

Ephemeral Learning: Augmenting Triggers with online trained normalising flows

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 - Encode data in generative model
storage \sim network weights

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LHC data



Trained model



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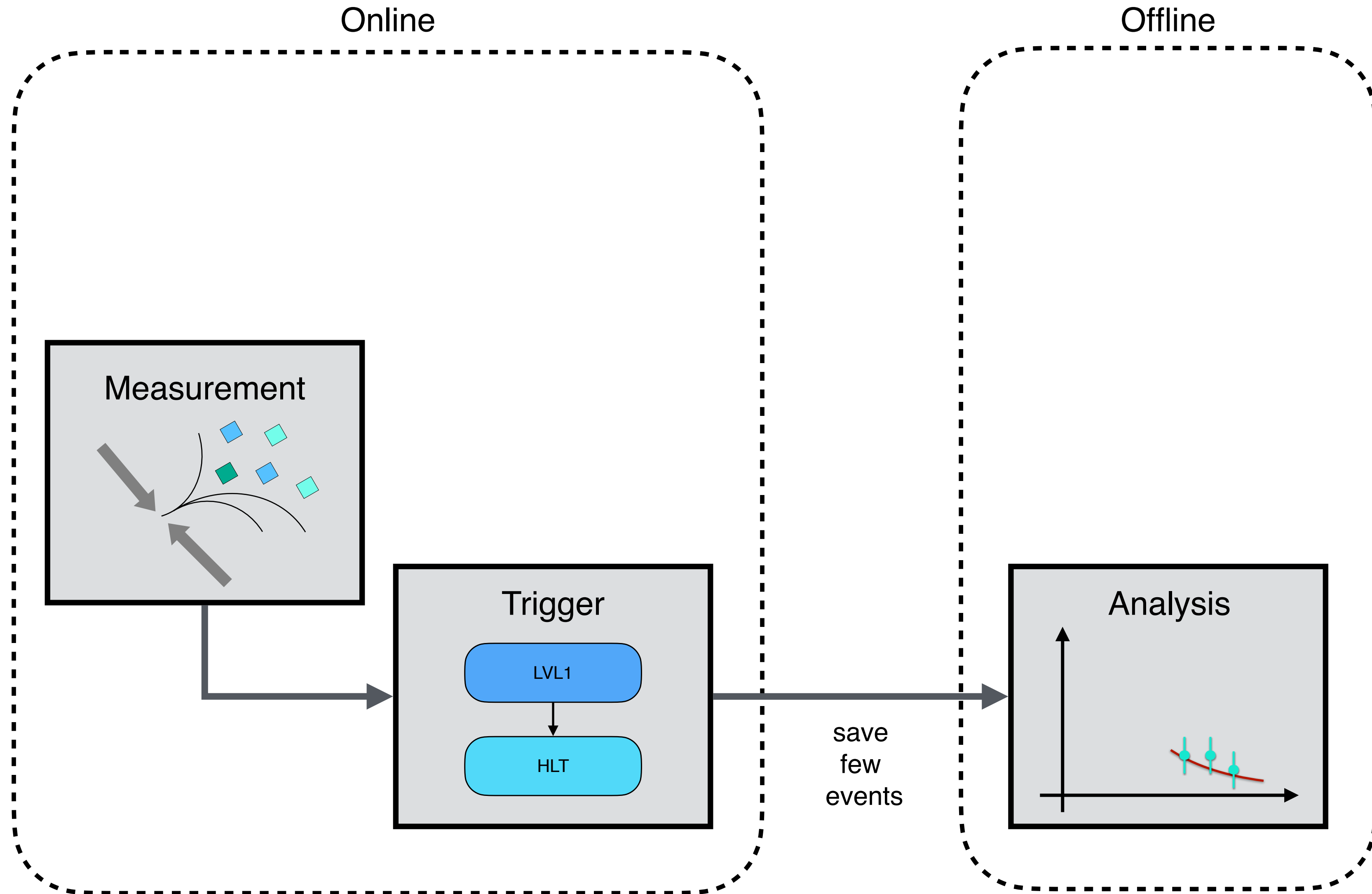
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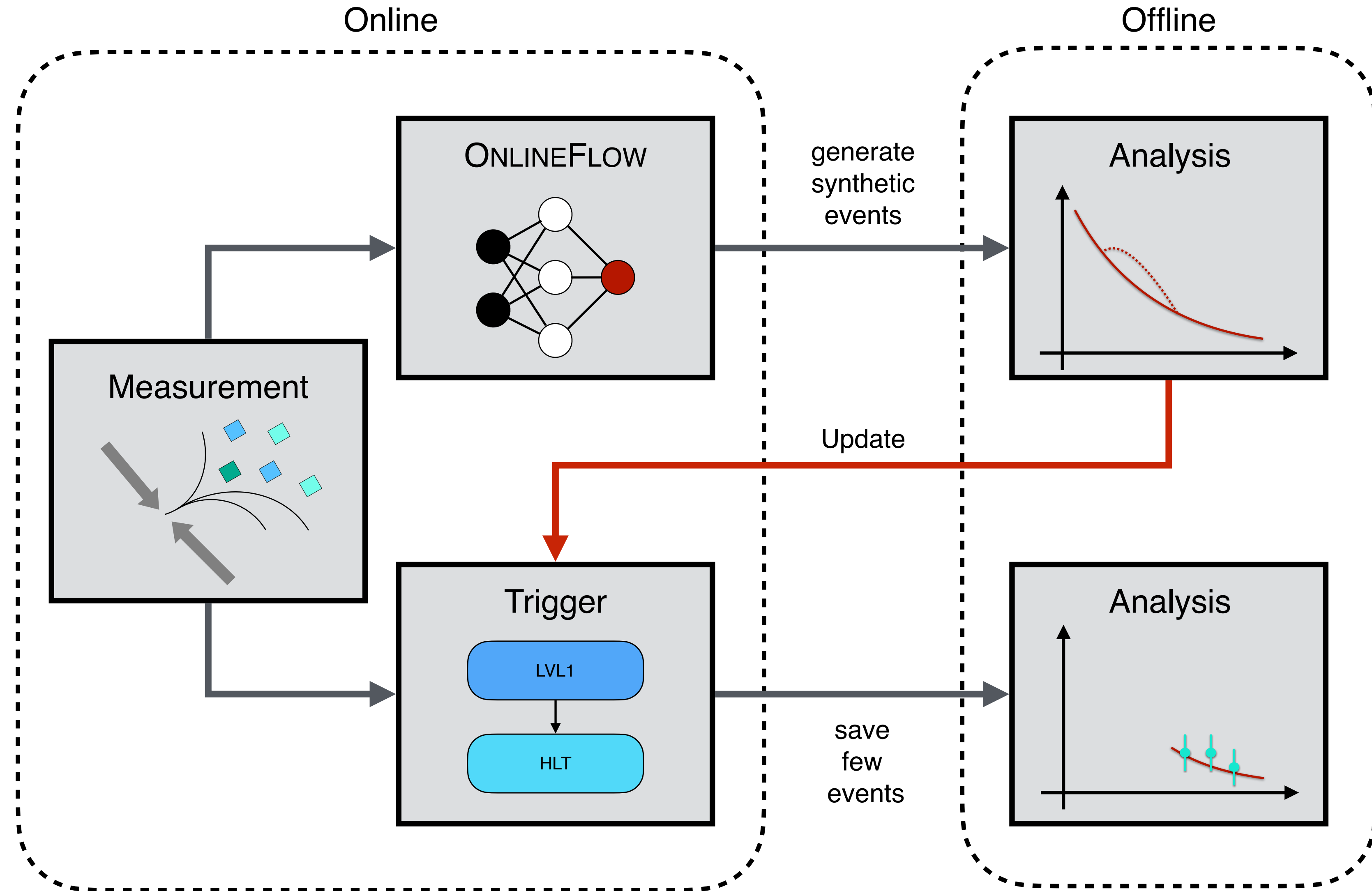
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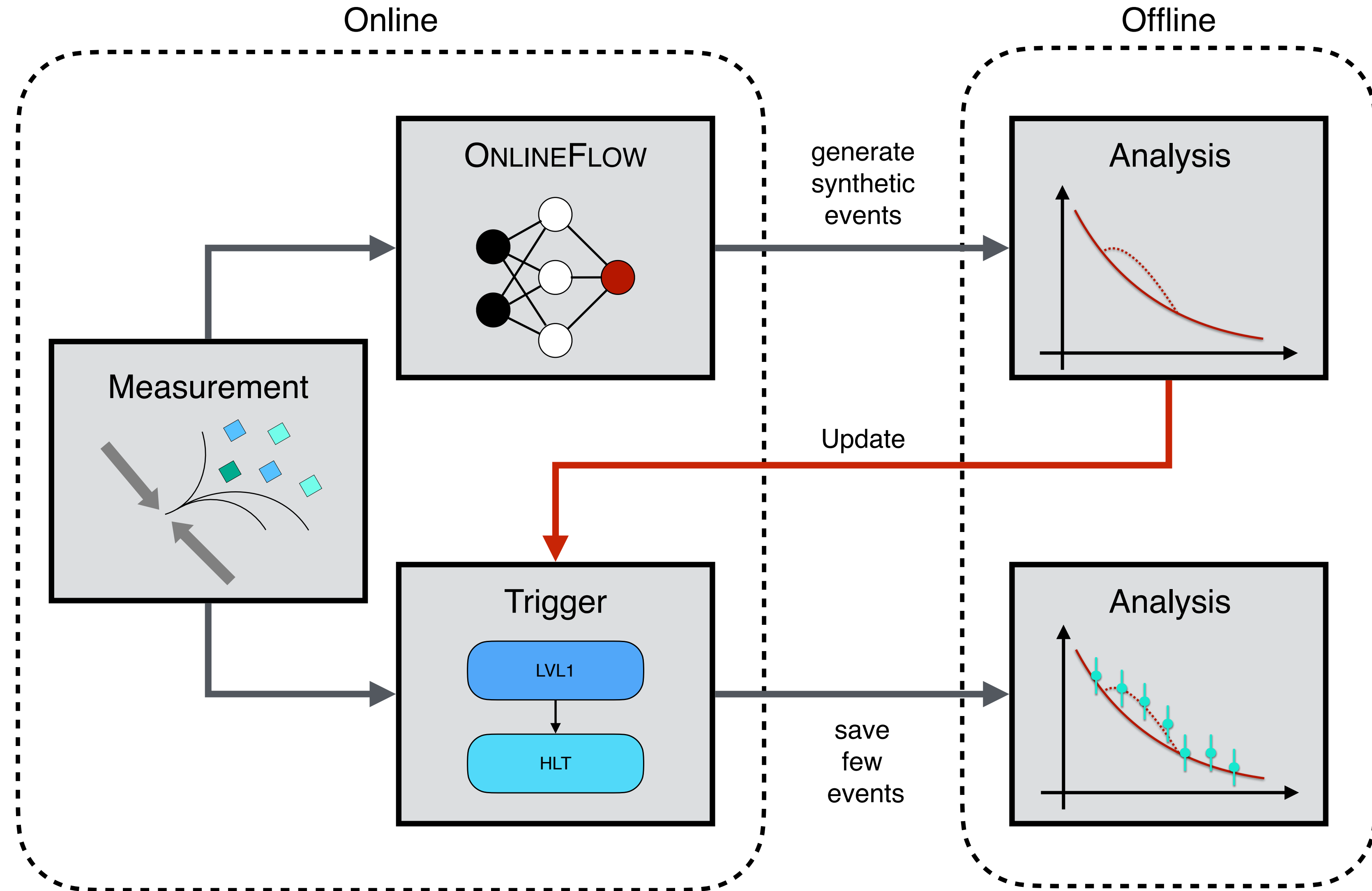
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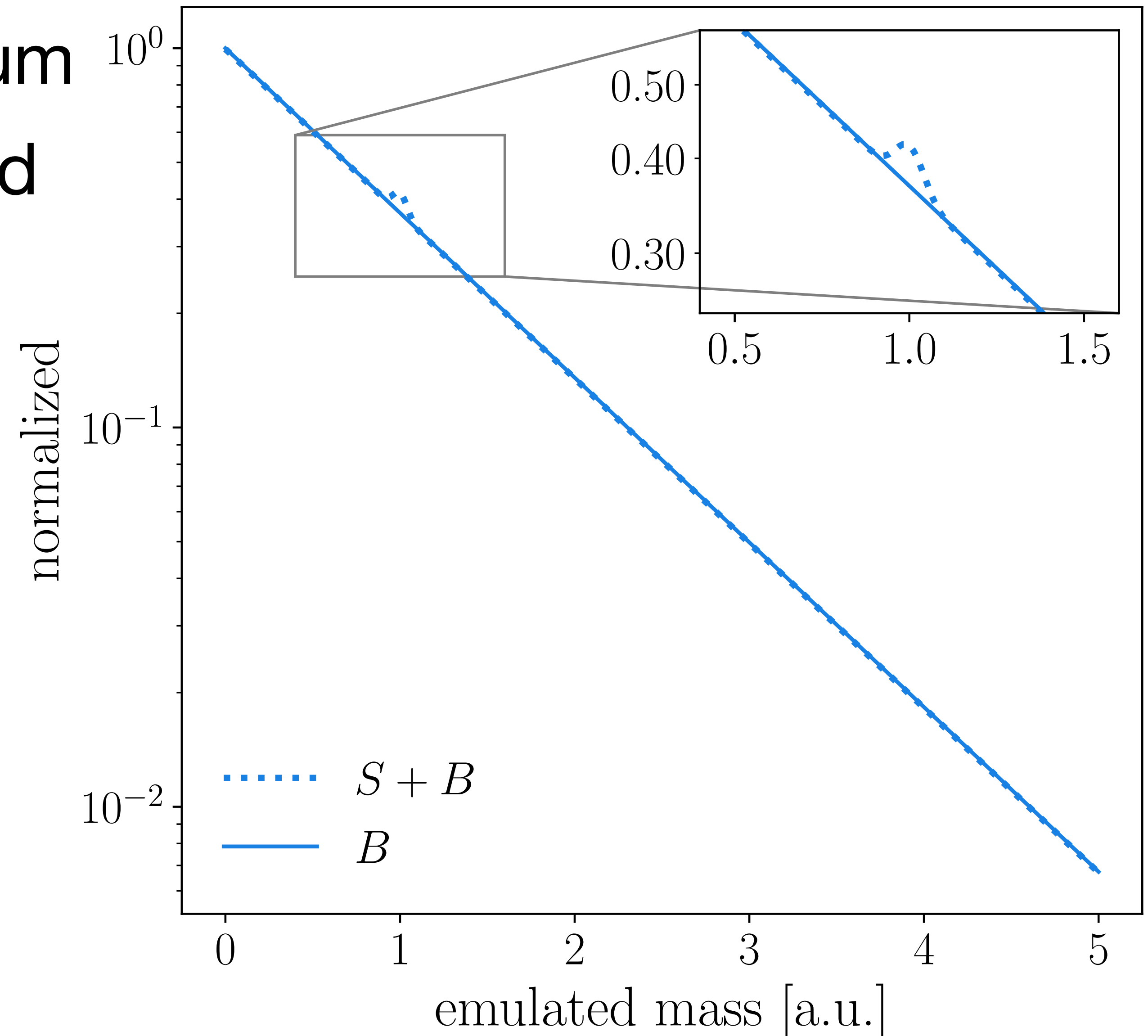
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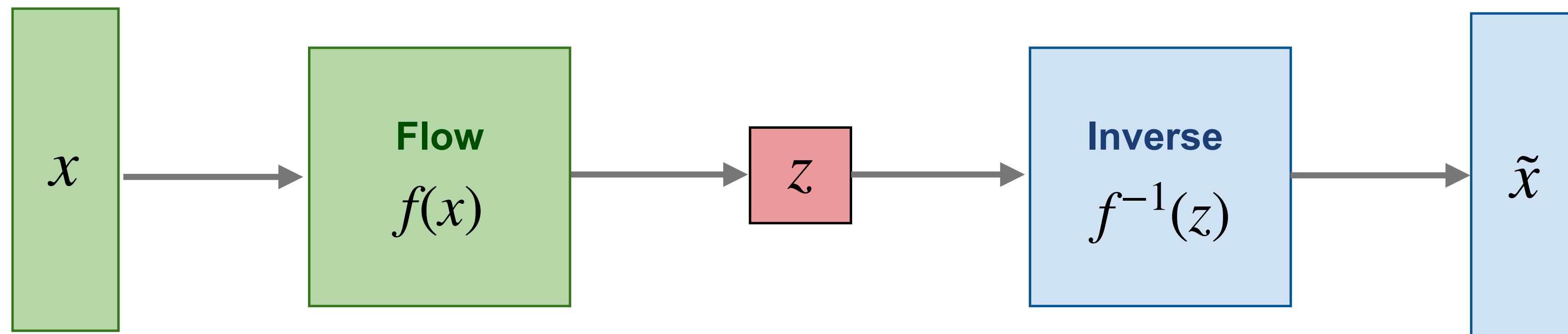
Proof of Concept

- 1 dimension toy mass spectrum
- Exponential falling background
- Gaussian peak signal
- Train generative model



Generative Model

Normalising Flow

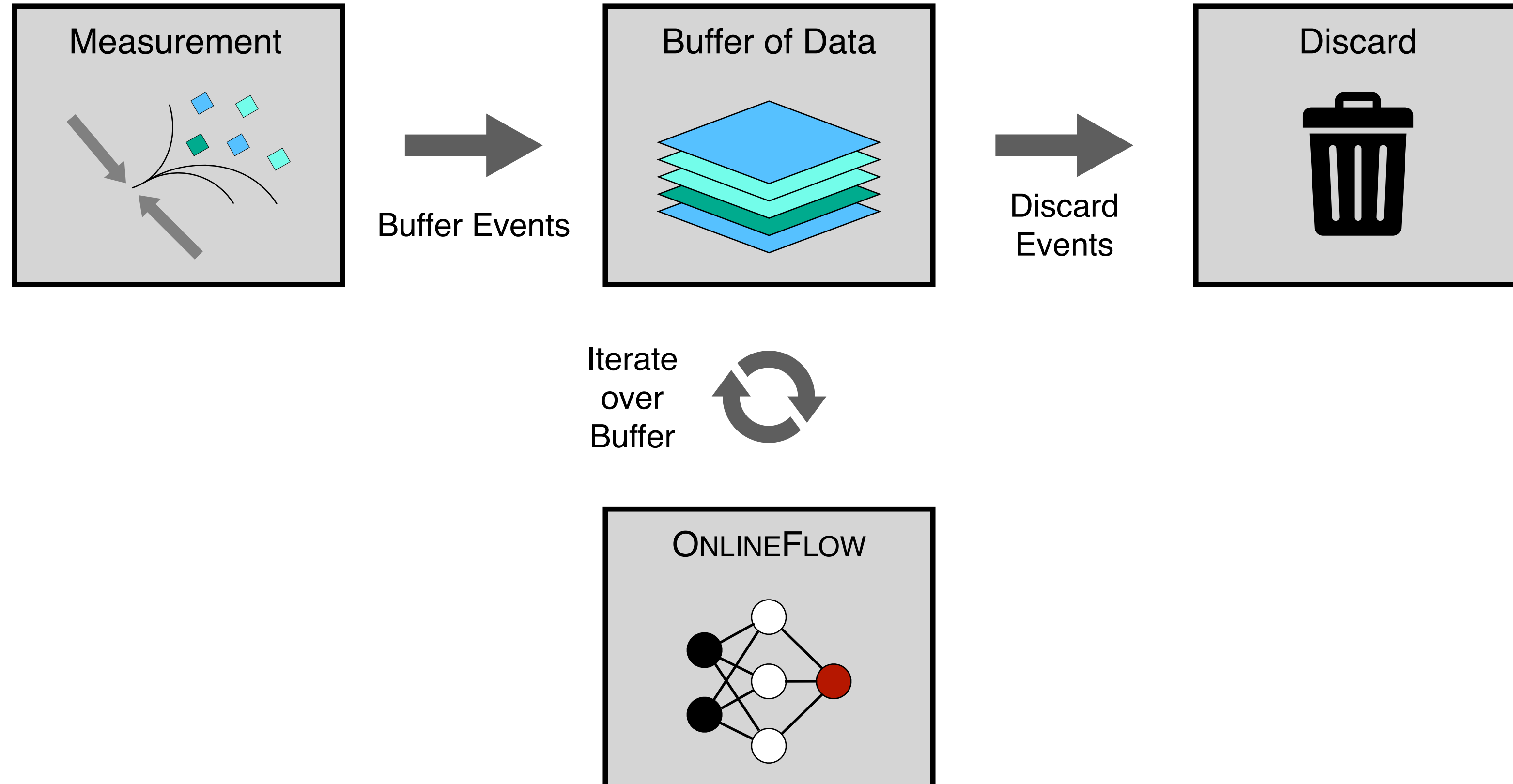


- Train invertible transformation to map data to latent space
- Use inverse to generate new data from new latent samples

Online Training

Troubles with online training:

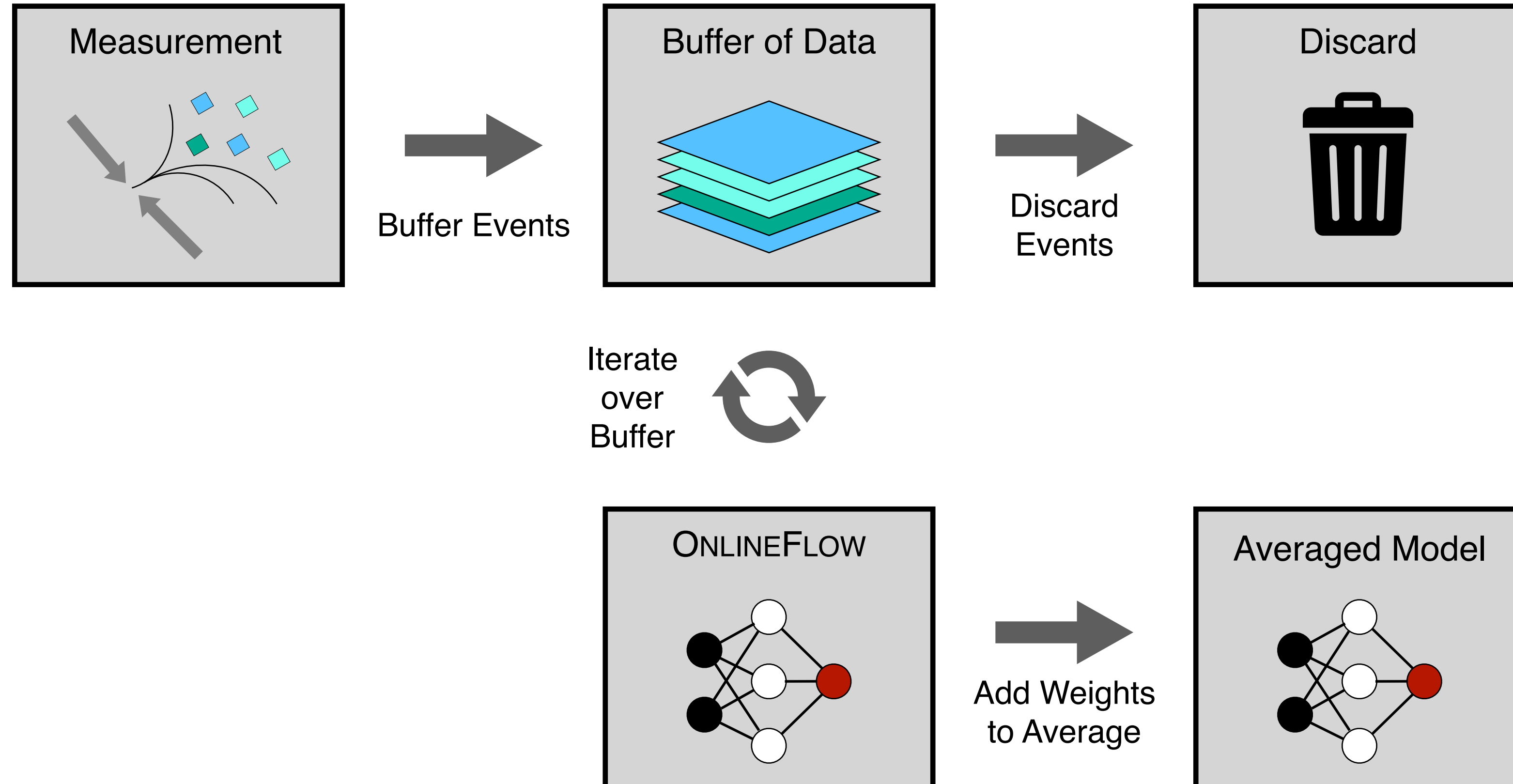
- Models designed for parallel training on batches
- Points should be seen more than once



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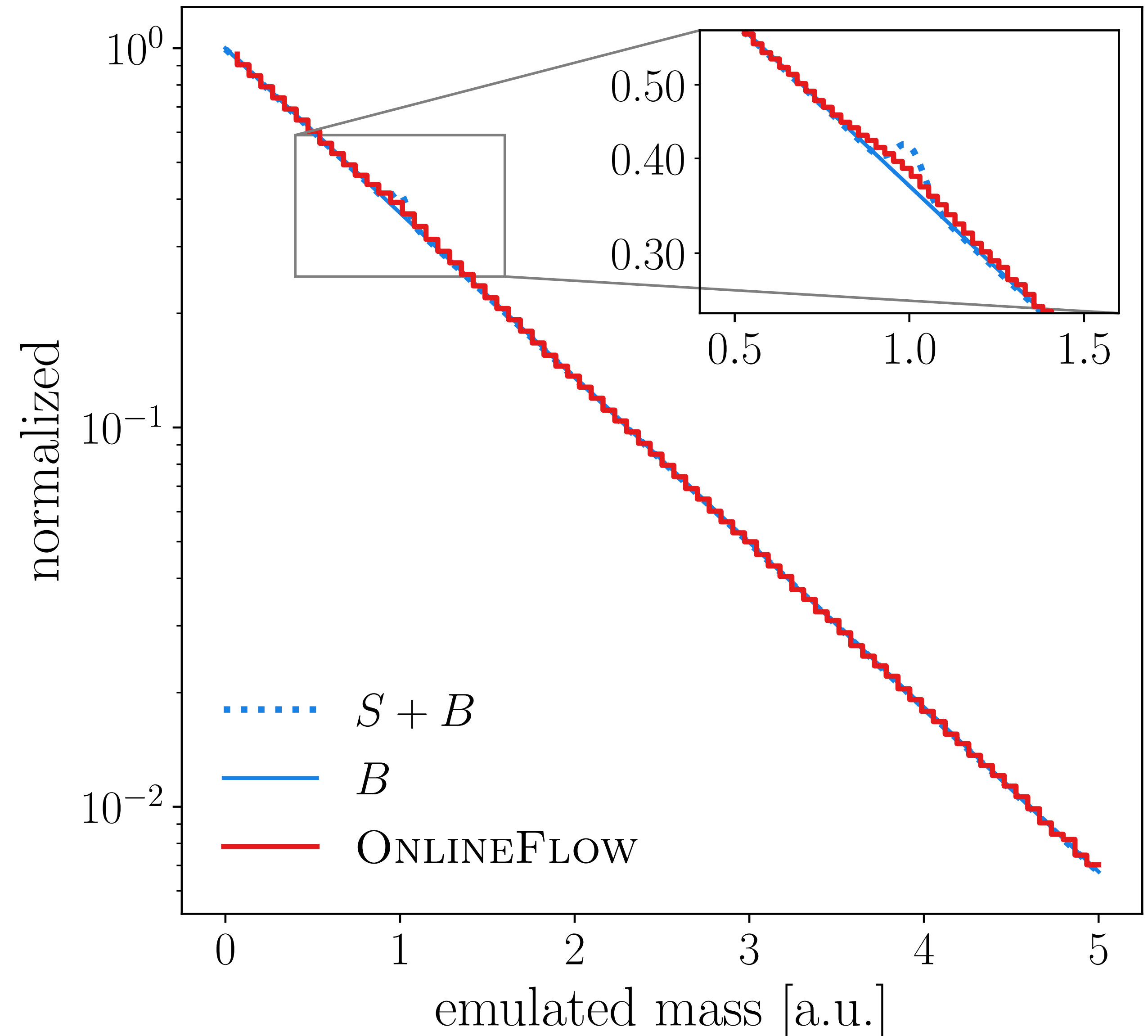
Model will be biased towards more recent buffers

- Stochastic Weight Averaging (SWA)
- Keep running average over model during training



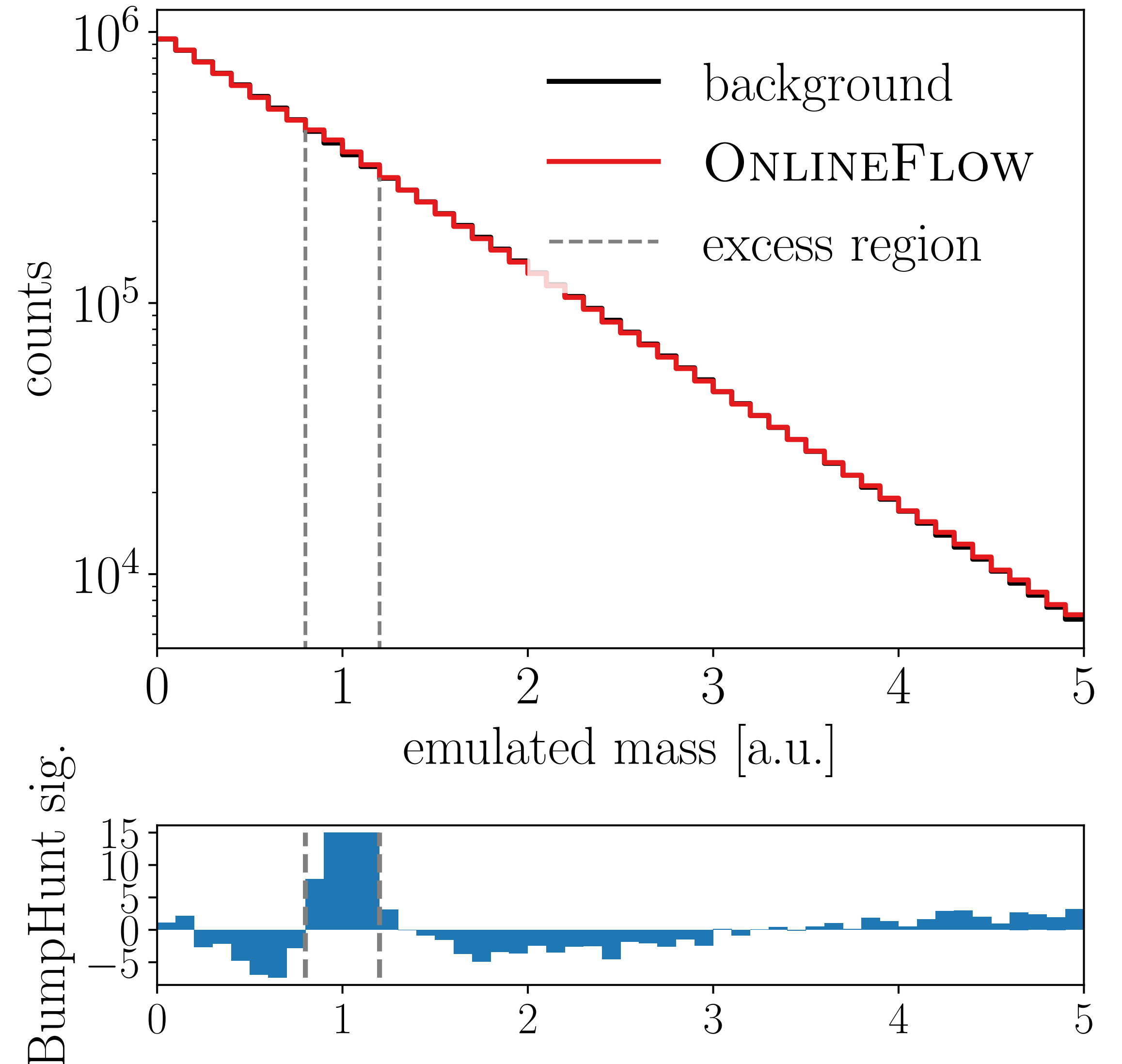
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- Train flow on training data
 - Sample new events from flow
 - Signal not modeled perfectly
 - Shaping is visible
 - Extract signal from flow?
- ➔ Run Bumphant on flow



Proof of Concept

- Analyse data
- Fit exponential function to data to get background model
- Run bump hunt (pybumphunter)
- What is our significance?
- No Poisson uncertainty
- Cannot use $\frac{S}{\sqrt{B}}$

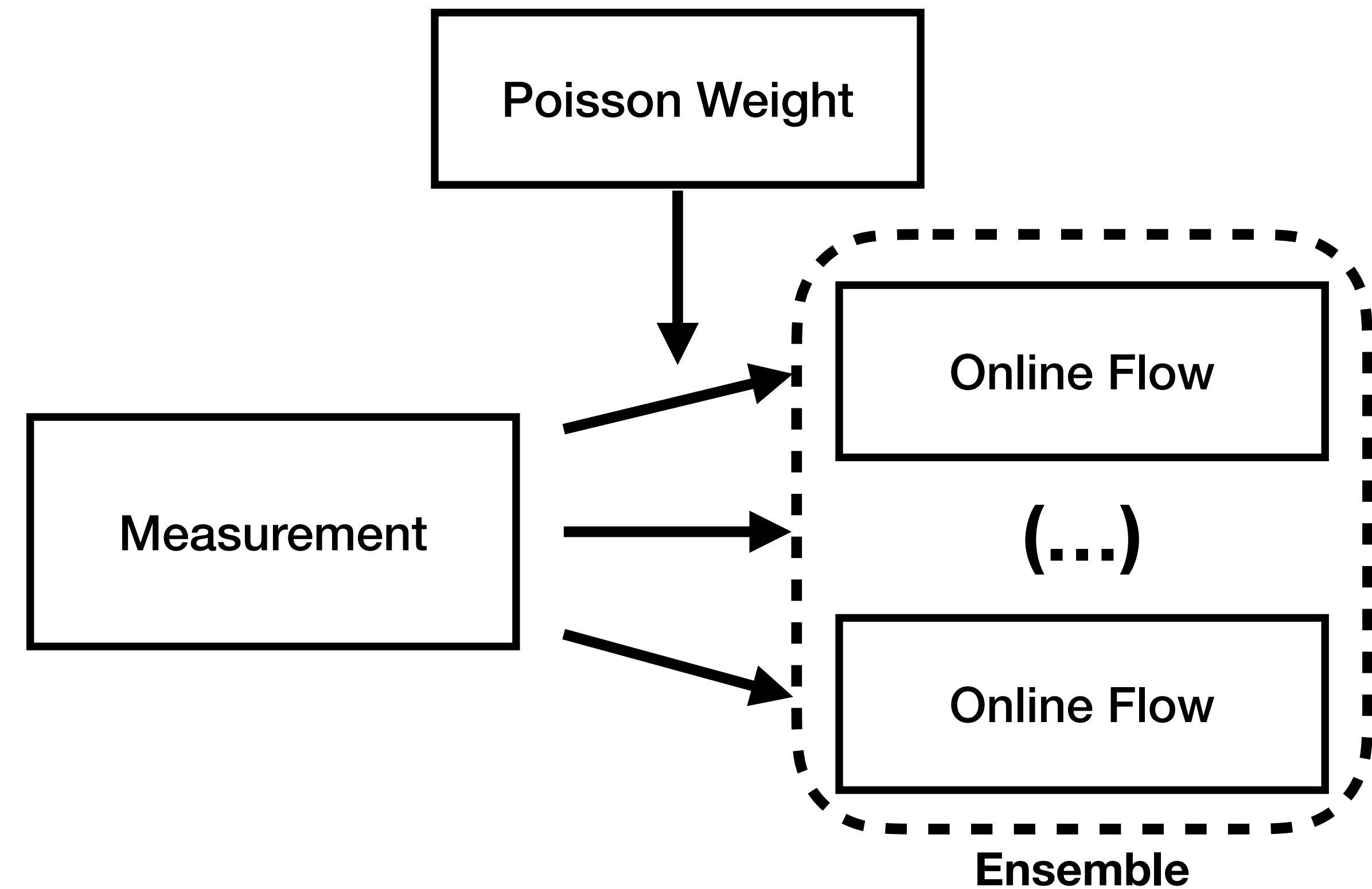


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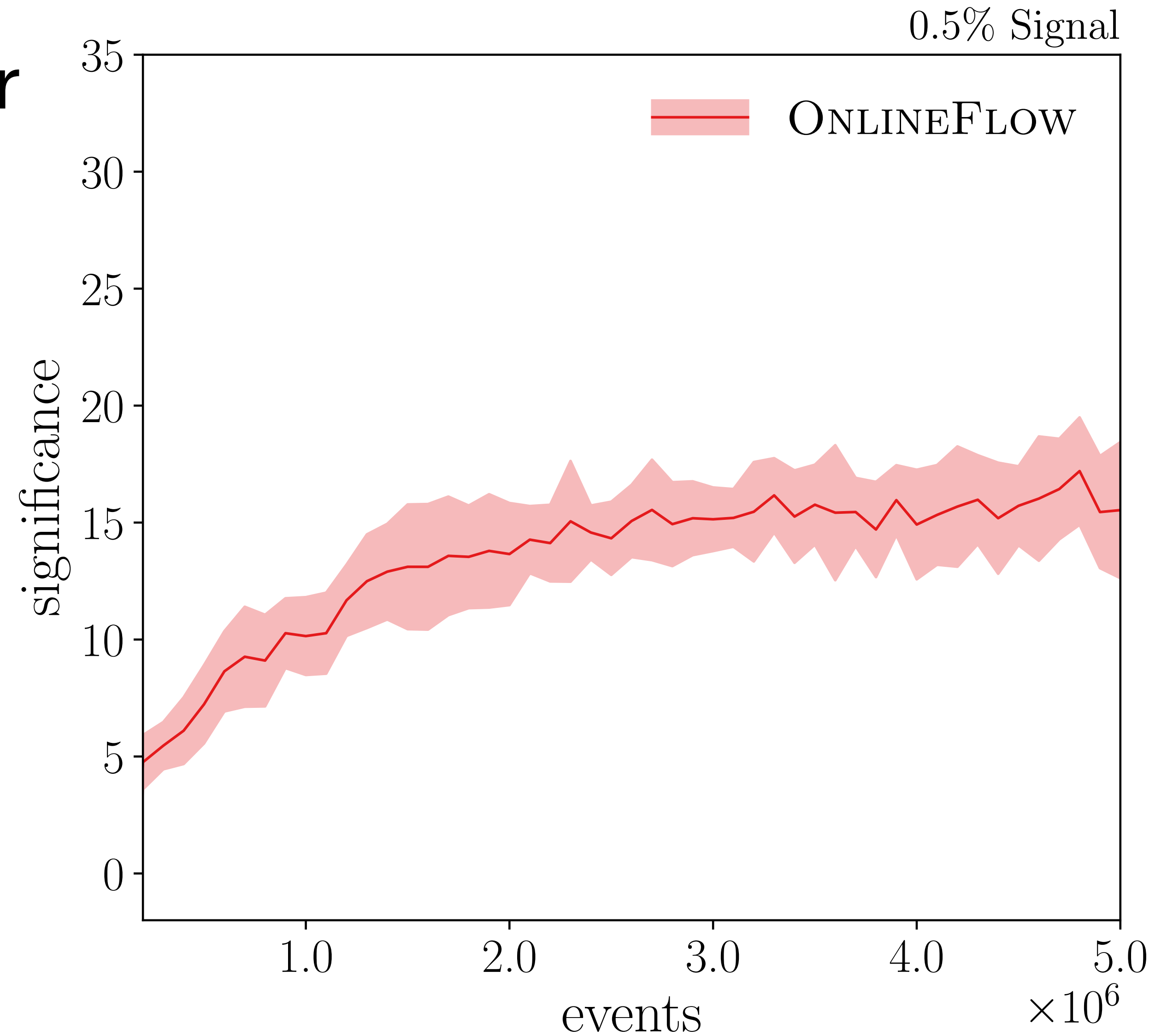
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- Train **bootstrapped ensemble of Flows**
 - Pass resampled version of dataset to each flow
 - Emulate online with Poisson weight for each event
- Compare flows within ensemble
 - Estimate uncertainty from standard deviation of ensemble predictions



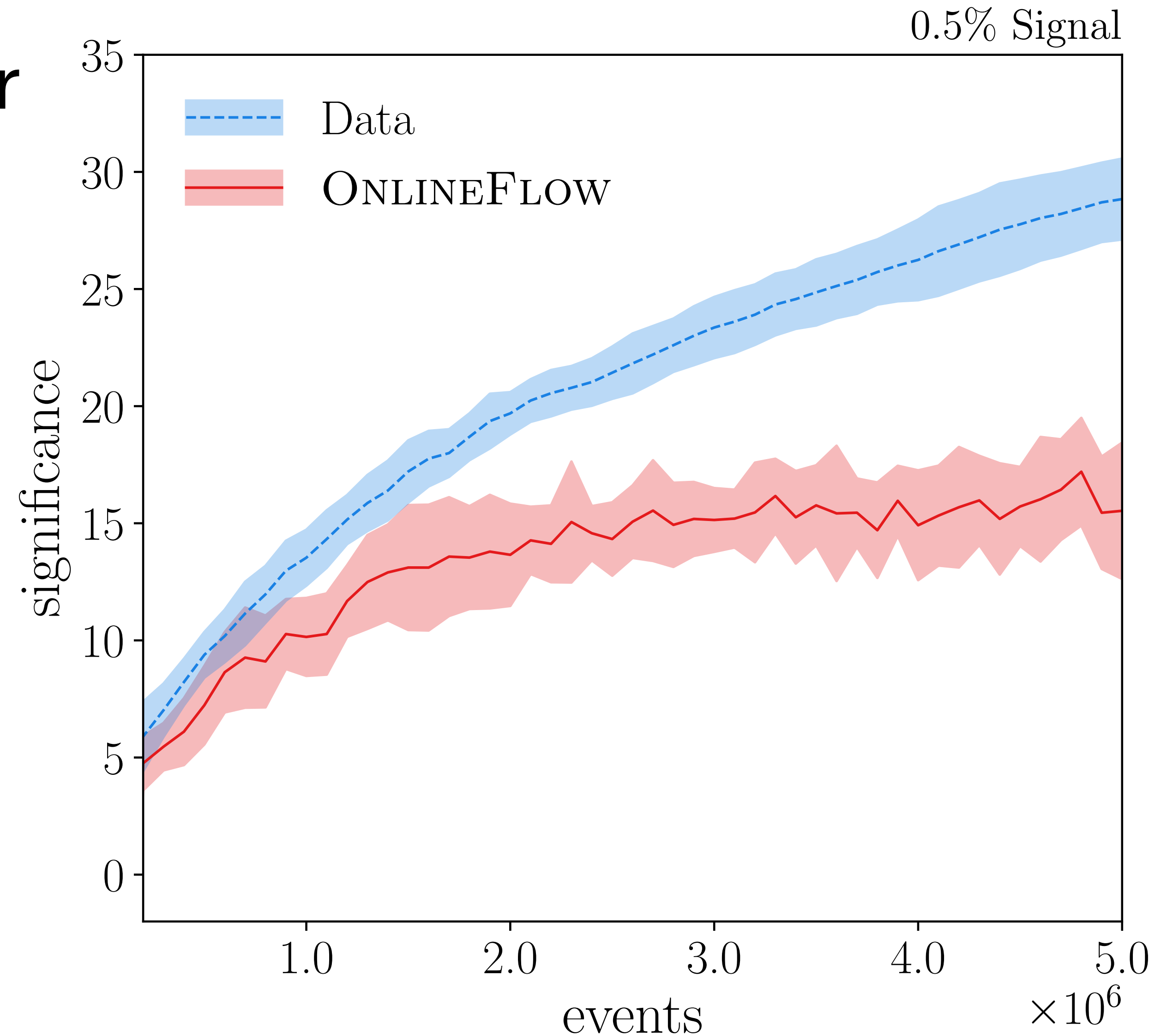
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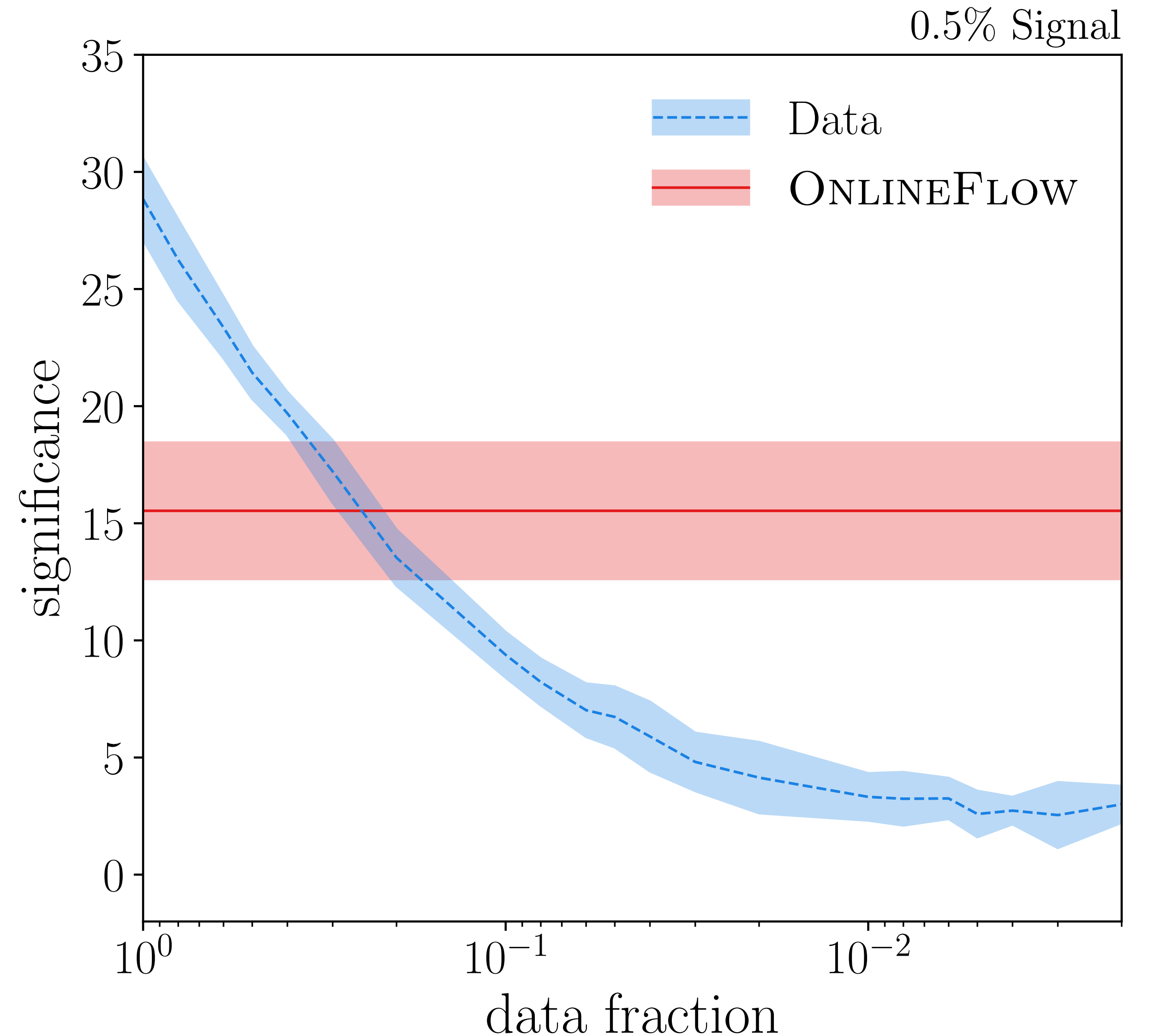
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- Plot as function of the number of events to see development
- Run same analysis in the training data itself
- Compare significance
- Flow similar shape as data
- Reaches high significance



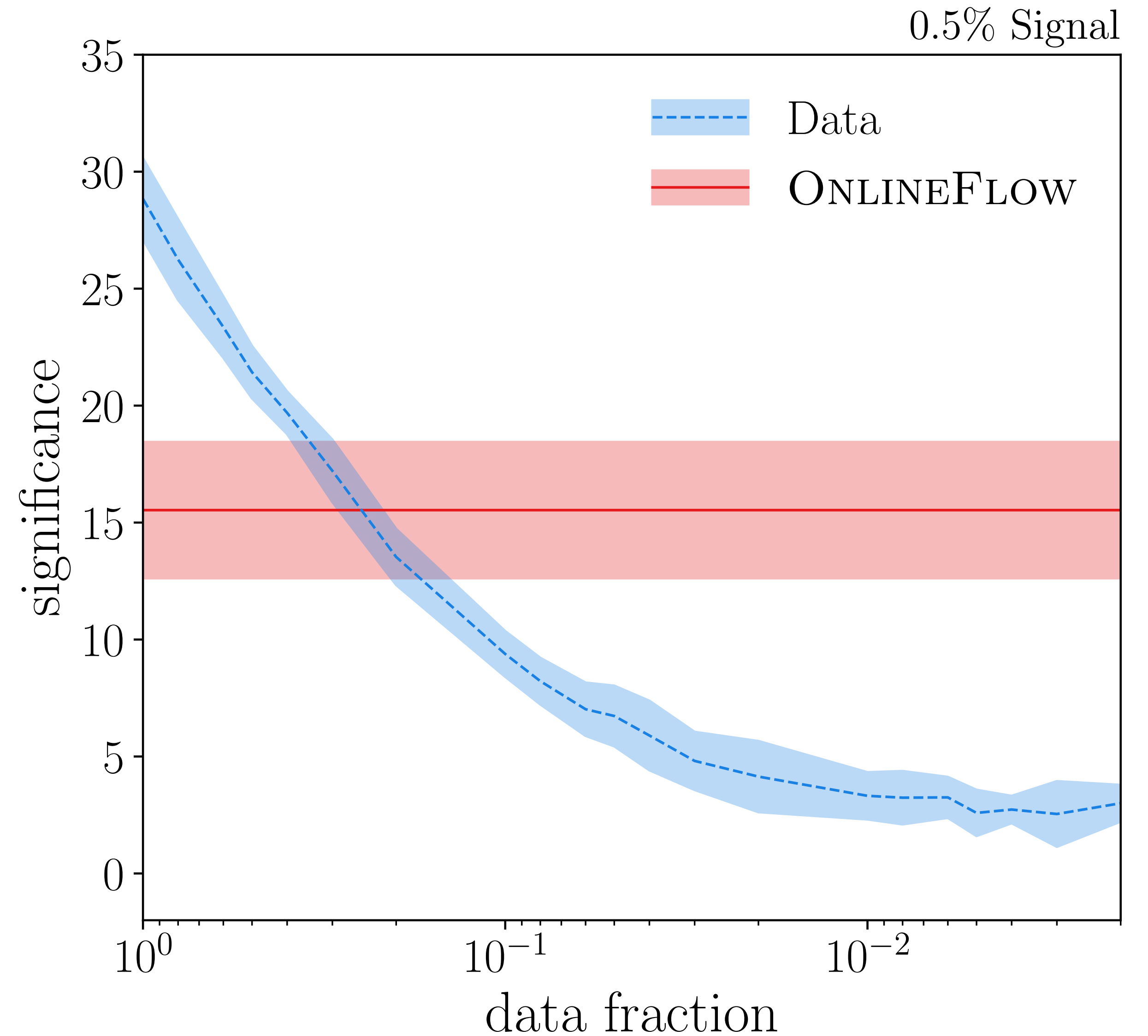
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- Compare to fractions of data
- Crossover at 25%
- OnlineFlow significance equivalent to 25% of full data



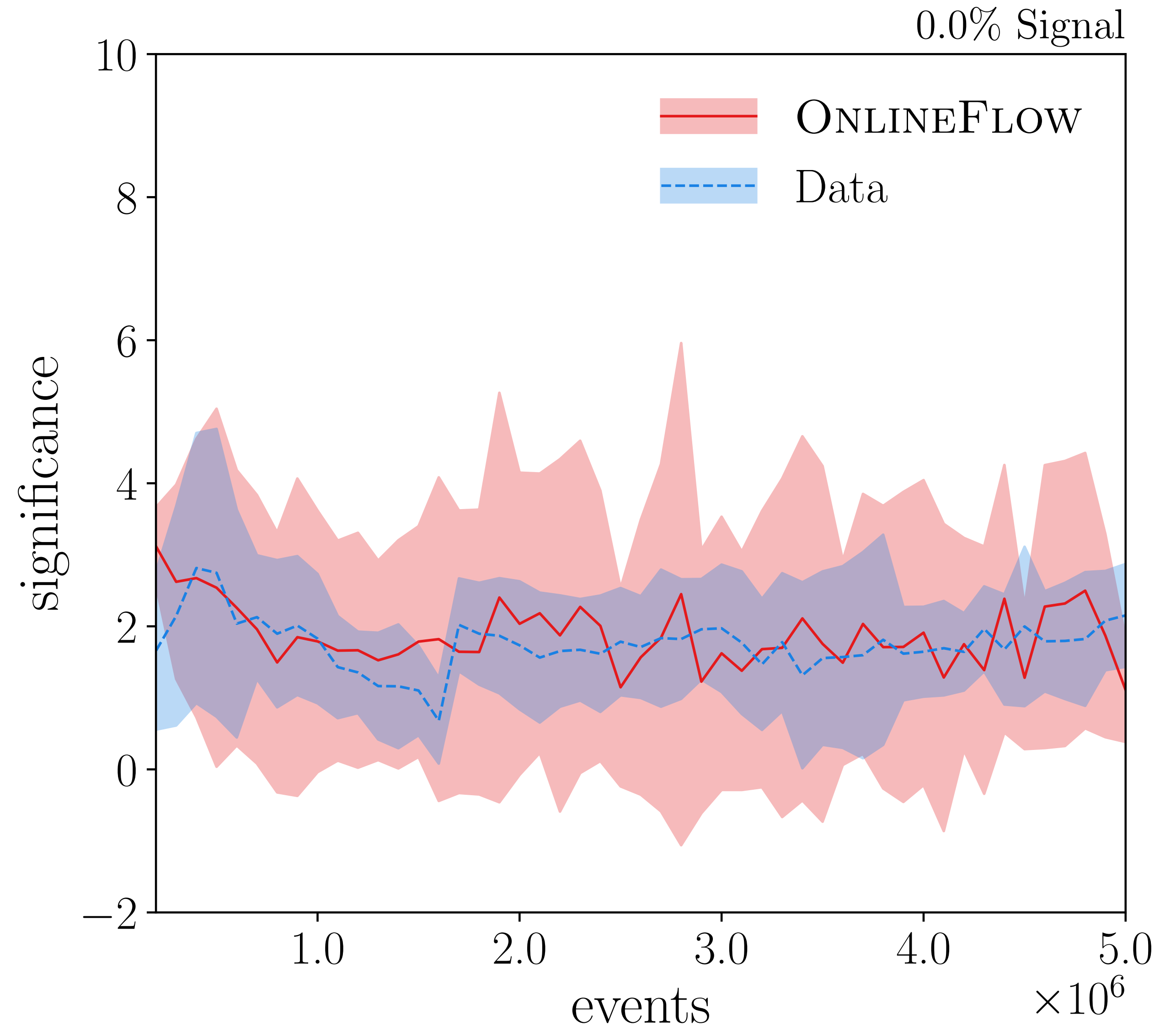
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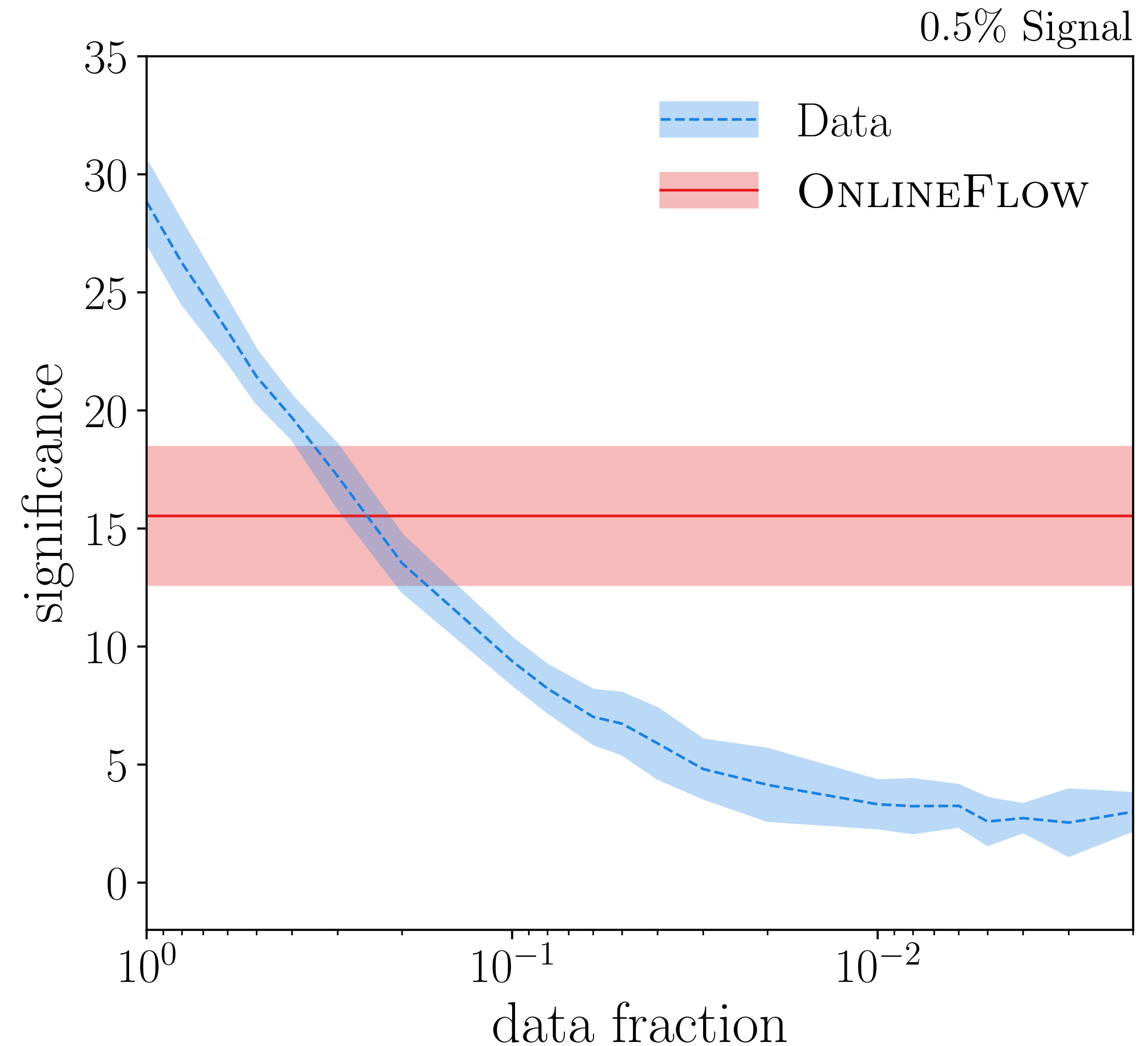
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- False positives?
- Run same training on only background without signal
- Negligible significance in direct search
- Flow significance nearly identical



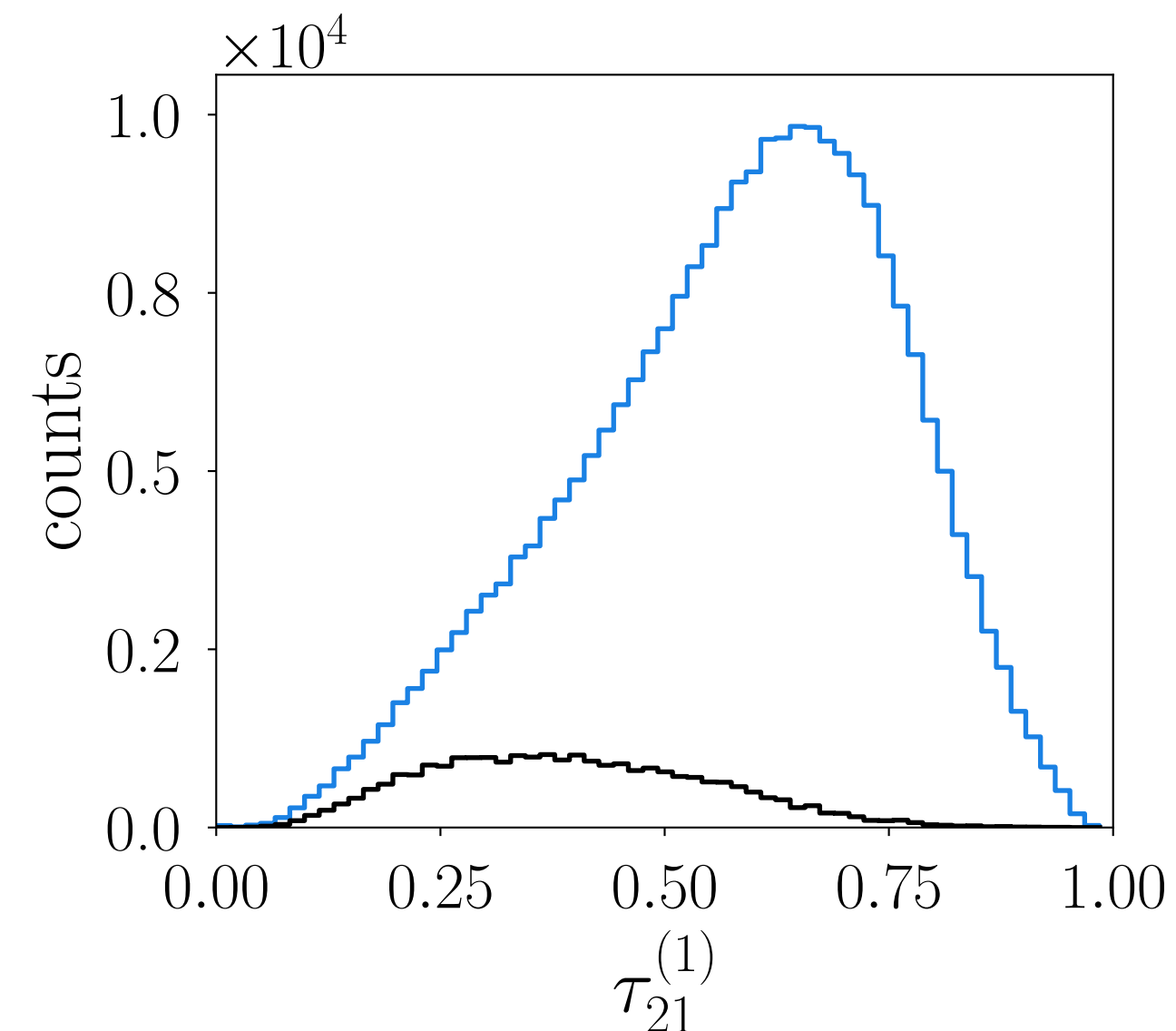
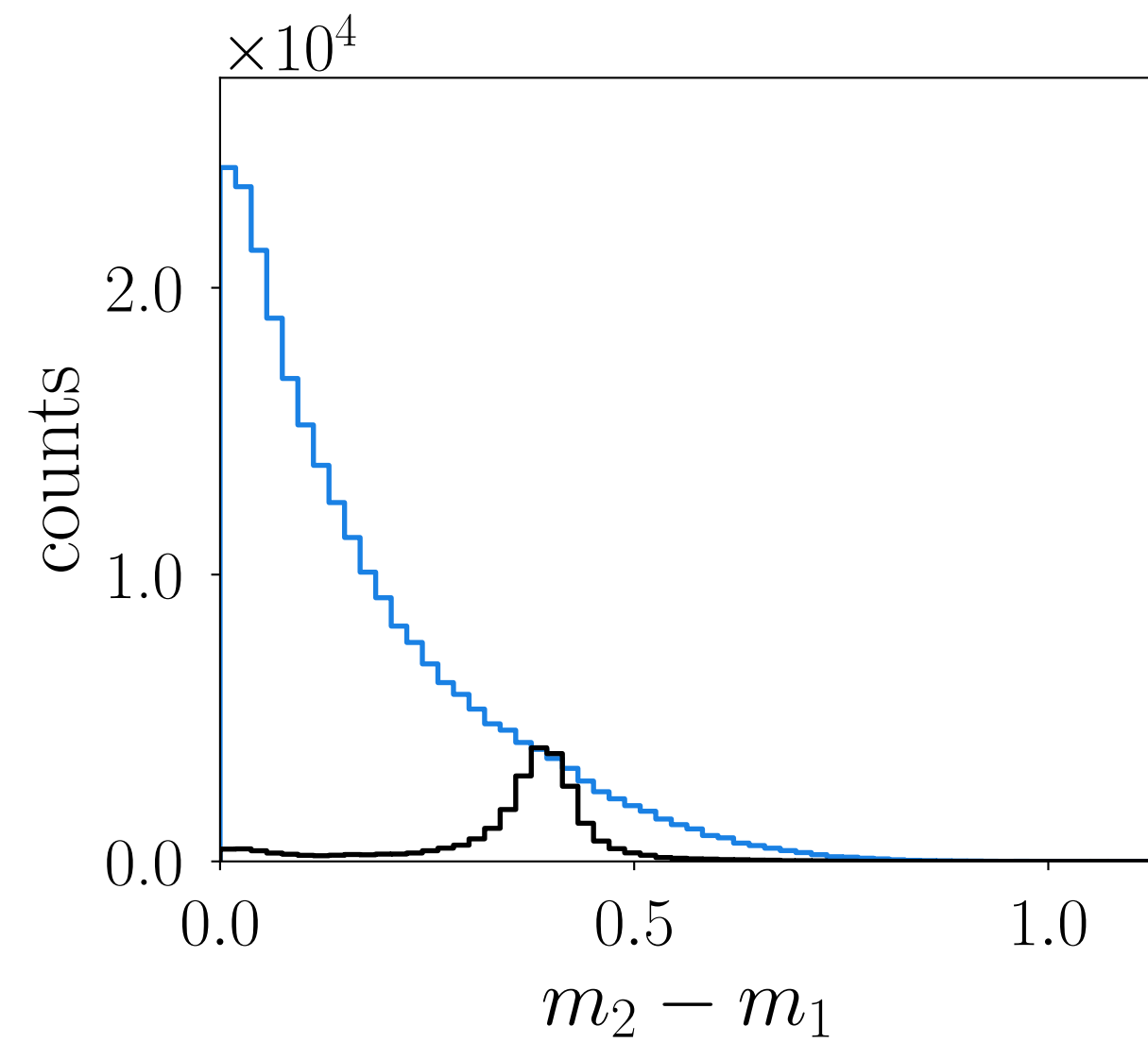
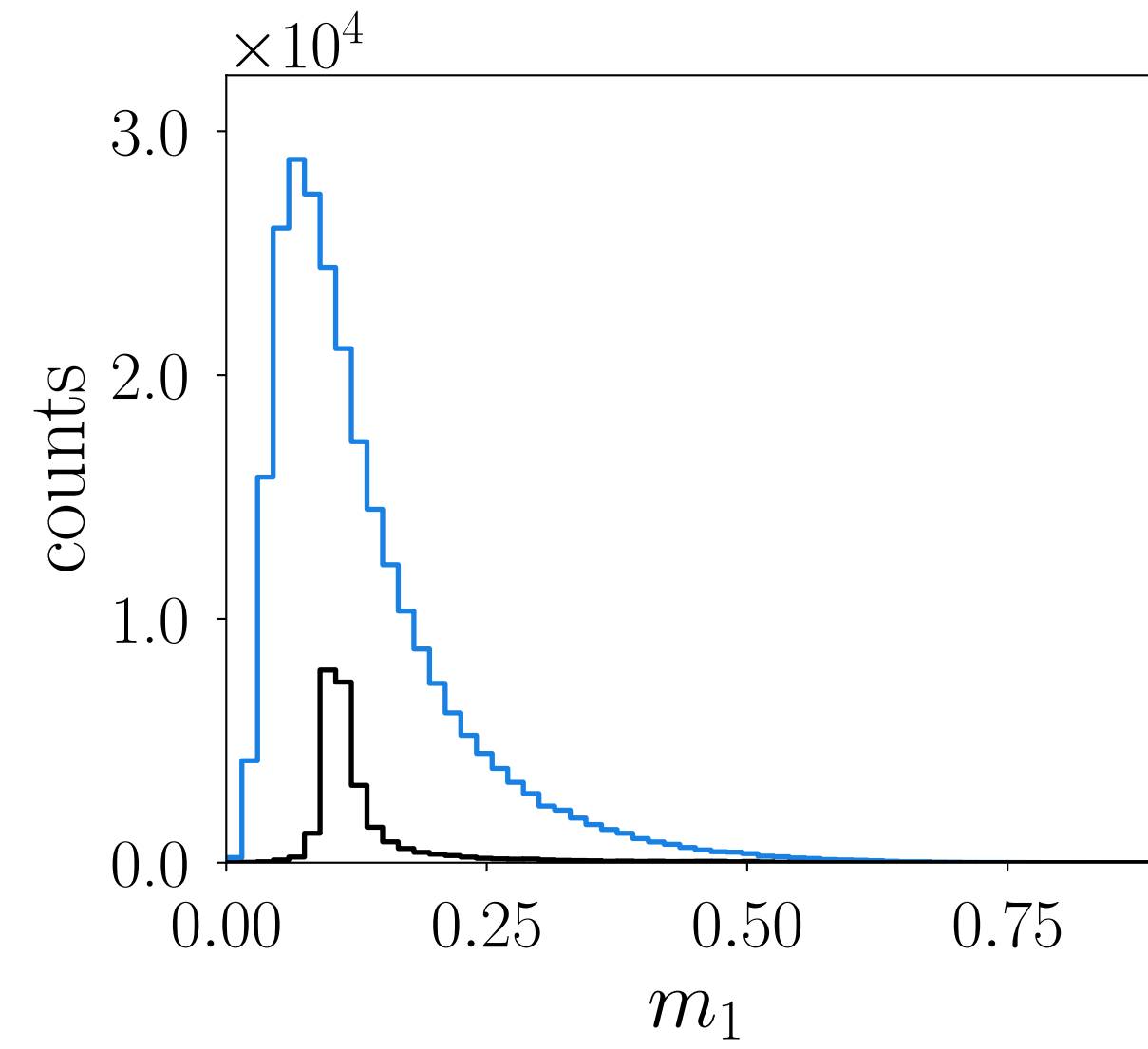
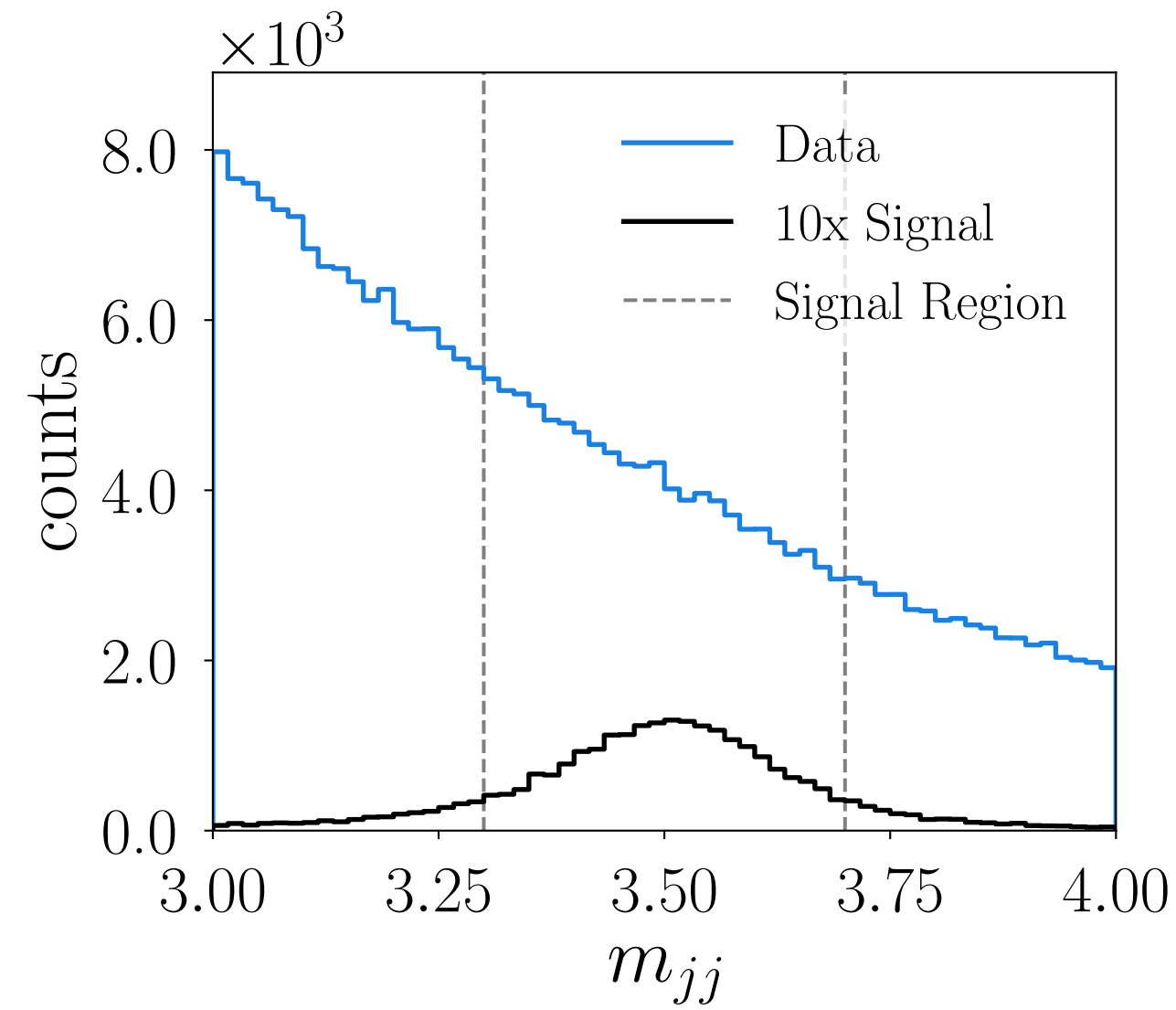
Conclusion

- Tested OnlineFlow approach on 1D proof-of-concept data
- Promising results
- Check for Full paper check: <https://arxiv.org/abs/2202.09375>
- Higher dimensional case on physics dataset

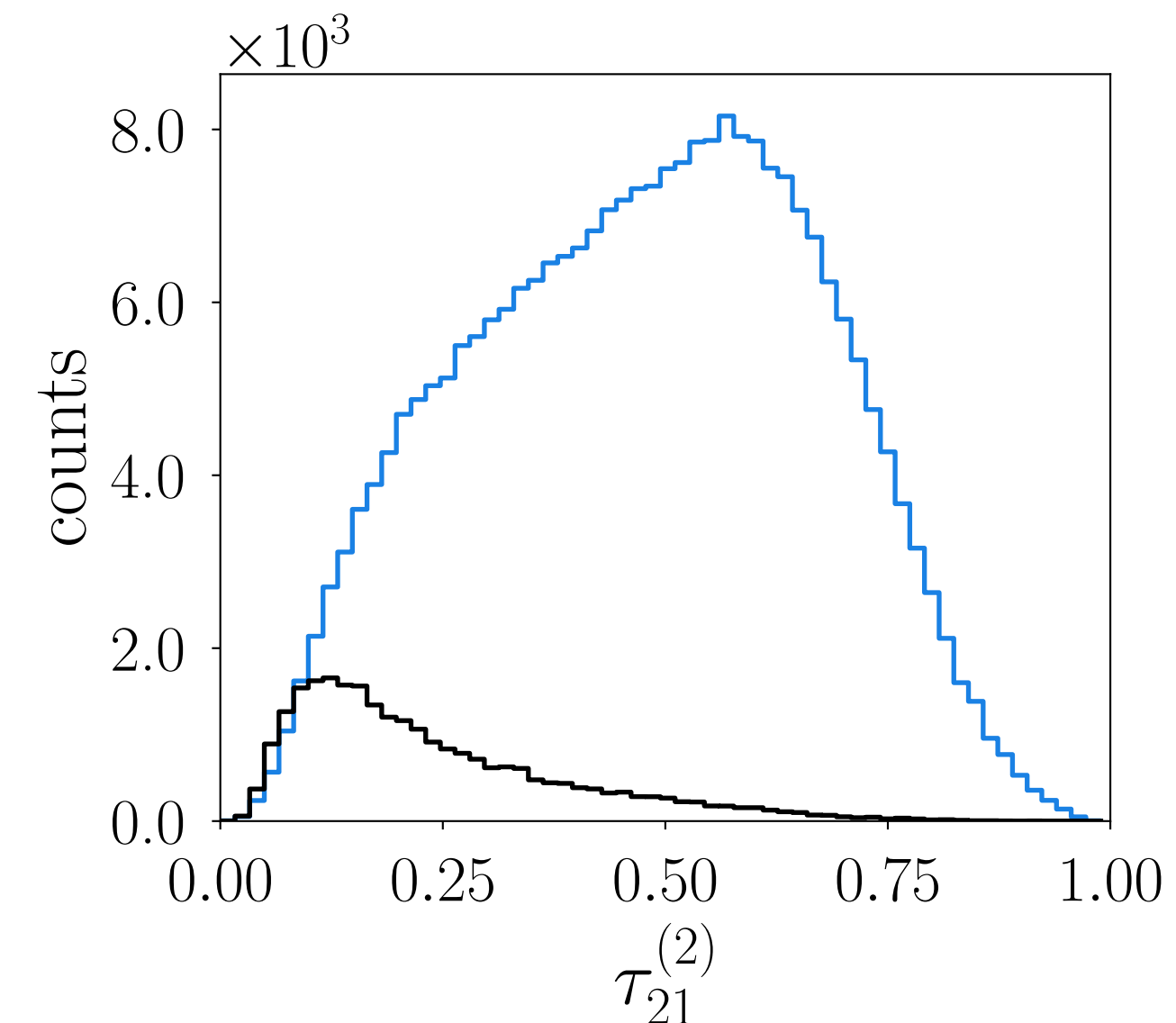


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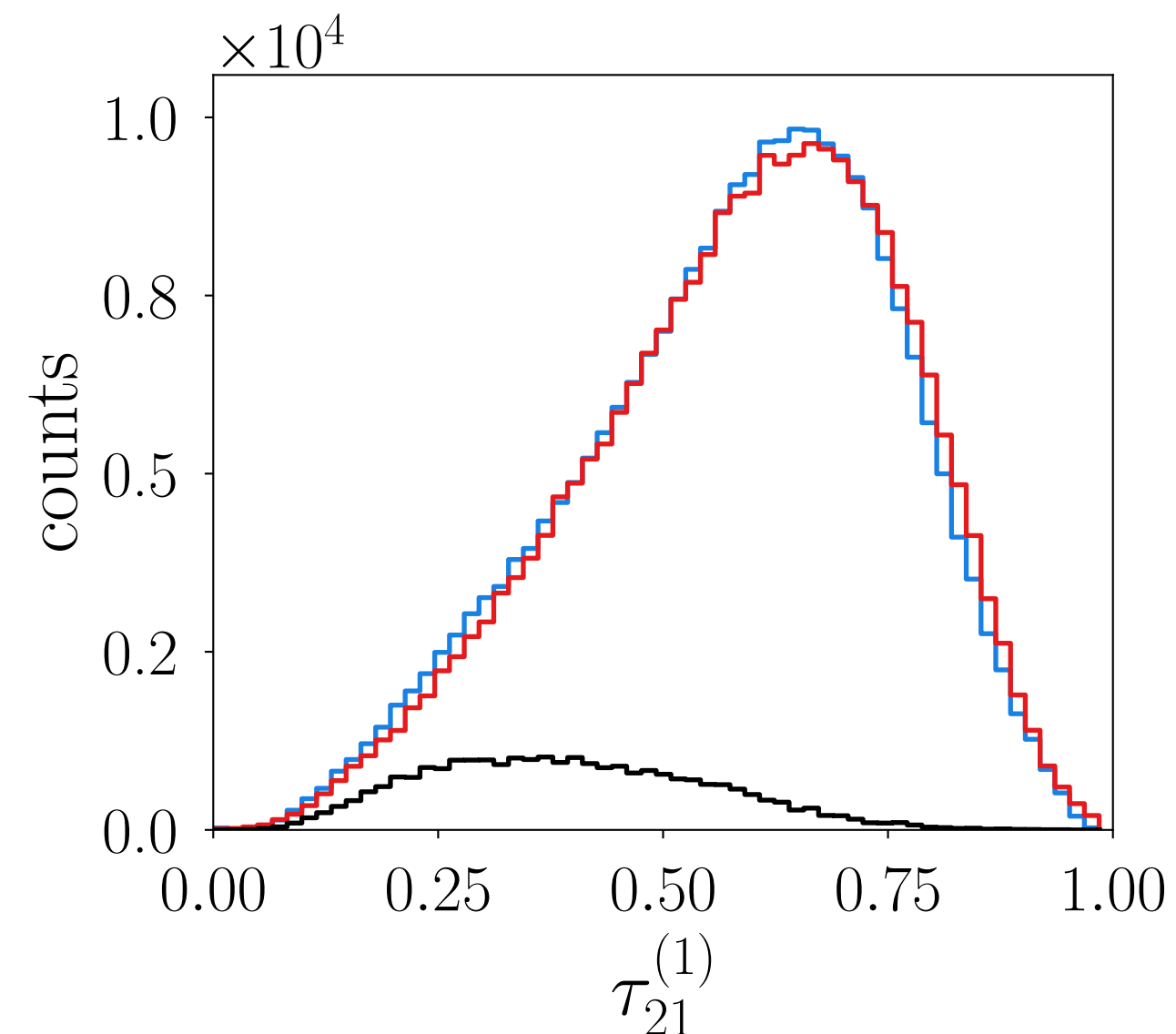
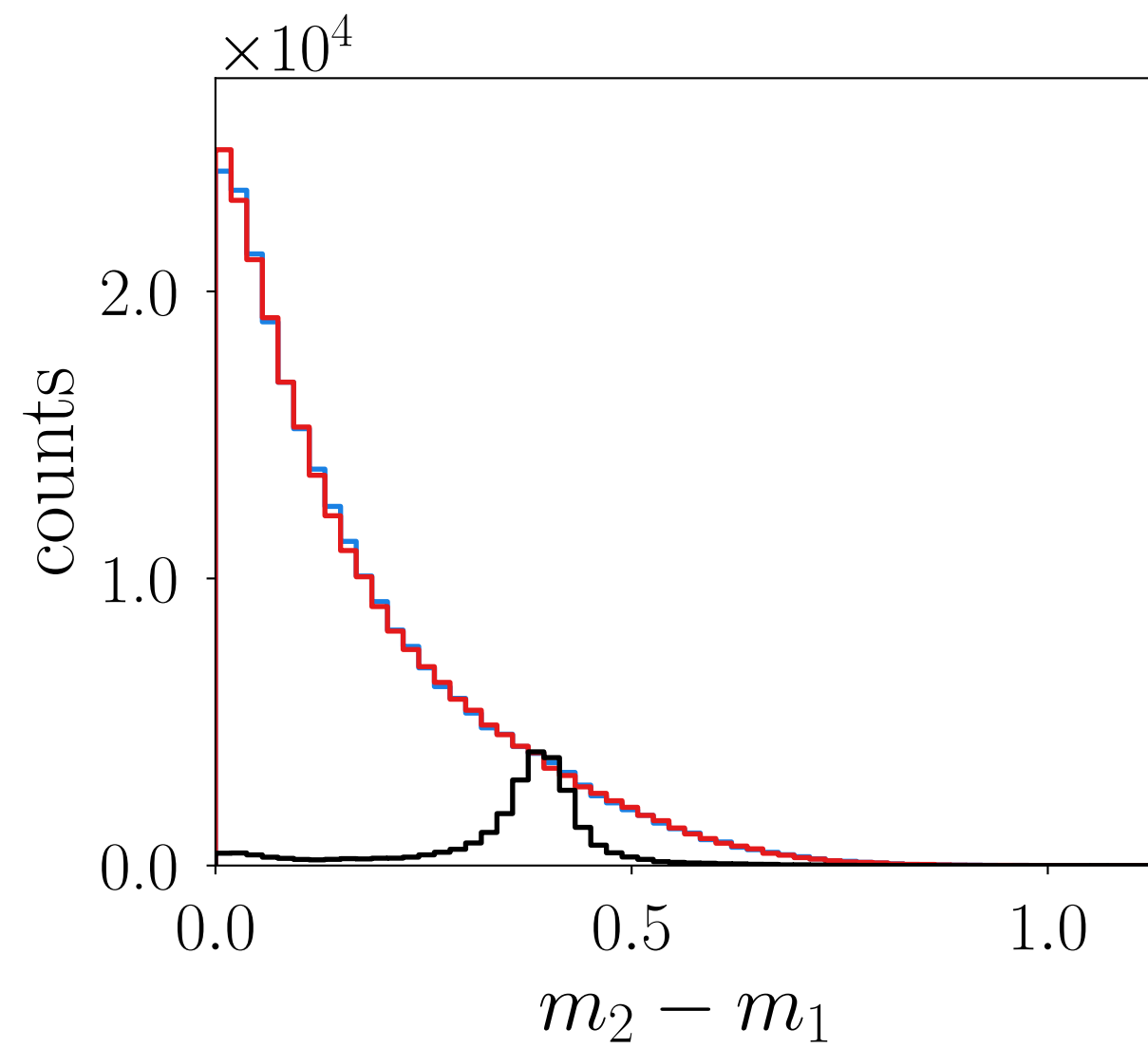
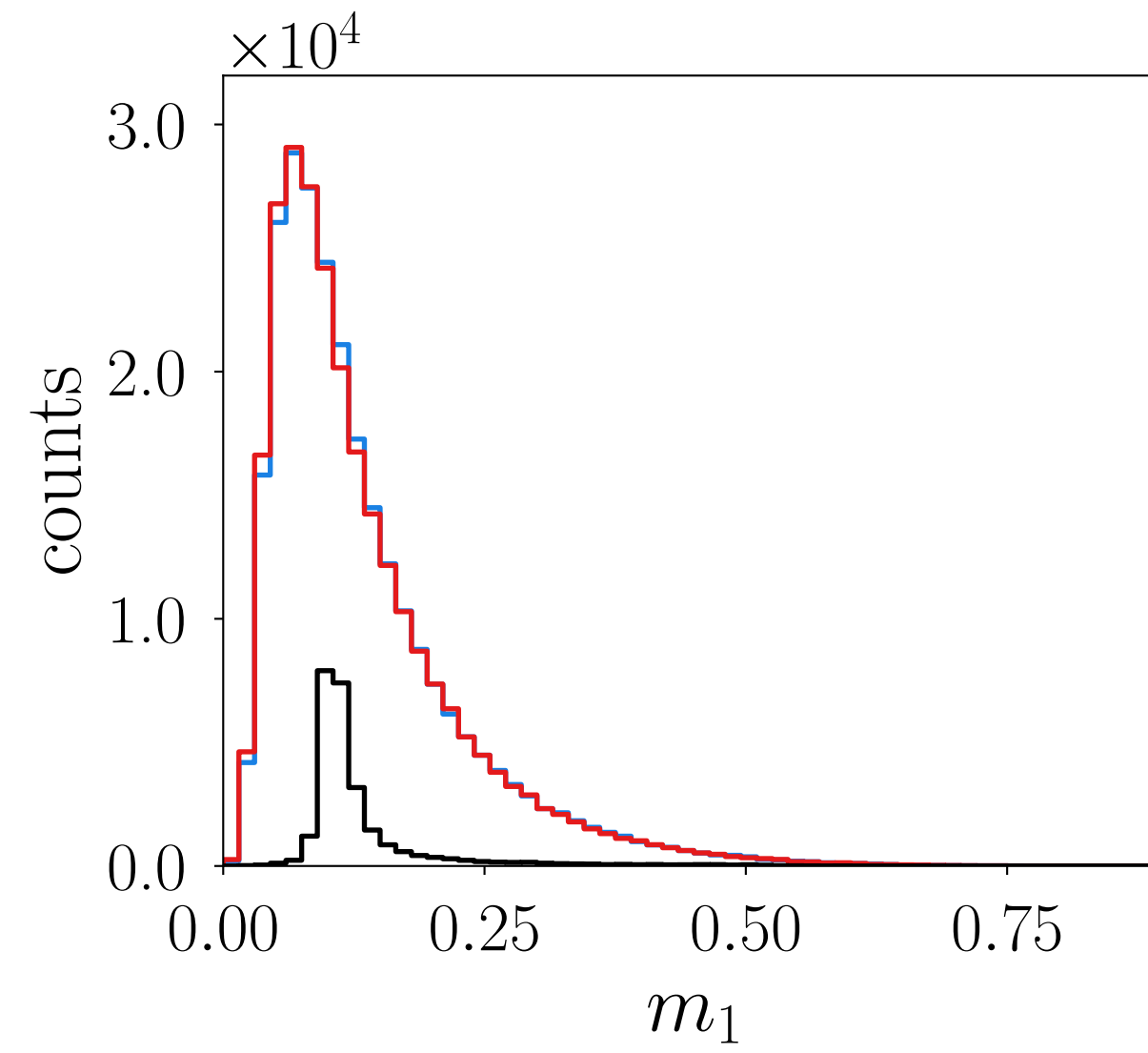
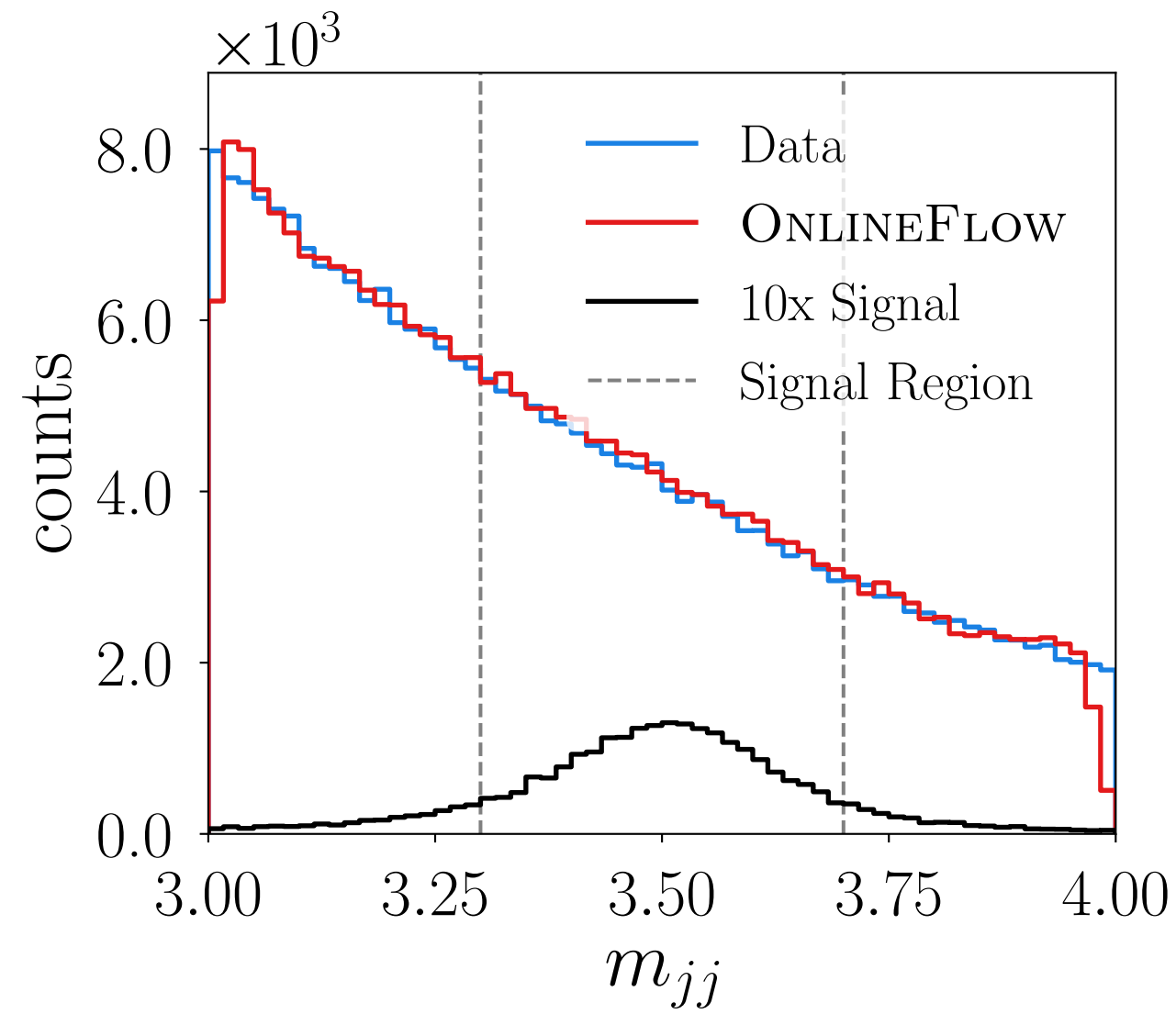


- LHCO Challenge dataset
- Realistic physics case for anomaly detection
- Use state-of-the-art anomaly detection input format

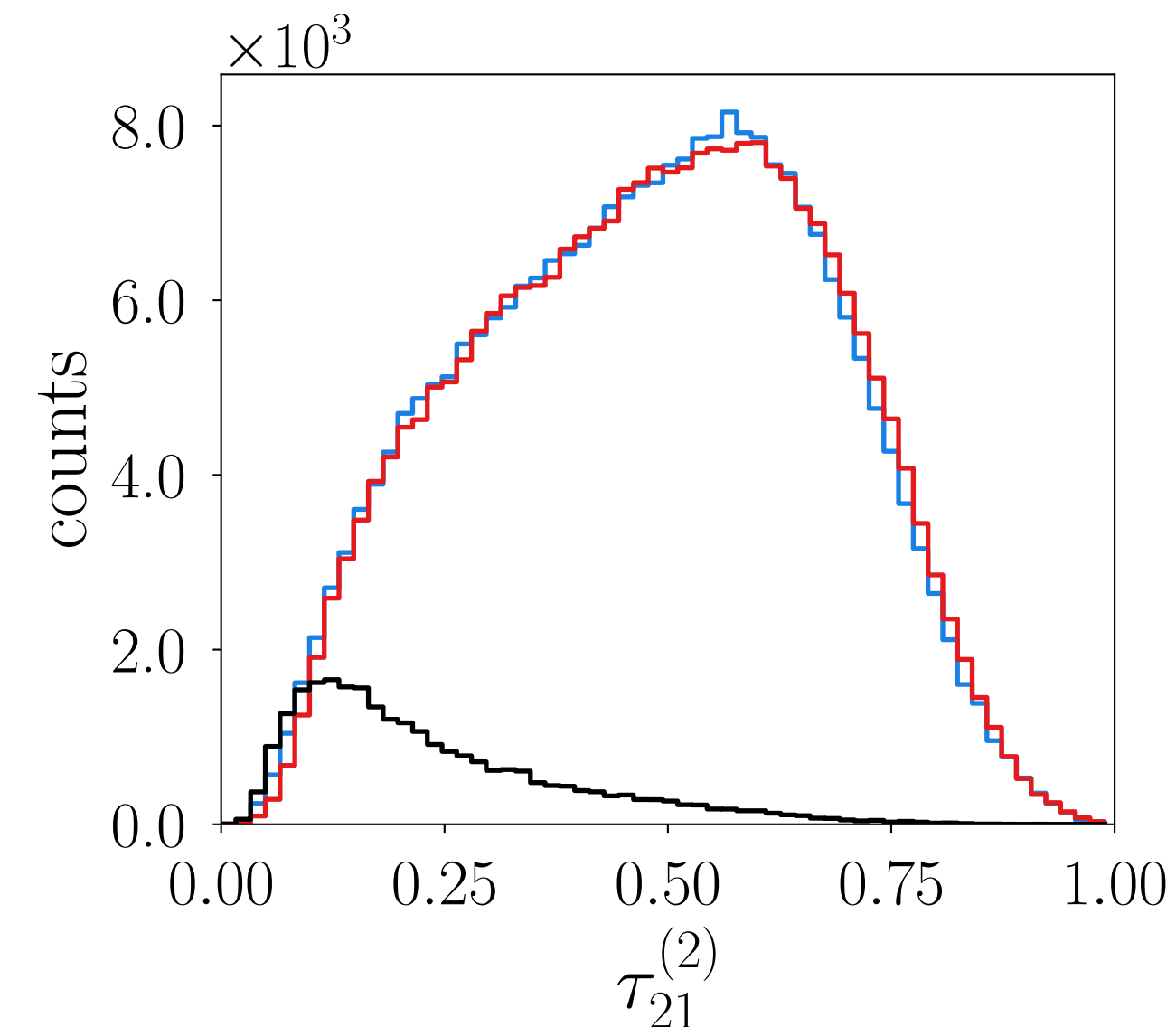


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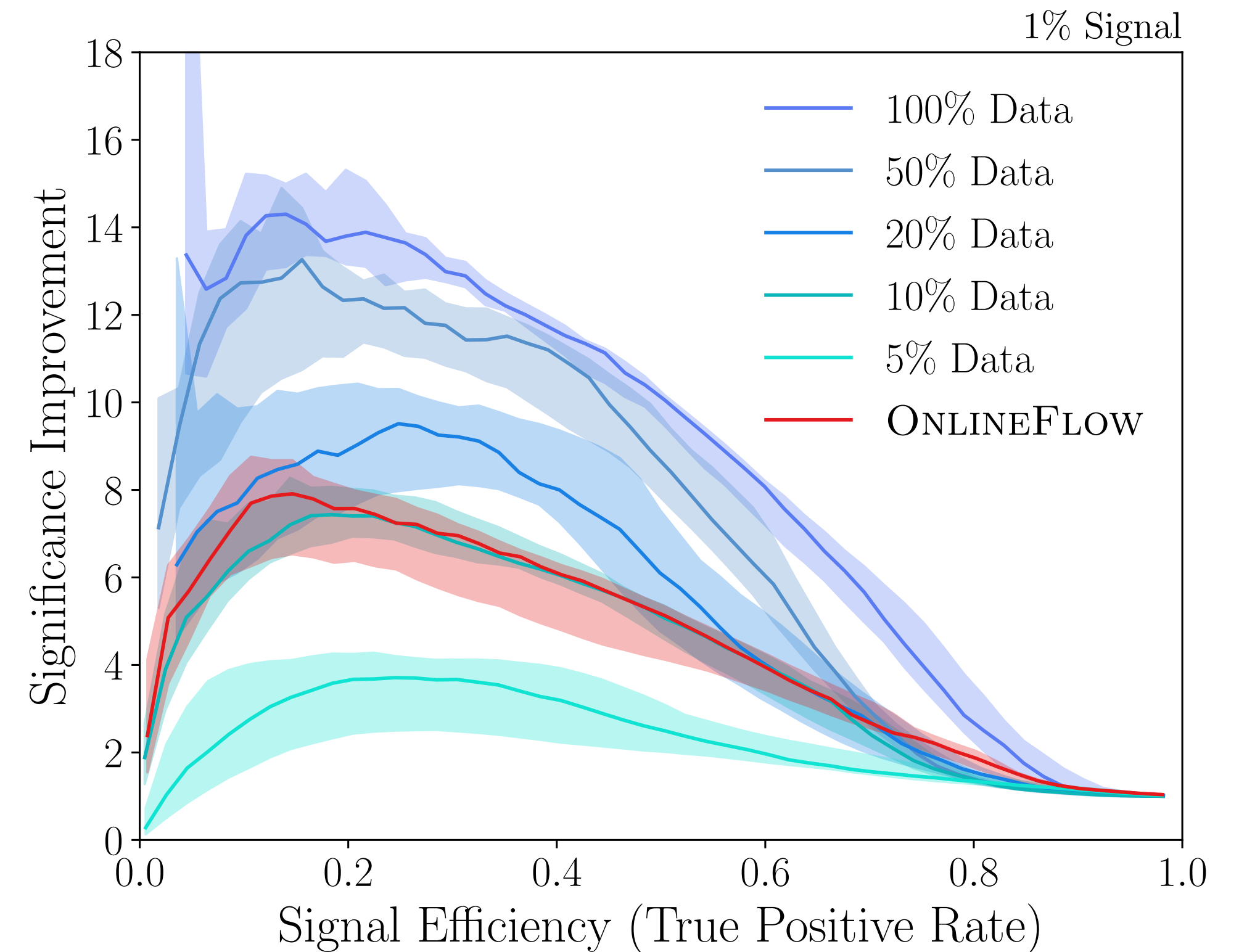
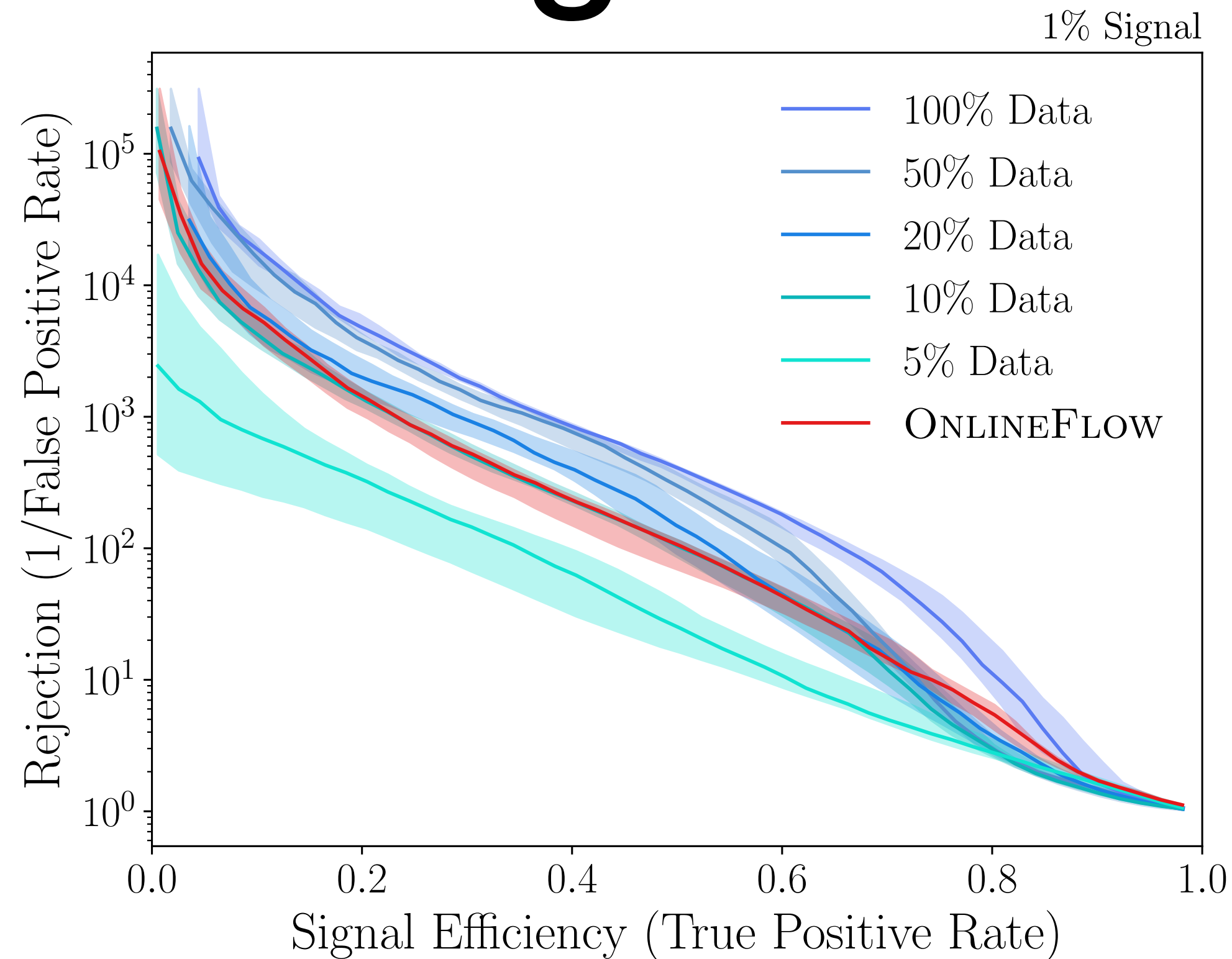


- Train flow on LHCO data
- Run anomaly detection setup on flow data
- Compare to running on training data itself



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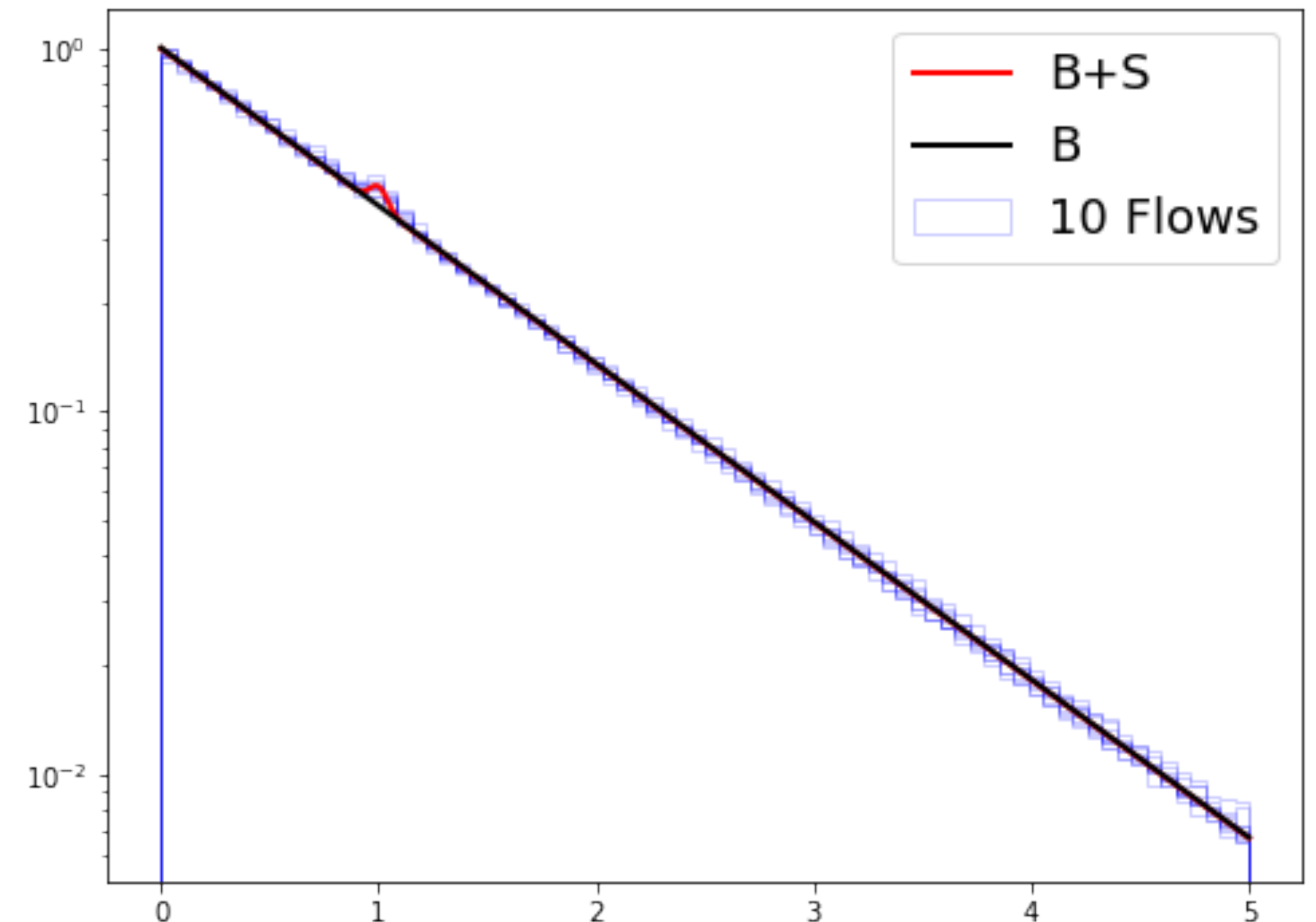
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- ROC and SIC curves, larger Rejection/Improvement is better
- Flow data performs about as well as 10% of the training data
- Still gain benefit if perscale factor is 10 or larger

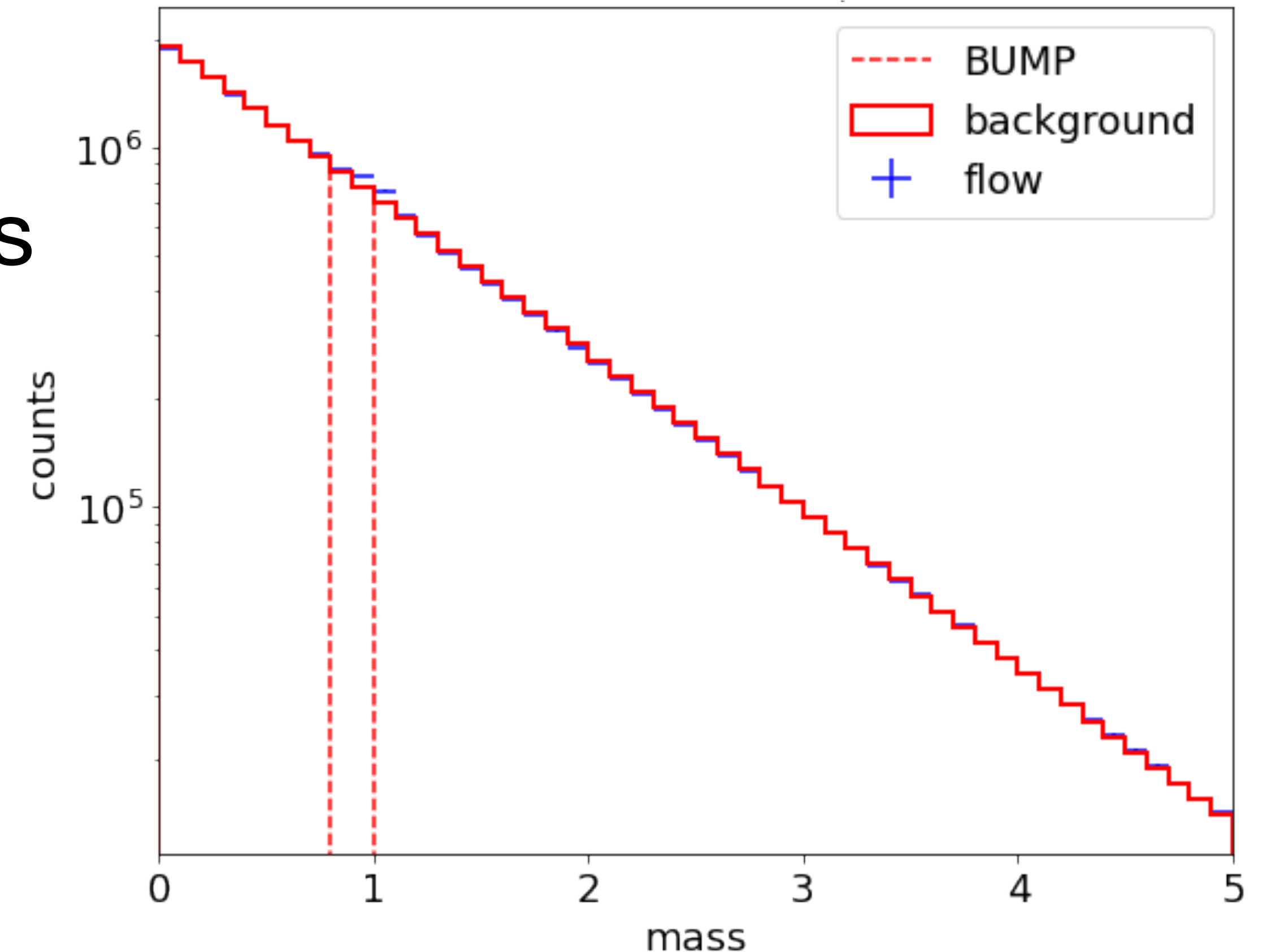
Backup

- Train **ensemble** of Flows
 - Same underlying distribution
 - Independant data points
- Lets us estimate systematic uncertainty
- Allows for easy parallelised training



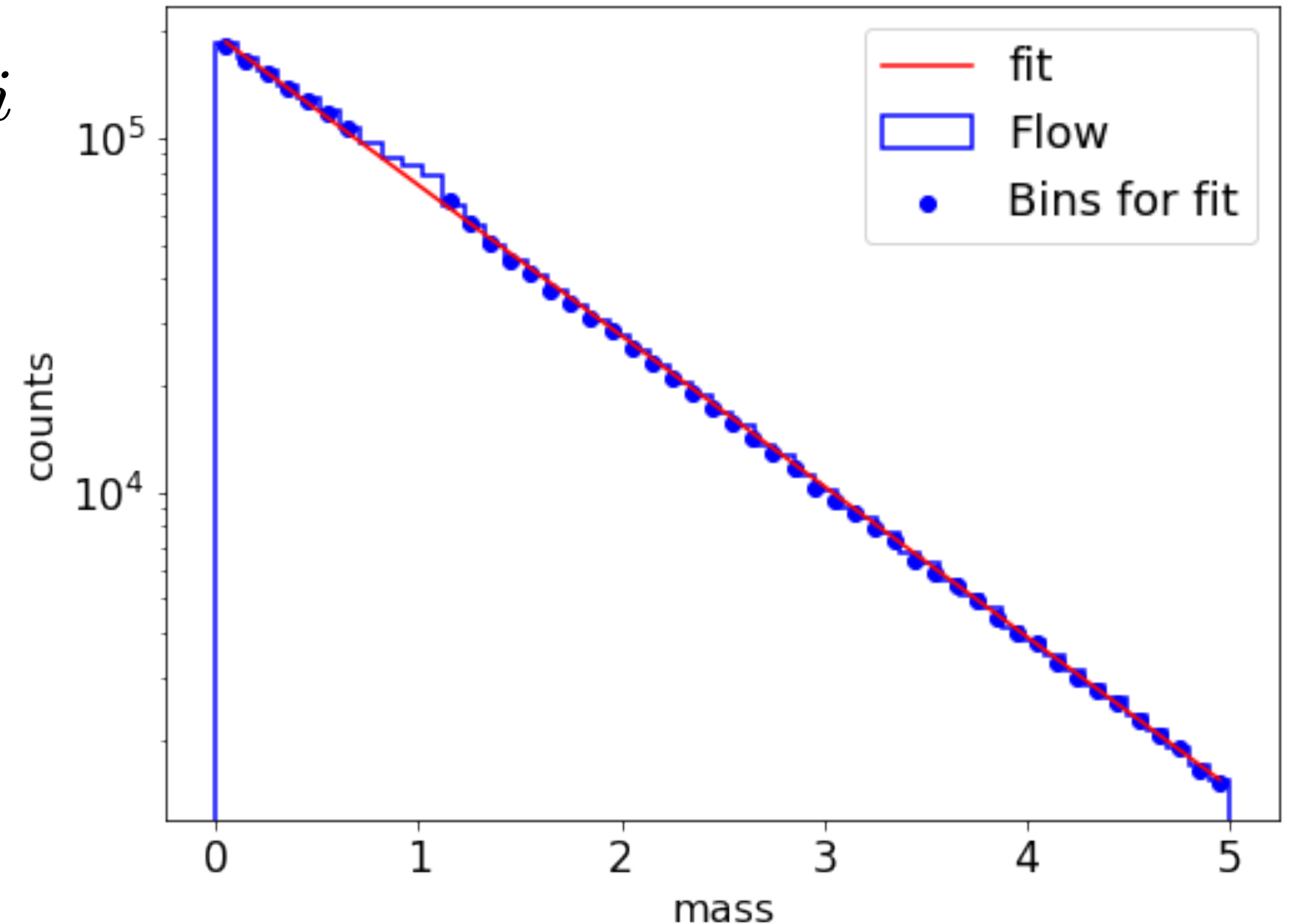
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- Uncertainty estimate:
- Step 1:
 - Look at **combined** flow samples
 - Run bump-hunt
 - Get upper and lower bound for signal region



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- Step 2:
 - Look at each **individual** flow F_i out of N flows in ensemble
 - Generate samples from F_i
 - Fit background model on samples excluding signal region from step 1
 - Get B_i and $(S + B)_i$ in signal region



Backup

- Step 3:

- Calculate $B = \sum_i^N B_i$ and $\delta B = \text{std}(B_i) \sqrt{N}$
- Calculate $(S + B)$ and $\delta(S + B)$ equivalently

- From this get S' and $\delta S'$

- Significance: $\frac{S}{\sqrt{(\delta S)^2 + B}}$

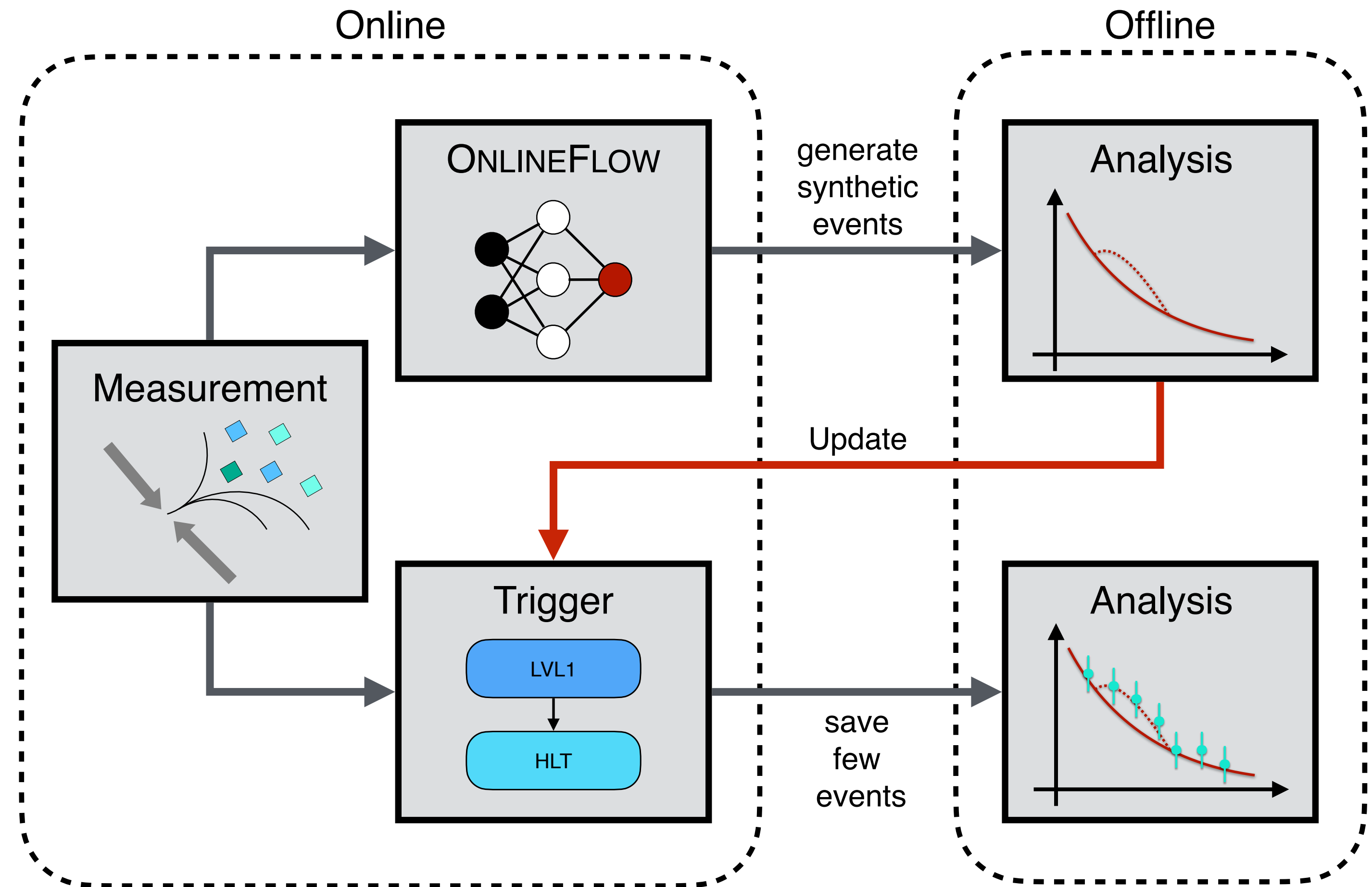
**Systematic error
via ensemble**

Statistical error

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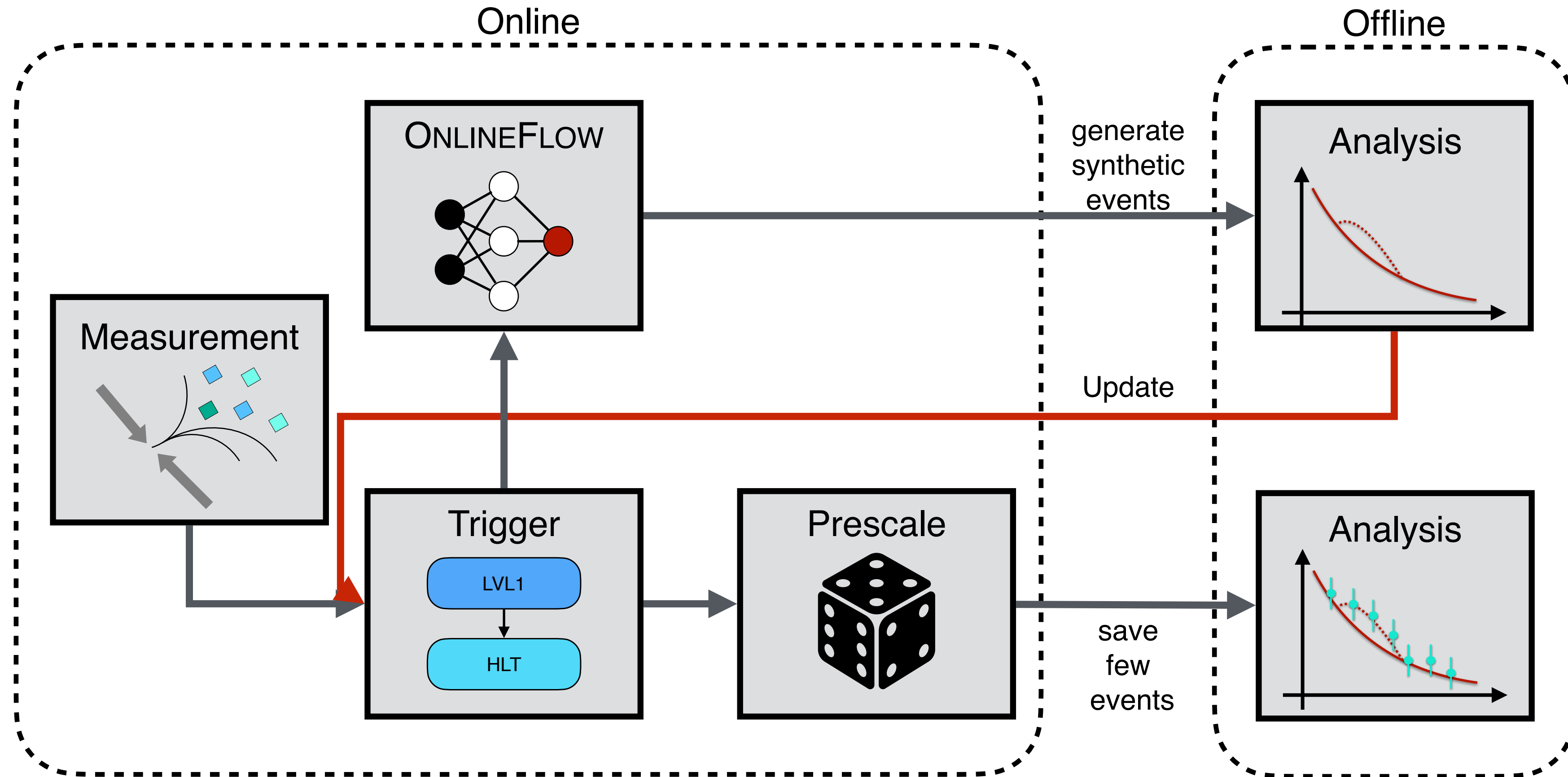
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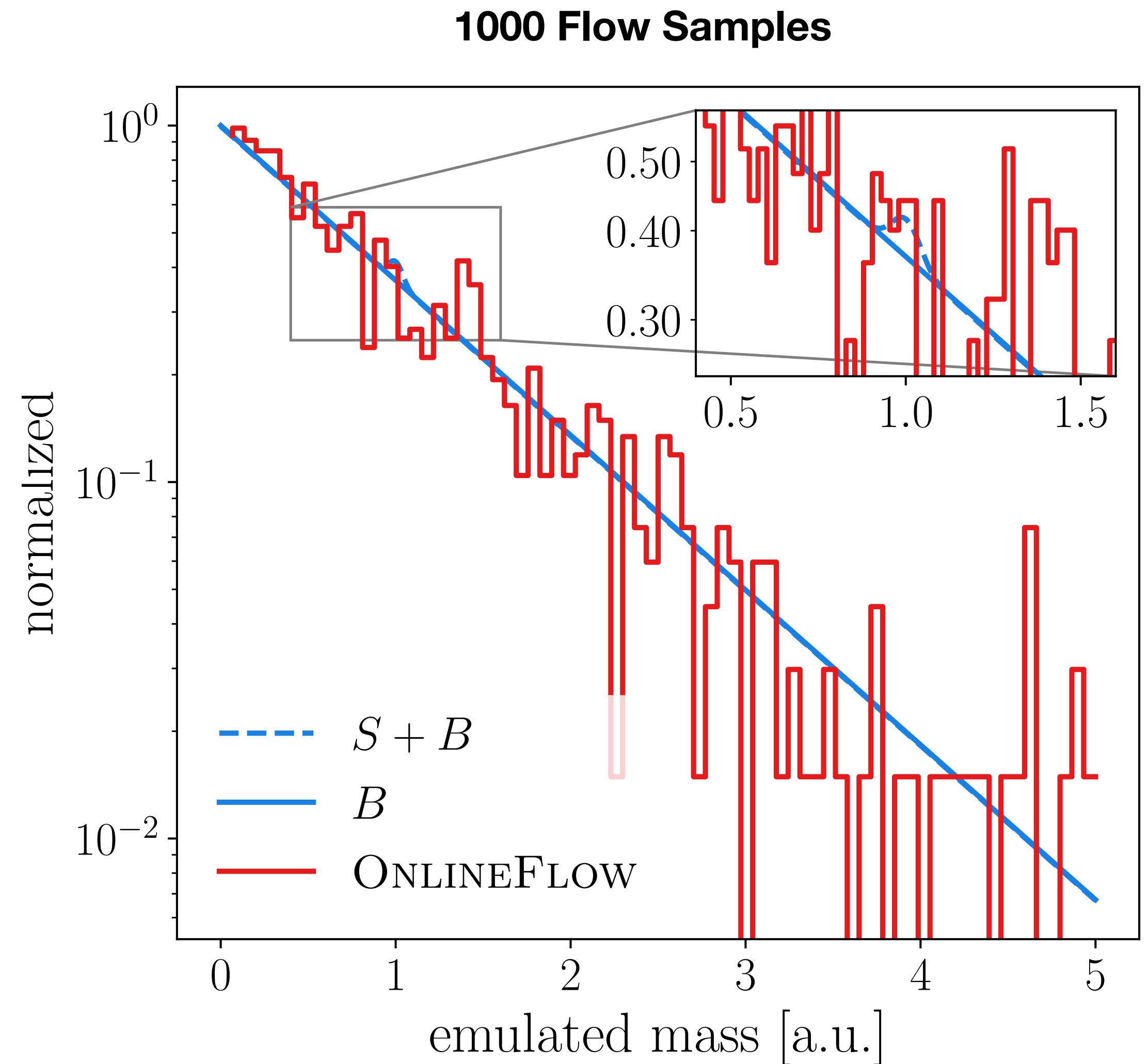
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- Randomly select events to save
- $1/\text{prescale}$ chance to keep event



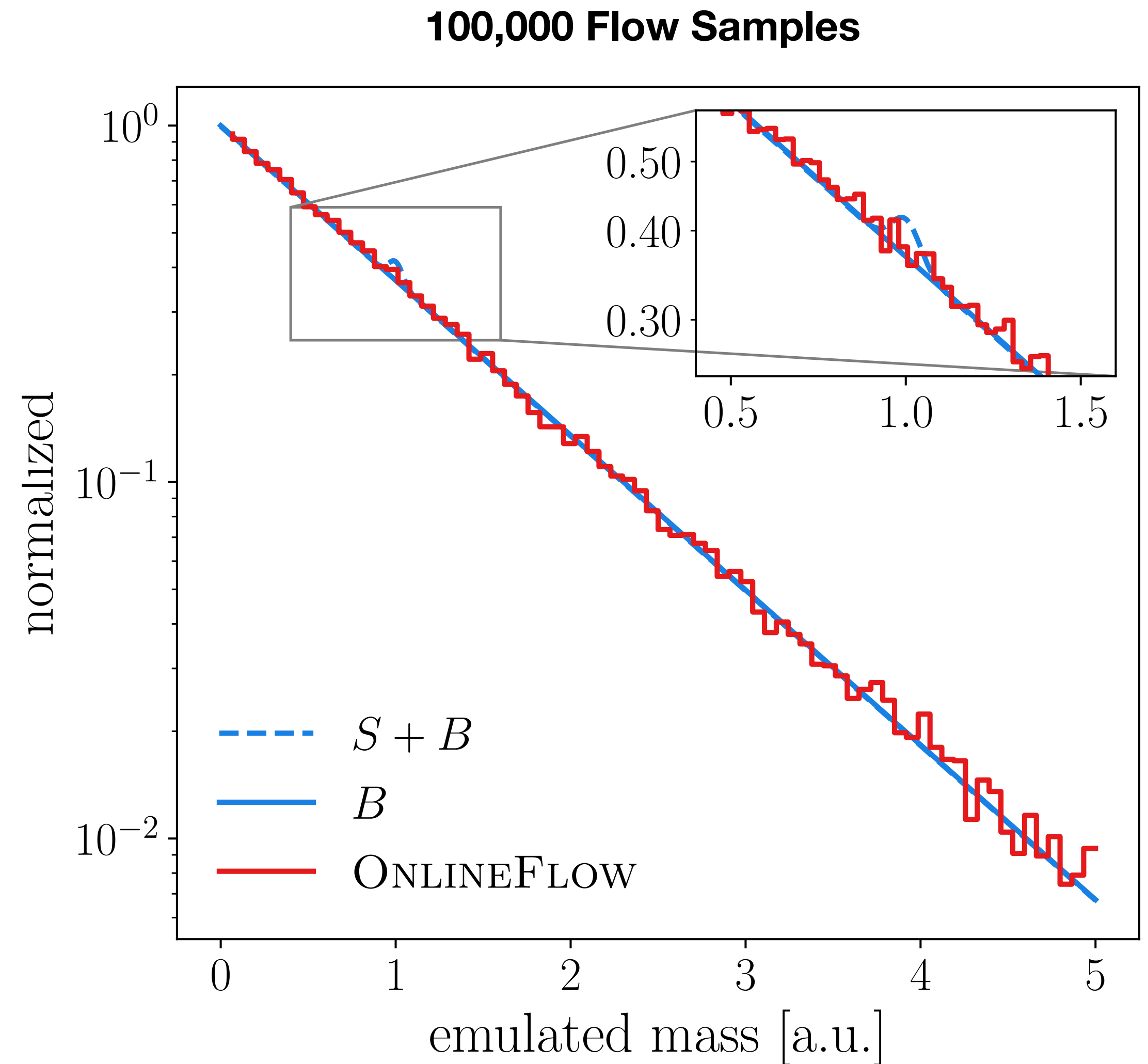
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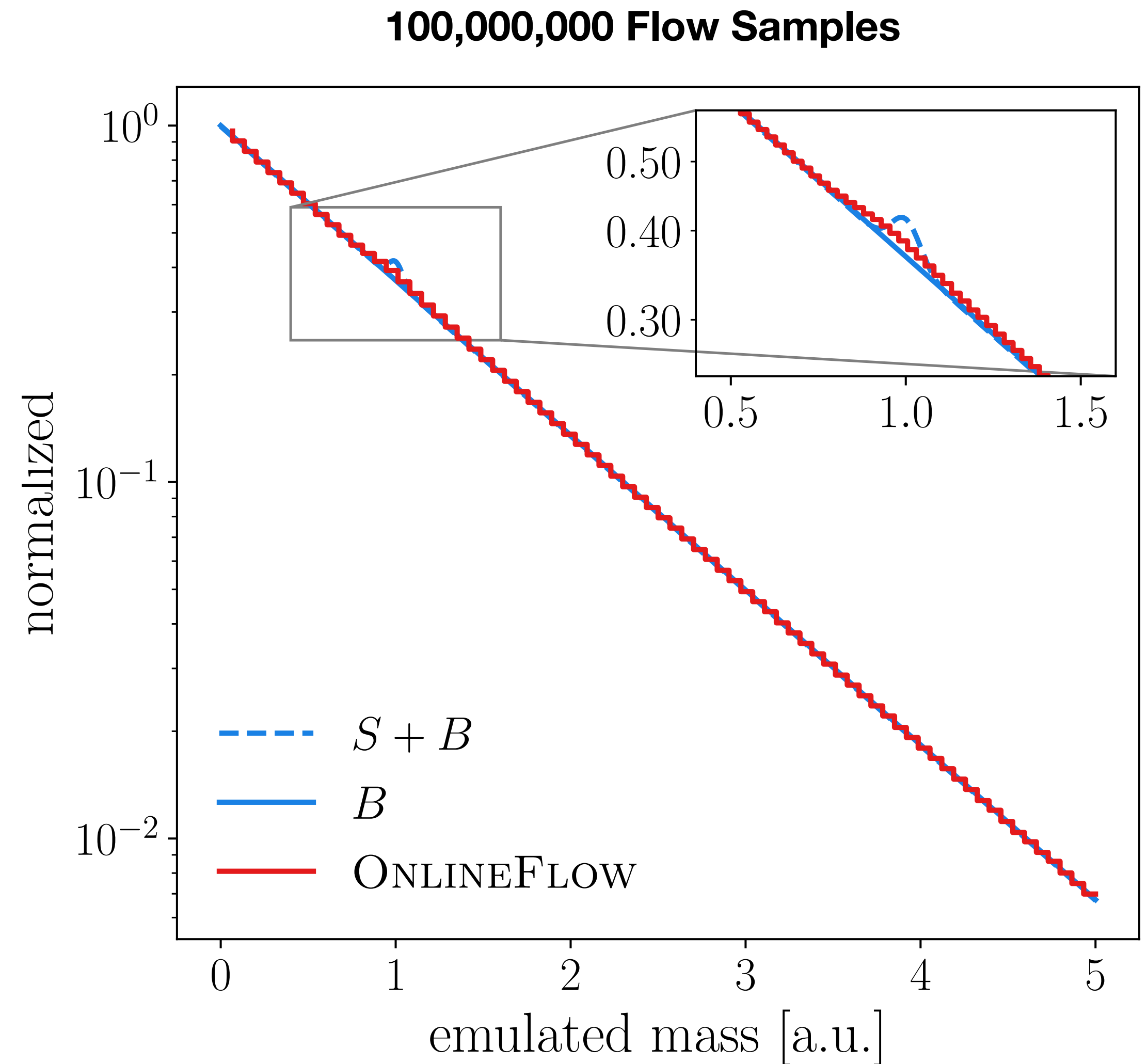
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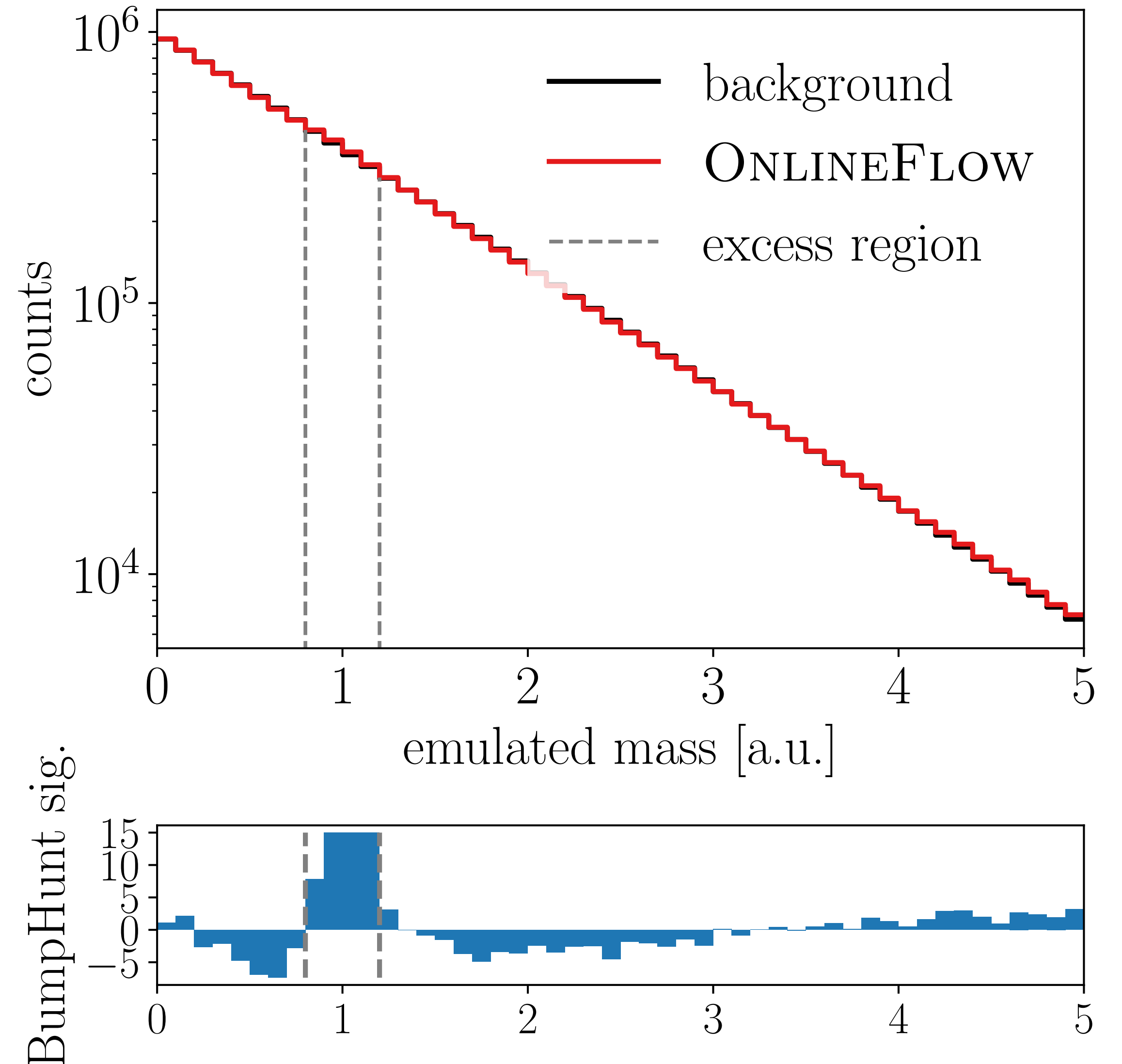
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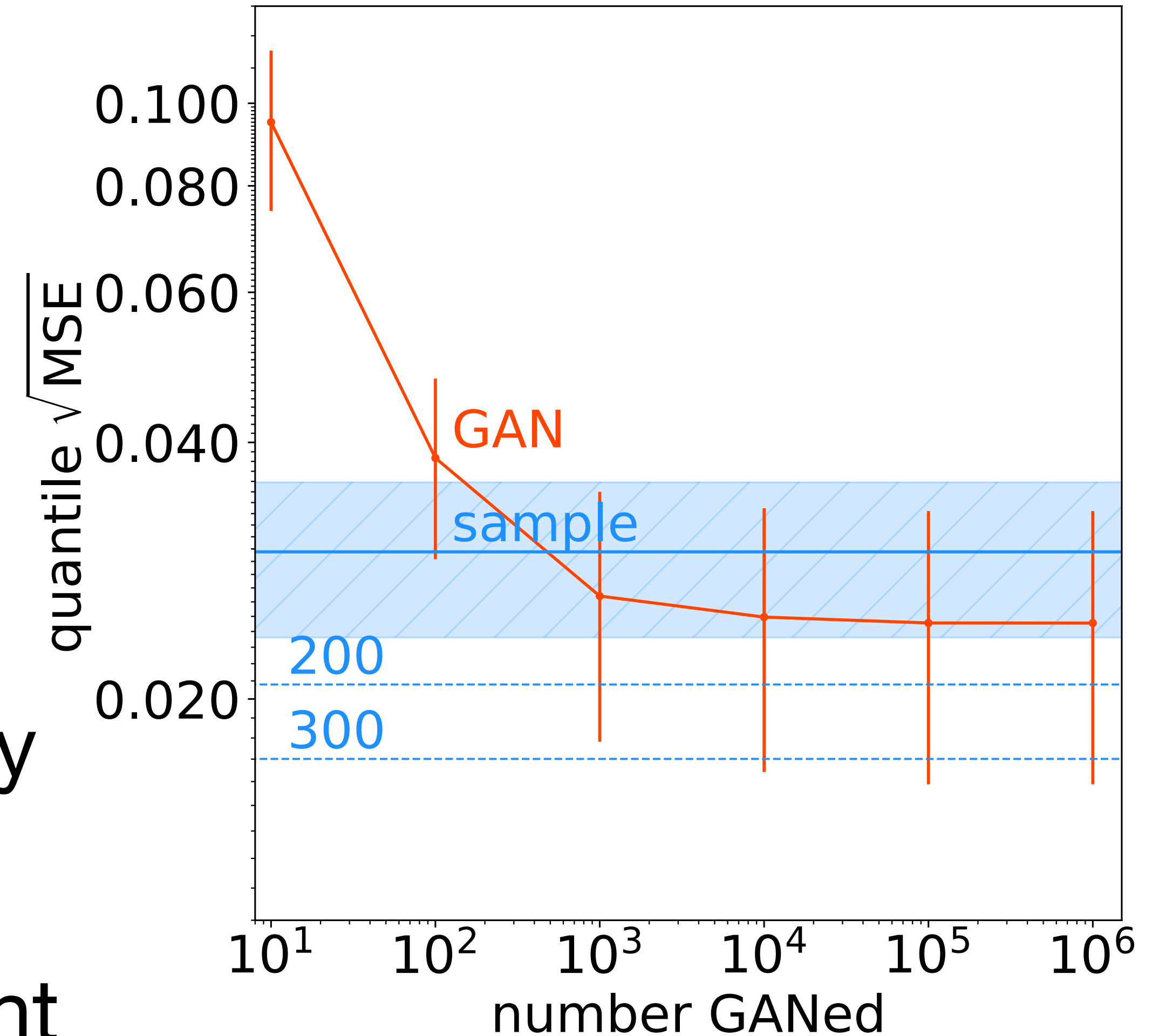
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 - More samples \neq less uncertainty
 - No Poisson uncertainty
 - Systematic uncertainty dominant



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