

# Fast Perfekt: Regression-based refinement of fast simulation

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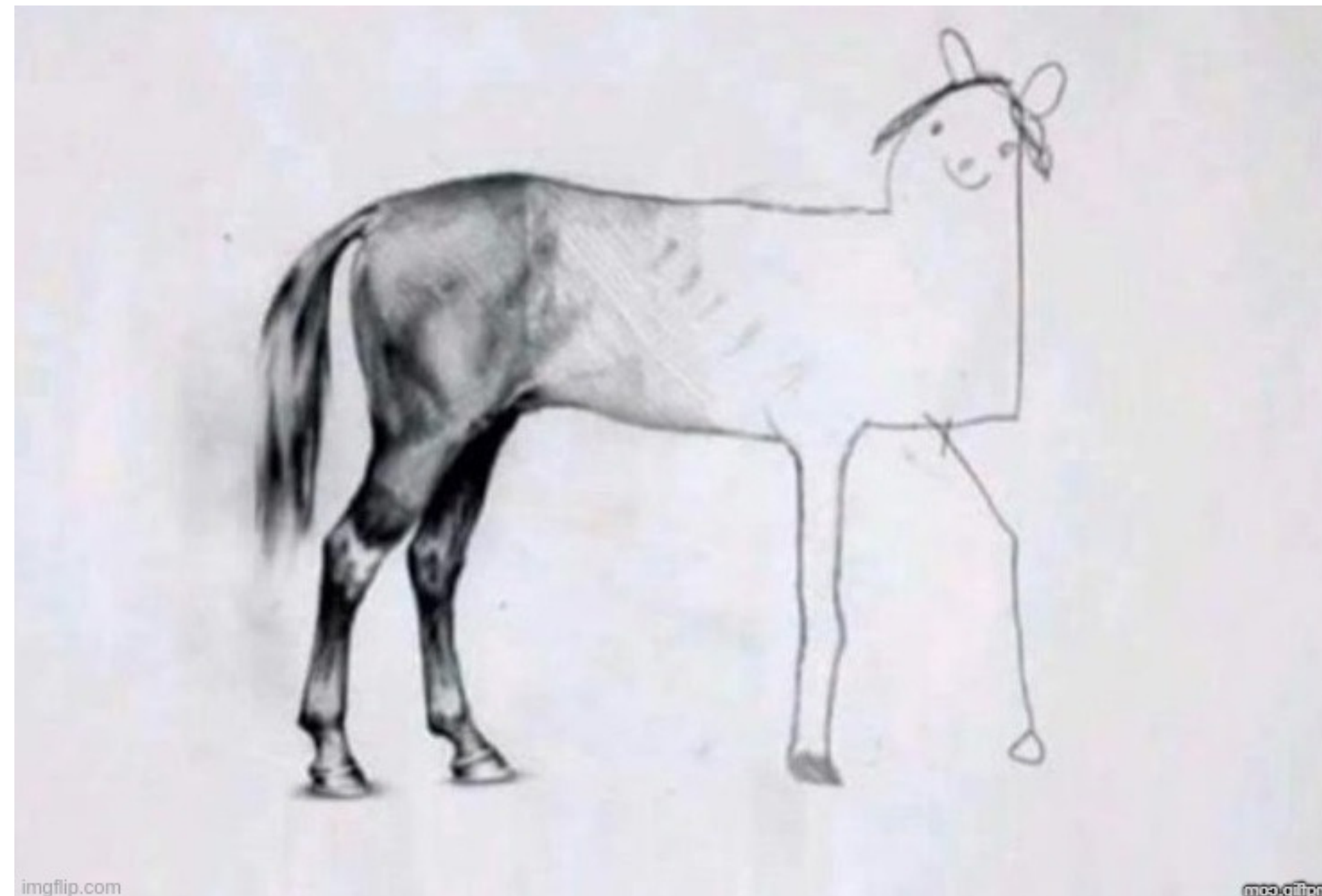
## Refining simulation

### Hi-Fi Simulation:

- High amount of computational power
- Accurate simulations

### Lo-Fi Simulation:

- Low amount of computational power
- Approximate simulations



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**Refinement:** Use Lo-Fi simulation routine and make the output similar to the Hi-Fi simulation output

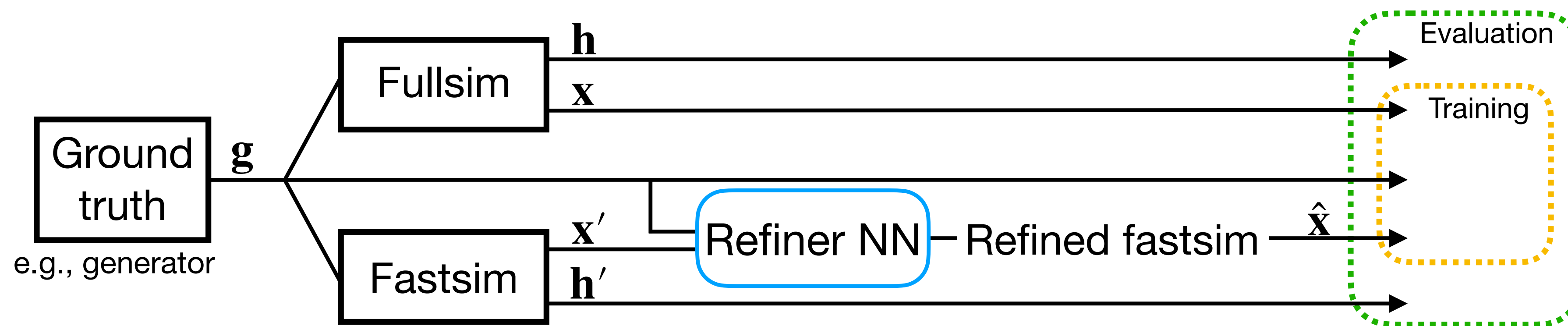
## Goal

- Refine final analysis observables
- Accurate refinement of the distribution (bulk and tails)
- Modeling correlations among several available and hidden features
- Weightless, preserving statistical precision
- Fast and deterministic to ensure efficiency and traceability

# Network

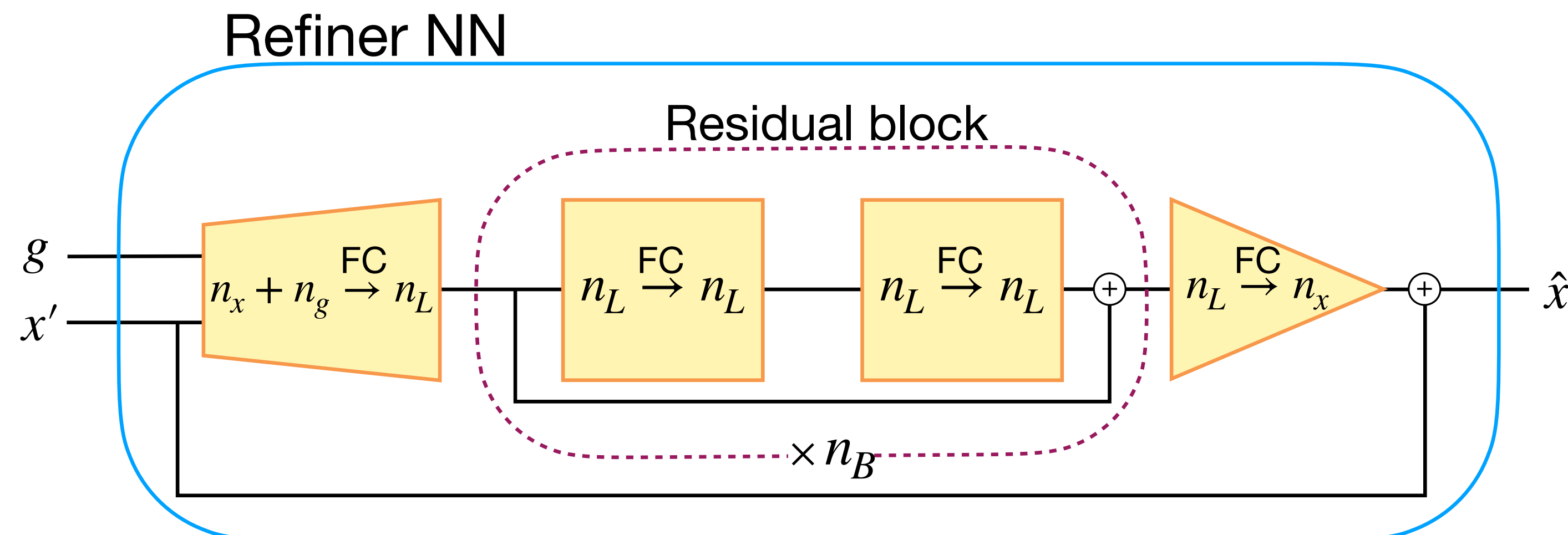
## Simulation chain

1. Generator outputs ground truth  $\mathbf{g}$
2. Detector simulation output  $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}'$  (*available features*) and  $\mathbf{h}, \mathbf{h}'$  (*hidden features*)
  - **Hidden** features are either **unavailable** or **not chosen** among the features to refine
3. Apply Refiner NN to to Fastsim output  $\mathbf{x}'$  conditioned on  $\mathbf{g}$  to get refined fastsim  $\hat{\mathbf{x}}$



## Refiner NN

- Architecture inspired by ResNet<sup>1</sup>
- Network constructed to determine residual corrections
- Initialized such that the network behaves as identity function before training
- Fully connected (FC) layers to ensure fast evaluations



<sup>1</sup> Keiming He et al., Deep Residual Learning for Image Recognition, 2015

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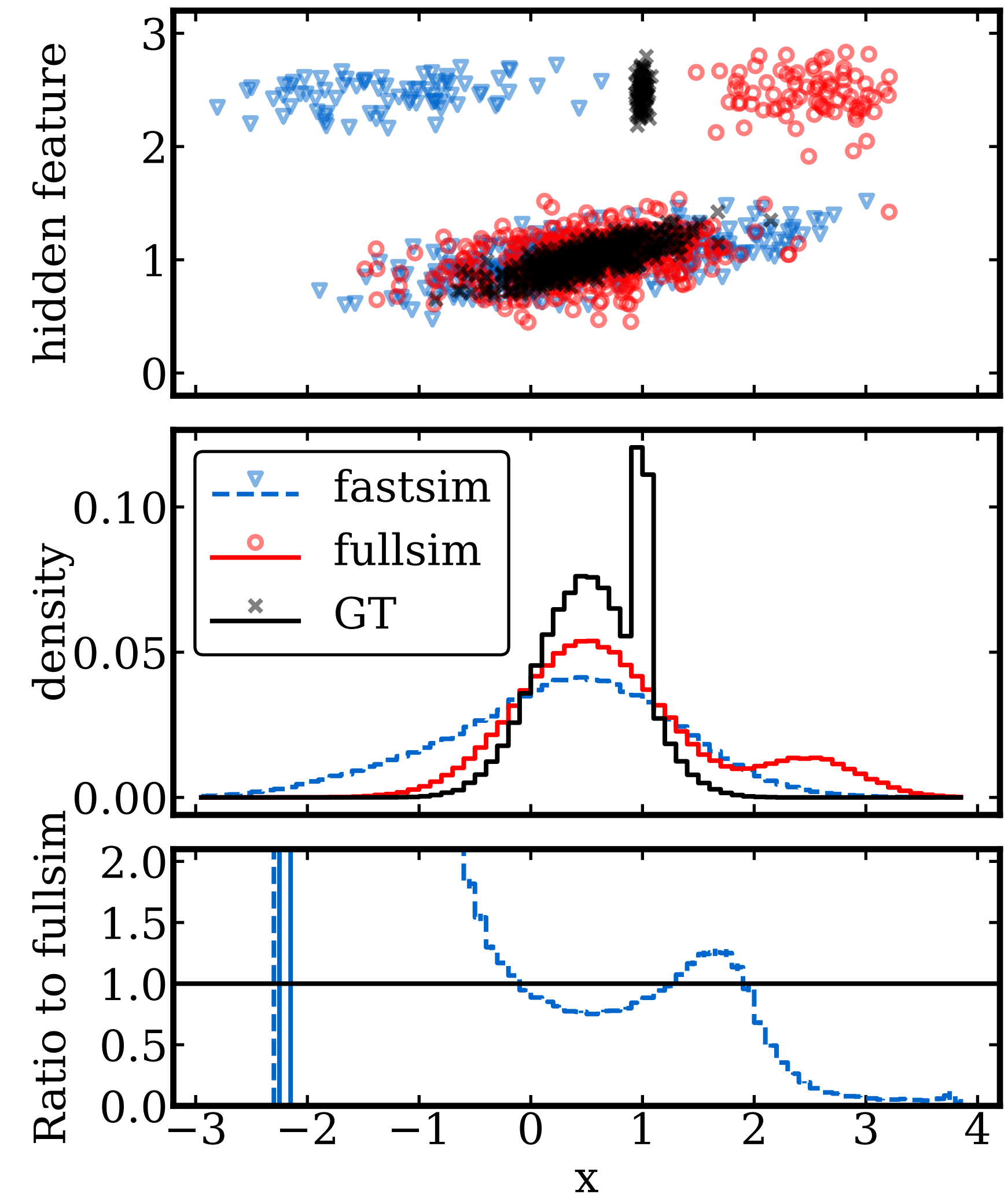
## Data Set

- Two populations separated through a hidden feature
- Independent smearing process for **fullsim** and **fastsim**

## Goal:

- Refine  $x$  variable
  - Match the distribution of  $x$
  - Model correlations to the hidden feature correctly, i.e., match the populations

**Wich loss do we use?**





## Loss Functions

- Mean Squared Error (MSE):

- Gives pairwise comparison of targets  $y \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and output data  $f_\theta(x) \in \mathbb{R}^n$

$$\text{MSE}(\theta) = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \|y_i - f_\theta(x_i)\|^2$$

- Maximum Mean Discrepancy (MMD):

- Gives comparison of ensembles of target  $y \sim P$  and output data  $f_\theta(x) \sim \hat{P}$ , thus compares underlying distributions

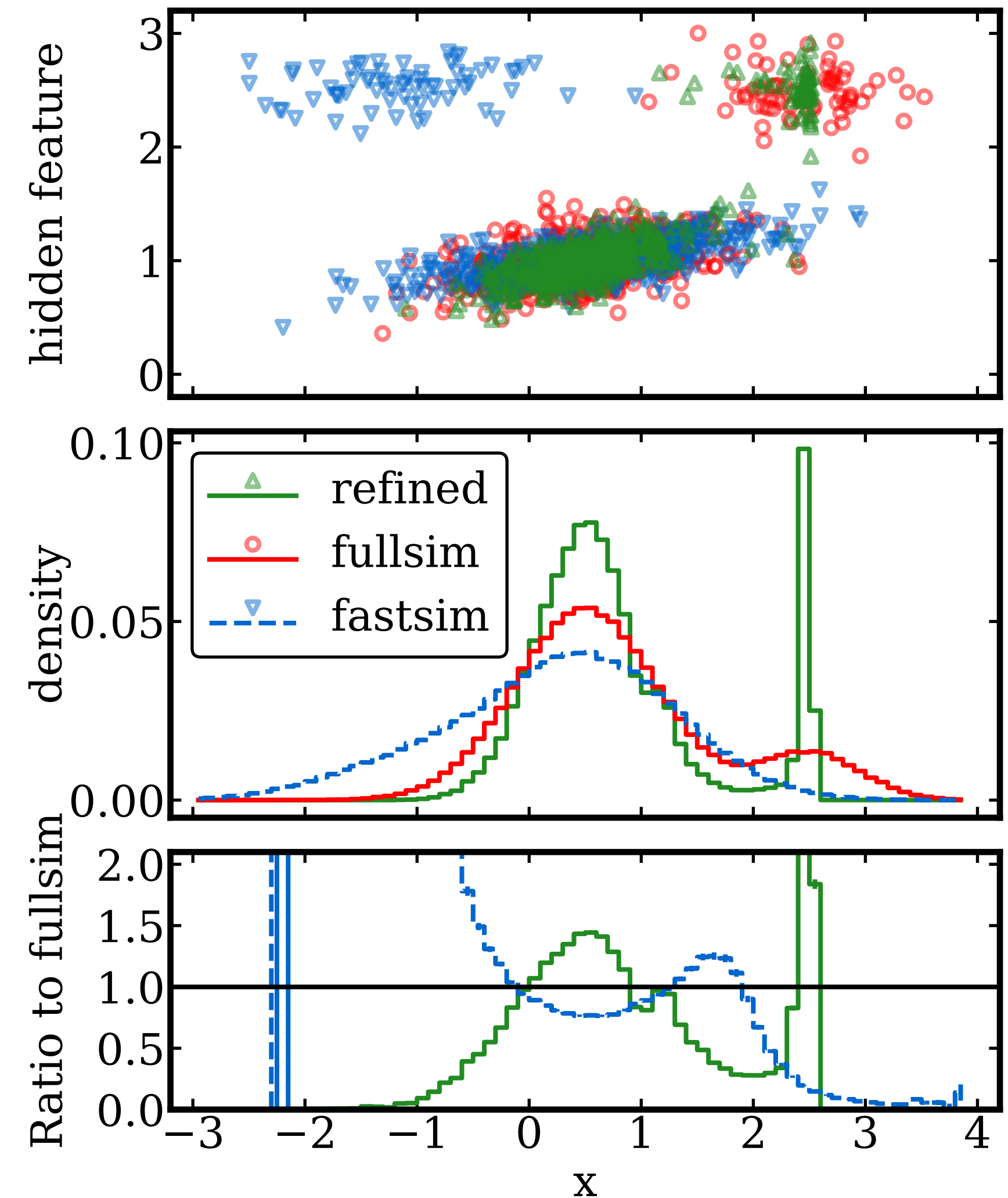
$$\text{MMD}(\theta) = \frac{1}{m^2} \sum_{i,j=1}^m k(y_i, y_j) + \frac{1}{m^2} \sum_{i,j=1}^m k(f_\theta(x_i), f_\theta(x_j)) - \frac{2}{m^2} \sum_{i,j=1}^m k(y_i, f_\theta(x_j))$$

$$k(x, y) = \exp\left(-\sum_{l=1}^n \frac{(x_l - y_l)^2}{\sigma_l^2}\right)$$

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## MSE Result

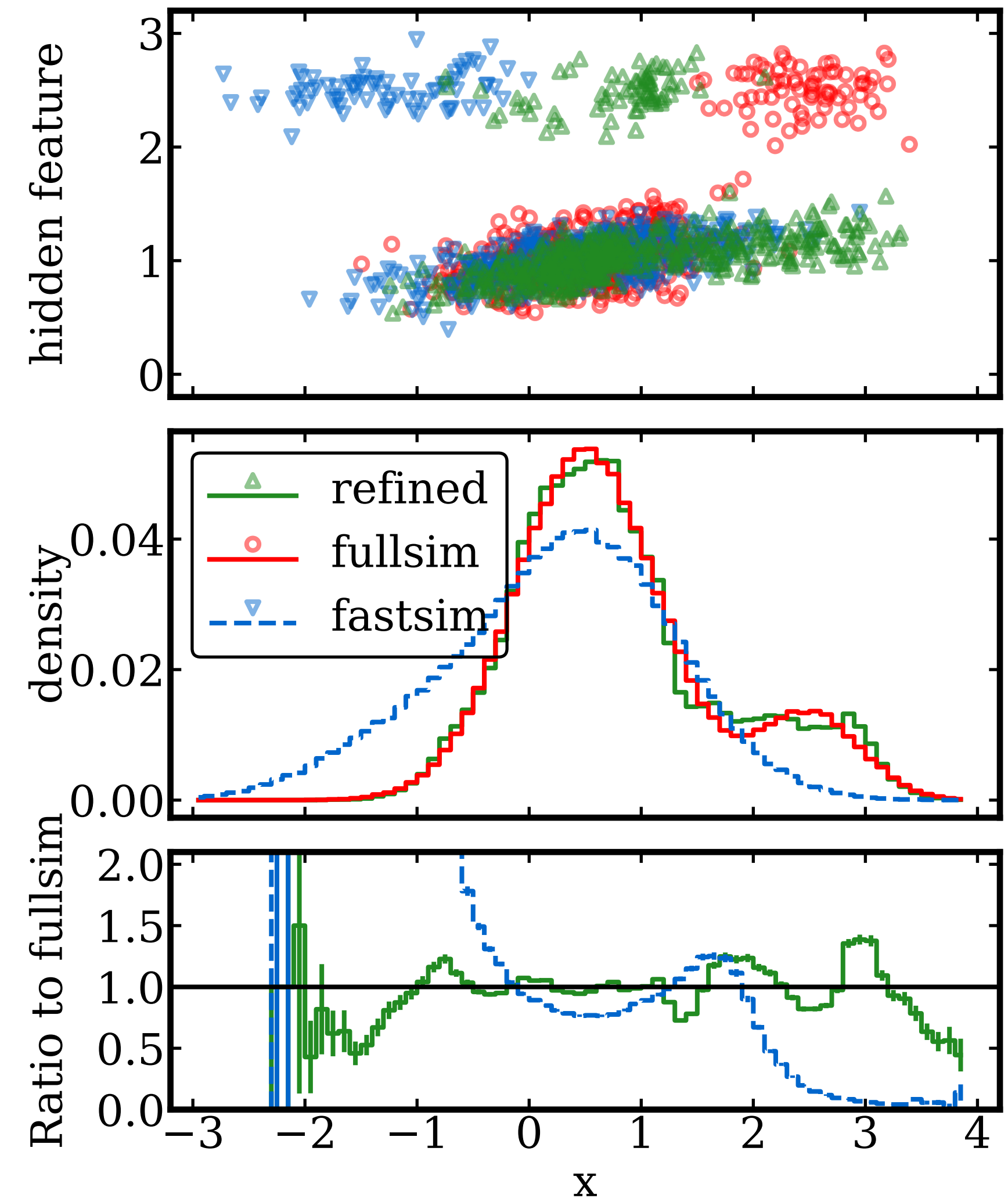
- **Benefit:**
  - ✓ Populations are matched
- **Drawback:**
  - Distributions disagree
  - MSE leads to a regression to the mean phenomenon



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## MMD Result

- **Benefit:**
  - ✓ Distributions agree
- **Drawback:**
  - The populations are not correctly matched
  - Points from the large population are used for the second mode in the marginal



## 2-Stage Training

### 1. Stage:

- We combine MSE and MMD to form

$$\mathcal{L}(\theta, \lambda) = \text{MSE}(\theta) - \lambda(\varepsilon - \text{MMD}(\theta)) - \frac{\delta}{2}(\varepsilon - \text{MMD}(\theta))^2$$

- Minimize w.r.t.  $\theta$ , maximize w.r.t.  $\lambda$  (Modified Differential Method of Multipliers<sup>1</sup>)
- Train until convergence

### 2. Stage:

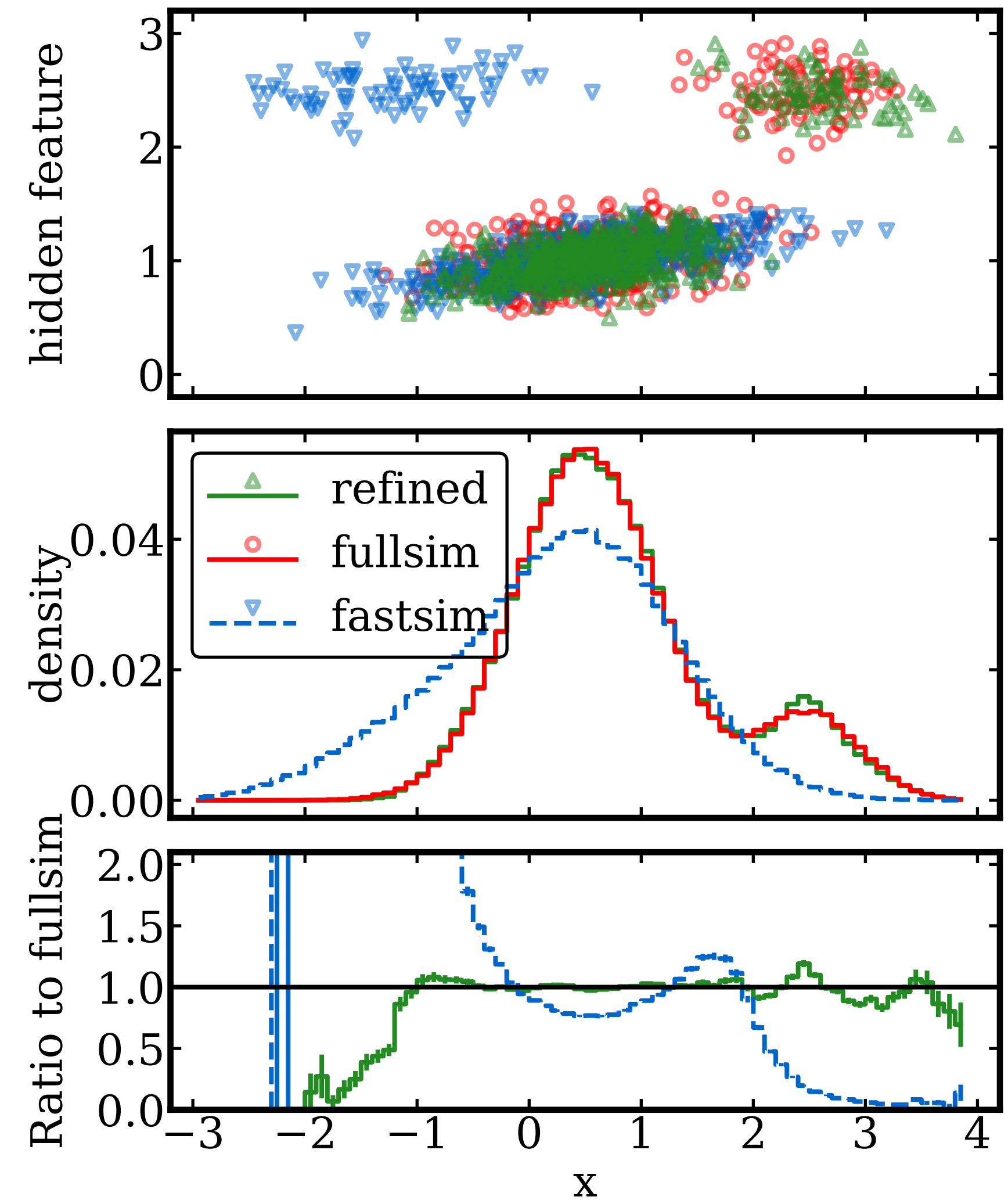
- We use MMD only
- Let the network fine-tune the distribution agreement

<sup>1</sup> John C. Platt & Alan H. Barr, Constrained Differential Optimization, 1988, NIPS

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## 2-Stage Scheme

- Populations agree
- Marginal distribution agrees
- Drawbacks from 1-stage training eliminated



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## Overall Results

Fullsim vs	Fastsim	Refined (MMD-only)	Refined (2-stage)
Omniscient MMD $\times 10^3$	$38.39 \pm 2.90$	$45.11 \pm 3.03$	$0.33 \pm 0.17$
MMD $\times 10^3$	$39.07 \pm 3.70$	$0.41 \pm 0.30$	$0.23 \pm 0.15$
MSE $\times 10^3$	$1384 \pm 63$	$602 \pm 24$	$200 \pm 6$
$\chi^2/\text{ndof}$	3493	28	20

- Omniscient MMD includes the hidden feature to the data vector  
→ statement on correlations to hidden features
- MMD-only and 2-stage refinement was able to improve all metrics
- Best values in all metrics are achieved by the 2-stage training

# Application to collider physics

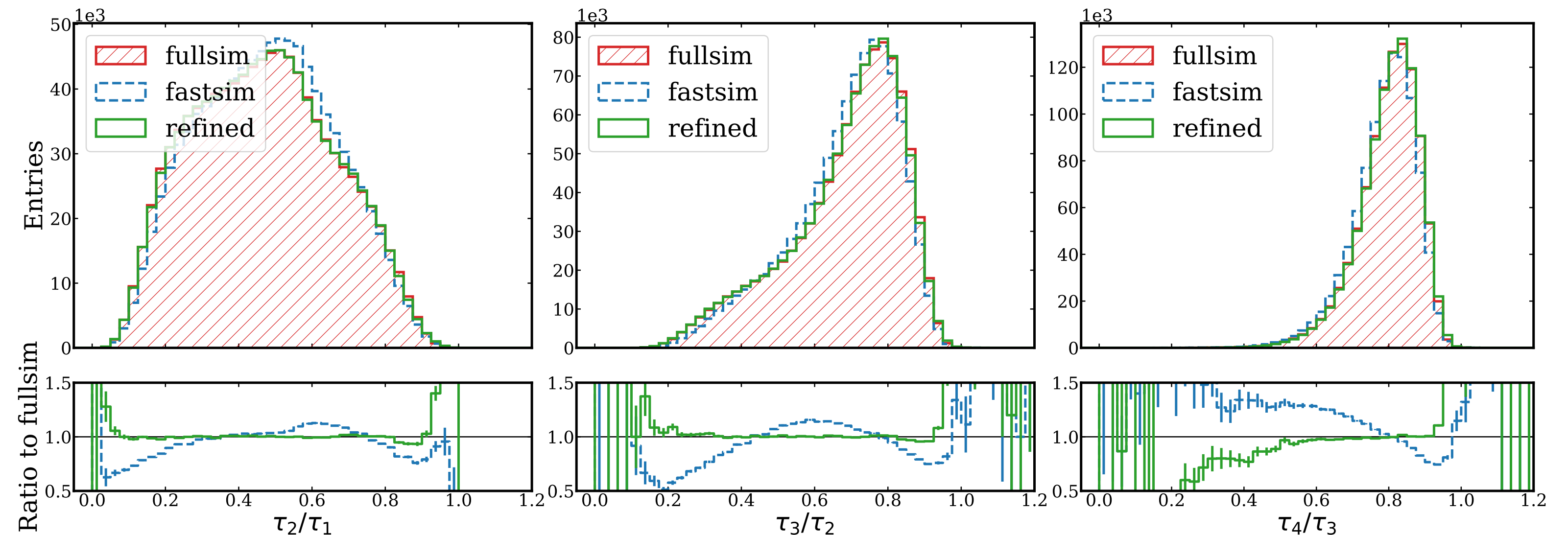
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## Refining analysis-level observables

See next talk by Sam:  
Refining CMS Fast Simulation  
with ML-based regression

Fullsim vs	Fastsim	Refined (MMD-only)	Refined (2-stage)
Omniscient MMD $\times 10^3$	$0.5386 \pm 0.0077$	$0.5147 \pm 0.0068$	$0.5149 \pm 0.0066$
MMD $\times 10^3$	$1.114 \pm 0.087$	$0.305 \pm 0.022$	$0.303 \pm 0.024$
MSE $\times 10^3$	$10.99 \pm 0.23$	$8.25 \pm 0.02$	$8.24 \pm 0.02$
$\chi^2/\text{ndof}$	33.34	1.97	2.52

- Similar results for 2-stage and 1-stage approach
- 1-stage approach sufficient if modes already coincide well
- Evaluation time:  $\sim 1\text{ms}$  (CPU)

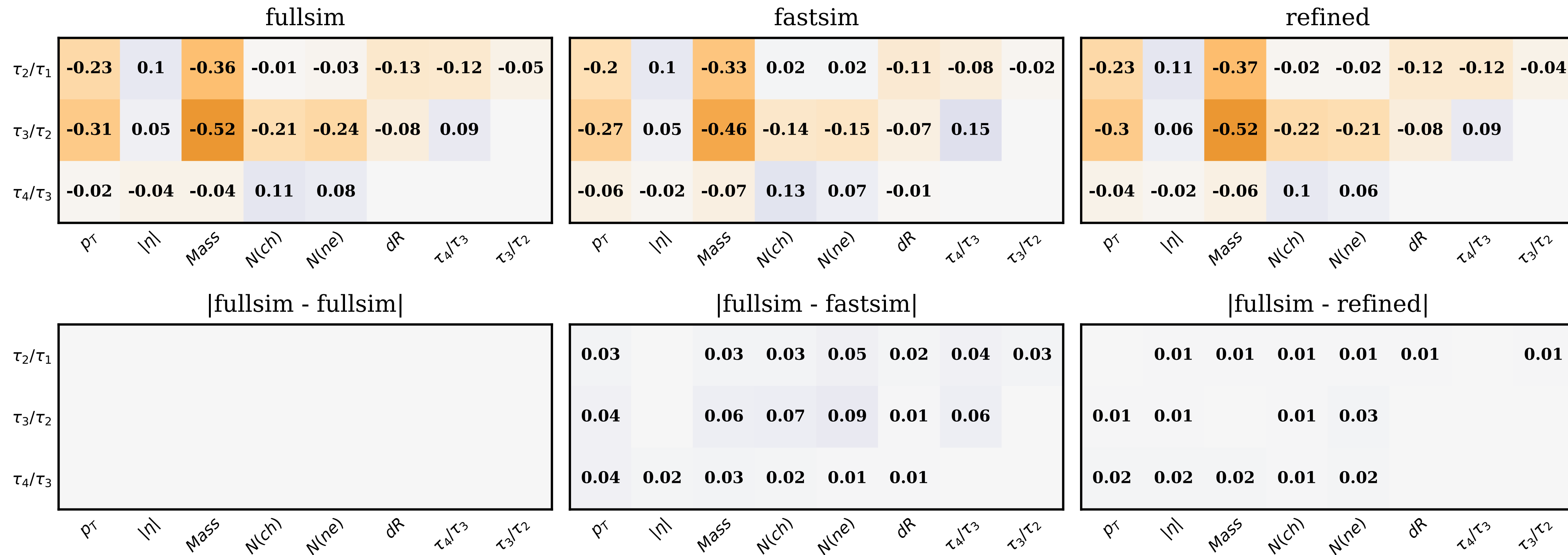




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## Refining analysis-level observables — Correlations

- Pearson-correlation coefficient between different observables, available or hidden
- The refined correlations are improved



# Conclusion

- Introduced regression-based refinement/morphing using MMD loss
- Refinement works on the output of fastsim → using existing domain knowledge
- **1-stage** training uses MMD, evaluating distribution similarity
  - Good refinement of the available feature on distribution level
  - Falls short in presence of strong bias in hidden dimension
  - Suitable for unpaired training data
- **2-stage** training includes an additional first stage using a combination of MSE and MMD
  - Improves the accuracy of the refinement
  - Describes the multidimensional domain well

**Preprint available:** “Fast Perfekt: Regression-based refinement of fast simulation”,  
Moritz Wolf, Lars O. Stietz, Patrick L.S. Connor, Peter Schleper, Samuel Bein, [arXiv:2410.15992](https://arxiv.org/abs/2410.15992)

# Thank You very much

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# Backup

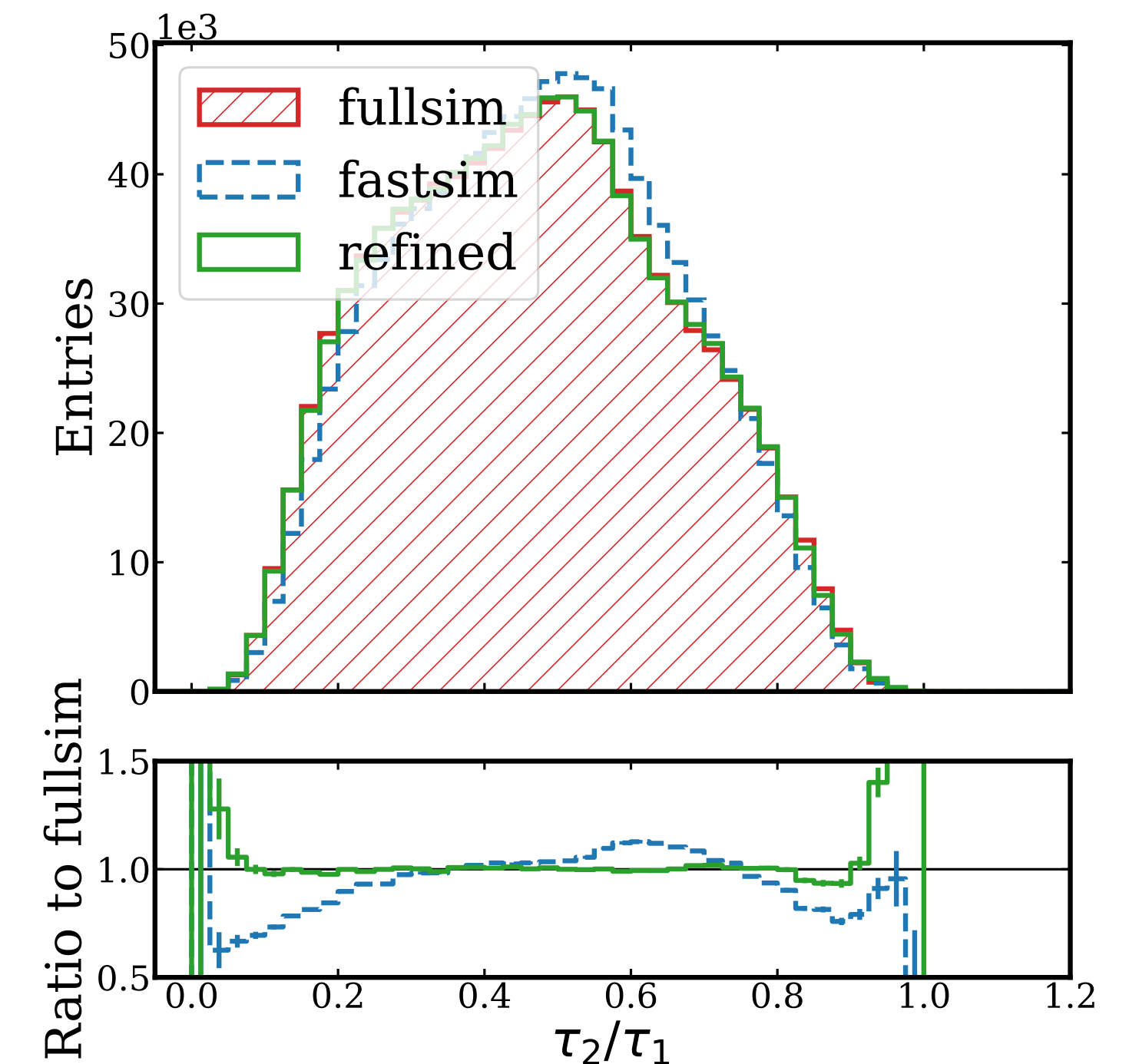
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## Data set

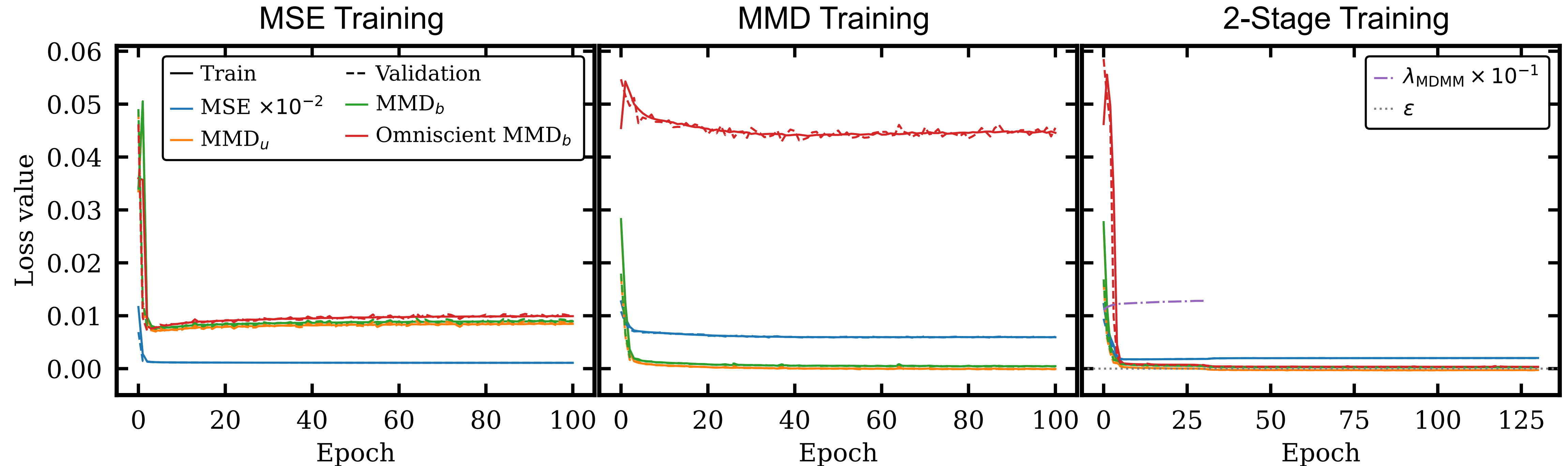
- **Generator:** Pythia 8.1
- **Simulation:** Delphes (Fullsim) vs “flawed” Delphes (Fastsim)
- **Available features:** Jet substructure observables

N-subjettiness ratios  $\mathbf{x}' = \left( \frac{\tau_2}{\tau_1}, \frac{\tau_3}{\tau_2}, \frac{\tau_4}{\tau_3} \right)$

- **Hidden features:** jet mass,  $p_T$ ,  $\eta$ ,  
 $dR = \sqrt{d\eta^2 + d\phi^2}$ , number of charged (neutral)  
jet constituents N(ch) (N(ne))



## Loss Curves



- MSE-only training gets correlations to hidden features right
- MMD-only training reduces correlation informations to hidden feature (Omniscient MMD)
- 2-stage training gets the best of both worlds

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