

Accelerating Scientific Discovery with AI

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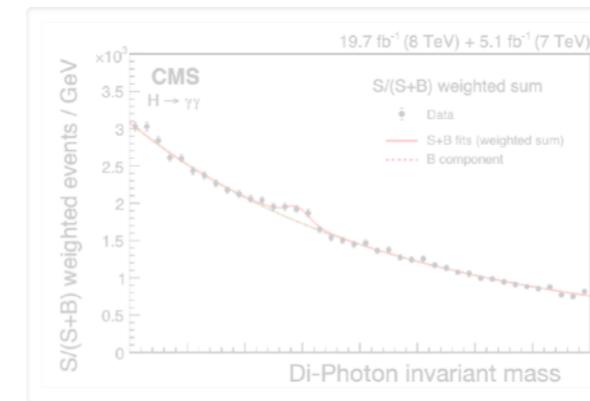
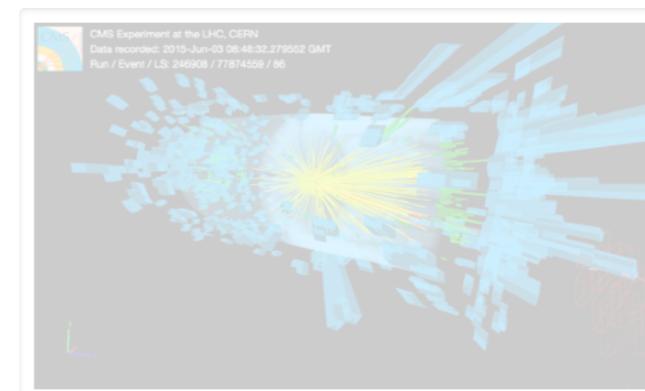
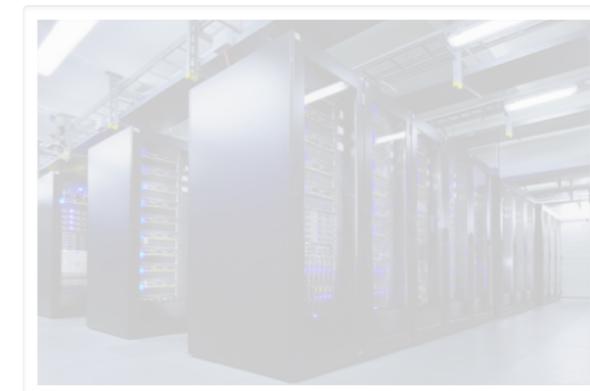
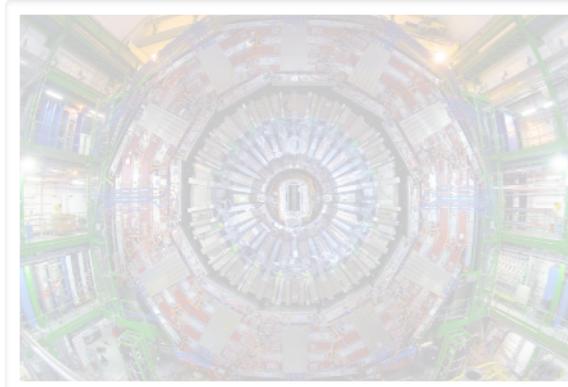
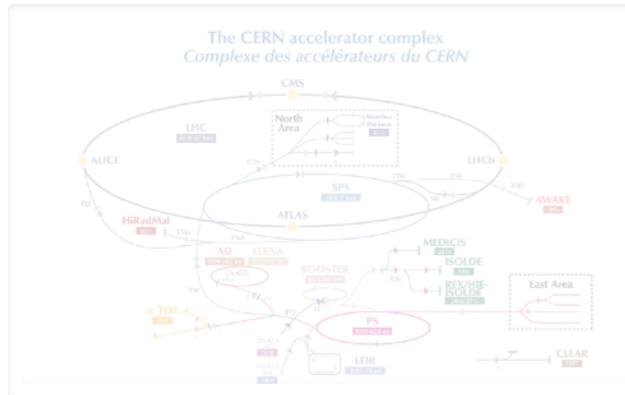


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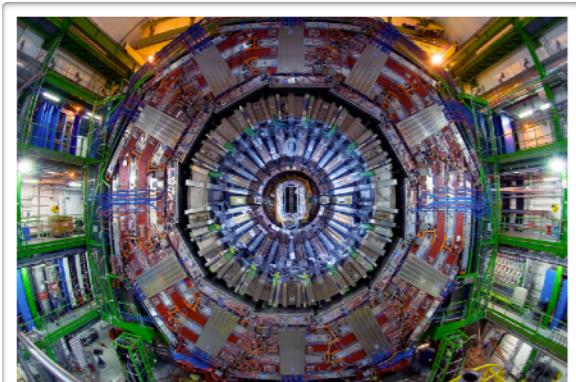
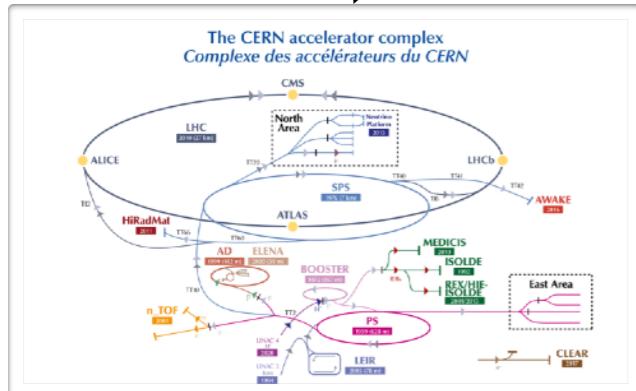


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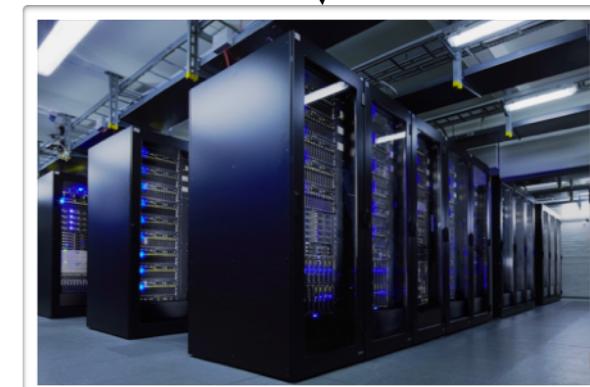
First principle,
quantum theoretical
model



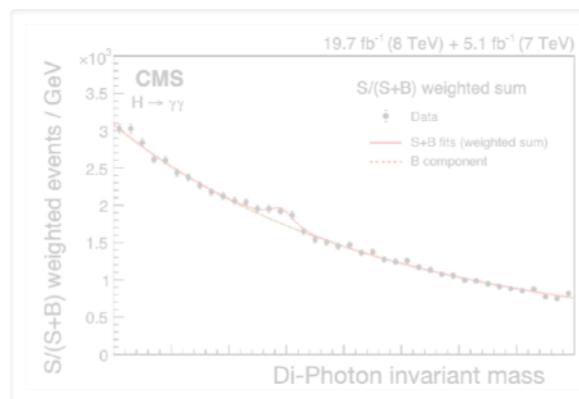
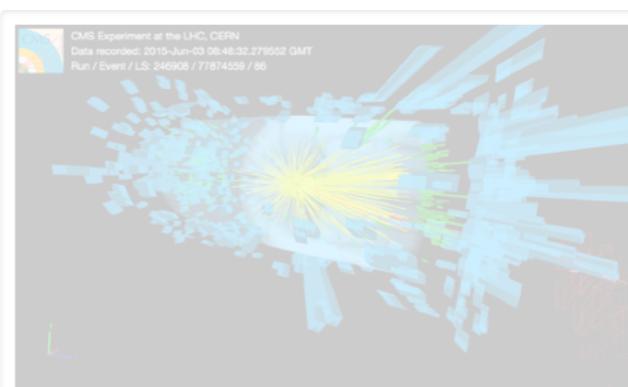
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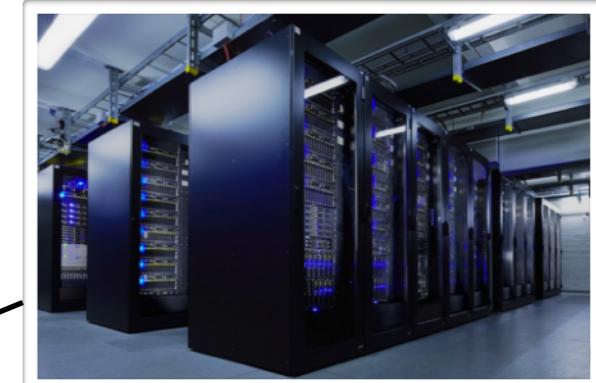
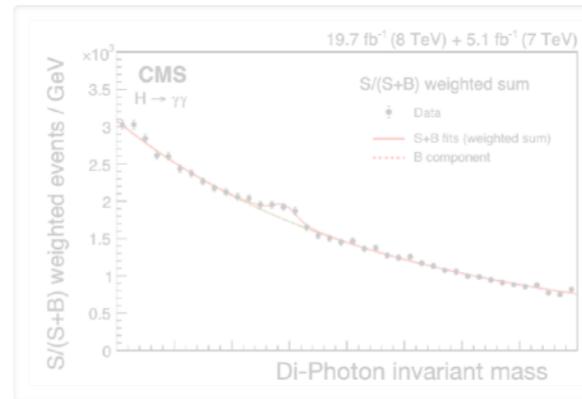
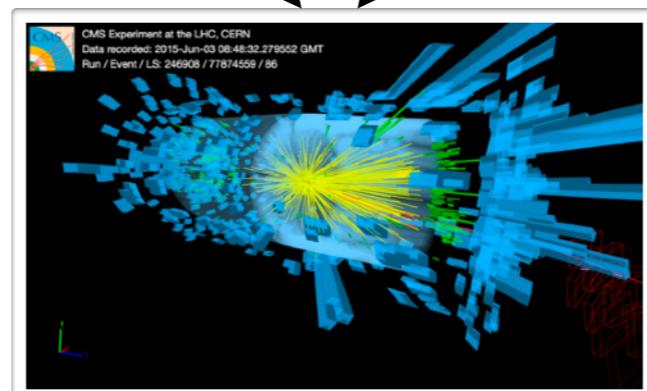
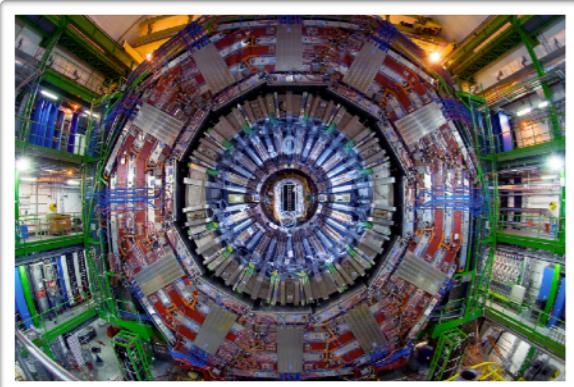
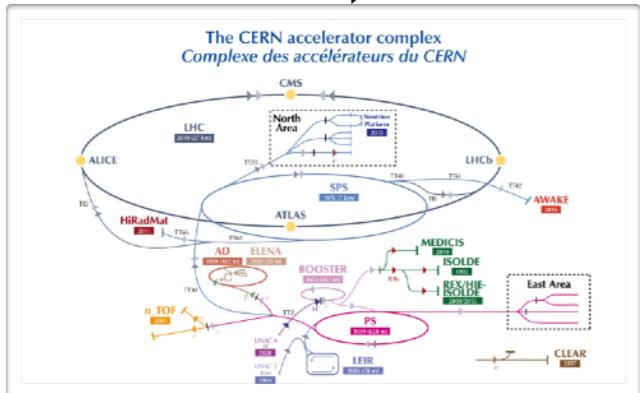
Colliders with
40 million events/second,
detectors with
100 million read-outs,



and massive theory-driven
simulation codes

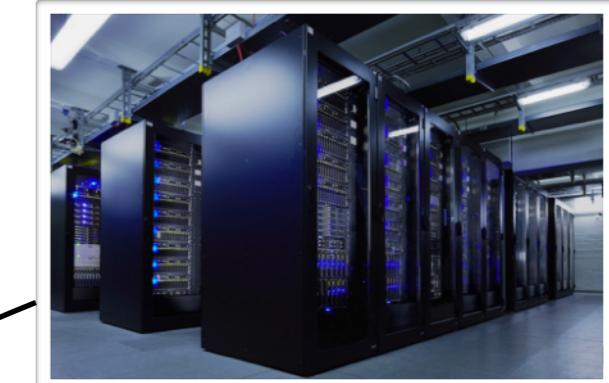
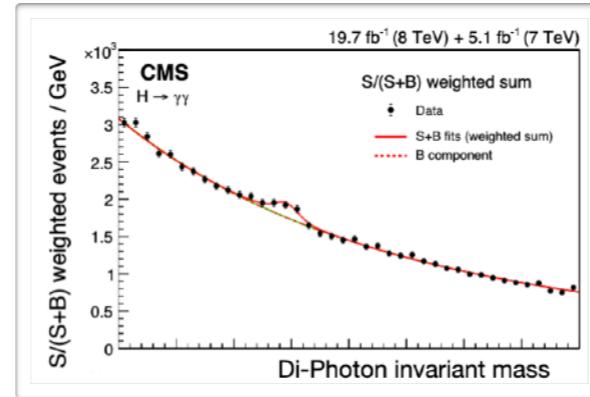
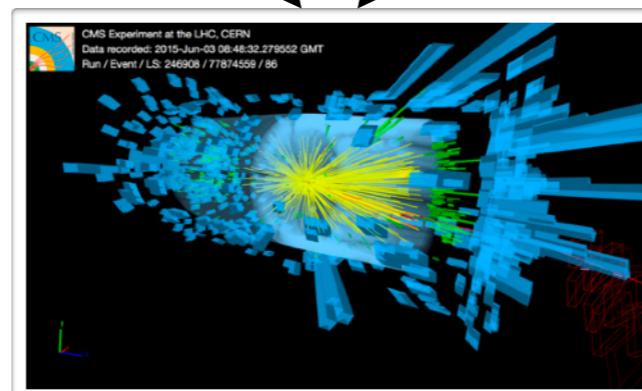
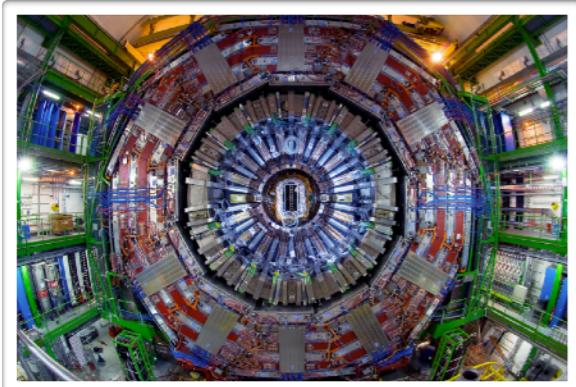
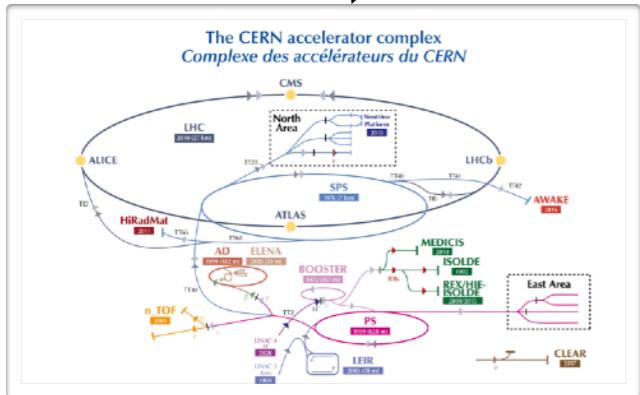


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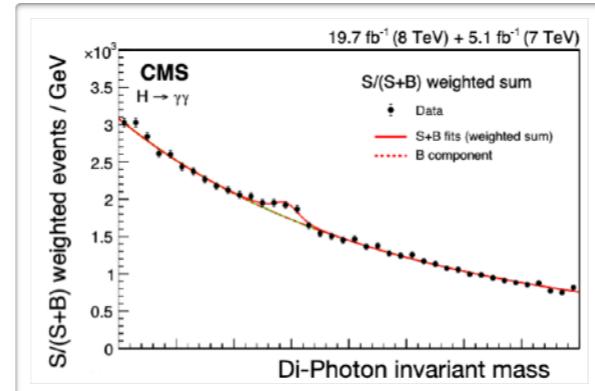
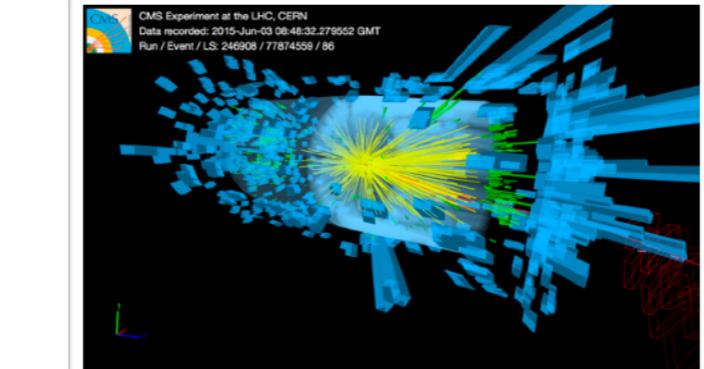
Complex reconstruction
chain to turn
low-level read-outs into
high-level physics objects

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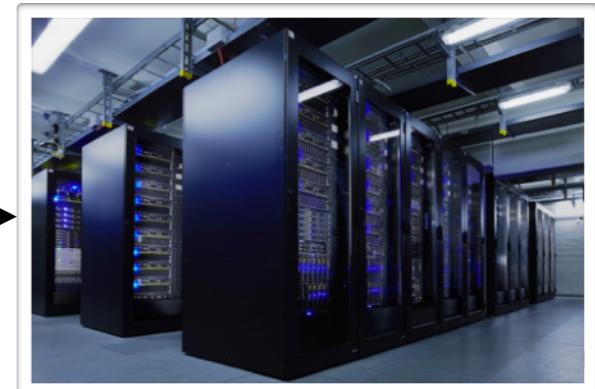
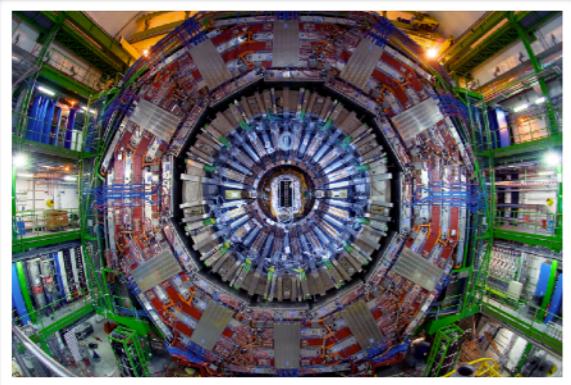
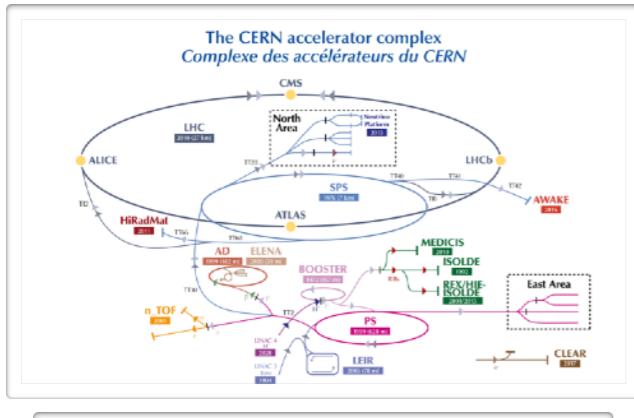
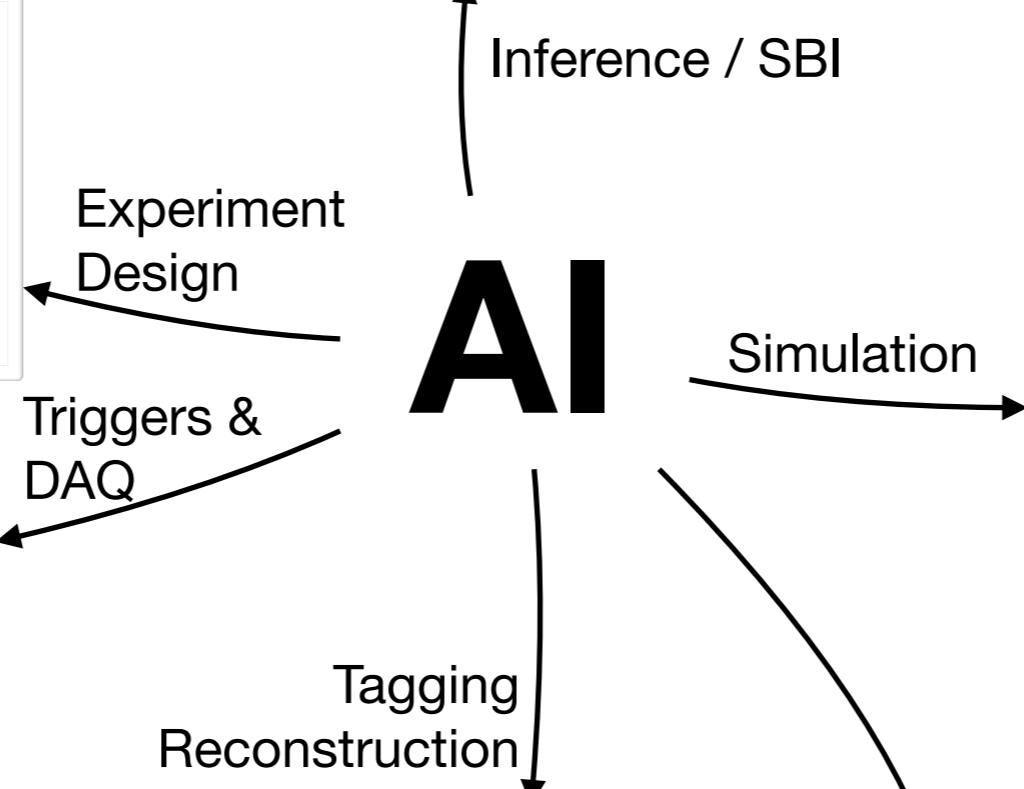


Sophisticated final statistical analysis

AI models are studied
for all aspects of
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fundamental physics



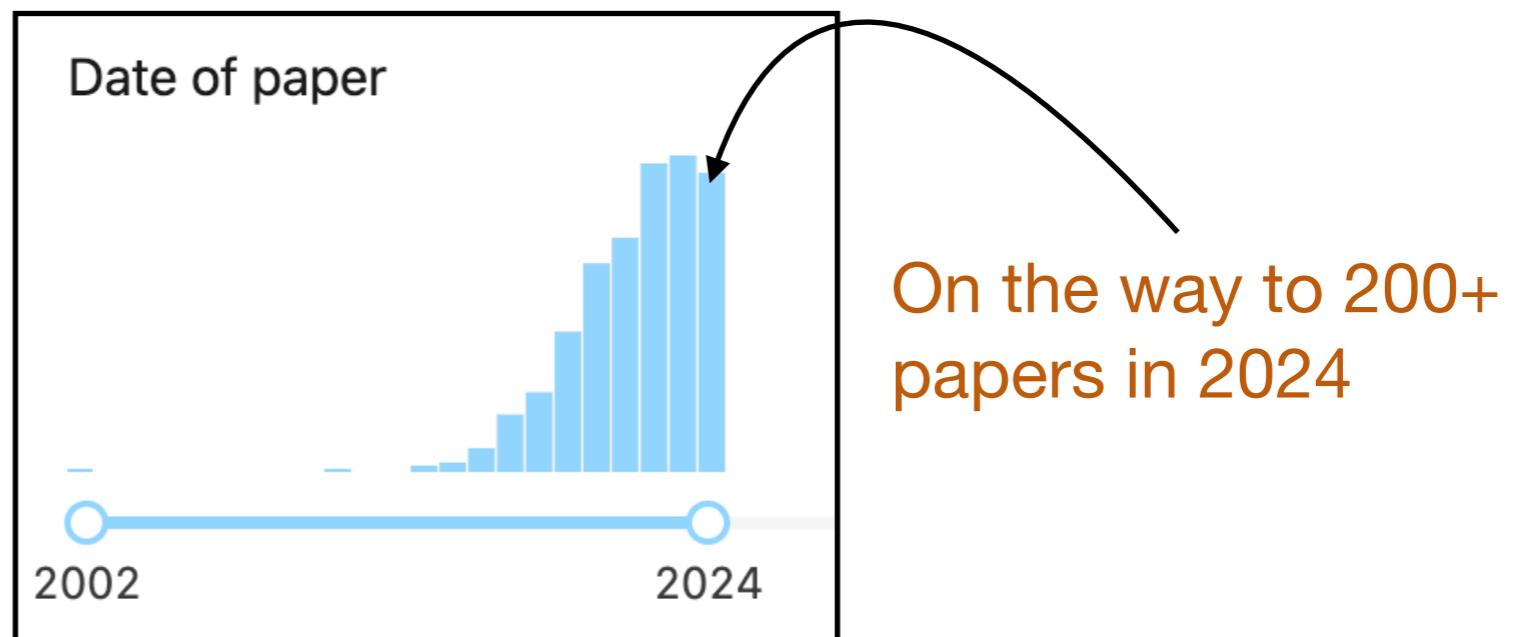
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Unfolding
Anomaly Detection

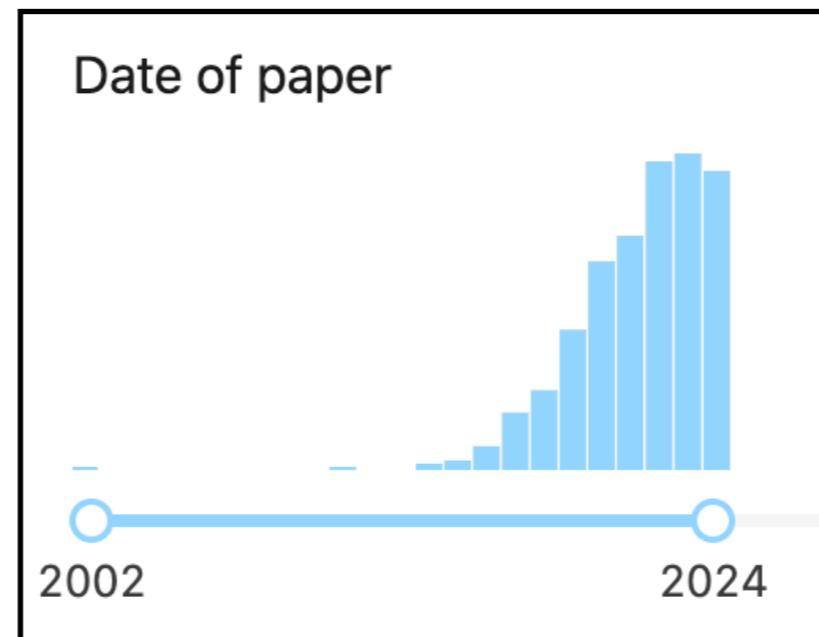
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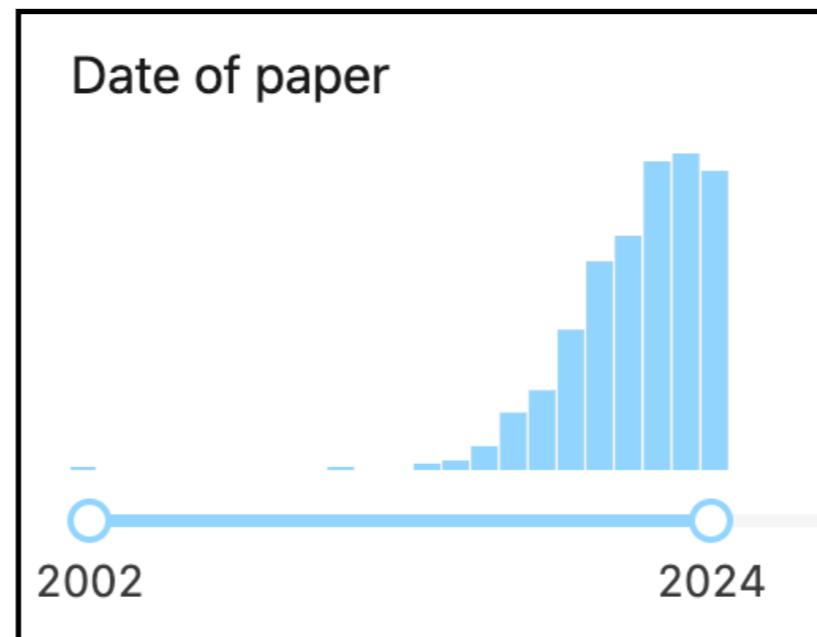
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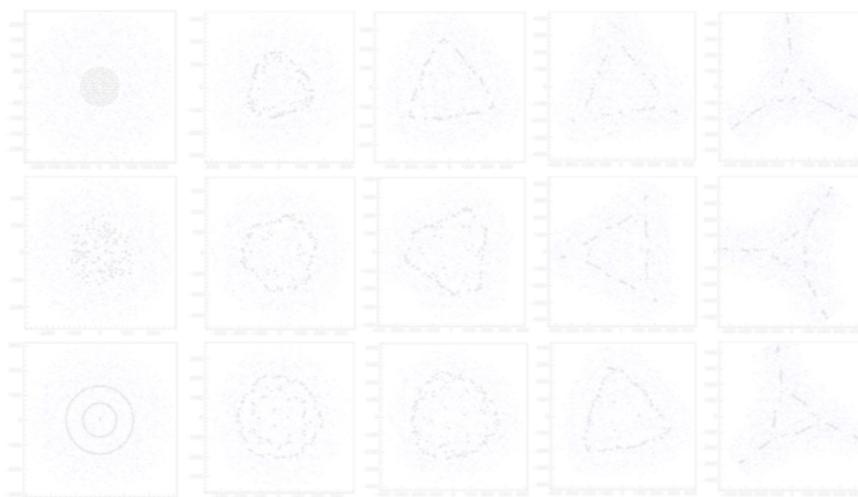
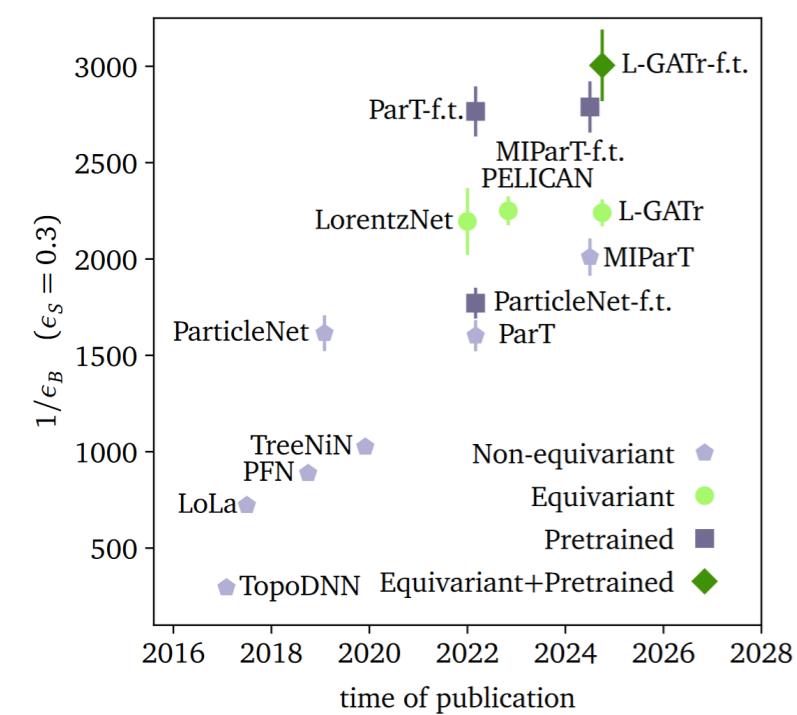
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What next?

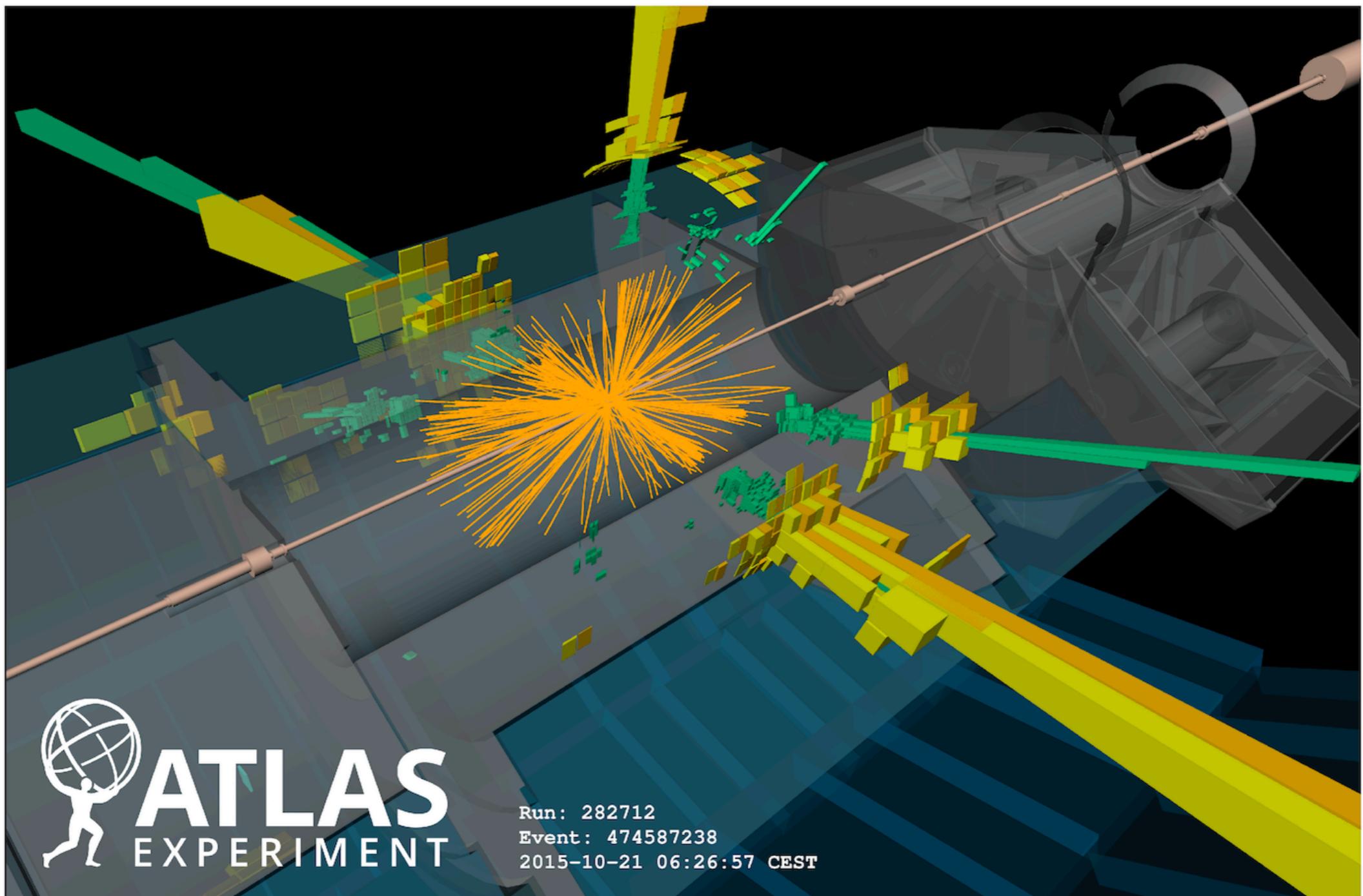


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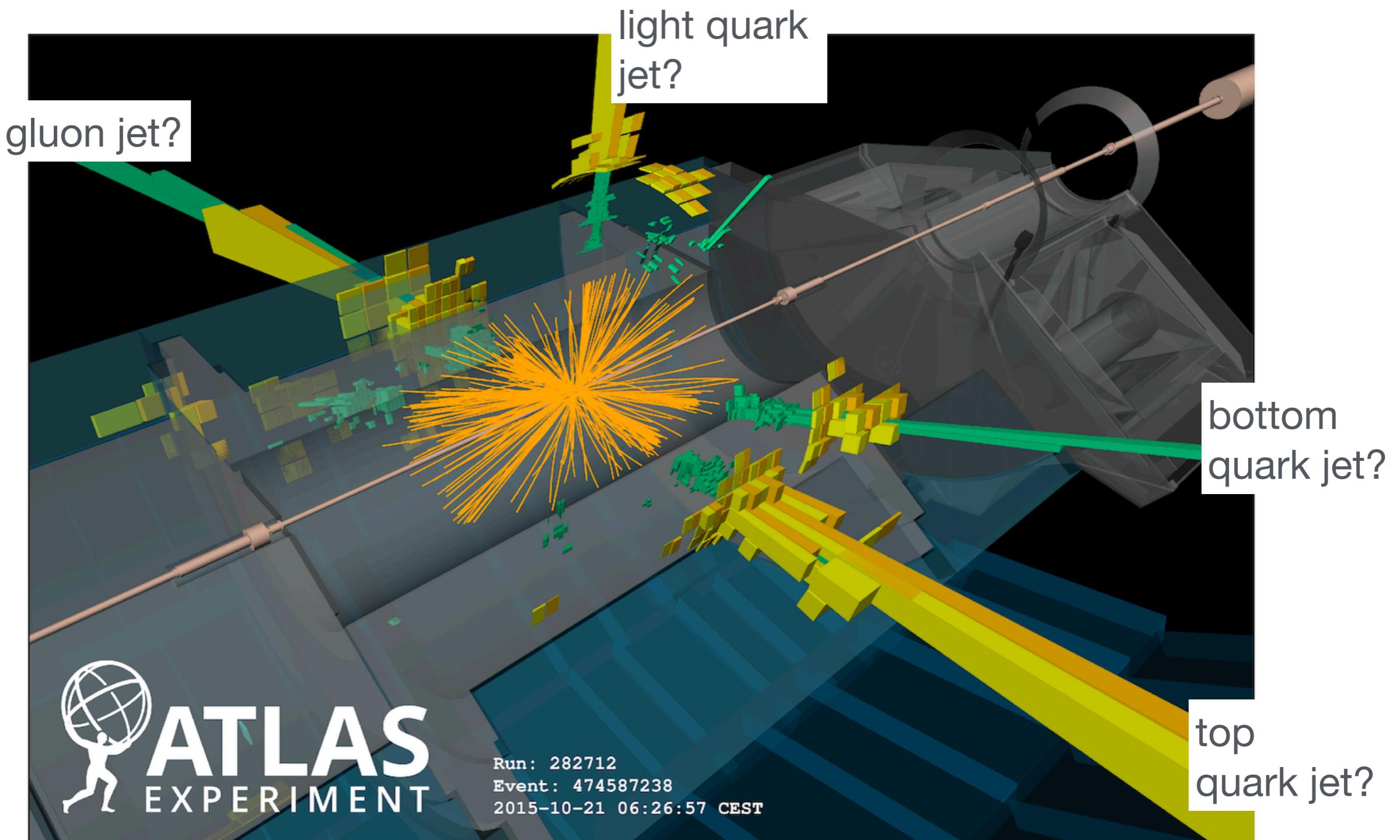
The surrogate
revolution



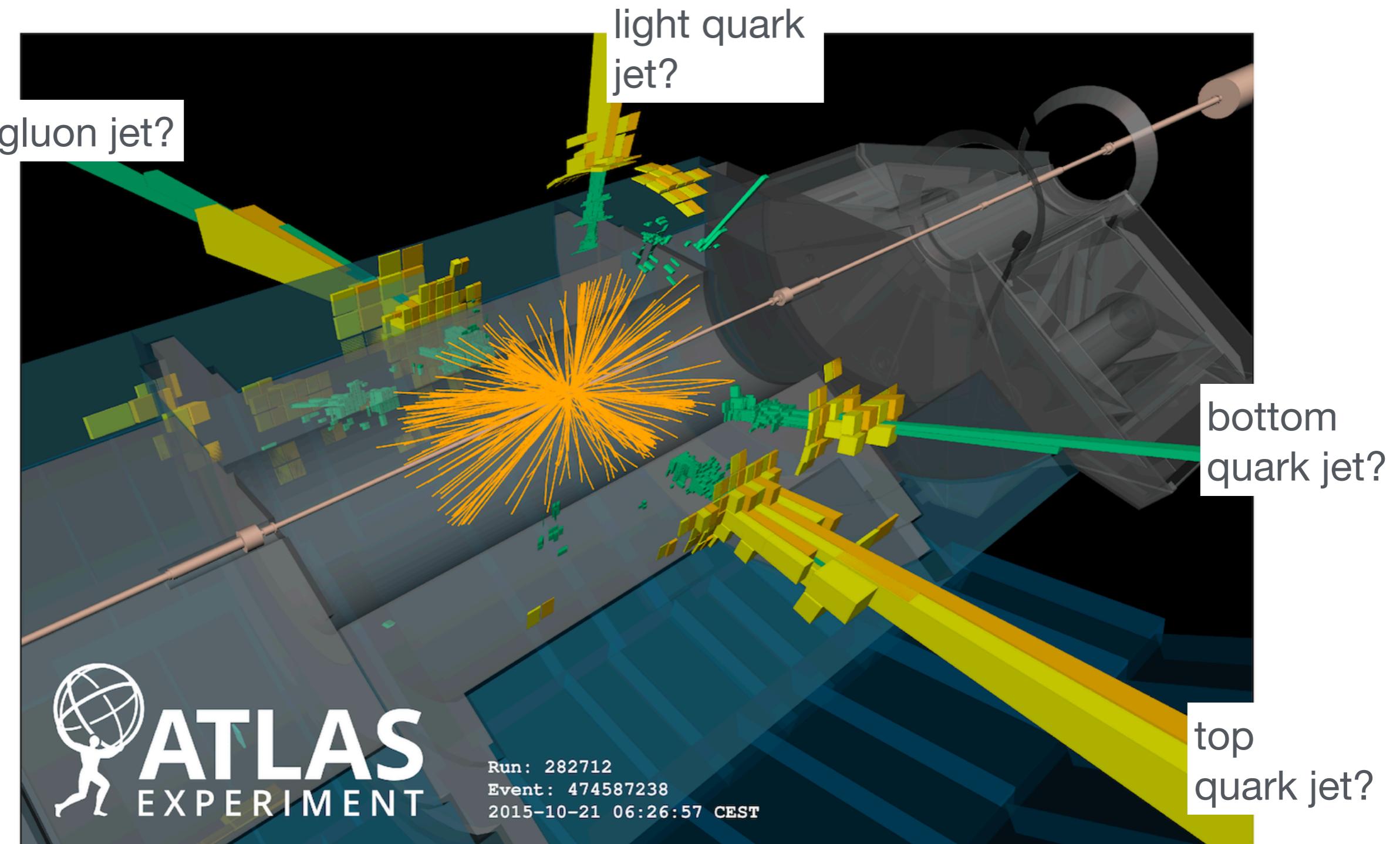
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A jet is a
collimated shower of particles in the detector

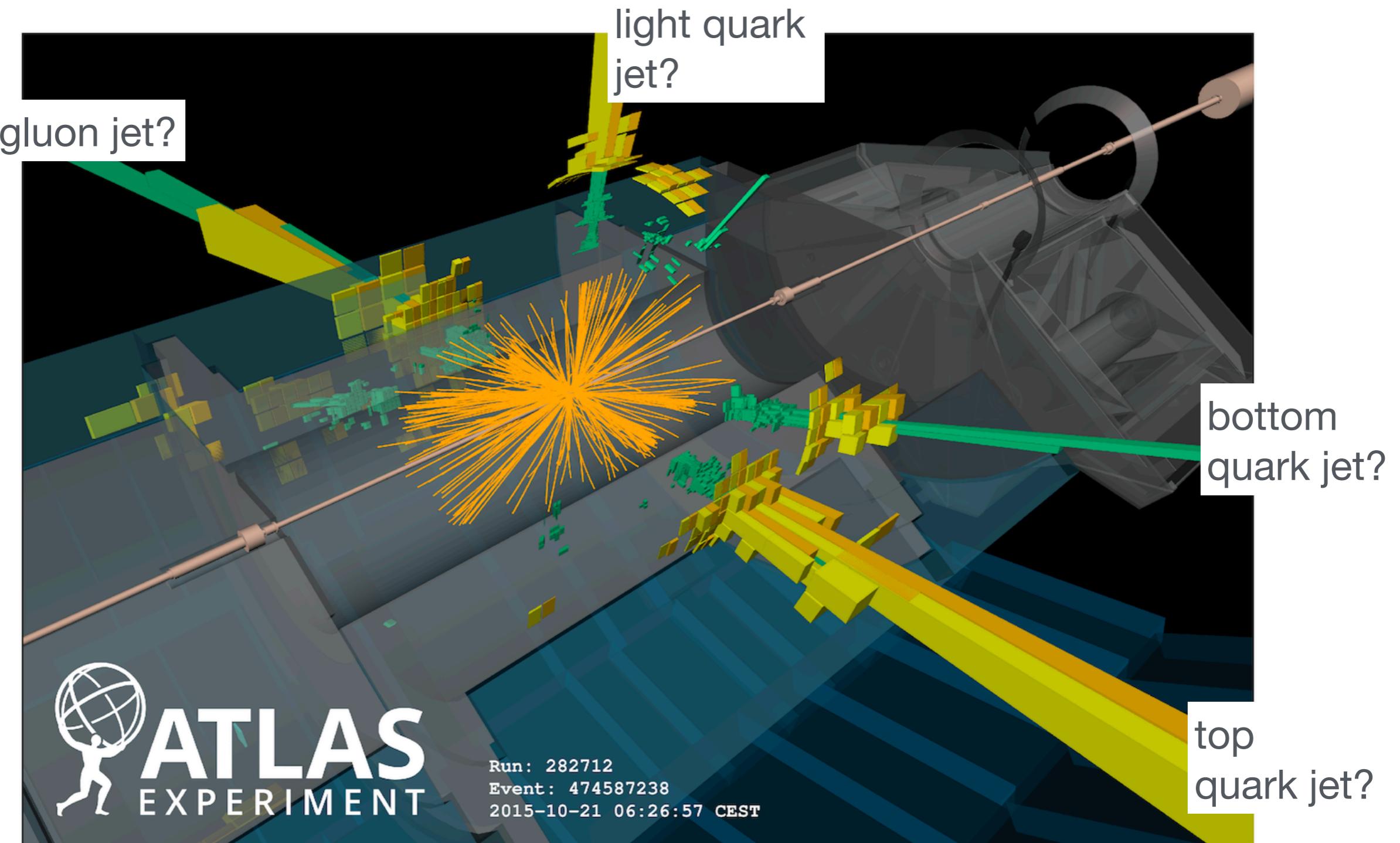


We want to know
which particle produced a jet

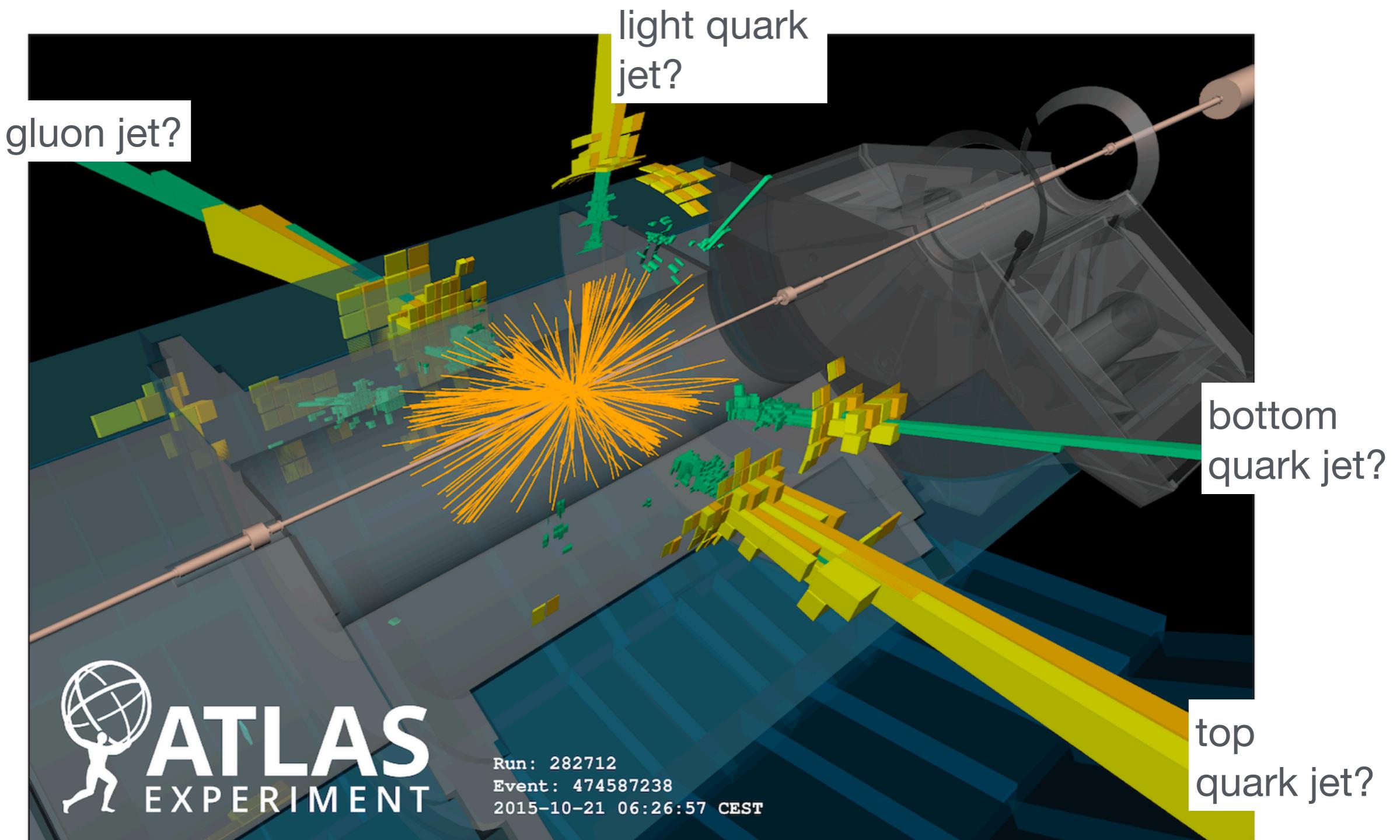


Why?

- Discover new particles
- Measure the Standard Model



Let's focus on **top quarks**
(Modern taggers are multi-class)



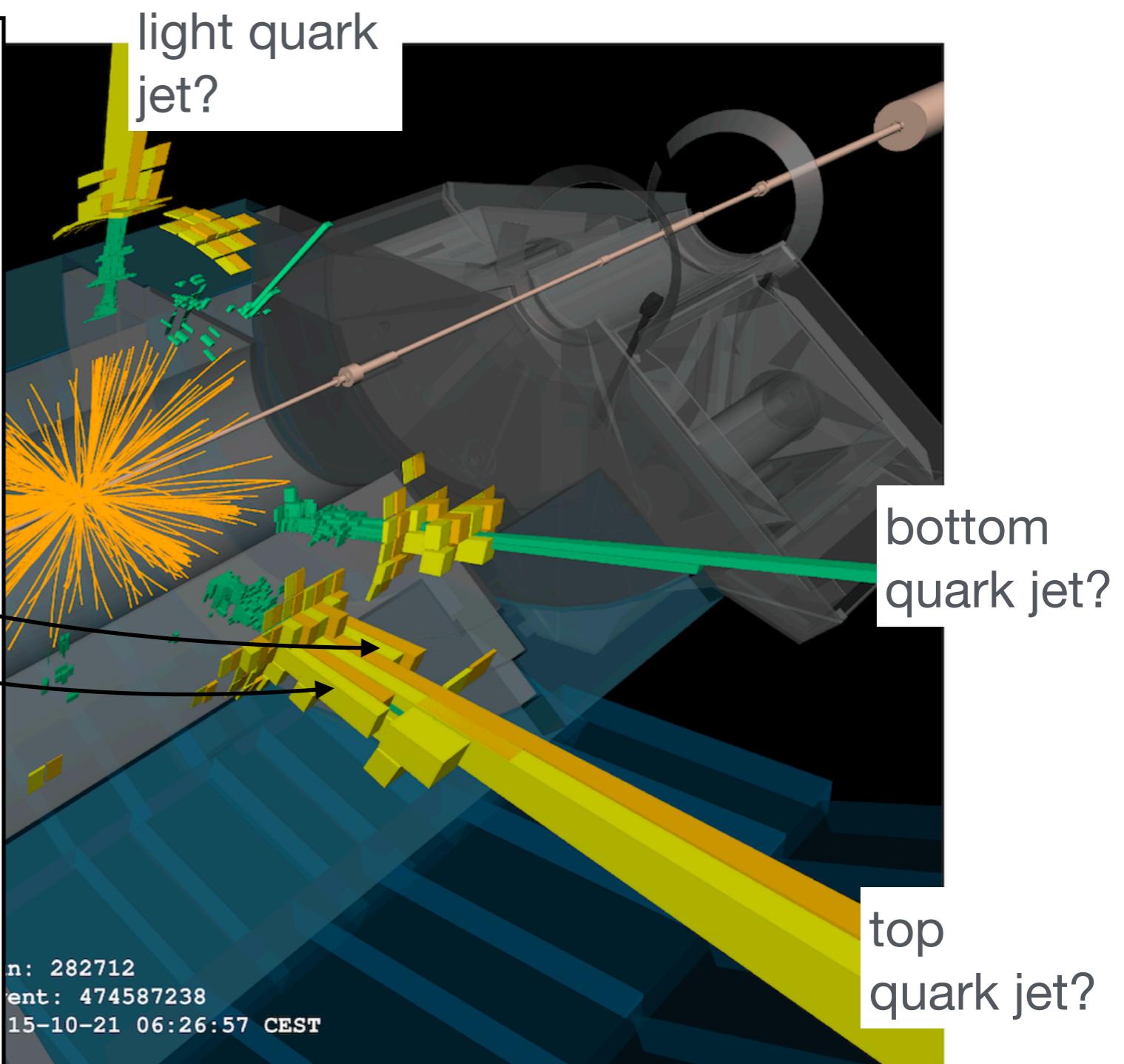
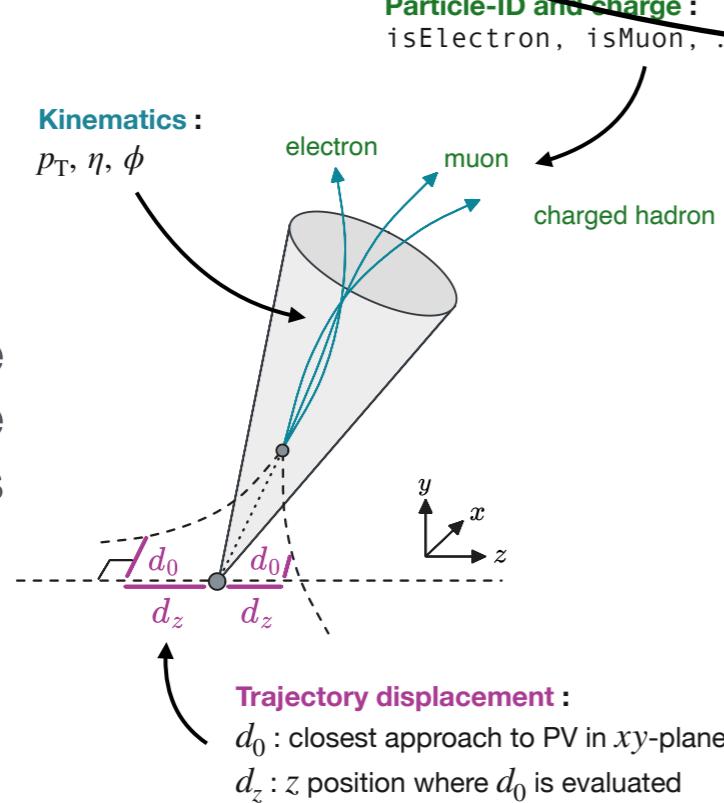
How to build ML algorithms for **complex, heterogenous** data?

Data most naturally viewed as **point cloud**:

Each **input** (e.g. jet, event, ...) is a **set of k-dimensional vectors** (individual particles, hits, ...)

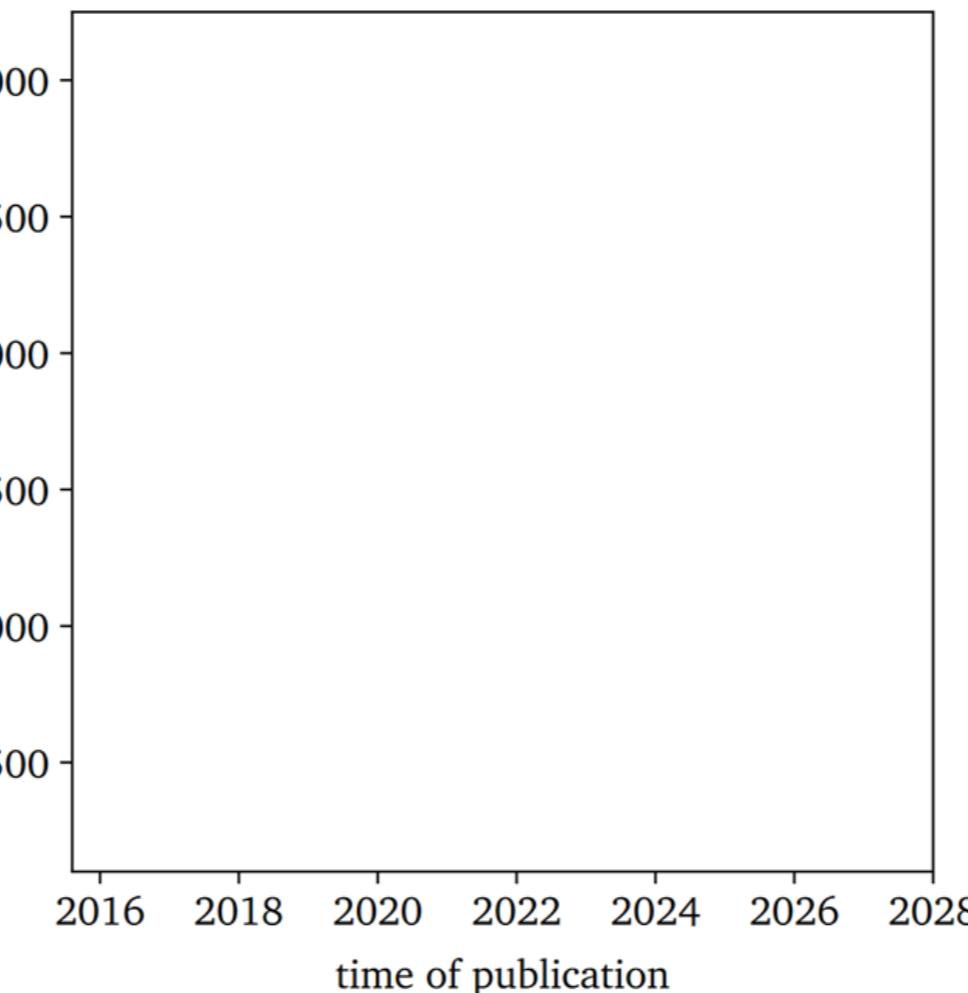
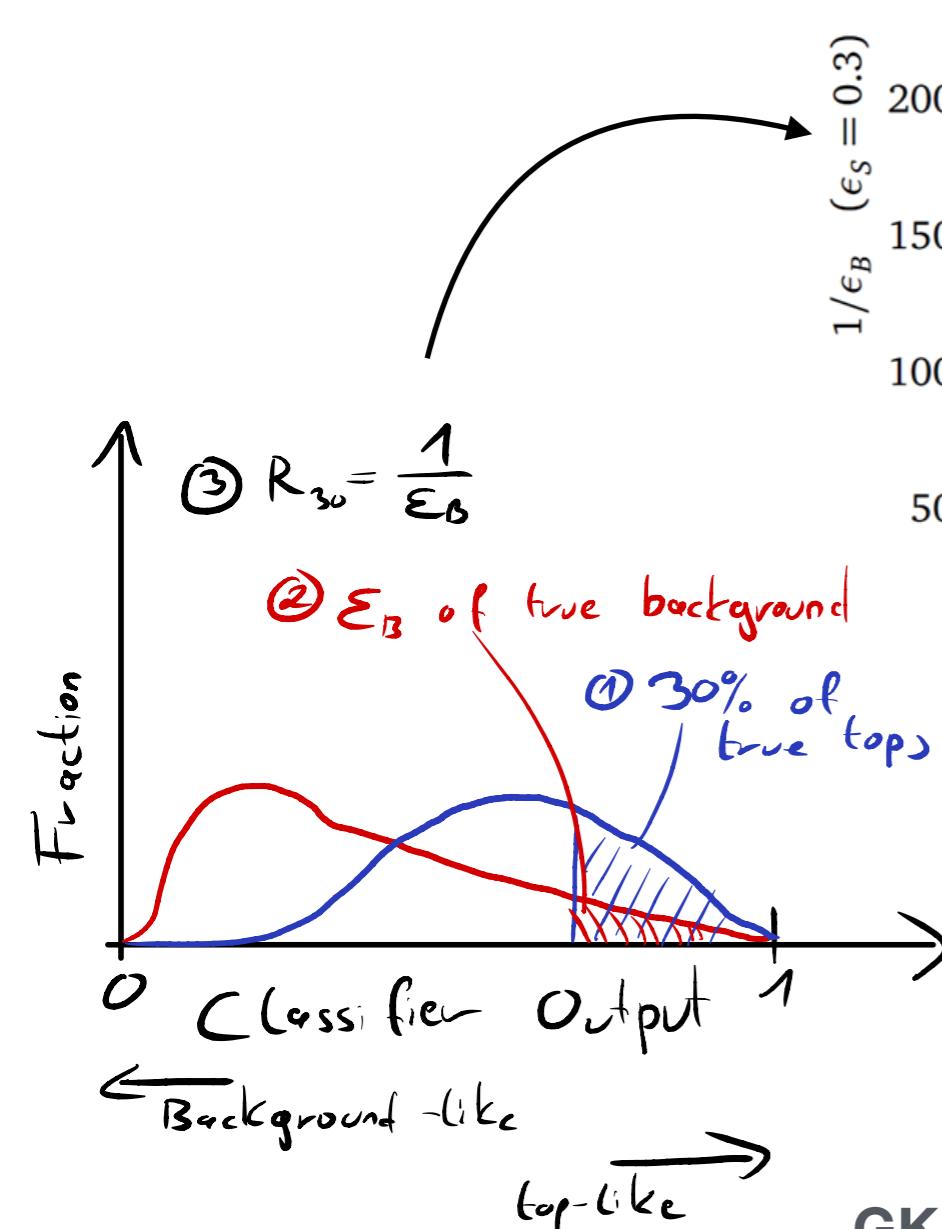
$$J_i = \{\vec{p_1}, \dots, \vec{p_n}\}$$

Example per-particle features



Top Quark Tagging

Public simulated*
benchmark dataset



The Machine Learning Landscape of Top Taggers

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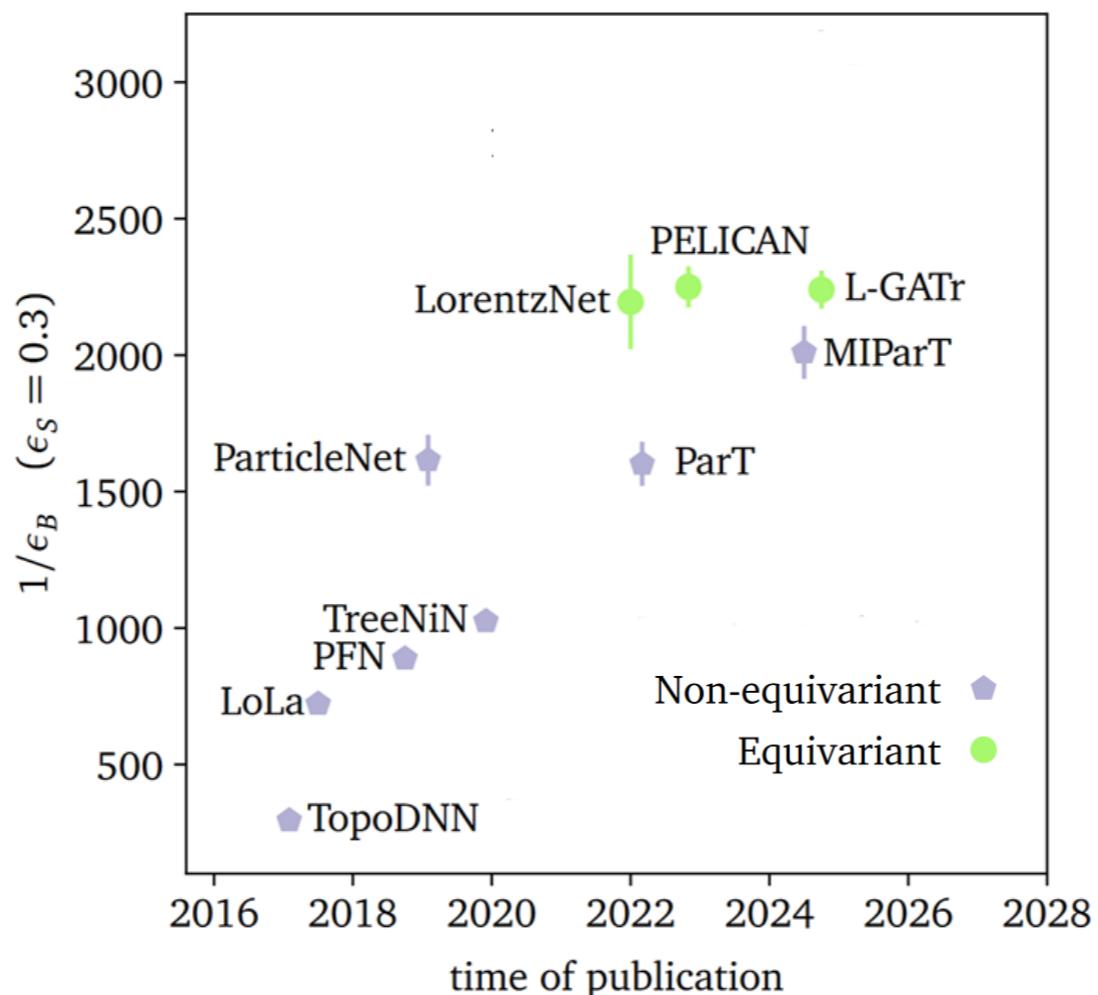
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Abstract

Based on the established task of identifying boosted, hadronically decaying top quarks, we compare a wide range of modern machine learning approaches. Unlike most established methods they rely on low-level input, for instance calorimeter output. While their network architectures are vastly different, their performance is comparatively similar. In general, we find that these new approaches are extremely powerful and great fun.

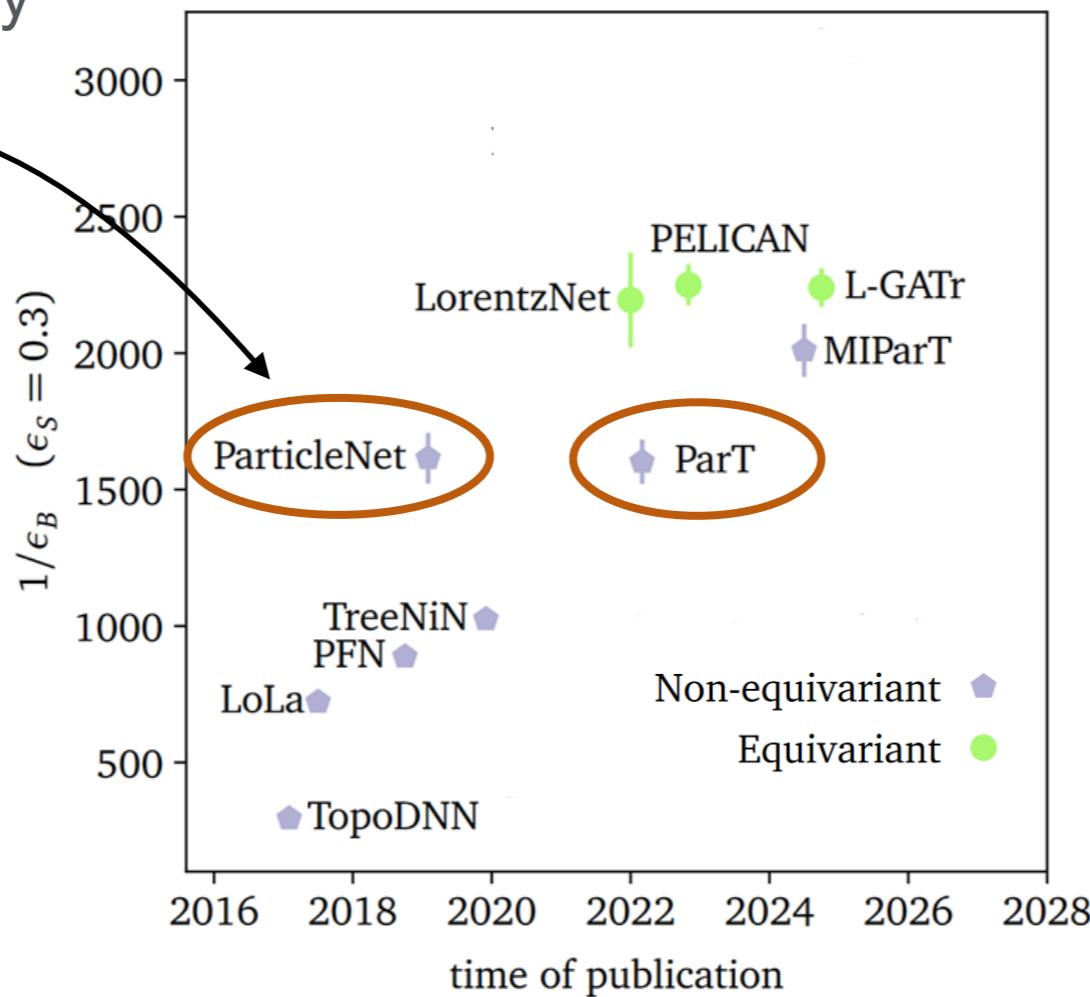
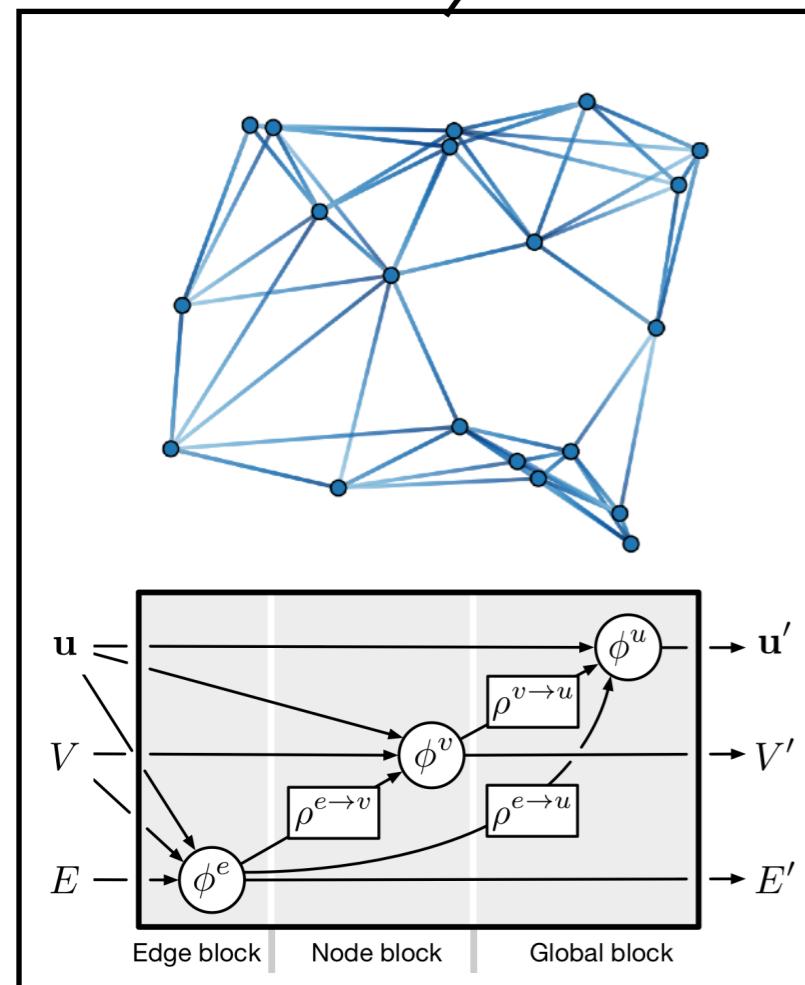
Top Quark Tagging



(*Subset of methods, graph from
V Breso at ML4Jets)

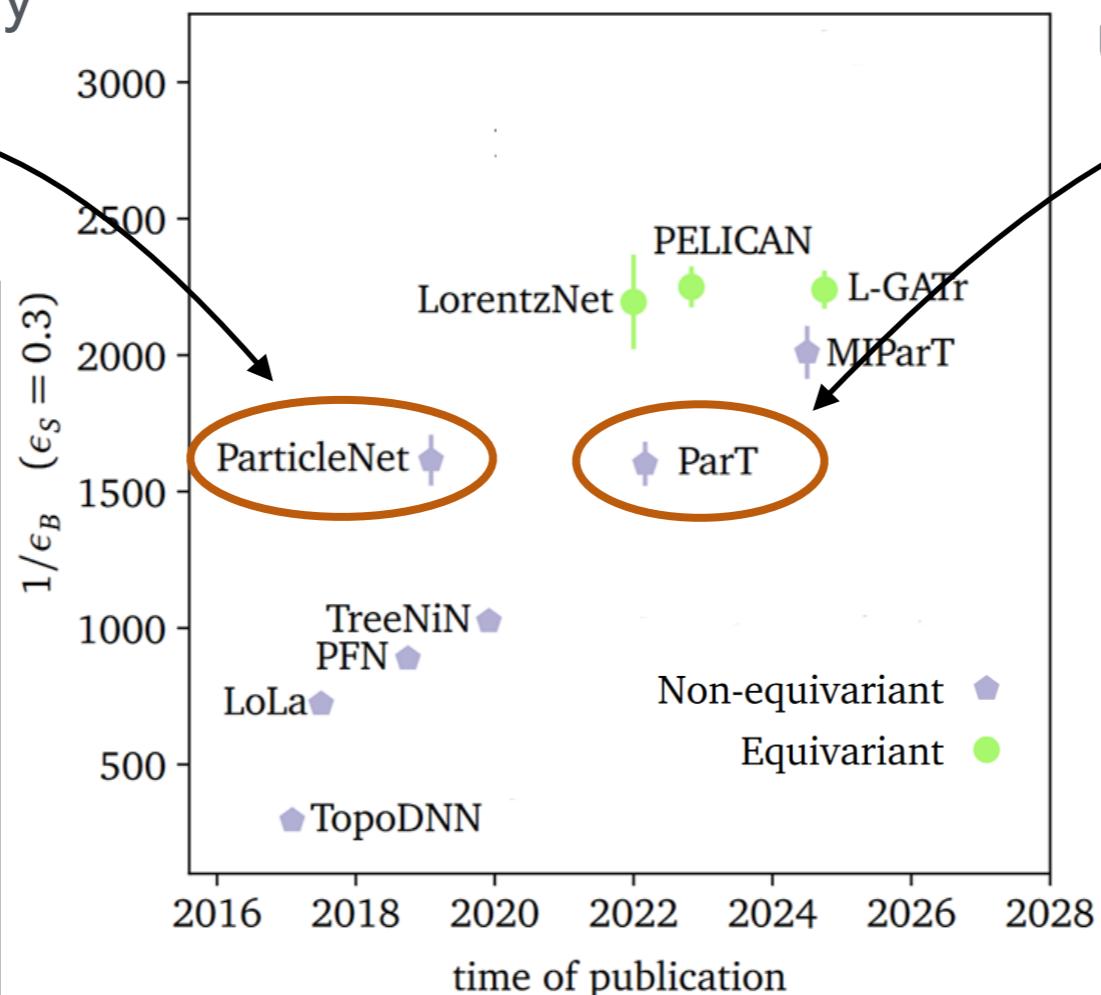
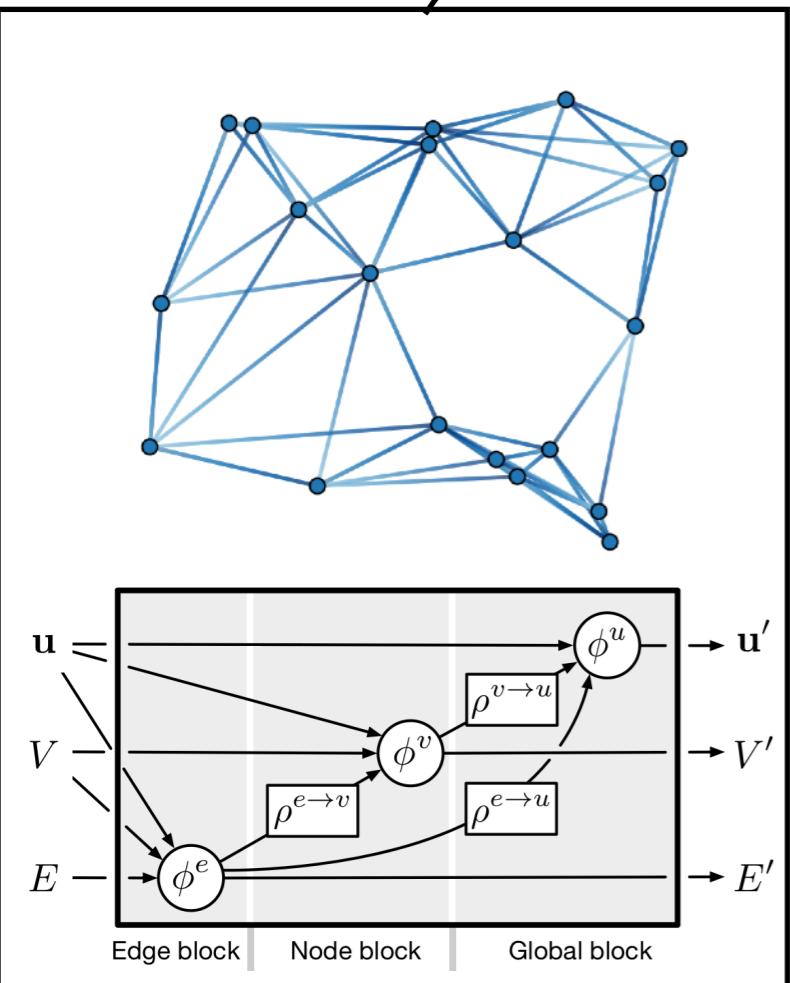
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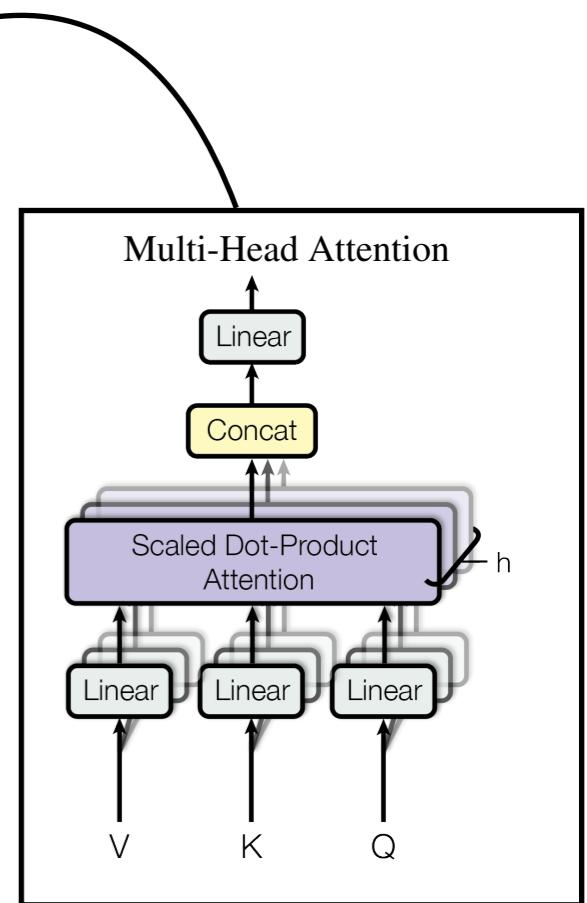


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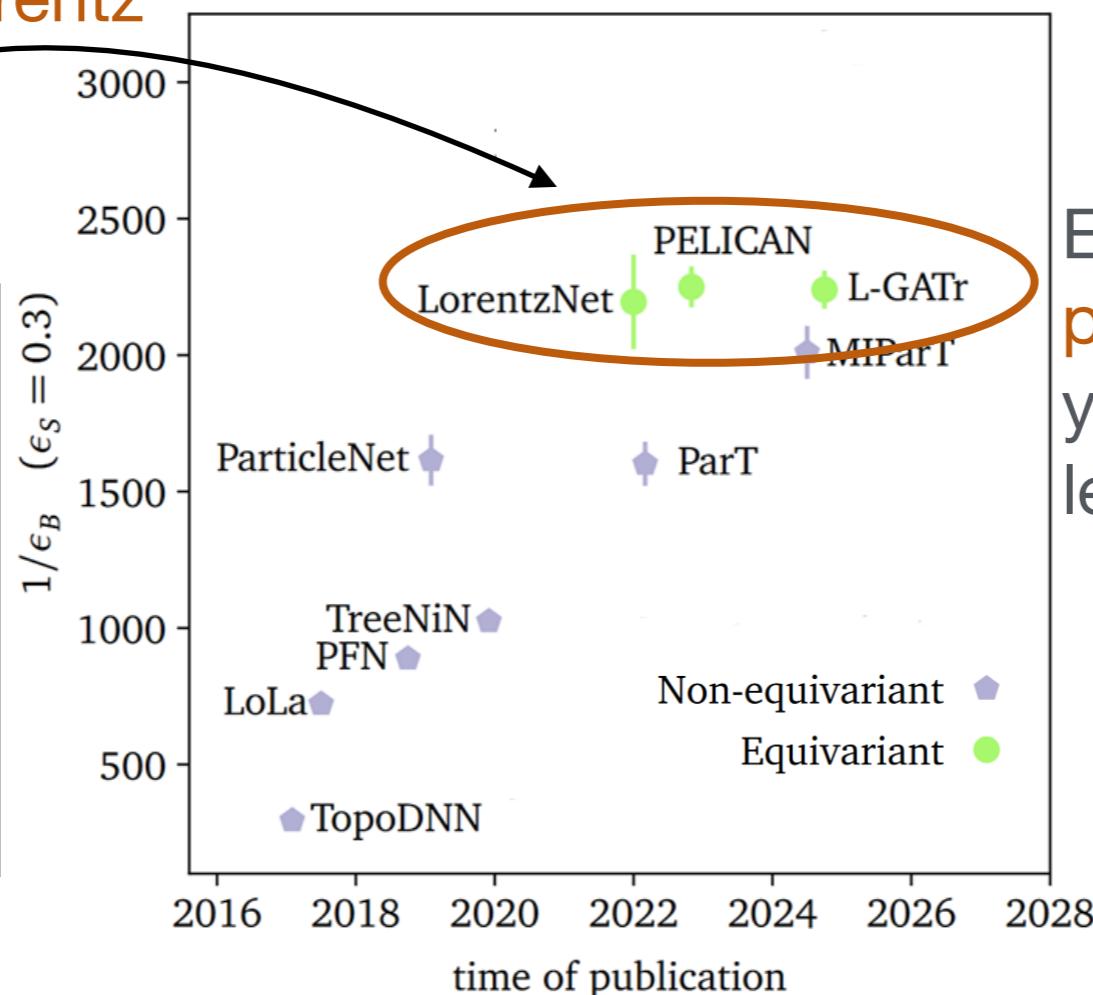
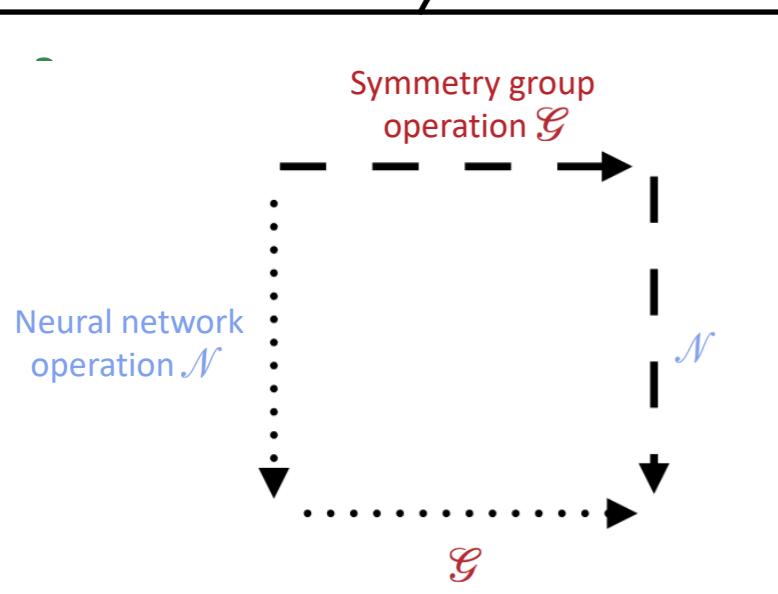


Learn relations from data using attention



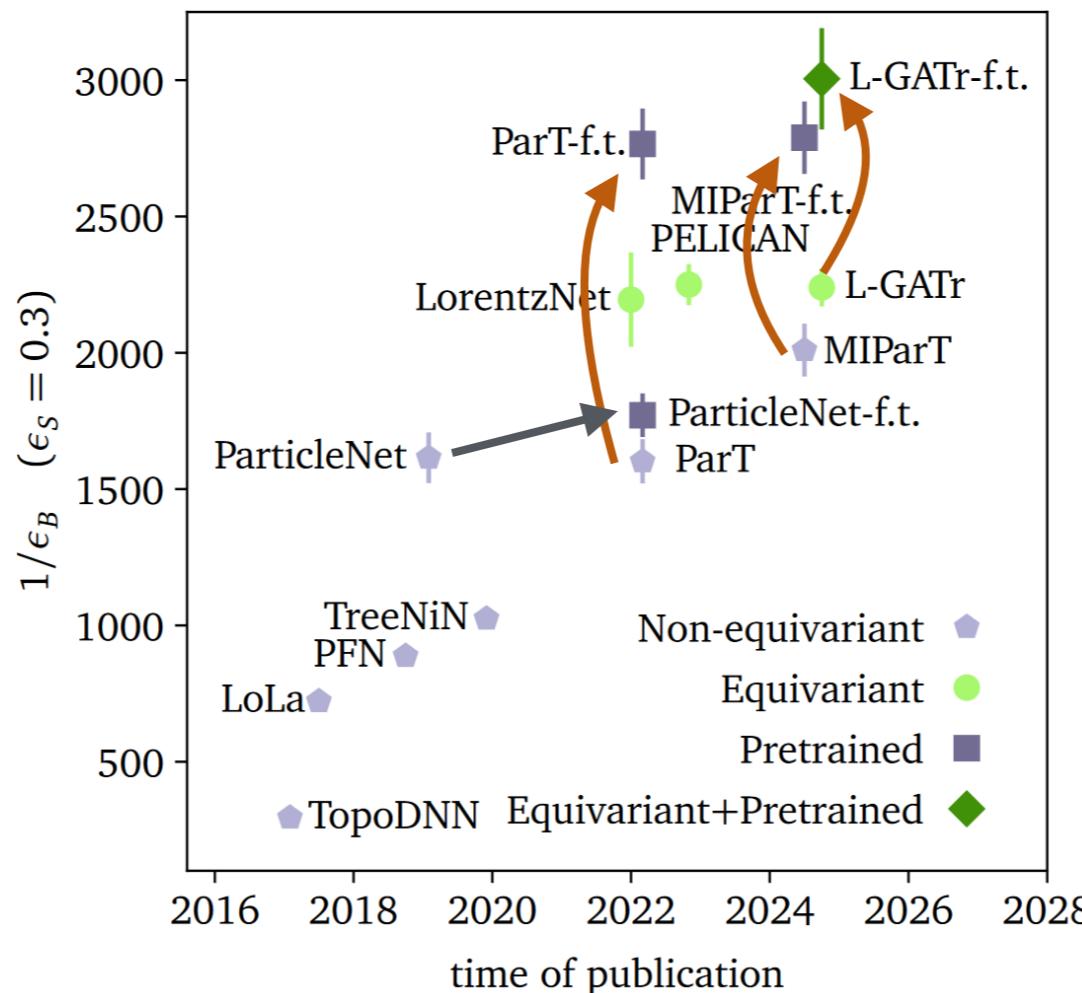
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Constrain functions to be equivariant under the Lorentz group



Explicitly injecting physics knowledge yields more efficient learning

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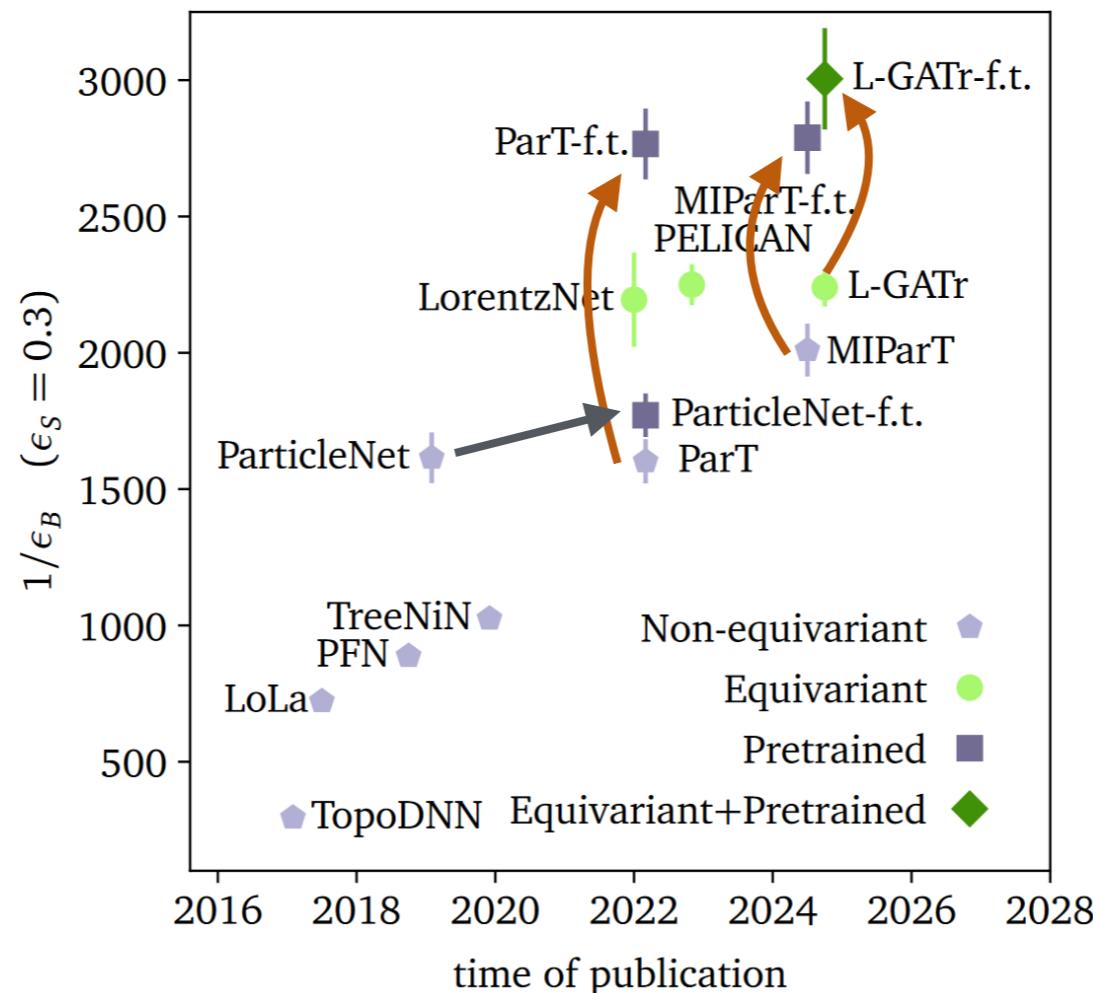
Fine tuning:
Pre-train on one dataset
and recycle weights
for training on new data

**Yields substantial
boost in performance
(for **transformer**-based
models)**

**Can combine with
equivariance**

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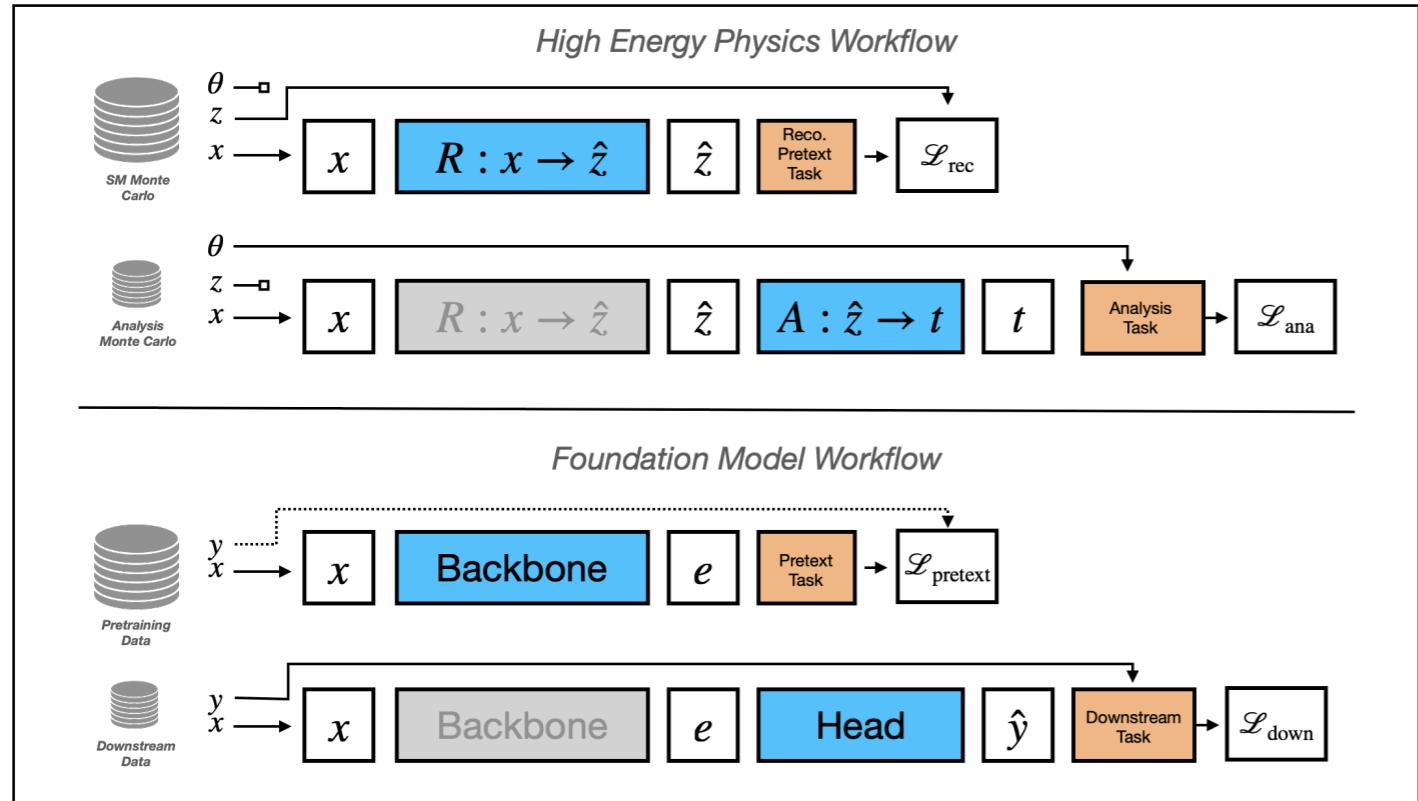
- Usefulness of open benchmark data
- Good representation of data pays off
- Transformers + physics rules
- Boost by fine-tuning across datasets



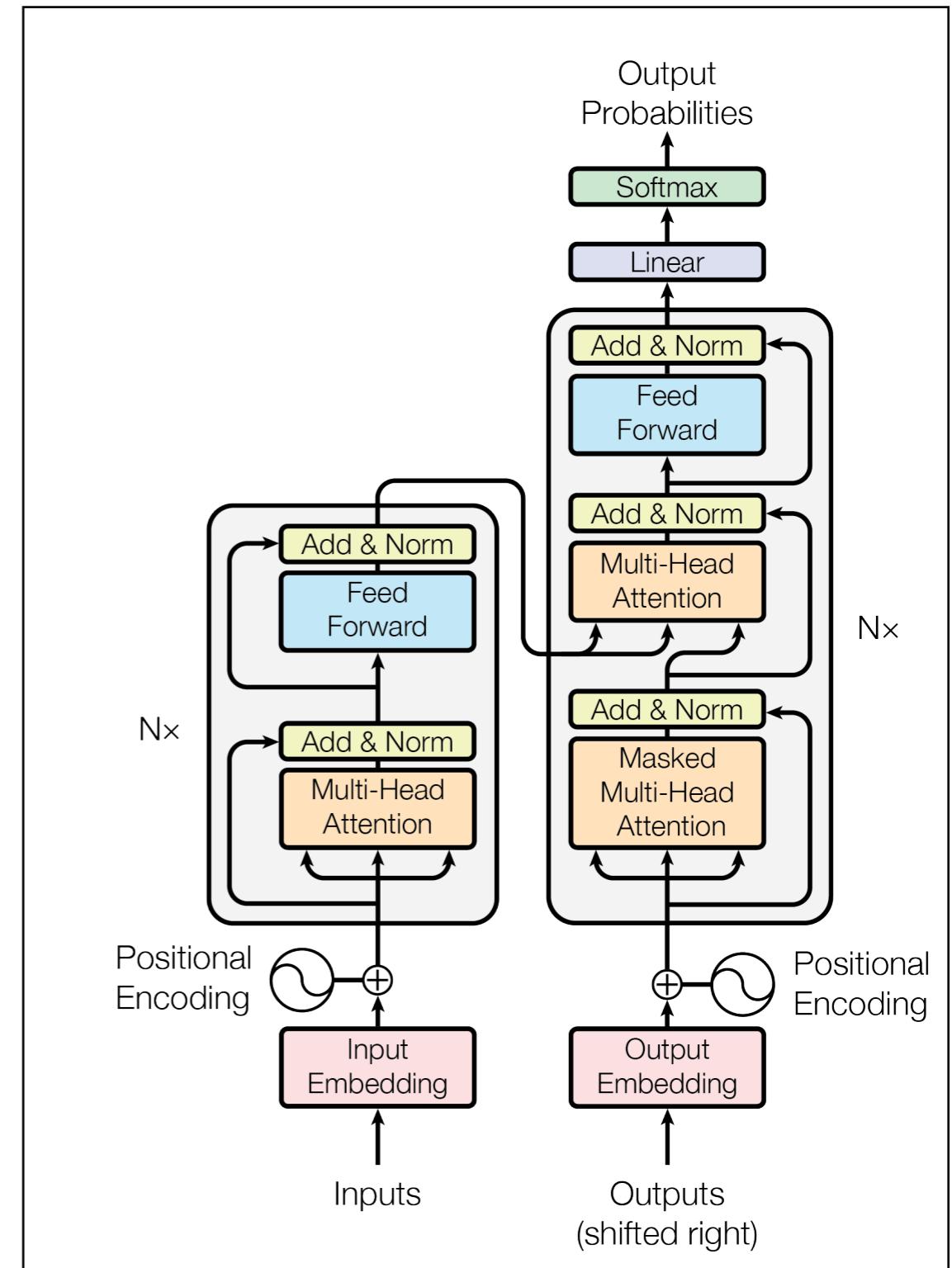
Important issues on application side

- Domain shift
- Calibrateable
- Compute cost

Foundation models

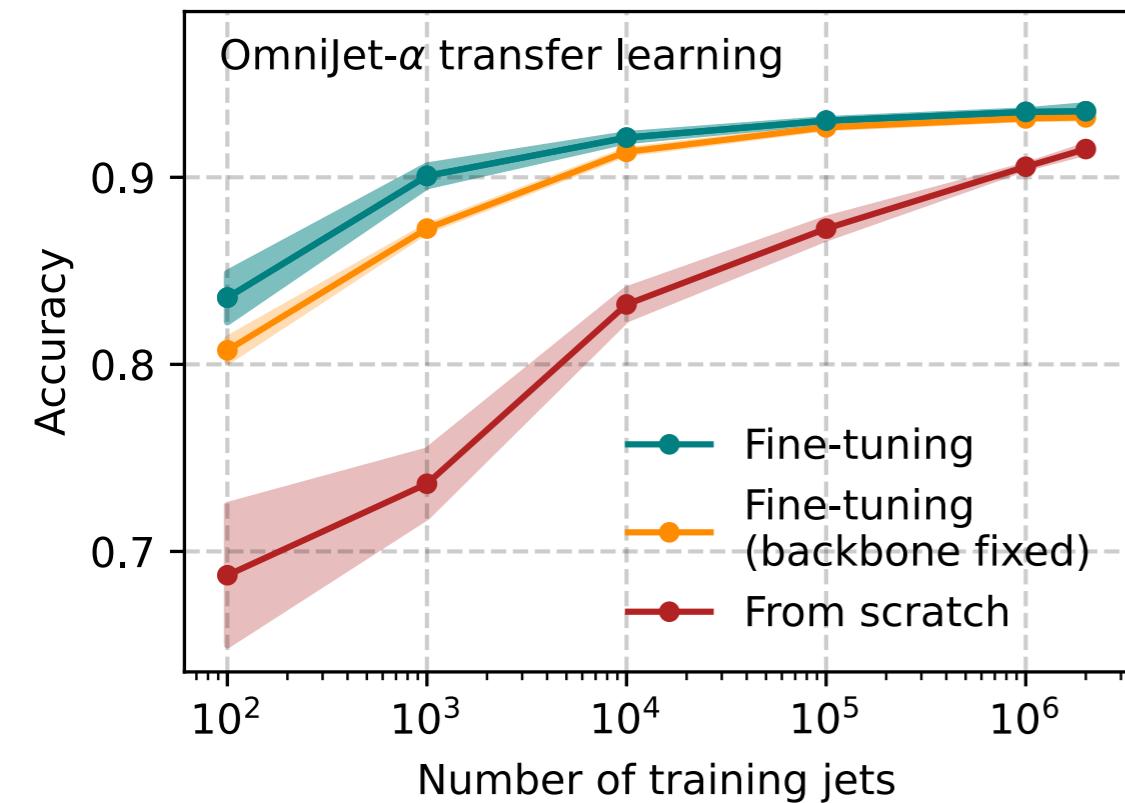


Foundation models extend finetuning broadly and centralise and re-use training

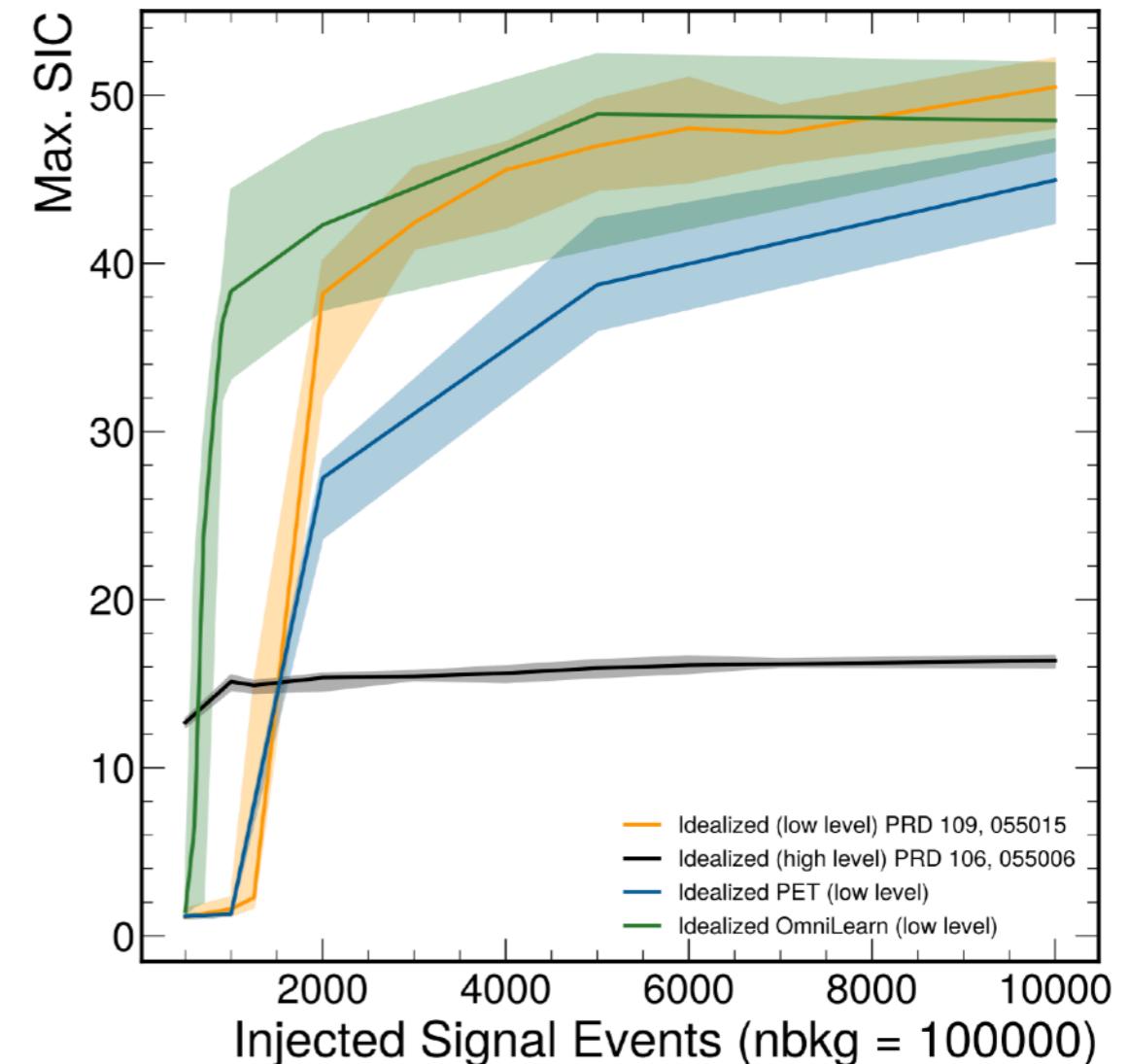


Largely based on autoregressive
transformer architecture

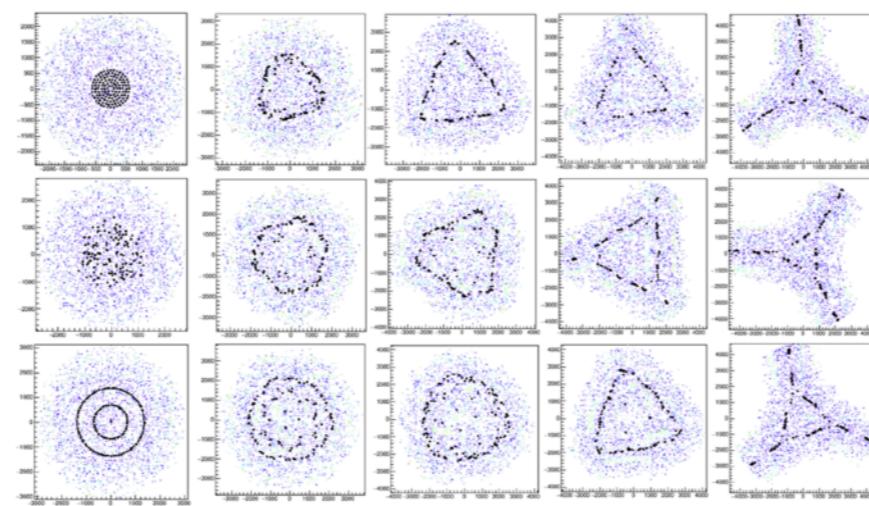
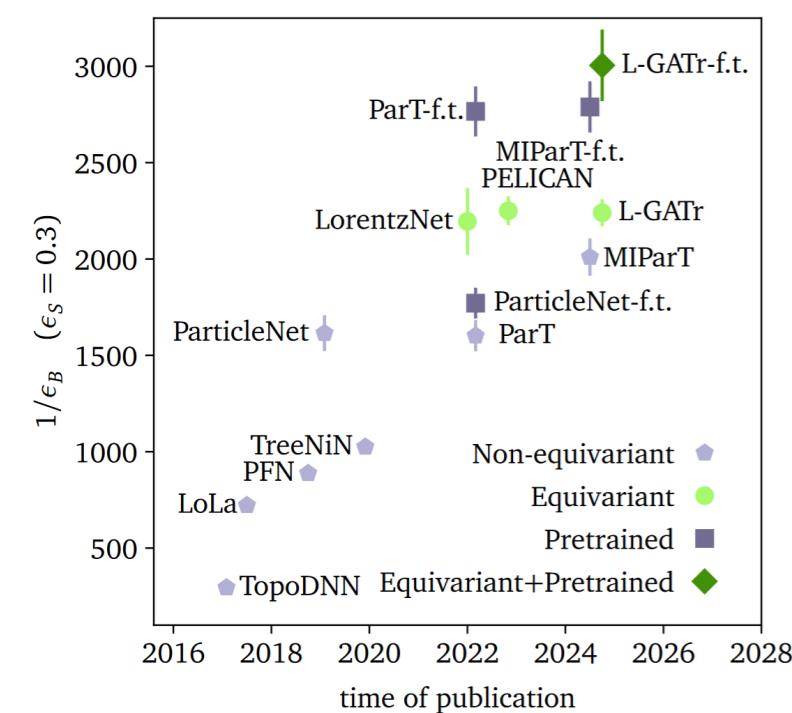
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Pre-training on “cheap” unlabelled examples improves supervised classification data efficiency up to 100-1000x



First generalisations across multiple tasks including anomaly detection shown



Physics or compute

The surrogate revolution

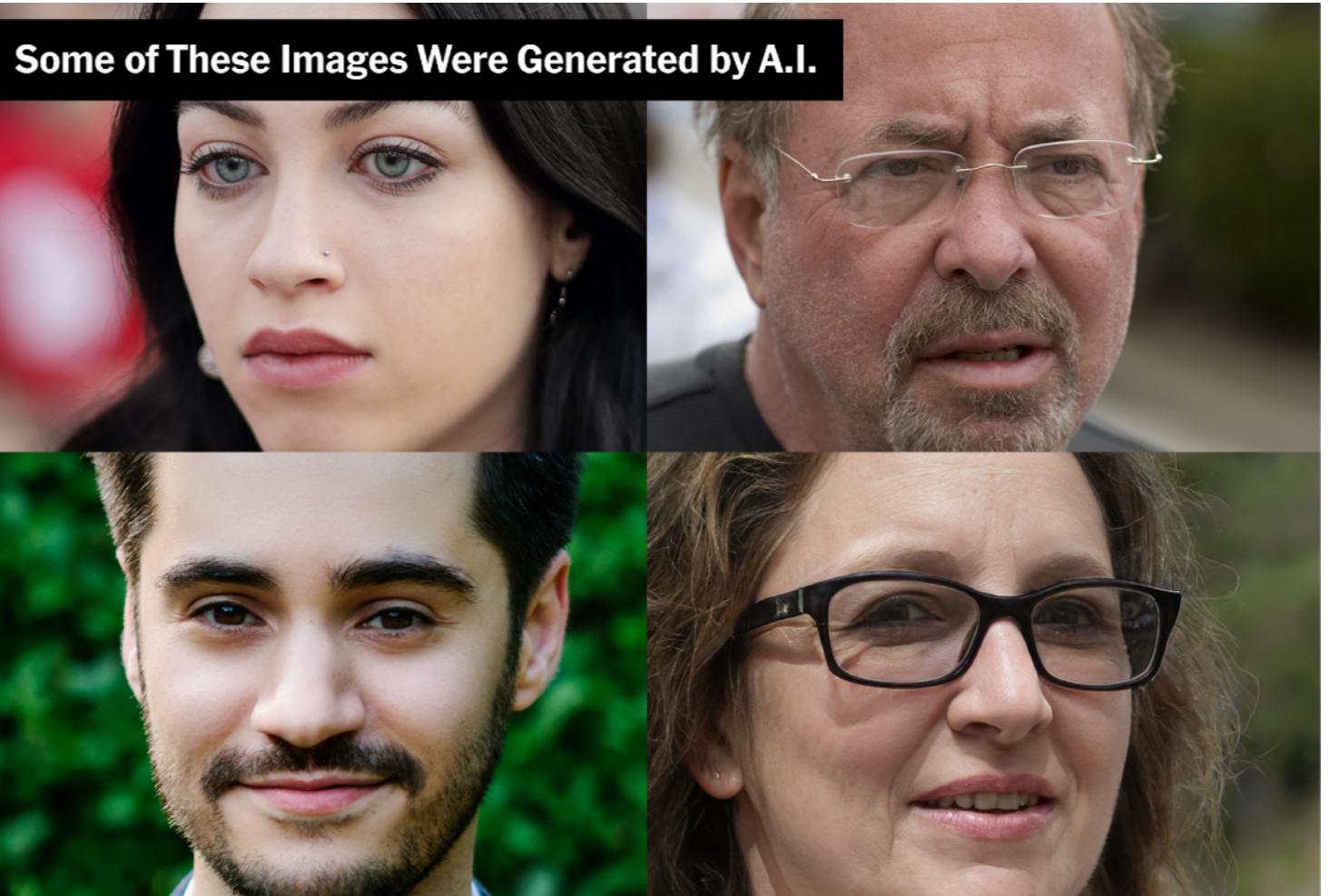


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Generative Image Models



Massive progress in the generation of artificial images



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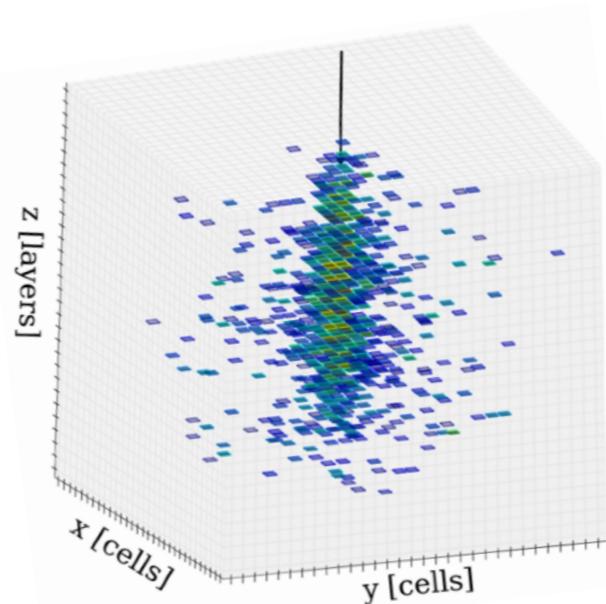
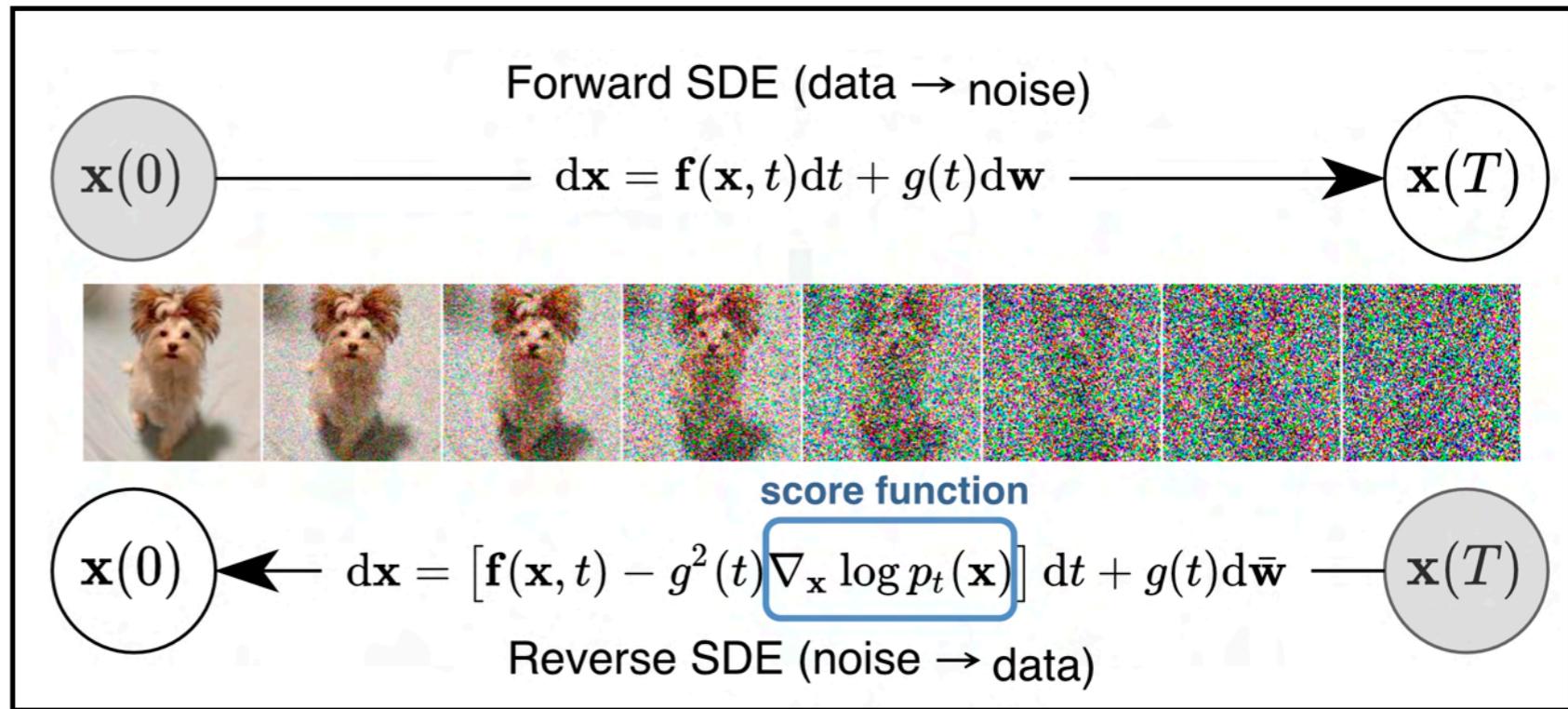
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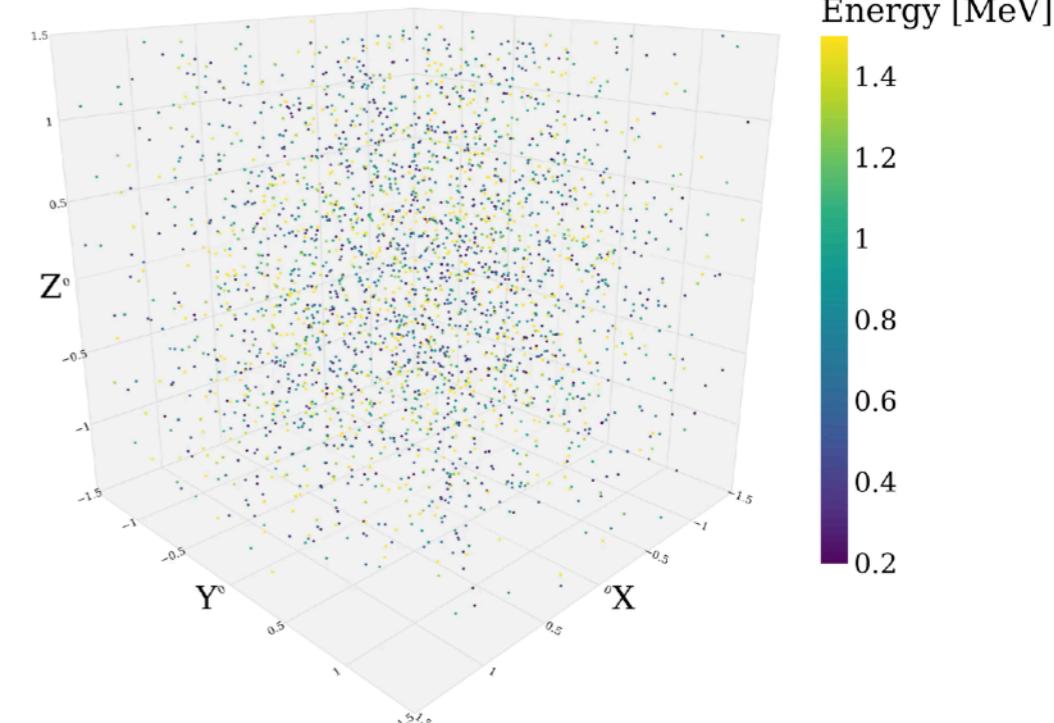
Main driver: Normalising flows and **diffusion**

Example: **surrogate model** for particle interaction in high granularity detector.

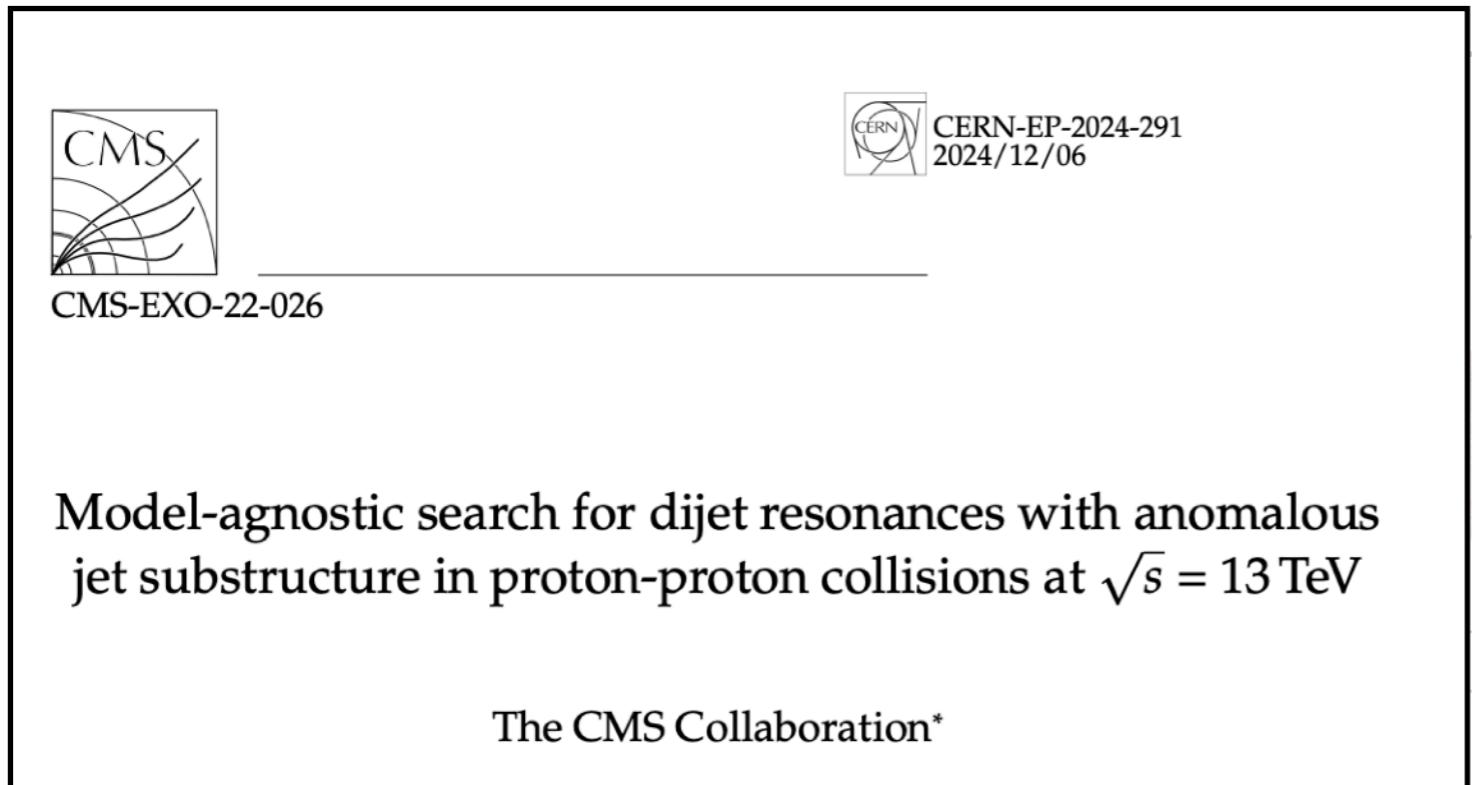
Similar approaches for e.g. surrogates for cosmic airshowers. Relevant whenever simulation is expensive.



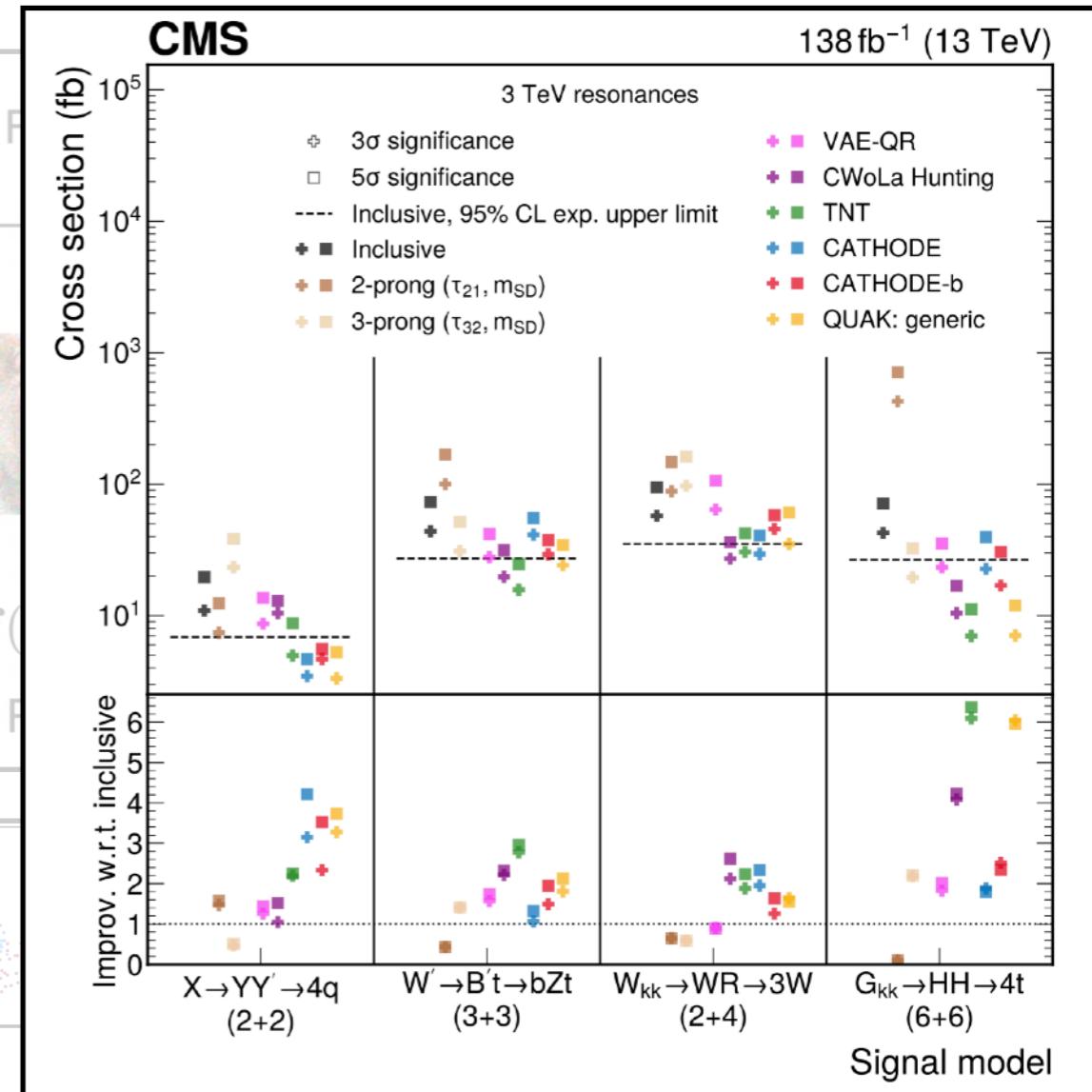
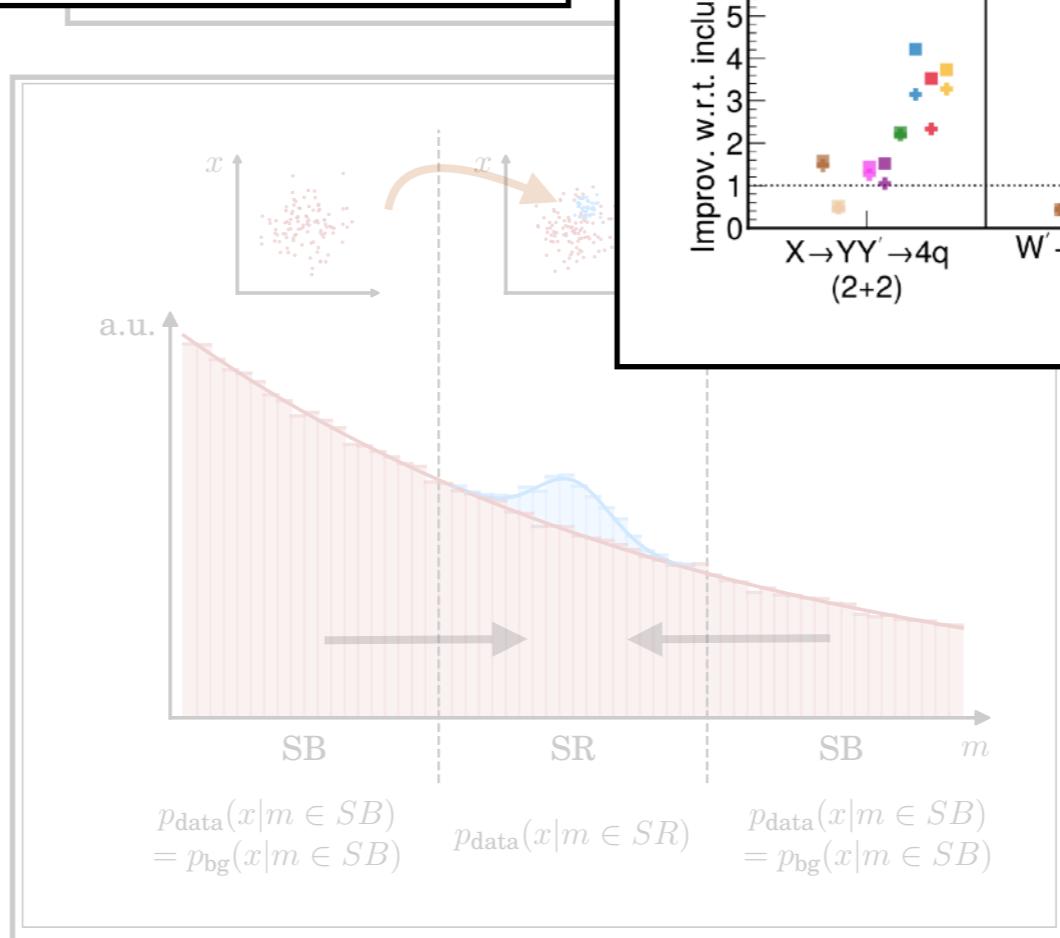
CaloCloud, time stamp: t_{99}



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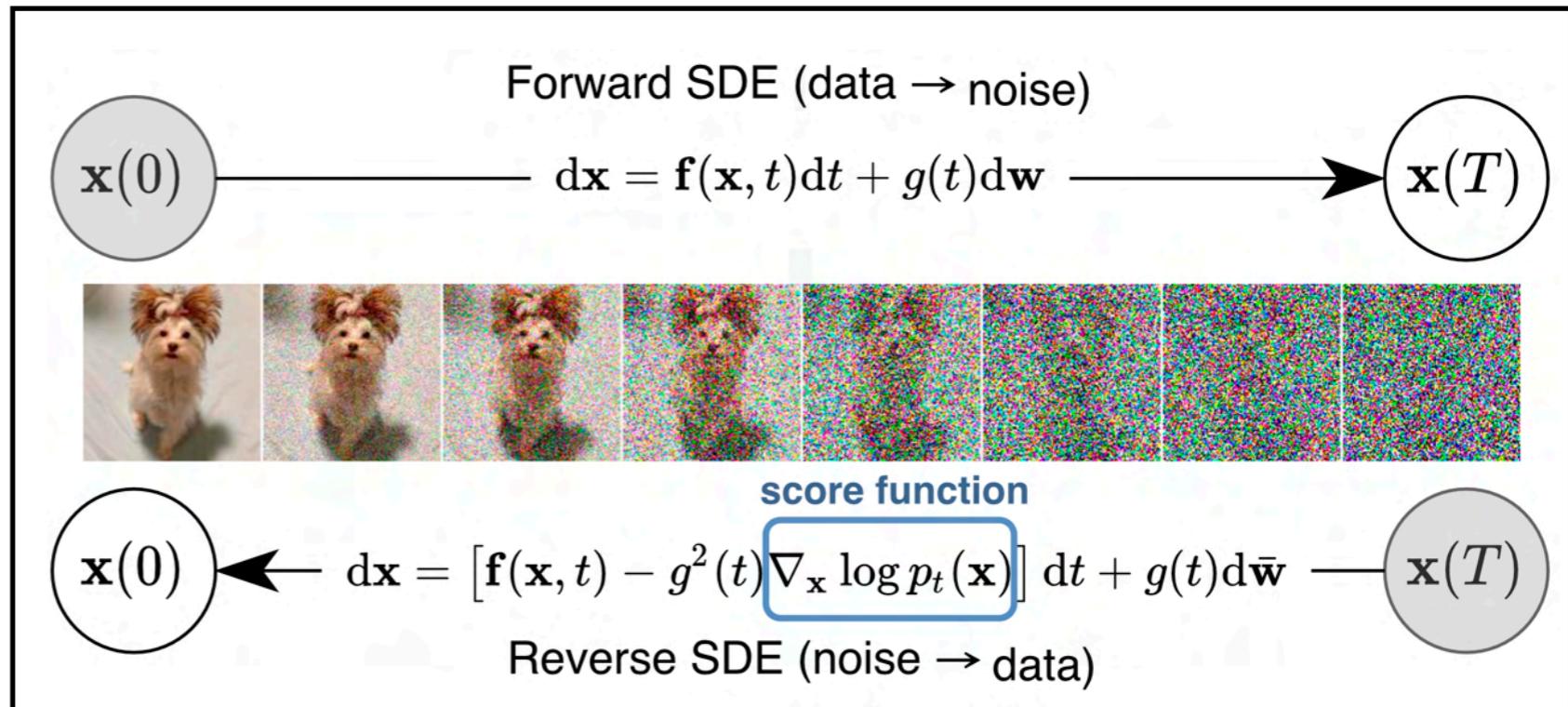
Want for in-situ learning:
use generative models to produce high-dimensional background predictions directly from data



Currently explored in anomaly detection, but wider potential?

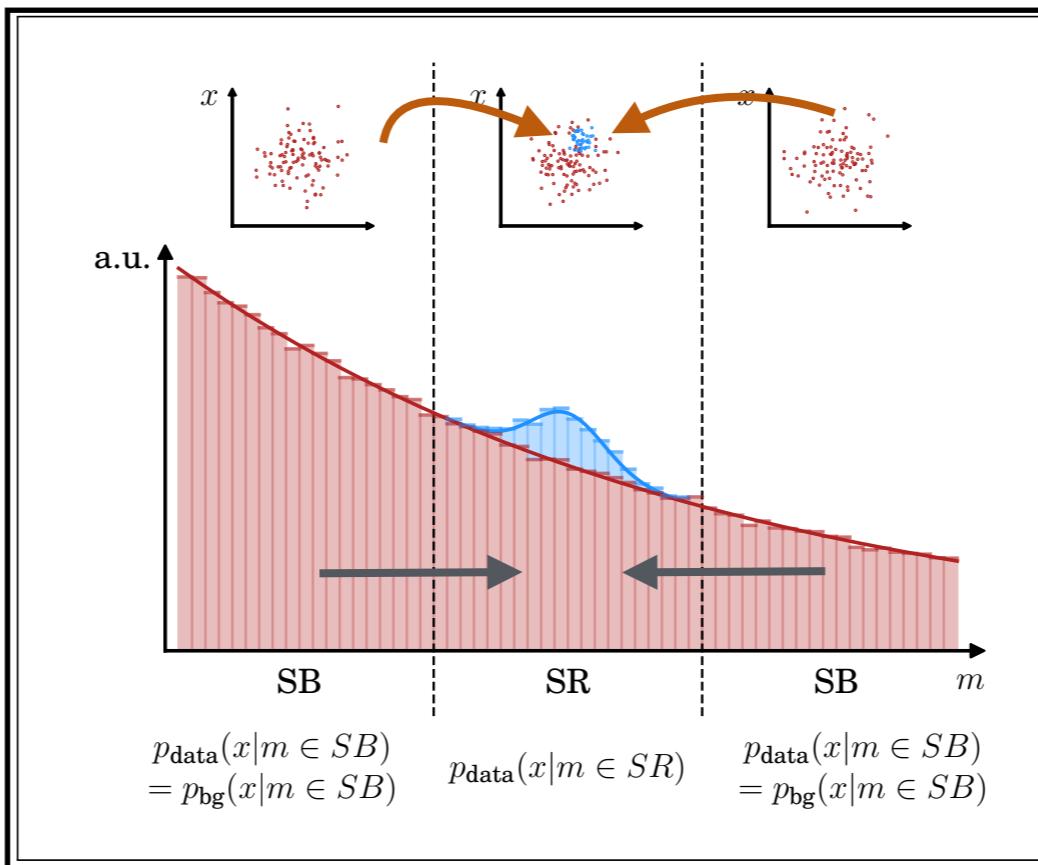
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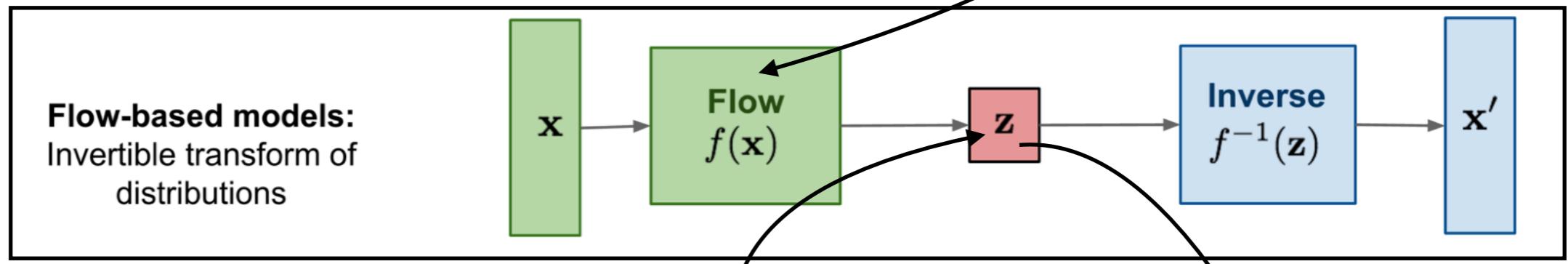
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(Some) generative models directly learn **likelihood** of data $p(x)$



Can use to build **likelihood ratios** or build likelihood function for measurements

Potential gains from thinking of data not as individual samples but as **density function** $p(x)$?

Bijective, easy-to-calculate
Jacobian determinant

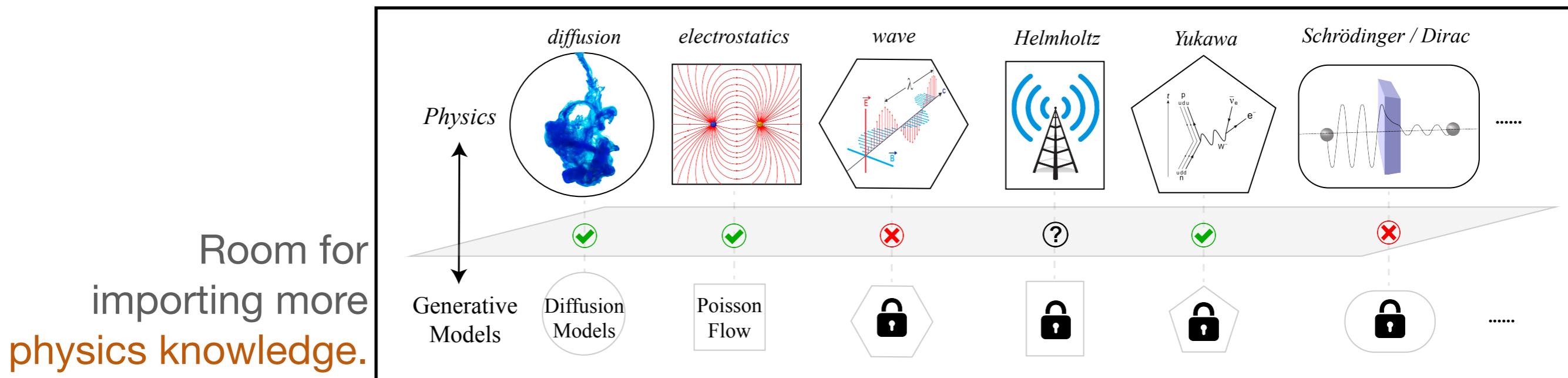
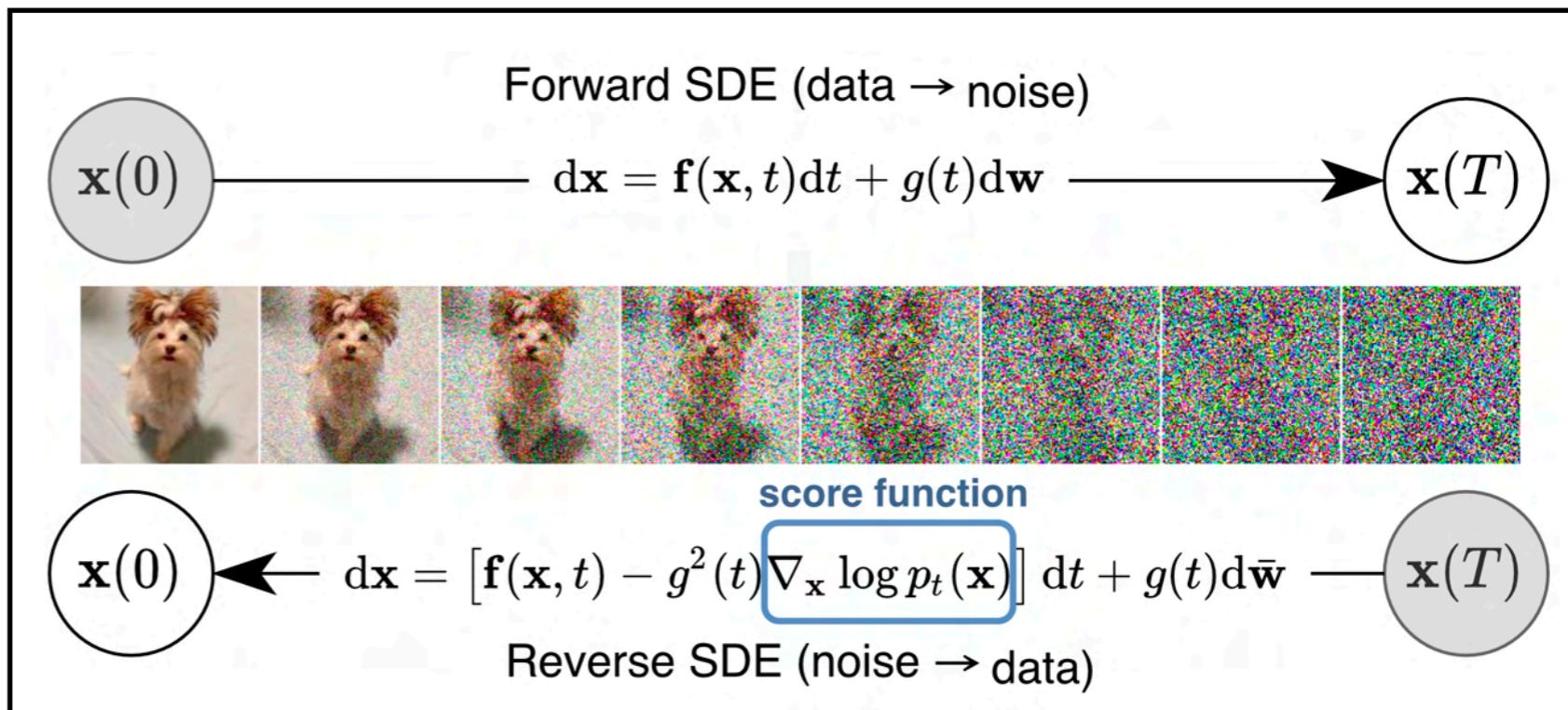
Gaussian latent space

Can evaluate $f(x)$ as
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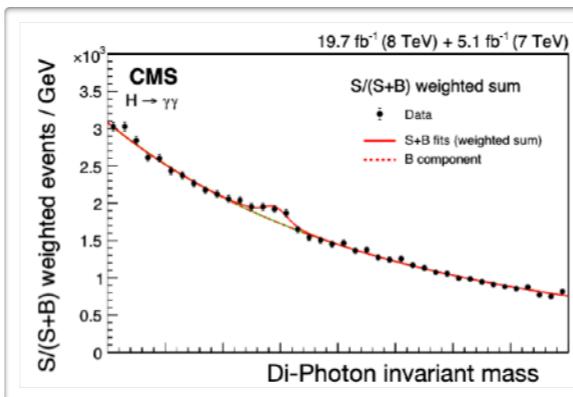
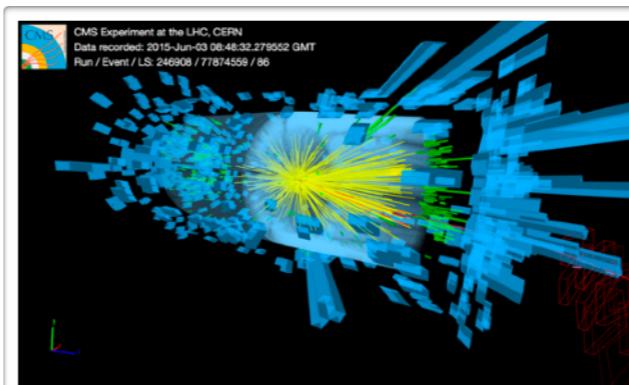
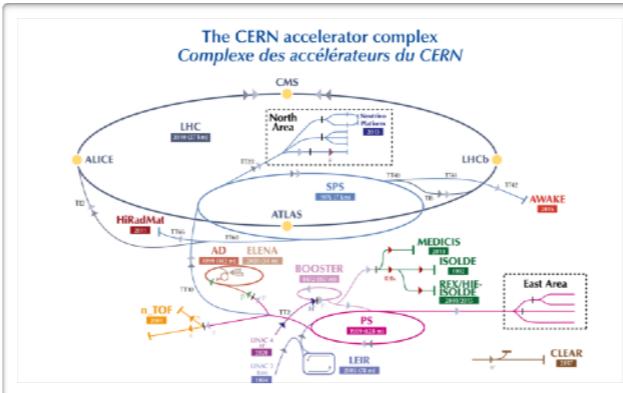
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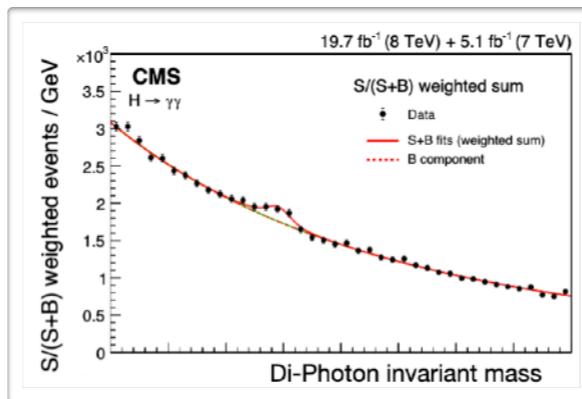
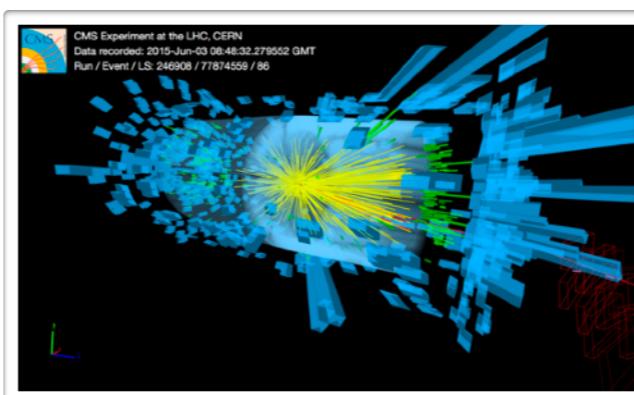
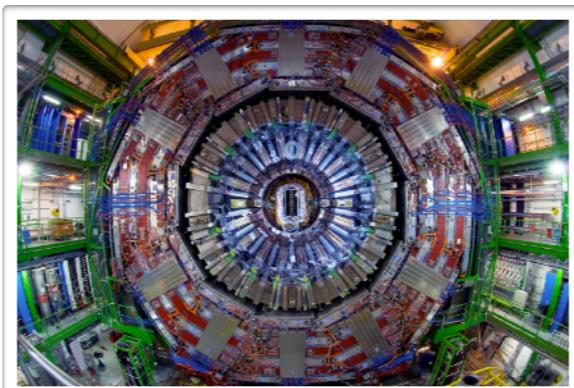
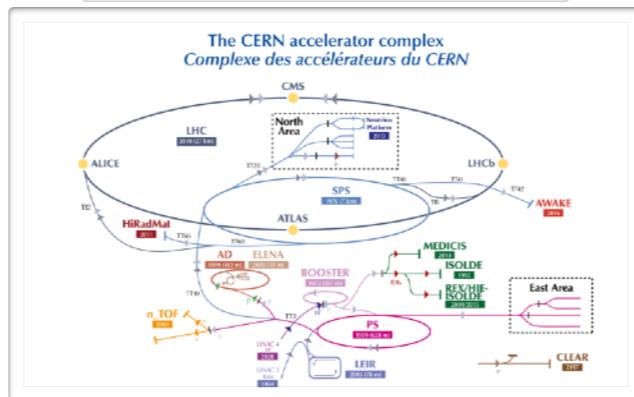


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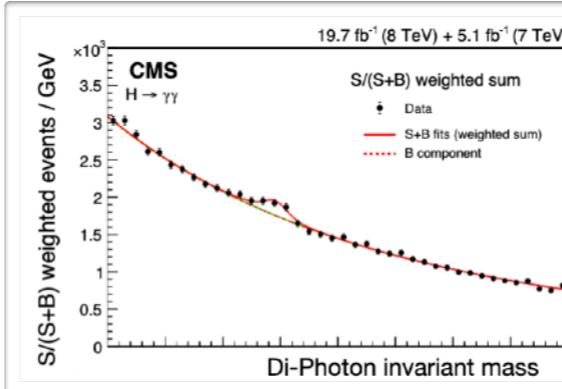
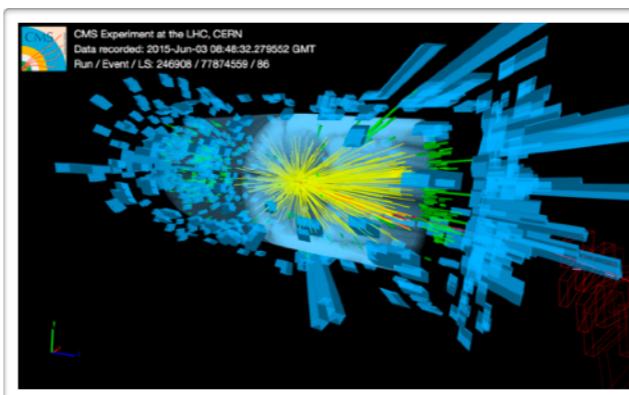
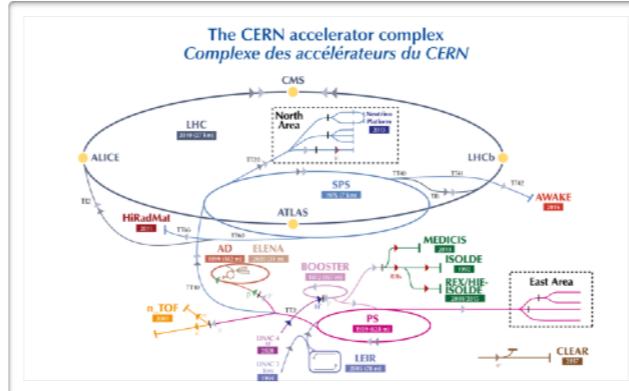
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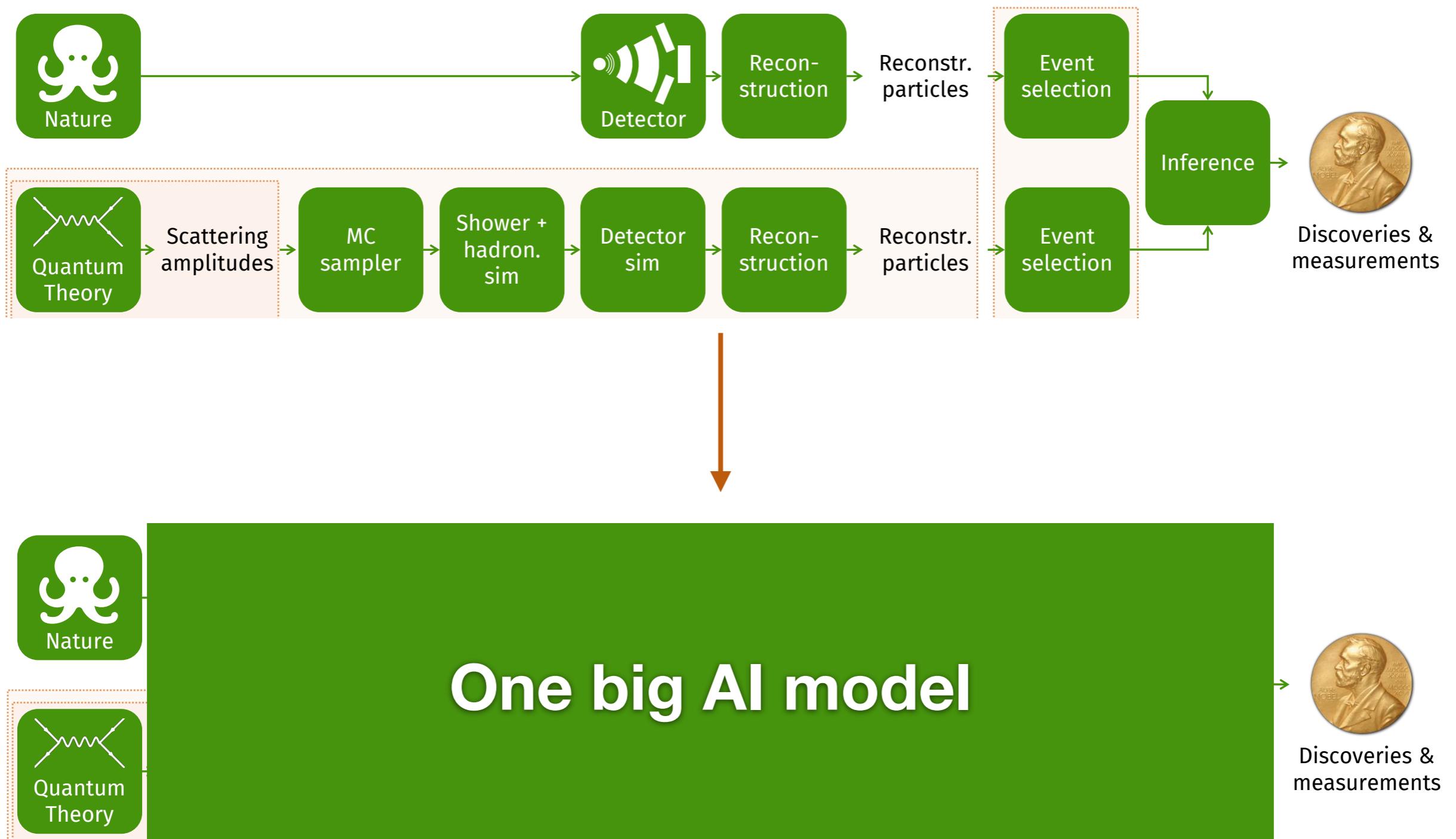
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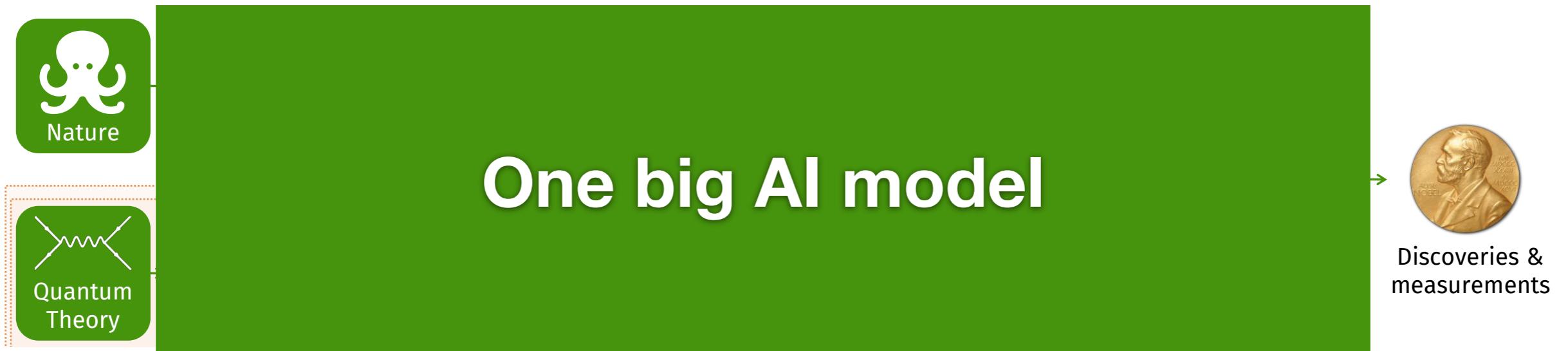
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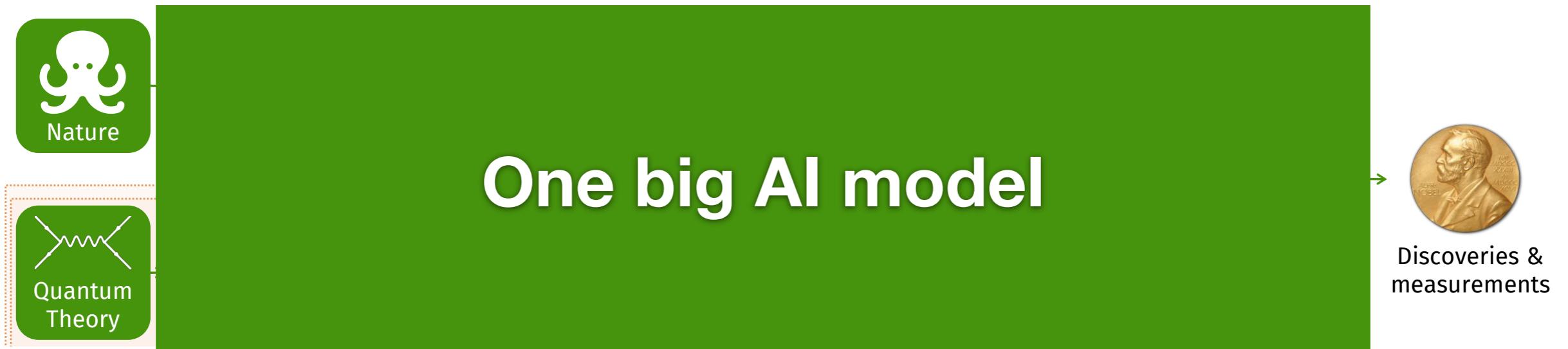
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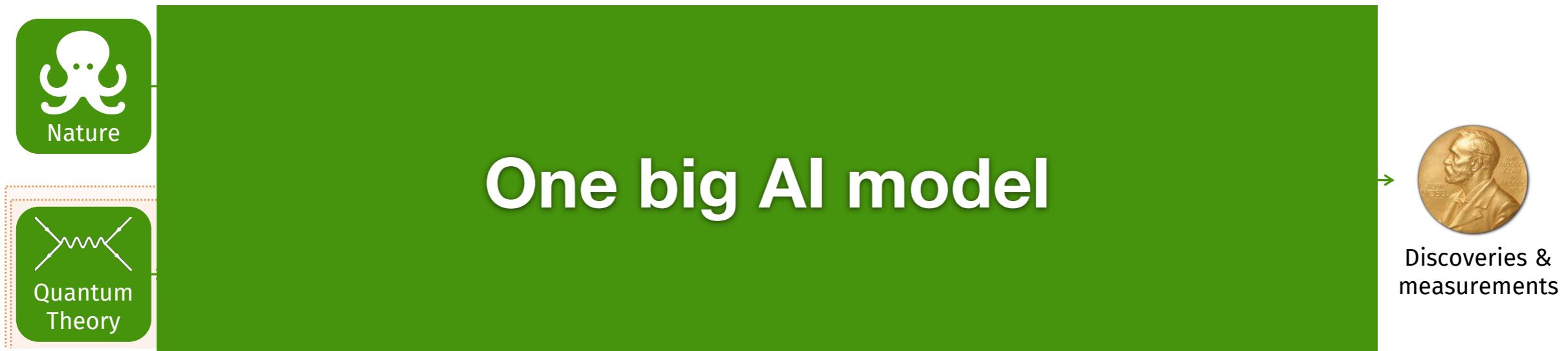
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- Interpretability (ultimate black-box)
- Weak learning signal (scaffolding?)

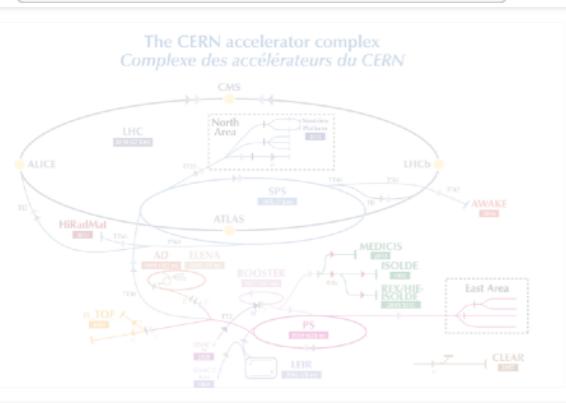
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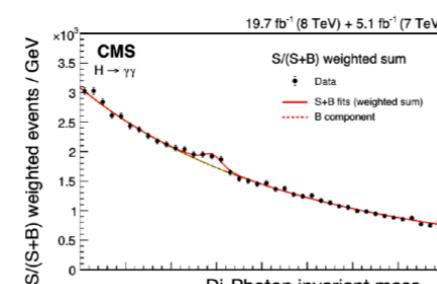
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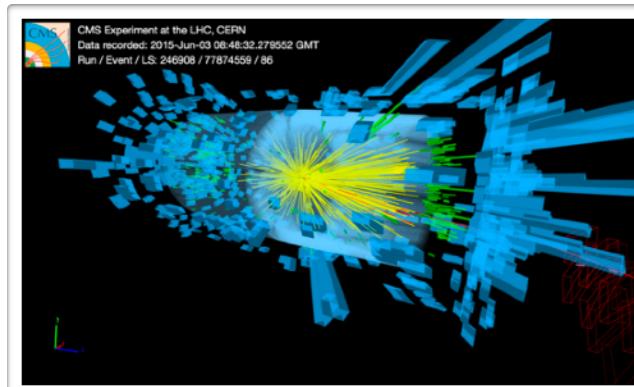


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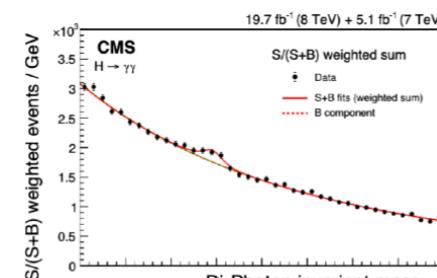
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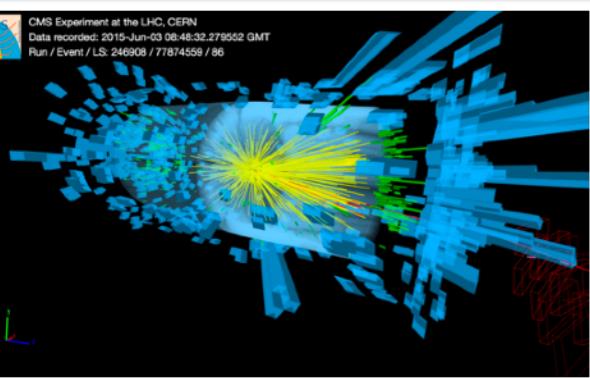


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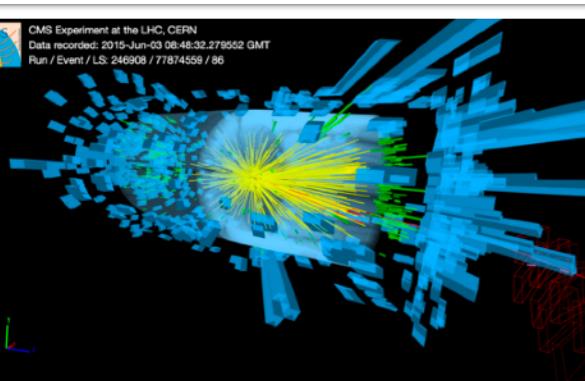
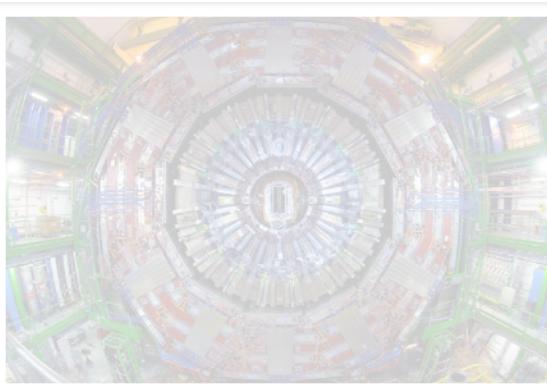
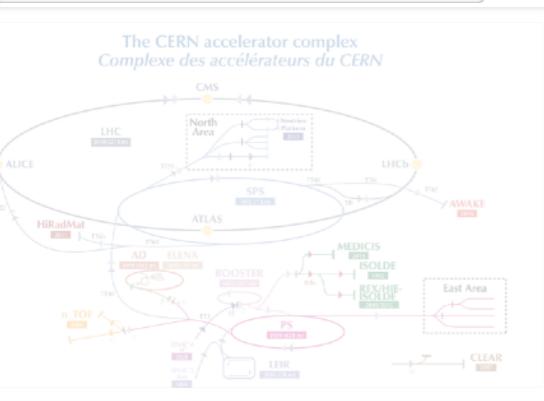


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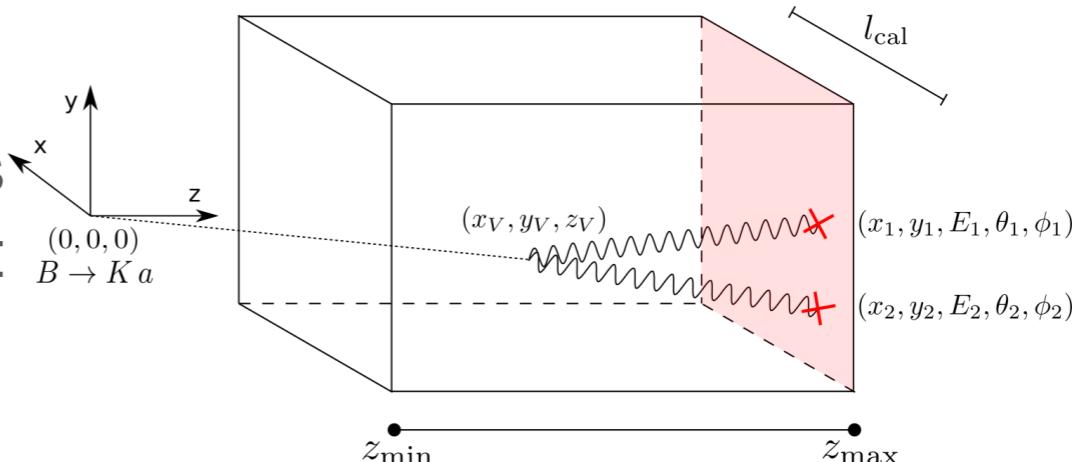
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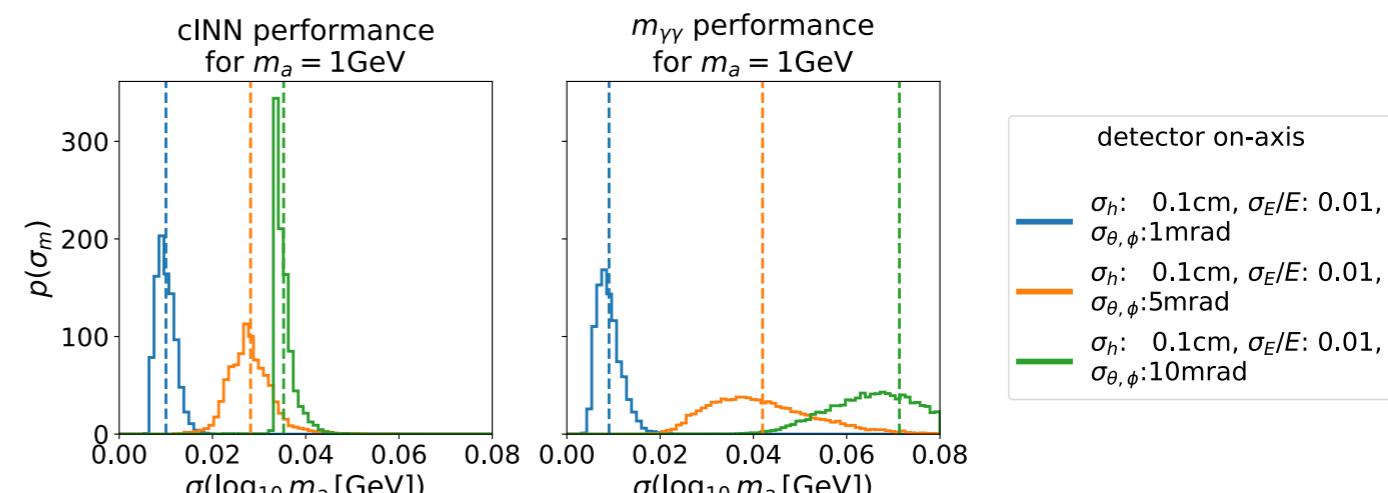
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Infer axion mass
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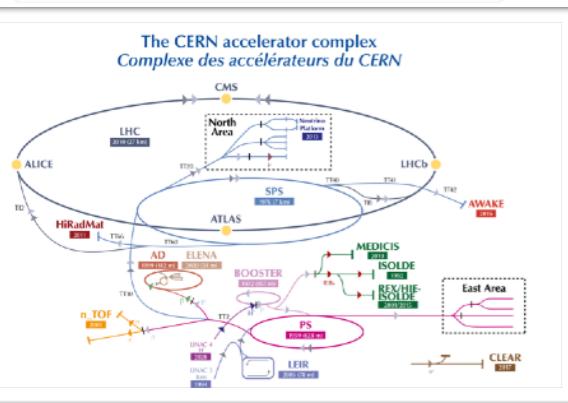


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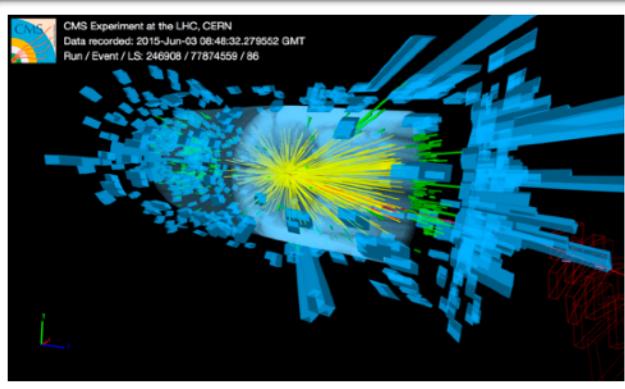
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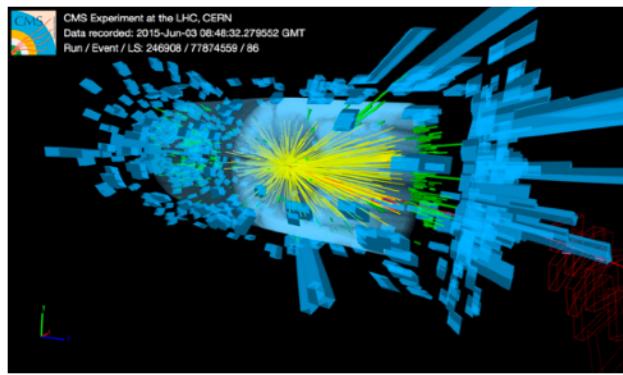
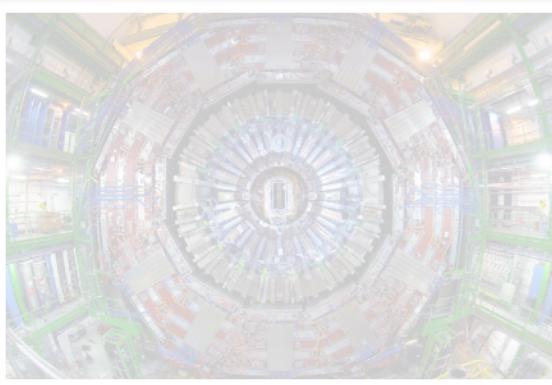
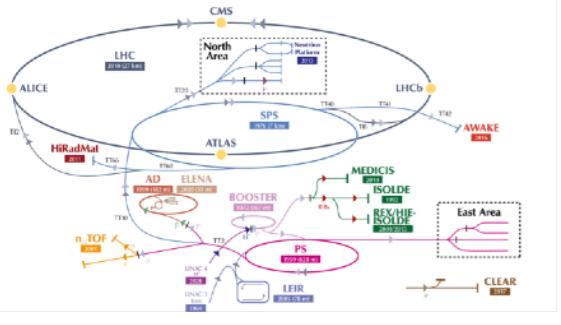
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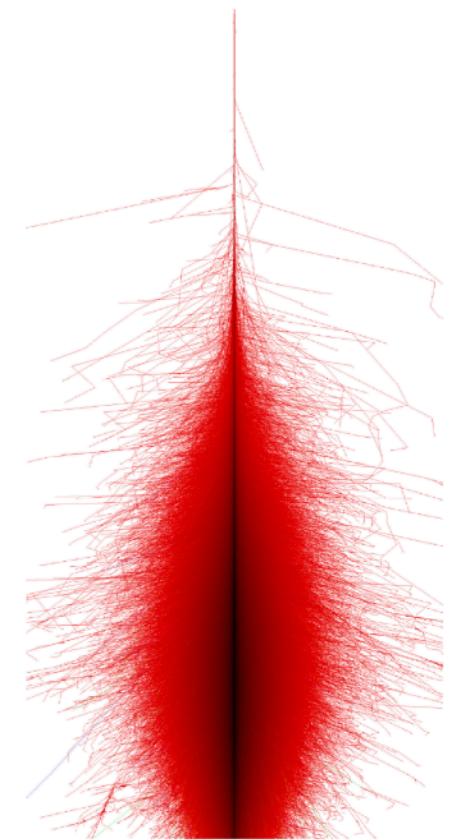
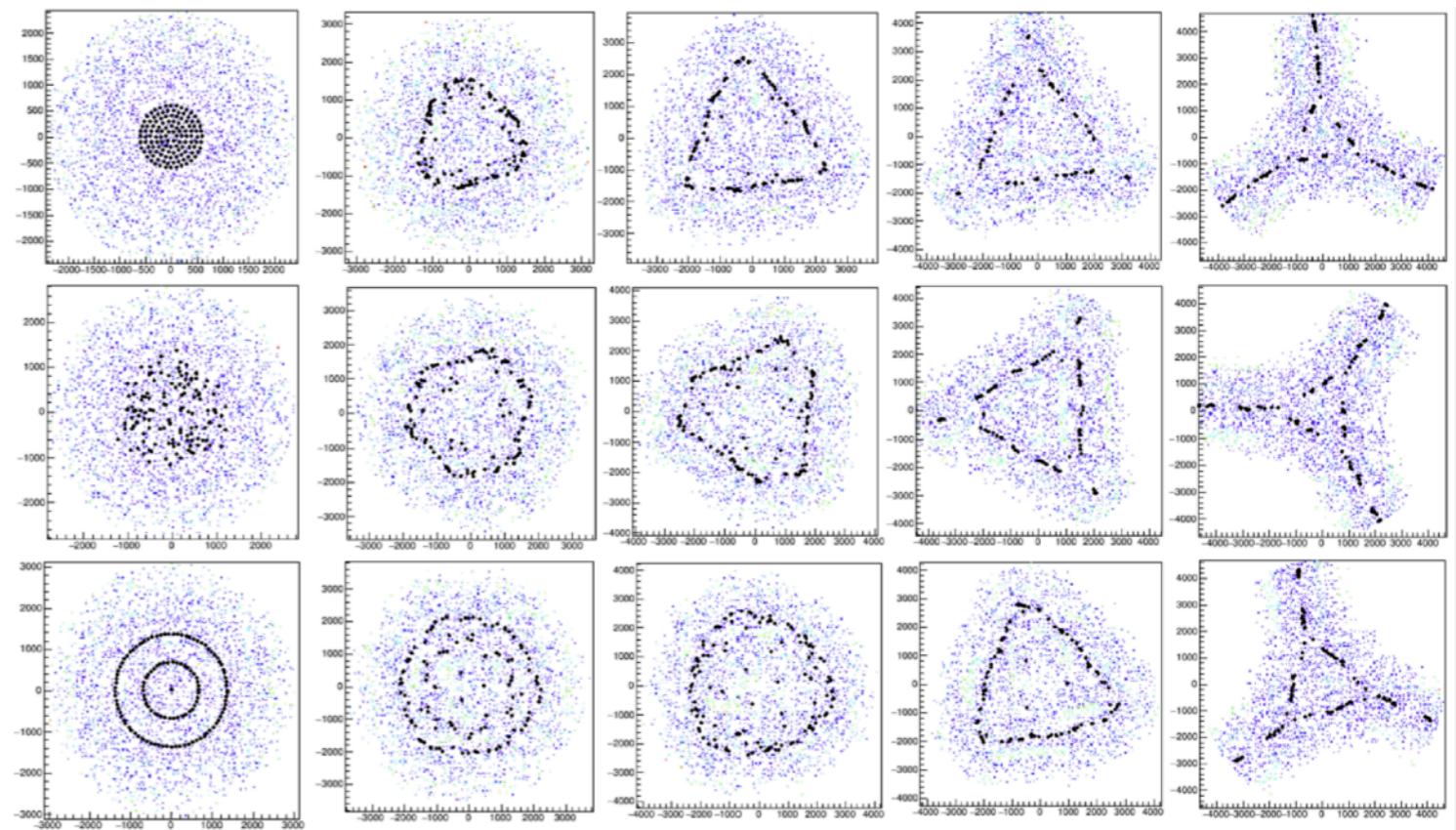
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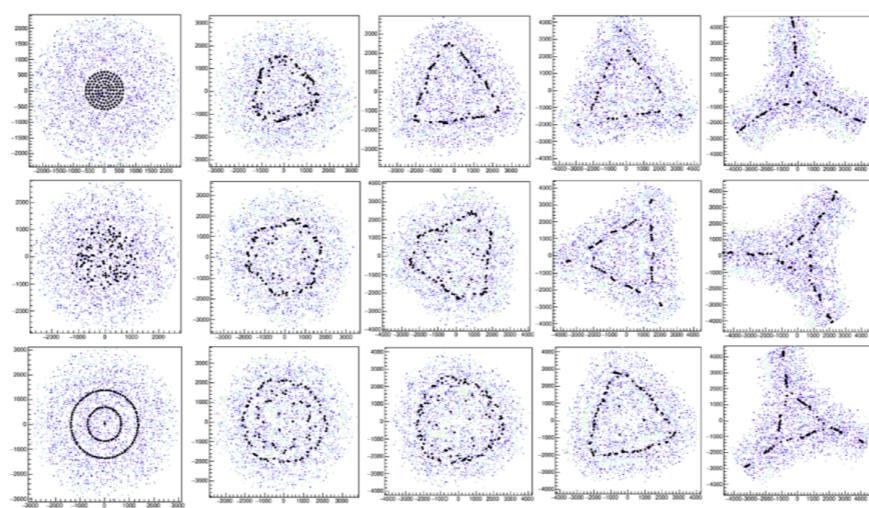
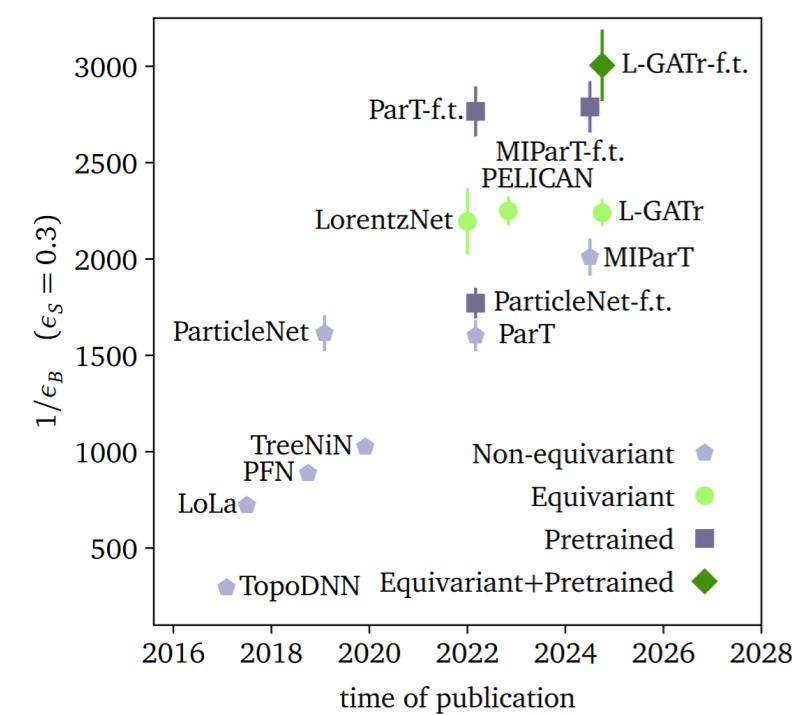
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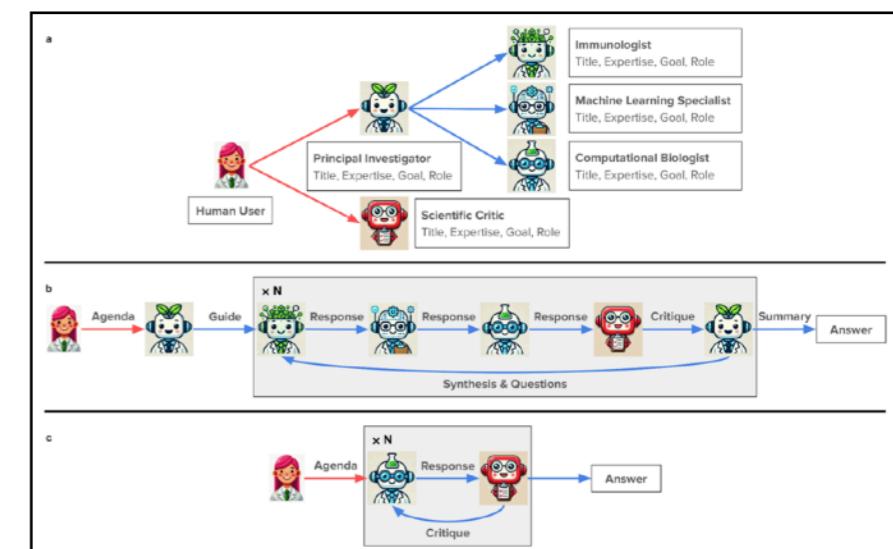


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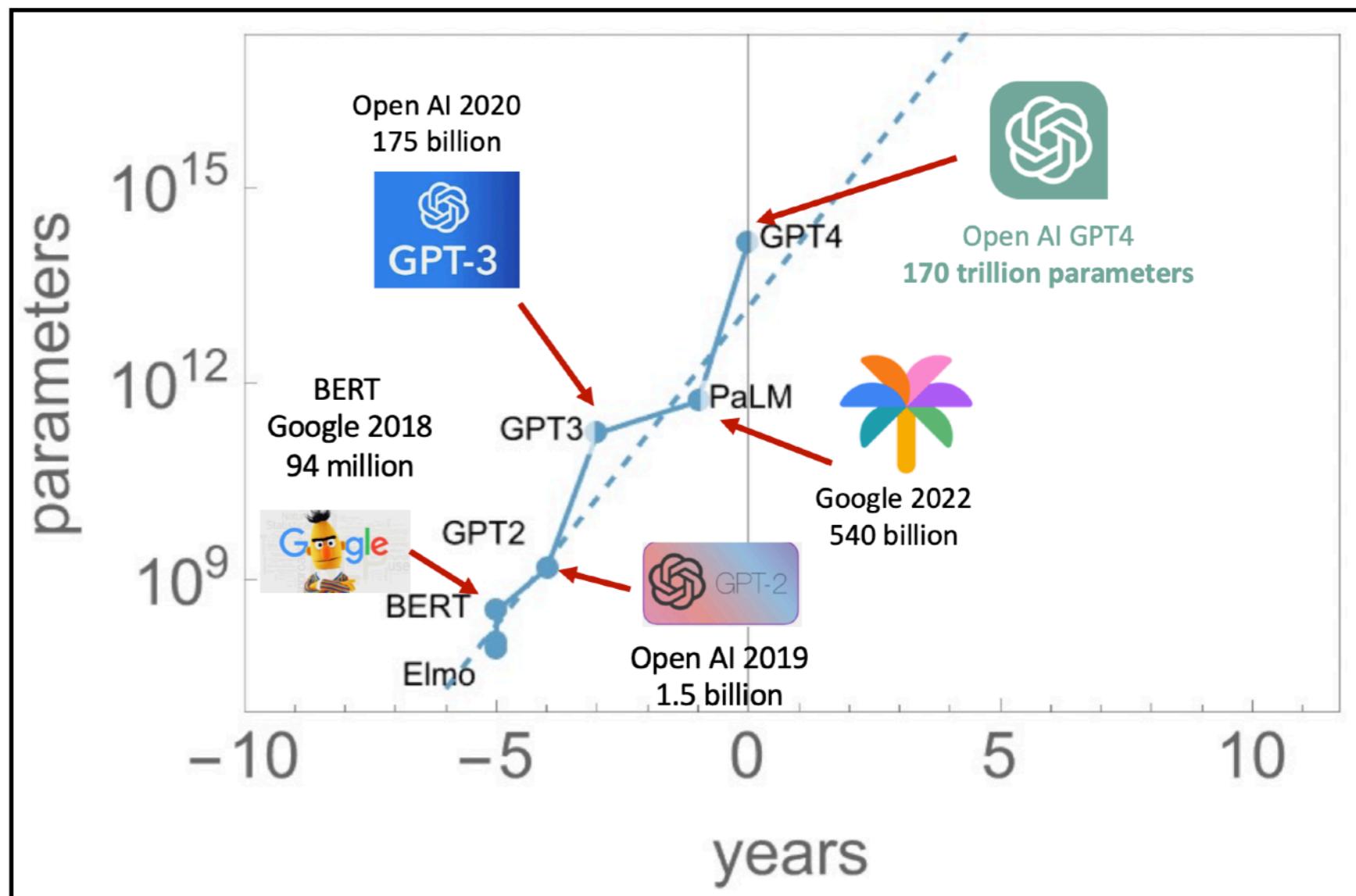


The rise of the AI physicist

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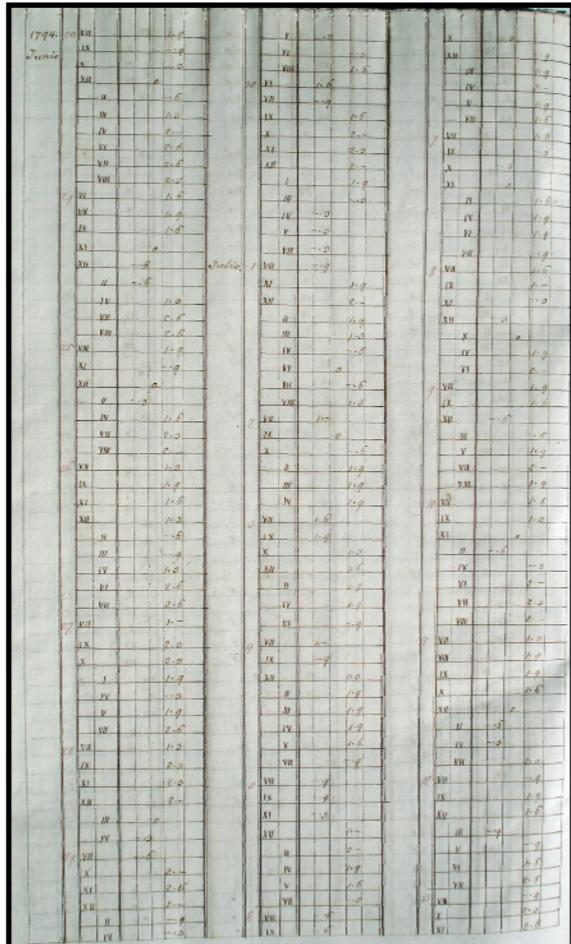
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Historical astronomical observation data

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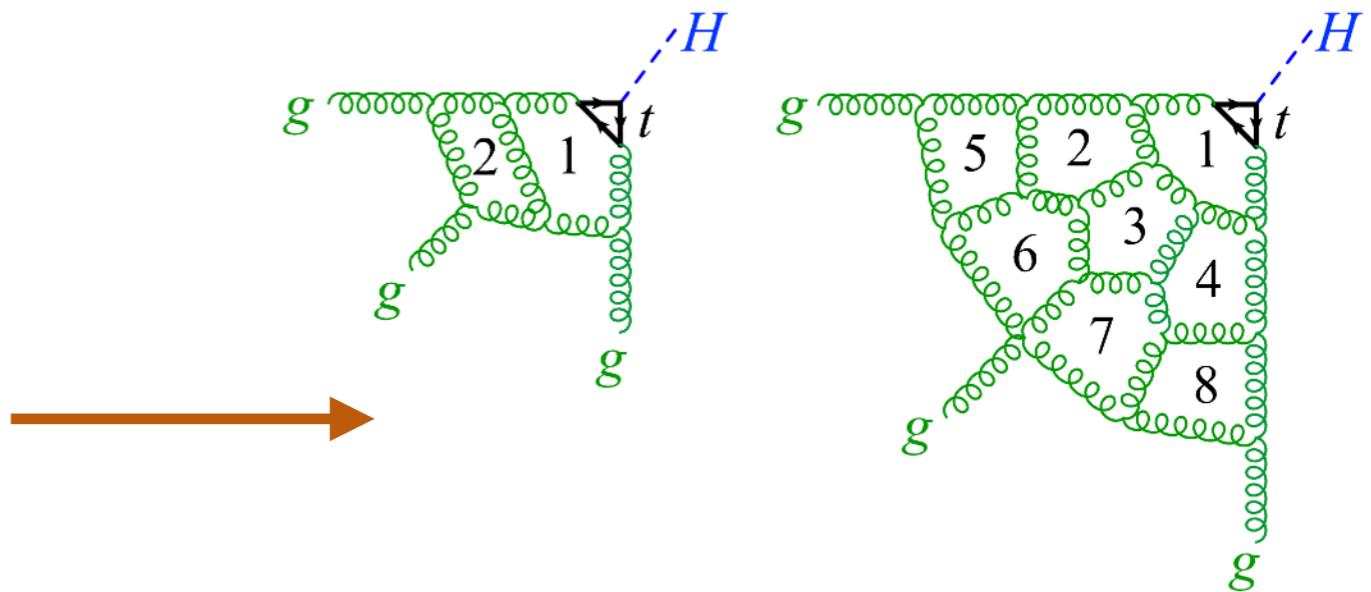
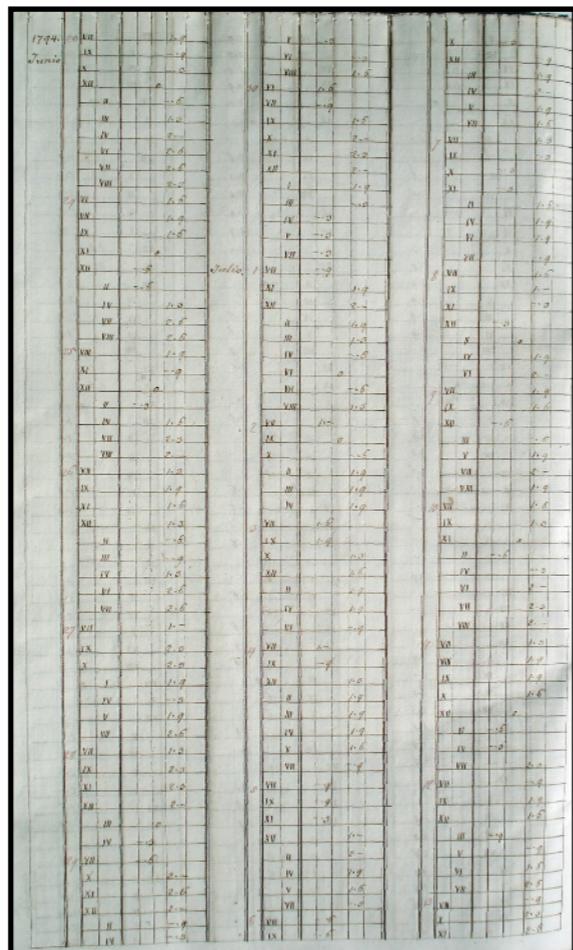
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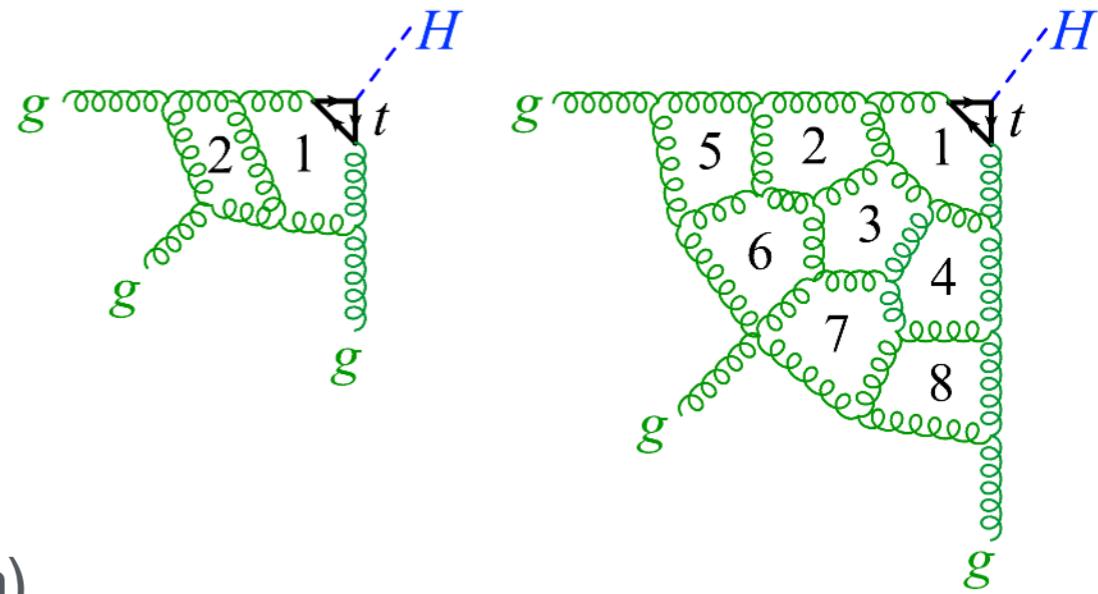
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ML task: Predict
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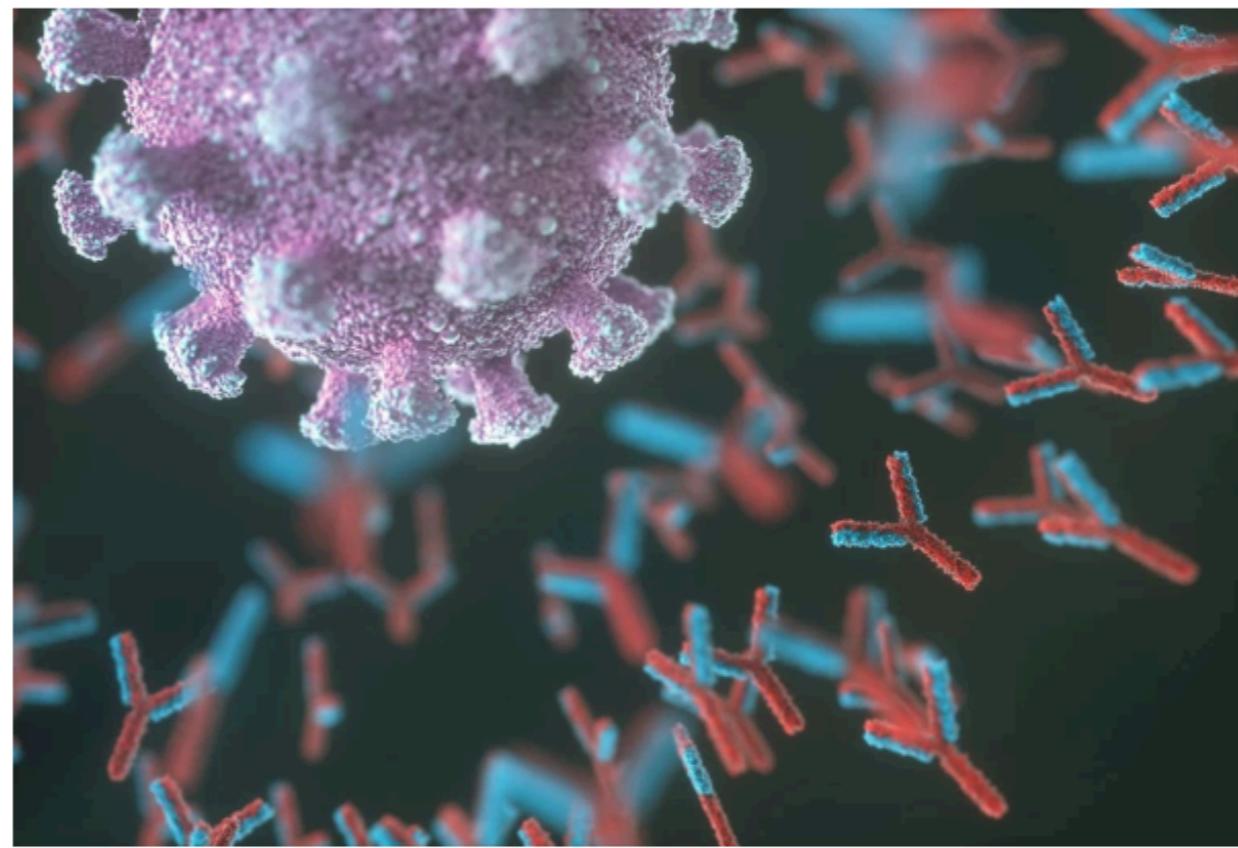
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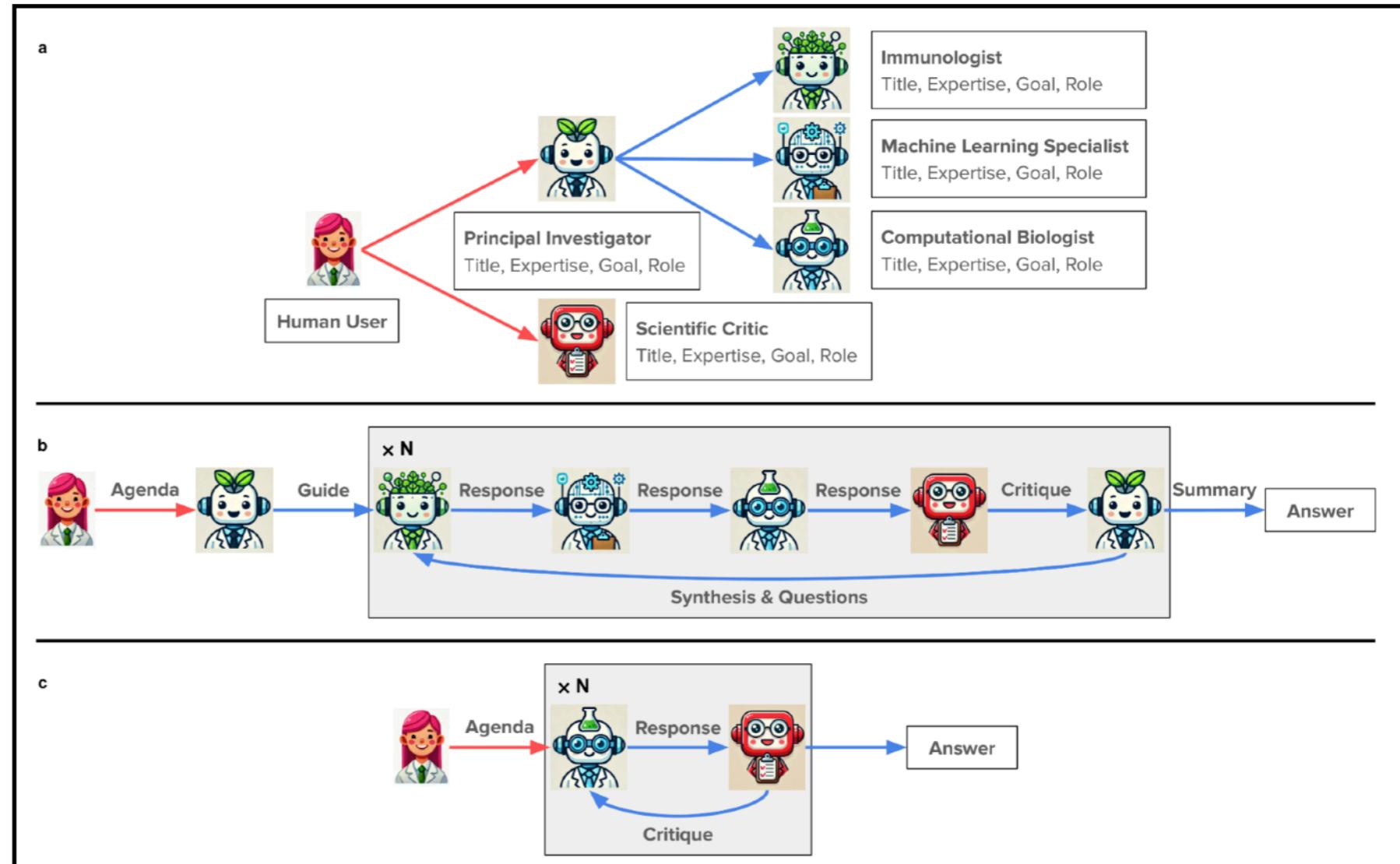


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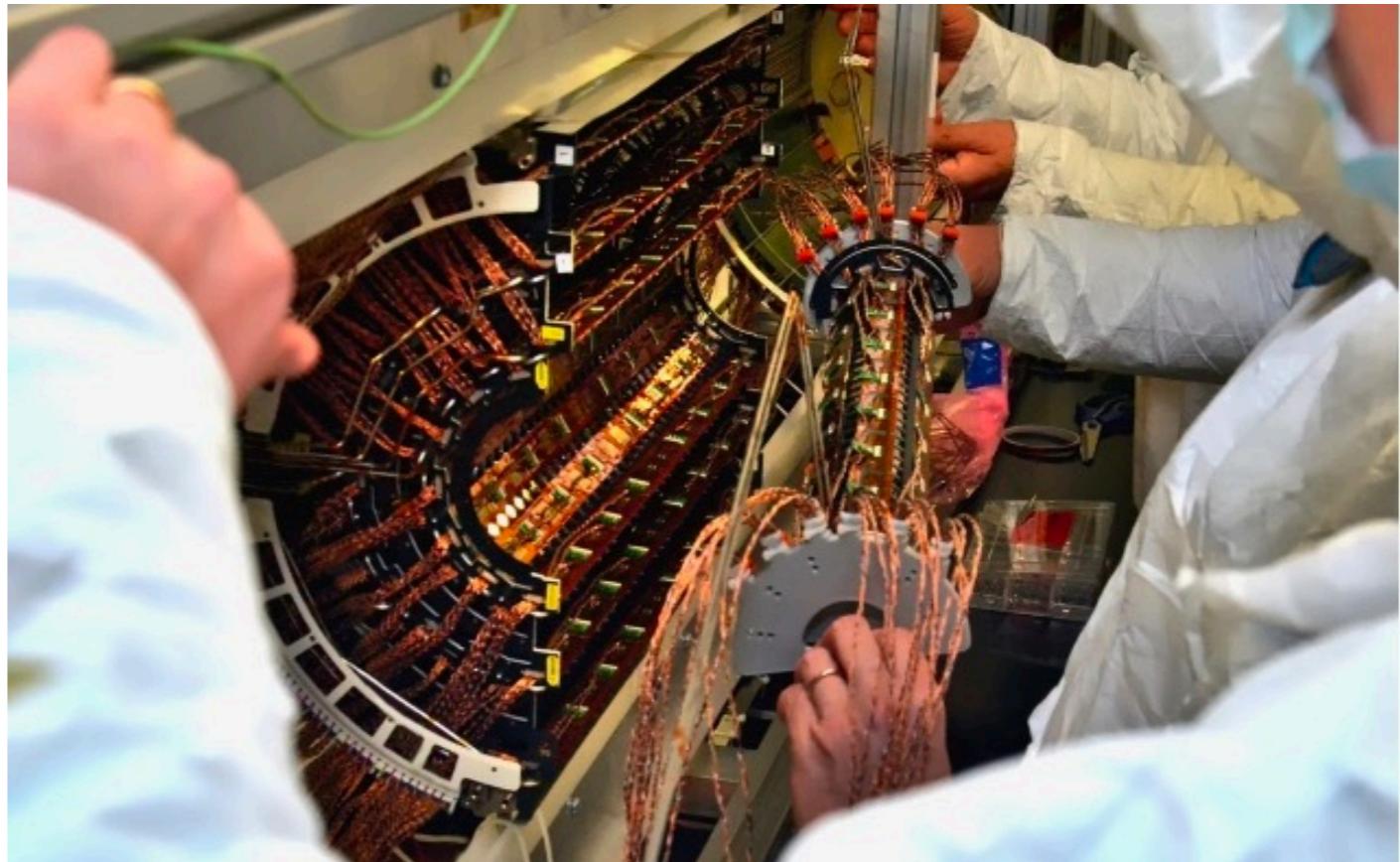
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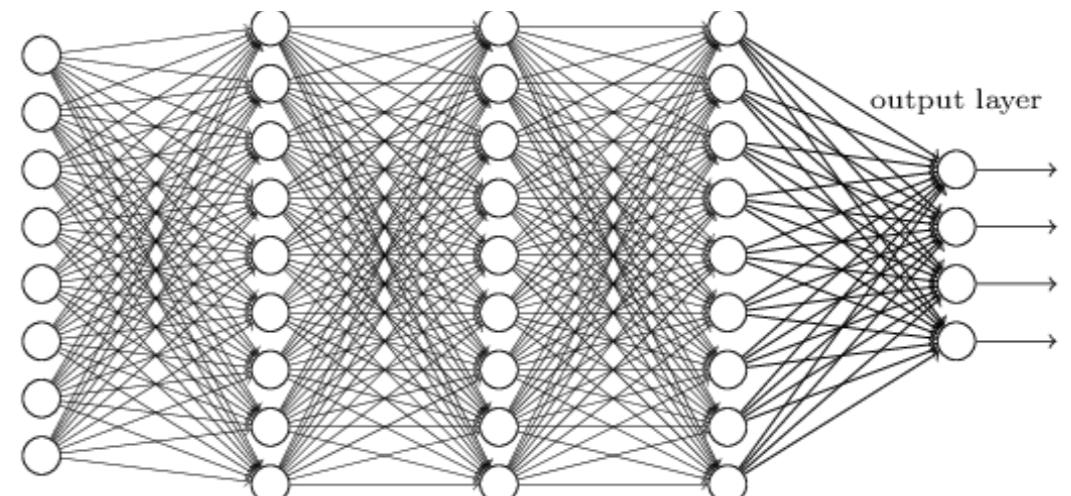


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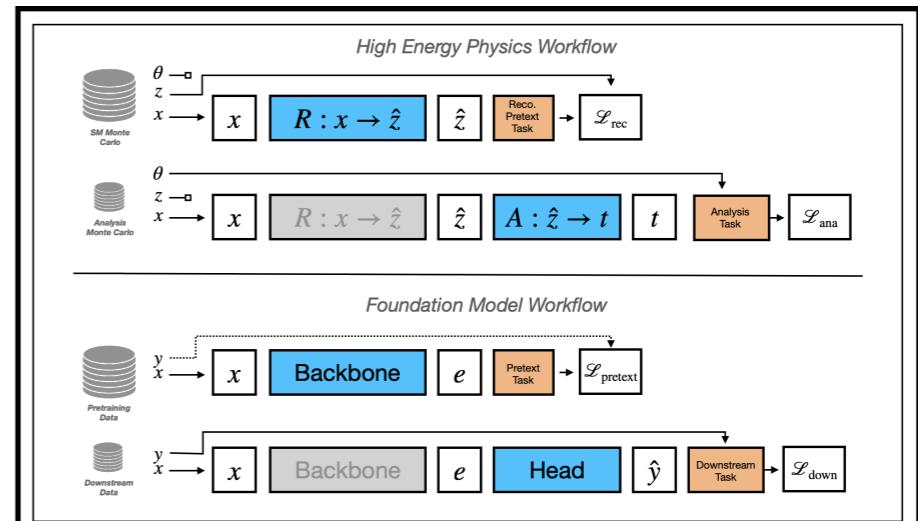
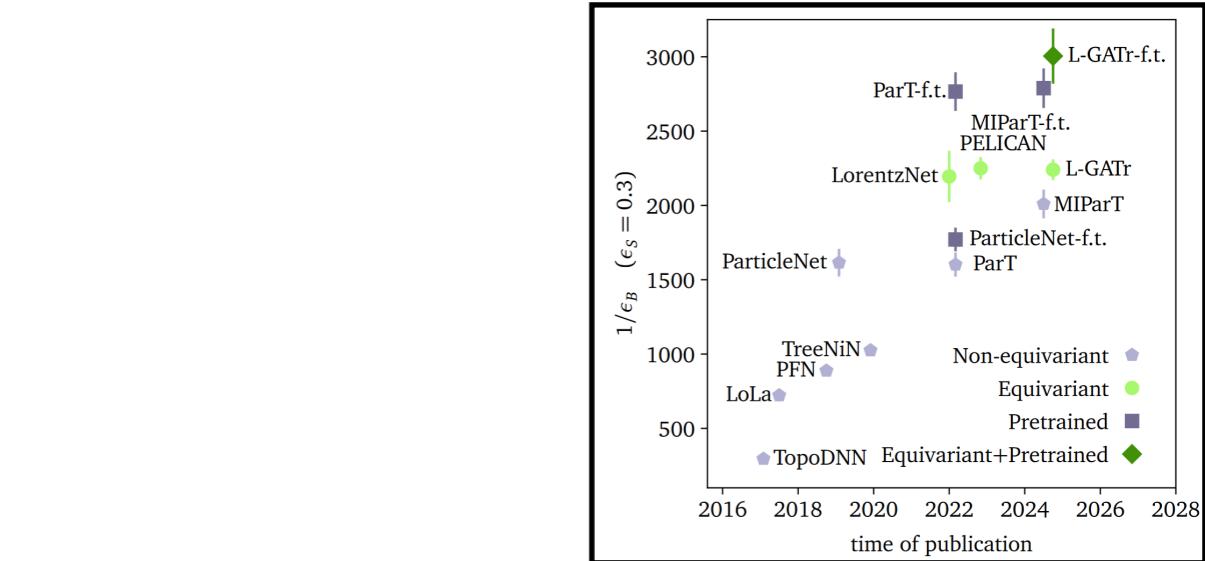
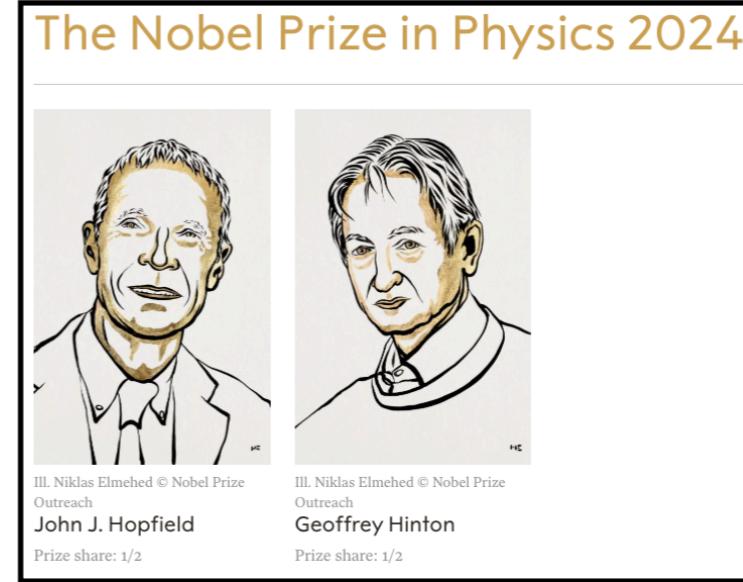
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Conclusions

- Best performance reached by compute (e.g. attention mechanism) combined with large-data pre-training & physics insight
- Generative models/likelihood learning as flexible approach for many components of data analysis and far beyond
- Foundation models have the potential for synergies between problems/experiments/communities
- Large language models offer new directions e.g. for symbolic approaches or collaboration with AI agents

Thank you



‘Small’ AI in Physics workshop:
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Look forward to ACAT 2025
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