



Tracking with ML



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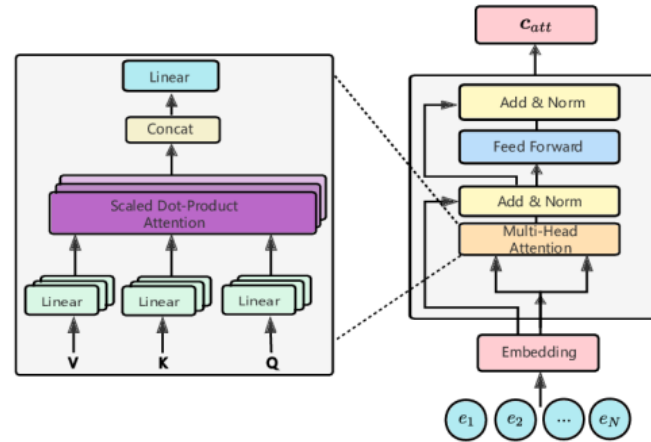


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TrackFormer

- **Transformer for track parameter regression**
- **Tested on several dataset: ToyTracks, Acts, TrackML**
- **Regression in pt and pz**
- **Shown promising results**



Sequences were padded to a fixed length

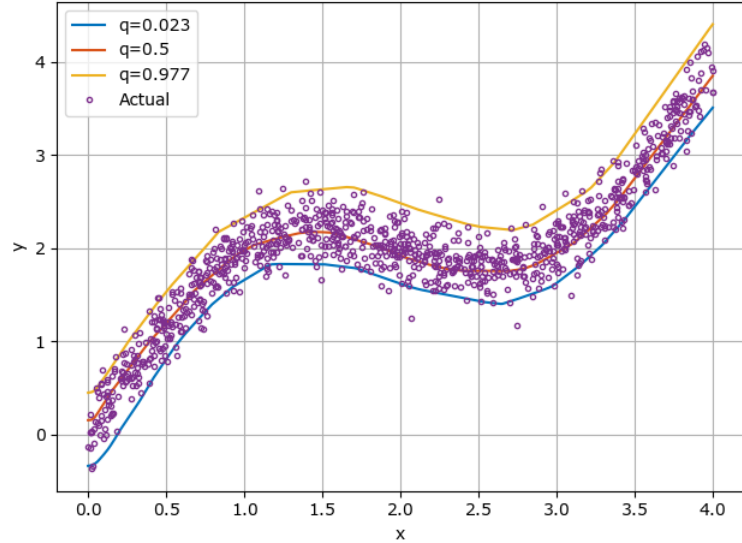
TrackFormer loss functions

Mean squared error:

$$\text{MSE} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2$$

Quantile loss:

$$\text{QL} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (\max(q(y_i - \hat{y}_i), (q - 1)(y_i - \hat{y}_i)))$$

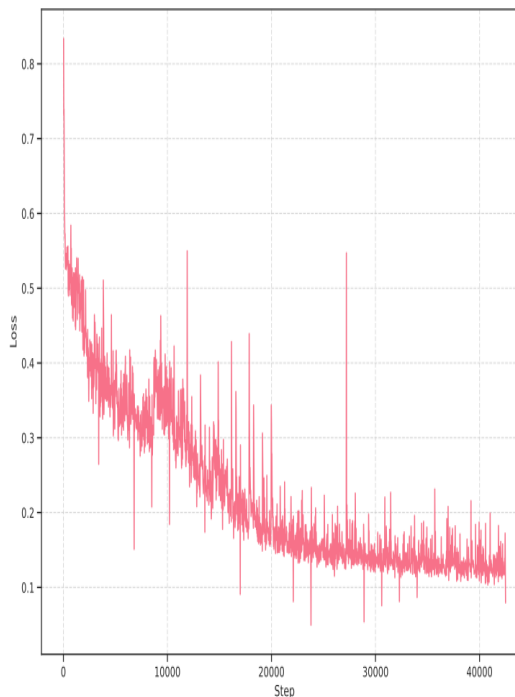


TrackFormer training

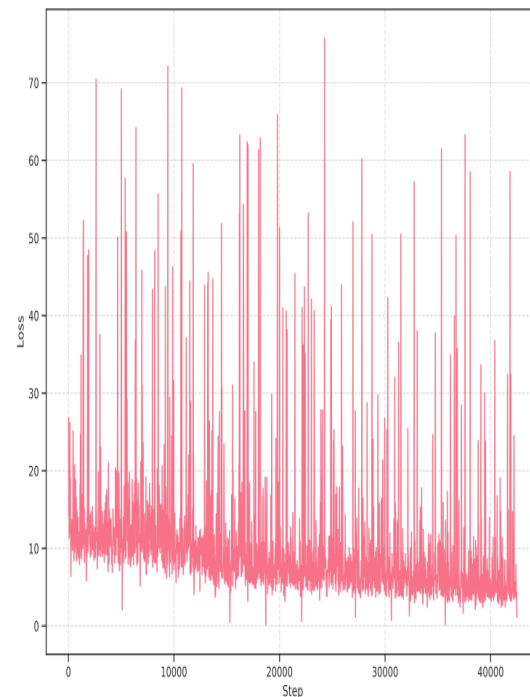
• TrackML dataset

By far, this aspect presented the most challenges. When performing 'on-the-fly' preprocessing and data loading, a significant hurdle was the long training time of 23 hours for 20 epochs. This was problematic because transformers are well-known for their speed and performance advantages. However, it became apparent that the transformer was not utilising its full capabilities. Firstly, even with a large model having 22 million parameters, the GPU was not being fully utilised, which was a clear indication that something was amiss. Instead, the next best option was to use the main memory and optimise data loading with PyTorch functions such as pinned memory and persistent workers. This resulted in a dramatic speedup, with training time reduced to 30 minutes for 50 epochs—a 48x speedup. This also ensured more efficient use of GPU resources, with GPU utilisation remaining at a constant 97% throughout training. In contrast, the earlier loading method caused GPU utilization to fluctuate between 0% and 100%, mostly staying at 0% due to training waiting for data retrieval.

However, this approach has its limitations. Loading an entire dataset into main memory is not always feasible due to the resource-intensive nature of this process, requiring over 50 GB of CPU RAM for large datasets. This presents an opportunity to develop a custom data-loading pipeline that strikes a balance between on-the-fly preprocessing and loading data into GPU RAM. Additionally, it was found that batch size played a crucial role in stabilising training, with an optimal batch size determined to be around 3,000.

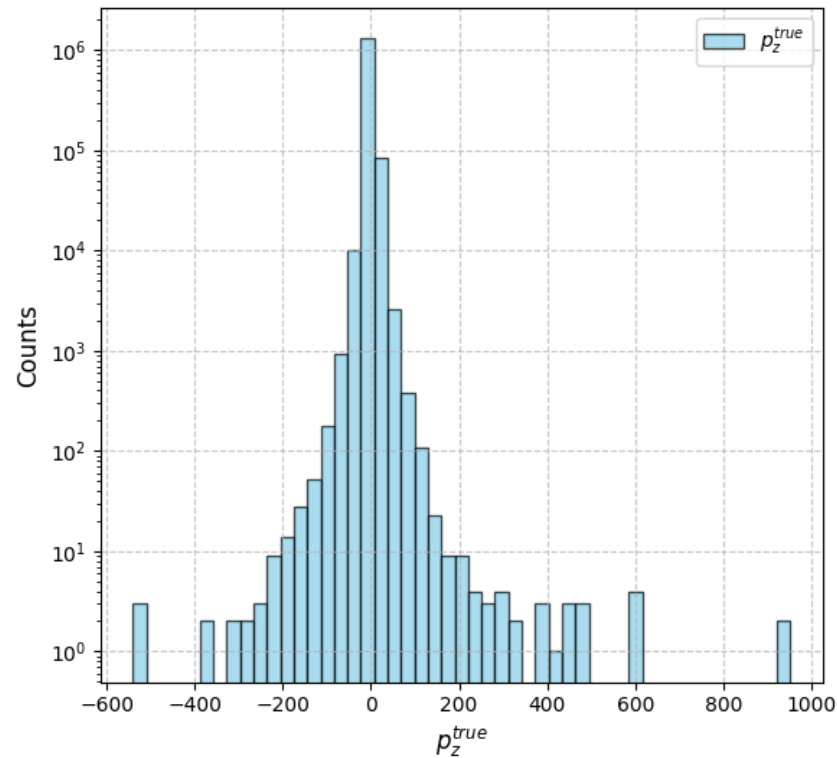
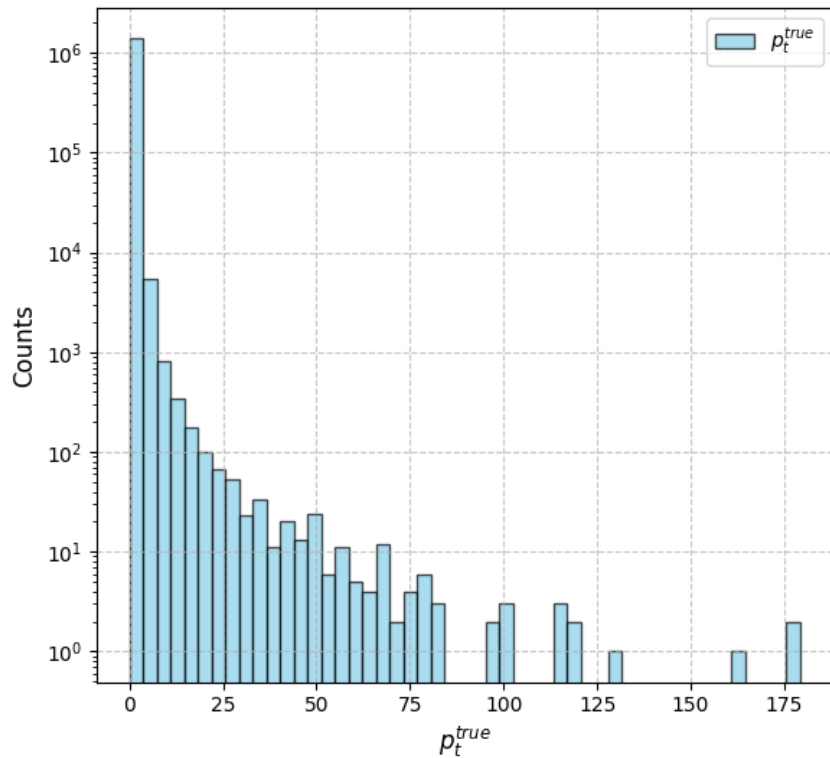


(a) Transformer train quantile Loss



(b) Transformer MSE train Loss

Target variables



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$$|p_t^{true} - p_t^{pred}| / p_t^{true}$$

Relative Error Distributions

Metric	Transformer MSE	Transformer Qloss
p_t MAE	0.2212 ± 0.0003	0.0718 ± 0.0004
p_z MAE	0.7048 ± 0.0018	0.4648 ± 0.0021

$$MAE = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n |y_i - \hat{y}_i|$$

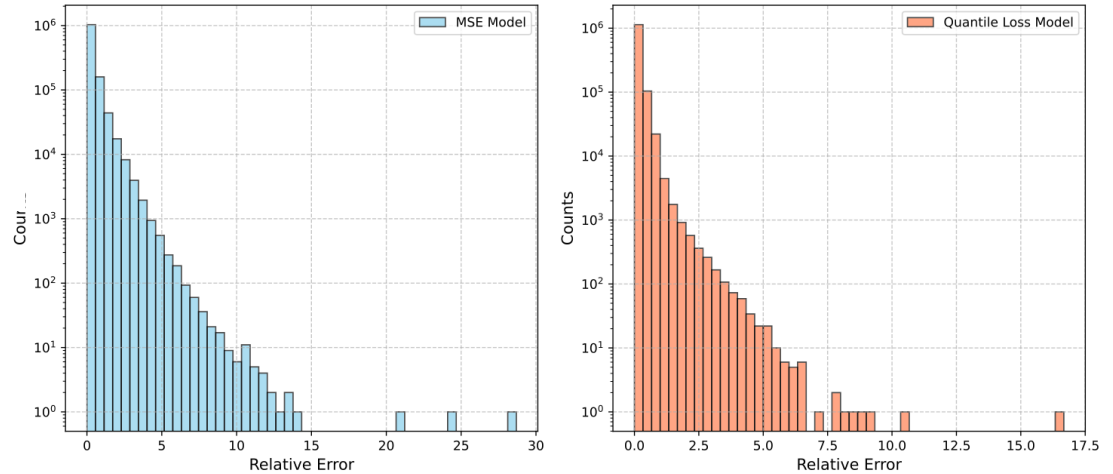


Figure 5.4: Distribution of the absolute error

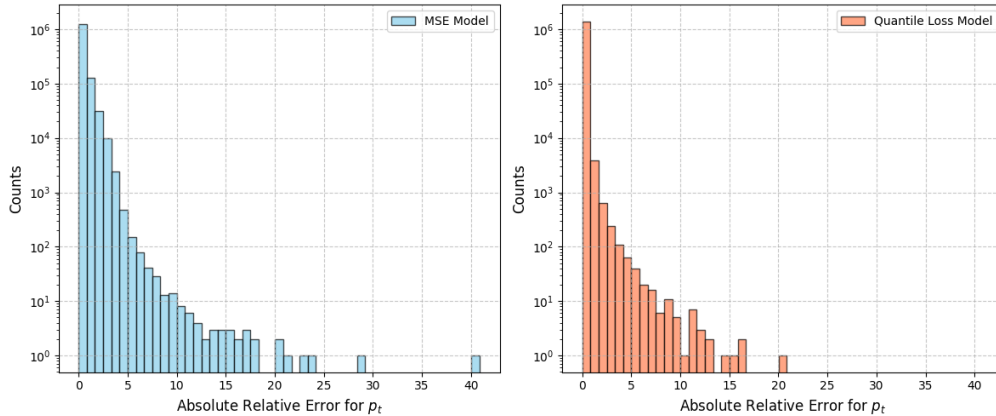
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Dataset used: TrackML first file (1770 events)

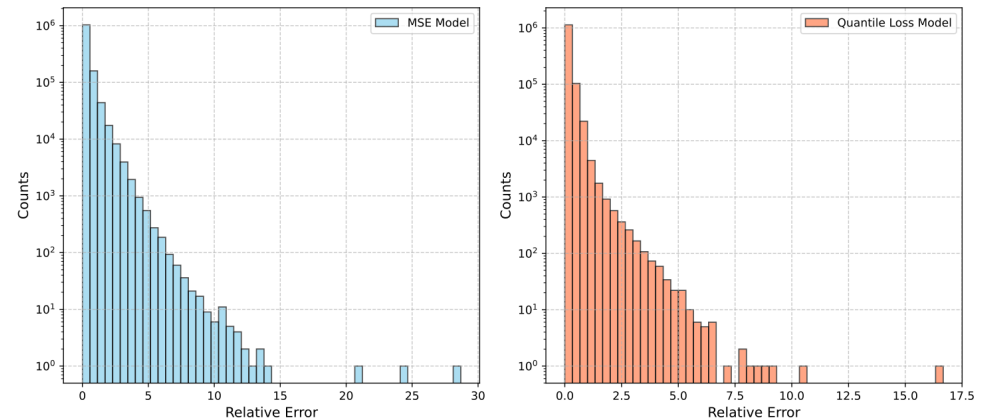
- training: ~11 222 272 particles
- Validation: ~1 334 272 particles
- Testing: 1 404 273 particles

$$\left| \frac{p_t^{true} - p_t^{pred}}{p_t^{true}} \right|$$

Absolute Relative Error Distributions for p_t



Relative Error Distributions



Mine

100 epochs

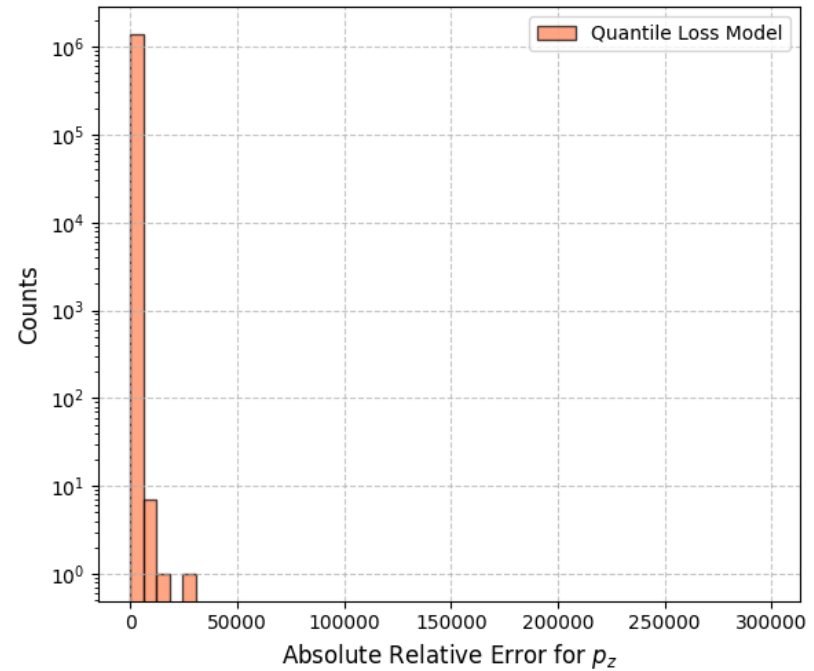
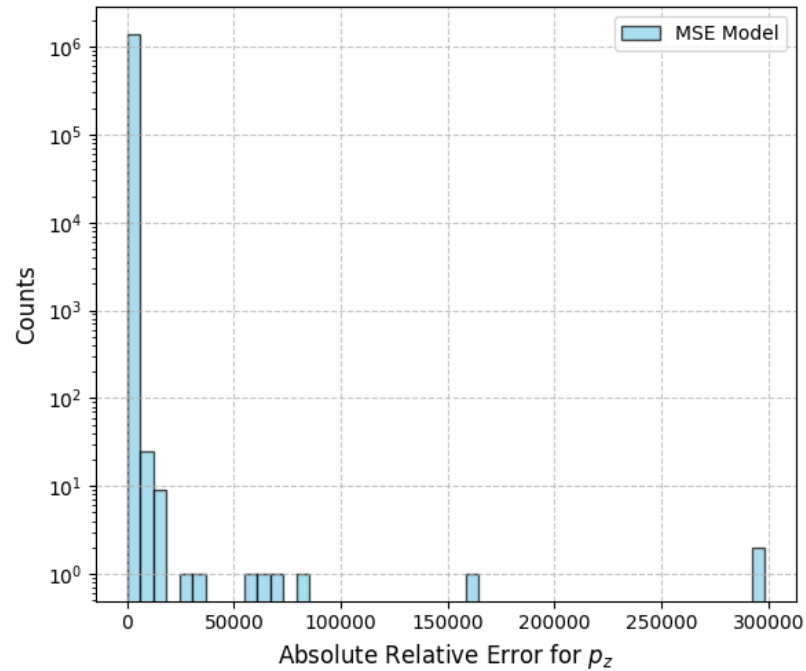
Figure 5.4: Distribution of the absolute error

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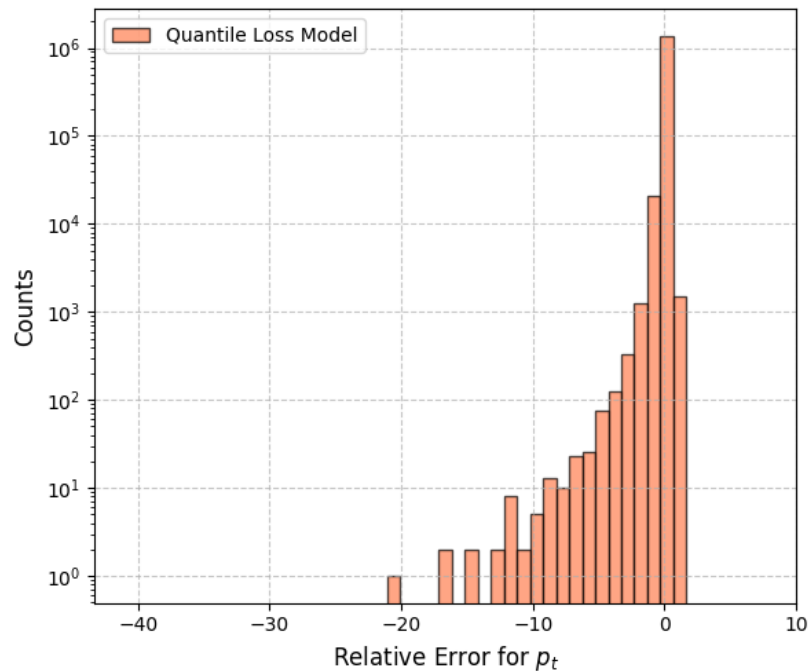
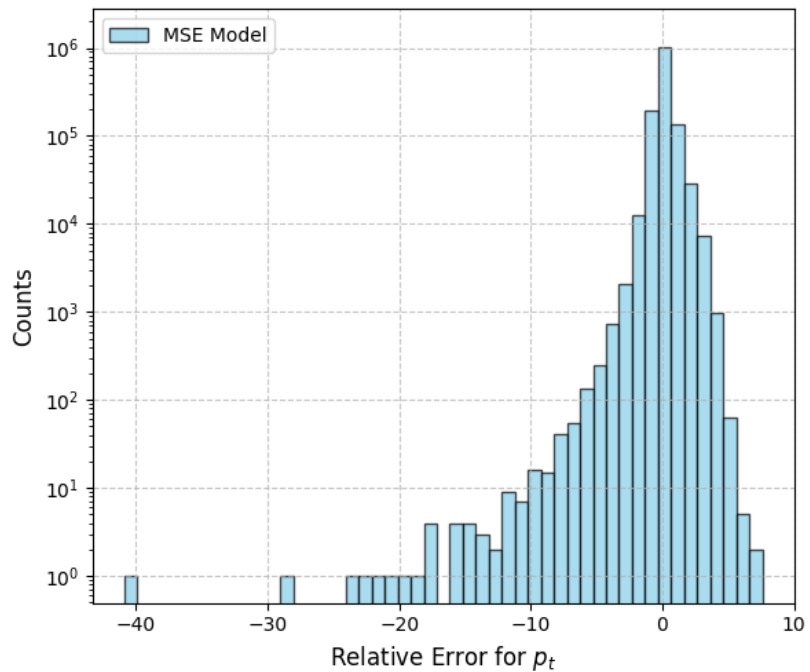
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Absolute Relative Error Distributions for p_z



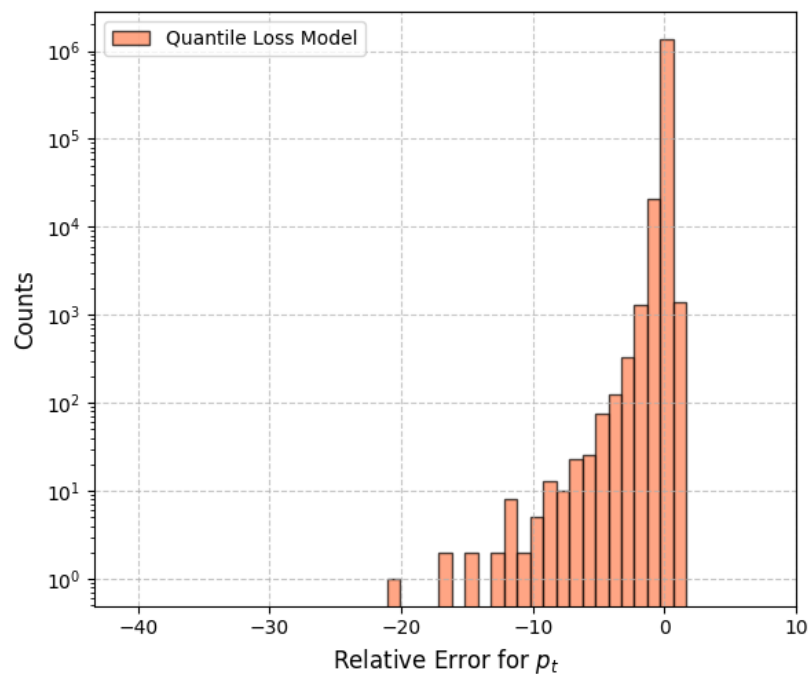
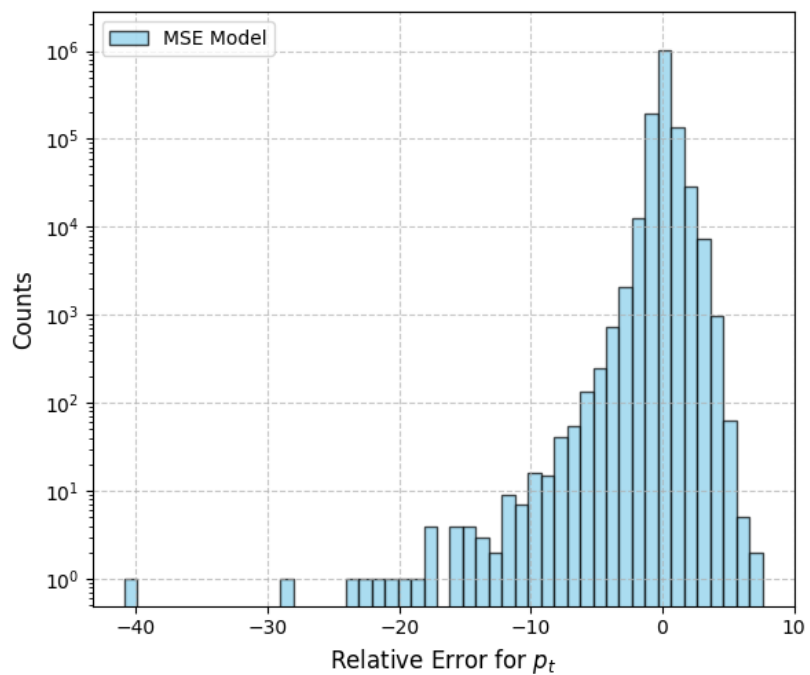
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Relative Error Distributions for p_t



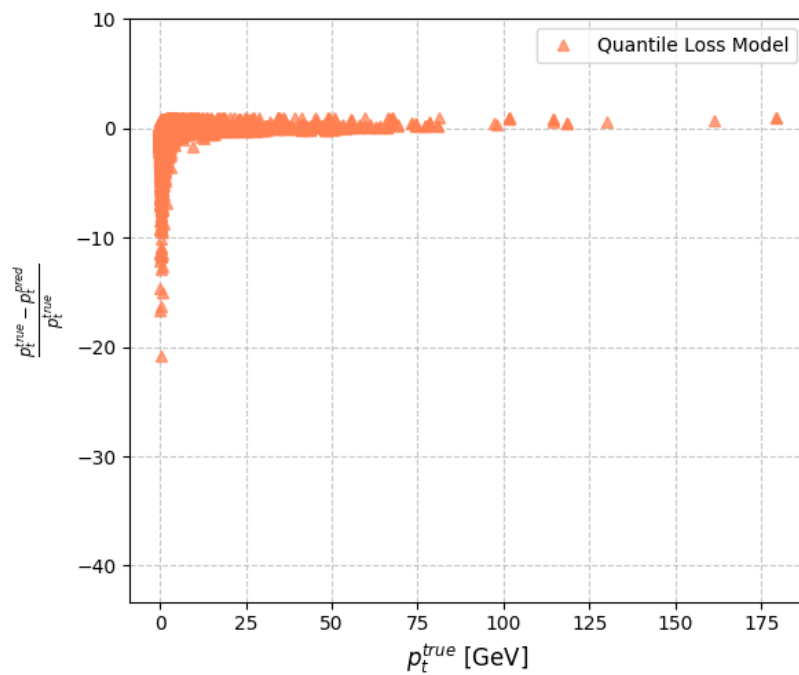
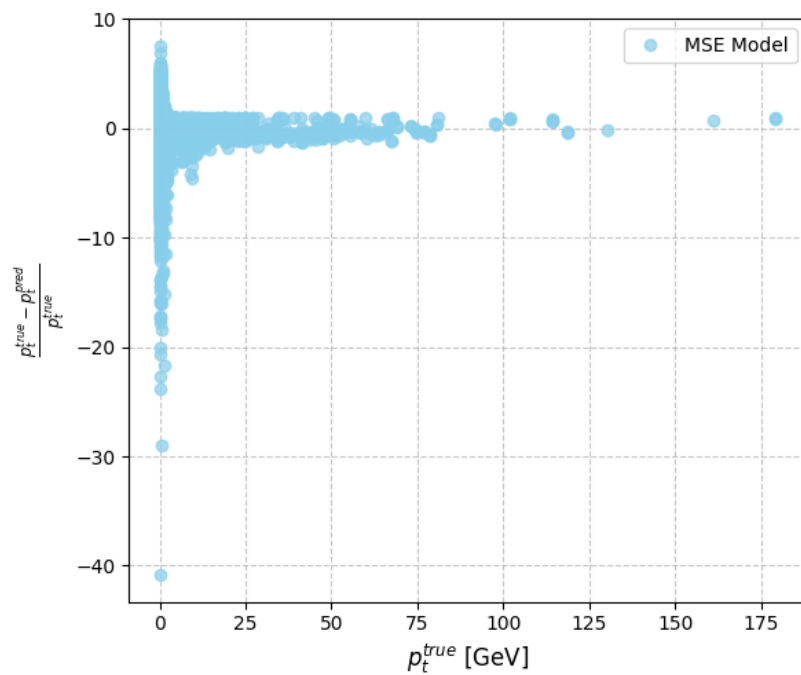
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Relative Error Distributions for p_t ($p_t < 10$ GeV)

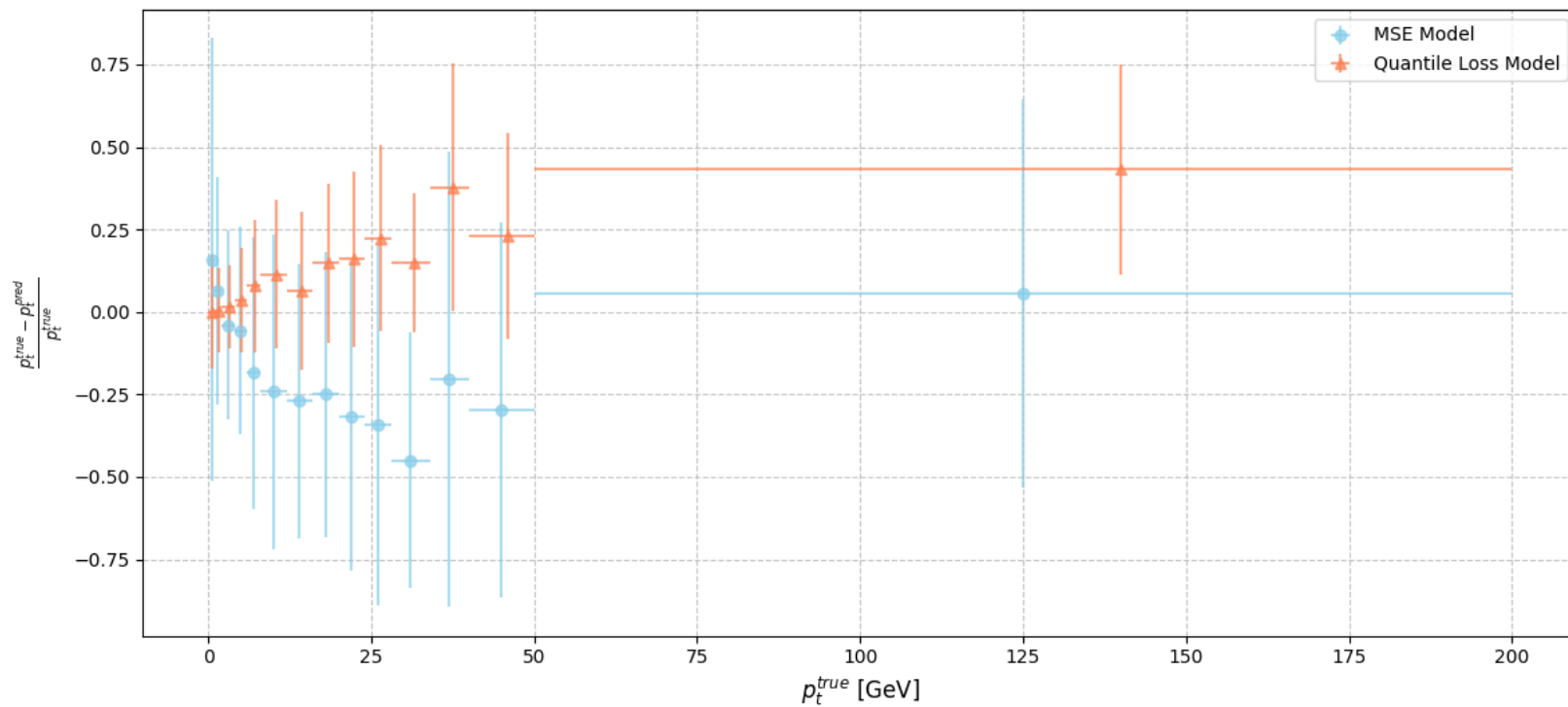


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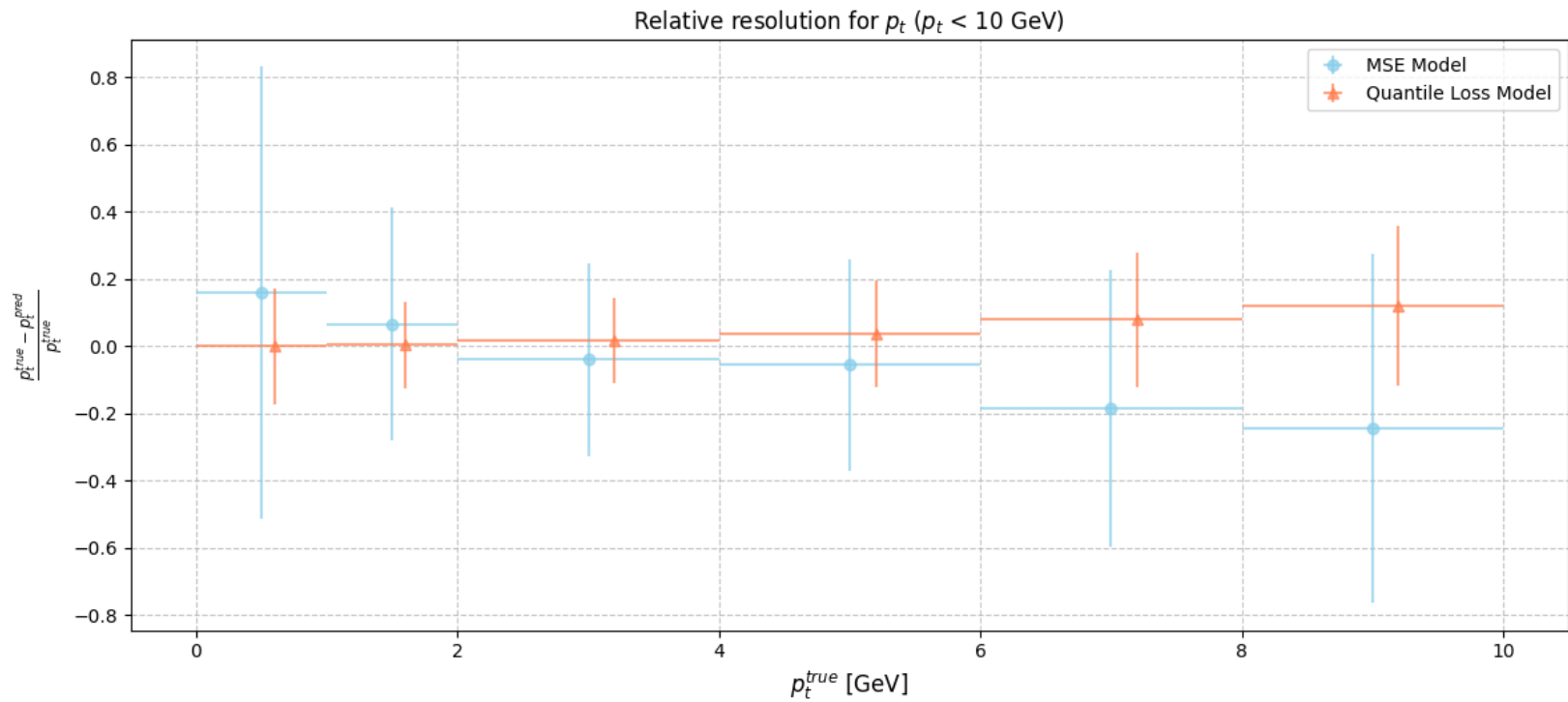
Relative error resolution for p_t



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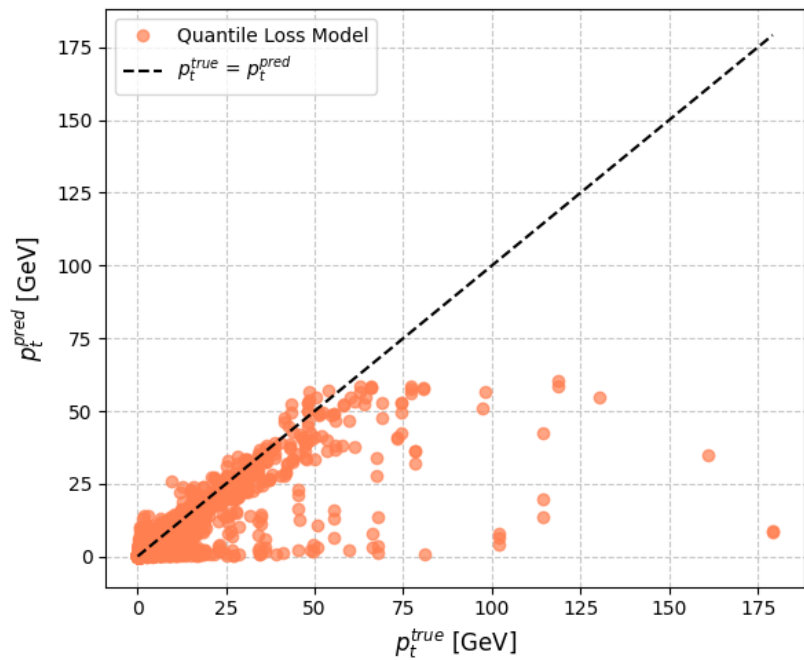
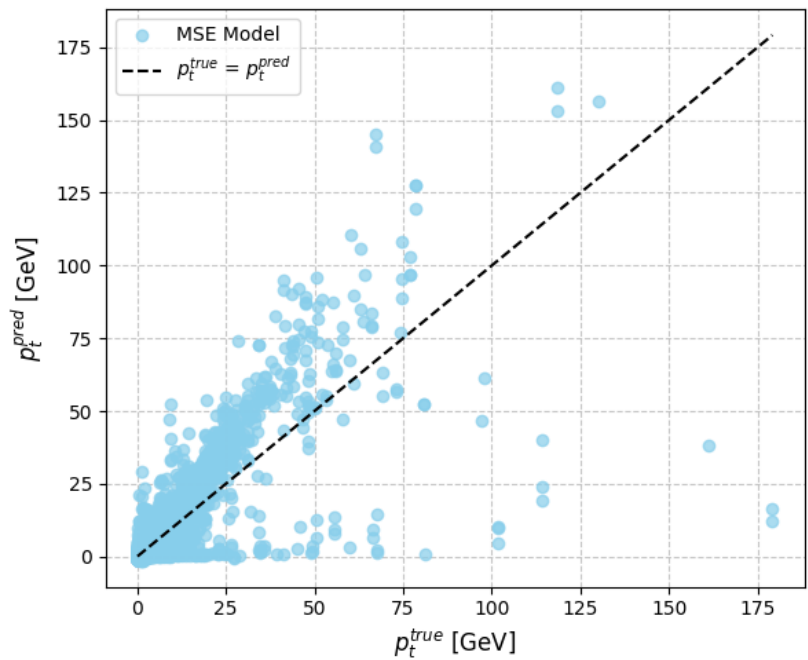


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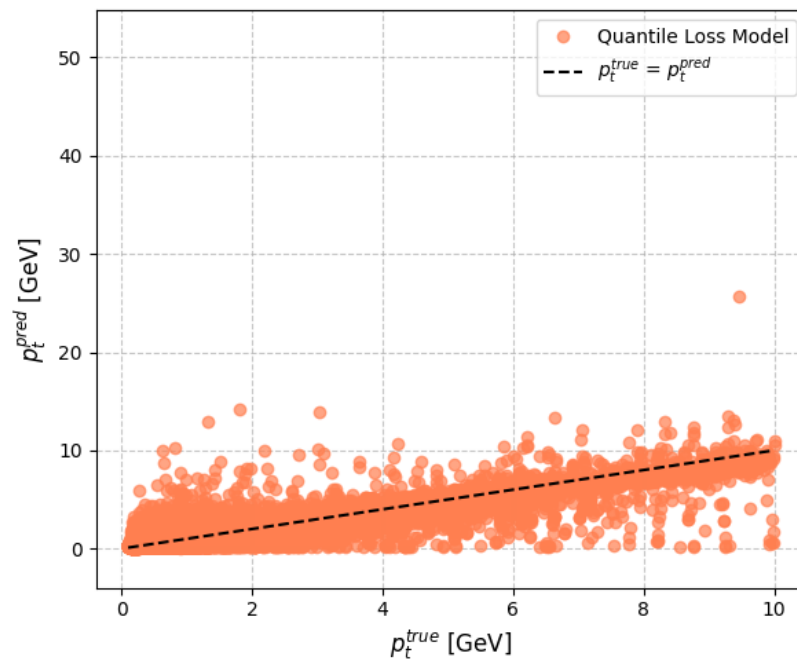
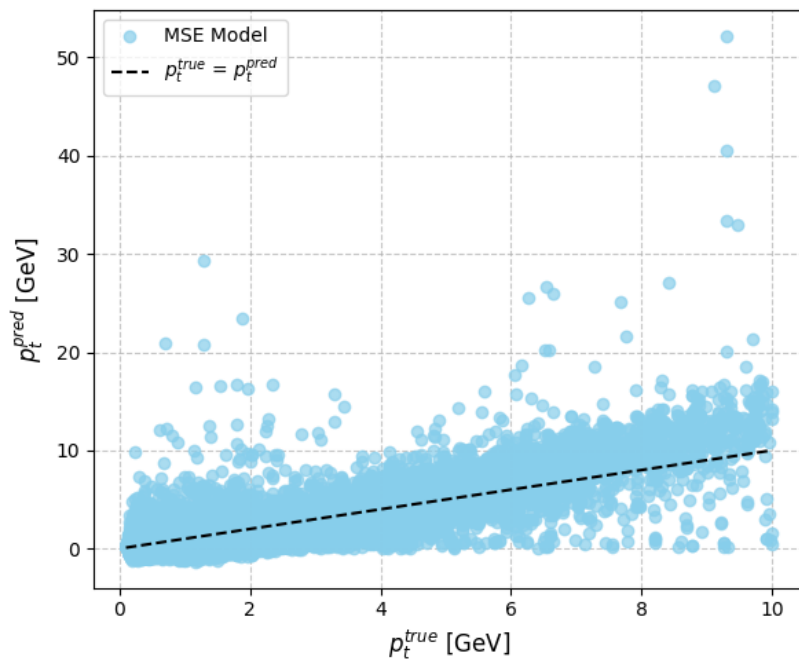
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p_t^{true} vs p_t^{pred}



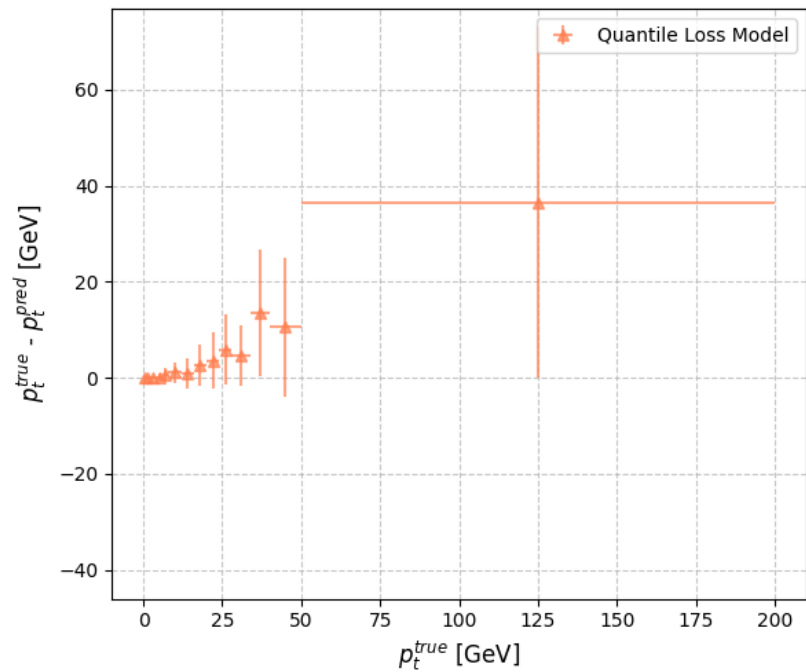
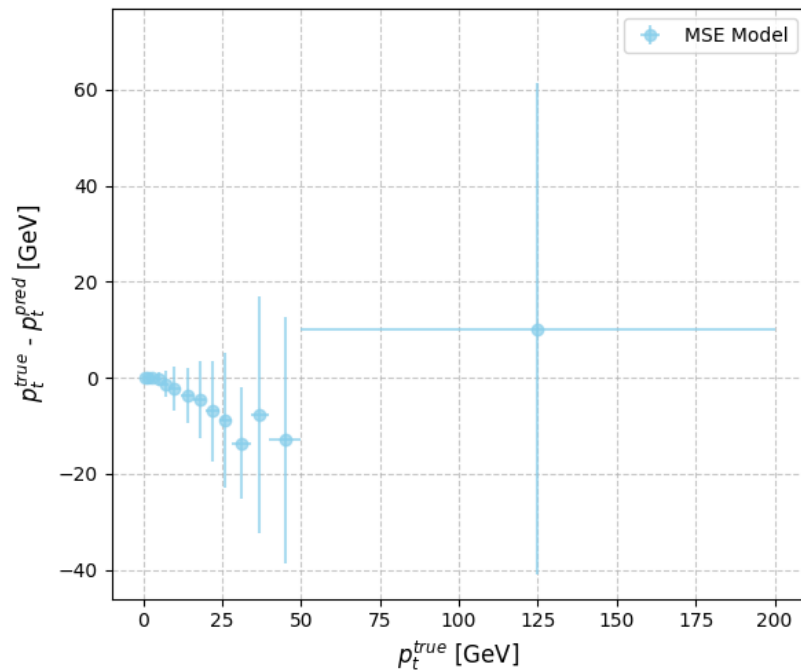
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p_t^{true} vs p_t^{pred} ($p_t < 10$ GeV)



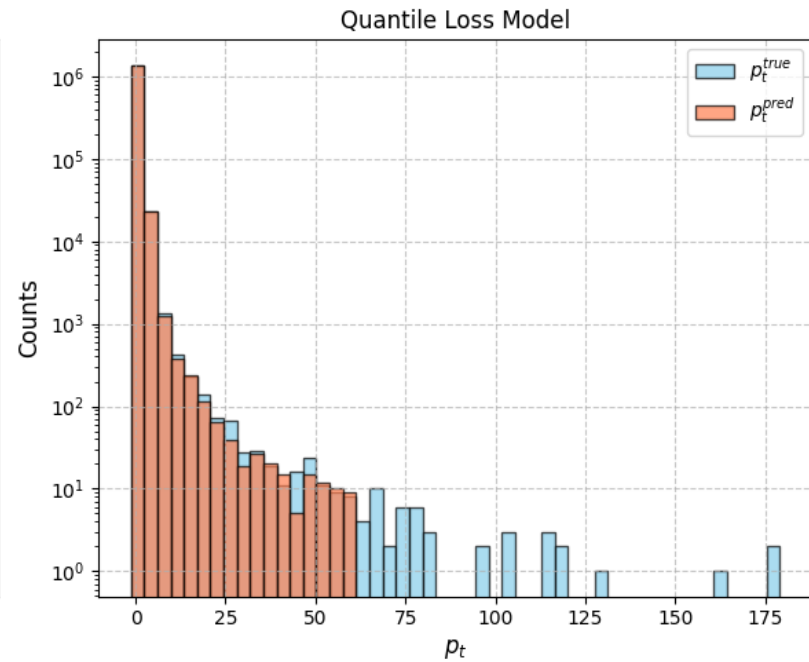
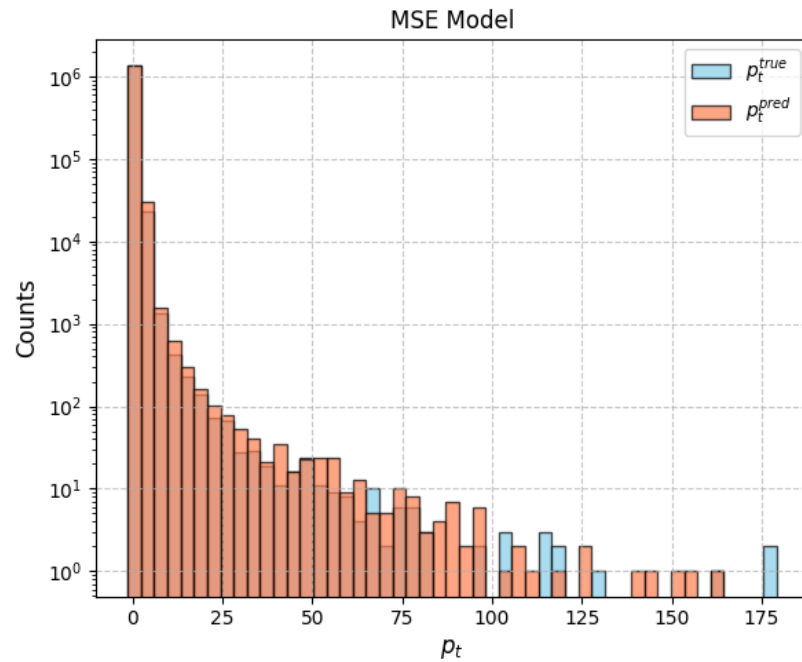
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Resolution for p_t



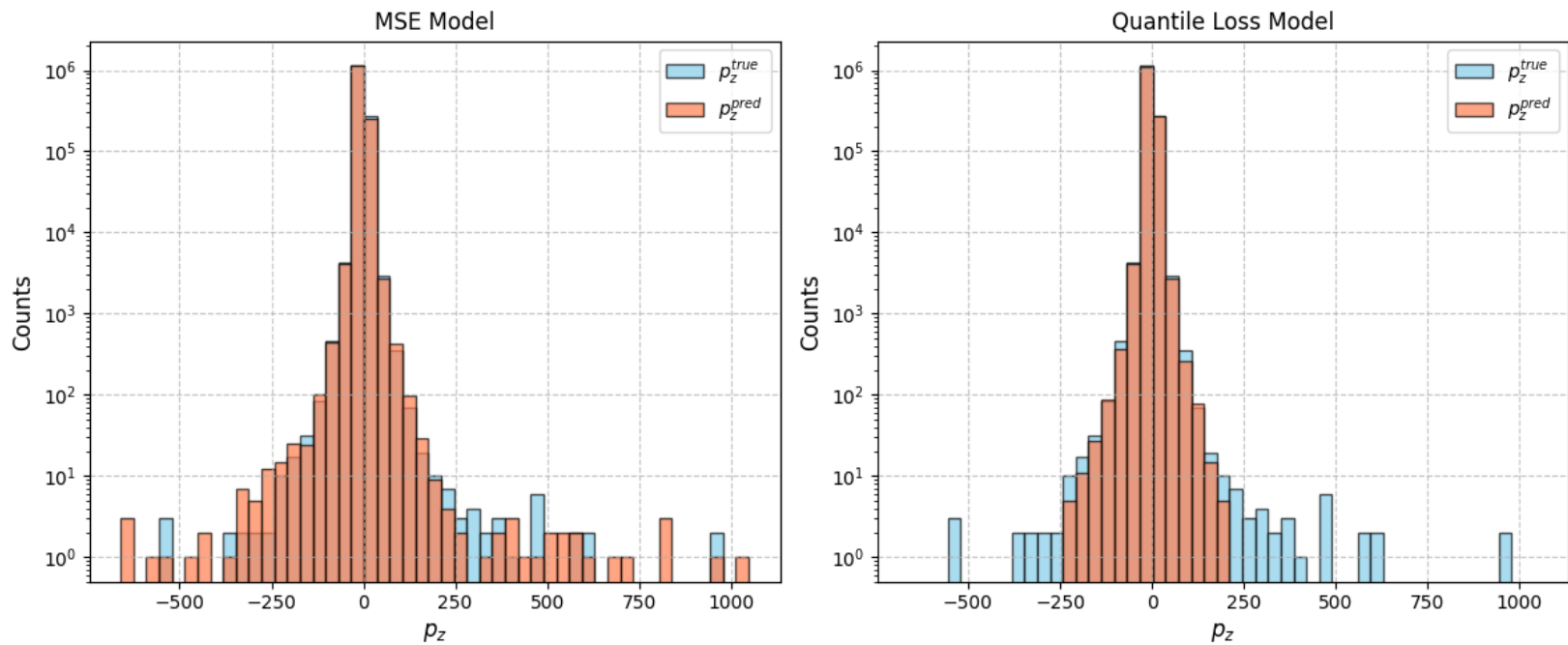
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p_t^{true} and p_t^{pred}



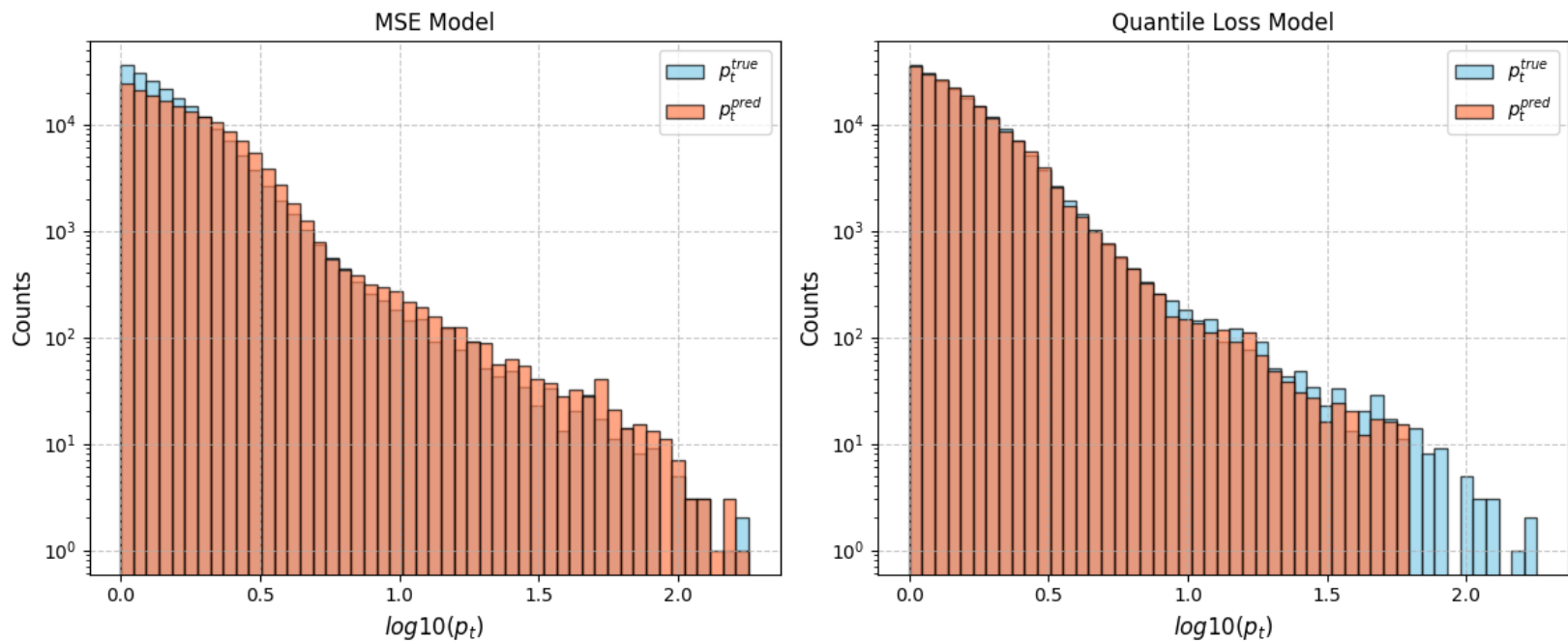
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p_z^{true} and p_z^{pred}



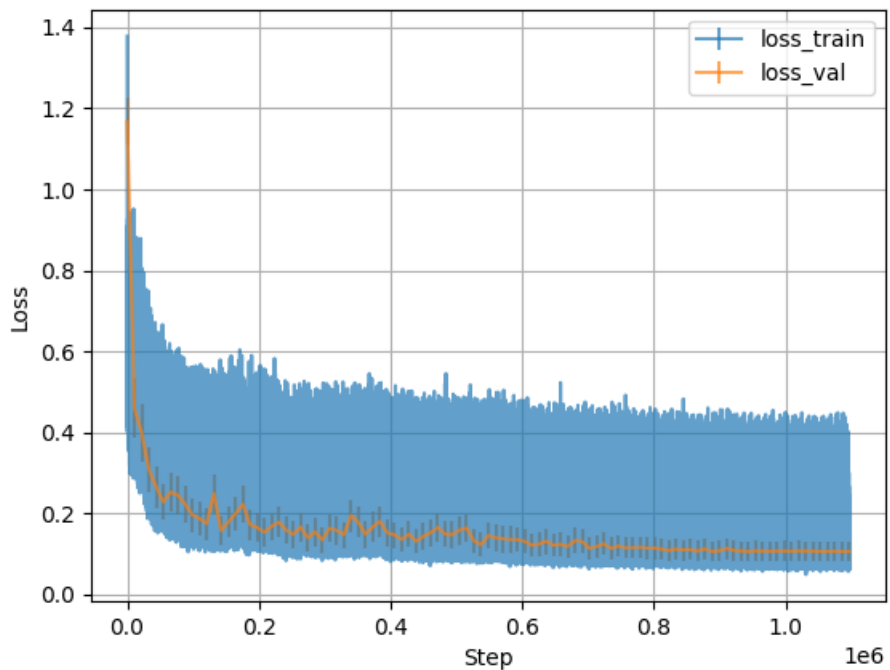
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$\log_{10}(p_t^{true})$ and $\log_{10}(p_t^{pred})$

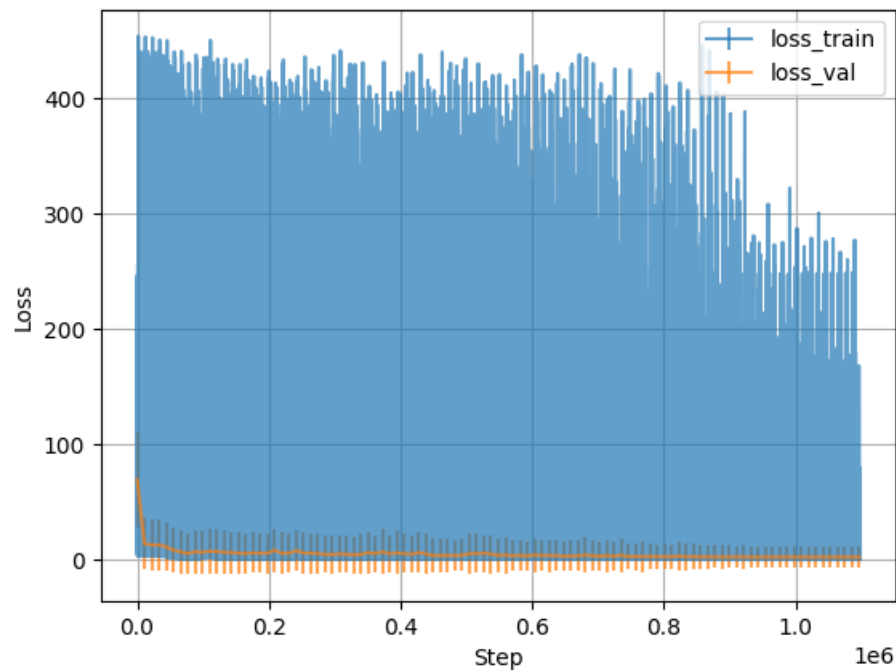


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Quantile Loss

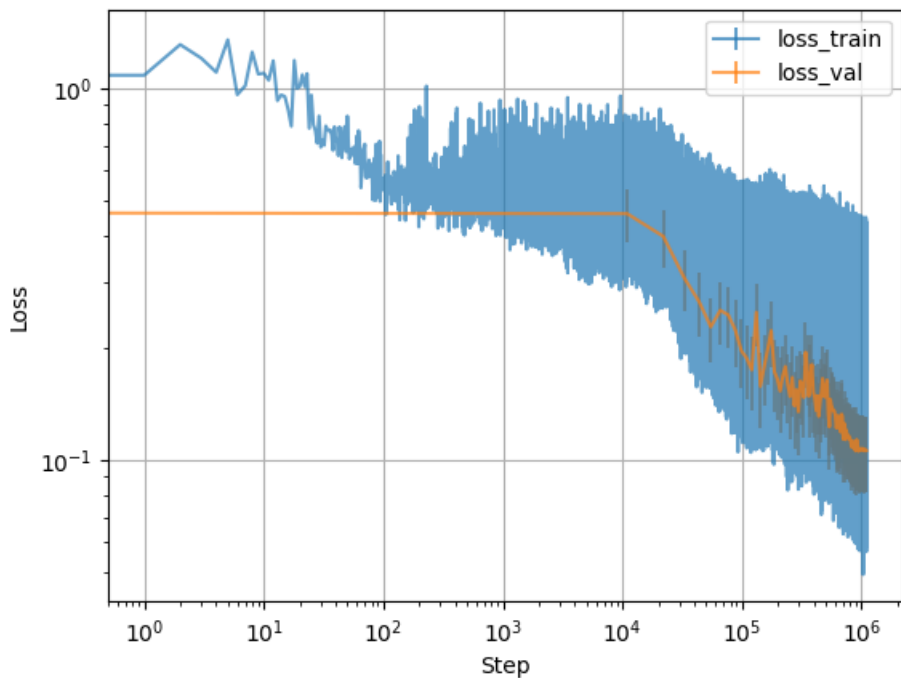


MSE Loss

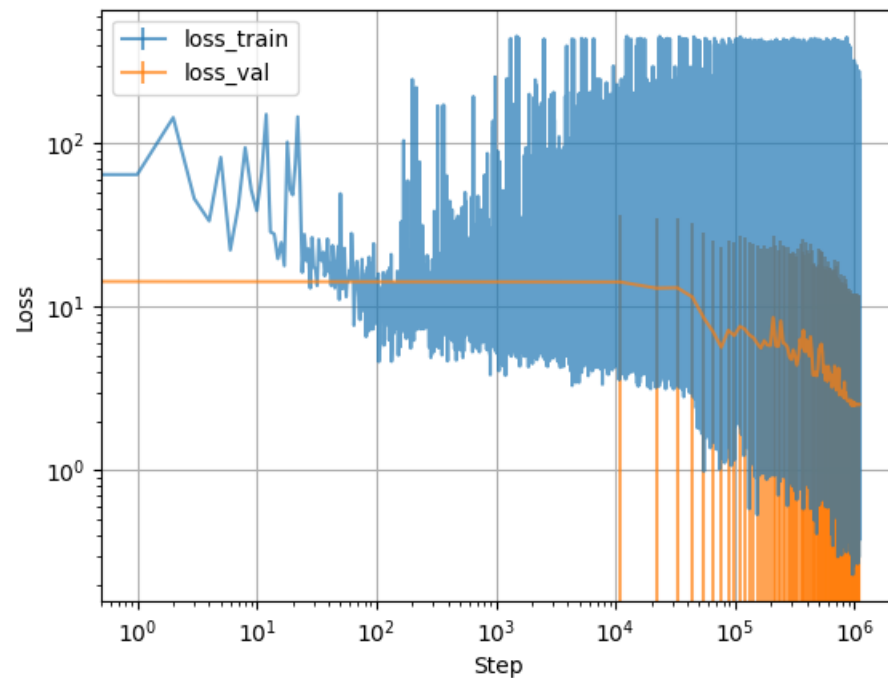


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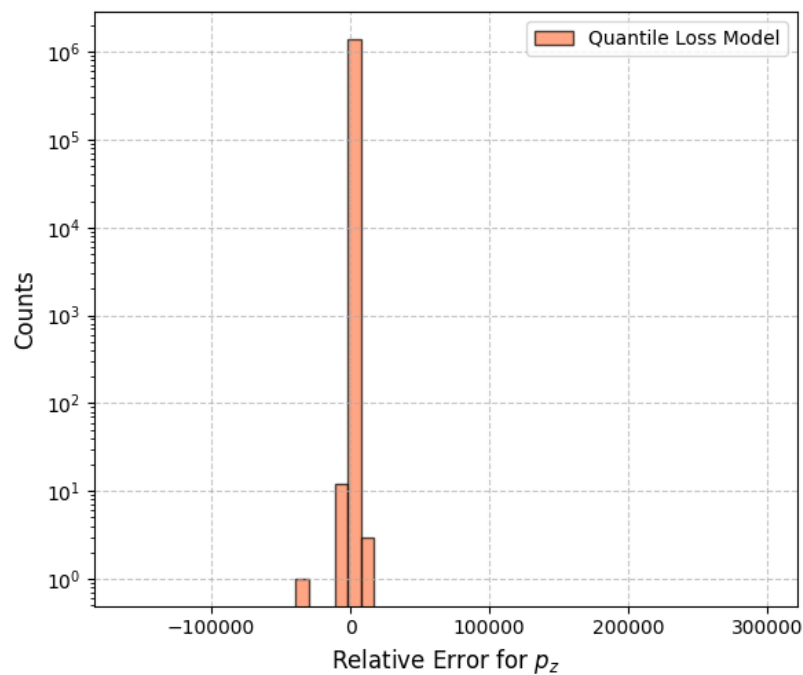
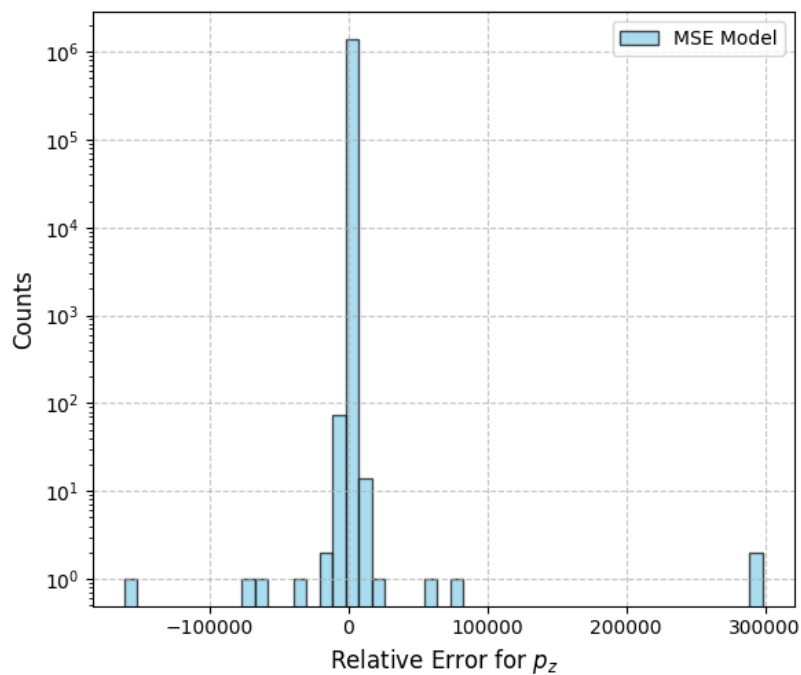


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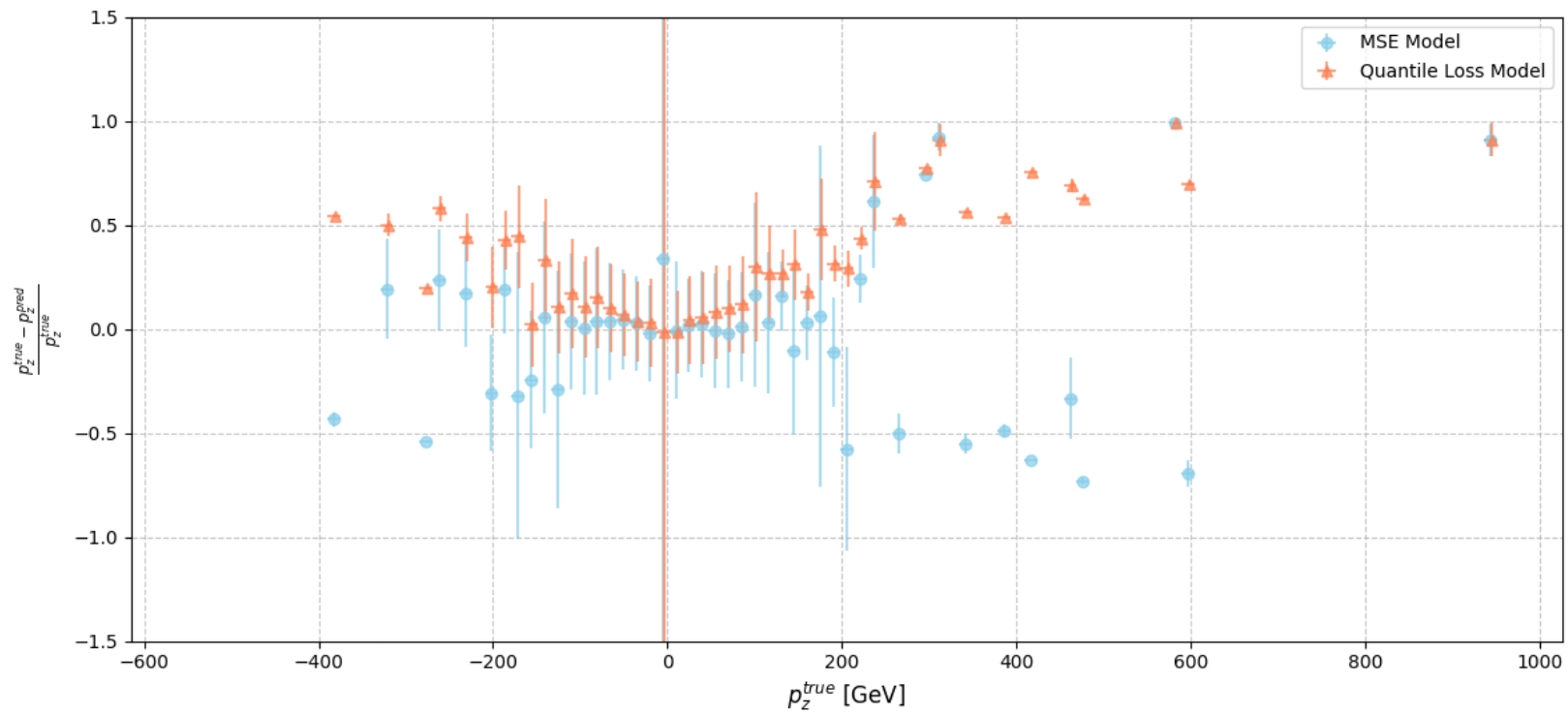


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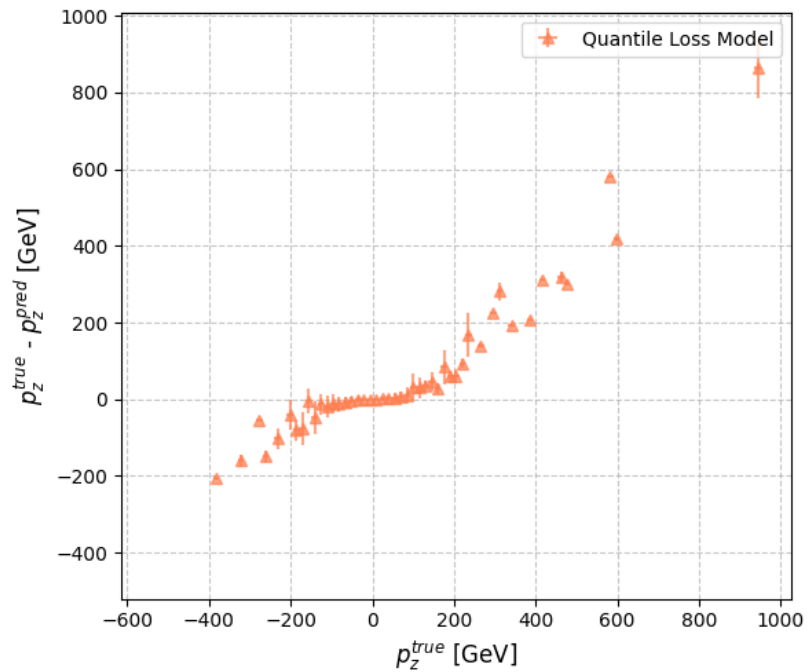
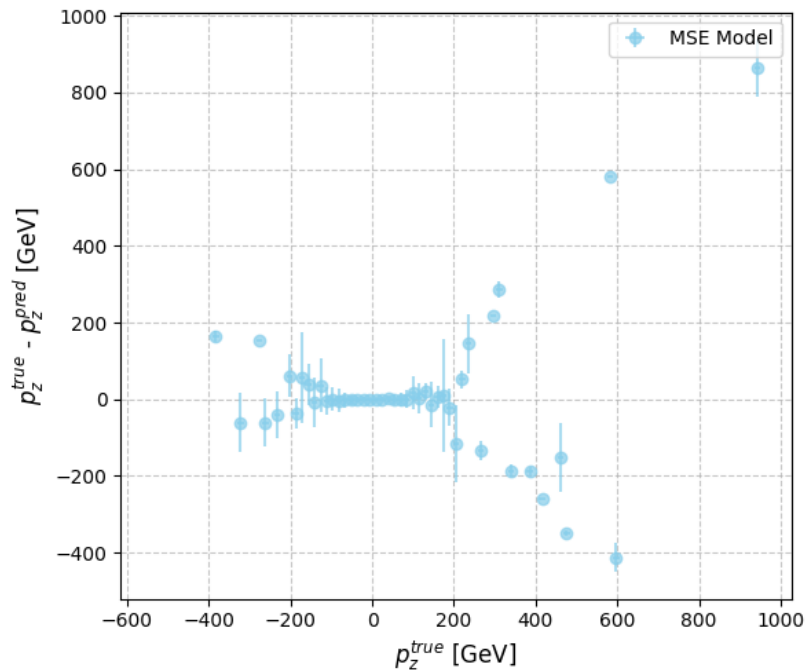


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