



# OMNIFOLD-HI

Advanced ML Unfolding  
for Heavy-Ion Data

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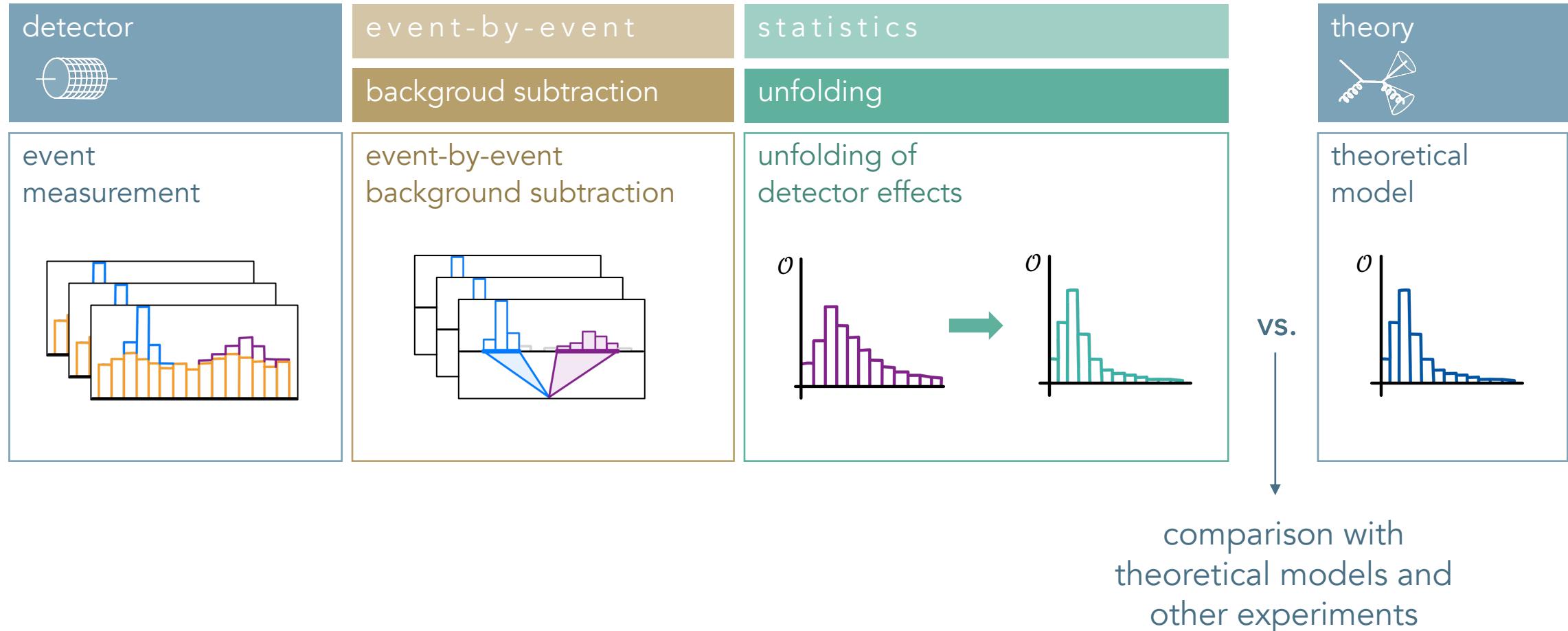
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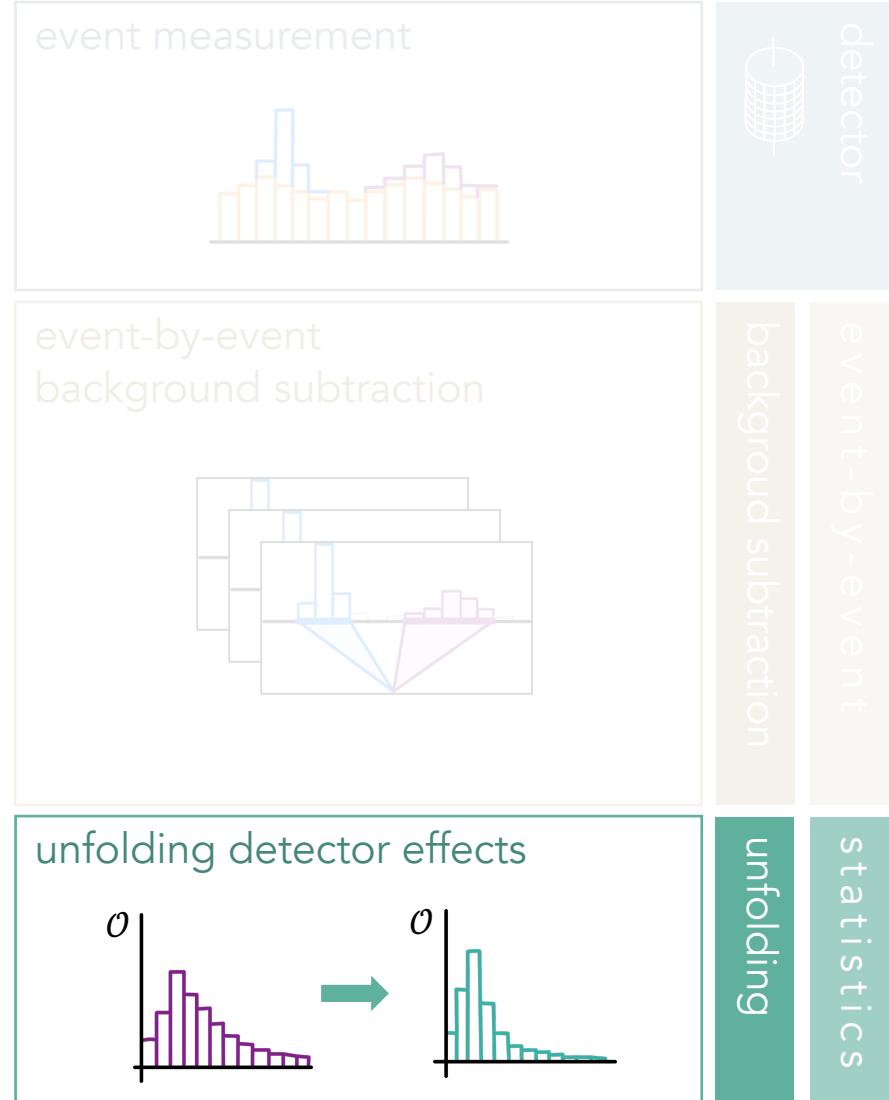
statistics  
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unfolded detector effects

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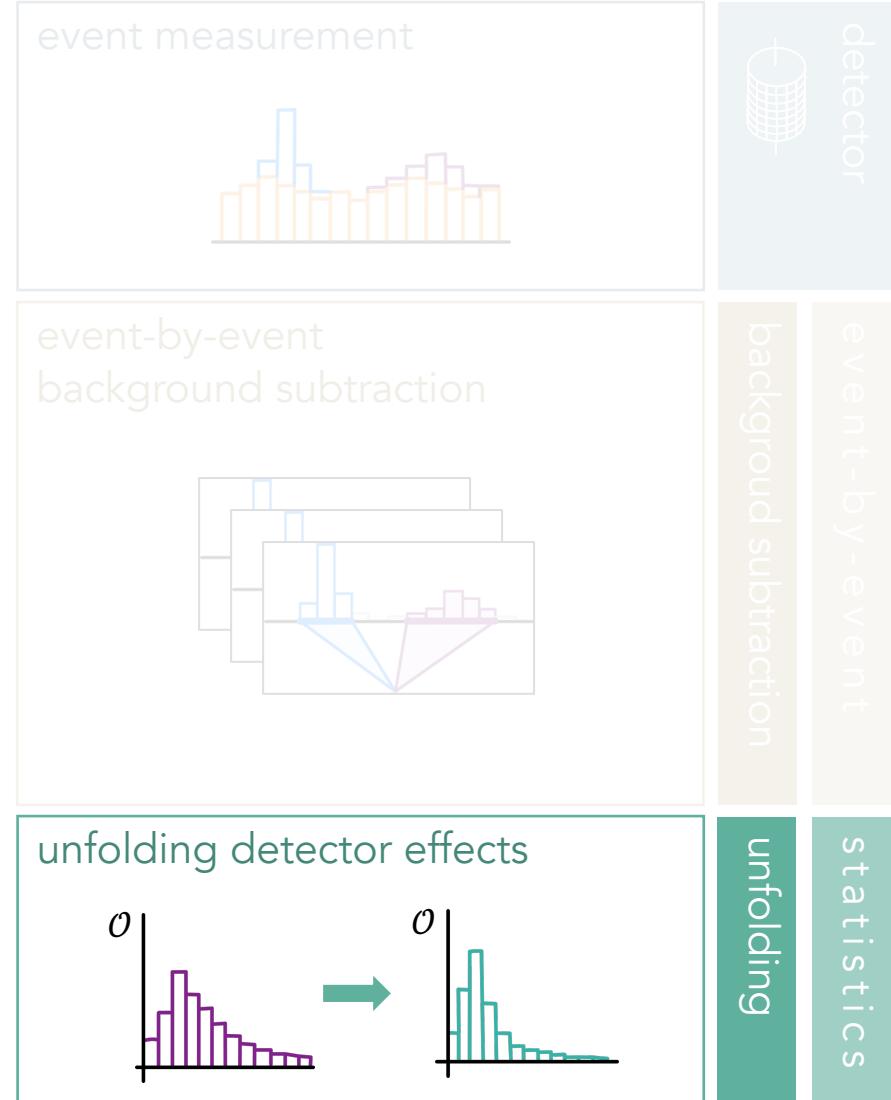


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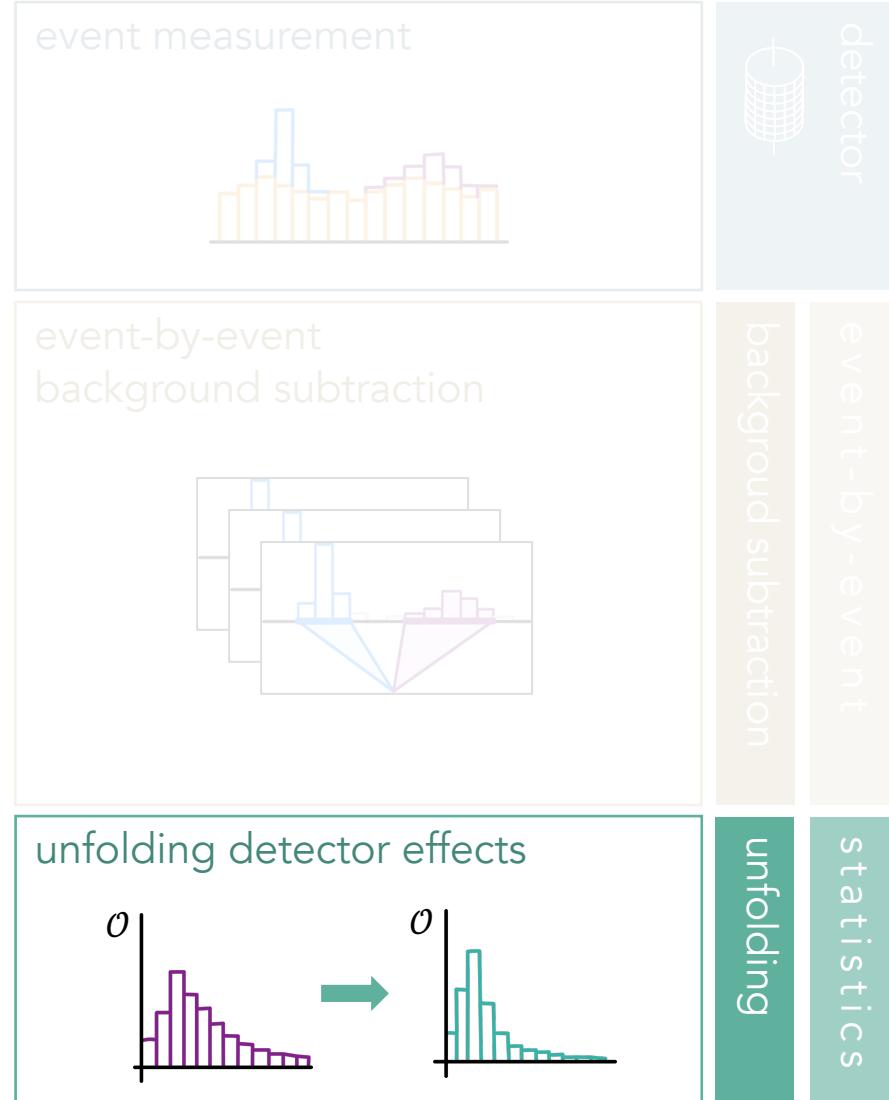
Binned procedure:

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Unbinned procedure (with ML):

- density-based models: GAN's; VAE's; NF's
- classifier-based models: OmniFold



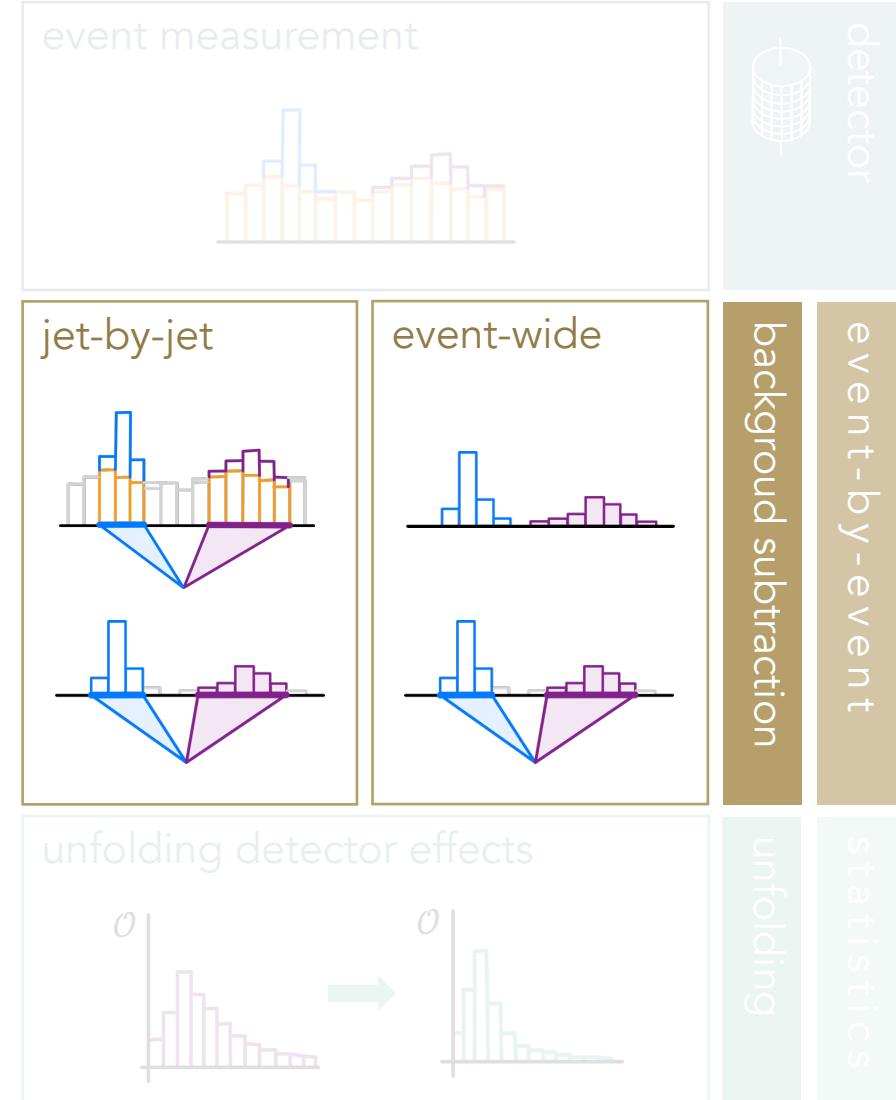
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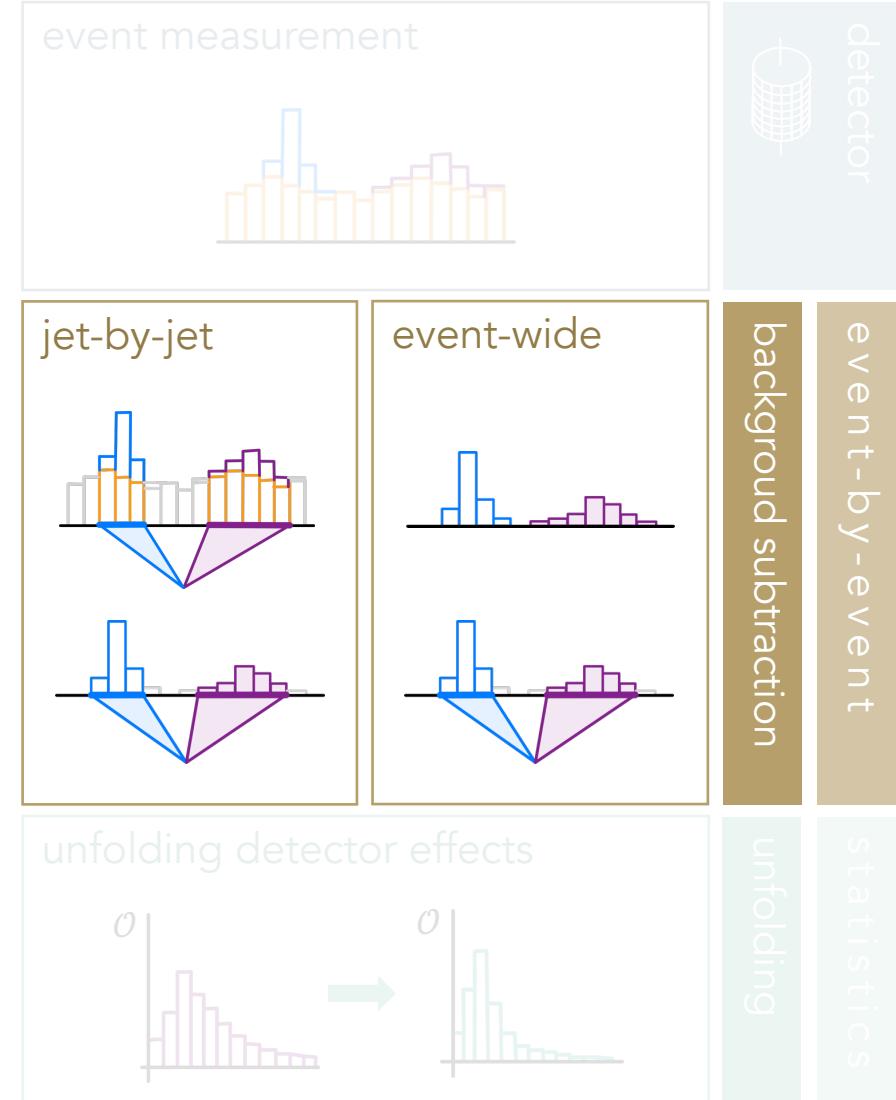
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## Main sources of background:

- pp: pileup
- HI: underlying event (UE)



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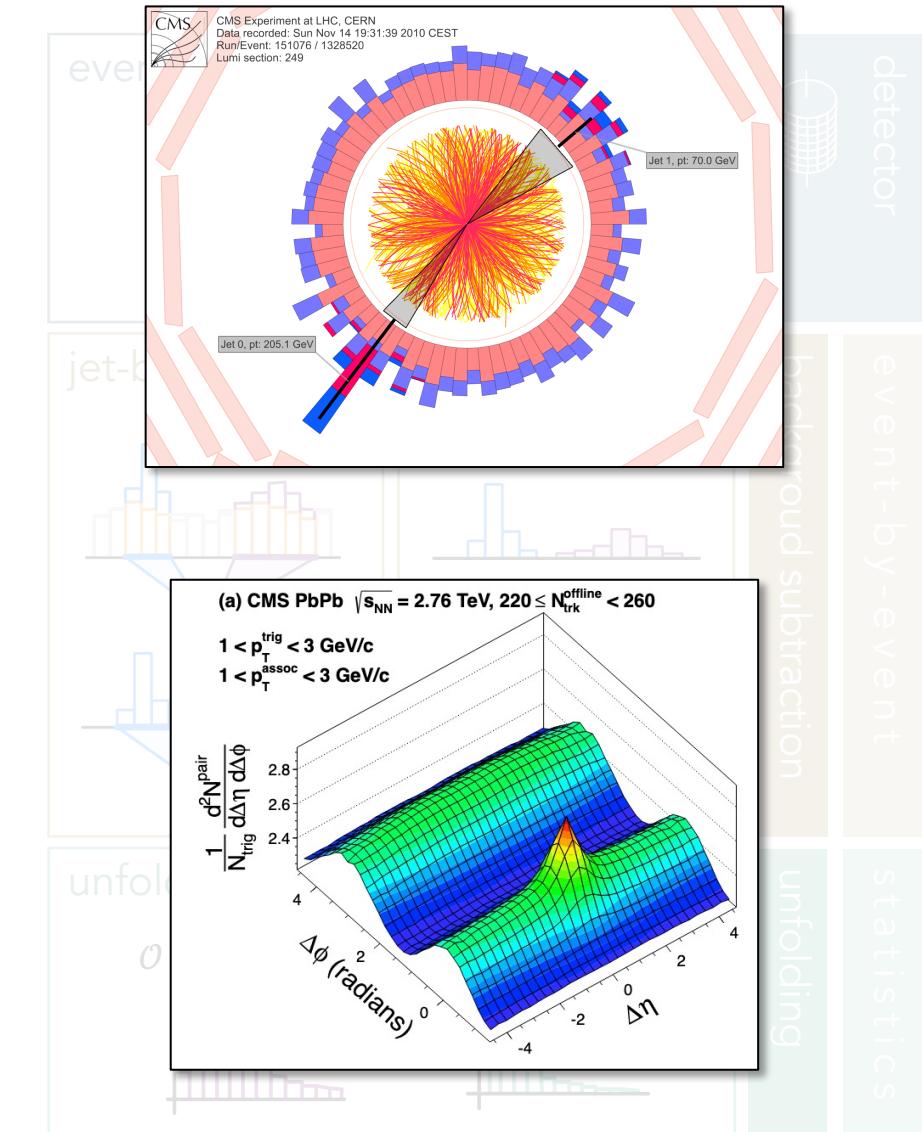
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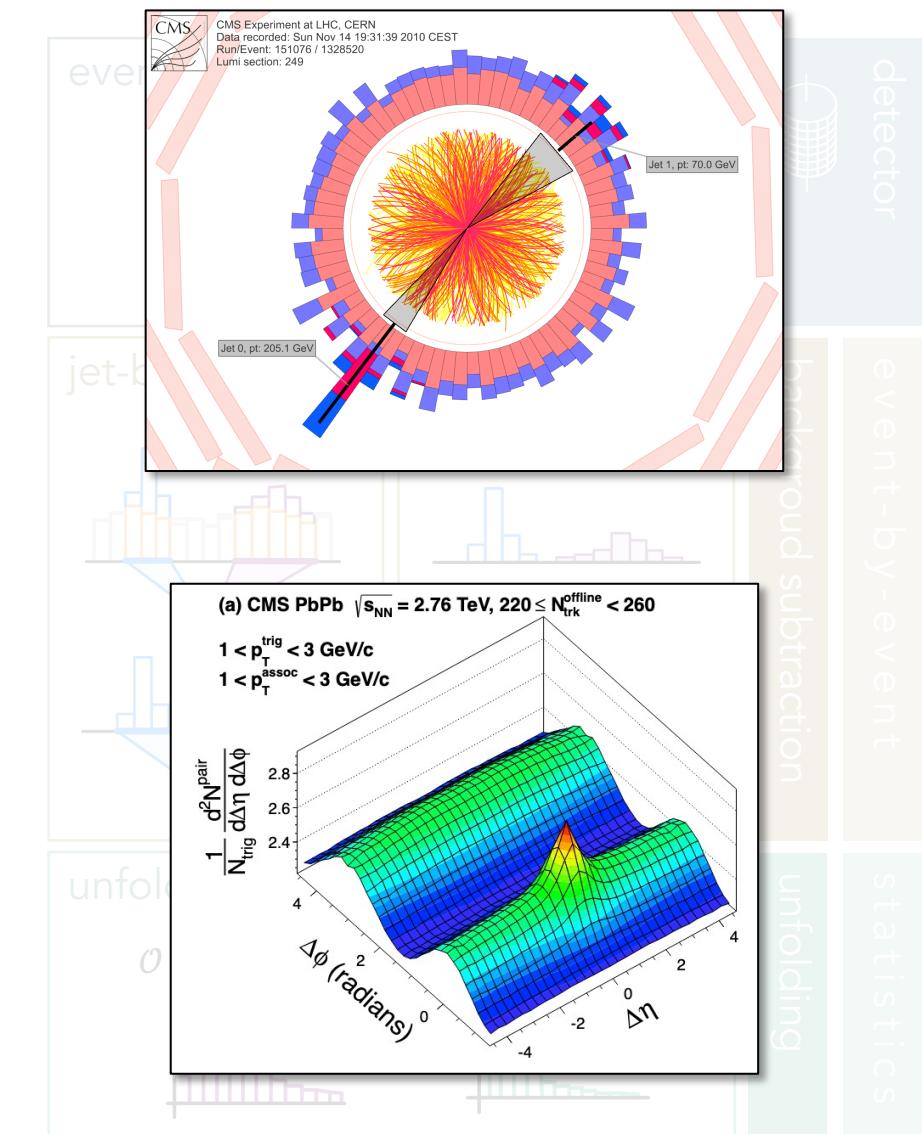
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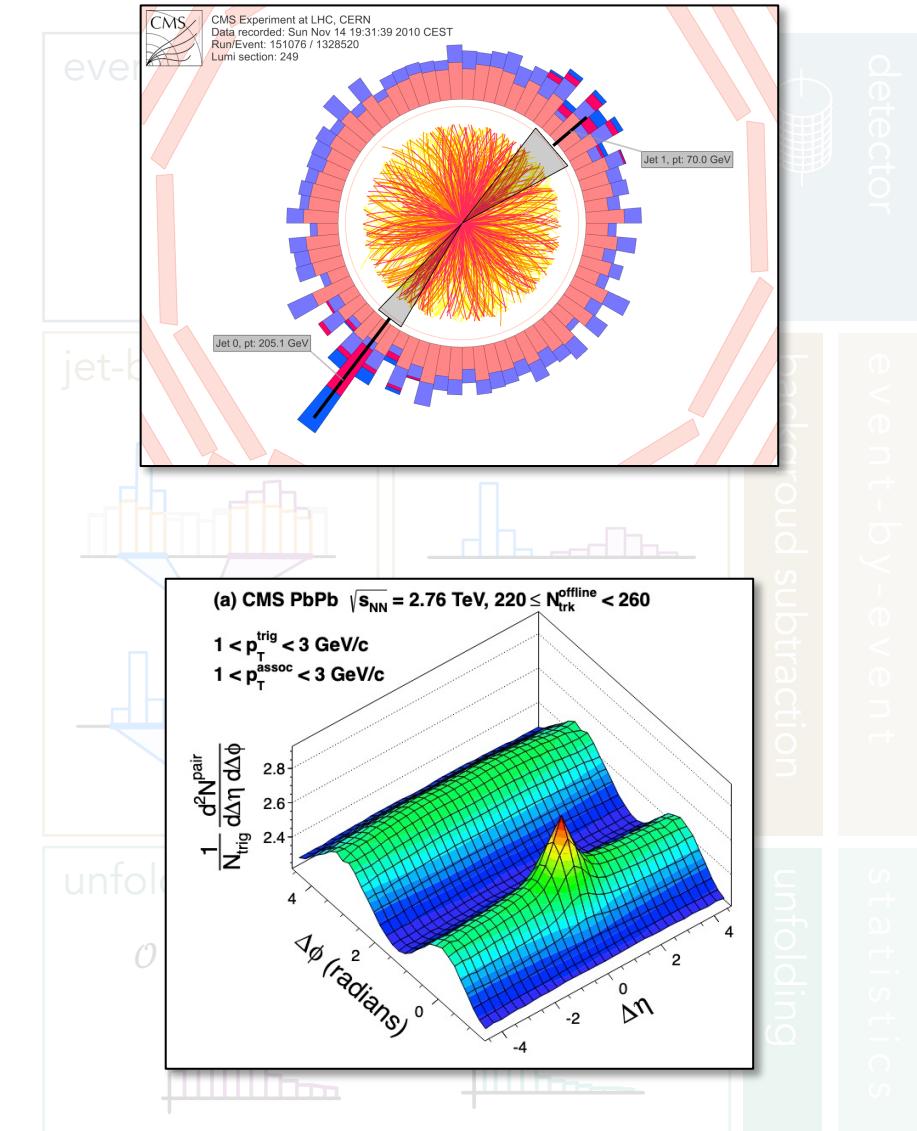
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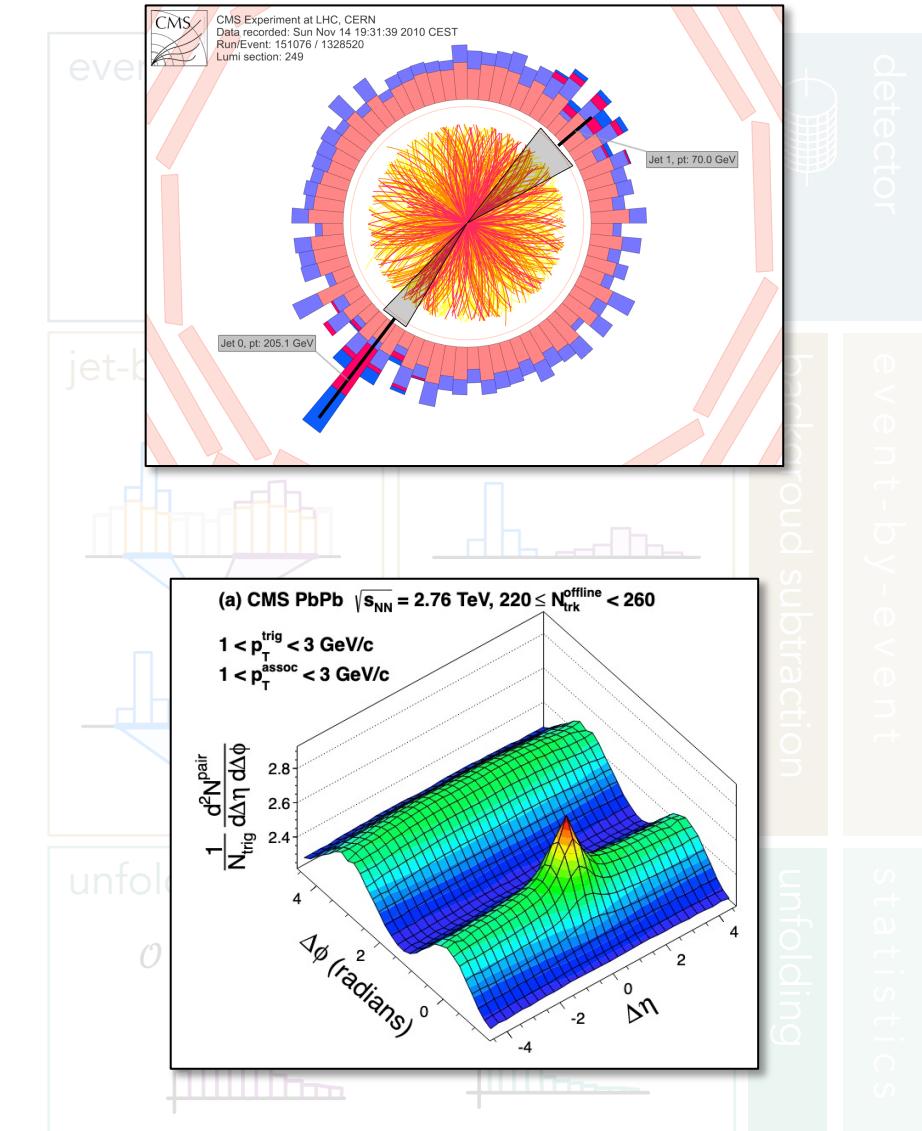


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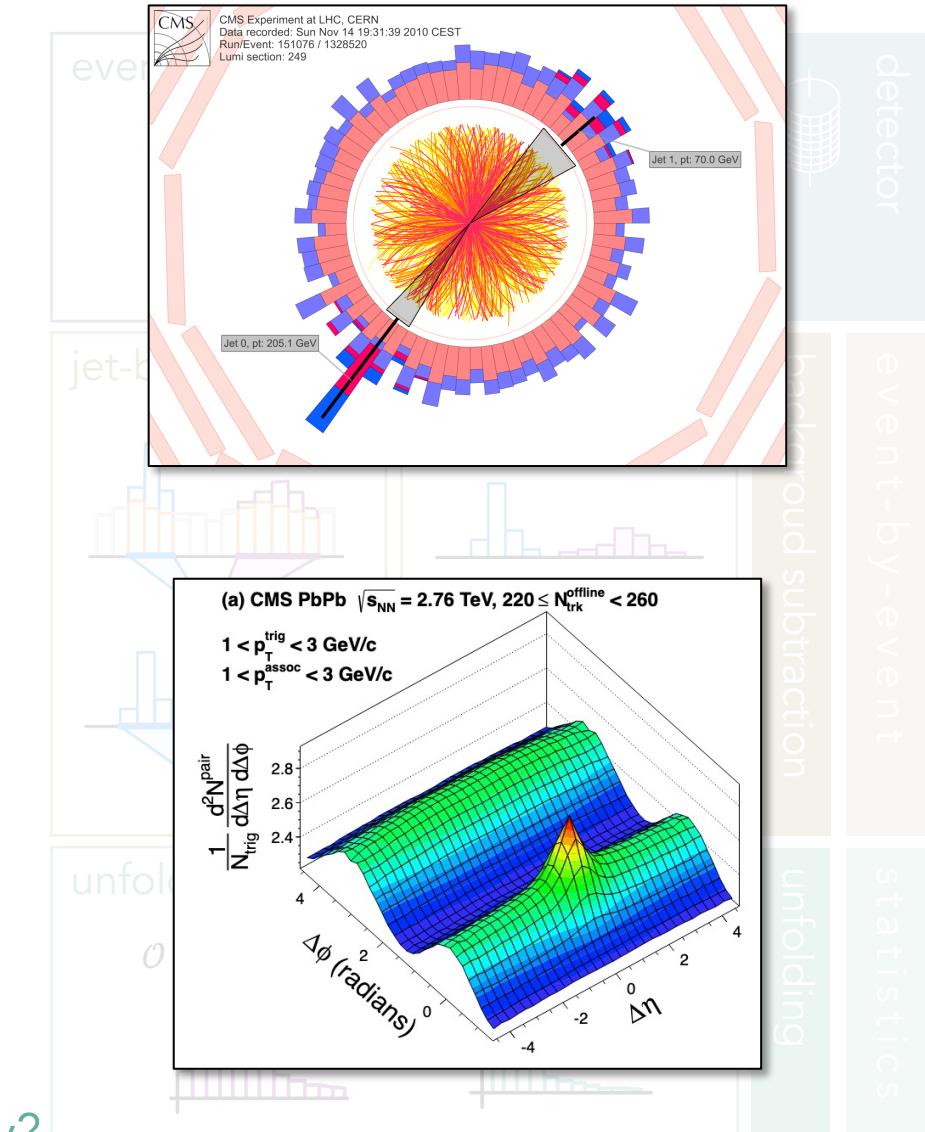
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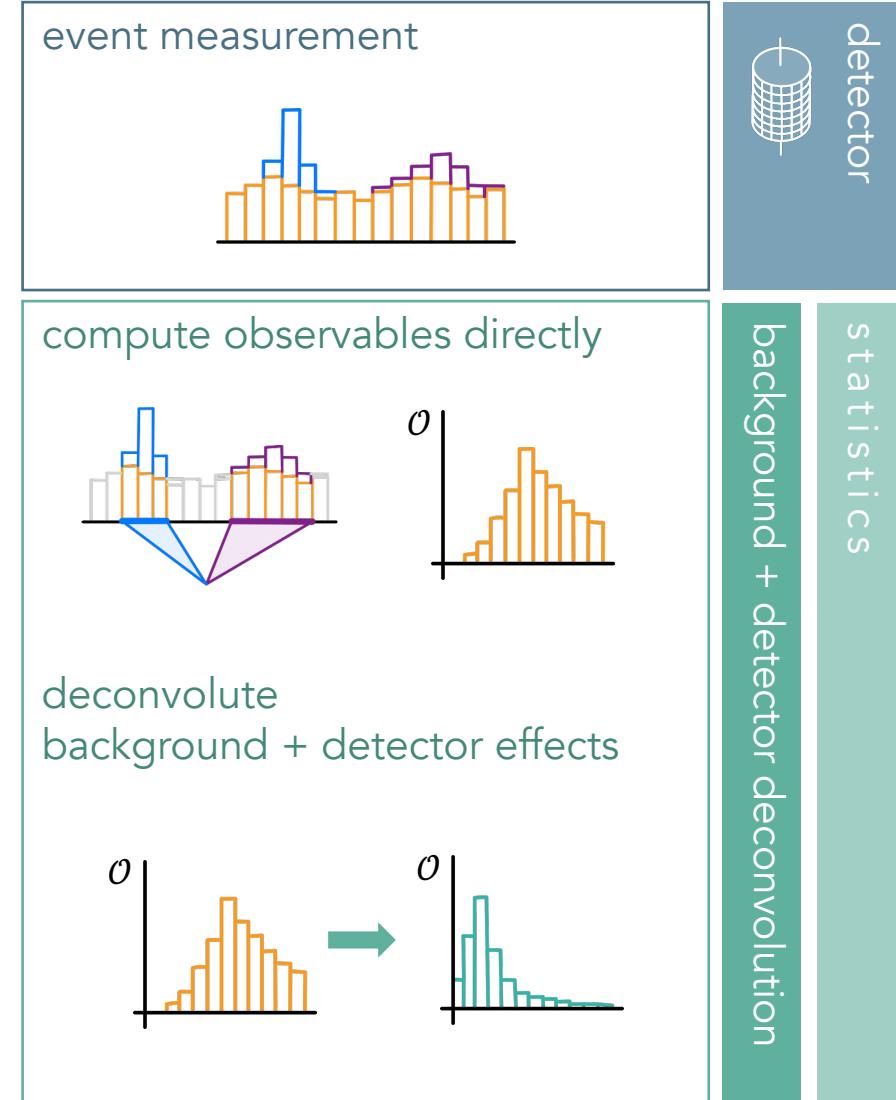
Is there a simpler way?



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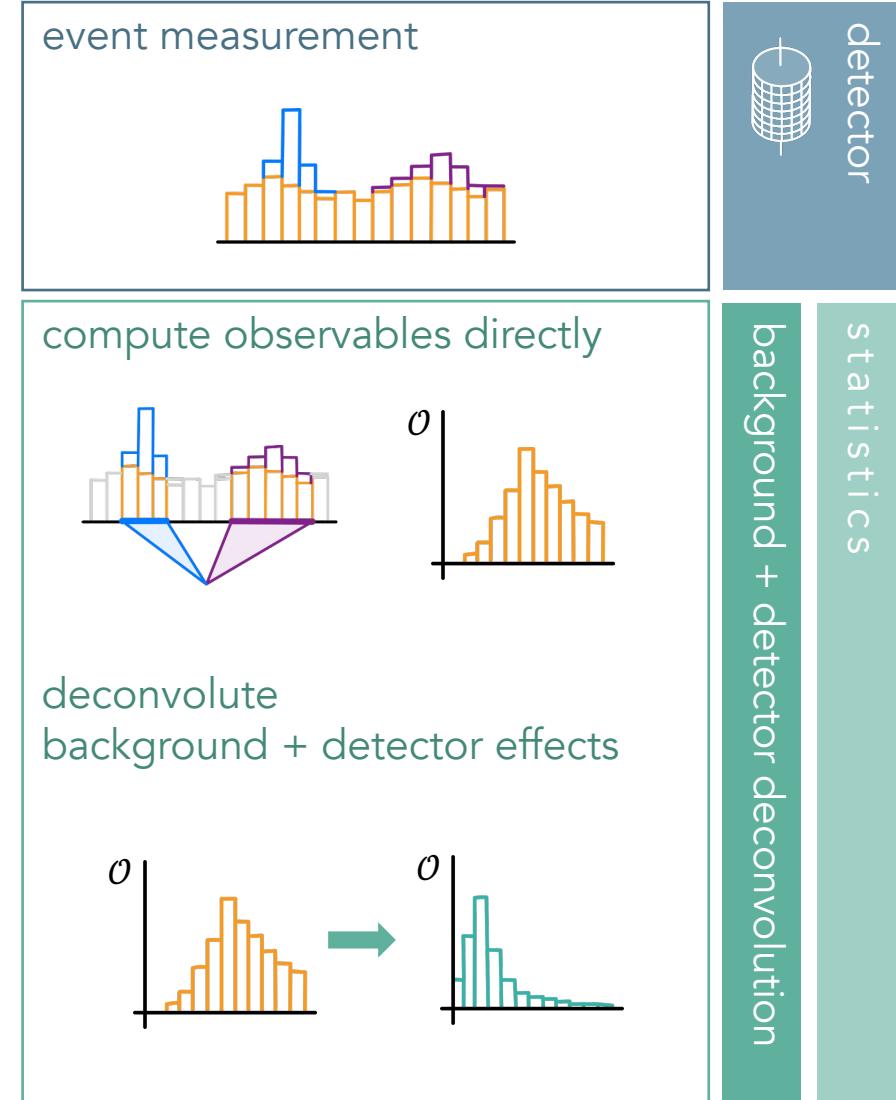
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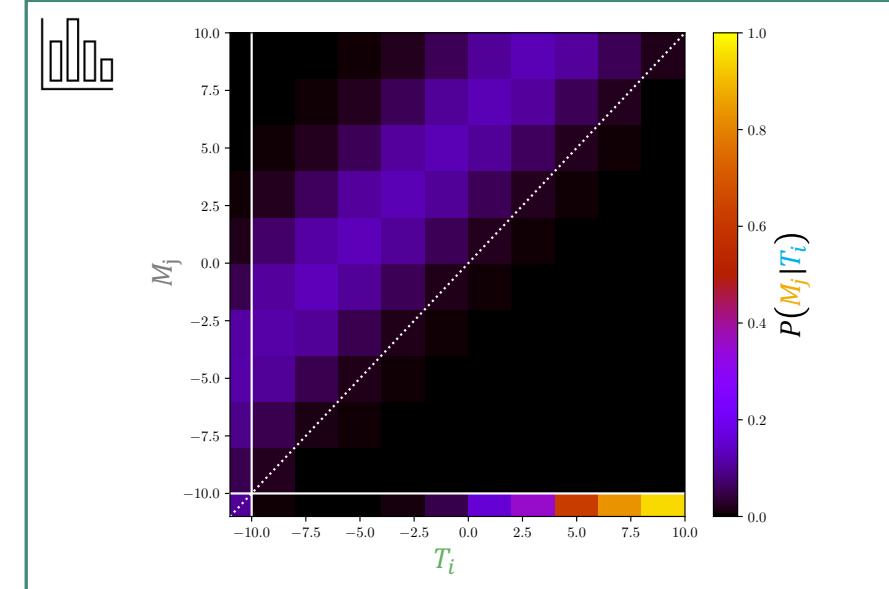
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**IBU:**

[arXiv:1010.0632]

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OmniFold:

[arXiv:1911.09107,  
arXiv:2105.04448]

$$x(t) = \int dm p(t|m) \cdot x(m)$$

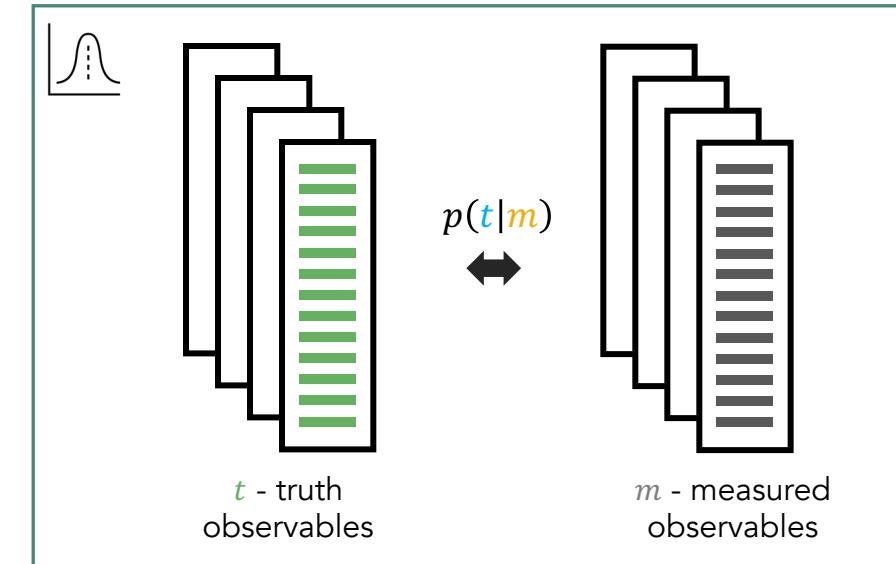
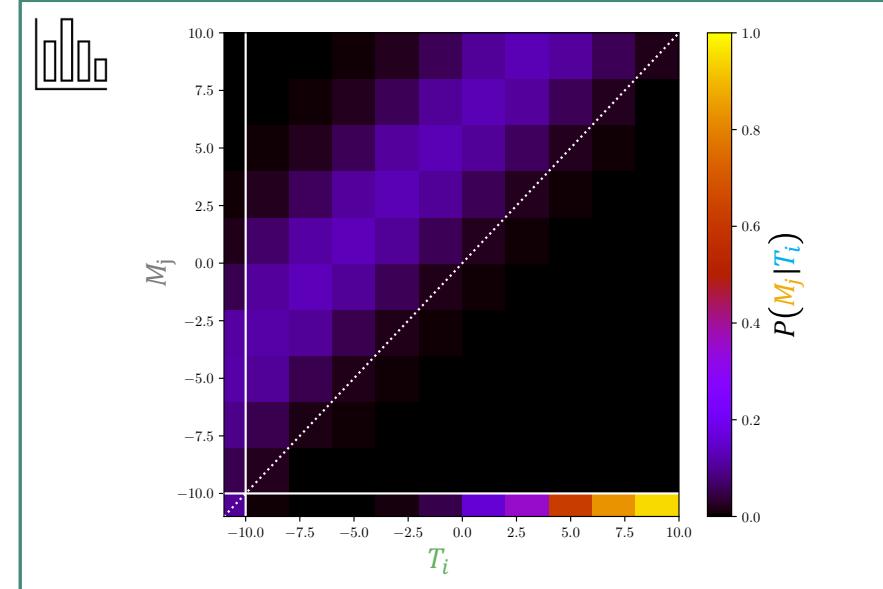
true event  
distribution

"response matrix"  
over event space

measured event  
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- easy to extend to higher dimensions  
(up to whole event unfolding!)

from Monte Carlo + simulation

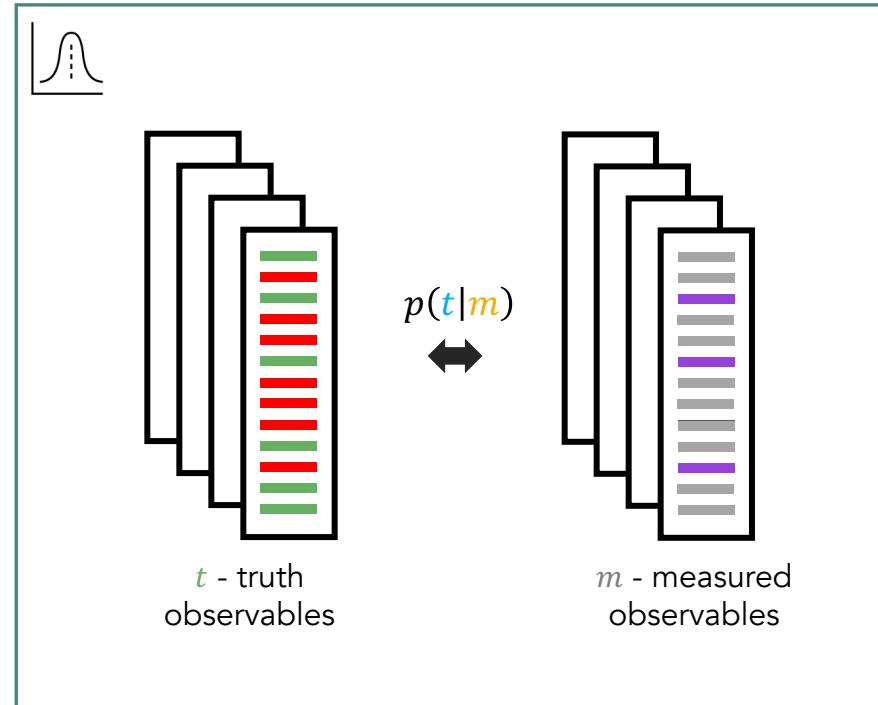


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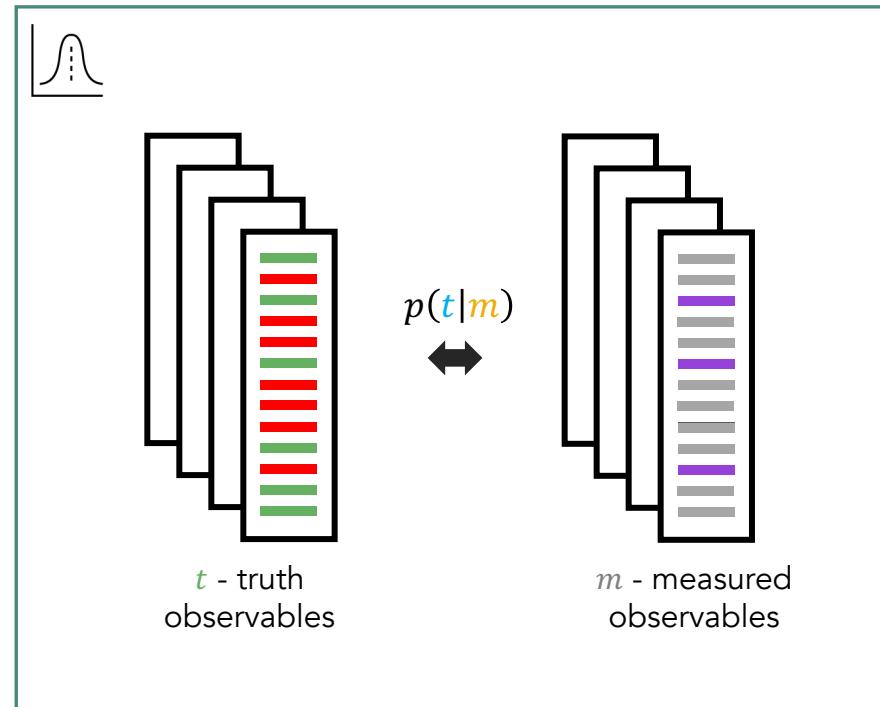
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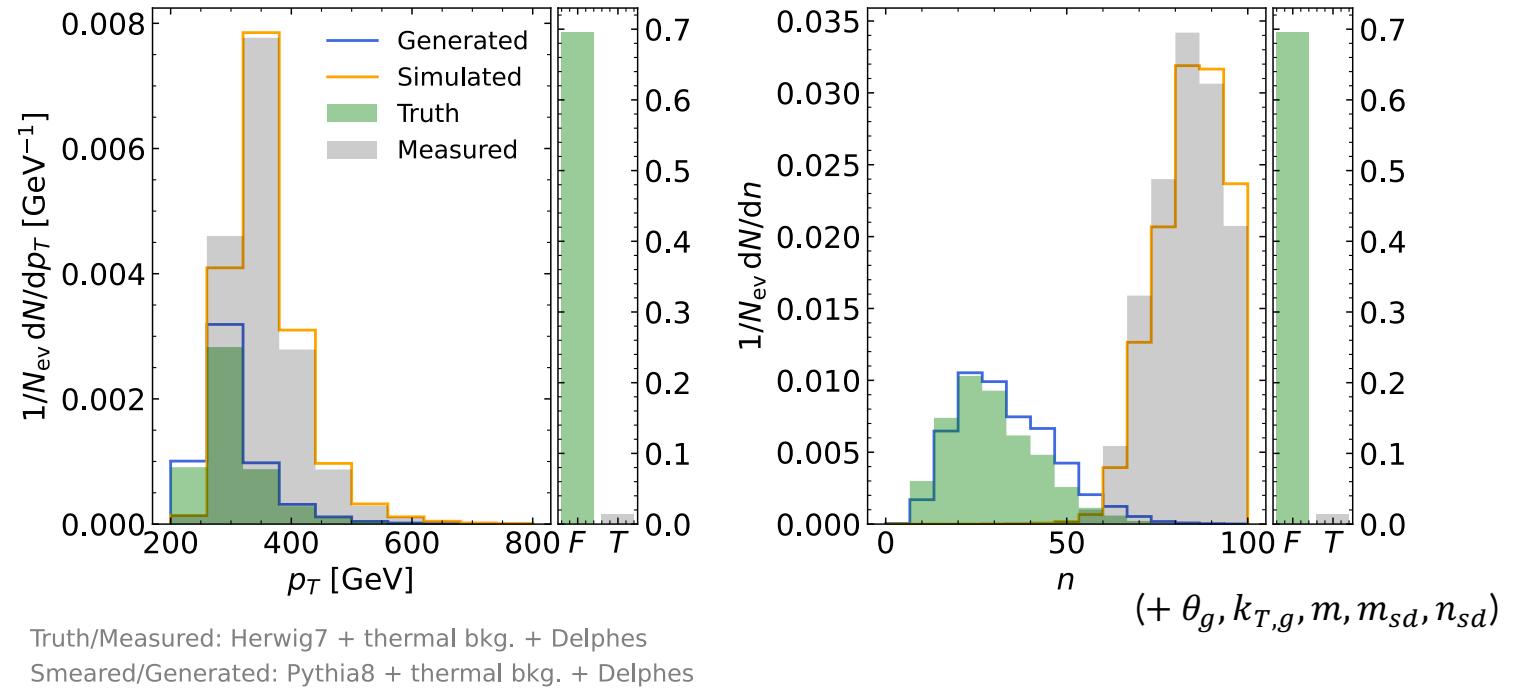
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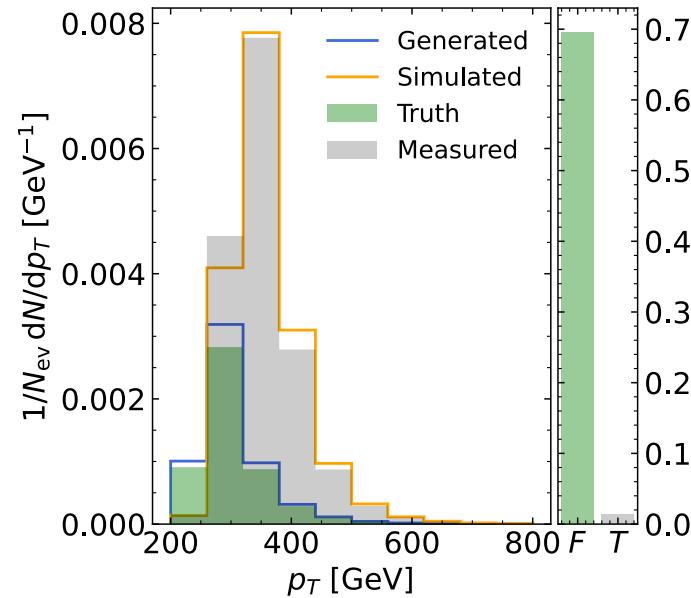
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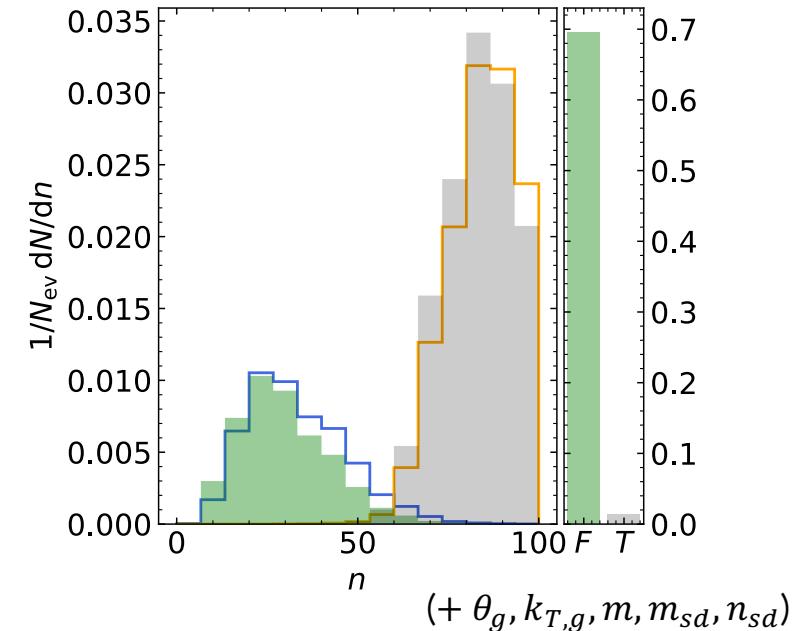
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Goal:  
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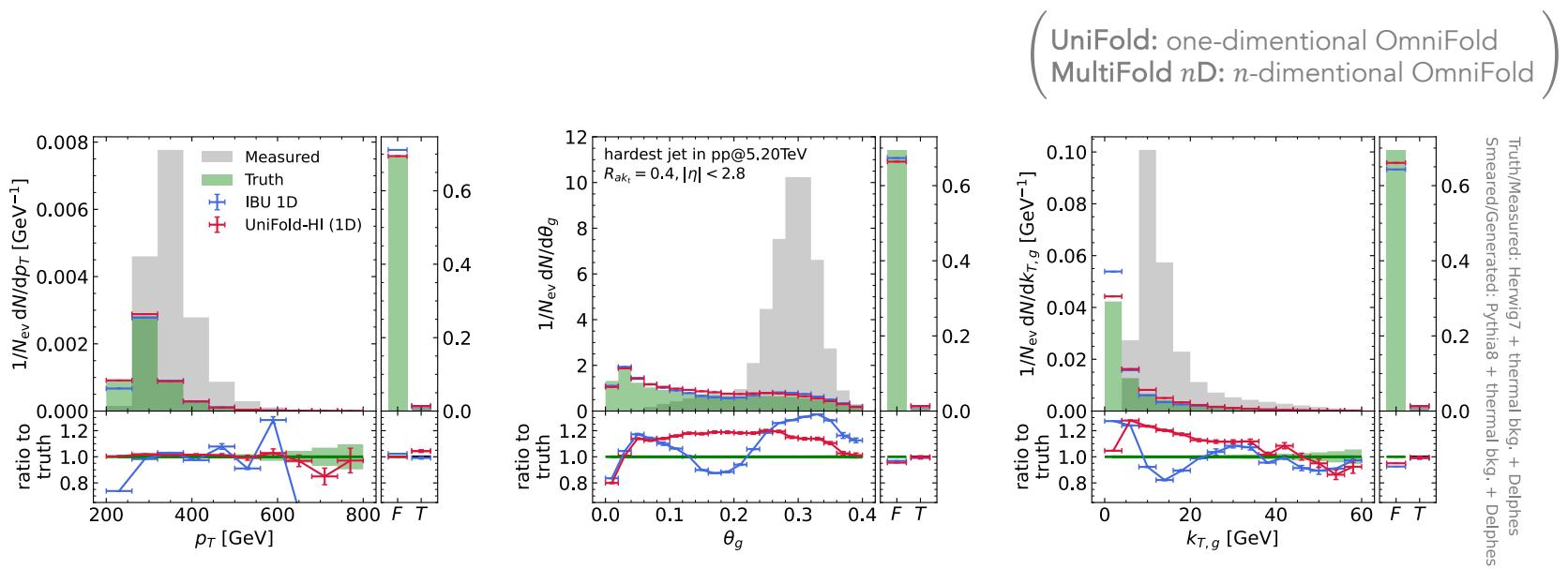


( $+ \theta_g, k_{T,g}, m, m_{sd}, n_{sd}$ )

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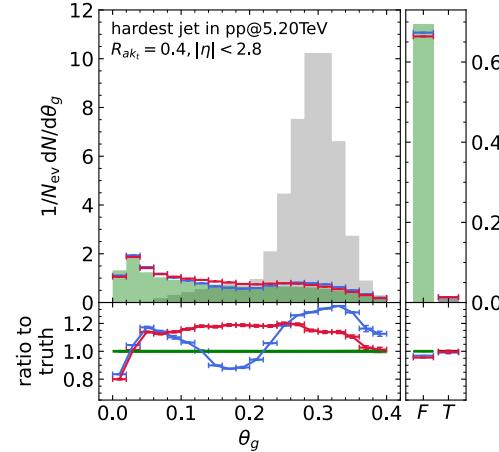
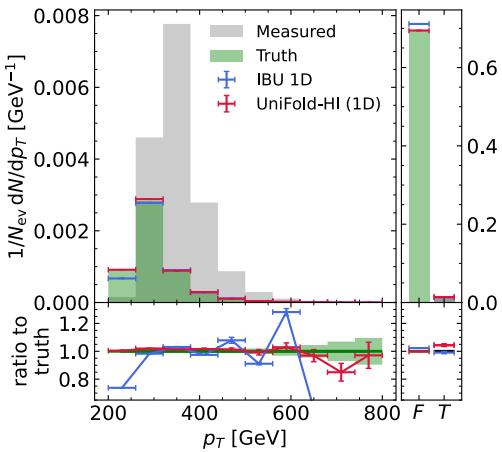
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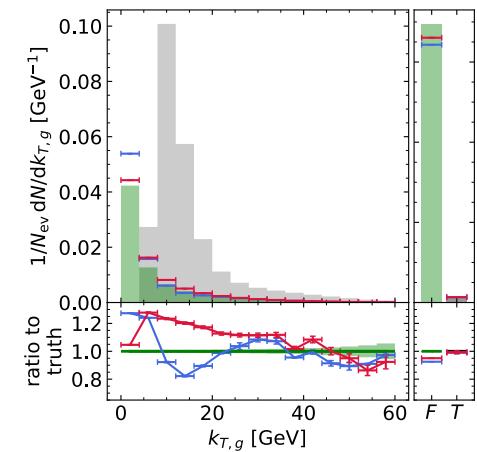
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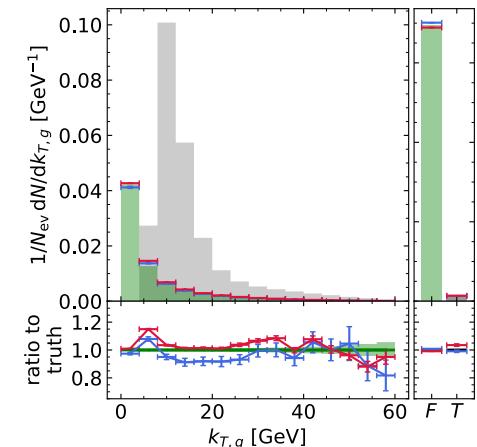
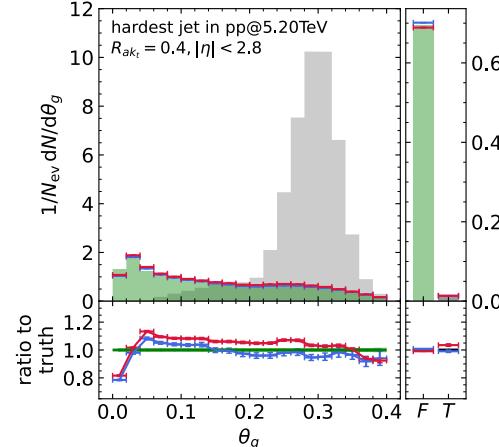
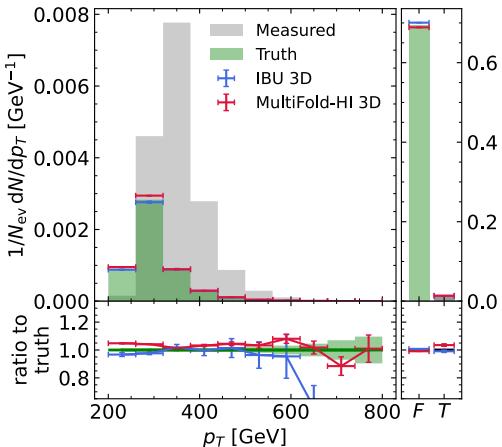
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## 3D deconvolution:

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- better performance
- agreement between procedures

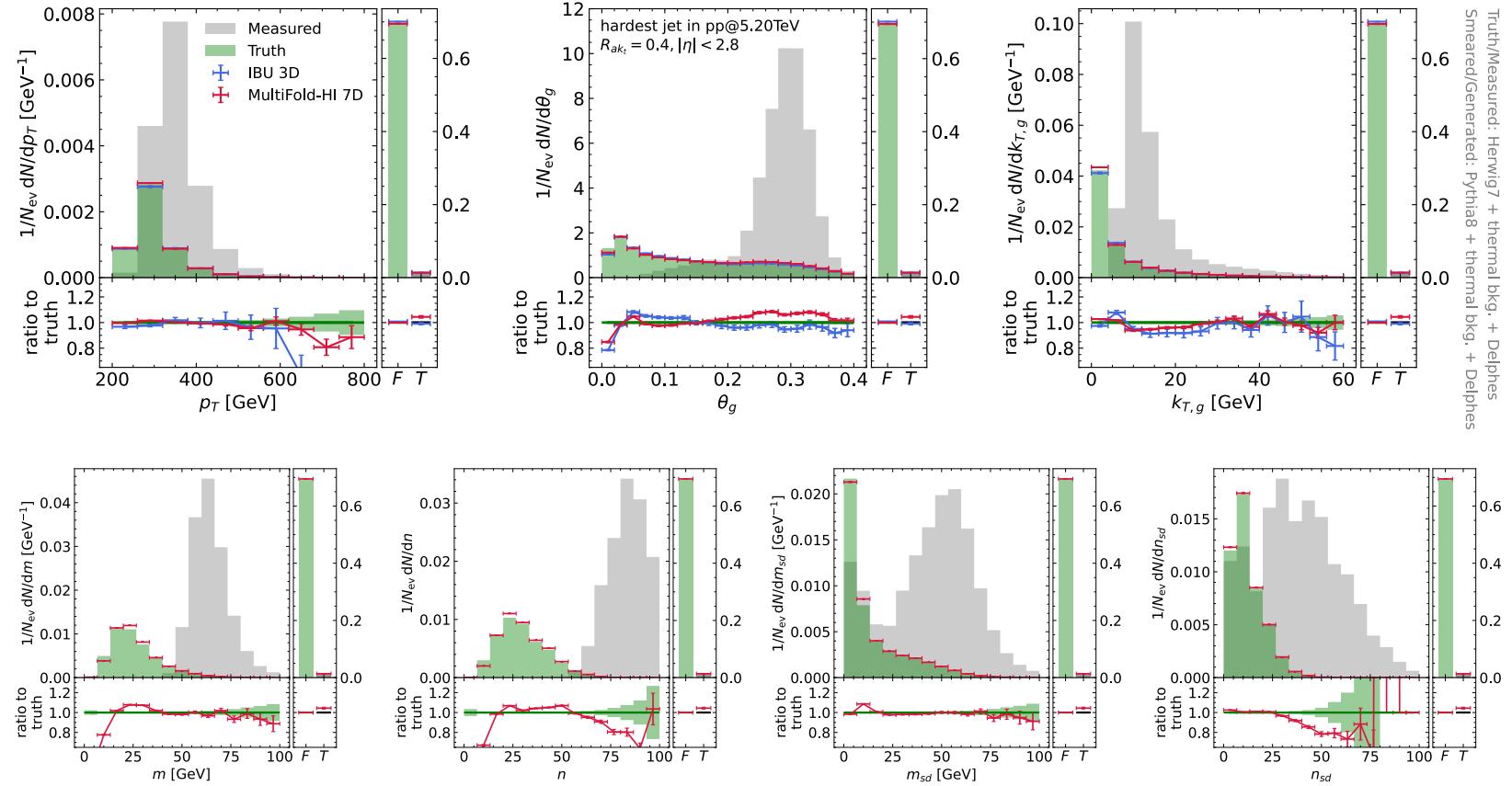


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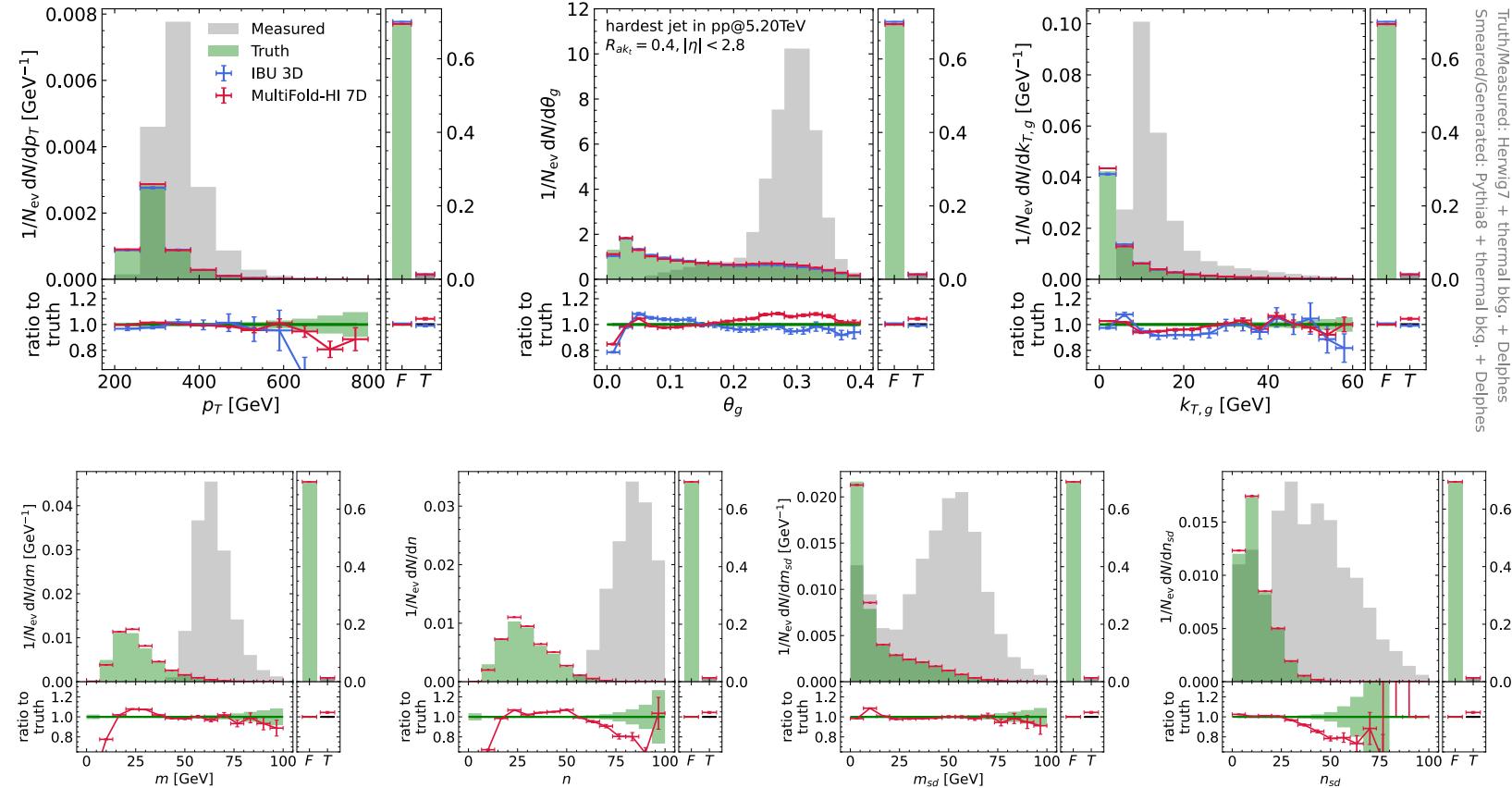
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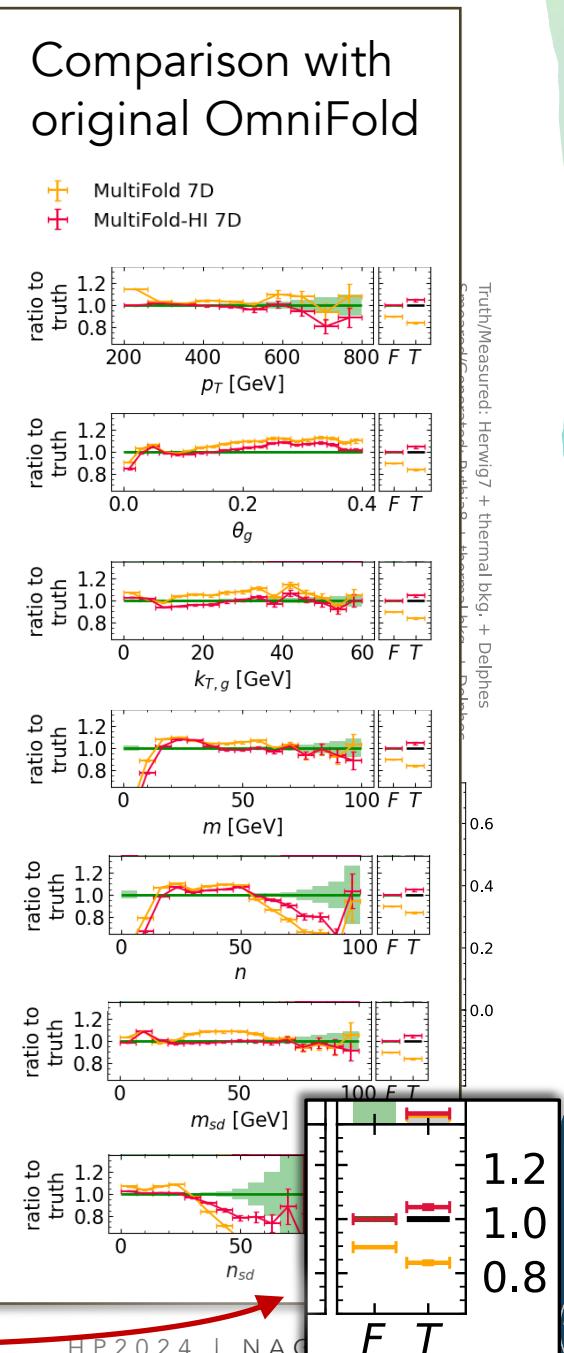
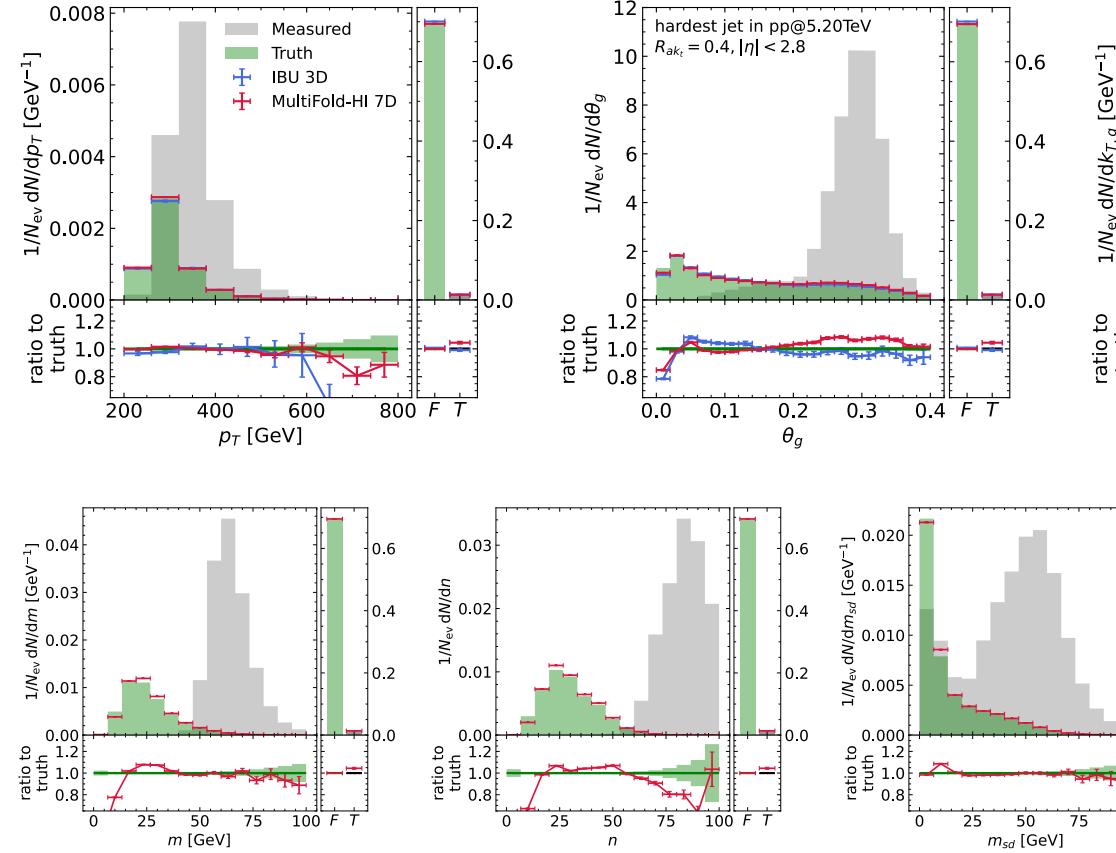
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# Summary

- Experimental measurement of jet observables
  - background subtraction + detector unfolding
- Background is ill-defined in HI collisions
- Deconvolution of background effects can be combined with detector unfolding
- Unfolding techniques can be used:
  - IBU
  - **OmniFold-HI**  
(upgrade to OmniFold + formal approach to acceptance and efficiency)

# Next steps

- Better HI simulation to study use in real data
  - hydrodynamic background + jet quenching
- Increase number of observables
- Study use of deconvolution after subtraction

# BACKUP

# OmniFold vs. OmniFold-HI

MultiFold  $n$ D:  $n$ -dimentional OmniFold  
 UniFold: one-dimentional OmniFold

Unfolding detector effects only

