



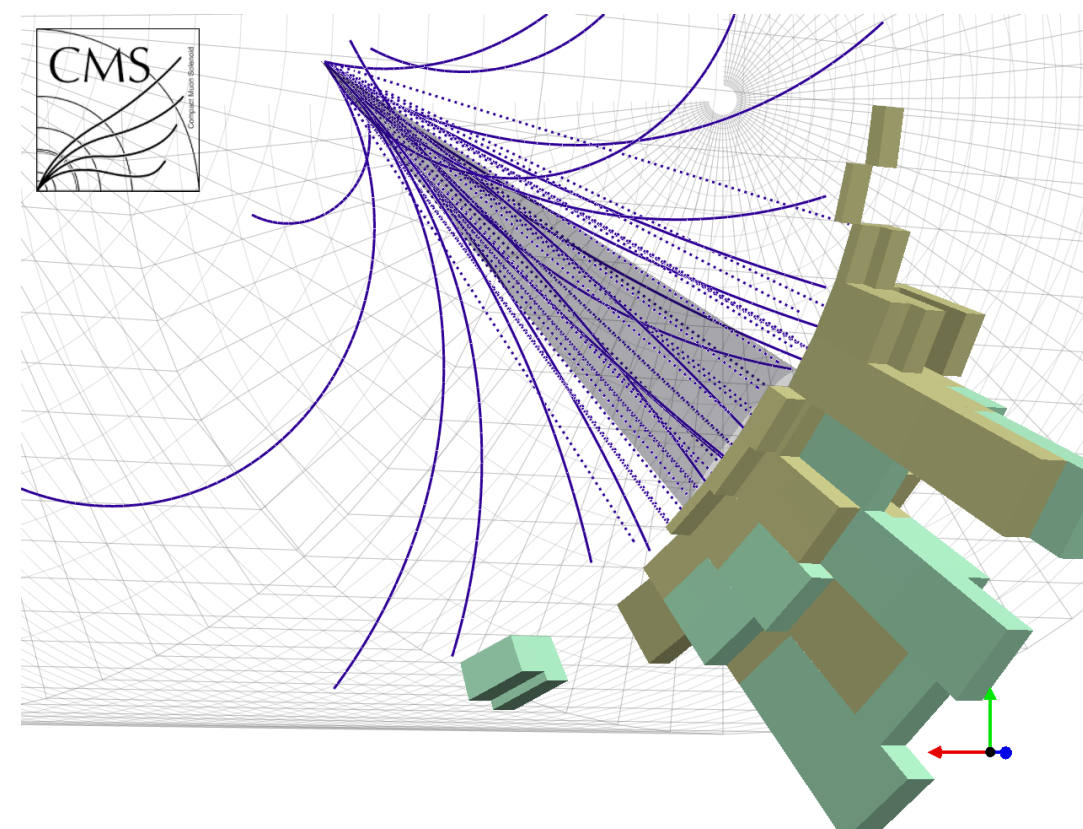
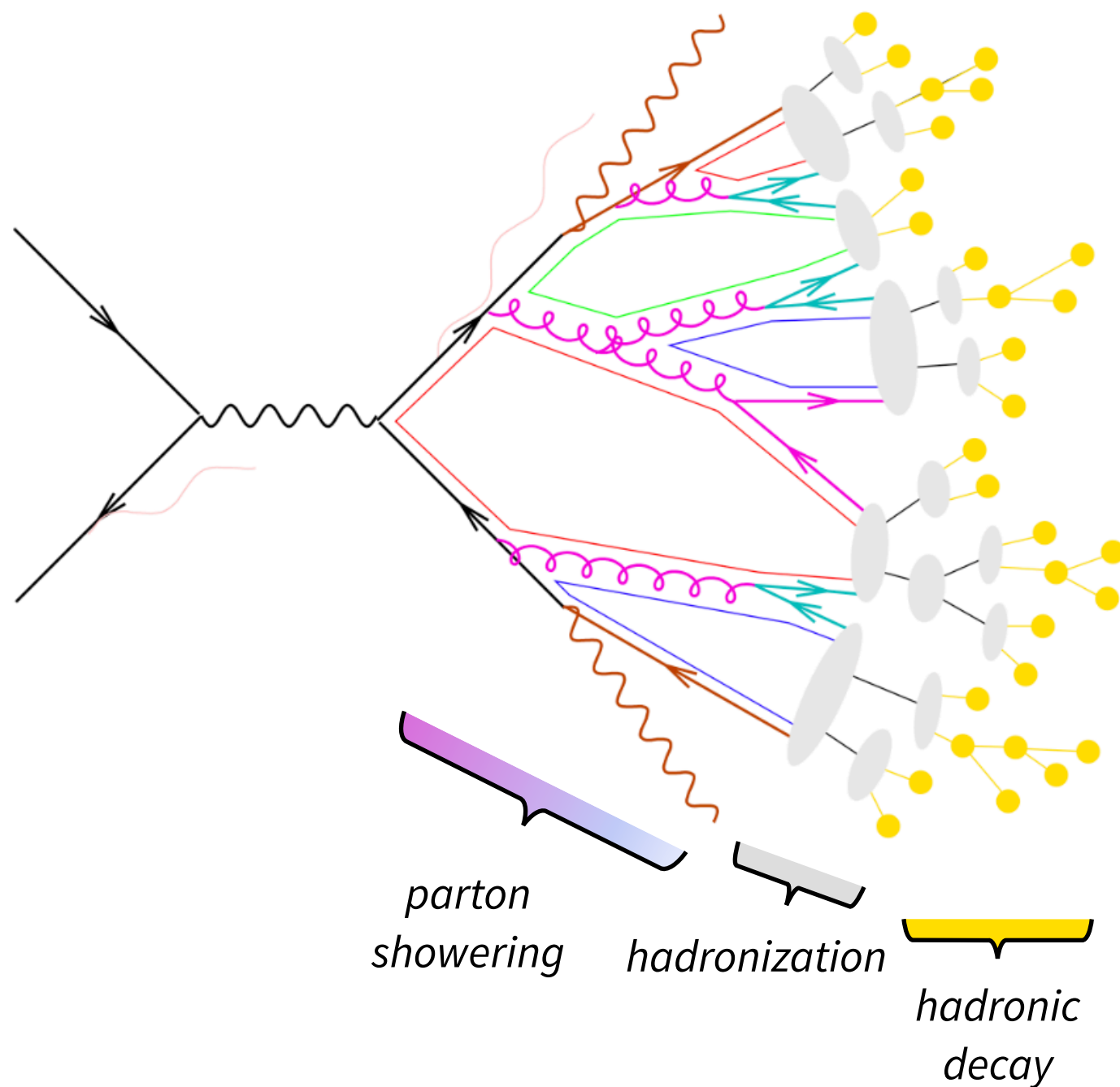
# Cutting-edge jet networks and their impact on LHC hadronic-channel searches

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# Jets in hadron colliders

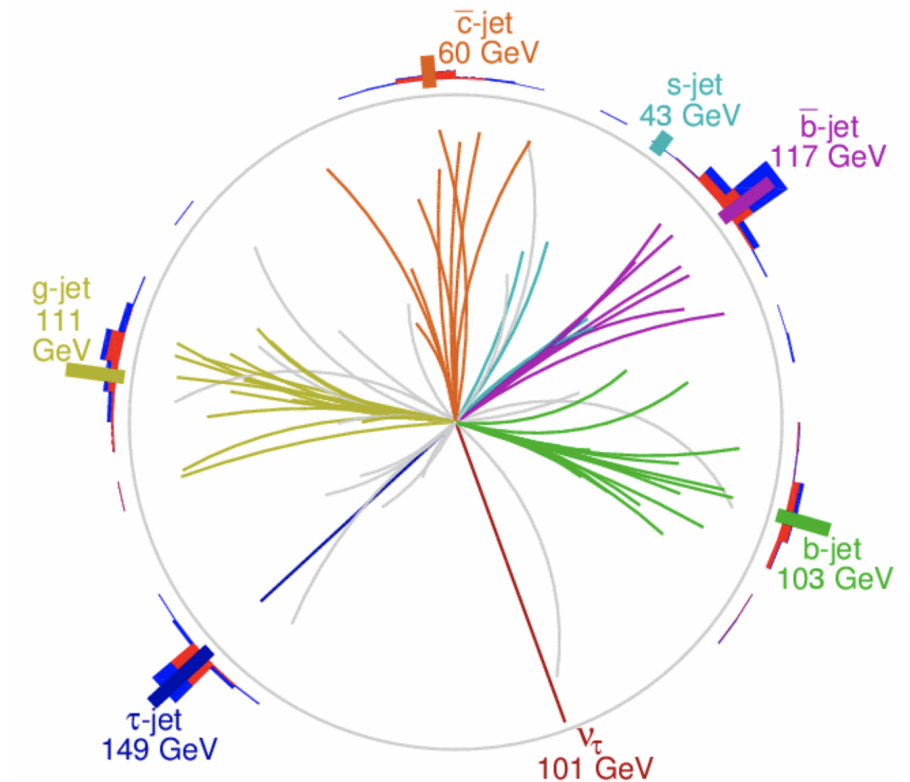
*Jets are collinear sprays of particles initiated by quark/gluons*



*raw data from tracker & calorimeter  
→ reconstruct to particle records  
(in CMS: particle-flow candidates)*

# Jets in CMS physics measurements/search

- Jets are clustered from CMS particle-flow candidates
- Clustering radius controls jet cone size
- Many jet analyze techniques:
  - ❖ identify the origin (jet tagging): b/c/light?  
composed  $W \rightarrow qq/H \rightarrow bb/t \rightarrow bqq$ ?
  - ❖ reveal the substructure
    - $N$ -subjettiness
    - energy correctors
- Construction of variables either rule-based/machine-learning-based
  - ❖ to make selections
  - ❖ as intermediate observables for multivariate analysis
  - ❖ ...



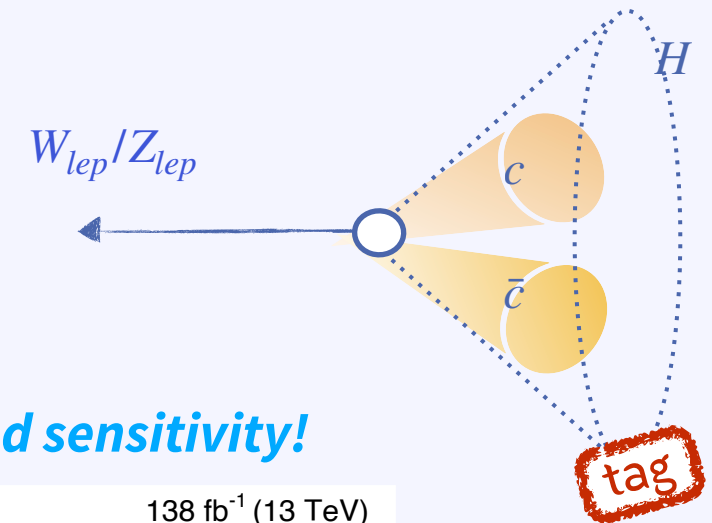
# Inspiration from CMS results

→ CMS measures  $\kappa_c$  via  $VH(\rightarrow c\bar{c})$  production mode, including the merged-jet topology

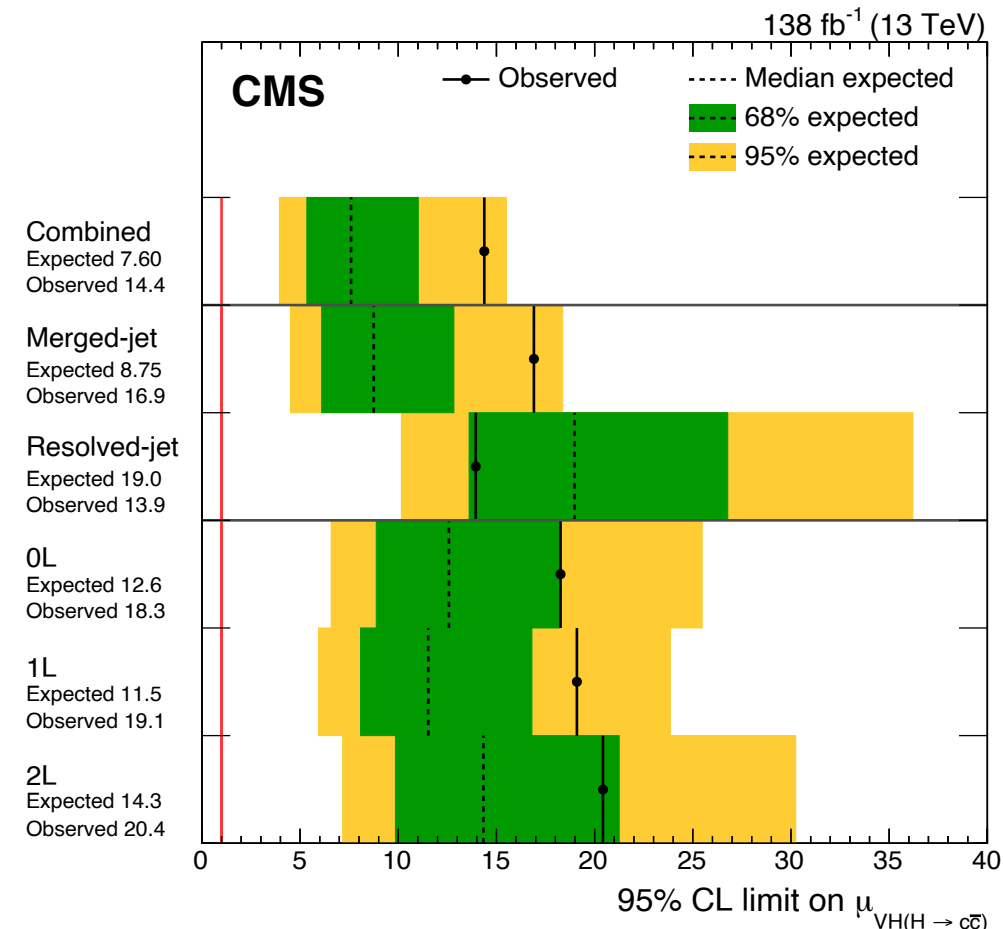
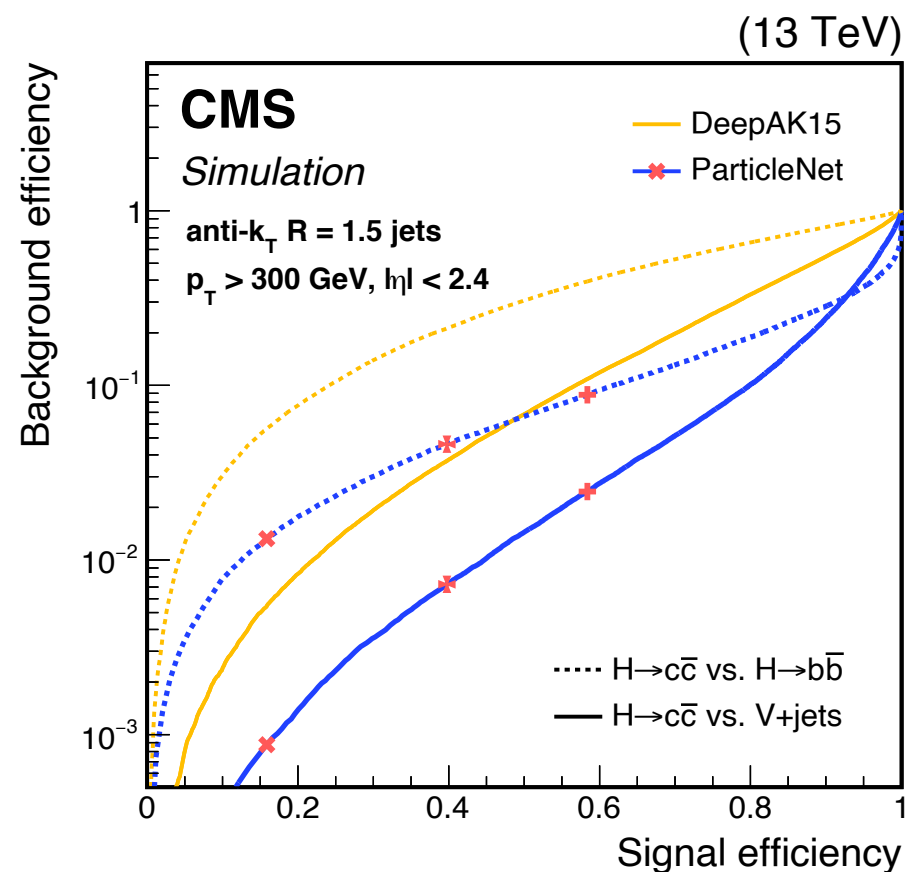
- ❖ in merged-jet topology: leveraging advanced jet neural network (ParticleNet) to identify  $H\rightarrow c\bar{c}$  jets and reconstruct H mass
- ❖ obtain the most stringent direct limit (95% C.L.) on  $\kappa_c$ :  $1.1 < |\kappa_c| < 5.5$

▶ ATLAS results:  $|\kappa_c| < 8.5$  [EPJC 82 (2022) 717]

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*largely improved sensitivity!*



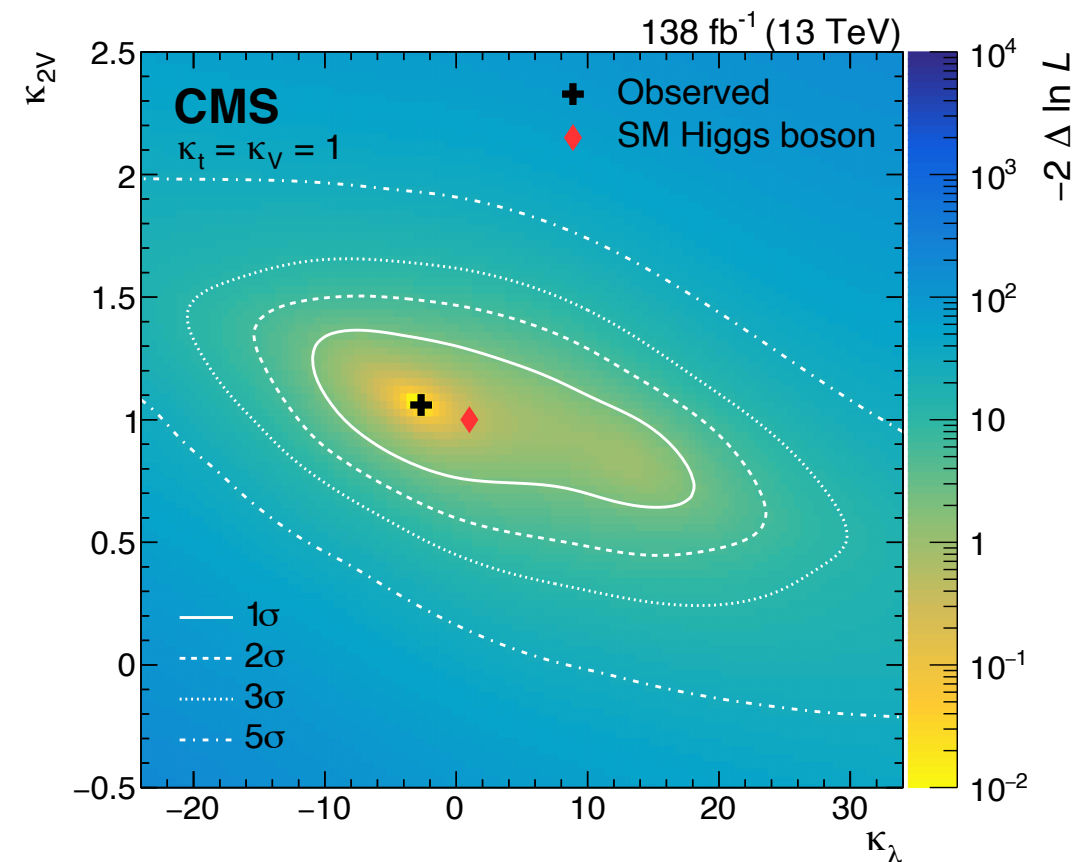
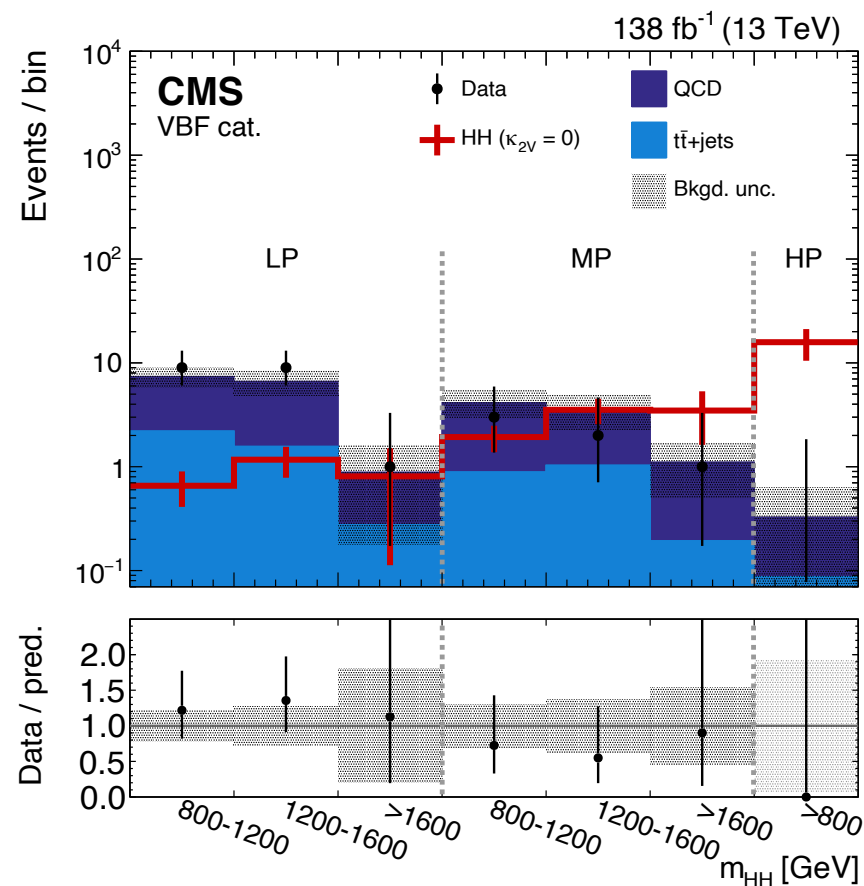
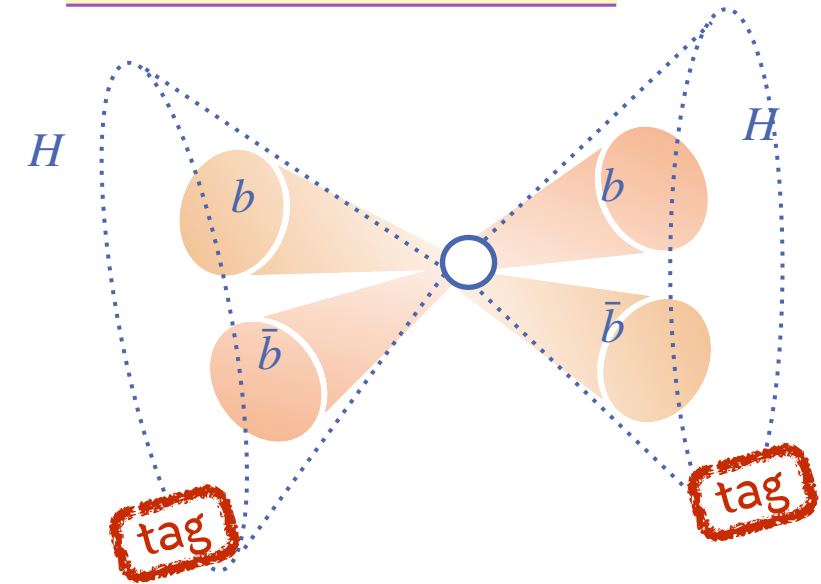


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- ❖ advanced NN (ParticleNet) for  $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$  jet identification and mass regression
- ❖ **first time** excluding  $\kappa_{2V} = 0$  (by  $6.3 \sigma$ )

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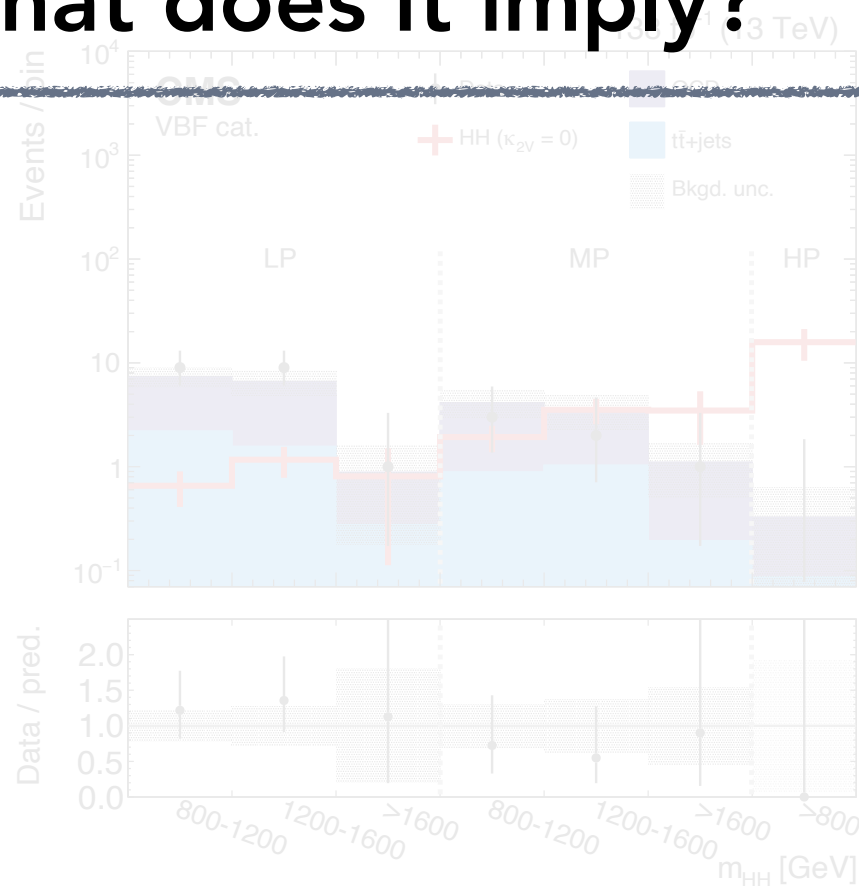
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- ❖ **An upgrade of jet NN  $\rightarrow$  x2 sensitivity improvement**
- What does it imply?**

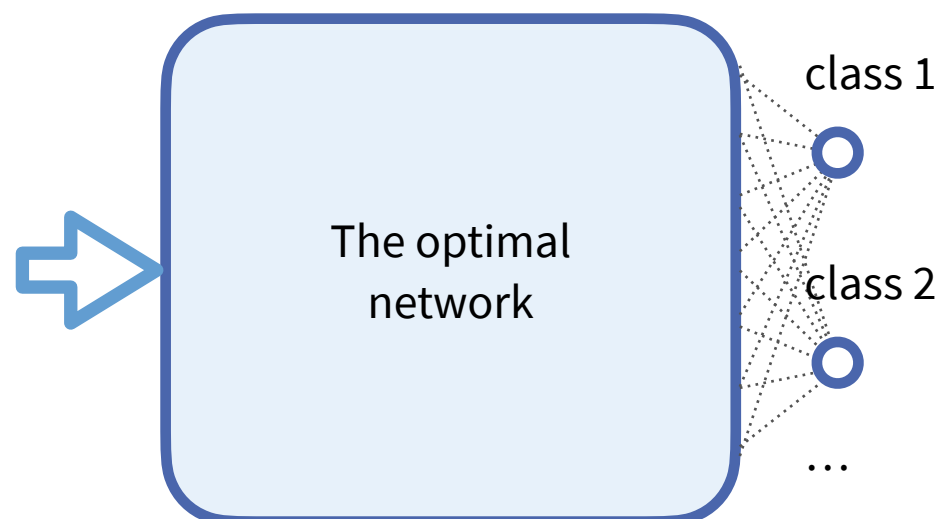
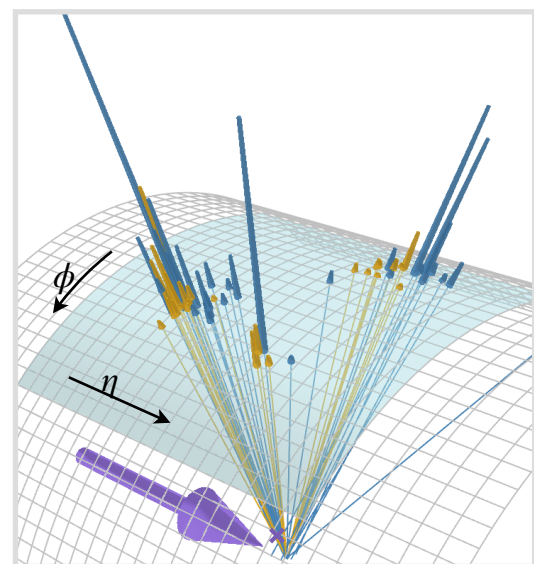
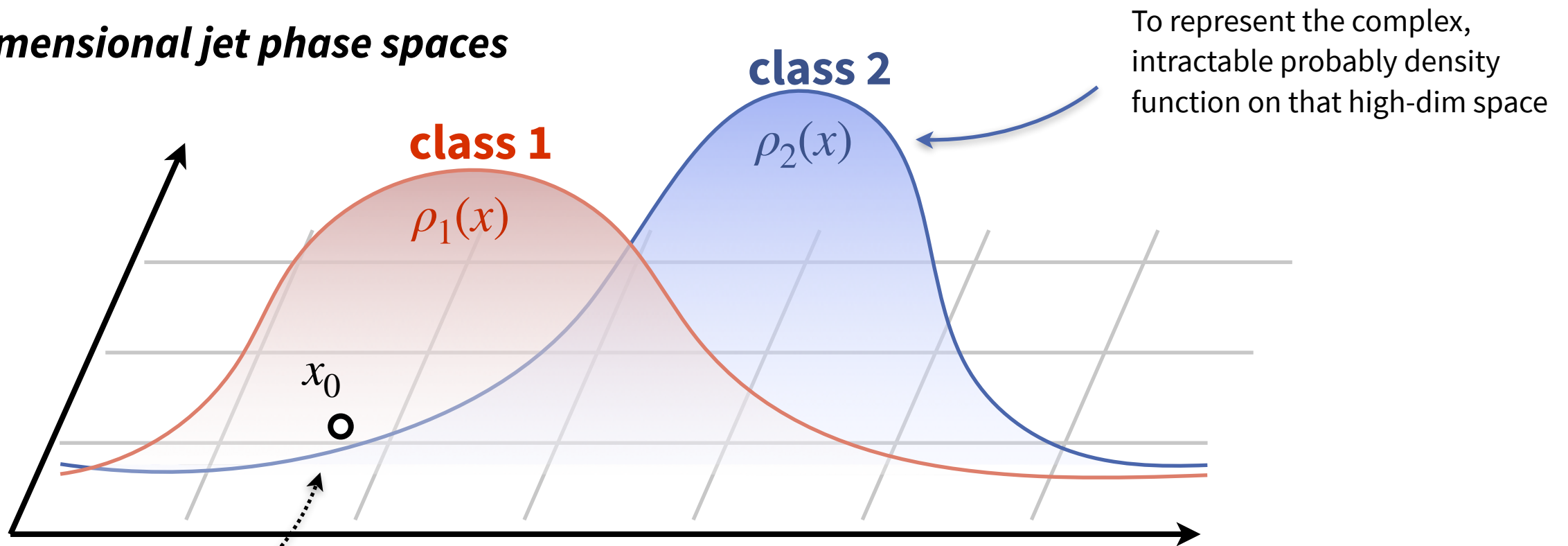


# Logic behind the scene

- “Purify” signal events from the vast backgrounds are key to ~all CMS measurements
- A fundamental problem arise:
  - ❖ given our current detector capability and data collected, where is that upper bound for purifying the signal?
- Formulate the problem in statistics: likelihood ratio is always the best discriminant
  - ❖ but.. it is so intractable (the data format is too complex, and the dimension is high)
  - ❖ rule-based methods have helped us thus far (since ~1960, beginning of our collider experiment journeys), **but we don't know how far is it to the ideal “upper bound”**
  - ❖ these results remind us: there is much to improve in hadronic channels!

# Deep, advanced NN as closest solution

## High-dimensional jet phase spaces



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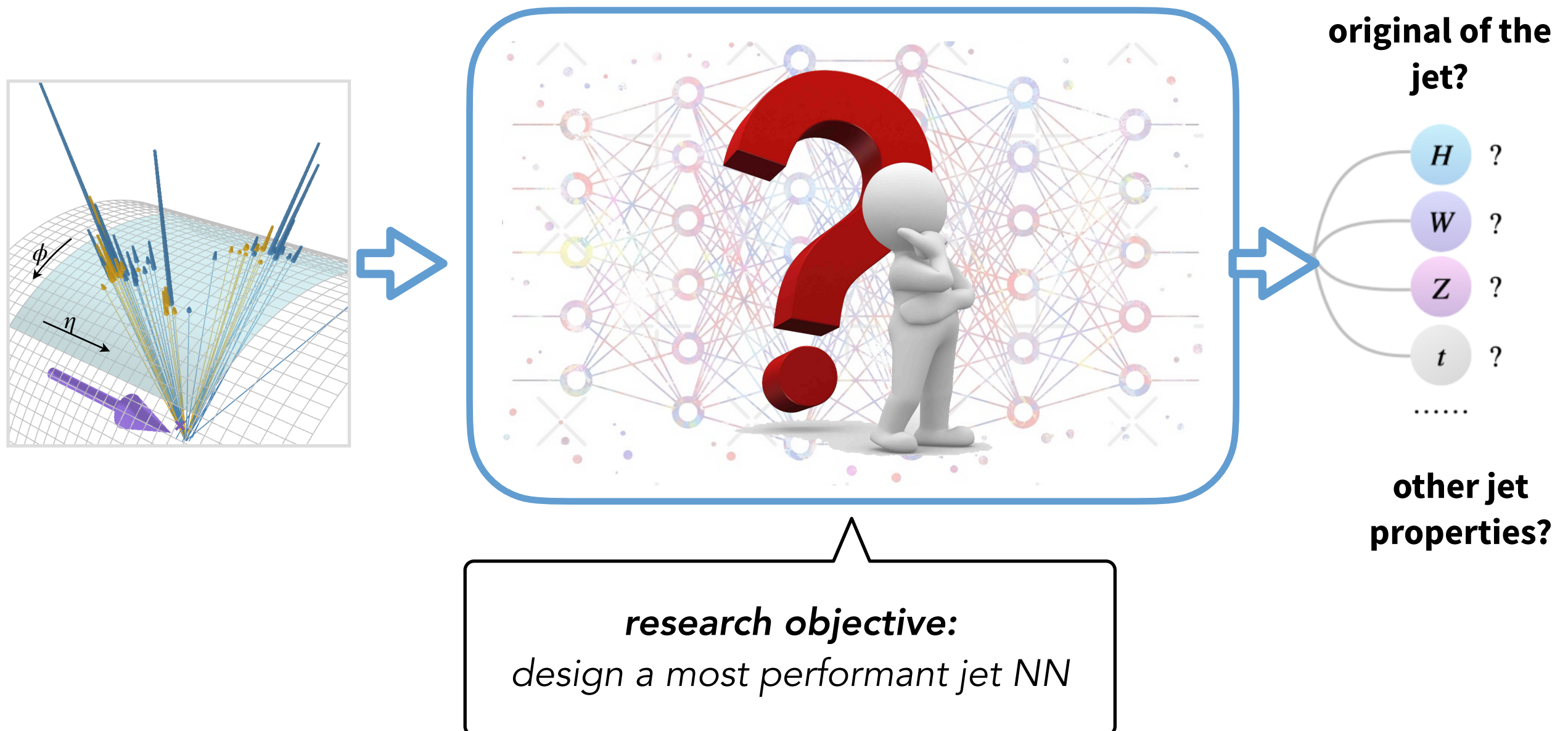
We don't know about  $\rho$ s (it's too complex & intractable)  
 We also cannot interpret the NN (NN is a black box)  
 But we know NN estimates  $\rho$  in our well-defined training strategy



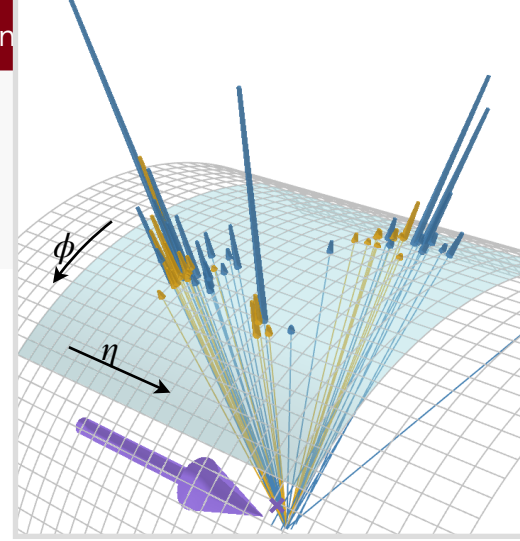
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# How to design a most performant jet NN?

- We have to ask: How to design a most performant jet NN?
- This is a highly physics-ML interdisciplinary subject
  - ❖ The following slides: cherry-pick some recent advancements

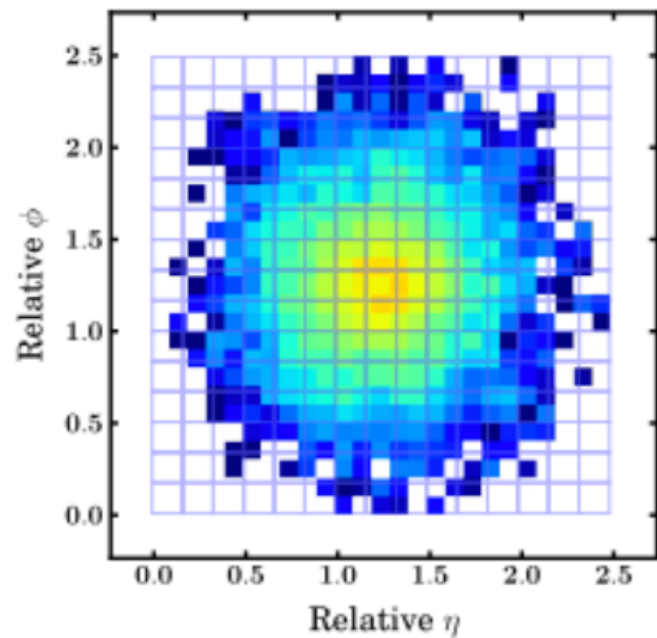


# Jet representation



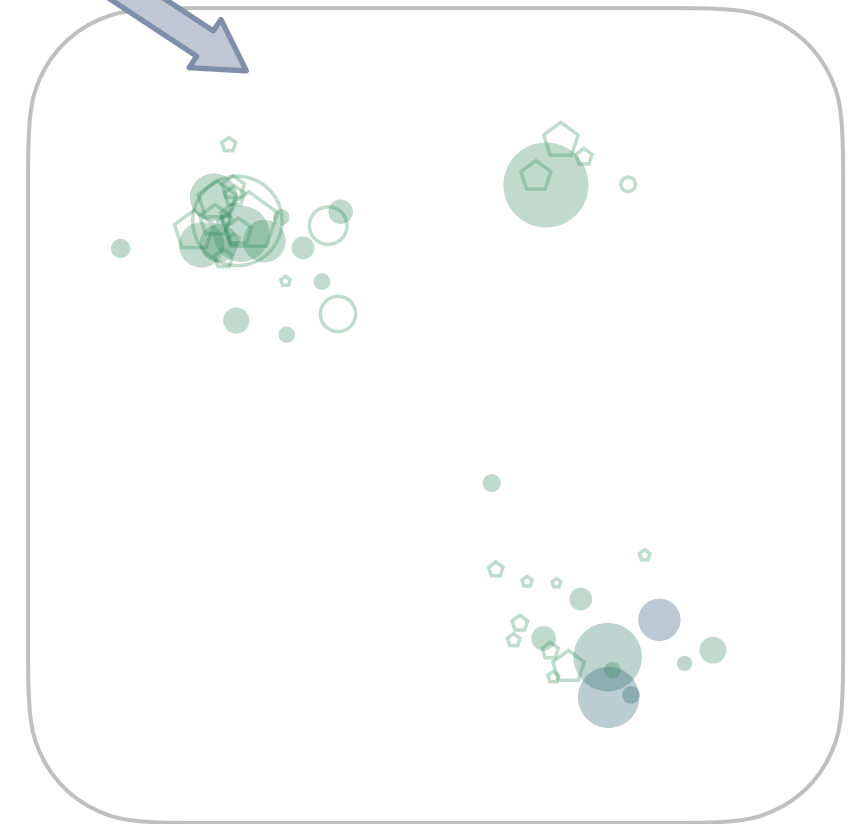
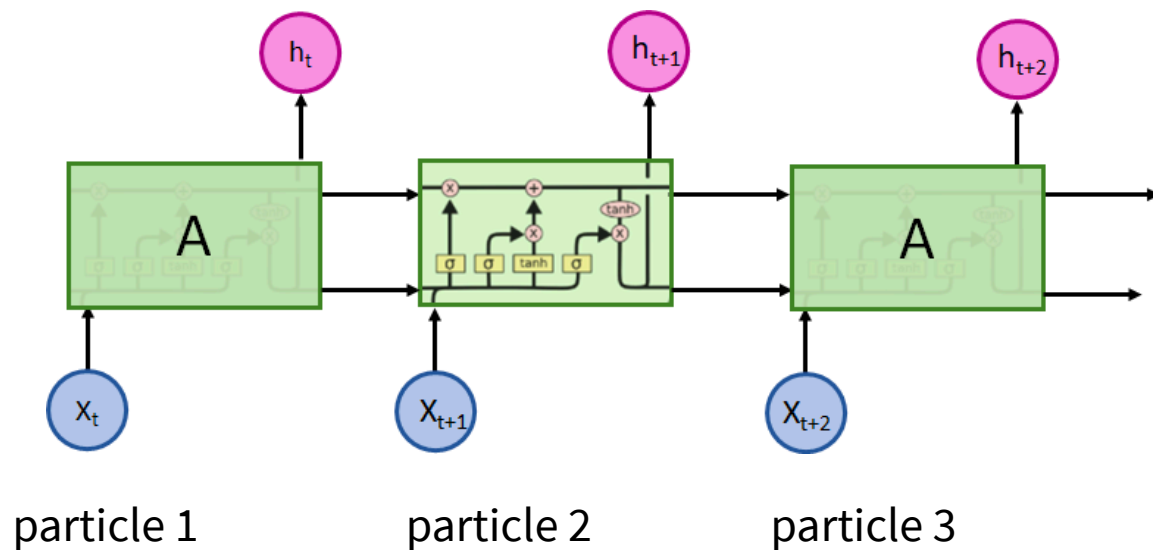
earlier approach

**better approach**

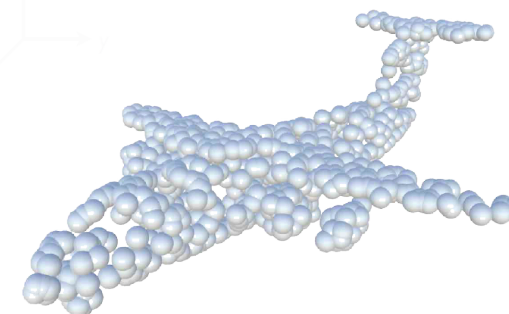


**Image:**  
has information loss,  
brings data sparsity

**Sequence:**  
introduces artificial order



**Point cloud (set):** a more natural way to represent jet

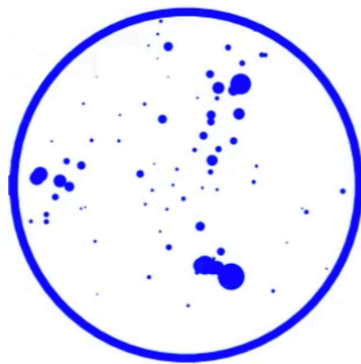


good analogue to point-cloud tasks  
“graph-based networks”

# “Graph” neural networks

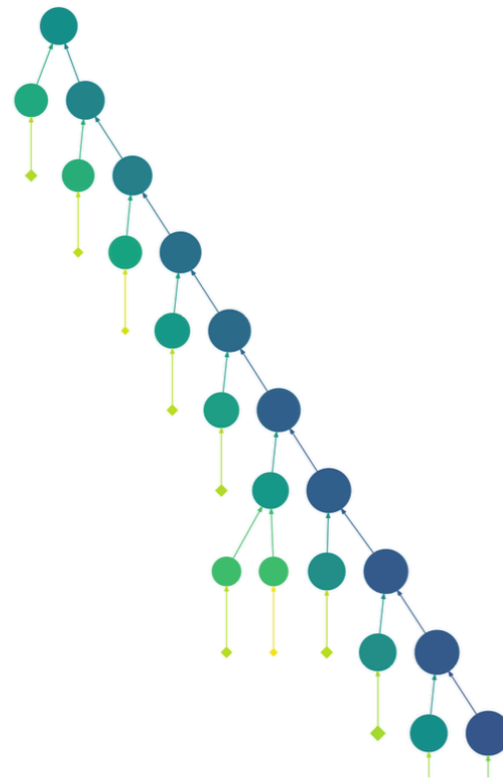
- View input particles as a set/graph
  - ❖ guarantee the *permutational invariance* of input particles
- The **edges** of graph: enable communication between pairs of particles

Set: no edges



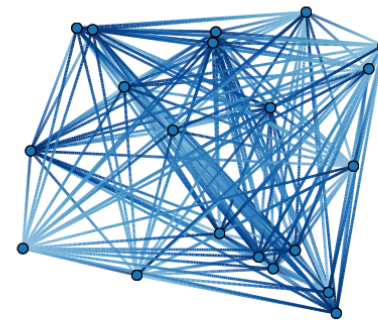
Hierarchical trees:

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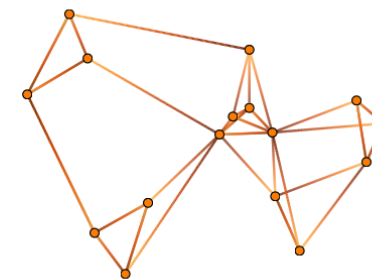
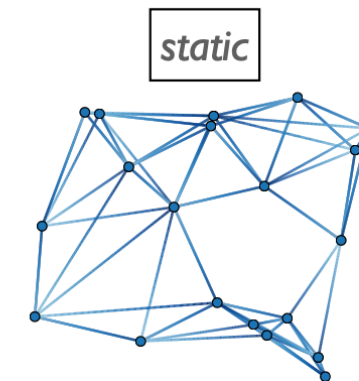
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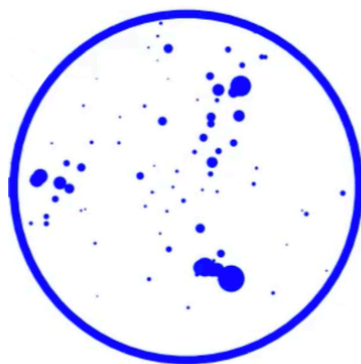
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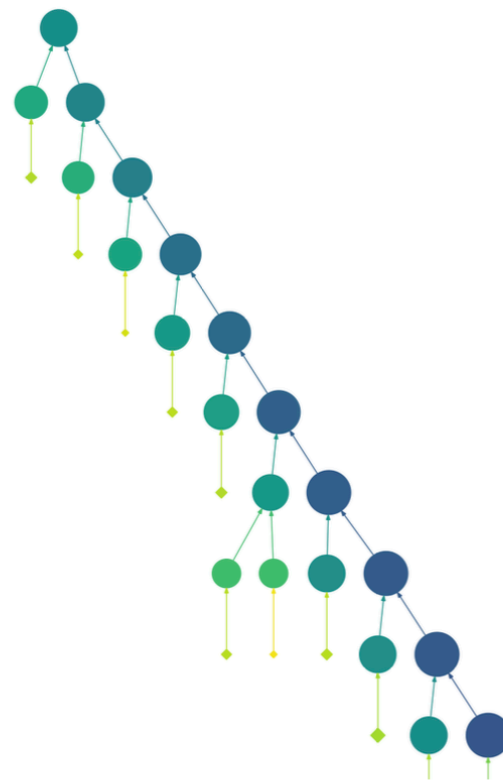
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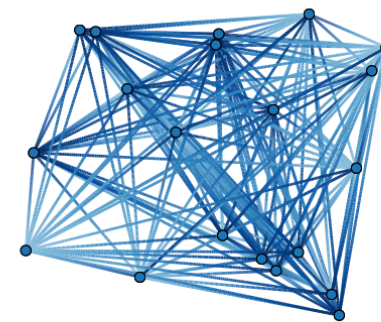
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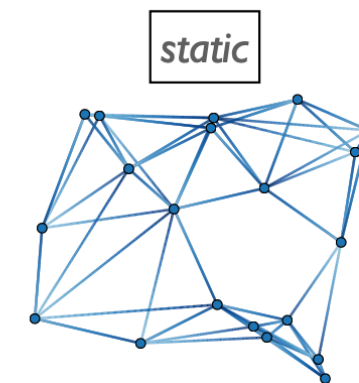
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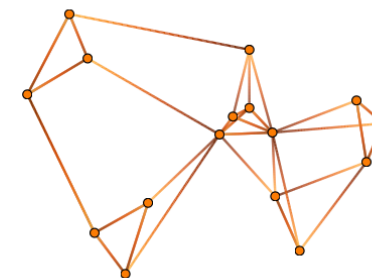


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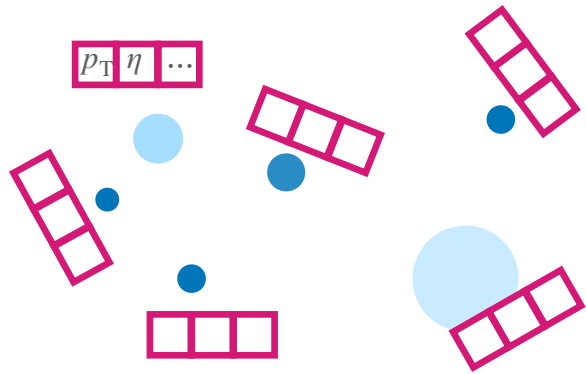


(dynamically) learned



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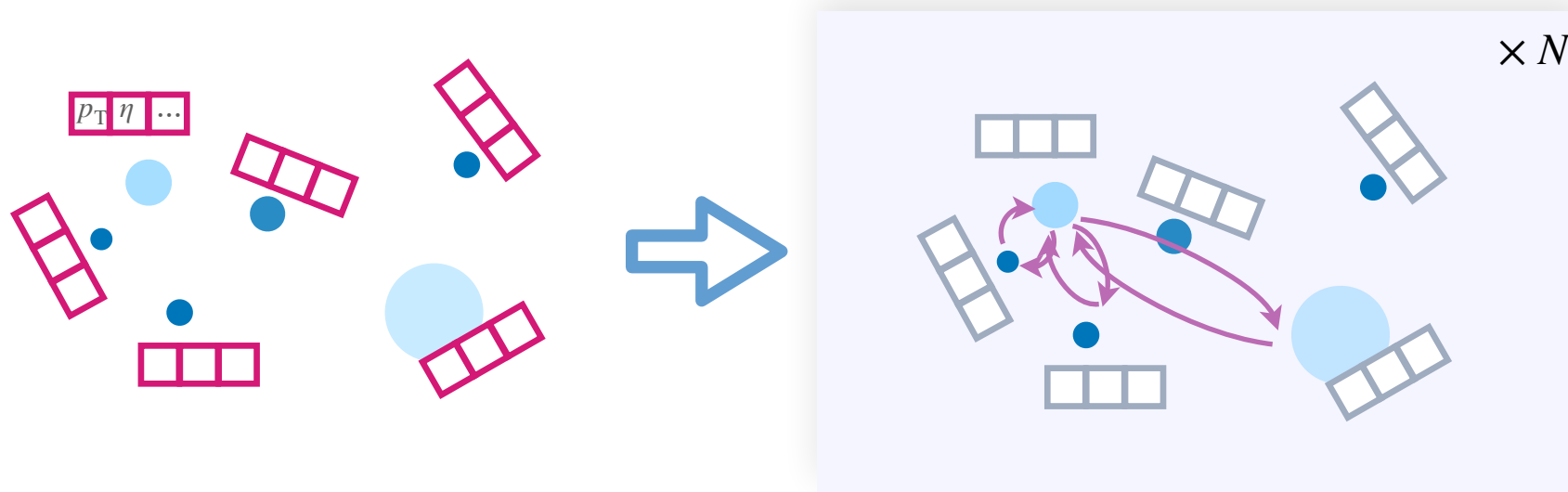
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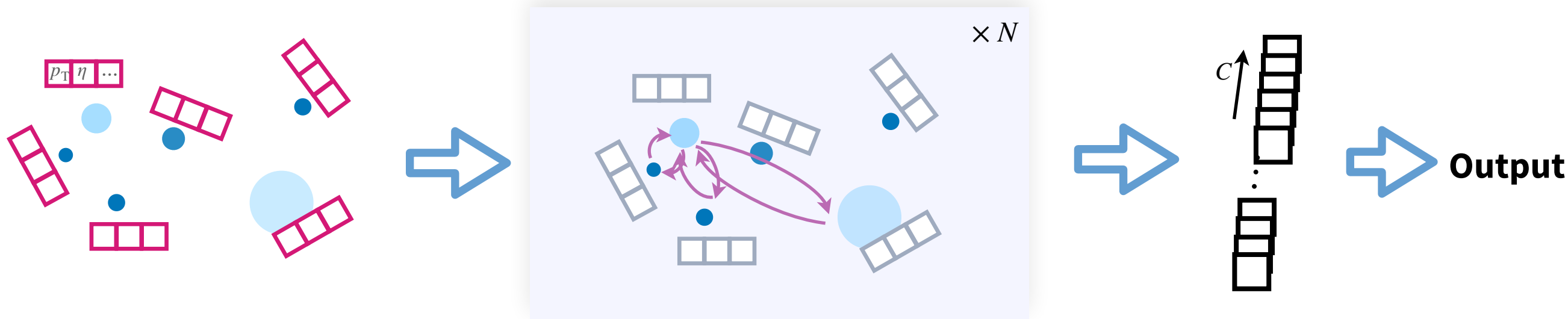


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Feature pooling  
“summarize all particles into one”

The full process is invariant to the permutation of particles



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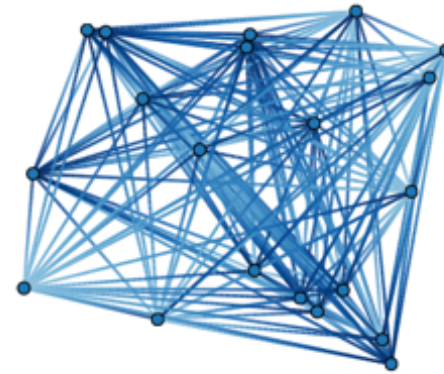
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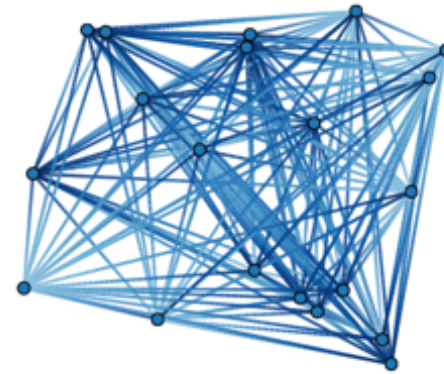
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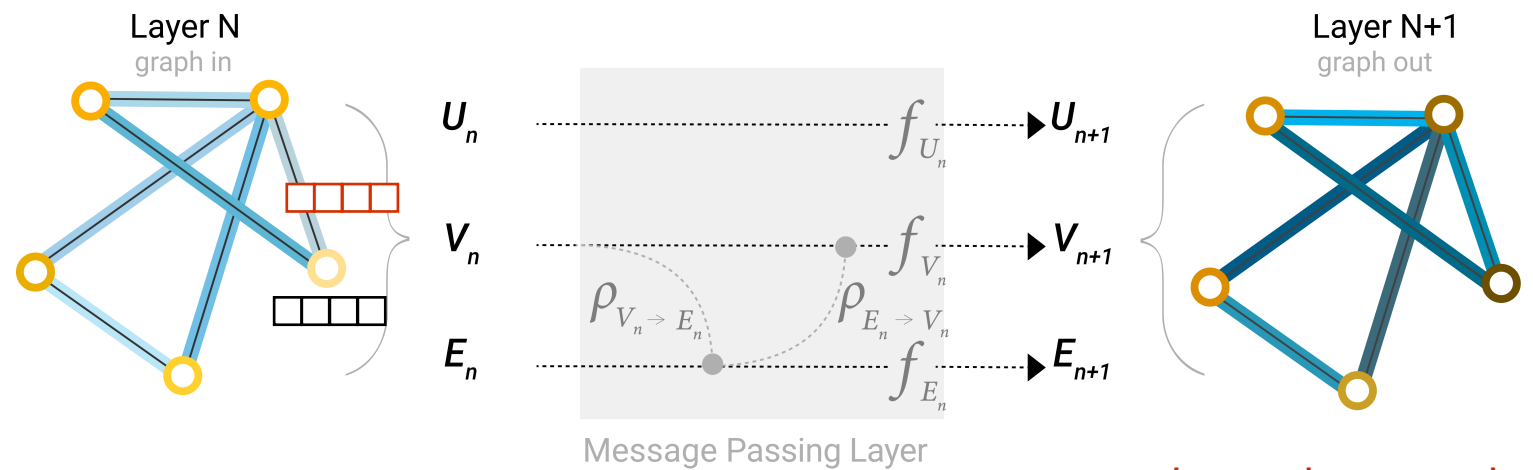


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Typical “graph neural network”



Node -> edge -> node  
(build edge between all pairs)

Typical “Transformer network”



particles as “key”

“Fast communication”  
between all pairs  
via dot-product

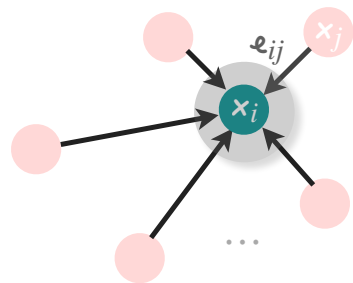
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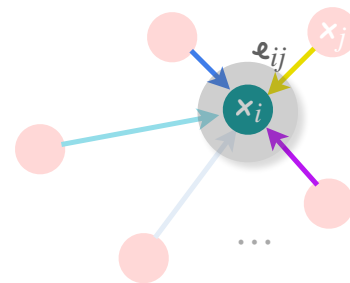
when aggregating features among all particles, using *average/max pooling* losses more information;  
**assigning learnable weights to particles** usually works better

ParticleNet



$$z_i = \text{mean}_j(e_{ij})$$

ParticleNeXt



$$\begin{aligned} \text{attn}_{ij} &= \text{MLP}(e_{ij}) \\ w_{ij} &= \text{softmax}_j(\text{attn}_{ij}) \\ z_i &= \sum_j (w_{ij} e_{ij}) \end{aligned}$$

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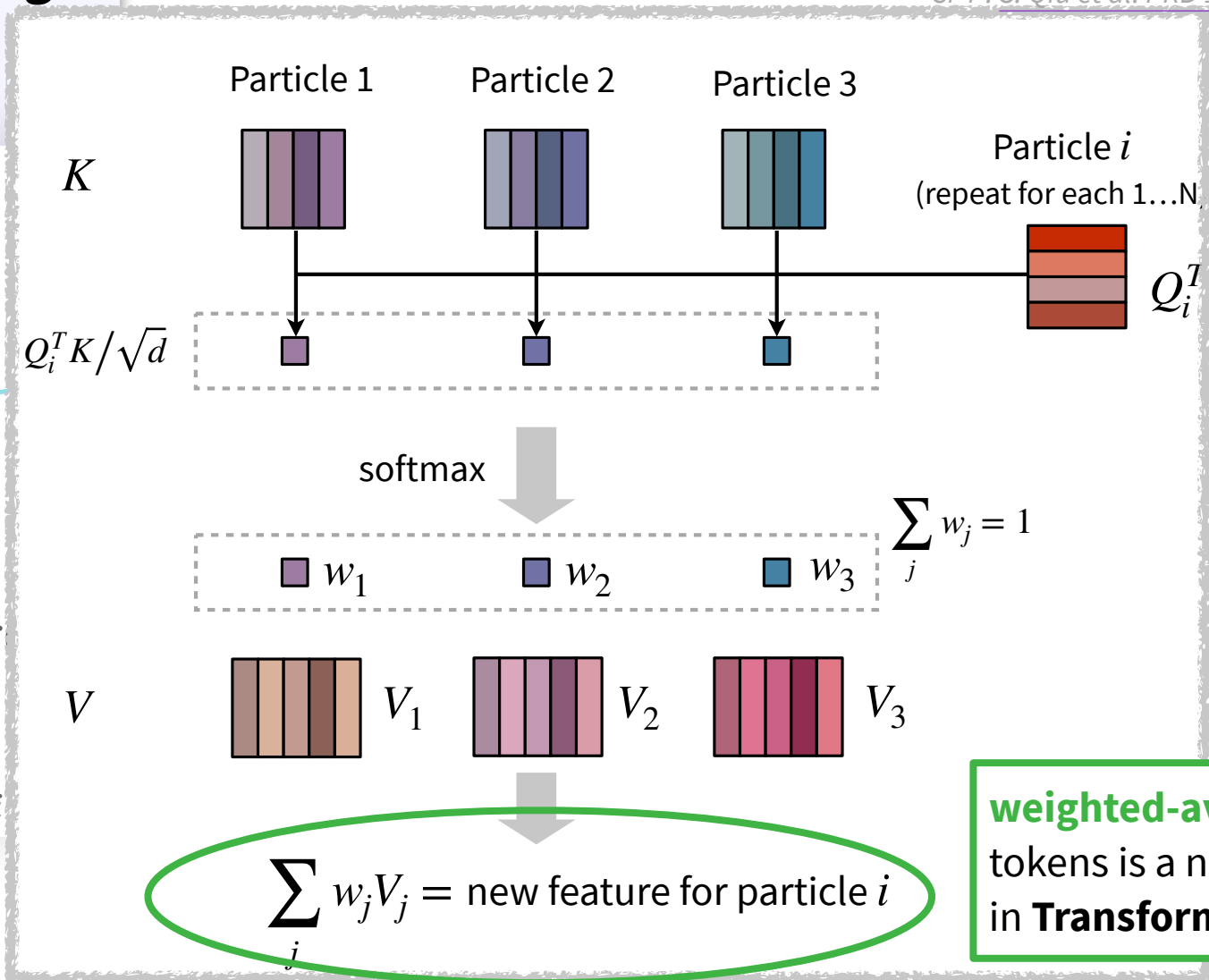
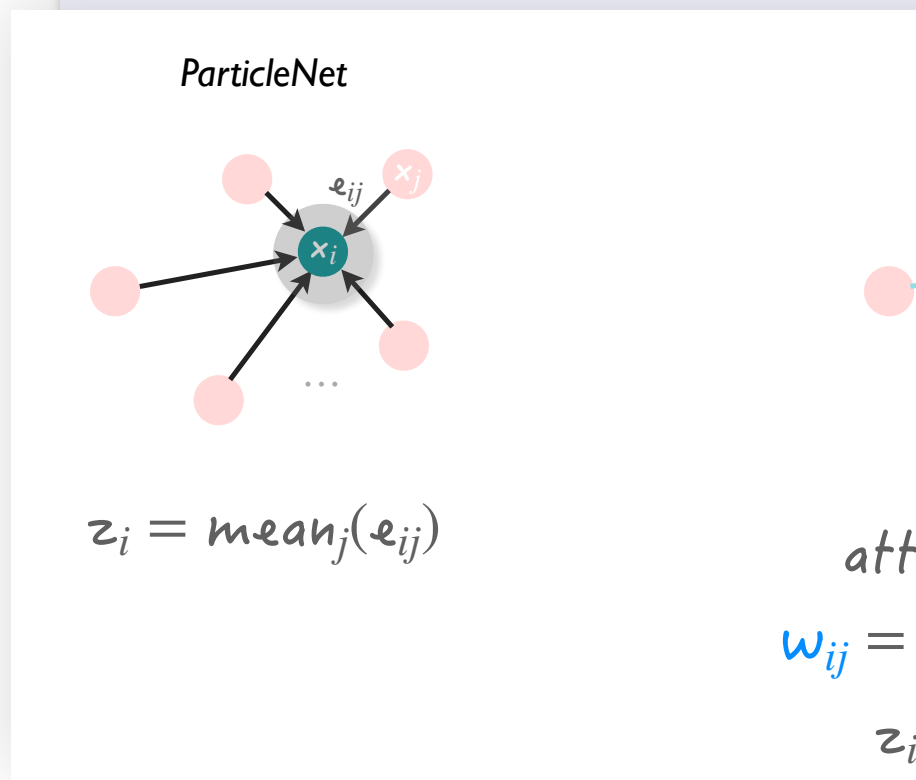
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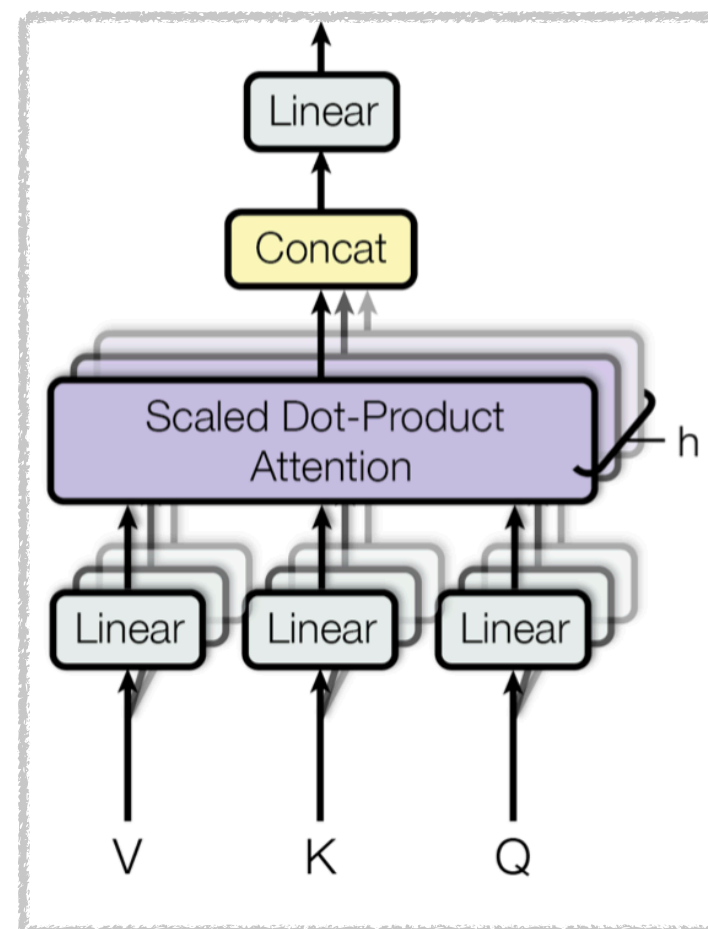
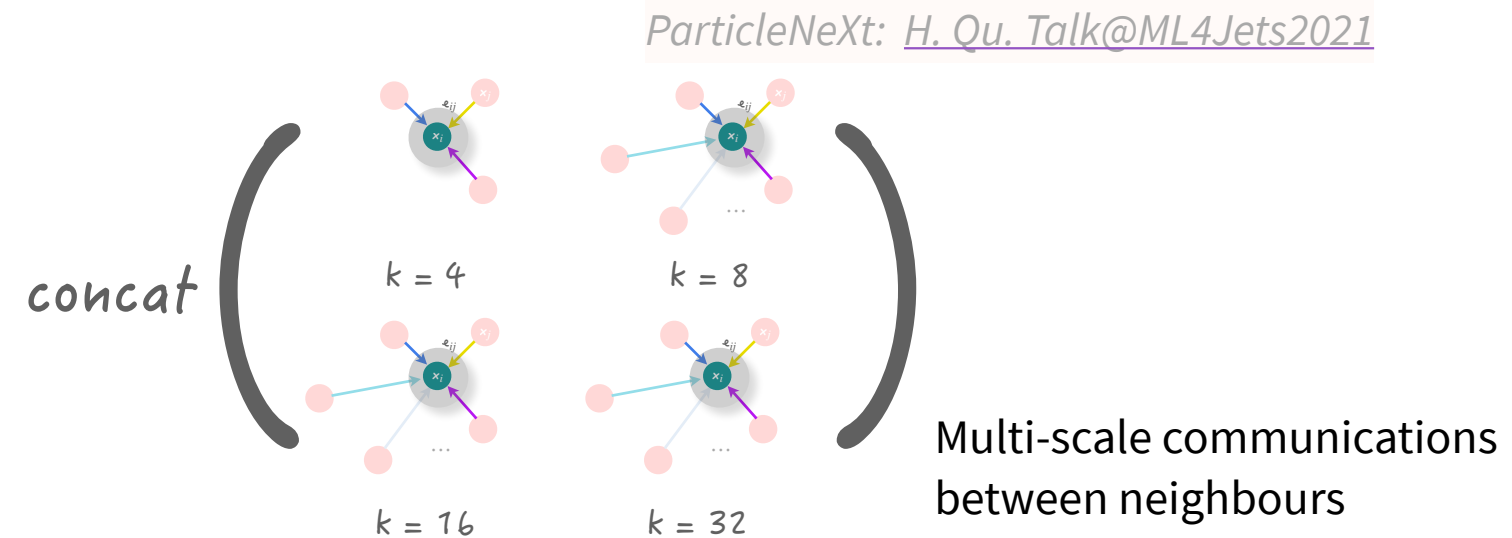


**weighted-average** over tokens is a native feature in **Transformers**

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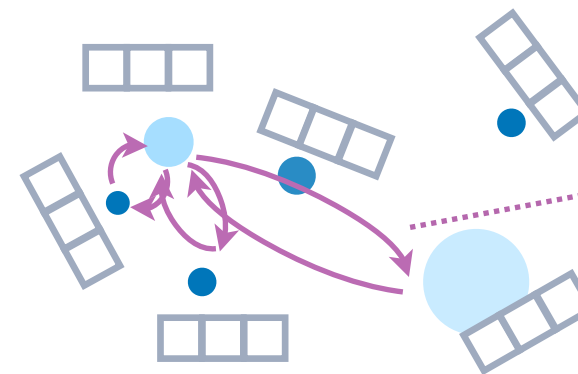
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Classical Transformers enable “multi-head” attention

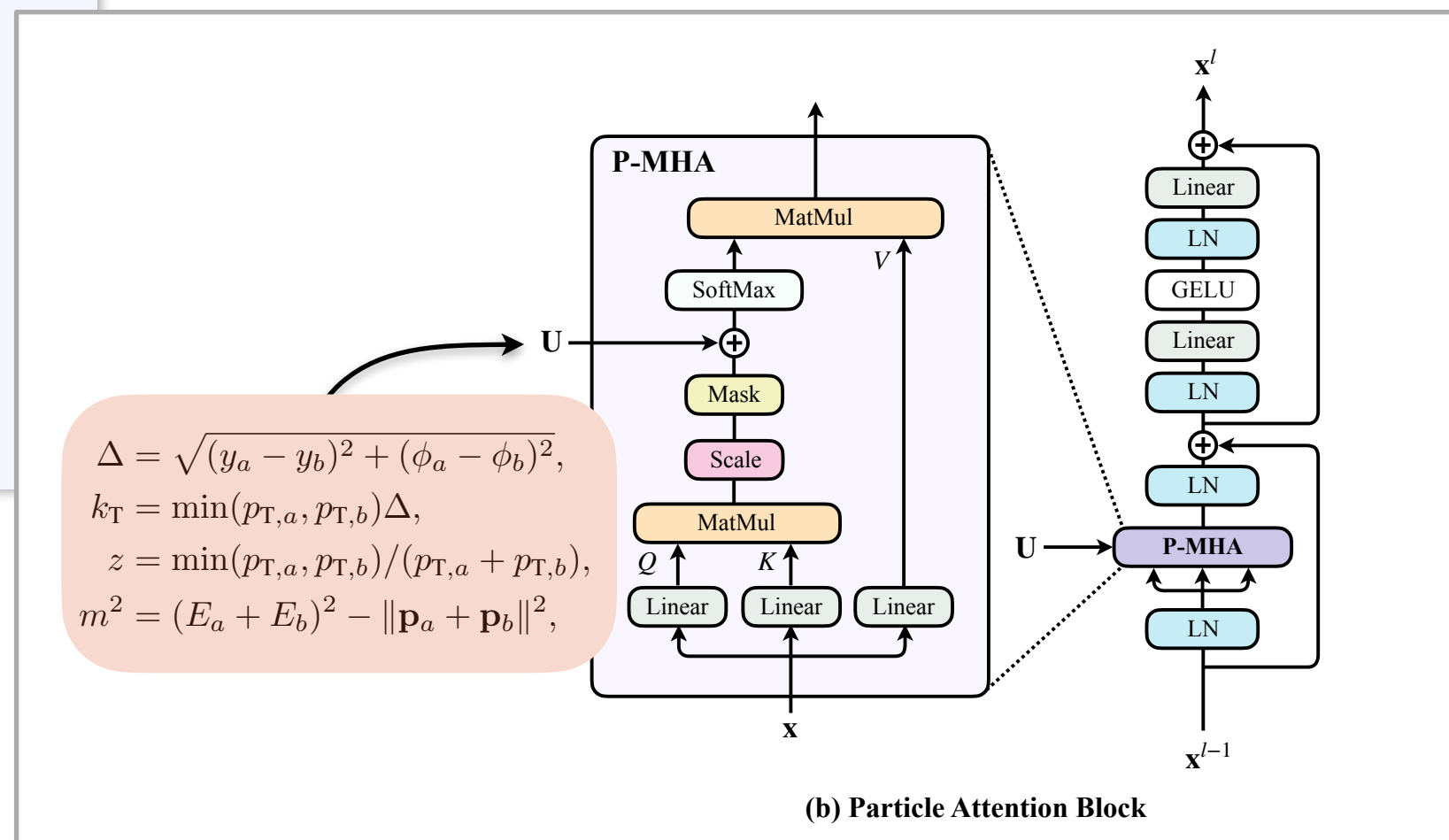
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features carried on “edges”

- angle between particles
- pairwise invariant mass
- track distance, ...

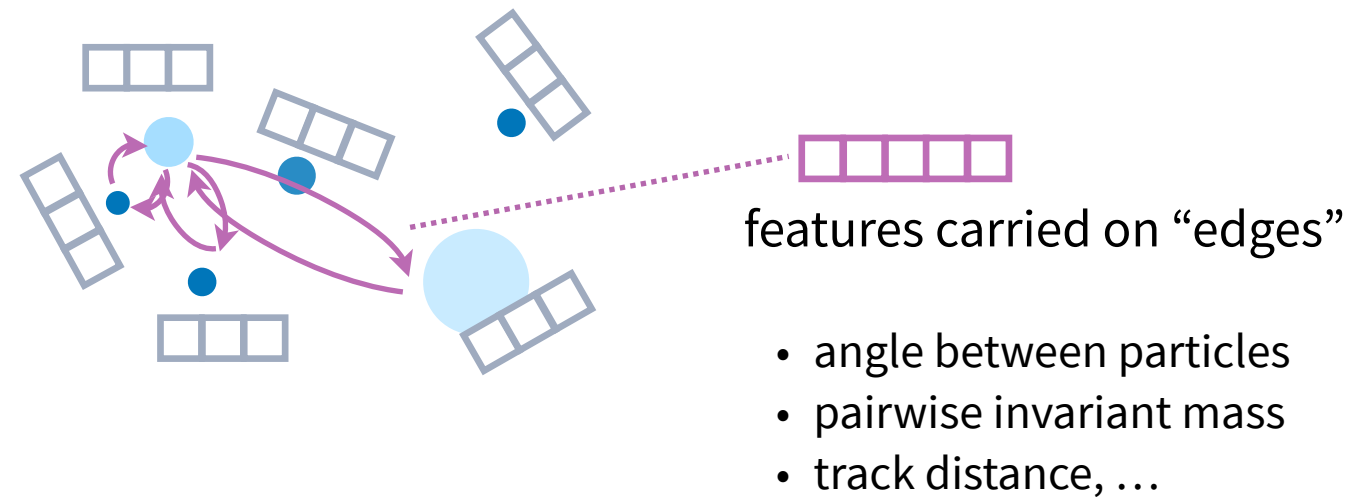


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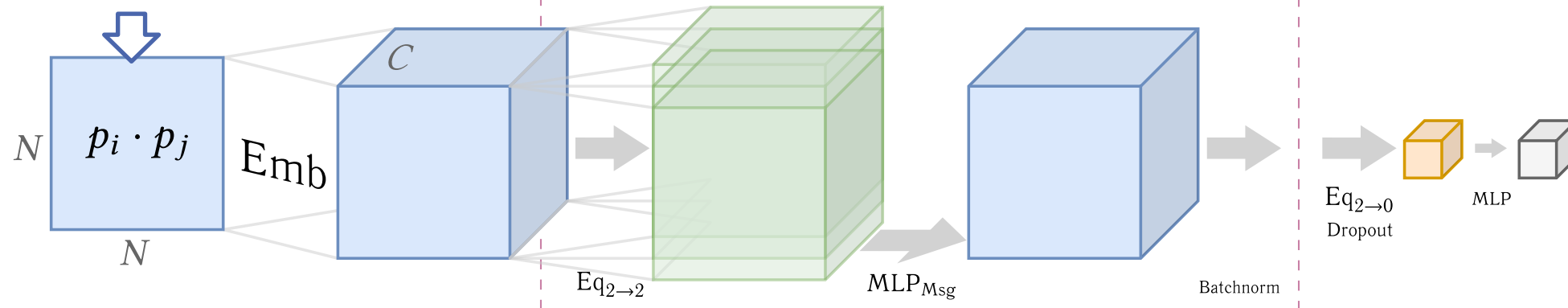
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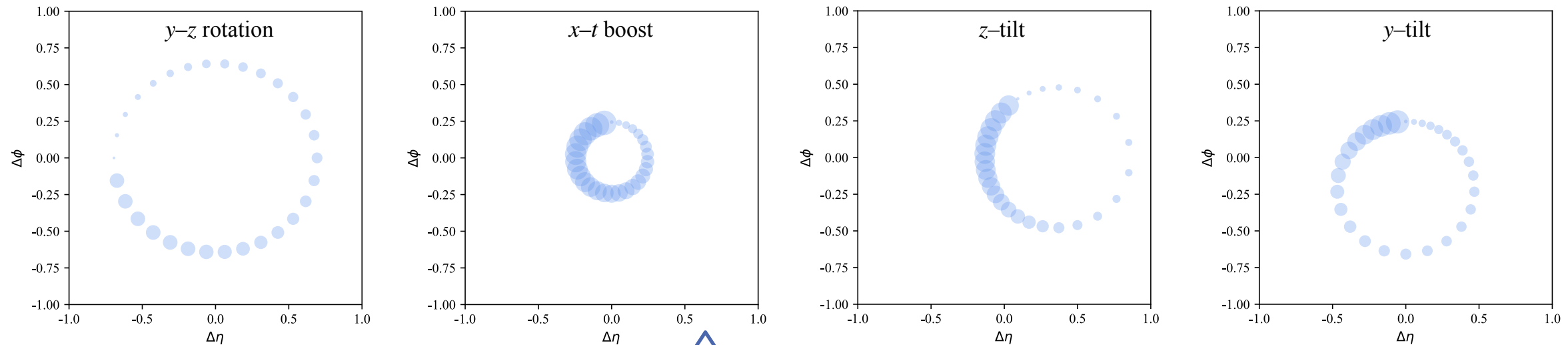


merely using particle pairwise masses



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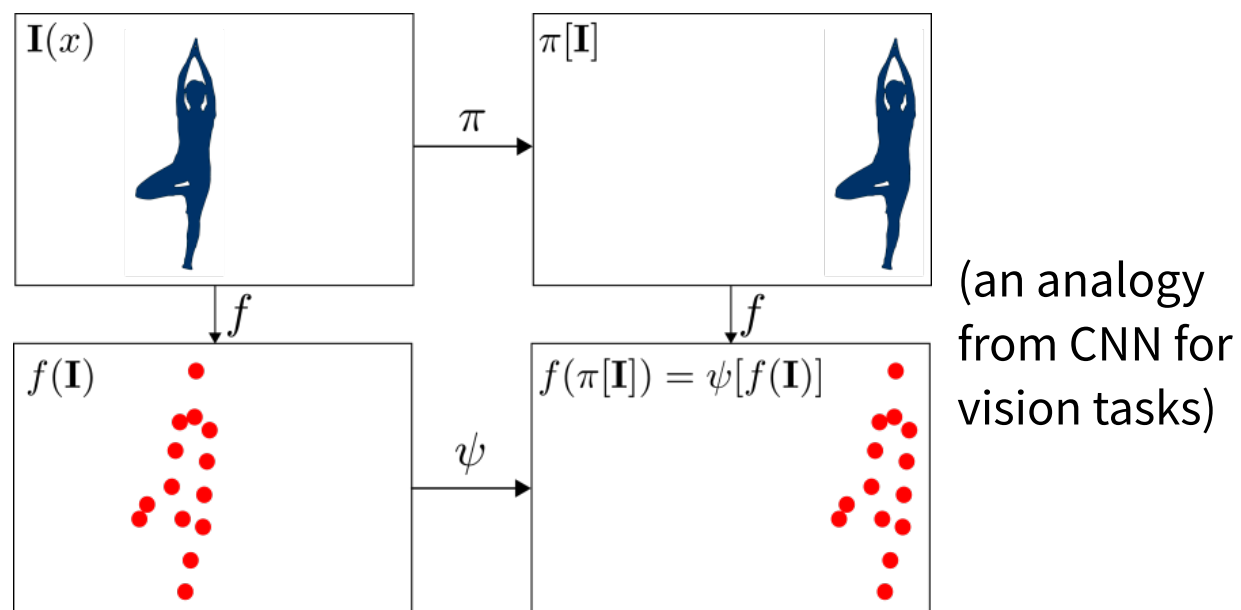
# Symmetries and inductive biases



## Hint the network:

our input jet property usually do not change, if all/some of its particle undergoes Lorentz transformations

- Symmetries can usually be used as inductive bias
- Jets have symmetries under permutations & Lorentz transformations





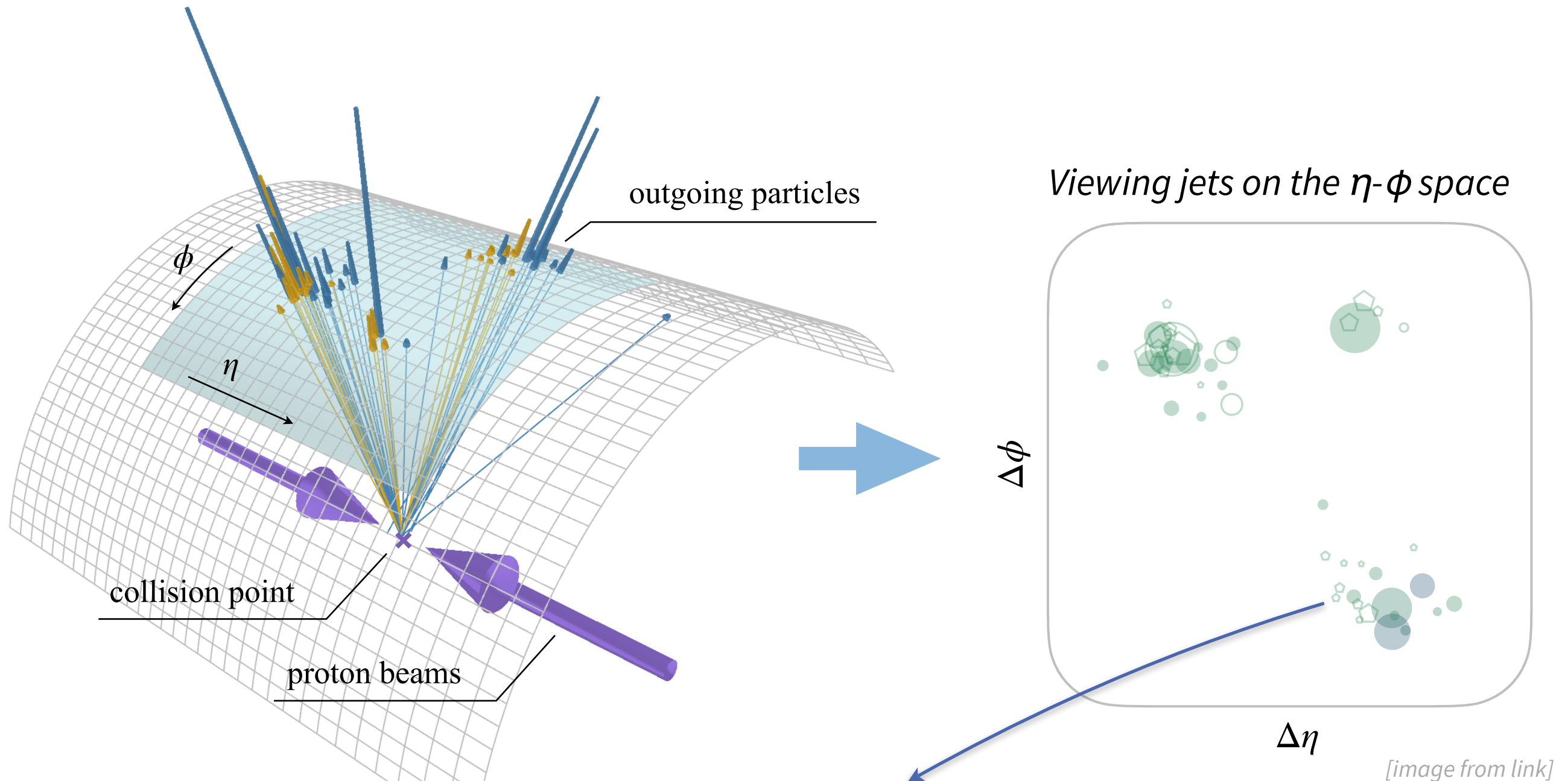
# Summary of the talk

- From two recent CMS results, we reveal the underlying message to experimentalists
  - ❖ sensitivity in hadronic channels is quite under-explored
  - ❖ formulate the problem from a statistical view: recognize the “upper bound” and understand how close we are now
  - ❖ reveal that the cutting-edge NN approaches provide the closest way by far to reach the target
- Overview of the progress made in designing advanced jet NN
  - ❖ better jet representations
  - ❖ “graph” building and its engineering experiences
  - ❖ impacts from intrinsic jet symmetries
- Picturing a promising path of our experimental evolution with advanced AI

# Backup

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# View of a jet



Each particle carries features:

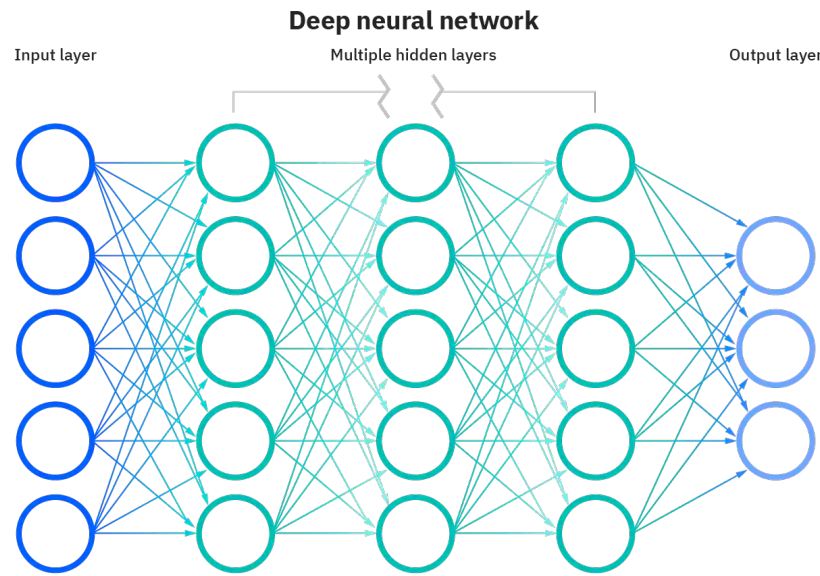
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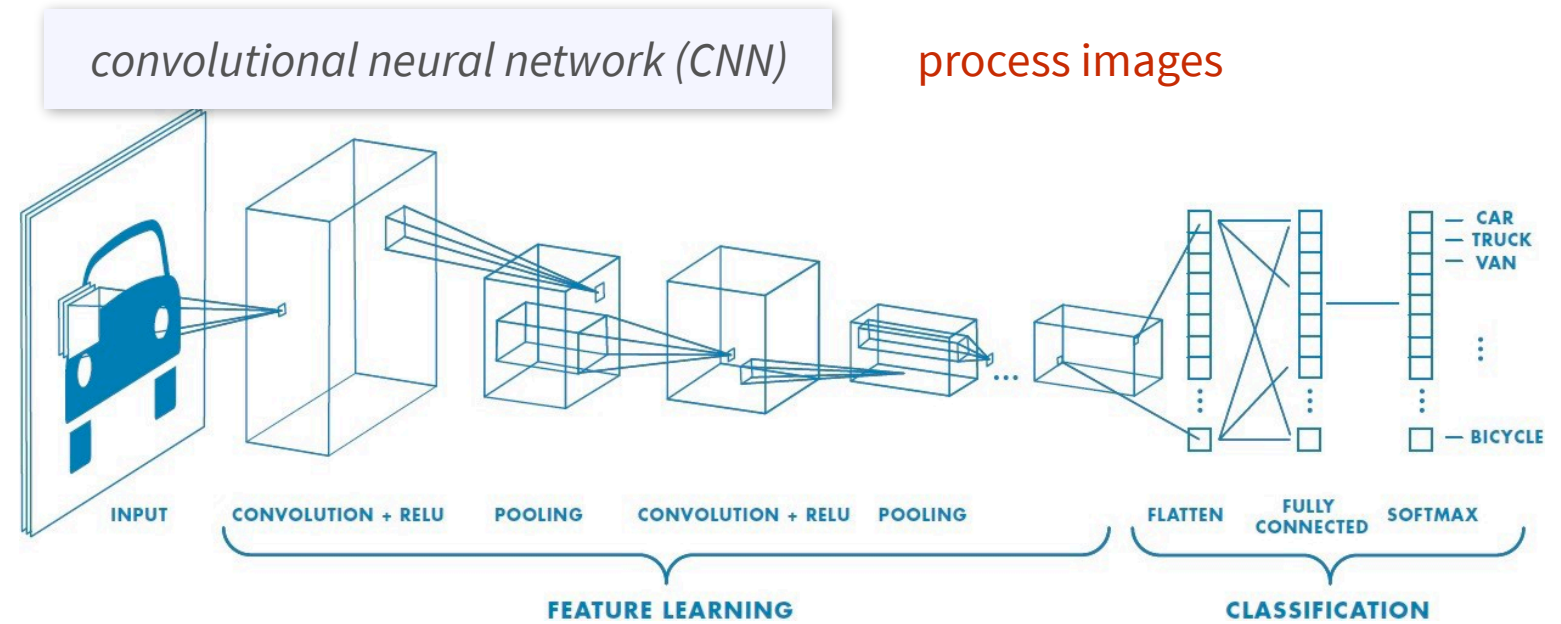
# Roadmap of DL model for jet tagging

→ DL model design draw from experiences in Computer Vision



conventional “deep neural network” or multi-layer perceptron (MLP)

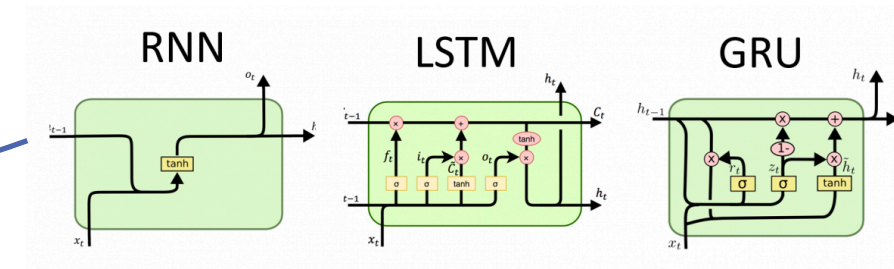
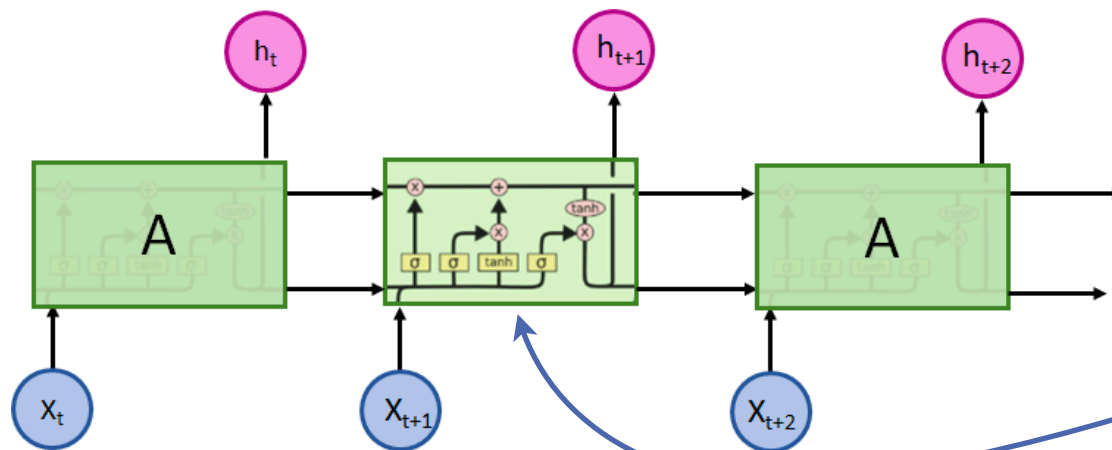
process fix-length input data



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recurrent neural network (RNN) & LSTM

process “sequence” of input, e.g. sentences



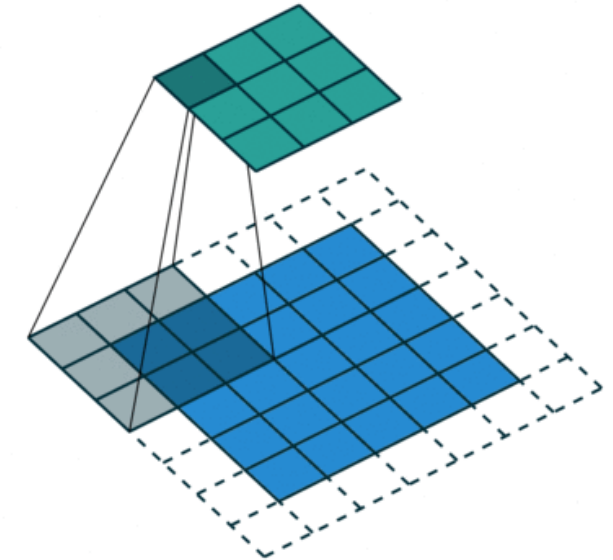
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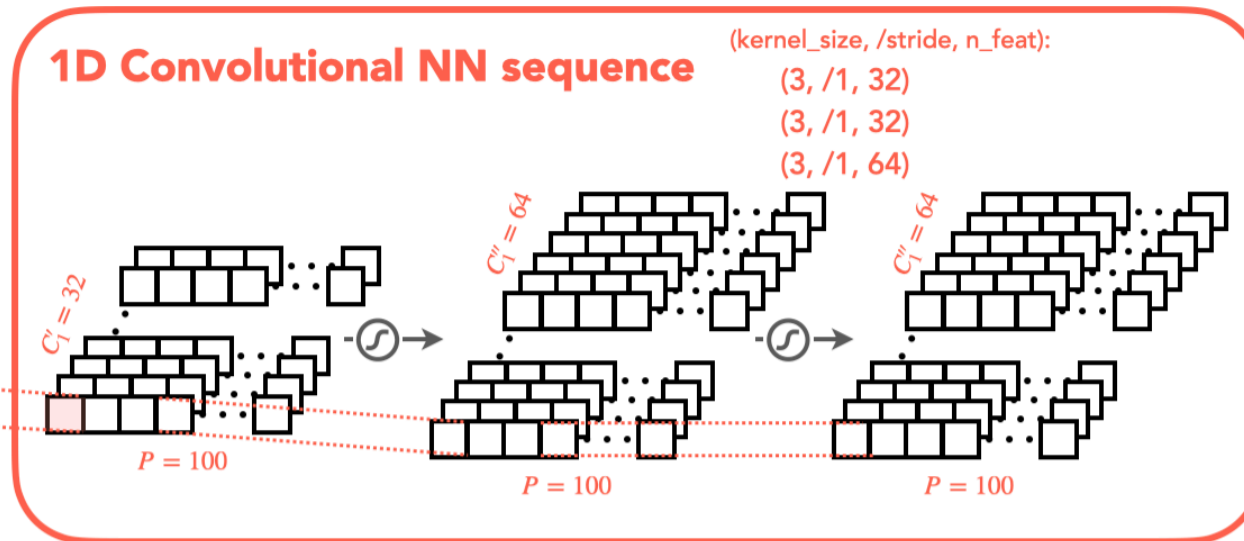
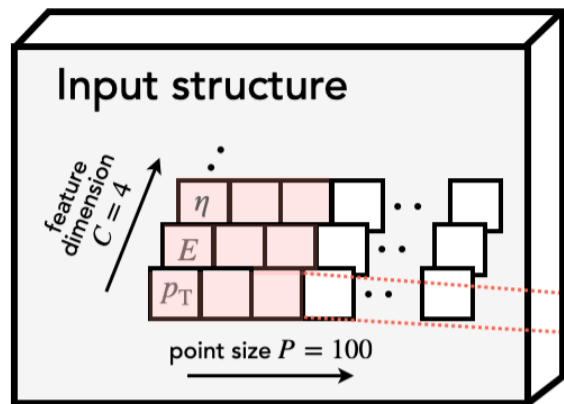
illustration of 2D convolution

The previous jet tagging model in CMS: **DeepAK8** algorithm

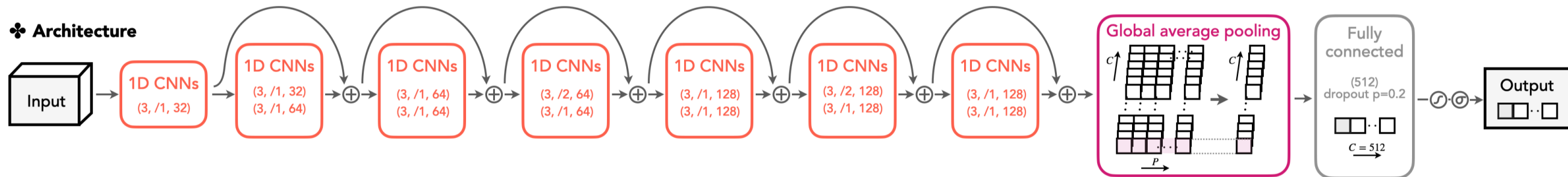
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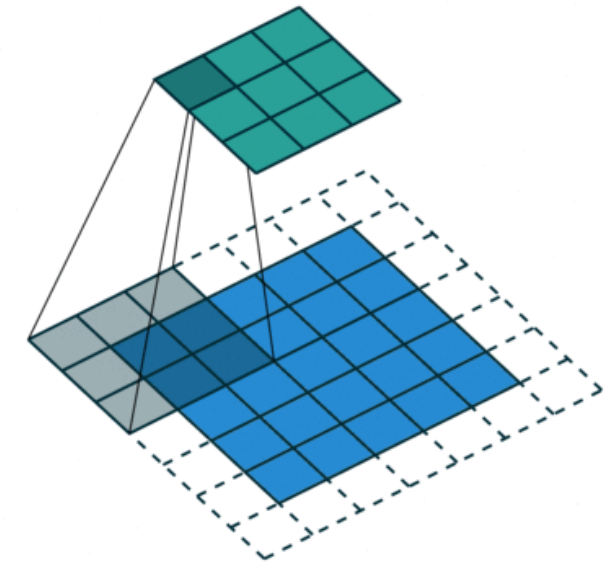
# Roadmap of DL model for jet tagging

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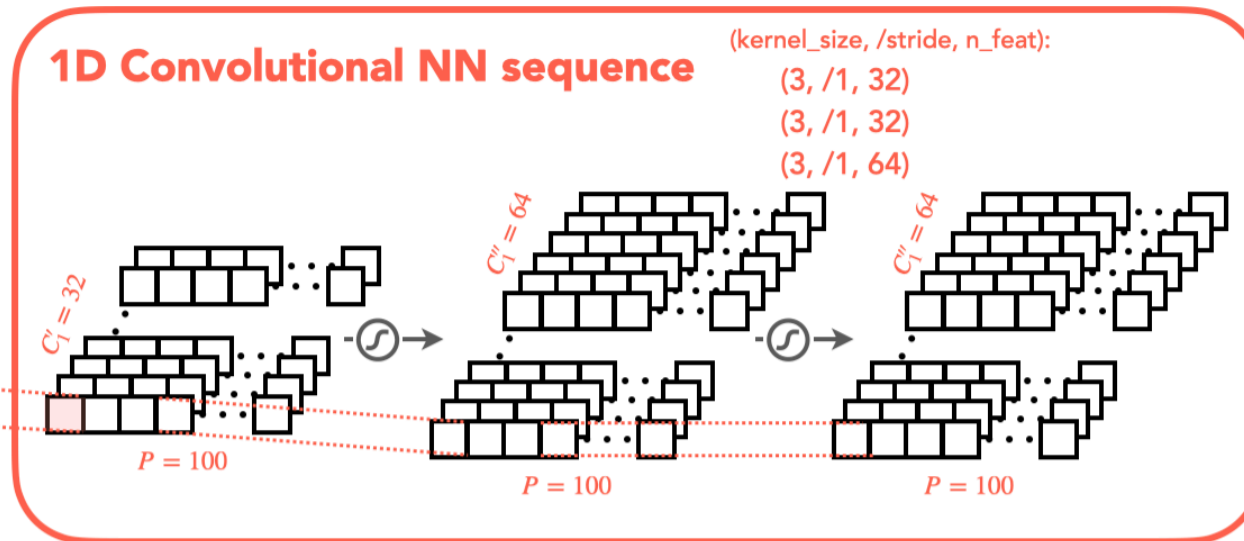
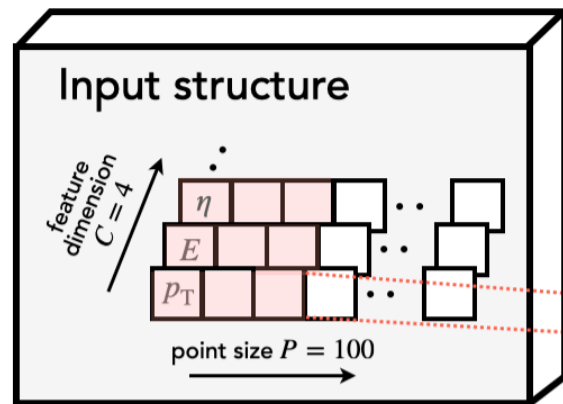
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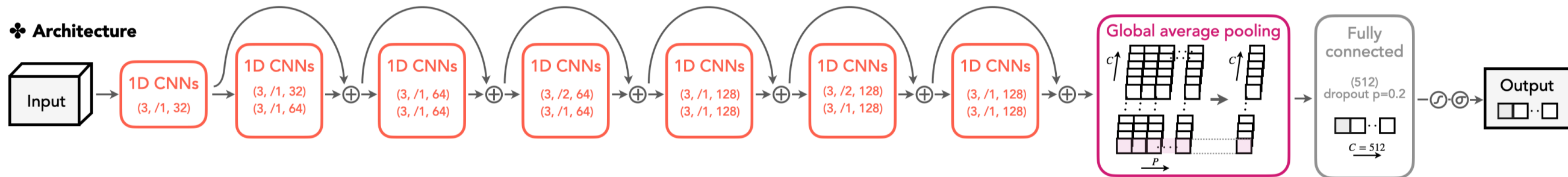
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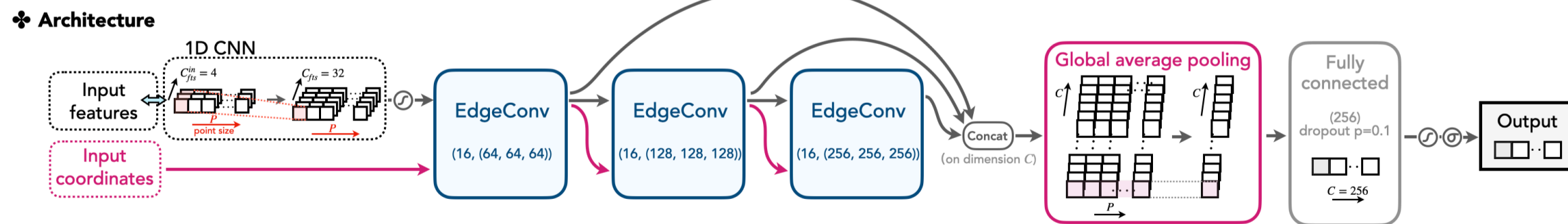
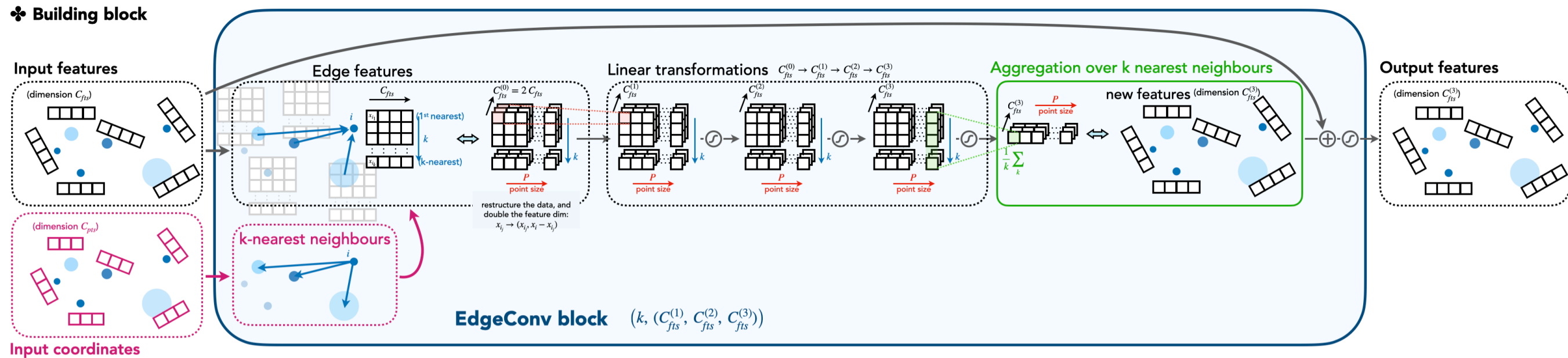
# Roadmap of DL model for jet tagging

**RECAP ON PARTICLENET**

[H.Qu, L.Gouskos. PRD 101 \(2020\) 056019](#)

A powerful and popular model in the HEP community with a variety of applications

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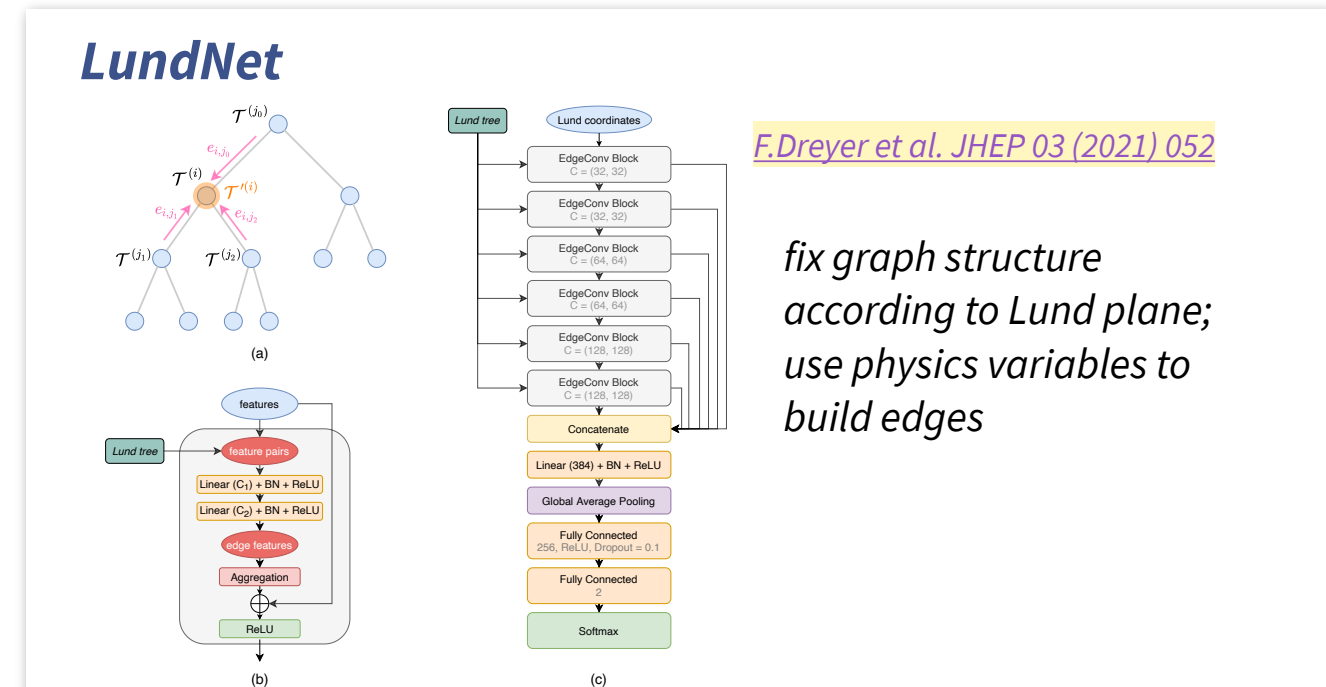
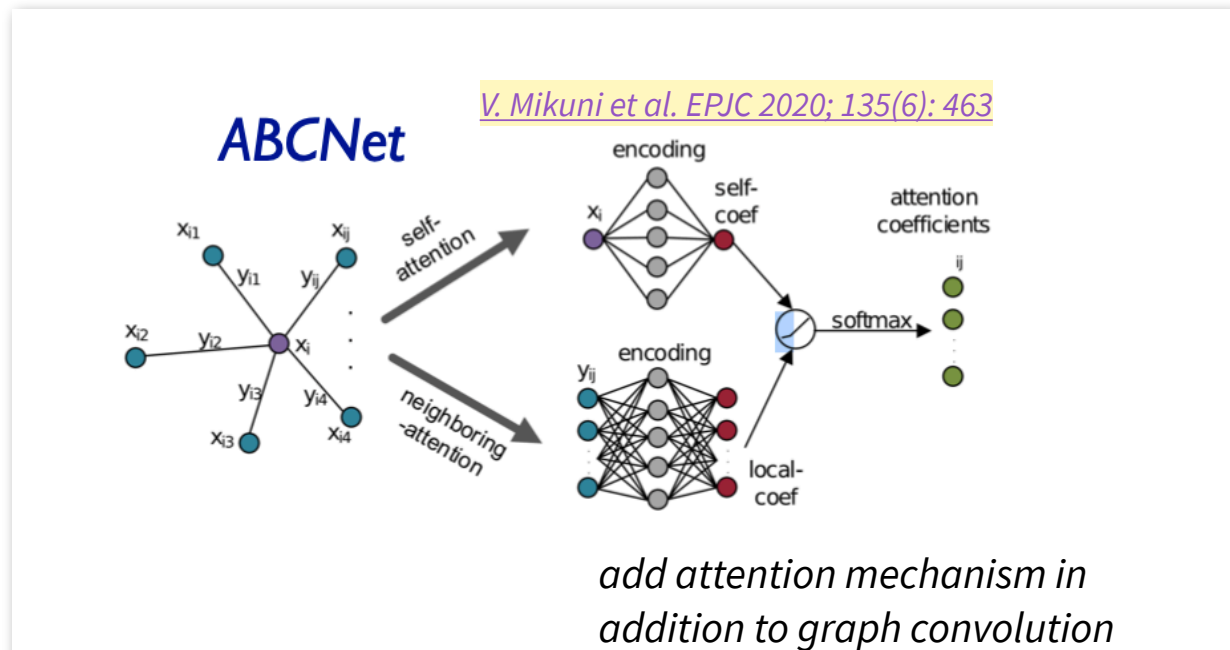
# “Post-ParticleNet” DL studies

disclaimer: only shows a part of relevant works

→ Further study to enhance the jet tagging model mainly divided into two approaches

## More advanced model

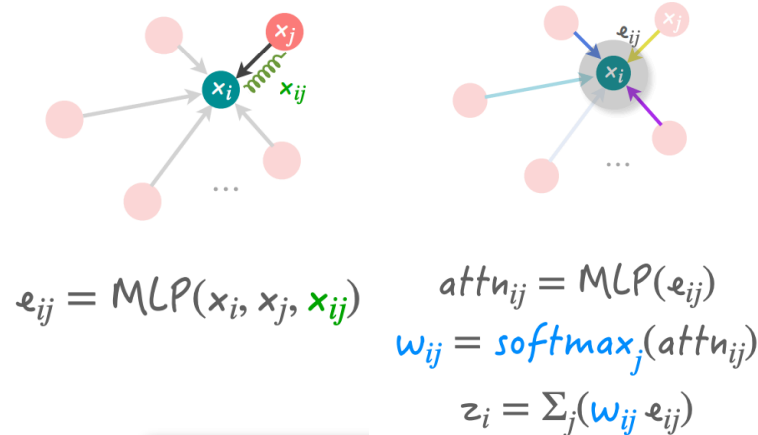
## physics-inspired design/modifications



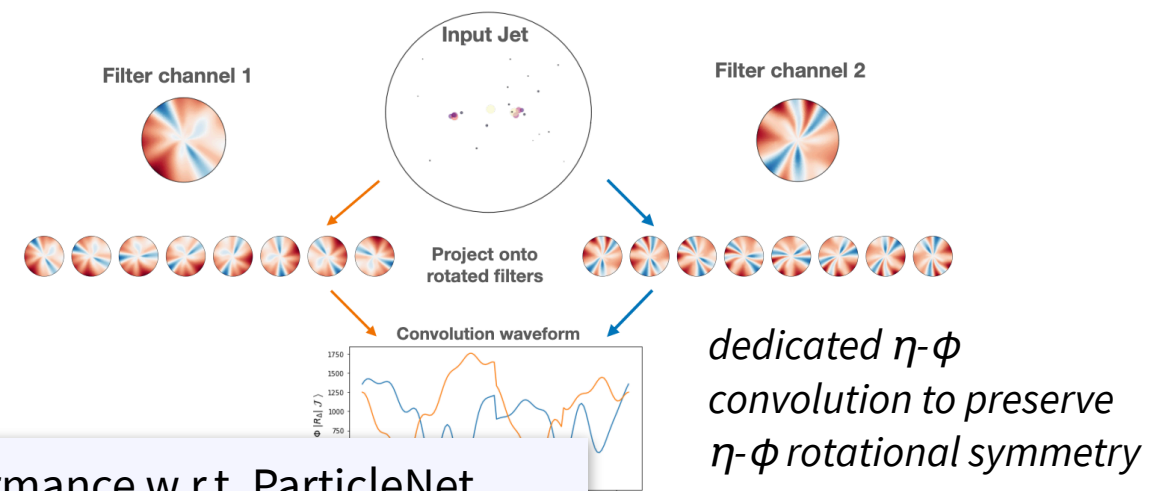
## ParticleNet

[H. Qu. Talk@ML4Jets2021](#)

attentive pooling;  
 multi-scale aggregation;  
 additional pairwise features for edge

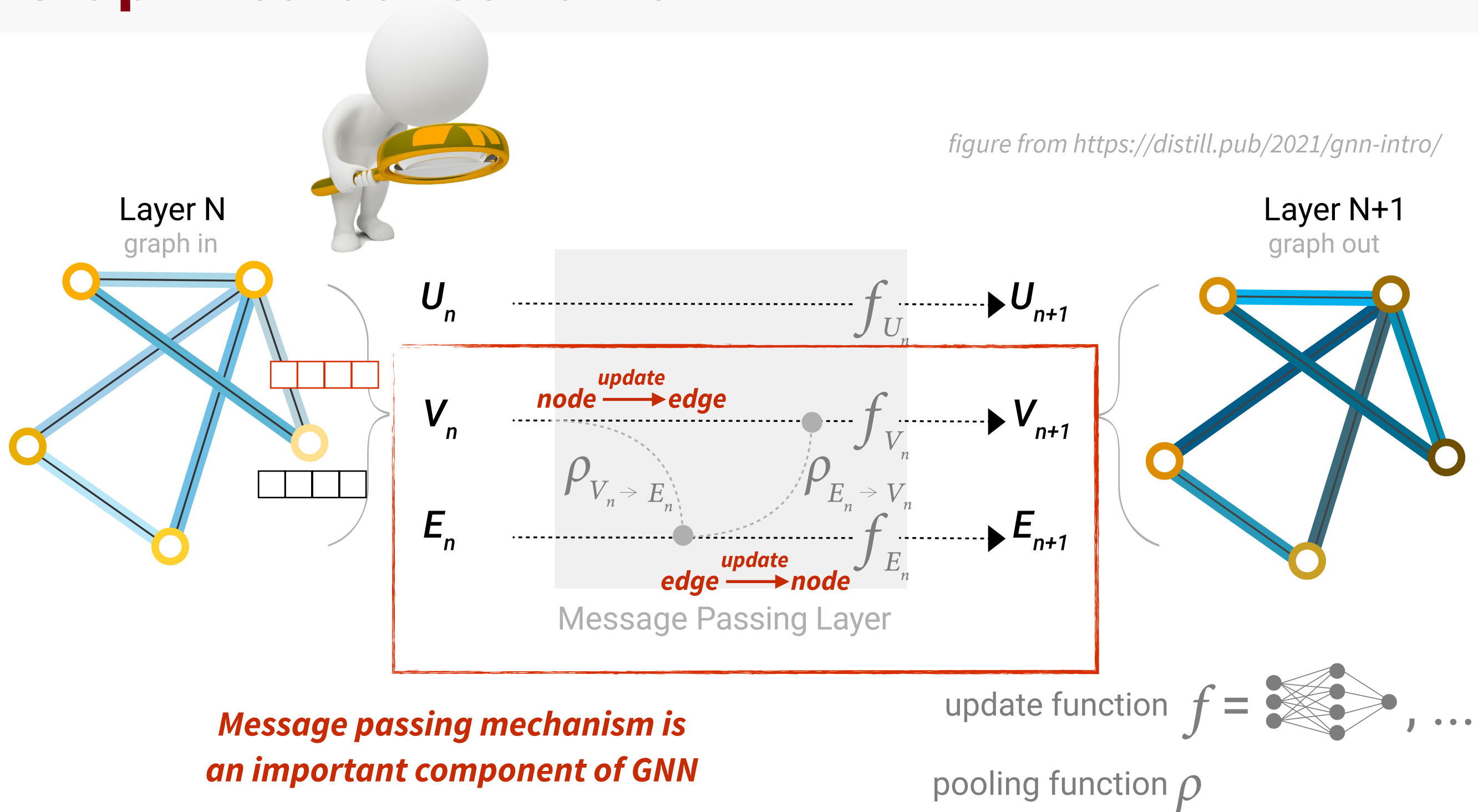


## Particle Convolution Network



small improvement or comparable performance w.r.t. ParticleNet, evaluated on two mainstream benchmarks

# Graph neural networks



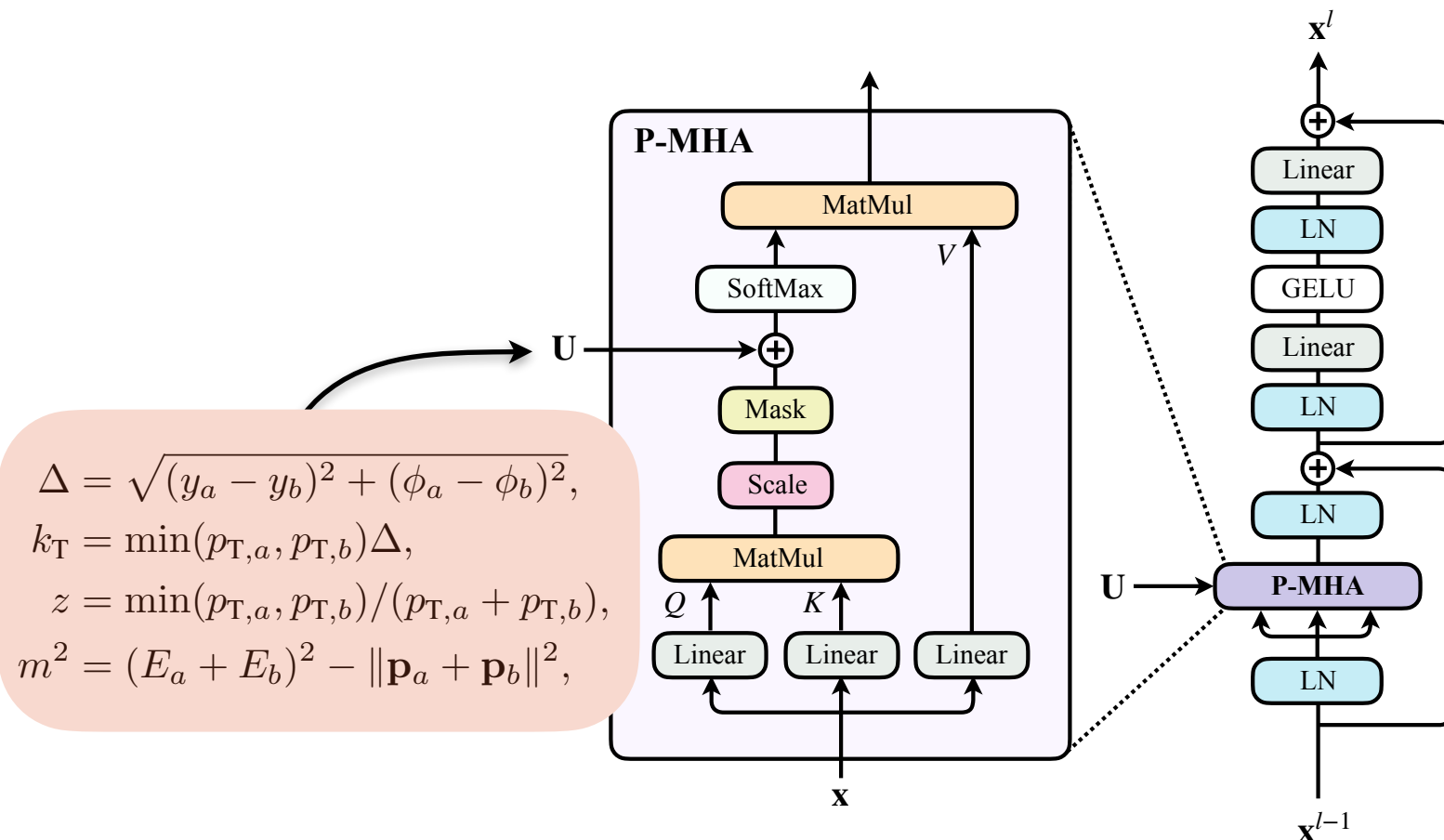
# Brief intro to ParT

- Transformer model is the new state-of-the-art architecture introduced in DL community
  - ❖ Language models: BERT, GPT-3...
  - ❖ Computer Vision: ViT, Swin-T
  - ❖ AI for Science: AlphaFold2 for protein structure prediction
- Transformers architecture
  - ❖ consists only of self-attention blocks
  - ❖ more scalable with large model/data
  - ❖ **big model (more parameters) + more training data + affordable computing complexity → better performance**

# Brief intro to ParT

*JetClass* [H.Qu et al. arXiv:2202.03772, proceedings of 39th ICML, Vol.162]

	All classes		$H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$	$H \rightarrow c\bar{c}$	$H \rightarrow gg$	$H \rightarrow 4q$	$H \rightarrow \ell\nu qq'$	$t \rightarrow bqq'$	$t \rightarrow bl\nu$	$W \rightarrow qq'$	$Z \rightarrow q\bar{q}$
	Accuracy	AUC	Rej <sub>50%</sub>	Rej <sub>50%</sub>	Rej <sub>50%</sub>	Rej <sub>50%</sub>	Rej <sub>99%</sub>	Rej <sub>50%</sub>	Rej <sub>99.5%</sub>	Rej <sub>50%</sub>	Rej <sub>50%</sub>
PFN	0.772	0.9714	2924	841	75	198	265	797	721	189	159
P-CNN	0.809	0.9789	4890	1276	88	474	947	2907	2304	241	204
ParticleNet	0.844	0.9849	7634	2475	104	954	3339	10526	11173	347	283
LorentzNet	0.855	0.9869	9217	3425	117	1550	4425	19802	12500	480	353
<b>ParT</b>	<b>0.861</b>	<b>0.9877</b>	<b>10638</b>	<b>4149</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>1864</b>	<b>5479</b>	<b>32787</b>	<b>15873</b>	<b>543</b>	<b>402</b>
ParT (plain)	0.849	0.9859	9569	2911	112	1185	3868	17699	12987	384	311



(b) Particle Attention Block

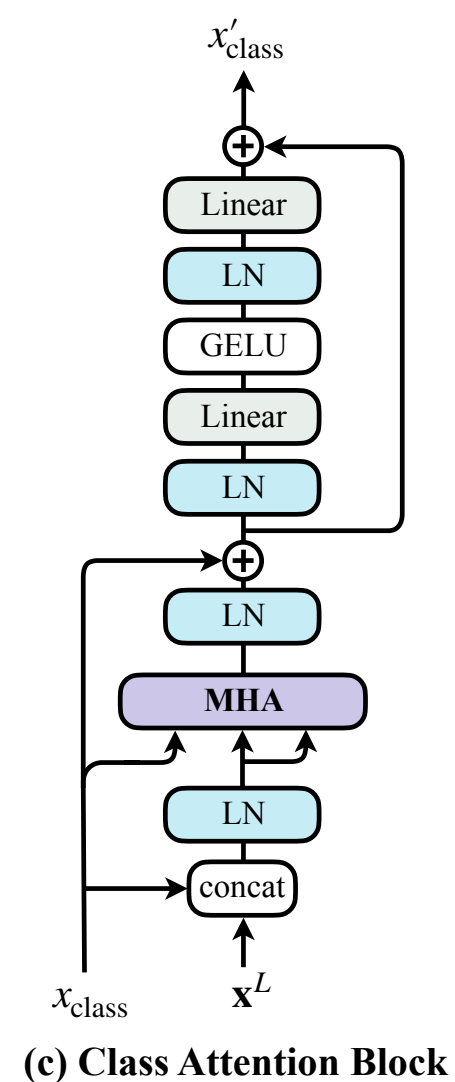
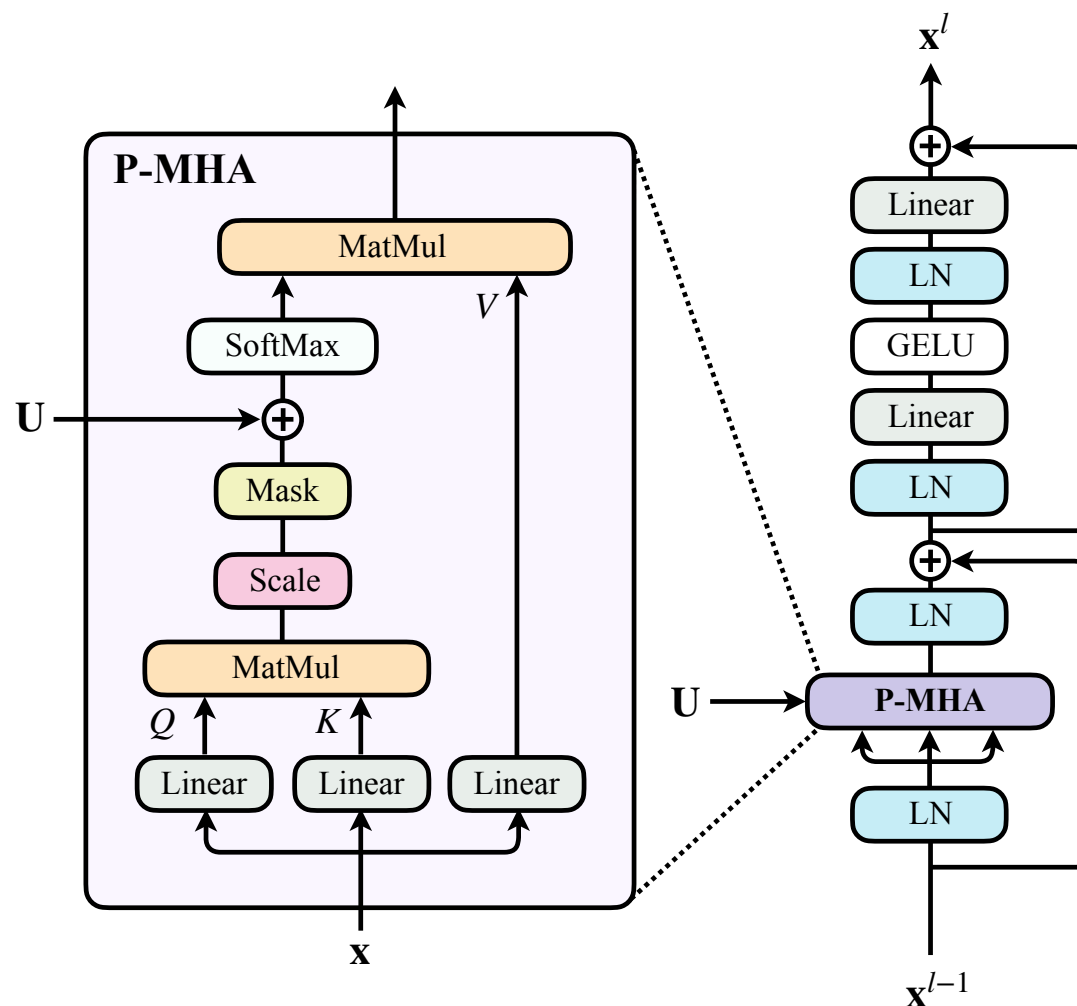
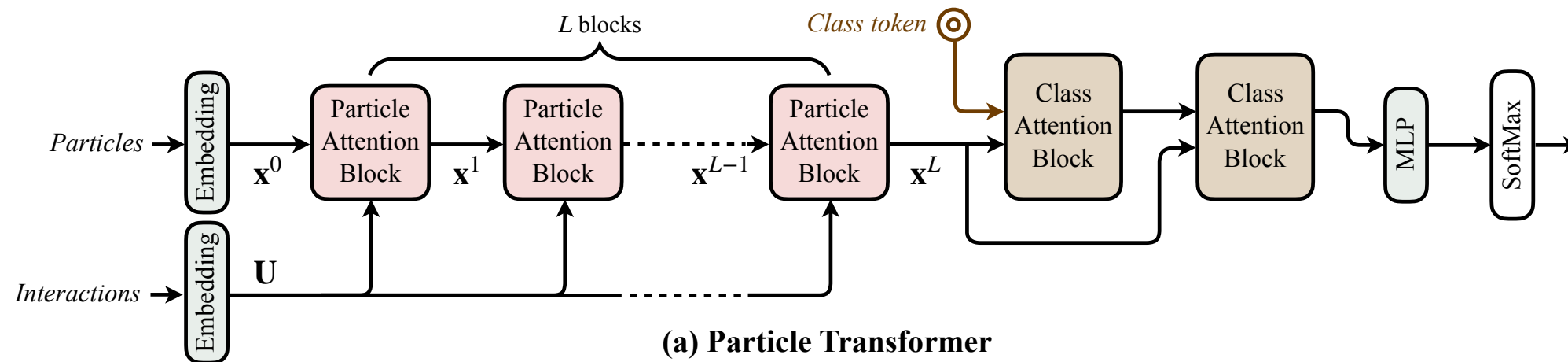
	Accuracy	# params	FLOPs
PFN	0.772	86.1 k	4.62 M
P-CNN	0.809	354 k	15.5 M
ParticleNet	0.844	370 k	540 M
LorentzNet	0.855	233 k	2.01 G
<b>ParT</b>	<b>0.861</b>	<b>2.14 M</b>	<b>340 M</b>
ParT (plain)	0.849	2.13 M	260 M

*similar computation complexity with ParticleNet, but more performant than ParticleNet and LorentzNet!*

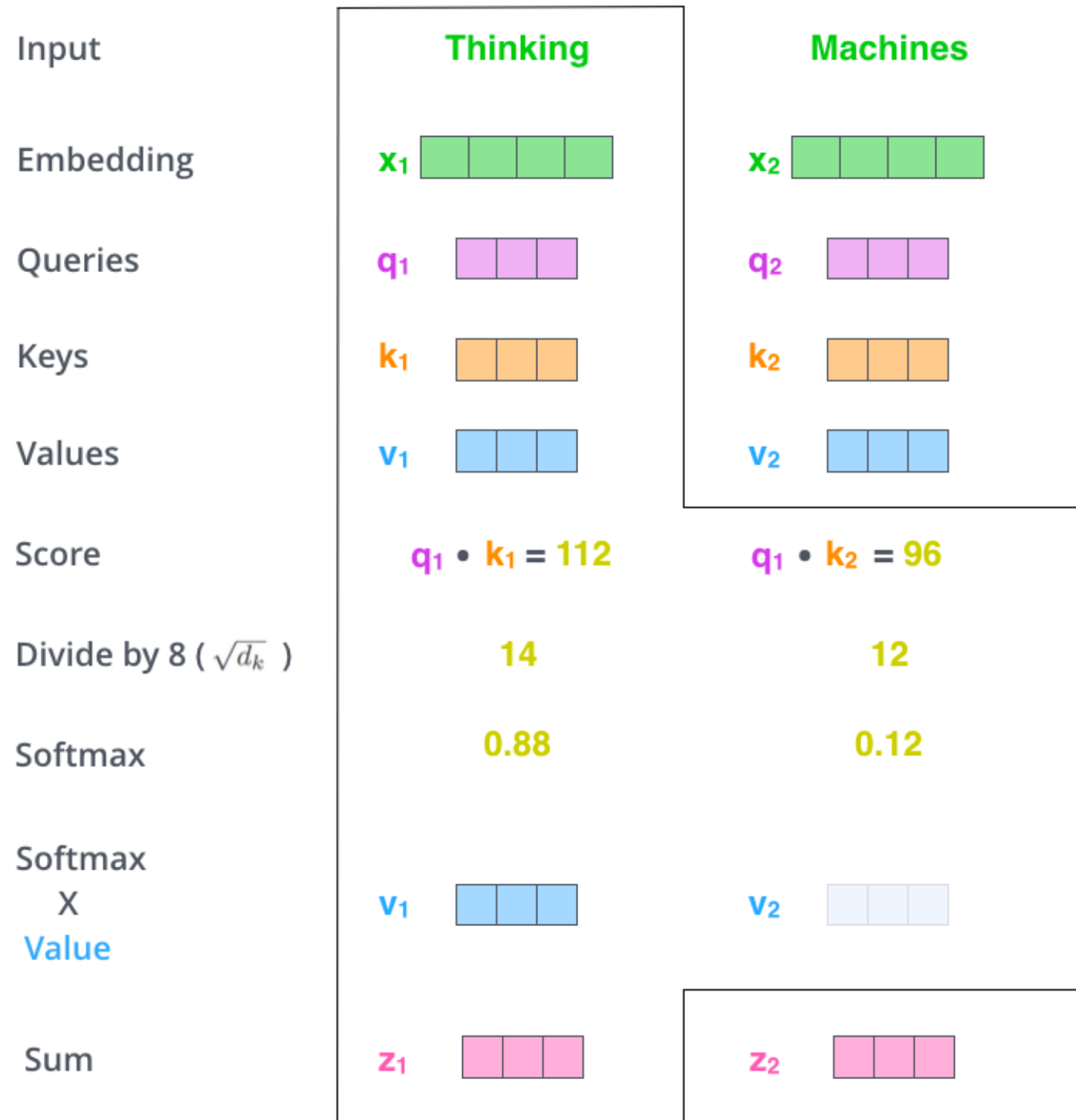


# ParT architecture

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# Transformer illustration



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