

# Boosting event generation & unfolding with generative networks

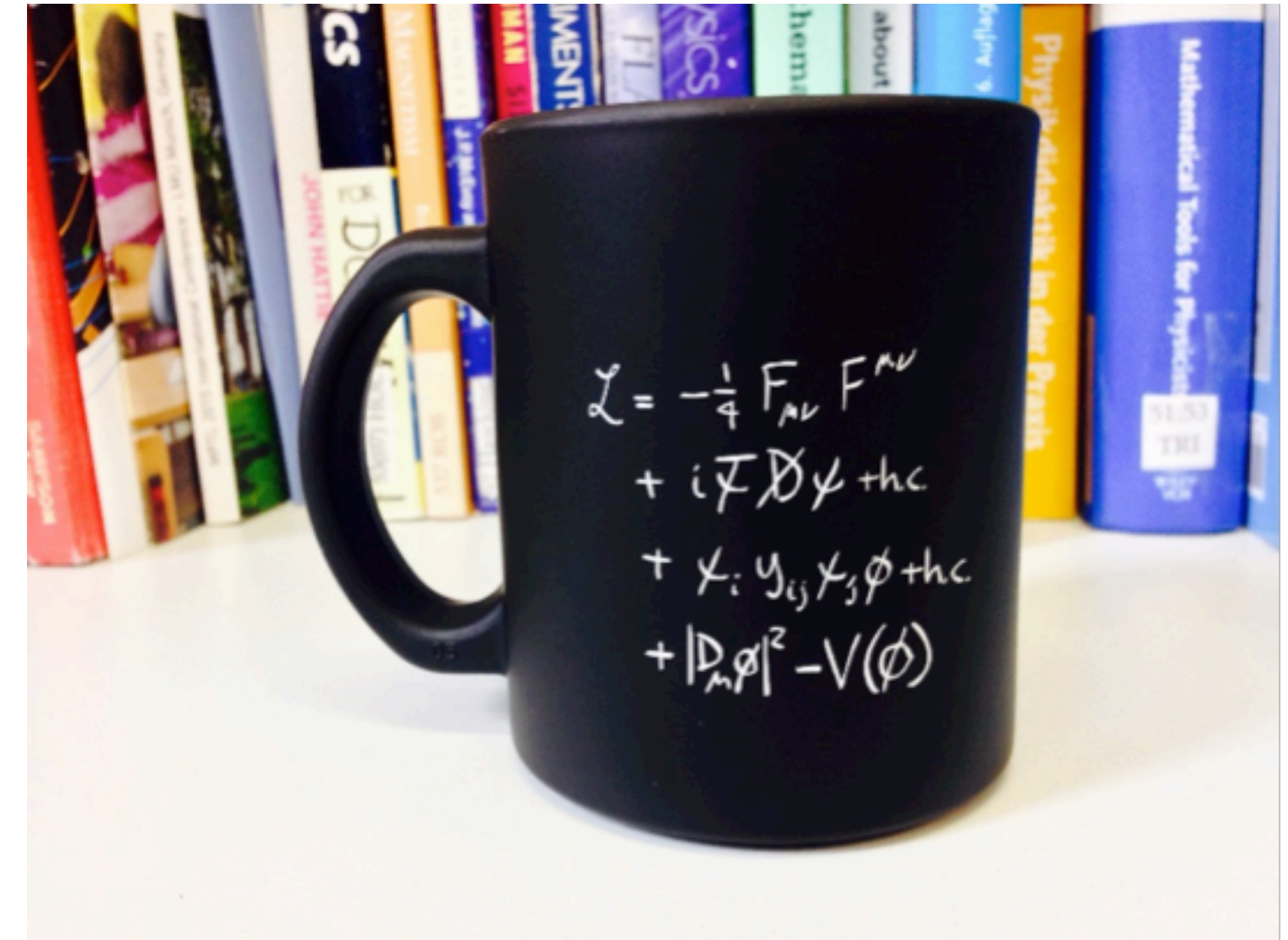
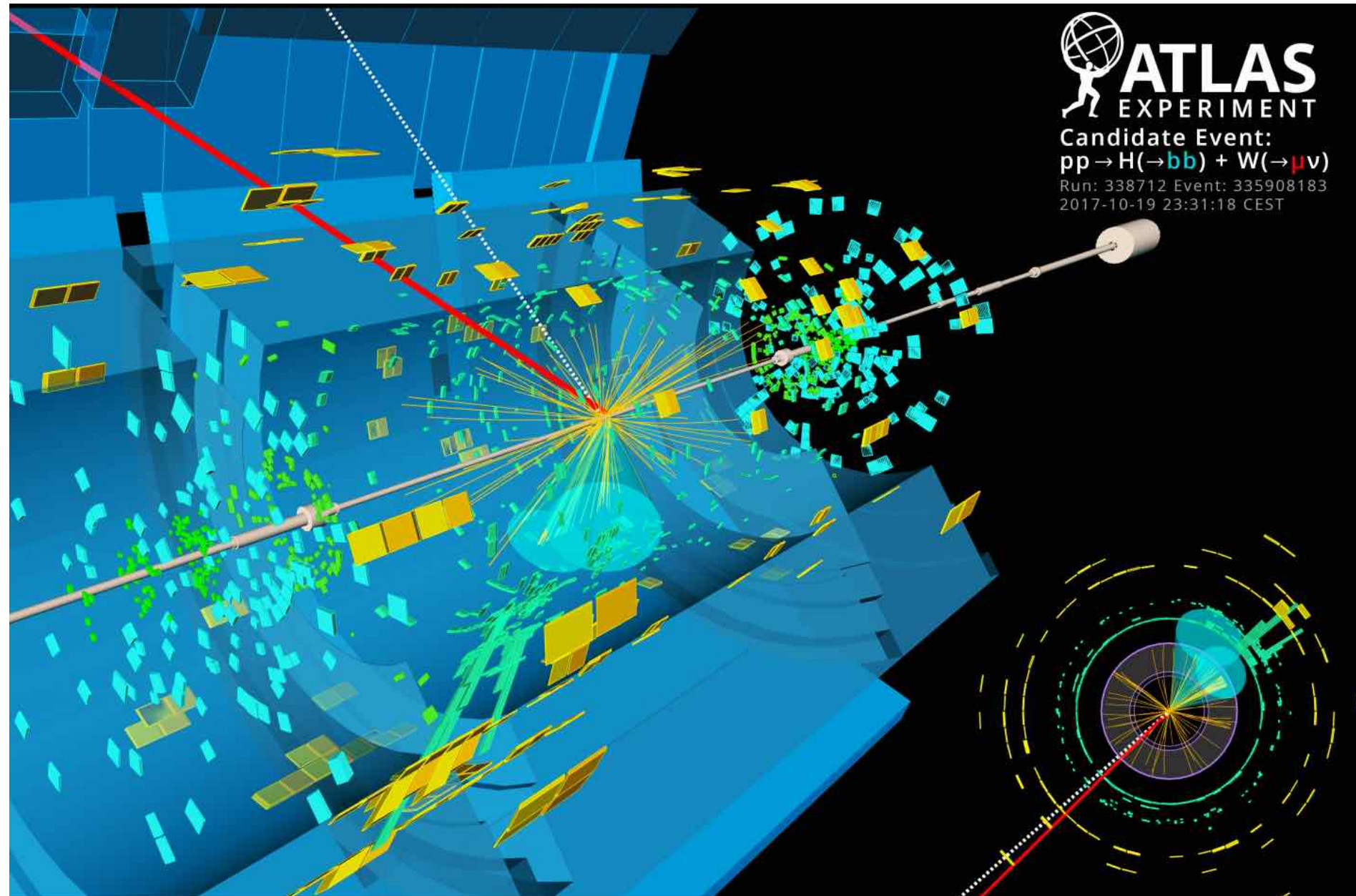
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# A short overview on LHC physics



## Setting

- Large Hadron Collider at CERN
- Proton collisions at 13 TeV
- **Huge** dataset  $\sim 1\text{Pb/s}$  before trigger selection

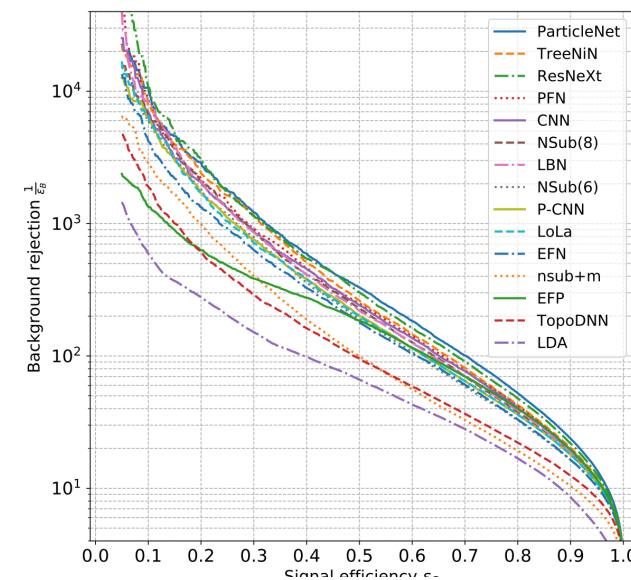
## Goal

- Understand full dataset from **1st principles**
- Find signs of new physics (1 in  $10^{10}$  or less)
- .... and it looks exactly like the background



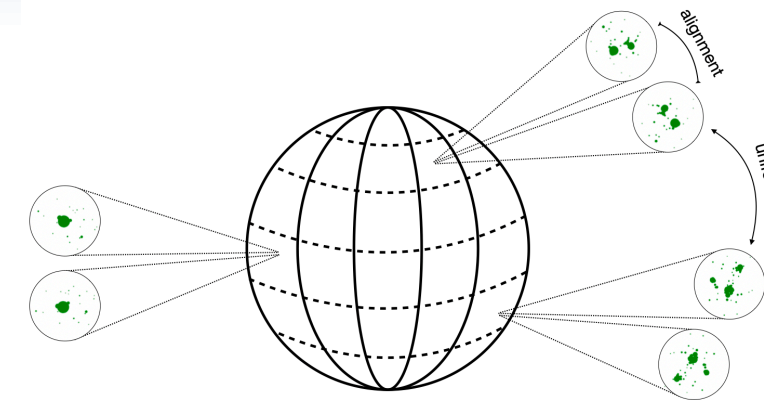
# ML for big data in particle physics

## Top tagging



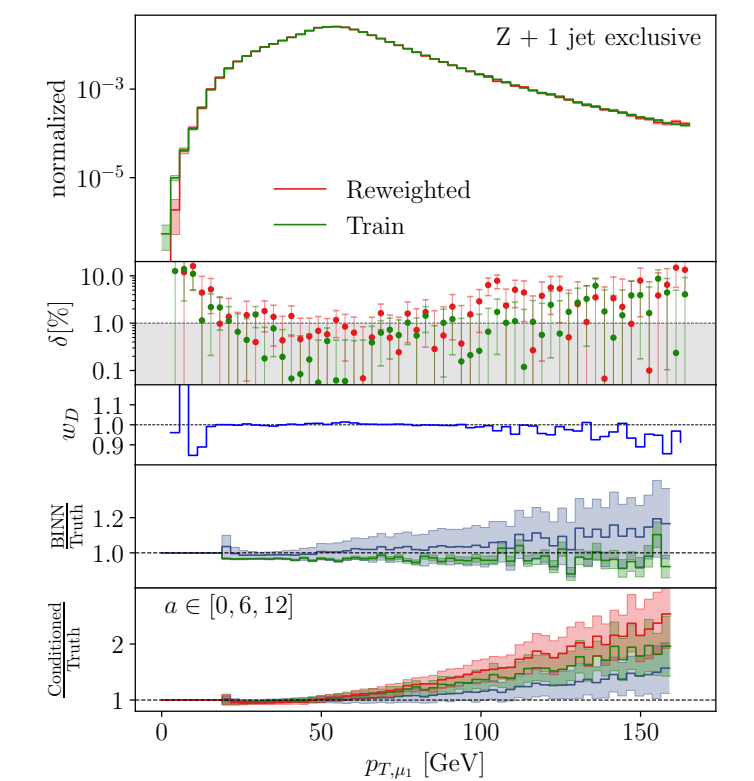
G. Kasieczka et al. [1902.09914]

## Anomaly detection



B. Dillon et al. [2108.04253]

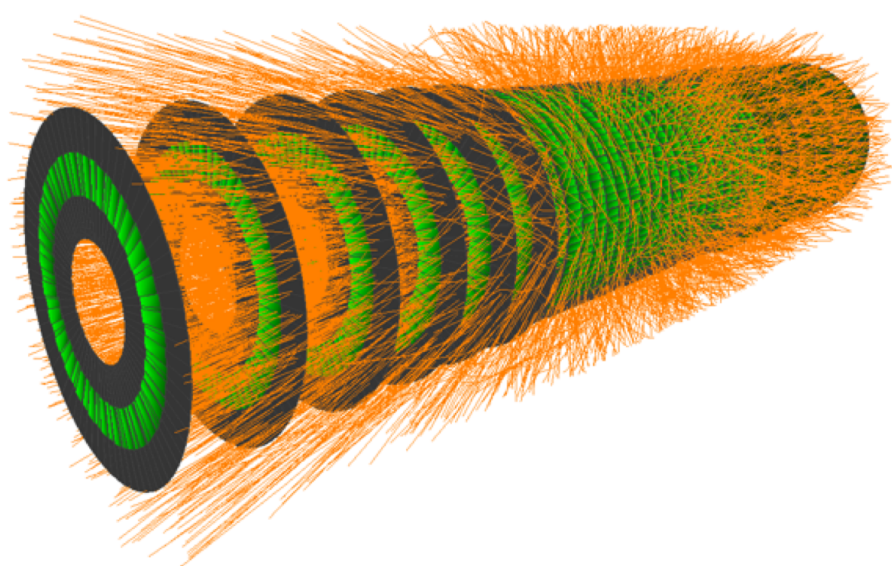
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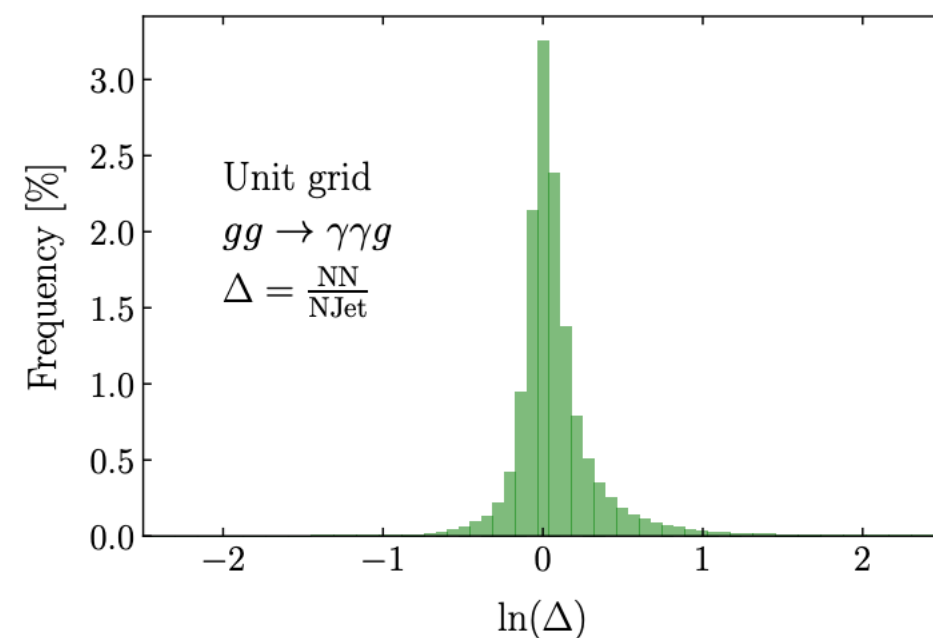
A. Butter et al. [2110.13632]

## Track reconstruction

Kaggle challenge



## Amplitude estimation



J. Aylett-Bullock, et al. [2106.09474]

Classification

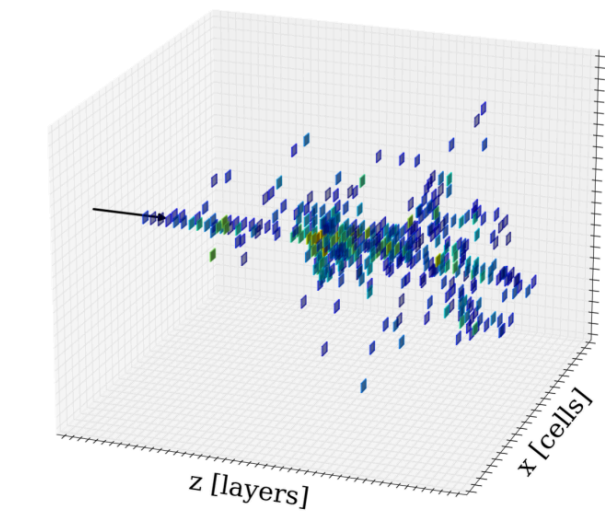
Generative models

Graph networks

Bayesian networks

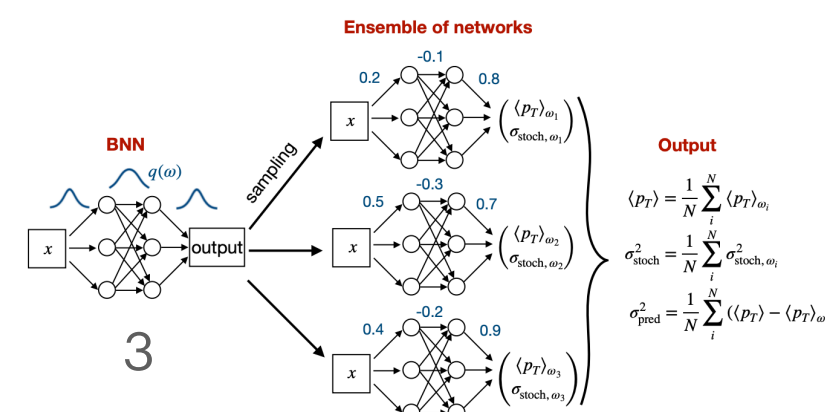
Regression

## Detector simulation



E. Buhmann et al. [2112.09709]

## Jet calibration & uncertainties



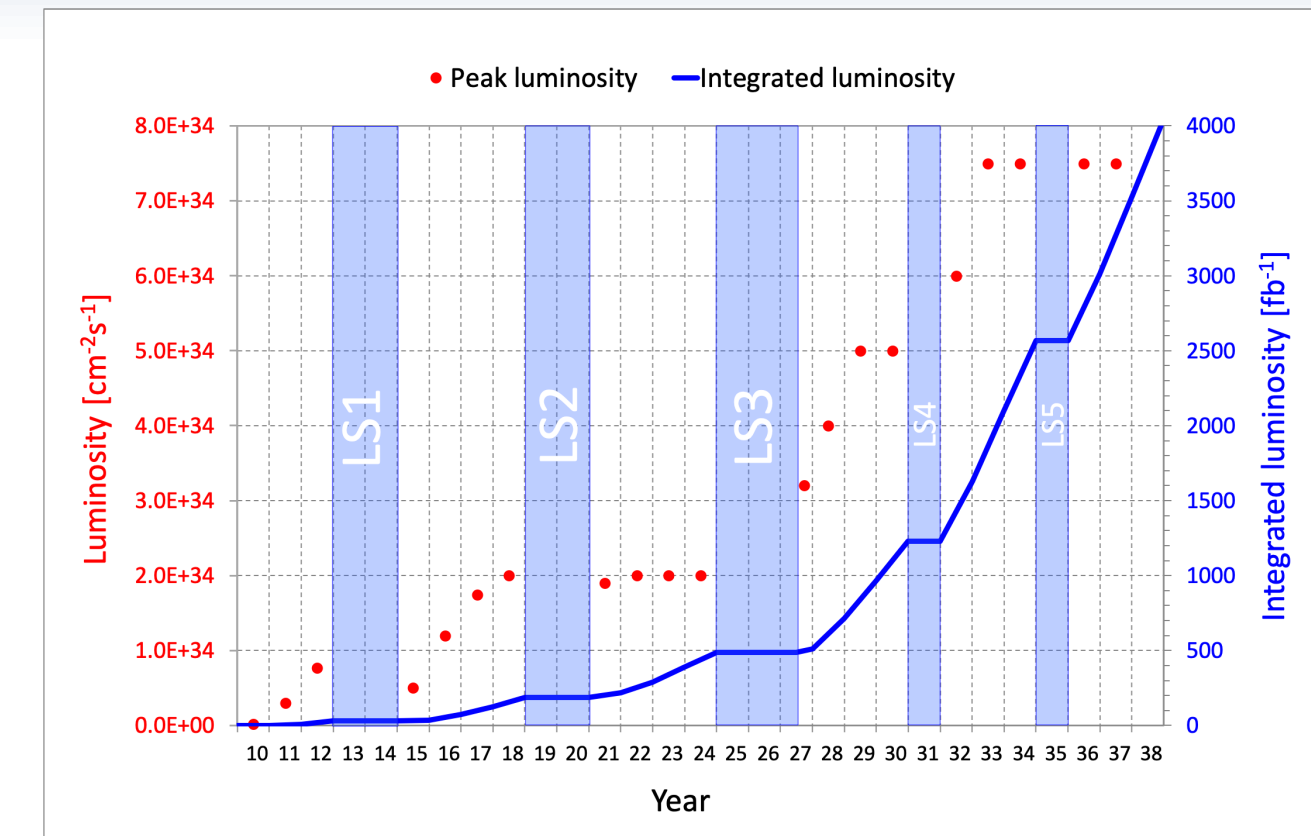
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Complete citations  $\mathcal{O}(800)$   
<https://iml-wg.github.io/HEPML-LivingReview/>

# Open questions towards HL-LHC

## A biased selection

- Facing **25 times** the amount of data
- What do we need to understand the data? (*read*: find new physics)



### • Precision predictions

- Higher order calculations
- Event generation
- Detector simulation

### • Optimized analysis for high-dimensional data

- Likelihood free inference
  - Unfolding = Inverse problem
- How to get most out of data

Problems beyond supervised classification/regression → How can machine learning help?



# How to generate LHC events

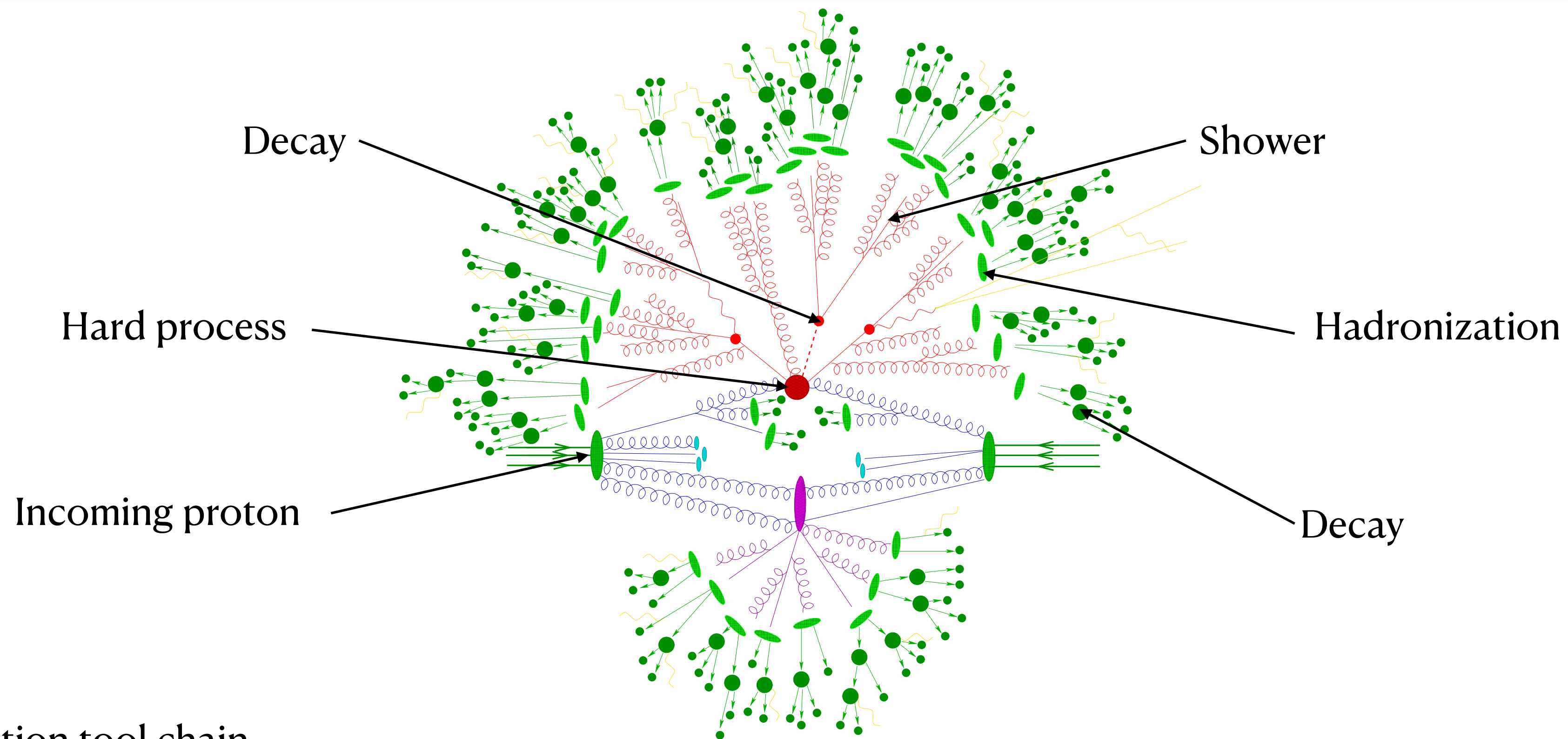






# Event generation at the LHC

## A theorist's perspective



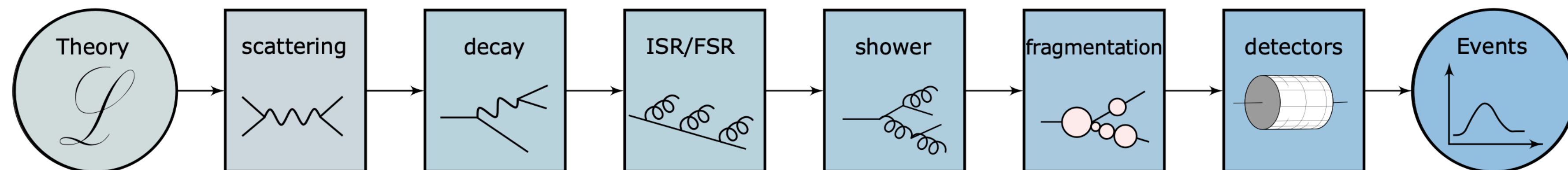
Every line is a particle!

4-vector representation

$$(E, p_x, p_y, p_z)$$

$$\text{with } E^2 = m^2 + \vec{p}^2$$

### Simulation tool chain





# Monte carlo event generation

## 1. Generate phase space points

→ set of four-momenta  $p_i$

## 2. Calculate event weight

$$w_{\text{event}} = f(x_1, Q^2) f(x_2, Q^2) \times \mathcal{M}(x_1, x_2, p_1, \dots, p_n) \times J(p_i(r))$$

Parton density function

Matrix element †

Phase space mapping

## 3. Unweighting †

keep events with  $\frac{w_i}{w_{\text{max}}} > r \in [0,1]$

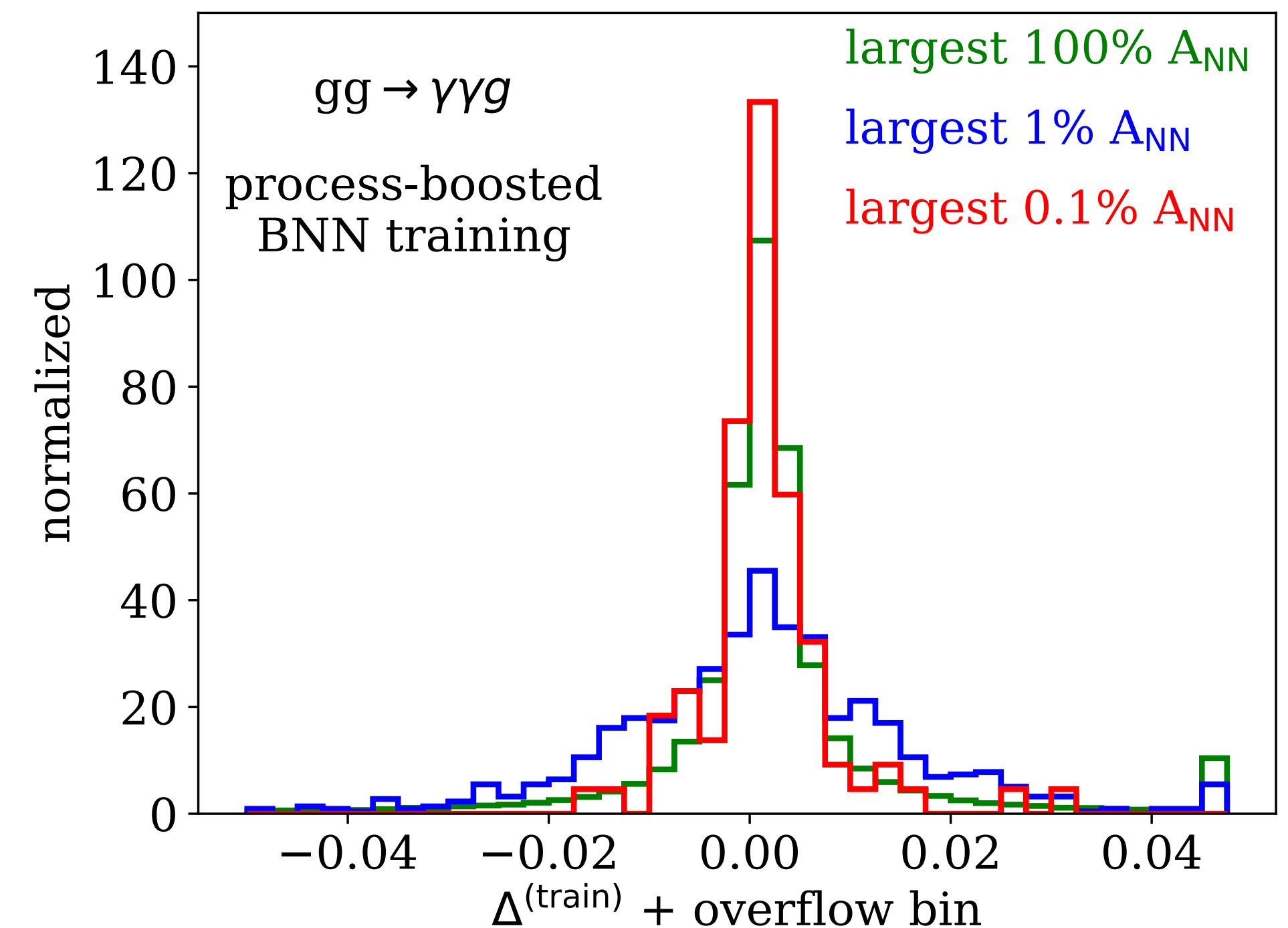
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    - # final state particles
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  - ◆ Optimize phase space mapping
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# Approximating Amplitudes

- Approximate Amplitude  $\mathcal{M}(x_1, x_2, p_1, \dots, p_n)$  with NN
- Regression problem with NN
  - + Generalization of interpolation
  - + Better scaling than grids for large dimensions
- Minimize distance between prediction and truth
  - $\Rightarrow \mathcal{L} = (NN(p_i) - \mathcal{M}(p_i))^2 / 2\sigma^2 + \mathcal{L}_{BNN}$
- **Twist:** Boosting techniques to improve precision
  - Retrain on bad samples
  - 1% precision
  - Boost for reliable uncertainties or small deviations



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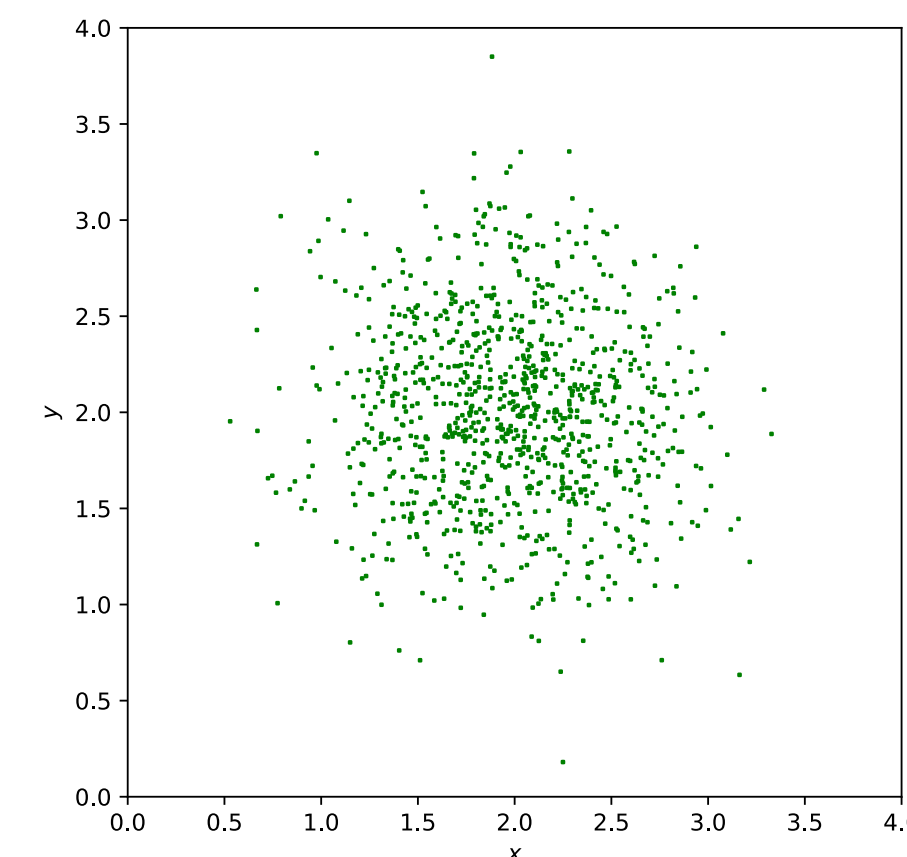
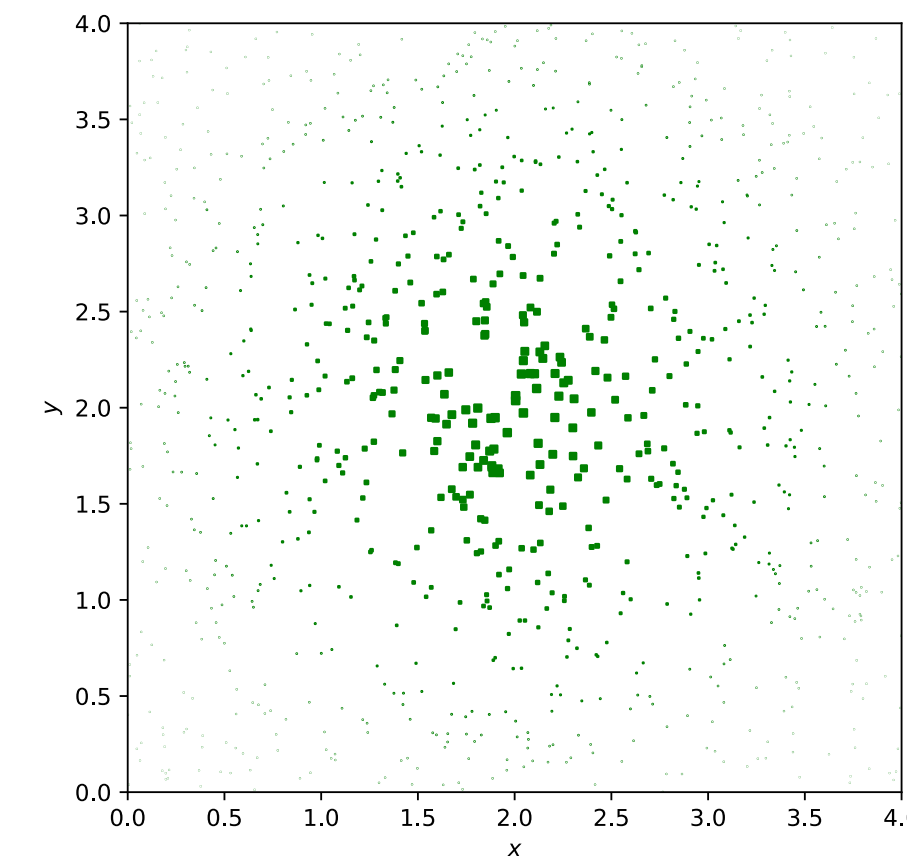
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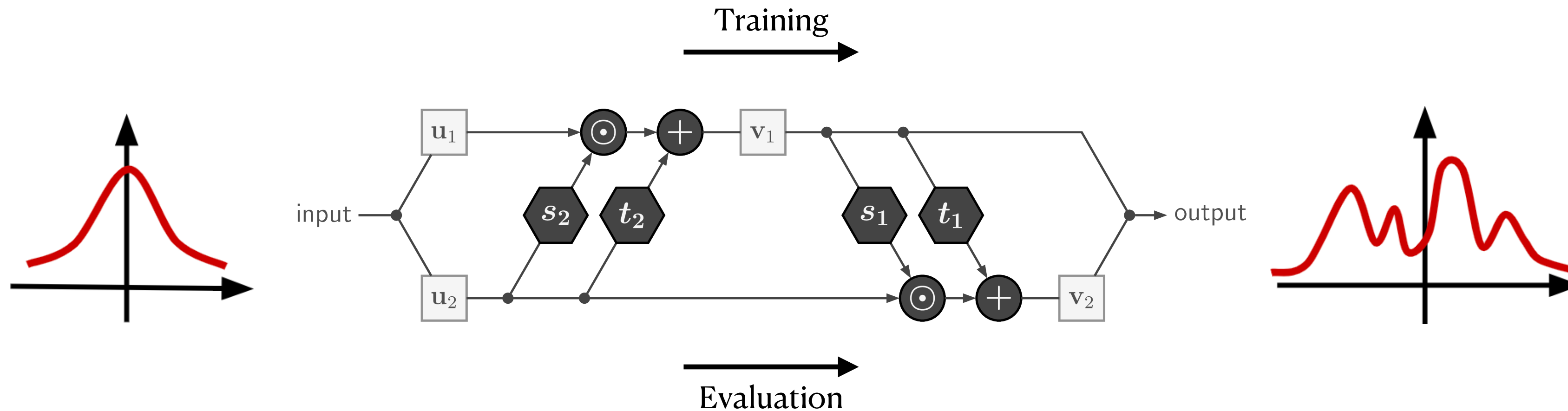
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# Normalizing flows

## Invertible networks for complex transformations

- + Bijective mapping
- + Tractable Jacobian  $\rightarrow p_x(x) = p_z(z) \cdot J_{NN}$
- + Fast evaluation in both direction



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 $\rightarrow$  Minimize difference

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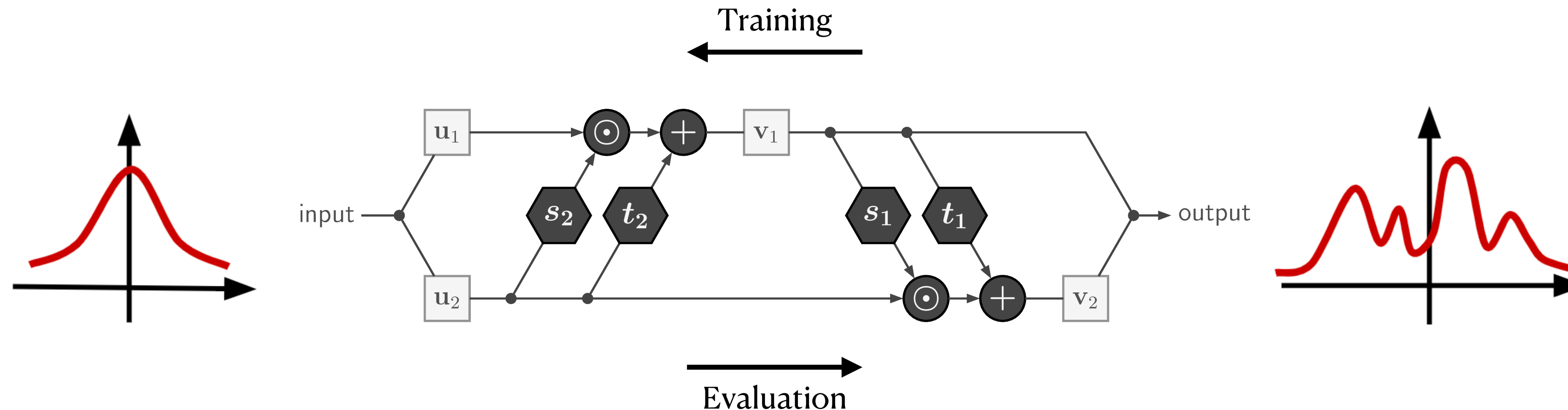
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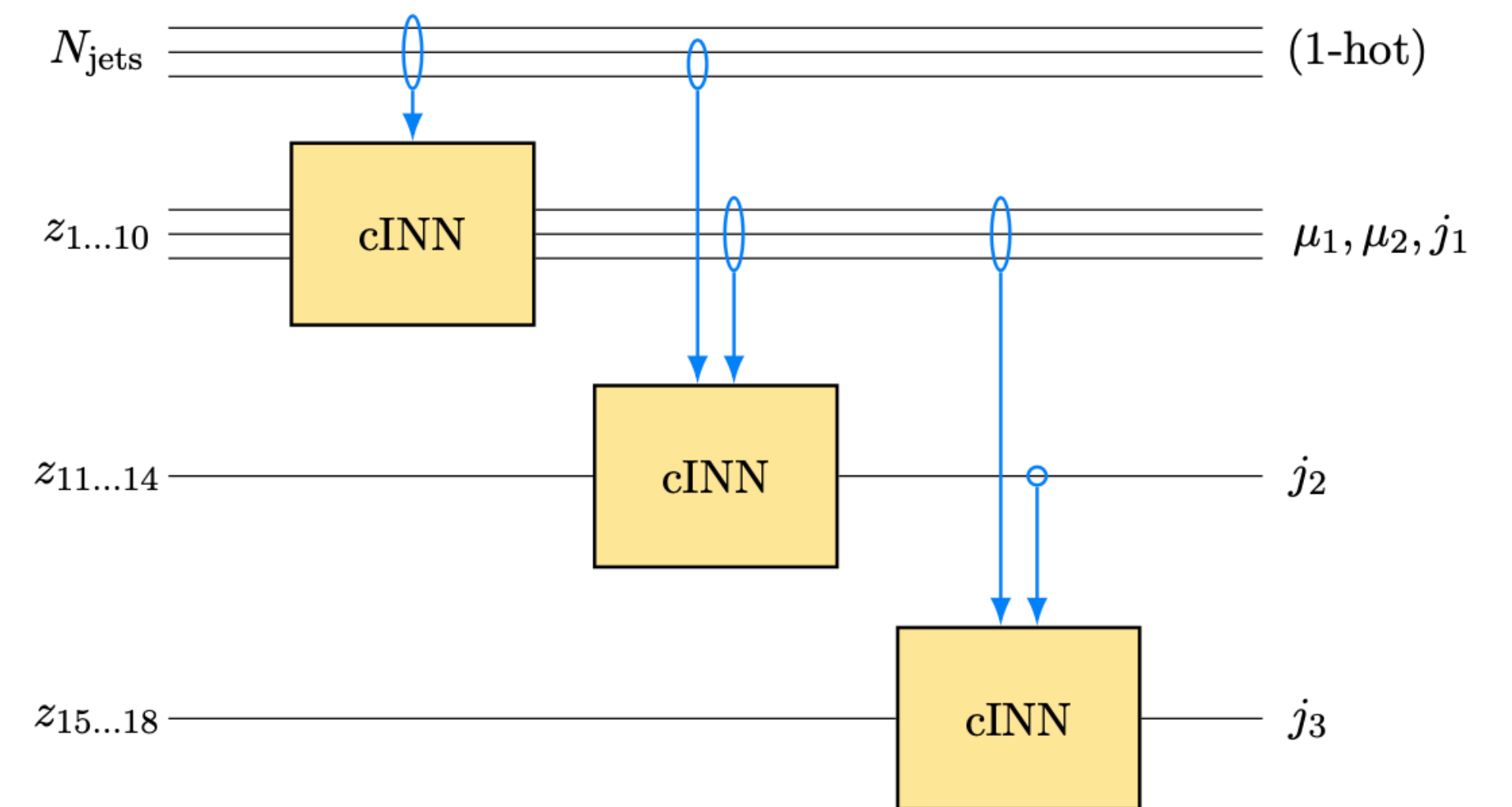
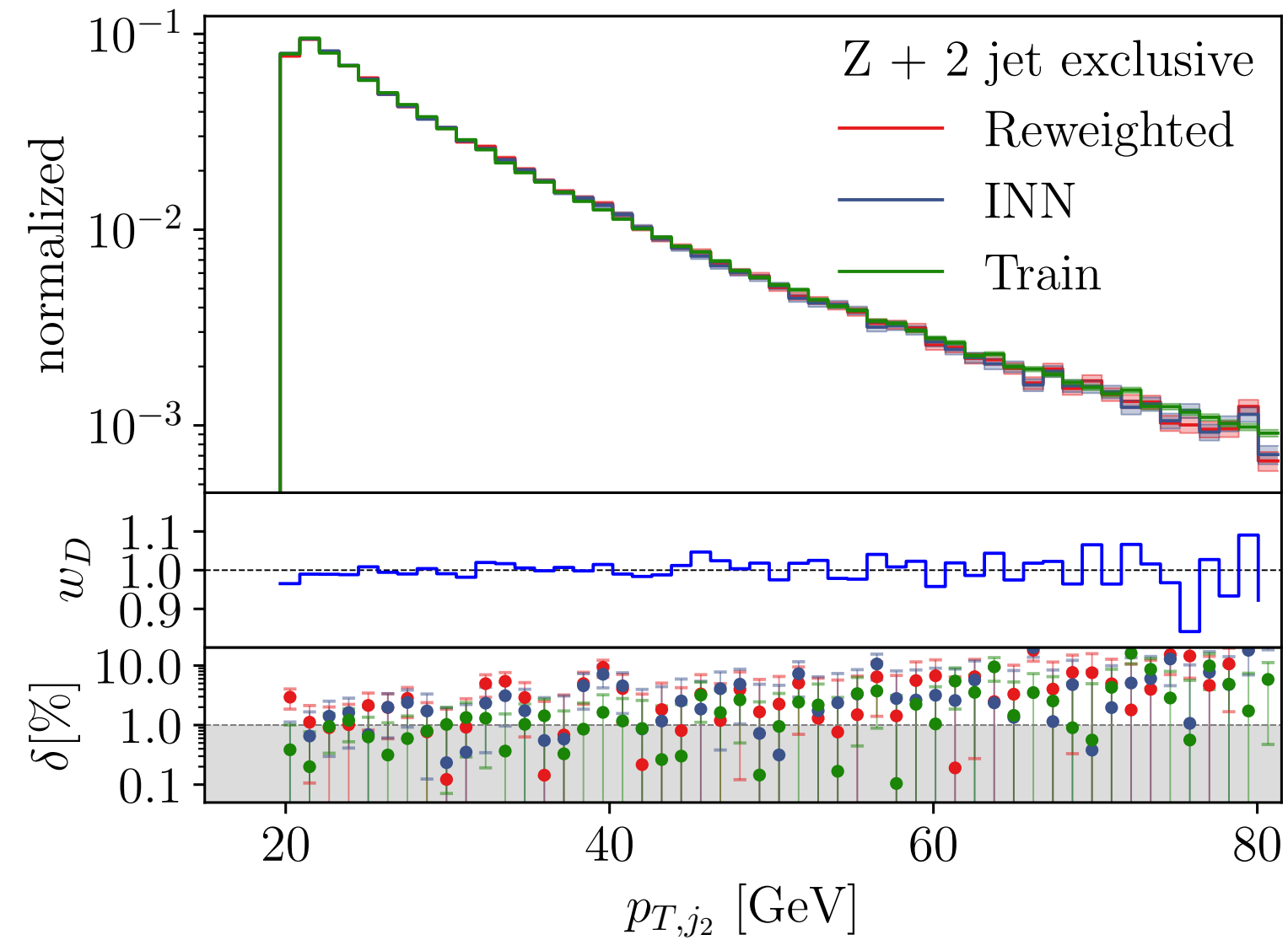
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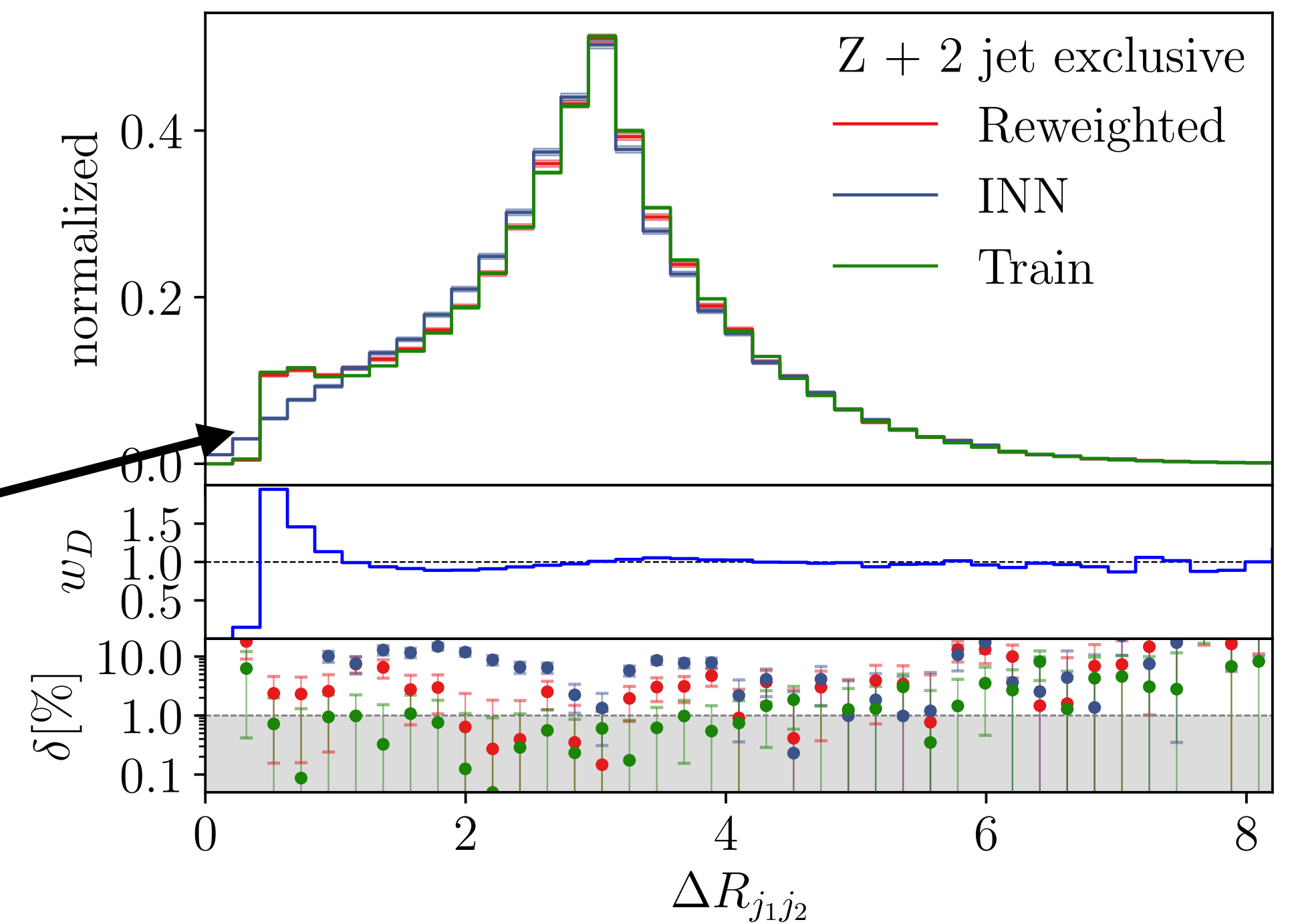
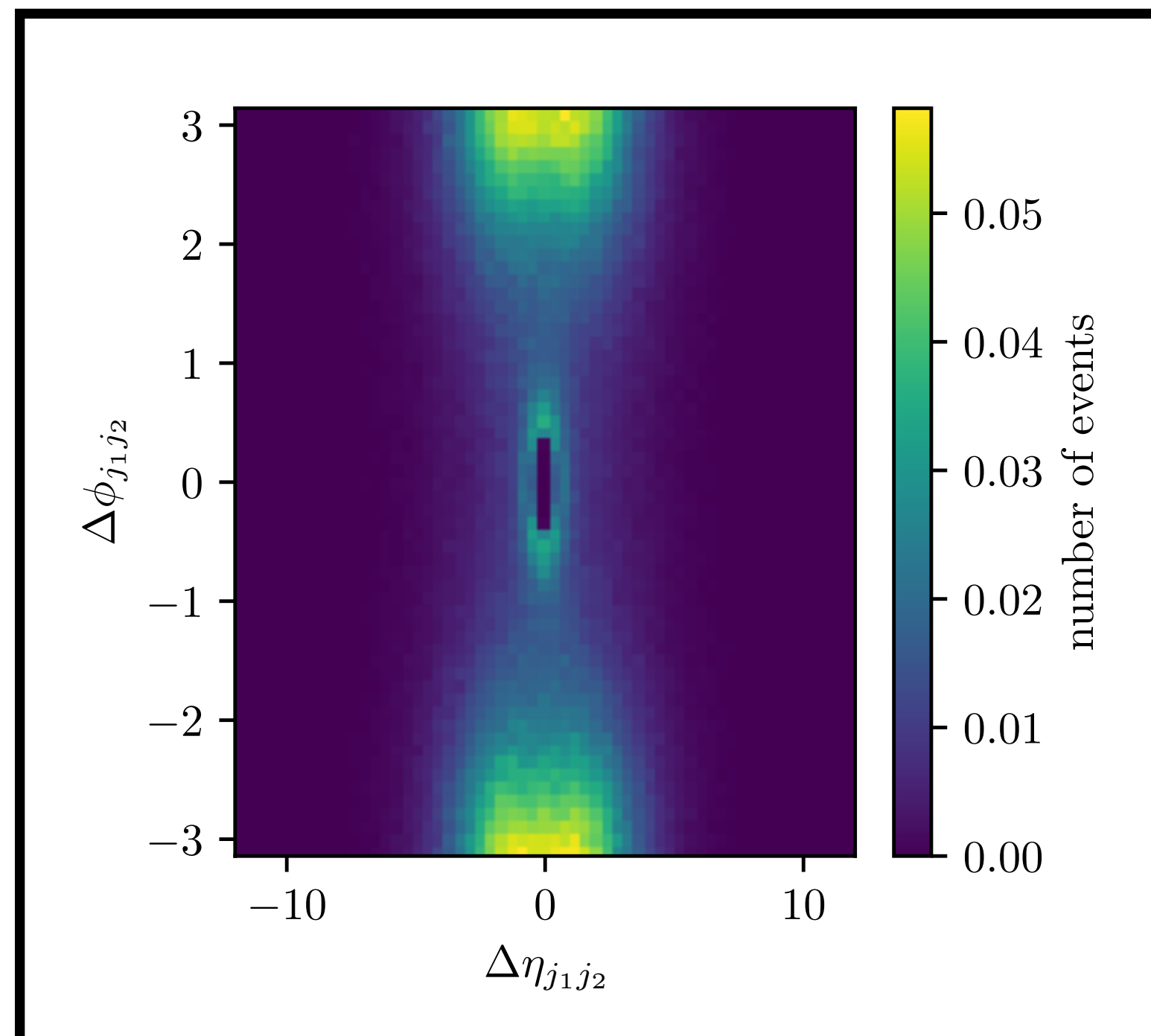


- Train normalizing flow on 4-momenta
- Include symmetries in feature representation
- Excellent performance for direct output
- Extend setup vor variable jet multiplicity



# Challenges for normalizing flows

- Narrow features
- Topological holes (eg  $\Delta R$  cuts)
  - no bijective mapping possible
  - can only be approximated



# Reweighting for Precision

- Classifier loss

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L} &= - \sum_{x \sim P_{data}} \log(D(x)) - \sum_{x \sim P_{INN}} \log(1 - D(x)) \\ &= - \int dx P_{data}(x) \log(D(x)) + P_{INN}(x) \log(1 - D(x))\end{aligned}$$

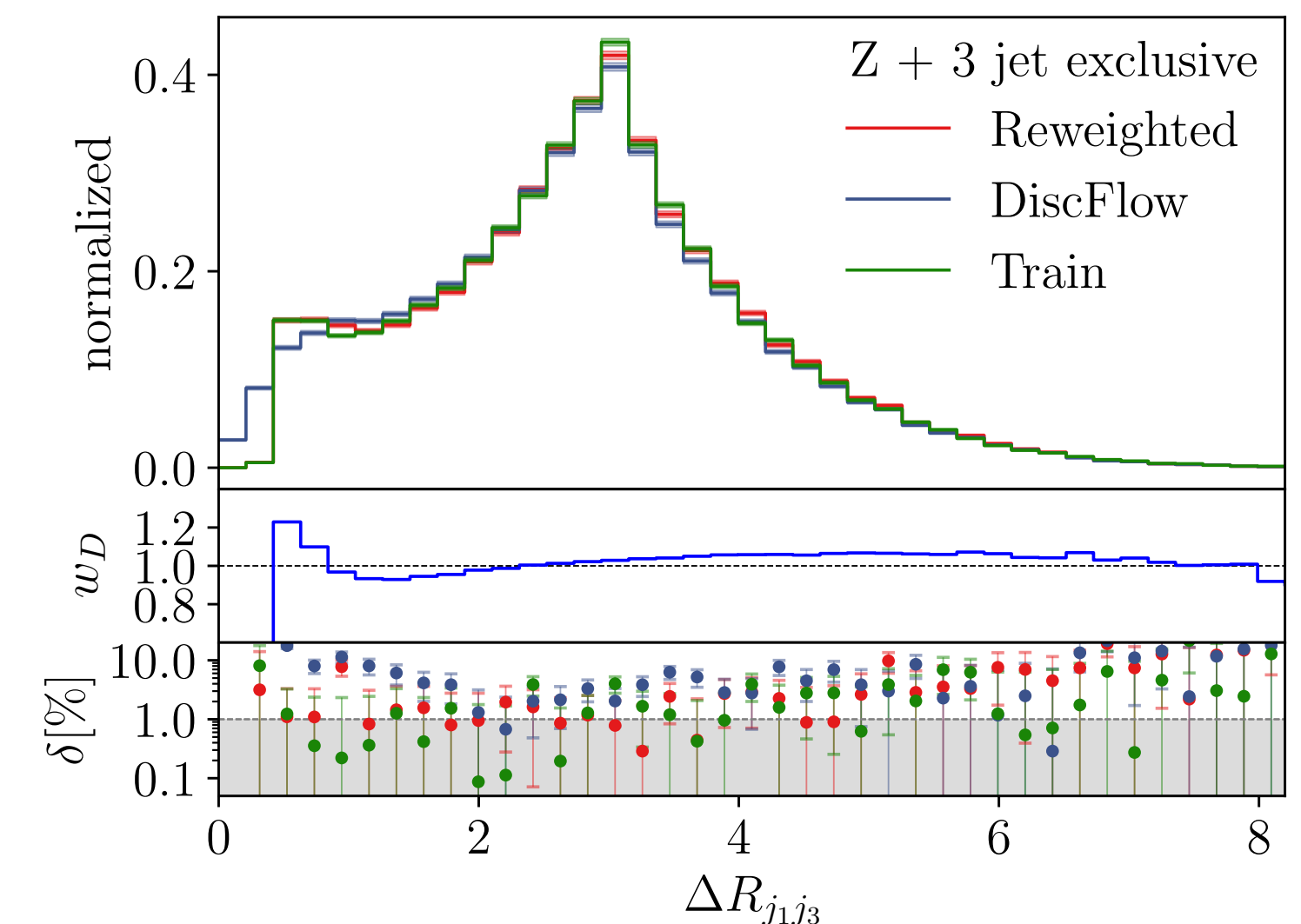
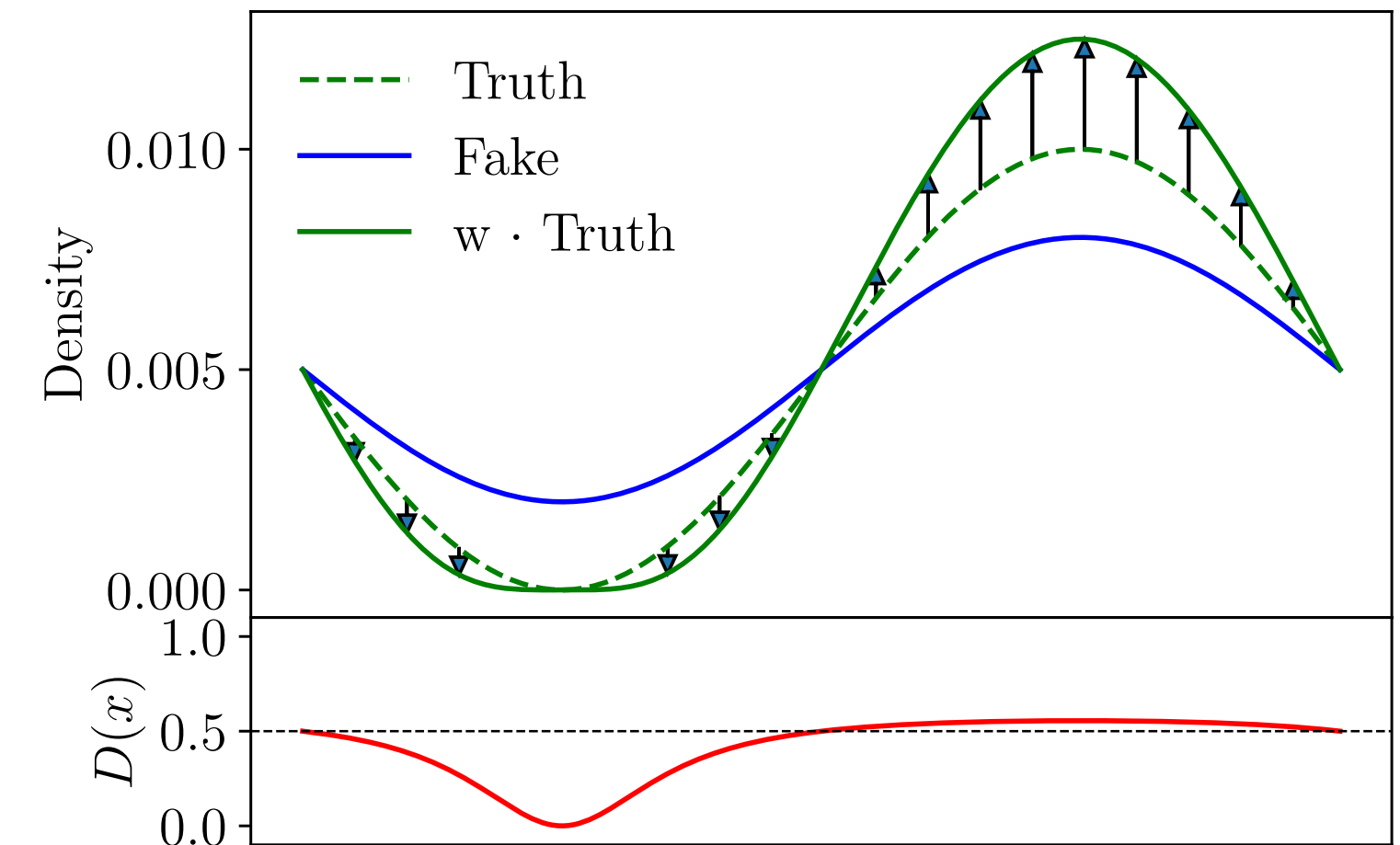
- Upon convergence obtain **reweighting factor**

$$\Rightarrow \frac{P_{data}(x)}{P_{INN}(x)} = \frac{D(x)}{1 - D(x)} = w_D$$

- Use classifier feedback to enhance gradients

$$\mathcal{L}_{DiscFlow} \approx \int dx \underbrace{w_D(x)^\alpha P(x)}_{\text{reweighted truth}} \left( \frac{\psi(x; c)^2}{2} - \log J(x) \right)$$

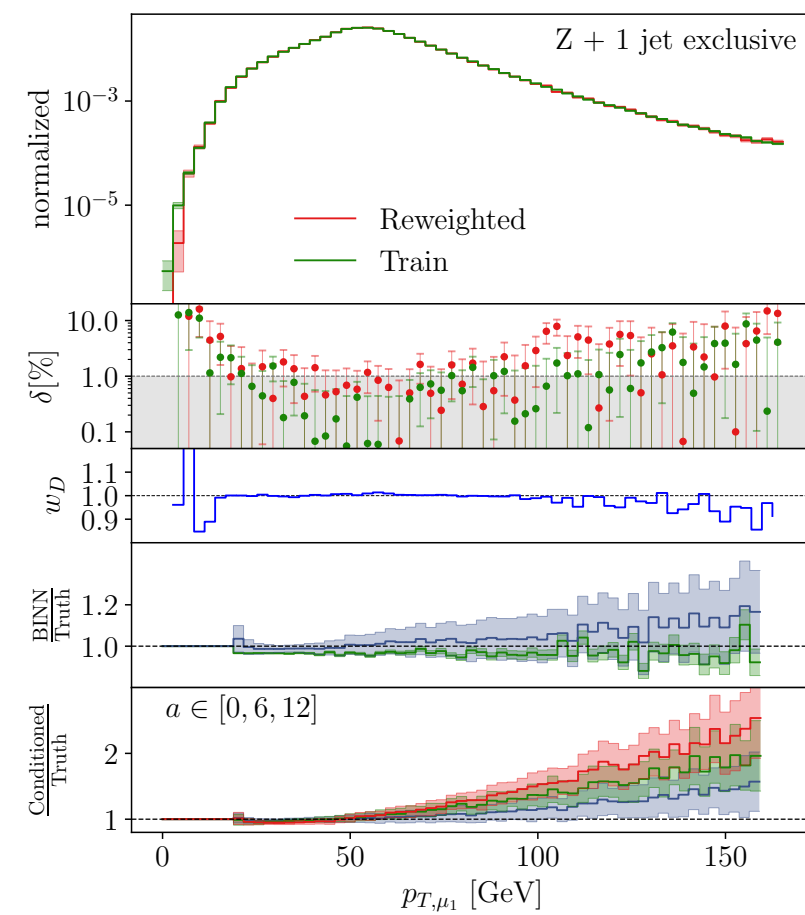
$\Rightarrow$  Reduces range of reweighting factors





# Forward simulations with generative networks

## Event generation



→ Otten et al.

→ Gao et al.

→ Bothmann et al.

→ Stienen et al.

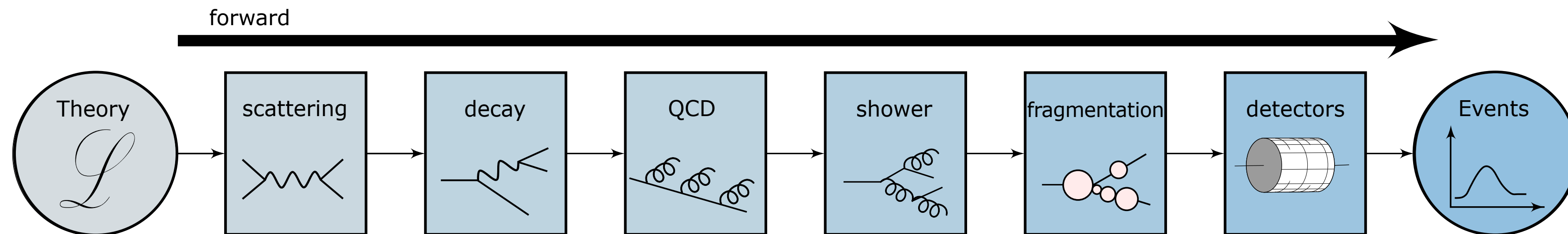
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→ and many more

## Applications

- Phase space sampling
- End to end learning
- Data compression
- Amplification

**What about the uncertainties ???**



# ML Uncertainties

## When do we (not) need them?

- Predictions with poorly trained NNs are sub-*optimal* but not *wrong*

- Example 1: **Phase space sampling**

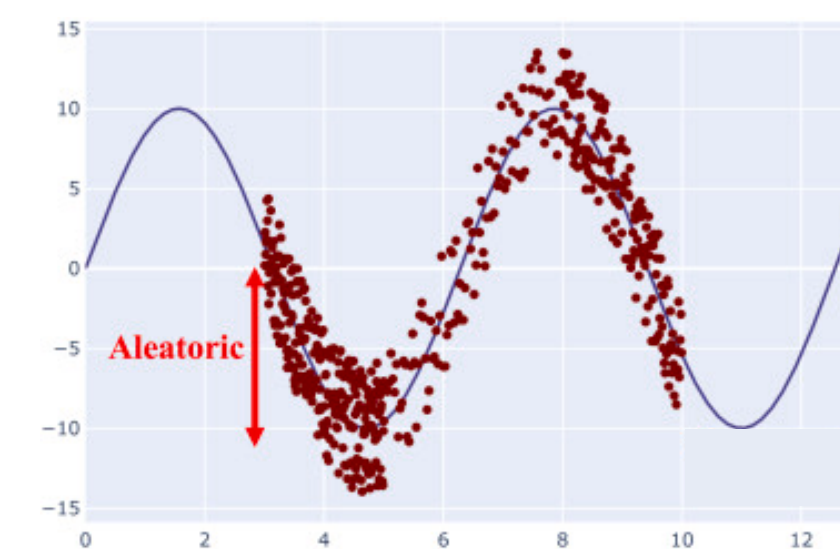
- Mapping induces Jacobian
- Events obtain weight from  $ME \times J$
- Bad mapping  $\rightarrow$  small unweighting efficiency

- Example 2: INN for **integration**

- Sub-optimal contour deformation
- **High variance** of integral
- Not efficient but not wrong

- Example 3: Data compression
  - Direct use of generator output

- Example 4:
  - Control over network training



modified from M. Abdar [[doi.org/10.1016/j.inffus.2021.05.008](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.inffus.2021.05.008)]

$\rightarrow$  **Control** comes from **simulation** !

$\rightarrow$  How can we estimate this uncertainty?

# Defining the loss function

$$p(A) = \int dw p(A | w)p(w | T) \approx \int dw p(A | w)q(w)$$

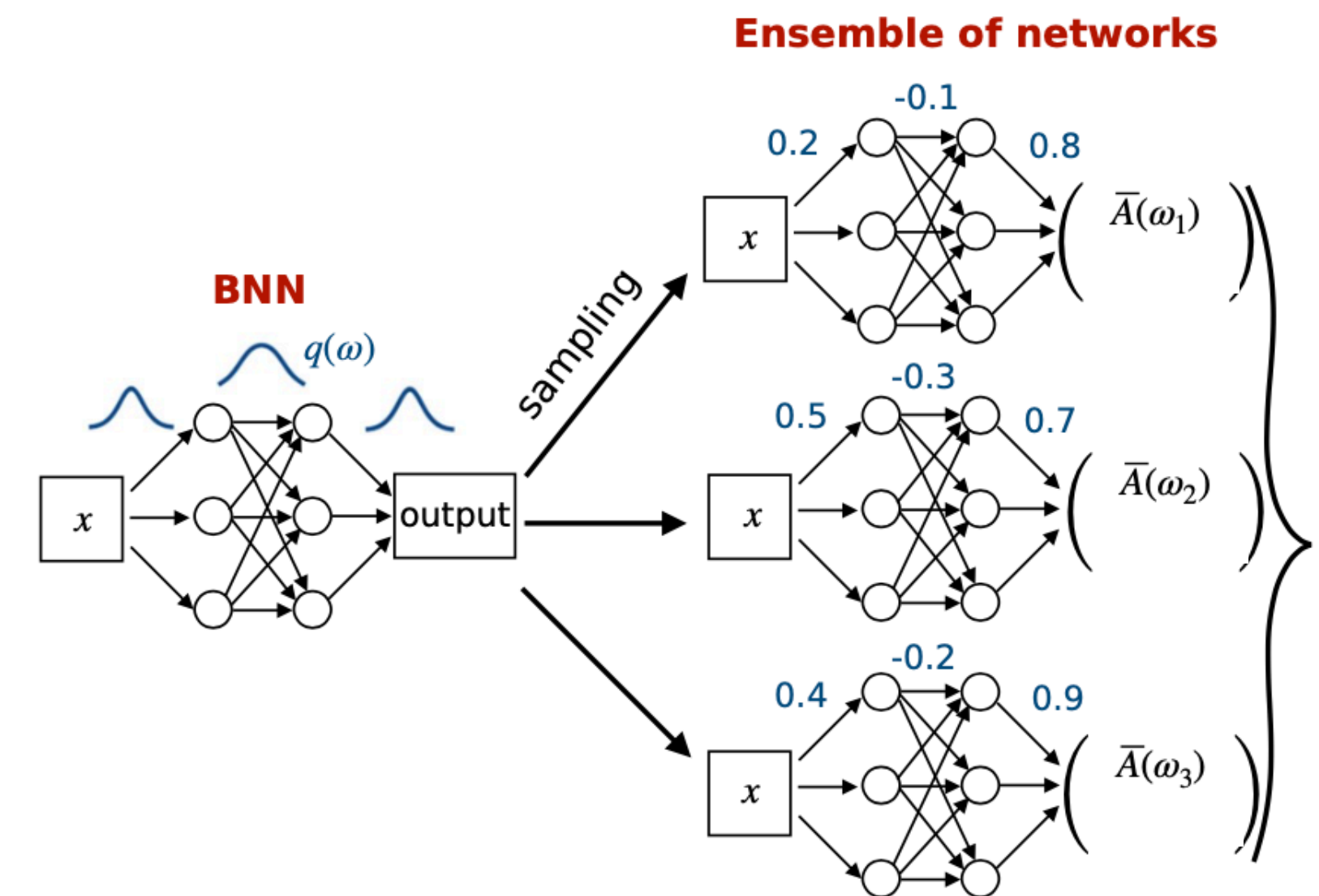
Approximate  $q(w)$  by minimizing KL divergence

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{BNN} &= \text{KL}[q(w), p(w | T)] \\ &= \int dw q(w) \log \frac{q(w)}{p(w | T)} \\ &= \int dw q(w) \log \frac{q(w)p(T)}{p(w)p(T | w)} \\ &= \text{KL}[q(w), p(w)] - \int dw q(w) \log p(T | w) \end{aligned}$$

Gaussian prior

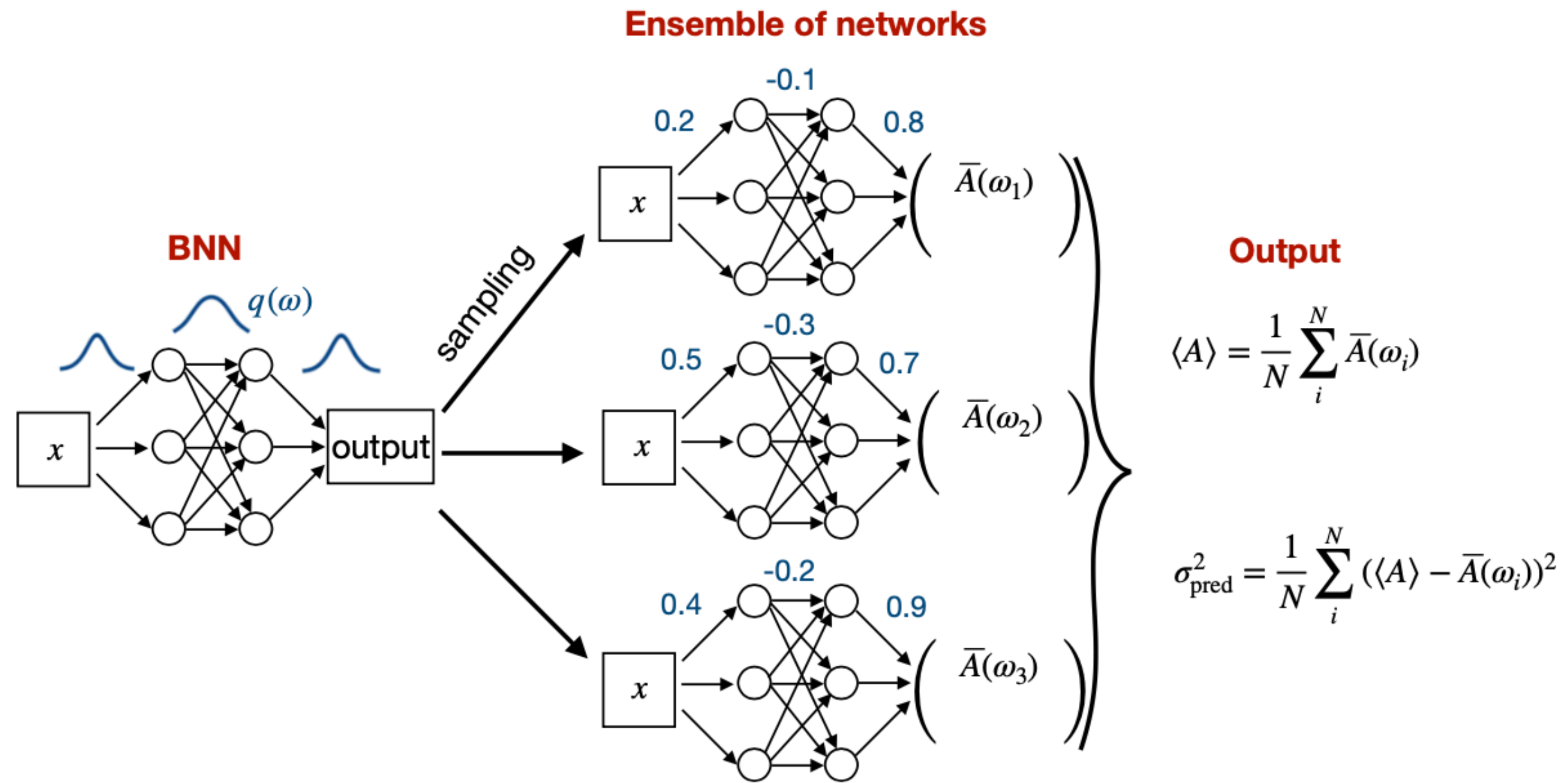
$$\frac{\sigma_q^2 - \sigma_p^2 + (\mu_q - \mu_p)^2}{2\sigma_p^2} + \log \frac{\sigma_p}{\sigma_q}$$

Standard loss



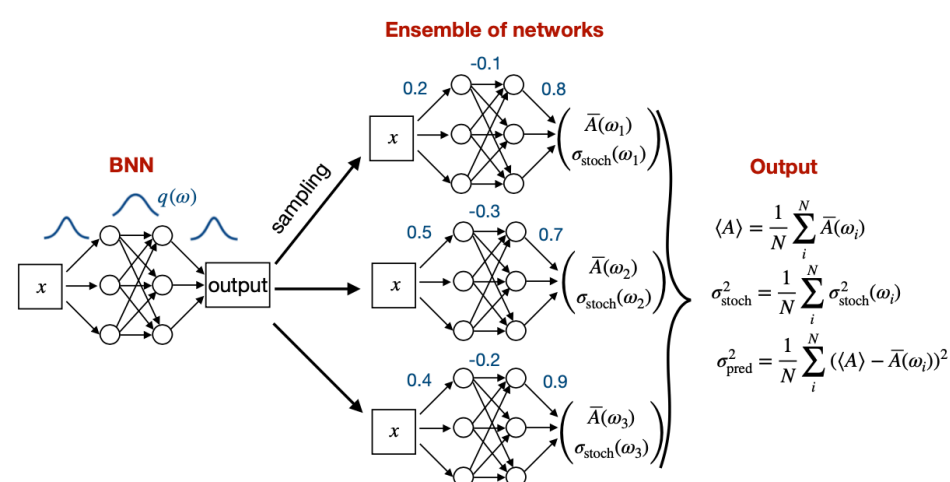
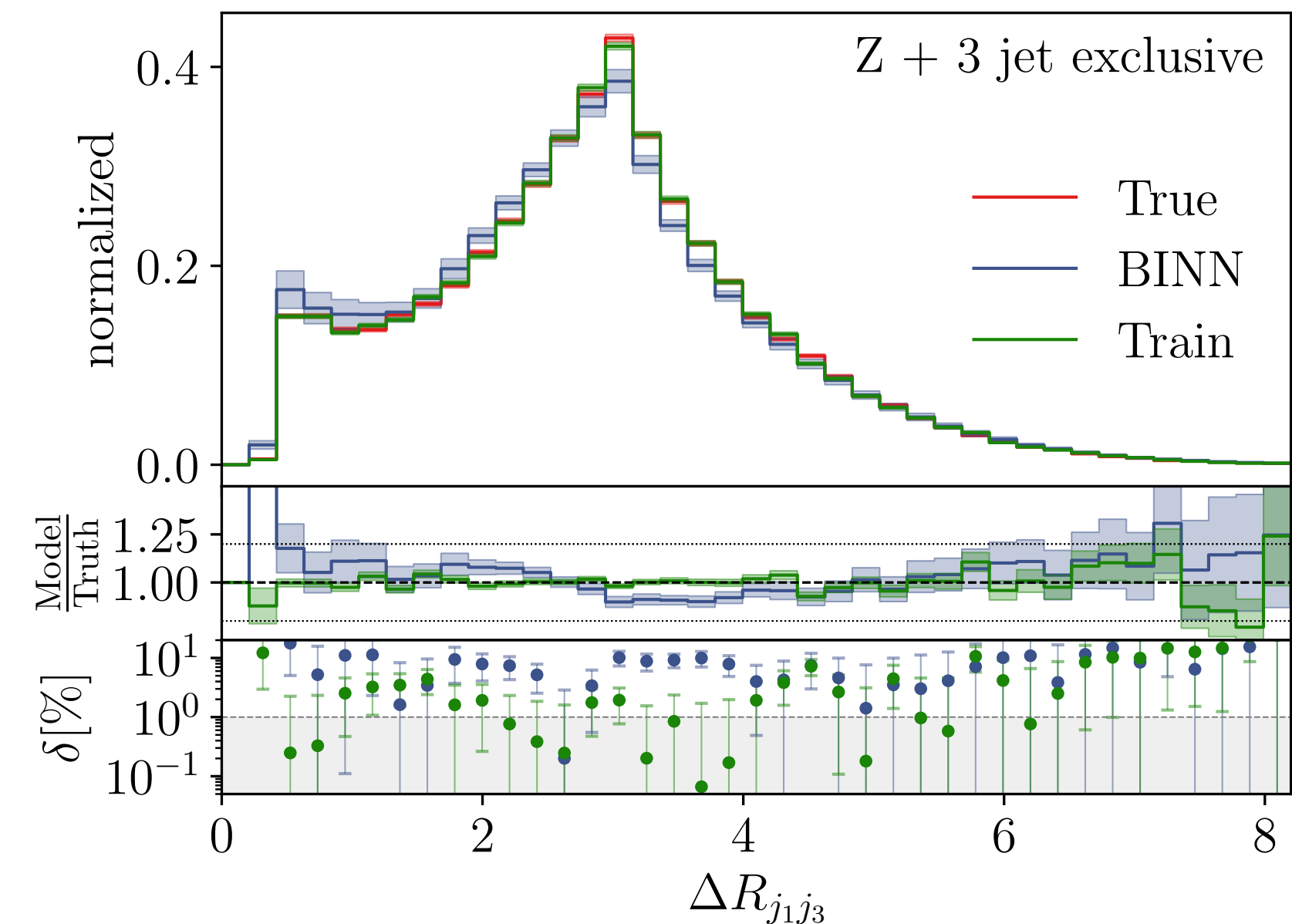
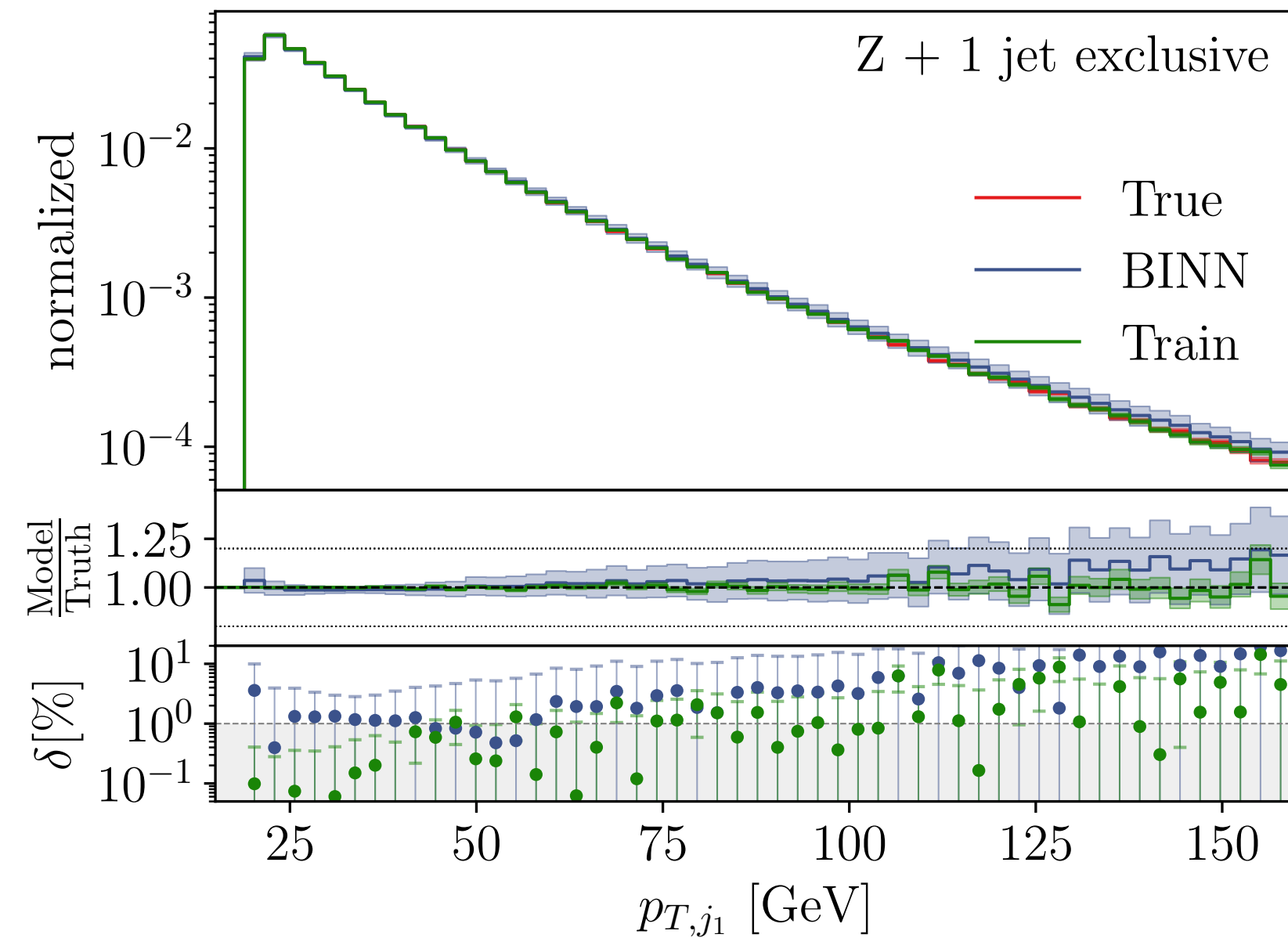


# Bayesian Neural Network



$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L} &= \mathcal{L}_{INN} + KL_{\text{prior}} \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^N \langle \log p_X(x_n | \theta) \rangle_{\theta \sim q_\Phi(\theta)} - KL(q_\Phi(\theta), p(\theta)) \end{aligned}$$

# Bayesian generative networks

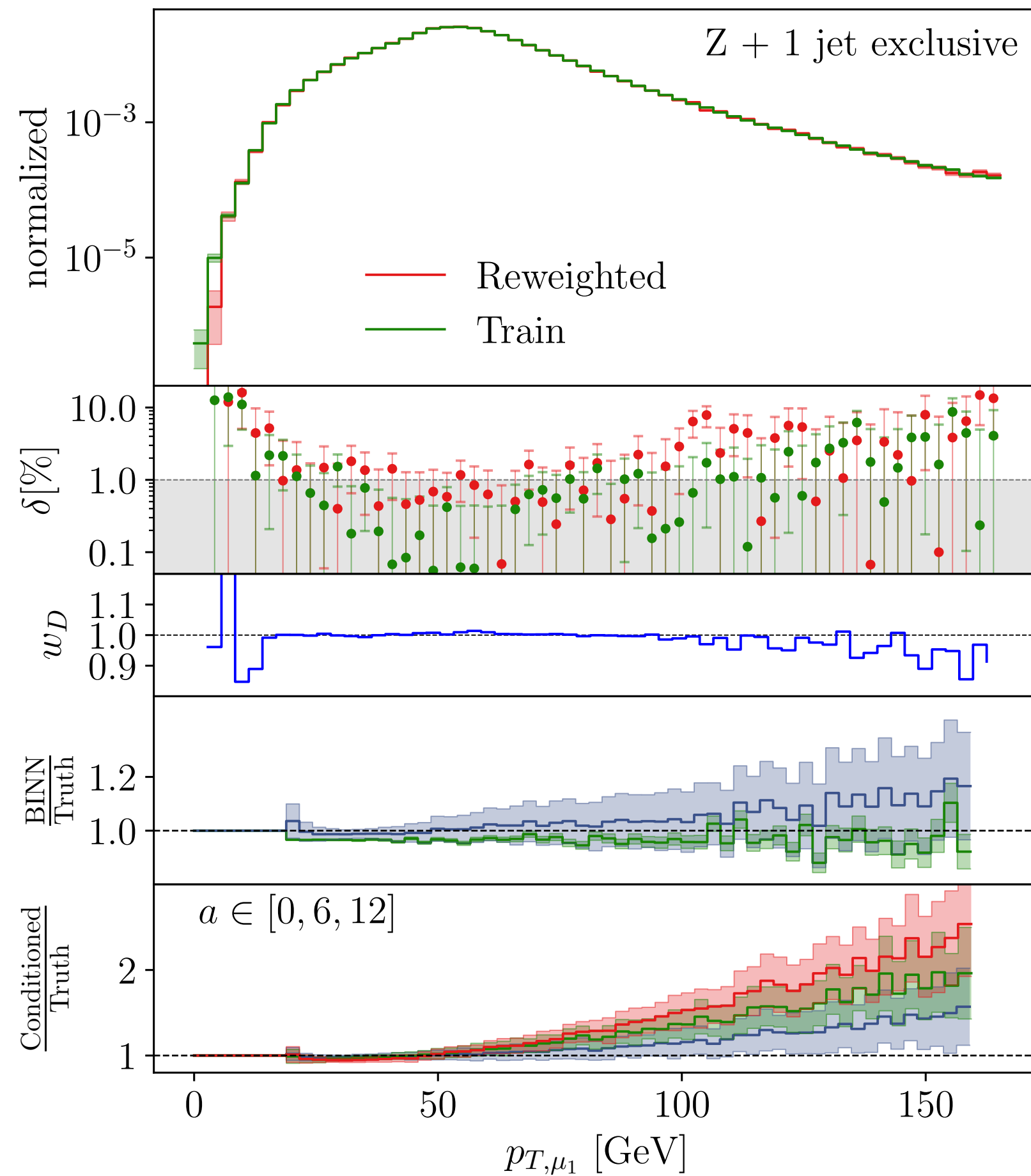


⇒ BINN captures uncertainty related to convergence and statistical uncertainties

⇒ BINN does not capture lack of expressiveness

# Putting flows to work

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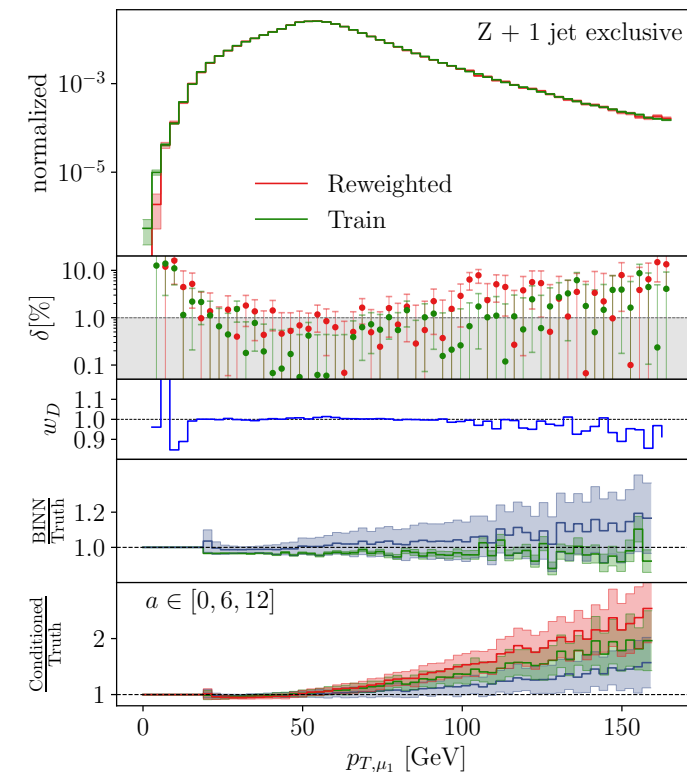


- Basis: INN
    - Phase space symmetries in architecture
  - Control via classifier  $D$ 
    - $\frac{p_{\text{truth}}(x)}{p_{\text{INN}}(x)} = \frac{D(x)}{1 - D(x)}$
  - Precision via reweighting
    - Correct deviations of  $p_{\text{INN}}$
- ➔ Uncertainty estimation via Bayesian NN
- ➔ Uncertainty propagation via conditioning



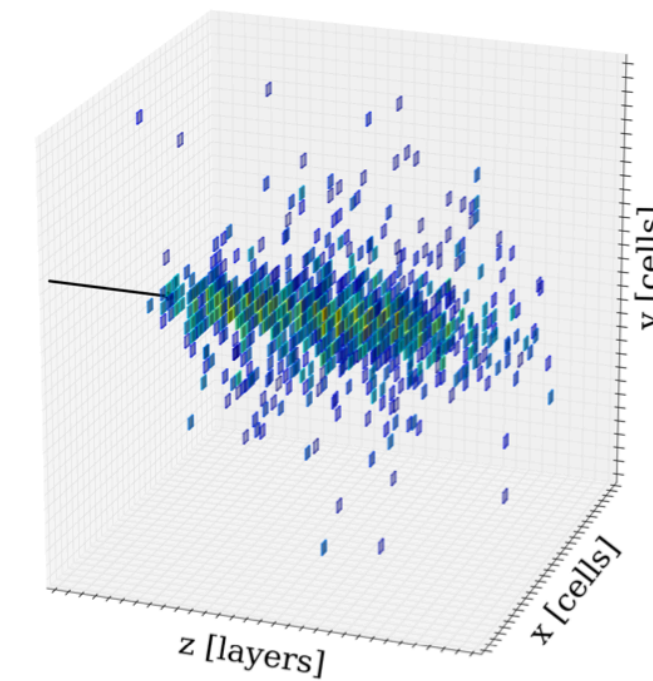
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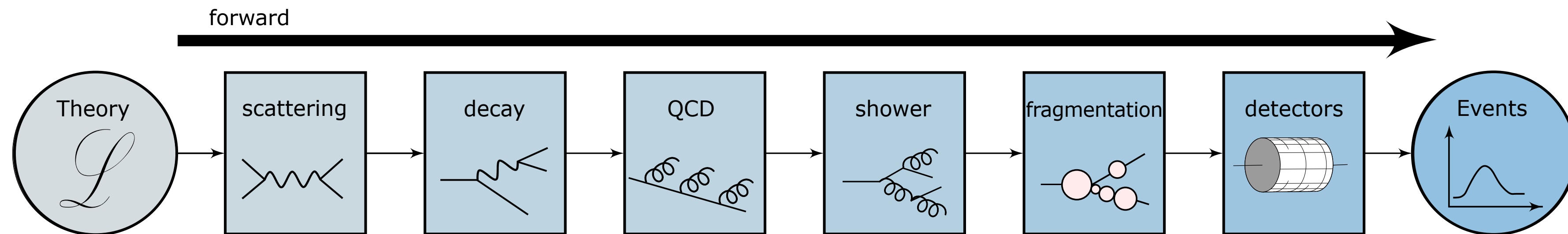


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## Detector simulation



- CaloGAN by M. Paganini et al.
- BIBAE by E. Buhman, S. Diefenbacher et al.
- CaloFlow by C. Krause, D. Shih
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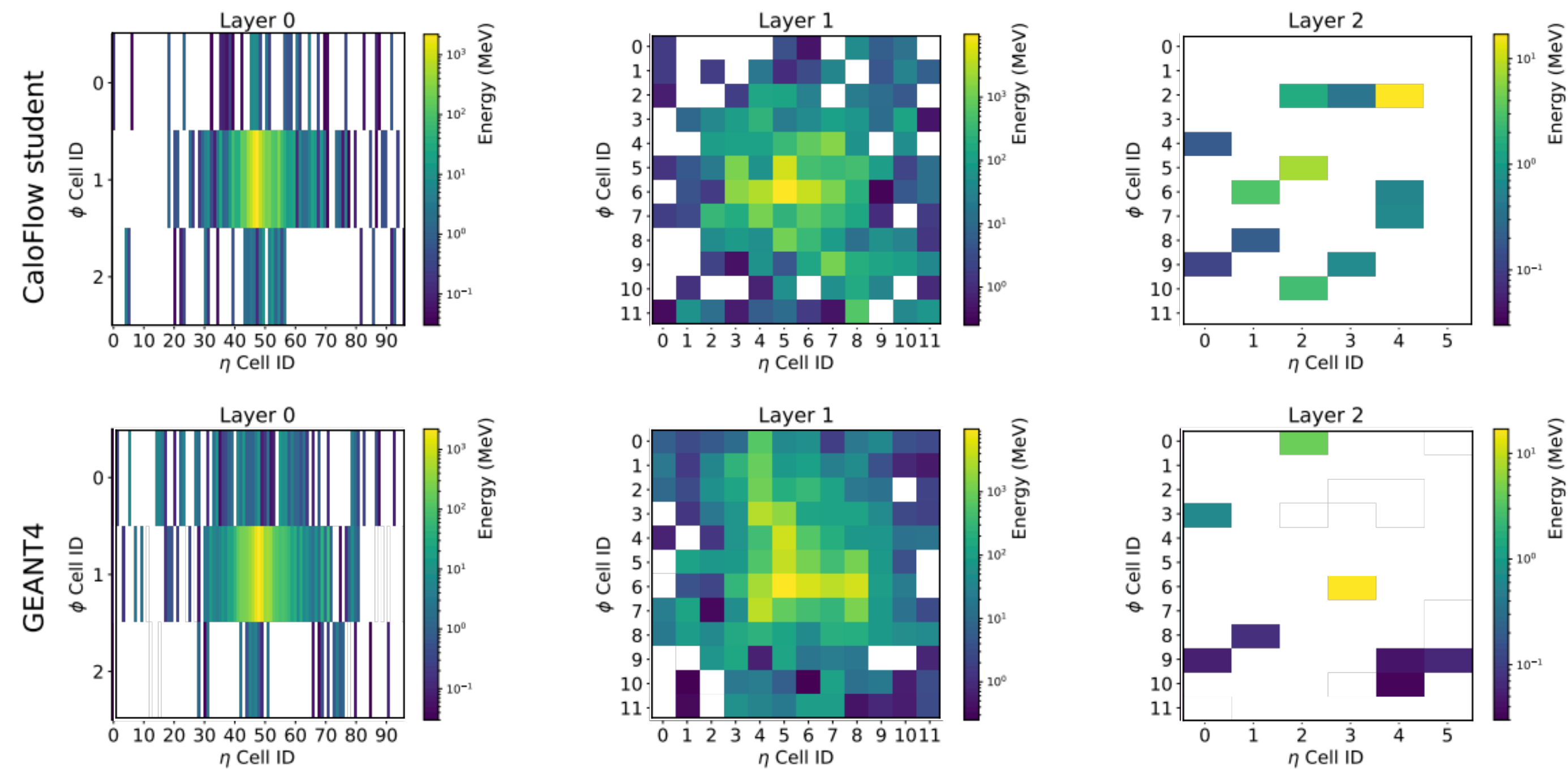
Phase space sampling with generative networks (GAN, VAE, NF)

Particularly promising architecture  
→ Normalizing flows

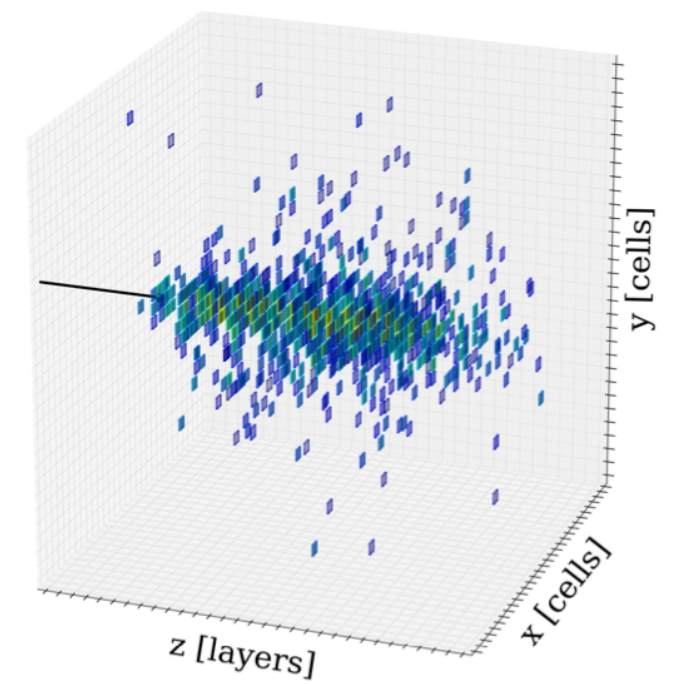
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Challenge: large dimensionality ( $3 \times 96, 12 \times 12, 12 \times 6$ )



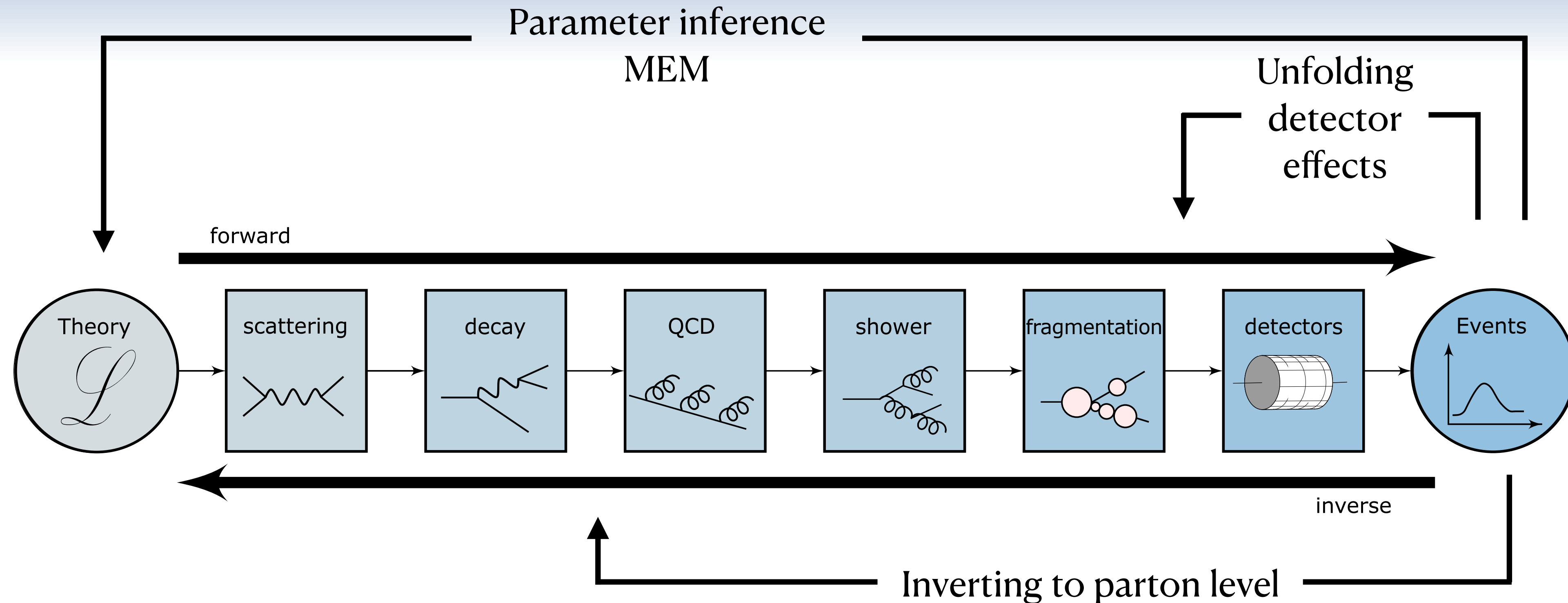
30000 pixels



C. Krause & D. Shih [2110.11377]

$\pi^+$  shower individual & average

# Inverting the simulation chain



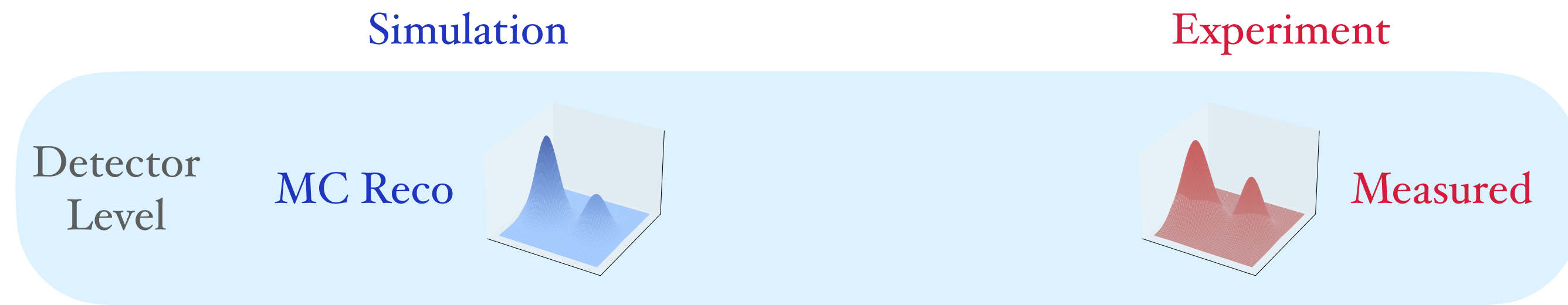
Requirements

- High-dimensional
- Bin independent
- Statistically well defined



# ML unfolding methods

High-dimensional. Bin independent. Robust.

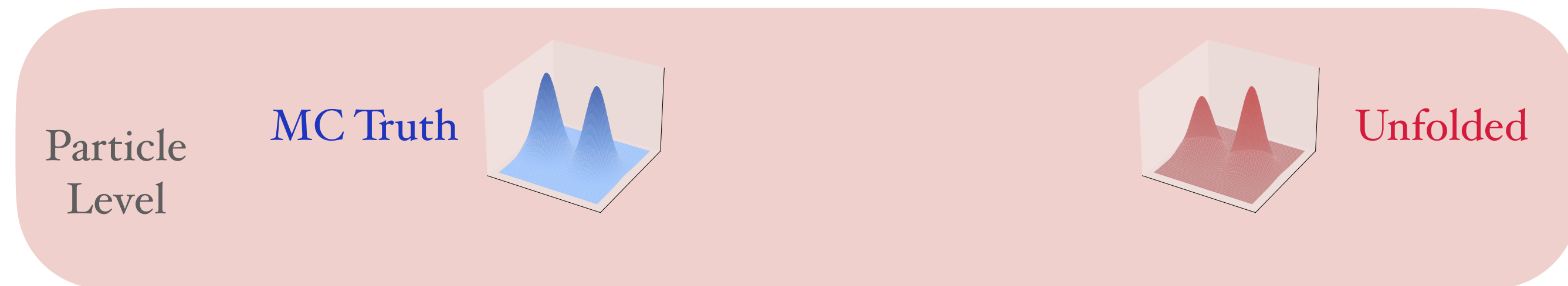


1. Train  $c \downarrow$  NN

2. Predict

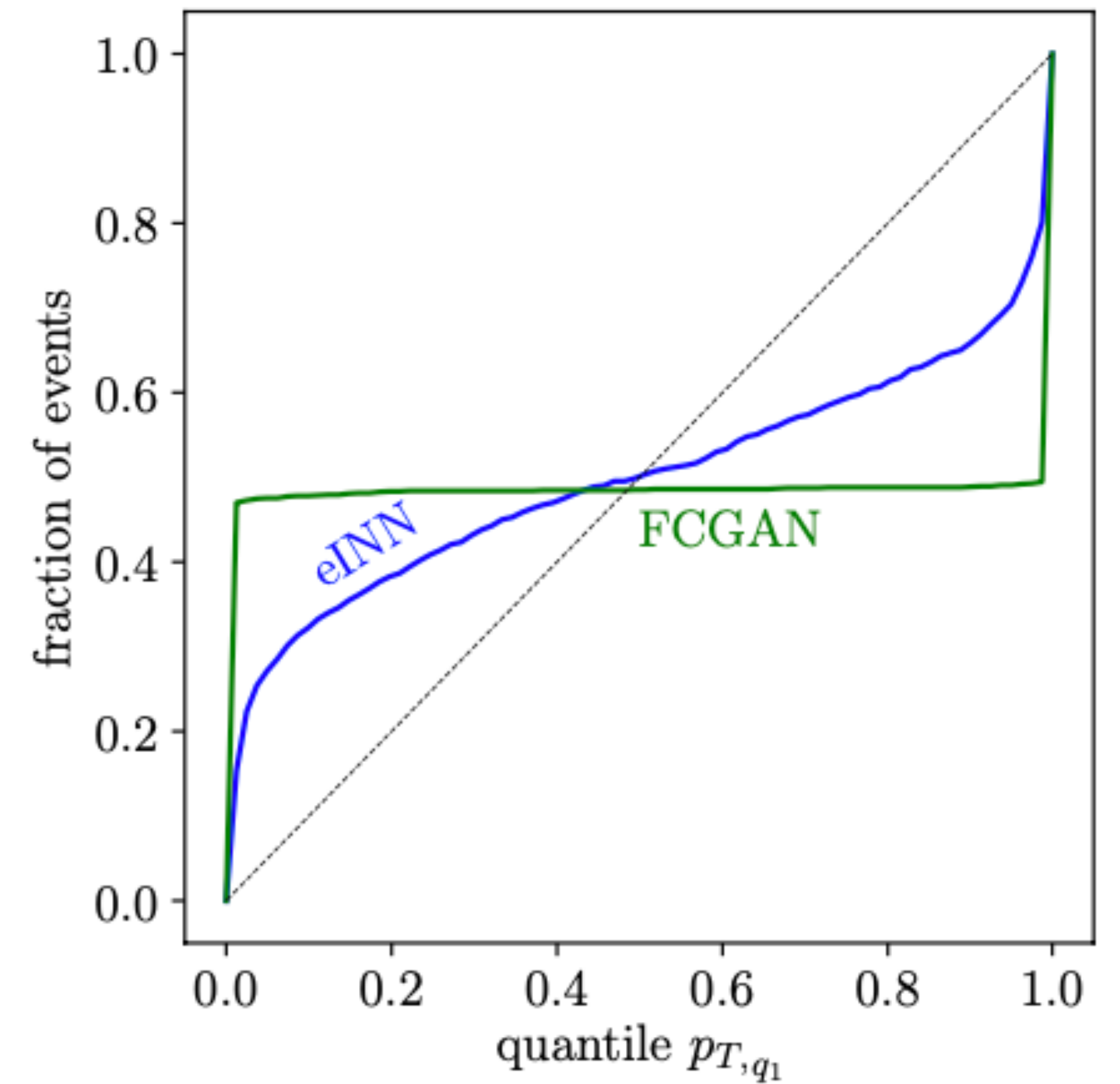
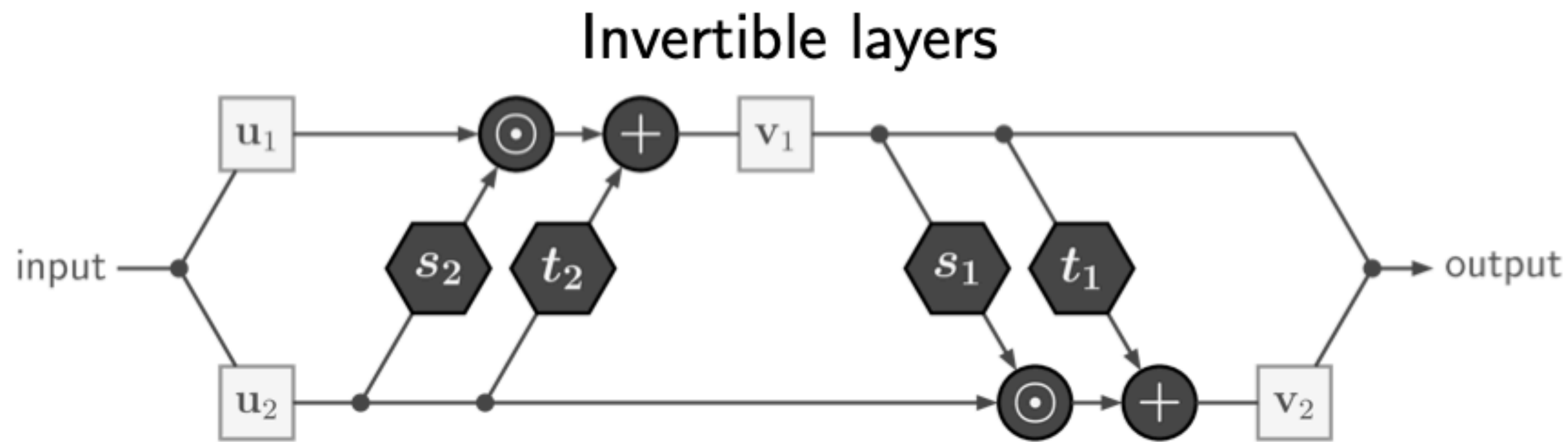
**Density based approach**  
Output: probability density per unfolded event

$$p(x_{part} | x_{reco})$$



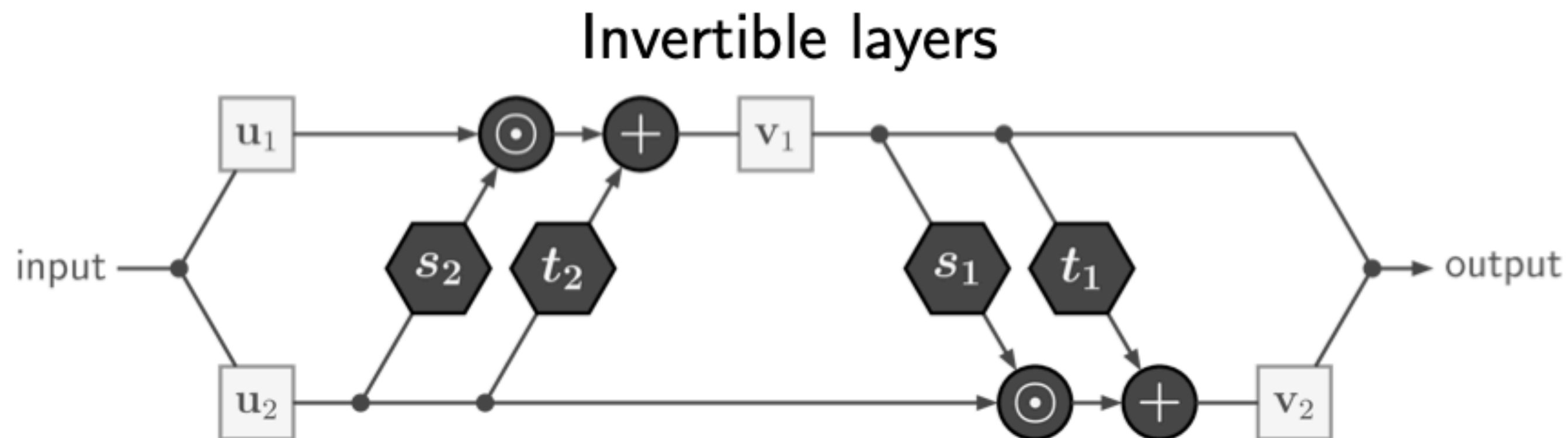
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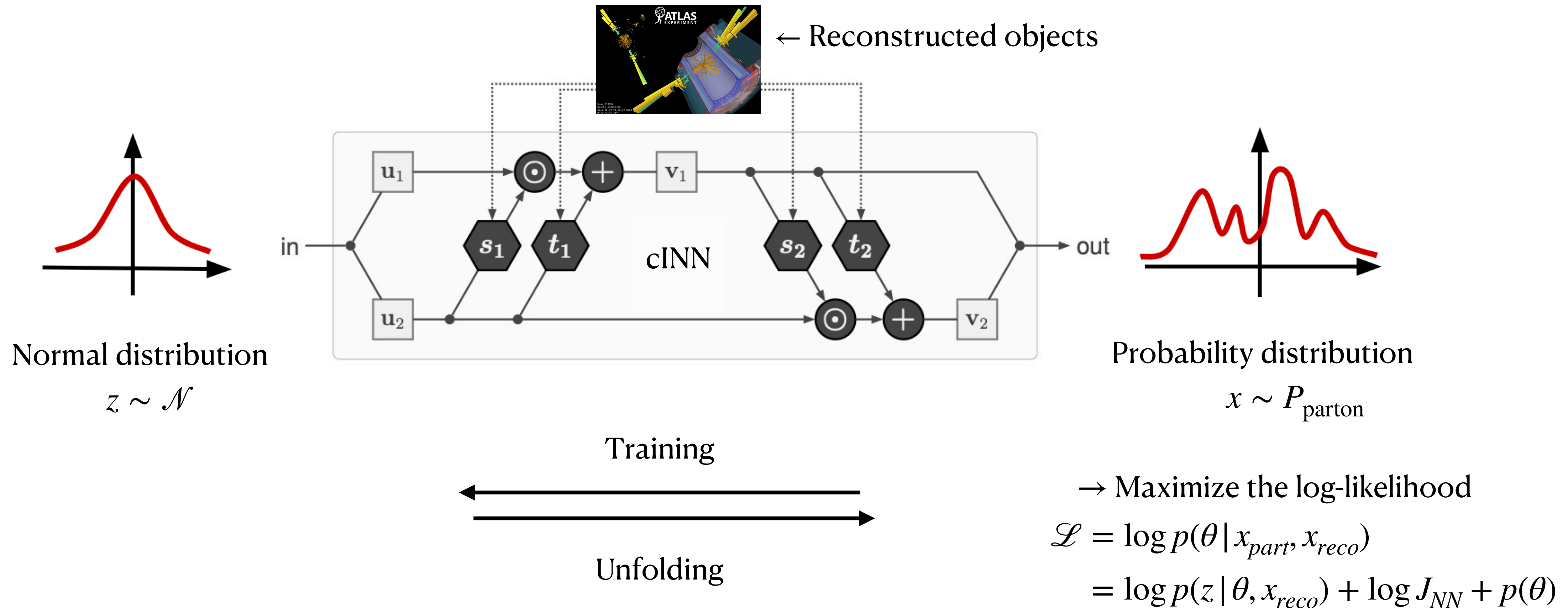
$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{part} = & \lambda_1 \|x_{part} - \bar{g}_{part}(x_{det}, r_{det})\| \\ & + \lambda_2 \text{MMD}(x_{part}, \bar{g}_{part}(x_{det}, r_{det})) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{det} = & \lambda_3 \|x_{det} - g_{det}(x_{part}, r_{part})\| \\ & + \lambda_4 \text{MMD}(x_{det}, g_{det}(x_{part}, r_{part})) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_r = & \lambda_5 \text{MMD}(\bar{g}_r(x_{det}, r_{det}), \mathcal{N}) \\ & + \lambda_6 \text{MMD}(g_r(x_{part}, r_{part}), \mathcal{N}) \end{aligned}$$

# cINN unfolding

Given a reconstructed event:  
 What is the probability distribution at particle level?

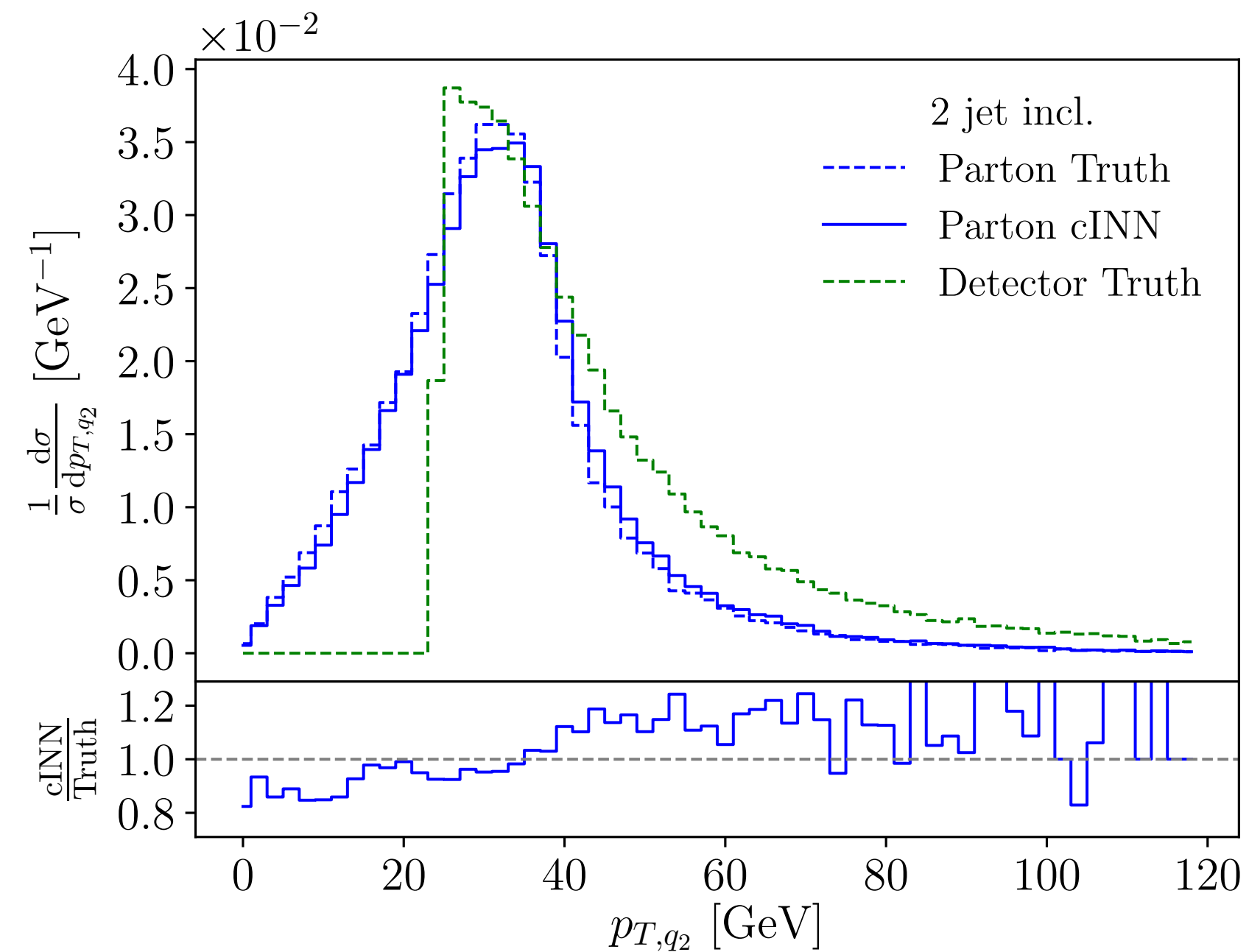




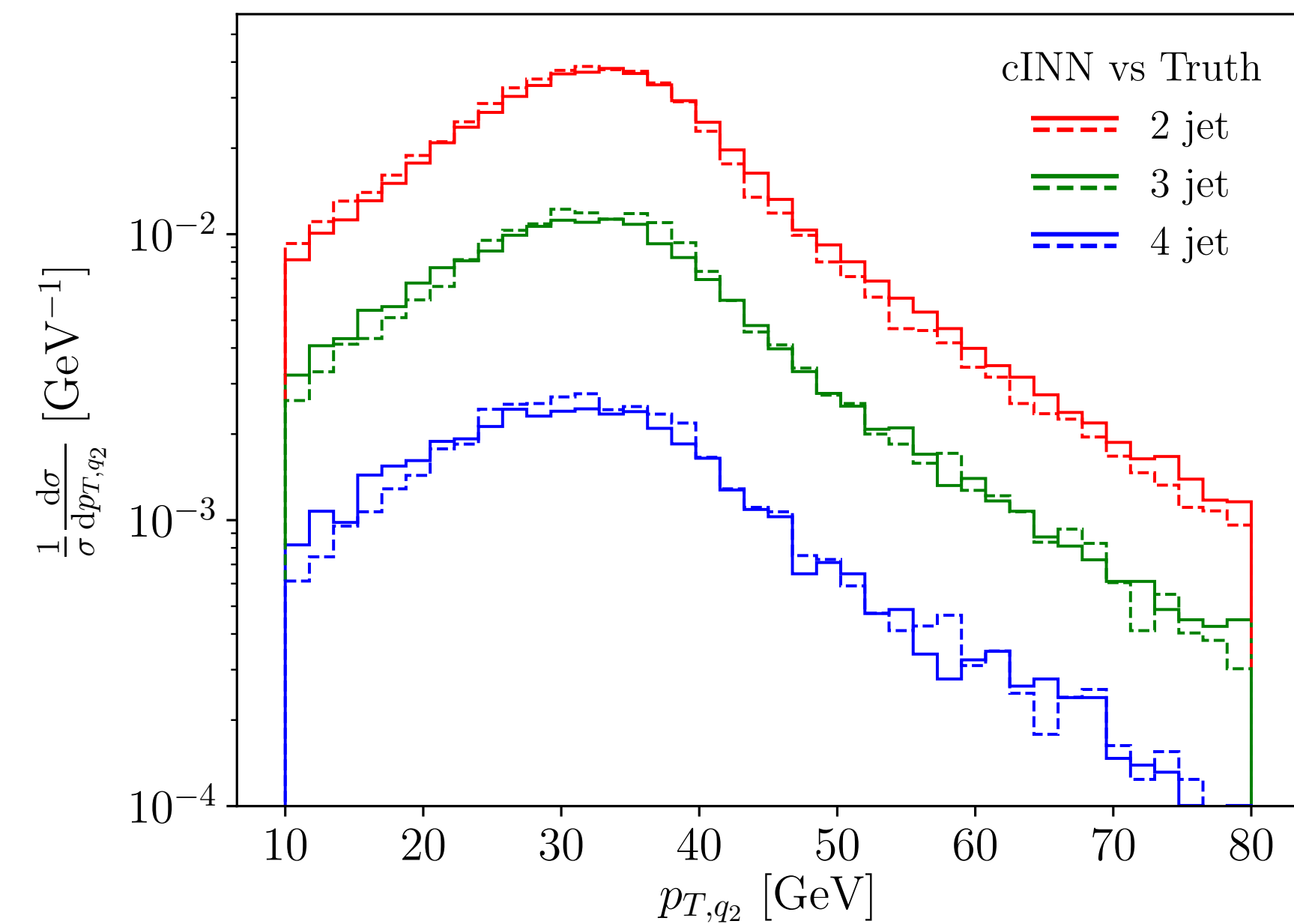
# Inverting inclusive distributions

$$pp > WZ > q\bar{q}l^+l^- + \text{ISR} \rightarrow 2/3/4 \text{ jet events}$$

Training on inclusive dataset



Evaluate exclusive 2/3/4 jet events



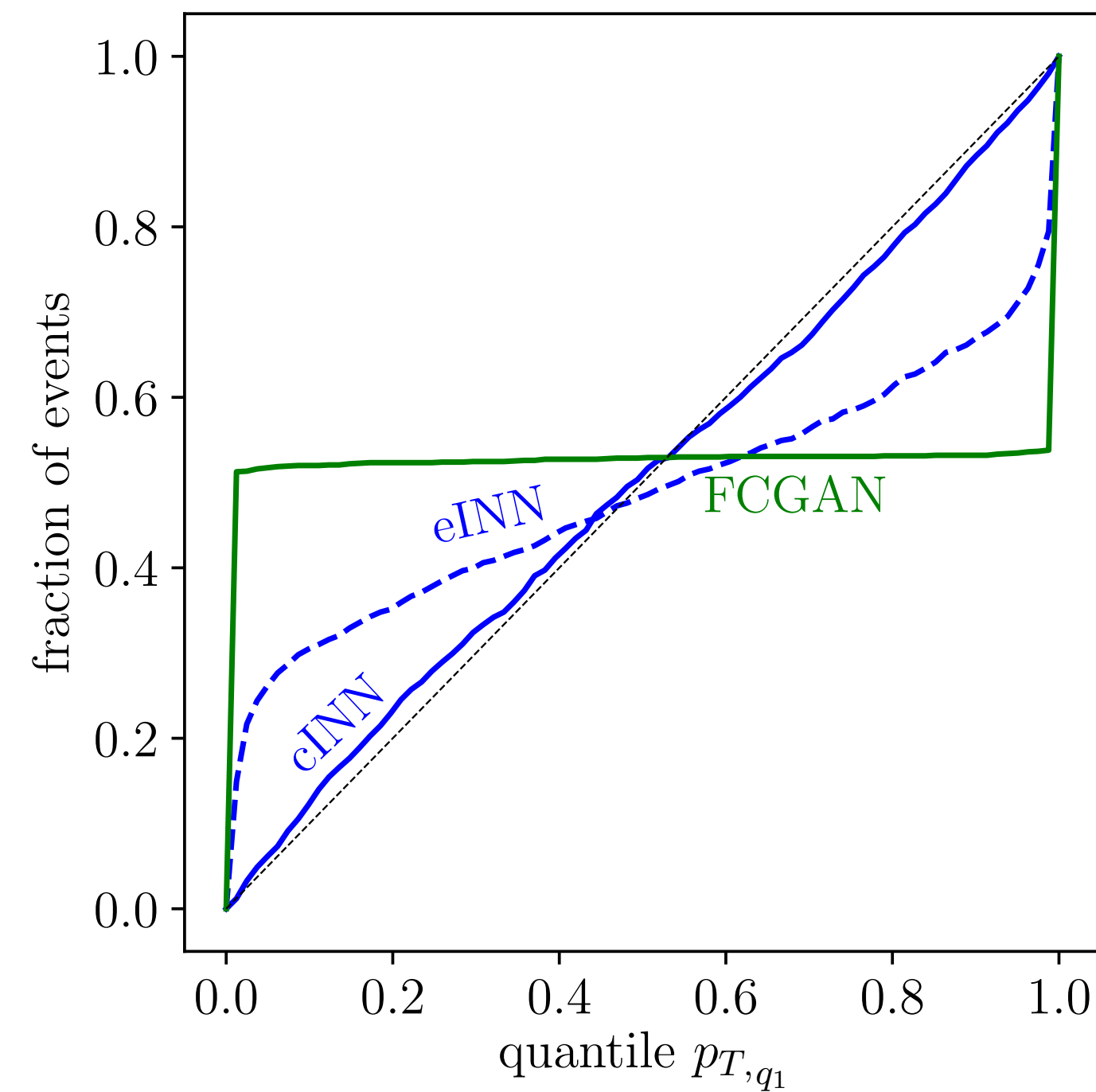
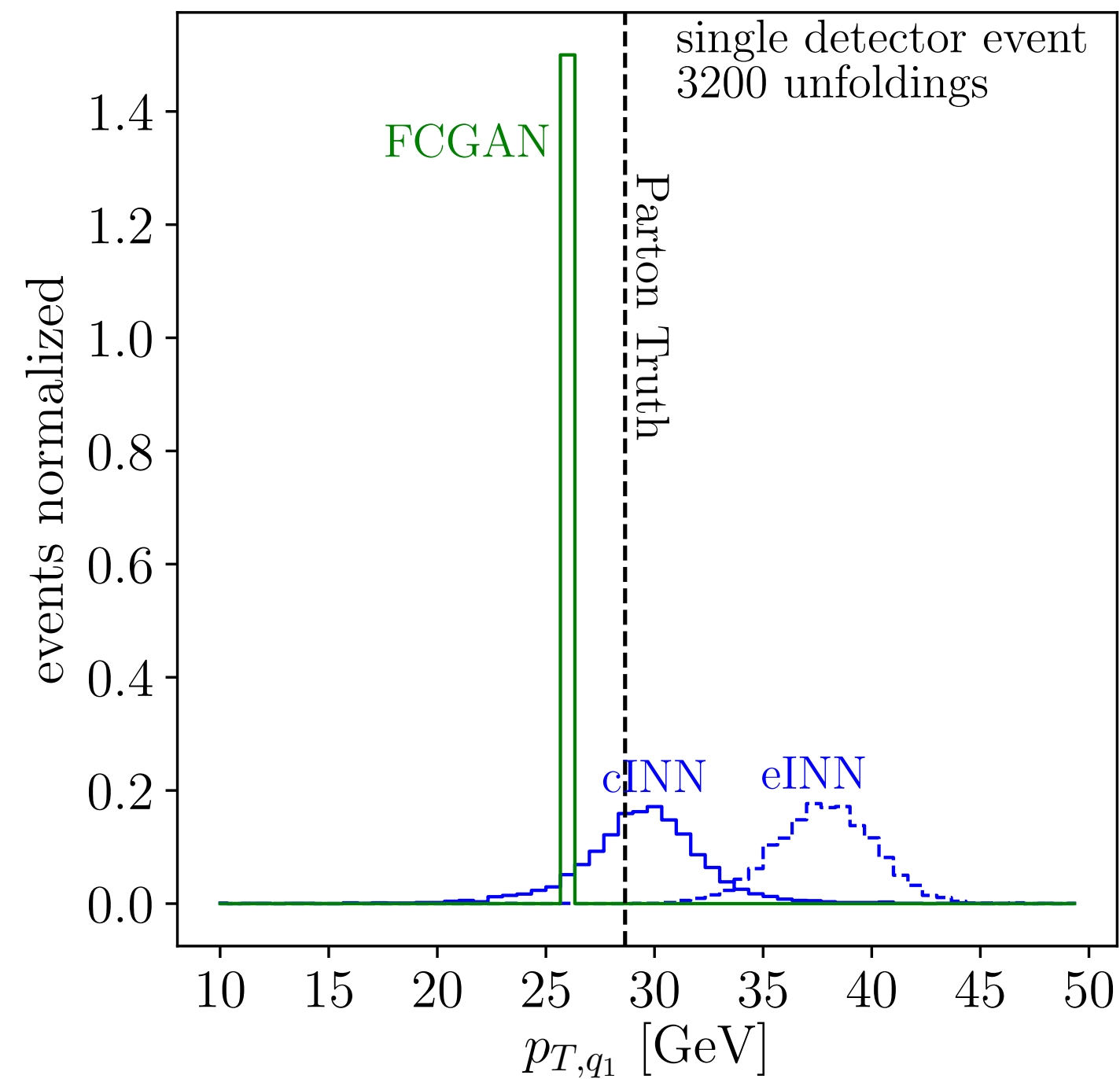
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M. Bellagente et al. [2006.06685]

# Event-wise unfolding

No deterministic mapping!

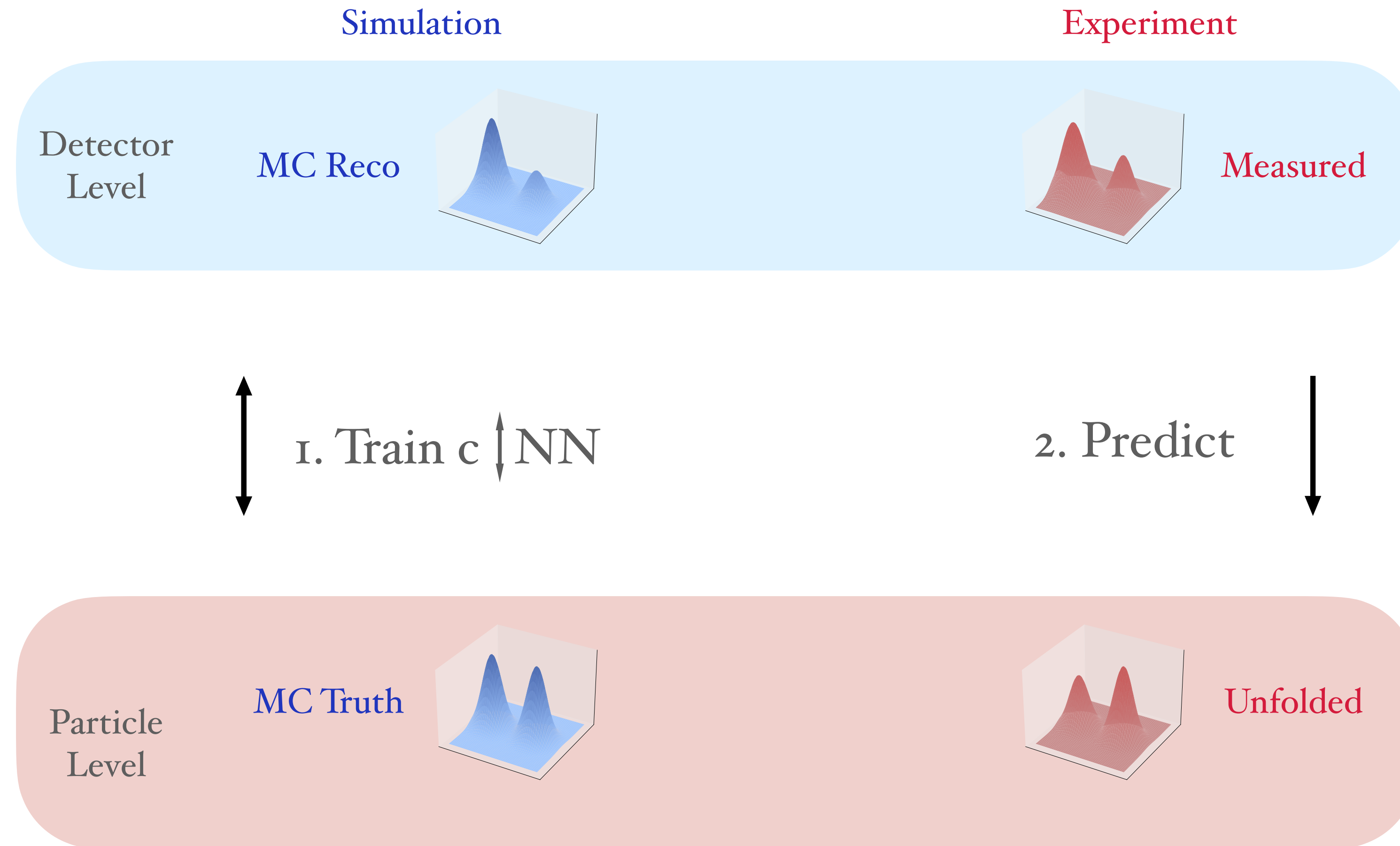
Check calibration of probability density for individual event unfolding



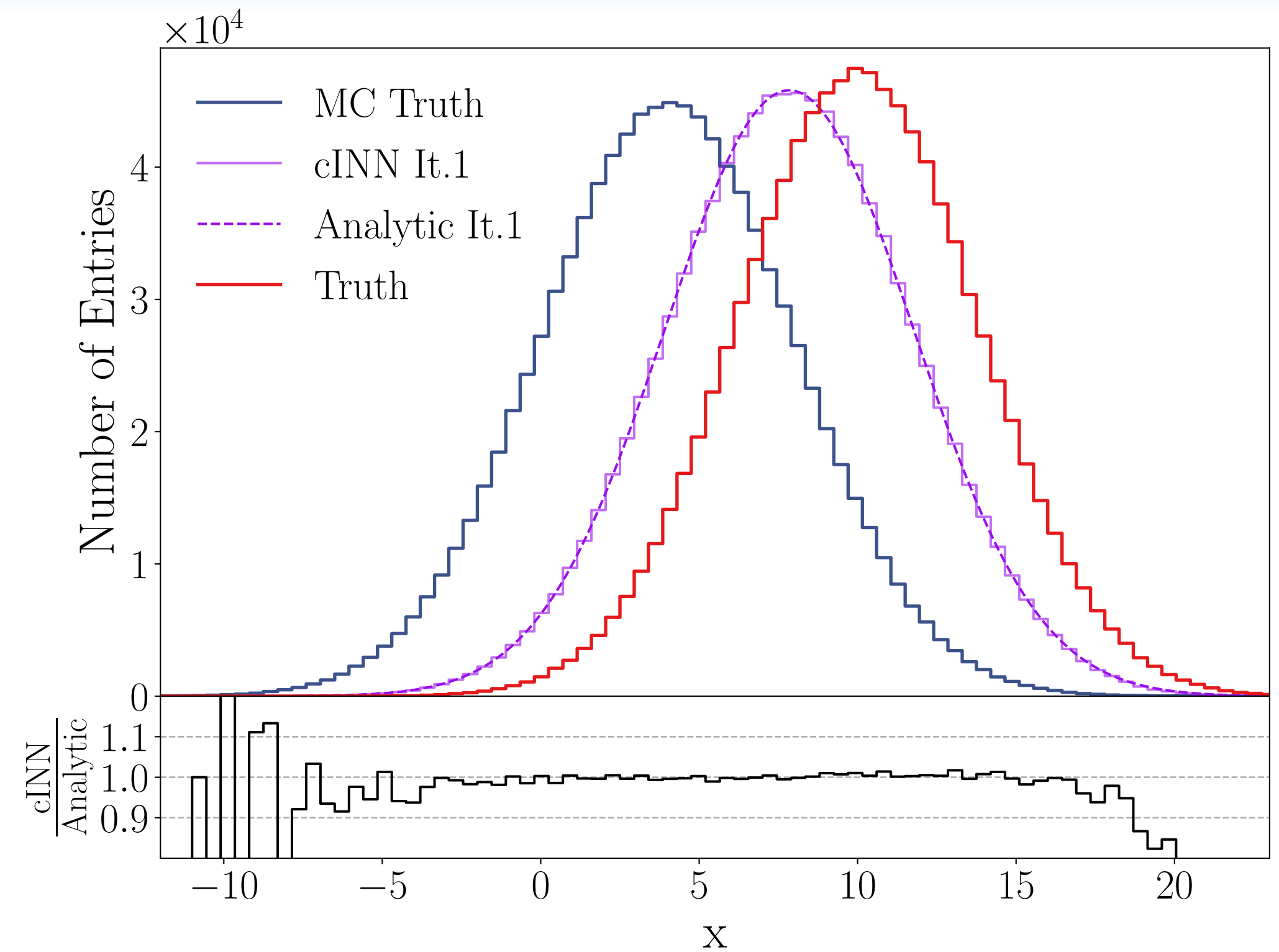
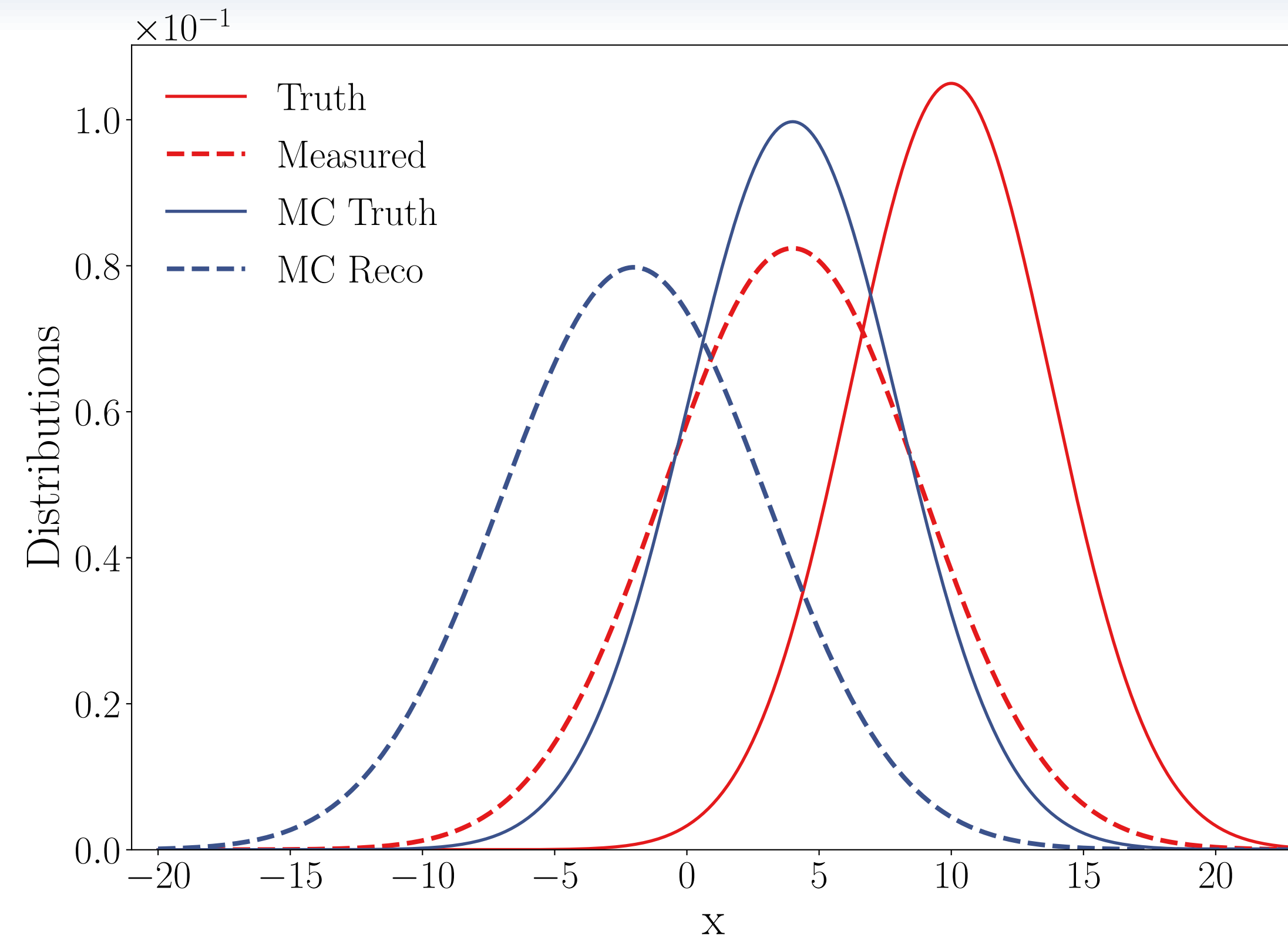
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- Statistically well defined

M. Bellagente et al. [2006.06685]

# One problem remains (work in progress)



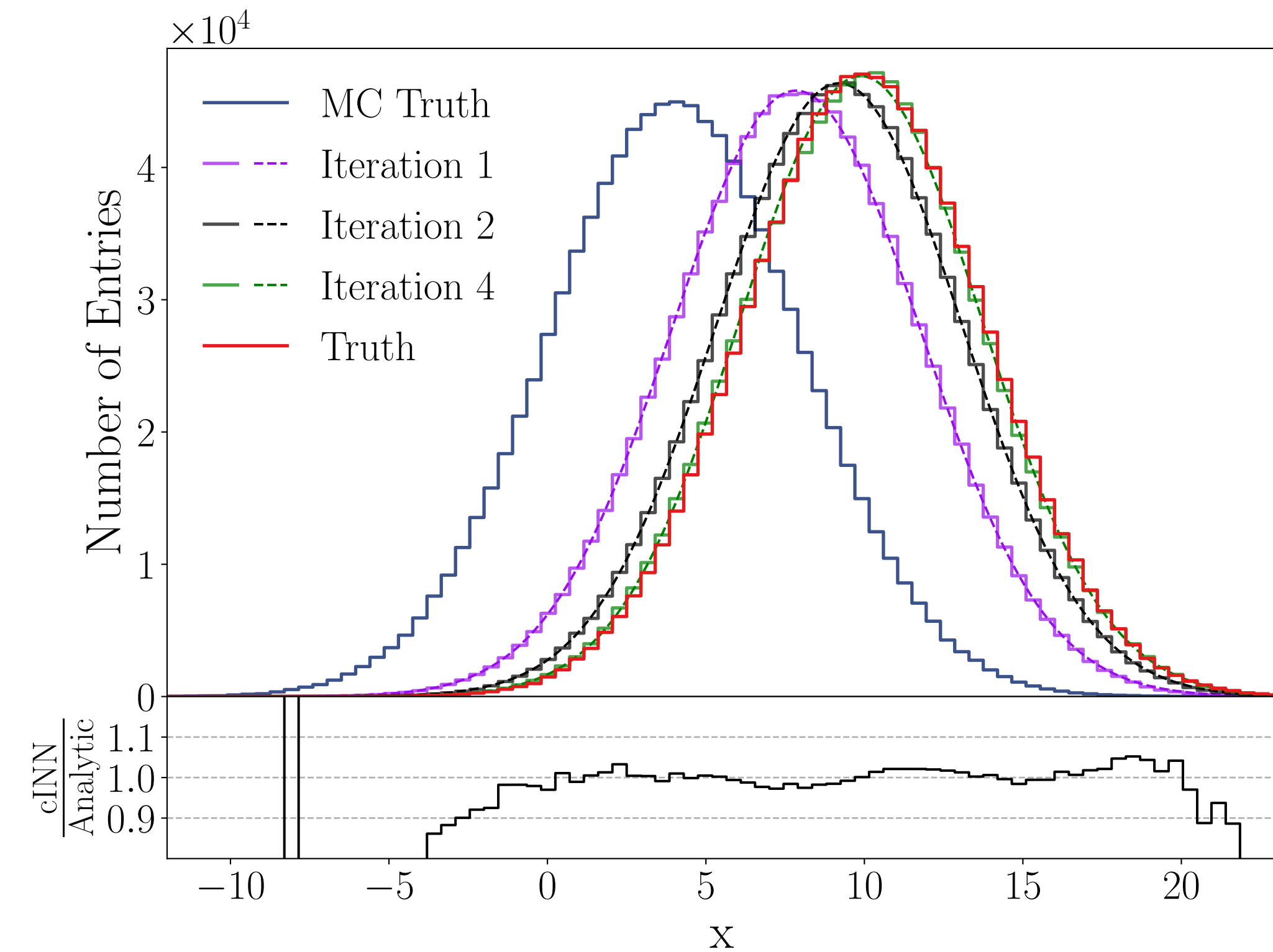
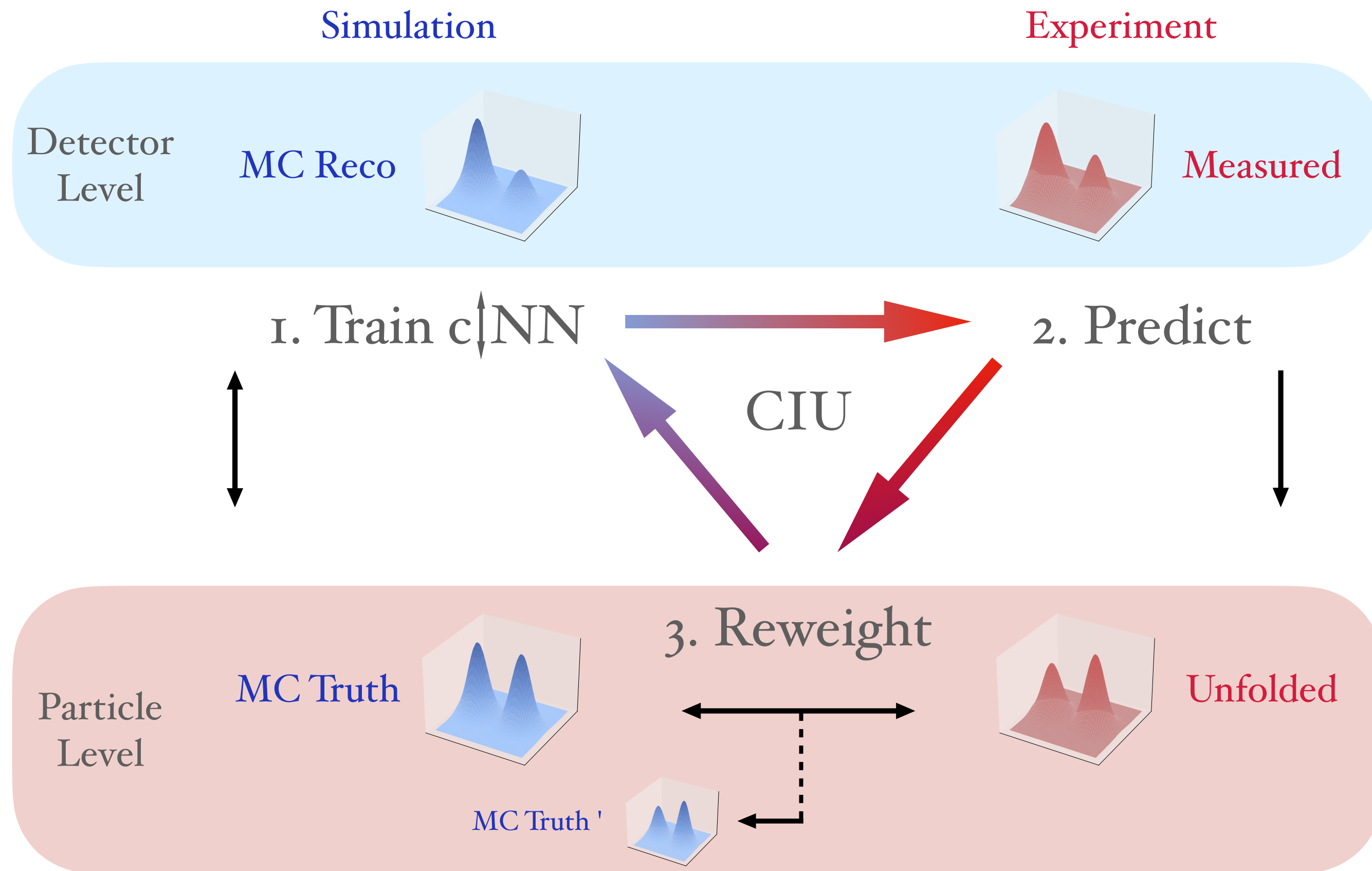
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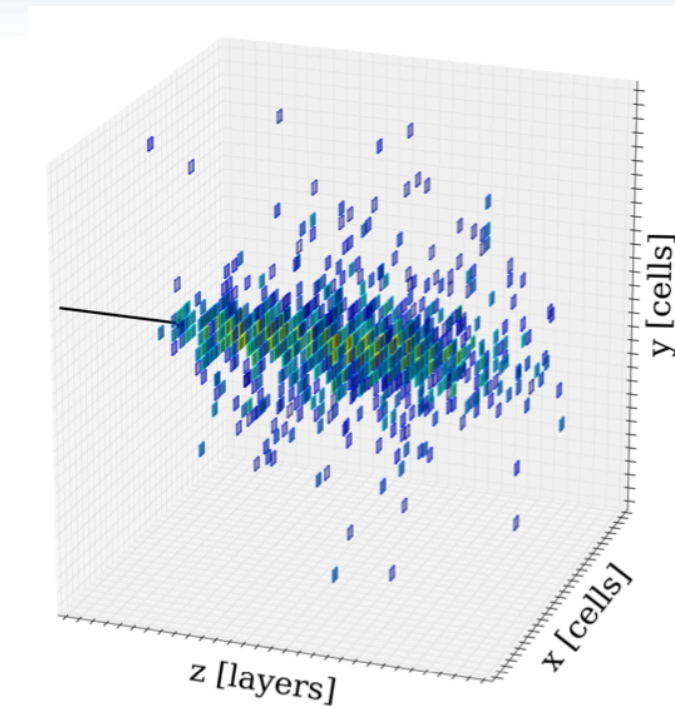
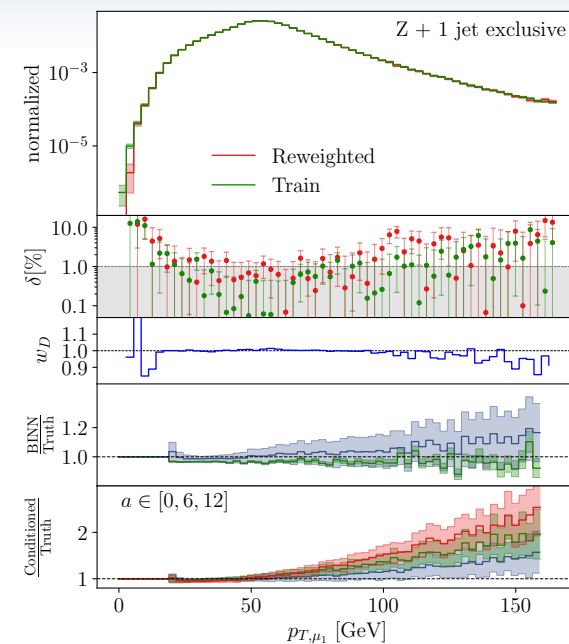
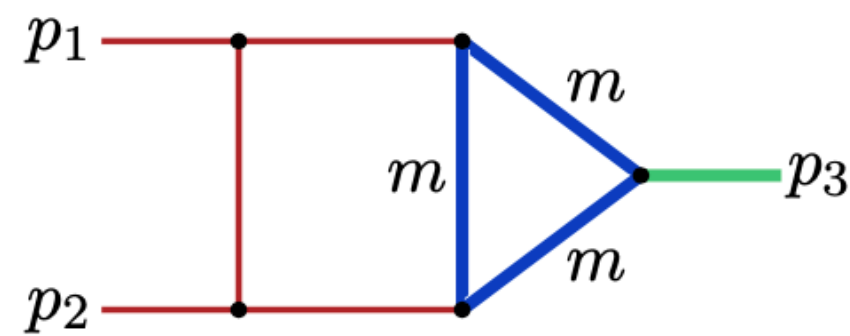
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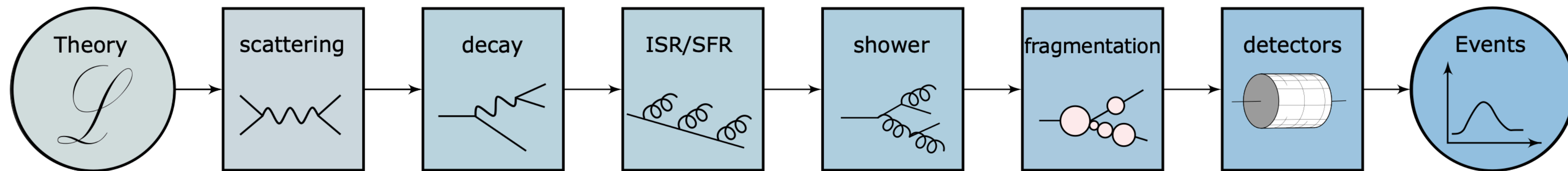
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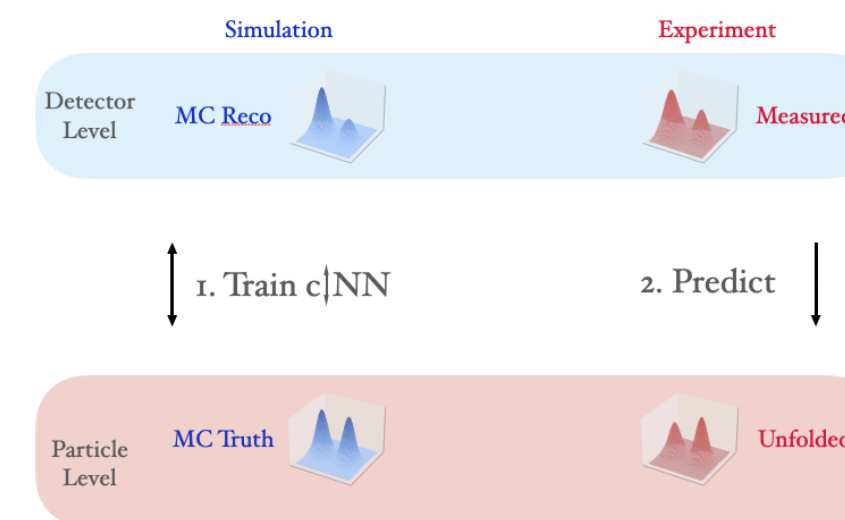
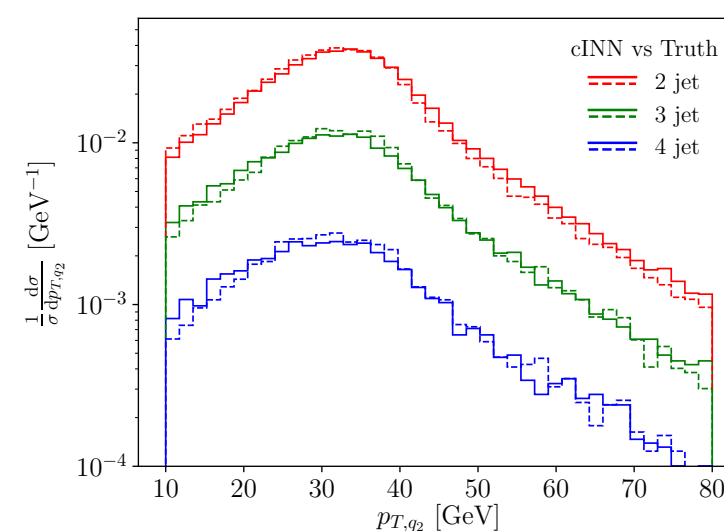
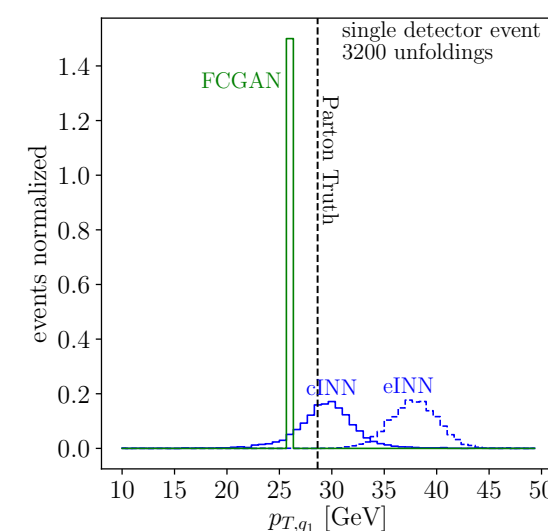
# Generative networks for better LHC physics



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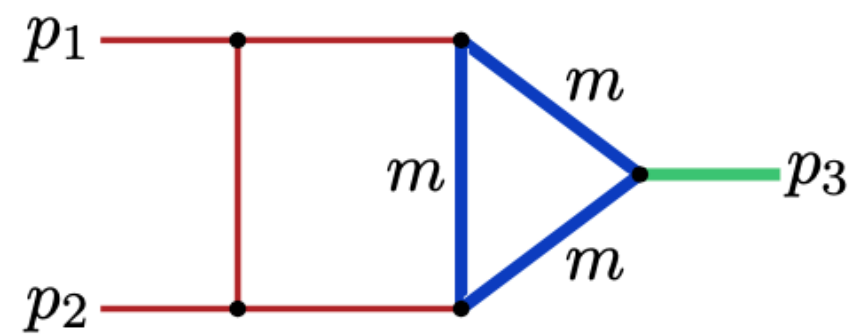


New data are currently on their way...

**BACK UP**

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Precision predictions based on loop diagrams



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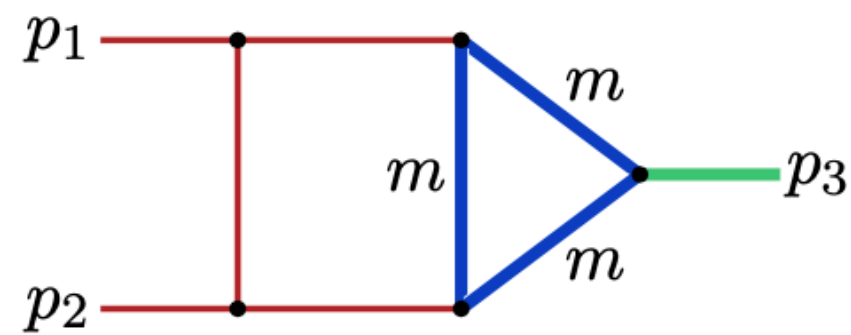
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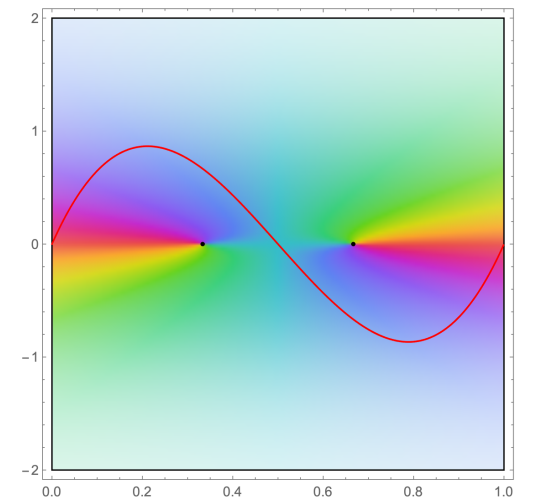
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**Turn it into an ML Problem**

# Integration with normalizing flows

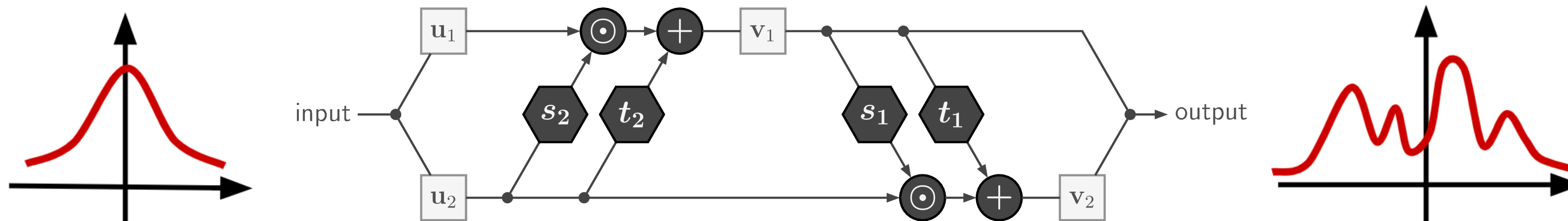
Numeric evaluation of integral  $G = \int_0^1 dx_j \det\left(\frac{\partial \vec{z}(\vec{x})}{\partial \vec{x}}\right) I(\vec{z}(\vec{x}))$

**Parametrization**  $\rightarrow z = \text{INN}(x)$

Minimize **variance**  $\rightarrow \text{loss } \mathcal{L} = \sigma_n^2 = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n \left| \det\left(\frac{\partial \vec{z}(\vec{x}_{(i)})}{\partial \vec{x}_{(i)}}\right) I(\vec{z}(\vec{x}_{(i)})) - \langle I \rangle \right|^2$

## Normalizing flow networks

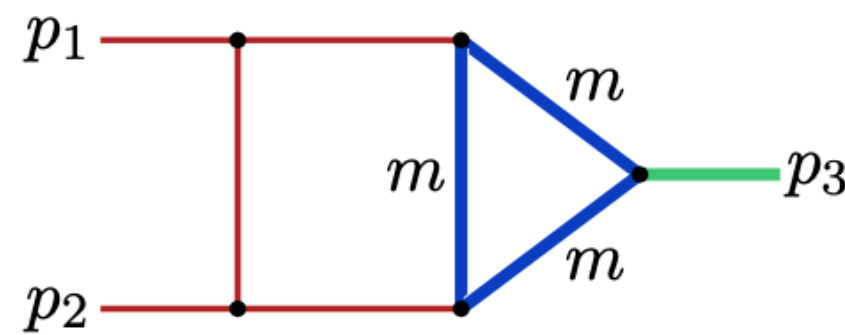
- + Bijective mapping
- + Tractable Jacobian
- + Combine many blocks



# Multi-loop calculations with INN

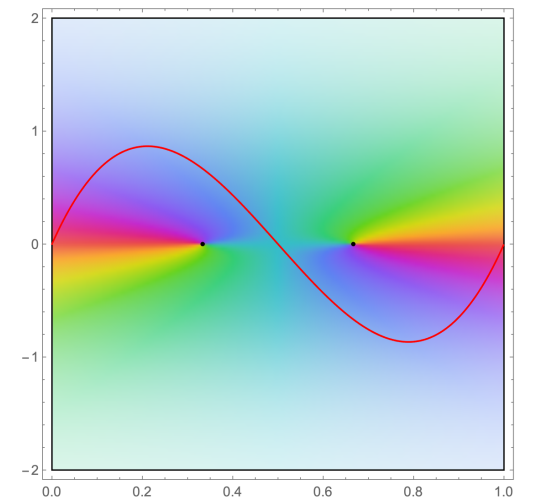
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