



Challenges and Progress towards Applying AI/ML methods on Experimental Data

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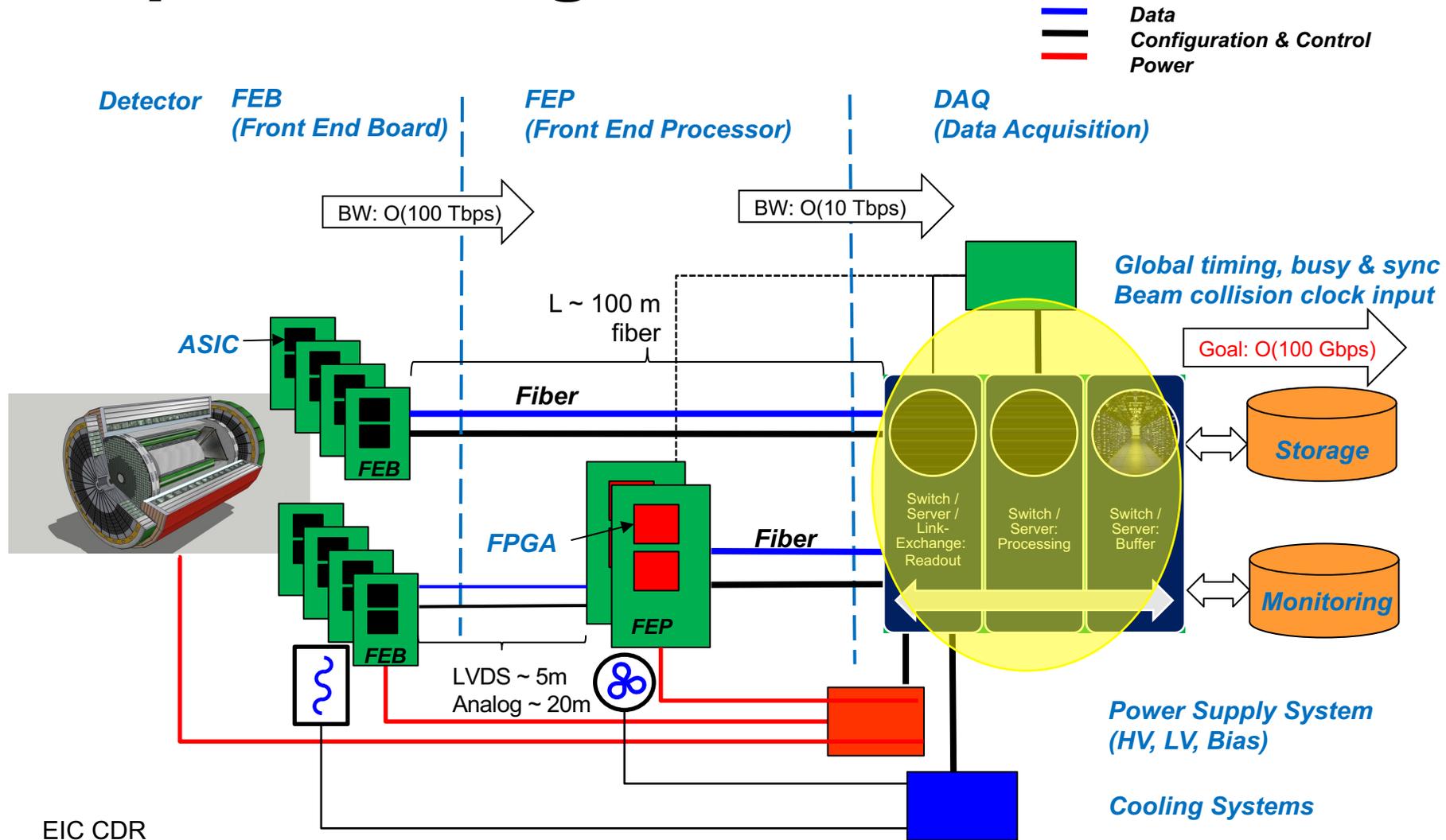
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Common Challenges

Why applying AI/ML to real experimental data so difficult?

- Real data come in with large volumes and fast.
- AI/ML is a data-driven method, real data do not have “ground truth” to train on.

Data Pipeline Diagram [EIC pre-CDR as example]



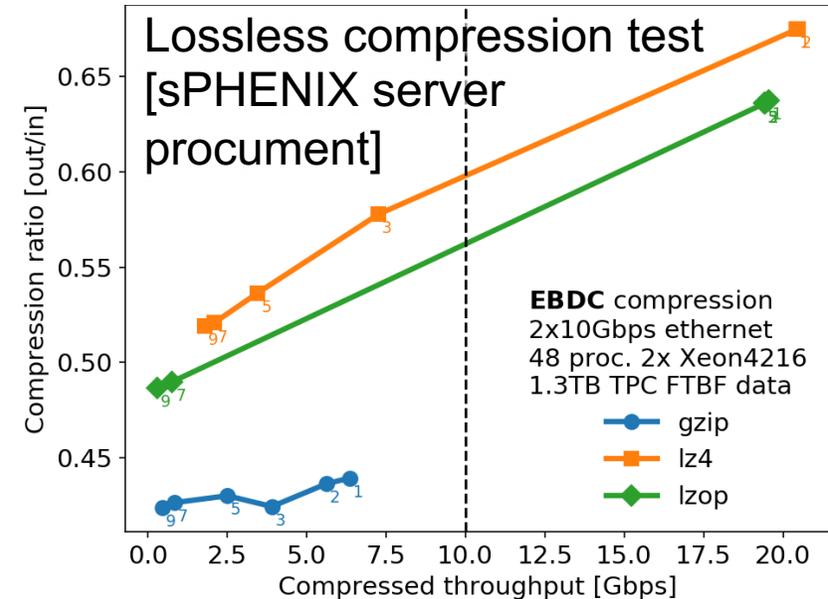
Online streaming data - compression

Lossless compression

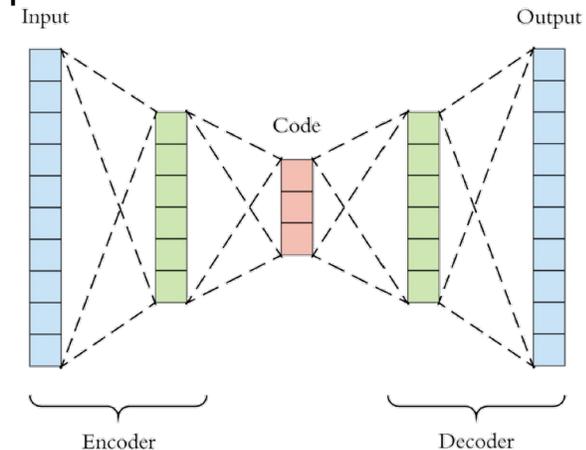
- Compress by $\sim 1/2$
- Well established fast compression algorithm

Lossy compression

- Opportunity for unsupervised machine learning based on data, e.g.
- Auto-encoder on ASIC for HGCal @ CMS [\[link\]](#)
- Bicephalous Convolutional Neural Encoder for zero-suppressed data (next)



Simple auto-encode neural network

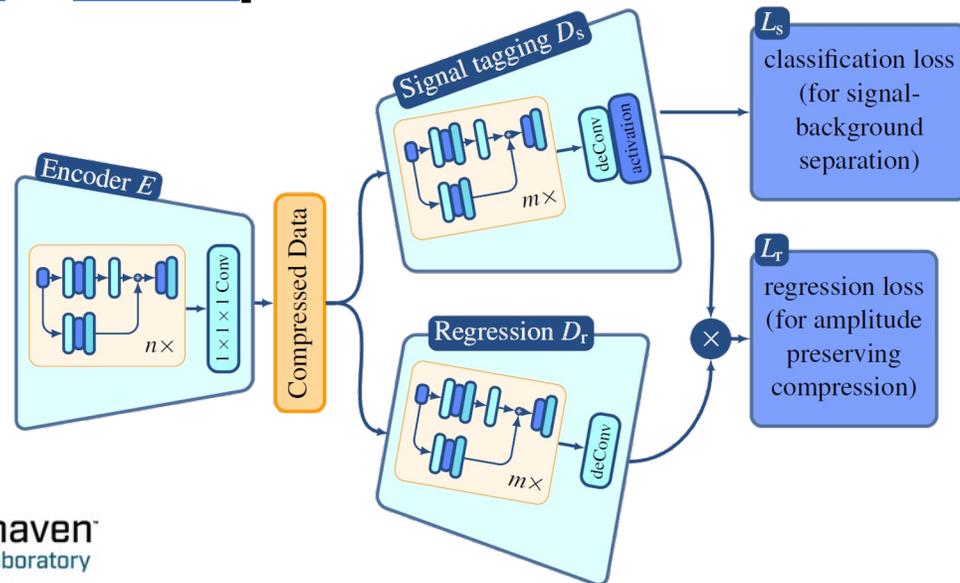


Bicephalous Convolutional Auto-Encoder for zero-suppressed data

Some detector ADC data is challenging for Auto-Encoder, e.g. features such as zero-suppression cut off

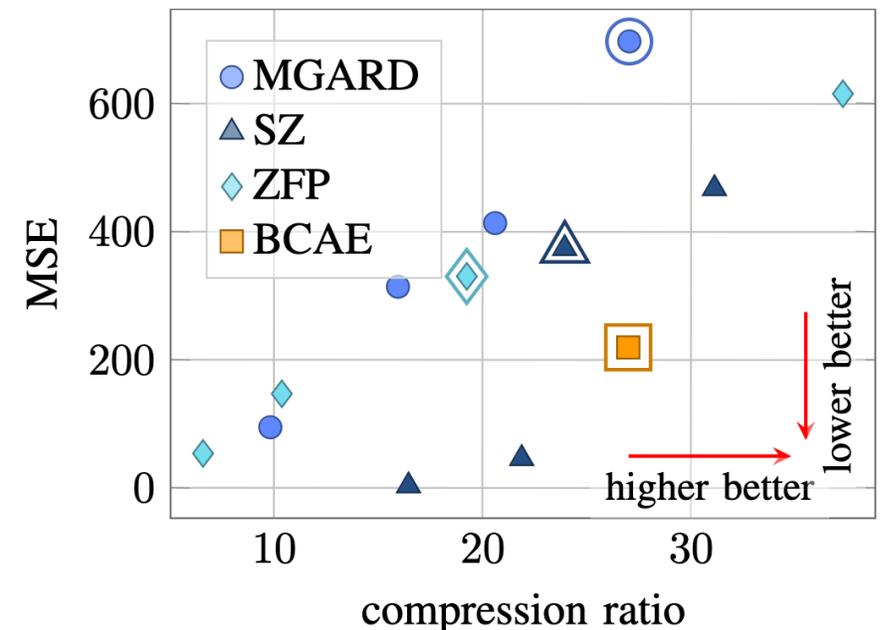
A dual-output auto encoder is designed to output both a region of interest and decompressed ADC. Possibility for further noise filtering

Ref: Y. Huang @ AI4EIC workshop [[link](#)], Paper [[arxiv:2111.05423](#)]

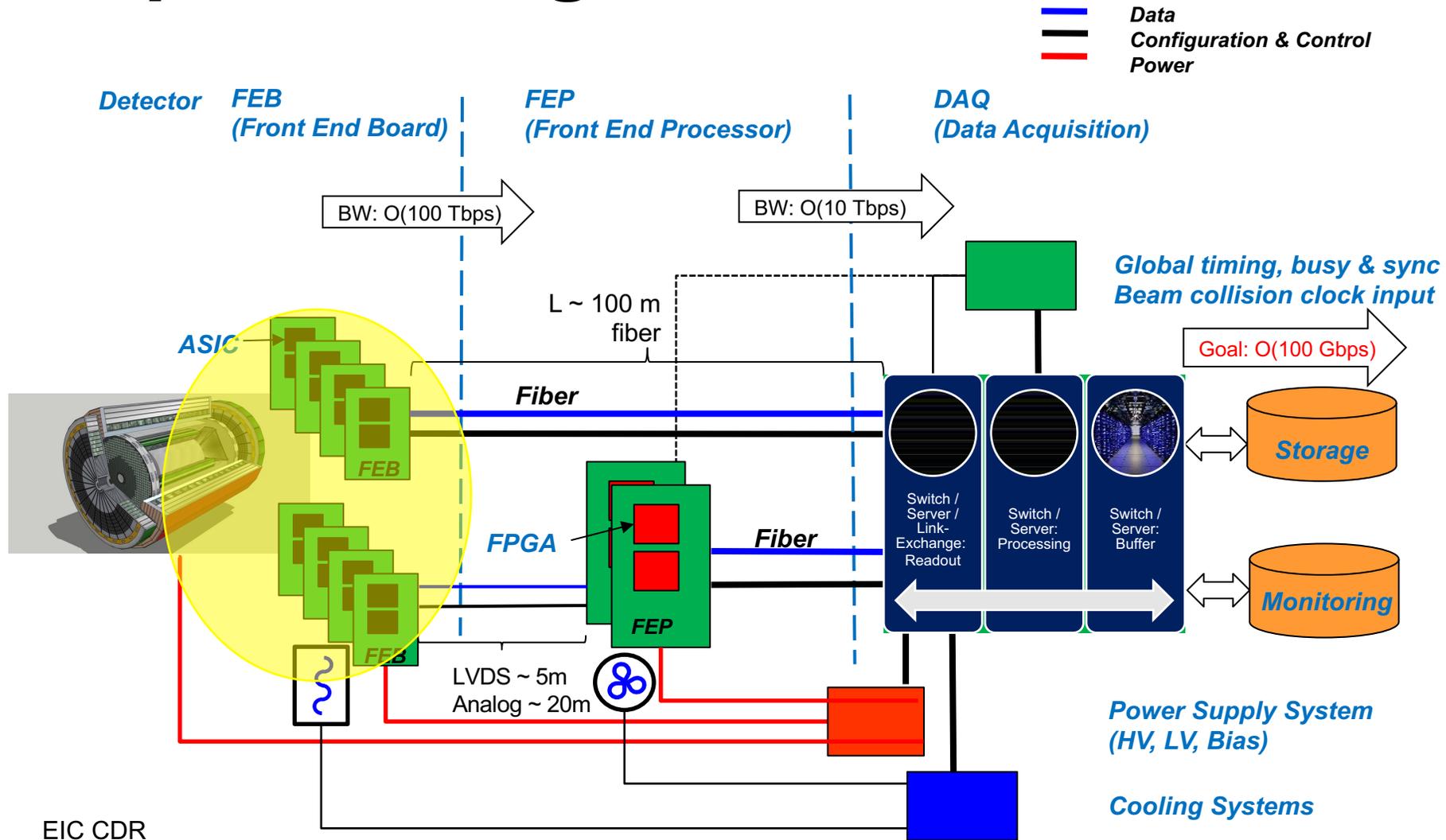


Compression comparison with published compressor tested on busiest sPHENIX TPC timeframes.

About 3000~4000 frames per second on A6000 GPU.

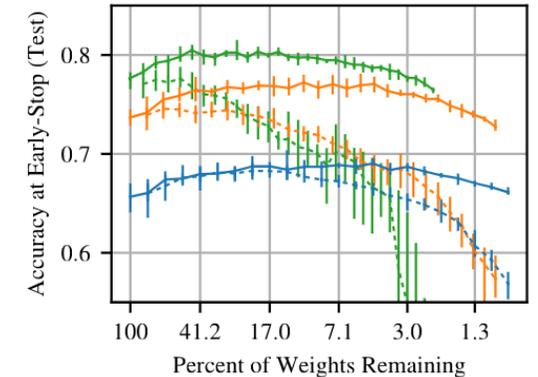
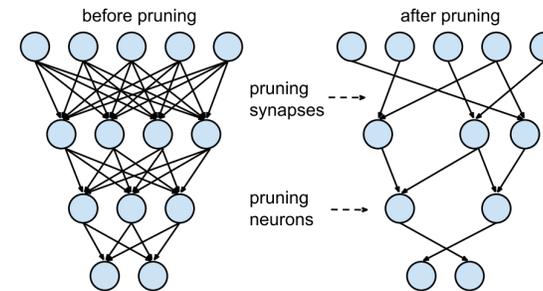
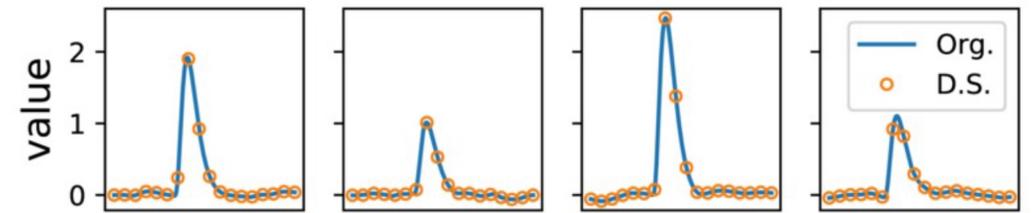
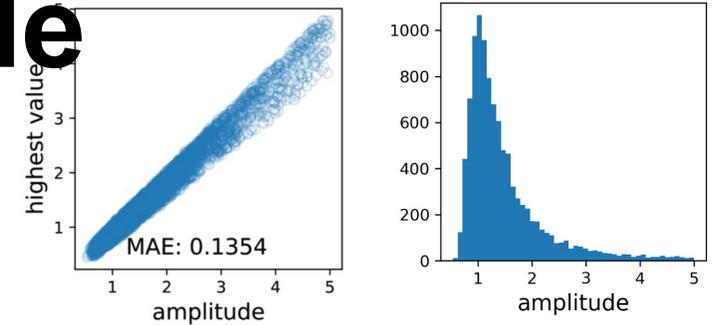


Data Pipeline Diagram



Finding Waveform Amplitude

- Simulated LGAD waveforms.
- Goal: make network as small as possible.
- Lottery Ticket Hypothesis (pruning).
- Quantization-aware Training.
- MLP vs CNN.



Frankle, Jonathan, and Michael Carbin. "The lottery ticket hypothesis: Finding sparse, trainable neural networks." *arXiv preprint arXiv:1803.03635* (2018).

Results

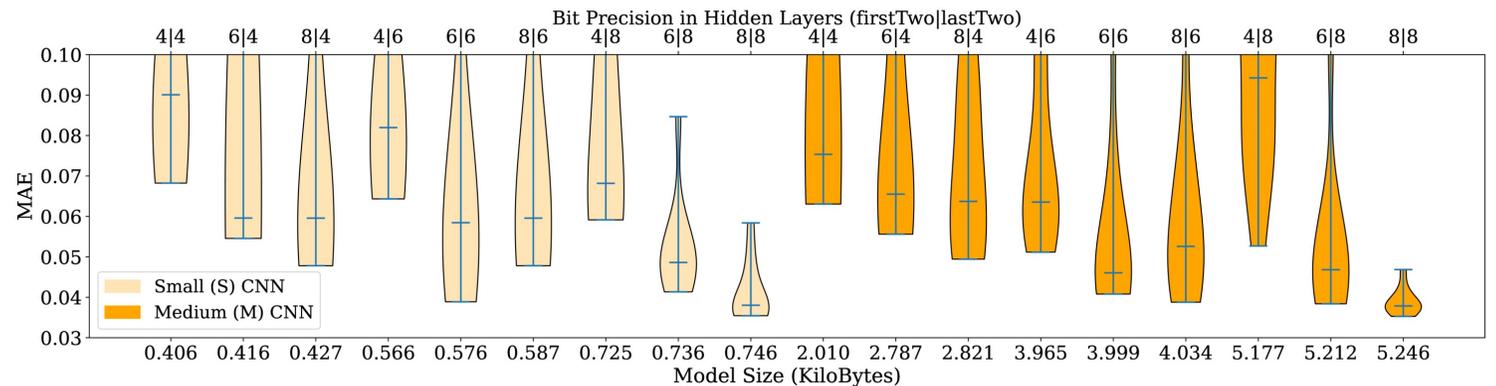
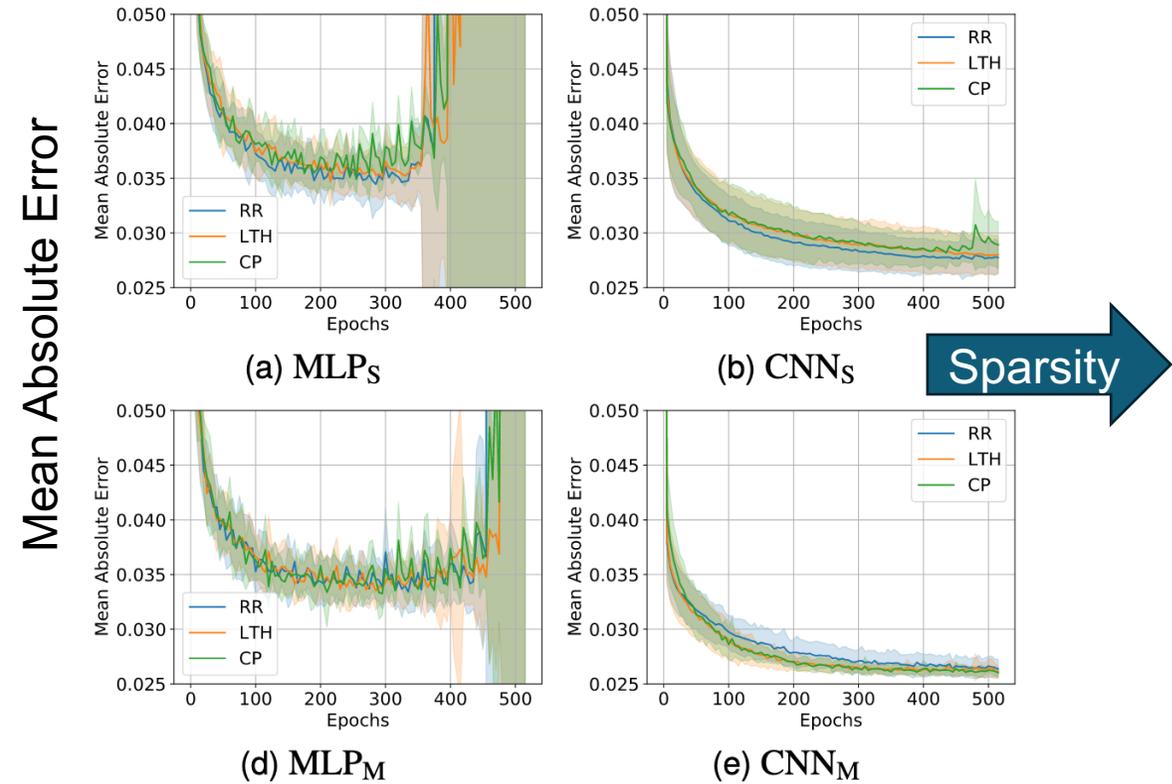
Not much difference between three reset methods. (RR, LTH, CP)

MLP can be pruned up to a point.

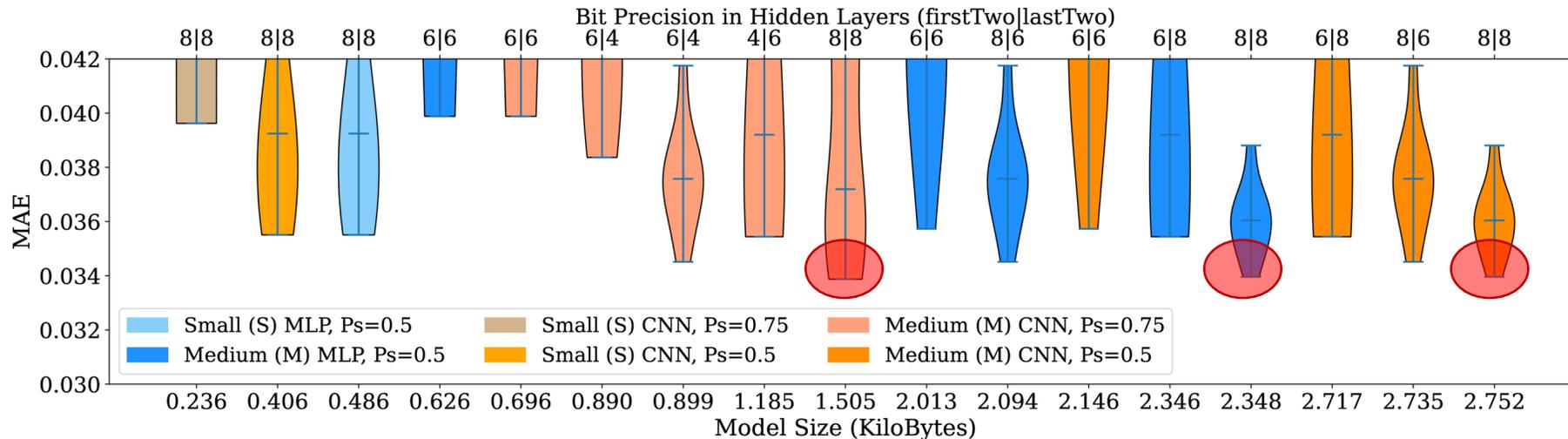
Larger MLP can be pruned further.

CNN can be sparsified greatly without losing accuracy.

Pruning & Quantization



QAT+Pruning

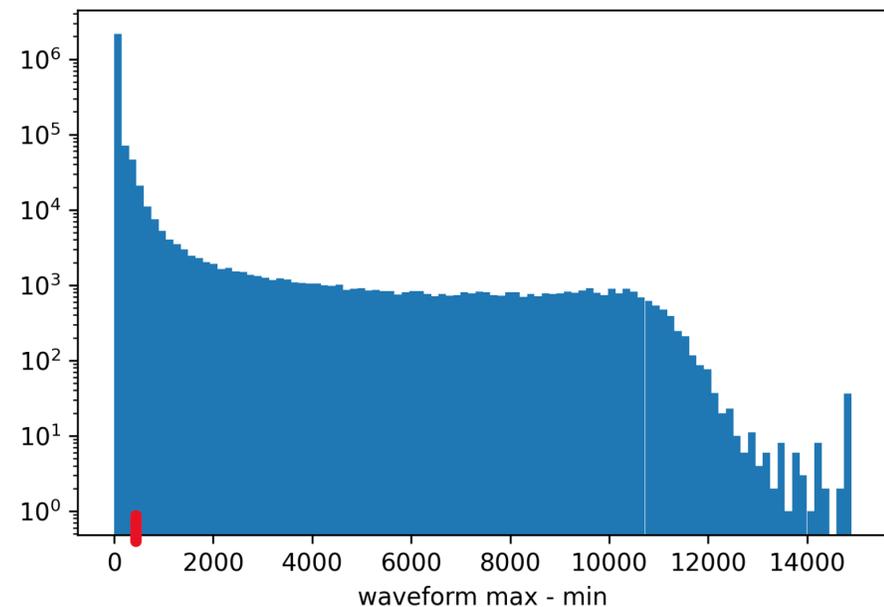
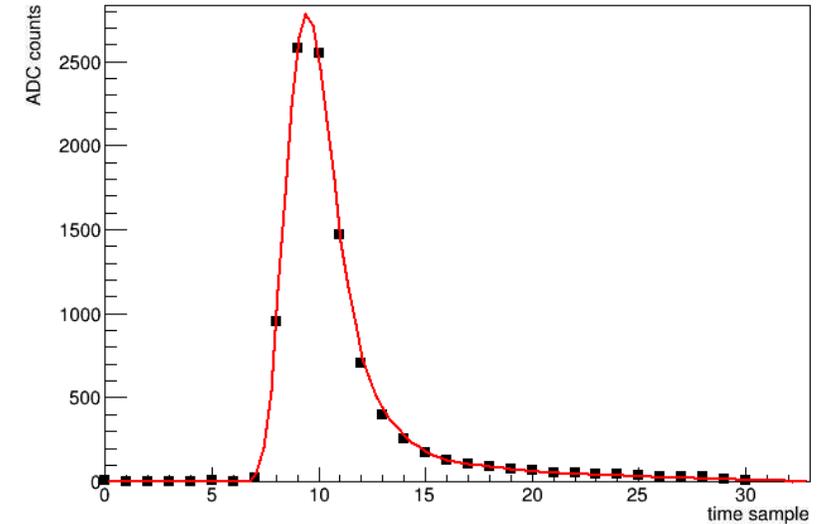


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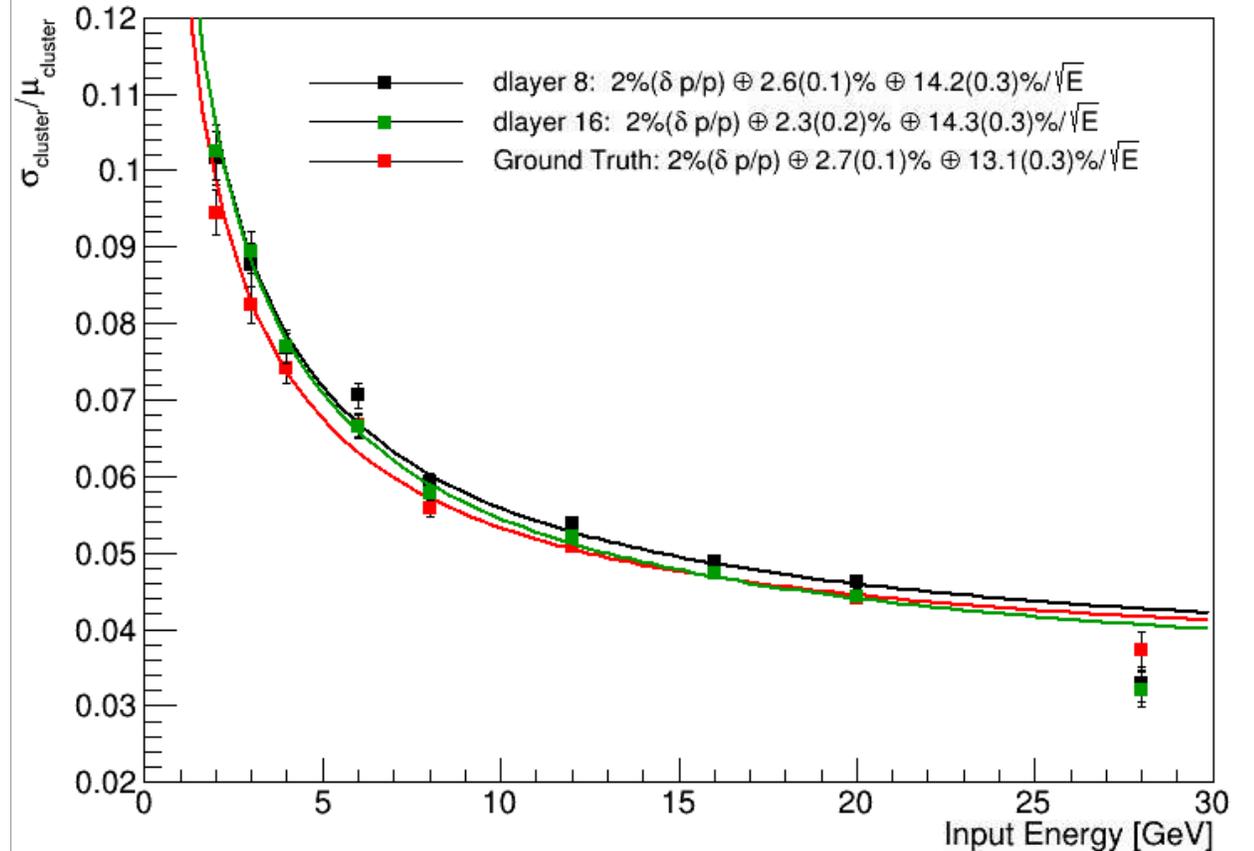
sPHENIX Test-beam data

- sPHENIX EMCal 2018 test-beam data
doi.org/10.1109/TNS.2020.3034643
- Trained on waveforms from 20 GeV incident electrons
- Ground truth (peak value) is provided by validated Template Fitting method.
- 3-layer CNN-1D models.



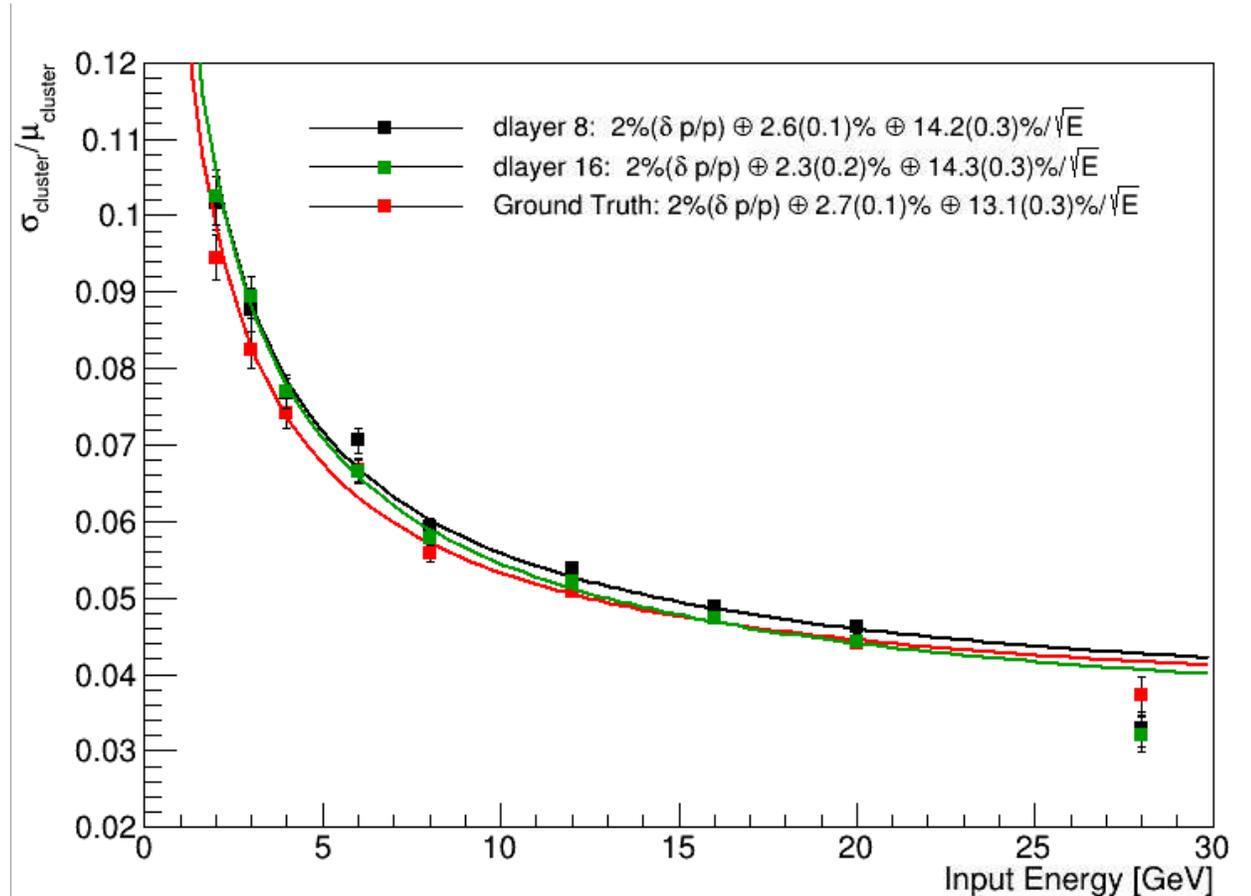
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The supervised AI/ML model's accuracy is capped by the quality of data labels. How to go beyond?

Motivation

What AI/ML can do, without labeled training data?

Can we leverage prior knowledge (i.e. simulations)?

How to tackle the gap or discrepancy between simulation and experiments?

“All models are wrong, but some are useful”. George E. P. Box

Simulations:

- Can get the fundamentals correct,
- Inexpensive to run,
- Freedom of choosing parameters.

Experiments:

- Evidence for scientific advancement,
- Very expensive to run,
- “Ground truth” unknown

Motivation



Domain A
(Simulation)

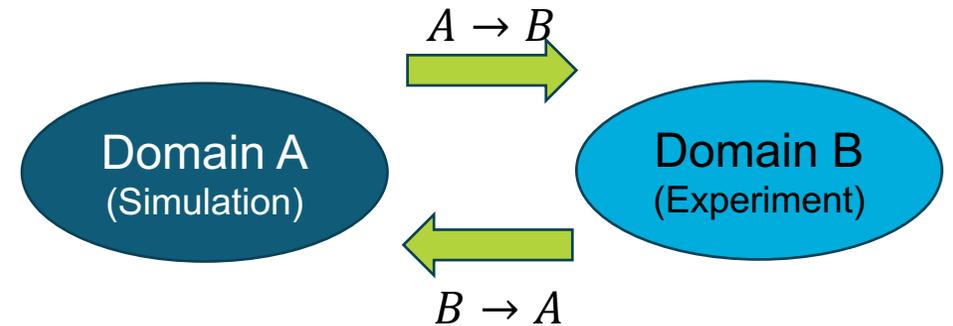
Domain B
(Experiment)

- Cause: difference between two data distributions (“domain shift”)
- Existing remedies:
 - Data Augmentation. (Heuristics, domain-agnostic, use case-dependent.)
 - Domain Adaptation. (Task-specific, require trained model & data annotation.)
 - Transfer Learning. (Require data annotation.)

Task-agnostic Data Translation

Directly translate or enhance simulation data to make them more realistic.

Ideally, the ground truth is retained during the translation, and systematic difference is bridged.



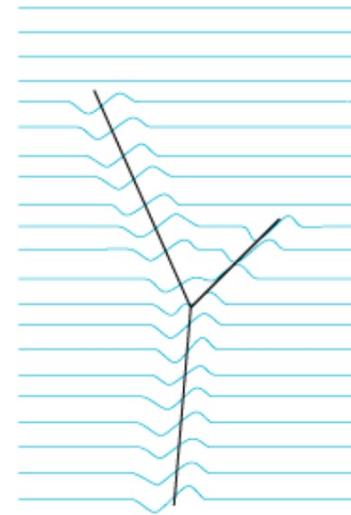
- $A \rightarrow B$: “Augmented High-Fidelity Simulation” that can produce “labeled” data.
- $B \rightarrow A$: “Data Cleaning” that can remove noise of experiment data.
- Analysis tools (w/ human-intelligence) can have better and more data to work with.
- ML models have labeled data to train and are easier to transfer to the real data.

DUNE and LArTPC

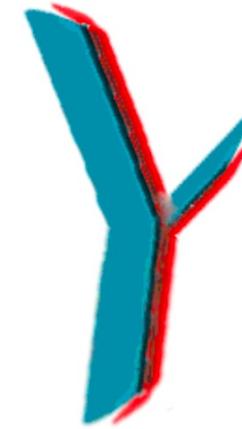
Before doing this on real data, we would like to study a task under well-understood settings:

1. **Domain A** – simplified detector response, where a cloud of electrons is read only by the nearest wire.
2. **Domain B** – realistic detector response, where a cloud of electrons can produce excitations in multiple wires.

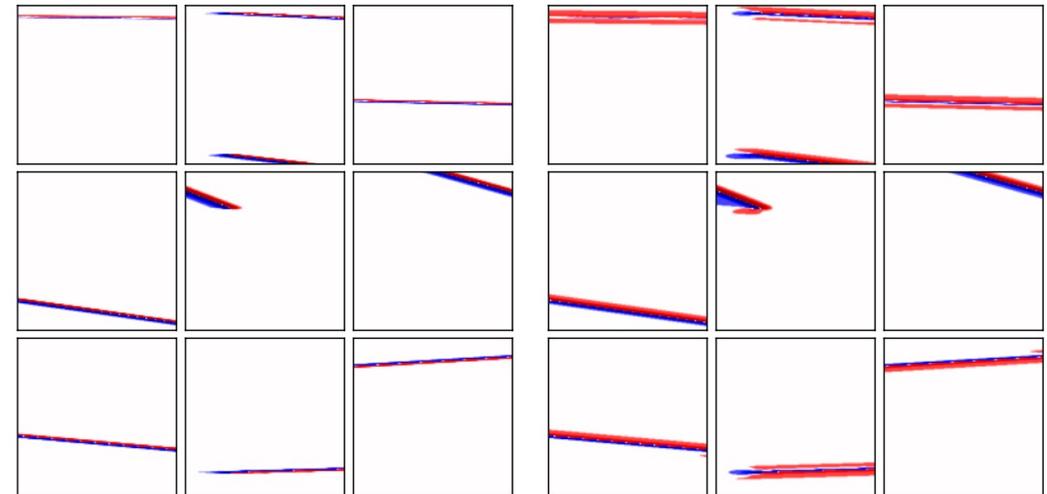
Also applicable for gas-medium TPC in both SPHENIX and STAR.



(a) Schematic Waveforms



(b) Actual Data Sample

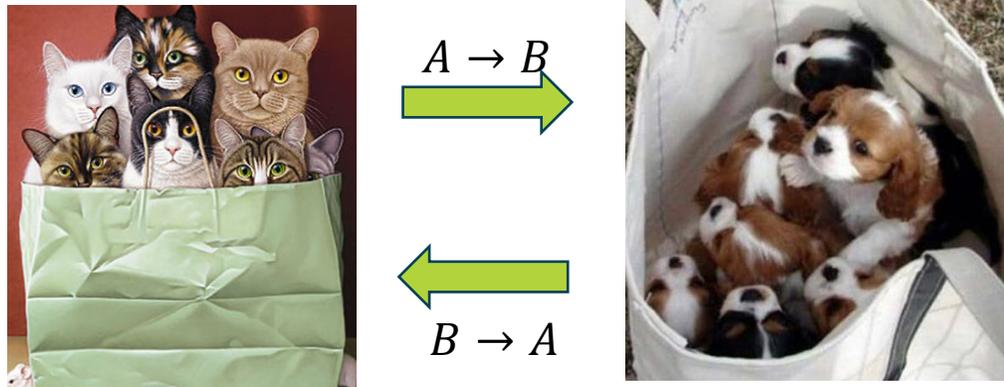


(a) Domain A

(b) Domain B

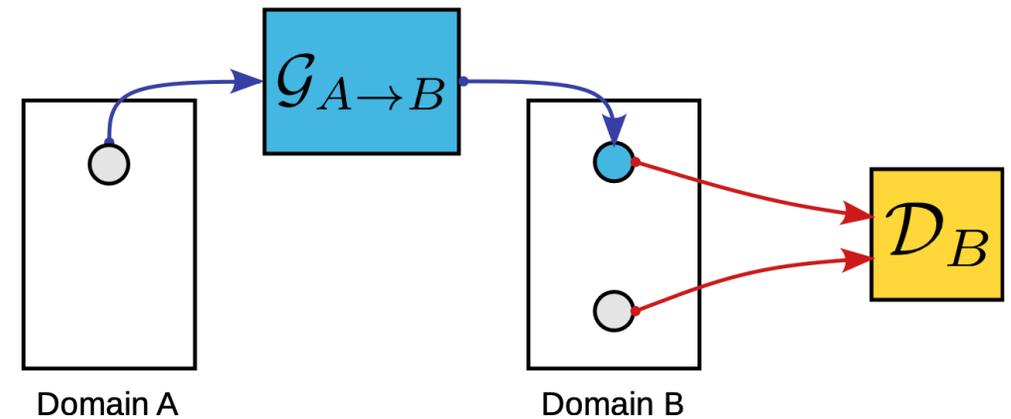
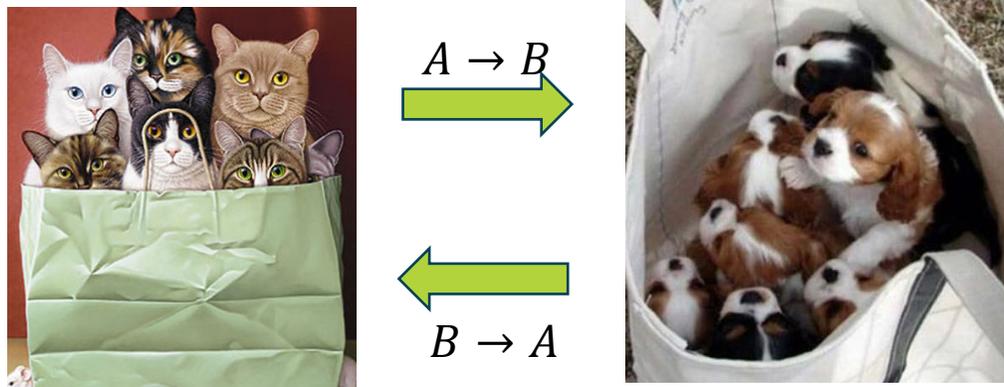
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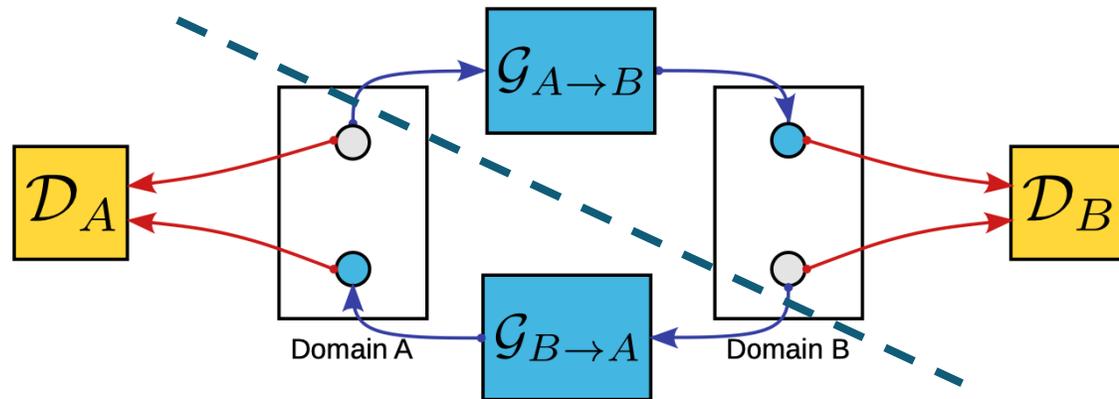


A popular way for generative tasks is GAN. However, GAN is prone to “mode collapse”.

Unpaired Image-to-image translation

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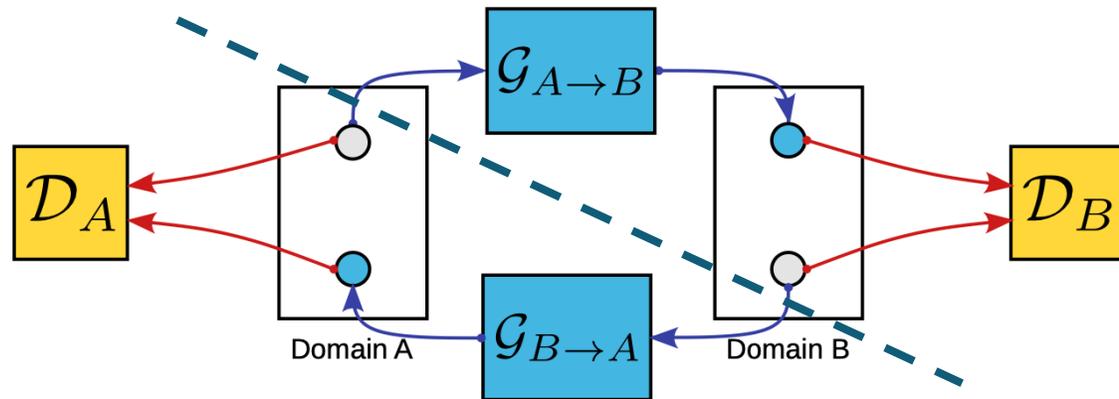
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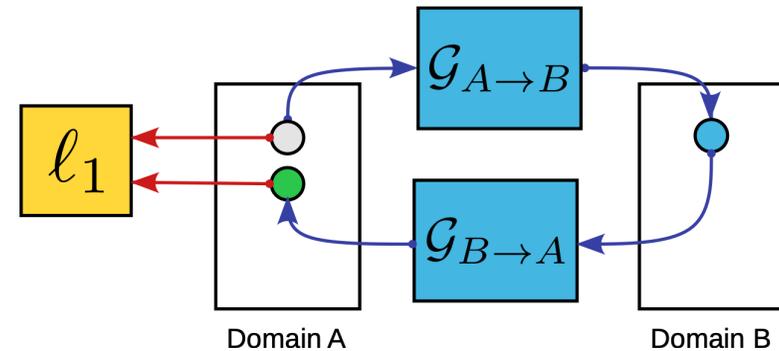
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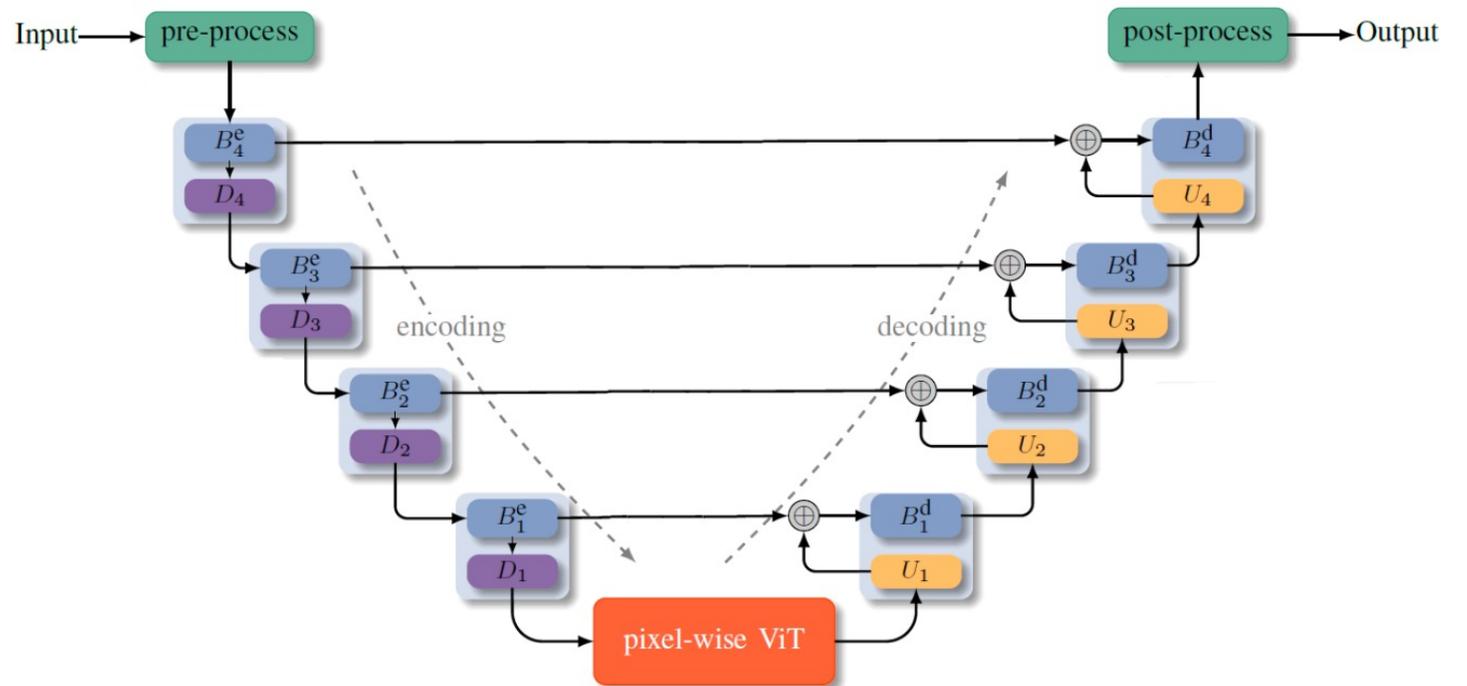


Unet-ViT-CycleGAN (UVCGAN)

Adding a ViT block at the bottleneck of the Unet improves long-range pattern learning.

Self-supervised pre-training.

And other tricks.



“UVCGAN: UNet Vision Transformer cycle-consistent GAN for unpaired image-to-image translation”, [[arxiv: 2203.02557](https://arxiv.org/abs/2203.02557)]

UVCGAN fixes rough edges

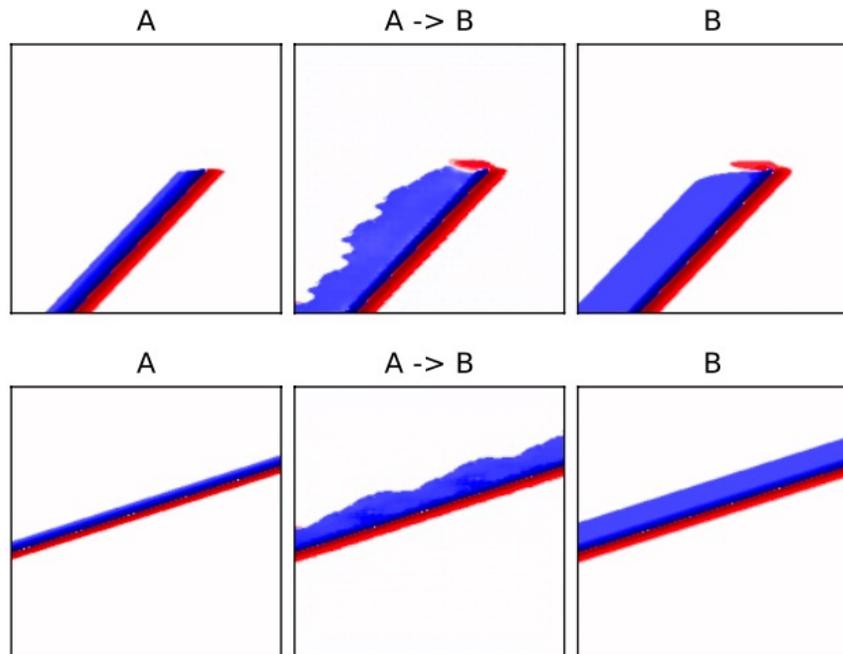


Figure: Default CycleGAN Generator

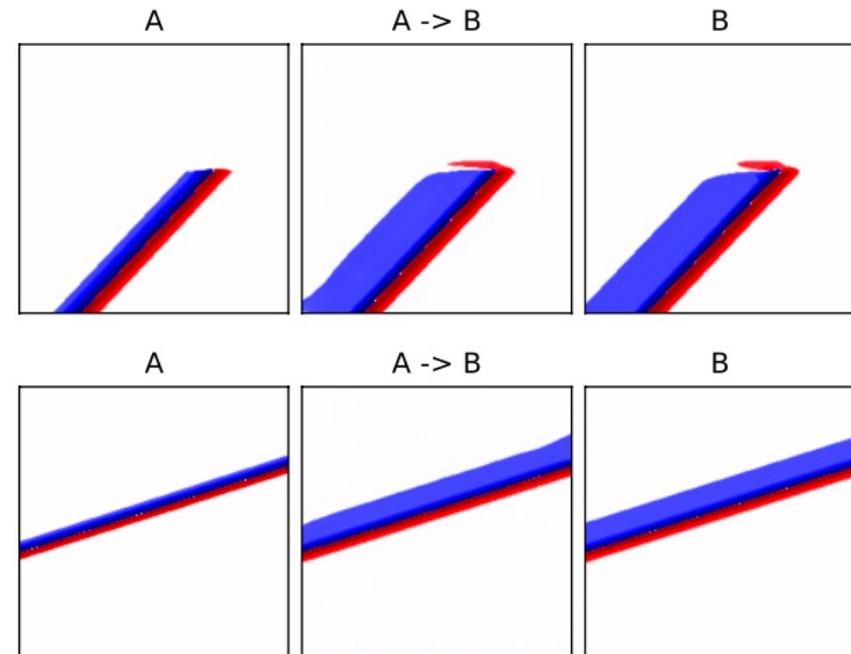


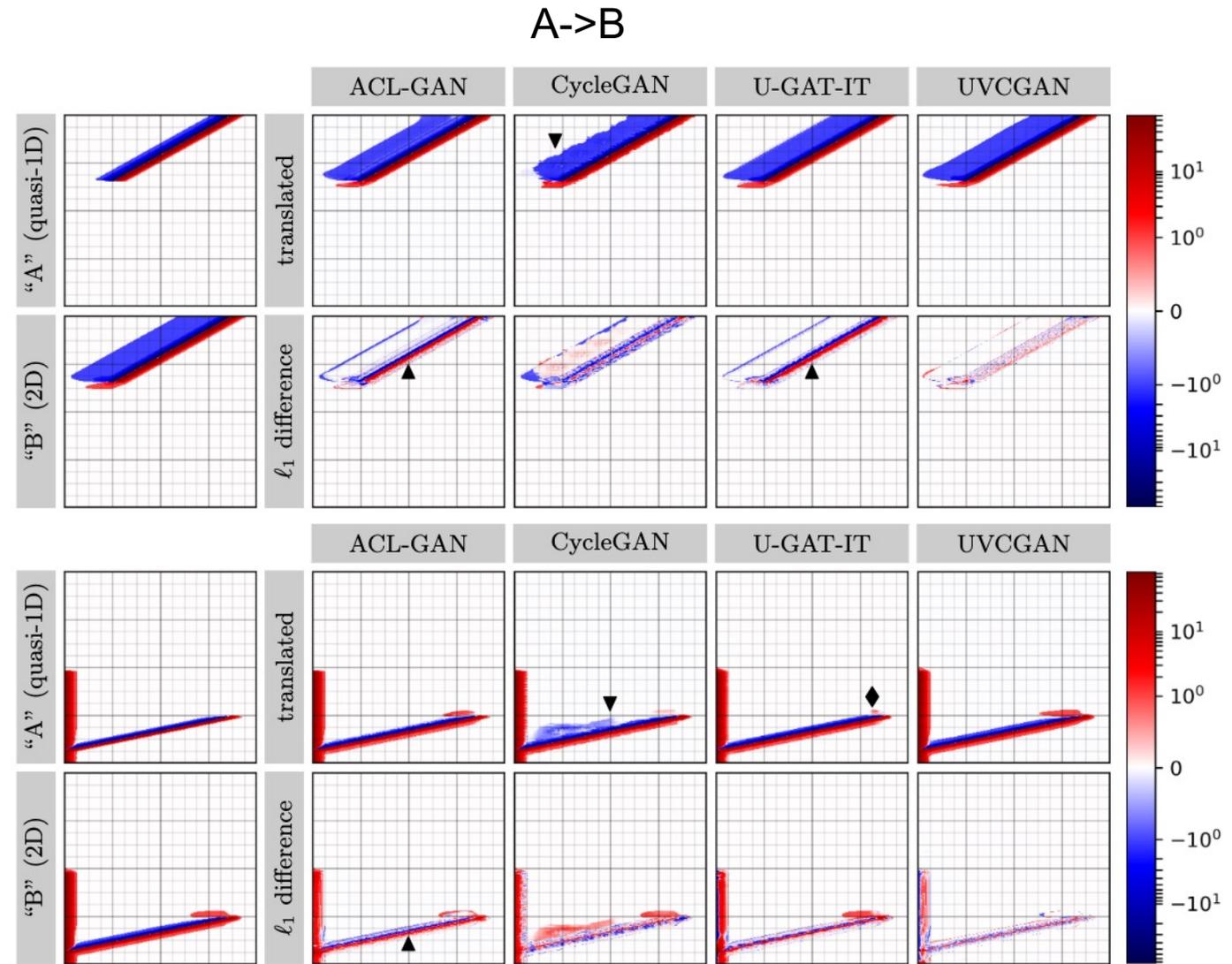
Figure: New UNet-ViT Generator

Results

We have compared our model (UVCGAN) vs advanced models:

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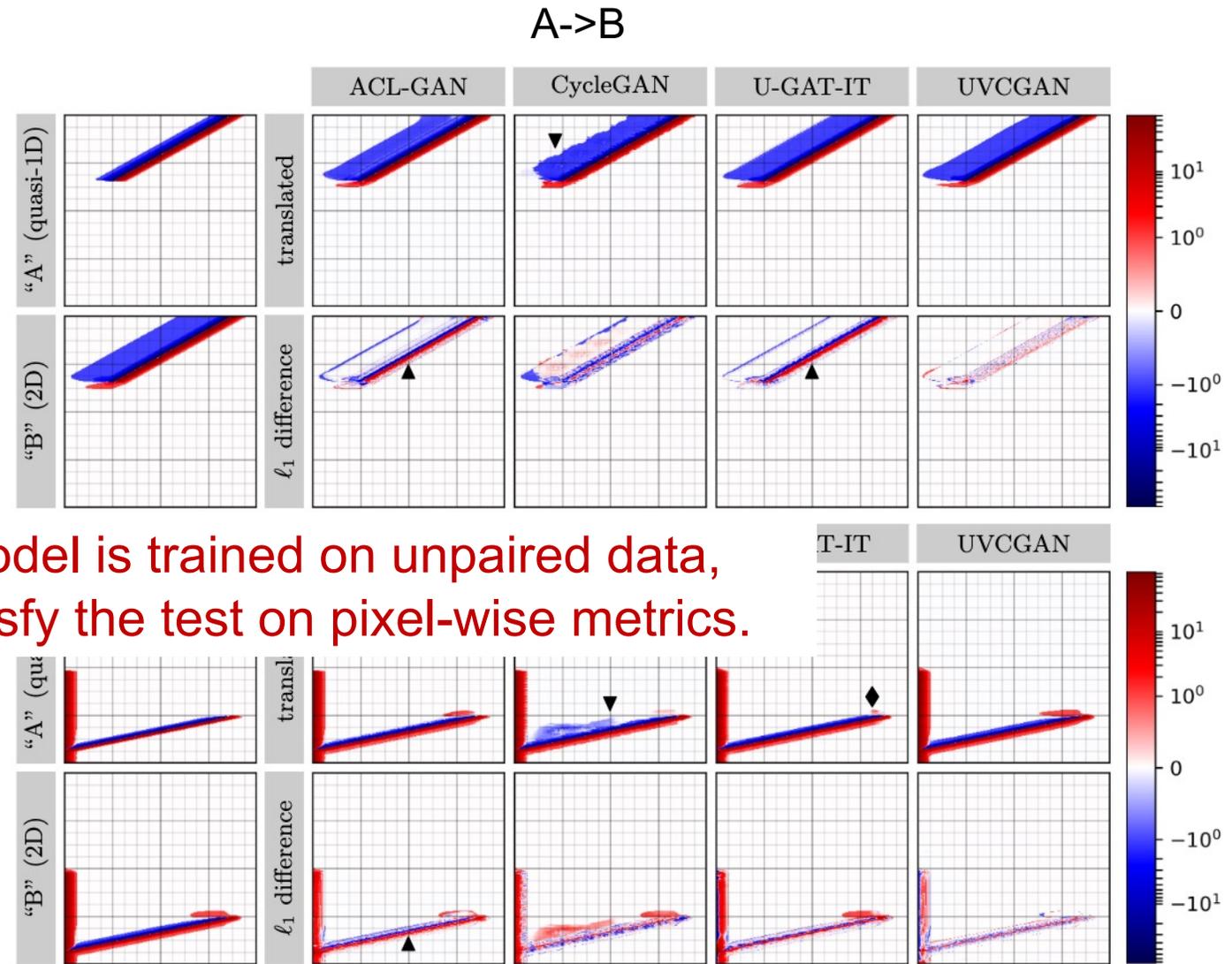
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Key Takeaway: The model is trained on unpaired data, but translation can satisfy the test on pixel-wise metrics.

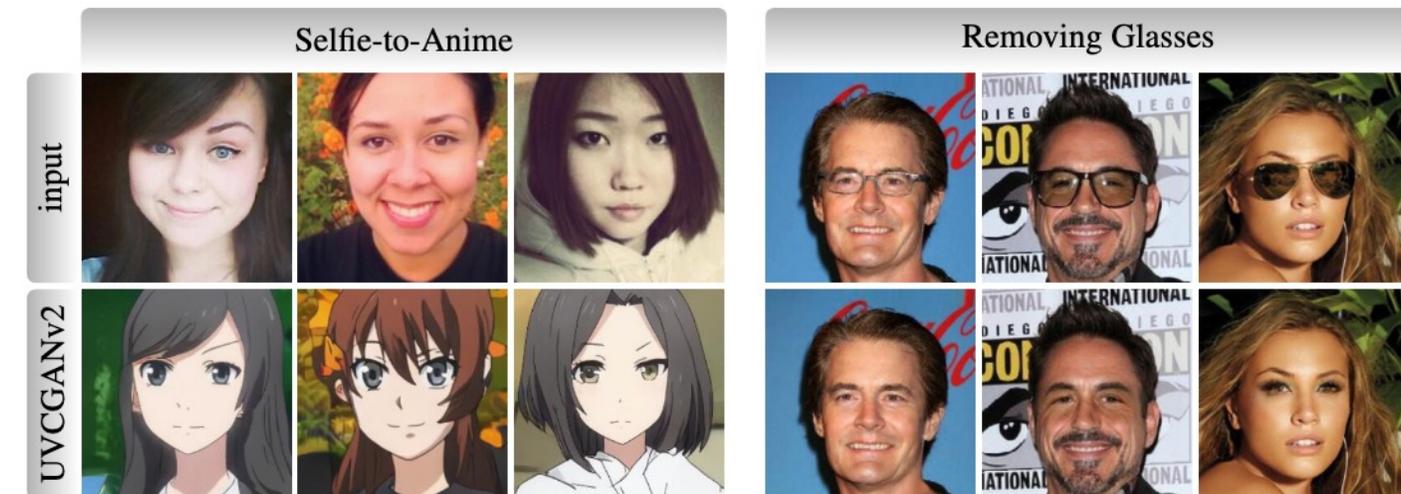
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UVCGAN-v2, on open-benchmark data

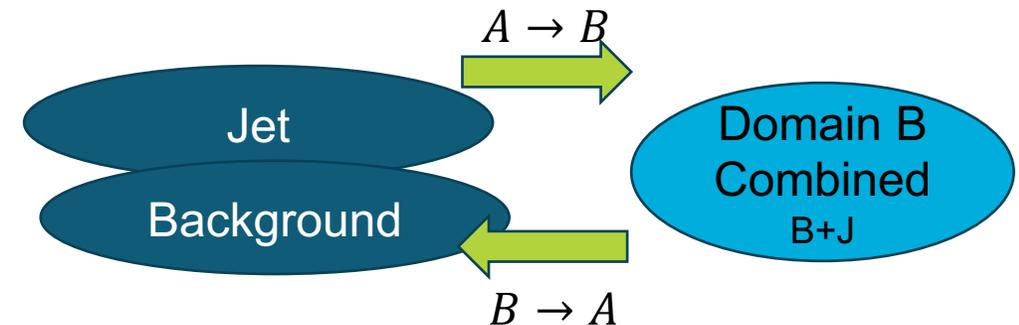
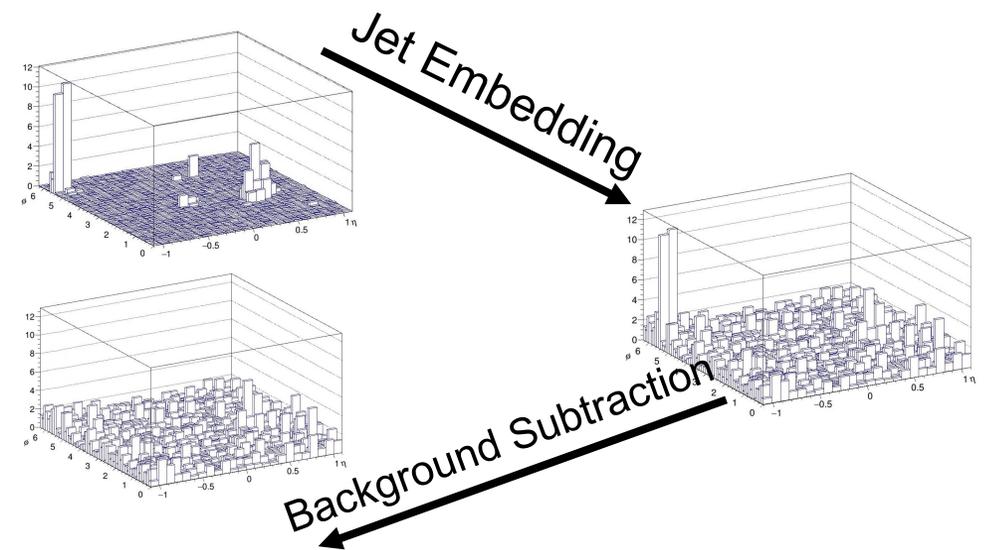


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Jet Data Generation

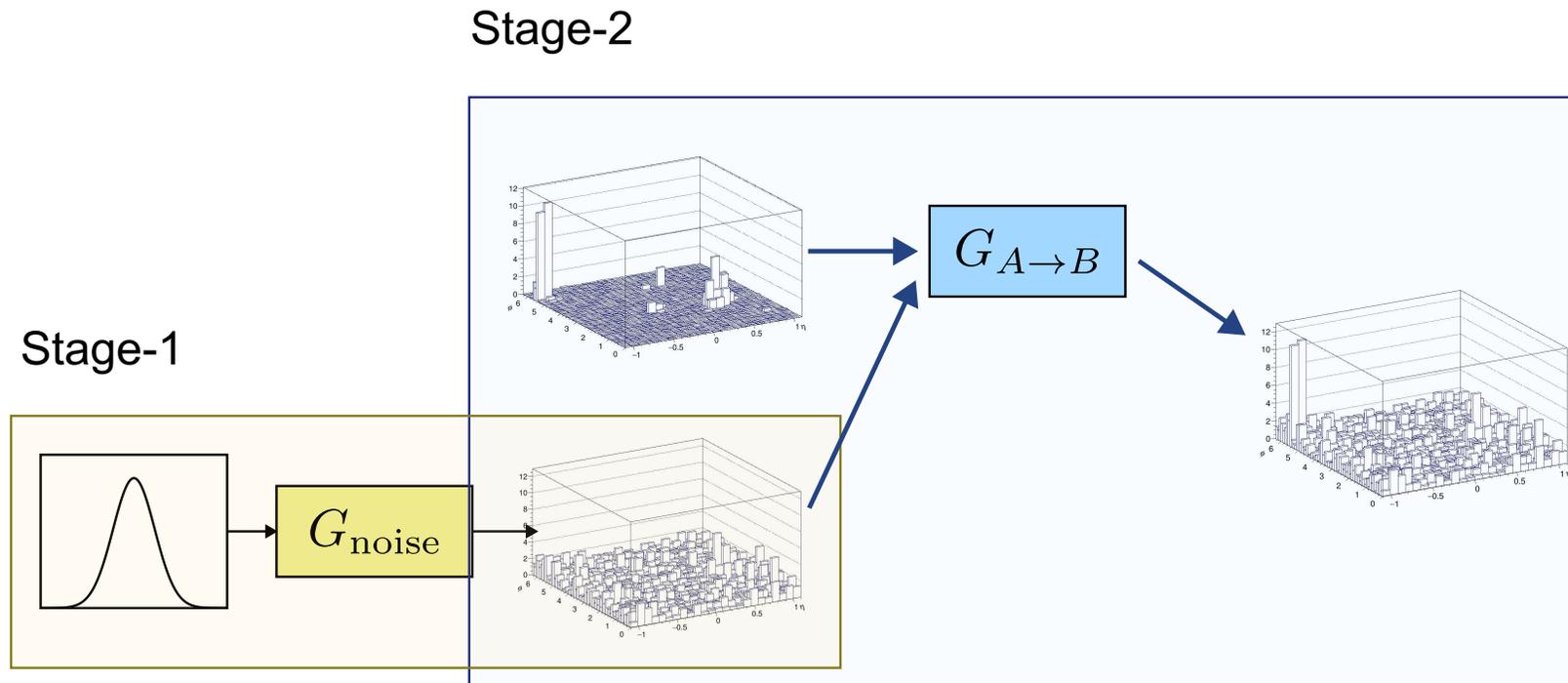
Data Generation:

- Domain A background and jet samples were generated using Pythia and HIJING respectively.
- Generated events are then passed through a geant mock up of the sPHENIX calorimeter system to better reproduce real measurements.
- **Domain A:**
 - Heavy Ion Background (HIJING, 0-10% centrality events)
 - Jets (Pythia, Flows Afterburner, etc.)
- **Domain B:**
 - Samples are combined with a straight addition of the energy depositions.
 - In future, +M, and real experimental data.
- Instances from A and B are Unpaired.



Another talk: "Interpretable Machine Learning Methods for to Jet Background Subtraction in Heavy Ion Collisions"
Speaker: Mr Tanner Mengel (University of Tennessee)

Two-Stage Approach

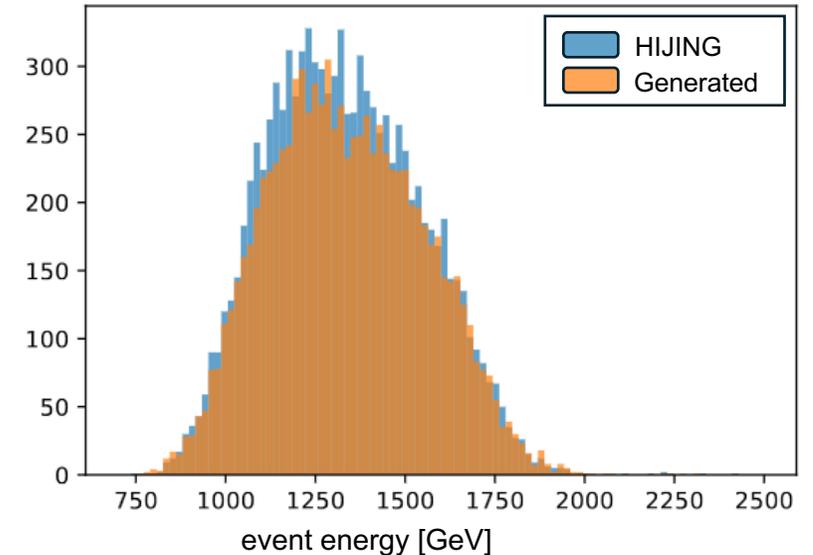
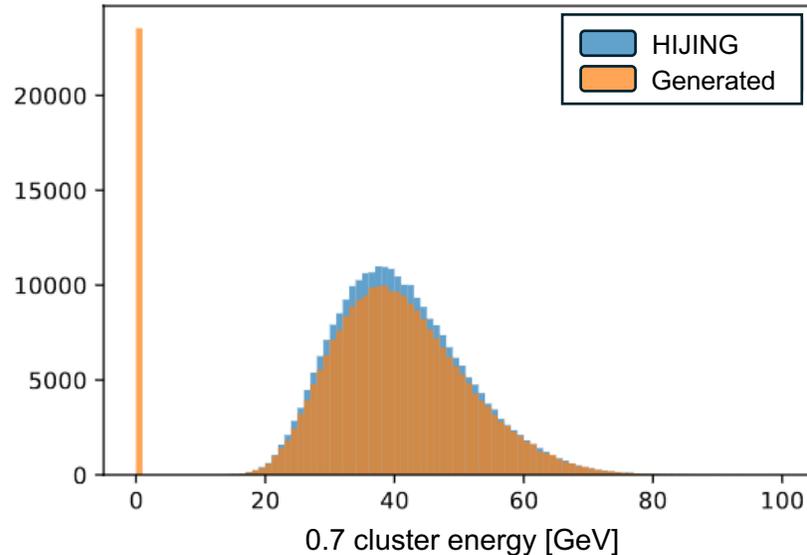
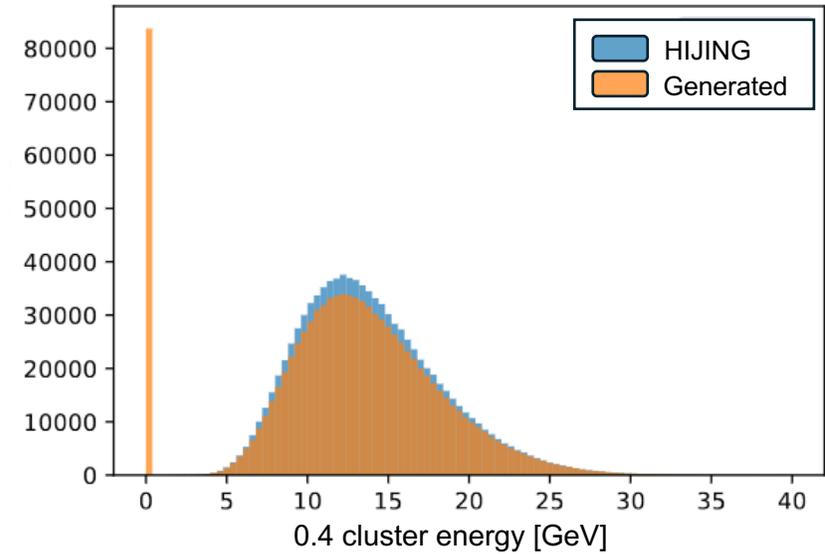
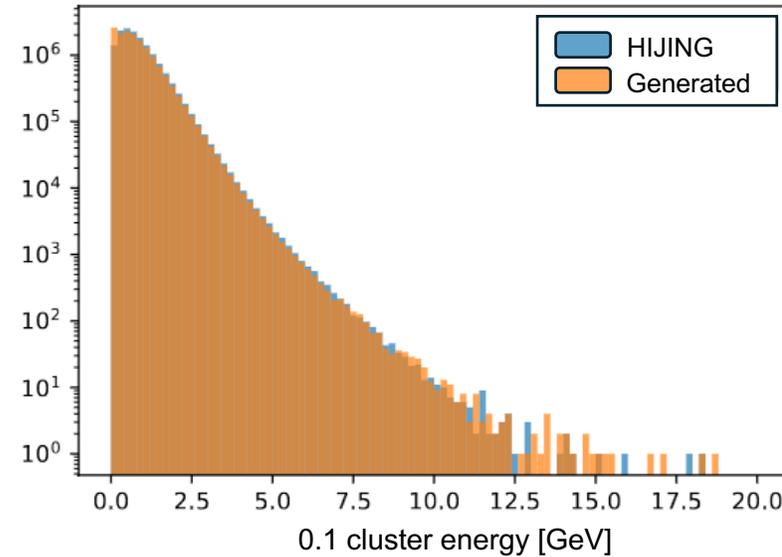


Results on Background Generation

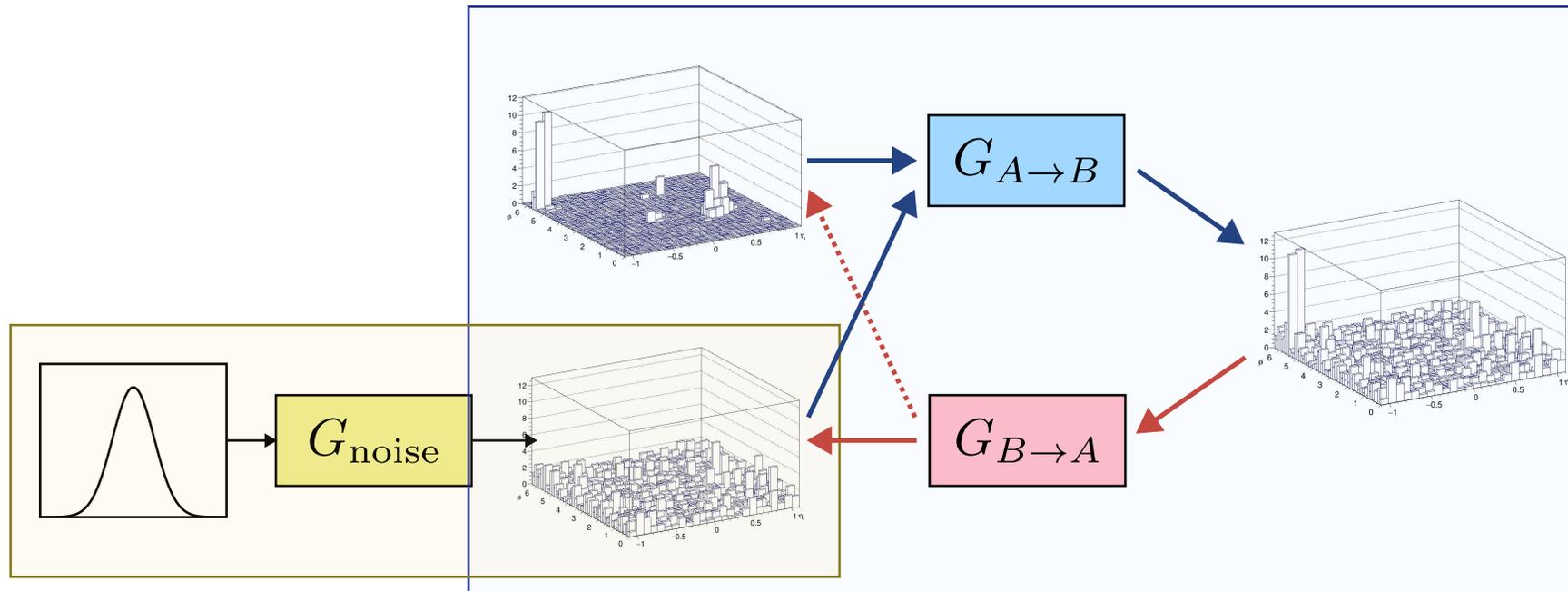
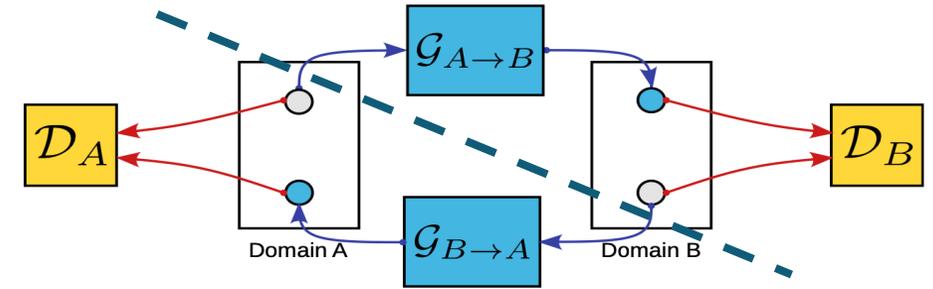
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Comparing
Distributions:

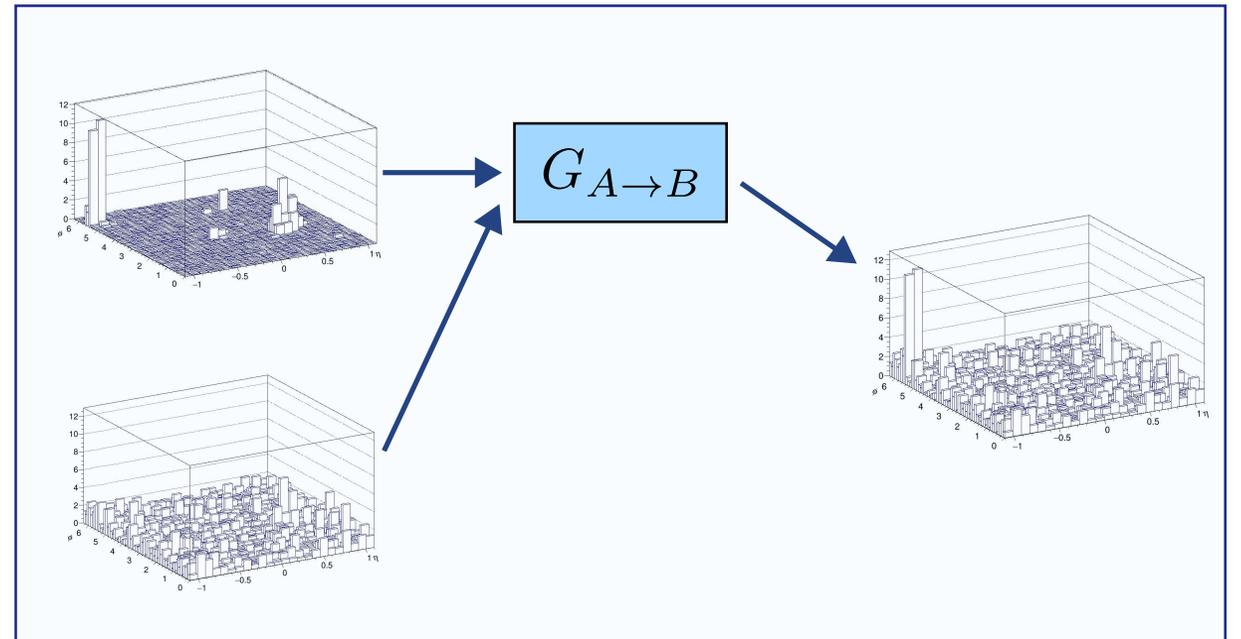
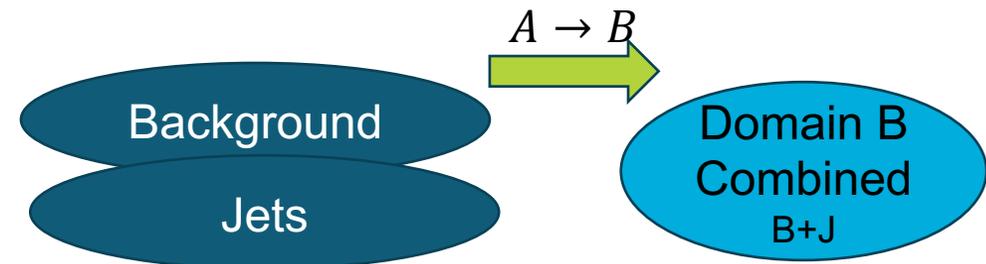
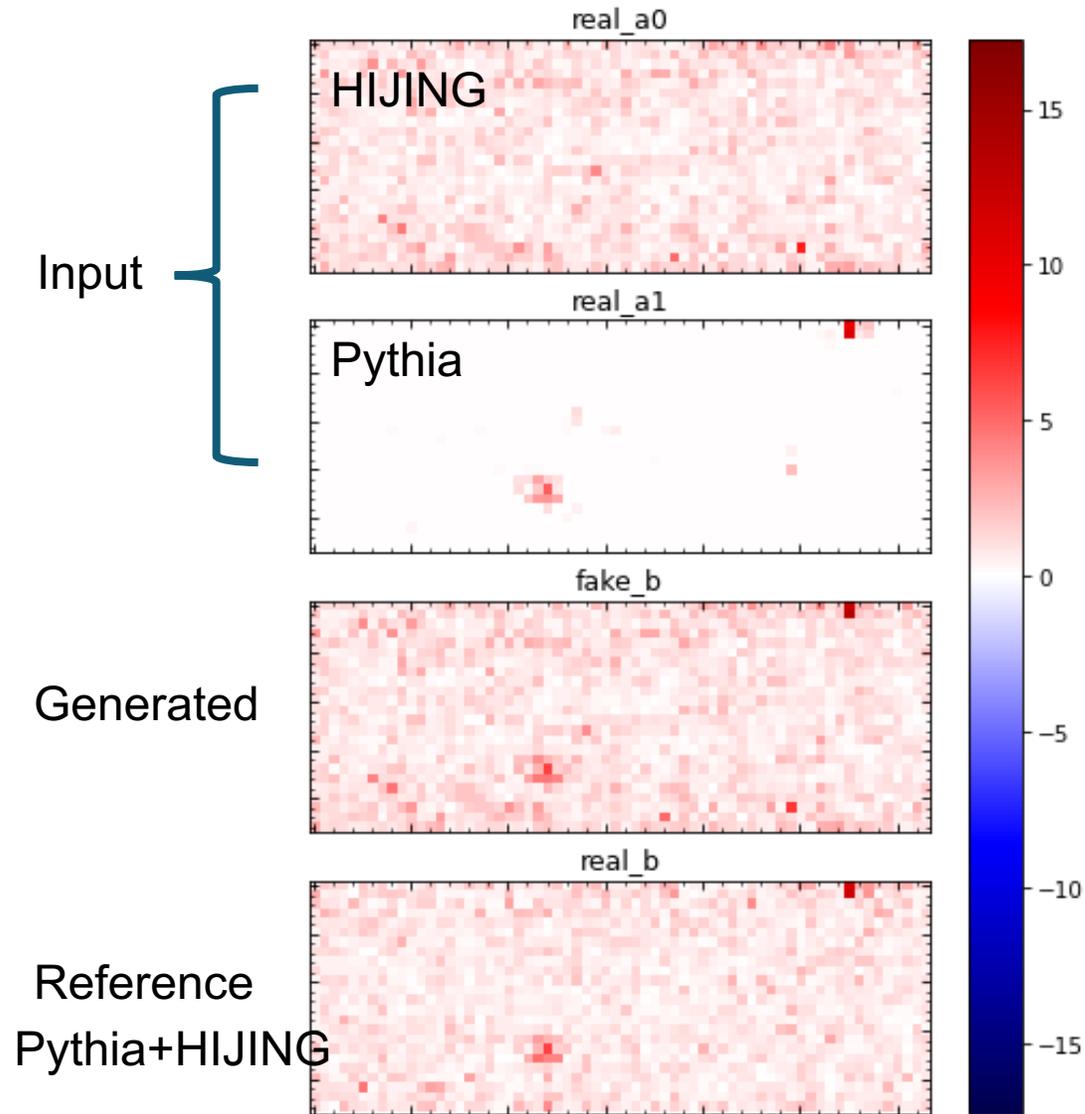
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Asymmetric CycleGAN

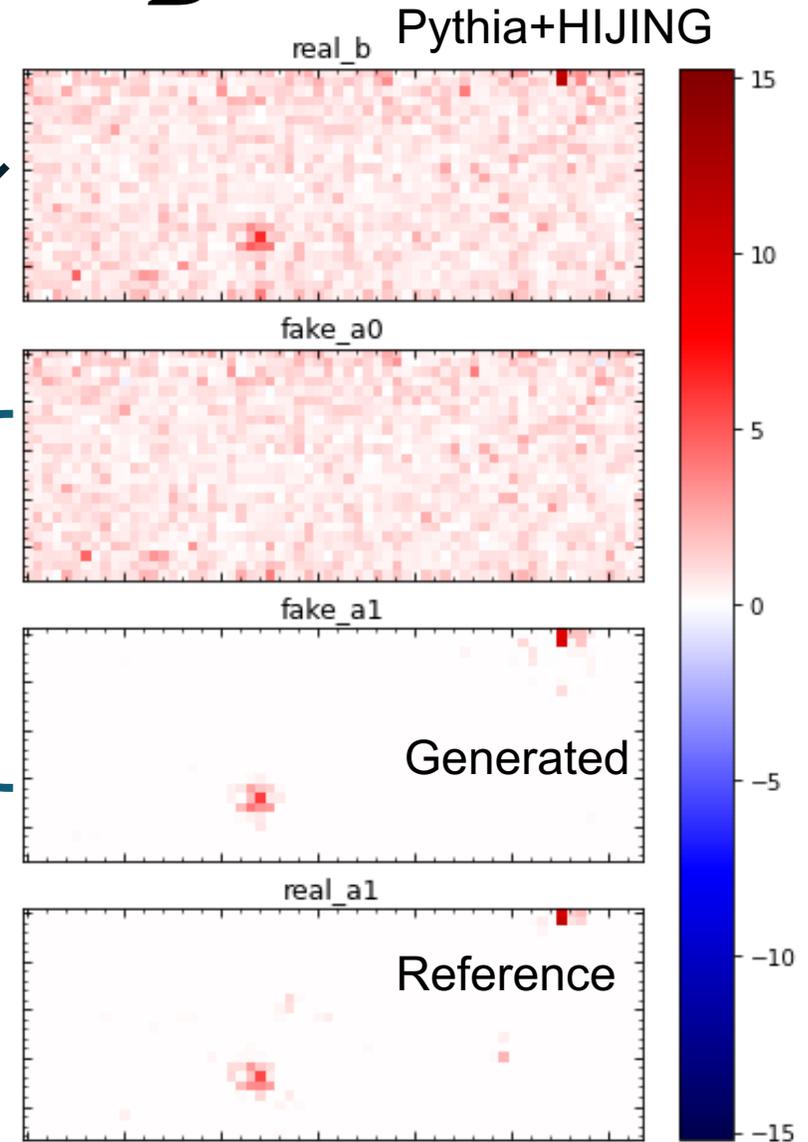
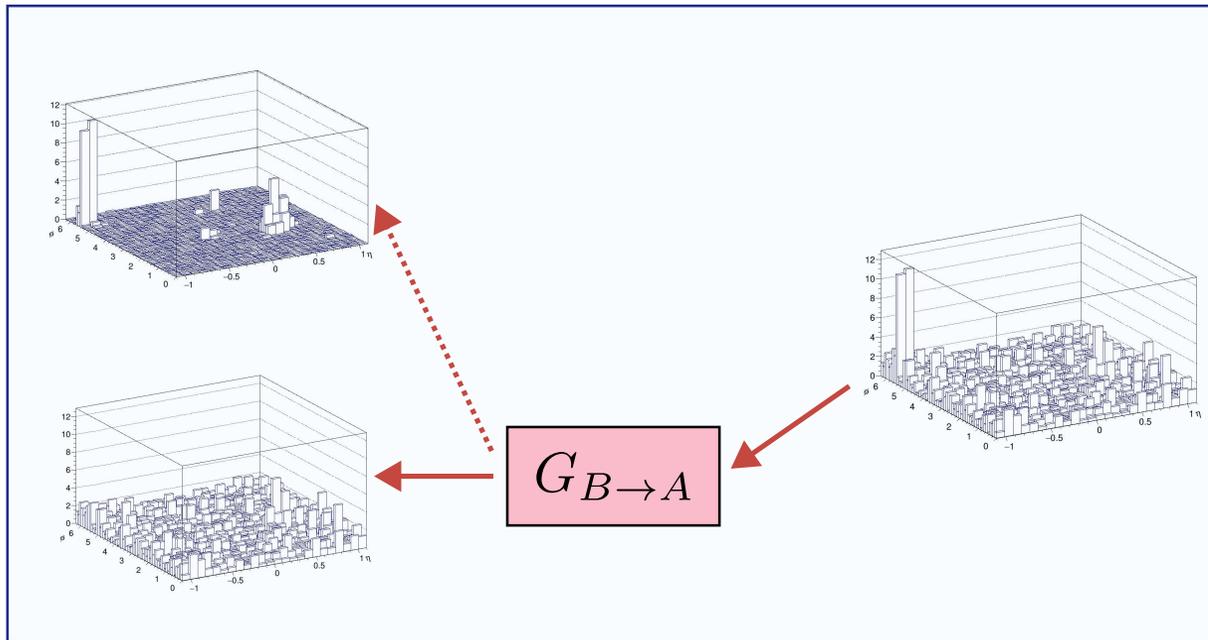
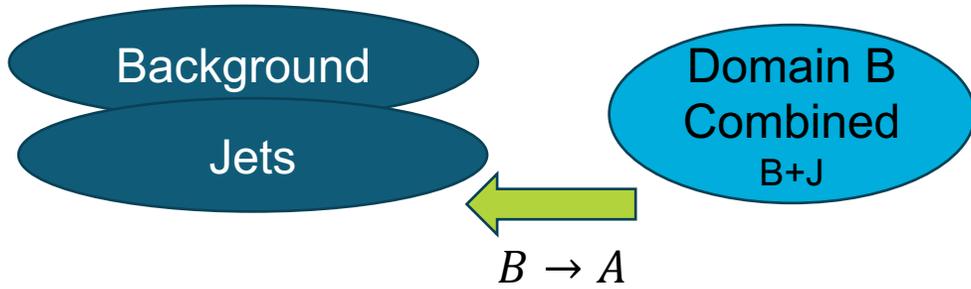


Preliminary Results on $A \leftrightarrow B$



(a) $A \rightarrow B$

Preliminary Results on $A \leftrightarrow B$



(b) $B \rightarrow A$

Future Study

- These are very early results that we are excited to share.
- In future, we will incorporate “media modification” (Jet+Backgrounds).
- Any suggestions and comments would be very helpful.
- How to validate when we apply this to real experimental data?
- Any other constraints we should consider?

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