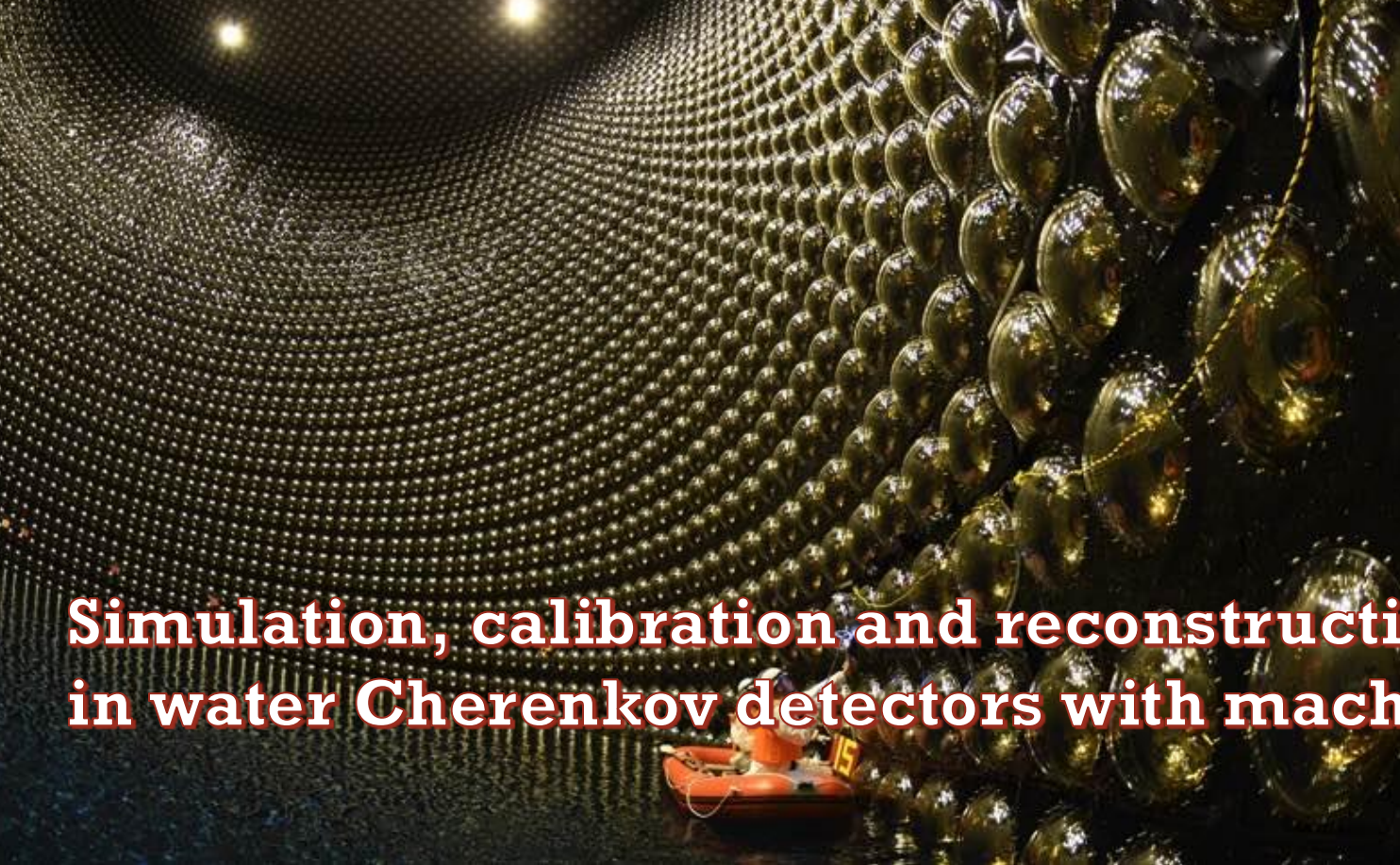




Simulation, calibration and reconstruction in water Cherenkov detectors with machine learning techniques



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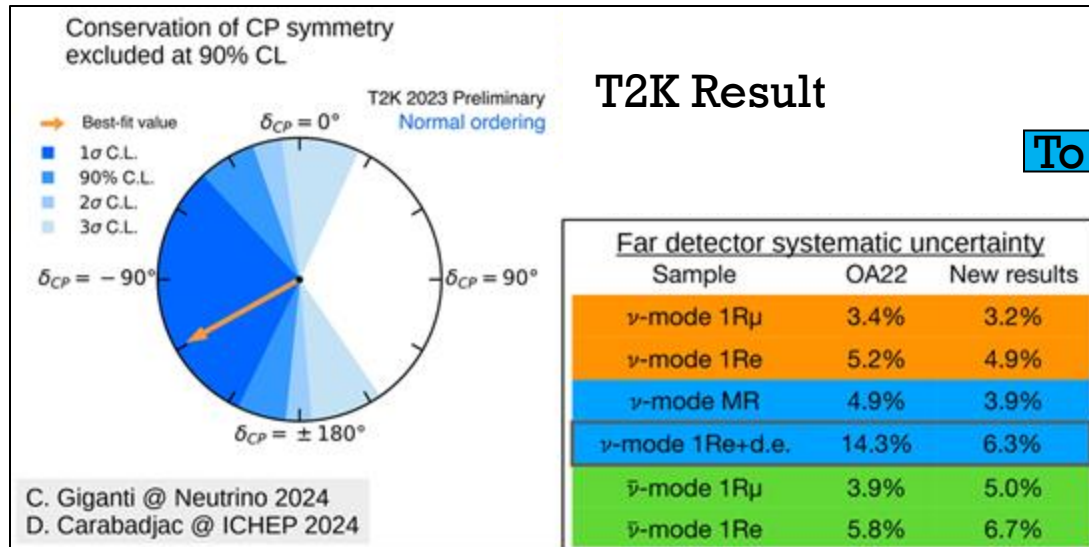


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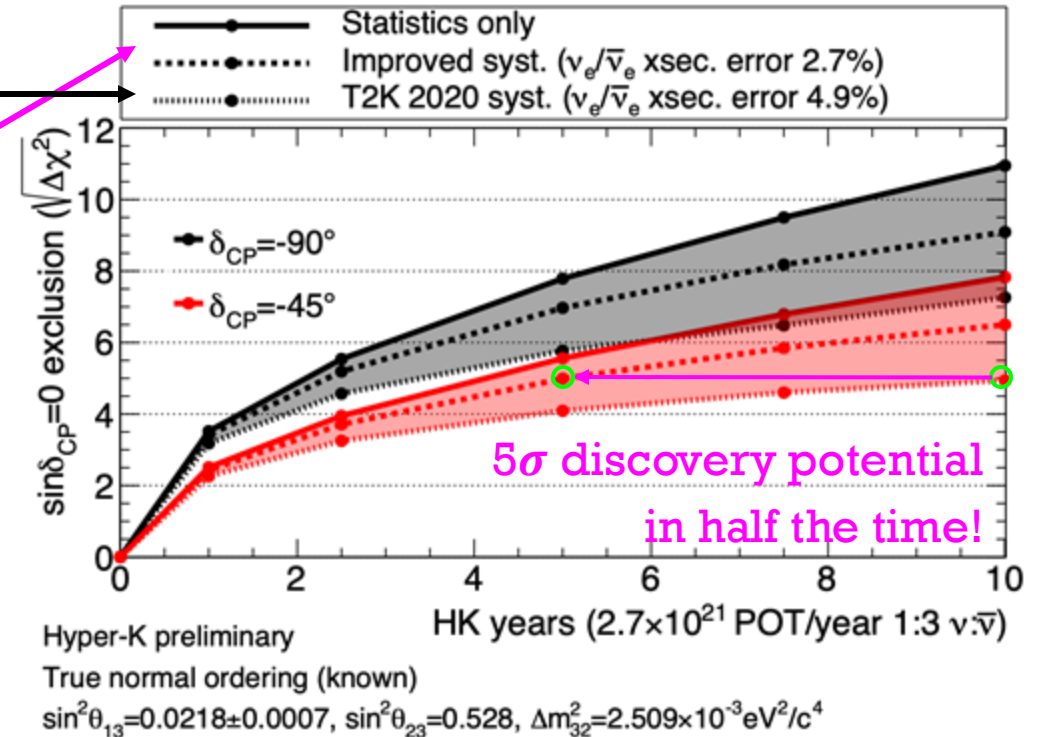
Physics motivation

- CP violation in neutrinos → Potential source of the matter-antimatter asymmetry
- Hyper-K: 10 years to reach 5σ discovery potential at current systematic error understanding

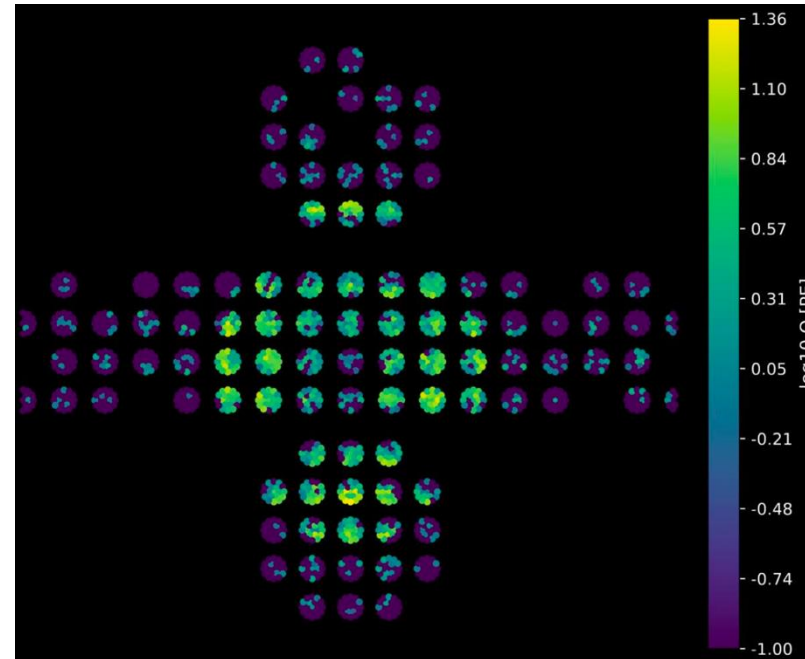
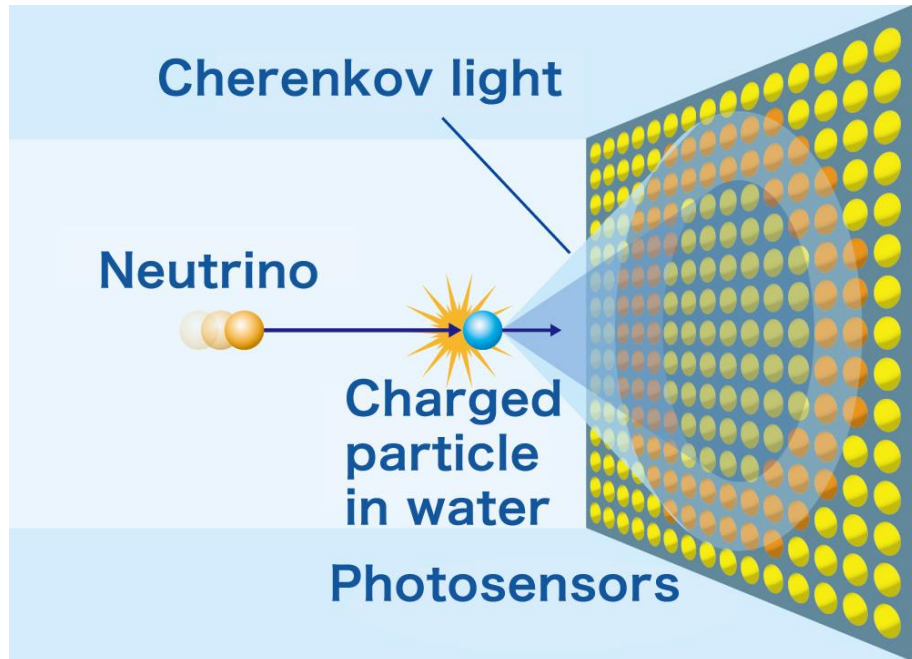
- Systematic errors must be improved
 - New and upgraded near detectors



To HK



Water Cherenkov Detector principles



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Error Source	% Error for CPV search
$\phi + \sigma$ (ND constrained)	2.7
$\phi + \sigma$ (ND unconstrained)	1.2
Nucleon removal energy	3.6
π re-interactions	1.6
$\sigma(\nu_e), \sigma(\bar{\nu}_e)$	3.0
NC γ + other	1.5
SK far detector	1.5
Total	6.0

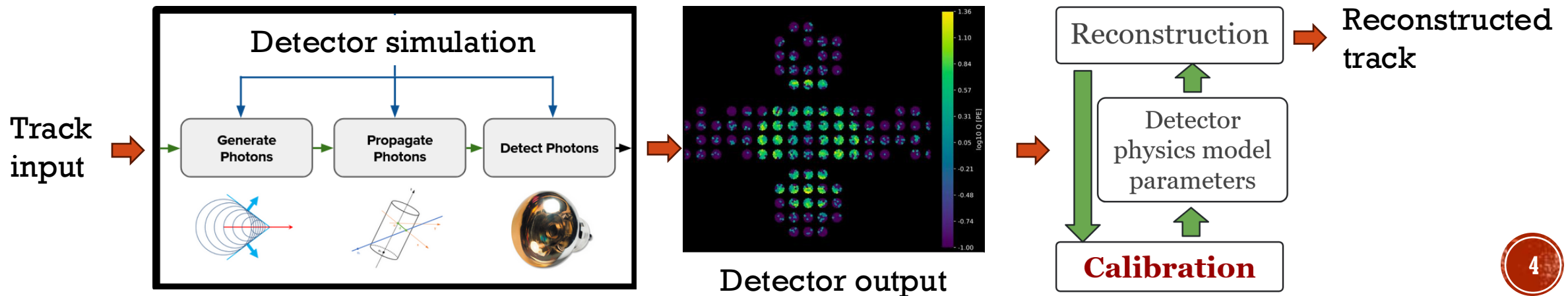
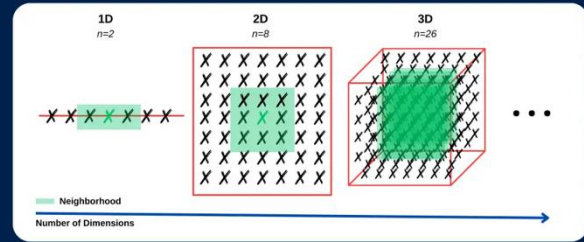
Goal for HK: 3%

- Traditionally use Monte Carlo (MC) simulations tuned with calibration data to generate observables with which we use to analyze real physics data → Hard but necessary to reduce **detector uncertainties to <1%**

Detector Physics Modeling: Challenges

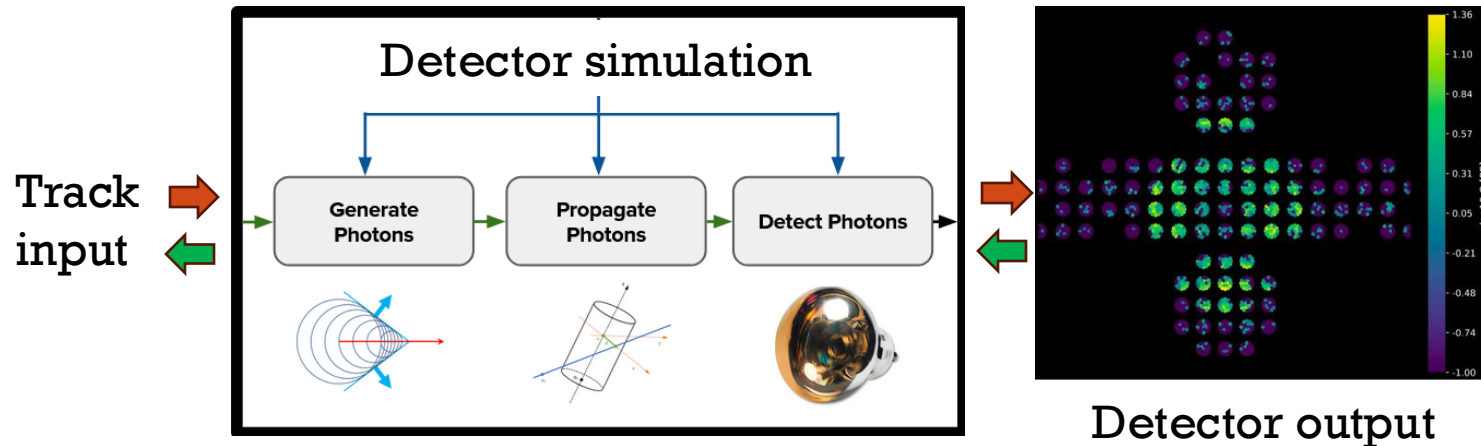
- **Quality** due to limitation in the traditional calibration
 - "one-by-one" (sequential) parameter calibration assumes weak/no correlations
 - Non-optimizable routines (e.g. look-up tables)
 - Not directly minimizing the "data-simulation discrepancy" metrics
- **Speed** for modeling a large and complex detectors without loss of quality
 - Seconds to minutes per event prevents high statistics $O(10^9)$ simulations
 - Faster = can unlock new analysis techniques (e.g. simulation-based inference)
- **Resources** for software development and maintenance
 - Same detector physics, separate software (simulation vs. calibration/reconstruction)

Curse of Dimensionality Example



Proposal: Differentiable Detector Simulator (DDSim)

- **Automation of physics model tuning (via backpropagation)**
 - **“End-to-end”**: gradient-based optimization using calibration and physics datasets
 - **Interpretable**: analytical physics models for well-understood physics
 - **Flexible**: neural representations to incorporate complex features in real data
 - **Fast**: utilization of modern computing accelerators (e.g. GPUs)
- Proof of concept: **Differentiable Optical Detector Simulation**
 - OpticSiren (this talk), LUCiD (Omar’s talk on Thu)

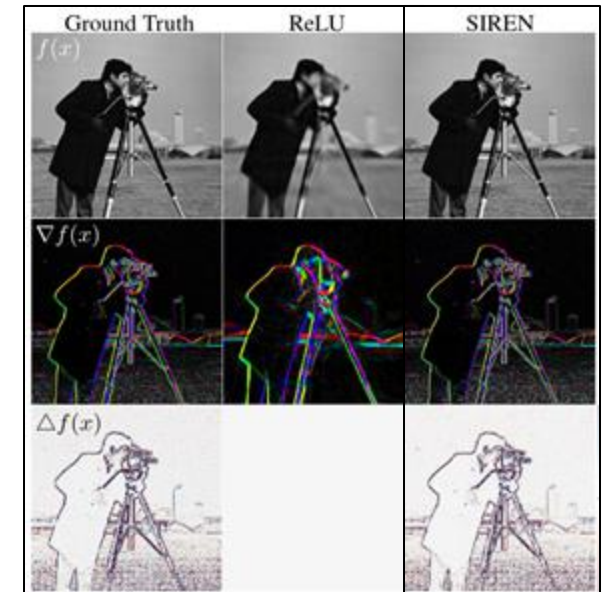


OpticSiren

- **Differentiable surrogate model for Optical processes**
- **~ Look-up Table**: a database of per-PMT photon “visibility” for binned positions/directions
 - Scales poorly for a large detector
 - Created with simulation. Difficult to tune with data
- **Siren**: fully connected deep neural network with sinusoidal activations
 - Implicitly defined, continuous, differentiable signal representations
 - “smooth” = model the underlying physics gradient
 - Optimizable directly on real calibration dataset!

Siren

Sinusoidal Representation Network

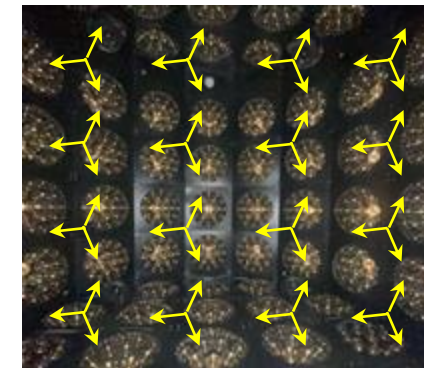
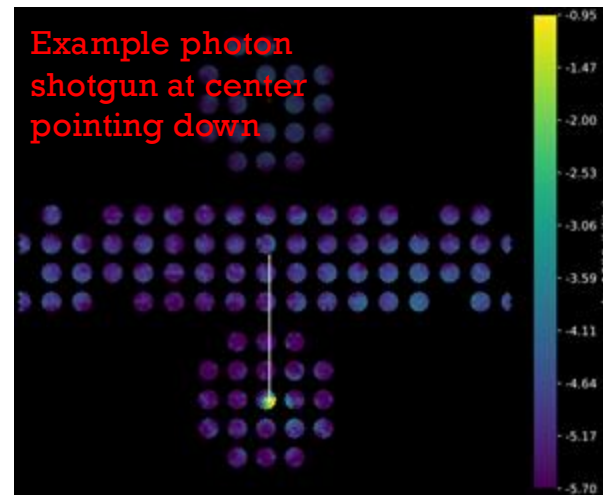
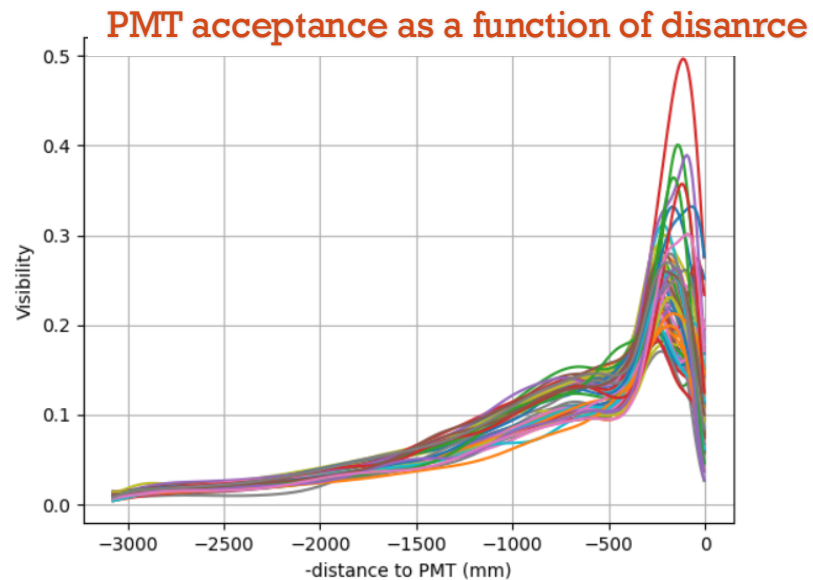


Can better represent underlying distributions and their derivative compared to other networks

Training and validation

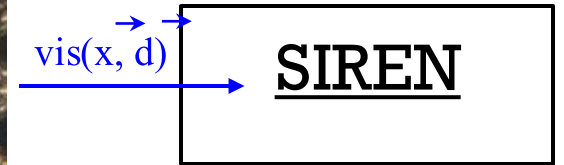
- Demonstration in WCTE (cylinder of length ~ 3 m)
- Simulate PMT response (~ 2000) with WCSim for $O(1M)$ photon starting position $\times$ direction
→ Look-up table as training data
 - Spatial/angular resolution matched with PMT spacing

- Direct check of physical behavior

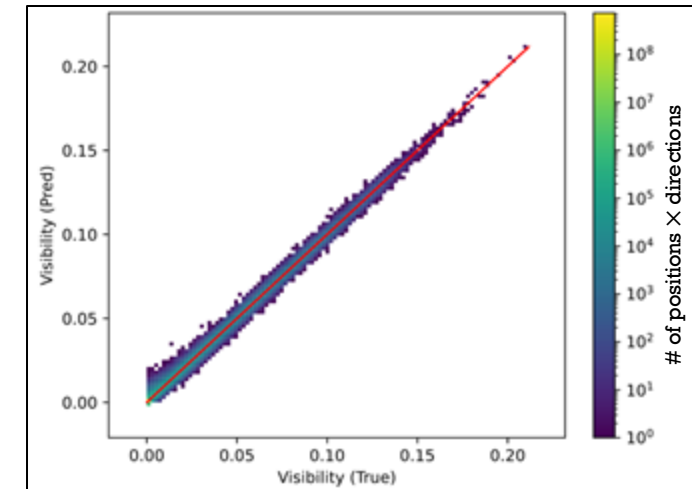


Photon
Propagation

Conventional photon libraries are discrete and sampled



Provides continuous and differentiable photon library



visibility: probability of observing 1 photon from some position in detector

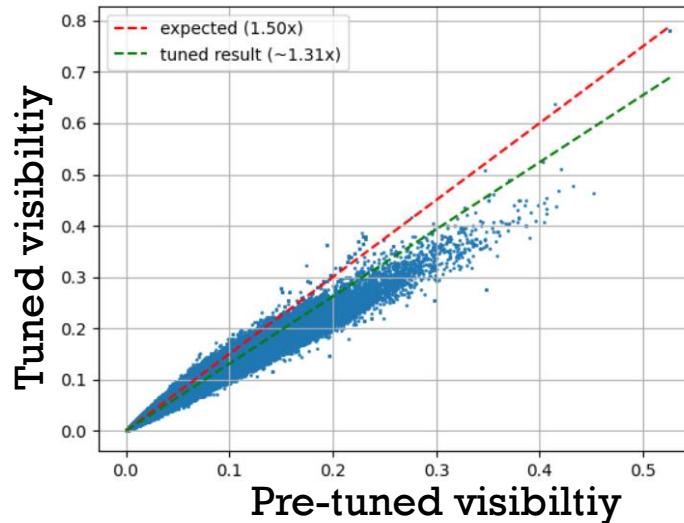
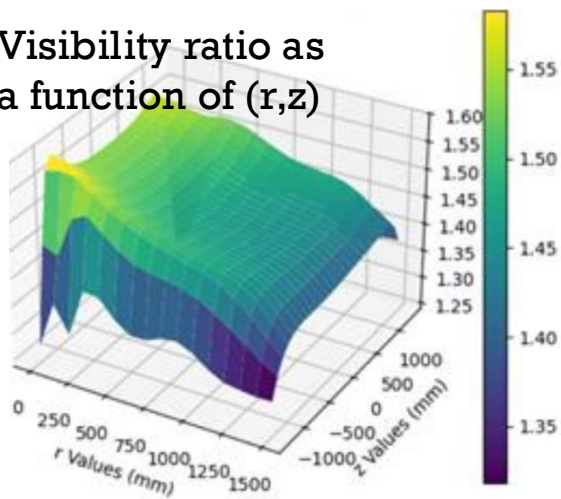
Calibration

- Fine-tuning with (fake) calibration data
 - Fixed isotropic light sources: “overfit” around the given positions
 - On going work on cosmics → span whole detector

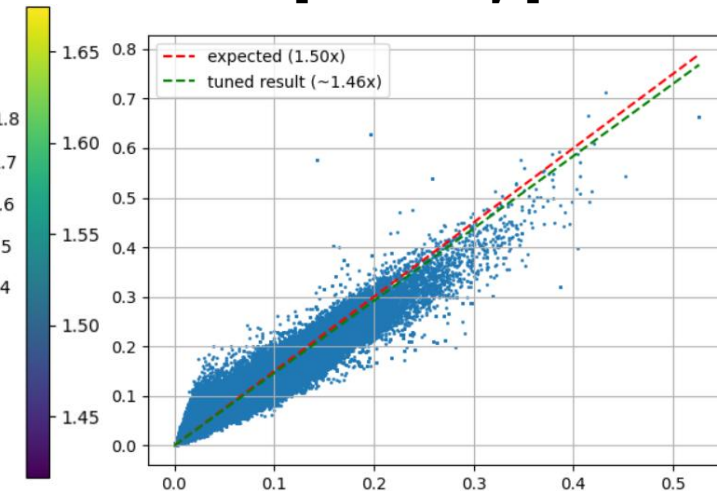
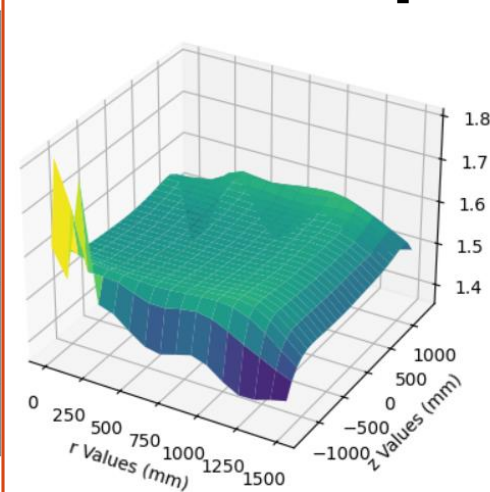
Fake calibration data with charge $\times 1.5$

Case 1: 3 isotropic sources at (0,0,0), (0,0,-1m),(0,0,1m)

Visibility ratio as a function of (r,z)

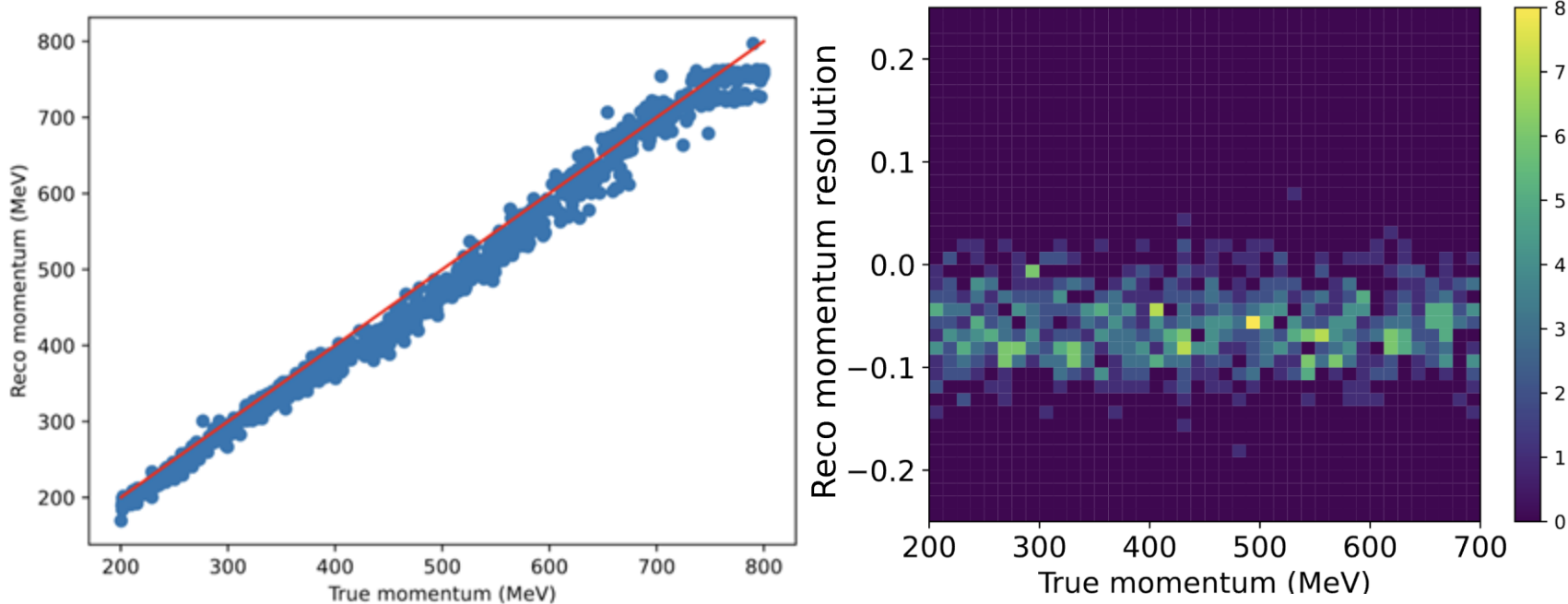


Case 2: 126 isotropic sources at 14 z-pos $\otimes$ 9 xy-pos



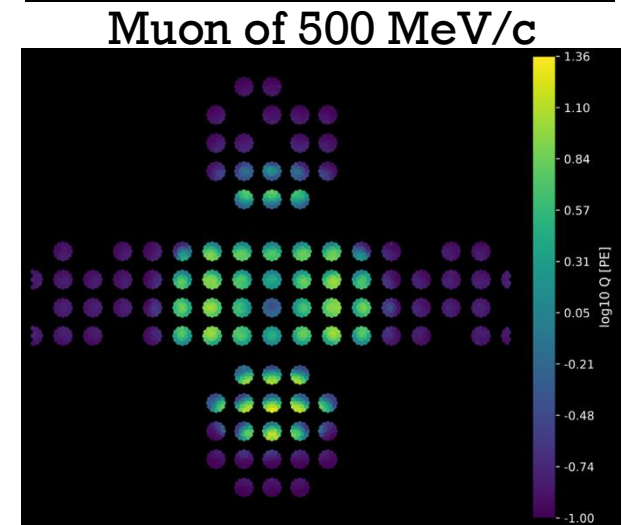
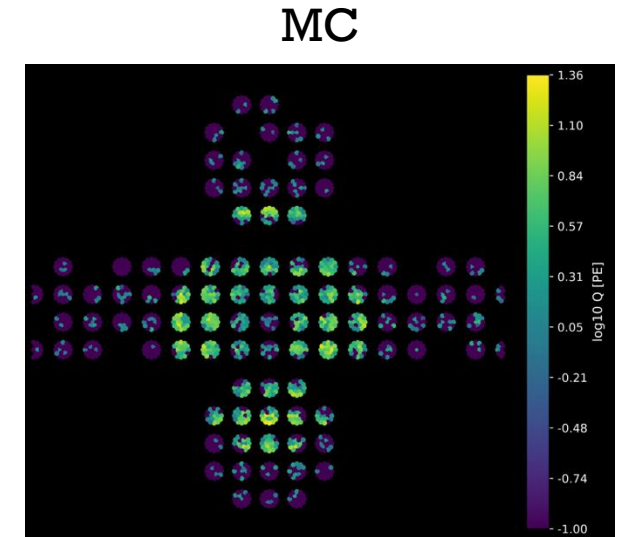
Reconstruction

- Connect the **Differentiable Optical Detector Simulation** with another differentiable model of Cherenkov photon production (Cherenkov Siren)
→ optimization of track parameters
- Muon momentum reconstruction with **OpticSiren**, on WCTE MC data



2.7% momentum resolution (assuming fixed position & direction, bias-corrected, but **charge only**), relative to:

- ResNet (WatChMaL, charge+time): **2.5%**
- Traditional likelihood (fiTQun, charge+time): **~4%**



DDSim

Summary

- Future long-baseline neutrino oscillation experiments will become systematics limited
 - New near detector technologies will mitigate flux+interaction systematics
→ Reducing detector systematics becomes crucial
- Differentiable detector simulator (DDSim) proof of concept demonstrated for both water Cherenkov and liquid argon detectors
 - Already competitive performance with current traditional algorithms
- Ongoing developments to improve performance and speed of the DDSim
- Aiming for applications to real data (WCTE, DUNE ND prototypes) this FY