

# Ephemeral Learning: Augmenting Triggers with online trained normalising flows

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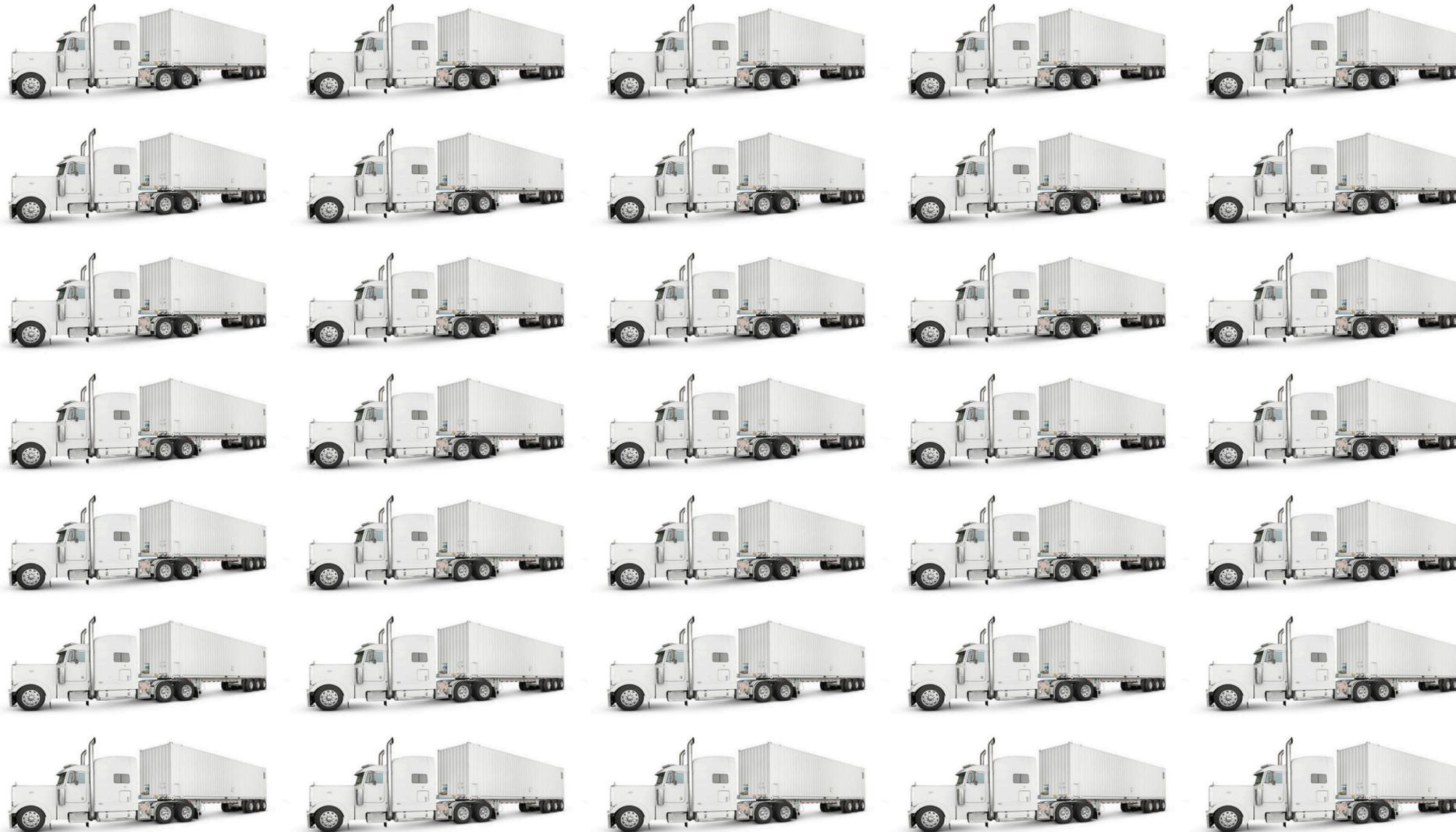
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storage  $\sim$  network weights

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**LHC data**



**Trained model**



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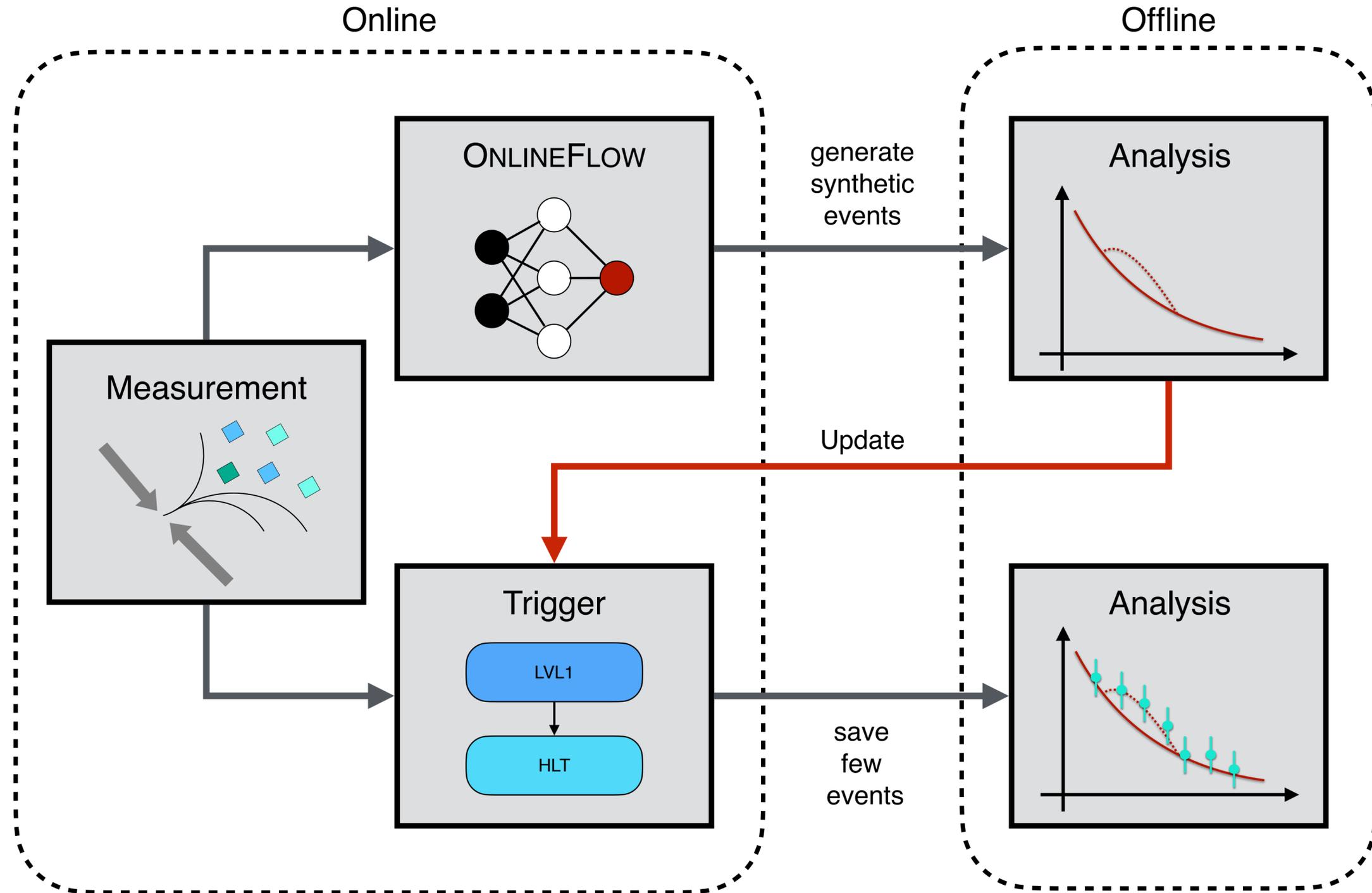
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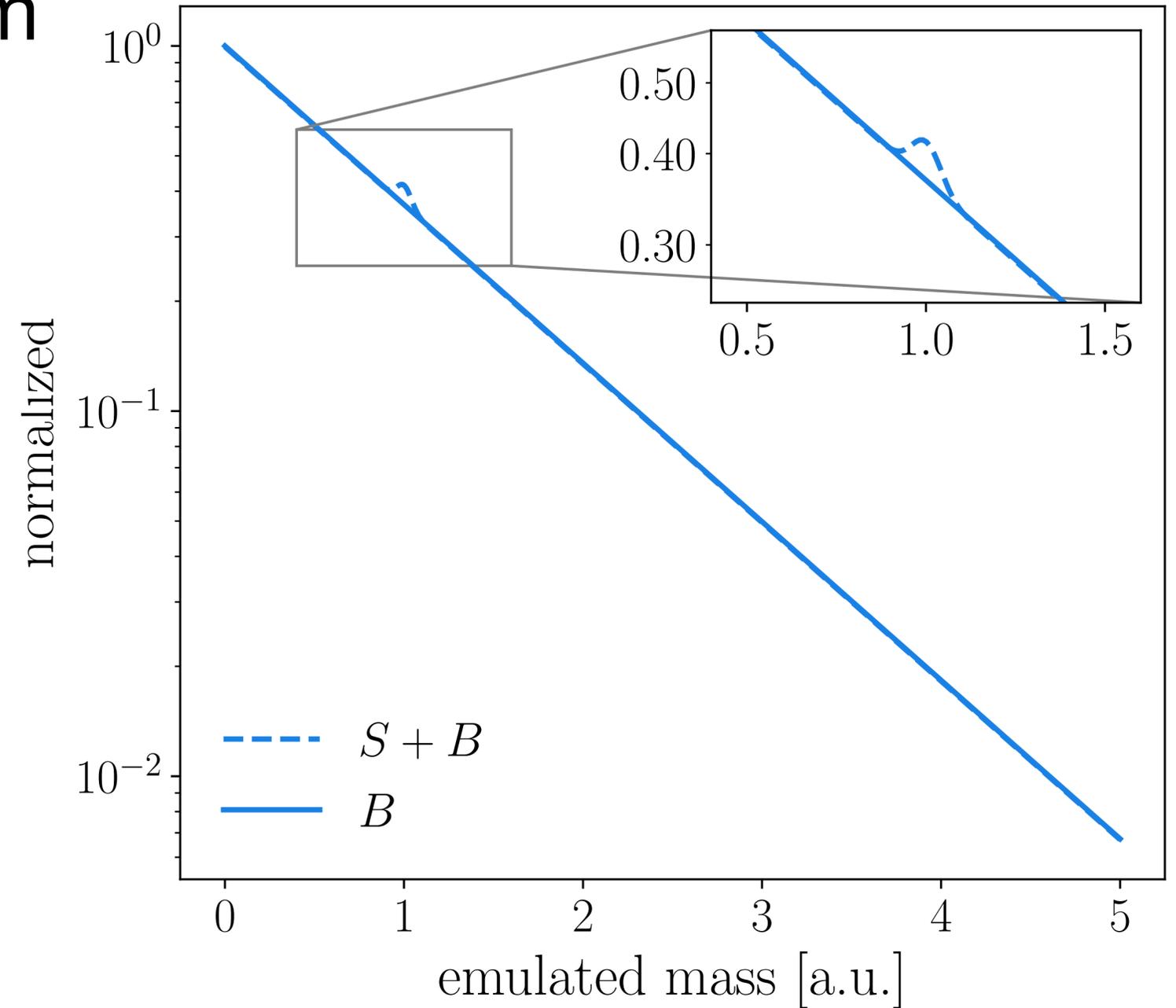
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- Online model as additional scouting tool
- Investigate regions ignored by triggers



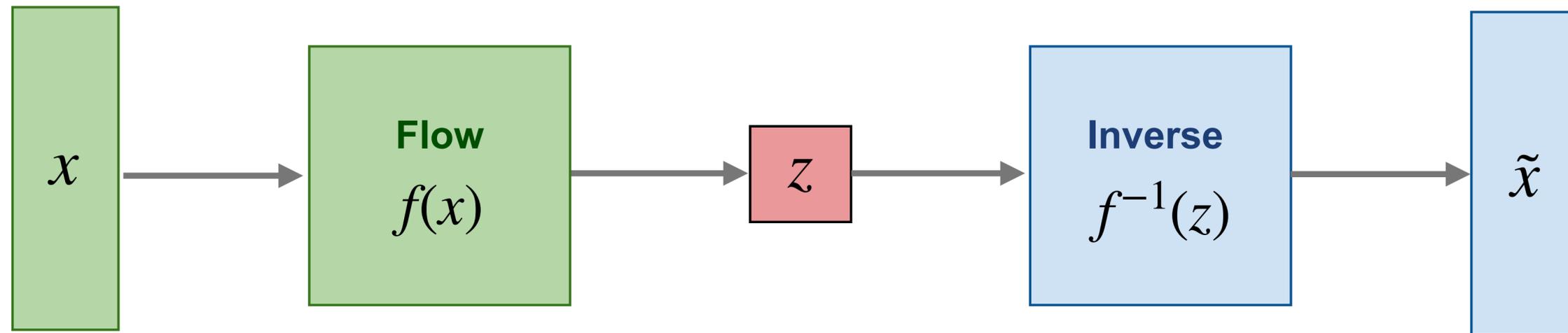
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- Exponential falling background
- Gaussian peak signal
- Train generative model



# Generative Model

## Normalising Flow

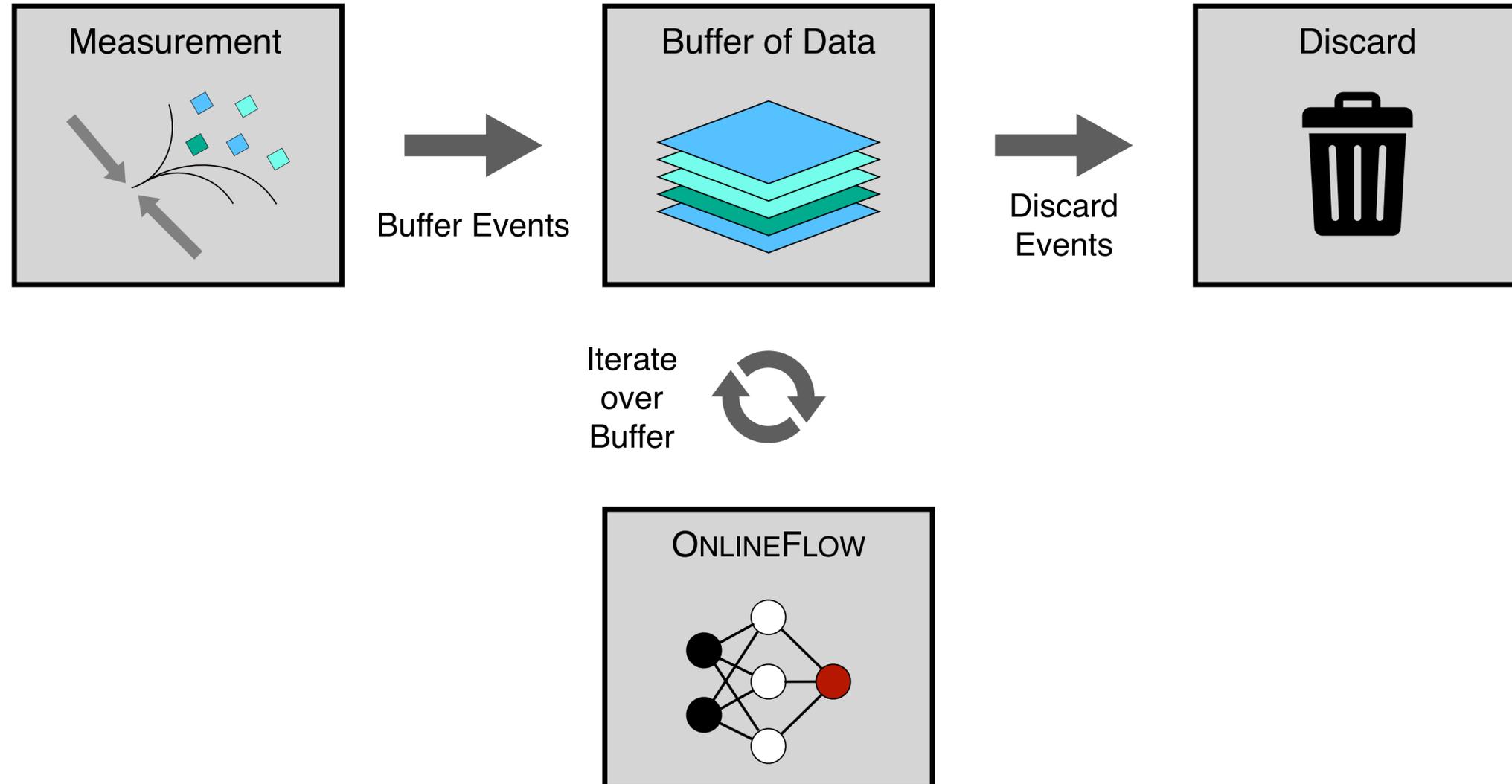


- Train invertible transform to map data to latent space
- Use inverse to generate new data from new latent samples

# Online Training

## Troubles with Online Training:

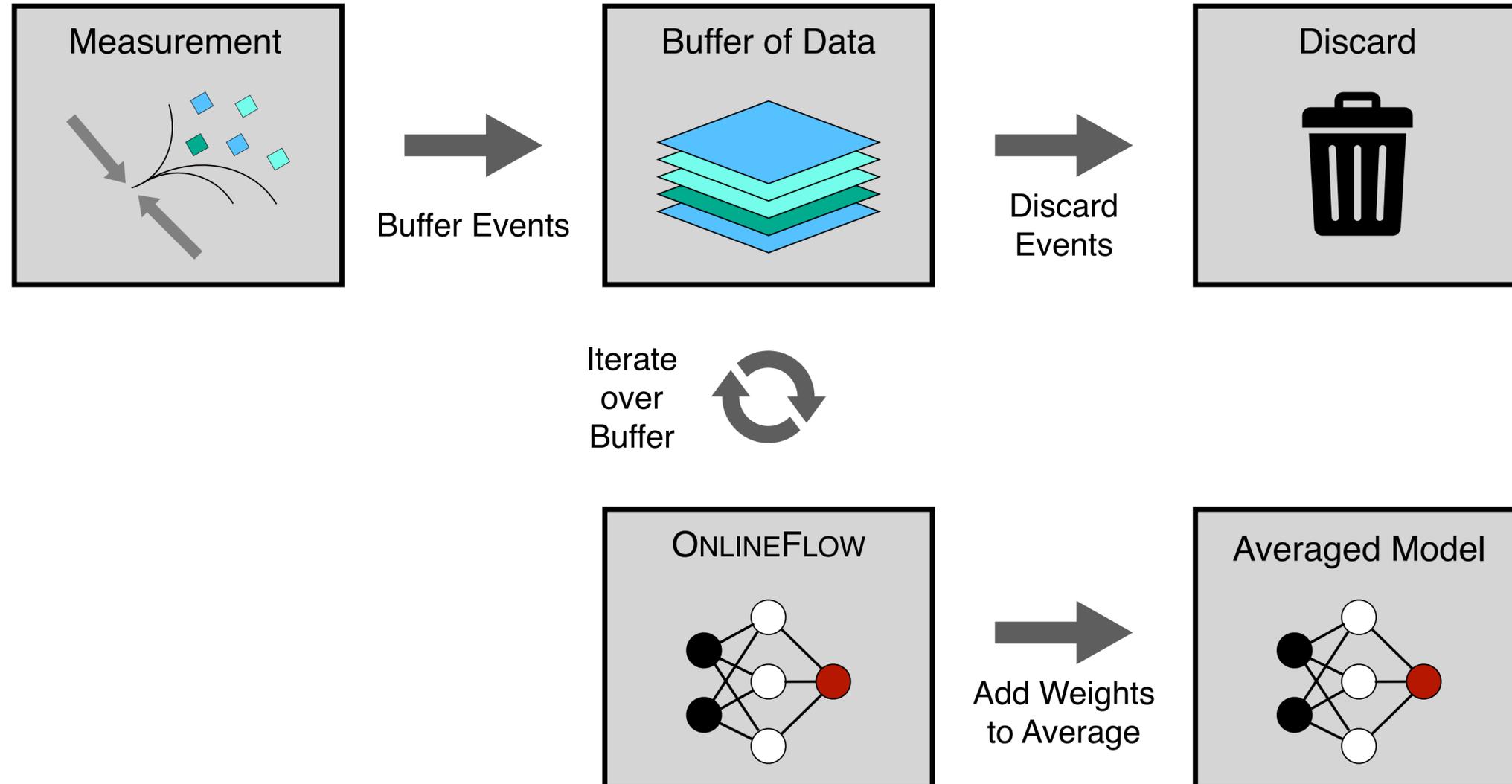
- Models designed for parallel training on batches
- Points should be seen more than once



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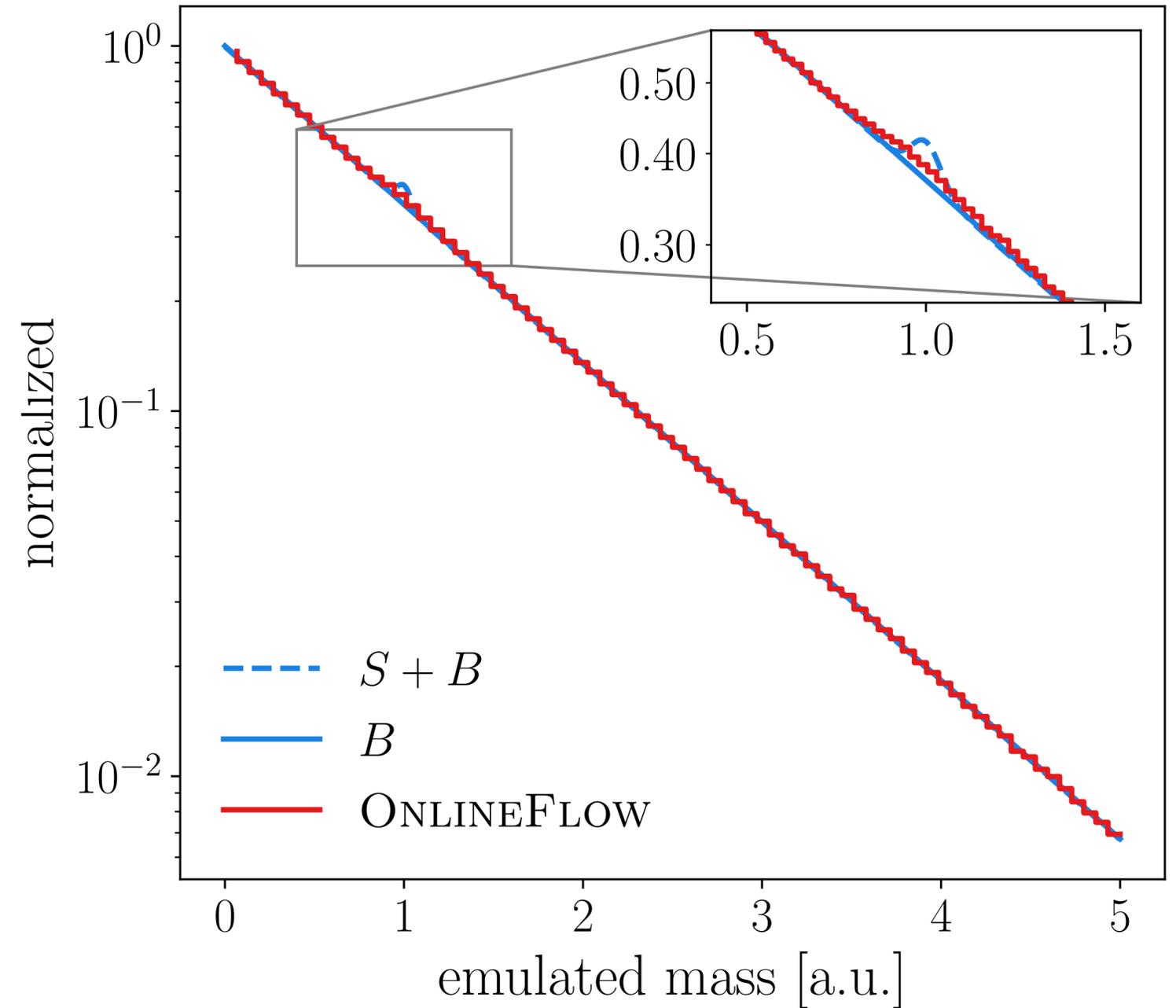
Model will be biased towards more recent buffers

- Stochastic Weight Averaging (SWA)
- Keep running average over model during training



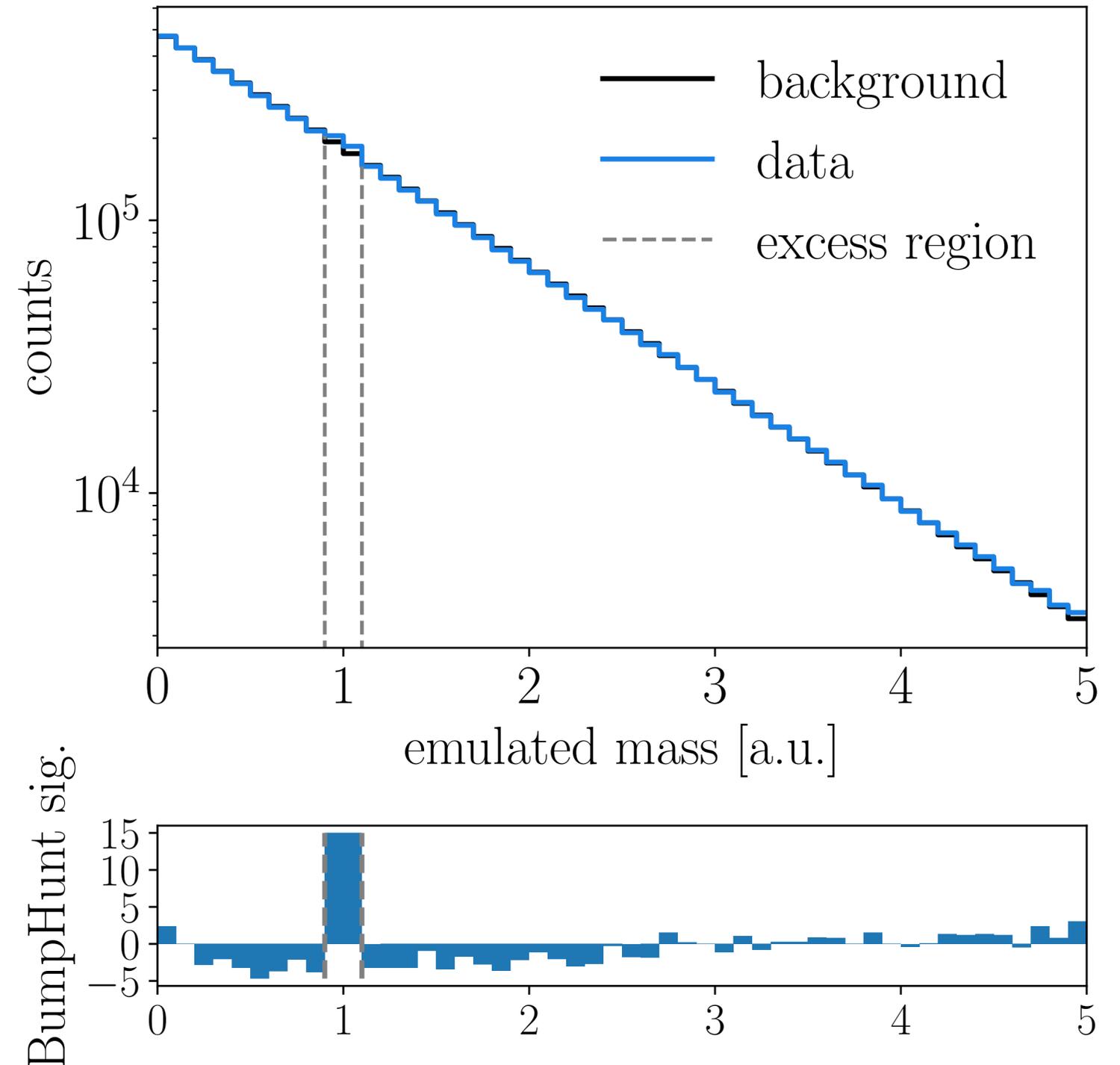
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- Train masked autoregressive Flow on  $S+B$
- Check samples form Flow



# Proof of Concept

- Analyse data
- Fit exponential function to data to get background model
- Run pyPumpHunter (python implementation The BumpHunter)
- What is our significance?

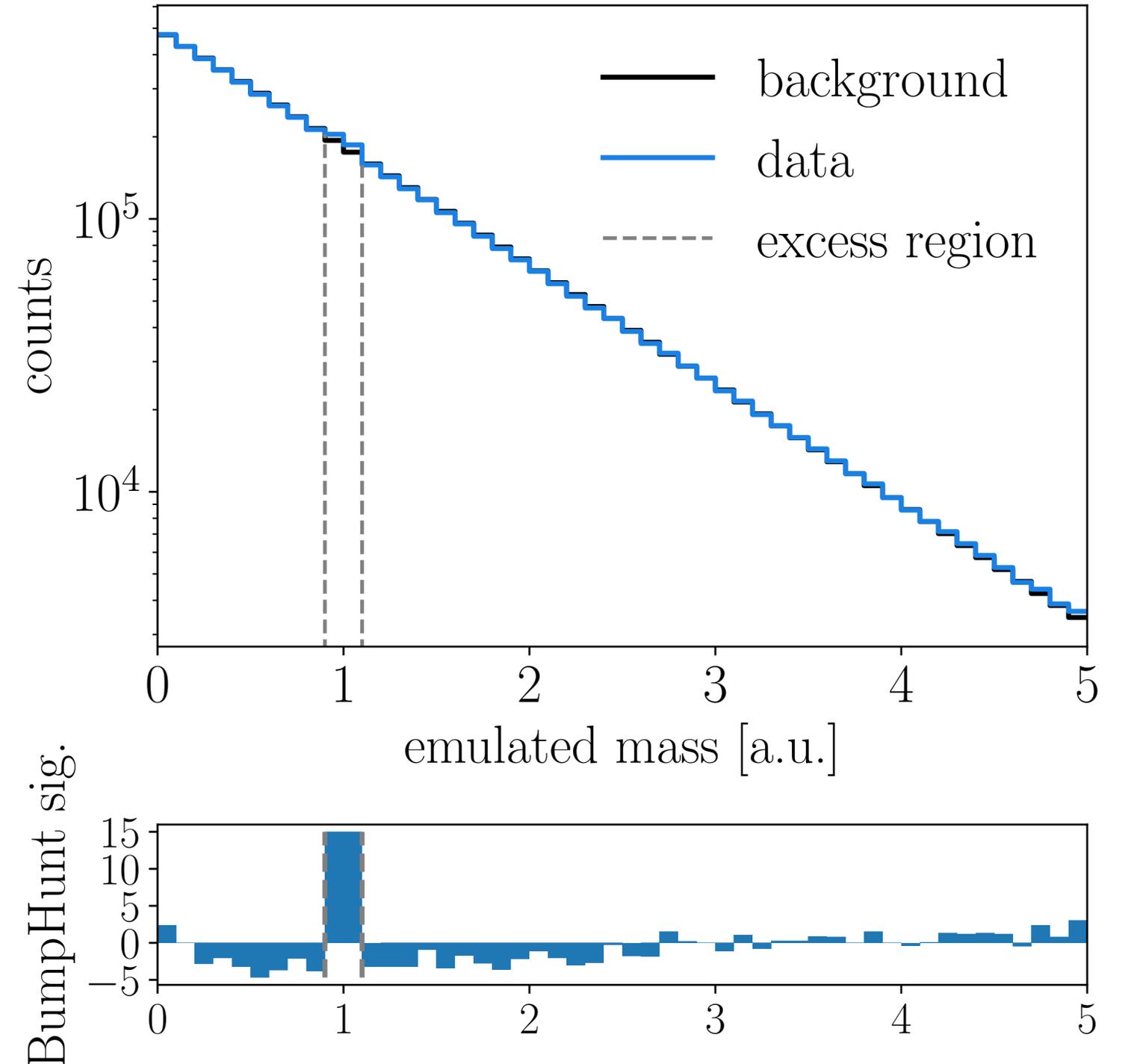


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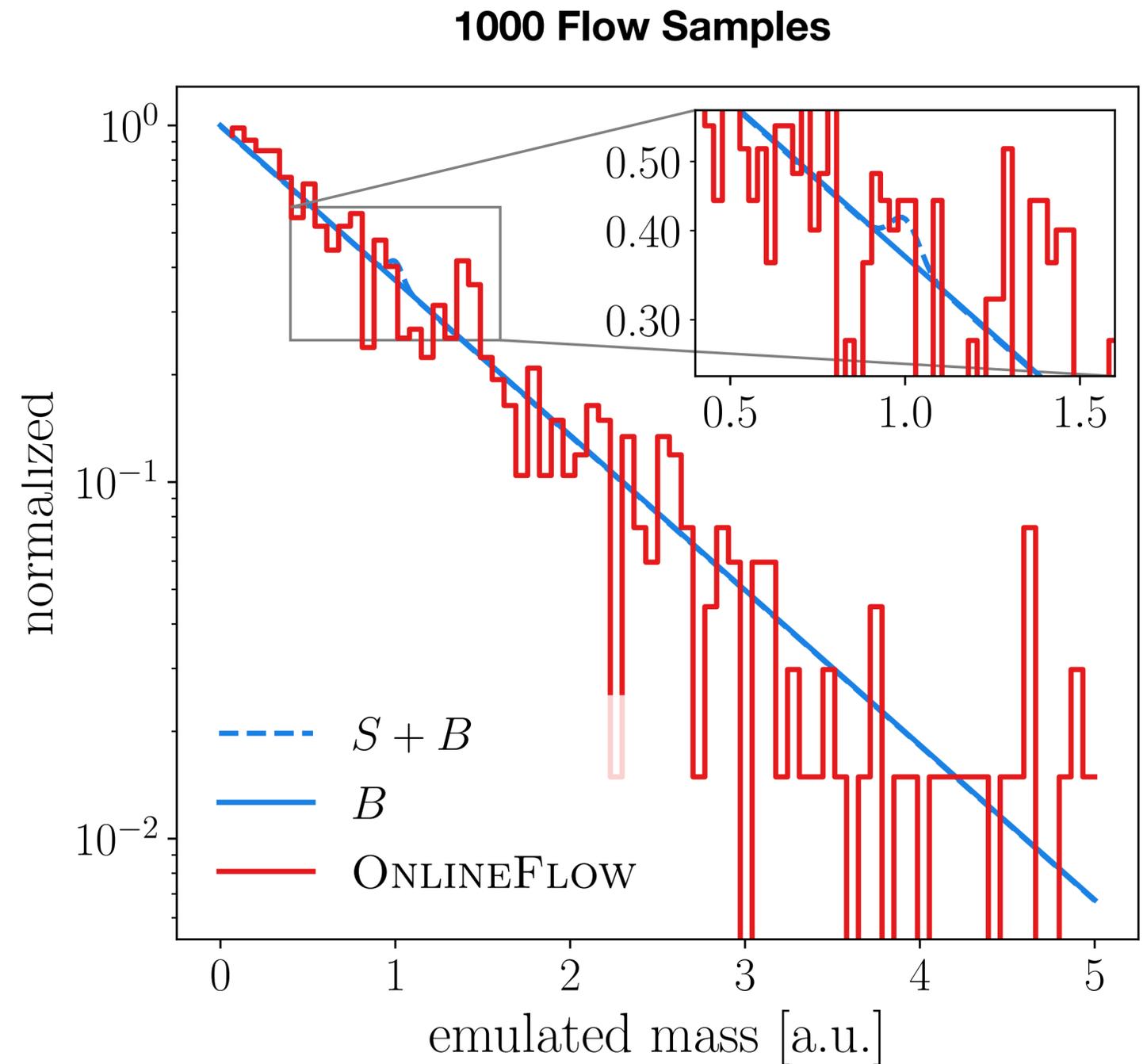
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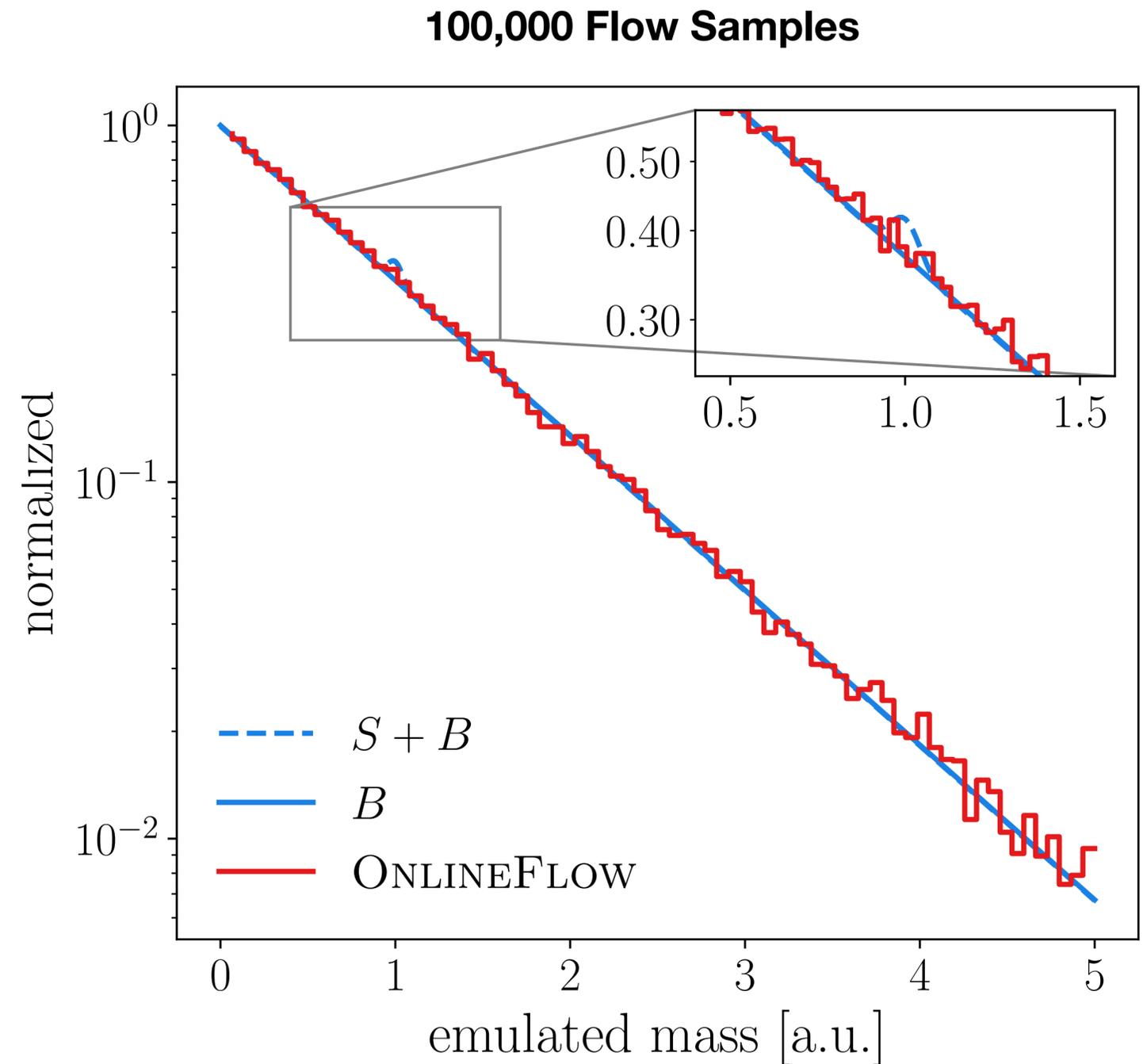
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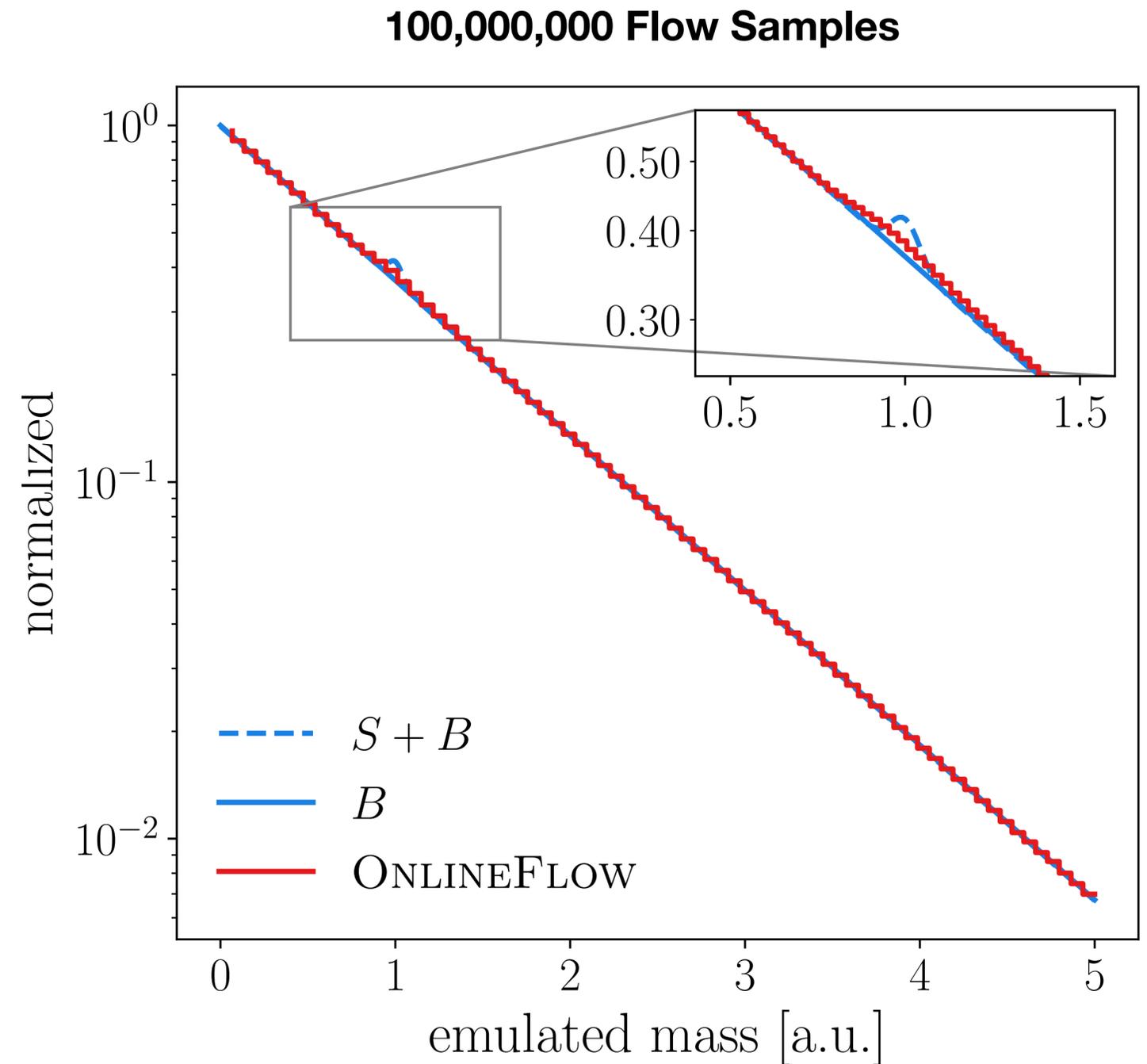
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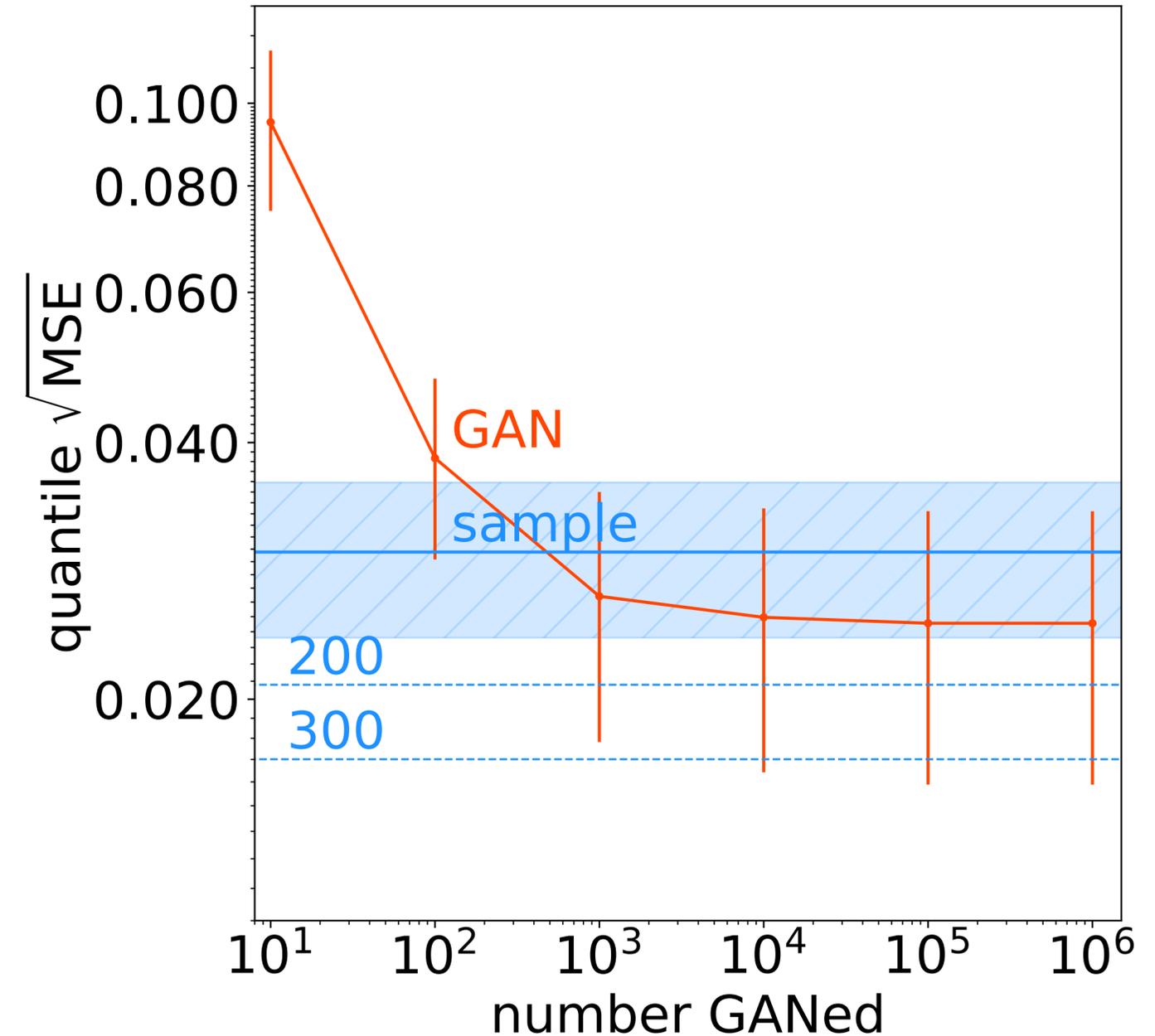
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    - More samples  $\neq$  smaller error
    - No Poisson error
    - Systematic errors dominant

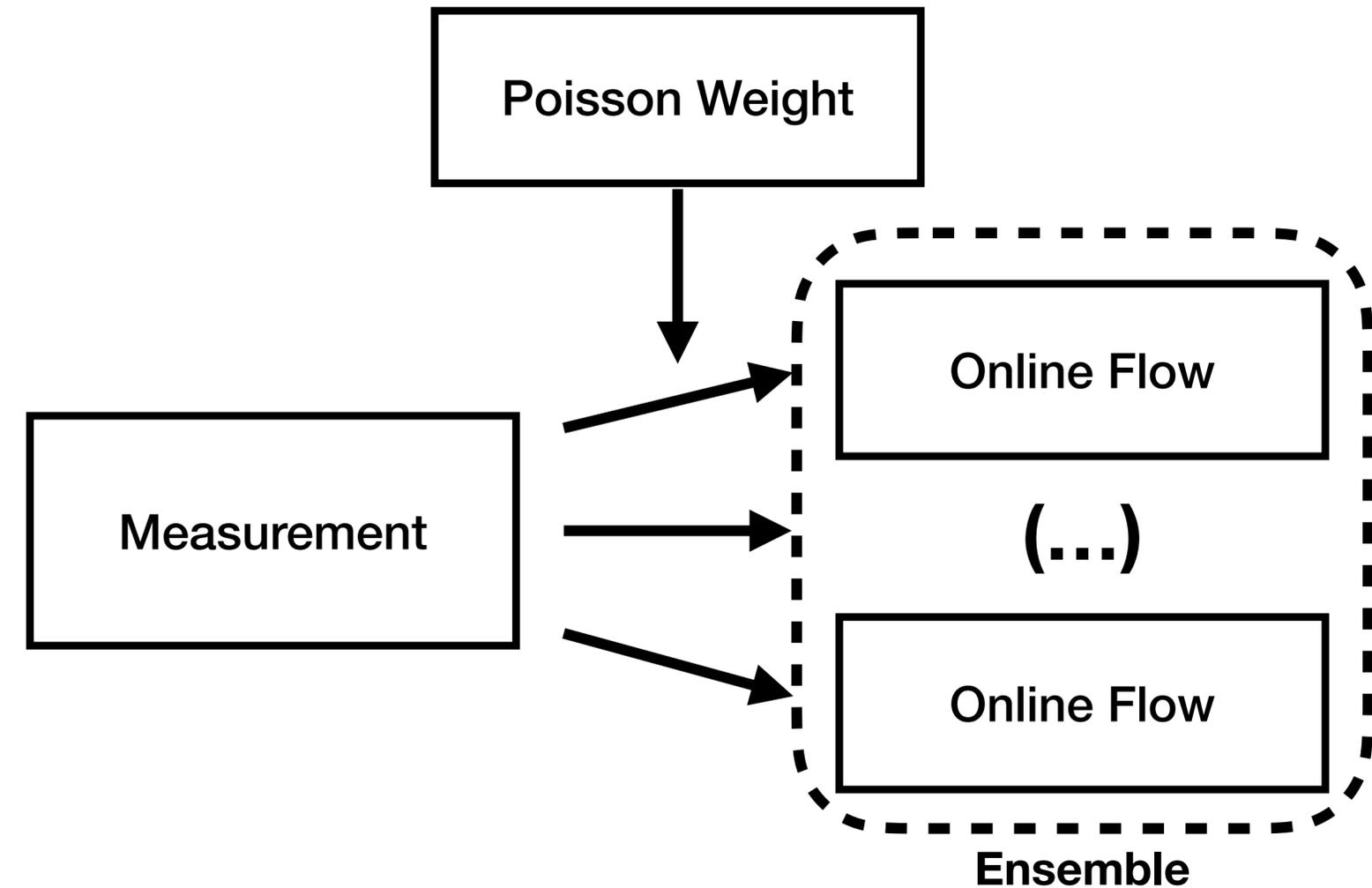


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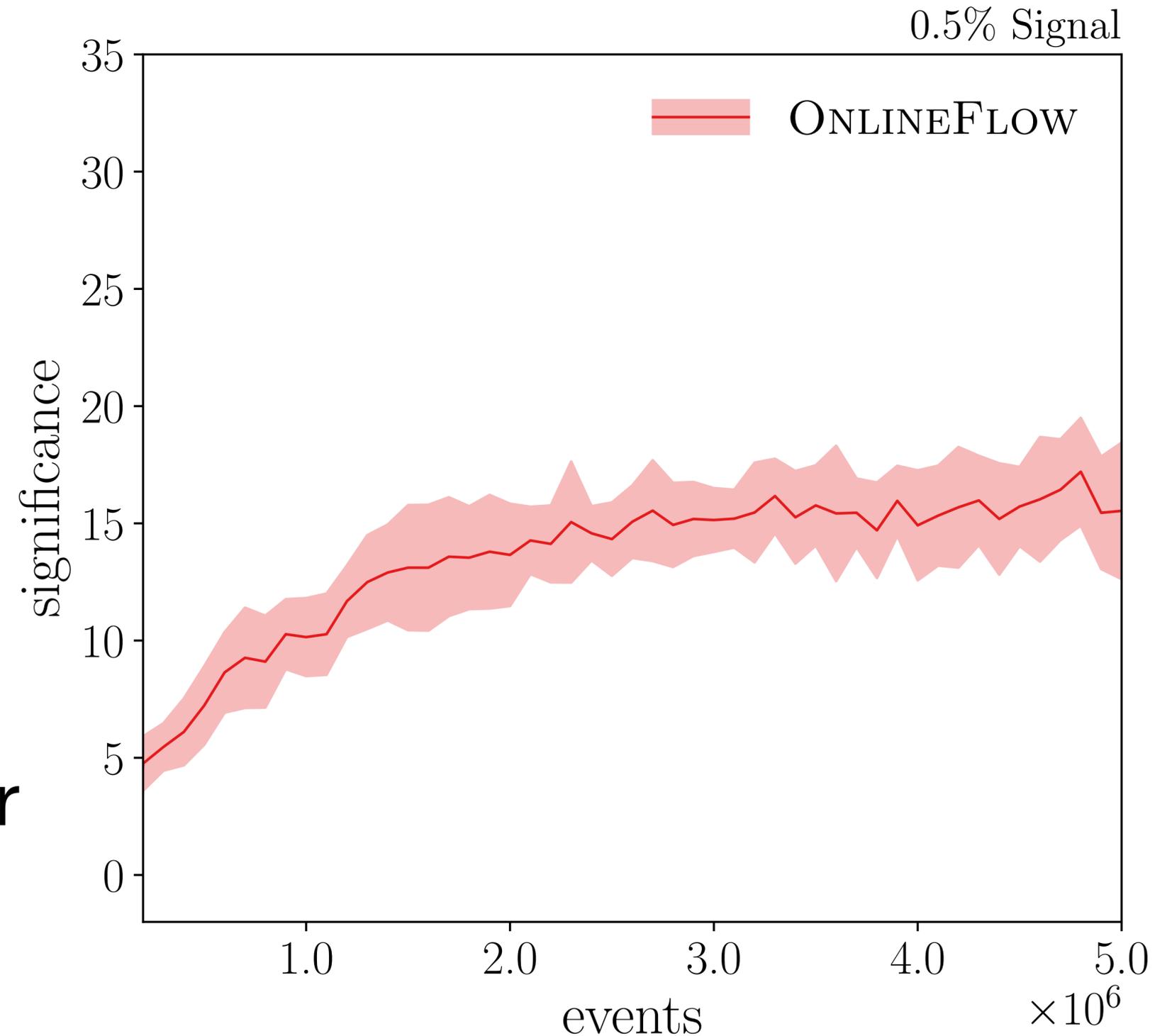
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- Train **bootstrap ensemble of Flows**
  - Pass resampled version of dataset to each flow
  - Emulate online with Poisson weight for each event
- Compare flows within ensemble
  - Estimate uncertainty



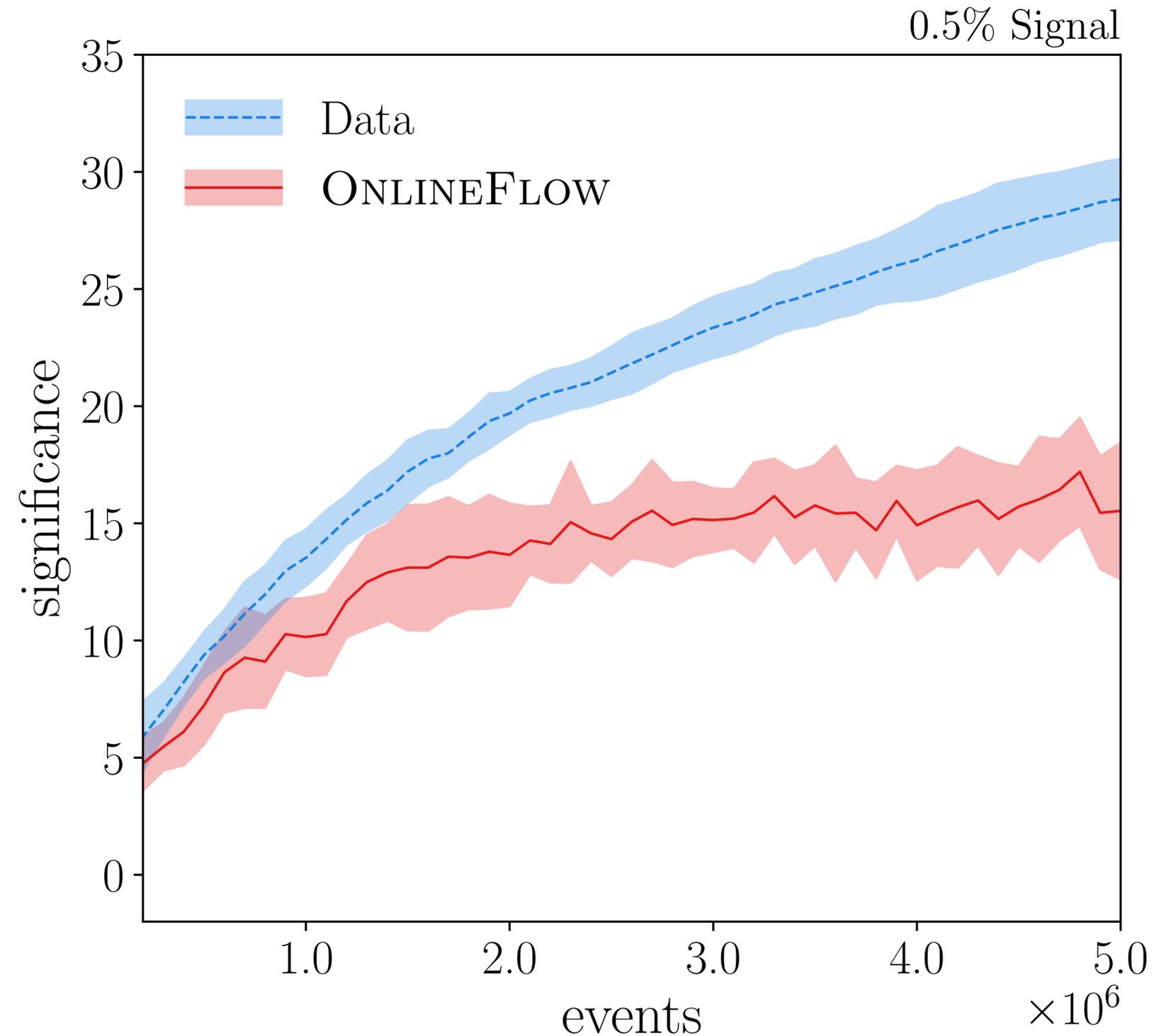
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- Use half the ensemble to estimate bump position
- Use other half to determine signal rate
- Built in cross-check
- Estimate uncertainty form variance
- Plot as function of the number of events to see development



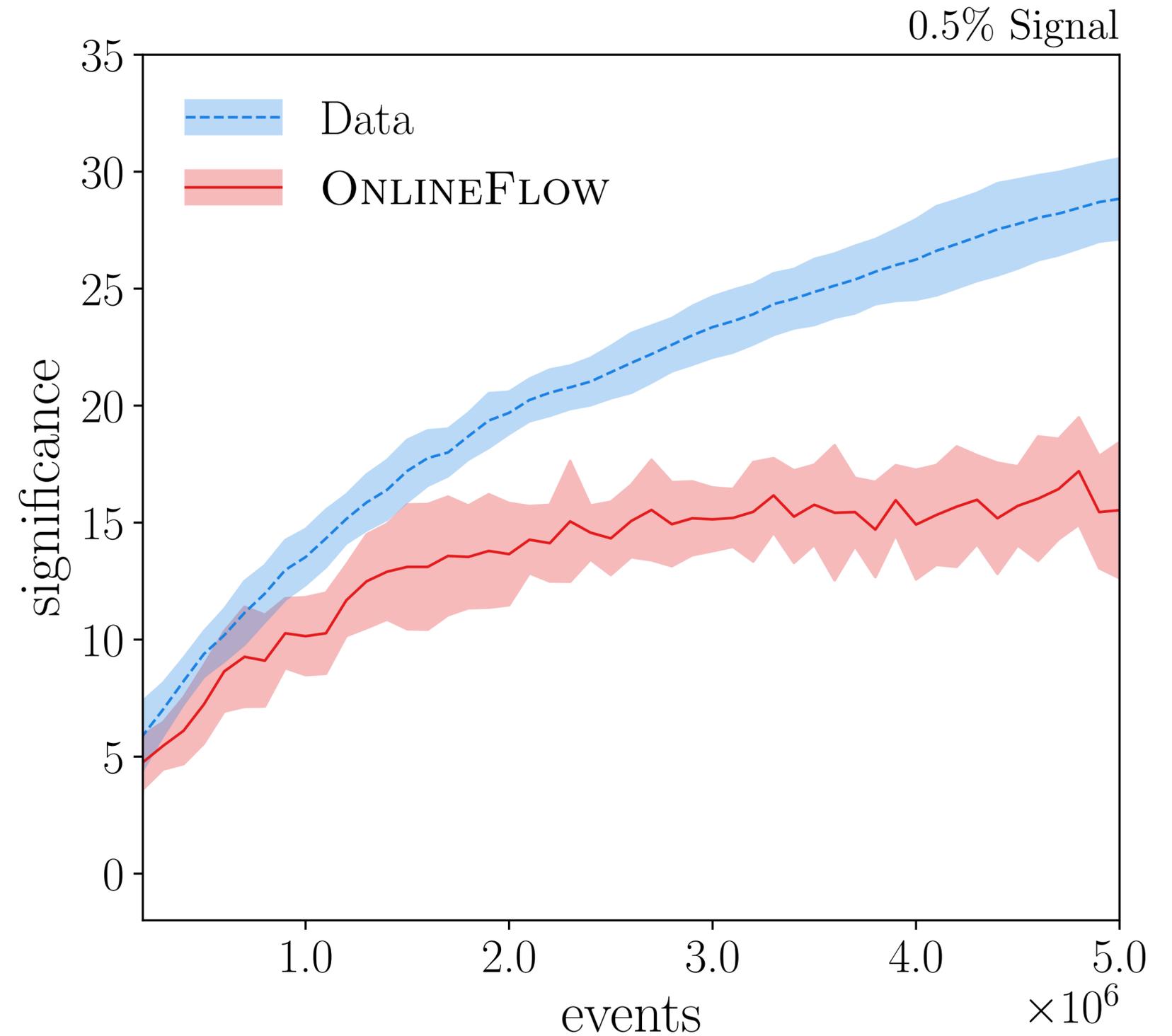
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- Run same analysis in the training data itself
- Compare significance
- Flow similar shape as data
- Reaches high significance



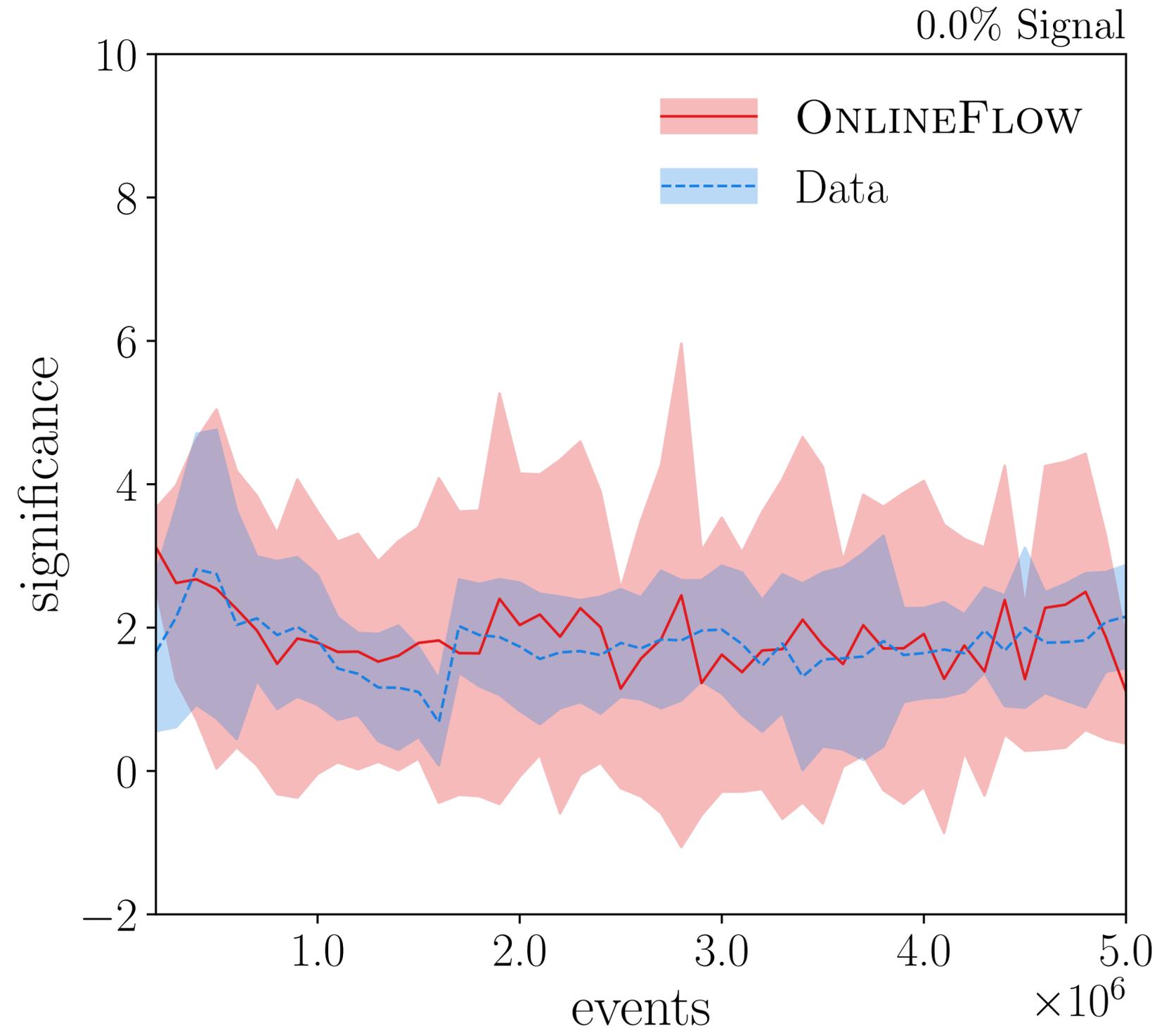
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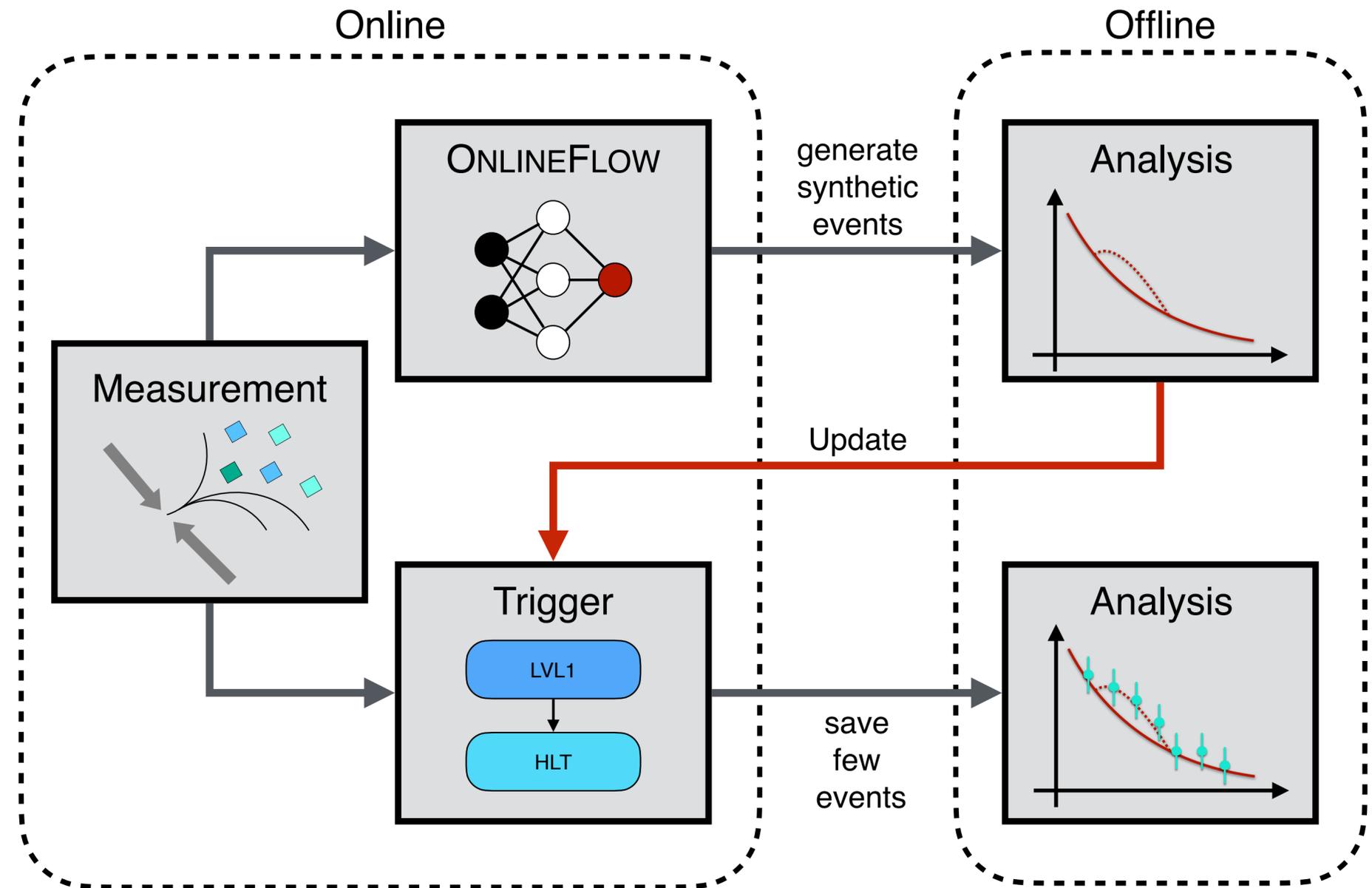
- False positives?
- Run same training on only background without signal
- Negligible significance in direct search
- Flow significance nearly identical



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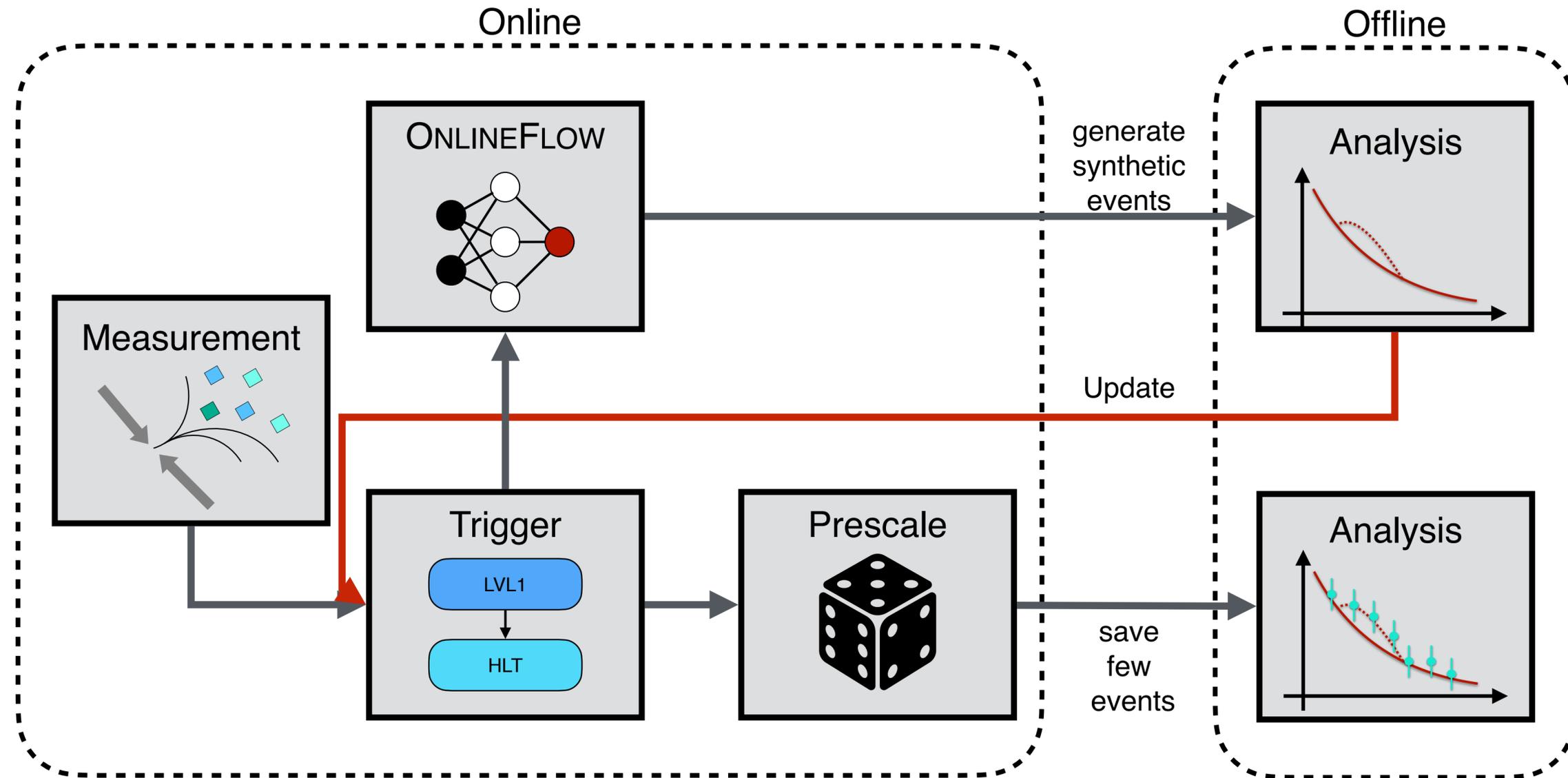
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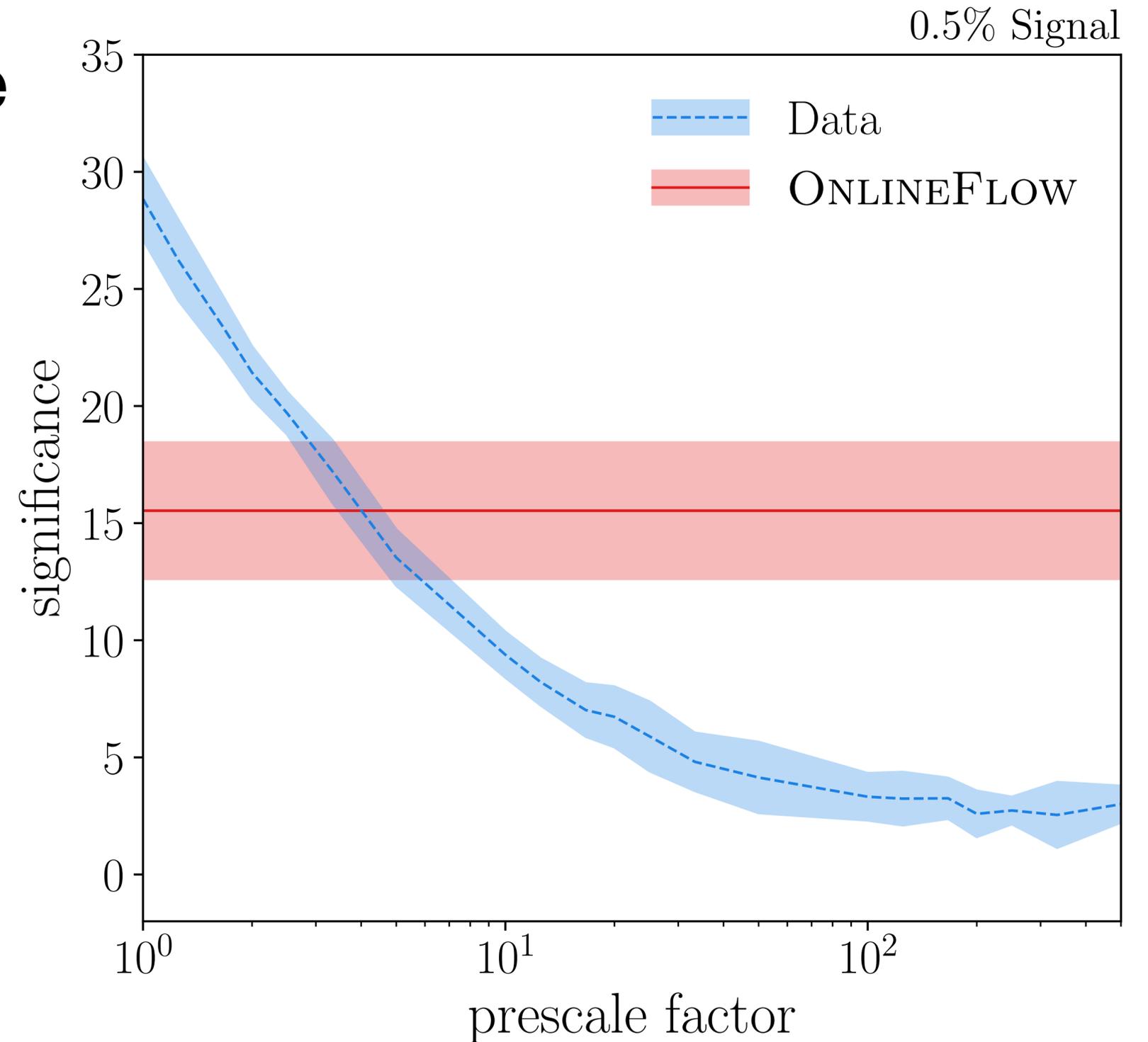
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- Too high rates even after trigger
- Apply prescale
- Randomly select events to save
- 1/prescale chance to keep event

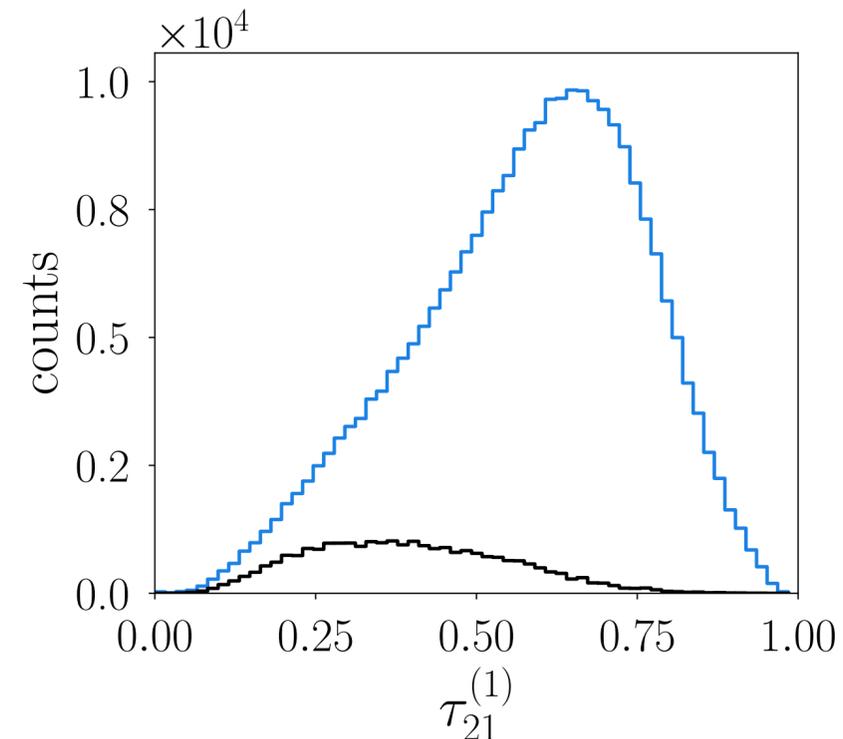
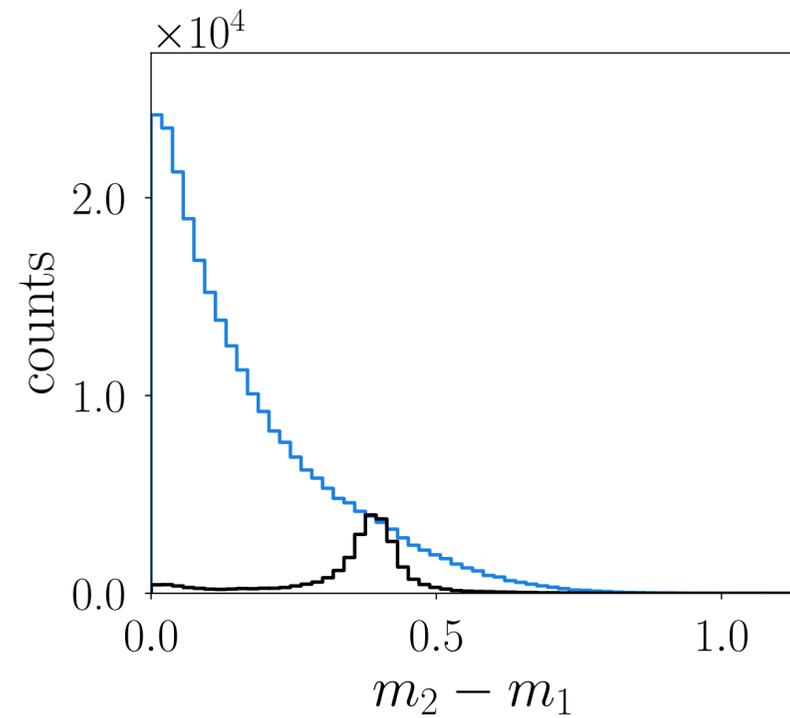
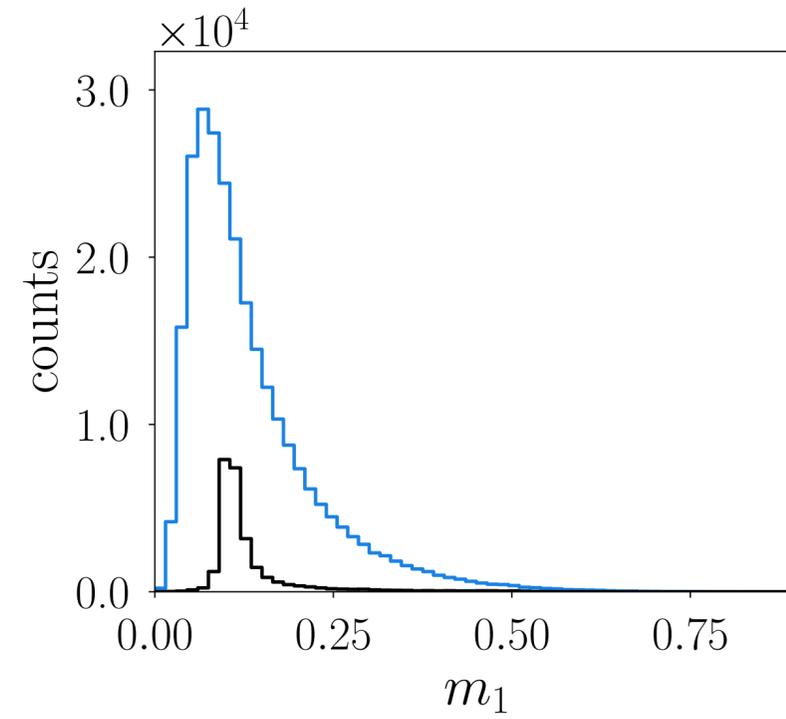
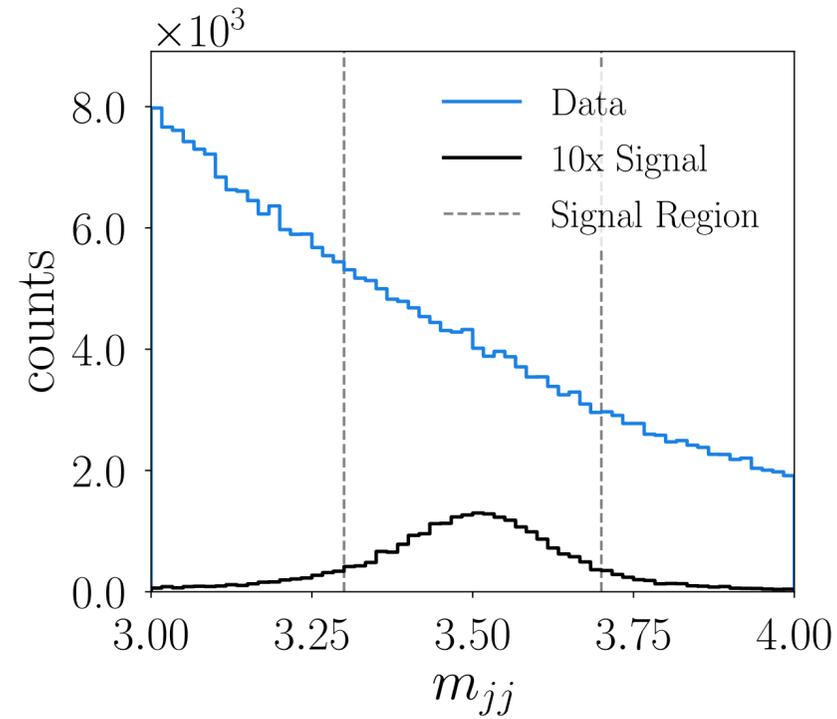


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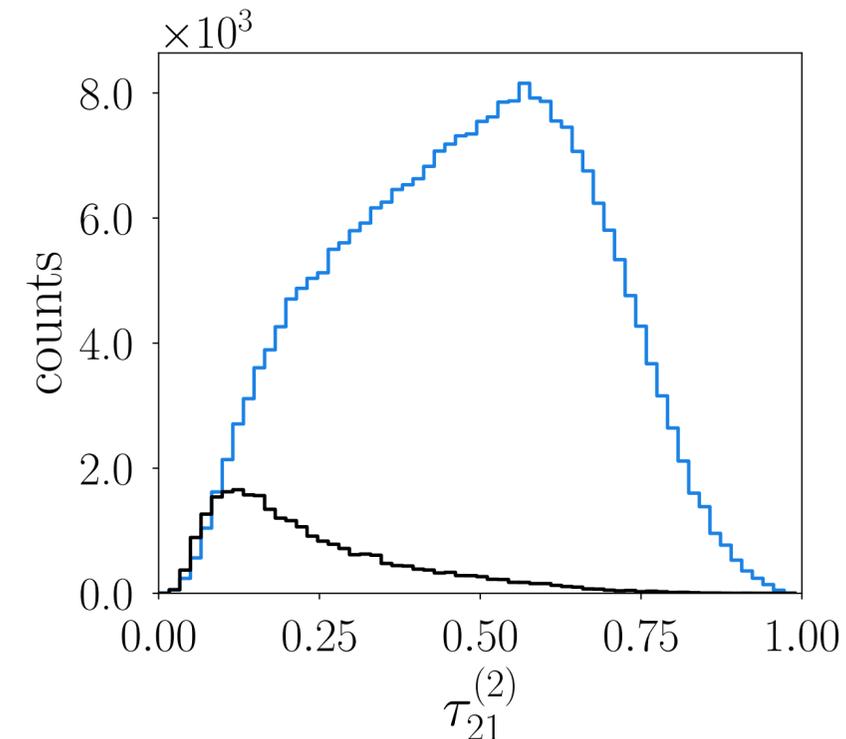
- At what prescale factor do we benefit from the Flow?
- Quite early
- Factor of around 4
- Very promising in 1D



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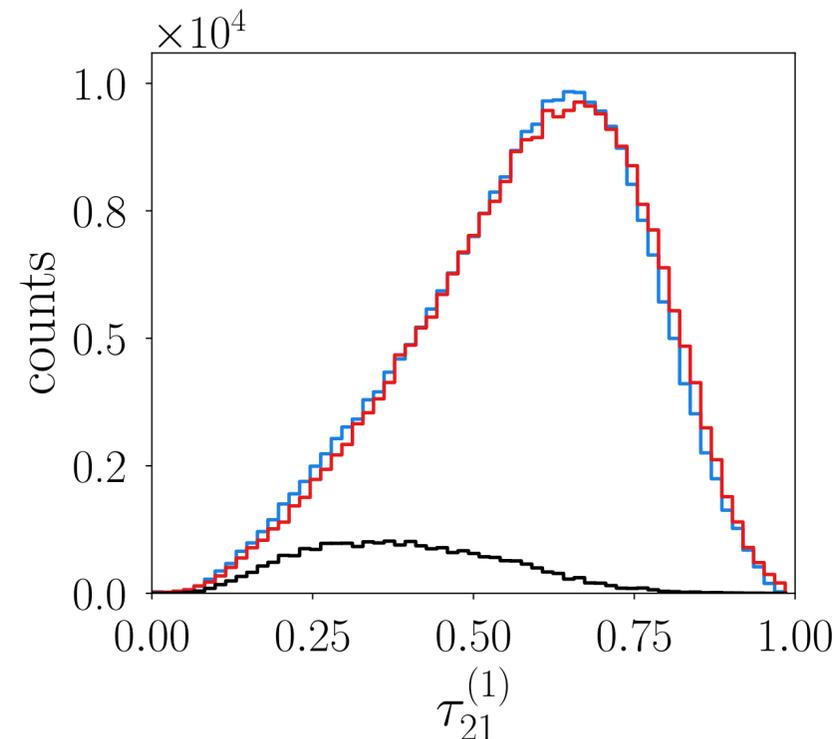
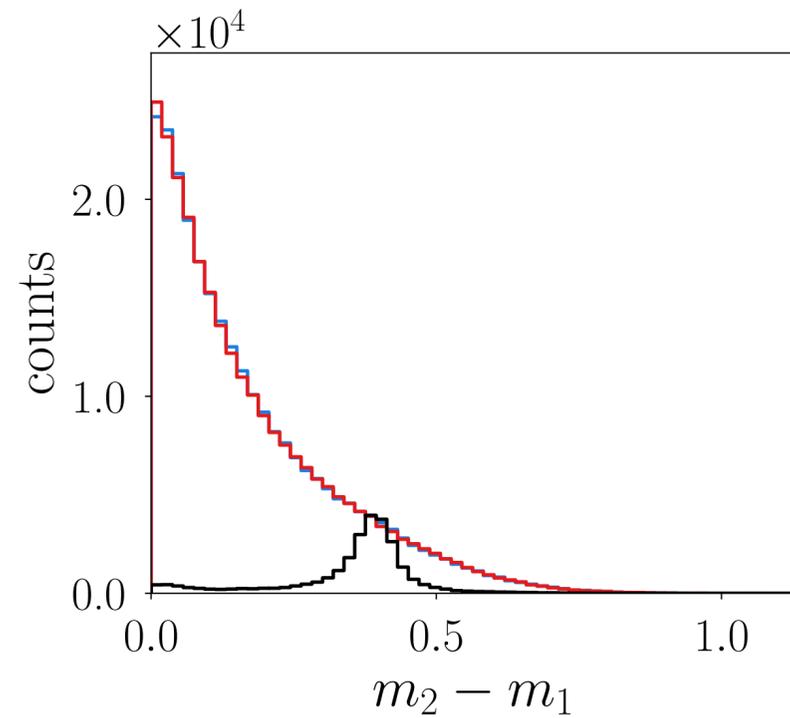
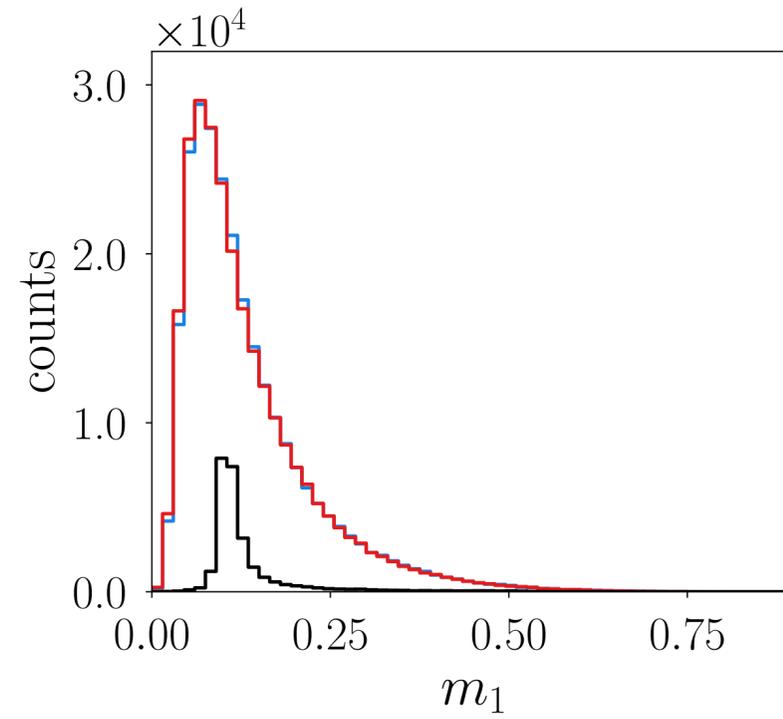
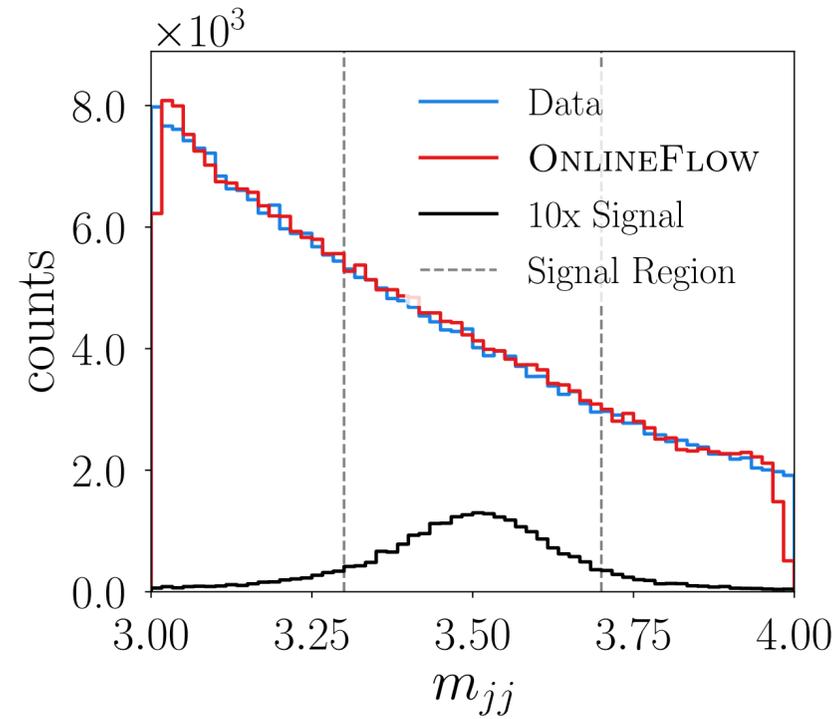


- LHCO Challenge dataset
- Realistic physics case for anomaly detection
- Use state-of-the-art anomaly detection input format

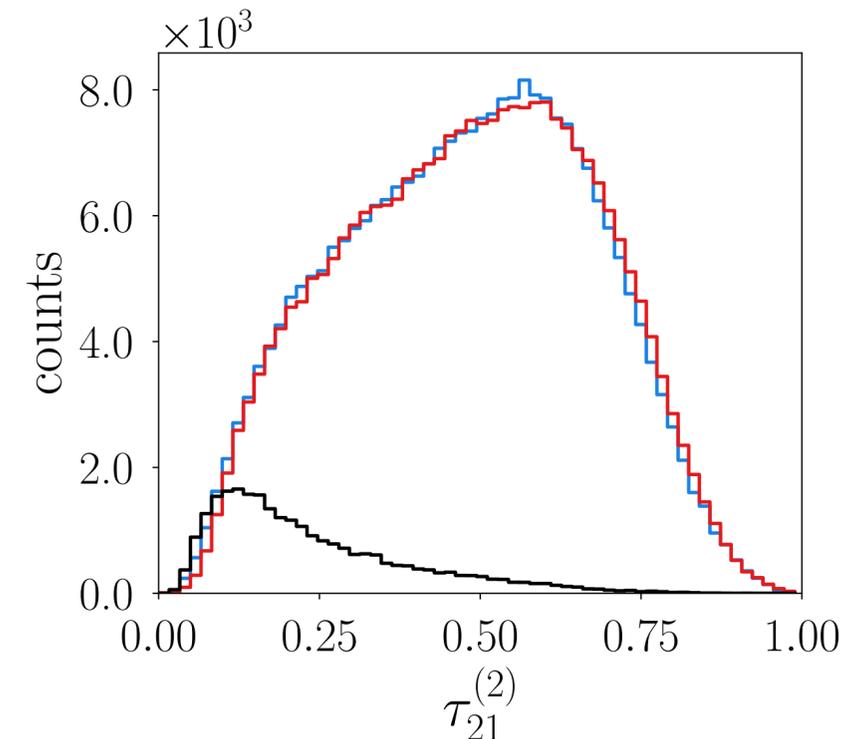


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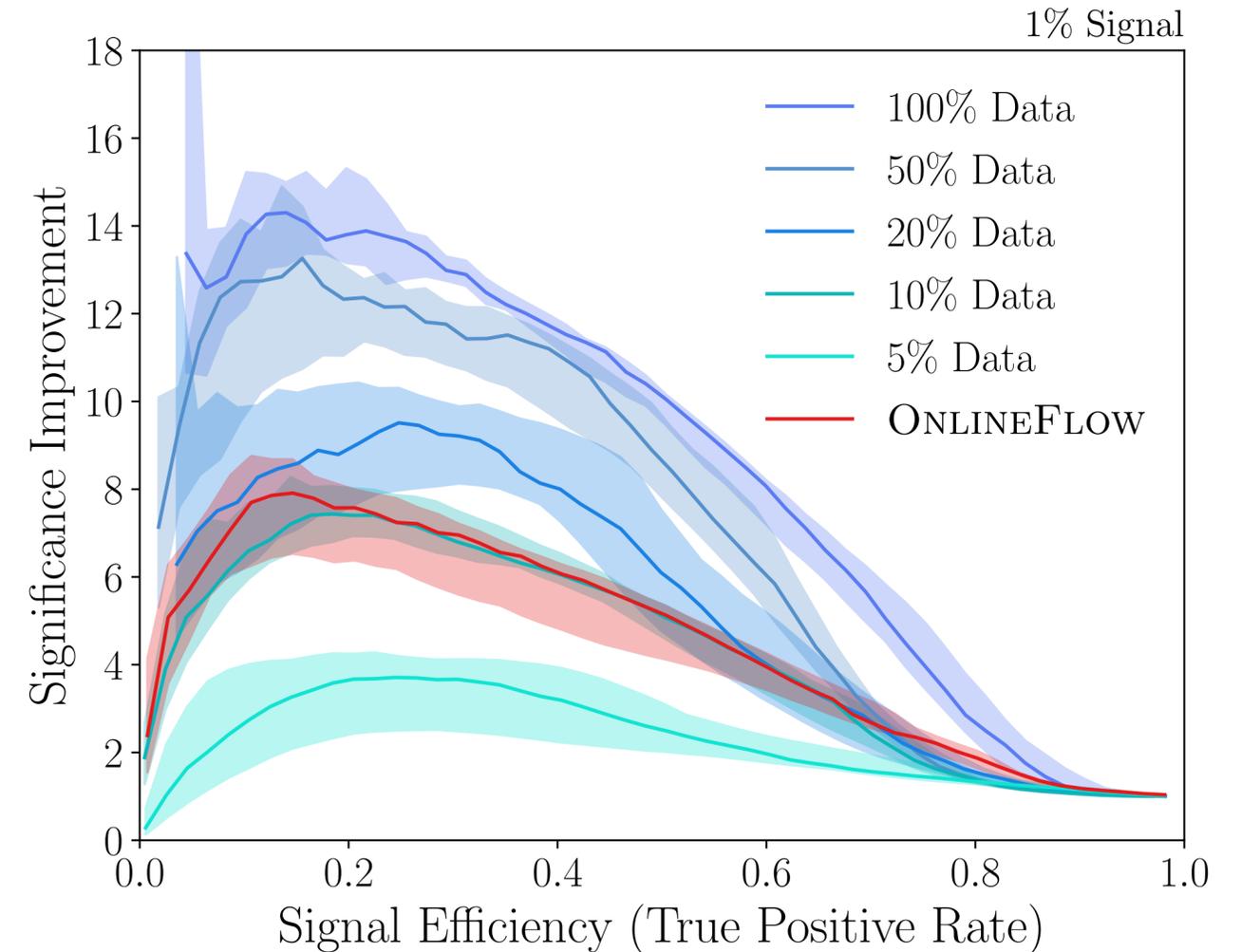
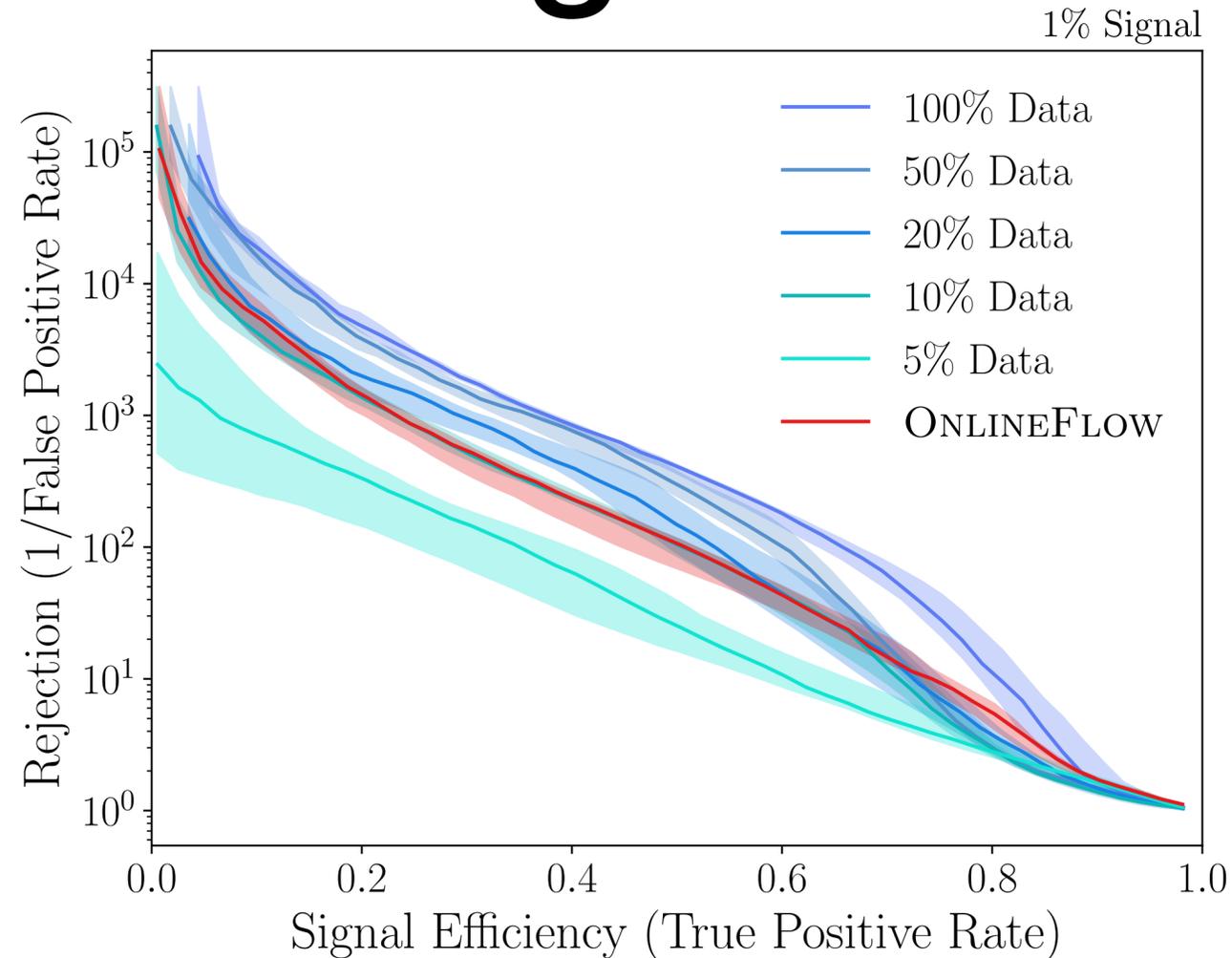


- Train flow on LHCO data
- Run anomaly detection setup on flow data
- Compare to running on training data itself



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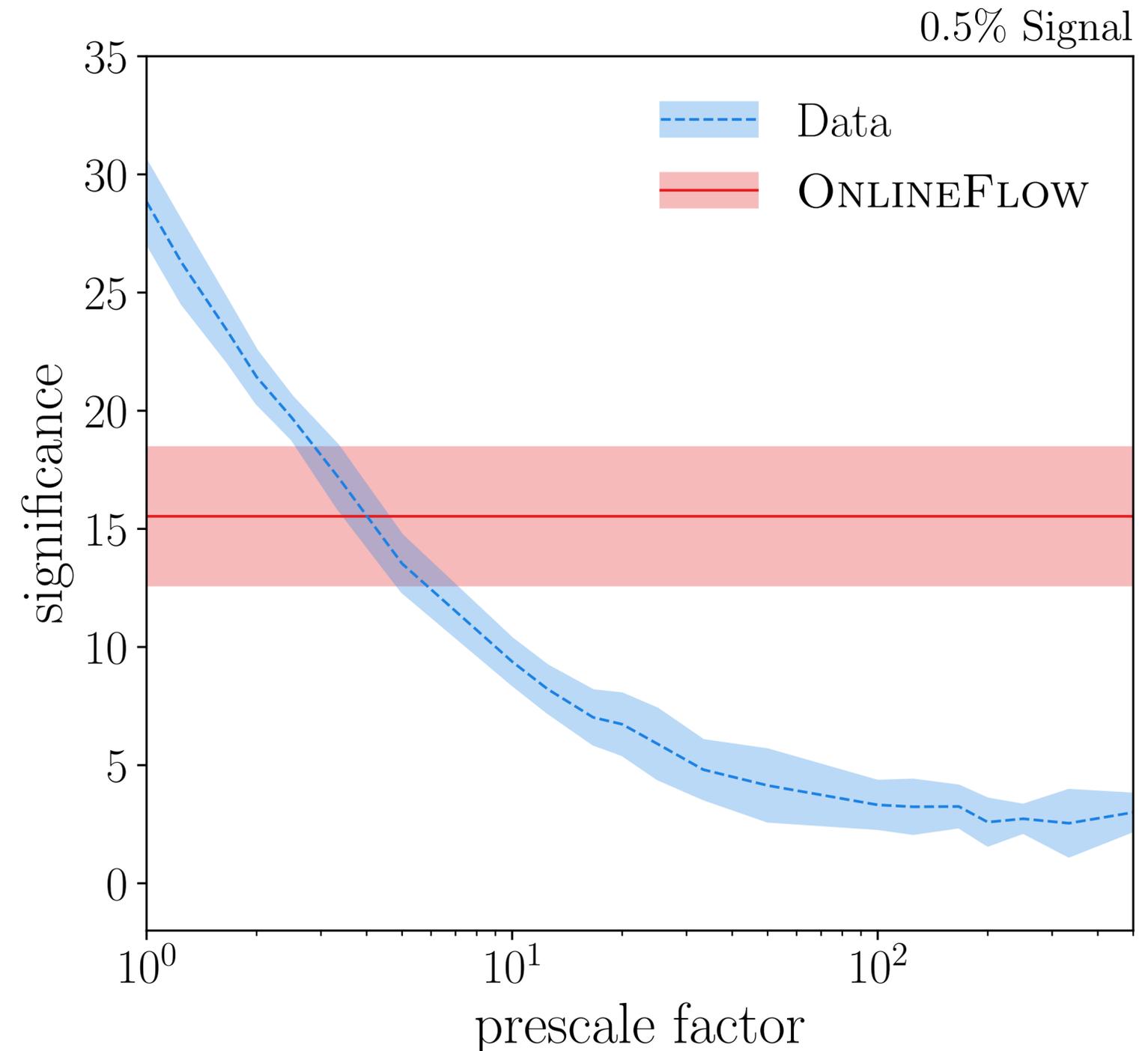
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- ROC and SIC curves, larger Rejection/Improvement is better
- Flow data performs about as well as 10% of the training data
- Still gain benefit if perscale factor is 10 or larger

# Conclusion

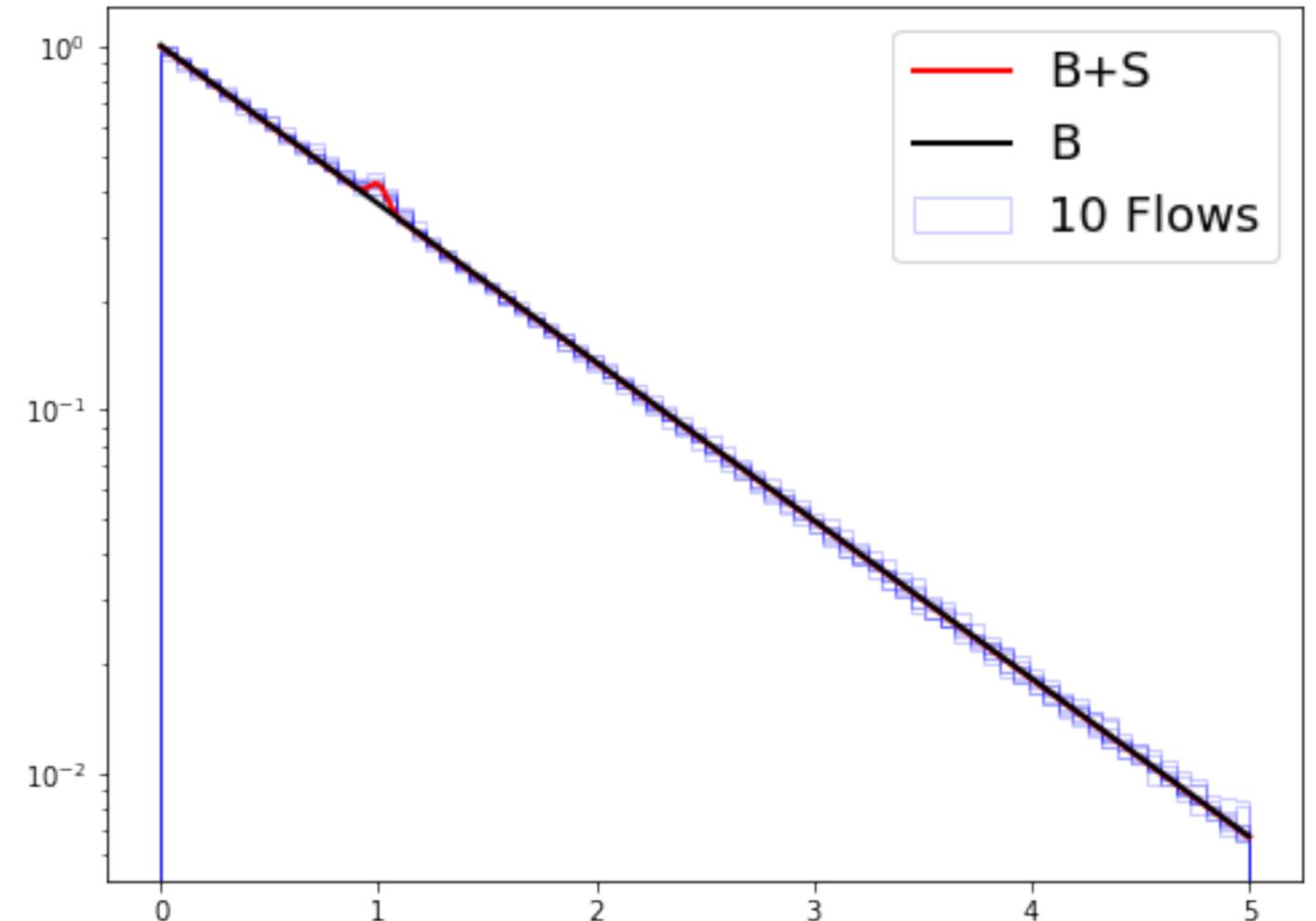
- Tested OnlineFlow approach on 1D proof-of-concept data
- Promising Results
- Higher dimensional case:
  - Can extract signal features from LHCO challenge dataset
- Paper (hopefully) soon!



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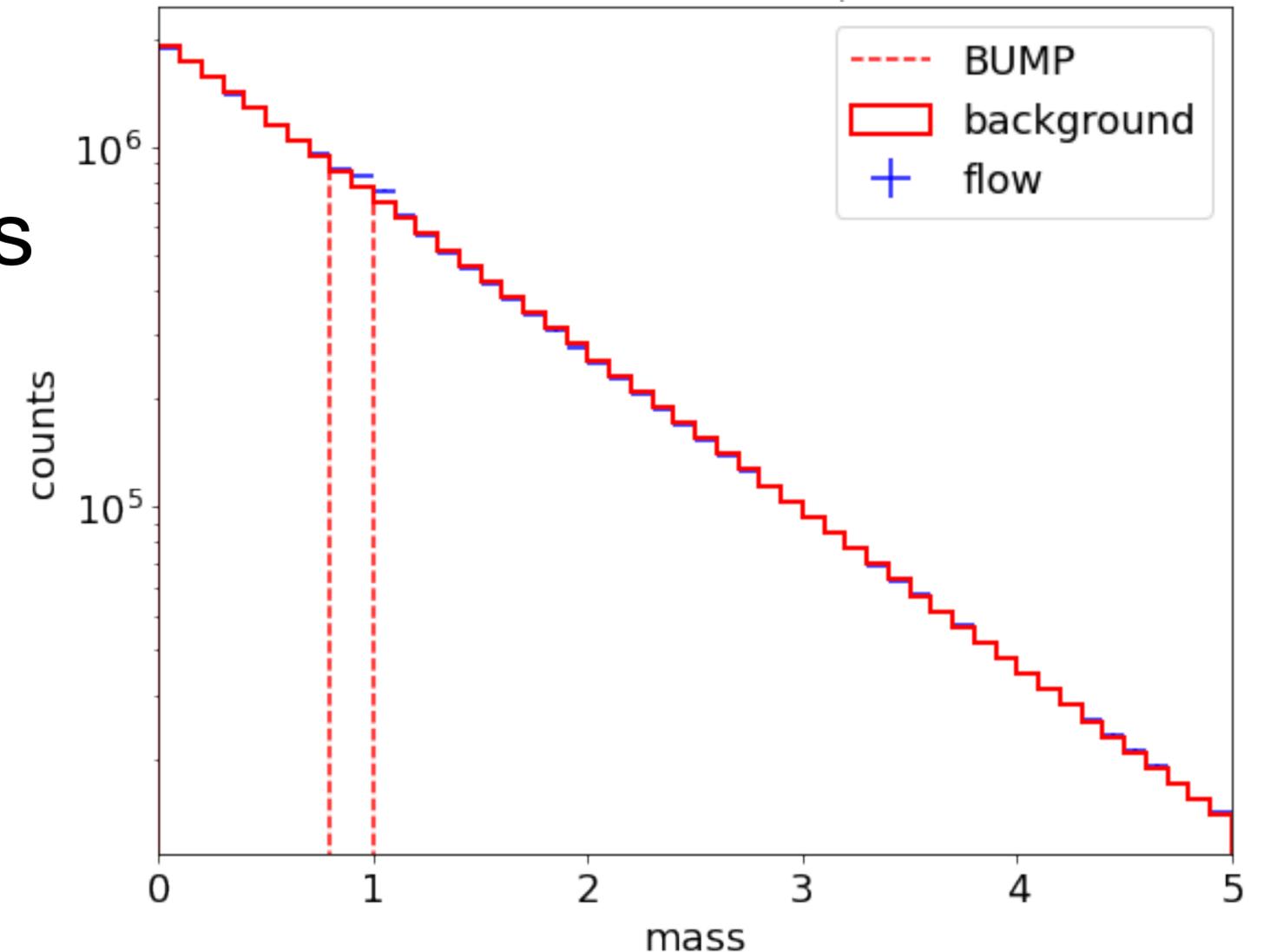
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- Train **ensemble** of Flows
  - Same underlying distribution
  - Independant data points
- Lets us estimate systematic uncertainty
- Allows for easy parallelised training



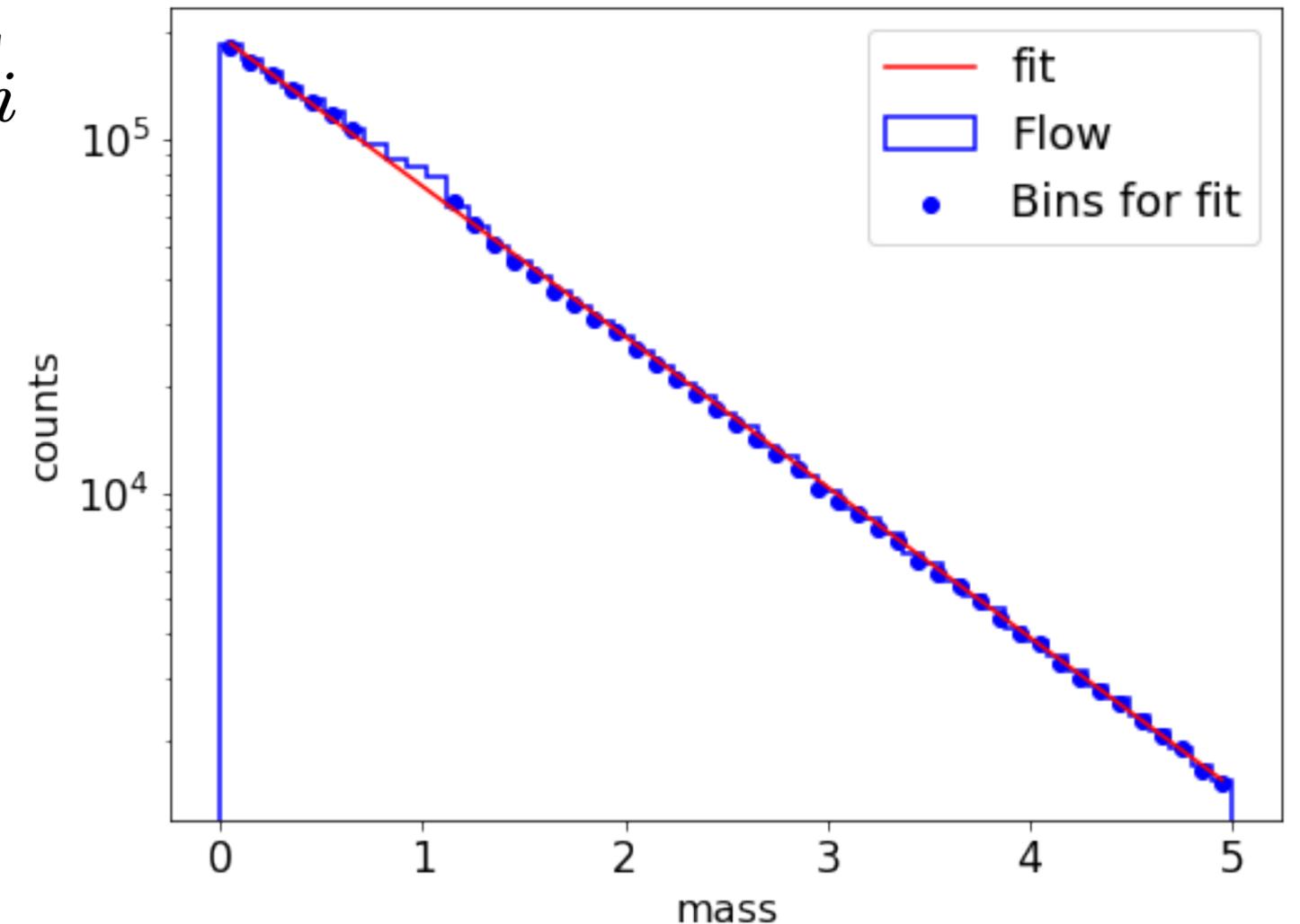
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- Uncertainty estimate:
- Step 1:
  - Look at **combined** flow samples
  - Run bump-hunt
  - Get upper and lower bound for signal region



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- Step 2:
  - Look at each **individual** flow  $F_i$  out of  $N$  flows in ensemble
  - Generate samples from  $F_i$
  - Fit background model on samples excluding signal region from step 1
  - Get  $B_i$  and  $(S + B)_i$  in signal region



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- Step 3:

- Calculate  $B = \sum_i^N B_i$  and  $\delta B = \text{std}(B_i)\sqrt{N}$
- Calculate  $(S + B)$  and  $\delta(S + B)$  equivalently

- From this get  $S'$  and  $\delta S'$

- Significance:  $\frac{S'}{\sqrt{(\delta S')^2 + B}}$

**Systematic error  
via ensemble**

**Statistical error**