

Transformers and Normalising Flows for Particle Cloud Generation

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Particle Cloud Generation

JetNet [1] Datasets

- Gluon, light and top-quark Pythia jets, clustered by anti- k_T
- Jets of about $p_T^{\text{jet}} \sim 1 \text{ TeV}$
- Particles: tuples of $(\eta^{\text{rel}}, \phi^{\text{rel}}, p_T^{\text{rel}})$ relative to jet axis
- Constrained to max 30 particles/jet

- Invariant jet mass:
$$m^2 = \left(\sum_{i=1}^{30} |\mathbf{p}_i| \right)^2 - \left(\sum_{i=1}^{30} \mathbf{p}_i \right)^2$$

- Size $\sim 178'000$ Samples
- (70/30) Train/Test split
- **Benchmarking possible**

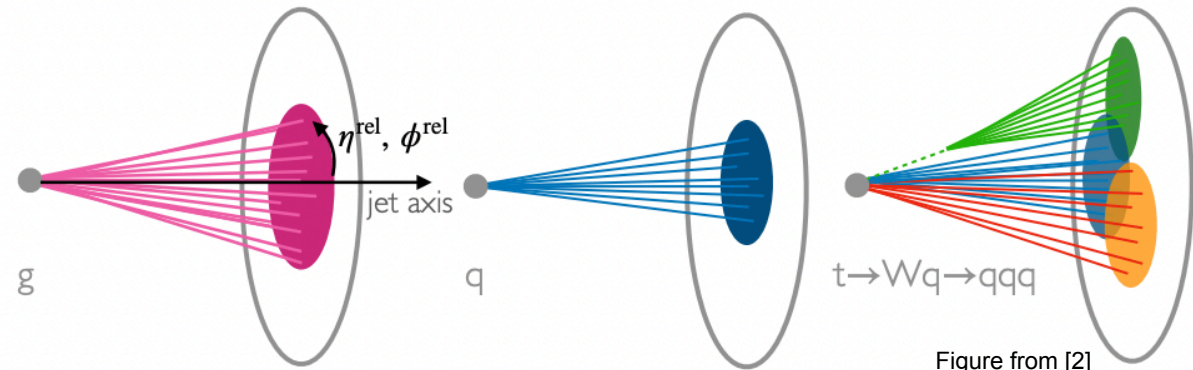
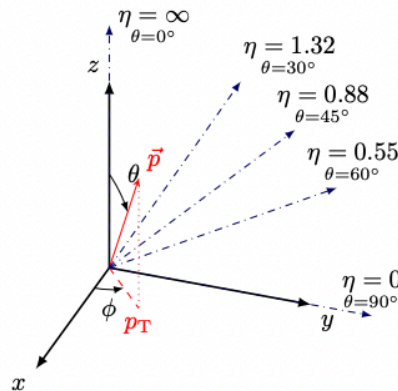
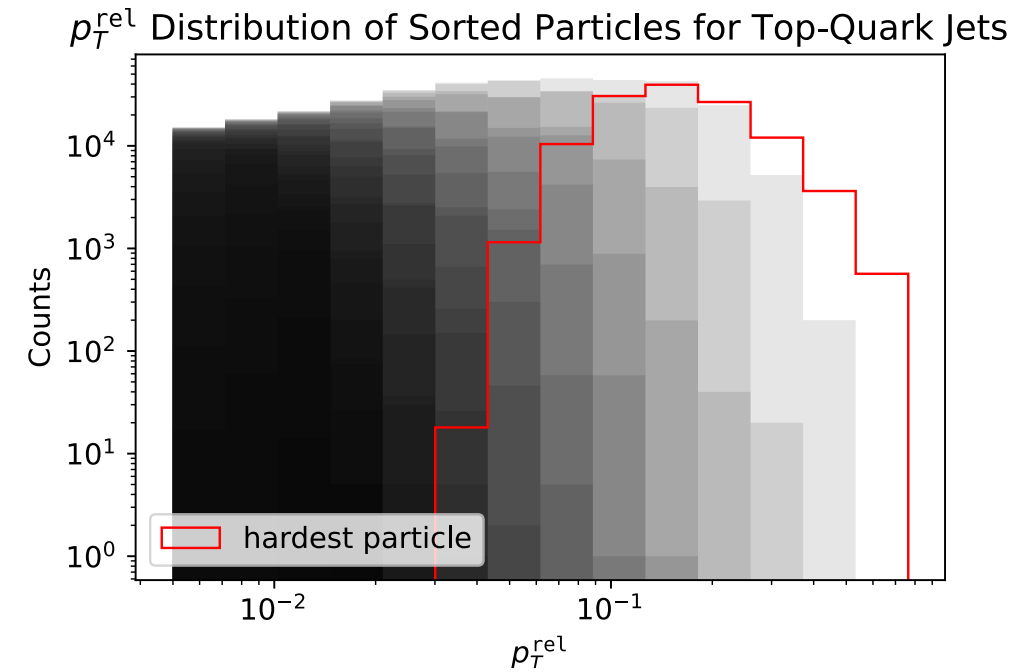


Figure from [2]



Assessing Performance

Same Metrics as in [2]

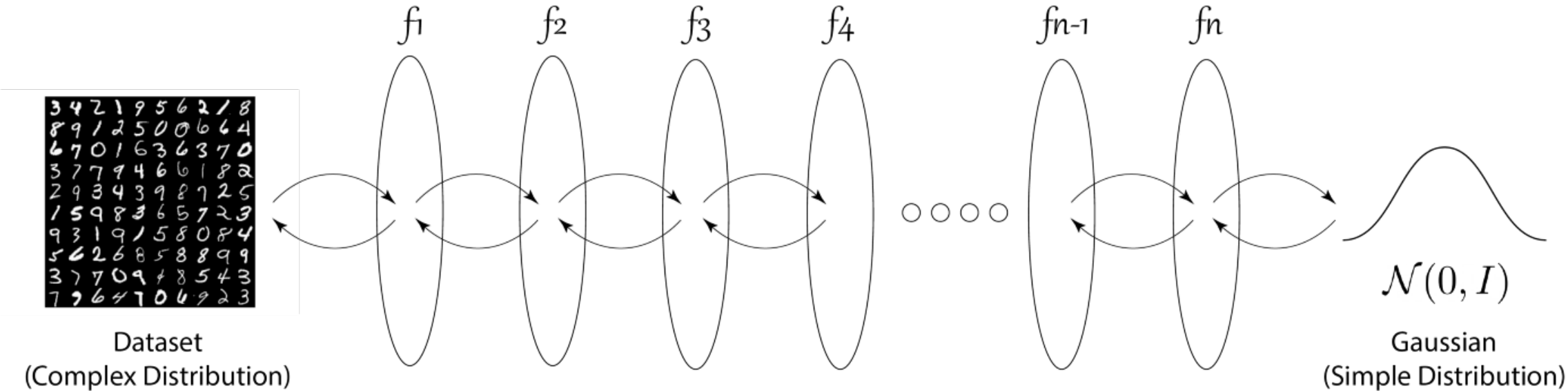
- Track multiple metrics for performance:
 - Wasserstein-1 distance W_1 on different distributions (see below)
 - Fréchet ParticleNet Distance (FPND) [2]
 - Coverage (COV)
 - Minimum Matching Distance (MMD)

In-sample distances

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Normalising Flows

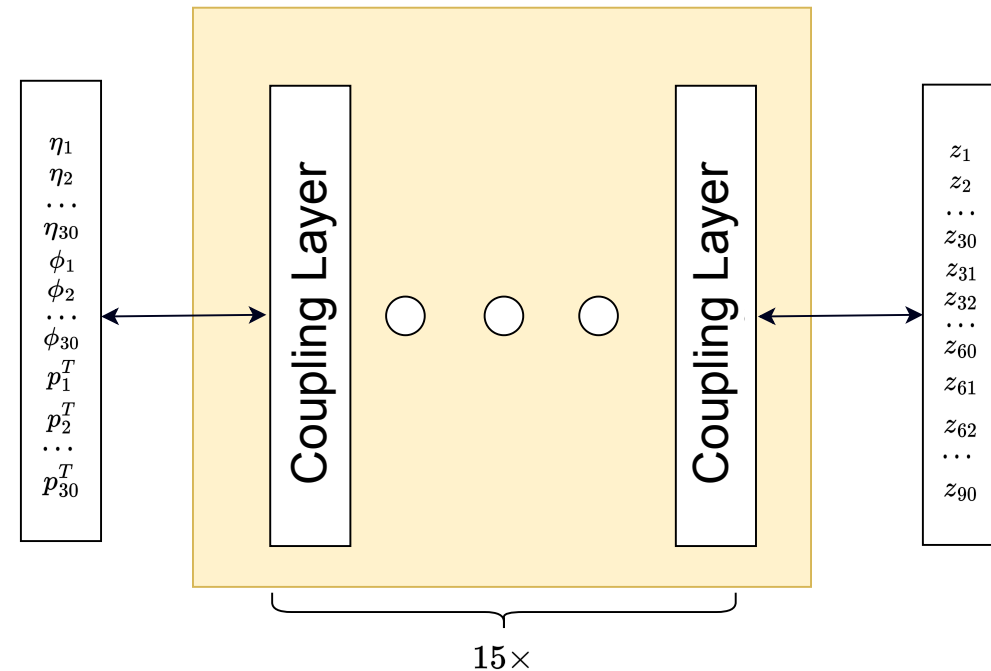
- Find invertible functions to transform data distribution to Normal distribution
- Invertible functions due to smart construction: **Coupling Layers**
- Stack multiple Coupling Layers for expressivity
- **Contrast to GAN** → **Stable Maximum-Likelihood training**



Normalising Flow Architecture

`nflows` [3] implementation used

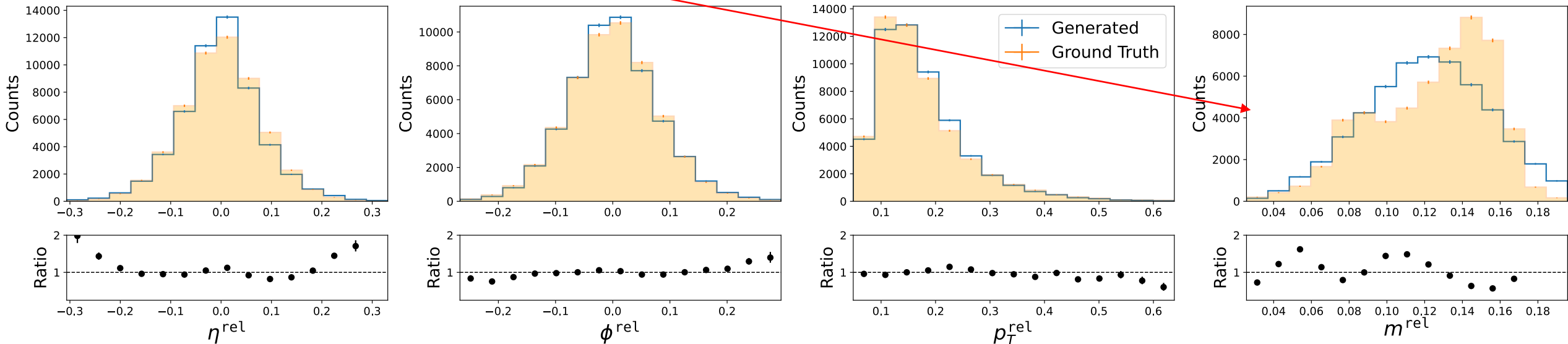
- Vanilla Normalising Flow: $90 (= 30 \times 3)$ dimensional latent space
- Rational Quadratic Splines Coupling Layers [4]
- No permutation invariant encoding, particles ordered by p_T^{rel}
- Jets with less < 30 particles zero-padded & noise added $O(10^{-7})$
- **No inductive bias** → **contrast to other generative models**



Pitfall of Normalising Flows

Model	$W_1^M (\times 10^{-3})$	$W_1^P (\times 10^{-3})$	$W_1^{EFP} (\times 10^{-5})$	FPND	COV \uparrow	MMD
VNF	6.4 \pm 0.2	2.2 \pm 0.2	14 \pm 1	7.91	0.56	0.071

All Particles

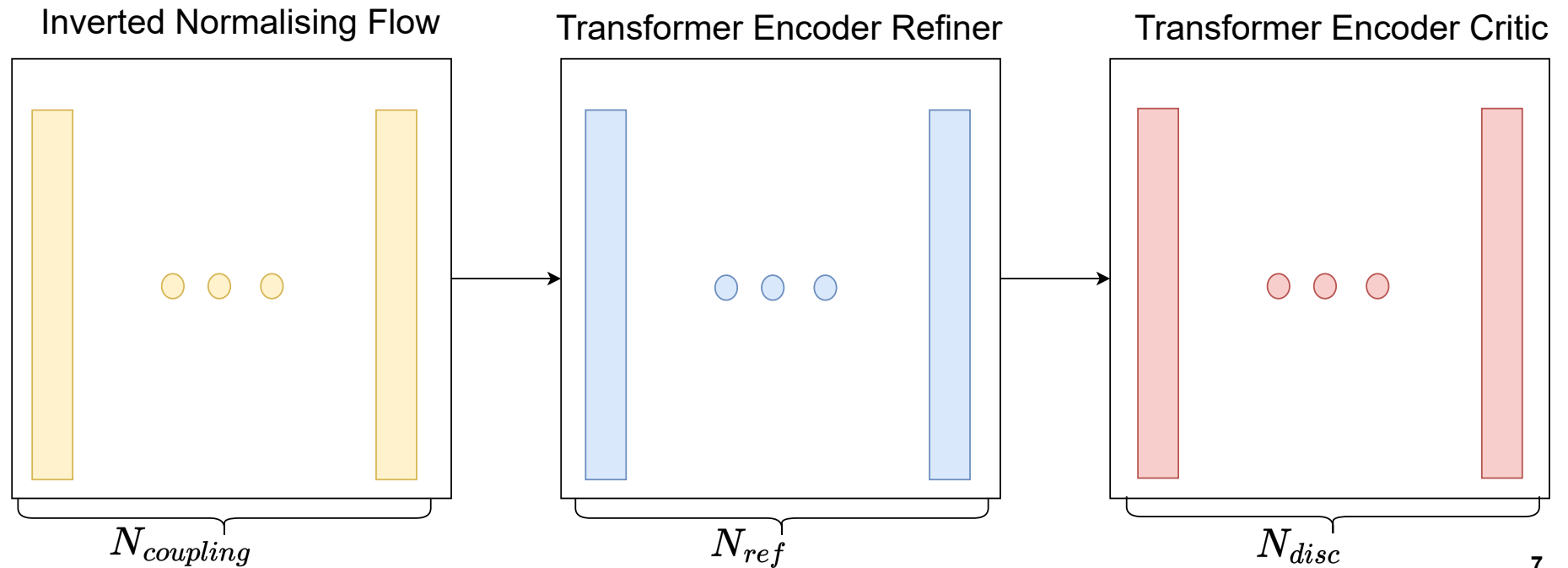


Mass Modelled Incorrectly

- Due to Coupling Layer construction?
- Plus-side: training takes 1-2 h, always converges

Refinement Setup

- Additive correction by Transformer Encoder Refinement Network $\mathbf{R}: \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}_{NF} + \mathbf{R}(\mathbf{x}_{NF})$
- Refinement trained adversarially with Transformer Encoder Critic $C(\mathbf{x}) \in \mathbb{R}$
- No gradient for NF from critic



Self-Attention

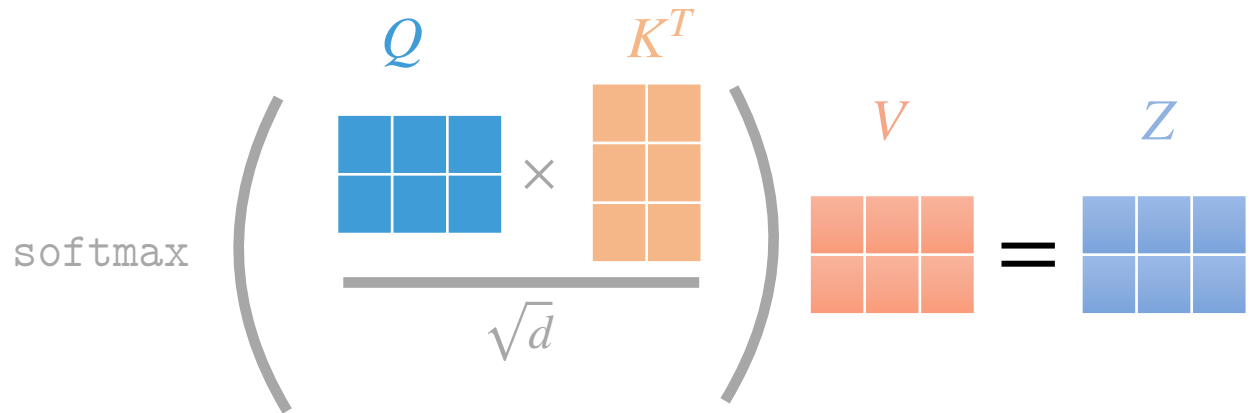
Attention is all you need! [5]

- Commonly used in NLP
- Permutation invariant
- Self-Attention: n inputs, n outputs - interaction between inputs

- Particles attend to other particles with strength: $\text{Attention}(\mathbf{Q}, \mathbf{K}, \mathbf{V}) = \frac{\text{softmax}(\mathbf{Q} \cdot \mathbf{K}^T + \mathbf{M} \cdot (-\infty))}{\sqrt{d}} \mathbf{V}$

- $\mathbf{Q}, \mathbf{K}, \mathbf{V}$ Linear embeddings of input $\rightarrow \mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{W}_Q \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{K} = \mathbf{W}_K \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{V} = \mathbf{W}_V \mathbf{x}$

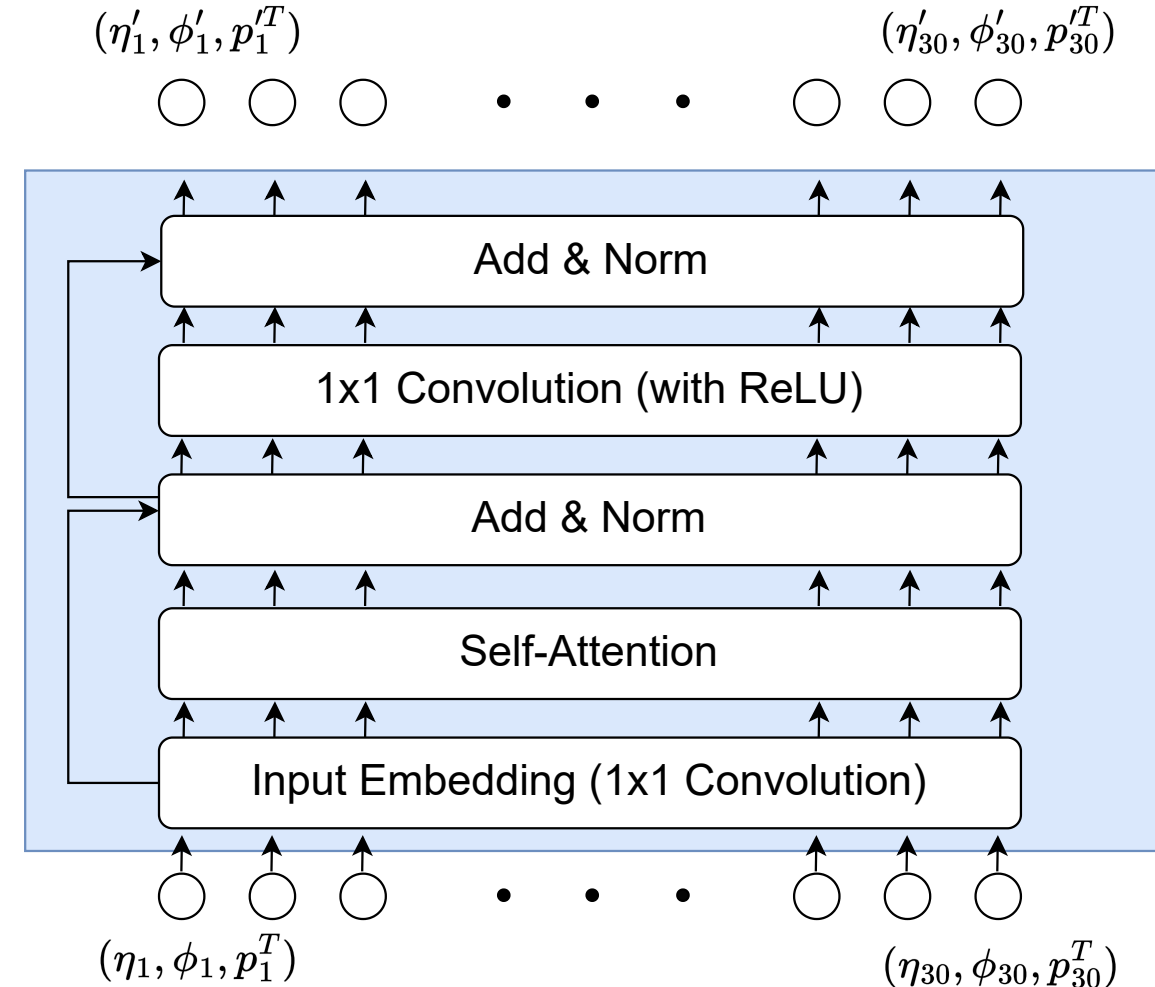
- $\mathbf{M} = 1$ mask for jets with < 30 particles \rightarrow No influence



Transformer Encoder Refinement

Ingredients:

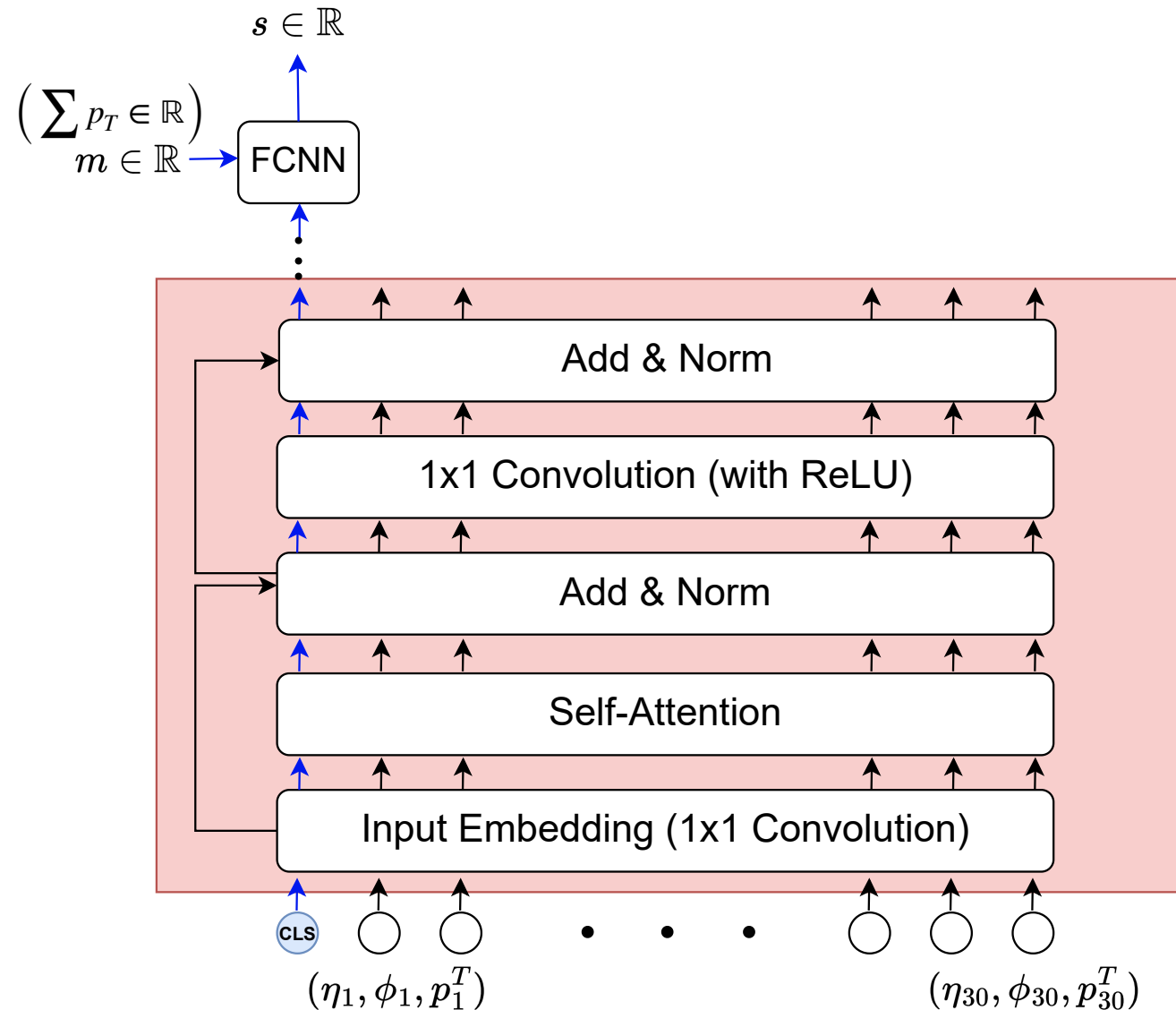
- Embedding: same linear embedding for all particles
- Residual connection
- Layer Normalisation after addition
- 1x1 Convolution with nonlinearity
- Mask sampled from training data
- **Permutation Invariant Network Architecture**



Transformer Encoder Critic

Additional Ingredients:

- Classification token/particle
- Fully Connected Critic Network
- Mass as additional input
- Optionally also sum of transverse momenta



Training Details

- Particles scaled to zero mean unit variance
- Linear Warmup learning rate scheduling
- LSGAN trained with MSE
- Batch Size 1000-4000
- Dropout during Training & Evaluation
- $\sim 11 - 48 h$ on NVIDIA P100
- Not that stable anymore :(

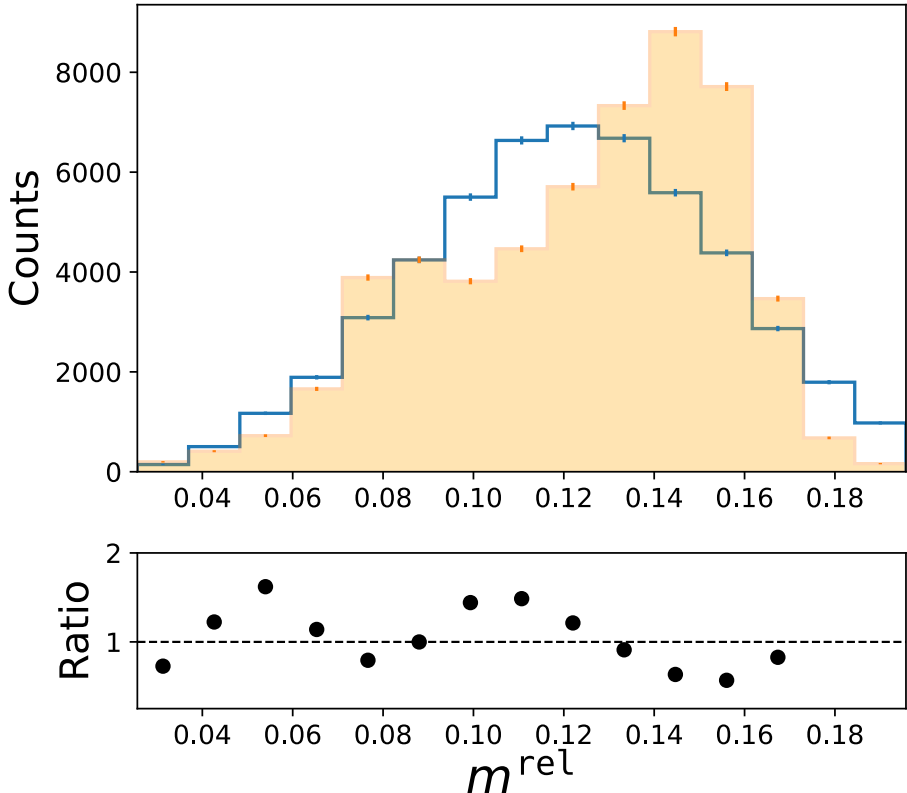


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Results - Top-Quarks and Light-Quarks

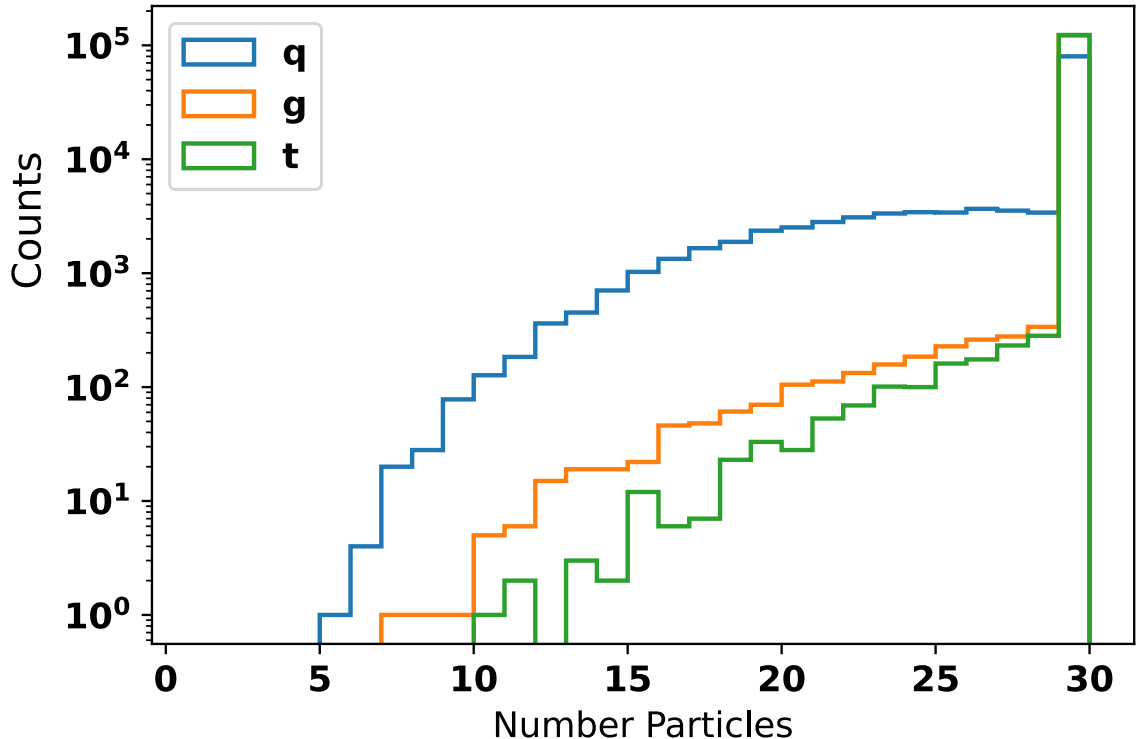
Top Quarks

- Complex substructure
- Normalising Flow performs worst



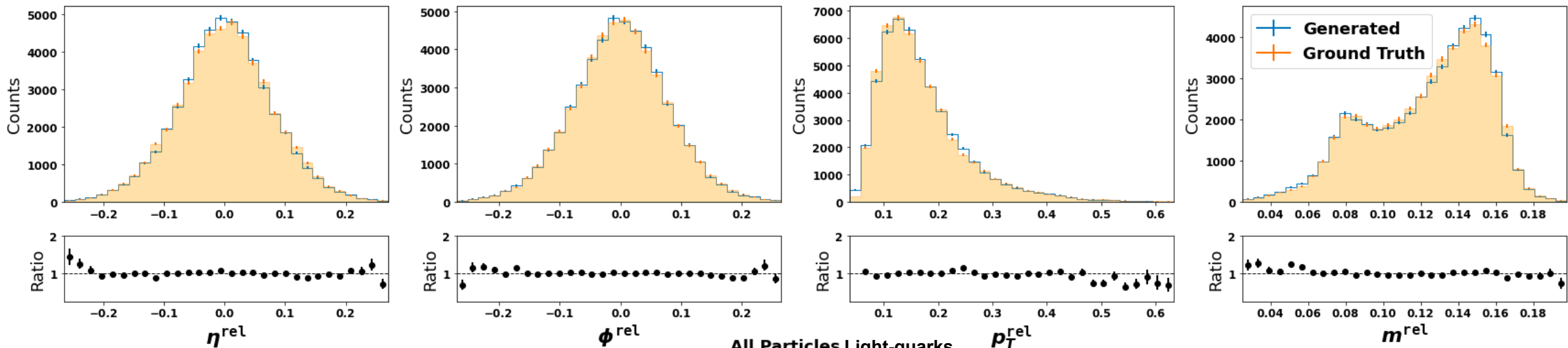
Light Quarks

- Highest variability in number particles

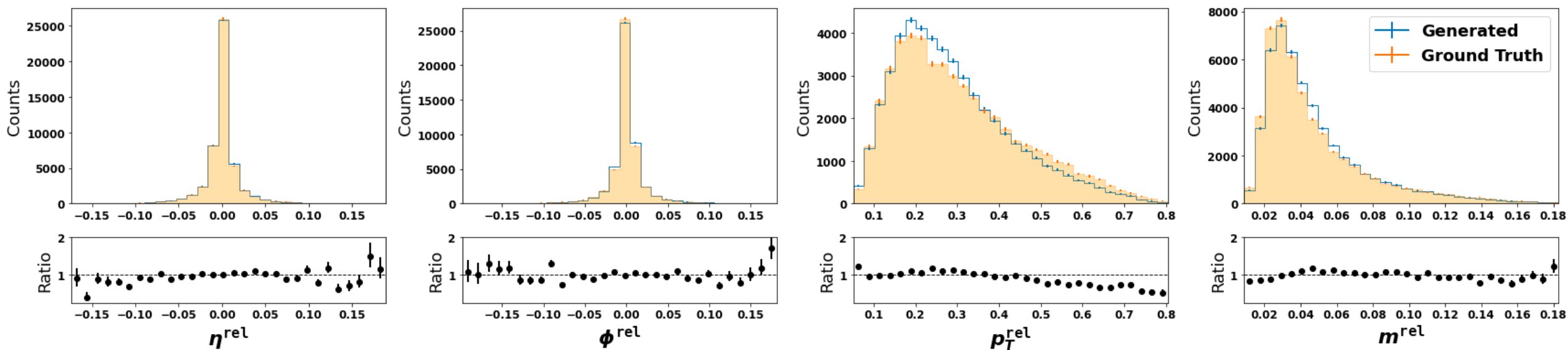


Results

All Particles Top-quark



All Particles Light-quarks



Results

- Competitive with state-of-art
- Scalability to be investigated

In-sample distances

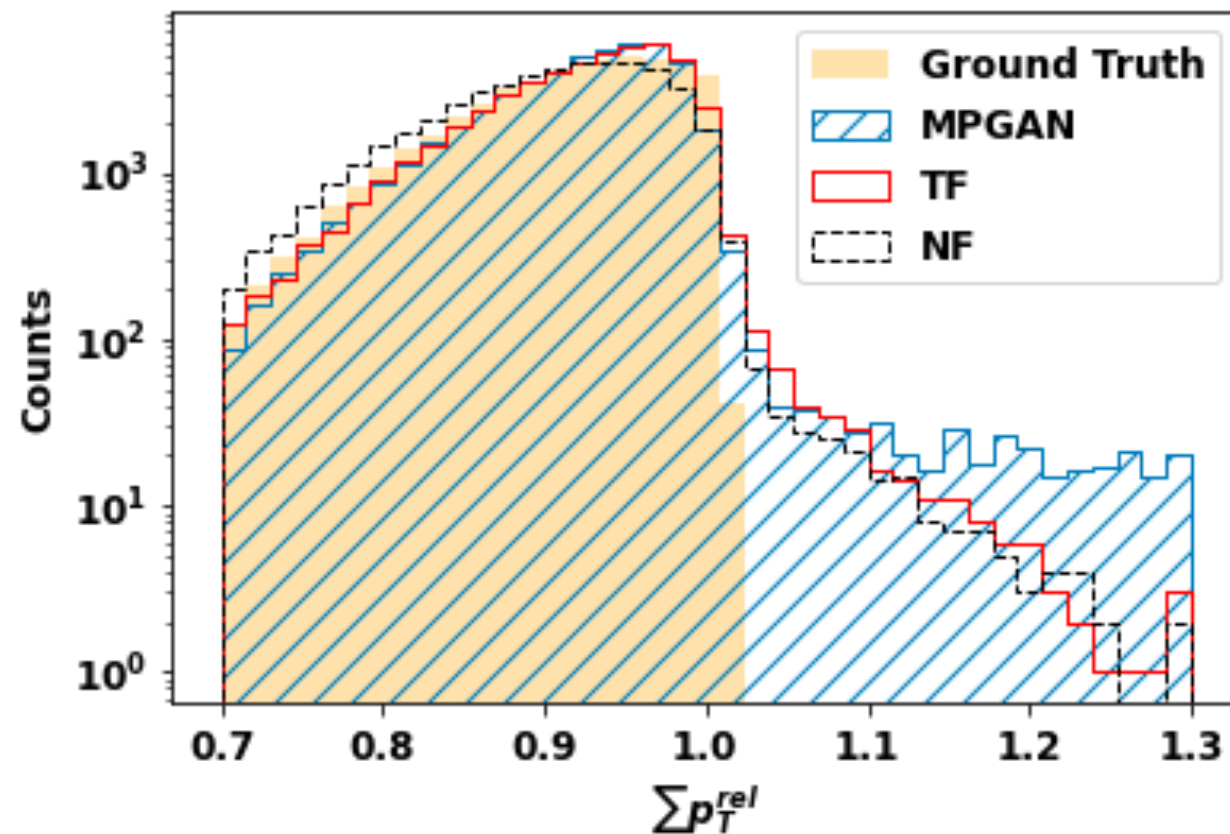
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Quark	Model	$W_1^M (\times 10^{-3})$	$W_1^P (\times 10^{-3})$	$W_1^{EFP} (\times 10^{-5})$	FPND	COV \uparrow	MMD
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	TF	0.7 ± 0.1	1.2 ± 0.2	0.8 ± 0.6	0.11	0.54	0.035
Light Quark	MP	0.7 ± 0.2	5.0 ± 0.7	0.9 ± 0.6	0.33	0.51	0.026
	TF	0.8 ± 0.2	1.6 ± 0.4	0.7 ± 0.4	0.11	0.54	0.026
Top Quark	MP	0.6 ± 0.1	2.1 ± 0.5	1.5 ± 0.7	0.33	0.59	0.071
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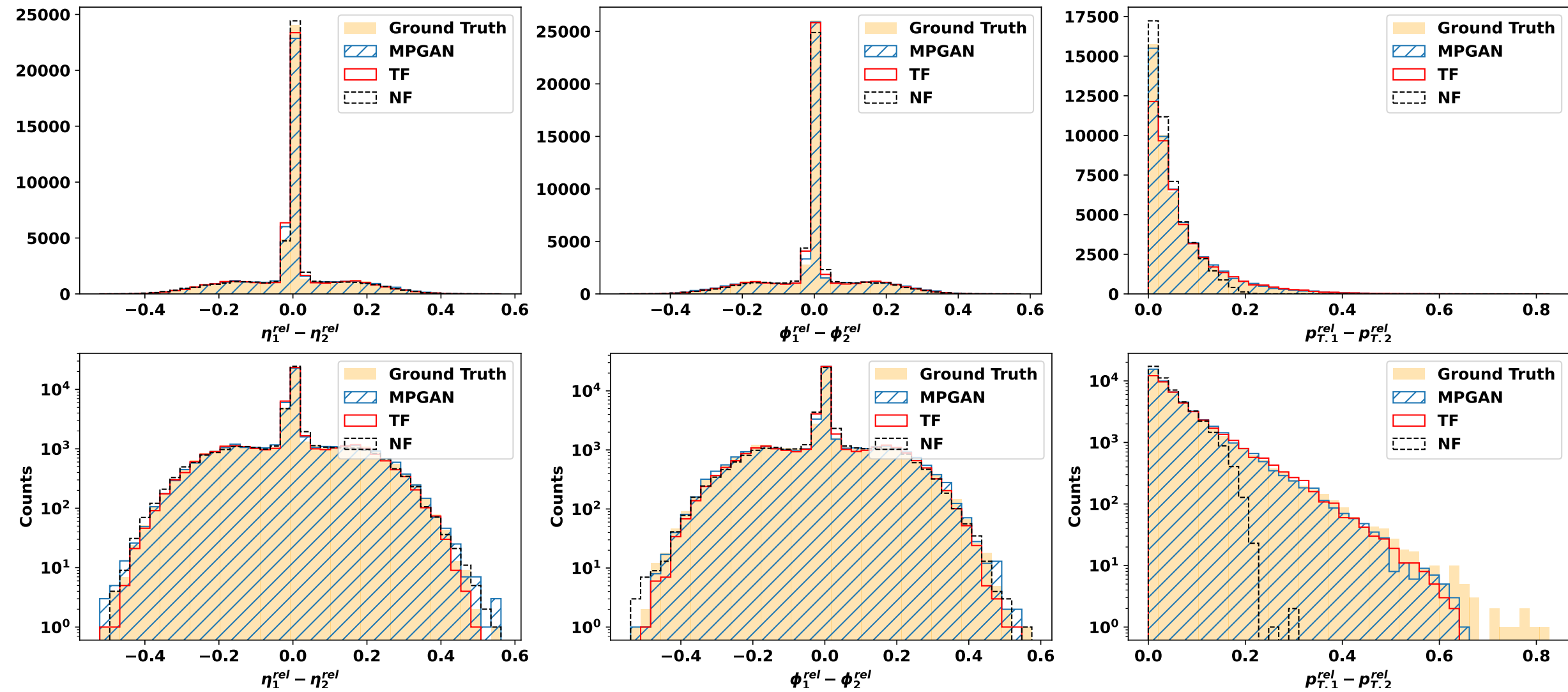
Summed Transverse Momentum

- Momentum given relative to jet $\rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^n p_T^{(i)} \leq 1$
- Directly supplying summed momentum to Critic \rightarrow too strong discrimination
- Solution: Add noise, variance decreased gradually
- **Needs a lot of fine-tuning**

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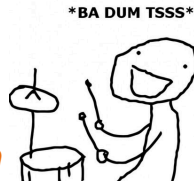


Top Quark Dataset Deltas Between Particles



Summary

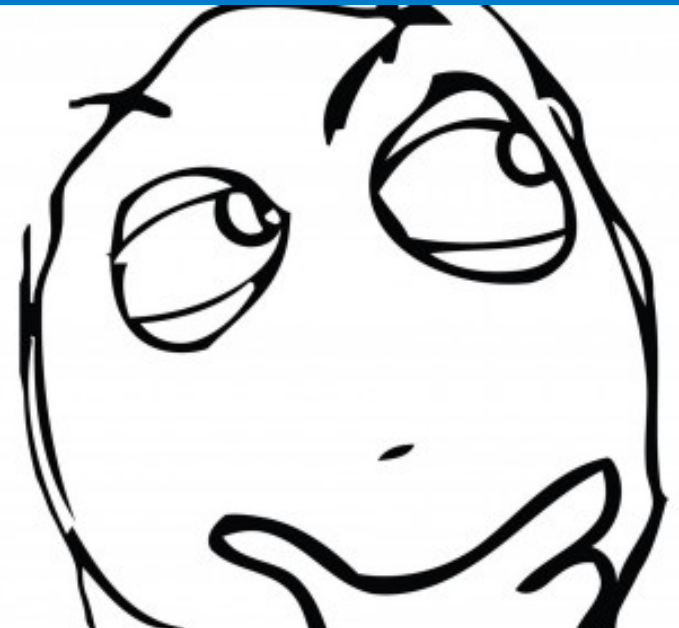
Thanks for your *attention*



- Normalising Flows quick & stable starting point for GAN
- Training duration $\sim 1 - 2 h$ on NVIDIA P100
- Bad on high-level correlations between variables
- Transformer refinement enhances performance significantly
- $\sim 11.5 \mu s/\text{jet}$, on NVIDIA P100 - $\sim 11.3 \mu s/\text{jet}$, from NF
- Attention $\sim O(n^2)$, n number particles \rightarrow How scalable?
- Transformers data hungry - introduce transfer learning?



Any Questions?

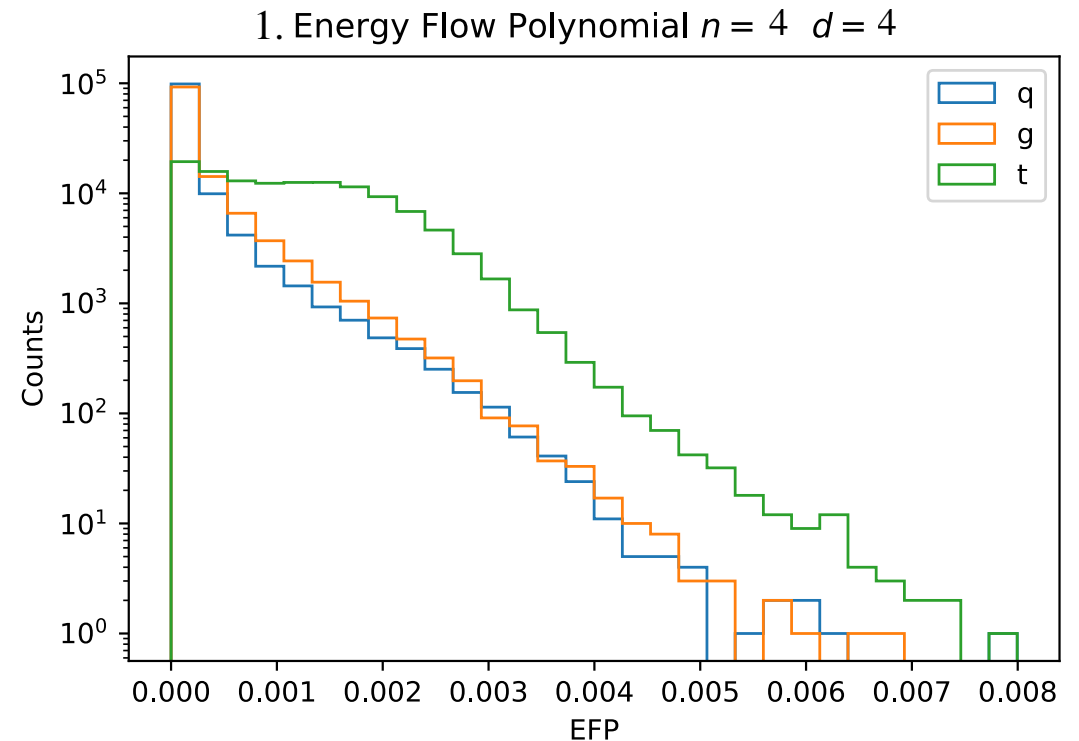


Backup



Wasserstein Distance

- Metric on probability distributions
- Formally: $W_1(\mathbb{P}_r, \mathbb{P}_g) := \inf_{\gamma \in \Gamma(\mathbb{P}_r, \mathbb{P}_g)} \mathbb{E}_{(x,y) \sim \gamma} [|x - y|]$
- Not tractable for $\dim(X \sim \mathbb{P}_g) > 1$
 - W_1^P : average of W_1 over (η, ϕ, p_T)
 - W_1^M : invariant jet mass
 - W_1^{EFP} : 5 Energy Flow Polynomials [4] ($n=4, d=4$)



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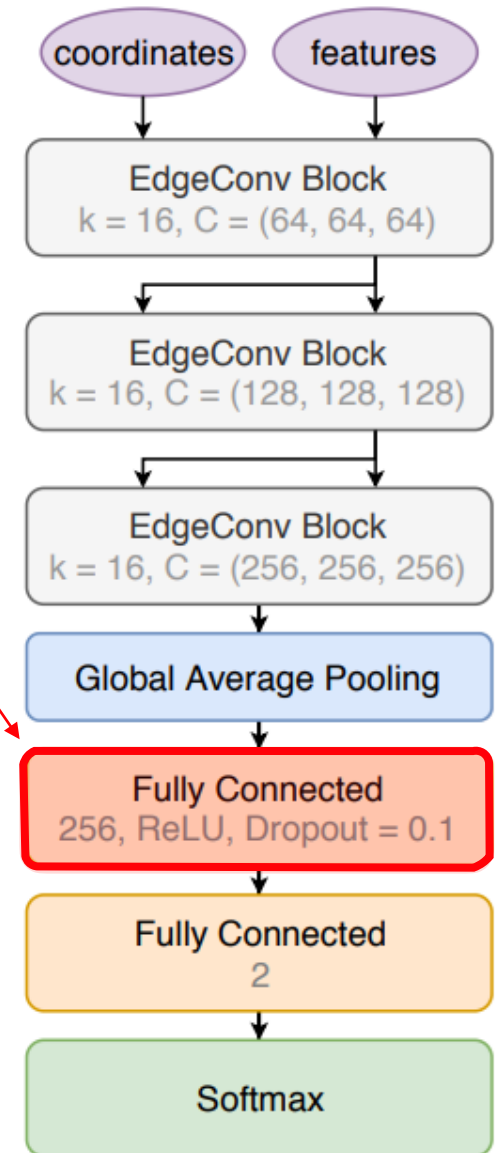
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Fréchet ParticleNet Distance (FPND) [2]

- Inspired from Fréchet Inception Distance (FID) for image generation [5]
- *Wasserstein-2 distance between Gaussians fitted to activations in **first FC layer** of ParticleNet [6] of MC & ML generated jets*
- Sensitive to output quality & mode collapse

In-sample distances

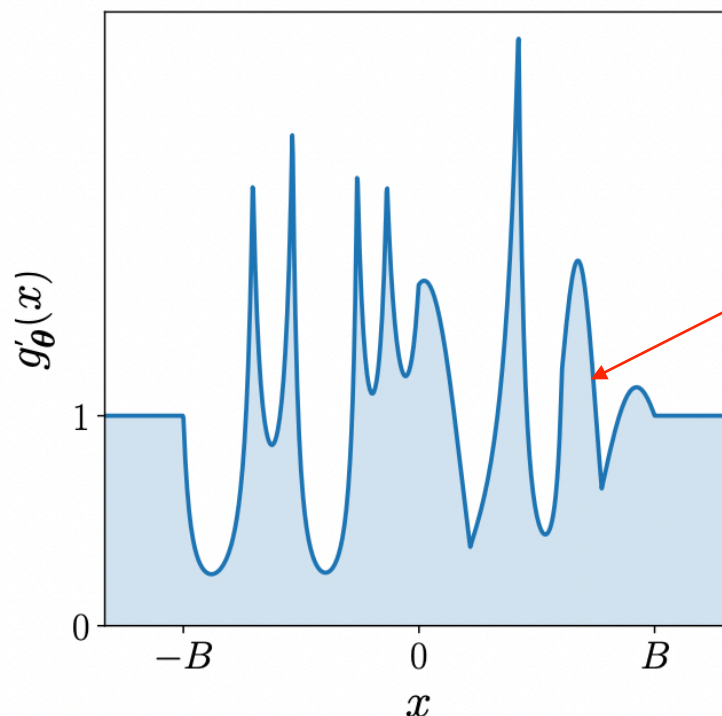
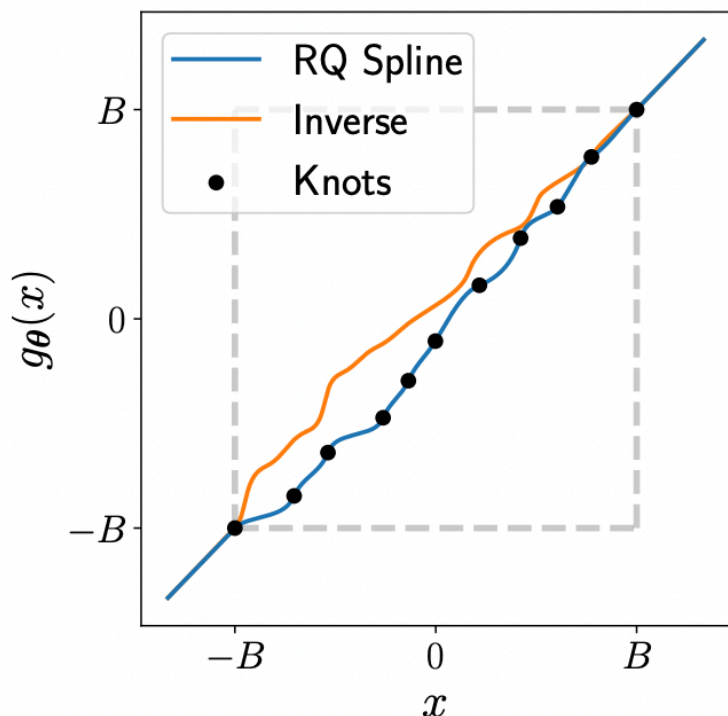
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Rational Quadratic Spline Coupling

Proposed by Durkan and Bekasov et al. [2], also in `nflows` [3]

- Affine coupling lacks flexibility
- Element-wise ratio of monotonic quadratic splines
- Monotonic \rightarrow analytically invertible
- K bins $\rightarrow (3K - 1)$ NN outputs per dimension



$$p_{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{x}) = p_{\mathbf{z}}(\mathbf{g}_{\theta}(\mathbf{x})) \left| \det \frac{d\mathbf{g}_{\theta}}{d\mathbf{x}} \right|$$

Handling Variable Number Particles

- Normalising Flows not optimal for variable number particles
- Transformers originating from NLP made to handle variable number inputs
- Attention allows interaction between variable number inputs
- For ground truth data straight forward → mask zero-padded particles
- Generation: sample masks from training data mask distribution

Coupling Layers

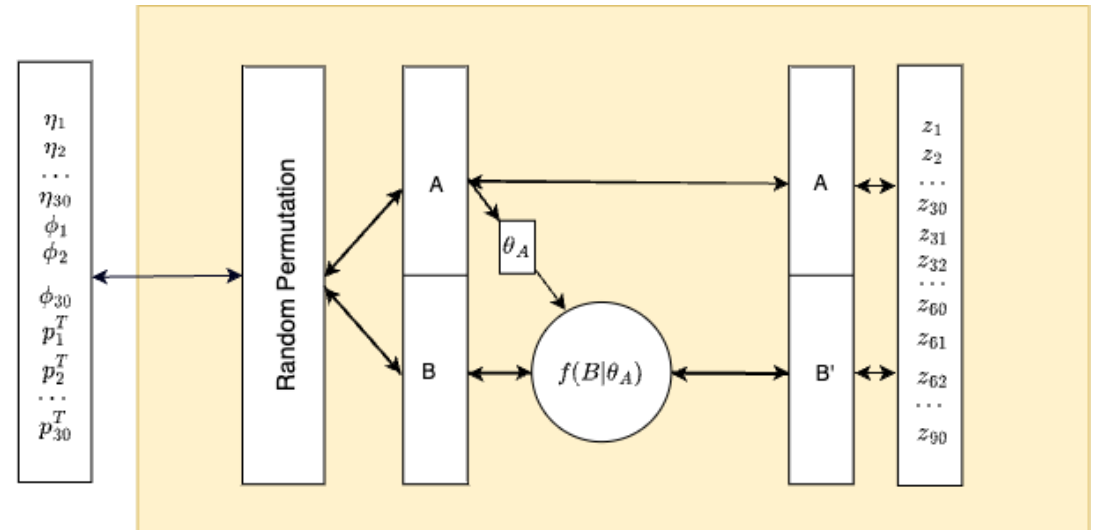
How to Construct Invertible Functions with a Tractable Determinant

- Partition input into $(\mathbf{x}^A, \mathbf{x}^B) \in \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R}^{D-d}, D = 90, d = 45$

- Construct map element-wise: $f_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{cases} z_i^A = x_i^A \\ z_i^B = s_{\theta(x^A)}(x_i^B) \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow f_{\theta}^{-1}(z) = \begin{cases} x_i^A = z_i^A \\ x_i^B = s_{\theta(z^A)}^{-1}(z_i^B) \end{cases}$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{df}{dx} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbb{I} & 0 \\ \frac{dz_B}{dx_A} & \frac{ds_{\theta(x^A)}}{dx^B} \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \det \frac{df}{dx} = \prod_{i=d+1}^D \frac{ds_i^{\theta(x^A)}}{dx_i^B}$$

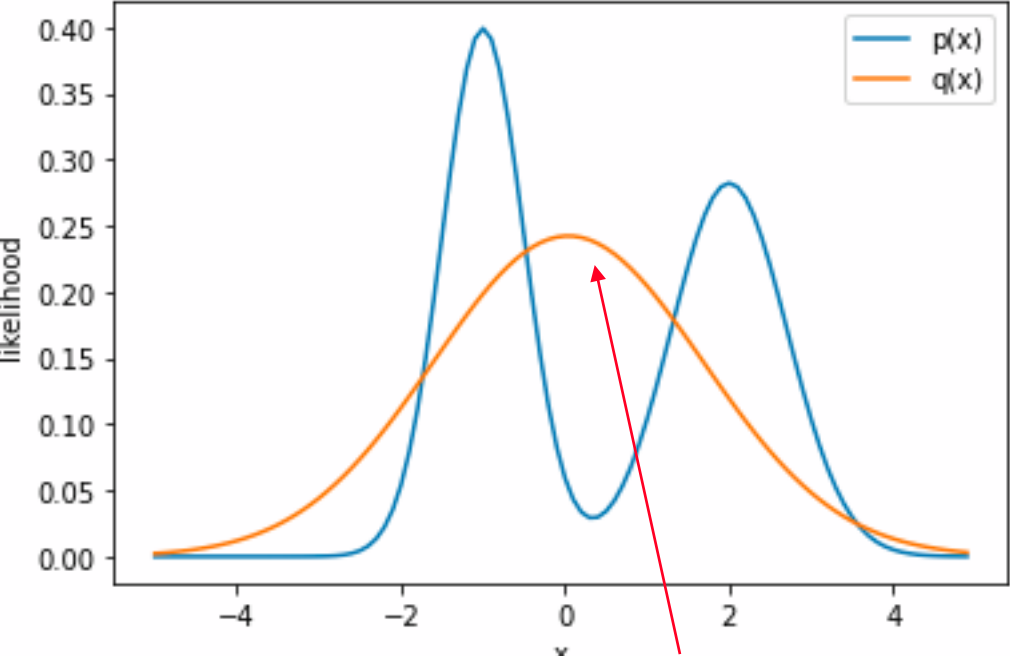
- $s_{\theta}(\mathbf{x})$ simple parametrised function but θ arbitrarily complex \rightarrow **NN for parameters θ**
- Affine: $s_{\theta=(\theta_1, \theta_2)}(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{x}_B \odot \theta_1(\mathbf{x}_A) + \theta_2(\mathbf{x}_A)$



Possible Explanation why Max-Likelihood is not Enough

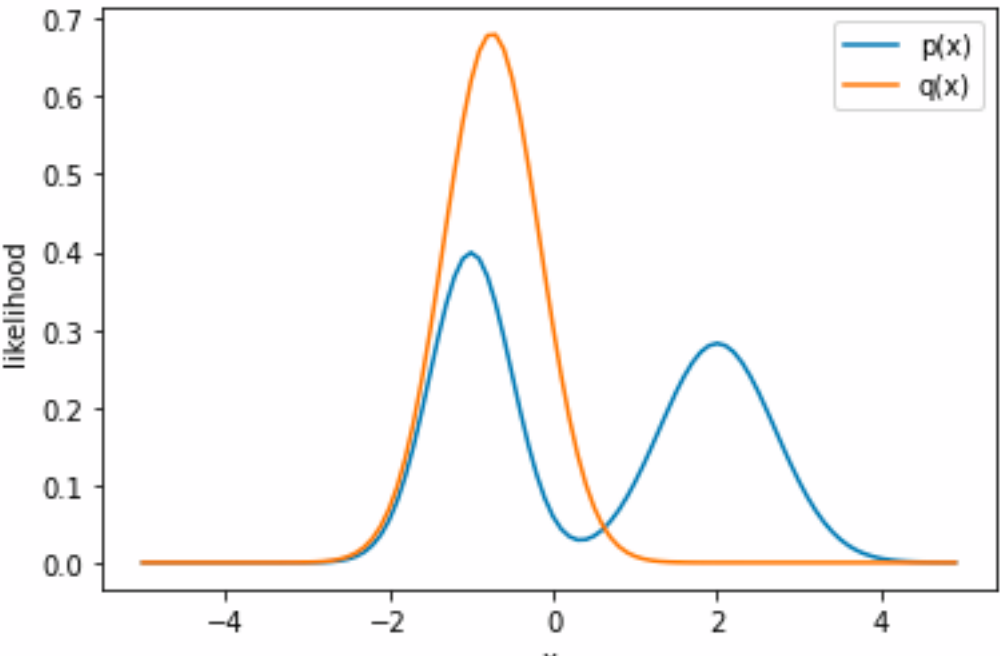
- Maximum likelihood consistent → can learn any distribution given **infinite** data & perfect model class
- Under model misspecification and finite data → produces models that overgeneralise
- Minimising Forward KL-Divergence: equivalent to Maximum Likelihood

Forward $D_{KL}(p || q)$



q must cover all modes of *p*, but not penalised for having high *q* where *p* is low

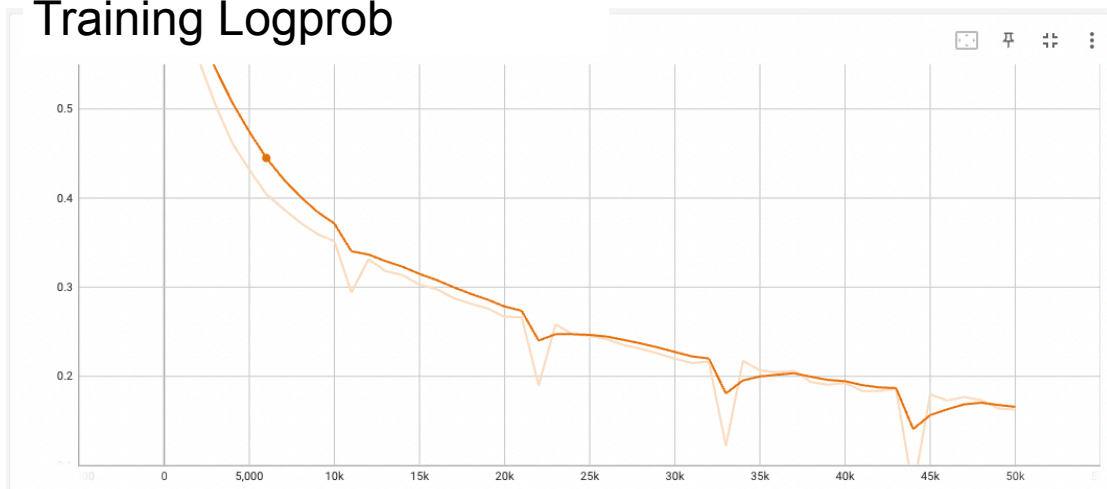
Backward $D_{KL}(q || p)$



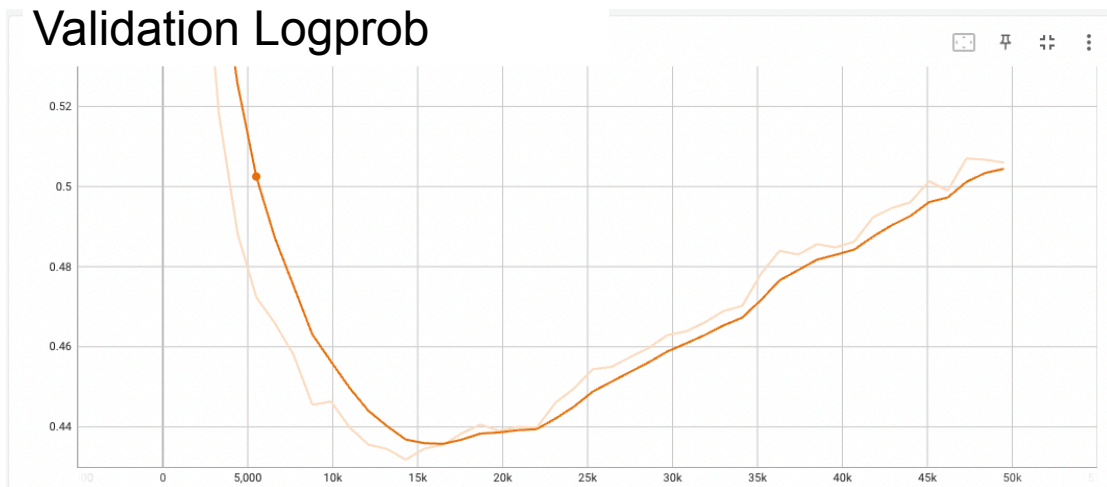
No punishment for mode collapse

Training vs Validation Logprobs, and Metrics

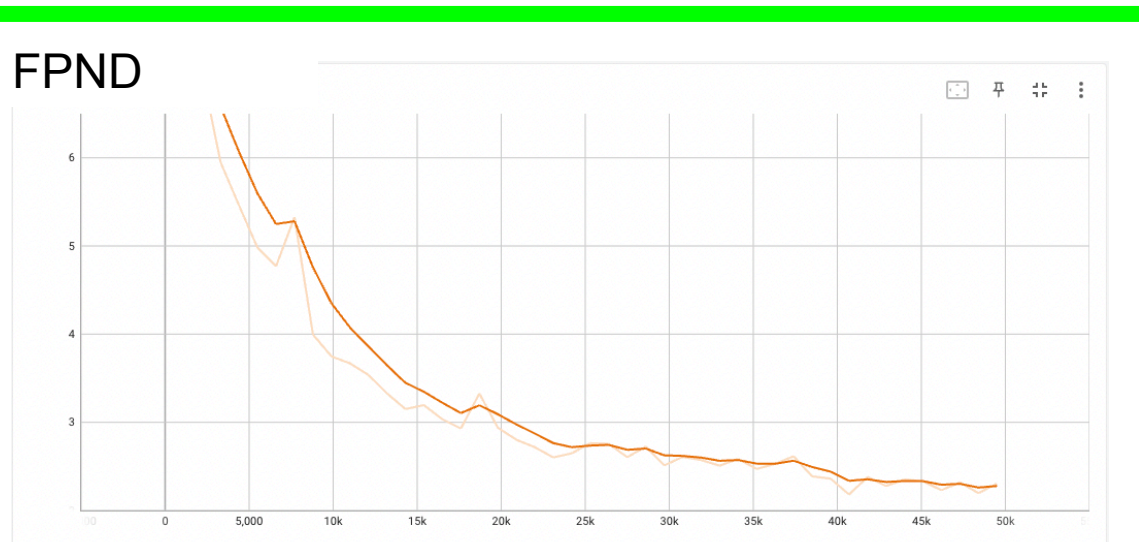
Training Logprob



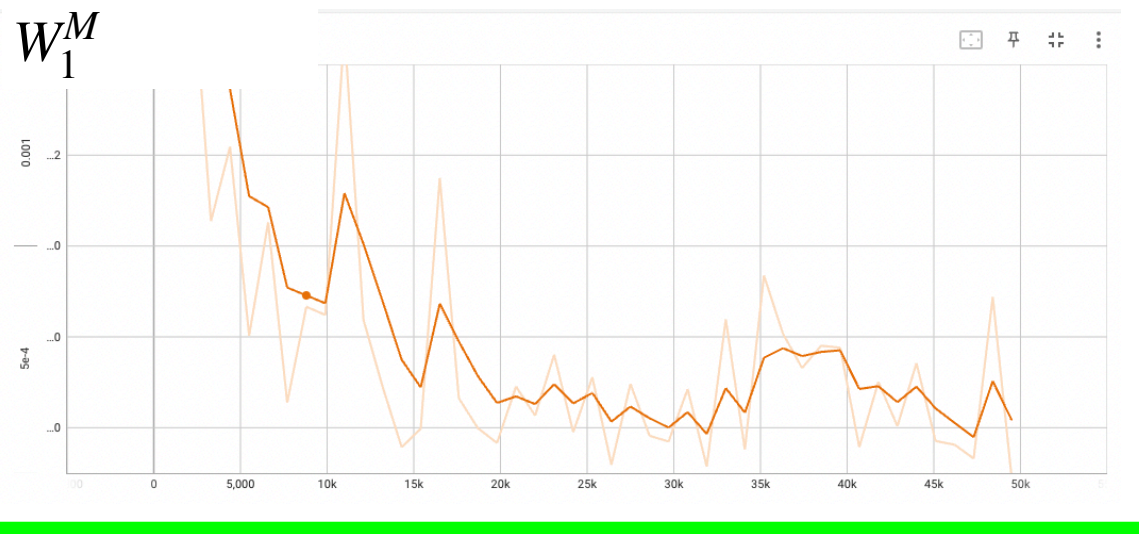
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FPND



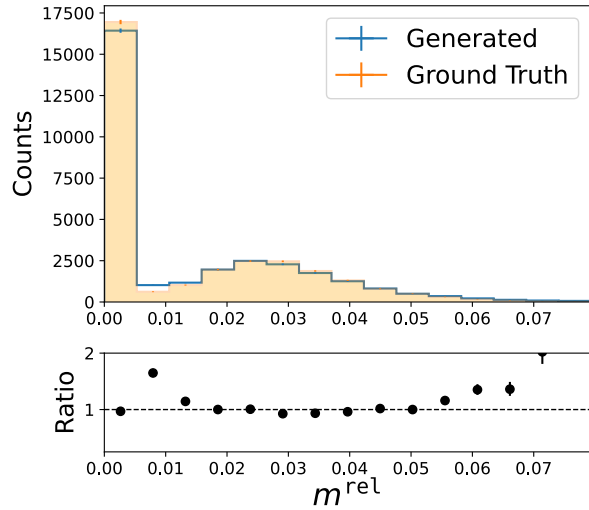
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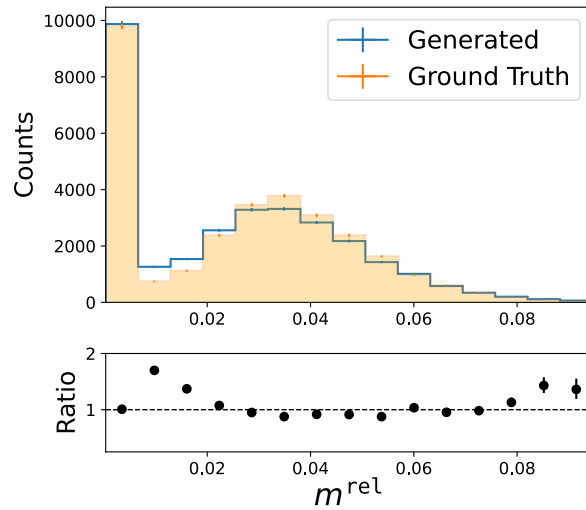
Log Probability seems to not capture quality of generated data

Dimensionality Scaling of Normalising Flows

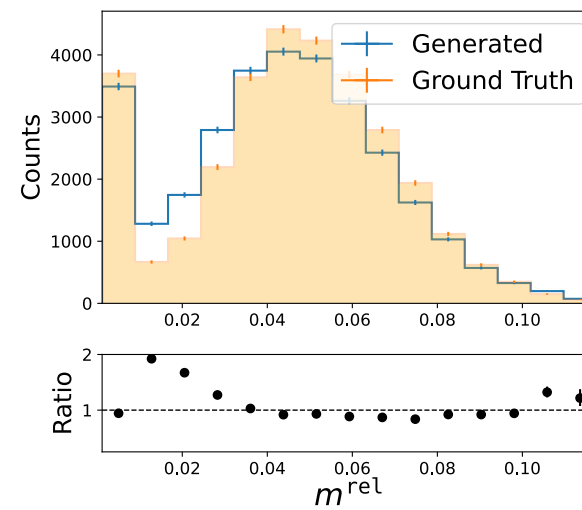
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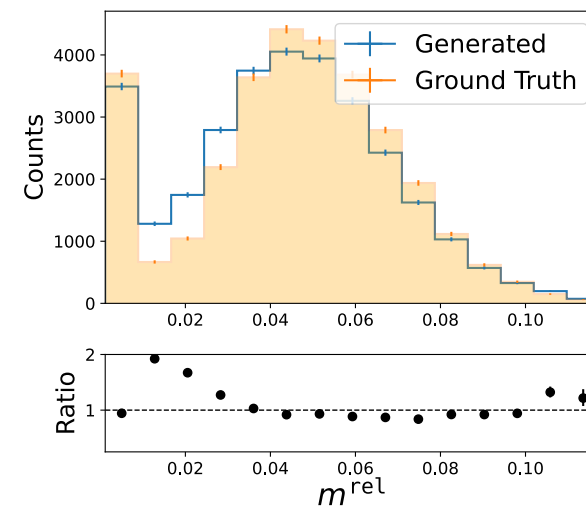
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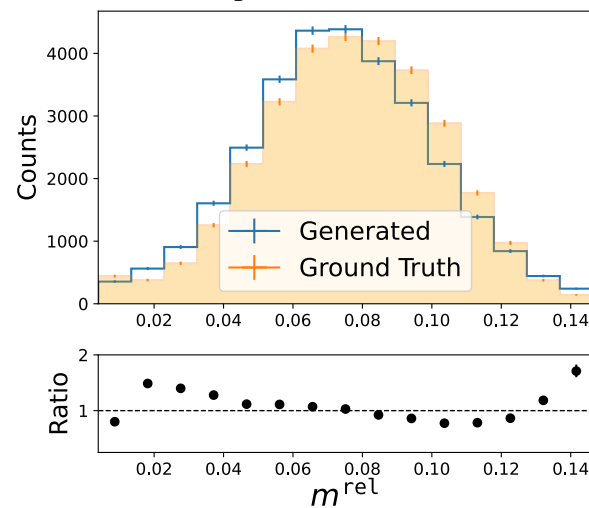
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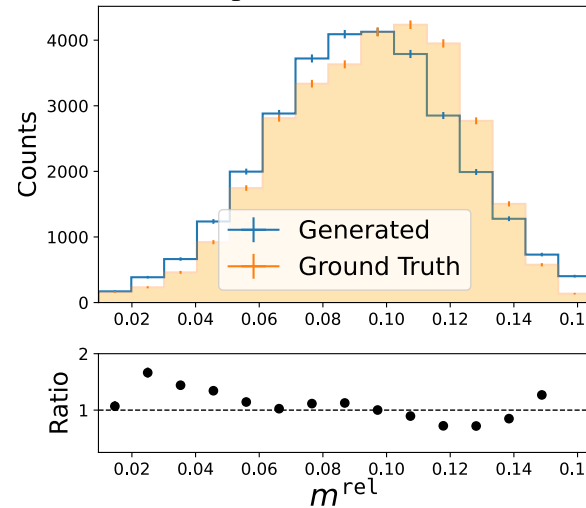
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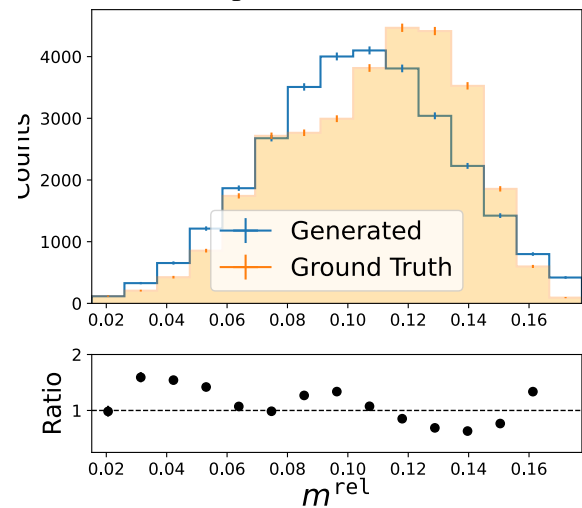
$n_{part} = 10$



$n_{part} = 15$



$n_{part} = 20$



In low dimensions
Normalising Flow
captures correlations
correctly

Normalising Flows

In more formal language

- Main foundation: Change of Variables formula, $z = f_{\theta}(x)$

$$p_X(x) = p_Z(f_{\theta}(x)) \left| \det \frac{df_{\theta}}{dx} \right| = p_Z(z) \left| \det \frac{df_{\theta}^{-1}}{dz} \right|^{-1}$$

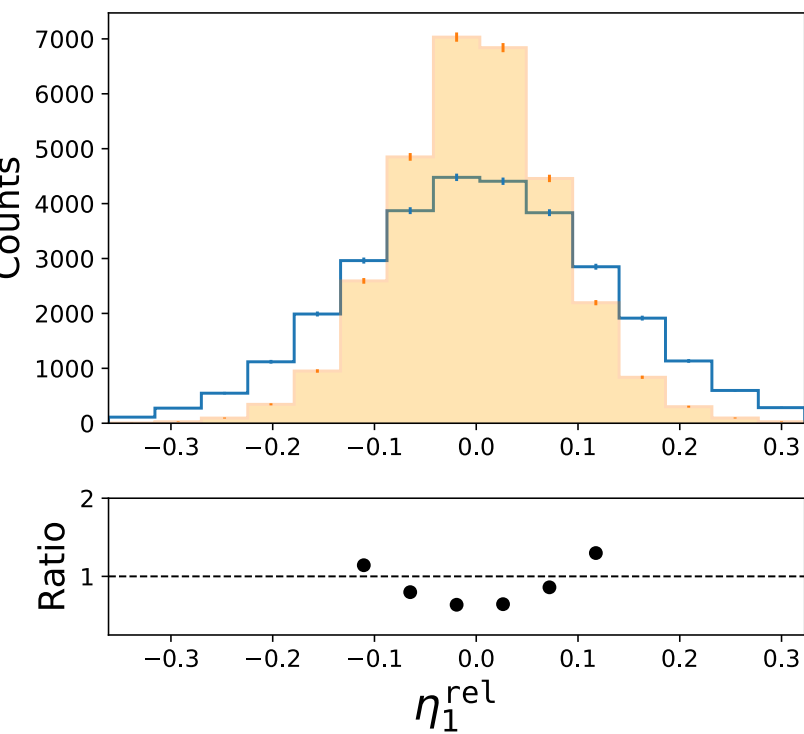
- 2 Constraints: Invertible functions, Jacobi-Matrix tractable
- Stack transformations: $z = z_K = f^{(K)} \circ \dots \circ f^{(0)}(z_0 = x)$

$$\rightarrow \text{Invertible with determinant } \prod_{i=0}^K \det \left| \frac{df_{\theta}^{(i)}}{dx_i} \right|$$

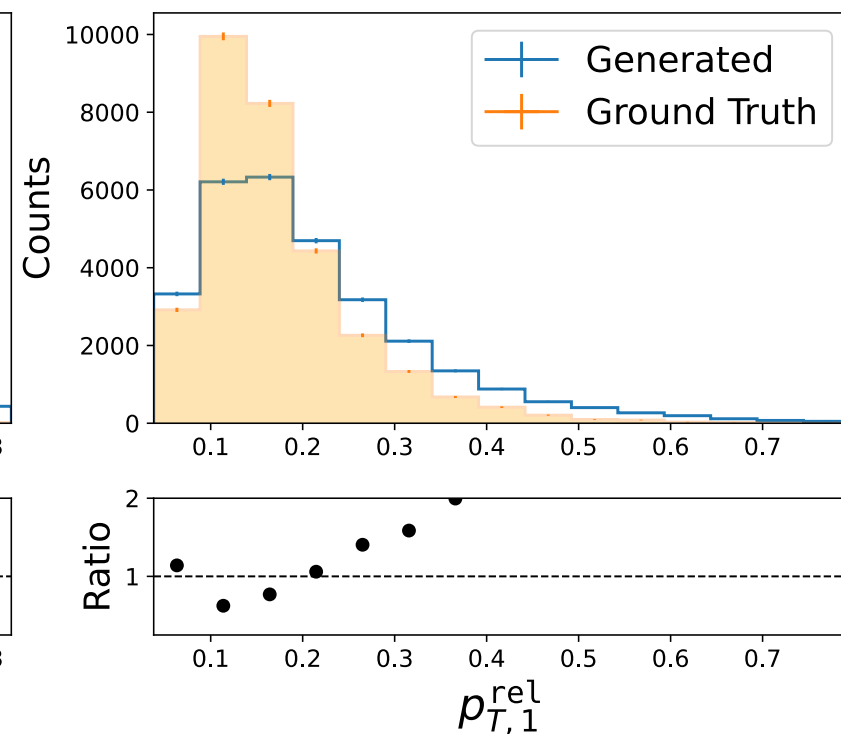
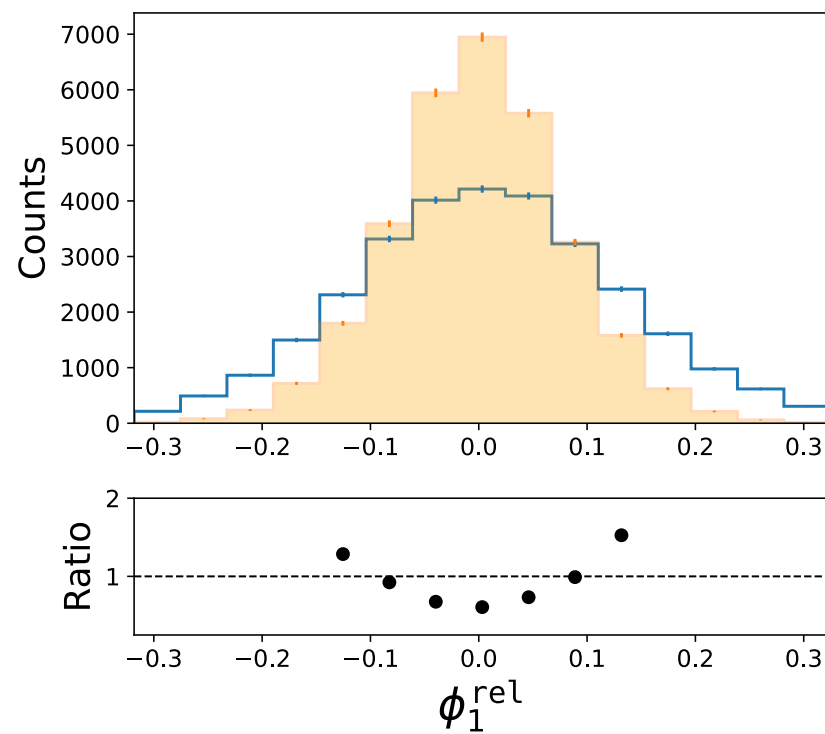
- **Optimise with negative Log-Likelihood:**

$$\theta = - \arg \min_{\theta} \sum_{x \in X} \log p_x(x) = \arg \min_{\theta} \sum_{x \in X} \left(\frac{f(x)^2}{2} - \sum_{i=0}^K \left| \det \frac{df_{\theta}^{(i)}}{dx_i} \right| \right)$$

Affine Marginals

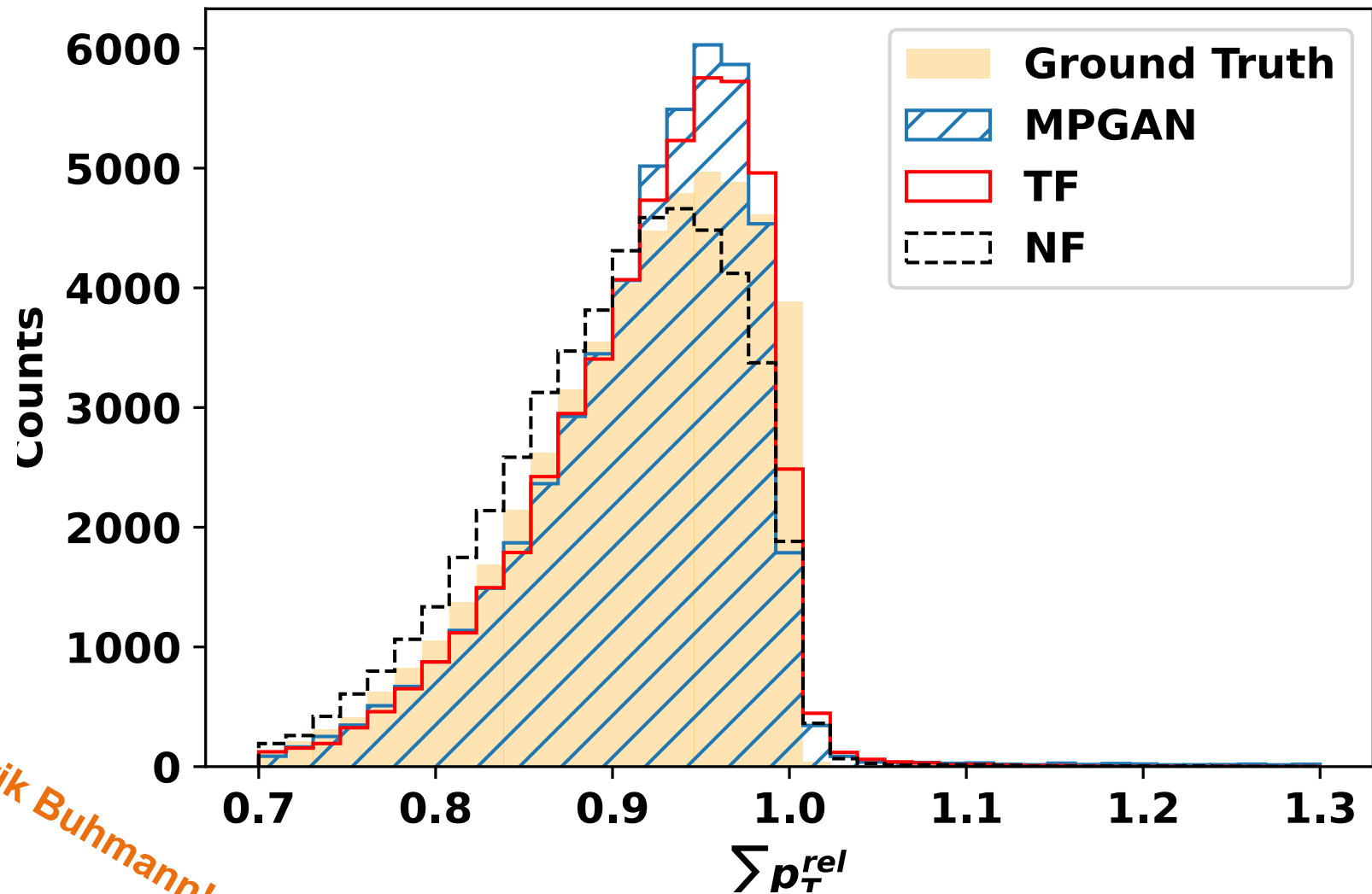


Hardest Particle



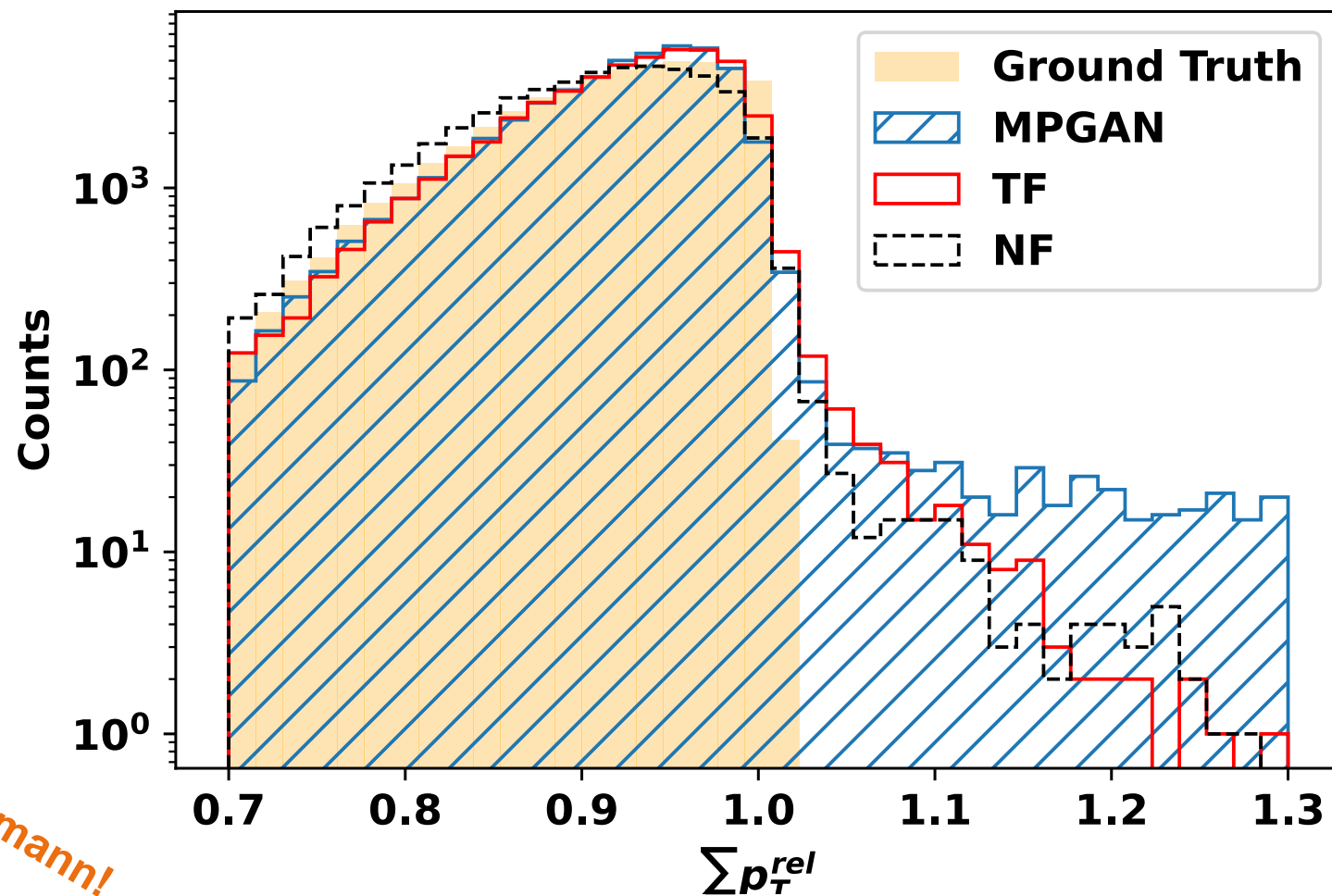
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Summed Transverse Momenta used as Input to FC Layers in Critic



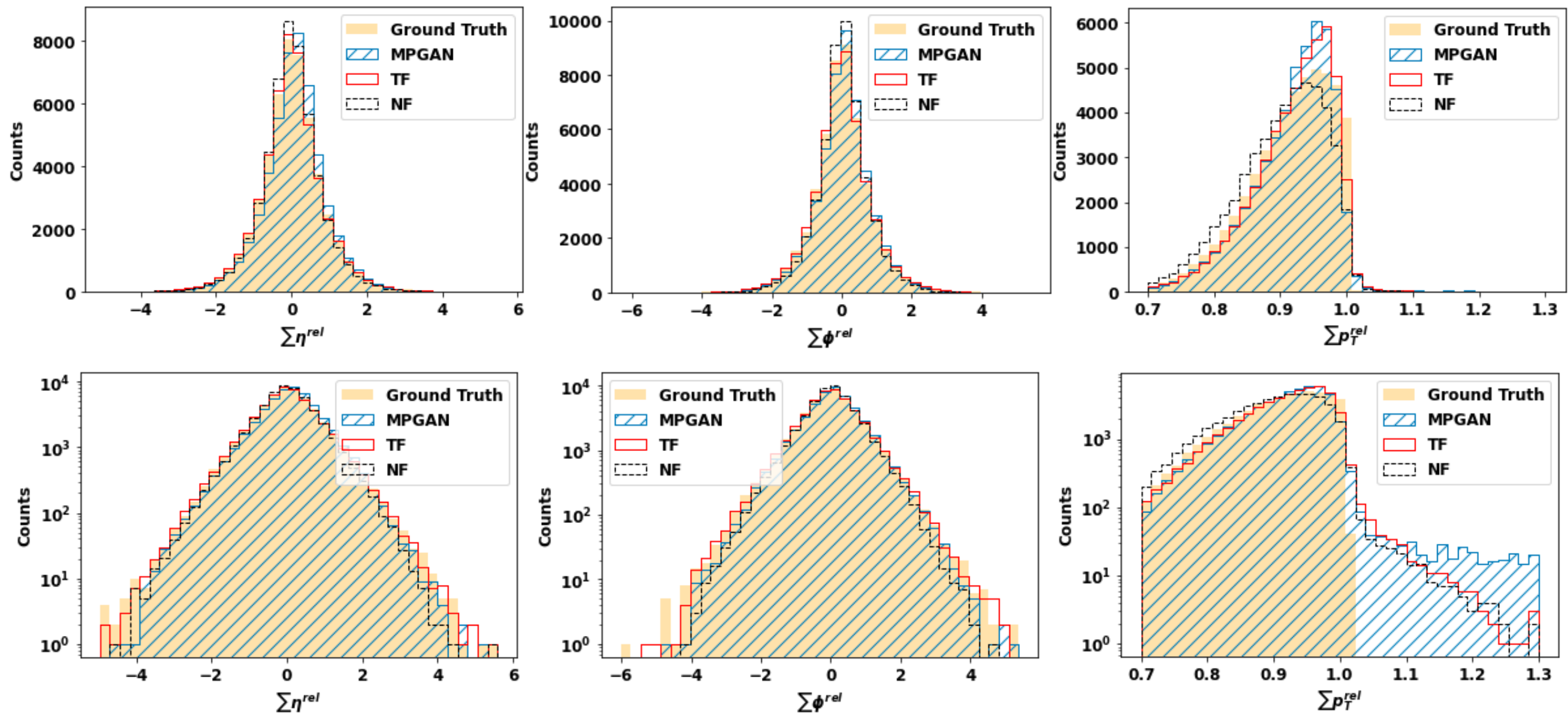
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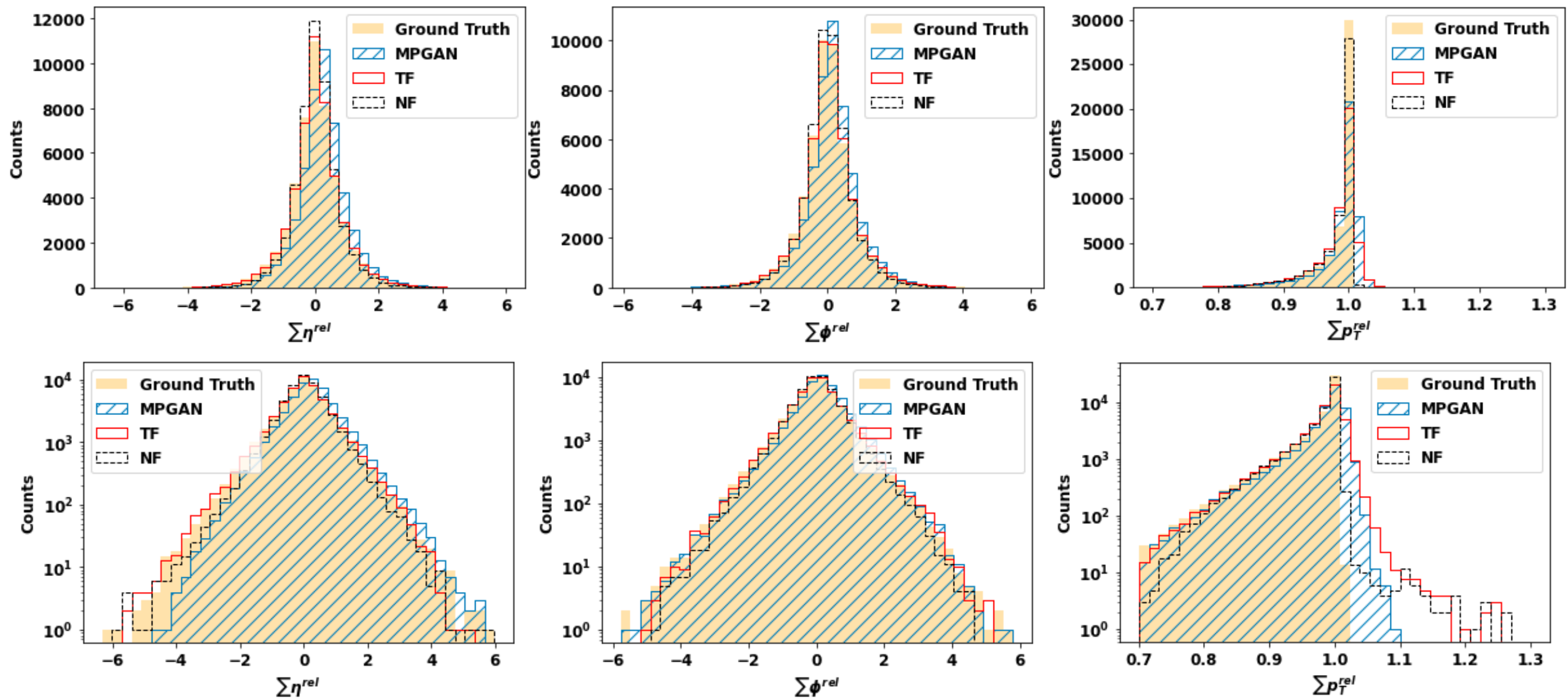


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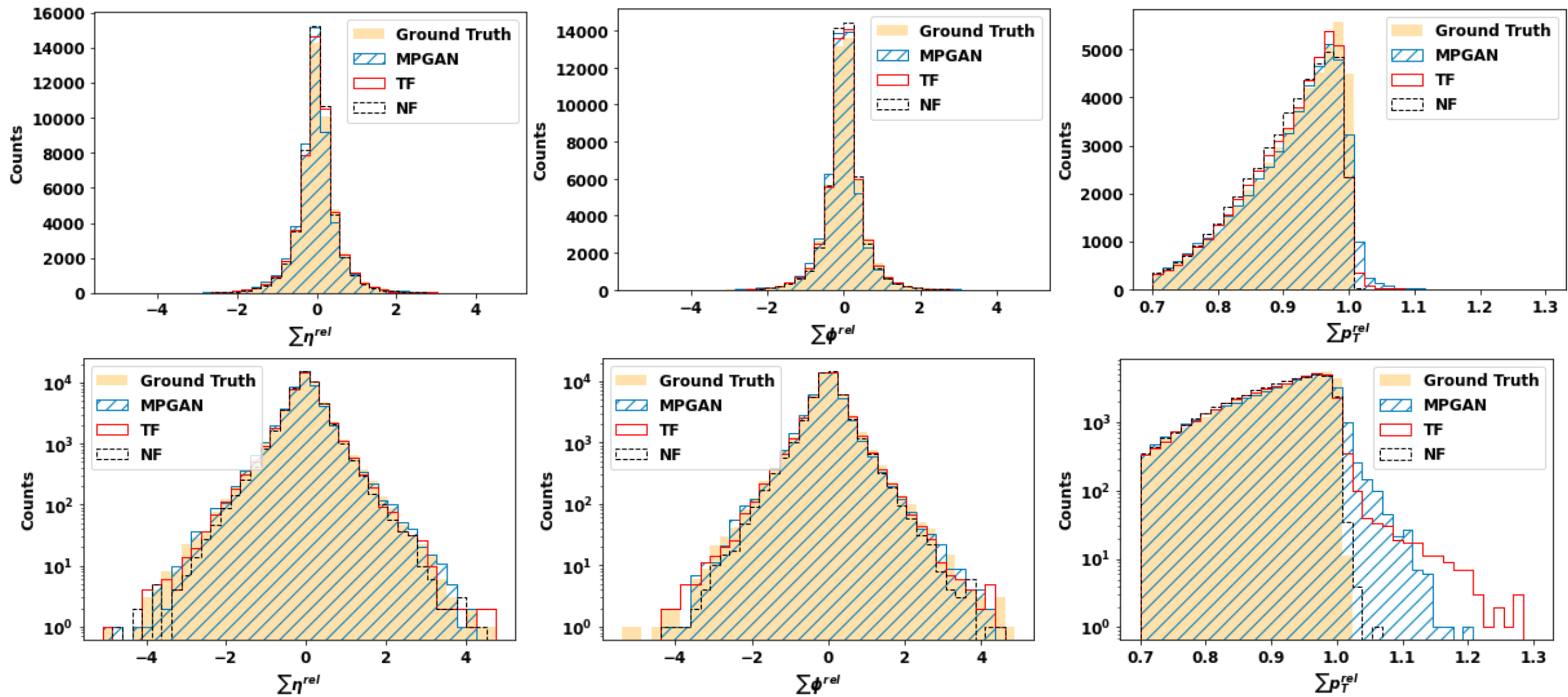
Top Quark Dataset Sums



Light Quark Dataset Sums



Gluon Dataset Sums



Normalising Flows are BIG

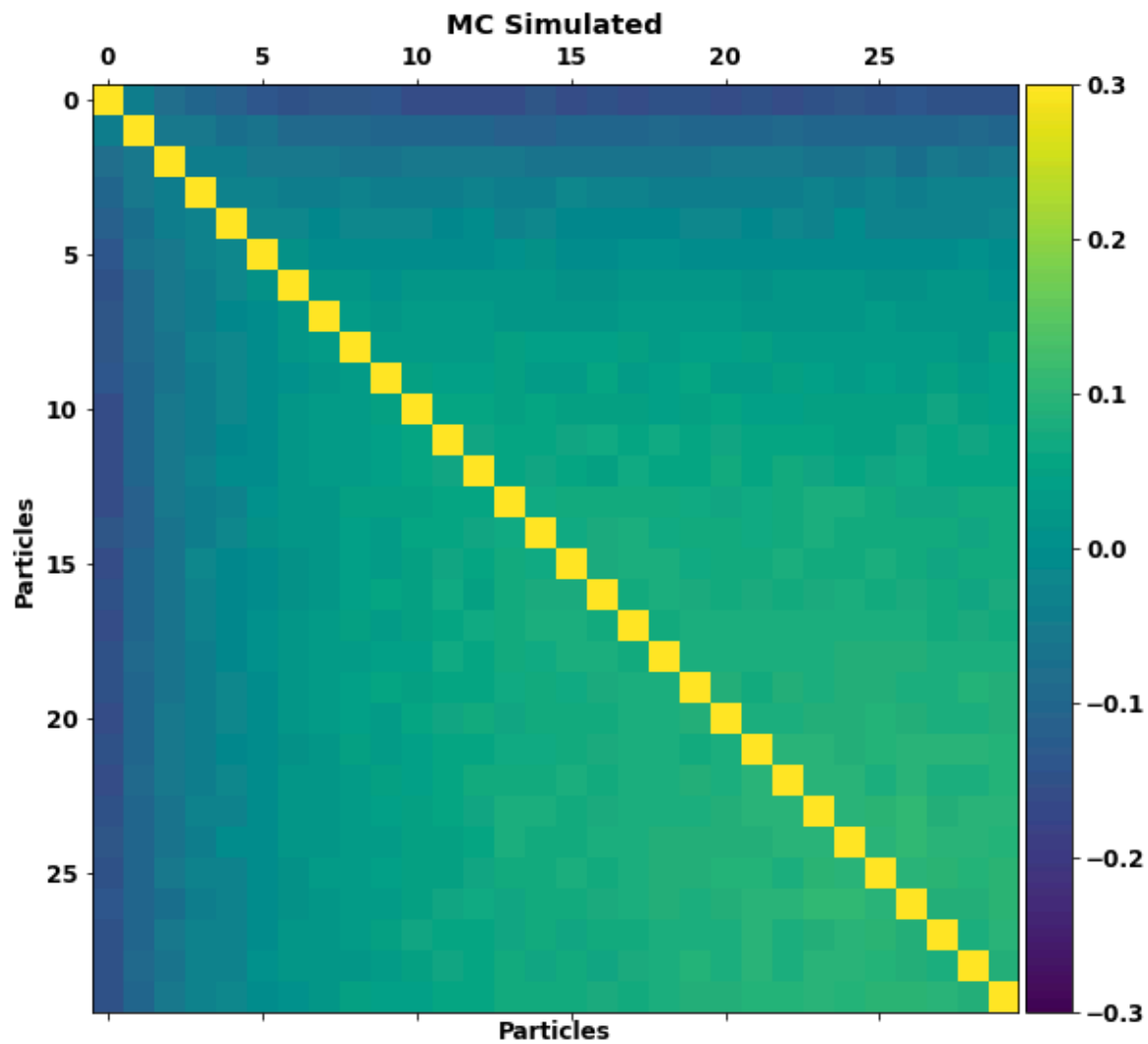
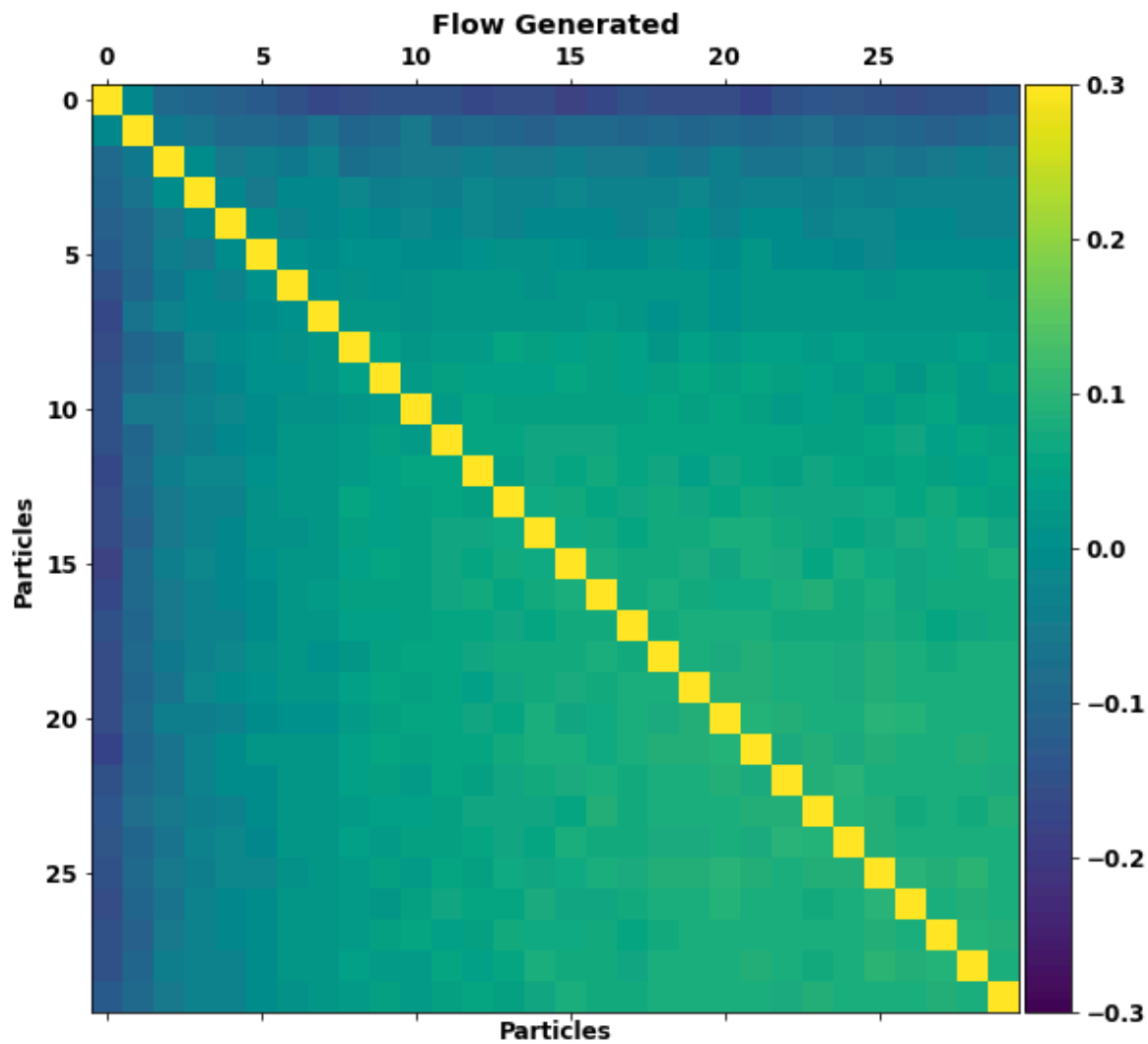
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│ └─Linear: 2-6	8,448
│ └─Linear: 2-7	65,792
│ └─Dropout: 2-8	--
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├─Disc: 1-3	--
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│ └─TransformerEncoder: 2-12	--
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│ └─TransformerEncoderLayer: 2-13	--
│ └─MultiheadAttention: 3-4	4,224
│ └─Linear: 3-5	8,448
│ └─Dropout: 3-6	--
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│ └─LayerNorm: 3-8	64
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│ └─Dropout: 3-10	--
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└─Sigmoid: 1-4	--
Total params: 6,794,863	
Trainable params: 6,794,863	
Non-trainable params: 0	

- Model has **6,794,863** trainable parameters
- Transformer Refinement ~ 4% total parameters

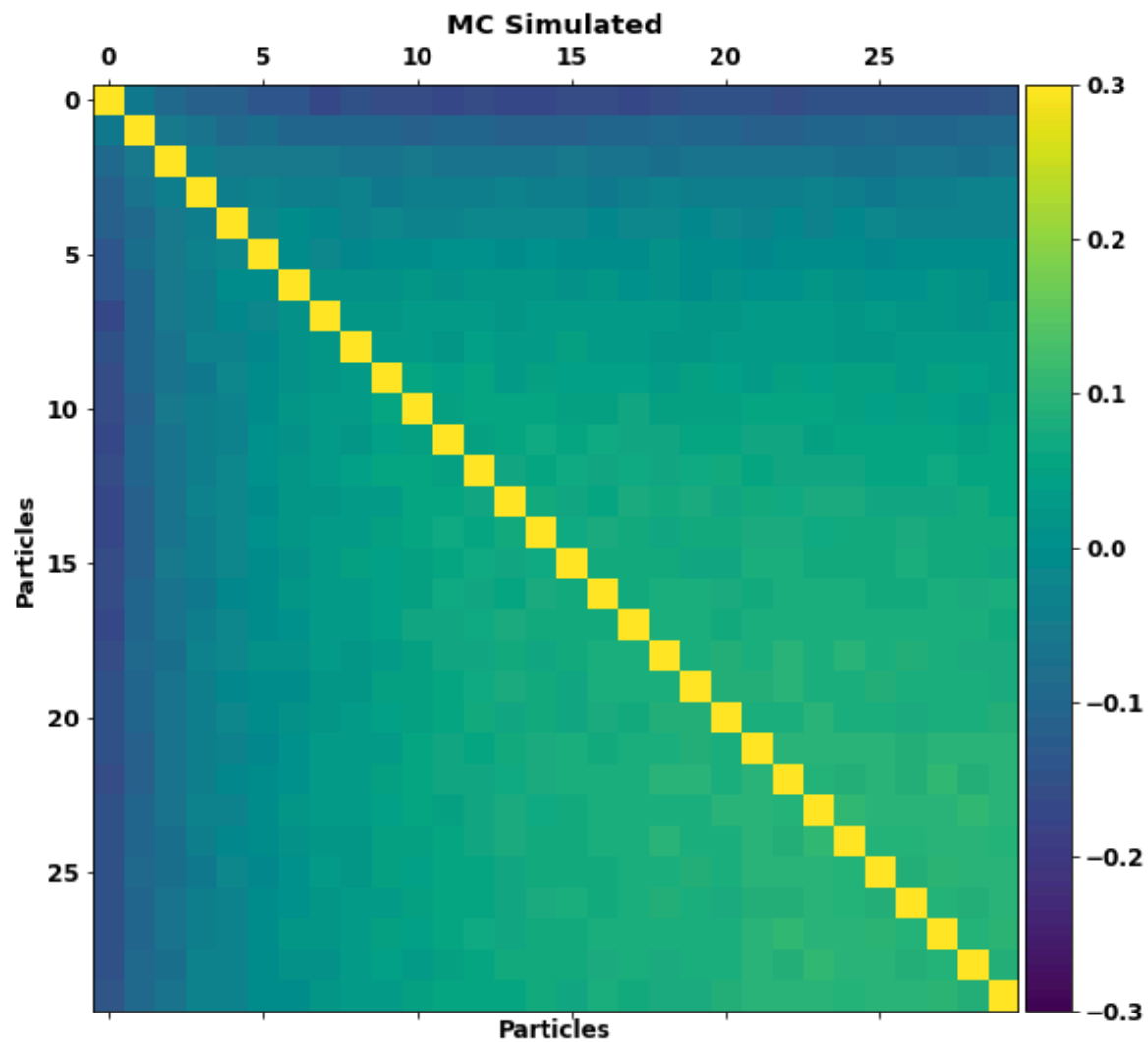
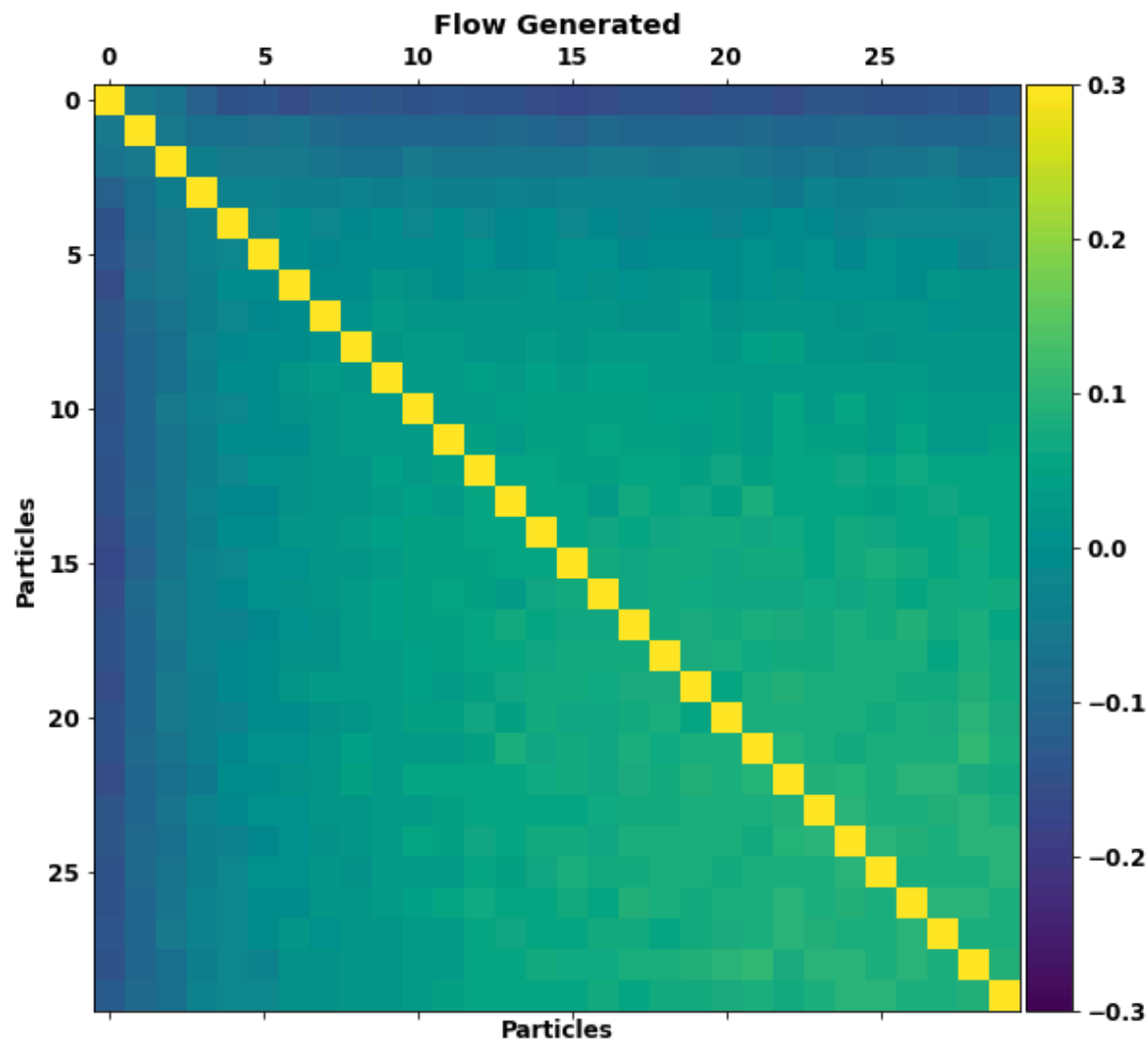
Correlation Plots

η_{rel}



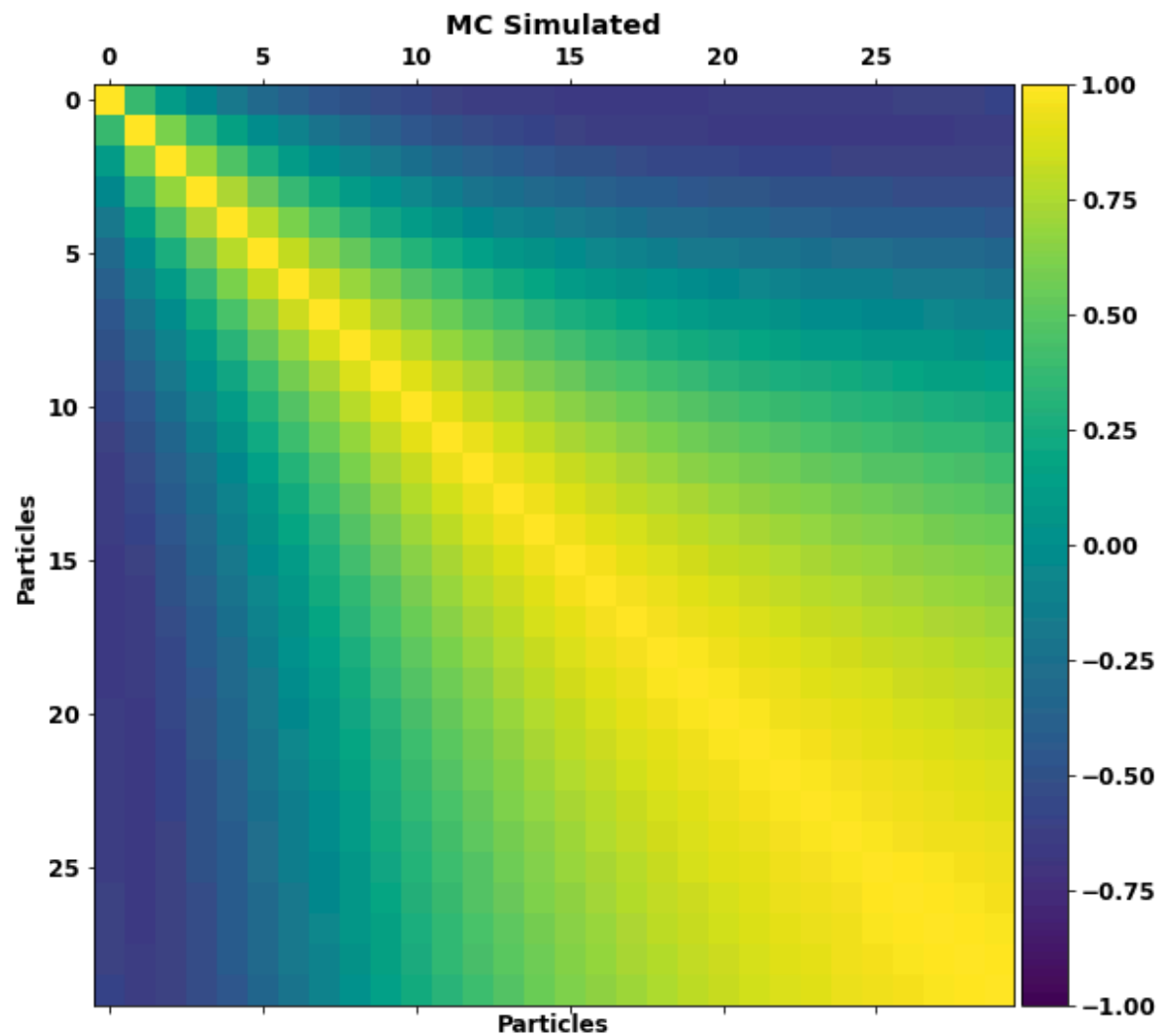
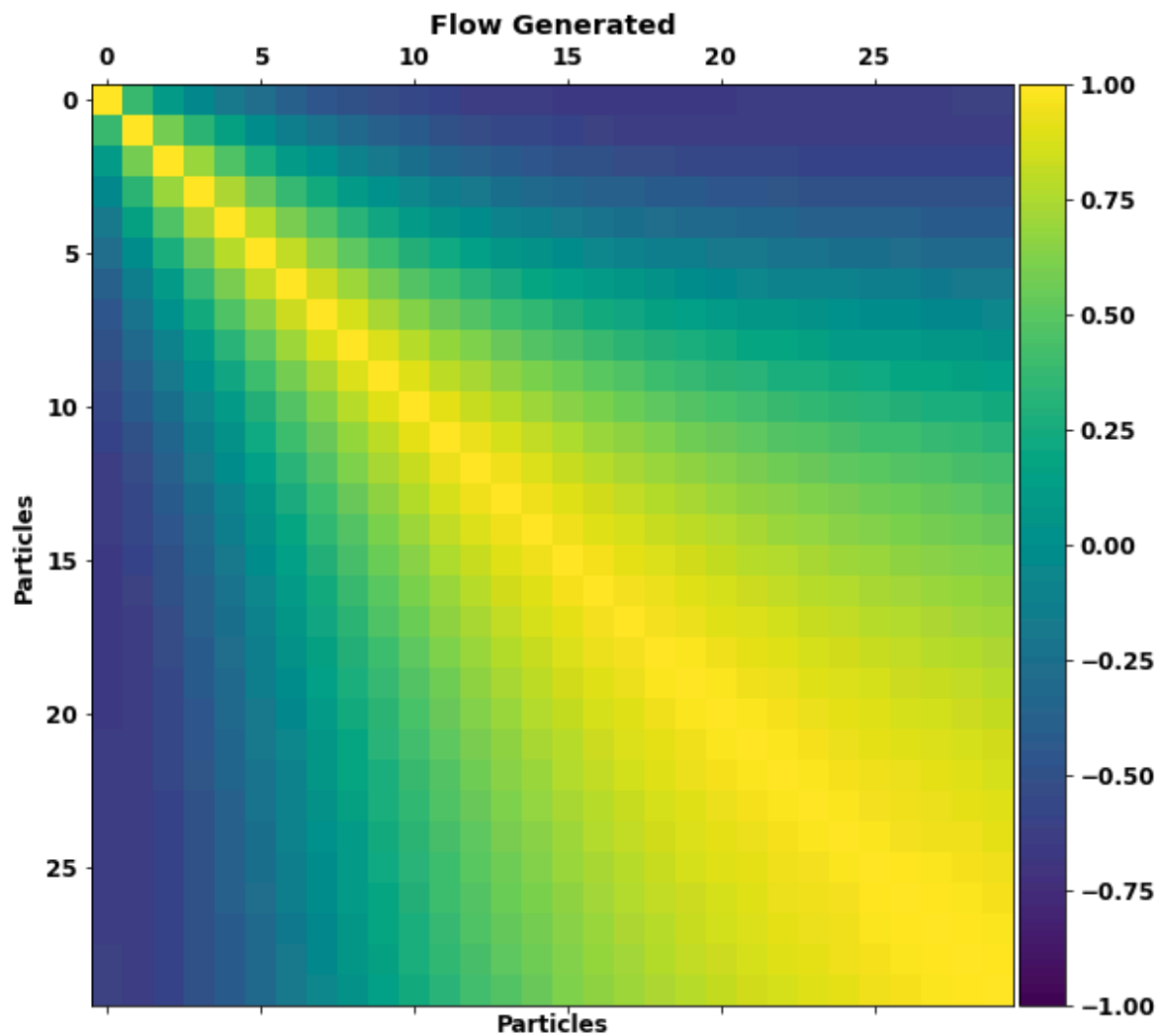
Correlation Plots

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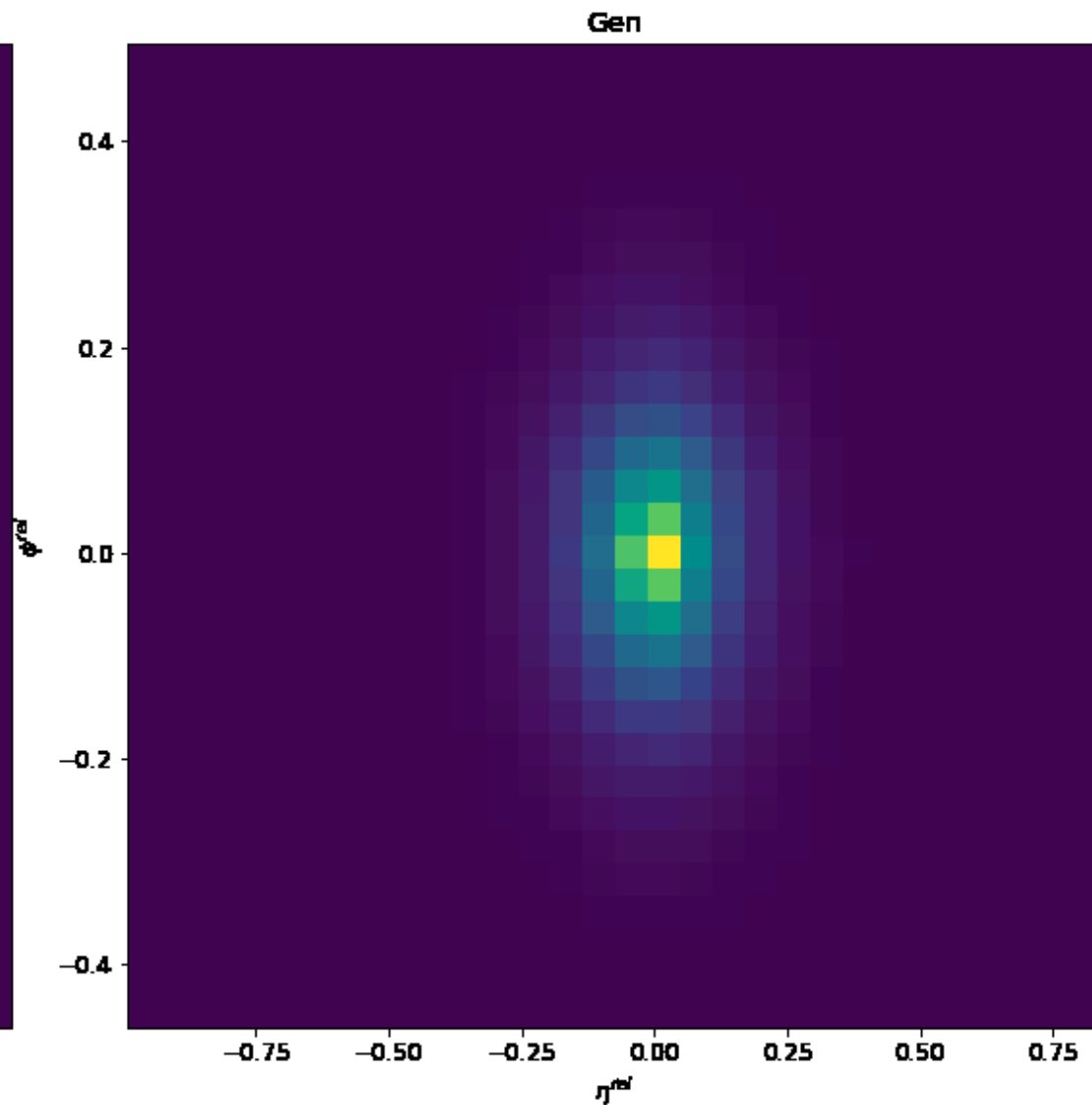
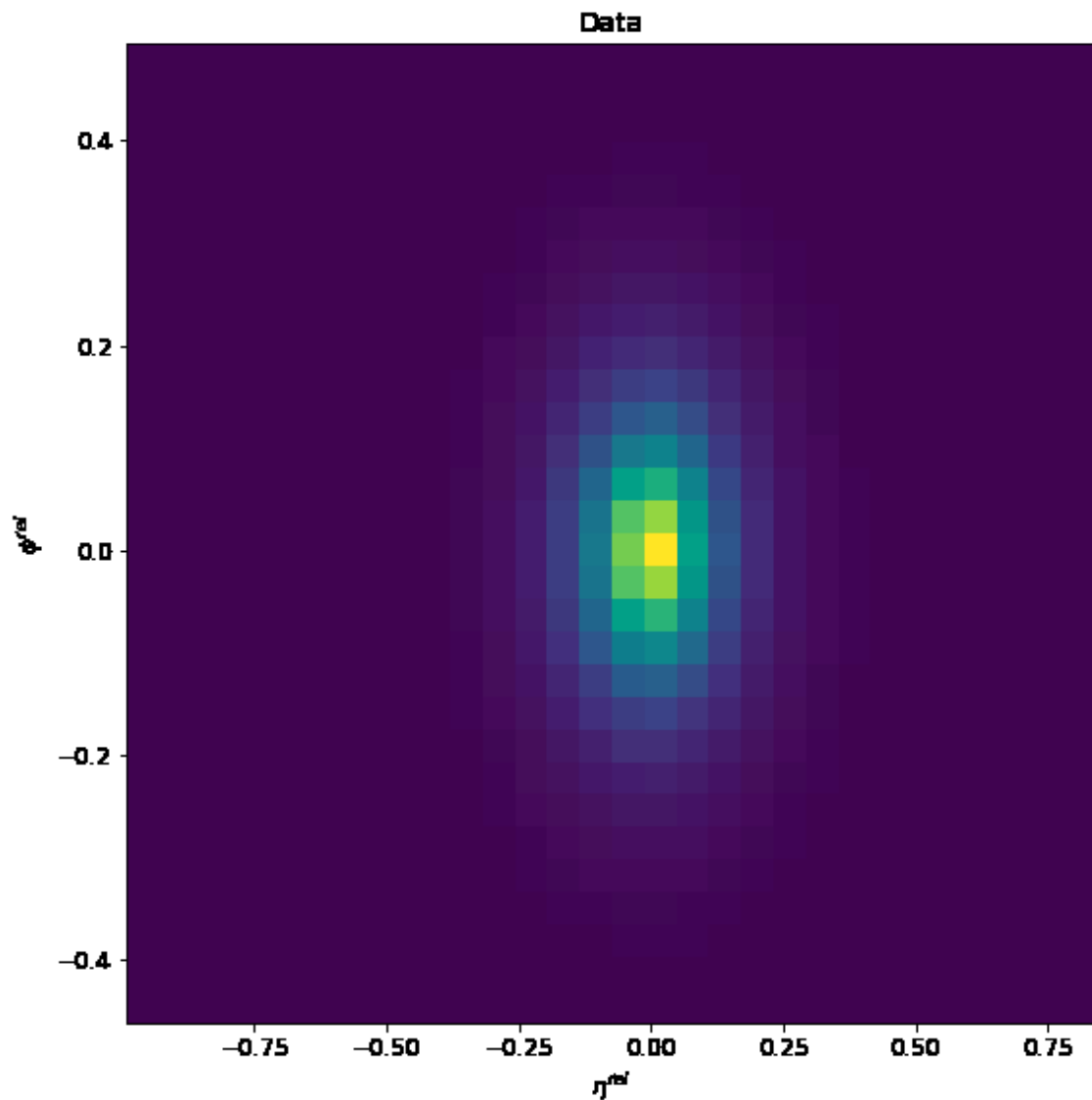
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p_T



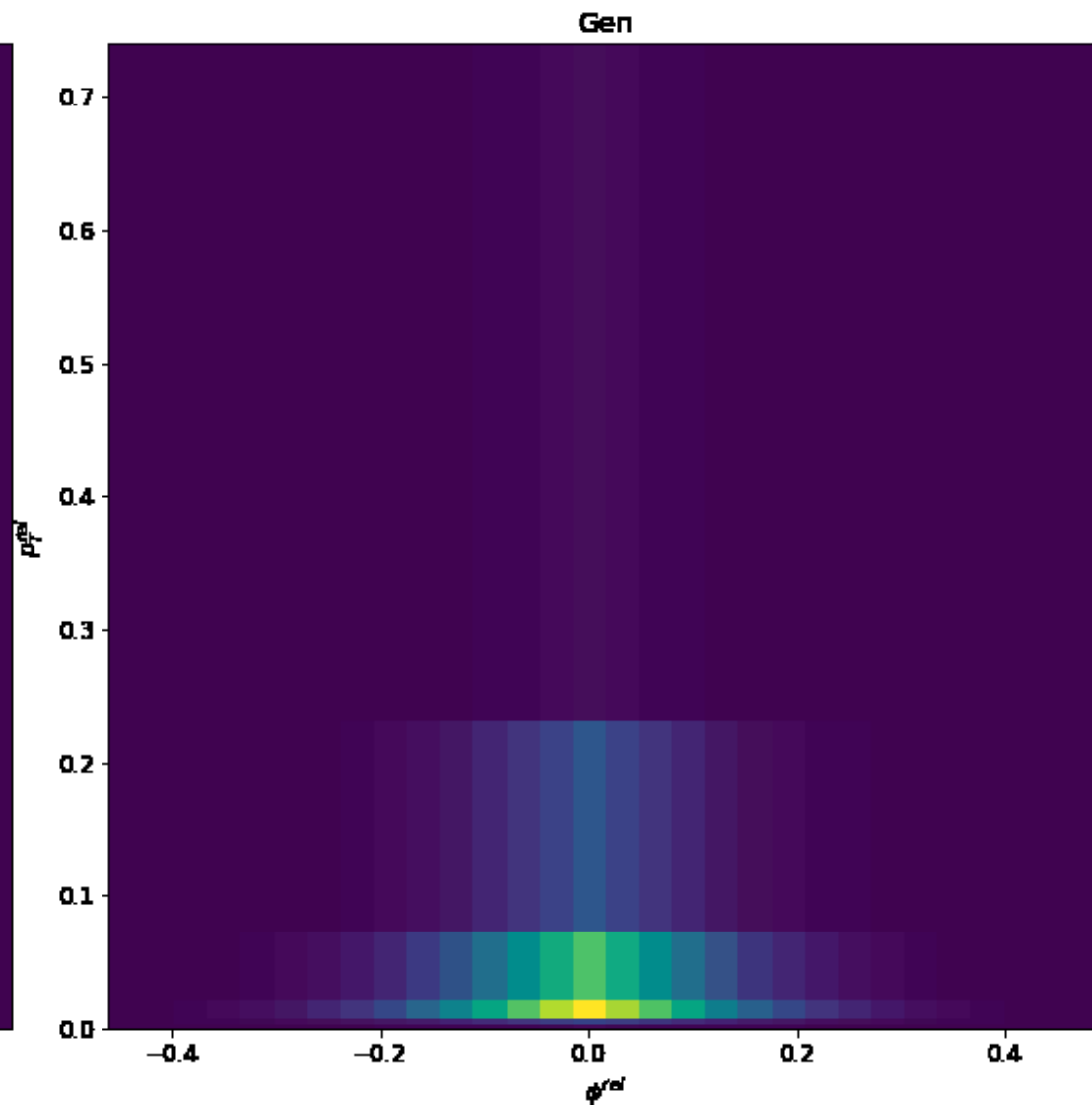
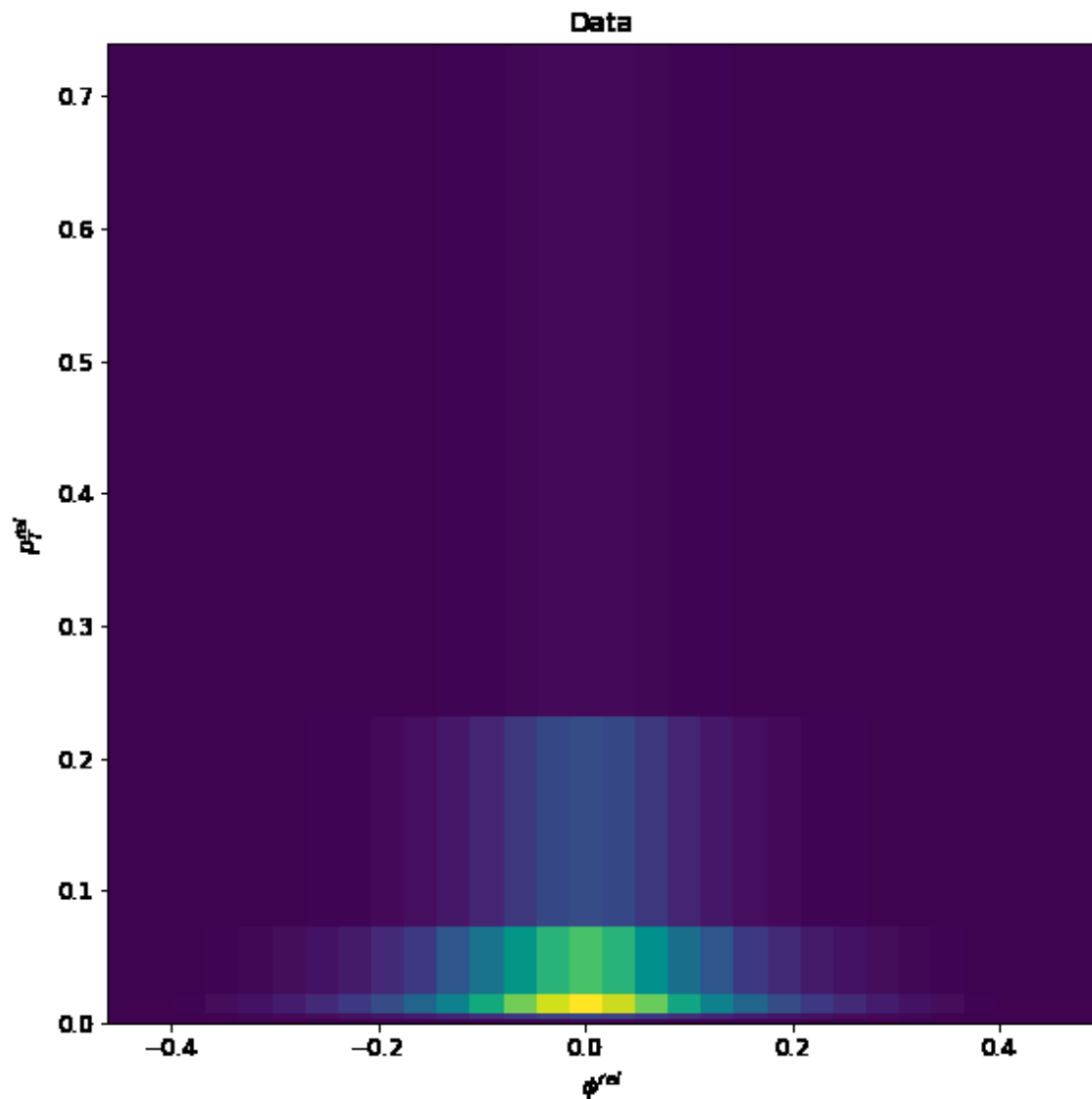
2D Histograms

η^{rel} ϕ^{rel}



2D Histograms

ϕ^{rel} p_T^{rel}



2D Histograms

η^{rel} p_T^{rel}

