

# Machine learning approaches to jet quenching

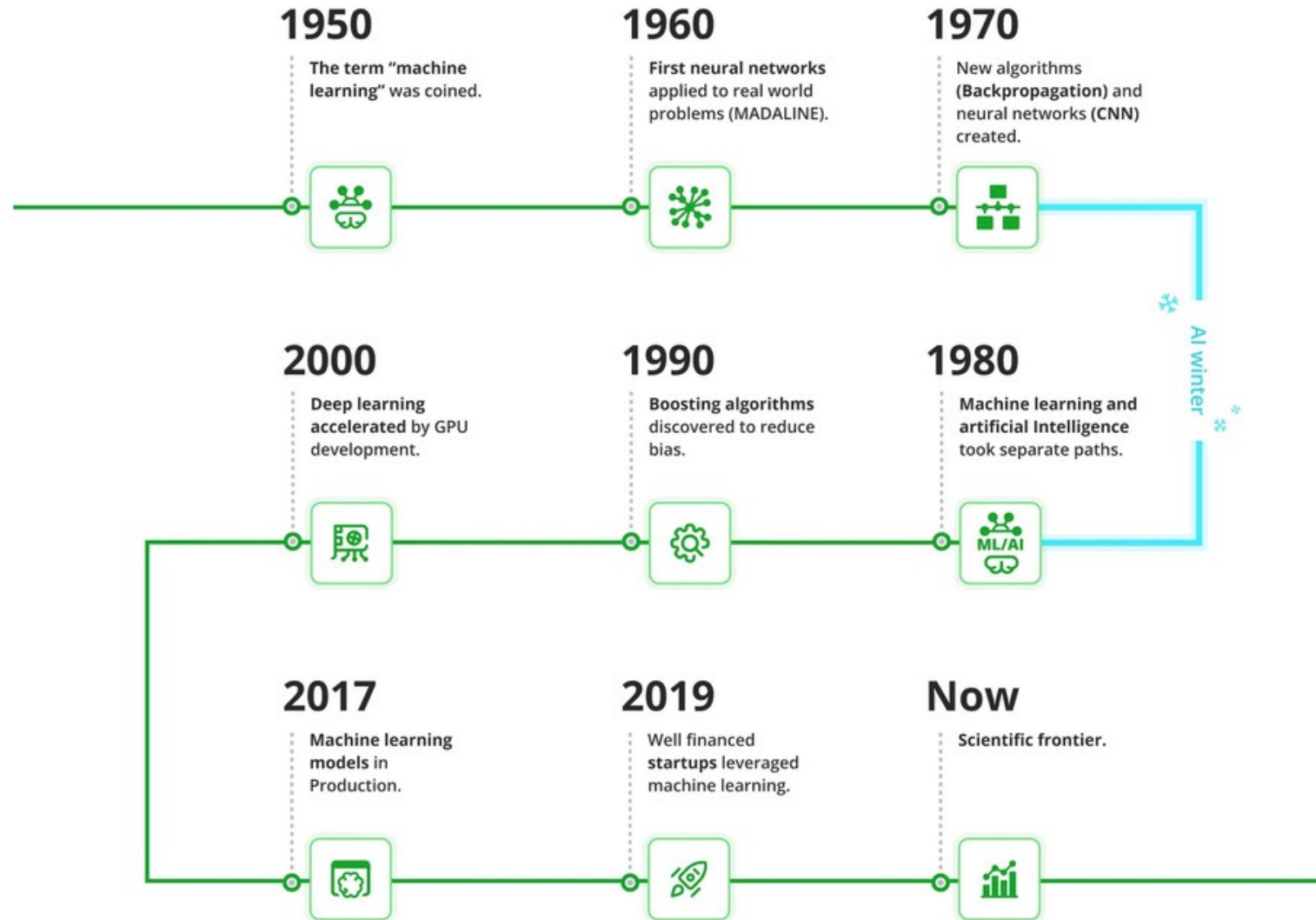
# Google engineer put on leave after saying AI chatbot has become sentient

**Blake Lemoine says system has perception of, and ability to express thoughts and feelings equivalent to a human child**



📷 Revelation has put new scrutiny on the capacity of, and secrecy surrounding, the world of artificial intelligence (AI). Photograph: Boris Roessler/EPA

# MACHINE LEARNING HISTORY



It's just the beginning...

*But we should rapidly move beyond proof of concepts and generic ML tech – towards physics aware / white box / interpretable AI and data-ready ... it requires a conceptual change...*



# ML for jet quenching: What's the question(s)?

- Tell me if \*this\* jet is quenched and I take it from there...
- What to measure to expose jet quenching?
  - $\Leftrightarrow$  maximize the information on quenching
- Frequentist vs. statistical inference
  - Simulation based, variational, Bayesian inference
  - Constrain physical model parameters with data (aka fit)
  - Question: how to discover missing features of the model/theory?
- Mitigate background effects?
- Understand uncertainties after ML application – some pitfalls:
  - **ML performance as good as the data set itself**
  - **ML performance as good as the ML model itself**

# ML for jet quenching: important problems

- Model dependence – “how to” model independent learning
- Data (preparation) – data level, biases, inefficiencies
- Black box vs. white box  $\Leftrightarrow$  explain ability
- **Applicability – can't ignore\* the UE in heavy-ion collisions**
- Uncertainty quantification, model biases – applying MC tuned model to data?

## A few of using ML

- Infer physics (probability dist. of params)
- Design new observables – optimize exp. sensitivity
- Select/tag-and-study
- Discover features / anomaly detection

## *Suggested methodology:*

- *Learn about the ML model using Monte Carlo*
- *Learn about physics model using data (not MC)*

\*) ignoring means pure MC studies of quenching w/o prescription how to do work with data that contain the background effects – see <https://arxiv.org/abs/2006.01812> for an example

# Nota bene...

- HEP driven ML effort much larger - we are learning (sic!) how to benefit...
- <https://arxiv.org/abs/2102.02770>
- <https://github.com/iml-wg/HEPML-LivingReview>

## Classification

### Parameterized classifiers

Jet images, event images, sequences, trees, graphs, sets (point clouds), physics-inspired basis, W/Z tagging, quarks/gluons, top quark tagging, strange jets, b-tagging, flavor physics, BSM, PID, neutrino detectors, direct DM detectors, cosmology/astro/c.rays, tracking, heavy-ions/NP, hyperparameters, weak/semi supervision, unsupervised, reinforcement learning, quantum ML, feature ranking, attention, regularization, optimal transport, software, hardware/firmware, deployment

## Regression

Pileup, Calibration, Recasting, Matrix Elements, Parameter Estimation, Parton Distribution Functions (and related), Lattice Gauge Theory, Function Approximation, Symbolic Regression

## Decorrelation methods

## Generative models / density estimation

GANs, Autoencoders, Normalizing flows, Physics-inspired, Mixture Models, Phase space generation, Gaussian processes

## Anomaly detection

## Simulation-based ('likelihood-free') Inference

Parameter estimation, Unfolding, Domain adaptation, BSM, Differentiable Simulation

## Uncertainty Quantification

Interpretability, Estimation, Mitigation, Uncertainty- and inference-aware learning

## Experimental Results

Performance studies, Searches and measurements where ML reconstruction is a core component, Final analysis discriminate for searches, Measurements using deep learning directly (not through object reconstruction)

Some ML applications – related to jet quenching problems...



# Jet $p_T$ corrections

# Jet pT corrections

- Modest goal but high gain: improve momentum resolution – enable low-pT large-R jet measurements
- Actual application of ML in AA data
- Regression, Random Forest (decision trees), NN
- Predict jet pT based on structure features – analysis of sensitivity done
- **Model dependence: mitigation with FF variations + uncertainty quantification**

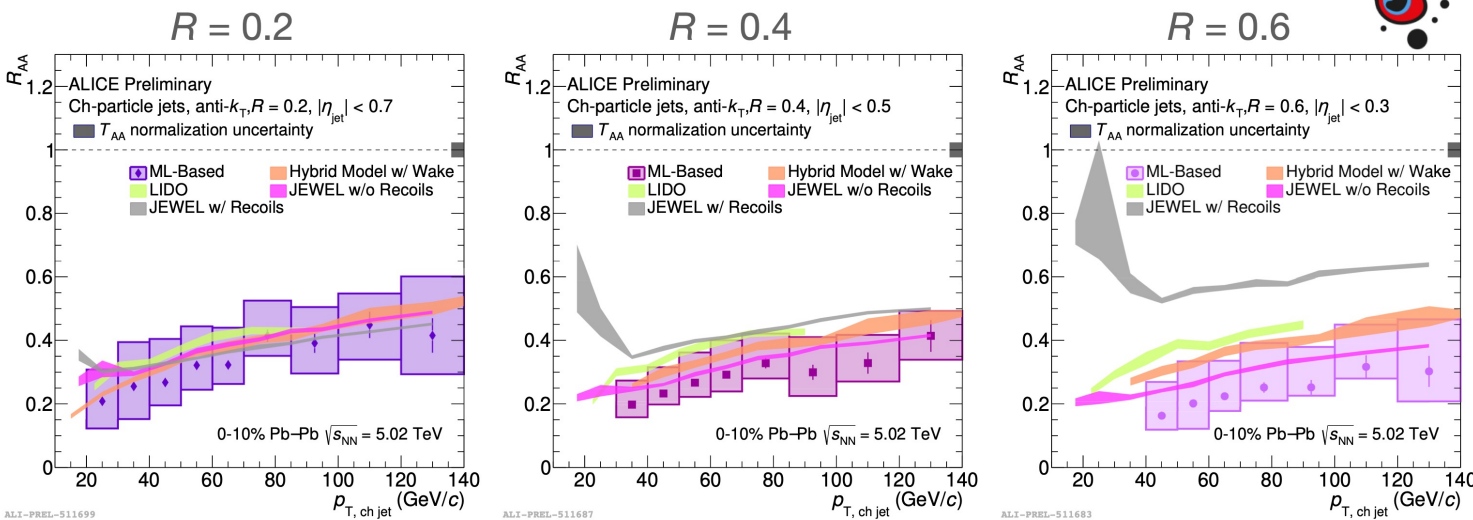
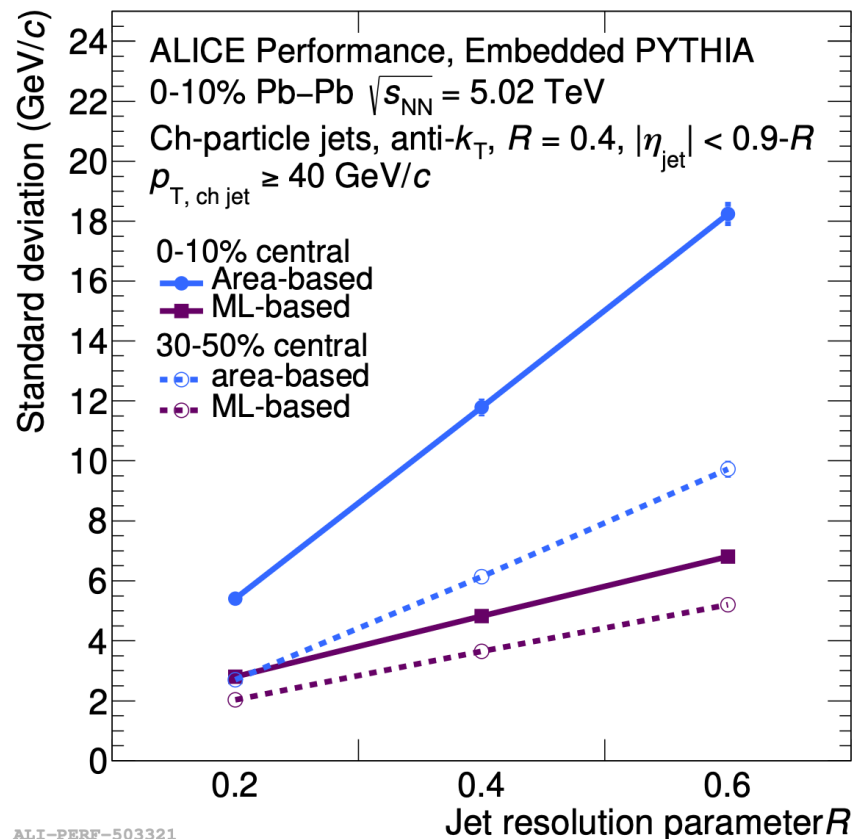
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$$\delta p_T = p_{T,rec} - p_{T,true}$$

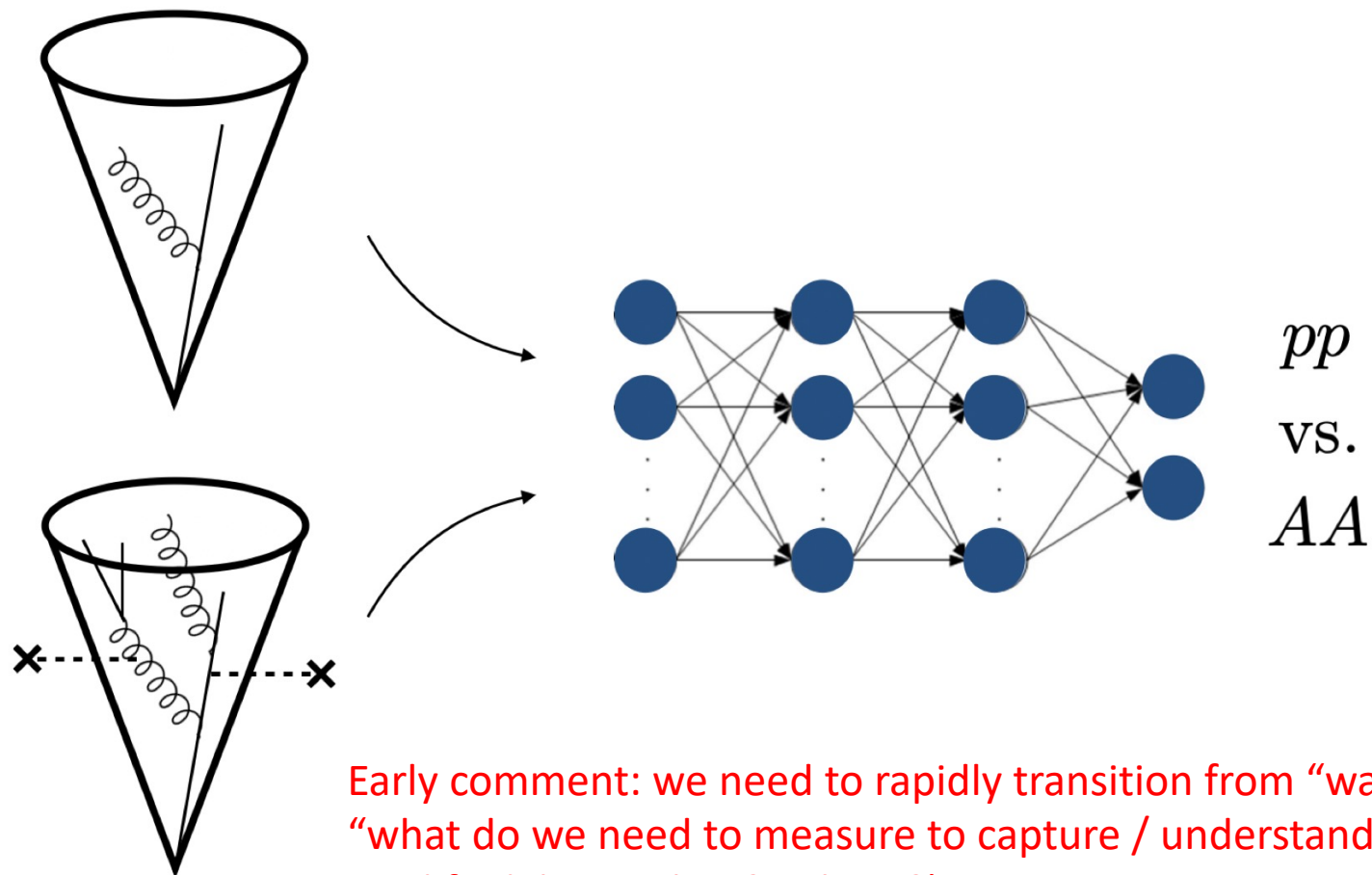
## Nuclear modification factors (0-10%)

LIDO: JHEP 05 (2021) 041 JEWEL: JHEP 1707 (2017) 141 Hybrid Model: Phys. Rev. Lett. 124, 052301 (2020)



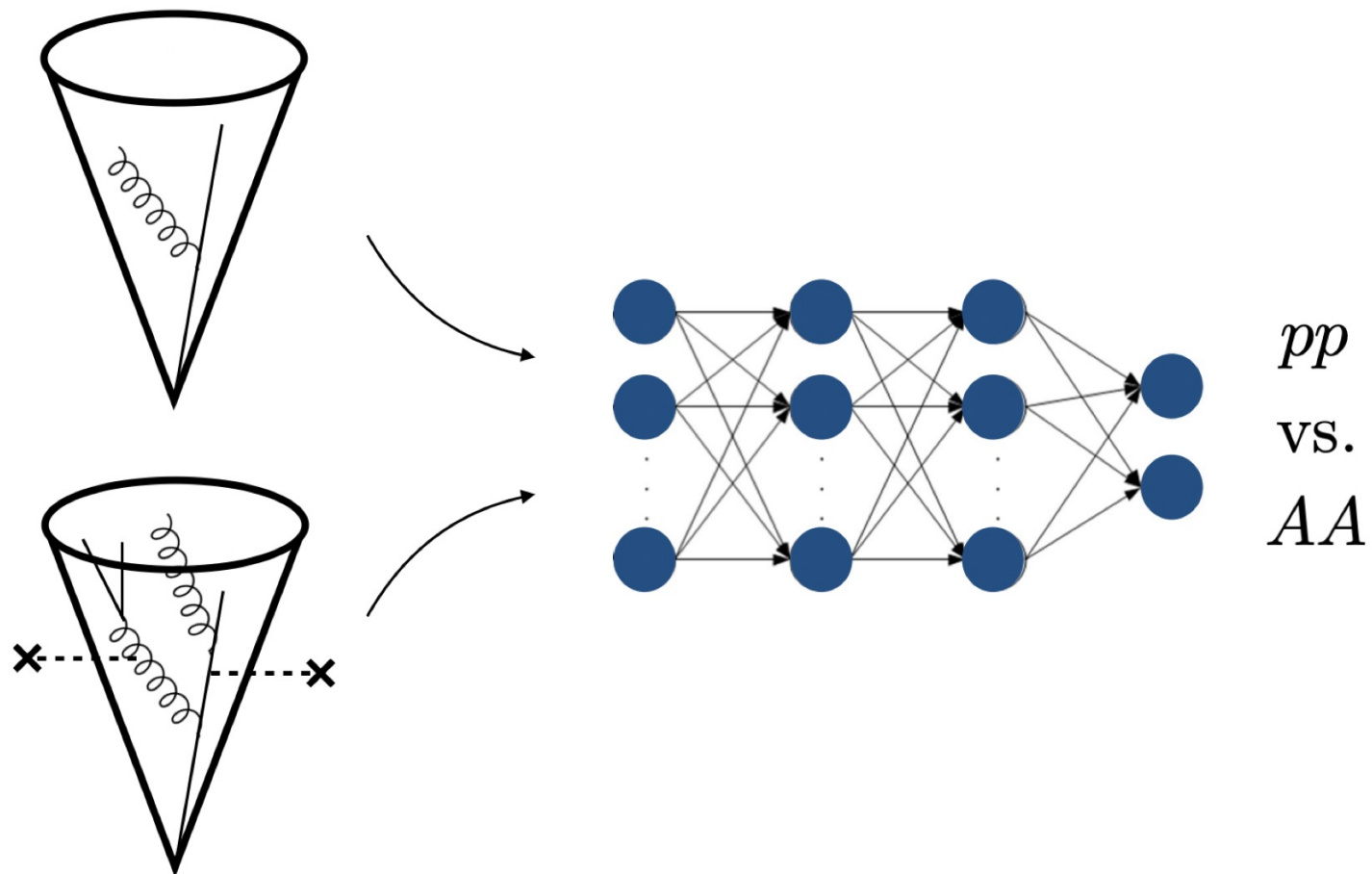
- ➔ Measuring down to lower  $p_T$  and larger  $R$  than ever before in heavy-ions at the LHC!
- ➔ Models generally agree with data, but can they describe the  $R$ -dependence?

# Classification: quenched or not quenched?



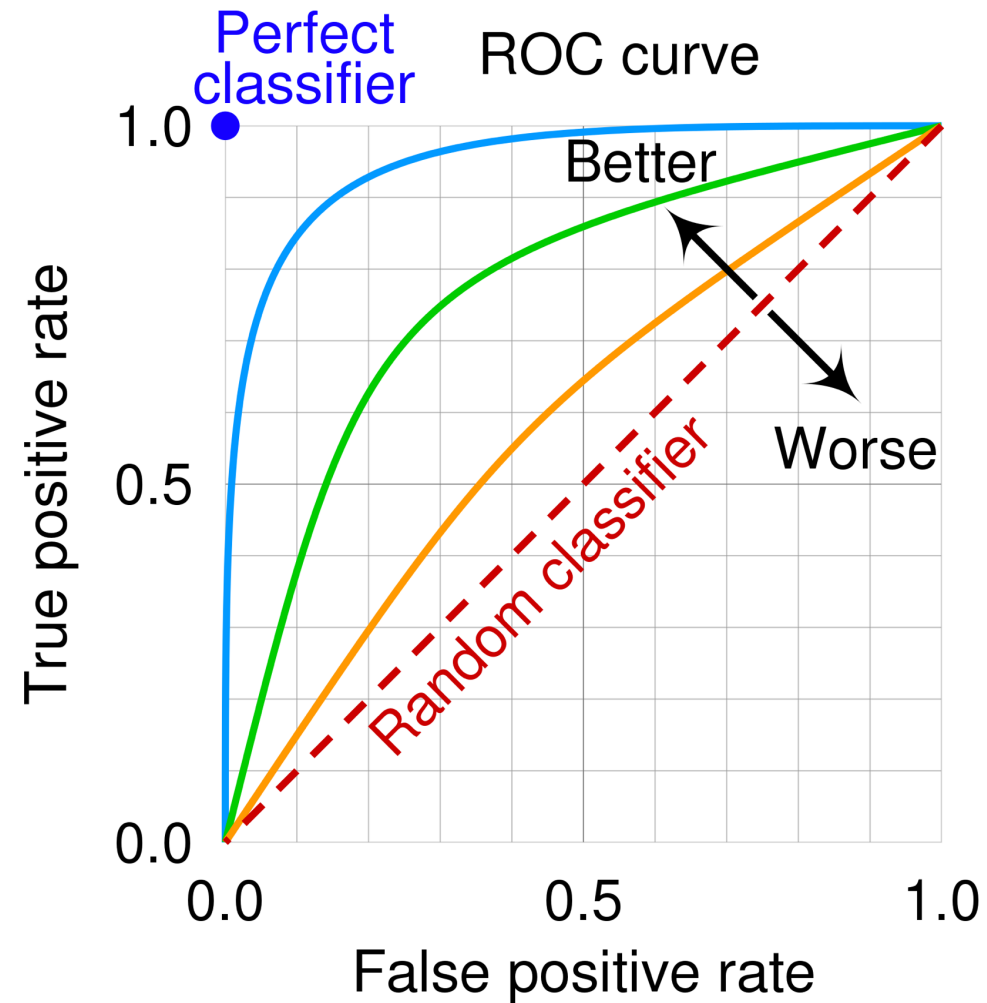
Early comment: we need to rapidly transition from “was the jet quenched or not?” to “what do we need to measure to capture / understand jet quenching?” (what modified, how, when?, where?)

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# Quick reminder...

## receiver operating characteristic curve



diagnostic ability of a [binary classifier](#) system as its discrimination threshold is varied

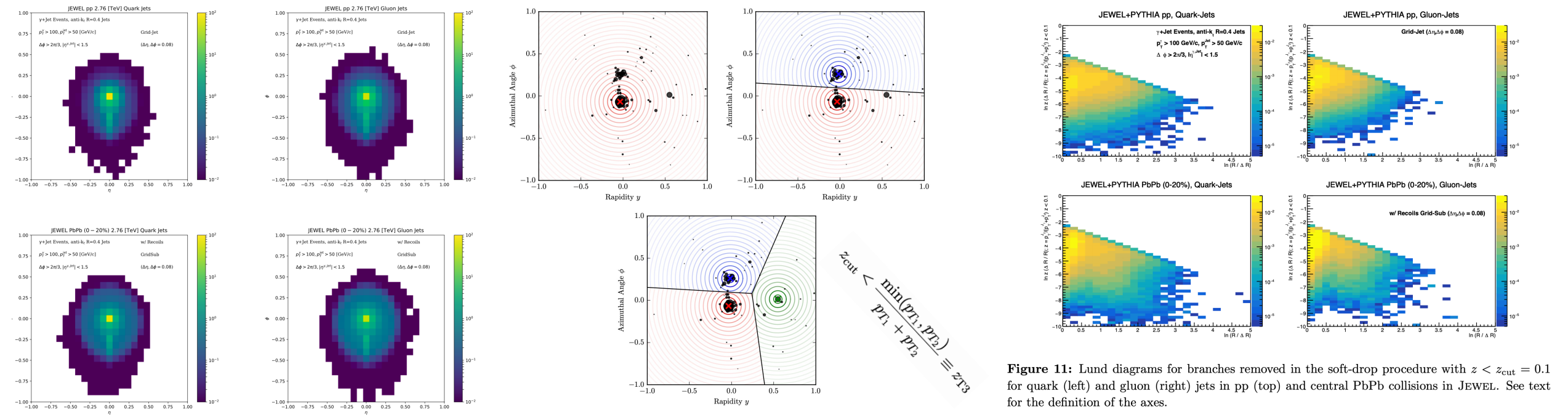
# Discrimination: quark vs. gluon jets...

<https://arxiv.org/abs/1803.03589>

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POP study

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**Figure 11:** Lund diagrams for branches removed in the soft-drop procedure with  $z < z_{\text{cut}} = 0.1$  for quark (left) and gluon (right) jets in pp (top) and central PbPb collisions in JEWEL. See text for the definition of the axes.

# Quark vs. gluon jets...

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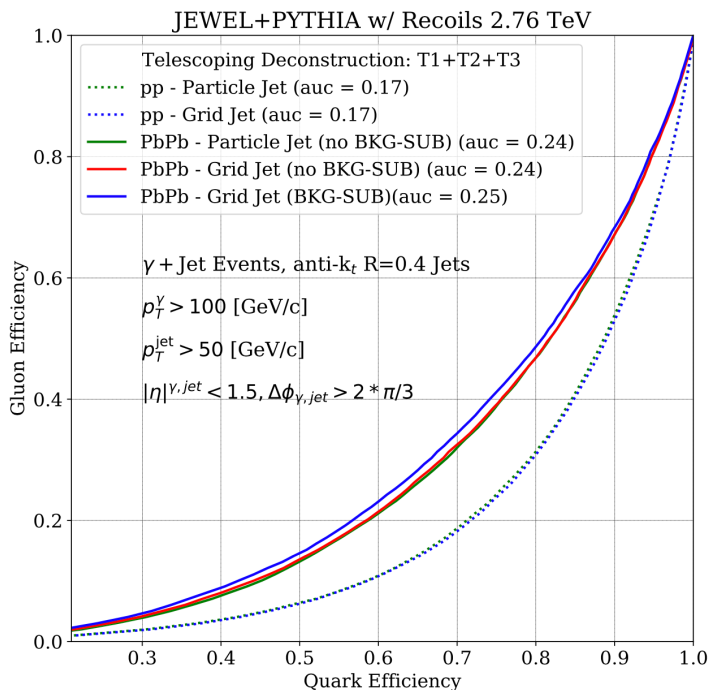
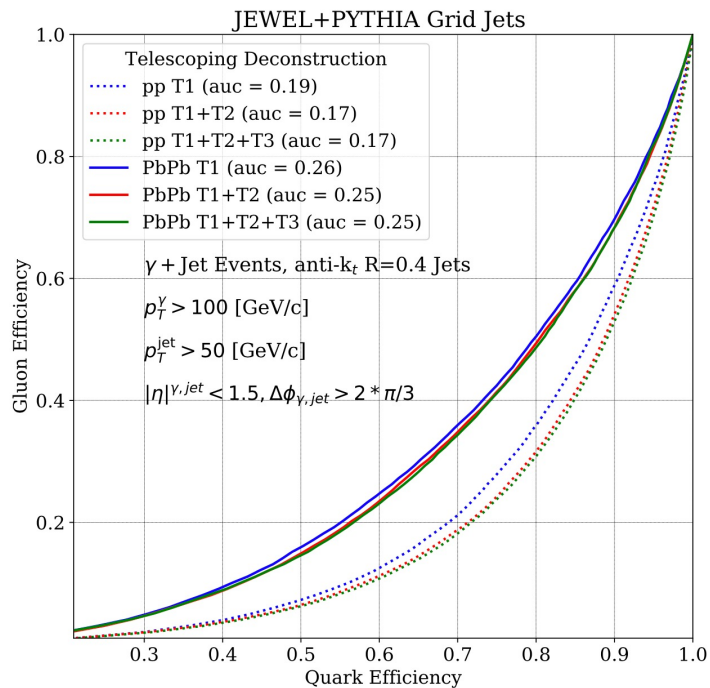
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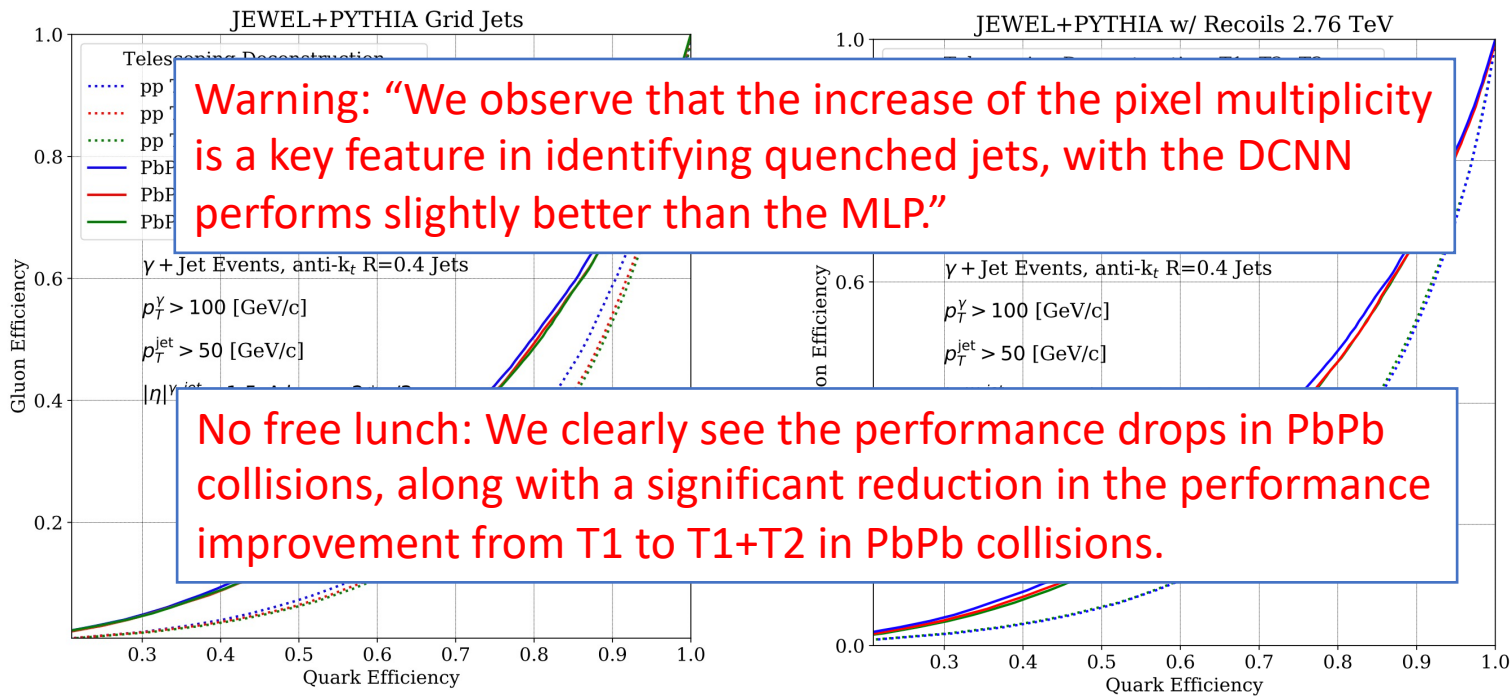
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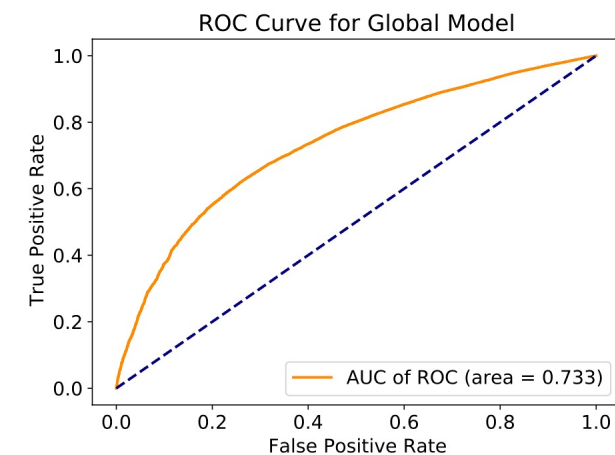
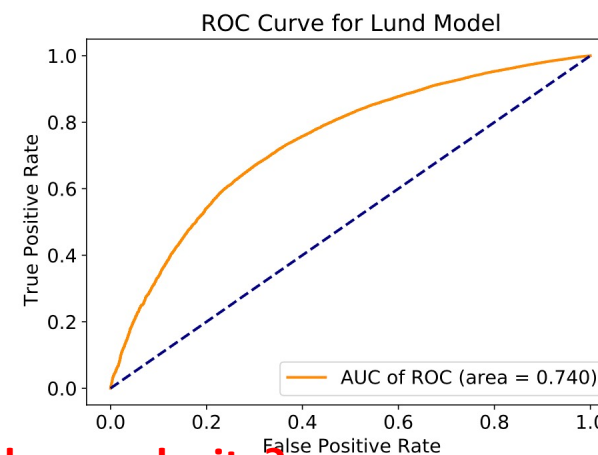
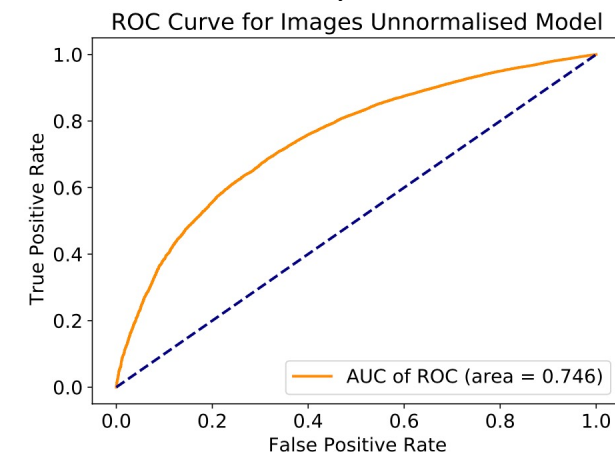
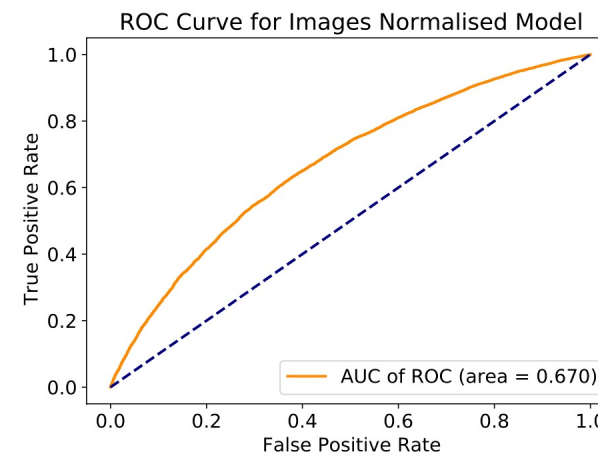
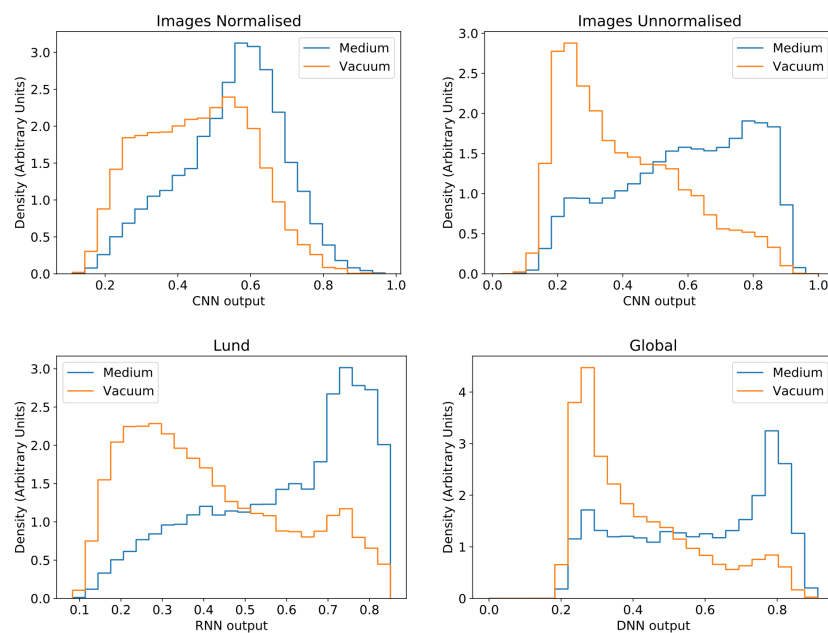
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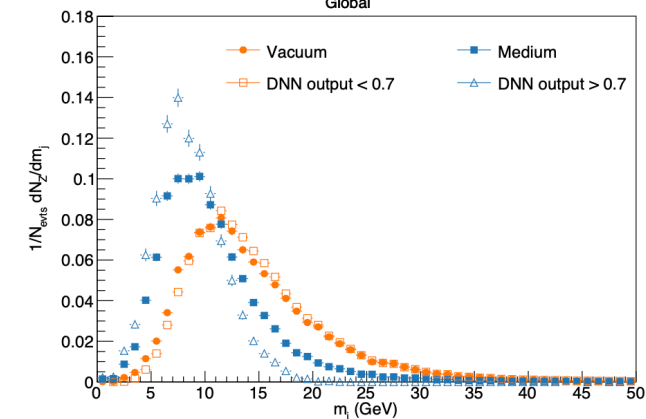
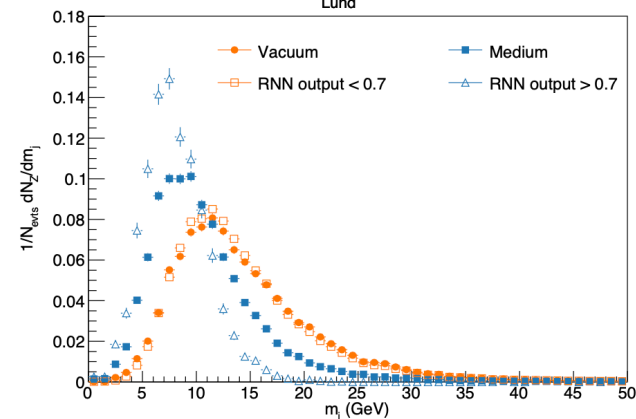
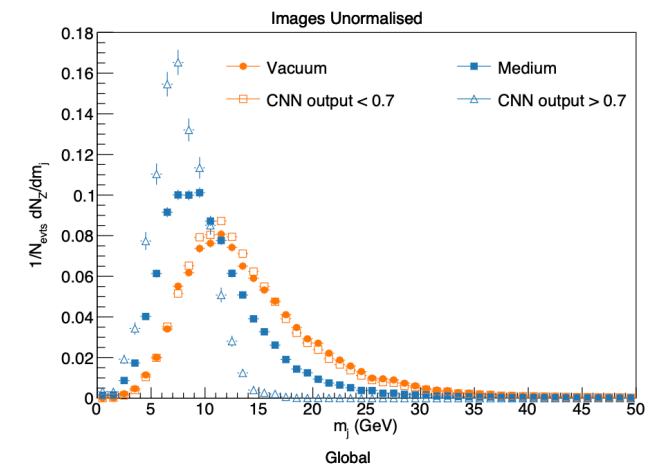
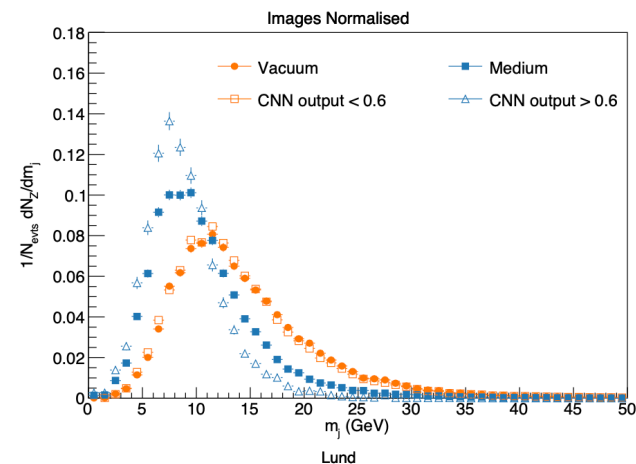
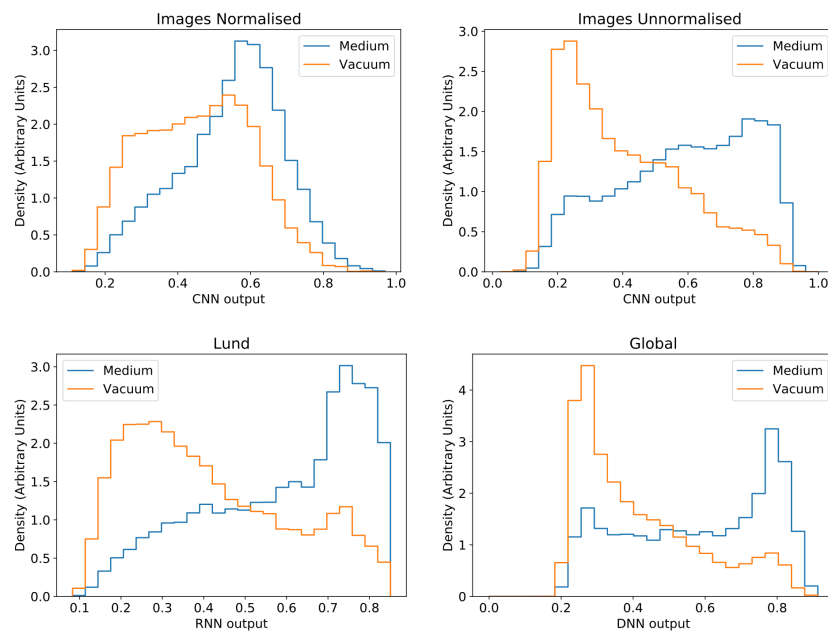
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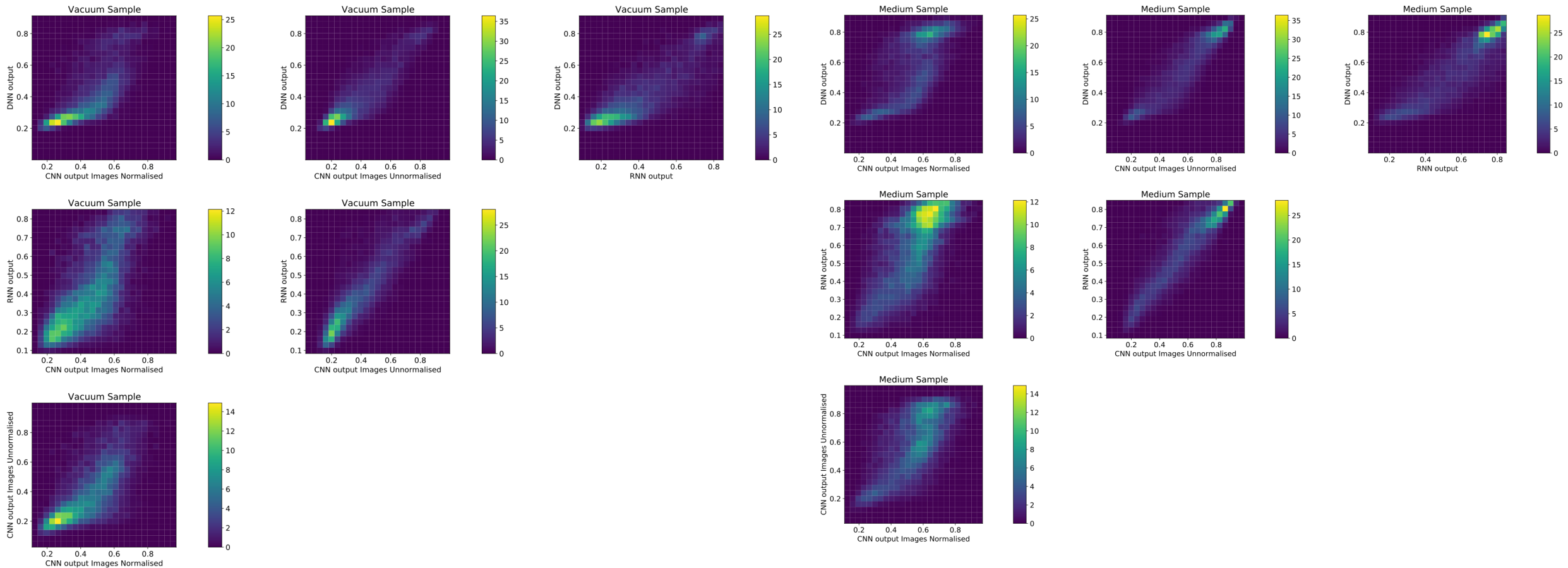
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## Interesting appendix! A Correlation between Deep Neural Networks

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**=> What does it mean!? => INTERPRETABILITY!**



# Deep learning jet modifications in heavy-ion collisions

<https://arxiv.org/abs/2012.07797>

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- convolutional neural network (CNN) to diagnose modifications from **jet images** where the training and validation is performed using the **hybrid strong/weak coupling model**
- the **angular distribution of soft particles** in the jet cone and their relative contribution to the total jet energy **contain significant discriminating power**, which can be exploited to **tailor observables** that provide a good estimate of the energy loss ratio => study a set of jet observables
  - Mass, jet shape  $\rho(r)$ , fragmentation distribution D
  - Groomed (SD)  $z_g, R_g, nSD, M_g$
- potential of deep learning techniques in the analysis of the **geometrical aspects** of jet quenching such as the in-medium **traversed length** or the position of the hard scattering in the transverse plane, opening up new possibilities for **tomographic studies**

Study:

$$\chi_{jh} \equiv \frac{E_f^h}{E_i^h}$$

medium / vacuum

*Defined matching procedure for vacuum-medium*



$$L = \frac{\sum_{i \in \text{jet}} p_{T,i} L_i}{\sum_{i \in \text{jet}} p_{T,i}}$$

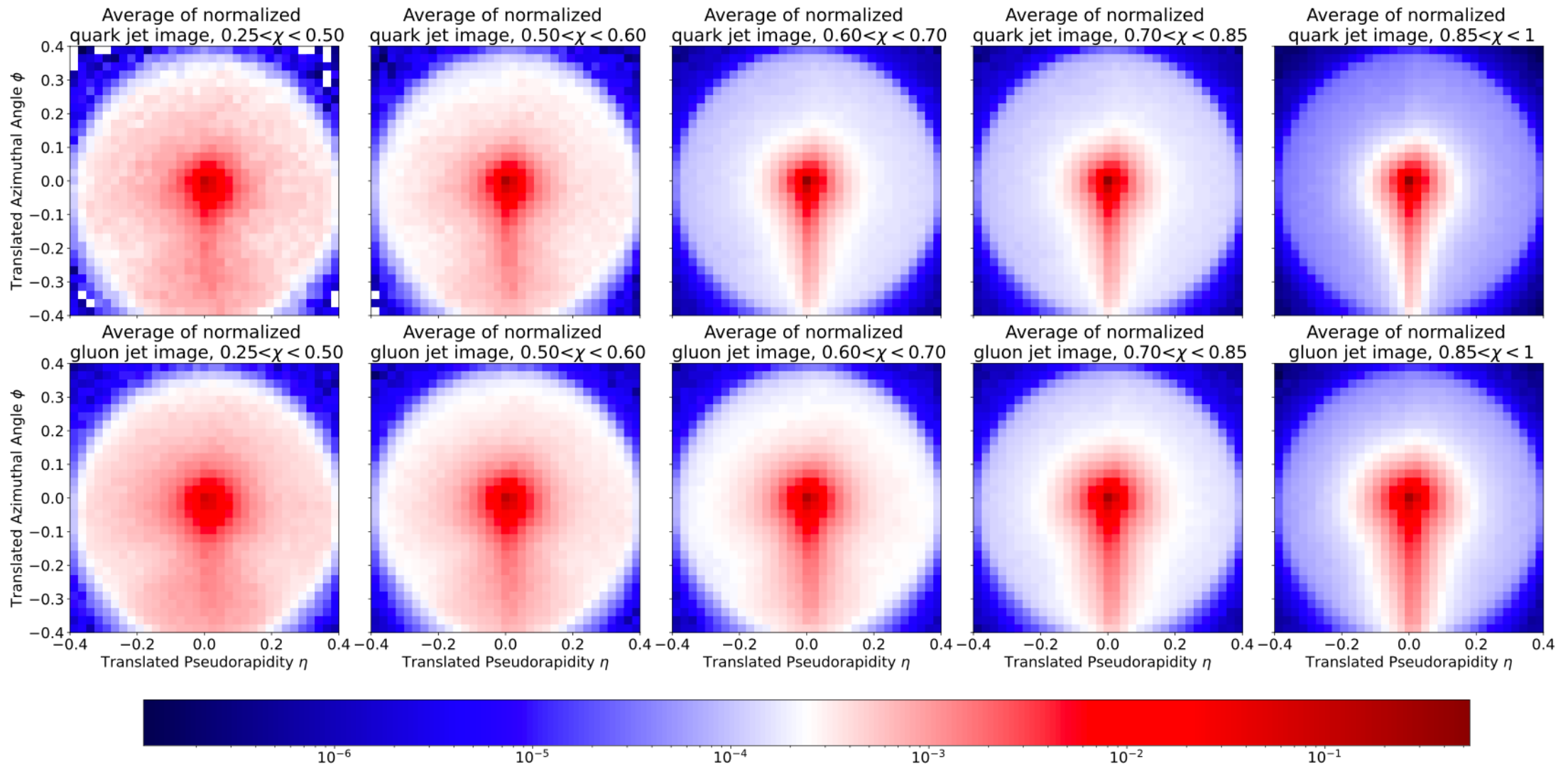
$i$  – enumerates partons

Jet traversed  $L := p_T$  weighted sum of individual partons in a jet

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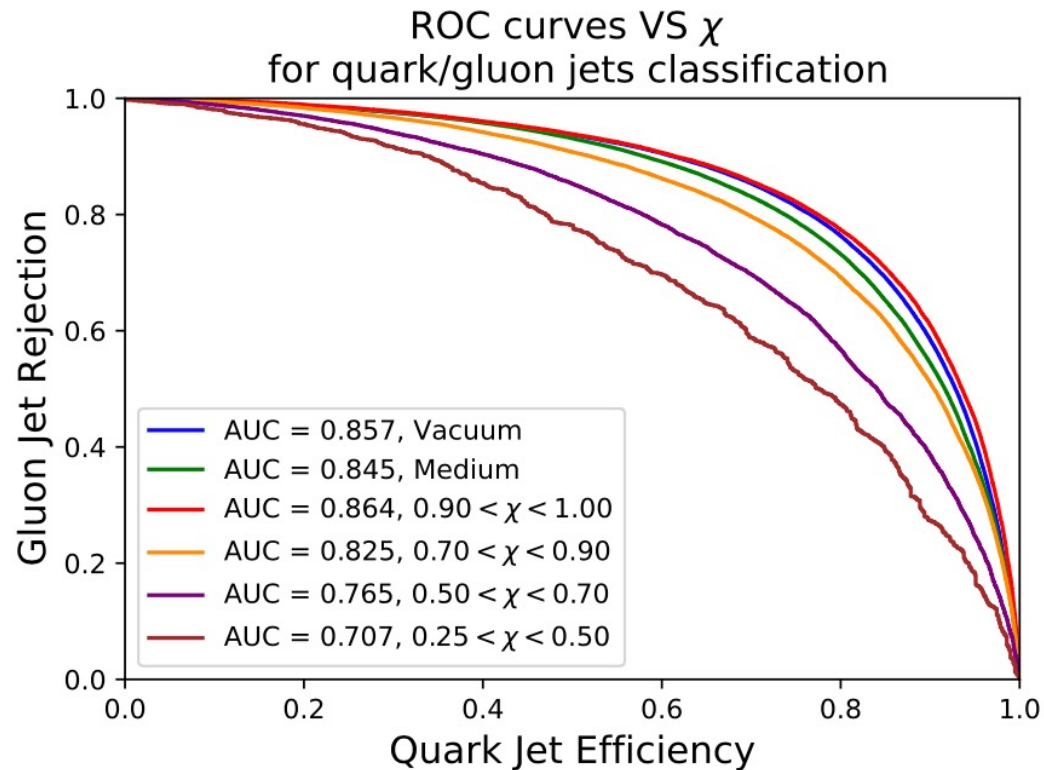
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**Figure 4:** ROC curves of quark efficiency versus gluon rejection for jets in pp collisions and jets in PbPb collisions for inclusive and sliced in  $\chi$  samples.

Input (size)	Accuracy
Jet shape (8)	72.2%
JFF (10)	73.0%
Jet features (7)	73.6%
JFF, jet shape (18)	74.9%
JFF, jet shape, features (25)	75.8%
Jet image (33×33)	75.9%

**Table 1:** Classification performance with different inputs. Jet features include: jet  $p_T$ ,  $z_g$ ,  $n_{SD}$ ,  $R_g$ ,  $M$ ,  $M_g$ , Multiplicity.

**“It has been found that the greater the energy loss is, the more difficult it is to classify the jets.”**



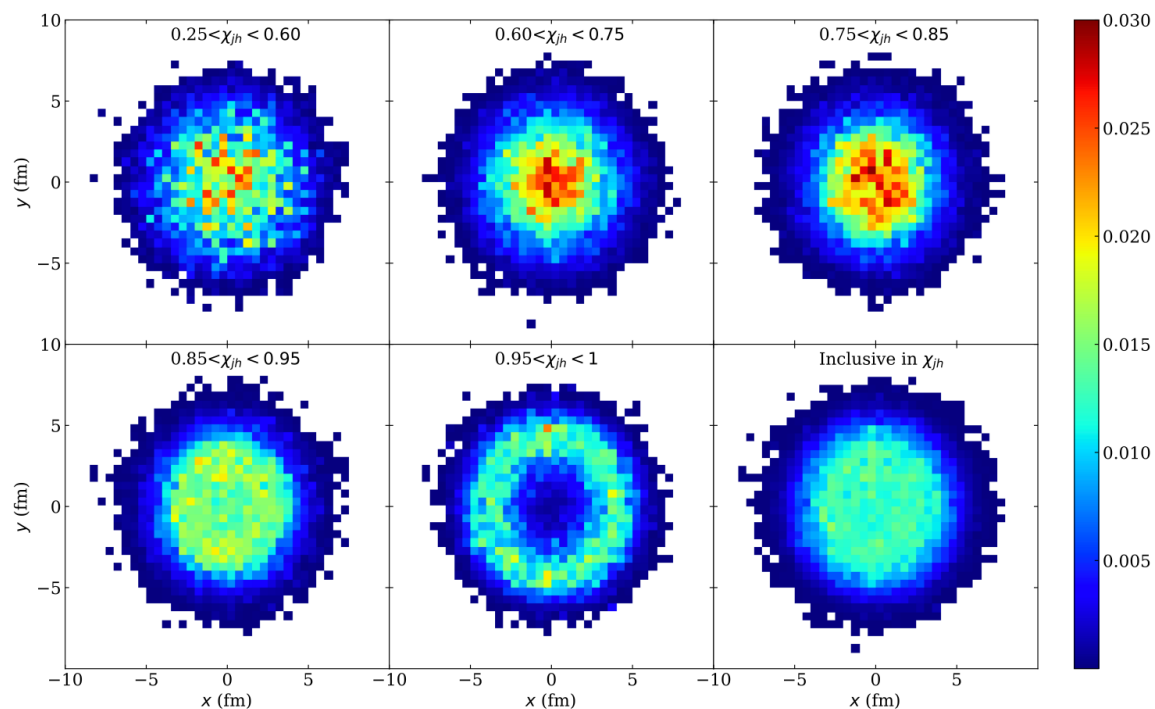
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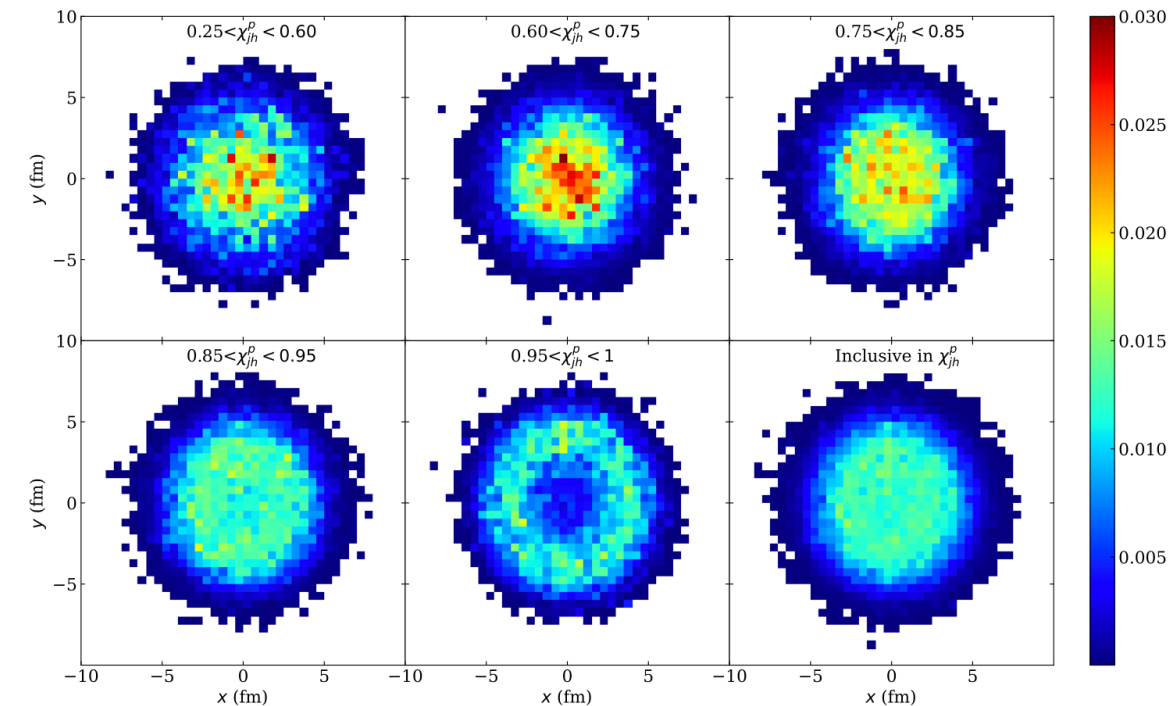
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Scattering points for true value  $\chi_{jh}$



Scattering points for **predicted** value  $\chi_{jh}$

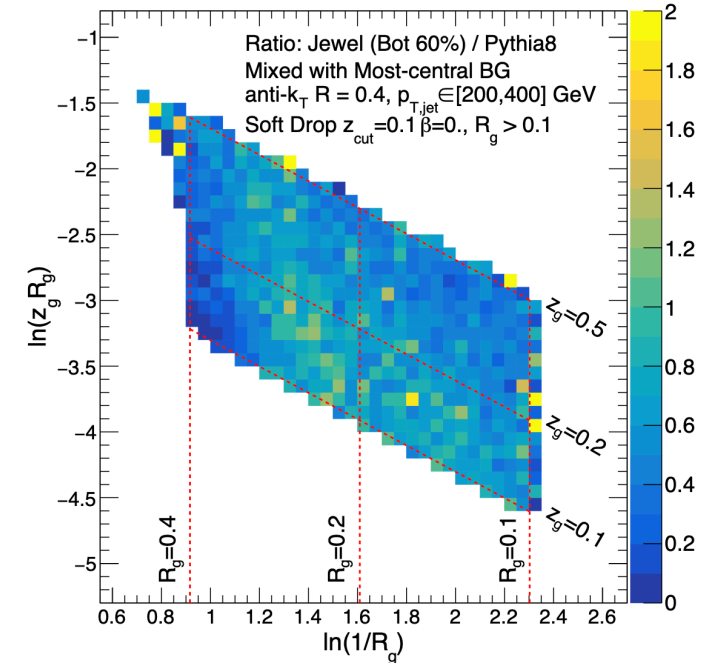
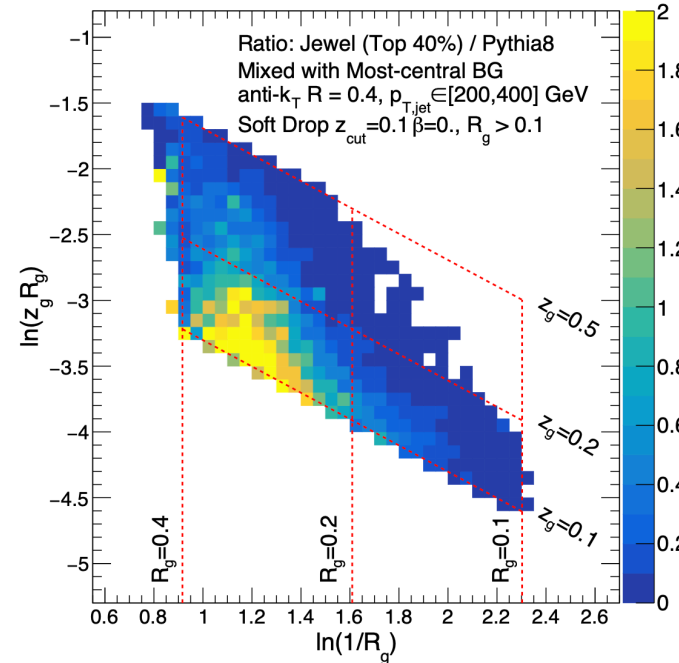
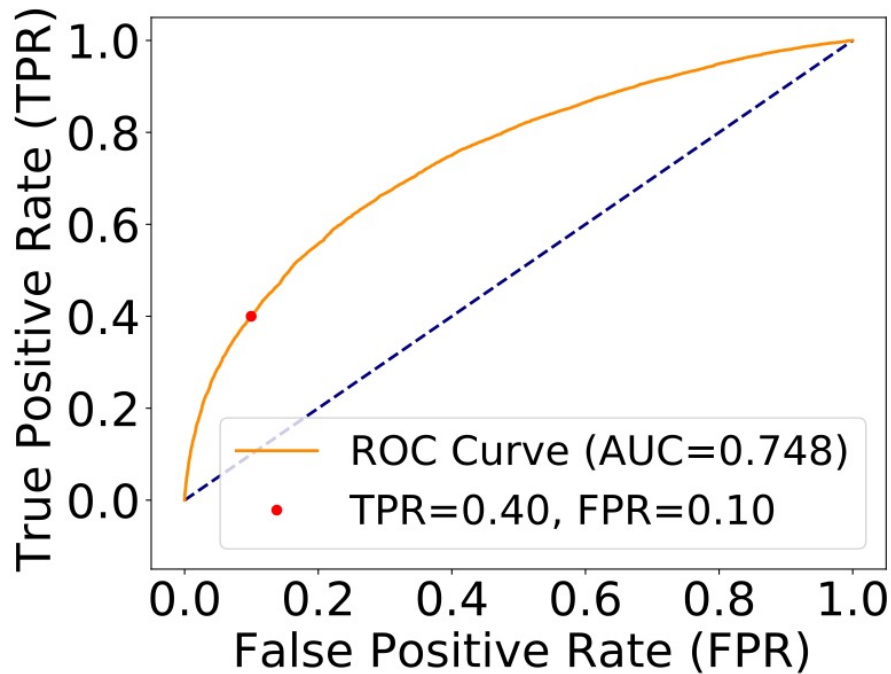




# Identification of quenched jets...

- Deconstruct the clustering sequence (C/A)
- Study the **sequence** of splitting's (feature set:  $z$ ,  $\theta$ ,  $k_T$  ...)
- Long short-term memory network => **classify jets: quenched or not**
- Concern: path to application in data, residual background

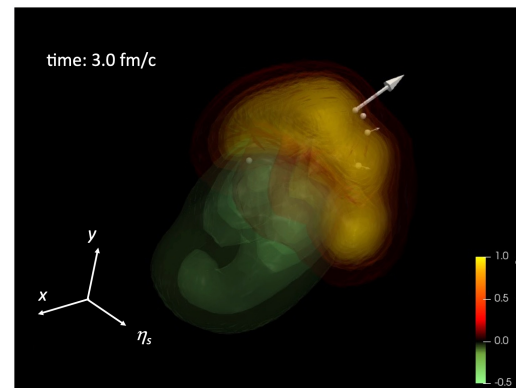
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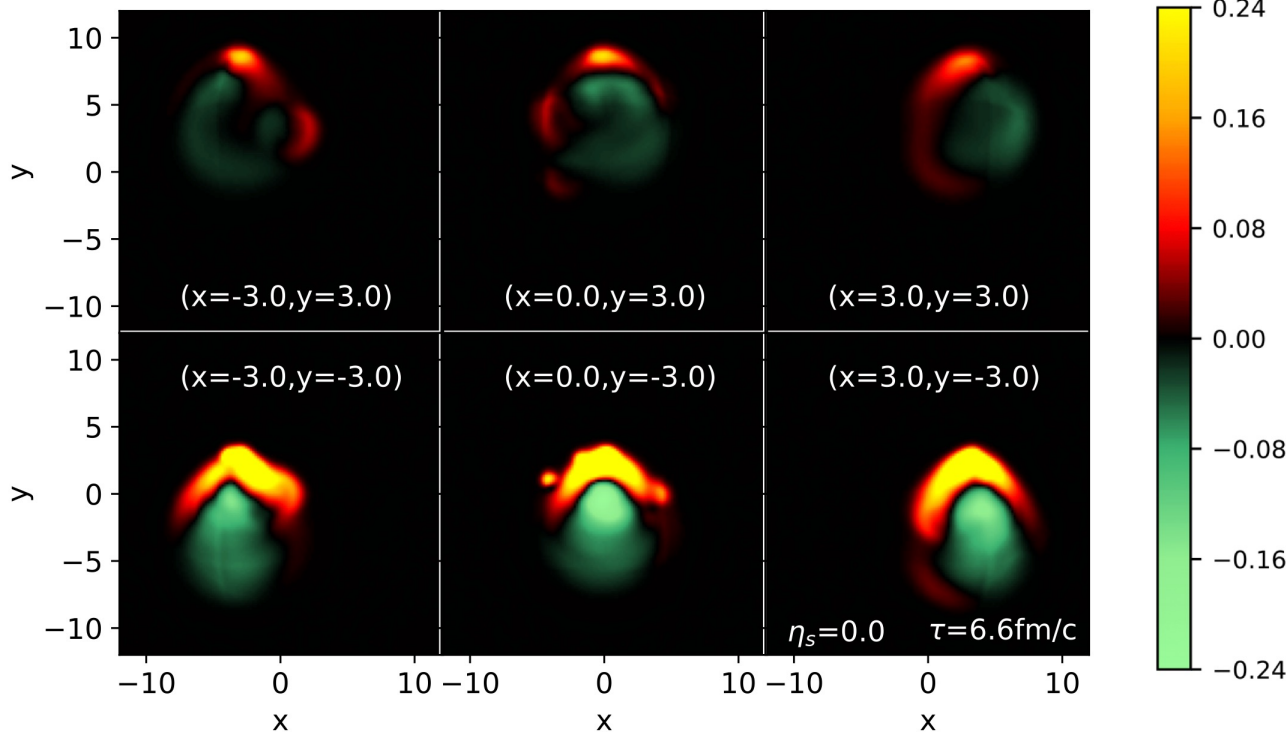
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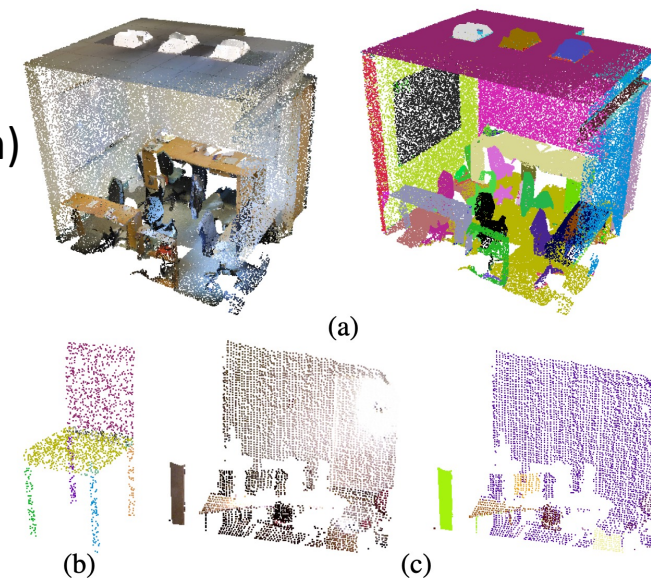
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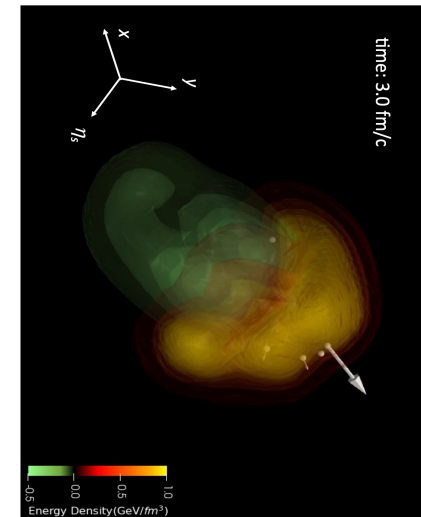


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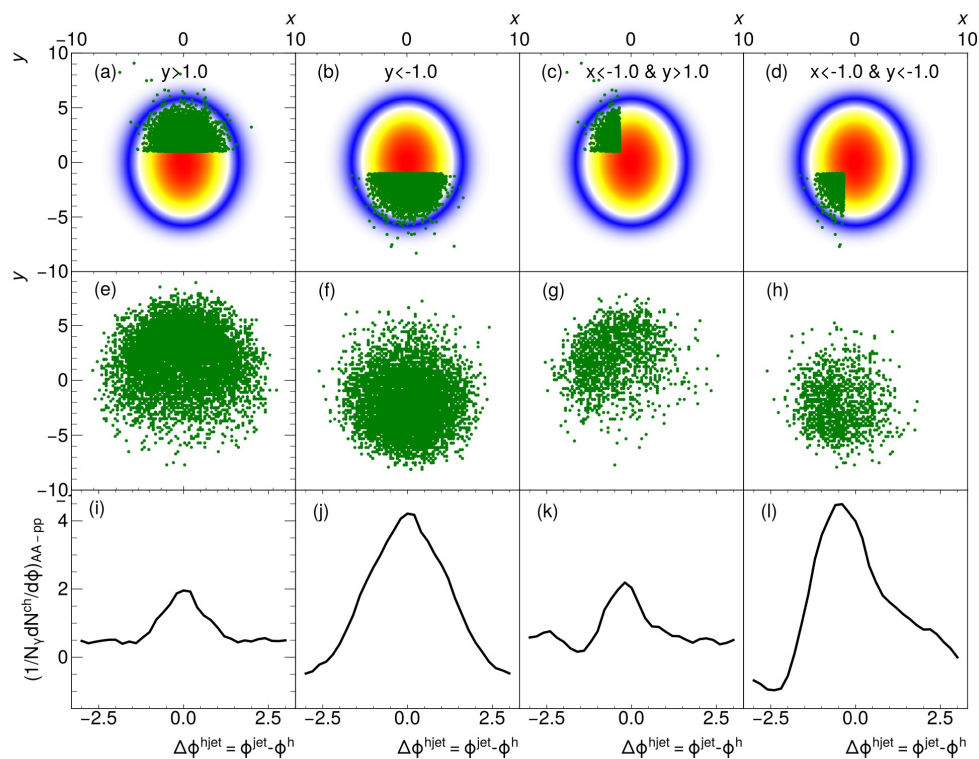
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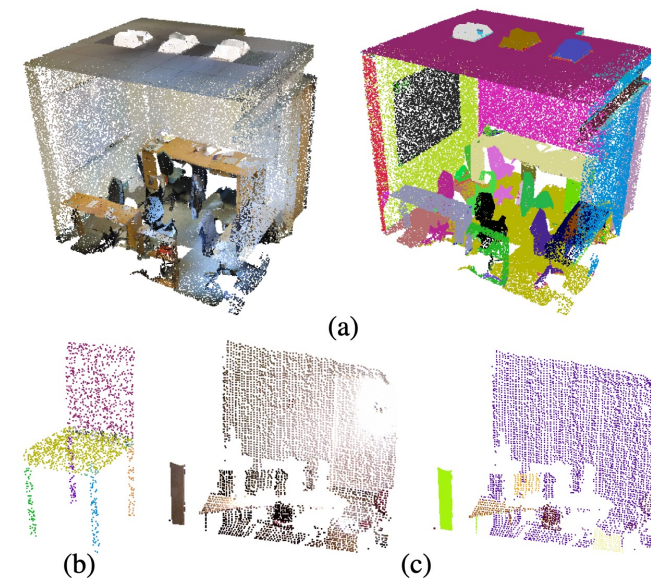
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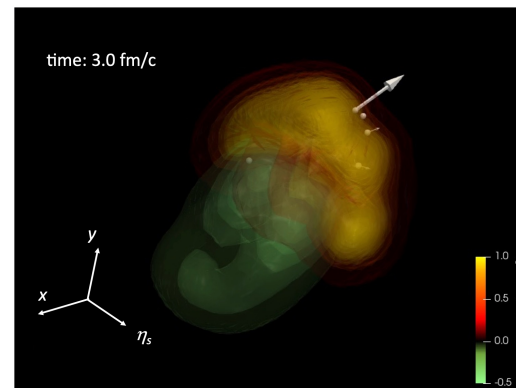


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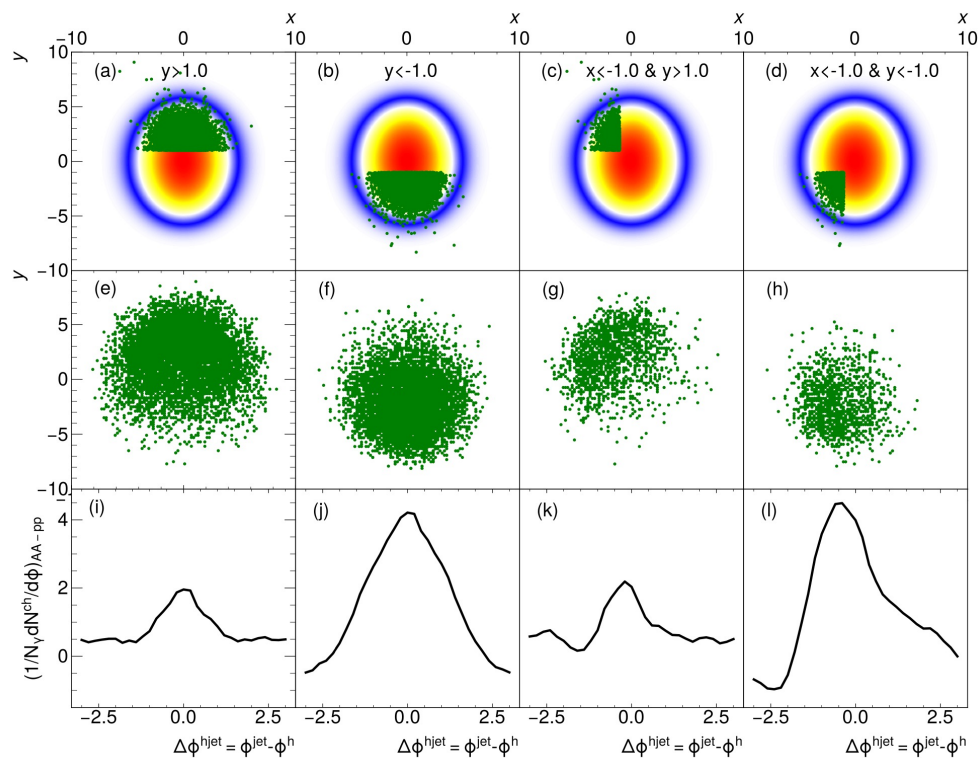
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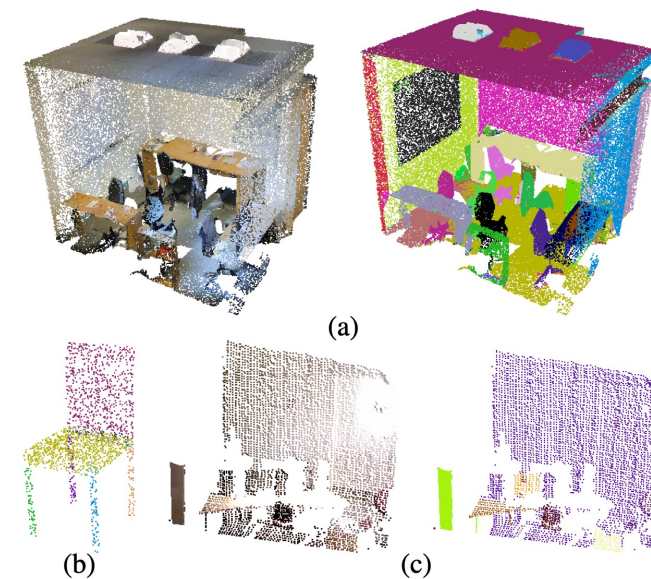


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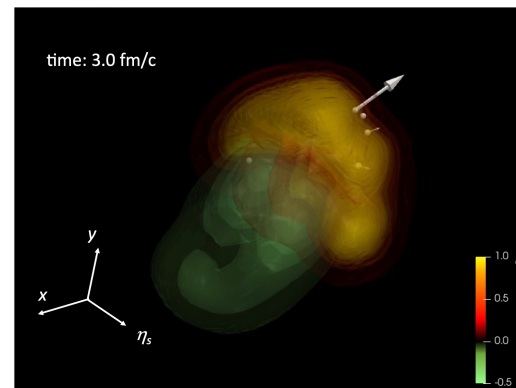
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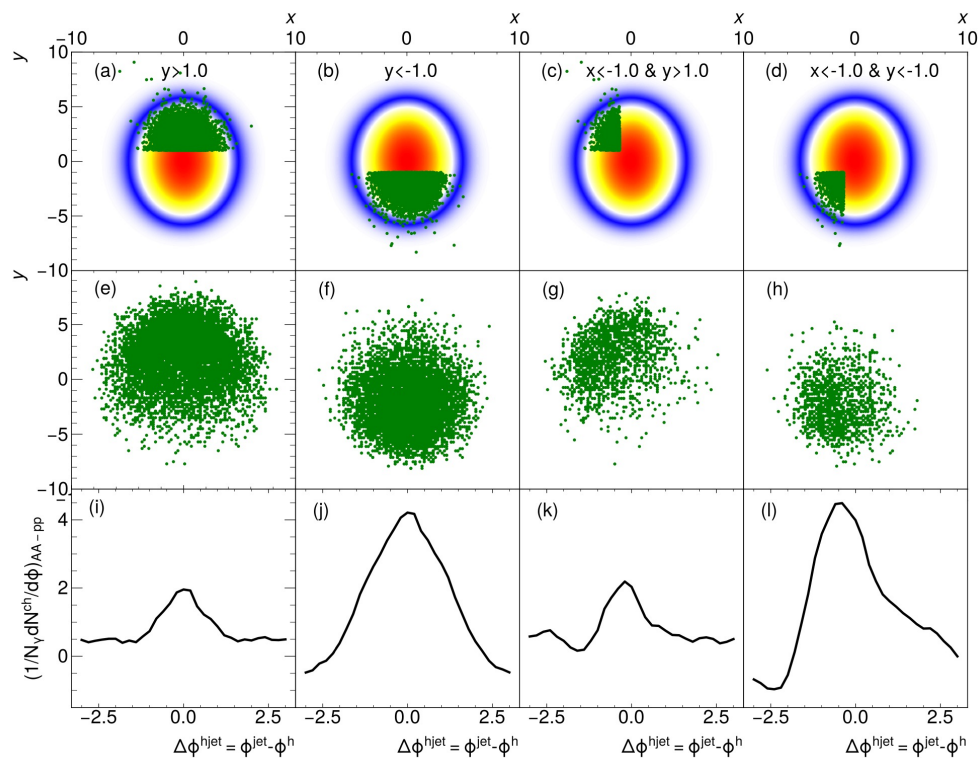
• Will this method work for different initial jet production mechanisms? => somewhat yes, but quantitative details important; scrutiny in the experiment?

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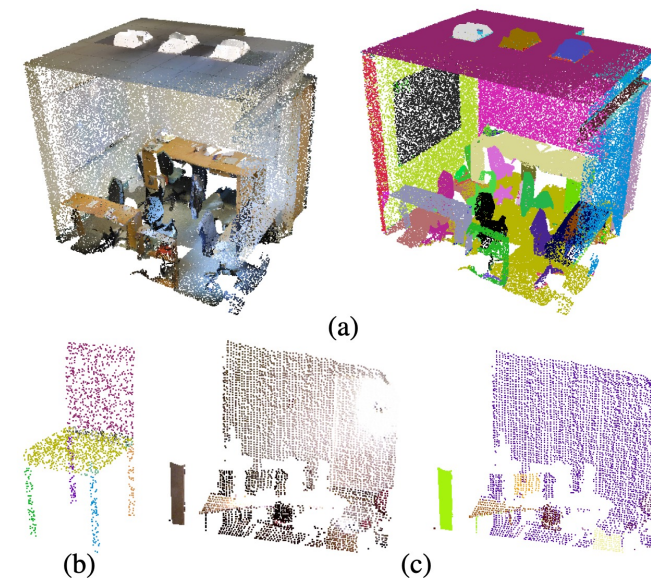
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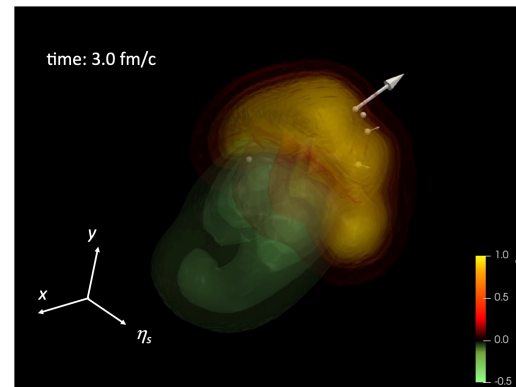
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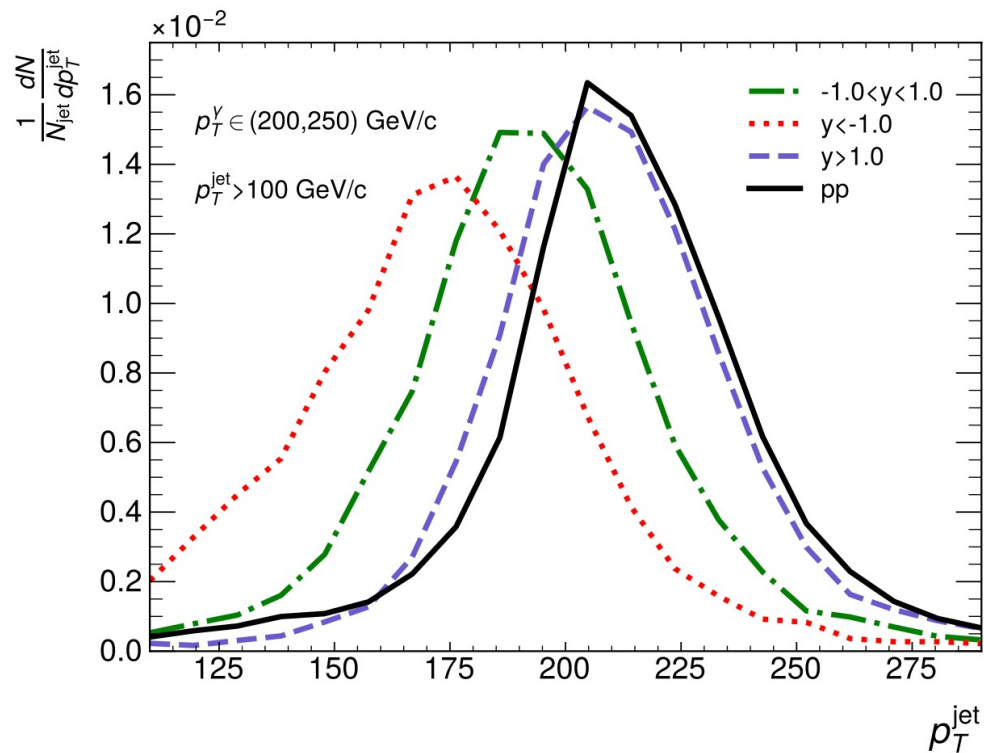
## • Deep learning assisted jet tomography for the study

• Is it possible to determine jet positions using the momenta of final state particles? **=> with large fluctuations**

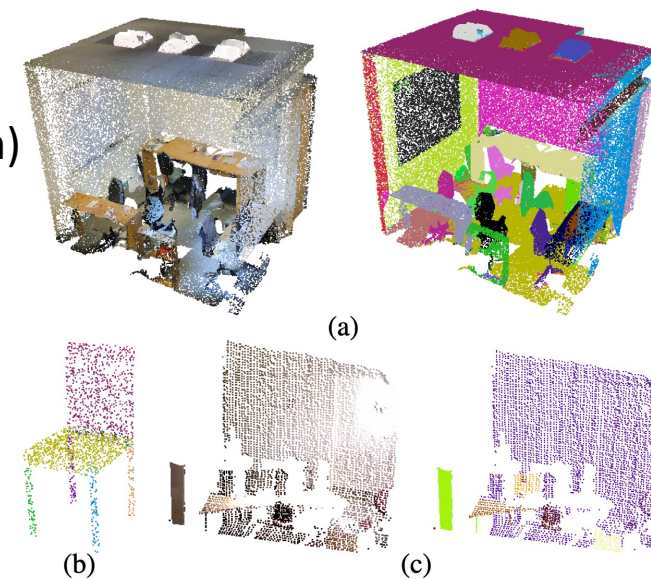
• Will this be possible for the study of initial jet production? **=> somewhat yes, but quantitative details important; scrutiny in the experiment?**

• How reliable is this? **observation level only – quantitative level?**

<https://arxiv.org/abs/1711.08588>



CoLBT-hydro, LIDO (train)  
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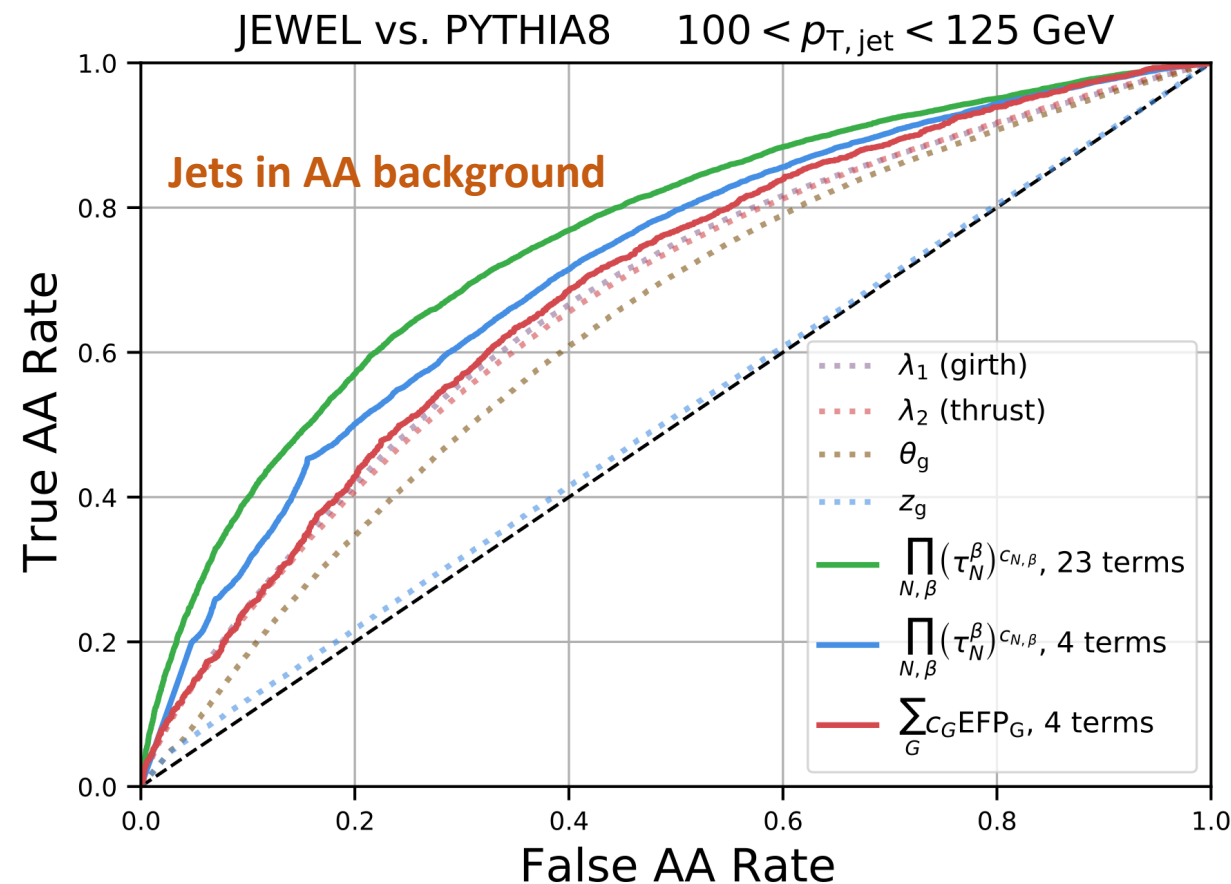
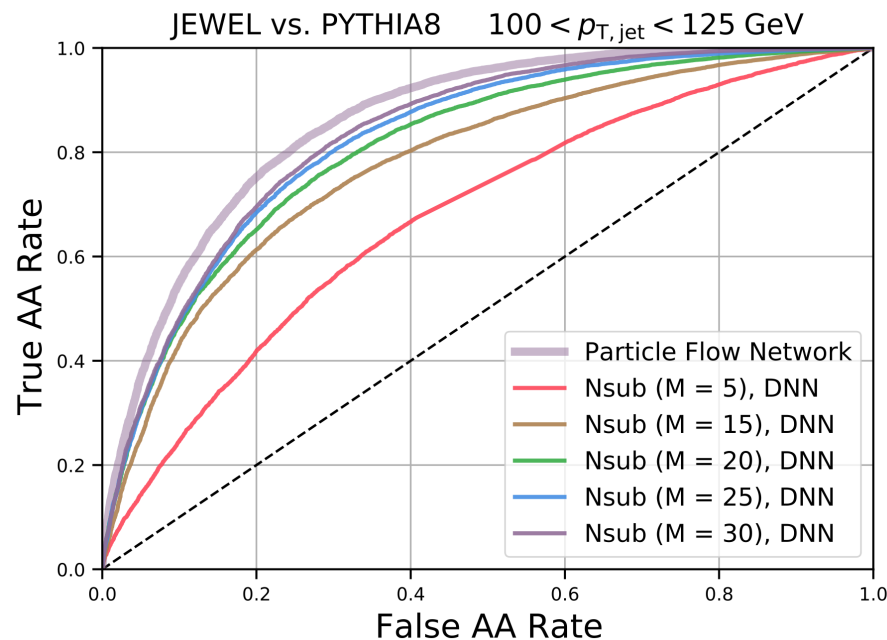


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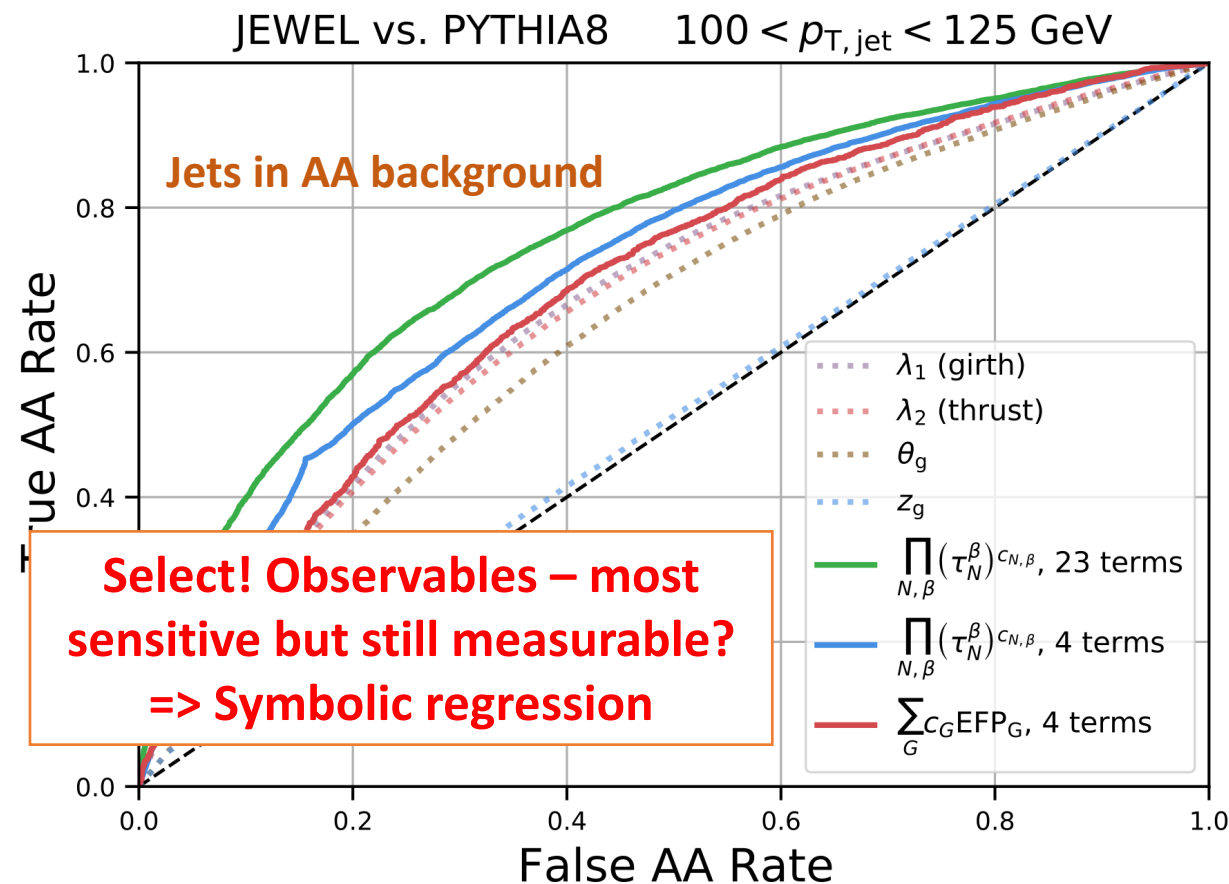
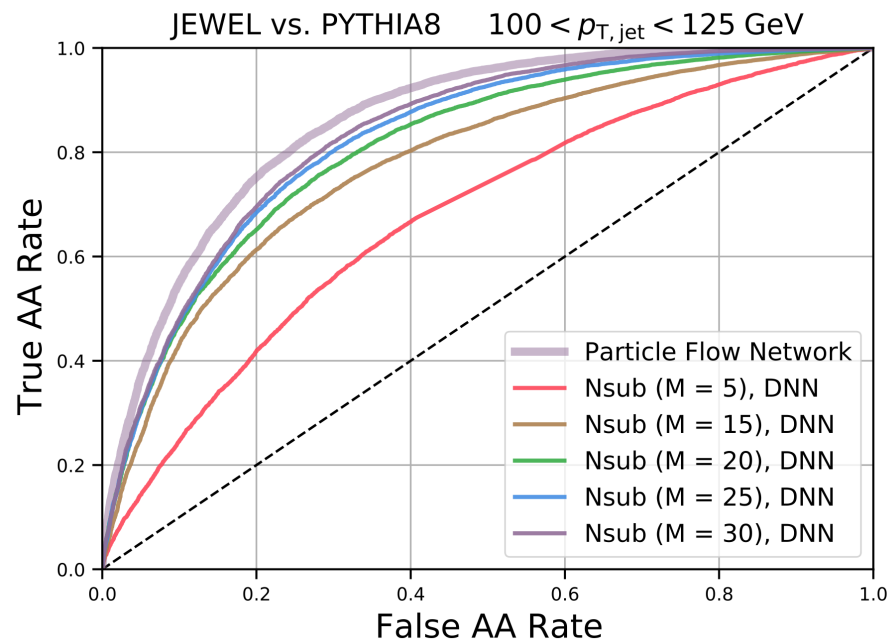


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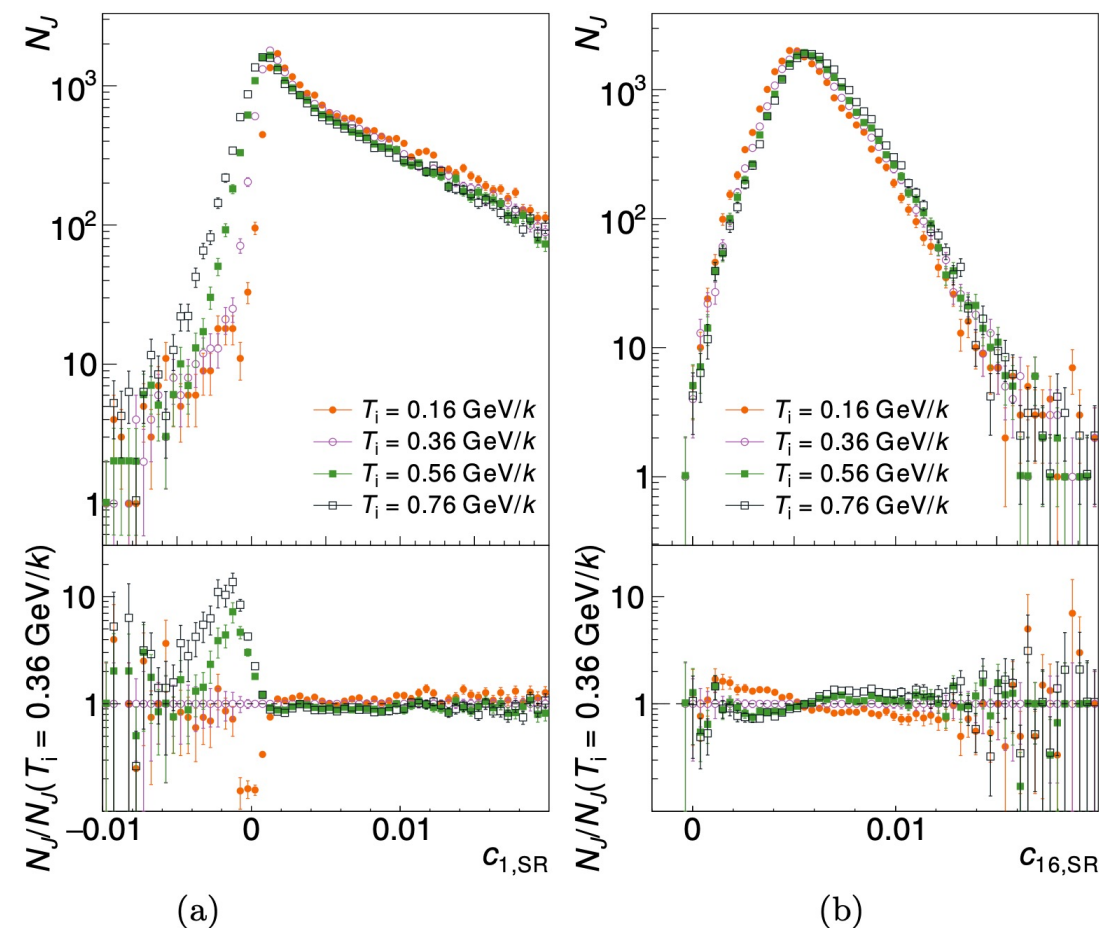


# Inferring medium properties?

<https://arxiv.org/abs/2012.06582>

Yue Shi Lai

- “Automated Discovery of Jet Substructure Analyses”
- Use architecture a la cNN to enable feature extraction
- Perform symbolic regression to constrain algebraic form of \*the\* observable sensitive to features in data...
- **example: sensitivity to initial temperature parameter in JEWEL**



*The distribution of the symbolic regression approximated neuron (a)  $c_{1,SR}$  and (b)  $c_{16,SR}$  for various  $T_i$  in Jewel for  $100 < p_{T,J} < 300$  GeV/c, with the ratio relative to  $T_i = 0.36$  GeV*

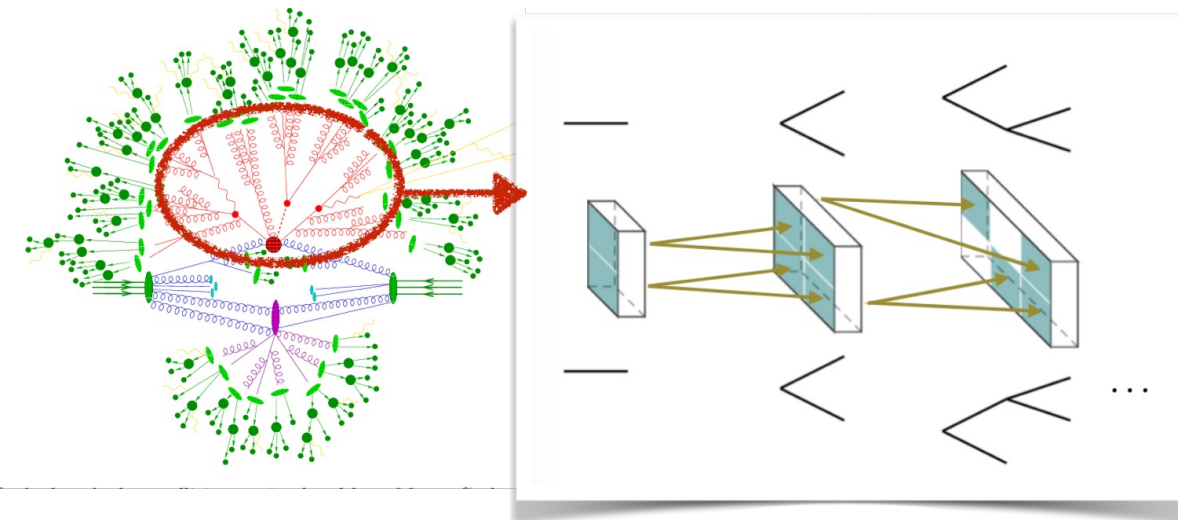
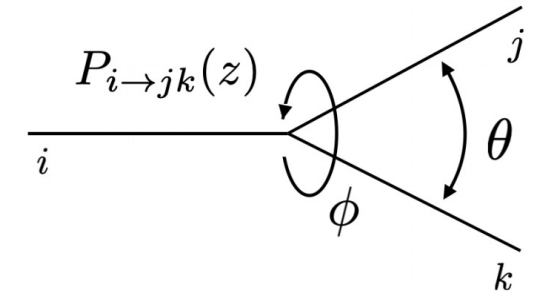


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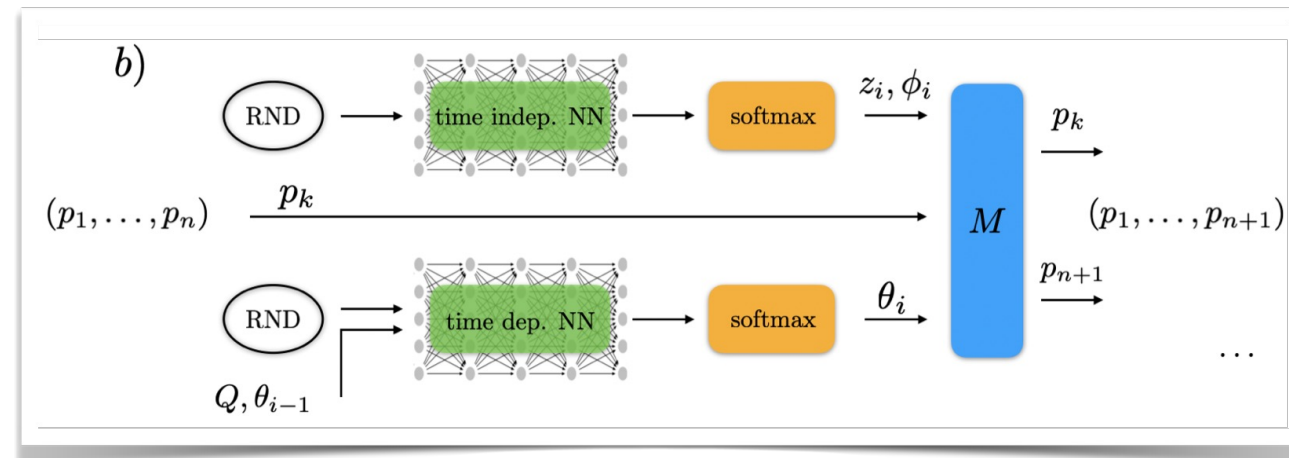
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*ith splitting process ( $n \rightarrow n+1$  partons)*



Parton shower: multiple partons and their splittings

Single parton splitting encoded

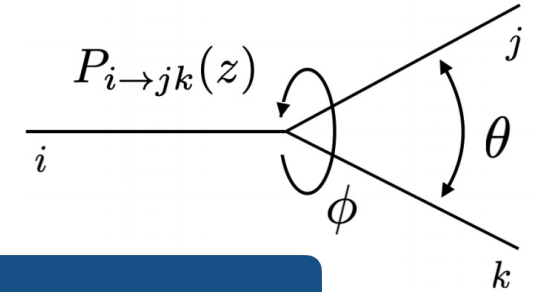


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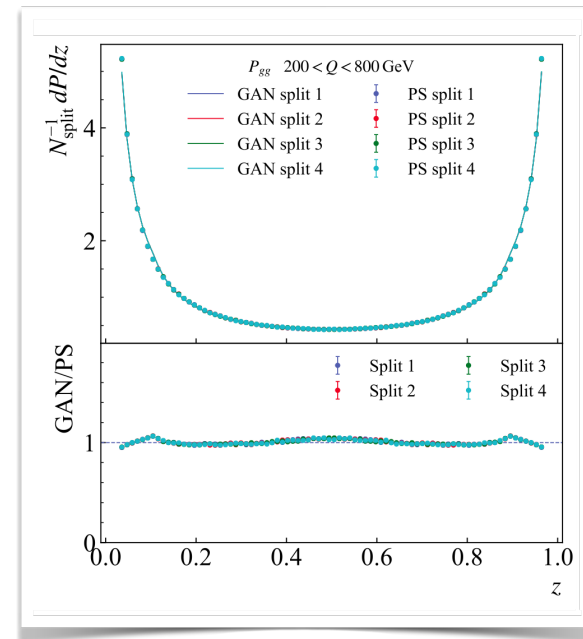
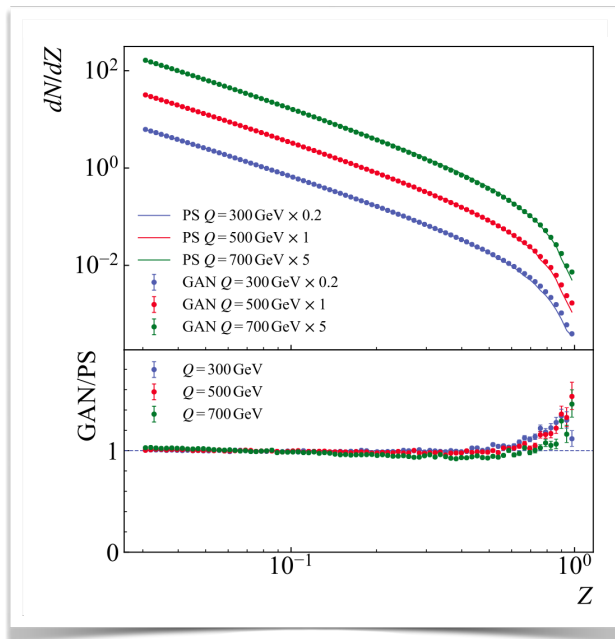
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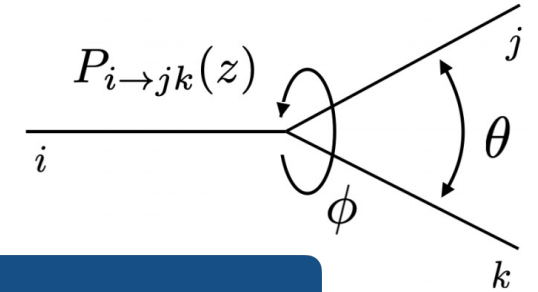


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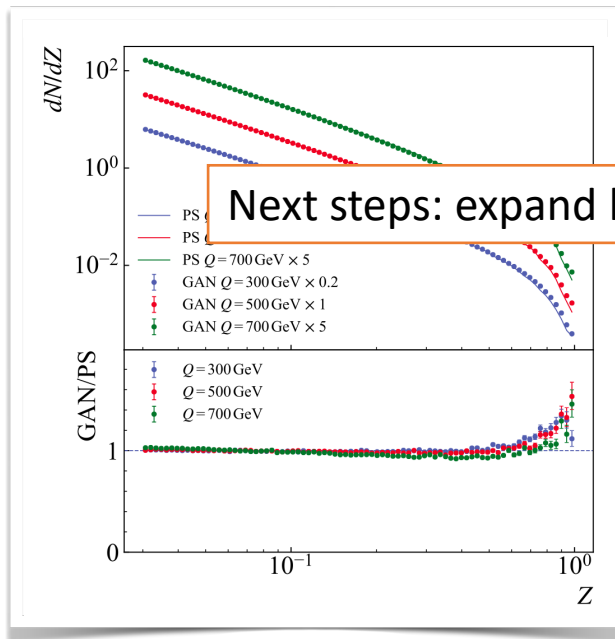
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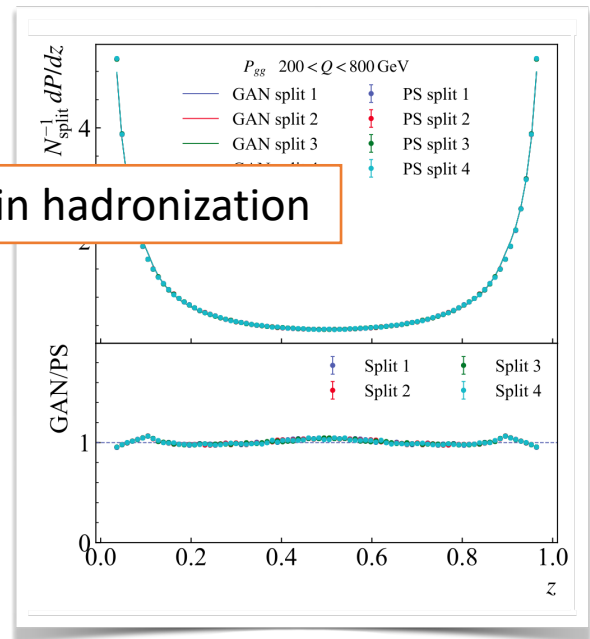


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Next steps: expand beyond 1->2; built-in hadronization





# Summary

- Physics model dependent statements:
  - With some precision quark vs. gluon jet discrimination in simulation
  - Jet quenching information in soft components of the jet
  - It is difficult to select on geometry with control (fluctuations) but qualitatively selection on points of scattering, path length possible (in models)
- Physics model independent statements – data ready:
  - There is no free lunch
  - Model dependence is a problem that needs to be eliminated/controlled
  - Quantification of uncertainties is a problem that needs addressing

# Future (wanted) developments – aka Outlook

- Move away from image based deep learning to sequence based data
  - Avoid information loss, enable large latent space, no padding
  - deep sets, graphNNs
- **A tip: benchmark on known / public data sets (the same data sets)**
- **Physics aware models  $\Leftrightarrow$  white box (as opposed to black box) models**
  - **Interpretability!  $\Rightarrow$  experiment theory feedback?**
- (Un)supervised learning on data? Or semi-supervised = data+MC
  - **Jet classification directly in AA data** – connection to j.q. modelling?  $\Rightarrow$  inference of physics
- Uncertainty inference / quantification
- ‘New’ directions:
  - More GAN based approaches?
  - **Decorrelation methods (!) – look for smallest set of maximally discriminating observables**

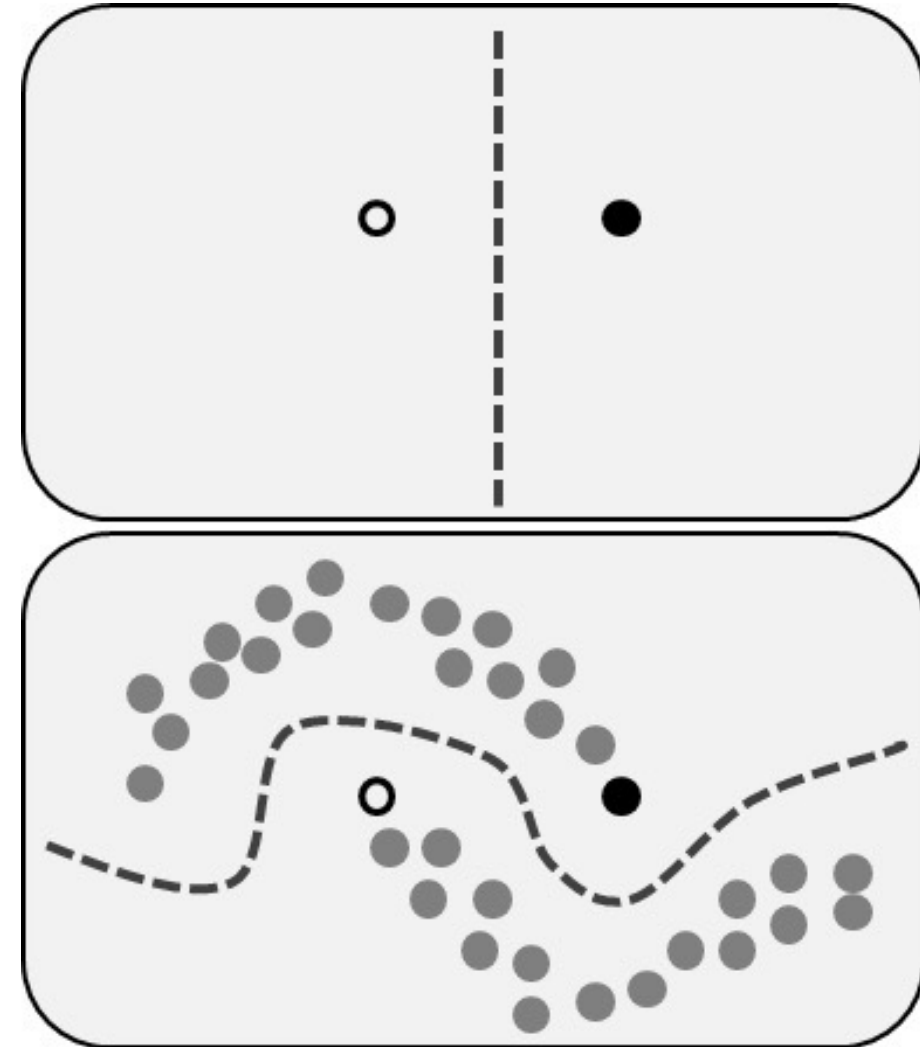
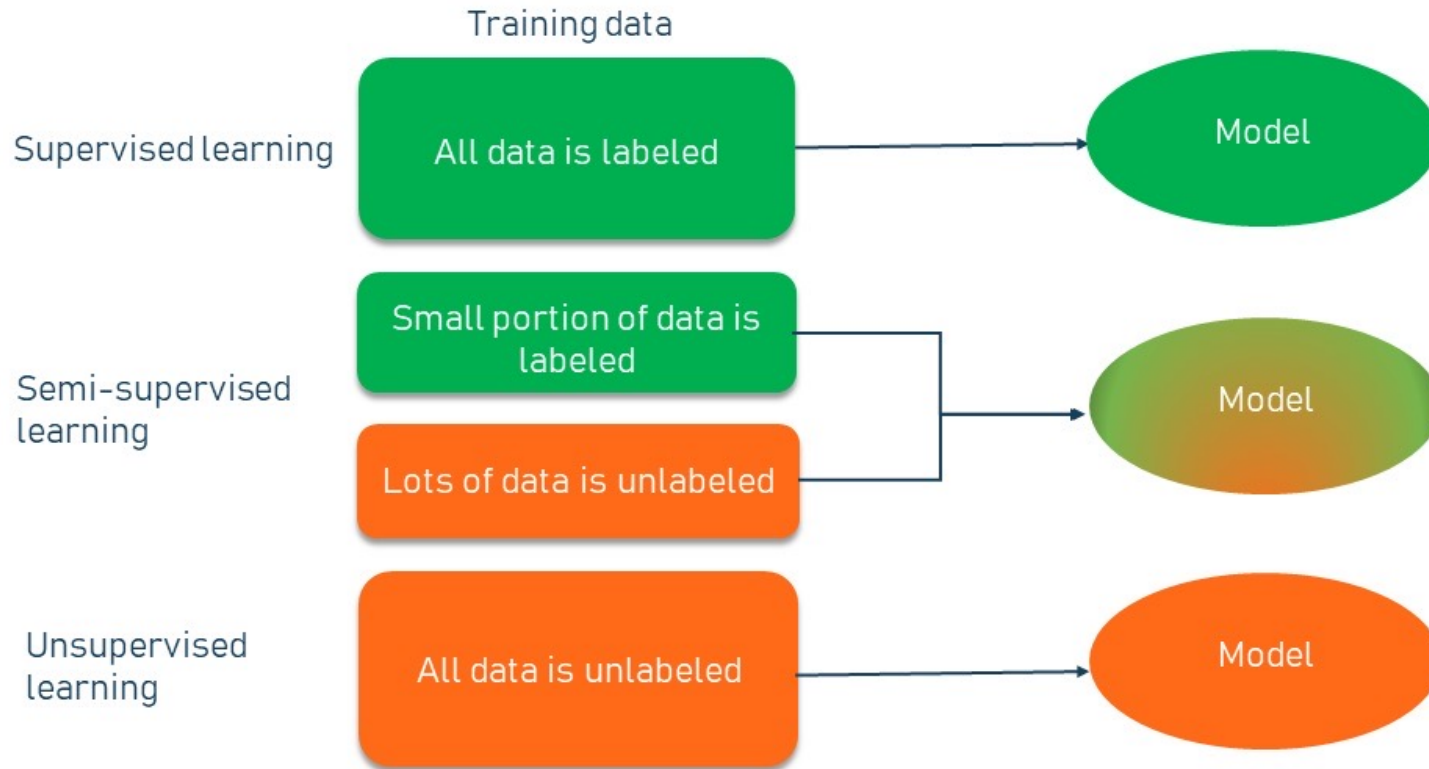


<https://www.bayesfast.org>

# Intriguing opportunity: semi-supervised, unsupervised? 46

$\Leftrightarrow$  not all (none) labels given

## SUPERVISED LEARNING vs SEMI-SUPERVISED LEARNING vs UNSUPERVISED LEARNING



It's just the beginning...

*But we should rapidly move beyond proof of concepts and generic ML tech – towards physics aware / white box / interpretable AI and data-ready ... it requires a conceptual change...*



Thanks!



# Optimal ML “output”

- What features of jets change medium-vacuum?
  - Observables
  - Constituents (‘medium recoil’ not distinguishable from jet particles by def.)
- Connection the theory?
- Assistive: select quenched jets and study those with a traditional “microscope” (observables)
  - What means quenched jets in model-agnostic scenario?

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<https://arxiv.org/abs/1803.03589>

JEWEL

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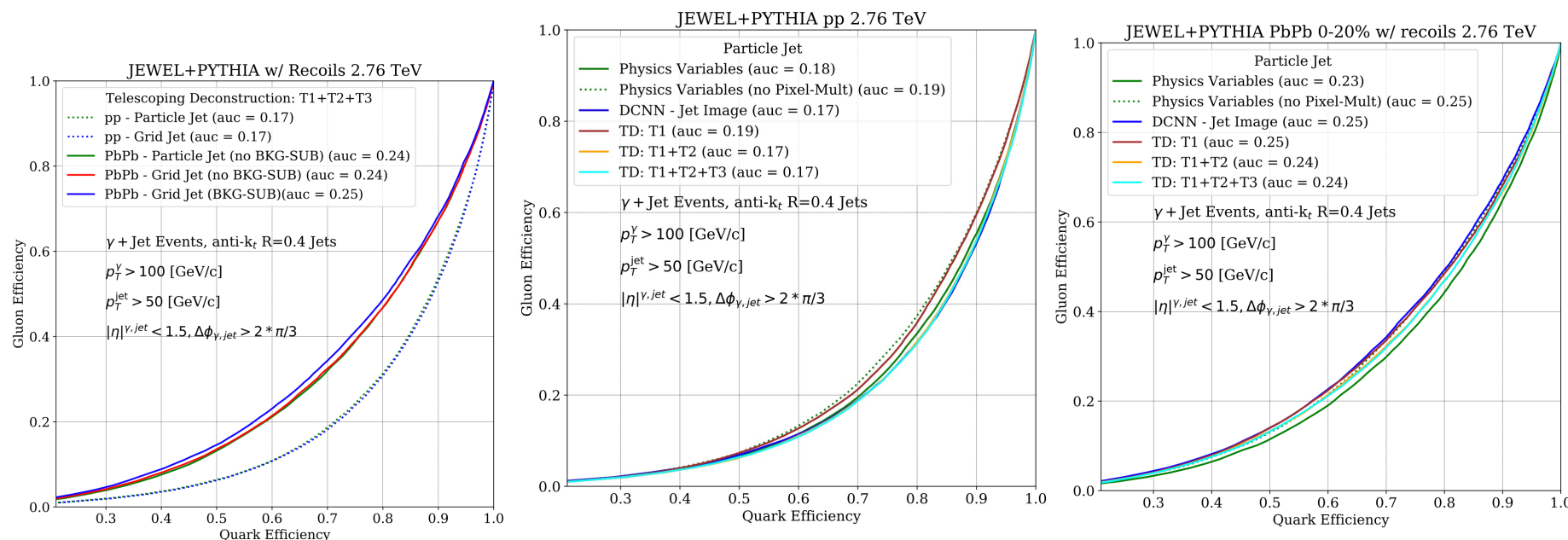
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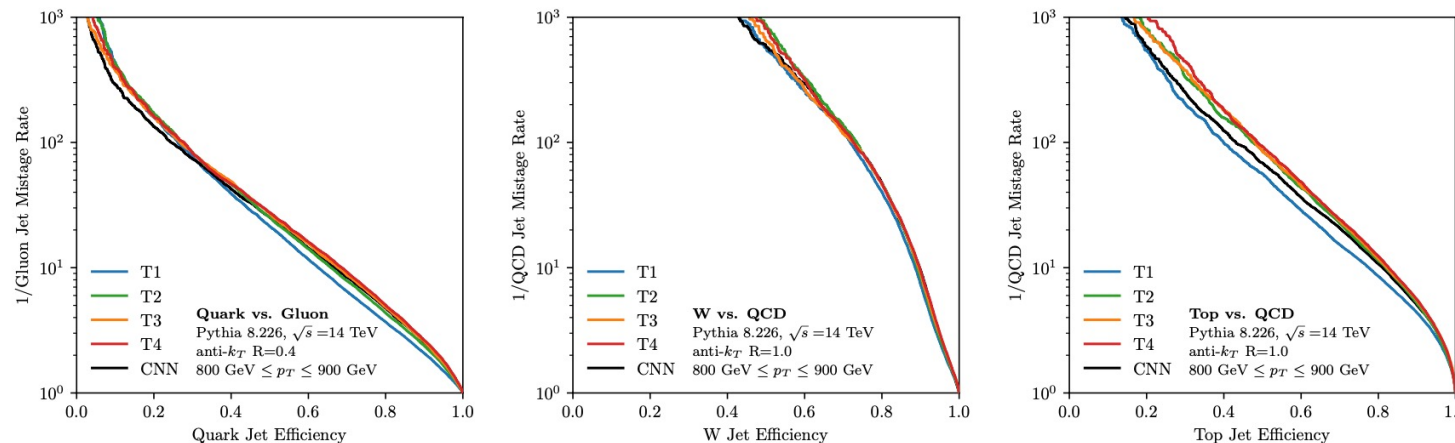
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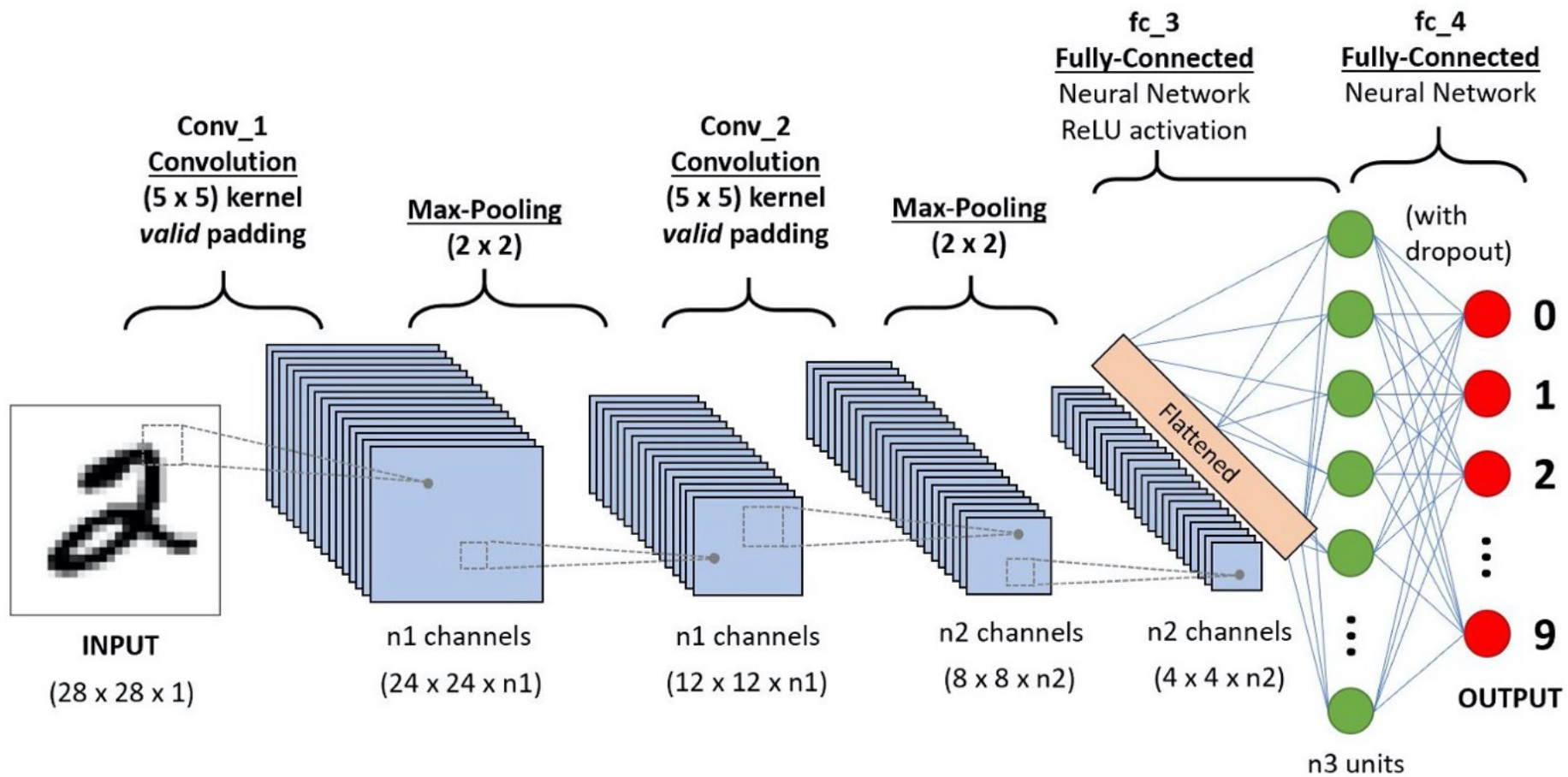


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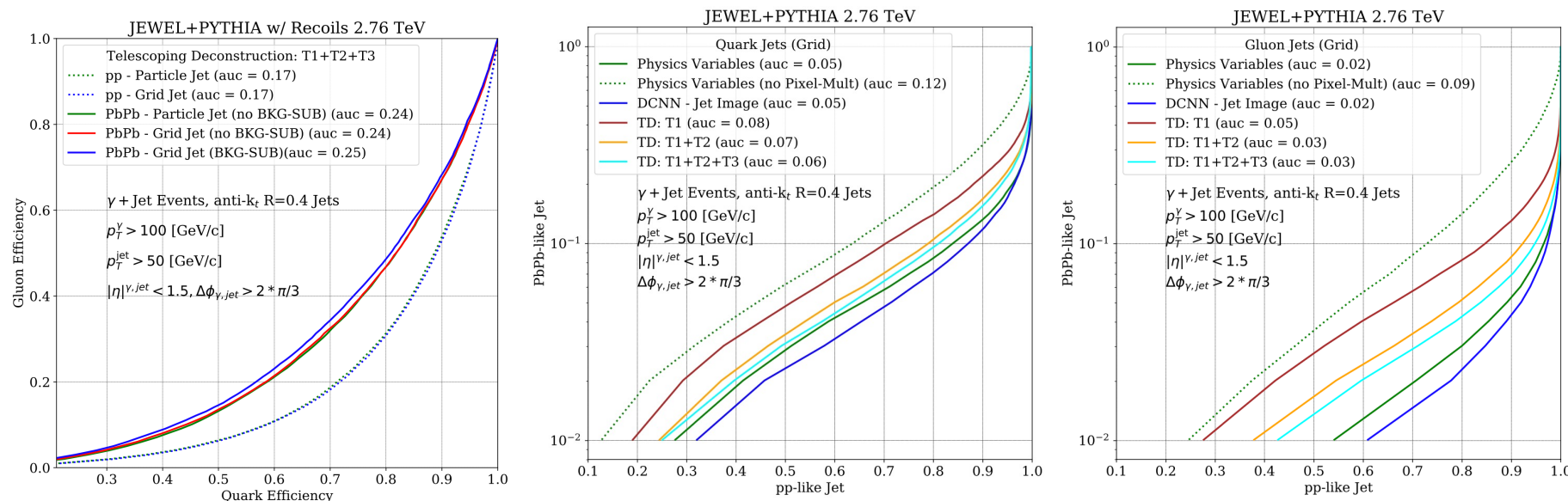
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