



# Pay Attention to Mean Fields for Point Cloud Generation

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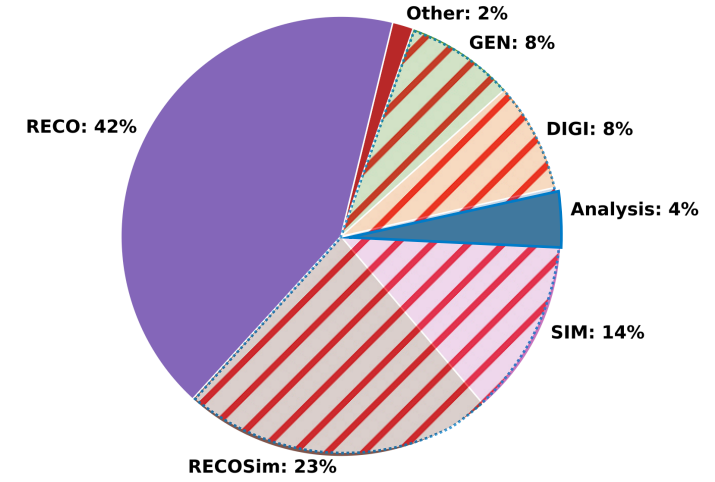
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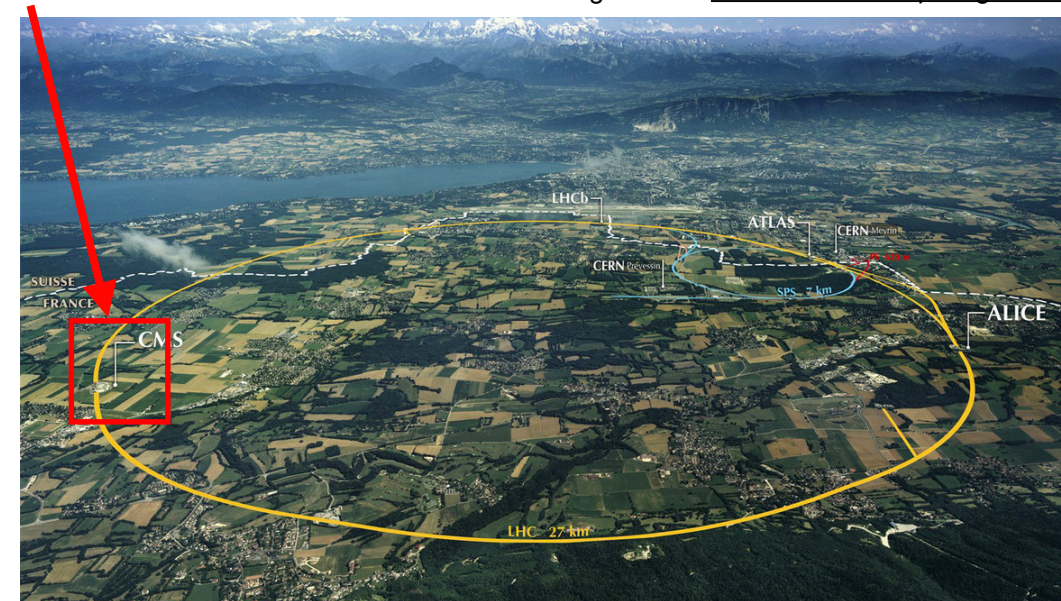
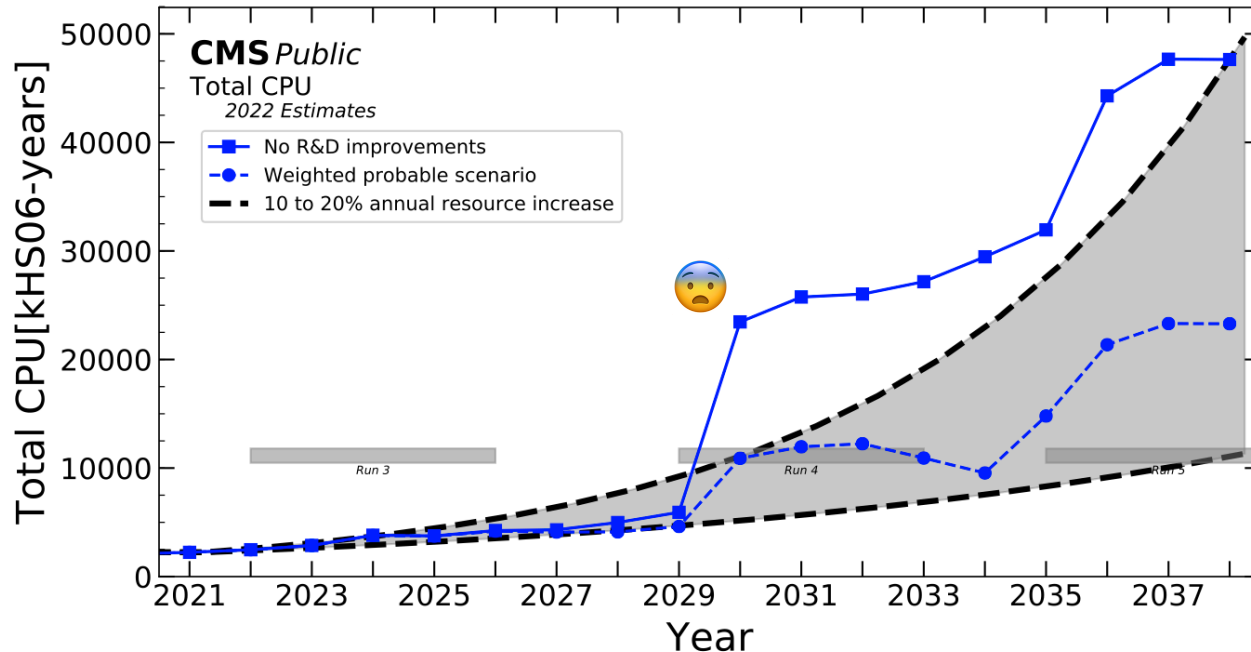
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## CMS Experiment



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Figure from [CMS Offline Computing Results](#)

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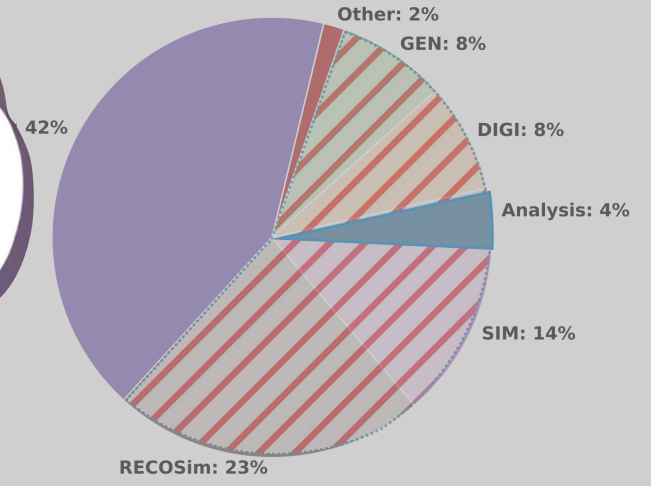
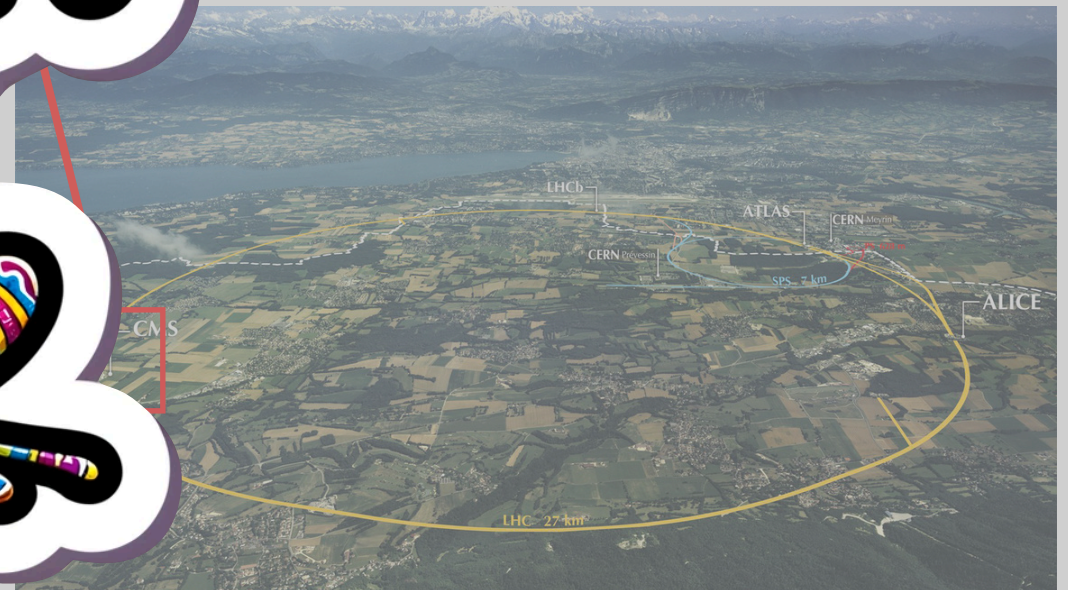
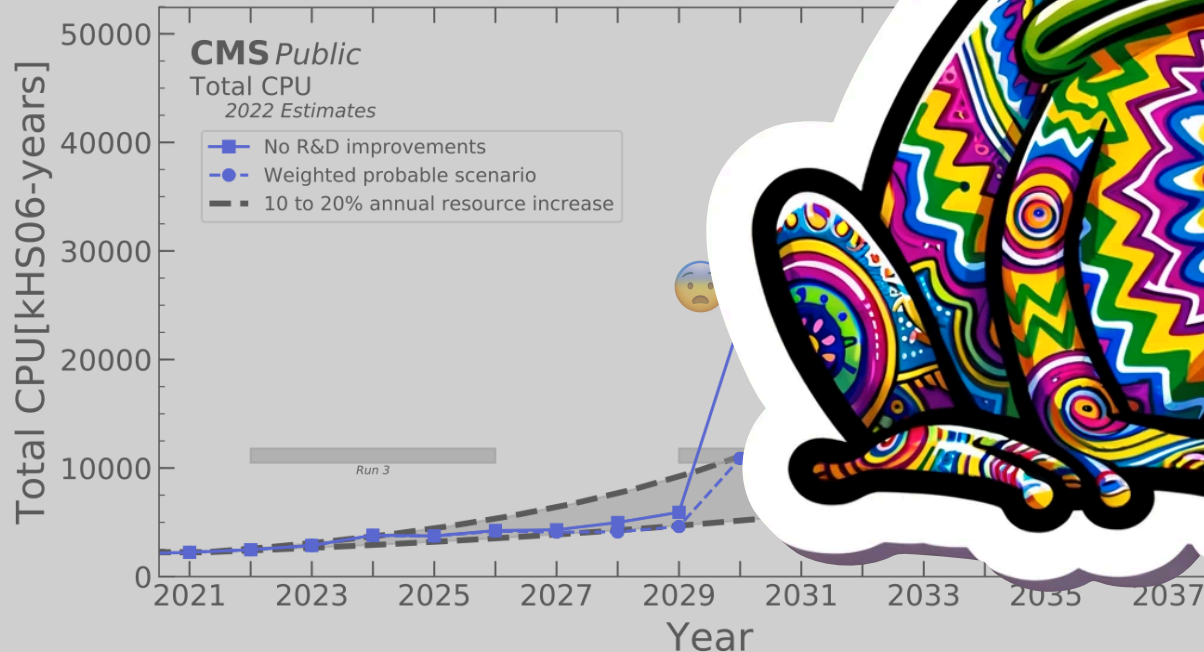


Figure from CMS Offline Computing Results



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[1]: Kansal et al., [Particle Cloud Generation with Message Passing Generative Adversarial Networks](#)  
[2]: Krause et al., [CaloChallenge](#)

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- Aggregations should scale **linearly** with point cloud cardinality [3]
  - otherwise memory goes 🙄 → already a problem at 150 points on one GPU
  - Showstopper for (Self-Attention-based) model I presented at last ML4Jets from scaling from 30 to 150 particles
- Datasets for point clouds: (JetNet [1], preprocessed CaloChallenge [2])



# Building a permutation equivariant model

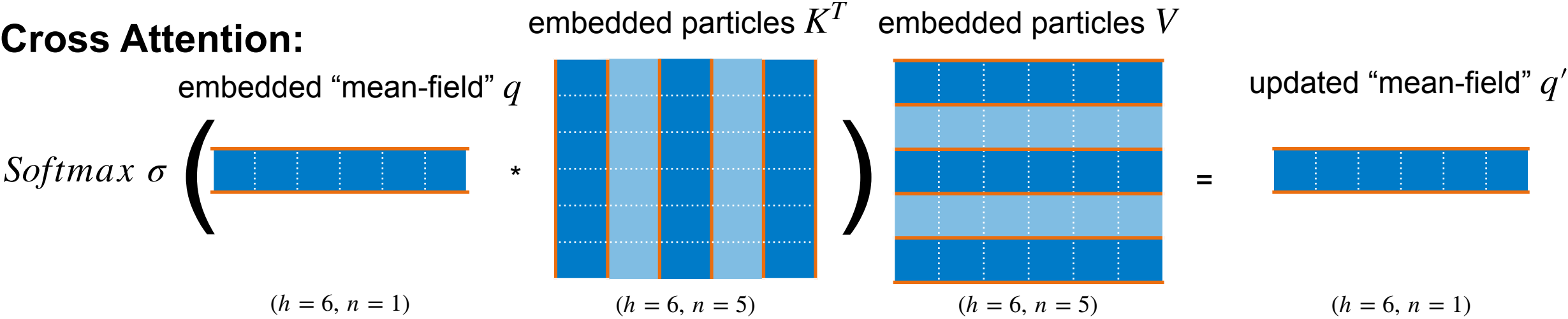
- Universal approximation for functions from **Deep Sets** [1]: Sum pooling latent representation of particles:

$$z = \sum_{i=1}^N \Phi(x_i)$$

- Disclaimer: latent space dimension = max set cardinality  $\times$  features per point
- **EPiC**-GAN [2] by Buhmann et al. first to use equivariant architecture to obtain promising results on Jetnet150
  - used combination of sum and mean pooling to update global latent state of jet given which particles are conditionally independent → scales  $O(n)$
- But I really wanted to keep Attention! - Attention is permutation-equivariant, although most commonly known from (sequential) NLP

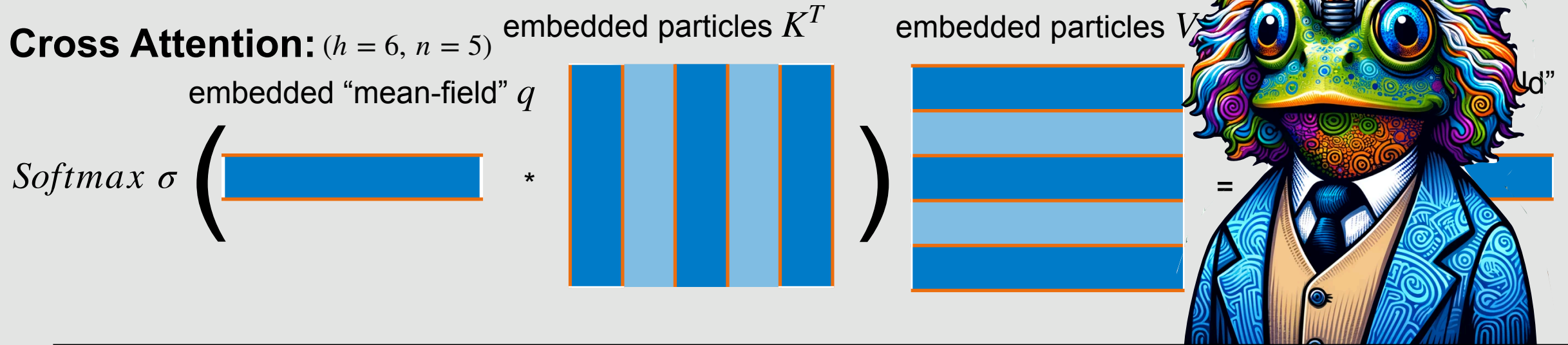
# Cross Attention to the rescue

## Cross Attention:



$$q' = \sigma \left( \frac{qK^T}{\sqrt{h}} \right) V$$

# Similar to Sum-Pooling but more General



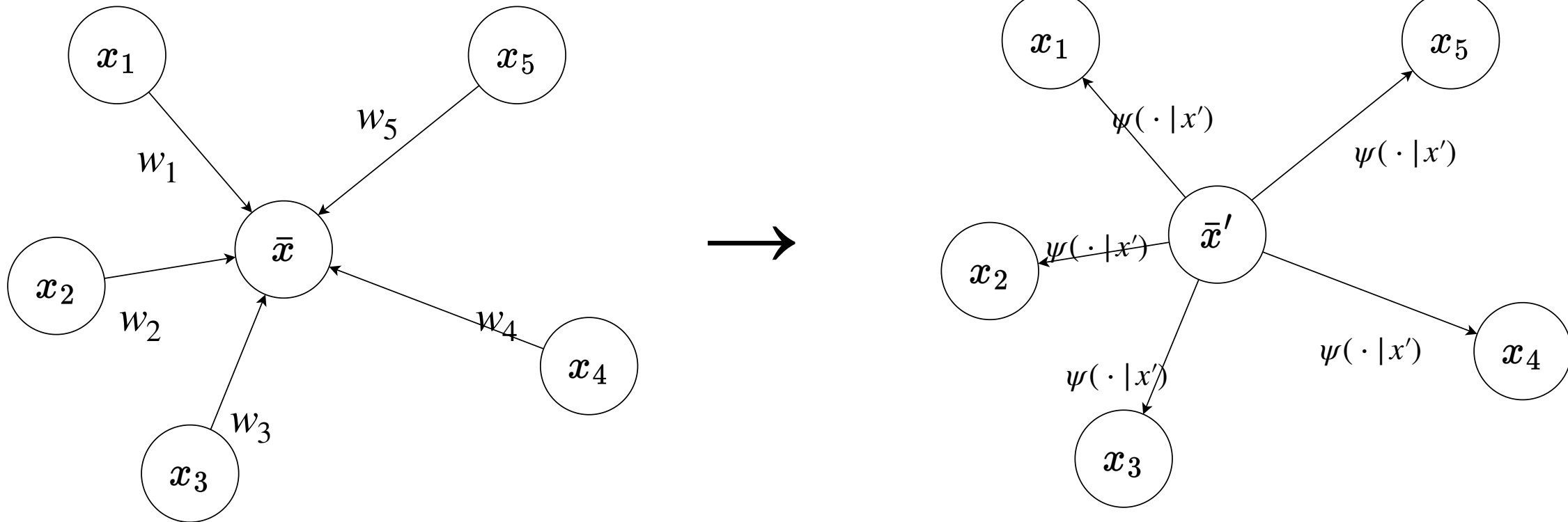
- “Mean-field”  $q \in \mathbb{R}^{1 \times h}$ ,  $h$  hidden dimension
- $K$ :  $n$  embedded particles  $K = (W_K x)^T$ ,  $x \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times 4}$ ,  $W_K \in \mathbb{R}^{h \times n}$
- $V$ :  $n$  embedded particles,  $V = W_V x$ ,  $x \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times 4}$ ,  $W_V \in \mathbb{R}^{h \times n}$

$$\bar{\mathbf{x}}' = \sigma \left( (\mathbf{q} \cdot K) / \sqrt{h} \right) V = \sum_{i=1}^n w_i W_V \mathbf{x}_i$$



# Mean-Field Aggregation

- Introduce “artificial” mean-field  $\bar{x}$ : proxy for particle-particle interaction
- Particles update mean-field via cross-attention, mean-field concatenated to particles
- Computation scales with  $O(n)$



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  - Only difference: the **number of constituents**  $n$ !
  - Also: My model is **agnostic** of the number of constituents!



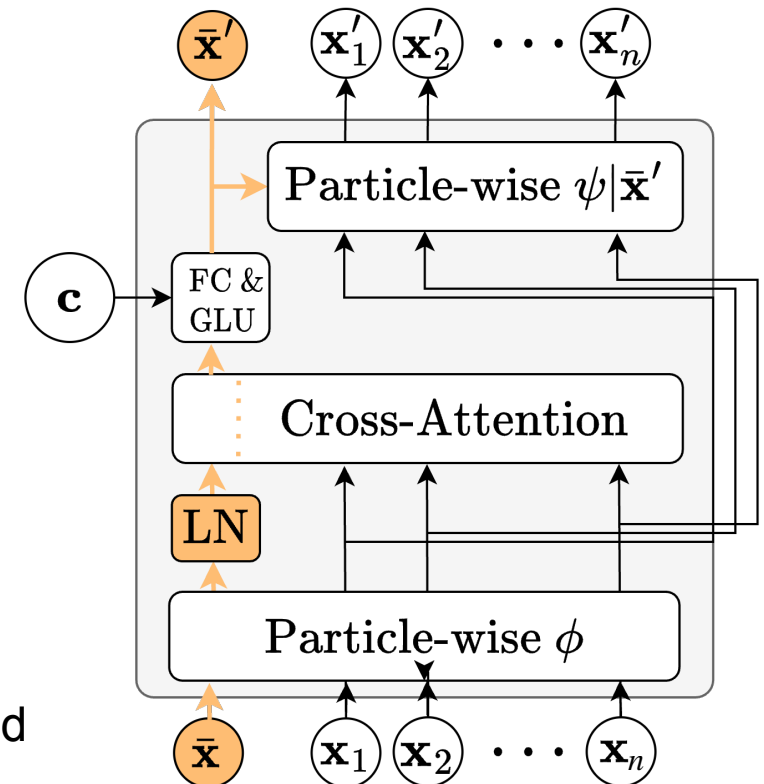
# Main Architecture Block

- Architecture motivated by Transformer Encoder architecture used on JetNet 30 [1]
- IN: embedded particles  $x_i \in \mathbb{R}^l$ , embedded mean-field  $\bar{x} \in \mathbb{R}^l$ , OUT: embedded particles  $x_i \in \mathbb{R}^l$ , embedded mean-field  $\bar{x} \in \mathbb{R}^l$

1. Particle-wise  $\phi$  mapping from latent dimension  $\mathbb{R}^l \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^h$
2. Layer Norm applied to mean-field
3. Multi Headed Cross-Attention between mean-field and particles
4. Cloud multiplicity & incoming energy (only for CaloChallenge) conditioned fully-connected layer updates mean-field
5. Particle-wise FC  $\psi$  conditioned on mean-field updates particles

- **Permutation-equivariant**

- Not shown here: residual connection between in/out particles & mean-field



# GAN Training

- WGAN GP Loss: 
$$\begin{cases} L_C = -C(x_{real}) + C(x_{gen}) + GP & \text{Critic} \\ L_G = -C(G(z)) & \text{Generator} \end{cases}$$
- Gradient Penalty: 
$$GP = (\nabla_{\hat{x}}(C(\hat{x}) - 1))^2, \begin{cases} \hat{x} = \lambda x_{real} + (1 - \lambda)x_{gen} \\ \lambda \sim U(0,1) \end{cases}$$

→ Only interpolate between same sized clouds

- Deep Mean-field Matching: Generator L2 loss between mean-field in last critic layer for real and fake showers

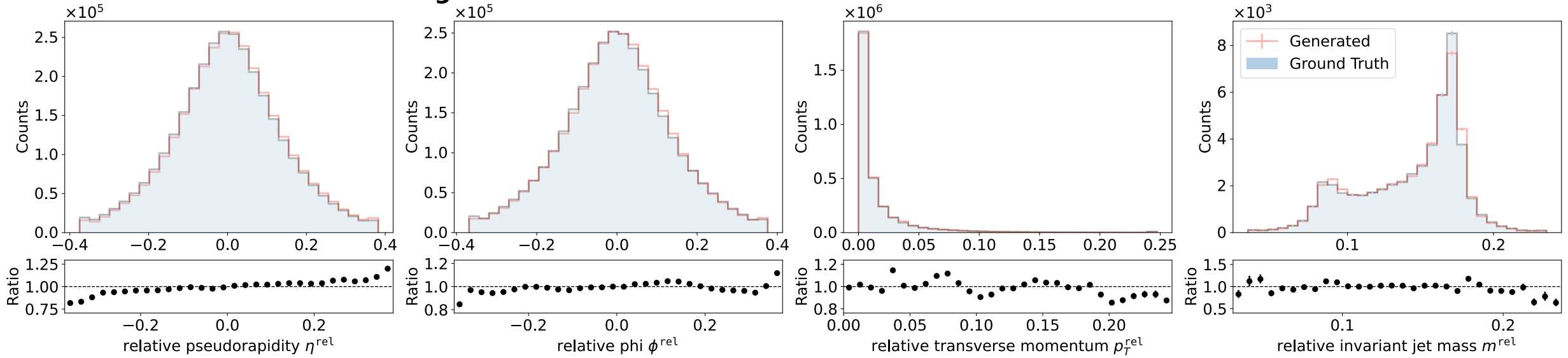
$$L_{MF} = \left| \bar{x}'_{fake} - \bar{x}'_{real} \right|^2$$

- Hence the name: **M**atching **D**eep **M**ean-fields **A**ttentive (**MDMA**) GAN



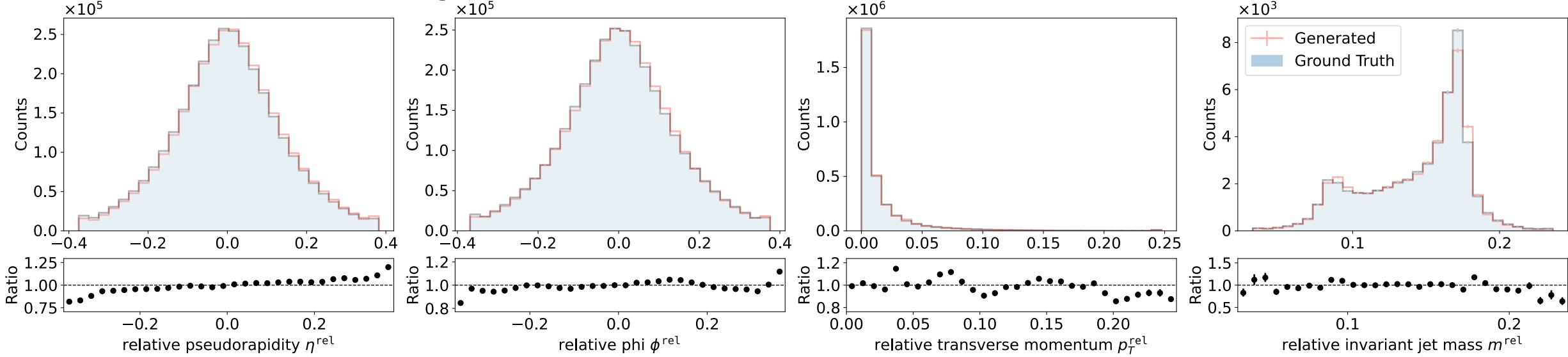
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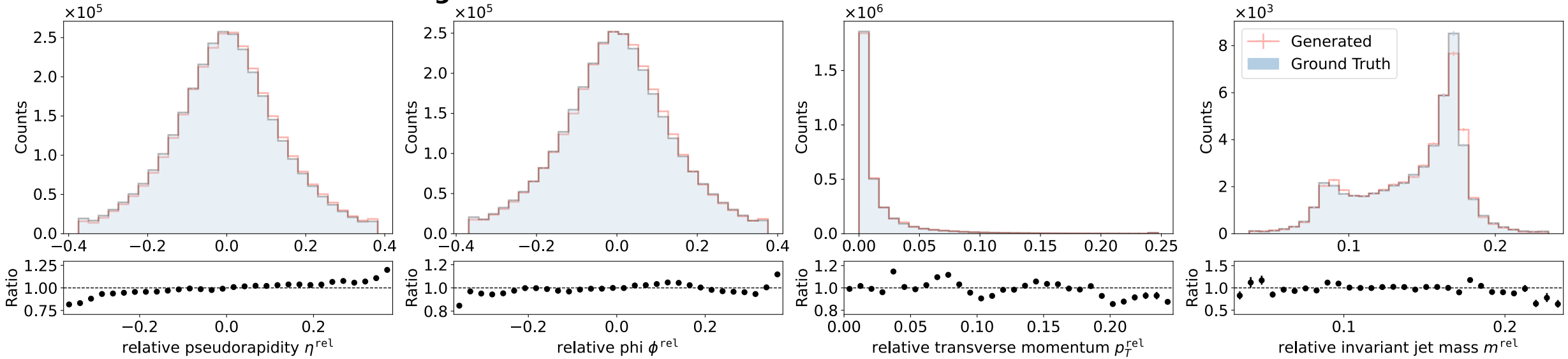
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# Results: JetNet150 - quantitative Results

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Jet Class	Model	$W_1^M (\times 10^3)$	$W_1^P (\times 10^3)$	$W_1^{EFP} (\times 10^5)$	$KPD (\times 10^4)$	$FPD (\times 10^4)$
Light Quark	EPiC	<b><math>0.5 \pm 0.1</math></b>	$1.25 \pm 0.09$	$0.81 \pm 0.16$	$-0.0 \pm 0.1$	$5 \pm 1$
	MDMA	$0.7 \pm 0.1$	<b><math>0.37 \pm 0.05</math></b>	$0.82 \pm 0.14$	$-0.05 \pm 0.07$	<b><math>3.8 \pm 0.8</math></b>
	IN	$0.5 \pm 0.1$	$0.15 \pm 0.04$	$0.59 \pm 0.16$	$-0.0 \pm 0.2$	$3 \pm 2$
Gluon	EPiC	$0.5 \pm 0.1$	$1.13 \pm 0.04$	<b><math>0.93 \pm 0.14</math></b>	$0.06 \pm 0.05$	$4.2 \pm 0.7$
	MDMA	$0.5 \pm 0.1$	<b><math>0.27 \pm 0.02</math></b>	$1.12 \pm 0.13$	<b><math>-0.05 \pm 0.03</math></b>	<b><math>1.4 \pm 0.5</math></b>
	IN	$0.6 \pm 0.2$	$0.048 \pm 0.009$	$0.79 \pm 0.24$	$-0.1 \pm 0.1$	$3.2 \pm 0.8$
Top Quark	EPiC	$0.69 \pm 0.08$	$0.65 \pm 0.03$	$2.67 \pm 0.39$	$1.7 \pm 1.0$	$22 \pm 1$
	MDMA	<b><math>0.57 \pm 0.09</math></b>	<b><math>0.10 \pm 0.02</math></b>	<b><math>2.12 \pm 0.64</math></b>	<b><math>-0.0 \pm 0.2</math></b>	<b><math>5.3 \pm 0.9</math></b>
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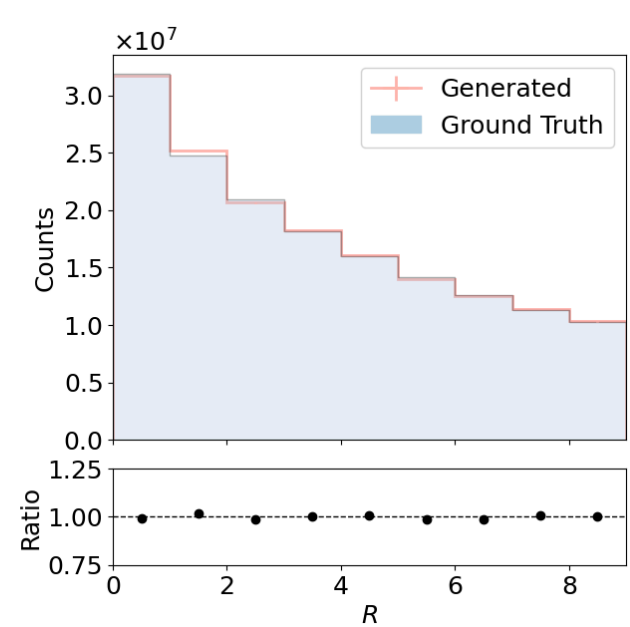
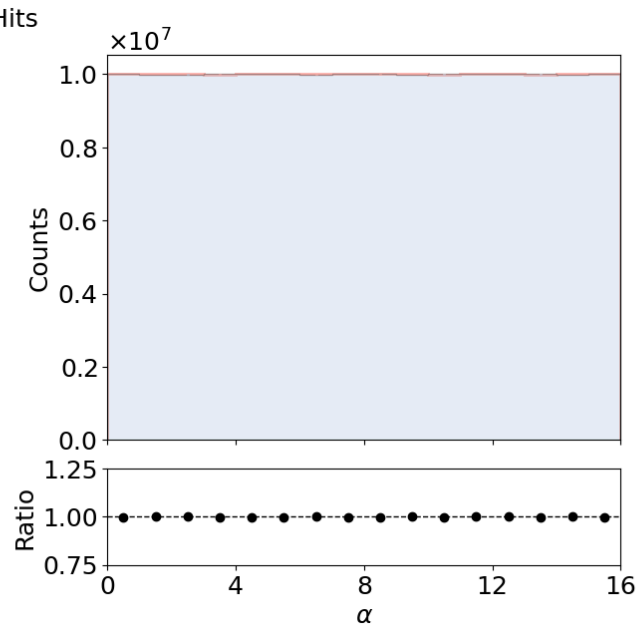
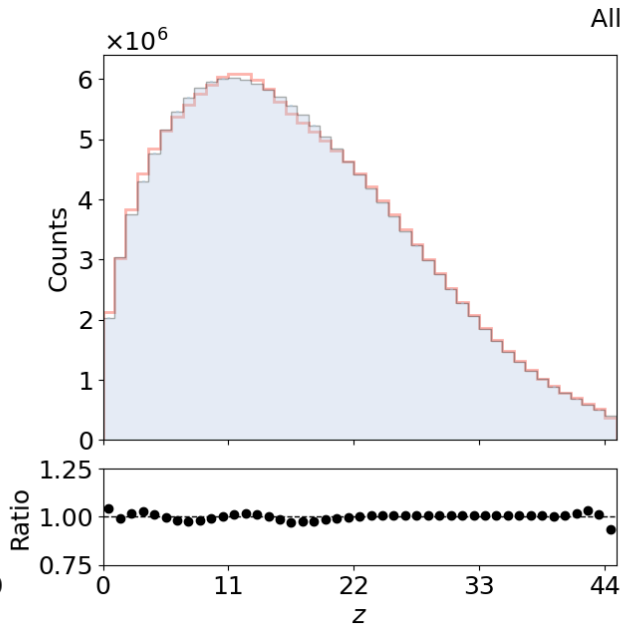
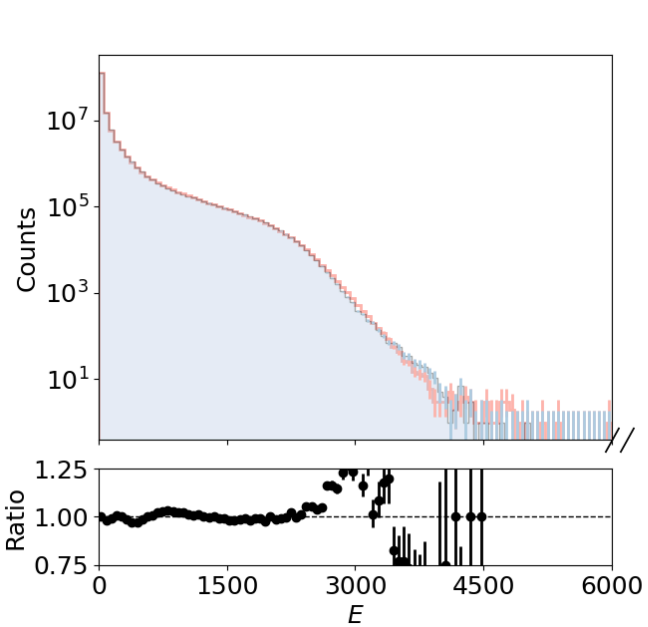
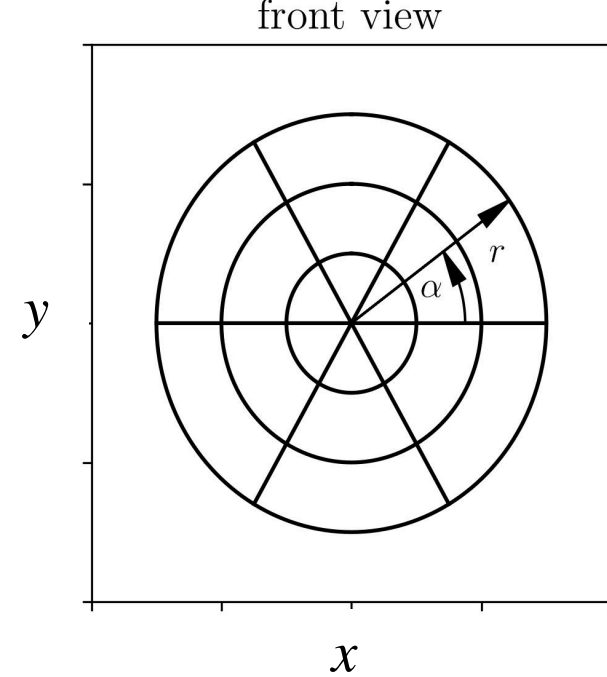
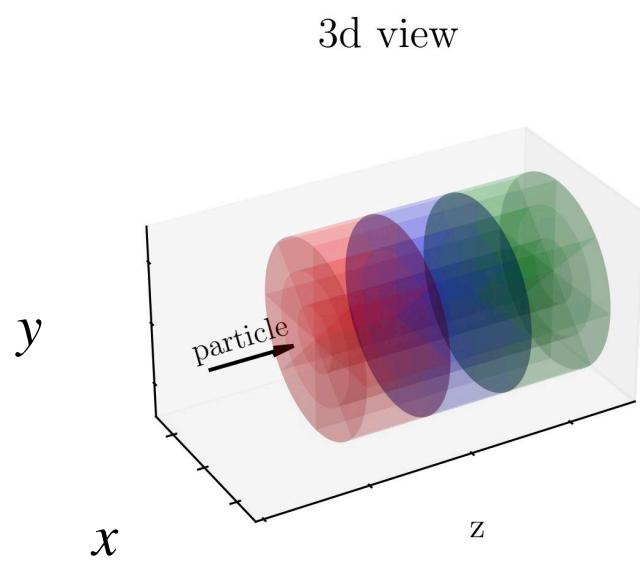
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Conclusion: **MDMA** is quite **EPiC** as well



# Results: CaloChallenge

- Points: voxels with  $E > 0$
- Coordinates:  $(z, \alpha, R)$  index
- Dequantisation: Random noise interpolating between neighbouring bins



# Classifier Metric, Detector Response & Cross Section

## Dataset 2

High-level classifier:

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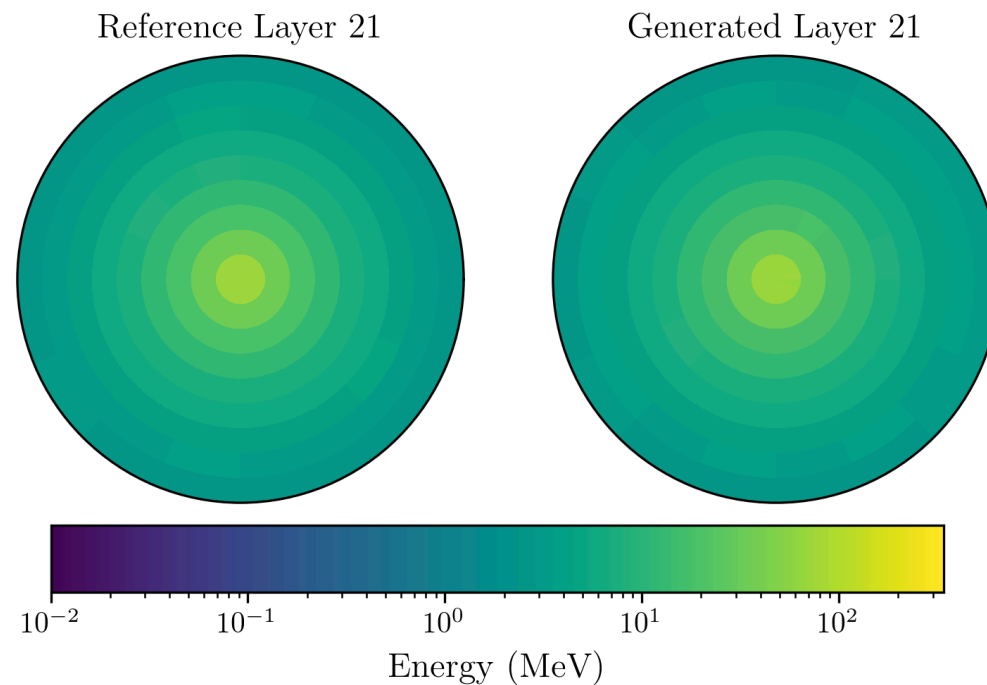
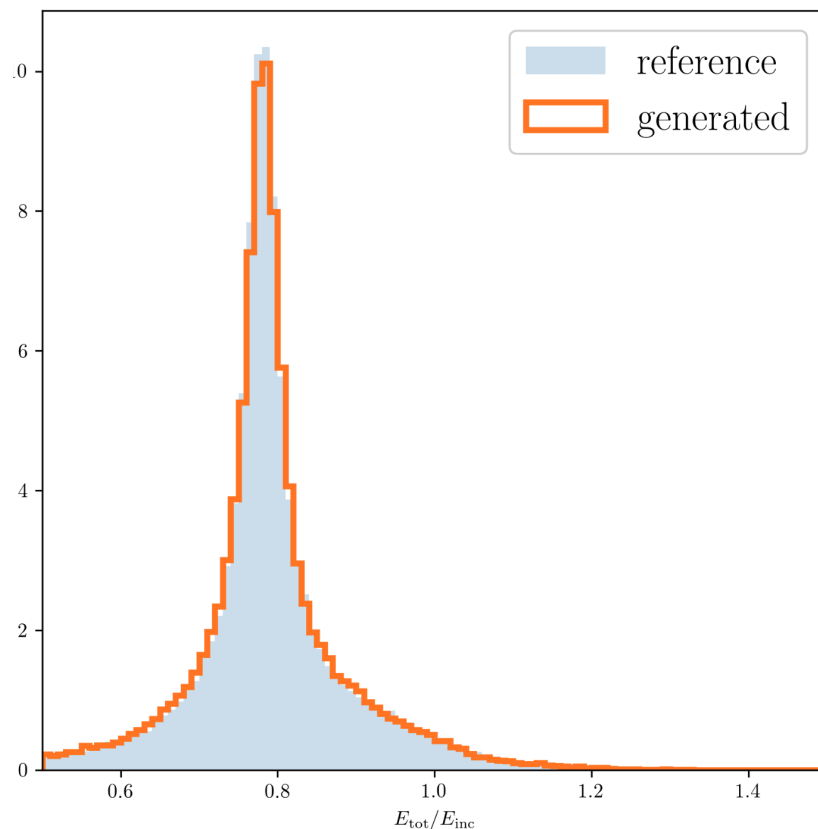
JSD: 0.39

Low-Level classifier:

AUC: 0.97

JSD: 0.71

**Target: AUC=0.5**





But wait there's more

# GANs are Dead - let's Match Flows on MDMA

Based on work from Erik Buhmann, Cedric Ewen, Anatoli Karol and Gregor Kasieczka

- Flow Matching [1] novel generative framework, recently proposed for JetNet150 by Buhmann et al. [2]
- They used the EPiC block → replace it with MDMA-block
- Works out of the Box on JetNet150 → never spend months of GPU time on hyperparameter optimisation again!

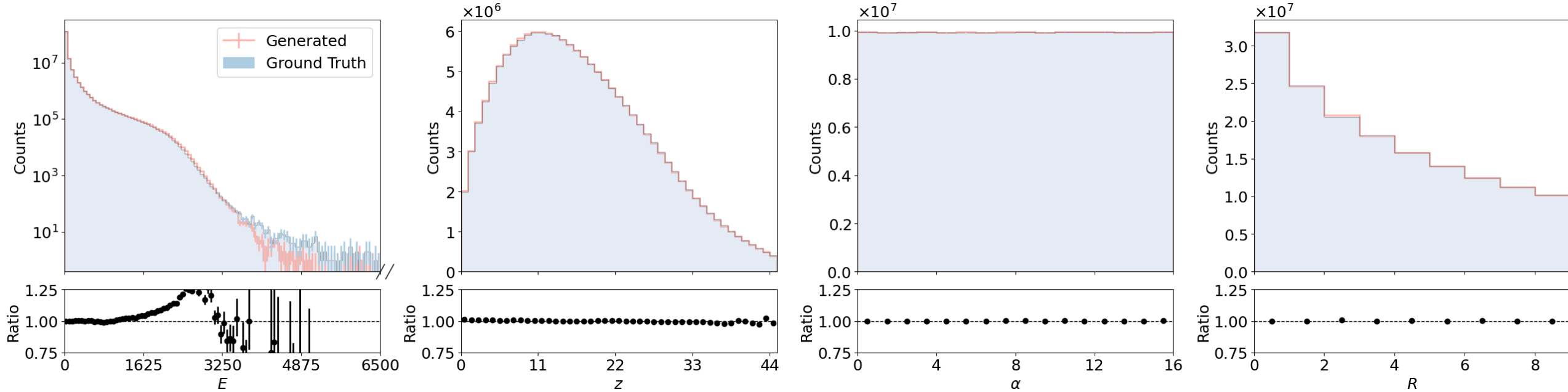


[1]: Lipman et al., [Flow Matching for Generative Modeling](#)

[2]: Buhmann et al., [EPiC-ly Fast Particle Cloud Generation with Flow-Matching and Diffusion](#)

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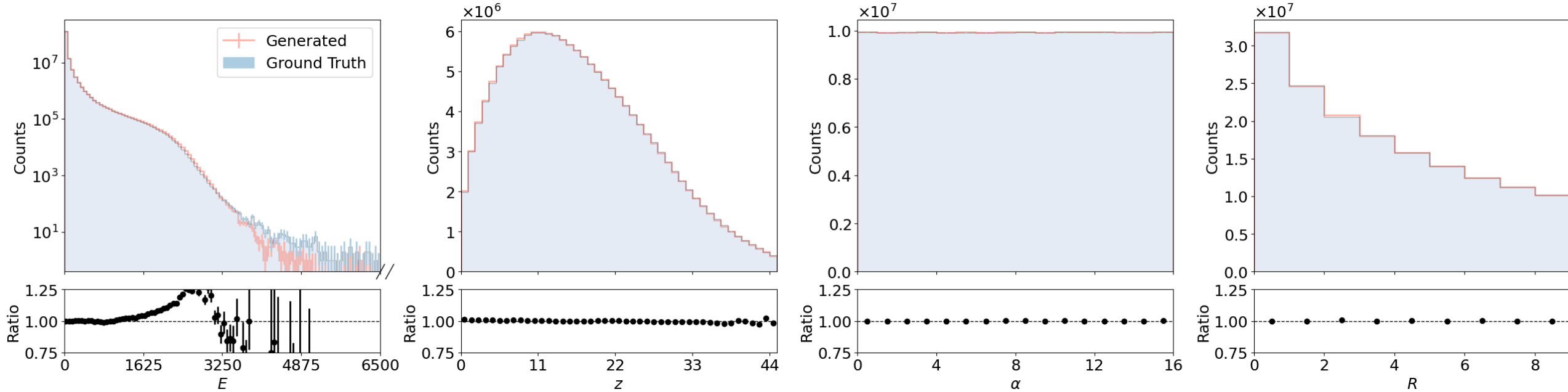
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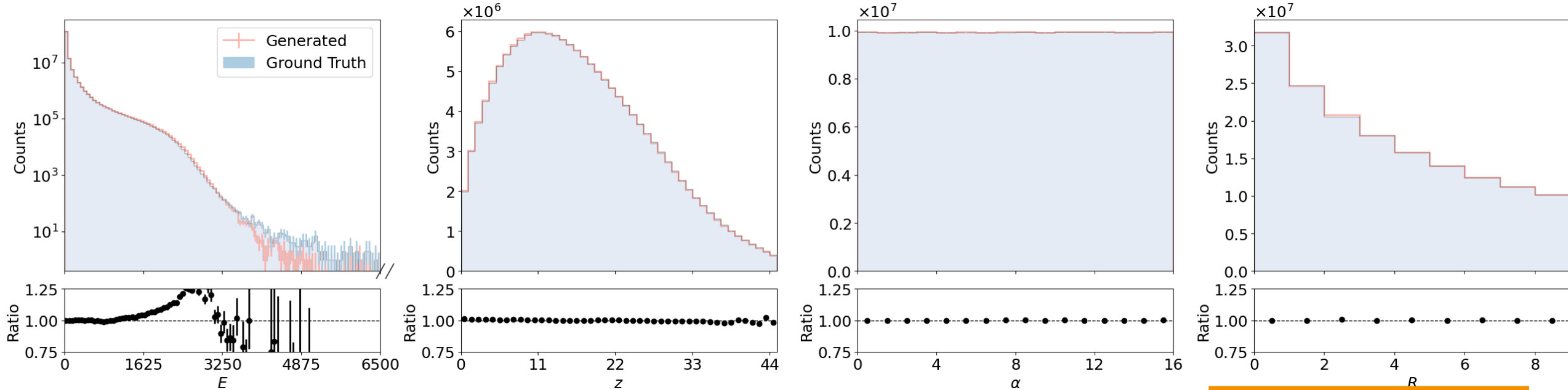
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See Moritz's Scham talk:  
**caloutils** (Thursday)

# Conclusion

- Point Clouds representation of choice for colliders (sparsity, geometry independent)
- Model using attention-based aggregation mechanism that scales linearly
- Linear scaling achieved by proxying particle-particle interactions by mean-field interaction
- Attention sounds complicated - inherently in our case just a weighted sum
- Results presented for 2 datasets: JetNet150-Top and CaloChallenge Dataset 2
- Although main building block was designed for GAN also works with Flow Matching → improves results on CaloChallenge Dataset 2
- Albeit Flow Matching orders slower, a lot more pleasurable to work with - speed up also possible!





Questions?



# JetNet

## JetNet [1] Datasets

- Jets: unordered sprays of particles
- Particles: tuples of  $(\eta^{\text{rel}}, \phi^{\text{rel}}, p_T^{\text{rel}})$  relative to jet axis
- Constrained to max 150 particles/jet

→ Goal: generate  $\mathbf{X} = \left\{ \left( \eta_{(i)}^{\text{rel}}, \phi_{(i)}^{\text{rel}}, p_{T,(i)}^{\text{rel}} \right) \right\}_{(i \leq n)} \sim p_{\text{data}}(\mathbf{X})$

- Invariant jet mass:  $m_{\text{rel}}^2 = \left( \sum_{i=1}^n |\mathbf{p}_i| \right)^2 - \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{p}_i \right)^2$

- Size  $\sim 178'000$  Samples
- 70% used for training
- Benchmarking possible

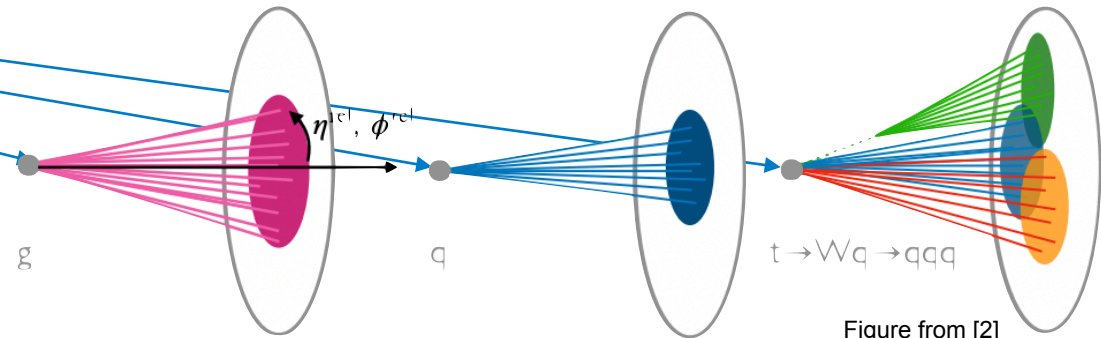
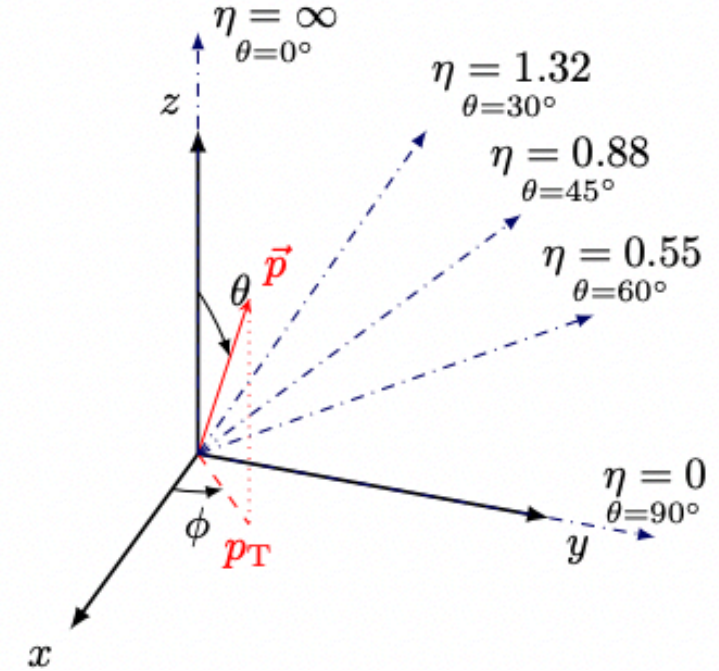


Figure from [2]

# Point Cloud Representation of Collider Data

- Handle sparsity in the detector by representing hits as Point Cloud [1]
- Reduces batch dimension to (batch size, ~4k hits, 4) → fits on one GPU
- Model learns physics ~decoupled of detector geometry
- Mapping detector cells to point clouds:

```
hits=detector[E>0]
for coordinate in (z, alpha, R):
    for cellnumber in enumerate(cells):
        coordinate(cellnumber) x=cellnumber + DQ(0,1)
    x=MinMaxScaler(x)
    x=Logit(x)
    x=StandardScale(x)
for hit in hits:
    E(hit)=BoxCoxTransform(E(hit))
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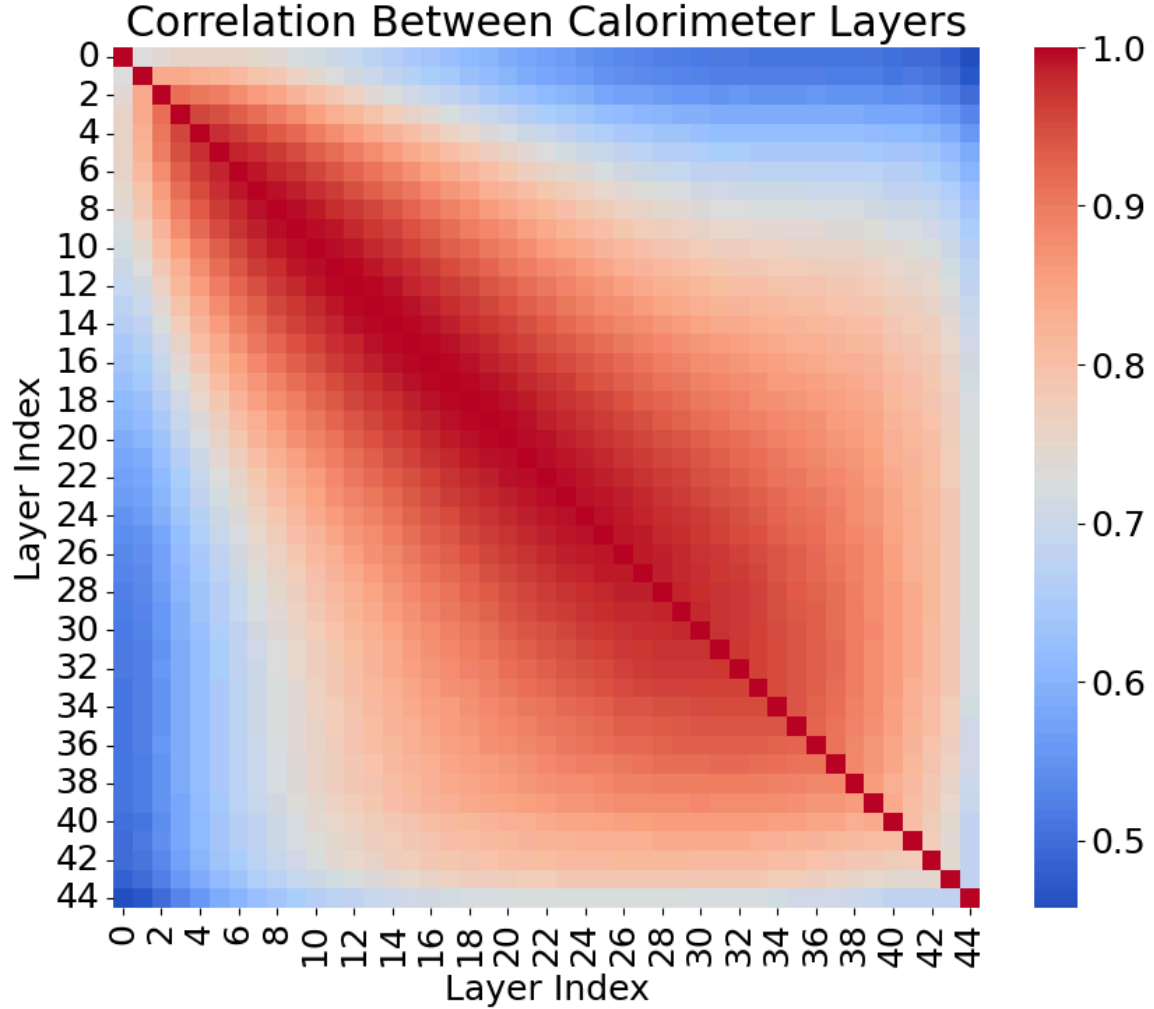
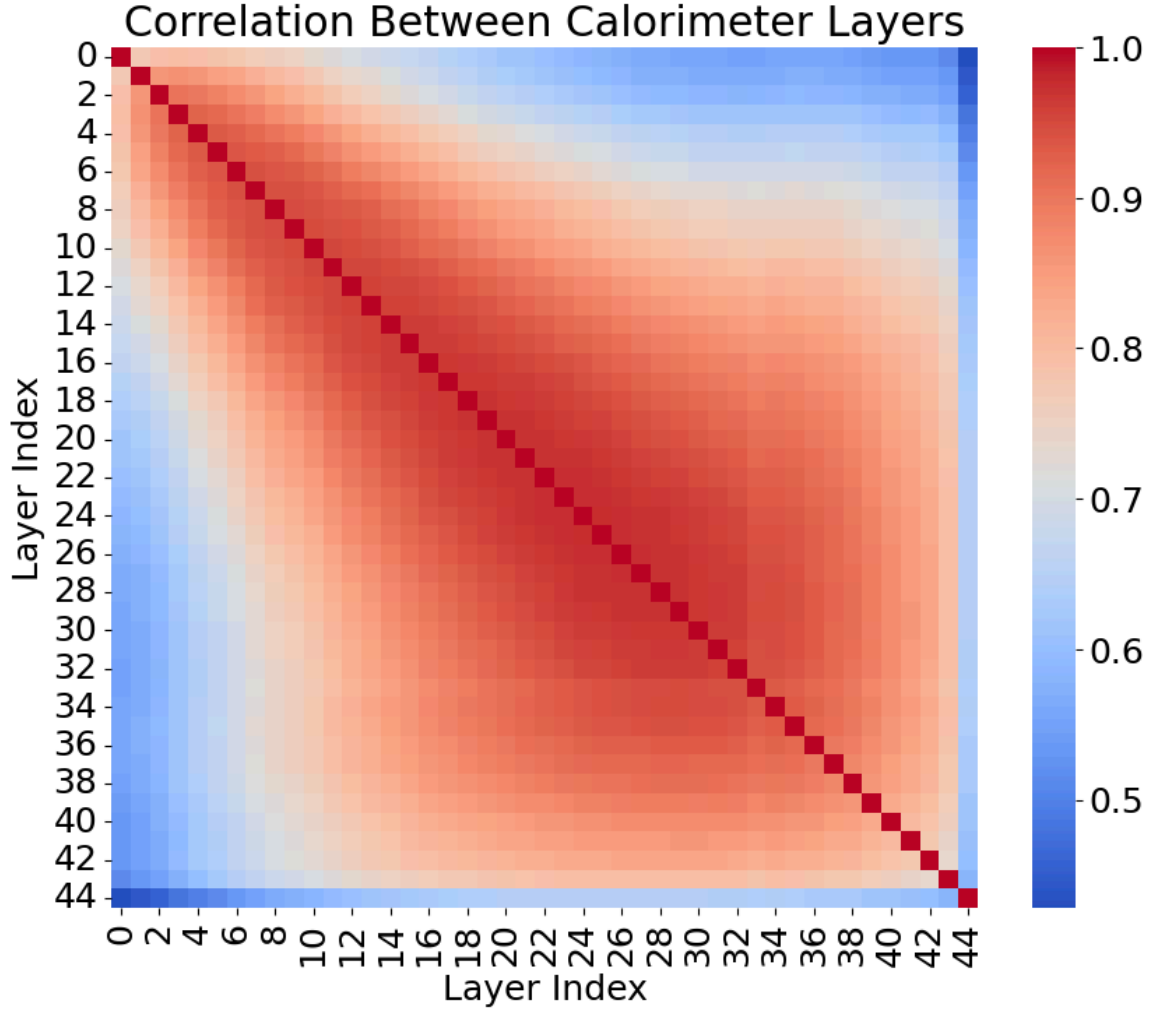
- Gives about Gaussian distribution for different variables (except  $\alpha$ )
- $\alpha$  periodicity → problematic
- Volume of space **not** respected in particle cloud definition

[1] [Simon Schnake et al., 2022](#)

# CaloChallenge Correlation between Layers

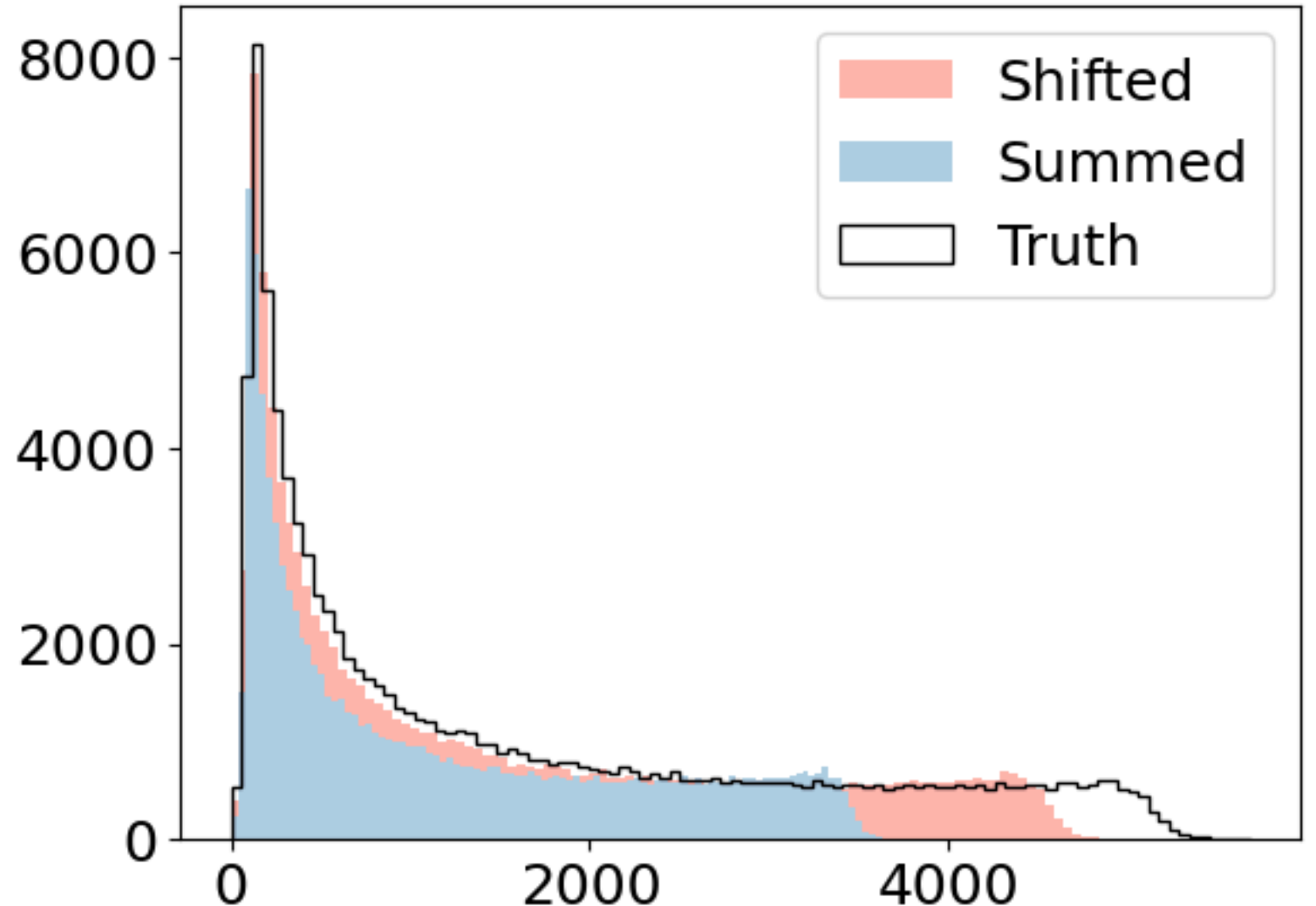
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### Ground Truth

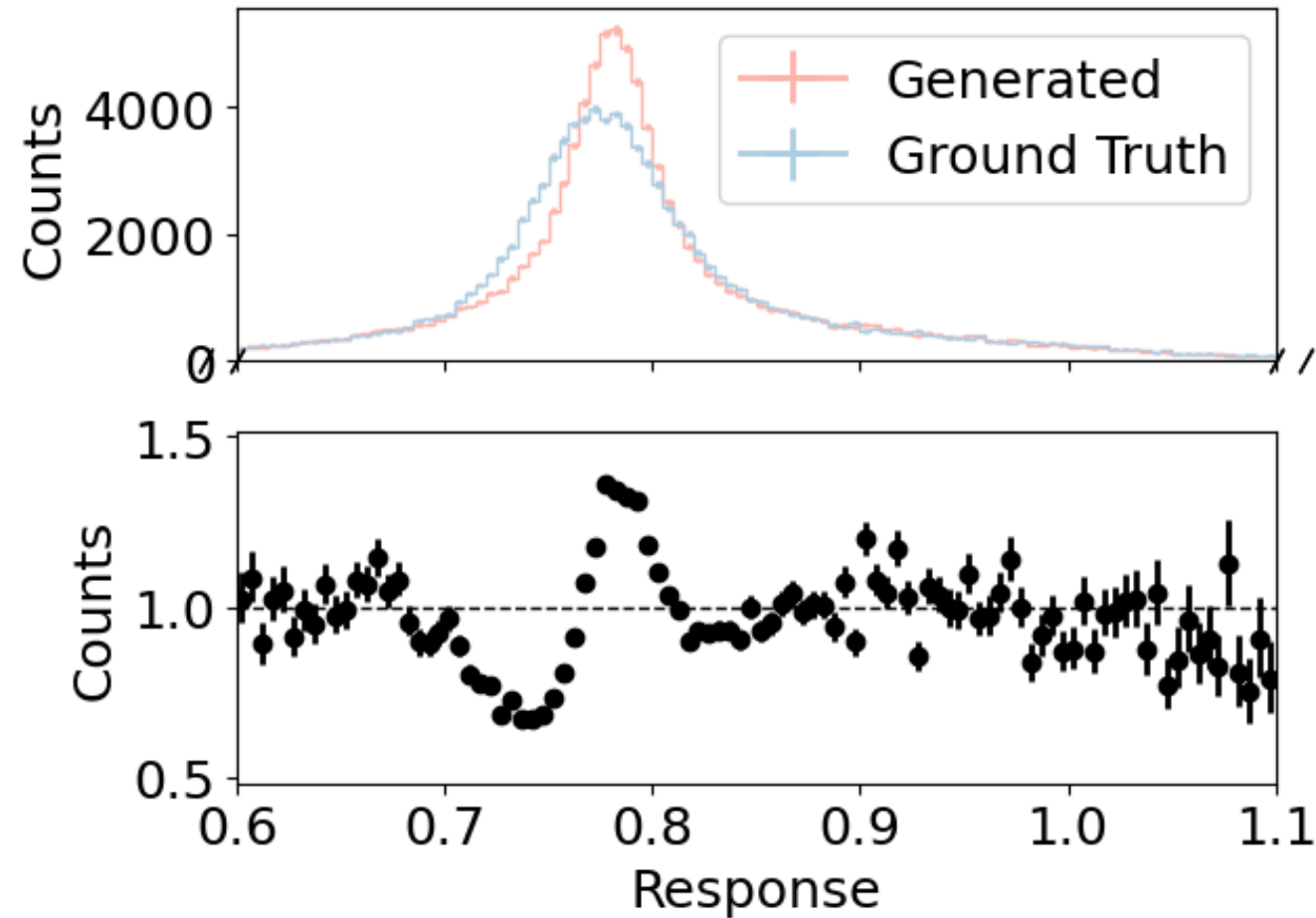


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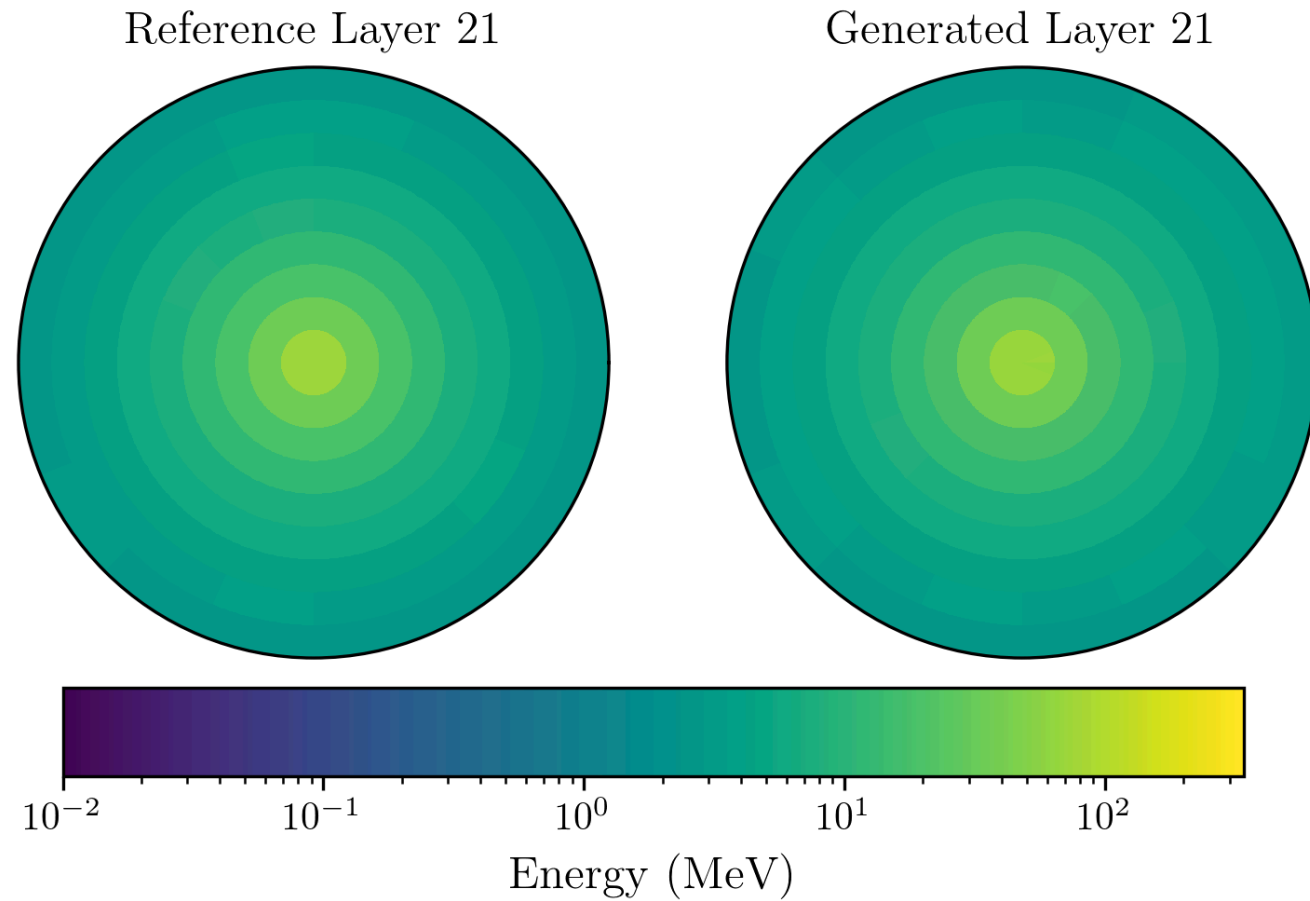
- Multiple hits can get assigned to same detector cell
- Simplest approach: just summing energies
- Check Moritz Schams presentation about our repository *caloutils* for a more sophisticated approach!



# Todo: Improve Incoming Energy Conditioning

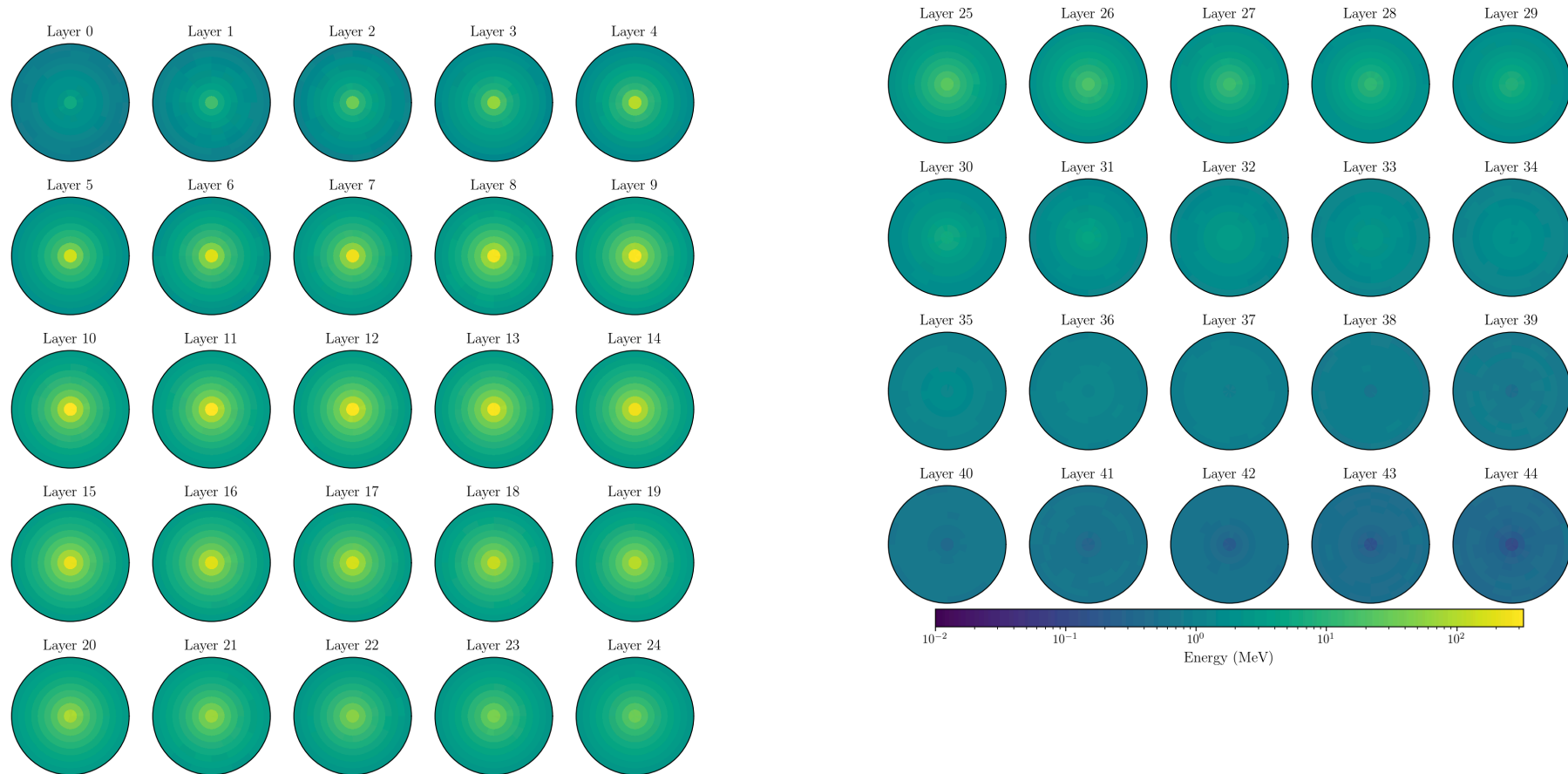


# Energy Per Layer



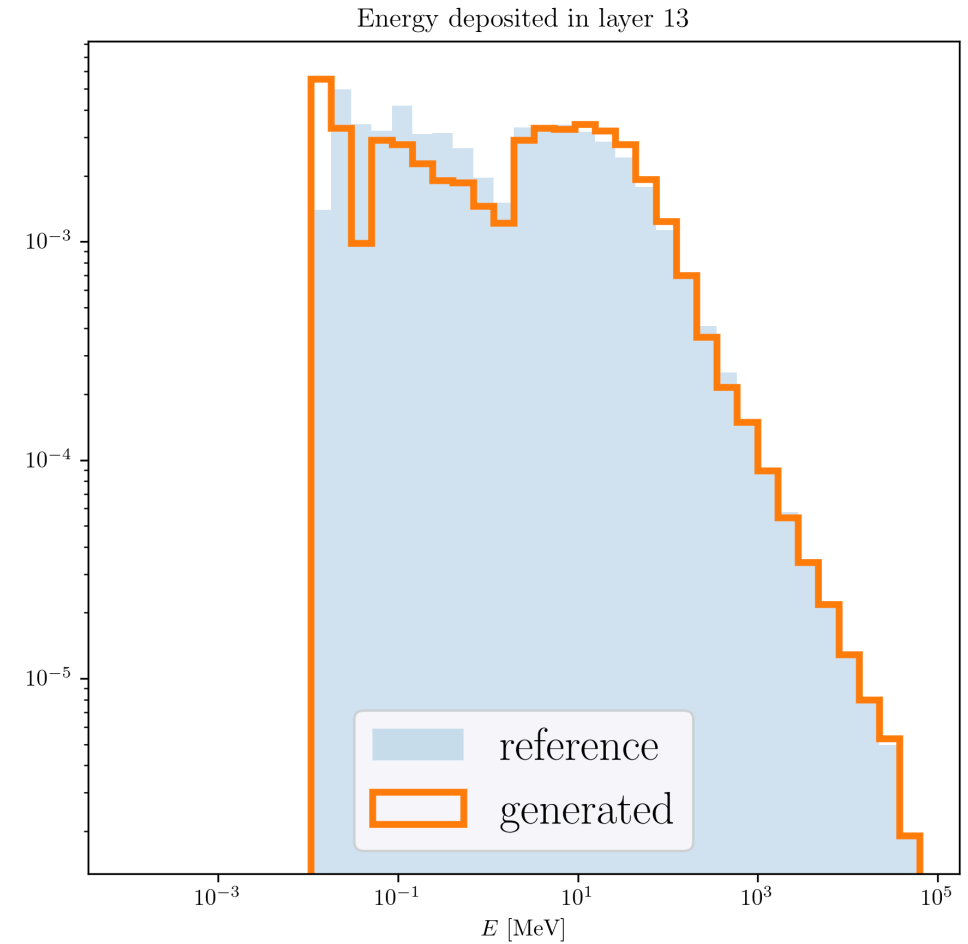
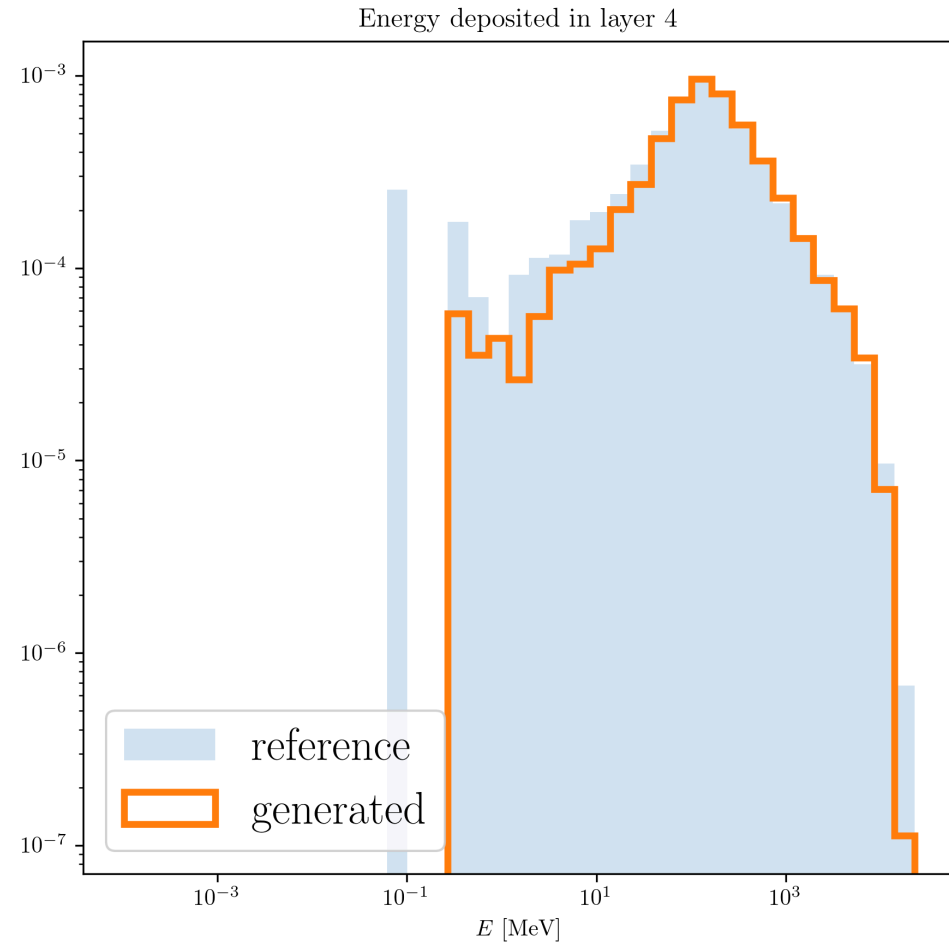
# All Layers

Shower average





# Energy Deposition per Layer



# Center of Energy

