

# Implicit Neural Representation for Modeling the Photon Transportation in a LArTPC

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## Calibration and Inference of Detector Response with Machine Learning

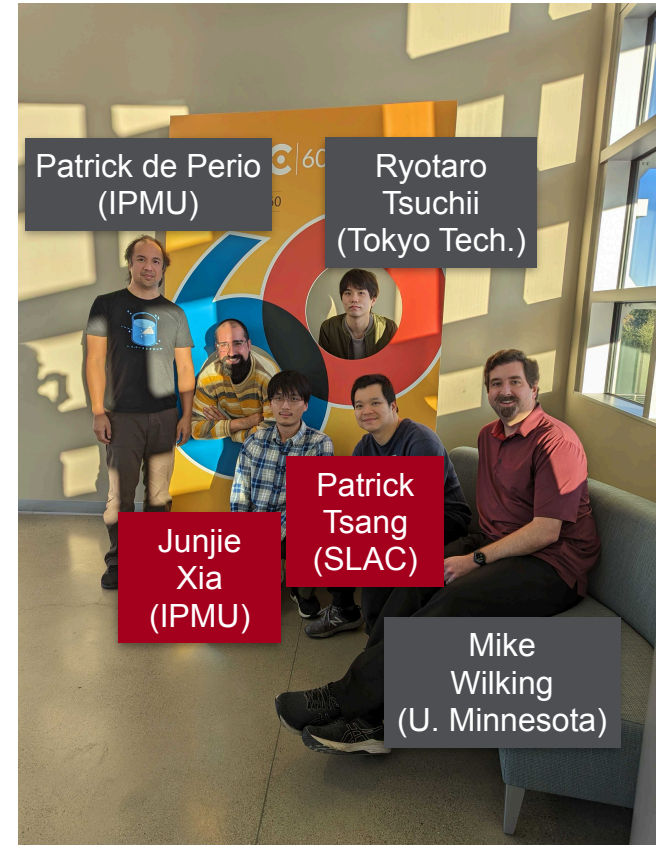
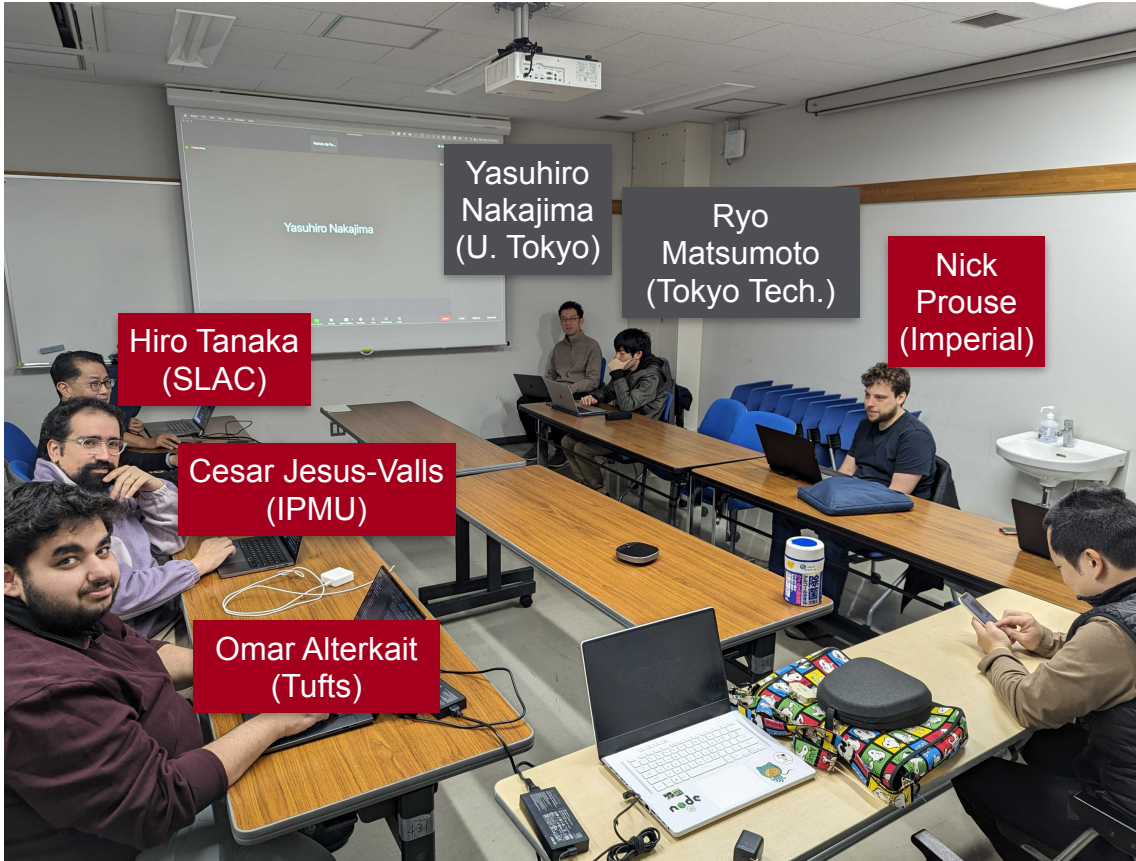
A US-Japan collaboration to develop

- differentiable detector simulator,
- data-driven optimization methods,
- detector inverse solver

for neutrino experiments (e.g. LArTPC & Water Cherenkov).

To provide common softwares, tutorials/examples and open dataset to the neutrino community for the above tasks.

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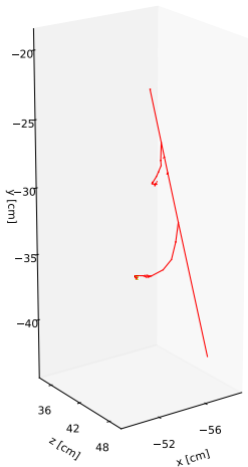
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# Introduction

## Input

List of points/segments of a particle trajectory w/ positions & energy depositions



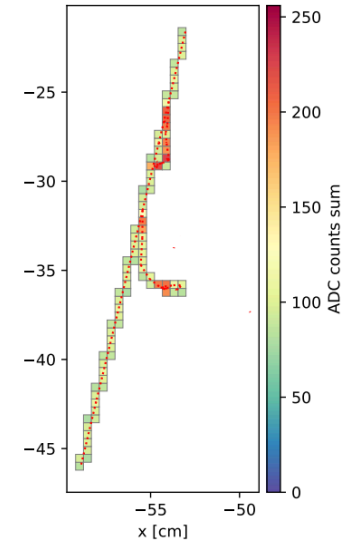
## Parameters

- Physics ( $A_b$ ,  $k_b$ , ...)
- Detector (pixel/wire response, ...)

**Model**

## Output

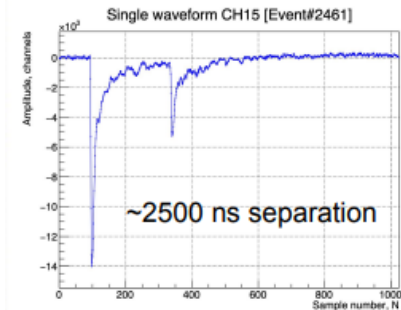
Digitized output of pixel readout



1. Simulation,  $F$  : Input  $\rightarrow$  Output
2. Reconstruction,  $F^{-1}$  : Output  $\rightarrow$  Input
3. Calibration & model tuning: Output  $\rightarrow$  Parameters

Use of gradient-based optimization for automated, simultaneous optimization of model parameters, and inference of input or upstream physics that are not directly accessible. **Condition:**  $\nabla F$  exists and well defined.

Waveform of an optical detector



Figures adopted from the paper "Highly-parallelized simulation of a pixelated LArTPC on a GPU" and *larnd-sim* software.



# How to implement a differentiable model?

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1	<b>Simultaneous high-dimensional calibration with differentiable simulation towards data application</b> <i>Yifan Chen</i> <i>HCI J4, ETH Zurich</i>	09:35 - 10:00
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1	<b>A differentiable simulator for LArTPCs: from proof-of-concept to real applications</b> <i>Pierre Granger</i> <i>HCI J4, ETH Zurich</i>	10:10 - 10:35
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2	<b>Differentiable Physics Emulator for Water Cherenkov Detectors</b> <i>Junjie Xia</i> <i>HCI J4, ETH Zurich</i>	11:15 - 11:30
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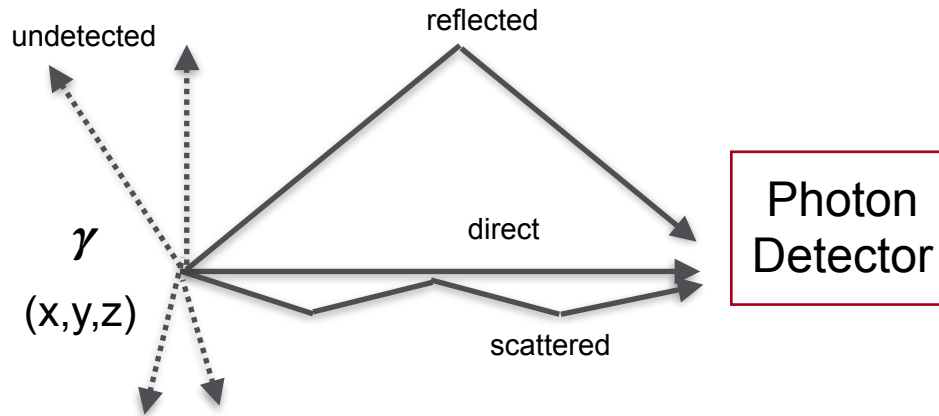
## 1. Differentiable simulator

- explicit handling of model parameters w/ differentiable functions

## 2. Surrogate model

- functional representation of the model

# Scintillation Light Propagation Model



## Traditional Approach (as a lookup table)

- divide the detector volume into voxels of  $\sim$ cm in size
- for each voxel, simulate and propagate millions of photons
- count the number of detected photons
- **visibility** at  $(x,y,z) = \#$  detected photons /  $\#$  generated photons

- Limited by memory usage
- Not scalable for large detector
- Simulation-based, difficult to calibrate

# Sinusoidal Representation Network (SIREN)

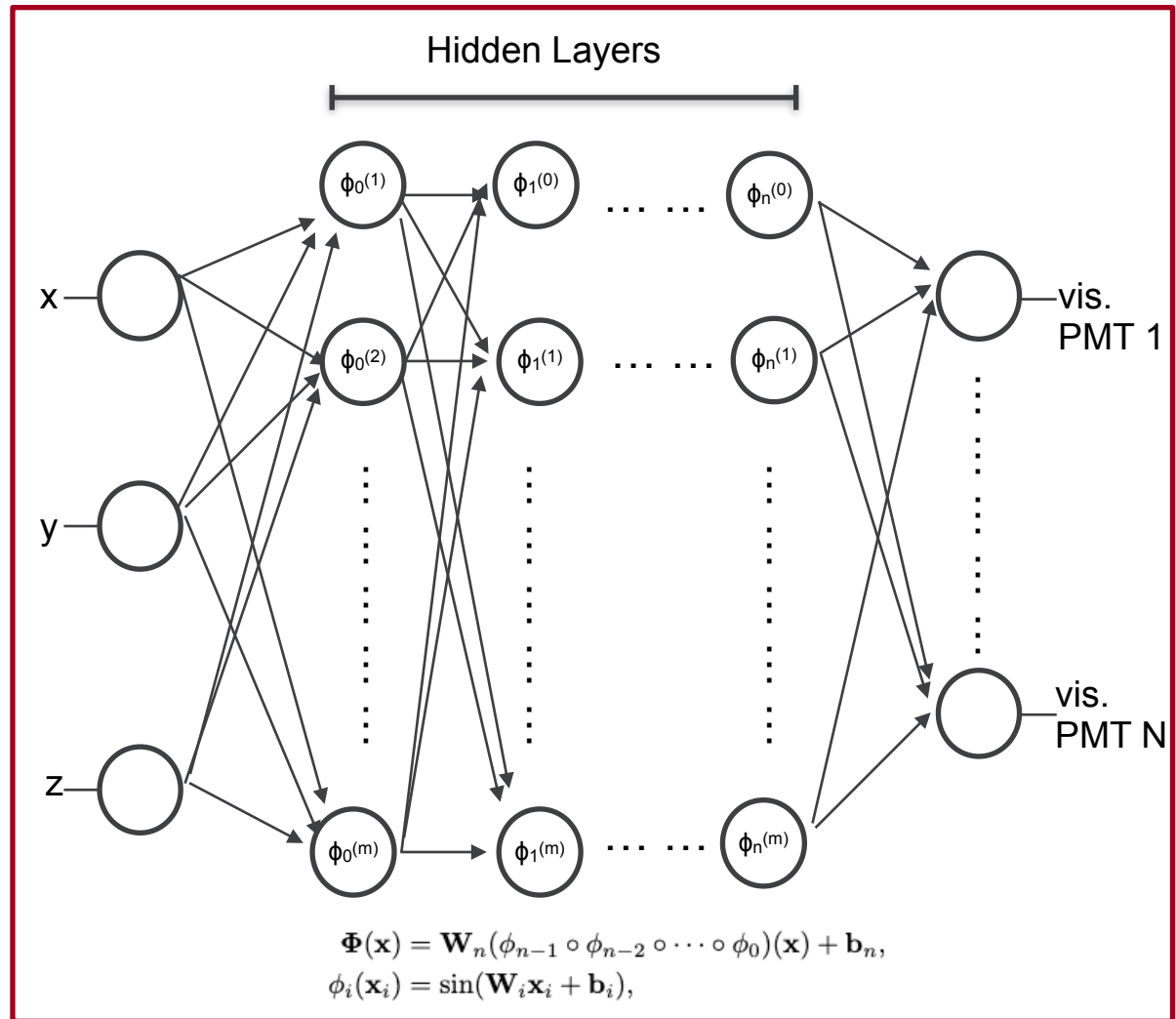
## Implicit Neural Representation

Parameterize signals as *continuous* functions via *neural networks*, which are trained to map the domain the signal (e.g. spatial coordinates) to the target outputs (e.g. signal at those coordinates).

$$f: \mathbb{R}^M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^N$$

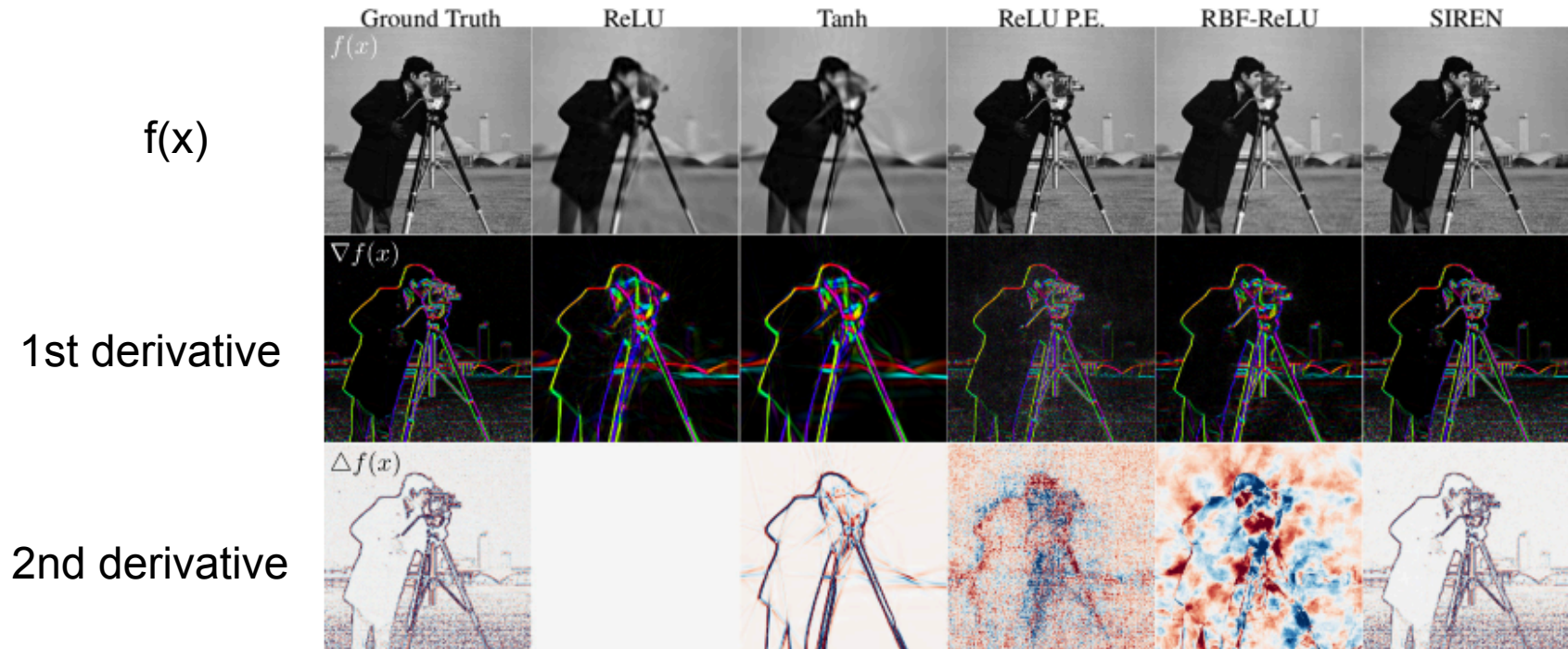
## SIREN

a simple multilayer perceptron (MLP) network architecture along with periodic *sine* function activations (Sitzmann et al., [arXiv:2006.09661](https://arxiv.org/abs/2006.09661))



# Why SIREN?

By construction, SIREN is a continuous, differentiable signal representations  
=> modeling signals with fine detail, AND  
=> representing smooth gradient surface (and higher order of derivatives)

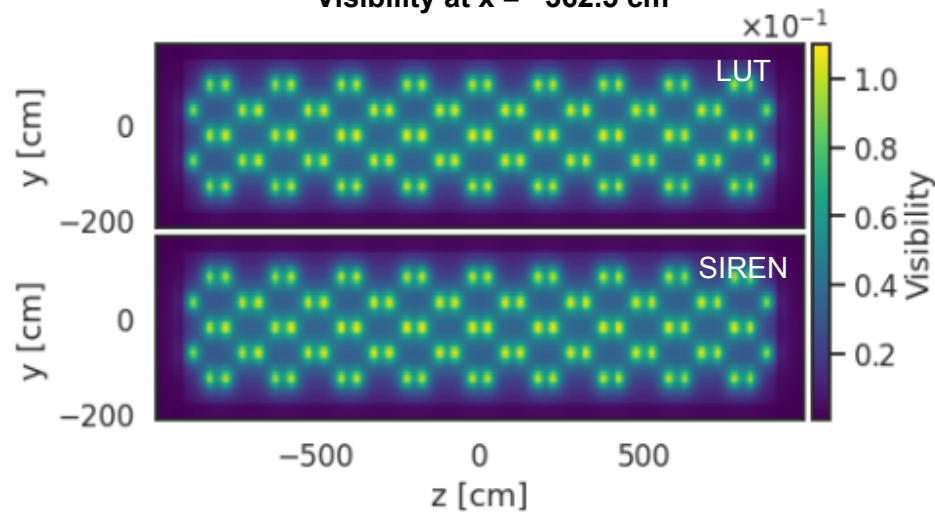


SIREN ([arXiv:2006.09661](https://arxiv.org/abs/2006.09661))

Allows wide range of applications from gradient-based algorithms, solving differential equation, optimizing on the derivative ... etc

# Visibility: SIREN v.s. LUT

ICARUS Simulation  
Visibility at  $x = -362.5$  cm



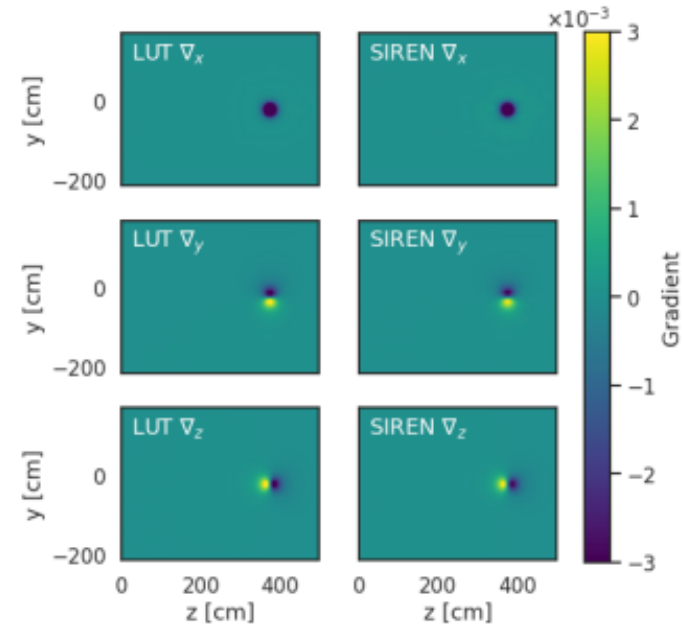
## LUT (top)

- $74 \times 77 \times 394 = 2.2$  M voxels (5 cm in size)
- 180 PMTs =  $\sim 404$  M parameters

## SIREN (bottom)

- 5 hidden layers, 512 hidden features
- $\sim 1.5$  M parameters

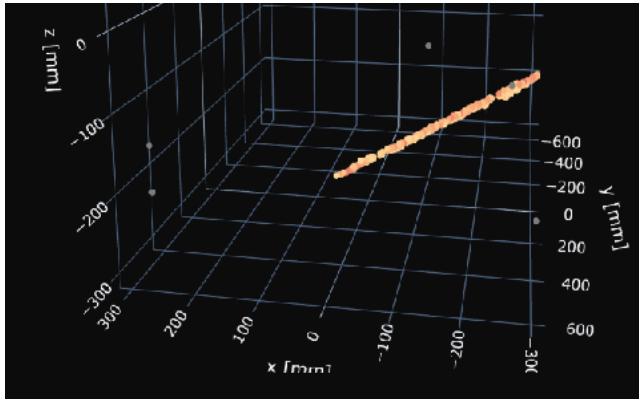
Visibility Gradient  
PMT#63 at  $x = -362.5$  cm



SIREN can reproduce both values and gradients of the visibility LUT with much smaller number of parameters.

# SIREN: Data Driven Calibration

3D Image of an anode-cathode crossing track from charge readout



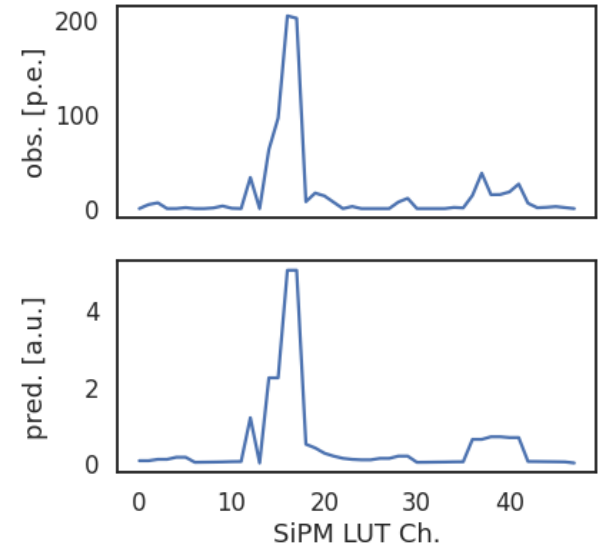
$$\text{Light Signal} \sim \sum Q_i * \text{vis}(r_i)$$

Sum charge ( $Q_i$ ) over the track image

visibility at charge coordinates  $r_i$



Observed and Predicted Light Signal



- point-like source, i.e. visibility at (x,y,z), is not accessible in data
- infer light signal from physics objects (e.g. tracks)

## Optimize SIREN parameters using track data

For the rest of the talk, I will show some real world applications of SIREN using cosmic rays data from *Module-0 Demonstrator*.

Figures extracted from *Tsang @CHEP2023*.

Poisson Likelihood

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{track}} = \prod_{j=1}^N \text{Pois}(n_j | \lambda_j)$$

product of all PMTs

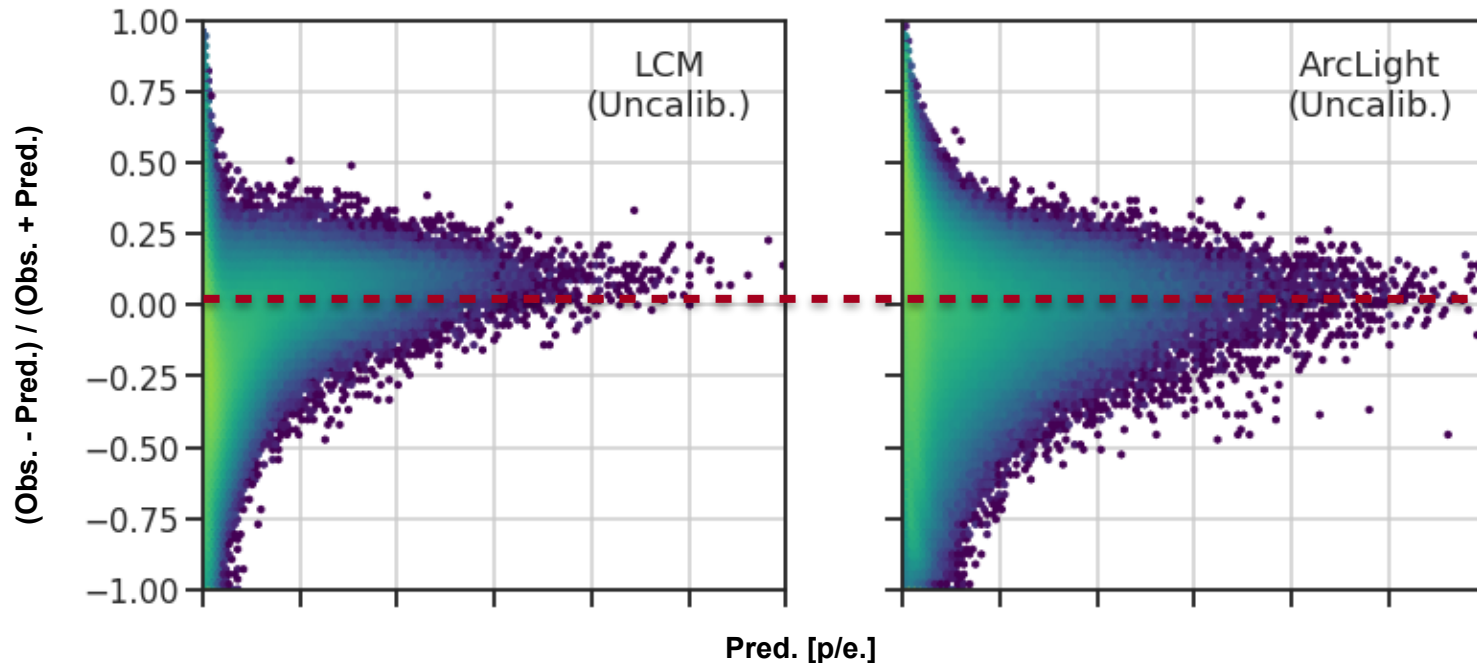
Observed p.e. for j-th PMT

Predicted light signal



# Module-0: SIREN from Simulation

## Module-0 Demonstrator SIREN from Simulation (LUT)



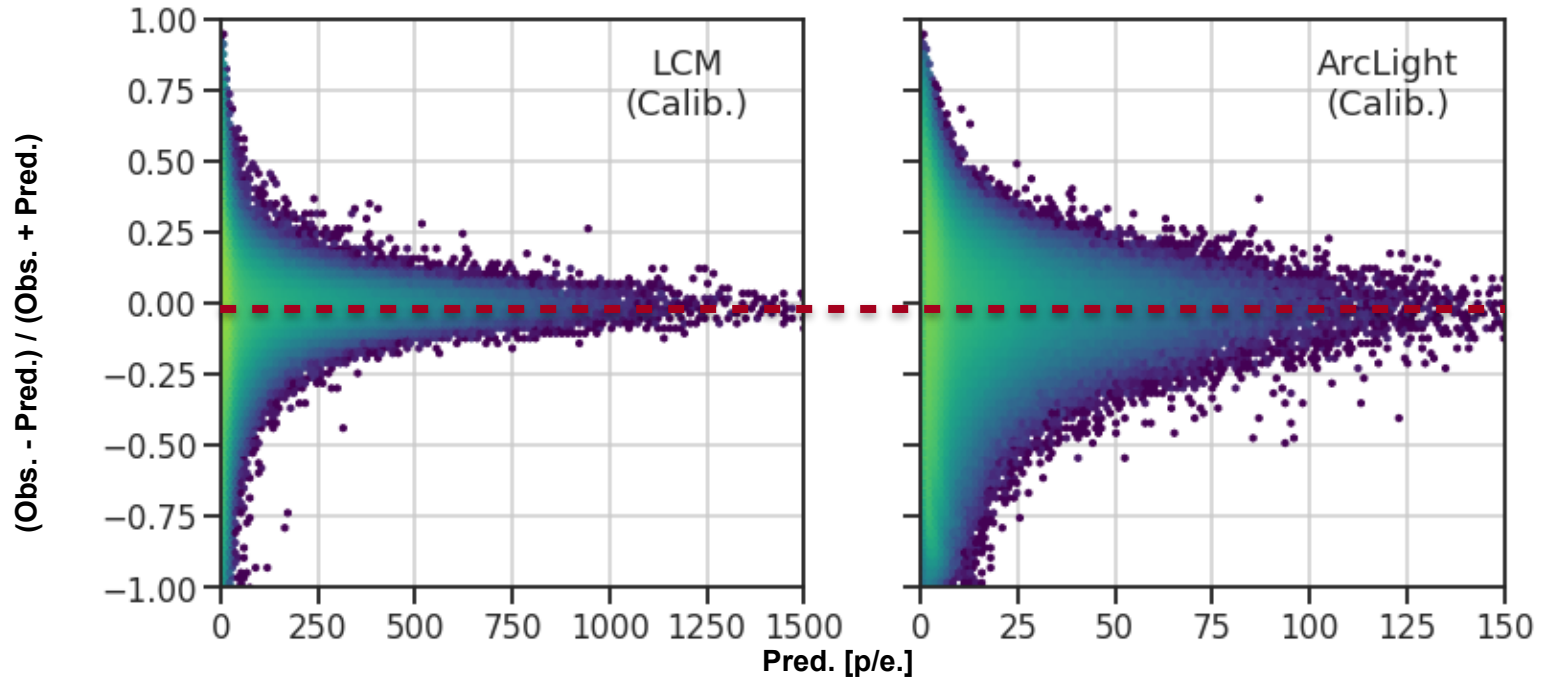
### Before Calibration

- train SIREN with LUT from simulation (uncalibrated)
- ~10% discrepancy between observed and predicted light signals

Simulation is reasonable, but not perfect. Need *calibration*.

# Module-0: SIREN after Calibration

## Module-0 Demonstrator SIREN with Data Calibration

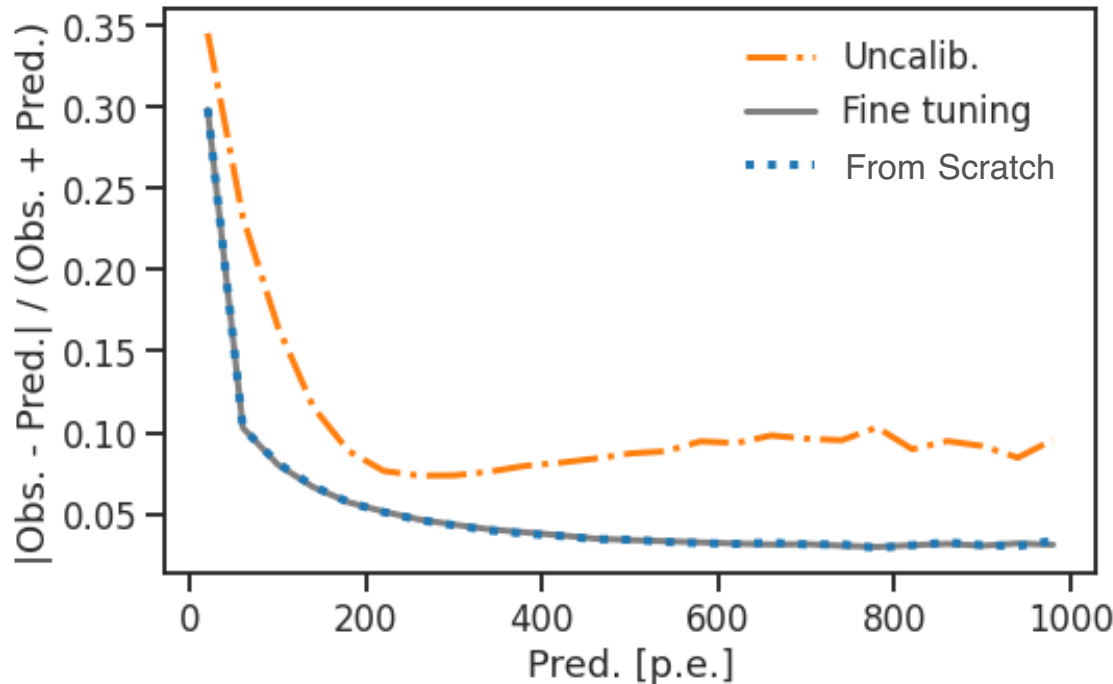


### After Calibration

- re-optimize SIREN parameters with tracks
- no bias and smaller variance

SIREN can be calibrated to remove data-simulation discrepancy.

# Build a SIREN Model Directly from Data



## Uncalibrated

- SIREN trained from LUT (simulation)
- suffer from data-MC discrepancy

## Fine Tuning

- use uncalib. SIREN model as initial parameters
- re-optimize with tracks (calibration)

## From Scratch

- random initialization of SIREN parameters
- optimize with tracks

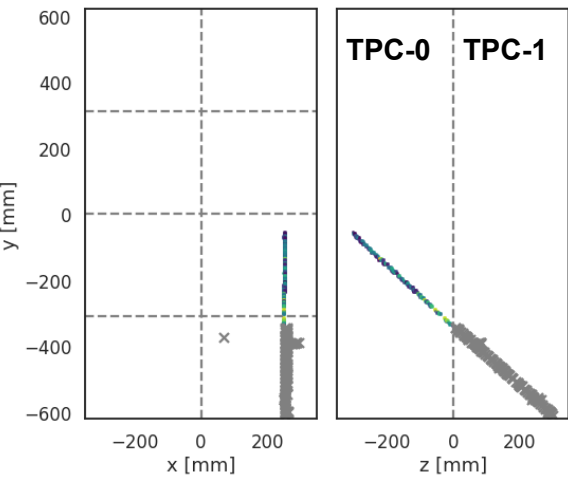
SIREN model can be constructed from data alone, without prior knowledge from simulation.

# Example Events

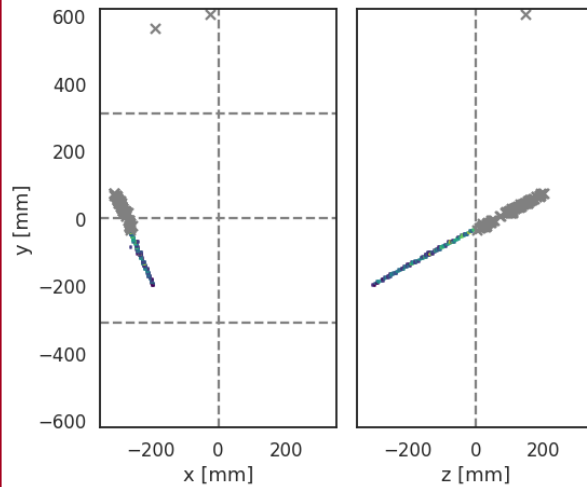
Only one chamber TPC-0 is presented in this study.  
Grayed out points (unclustered or in TPC-1) are excluded.



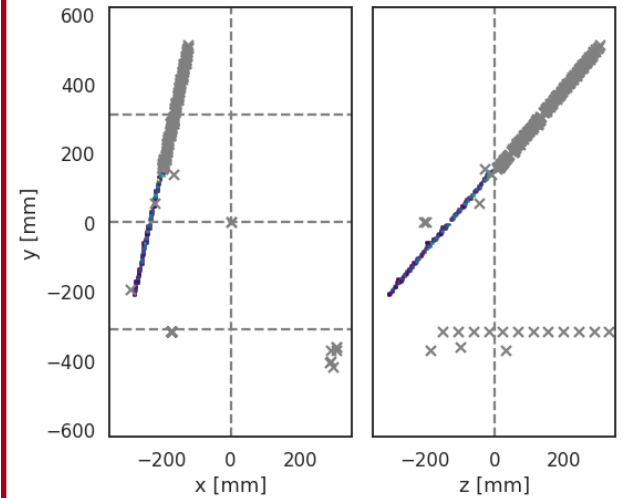
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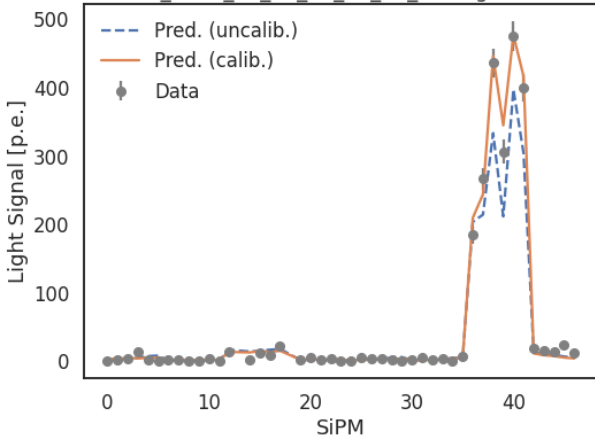
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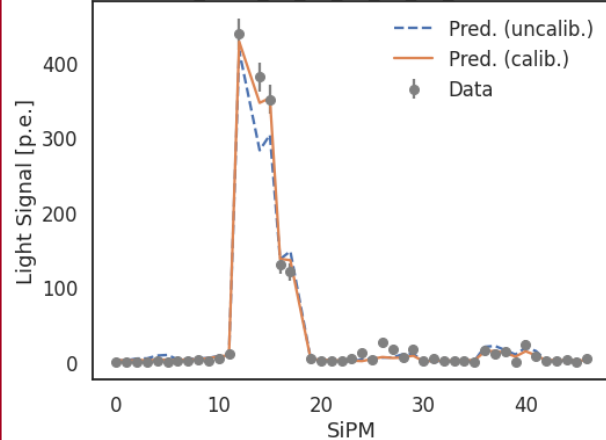
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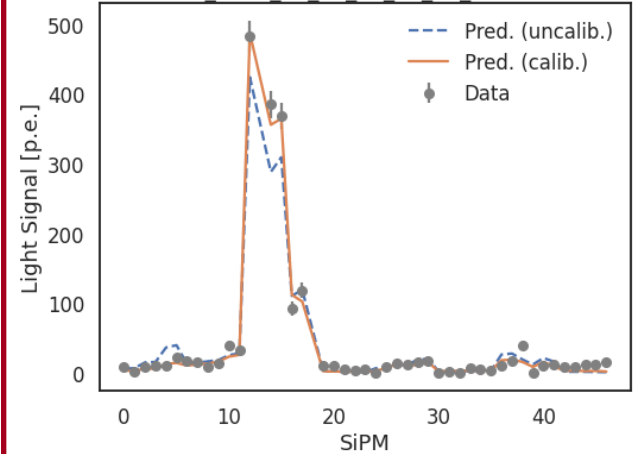
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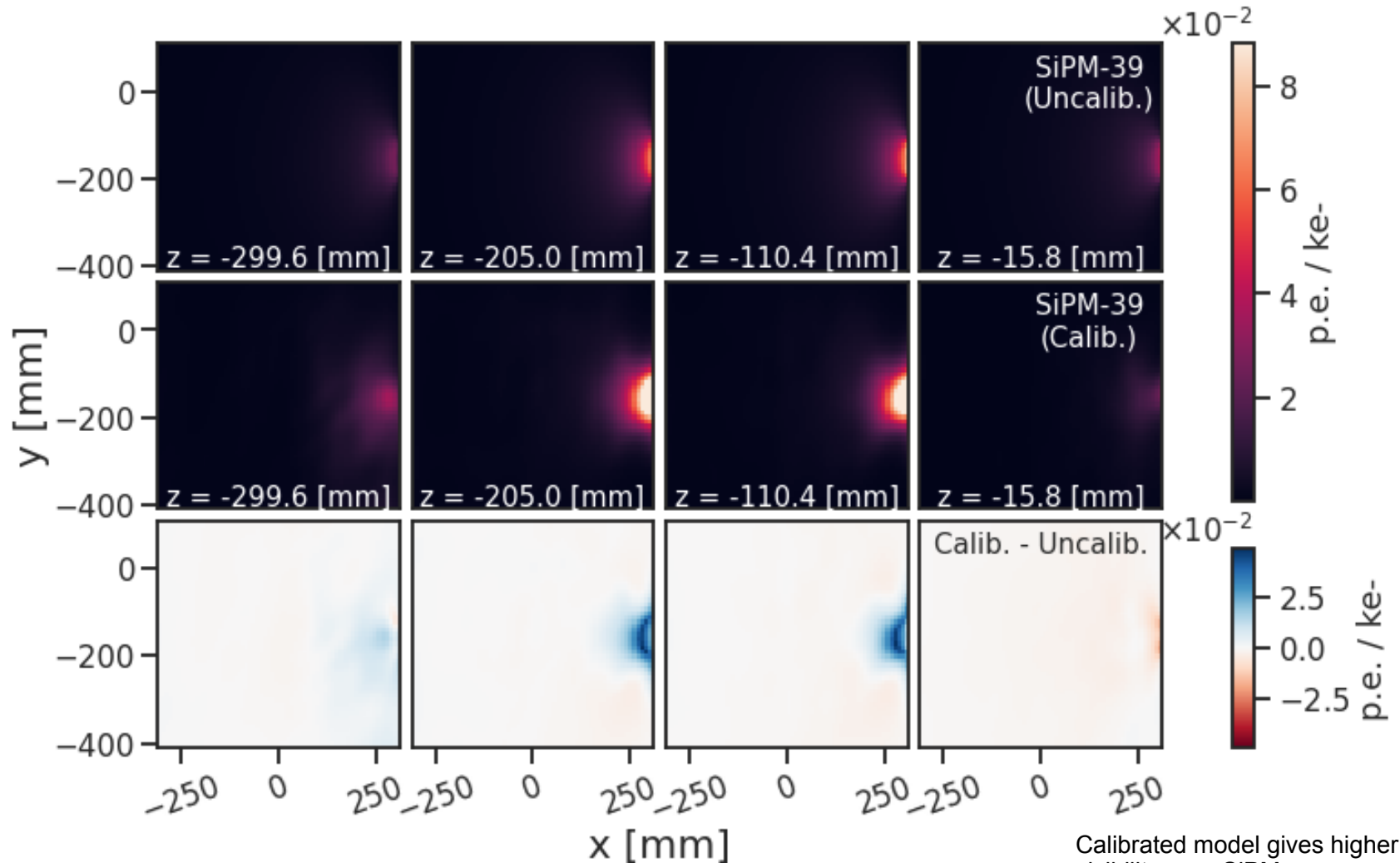


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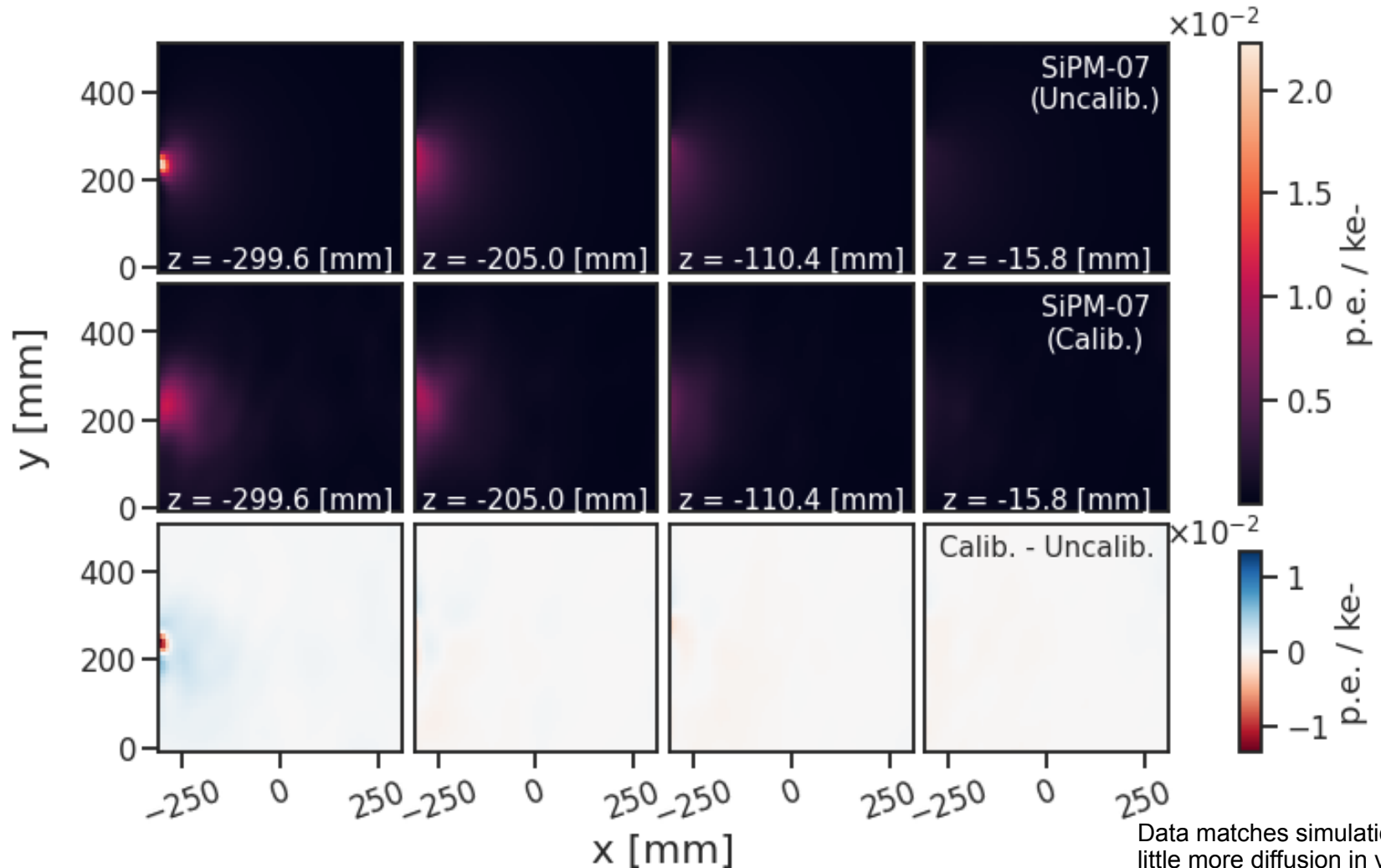
Better agreement after calibration.

# Visibility Map (LCM)



Calibrated model gives higher visibility near SiPM.

# Visibility Map (ArcLight)

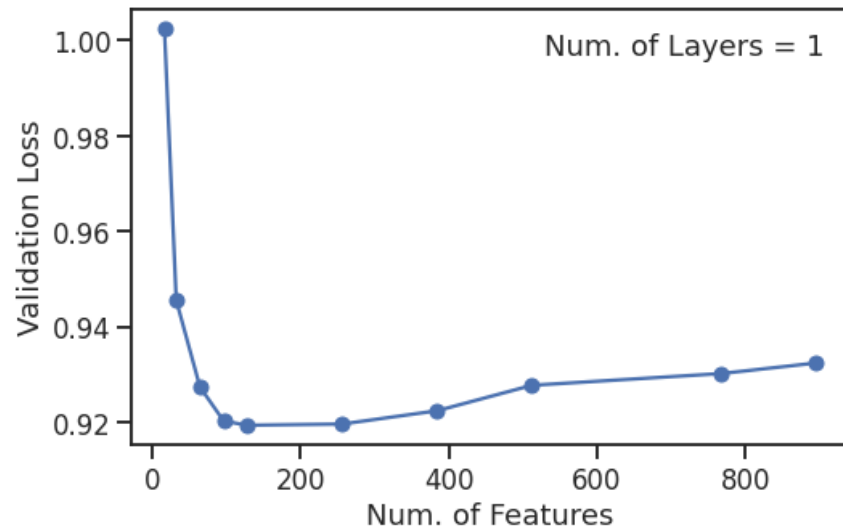
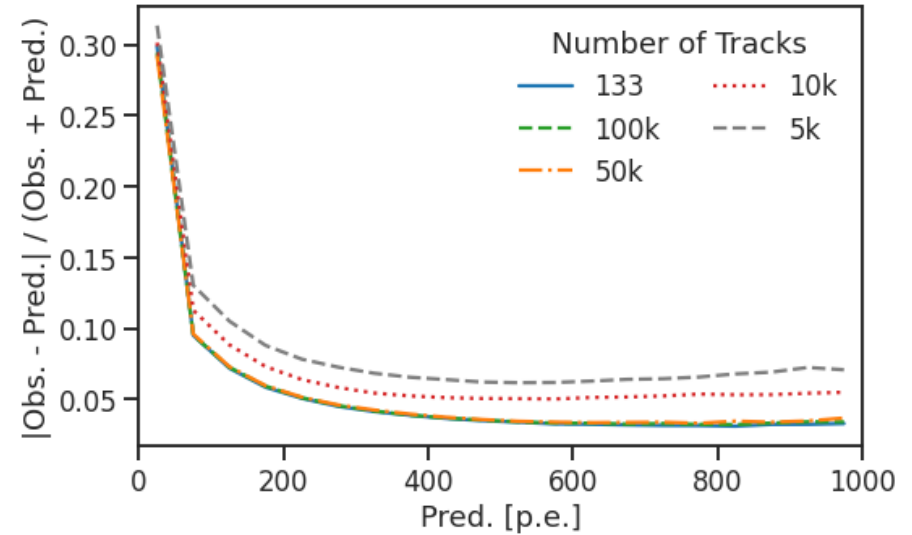
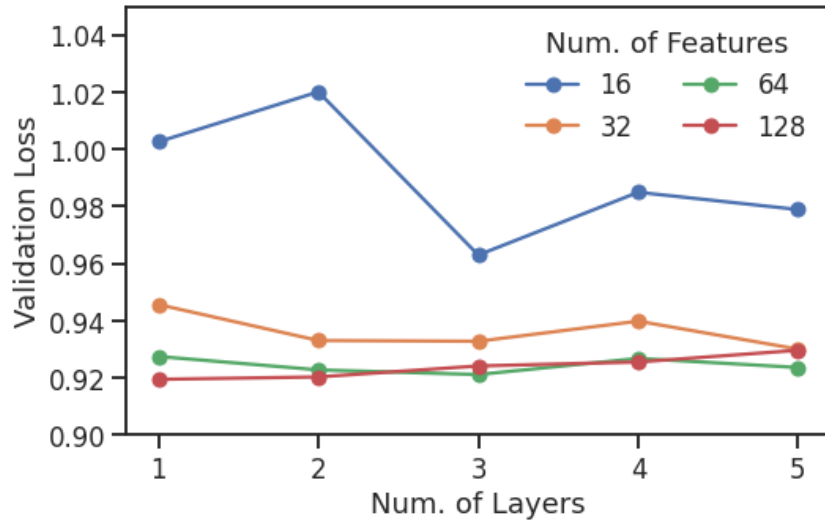


Data matches simulation, with a little more diffusion in visibility.

May provide useful insights for detector R&D.

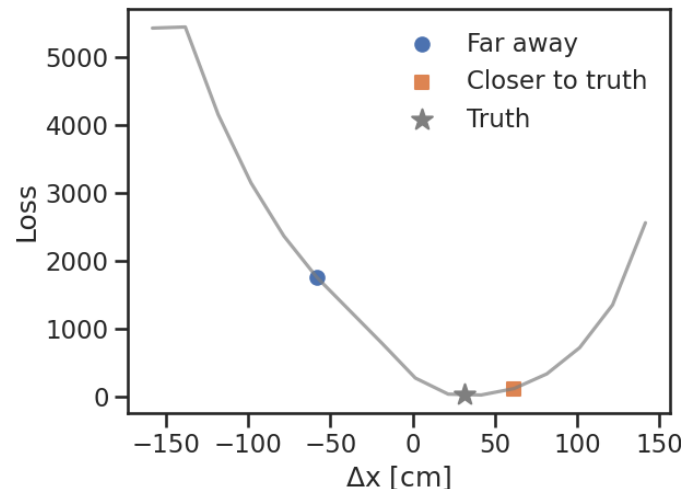
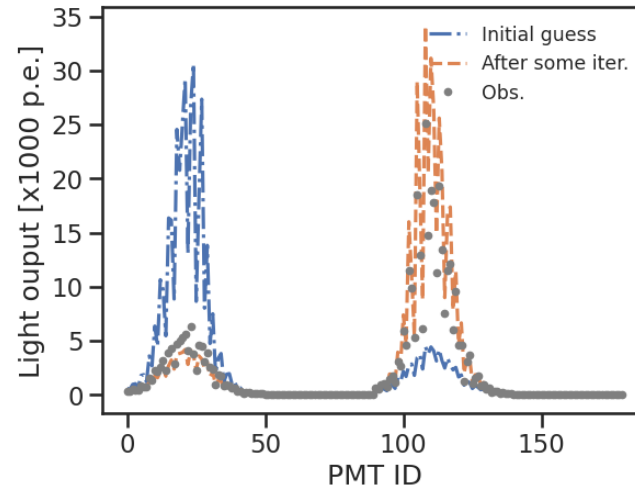
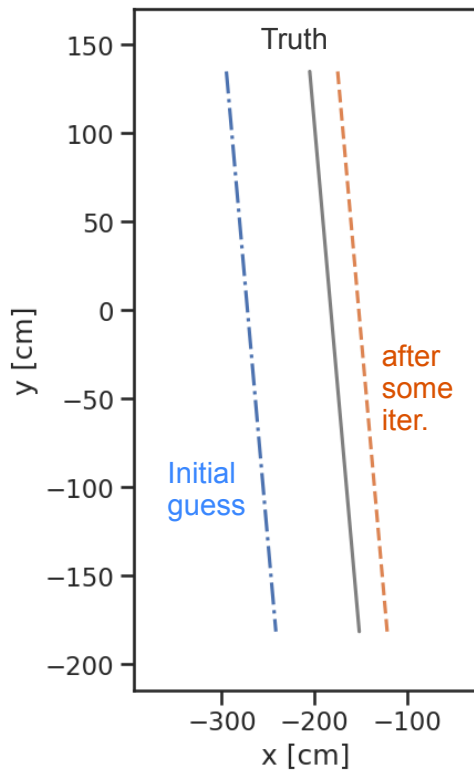


# Hyper-Parameter Optimization w/ Data



Data driven method to determine the optimal model parameters and minimum sample size.

# Application: T0-Finding



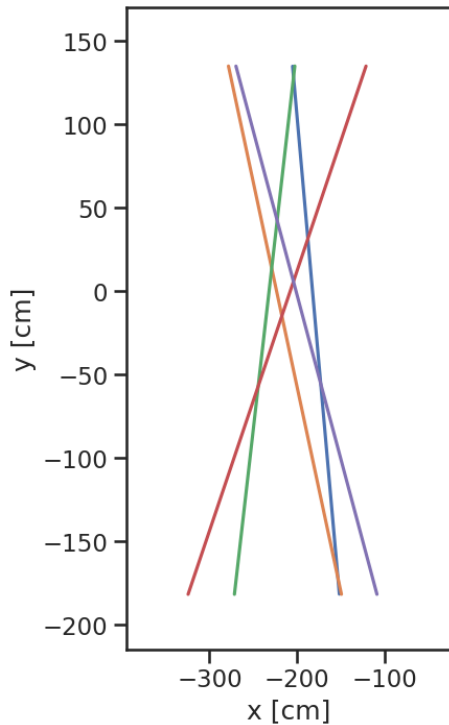
1. Given a charge-light pair, randomly initialize  $t_0$  within detector volume
2. Calculate loss w.r.t. observed light output
3. Shift the whole track by  $\Delta x$  and repeat until “best” match is found.

Classical *gradient descent* optimization problem.

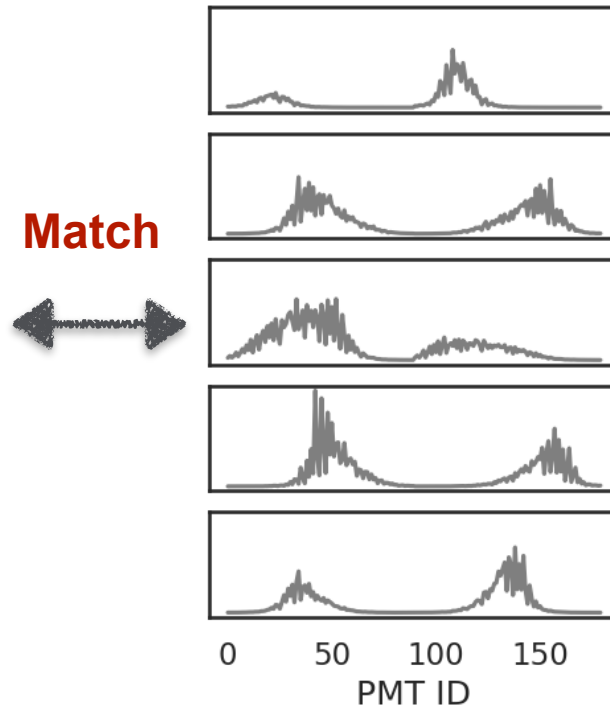
More advanced examples of multi-parameters optimization in upcoming talk(s).

# Application: Flash Matching

**Charge Readout**



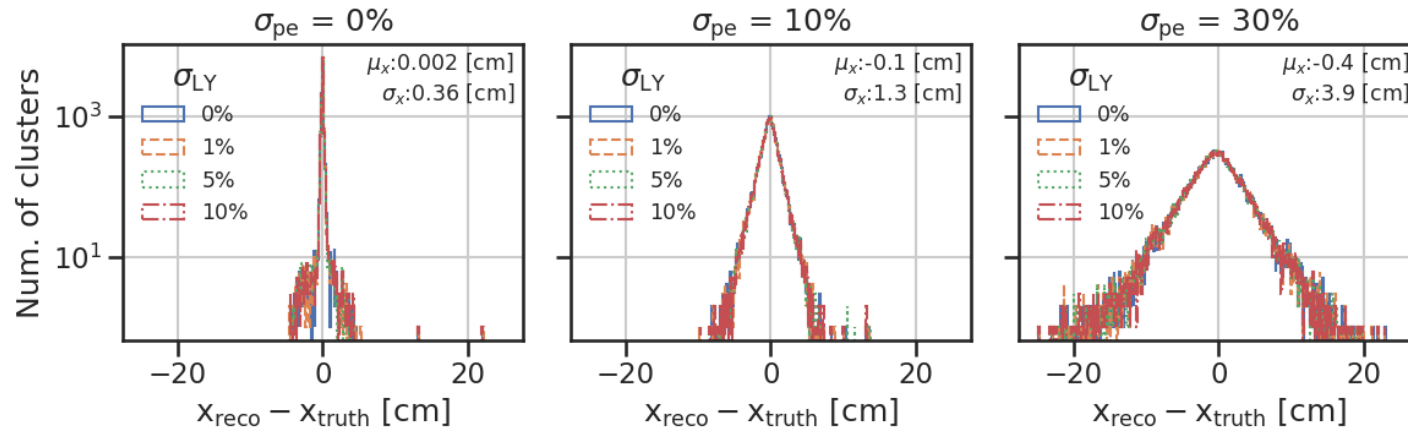
**Light Readout**



1. Make a hypothesis of associate  $i$ -th charge to  $j$ -th light readouts
2. Minimize pairwise loss  $L_{ij}$
3. Repeat for all pairs ( $N^2$ )
4. Bipartite matching - find the optimal pairs to minimize the total loss

# Flash Matching (cont.)

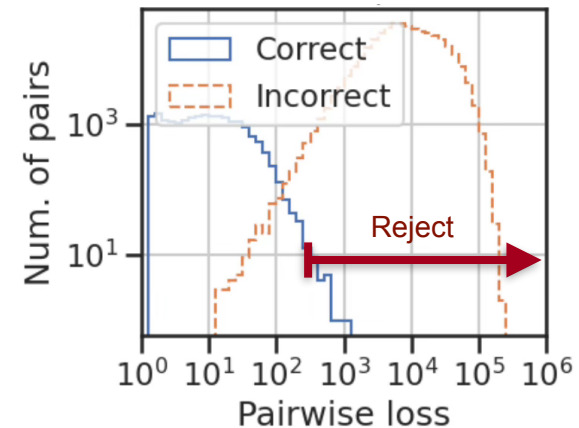
## Flash-matching Performance w/ variations in charge and PMT (Toy ICARUS Simulation)



### To Speed Up

- Scan pairwise loss in a coarse  $\Delta x$  step
  - Reject “obvious” mismatched pairs, or keep only top-k pairs
  - $N^2 \rightarrow O(N)$  pairs
- Optimize in batch
- Benchmark: matching  $O(10)$  clusters,  $\sim 1s$

### Pairwise Loss Scan





# Real World Application: DUNE 2x2 ND

## Oops... No Data!

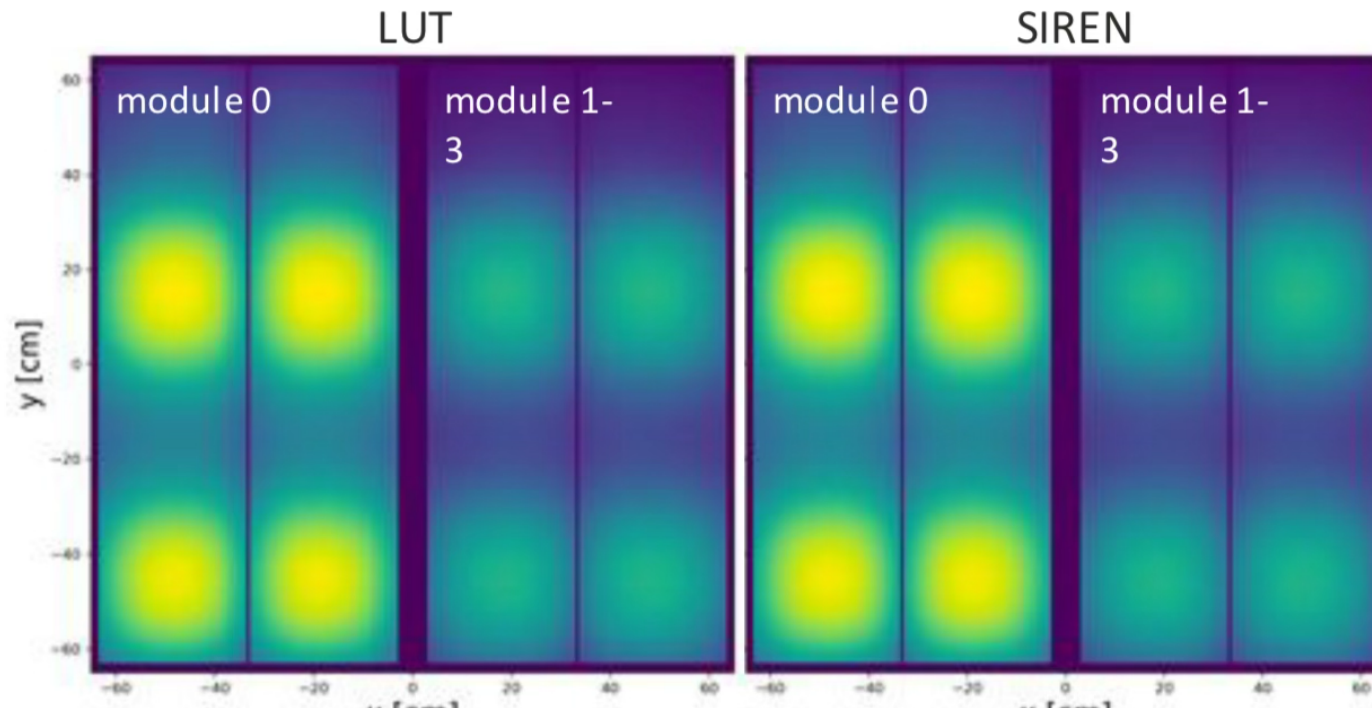
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# Application for DUNE-ND 2x2

Visibility slice of 2x2 prototype at Z=10 cm

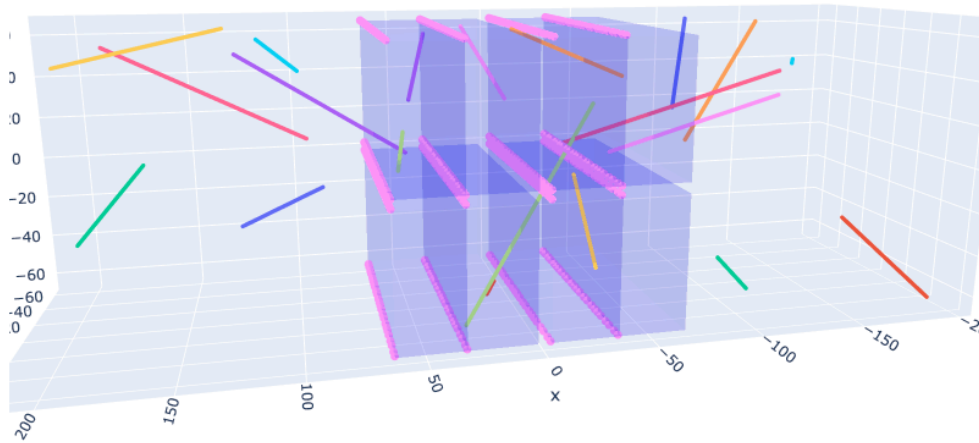


DUNE-ND 2x2 Multi-Module Visibility  
Sam Young (Stanford) @APS Apr 2024

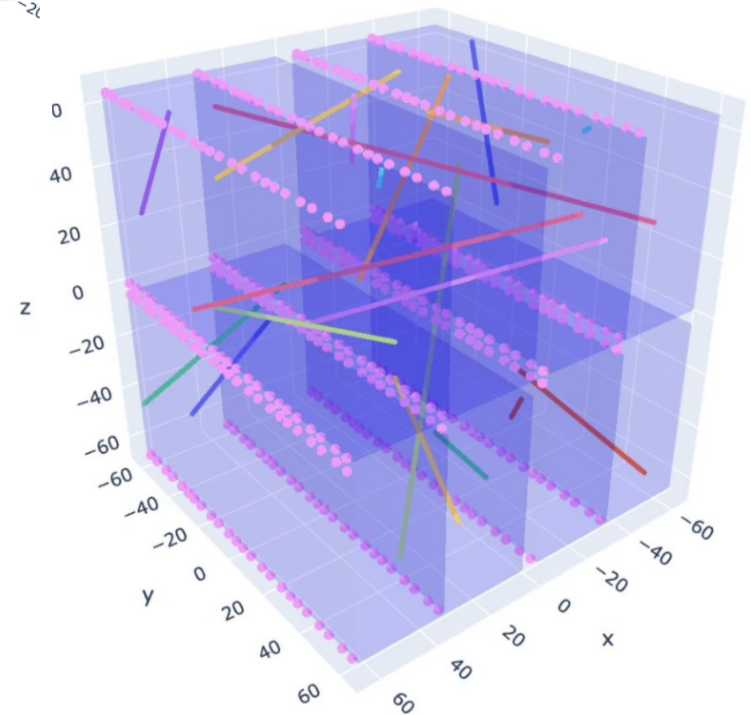


# Application for DUNE-ND 2x2 (cont.)

Before Matching



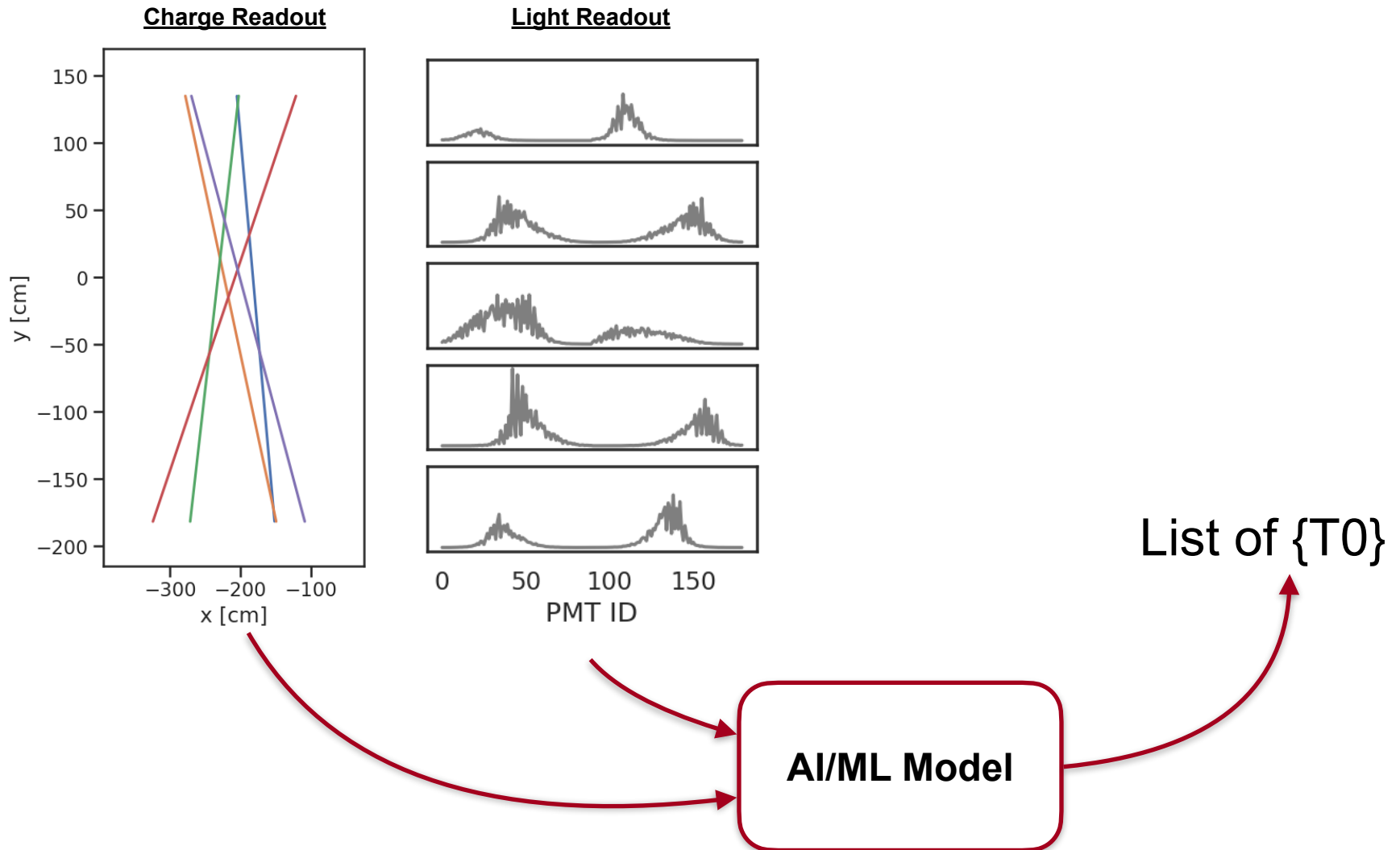
After Matching



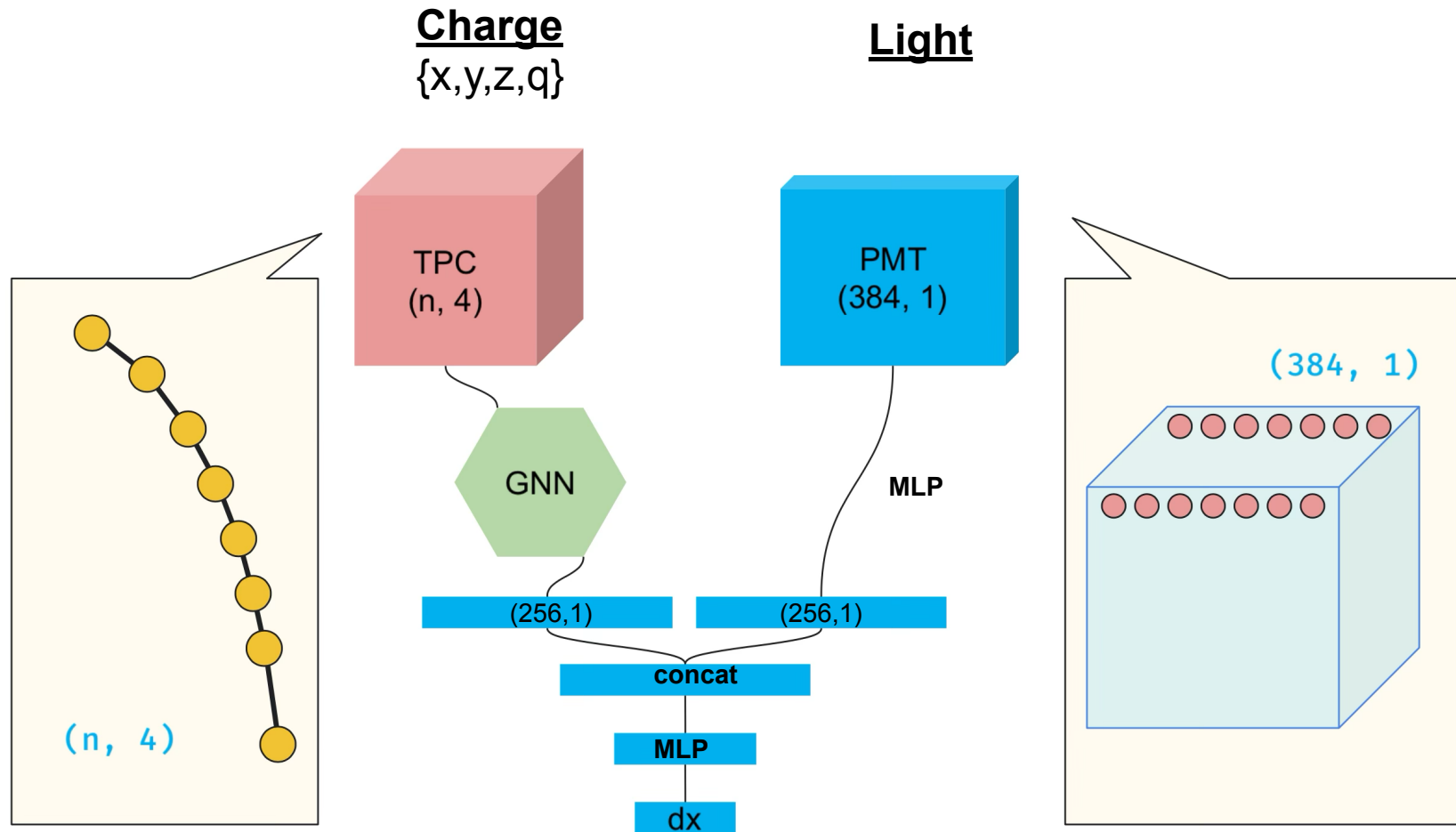
DUNE-ND 2x2 Flash Matching - Toy Simulation

Carolyn Smith (Stanford) @APS Apr 2024

# Work in Progress: AI/ML T0 Reconstruction



# Proof-of-Concept Model: Single Track



**Nodes:** Sample  $n$  points along the track

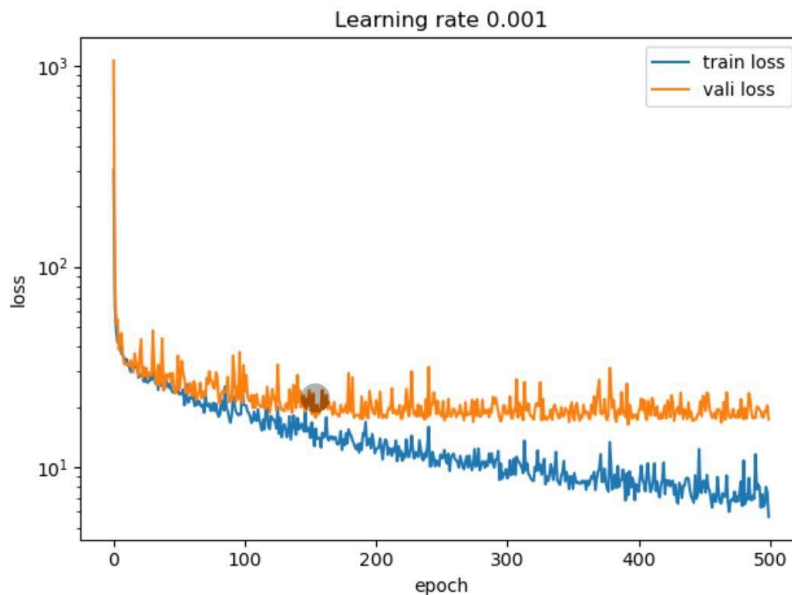
**Edges:** Connect nearest neighbor(s)

**GNN:** GCNConv w/o edge weights

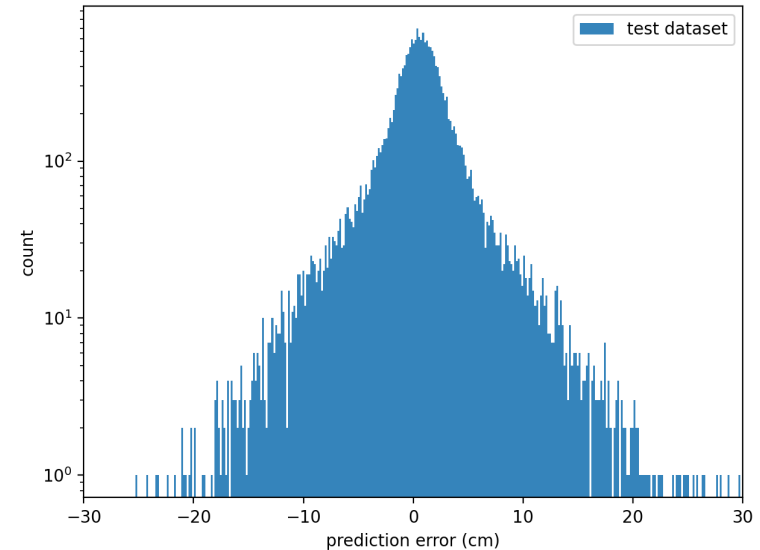
Zhe Zhang (SLAC)

# Preliminary Results on AI/ML T0 Reco.

Zhe Zhang (SLAC)



Training 60k single tracks  
batch size 1000



Test sample 20k  
RMS = 4.49 cm

- not bad for an initial attempt
- how to aggregate charge image with multiple objects?
- how to match multiple charge and light clusters?

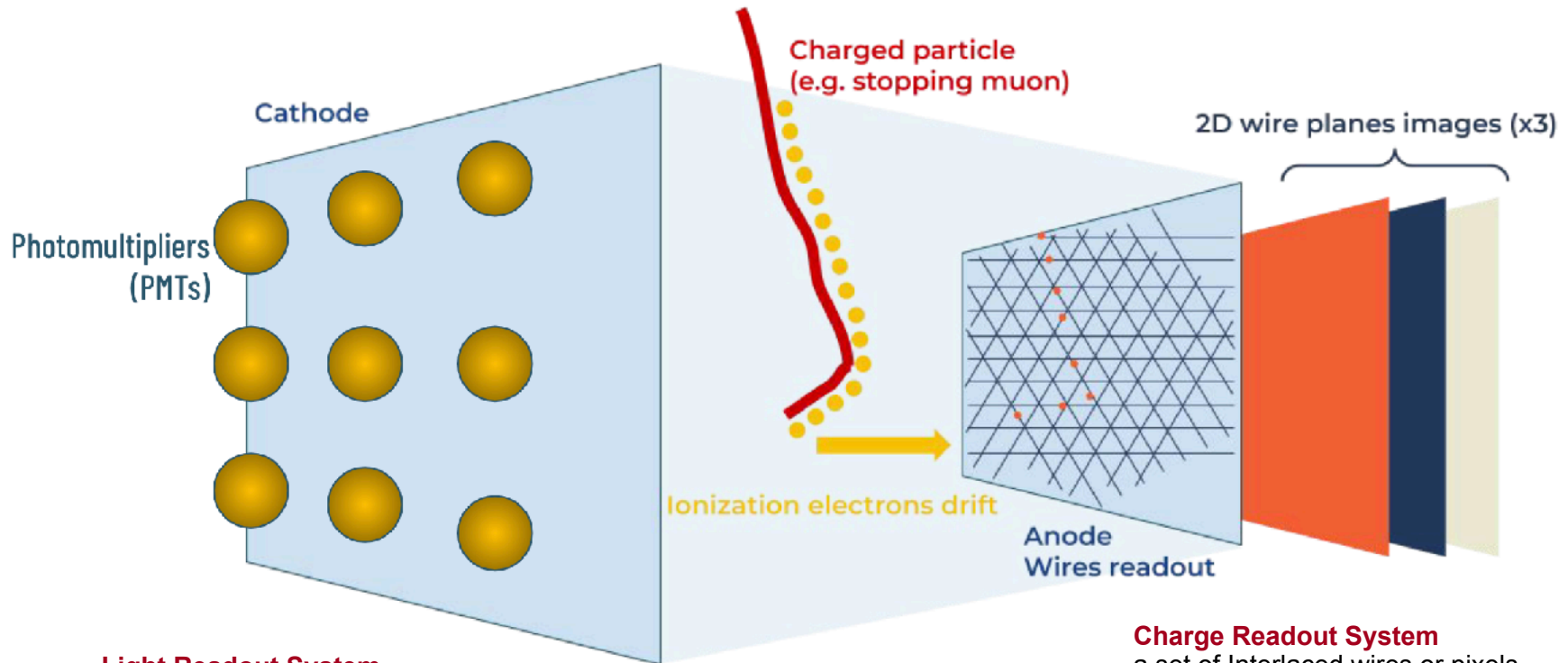
# Conclusions

- propose the use of sinusoidal representation network (**SIREN**) to model the light propagation for LArTPCs
  - memory efficient => scalable for large detectors
  - optimizable w/ data => calibration
  - smooth gradient surface => further applications
- more use cases of differentiable modeling in the upcoming talks

**Backup Slides**



# Liquid Argon Time Projection Chamber (LArTPC)



## Light Readout System

detection of scintillating photons at O(ns)

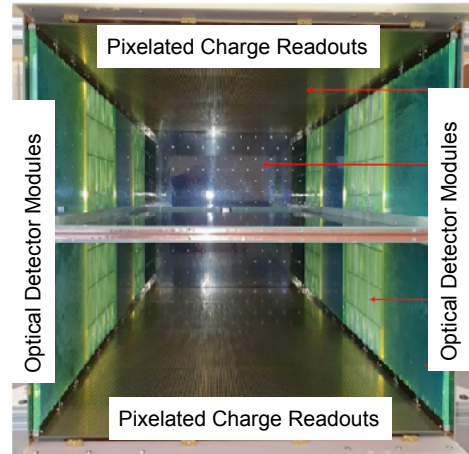
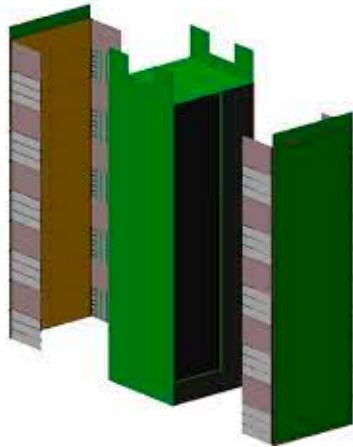


## Charge Readout System

a set of Interlaced wires or pixels  
drift time O(ms)

$$\text{Drift distance} = \text{Drift Velocity} * (t - t_0)$$

# Examples of LArTPC Detectors



## Module-0 Demonstrator

- 1st ton-scale prototype of DUNE\* near detector design
- ~0.7 m x 0.7 m x 1.4 m
- divided into 2 TPCs
- pixelated charge readout
- 2 different optical detector prototypes: LCM & ArcLight



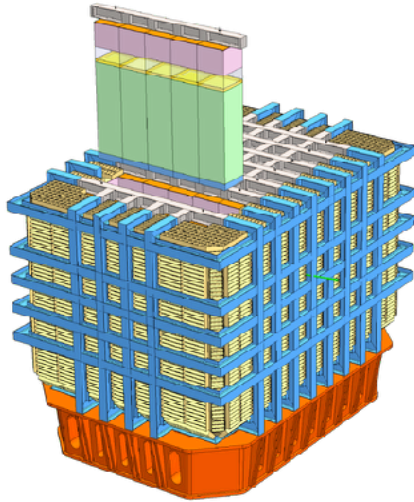
## ICARUS\*\*

- largest LArTPC in operation with wire readout
- 760 ton LAr in 2 TPCs
- each ~3.6 m x 3.9 m x 19.9 m

\*DUNE: Deep Underground Neutrino Experiment

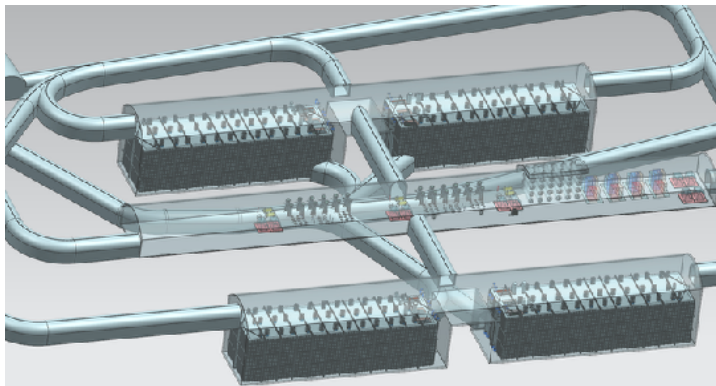
\*\*ICARUS: Imaging Cosmic And Rare Underground Signals

# Proposed LArTPC Detectors



## DUNE Near Detector-Liquid Argon (ND-LAr)

- 7x5 array of 1 m x 1m x 3m detector modules (similar design as module-0 demonstrator)
- ~67 ton of LAr

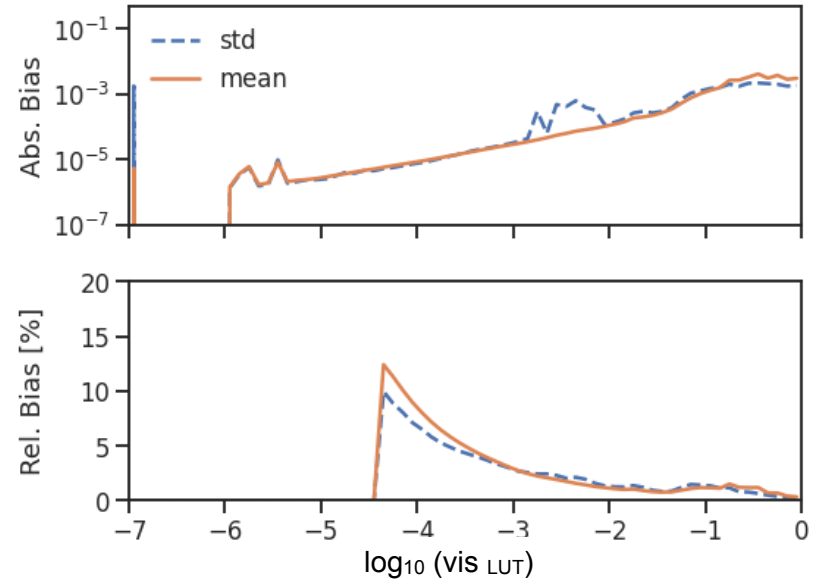
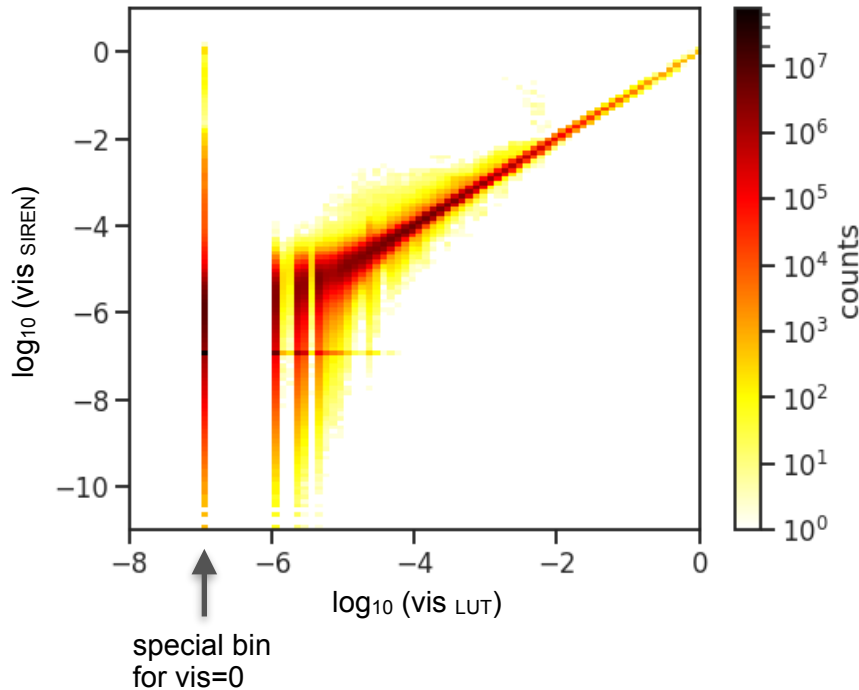


## DUNE Far Detector

- 4 x ~17-kton detector modules
- each ~19 m x 18 m x 66 m

*Scalability* is the key for the future

# SIREN Performance



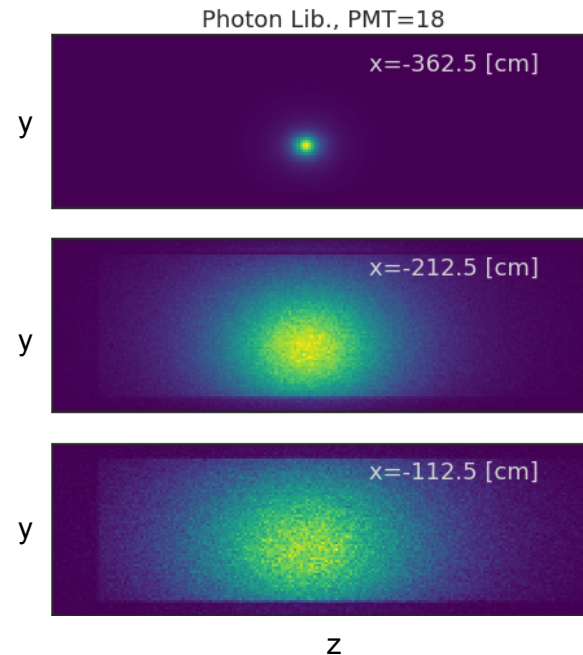
SIREN is able to represent LUT with  $\sim 1\%$  in the high visibility region ( $\text{vis.} > 1e-2$ ).

The overall (average) bias is  $\sim 7-8\%$ , which is dominated by the statistical fluctuation of the LUT at low visibility.

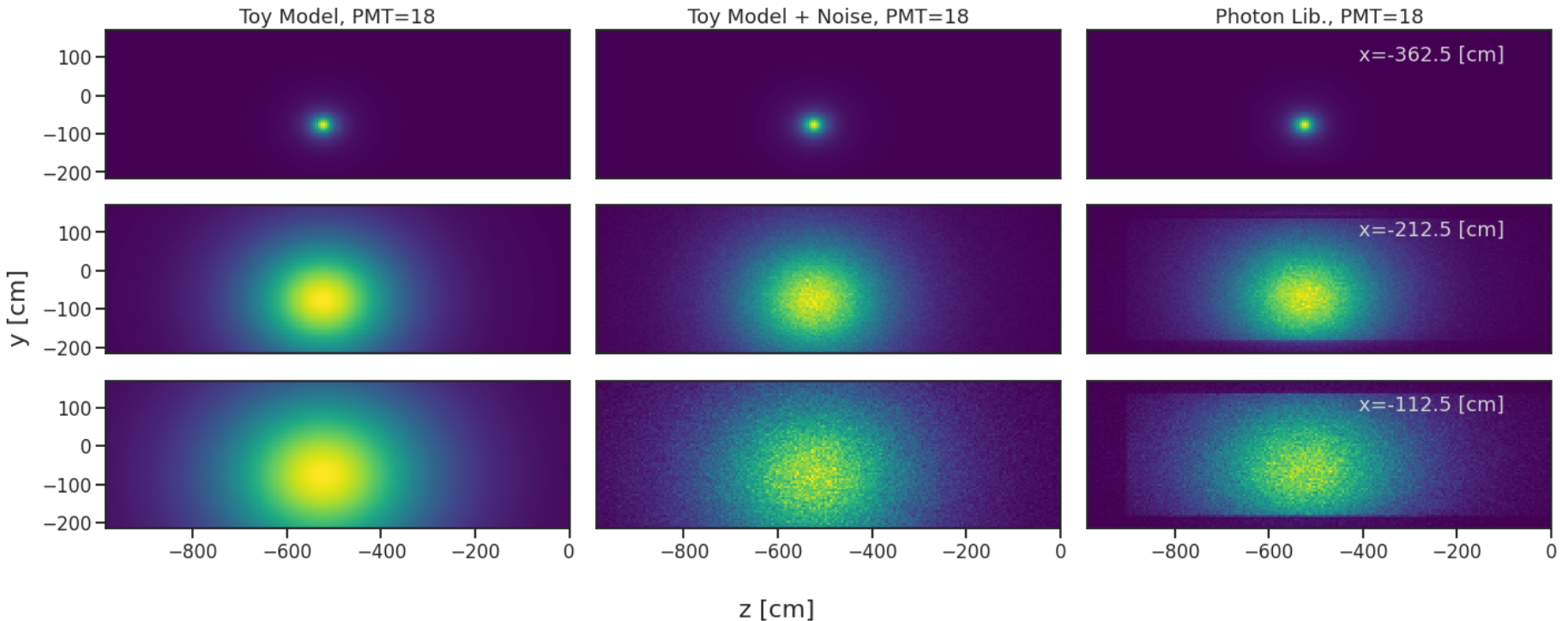
# Statistical Uncertainty in LUT

Generation of the photon library is limited by *finite statistics*.

The input data to the SIREN are subjected to *statistical uncertainty* (more prominent for voxels with low visibility).



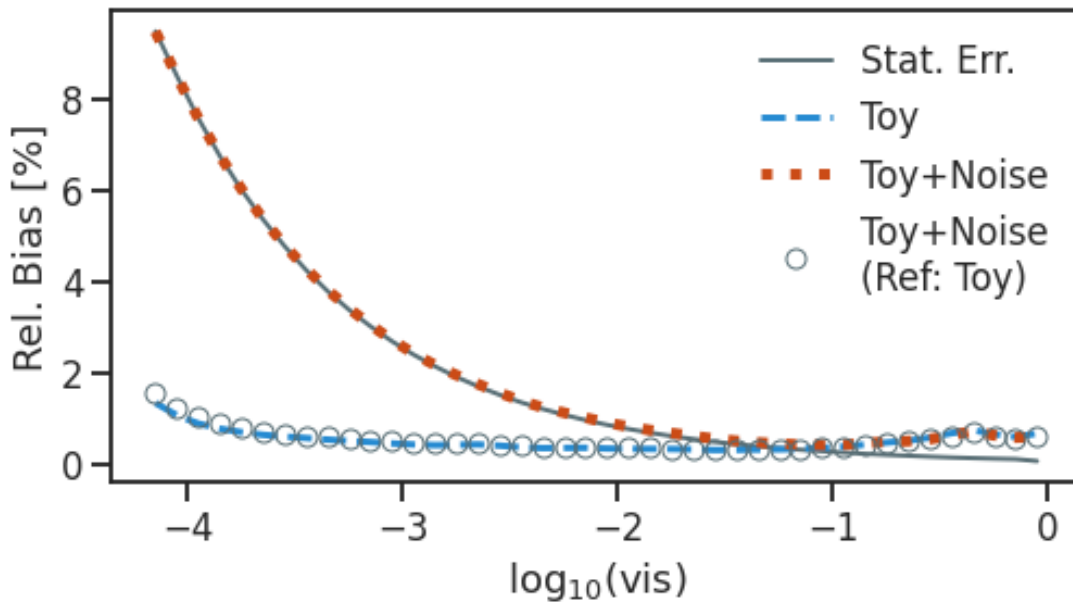
# Toy Model: A Study w/ and /o Stat. Err.



**Toy Model:** analytical (smooth) model that roughly reassemble the features of LUT.  
No statistical fluctuation.

**Toy Model + Noise:** sampling from toy model, assuming 1e6 photons per voxel,  
~same statistical uncertainty as the LUT.

# SIREN Performance w/o Statistical Uncertainty

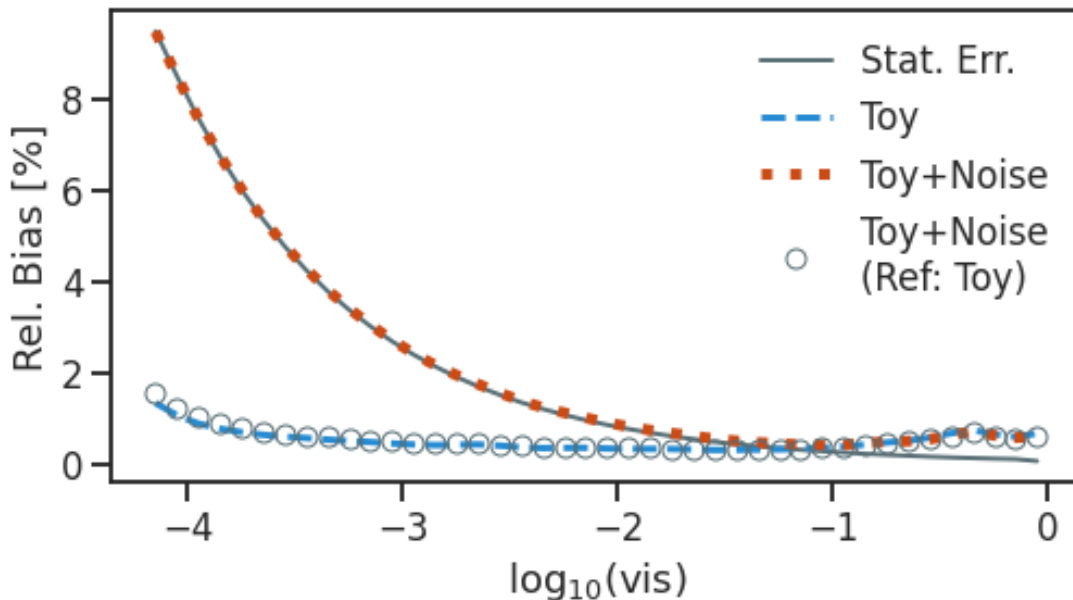


## Toy Model

- train SIREN w/ toy model
  - *NO* stat. fluctuation
- compare SIREN output to the analytical model
- $\leq 1\%$  bias
- *systematic* error for SIREN



# SIREN Performance w/ Statistical Uncertainty



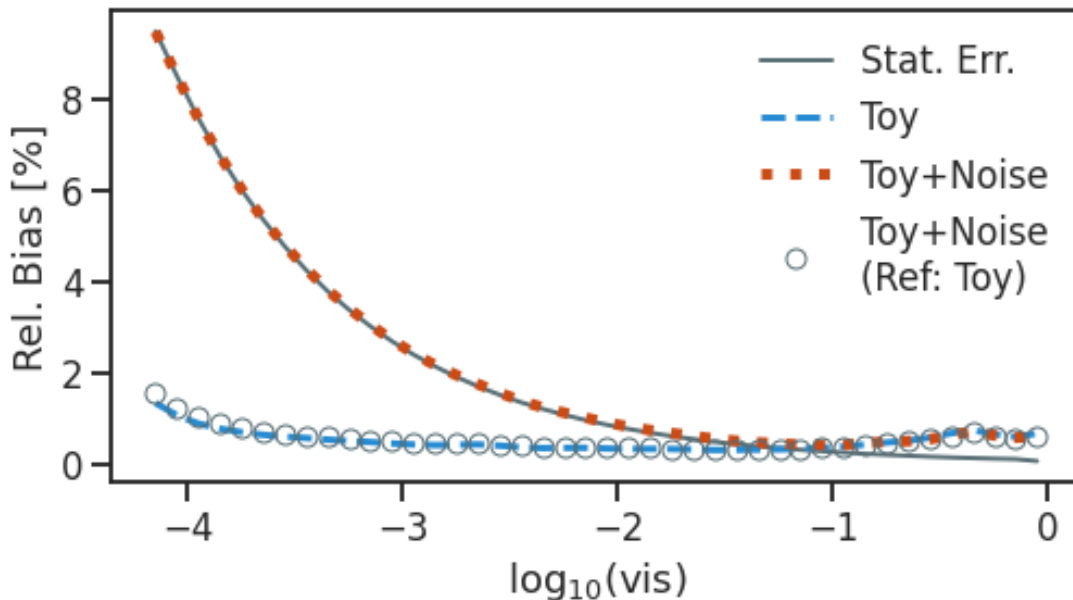
## Toy+Noise Model

- train SIREN w/ toy+model
  - input data *with* stat. fluctuation
- compare SIREN output to the *input data*
- $\leq 1\%$  bias at high visibility values
- bias increases gradually for lower visibility
  - comparable to the expected stat. err.
- contributions from both *statistical* and *systematic*



# SIREN Performance

## Learning the Underlying Distribution

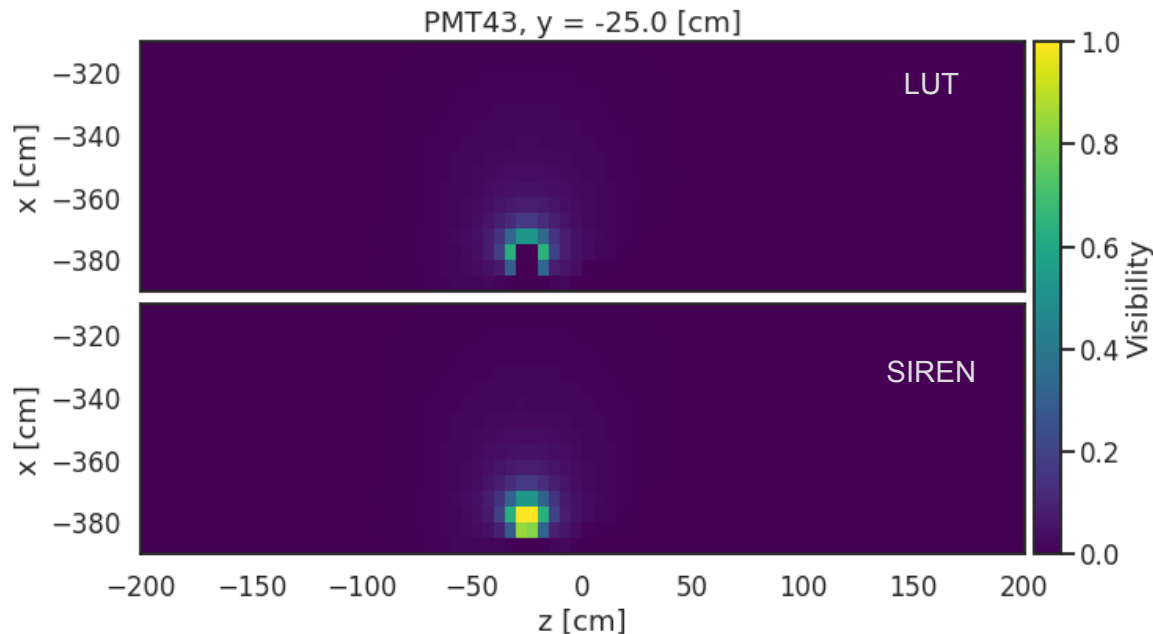


### Toy+Noise Model (Ref: Toy)

- train SIREN w/ toy+model
  - input data *with* stat. fluctuation
- compare SIREN output to the *analytical model (i.e. the truth distribution)*
- same bias as trained with Toy Model (i.e. input data w/o stat. uncertainty)
- statistical fluctuations suppressed

SIREN is able to learn the underlying distribution at  $\leq 1\%$  level, even with the imperfect input data.

# Case 1: LUT == 0, SIREN high vis.

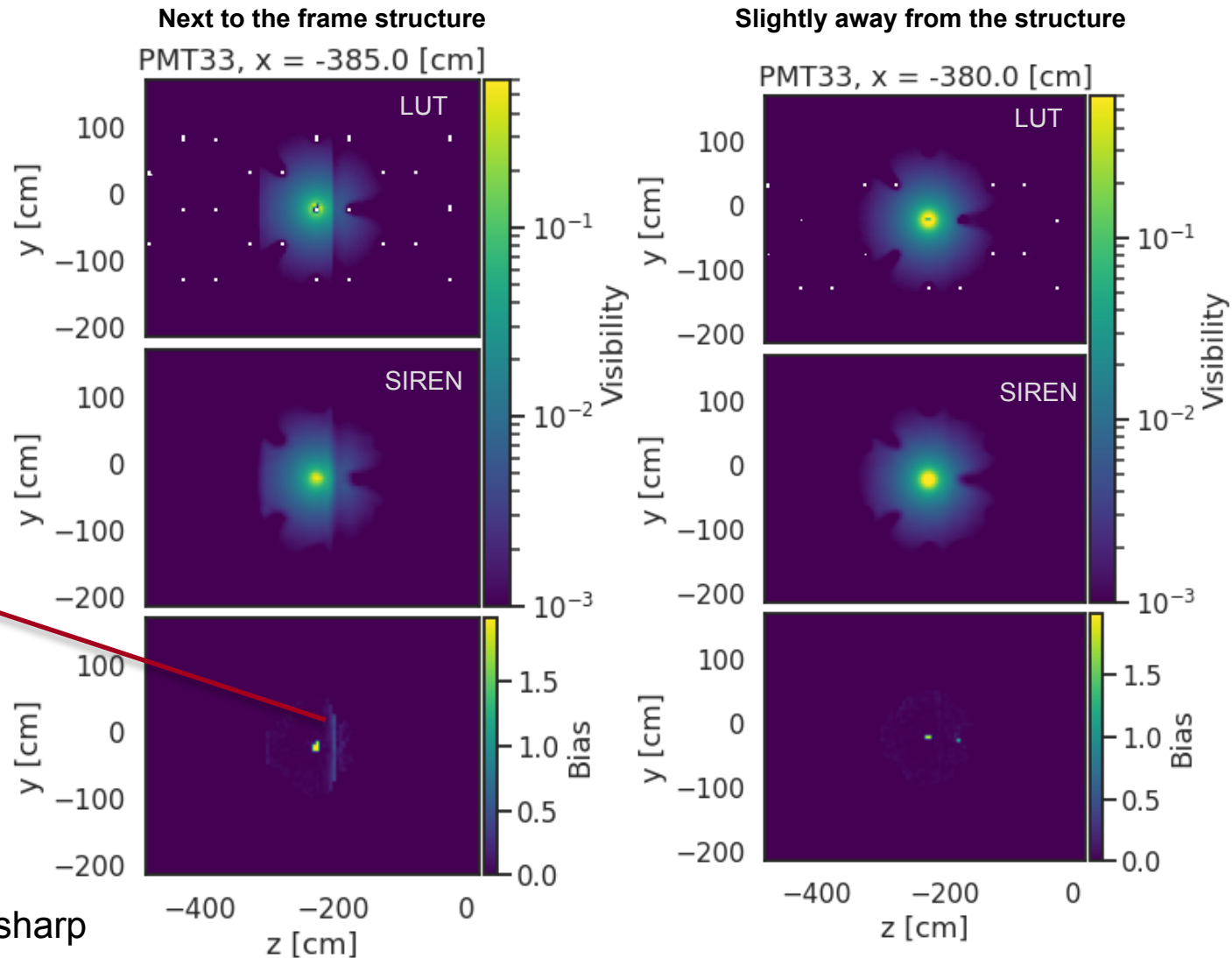


No light at the base / mount of PMT.

SIREN (as a continuous parameterization) tries to map the visibility toward max. visibility = 1.

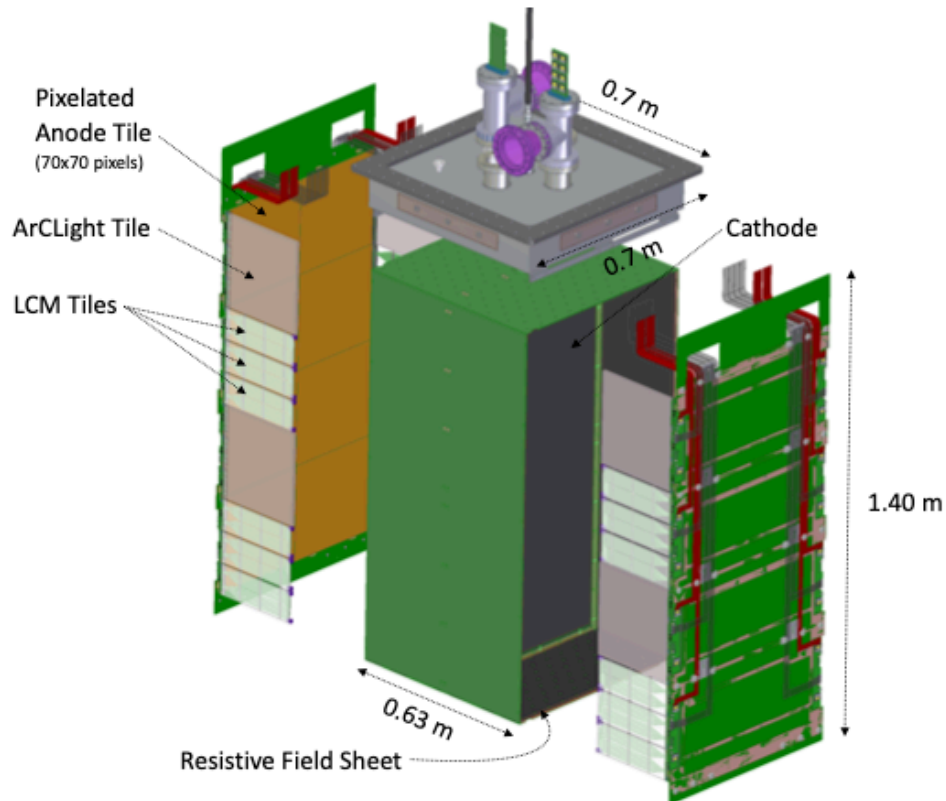
**Negligible impact on physics.** It corresponds track hitting directly to the PMT, leaving *NO* ionization charge. Likely there is a fiducial volume in the high level analysis.

# Case 2: SIREN Overpredicts Visibility



SIREN's limitation on sharp edge transition.

# Module-0 Detector



## Short term goal

- build a prototype of 2x2 array of detector modules
- test w/ NuMI neutrino beam at Fermilab

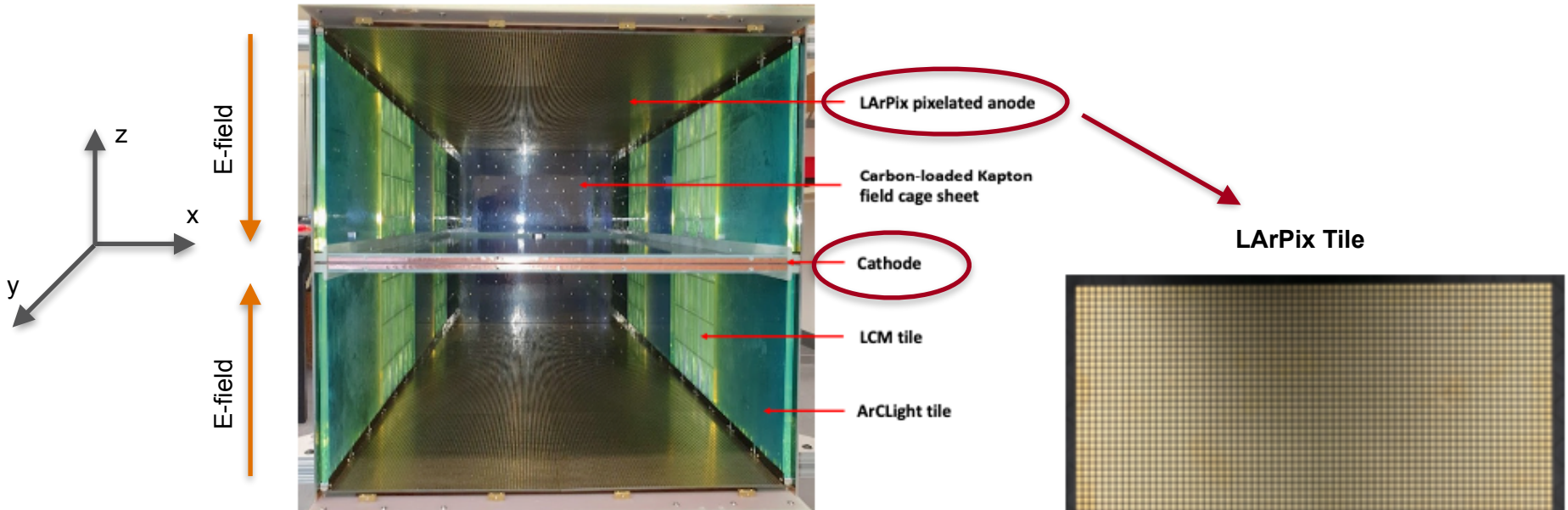
## Long term goal

- build a 7x5 array (TBC) for the DUNE Liquid Argon Near Detector

**Figure 1.** Schematic of the 0.7 m × 0.7 m × 1.4 m Module-0 detector with annotations of the key components.

# Module-0 Charge Readout System

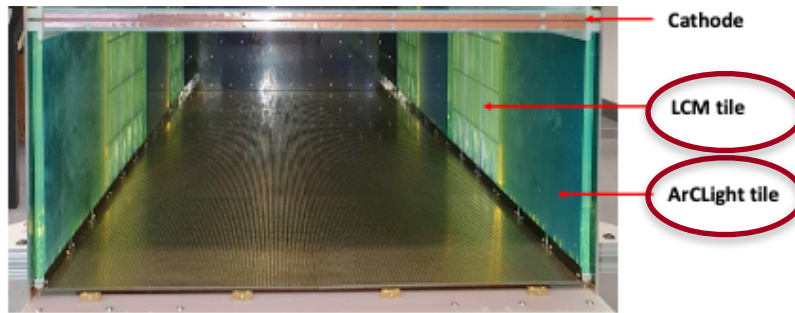
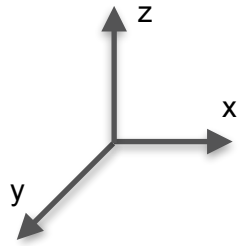
View from the top of Module-0



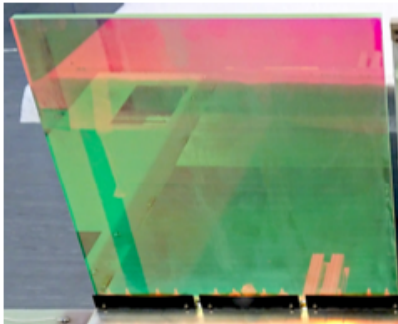
- 2 drift volumes (TPCs)
- separated by a cathode plane
- 4x2 LArPix tiles per anode plane
- 70x70 pixels per tile
- pixel pitch 4.43 mm

# Module-0 Light Readout System

Light Readout System of Module-0



ArCLight tile



↓ ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓  
6 SiPMs

LCM tile



↓ ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓  
2 SiPMs 2 SiPMs 2 SiPMs

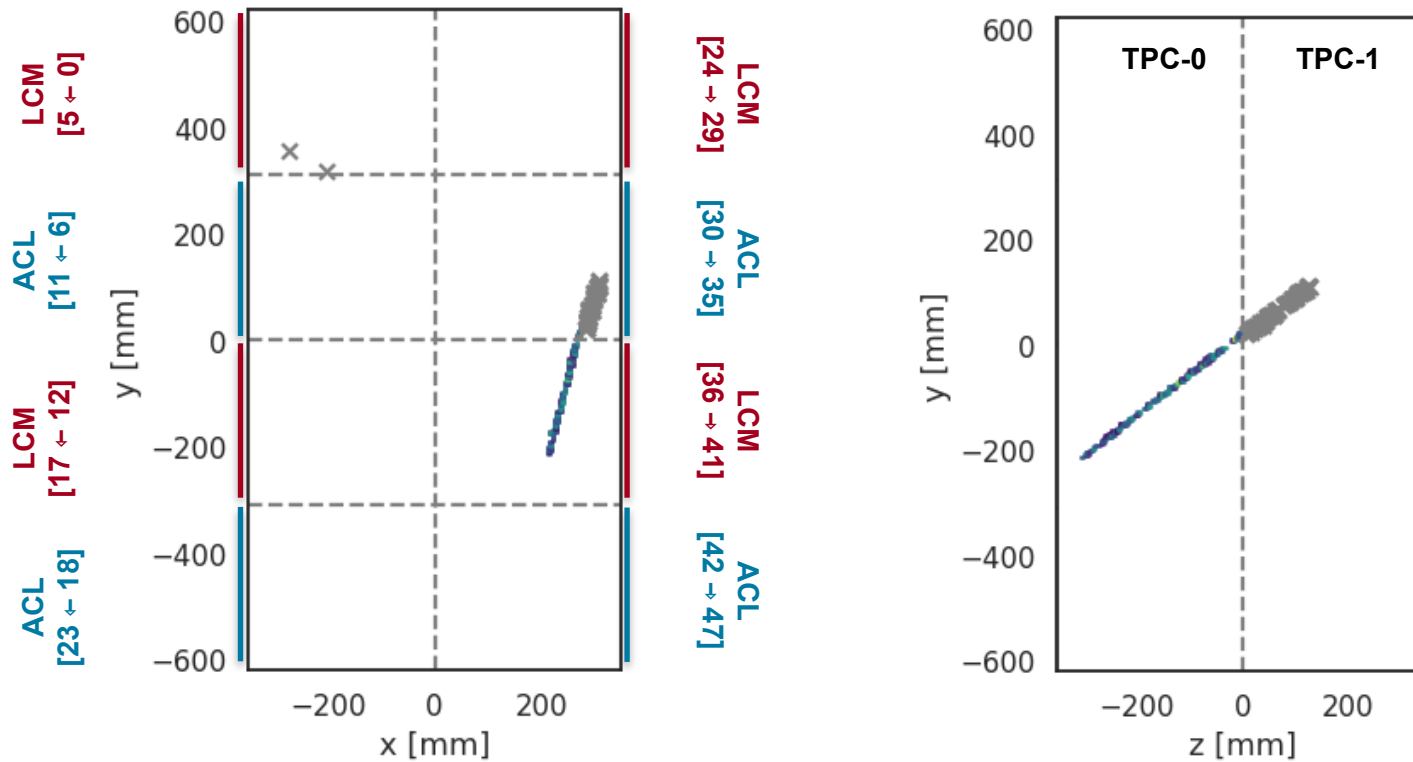
- 4 LCM and 4 ArCLight tiles per TPC
- each tiles ~300 mm x 300 mm x 10 mm
- 6 SiPMs per tile
- total of 48 SiPMs per TPC

# Data Selection for Module-0

- data collected between 4/4/21 - 4/10/21 at Bern
  - “*default*” settings (0.5 kV/cm, med. threshold ....)
- cathode-anode crossing tracks in TPC-0
  - one clustered object per charge image
  - dbscan eps=25 mm, min\_samples=5
- matching charge-light pairs by trigger timestamp
- ~680k tracks selected
  - training/validation/testing samples in 75-15-15 splitting ratio
  - for track statistic study, splitting ratio is 20-80 for training/testing



# Note on SiPM Indexing

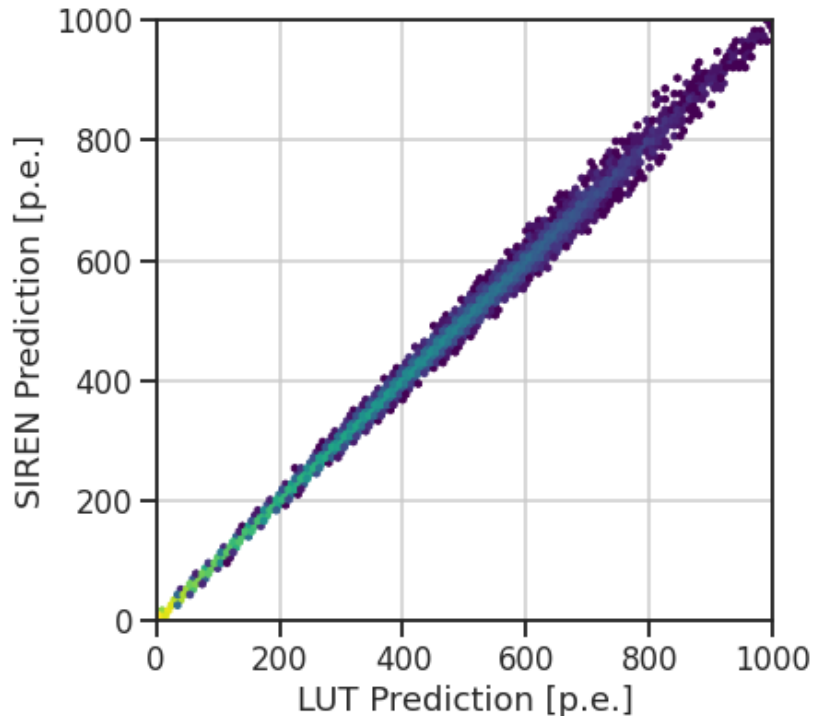


\*\* Grayed out points are excluded from this analysis

- unclustered points, or
- portion of track in TPC-1



# Charge-to-Light: SIREN v.s. LUT

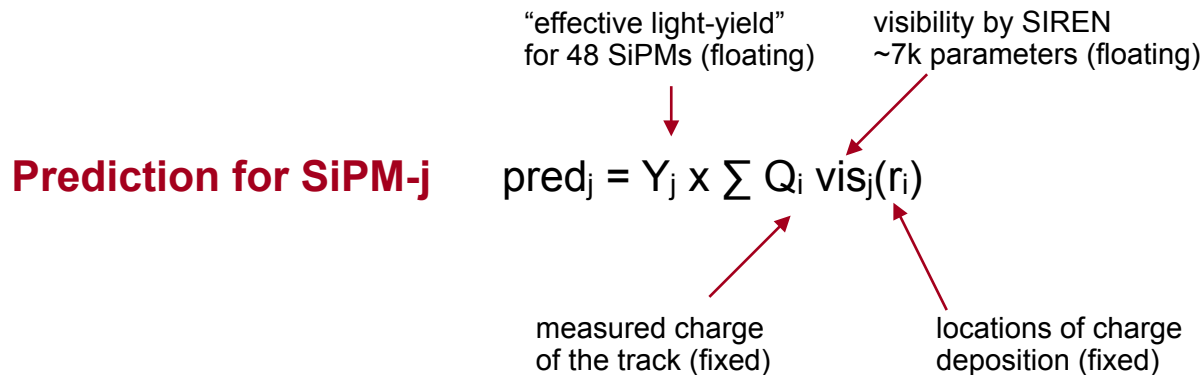


- train a SIREN model using simulated data (i.e. LUT)
- point-source input
  - $\{x_i, y_i, z_i\} \rightarrow \{\text{vis}_i^0, \text{vis}_i^1, \dots, \text{vis}_i^{47}\}$
- calculate charge-to-light prediction
  - $\text{pred.} \sim \sum Q_i \text{vis}(r_i)$
- $\text{vis}(r_i)$ : either from LUT or SIREN
- both methods are practically the same <<1% difference

# Calibration of SIREN Model

Calibration => Multi-parameters optimization problem of the SIREN model

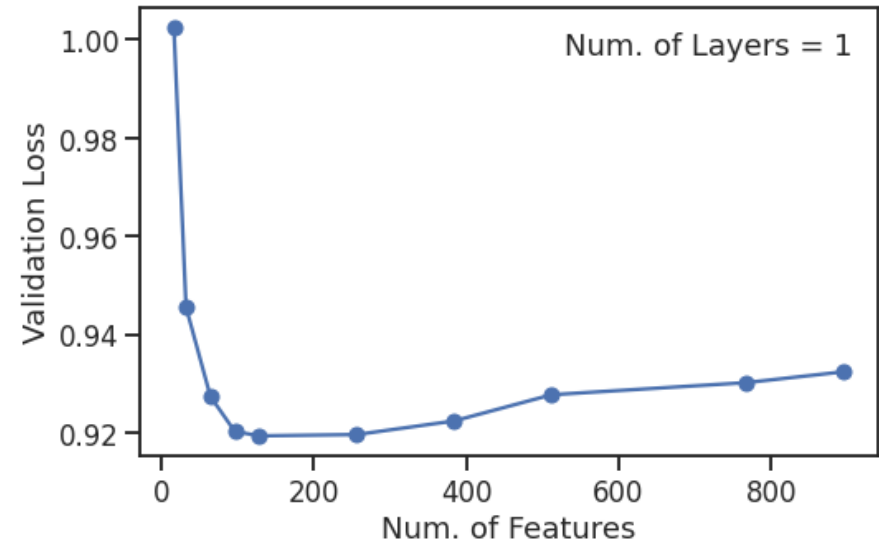
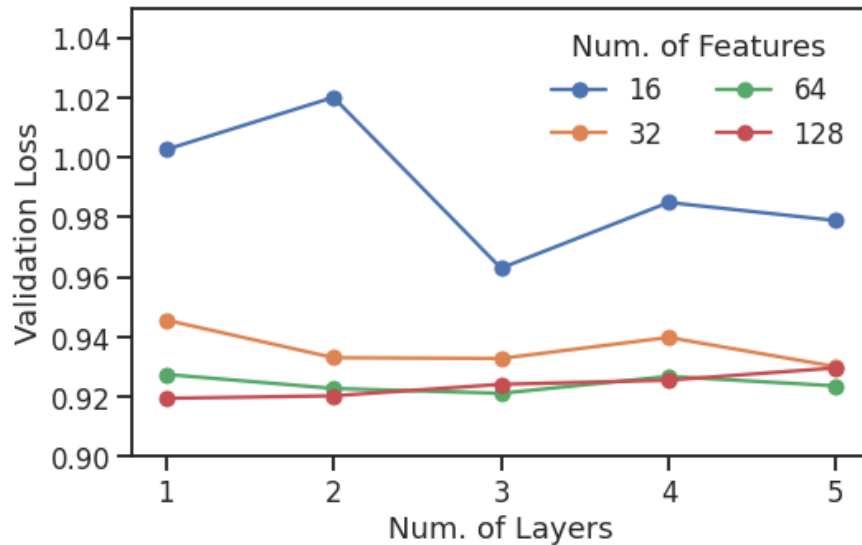
**Objective** minimize the difference between observation and prediction



**Loss function**  $\chi^2 = \sum_j (\text{obs}_j - \text{pred}_j)^2 / (\text{pred}_j + \epsilon^2)$

$\epsilon = 5 \text{ p.e.}$

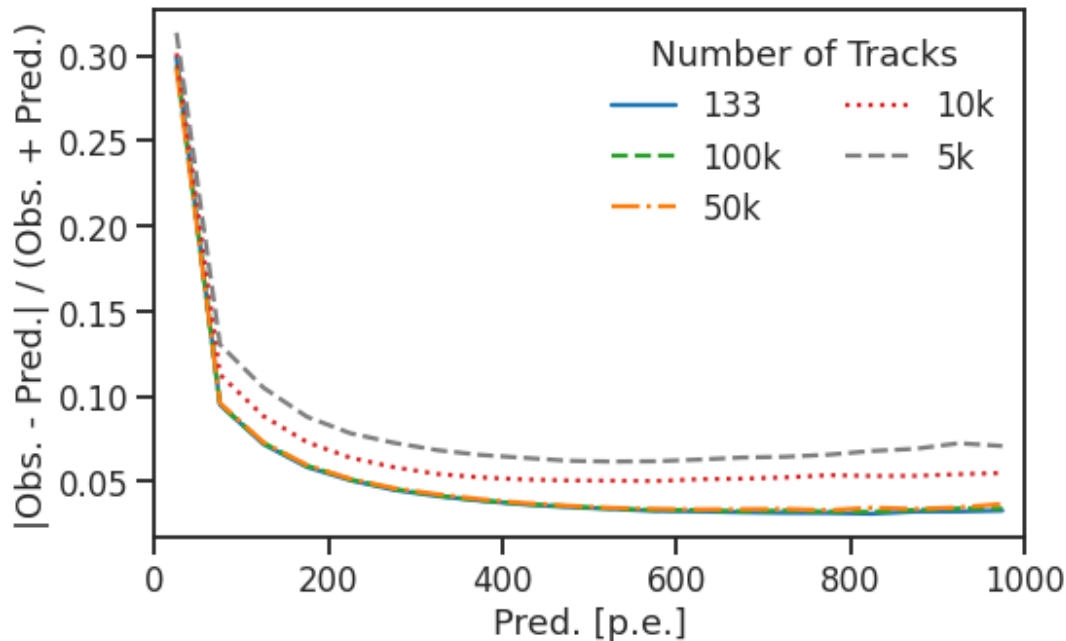
# Hyper-Parameter Optimization w/ Data



## Optimal SIREN model for module-0 demonstrator

- determined by track data
- # of layers = 1
- # of features = 128
- ~23k parameters
- c.f. 12.6M for LUT in ~1 cm voxel size

# How Many Tracks Needed?



- performance increase significantly from 5k to 50k tracks
- difference diminishes to  $\sim 0.1\%$  from 50k and beyond
- $\sim 100k$  tracks are good enough to build a SIREN model for Module-0 demonstrator