

# Decoding inverse problems in QCD with ML algorithms

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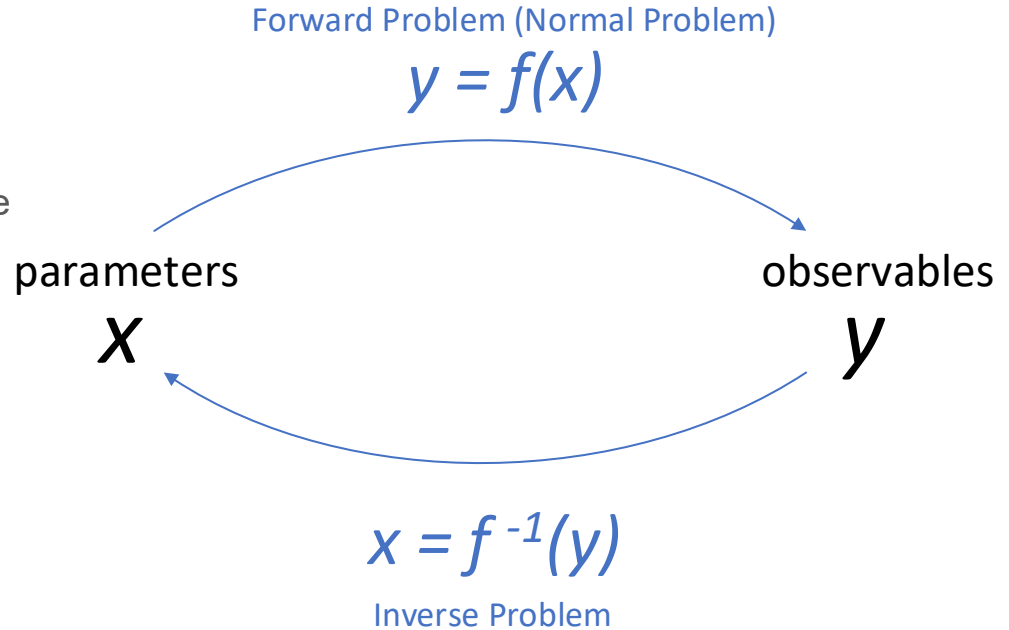
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  - Toy Inverse Problems
  - Extracting QCF from DIS Data
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# The Inverse Problem

- The Forward Problem (Normal Problem)
  - Use the model parameters to calculate the observables
- The Inverse Problem
  - Use the results of actual observables to infer the values of the parameters characterizing the system



# The Challenges of Solving the Inverse Problem

- Ill-posedness
  - Different values of the model parameters may be consistent with the observables
- Curse of Dimensionality
  - Need to explore a huge, high-dimensional parameter space
  - Finding a needle in a haystack

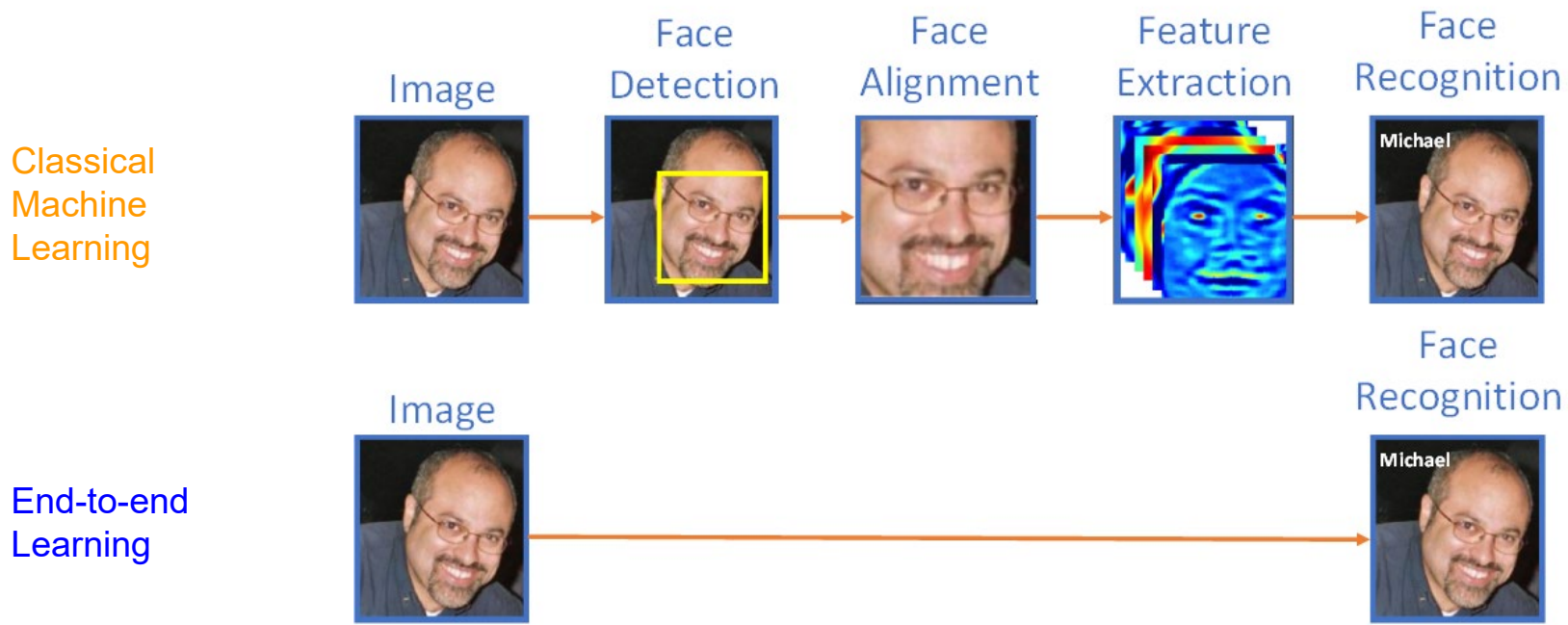
# End-to-End Learning for Inverse Problems



# End-to-End Learning

- End-to-End Learning

- Machine learning model automatically learns all features
- Directly convert input data into output prediction



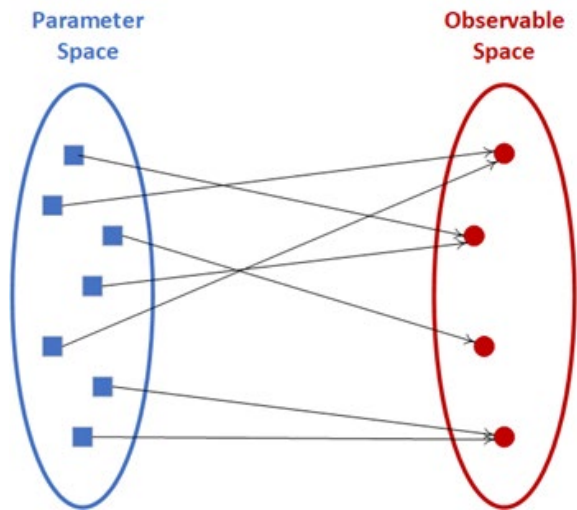
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# Ill-posedness of Inverse Problems

Forward Mapper

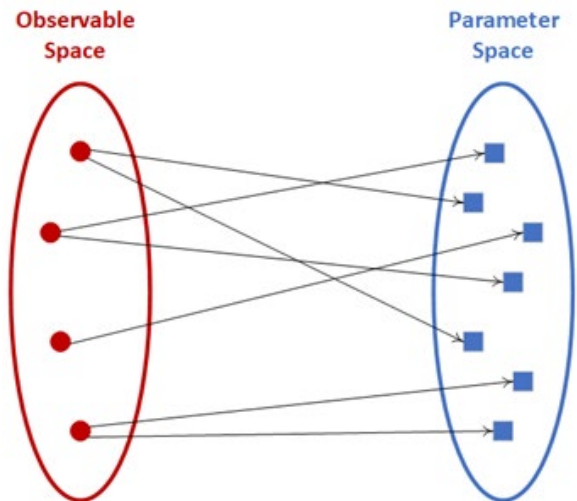
well-posed



$$\mathbf{y} = f(\mathbf{x})$$

Backward Mapper

ill-posed



$$\mathbf{x} = f^{-1}(\mathbf{y})$$

Information Loss



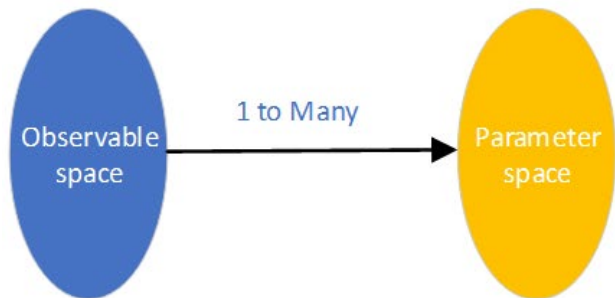


# Fundamental Idea

Variational Autoencoder **Inverse Mapper**

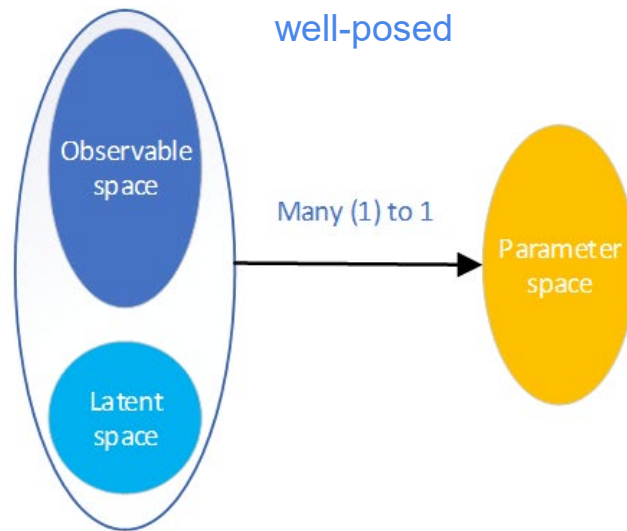
Inverse Problem

ill-posed



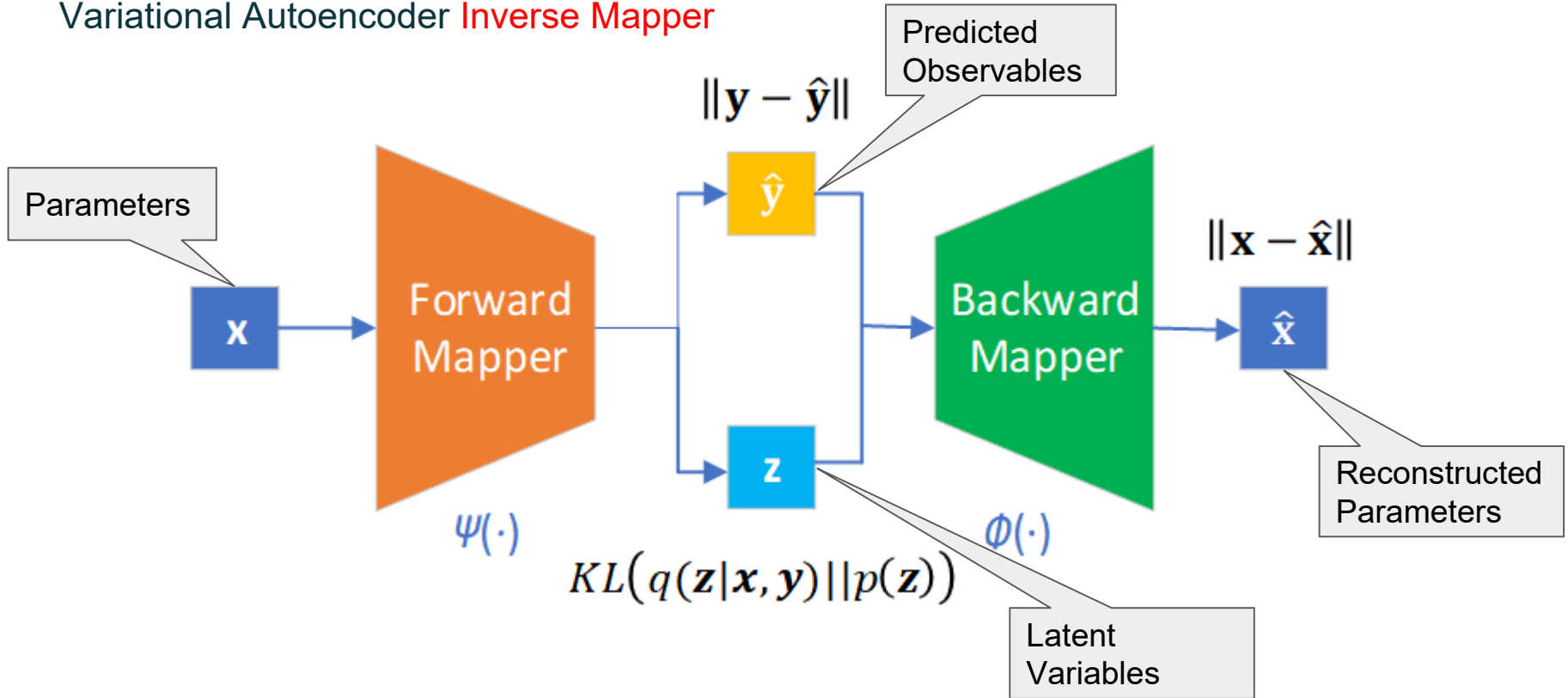
VAIM

well-posed

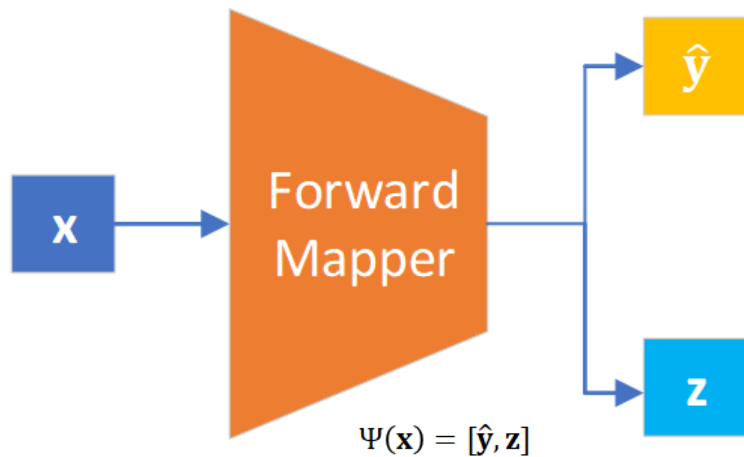


# Machine Learning Architecture

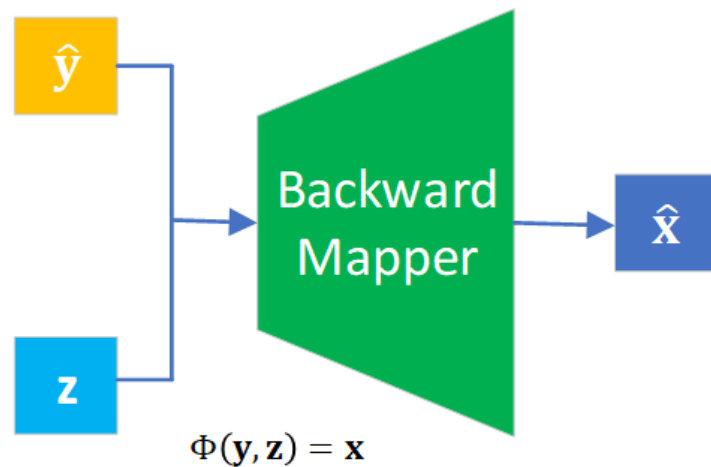
Variational Autoencoder **Inverse Mapper**



# Forward Mapper and Backward Mapper



Learn posterior distribution  
 $p(z|x, y)$

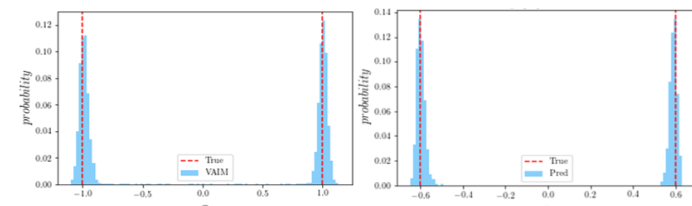
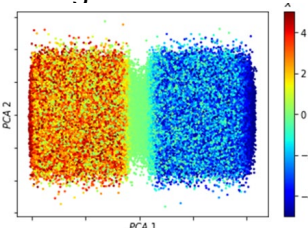
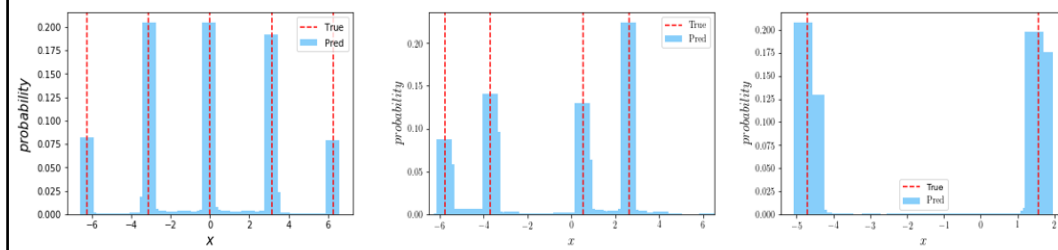
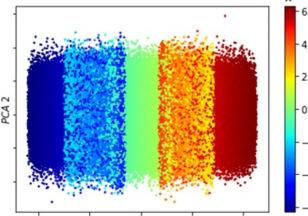
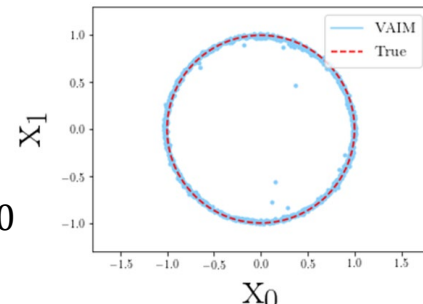
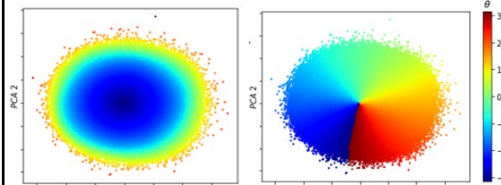


Learn likelihood distribution  
 $p(x, y|z)$

# Math behind Variational Autoencoder **Inverse Mapper**

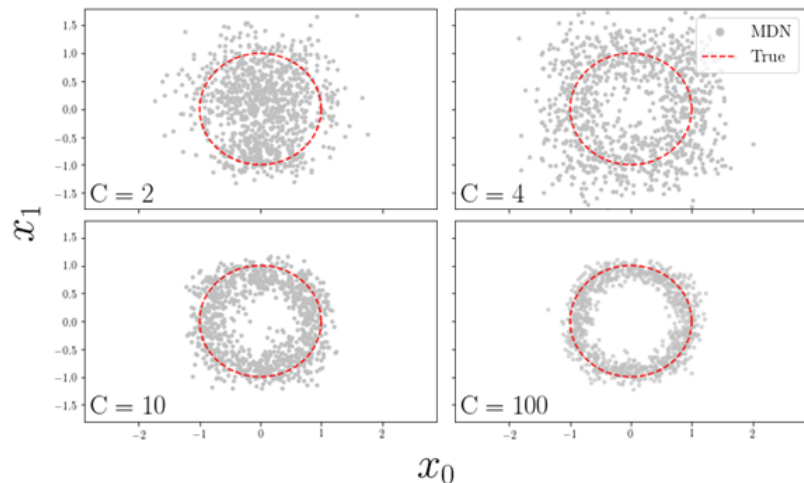
- Approximate
  - True posterior distribution  $p(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$
- Variational Inference
  - Learn an approximate distribution  $q(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$  such that  $q(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \sim p(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$
  - Minimize the Kullback-Leibler (KL) divergence 
$$\min KL(q(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) || p(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}))$$
- Variational Autoencoder Theory
  - $$\min KL(q(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) || p(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}))$$
 equivalent to 
$$\min \|\mathbf{y} - \hat{\mathbf{y}}\|_2^2 + \|\mathbf{x} - \hat{\mathbf{x}}\|_2^2 + KL(q(\mathbf{z} | \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) || p(\mathbf{z}))$$
  - True prior distribution  $p(\mathbf{z})$ 
    - Select tractable distribution easy to generate
      - Gaussian
      - Uniform

# VAIM on Toy Inverse Problems

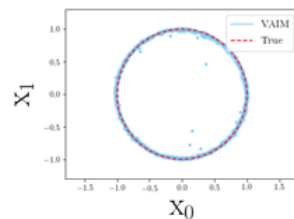
	Multiple Solutions	Latent Space Distribution
$f(x) = x^2$	 <p>Parameter <math>x</math> distribution for <math>f(x) = 1.0</math></p> <p>Parameter <math>x</math> distribution for <math>f(x) = 0.36</math></p>	<h3>Sign Information</h3> 
$f(x) = \sin(x)$ $x \in [-2\pi, 2\pi]$	 <p><math>f(x) = 1.0</math></p> <p><math>f(x) = -0.5</math></p> <p><math>f(x) = 0.0</math></p>	<h3>Period Information</h3> 
$f(x_0, x_1) = x_0^2 + x_1^2$	 <p><math>f(x_0, x_1) = 1.0</math></p>	<h3>Radius and Polar Angle Information</h3> 

# Comparison with Mixture Density Network (MDN)

- Fundamental Idea of MDN
  - Construct a conditional probability  $p(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{x})$
  - Approximated with mixing Gaussian components
  - Assumption
    - (Finite) Gaussian Mixture
    - Poor approximation when the inverse problem is significantly non-Gaussian
- Advantage of VAIM
  - No Gaussian Assumption



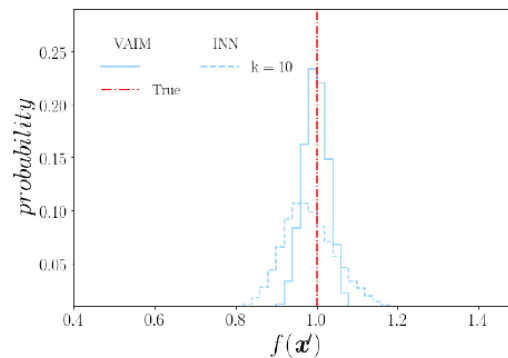
MDN predictions for toy problem  $f(x) = x_0^2 + x_1^2$



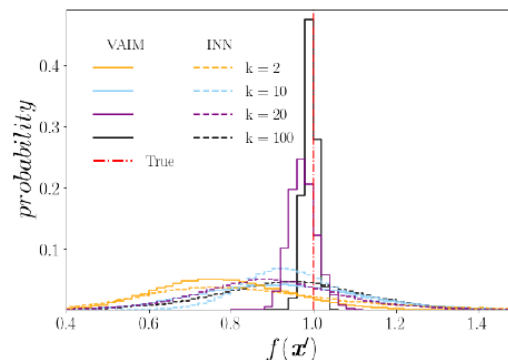
VAIM predictions for toy problem  $f(x) = x_0^2 + x_1^2$

# Comparison with Invertible Neural Networks (INN)

- Invertible Neural Networks (INN)
  - Maximum Mean Discrepancy (MMD)
  - Degrade polynomially at best as dimension increases
- VAIM
  - KL-divergence
  - Degrade constantly as dimension increases



(a)



(b)

Fig. 9: Comparison of the solution distributions of  $f(\mathbf{x}')$  obtained by VAIM and INN in the toy problem  $f(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_i x_i^2$ , when  $f(\mathbf{x}) = 1$  is given, for the (a) 2D and (b) 10D cases.

# Extraction of Quantum Correlation Functions from Deep-inelastic Lepton-Nucleon Scattering (DIS) Data

- Observables

$$\sigma_p(x, Q^2) = 4u(x, Q^2) + d(x, Q^2),$$

$$\sigma_n(x, Q^2) = 4d(x, Q^2) + u(x, Q^2).$$

- PDFs with DGLAP like behavior

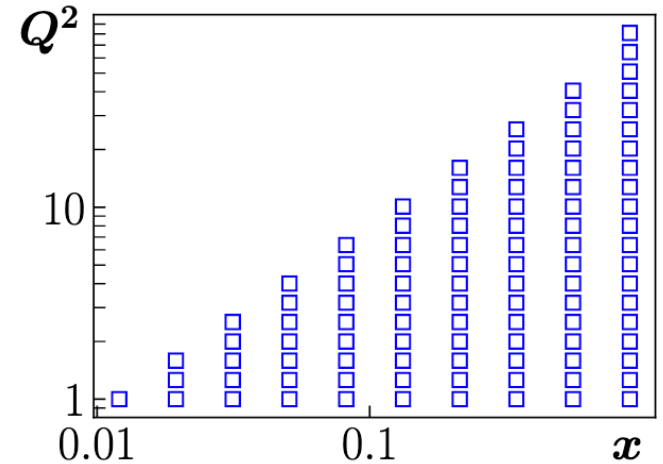
$$u(x, Q^2) = N_u(Q^2) x^{\alpha_u(Q^2)} (1-x)^{\beta_u(Q^2)} (1 + \gamma_u(Q^2)\sqrt{x} + \delta_u(Q^2)x),$$

$$d(x, Q^2) = N_d(Q^2) x^{\alpha_d(Q^2)} (1-x)^{\beta_d(Q^2)} (1 + \gamma_d(Q^2)\sqrt{x} + \delta_d(Q^2)x),$$

- Shape parameters  $p = \{N_{u,d}, \alpha_{u,d}, \beta_{u,d}, \gamma_{u,d}, \delta_{u,d}\}$  are parameterized as

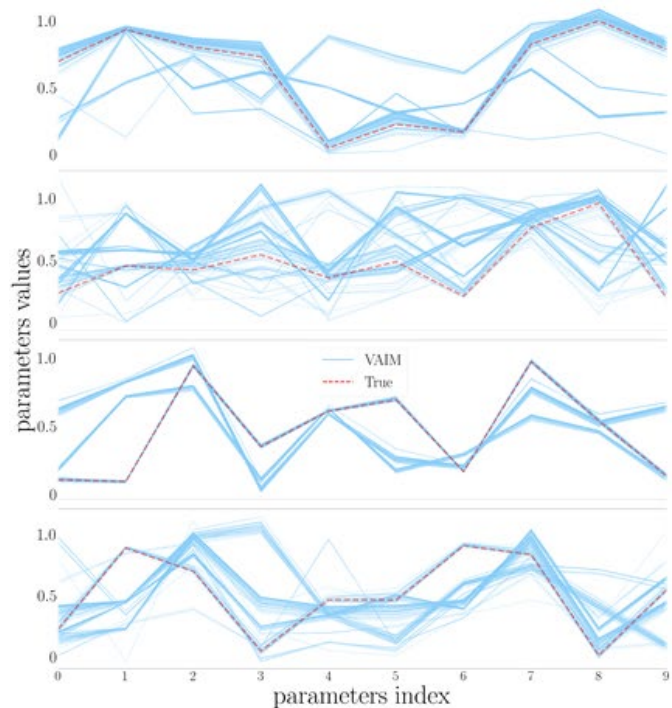
$$p(Q^2) = p^{(0)} + p^{(1)} s(Q^2), \quad s(Q^2) = \log \left( \frac{\log(Q^2/\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^2)}{\log(Q_0^2/\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^2)} \right)$$

Phase Space

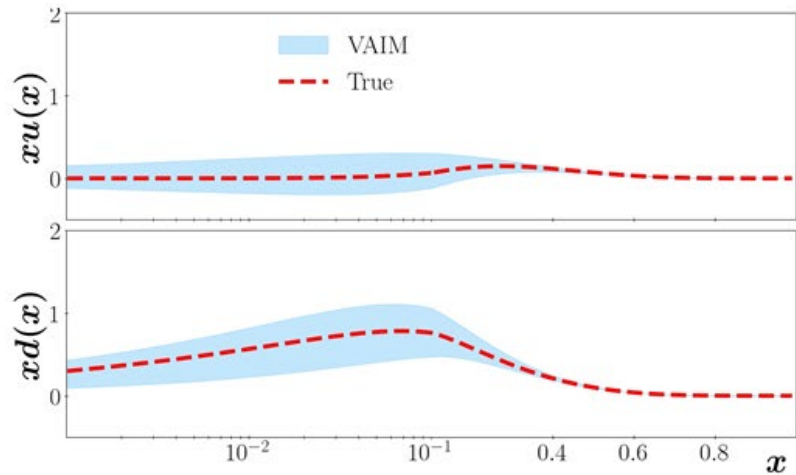




# VAIM Results in Toy DIS Problem



Parameter distributions generated by VAIM in four control samples



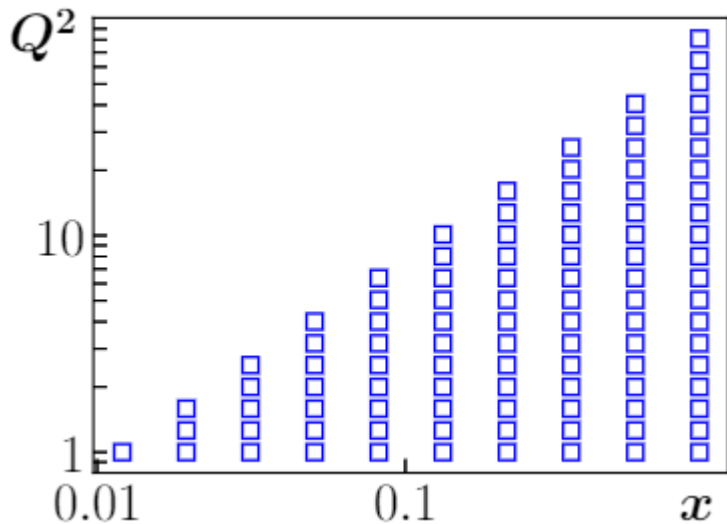
Reconstructed PDF using a control sample

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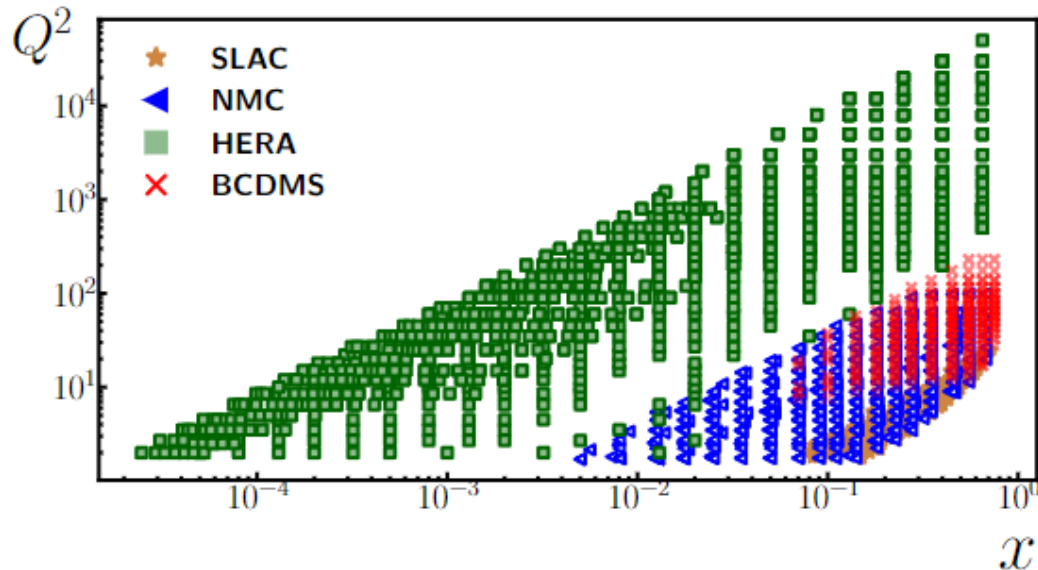
# Point Cloud-based VAIM (PC-VAIM)

Limitation of VAIM: Observables across regular, discretized kinematic bins



Regular, discretized kinematic bins of  $x$  and  $Q^2$  where cross sections are evaluated

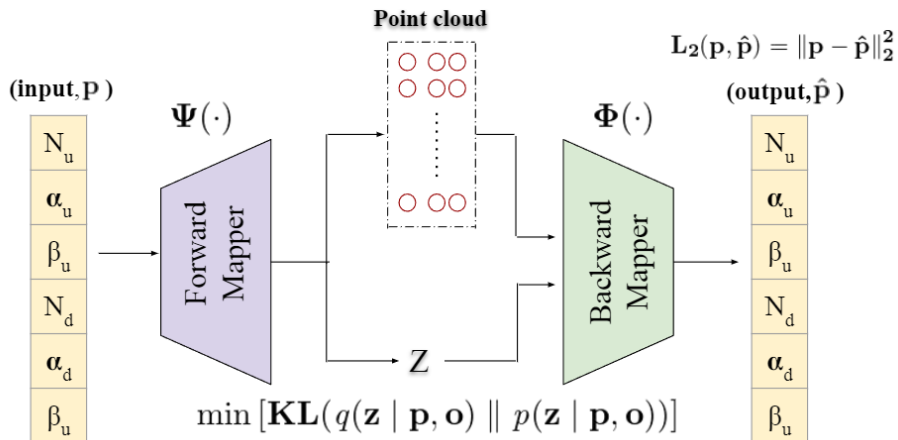
Reality: Observables are ill-defined  
Data in different experiments are observed on different kinematic bins



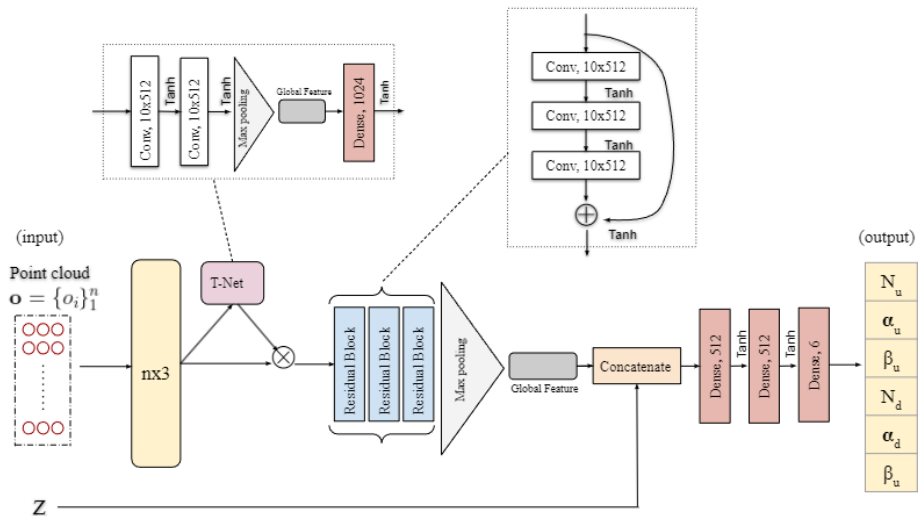
Kinematic bins of SLAC, NMC, HERA, and BCDMS experiments

# PC-VAIM Architecture

$$L_{\text{Chamfer}}(\mathbf{o}, \hat{\mathbf{o}}) = \sum_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbf{o}} \min_{\mathbf{y} \in \hat{\mathbf{o}}} \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}\|_2^2 + \sum_{\mathbf{y} \in \hat{\mathbf{o}}} \min_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbf{o}} \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}\|_2^2$$

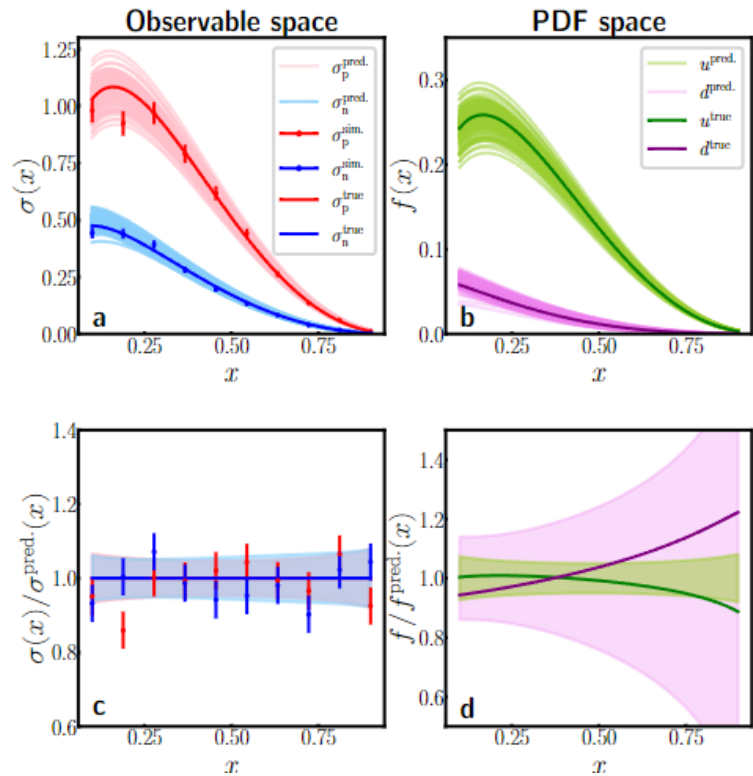


Overall Architecture

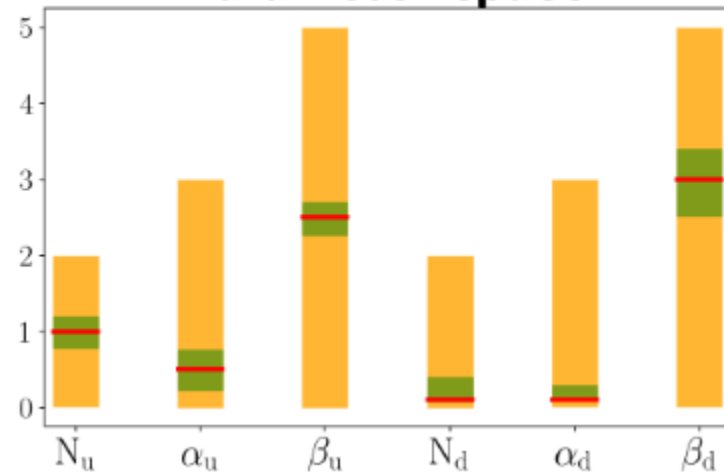


Backward Mapper: A PointNet-based architecture is used to handle the point cloud observable input

# PC-VAIM on Extracting QCFs from Grid-Independent DIS data



## Parameter space



Parameter regions from which the training samples are drawn (orange), the control data (red), and PC-VAIM predictions (green band)

PC-VAIM predictions on 1,000 simulated control samples given by  $\sigma_p^{sim}$  and  $\sigma_n^{sim}$ . (a) Reconstructed observable  $\sigma_p$  and  $\sigma_n$  for the PC-VAIM predicted parameters using physics theory model. (b) PDFs for the “up” and “down” quarks produced by physics theory model corresponding to the predicted parameters. (c) Ratio of the reconstructed observables over the true observables. (d) Ratio of the reconstructed PDFs over the true. PC-VAIM correctly learns the mapping between the observable space and the PDF space.

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# Extraction of Compton Form factors

- Generalized Parton Distributions (GPDs)
  - Multi-dimensional descriptions of proton structure
- Deeply virtual exclusive scattering processes
  - **Golden channel** for the extraction of information on partonic 3D dynamics in the nucleon
- Compton Form Factors (CFFs)
  - 2D Slices of GPDs
  - Measured in Deeply Virtual Compton Scattering (DVCS)
  - Contain potentially new information on hadronic structure

# Extraction of CFFs as an **Inverse Problem**

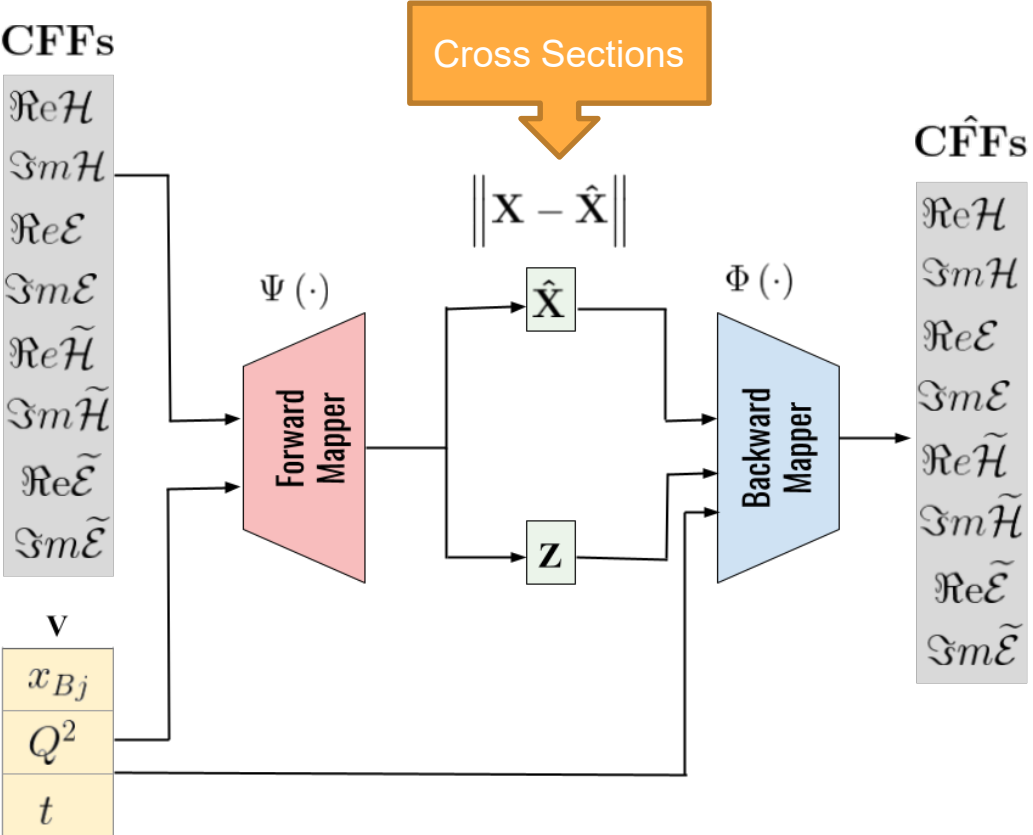
- Extraction of 8 CFFs from a single polarization observable
  - An inverse problem of extracting 8 unknowns from a single equation

$$Re(H), Im(H), Re(\tilde{H}), Im(\tilde{H}), Re(E), Im(E), Re(\tilde{E}), Im(\tilde{E})$$

- Quantification of information extracted from experiments



# Conditional VAIM Architecture for CFF Extraction



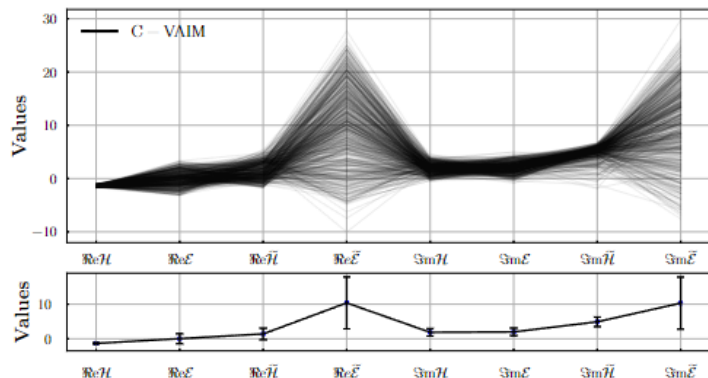
# Training of Conditional VAIM

- Training Data:
  - Kinematics values

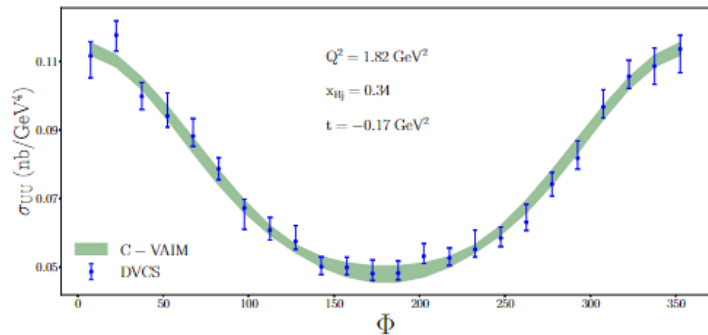
Bin	$x_{bj}$	$t$ (GeV <sup>2</sup> )	$Q^2$ (GeV <sup>2</sup> )
1	0.343	-0.172	1.820
2	0.368	-0.232	1.933
3	0.375	-0.278	1.964
4	0.379	-0.323	1.986
5	0.381	-0.371	1.999

- Generate uniformly distributed CFFs
  - $ReH \in [-4, 4]$
  - $ReE \in [-4, 4]$
  - $Re\tilde{H} \in [-10, 10]$
  - $Re\tilde{E} \in [-10, 30]$
  - $ImH \in [-1, 5]$
  - $ImE \in [-1, 5]$
  - $Im\tilde{H} \in [-1, 20]$
  - $Im\tilde{E} \in [-10, 30]$
- Compute cross sections

# Prediction of CFFs

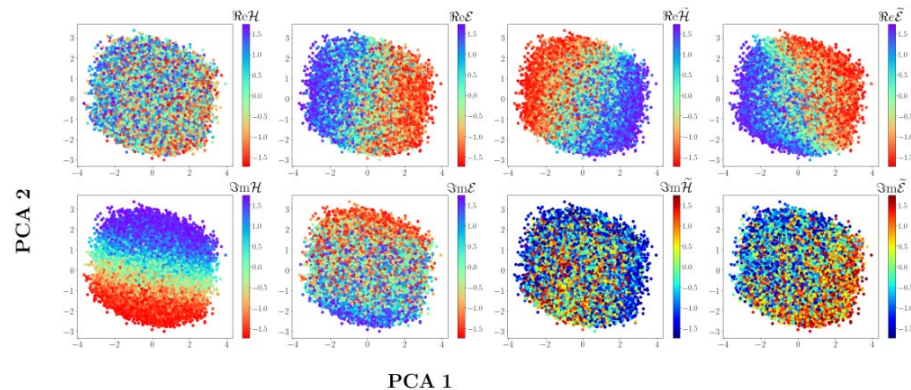


CFFs



- Predicted CFFs from VAIM-CFF

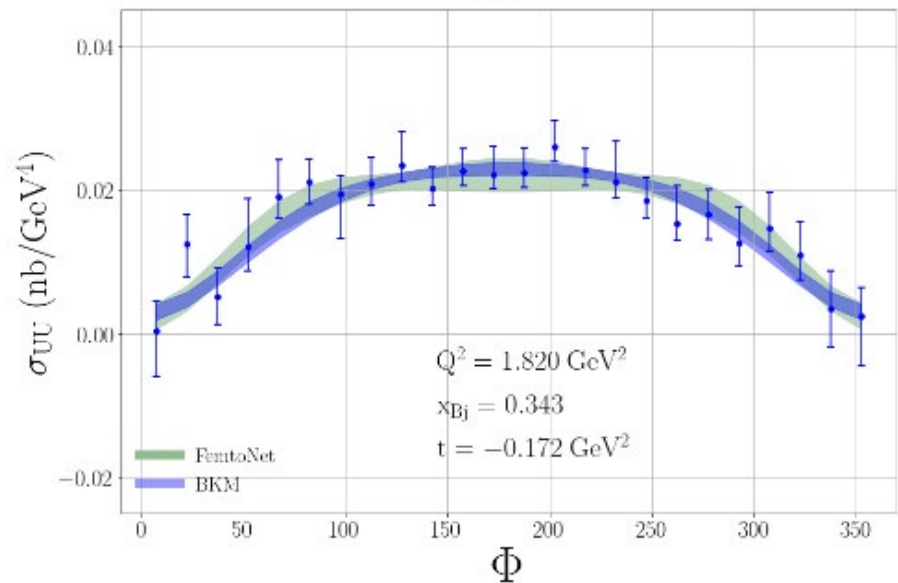
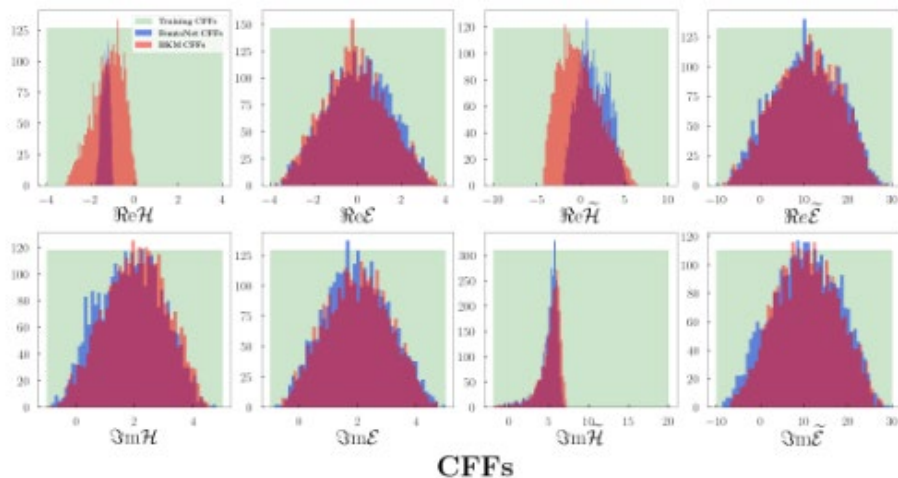
- $X_{Bj} = 0.343$
- $t = -0.172$  GeV<sup>2</sup>
- $Q^2 = 1.820$  GeV<sup>2</sup>



Latent Space Analysis

# Training C-VAIM on Different Cross-section Formulations

- Two Cross-section Formulations
  - FemtoNet (UVA)
  - BKM (Belitksy, Kirchner, Mueller)
- Kinematics
  - $X_{Bj} = 0.35$
  - $t = 0.172$
  - $Q^2 = 1.9 \text{ GeV}^2$
  - $Eb = 5.75 \text{ GeV}$

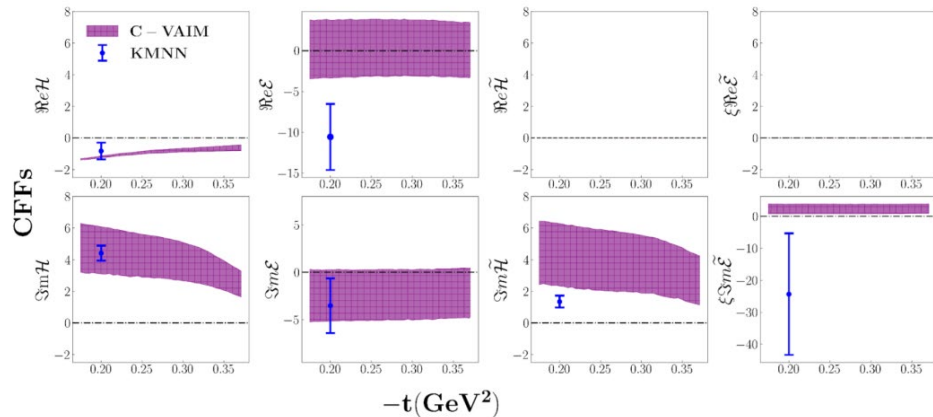
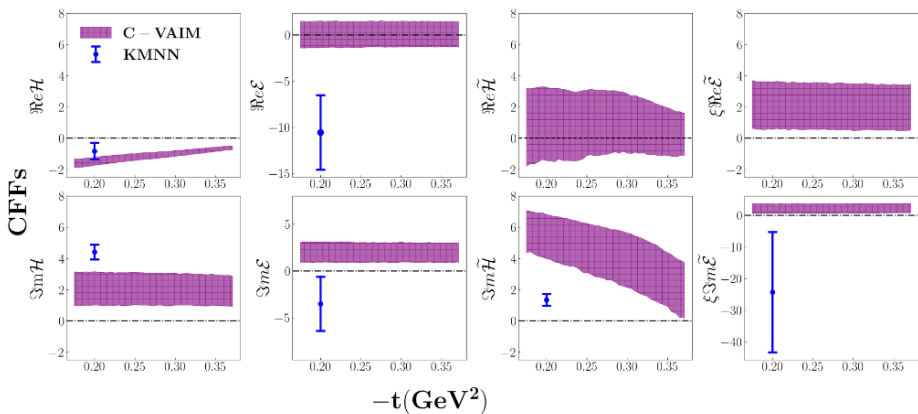


# Prediction of CFFs w.r.t. $t$

- Prediction of CFFs as a function of the Mandelstam variable  $t$  for Jlab 6GeV Kinematics
  - $X_{Bj} = 0.35$
  - $Q^2 = 1.9 \text{ GeV}^2$

All 8 CFFs

Fixing  $Re\tilde{H} = 0, Re\tilde{E} = 0$



# Summary

- VAIM
  - An end-to-end deep learning model works well in inverse problems with very different solution patterns
    - A hybrid of supervised and unsupervised learning
  - PC-VAIM is able to handle irregular observable inputs
  - Applications in Extracting QCFs from DIS Data
  - Applications in Extracting CFFs
- Challenges
  - Stability
  - Robustness
  - Programming physics into the deep learning framework

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