

# Differentiable Surrogate for Photon Propagation Application to Module-0 Data

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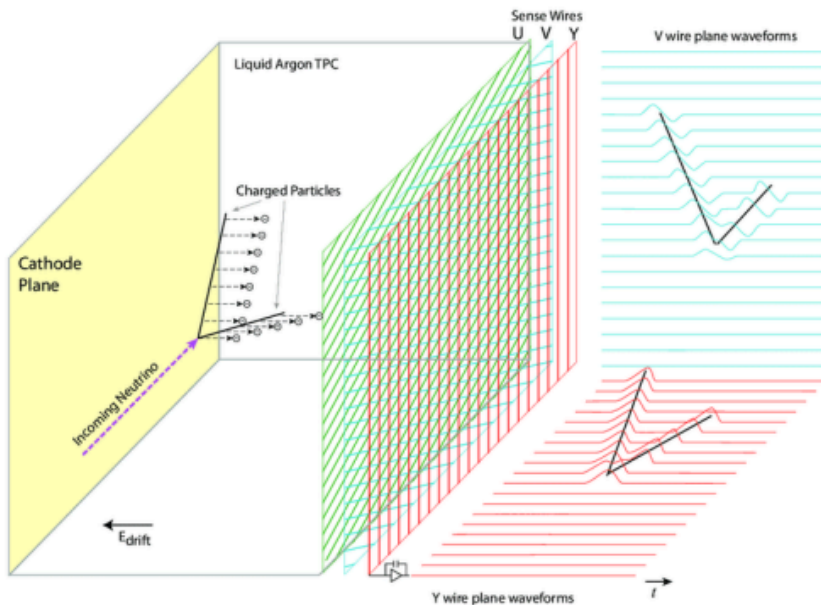
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# Liquid Argon Time Projection Chamber (LArTPC)

LArTPC w/ wire-based readout



Something happens (e.g. neutrino interaction, cosmic rays) => *charged* particles

=> ionization of Ar

=> ionized e- drifts toward anode

## Charge readout options

3 sets of parallel wires

=> 3 projections of 1D+time

— OR —

an array of pixels

=> one 2D+time view

3D  
Image

**Pro:** high resolution (~mm) 3D imaging device for charged particles

**Challenge:** intuitively  $x_{drift} = v_{drift} \Delta t$ , but what is the reference time ( $t_0$ ) for  $\Delta t$  ?

# LArTPC: Scintillation Light

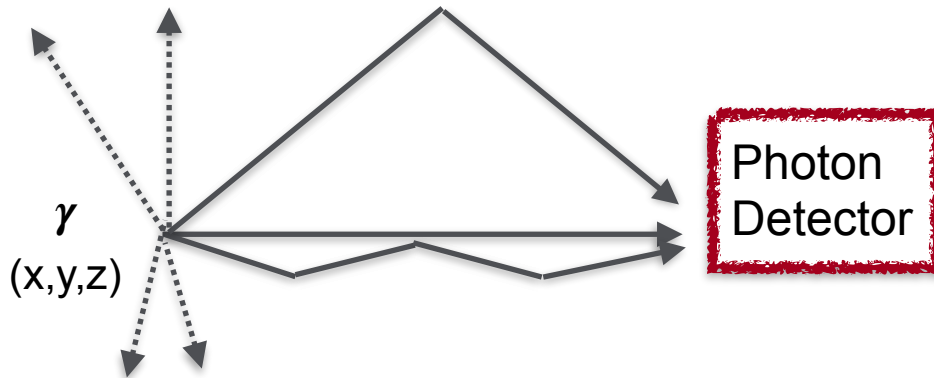
## Recombination



The prompt light signal at O(ns) provides a reference time for  $\Delta t$

## Visibility: Modeling of Photon Propagation

What is the probability to detect those photons produced at a given position (x,y,z)?



- possible optical paths (direct, scattered, reflected) for photon at (x,y,z) to be detected.
- some photons (dotted paths) are not detected.

# Visibility: Lookup Table Approach

## Traditional Method (Photon Library)

1. divide the detector into  $O(\text{cm})$  grids
2. for each grid point (aka voxel), generate  $O(1\text{M})$  photons isotropically
3. simulate the photon propagation paths
4. count how many photons are detected
5. estimate the visibility as  $N_{\text{detected}} / N_{\text{generated}}$
6. build a lookup table (LUT)

## Cons

- long construction time,  $O(1)$  week
- poor scalability
  - ICARUS (the largest LArTPC in operation):
    - $\sim 404\text{M}$  parameters in resolution of 5 cm
  - DUNE-FD (the next generation in construction):  $\sim 100\text{x}$  of ICARUS
    - concerns in computation and memory usage
- no well-developed calibration method due to computational complexity

Can we parameterize the photon lib. for better computation and memory usage?

*No (in the past).* The underlying function is usually not analytically traceable. The hand-written formula does not have enough accuracy.

*Yes (now).* With recent advancement in the implicit neural representation.

## 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).

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

# Example: Image Reconstruction



Map pixel coordinates to color pixel:  $f(x,y) \rightarrow (R,G,B)$

A gigapixel ( $19,456 \times 51,200$ ) panorama of Tokyo is represented by a function of 168M parameters using ACORN model



# Image Reconstruction w/ ACORN

Zoom in



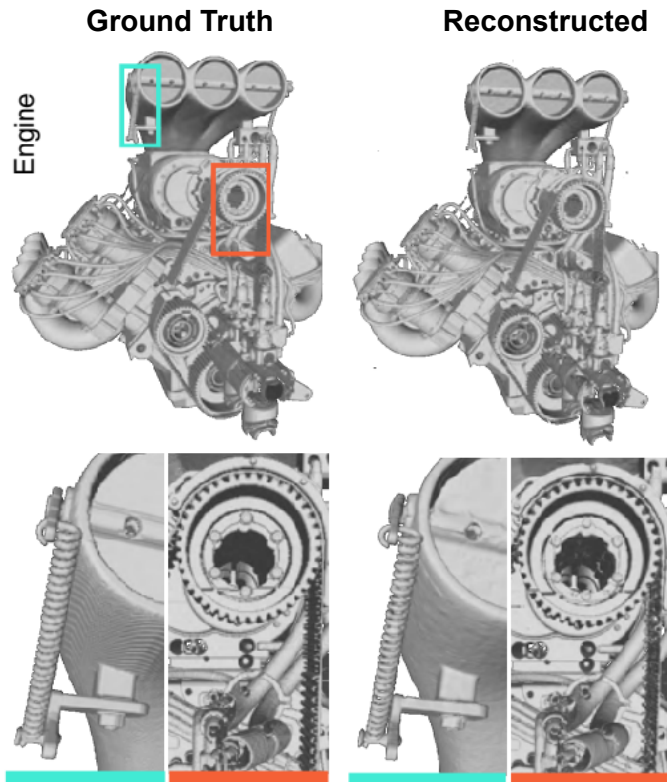
Ground Truth

Reconstructed



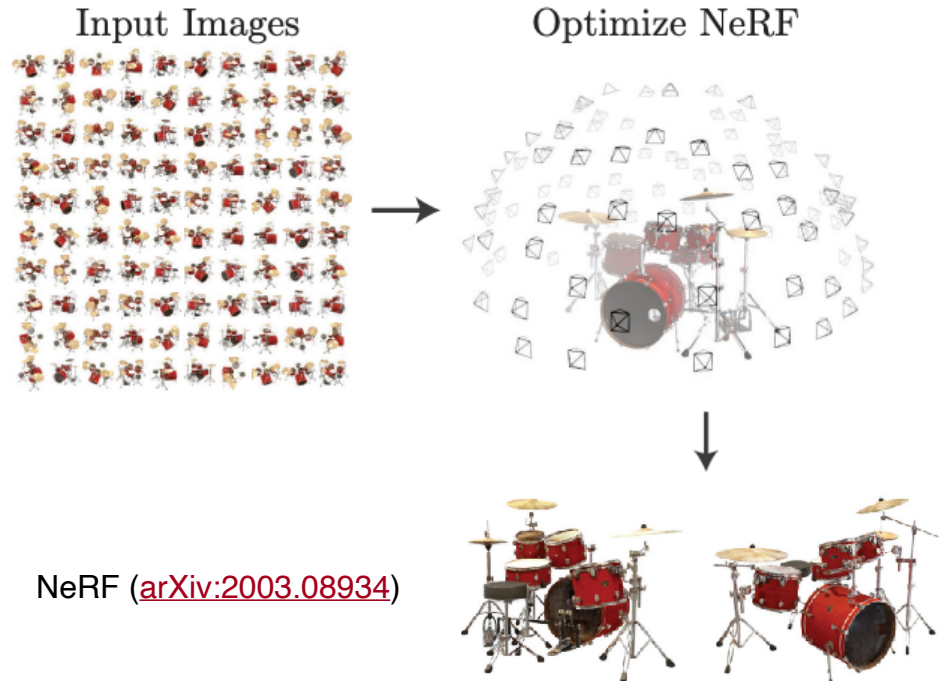
High fidelity representation using much less parameters.

# Example: 3D Shape / Scene Rendering



Map 3D coordinates to occupancy  
 $f(x,y,z) \rightarrow 0$  or  $1$

ACORN ([arXiv:2105.02788](https://arxiv.org/abs/2105.02788))



NeRF ([arXiv:2003.08934](https://arxiv.org/abs/2003.08934))

Map 3D coord. + camera angles to RGB + volume density

$$f(x,y,z,\theta,\phi) \rightarrow (R,G,B,\sigma)$$

Learn the function from a set of 2D images at different views and synthesize a 3D scene at arbitrary angles.



# Sinusoidal Representation Network (SIREN)

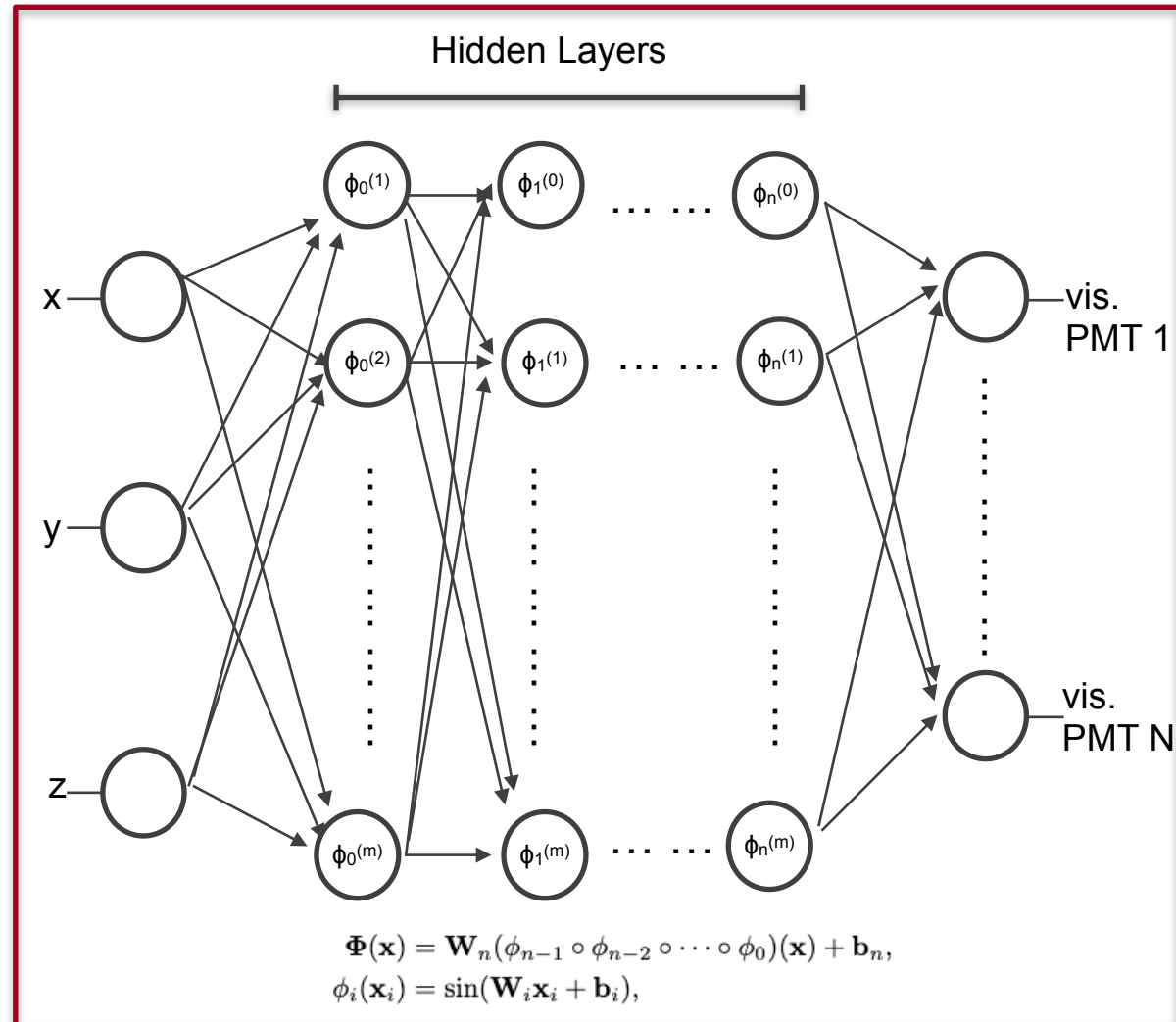
## Application to Photon Propagation

map 3D coordinates of the light source to the visibilities of  $N$  photon detectors (e.g. PMTs)

$$\phi(x,y,z) \rightarrow \text{visibility} \times N$$

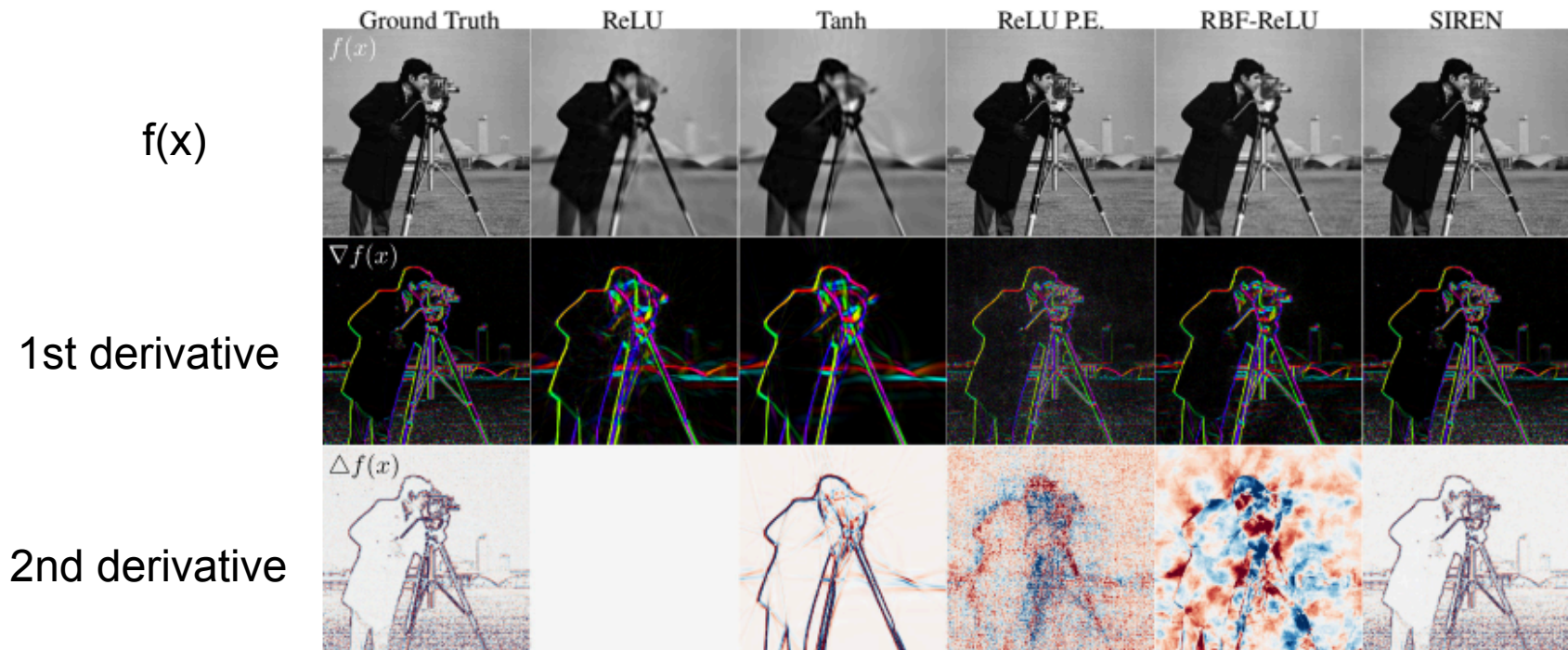
## SIREN

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



# Why SIREN?

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

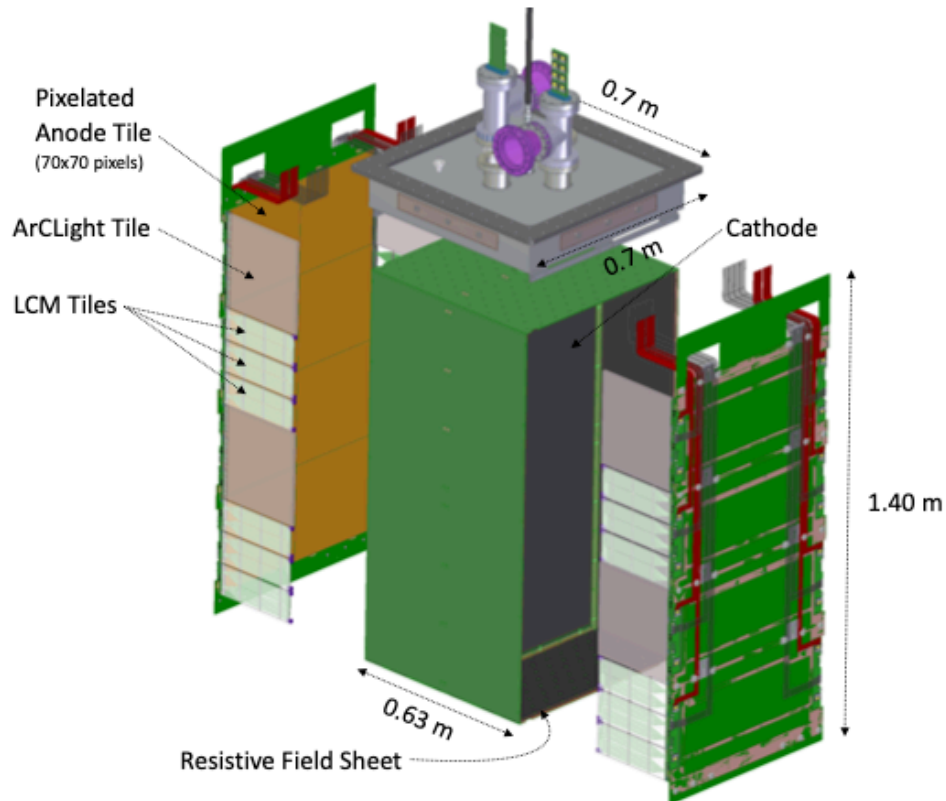


SIREN ([arXiv:2006.09661](https://arxiv.org/abs/2006.09661))

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

# **NDLAr Prototype: Module-0**

# Module-0 Detector



## Short term goal

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

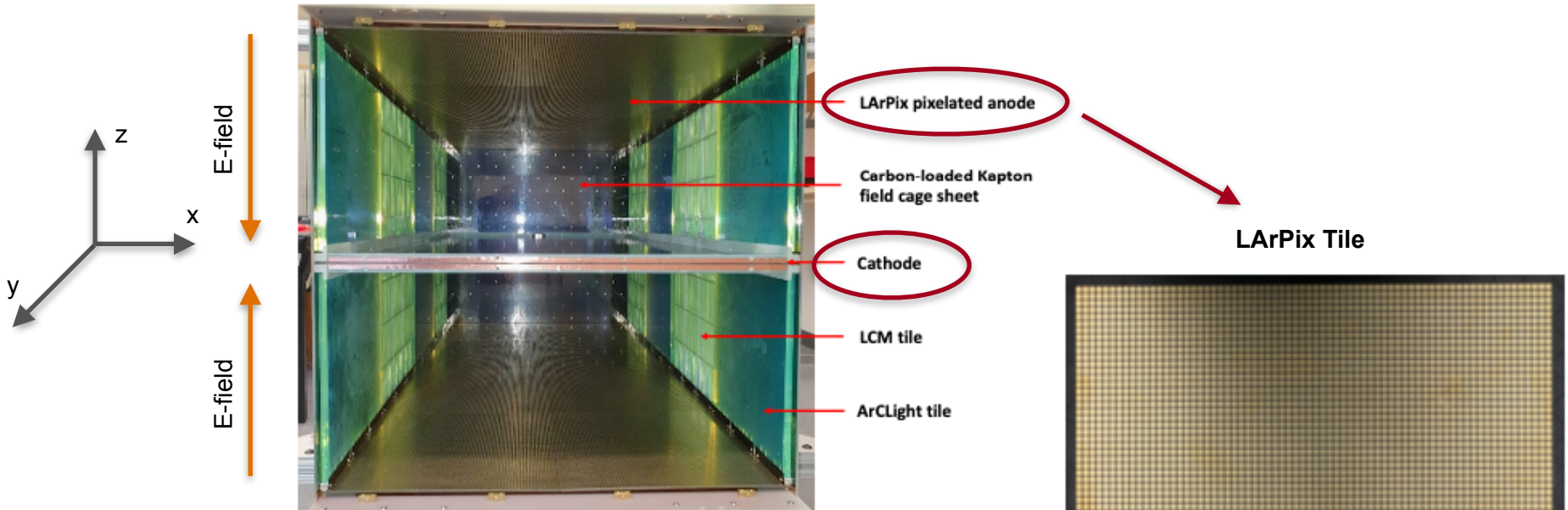
## Long term goal

- 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

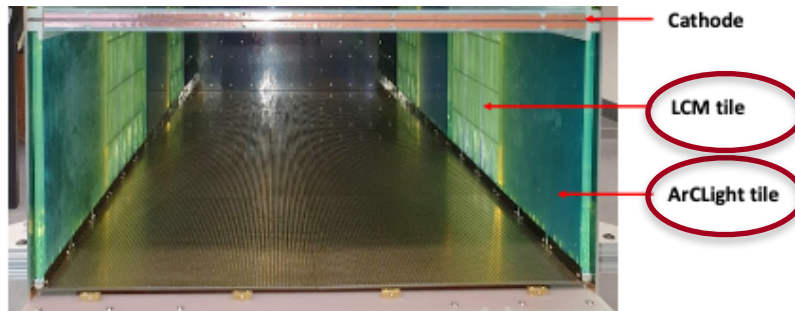
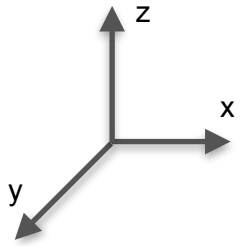


- 2 drift volumes (TPCs)
- separated by a cathode plane
- 4x2 LArPix tiles per anode plane
- 70x70 pixels per tile
- pixel pitch 4.43 mm

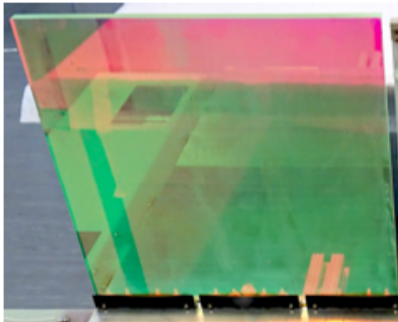


# Module-0 Light Readout System

Light Readout System of Module-0



ArCLight tile



↓ ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓  
6 SiPMs

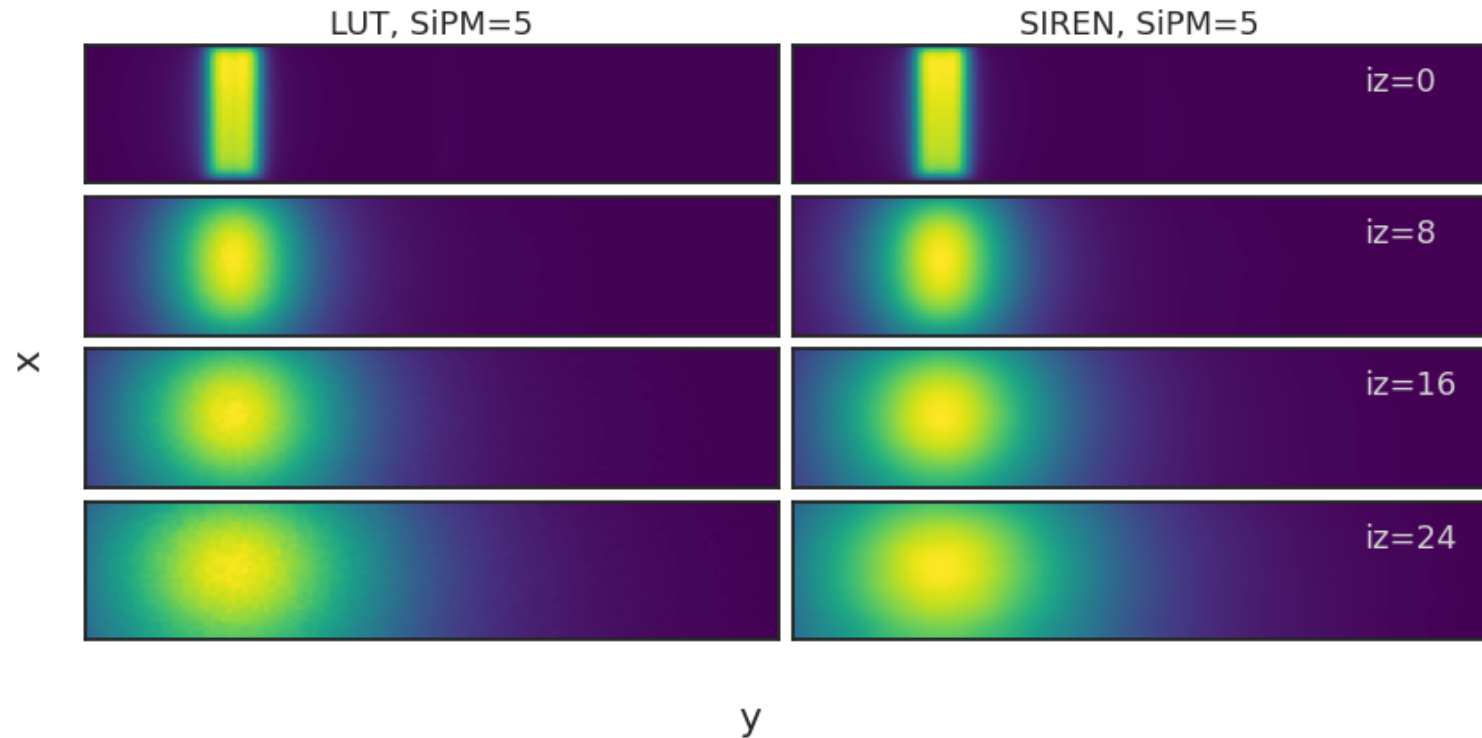
LCM tile



↓ ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓  
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

# Visibility: LUT & SIREN



- LUT is generated from photon simulation of 1 TPC in  $64 \times 128 \times 32$  voxels ( $\sim 12.5$ M parameters)
- SIREN has 5 hidden layers and 128 hidden features ( $\sim 89.3$ k parameters)
- relative bias is at few % level, dominated by the statistical uncertainty of the LUT

# From Simulation to Data

## Problem

- input data as point sources {x, y, z, visibility}
- obtained from optical detector simulation
- not available in data (no point-like calibration source)

Has to work with physics objects (i.e. tracks) from data

## Modeling Optical Detector Readouts

Expected p.e. for the j-th PMT

$$\lambda_j = \sum_{t \in T} Y_j \times \Delta E_t \times \Psi_j(\mathbf{x}_t)$$

combinations of light yield, PMT efficiency etc ...

visibility of j-th PMT at the voxel coordinates  $\mathbf{x}_t$

sum over all voxels occupied by track(s)

energy deposition in the t-th track voxel

## Poisson Likelihood

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

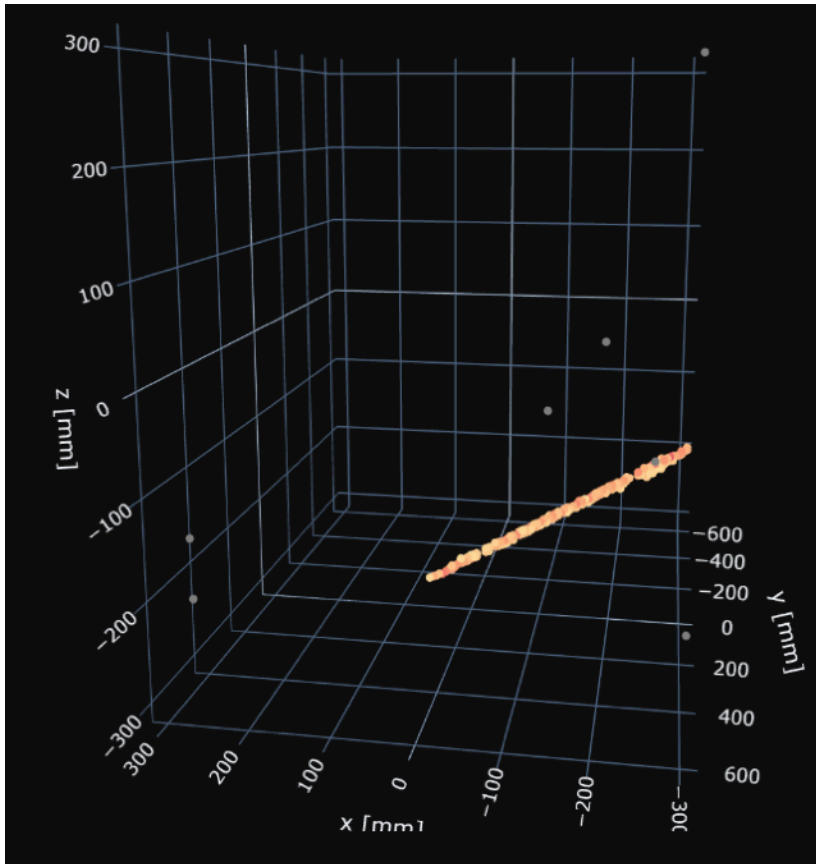
product of all PMTs

Observed p.e. for j-th PMT

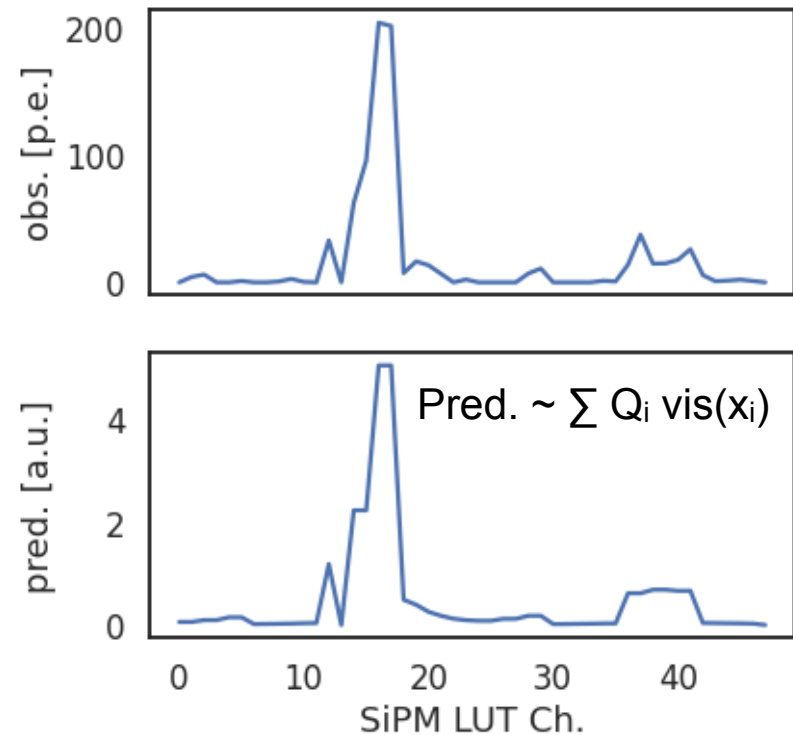
Optimization of  $-\ln L_{\text{track}}$  using track data.

# Charge-to-Light Prediction

An example of charge image from Module-0 data



Observed and Predicted Light Signal



# Dataset

- 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
- matching charge-light pairs by trigger timestamp

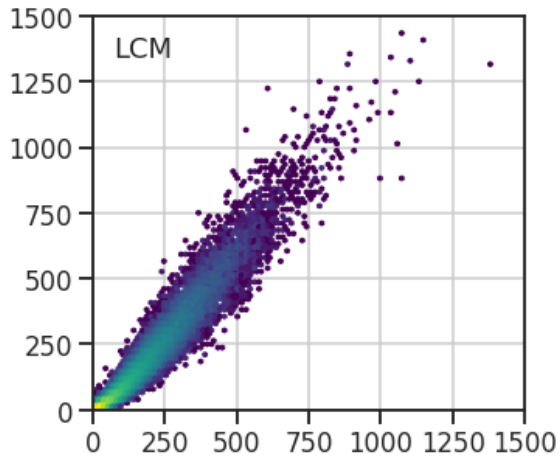
Training sample: ~670k tracks

Testing sample: ~13k tracks

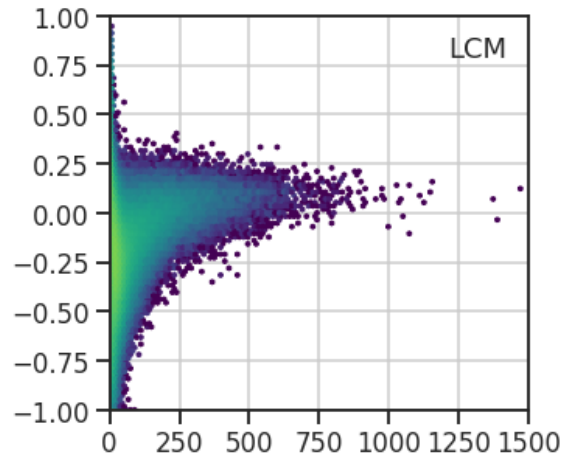


# Performance (Before Calibration)

Module-0 TPC-0 (Pre-calib.)



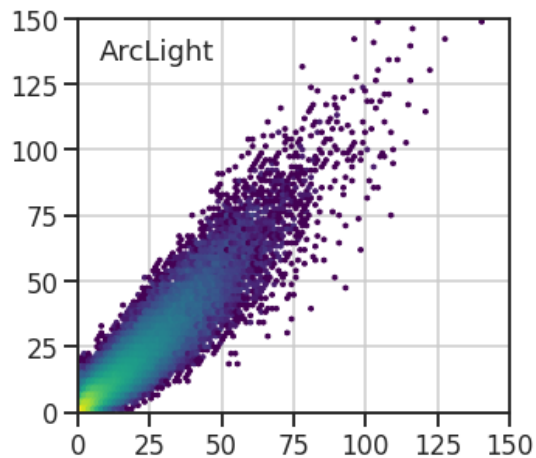
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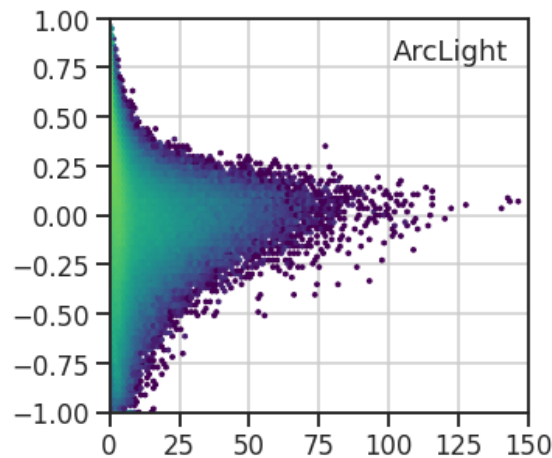
In general, the prediction match to the light observation.

LCM: obs. p.e. is ~20% higher than prediction

Obs. [p.e.]



$(\text{Obs.} - \text{Pred.}) / (\text{Obs.} + \text{Pred.})$



ArcLight: better agreement than LCM, almost linear.

**Calibration !!!**

Pred. [p.e.]

Pred. [p.e.]

# Calibration of SIREN Model

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

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

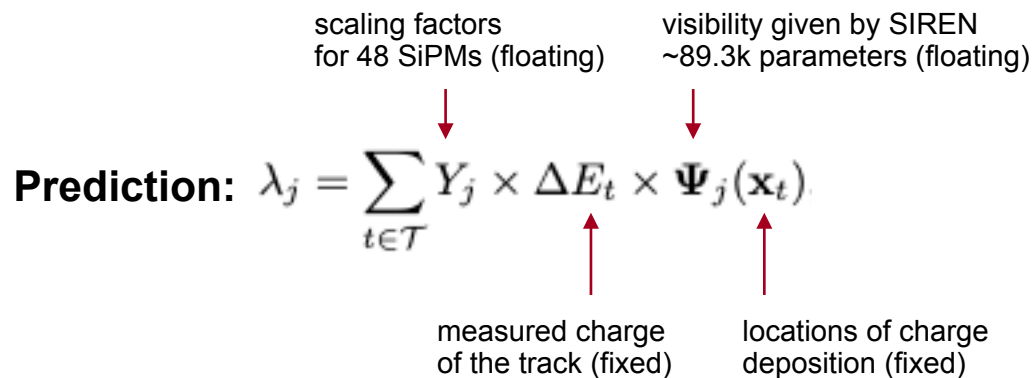
scaling factors  
for 48 SiPMs (floating)

visibility given by SIREN  
~89.3k parameters (floating)

**Prediction:**  $\lambda_j = \sum_{t \in \mathcal{T}} Y_j \times \Delta E_t \times \Psi_j(\mathbf{x}_t)$

measured charge  
of the track (fixed)

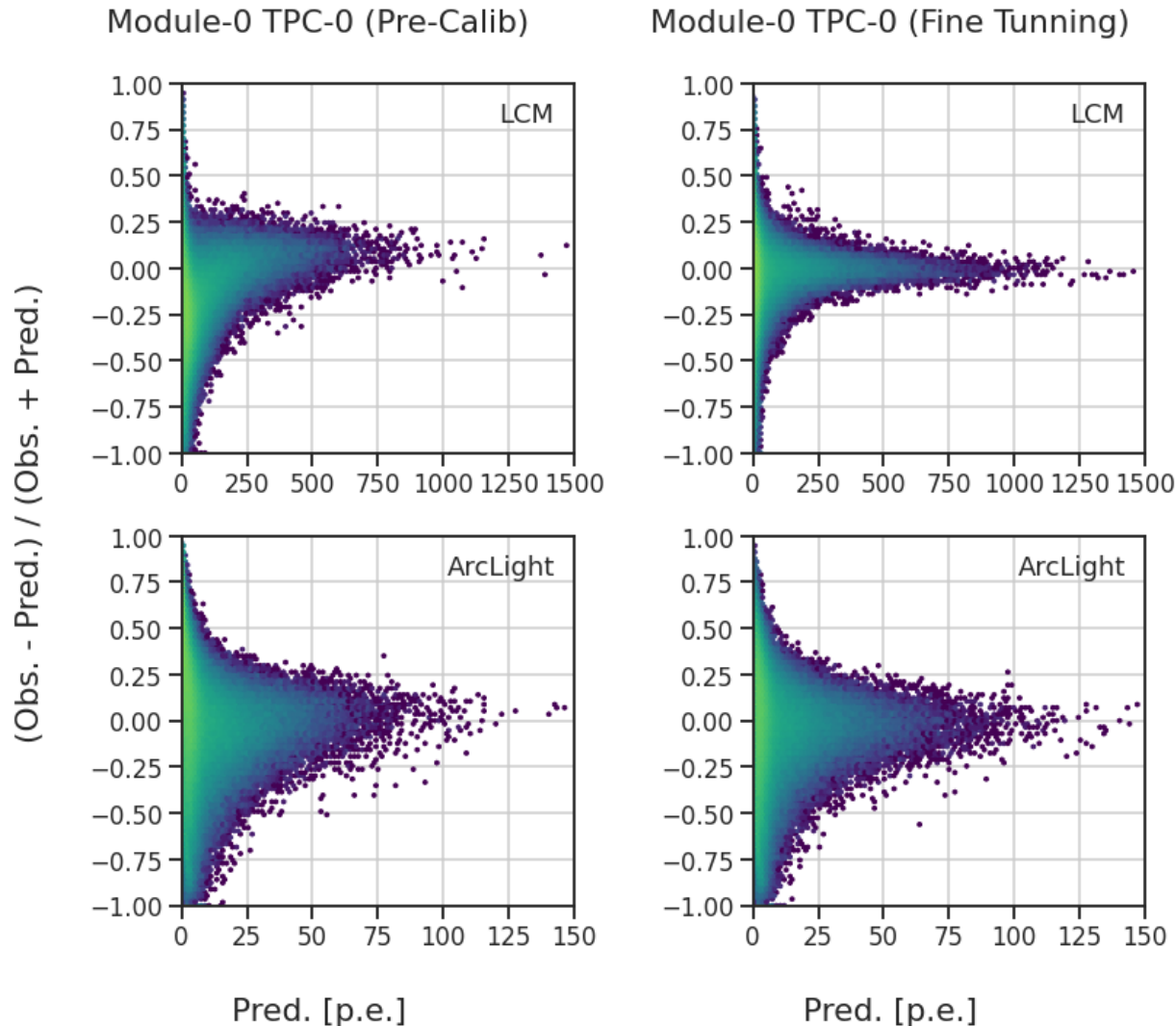
locations of charge  
deposition (fixed)



“Loss function”:  $\chi^2 = \sum (\text{obs} - \text{pred})^2 / (\text{pred} + \epsilon)$

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

# Calibration: Before and After



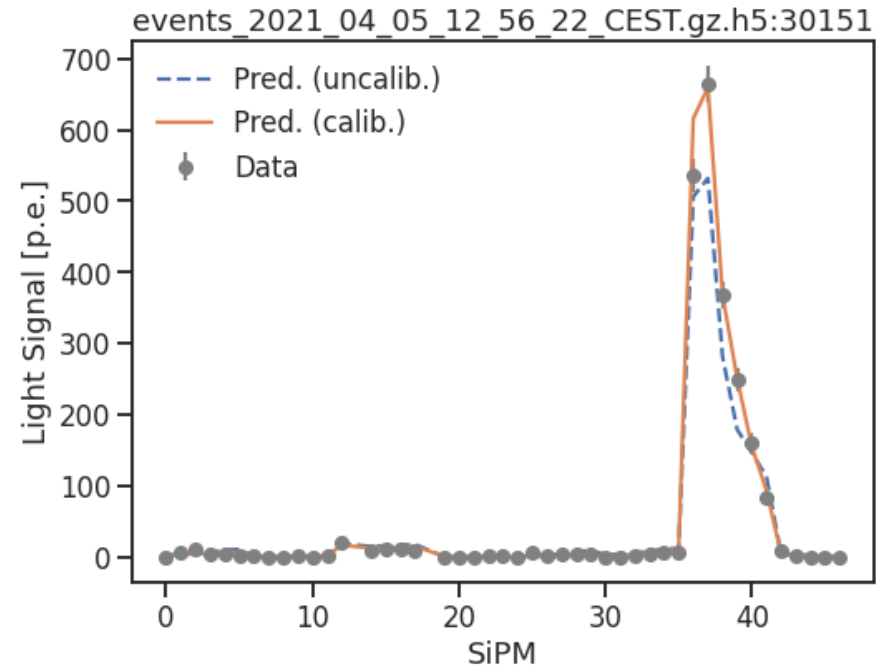
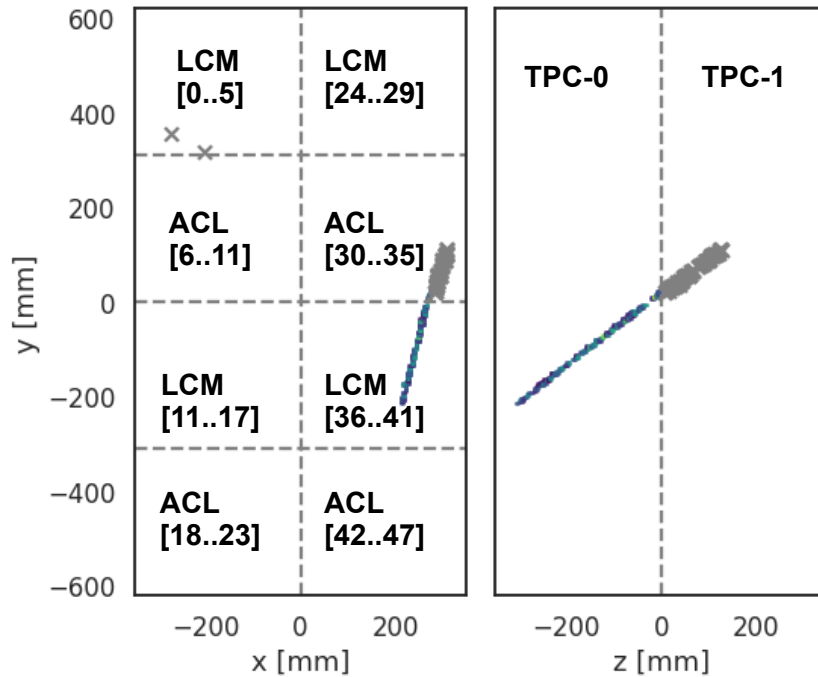
Pre-trained a SIREN model using the LUT.

Calibrate (fine-tune) the SIREN model using track *training* samples.

Evaluate the performance using *testing* samples.

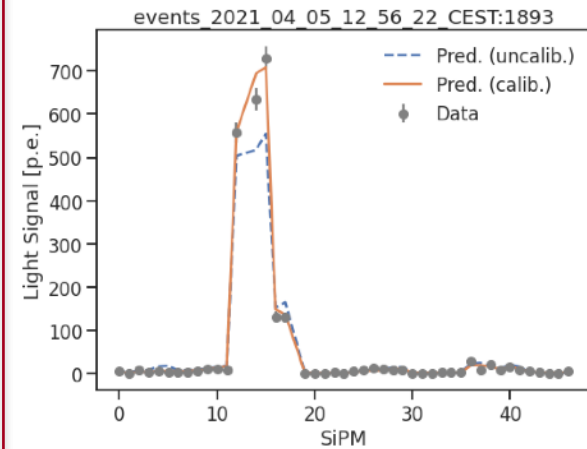
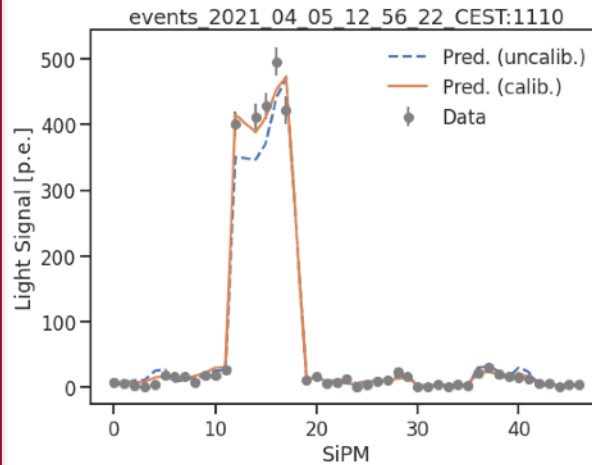
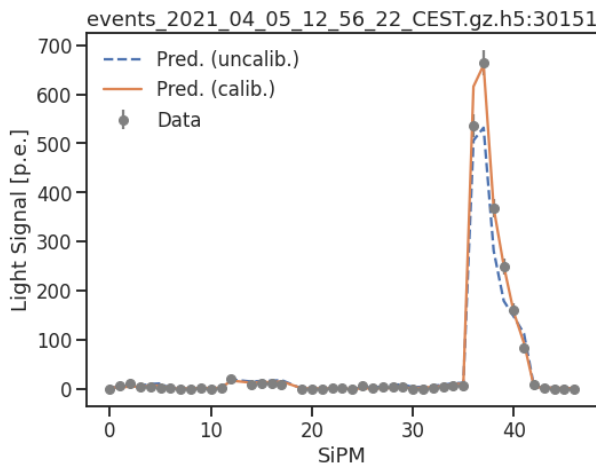
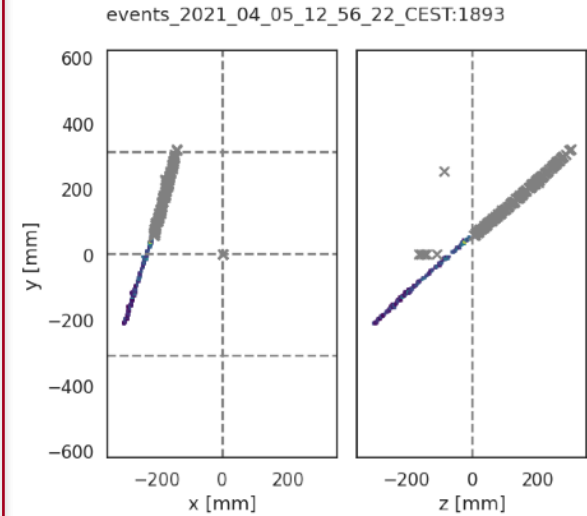
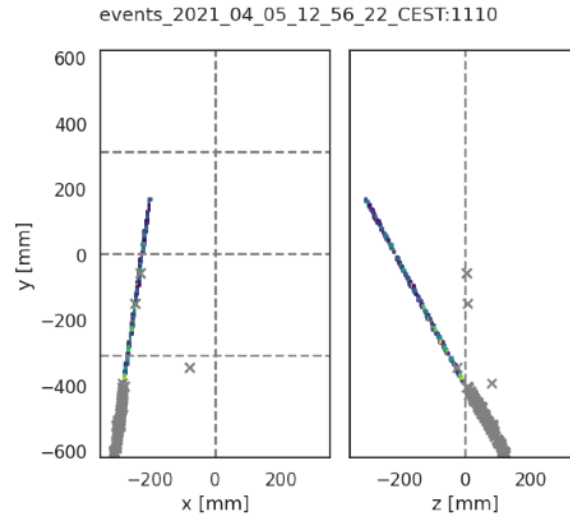
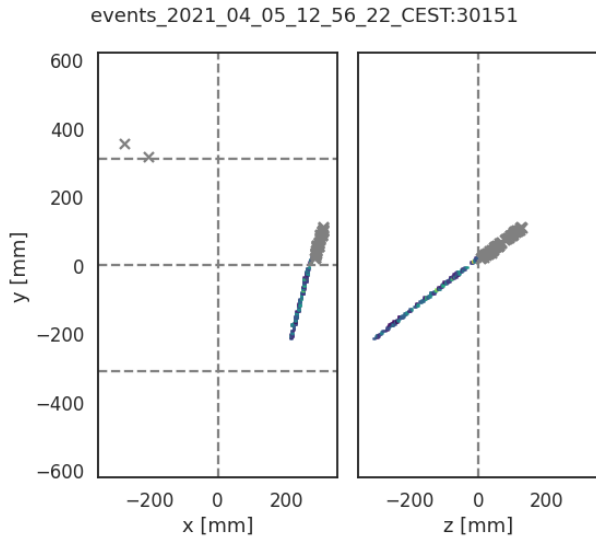
# An Example Event

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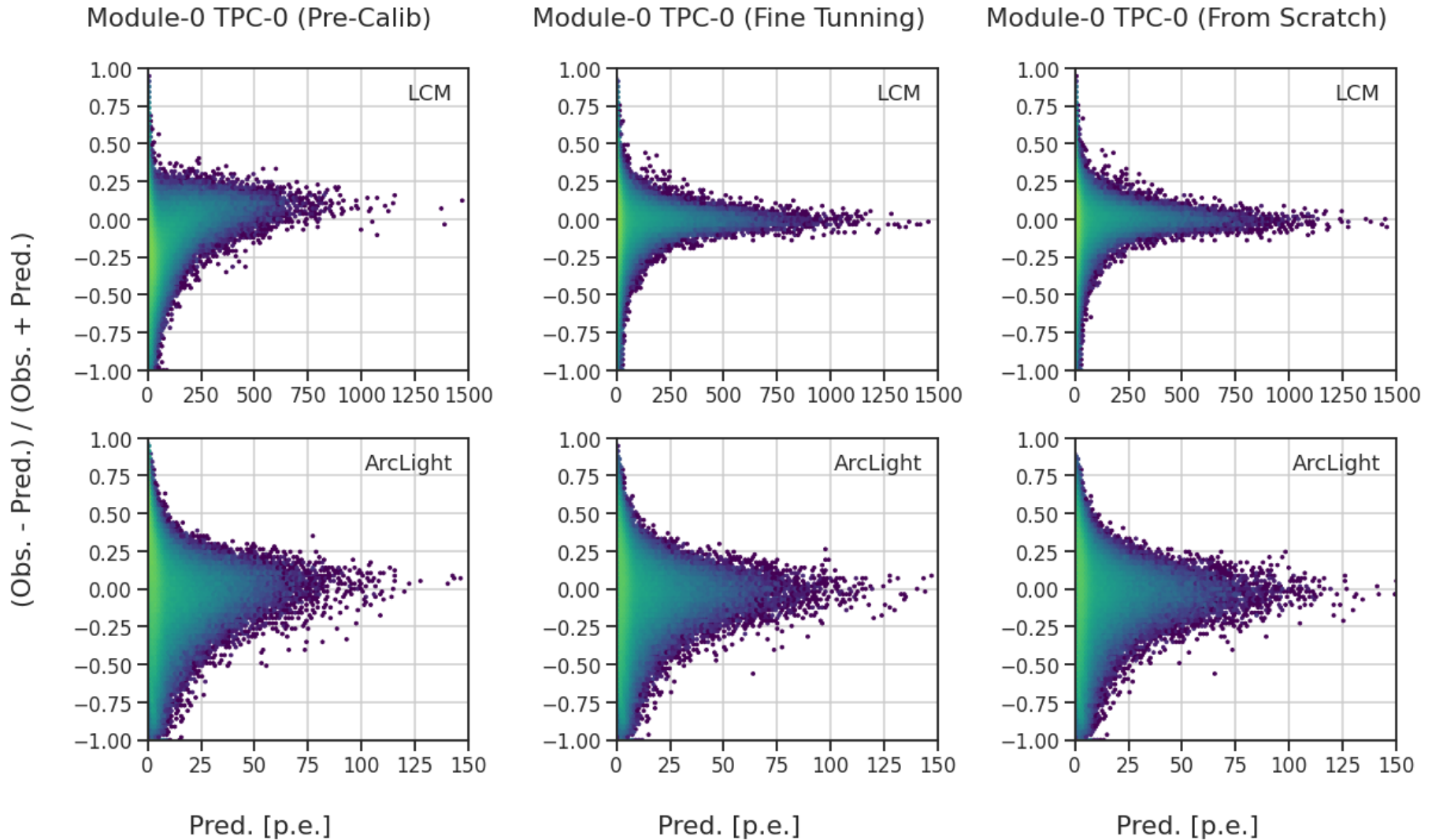
\*\* Grayed out points are excluded from the prediction.

# More Examples

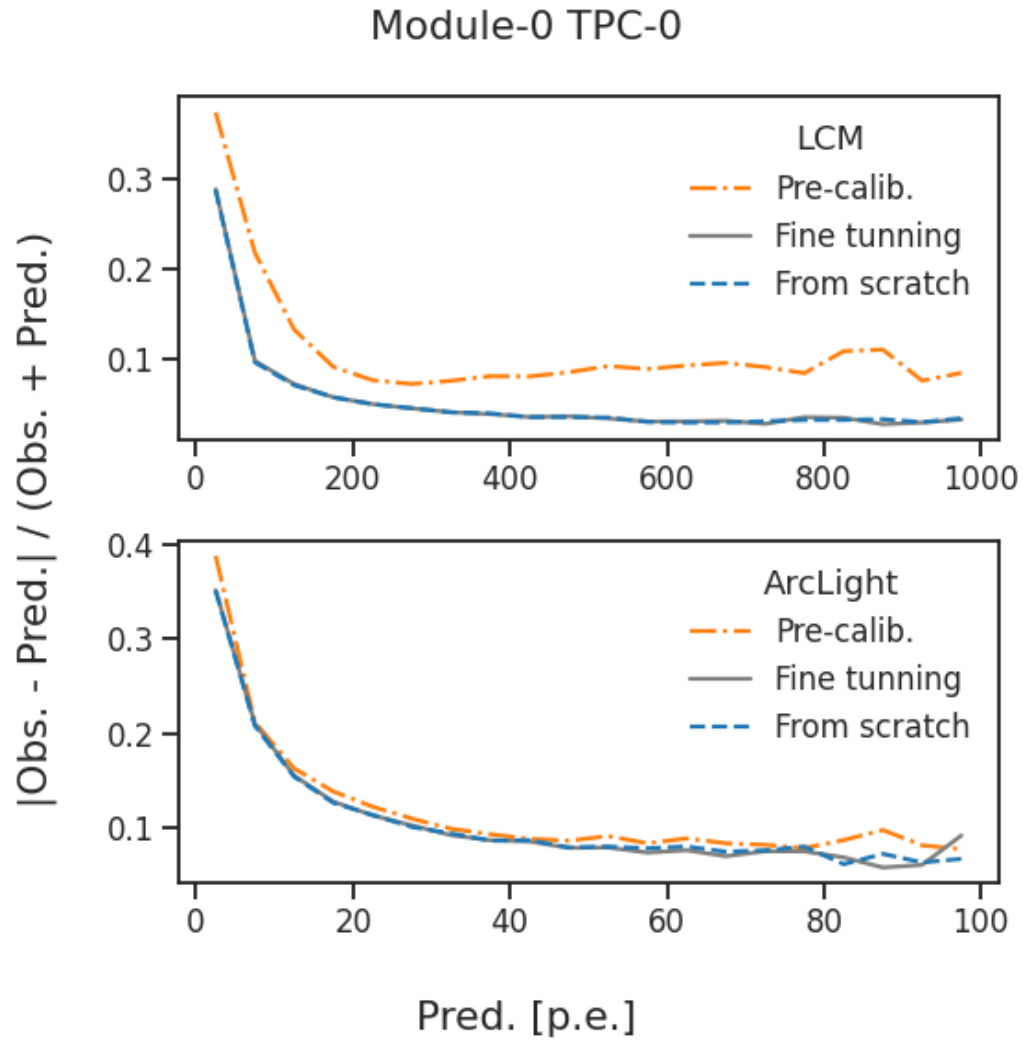




# Construct a SIREN Model from Scratch Using Track Sample

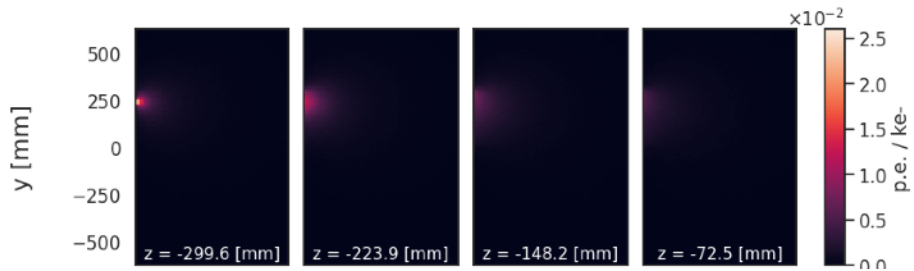


# SIREN from Scratch

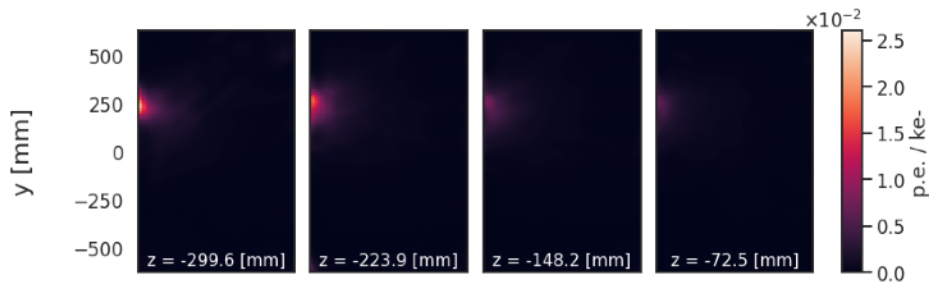


# Inspection of Visibility Map

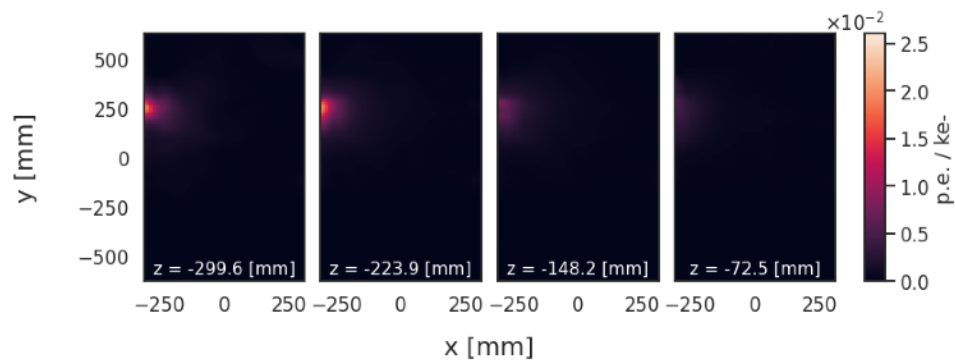
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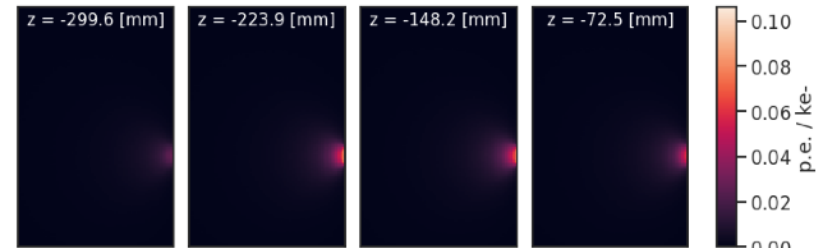
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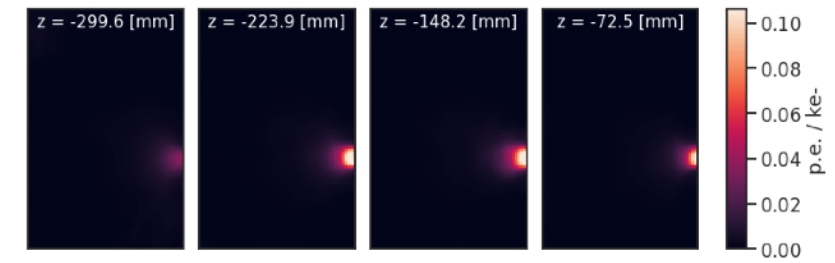
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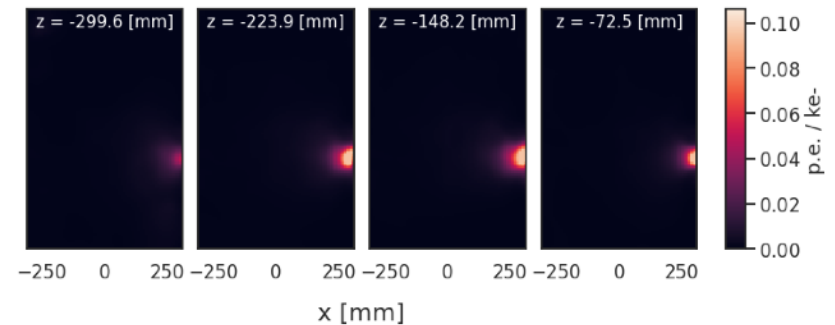
Module-0 SiPM-39 (pre-calib.)



Module-0 SiPM-39 (fine-tuning)



Module-0 SiPM-39 (from scratch)



## Implicit Neural Representation as a Differentiable Surrogate for Photon Propagation in a Monolithic Neutrino Detector

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Optical photons are used as signal in a wide variety of particle detectors. Many modern neutrino detectors employ hundreds to tens of thousands of photon detectors to observe signal from millions to billions of scintillation photons produced from energy deposition of charged particles. These neutrino detectors are typically large, containing  $\mathcal{O}(10^2 \approx 10^5)$  tonnes of target volume, and may be consist of many materials with different optical properties. These natures make modeling of individual photon propagation challenging as it would need a prohibitive amount of computational resource. As an alternative to tracking individual photons, the experimental community has traditionally used a *look-up table*, which contains a mean probability of observing a photon per photon detector at each

A proof-of-concept study with ICARUS simulation [\[arXiv:2211.01505\]](https://arxiv.org/abs/2211.01505)

# Summary

- demonstration of SIREN with module-0 data
- on-going studies
  - how many tracks are needed to construct a SIREN model?
  - application of gradient surface (e.g. t0-finding)
  - uncertainty qualification
- aiming a dedicated paper for module-0 data