

Generative transformers for learning point-cloud simulations

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Motivation

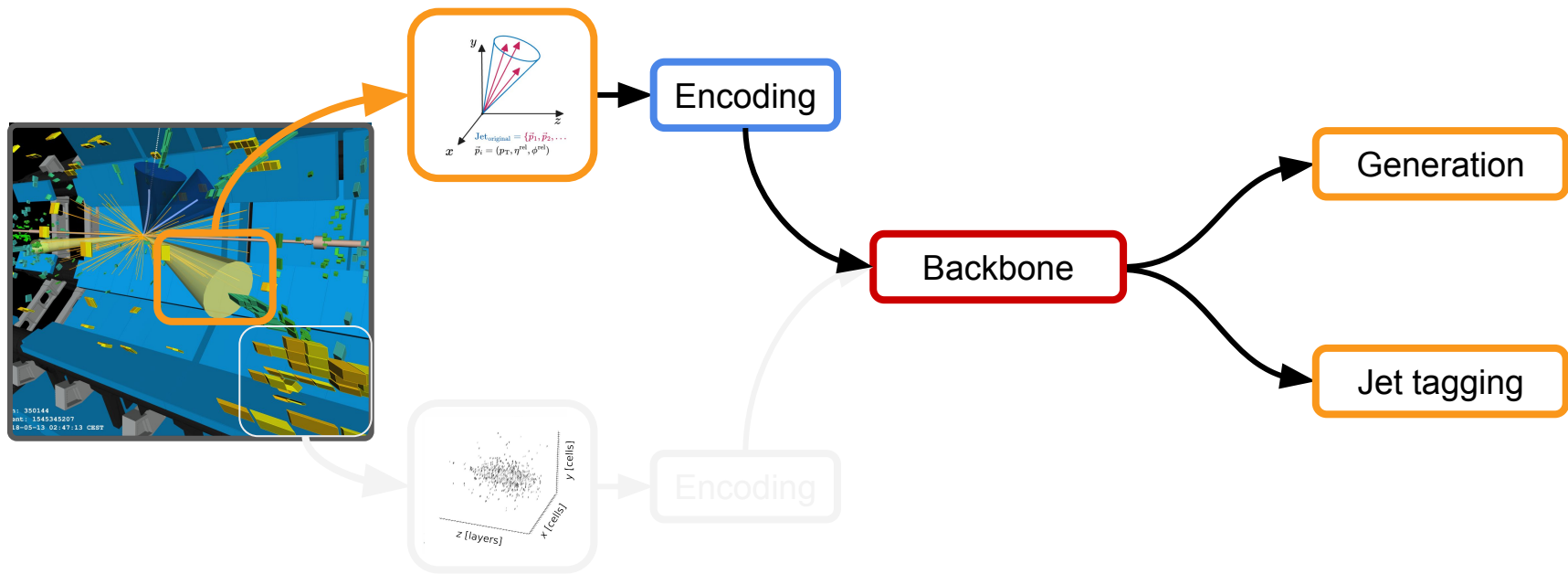
OmniJet- α : The first cross-task foundation model for particle physics

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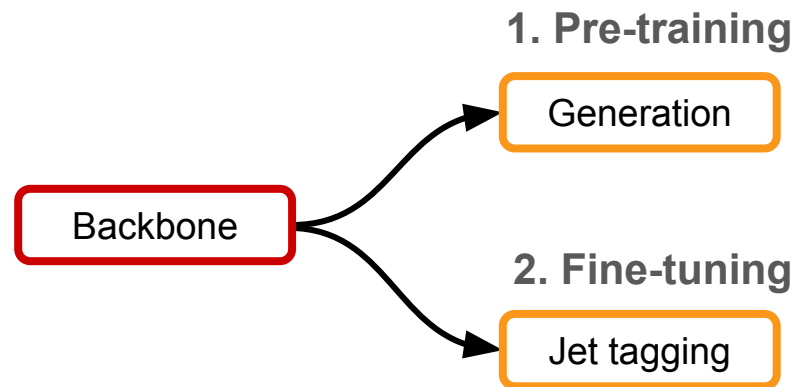
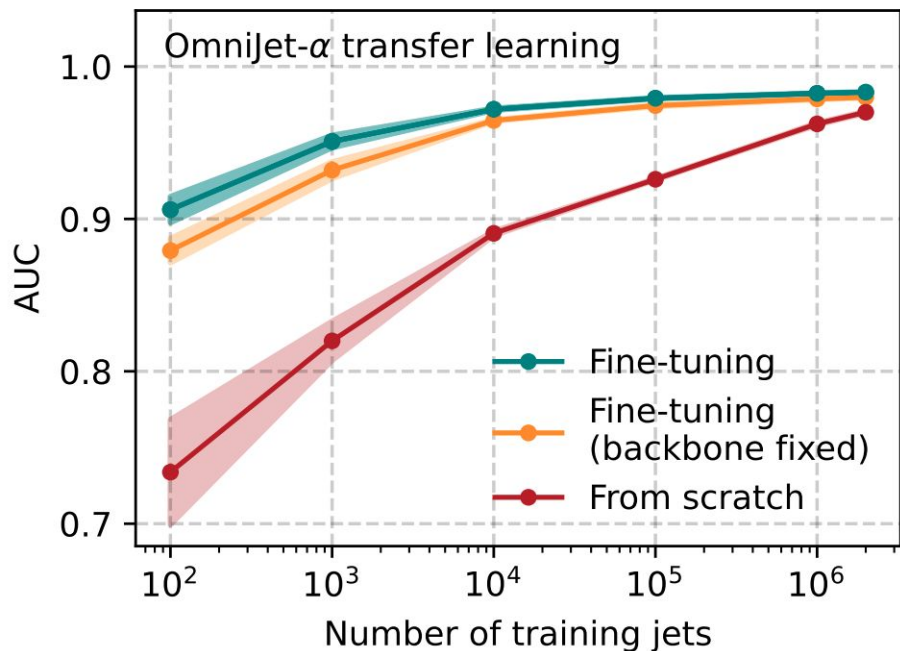
Foundation models are multi-dataset and multi-task machine learning methods that once pre-trained can be fine-tuned for a large variety of downstream applications. The successful development of such general-purpose models for physics data would be a major breakthrough as they could improve the achievable physics performance while at the same time drastically reduce the required amount of training time and data. We report significant progress on this challenge on several fronts. First, a comprehensive set of evaluation methods is introduced to judge the quality of an encoding from physics data into a representation suitable for the autoregressive generation of particle jets with

OmniJet- α



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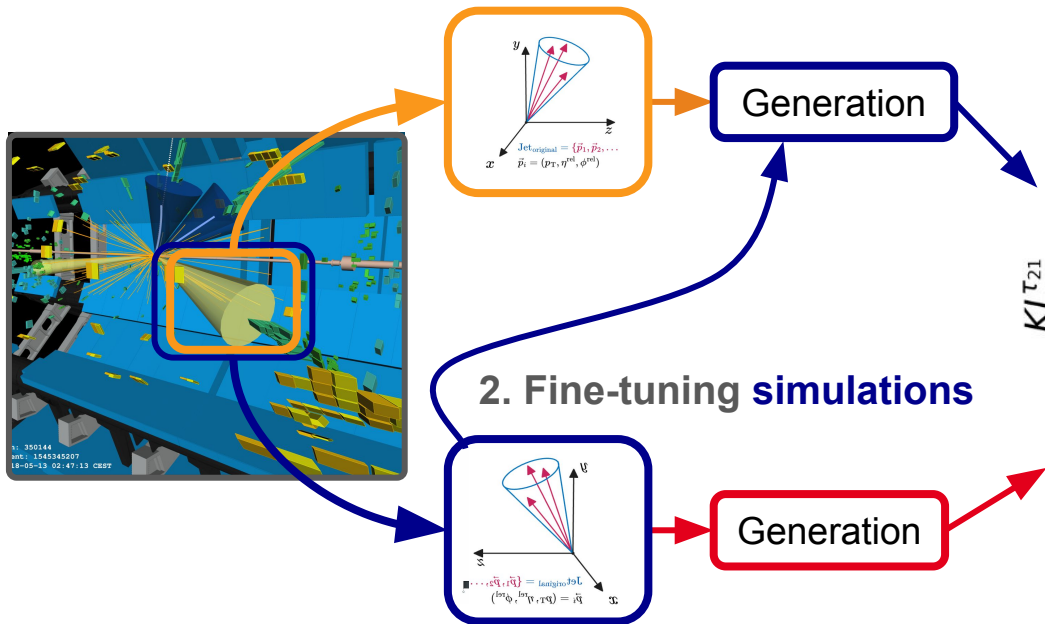
OmniJet- α cross-task



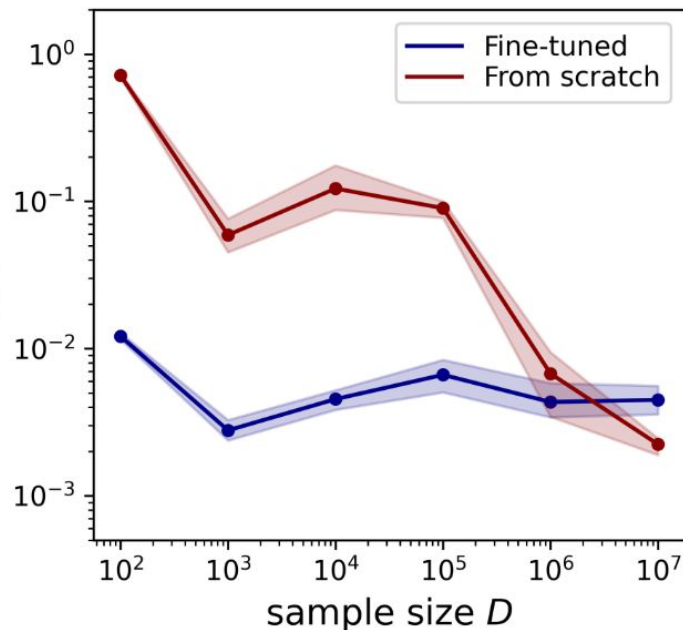
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OmniJet- α cross-data

1. Pre-training real data



2. Fine-tuning simulations

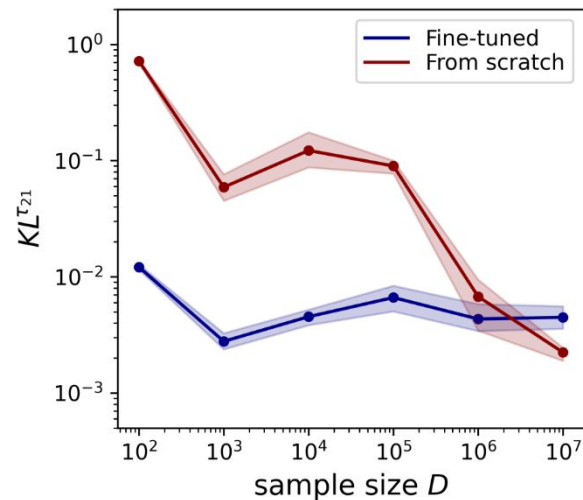
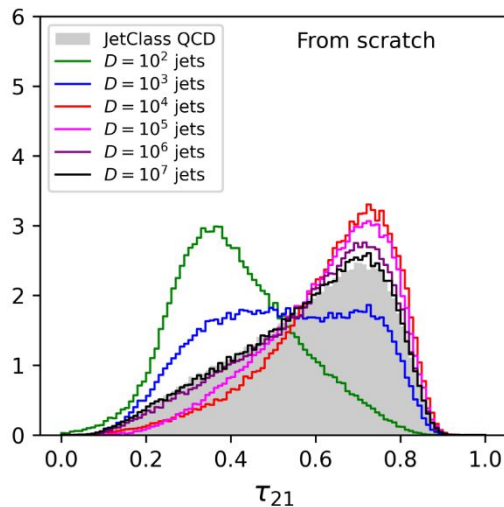
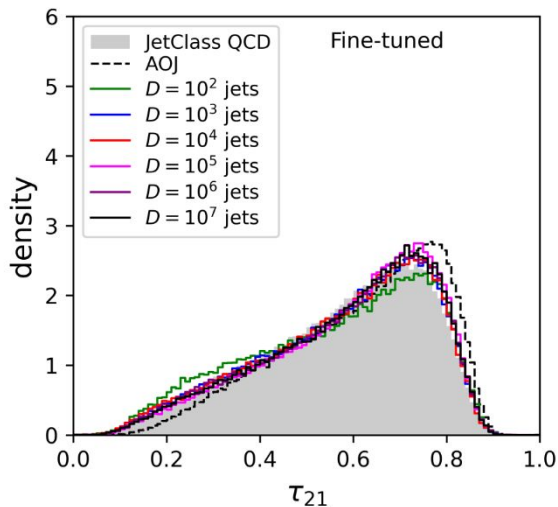


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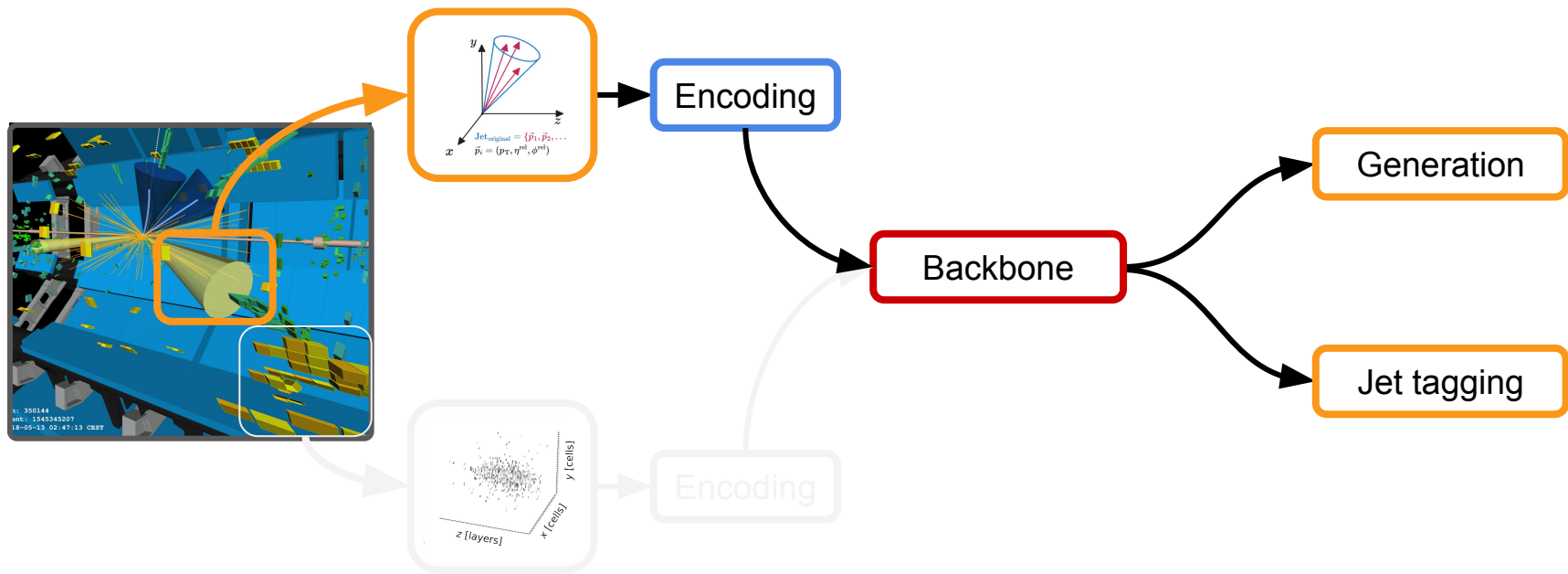
Aspen Open Jets: [arxiv.2412.10504](https://arxiv.org/abs/2412.10504)

- 180M ML-ready high p_T jets derived from CMS 2016 Open Data



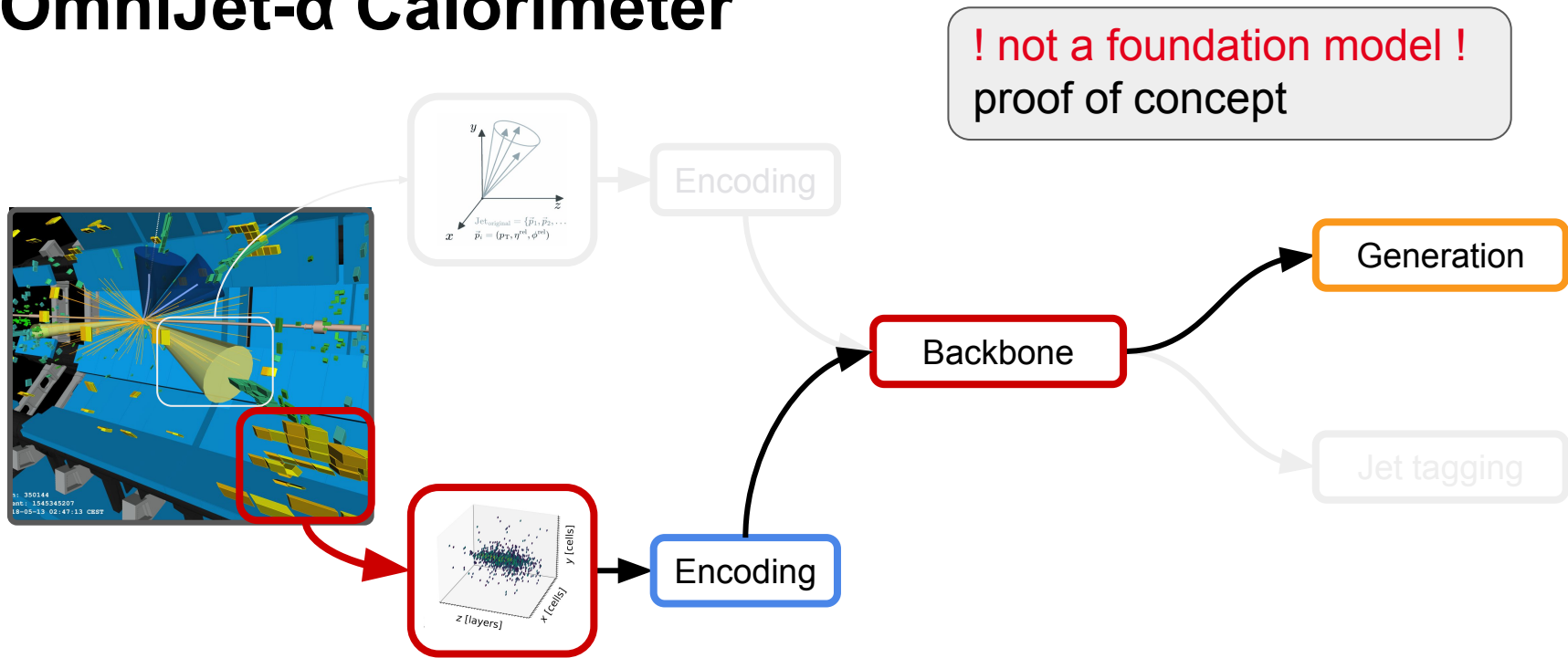
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OmniJet- α Calorimeter



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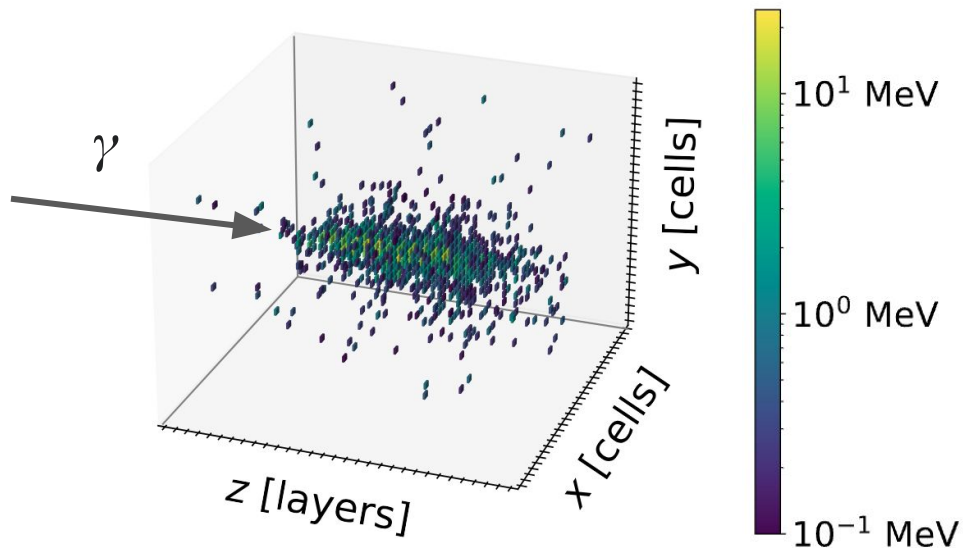
Data

Based on the proposed design of the International Large Detector (ILD)[2]:

- γ -energy 10-100 GeV
- $x, y, z \in [0,29]$
- voxel energy 0-13 MeV
- 100-1700 hits per shower

[3]

**20 times more hits
than particles in a jet!**

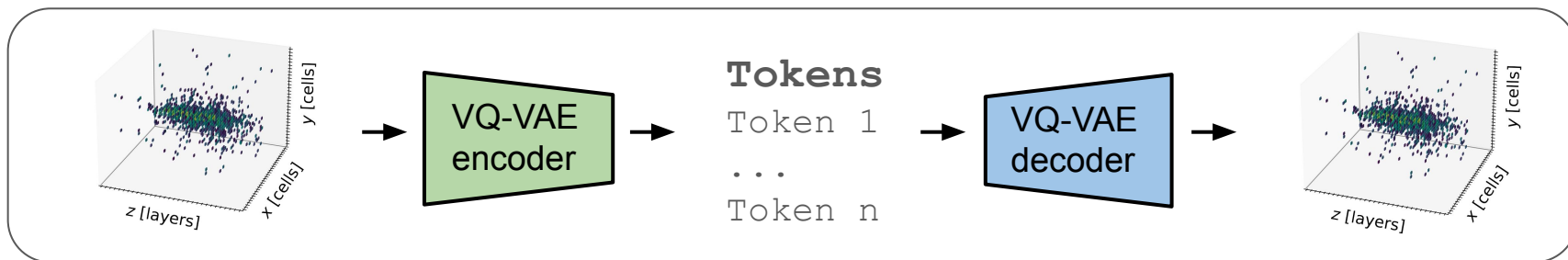


[2] ILD Collaboration “International Large Detector: Interim Design Report” ([arXiv:2003.01116](https://arxiv.org/abs/2003.01116)) (2020)

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Overview

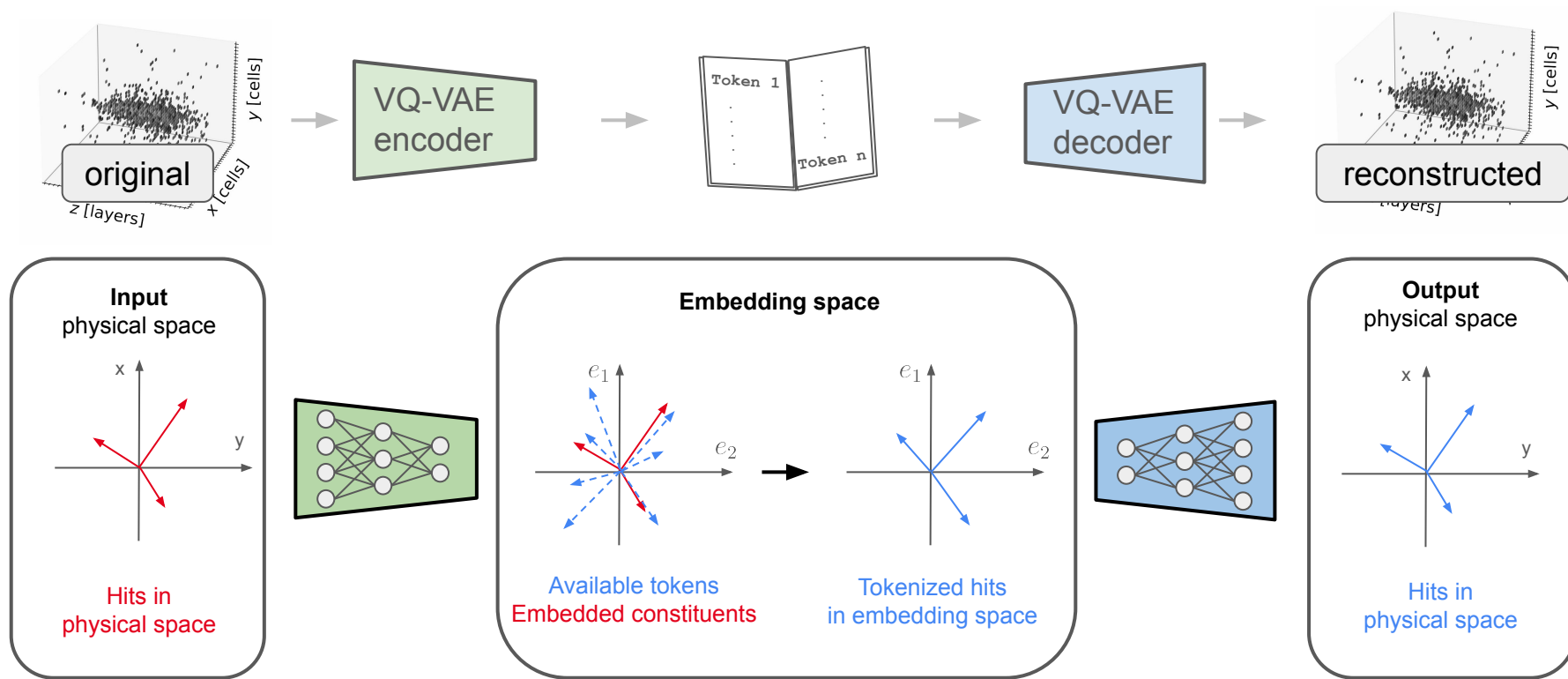
1. Tokenization / Reconstruction



2. Generation



Tokenization



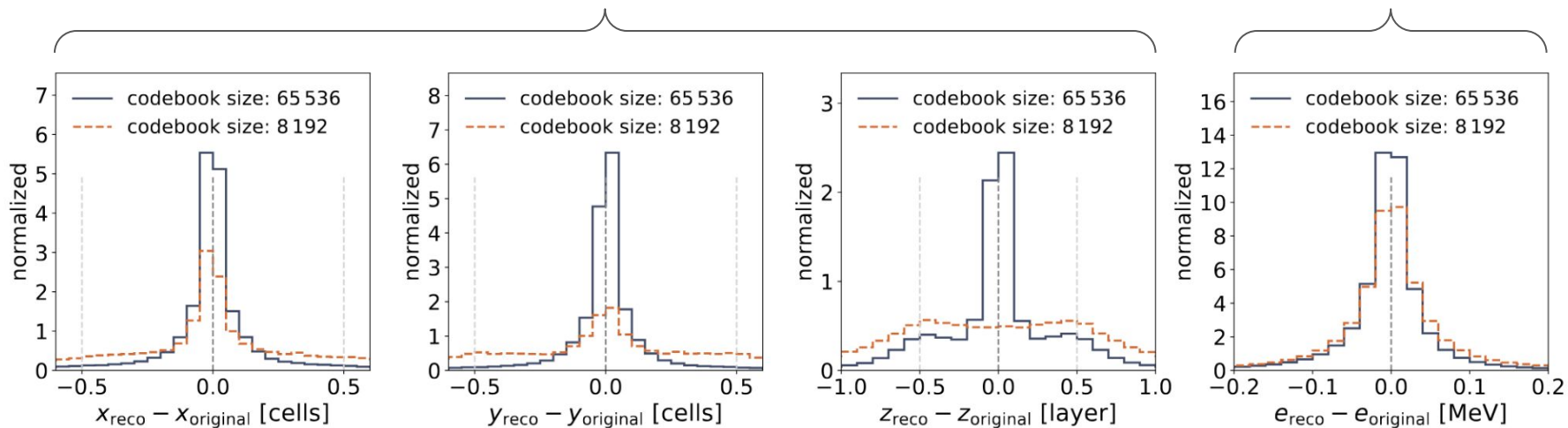
Token quality

30^3 possible voxels
= **27.000**



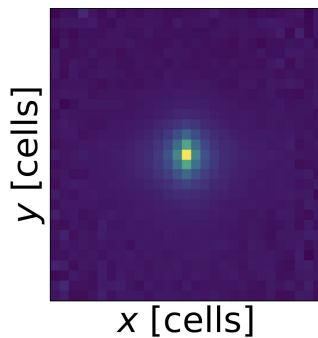
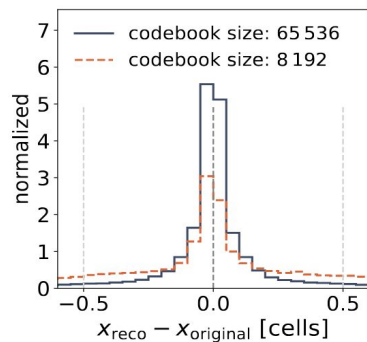
discrete

continuous

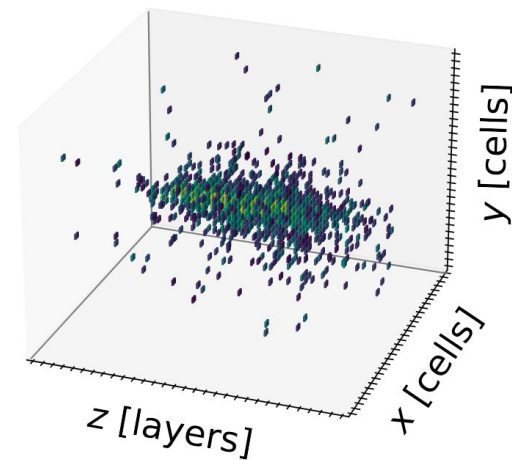
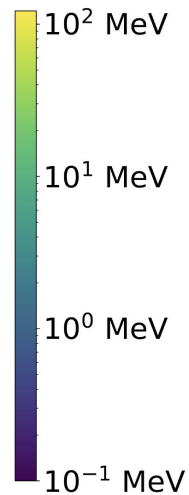
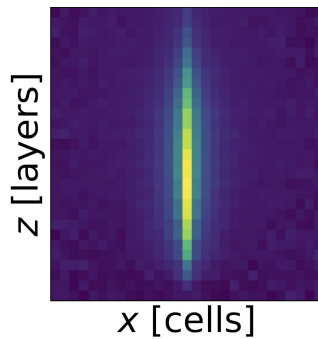
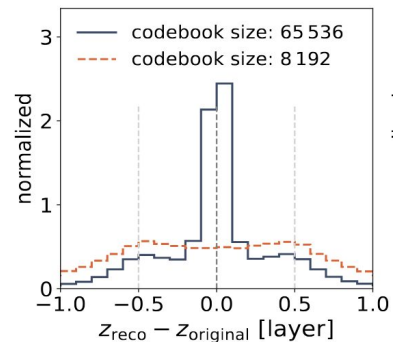


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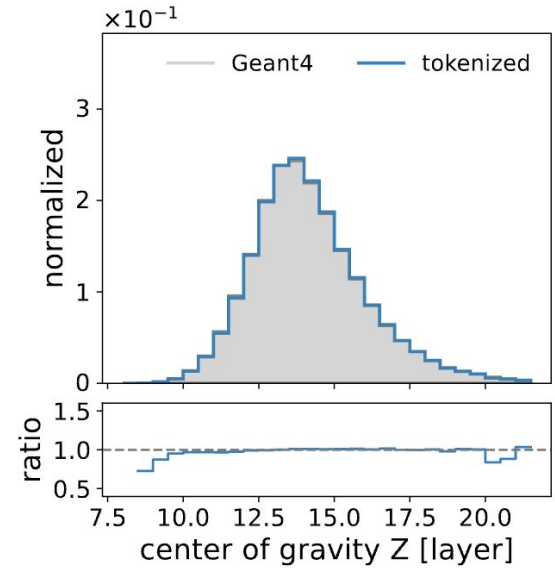
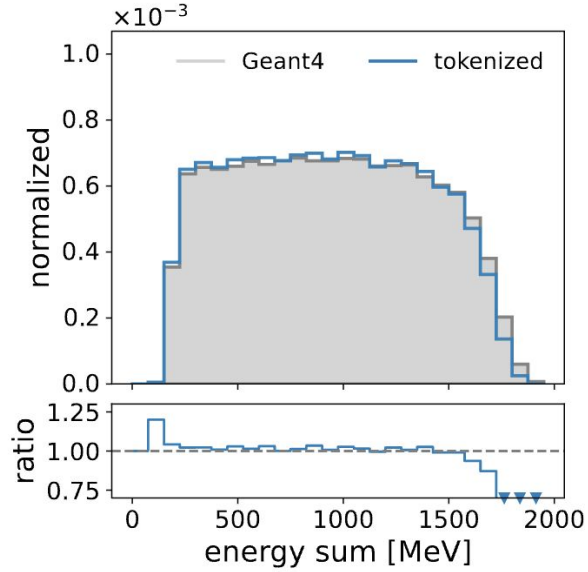
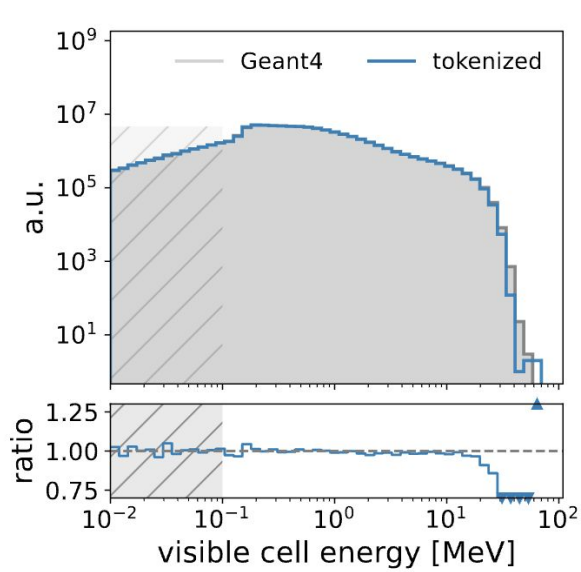
X:



Z:

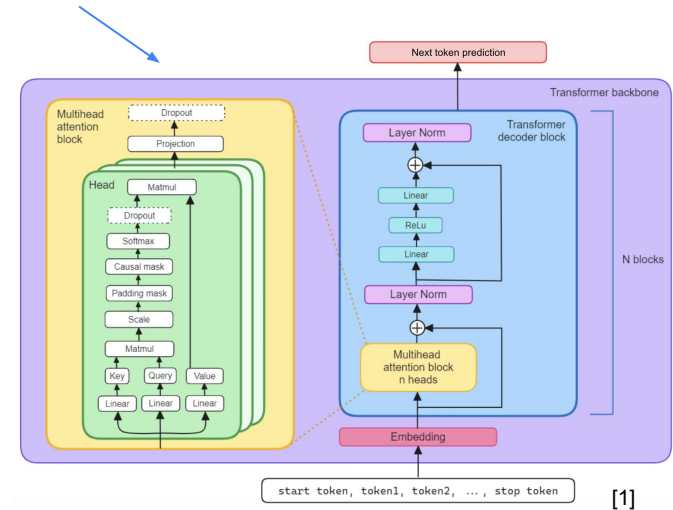
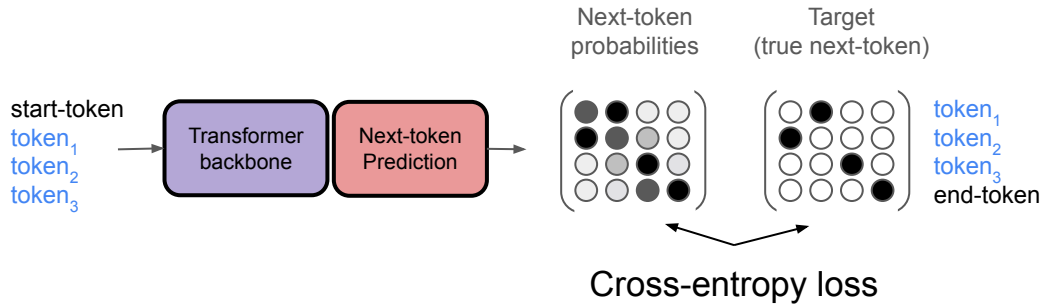


Token quality



Generative training

- Transformer architecture of **OmniJet- α** [1] (adapted from the original GPT-1 architecture [4])
- Works like a **language model**, but generates hit-tokens instead of word-tokens



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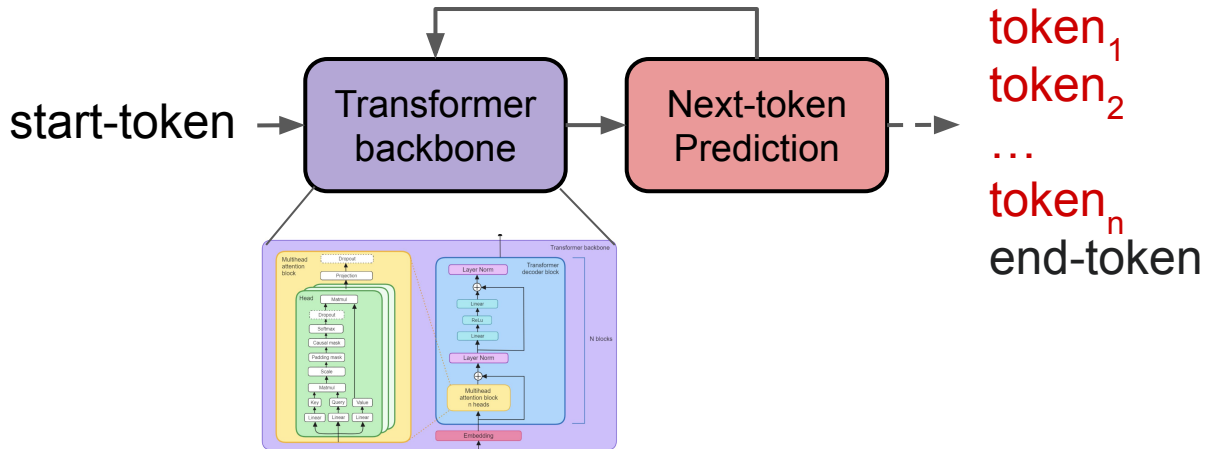
[4] Radford et al, "Improving language understanding by generative pre-training" (2018)

Generative prediction

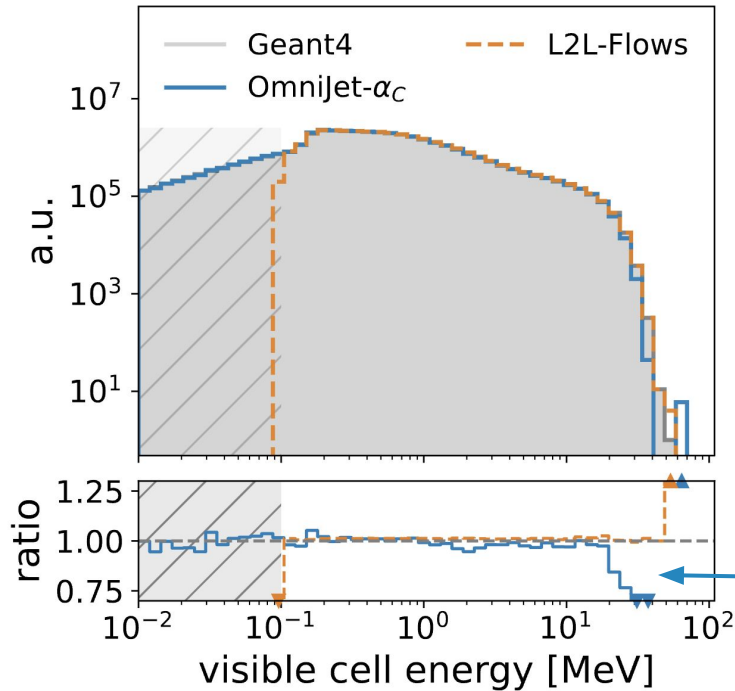
Shower = {start-token, token₁, ..., token_n, end-token}

token_i = integer value $\in [1, \dots, 65,536]$

Autoregressive prediction



Results - visible cell energy



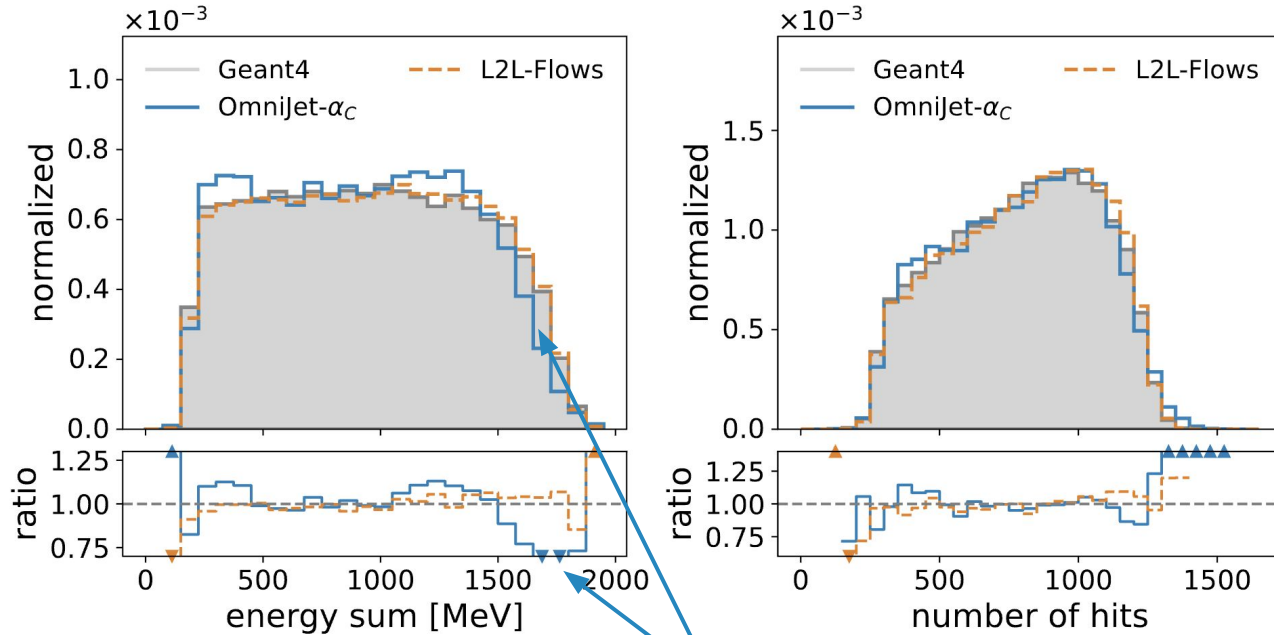
- Comparison of 40k showers
- Only considering MIP hits for analysis
- **Geant4 [3]**
 - Simulated Showers
- **L2LFlows [5]**
 - State-of-the-art generative model
 - Post-processed and calibrated
- **OmniJet- α_C**
 - Post-processed not calibrated

To few high energy hits

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[5] Buss et al. "Convolutional L2LFlows: Generating Accurate Showers in Highly Granular Calorimeters Using Convolutional Normalizing Flows" ([arXiv:2405.20407](https://arxiv.org/abs/2405.20407)) (2024)

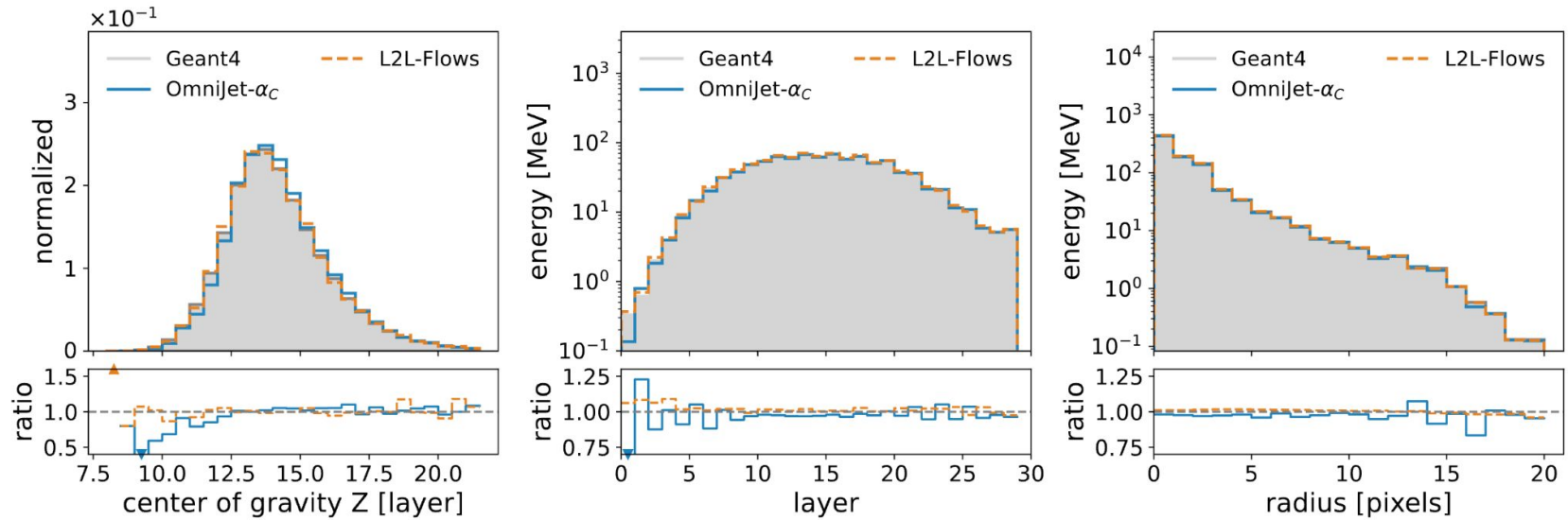
Results - energy sum / number of hits



To few high energy showers

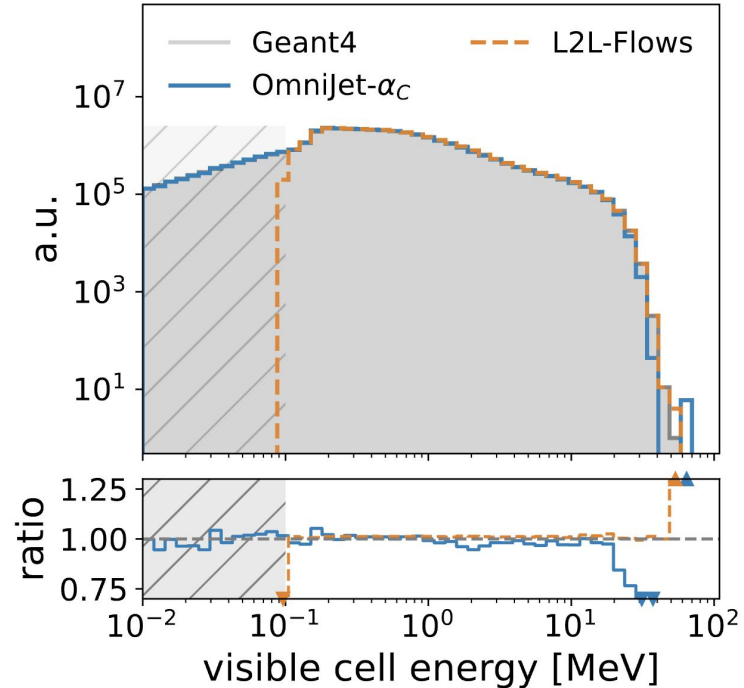
Results - more histograms

Good performance on COG profile, mean energy per layer and energy per radius



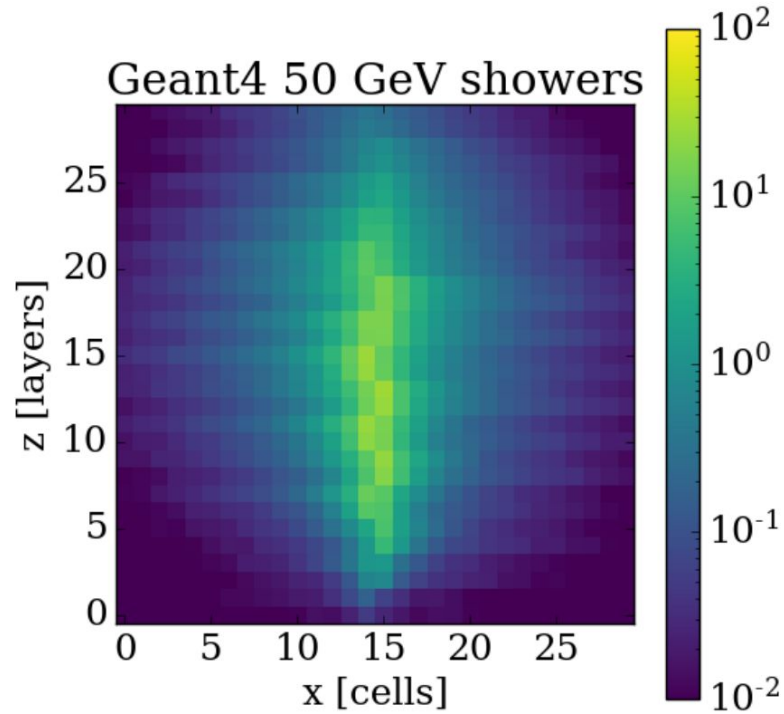
Summary

- Geometry independent
- No conditioning needed
- Generates showers with **good agreement** on shower-level and hit-level
- **Proof of concept** for the **versatility** of **OmniJet- α** , applying it to a completely different subdomain



Backup

Geometry independence



Overlay of 2000 photon showers along y

Hyperparameters

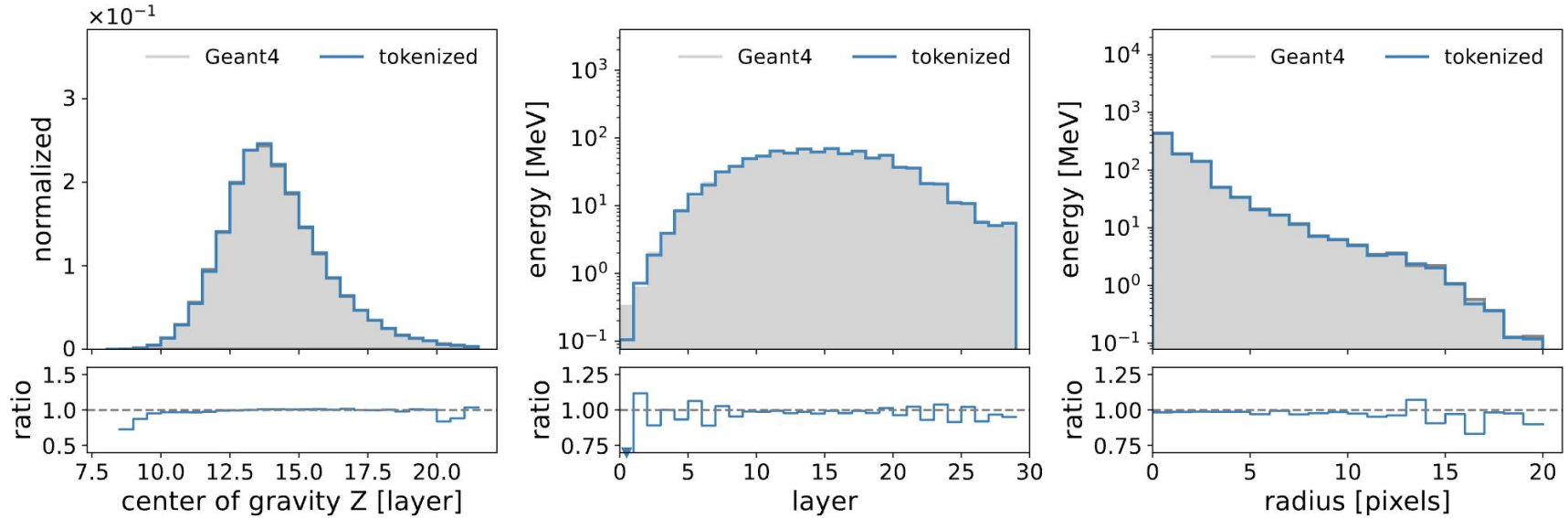
VQ-VAE

Hyperparameter	Value
Learning rate	0.001
Optimizer	Ranger
Batch size	152
Batches per epoch	1000
Number of epochs	588
Hidden dimension	128
Codebook size	65 536
β	0.8
α	10
Replace frequency	100

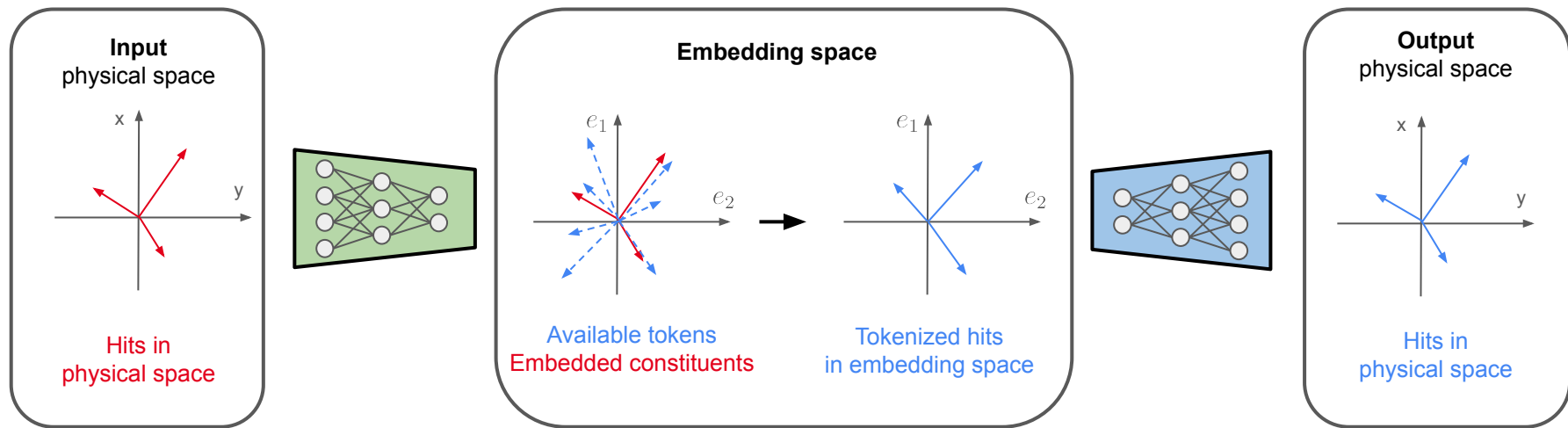
Generative model

Hyperparameter	Value
Learning rate	0.001
Optimizer	Ranger
Batch size	72
Batches per epoch	6000
Number of epochs	106
Embedding dimension	256
Number of heads	8
Number of GPT blocks	3

Token quality



Tokenization



$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{reconstruction}} + \alpha \cdot \mathcal{L}_{\text{commitment}}$$

physical space

embedding space

Important Hyperparameters:

latent dimension: 8

alpha: 10

codebook size: 65.536

Training samples: 855.000 showers

VQ-VAE losses

Reconstruction loss: $\mathcal{L}_{\text{reconstruction}} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - x'_i)^2$ MSE-loss

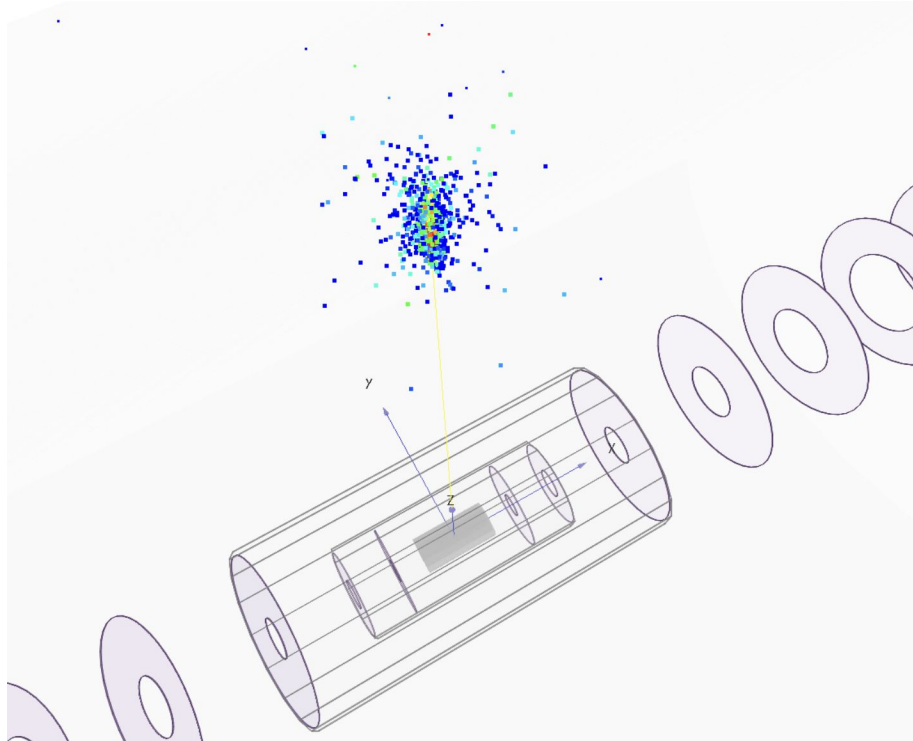
Commitment loss: $\mathcal{L}_{\text{commitment}} = \beta \cdot \|\text{sg}[z_e] - z_q\|^2 + (1 - \beta) \cdot \|z_e - \text{sg}[z_q]\|^2$

Complete loss: $\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{reconstruction}} + \alpha \cdot \mathcal{L}_{\text{commitment}}$

sg represents stop gradient operator meaning no gradient

straight-through estimator (STE) is used to pass the gradients straight through the quantization operation - to ensure the **STE** is accurate, the codebook and the encoder representations are pulled together using the **sg**

Data - What is a point cloud?



Simulated shower in the electromagnetic calorimeter of the envisioned [International Large Detector \(ILD\)](#)

([2005.05334](#)) “Getting High” generates [geometry-independent](#) calorimeter showers as point clouds.