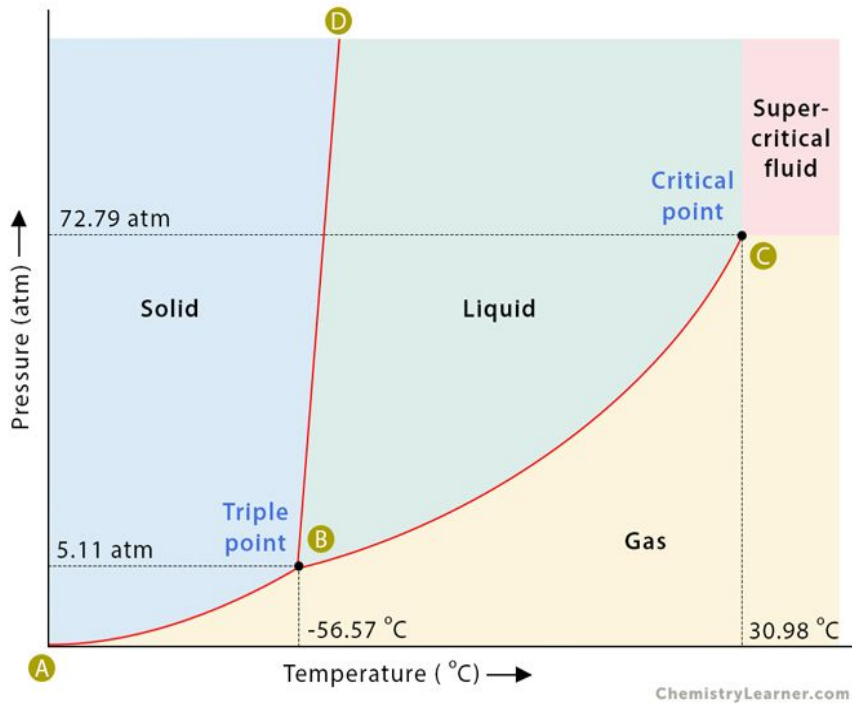


AI-Driven Exploration of Strongly Interacting Nuclear Matter under Extreme Conditions

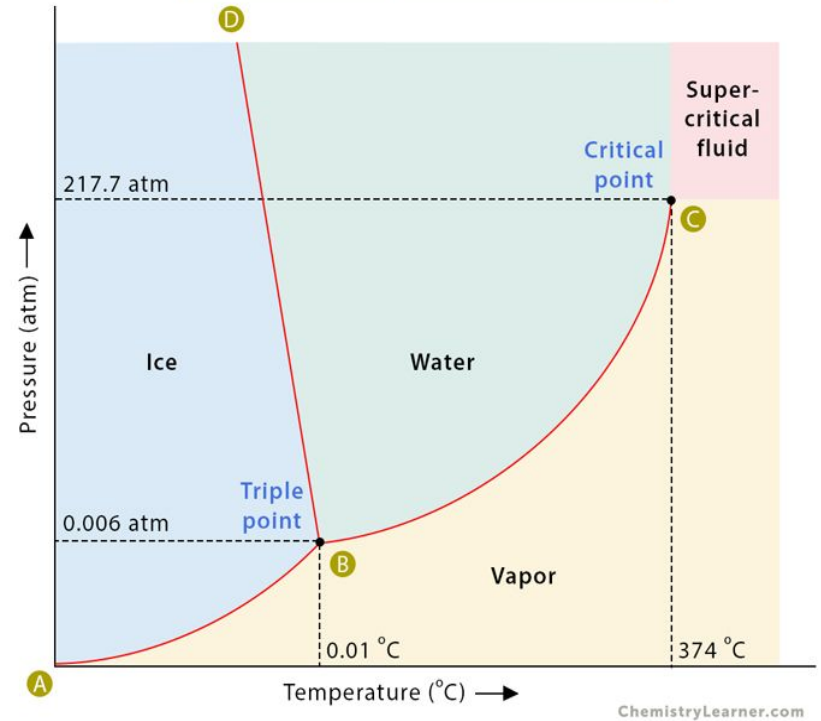
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Few phase diagrams we know ...

Phase Diagram of Carbon Dioxide (CO₂)



Phase Diagram of Water

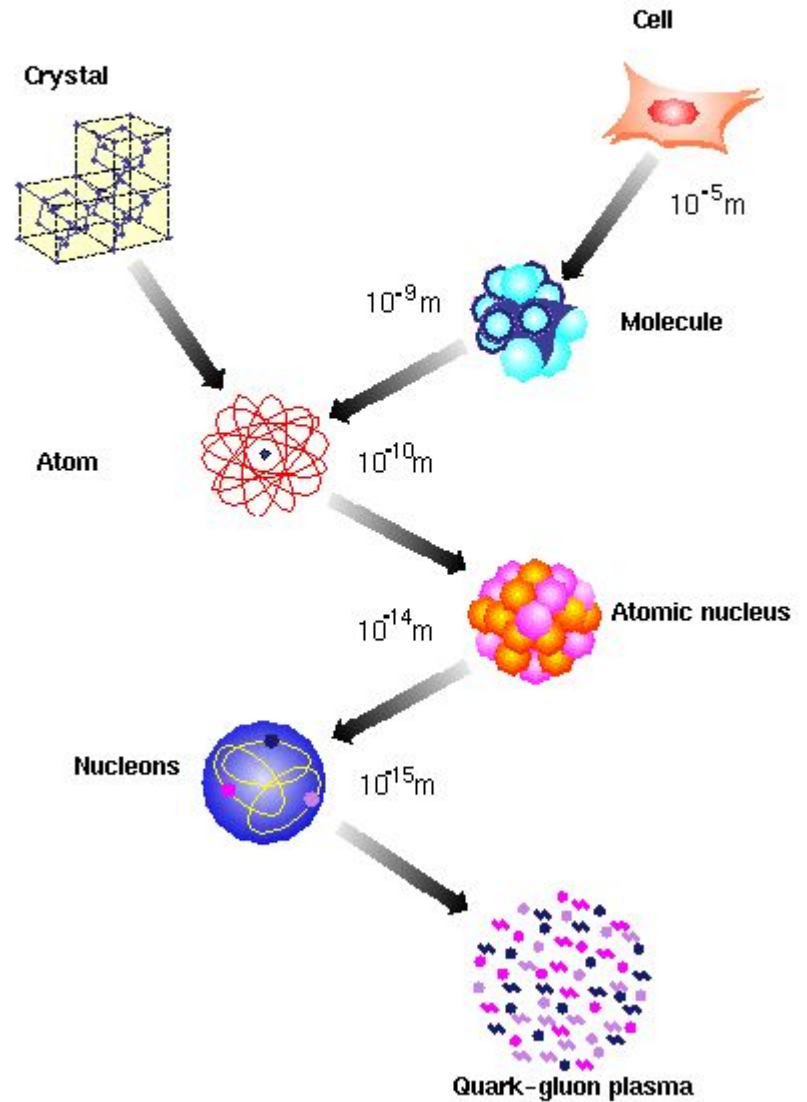


Phase diagrams portray the behaviour of a substance with varying thermodynamic conditions

A phase diagram of fundamental matter?

Standard Model of Elementary Particles

	three generations of matter (fermions)			interactions / force carriers (bosons)	
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→ ordinary matter: confined quarks
 ◆ only protons and neutrons

→ How does nuclear matter behave at high temperatures/ densities?

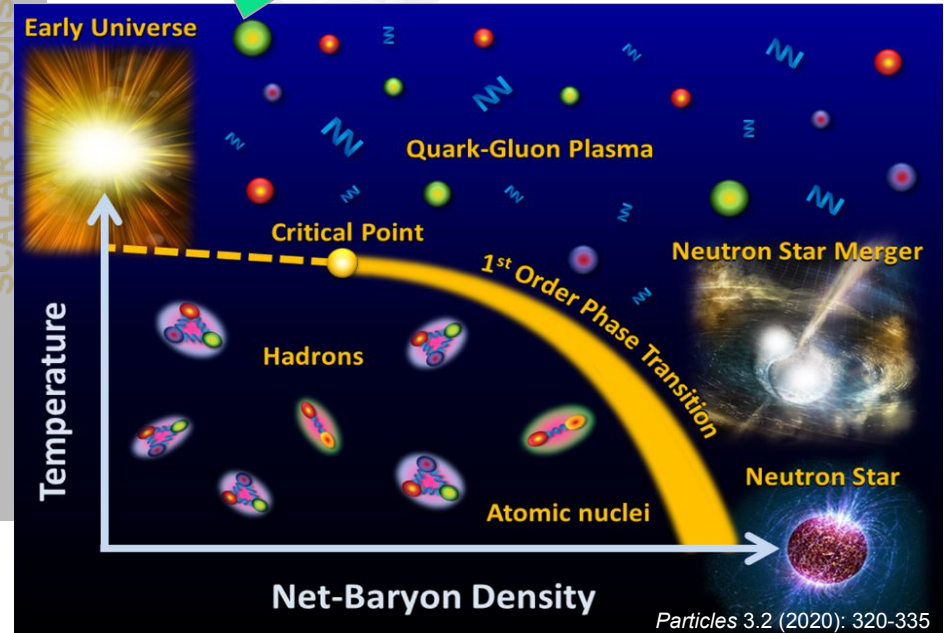
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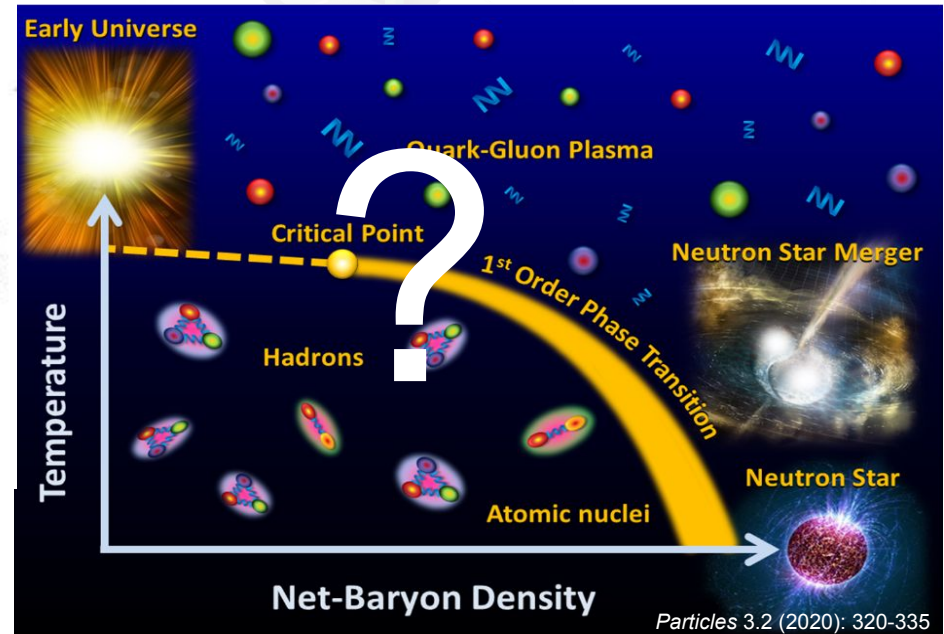
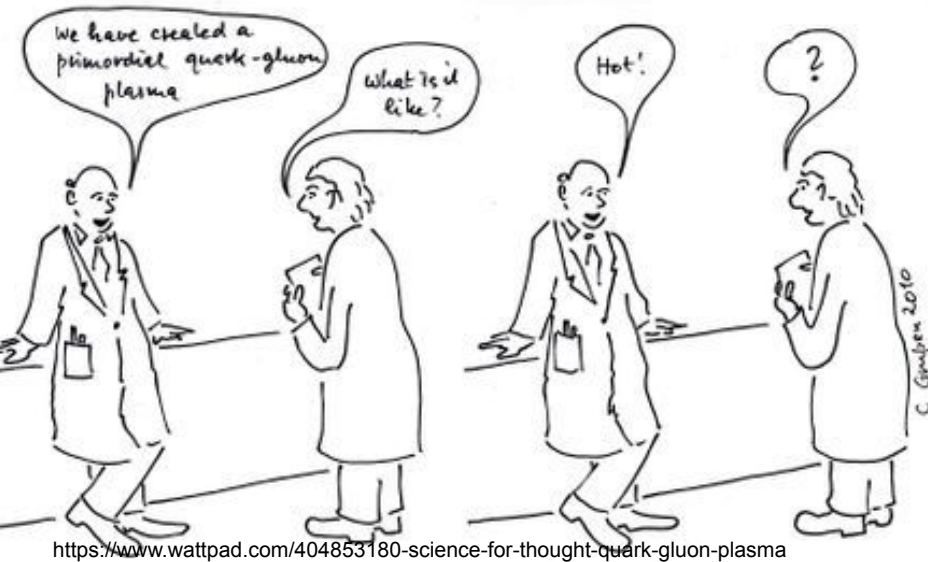


Can we construct a phase diagram of strongly interacting, nuclear matter?

The QCD phase diagram

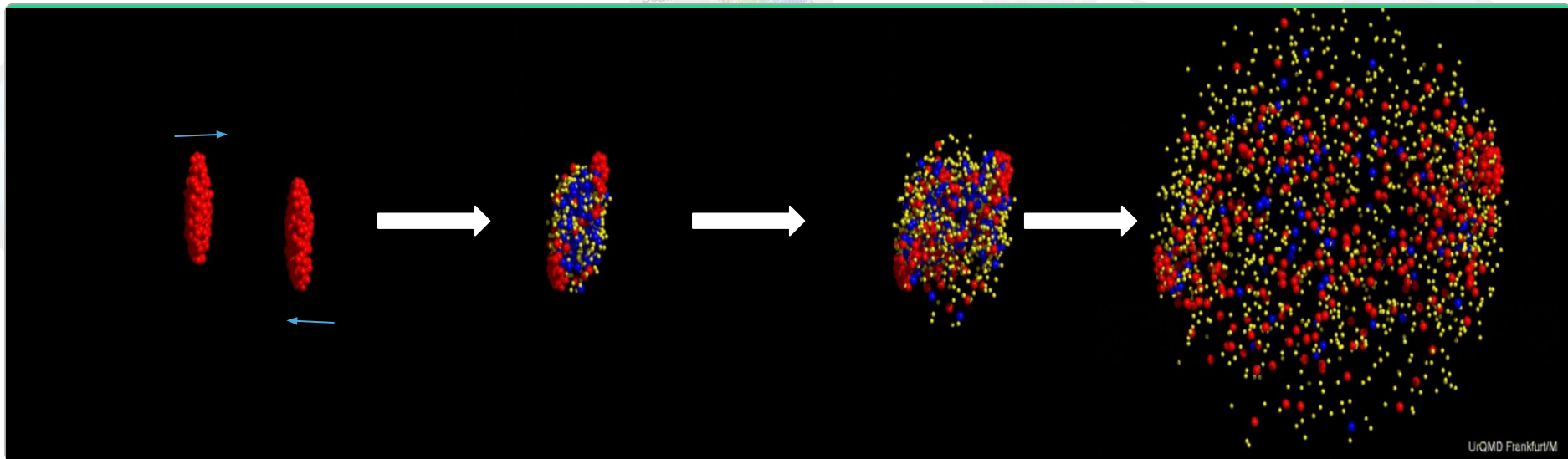


The QCD phase diagram is highly conjectured



How can we explore the phase diagram?

Creating hot-dense QCD matter in a lab



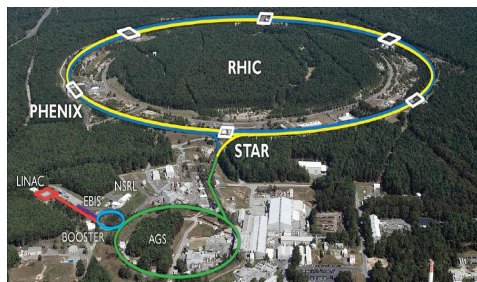
Heavy-ion collisions can create systems with extremely high temperatures and densities

CERN

The Large Hadron Collider (LHC)



RHIC



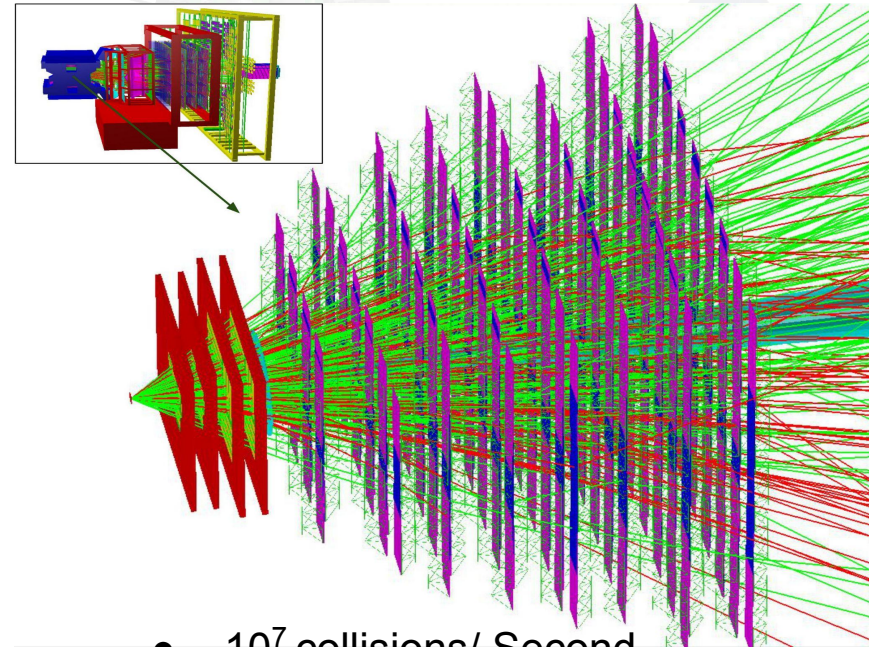
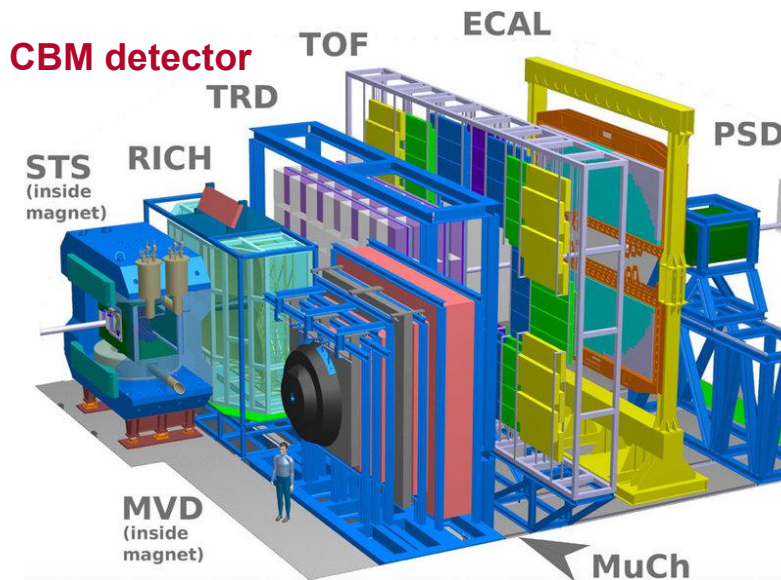
FAIR, Darmstadt



The CBM experiment at FAIR

- CBM studies Intermediate beam energies
 - moderate temperatures and high densities
 -
- Similar n_b , T found in neutron star mergers, supernova explosion etc.

- explore high density QCD EoS
- search for phase transitions
- in medium hadronic properties



- 10^7 collisions/ Second
- 1000 tracks/ collision
- 1 TB/s raw data

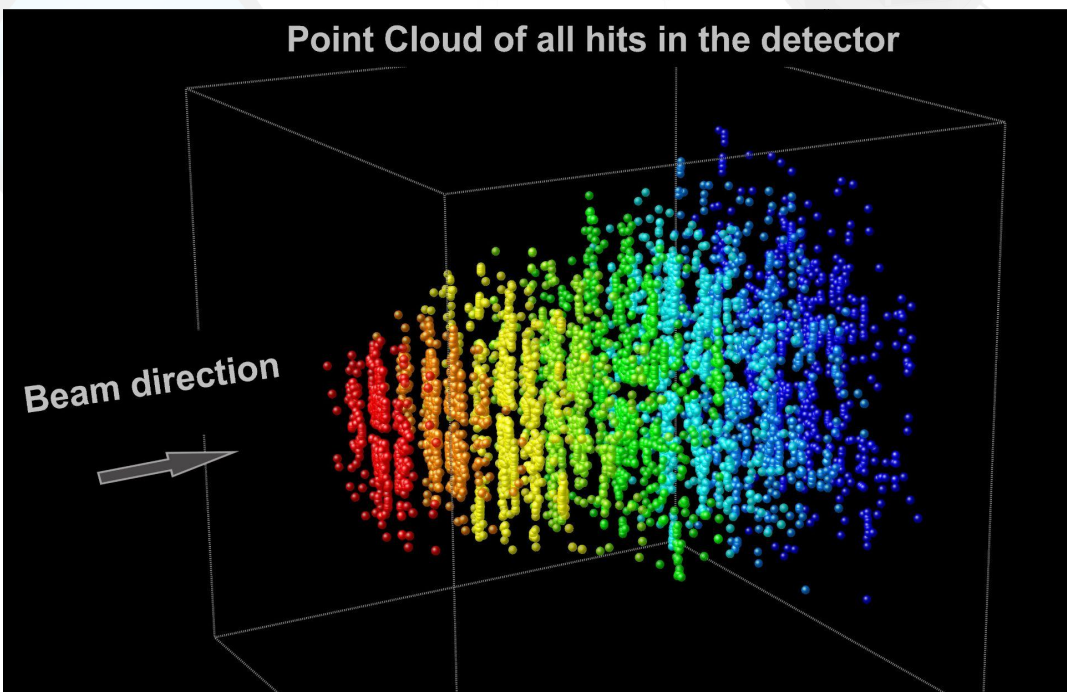
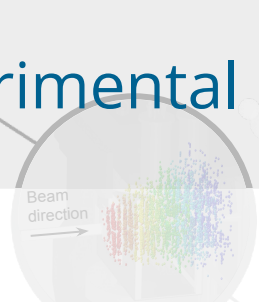
The challenges



- Limited first principle calculations
 - ◆ Effective models for high density
- State of the art effective models are often slow
 - ◆ upto 1 hour/event at FAIR energies
- No smoking gun signals
 - ◆ multiple observables with limited sensitivity
 - ◆ bayesian inference, multi-param fits
- Experimental uncertainties
 - ◆ collision centrality
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How can AI be used to address these issues?

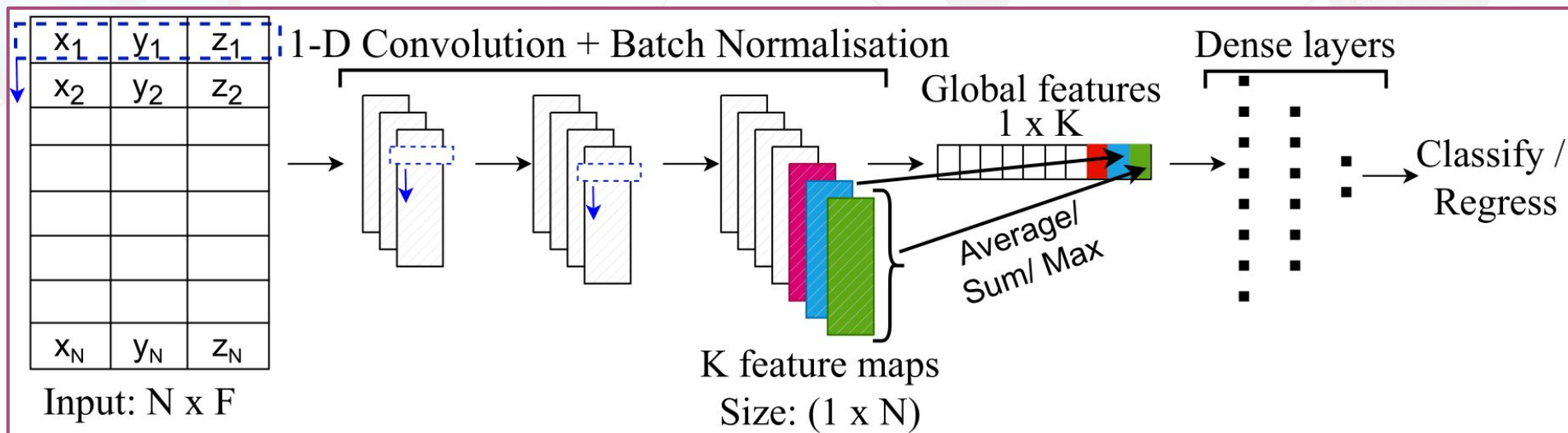
Deep Learning on experimental data



- Point cloud: set of data points
 - No ordering
 - sensors, detector data
 - tabular representation
- Electronic data: point cloud structure

Experimental data are point clouds !

Deep Learning on experimental data



PointNet based models learn global event features from experimental data

The challenges

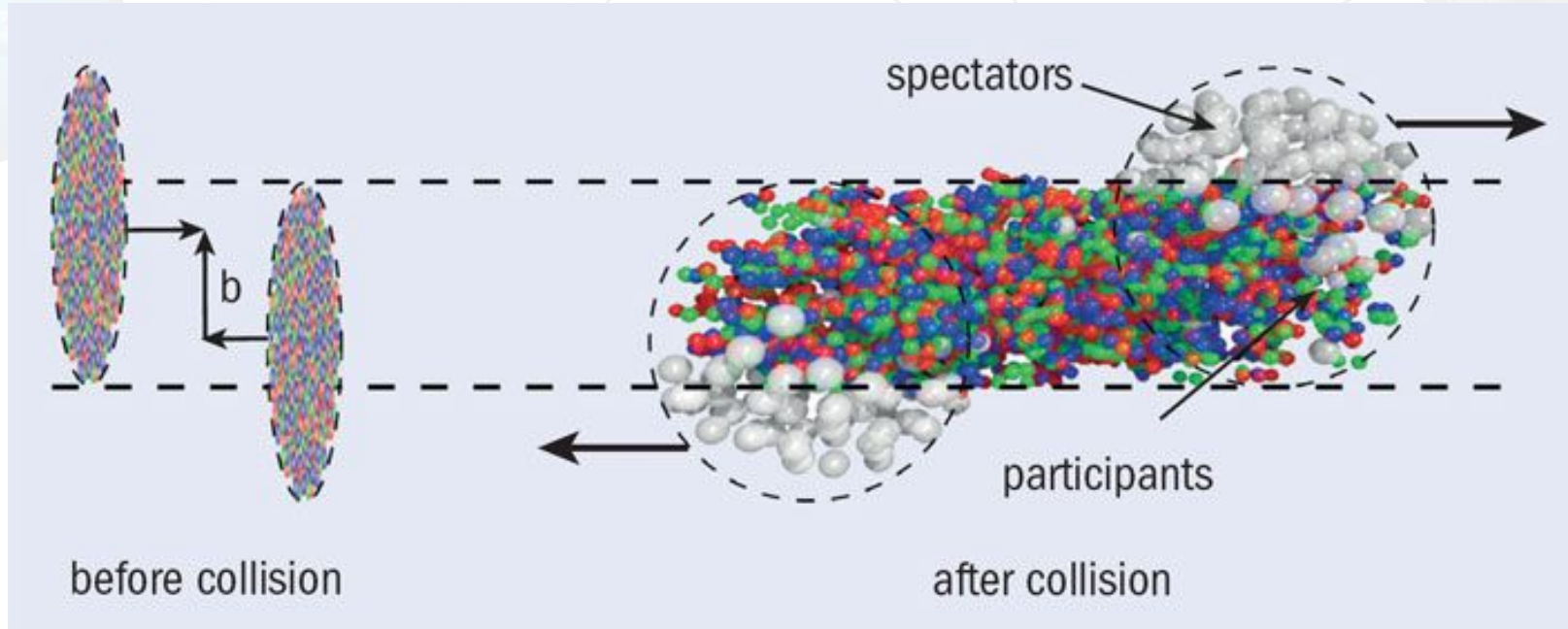
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Can AI improve the capability of an experiment?

PointNet based impact parameter determination

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Observables often depend strongly on collision centrality



Estimating the impact parameter directly is not possible experimentally

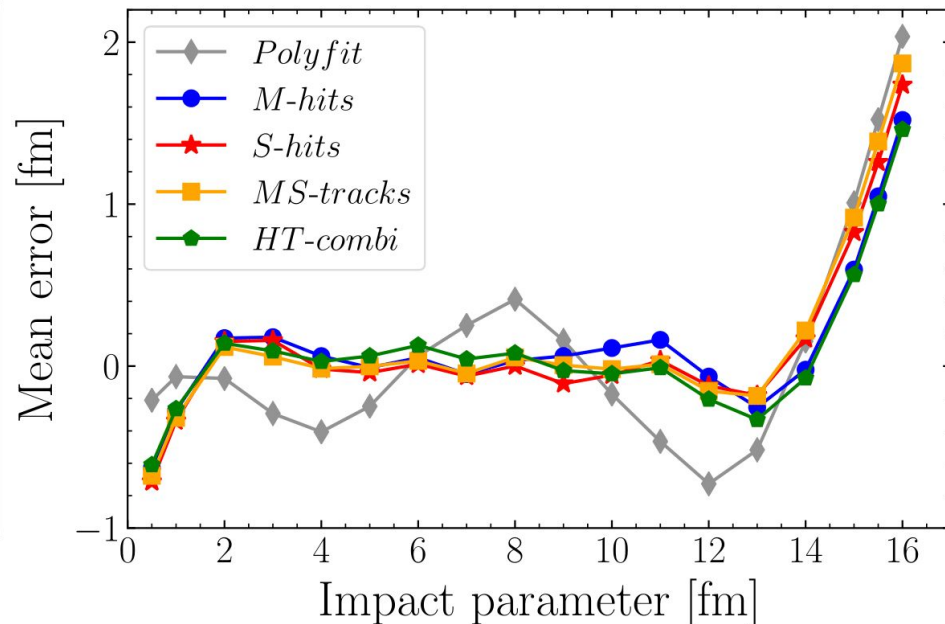
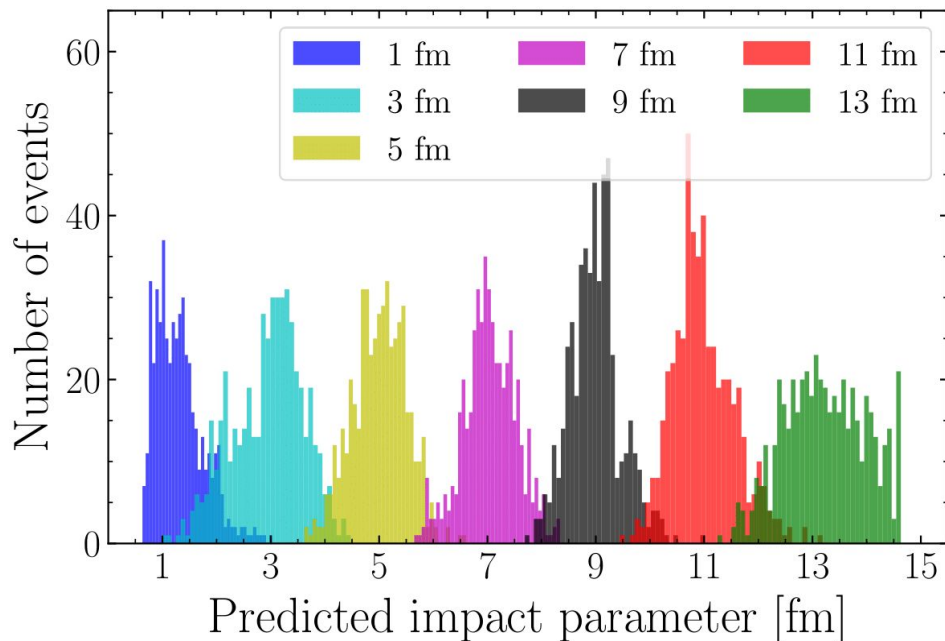
Experiments use N_{chg} to estimate centrality

No event by event impact parameter available

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- precise and accurate prediction over wide range of impact parameters
- outperforms non-ML method (Polyfit)
- Fast event-by-event predictions : ~ 1 ms/ event
 - online event characterisation



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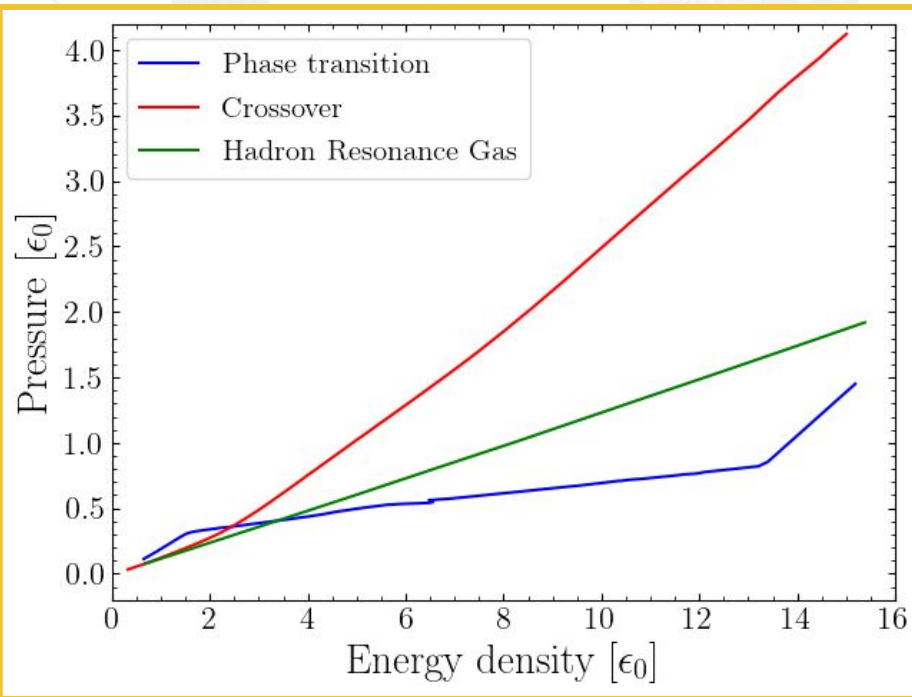
Can AI find better ways to analyse data?

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Identifying phase transitions with PointNet

- The EoS gives the pressure as function energy densities and densities
- Pressure gradients drive the evolution
- Mandatory input to models

Equation of State
(EoS)



UrQMD
initial
states

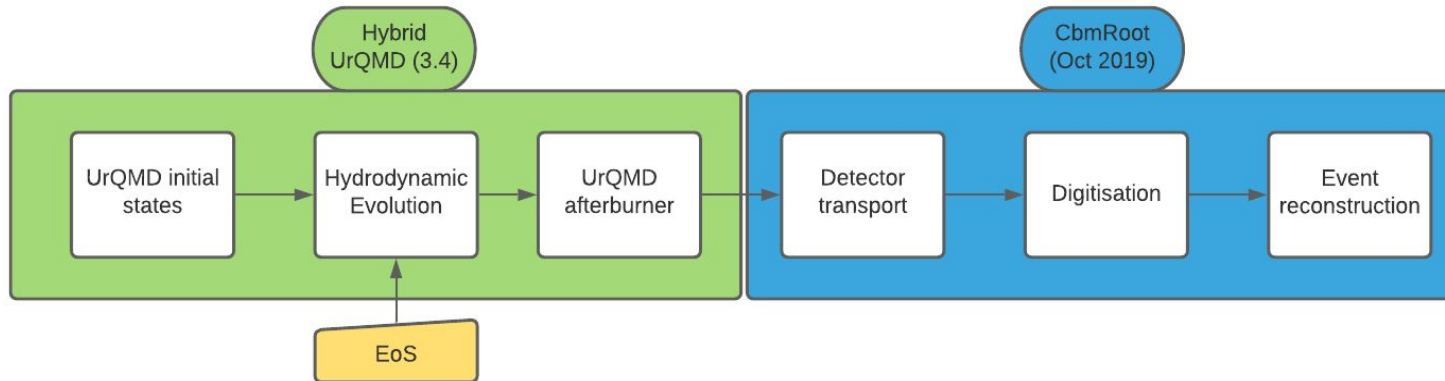
Hydrodynamic
Evolution

UrQMD
afterburner

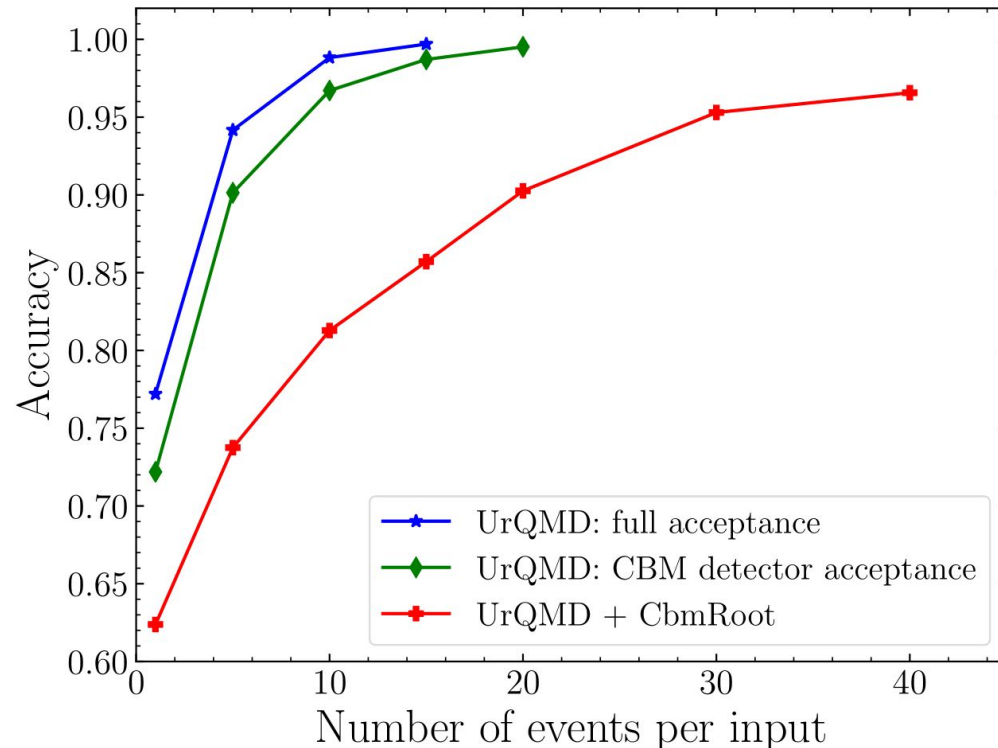
Determination of QCD EoS:
fundamental goal for Heavy-ion
experiments

Identifying phase transition with PointNet

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- >95 % accuracy with just 40 events!
 - realistic scenario



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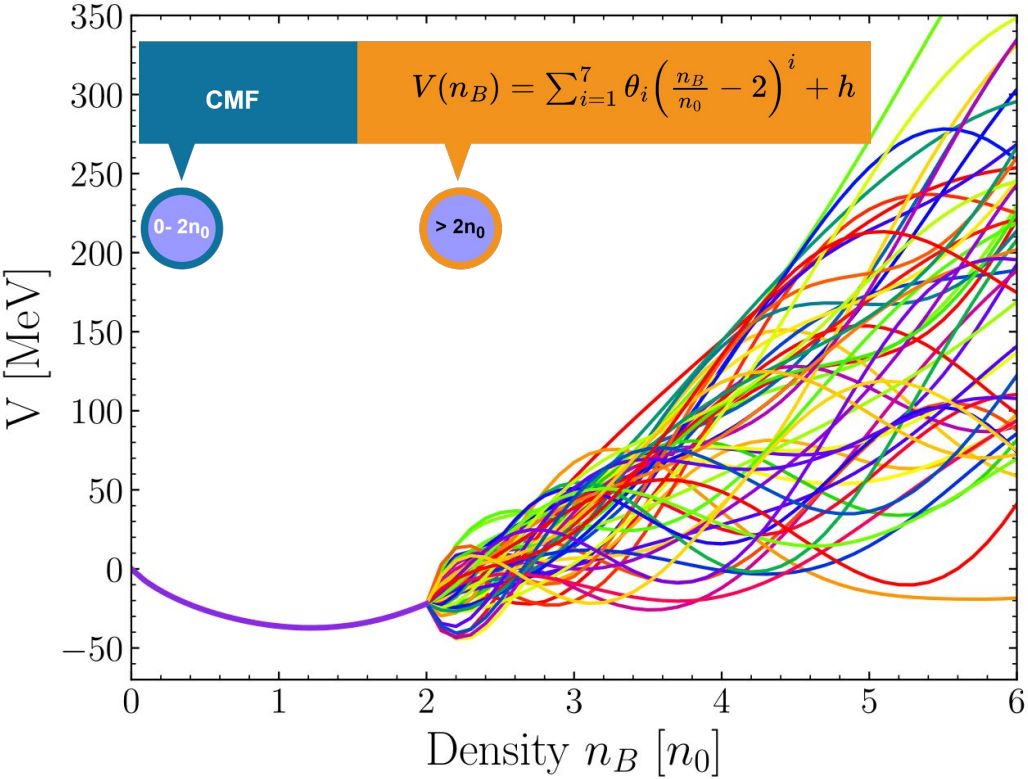
AI based surrogate models for faster analysis?

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Bayesian inference of the EoS

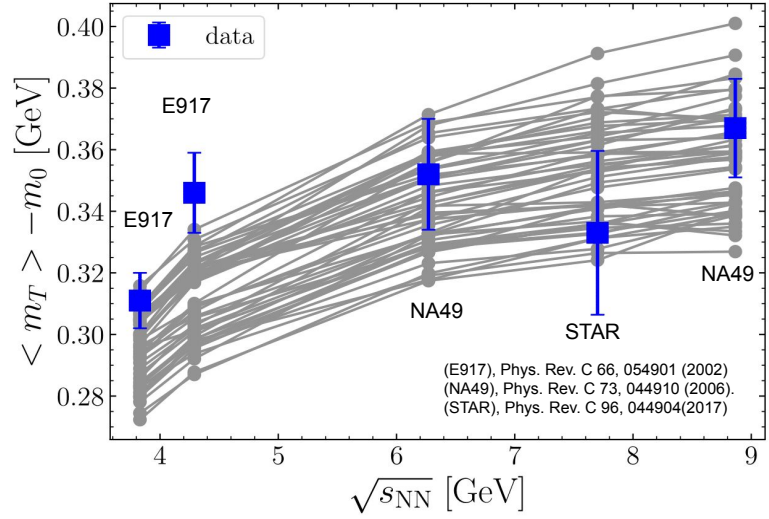
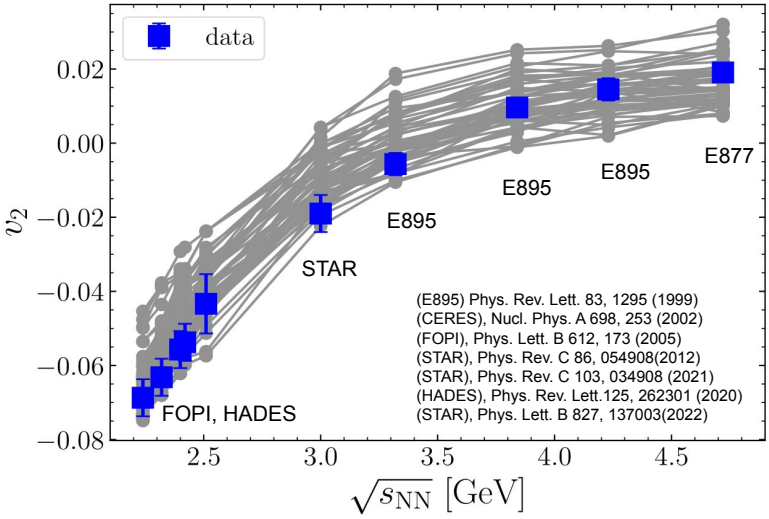
- EoS as density dependent potentials
- 7th degree polynomial for potential above $2n_0$

The data, $\mathbf{D} = \{v_2^{exp}, \langle m_T \rangle^{exp} - m_0\}$ is used to constrain the parameters θ

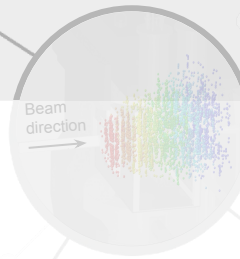


We constrain the polynomial coefficients

$\theta = \{\theta_1, \theta_2, \dots, \theta_7\}$

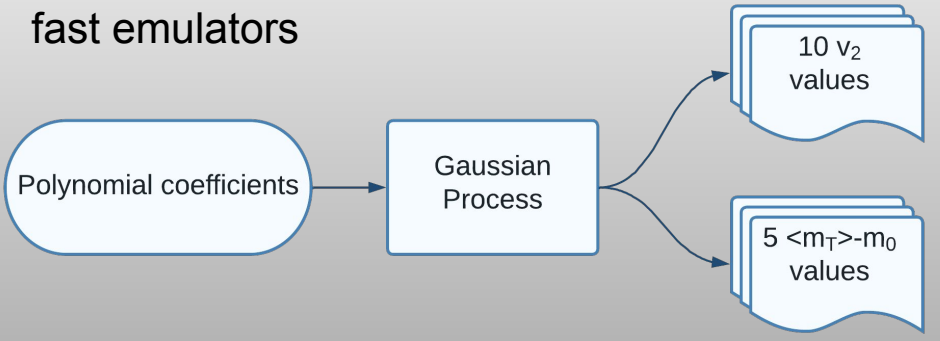


The inferred posteriors

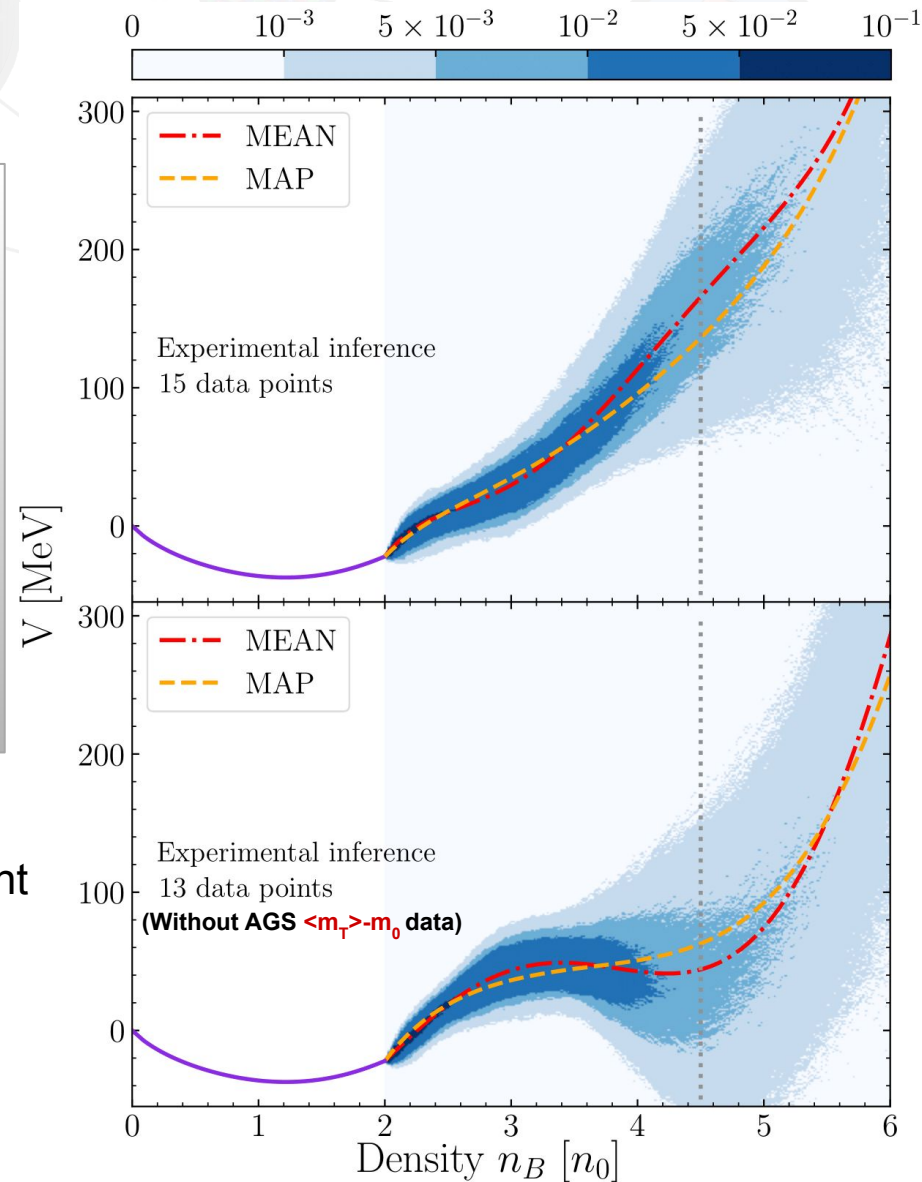


$$P(\theta|\mathbf{D}) \propto P(\mathbf{D}|\theta)P(\theta)$$

Gaussian Process models trained as fast emulators



- Good constraints up to $4 n_0$
- Constraints above $3 n_0$ is strongly data dependent



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Realistic, Fast, AI based emulators?

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Generating collisions with DL

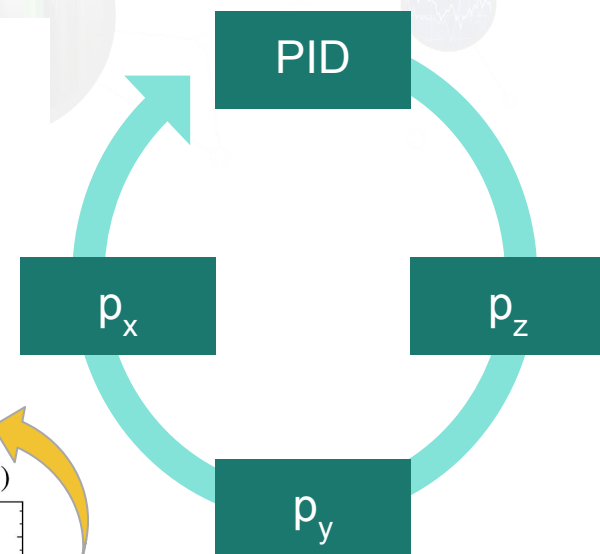
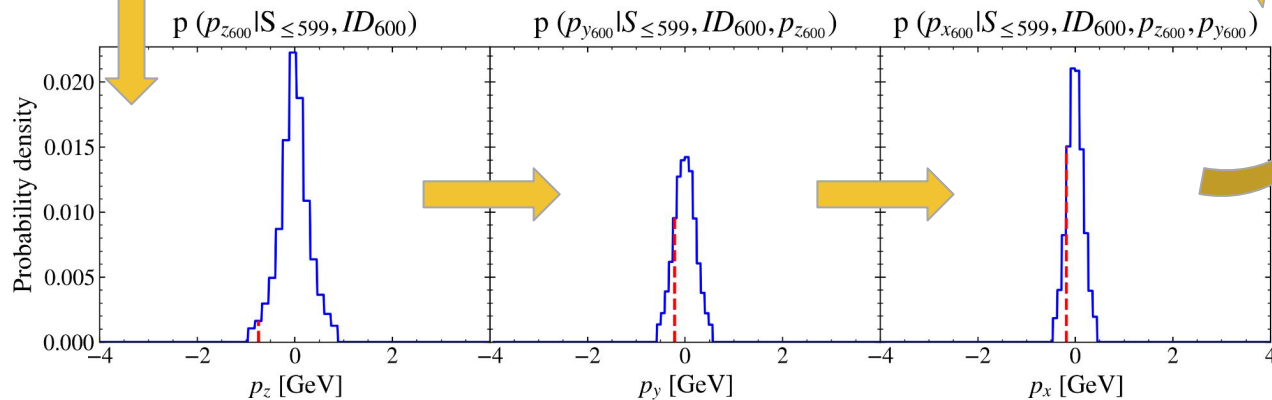
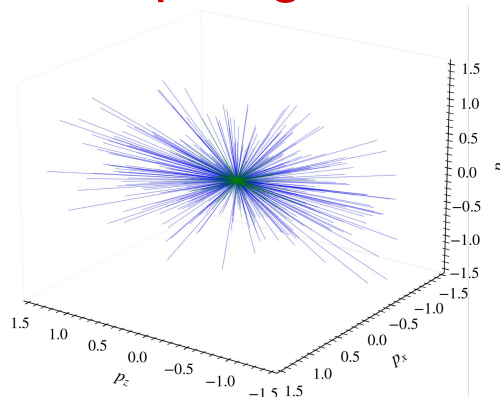
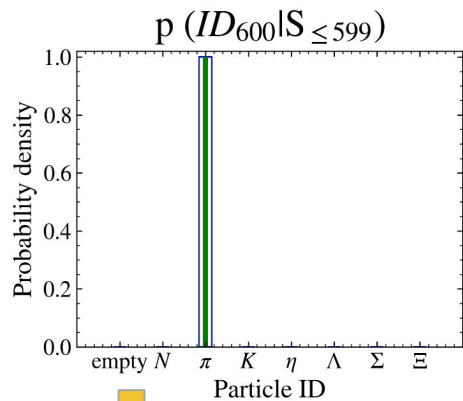
What's necessary:

- event by event generation
- generate large multiplicity ~ 1000
- capture correlations

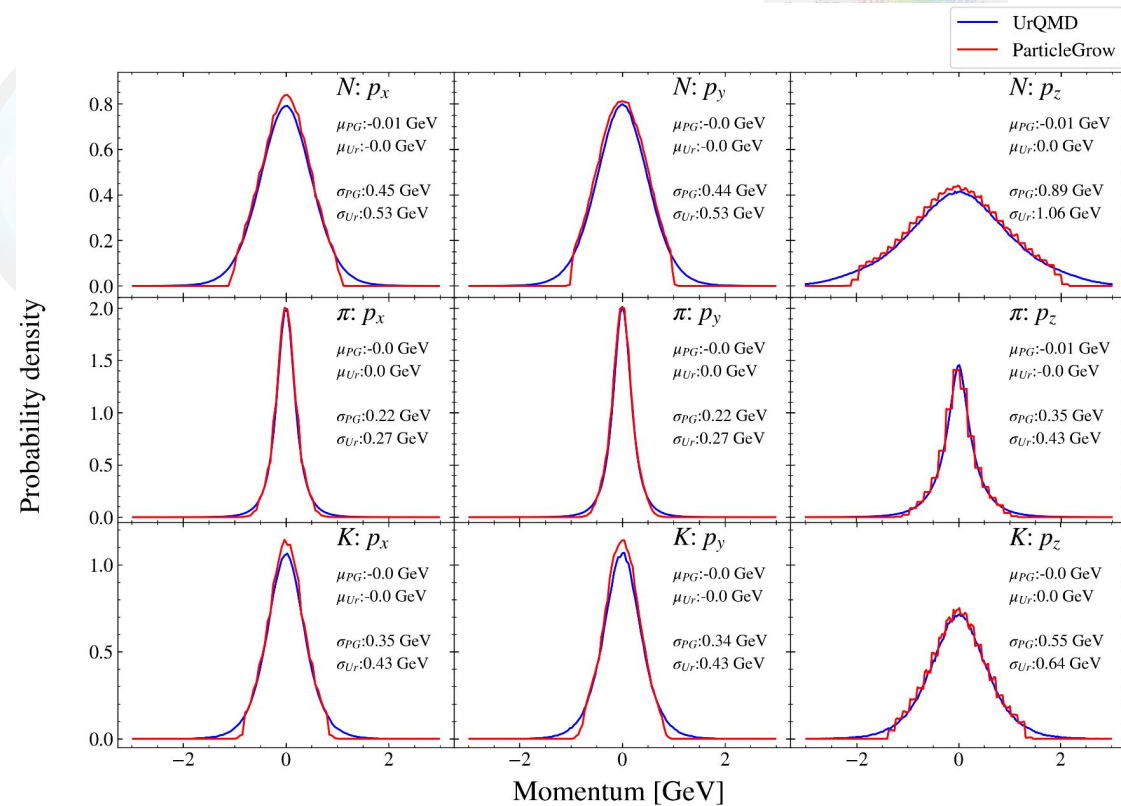
Autoregressive point cloud generation

- 7 particle species
- A particle:
 - PID, p_x , p_y , p_z

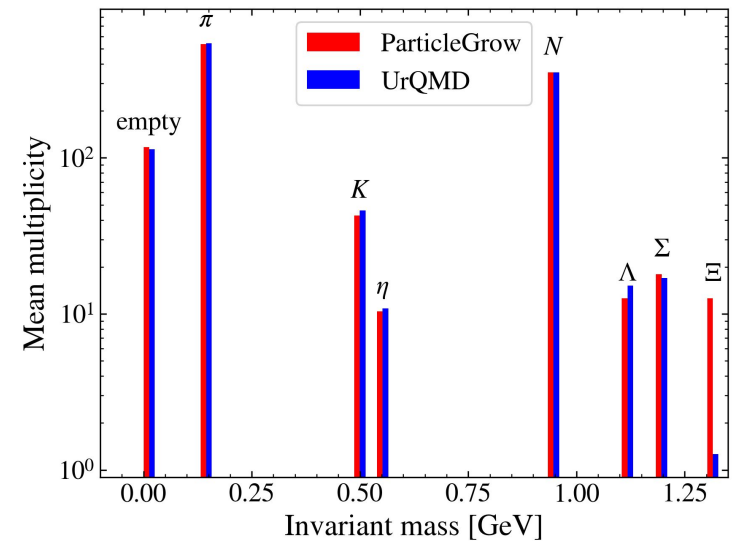
eg: a step in generation



Performance of the model



- Momentum distributions are well captured
- everything except Ξ agrees well to ground truth



The exciting, inevitable future!

