

# The Metric Space of Collider Events

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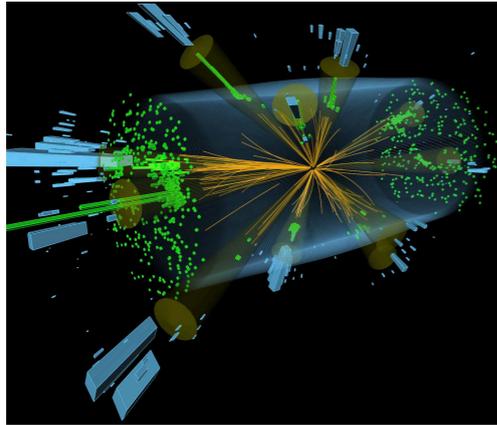
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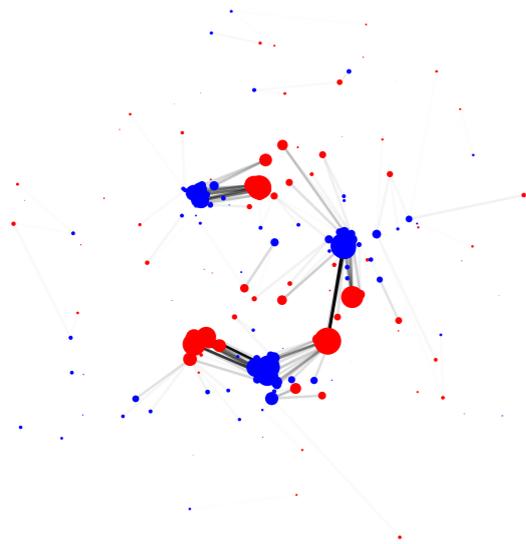
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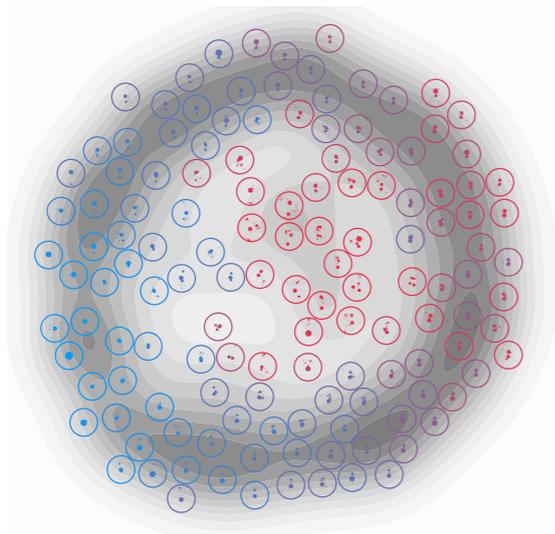
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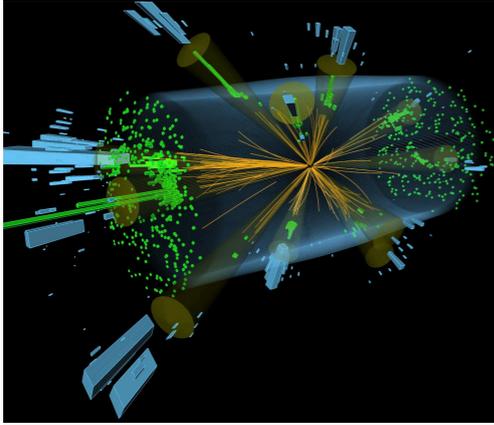
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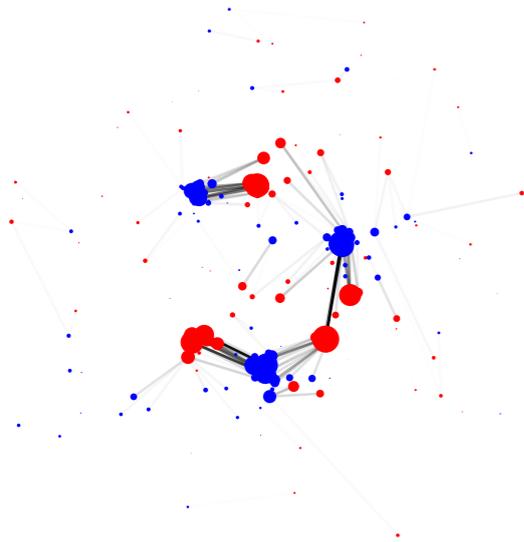
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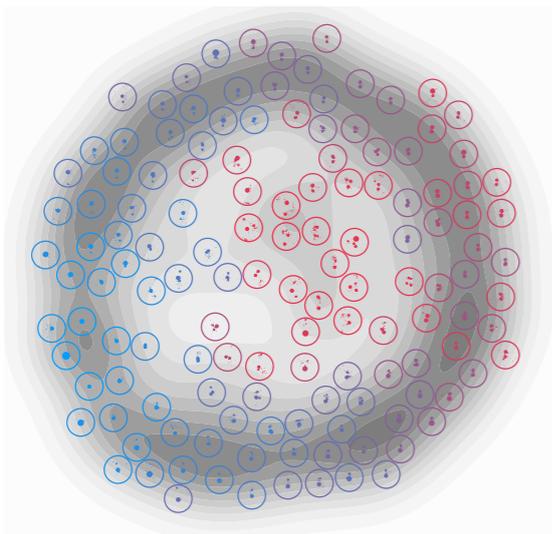
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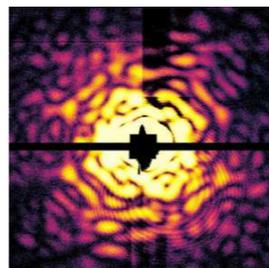
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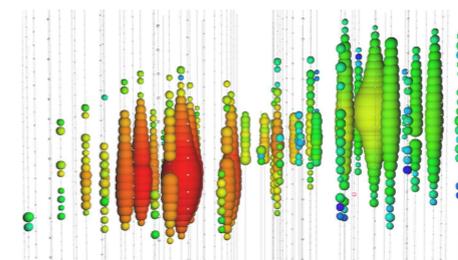
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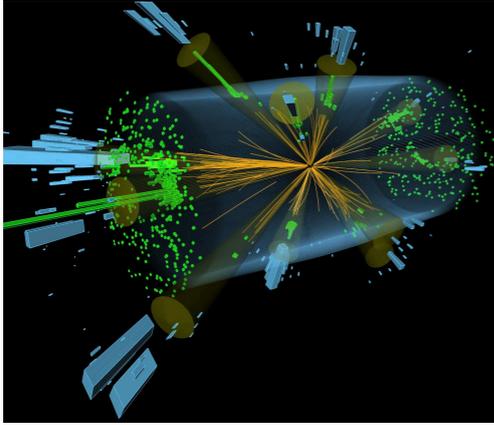
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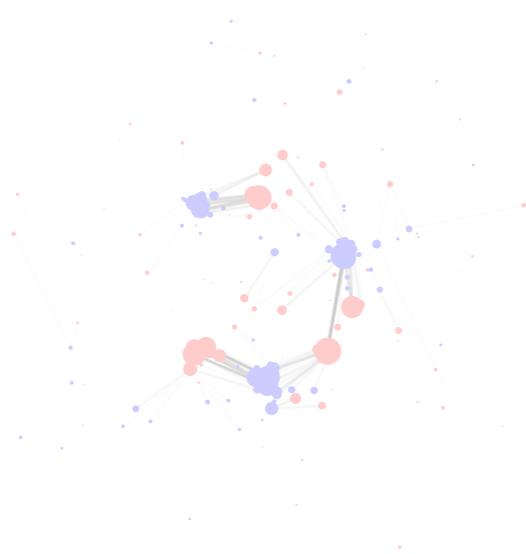
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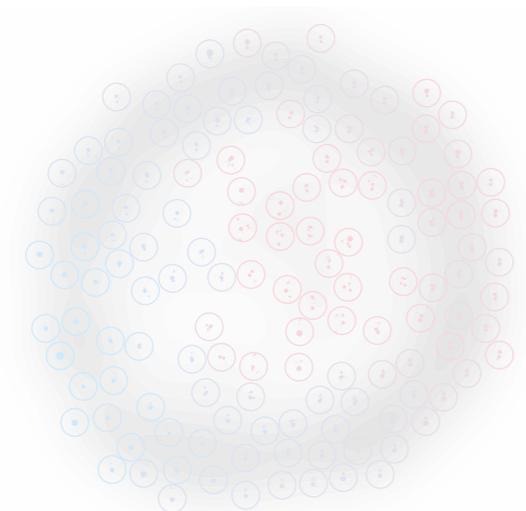
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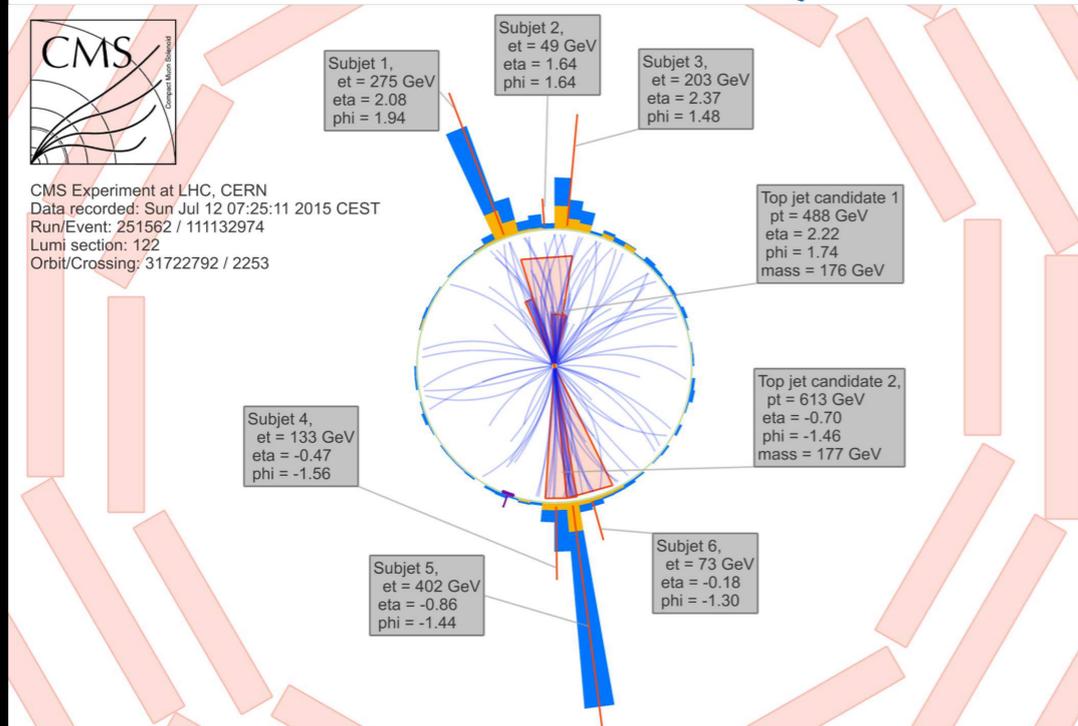
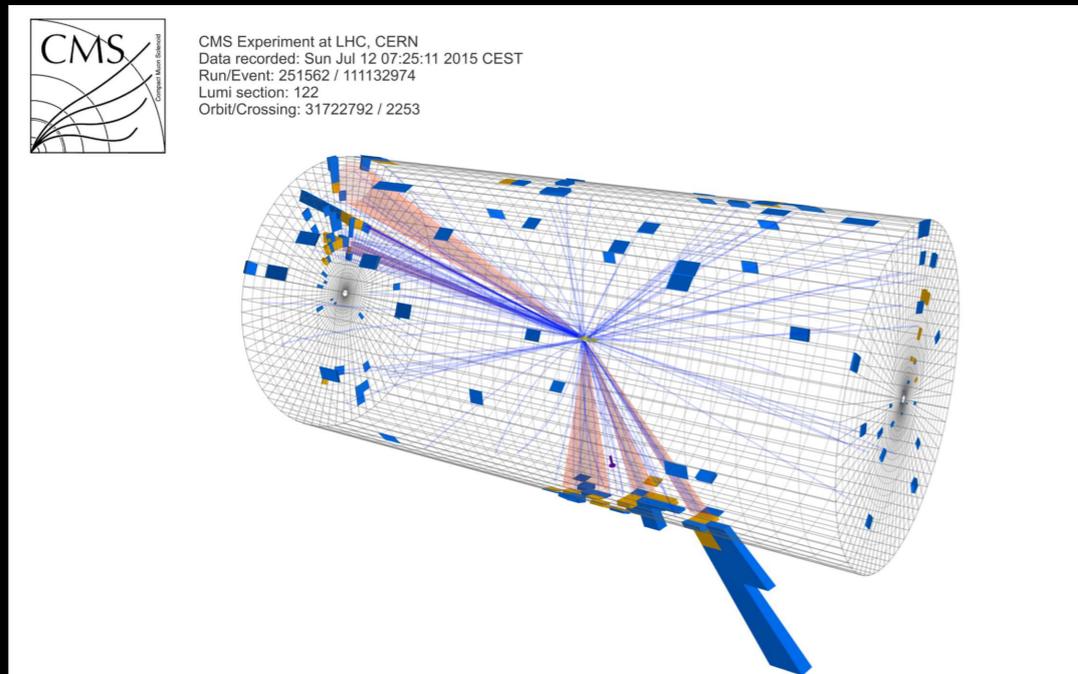
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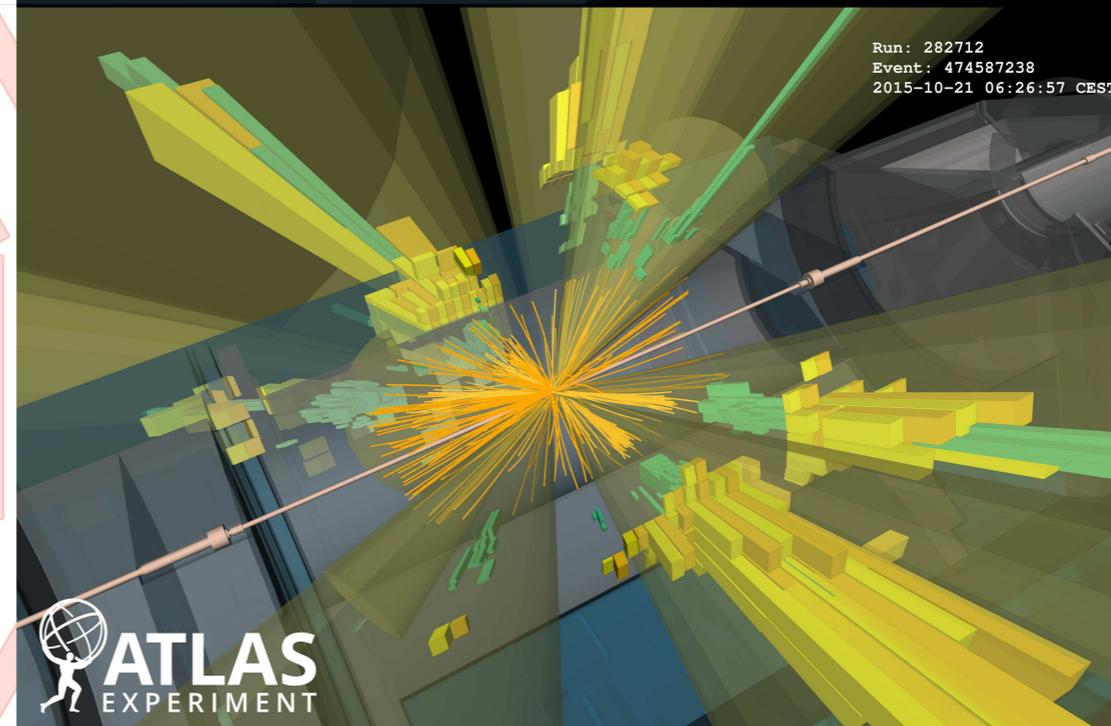
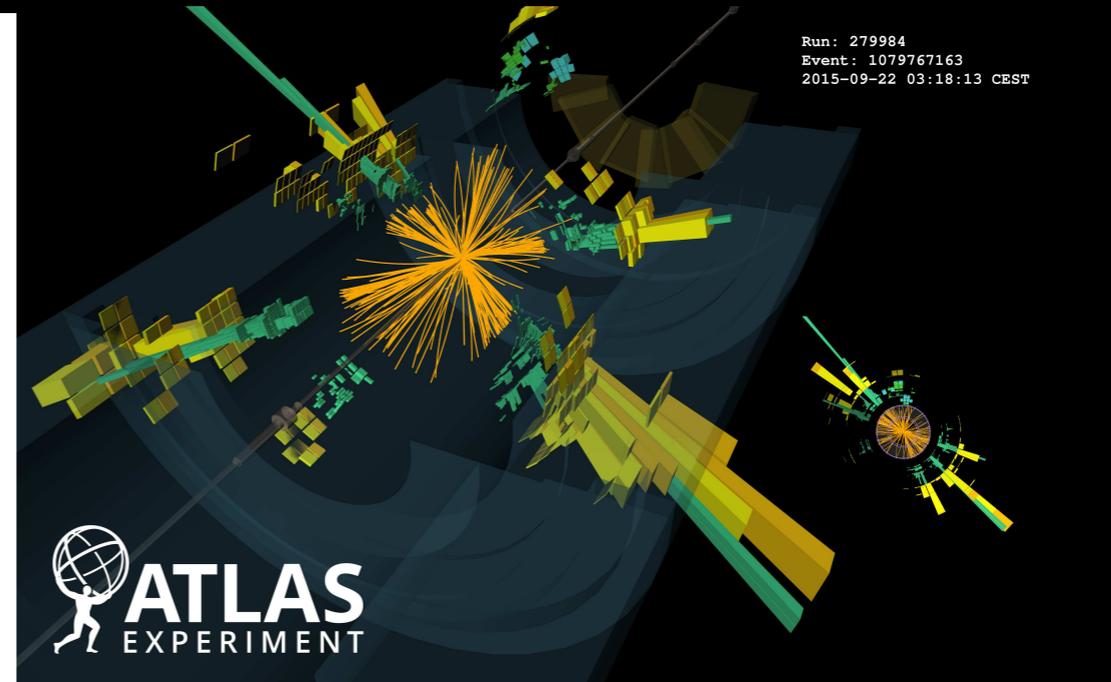
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# Fascinating Event Topologies at the LHC

New physics searches involve complicated final states including jets (collimated sprays of hadrons)



CMS hadronic  $t\bar{t}$  event



ATLAS high jet multiplicity events

# Jet Formation in Theory

## Hard collision

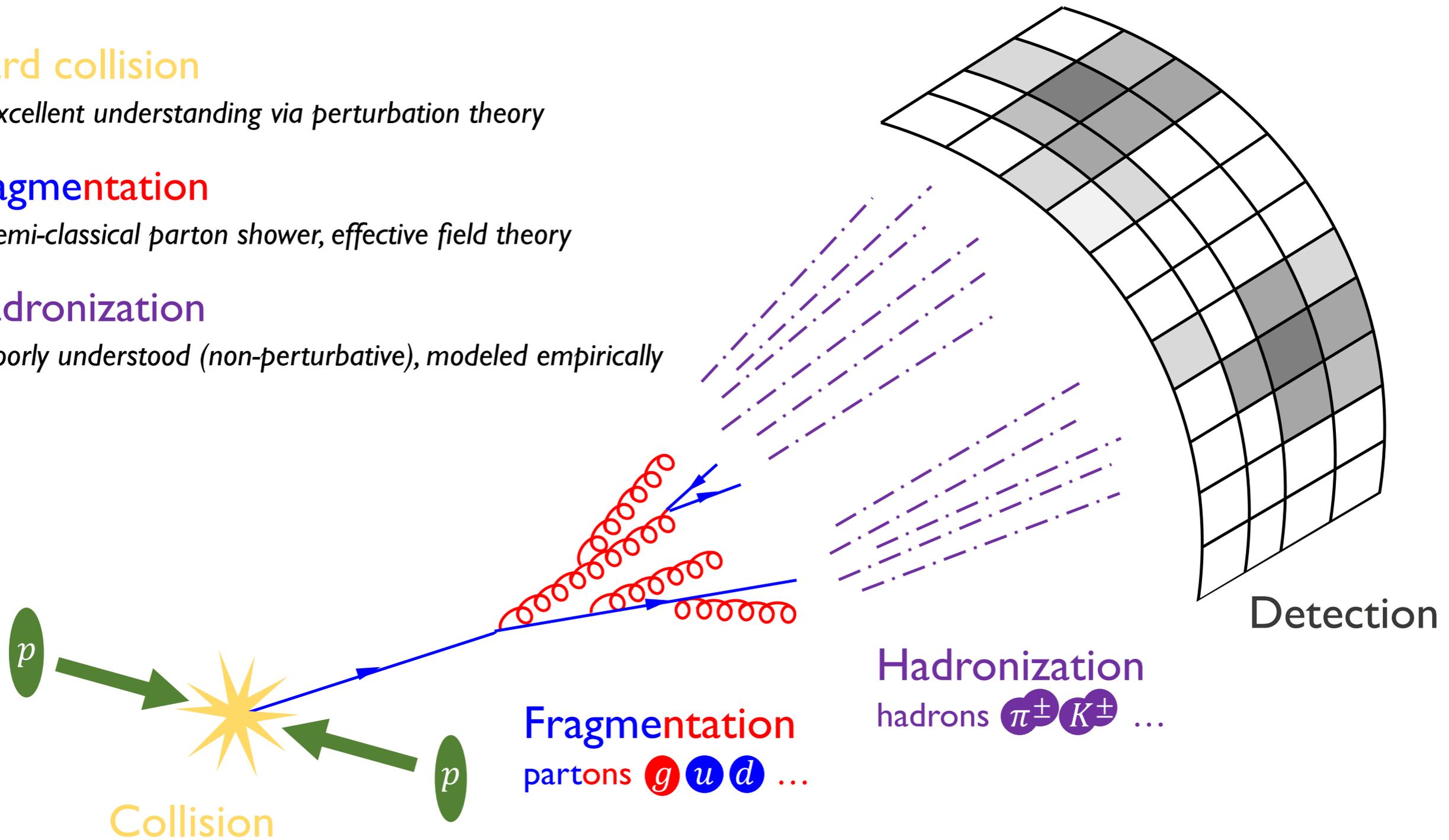
*Excellent understanding via perturbation theory*

## Fragmentation

*Semi-classical parton shower, effective field theory*

## Hadronization

*Poorly understood (non-perturbative), modeled empirically*

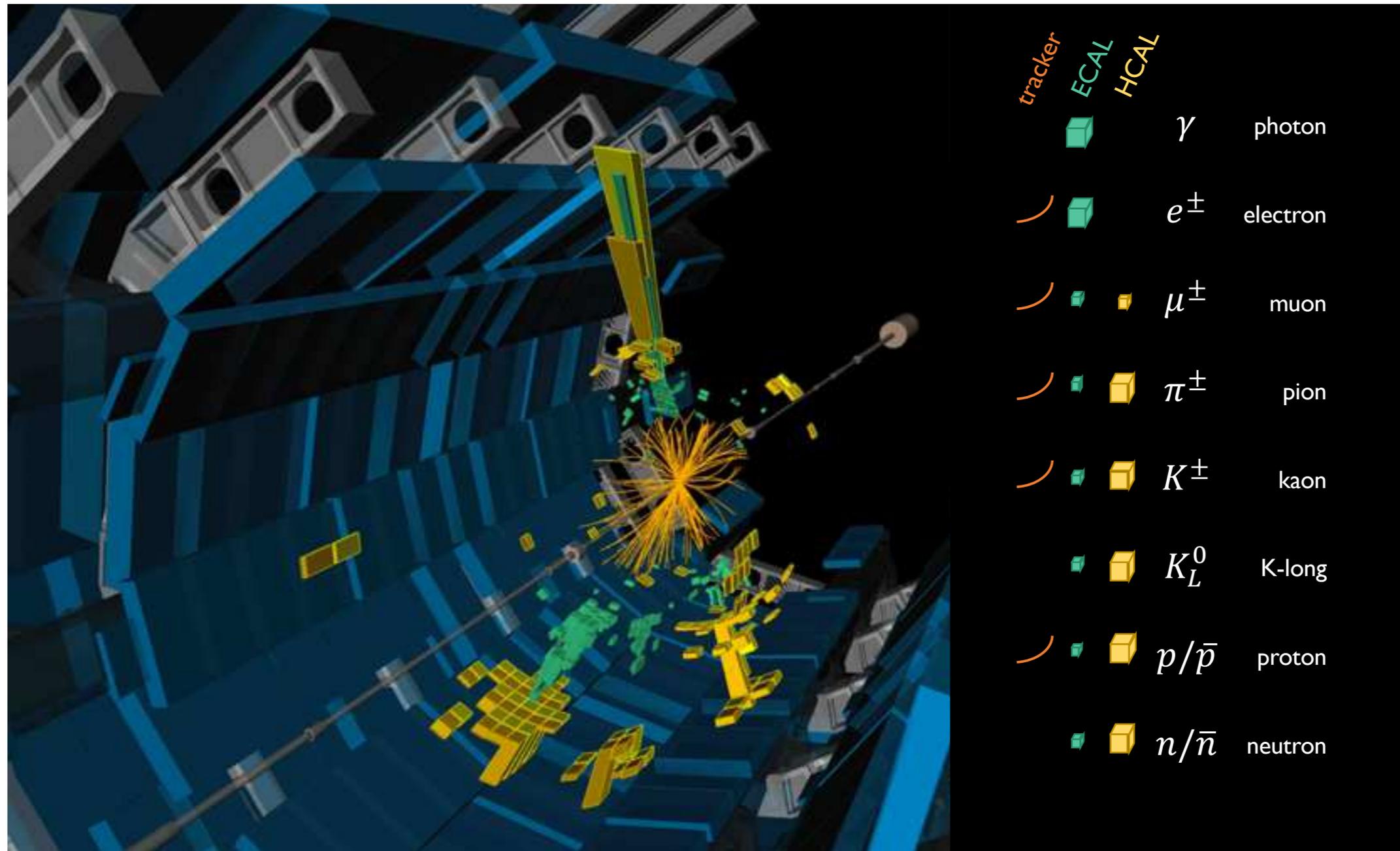


Cartoon of jet formation as a multi-scale process

Diagram by Eric Metodiev

# Jet Detection in Experiment

Reconstruct event by synthesizing information from many detector systems



*What information is both theoretically and experimentally robust?*

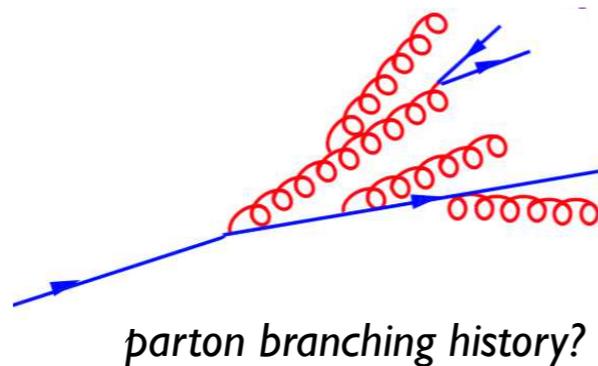
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# Energy Flow

## Events, Theoretically

$$|\mathcal{E}\rangle = |(p_1^\mu, \vec{q}_1); (p_2^\mu, \vec{q}_2); \dots\rangle$$

quantum state?



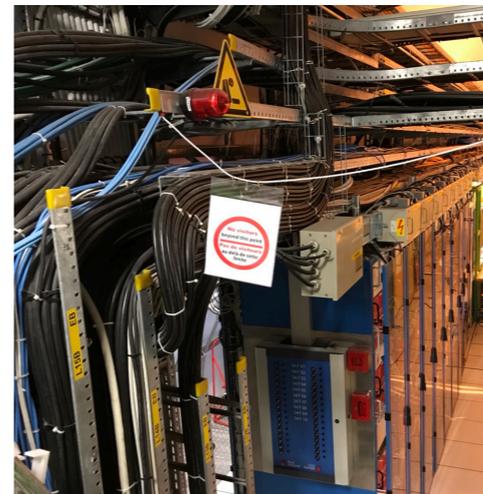
The **energy flow** (distribution of energy) is robust to fragmentation, hadronization, detector effects

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

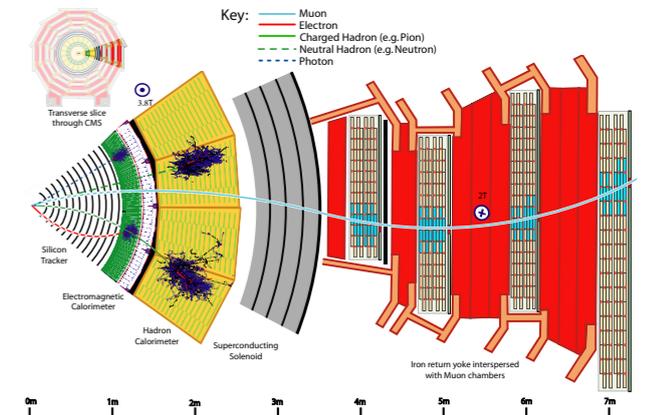
↑ Energy      ↑ Direction

**Energy Flow** ↔ **Infrared** and **Collinear** Safe Information

## Events, Experimentally



$O(10 \text{ million})$  electrical signals?



set PF candidates?



# Energy Flow

Events, Theoretically

Events, Experimentally

## When are collider events similar?



Use a distance metric!



Symmetric, non-negative, pairwise function  $d(x, y)$

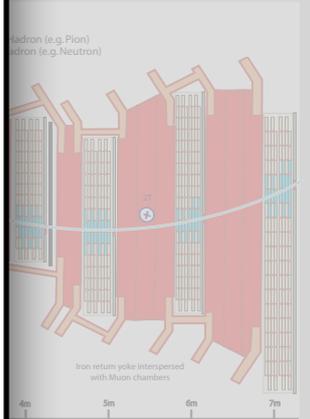
$$\underbrace{d(x, x) = 0,}_{\text{Identity of Indiscernibles}}$$

Identity of Indiscernibles

$$\underbrace{d(x, y) \leq d(x, z) + d(z, y),}_{\text{Triangle Inequality}} \quad \forall x, y, z$$

Triangle Inequality

e.g. the Euclidean metric

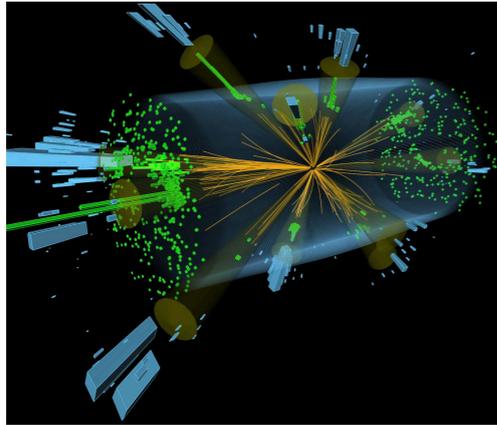


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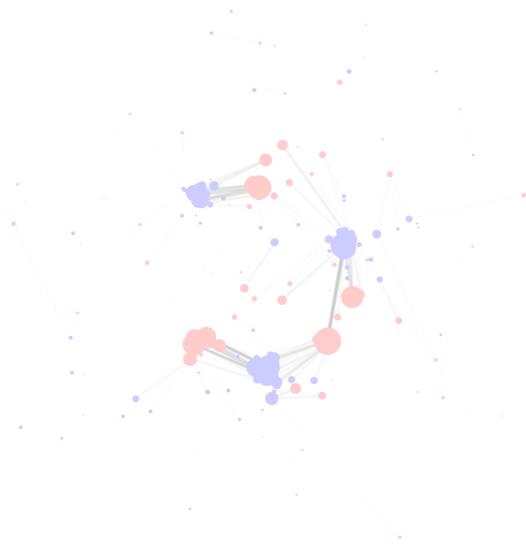
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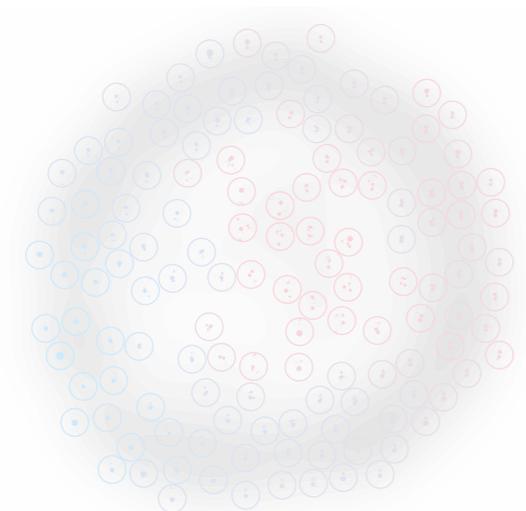


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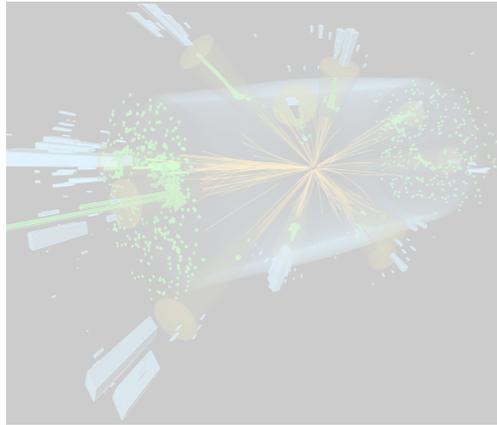
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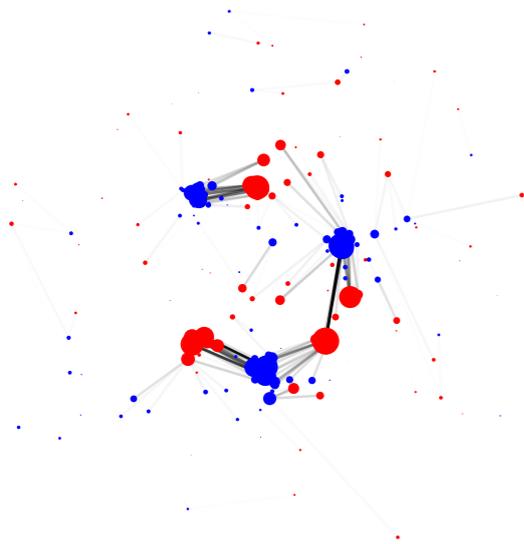


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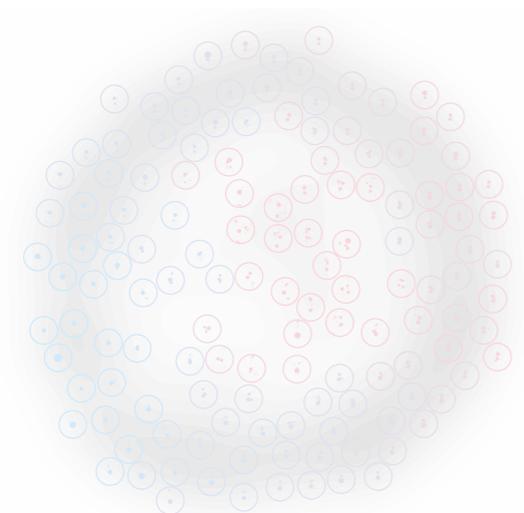


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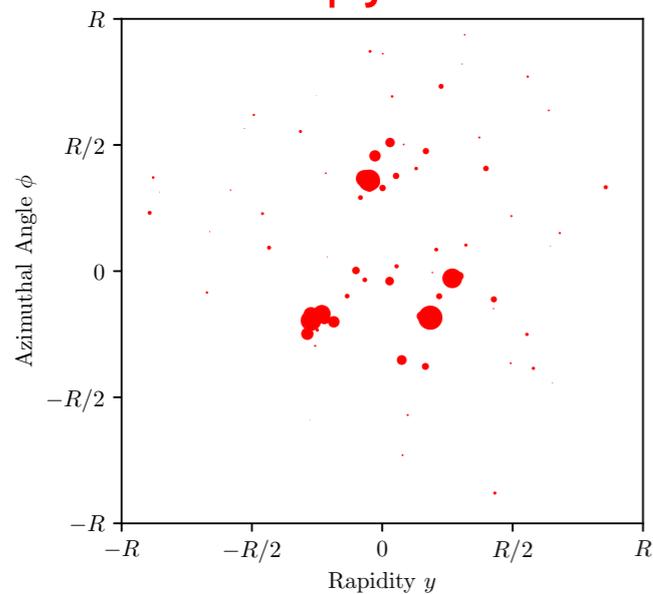
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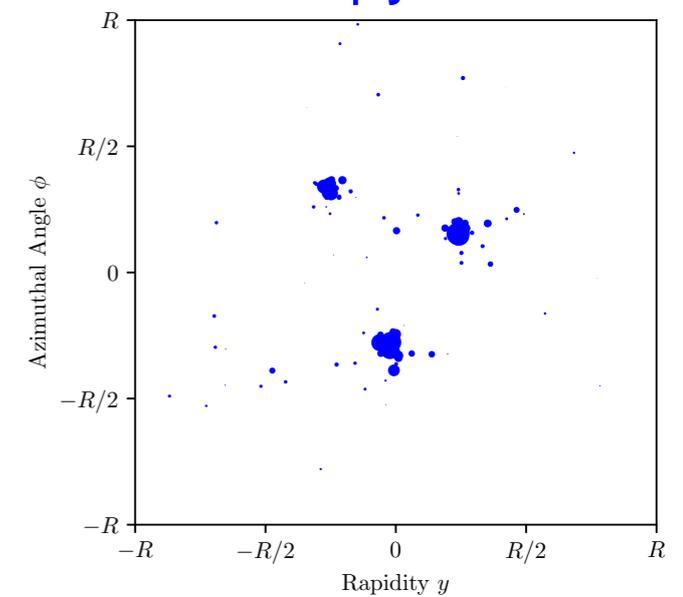
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The "work" (stuff x distance) required to most efficiently transport supply to demand

Top Jet 1



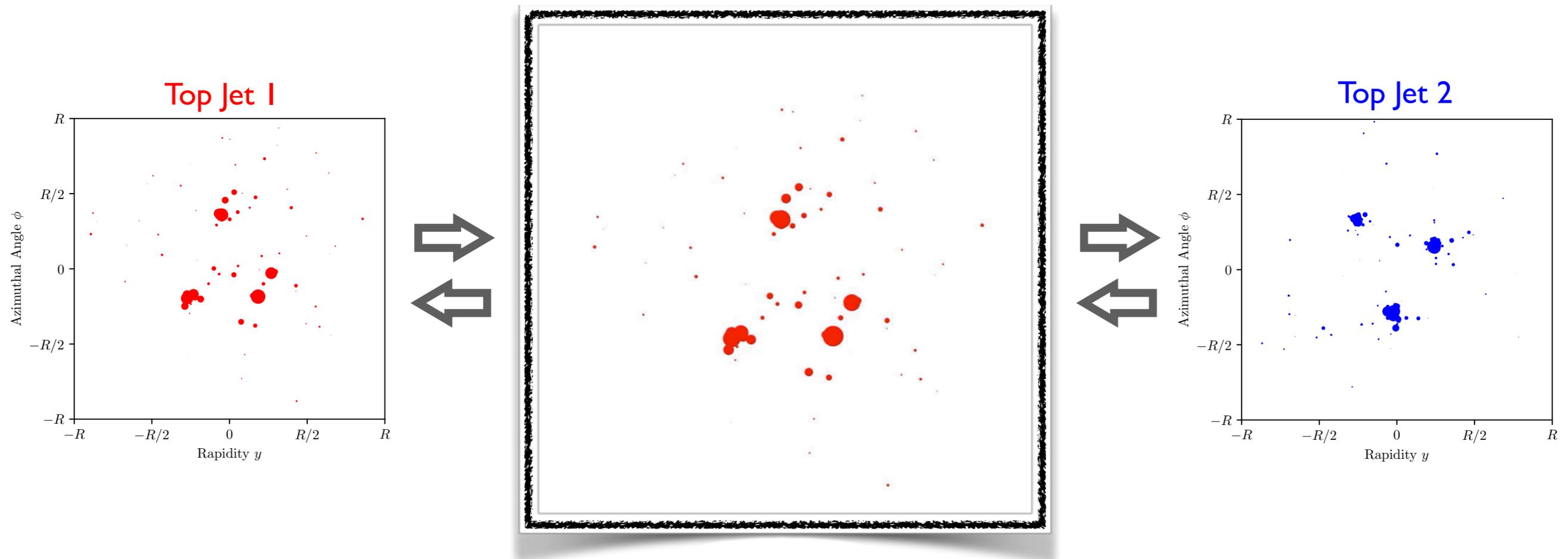
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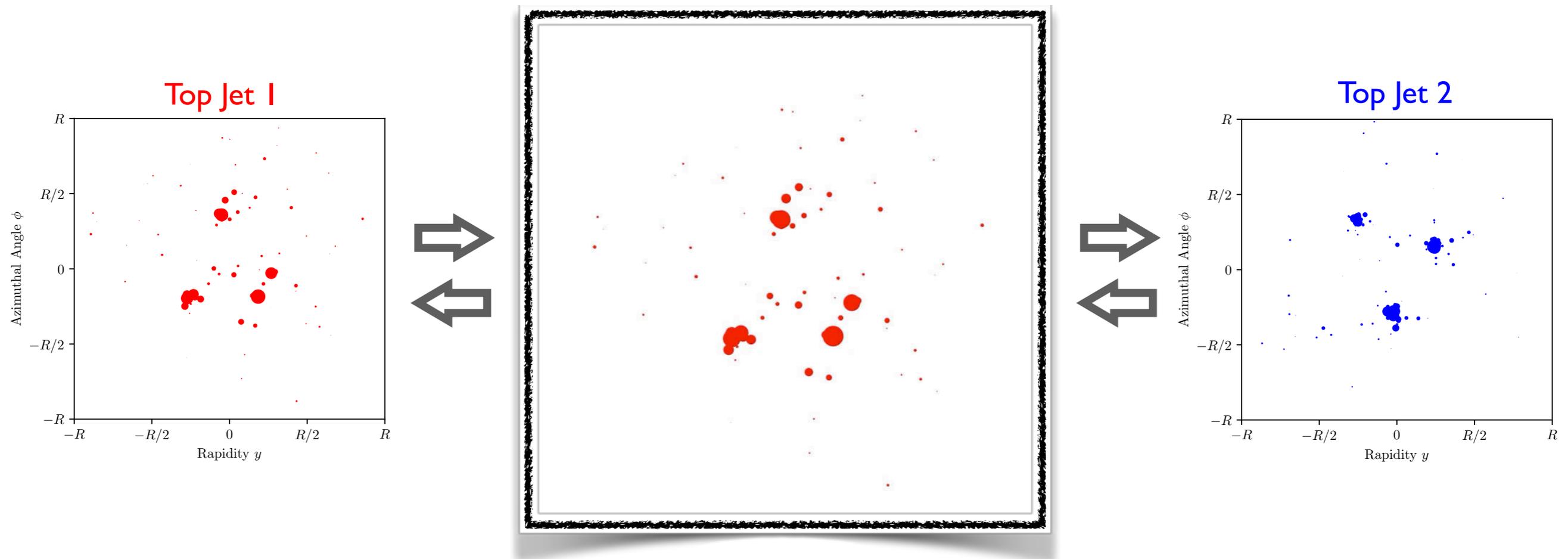
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Collider event metric: treat events as distributions of energy and find optimal transport

[Peleg, Werman, Rom; Pele, Werman]

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\*Also known as the 1-Wasserstein distance

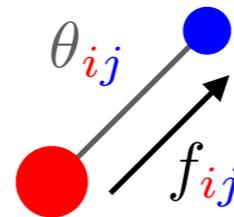
# The Energy Mover's Distance (EMD)

[PTK, Metodiev, Thaler, [1902.02346](#)]

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

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

EMD has dimensions of energy

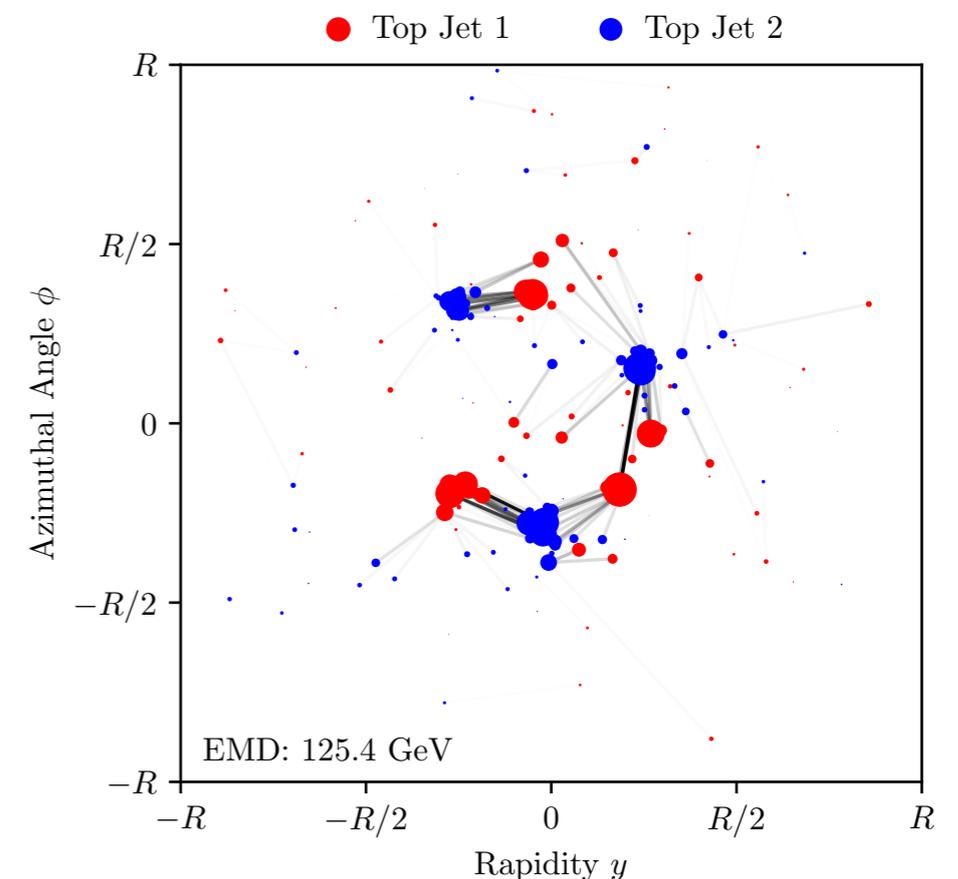


Satisfies triangle inequality as long as  $R \geq d_{\max}/2$

Solvable via network simplex algorithm (polynomial time)

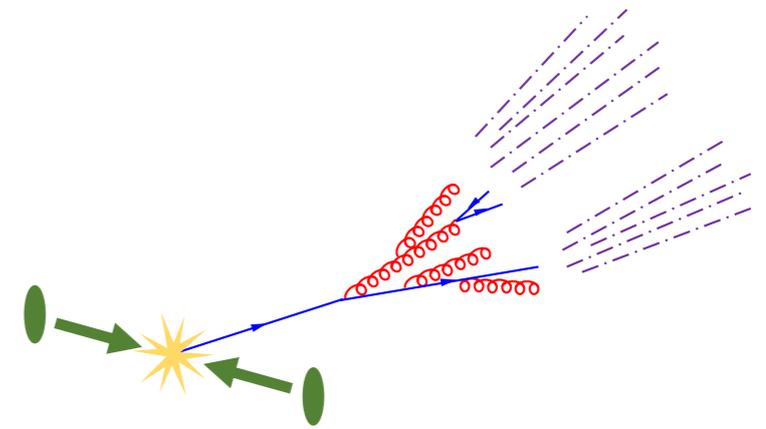
~1 ms for two 100 particle jets on a typical CPU

Alternative to pixel based metric for images



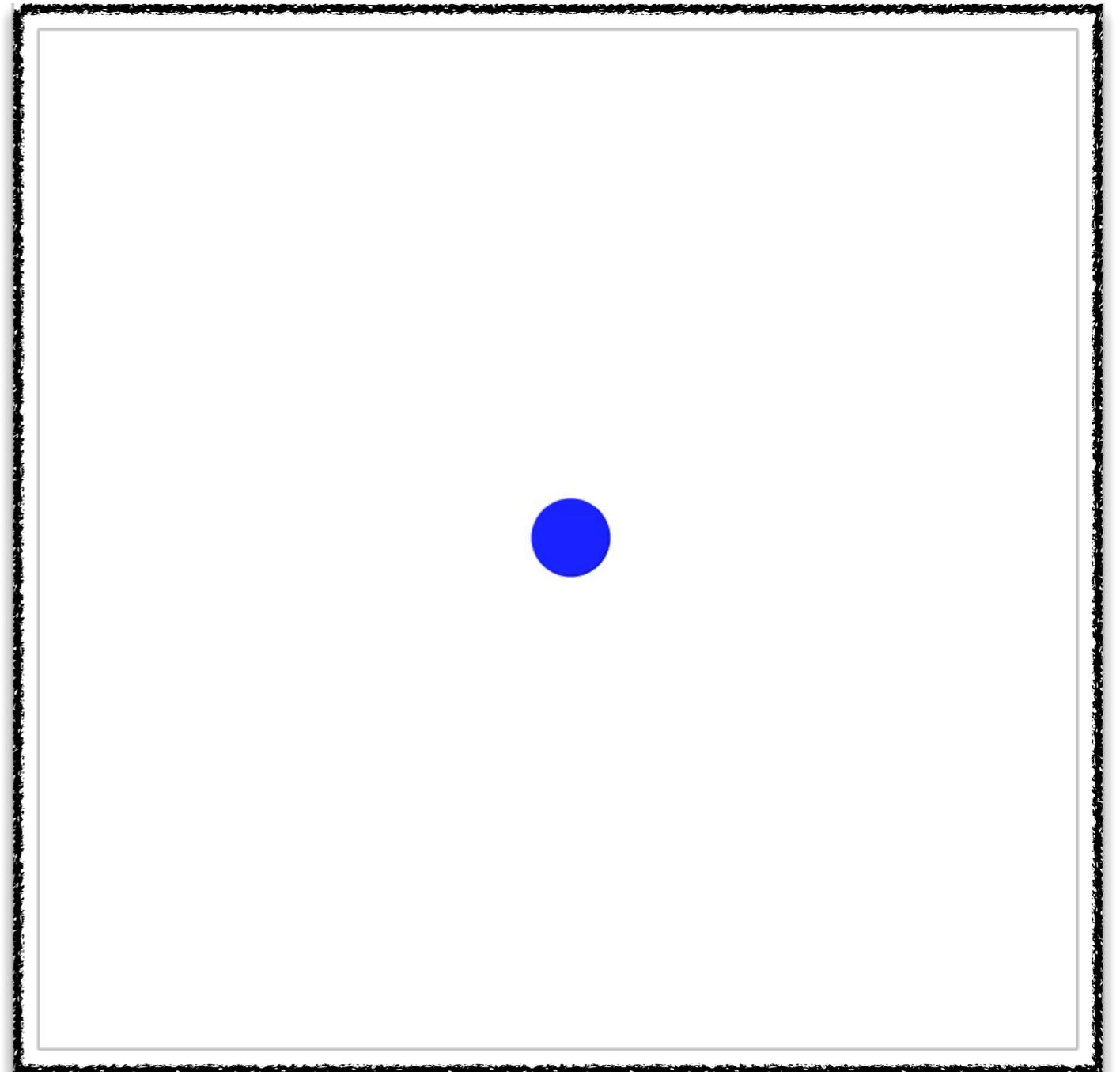
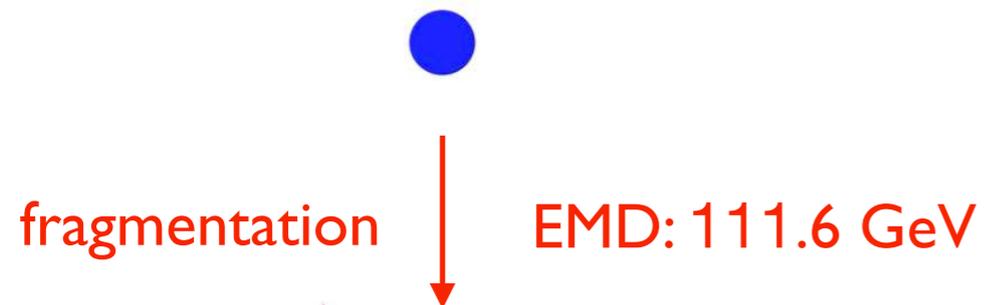
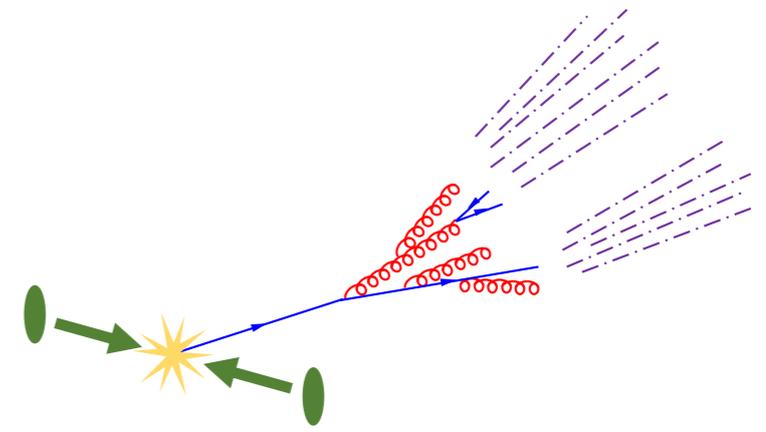
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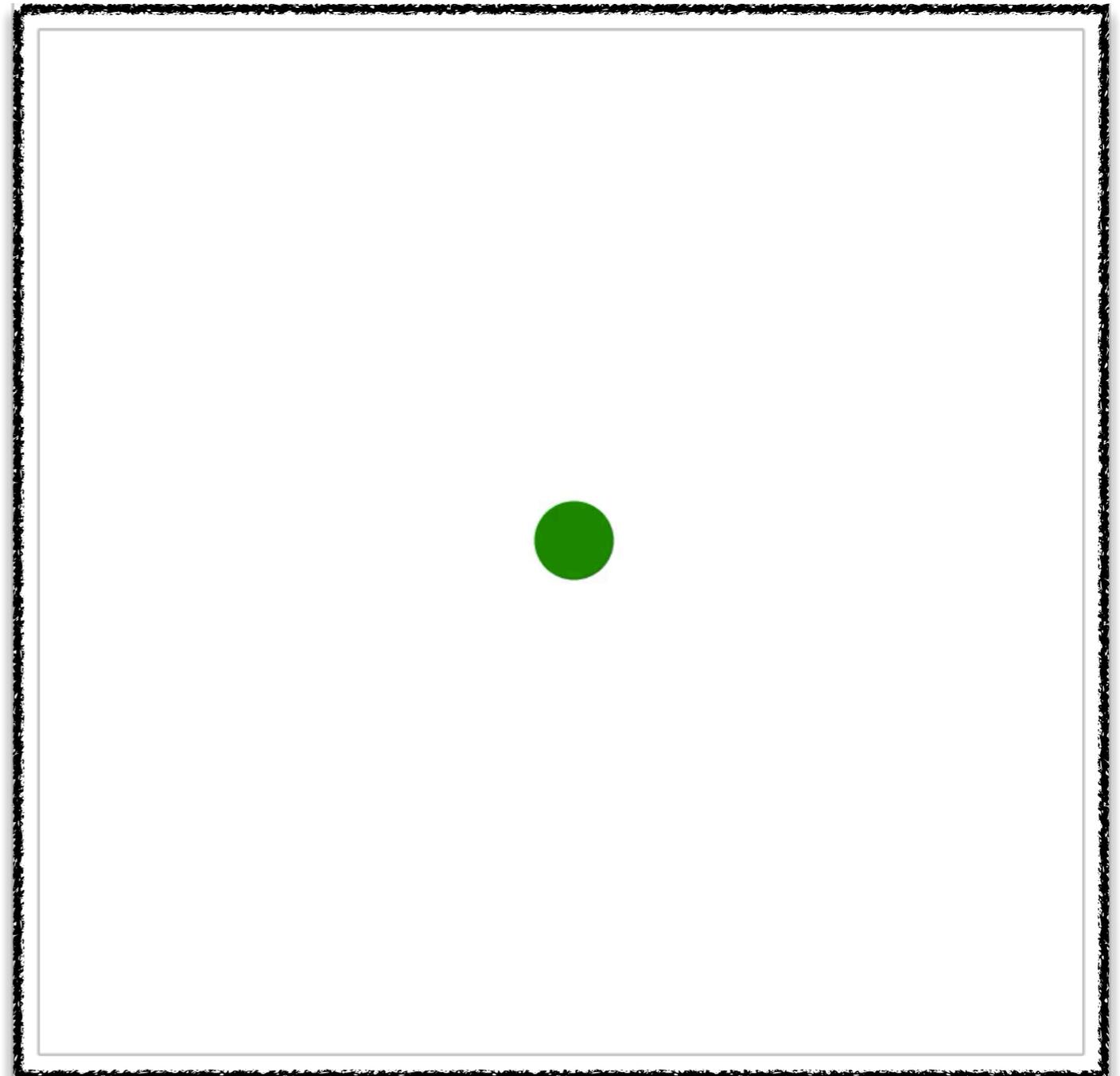
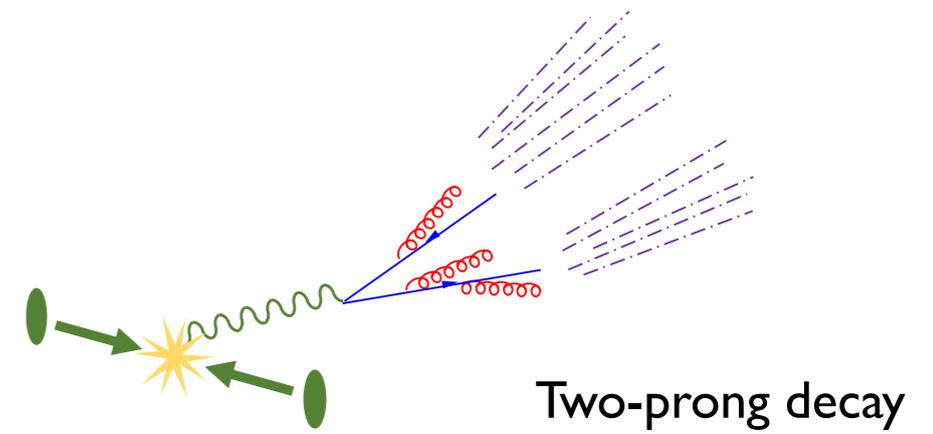
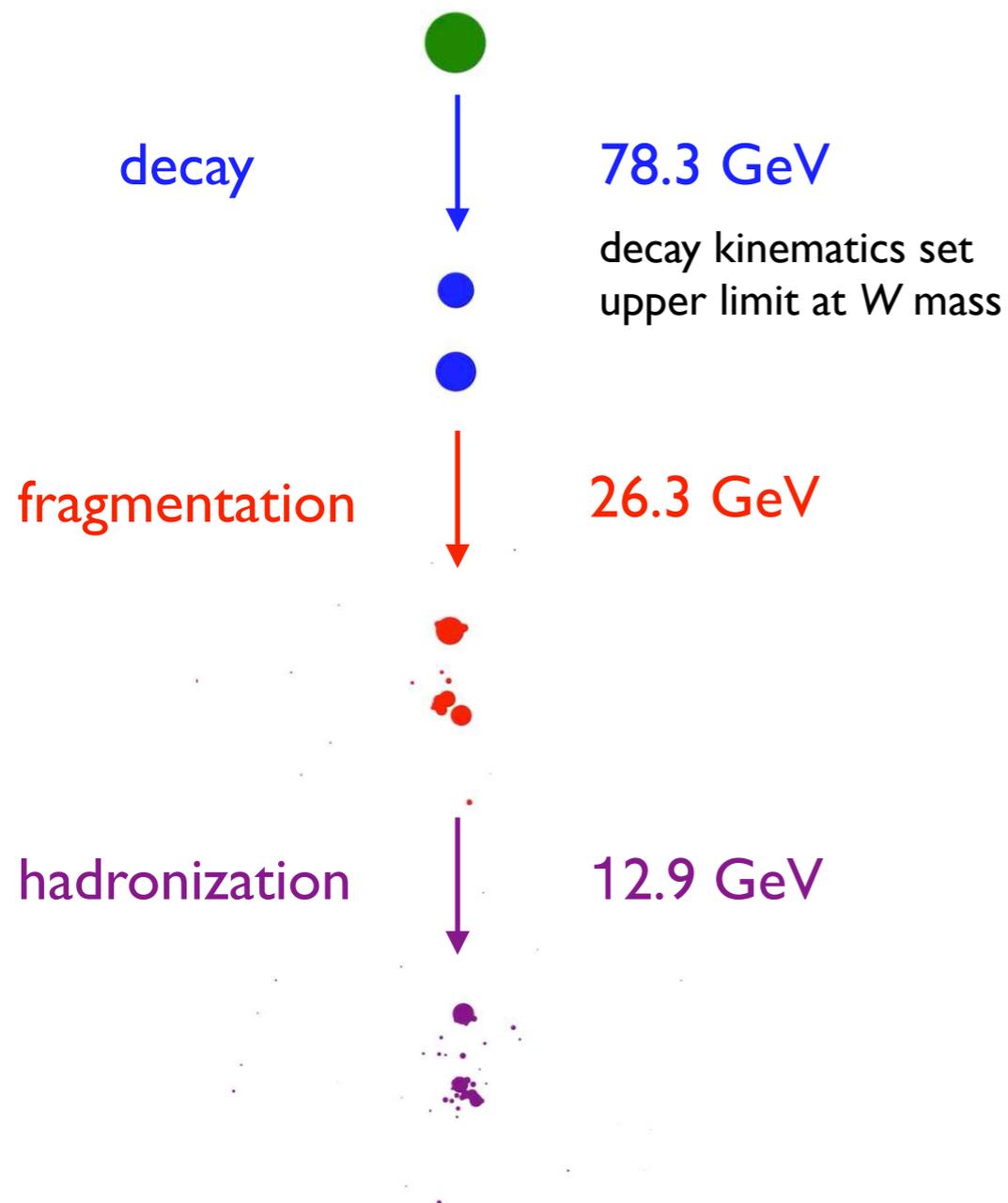
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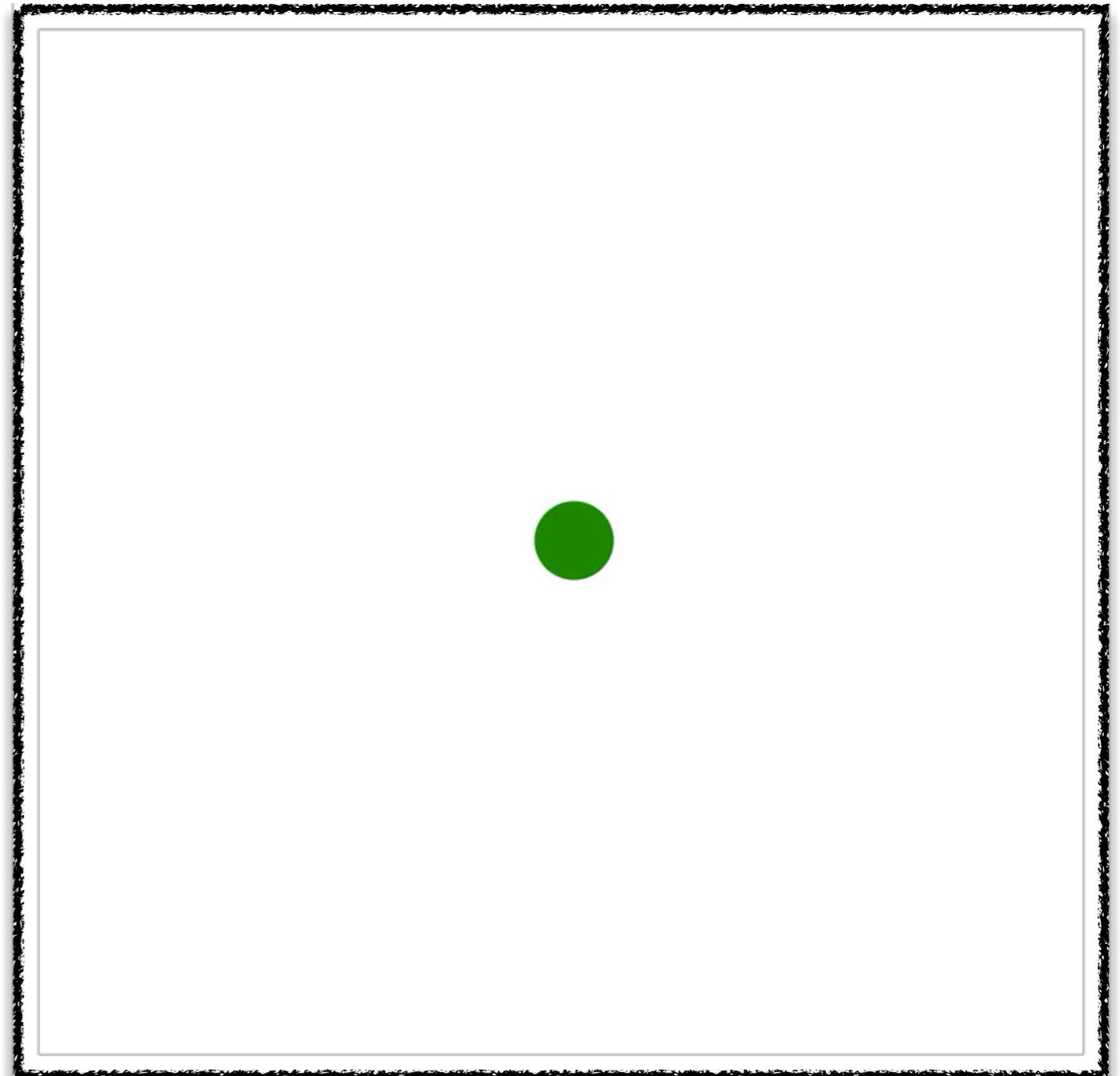
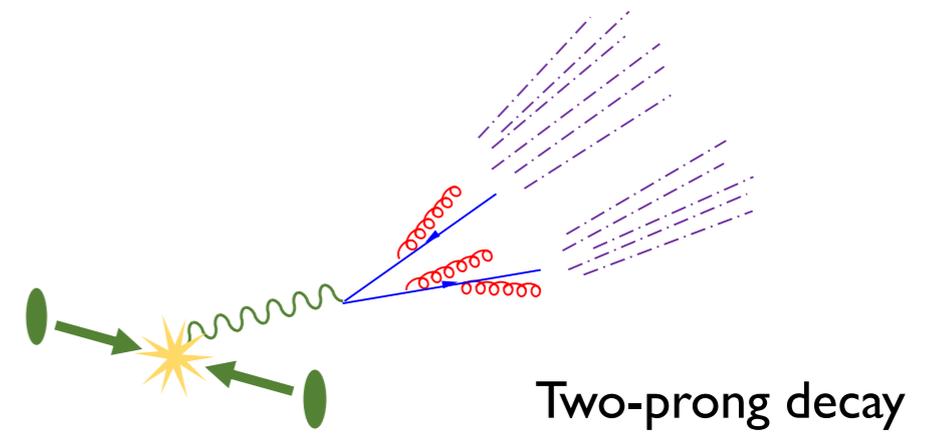
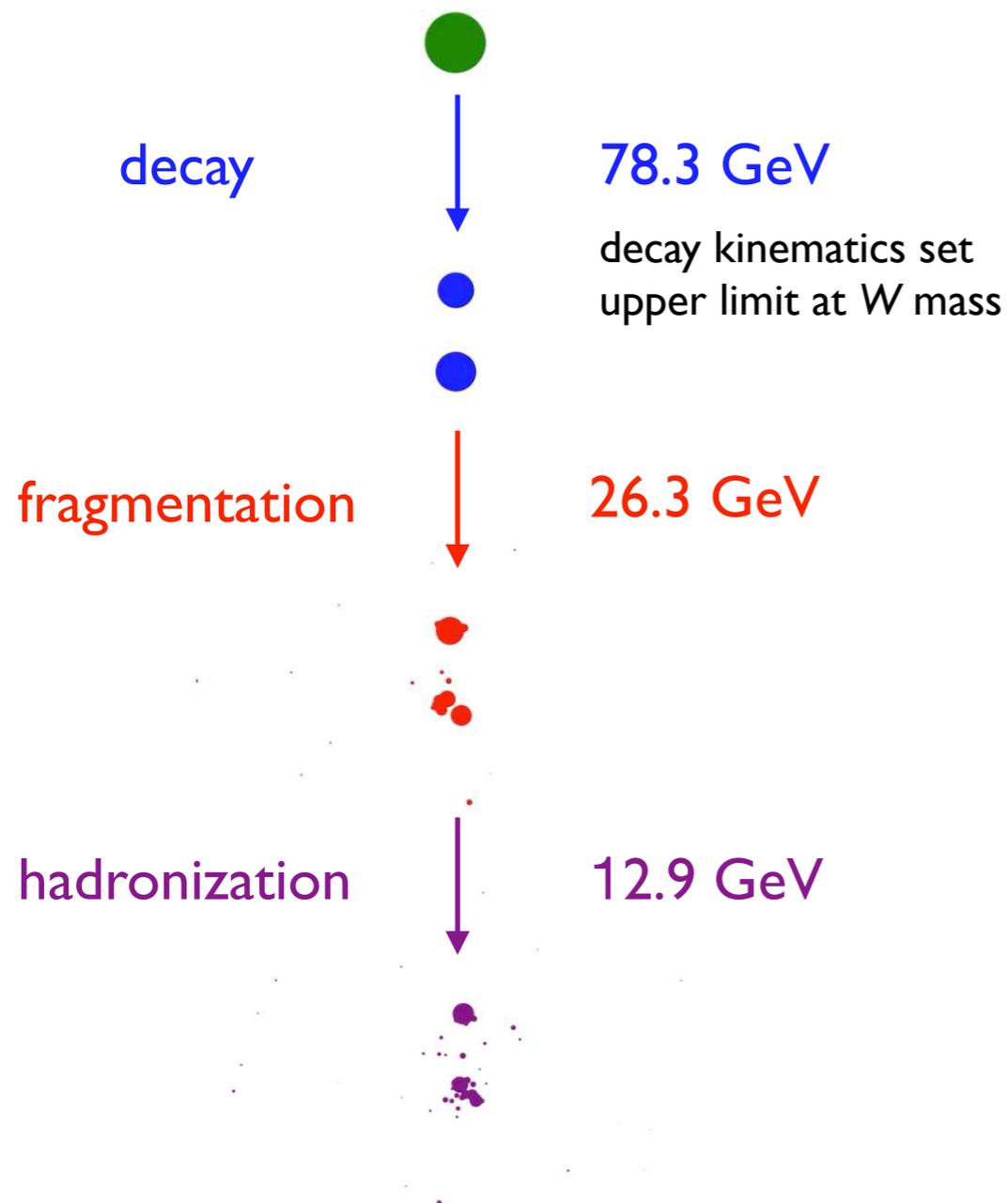
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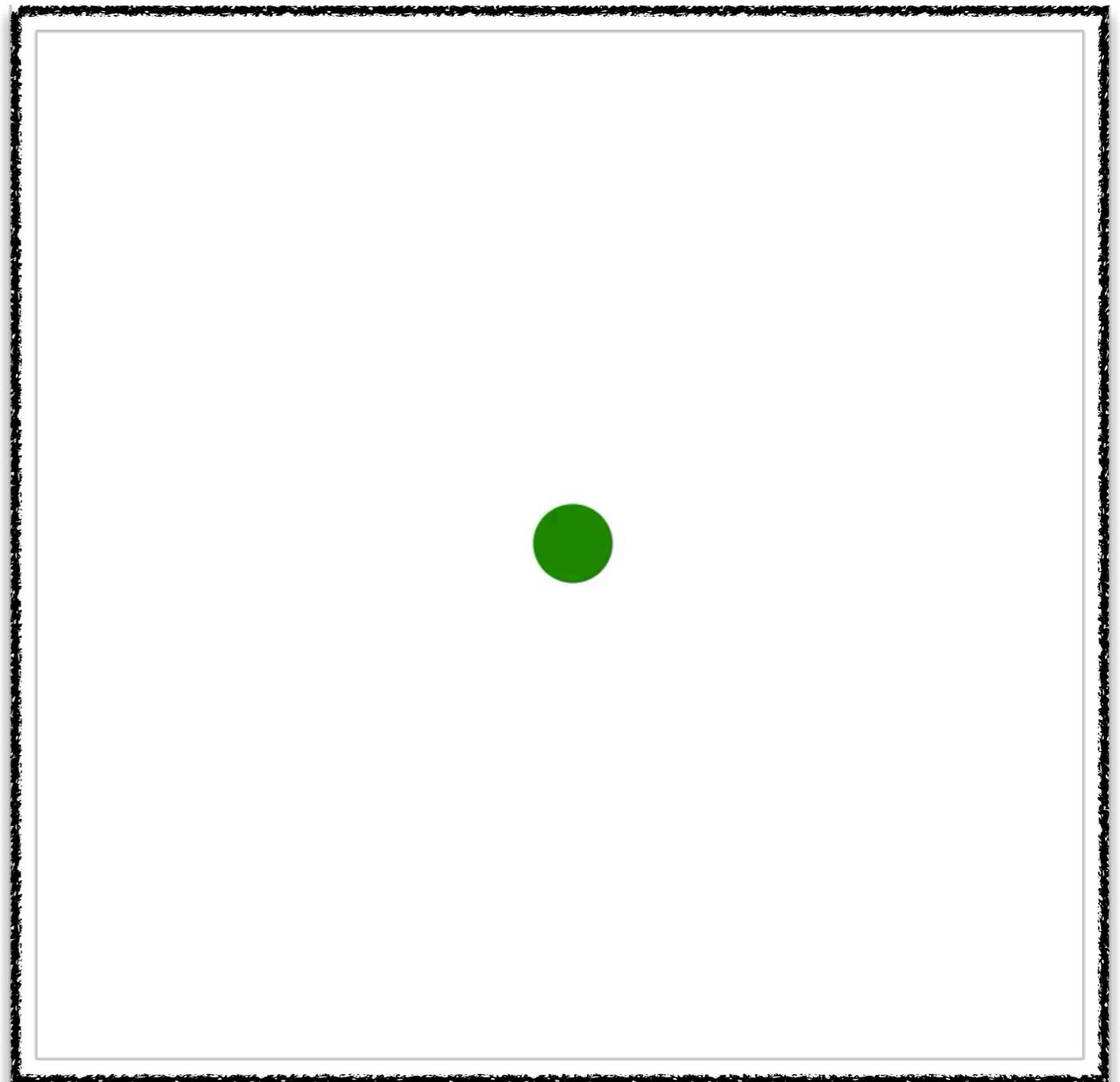
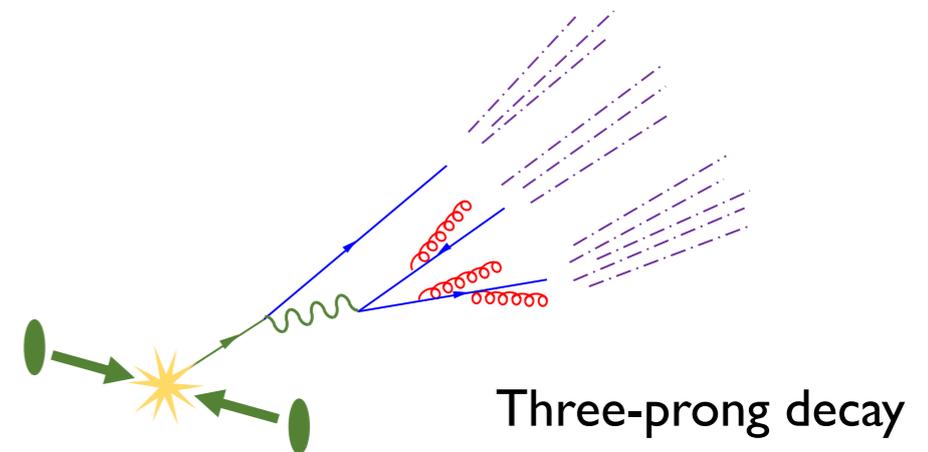
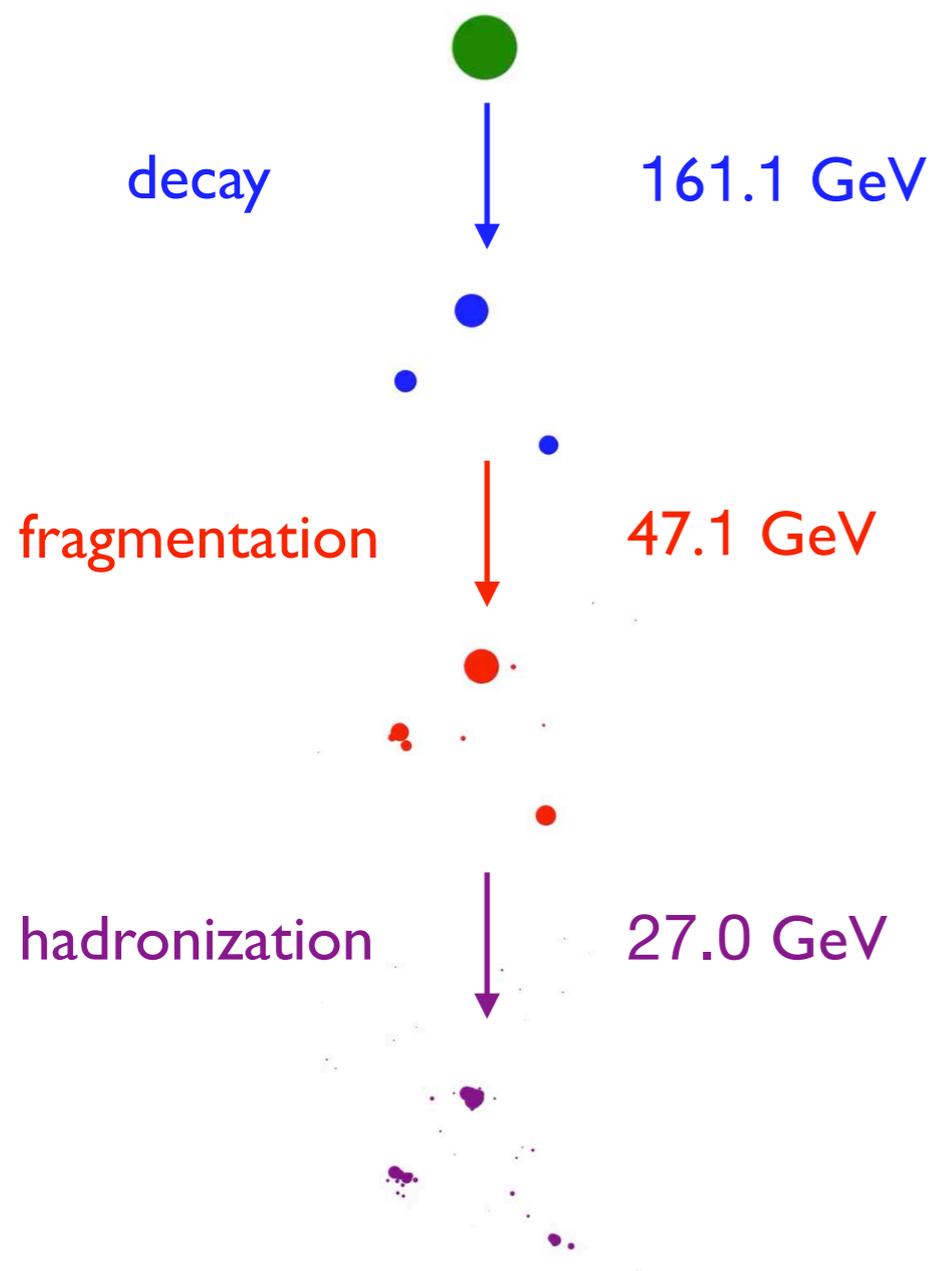
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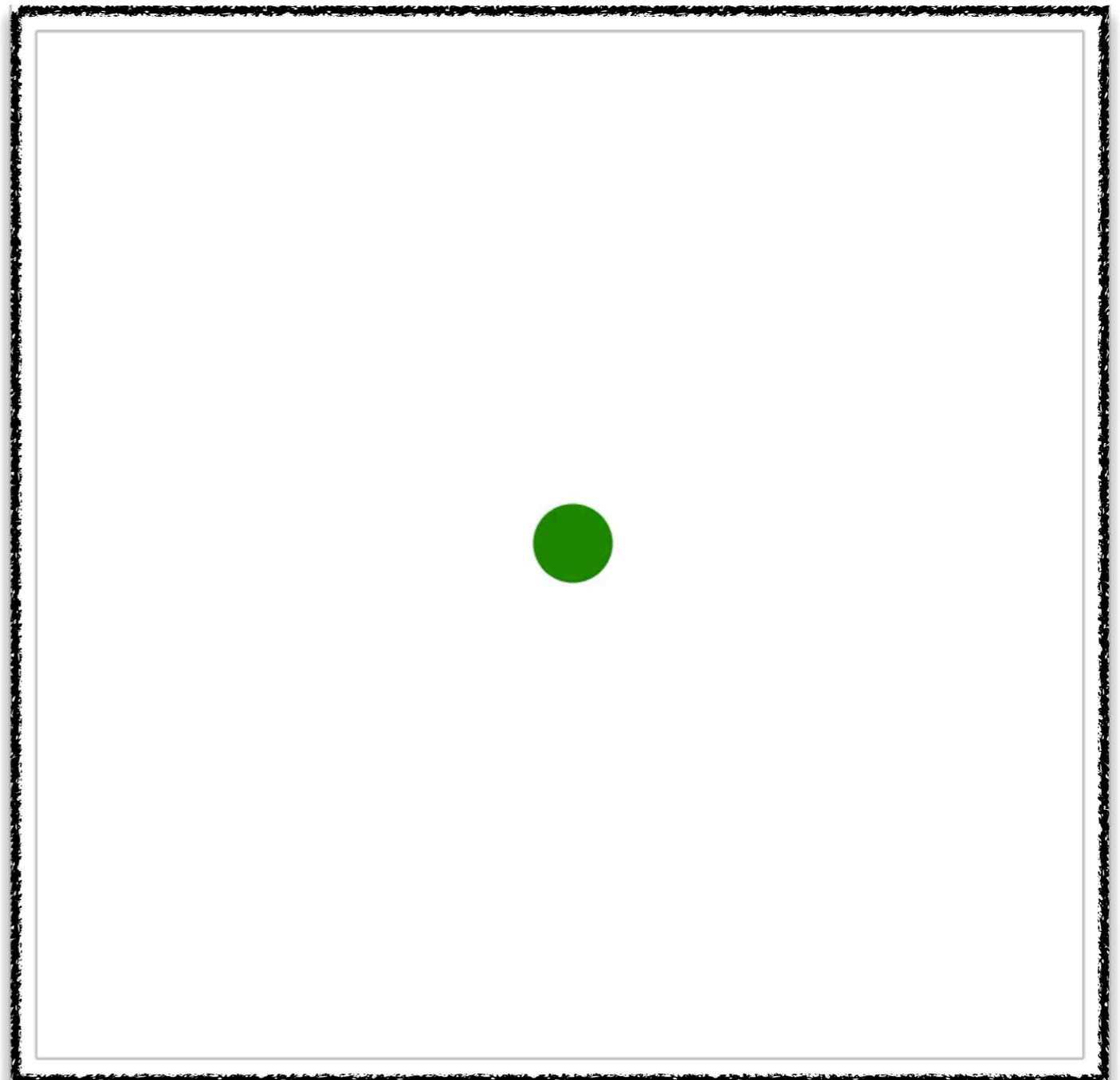
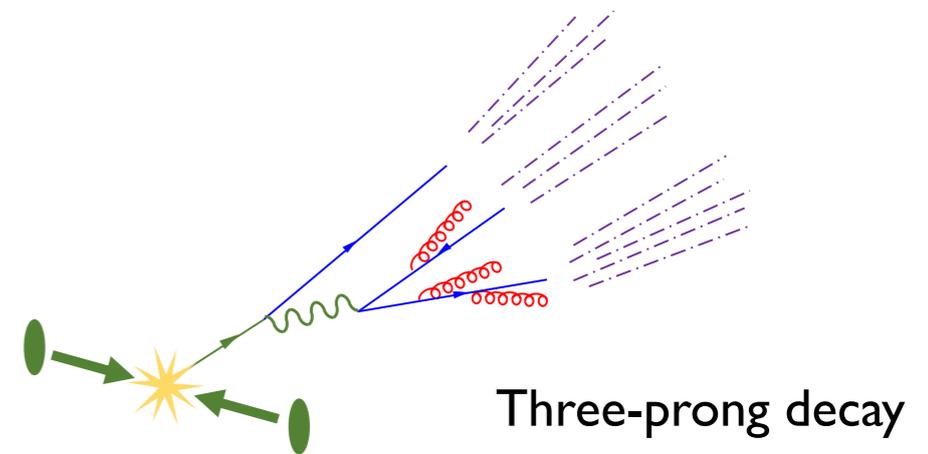
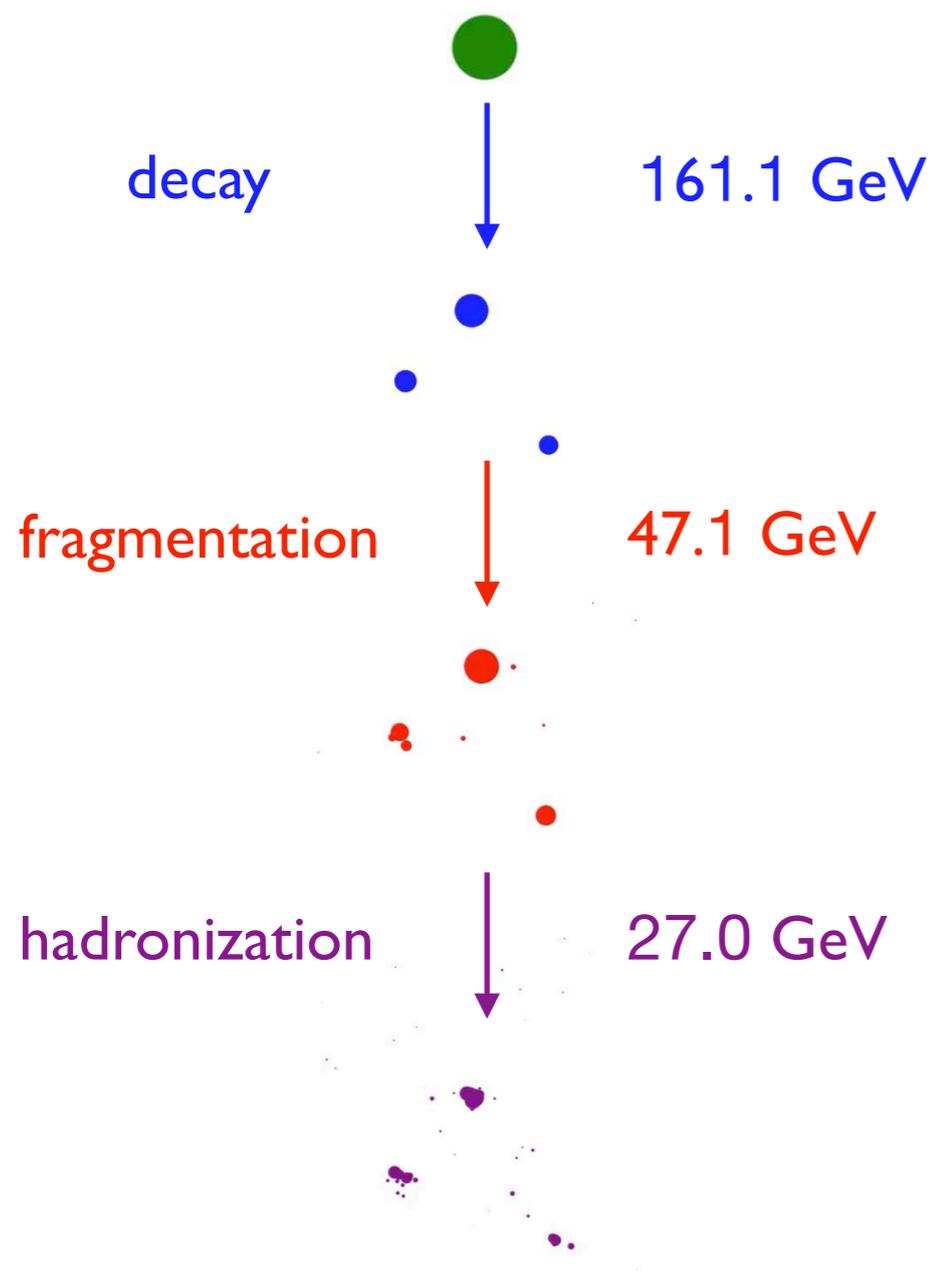
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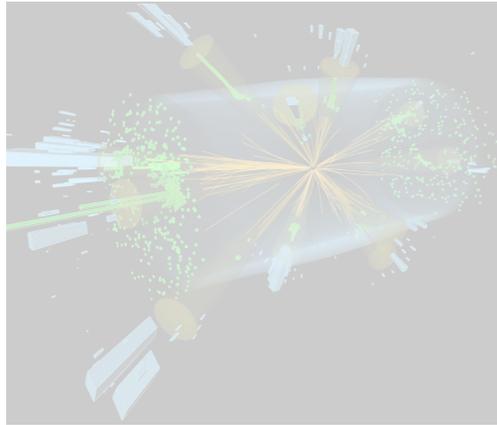
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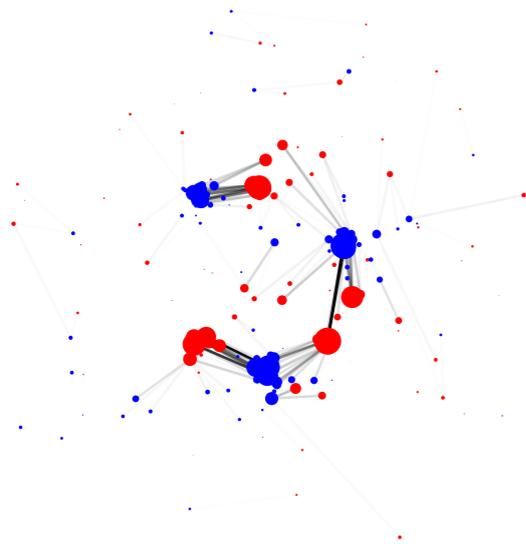
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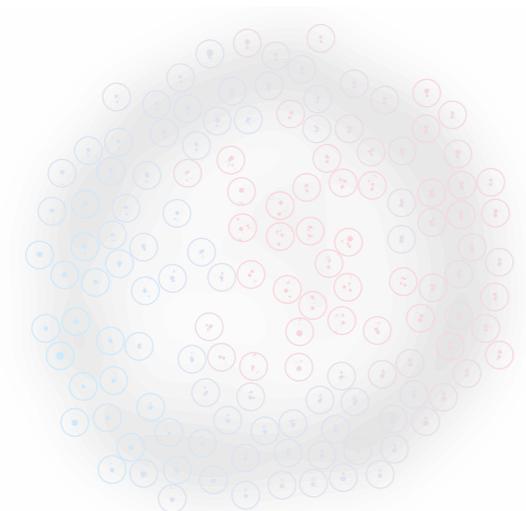
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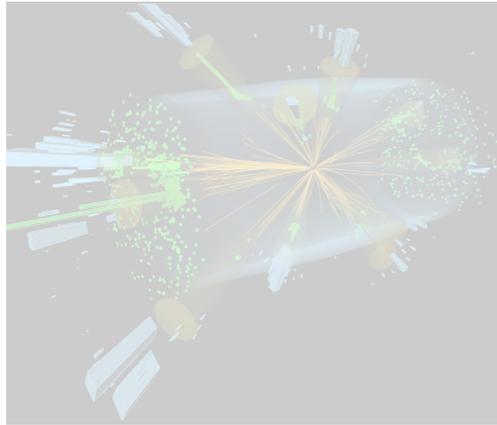


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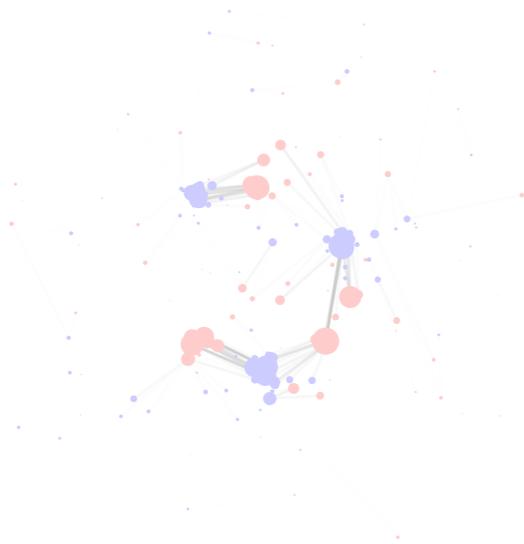


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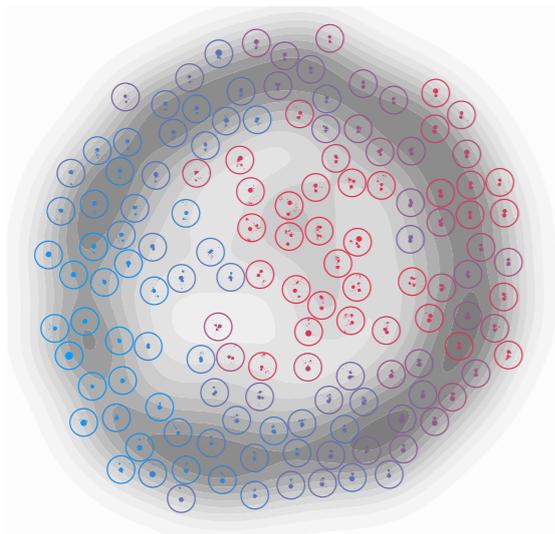
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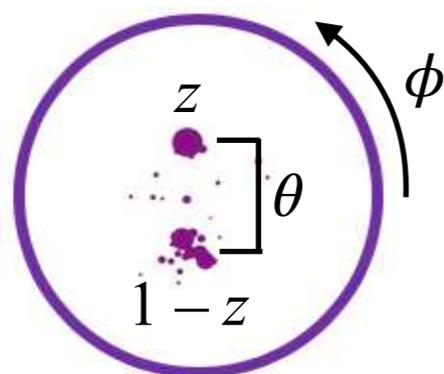


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# Visualizing the Metric Space of W Jets

Metric spaces have intrinsic structure (e.g. triangulation of points in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  from pairwise distances)

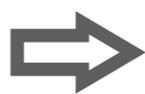
Cartoon W jets are two-pronged and have three degrees of freedom



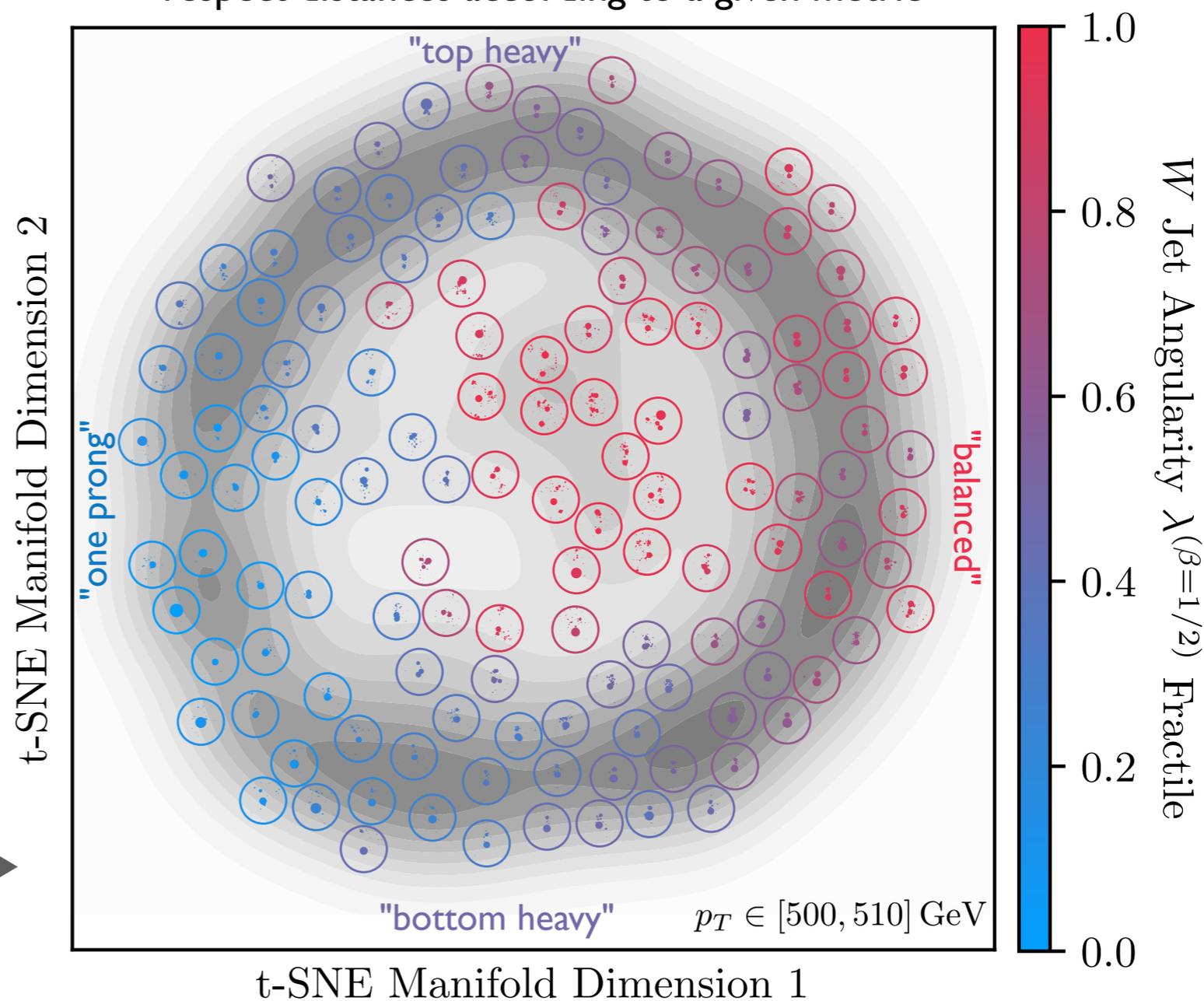
Mass constraint & rotational preprocessing remove two DOF

One dimensional manifold appears as a ring with weird events at the center

Gray contours show event density, example jets sprinkled throughout



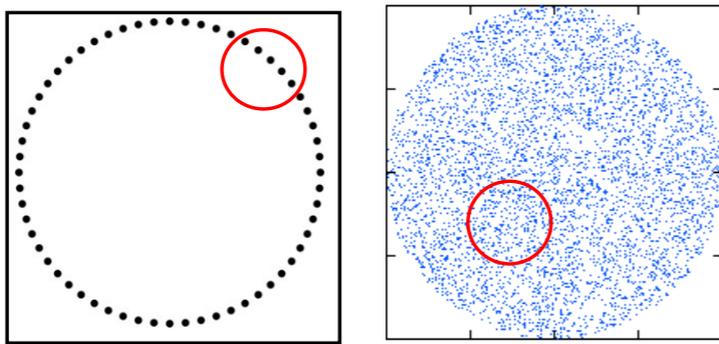
t-SNE finds 2d embedding that attempts to respect distances according to a given metric



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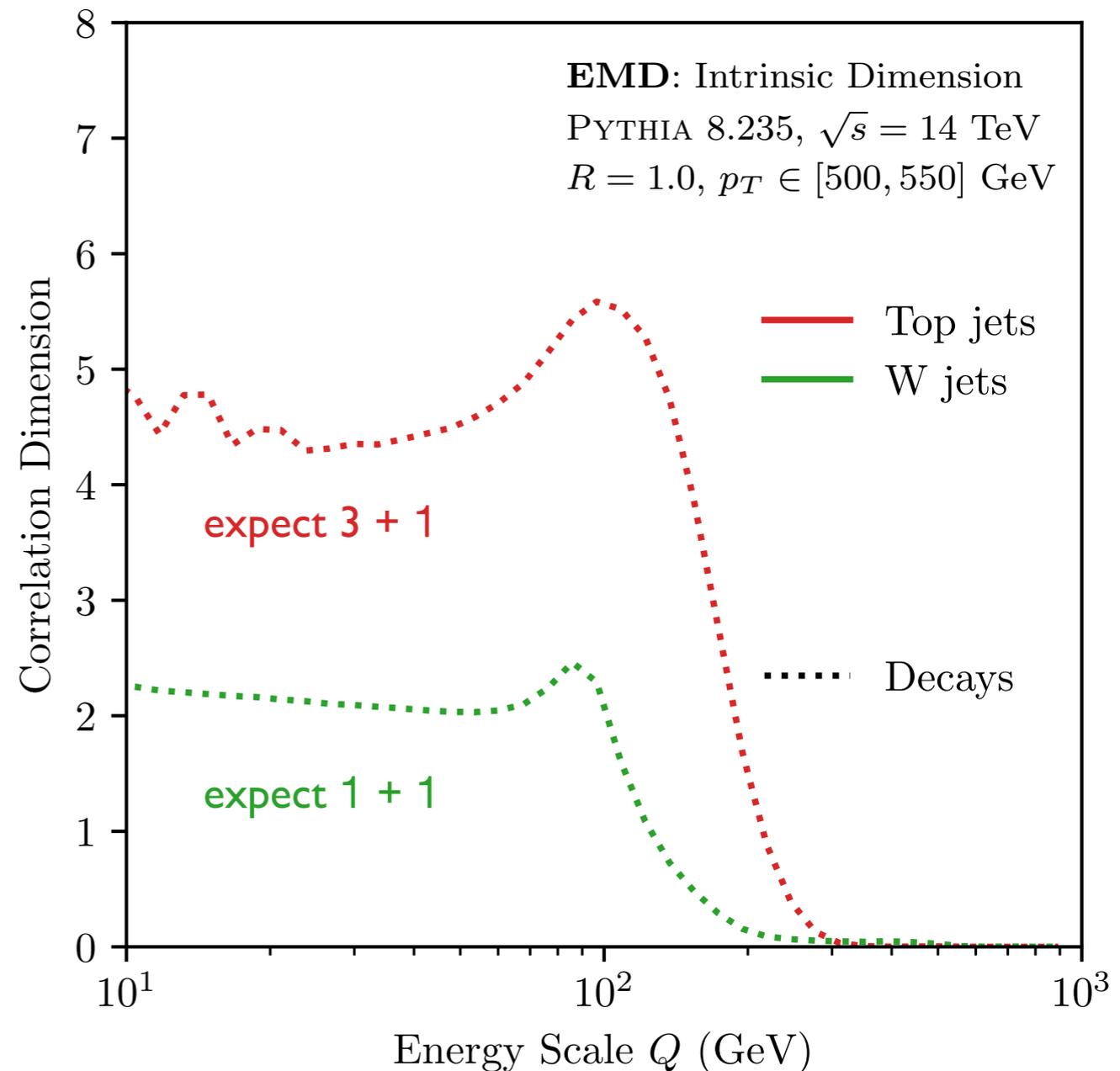
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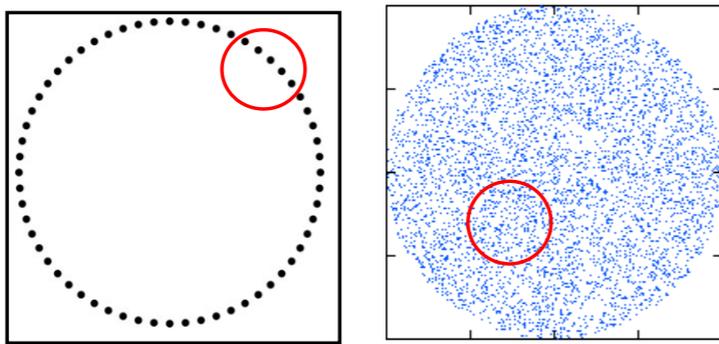
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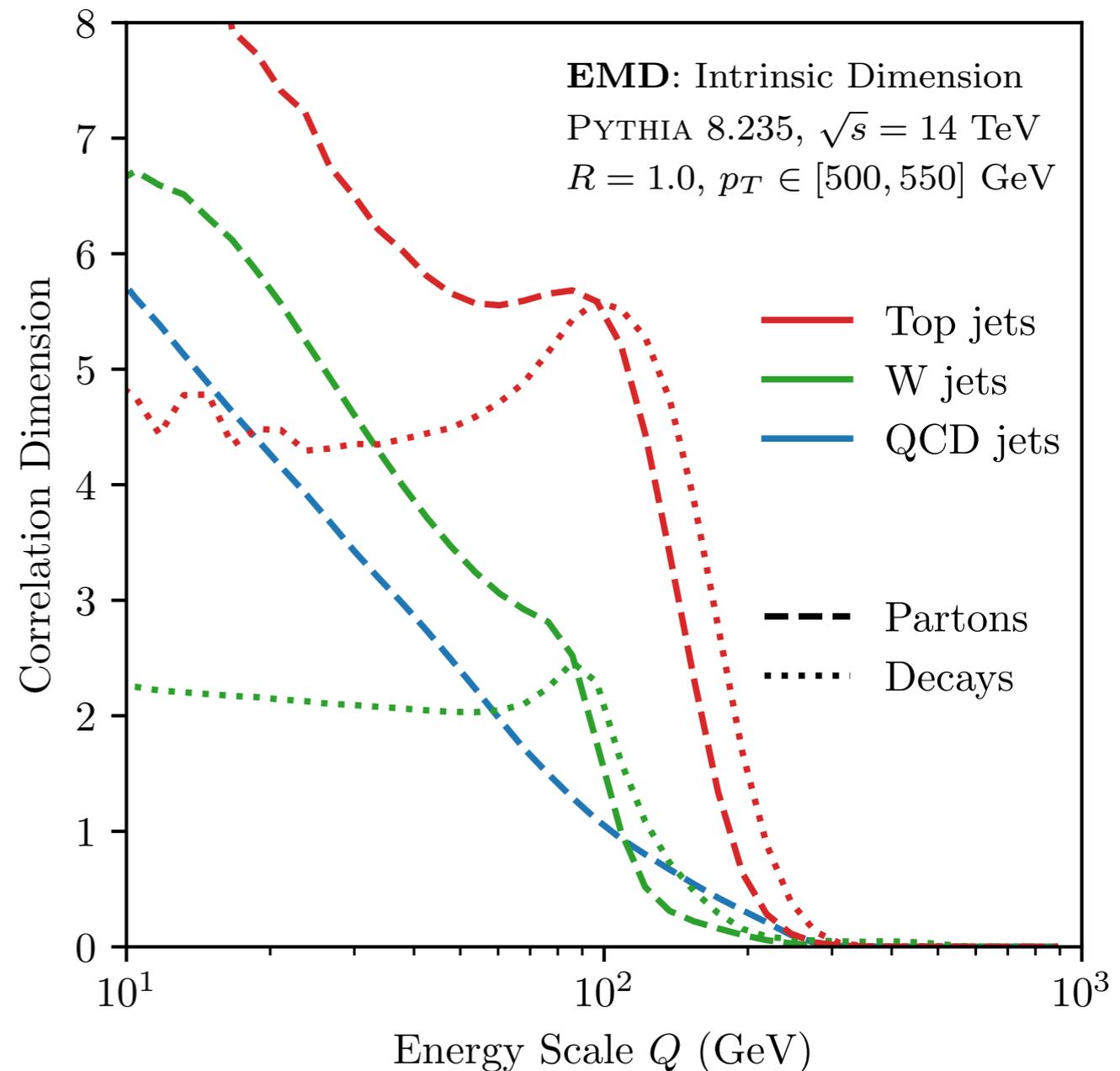
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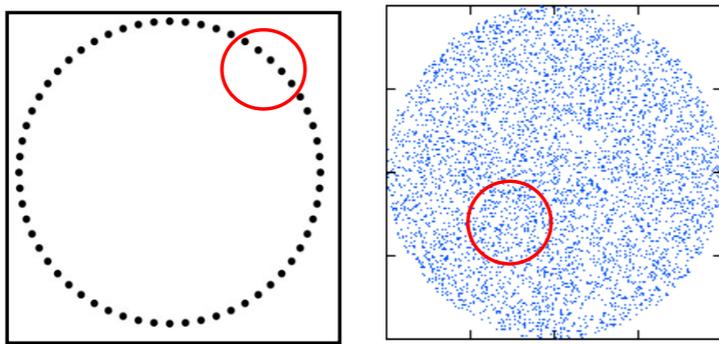
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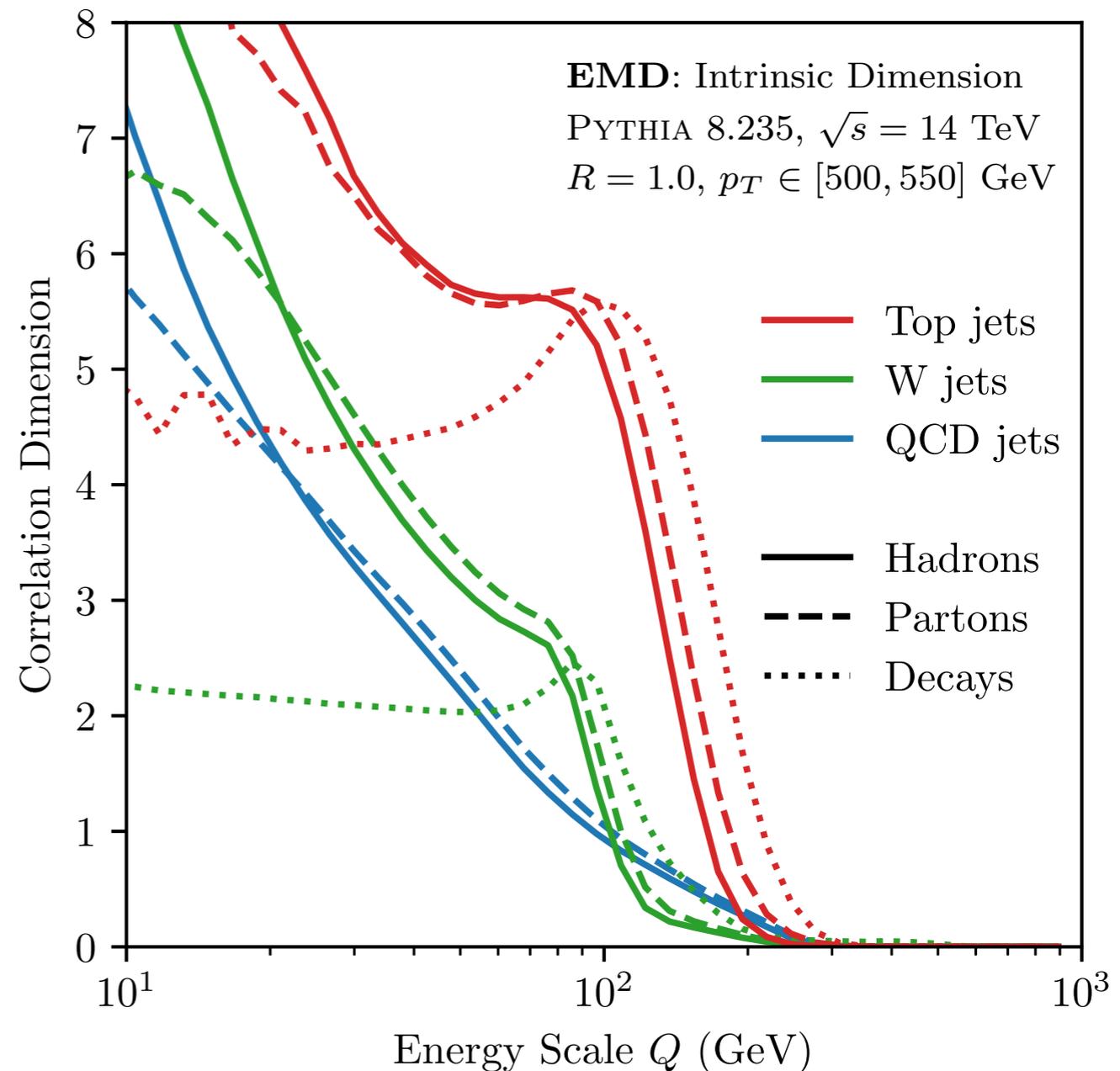
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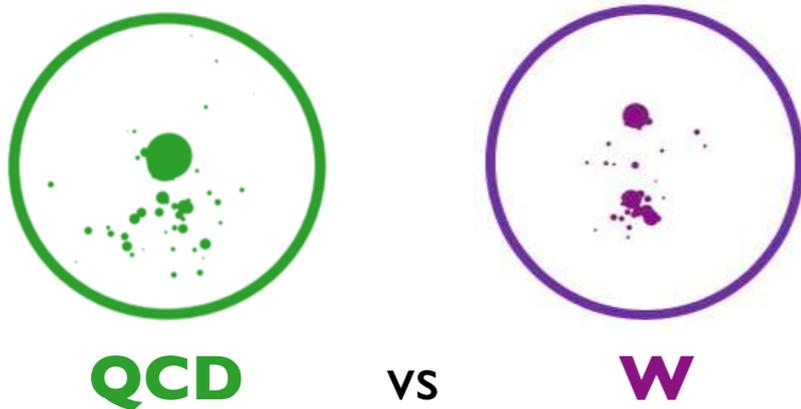
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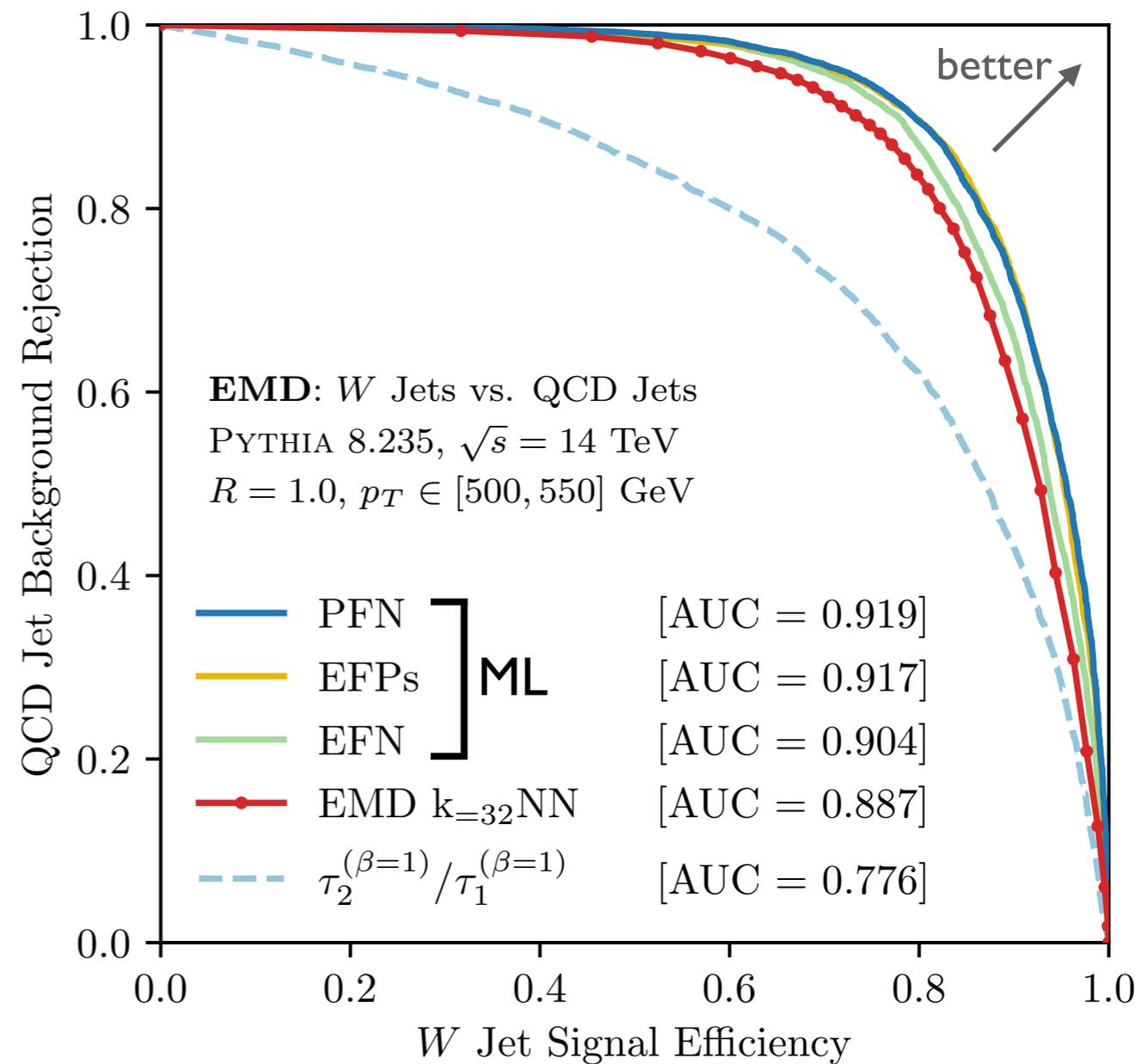
# Nearest Neighbor Density Estimation for Jet Classification

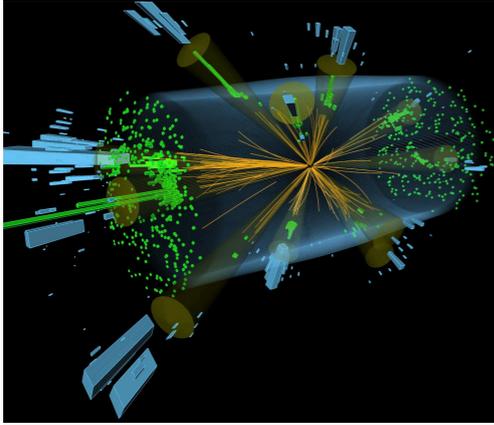


Given a reference sample of two kinds of jets, classify test jets based on k-nearest neighbors

Optimal IRC-safe classifier with enough data

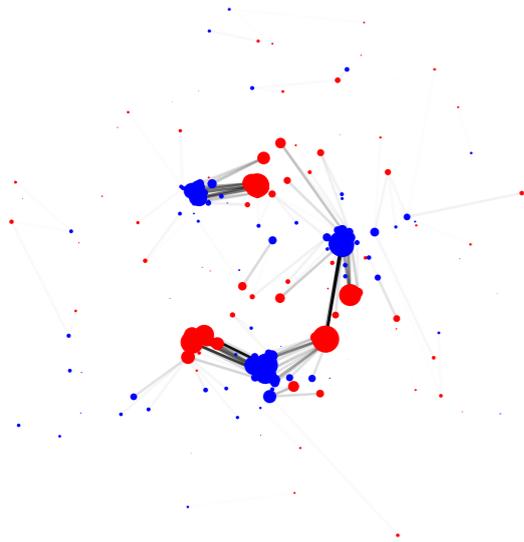
kNN performance approaches that of ML





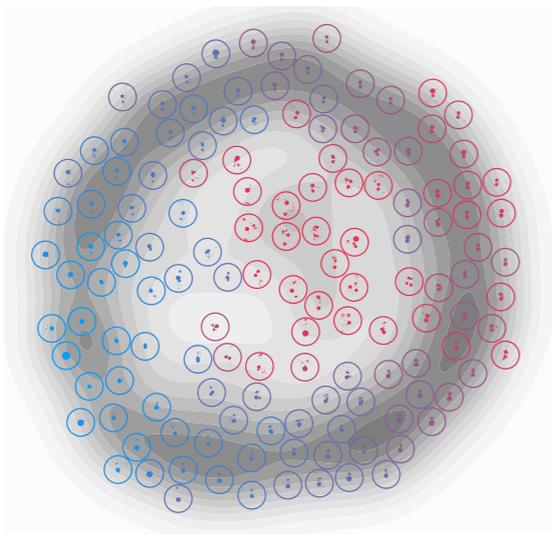
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# Further Directions

EMD quantifies energy flow – use it to quantify observables\*?

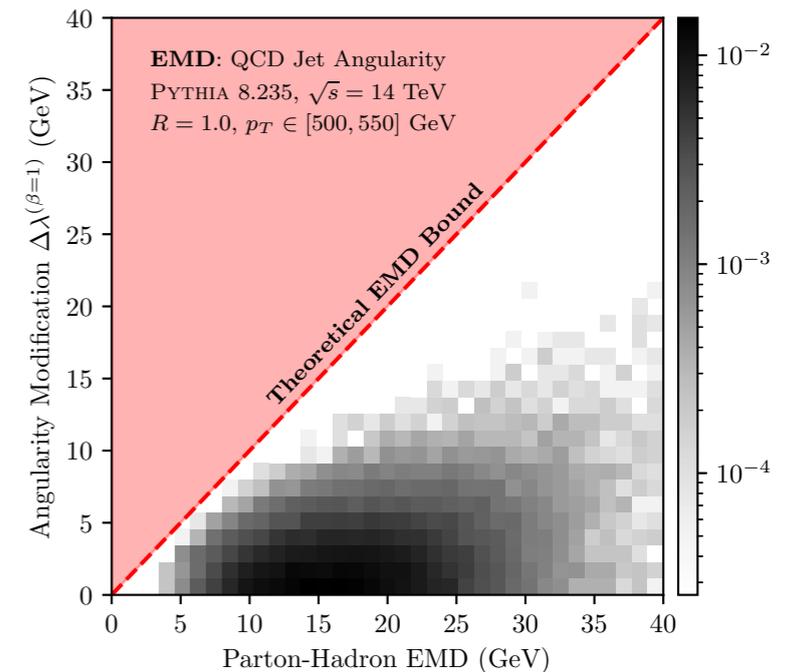
(# of LHC events)  $\gg 1$  – distill most representative events?

(# of LHC events) $^2 \sim \infty$ , speed up using triangle inequality?

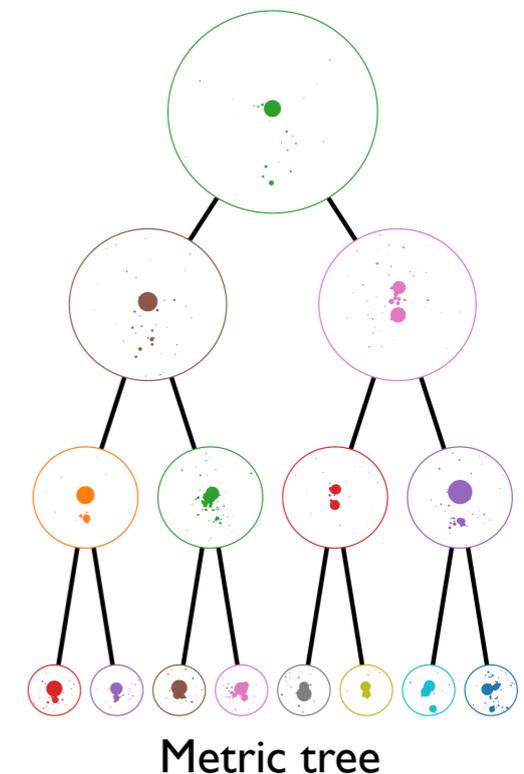
Interesting physics in correlation dimension – can we calculate it?

EMD is IRC safe – include unsafe information e.g. flavor?

EMD quantifies differences – use as ML loss function?



\*More in backup



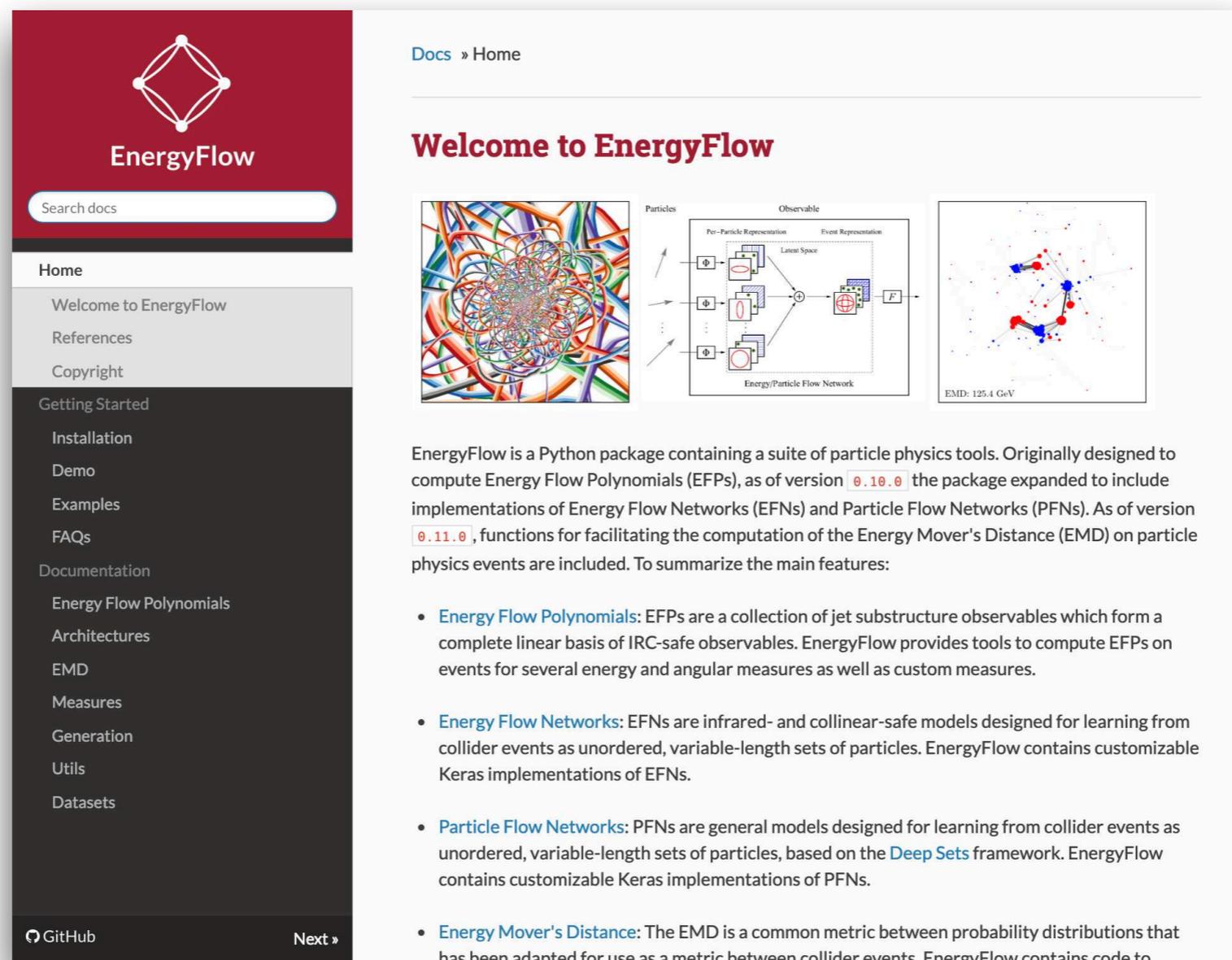
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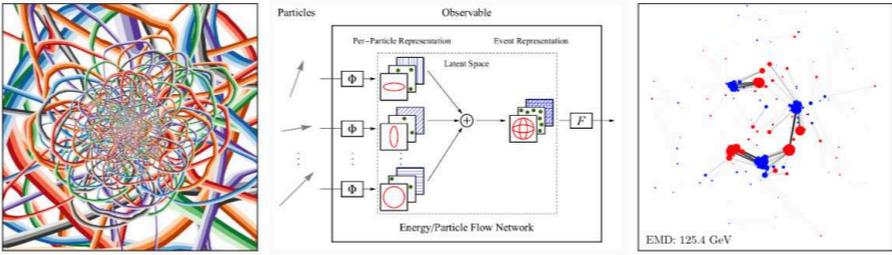
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## Welcome to EnergyFlow



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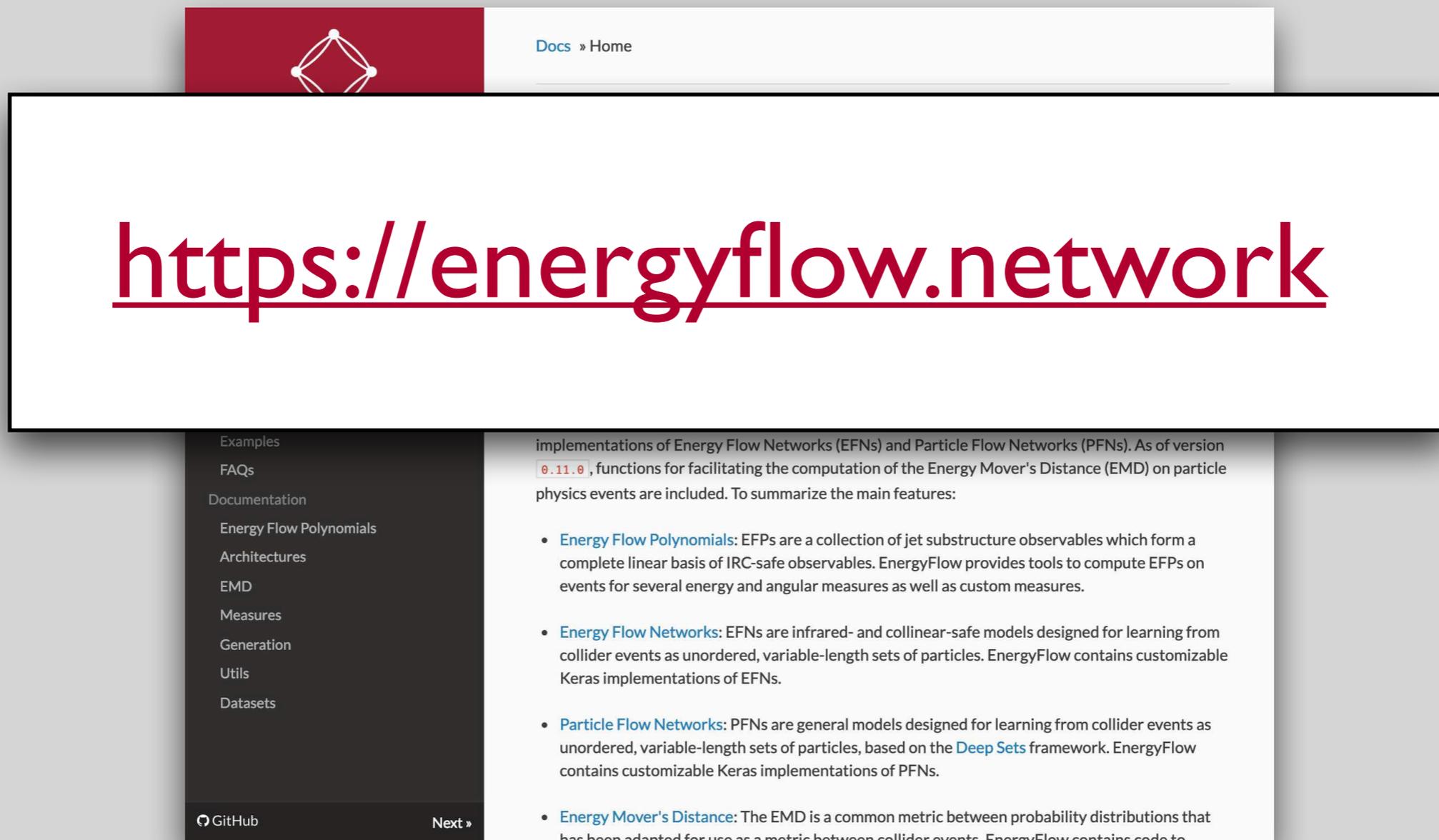
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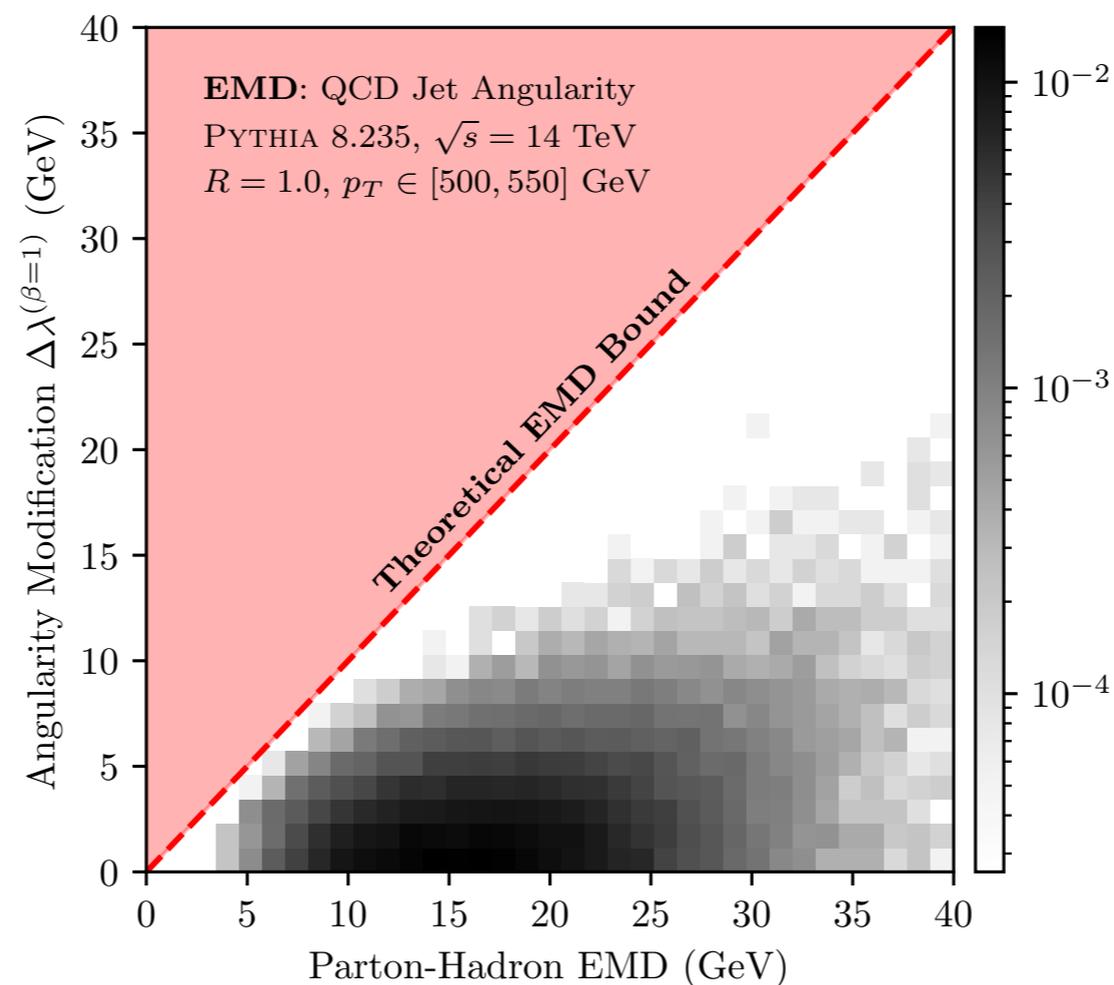
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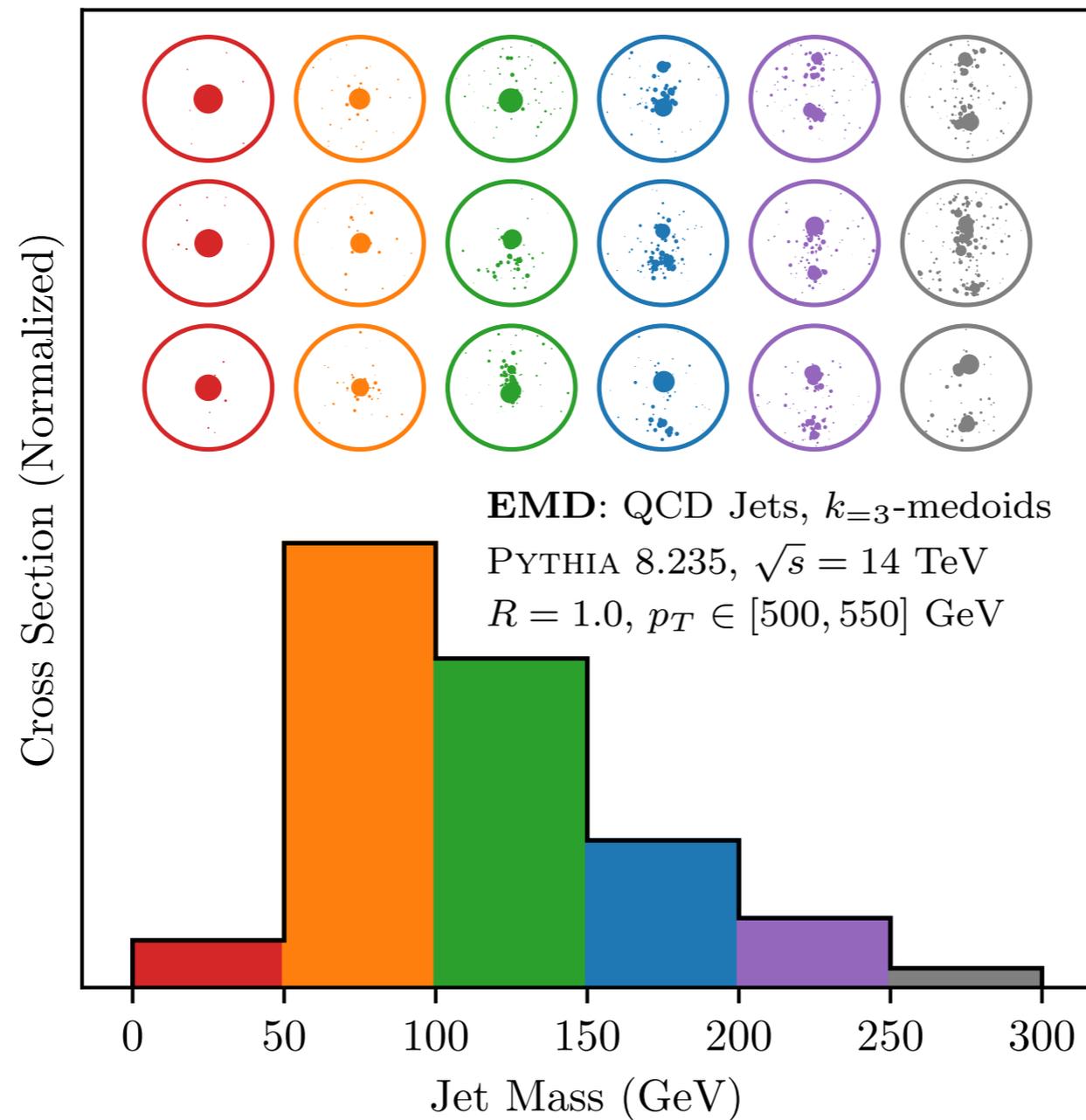
Hadronization affects all hadronic final states and yet is poorly understood

$$\text{EMD}(\mathcal{E}, \mathcal{E}') \geq \frac{1}{RL} \left| \sum_i E_i \Phi(\hat{p}_i) - \sum_j E'_j \Phi(\hat{p}'_j) \right| = \frac{1}{RL} |\mathcal{O}(\mathcal{E}) - \mathcal{O}(\mathcal{E}')|$$



# Finding Representative Events

K-medoids finds representative events, for instance in different histogram bins



# Infrared and Collinear (IRC) Safety

QCD has soft and collinear divergences associated with gluon radiation



$$dP_{i \rightarrow ig} \simeq \frac{2\alpha_s}{\pi} C_a \frac{d\theta}{\theta} \frac{dz}{z}$$

$$C_q = C_F = 4/3$$

$$C_g = C_A = 3$$

KLN Theorem: IRC safety of an observable is sufficient to guarantee that soft/collinear divergences cancel at each order in perturbation theory

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

$$S(\{p_1^\mu, \dots, p_M^\mu\}) = S(\{p_1^\mu, \dots, (1 - \lambda)p_M^\mu, \lambda p_M^\mu\}), \quad \forall \lambda \in [0, 1]$$

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

$$S(\{p_1^\mu, \dots, p_M^\mu\}) = \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} S(\{p_1^\mu, \dots, p_M^\mu, \epsilon p_{M+1}^\mu\}), \quad \forall p_{M+1}^\mu$$

IRC safety is a key theoretical *and experimental* property of observables