



# ***SPECTER***: Efficient Evaluation of the Spectral **EMD**

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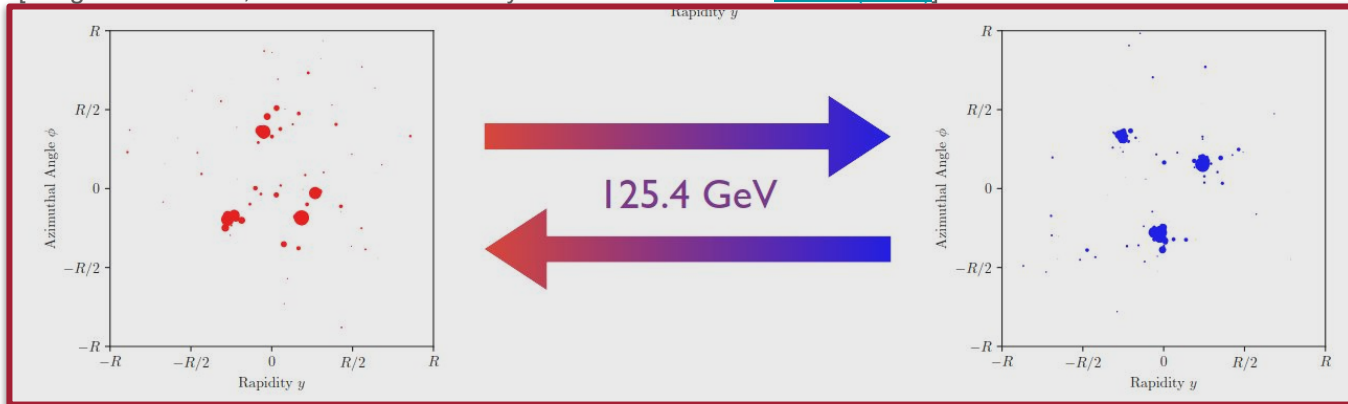
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Based on [RG, Larkoski, Thaler, 24XX.XXXX]

# Review: Optimal Transport

The **Wasserstein Metric**, a.k.a. **Earth/Energy Mover’s Distance (EMD)**\* allows us to quantitatively ask “How far are two distributions?”

[Image from Thaler; The Hidden Geometry of Particle Collisions [Slides \(2019\)](#)]



$$\text{EMD}_{\beta,R}(\mathcal{E}, \mathcal{E}') = \min_{\{f_{ij} \geq 0\}} \sum_{i=1}^M \sum_{j=1}^{M'} f_{ij} \left( \frac{\theta_{ij}}{R} \right)^\beta + \left| \sum_{i=1}^M E_i - \sum_{j=1}^{M'} E'_j \right|,$$

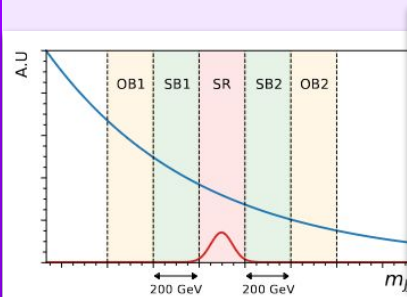
$$\sum_{i=1}^M f_{ij} \leq E'_j, \quad \sum_{j=1}^{M'} f_{ij} \leq E_i, \quad \sum_{i=1}^M \sum_{j=1}^{M'} f_{ij} = \min \left( \sum_{i=1}^M E_i, \sum_{j=1}^{M'} E'_j \right)$$

Very useful for LHC collision data and jets, which are distributions of energy!

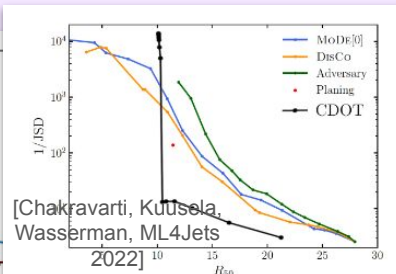
\*For this talk, “Optimal Transport”, “Wasserstein Metric”, “Energy Mover’s Distance”, and “Earth Mover’s Distance” are all synonyms.

# The Wasserstein Metric, a.k.a. Earth/Energy Mover's Distance (EMD) has seen increasing interest in jet physics:

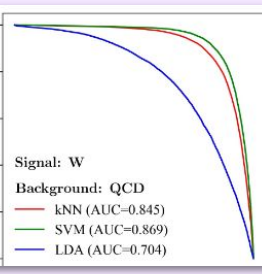
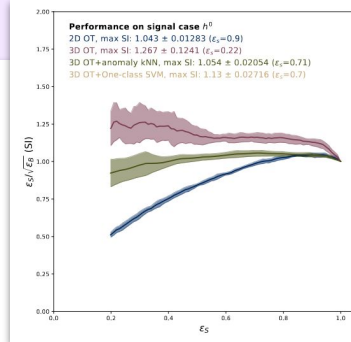
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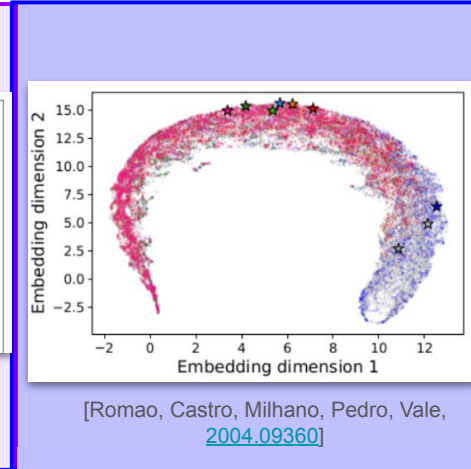
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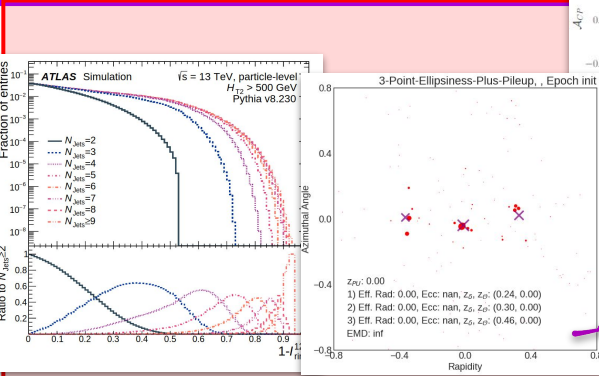
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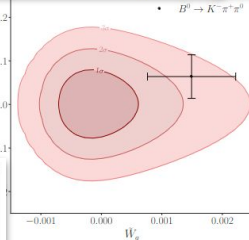


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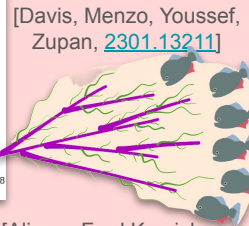


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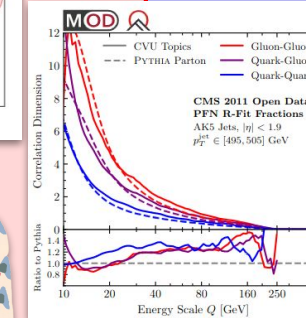


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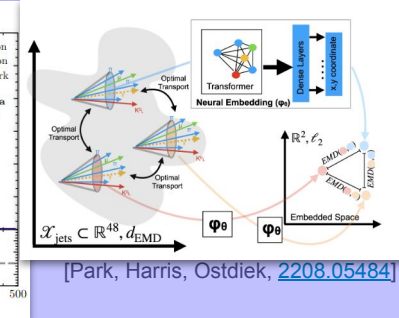


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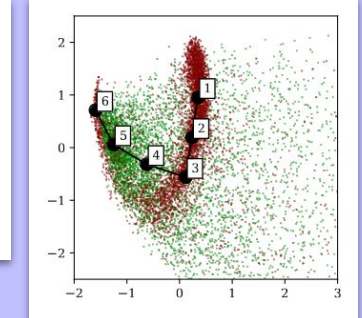
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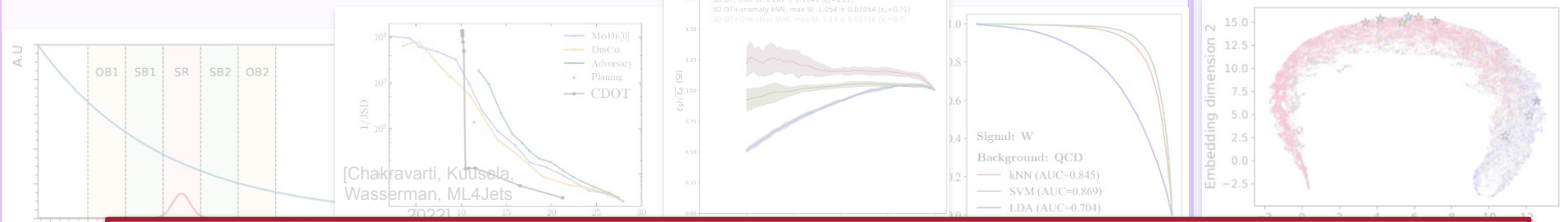
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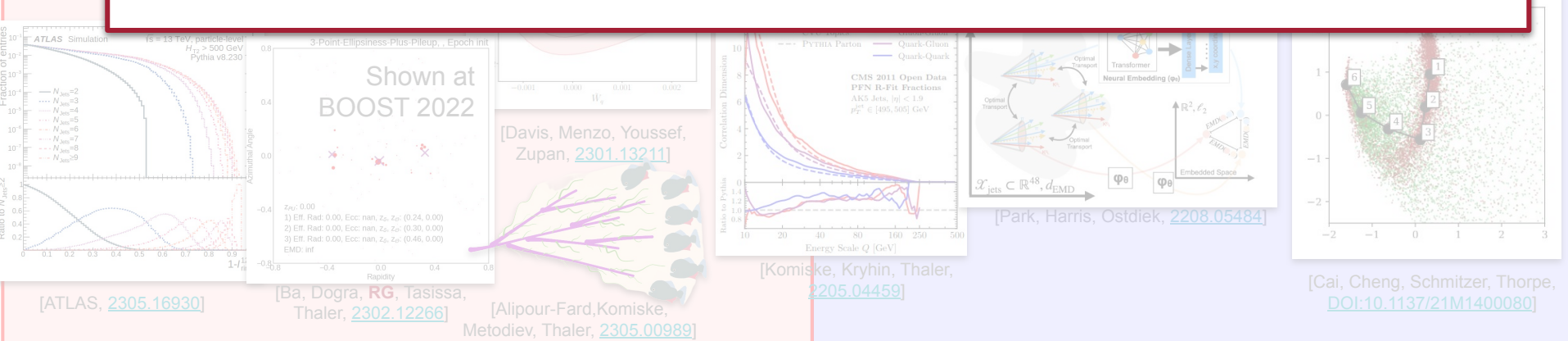
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both computationally, and also in QCD calculations...

**But! The EMD is hard/expensive to calculate, and even harder to minimize...**



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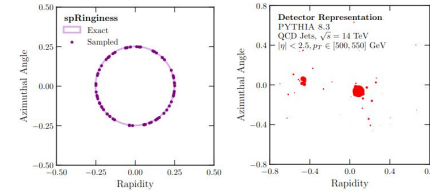
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 New (Numeric): ~ 5 sec  
 New (Closed Form): ~ Practically Instant!

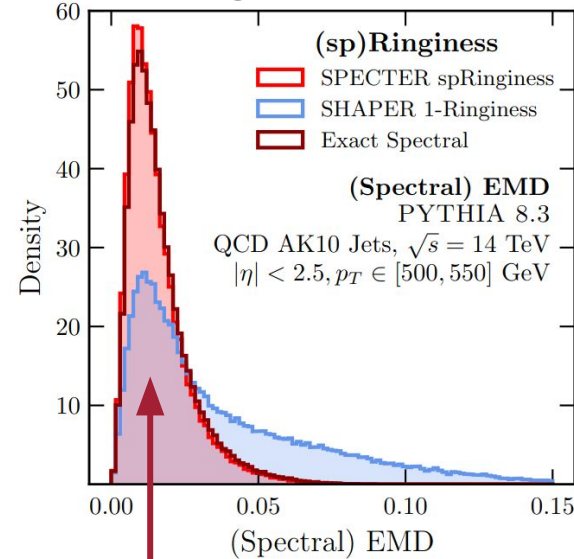


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EXAMPLE

How “ring-like” are Jets?



With these tools, we can evaluate the **red curve** in **seconds**, equivalent to  $\sim 10^7$  OT problems\*!

Or, for rings, we can evaluate using an exact **closed form** expression instantaneously!



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\* $10^7 = 100k \text{ events} \times \sim 150 \text{ epochs}$

# The Spectral EMD

Similar to the ordinary EMD, the **Spectral EMD (SEMD)**<sup>1</sup> is an IRC-safe metric between events or jets, computed on their **spectral representations**:

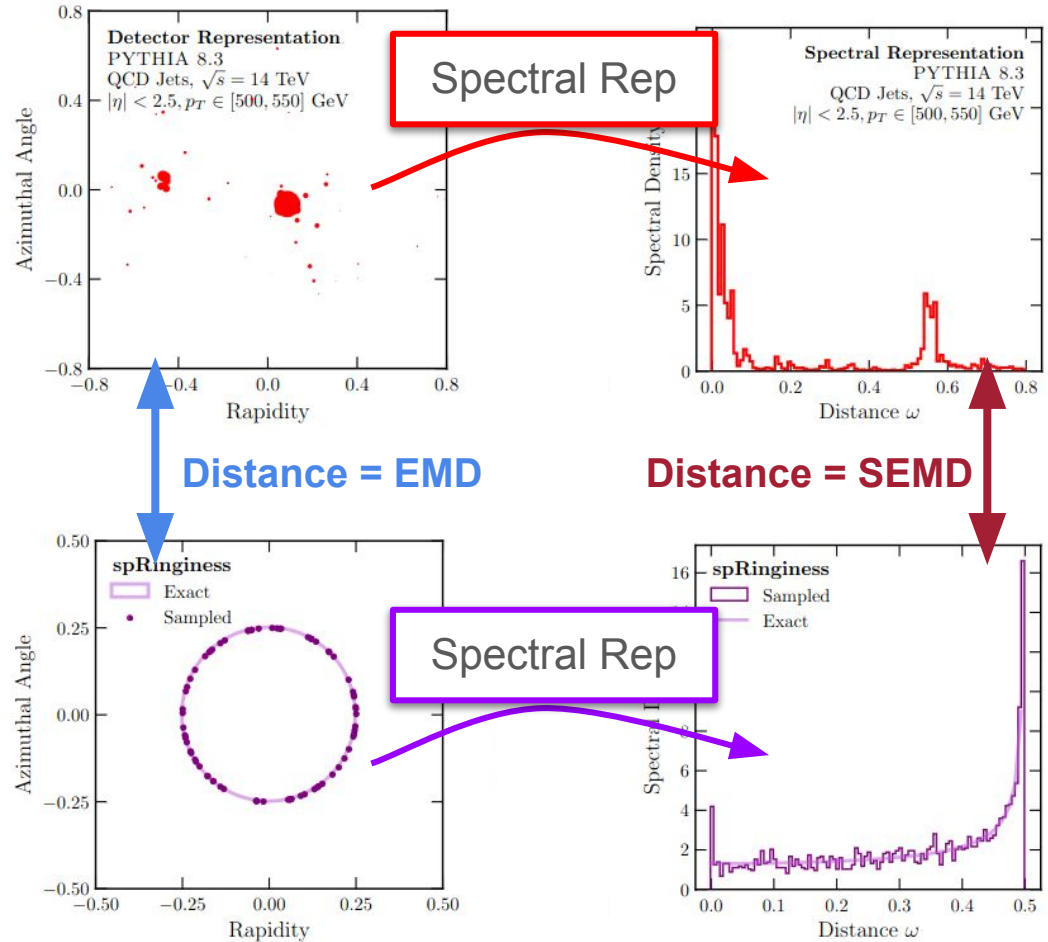
$$s(\omega) \equiv \sum_{i,j \in \mathcal{E}} E_i E_j \delta(\omega - \omega_{ij})$$

= list of energy-weighted pairwise distances

Then the  $p$ -SEMD is given by:

$$\text{SEMD}_p(s_A, s_B) \equiv \int_0^{E_{\text{tot}}^2} dE^2 |S_A^{-1}(E^2) - S_B^{-1}(E^2)|^p$$

↑  
Inverse of integral of  $s(\omega)$



The SEMD automatically respects all isometries of the metric  $\omega$ . In this case, the SEMD is invariant under rotations or translations of either event or jet

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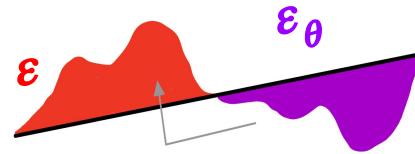
Our framework for doing this, built in Python with **JAX**

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See also: Sinkhorn, Sliced Wasserstein, WGANs, Linearized EMDs, ...

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# Technical Details ...



For  $p = 2$ , possible problem on the sp

For events  $A, B$ , the  $p$  **spectral EMD** is defined as (1D OT!):

EMD = Work done to move "dirt" optimally

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$S$  = **cumulative spectral function**  
 $\pm$  indicates whether or not to include  $\omega$  in the sum

The trick: Sum over pairs  $n$  of particles within each event.

Looks like  $O(N^4)$ , but with clever sorting & indexing in 1D, reduces to  $O(N^2)$ !

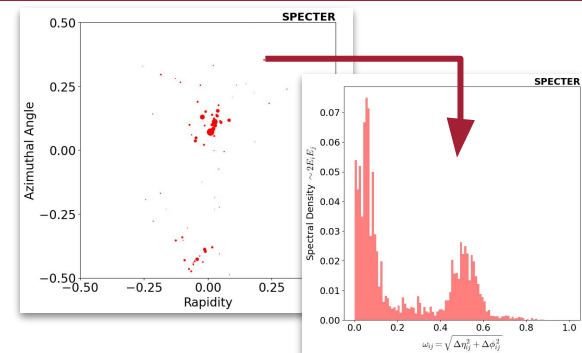
The **spectral density function**

$$s(\omega) = \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^N E_i E_j \delta(\omega - \omega(\hat{n}_i, \hat{n}_j))$$

Pairwise Distances

Reduces events to 1D, while preserving all\* information about the event, up to translations and rotations.

\*up to measure 0, but important degeneracies, ask me about this later!



# [If we have time] The Algorithm

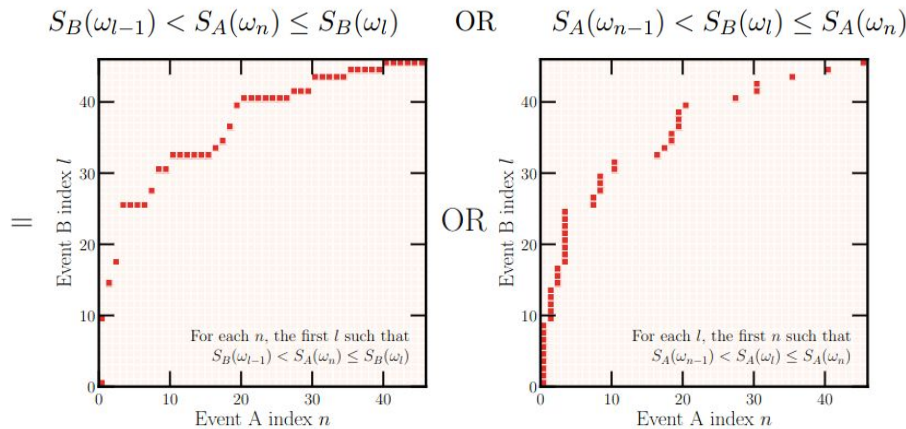
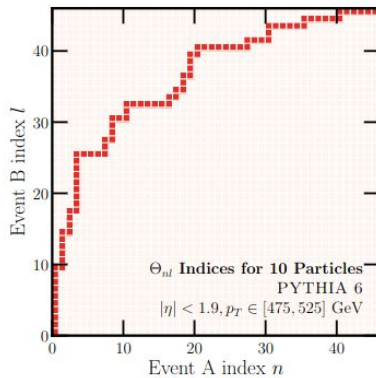
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This sum looks like it goes as  $O(N^4)$  as a sum of pairs of pairs, but it turns out only  $O(N^2)$  terms survive the  $\Theta$ -functions!

**The Trick:** Pre-compute which pairs will activate the  $\Theta$ -functions by using the fact that in 1D, distances  $\omega$  can be sorted!

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The inequalities can be evaluated efficiently on sorted lists, bringing the total runtime to  $O(N^2 \log N)$ .

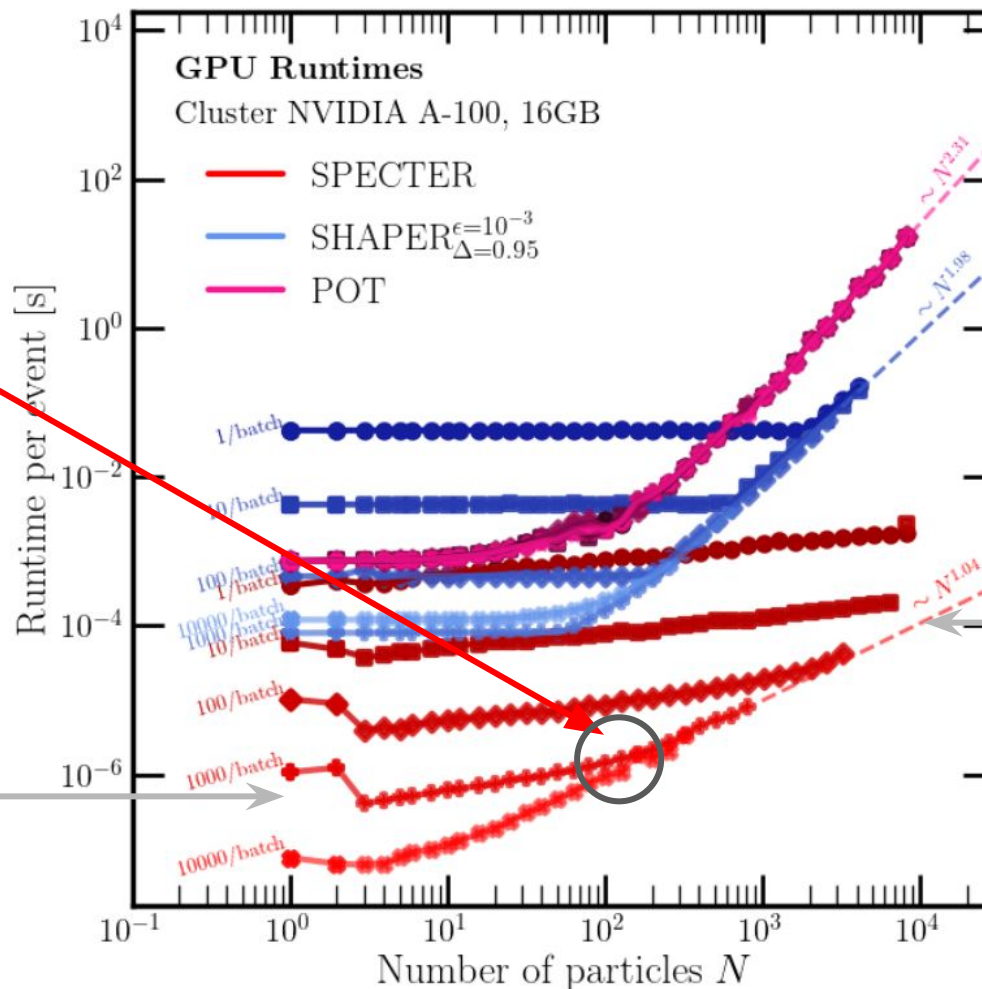
Ask me afterwards if you want more details on the algorithm and how the code works!

# SPECTER is FAST (BOOSTED)!

Running on a single GPU on my local compute cluster ...

SEMDs between jets with  $\sim 100$  particles can be computed at a rate of **one million SEMDs per second!**

Highly parallelized: Efficiency gains by processing many events at once!



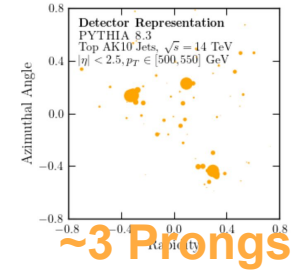
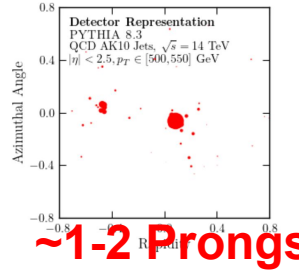
Worst case SEMD scaling is  $O(N^2 \log N)$  ... **SPECTER** beats it in practical settings!

# Pairwise (S)EMDs

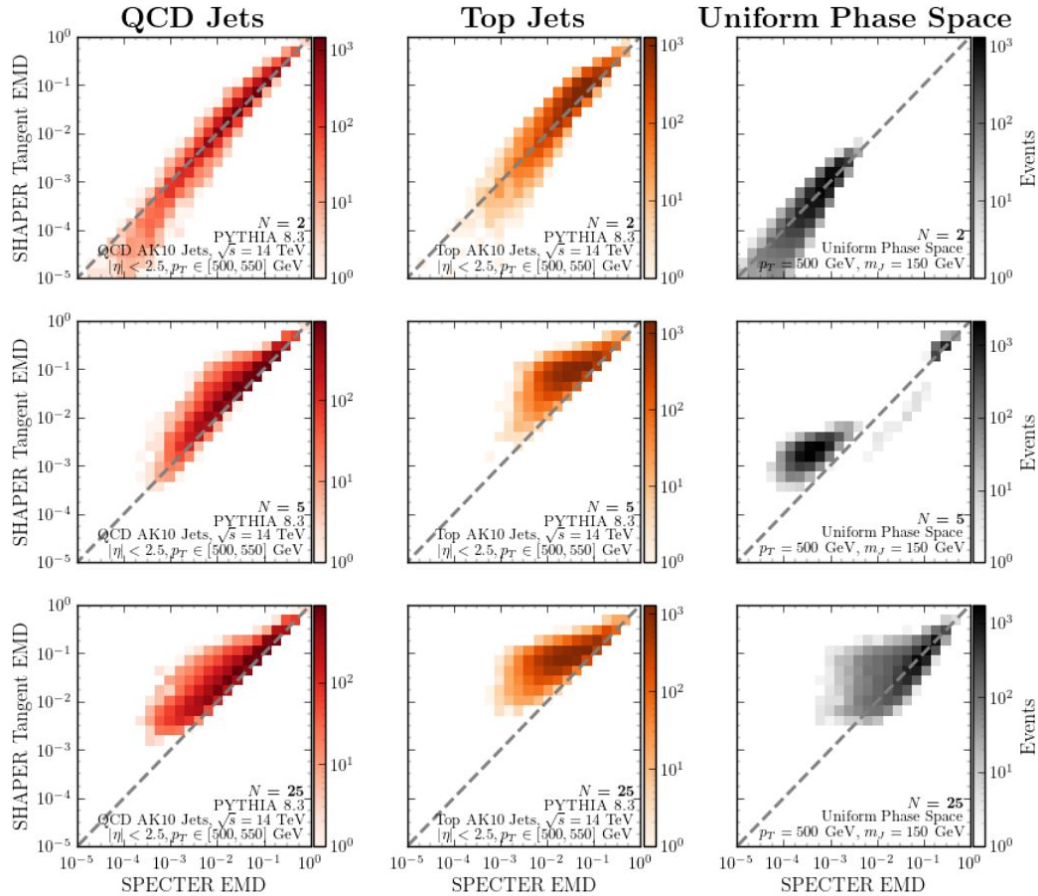
We can now easily evaluate SEMDs between pairs of events!

The SEMD and EMD are *not* the same metric, but they are correlated, and this correlation can be different for different types of physics!

The SEMD is invariant to translations and rotations of the jets, but the EMD does not and this needs to be minimized over.



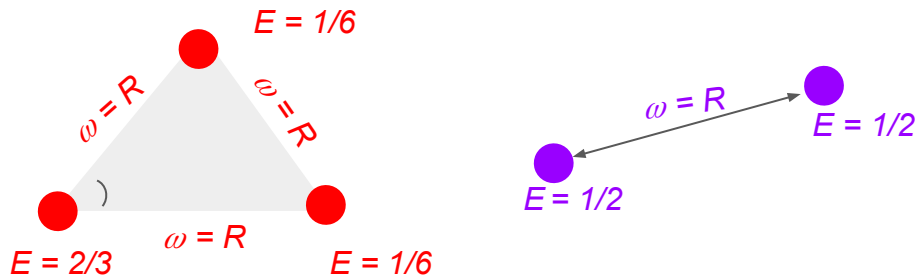
Number of  $k_T$  subjects





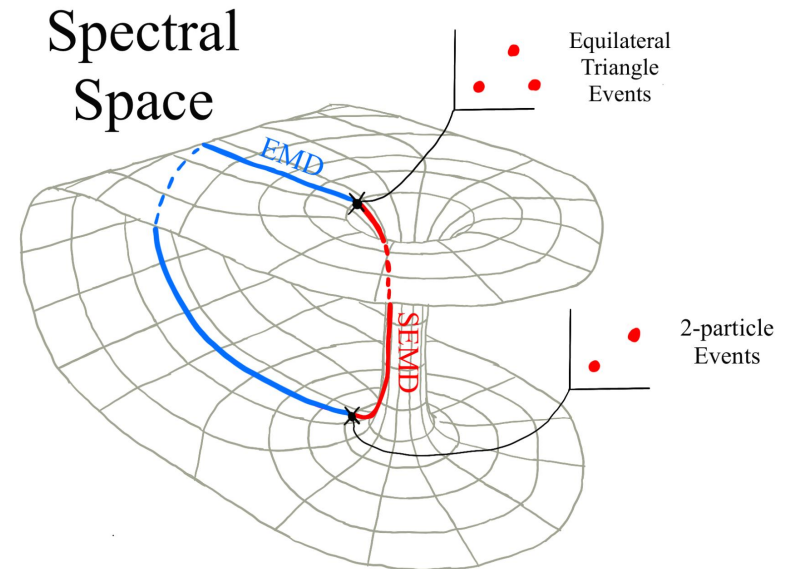
# The EMD vs. The SEMD

The SEMD is *topologically different* from the ordinary EMD!



This three particle event looks very different from this two particle event, and thus they have a large EMD.

But their SEMD is zero! The spectral function only cares about pairwise distances and degenerate configurations can occur.



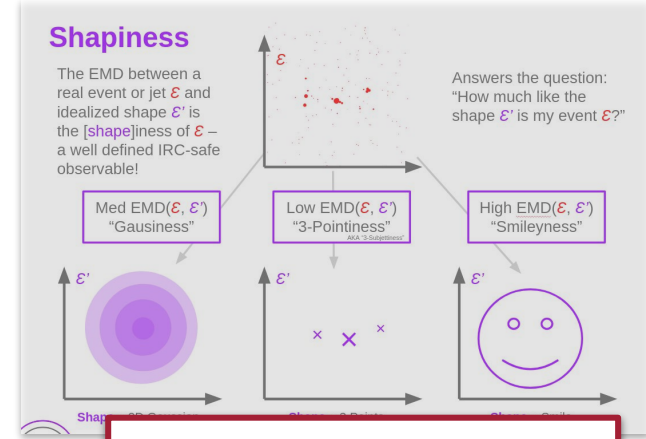
The space of events gets “pinched” at degenerate configurations when looking at only their spectral representations

This can come into play when events have 3 hard prongs, e.g. top jets!

# SEMD Observables

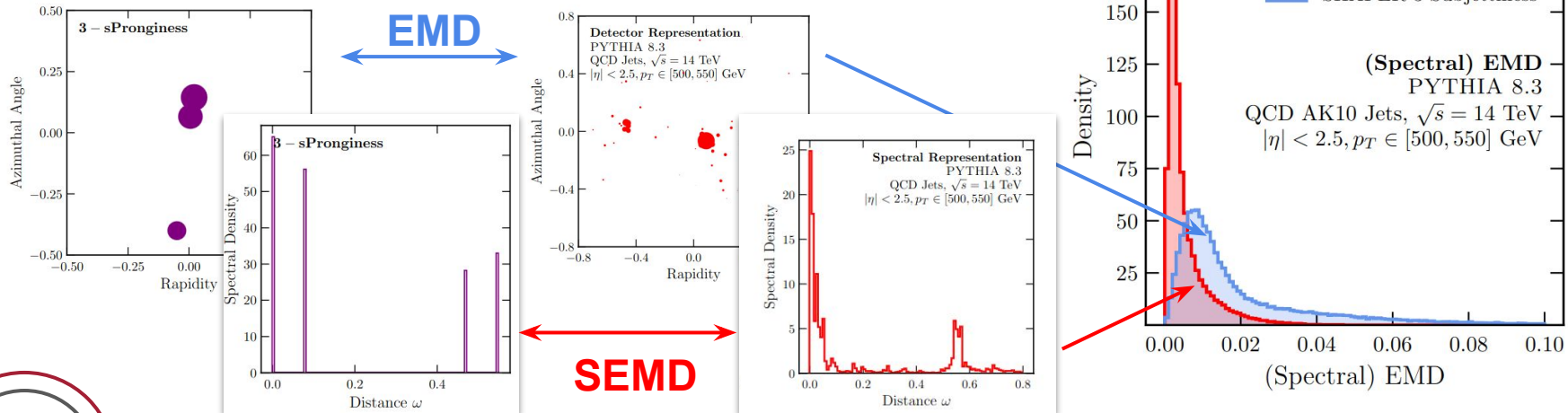
With a geometry based metric, we can now define IRC-safe **shape observables** by finding events that minimize the metric:

$$\mathcal{O}(\mathcal{E}) = \min_{\mathcal{E}' \in \mathcal{M}} [\text{SEMD}(s(\mathcal{E}), s(\mathcal{E}'))]$$



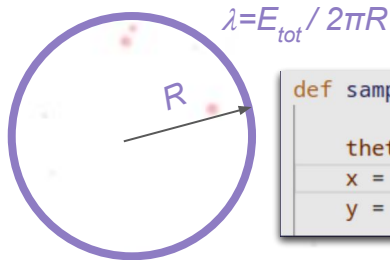
For more details, see my [Past IAIFI Talks!](#)

e.g. How 3-pointy are jets? (*3-subjettiness*)  
Minimize the metric over 3-particle events



## Full Example: How “ring-like” are jets?

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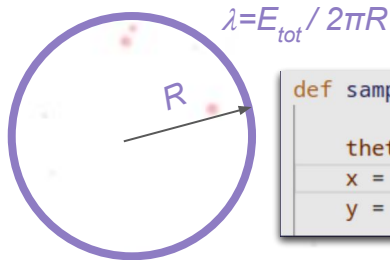
**Shapes** are parameterized distributions of energy on the detector space.

Many of your favorite observables, like  $N$ -(sub)jettiness, thrust, and angularities take the form of finding the shape that best fits an event's energy distribution.

Custom shapes define custom IRC-safe observables – to define a shape, all you need is to define a parameterized energy distribution and how to sample points from it!

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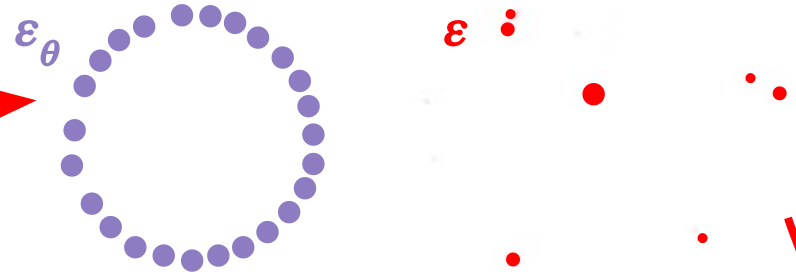
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Key difference from previous work: We use the SEMD, *not* the EMD!

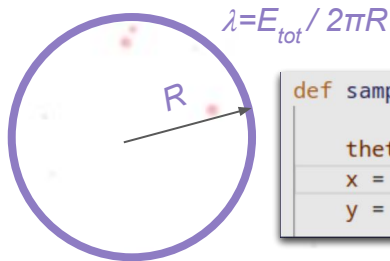
The  $p = 2$  spectral EMD between two sets of discrete points has a closed-form solution with only binary discrete minimizations.

We discretize our shape by randomly sampling points from it.

If the spectral functions are sorted, can compute the SEMD in  $\sim O(N^2 \log N)$  time!

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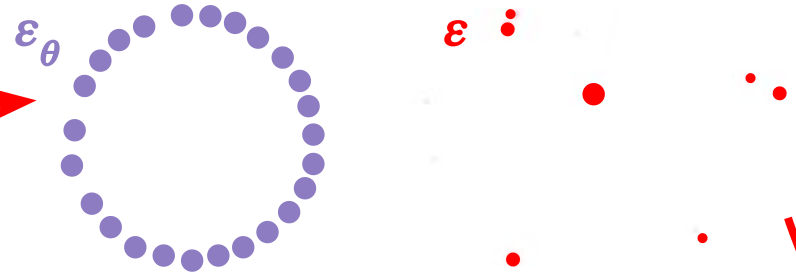
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We have an explicit formula for the spectral EMD, so we can automatically differentiate through it

Standard ML procedure: Sample, calculate gradients, gradient descent, repeat! Analogous to WGANs.

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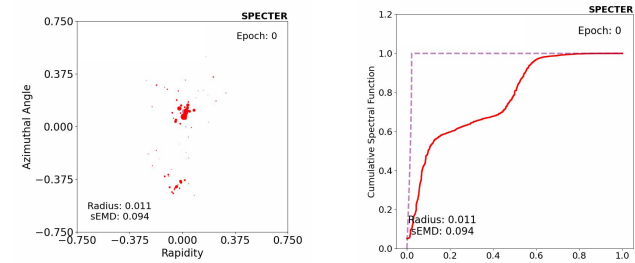


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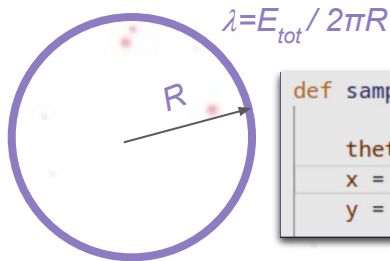


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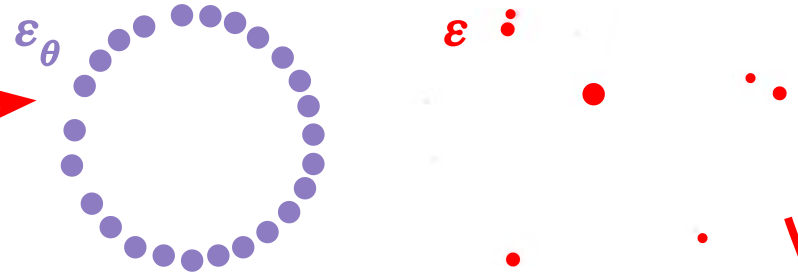
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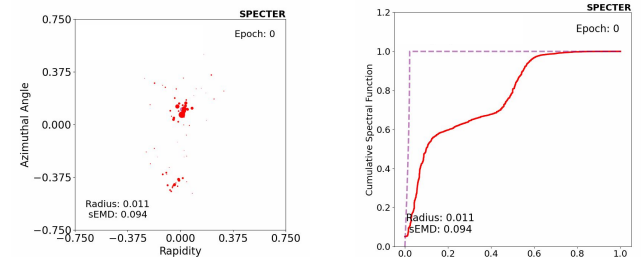


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**SPECTER** is our code interface for performing these steps: sampling from user-defined shapes, calculating spectral functions and differentiable EMDS, and optimizing over parameters.

Built in highly parallelized and compiled JAX

SPECTER is a “sequel” to SHAPER, introduced last ML4Jets. SPECTER is *not* an acronym, don’t ask me what it stands for.

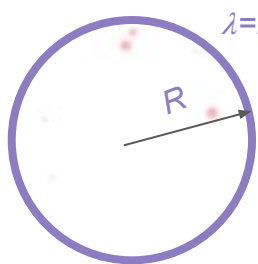
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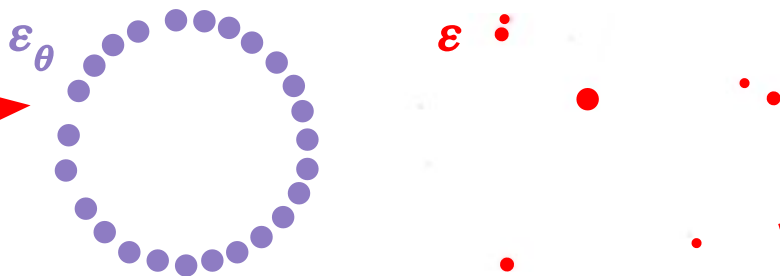


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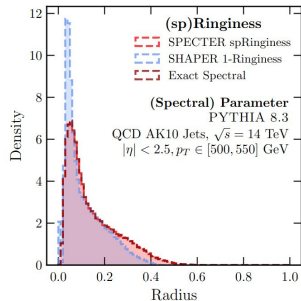
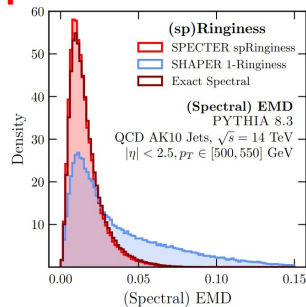
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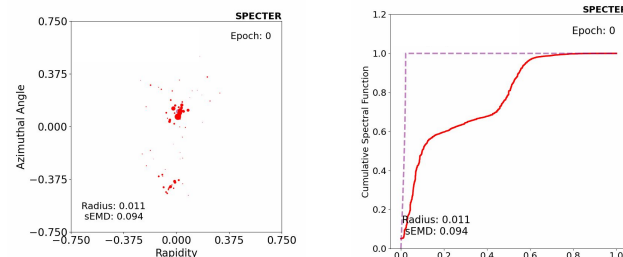
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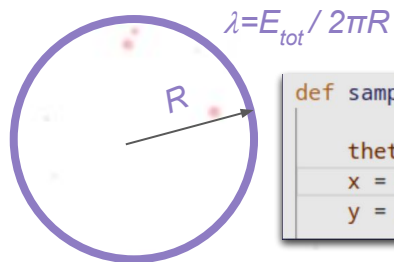
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  theta
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```

Unlike ordinary EMD, not necessary to s

## Alternatively...

The spectral EMD, and its optimization, are often partially or **completely solvable** in closed form!

$$R_{opt} = \frac{2}{\pi} \sum_{\substack{n \in \mathcal{E}^2 \\ \omega_n < \omega_{n+1}}} \omega_n \left[ \sin \left( \frac{\pi}{2E_{tot}^2} \sum_{\substack{n \leq m \in \mathcal{E}^2 \\ \omega_m < \omega_{m+1}}} (2EE)_m \right) - \sin \left( \frac{\pi}{2E_{tot}^2} \sum_{\substack{n < m \in \mathcal{E}^2 \\ \omega_m < \omega_{m+1}}} (2EE)_m \right) \right]$$

$$SEMD_{\beta,p=2}(s, s_{jet \text{ ring}}) = \sum_{i < j \in \mathcal{E}} 2E_i E_j \omega_{ij}^2 - 2E_{tot}^2 R_{opt}^2$$

For many shapes, we can completely short circuit having to perform expensive optimization over an optimal transport problem entirely!

## Step 2: Sample from Parameterized Shapes



The spectral metric between

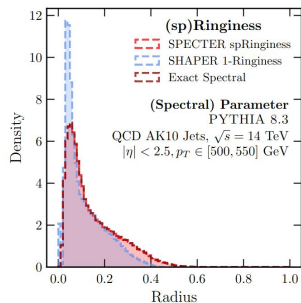
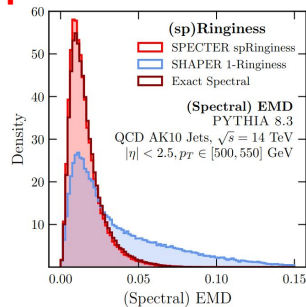
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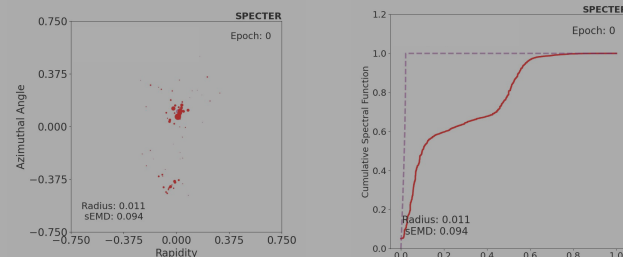
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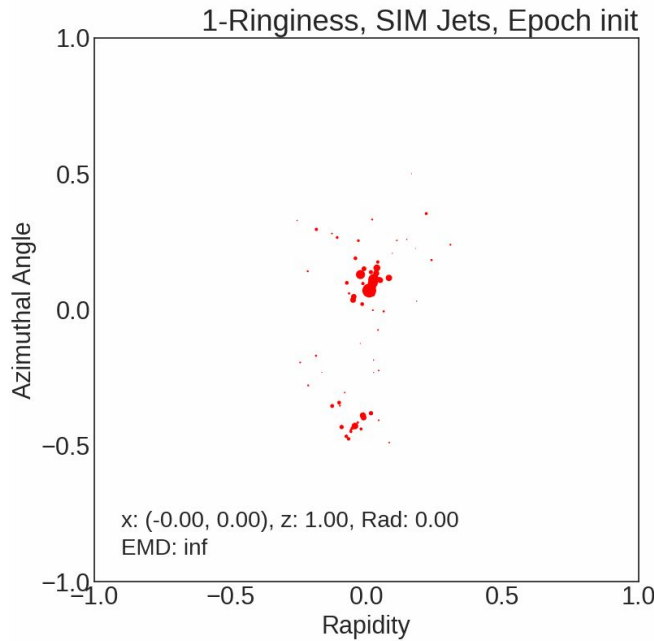
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To distinguish SEMD observables from EMD observables, I will add “s” or “sp”

# Hearing Jets (sp)Ring

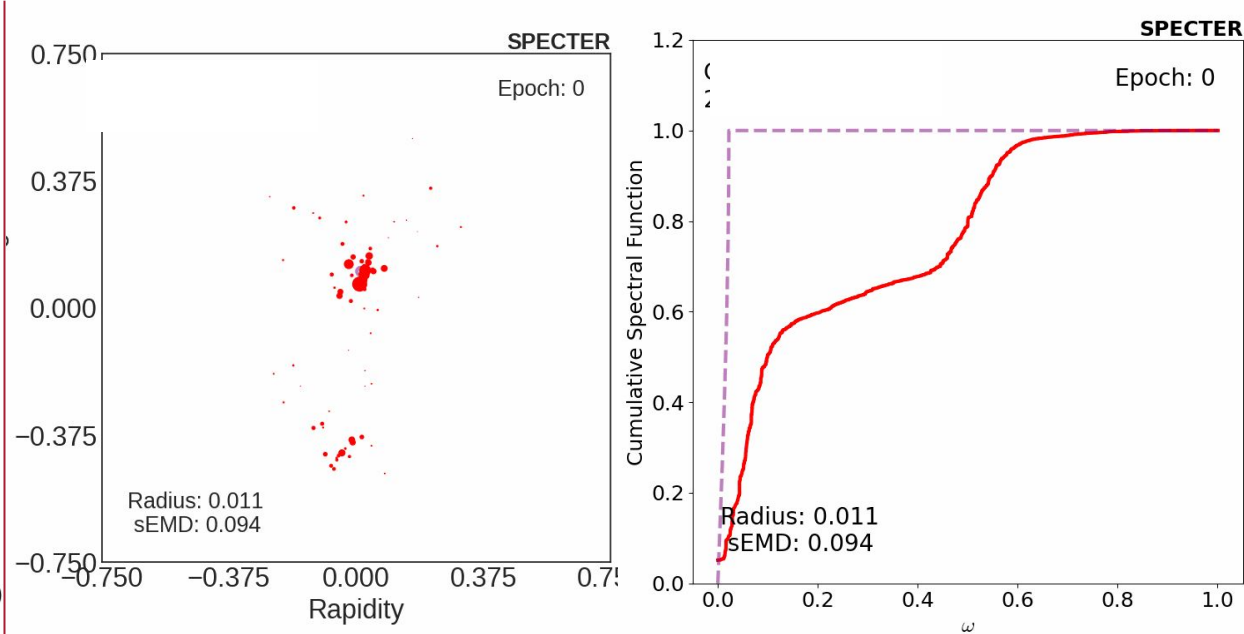


## EMD



Calculated using SHAPER<sup>1</sup>  
Position of ring must be optimized – can use as jet algorithm

## Spectral EMD



Calculated using **SPECTER**  
Translationally invariant – no need to optimize over position  
Secretly a 1D optimal transport problem over the spectral function

# Hearing Jets (sp)Ring

Runtimes (NVIDIA A100 GPU):

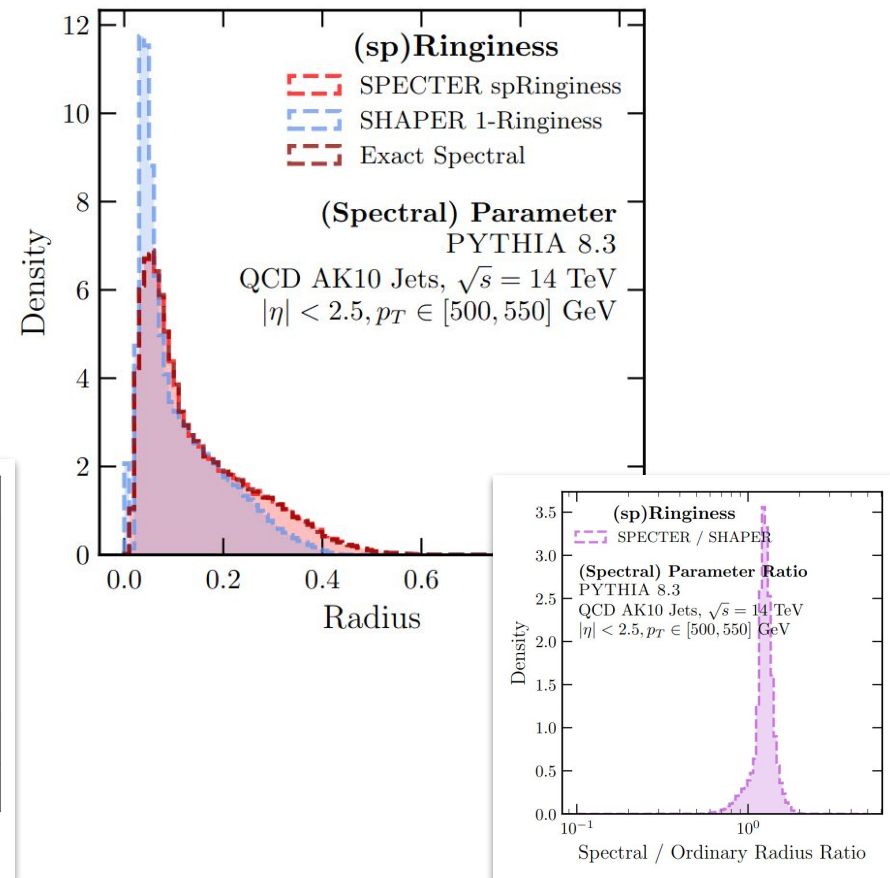
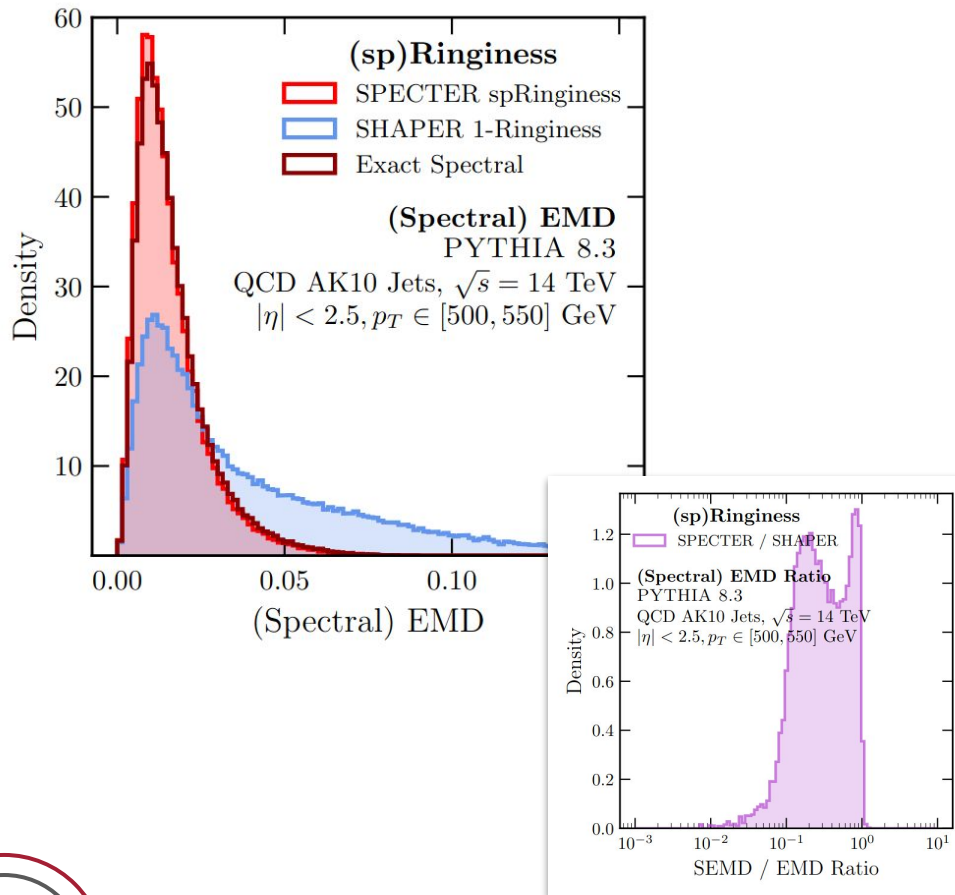
**SHAPER (EMD)**: ~ 36 hours / 100k events

**Generalized SPECTER**: ~55 seconds / 100k events

**Closed Form SPECTER**: ~ < 0.1 seconds / 100k events

The SEMD and EMD are qualitatively different, but give similar radii!

They probe the same event length scale





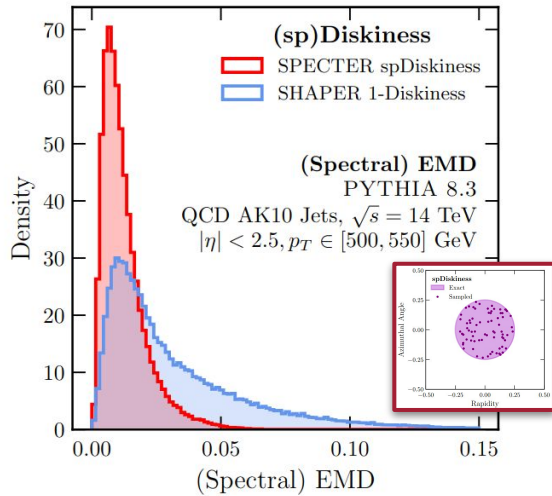
# Lots of Observables!

Event and jet shape observables can be defined as the (S)EMD between events and *any* parameterized set of ideal events!

Everything I said today applies to full events on the celestial sphere as well as localized jets!  
Different topologies are possible!

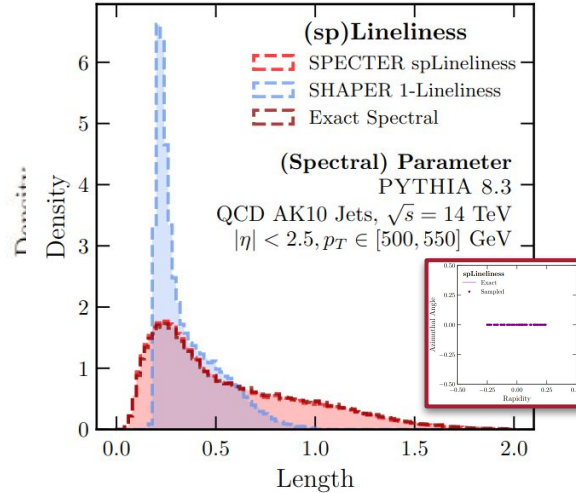
## Some examples ...

How disk-like are jets?



[No closed form for sDiskiness – not all observables have closed forms]

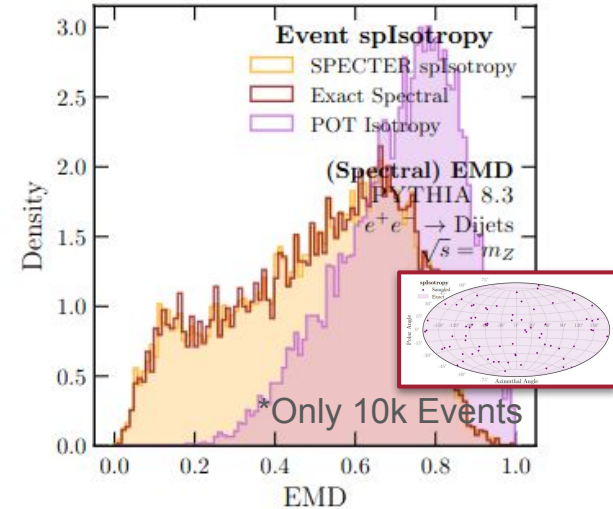
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$$L_{\text{opt}}(s_{\mathcal{E}}) = \frac{6}{E_{\text{tot}}^2} \sum_{\substack{n \in \mathcal{E}^2 \\ \omega_n < \omega_{n+1}}} \omega_n \left[ S^+(\omega_n) + \frac{2}{3E_{\text{tot}}} (E_{\text{tot}}^2 - S^+(\omega_n))^{3/2} - S^-(\omega_n) - \frac{2}{3E_{\text{tot}}} (E_{\text{tot}}^2 - S^-(\omega_n))^{3/2} \right]$$

Closed-form lines!

How isotropic<sup>1</sup> are events?



$$\mathcal{O}_{\text{Isotropy}}(s_{\mathcal{E}}) = \sum_{i < j \in \mathcal{E}} 2E_i E_j \omega_{ij}^2 + \frac{\pi^2 - 4}{2} E_{\text{tot}}^2 - 2 \sum_{\substack{n \in \mathcal{E}^2 \\ \omega_n < \omega_{n+1}}} \omega_n [f^+(n) - f^-(n)]$$

$$f^{\pm}(n) = \sqrt{S^{\pm}(\omega_n)} \sqrt{E_{\text{tot}}^2 - S^{\pm}(\omega_n)} + S^{\pm}(\omega_n) \cos^{-1} \left( 1 - 2 \frac{S^{\pm}(\omega_n)}{E_{\text{tot}}^2} \right) - E_{\text{tot}}^2 \sin^{-1} \left( \frac{\sqrt{S^{\pm}(\omega_n)}}{E_{\text{tot}}} \right)$$

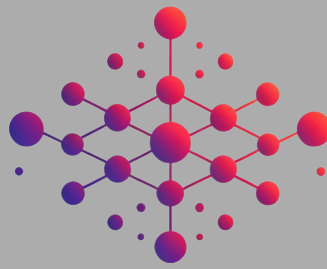
Closed-form isotropy!

# Things to think about:

- **Speed:** I am not a great computer scientist; *SPECTER* could probably be made *even faster* with more clever and better programming.
- **Degeneracies and Topology:** The EMD and SEMD are different, especially for equilateral triangle configurations – how often do these configurations occur in different theories?
- **Closed form Observables:** Not every shape has a completely closed-form solution, but it is usually possible to partially simplify and reduce the problem to 1D minimization, 1D root finding, or simple 1D numeric integrals. Can we understand this better?
- **Perturbative Calculations:** Closed-form and simple expressions means perturbative calculations may be possible – can we predict the radius of a jet to LO, NLO, LL, NLL, ...?
- **Theory Space:** There have been proposals to use the (S)EMD between events as a ground metric for an OT distance between theories. With *SPECTER*, this could now be numerically viable!

Happy to talk with you about any and all of these afterwards!

# Conclusion



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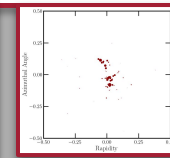
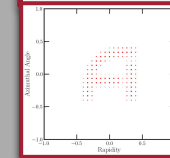
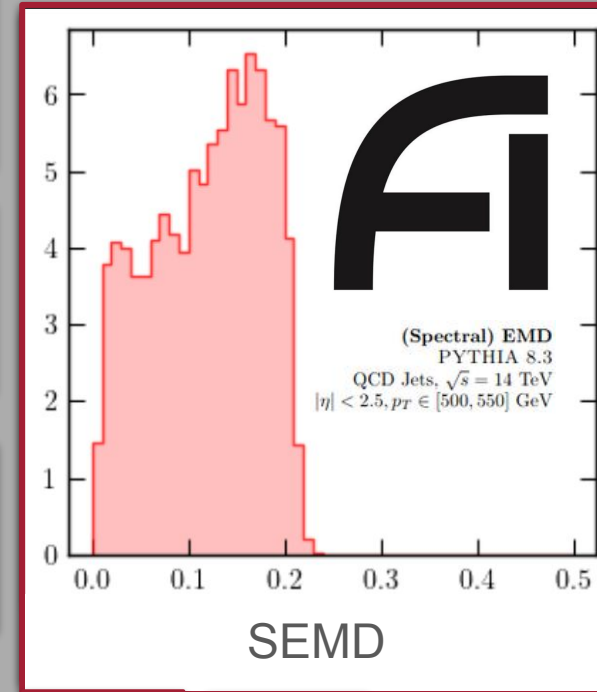
Pictured: The **spectral-IAIFI-ness**  
of QCD Jets!

The **spectral EMD** can be used as an alternative to the EMD. It is **fast** and **easy to minimize**.

**SPECTER** is a code package for efficiently evaluating the spectral EMD and calculating shape observables.

With the spectral EMD, many jet observables can be understood in **closed form**.

**SPECTER** will be *pip*-installable!  
Coming soon!



More questions? Email me at [rikab@mit.edu](mailto:rikab@mit.edu)

# Appendices

# The EMD

Definition:

$$\text{EMD}_{\beta,R}(\mathcal{E}_A, \mathcal{E}_B) = \min_{\{f_{ab}\}} \sum_{a \in J_A} \sum_{b \in J_B} f_{ab} \frac{\Omega(\hat{n}_a, \hat{n}_b)^\beta}{R^\beta} + \left| \sum_{a \in J_A} E_a - \sum_{b \in J_B} E_b \right|$$

such that

$$f_{ab} \geq 0, \quad \sum_{b \in J_B} f_{ab} \leq E_a, \quad \sum_{a \in J_A} f_{ab} \leq E_b, \quad \sum_{a \in J_A} \sum_{b \in J_B} f_{ab} = \min \left( \sum_{a \in J_A} E_a, \sum_{b \in J_B} E_b \right)$$



# Ground Metrics

For local jets on the rapidity-azimuth plane:

$$\omega_{ij} = \sqrt{(\phi_i - \phi_j)^2 + (y_i - y_j)^2}$$

For global events on the sphere:

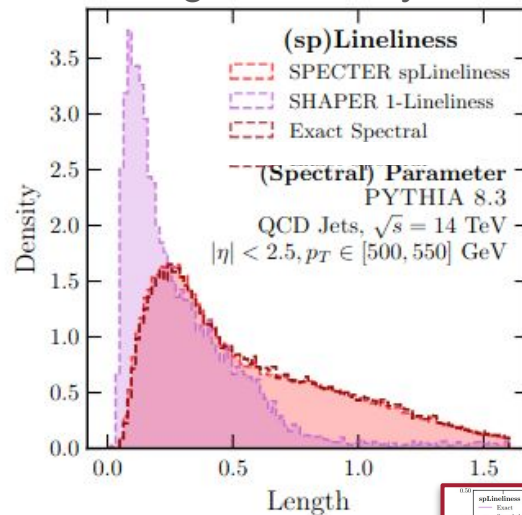
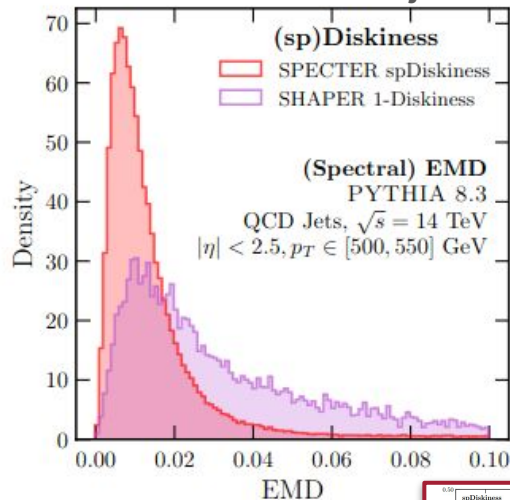
$$\begin{aligned}\omega_{ij} &= |\theta_{ij}| \\ &= \left| \cos^{-1} \left( 1 - \frac{p_i \cdot p_j}{E_i E_j} \right) \right|\end{aligned}$$

In principle, could have picked chord length rather than arc length

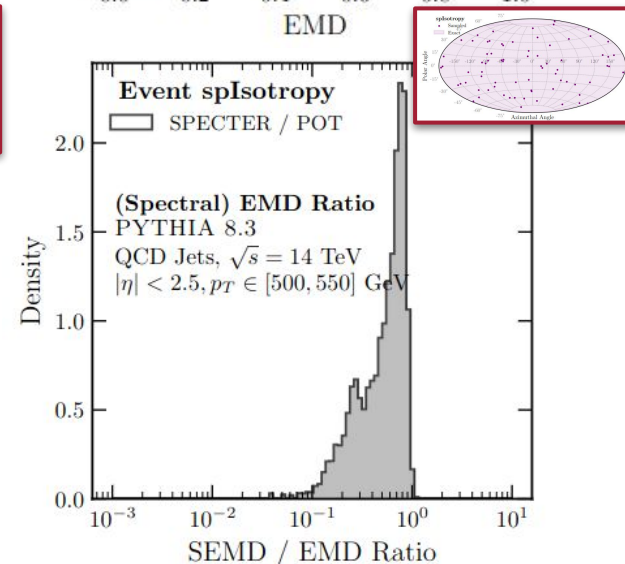
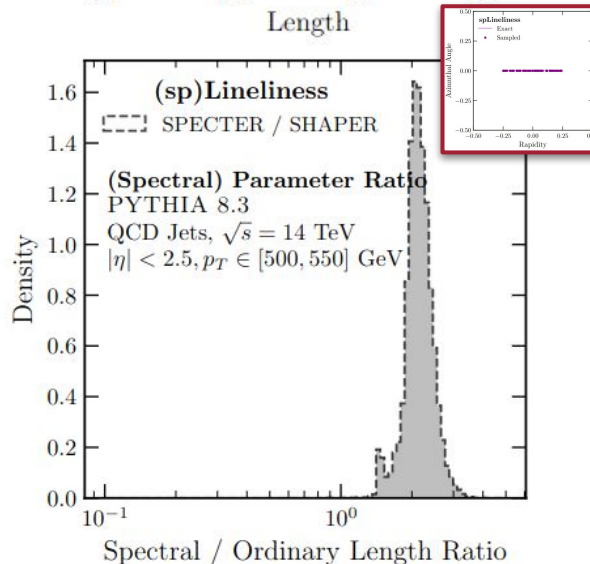
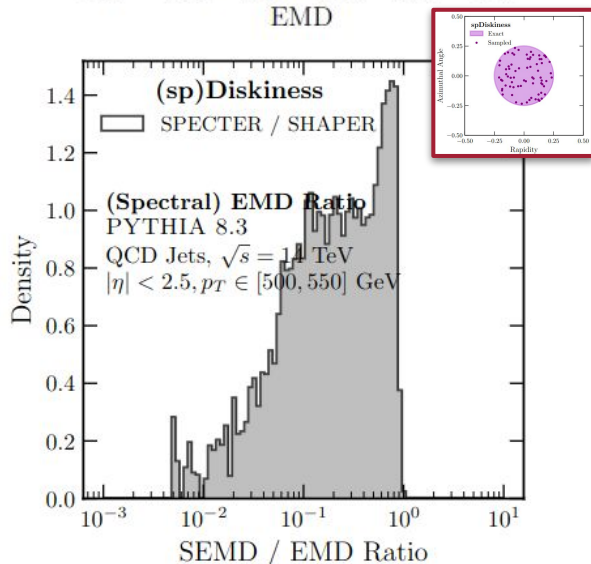
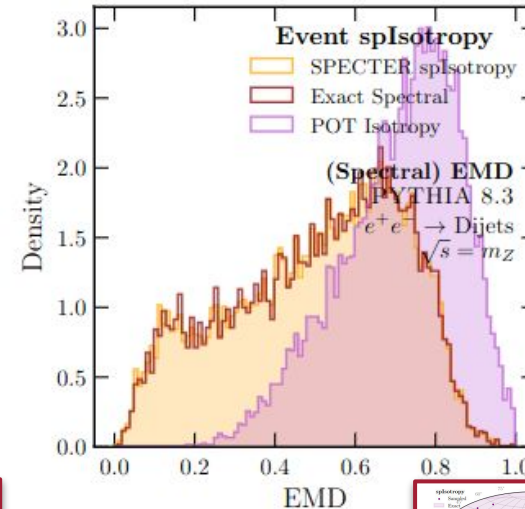
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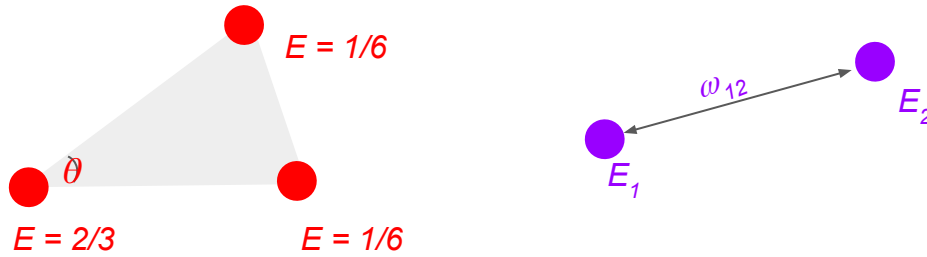
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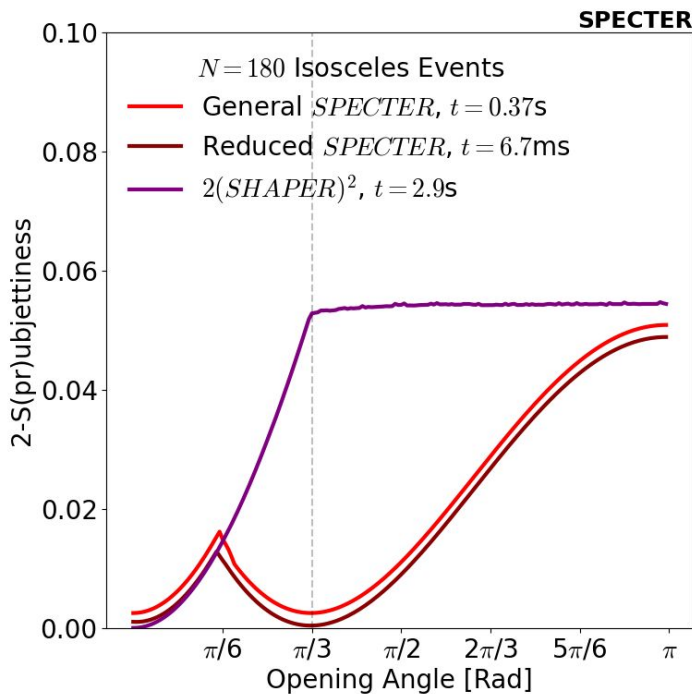
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# Degeneracies (Continued)



For this precise energy configuration, equilateral triangles are *exactly* degenerate with 2 particle events – so the spectral EMD only sees 2 particles!

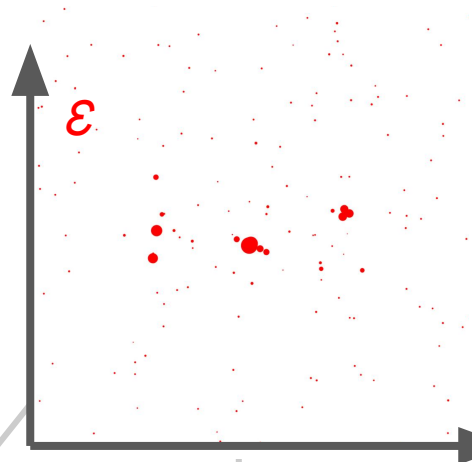


Only measure 0 configuration of events – but events *near* this give spectral EMDs *near* zero against 2 particle events.

\*with the right energy weights.

# Shapiness

The EMD between a real event or jet  $\mathcal{E}$  and idealized shape  $\mathcal{E}'$  is the [shape]iness of  $\mathcal{E}$  – a well defined IRC-safe observable!

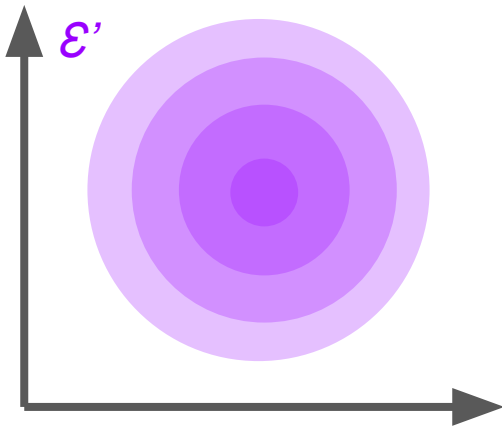


Answers the question: “How much like the shape  $\mathcal{E}'$  is my event  $\mathcal{E}$ ?”

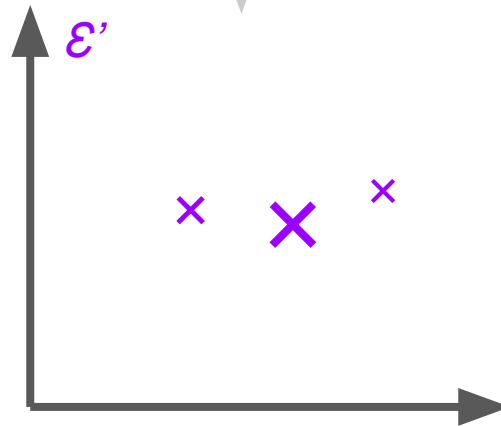
Med EMD( $\mathcal{E}, \mathcal{E}'$ )  
“Gausiness”

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“3-Pointiness”  
AKA “3-Subjettiness”

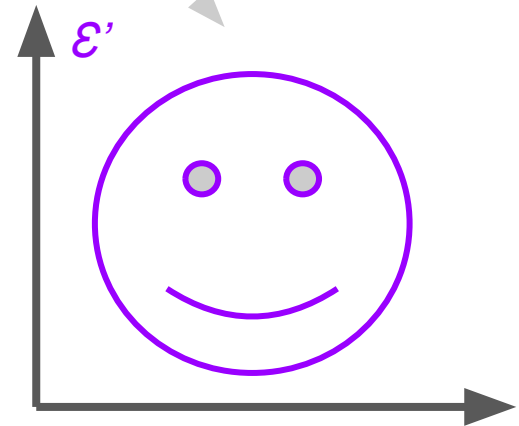
High EMD( $\mathcal{E}, \mathcal{E}'$ )  
“Smileyiness”



Shape = 2D Gaussian



Shape = 3 Points



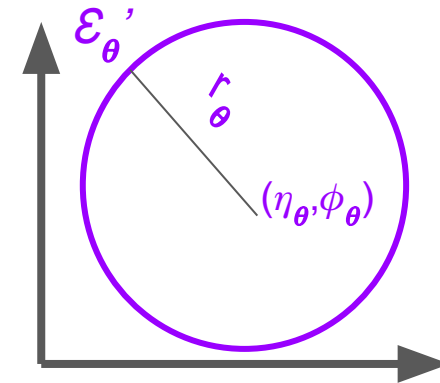
Shape = Smile

# Mathematical Details - Shapiness

Rather than a single shape, consider a **parameterized manifold**  $\mathcal{M}$  of **energy flows**.

e.g. The manifold of uniform circle energy flows:

$$\mathcal{E}_\theta'(y) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2\pi r_\theta} & |\vec{y} - \vec{y}_\theta| = r_\theta \\ 0 & |\vec{y} - \vec{y}_\theta| \neq r_\theta \end{cases}$$



Then, for an event  $\mathcal{E}$ , define the **shapiness**  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{M}}$  and **shape parameters**  $\theta_{\mathcal{M}}$ , given by:

$$\mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{M}}(\mathcal{E}) \equiv \min_{\mathcal{E}_\theta \in \mathcal{M}} \text{EMD}^{(\beta, R)}(\mathcal{E}, \mathcal{E}_\theta)$$

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# Observables $\Leftrightarrow$ Manifolds of Shapes

Observables can be specified solely by defining a **manifold of shapes**:

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Many well-known observables\* already have this form!

Observable	Manifold of Shapes
$N$ -Subjettiness	Manifold of $N$ -point events
$N$ -Jettiness	Manifold of $N$ -point events with floating total energy
Thrust	Manifold of back-to-back point events
Event / Jet Isotropy	Manifold of the single uniform event

... and more!

All of the form “How much like **[shape]** does my **event** look like?”  
 Generalize to *any* shape.

\*These observables are usually called event shapes or jet shapes in the literature – we are making this literal!

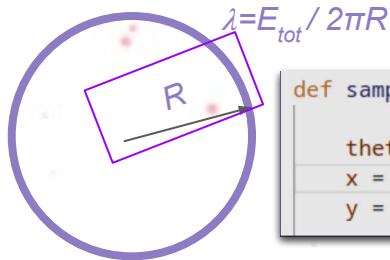
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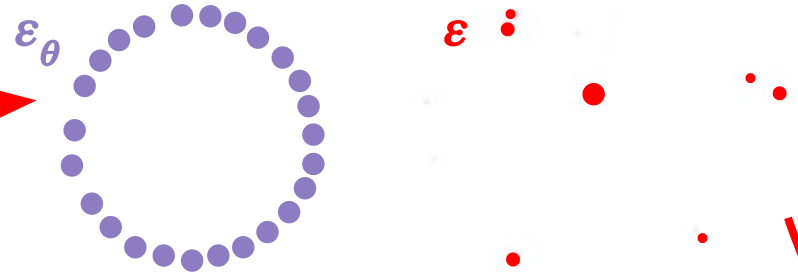
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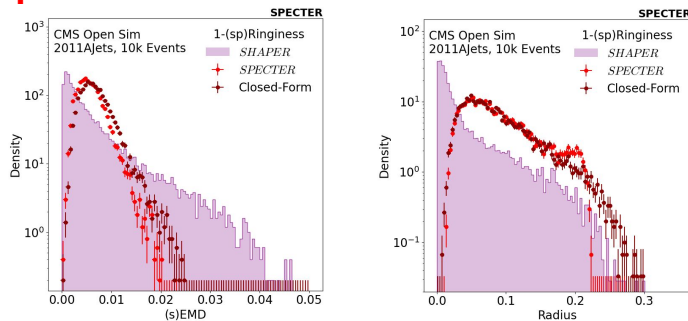
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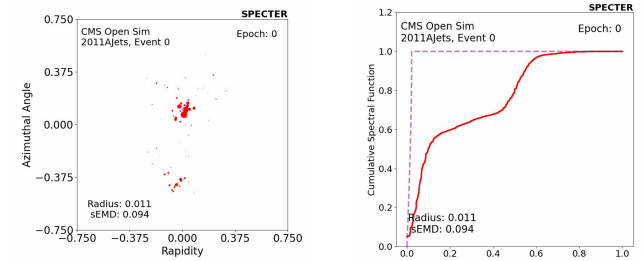
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# CPU Runtimes

