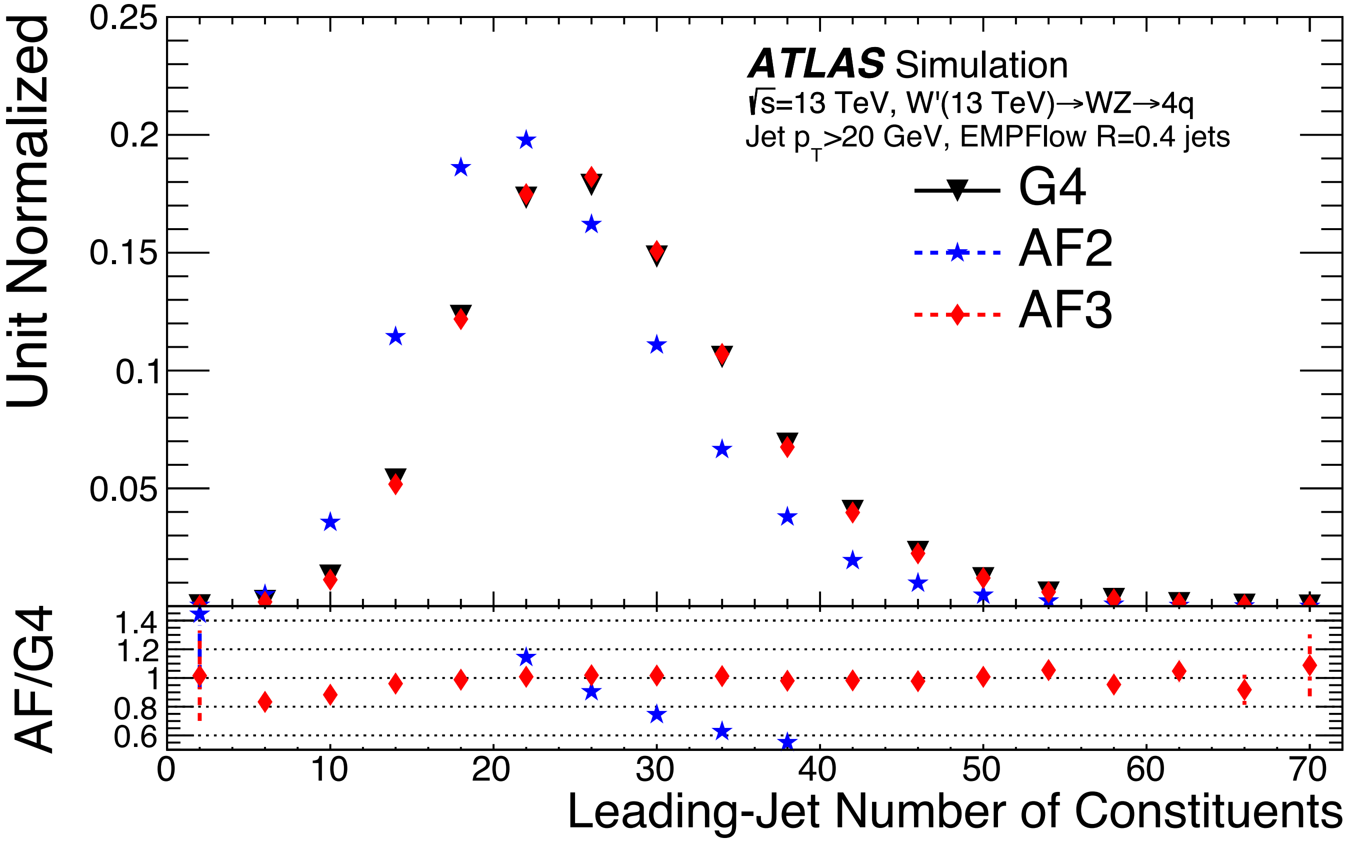
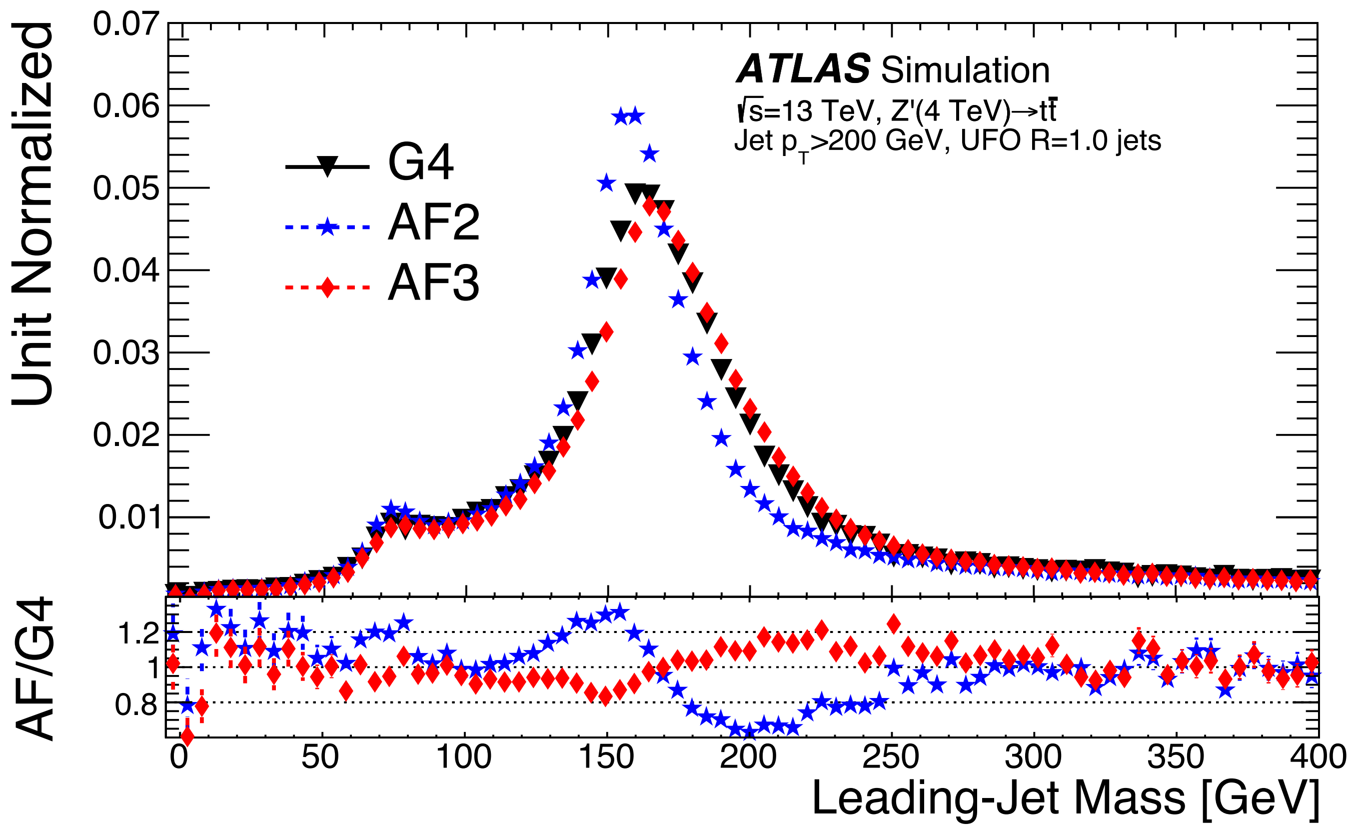


The new fast simulation (**AF3**) significantly improves jet substructure with respect to the older one (**AF2**)

Ideally, the same calibrations derived for full sim. (Geant4-based) can be applied to the fast sim.



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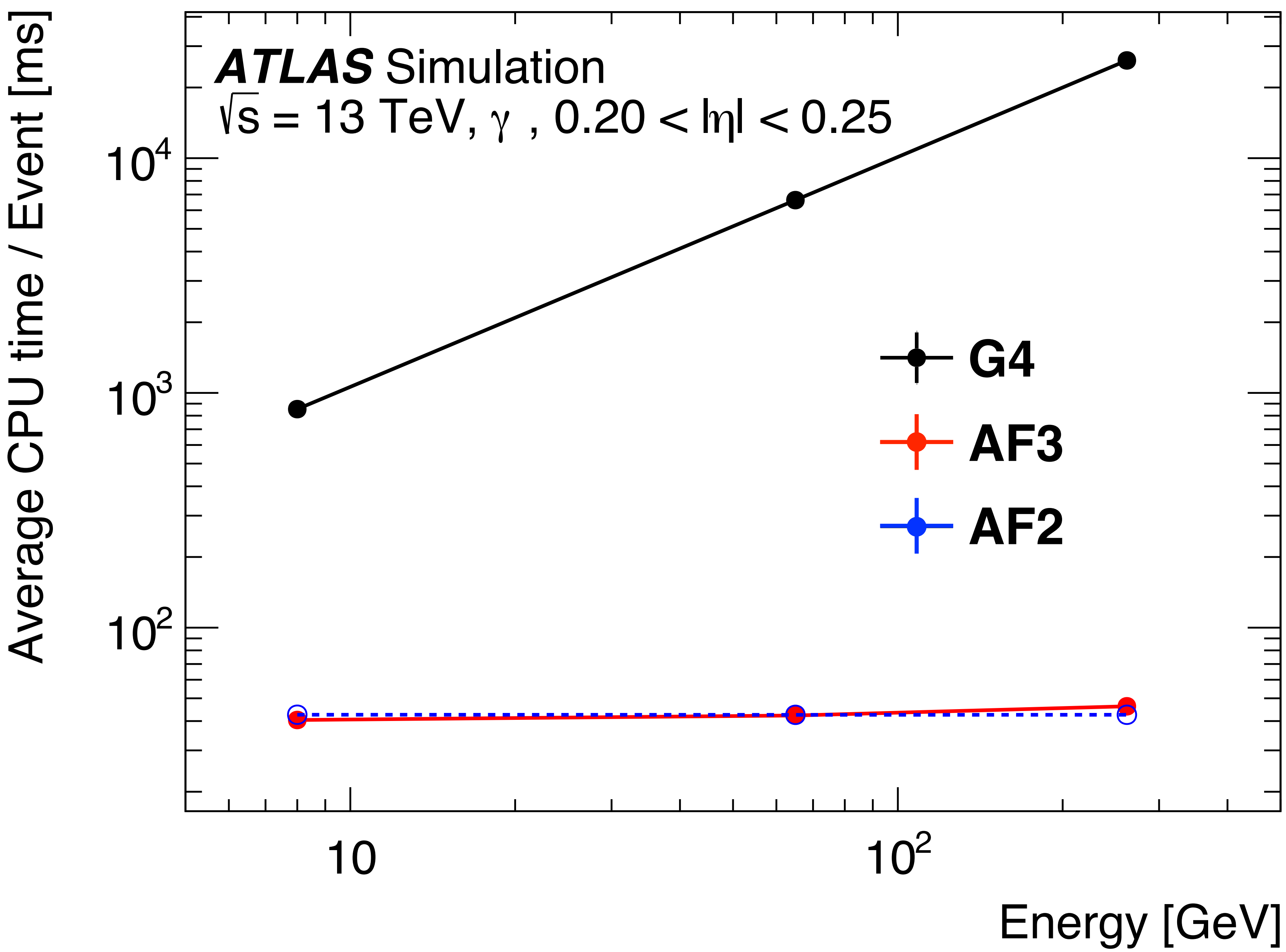

As expected, the fast sim. timing is independent of energy, while Geant4 requires more time for higher energy.

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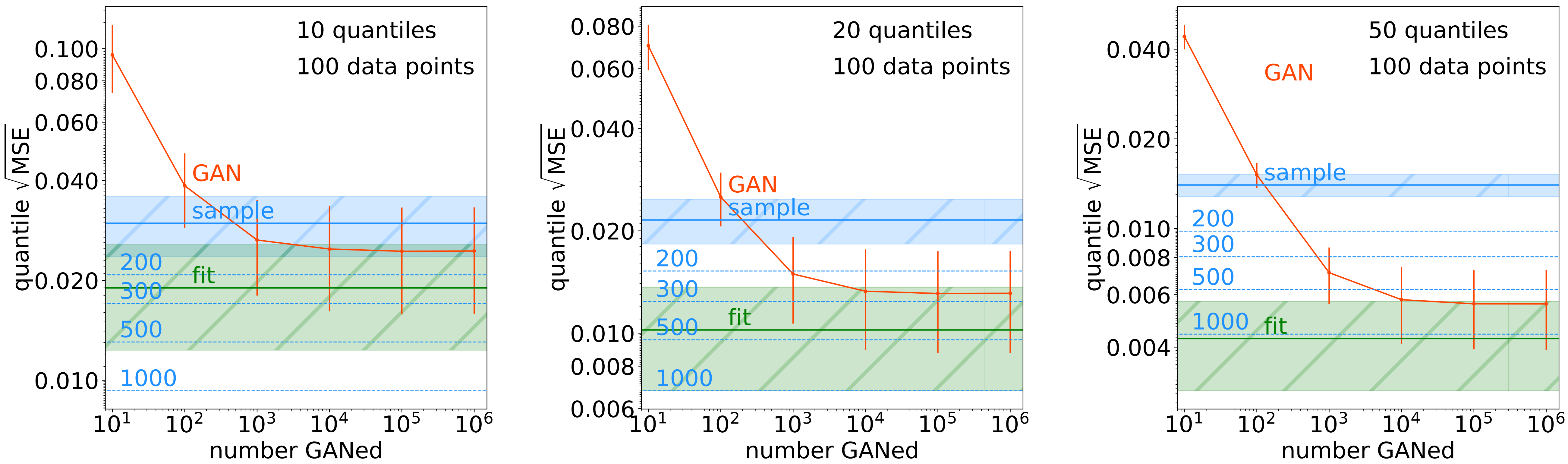

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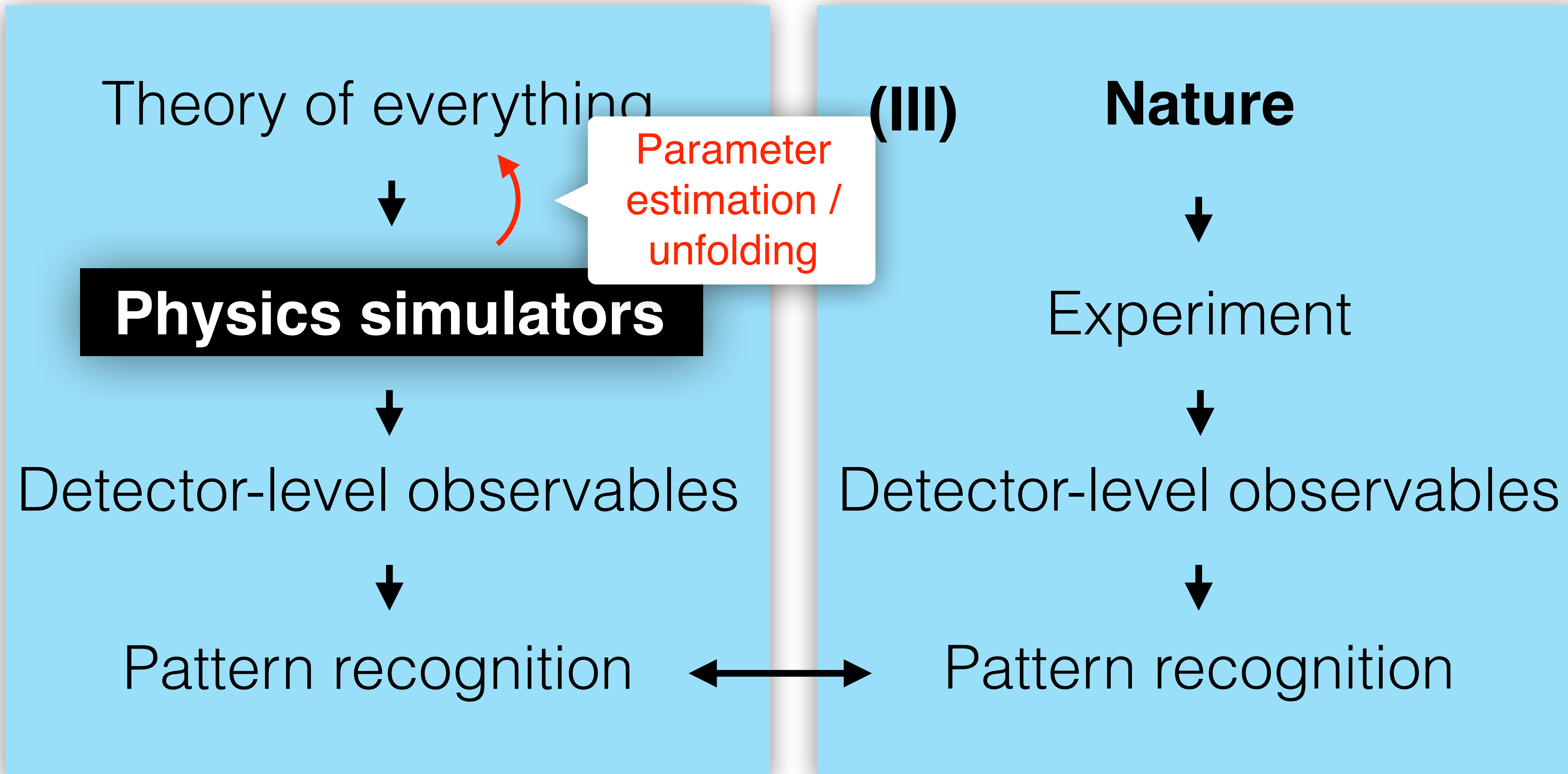

Inverse Problems

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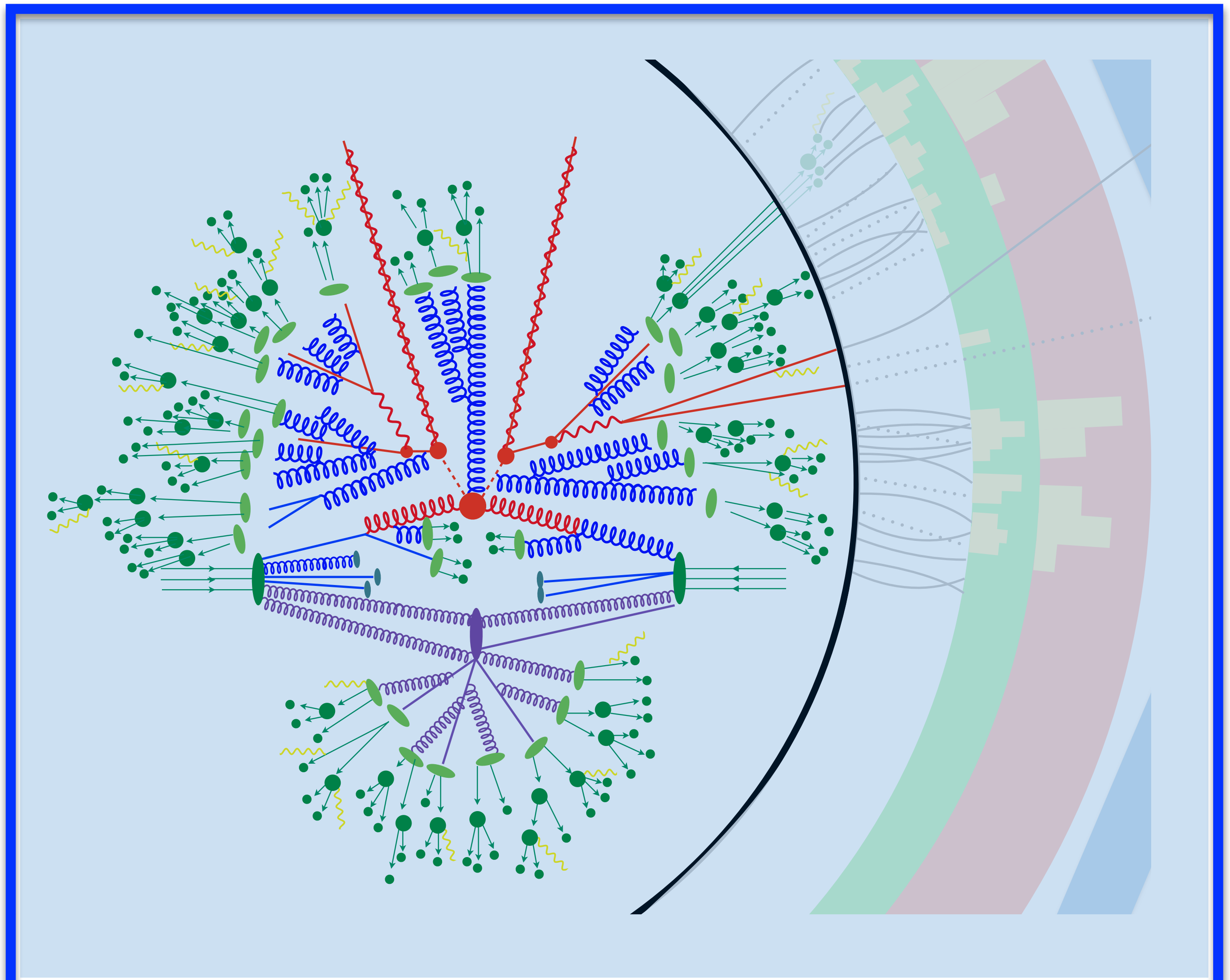
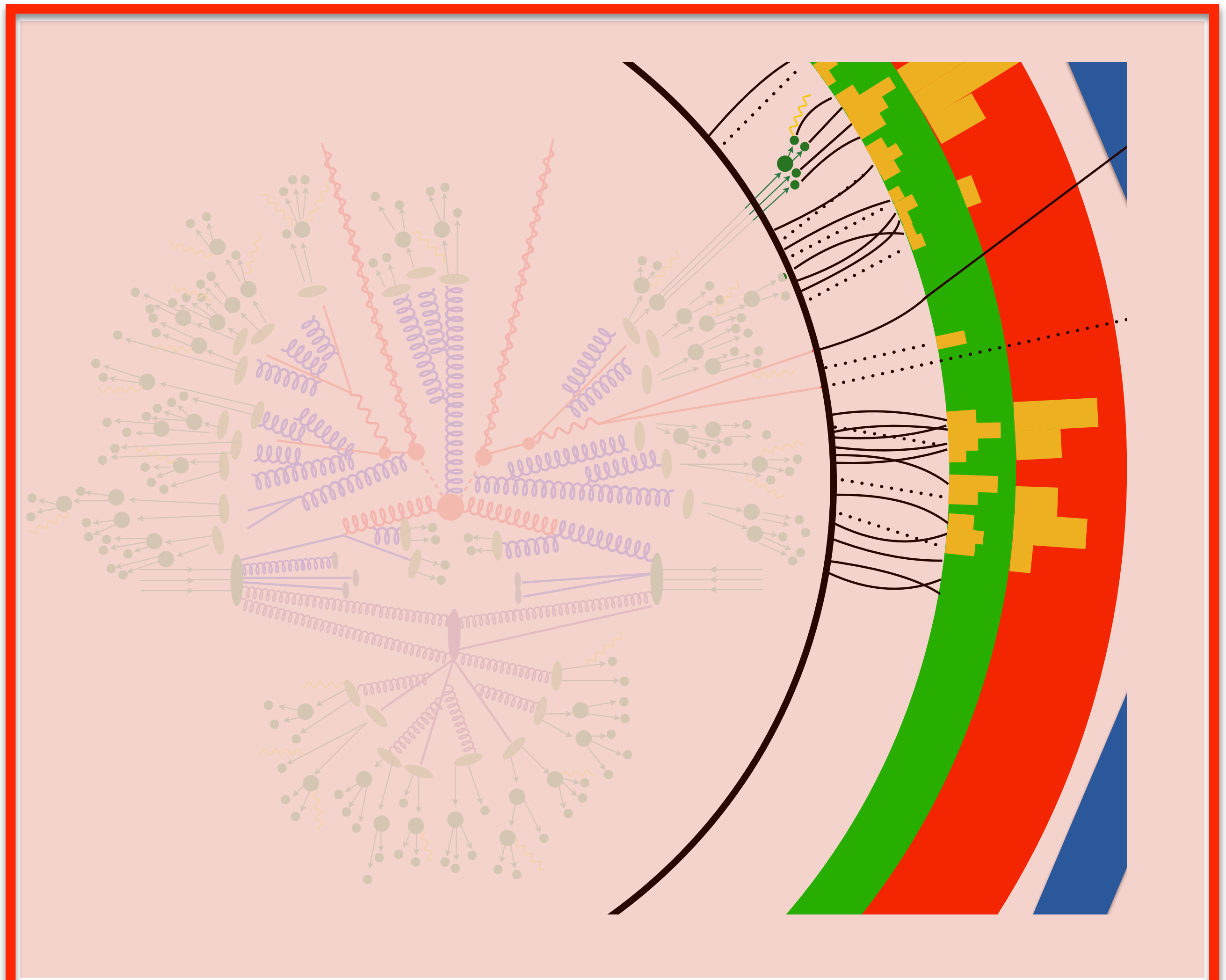
(or the parameters of the generative model)



Measure this



remove detector distortions (unfolding) or parameter estimation

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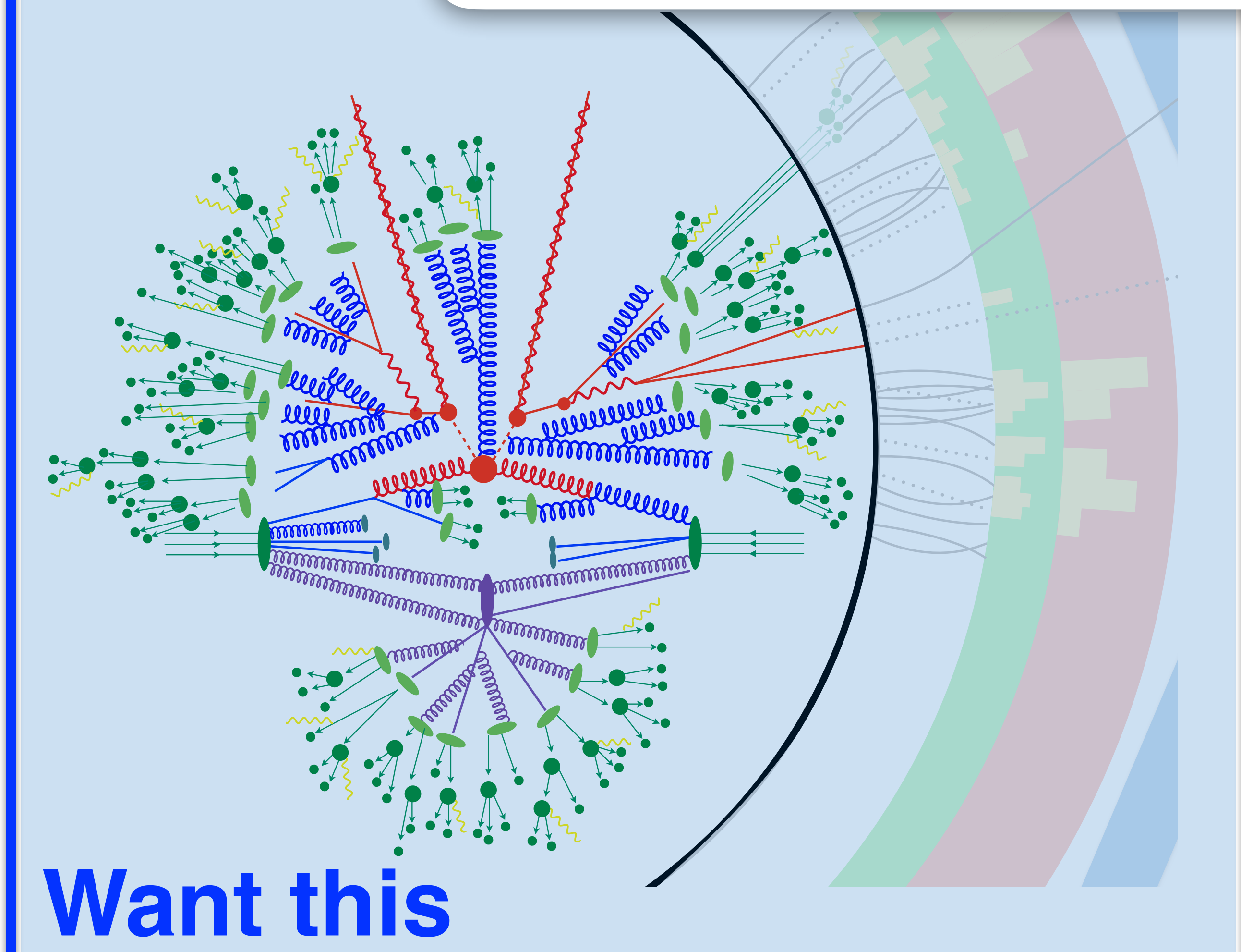

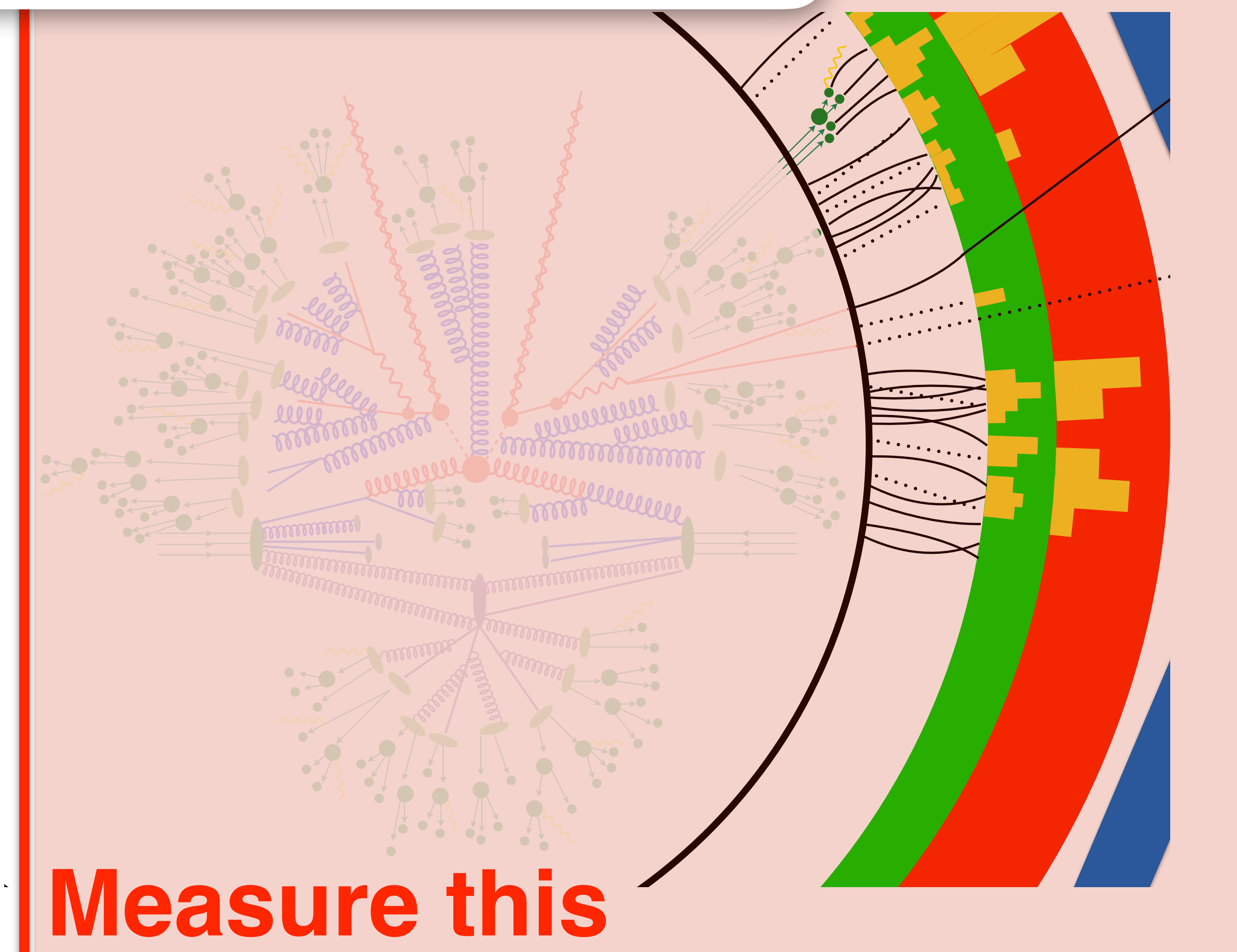

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However: we have **simulators** that we can use to sample from *p(**meas.** | **true**)*

→ **Simulation-based (likelihood-free) inference**

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Basically just a regular derivative:

$$\int dc\, p(x, c)(f(x) - c) = 0 \implies f(x) = E[c \,|\, x]$$

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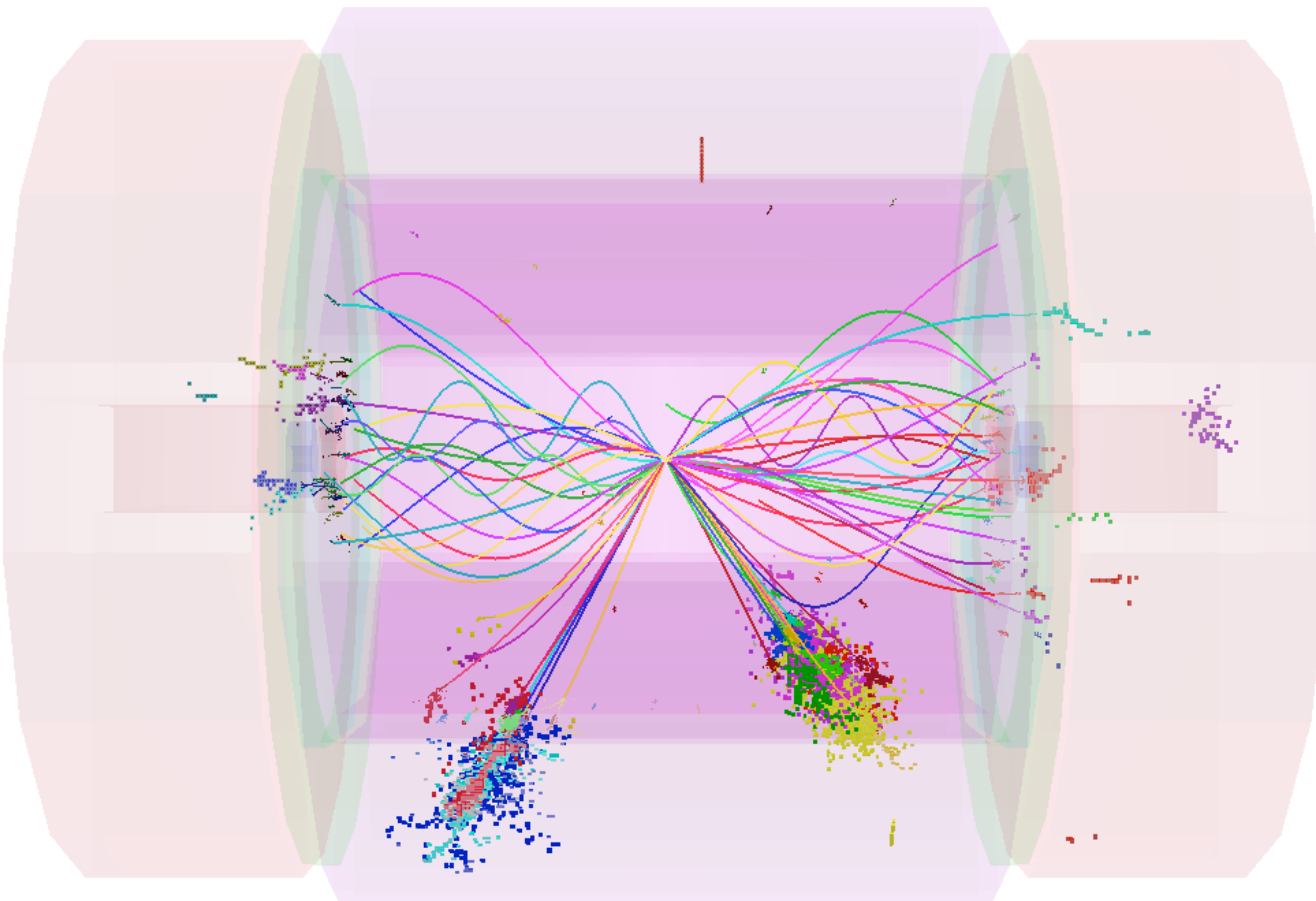


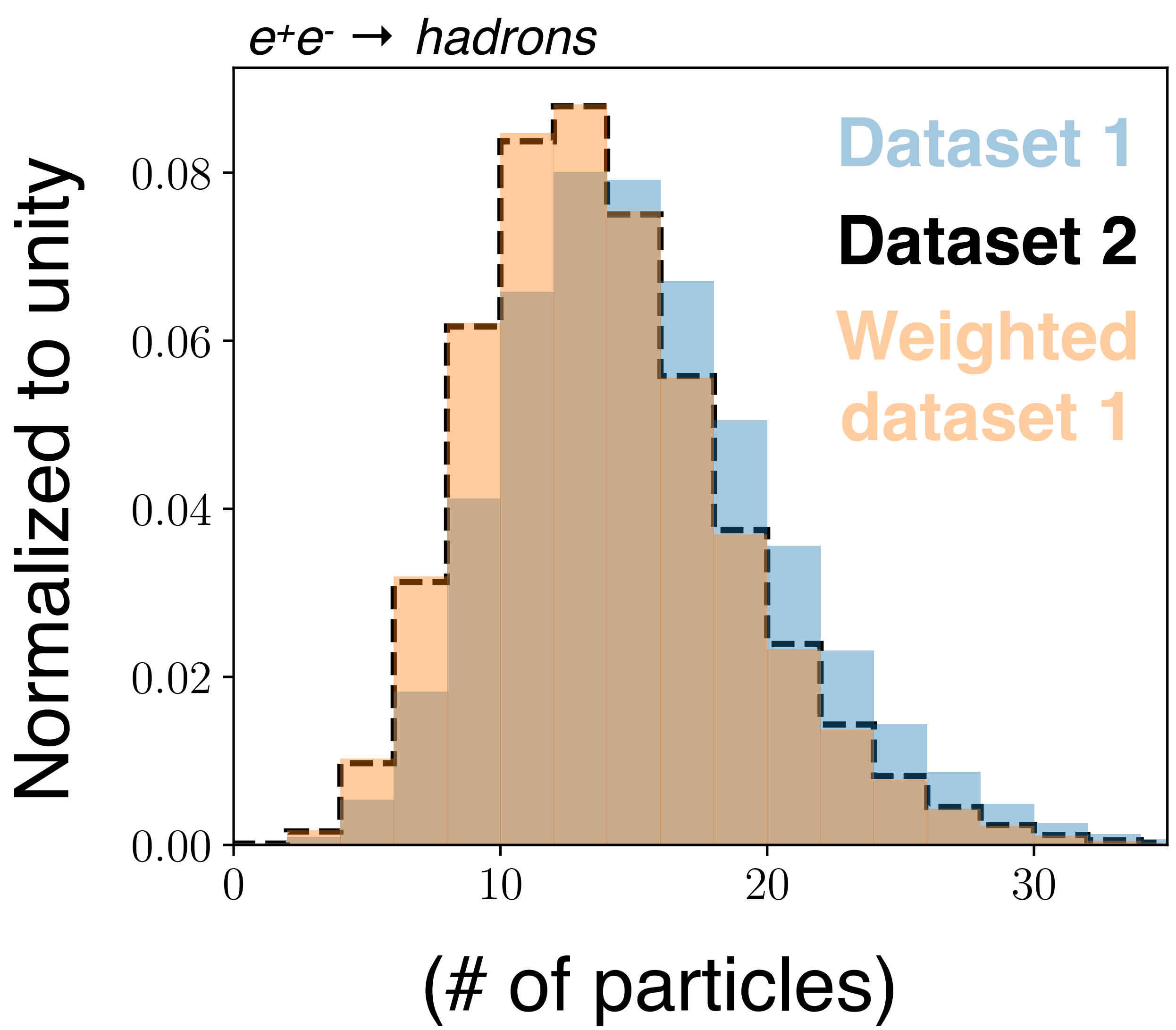
Benefit: easy to integrate complex data structure (symmetries, etc.)

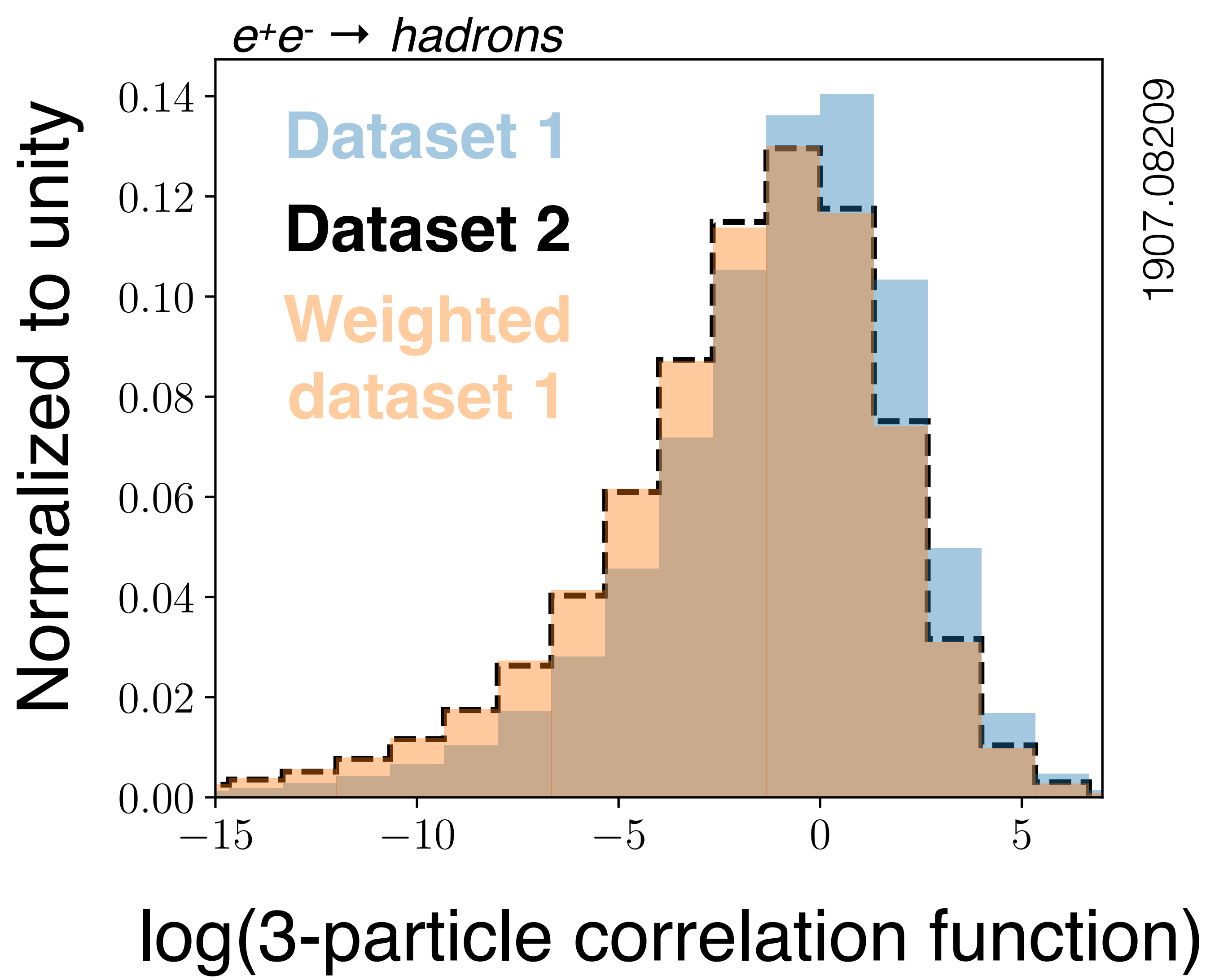
Downside: large weights when θ is far from θ_0

Image: Linear Collider Detector Project

Classification for reweighting

Reweight the **full phase space** and then check for various binned 1D observables.





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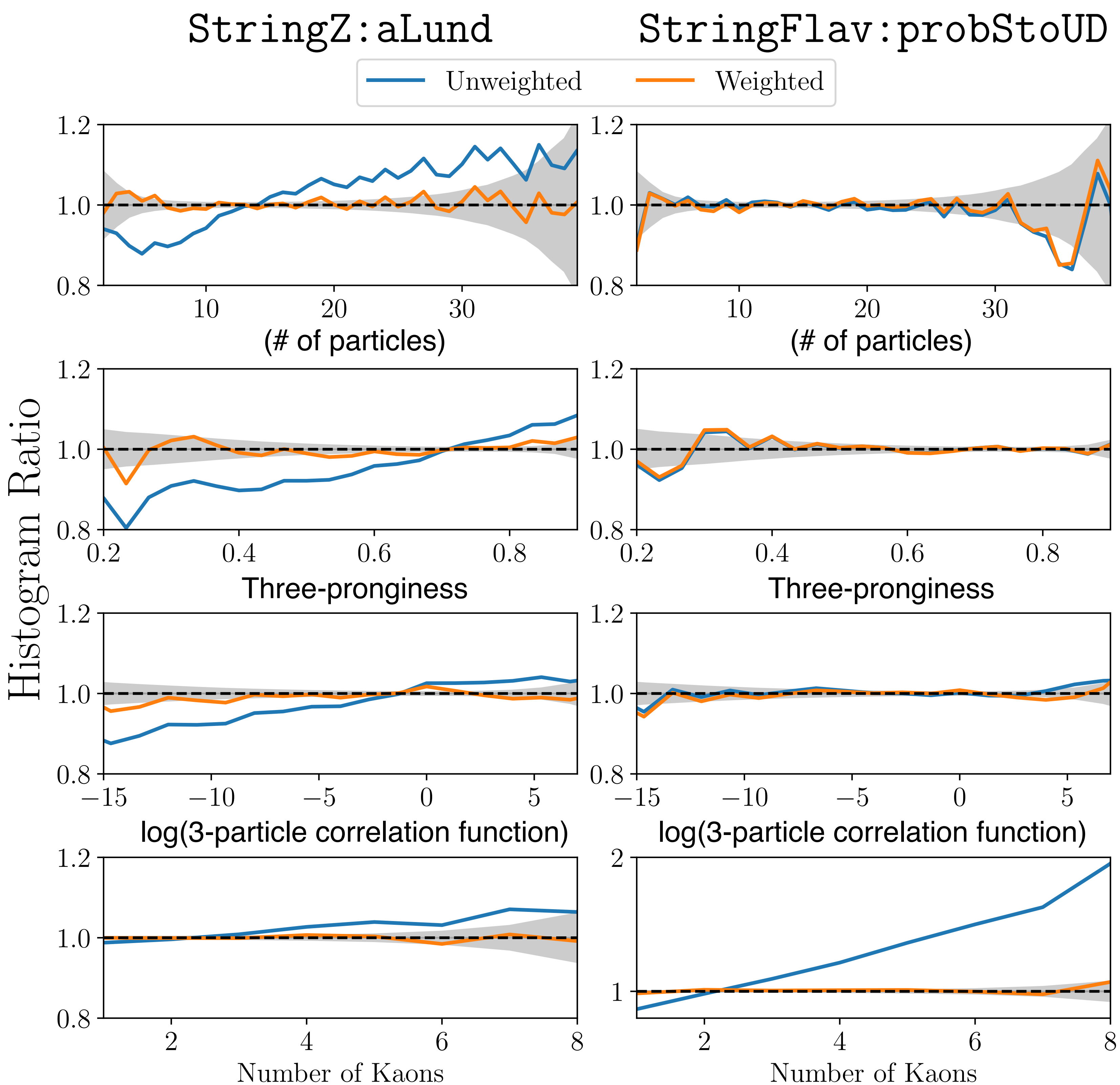
Achieving precision



Works also when the differences between the two simulations are **small** (left) or **localized** (right).

These are histogram ratios for a series of one-dimensional observables

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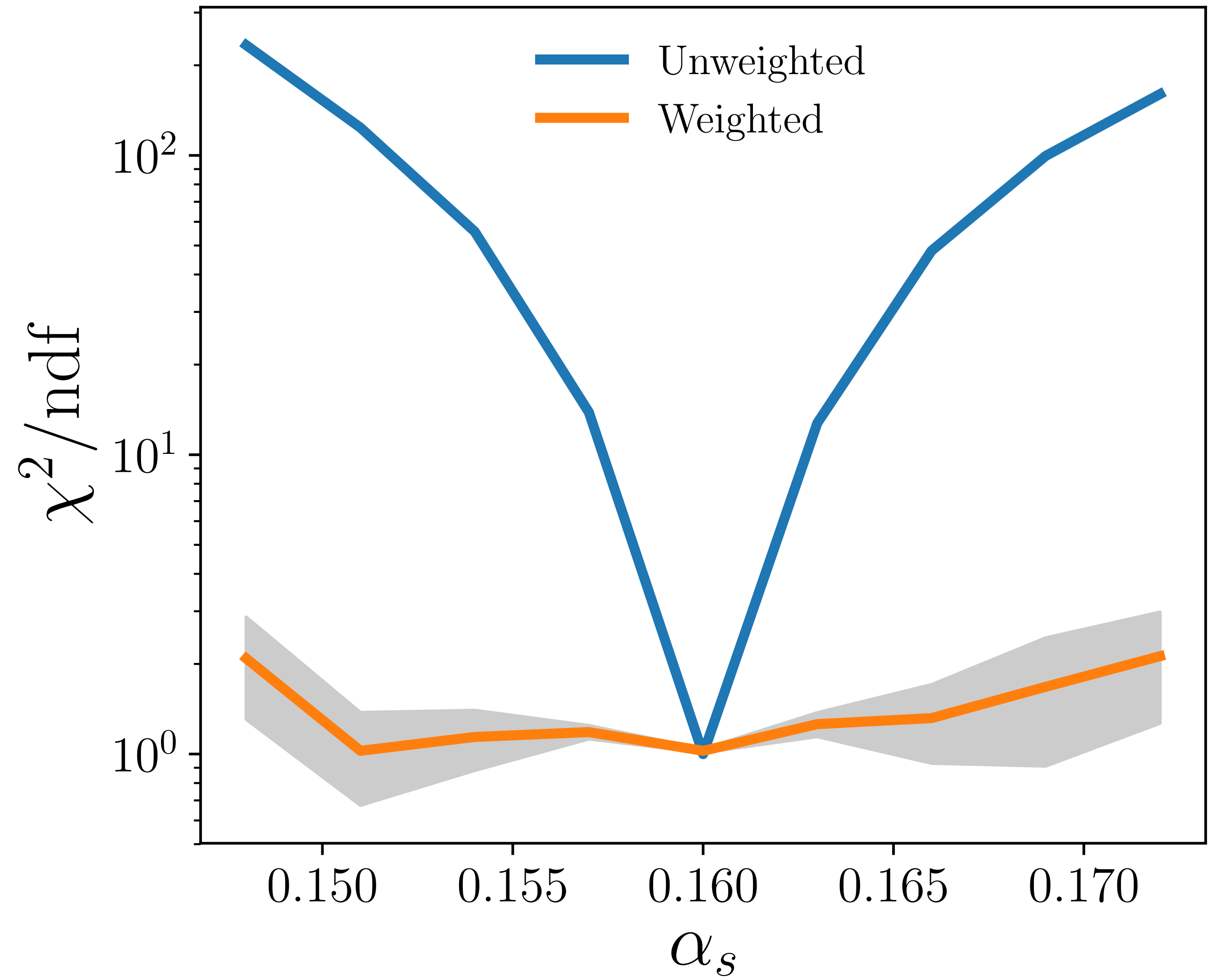
Parameterized reweighting

What if we have a new simulation with multiple continuous parameters θ?

Easy - learn a parameterized classifier* !

…simply add the parameter as a feature to the network during training and let it learn to interpolate.



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Example Fit

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See also 1805.00020

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Step 2: Gradient-based optimization

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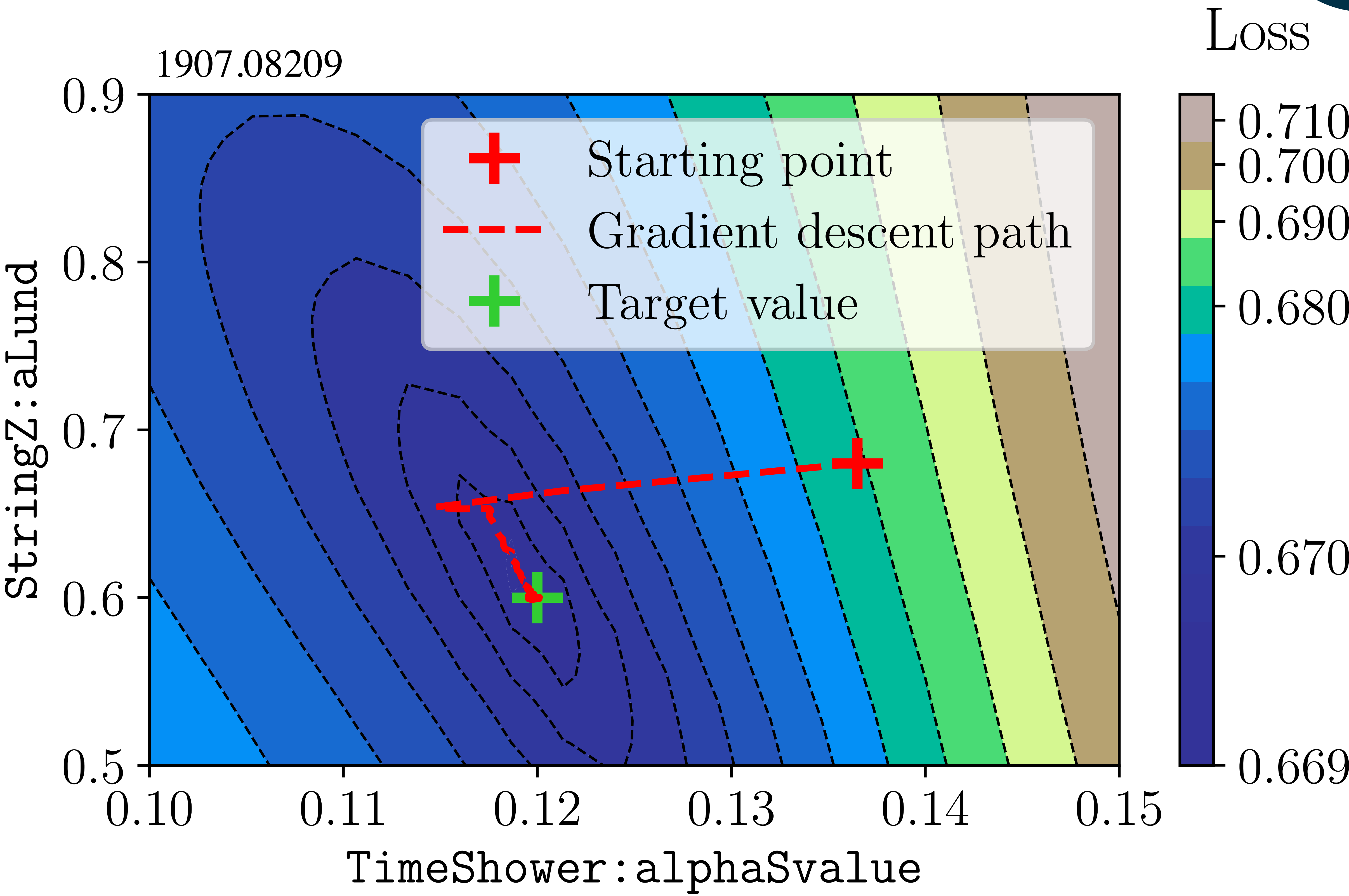
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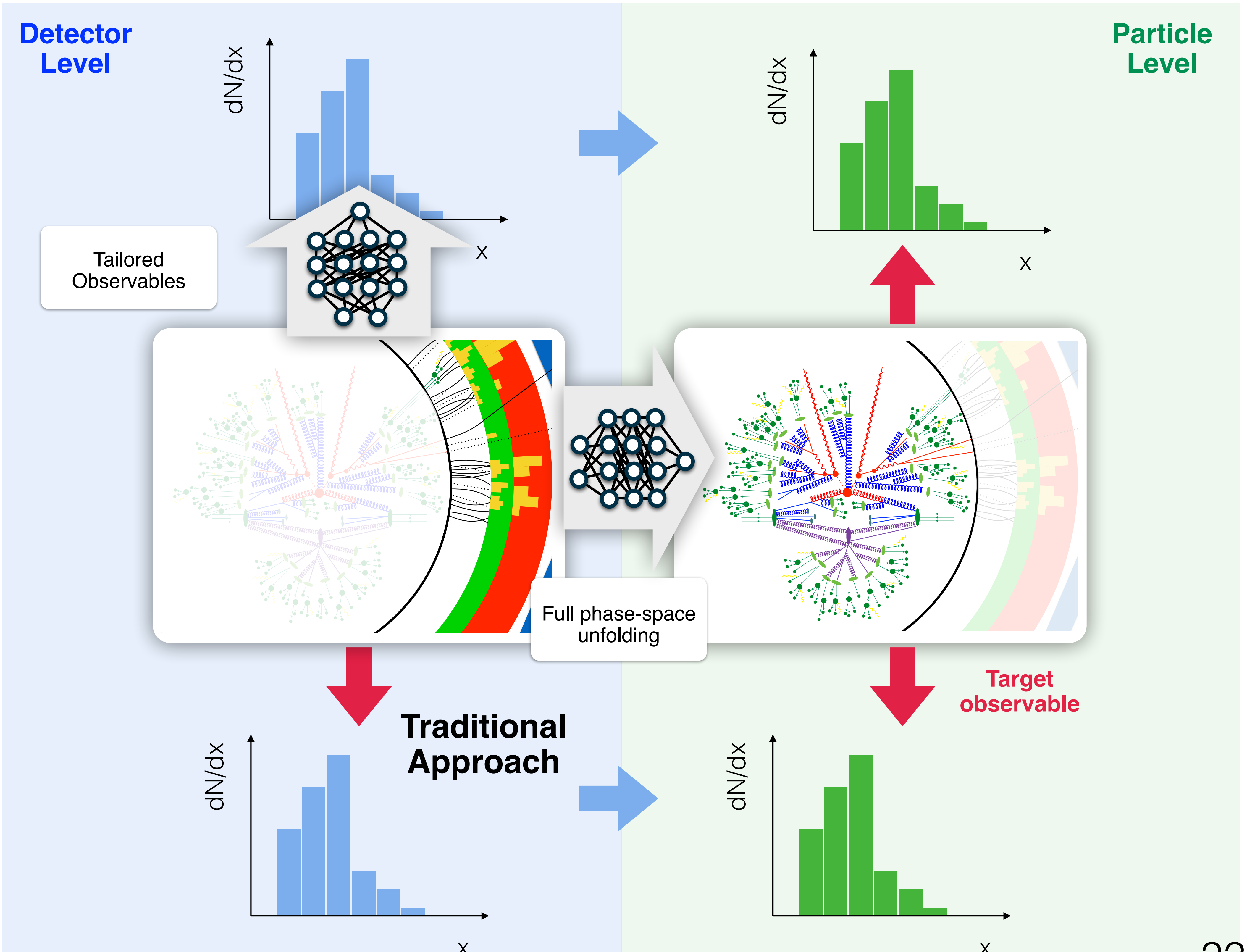

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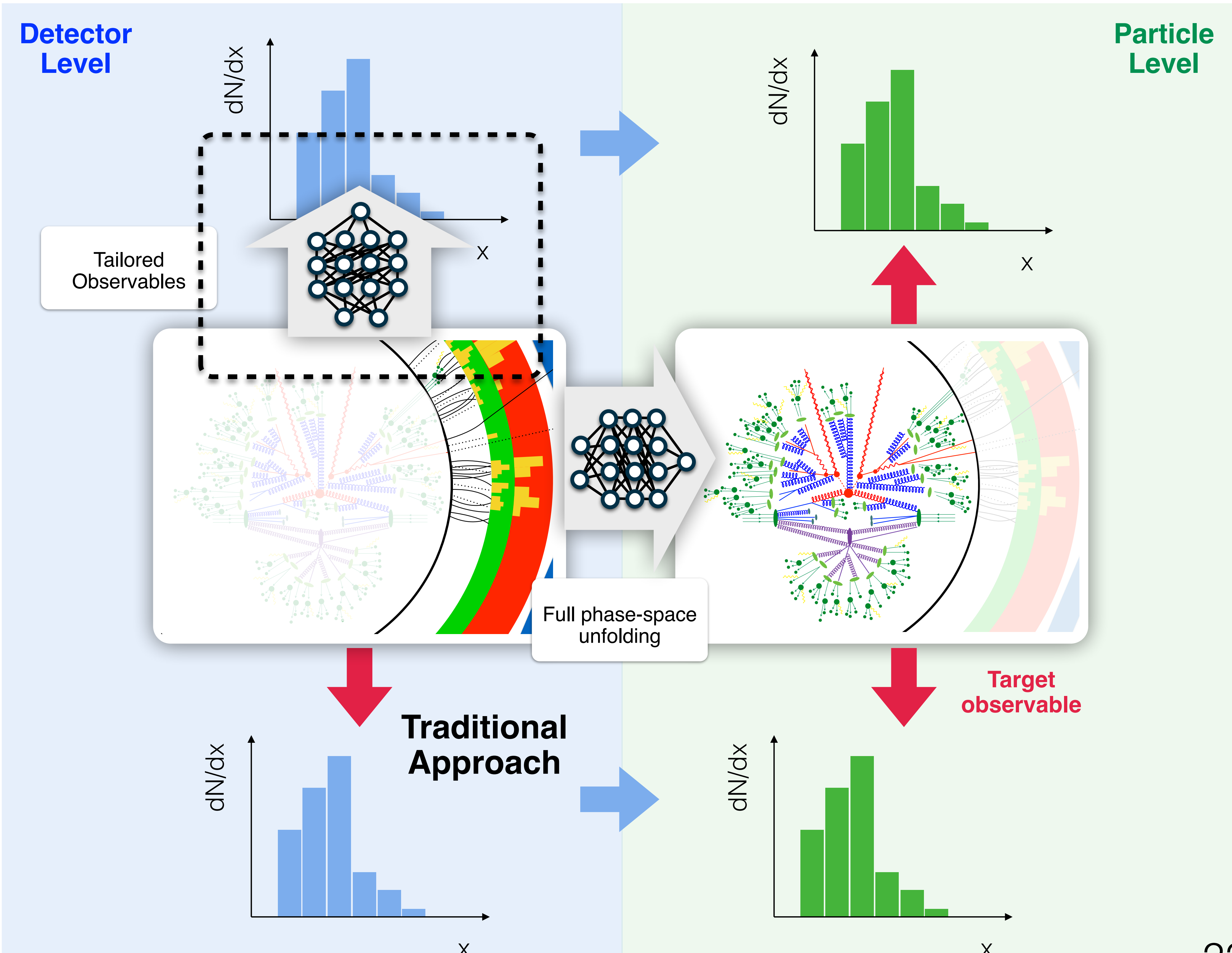

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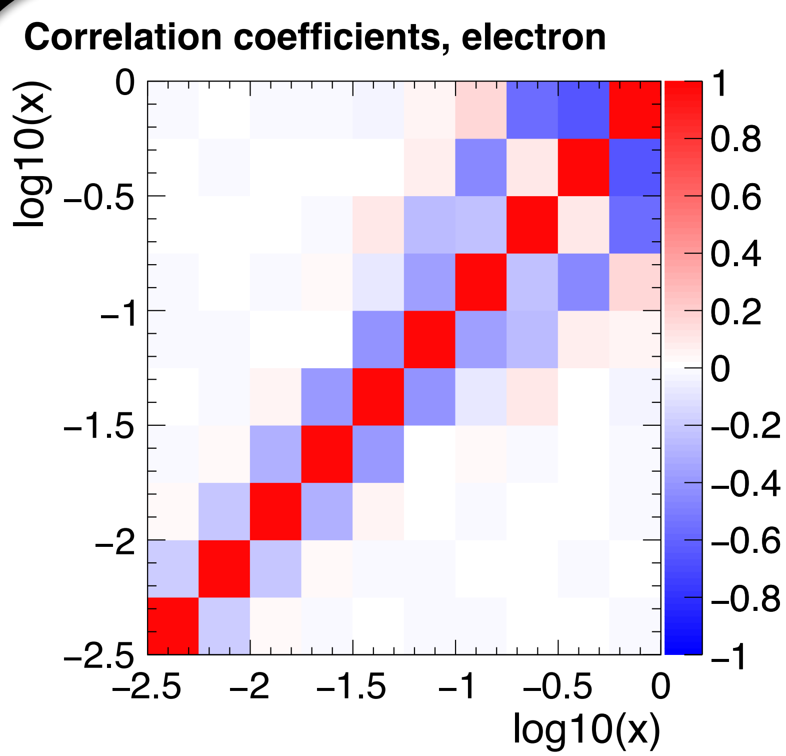
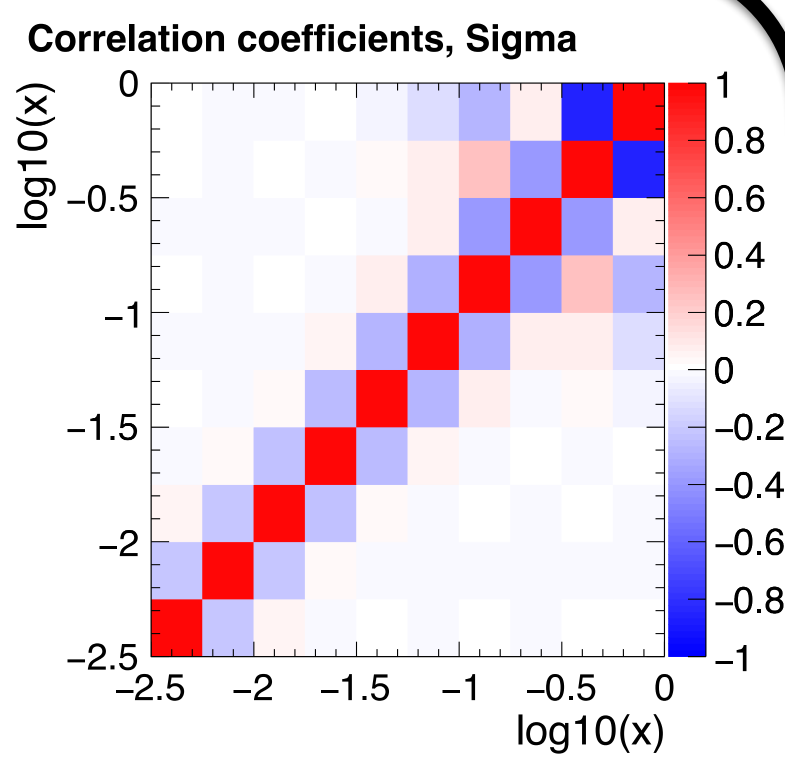
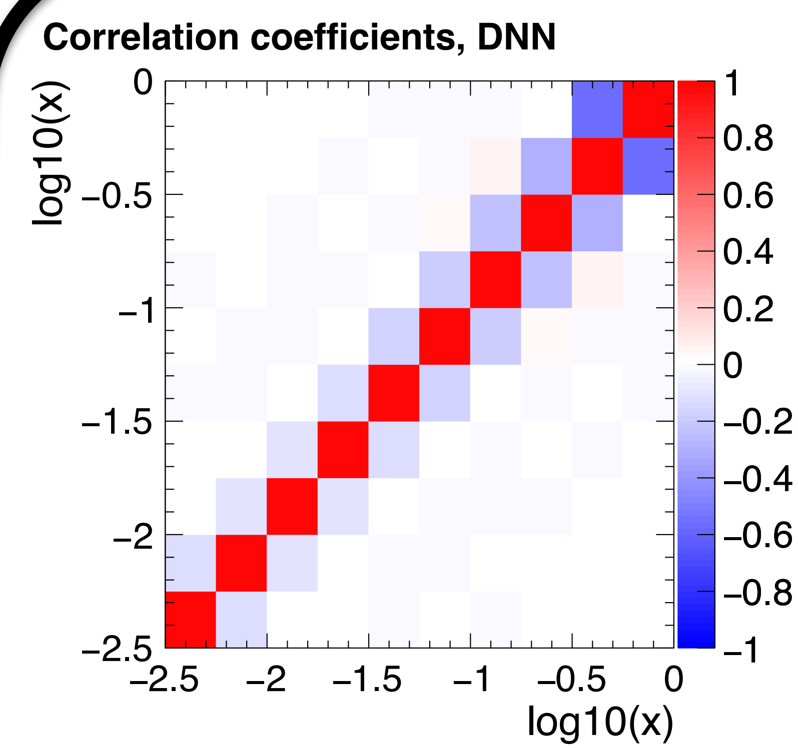
Unfolding

Learn tailored observables; no reason detector level needs to be same observable as particle level!





Classical Observables



Neural Network

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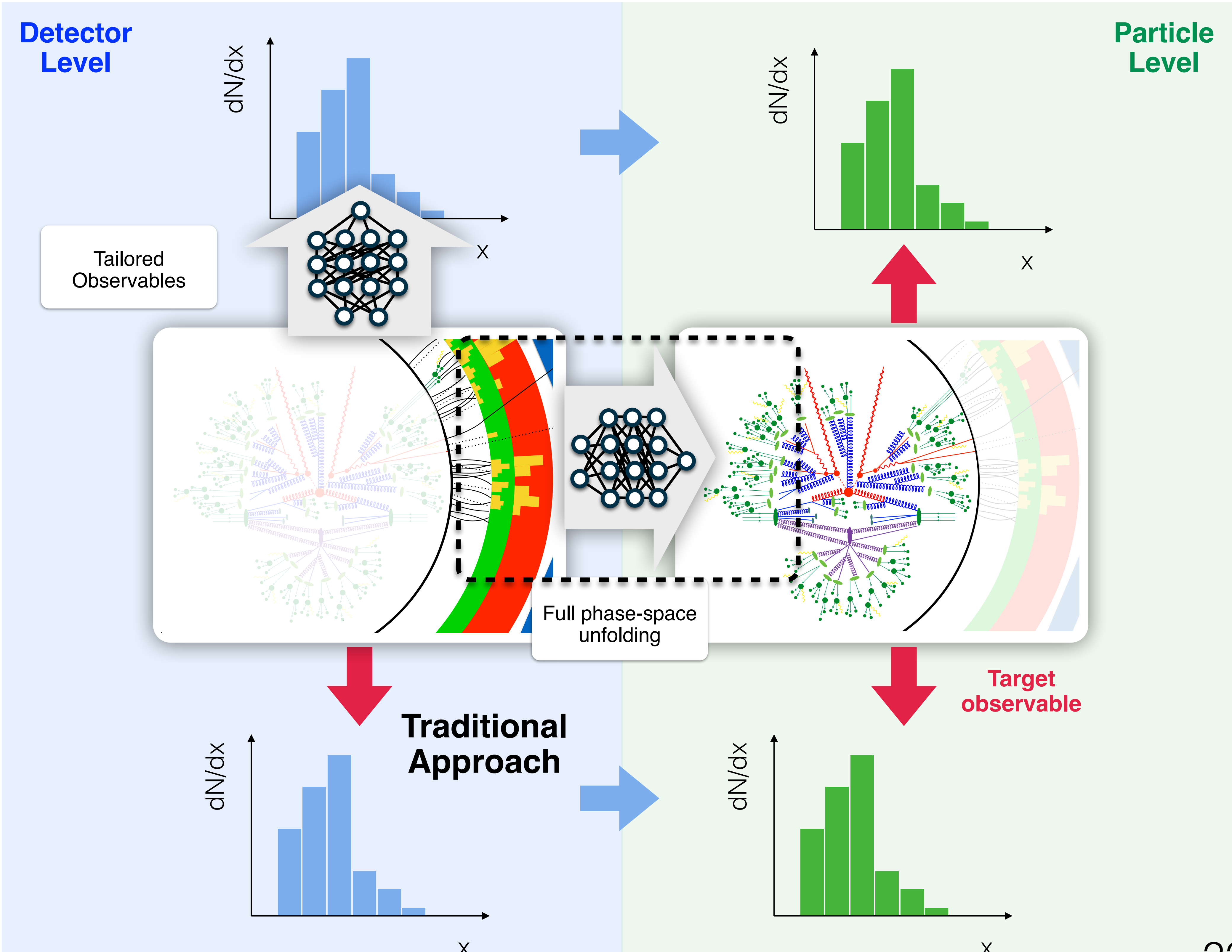

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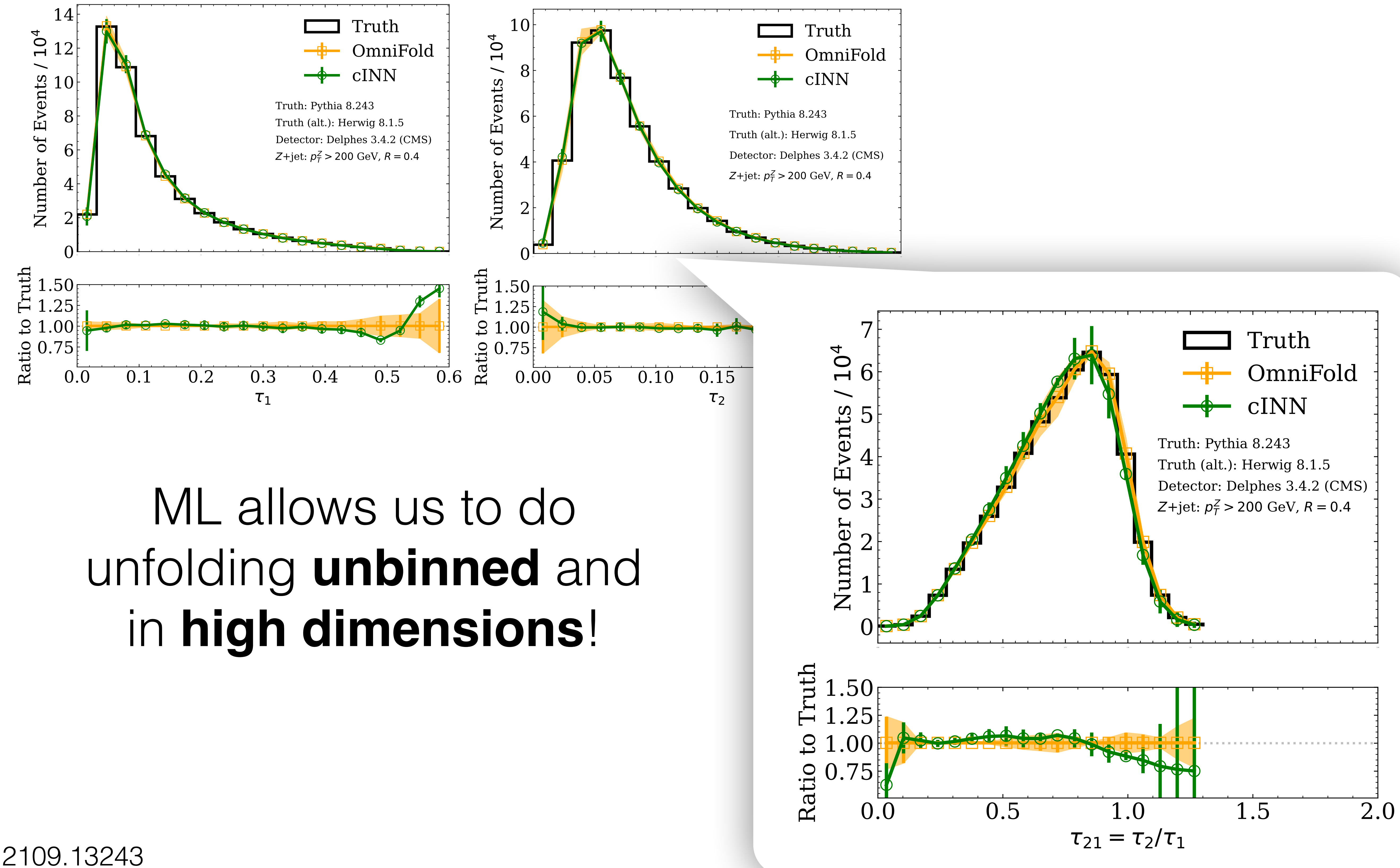

ML allows us to do unfolding **unbinned** and in **high dimensions**!

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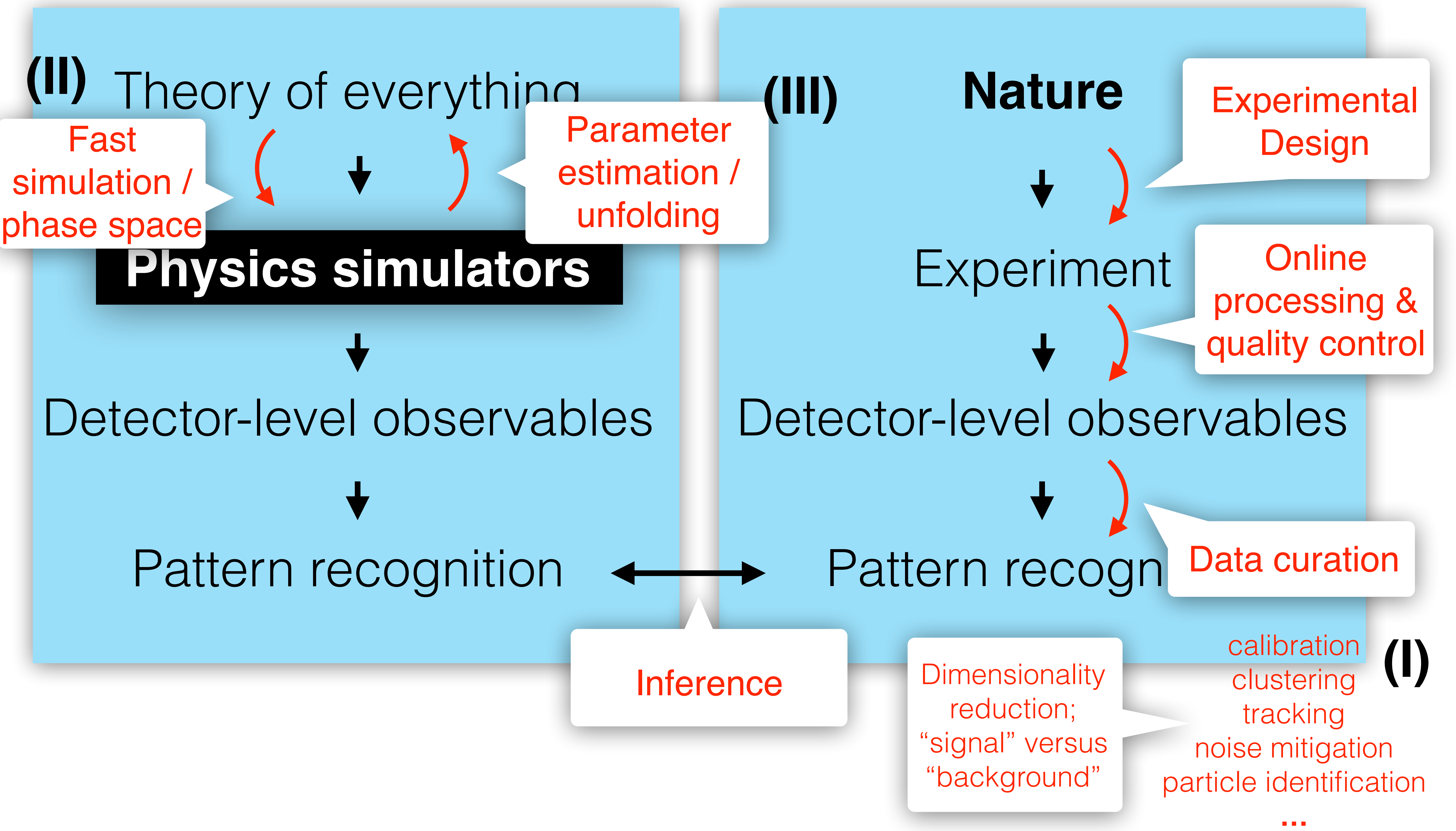
Particle Physics + Machine Learning

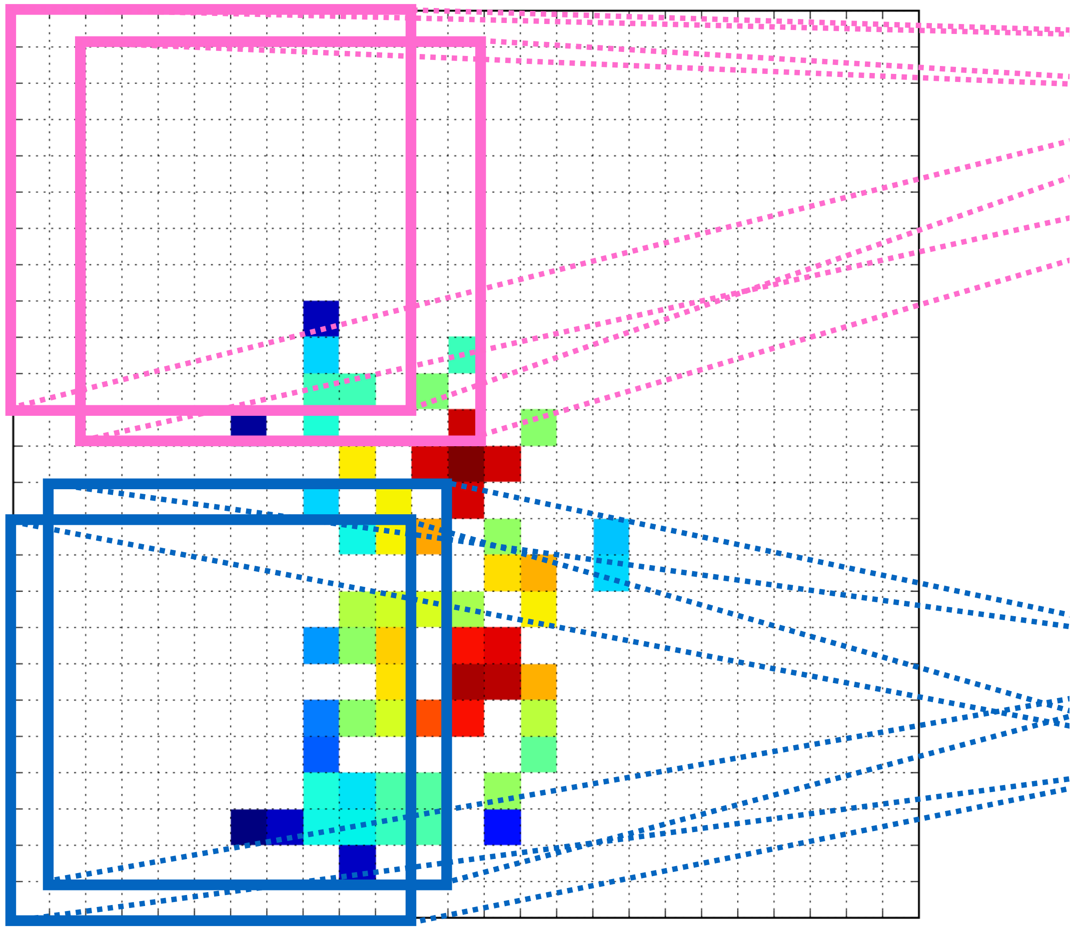


Conclusions and Outlook

AI/ML has a great potential to **enhance**, **accelerate**, and **empower** all areas of HEP

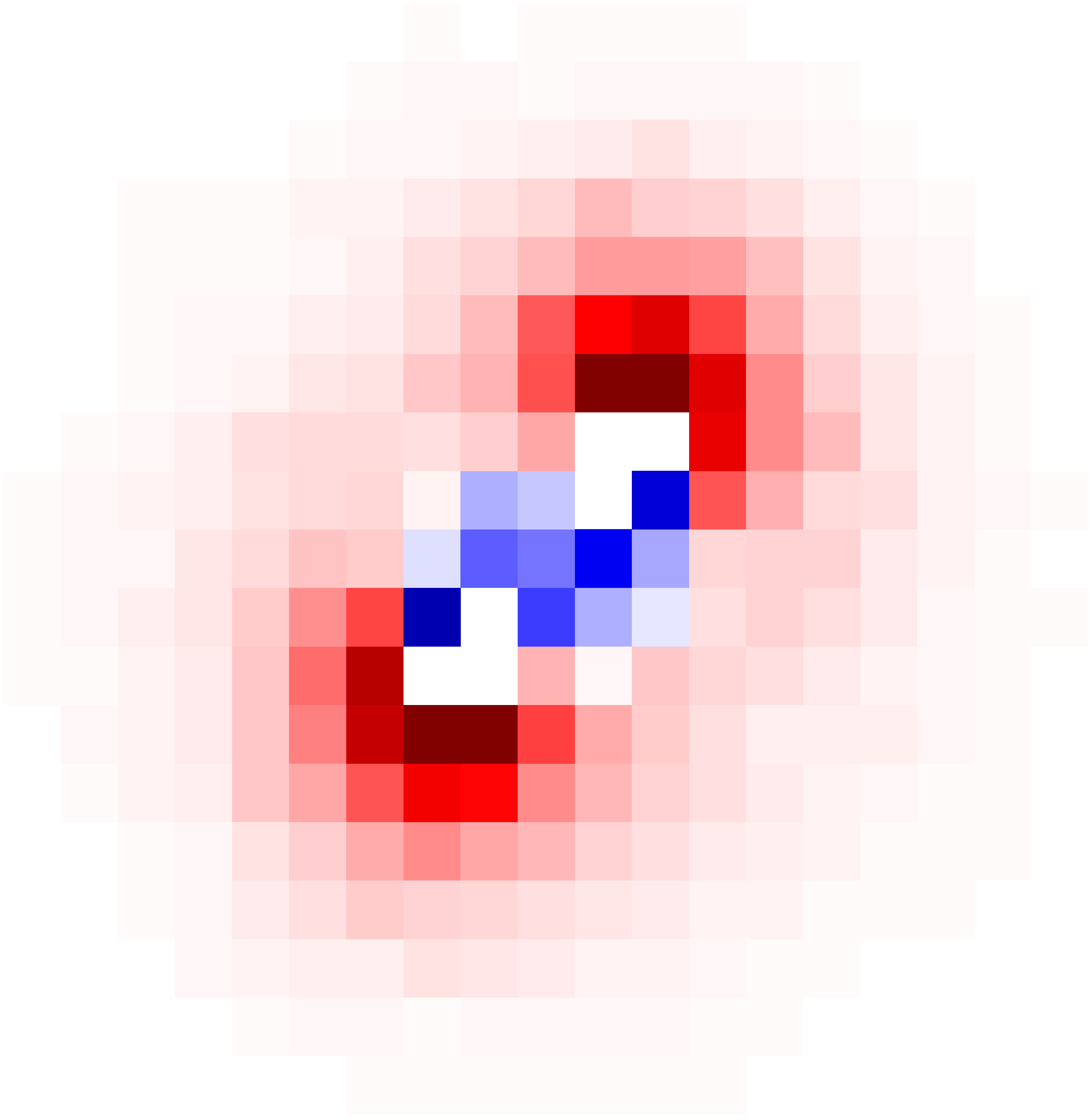
There are applications now that were unthinkable before ML and new ideas are incoming!

We need you to help develop, adapt, and deploy new methods



I've provided some specific examples today, but see the Living Review, 2102.02770, for more!

Note that I could not cover everything! e.g. anomaly detection



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