

# The Hidden Geometry of Particle Collisions

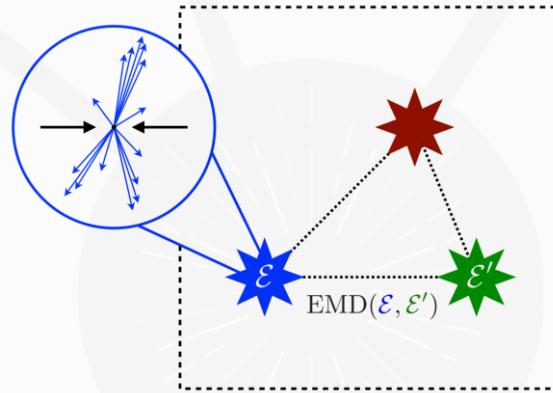
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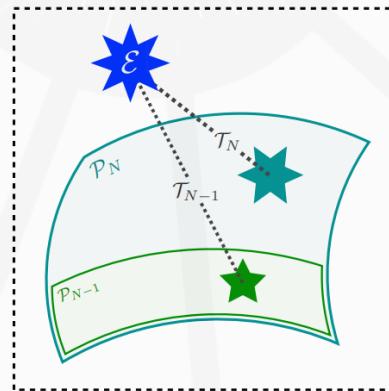
Center for Theoretical Physics, MIT

Based on work with Patrick Komiske and Jesse Thaler [\[2004.04159\]](#)



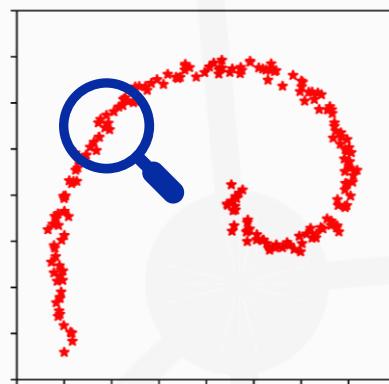
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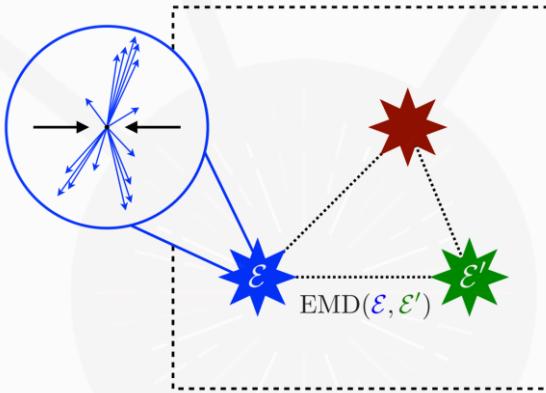
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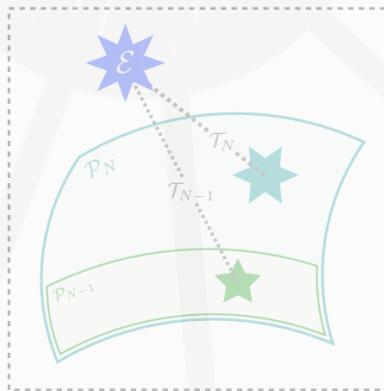
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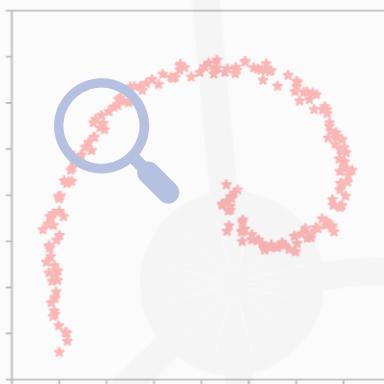
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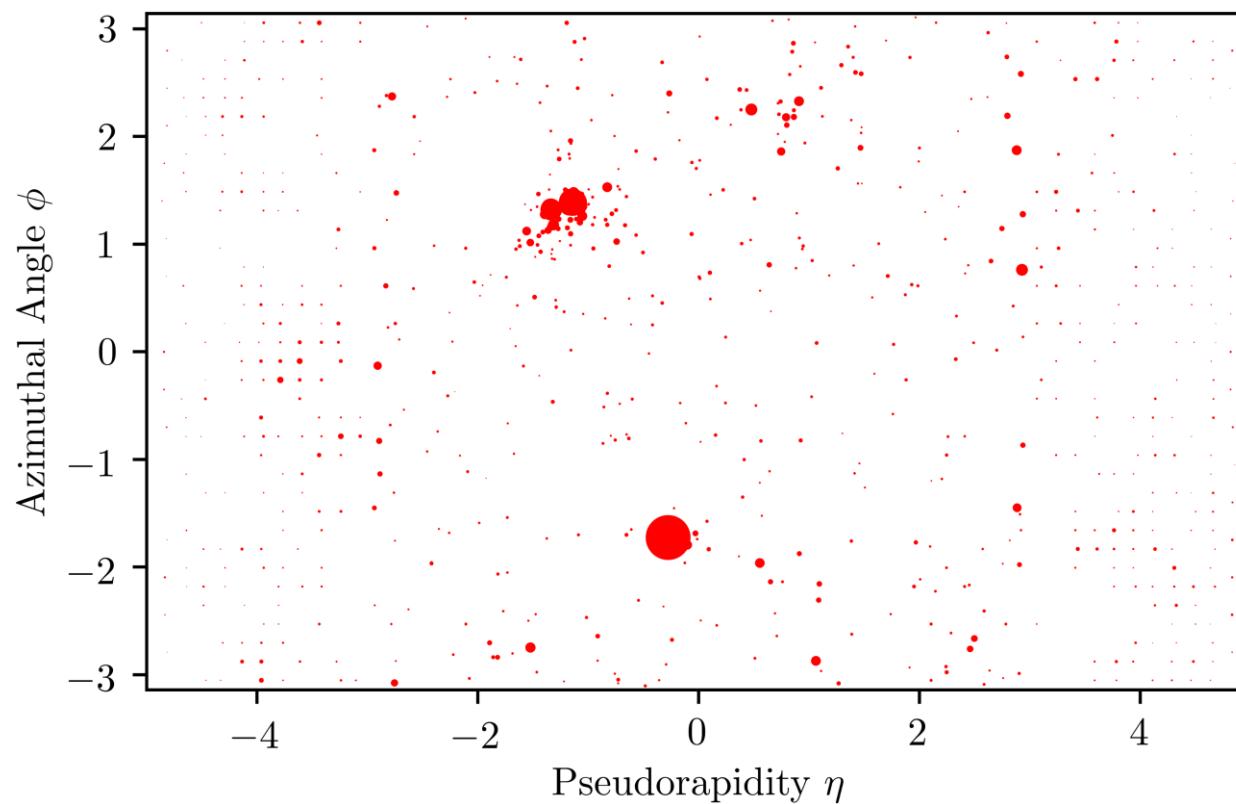
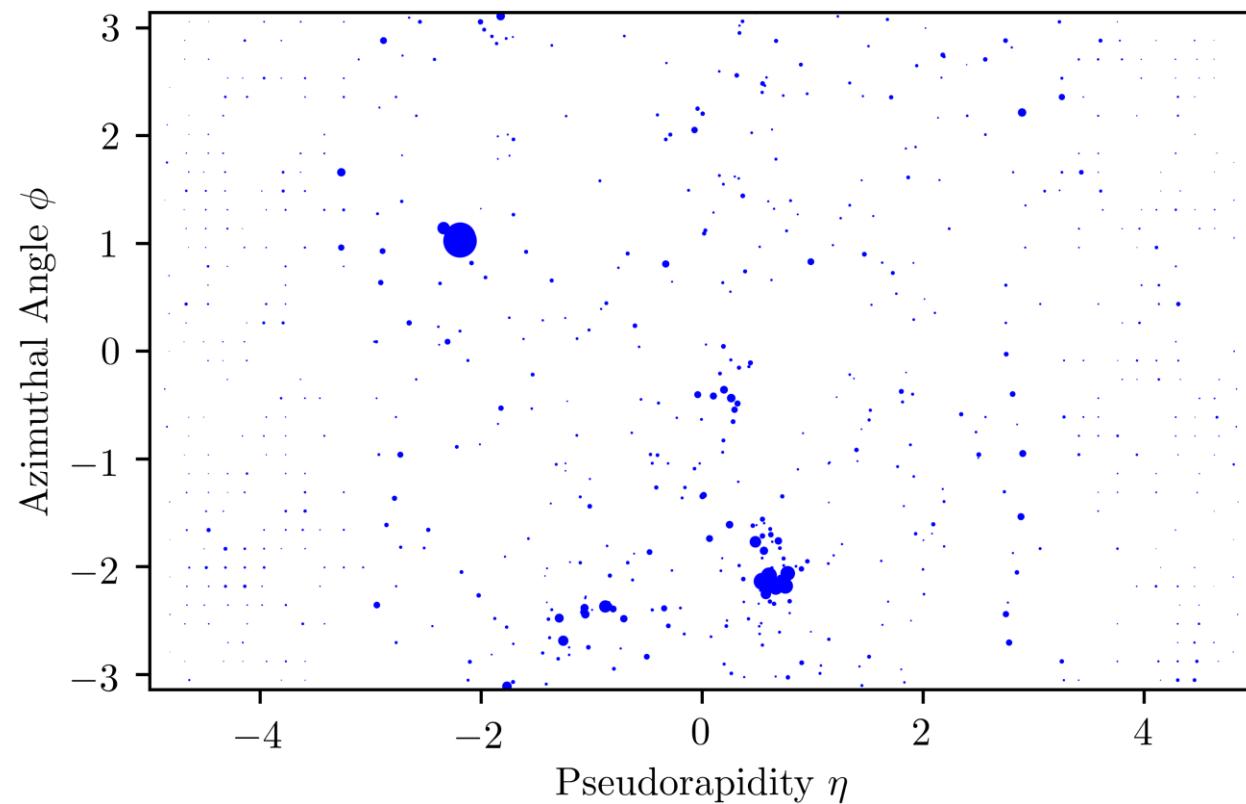
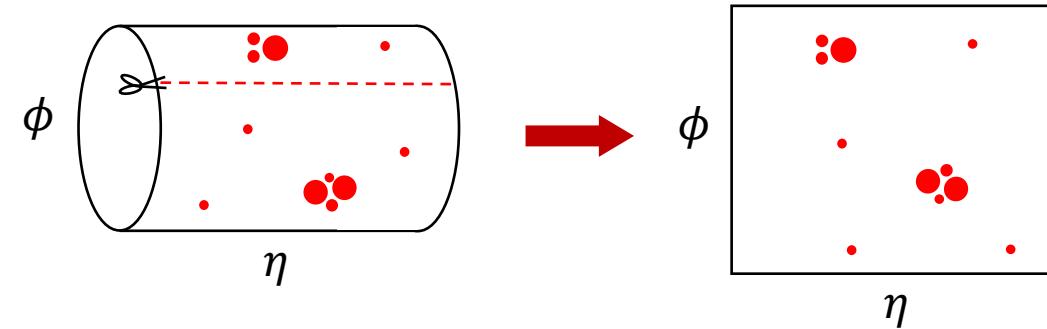
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Infrared and Collinear Safety says distance must be invariant under:

- + • Addition of zero-energy particles
- → • Collinear splitting of one particle into two

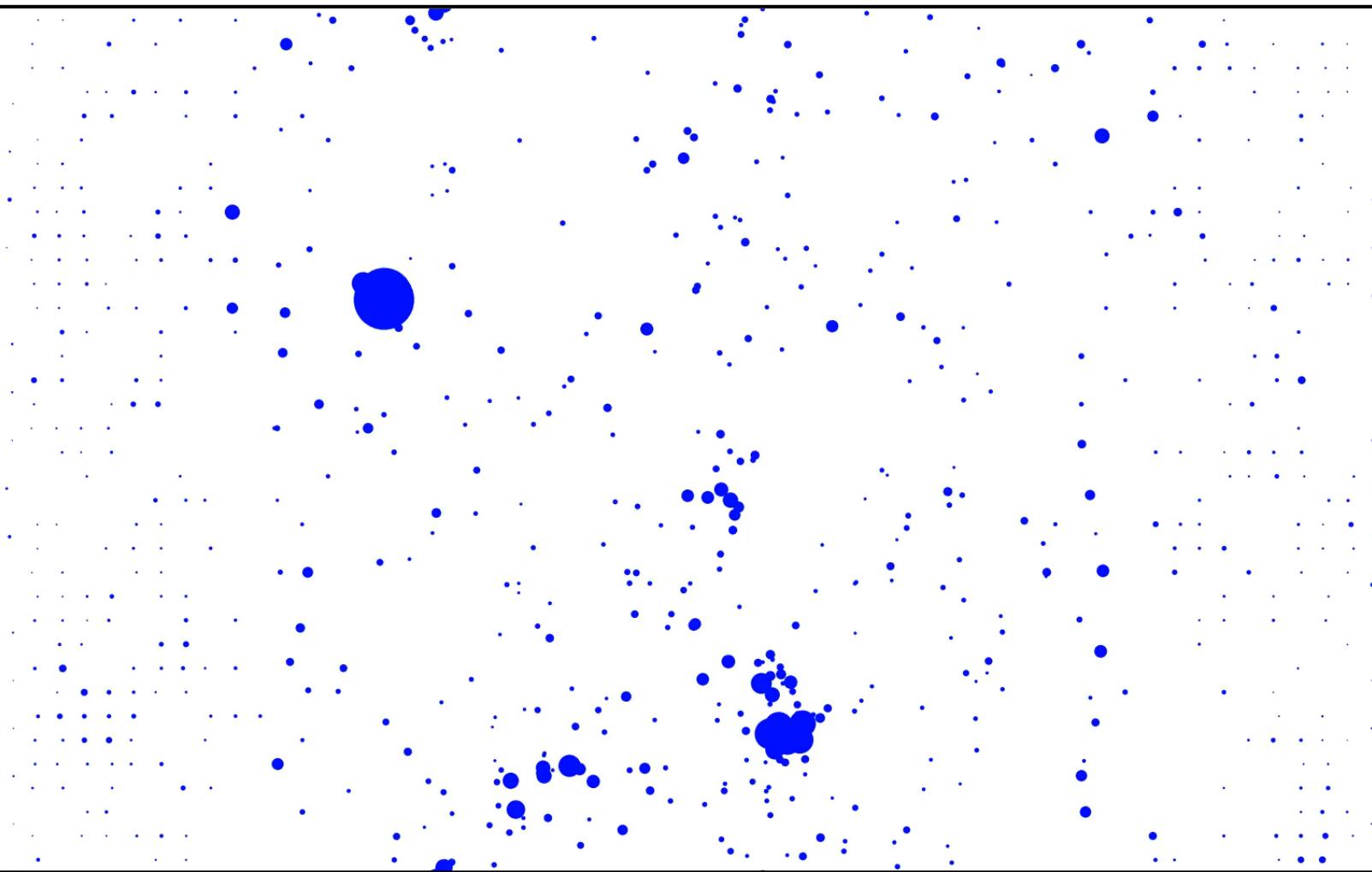


Dijet events from 2011 CMS Open Data – Particle Flow Candidates.

# When are two collisions similar?

The Energy Mover's Distance (EMD)

[Komiske, EMM, Thaler, PRL, 1902.02346]



The “work” required to rearrange one collision event into another.  
Plus a cost to create or destroy energy.

Infrared and collinear safe notion of distance!

Deeply related to the event “energy flow”

$$\mathcal{E}(\hat{n}) = \lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} r^2 \int_0^\infty dt \hat{n}_i \mathbf{T}^{0i}(t, r\hat{n})$$

[Sveshnikov, Tkachov, PLB, 9512370]  
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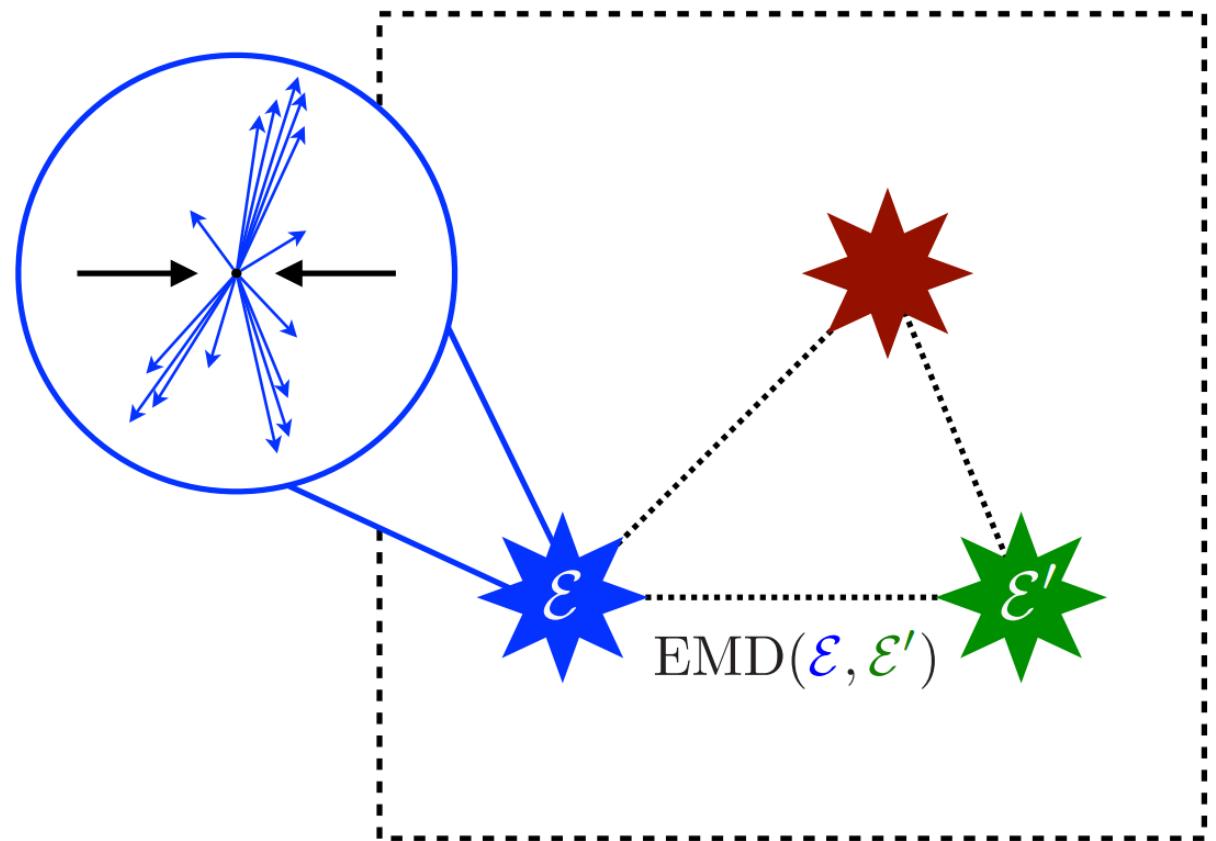
Based on the Earth Mover's or Wasserstein Distance

[Peleg, Werman, Rom, PAMI, 1989]  
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Optimal Transport Problem

[python optimal transport](#) library

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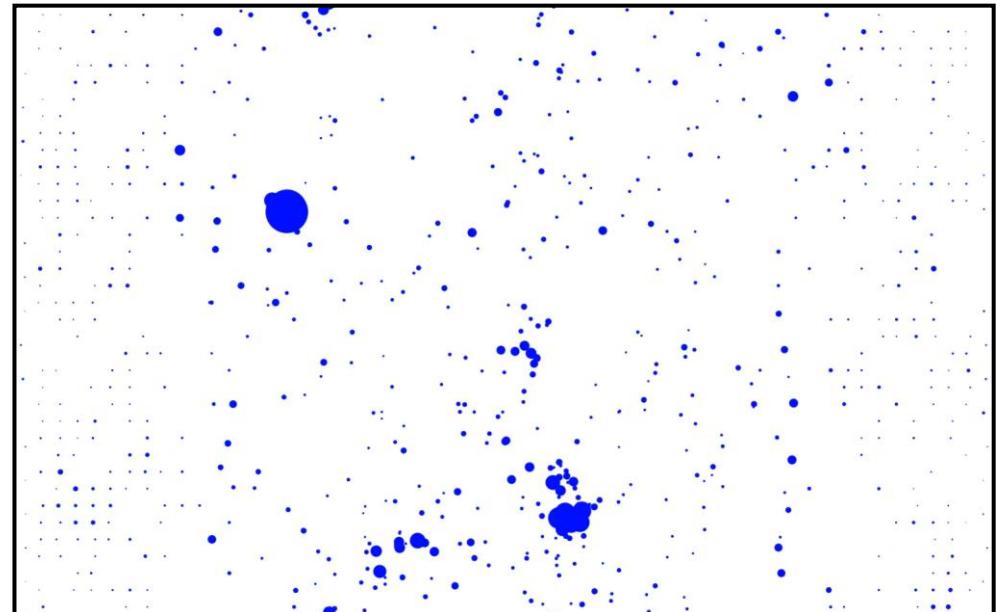


$$\text{EMD}_{\beta, R}(\mathcal{E}, \mathcal{E}') = \min_{\{f_{ij}\}} \sum_{i=1}^M \sum_{j=1}^{M'} f_{ij} \frac{\theta_{ij}^\beta}{R^\beta} + \left| \sum_{i=1}^M E_i - \sum_{j=1}^{M'} E'_j \right|$$

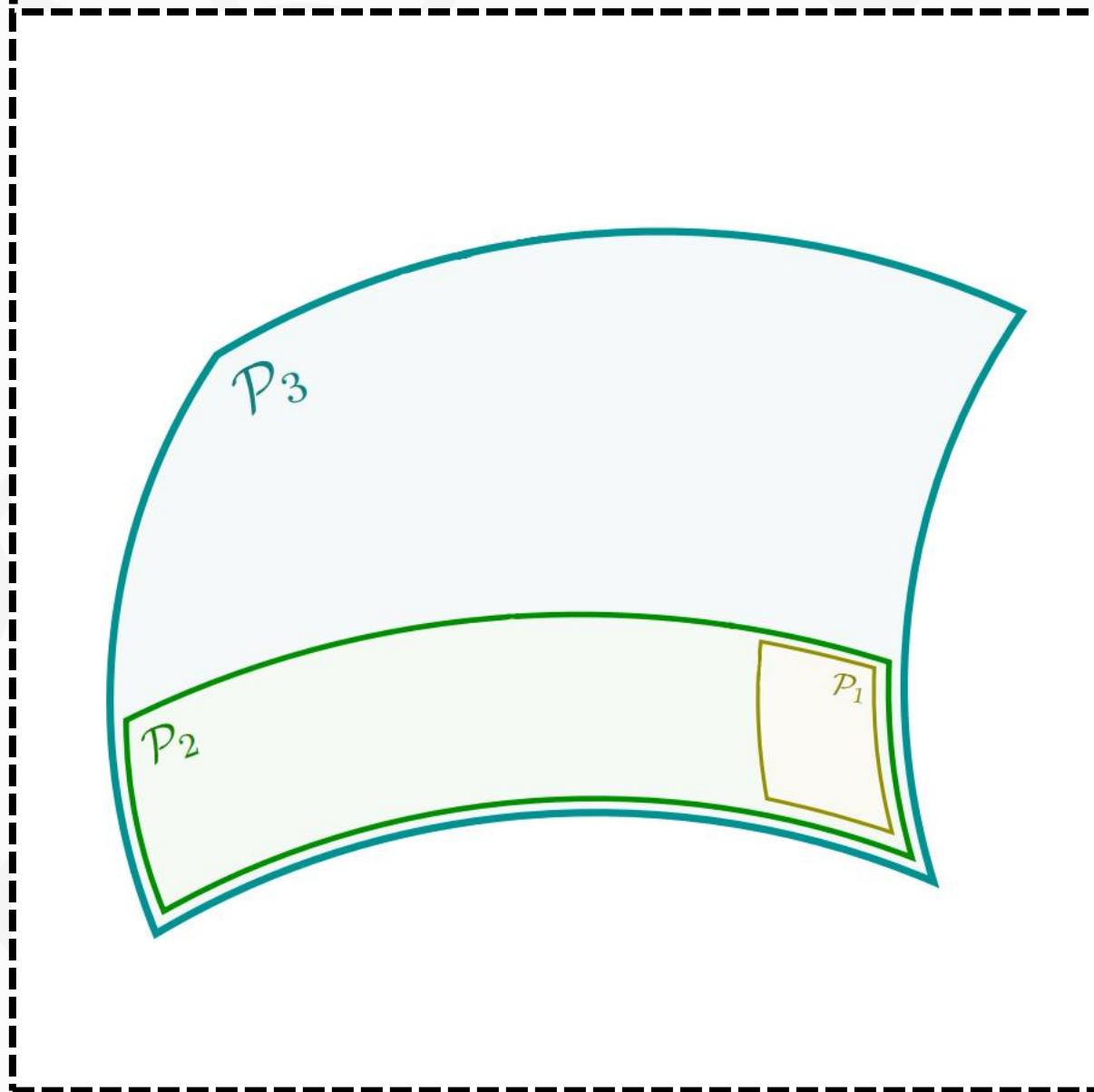
Difference in radiation pattern      Difference in total energy

$\beta$  : angular weighting factor

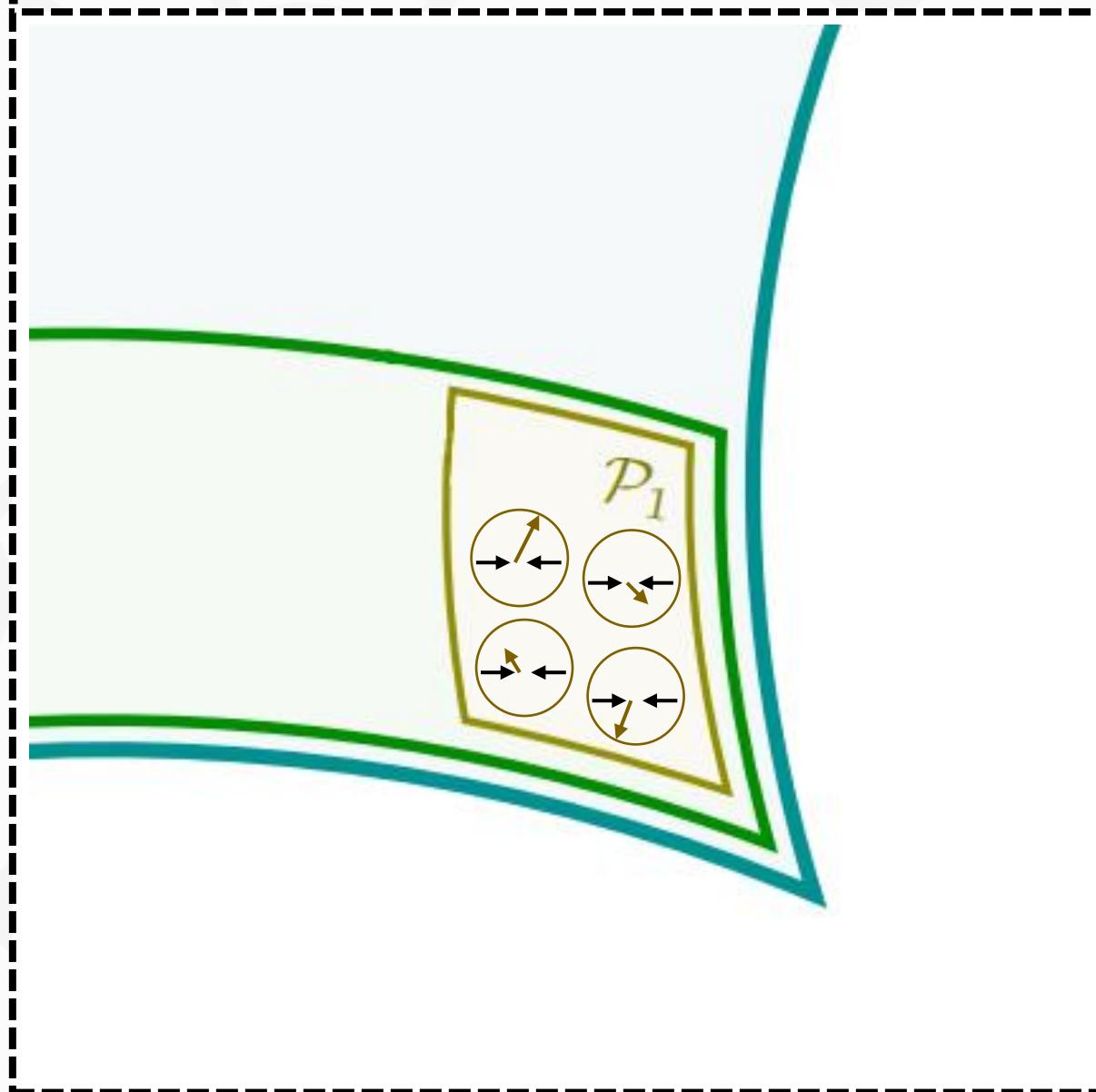
R : tradeoff between moving energy and creating it



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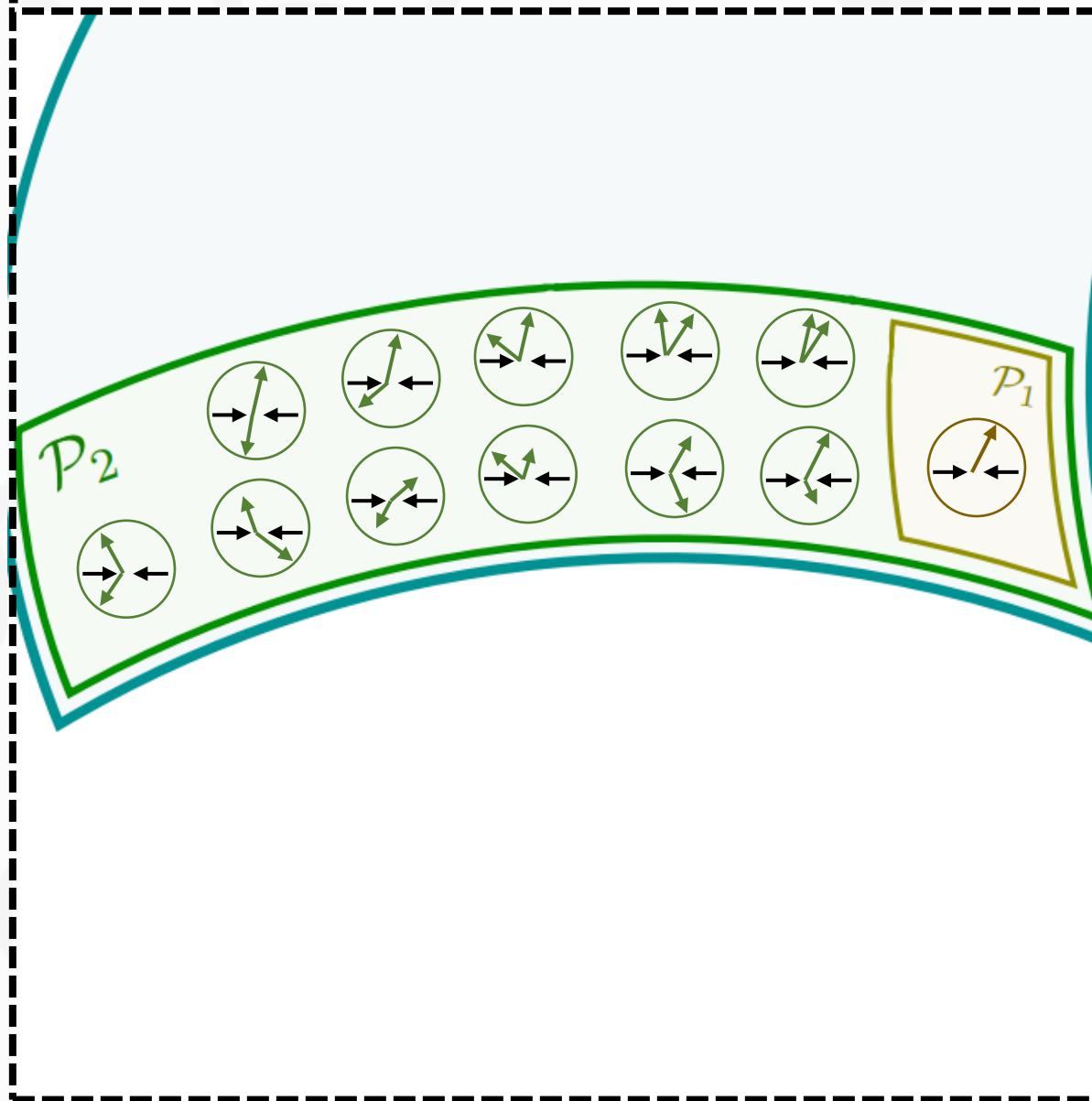


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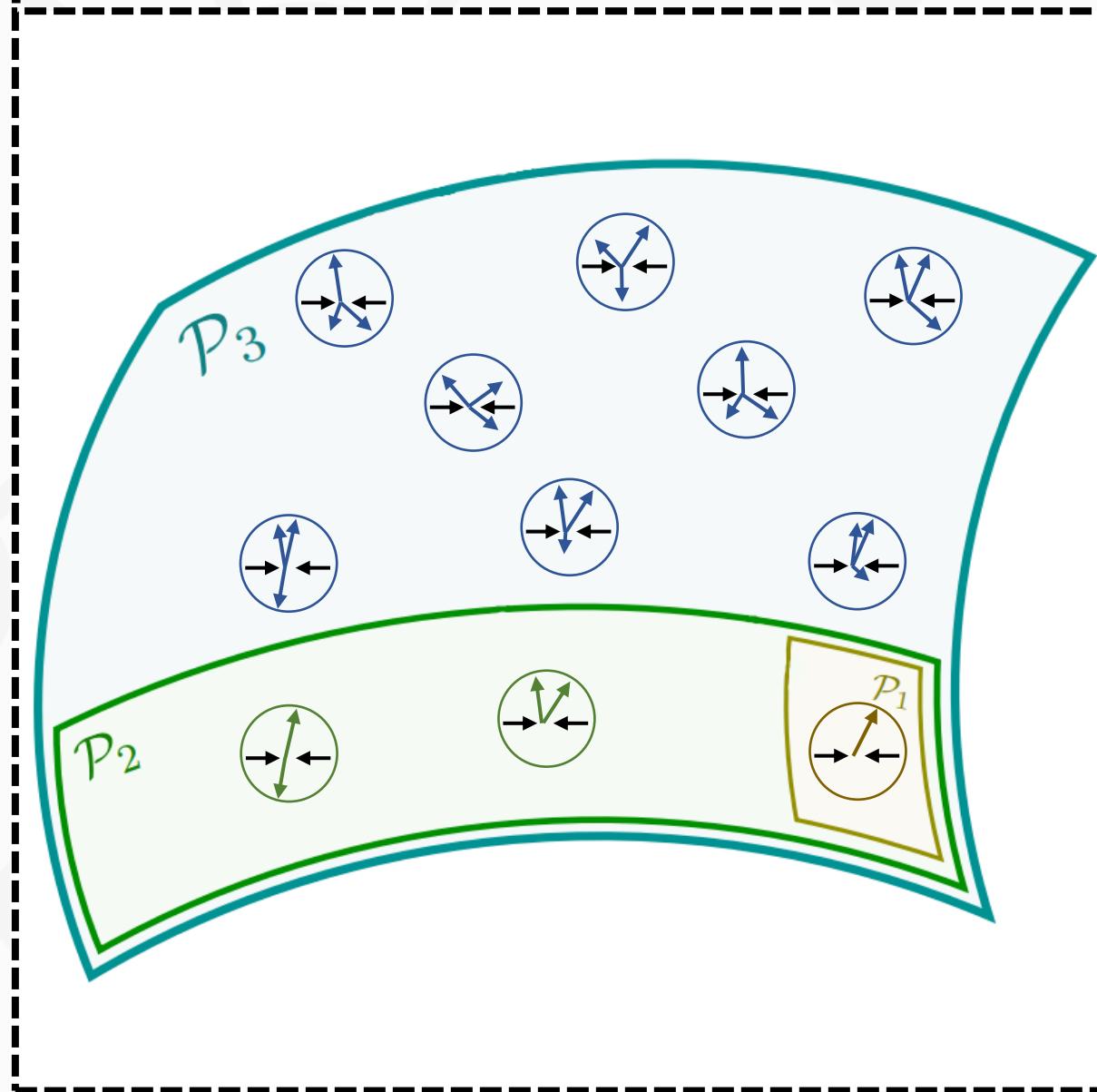
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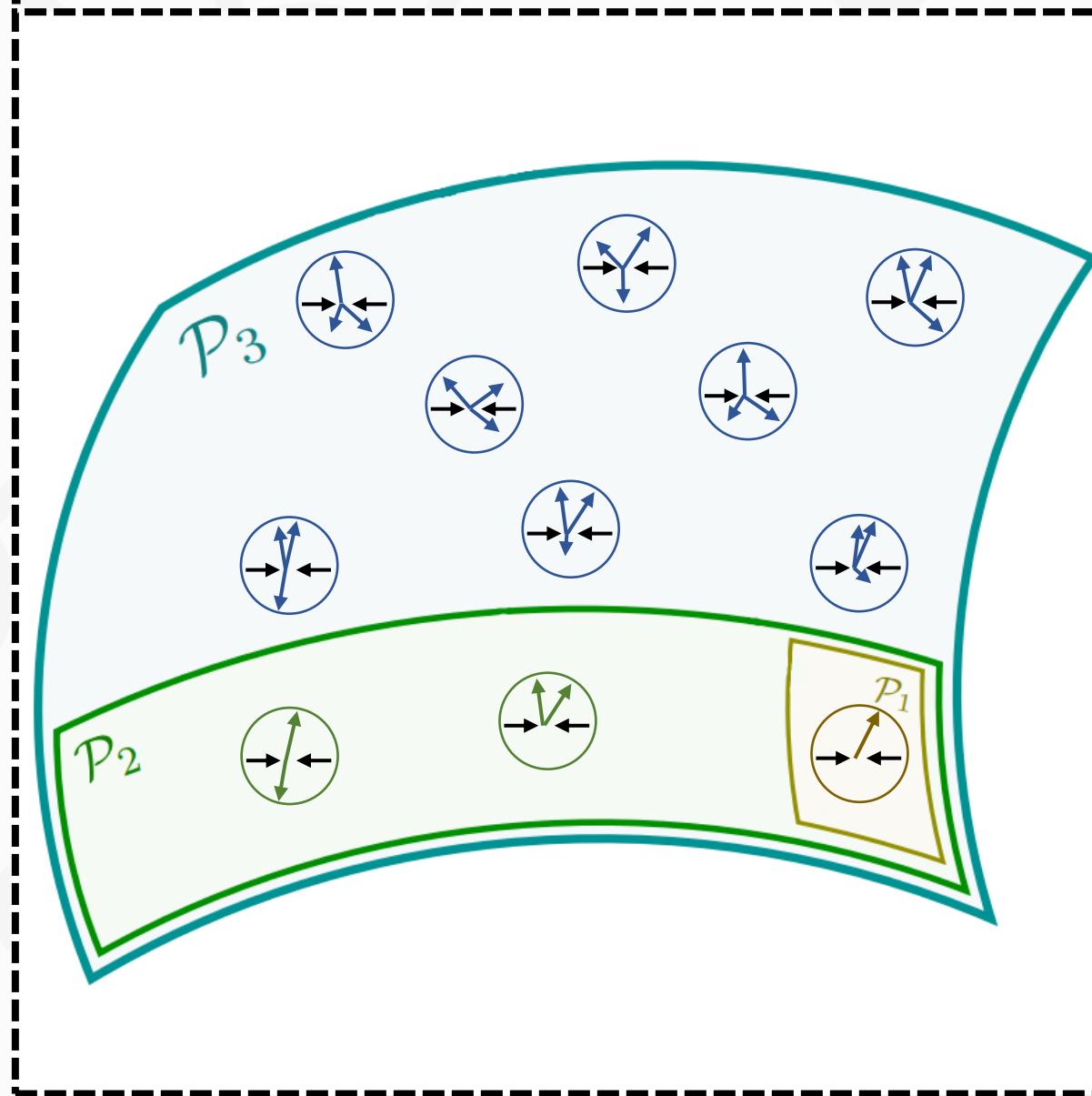
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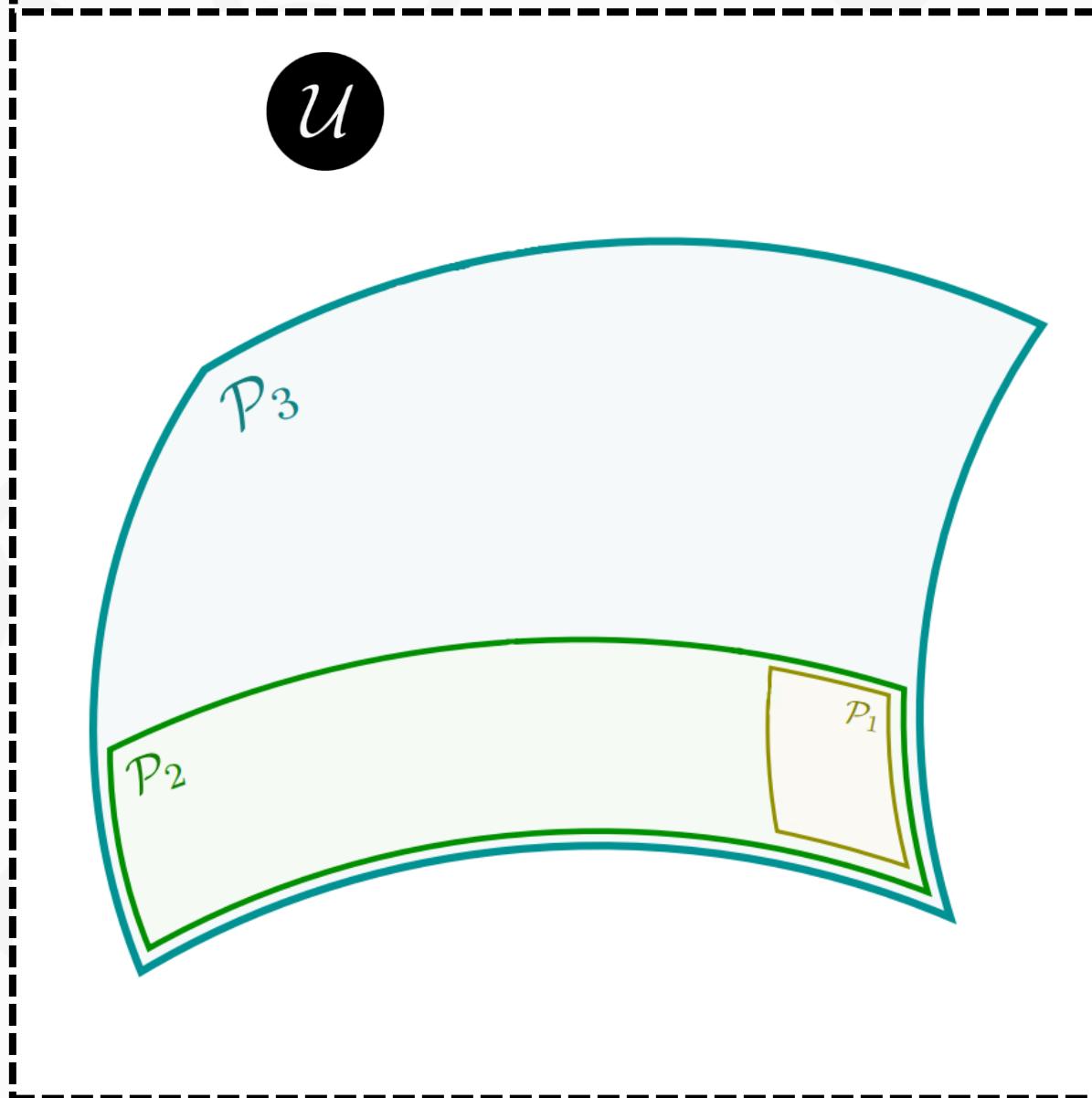
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$\mathcal{P}_N$ : Manifold of N particle events

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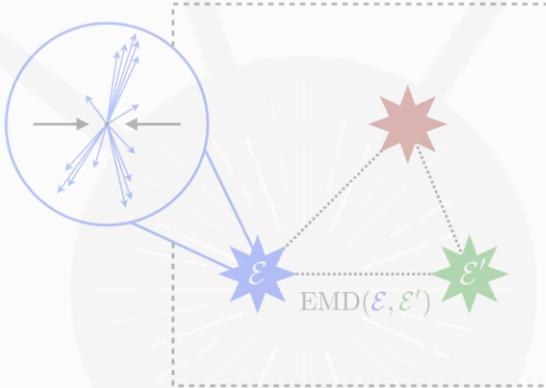
$\mathcal{P}_N$ : Manifold of  $N$  particle events

$\mathcal{U}$ : Uniform event

Plus many more!

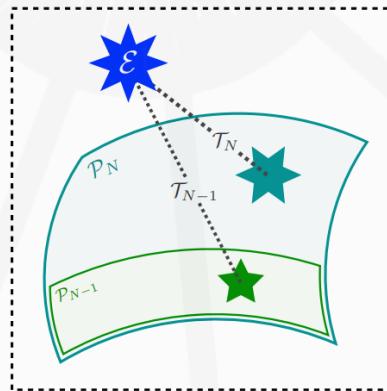
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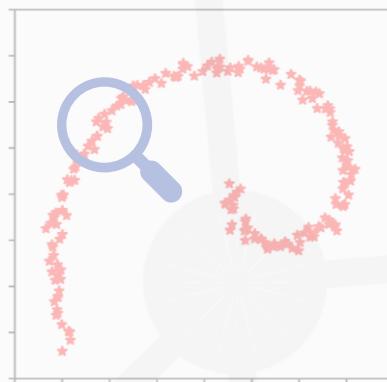
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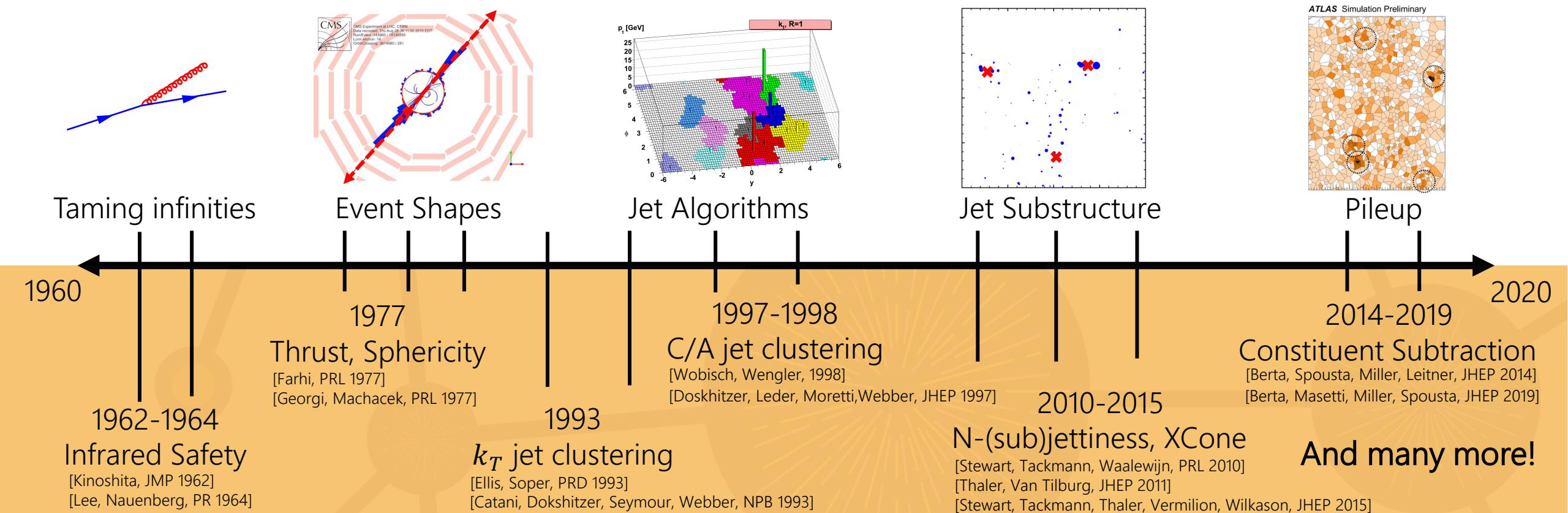
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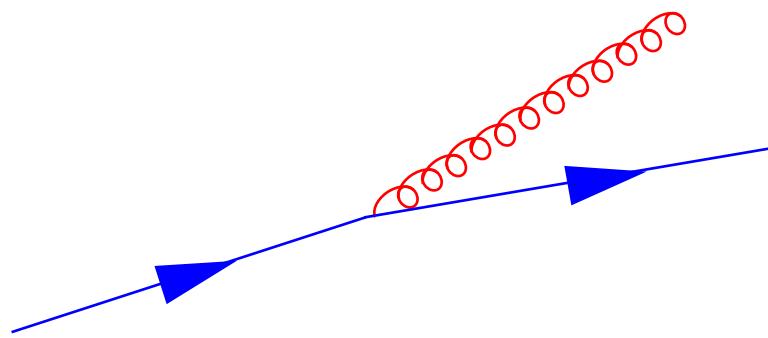
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Infrared and Collinear Safety is robustness to **low energy additions** and **collinear splittings**.



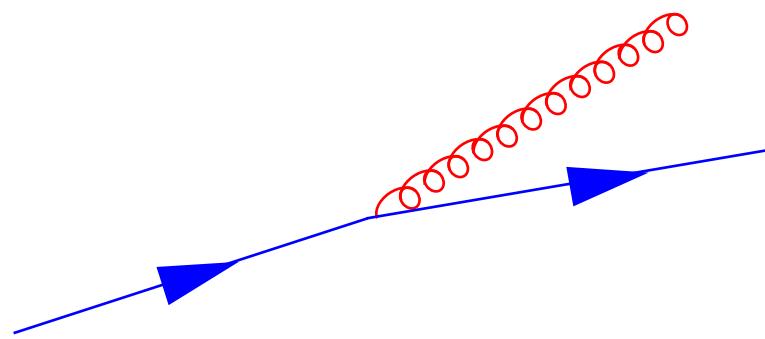
$$\mathcal{O}(p_1^\mu, \dots, p_M^\mu) = \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon p_0^\mu, p_1^\mu, \dots, p_M^\mu)$$

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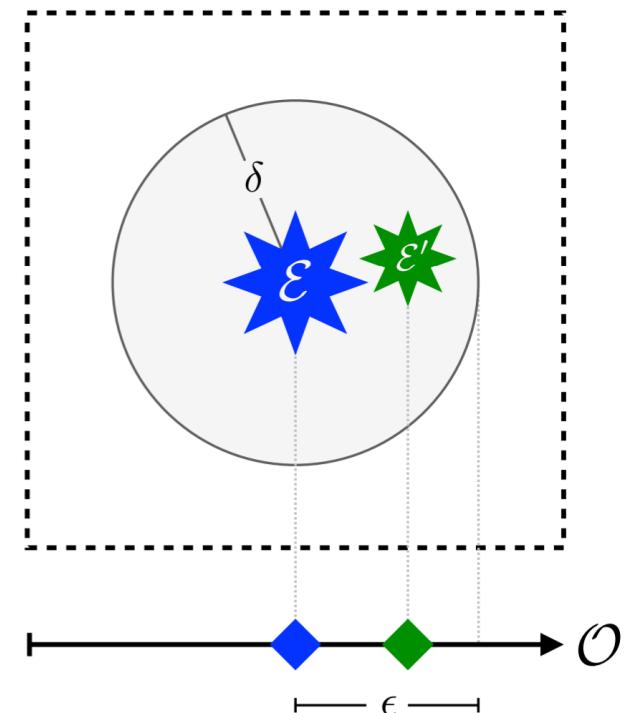
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**Infrared and Collinear Safety** is continuity in the space of events.



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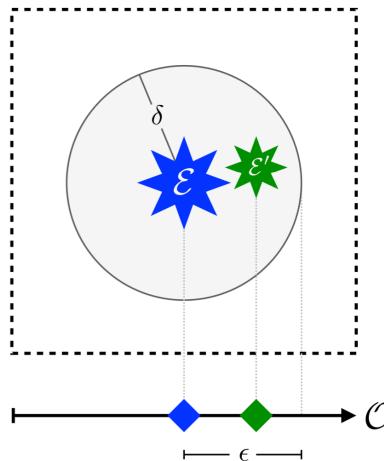


$$\text{EMD}(\mathcal{E}, \mathcal{E}') < \delta \Rightarrow |\mathcal{O}(\mathcal{E}) - \mathcal{O}(\mathcal{E}')| < \epsilon$$

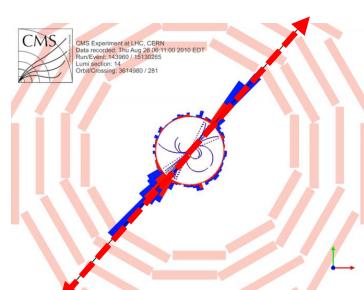


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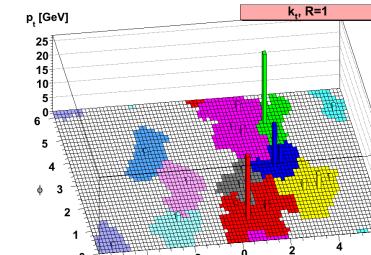
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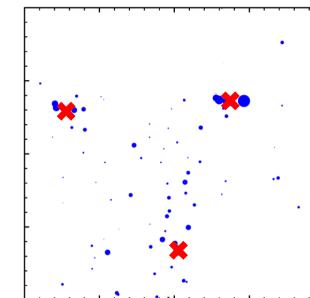
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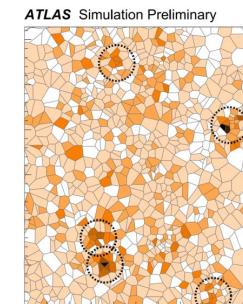
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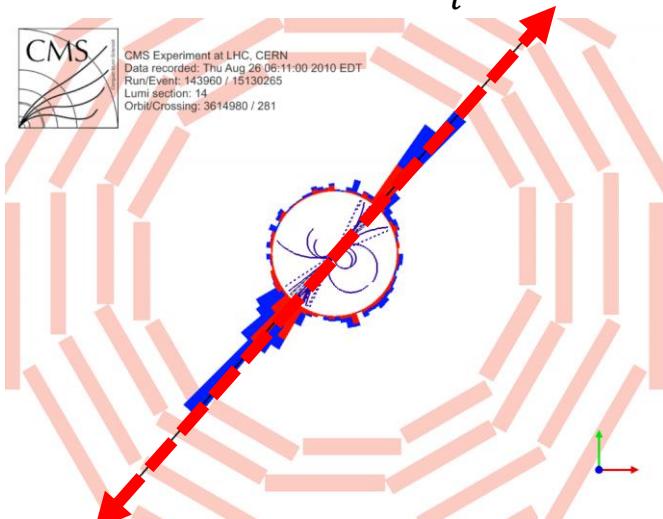
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Thrust is a classic event shape that measures how **pencil-like** an **event** is.

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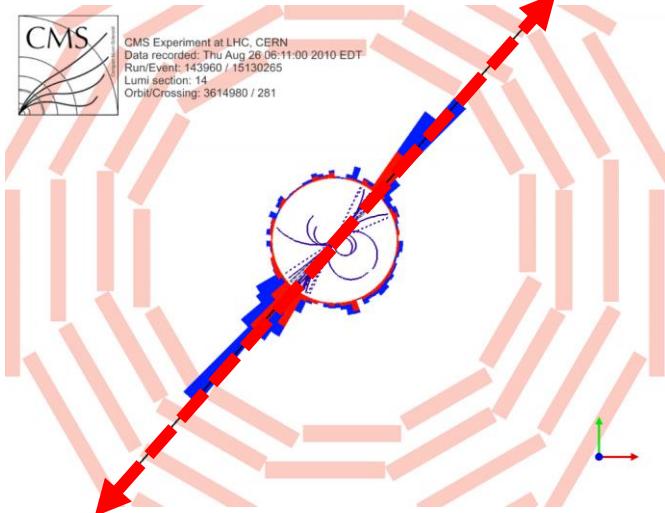
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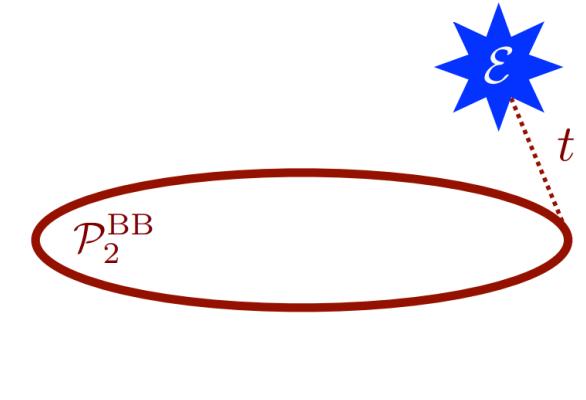
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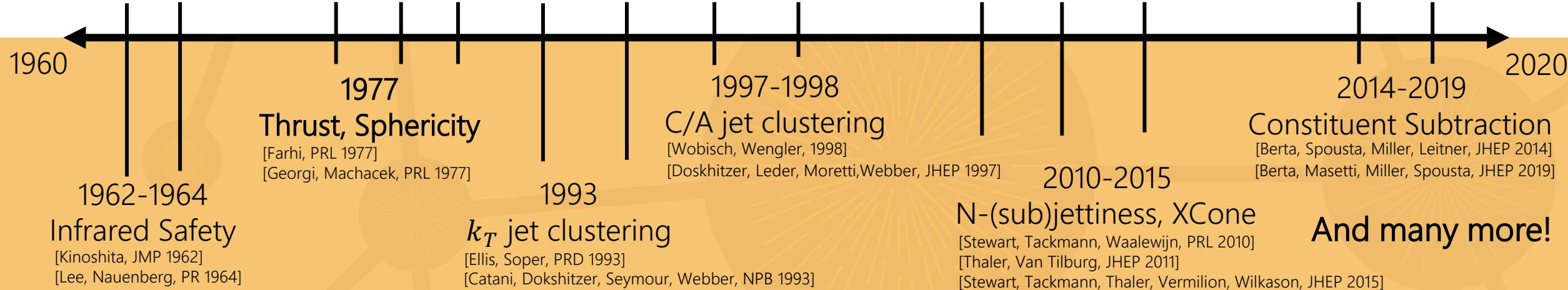
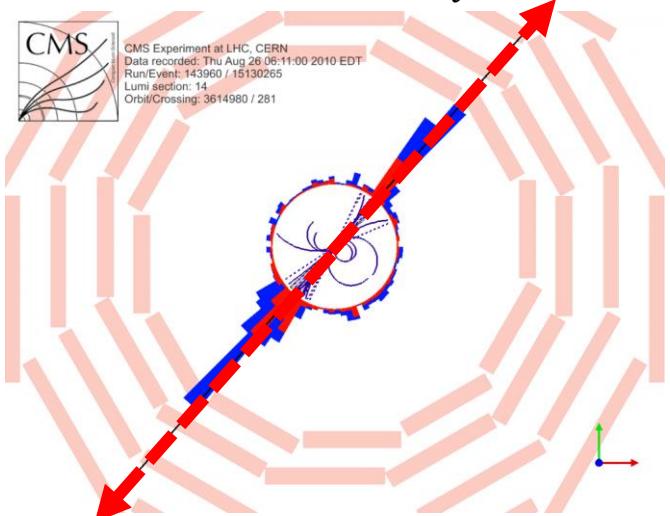
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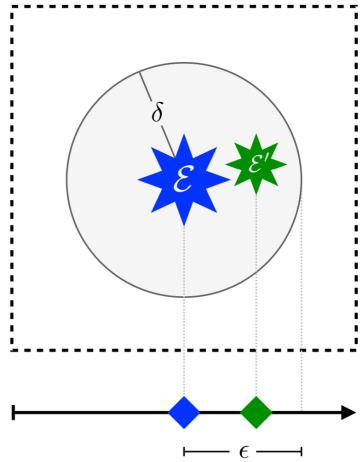
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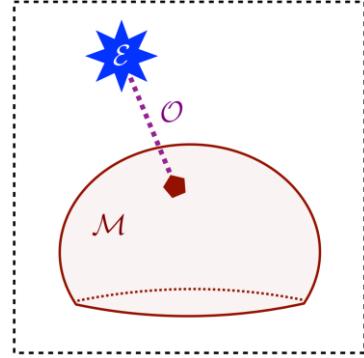
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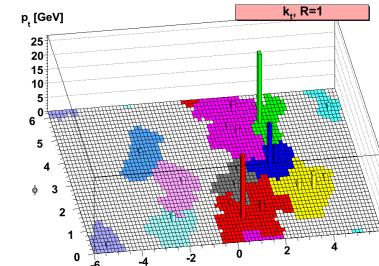
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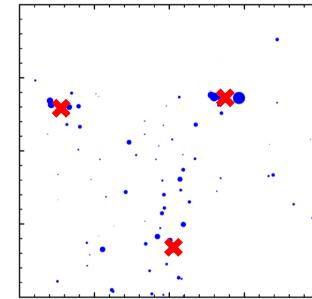
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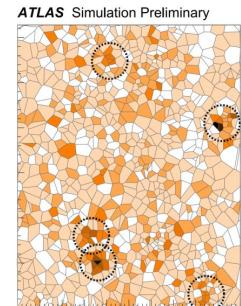
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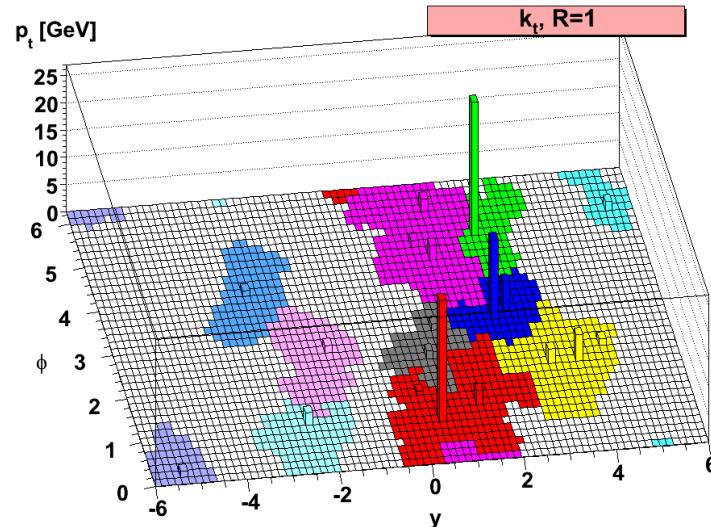
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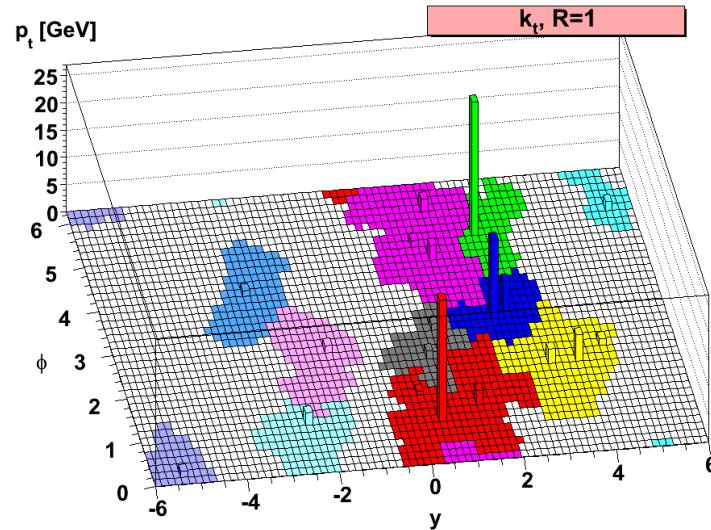
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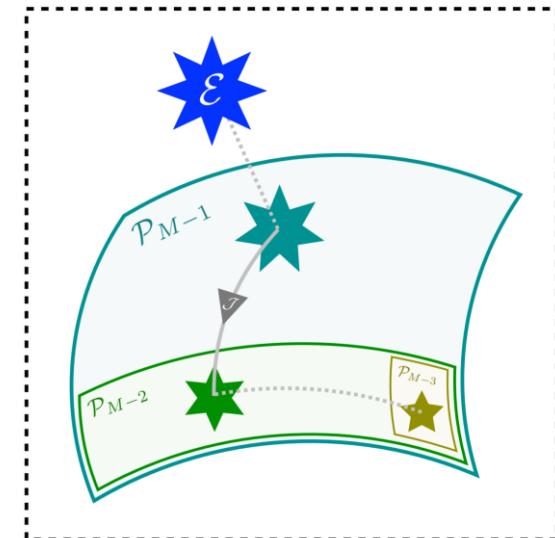
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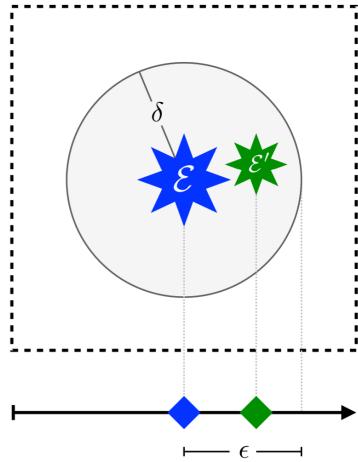
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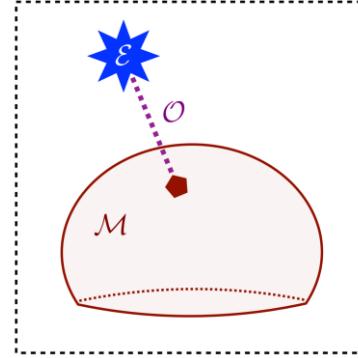
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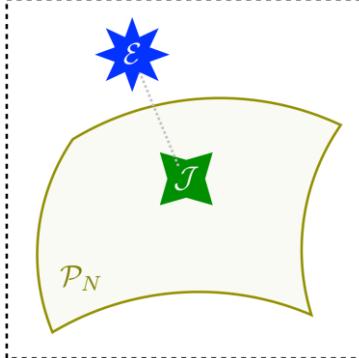
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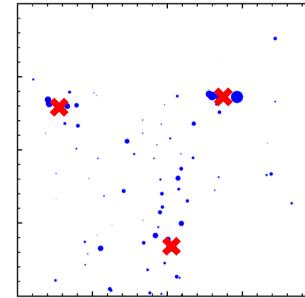
Jets are projections to few-particle manifolds.



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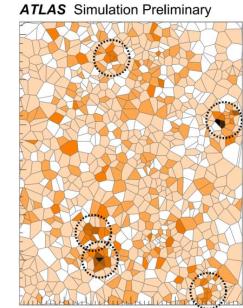
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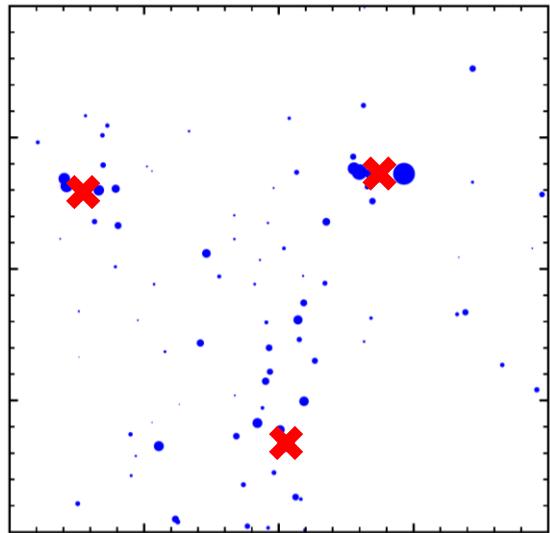
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$N$ -subjettiness probes how aligned a jet is along  $N$  subjet directions.

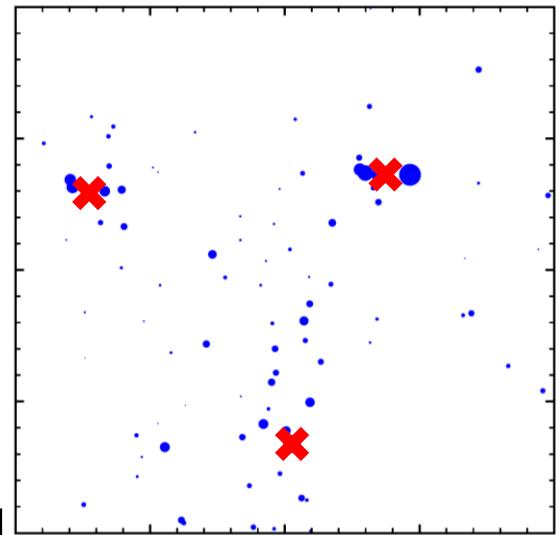
$$\tau_N(\textcolor{blue}{J}) = \min_{N \text{ axes}} \sum_{i=1}^M \textcolor{blue}{E}_i \min\{\theta_{1,i}^\beta, \theta_{2,i}^\beta, \dots, \theta_{N,i}^\beta\}$$



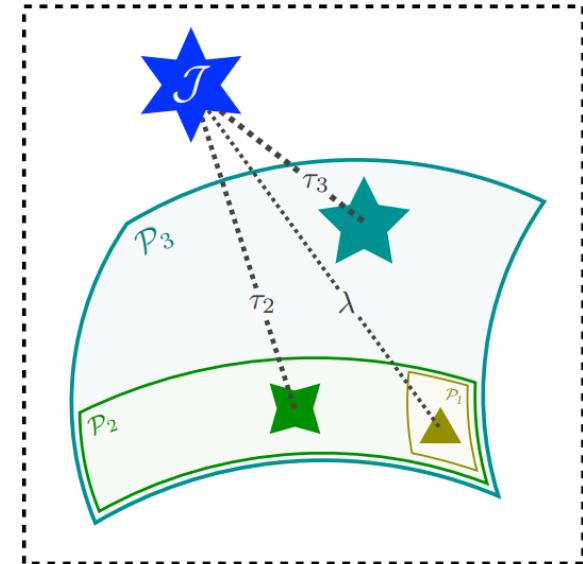
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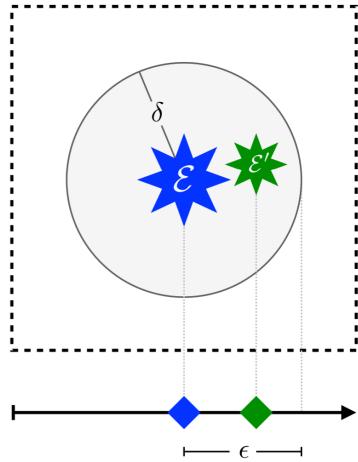


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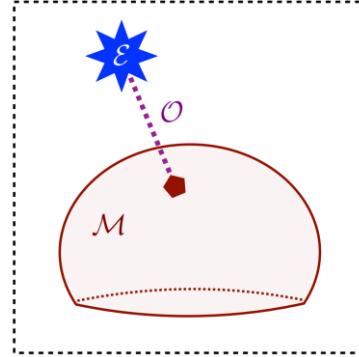
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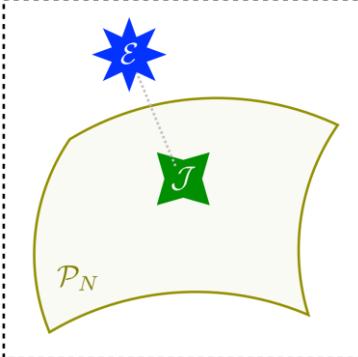


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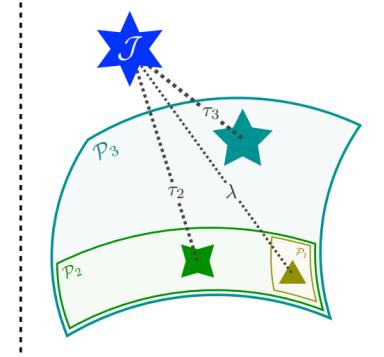


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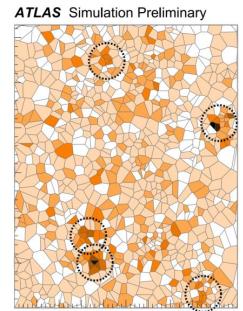
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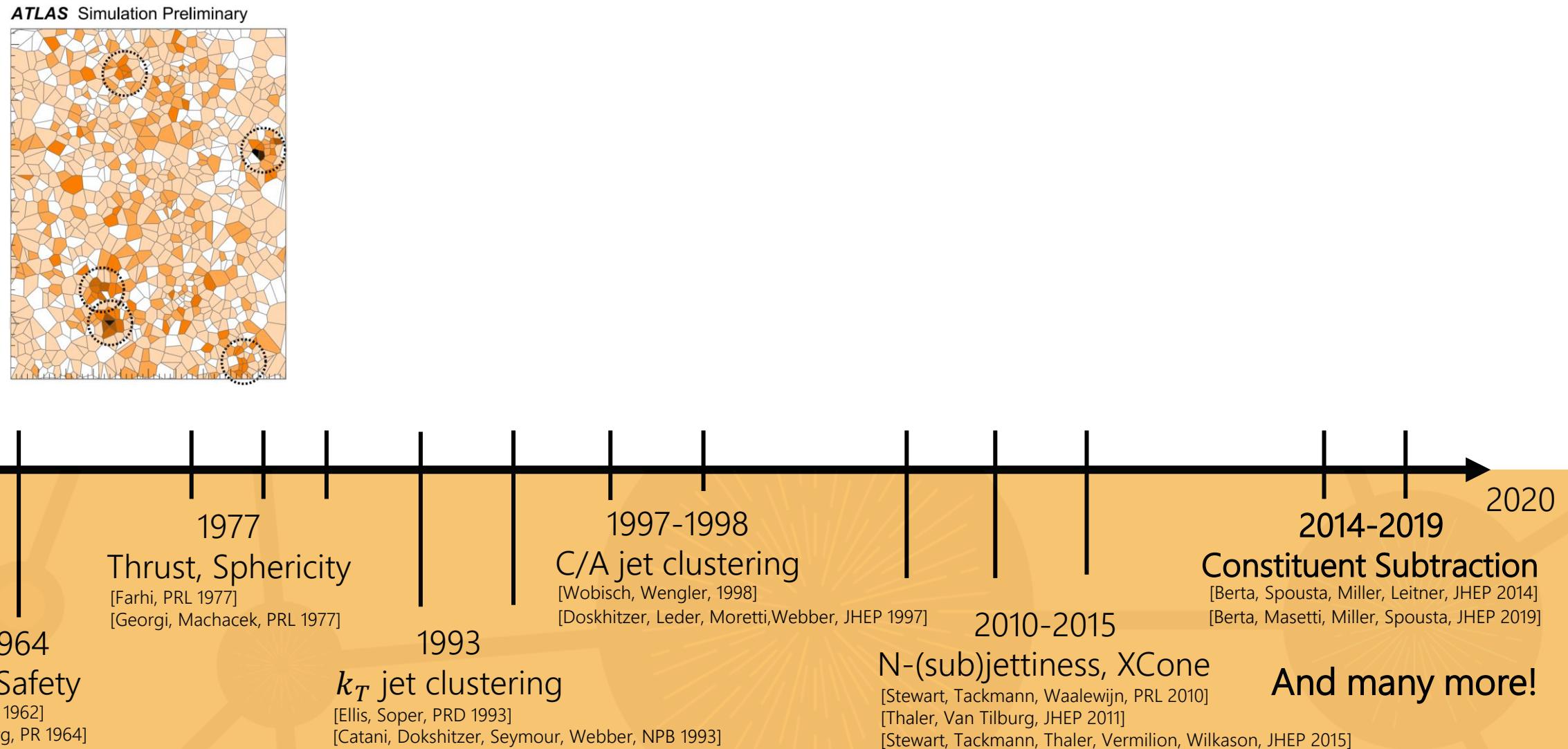
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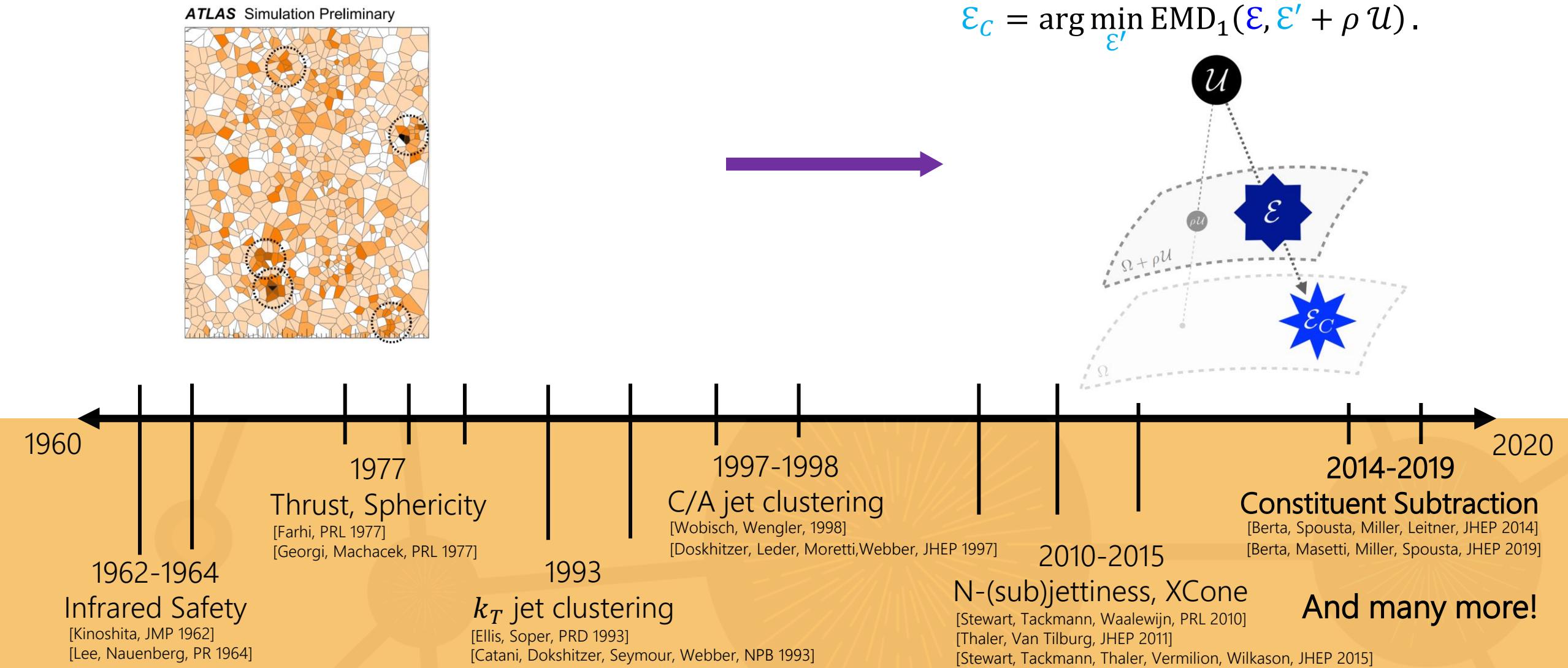
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Constituent subtraction adds in “negative” uniform radiation and clusters it with the event.



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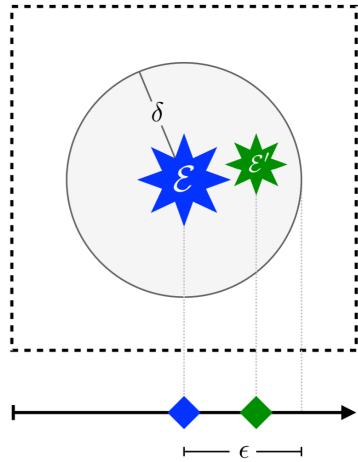
Constituent subtraction finds the closest event consistent with uniform contamination.



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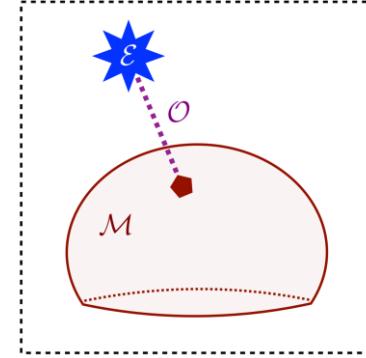
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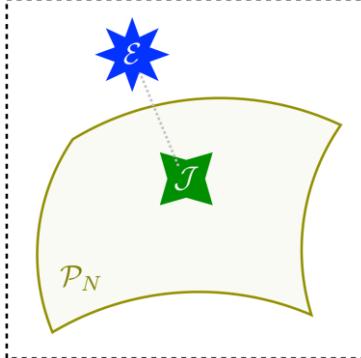
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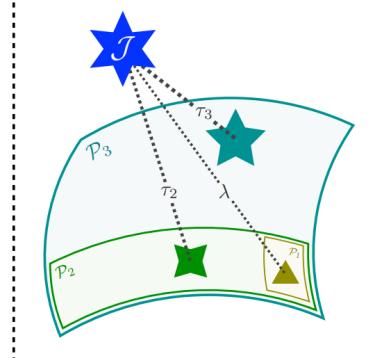
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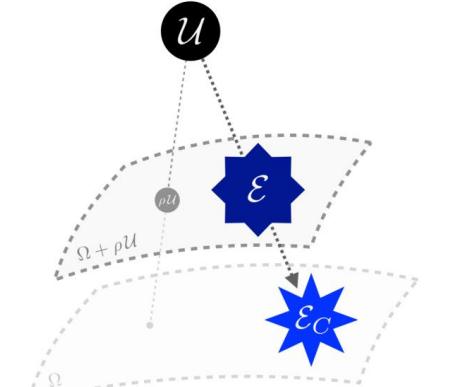
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**Pileup mitigation** moves away from uniform radiation.



$$\epsilon_C = \arg \min_{\mathcal{E}'} \text{EMD}(\mathcal{E}, \mathcal{E}' + \rho \mathcal{U}).$$

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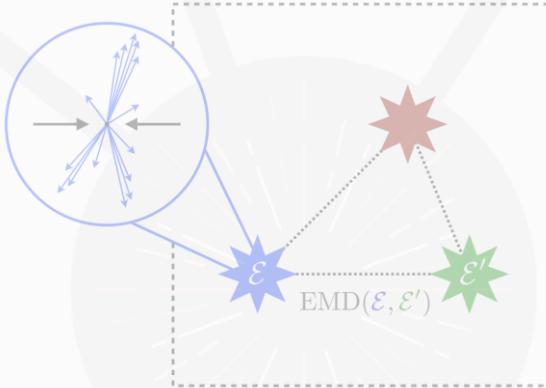
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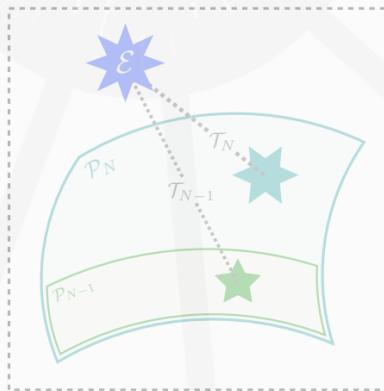
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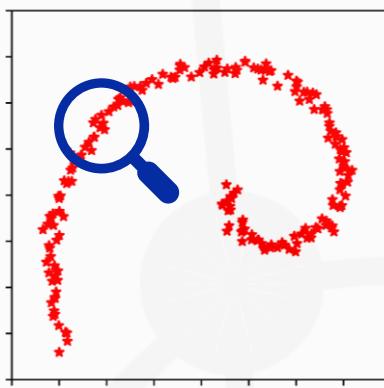
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## Enabling New Directions

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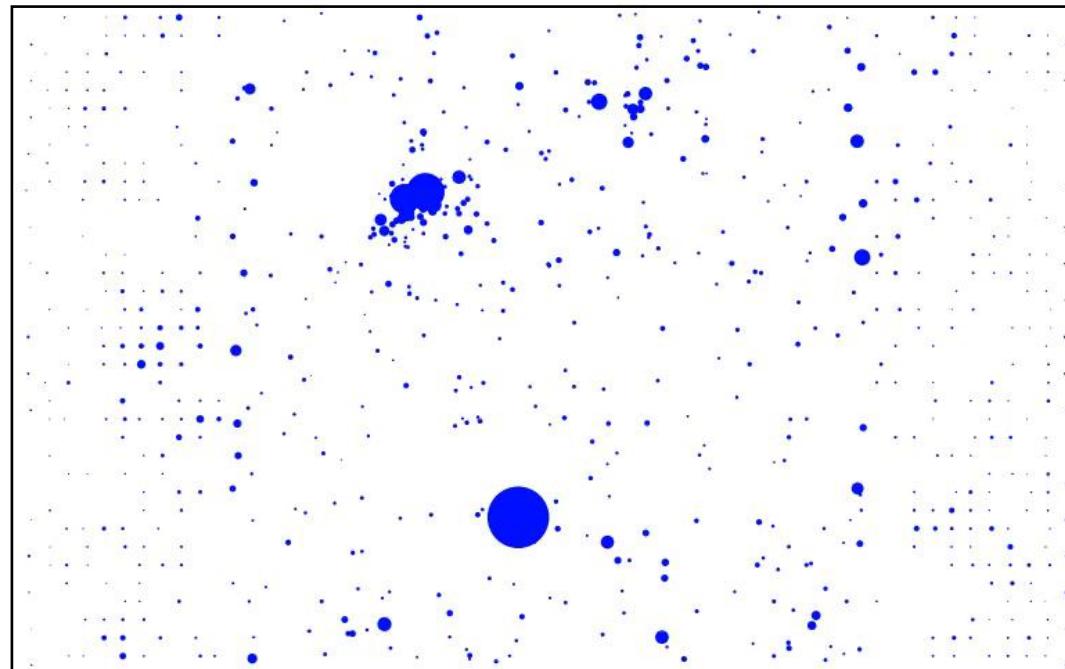
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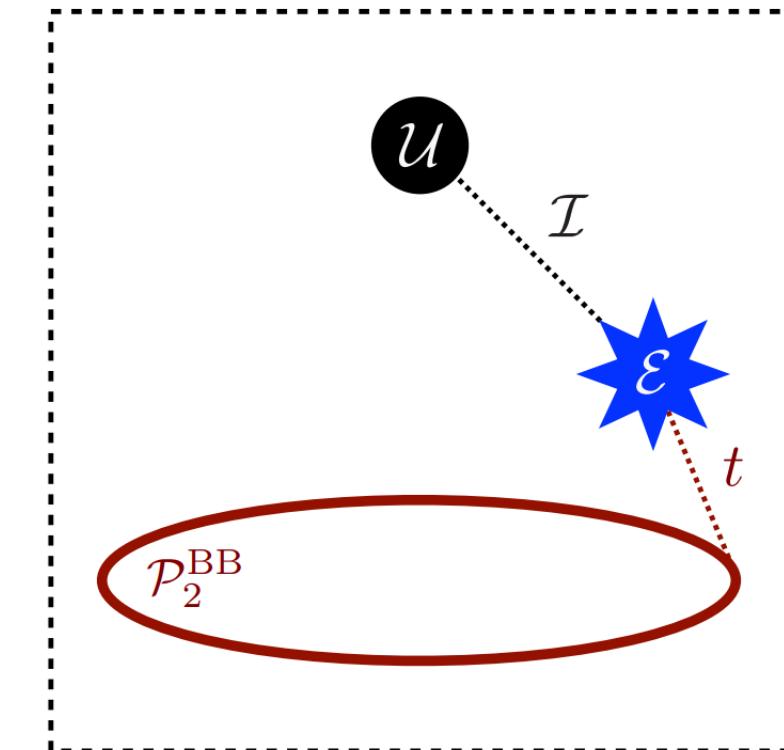
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It is sensitive to very different new physics scenarios, compared to existing event shapes.  
e.g. uniform radiation from micro black holes

$$\mathcal{I}(\mathcal{E}) = \text{EMD}(\mathcal{E}, \mathcal{U}) \quad \text{where } \mathcal{U} \text{ is a fully isotropic event}$$



Dijet event from 2011 CMS Open Data – Particle Flow Candidates.



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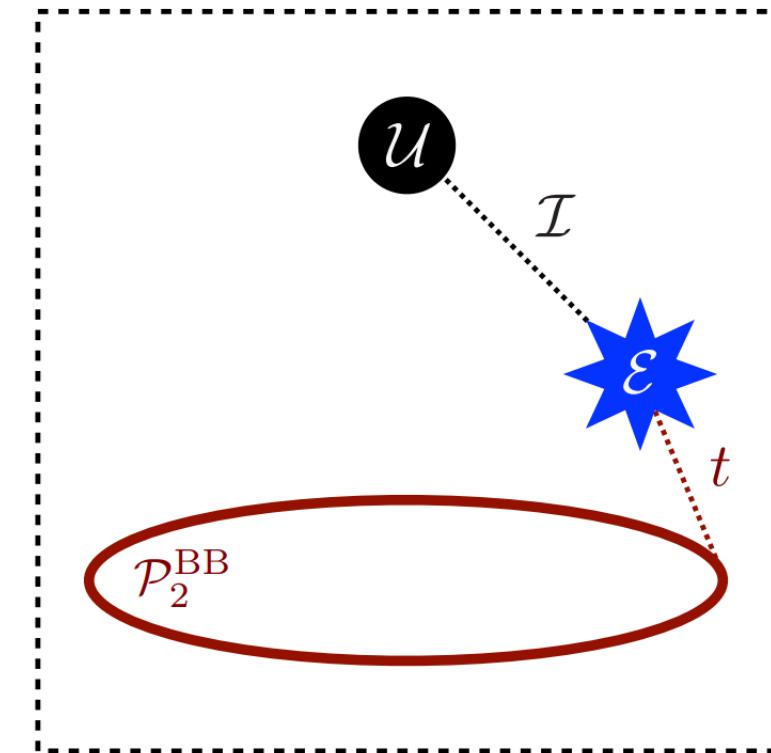
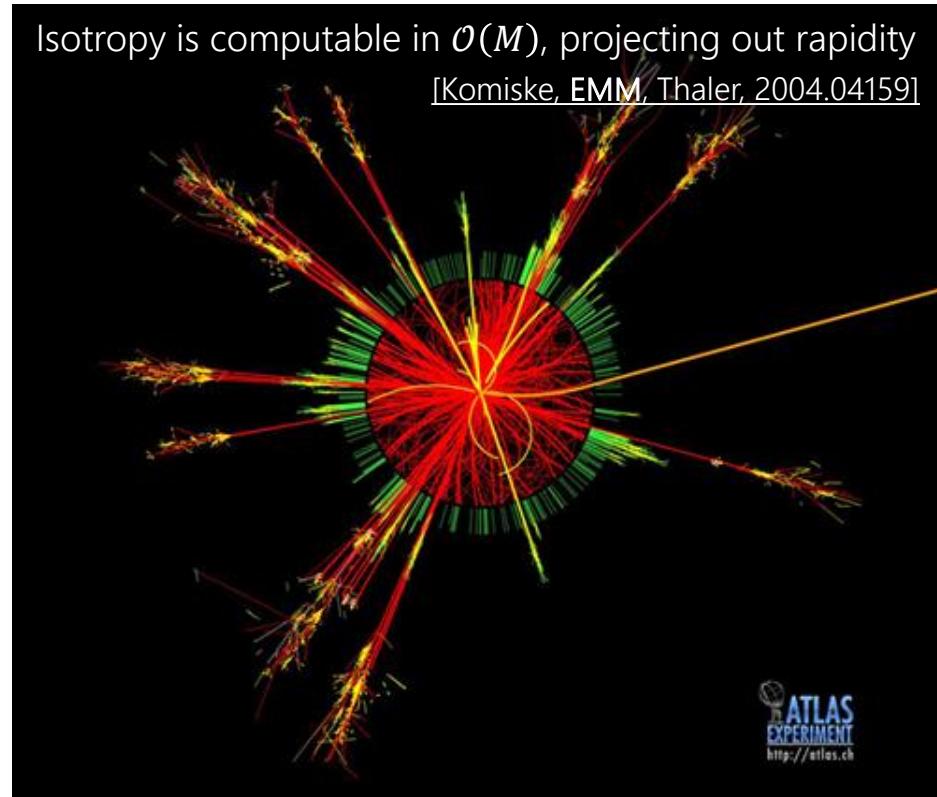
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A new probe of the fractal nature of QCD.

Goes beyond an observable,  $\mathcal{O}(\epsilon)$

"How much information is in a jet?"

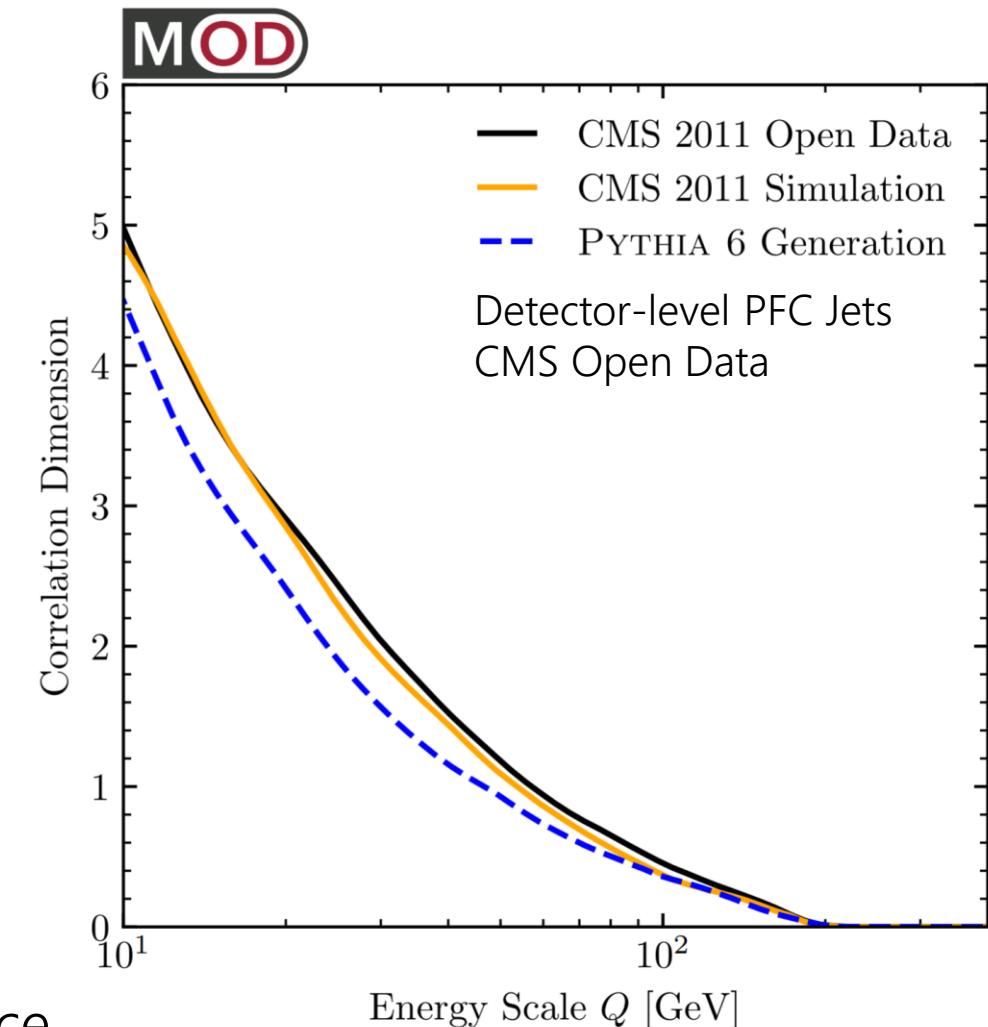
[\[Datta, Larkoski, JHEP, 1704.08249\]](#)

"How many particles do I resolve at this energy scale?"

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P.S. Related to the event-event correlators of Theory Space.

[\[Komiske, EMM, Thaler, 2004.04159\]](#)



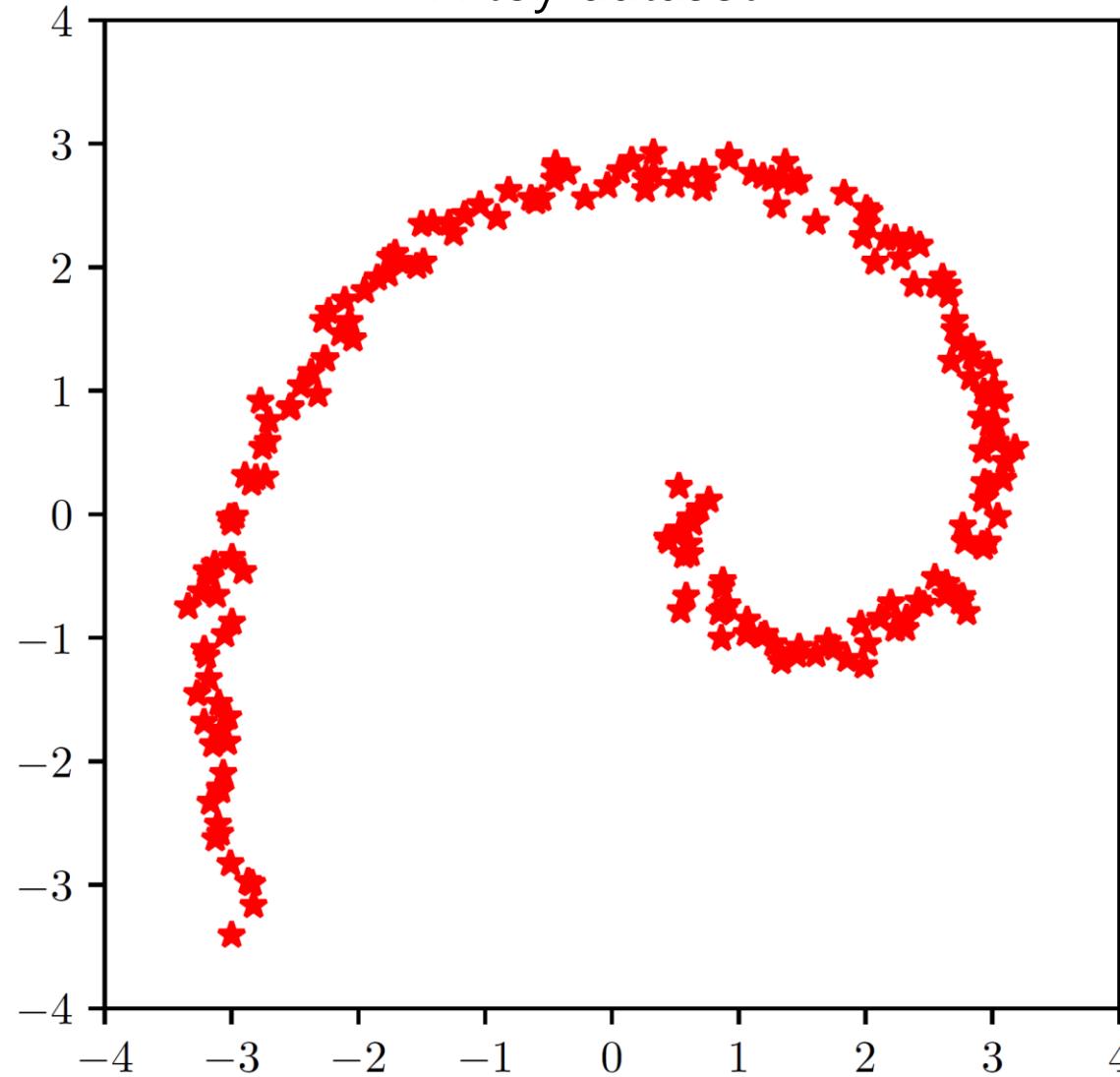
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A toy dataset



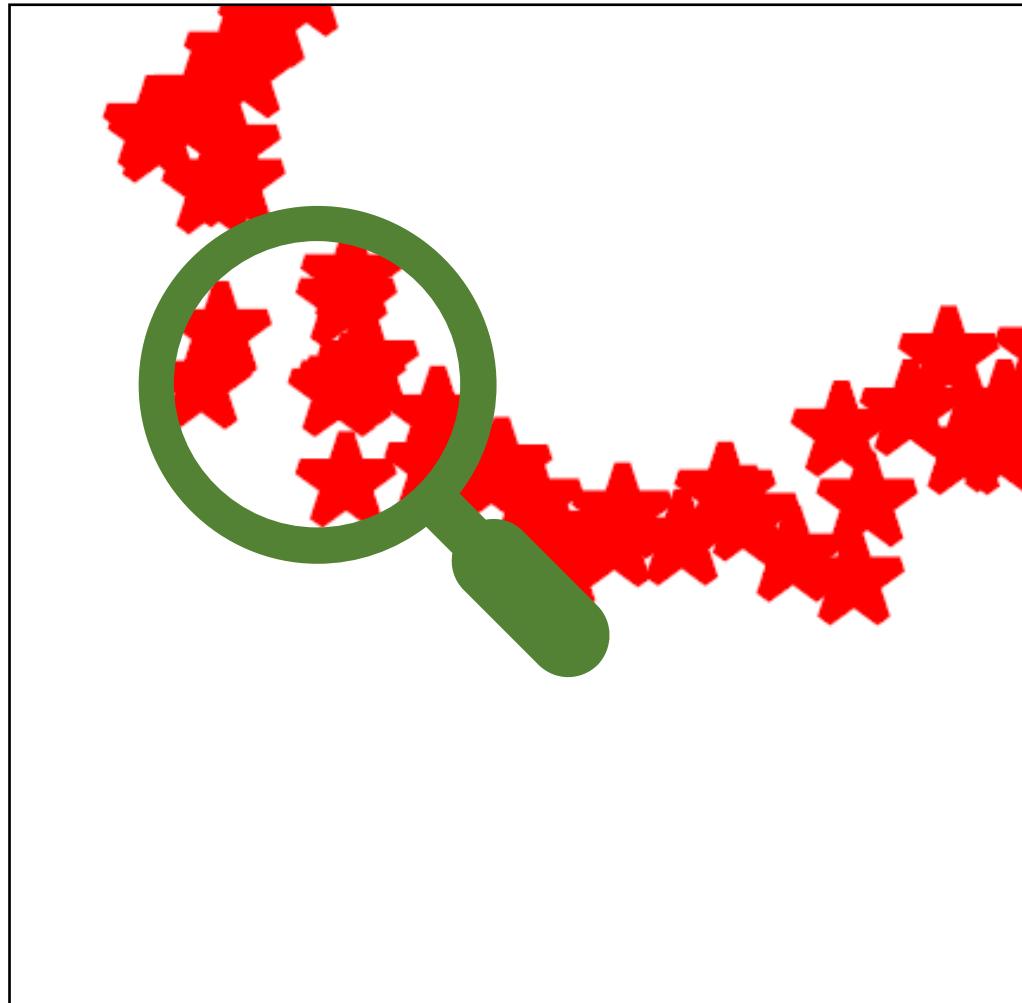
## Questions

What are the scales in the system?

What is its dimensionality or complexity?

How do I characterize it?

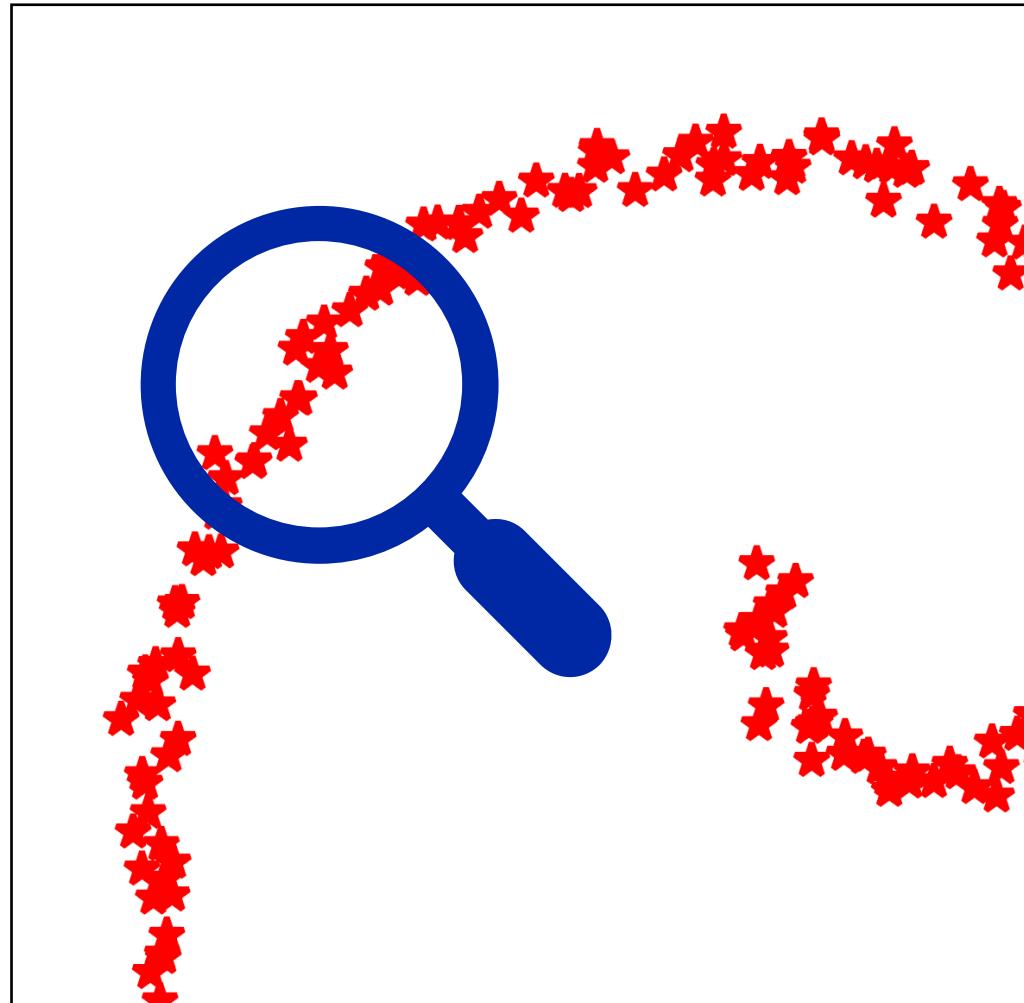
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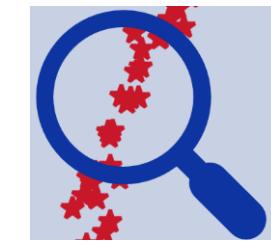
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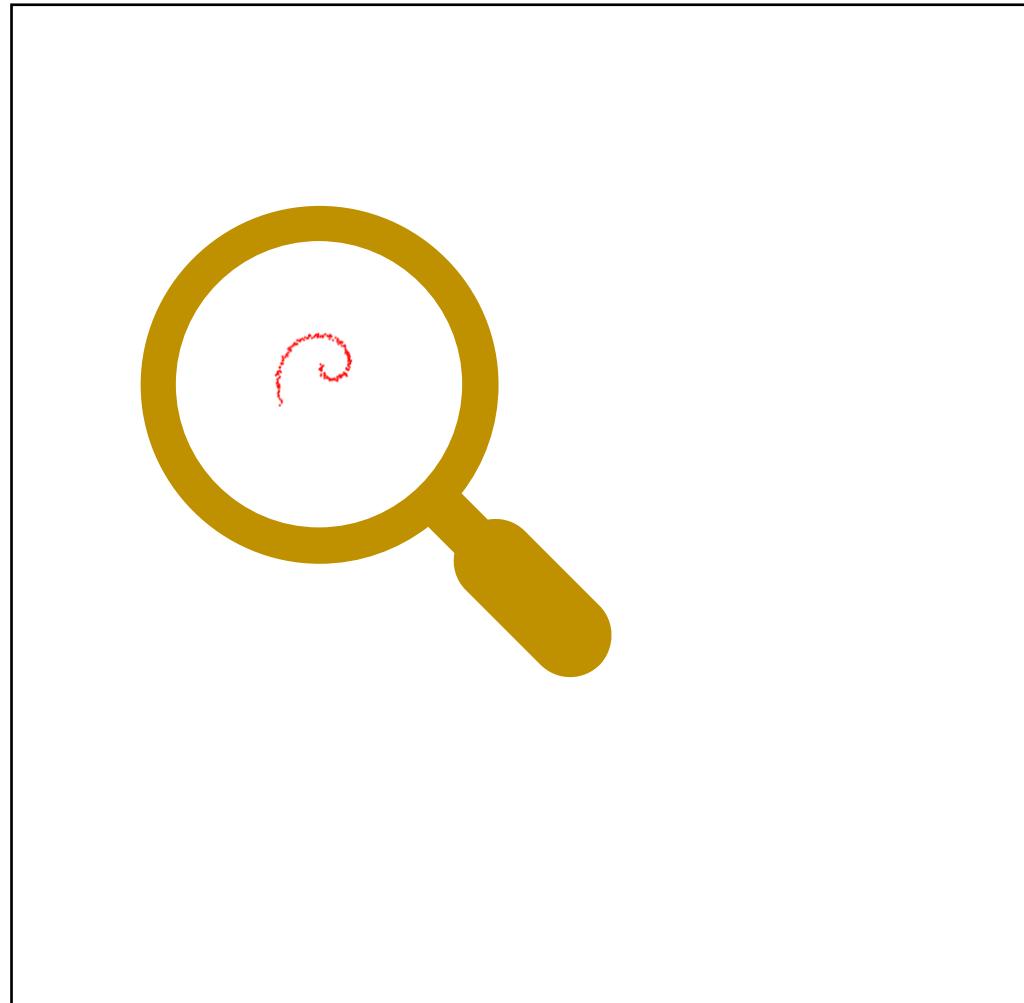
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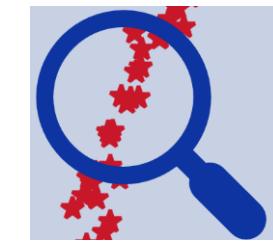
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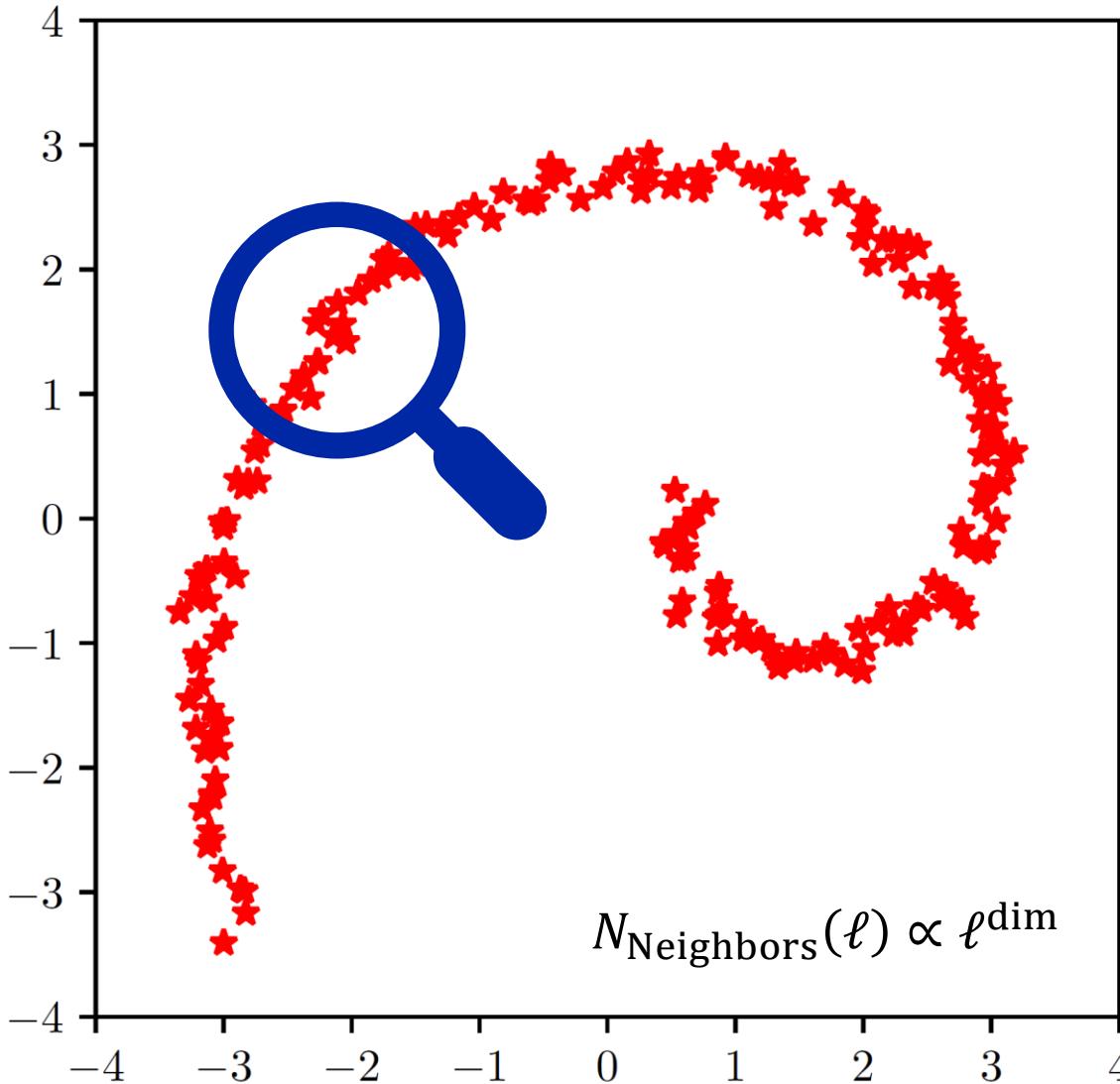
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Large scales: Zero-dimensional point

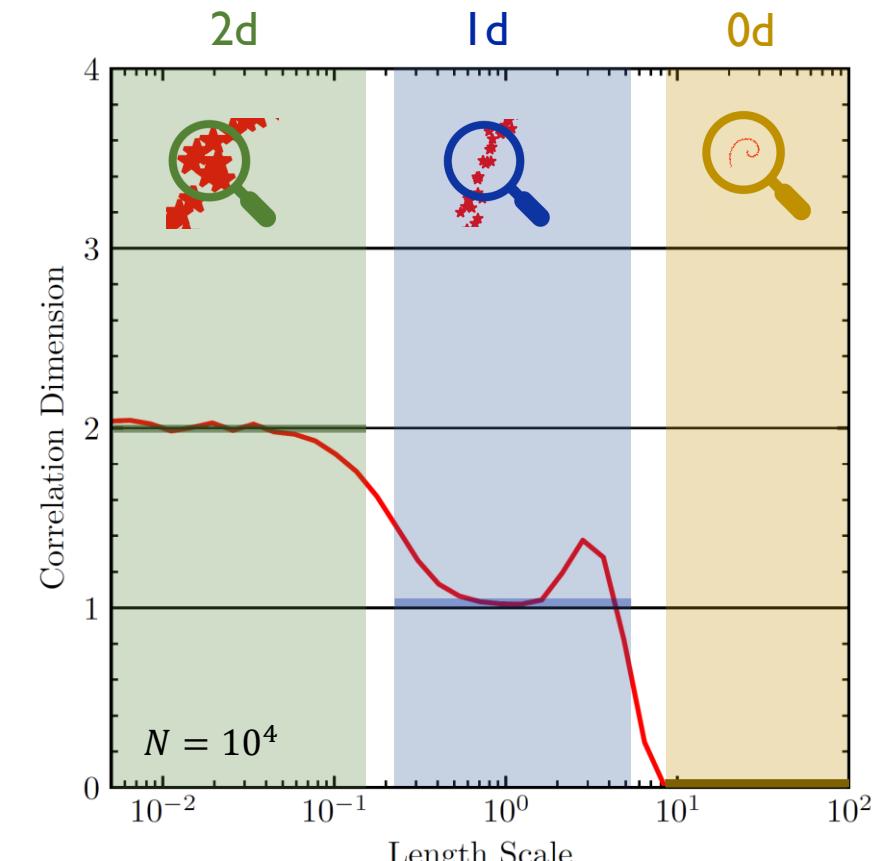


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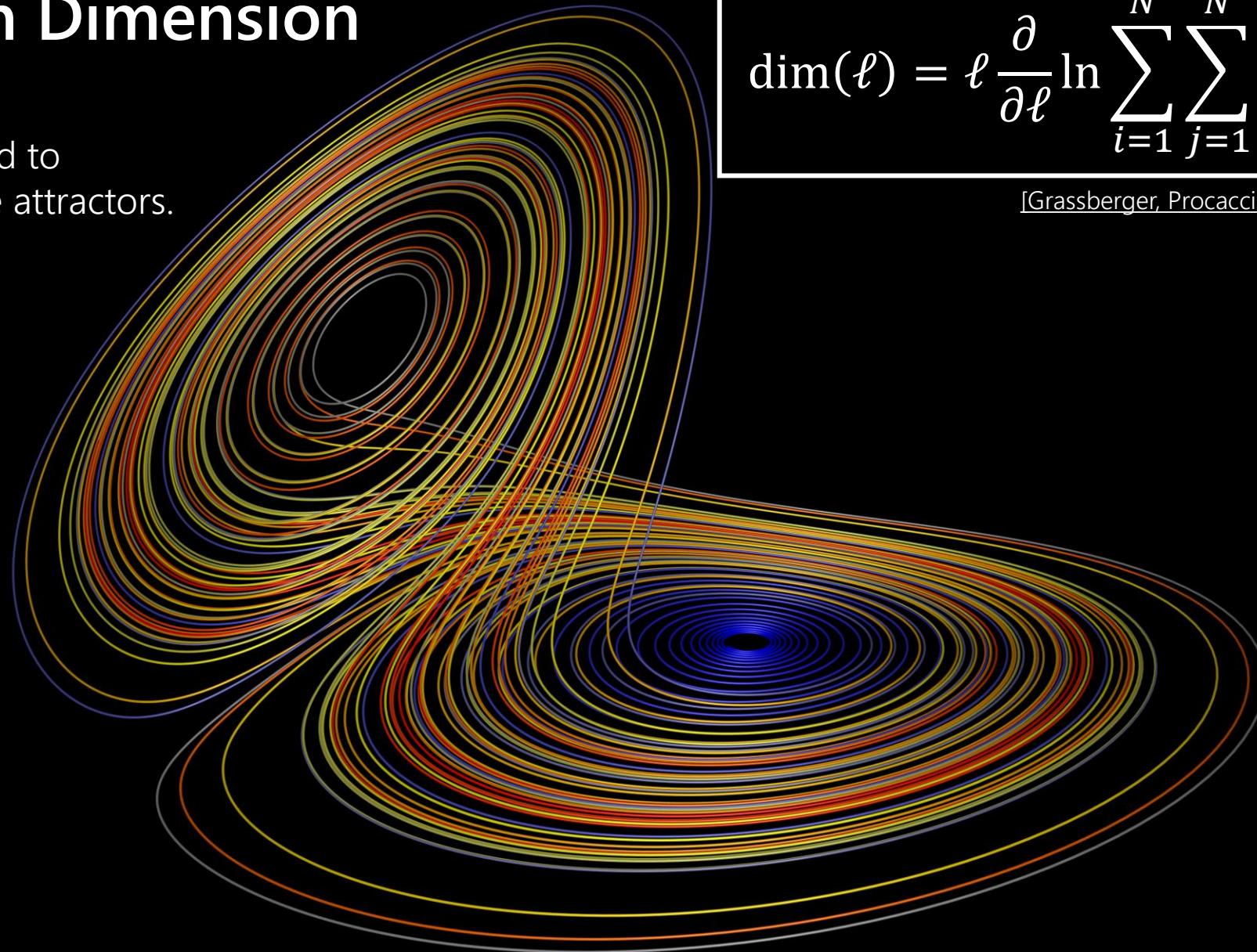
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A spectrum of the dataset at a glance.

# Correlation Dimension

Originally introduced to characterize strange attractors.

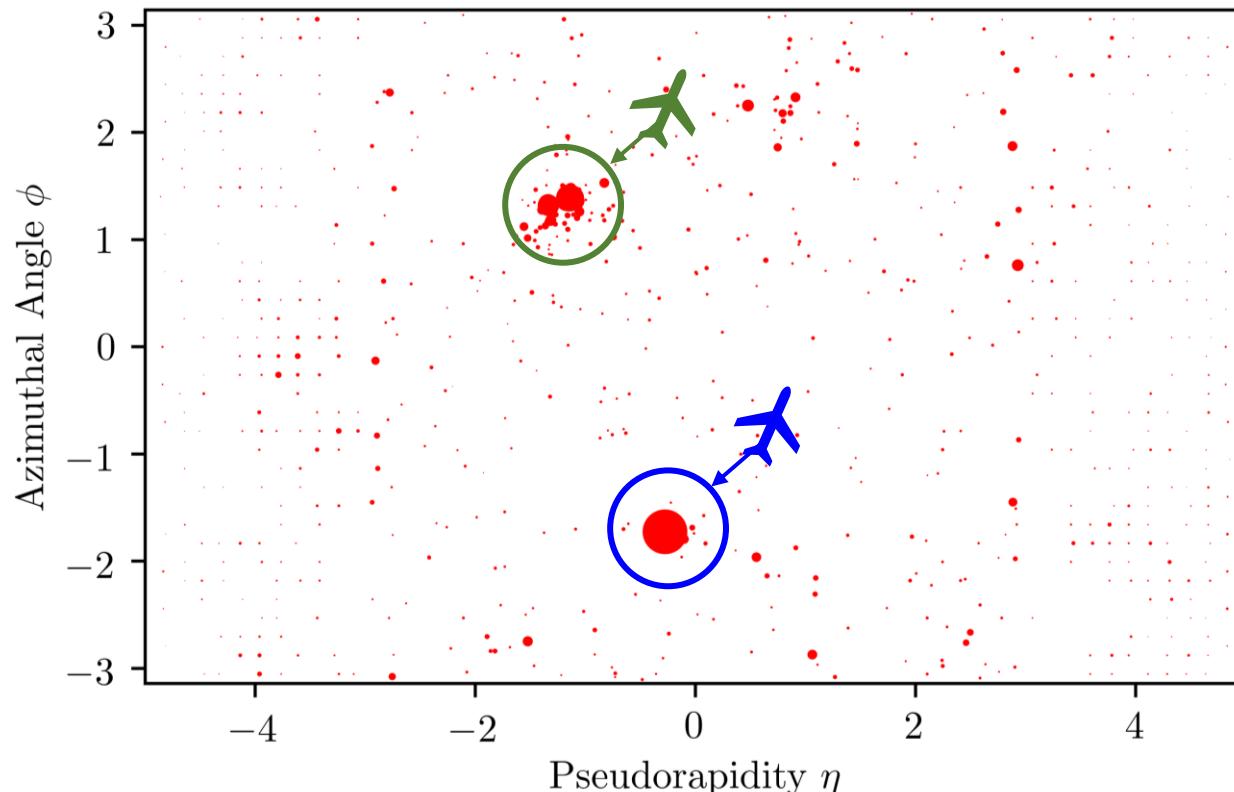


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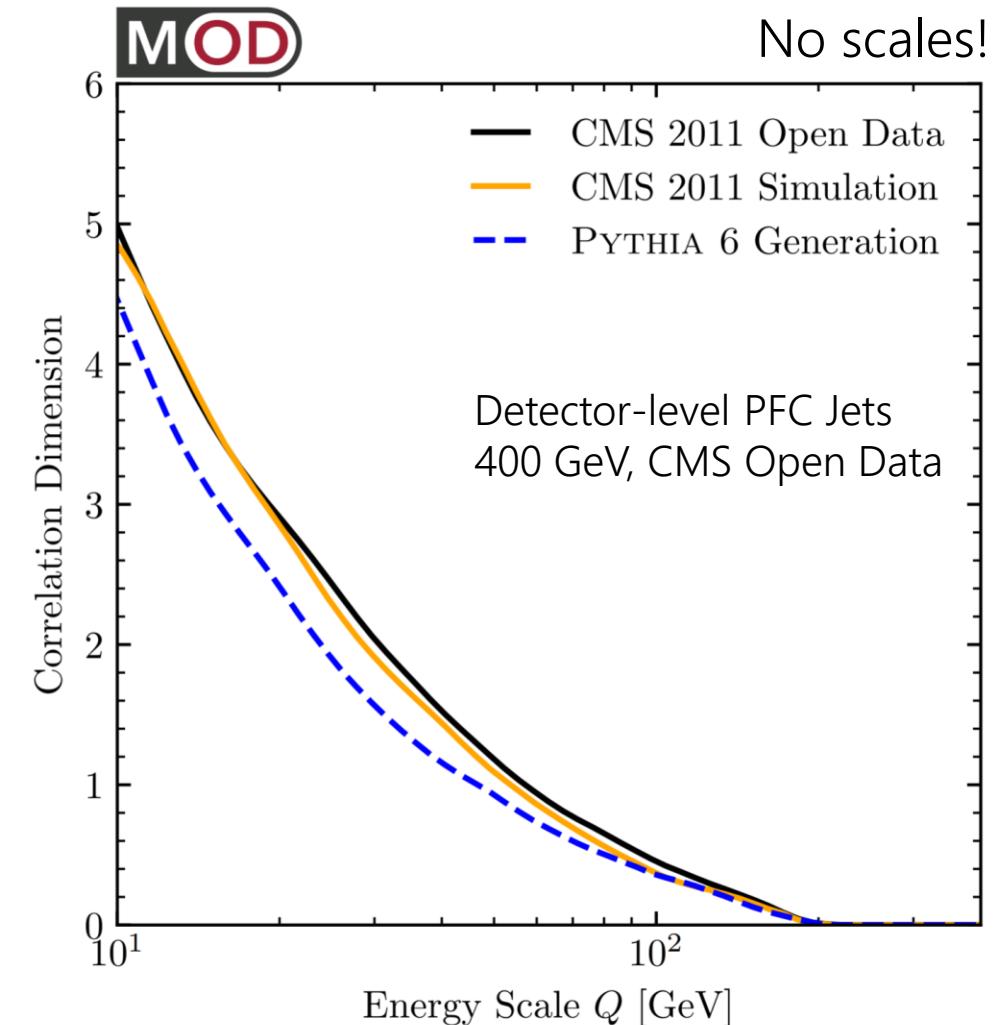
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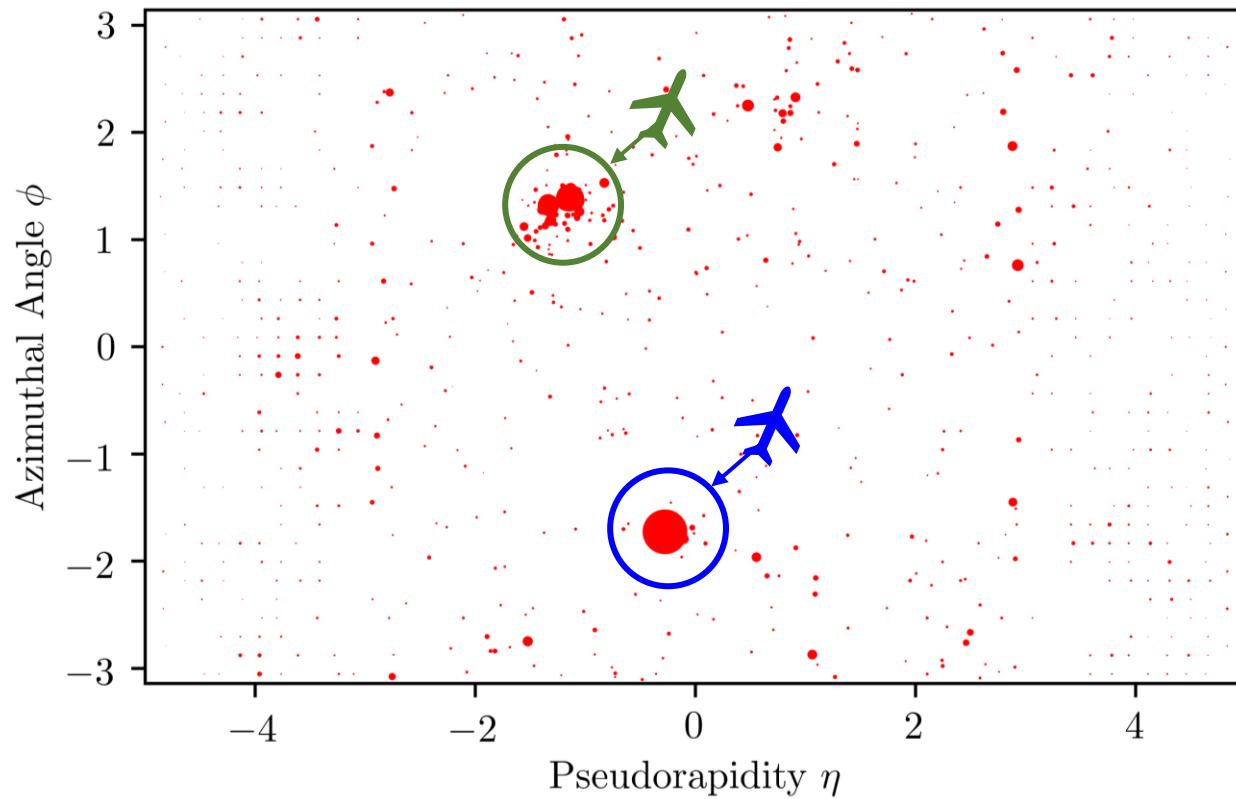
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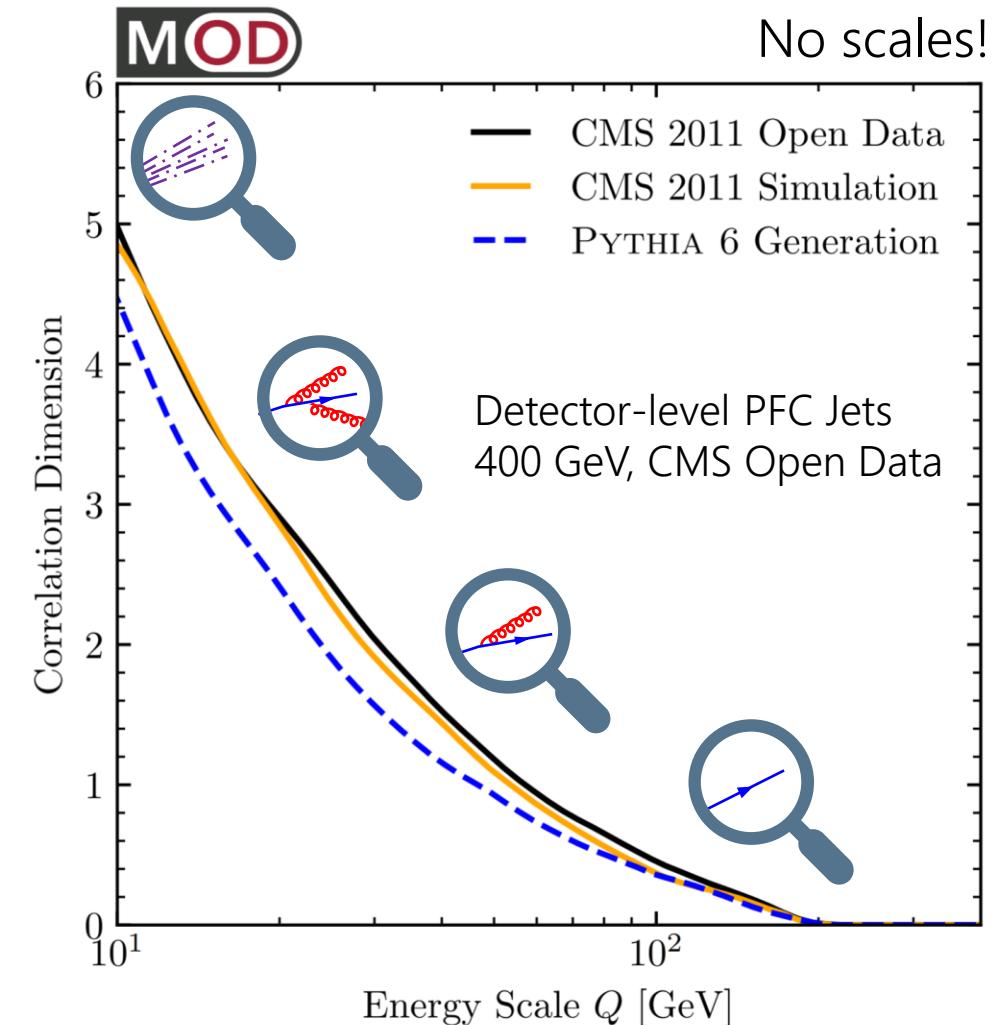
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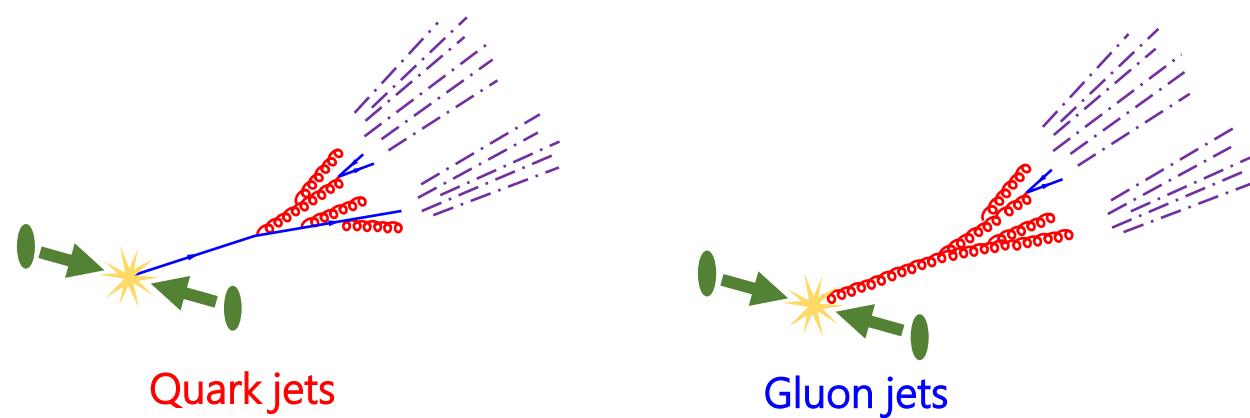
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Detector-level PFC Jets  
400 GeV, CMS Open Data

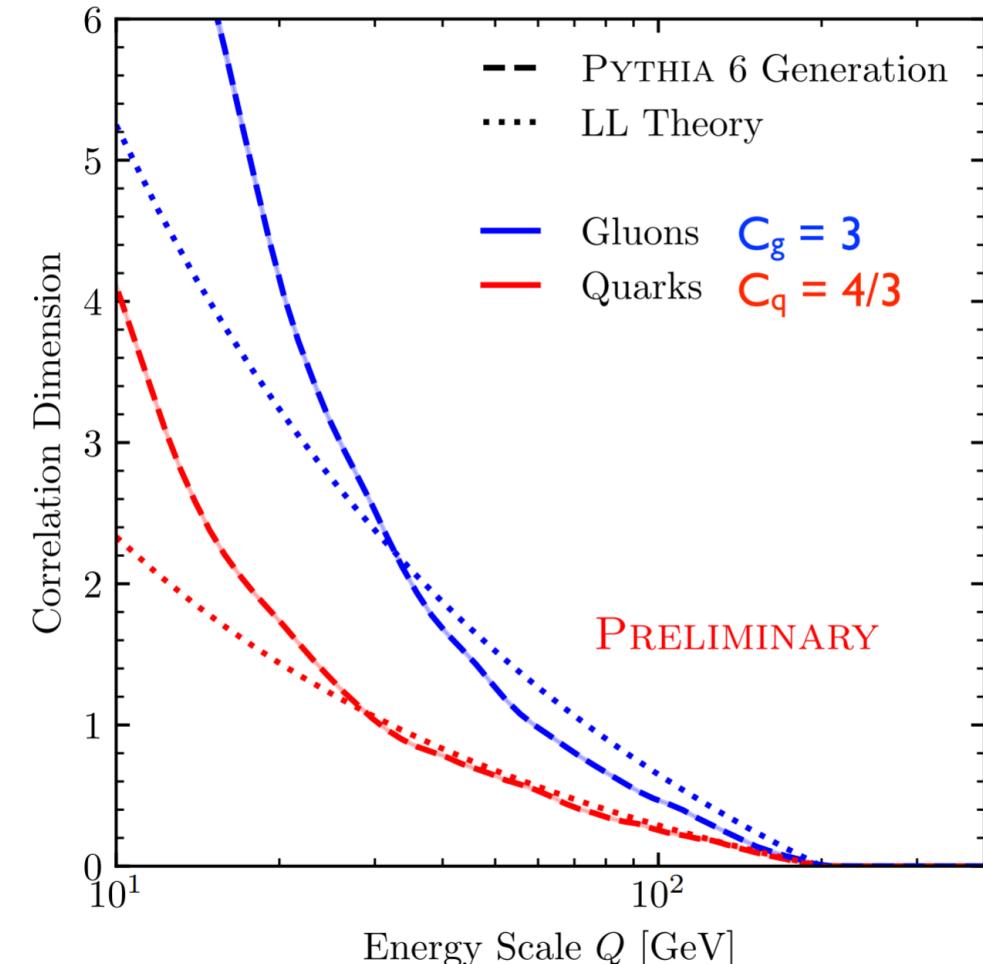
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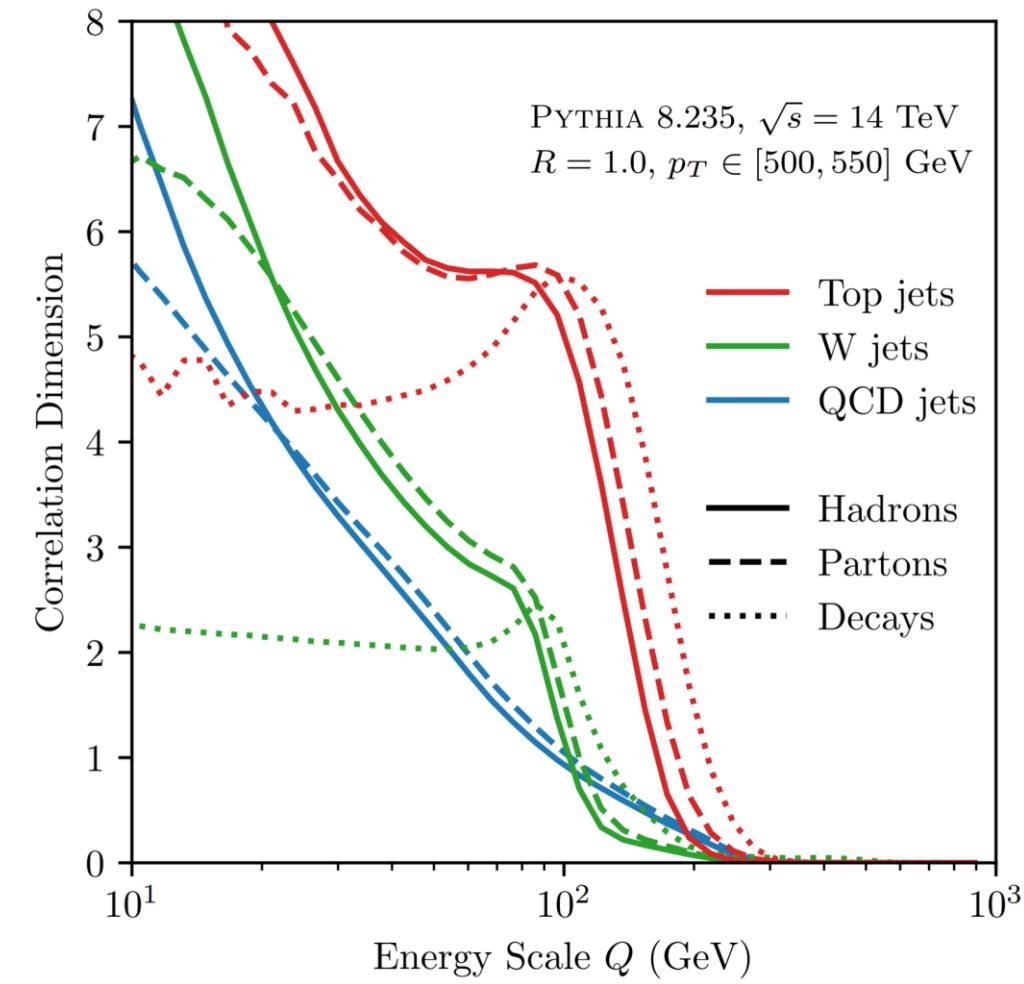
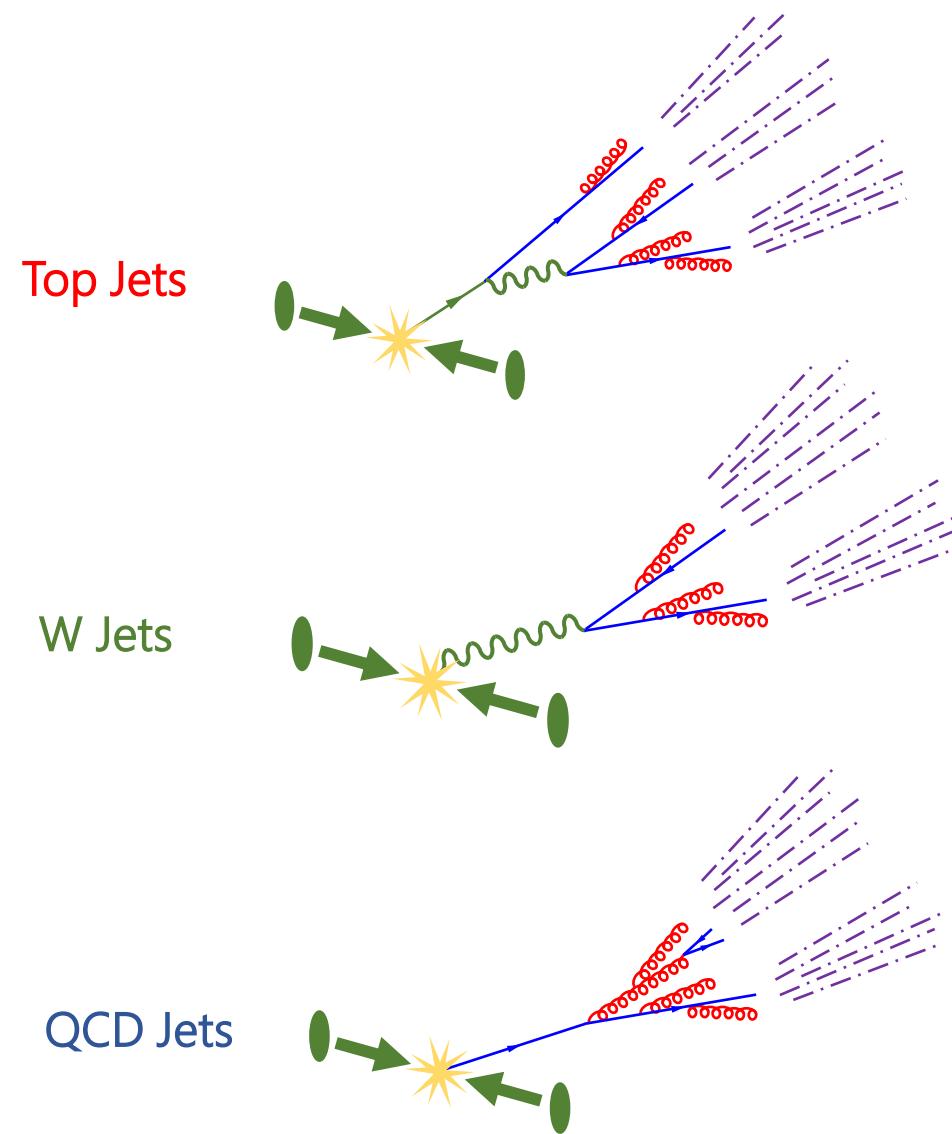


$$\text{At LL: } \dim_{q/g}(Q) = -\frac{8\alpha_s C_{q/g}}{\pi} \ln \frac{Q}{p_T/2}$$

+ 1-loop running of  $\alpha_s$

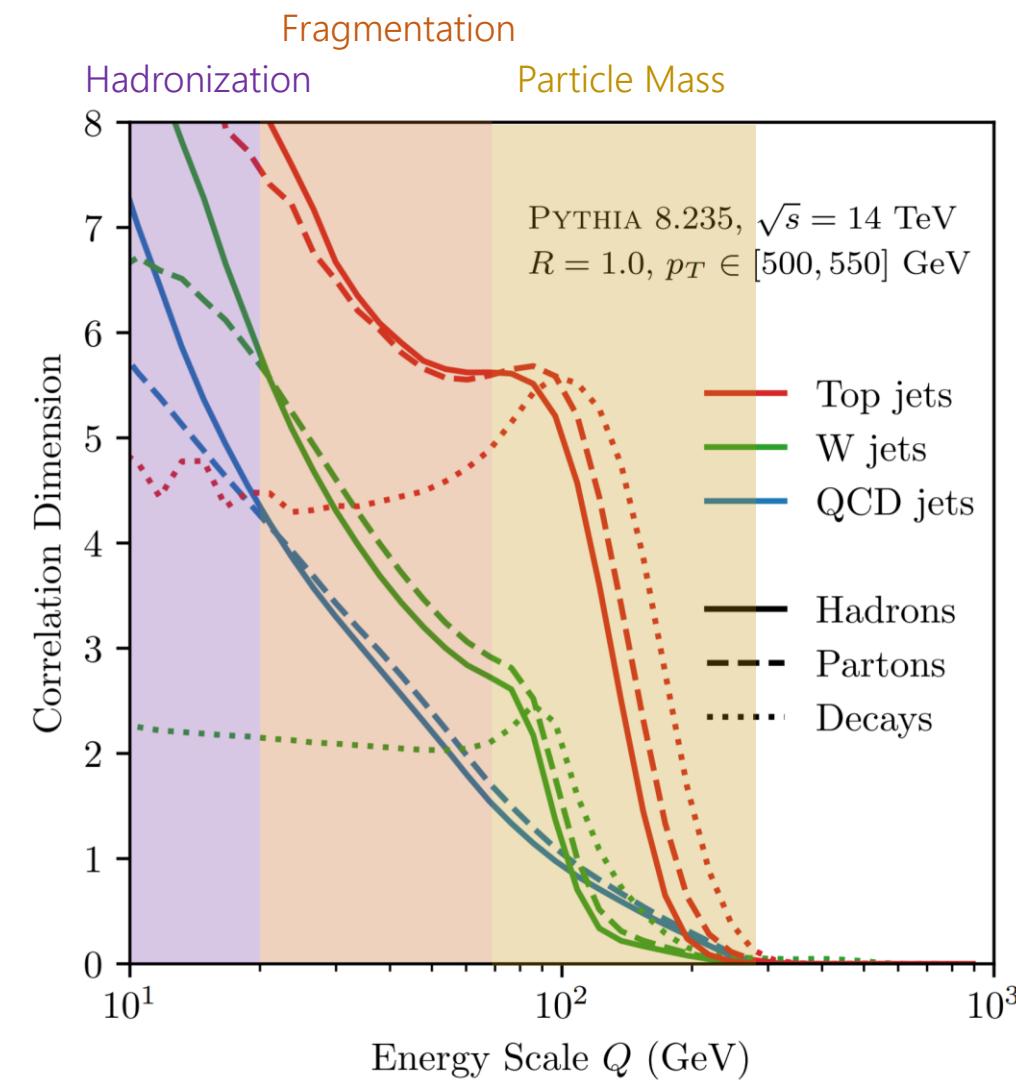
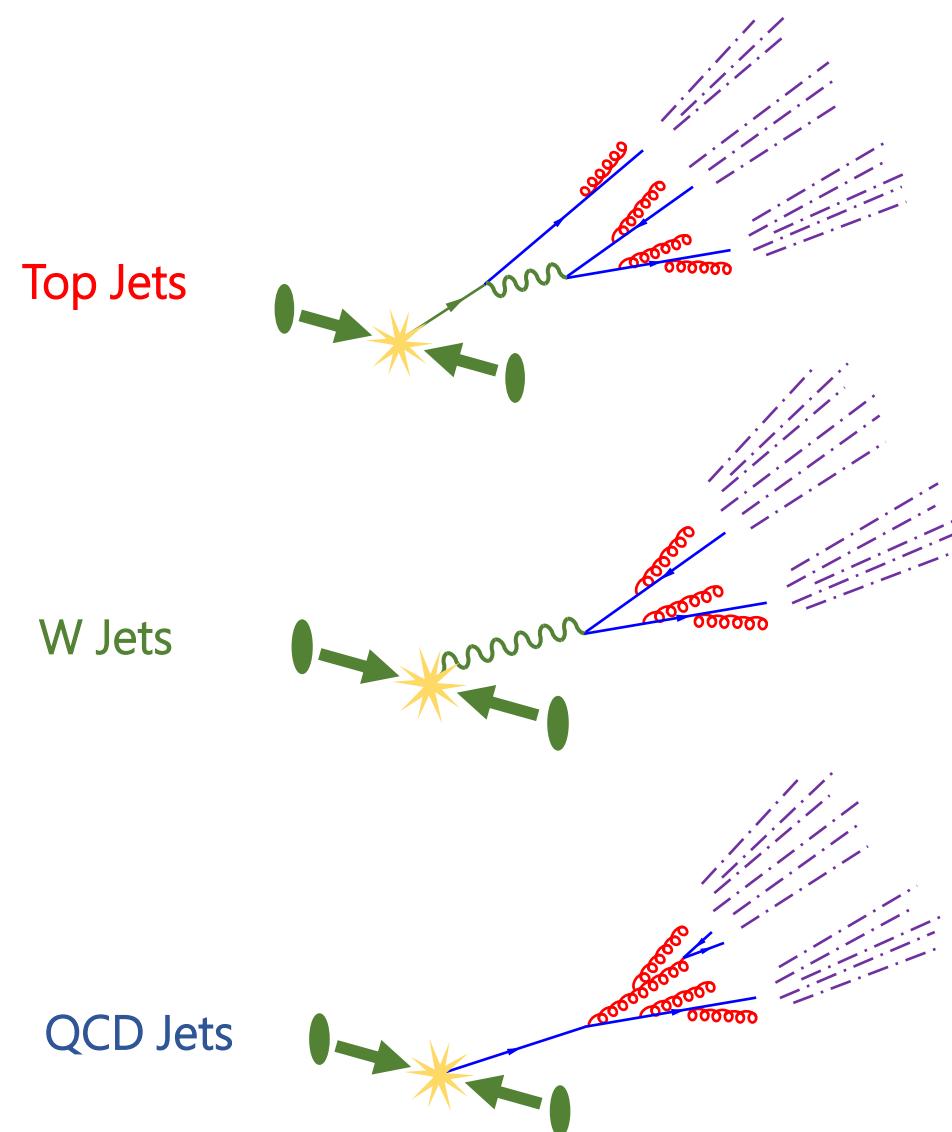


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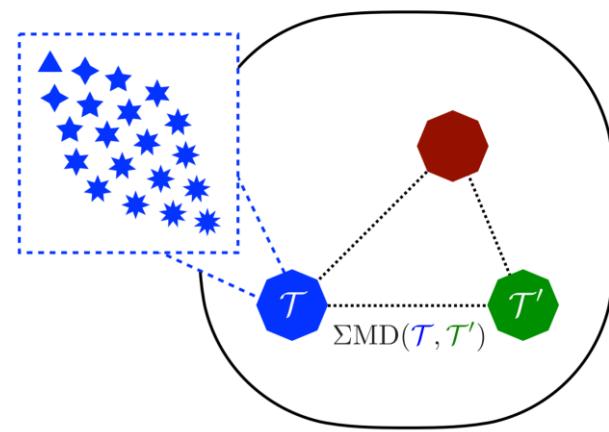
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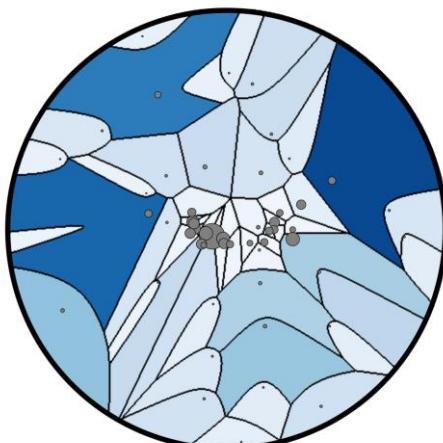
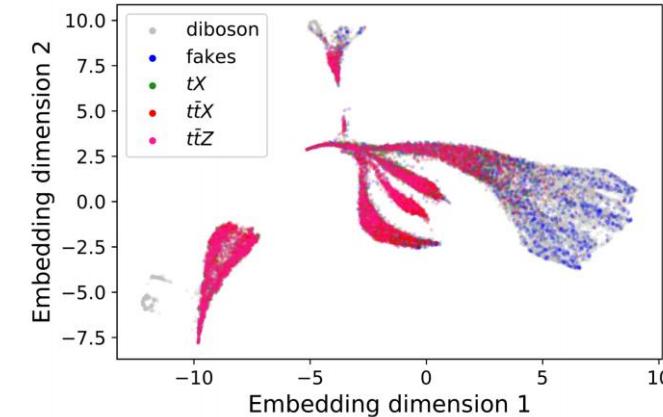
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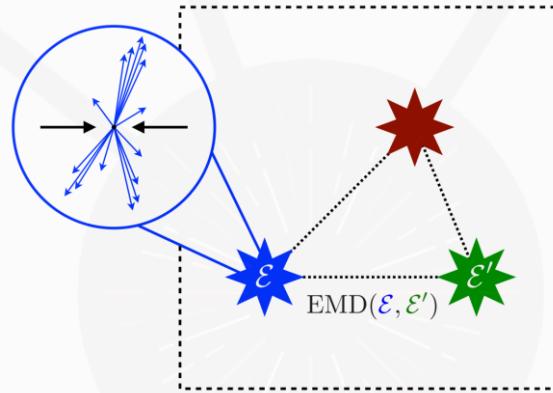
Flavor-dependence in the metric

[\[Romao, Castro, Milhano, Pedro, Vale, 2004.09360\]](#)



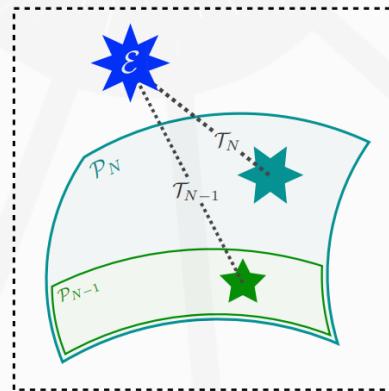
New grooming or pileup mitigation techniques?

New jet clustering algorithms?



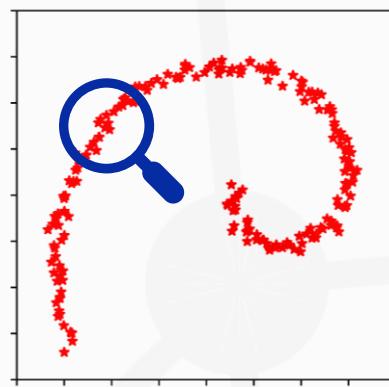
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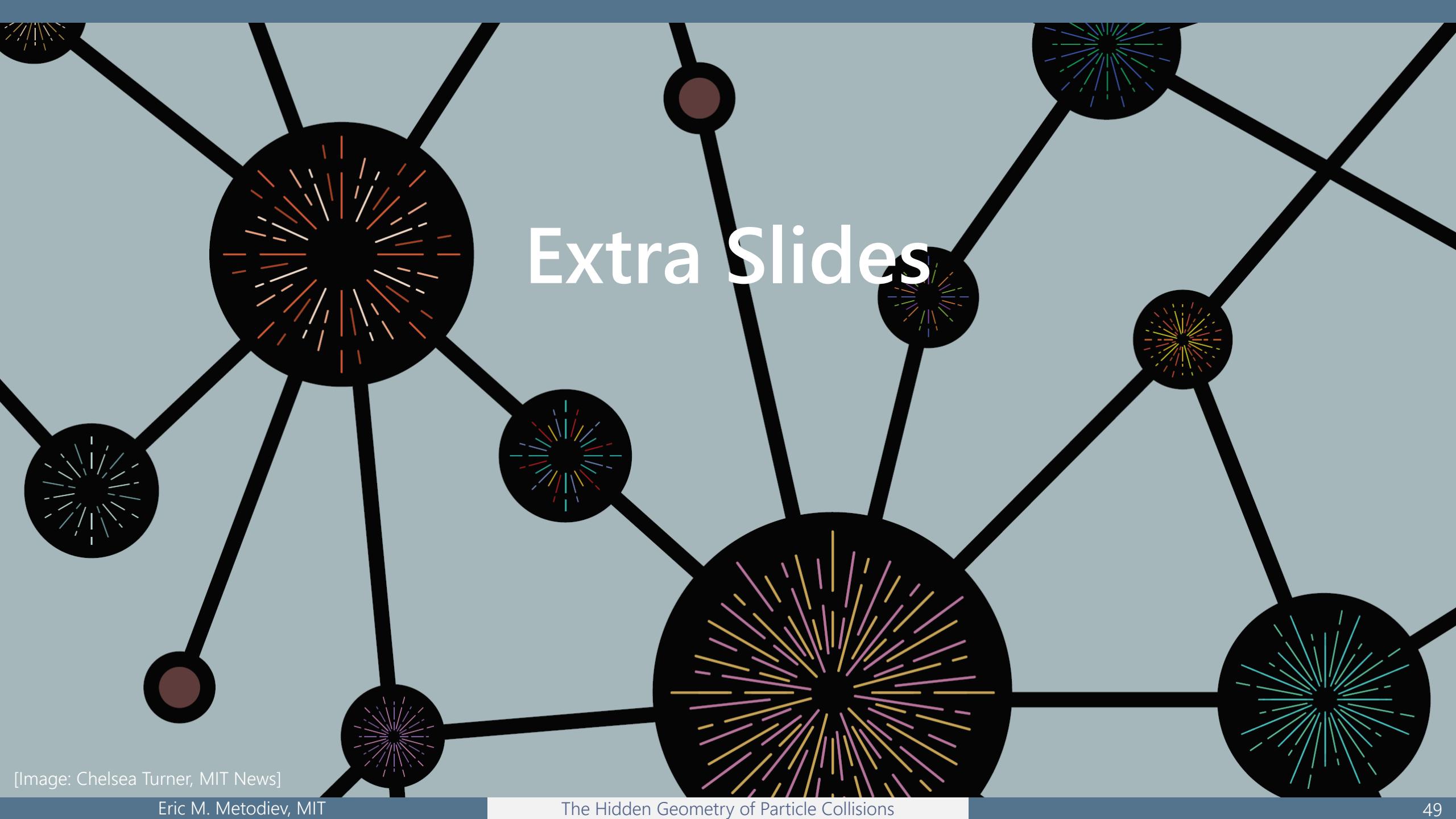
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# The End

Thank you!

[Image: Chelsea Turner, MIT News]



A network graph with nodes containing particle collision diagrams. The nodes are black circles with various colored lines radiating from their centers, representing particle trajectories. The lines are colored in shades of red, orange, yellow, green, blue, and purple. The network is interconnected by black lines, forming a complex web. The background is a light gray gradient.

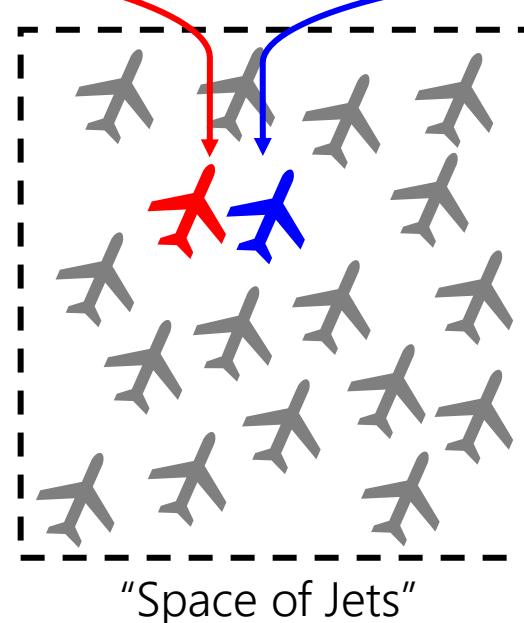
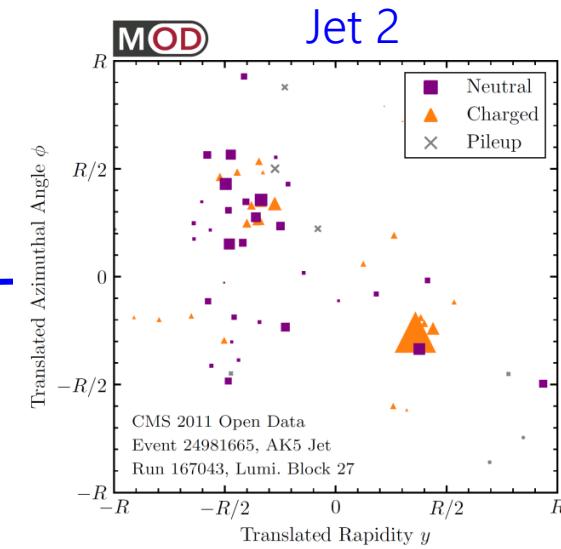
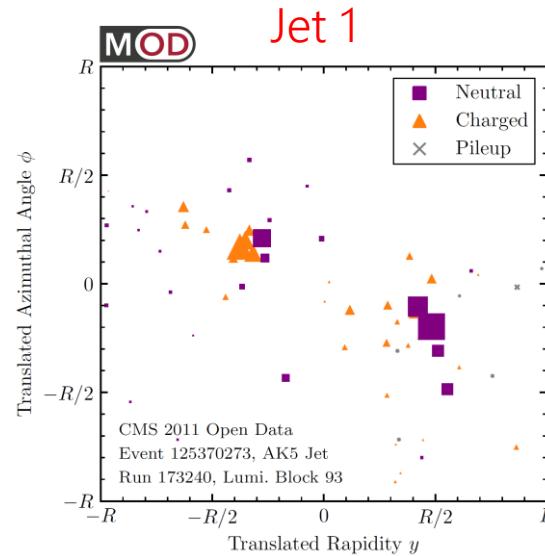
# Extra Slides

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# When are two events similar?

These two jets “look” similar, but have different numbers of particles, flavors, and locations.

How do we quantify this?

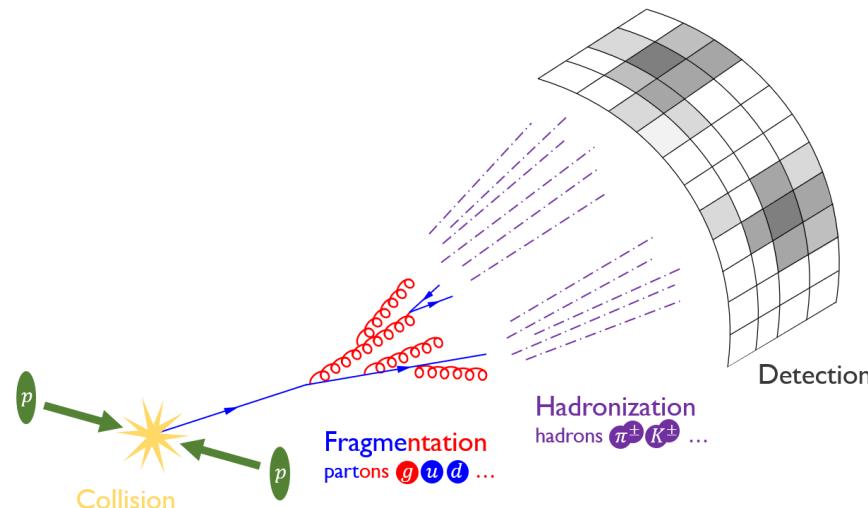


400 GeV  $R = 0.5$  anti-  $k_T$  Jets from CMS Open Data

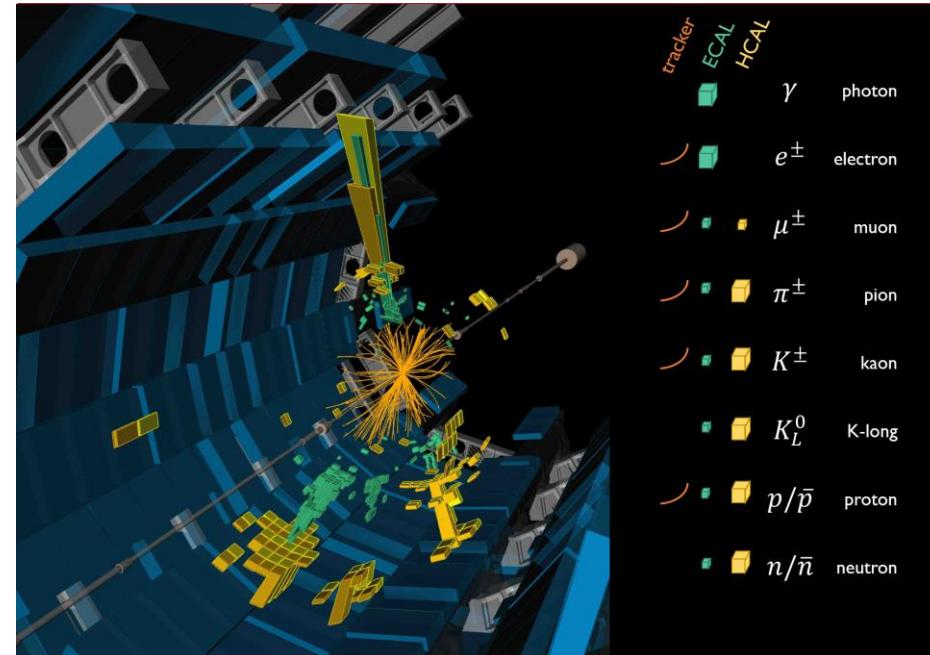
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An event is...

Theoretically: very complicated



Experimentally: very complicated



However:

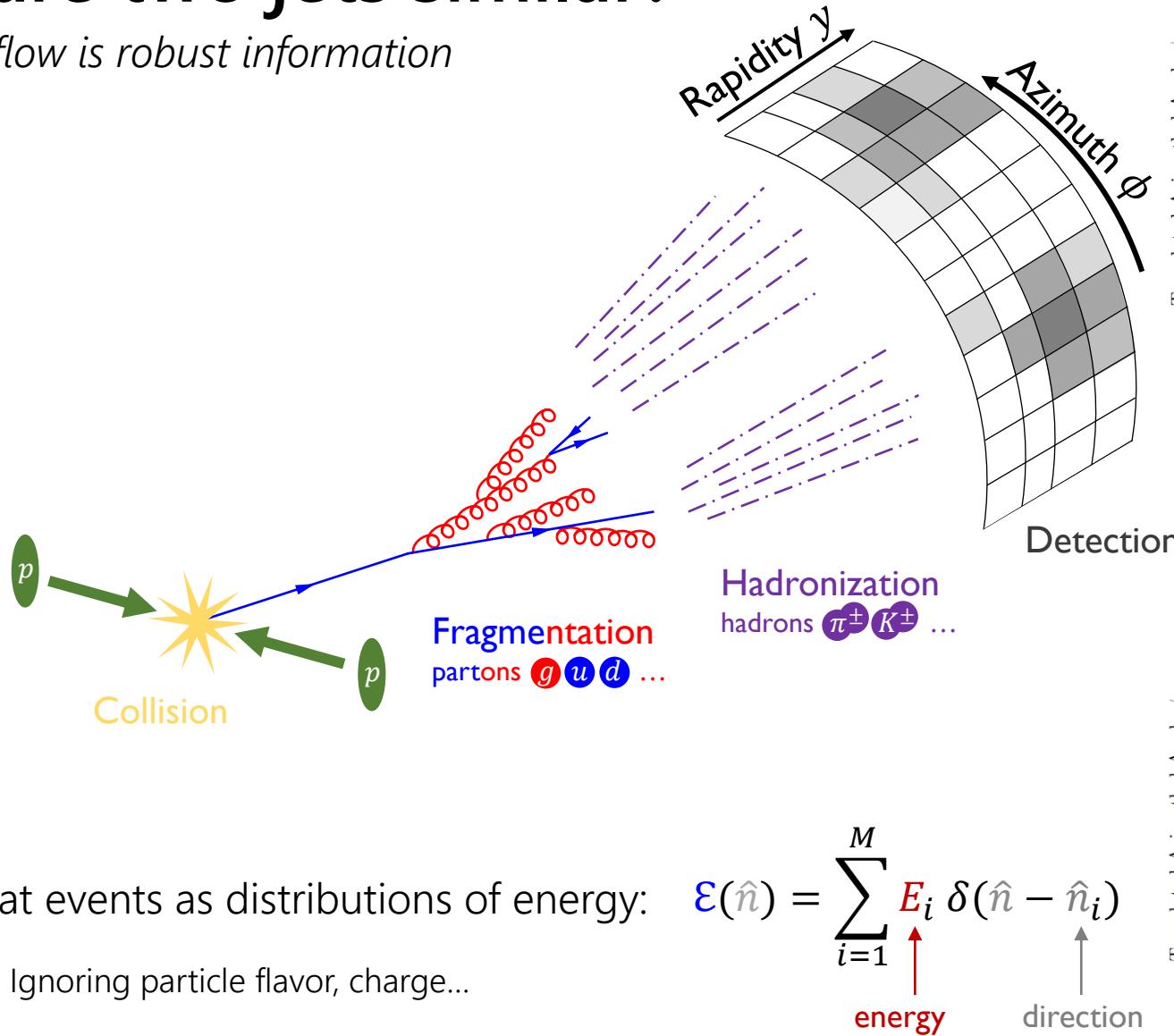
The *energy flow* (distribution of energy) is the information that is robust to:  
fragmentation, hadronization, detector effects, ...

[\[N.A. Sveshnikov, F.V. Tkachov, 9512370\]](#)  
[\[F.V. Tkachov, 9601308\]](#)  
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Energy flow  $\Leftrightarrow$  Infrared and Collinear (IRC) Safe information

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Energy flow is robust information

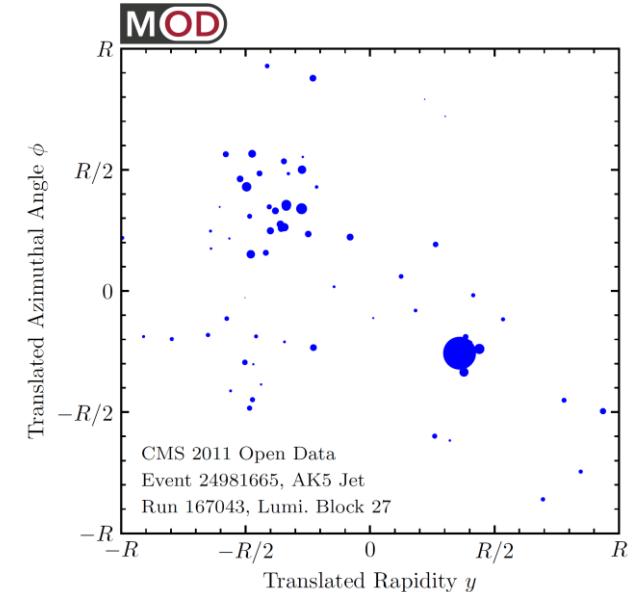
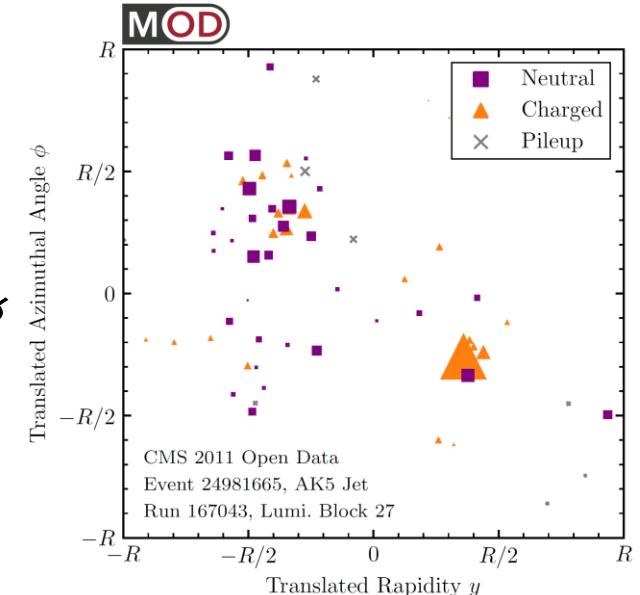


Treat events as distributions of energy:

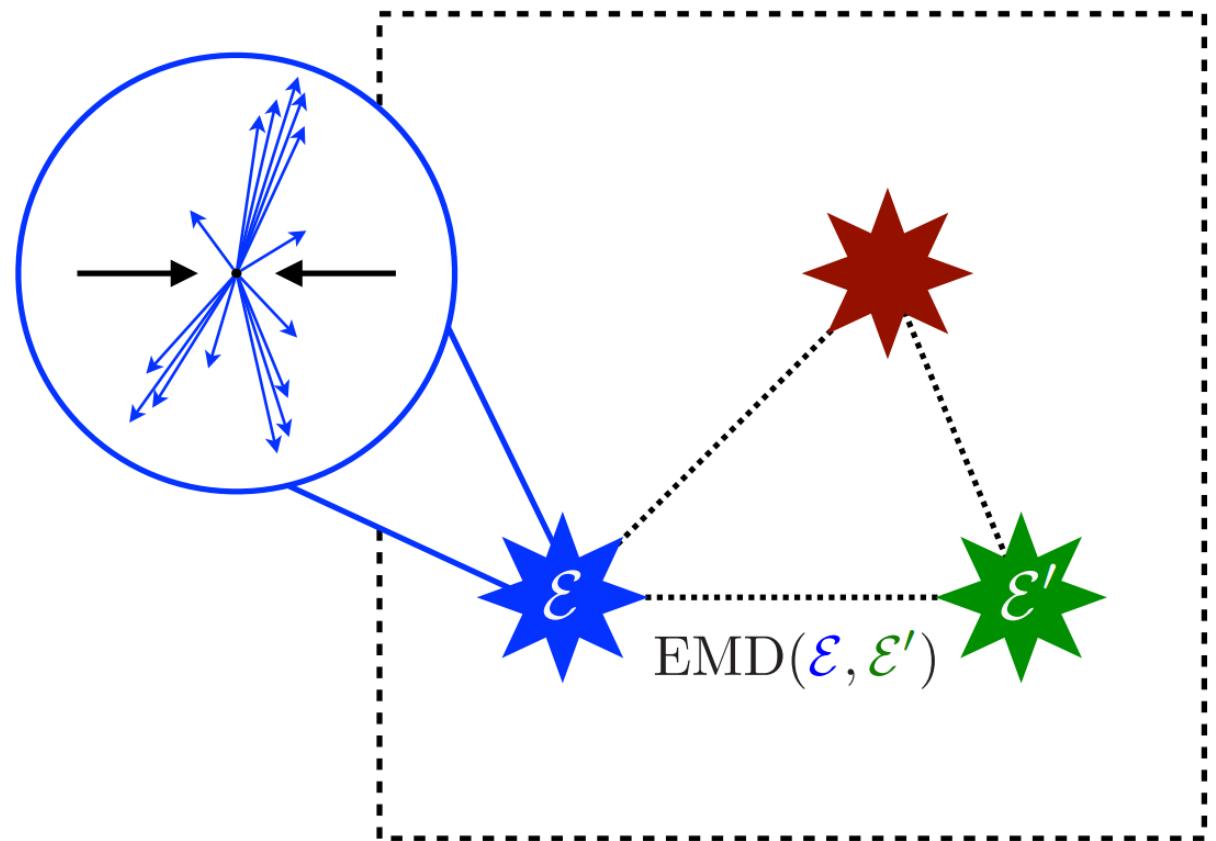
Ignoring particle flavor, charge...

$$\mathcal{E}(\hat{n}) = \sum_{i=1}^M E_i \delta(\hat{n} - \hat{n}_i)$$

↑  
energy      ↑  
                direction



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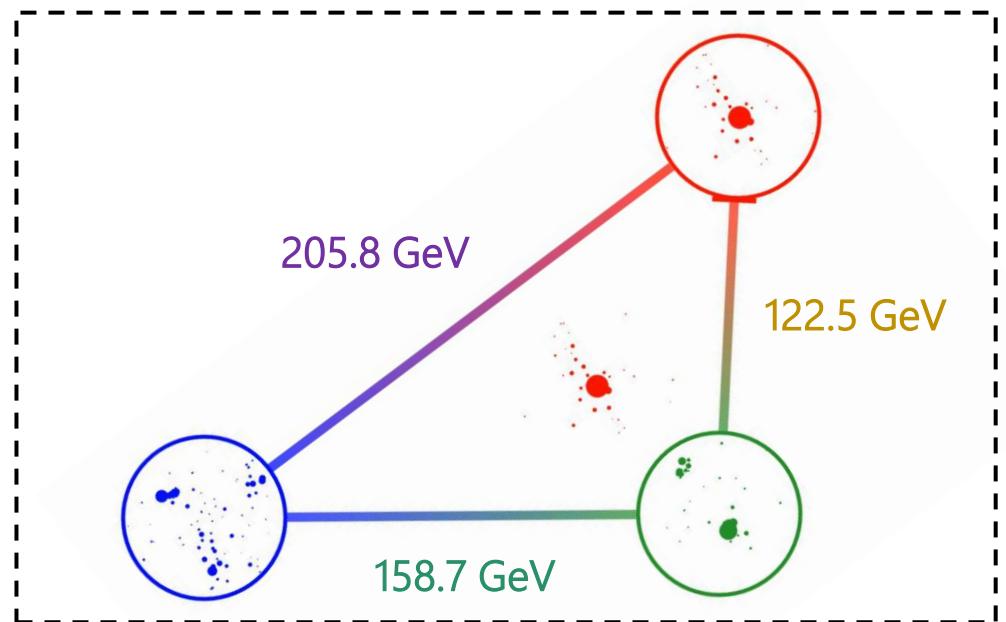


$$\text{EMD}_{\beta, R}(\mathcal{E}, \mathcal{E}') = \min_{\{f_{ij}\}} \sum_{i=1}^M \sum_{j=1}^{M'} f_{ij} \frac{\theta_{ij}^\beta}{R^\beta} + \left| \sum_{i=1}^M E_i - \sum_{j=1}^{M'} E'_j \right|$$

Difference in radiation pattern      Difference in total energy

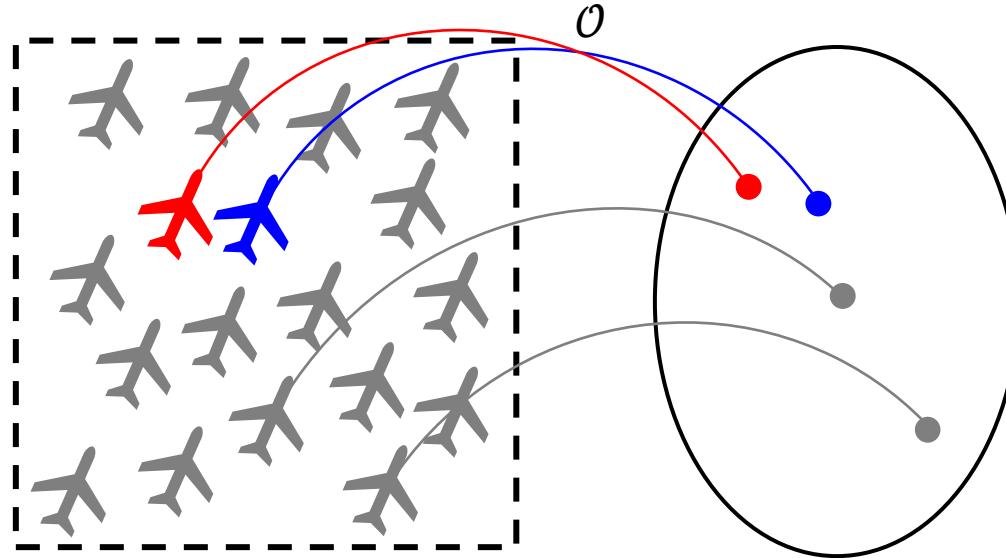
$\beta$  : angular weighting factor

R : tradeoff between moving energy and creating it



# A Geometric Language for Observables

Events close in EMD are close in any infrared and collinear safe observable!



Additive IRC-safe observables:  $\mathcal{O}(\mathcal{E}) = \sum_{i=1}^M \textcolor{red}{E}_i \Phi(\hat{n}_i)$

Energy Mover's  
Distance

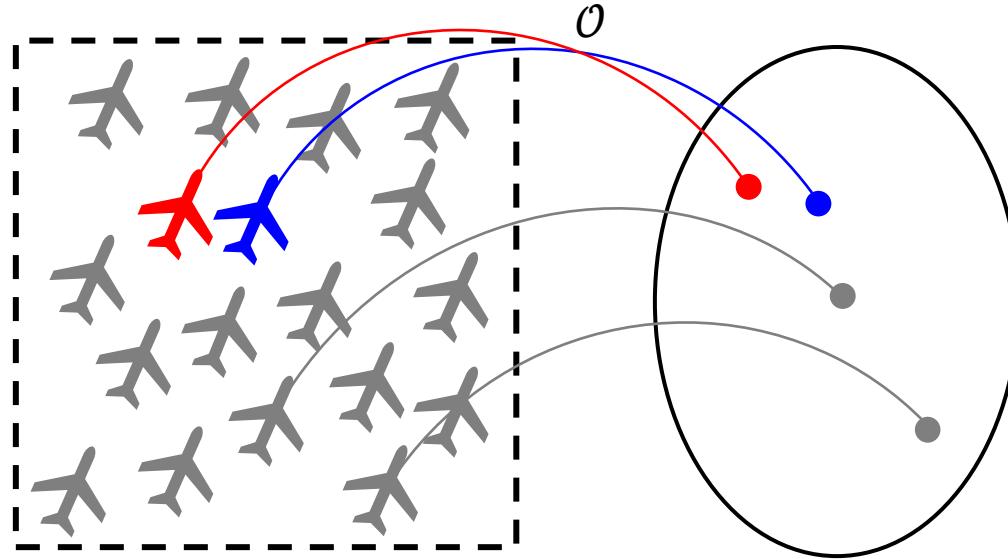
$$\text{EMD}(\mathcal{E}, \mathcal{E}') \geq \frac{1}{RL} |\mathcal{O}(\mathcal{E}) - \mathcal{O}(\mathcal{E}')|$$

↑  
"Lipschitz constant" of  $\Phi$   
i.e. bound on its derivative

Difference in  
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Jet angularities with  $\beta \geq 1$ :

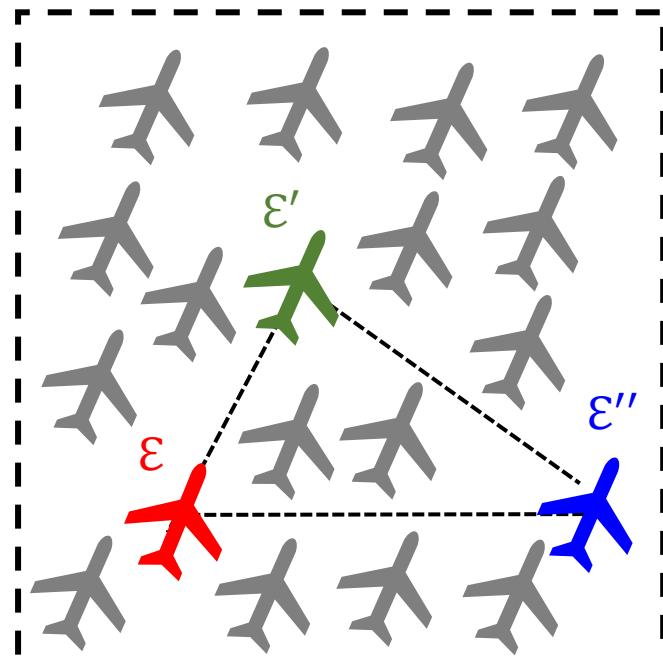
[\[C. Berger, T. Kucs, and G. Sterman, 0303051\]](#)

[\[A. Larkoski, J. Thaler, and W. Waalewijn, 1408.3122\]](#)

$$\lambda^{(\beta)} = \sum_{i=1}^M \textcolor{red}{E}_i \theta_i^\beta$$

$$|\lambda^{(\beta)}(\mathcal{E}) - \lambda^{(\beta)}(\mathcal{E}')| \leq \beta \text{ EMD}(\mathcal{E}, \mathcal{E}')$$

# Exploring the Space of Jets

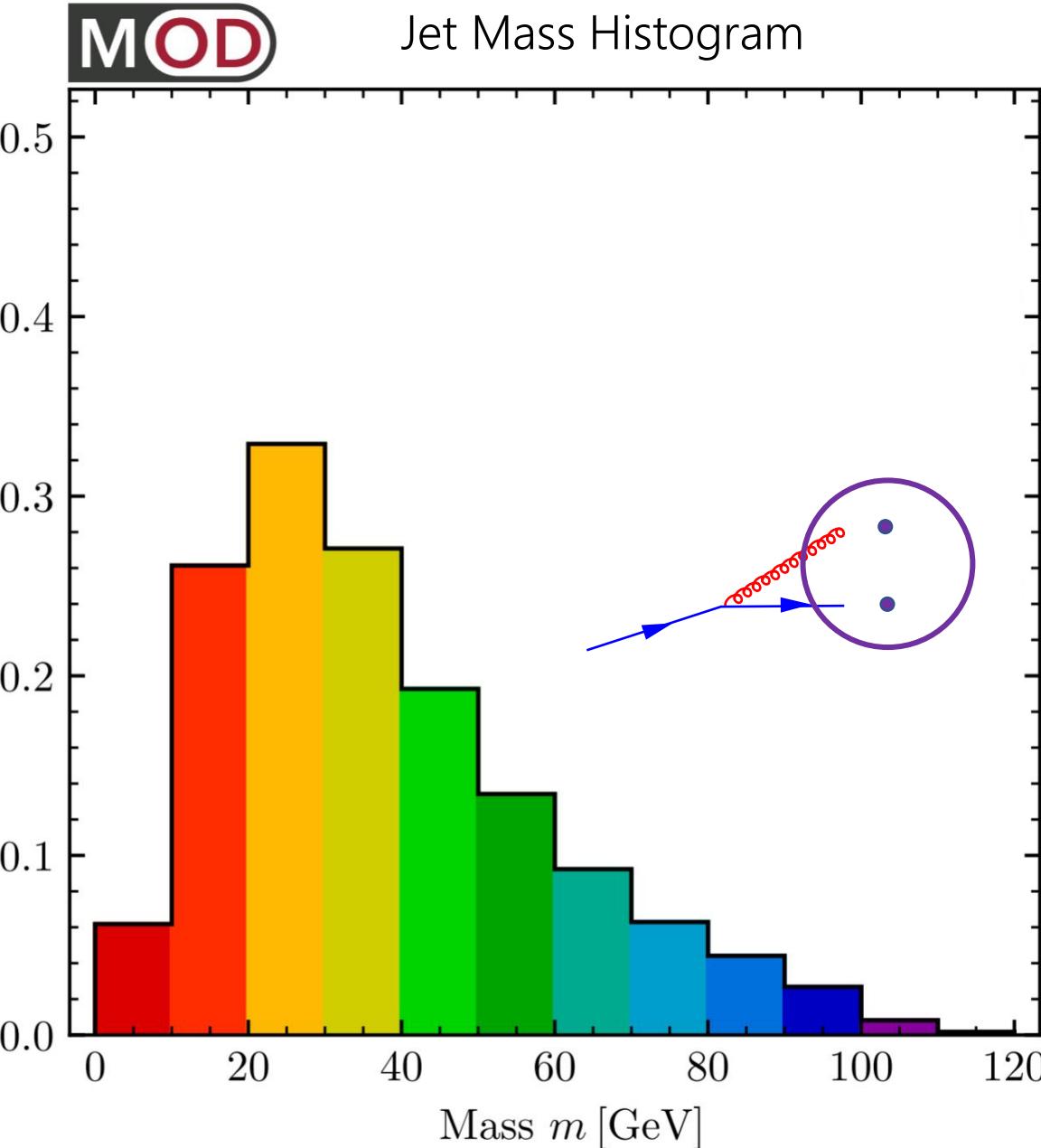
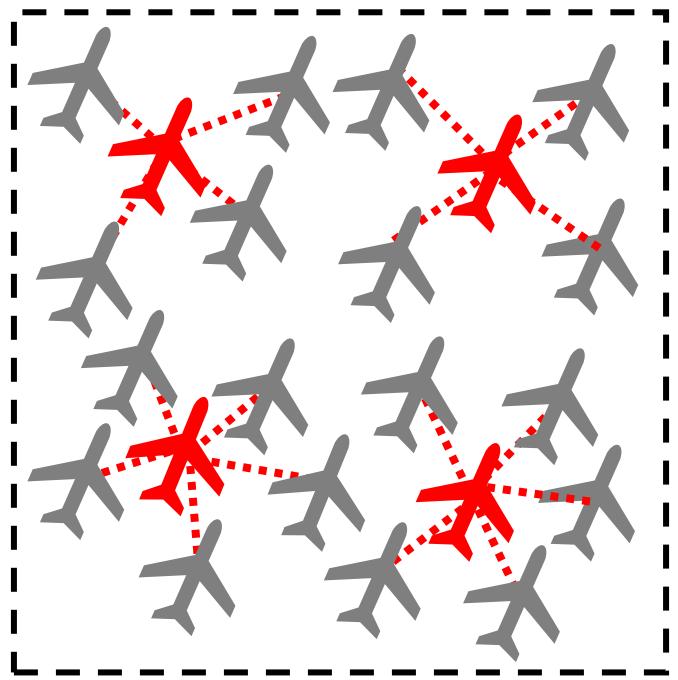


$$\text{EMD}(\varepsilon, \varepsilon') + \text{EMD}(\varepsilon', \varepsilon'') \geq \text{EMD}(\varepsilon, \varepsilon'')$$

# Most Representative Jets

$$\text{Jet Mass: } m = \left( \sum_{i=1}^M p_i^\mu \right)^2$$

Measures how "wide" the jet is.

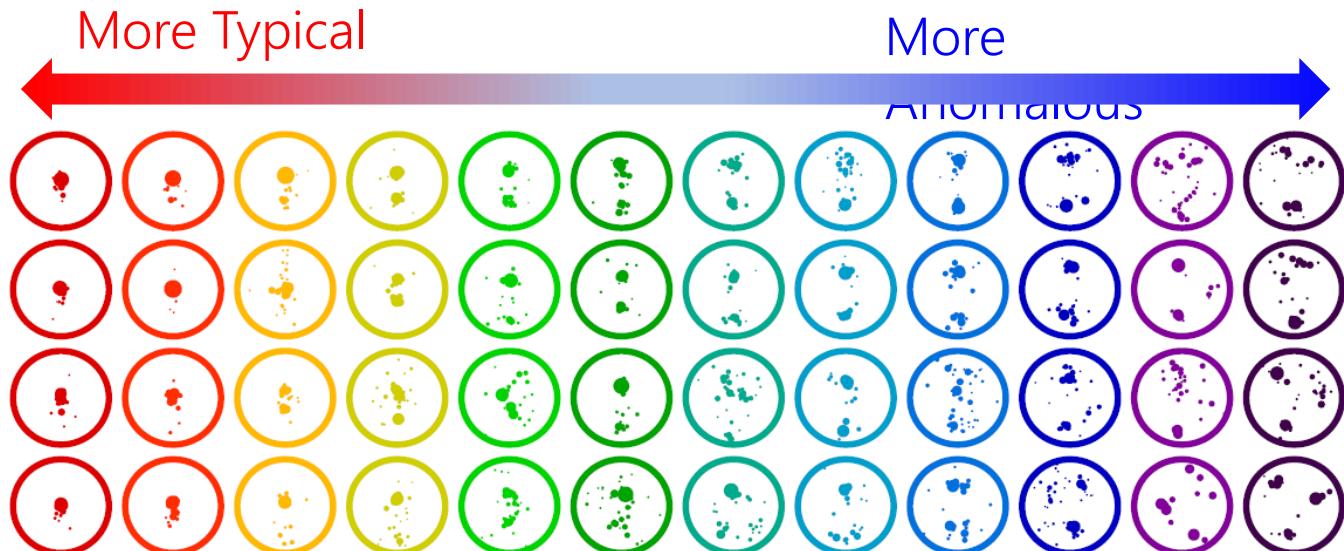
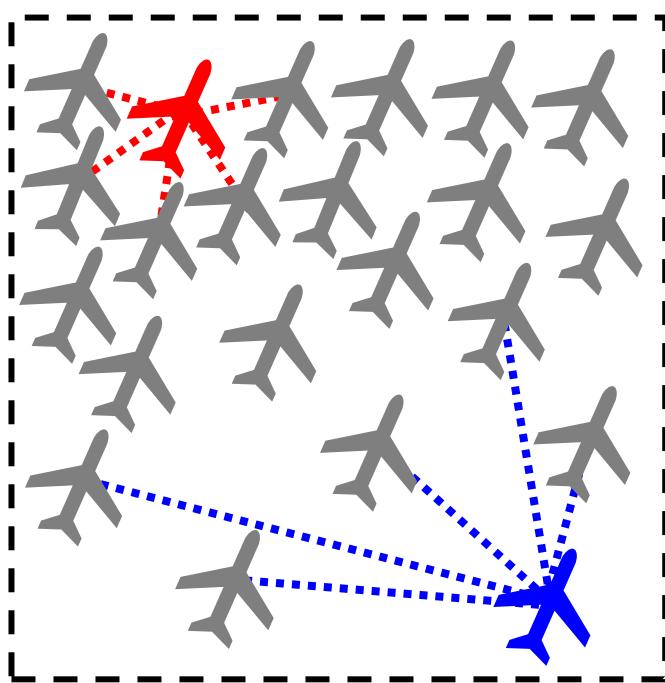


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# Towards Anomaly Detection

Mean EMD to Dataset:

$$\bar{Q}(\mathcal{E}) = \sum_{i=1}^N \text{EMD}(\mathcal{E}, \mathcal{E}_i)$$

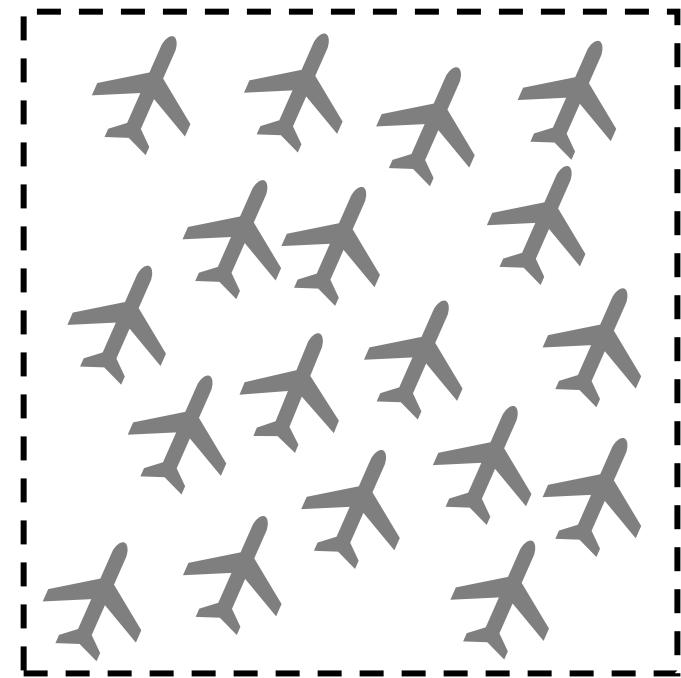


Complements recent developments in anomaly detection for collider physics.

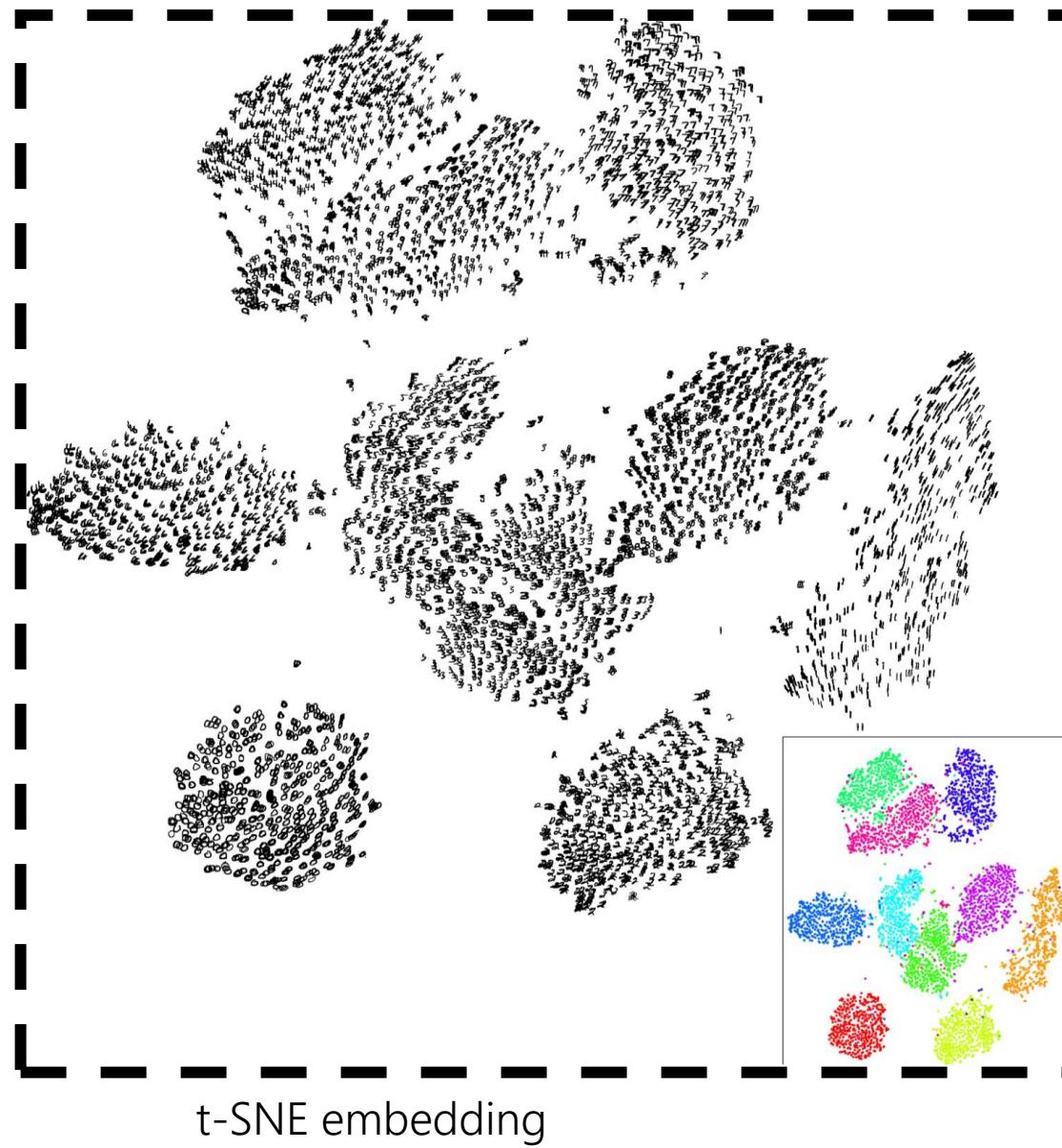
- [Collins, Howe, Nachman, 1805.02664]
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- [Farina, Nakai, Shih, 1808.08992]
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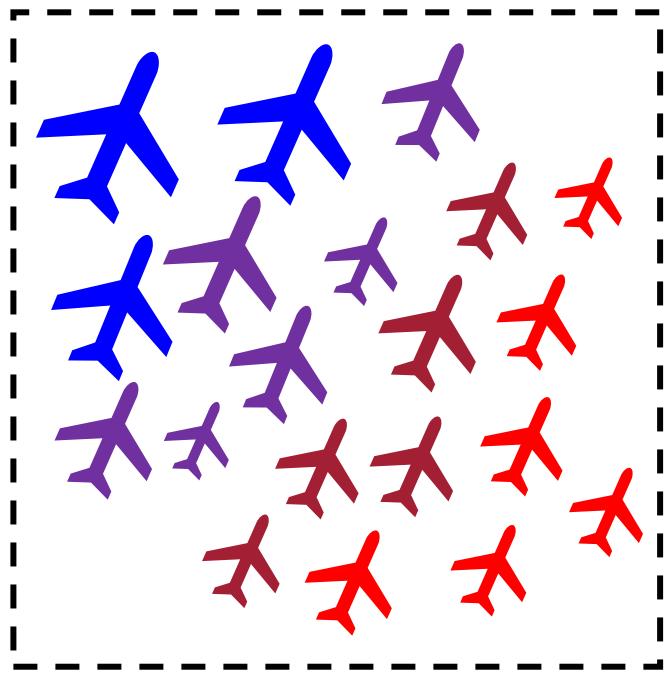


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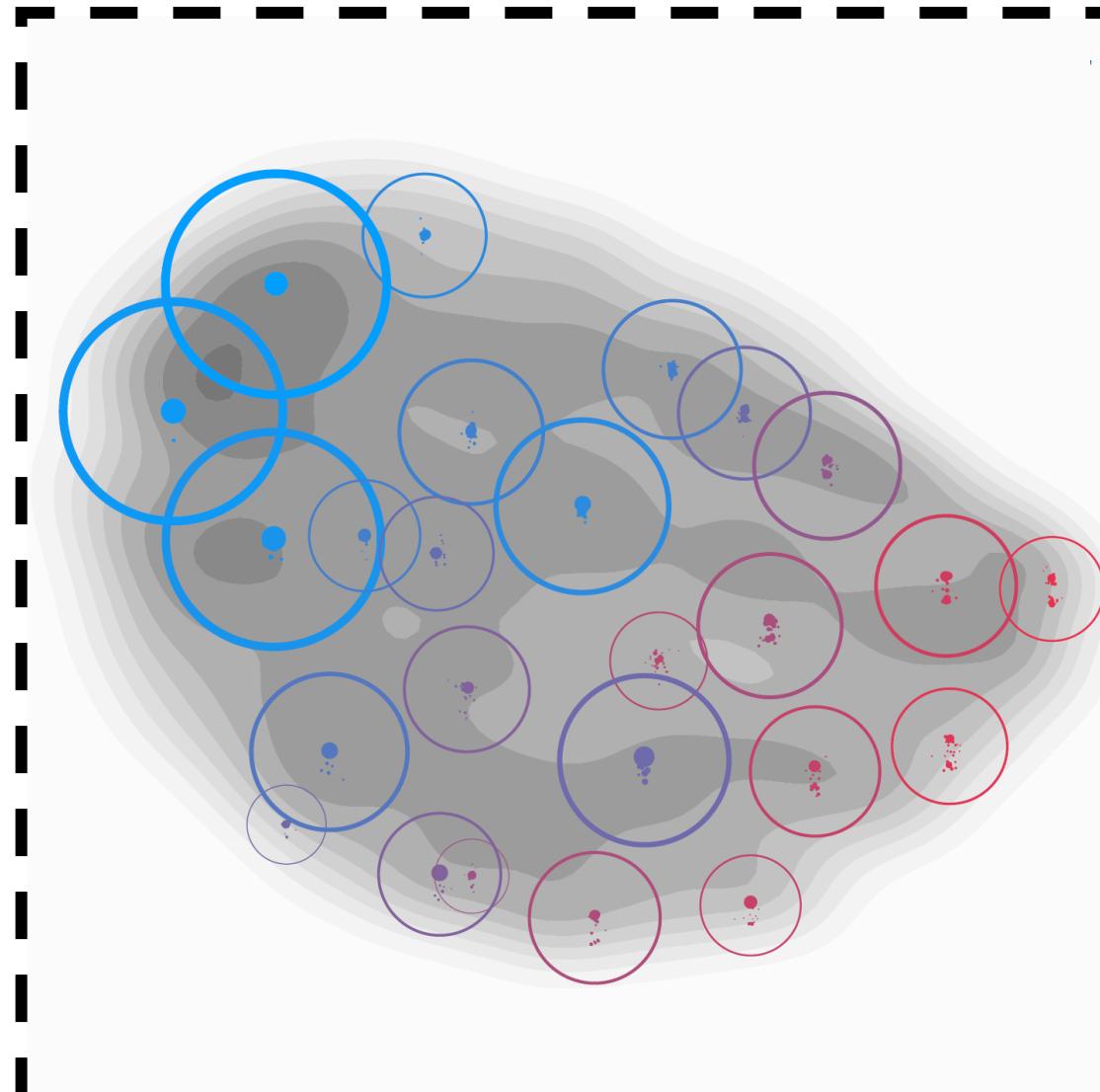
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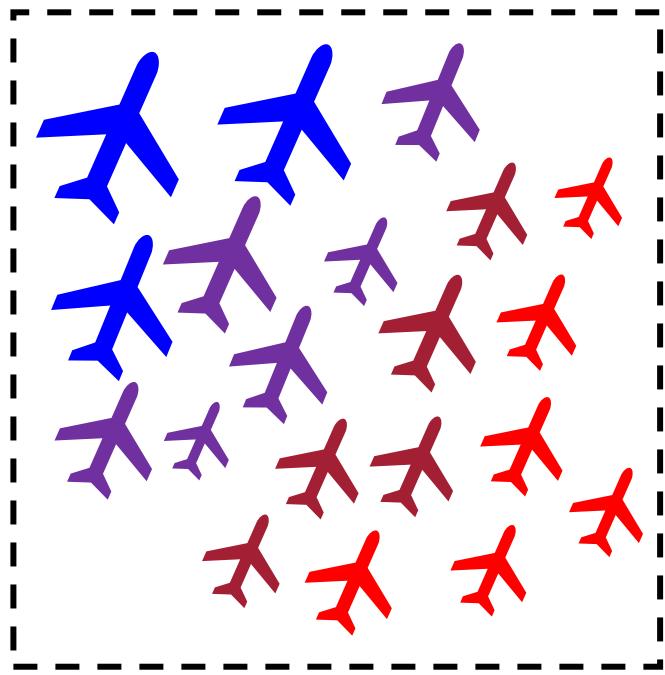
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t-SNE embedding: 25-medoid jets shown

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