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[ an example of the application of the ML generative models in high-energy physics ]

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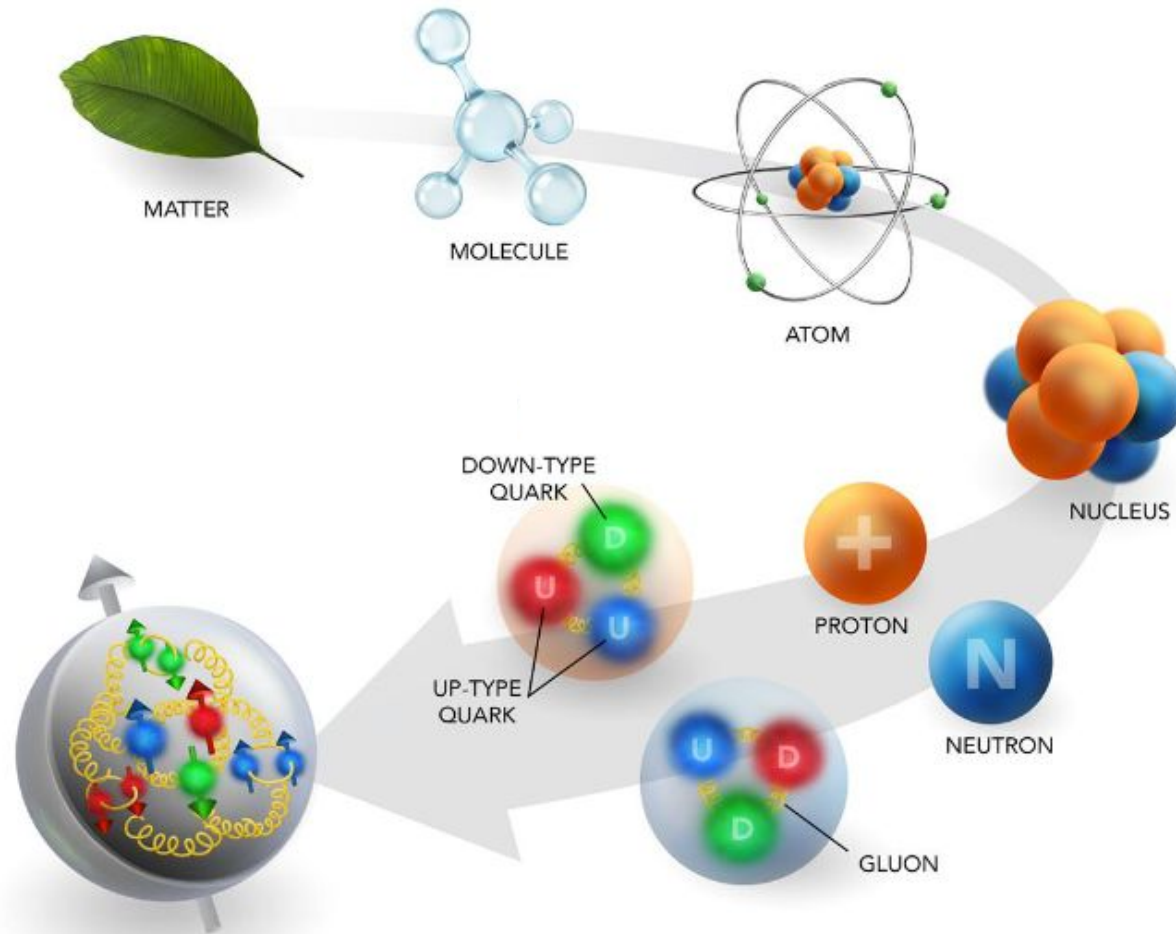
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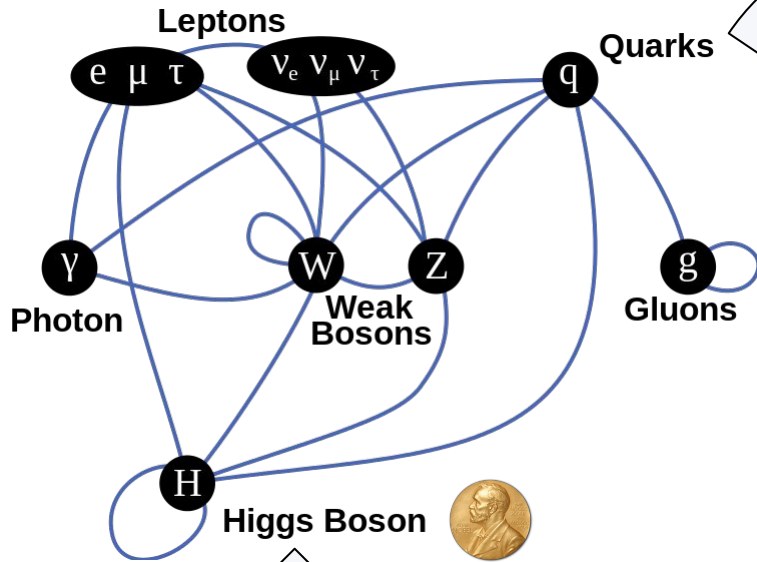
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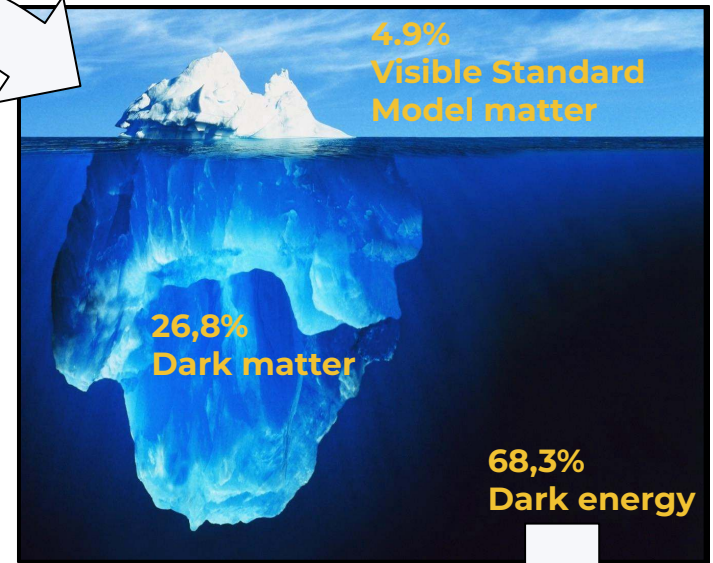
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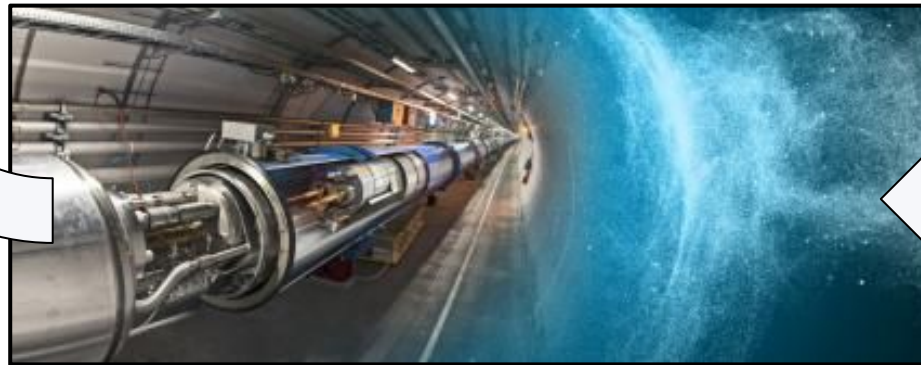
very successful theory



Physics beyond SM must exist

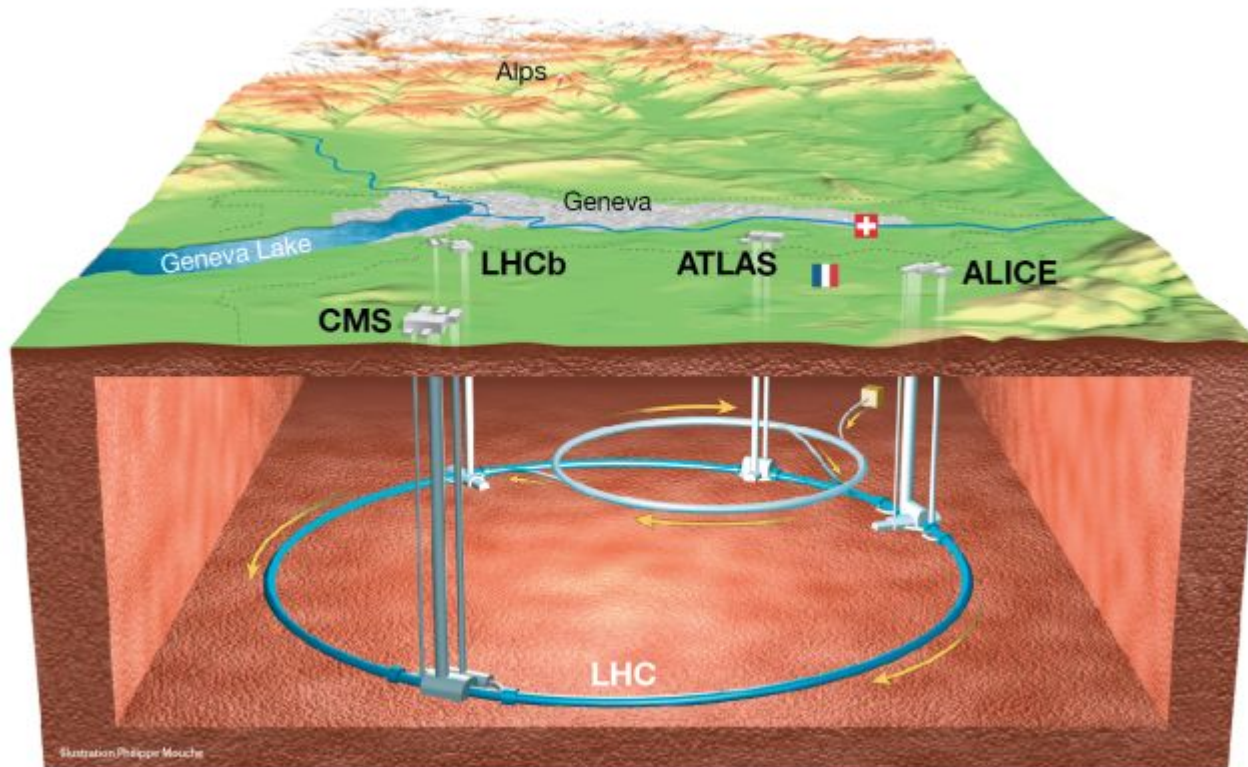


LHC



# Motivation - LHC

**Large Hadron Collider - 27 km = 27 000 m!**



## **European Strategy for Particle Physics**

“Europe's top priority should be the exploitation of the full potential of the LHC”



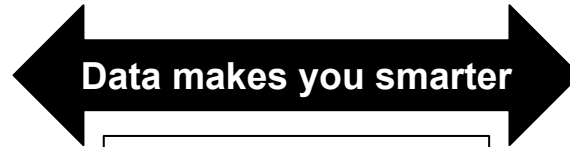
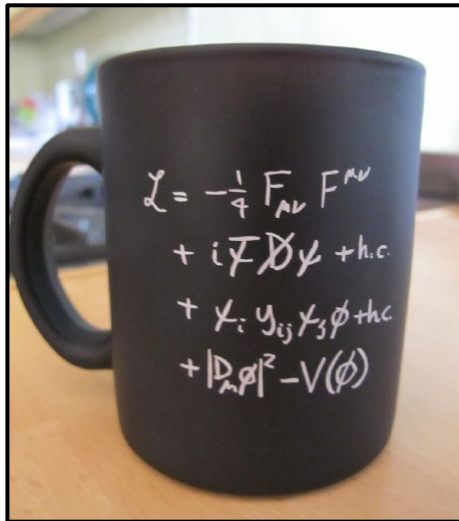
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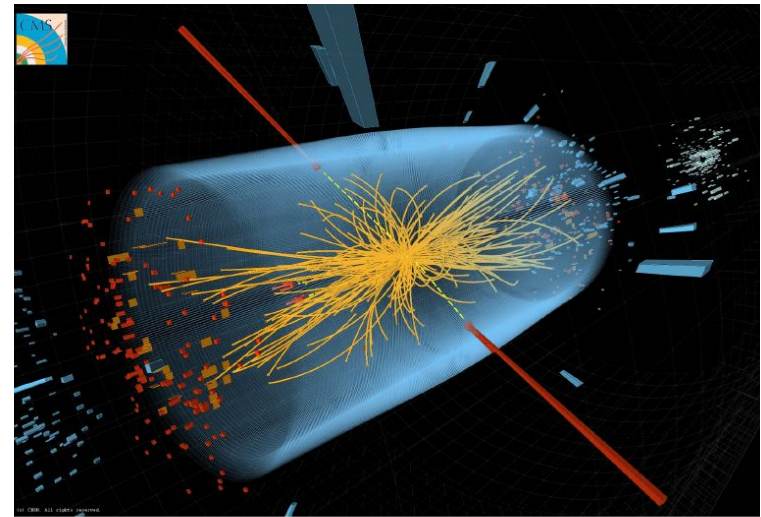
Data makes you smarter

It doesn't matter how beautiful your theory is, it doesn't matter how smart you are. If it doesn't agree with experiment, it's wrong.

*Richard P. Feynman*

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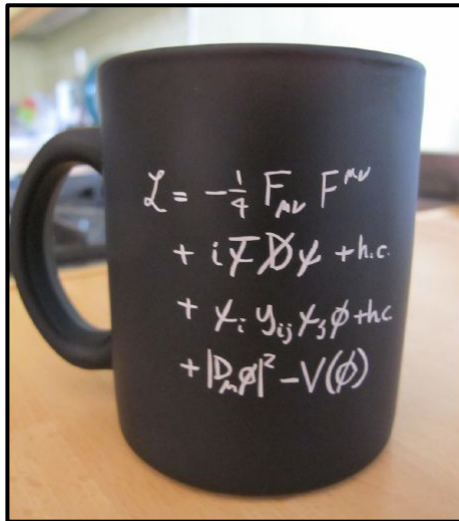
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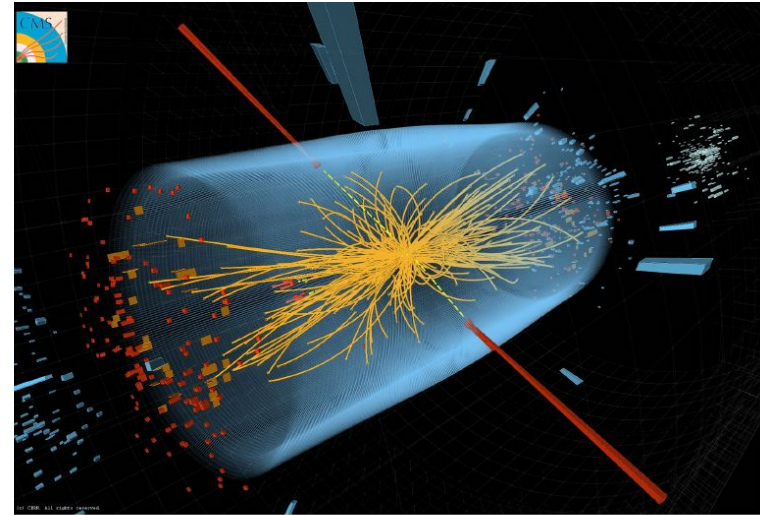
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- MC event generators are designed to bridge that **gap**
- “Virtual collider”  $\Rightarrow$  Direct comparison with data

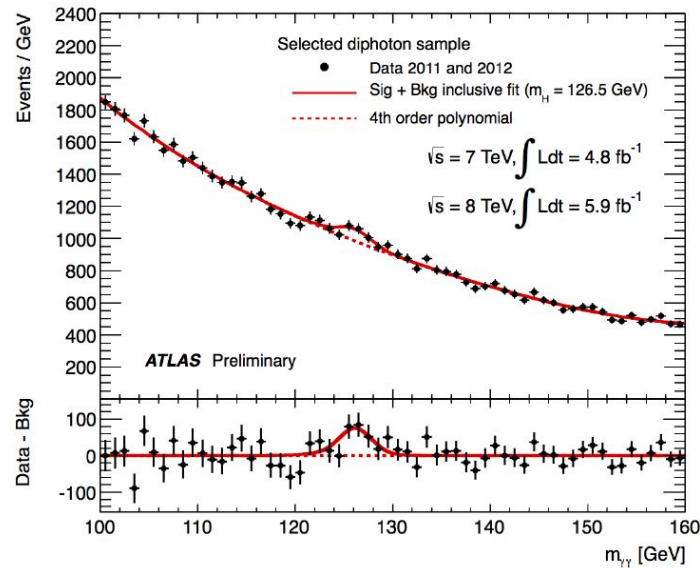
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			0.160	-0.216	1.711	1.738	0.140
			-0.133	1.254	254.182	254.187	0.938
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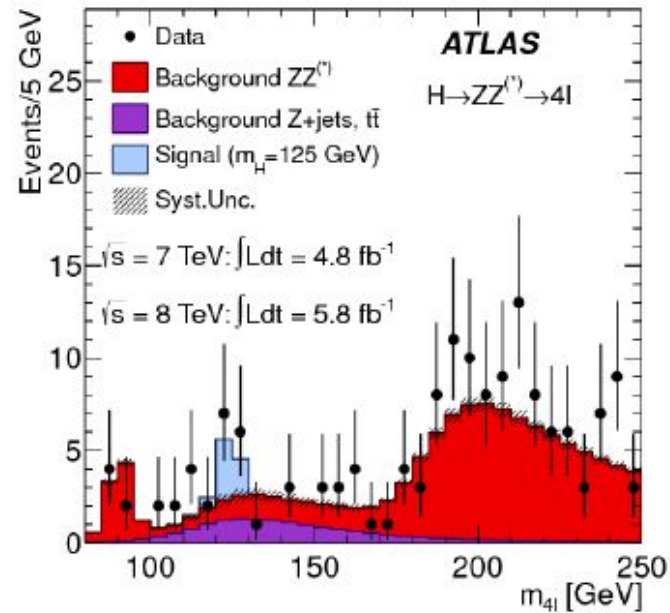
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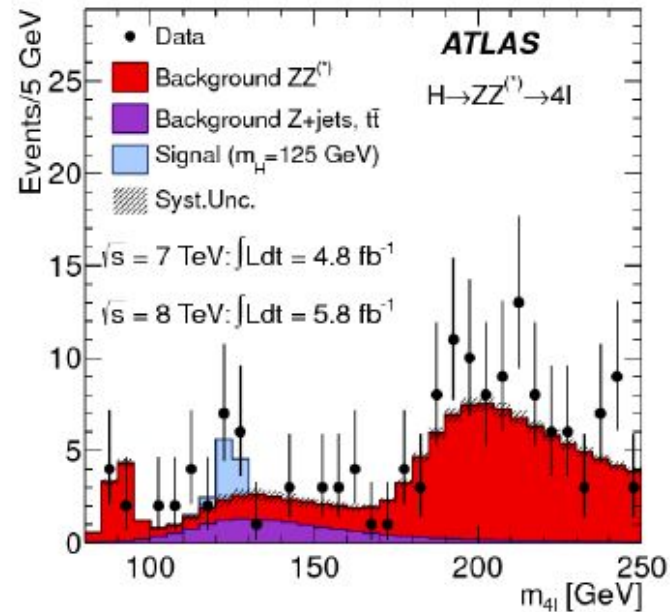
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Last year Pythia 6 manual reached ~**13000** citations! [JHEP 0605 (2006) 026]

➤ Main generators: Herwig, Pythia, Sherpa are cited by most papers from LHC experiments.

Published papers by ATLAS, CMS, LHCb: **2252**  
Citing MCnet projects: **1888 (84%)**

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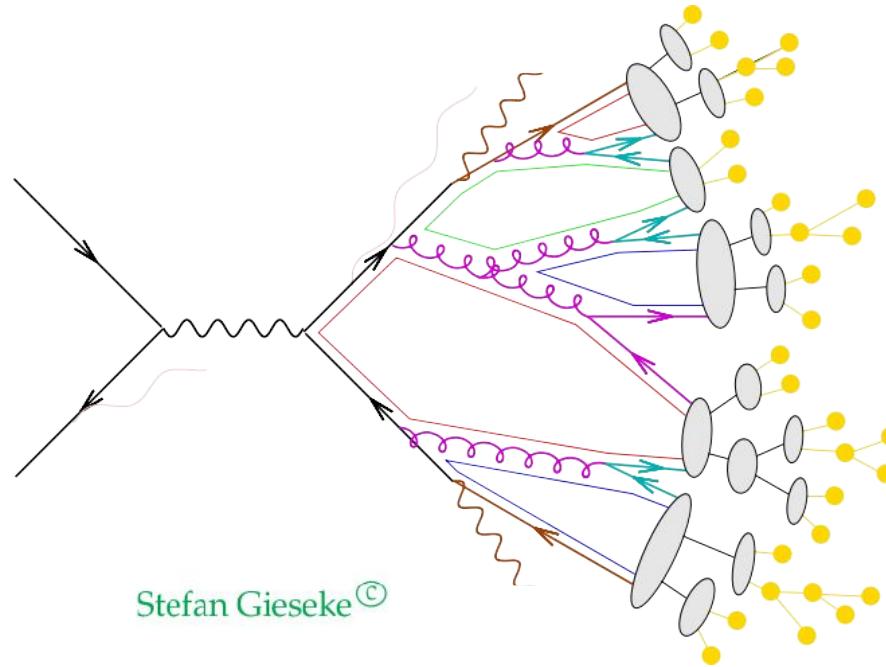
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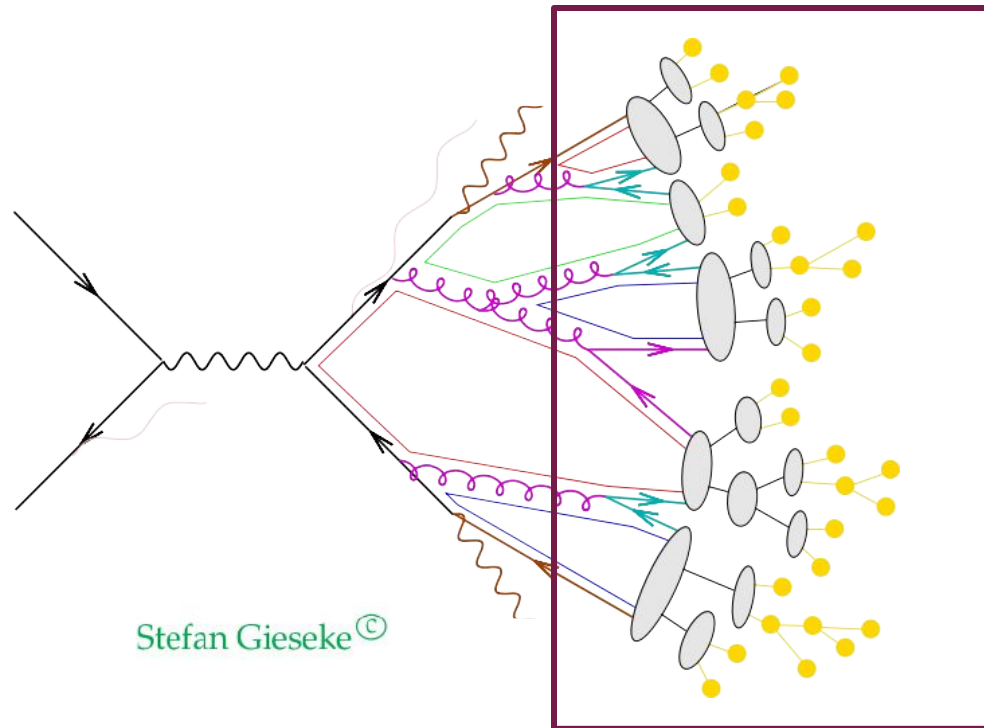
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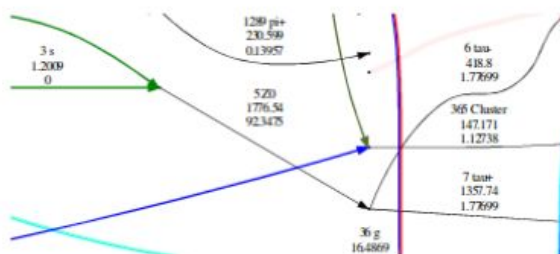
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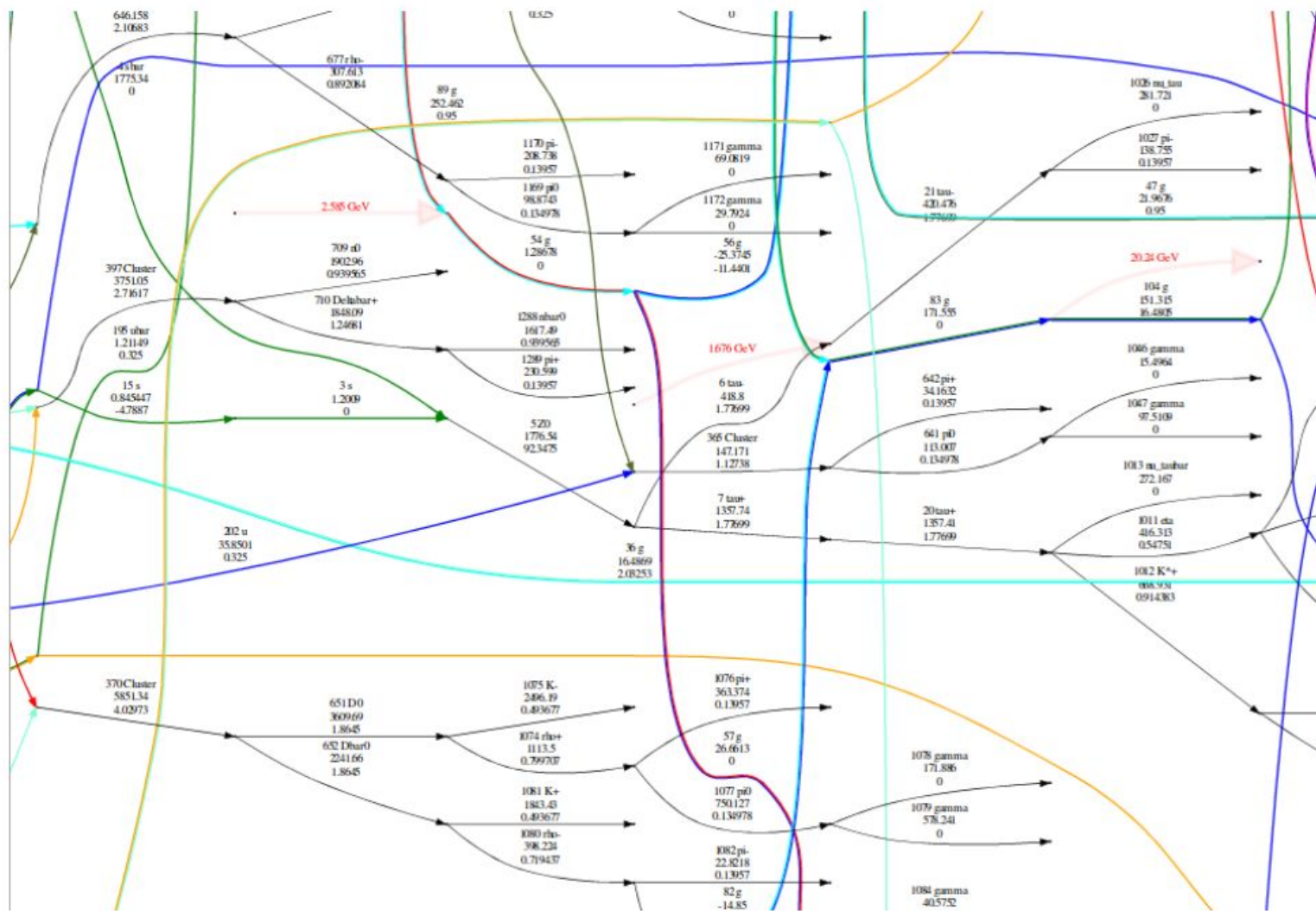
Hadronization:  
one of the least understood elements of MCEG



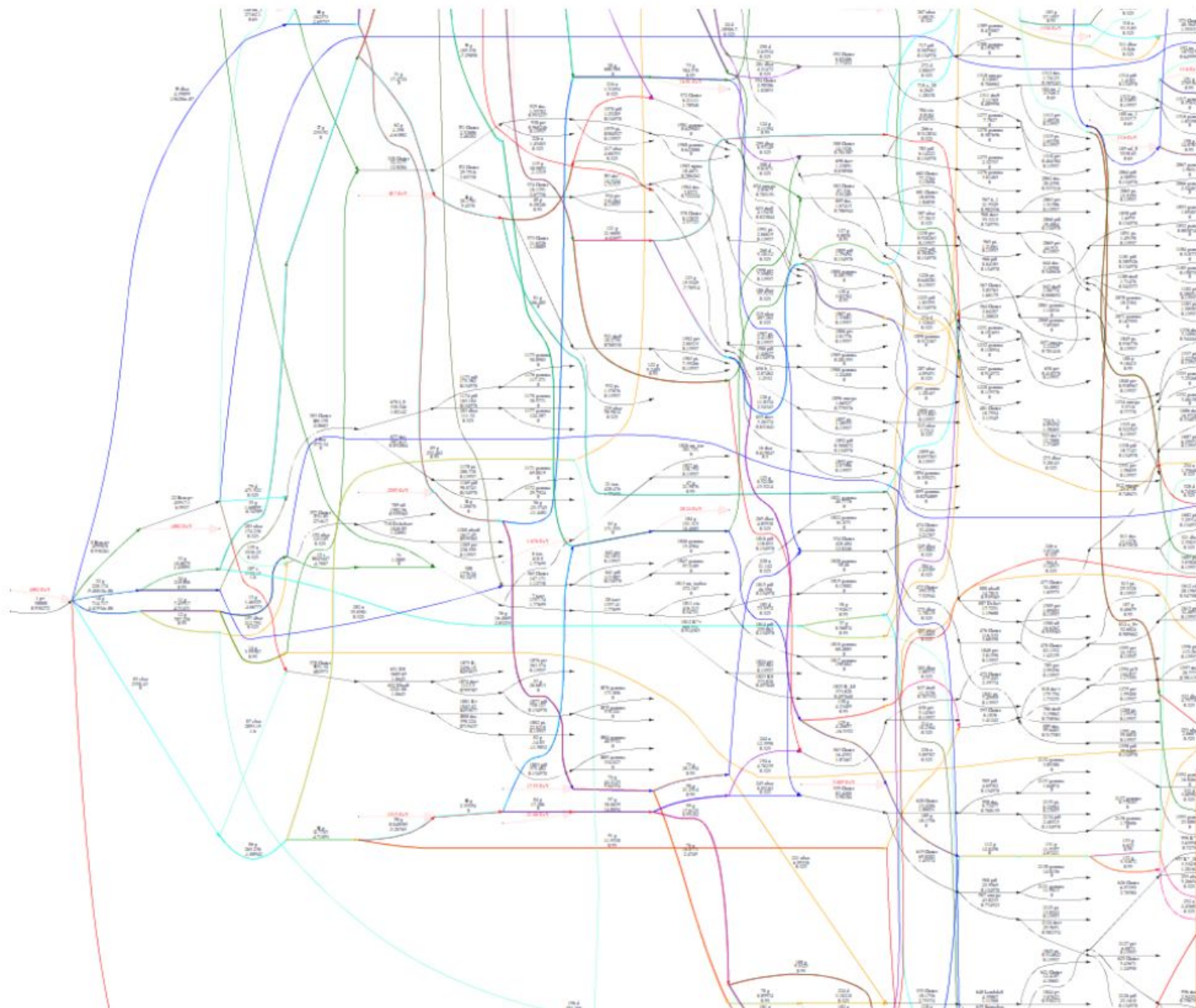
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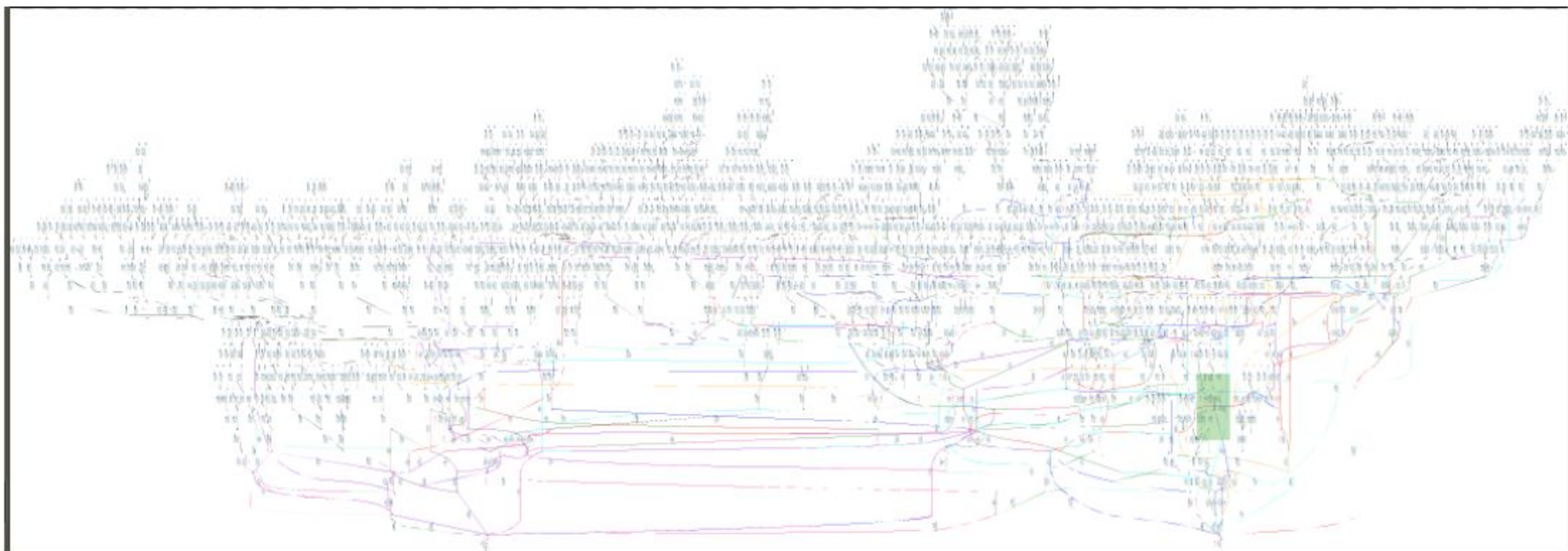
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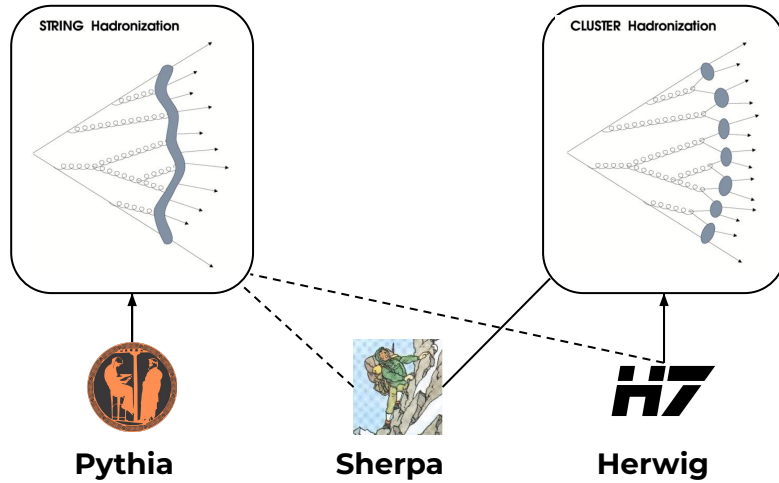




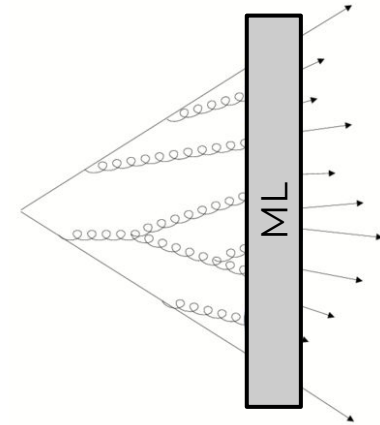
# Hadronization models

## Hadronization:

Early 1980's



Early 2020's  
(lot of progress in ML)



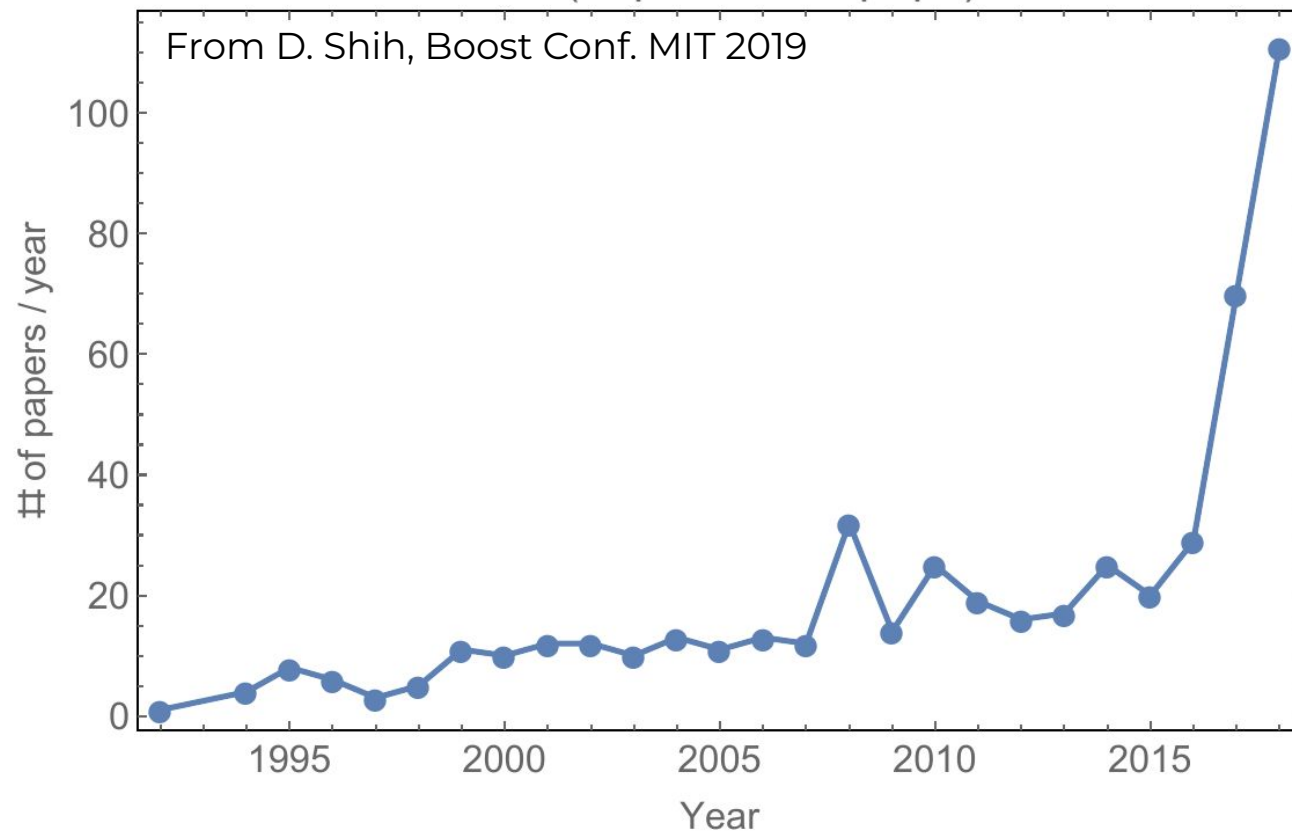
Idea of using Machine Learning (ML) for hadronization.

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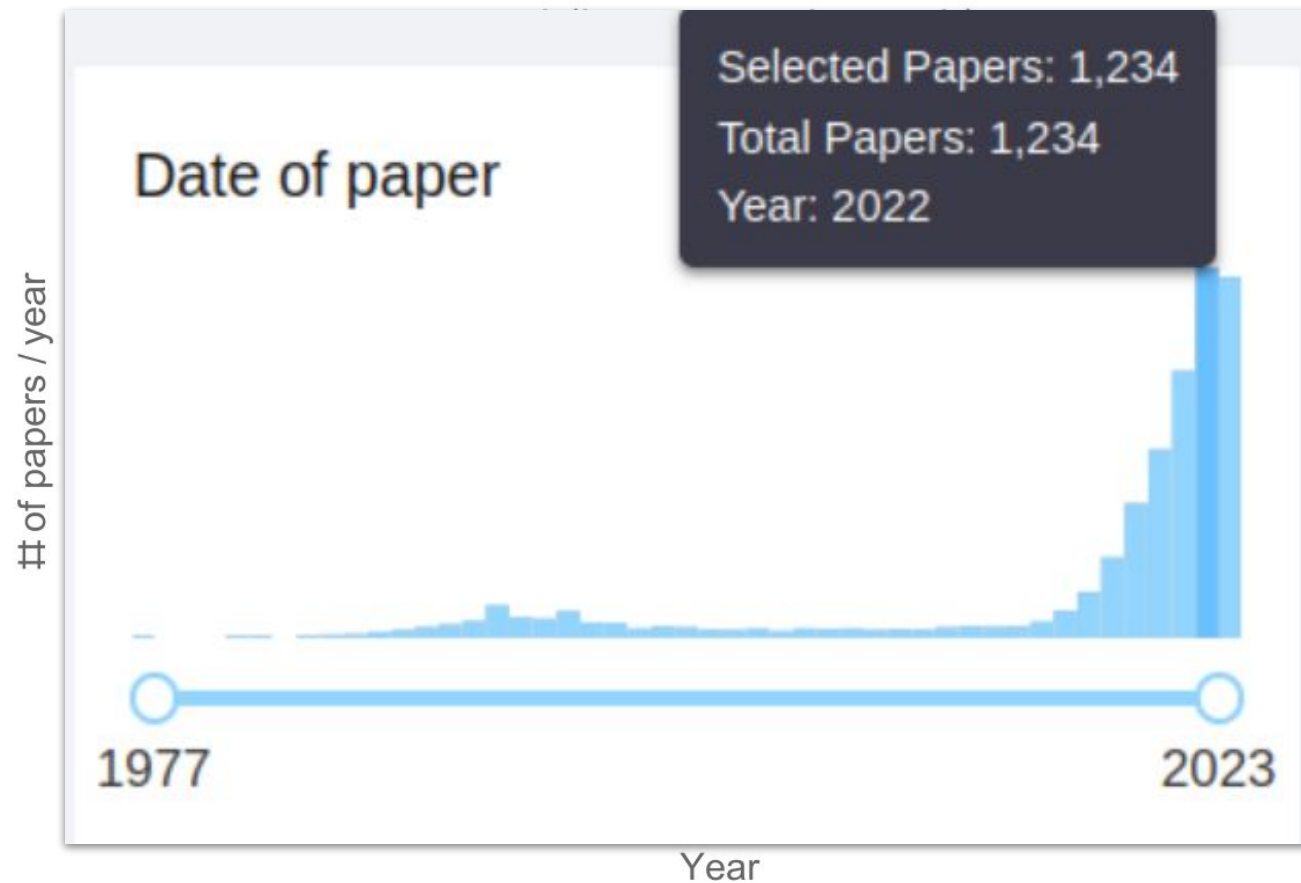
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## A Living Review of Machine Learning for Particle Physics

Modern machine learning techniques, including deep learning, is rapidly being applied, adapted, and developed for high energy physics. The goal of this document is to provide a nearly comprehensive list of citations for those developing and applying these approaches to experimental, phenomenological, or theoretical analyses. As a living document, it will be updated as often as possible to incorporate the latest developments. A list of proper (unchanging) reviews can be found within. Papers are grouped into a small set of topics to be as useful as possible. Suggestions are most welcome.

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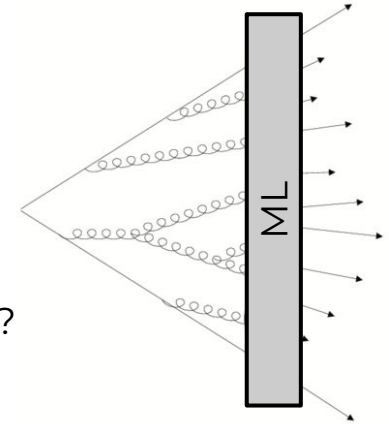
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# Motivation for Machine learning hadronization

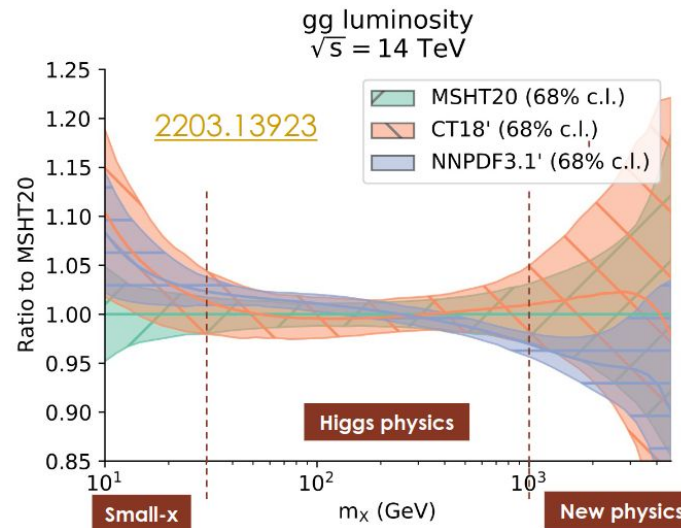
## Idea of using Machine Learning (ML) for hadronization.

- Existing hadronization models are highly parameterized functions.
- Hadronization is a fitting problem
  - Can ML hadronization be more flexible to fit the data?
  - Can ML hadronization extract more information from the data?  
[can accommodate unbinned and high-dimensional inputs]



## NNPDF

NNPDF used successfully ML to nonperturbative Parton Density Functions (PDF). Hadronization is closely related to fragmentation functions (FF) which were considered the counterpart of PDFs.



# Recent progress: Machine learning hadronization

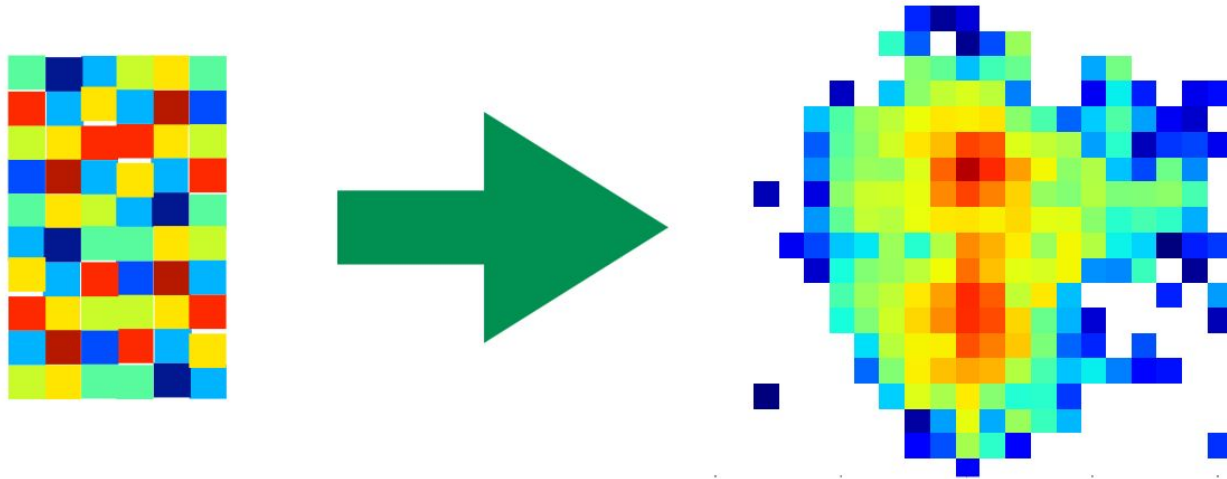
First steps for ML hadronization:

- HADML - [A. Ghosh, Xi. Ju, B. Nachman **AS**, *Phys.Rev.D* 106 (2022) 9]
- MLhad - [P. Ilten, T. Menzo, A. Youssef and J. Zupan, *SciPost Phys.* 14, 027 (2023)]

	MLhad	HADML
Deep generative model:	Variational Autoencoder	Generative Adversarial Networks
Trained on:	String model	Cluster model
Recent progress:	<p><i>“Reweighting Monte Carlo Predictions and Automated Fragmentation Variations in Pythia 8”</i></p> <p>[Bierlich, Ilten, Menzo, Mrenna, Szewc, Wilkinson, Youssef, Zupan, 2308.13459]</p> <p>(see Christian’s talk)</p>	<p><i>“Fitting a Deep Generative Hadronization Model”</i></p> <p>[J. Chan, X. Ju, A. Kania, B. Nachman, V. Sangli and <b>AS</b>, <i>JHEP</i> 09 (2023) 084]</p>

# What is a deep generative model?

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

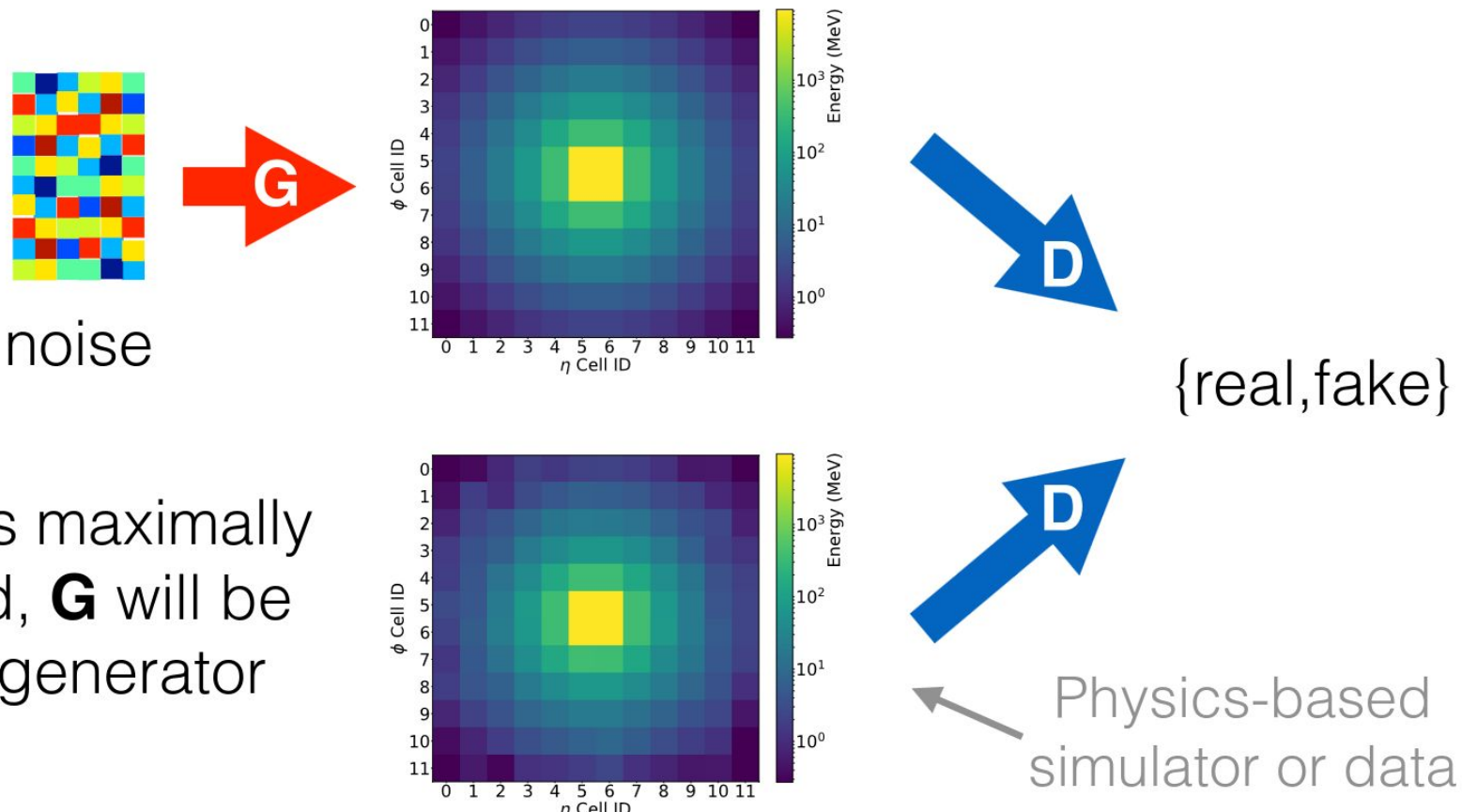


Deep generative models: the map is a deep neural network.

# Our tool of choice: GANs

[Goodfellow et al. "Generative adversarial nets". arxiv:1406.2661]

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

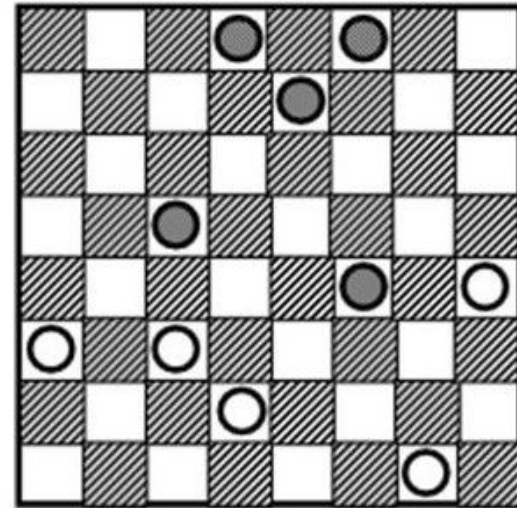


When **D** is maximally confused, **G** will be a good generator



# Adversarial Networks

**Arthur Lee Samuel** (1959) wrote a program that learnt to play checkers well enough to beat him.



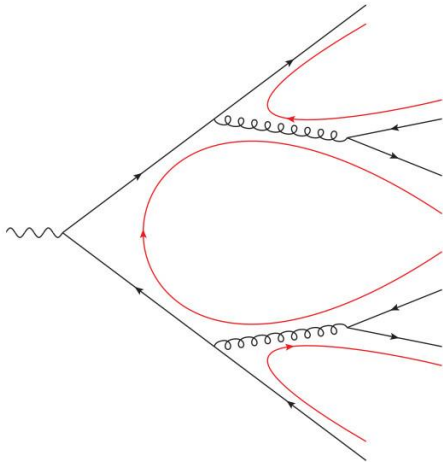
- He popularized the term "**machine learning**" in 1959.
- The program chose its move based on a **minimax** strategy, meaning it made the move assuming that the opponent was trying to optimize the value of the same function from its point of view.
- He also had it play thousands of **games against itself** as another way of learning.

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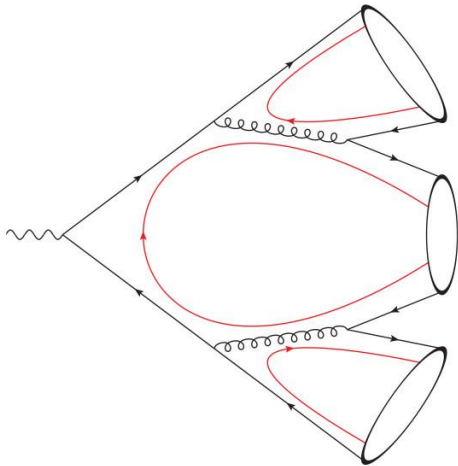
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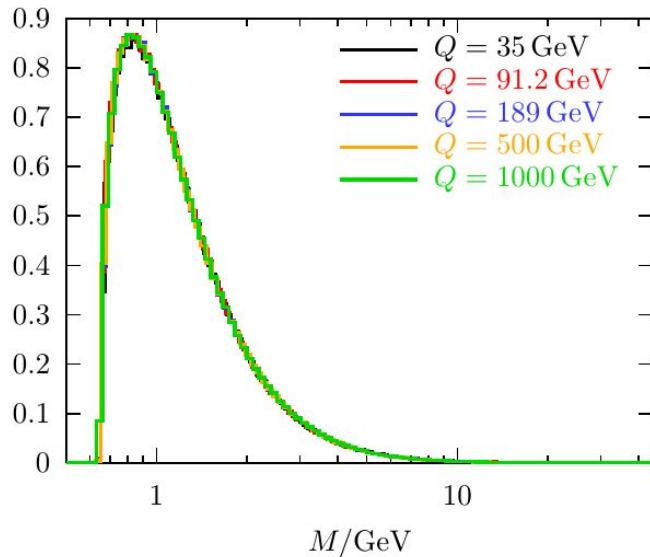


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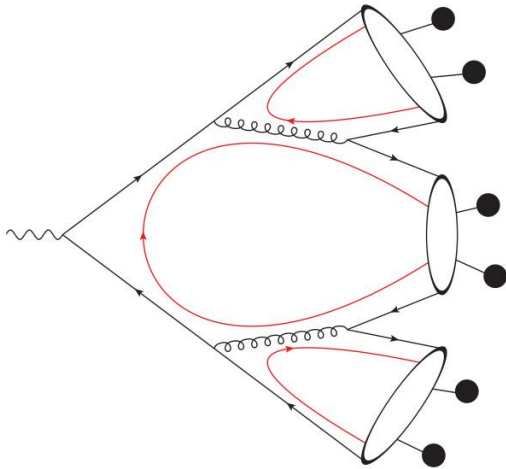
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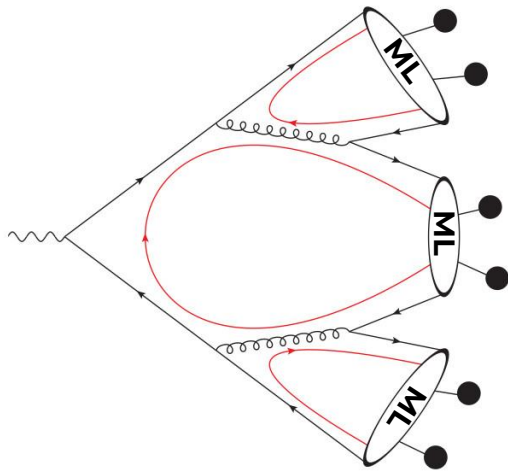


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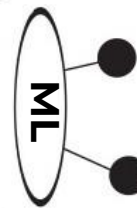
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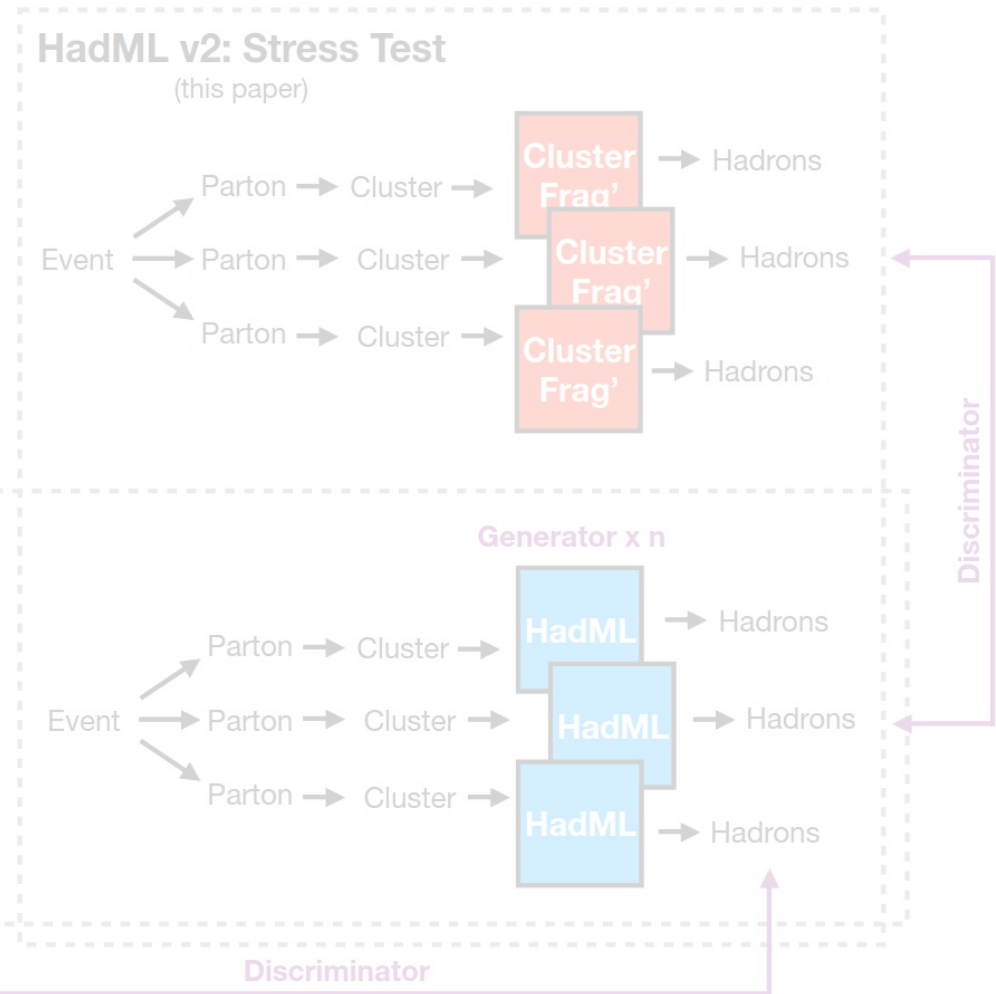
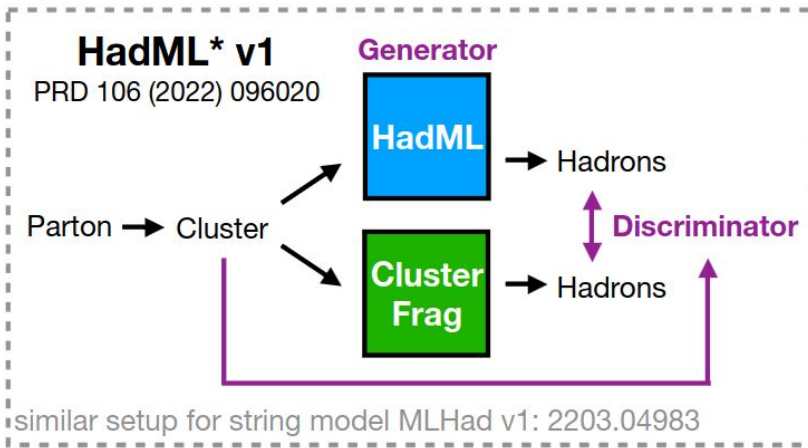


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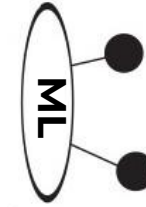
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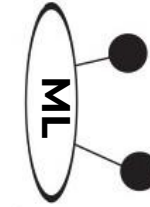
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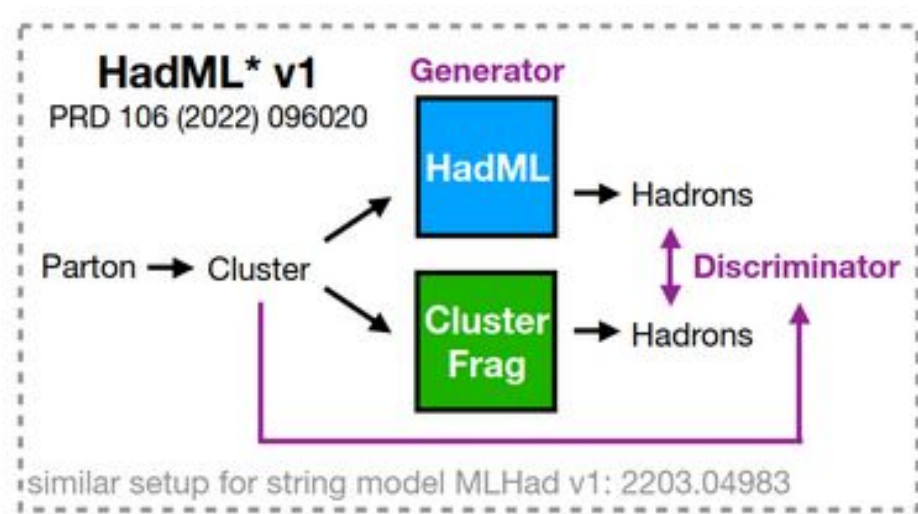
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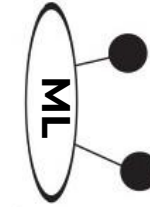
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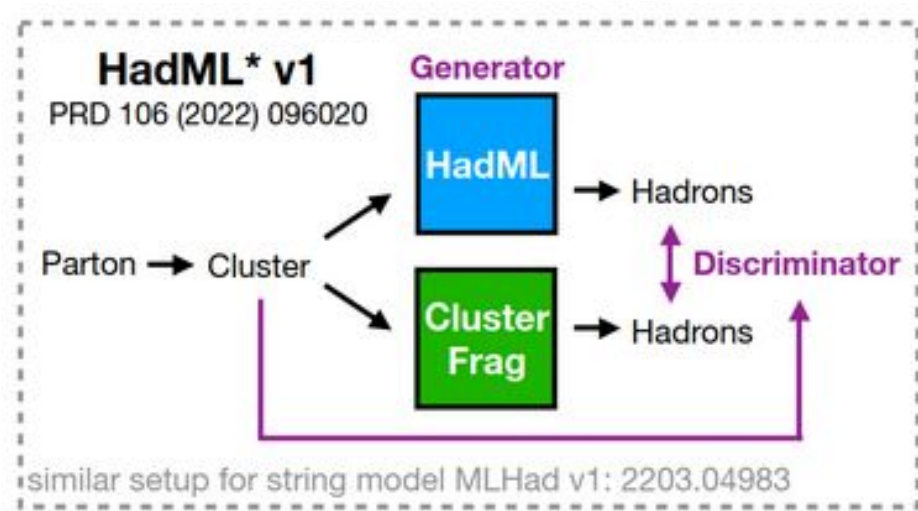
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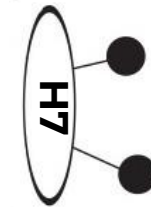


## Training data:



$e^+e^-$  collisions at  
 $\sqrt{s} = 91.2$  GeV

Cluster  $(E, p_x, p_y, p_z)$



$\pi^0(E, p_x, p_y, p_z)$

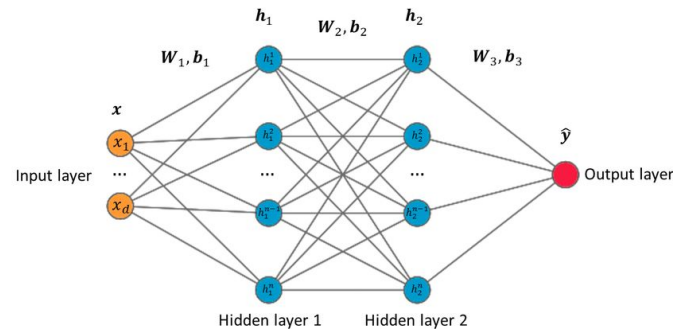
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## Simplification:

considering only pions and generating two angles in the cluster rest frame.

# Architecture: conditional GAN

**Generator and the Discriminator are composed of two-layer perceptron**  
(each a fully connected, hidden size 256, a batch normalization layer, LeakyReLU activation function)



## Generator

### Input

Cluster  $(E, p_x, p_y, p_z)$  and 10 noise features sampled from a Gaussian distribution

### Output (in the cluster frame)

$\phi$  - polar angle  
 $\theta$  - azimuthal angle

} we reconstruct the four vectors of the two outgoing hadrons

## Discriminator

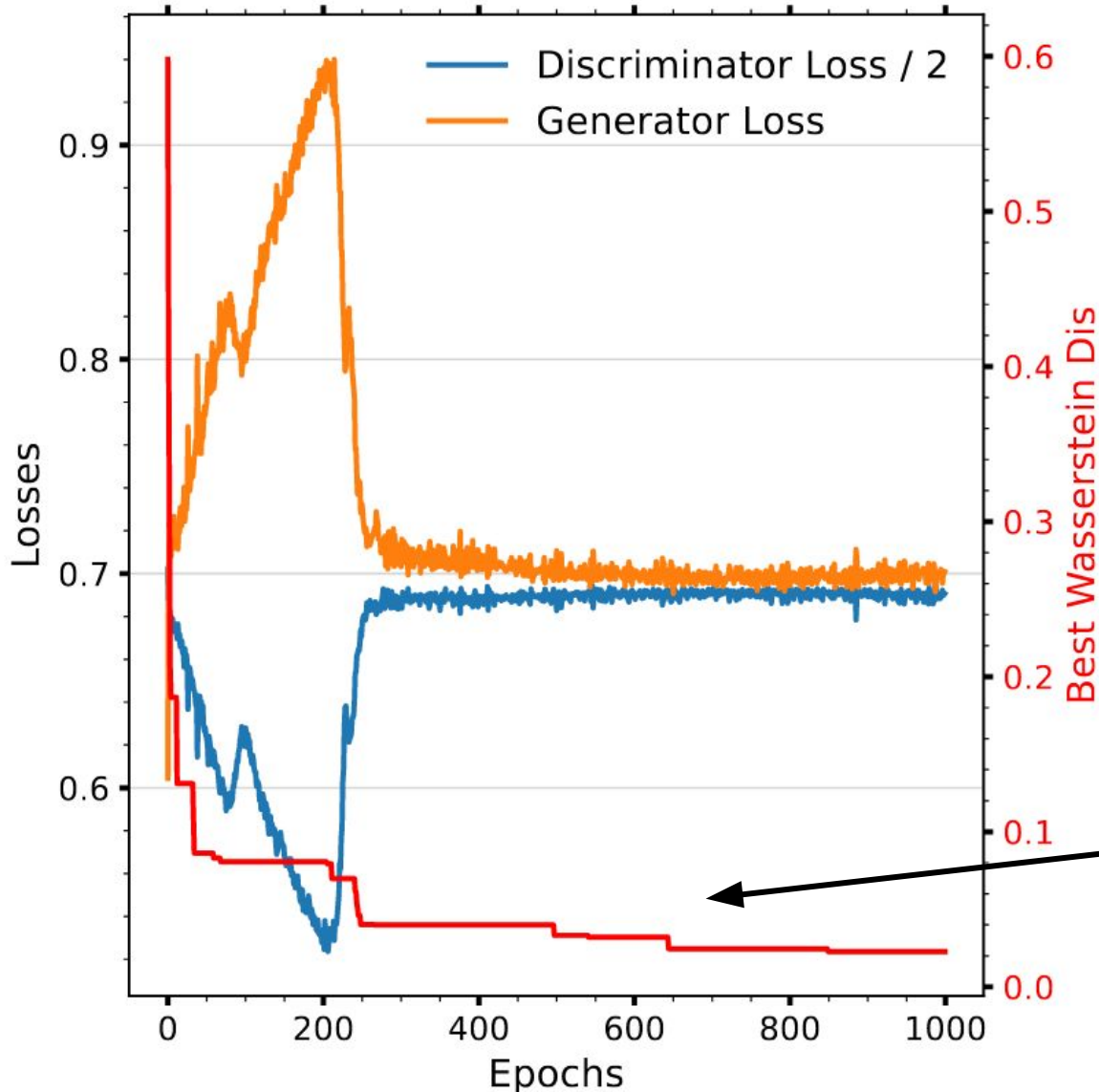
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$\phi$  and  $\theta$  labeled as signal (generated by Herwig) or background (generated by Generator)

### Output

Score that is higher for events from Herwig and lower for events from the Generator

# Training HADML v1



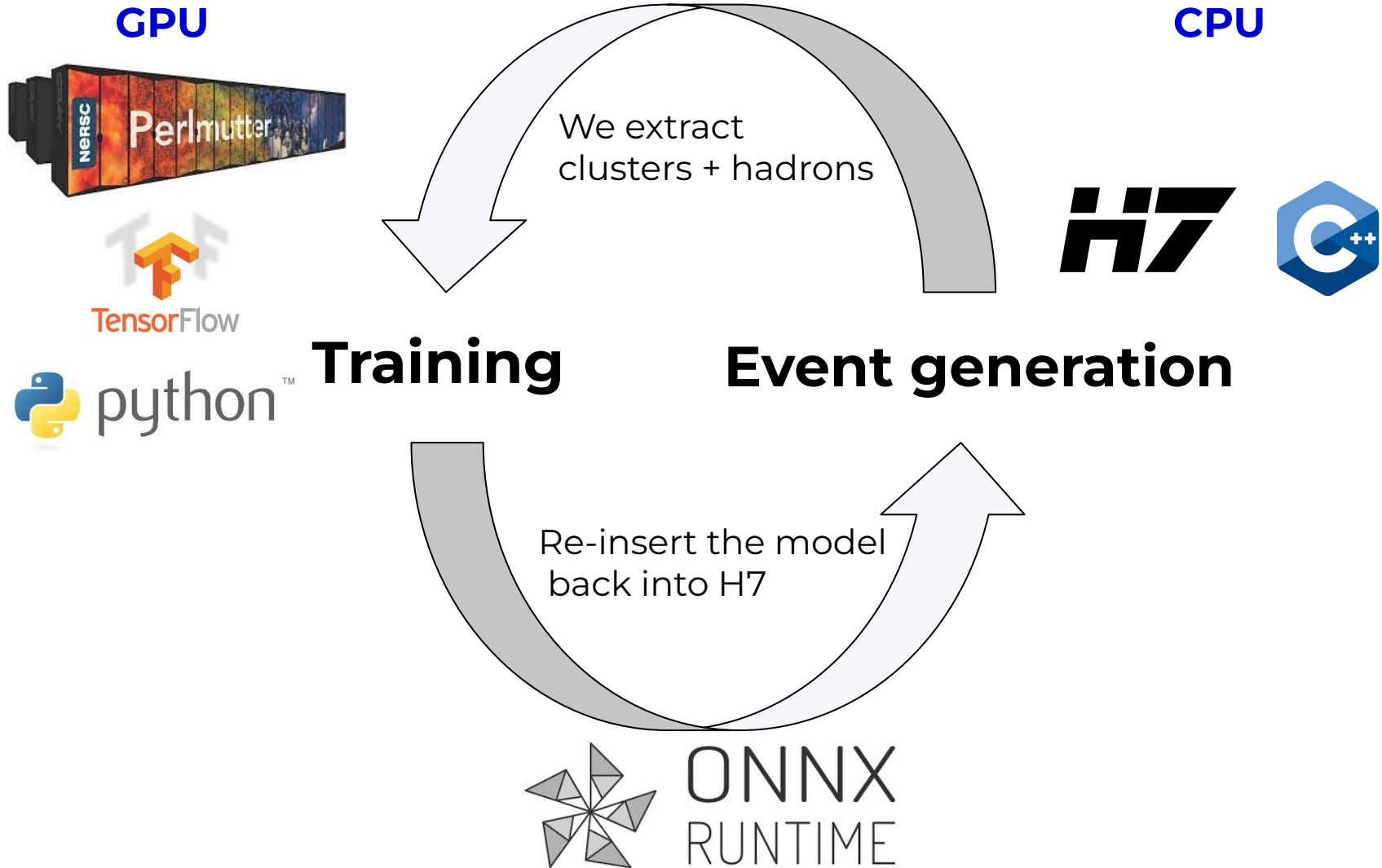
We have a conditional GAN, with cluster 4-vector input and two hadron 4-vector outputs.

Simplification:  
considering only pions and generating two angles in the cluster rest frame.

This is a typical learning curve for GAN training



# Integration into Herwig



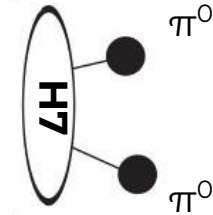
This then allows us to run a full event generator and produce plots

# Performance: Pions

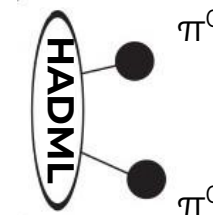
## Low-level Validation

(similar to training data)

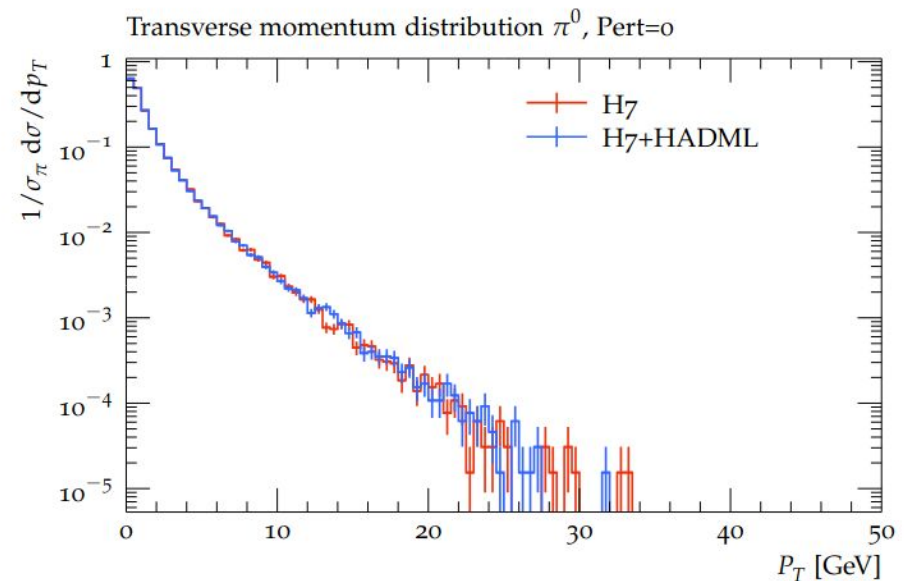
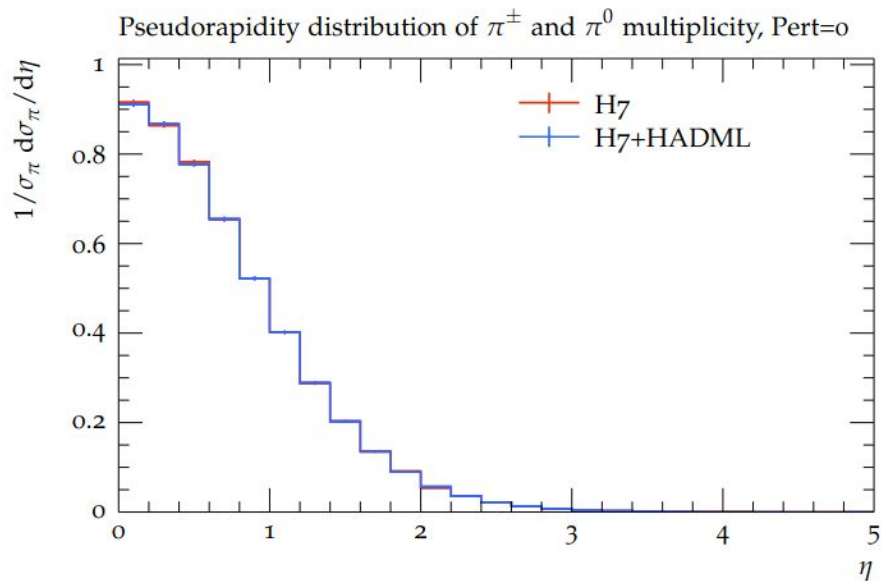
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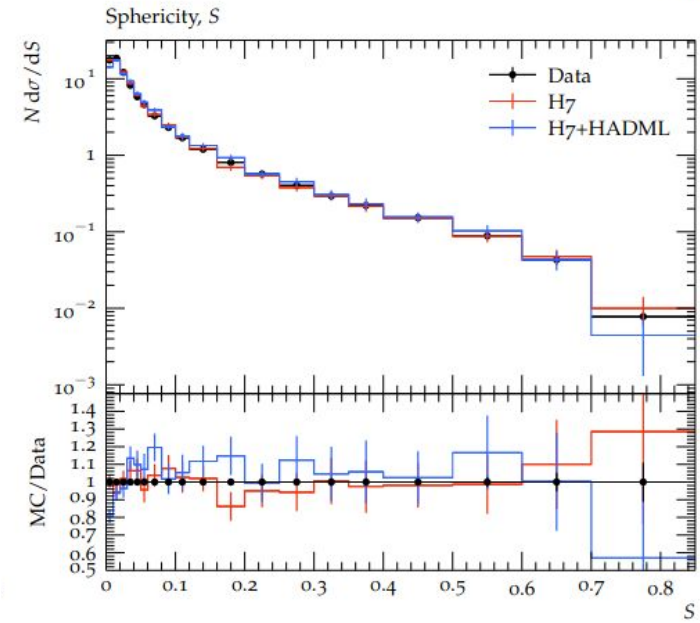
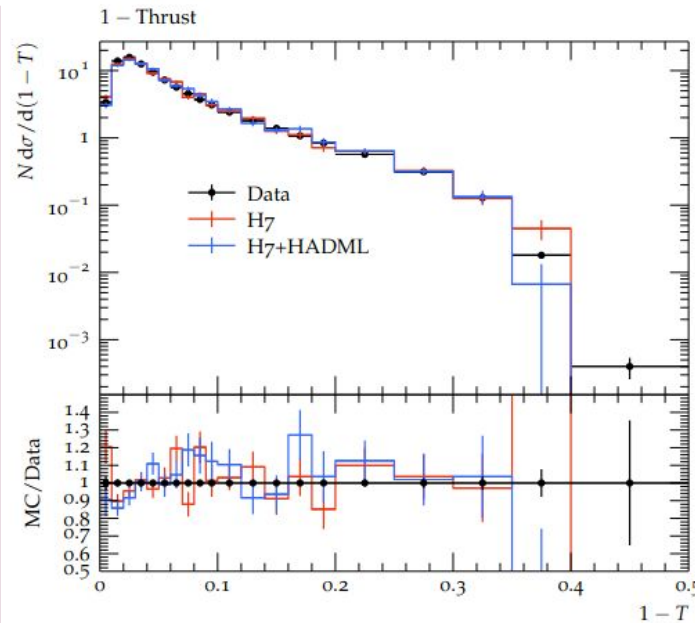
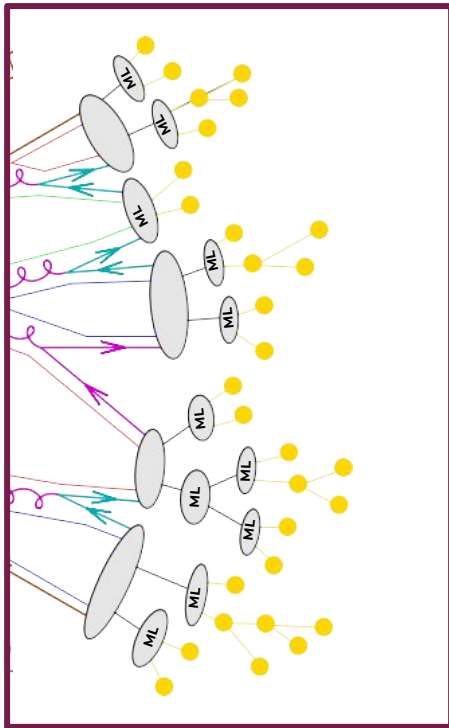
$\pi^0$  kinematic variables



# Performance: Data!

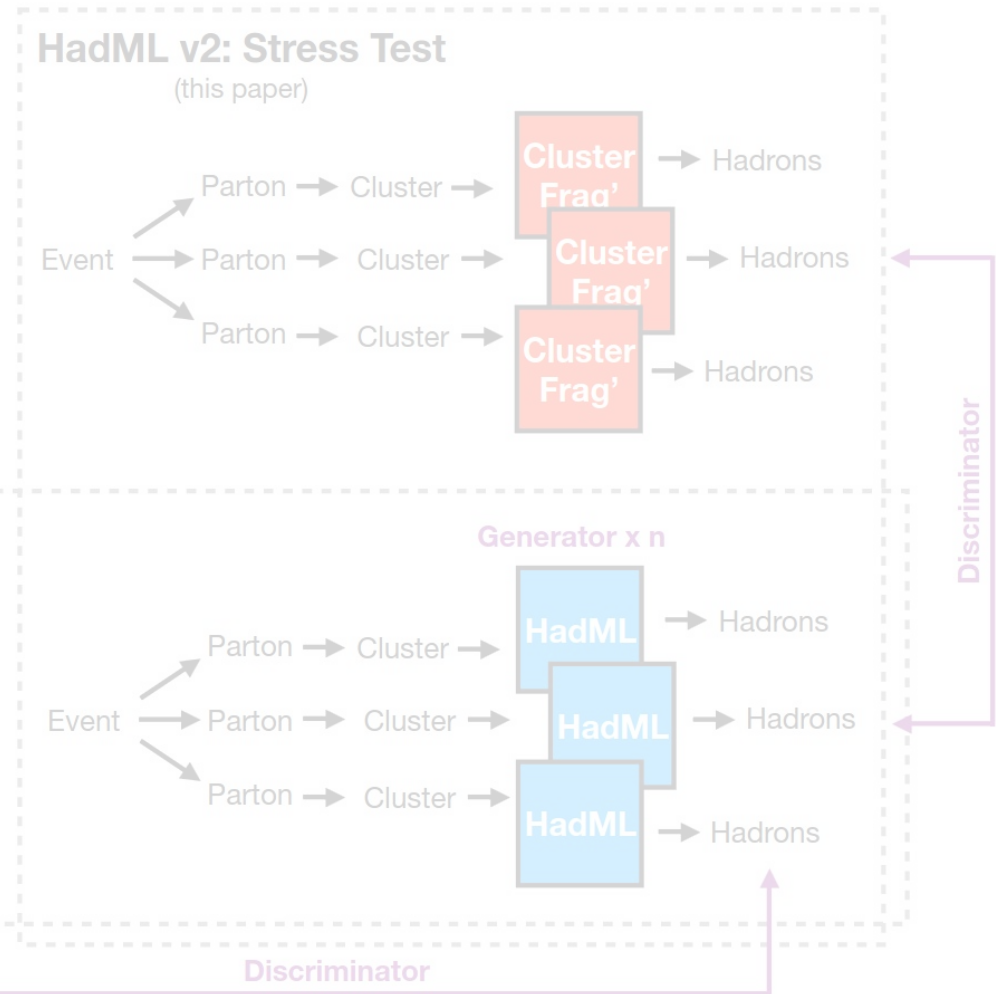
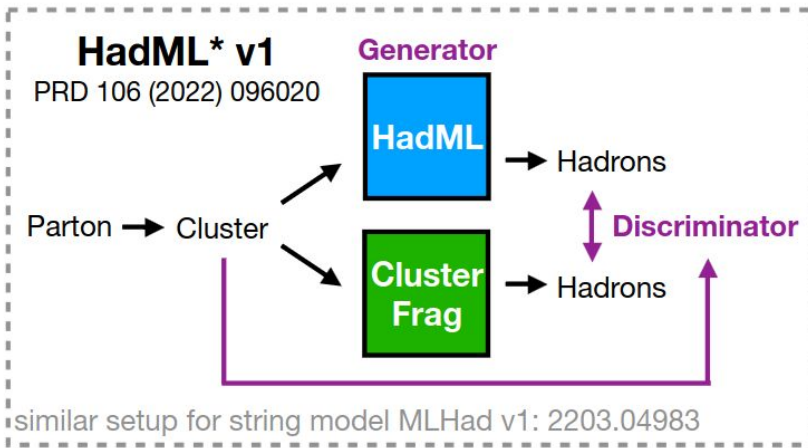
With a “full” model, we can compare directly to data!

## LEP DELPHI Data

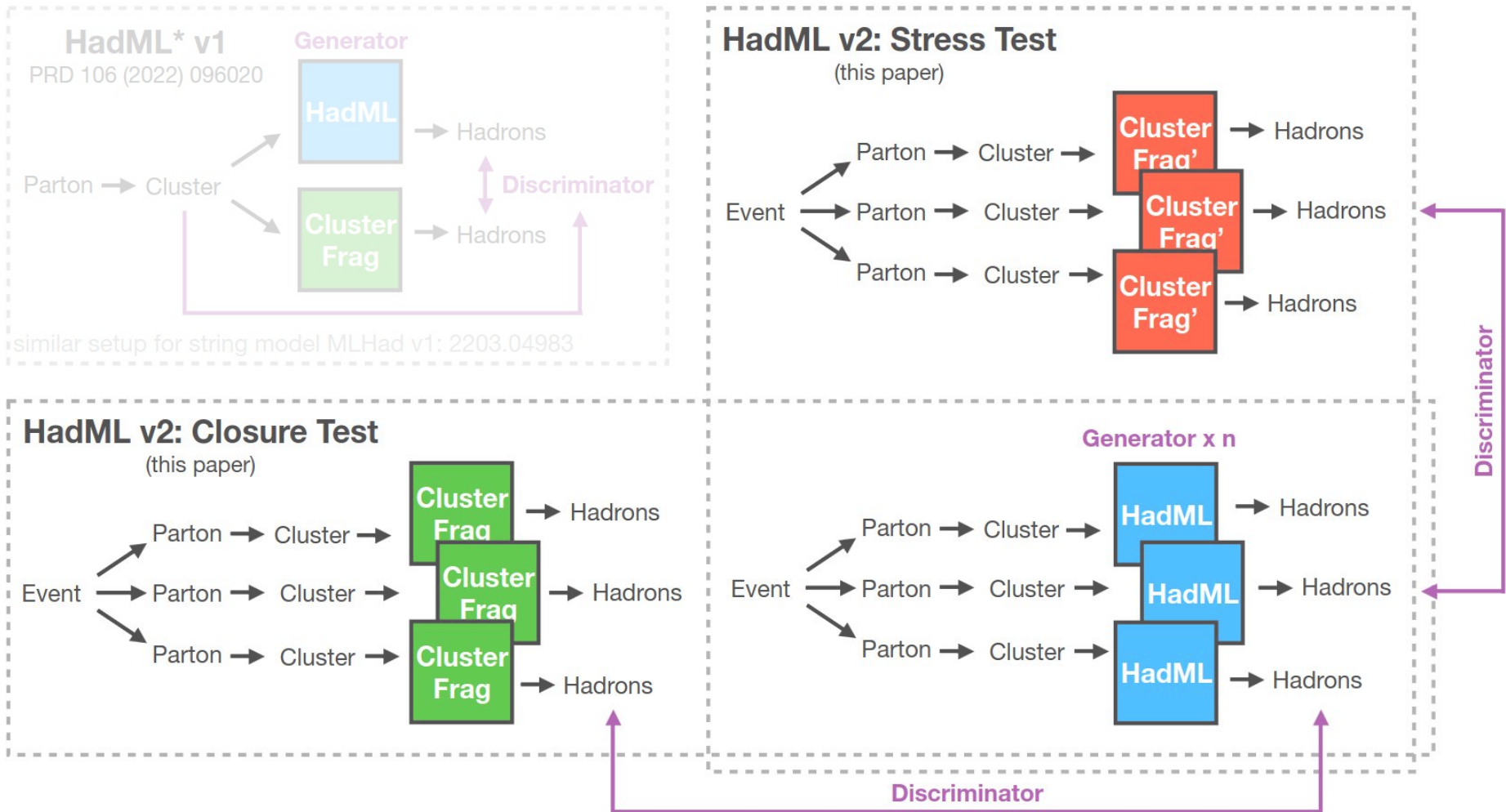


N.B. we have trained on H7, so we don't expect to be any better than it at modeling the data.

# Road map for today

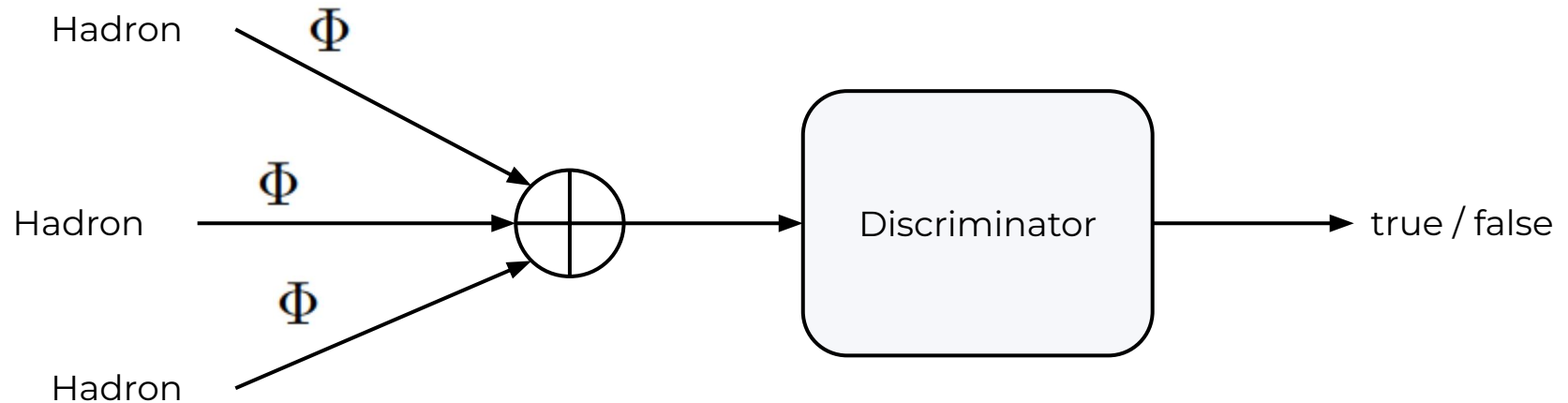


# Road map for today



Protocol for fitting a deep generative hadronization model in a realistic data setting, where we only have access to a set of hadrons in data.

# Discriminator HadML v2

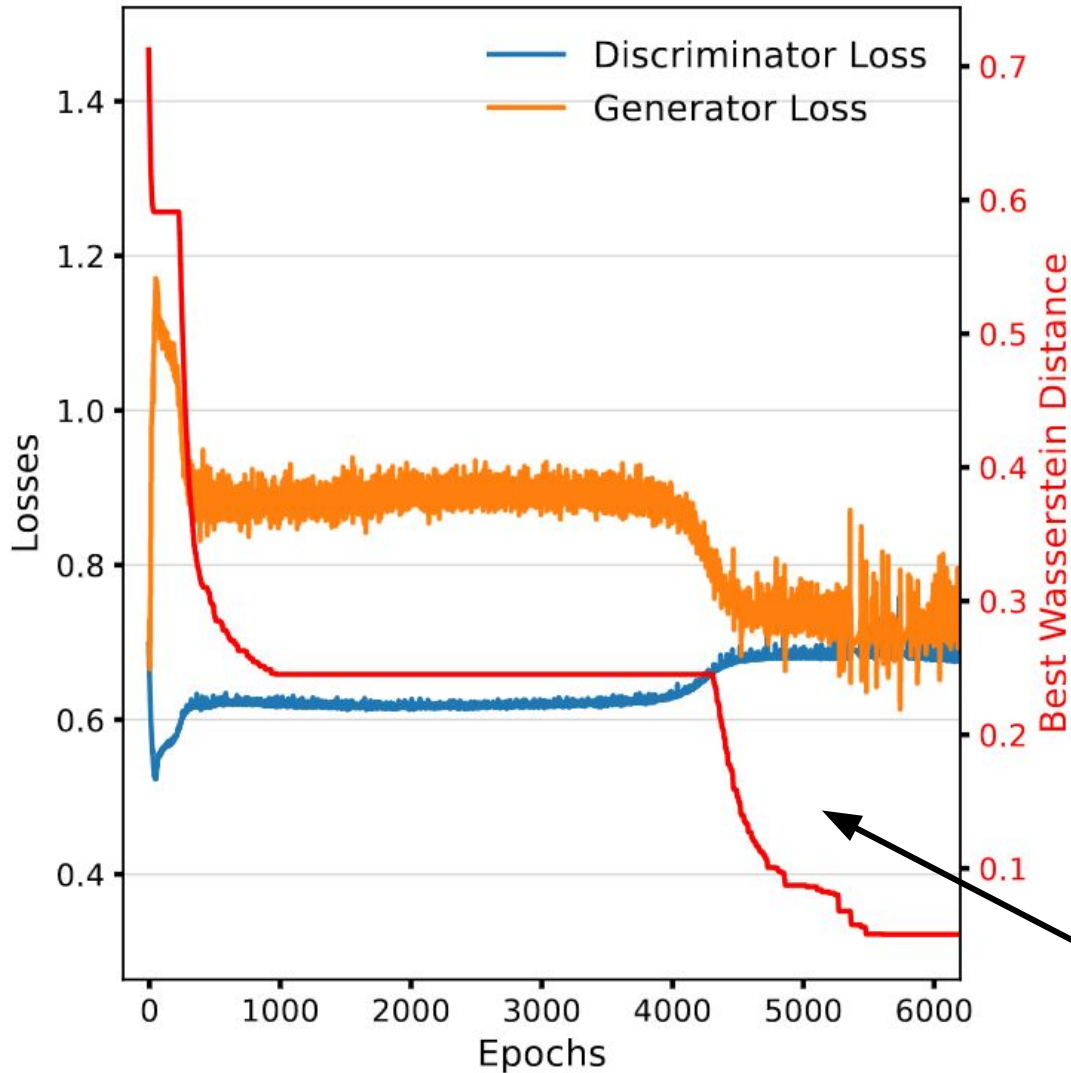


The discriminator function is modified, we parameterize it as a Deep Sets model

$$D_E(x) = F\left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \Phi(h_i, \omega_{D_\Phi}), \omega_F\right) \leftarrow \text{invariant under permutations of hadrons}$$



# Training HADML v2



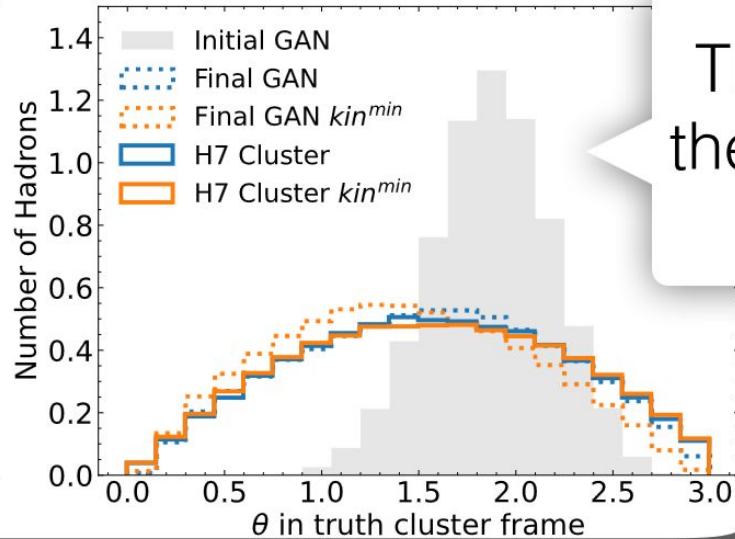
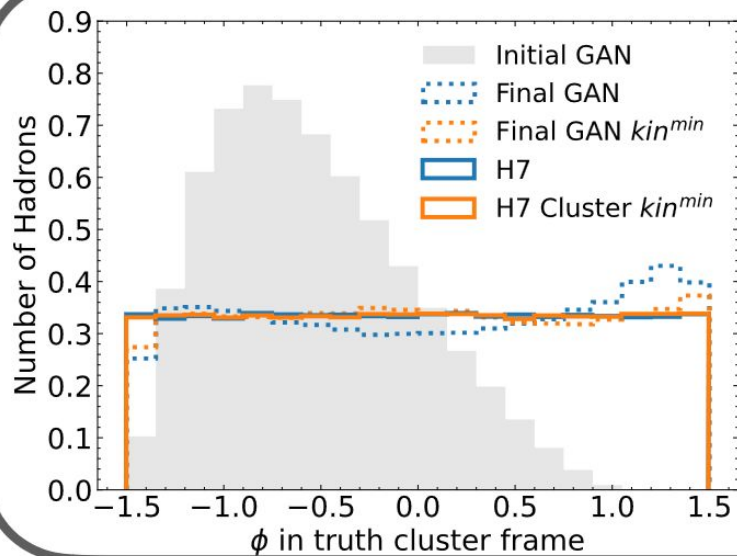
Now, the generator is local (per cluster), but the discriminator is global (whole event).

Discriminator is a permutation-invariant architecture called Deep Sets.

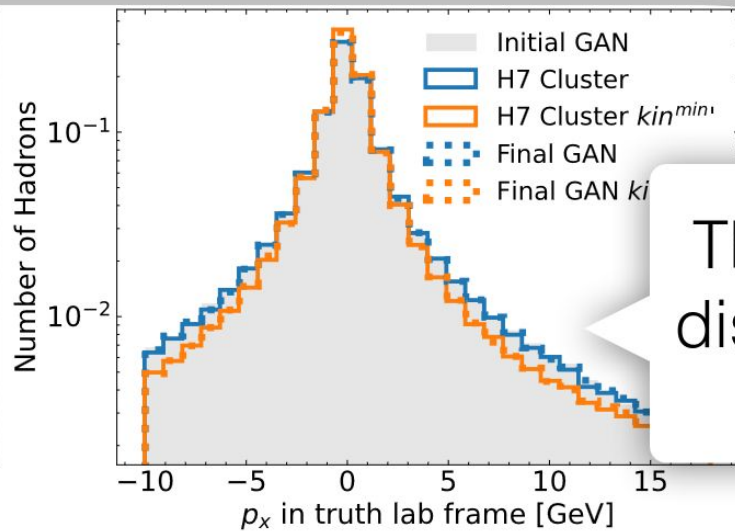
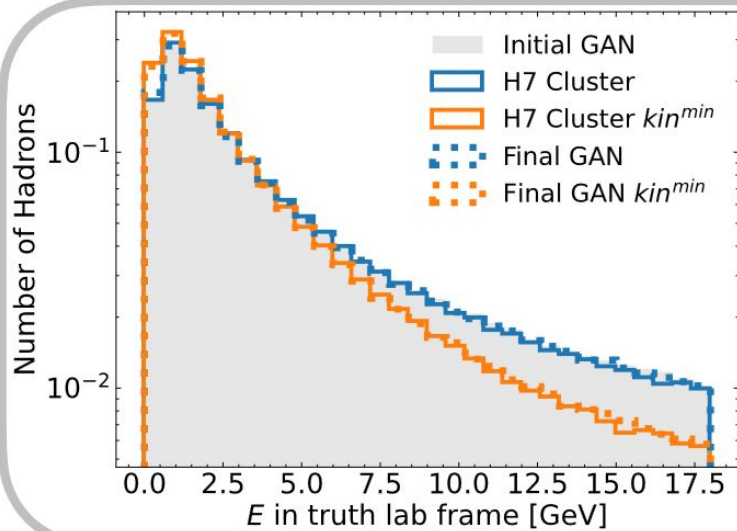
Simplification only  
Pions

Still works !

# Performance

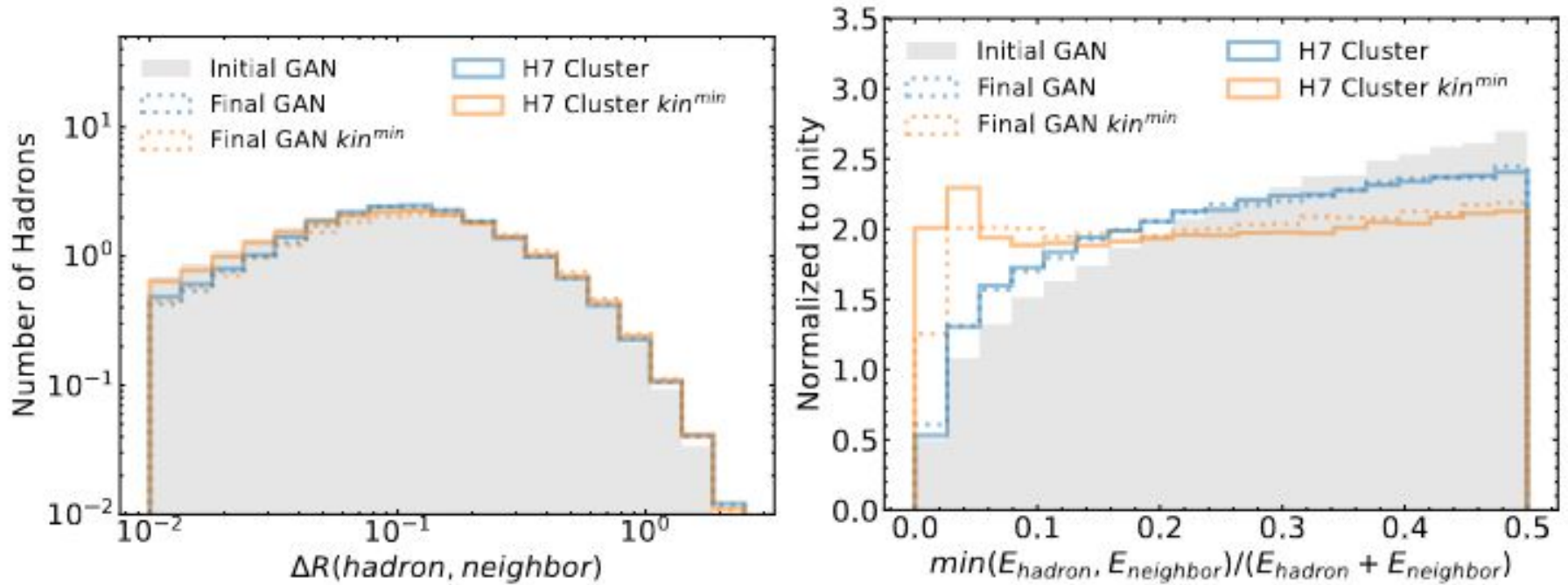


This is what the generator "sees"



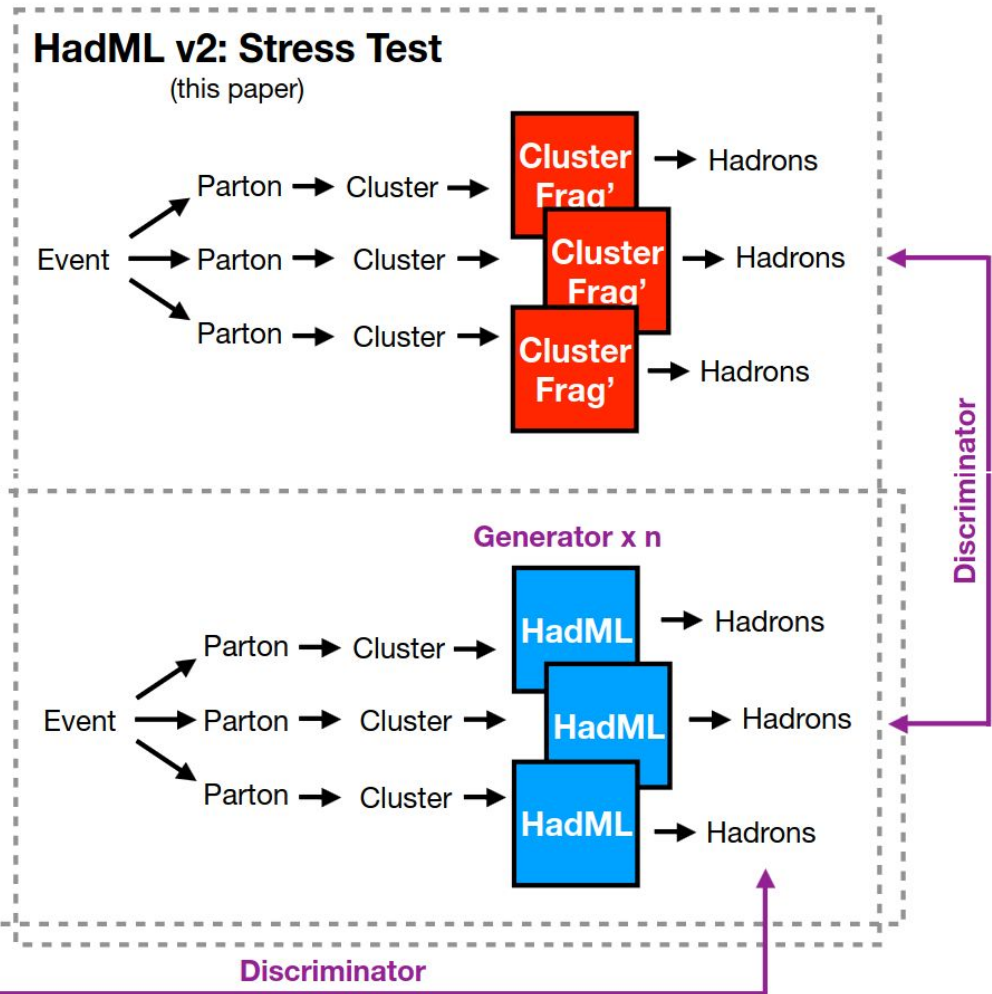
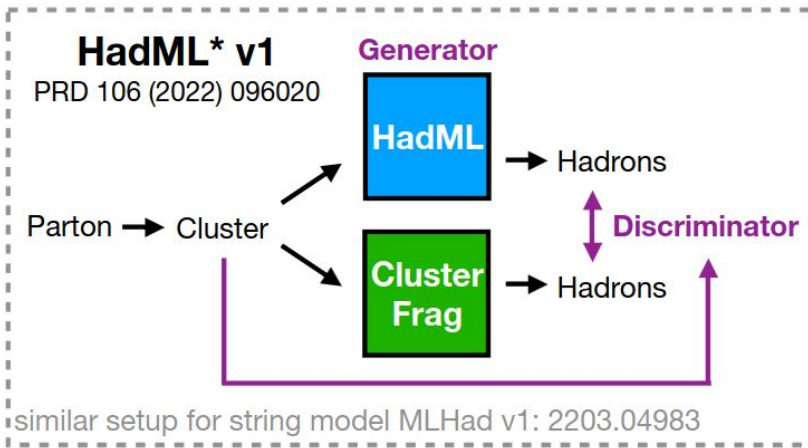
This is what discriminator "sees"

# Performance: going beyond inputs and outputs



$$\text{MINIMAL } \Delta R^2 = \Delta\phi^2 + \Delta\eta^2$$

# Summary

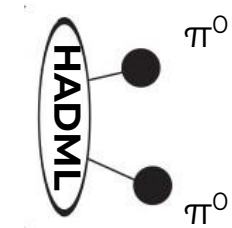


A key advantage of this fitting protocol over other methods is that it can accommodate unbinned and high-dimensional inputs.

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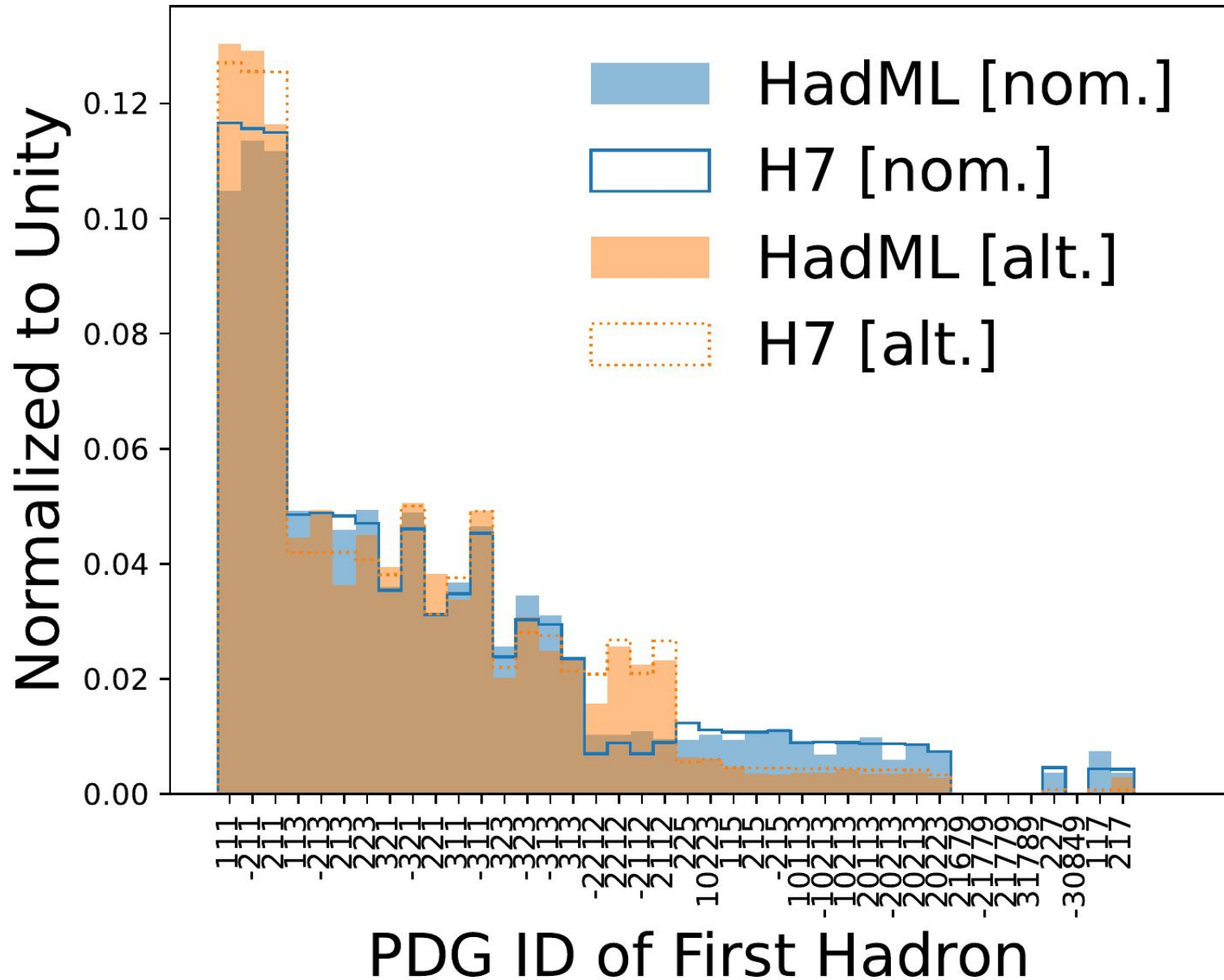
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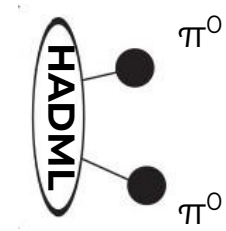
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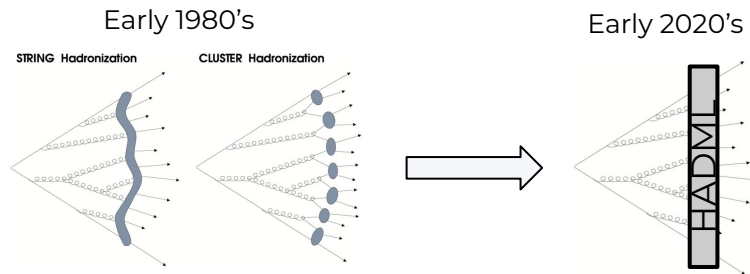
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- HADML is naturally suited for GPUs



## What is next?

- Number of technical and methodological step needed:
  - Directly accommodate multiple hadron species with their relative probabilities
  - Include heavy clusters (so far done by Herwig)
  - Hyperparameter optimization, including the investigation of alternative generative models
  - More flexible model with a capacity to mimic the cluster or string models and beyond.
  - Tune to the LEP data

There is still a multi-year program ahead of us, but it will be worth it!



HADML on  
Quantum  
Computer?

**So Stay tuned!**

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A postdoc in ML/HEP position



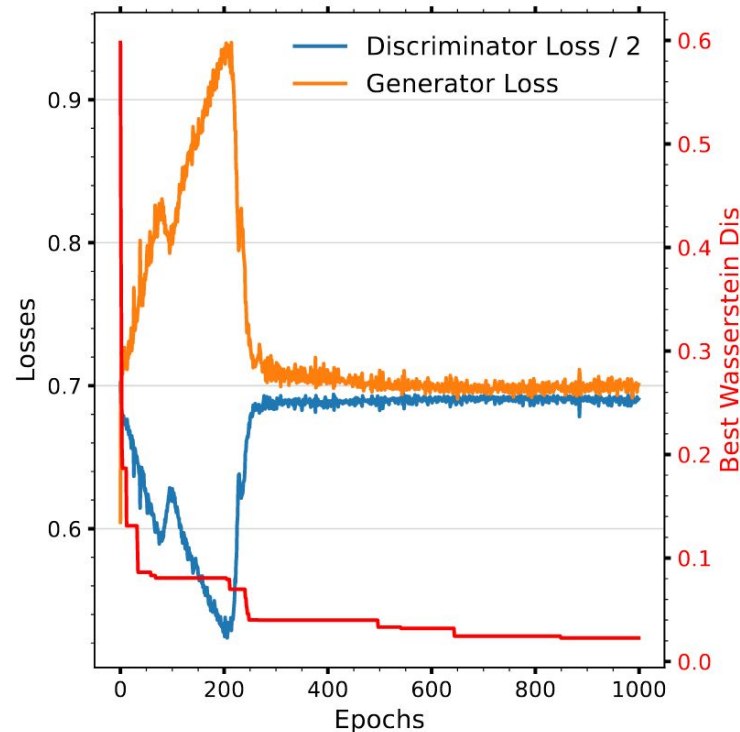
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# Training

- **Data normalization:** cluster's four vector and angular variables are scaled to be between -1 and 1 (tanh activation function as the last layer of the Generator)
- **Discriminator** and the **Generator** are trained separately and alternately by two independent Adam optimizers with a learning rate of  $10^{-4}$ , for 1000 epochs



- **The best model** for events with partons of  $P_{\text{ert}} = 0$ , is found at the epoch 849 with a total Wasserstein distance of 0.0228.

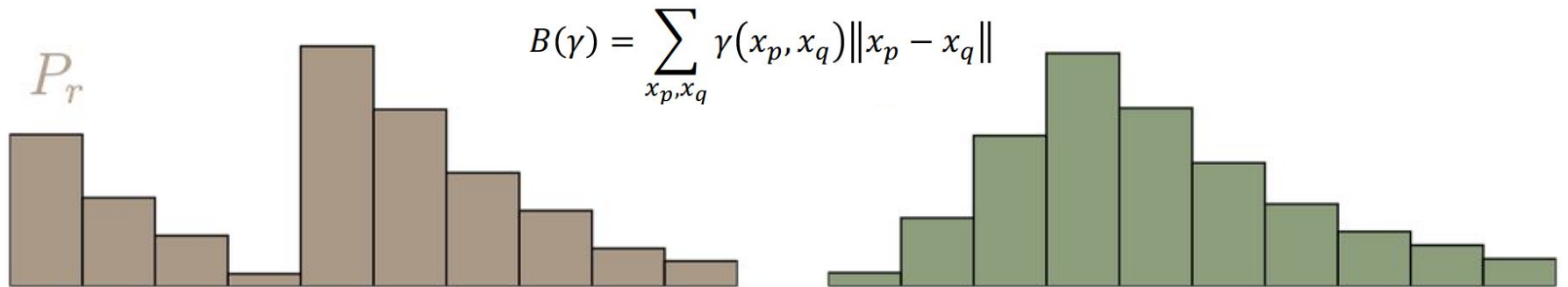
# Wasserstein distance

## The Wasserstein distance

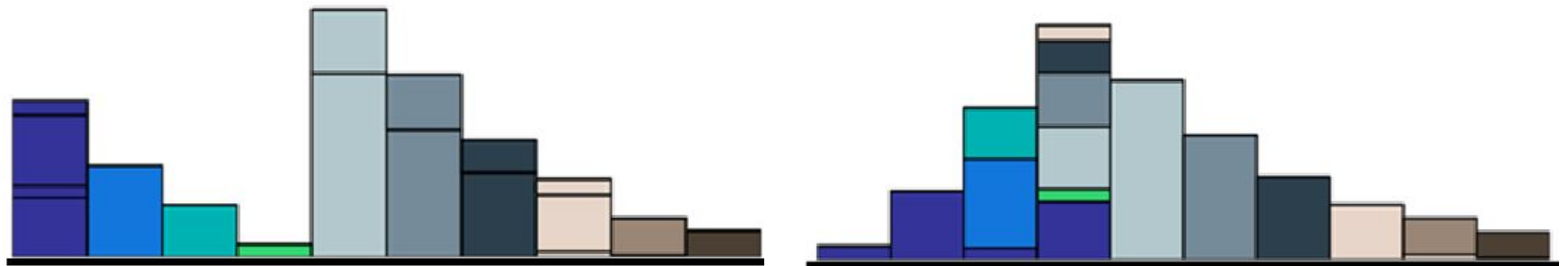
- For discrete probability distributions, the Wasserstein distance is called the earth mover's distance (EMD):
- EMD is the minimal total amount of work it takes to transform one heap into the other.

$$W(P, Q) = \min_{\gamma \in \Pi} B(\gamma)$$

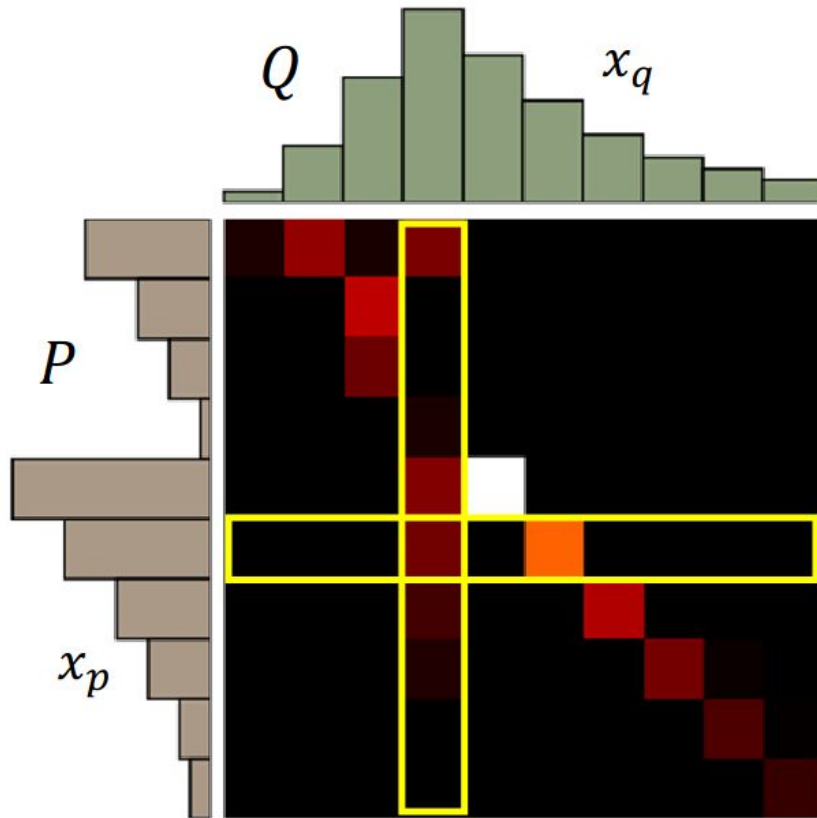
- Work is defined as the amount of earth in a chunk times the distance it was moved.



Best “moving plans” of this example



# Wasserstein distance



A “moving plan” is a matrix  
 The value of the element is the  
 amount of earth from one  
 position to another.

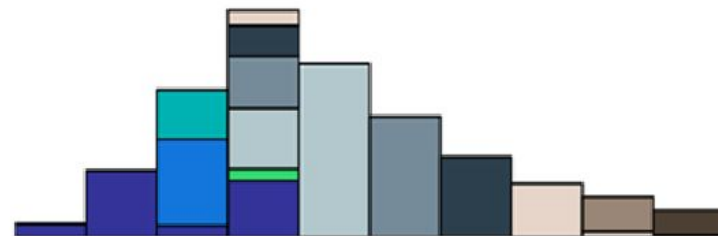
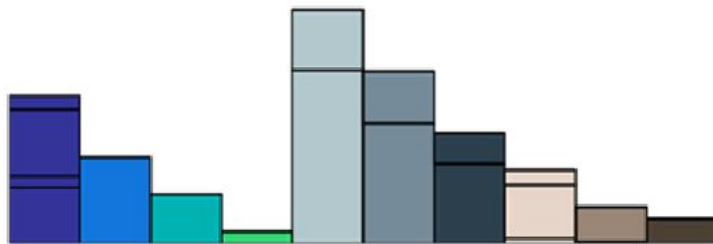
Average distance of a plan  $\gamma$ :

$$B(\gamma) = \sum_{x_p, x_q} \gamma(x_p, x_q) \|x_p - x_q\|$$

Earth Mover’s Distance:

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The best plan



# Discriminator HadML v1 vs v2

## HadML v1

The loss function:

$$L = - \sum_{\lambda \sim \text{HERWIG}, z \sim p(z)} (\log(D(\tau(\lambda))) + \log(1 - D(G(z, \lambda))))$$

## HadML v2

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$\Phi$  embeds a set of hadrons into a fixed-length latent space and  $F$  acts on the average

$$L = - \sum_{x \sim \text{data}} \log(D_E(x)) - \sum_{\{G\} \sim \text{HERWIG}, z \sim p(z)} \log(1 - D_E(\{G(z, \lambda)\}))$$

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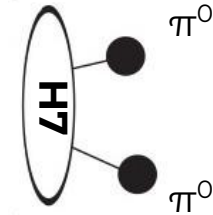
# Performance: Energy of the collisions

## Low-level Validation

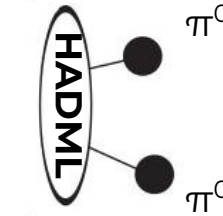
(beyond training data different energy)

$e^+e^-$  collisions at

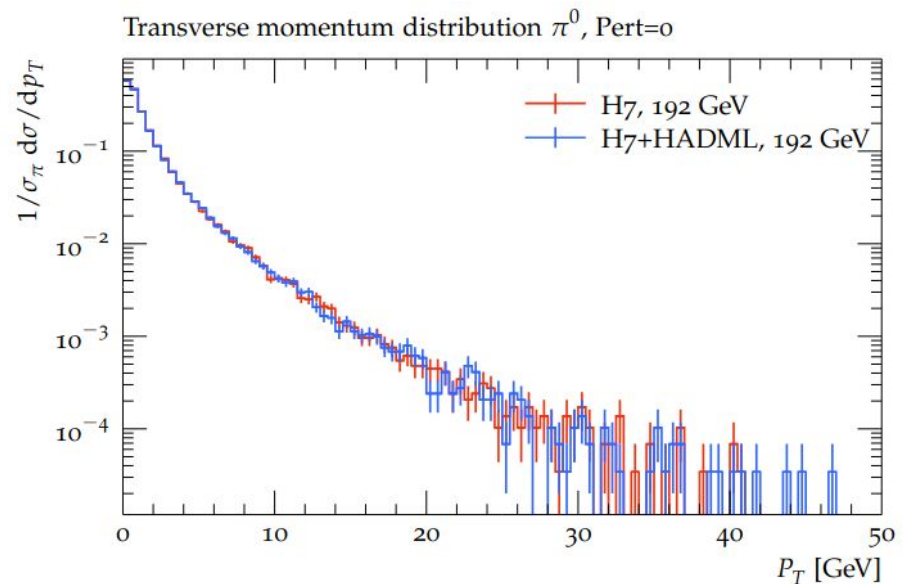
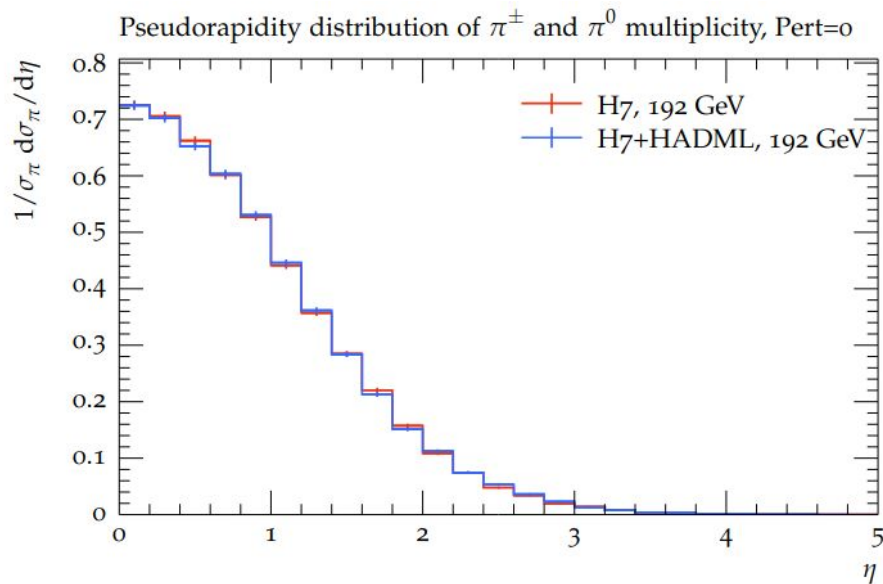
$$\sqrt{s} = 192 \text{ GeV}$$



VS



$\pi^0$  kinematic variables

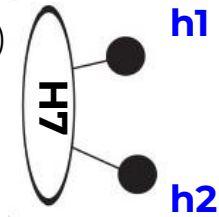


# Performance: All Hadrons

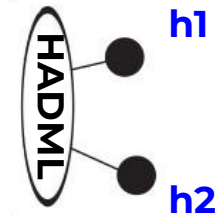
## Low-level Validation

(beyond training data different hadrons)

$e^+e^-$  collisions at  
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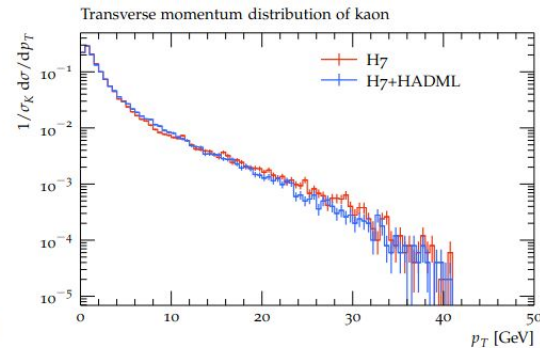
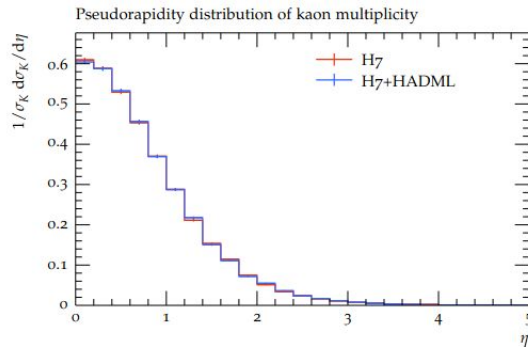
VS



**h** kinematic variables

As a crude “full” model, we simply take the PIDs from Herwig and the kinematics from the GAN.

Kaons



Lambda

