

Simultaneous Multi-effect Calibration in LArTPCs with Differentiable Simulation

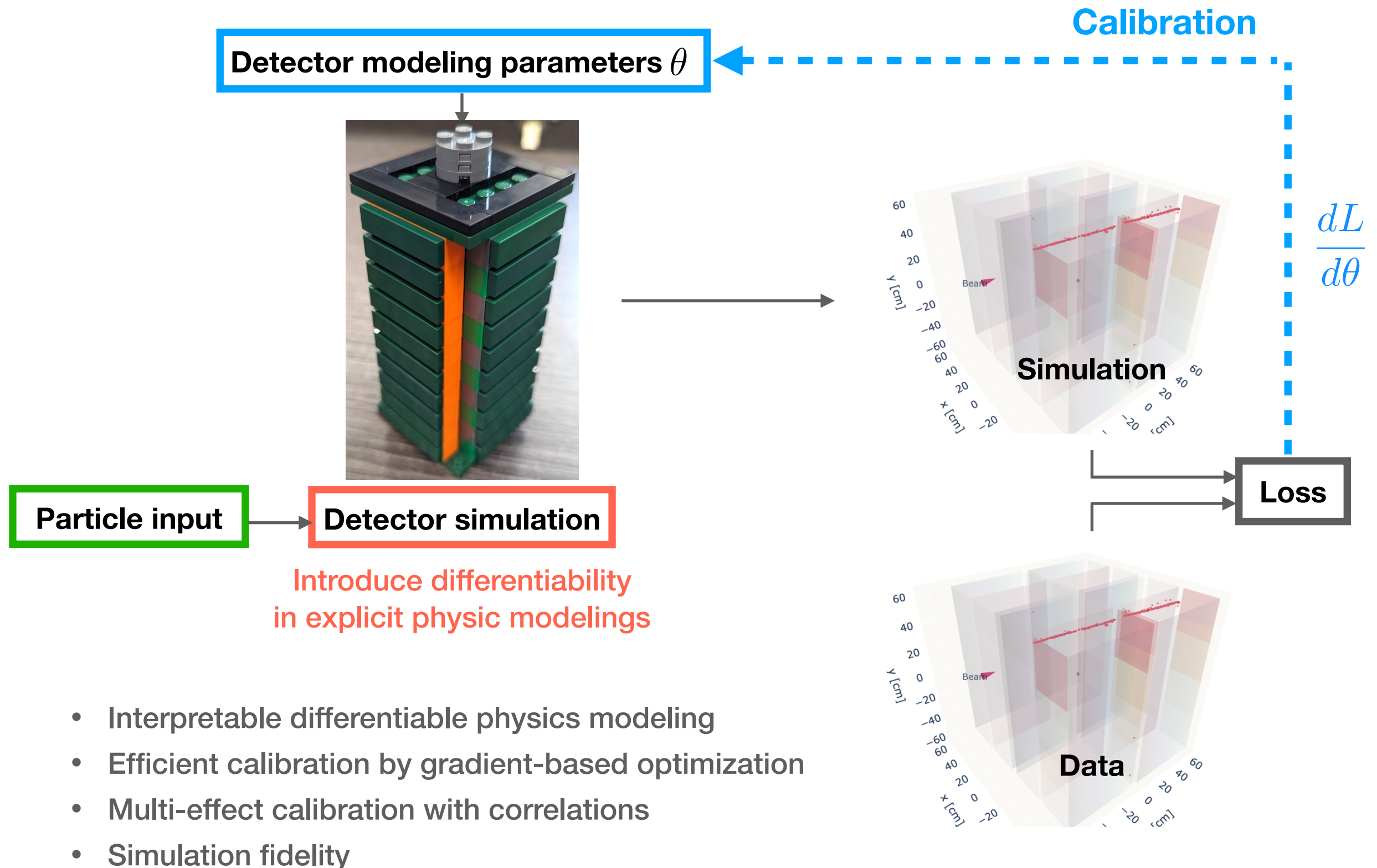
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Detector Calibration with Differentiable Simulation



This LArTPC Differentiable Simulation

Detector simulation



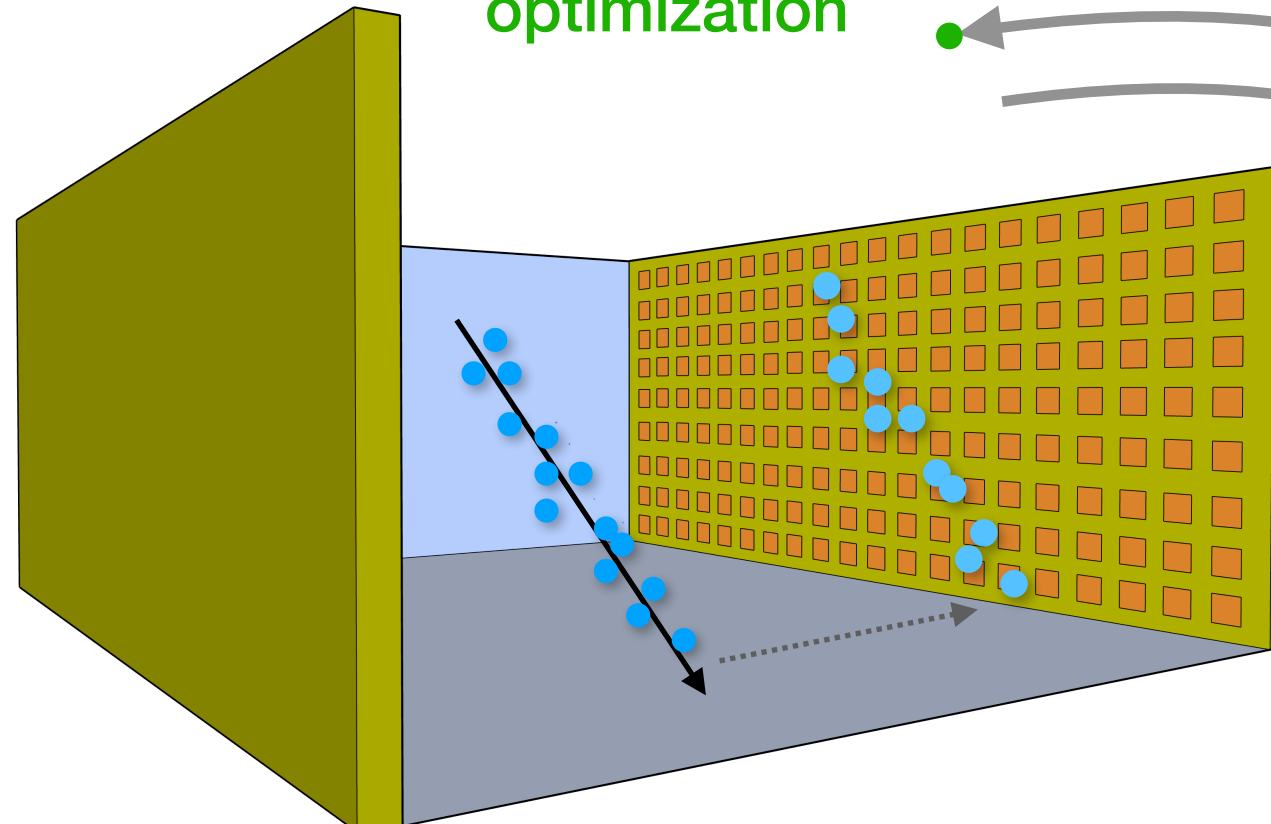
1. Quenching

2. Drifting

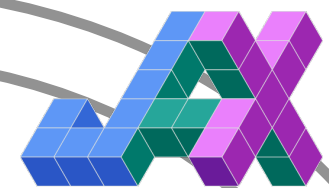
3. Current

4. Electronics

Gradient-based
optimization



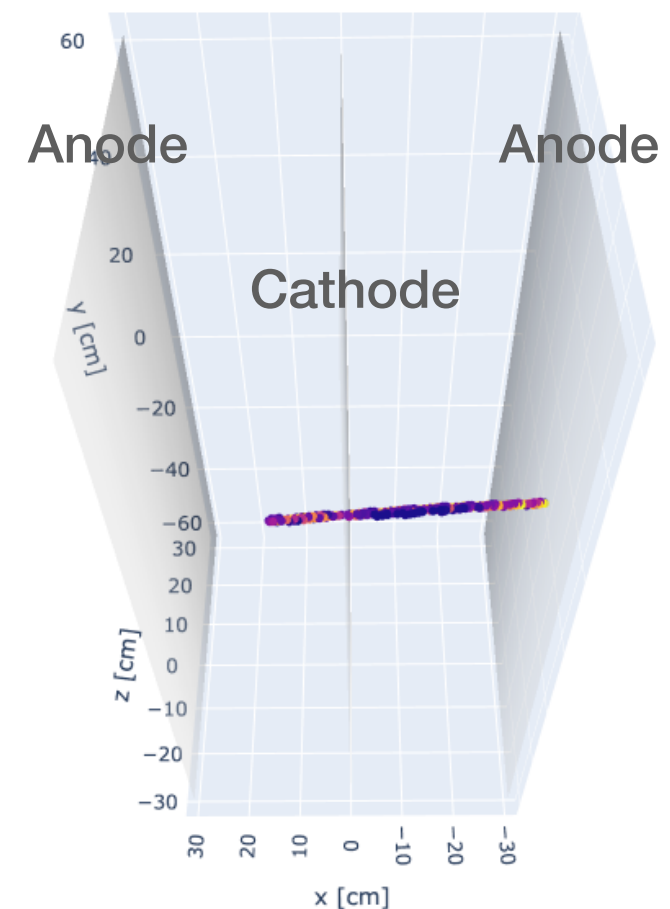
Auto differentiation



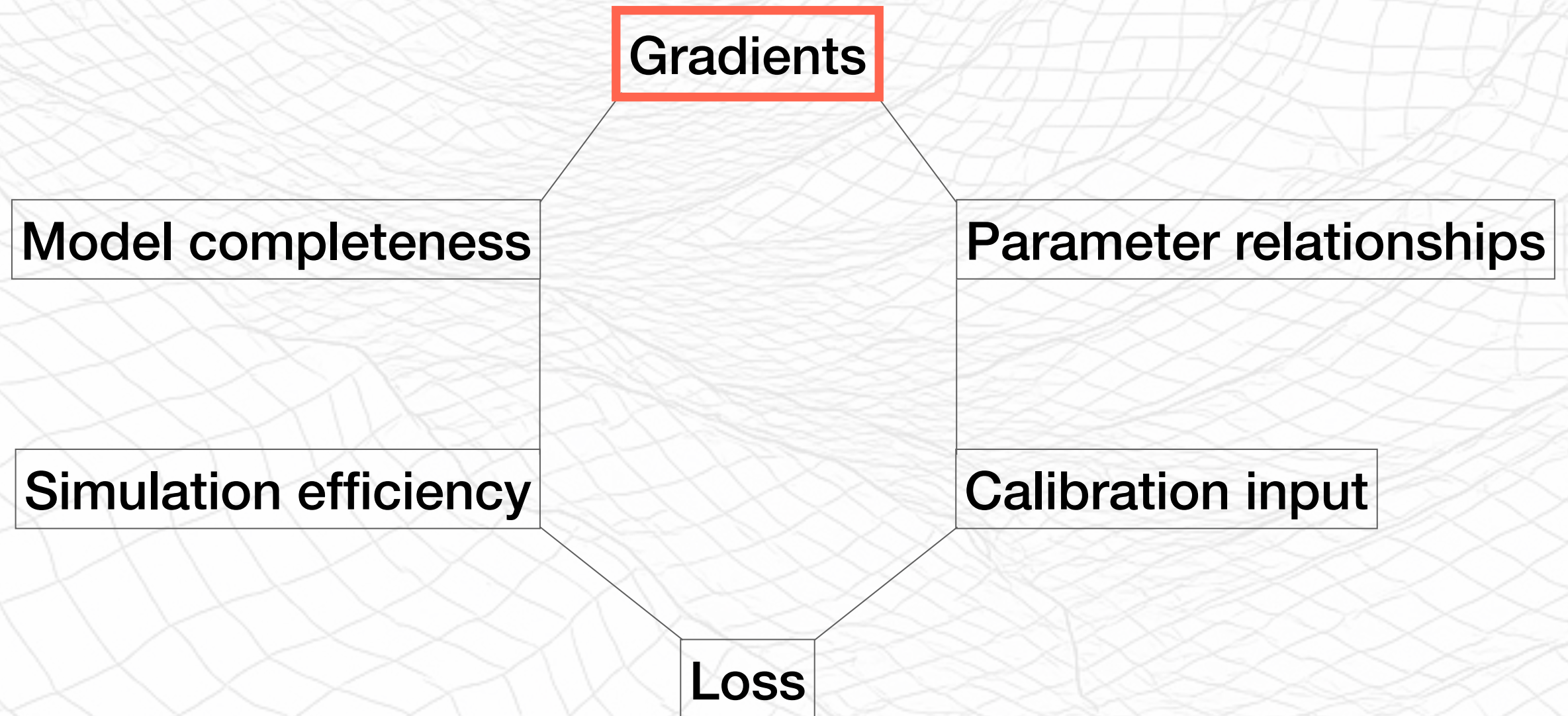
Forward
simulation

6 detector modeling parameters

A_B	k_B	$\mathcal{E}$	D_L	D_T	τ
1	1	1,2,3	2,3	2,3	2



Roadmap



Keep the Gradients Flow

D_L	D_T
2,3	2,3

Induction charge response

When **diffusion parameters** met **a look-up table**

Sampling

Discrete

1. Quenching

2. Drifting

3. Current

4. Electronics

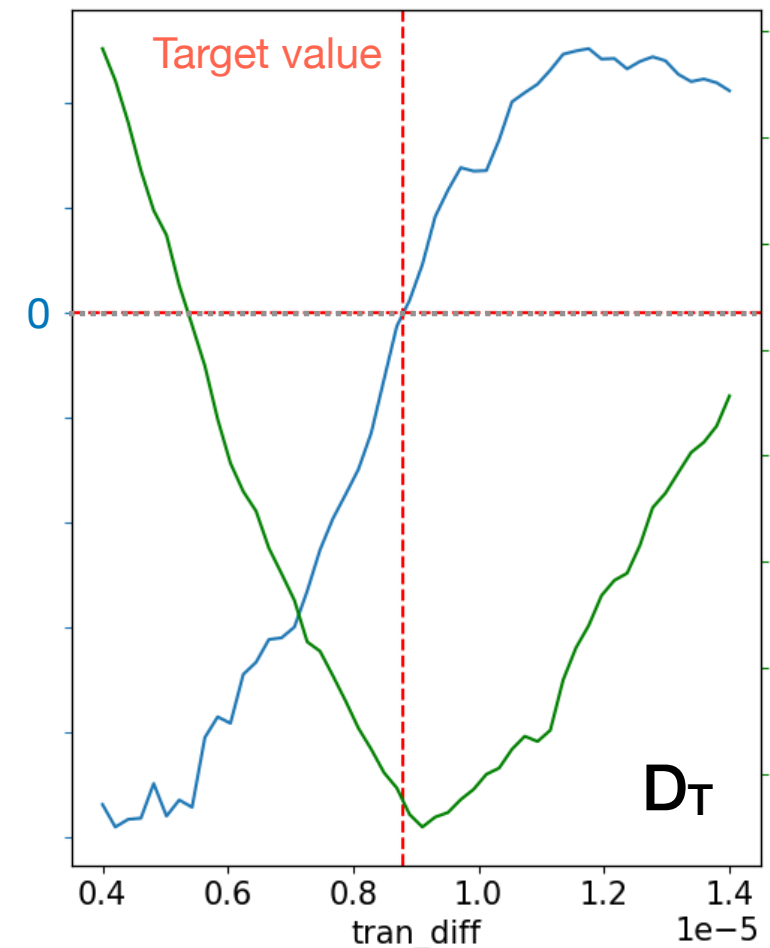
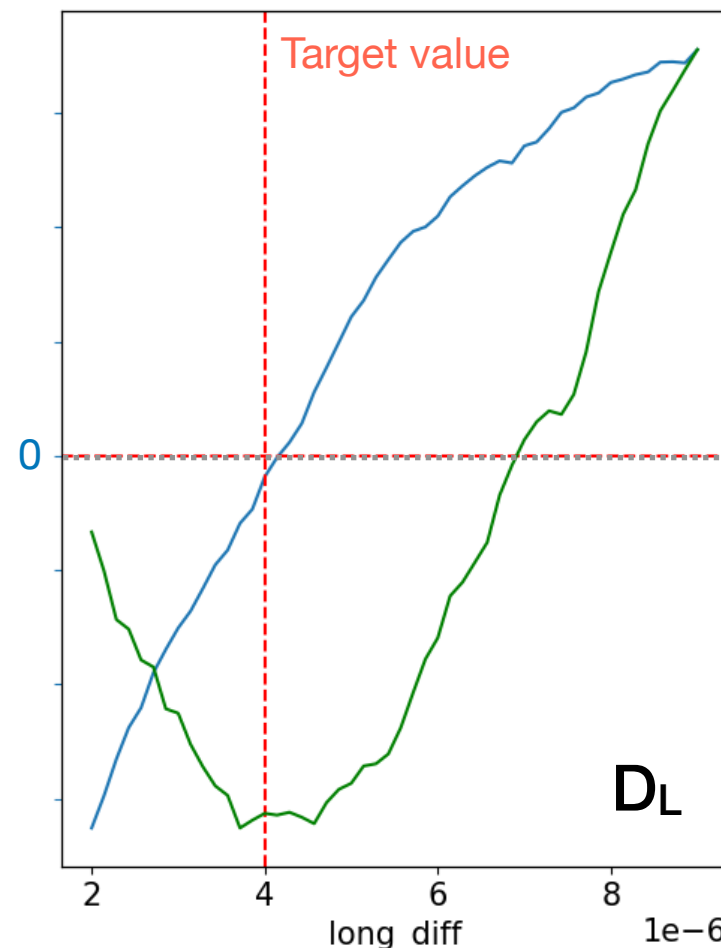


Gradients on D_L , D_T

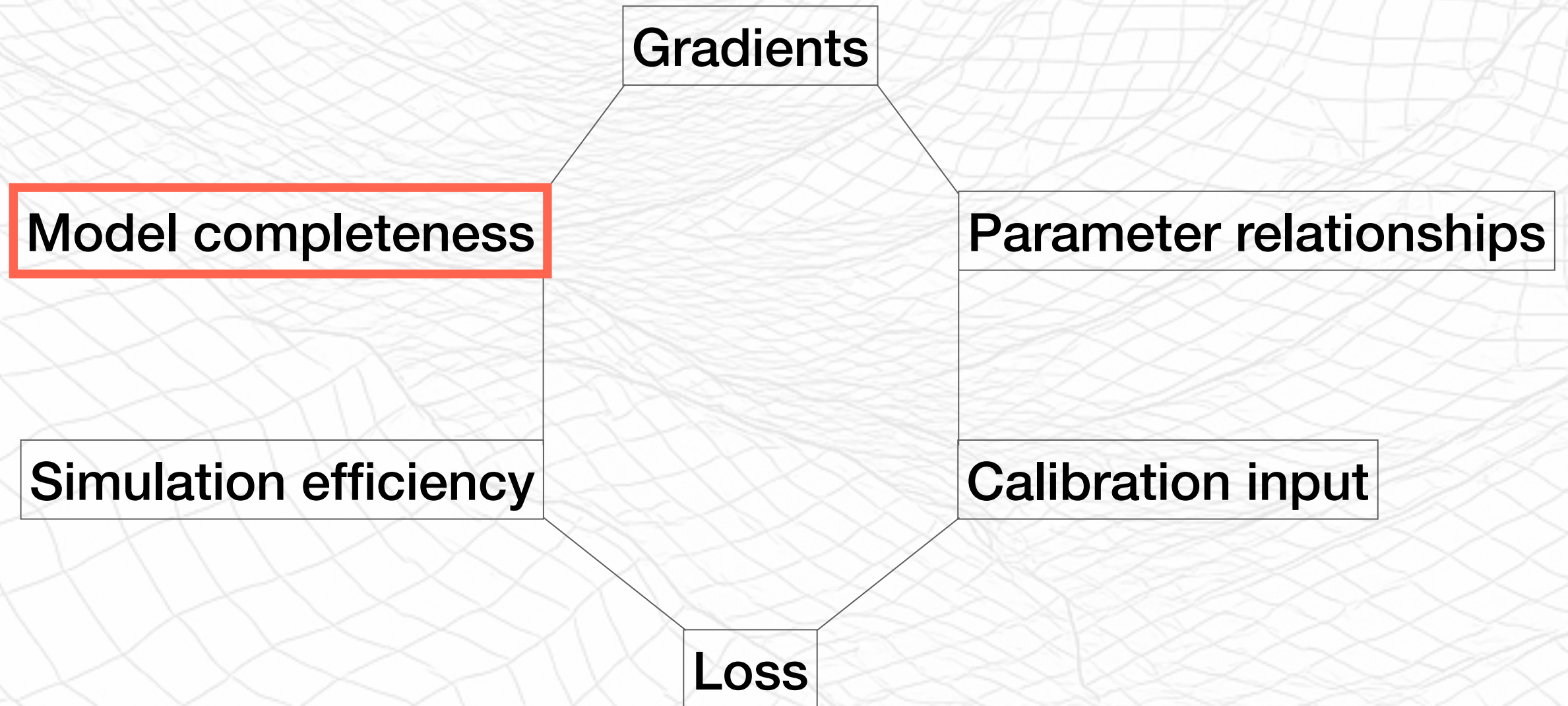
Convert Monte Carlo sampling into distributional weights

- D_L 1D Gaussian convolution + quadratic interpolation
- D_T 2D Gaussian convolution + finer binning

Gradient
Loss



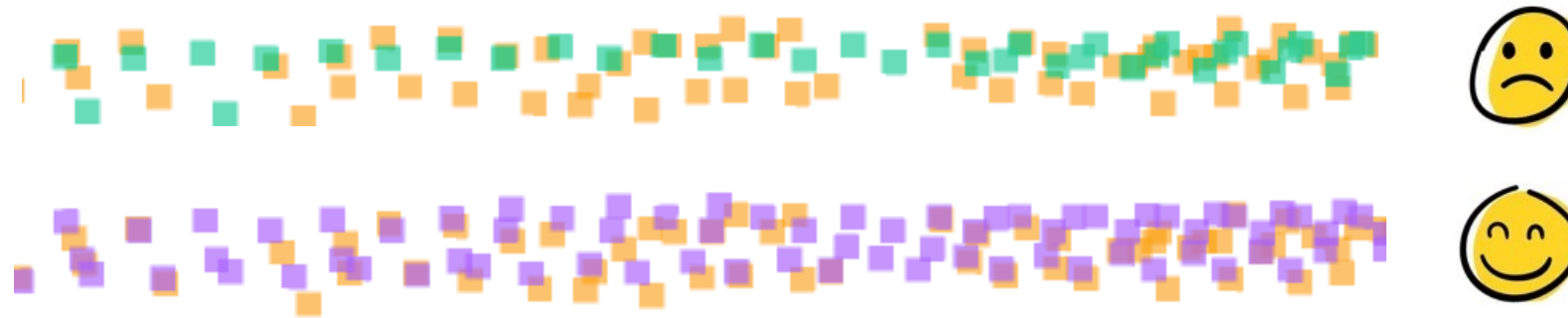
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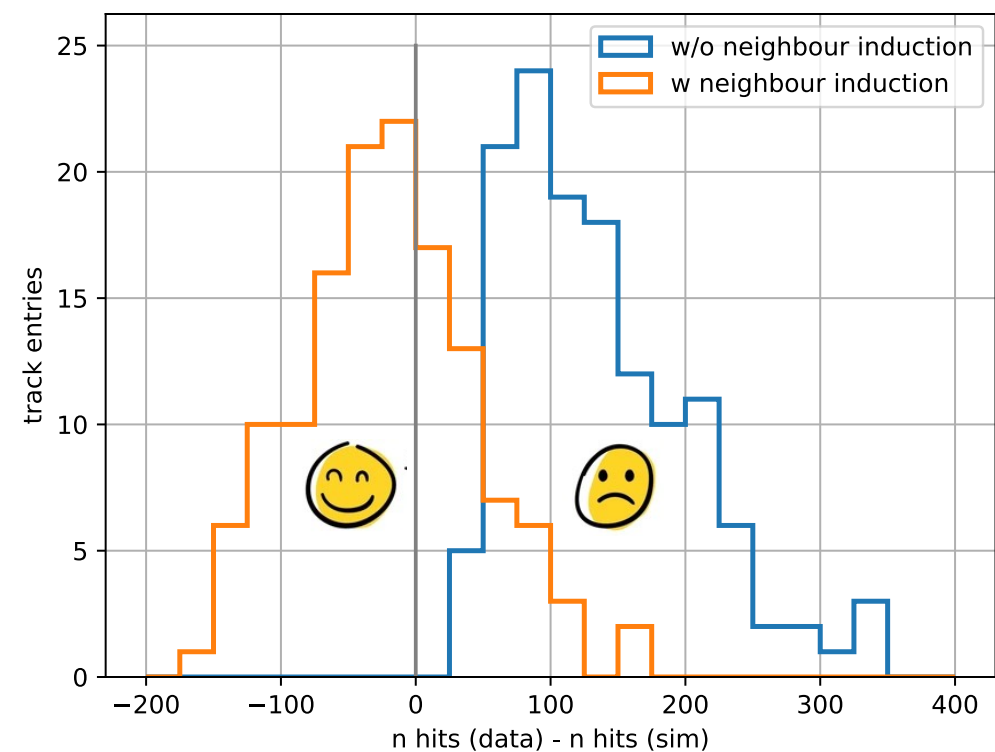
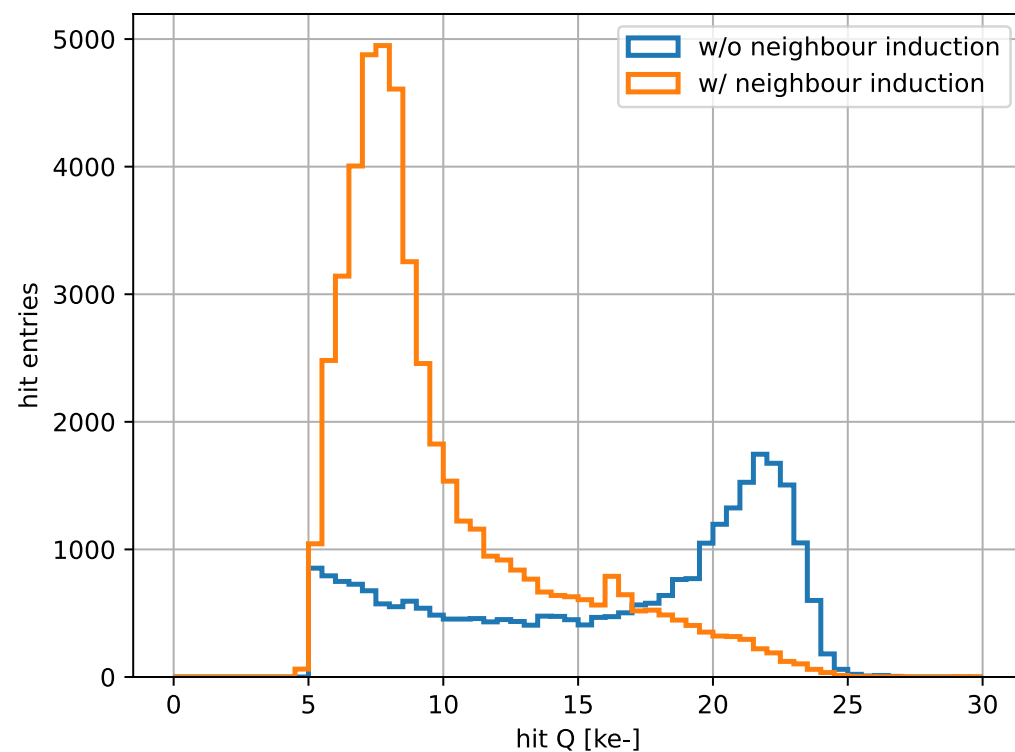
Model Completeness

Differentiable simulation used in calibration should be complete models

Through-going muons

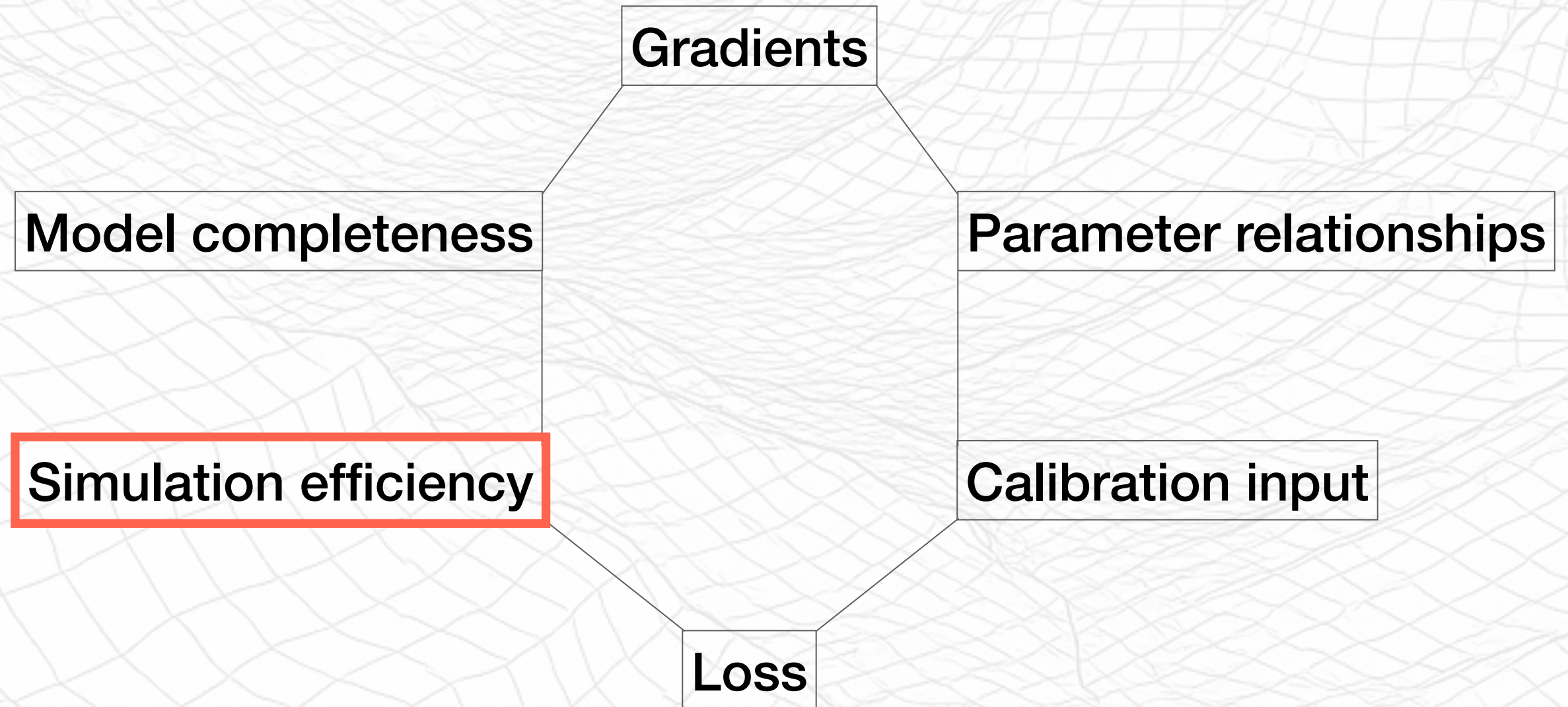


■ data ■ sim, w/o neighbouring induction ■ sim, w/ neighbouring induction



Pixel-by-pixel thresholds to be implemented in the models

Roadmap



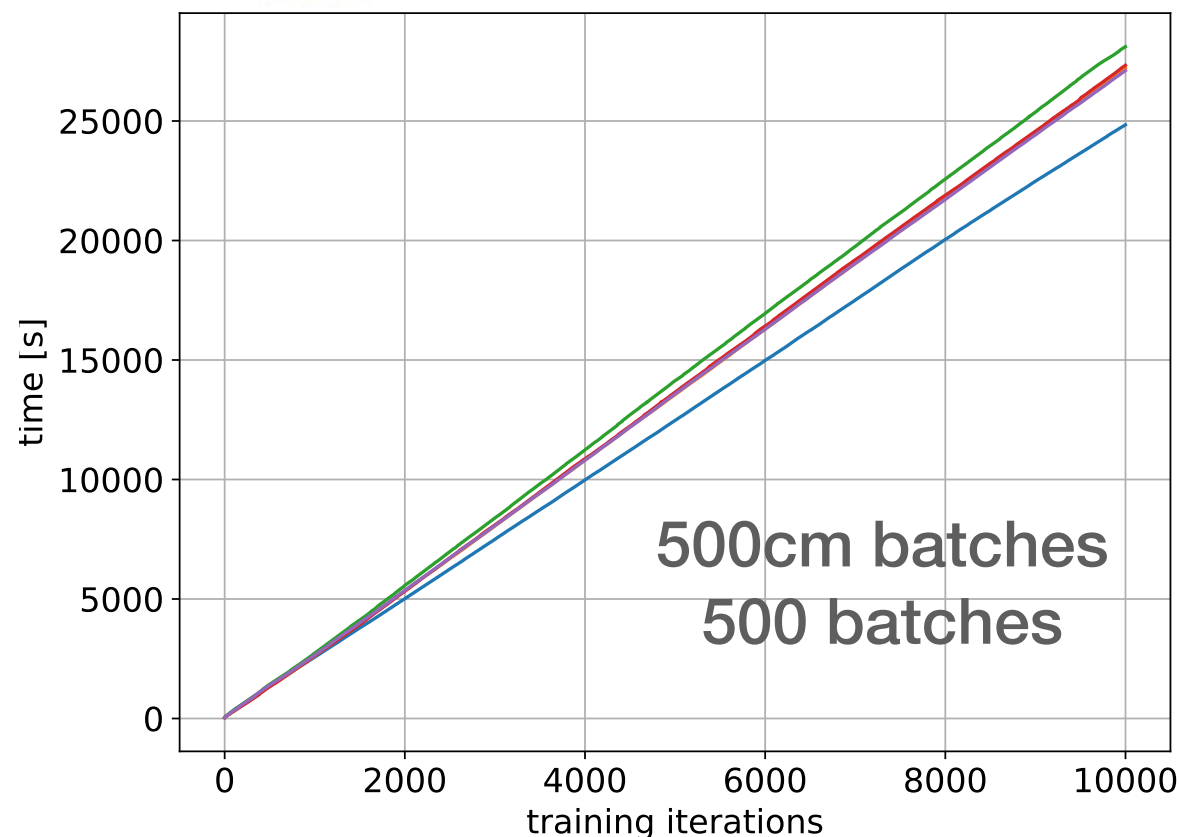
Simulation Efficiency

Simulation efficiency is crucial for real experimental applications!

Input data are segmented into 0.01 cm
One batch can fit ~600 cm (on 40 GB A100)
Run time differs slightly on parameter values

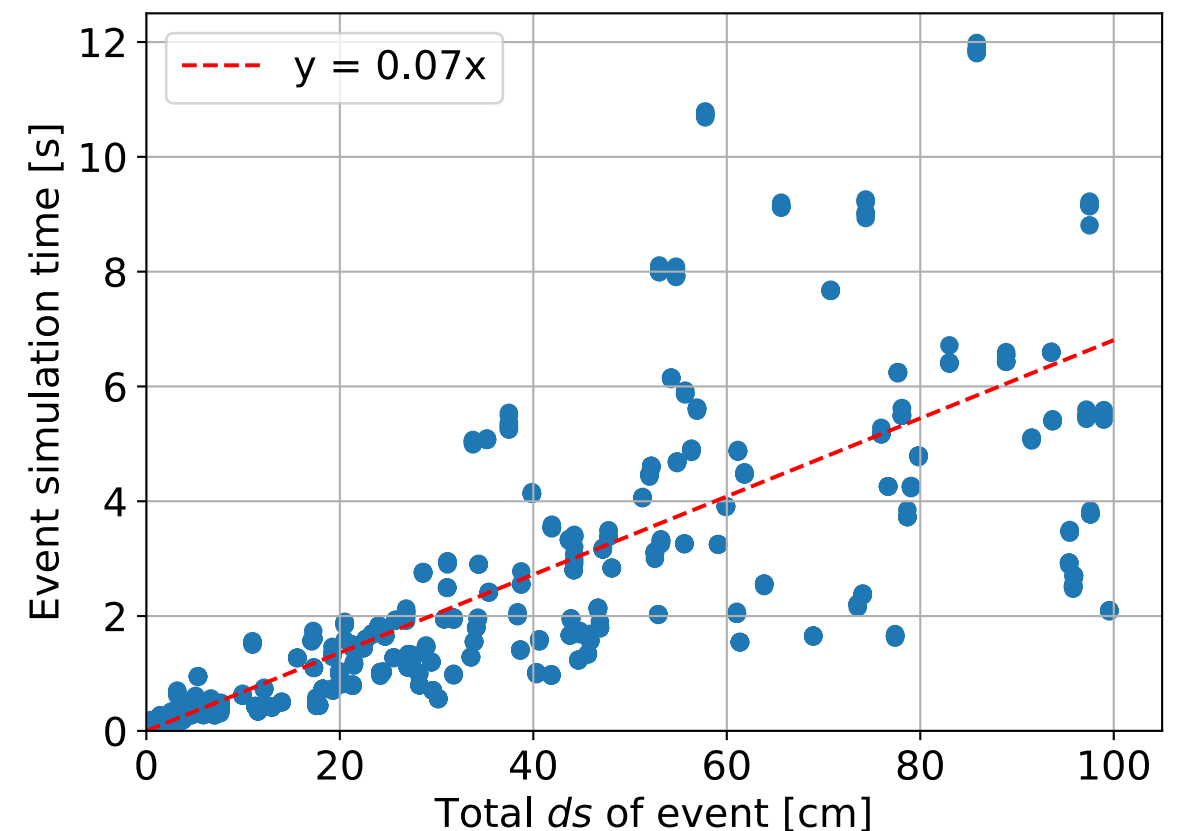
Non differentiable version

~5.6s per 500 cm →



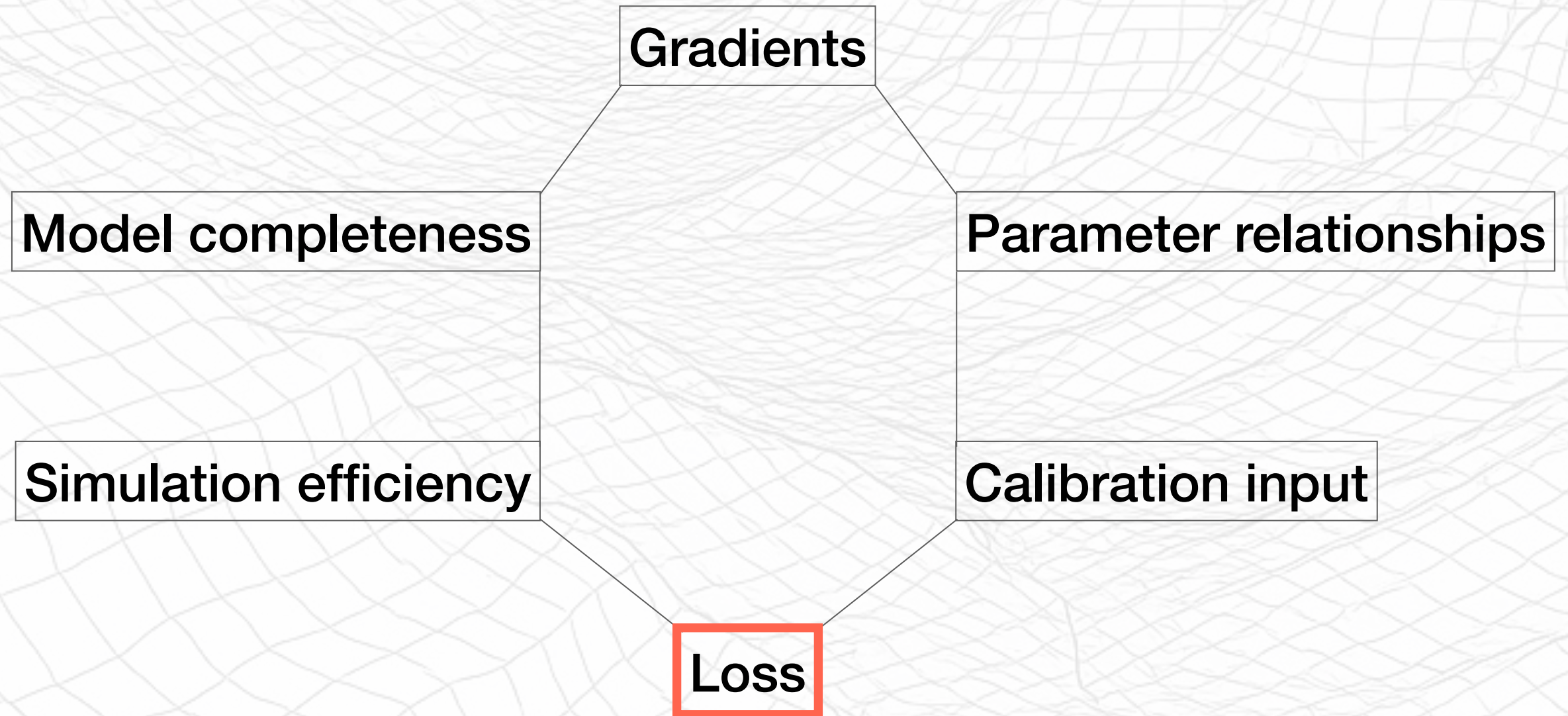
PyTorch

~35s per 500 cm ←→



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Loss Functions

For the calibration, the loss compares the simulation hits and data hits

$$\nabla_{\theta} \mathcal{L}(f(\chi, \theta_0), F_{\text{target}}) \quad \theta_0 \rightarrow \theta_i$$

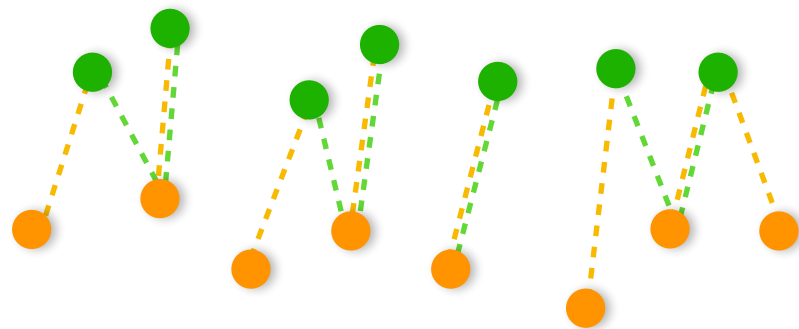
Differentiability

Sensitivity

Point matching

Chamfer, Soft DTW

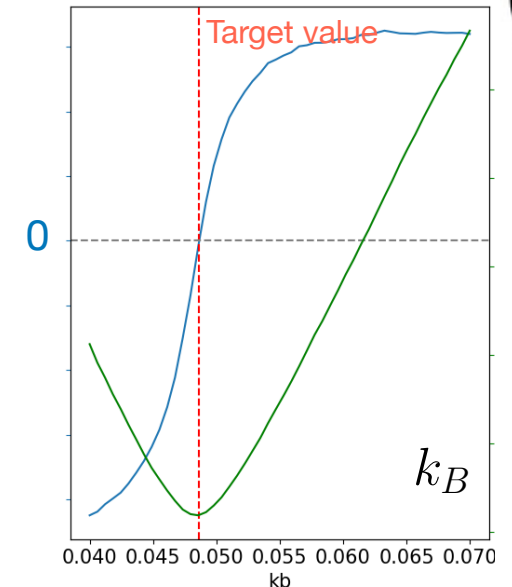
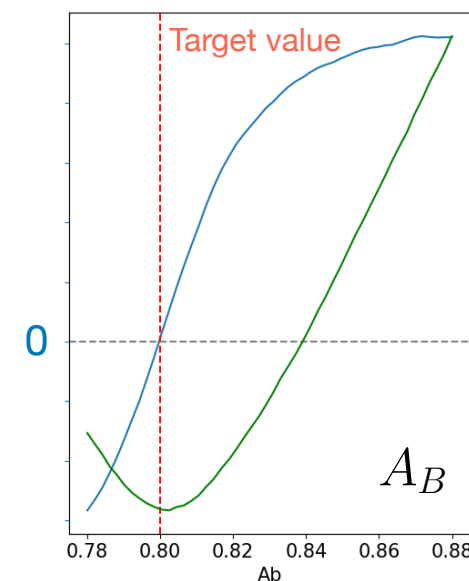
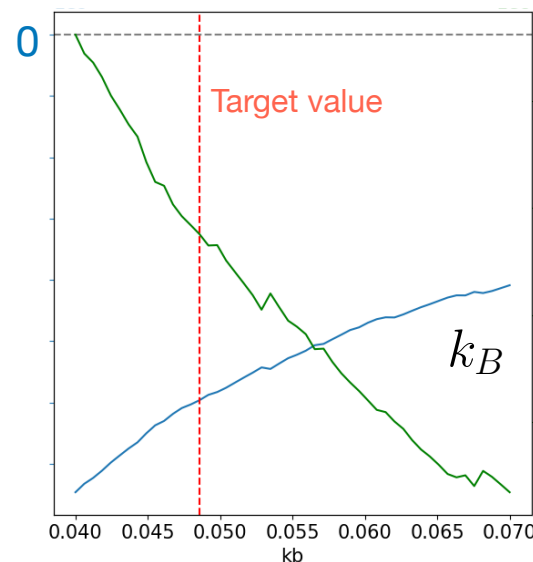
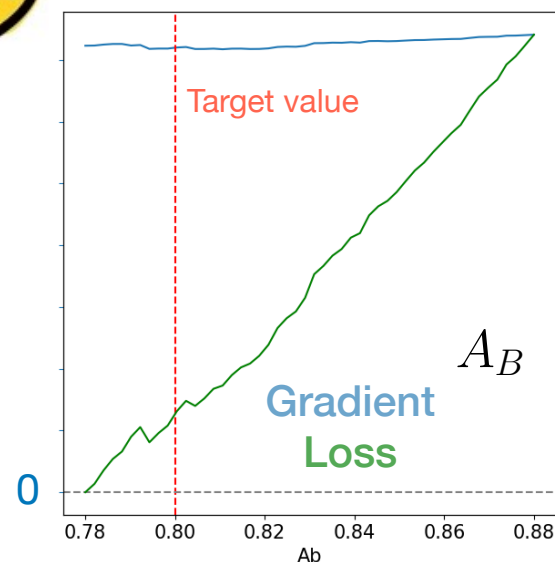
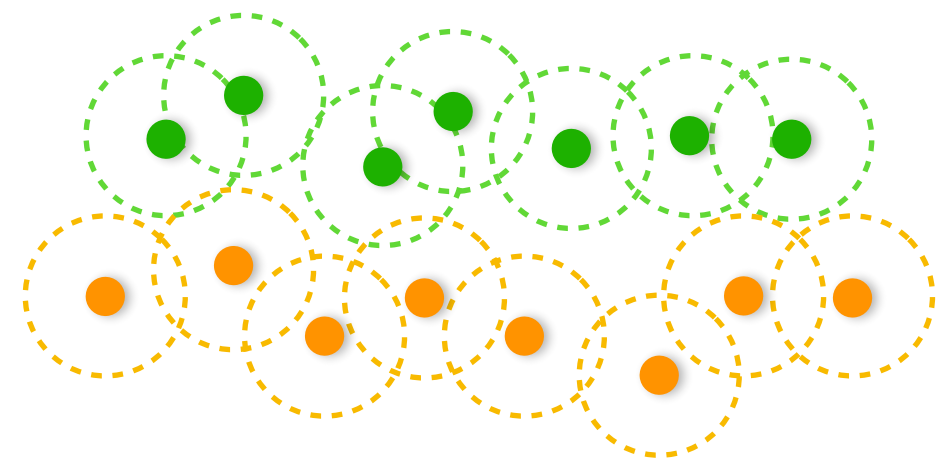
$$\mathcal{L}(f, F) = \frac{1}{|f|} \sum_{s \in f} \min_{t \in F} \|s - t\|^2 + \frac{1}{|F|} \sum_{t \in F} \min_{s \in f} \|t - s\|^2$$



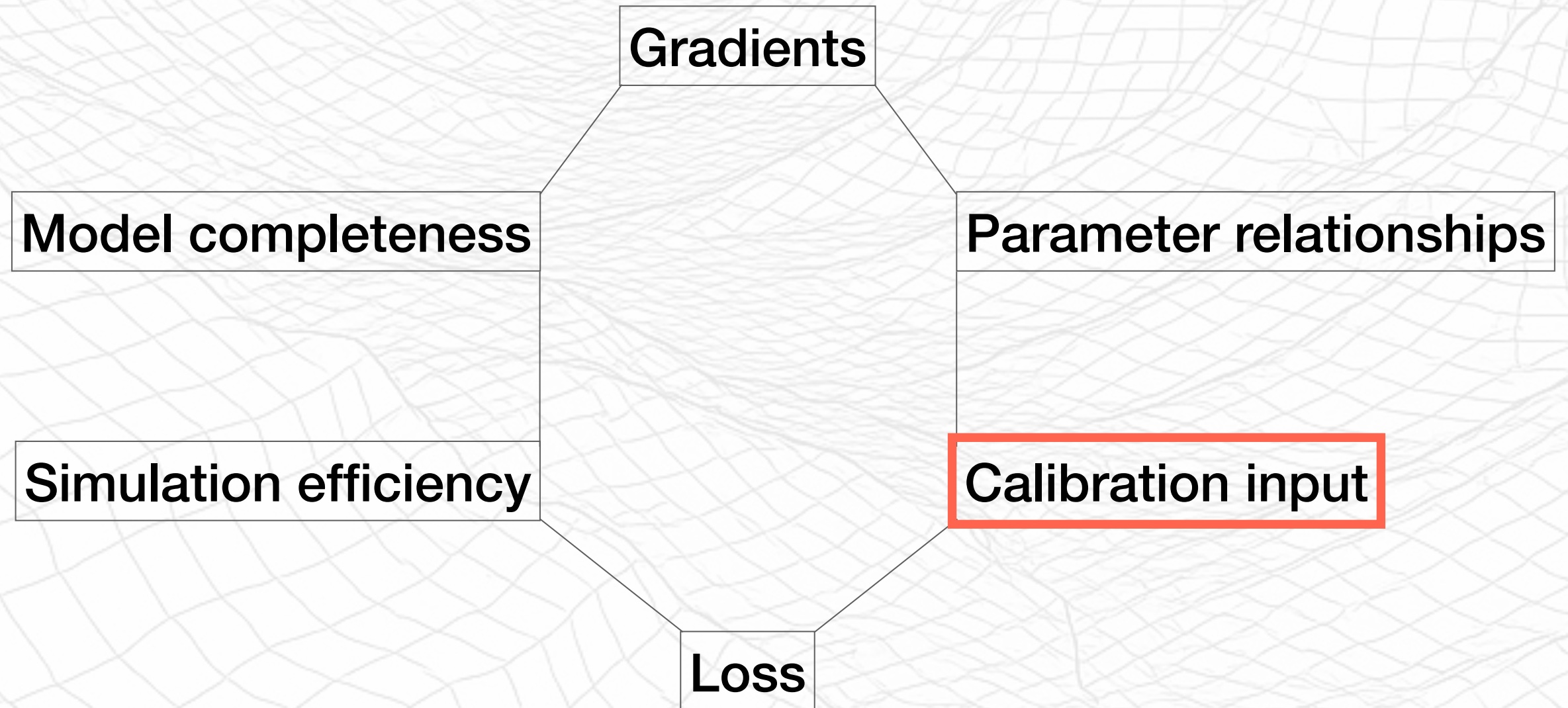
Distribution matching

Maximum Mean Discrepancy (MMD)

$$\mathcal{L}(f, F) = \mathbb{E}_{s \in f}[k(s, s)] - 2\mathbb{E}_{s \in f, t \in F}[k(s, t)] + \mathbb{E}_{t \in F}[k(t, t)]$$



Roadmap



Calibration Input

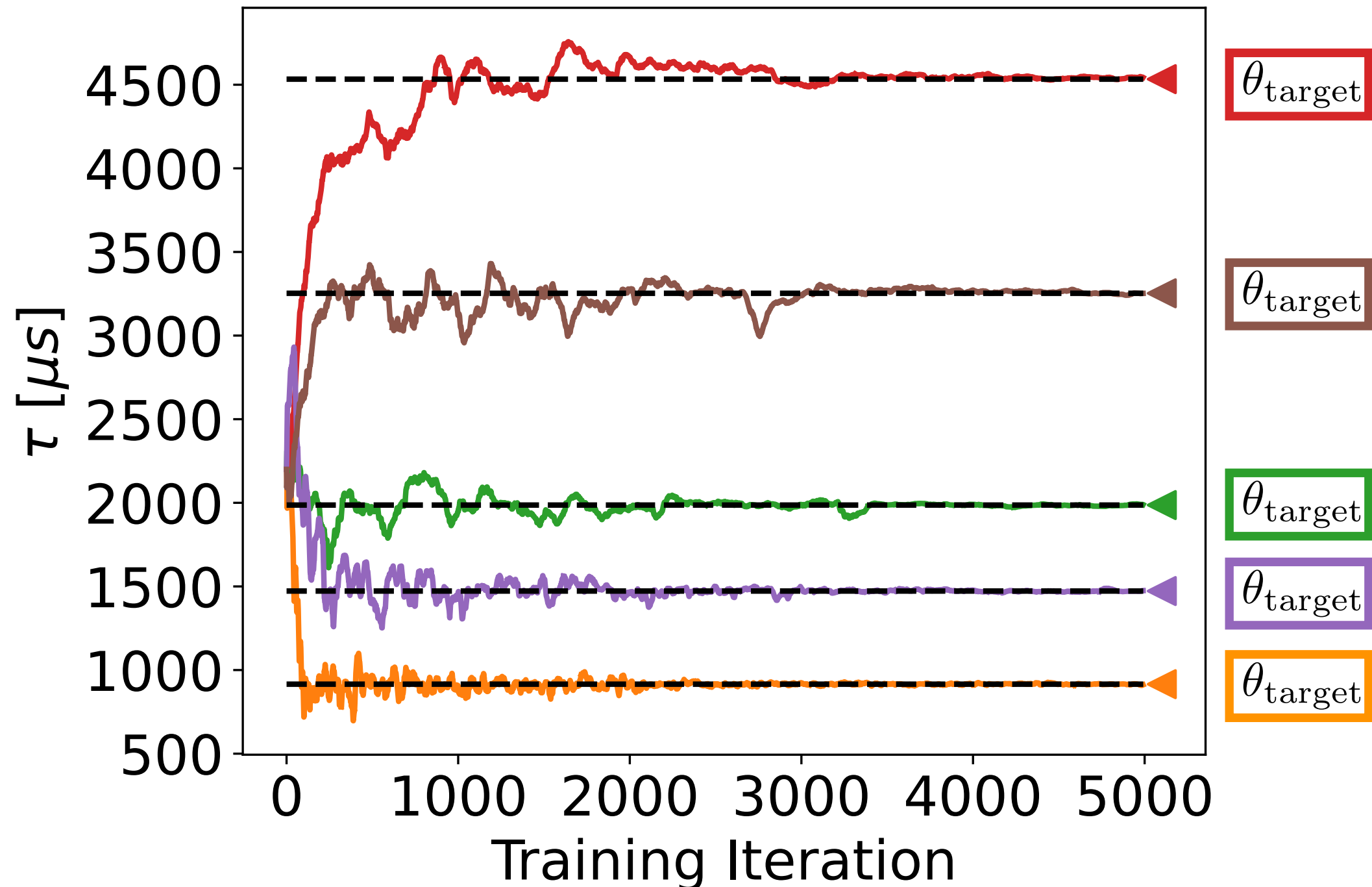
$$\mathcal{L}(\underbrace{f(\chi, \theta)}_{\text{green}}, \underbrace{F_{\text{target}}}_{\text{orange}})$$



Generation 1 of the Closure Tests

$$\mathcal{L}(f(\chi, \theta), \underline{F_{\text{target}}}) \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(f(\chi, \theta), \underline{f(\chi, \theta_{\text{target}})})$$

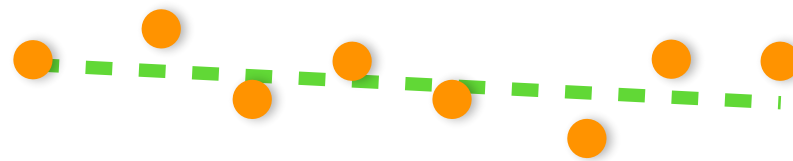
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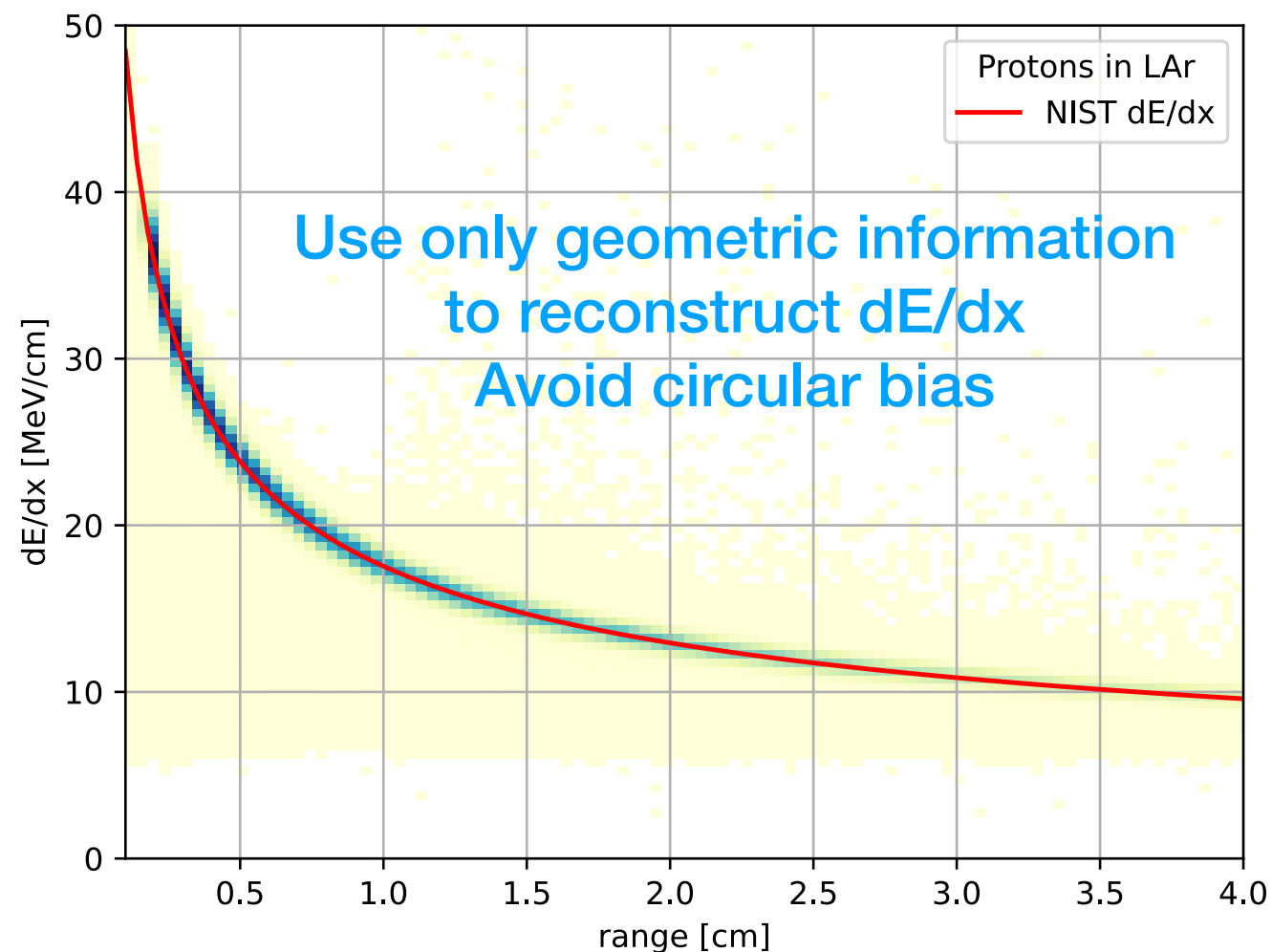
Reconstruct Simulation Input

$$\mathcal{L}(f(\chi, \theta), F_{\text{target}})$$

dE/dx x, y, z



Stopping protons Stopping muons

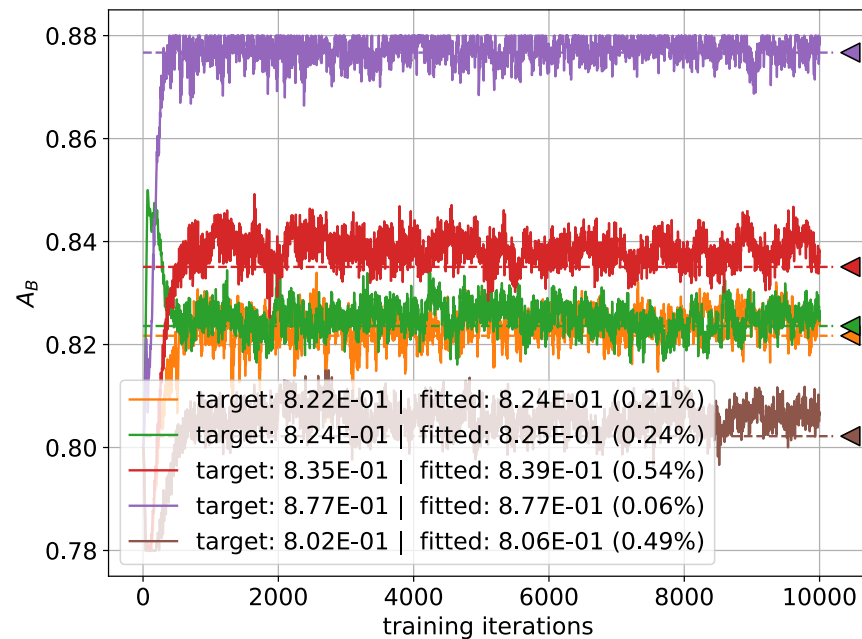


Calibration Test with Reconstructed dE/dx

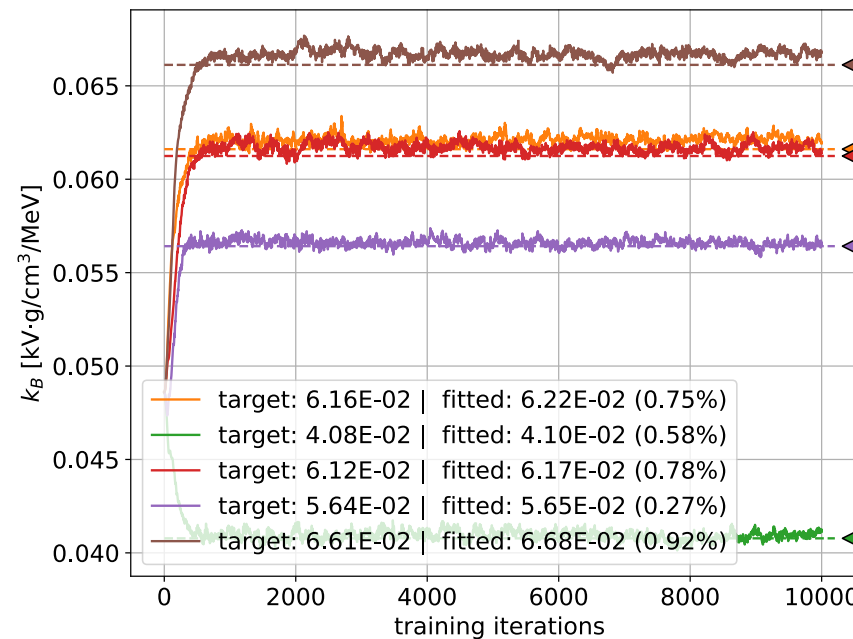
$\mathcal{L}(f(\chi, \theta), f(\chi', \theta_{\text{target}}))$ 5 fits with different targets in the 6D phase space



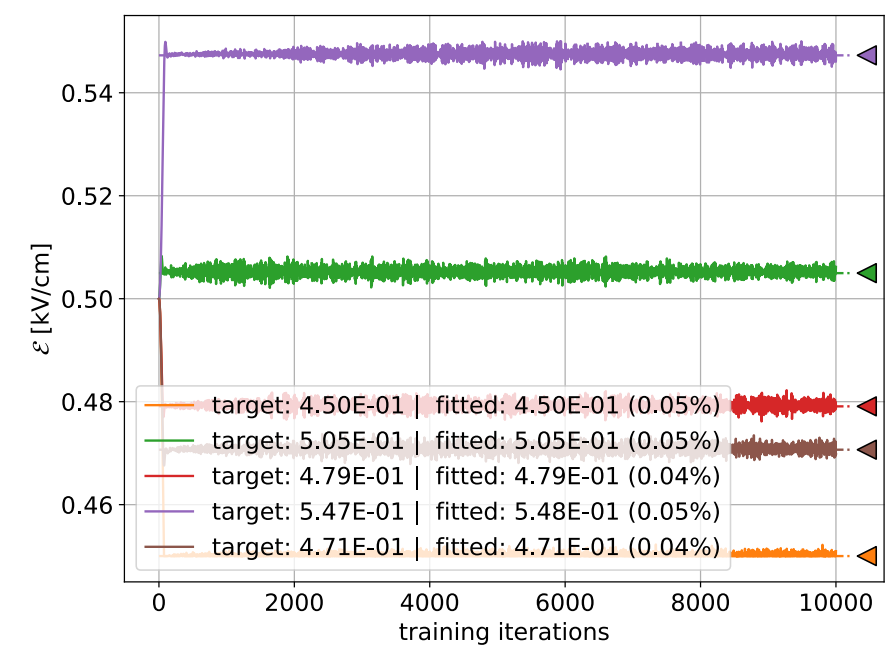
Recombination model A_B



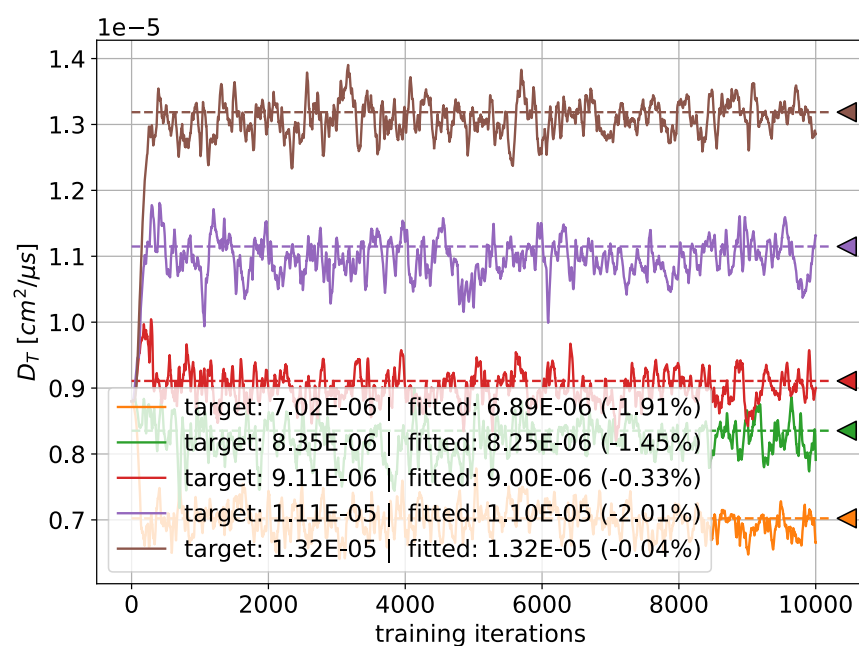
Recombination model k_B



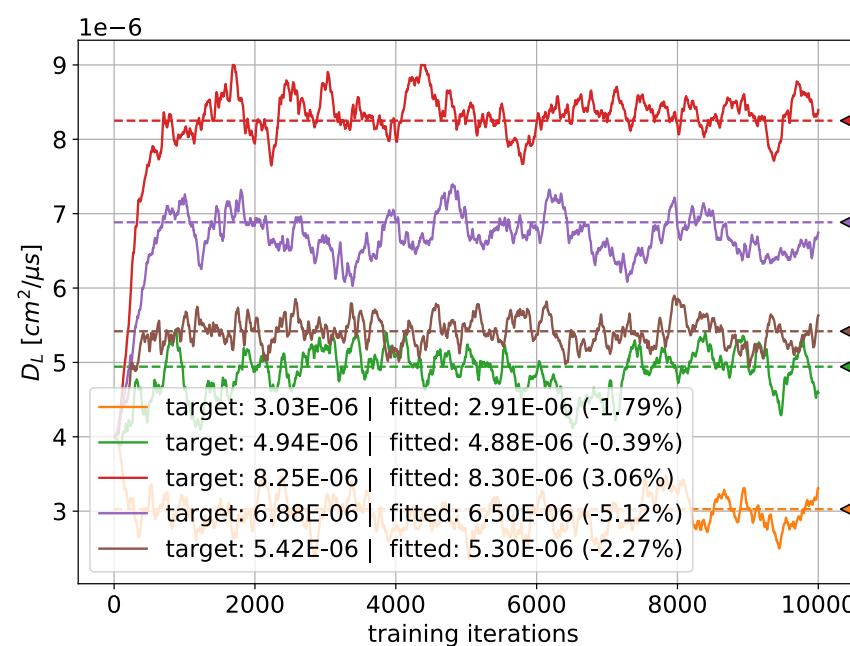
Electric field



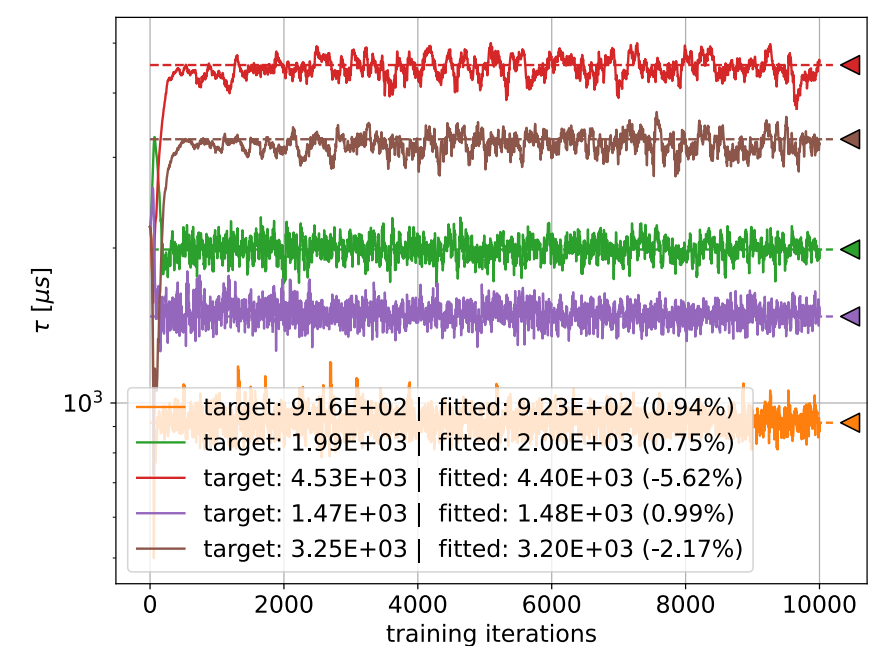
Transverse diffusion coefficient



Longitudinal diffusion coefficient

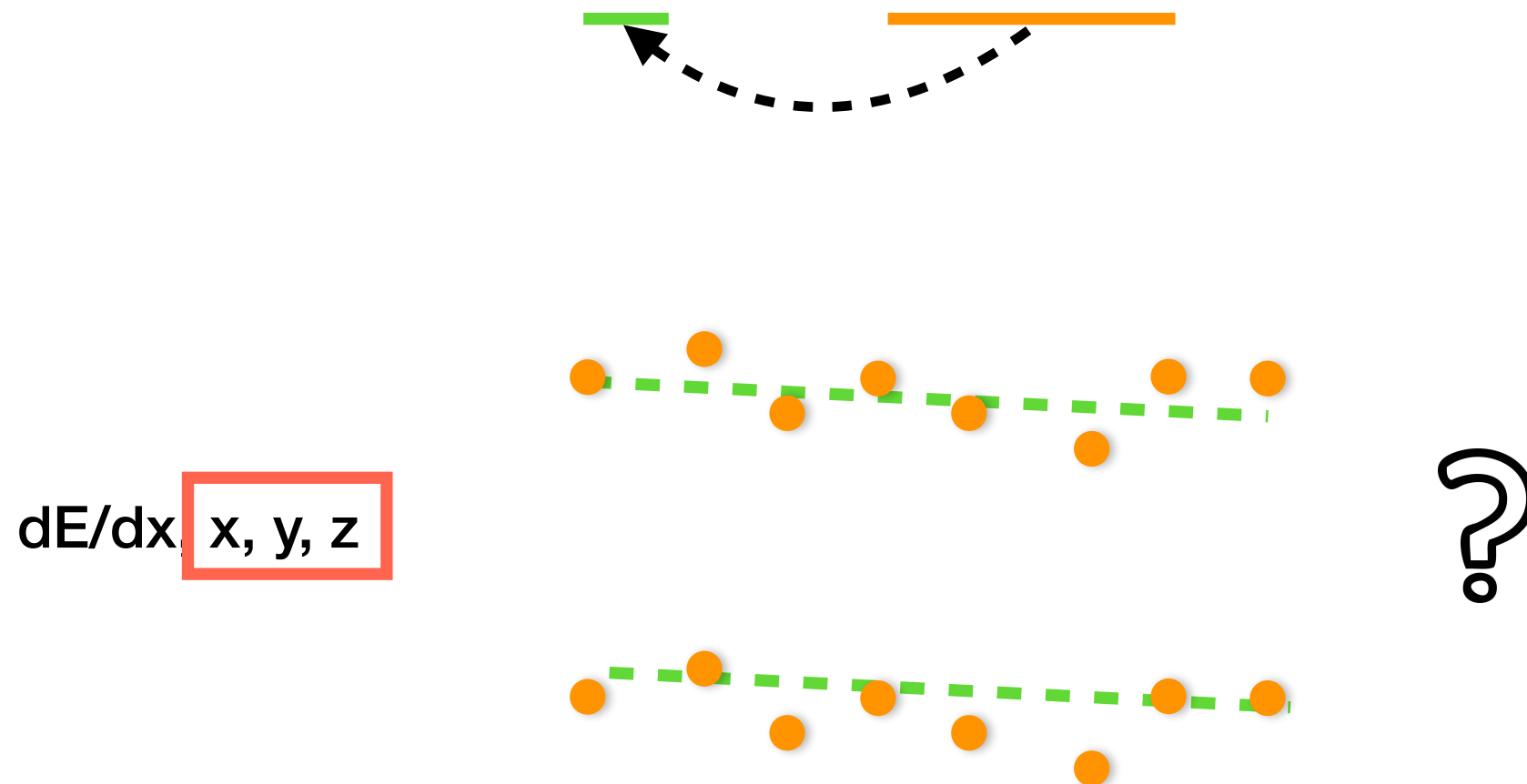


Electron lifetime



Reconstruct Simulation Input—Positional Shifts

$$\mathcal{L}(f(\chi, \theta), F_{\text{target}})$$



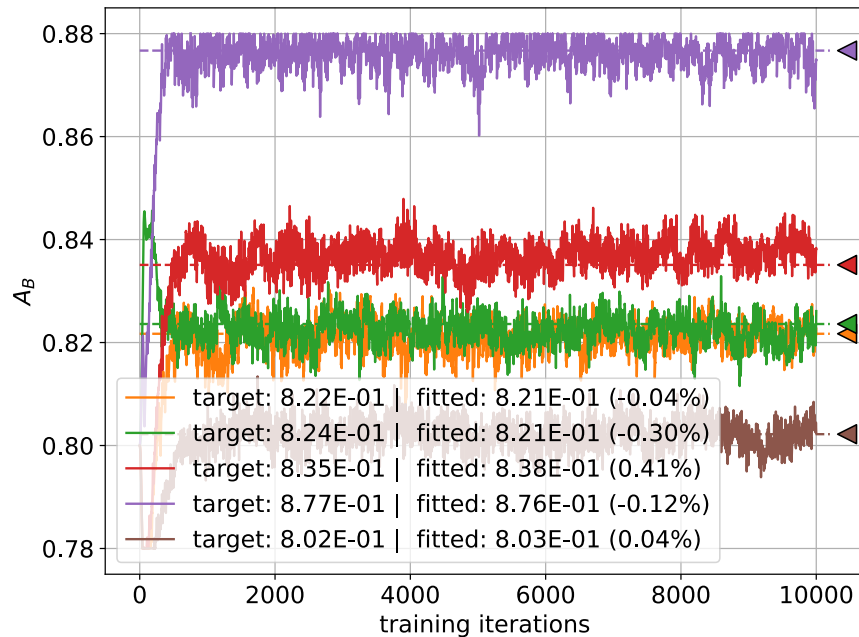
Possible positional shifts arise from input reconstruction

Robustness Test with Shifted Drift (0, 0.3) cm

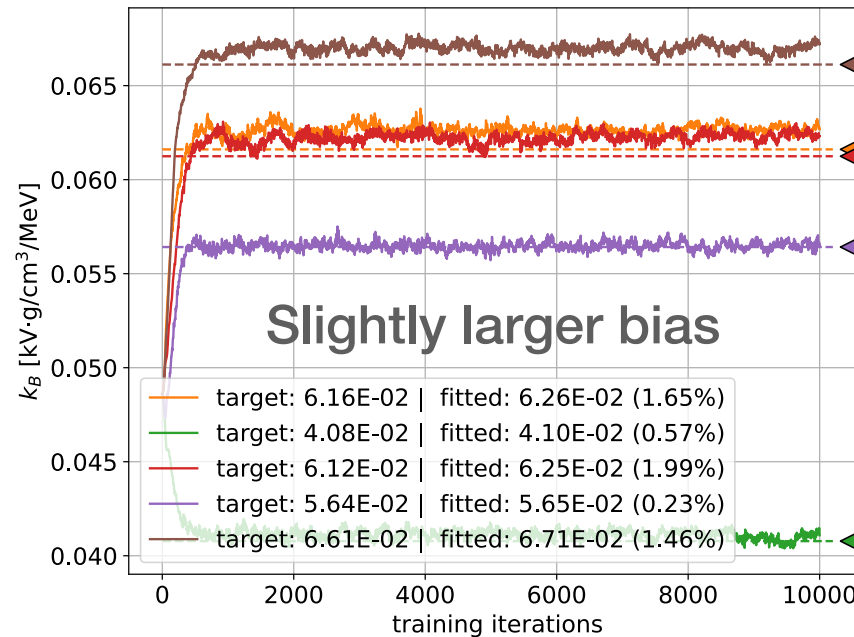
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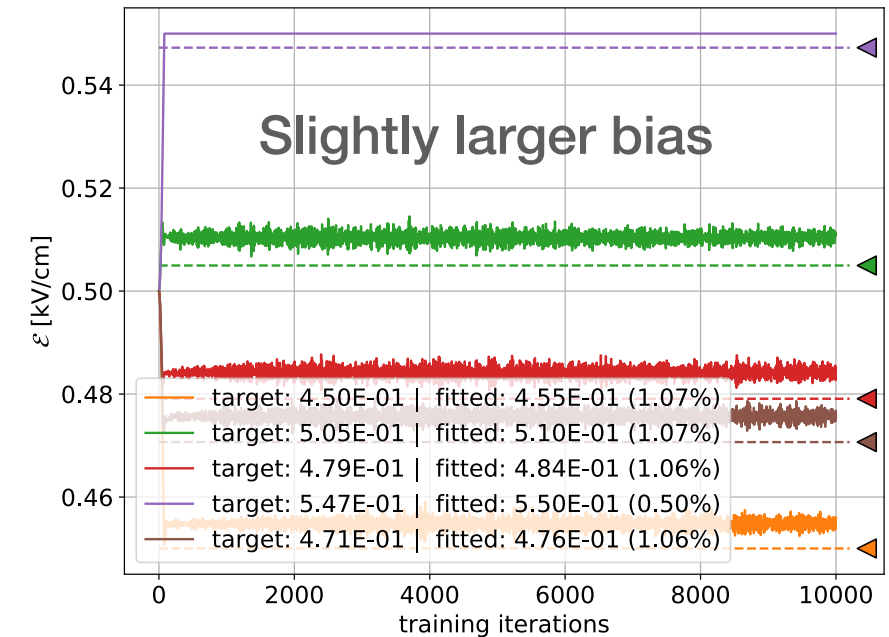
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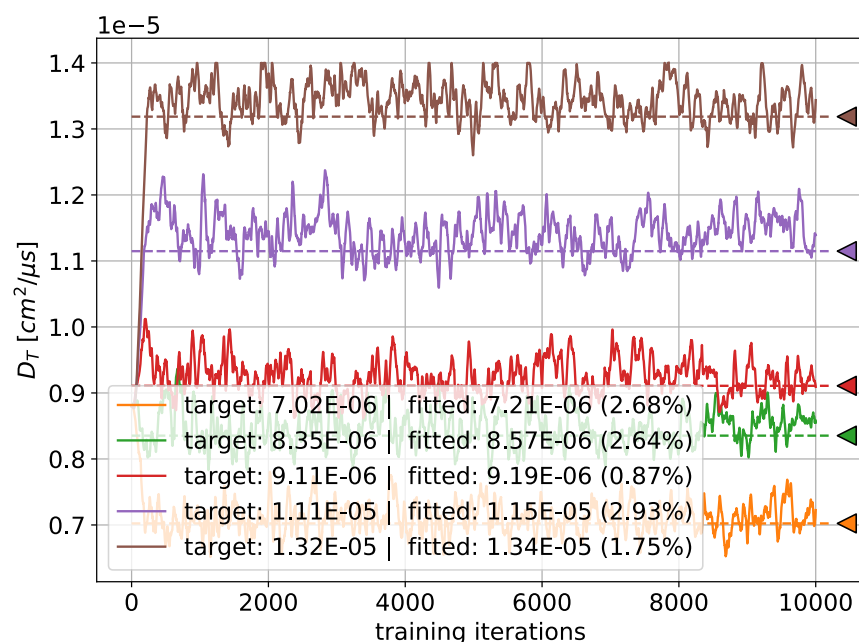
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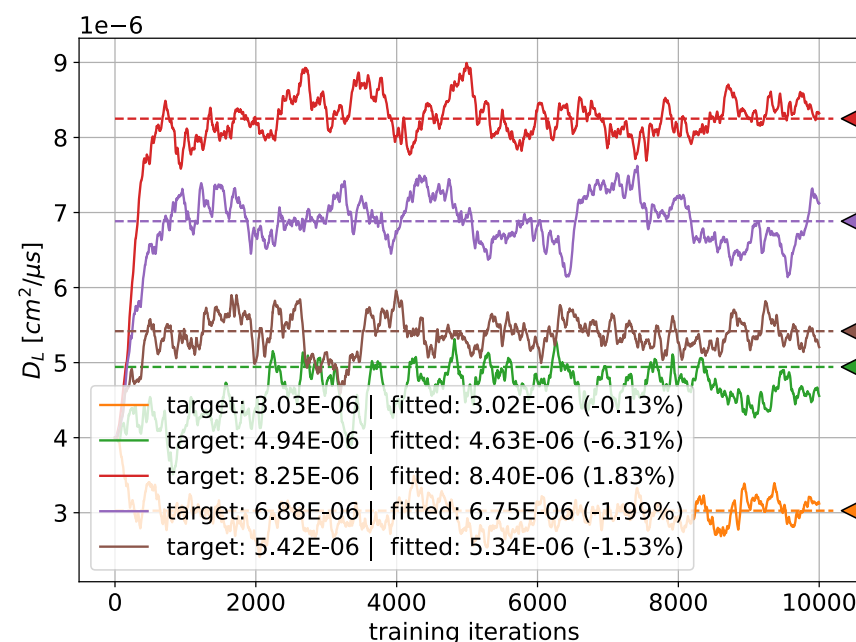
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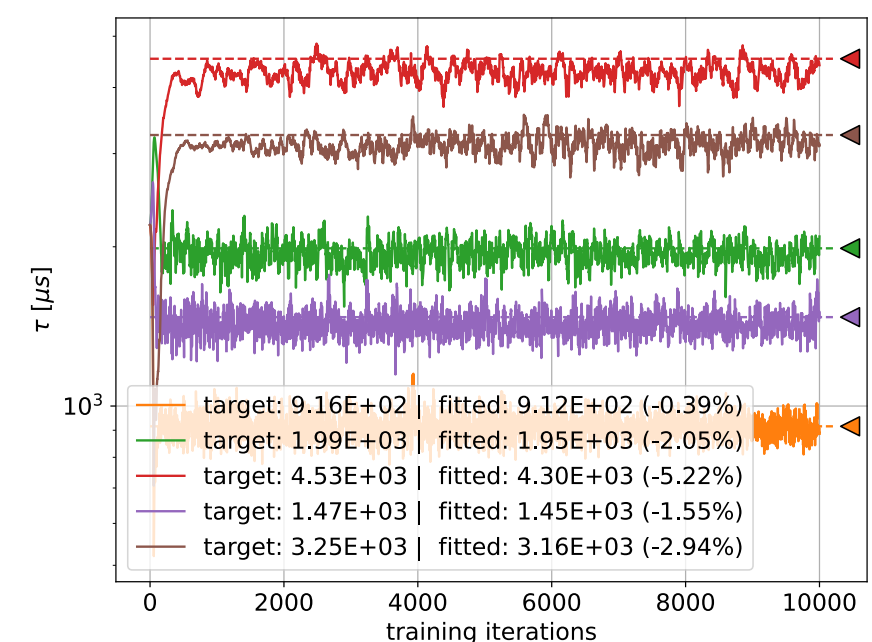
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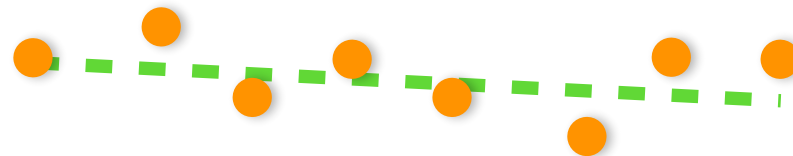
Electron lifetime



Reconstruct Simulation Input—Impurities

$$\mathcal{L}(f(\chi, \theta), F_{\text{target}})$$

dE/dx x, y, z

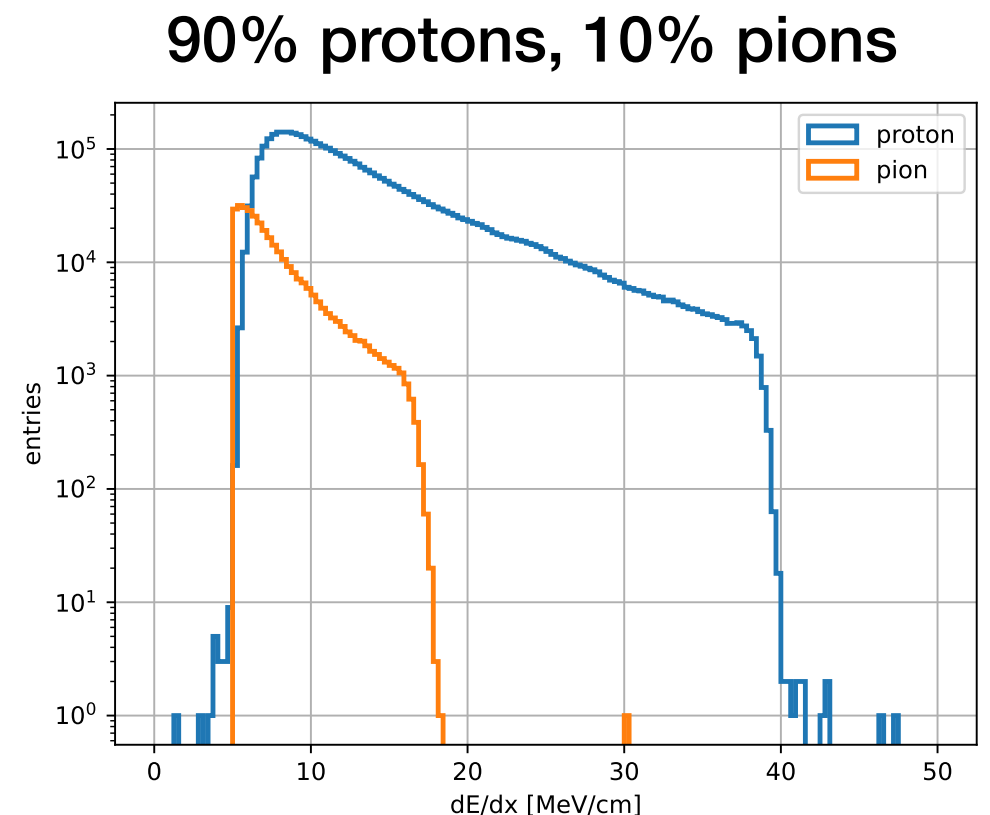


Stopping protons Stopping muons

SPINE
98% proton purity

Class prediction	Kaon	0.000 (1)	0.005 (5)	0.008 (62)	0.051 (295)	0.051 (326)	0.748 (403)
	Proton	0.000 (2)	0.004 (4)	0.000 (1)	0.011 (66)	0.904 (5799)	0.009 (5)
	Pion	0.001 (9)	0.004 (4)	0.082 (669)	0.790 (4556)	0.039 (250)	0.098 (53)
	Muon	0.001 (11)	0.013 (13)	0.908 (7409)	0.142 (817)	0.004 (26)	0.145 (78)
	Electron	0.018 (145)	0.817 (847)	0.000 (3)	0.002 (11)	0.000 (2)	0.000 (0)
	Photon	0.979 (7790)	0.158 (164)	0.002 (20)	0.004 (22)	0.002 (15)	0.000 (0)
	Class label	Photon	Electron	Muon	Pion	Proton	Kaon

Francois Drielsma



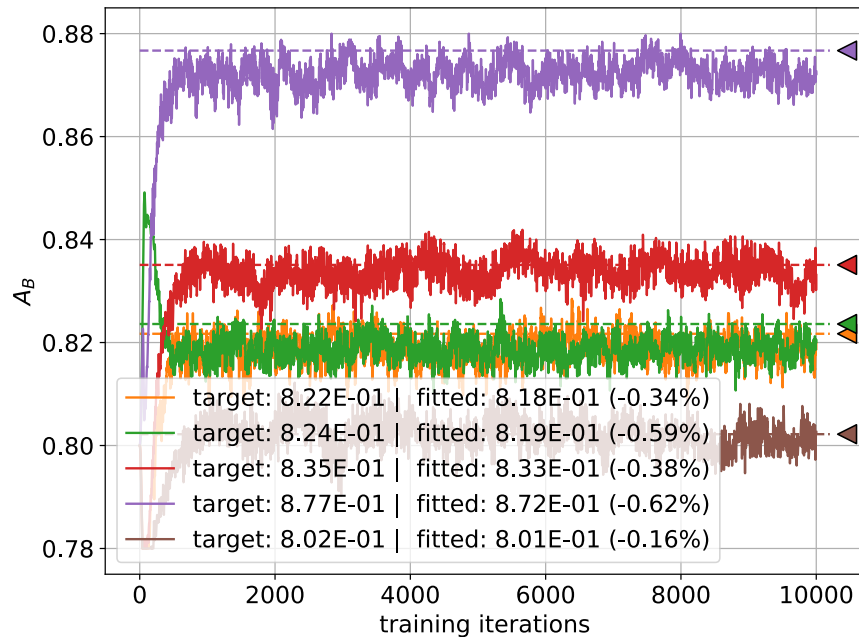
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Robustness Test with 10% Mixed Pions

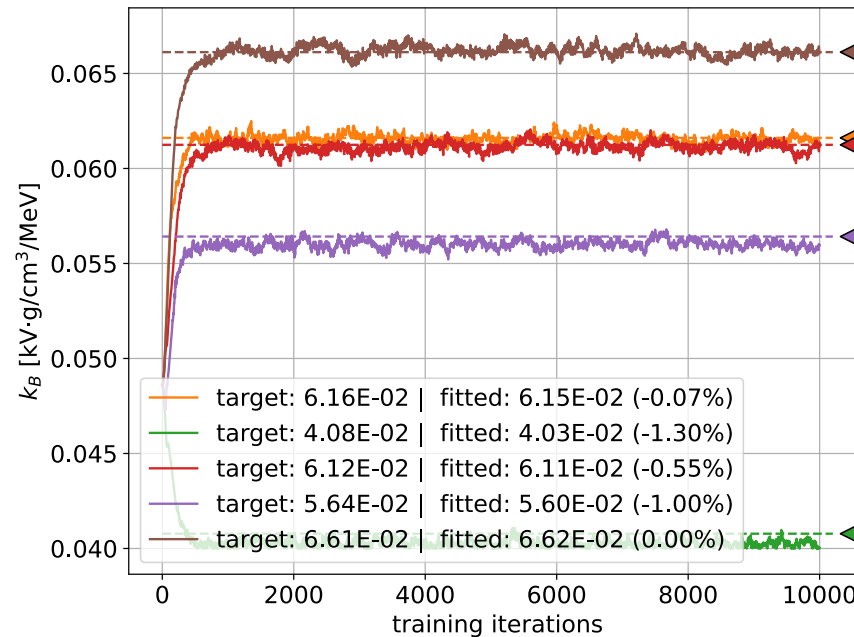
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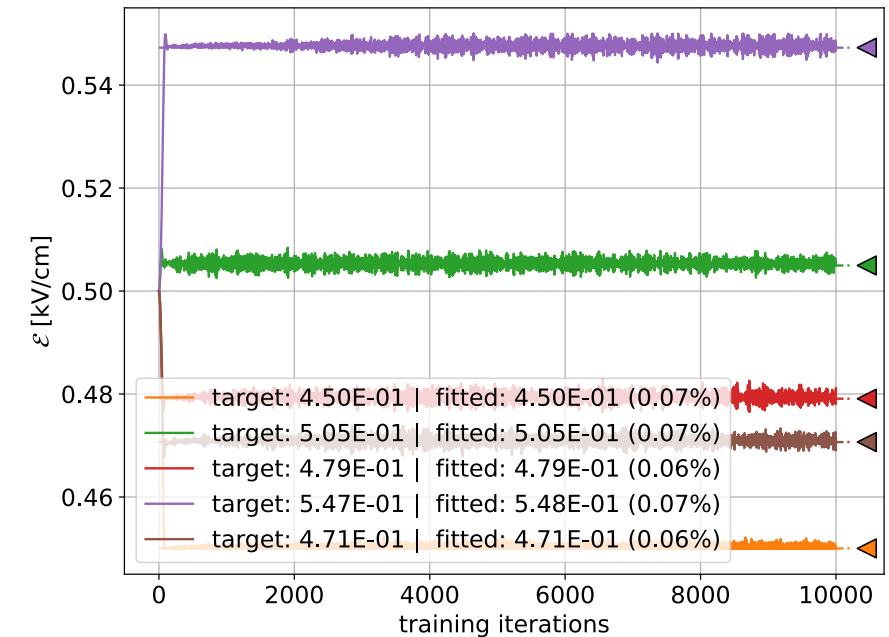
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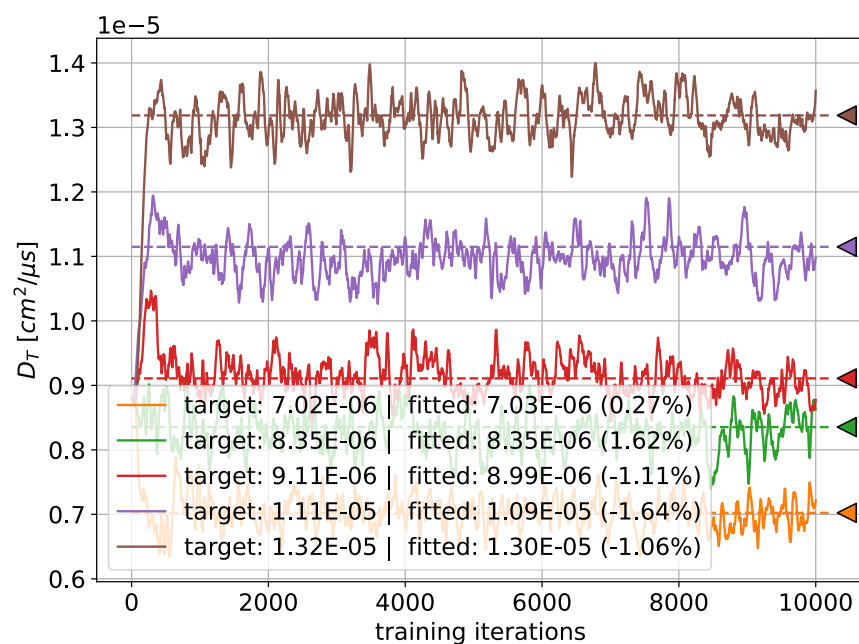
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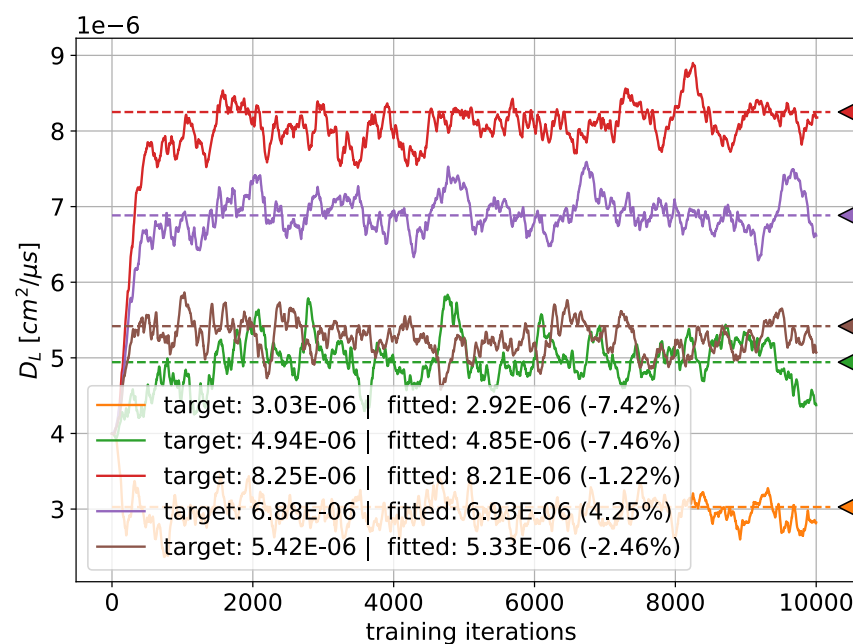
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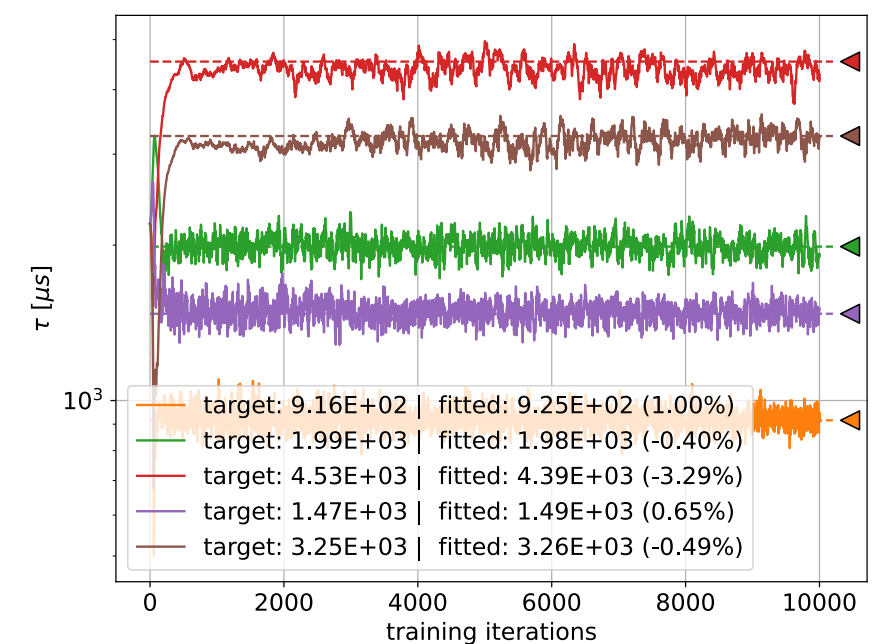
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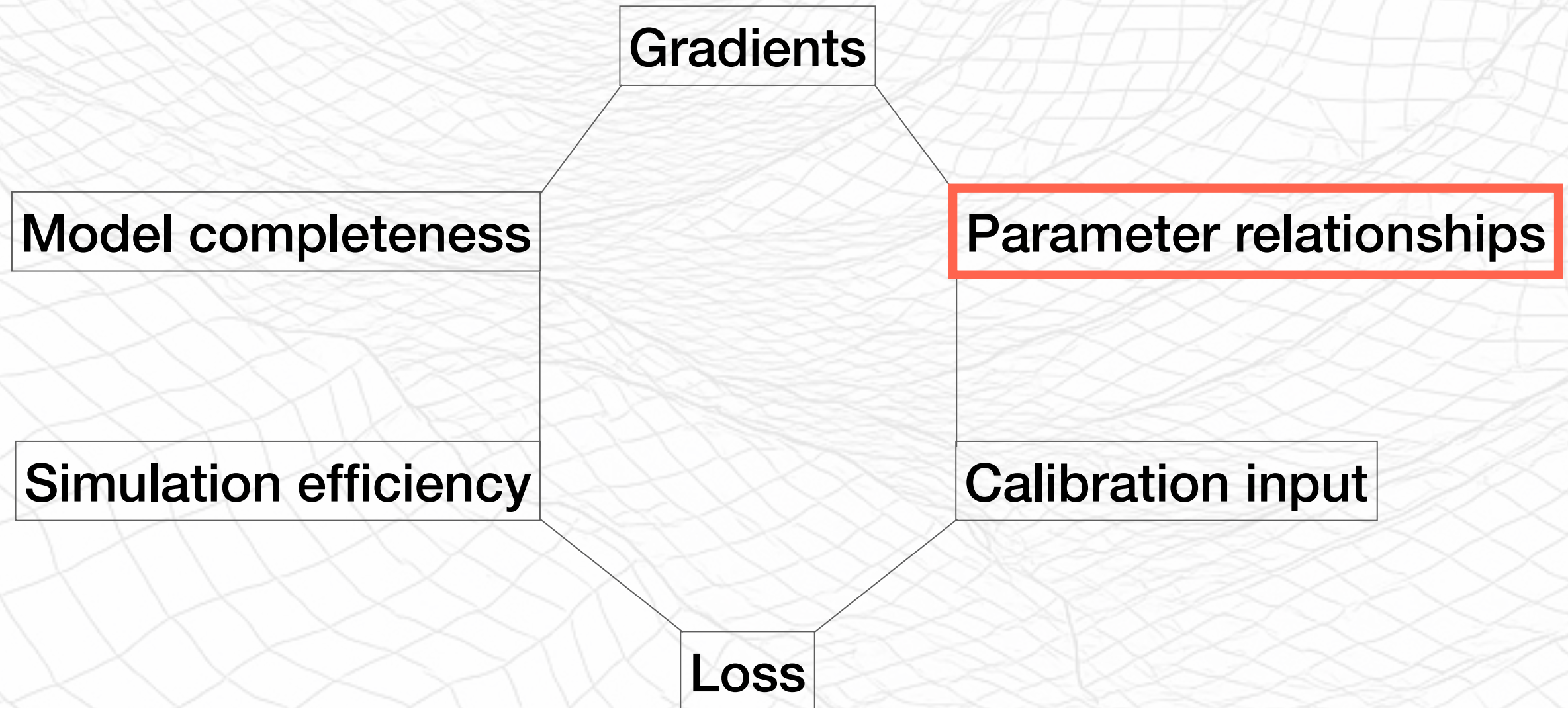
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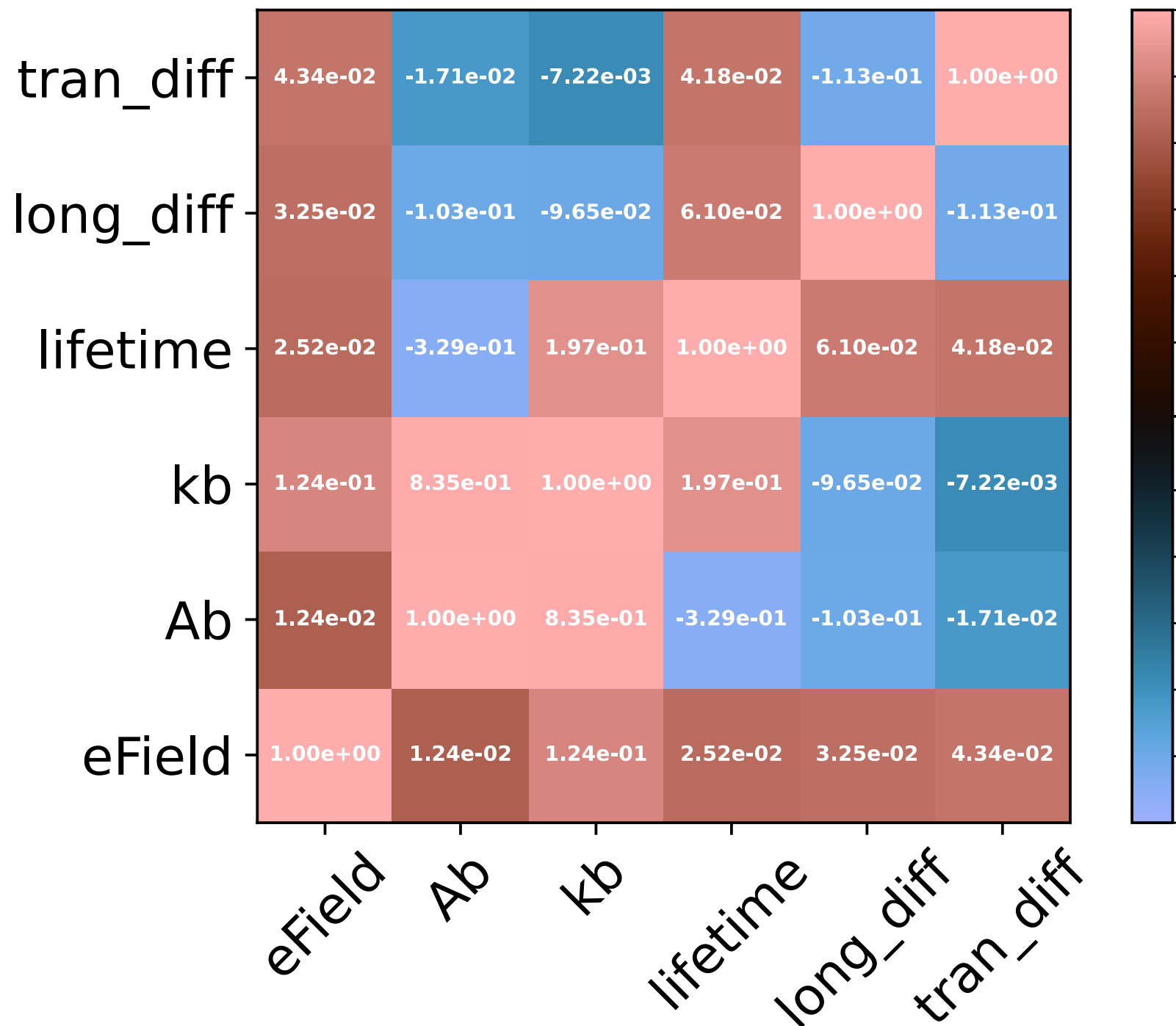


Roadmap



Pseudo-Correlation

Calculate Hessian from 1000 batches of 200 cm tracks
Normalized Hessian shows curvatures of the loss wrt. the parameters
Pseudo-covariance and correlation with normalization and regularization



Calibration with Differentiable Simulation

