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Machine Learning for Simulation of Collision Events

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Motivation

LHC collision events always present hadronic jets.

- ❑ State of the art: ME generation + hadronisation + simulation.
- ❑ Full simulation: based on GEANT.
- ❑ Parameterised sims: Delphes, FastSim, ...

Machine learning-based alternative.

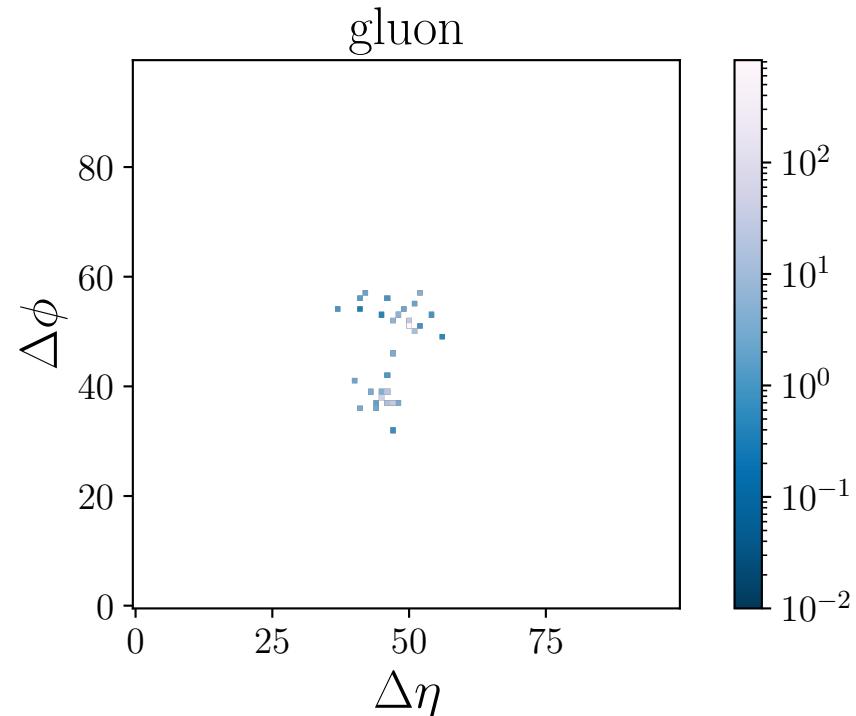
- ❑ Hadronic jets generation using a generative neural network.
- ❑ Possible applications:
 - Train on simulated jets: better simulation (substitute FastSim).
 - Train on real reconstructed jets: better hadronization + simulation.

Jets

Sparse sets of particles that are intrinsically unordered

- ❑ Each particle described by set of features: $p_x, p_y, p_z, p_T, \eta, \phi, \dots$
- ❑ Image representation: useful, but not fundamental.

Even though an ordering might be attributed to the data, it is important to preserve its permutation invariance.



Graphical representation of a gluon jet ([arXiv:1908.05318](https://arxiv.org/abs/1908.05318))

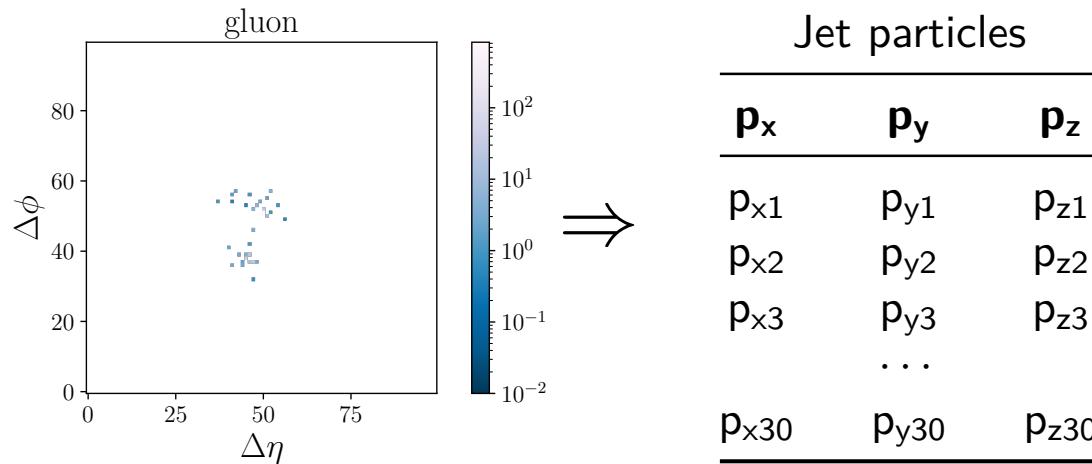
The JetNet Dataset

<https://zenodo.org/record/6302454>

- ❑ High momentum jets originating from gluons, light quarks, Z and W bosons, and top quarks.
- ❑ For now, only the gluon jets dataset is being used ($\sim 170k$ jets).

Each jet is represented as a list of 30 particles with 3 features.

- ❑ p_x, p_y, p_z showed better results.



Variational Autoencoders

- ❑ “Unsupervised” learning algorithm that applies backpropagation, setting the target values to be equal to the inputs.
- ❑ Consists of two parts:
 - ❑ Encoder function $h = f(x)$, and
 - ❑ Decoder function (reconstruction) $r = g(h)$.
- ❑ Learn the parameters of a distribution instead of range of values at the latent space.
- ❑ Sample from the learnt distribution to *generate* examples from the data distribution.
- ❑ Usually depends on the *Kullback–Leibler Divergence* to train.

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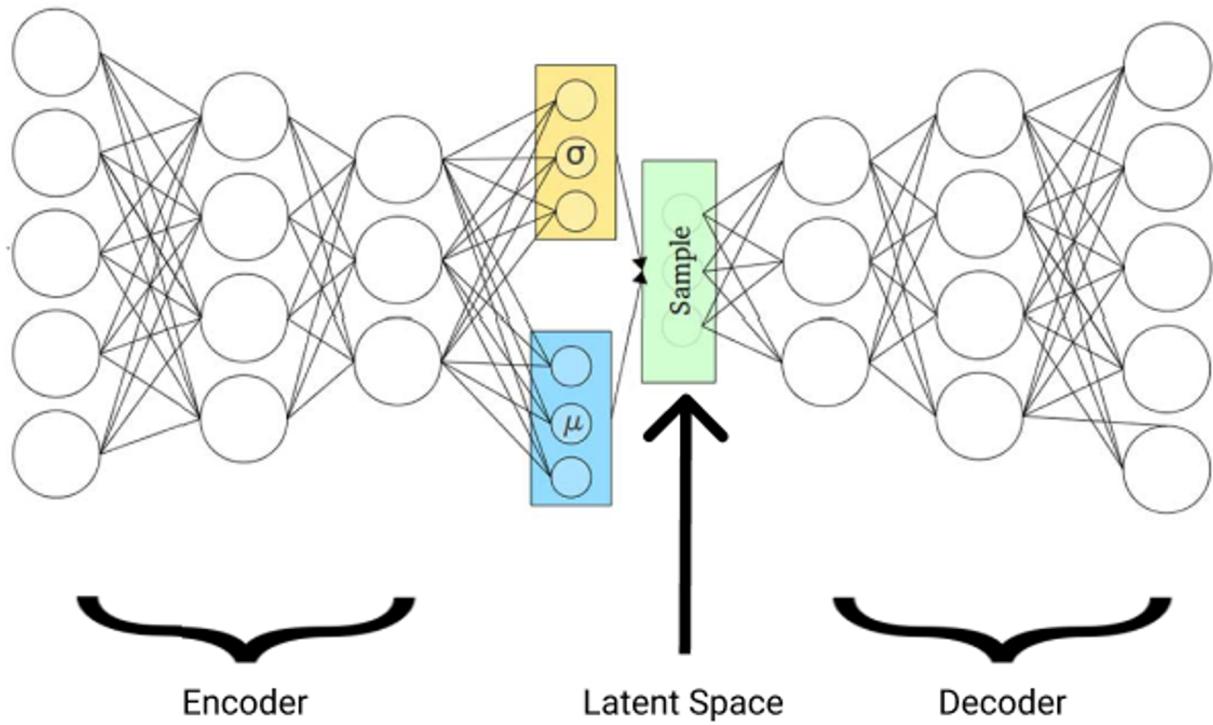
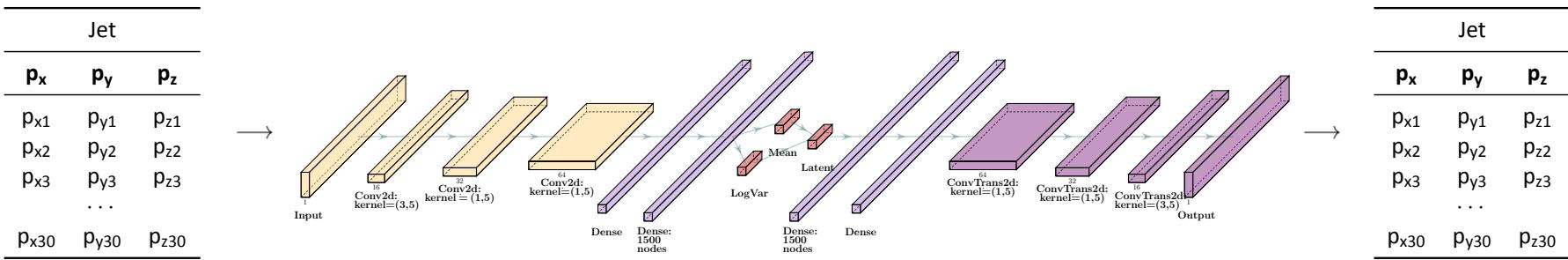


Image from [Variational Autoencoders Simply Explained](#)

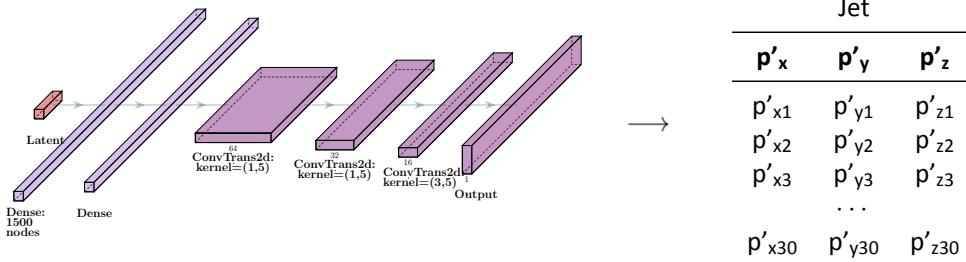
VAE for Sparse Data Generation

<https://arxiv.org/abs/2109.15197>

Training step:



Generation step:



Loss Function (1)

The error function L_{VAE} is built as

$$L_{\text{VAE}} = (1 - \beta)L_{\text{rec}} + \beta D_{\text{KL}}$$

where $D_{\text{KL}}(L_{\text{rec}})$ is the generation (reconstruction) error. The L_{rec} term is divided as

$$L_{\text{rec}} = L^{\text{NND}} + L^{\text{J}}$$

where L^{NND} is a permutation-invariant term in the particles' properties:

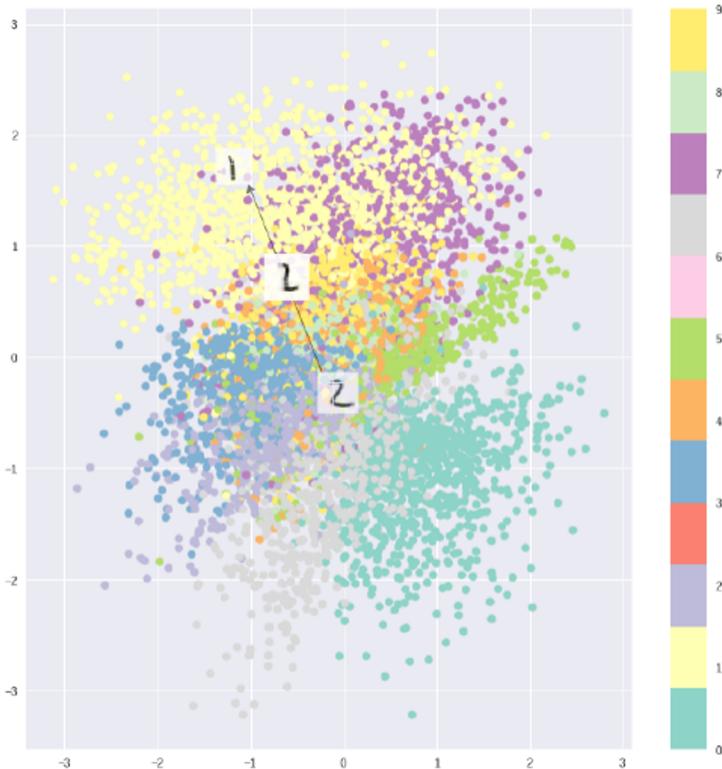
$$L^{\text{NND}} = \sum_k \left[\sum_{i \in \mathcal{J}_k} \min_{j \in \hat{\mathcal{J}}_k} D(\vec{p}_i, \vec{\hat{p}}_j) + \sum_{j \in \hat{\mathcal{J}}_k} \min_{i \in \mathcal{J}_k} D(\vec{p}_i, \vec{\hat{p}}_j) \right]$$

and L^{J} is a sum of two mean-squared errors (MSE) on jets' properties

$$L^{\text{J}} = \sum_k [\gamma_{p_{\text{T}}} \cdot \text{MSE}(p_{\text{T}k}, \hat{p}_{\text{T}k}) + \gamma_m \cdot \text{MSE}(m_k, \hat{m}_k)]$$

Loss Function (2)

- ❑ The penalization term is the KL divergence (relative entropy).
 - ❑ Distance between a Gaussian with mean μ and std deviation σ and the standard normal distribution.
- ❑ Keeps the latent space variables centered around 0 avoiding the scatter.
- ❑ The β controls the influence of the penalization term.



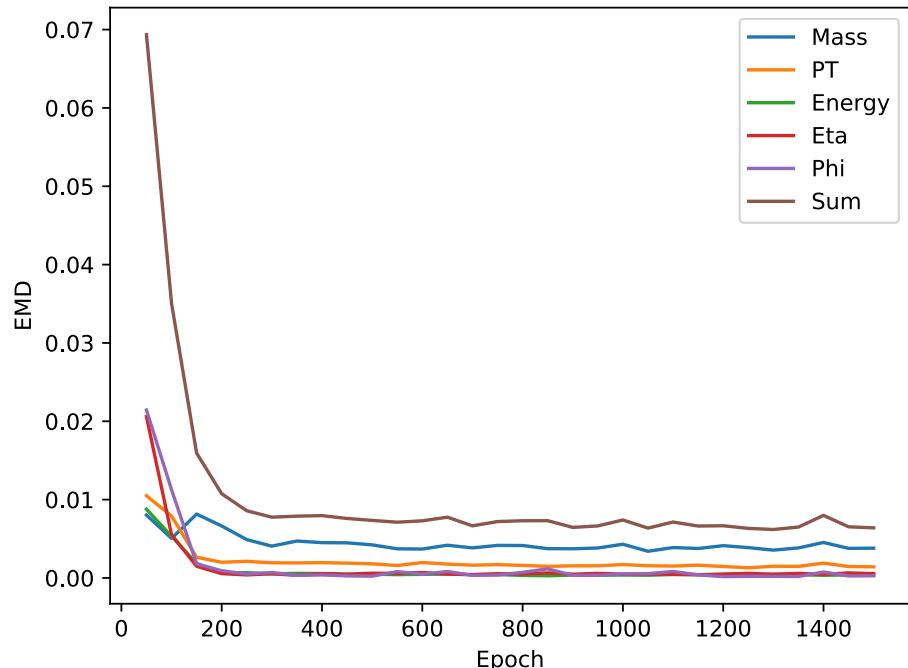
Generation Capacity Measurement

Jets features being compared:

- Mass, energy, p_T , η , ϕ

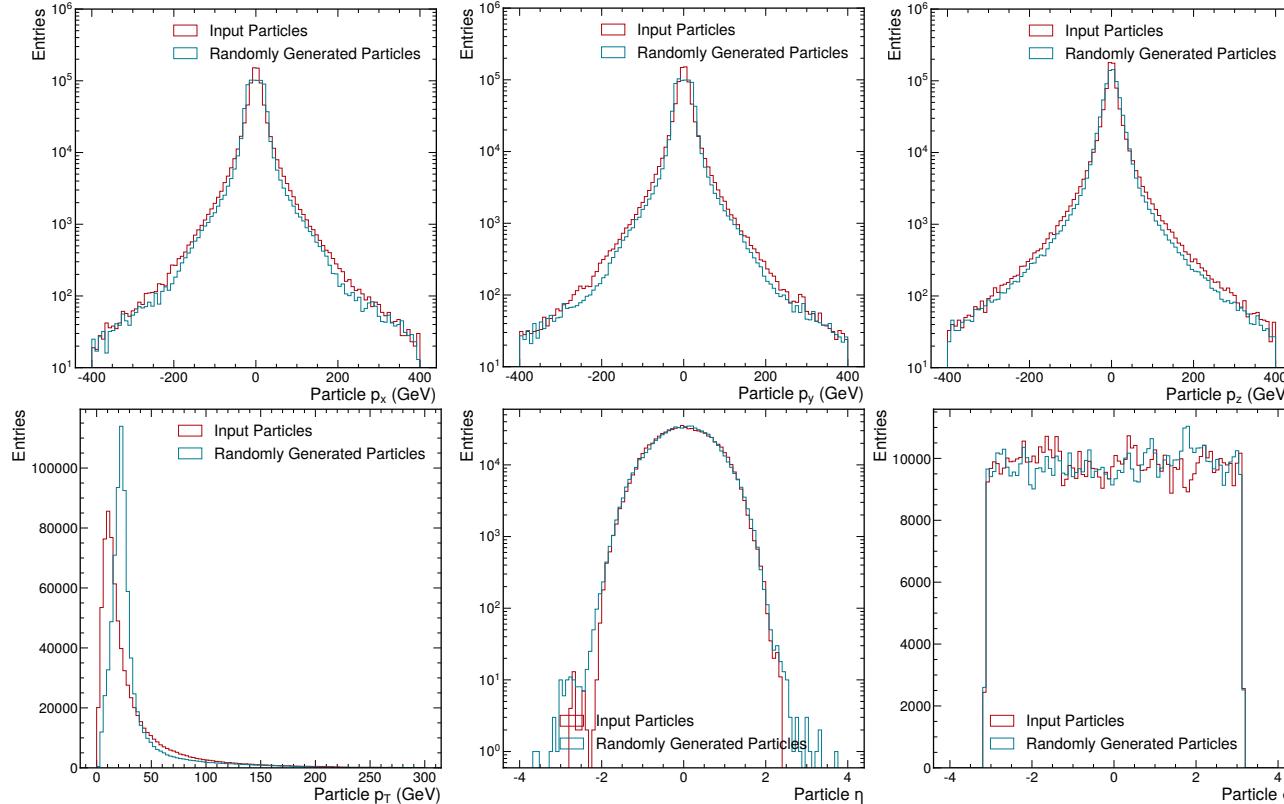
Quantitative measurement:

- Sum of “earth mover’s”
(Wasserstein’s) distance (EMD)
between histograms of input
and generated jets features.



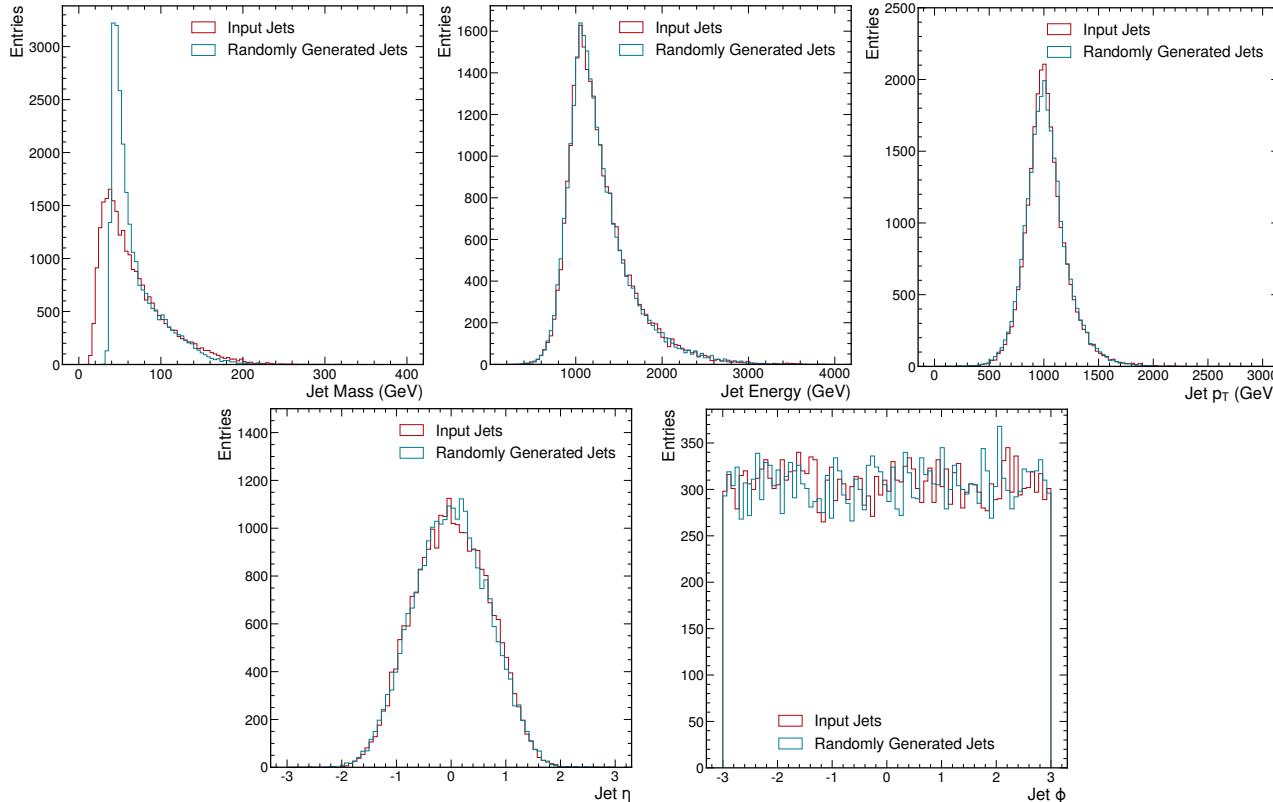
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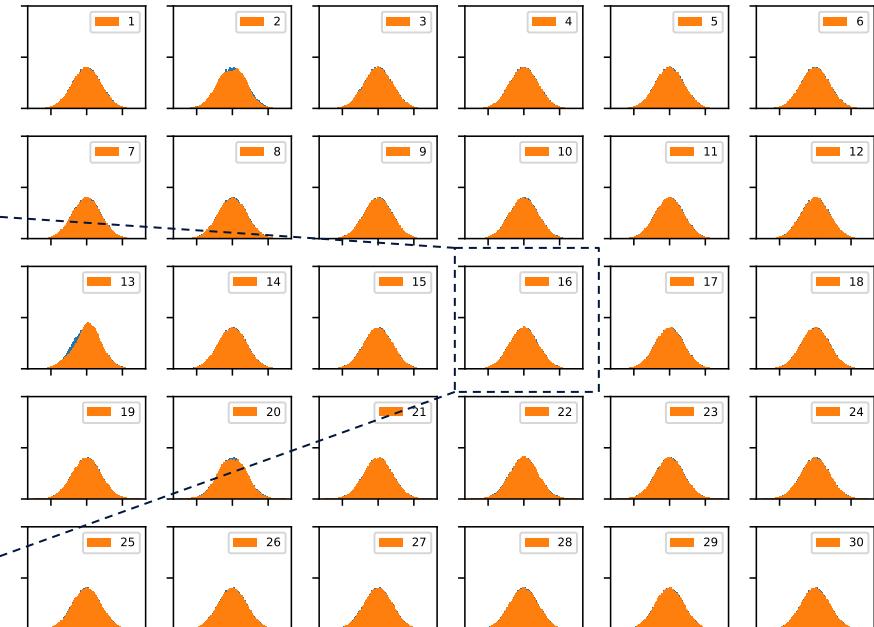
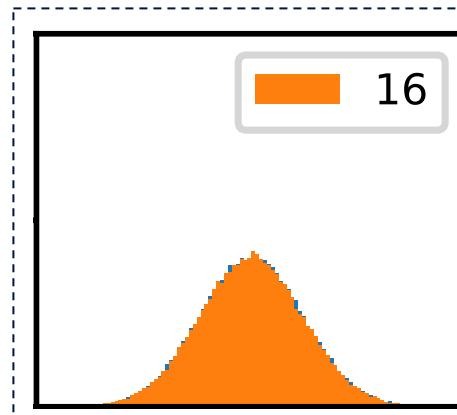
Alternative Approach to VAE Jet Generation

Generated jets mass does not match the input jets mass.

- ❑ Network encodes data into standard gaussians → might not be the optimal distribution for latent vector elements (as shown in next slides)

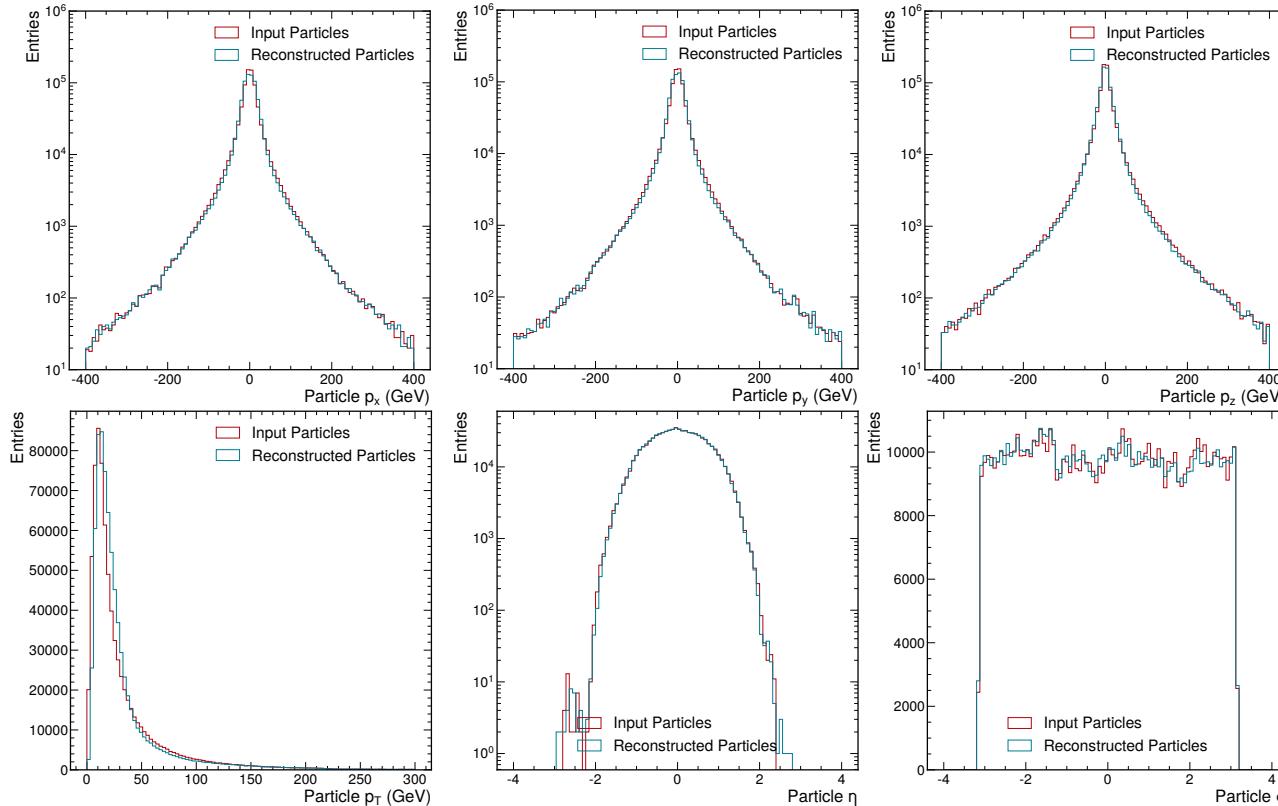
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Orange distribution: $p_z(z)$
in generation case



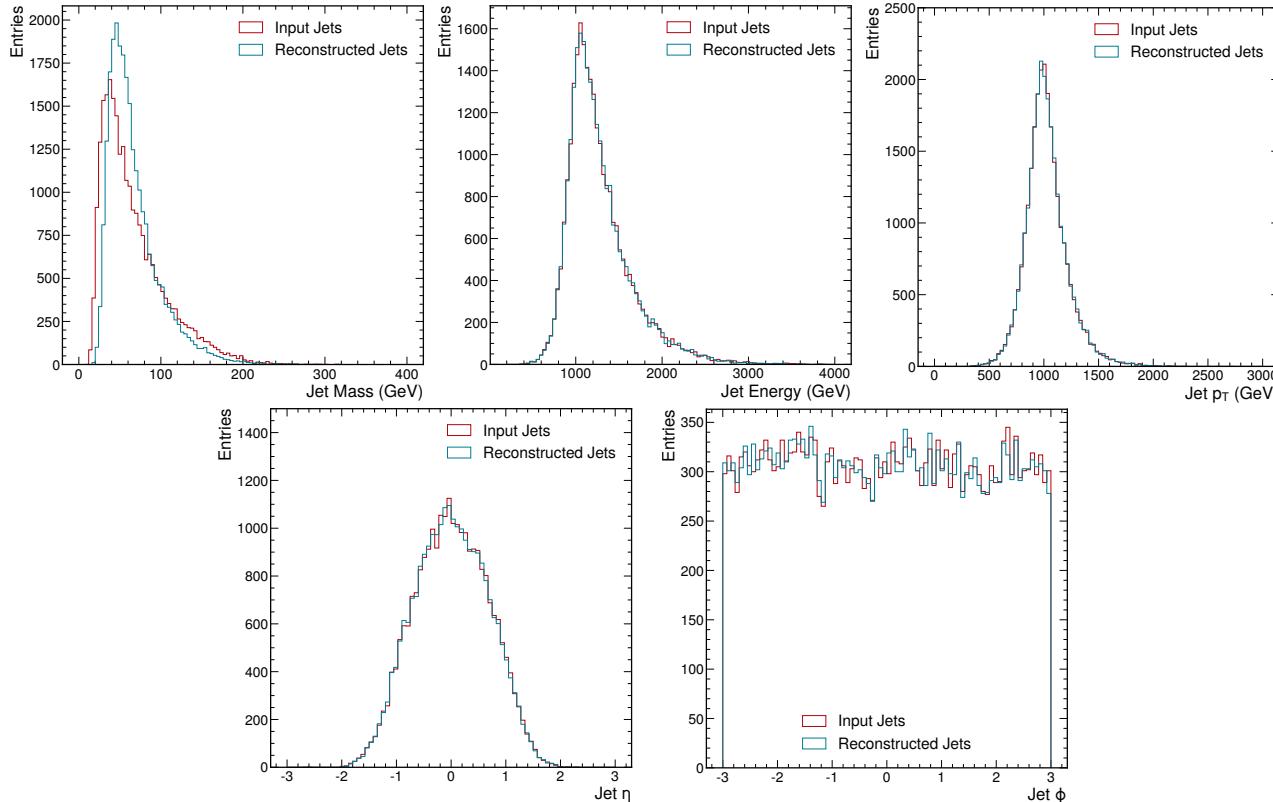
Results 3: Reconstructed Particles Properties

Network tuned for jets reconstruction ($\beta = 0$): $\min(\text{EMD}_{\text{sum}}) = 0.0027$



Results 4: Reconstructed Jets Properties

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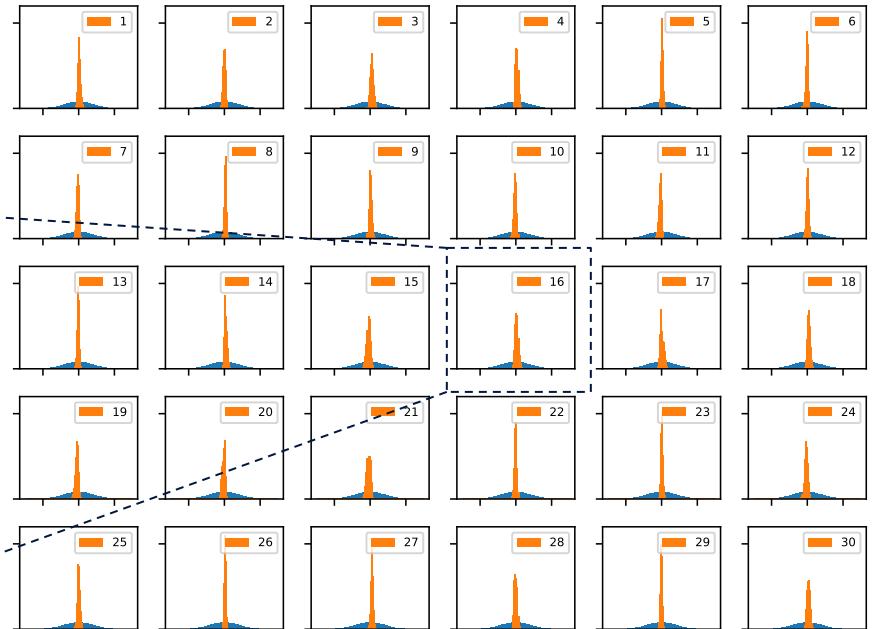
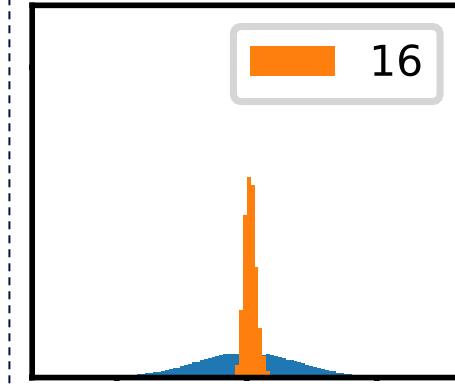
VAE for Jets Reconstruction

More distinct distributions of latent variables in comparison to standard gaussians.

- ❑ Might provide better jets if sampling is made from $p(z)$

Blue distribution: $\mathcal{N}(0,1)$

Orange distribution: $p_z(z)$
in reconstruction case



Normalizing Flows

Technique to find the best distribution of the latent data.

- ❑ Learn the parameters of a transformation $f(\mathbf{z})$ taking distribution $p_z(\mathbf{z})$ to $p_x(\mathbf{x})$.
- ❑ $f(\mathbf{z})$ is the composition of several simpler transformations:

$$\mathbf{x} = f(\mathbf{z}) = f_n \circ \cdots \circ f_2 \circ f_1(\mathbf{z})$$

Analytical expression of $p_z(\mathbf{z})$ is unknown.

- ❑ Learn the transformation taking $p_z(\mathbf{z}) \rightarrow p_x(\mathbf{x}) = \mathcal{N}(0,1)$ and invert it.

$$g(\mathbf{x}) = f^{-1}(\mathbf{x}) = g_n \circ \cdots \circ g_2 \circ g_1(\mathbf{x}) = f_1^{-1} \circ f_2^{-1} \circ \cdots \circ f_n^{-1}(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{z}$$

- ❑ Sample values from $\mathcal{N}(0,1)$, apply the inverse transformation, obtain values that follow $p_z(\mathbf{z})$.

Training: maximize the expression

$$\log(p_z(\mathbf{z})) = \log(p_x(f(\mathbf{z}))) + \log\left(\left|\det\left(\frac{\partial f(\mathbf{z})}{\partial \mathbf{z}}\right)\right|\right)$$

Choice of Normalizing Flows

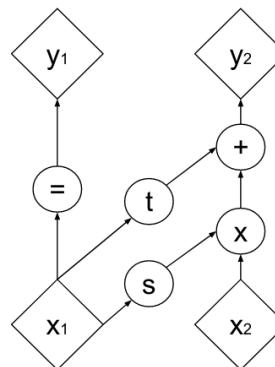
Options in the market:

- Planar flow,
- Sylvester flow
- More complicated options...

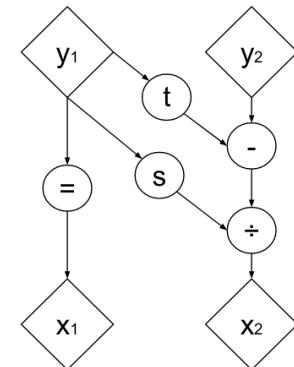
Our current option:

“real-valued non-volume preserving”
(i.e. RealNVP, [arXiv:1605:08803](https://arxiv.org/abs/1605.08803))

- Simple analytic expression for transformations.
 - Still flexible since parameters can be given by any function.
 - Easily invertible.
- Retains representativity and is easily trainable.
 - Jacobian is given by triangular matrix.
 - Determinant calculation is linear in time.

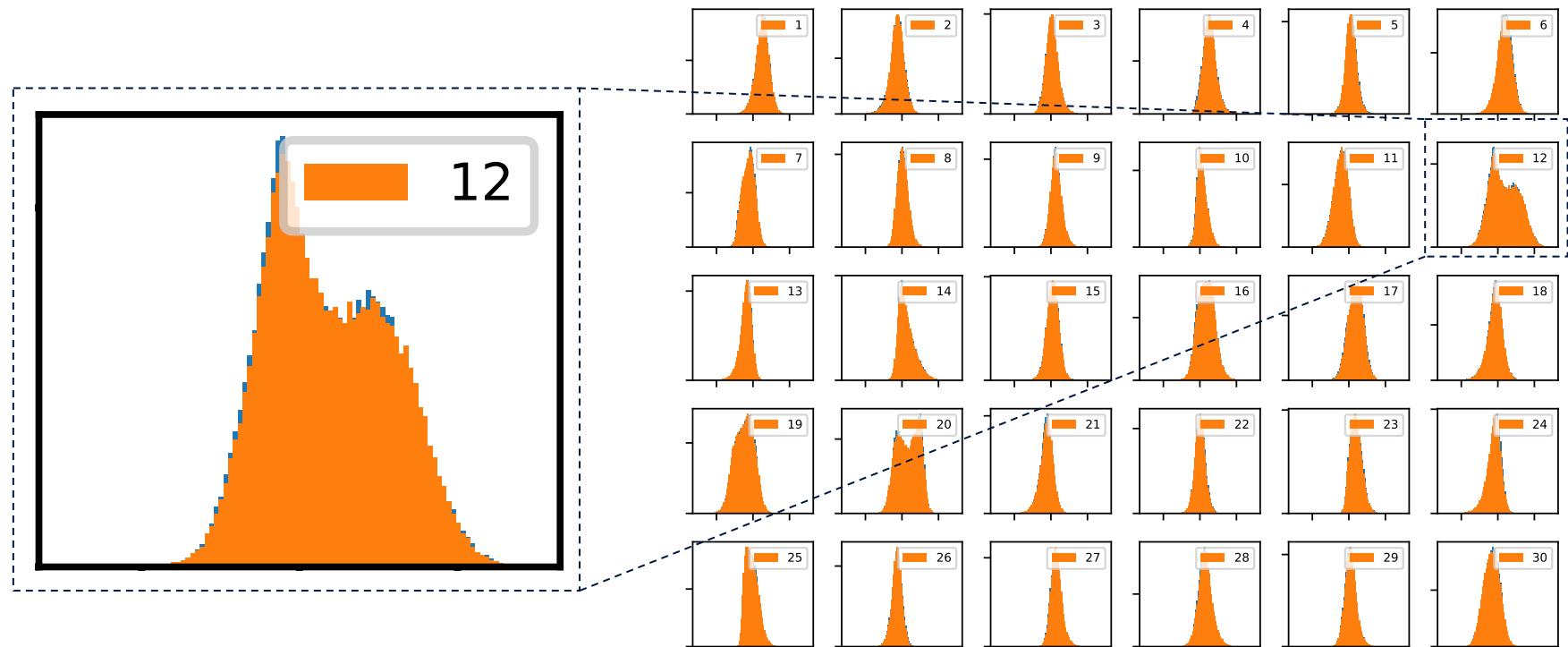


(a) Forward propagation

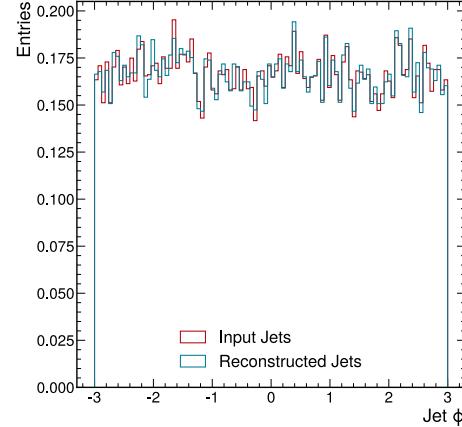
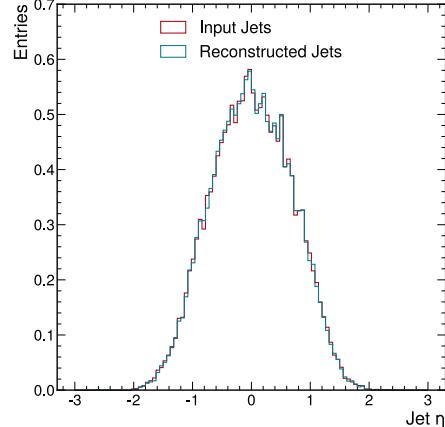
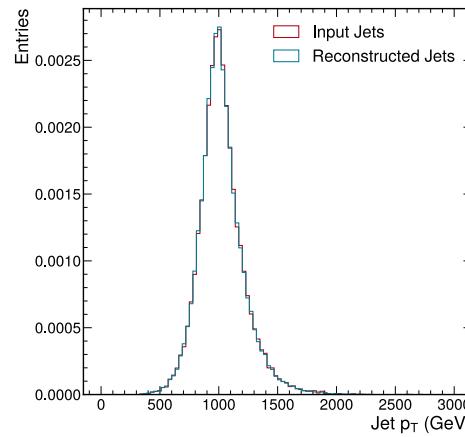
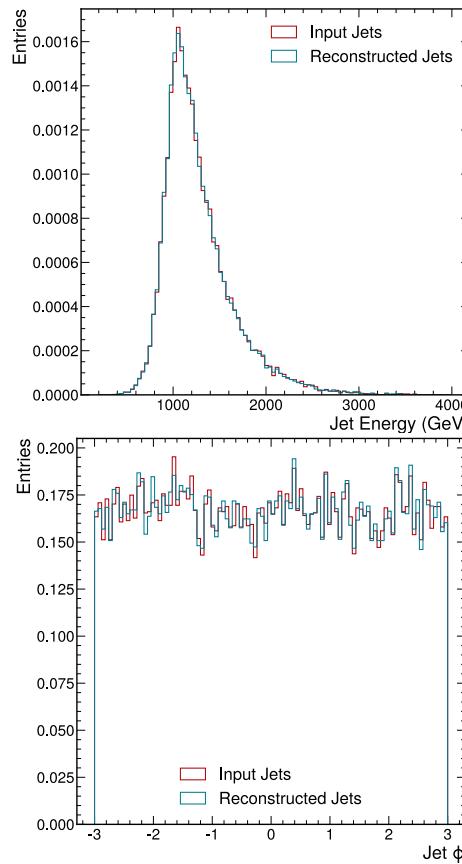
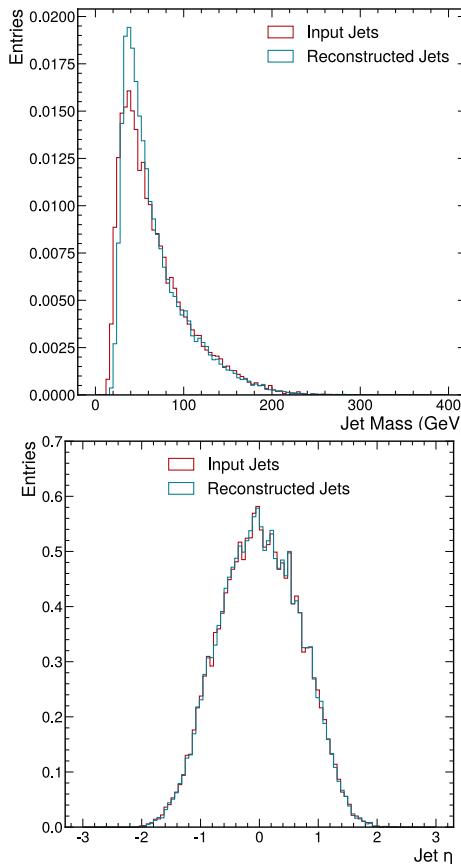


(b) Inverse propagation

Transformation Output w/ RealNVP



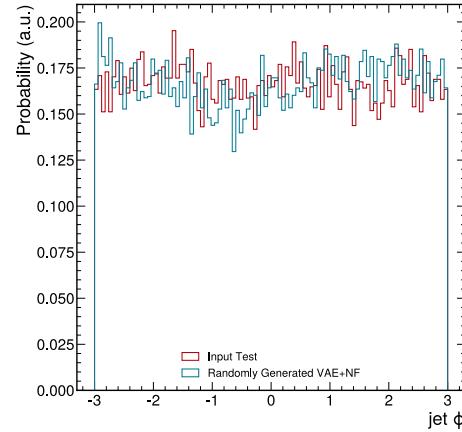
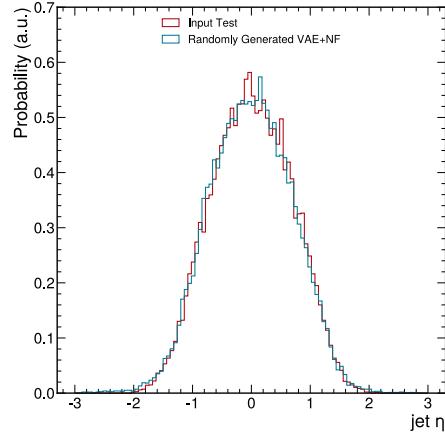
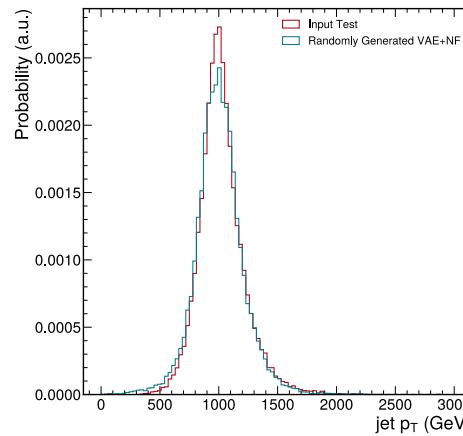
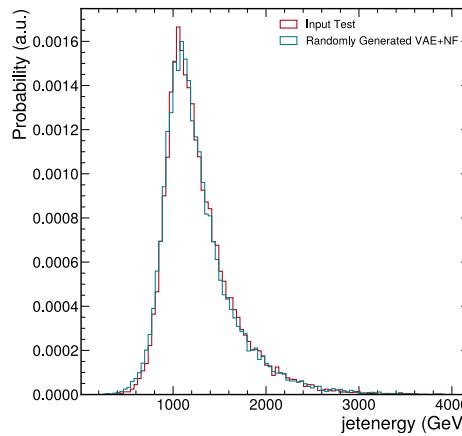
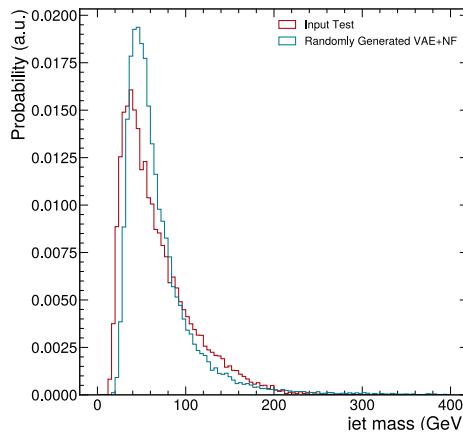
Preliminary Results: Better Reconstruction



$$\text{EMD}_{\text{sum}} = 0.0018$$

$$\text{EMD}_{\text{mass}} = 0.0013$$

Preliminary Results w/ RealNVP: Generated Jets



$$\text{EMD}_{\text{sum}} = 0.0040$$

$$\text{EMD}_{\text{mass}} = 0.0022$$

Conclusions

Simulation of hadronic processes – and particularly jets – will still be a significant challenge for HL-LHC.

- ❑ Geant-based solutions may be too slow.
- ❑ Parametrized solutions may be too inaccurate.

Generative neural networks are a promising approach.

- ❑ Started with the “jet images” approach with CNNs.
- ❑ Moving on to graph-based neural nets (GNNs).
- ❑ Also considering GAN-based approaches.

Some of our other results:

- ❑ <https://arxiv.org/abs/2012.00173>
- ❑ <https://arxiv.org/abs/2106.11535>
- ❑ <https://arxiv.org/abs/2203.00520>