

ON THE EVALUATION OF GENERATIVE MODELS IN HEP

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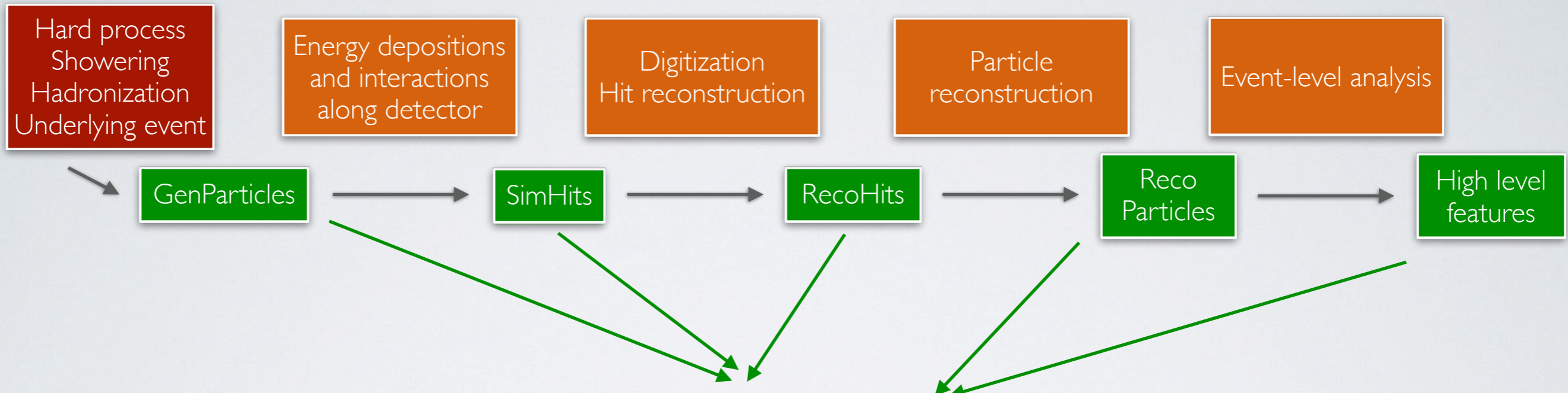
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- Lots of approaches in the last few years in ML for HEP simulations
- “*It is time to harvest*” - CMS ML Townhall 2022
- How do we choose and use these for HL-LHC?

- How do we **trust** generated data?
- How do we compare generative models?

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- How do we compare generative models? **Evaluation metrics**

PROBLEM



- Want to **quantify** difference between $p_{\text{real}}(\mathbf{x})$ and $p_{\text{gen}}(\mathbf{x})$ distributions

⇒ Multivariate **goodness-of-fit (g.o.f.) / two-sample test**

- But no “best” g.o.f. test (Cousins 2016)
- Need to choose based on the relevant alternative hypotheses

TEST CRITERIA

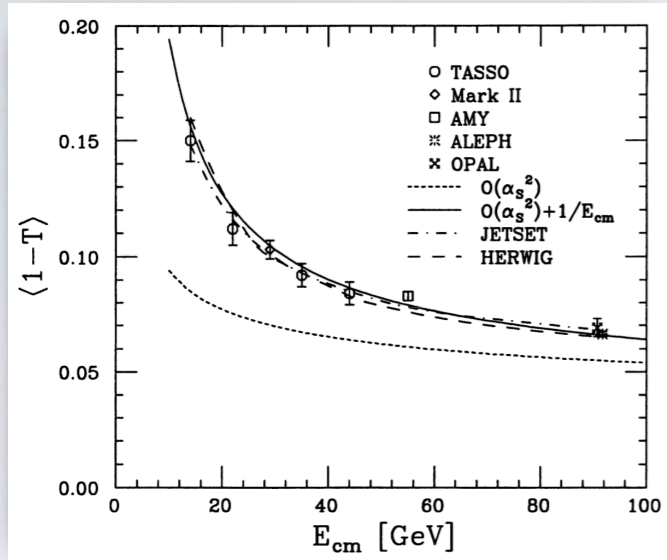
- To **trust** generated data, tests should be:
 - Sensitive to **quality**
 - Sensitive to **diversity**
 - **Multivariate** (for correlations & conditional generation)
 - **Interpretable**
- To **compare** generative models, tests should be:
 - **Standardised** across collaboration
 - **Reproducible**
 - **~Efficient**

METHODS

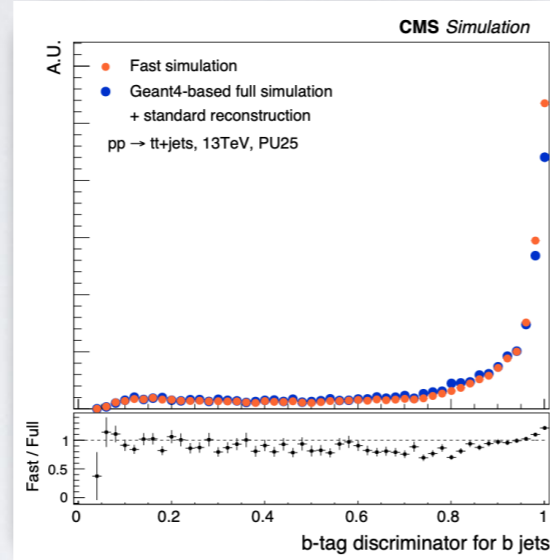
HISTOGRAMS

- Traditional method for evaluating physics simulations is to compare physical distributions

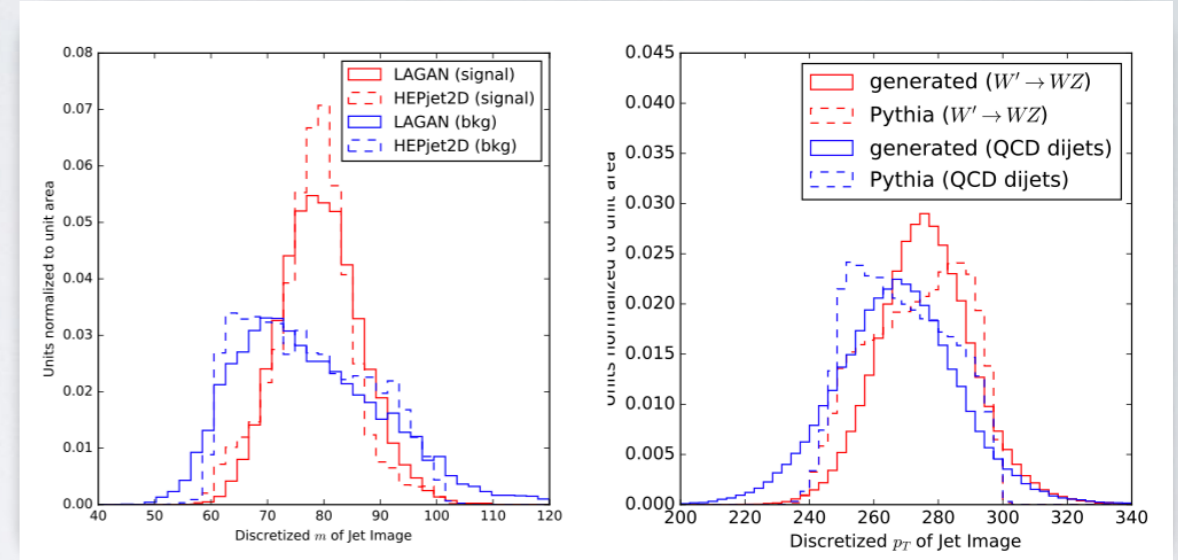
MC generator evaluation (Ellis et al '96)



FastSim (Sekmen '17)



LAGAN (de Oliveira et al '17)



- Valuable insight into physics performance

- Should be quantified

- Cons:

- Only **ID** (curse of dimensionality for multivariate histograms)
- Binning dependent
- No well-defined way to aggregate scores across multiple distributions

$P_{\text{real}}(\mathbf{X})$ vs $P_{\text{gen}}(\mathbf{X})$

Sources 1, 2

Integral Probability Metrics $D_{\mathcal{F}}(P_{\text{real}}, P_{\text{gen}})$

f -Divergences $D_f(P_{\text{real}}, P_{\text{gen}})$

p -Wasserstein (W_p) distances

$$\sup_{f \in \mathcal{F}} \left| \mathbb{E}_{x \sim P_{\text{real}}} f(x) - \mathbb{E}_{y \sim P_{\text{gen}}} f(y) \right|$$

maximum mean discrepancy (MMD)

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$$\int P_{\text{real}}(x) f\left(\frac{P_{\text{real}}(x)}{P_{\text{gen}}(x)}\right) dx$$

Pearson χ^2

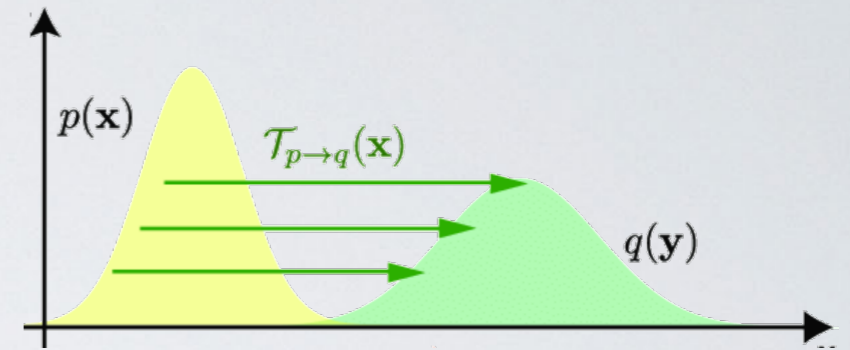
- IPMs take into account metric space
- More useful for comparing generative models



MORE ON IPMS

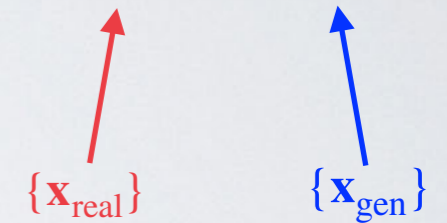
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- Wasserstein distance (W_1)
(\mathcal{F} is all K-Lipschitz functions)
 - Sensitive to quality, diversity; but biased and slow convergence



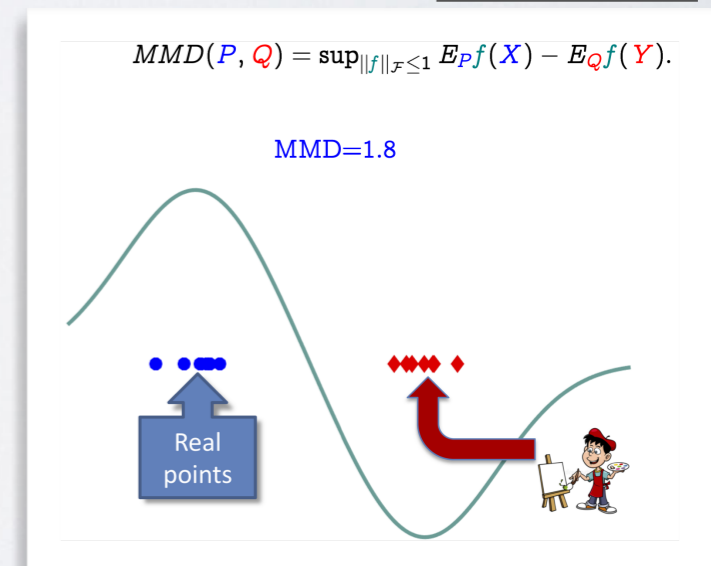
- Fréchet Gaussian distance (FGD)
 - Fréchet / W_2 distance between multivariate Gaussian fitted to observations
 - Standard in computer vision (FID), efficient, sensitive to quality and diversity; but Gaussian assumption

$$\text{FGD} = \text{Fréchet}(\mathcal{N}(\mu_r, \Sigma_r), \mathcal{N}(\mu_g, \Sigma_g))$$



- Maximum Mean Discrepancy (MMD)
 - (\mathcal{F} is unit ball in reproducing Kernel Hilbert space (RKHS) for a chosen kernel $k(x, y)$)
 - Distance between embeddings of p_{real} and p_{gen} in RKHS
 - Fast, unbiased estimators, but depends on kernel

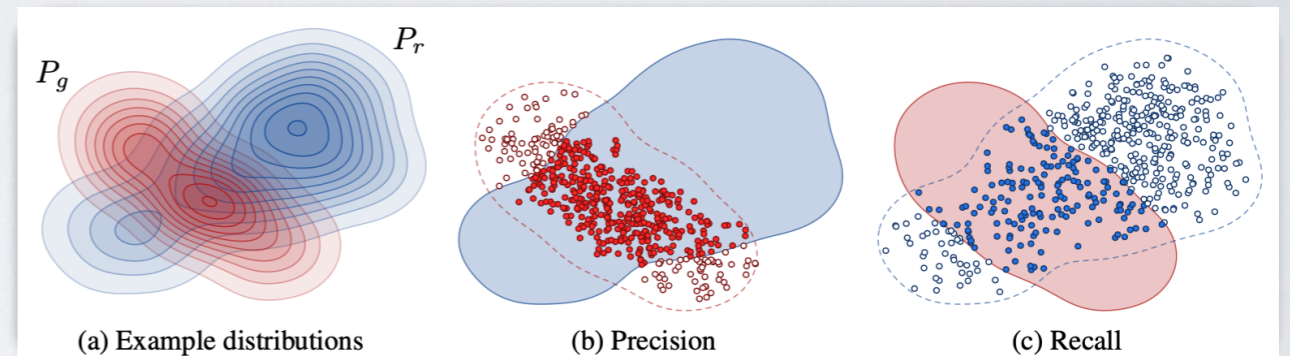
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MORE METRICS

- Precision and recall ([Kynkäänniemi et al 2019](#))

- Estimate real and generated manifold
- Can disentangle quality and diversity

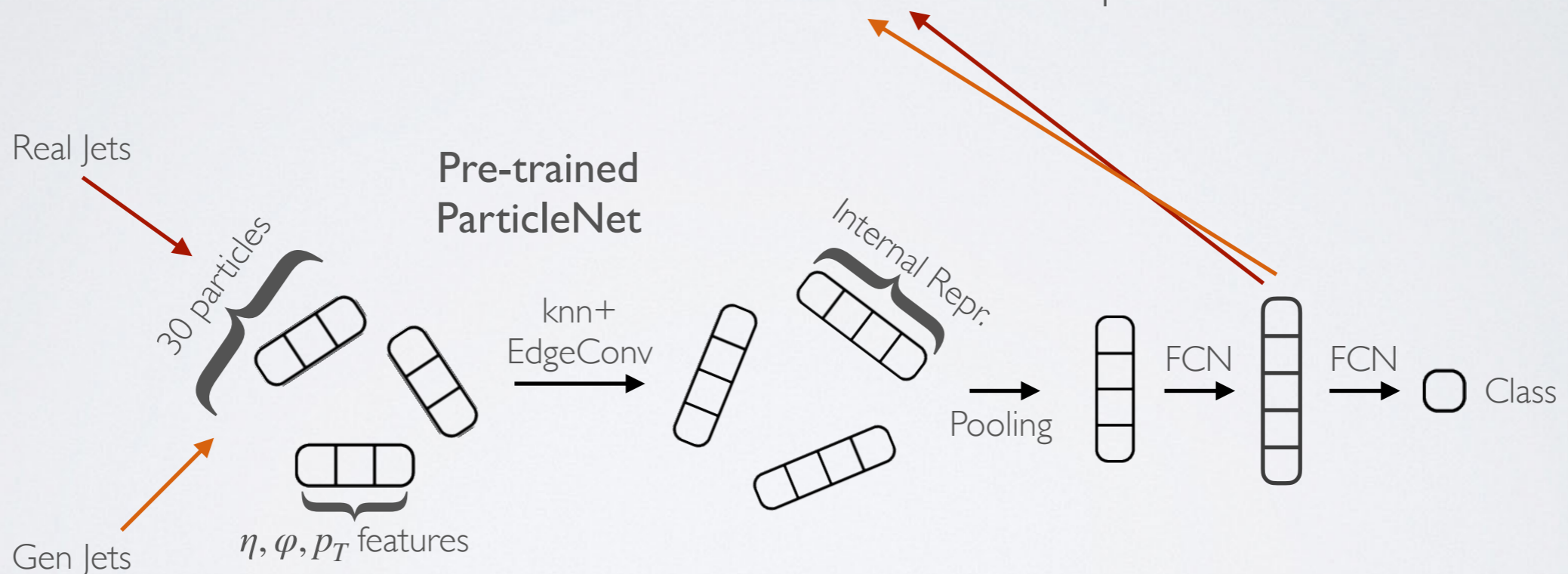


- Classifier-based metrics: train a classifier between real and generated data
[Friedman 2003](#), [Paz and Oquab 2017 \(C2ST\)](#), [Krause and Shih \(2021\)](#)

- Can be powerful test of **quality** and **diversity**
- Practical limitations: **interpretability**, generalising to **conditional generation**, **standardising** a specific architecture for all alternative hypotheses, **reproducibility** of trainings, inefficiency

FEATURE SELECTION

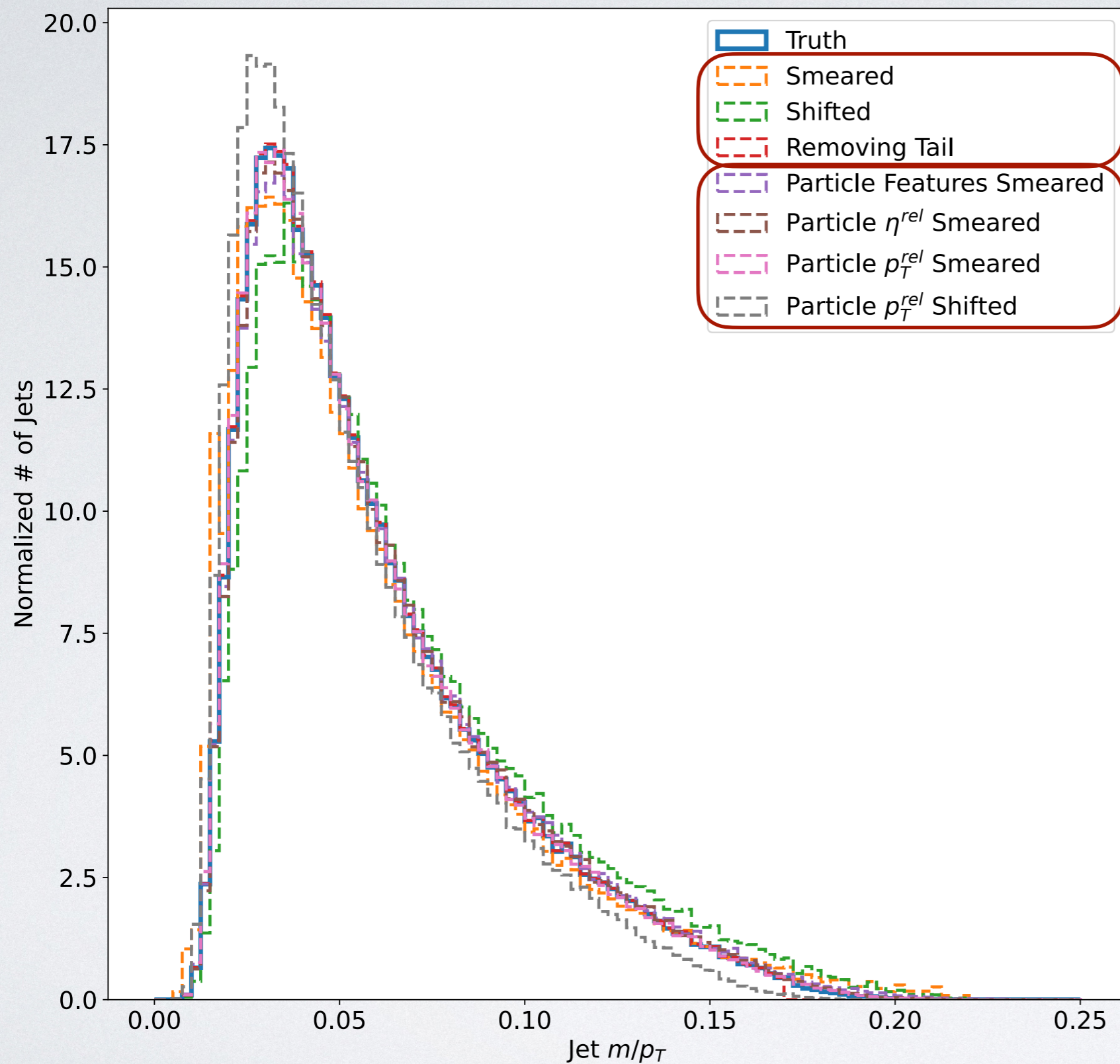
- Typically raw data (particle / hit features) is very high dimensional
- Not necessarily what we care about
- ML solution: derive lower dimensional salient features from a pre-trained classifier



- Alternative? **Use physicists' hand-engineered features:** jet observables, shower-shape variables

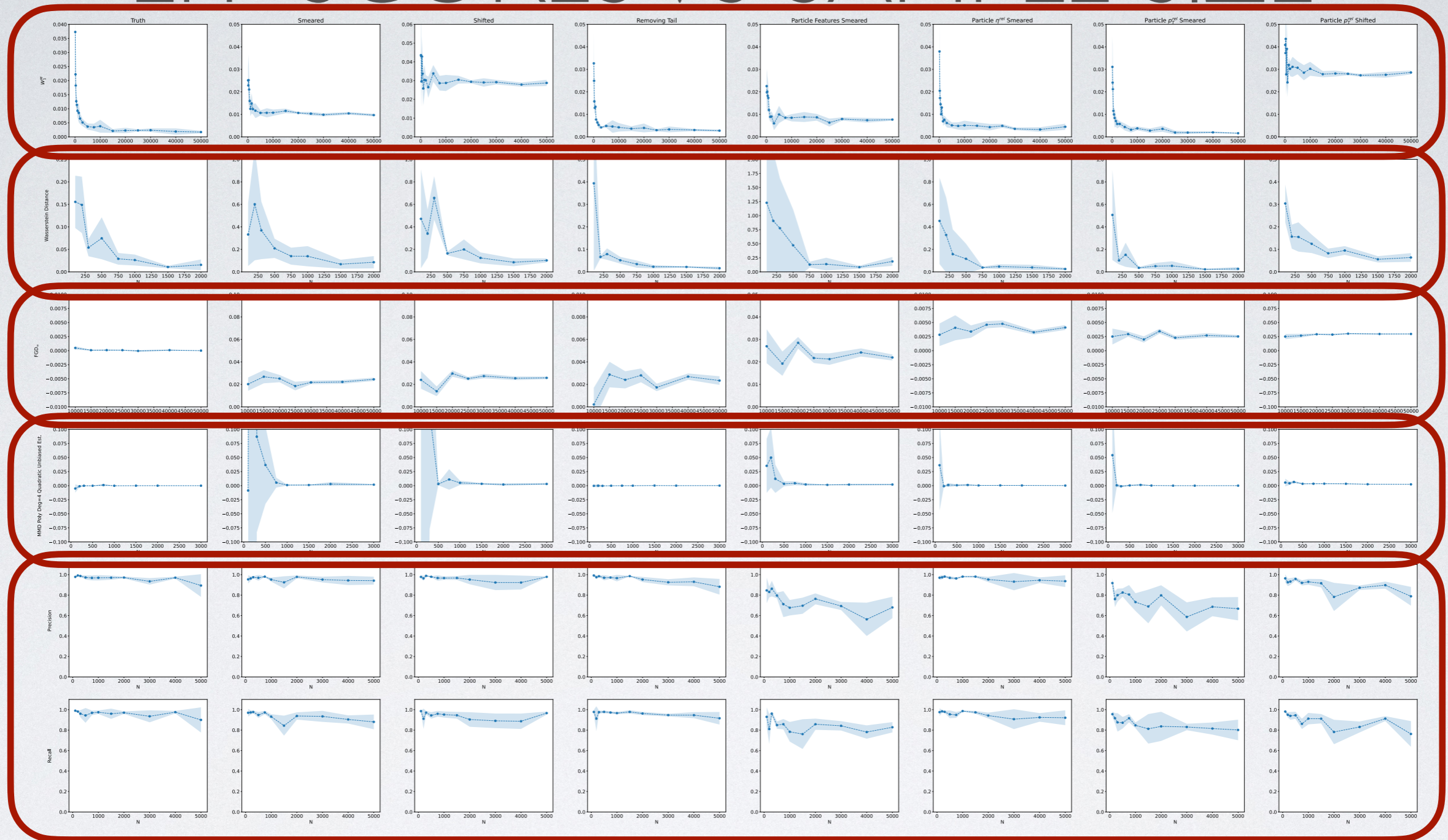
TESTS

JET DISTRIBUTIONS



- Sample of gluon jets to test sensitivity of metrics
- We distort true distribution by:
 1. Re-weighting in mass
 2. Smearing/shifting particle features
- We look at sensitivity of metrics to distortions, using:
 1. Energy Flow Polynomials (EFPs) ($d \leq 4$)
 2. ParticleNet activations

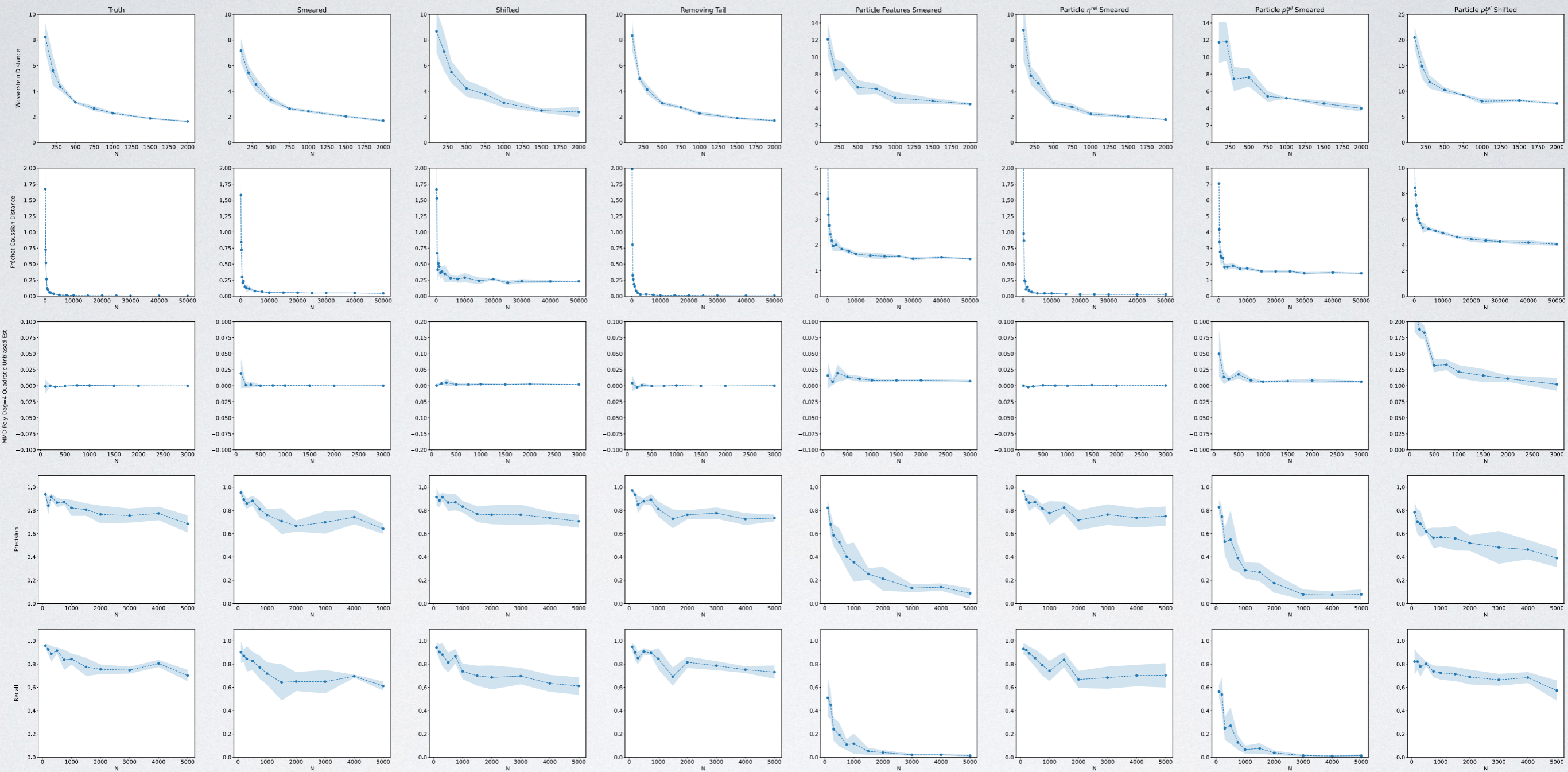
EFP SCORES VS SAMPLE SIZE



- W_1^M (looking at ID mass distribution only) works somewhat, but not as sensitive
- Wasserstein distance is biased and slow to converge
- MMD fails completely (for all kernels tested)
- Precision, recall work roughly - useful for diagnosing failure modes but not for comparing

FGD is the most sensitive

PARTICLENET ACTIVATION SCORES



- Same conclusions overall as for EFPs
- FGD the best, MMD is not very sensitive, P&R are OK for diagnosing failure modes

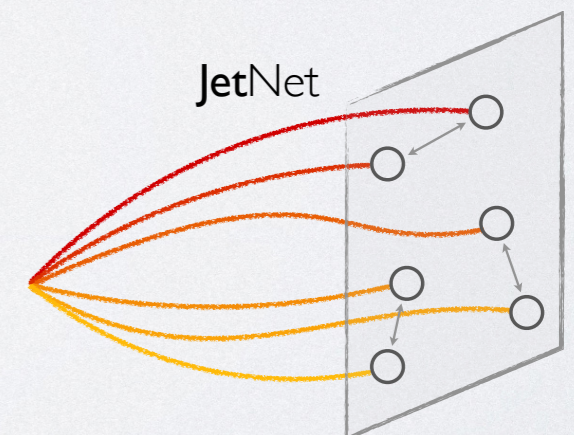
FINAL SCORES

| Metric | Truth | Smeared | Shifted | Removing Tail | Particle Features Smeared | Particle η^{rel} Smeared | Particle p_T^{rel} Smeared | Particle p_T^{rel} Shifted |
|---|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| W_1^M | 0.002 ± 0.000 | 0.010 ± 0.001 | 0.029 ± 0.002 | 0.003 ± 0.001 | 0.008 ± 0.001 | 0.004 ± 0.001 | 0.002 ± 0.000 | 0.029 ± 0.001 |
| Wasserstein Distance EFP | 0.016 ± 0.012 | 0.086 ± 0.054 | 0.102 ± 0.018 | 0.016 ± 0.007 | 0.186 ± 0.079 | 0.026 ± 0.011 | 0.027 ± 0.016 | 0.064 ± 0.020 |
| FGD _∞ EFP | 0.000 ± 0.000 | 0.025 ± 0.001 | 0.026 ± 0.001 | 0.002 ± 0.000 | 0.022 ± 0.001 | 0.004 ± 0.000 | 0.003 ± 0.000 | 0.030 ± 0.001 |
| MMD Poly Deg=4 Quadratic Unbiased Est. EFP | -0.000 ± 0.000 | 0.002 ± 0.001 | 0.003 ± 0.002 | 0.000 ± 0.000 | 0.002 ± 0.001 | 0.000 ± 0.000 | 0.000 ± 0.000 | 0.002 ± 0.000 |
| Precision EFP | 0.894 ± 0.111 | 0.941 ± 0.039 | 0.978 ± 0.005 | 0.882 ± 0.077 | 0.680 ± 0.104 | 0.936 ± 0.057 | 0.667 ± 0.114 | 0.789 ± 0.092 |
| Recall EFP | 0.900 ± 0.123 | 0.881 ± 0.072 | 0.967 ± 0.015 | 0.916 ± 0.062 | 0.828 ± 0.050 | 0.921 ± 0.072 | 0.802 ± 0.101 | 0.763 ± 0.125 |
| Wasserstein Distance PNet Activations | 1.646 ± 0.063 | 1.699 ± 0.096 | 2.372 ± 0.388 | 1.708 ± 0.082 | 4.492 ± 0.145 | 1.789 ± 0.050 | 3.986 ± 0.362 | 7.595 ± 0.219 |
| FGD _∞ PNet Activations | 0.002 ± 0.001 | 0.042 ± 0.003 | 0.208 ± 0.013 | 0.006 ± 0.001 | 1.256 ± 0.028 | 0.019 ± 0.002 | 1.222 ± 0.017 | 3.635 ± 0.019 |
| MMD Poly Deg=4 Quadratic Unbiased Est. PNet Activations | -0.000 ± 0.000 | 0.000 ± 0.000 | 0.004 ± 0.001 | 0.000 ± 0.001 | 0.007 ± 0.002 | 0.001 ± 0.000 | 0.006 ± 0.002 | 0.102 ± 0.010 |
| Precision PNet Activations | 0.684 ± 0.074 | 0.642 ± 0.043 | 0.706 ± 0.056 | 0.734 ± 0.029 | 0.088 ± 0.044 | 0.751 ± 0.083 | 0.078 ± 0.043 | 0.390 ± 0.078 |
| Recall PNet Activations | 0.701 ± 0.049 | 0.611 ± 0.039 | 0.612 ± 0.075 | 0.731 ± 0.058 | 0.014 ± 0.009 | 0.703 ± 0.105 | 0.014 ± 0.011 | 0.572 ± 0.087 |
| Classifier AUC | 0.50 | 0.52 | 0.54 | 0.50 | 0.97 | 0.81 | 0.93 | 0.99 |

- W_1^M is sensitive to some, but not all distortions
- Wasserstein distance is sensitive to most, but very slow to converge
- Despite Gaussian assumption, FGD is sensitive to all distortions
- Performance for EFPs and PNet activations is similar
- Classifier identifies particle feature distortions but misses distribution-level discrepancies

TAKEAWAYS

- Re-iterating Cousins 2016: no best g.o.f. test for all alternative hypotheses
 - His suggestion: **use multiple**, covering the relevant alternatives
- **FGD proves to be the most sensitive** for typical distortions we expect
 - Hand-engineered features and ParticleNet activations are similarly sensitive
 - **Hand engineered are more interpretable, standardisable, and efficient**
 - **⇒ Recommend Fréchet Jet and Calo Distances**, using EFPs and shower-shape variables, for overall model evaluation and comparison
- But FGD can miss shape discrepancies, so **continue with ID histograms (W_1)** as well
- Next steps:
 - **Discuss with the ML4Sim community**
 - Report on arXiv later this month
 - Implement in JetNet for easy, standard use
 - Pull request to Calo Challenge?



BACKUP

MORE ON IPMS

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- Fréchet Gaussian Distance (FGD)
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 - Standard in computer vision (FID)
 - Computationally efficient
 - Gaussian assumption
 - Biased (FGD_{∞} - extrapolate to infinity)

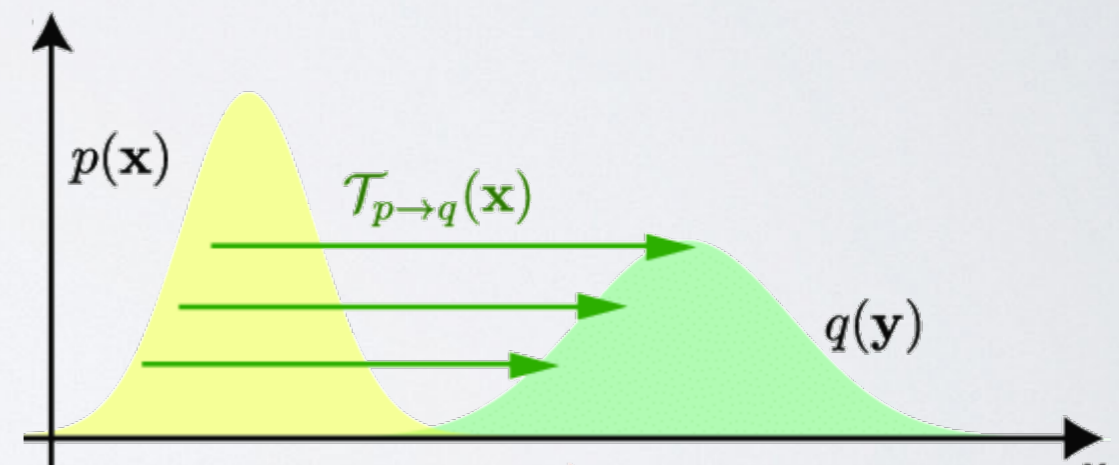
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- Wasserstein p -distances (W_p):
 - \mathcal{F} is all K -Lipschitz functions
 - “Work” needed to transport probability mass
 - Sensitive to **quality and diversity**
 - **Computationally challenging** for large N, D
 - **Biased estimators**



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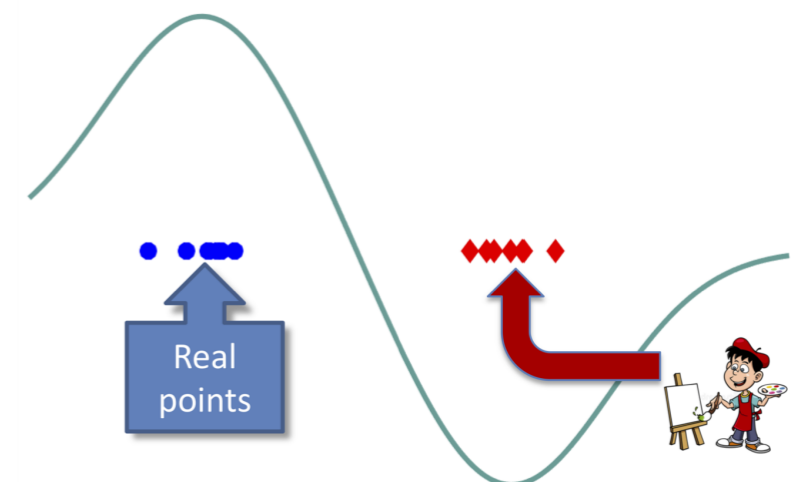
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- Maximum mean discrepancy (MMD)
 - \mathcal{F} is reproducing Kernel Hilbert space (RKHS) for a chosen kernel $k(x, y)$
 - Distance between embeddings of p_{real} and p_{gen} in \mathcal{F}
 - Proposed in computer vision (KID), 3rd order polynomial kernel
- Unbiased estimators
- Kernel dependent

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$$MMD(P, Q) = \sup_{\|f\|_{\mathcal{F}} \leq 1} E_P f(X) - E_Q f(Y).$$

MMD=1.8



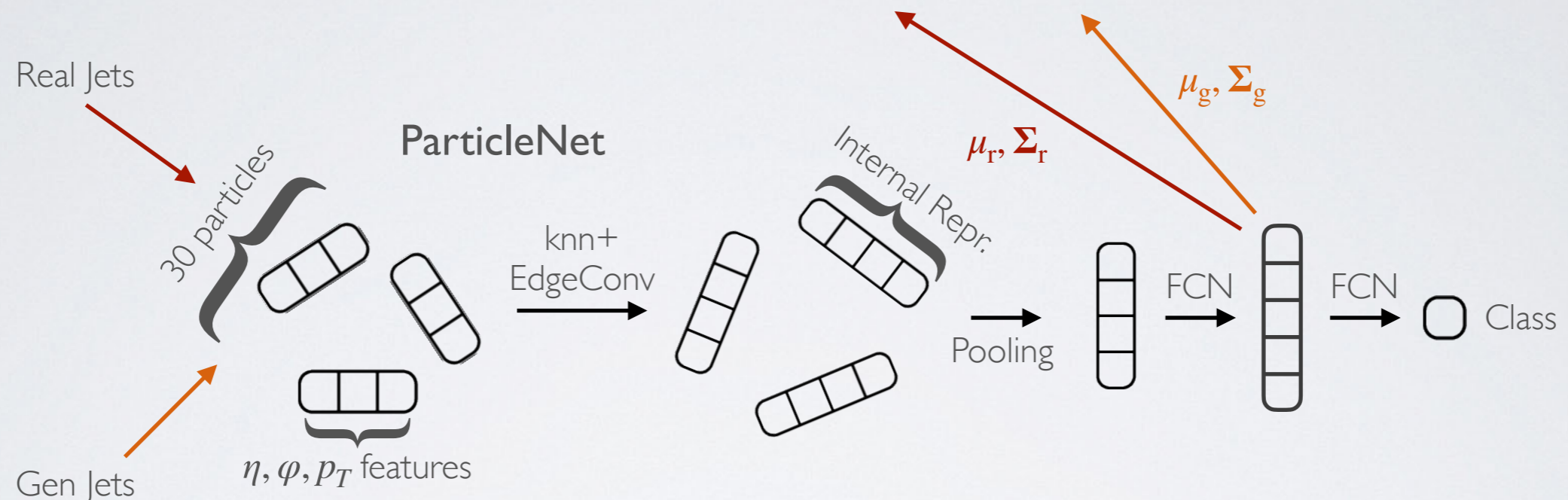
FRÉCHET <CLASSIFIER> DISTANCES

- Machine learning version of this: use classifier hidden features instead!

Kansal et al., NeurIPS 2021

- Example: apply to jet generation using pre-trained ParticleNet graph classifier:

$$\text{FGD} = \text{Frechet}(\mathcal{N}(\mu_r, \Sigma_r), \mathcal{N}(\mu_g, \Sigma_g)) = \|\mu_r - \mu_g\|^2 + \text{Tr}[\Sigma_r + \Sigma_g - 2(\Sigma_r \Sigma_g)^{1/2}]$$



- High-performing classifier learns salient hidden features from data
- Retain sensitivity to **quality, diversity** from W_1 , **reproducible** and **efficient** plus:
 - Single aggregate score, correlations (Σ) between features, easy to scale

MAXIMUM MEAN DISCREPANCY

$$\sup_{f \in \mathcal{F}} \left| \mathbb{E}_{x \sim p_{\text{real}}} f(x) - \mathbb{E}_{y \sim p_{\text{gen}}} f(y) \right|$$

- IPM where \mathcal{F} is unit ball in the reproducing kernel Hilbert space (RKHS) for kernel $k(x, y)$

- RKHS $\Leftrightarrow f(x) = \langle f, \varphi(x) \rangle_{\mathcal{F}}$, where $k(x, y) = \langle \varphi(x), \varphi(y) \rangle_{\mathcal{F}}$

- $\mathbb{E}_{x \sim p} f(x) = \langle f, \mathbb{E}_{x \sim p} \varphi(x) \rangle_{\mathcal{F}} = \langle f, \mu_p \rangle_{\mathcal{F}}$

- μ_p is the embedding of distribution p in \mathcal{F}

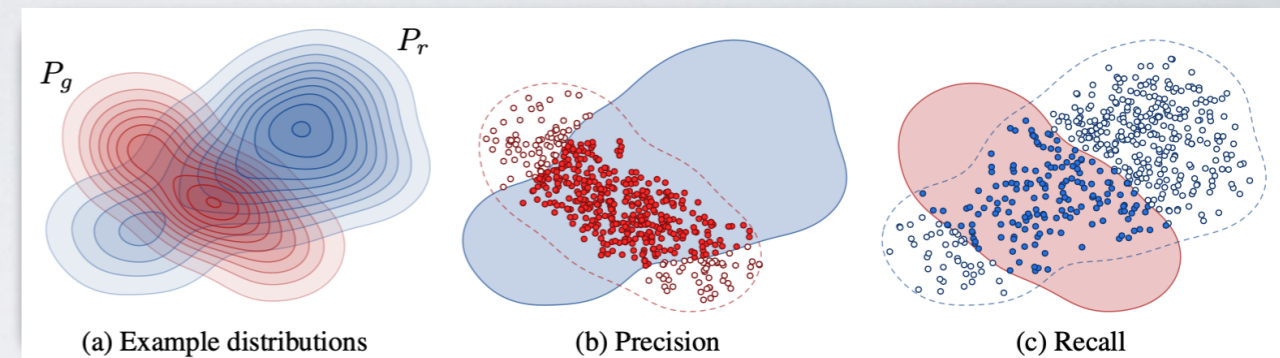
- if k is 'characteristic', e.g. Gaussian, $p \rightarrow \mu_p$ is injective (μ_p captures everything)

$$\Rightarrow \sup_{f \in \mathcal{F}} \left| \mathbb{E}_{x \sim p_{\text{real}}} f(x) - \mathbb{E}_{y \sim p_{\text{gen}}} f(y) \right| = \sup_{f \in \mathcal{F}} \left| \langle f, \mu_{p_{\text{real}}} - \mu_{p_{\text{gen}}} \rangle_{\mathcal{F}} \right| = \left\| \mu_{p_{\text{real}}} - \mu_{p_{\text{gen}}} \right\|$$

- MMD: distance between means in embedding space
- Very powerful method for calculating distance between distributions

TESTS FOR QUALITY / DIVERSITY

- Can be valuable to disentangle these
- Precision & Recall ([Kynkäänniemi et al 2019](#))



- Estimate real and generated manifold using k-nearest-neighbours
 - Precision: fraction of generated samples lying within real manifold (quality)
 - Recall: fraction of real samples which lying within gen manifold (diversity)
- Density & Coverage ([Naeem et al 2020](#))
 - Like P&R, but takes into account density of real manifold

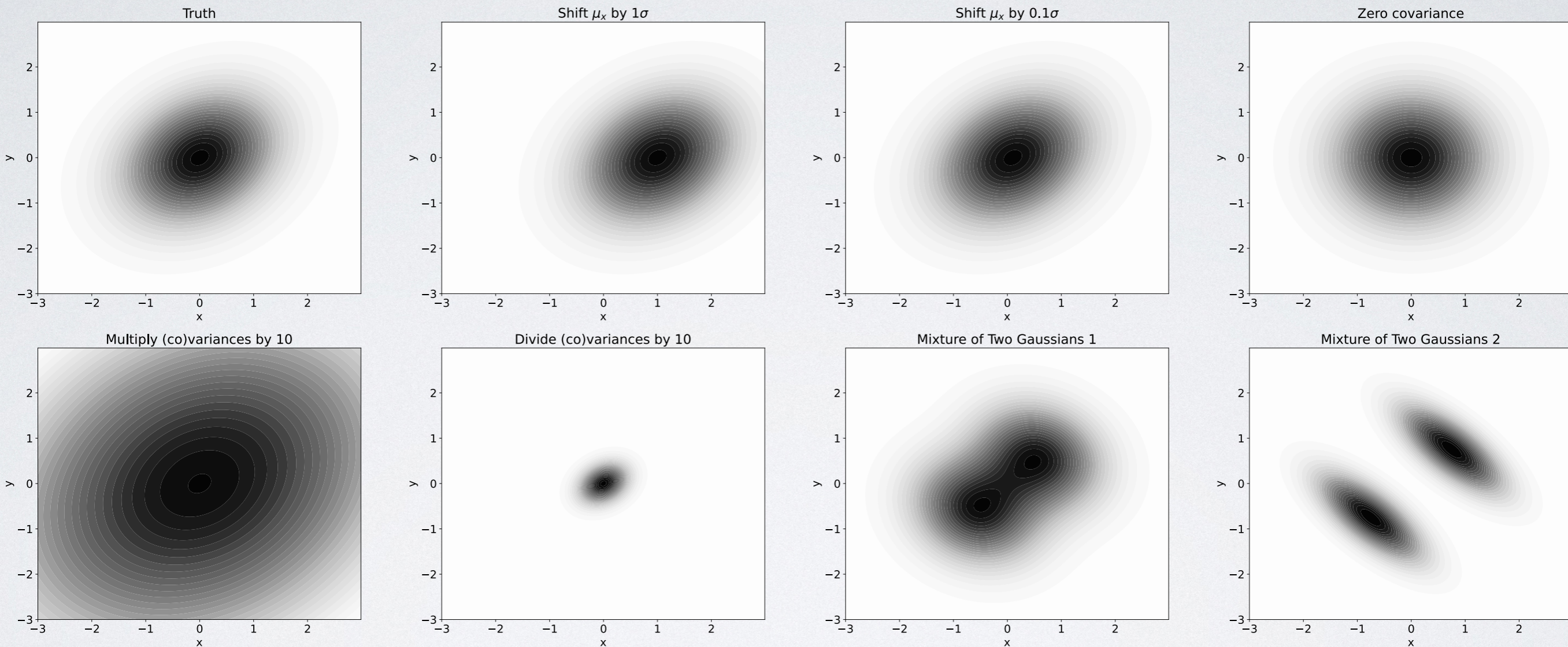
CLASSIFIER-BASED TESTS

- Train a classifier between real and generated data
- [Friedman 2003](#), [Paz and Oquab 2017](#) (C2ST), [Liu et al. 2020](#) (Deep Kernel 2ST), [Krause and Shih \(2021\)](#)
- Can be powerful test of **quality** and **diversity**
- **Not interpretable**
- Hard to generalise to **conditional evaluation**
- Hard to **standardise** (need to choose an “optimal” classifier for relevant alternatives)
- Not generally **reproducible** (for non-convex, stochastic optimisation)
- **Inefficient** (Need to re-train for each dataset and algorithm)

TOY DISTRIBUTIONS

- We first test on toy Gaussian distributions

Tests if metrics are sensitive to correlations



Tests sensitivity to quality

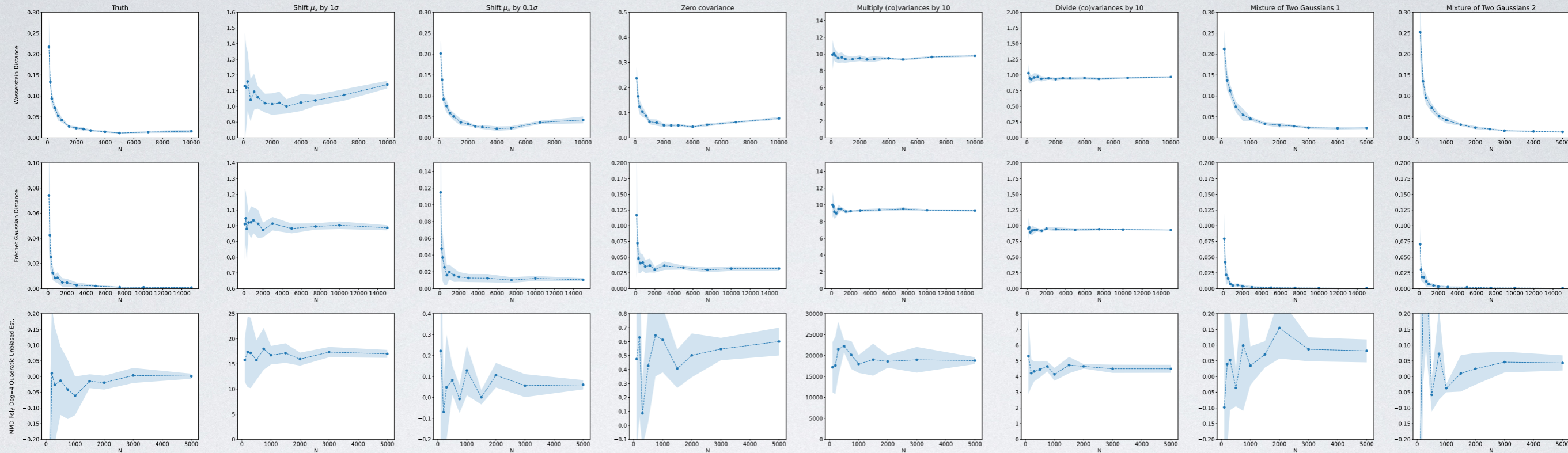
Tests sensitivity to diversity

Mixture with same mean, variance and covariance as truth: Tests sensitivity to shape of distribution

Same statistics, but easier to distinguish (by eye)

RESULTS

- Scores vs. sample size (N)



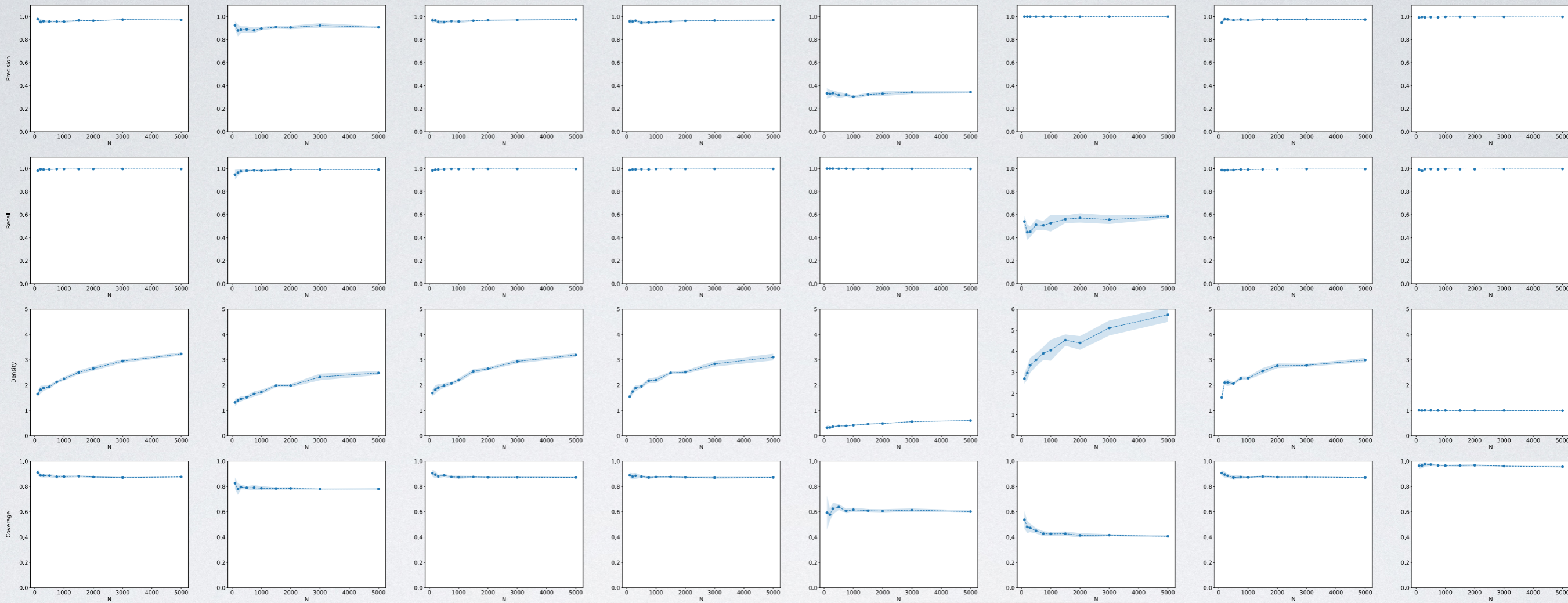
- Scores for largest N

| Metric | Truth | Shift μ_x by 1σ | Shift μ_x by 0.1σ | Zero covariance | Multiply (co)variances by 10 | Divide (co)variances by 10 | Mixture of Two Gaussians 1 | Mixture of Two Gaussians 2 |
|--|--------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Wasserstein Distance | 0.016 ± 0.004 | 1.139 ± 0.024 | 0.043 ± 0.008 | 0.077 ± 0.006 | 9.792 ± 0.126 | 0.969 ± 0.013 | 0.023 ± 0.003 | 0.014 ± 0.002 |
| Fréchet Gaussian Distance | 0.001 ± 0.000 | 0.987 ± 0.016 | 0.010 ± 0.002 | 0.032 ± 0.003 | 9.320 ± 0.121 | 0.932 ± 0.010 | 0.001 ± 0.000 | 0.001 ± 0.000 |
| MMD Poly Deg=4 Quadratic Unbiased Est. | -0.000 ± 0.005 | 16.576 ± 0.478 | 0.104 ± 0.031 | 0.550 ± 0.035 | 19395.900 ± 617.497 | 4.761 ± 0.048 | 0.073 ± 0.010 | 0.019 ± 0.011 |

- Wasserstein and FGD are biased (value depends on N) but work well overall
- Can't distinguish mixtures of Gaussians
- MMD estimator unbiased, converges ~quickly, can distinguish mixtures of Gaussians (after tuning kernel)

RESULTS

- P&R vs D&C



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| Precision | 0.972 ± 0.005 | 0.907 ± 0.010 | 0.976 ± 0.004 | 0.969 ± 0.006 | 0.345 ± 0.011 | 1.000 ± 0.000 | 0.975 ± 0.003 | 0.998 ± 0.001 |
| Recall | 0.997 ± 0.001 | 0.992 ± 0.003 | 0.997 ± 0.001 | 0.998 ± 0.001 | 0.998 ± 0.001 | 0.585 ± 0.018 | 0.996 ± 0.001 | 0.997 ± 0.001 |
| Density | 3.230 ± 0.063 | 2.480 ± 0.083 | 3.190 ± 0.071 | 3.107 ± 0.132 | 0.603 ± 0.015 | 5.731 ± 0.336 | 2.990 ± 0.087 | 0.989 ± 0.009 |
| Coverage | 0.876 ± 0.002 | 0.780 ± 0.006 | 0.872 ± 0.005 | 0.872 ± 0.004 | 0.602 ± 0.010 | 0.406 ± 0.008 | 0.871 ± 0.002 | 0.956 ± 0.006 |

- P&R match our intuition better
- Biased, but converge quickly