



ML-Based Correction To Accelerate Geant4 Calorimeter Simulations

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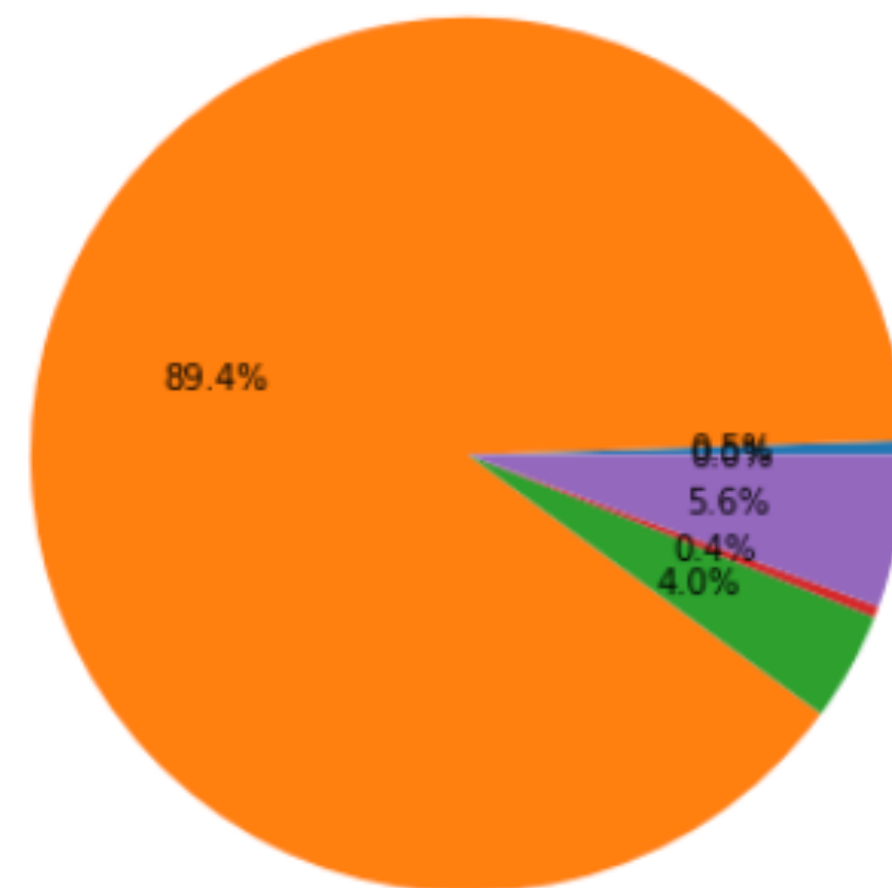
Detector Simulations: the ATLAS Example

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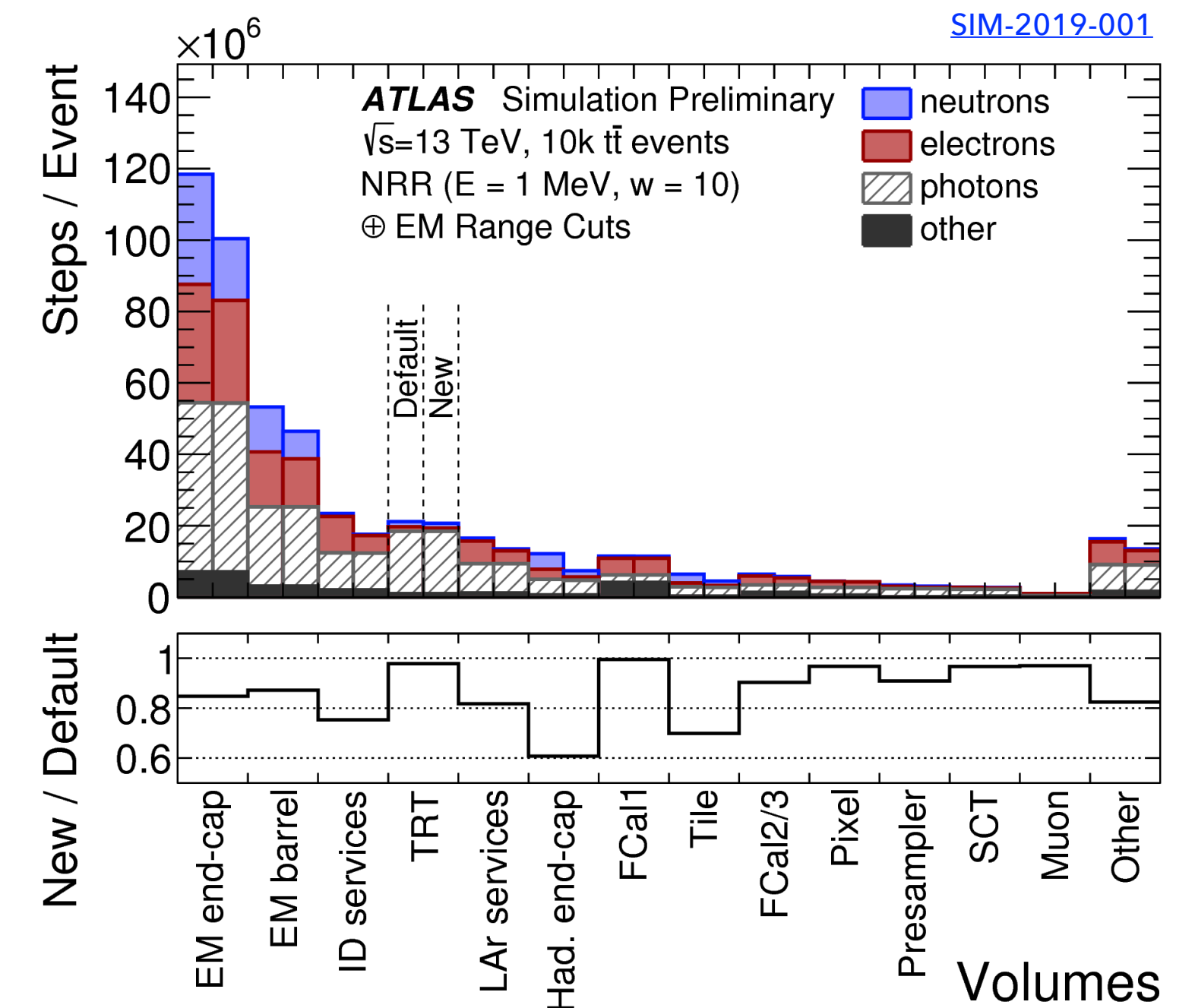
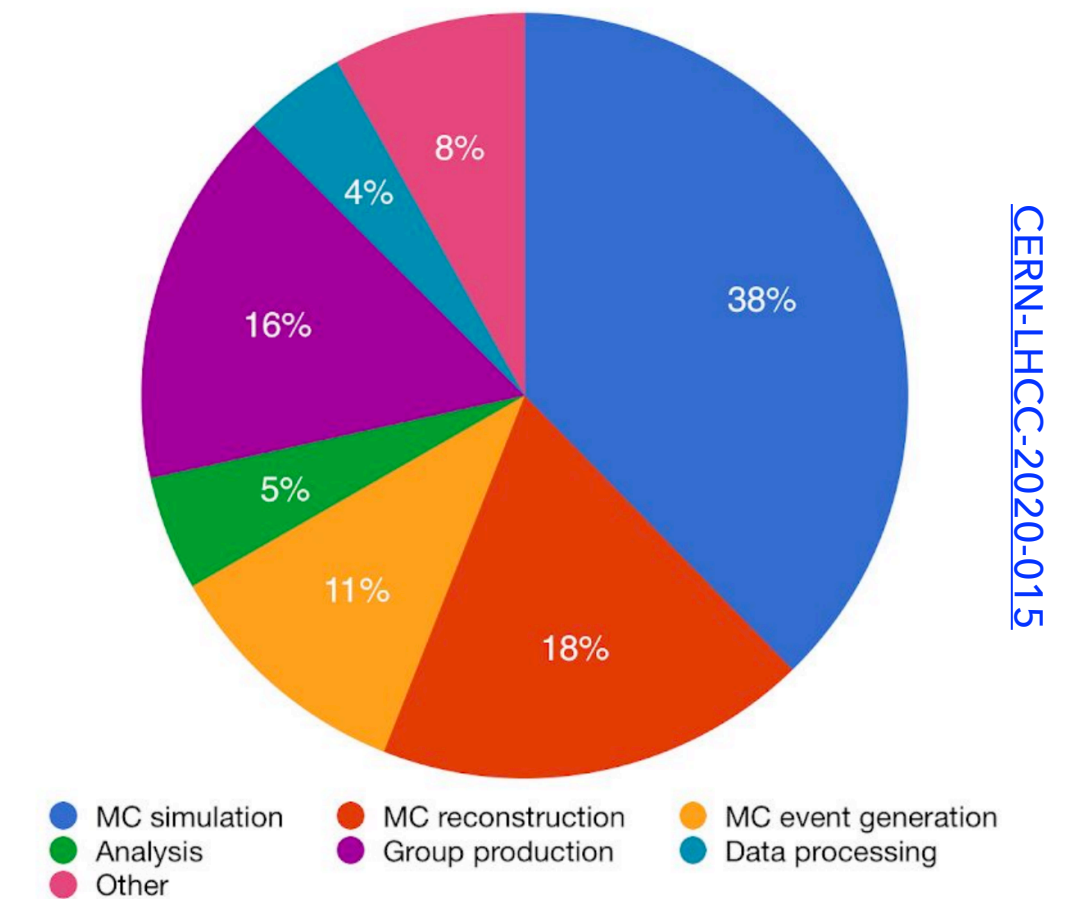
Facts

1. Full detector simulations (FullSim - full Geant4 tracking) are accurate but the largest CPU consumer
2. FullSim usage is unavoidable (CP calibrations, FastSim training, etc.)
3. EM calorimeters dominate the simulation load:
 - a. low-energy photons from electron scattering
 - b. highly-segmented geometry
4. ~90% of photon simulation steps are transportation processes
i.e. moving through detector geometry without interaction

Transportation
Photoelectric
Compton



Wall clock consumption per workflow

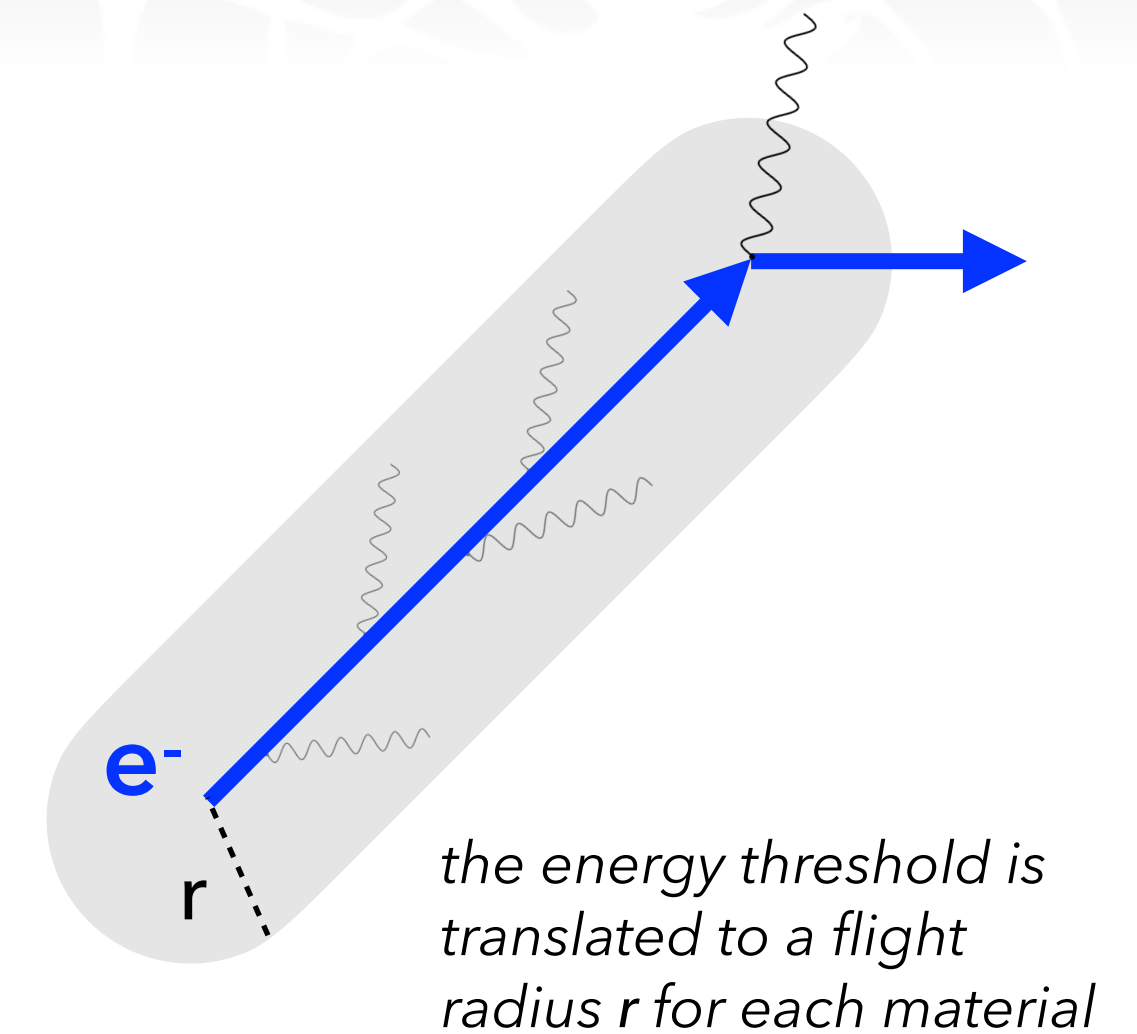


Methodology

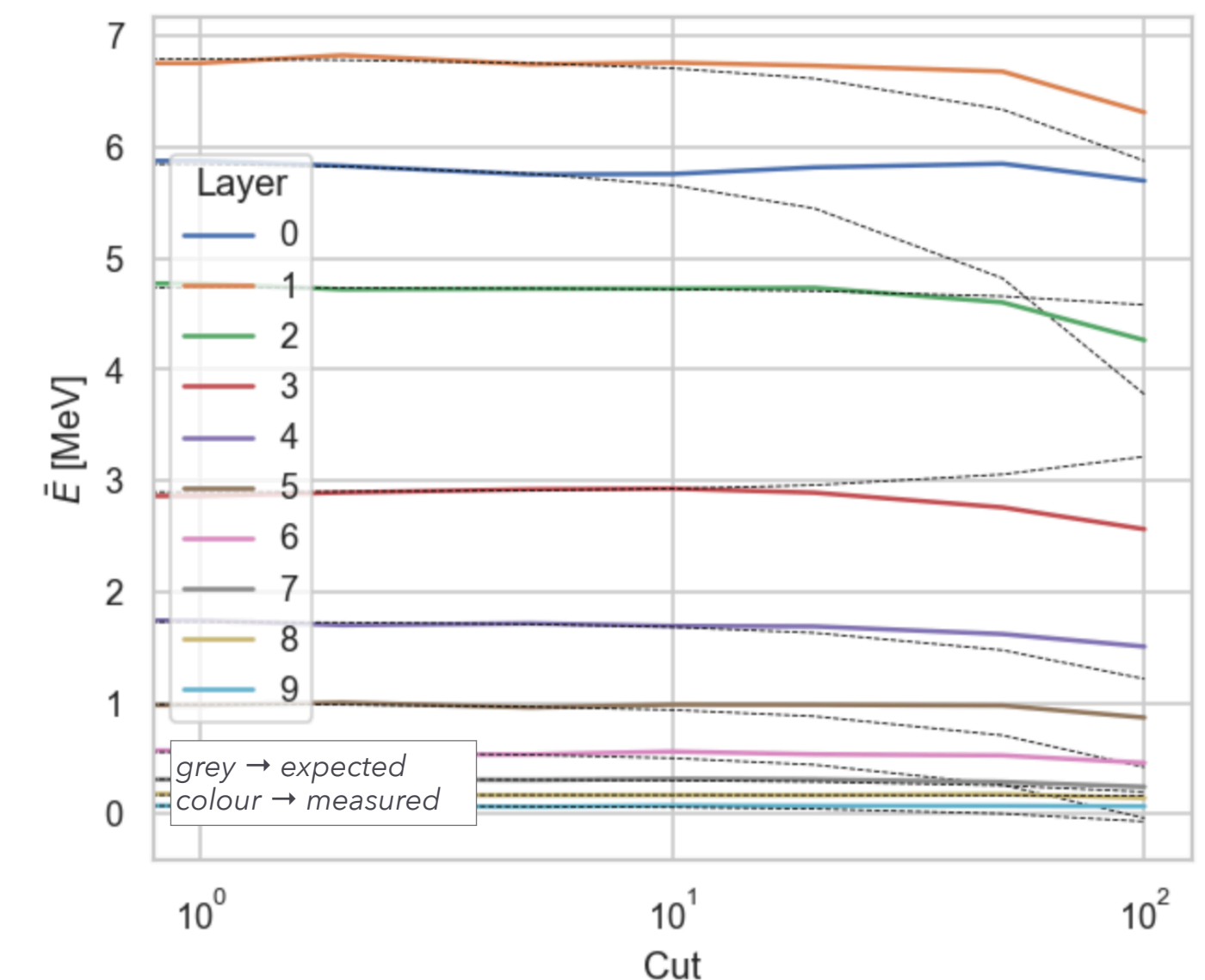
Photon Reduction

Range Cuts in Geant4

- Particle production energy threshold:
If a secondary particle is going to have energy below the threshold, the particle is not generated and the energy is deposited along the path of the primary.
- Increased range cuts can reduce the number of photons, thus reduce the transportation steps and increase computational performance.
- Range cuts can be applied globally or to specific material
- Side-effect:** "High" range cuts can degrade the accuracy of the simulation.



Energy deposits per Gap layer at 500 MeV



multi-layer calorimeter, absorber (effected volume) size 10mm

Post Hoc Correction

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ML-based correction

to correct range cut'ed full simulation

Classification NN to learn multi-dimensional correction weights

by considering all cell energy deposits

Benefit: Heterogeneous computing exploitation

"Heterogeneous accelerated systems dominate high-performance computing today"

Geant4 simulations produced using CPU resources

ML-corrections is applied using GPU resources in a high-parallel fashion

Re-Weighting With Machine Learning

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Re-weight the **alternative** simulation to the **nominal** one

learn multi-dimensional weights by considering all cell energy deposits

Map between two models (*pdfs*) with density ratio:

$$r(\vec{x}) = \frac{p(\vec{x} | \theta_p)}{q(\vec{x} | \theta_q)}$$

θ be the range cut, \mathbf{x} the energy deposits

Considering

$$p(\vec{x} | \vec{\theta}_p) = \mathcal{P}(\vec{x} | \vec{\theta}_p, y = 0)$$

$$q(\vec{x} | \vec{\theta}_q) = \mathcal{P}(\vec{x} | \vec{\theta}_q, y = 1)$$

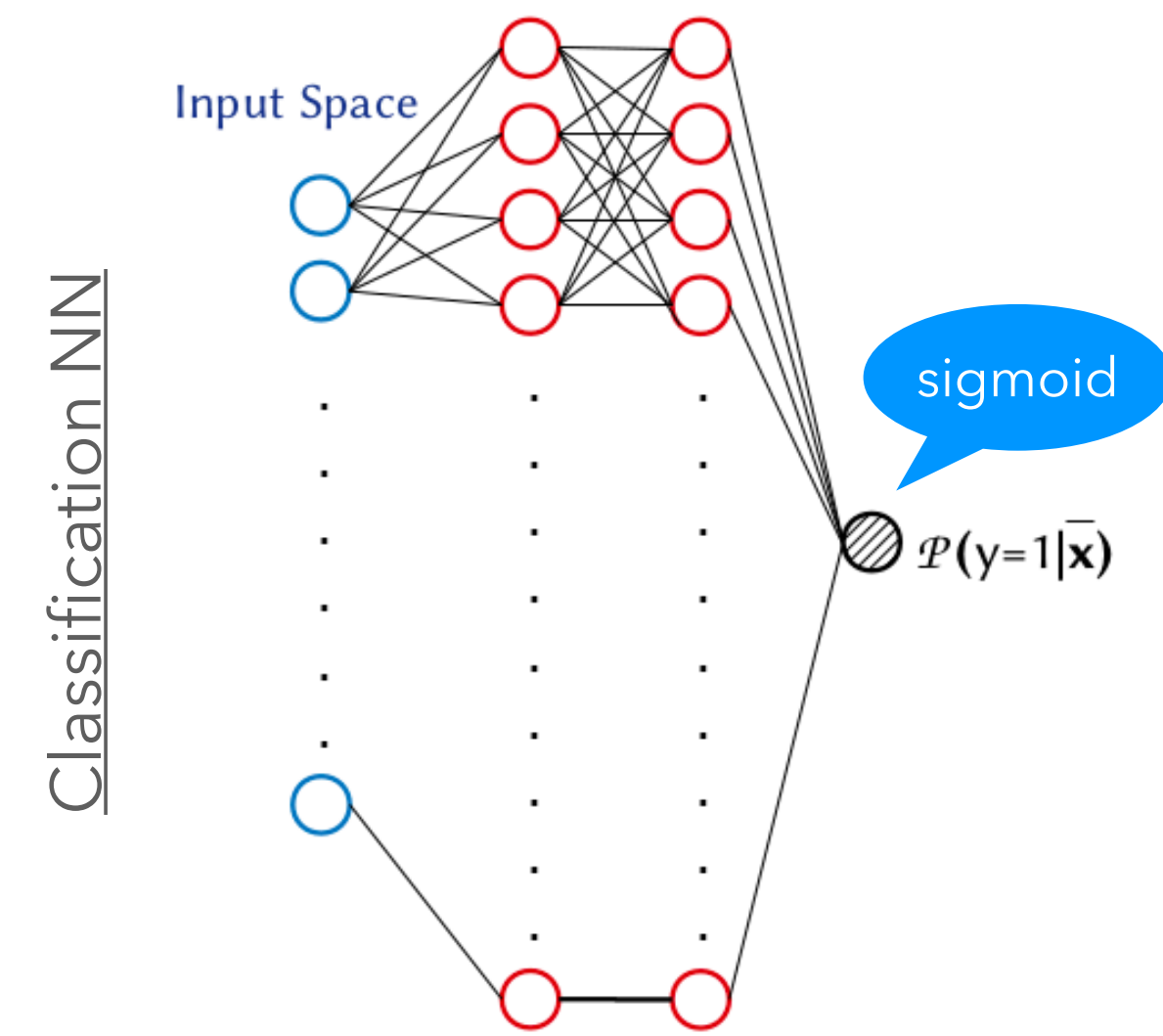
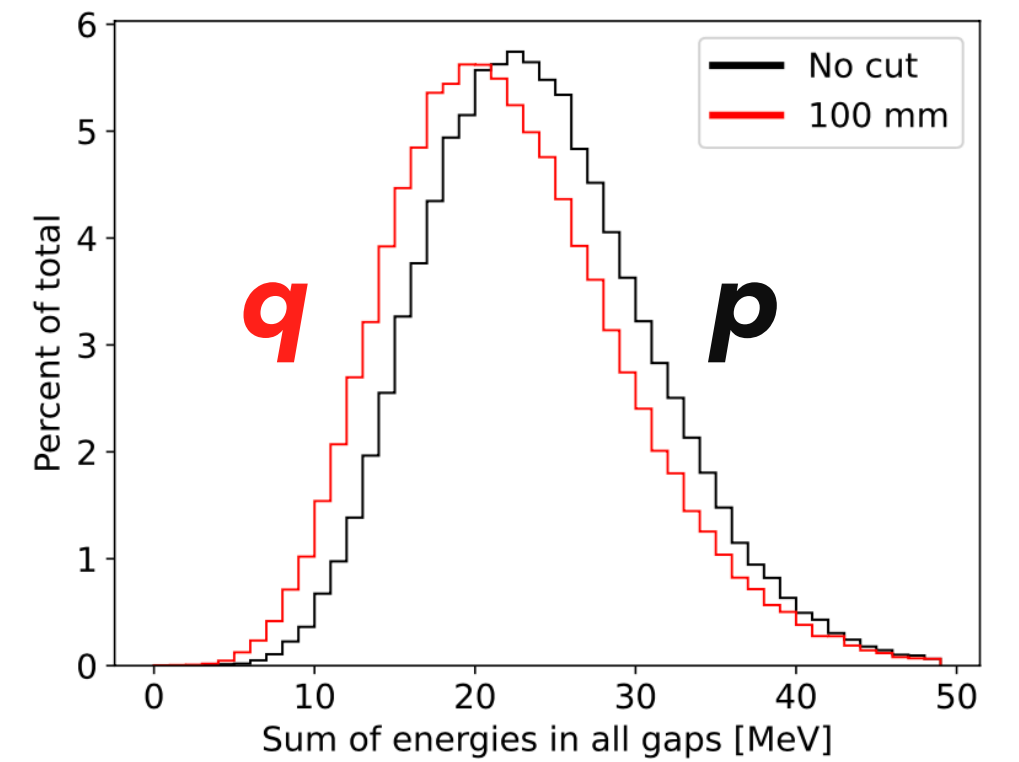
and

Bayes' theorem

$$\mathcal{P}(\vec{x} | y) = \frac{\mathcal{P}(y | \vec{x}) \mathcal{P}(\vec{x})}{\mathcal{P}(y)}$$



$$r(\vec{x}) = \frac{\mathcal{P}(y = 1 | \vec{x})}{1 - \mathcal{P}(y = 1 | \vec{x})}$$



P is the probability of a point \bar{x} belonging to the class 0 (e.g. nominal sim) or 1 (e.g. range-cut'ed sim)

Experiments

International Large Detector

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Case study: Demonstrate the method in a realistic HEP calorimeter

Detector proposal for the International Linear Collider

Calorimeter Material:

- **Absorber:** Tungsten
- **Sensitive:** Silicon

Calorimeter Structure:

- **Layers:** 30 (30 x 30 modules/layer)
- **Cell dimensions:** 5x5mm²
- **Thickness:** 0.3mm - 0.6mm

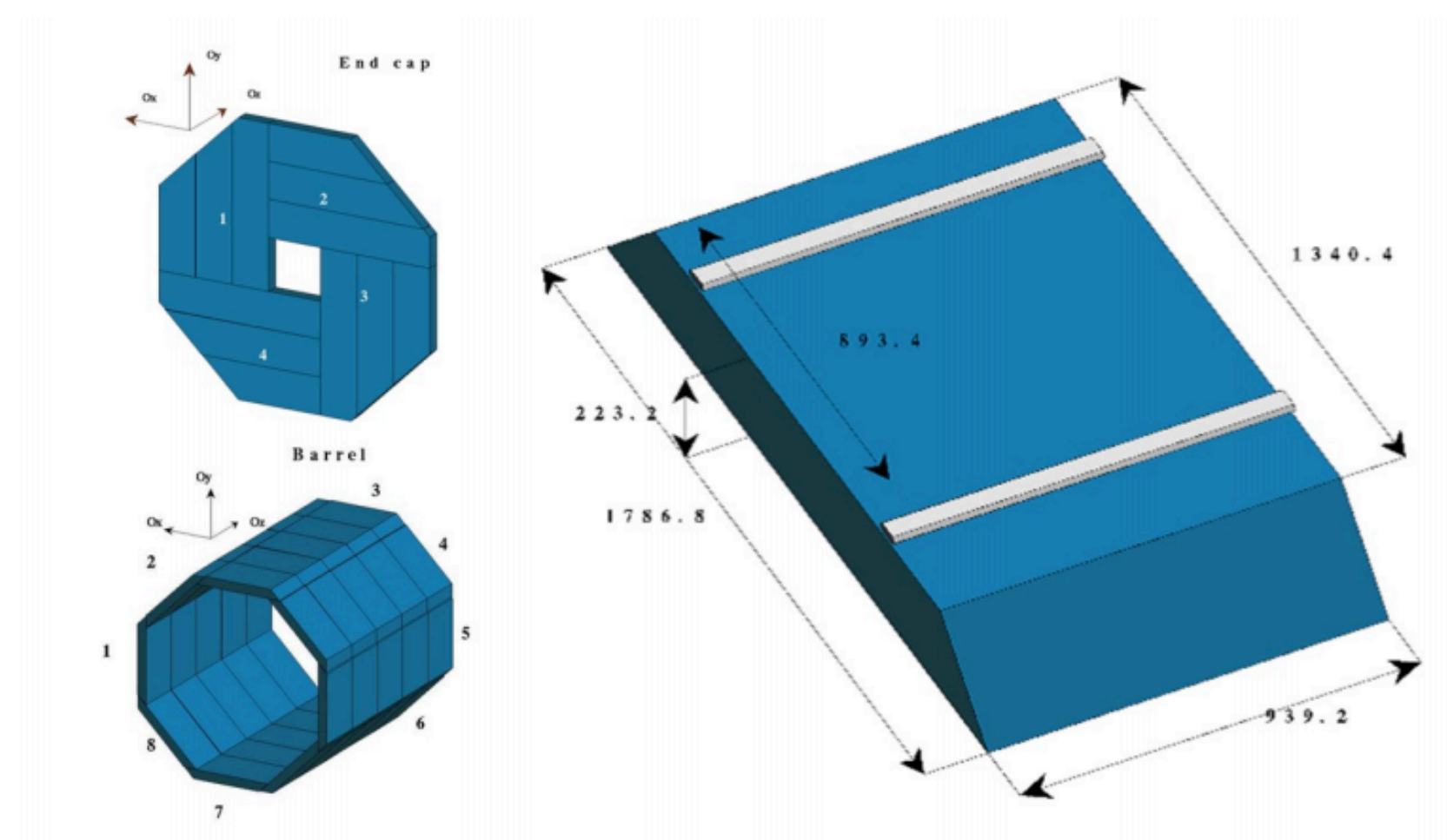
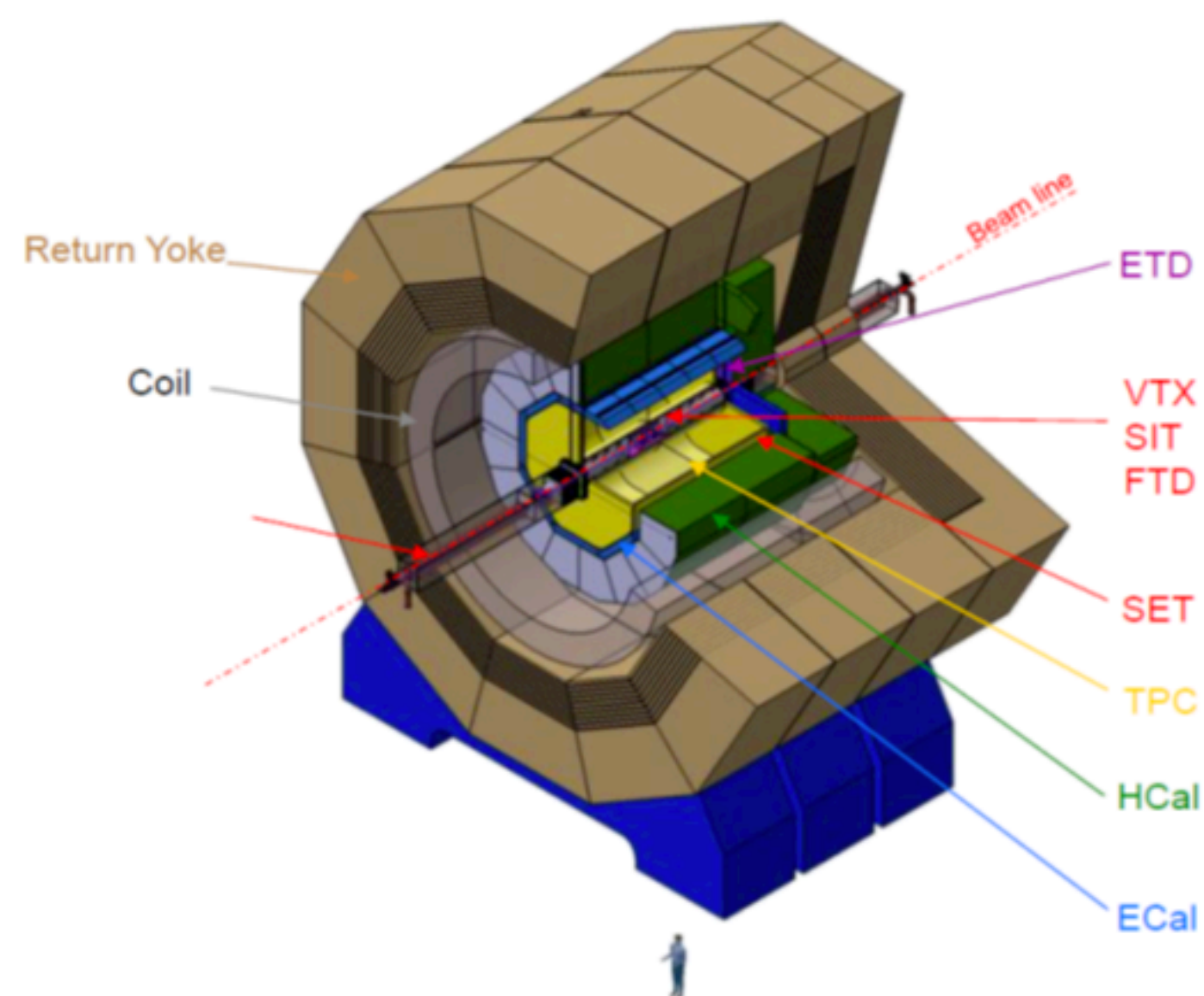
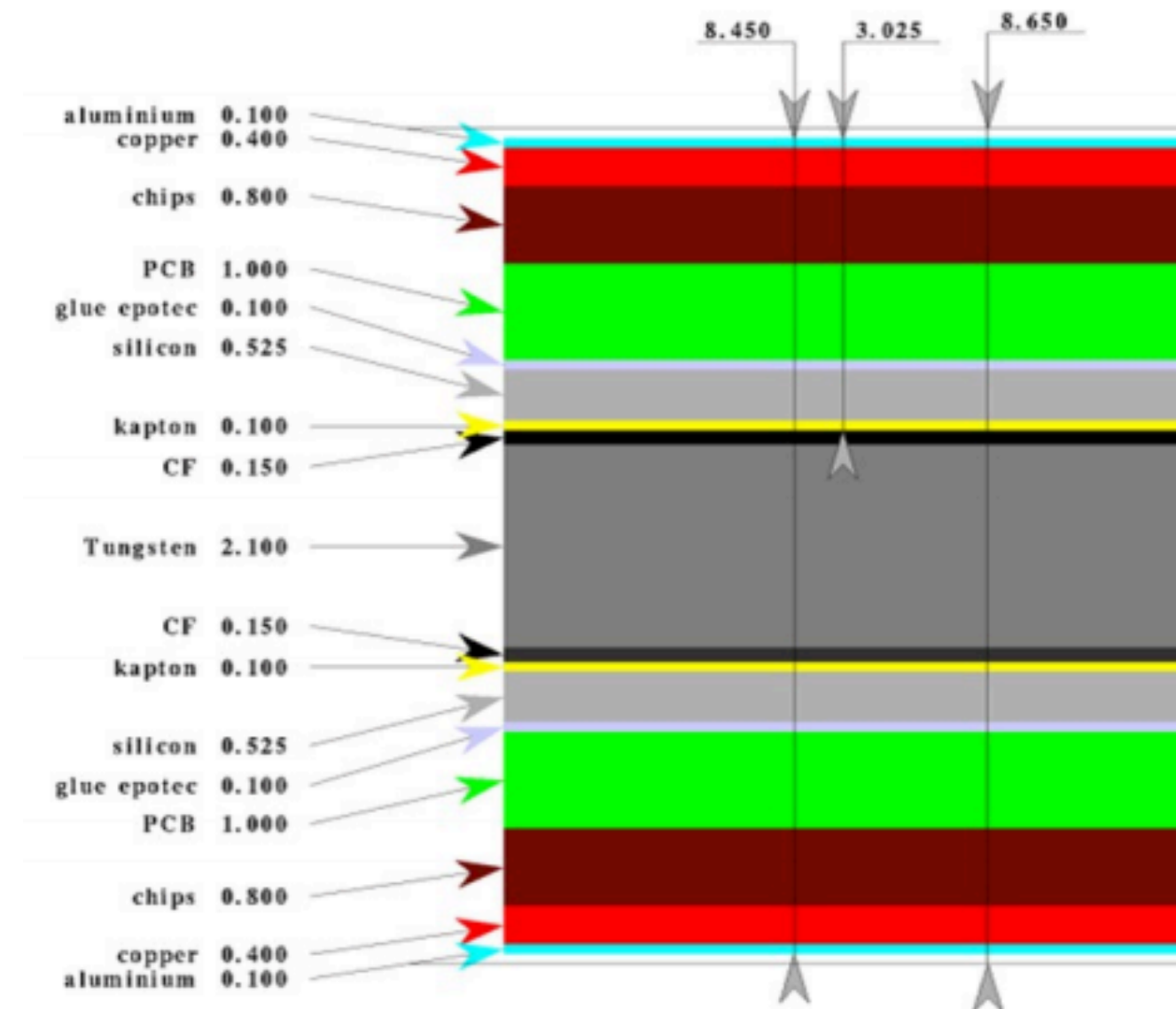


Figure 5.8. Mechanical structure of the electromagnetic calorimeter: left: end cap (top) and barrel (bottom); right: individual barrel module.



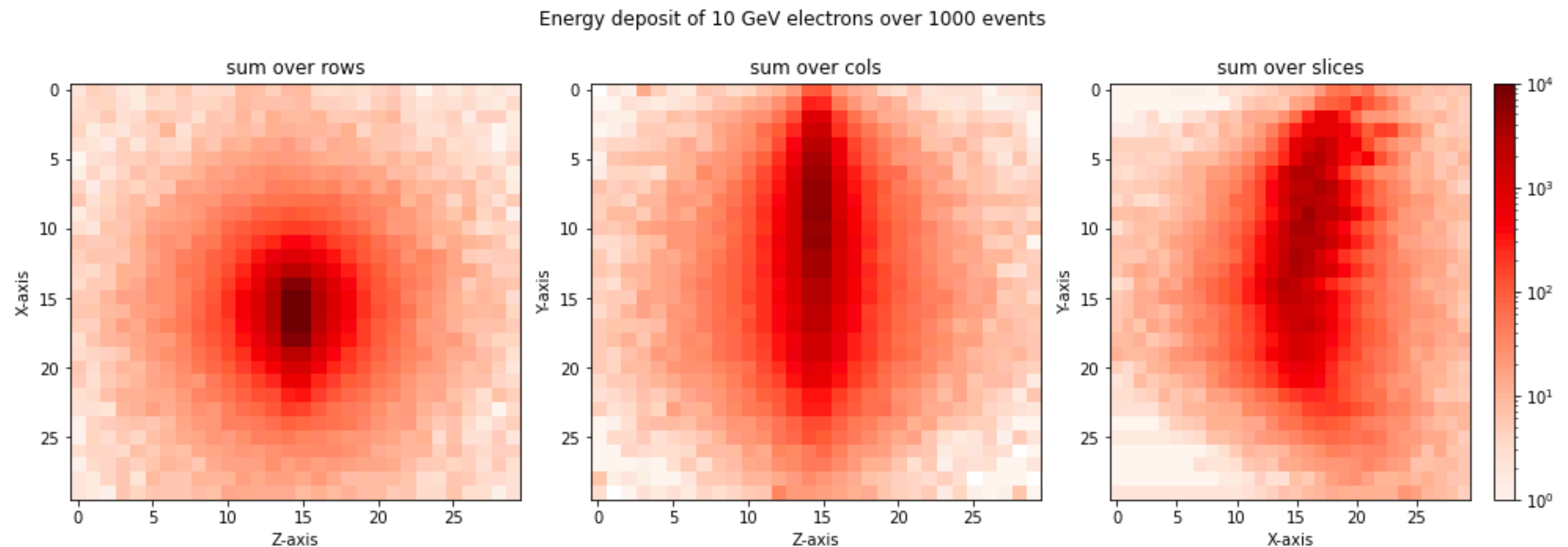
Electron Showers

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Datasets generation

- **Particle:** Electrons (beam)
- **Energy:** 10 GeV
- **Direction:** perpendicular incident angle to ECal barrel ($x=0, y=1, z=0$)
- **Position:** at the start of ECal ($x=0, y=1805, z=0$)
- **Global range cut:**
 - **Nominal:** 0.1mm
 - **Alternative:** 10 mm

Calorimeter cells are projected to a 30 x 30 x30 cube

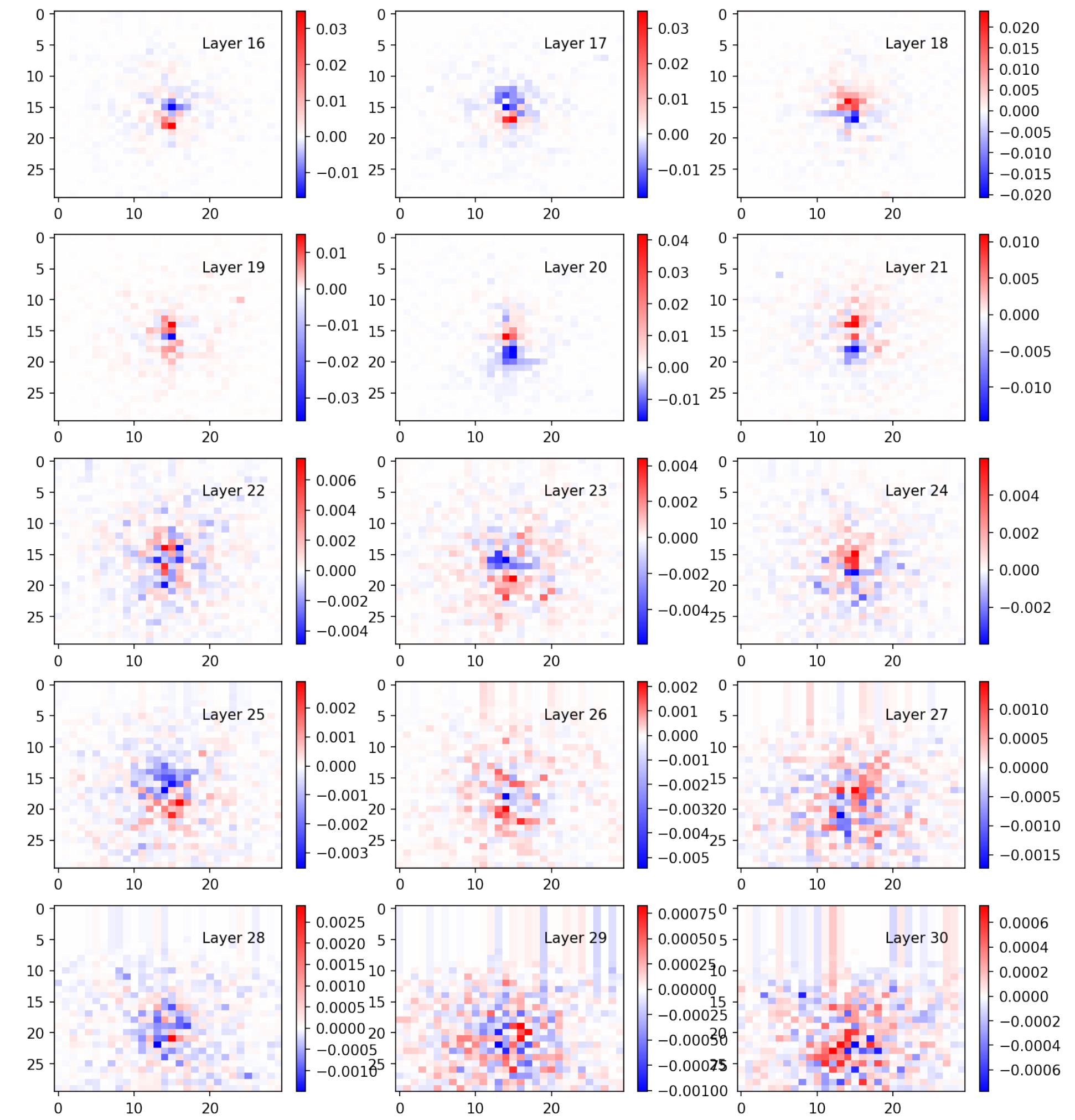
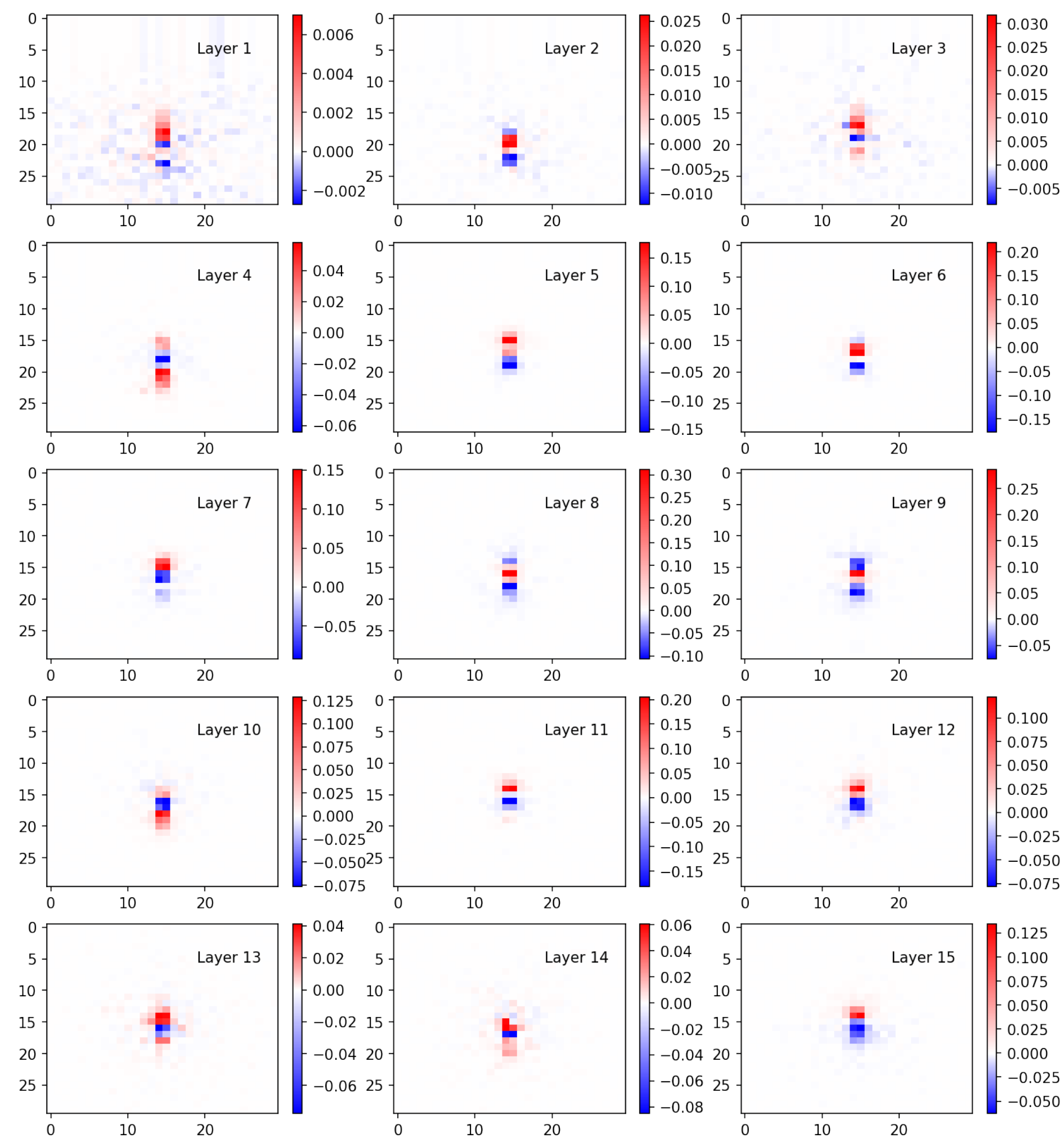


Cell-Level Observables

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Subtle calorimeter image differences the ML should use to discriminate

(nominal - alternative)



Event energy deposit

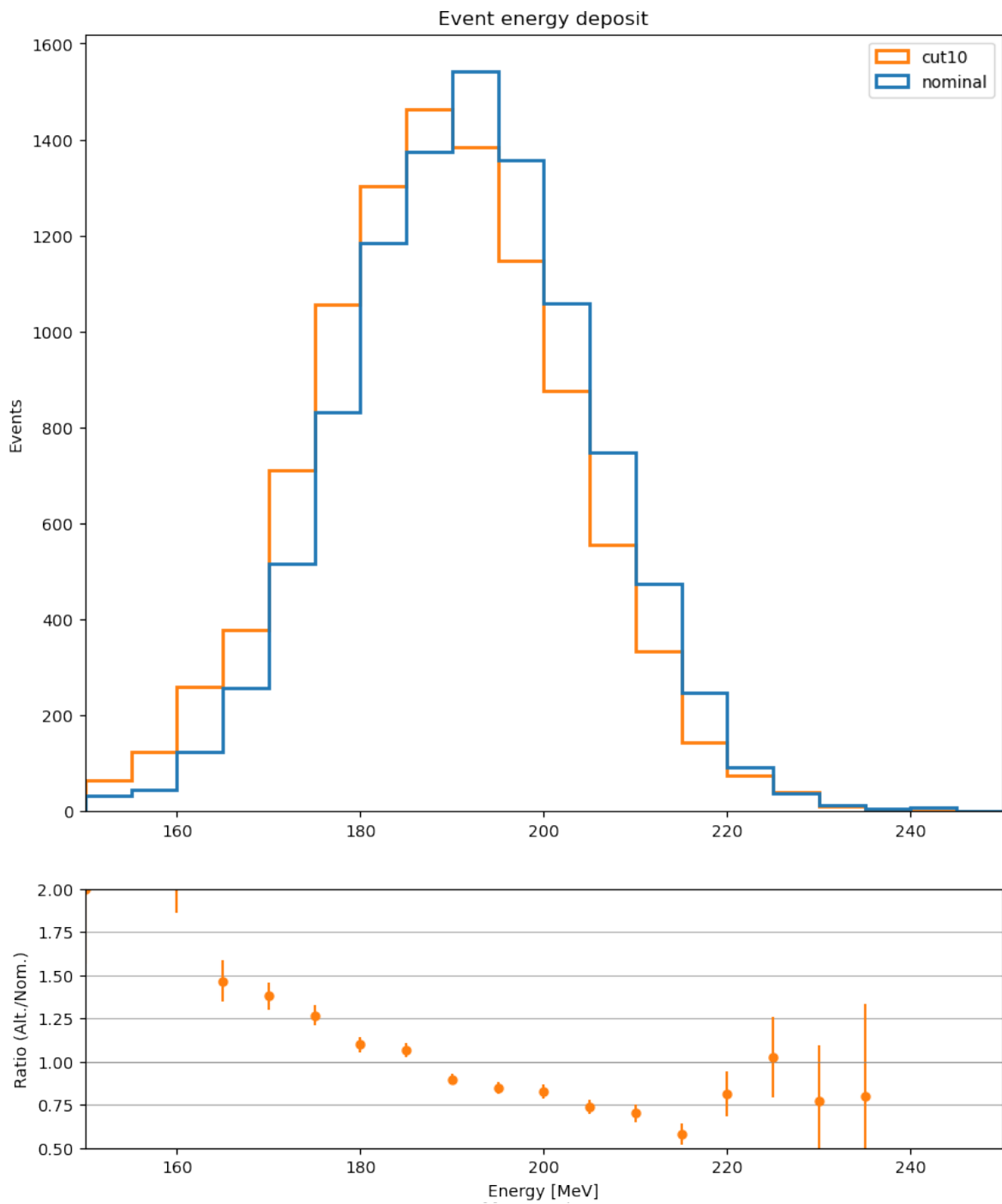
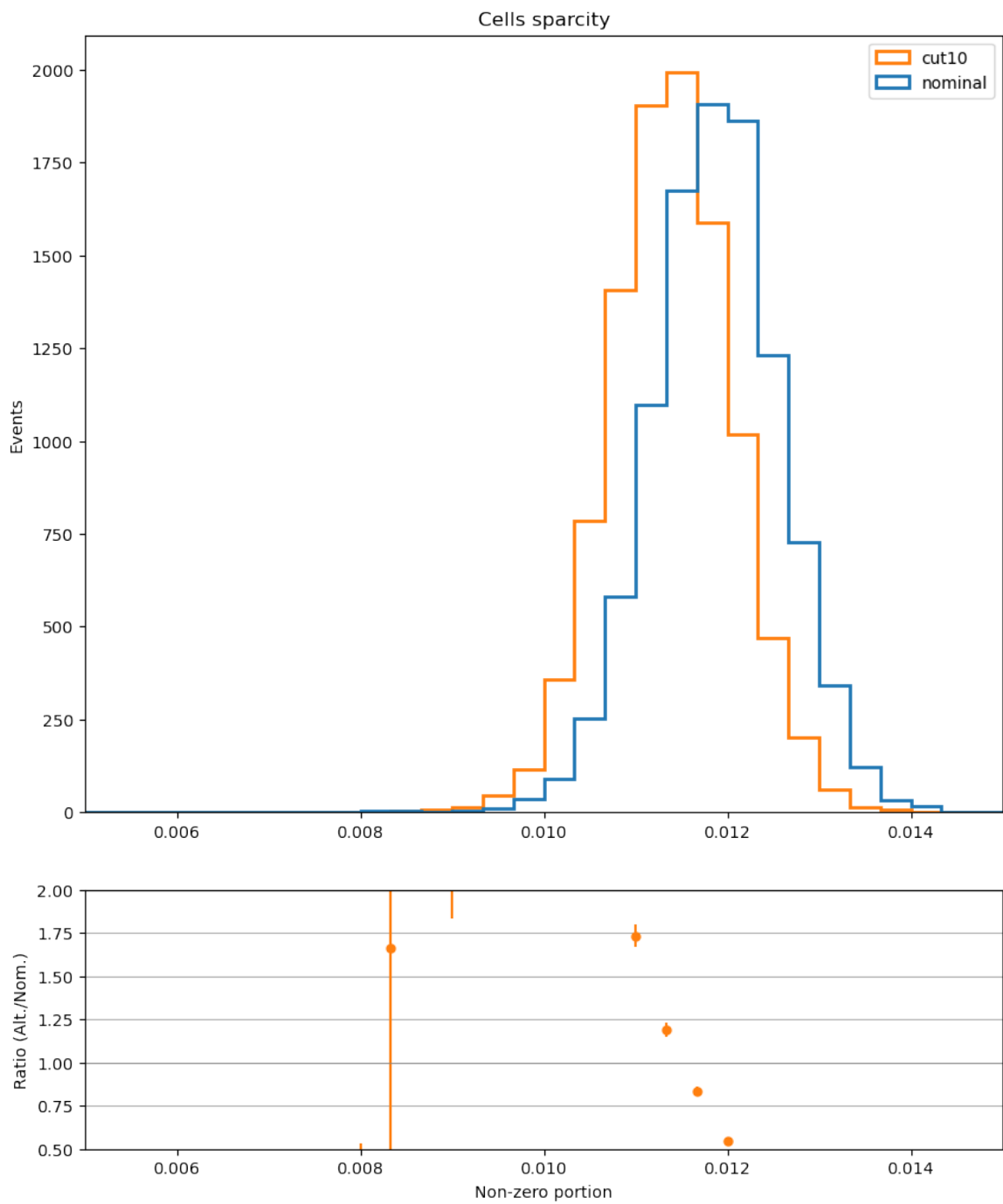
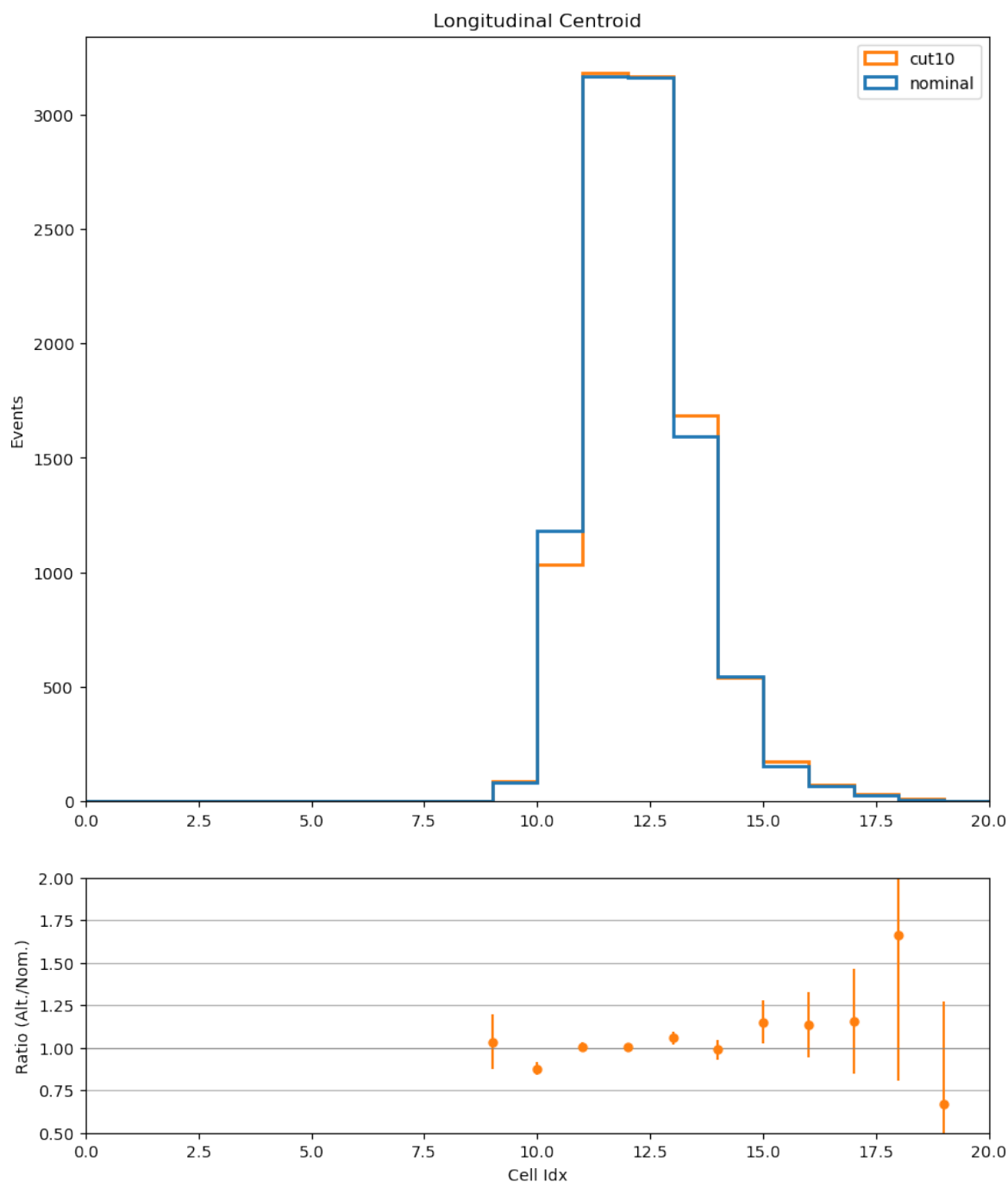


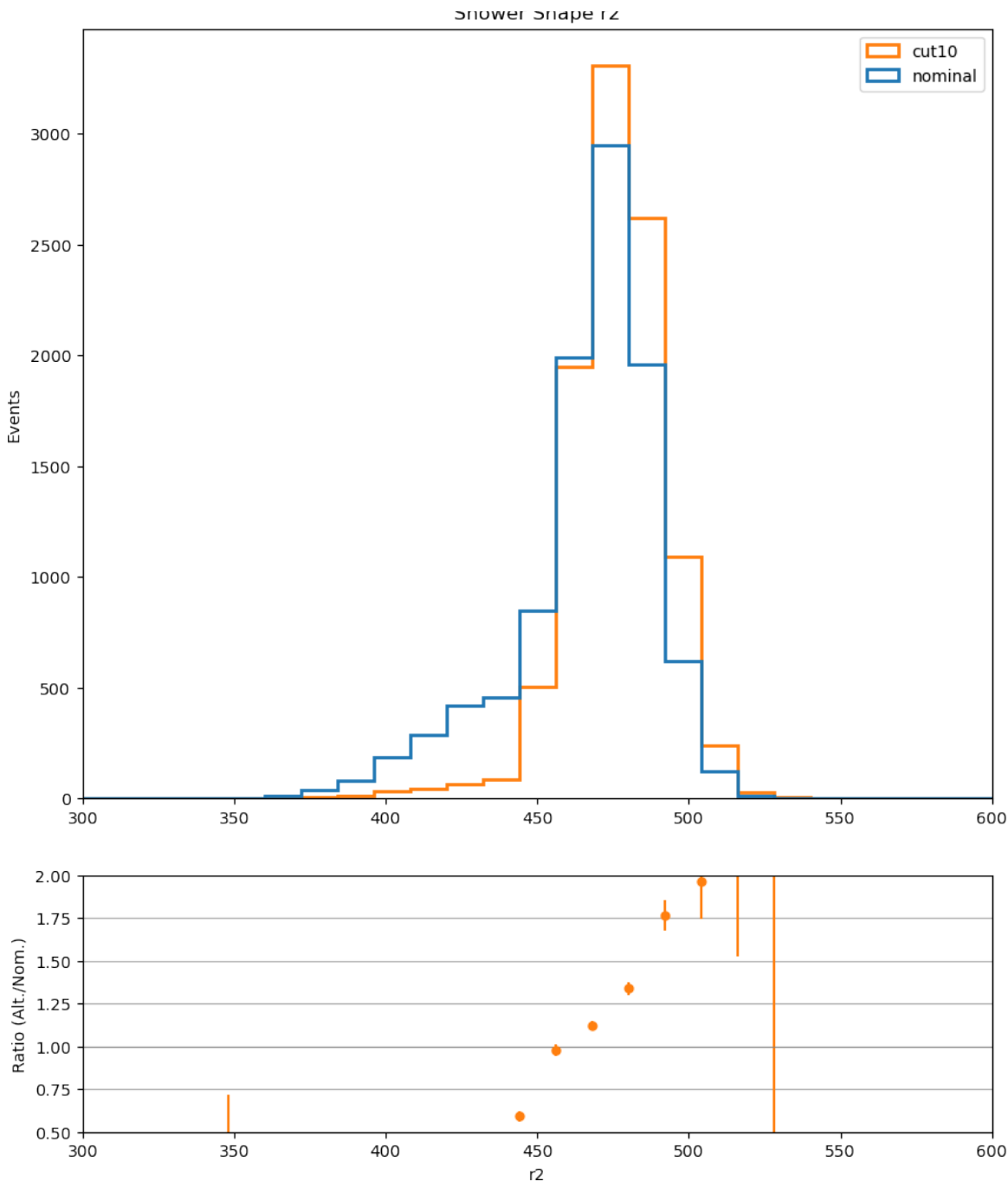
Image sparsity



Energy-weighted depth



Energy-weighted transverse spread




Classification Neural Network

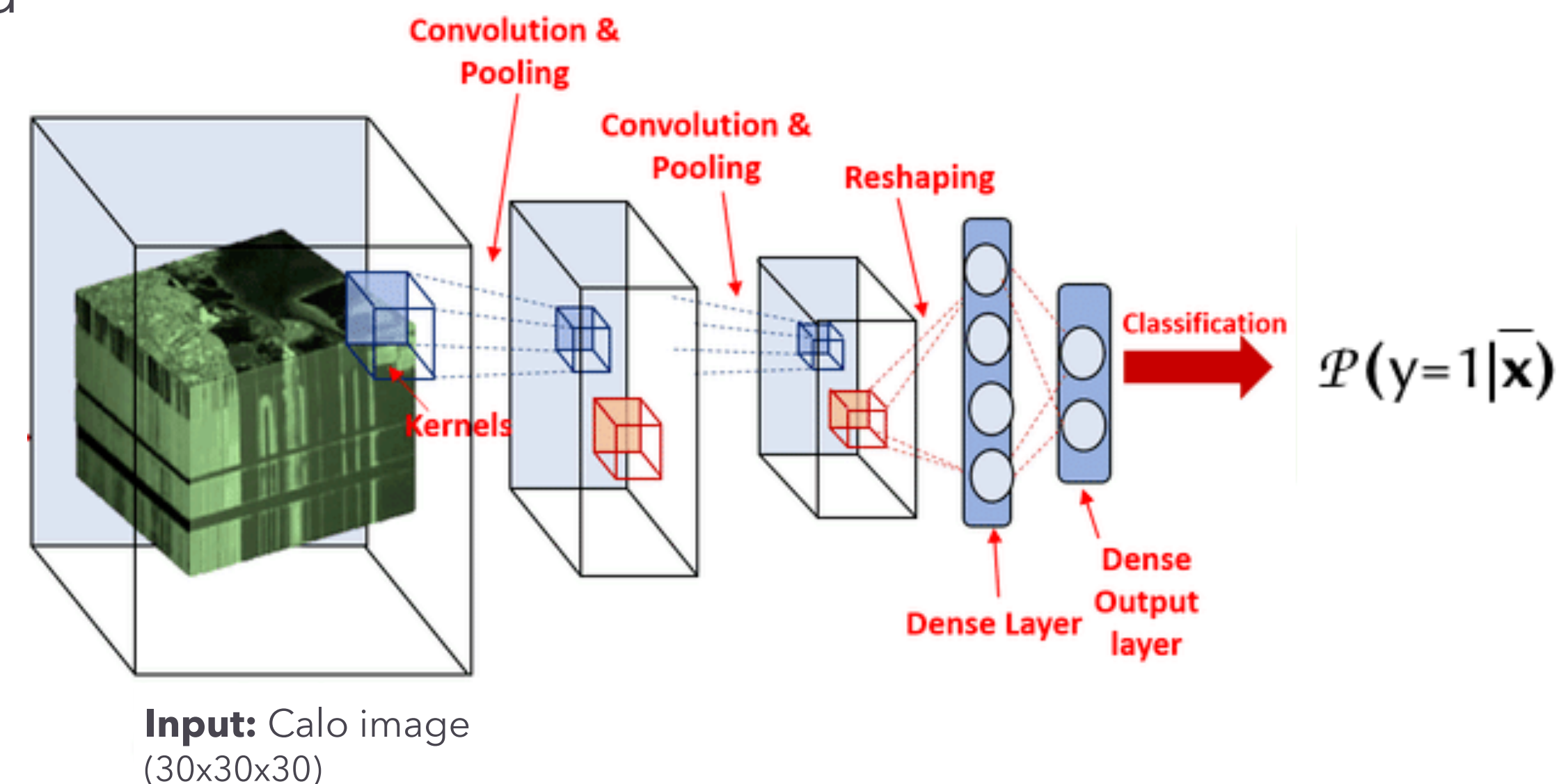
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3D Convolutional Neural Network

- The calorimeter cell energy deposits are projected into a 30x30x30 *image*
- Employ computer vision approach to discriminate *nominal* from *alternative* images
- Different normalizations are tried:
maximum per image, global maximum, log-scale
- **Structure:**
 1. 1x Convolution block: Conv3d (kernel=3x3x3) + MaxPool3d
 - Channels: 1 → 6
 2. Flattening Layer
 3. 4x Dense Layers
 - Features: conv_out → 512 → 512 → 1
- **Activations:** LeakyReLU + Sigmoid (output)
- **Dropout:** after Conv block and each Dense
- **Network configuration only minimally optimized**

Developed in
 PyTorch

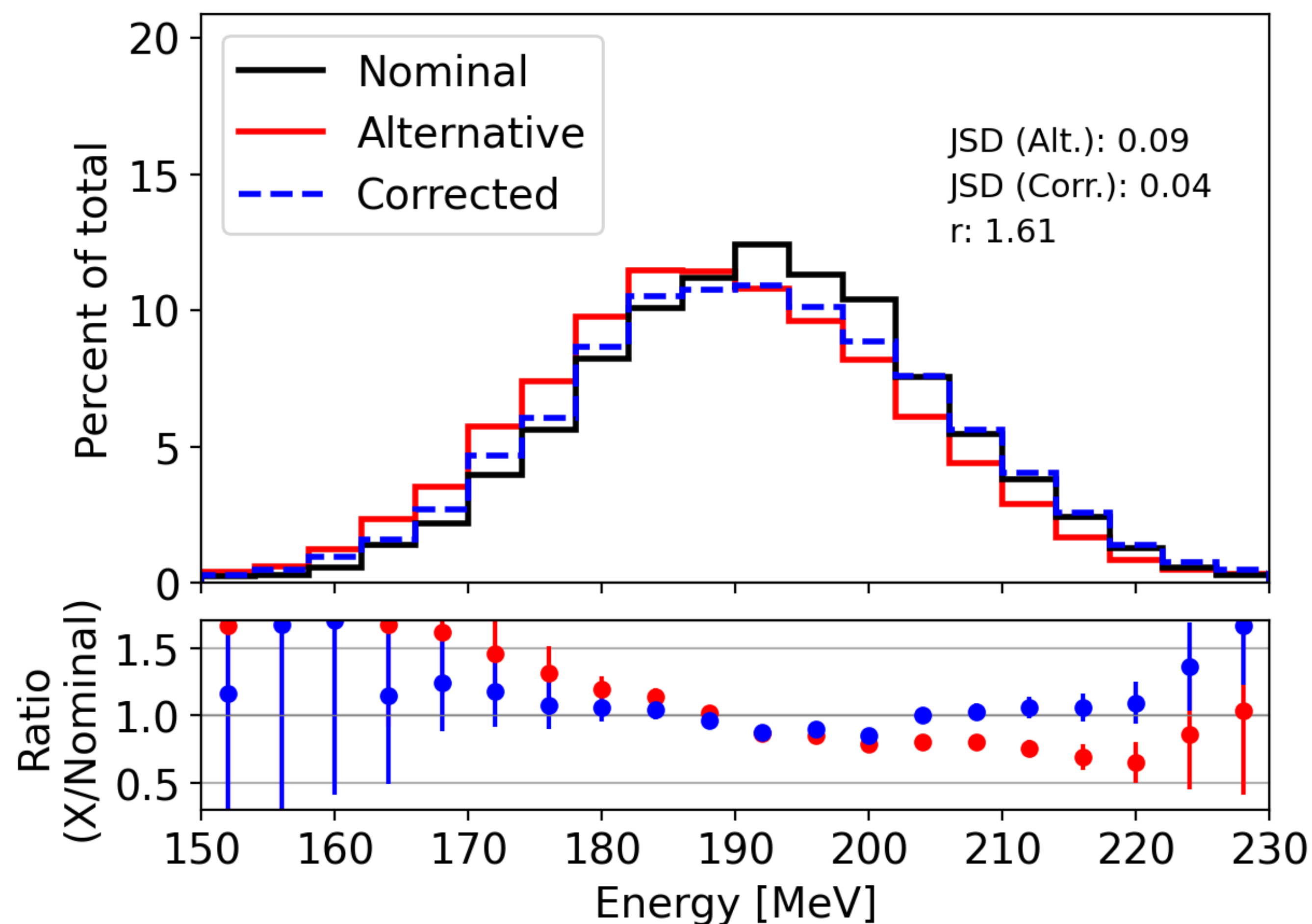
Code repo: [torch-reweighter](https://github.com/PyTorch/reweighter)



Evaluation / Weights Prediction

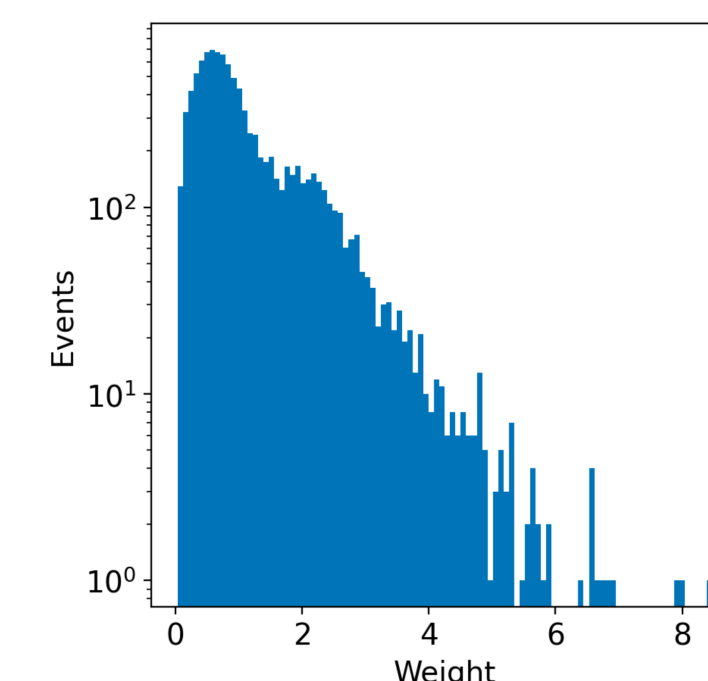
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Evaluate the trained discriminator NN → extract weights from classification score

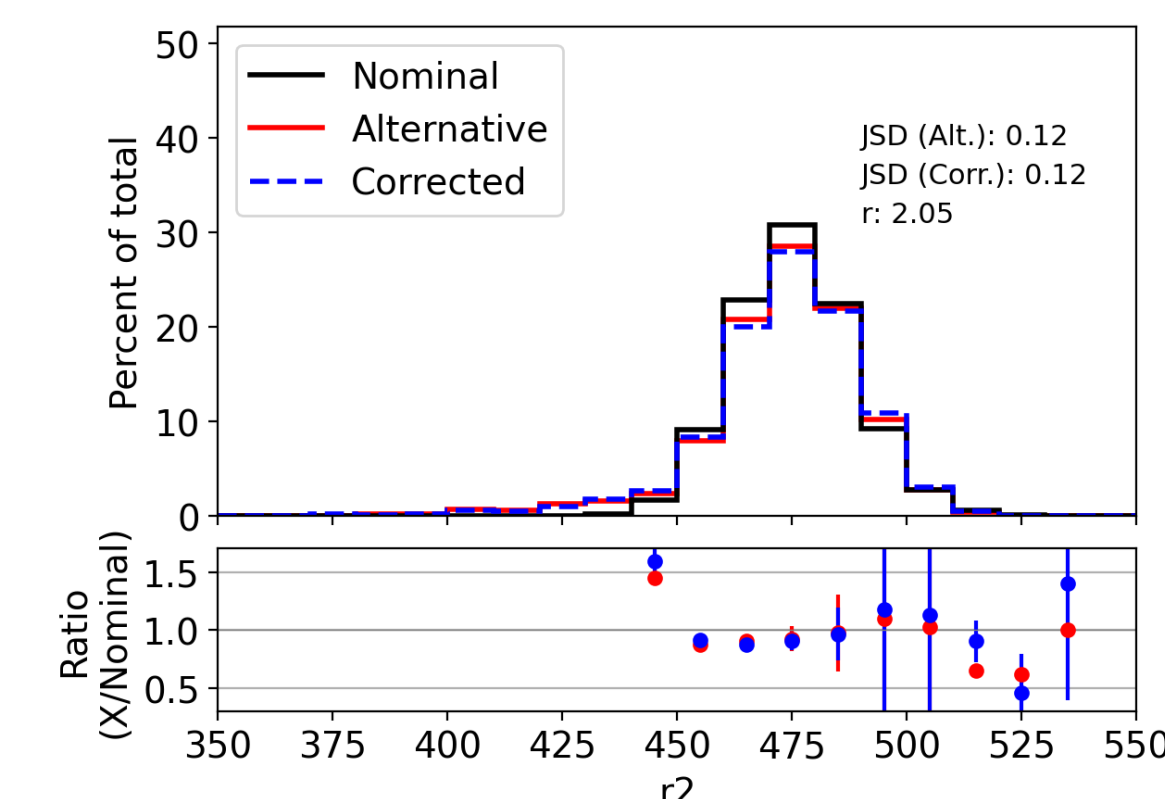


weights calculation

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logits = self(x)
probs = torch.sigmoid(logits)
weights = probs / (1 - probs)
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- able to **correct global feature**:
event energy deposit
while **training only voxel-level features**:
cell energy deposits
- still not possible
to successfully
correct all global
features shown



Simulation & Inference Timing

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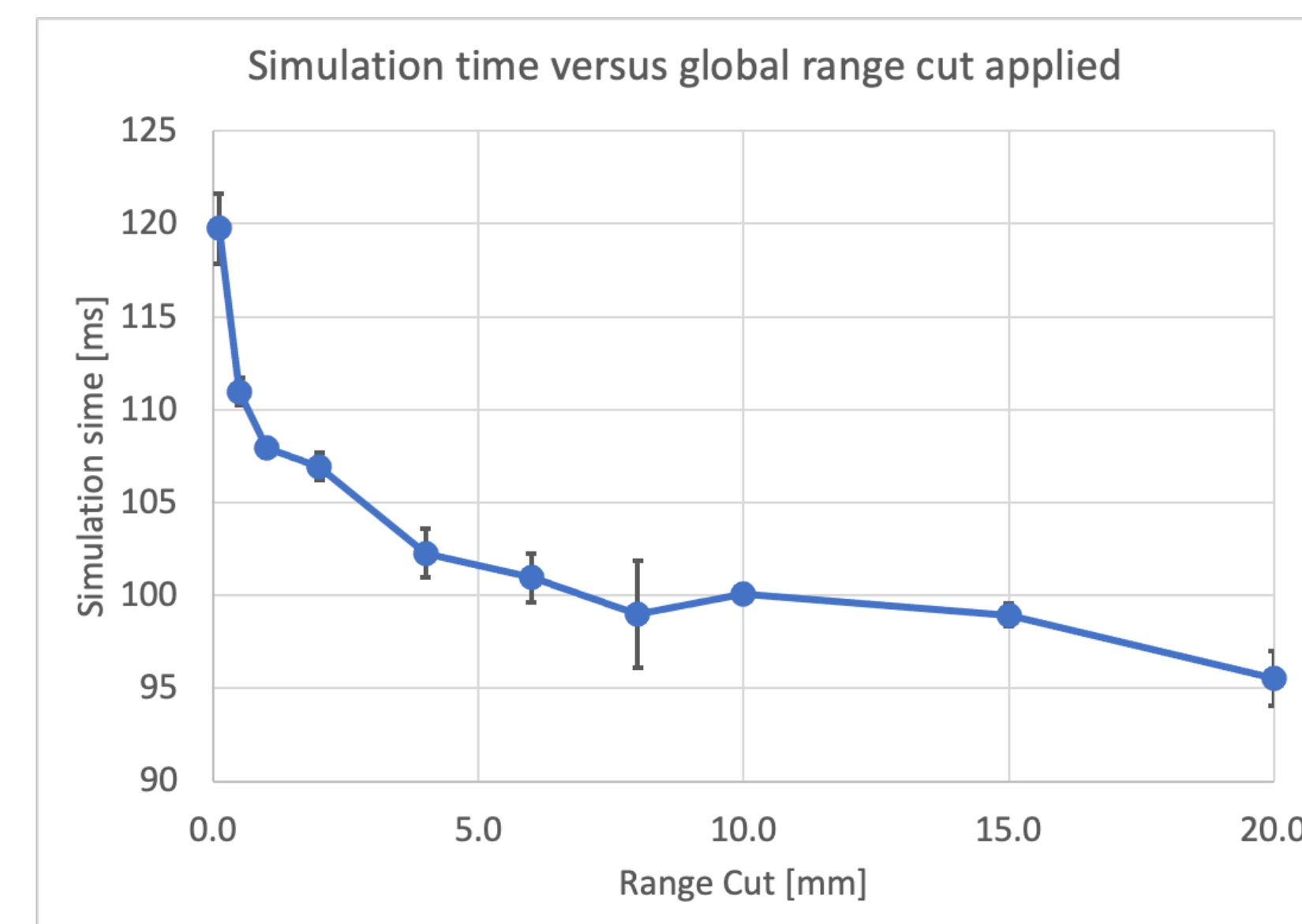
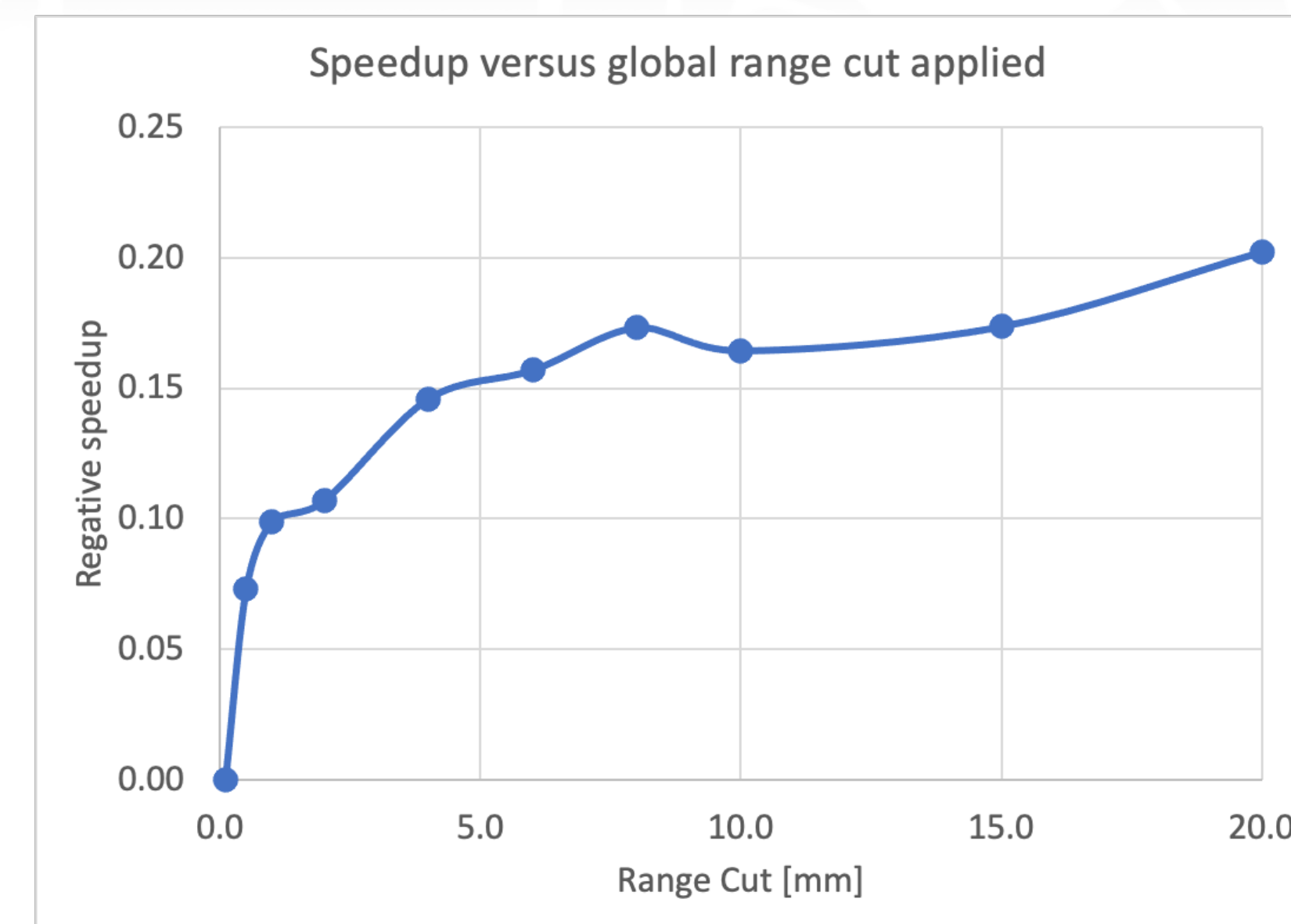
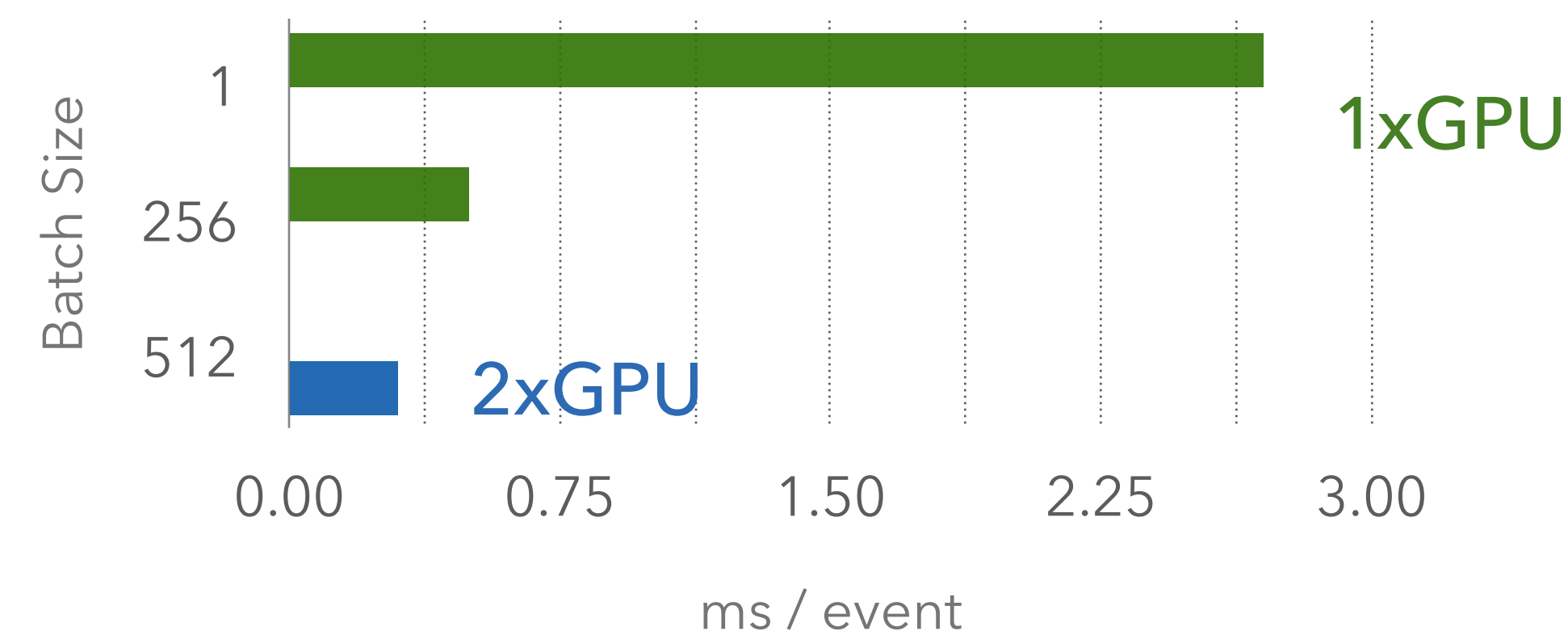
Timing measurements

How does the ILD Geant4 simulation time changes as function of (global) range cut applied?

- Can achieve about 10% (17%) speedup with 1mm (10mm) *range cut*
- Nominal simulation time / event: ~120 ms
- Saving about 12(20) ms per event

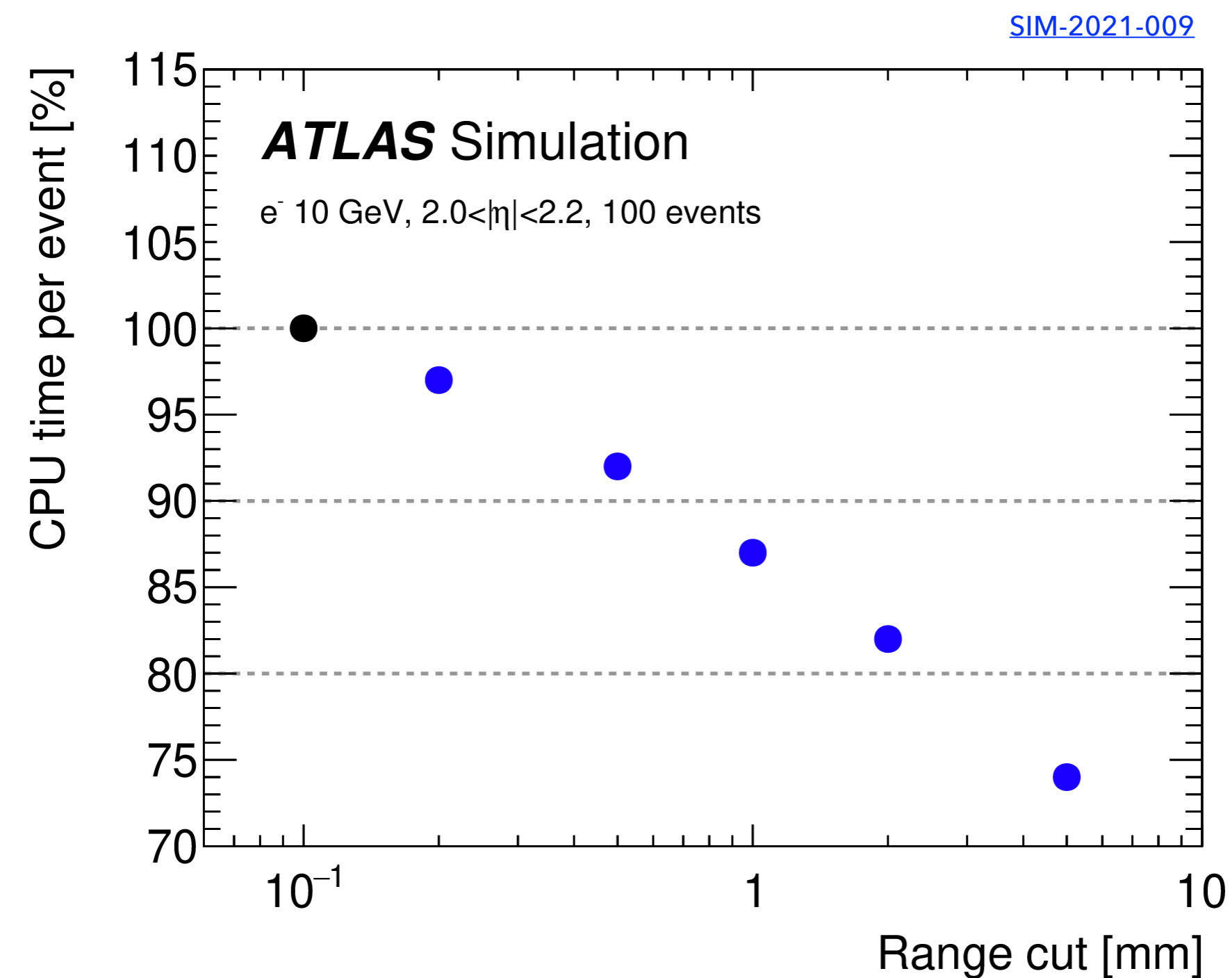
What is the ML algorithm inference / correction time?

GPU: RTX 2028 Super - 8Gb



Range Cuts Speedup

ATLAS simulation time speedup by
~15% when increasing *range cut* by
factor of 10 (0.1 \rightarrow 1.0 mm)



How to apply ML correction to ATLAS?

Detector considerations

1. Irregular geometry
2. Sparsity

Alternative data representations

1. Graphs
2. Point-clouds

The method shown is transparent to the
ML algorithm architecture

solution to accelerate Geant4 simulation by applying aggressive range cuts and a post-hoc ML-based correction
showcased promising result correcting event energy deposit

Benefit: Heterogeneous computing utilisation

Targeting Geant4 simulation speedup ~15%



Backup

Re-Weighting With Machine Learning

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Map r to NN binary cross-entropy loss (L)

$$r(\vec{x}) = \frac{\mathcal{P}(y = 1 | \vec{x})}{1 - \mathcal{P}(y = 1 | \vec{x})} \quad \mathcal{L}(\phi) = - \mathbb{E}_{p(x)} [\log D_{\phi}(\vec{x})] - \mathbb{E}_{q(x)} [\log (1 - D_{\phi}(\vec{x}))]$$

$$D_{\phi}(\vec{x}) = \mathcal{P}(y = 1 | \vec{x}) = \sigma(\log r(\vec{x}))$$

where $\sigma^{-1}(\rho) = \frac{\rho}{1-\rho}$



$$- \mathbb{E}_{p(x)} [\log \sigma(\log r_{\phi}(\vec{x}))] - \mathbb{E}_{q(x)} [\log (1 - \sigma(\log r_{\phi}(\vec{x})))]$$

The classifier is minimising the error on the r_{ϕ} – which is an estimate of the r