

# Correcting for Detector Effects (Unfolding/Deconvolution) with Machine Learning

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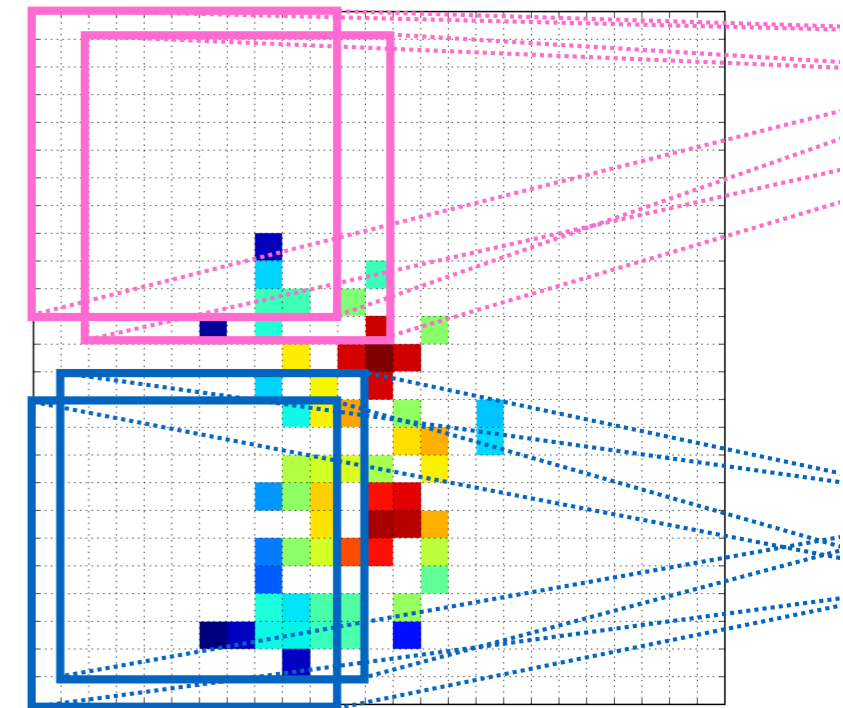
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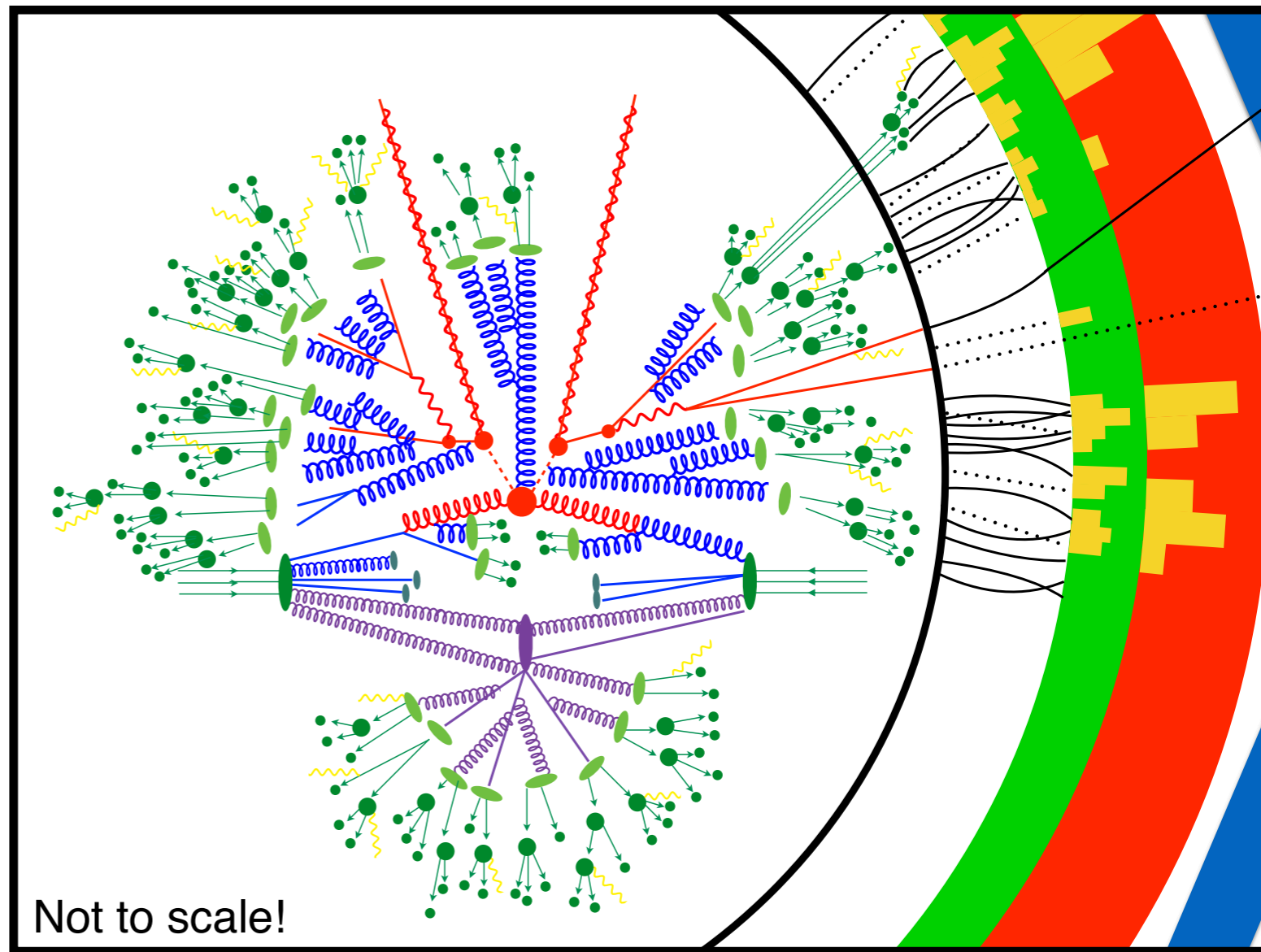
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# Today's talk

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1. Brief unfolding primer
2. The hyper challenge
3. Reweighting (DCTR)
4. OmniFold
5. Plans for the future

*Image inspired by JHEP 02 (2009) 007*

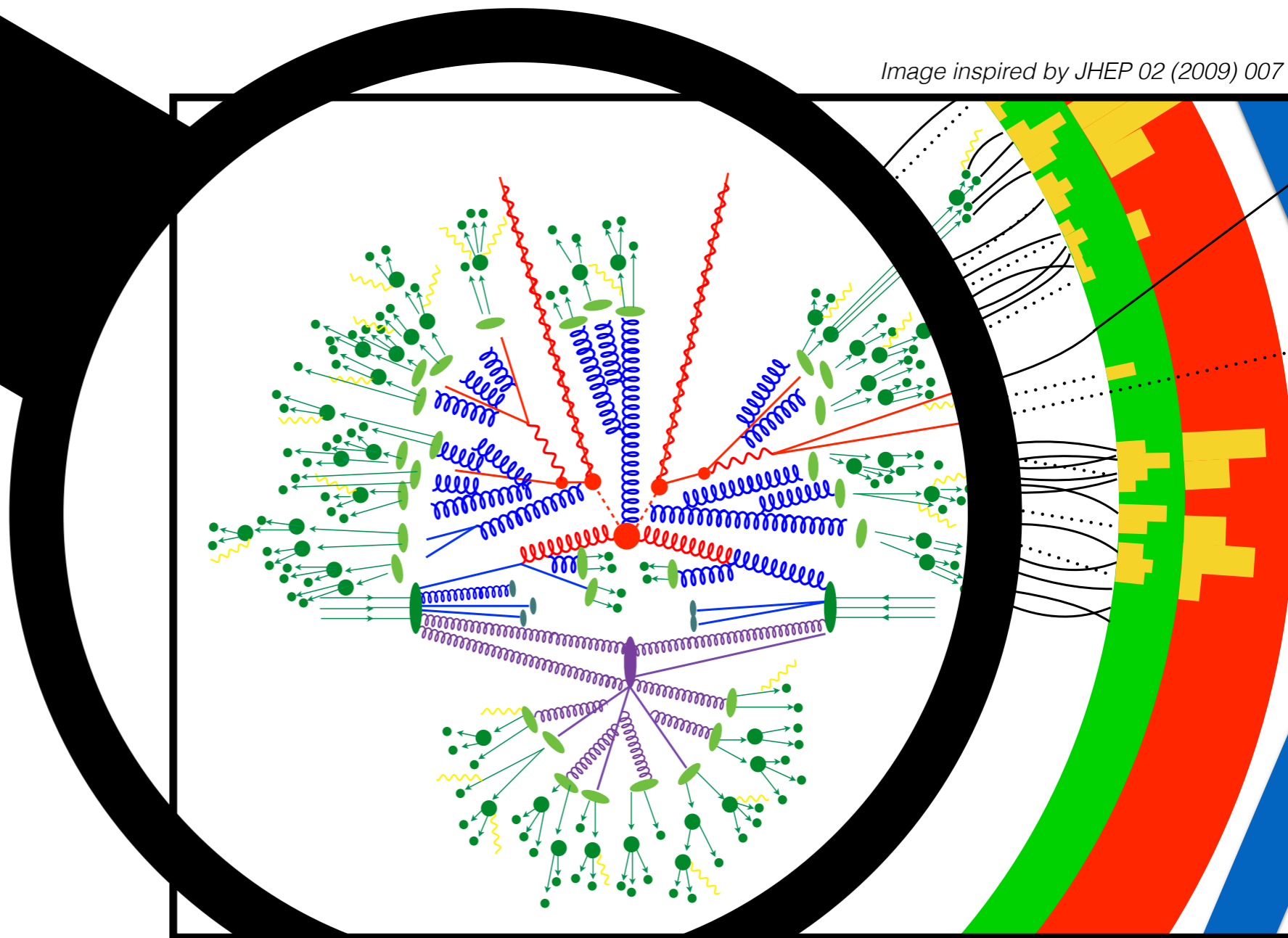


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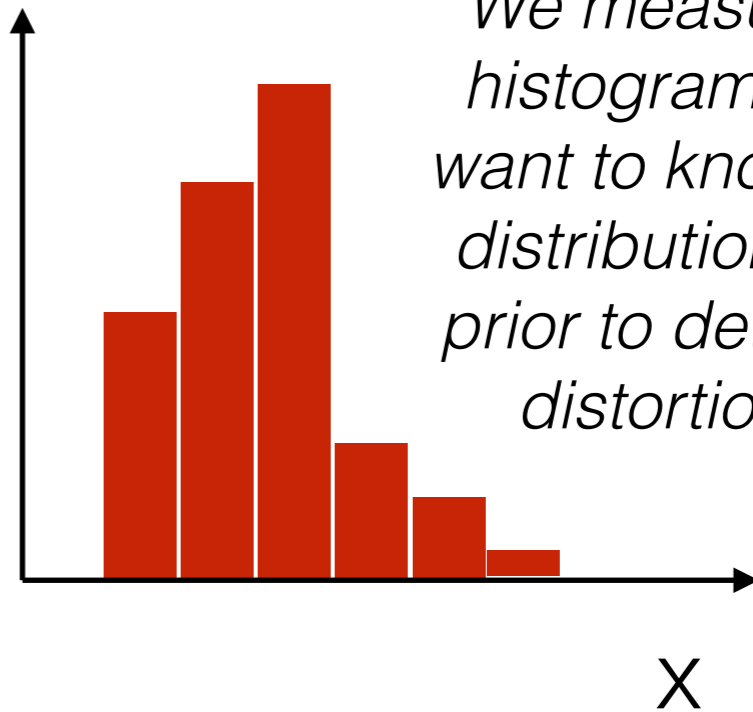
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Typical situation:

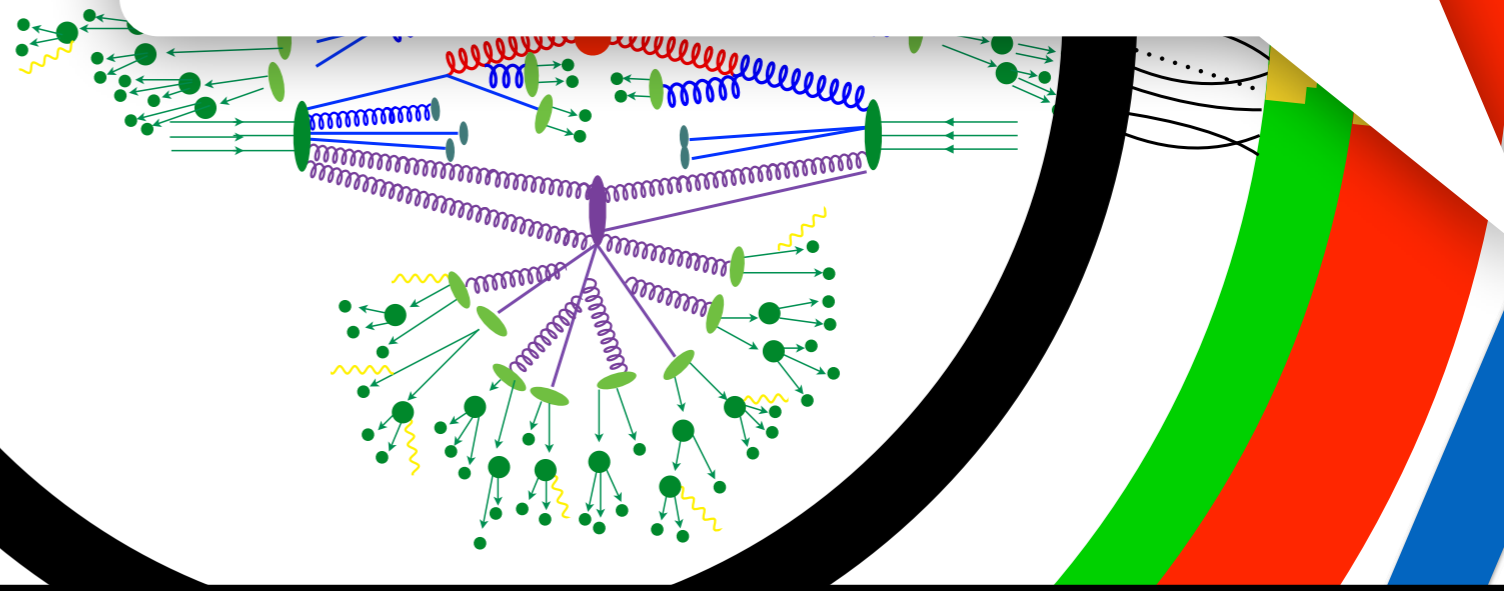
$dN/dx$



*We measure a histogram and want to know the distribution of  $x$  prior to detector distortions.*

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# What does unfolding do?



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In general, unfolding needs to correct for interrelated effects:

- Acceptance and efficiency
  - ➔ Particles produced may not be measured
- Detector noise
  - ➔ Particles measured may not be from real particles
- Background processes
  - ➔ If you want to measure process  $X$ , need to remove  $Y$
- Combinatorics
  - ➔ If  $N$  particles, chance that detector can change order
- Detector distortions
  - ➔ Bias and resolution effects

# Illustrative toy example



$$m = Rt \quad m = \text{measured}; t = \text{true}$$

We usually call  $R$  the “response matrix” because  $m$  and  $t$  are binned (and thus vectors).

In HEP, we (usually) get  $R$  from extremely detailed detector simulations.

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*In the next slides, I hope to convince you that this is not usually a good idea.*



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Consider this case, where  $0 \leq \epsilon \leq 0.5$

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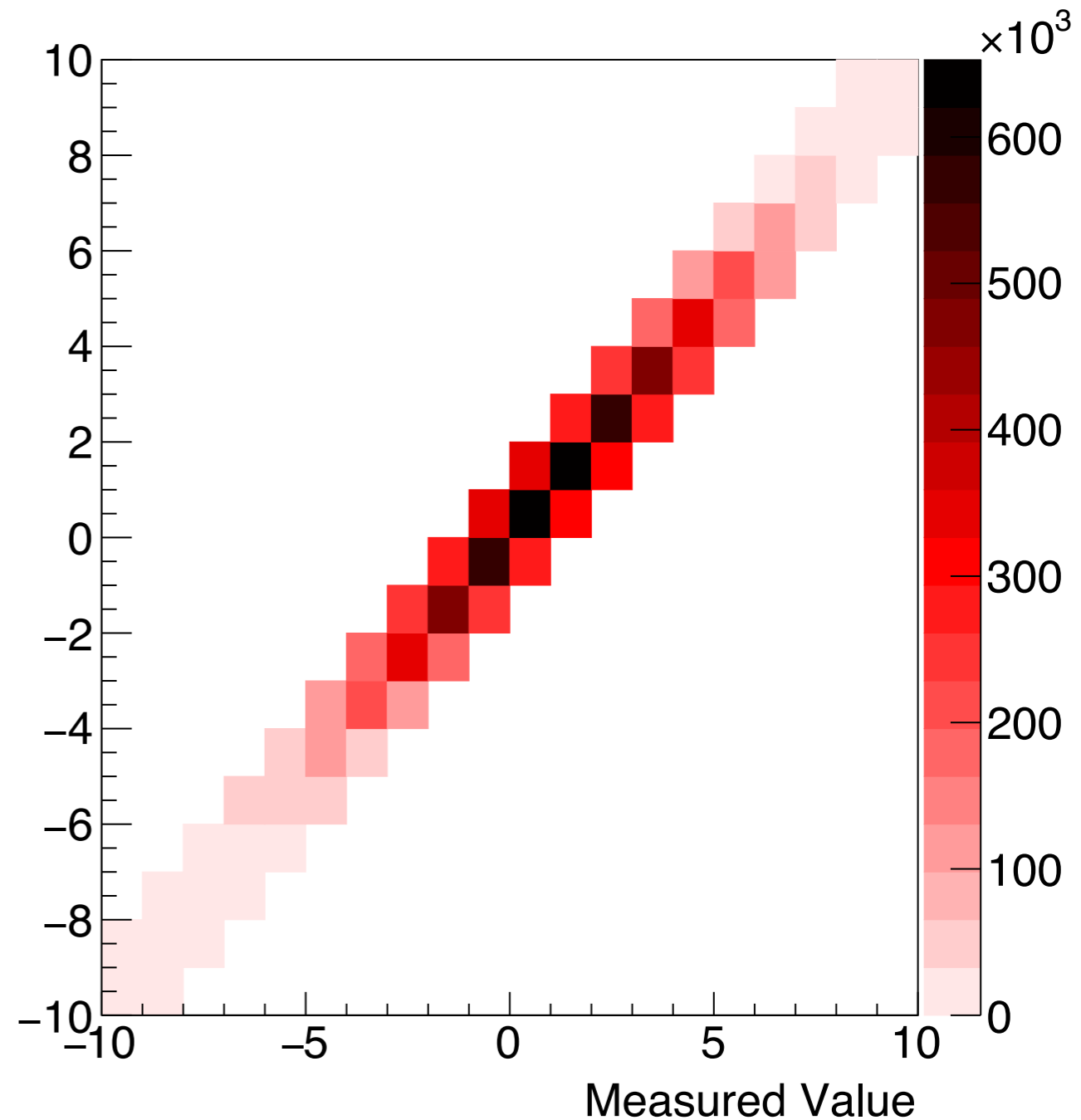
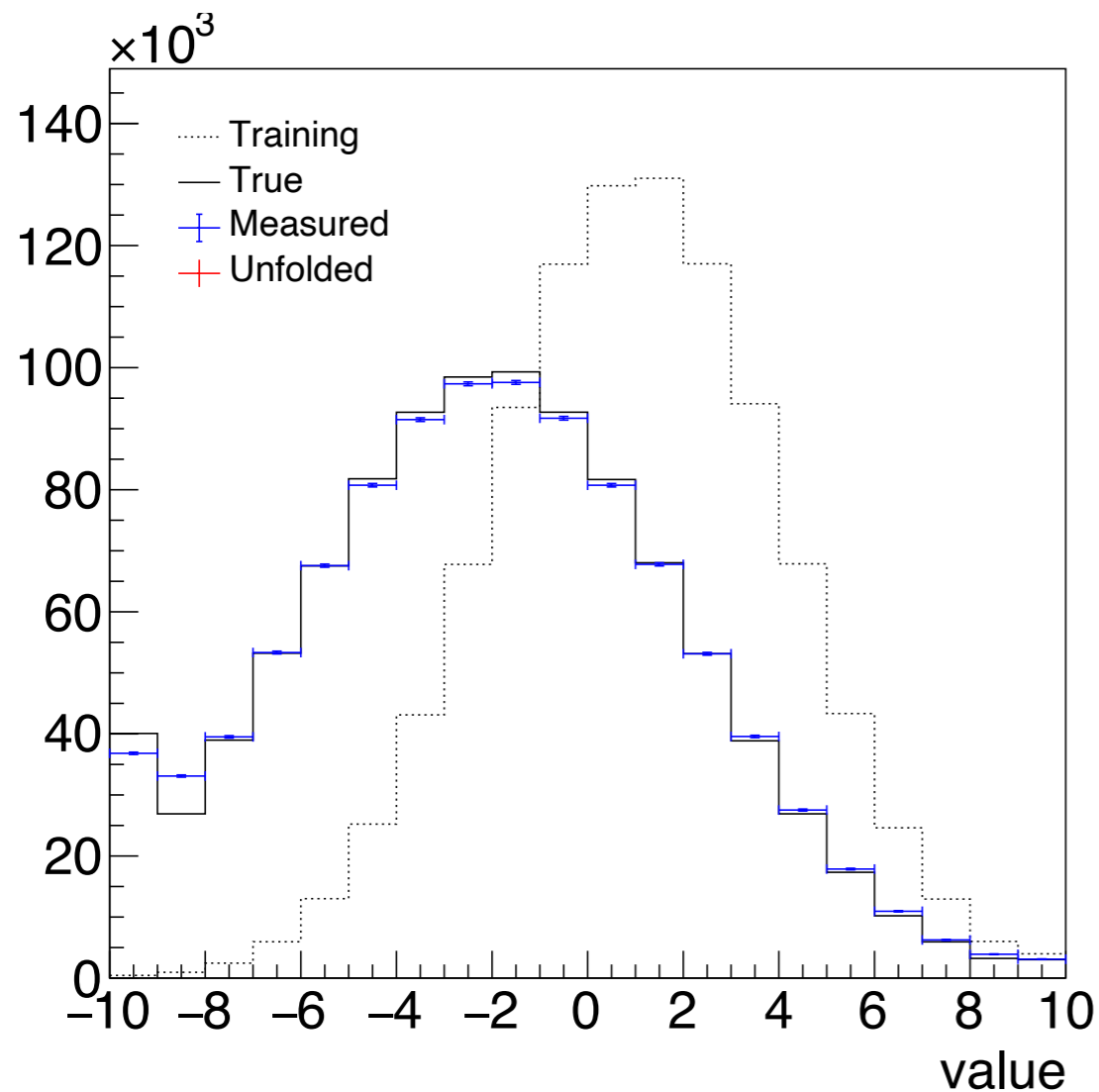
$$\text{Var}(R^{-1}m) \propto 1/\text{Det}(R) = 1 - 2\epsilon$$

Statistical uncertainty blows up as  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0.5$

# Same idea, more bins

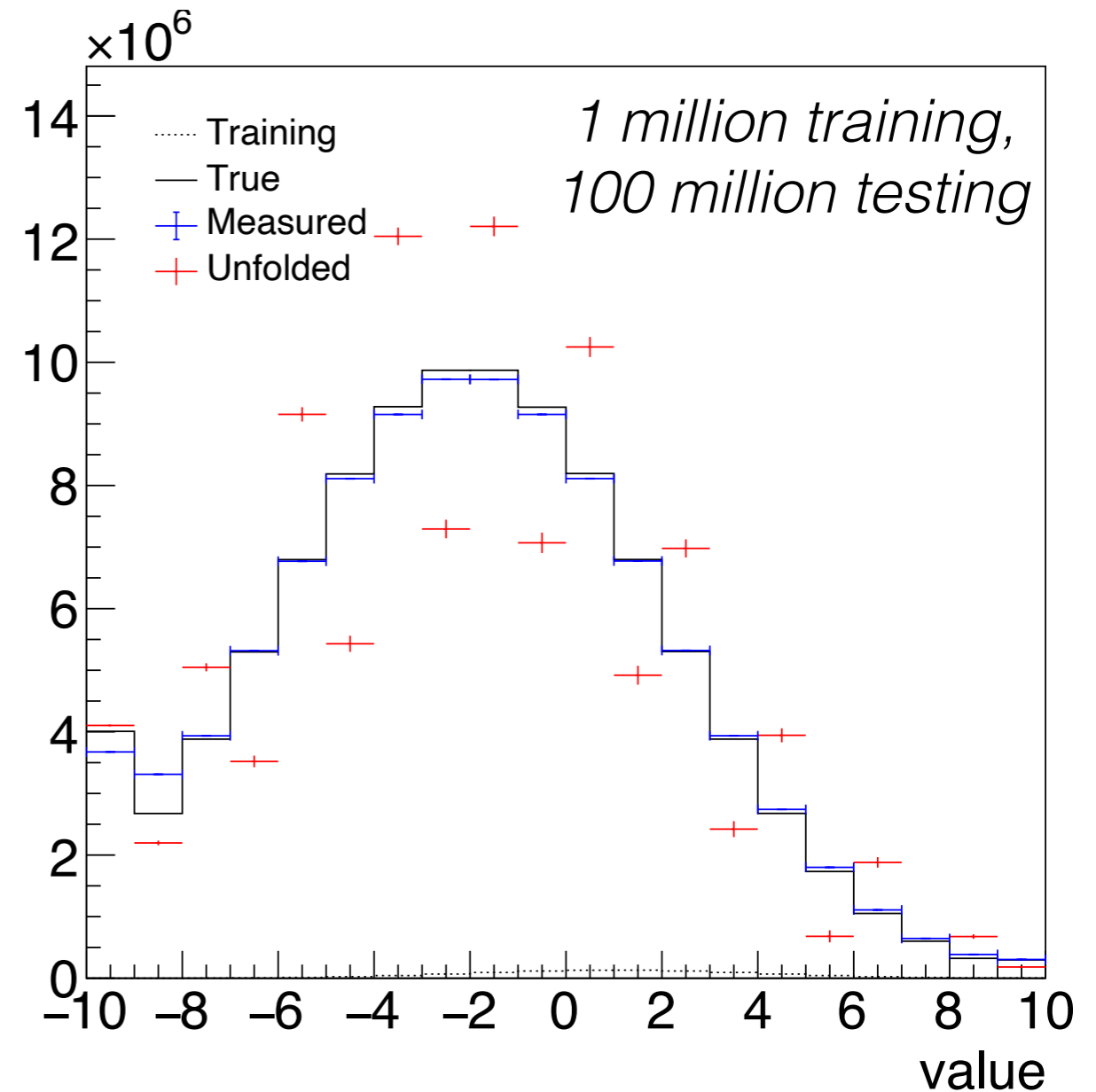
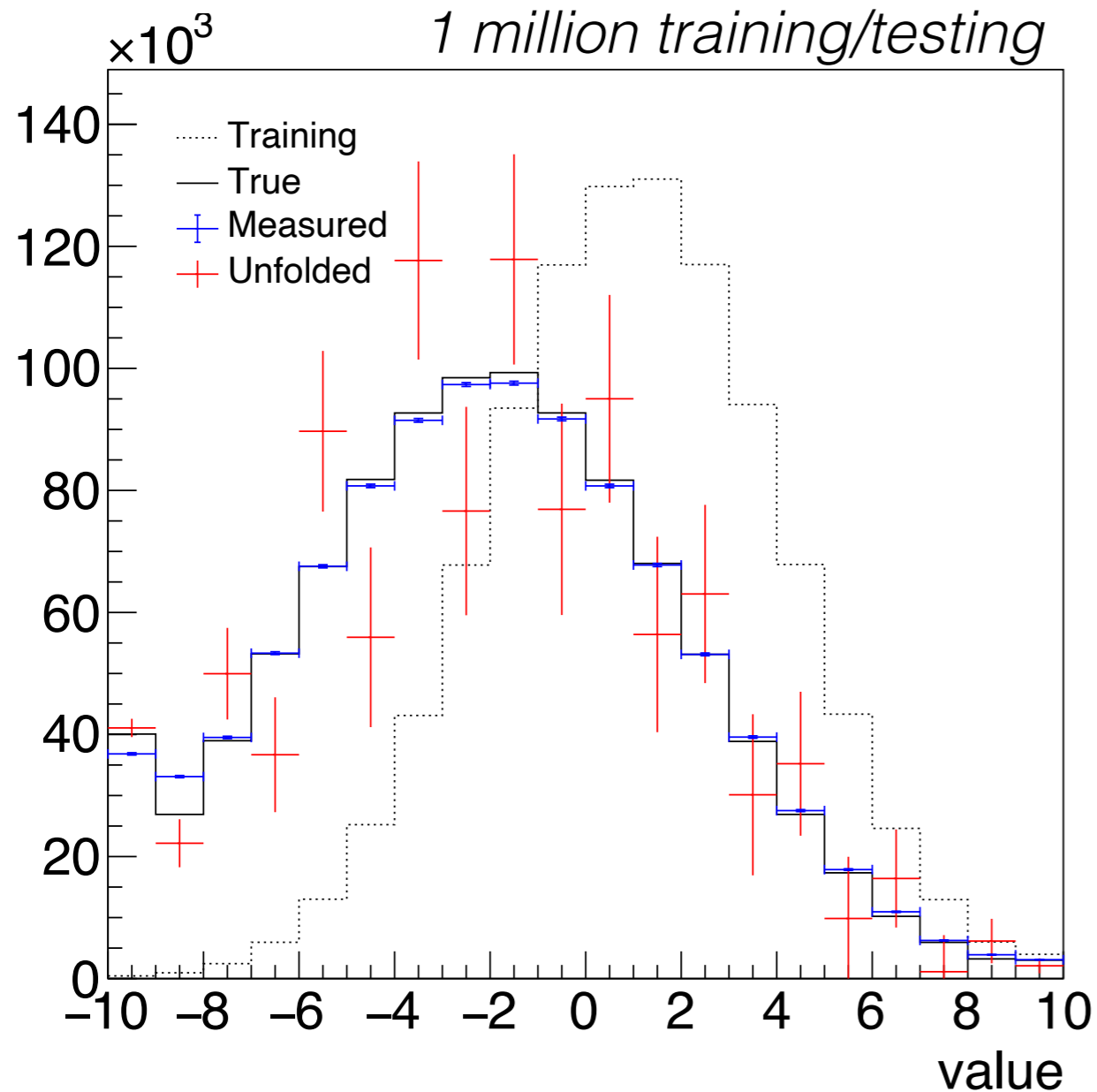
$$R_{\text{norm}} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.75 & 0.25 & 0 & & & \\ 0.25 & 0.50 & 0.25 & 0 & & \\ 0 & 0.25 & 0.50 & 0.25 & 0 & \\ & 0 & 0.25 & 0.50 & 0.25 & \\ & & 0 & 0.25 & 0.50 & \\ & & & & & \dots \end{pmatrix}$$

True Value



# Unfolding by Matrix Inversion

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Stat. uncertainty is large and there is a bias when training dataset is too small.

# The HEP solution

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Our solution is to do regularized matrix inversion.

There are two main techniques that we use:

“Iterative Bayesian Unfolding”

$$\theta_{ij} = \frac{\Pr(m_j|t_i) \cdot \Pr(t_i)}{\sum_i \Pr(m_j|t_i) \cdot \Pr(t_i)}$$

response  
matrix

regularization  
= number of iterations

$$\Pr_{k+1}(t_i) = \sum_j \theta_{ij} \Pr_k(t_j)$$

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“Singular Value  
Decomposition (SVD) Unfolding”

$$R = USV^T$$

$U, V$ , orthogonal,  $S$  diagonal & non-negative

$$d = U^T m \quad z_i(\tau) = \frac{d_i}{s_i} \cdot \frac{s_i^2}{s_i^2 + \tau}$$

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~1000 citations each

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Note: regularized matrix inversion depends on unphysical regularization parameters

One chooses parameters to tradeoff bias and uncertainty.

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**IBU Unfolding**

- depend on prior

- depends on # of iterations

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(one can show that this converged to the maximum likelihood estimator)

$$B = U S V^T$$

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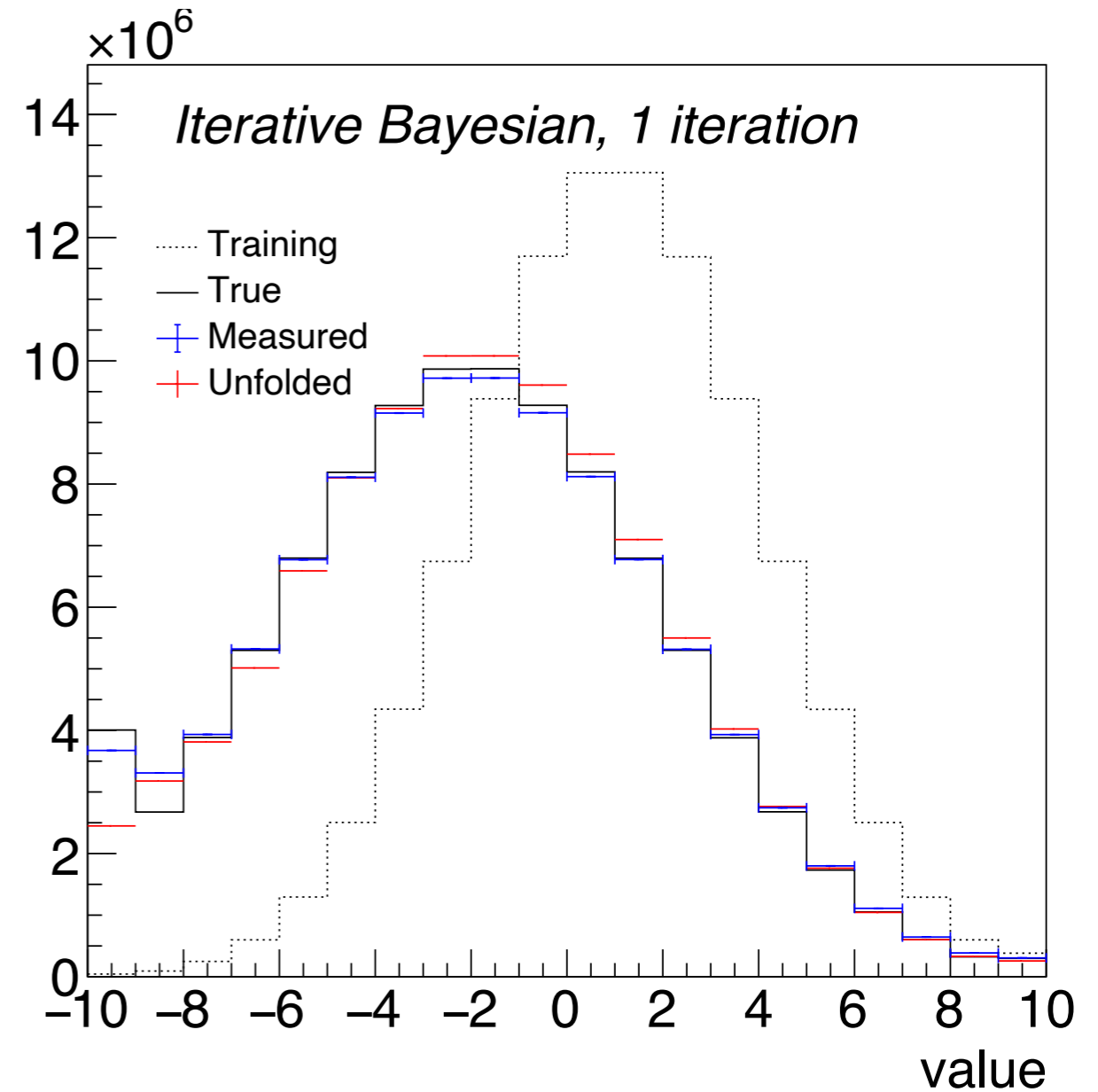
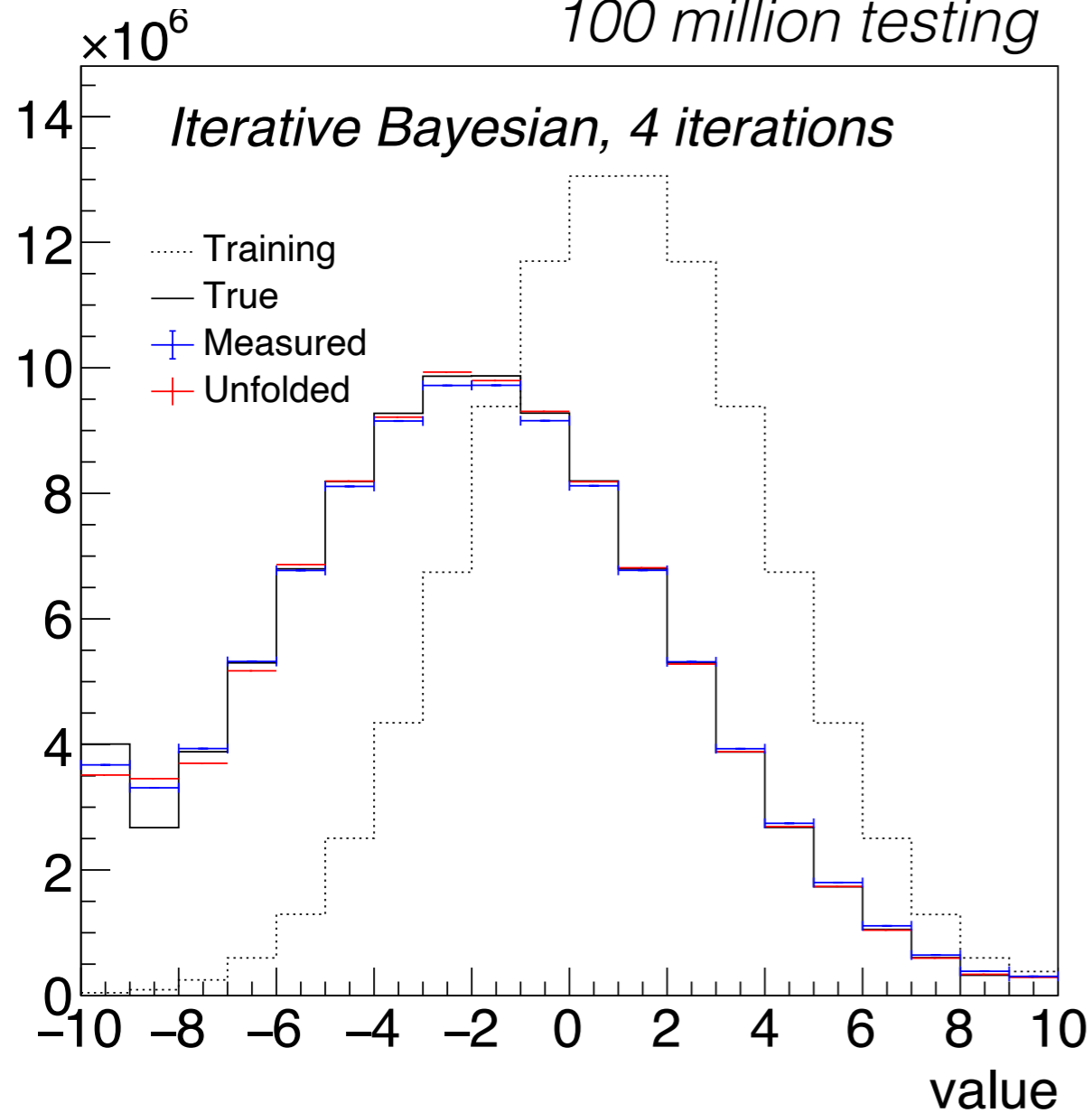
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# Example: Iterative Bayesian Unfolding

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1 million training,  
100 million testing

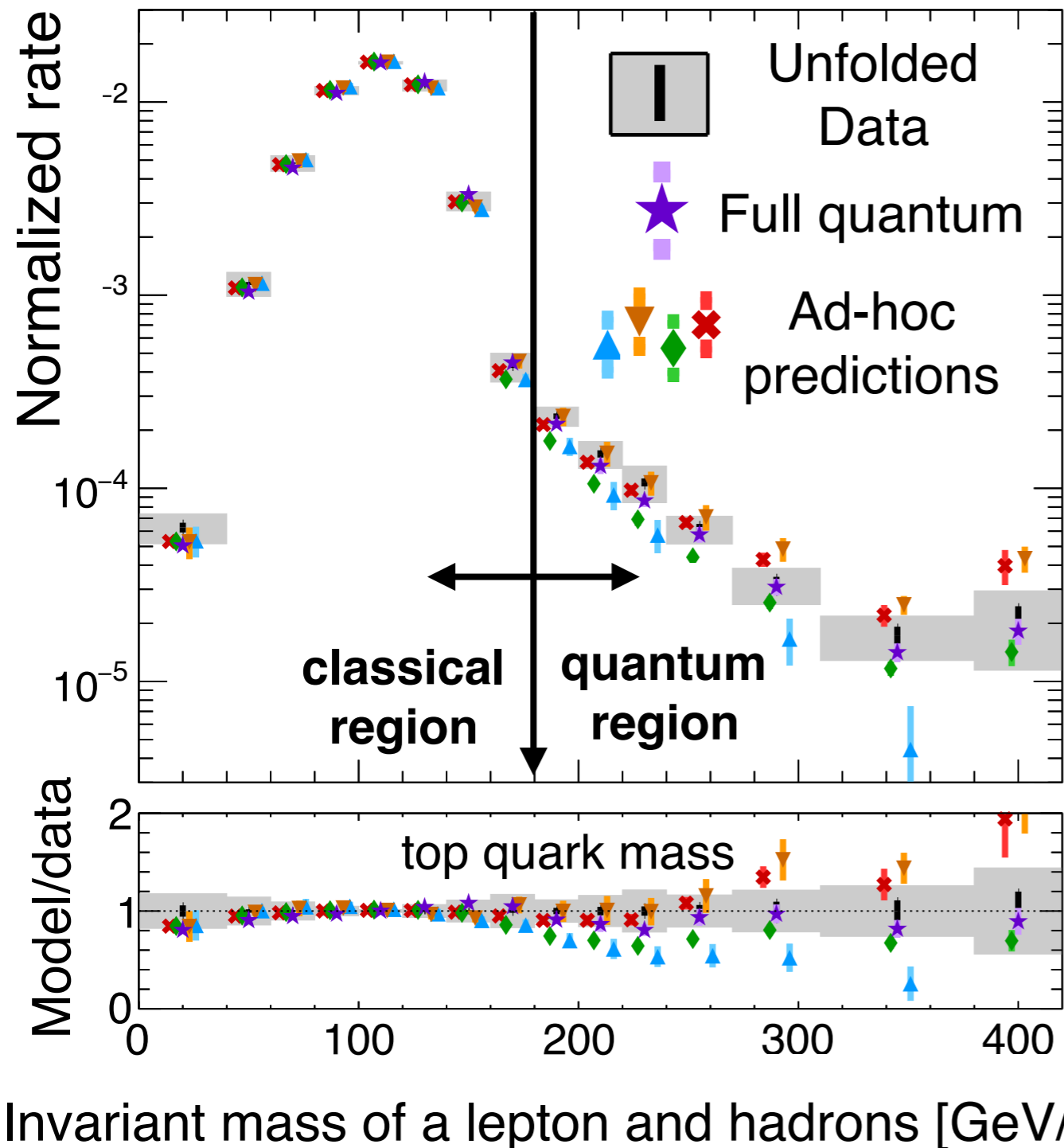


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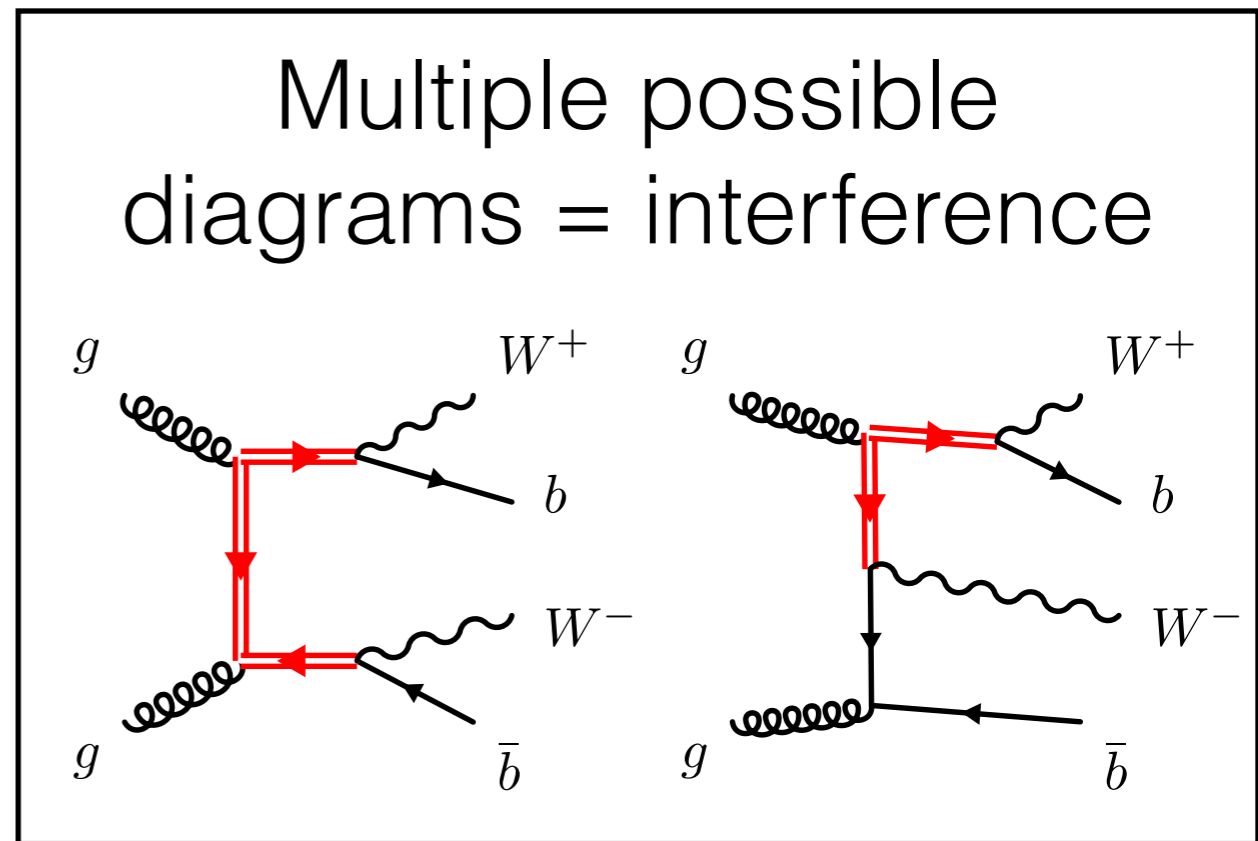
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**ATLAS**  $\sqrt{s}=13$  TeV,  $36.1$  fb $^{-1}$   $pp \rightarrow \ell^+\ell^-bb+X$



proton proton  $\rightarrow$  two W bosons and two b-quarks



Unfolded data + state-of-the-art calculations = new insight to fundamental interactions



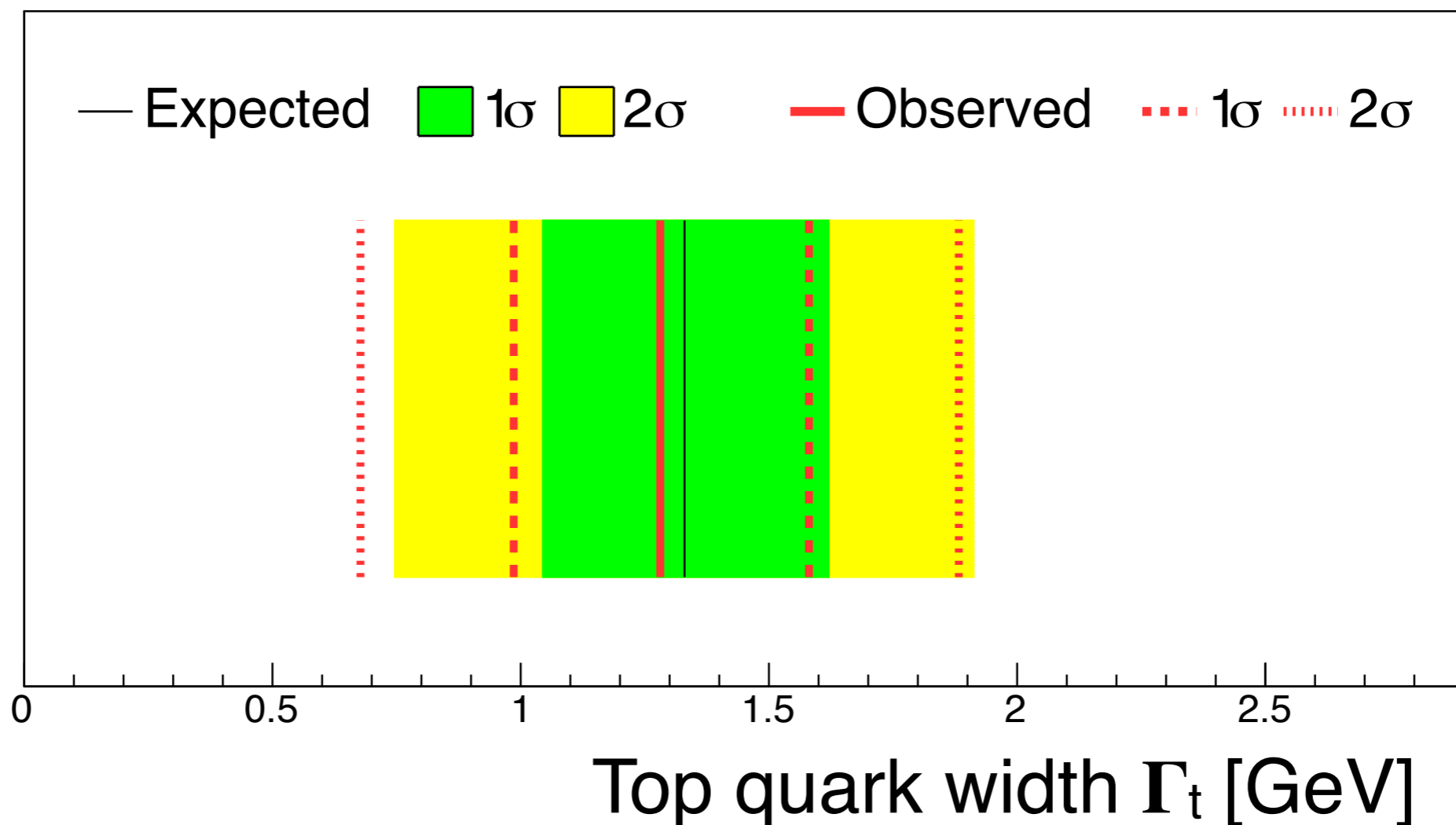
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These quantum effects were then used to make the most precise direct measurement of the top quark width

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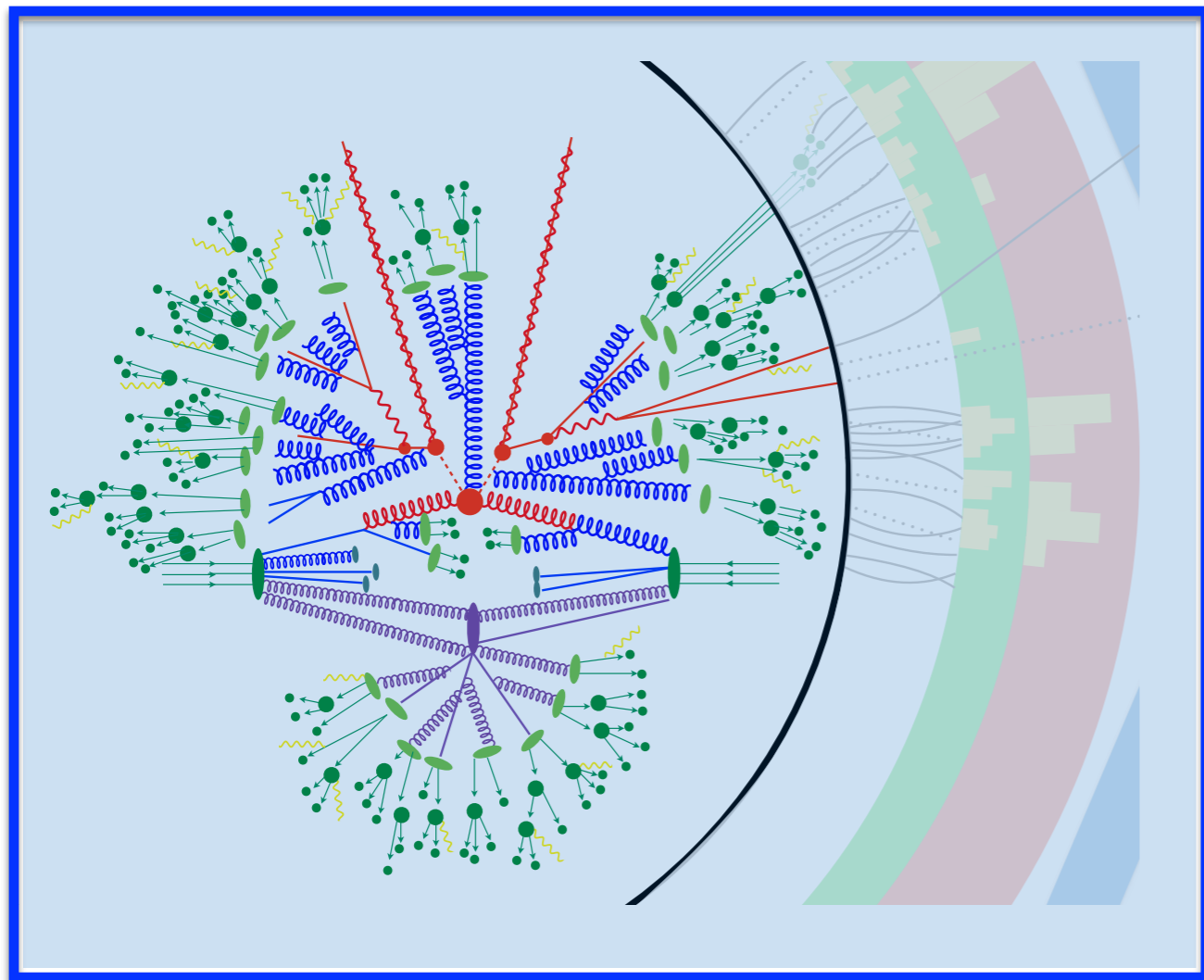
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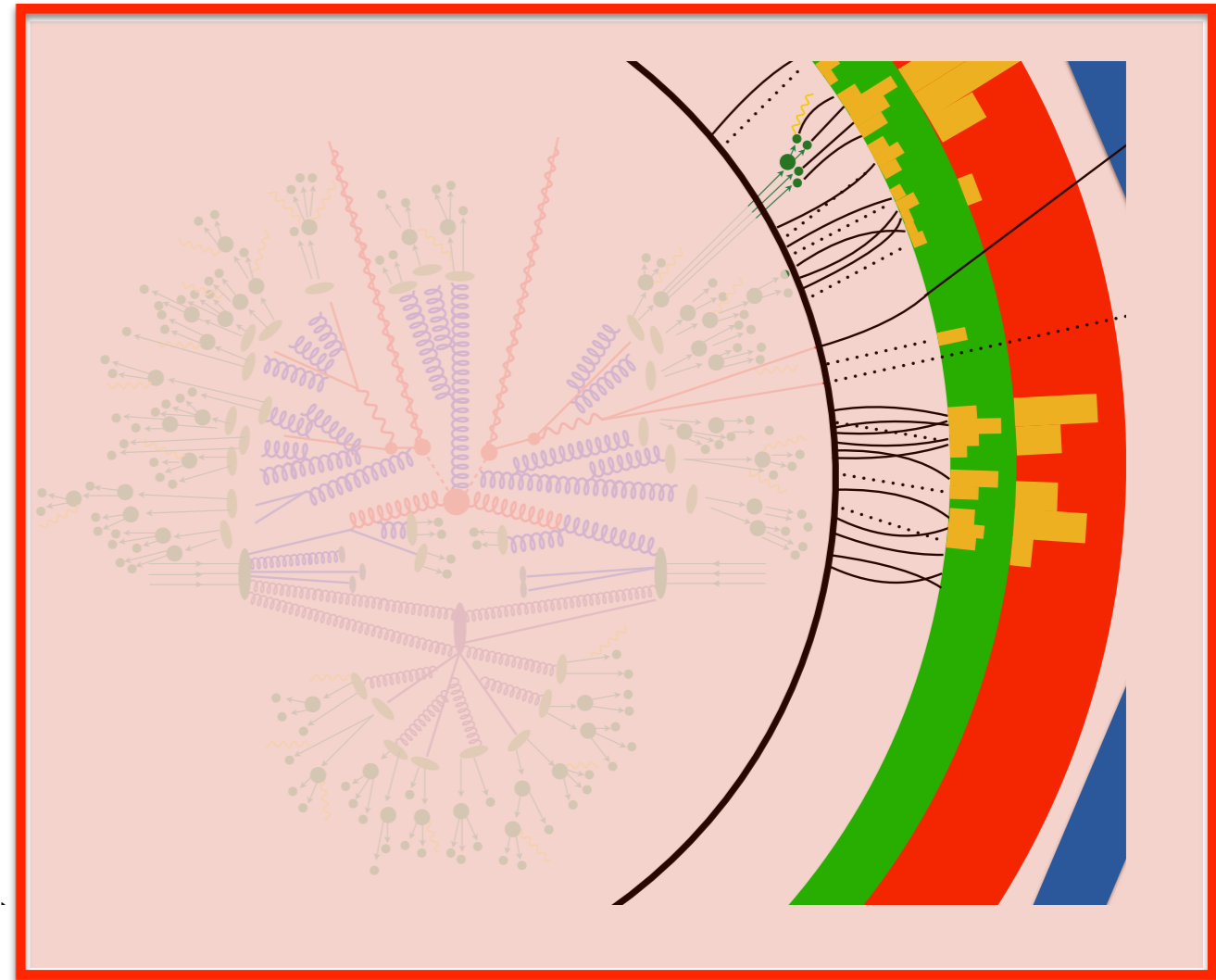
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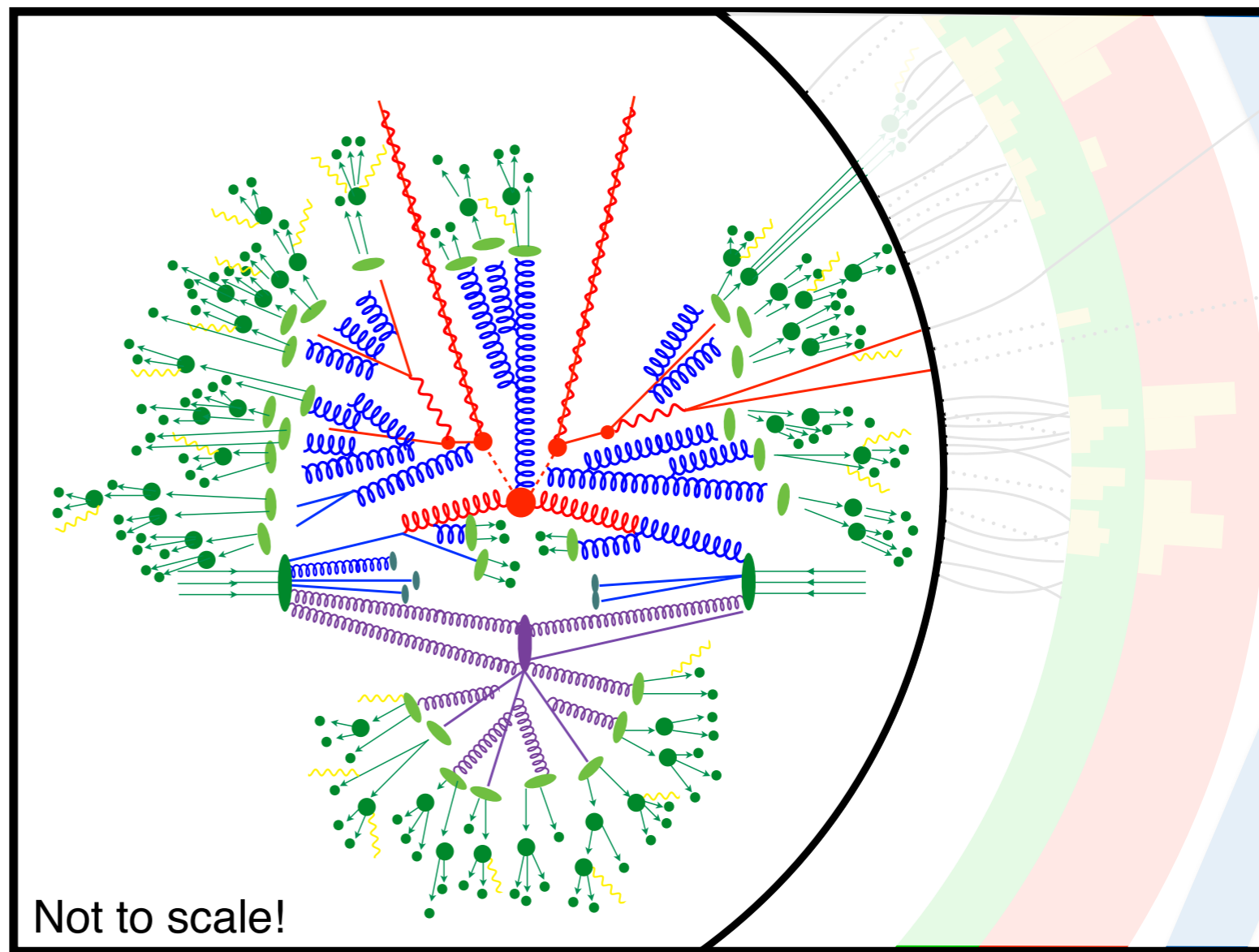
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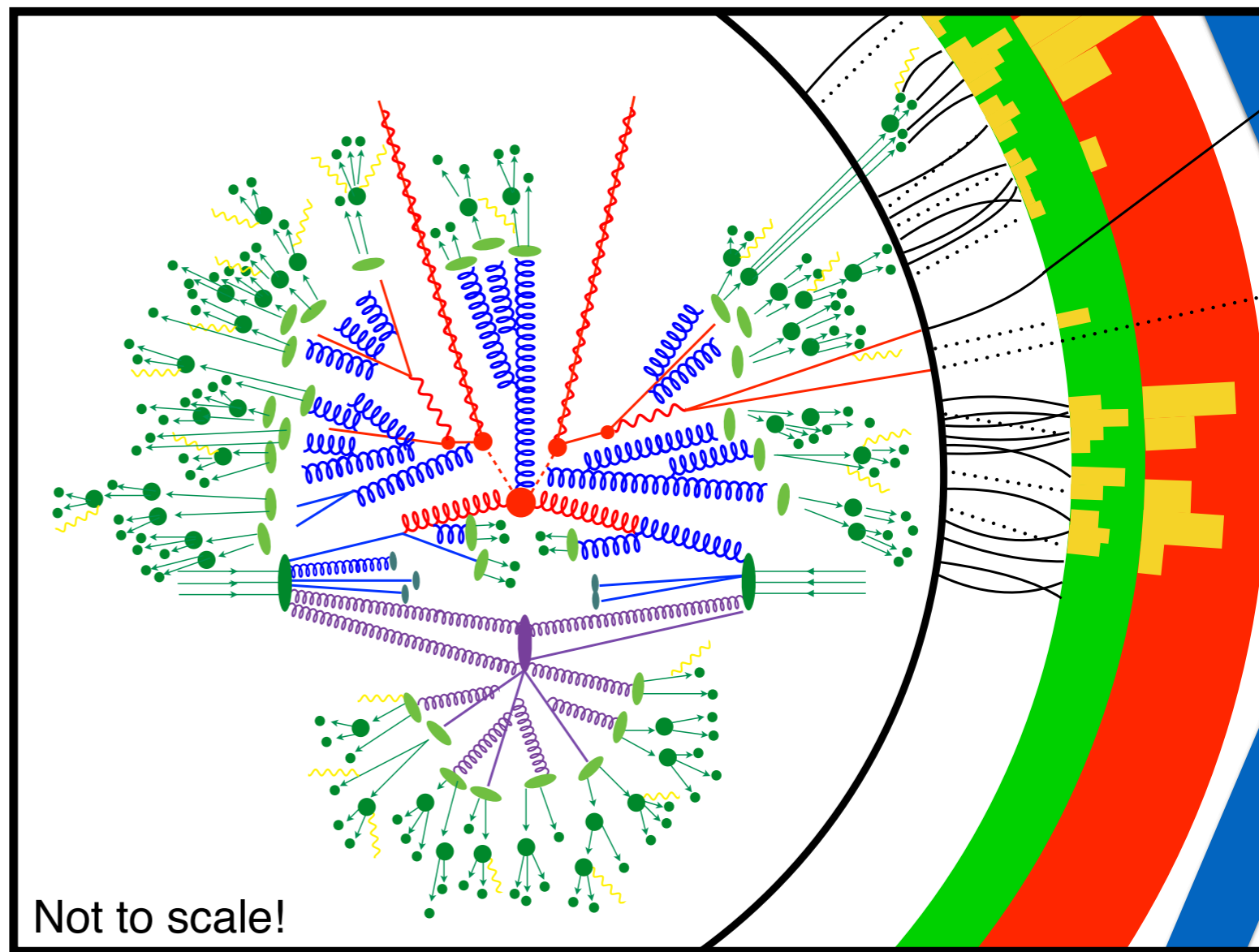
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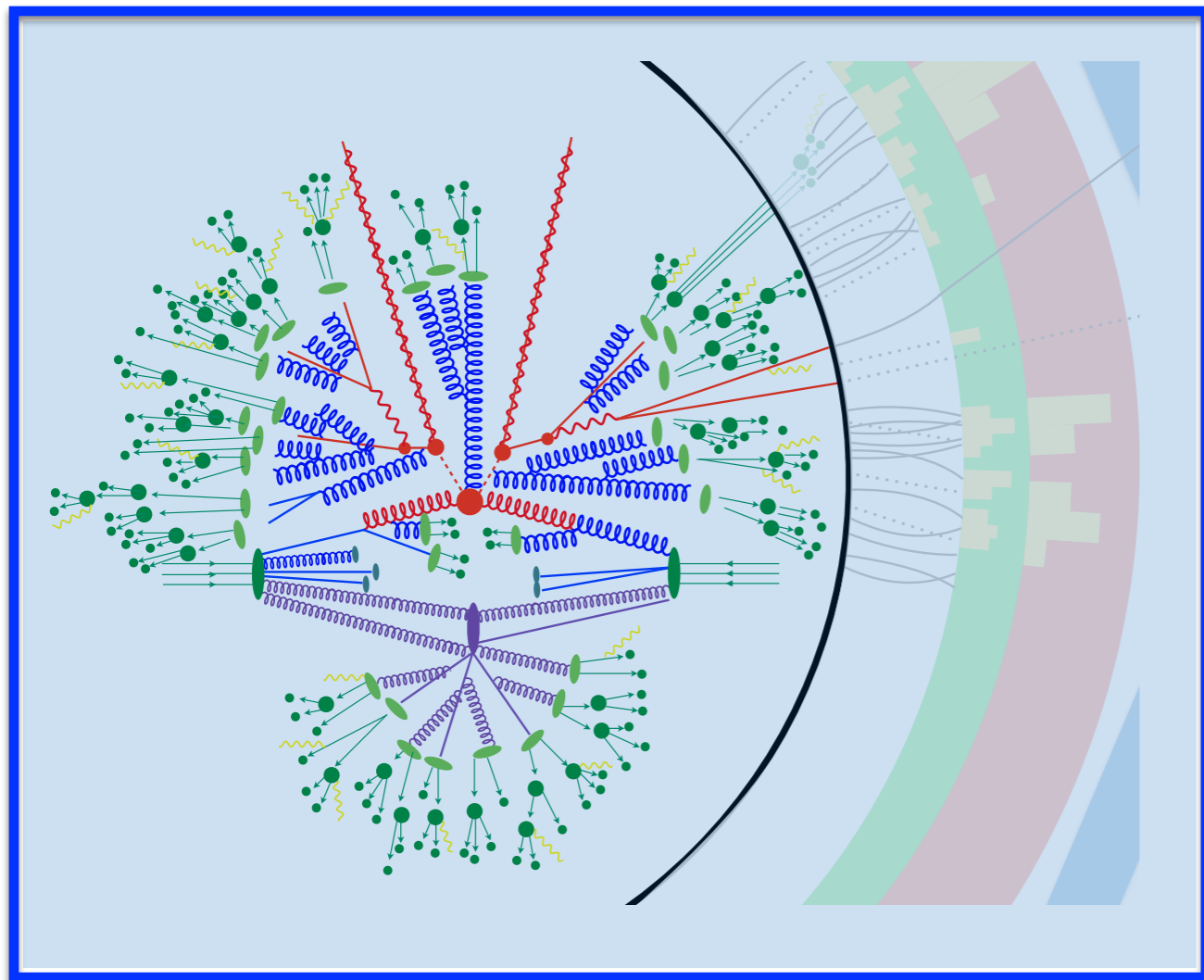
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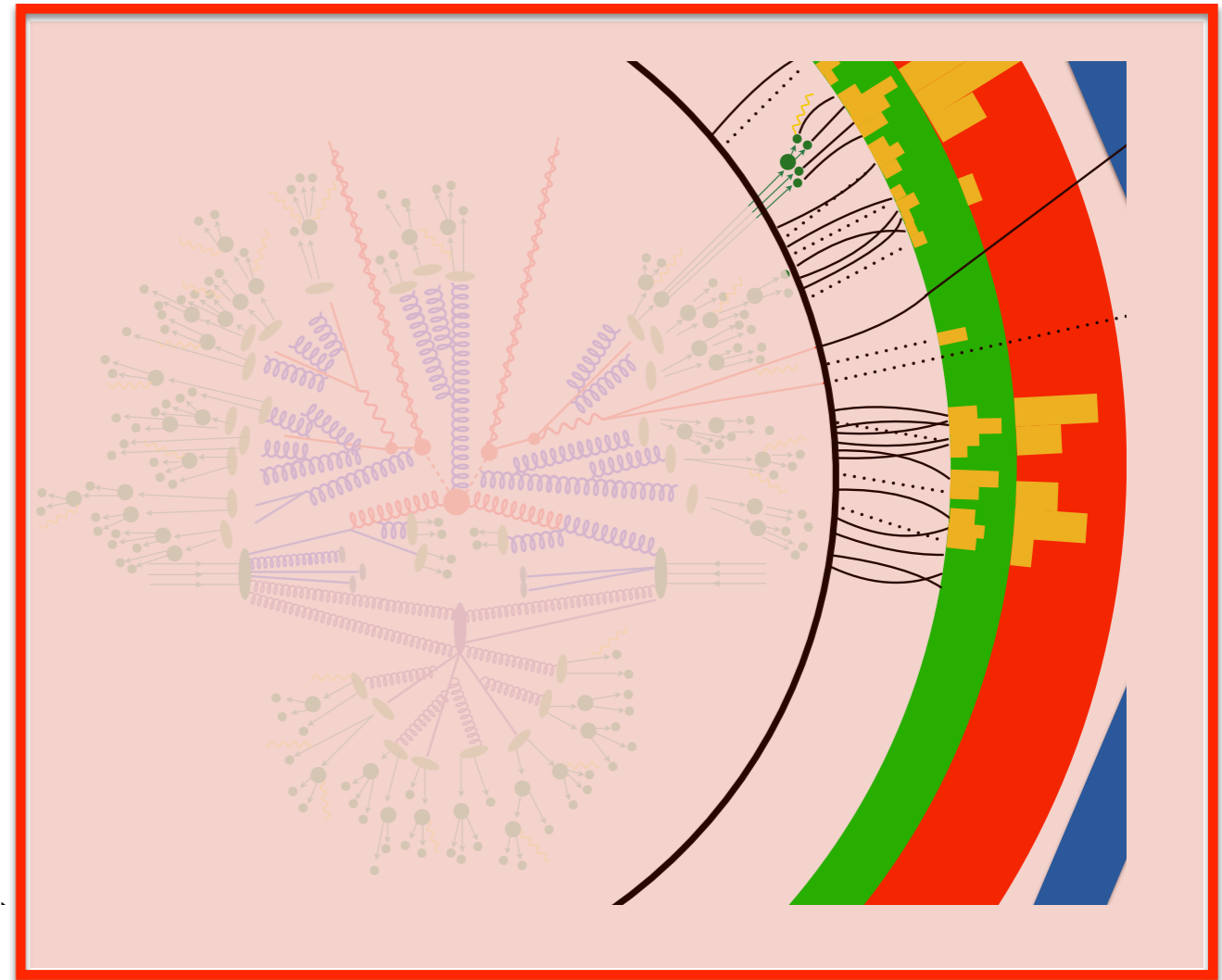
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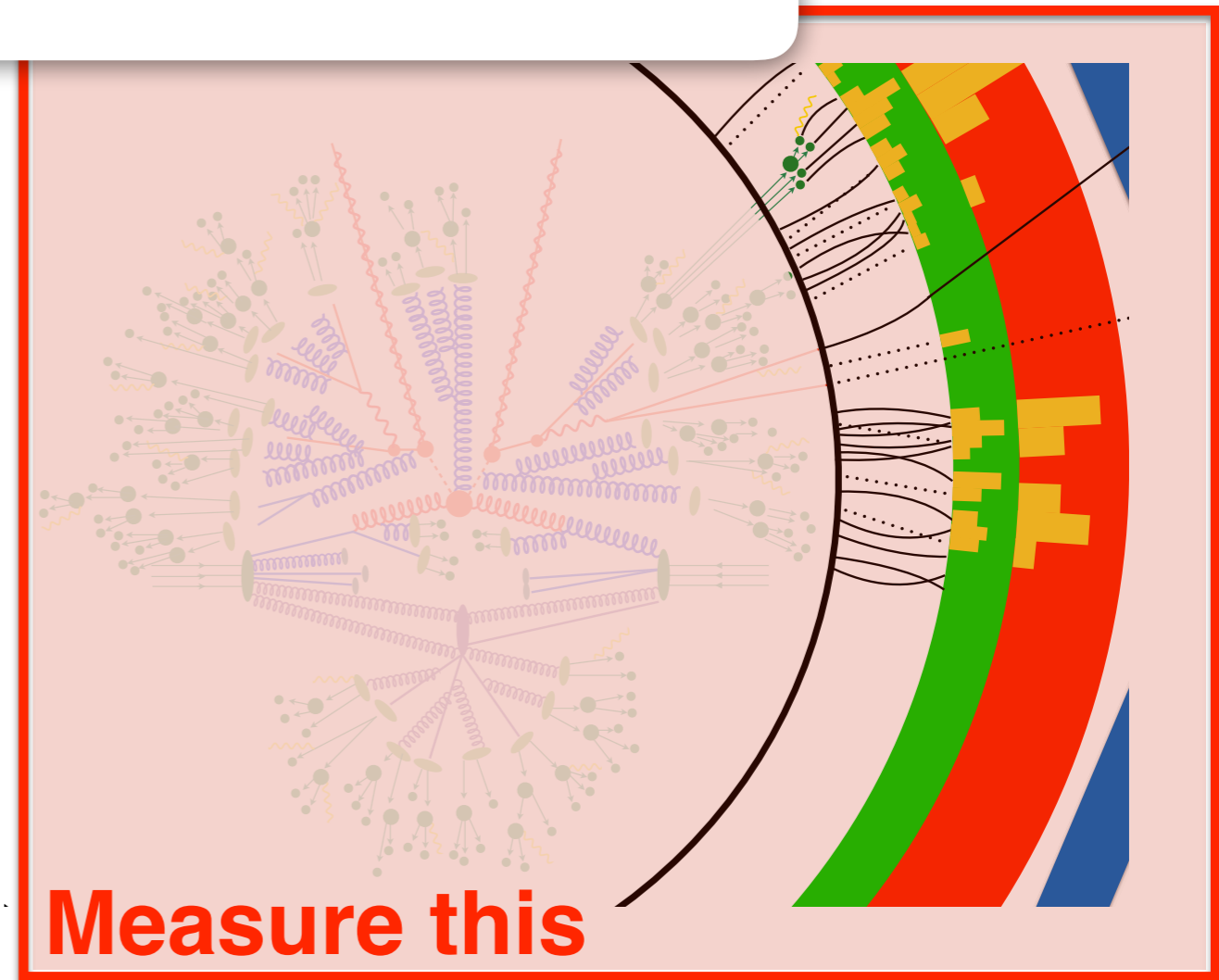
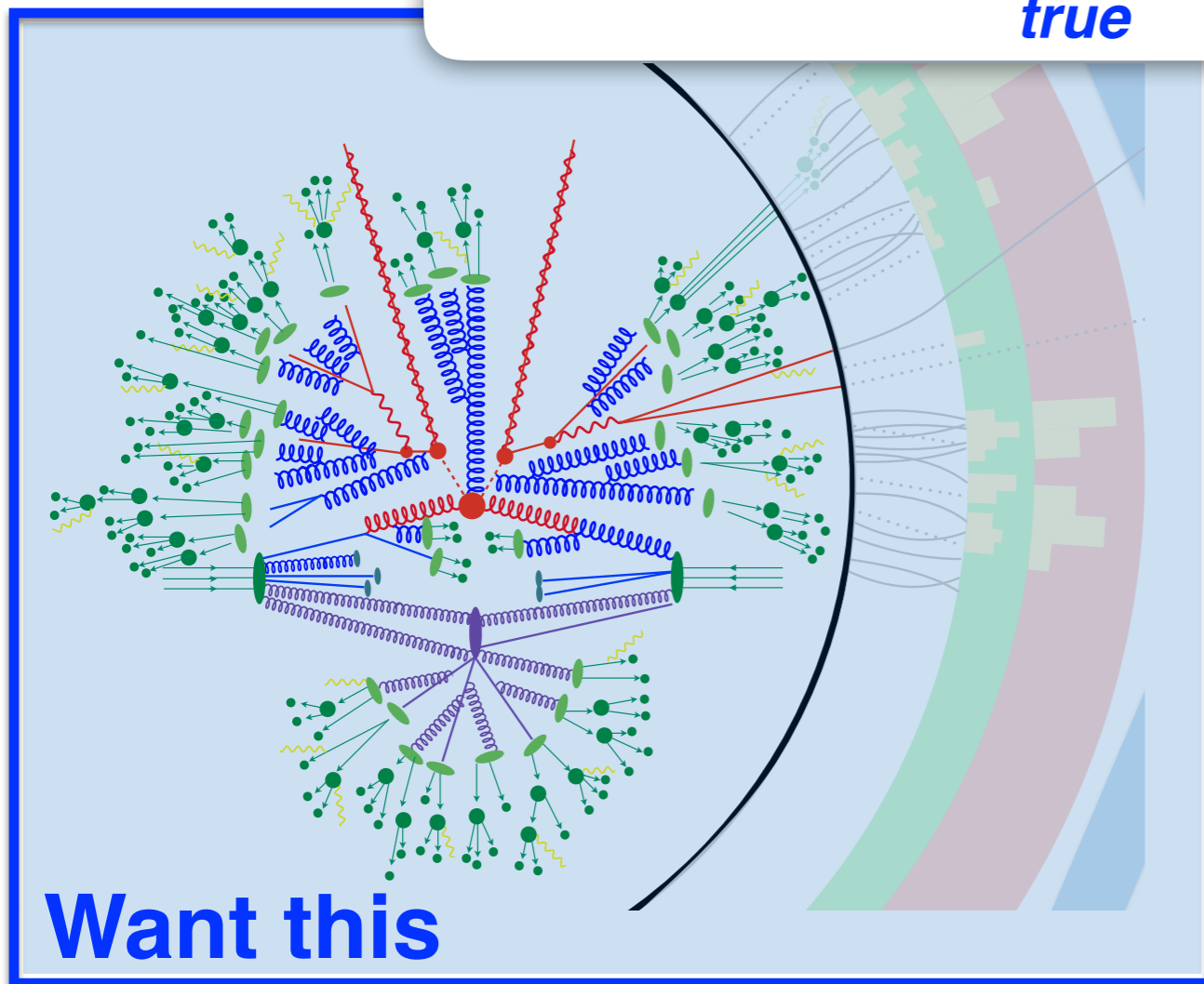
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However: we have **simulators** that we can use to sample from  $p(\textit{meas.} \mid \textit{true})$

→ **Simulation-based (likelihood-free) inference**

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What if we don't (and can't easily) know  $q$  and  $p$ ?

**Fact:** Neural networks learn to approximate the likelihood ratio =  $q(x)/p(x)$   
(or something monotonically related to it in a known way)

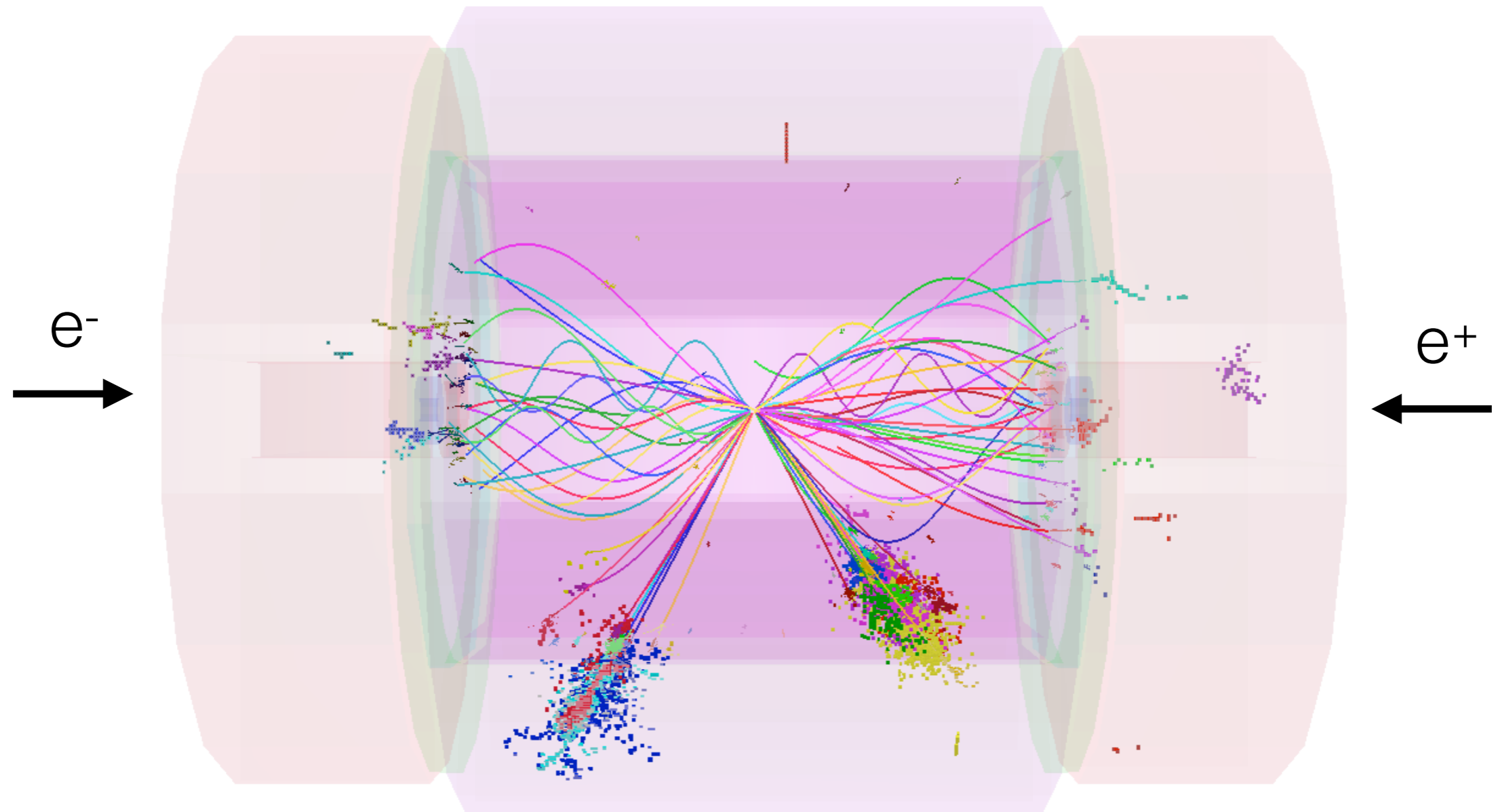
Solution: train a neural network to distinguish the two datasets!

This turns the problem of **density estimation** (**hard**) into a problem of **classification** (**easy**)

# Classification for reweighting

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Particularly useful for particle physics, where collisions may produce a variable # of particles which are interchangeable



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Our events have a variable number of particles & due to quantum mechanics, are permutation invariant. Thus, we use a deep-sets variant called **particle flow networks**.

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Just to stress: this gives you a new simulation with all the 4-vectors that is statistically indistinguishable.

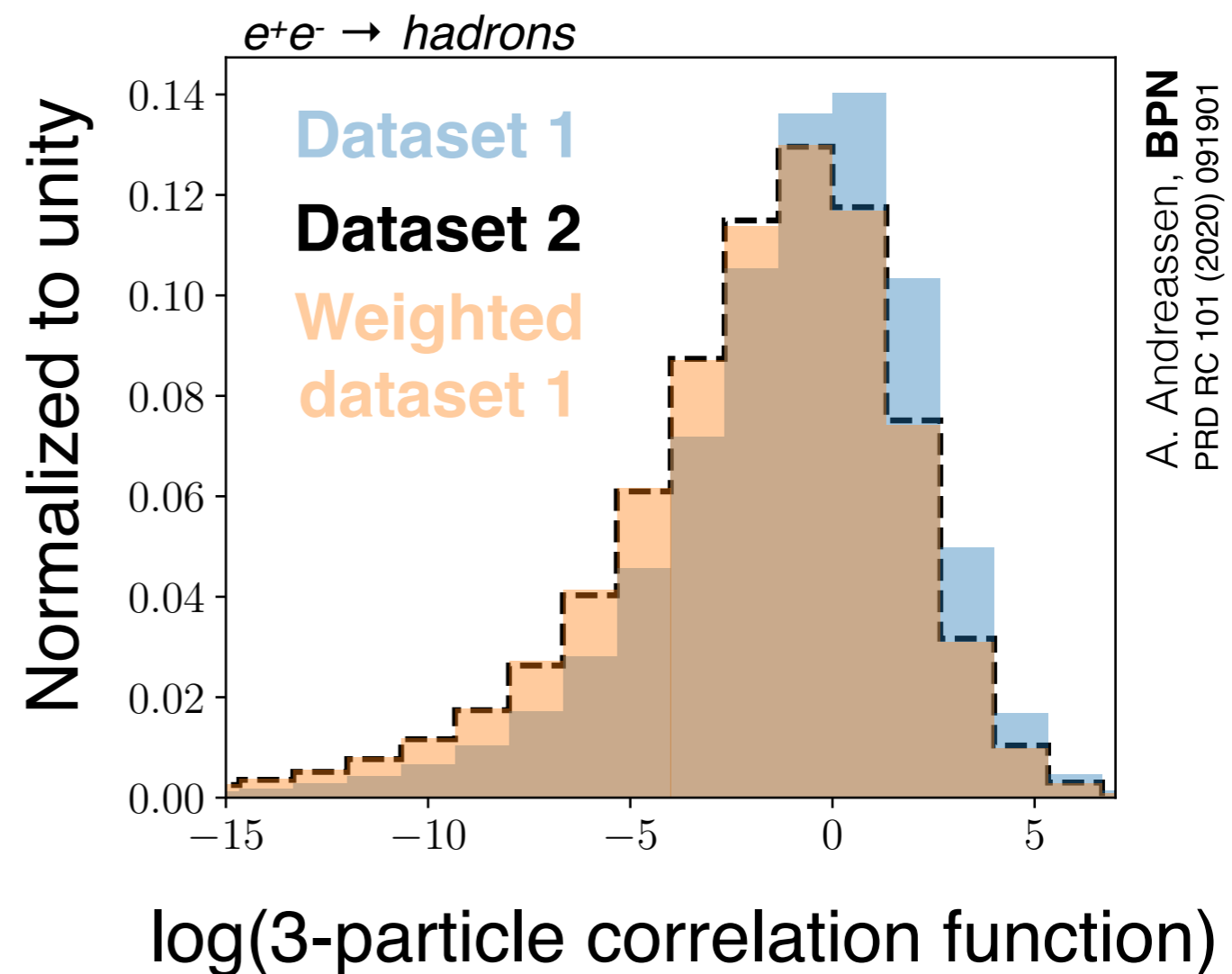
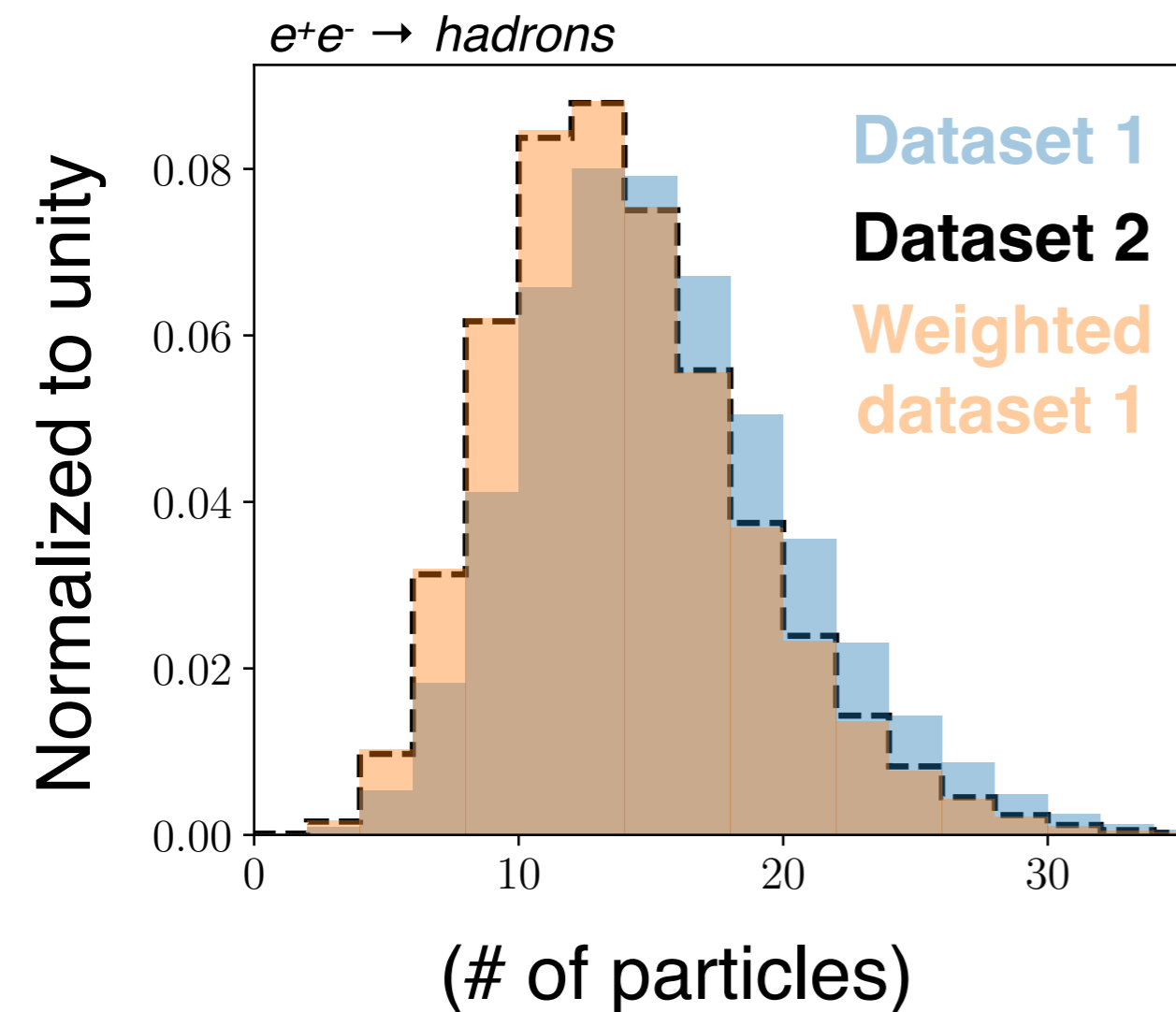
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# Classification for reweighting

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Reweight the **full phase space** and then check for various binned 1D observables.



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We call this Deep neural networks using Classification for Tuning and Reweighting or “**DCTR**”



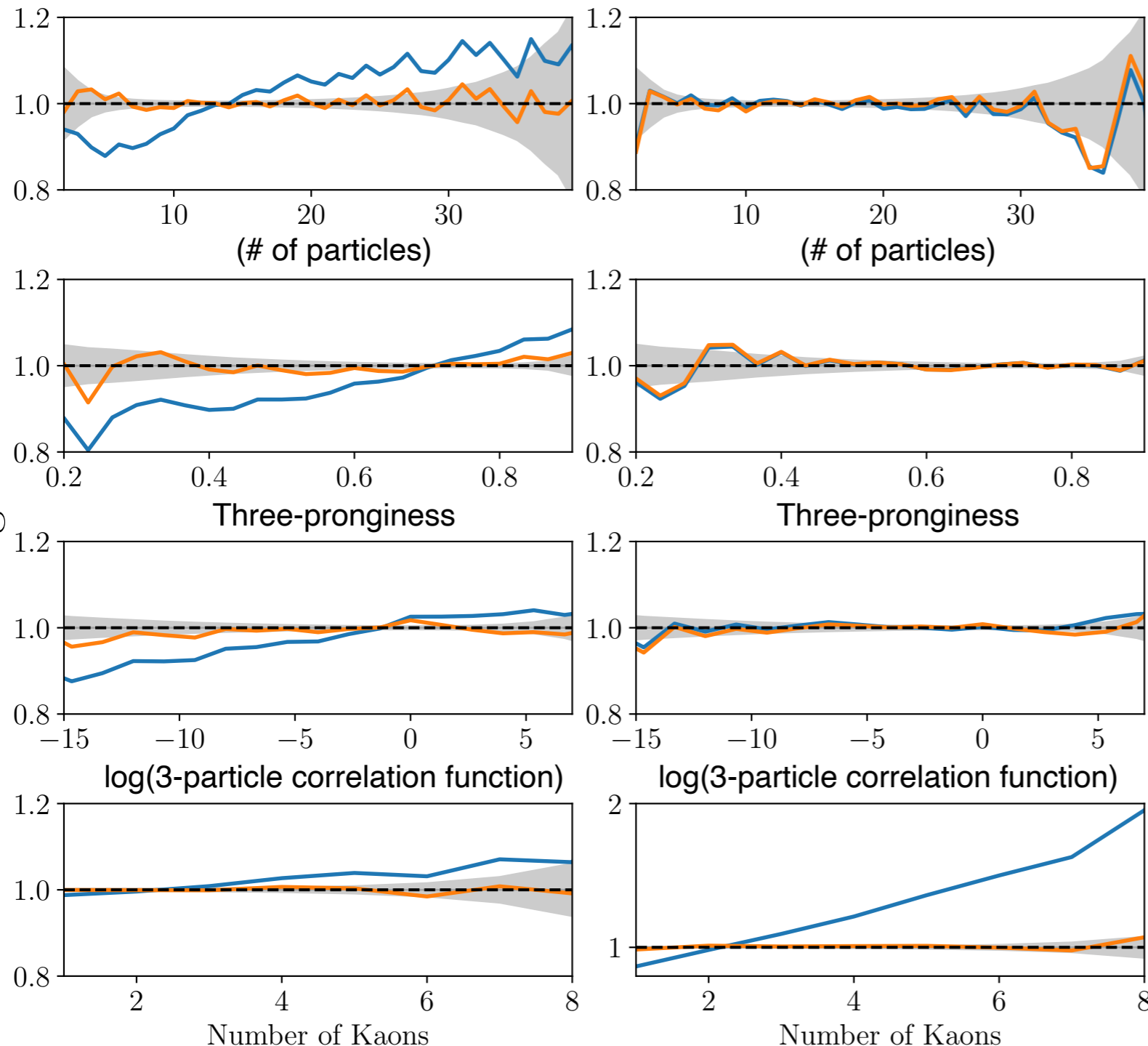
# Achieving precision

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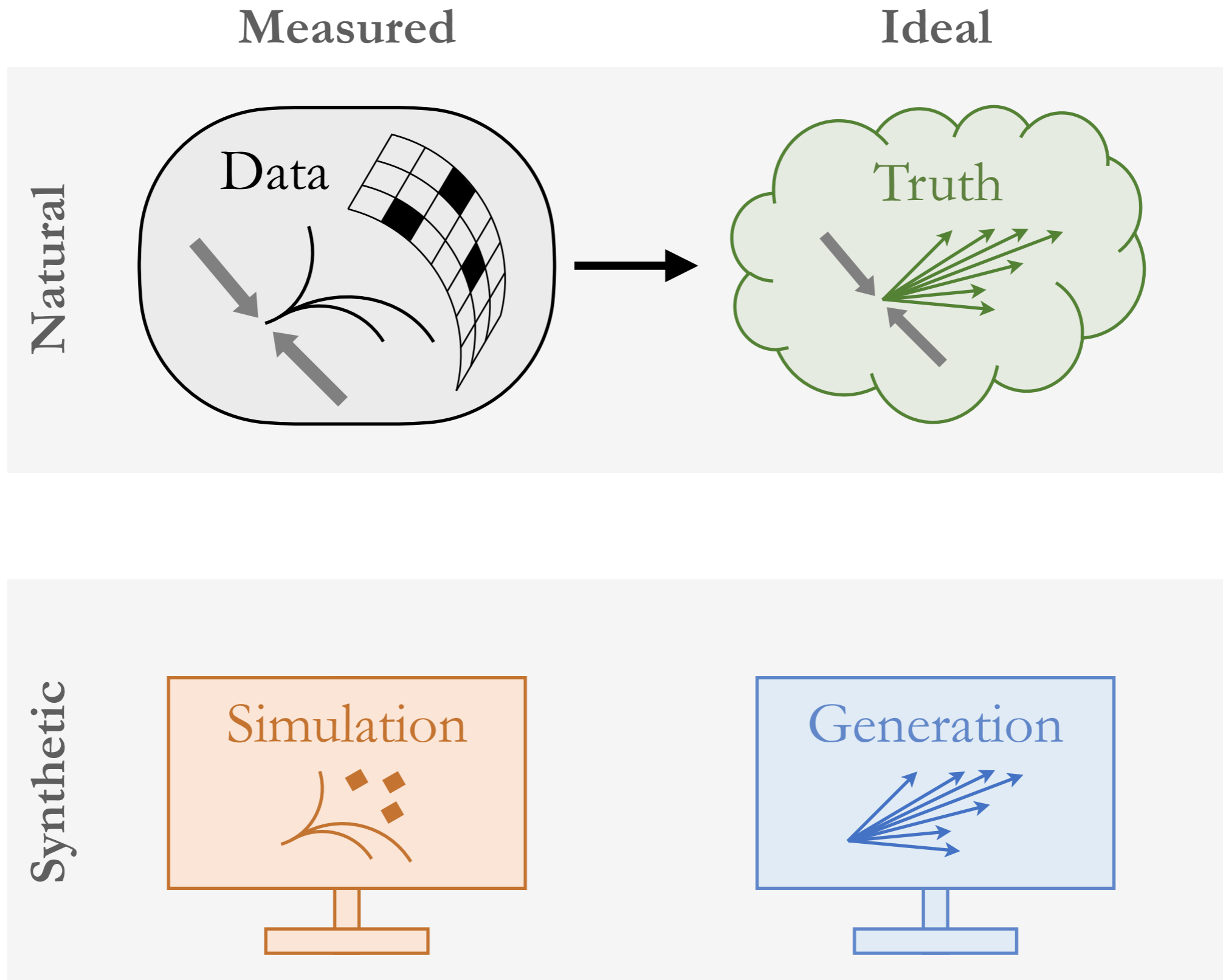
— Unweighted — Weighted



Works also when the differences between the two simulations are **small** (left) or **localized** (right).

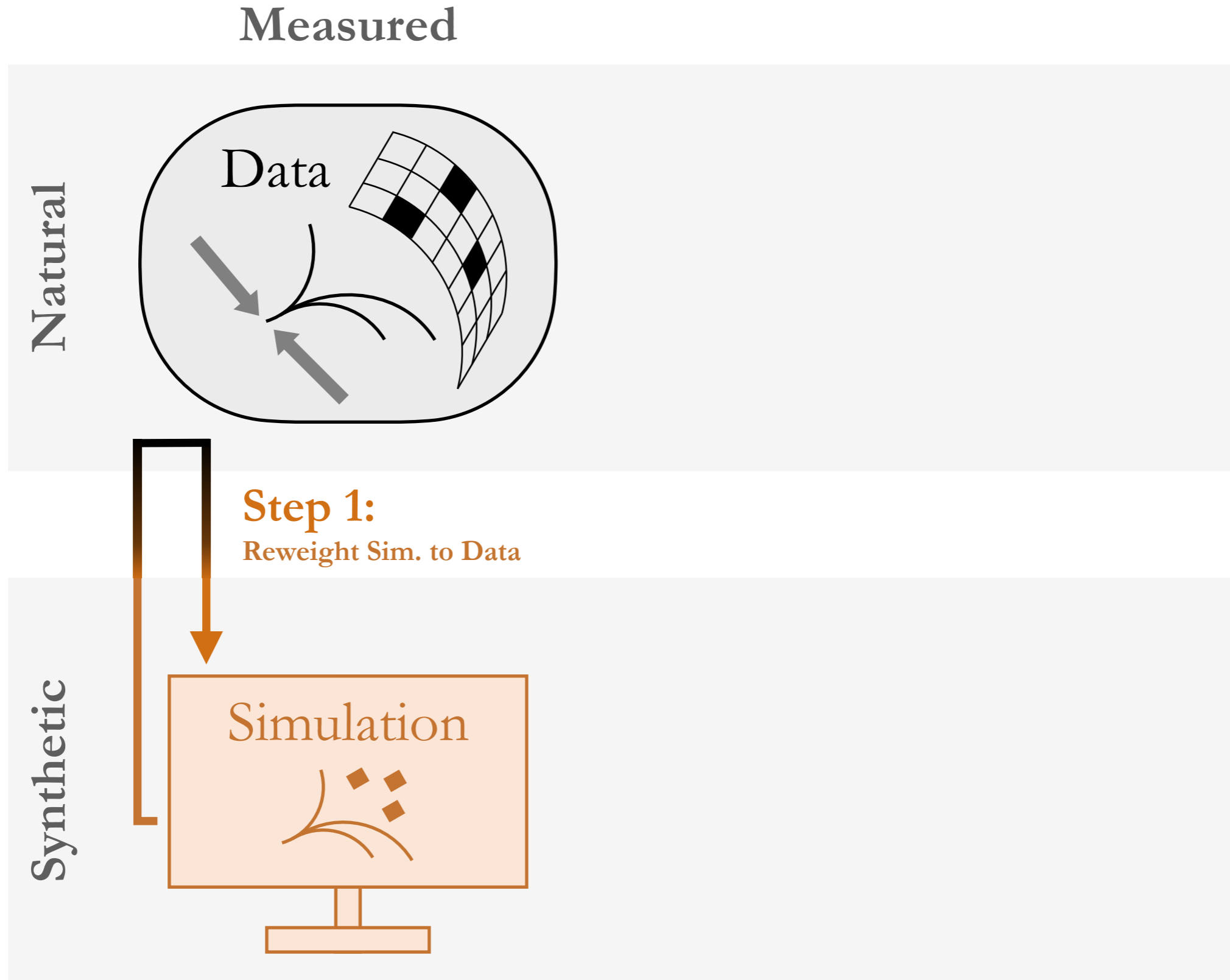
*These are histogram ratios for a series of one-dimensional observables*

# Unfold by iterating: OmniFold

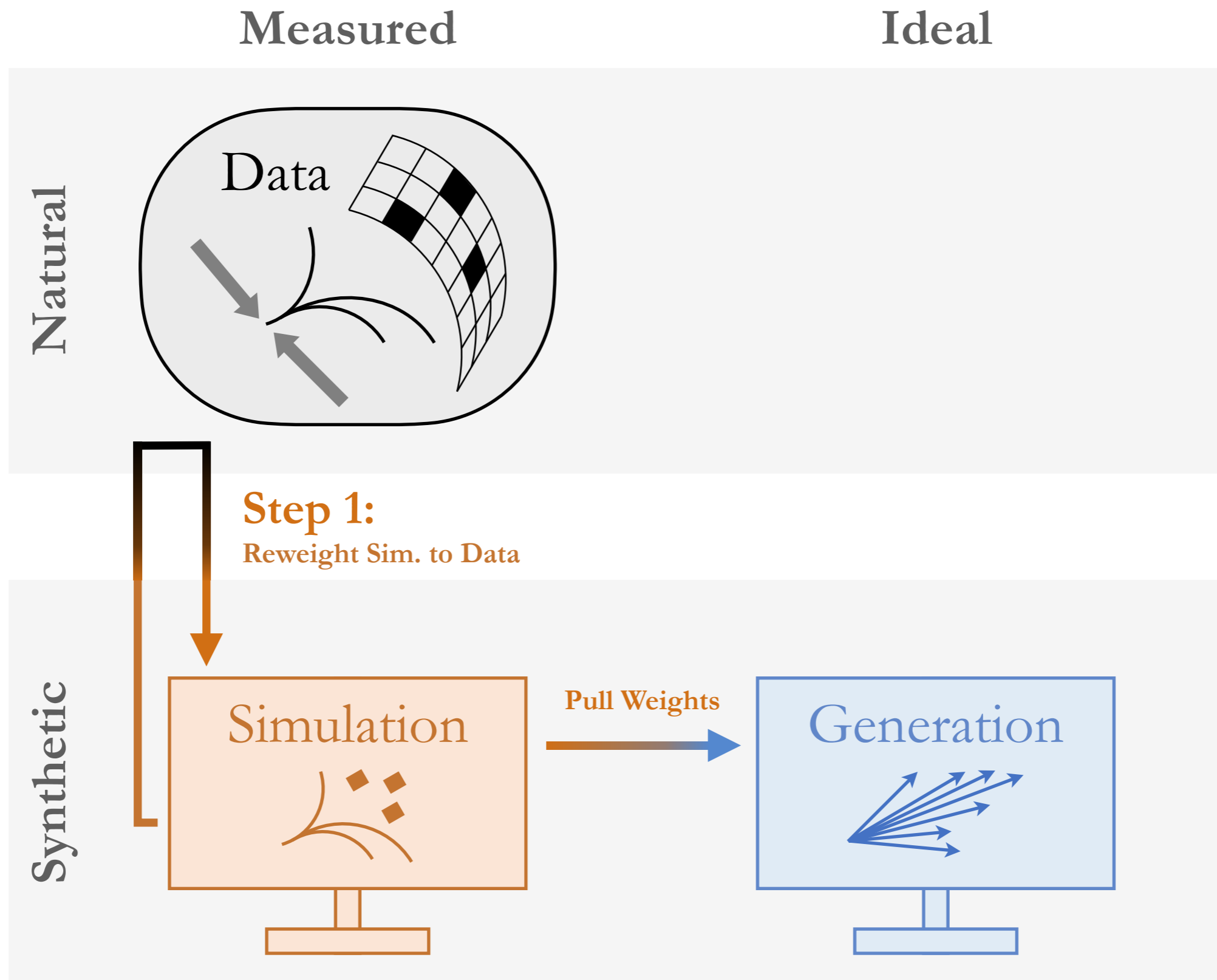


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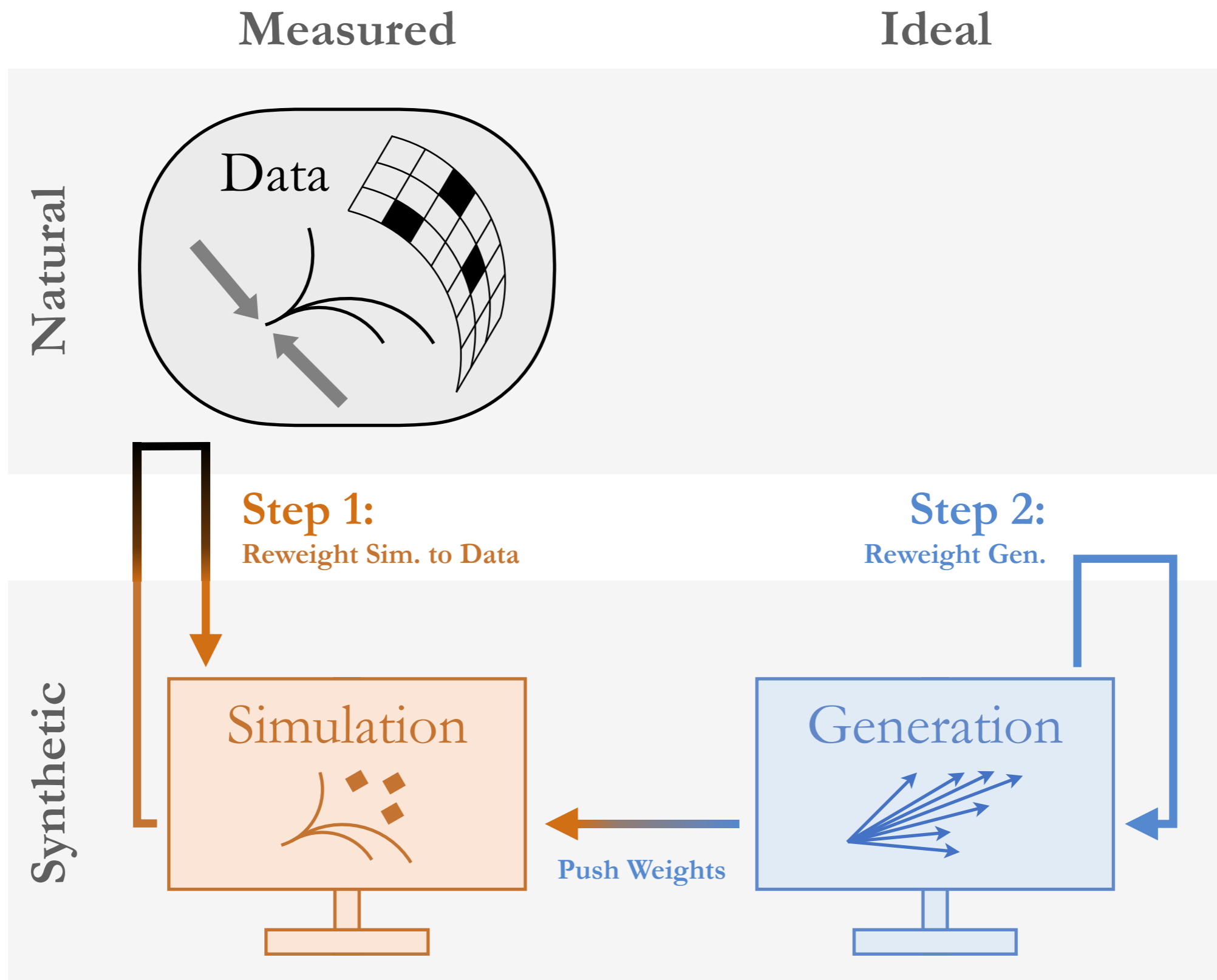
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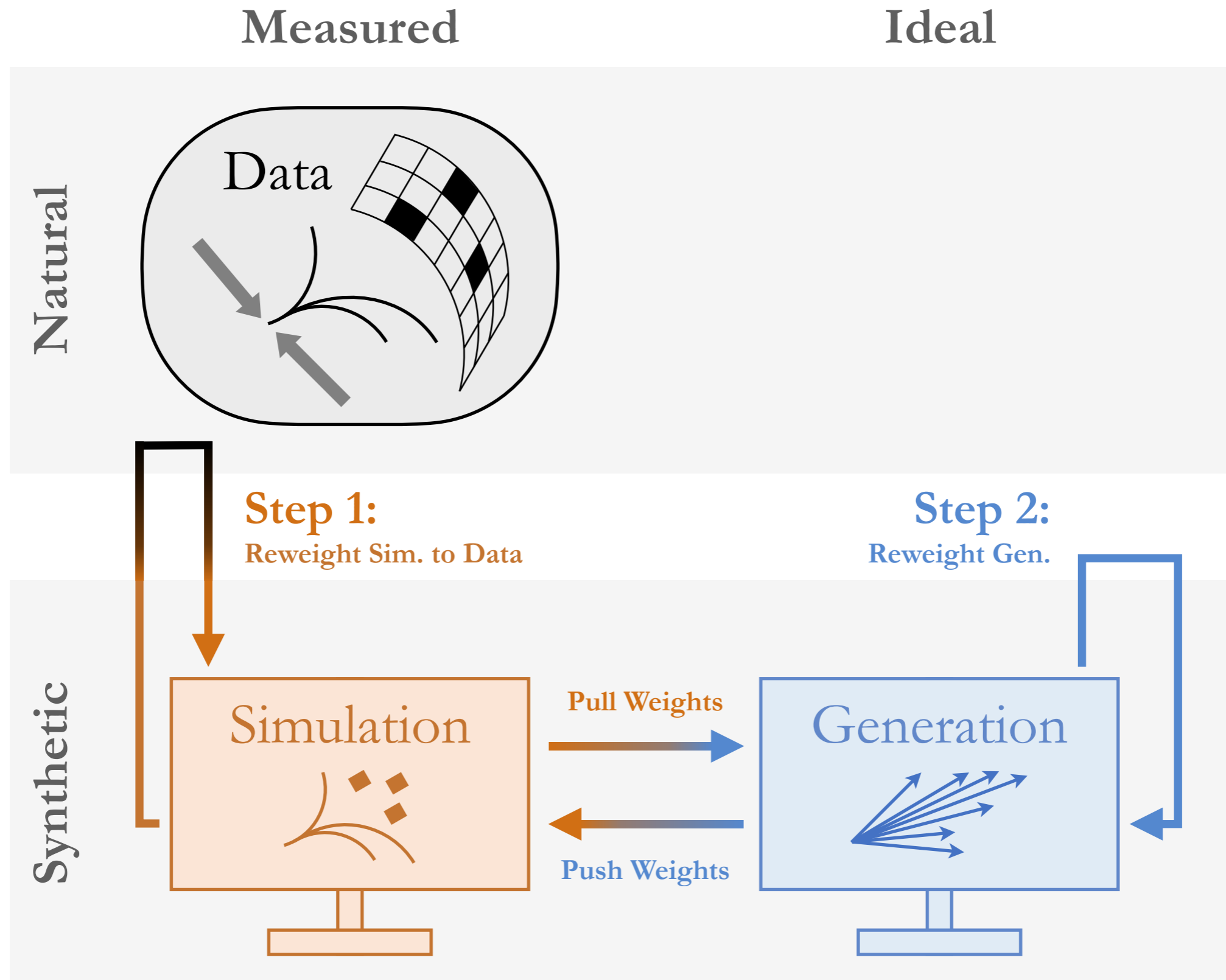


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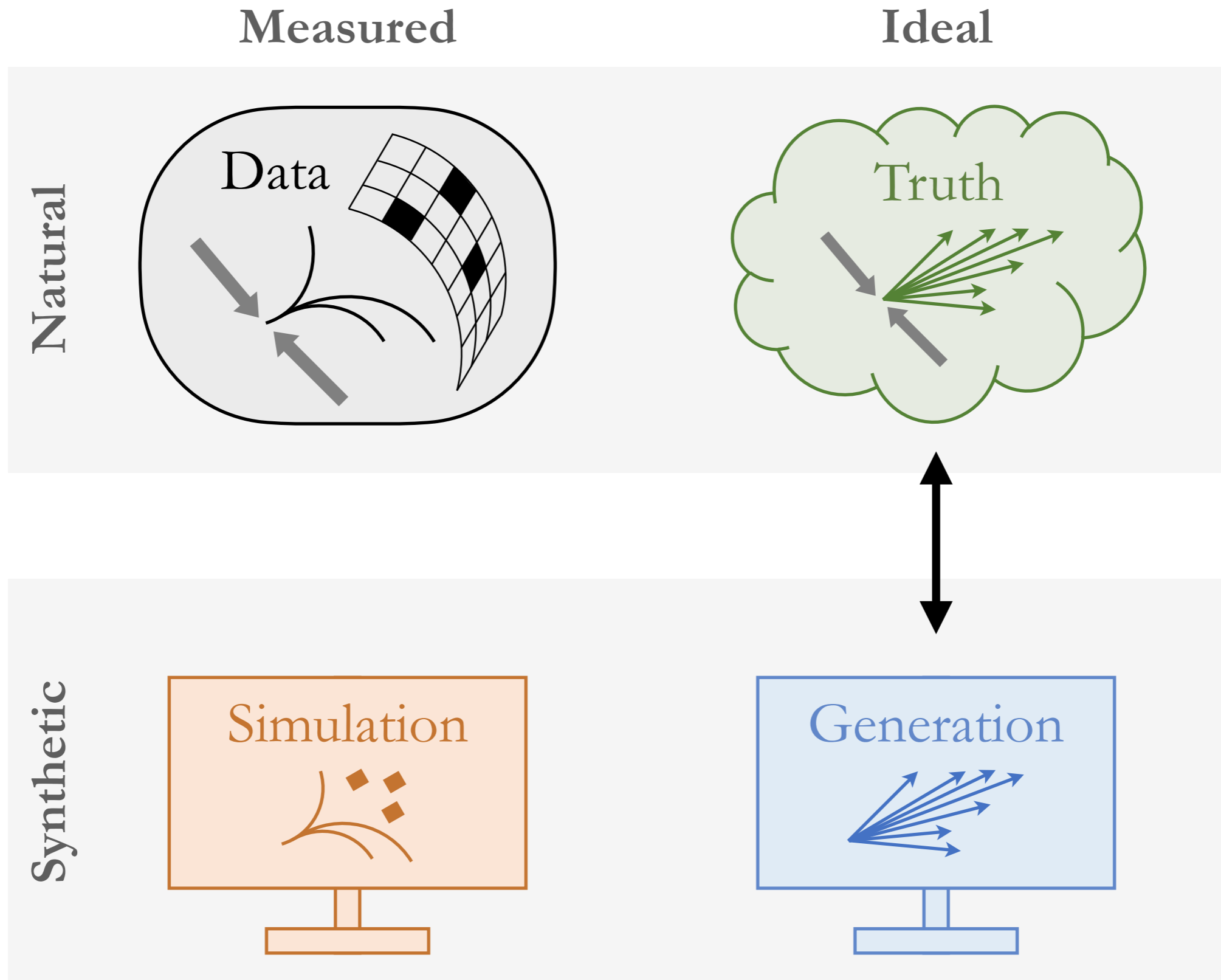


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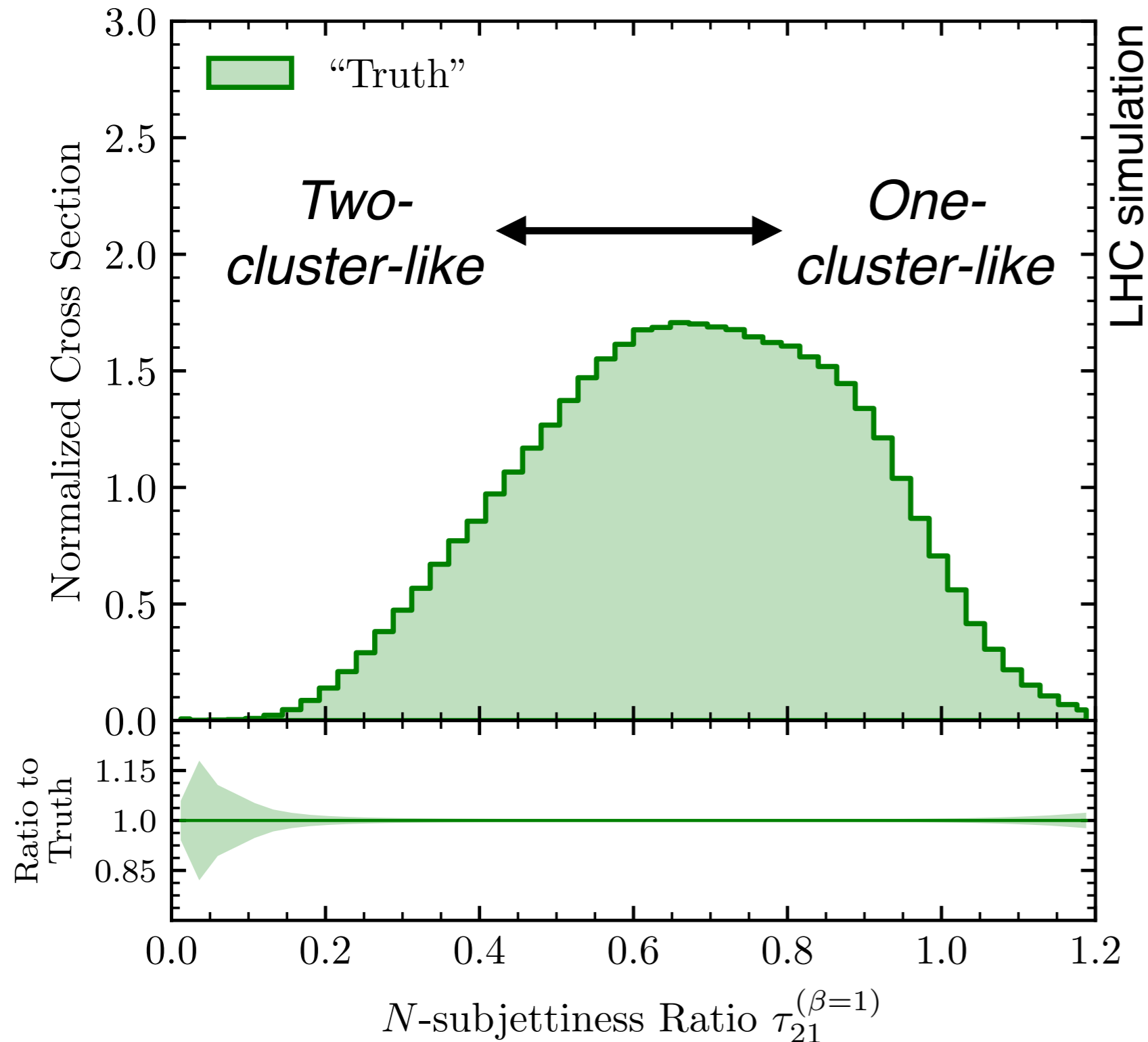
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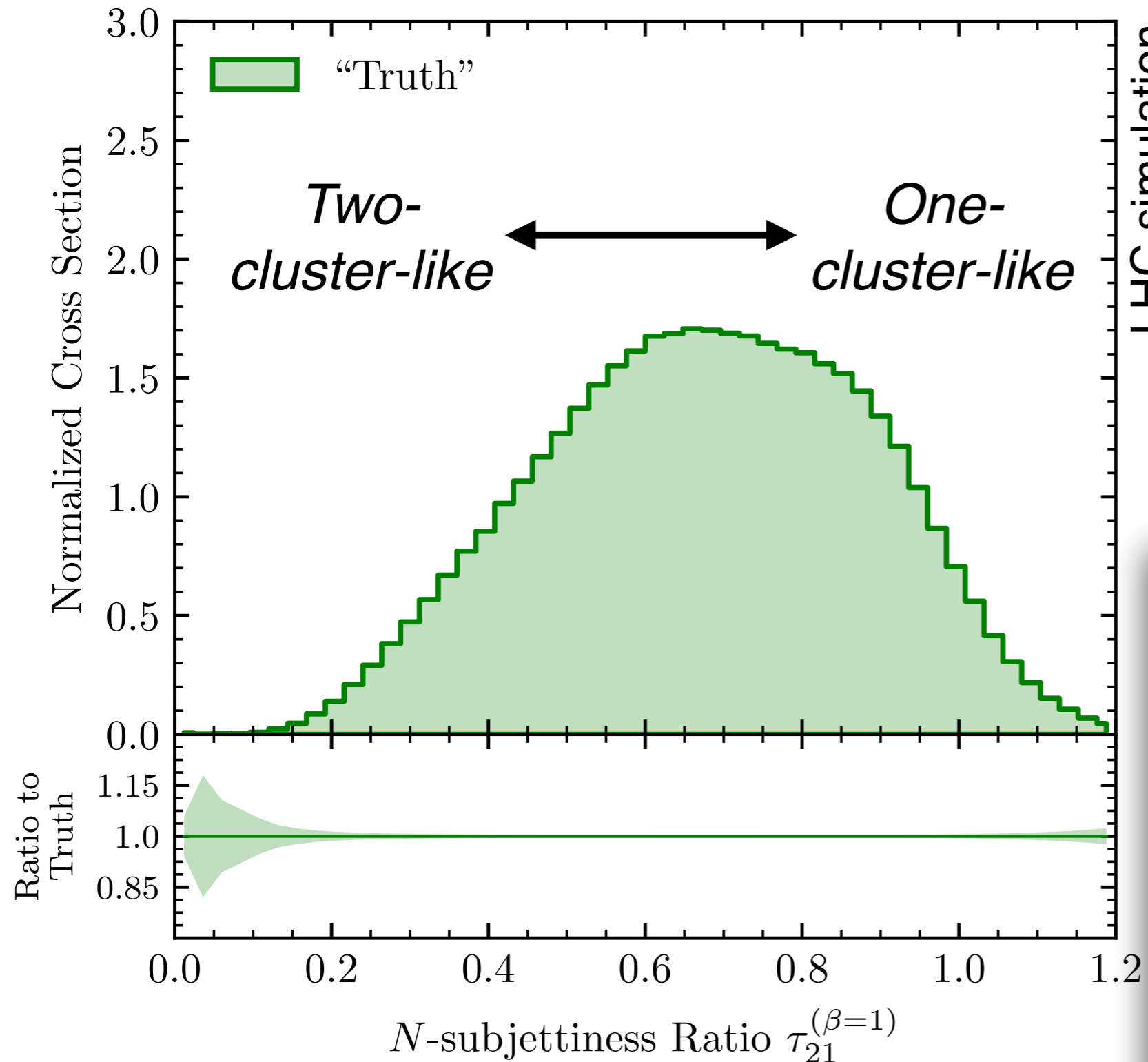


Consider this observable, which characterizes the substructure



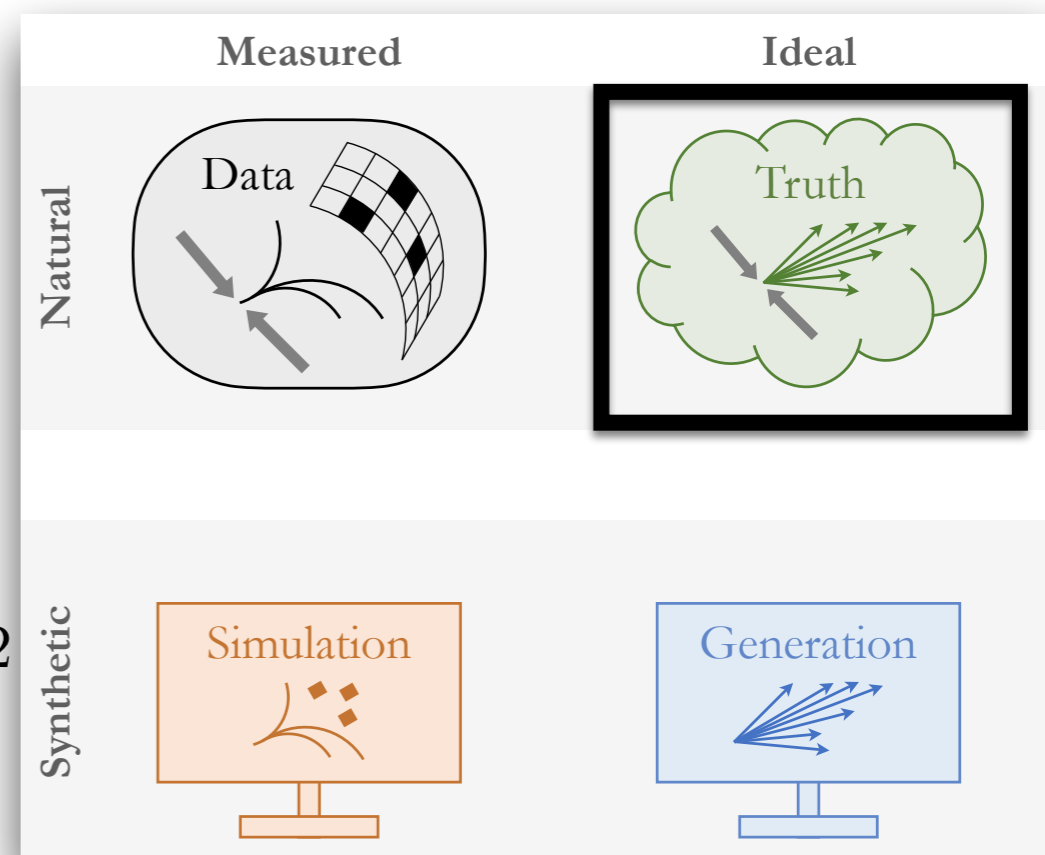
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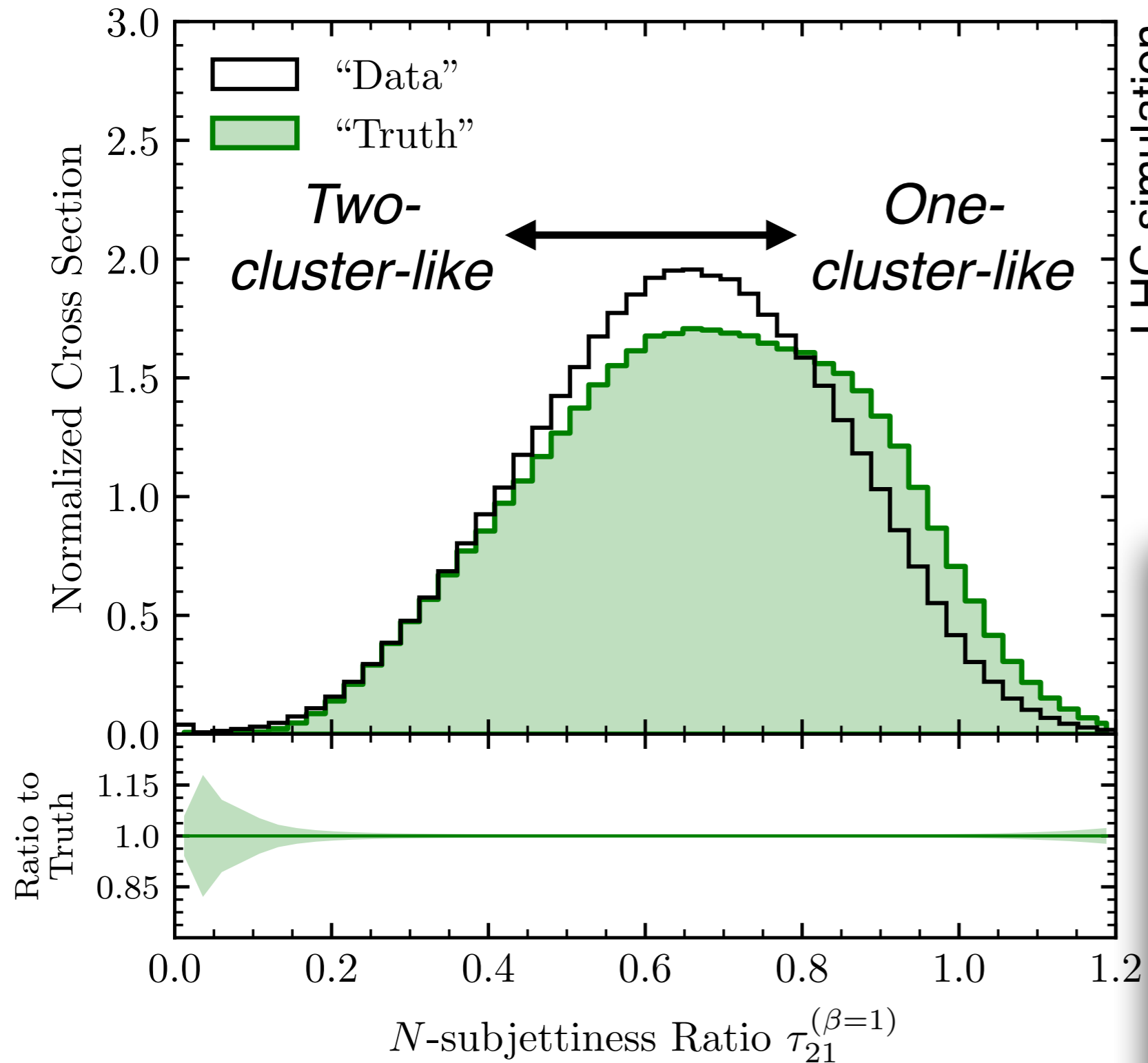
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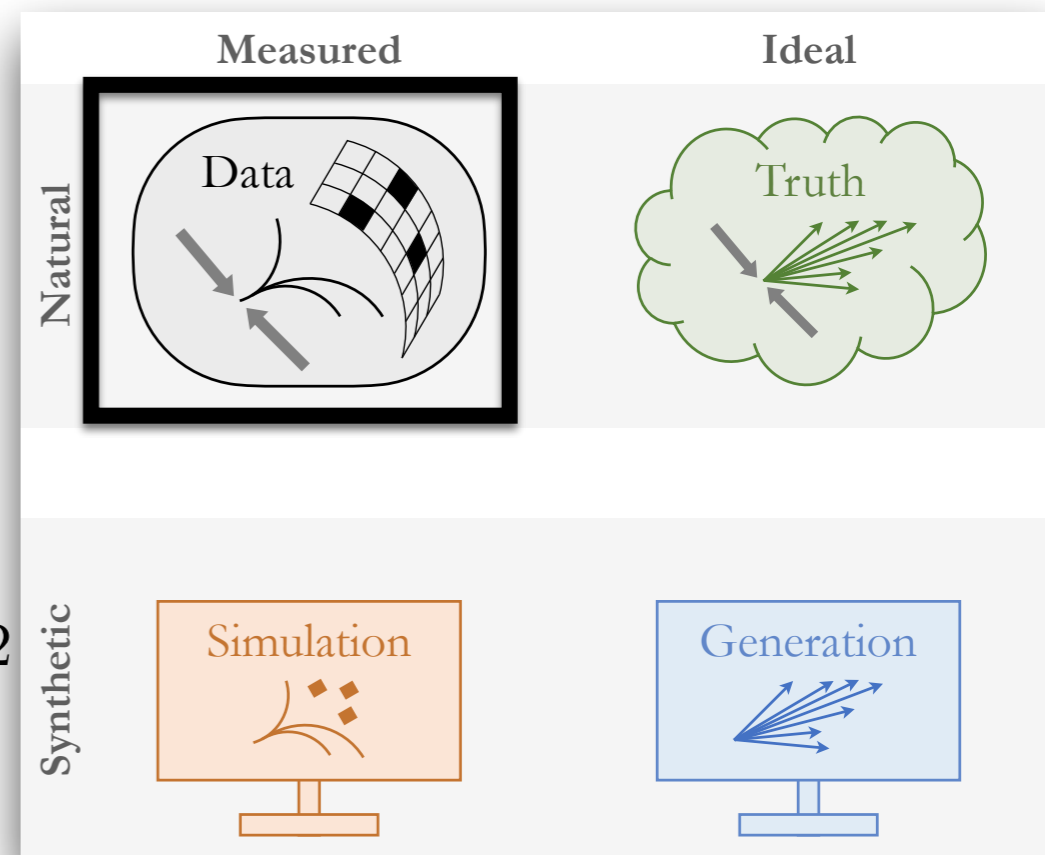


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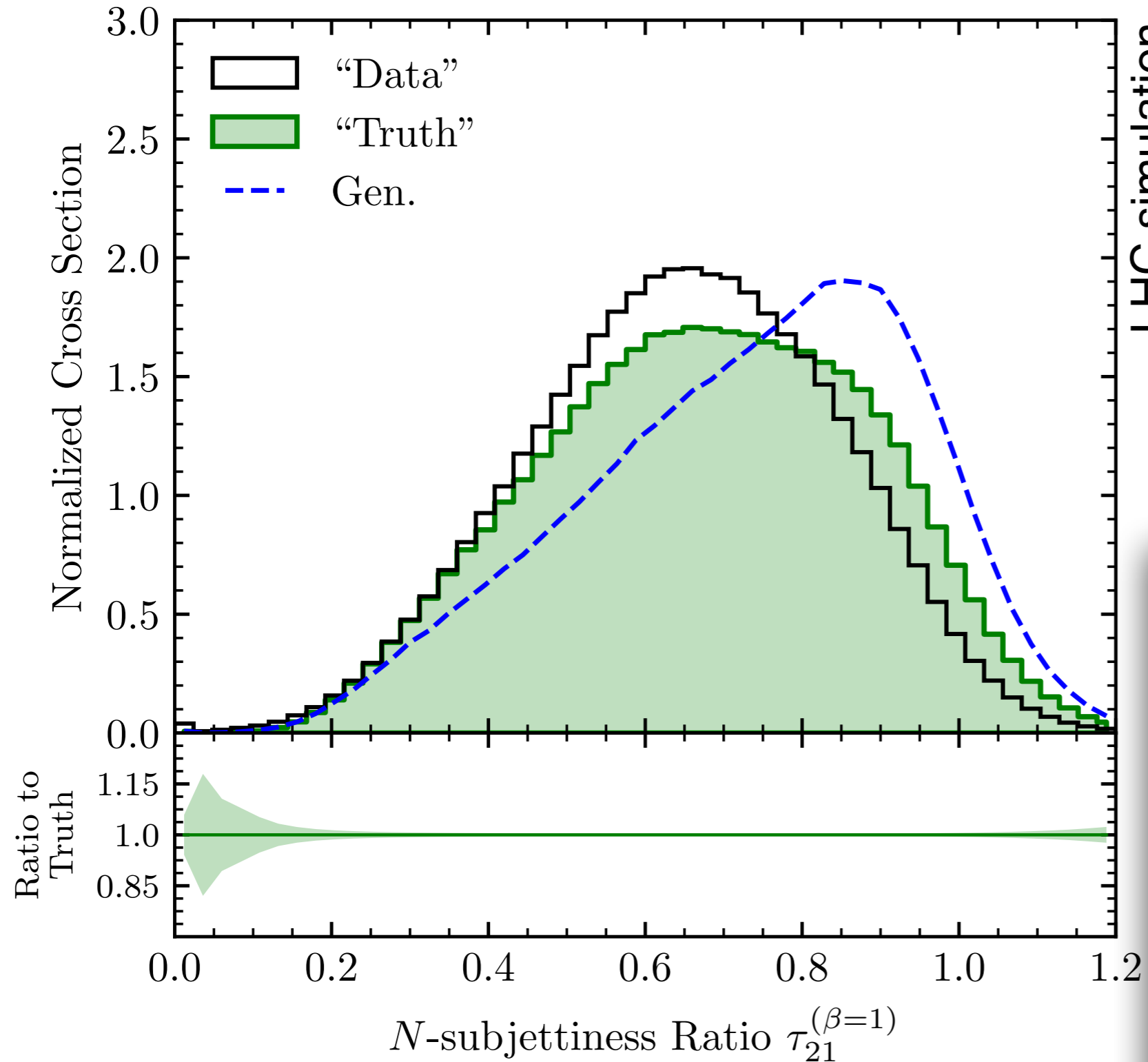


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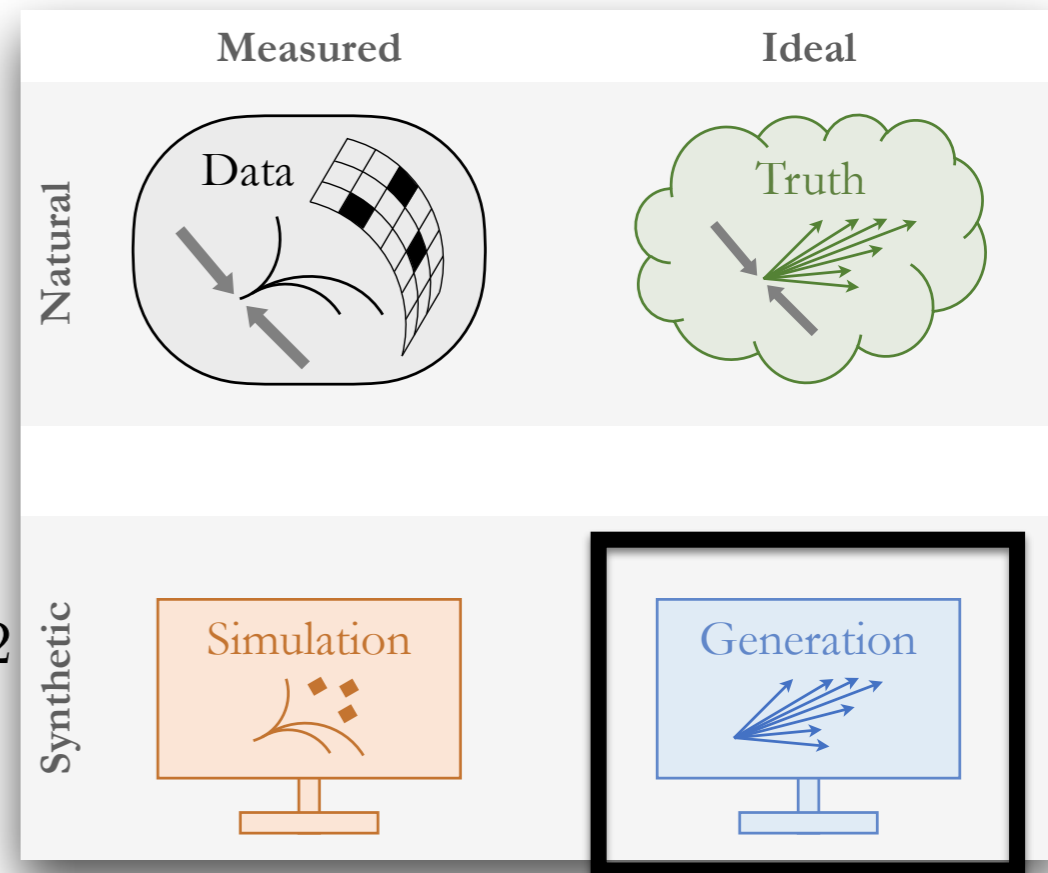
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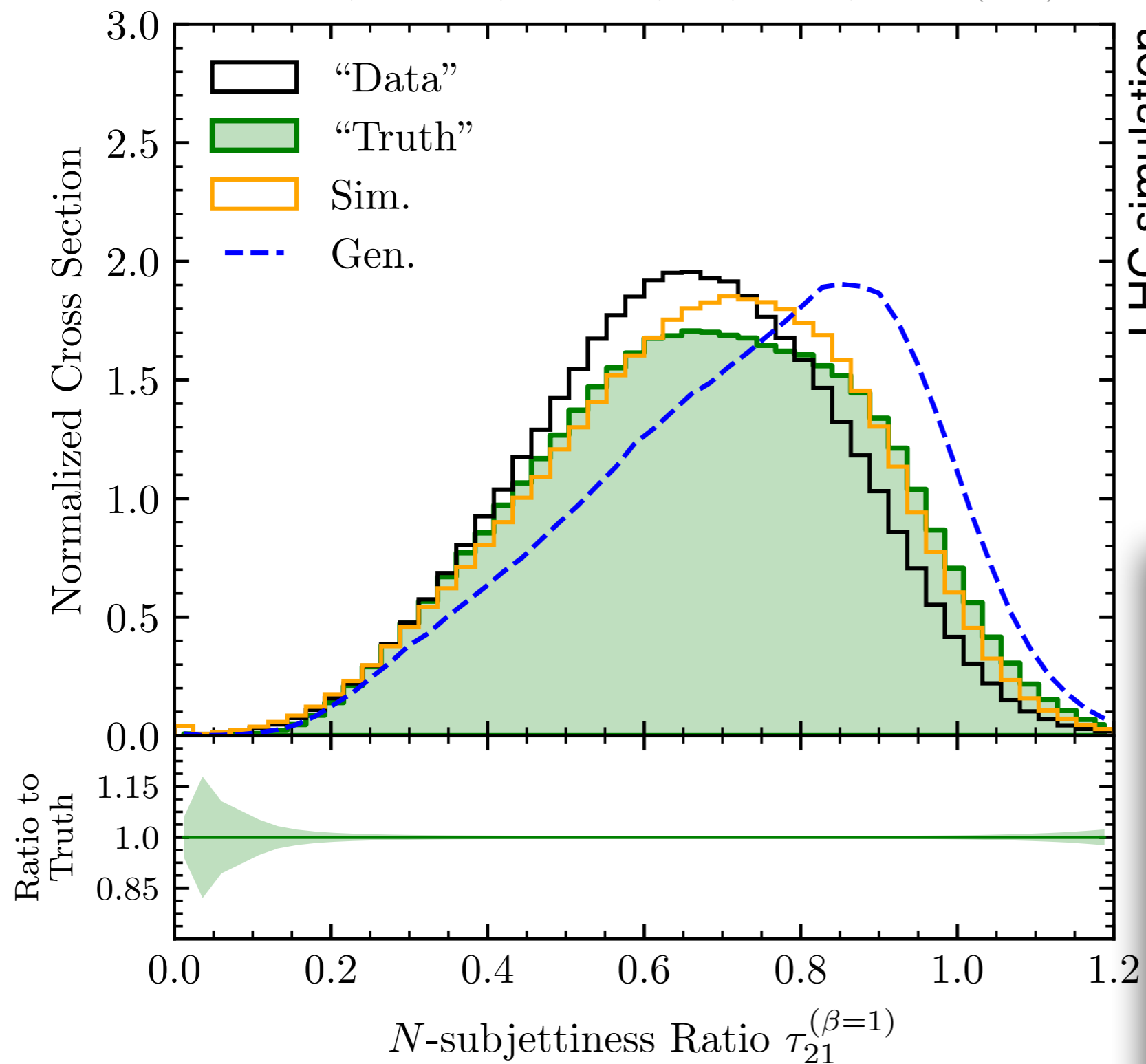
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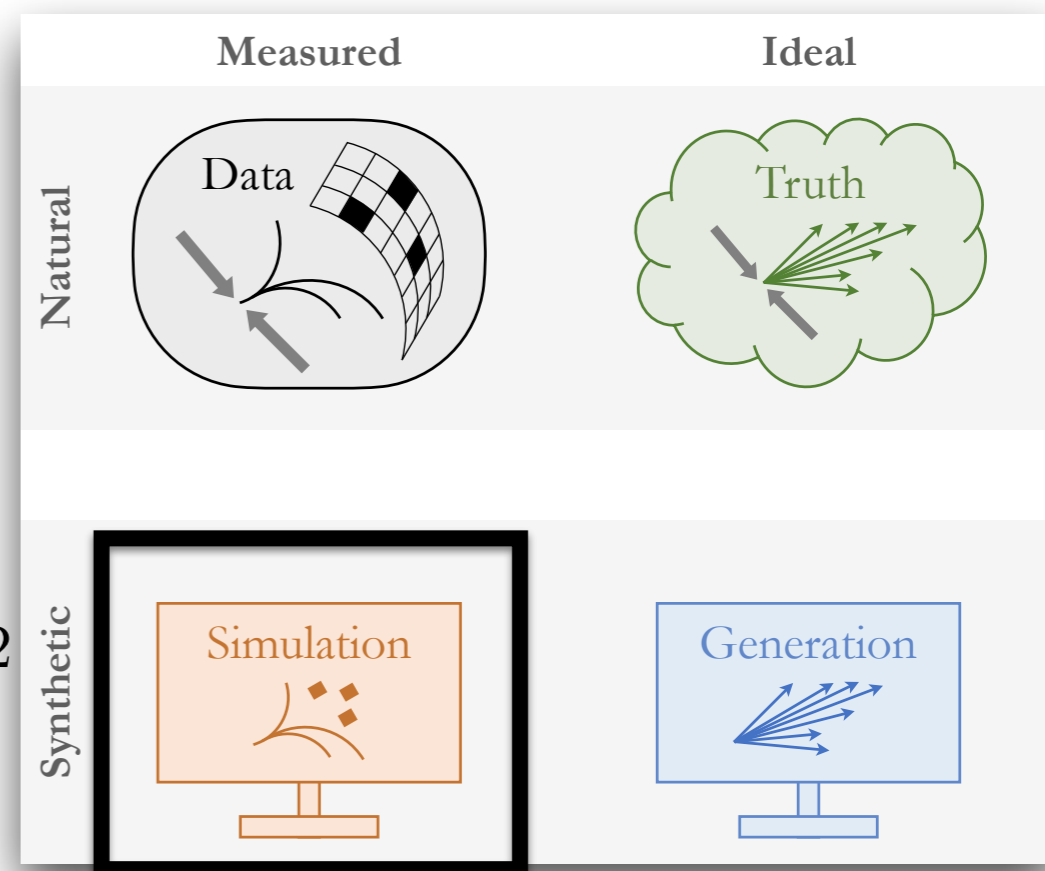


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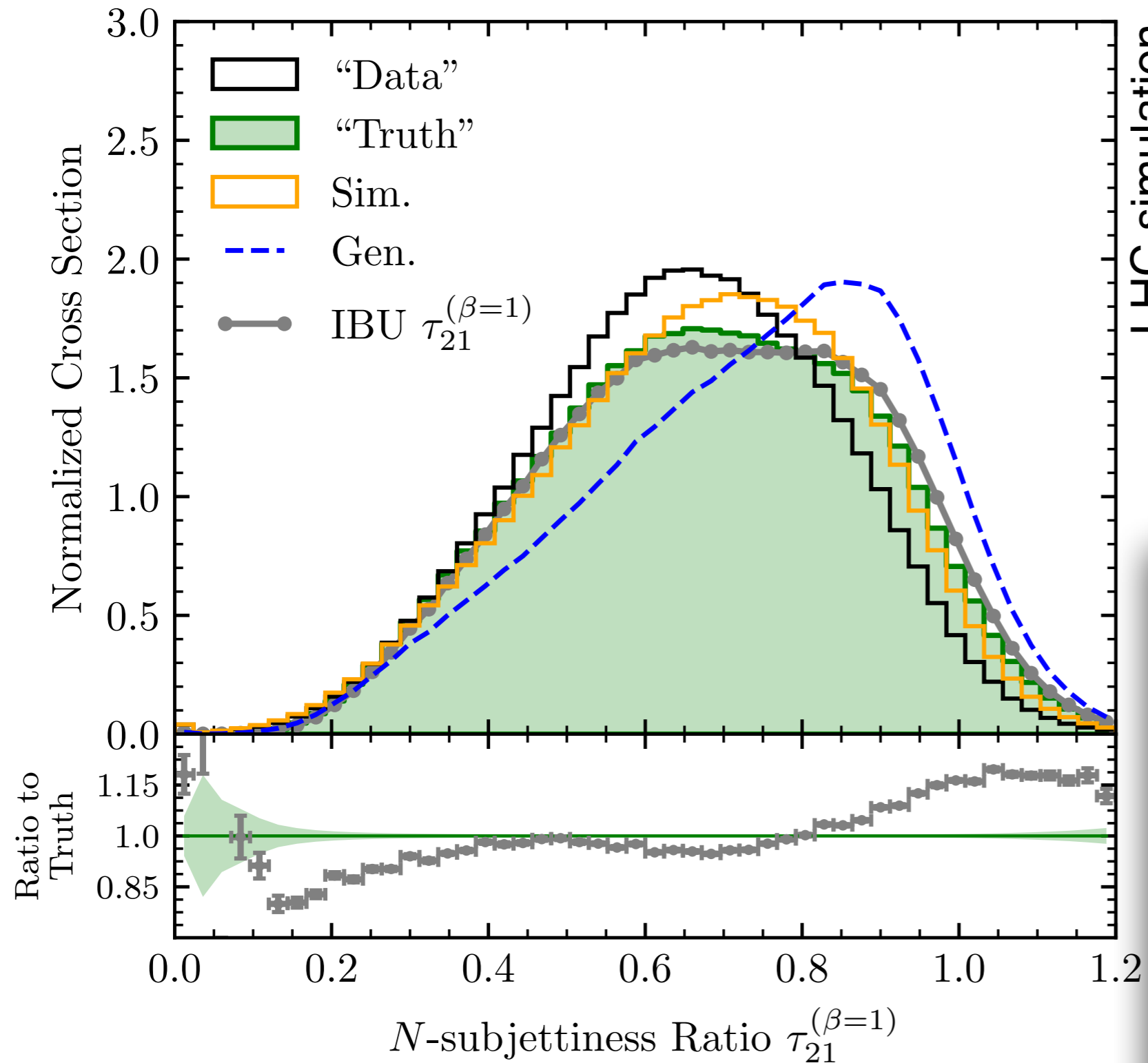


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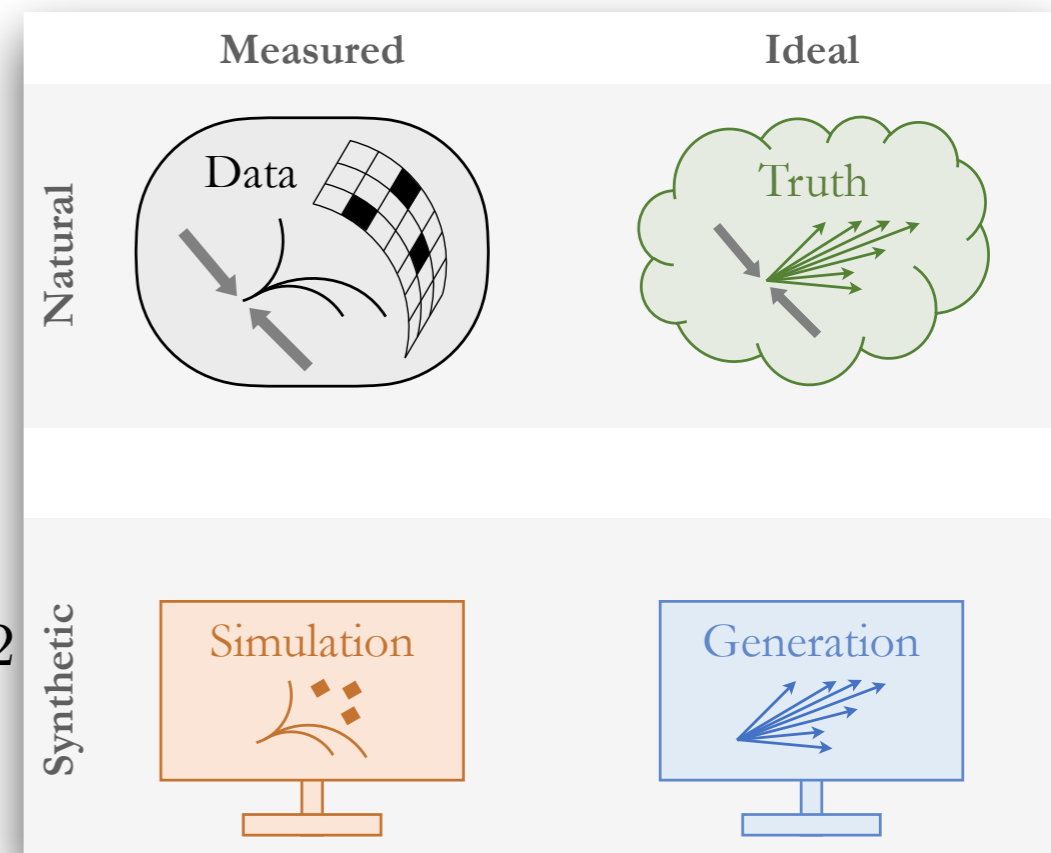
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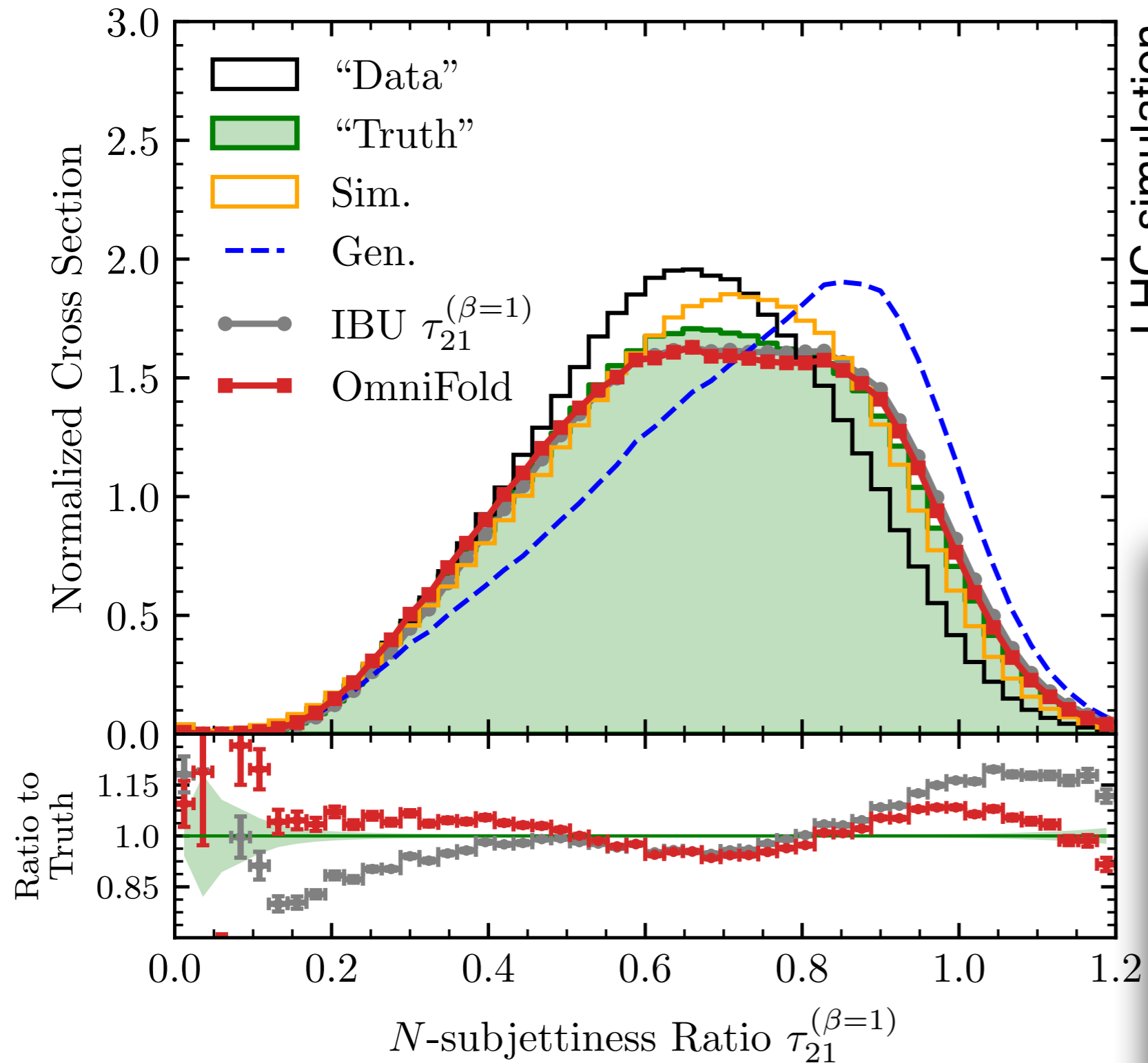
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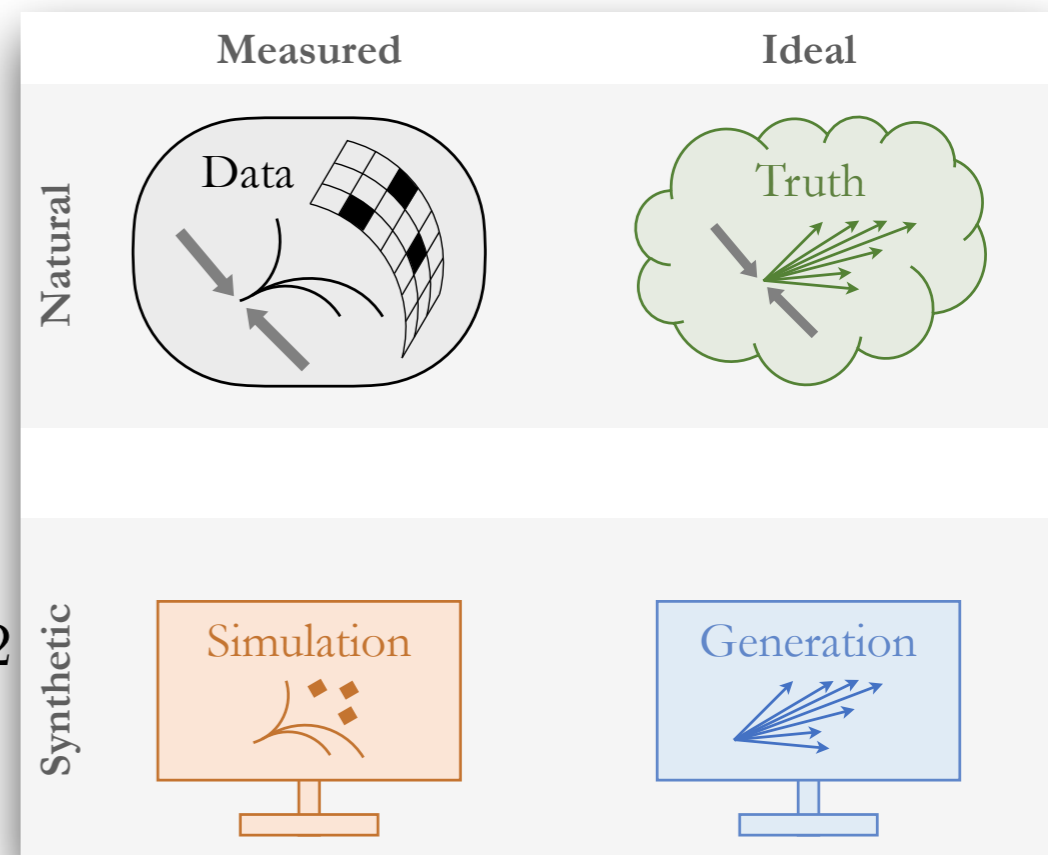


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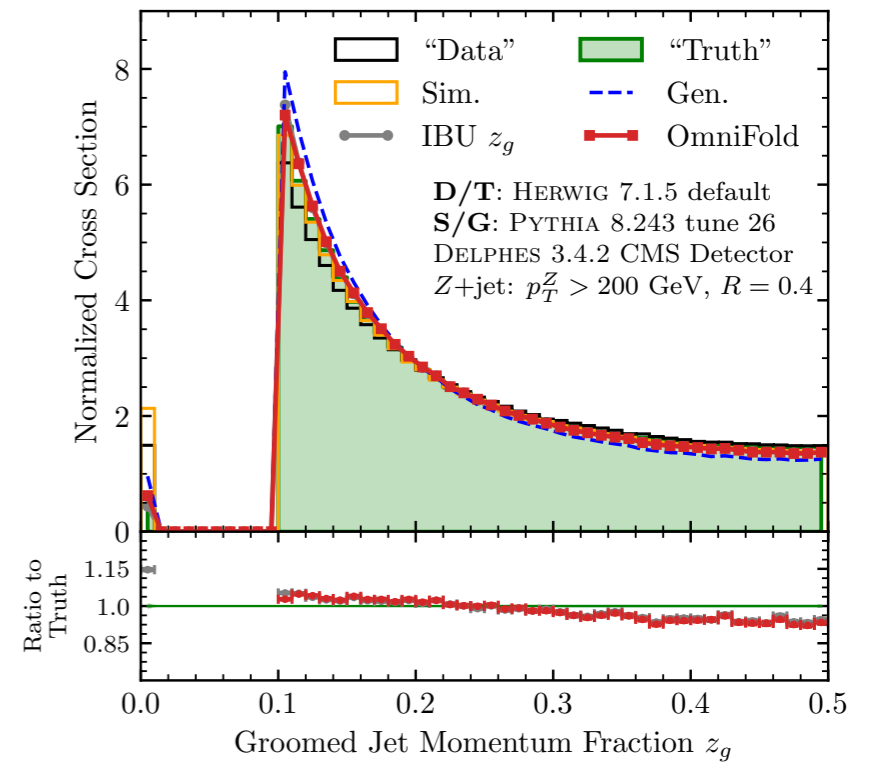
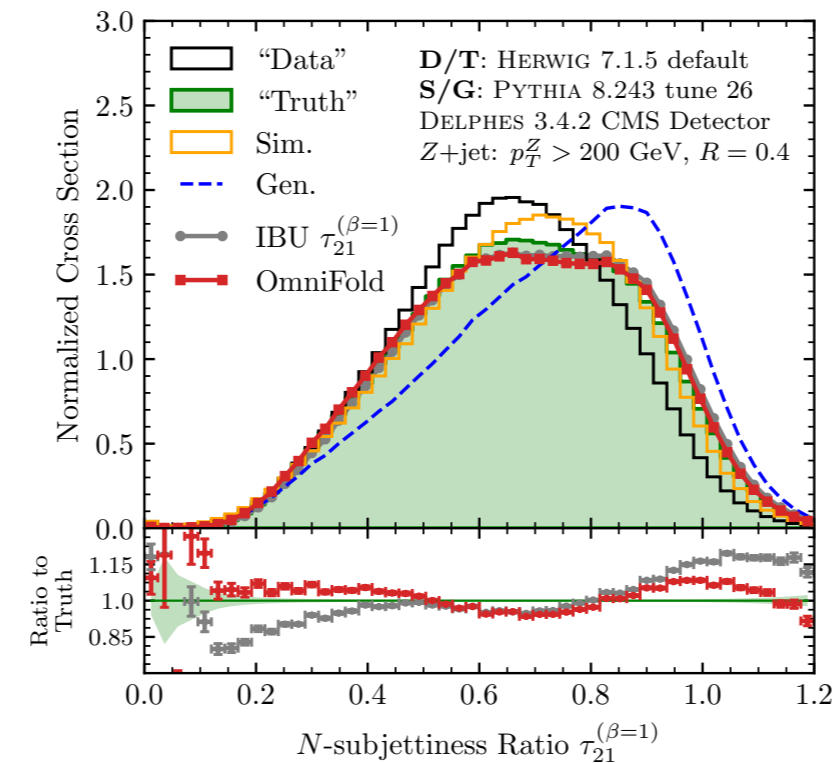
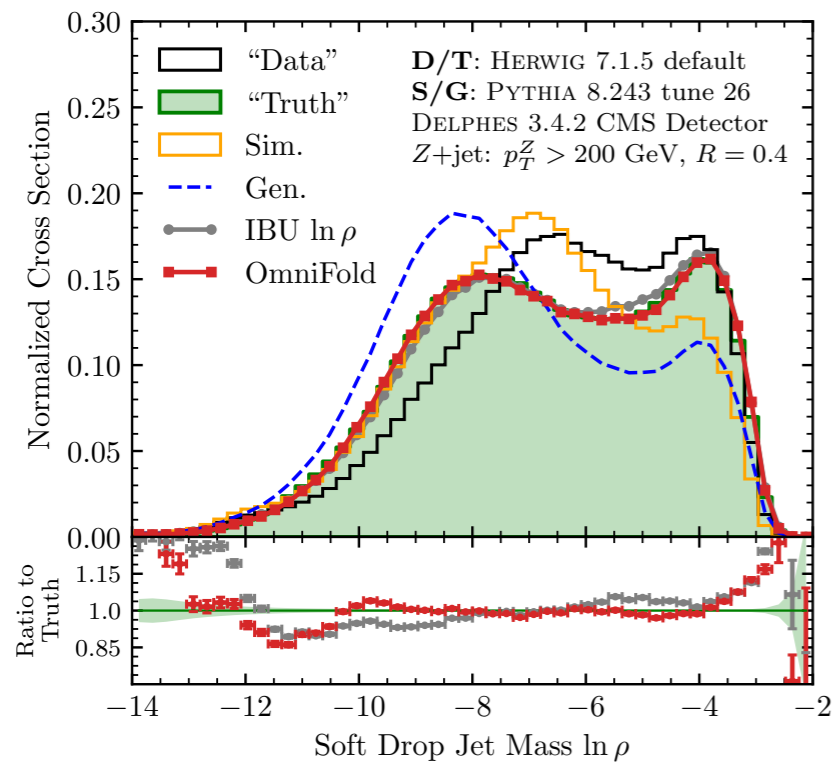
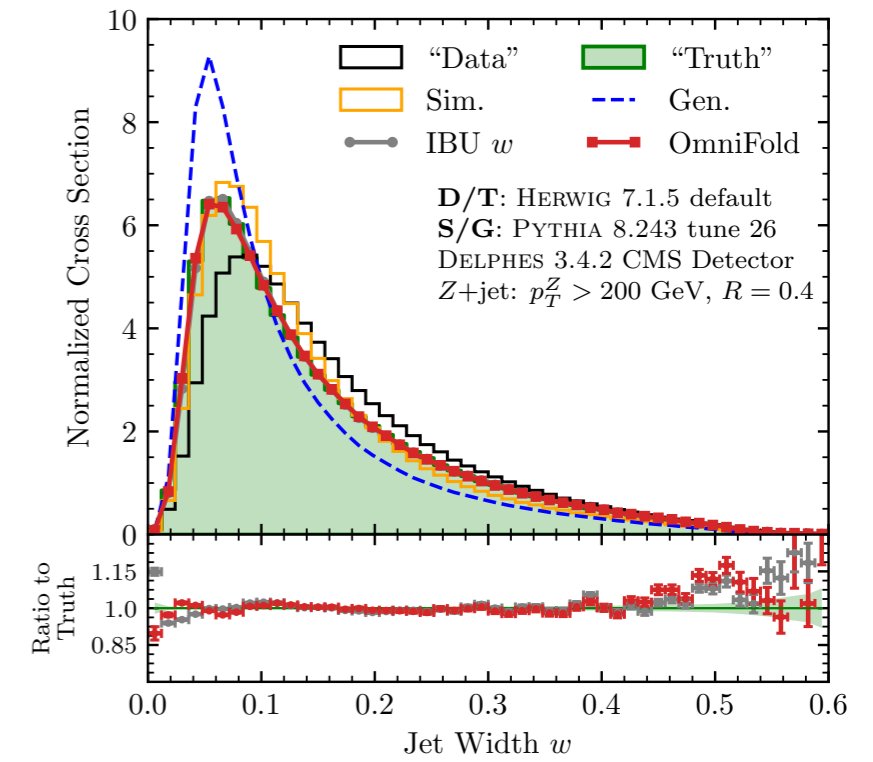
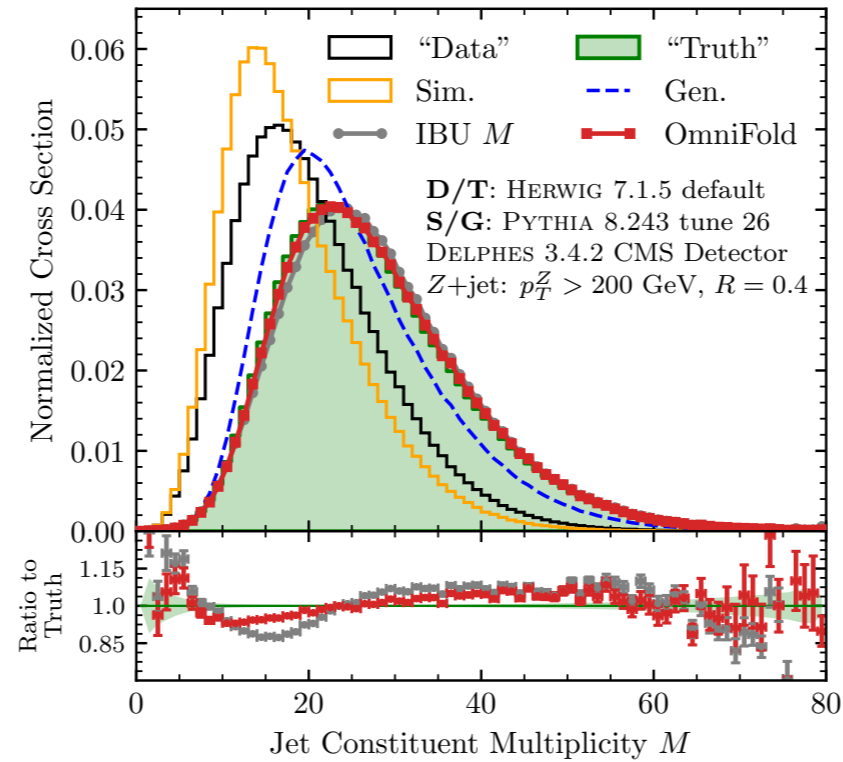
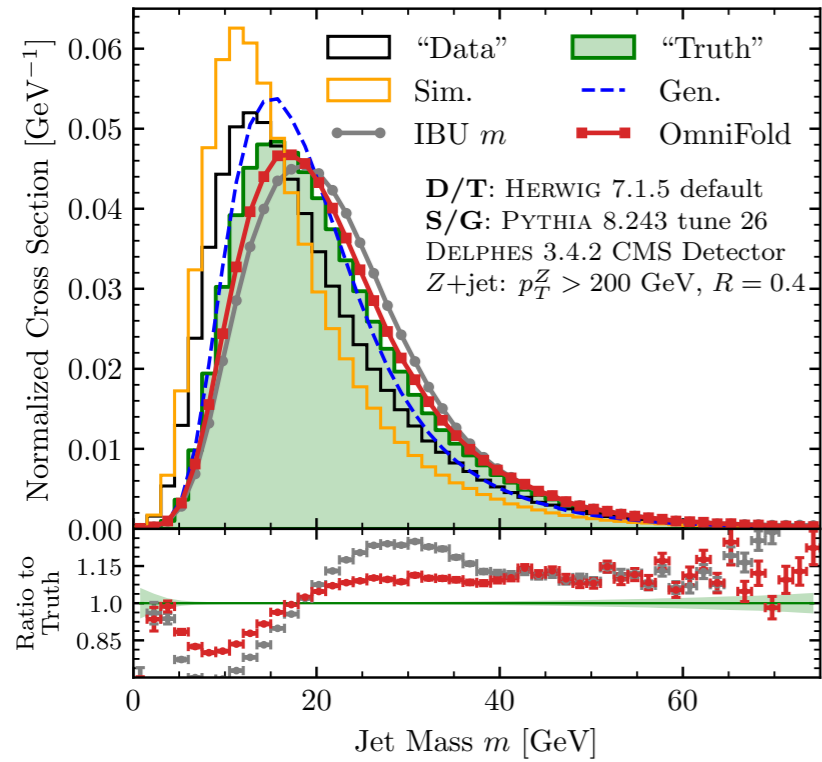
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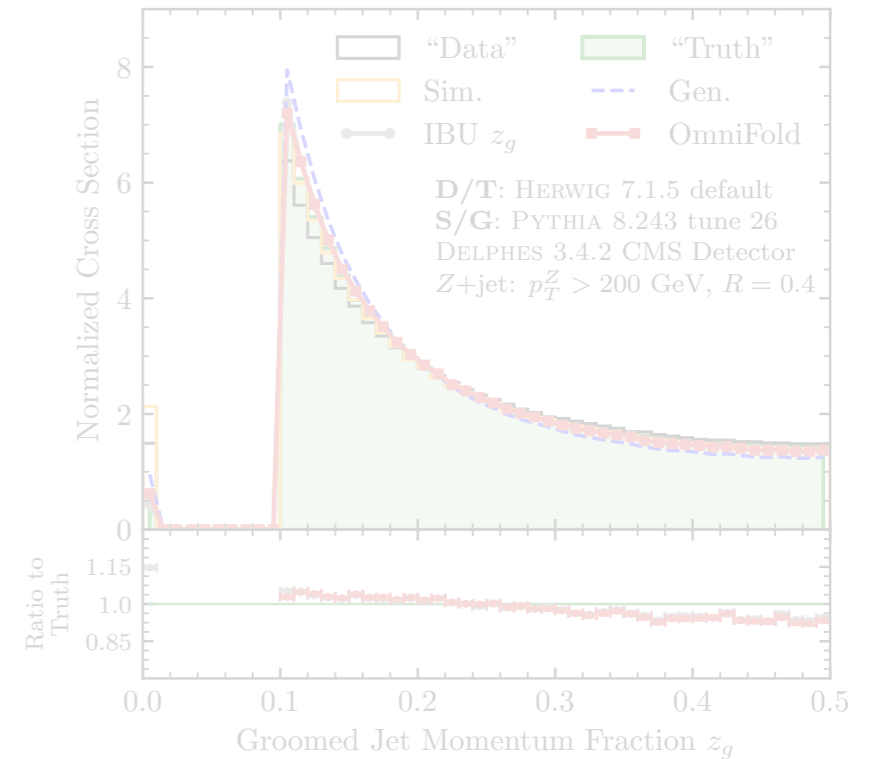
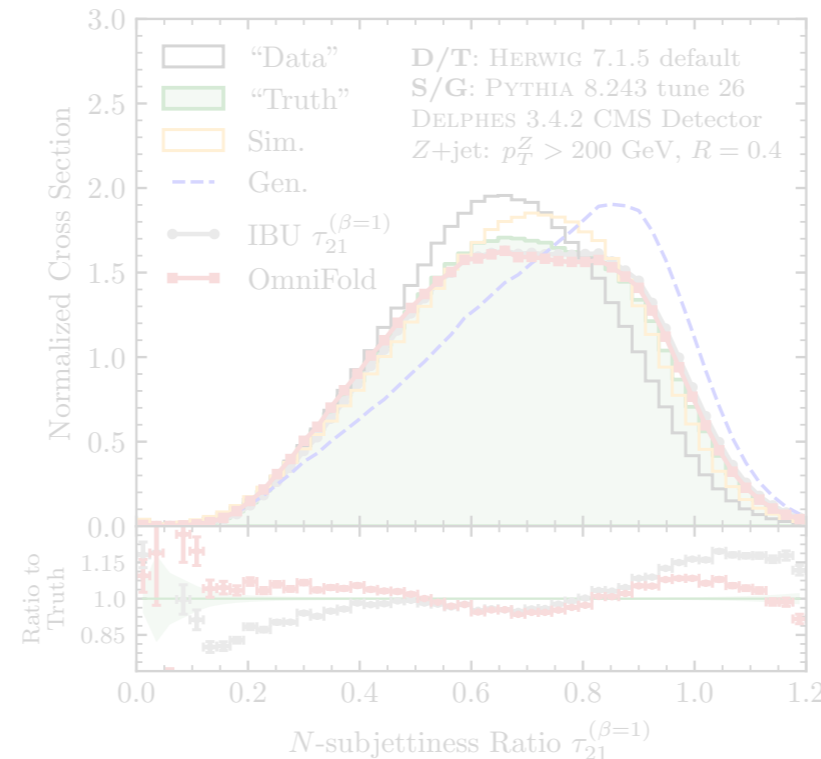
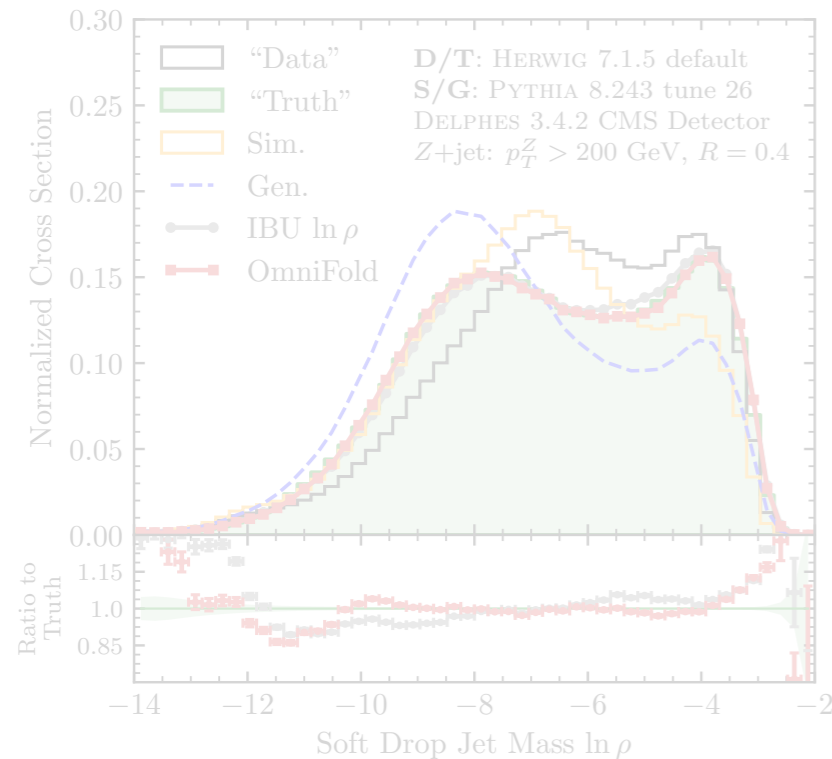
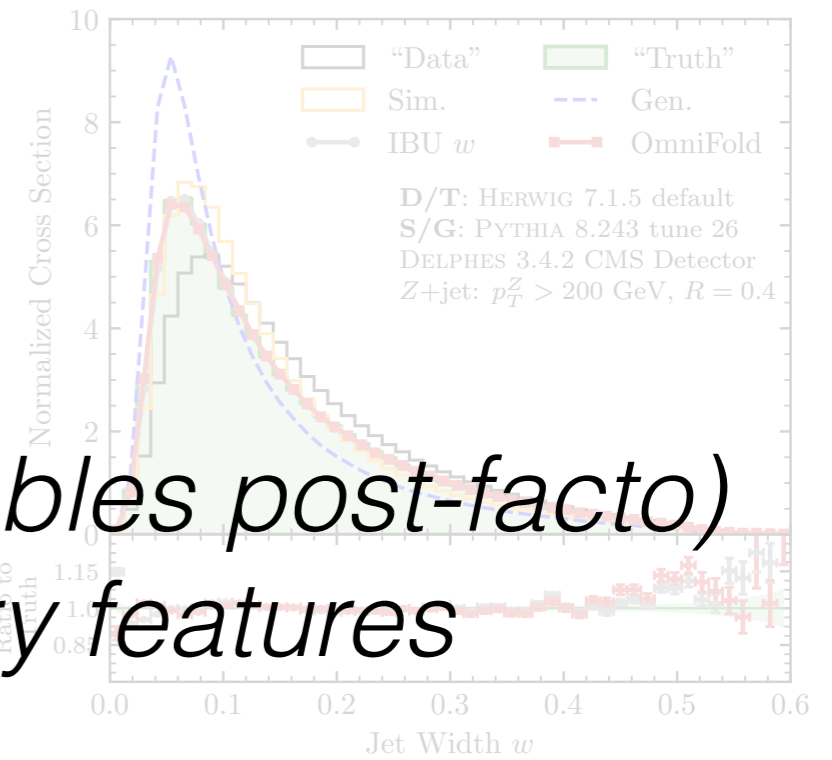
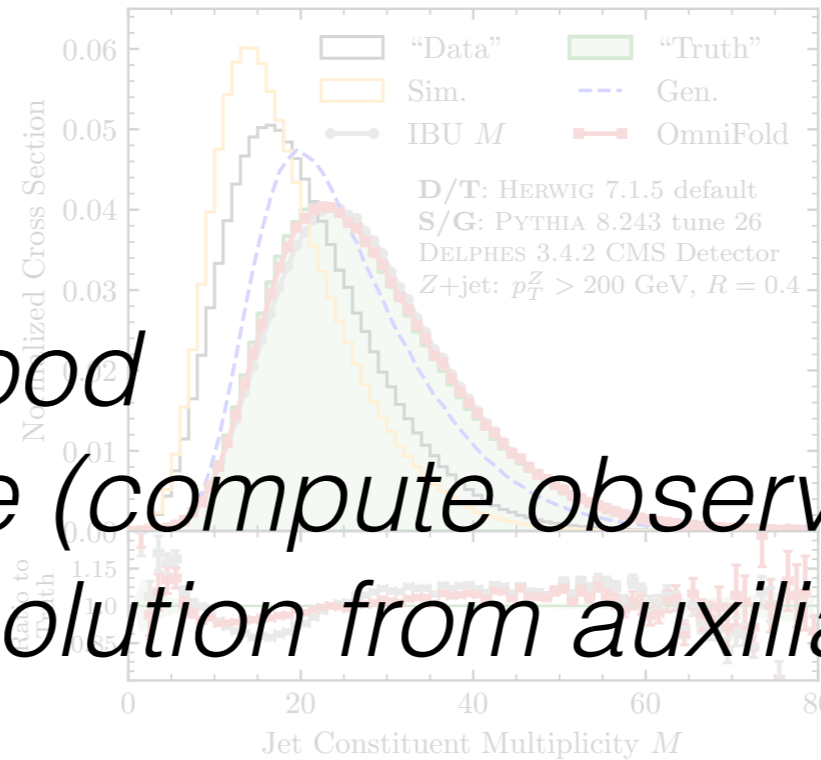
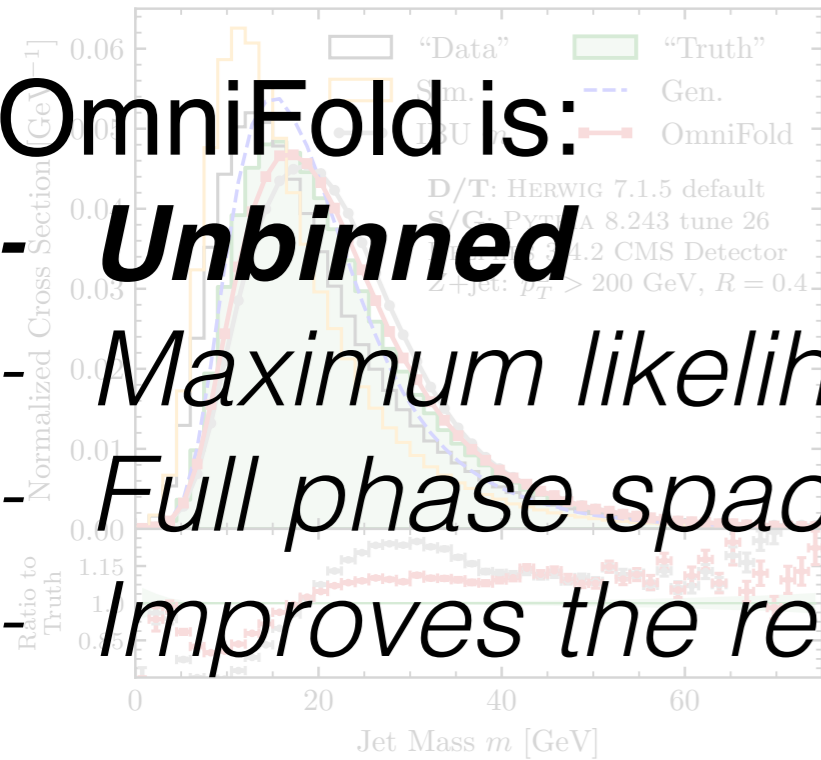
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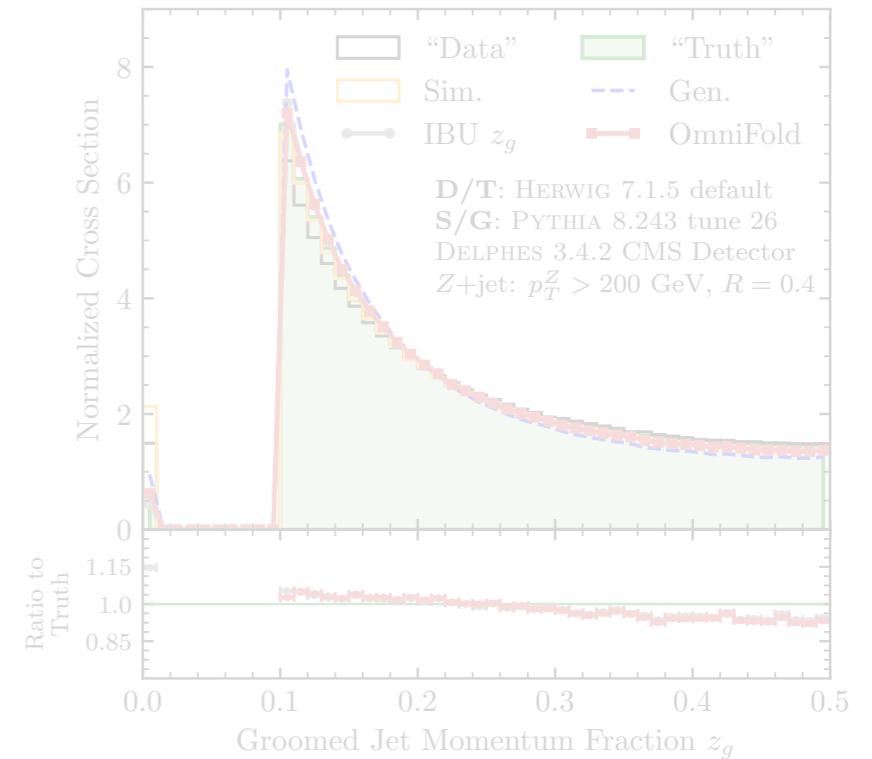
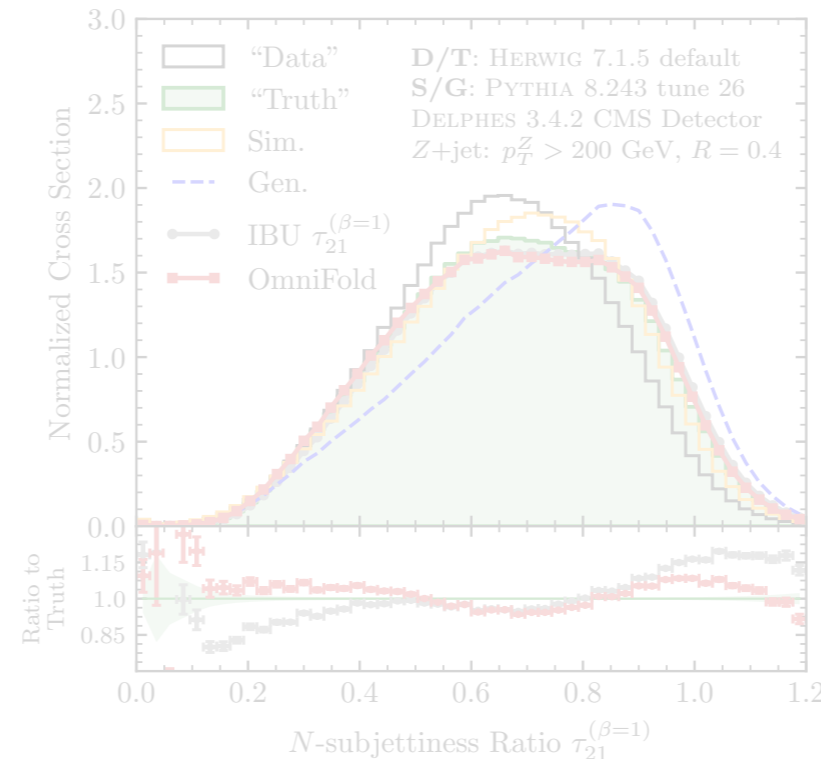
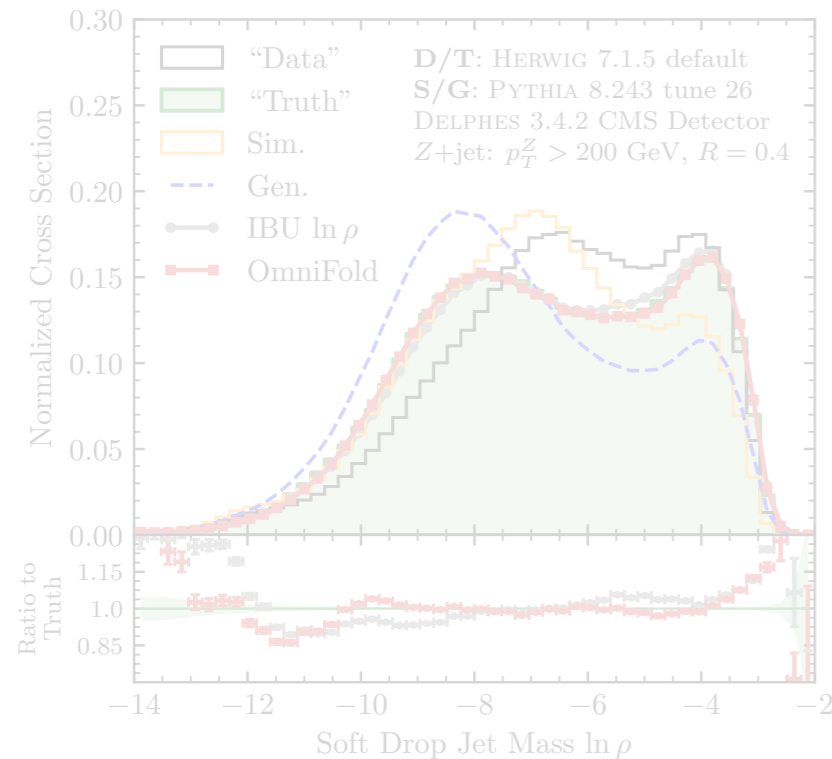
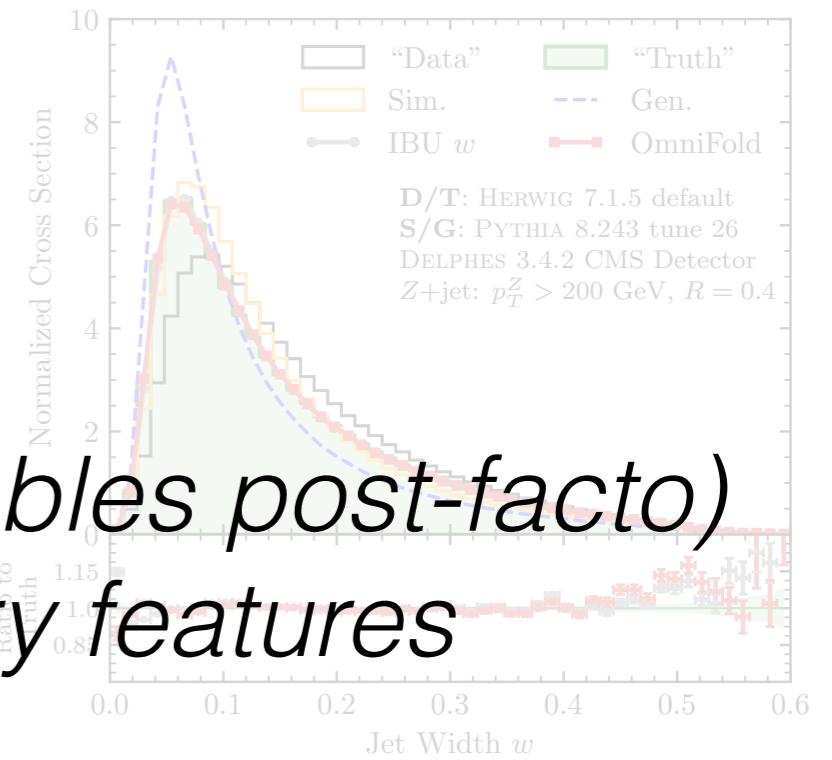
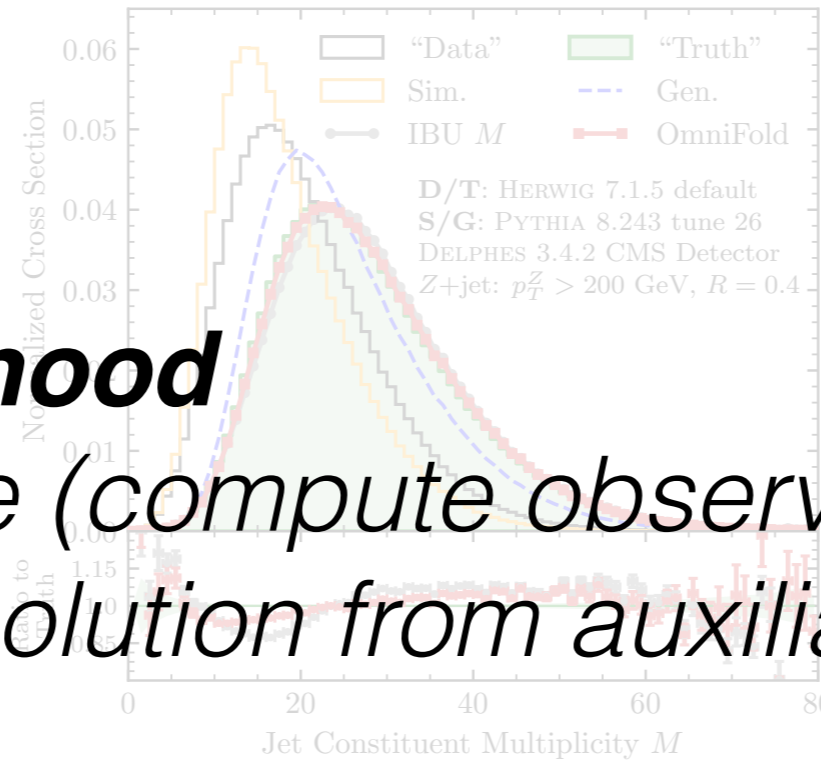
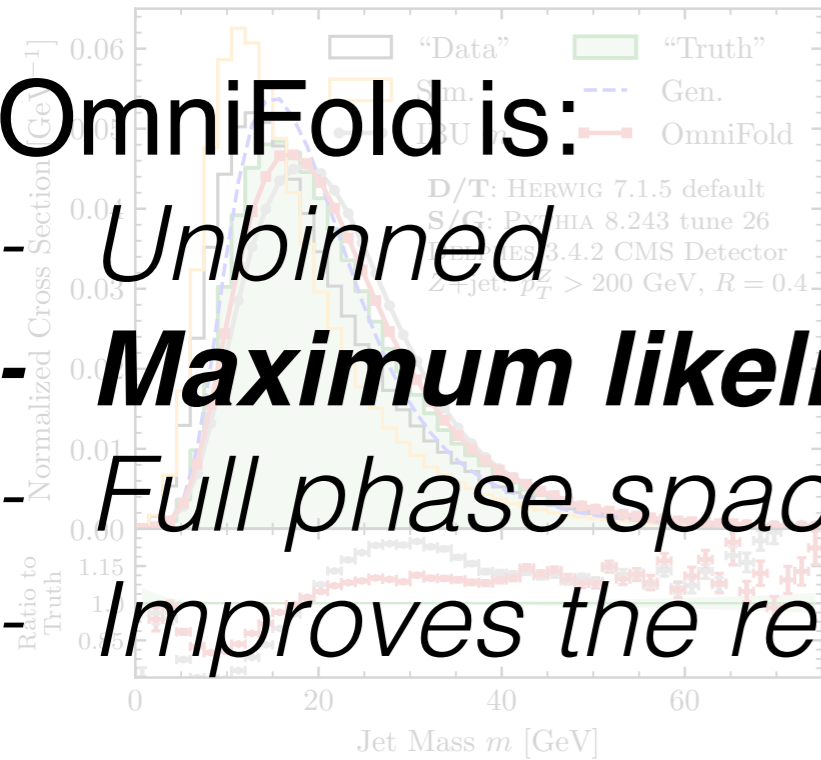
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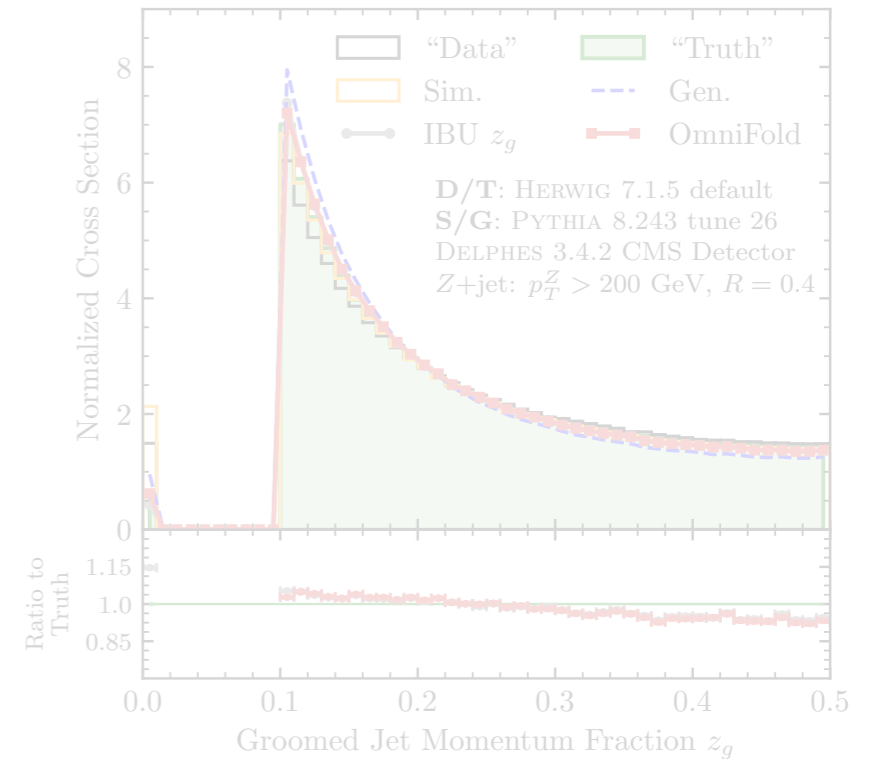
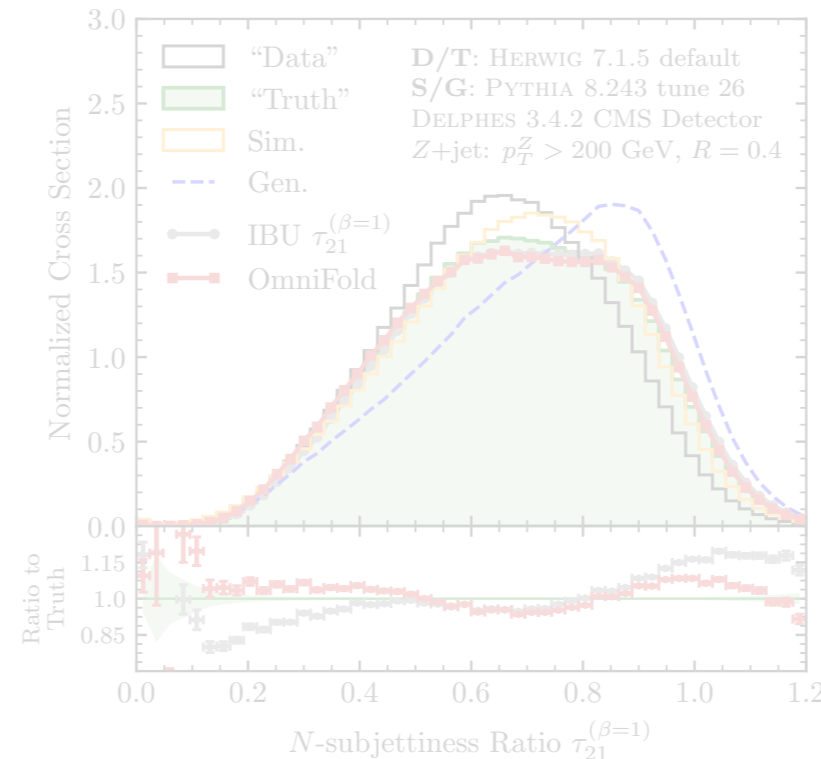
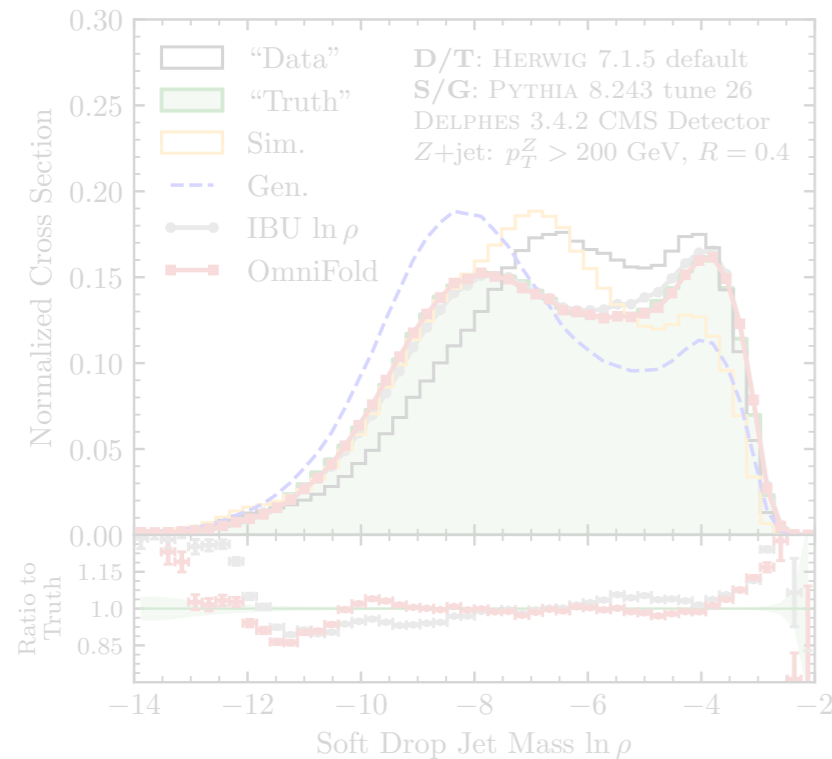
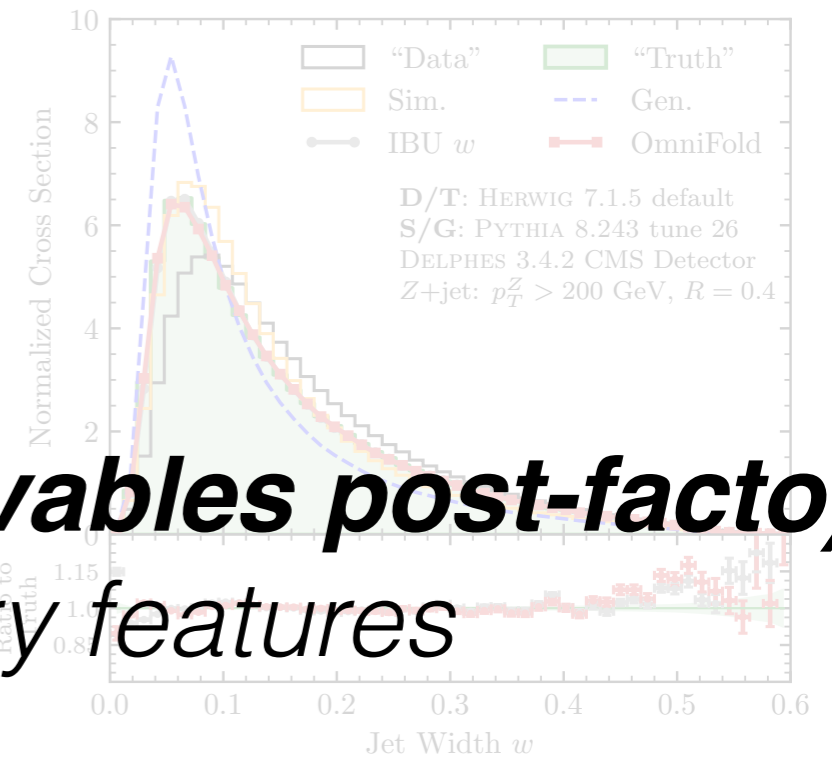
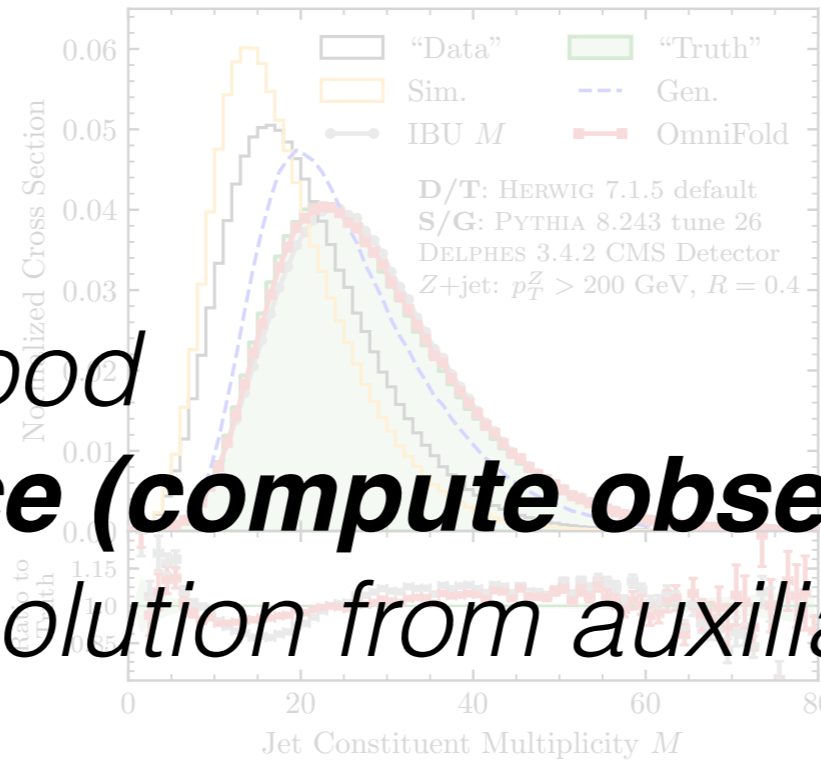
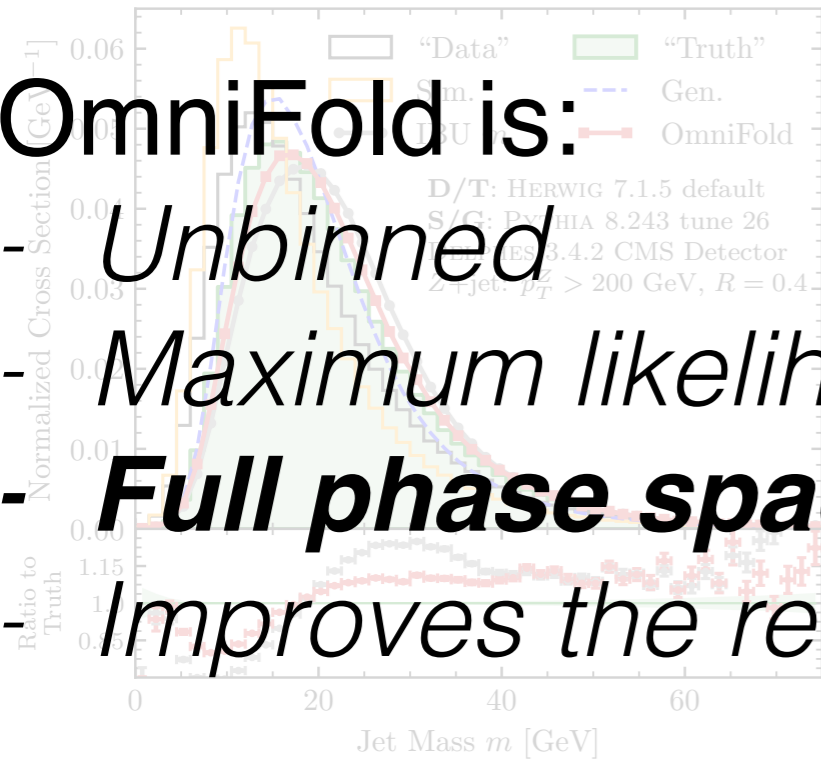
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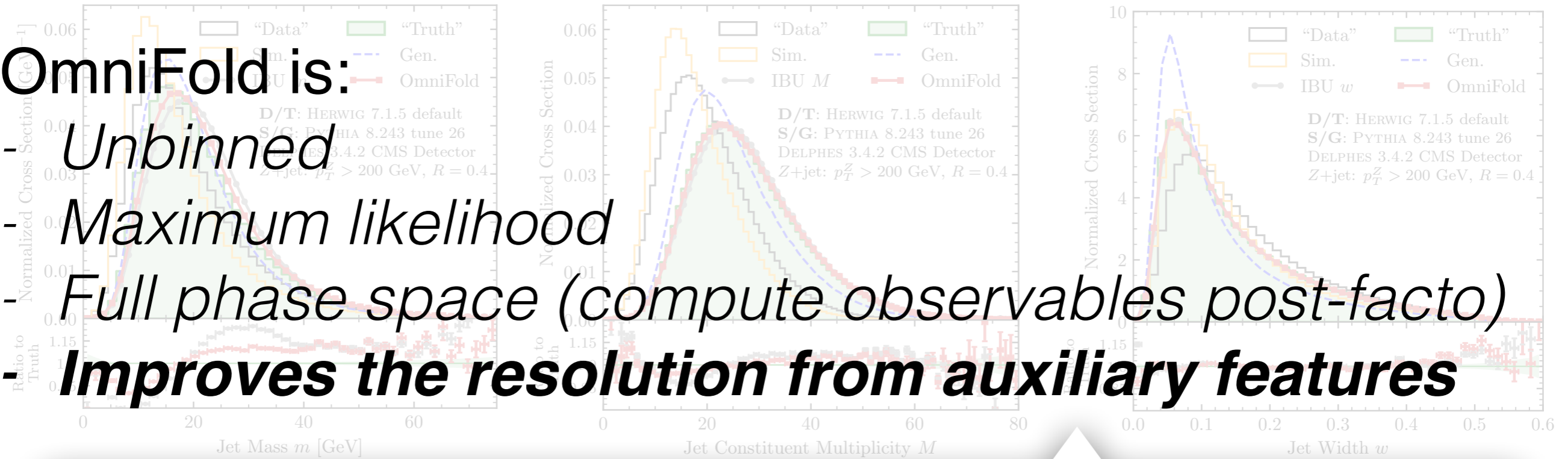


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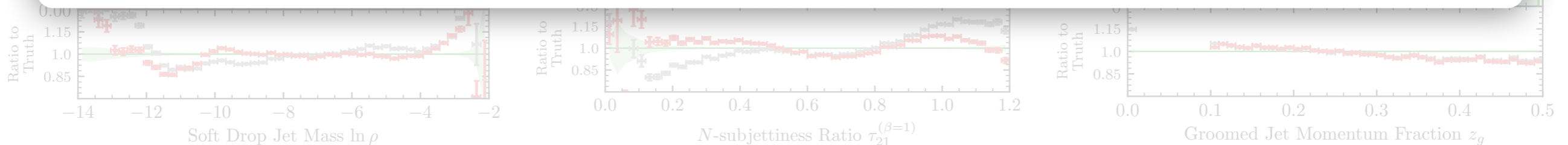
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extreme example:  $\text{measured|true} = \text{true} + X$

$$X \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma)$$

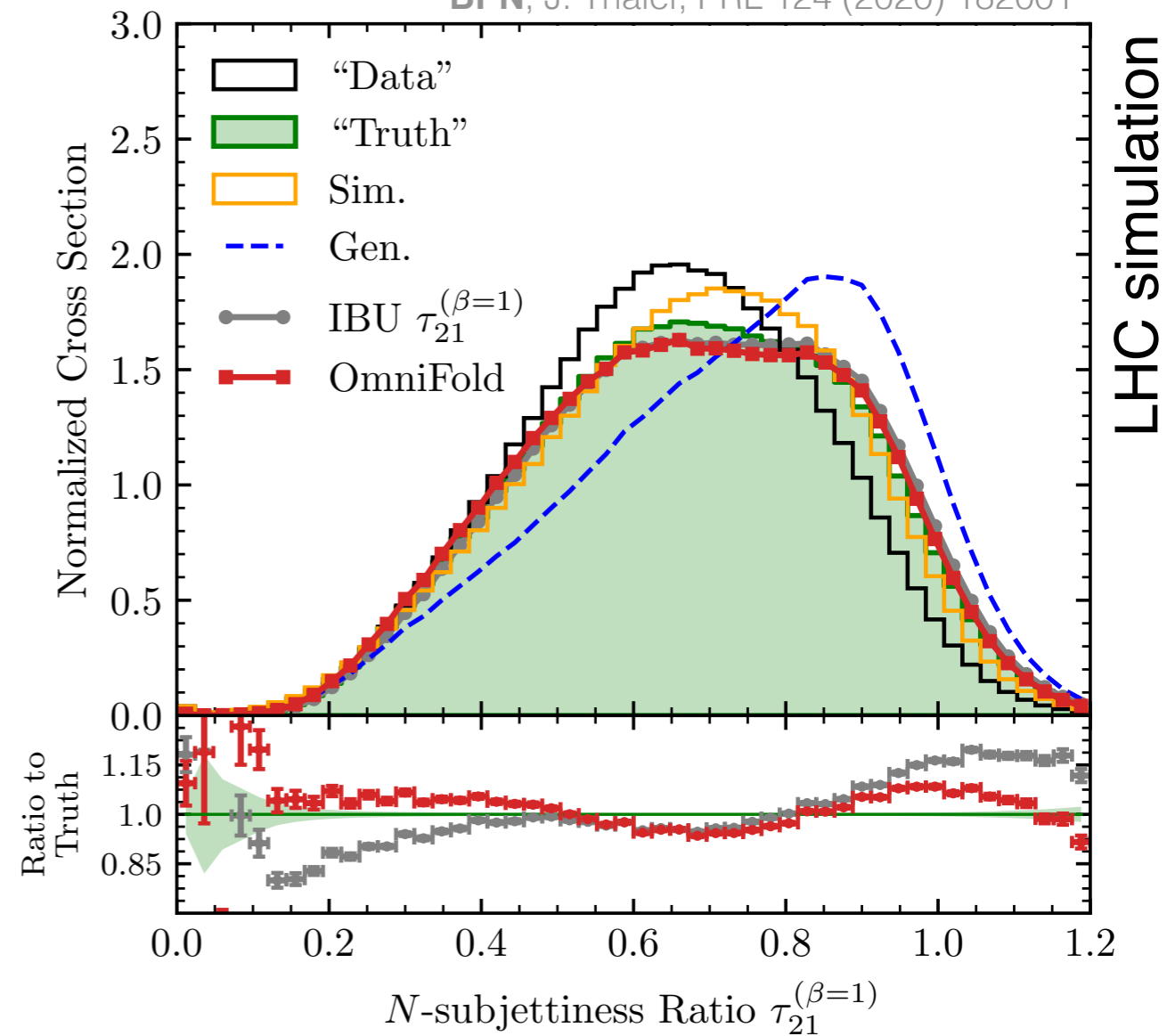
If you control for X (=auxiliary feature), response is a delta-function!



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We have started an effort to perform an OmniFold in the Z+jets final state.

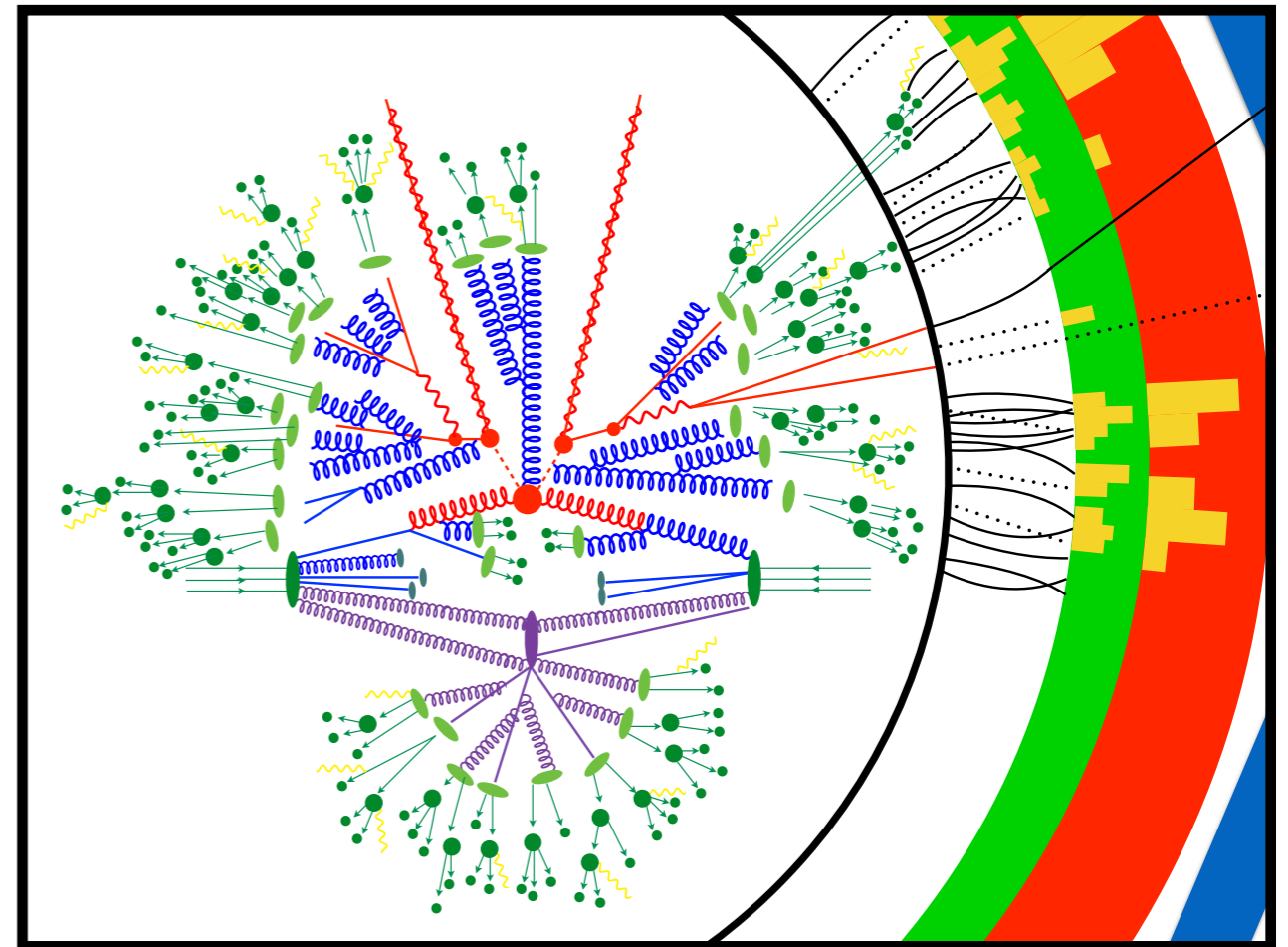
Eric Metodiev (MIT) has joined ATLAS as a short term associate to collaborate on this project.



Exciting challenges (just to name a few): uncertainties? How to present the result? (unbinned + high-dimensional)

Deep learning has a great potential to **enhance**, **accelerate**, and **empower** HEP analyses

*Today, I only spoke about unfolding, but there is great potential in other areas as well.*



The **full phase space** of our experiments is now explorable with deep learning ... it is an exciting time to be the pioneers in this hypervariate phase space !

Backup



*Emily Dickinson, #975*

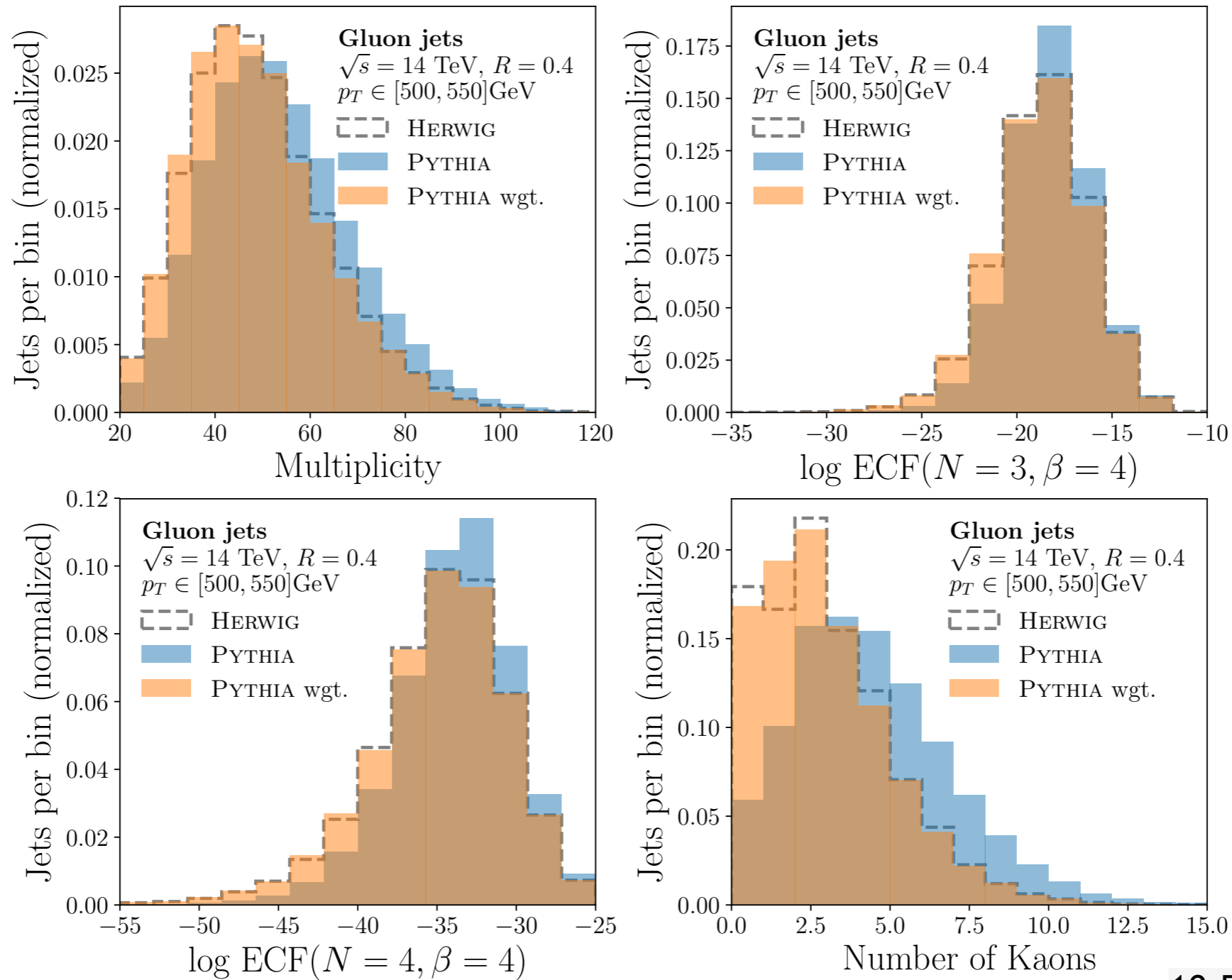
The Mountain sat upon the Plain  
In his tremendous Chair –  
His observation **omnifold**,  
His inquest, everywhere –

The Seasons played around his knees  
Like Children round a sire –  
Grandfather of the Days is He  
Of Dawn, the Ancestor –



# Pythia versus Herwig

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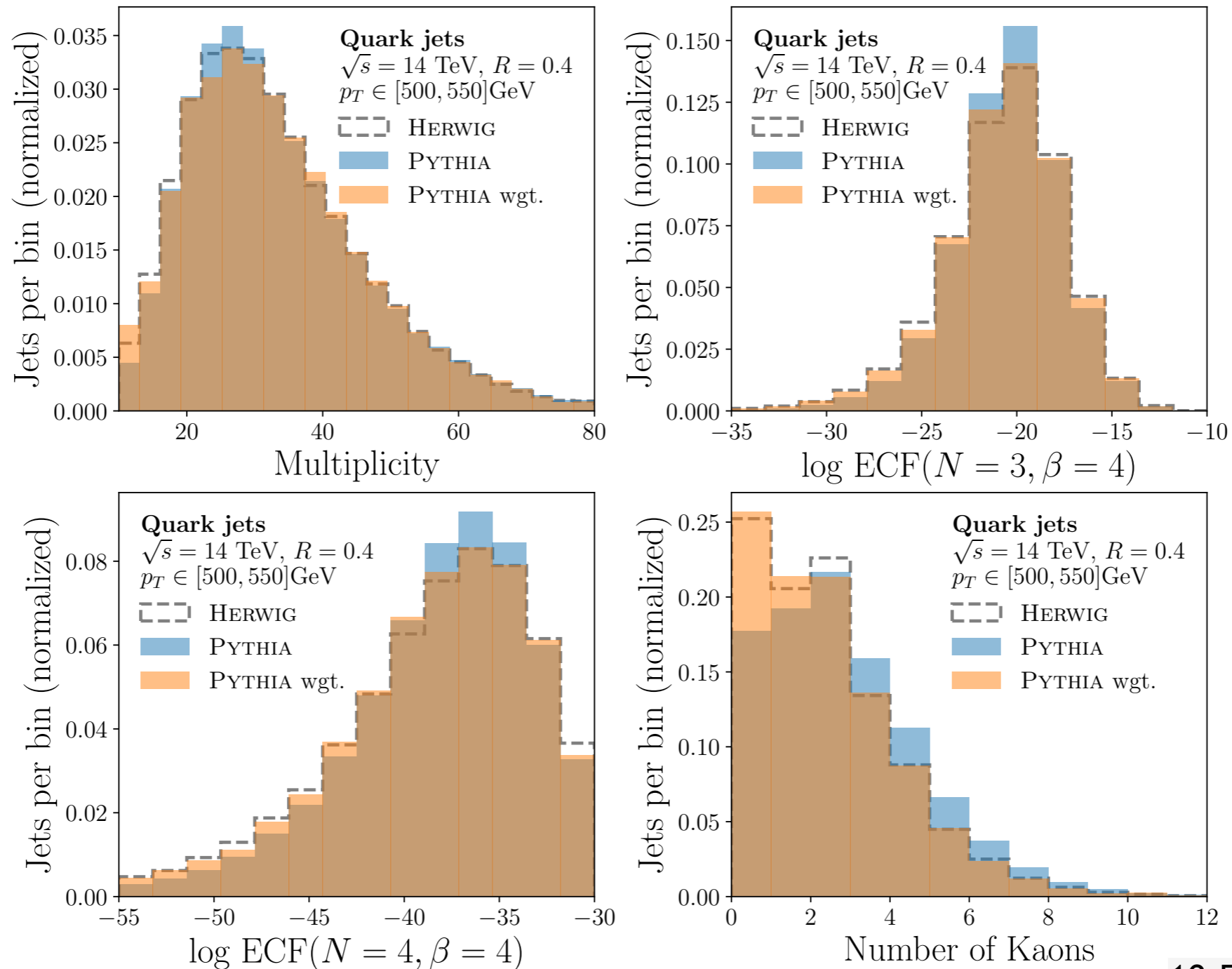


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