

AI



Teaching an old experiment new tricks



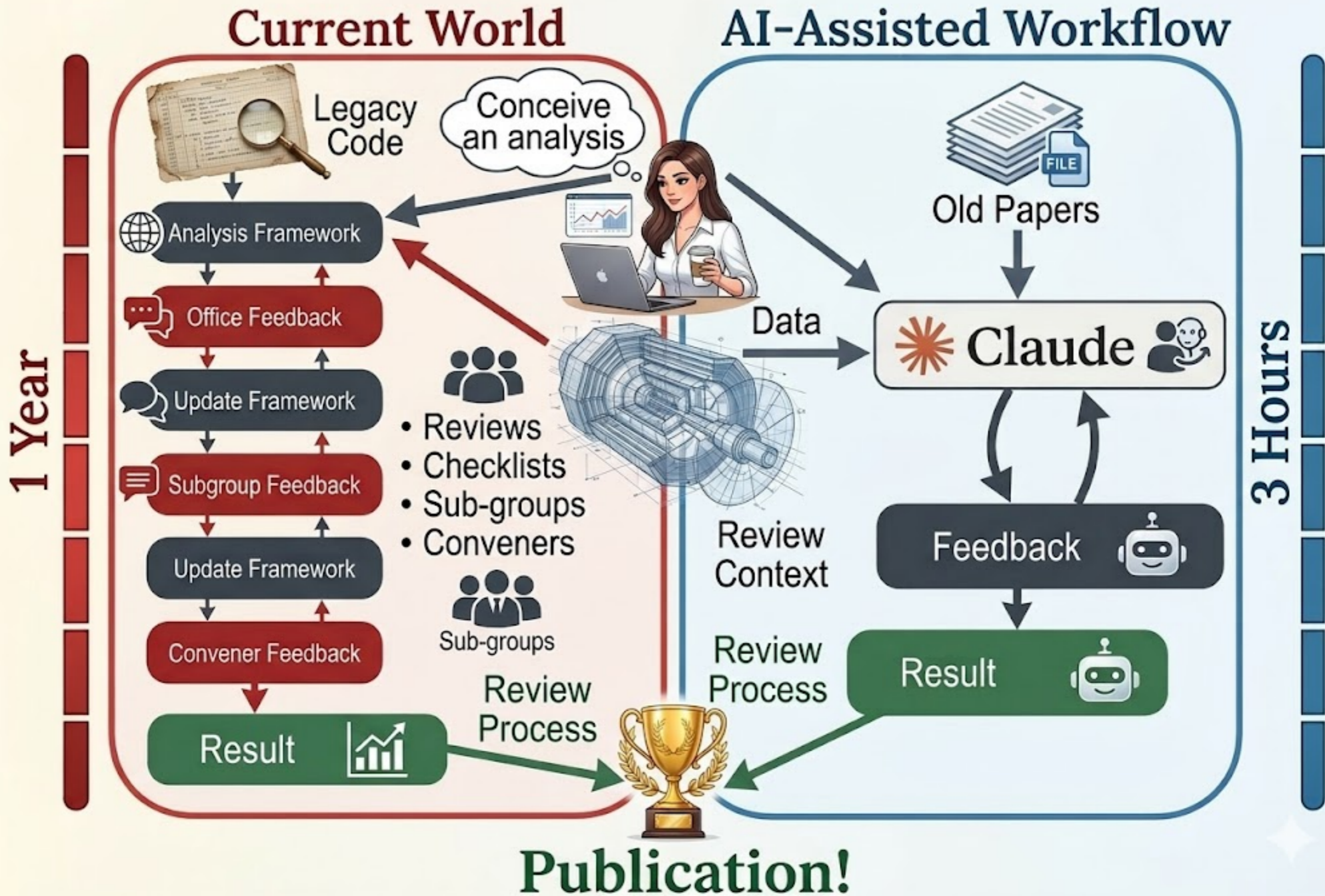
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AI as a positive disrupter

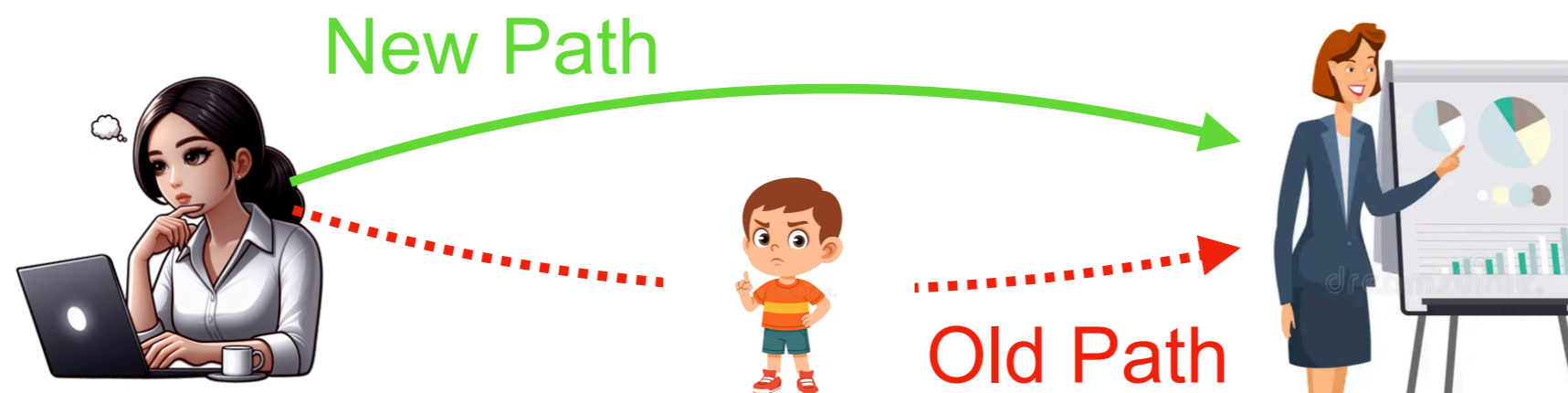
- We are all at a meeting to discuss the prospects of AI
 - It is remarkable what we can do with it
 - We can now prototype software, do analysis very quickly
 - We should be excited about the prospects
- This is an opportunity to teach an old experiment new tricks
 - Time to remove/revitalize the old frozen software frameworks
 - Can we change the sociology revolving around AI
 - We don't need less people, we need more physics

Just one Example ³

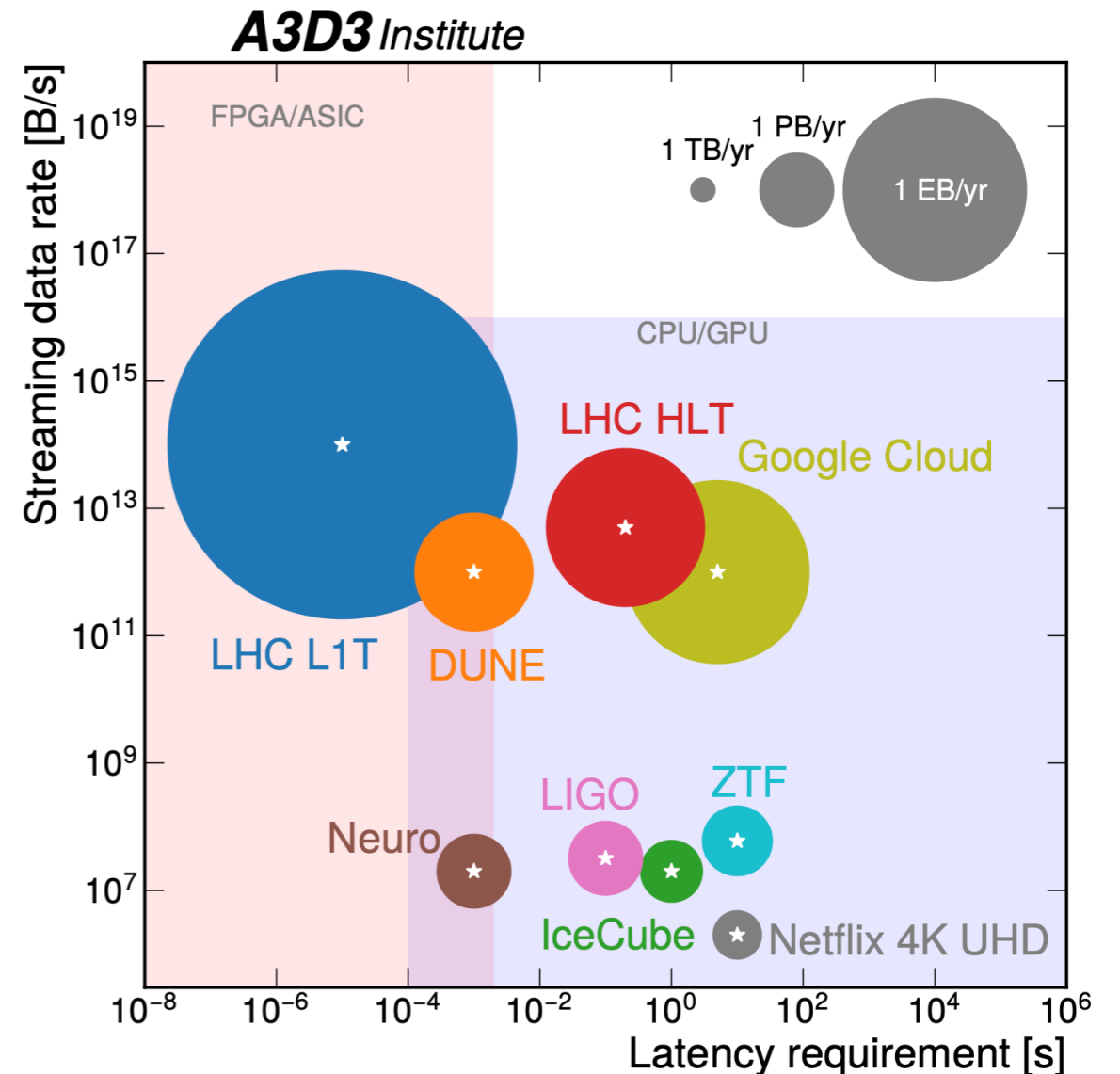


What does this mean?

- We can think **bigger and bolder about our research**
 - Less analysis frameworks/Streamlined review process
 - Preservation of Physics data becomes easy
- Ultimately students/PD/Profs go back to physics
 - **Students will work more like professors**



Current Successes



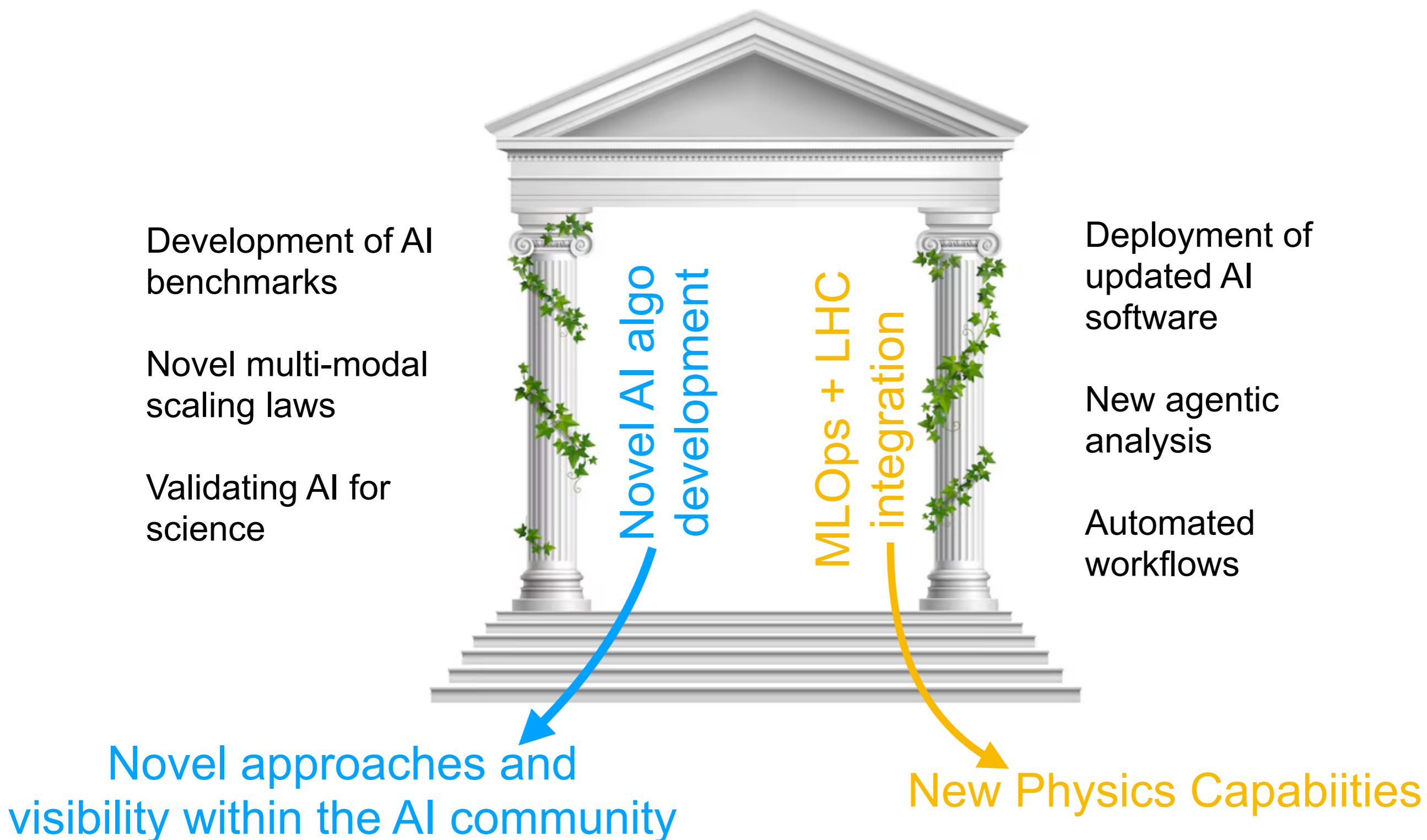
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A few ideas

- We are not alone here :
 - LIGO/Dune/CMS/ATLAS/Astro/??? Need same tools
 - Large computing facilities are ubiquitous
 - There is a large community excited by high energy physics
 - Interesting problems with open data can engage everybody
- Could we rewrite from scratch Athena/CMSSW?
 - Can we make sure all production is fully automated?
 - Can we make it completely GPU native?

How do we do this

New AI initiative for the LHC





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Thanks!

Pursuing full automation of Physics Analysis

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AI Agents Can Already Autonomously Perform Experimental High Energy Physics

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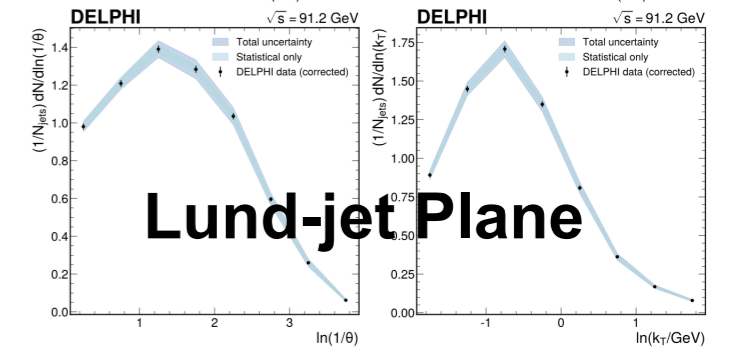
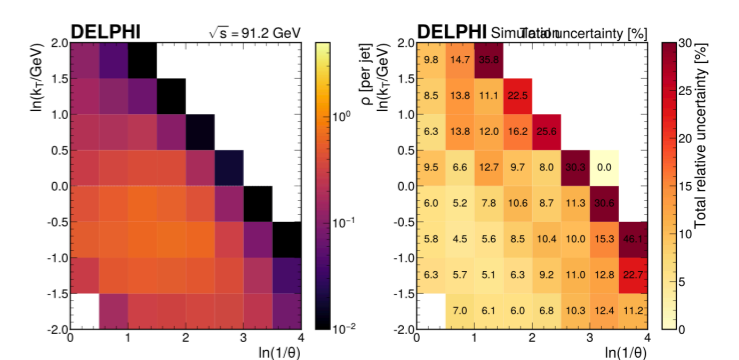
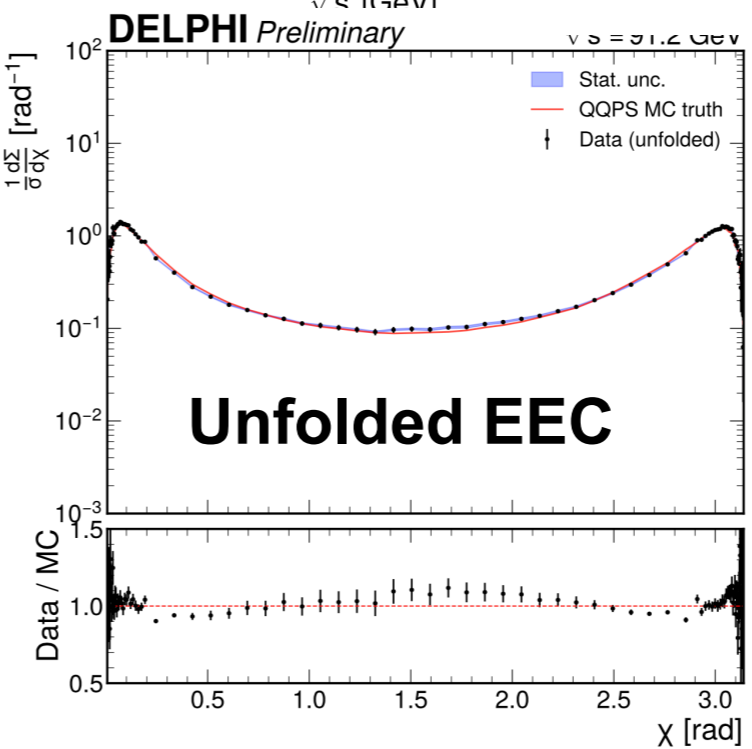
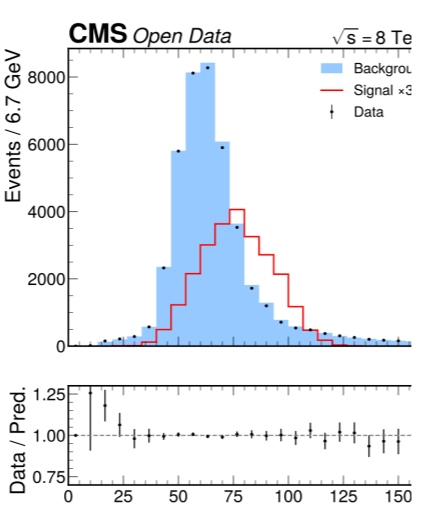
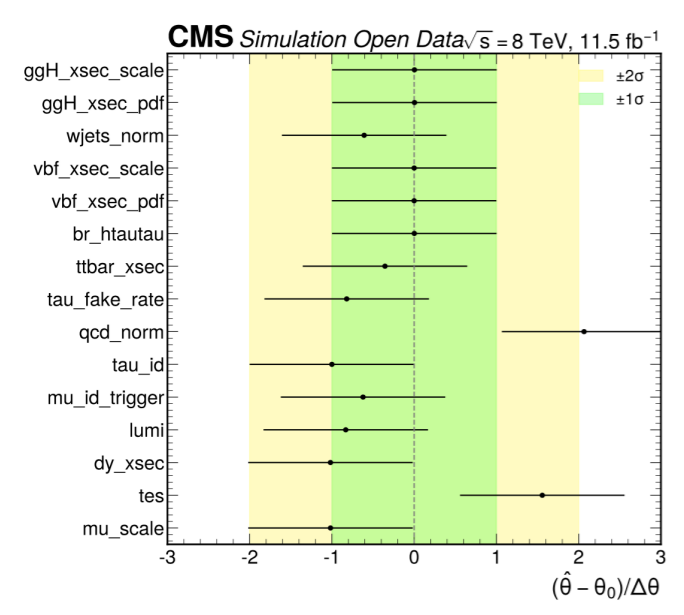
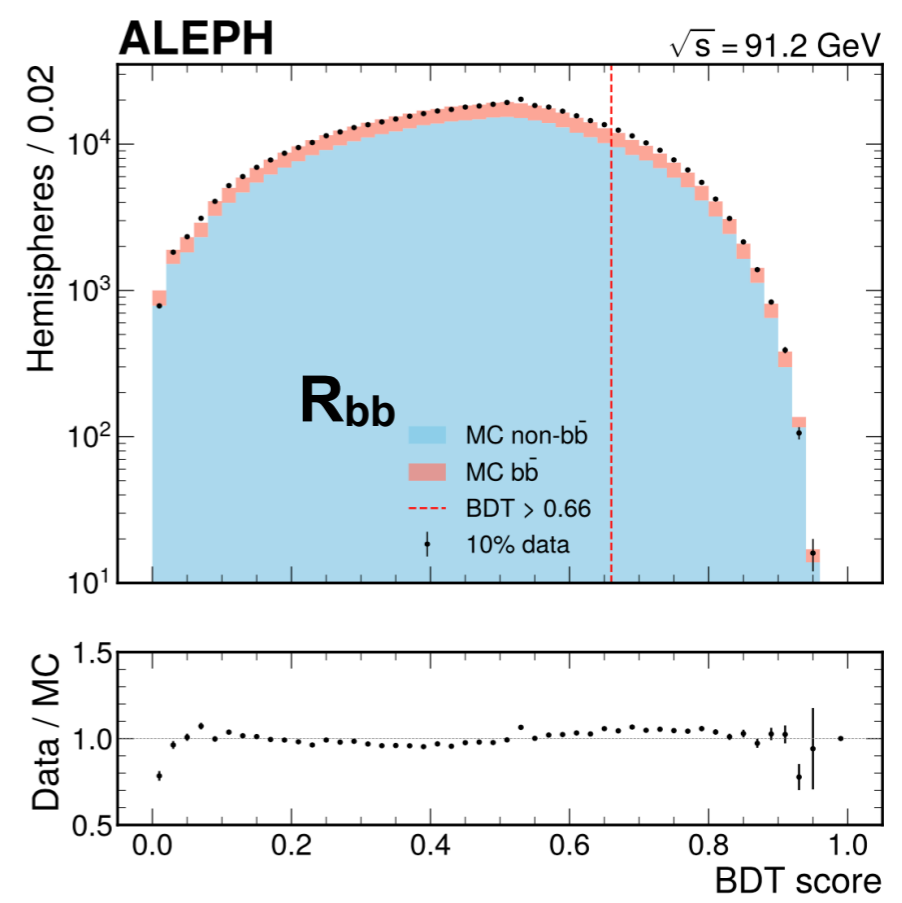
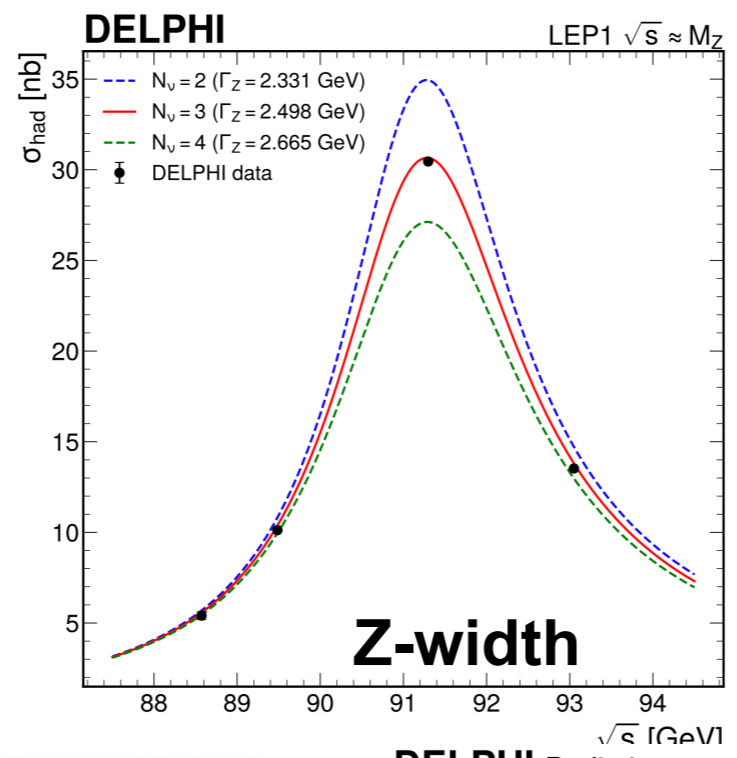
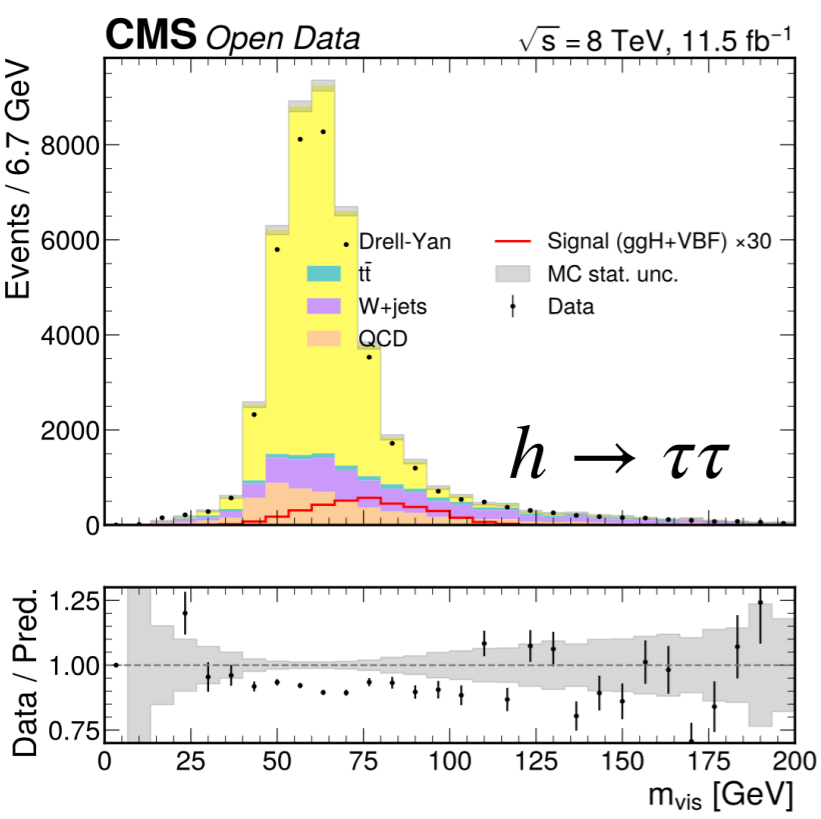
Abstract

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<https://arxiv.org/pdf/2603.20179>

How good is it?

- This is just from two days
- Its at 4-th year grad student level



LHC datasets

Have become the
standard for low power
AI benchmarks

Current Successes

Dataset	Model	Accuracy (%)	LUT	FF	DSP	BRAM	F_{\max} (MHz)	Latency (ns)	Area×Delay (LUT×ns)
JSC CERNBox	KANELE	75.1	5034	1917	0	0	870	8.1	4.1×10^4
	NeuraLUT-Assemble [6]	75.0	8539	1332	0	0	352	5.7	4.87×10^4
	AmigoLUT-NeuraLUT [47]	74.4	42742	4717	0	0	520	9.6	4.10×10^5
	PolyLUT-Add [30]	75.0	36484	1209	0	0	315	16	5.84×10^5
	NeuraLUT [5]	75.1	92357	4885	0	0	368	14	1.29×10^6
	PolyLUT [4]	75.0	246071	12384	0	0	203	25	6.15×10^6
	LogicNets [42]	72.0	37931	810	0	0	427	13	4.93×10^5
JSC OpenML	KANELE	76.0	1232	900	0	0	987	7.1	8.7×10^3
	NeuraLUT-Assemble [6]	76.0	1780	540	0	0	941	2.1	3.92×10^3
	TreeLUT [23]	75.6	2234	347	0	0	735	2.7	6.03×10^3
	DWN [7]	76.3	4972	3305	0	0	827	7.3	3.6×10^4
	da4ml [37]	76.9	12250	1502	0	0	212	18.9	2.3×10^5
	hls4ml (Fahim et al.) [16]	76.2	63251	4394	38	0	200	45	2.85×10^6
MNIST	KANELE	96.3	3809	4133	0	0	864	9.3	3.5×10^4
	NeuraLUT-Assemble [6]	97.9	5070	725	0	0	863	2.1	1.06×10^4
	TreeLUT [23]	96.6	4478	597	0	0	791	2.5	1.12×10^4
	DWN [7]	97.8	2092	1757	0	0	873	9.2	1.92×10^4
	PolyLUT-Add [30]	96.0	14810	2609	0	0	625	10	1.48×10^5
	AmigoLUT-NeuraLUT [47]	95.5	16081	13292	0	0	925	7.6	1.22×10^5
	NeuraLUT [5]	96.0	54798	3757	0	0	431	12	6.58×10^5
	PolyLUT [4]	97.5	75131	4668	0	0	353	17	1.38×10^6
	FINN [43]	96.0	91131	—	0	5	200	310	2.82×10^7
hls4ml (Ngadiuba et al.) [33]	95.0	260092	165513	0	345	200	190	4.94×10^7	

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What does a Prompt Look¹² Like?

Scaffold and run a measurement analysis of the primary Lund jet plane density in hadronic Z decays using archived ALEPH data at $\sqrt{s} \sim 91.2$ GeV.

Setup: scaffold analyses/lund_plane as a measurement, set data_dir=[...] in .analysis_config, install the pixi environment, then begin orchestrating.

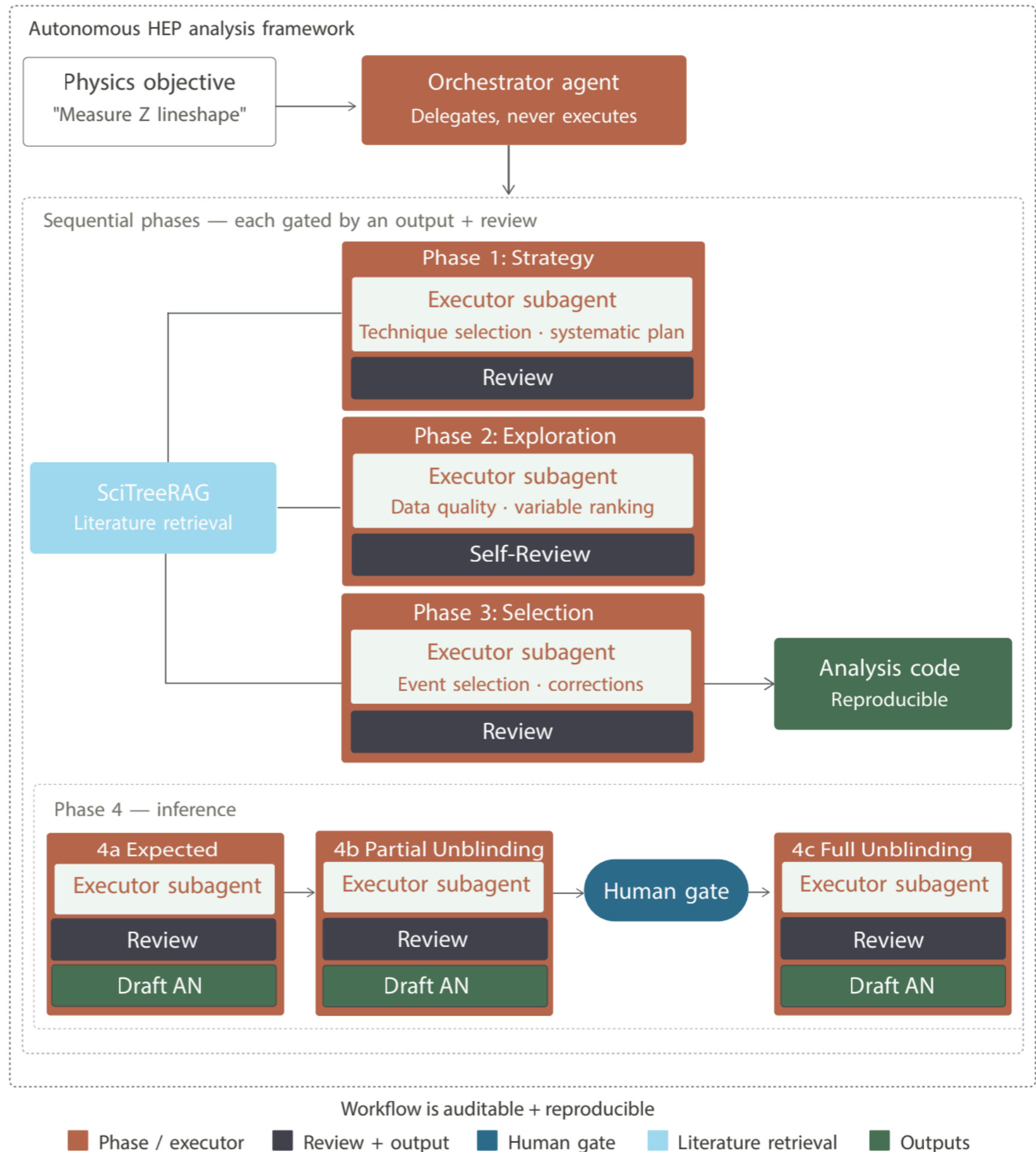
Observable: The 2D density of primary Cambridge/Aachen declusterings in each thrust hemisphere, mapped to coordinates $(\ln 1/\Delta\theta, \ln k_t/\text{GeV})$, where $\Delta\theta$ is the emission angle and $k_t = E_{\text{soft}} \sin\Delta\theta$. Use charged particles only (pwflag == 0, highPurity == 1). One jet = one hemisphere.

Deliverables:

1. 2D density $\rho(\ln 1/\Delta\theta, \ln k_t)$ corrected to charged-particle level, $10\text{--}15 \times 10\text{--}15$ bins at least - as fine as it makes sense
2. 1D projections (k_t spectrum, angular spectrum) with covariance
3. Number of primary declusterings vs. minimum k_t threshold
4. Comparison to PYTHIA 6 MC
5. Machine-readable results (CSV/NPY)

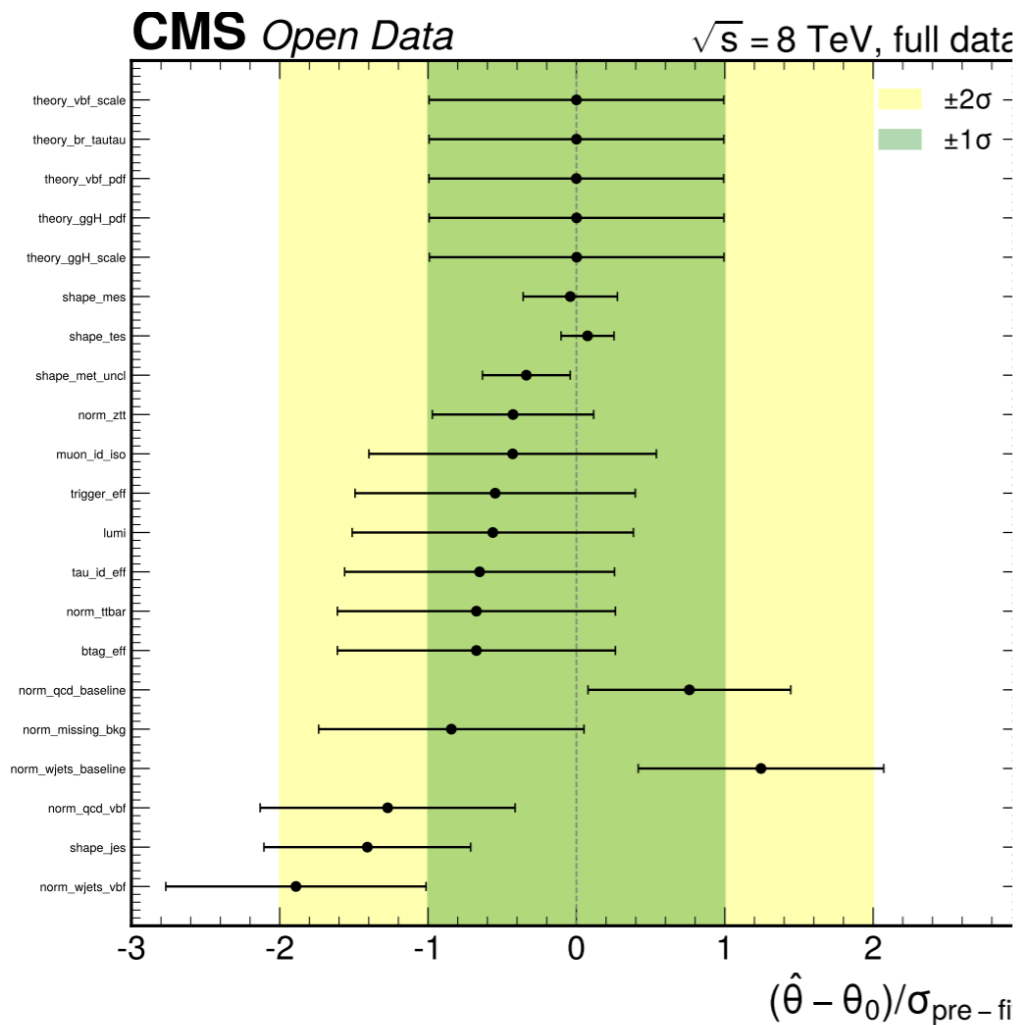
Data: [...]

Think of each agent as human(student) that sp physics who you give instructions to in a bunch of text files



How good is it really?

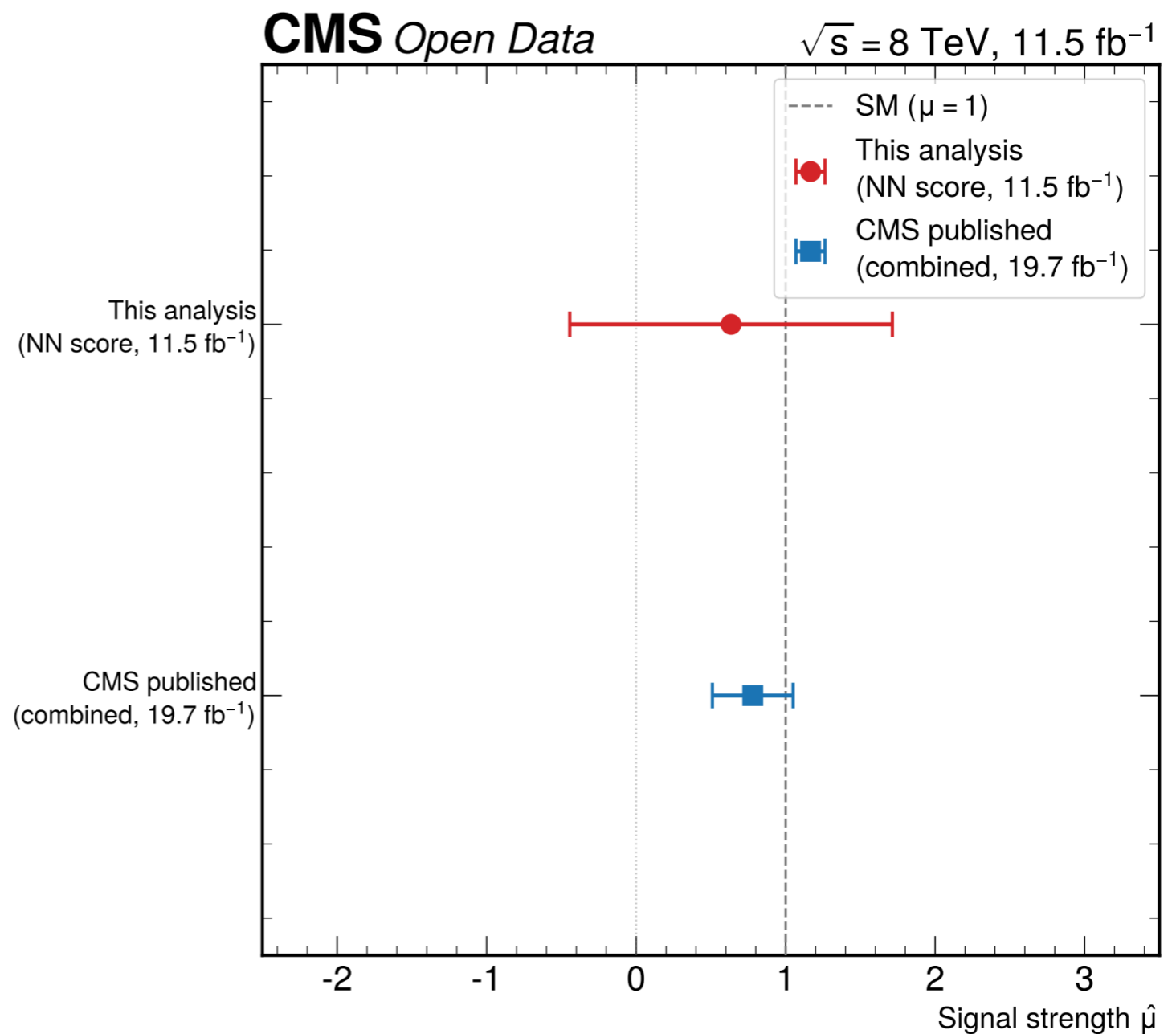
How does it compare to a reference



LLM: 0.63 ± 1.08

CMS*: 1.01 ± 0.59

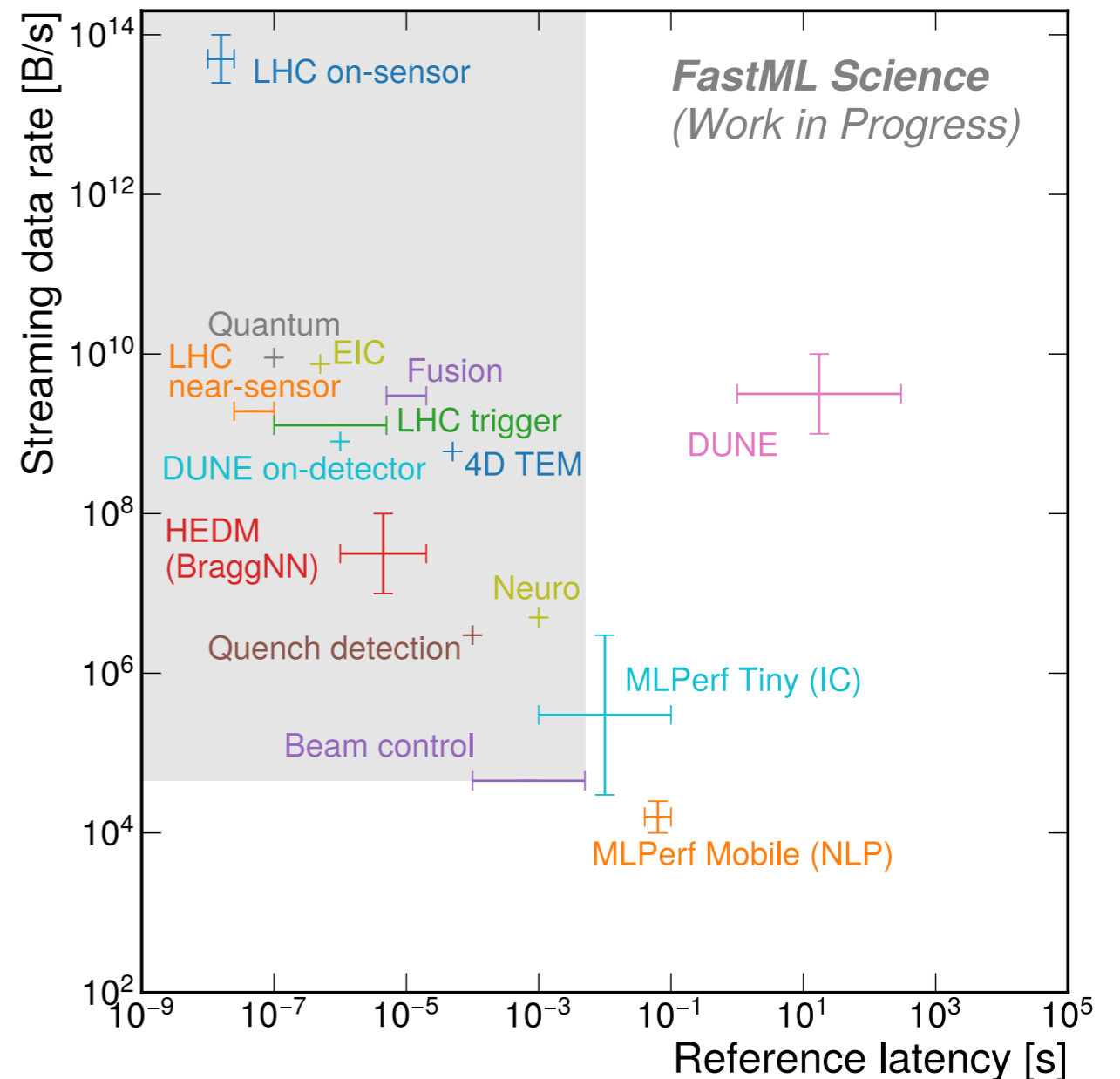
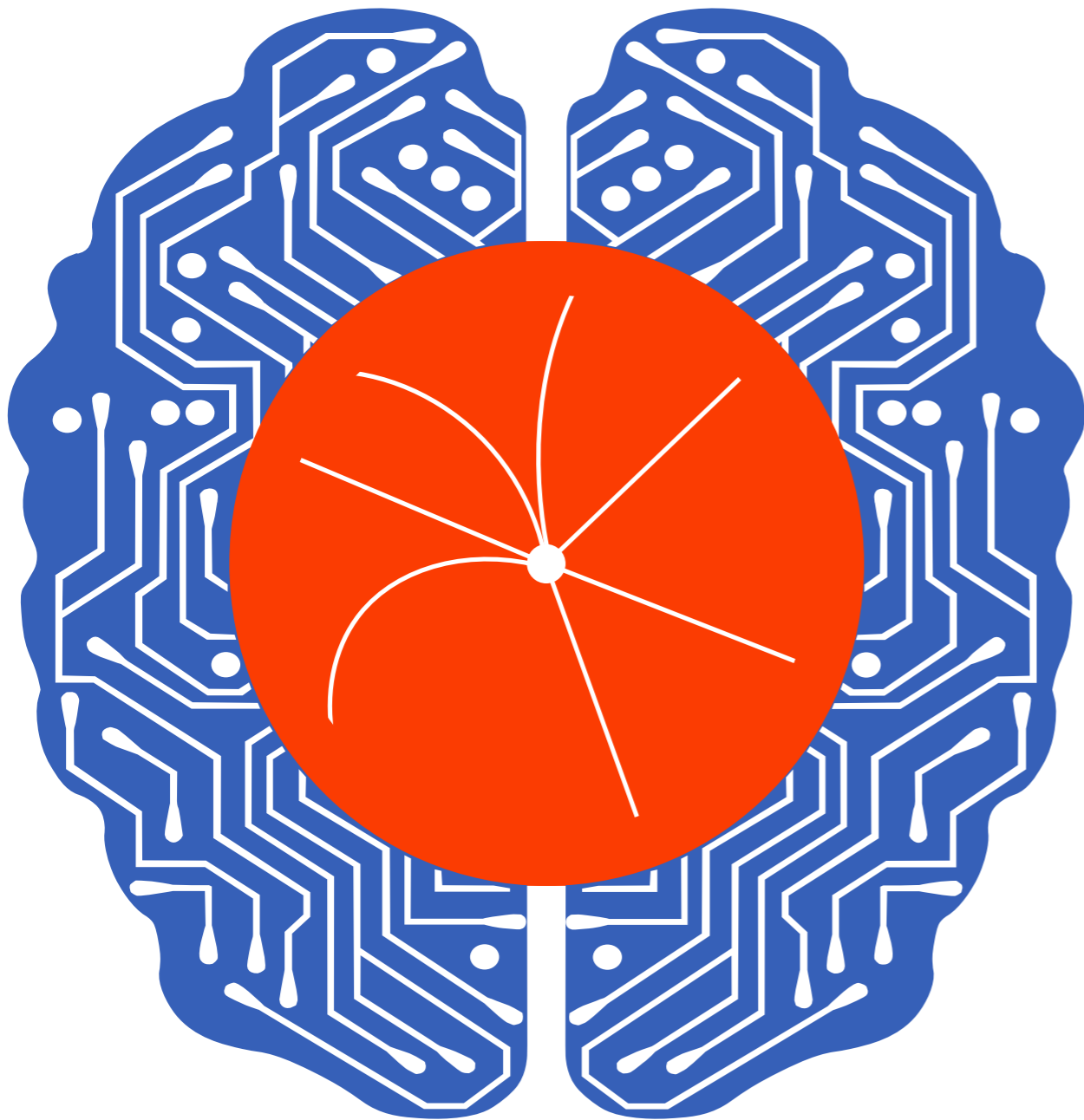
ATLAS*: 1.1 ± 1.09



Same Uncertainty as the ATLAS experiment

*Very approximate scaling

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