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# Generative Unfolding

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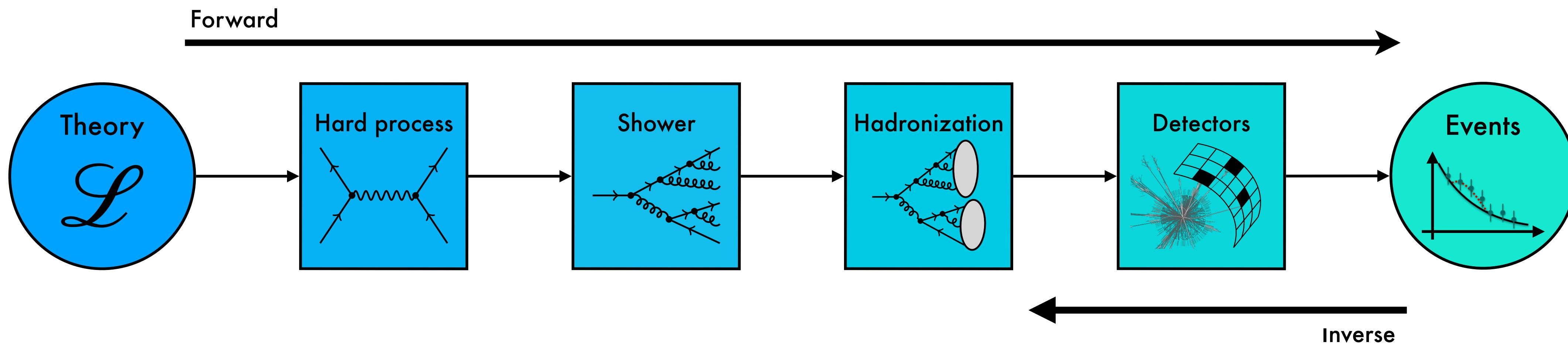


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*Nathan Huetsch*

*Huetsch et al. 2404.18807*  
*The Landscape of Unfolding with Machine Learning*

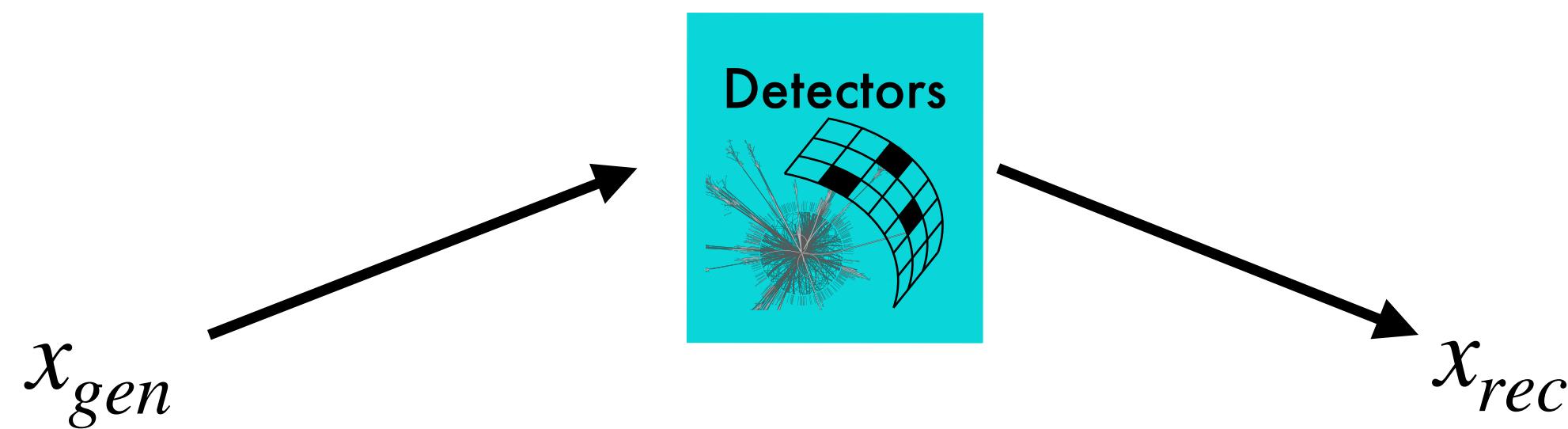
# Simulation chain – Inversion



# Probabilistic transfer

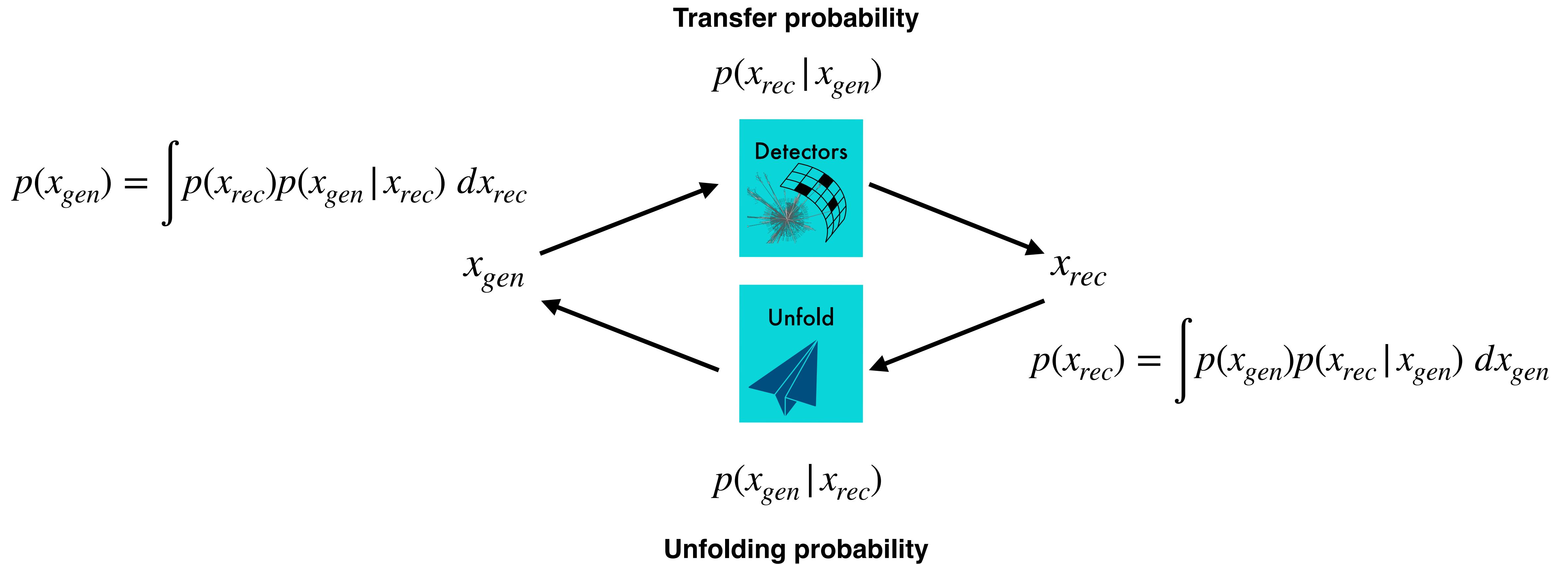
**Transfer probability**

$$p(x_{rec} | x_{gen})$$

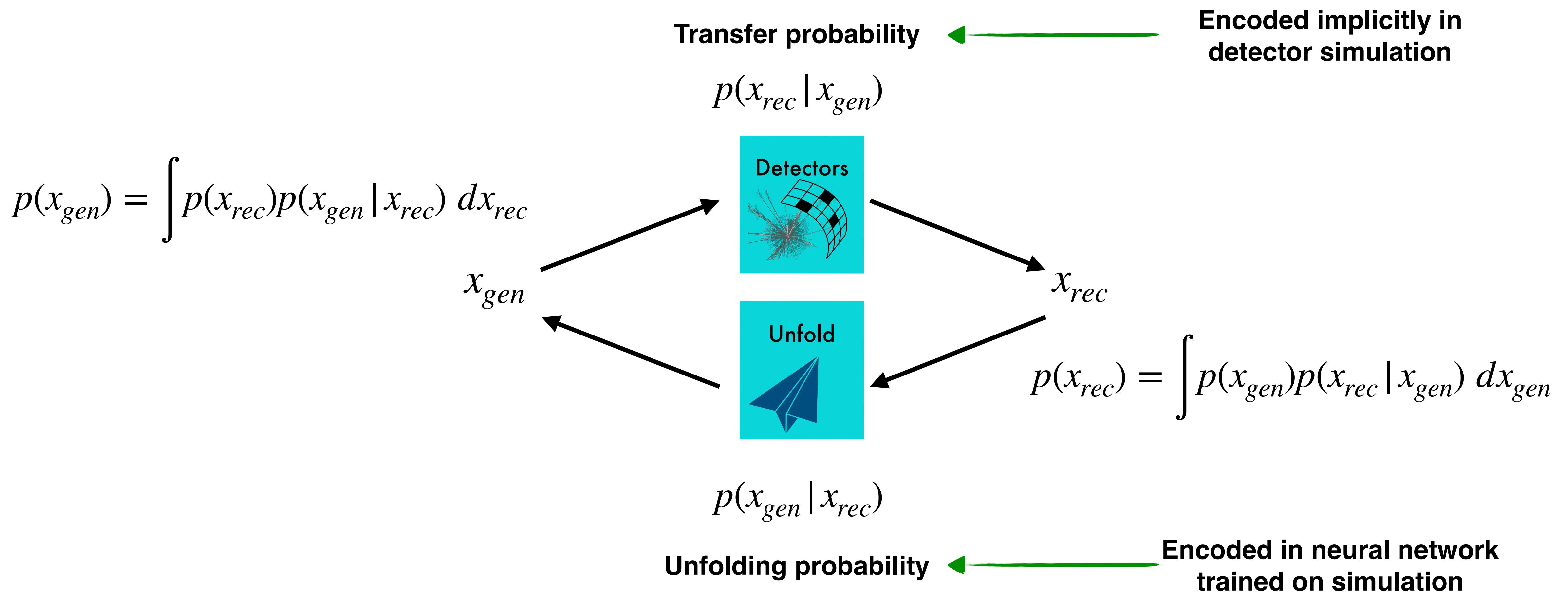


$$p(x_{rec}) = \int p(x_{gen})p(x_{rec} | x_{gen}) dx_{gen}$$

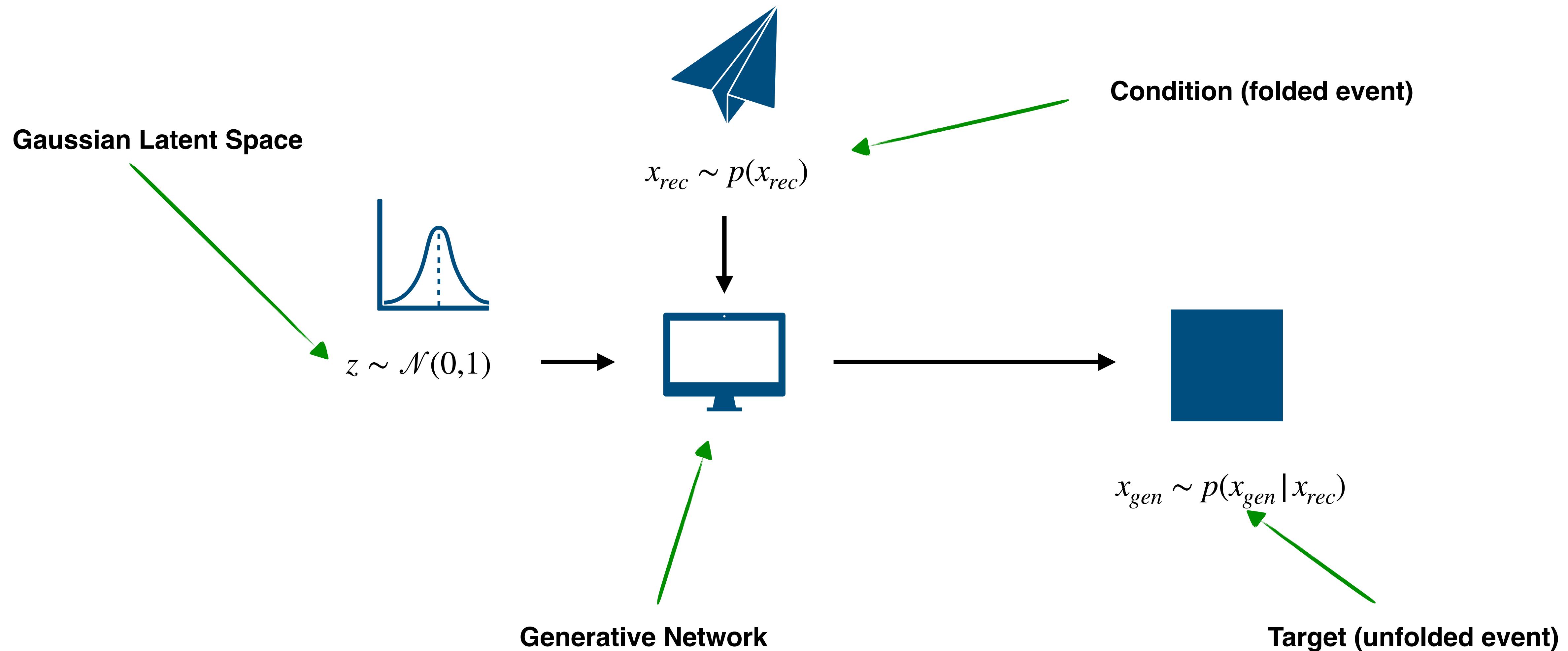
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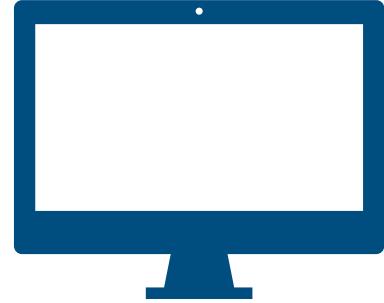
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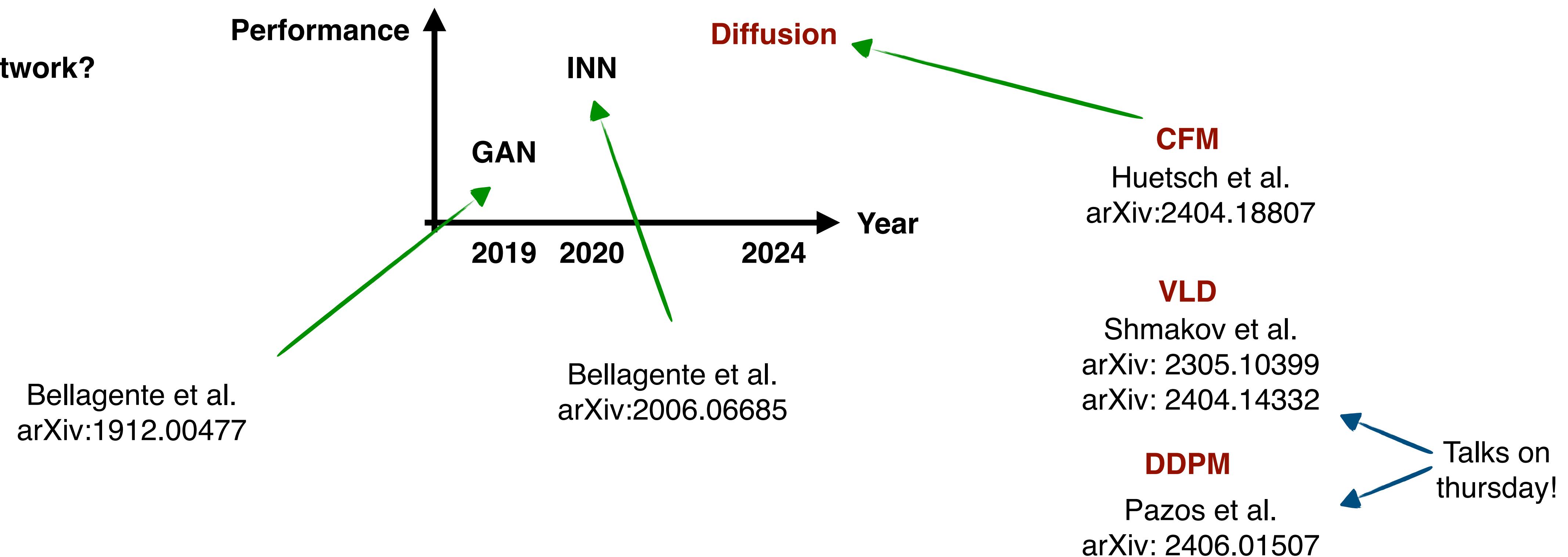
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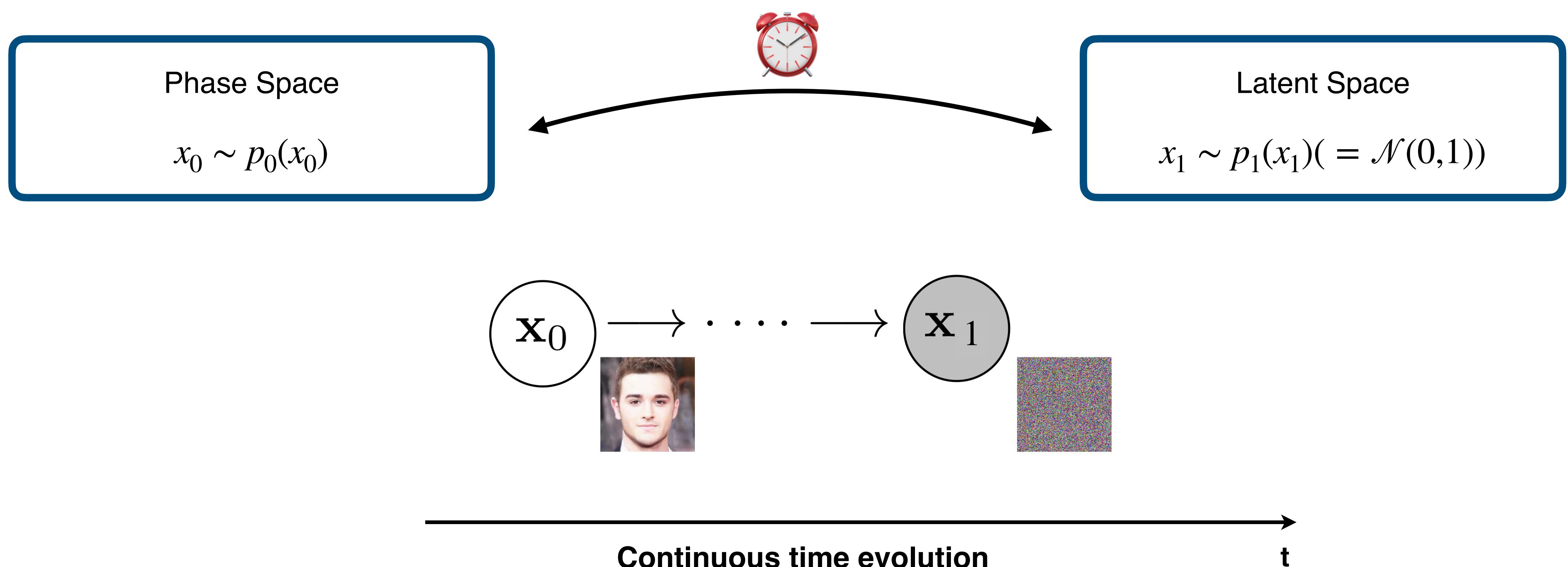
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Which generative Network?

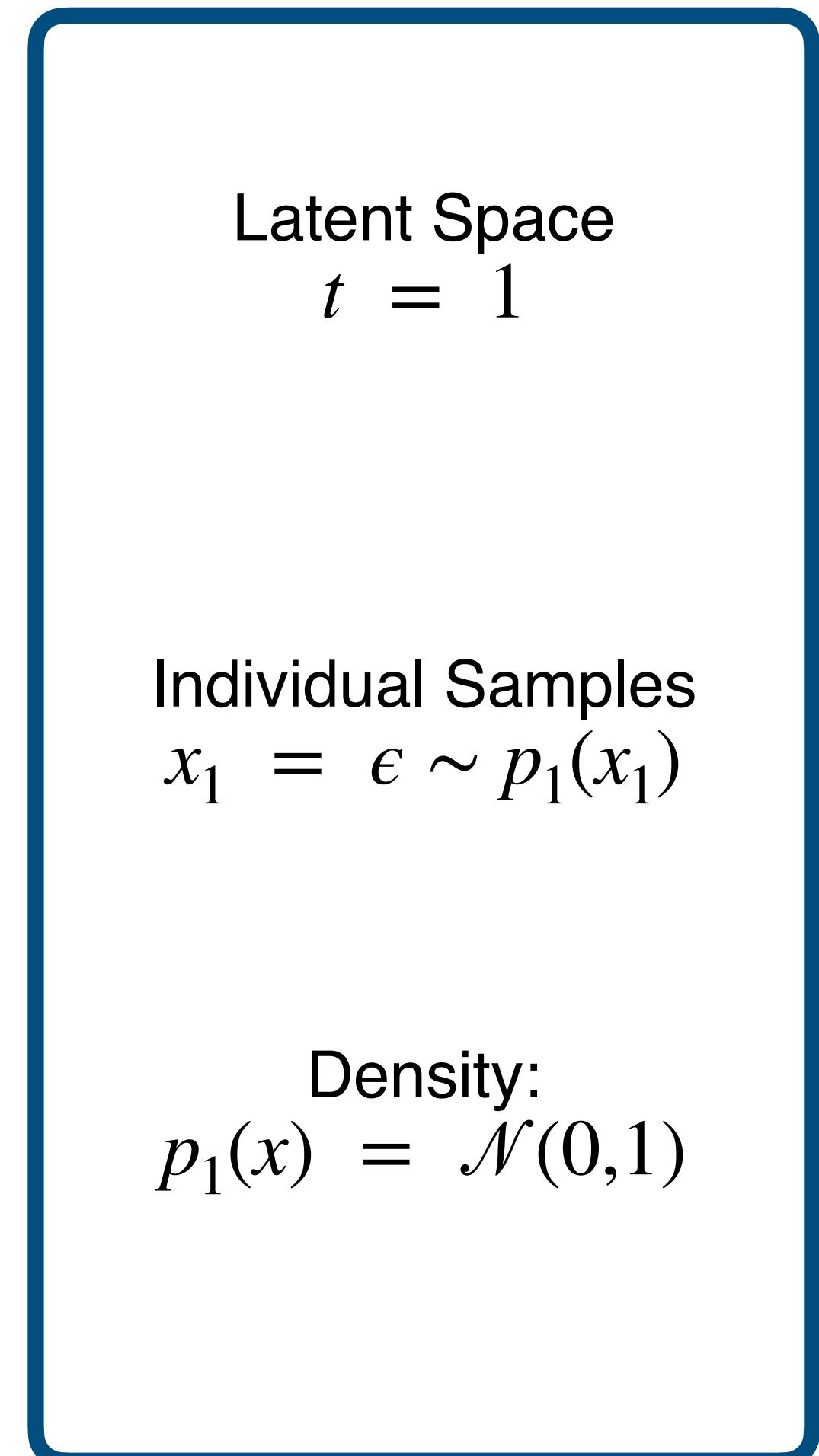
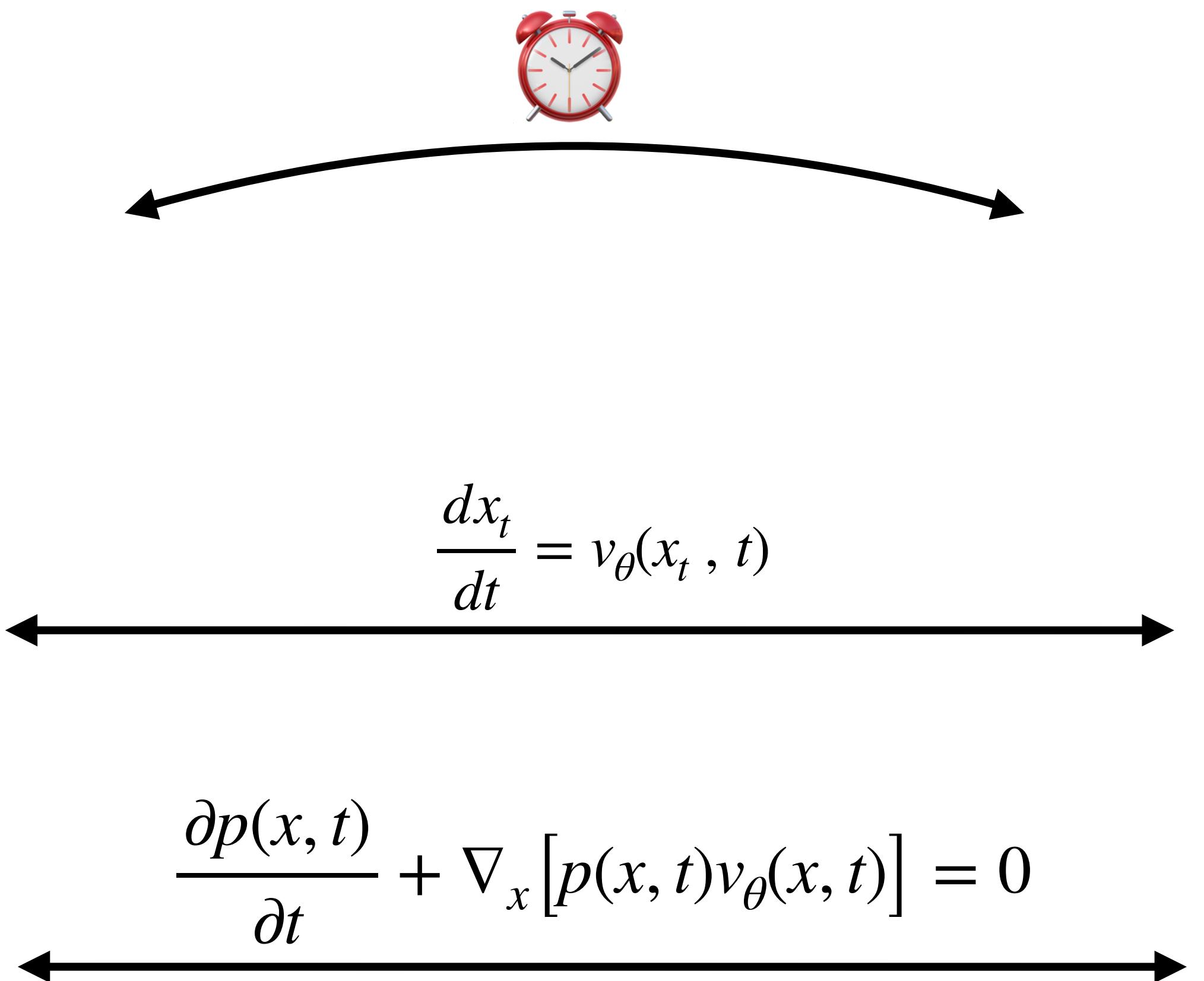
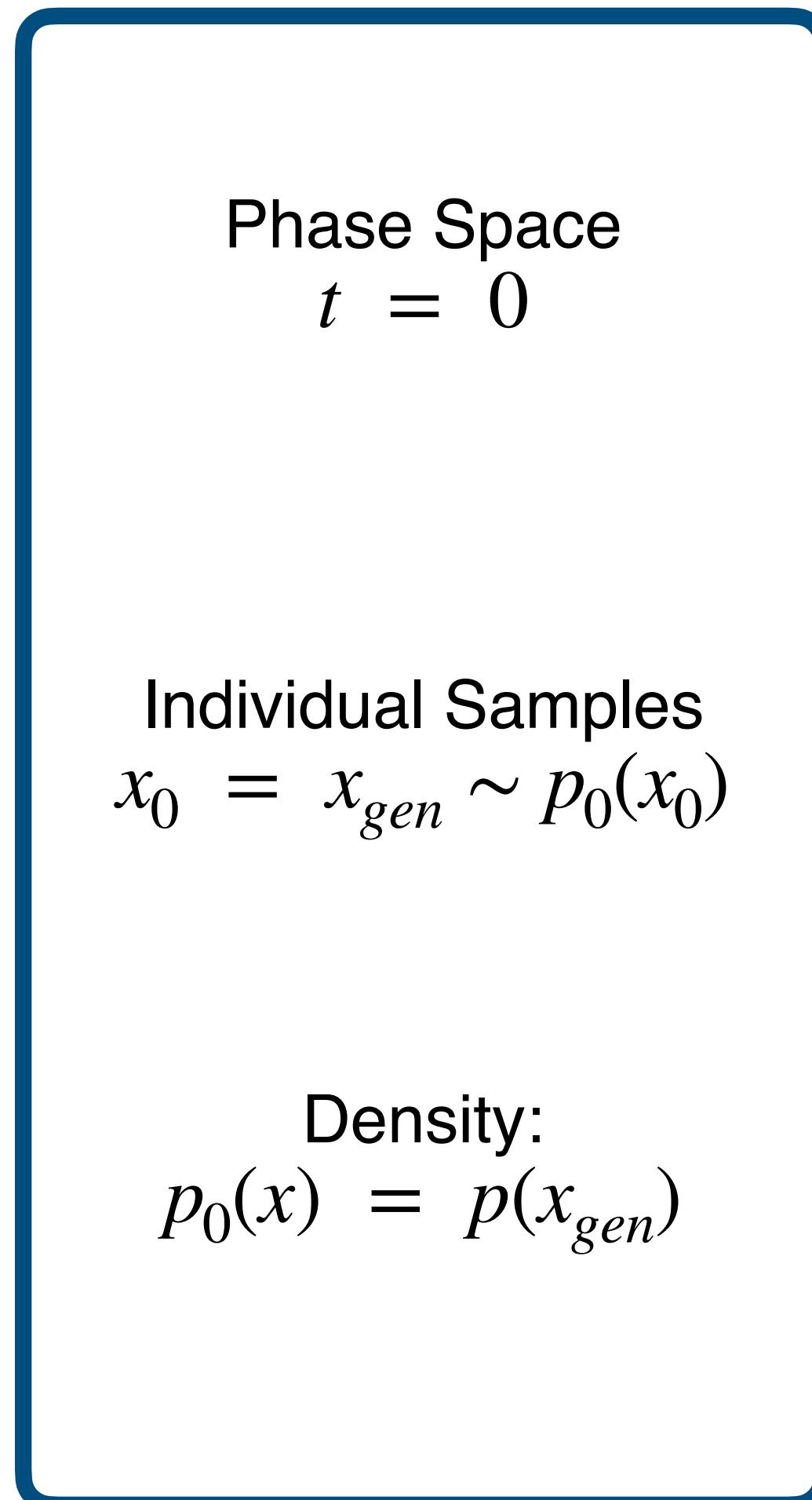


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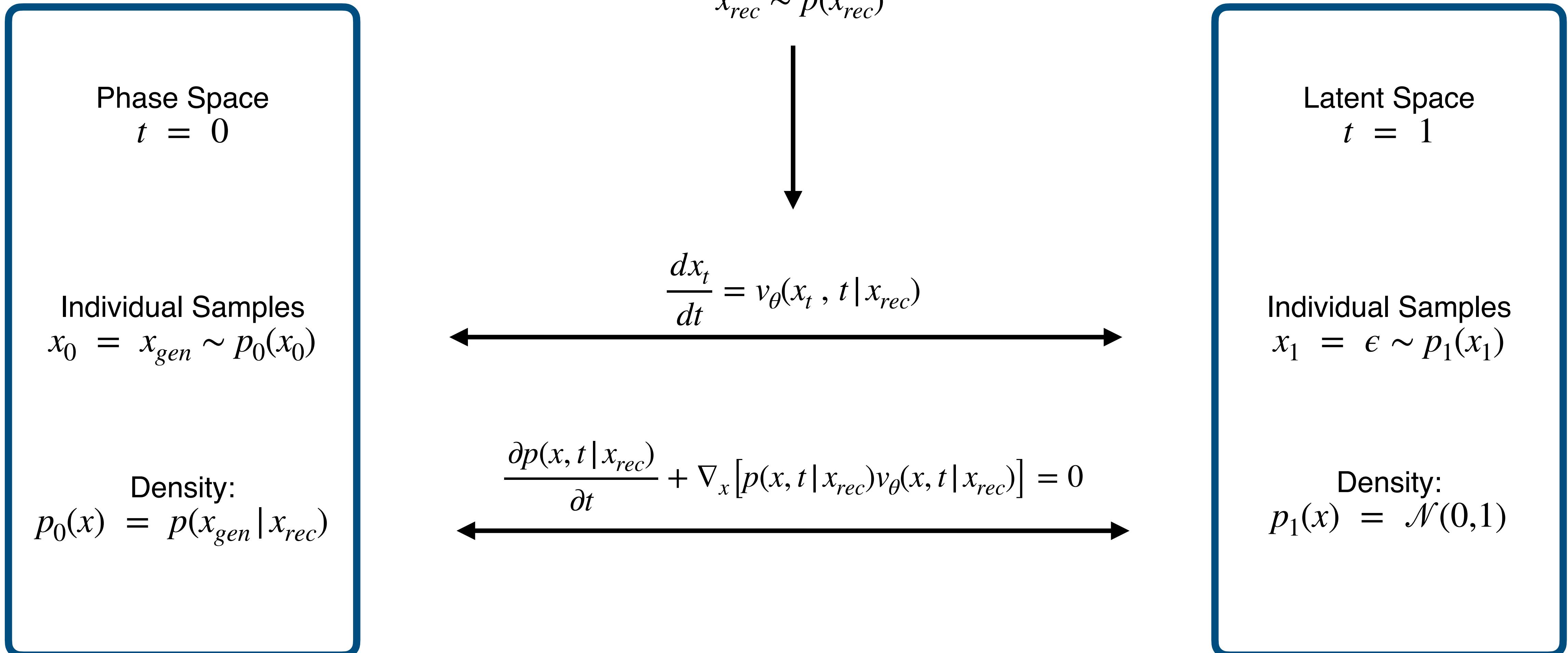


Evolution governed by  $v \equiv \frac{dx}{dt}$

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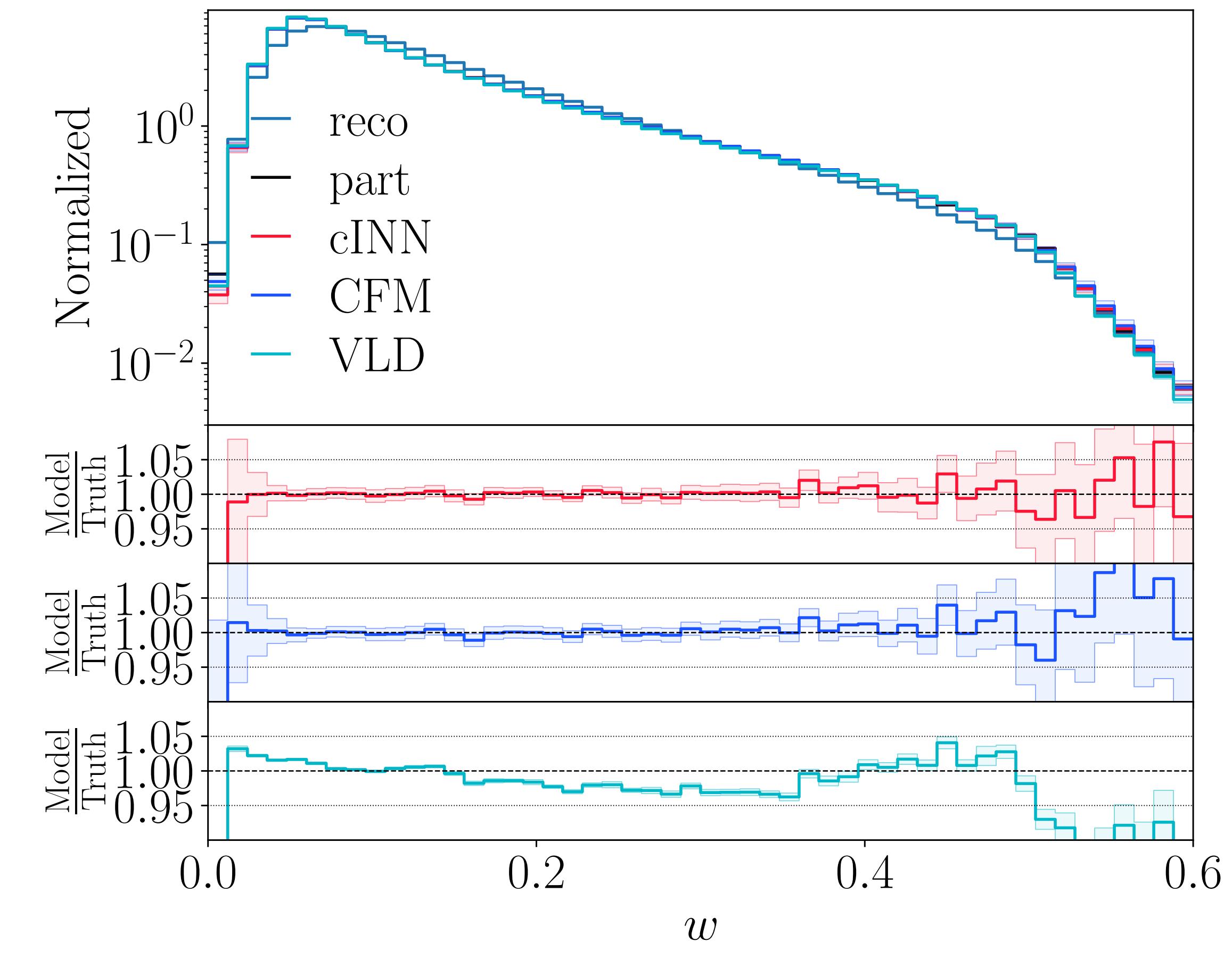
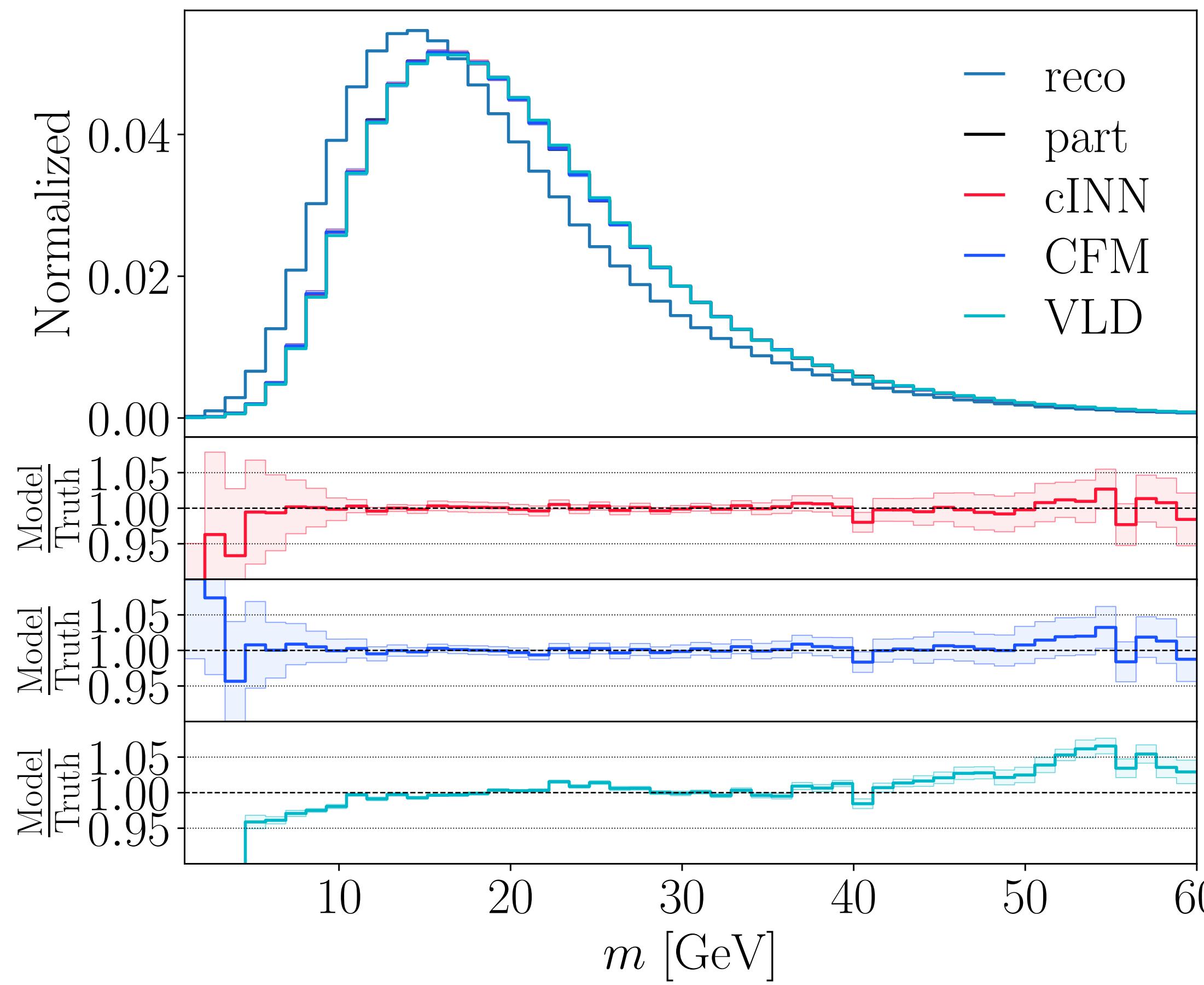


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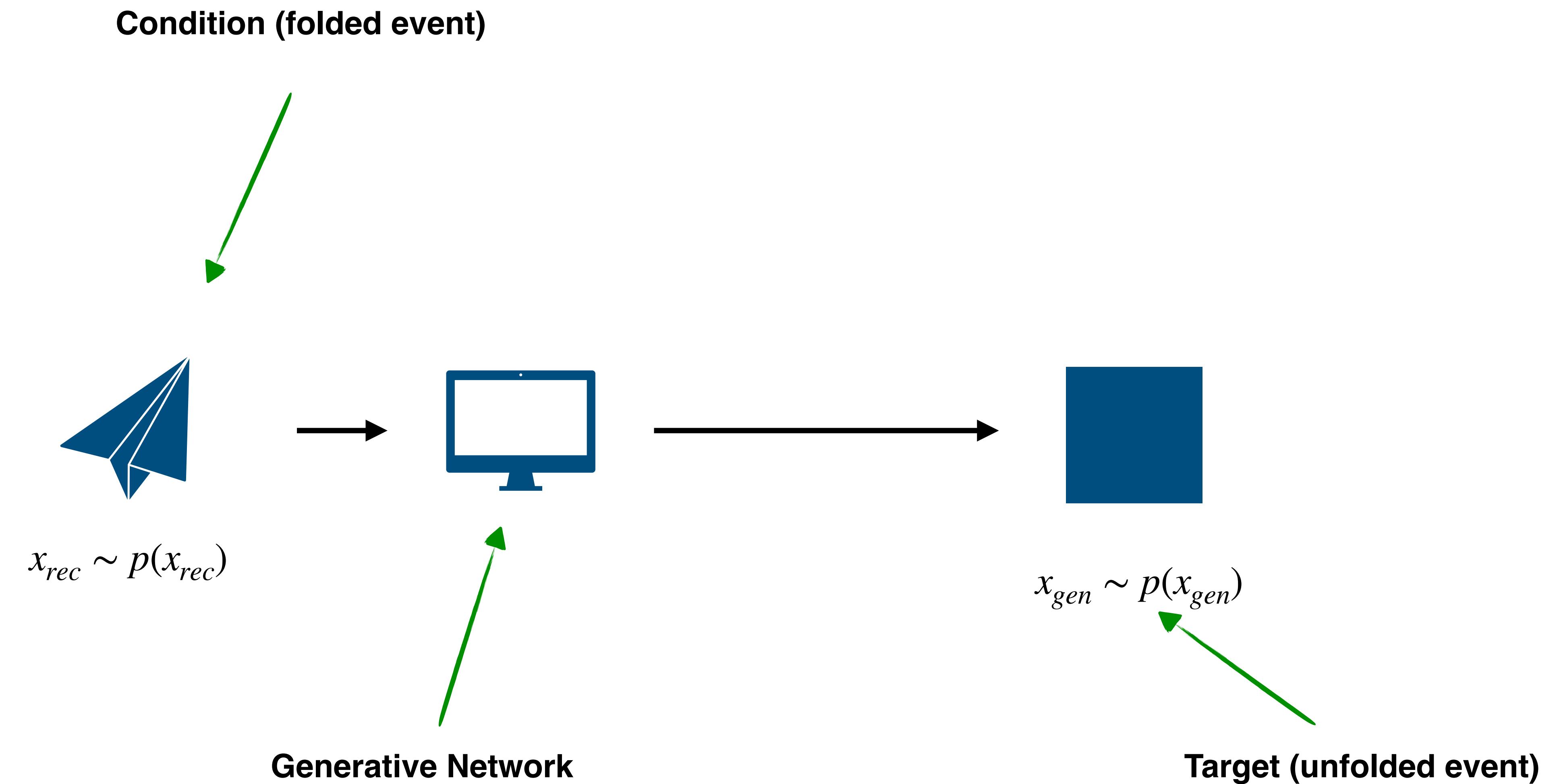


# Z + jet results

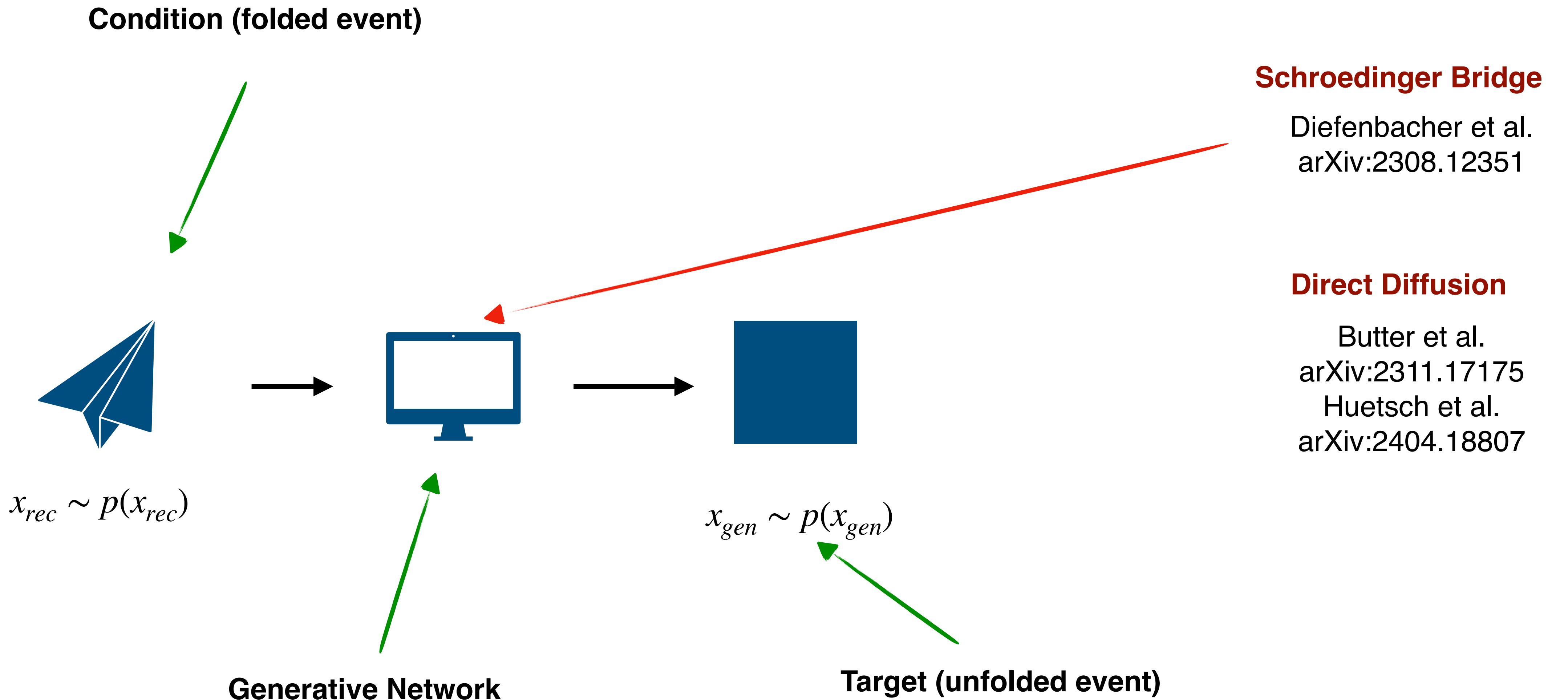
$pp \rightarrow Z + \text{jets}$  events following Andreassen et al. arXiv: 1911.09107



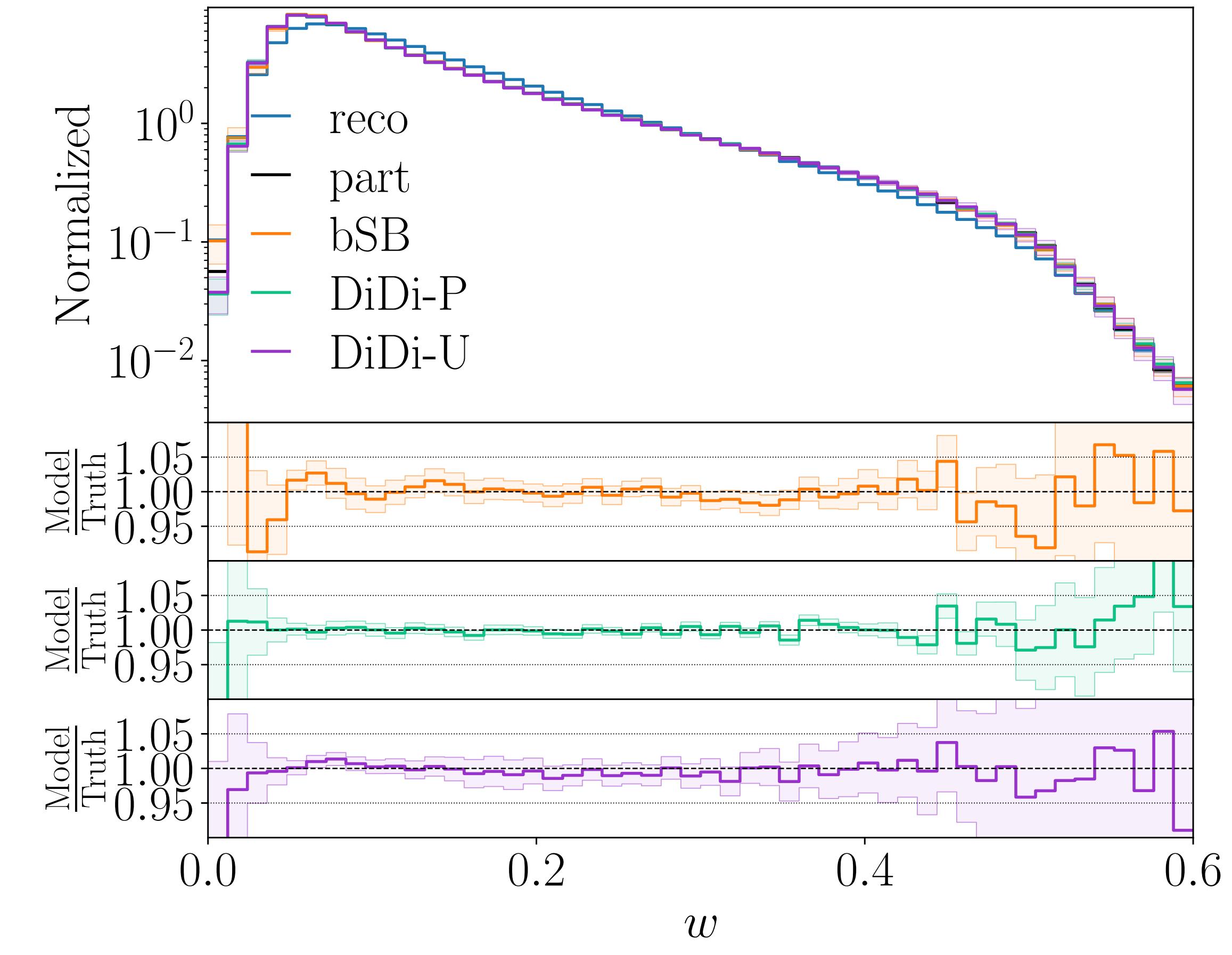
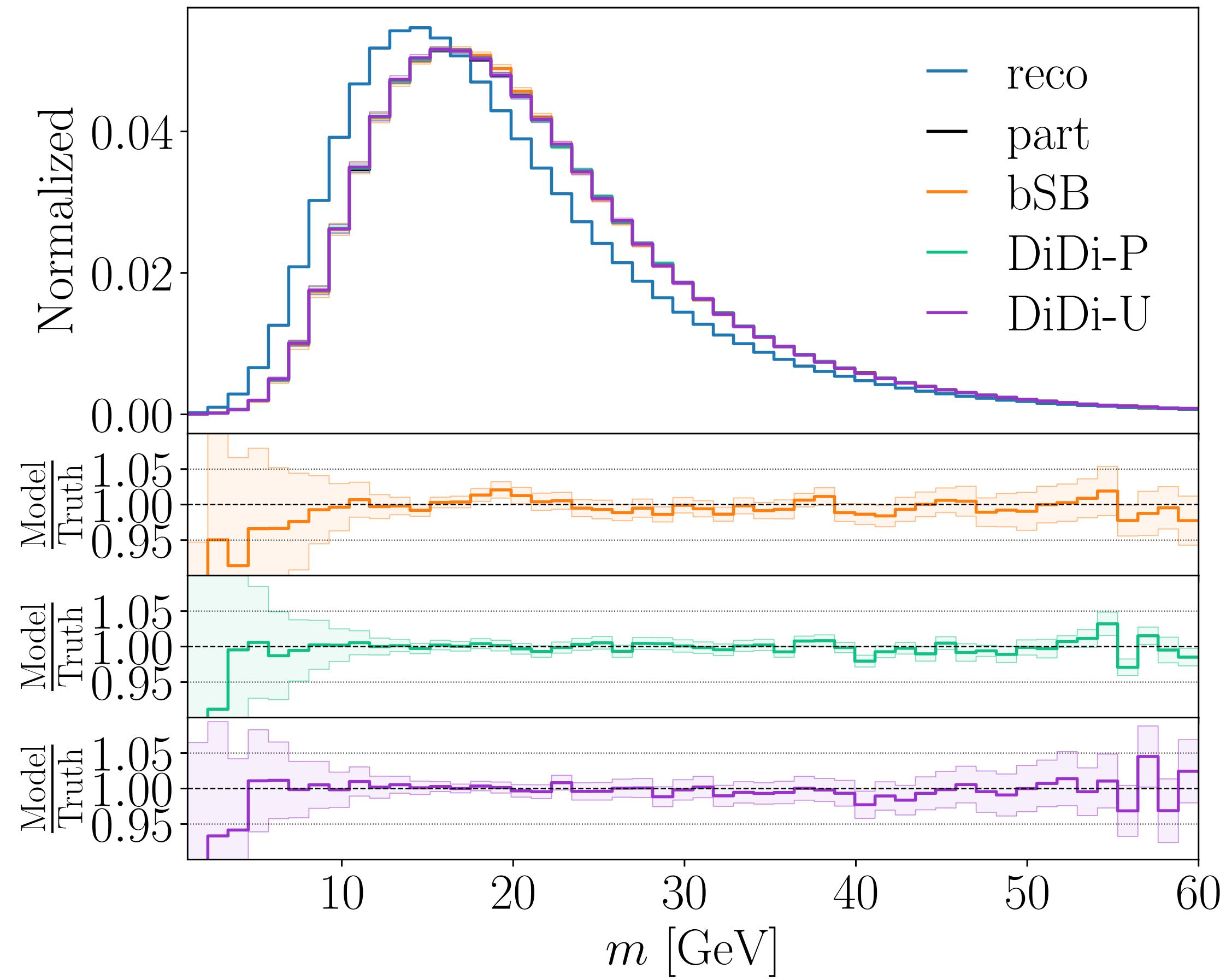
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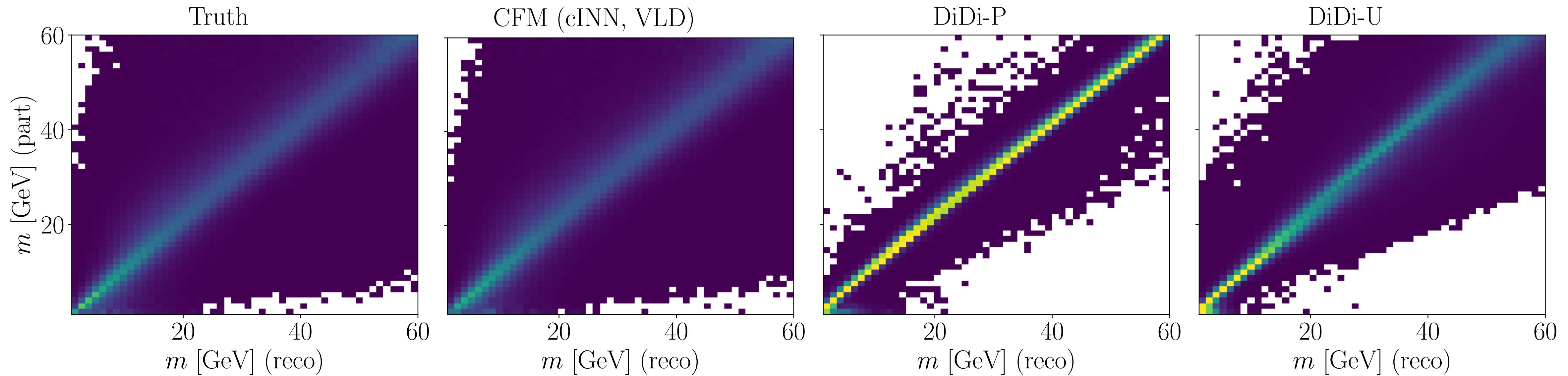
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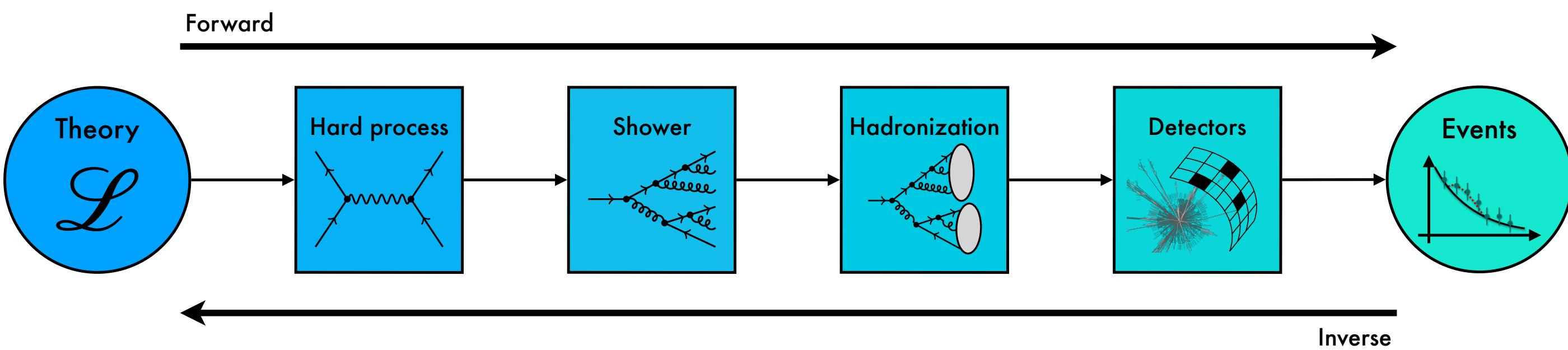
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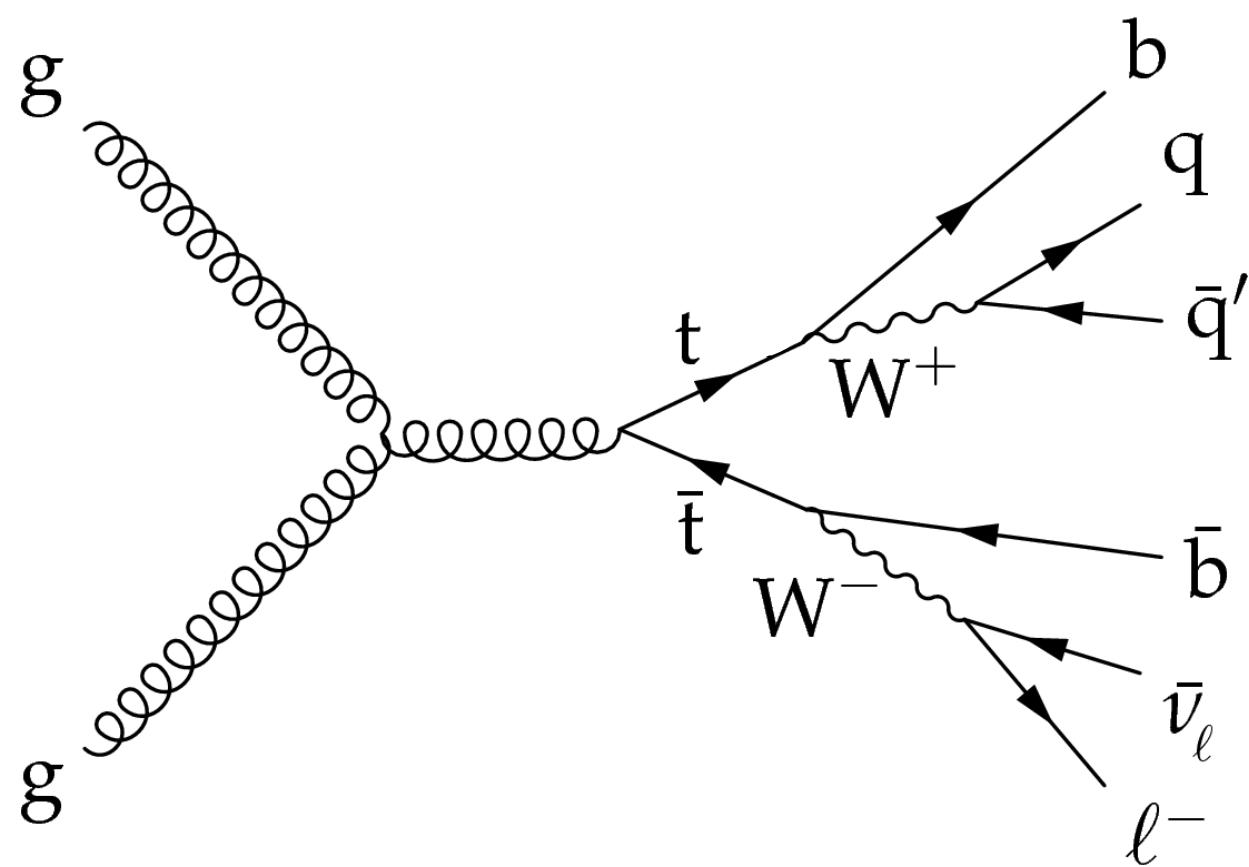
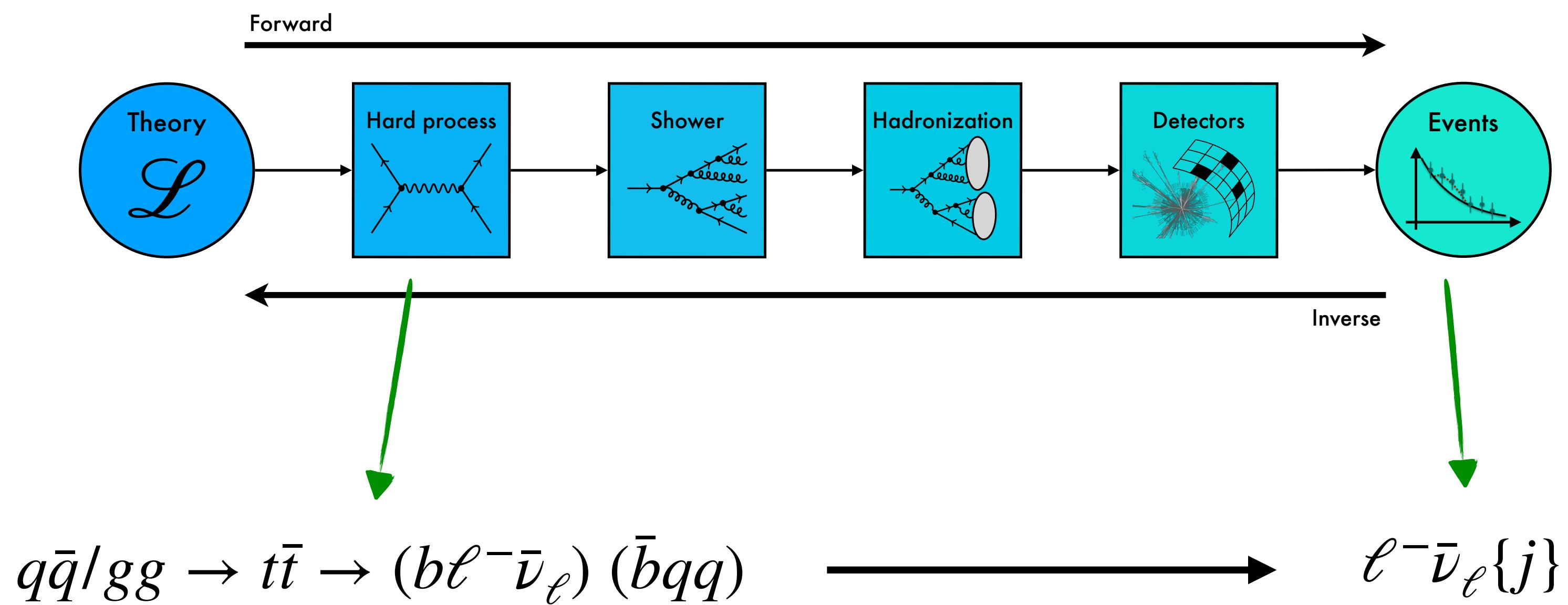
# Z + jet migration



# Parton-level unfolding – $t\bar{t}$ decay

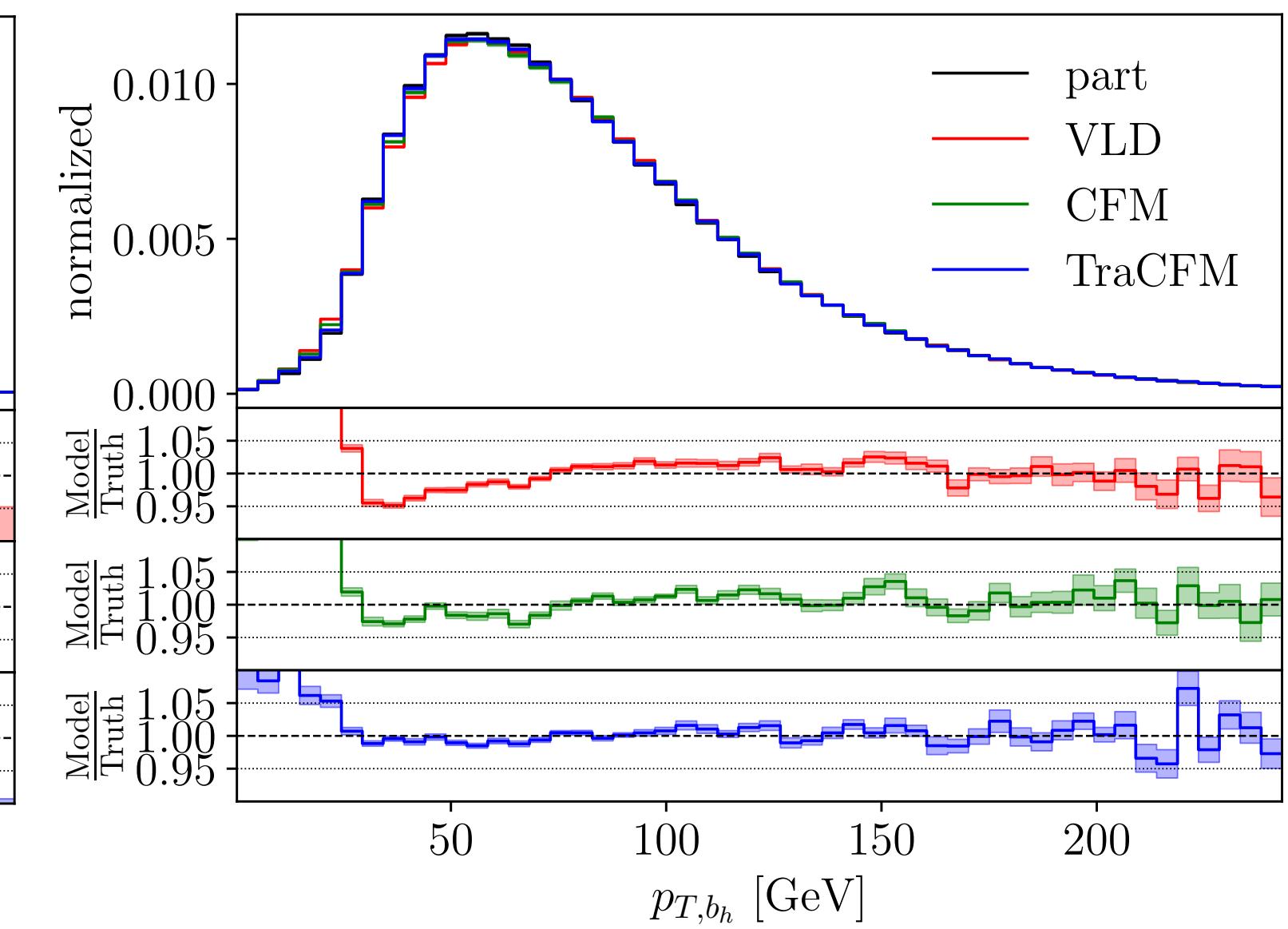
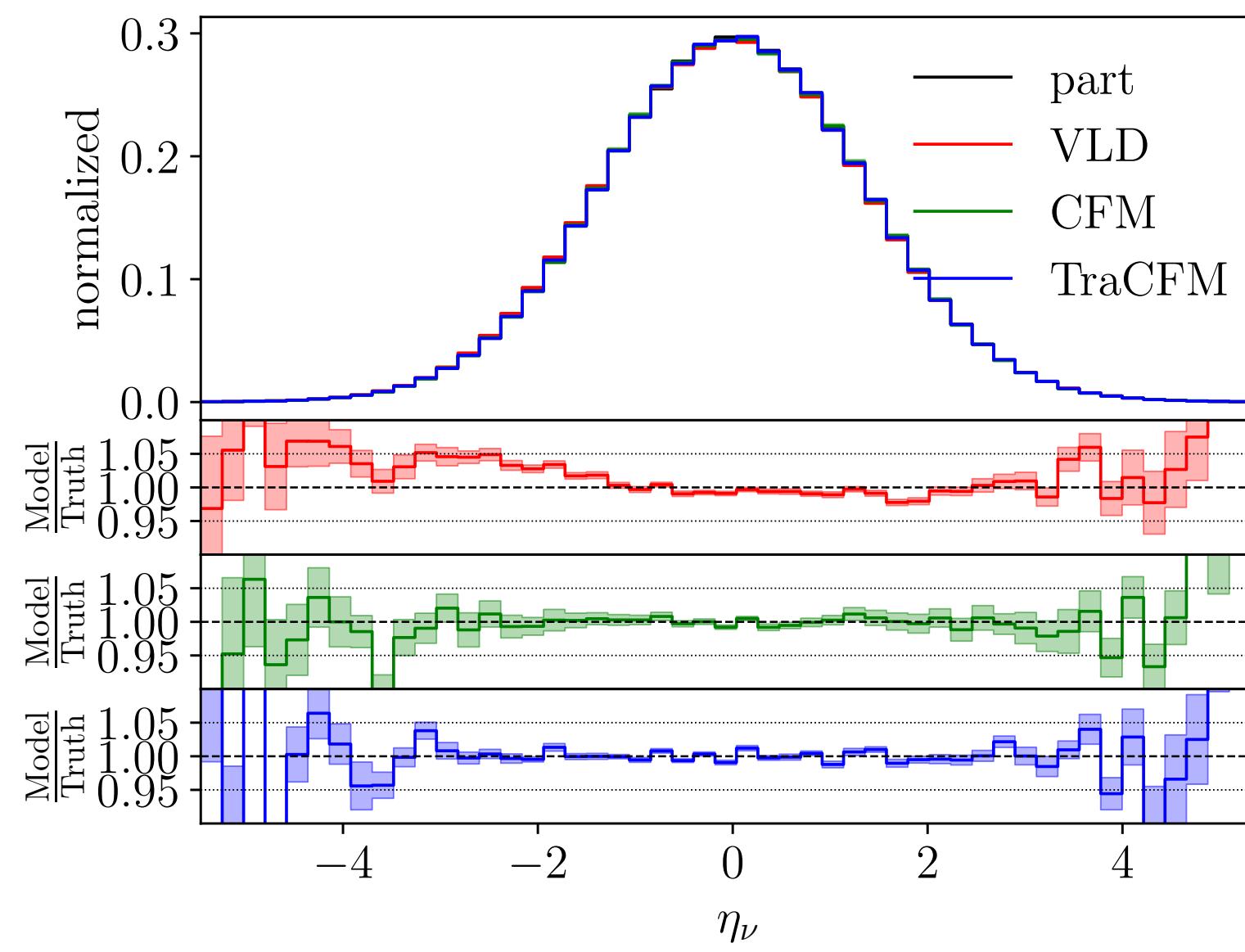
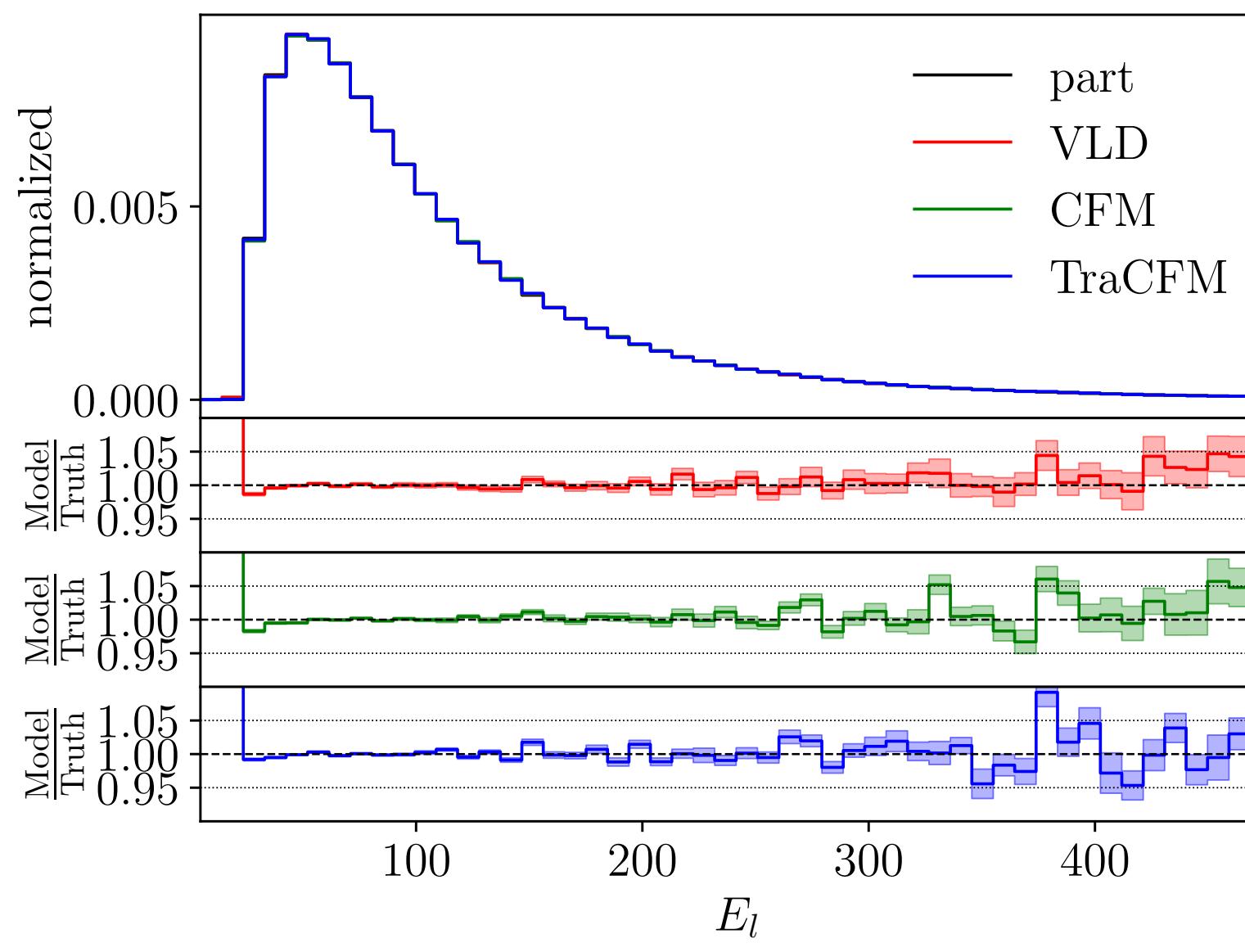
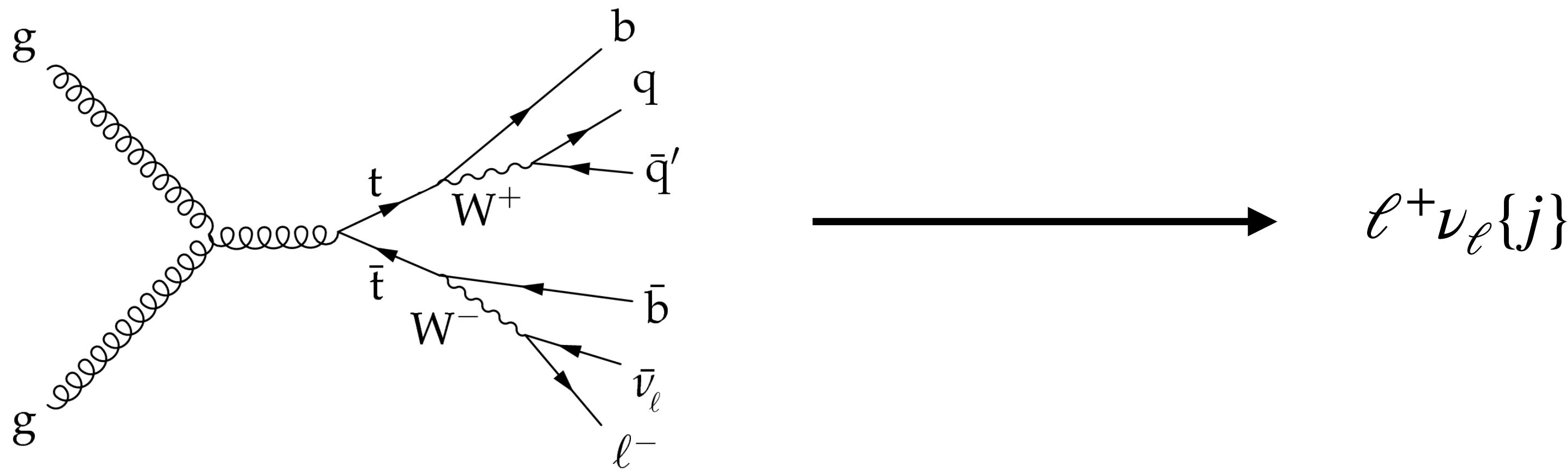


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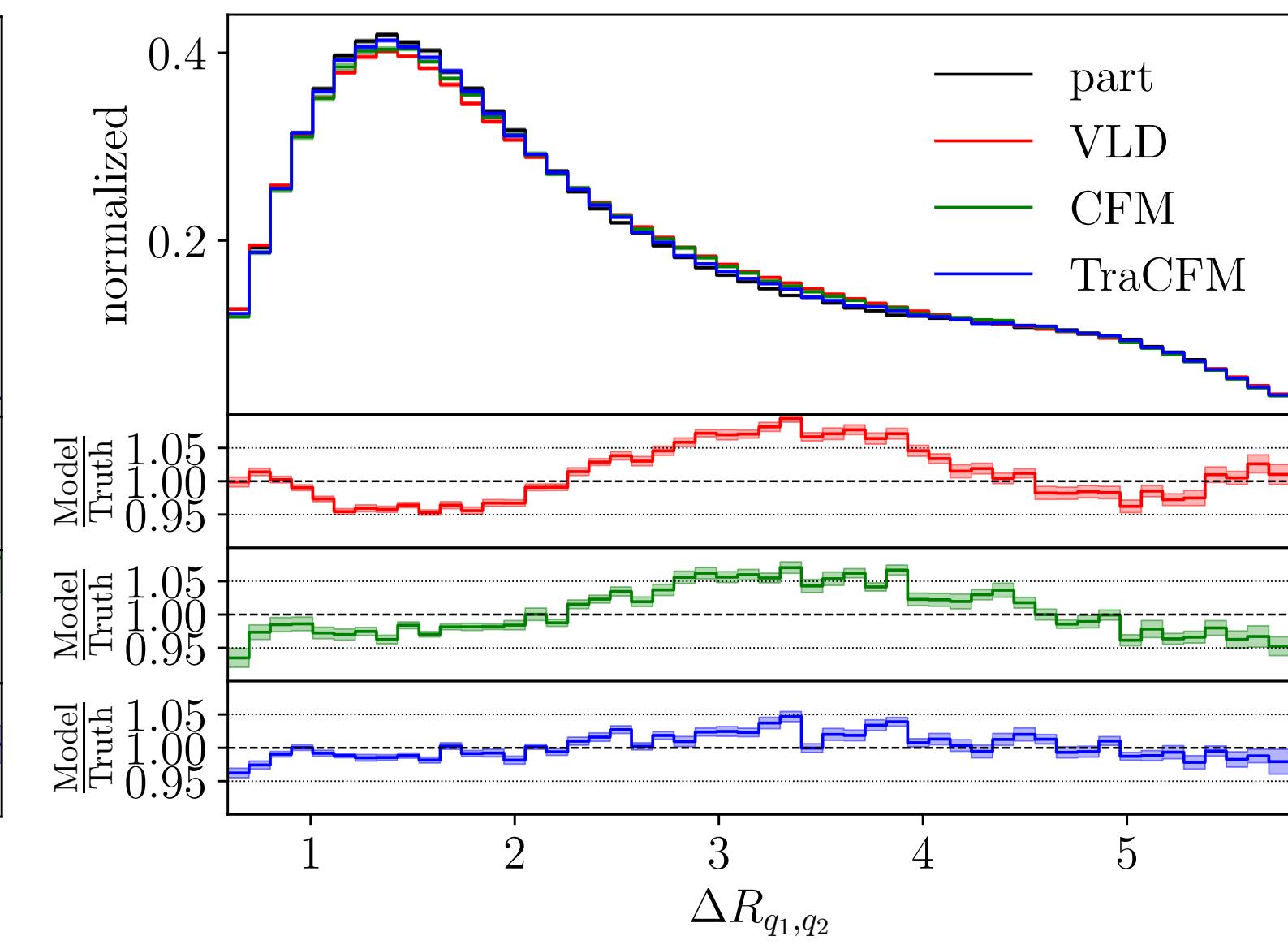
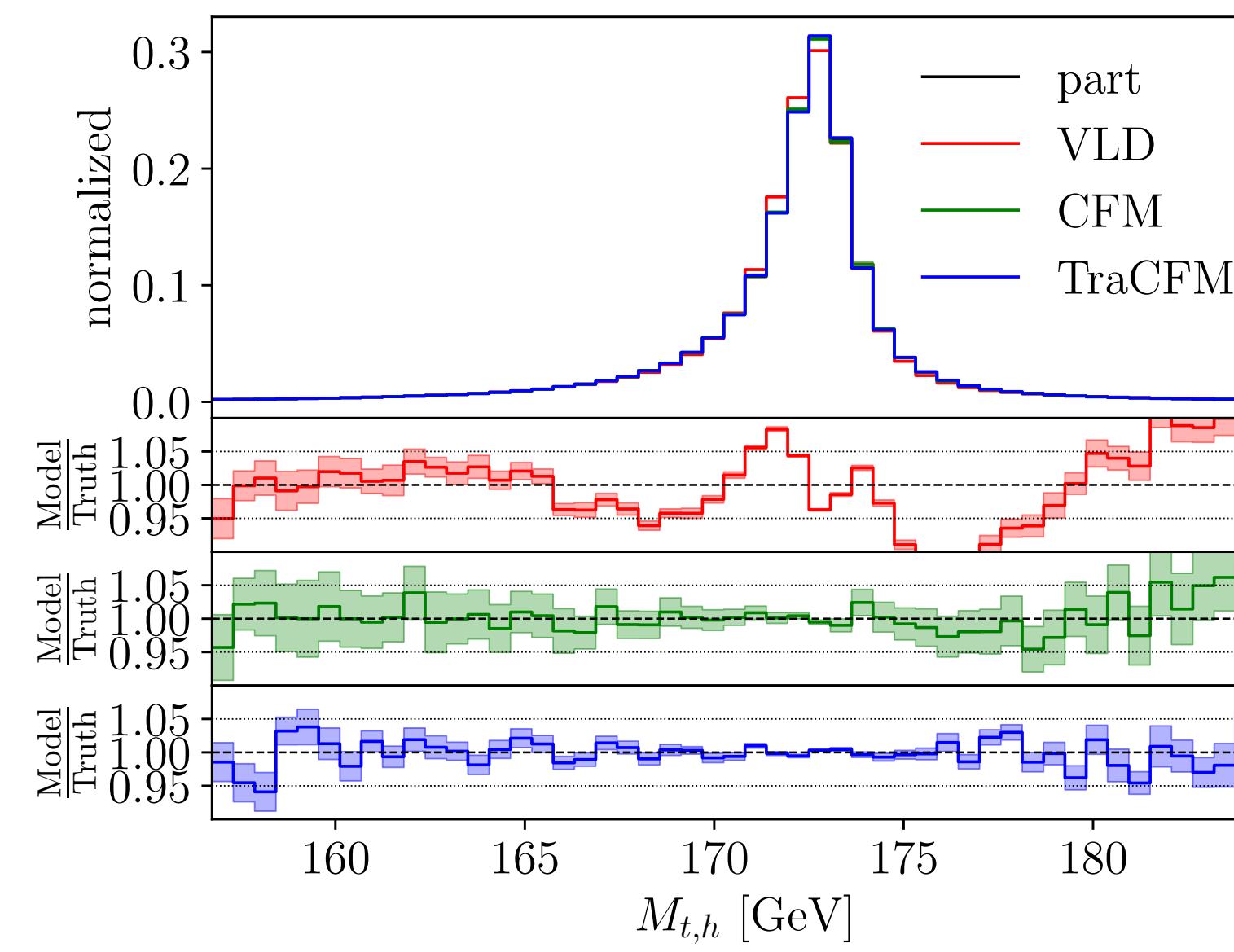
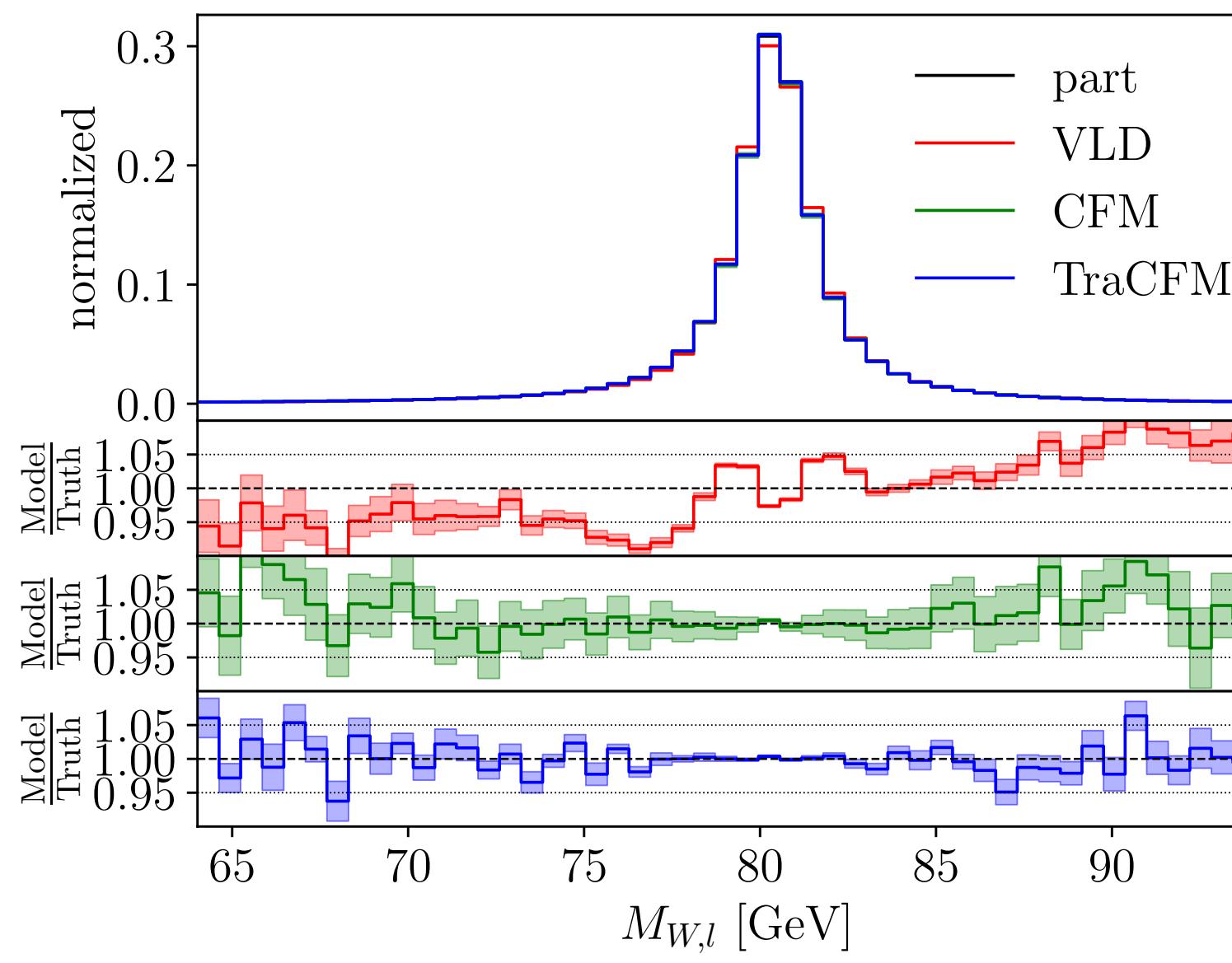
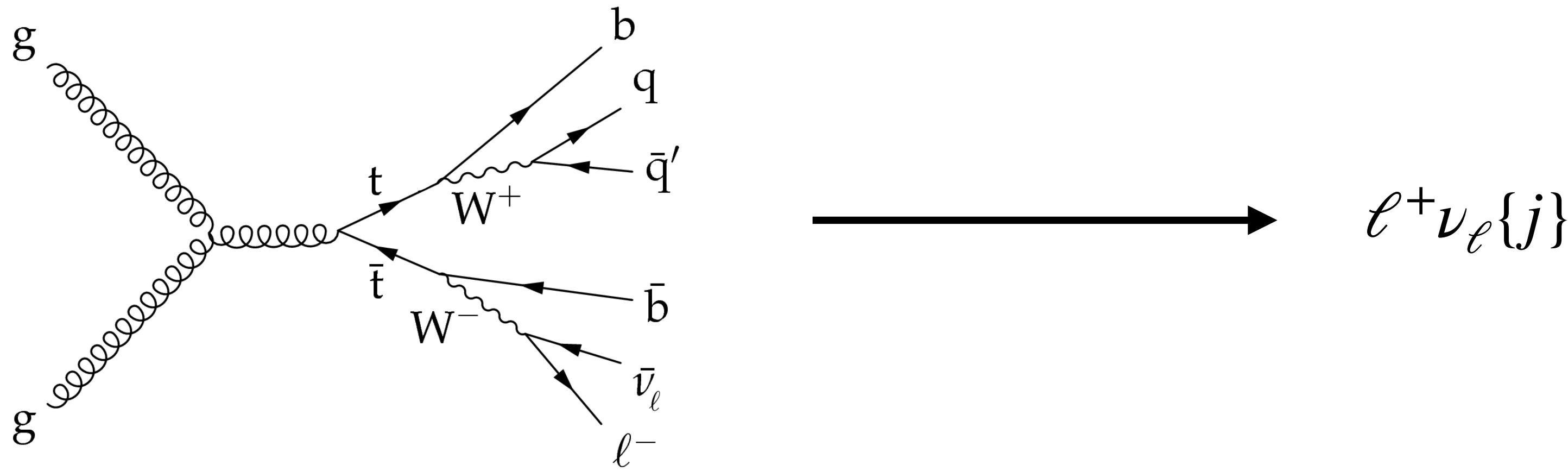


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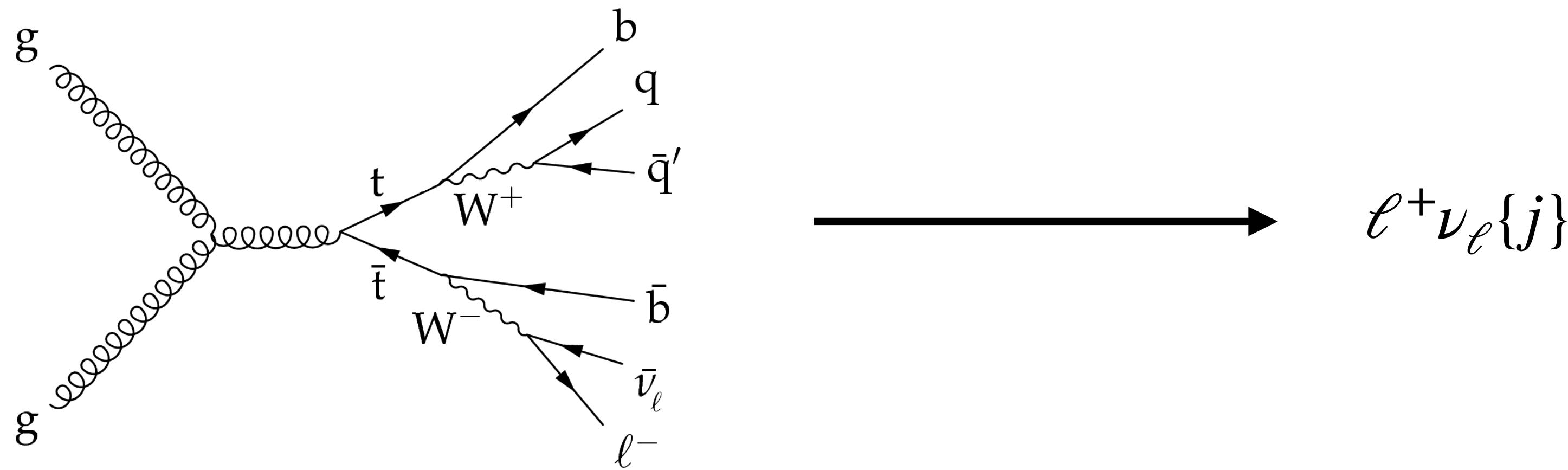
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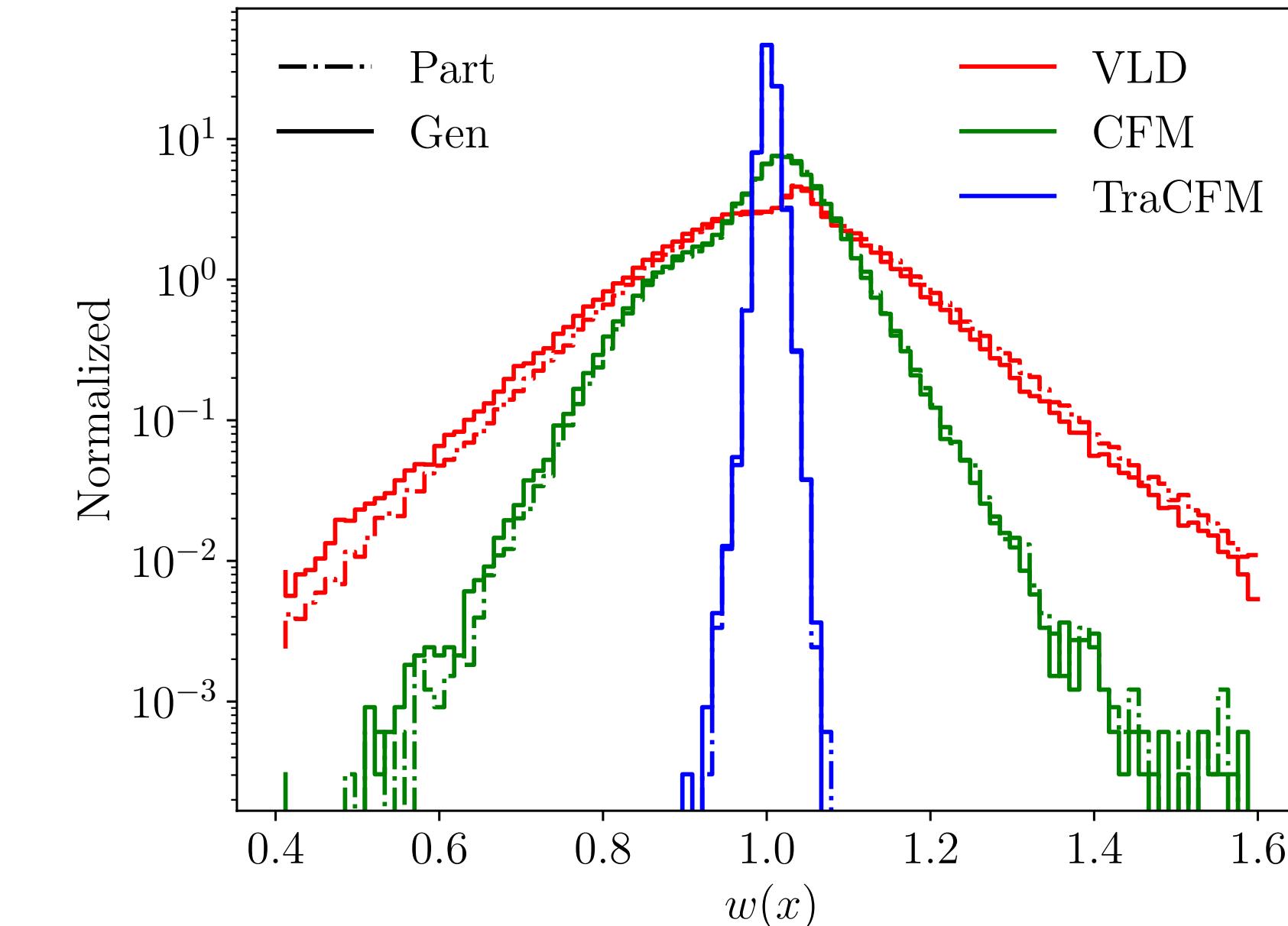
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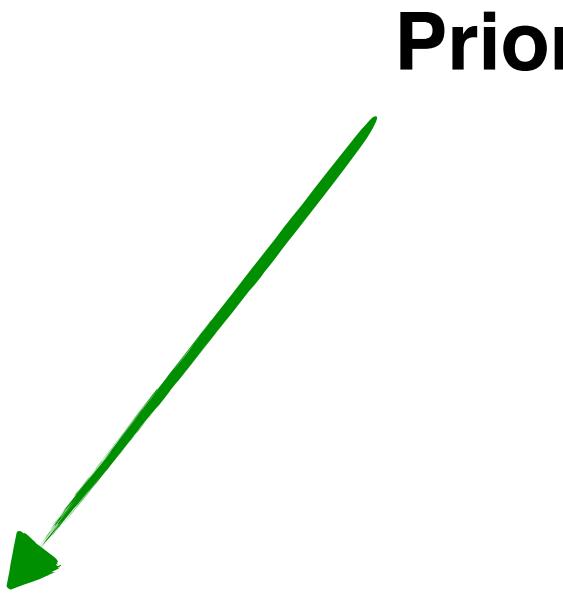
Train a classifier classifier  
between  $p_{gen}(x)$  and  $p_{unfold}(x)$

It learns the likelihood ratio

$$w(x) = \frac{p_{gen}(x)}{p_{unfold}(x)}$$



# What about model dependence?

$$p(x_{gen} | x_{rec}) = \frac{p(x_{rec} | x_{gen}) \mathbf{p}(x_{gen})}{p(x_{rec})}$$


Prior

# What about model dependence?

This problem is common to a long list of unfolding methods, with and without ML

Solution: Follow an iterative approach where we update our prior after each iteration

The same is done in Iterative Bayesian Unfolding, RooUnfold

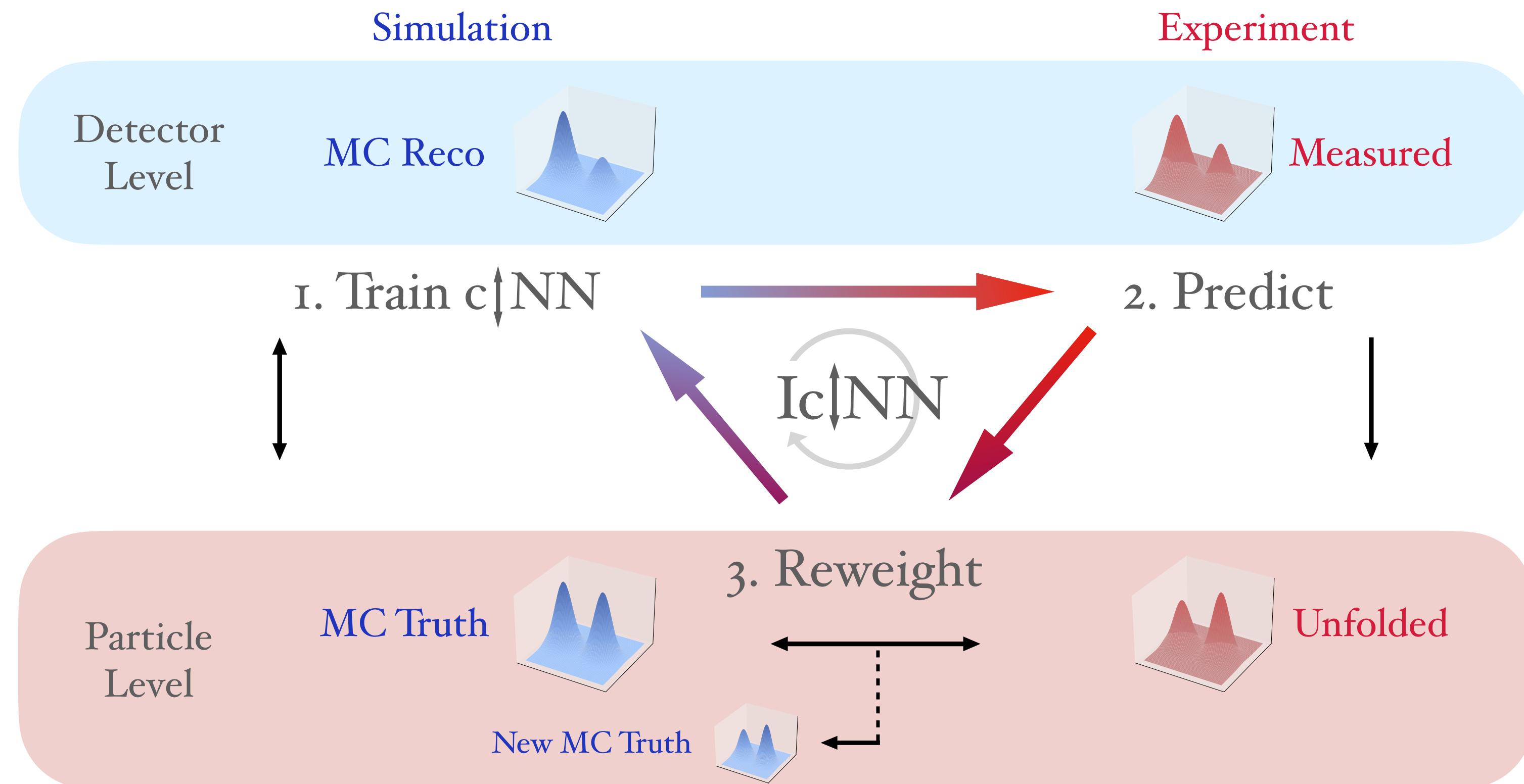
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**Prior**

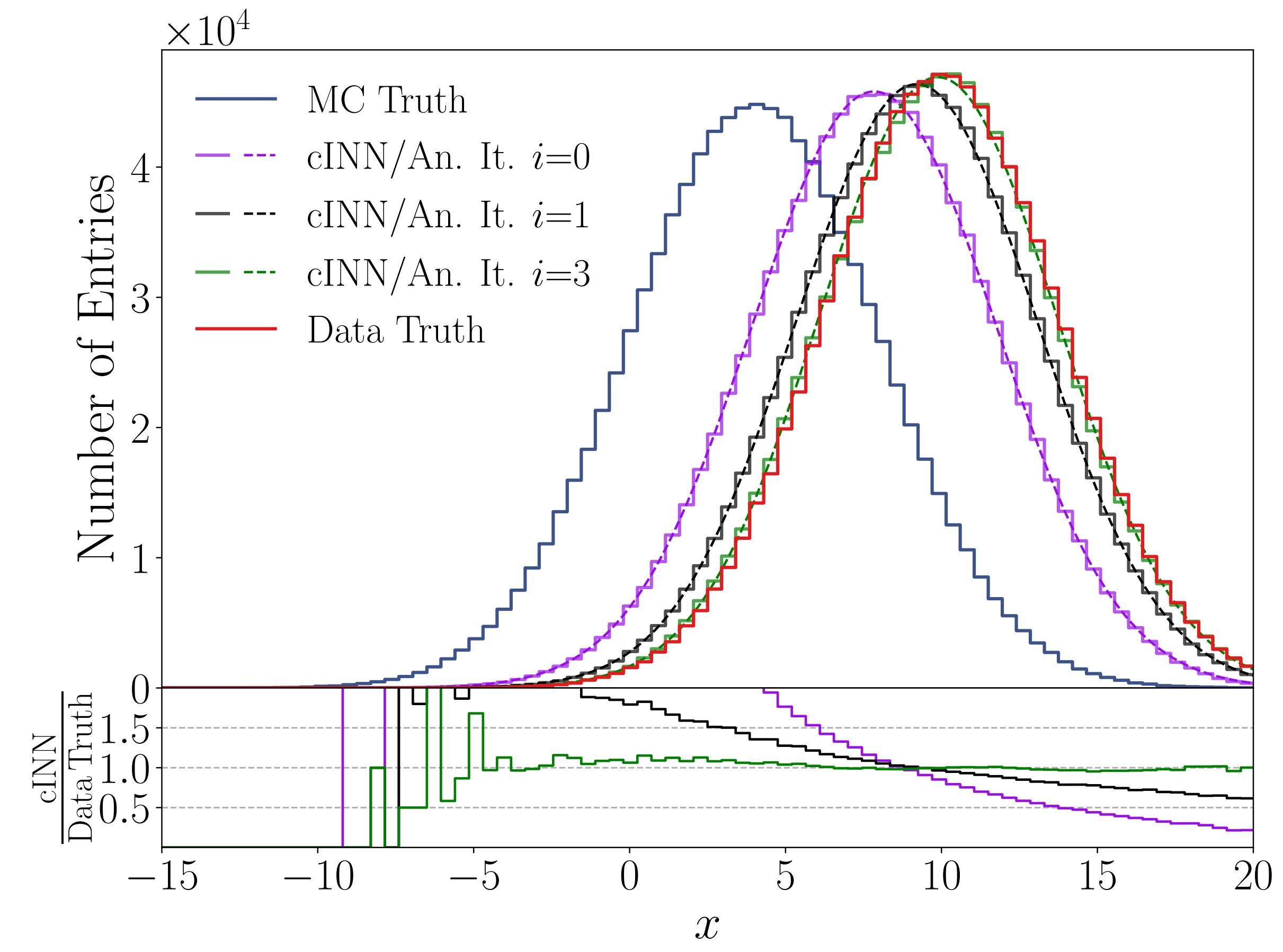
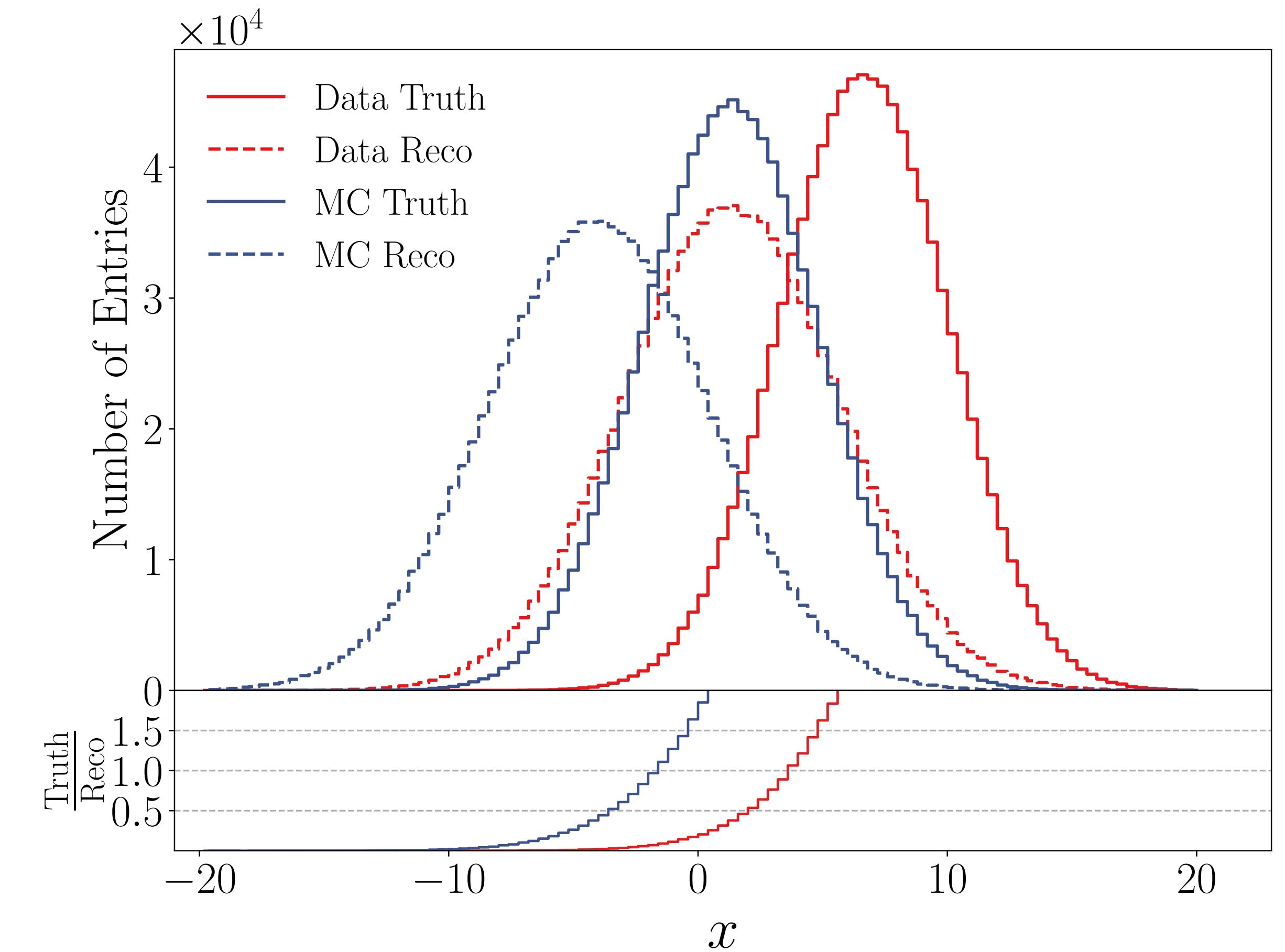
$$p_{unfold}(x_{gen}) = \int p_{data}(x_{rec}) p(x_{gen} | x_{rec}) dx_{rec}$$

**Use as new prior and start over**

# Iterative generative unfolding

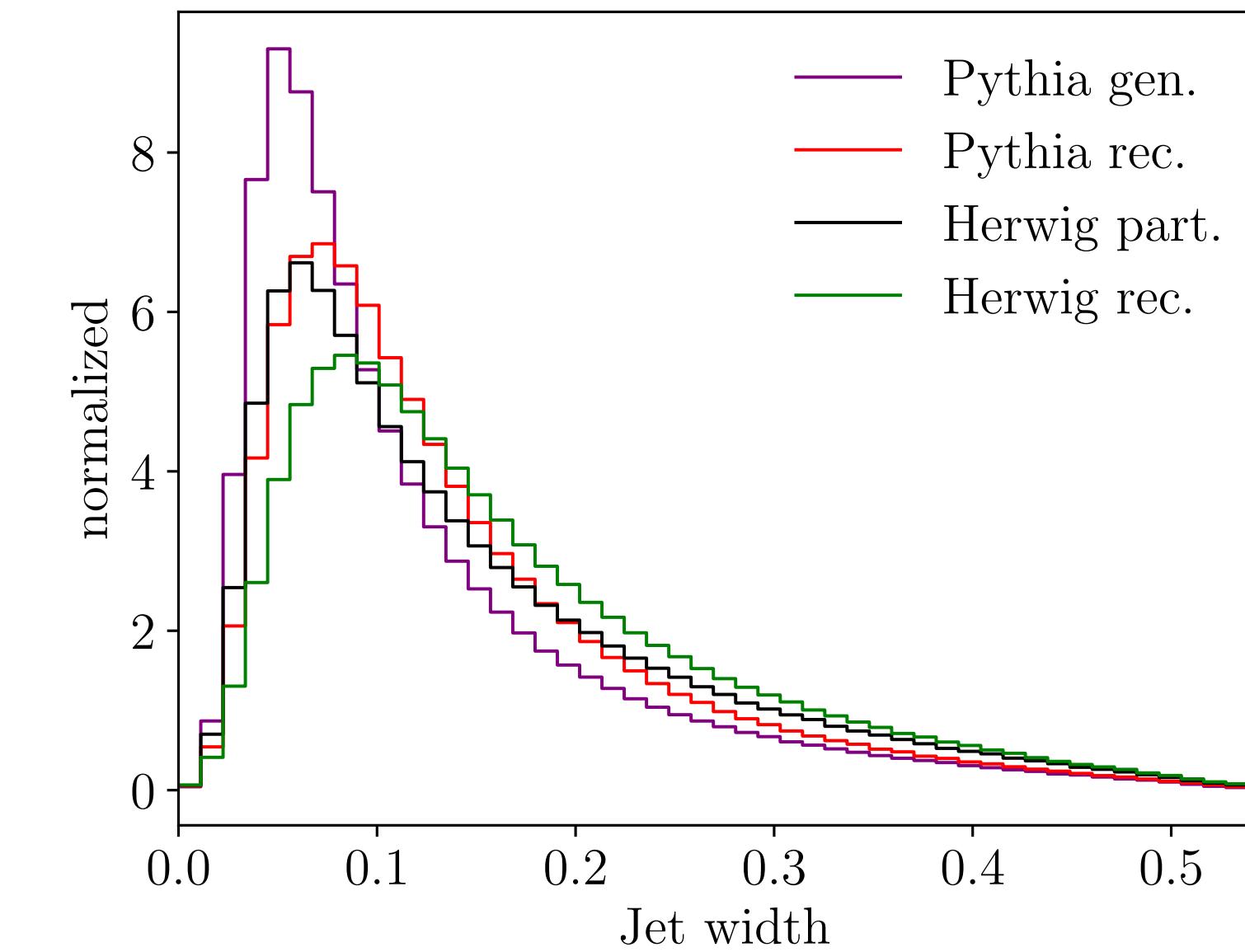


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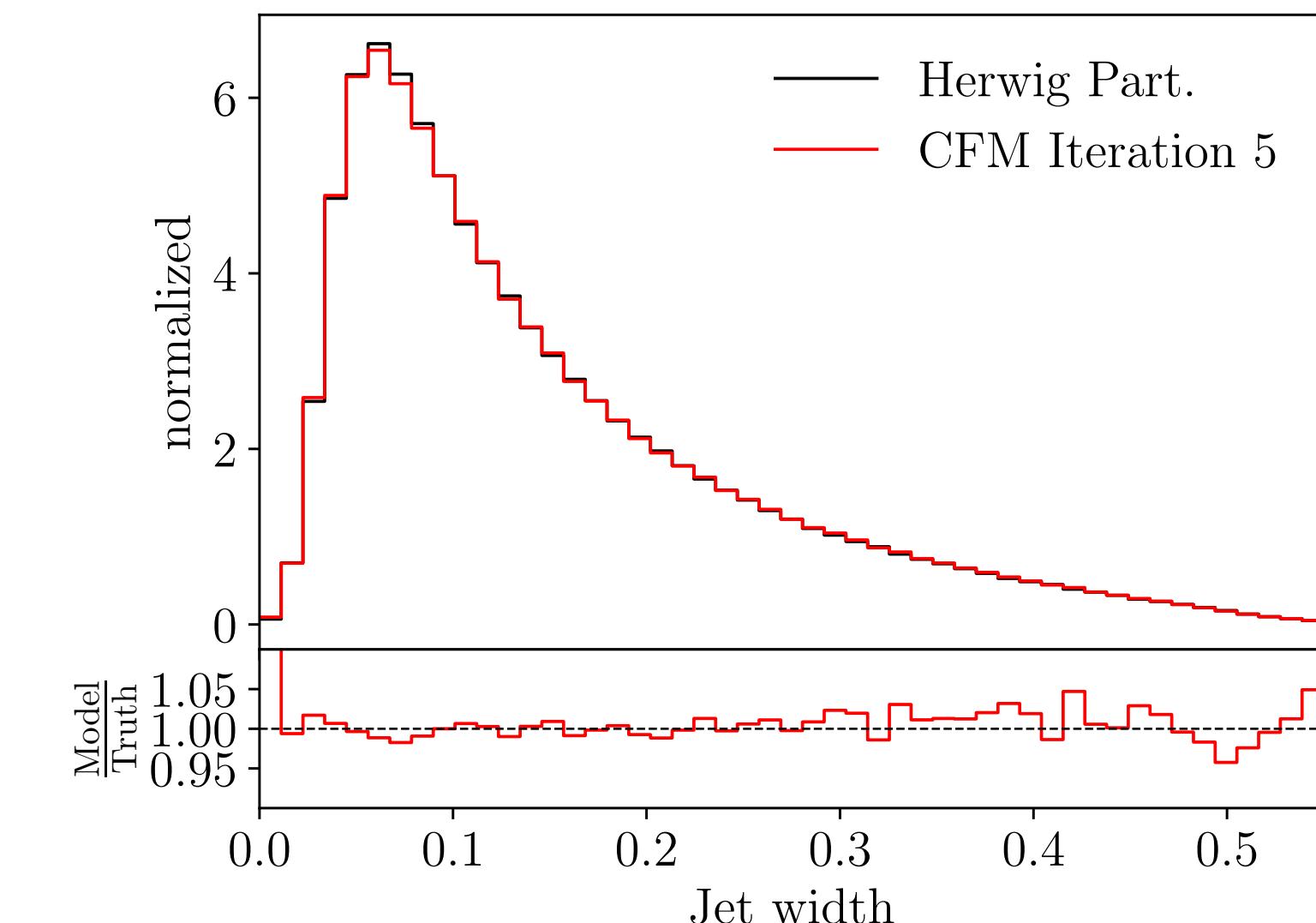
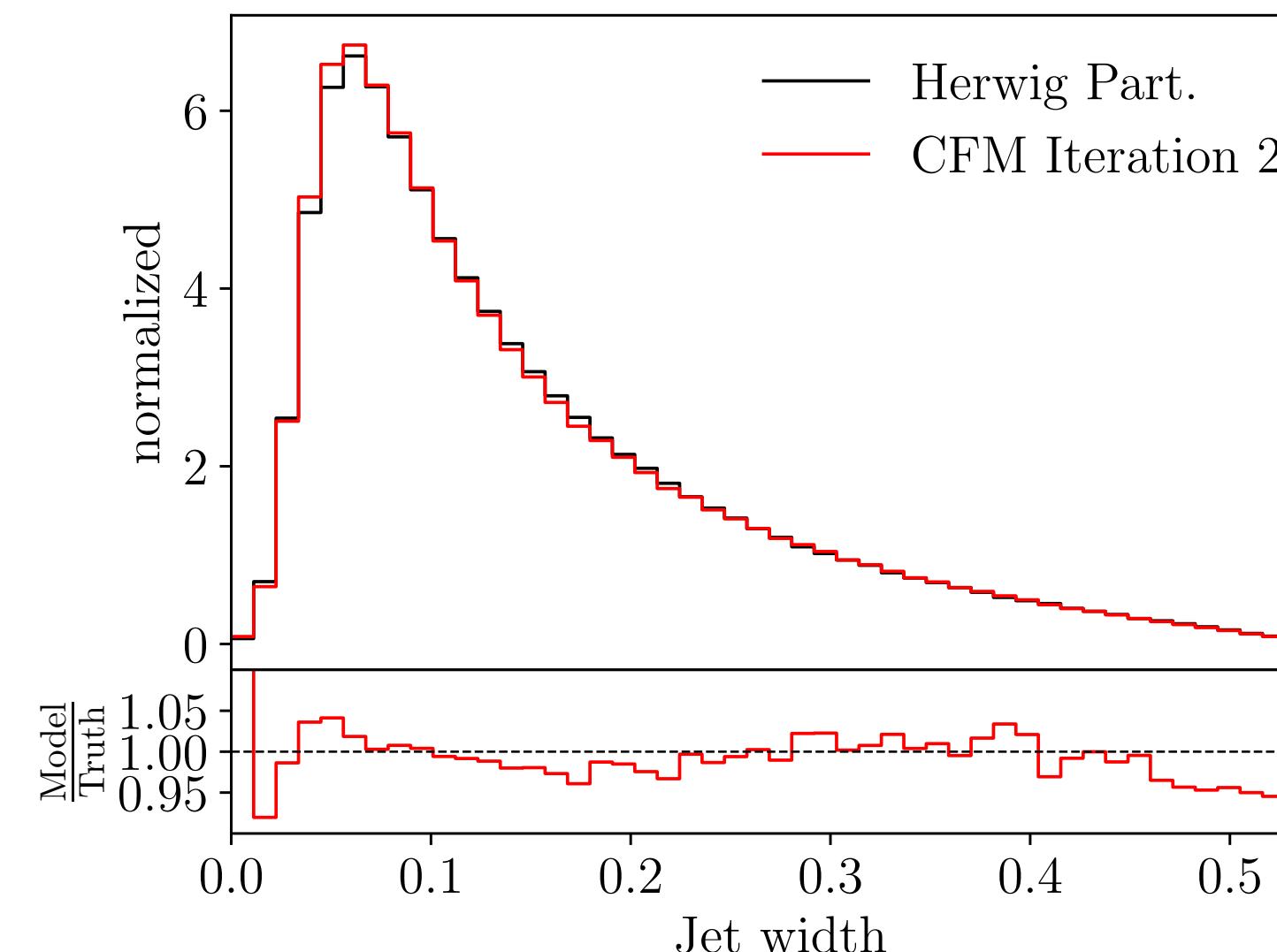
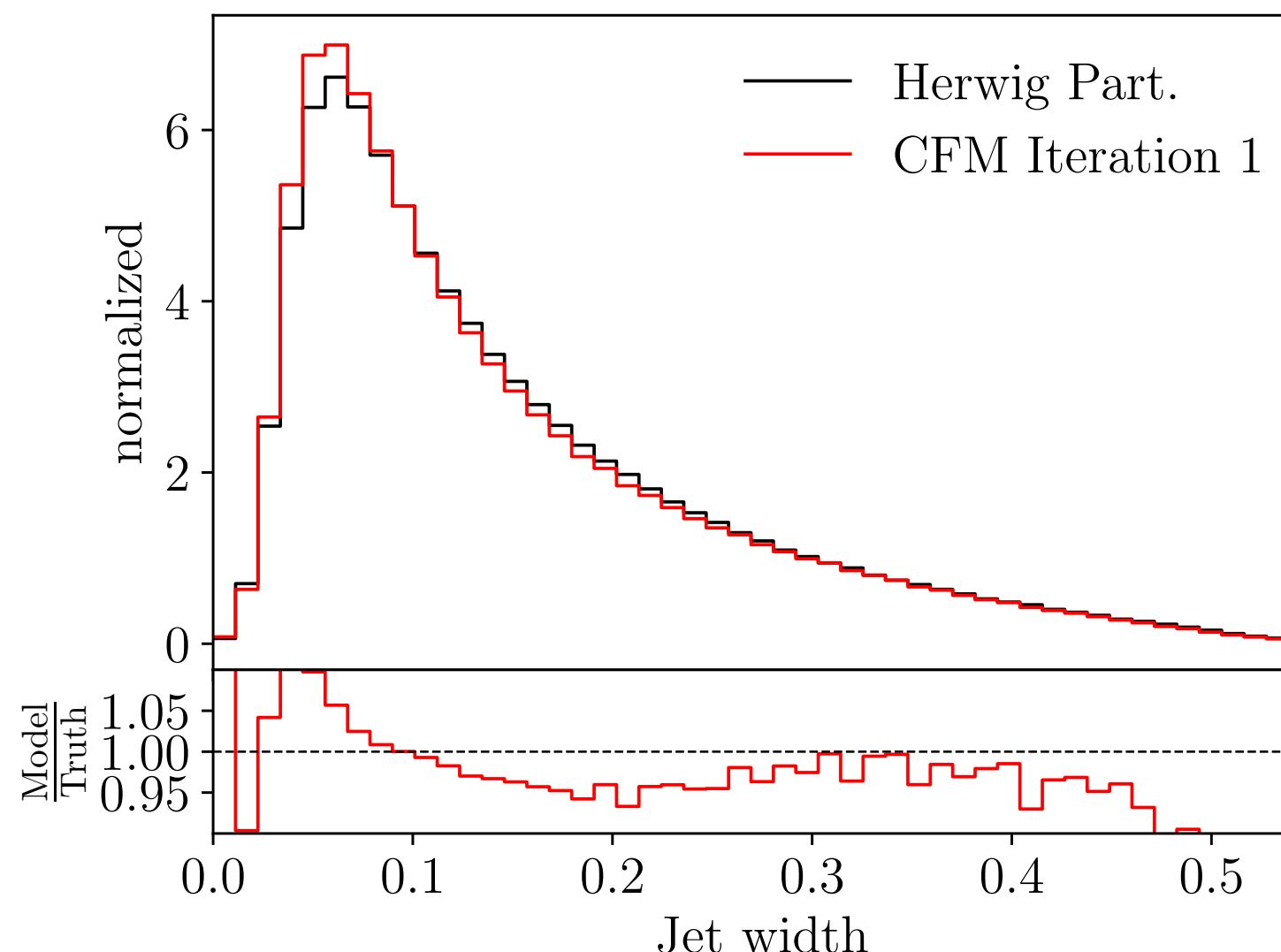


# Z+jets: Pythia vs Herwig simulation

Use Pythia simulation as MC  
Use Herwig simulation as Data



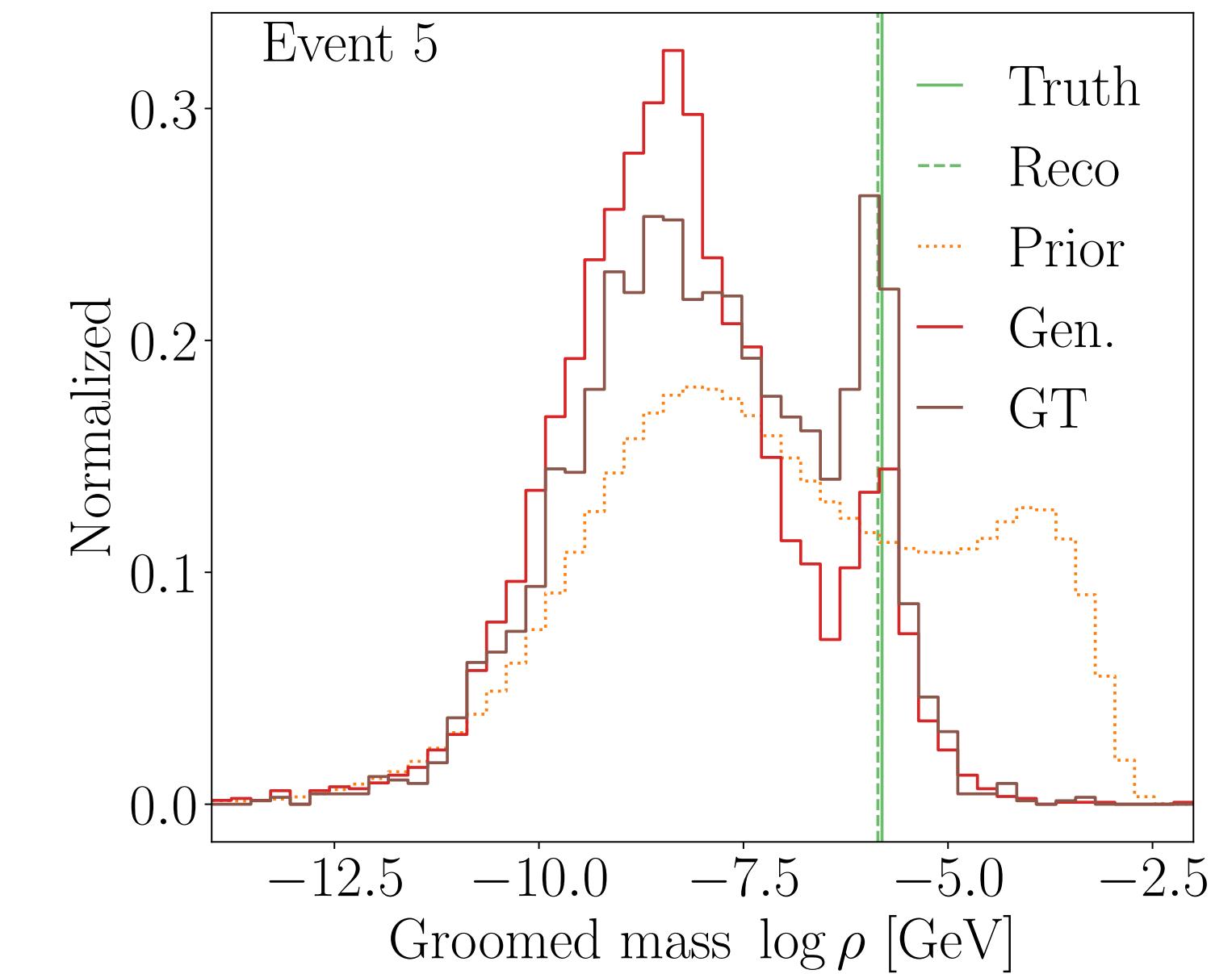
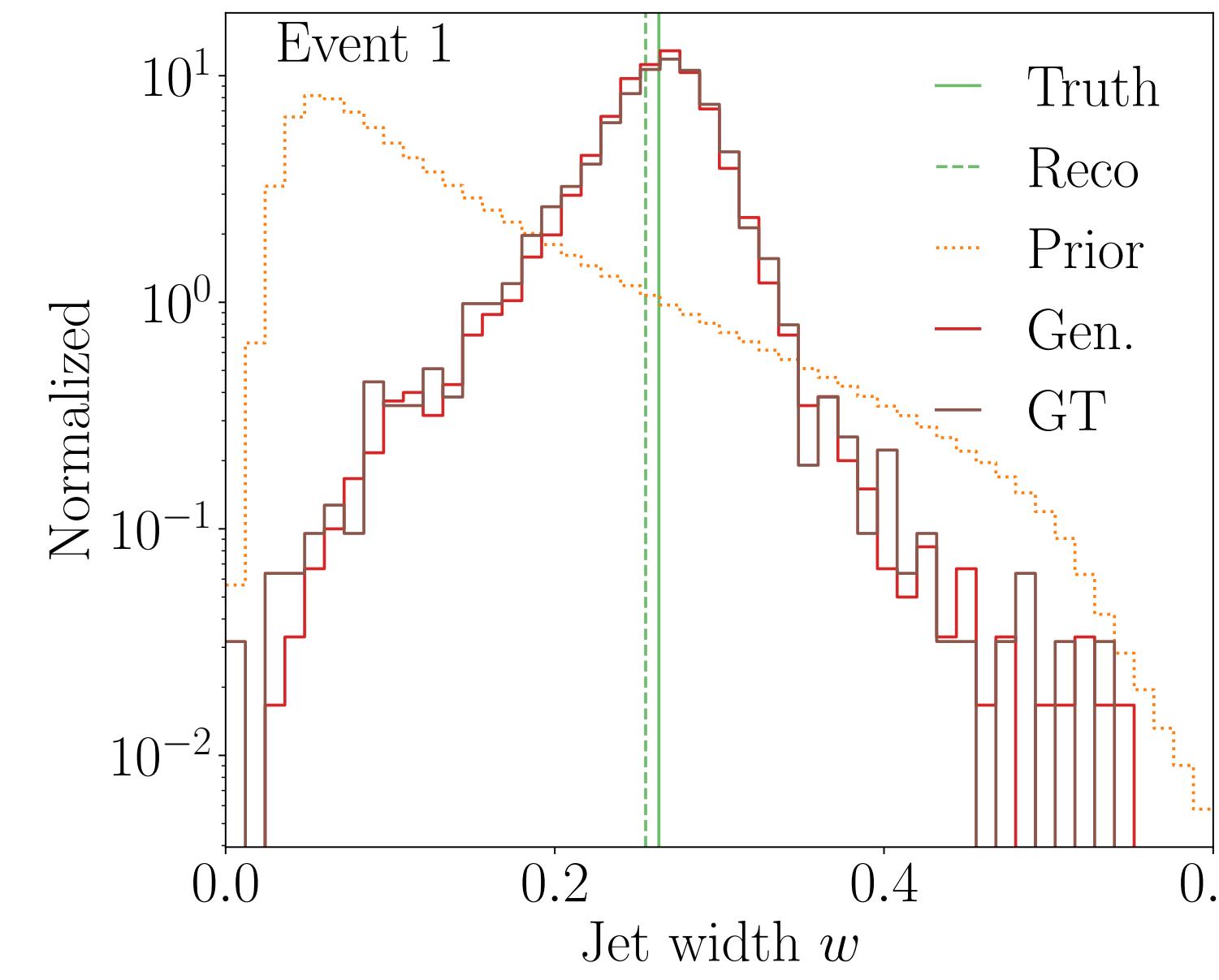
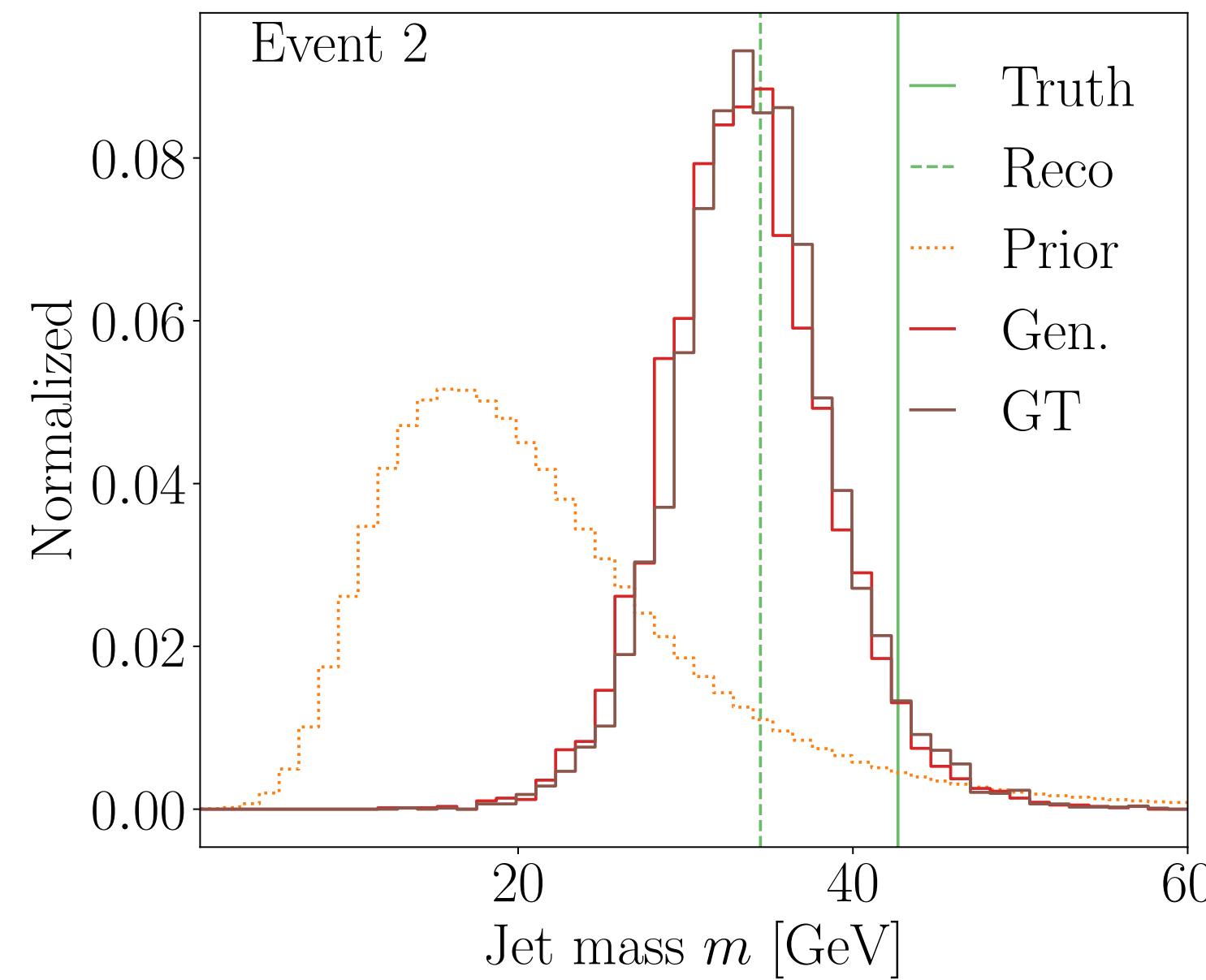
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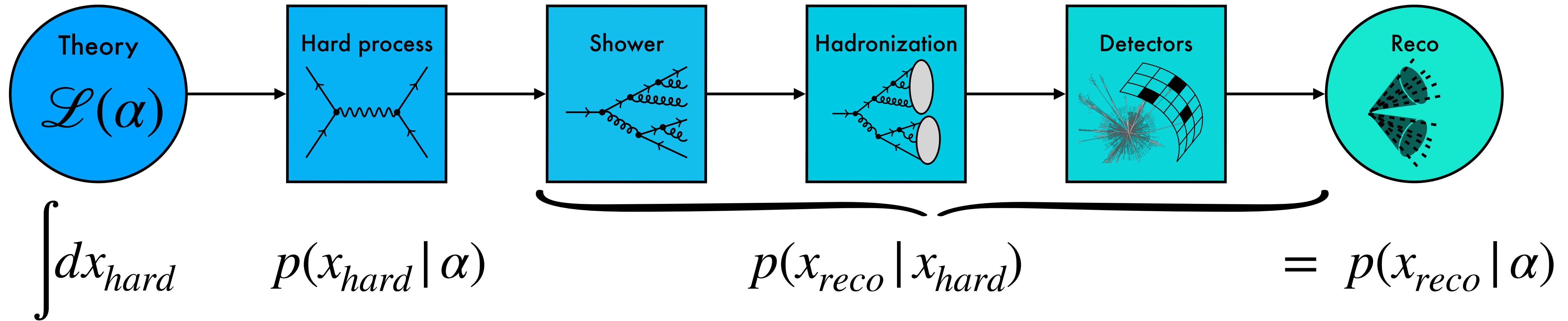
# Single-event posteriors

Our network learned the posterior distribution  $p(x_{gen} | x_{rec})$

We can sample from this for a single reco event to map out the posterior



# Making use of single-event posteriors



We want to explicitly calculate reco-level likelihoods for our observed data given some theory hypothesis  $\mathcal{L}(\alpha)$

Let us say we somehow know the transfer probability  $p(x_{reco} | x_{hard})$  and can efficiently calculate it

How can we solve the difficult high-dimensional integral precisely and efficiently?

# Making use of single-event posteriors

challenging

$$\int dx_{hard} p(x_{hard} | \alpha) p(x_{reco} | x_{hard}) = p(x_{reco} | \alpha)$$

$$= \left\langle \frac{1}{q(x_{hard})} p(x_{hard} | \alpha) p(x_{reco} | x_{hard}) \right\rangle_{x_{hard} \sim q}$$

Integral becomes trivial if :  $q(x_{hard} | x_{reco}, \alpha) = \underbrace{p(x_{hard} | x_{reco}, \alpha)}$

This is exactly our unfolding network !

For details see Butter et al. 2210.00019, Heimel et al. 2310.07752

# Conclusion

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Submission

Generative Unfolding works !

Conditional Networks and Distribution Mapping both achieve percent-level precision

Conditional Networks learn the true migration encoded in the detector simulation.

Distribution Mapping Networks learn a simple optimal-transport based mapping

Conditional Generative Unfolding enables probabilistic inversion of simulation chain

Prior dependence is a solvable problem

Conditional Generative Models map out the single-event posterior distributions

## The Landscape of Unfolding with Machine Learning

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Further investigation of failure modes

Further investigation of uncertainties

Further investigation of background, cuts, efficiencies

# Flow Matching (Lipman et al. 2210.02747)

## Training

1. Sample paired data from our simulation

$$(x_0, c) = (x_{gen}, x_{rec}) \sim p(x_{gen}, x_{rec})$$

2. Sample noise and a timestep

$$x_1 = \epsilon \sim \mathcal{N}(0,1), t \sim \mathcal{U}([0,1])$$

3. Calculate the trajectory

$$x_t = (1 - t)x_0 + tx_1$$

$$v_t = \frac{dx_t}{dt} = -x_0 + x_1$$

4. Predict the velocity field

$$\mathcal{L} = \left| v_\theta(x_t, t, c) - v_t \right|^2$$

## Generation

1. Sample a reco event from our measured data

$$c = x_{rec} \sim p(x_{rec})$$

2. Sample noise as initial condition

$$x_1 = \epsilon \sim \mathcal{N}(0,1)$$

3. Solve the ODE numerically

$$x_0 = x_{gen} = x_1 + \int_1^0 v_\theta(x_t, t, c) dt$$