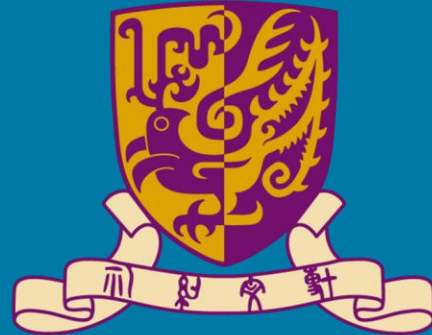
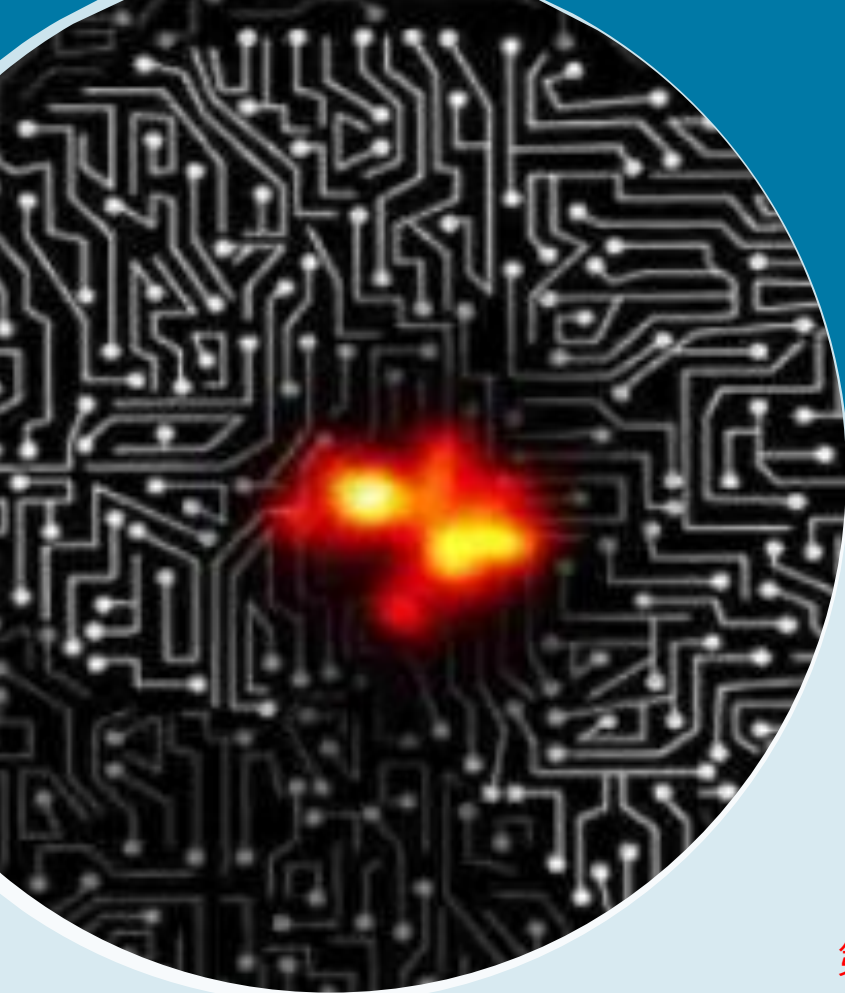




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Machine Learning in High Energy Nuclear Physics

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第二十届全国中高能核物理大会, 上海, 2025

Overview : Nuclear Physics meets Machine Learning

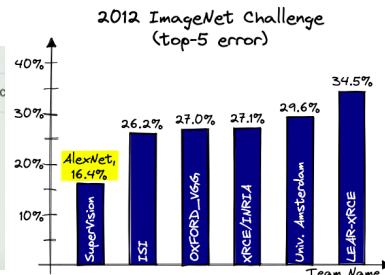
- **2012** : Discovery of Higgs boson



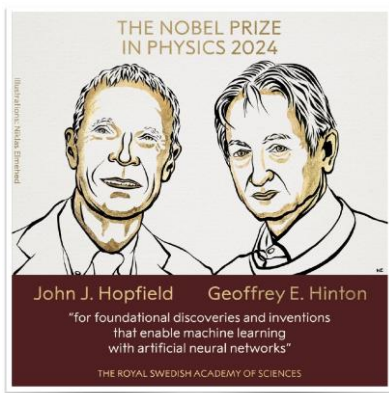
The New York Times

Physicists Find Elusive Particle Seen as Key to Universe

- AlexNet - Birth of Deep Learning



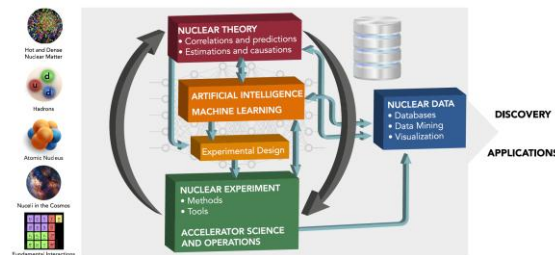
- **2024** : Nobel Prize in Physics



- ML4Physics, AI4Science



Colloquium: Machine learning in nuclear physics



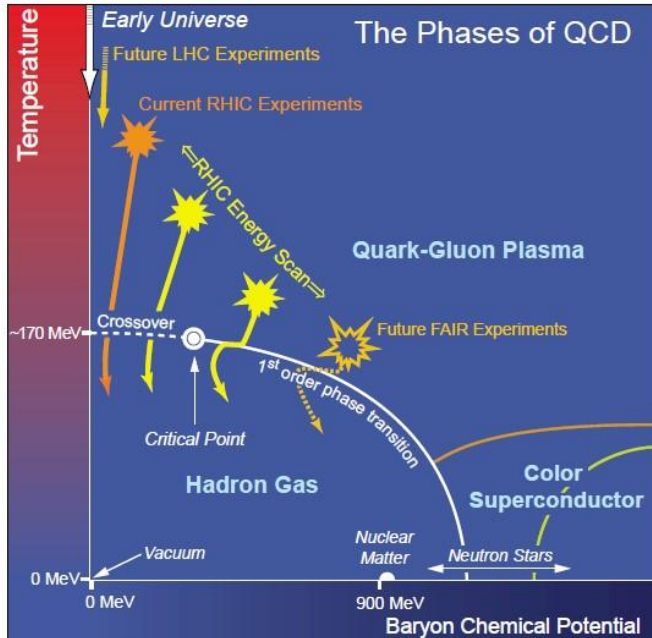
Overview : **Golden Age** of QCD matter in extreme

- **Phases** of matter : solid, liquid, gas, plasma
- Matter in extreme conditions reveals its **constituents** : nuclear matter → quark matter



To study the most elementary particle matter :

- **Nuclear Collisions** : heat & compress matter
- **Lattice Field Theory / fQCD / Effective models**
- **Neutron Star** : dense matter, astronomy constraints



Outline: Initial state + Bulk matter + Generative model

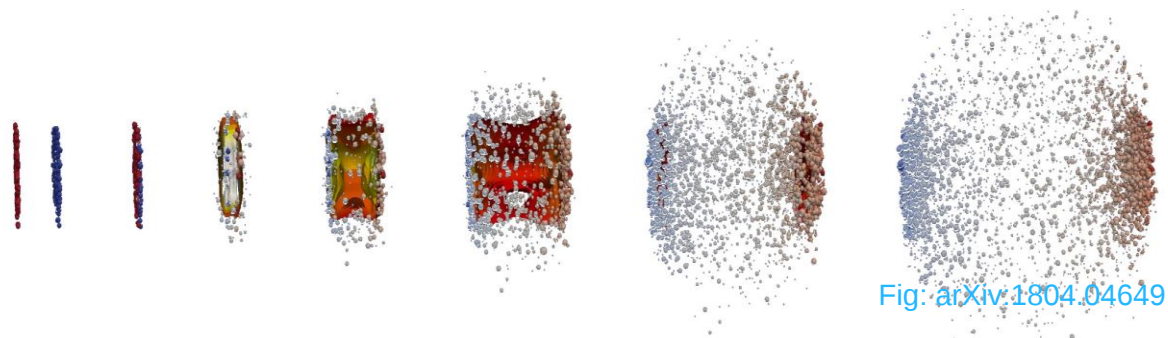


Fig: arXiv:1804.04649

Initial Stage

Impact parameter
Nuclear structure

$$\nabla_\mu T^{\mu\nu} = 0$$
$$\nabla_\mu N^\mu = 0$$

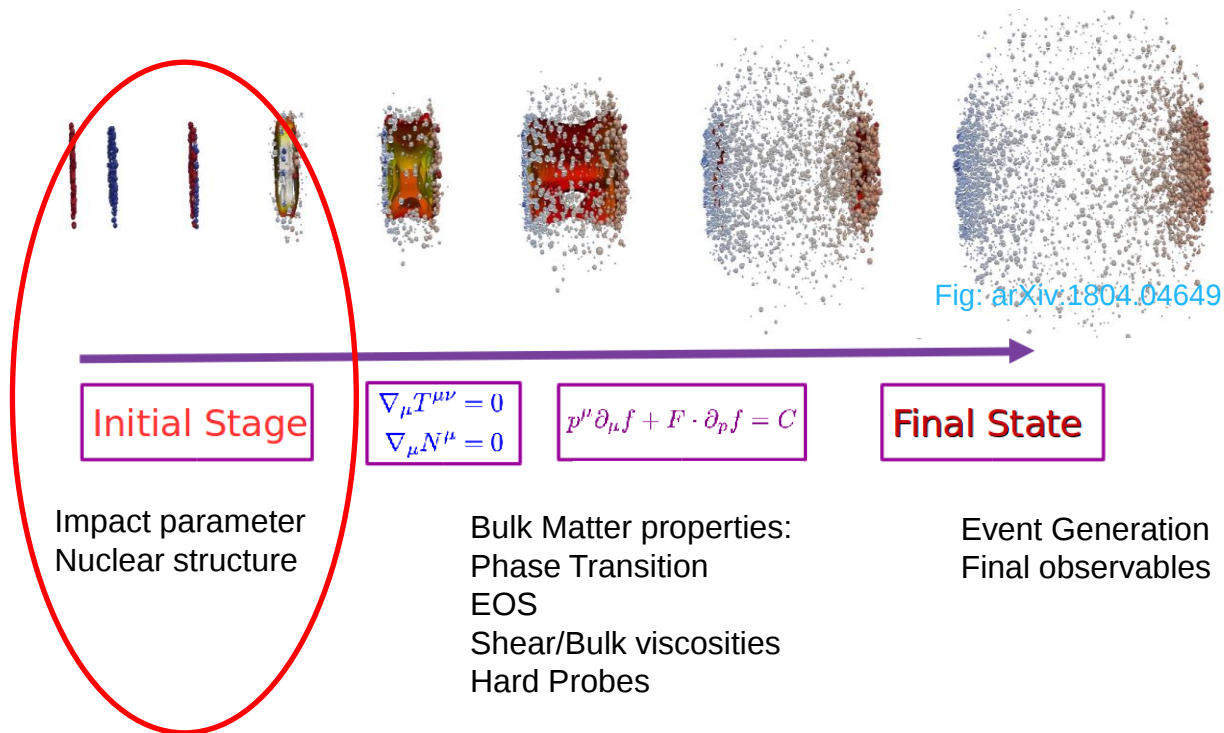
Bulk Matter properties:
Phase Transition
EOS
Shear/Bulk viscosities
Hard Probes

$$p^\mu \partial_\mu f + F \cdot \partial_p f = C$$

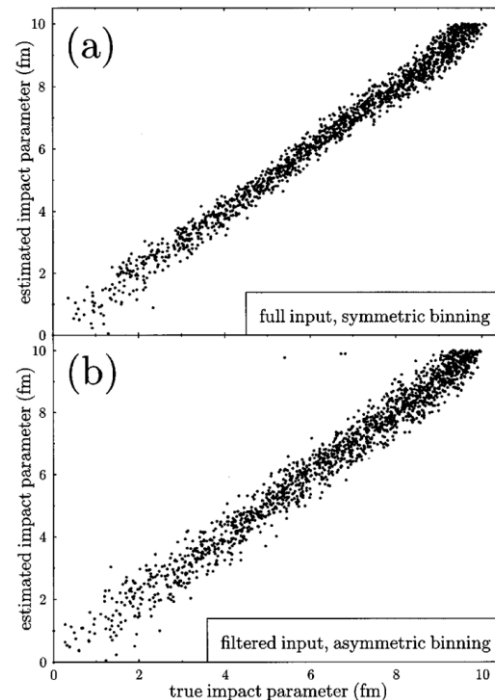
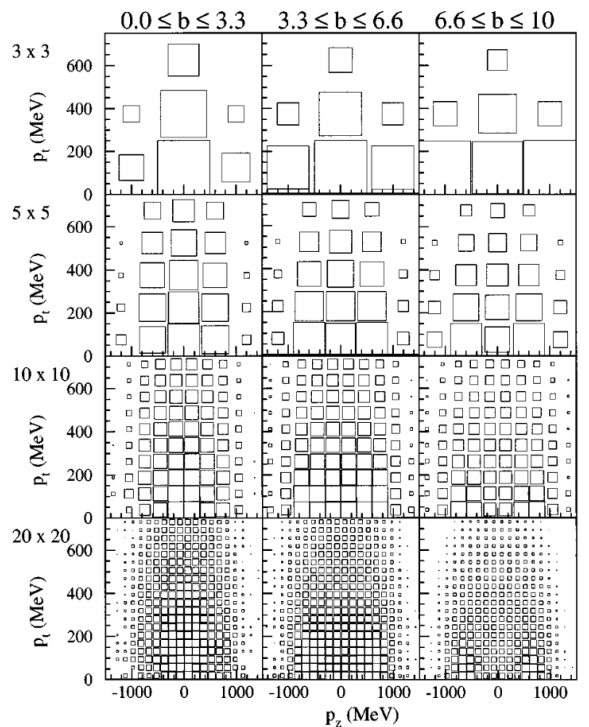
Final State

Event Generation
Final observables

Outline: Initial state + Bulk matter + Generative model



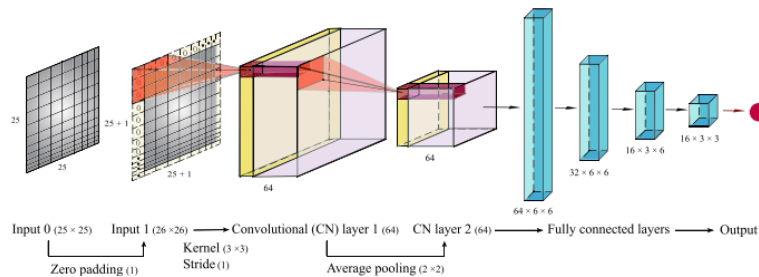
Simple DNN
Trained on
QMD data
Input 5X5



Further developments for impact parameter/centrality regression

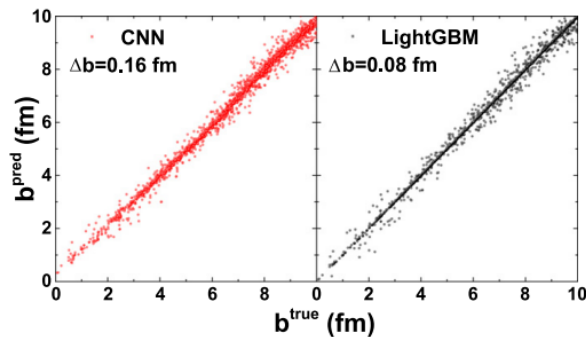
P. Xiang, Y. Zhao, X. Huang,
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MLP and CNN
(on AMPT event)



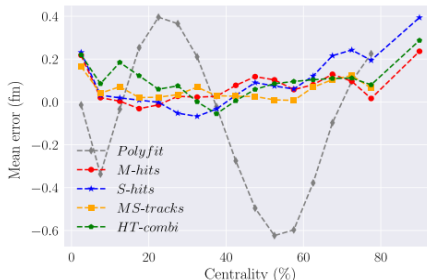
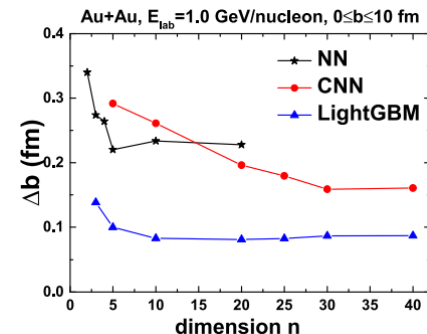
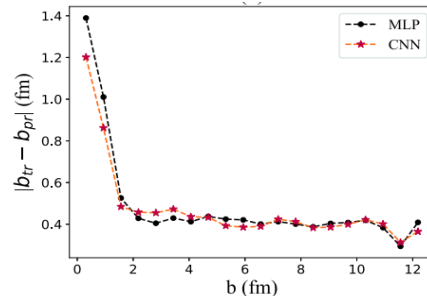
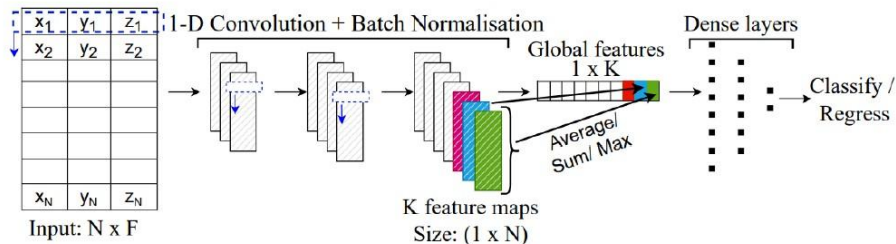
F. Li, Y. Wang, H. Lue, P. Li,
Q. Li, F. Liu, **JPG** 47, 115104 (2020)

CNN and LightGBM
(on UrQMD event)



M. OK, J. S, K. Z, H. S,
PLB 811,135872 (2020)

PointCloud Network
(on UrQMD + CBMR00t event)
End-to-end b estimation

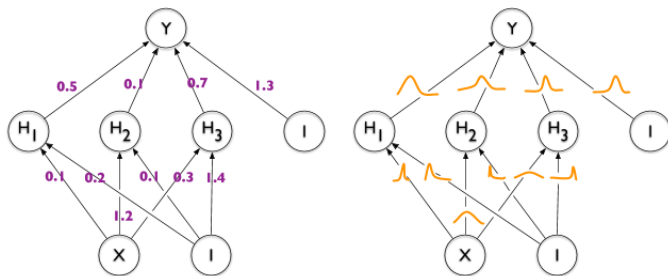


Initial clustering structure identification in HICs with BNN

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Machine-learning-based identification for initial clustering structure in relativistic heavy-ion collisions

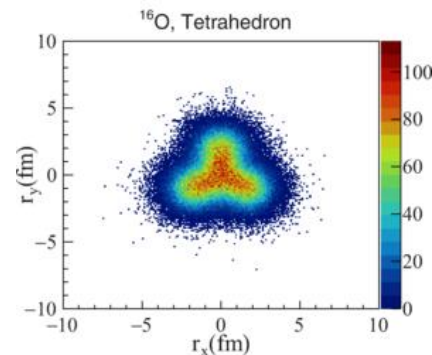
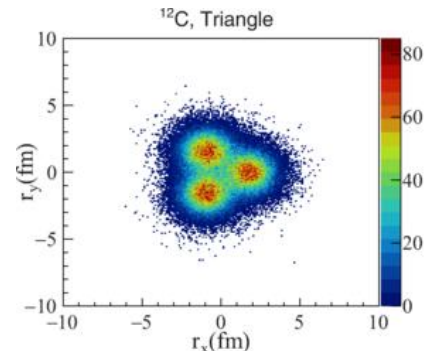
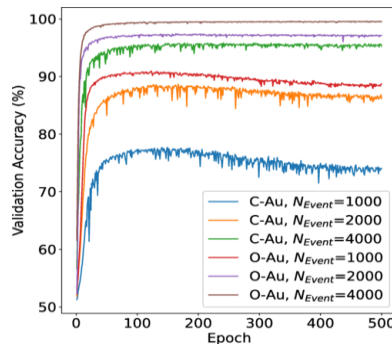
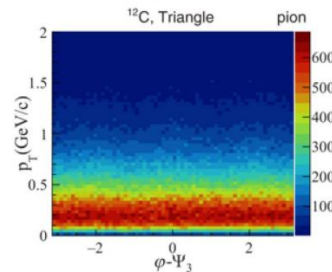
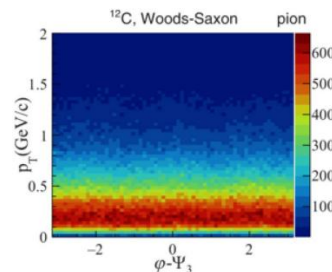
Junjie He (何俊杰)^{①,1,2} Wan-Bing He (何万兵)^{②,3,*} Yu-Gang Ma (马余刚)^{②,3,†} and Song Zhang (张松)^{②,3}



Bayesian CNN

on AMPT events (multiple-event basis)
Charged pions (ϕ , p_T) from $^{12}\text{C}/^{16}\text{O}$
+ ^{197}Au collisions at 200 GeV

Multiple event basis

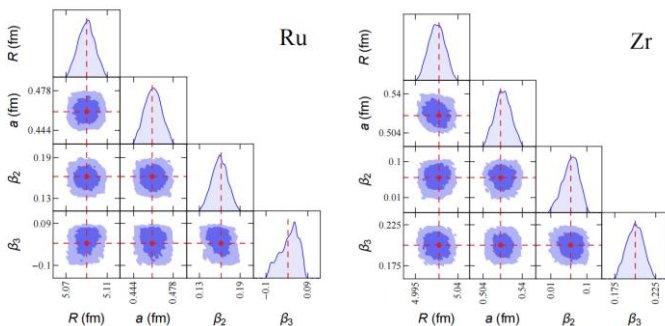


Bayesian Imaging for Nuclear Structure in Isobar Collisions

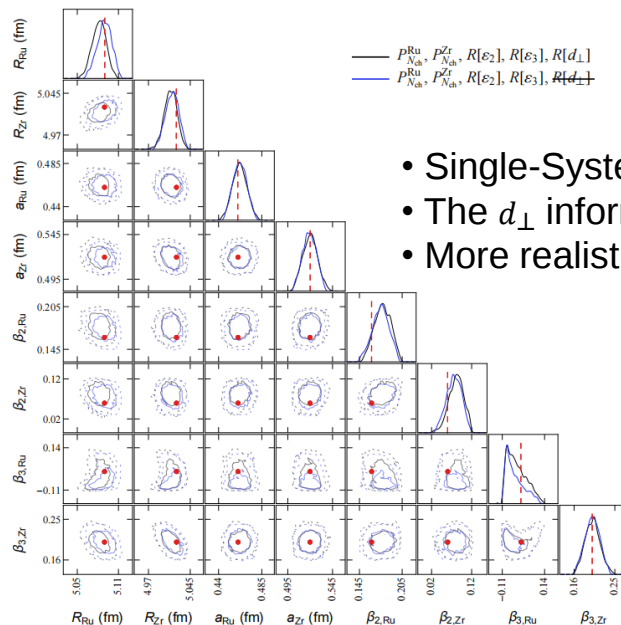
- Nuclear Structure imaging for single system ? (caveat: model dependent)
- Simultaneous inference for isobar systems with ratio?
- Bayesian Inference:** Gaussian Process emulator + PCA dim reduction + MCMC

Data: MC-Glauber + Matching (linear response approximation)

$$\mathbf{y}_{\text{Ru}} \equiv \{P_a^{\text{Ru}}, \varepsilon_{2,a}^{\text{Ru}}, \varepsilon_{3,a}^{\text{Ru}}, d_{\perp,a}^{\text{Ru}}\}_{a=1,\dots,40}$$

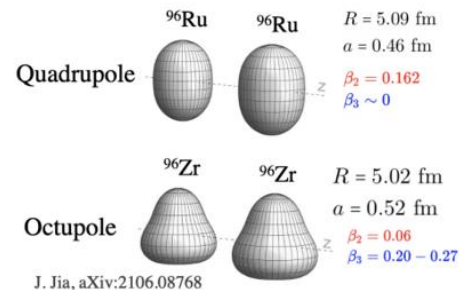


Single system works good

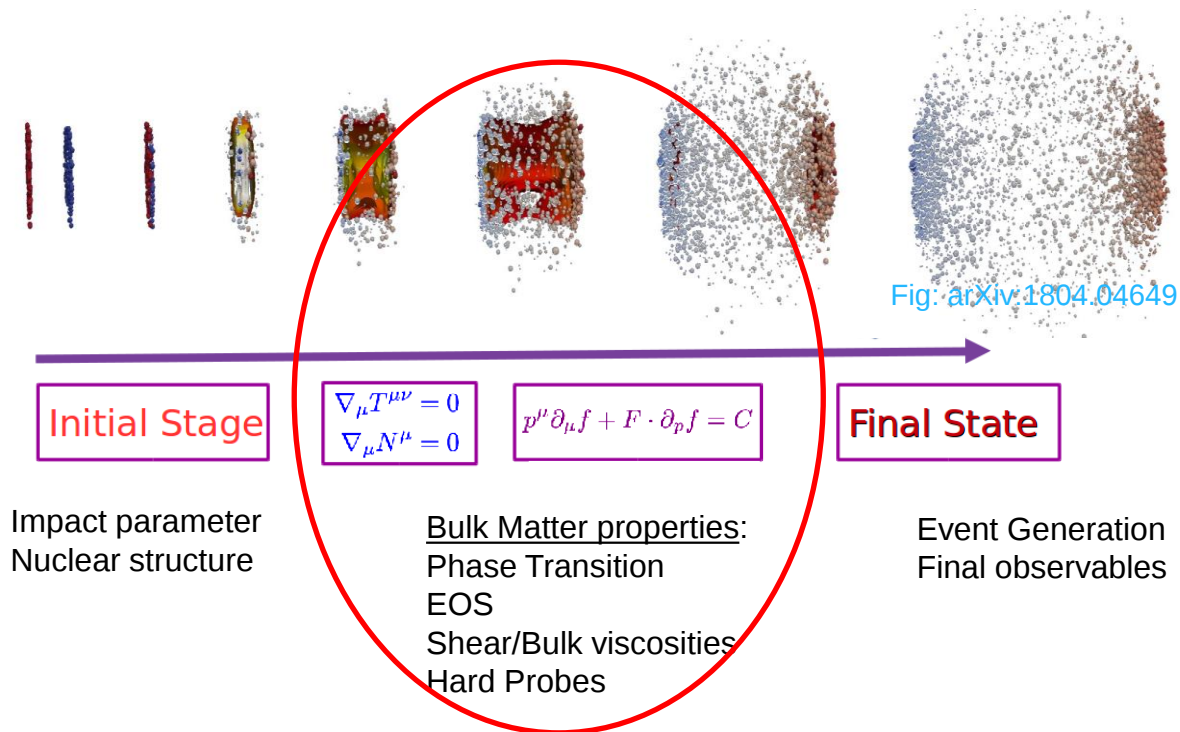


- Single-System Multiplicity makes it possible
- The $d_{\perp}$ information is redundant
- More realistic analysis with AMPT in progress

$$\mathbf{y}_{\text{r},2} \equiv \{P_a^{\text{Ru}}, P_a^{\text{Zr}}, R_{\varepsilon_2,a}, R_{\varepsilon_3,a}, R_{d_{\perp},a}\}_{a=1,\dots,40}$$



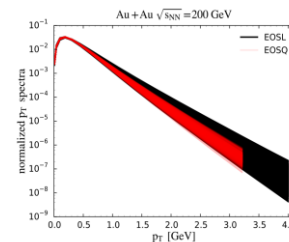
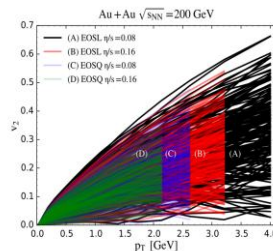
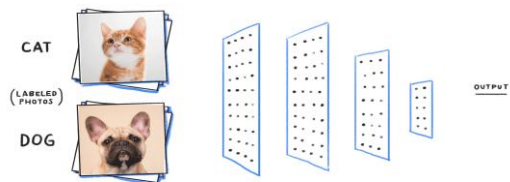
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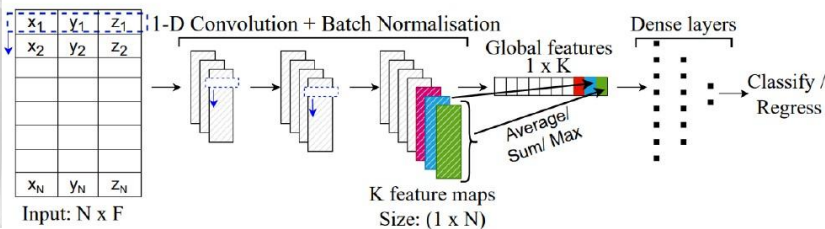
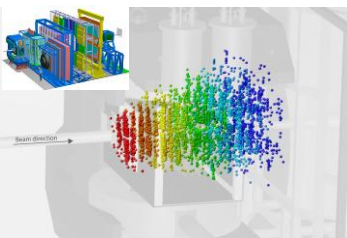
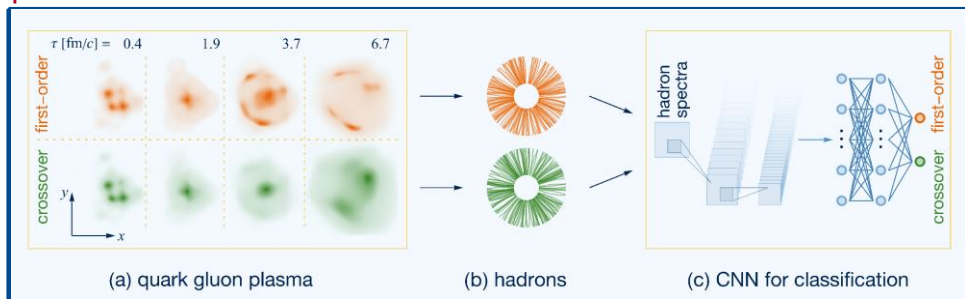
QCD Transition: direct inverse mapping with Data driven supervised learning

Data-driven
Inverse Mapping

Physics Simulation
provide the Prior



Conclusion : Information of early dynamics can **survive** to the end of hydrodynamics and encoded within the final state raw spectra, immune to other uncertainties, **with deep CNN we can decode it back**. L. Pang, K. Zhou, N. Su, H. Stoecker, H. Petersen, X. Wang, **Nature Commu.9** (2018), no.1, 210

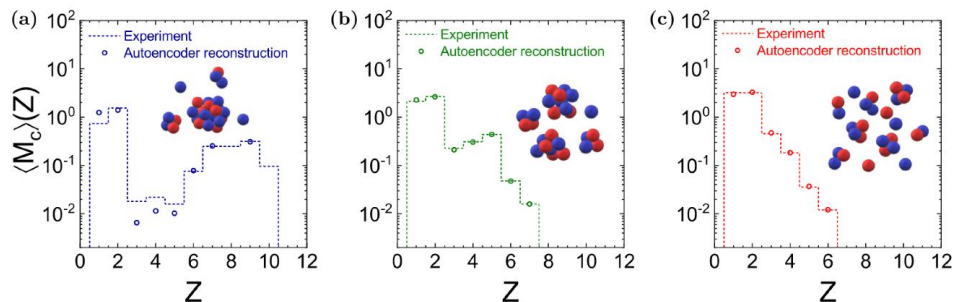


- **Collision Centrality Regression**
M. OK, J. S, K. Zhou, H. S, **Phys.Lett.B** 811 (2020) 135872
- **EoS Classification**
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- **Small/ Large-system Identification**
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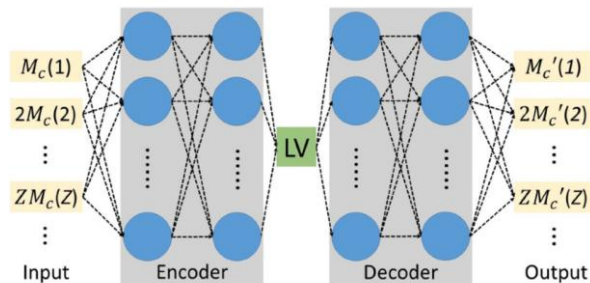
Nuclear liquid-gas phase transition with machine learning

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EbE charge-weighted charge multiplicity distribution of quasi-projectile as input $\rightarrow$

Autoencoder + confusion scheme
(on NIMROD experiment)

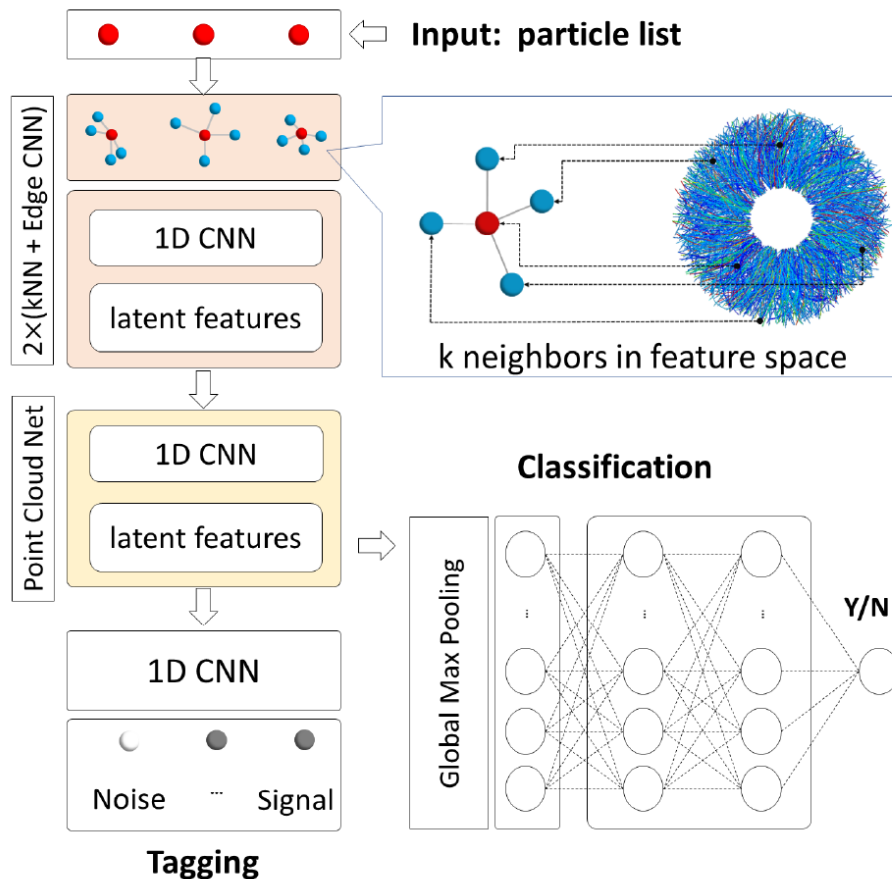


Modern dynamical edge CNN + PCN for self similarity searching

dynamical edge convolution network followed by a point cloud net is used to identify self-similarity and critical fluctuations in HIC

Repeating the **KNN** and **edge convolution** blocks twice helps to find long-range multi-particle correlations that are the key to searching for critical fluctuations.

PLB 827(2022) 137001,
Y.-G. Huang, L.-G. Pang,
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Constraining the Equation of State of Superhadronic Matter from Heavy-Ion Collisions

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$$P(D|\theta) = \Pi_i \exp(-(z_i(\theta) - z_{i,\text{exp}})^2/2),$$

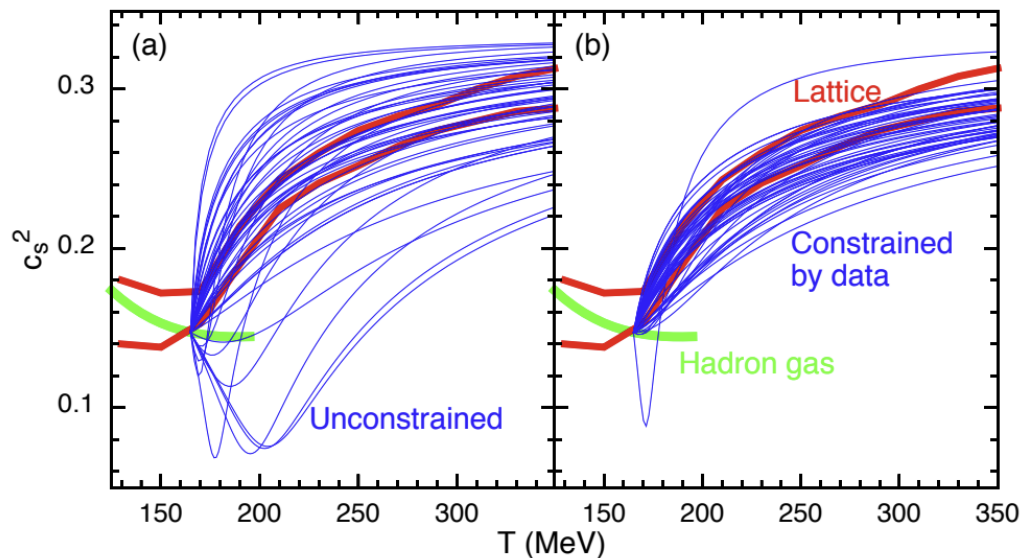
14 model parameters

speed of sound squared slightly
softer than lattice EoS

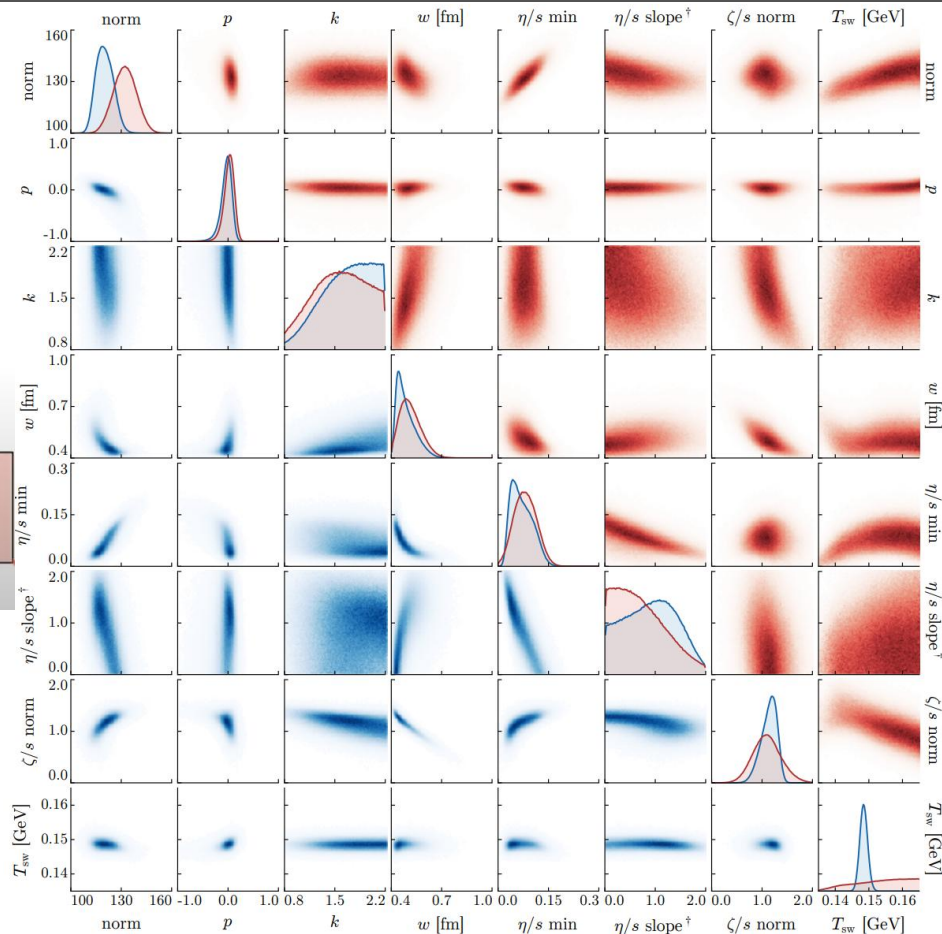
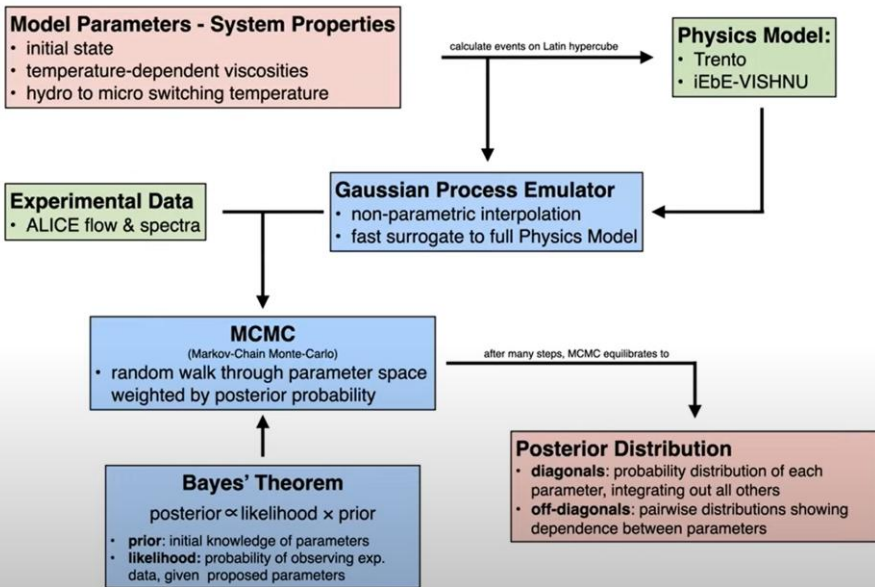
But significantly overlap

$$c_s^2(\epsilon) = c_s^2(\epsilon_h) + \left(\frac{1}{3} - c_s^2(\epsilon_h)\right) \frac{X_0 x + x^2}{X_0 x + x^2 + X'^2},$$

$$X_0 = X' R c_s(\epsilon) \sqrt{12}, \quad x \equiv \ln \epsilon / \epsilon_h,$$



Bayesian (Statistical) global fit on HICs – Shear and Bulk viscosities



Trento + IEBE-VishNew + UrQMD

J. Bernhard, J. Morel, S. Bass, **Nat. Phys.** 15, 1113 (2019)

G. Nijs, W. Schee, U. Guersoy, R. Snellings, **PRC**103,054909;

JETSCAPE, **PRL**126,242301; U. Heinz+, 2302.14184 (VAH)

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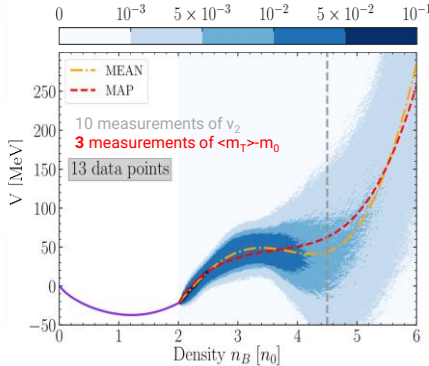
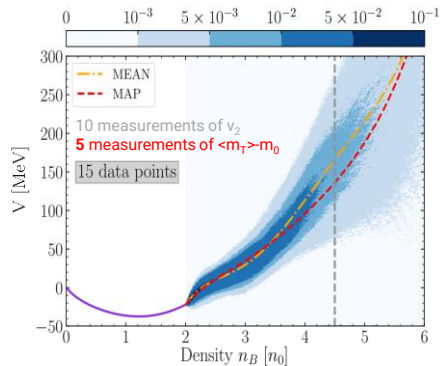
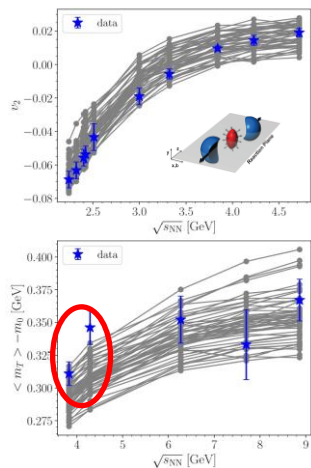
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Jet quenching/diffusion:

Y. He, L. Pang, X. Wang, **PRL** 122 (25) 252302

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Bayesian Inference Dense Matter EoS from HIC and Holography

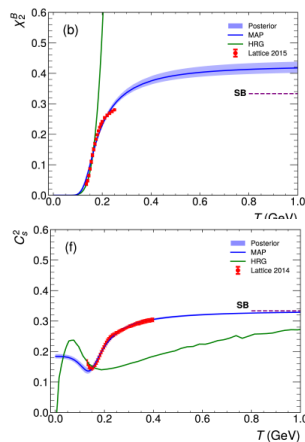
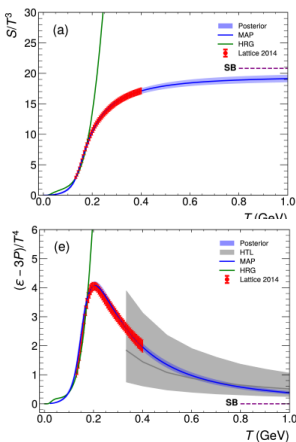


• Comprehensive Bayesian inference necessary for unambiguous solution

• Tension between data-data or model (UrQMD)-data

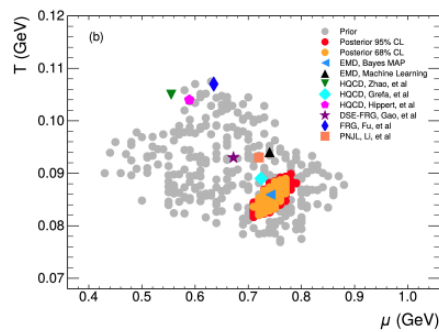
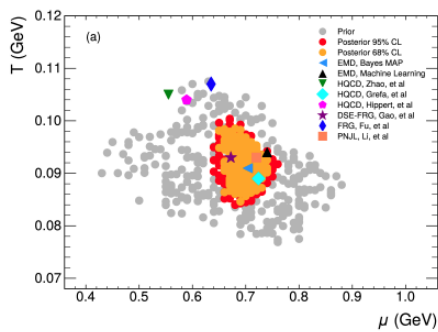
• Next-gen experiments will provide immense amount of high precision data

M.OK, J. Steinheimer, K. Zhou,
H. Stoecker, [PRL131,202303\(2023\)](#)



$$S_E = \frac{1}{16\pi G_5} \int d^5x \sqrt{-g} \left[R - \frac{f(\phi)}{4} F^2 - \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu \phi \partial^\mu \phi - V(\phi) \right]$$

$$A(z) = d \ln(az^2 + 1) + d \ln(bz^4 + 1), \quad f(z) = e^{cz^2 - A(z) + k}$$



• Critical endpoint from
holography (EMD) via
Bayesian Inference

L. Zhu, X. Chen, K. Zhou,
H. Zhang, M. Huang,
[arXiv:2501.15810](#)

Bayesian inference of nuclear incompressibility from proton elliptic flow in central Au+Au collisions at 400 MeV/nucleon

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[arXiv:2406.07051](https://arxiv.org/abs/2406.07051)

**IQMD simulation of
proton v2 Au+Au at E=400 MeV/Nucleon**

MDI: momentum dependent Interaction

$$E/A = \frac{\alpha}{2} \frac{\rho}{\rho_0} + \frac{\beta}{\gamma+1} \left(\frac{\rho}{\rho_0} \right)^\gamma + \frac{3}{10m} \left(\frac{3\pi^2 \hbar^3 \rho}{2} \right)^{2/3} + \frac{1}{2} t_4 \frac{\rho}{\rho_0} \int f(\vec{p}) \ln^2 \left[1 + t_5 (\vec{p} - \langle \vec{p}' \rangle)^2 \right] d^3 p, \quad (1)$$

$$P = \rho^2 \frac{\partial E/A}{\partial \rho} = \frac{\alpha}{2} \frac{\rho^2}{\rho_0} + \frac{\beta \gamma \rho}{\gamma+1} \left(\frac{\rho}{\rho_0} \right)^\gamma + \frac{1}{5m} \left(\frac{3}{2} \pi^2 \hbar^3 \right)^{2/3} \rho^{5/3} + \frac{t_4}{2} \frac{\rho^2}{\rho_0} \ln^2 (1 + t_5 P_F^2), \quad (2)$$

$$K = 9\rho^2 \frac{\partial^2 E/A}{\partial \rho^2} \Big|_{\rho_0} = -\frac{3}{5m} \left(\frac{3\pi^2 \hbar^3 \rho_0}{2} \right)^{2/3} + \frac{9\beta\gamma(\gamma-1)}{\gamma+1} + \ln(1 + t_5 P_F^2) \frac{6t_4 t_5 P_F^2}{1 + t_5 P_F^2}, \quad (3)$$

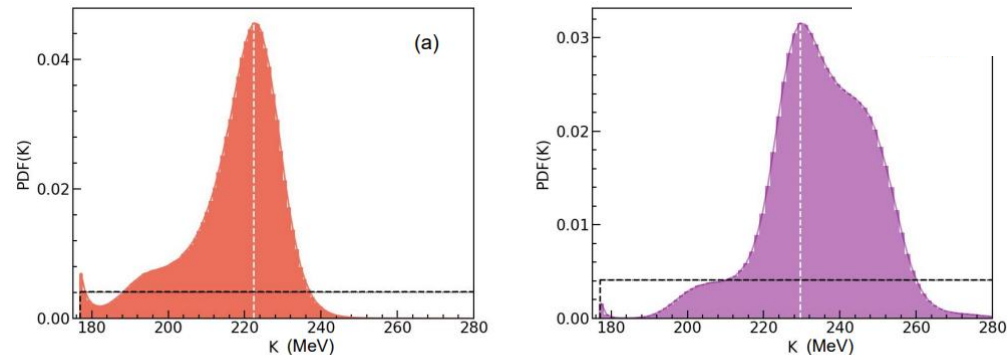


FIG. 5. Without considering the MDI: the posterior PDFs of K . Left: using only the observable $-v_2(y_0)$, right: using the two observables $-v_2(y_0)$ and $-v_2(u_{90})$.

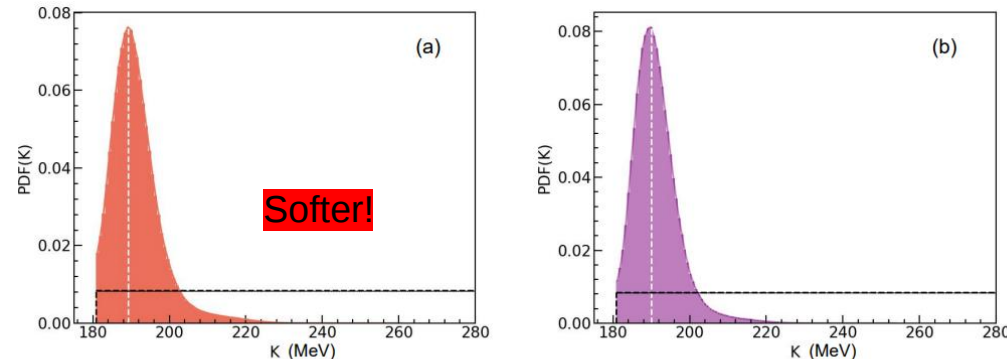
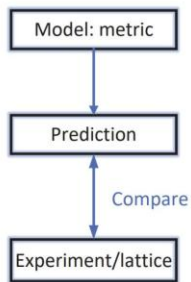


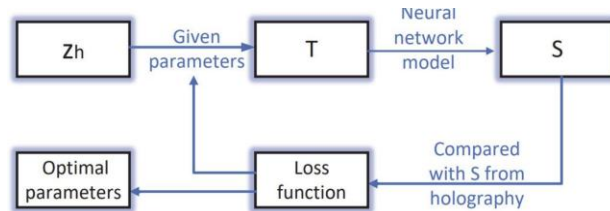
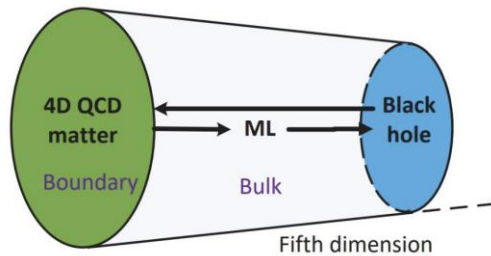
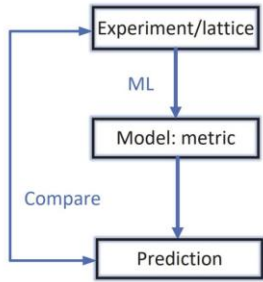
FIG. 7. Considering the MDI: the posterior PDFs of K . Left: observable only $-v_2(y_0)$, right: observables $-v_2(y_0)$ and $-v_2(u_{90})$.

ML Holography (EMD model) with lattice QCD reference

Conventional Holographic model:



ML Holographic model:



Einstein-Maxwell-Dilation model

O. DeWolfe, S. S. Gubser, and C. Rosen, Phys. Rev. D 83, 086005 (2011), arXiv:1012.1864.

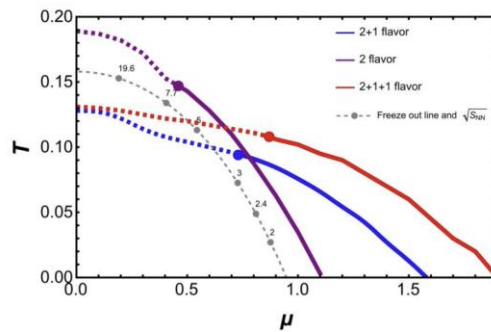
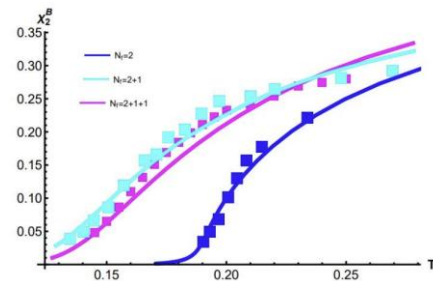
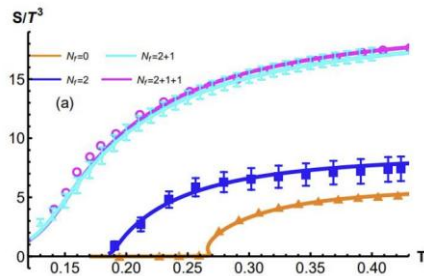
Action:
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ϕ is dilaton F is the tensor of gauge field

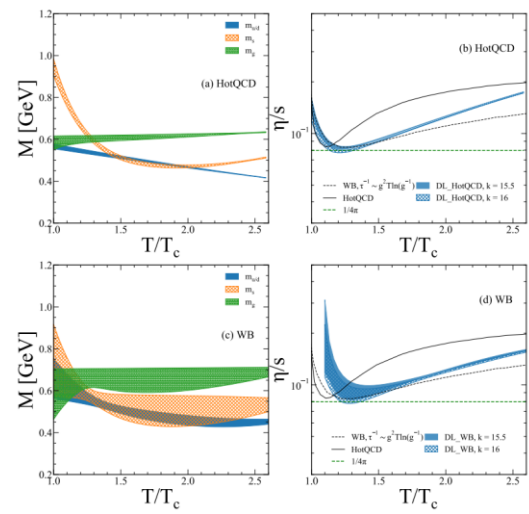
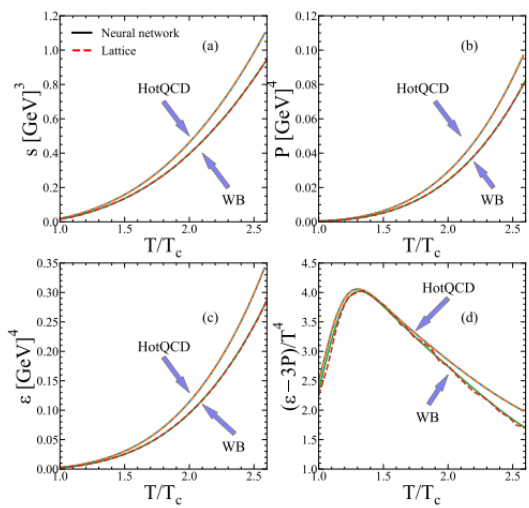
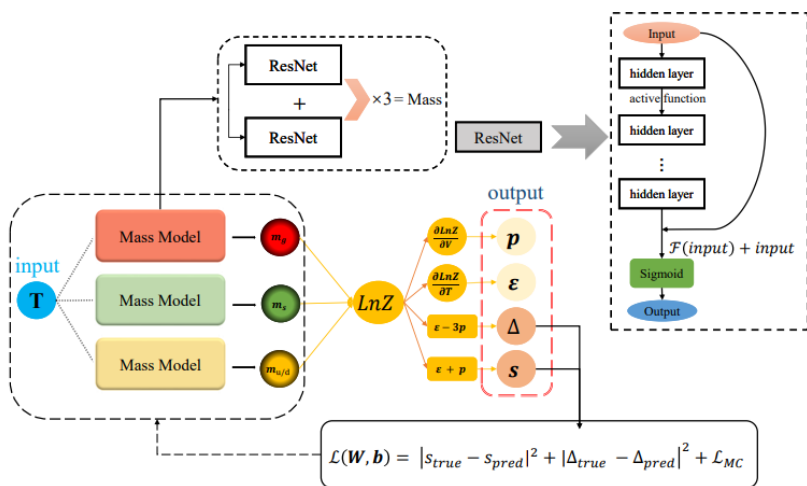
Metric ansatz:
$$ds^2 = \frac{e^{2A(z)}}{z^2} \left[-g(z)dt^2 + \frac{dz^2}{g(z)} + d\vec{x}^2 \right]$$

$$A(z) = d \ln(az^2 + 1) + d \ln(bz^4 + 1), \quad f(z) = e^{cz^2 - A(z) + k}$$

$$s = \frac{e^{3A(z_h)}}{4G_5 z_h^3}, \quad \chi_2^B = \frac{1}{T^2} \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial \mu}$$



Quasi-particle analysis of IQCD thermodynamics



$$\ln Z_g(T) = -\frac{16V}{2\pi^2} \int_0^\infty p^2 dp \ln \left[1 - \exp \left(-\frac{1}{T} \sqrt{p^2 + m_g^2(T)} \right) \right], \quad (2)$$

$$P(T) = T \left(\frac{\partial \ln Z(T)}{\partial V} \right)_T, \quad (5)$$

$$\epsilon(T) = \frac{T^2}{V} \left(\frac{\partial \ln Z(T)}{\partial T} \right)_V, \quad (6)$$

$$\ln Z_{q_i}(T) = +\frac{12V}{2\pi^2} \int_0^\infty p^2 dp \ln \left[1 + \exp \left(-\frac{1}{T} \sqrt{p^2 + m_{q_i}^2(T)} \right) \right], \quad (3)$$

$$\chi_i^B = \frac{\partial P(T, \hat{\mu}_B)/T^4}{\partial \hat{\mu}_B^i} \Big|_{\hat{\mu}_B=0}, \quad \hat{\mu}_B = \mu_B/T.$$

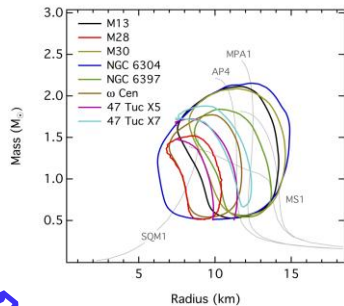
$$\mathcal{L}(\theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3) = |s_{NN} - s_{\text{input}}| + \left| \frac{\Delta_{NN} - \Delta_{\text{input}}}{T} \right| + |\chi_{2,NN}^B - \chi_{2,\text{input}}^B| + |\chi_{4,NN}^B - \chi_{4,\text{input}}^B| + \mathcal{L}_{MC}$$

F. Li, H. Lue, L. Pang and G. Qin, **Phys. Lett. B** 2023, arXiv:2211.07994

Recently generalized to finite baryon chemical potential (use IQCD res with Taylor expansion) → arXiv:2501.10012

Dense matter EoS from Neutron Star obs - AutoDiff

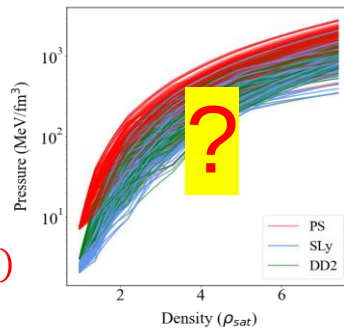
Noisy/Limited NS Observables to EoS ?



TOV eqs

$$\frac{dP}{dr} = -\frac{G}{r^2} \left(\rho + \frac{P}{c^2} \right) \left(m + 4\pi r^3 \frac{P}{c^2} \right) \left(1 - \frac{2Gm}{c^2 r} \right)^{-1}$$

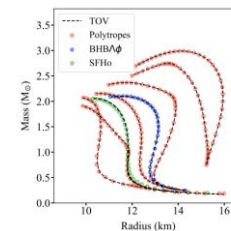
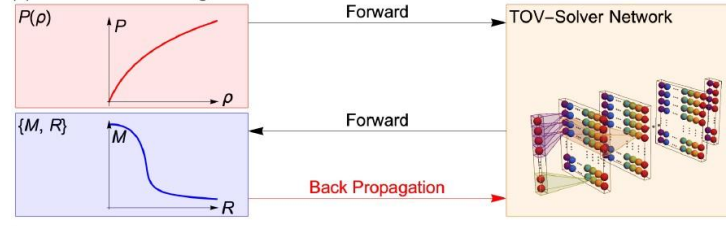
$$M = m(R) = \int_0^R 4\pi r^2 \rho dr$$



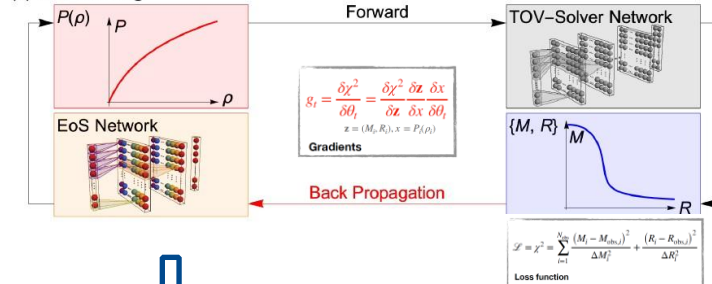
$P(\rho)$

S. S, L. W, S. S, H. S, K. Z,
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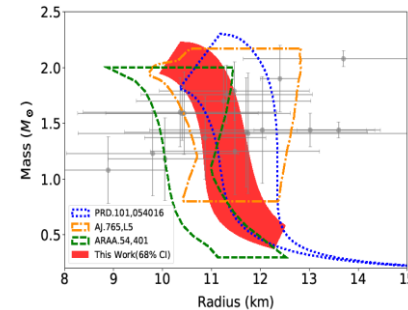
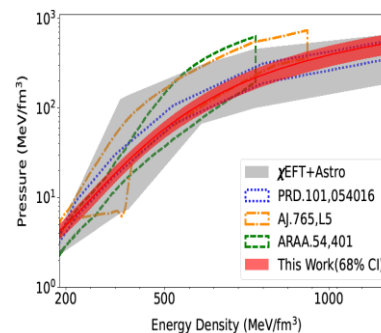
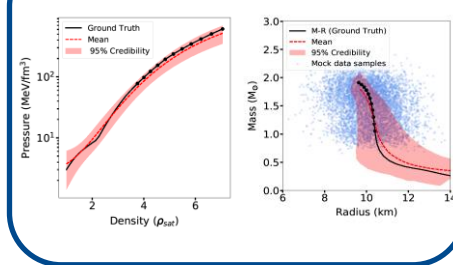
(a) TOV-Solver Training



(b) EoS Training



Mock Test

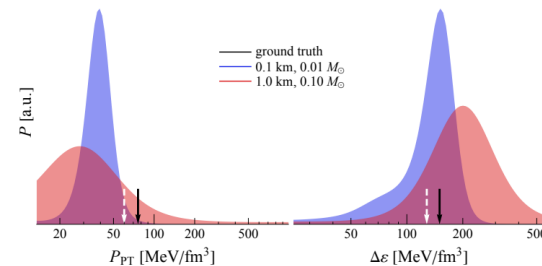
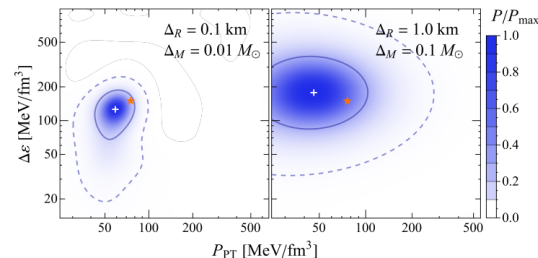
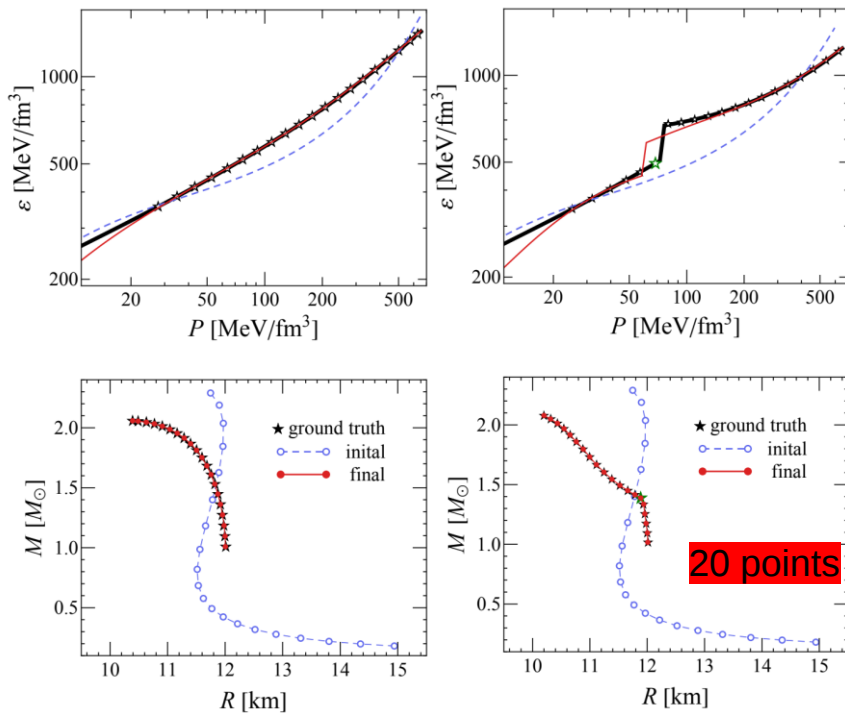


First-order phase transition reconstruction from NS obs. via auto-diff

Linear response analysis get the gradients! Then use DNN :

We parameterize the inverse speed of sound squared containing both regular parts and Dirac- δ functions corresponding to possible first-order phase transitions,

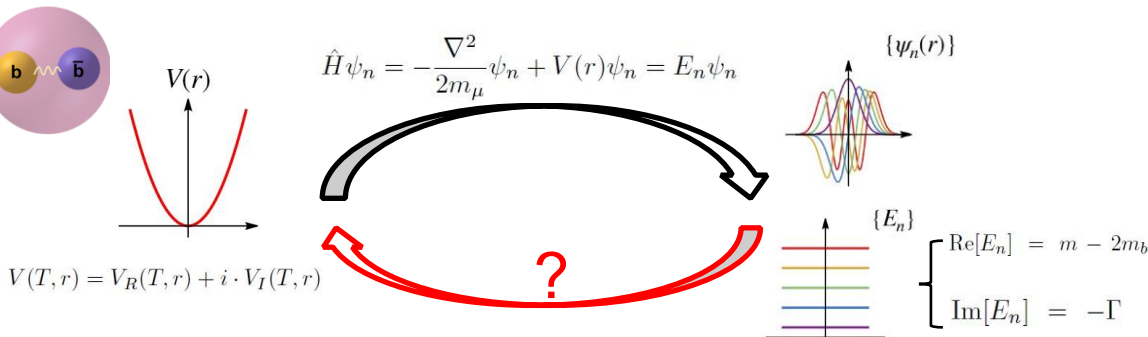
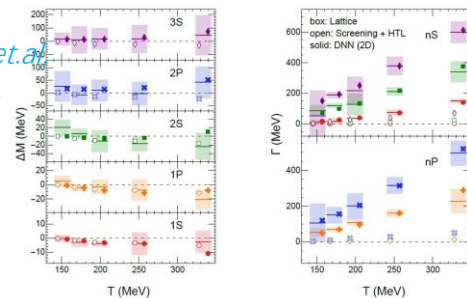
We adopt SFHo as the baseline EoS and introduce a PT with latent heat $\Delta\varepsilon = 150 \text{ MeV/fm}^3$ at pressure $P_{\text{PT}} = 76 \text{ MeV/fm}^3$. Above the PT point, we take the stiffest (causal) limit that $c_s = 1$. We employ twenty



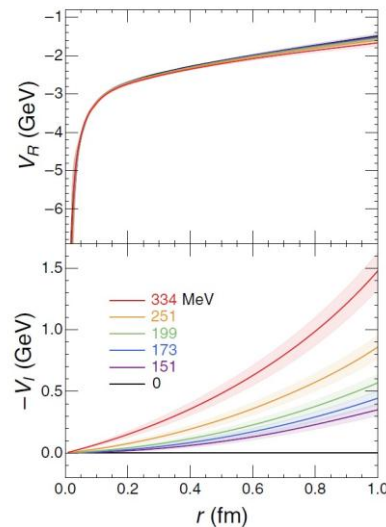
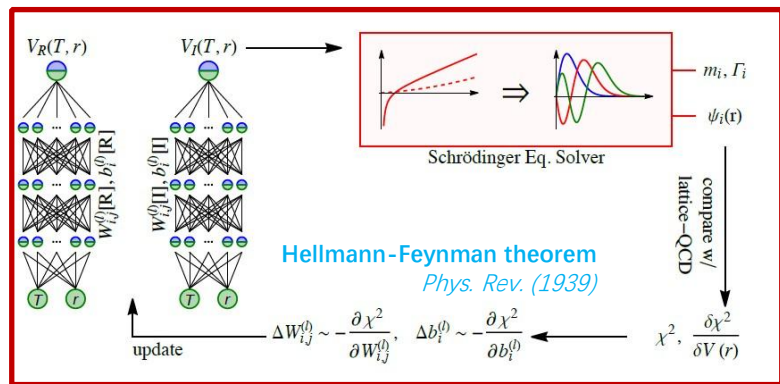
HQ Potential by Inversing Shroedinger Eq. on lattice data

**New IQCD results cannot be explained by
Perturbative HTL-inspired potentials !**

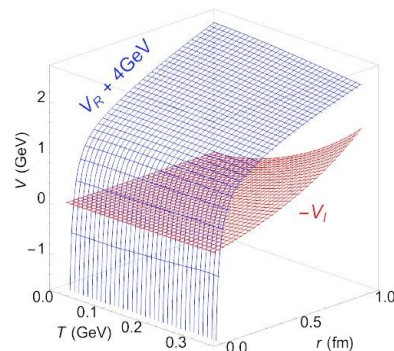
*R. Larsen, et al.
PRD(2019),
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PRD(2020)*



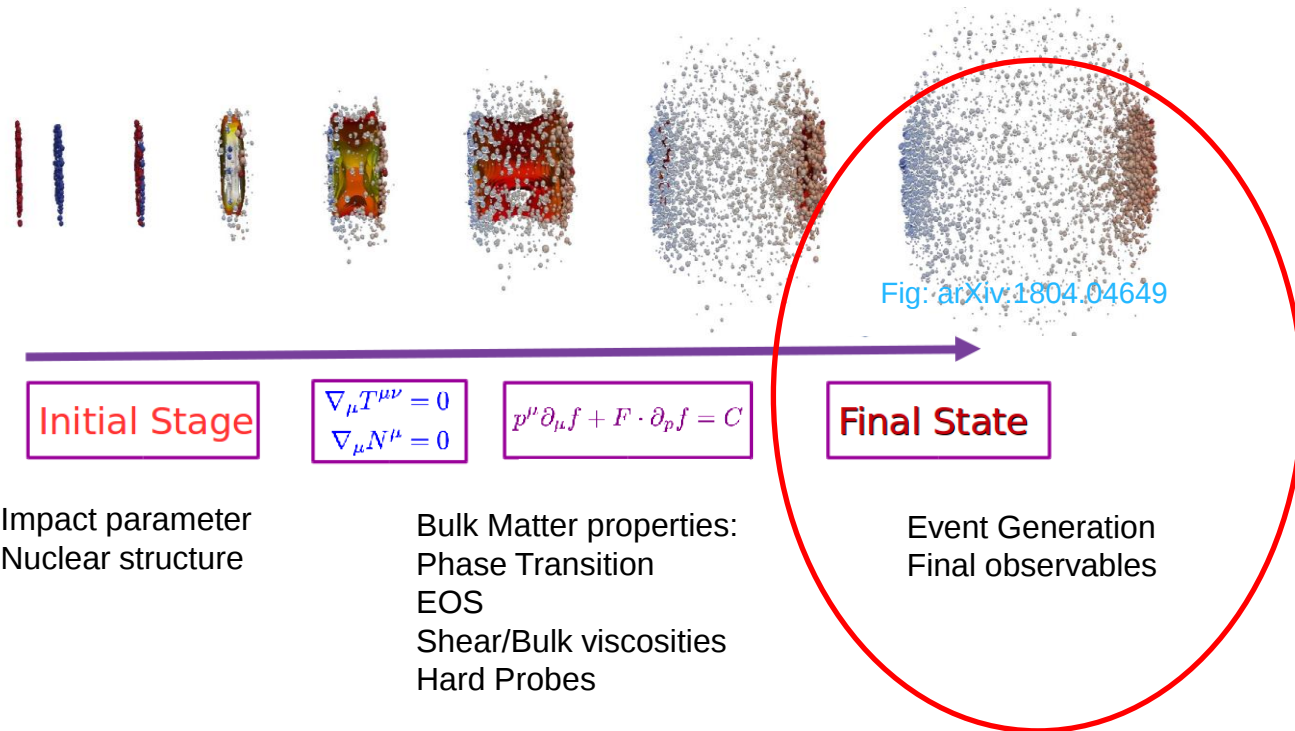
How to extract **effective potential**
given **limited spectroscopy** ? →



Chi2-per-data=16.5/30



Outline: Initial state + Bulk matter + Generative model



- Discriminative Learning : **prediction**

function fitting

$$y = f(x)$$

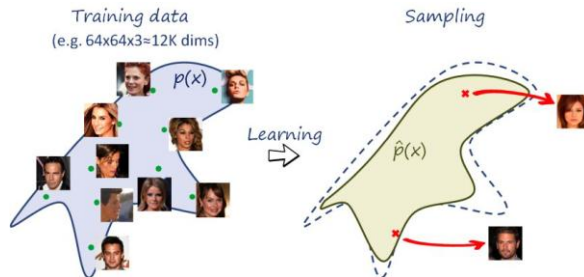
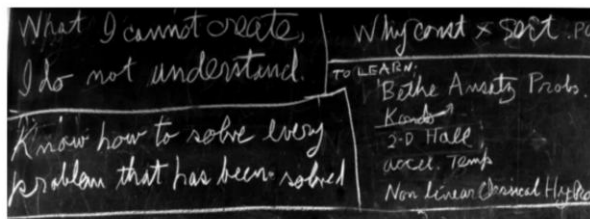
conditional probability

$$p_{\theta}(y|x) \rightarrow p(y|x)$$



- Generative Modelling : **understand**

Joint probability distribution $p_{\theta}(x, y) \rightarrow p(x, y)$



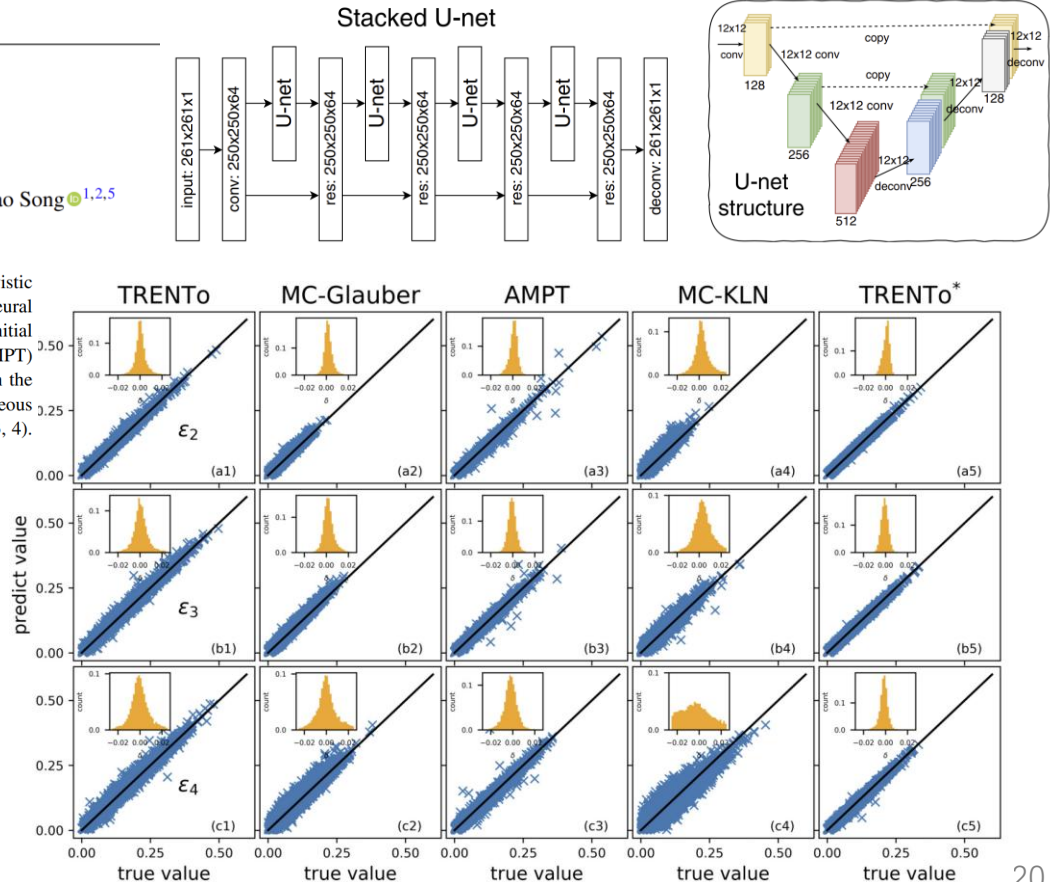
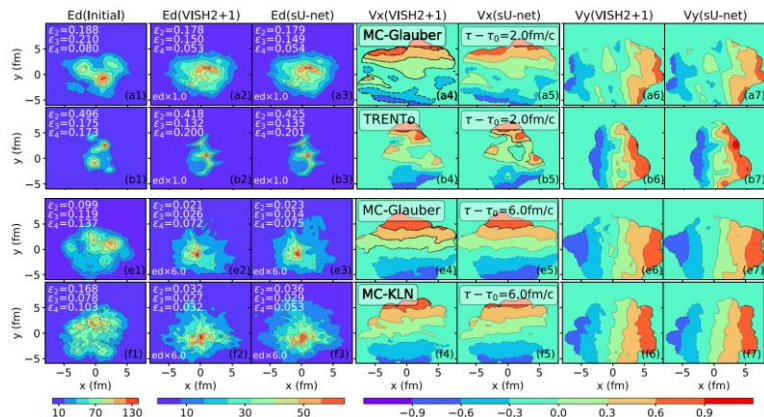
“What I can not create, I do not understand”

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Applications of deep learning to relativistic hydrodynamics

Hengfeng Huang,^{1,2} Bowen Xiao,³ Ziming Liu,¹ Zeming Wu,^{1,2} Yadong Mu,^{3,4} and Huichao Song^{1,2,5}

tic heavy-ion collisions. Using 10 000 initial and final profiles generated from (2+1)-dimensional relativistic hydrodynamics vISH2+1 with Monte Carlo Glauber (MC-Glauber) initial conditions, we train a deep neural network based on the stacked U-net, and use it to predict the final profiles associated with various initial conditions, including MC-Glauber, MC Kharzeev-Levin-Nardi (MC-KLN), a multiphase transport (AMPT) model, and the reduced thickness event-by-event nuclear topology (TRENTo) model. A comparison with the vISH2+1 results shows that the network predictions can nicely capture the magnitude and inhomogeneous structures of the final profiles, and creditably describe the related eccentricity distributions $P(\epsilon_n)$ ($n = 2, 3, 4$).



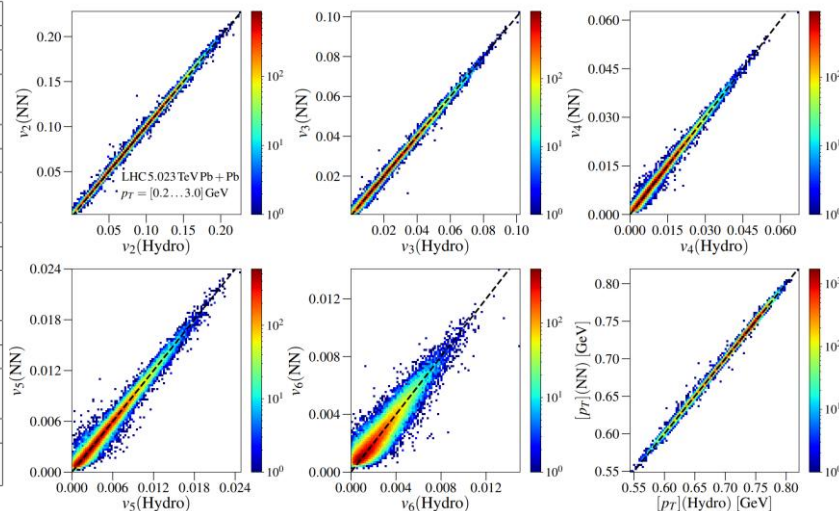
PHYSICAL REVIEW C **108**, 034905 (2023)

Deep learning for flow observables in ultrarelativistic heavy-ion collisions

H. Hirvonen , K. J. Eskola , and H. Niemi 

As an input, the DenseNet model uses discretized initial energy density in the transverse-coordinate (x, y) plane calculated from the EKRT model with a grid size 269×269 and a resolution of 0.07 fm. The DenseNet model is trained to reproduce a set of final state p_T integrated observables v_n , average transverse momentum $[p_T]$, and charged particle multiplicity $dN_{ch}/d\eta$ for each event. The input energy density is normalized in such a

Block	Output size	Layers
Convolution	134x134x64	7x7 conv, stride 2
Pooling	67x67x64	3x3 max pool, stride 2
Dense Block	67x67x256	1x1 conv 3x3 conv x 6
Transition Layer	67x67x128	1x1 conv
	33x33x128	2x2 average pooling, stride 2
Dense Block	33x33x512	1x1 conv 3x3 conv x 12
Transition Layer	33x33x256	1x1 conv
	16x16x256	2x2 average pooling, stride 2
Dense Block	16x16x896	1x1 conv 3x3 conv x 20
Transition Layer	16x16x448	1x1 conv
	8x8x448	2x2 average pooling, stride 2
Dense Block	8x8x1216	1x1 conv 3x3 conv x 24
Output Layer	1x1x1216	8x8 global average pooling
	N_{out}	Fully connected layer with ReLU activation



10^7 events using the neural network, which takes around 20 h with the GPU. This is a very substantial difference compared to doing full hydrodynamic simulations using CPU, which would take about 5×10^6 CPU hours.

Generative diffusion model to heavy-ion collisions

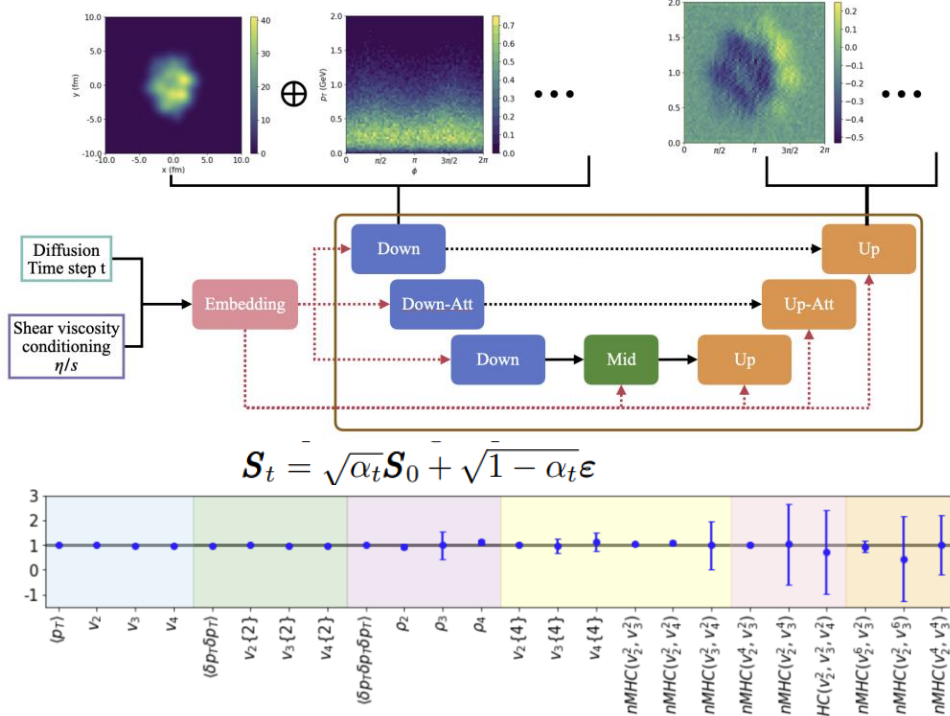
An end-to-end generative diffusion model for heavy-ion collisions

arXiv:2410.13069

Jing-An Sun,^{1,2} Li Yan,^{1,3} Charles Gale,² and Sangyong Jeon²

Initial density profile $\oplus$ charged particle spectra

The predicted noise



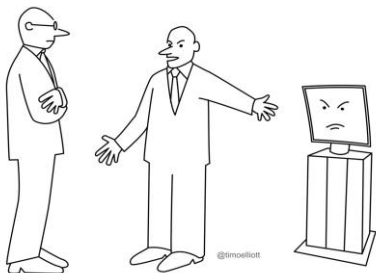
tor. We carried out (2+1)D minimum bias simulations of Pb-Pb collisions at 5.02 TeV, choosing the shear viscosity η/s to be one of three distinct values: 0.0, 0.1, and 0.2. For each value of η/s , we generate 12,000 pairs of initial entropy density profiles and final particle spectra, corresponding to 12,000 simulated events, as the training dataset. 70% of the total events are used for training and the rest are used for validation.

Considering that the spectra S_0 depend on the initial entropy density profiles I and the shear viscosity η/s , we train a conditional reverse diffusion process $p(S_0|I, \eta/s)$ without modifying the forward process.

one single central collision event in just 10^{-1} seconds on a GeForce GTX 4090 GPU.

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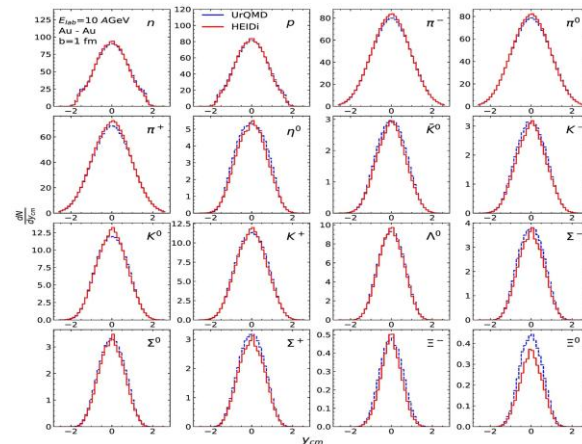
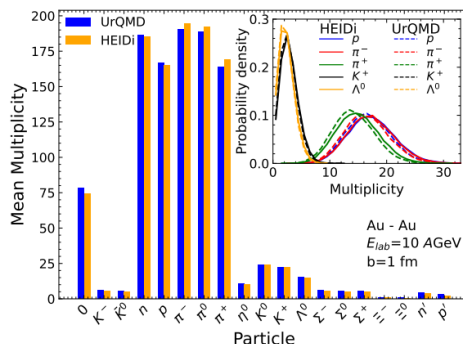
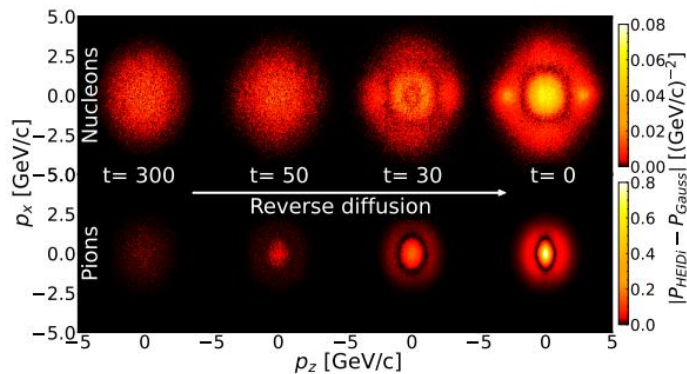
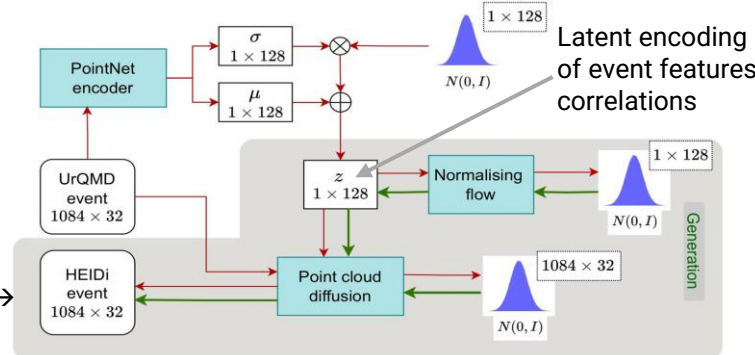
Point Cloud Diffusion Model for HICs – AI clone of full event generation



His decisions aren't any better than yours
— but they're WAY faster...

- 18k UrQMD simulation events for central Au-Au@10 AGeV collisions
- **HEIDI**:
Heavy-ion Events through Intelligent Diffusion

PointNet encoder + Normalizing flow decoder + **Pointcloud** diffusion →

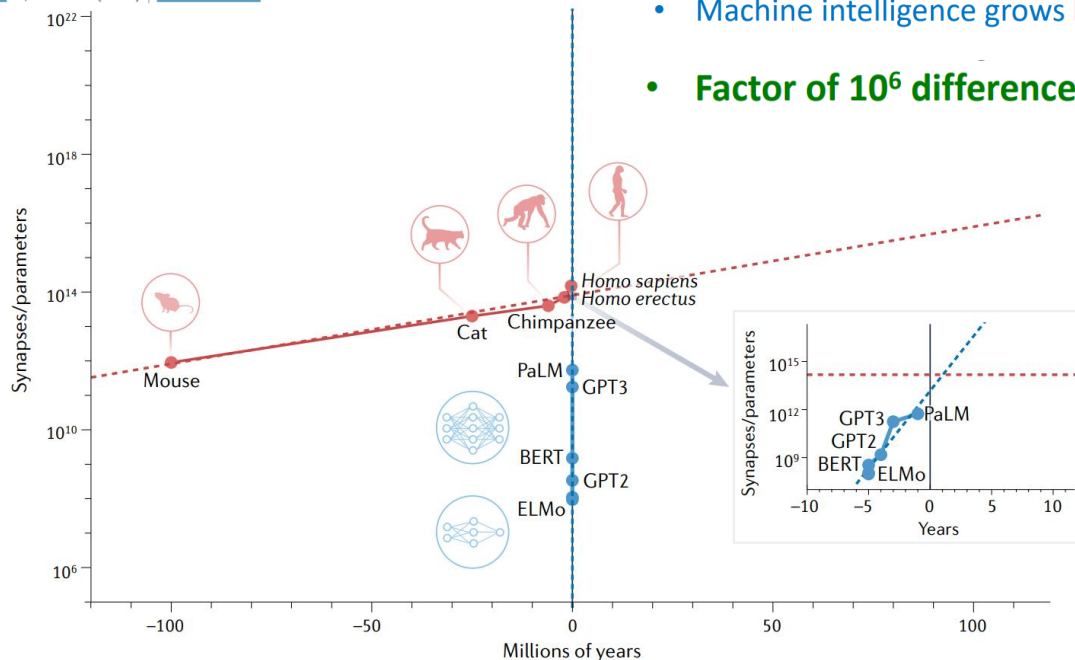


What's the future? – Generative AI and LLM maybe the future

Should artificial intelligence be interpretable to humans?

Matthew D. Schwartz

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- Biological intelligence grows by a factor of 2 in one million years
- Machine intelligence grows by a factor of 10 in 1 year
- **Factor of 10^6 difference in exponent**

Chat-GPT



Chat-GPh.T?
Chat-GPh.D?

Fig. 1 | The evolution of biological and artificial intelligence takes place on dramatically different timescales. Any hope of interpreting and understanding AI will exponentially fade. Some example data points are highlighted in the evolution of biological (red) and artificial (blue) intelligence. The dashed lines represent the linear regression to these points. The acronyms in the figure are: Pathways Language Model (PaLM), Embeddings from Language Model (ELMo), Bidirectional Encoder Representations from Transformers (BERT), Generative Pre-trained Transformer (GPT).

Summary: Machine Learning and HENP



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Physics-driven learning for inverse problems in quantum chromodynamics

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Abstract	Sections
The integration of deep learning techniques and physics-driven designs is reforming the way we address inverse problems, in which accurate physical properties are extracted from complex observations. This is particularly relevant for quantum chromodynamics (QCD) – the theory of strong interactions – with its inherent challenges in interpreting	Introduction
	Physics-driven learning
	QCD physics
	Conclusions and outlook

Thanks!



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Review

Exploring QCD matter in extreme conditions with Machine Learning

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High-energy nuclear physics meets machine learning

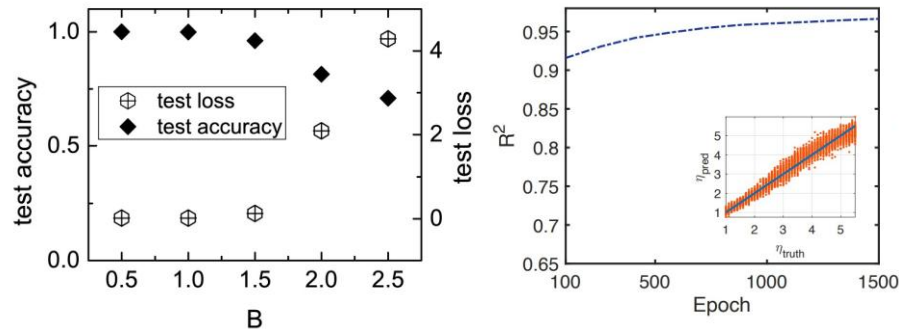
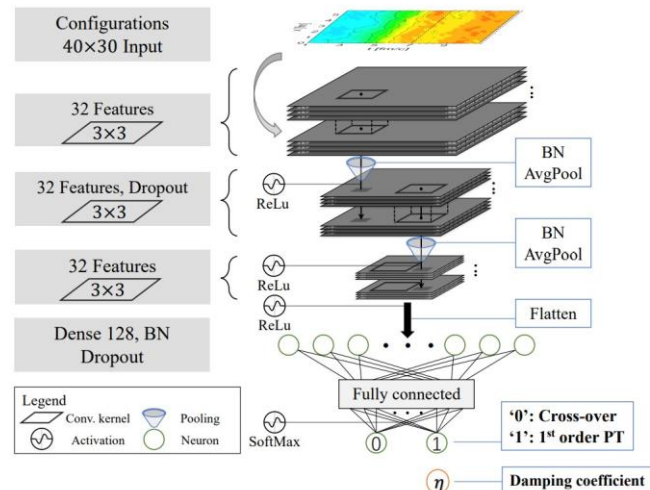
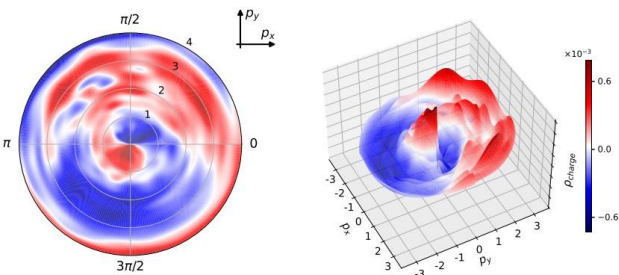
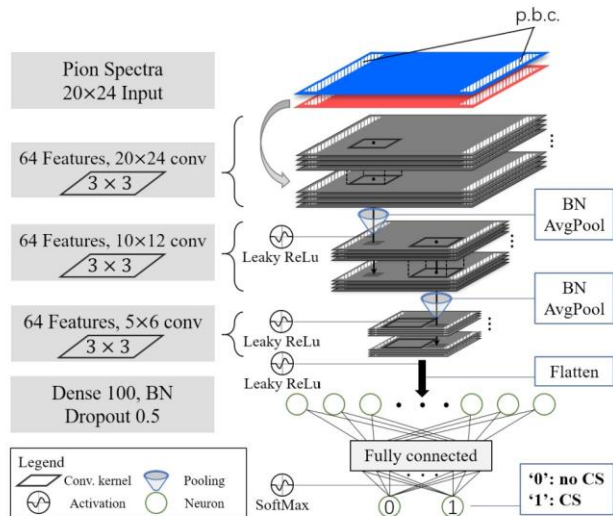
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Abstract
Although seemingly disparate, high-energy nuclear physics (HENP) and machine learning (ML) have begun to merge in the last few years, yielding interesting results. It is worthy to raise the profile of utilizing this novel mindset from ML in HENP to help interested readers see the breadth of activities around this intersection. The aim of this mini-review is to inform the community of the current status and present an overview of the application of ML to HENP. From different aspects and examples, we examine how scientific questions involving HENP can be answered using ML.

Keywords Heavy-ion collisions · Machine learning · Initial state · Bulk properties · Medium effects · Hard probes · Observables

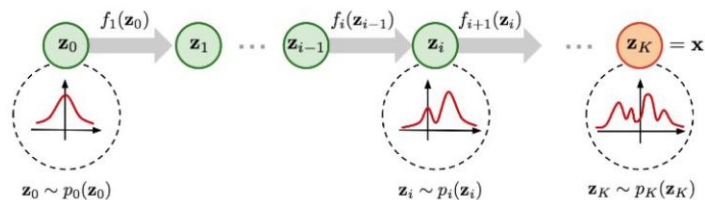
CNN to detect CME, and regress stochastic dynamics in HICs



Flow based generative model (given unnormalized distribution)

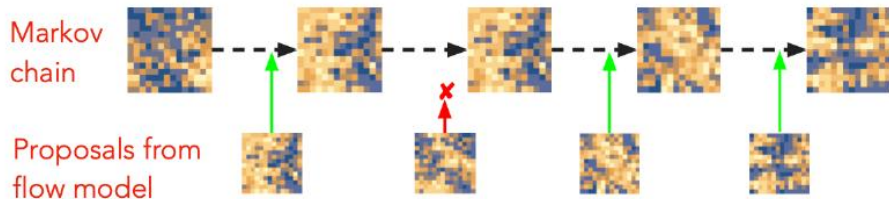
A series (**Flow**) of invertible/bijective transformations for $p(\mathbf{z})$

compose several invertible transformations to form the flow :



$$p_i(\mathbf{z}_i) = p_{i-1}(f_i^{-1}(\mathbf{z}_i)) |\det J_{f_i^{-1}}| = p_{i-1}(\mathbf{z}_{i-1}) |\det J_{f_i}|^{-1}$$

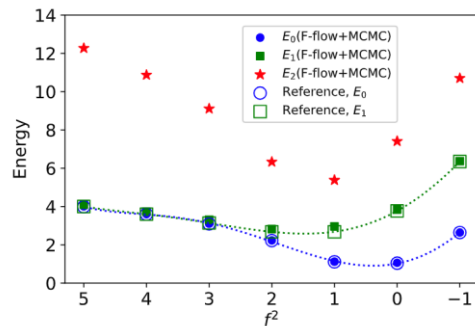
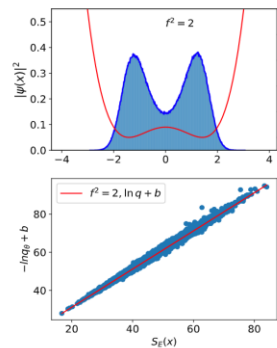
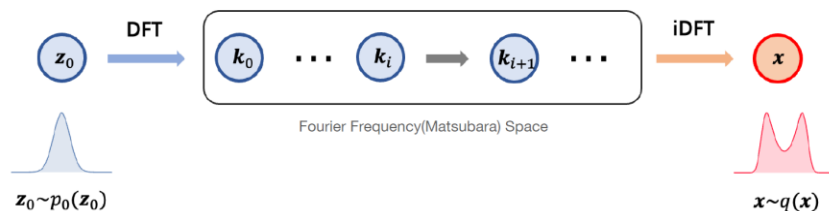
$$\rightarrow \log p(\mathbf{x}) = \log p_0(f^{-1}(\mathbf{x})) + \sum_{i=1}^K \log |\det J_{f_i^{-1}}| = \log p_0(\mathbf{z}_0) - \sum_{i=1}^K \log |\det J_{f_i}|$$



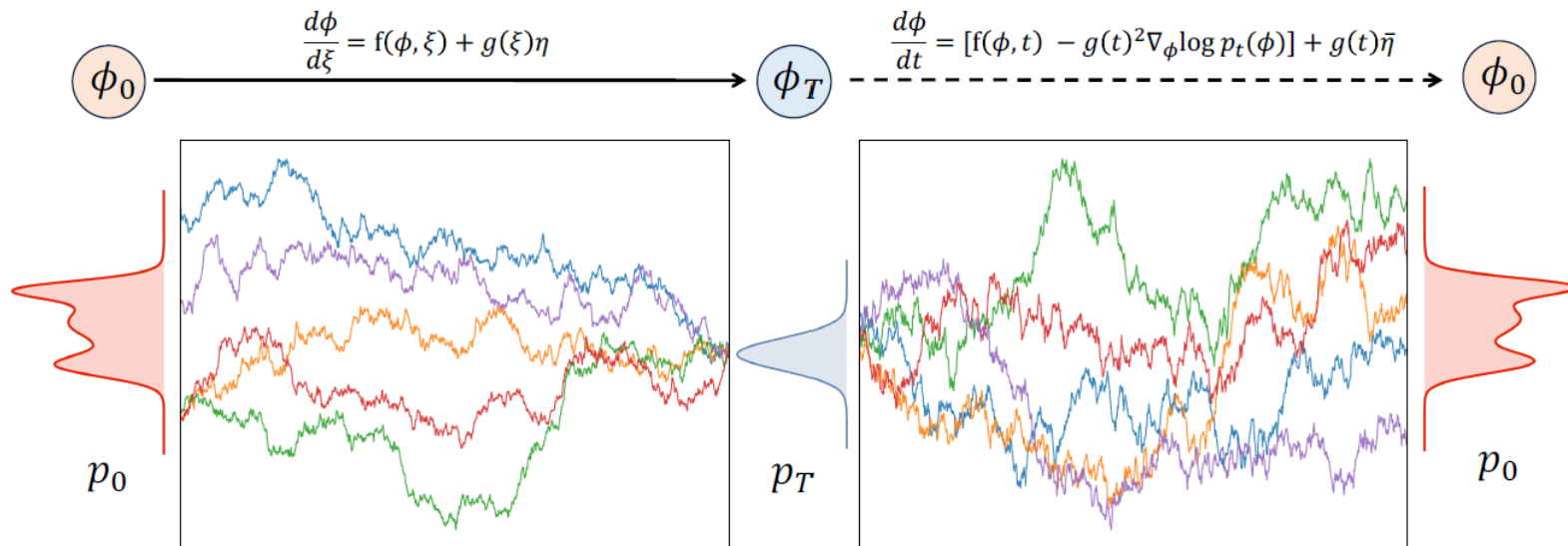
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K.C, G. K., S. R., D. R., P. S., **Nature Reviews Physics** 5, 526-535 (2023)

Fourier Flow Model

S.Chen, O. Savchuk, S. Zheng, B. Chen, H. Stoecker, L. Wang, K. Zhou, **PRD107, 056001(2023)**



Diffusion Model on lattice QFT configurations



L. Wang, G. Arts, K. Zhou, JHEP 05 (2024) 060

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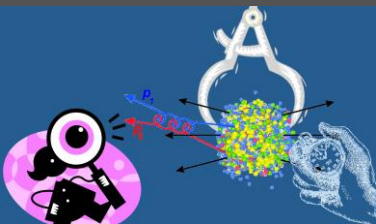
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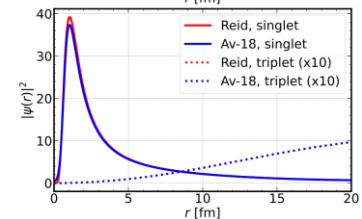
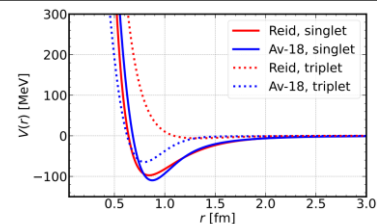
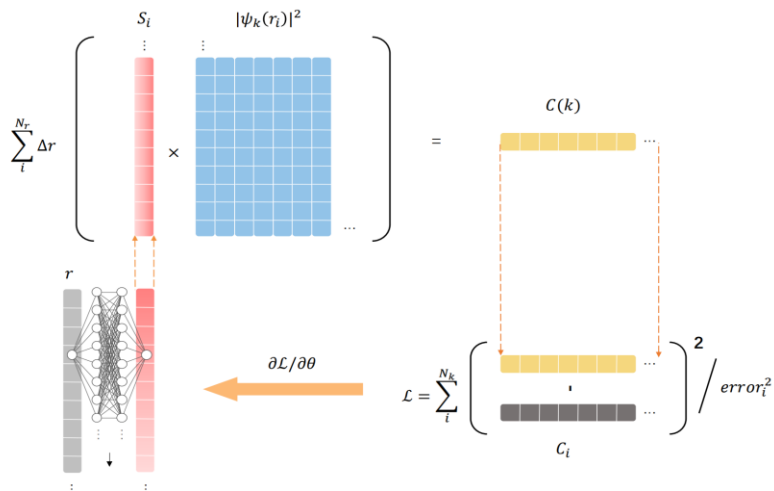
Hadron emission source reconstruction via femtoscopy



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$$C(k) = \int S(\mathbf{r}) |\psi_k(\mathbf{r})|^2 d^3r,$$



Learning Hadron Emitting Sources with Deep Neural Networks

Lingxiao Wang¹ and Jiaying Zhao^{2,3,*}

arXiv:2411.16343

