

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

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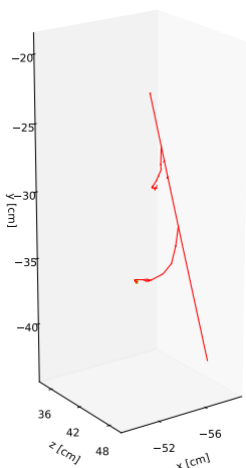
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# Introduction

## Input

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



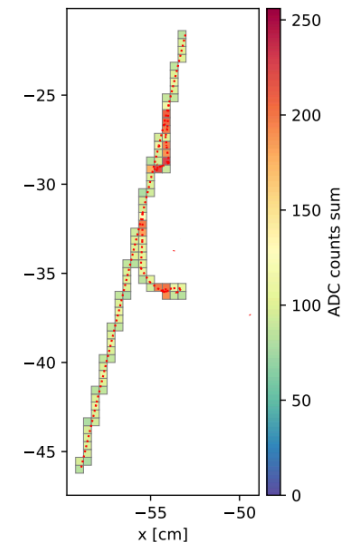
## Parameters

- Physics (Ab, kb, ...)
- Detector (pixel/wire response, ...)

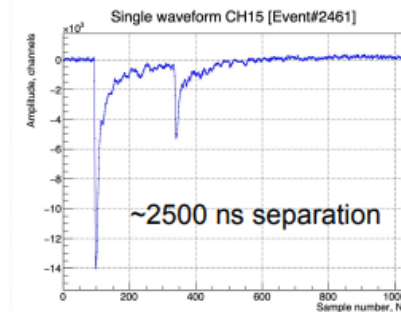
**Model**

## Output

Digitized output of pixel readout



Waveform of an optical detector

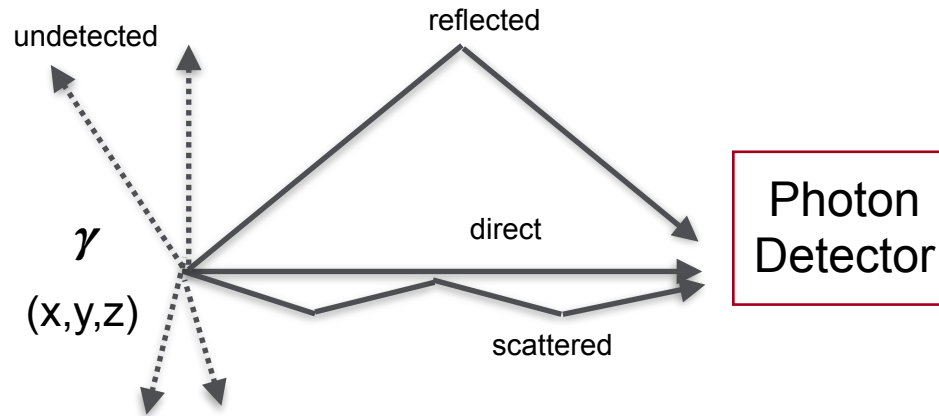


In this workshop, we will introduce two new ideas for detector modeling using AI/ML techniques:

1. **Differentiable simulator** (see Yifan's talk) - explicit handling of model parameters w/ differentiable functions
2. **Surrogate model** (this talk) - functional representation of the model

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

# 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)

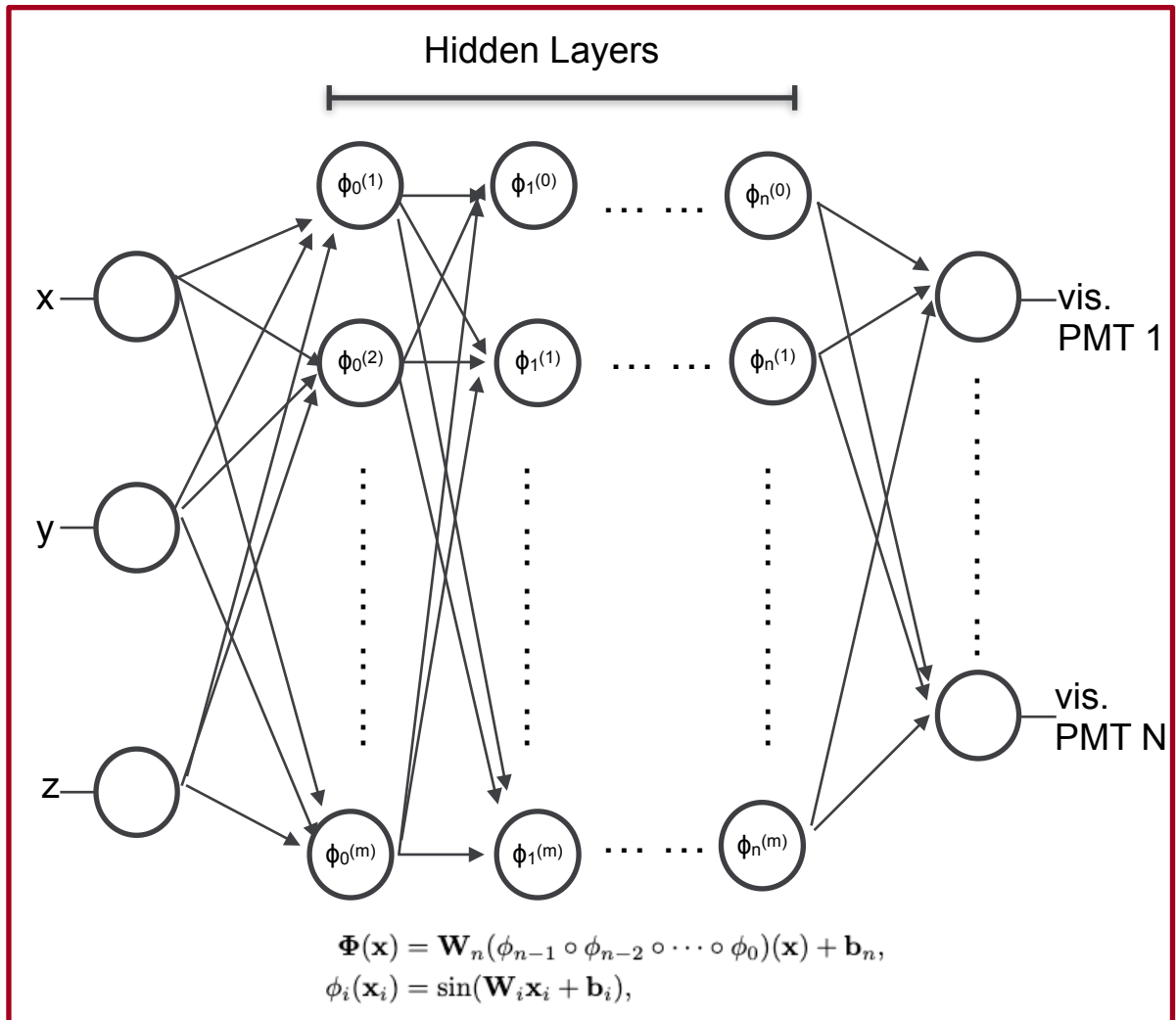
## Implicit Neural Representation

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).

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

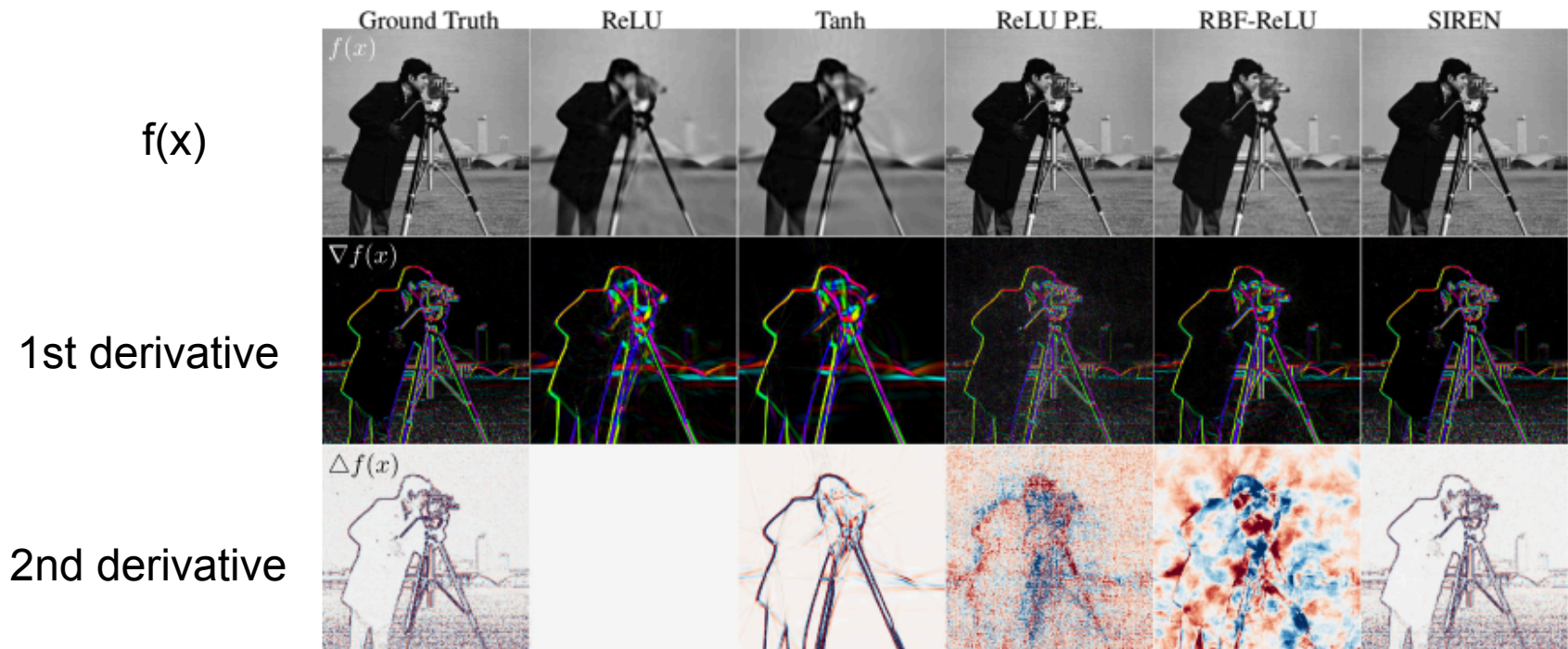
## SIREN

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)

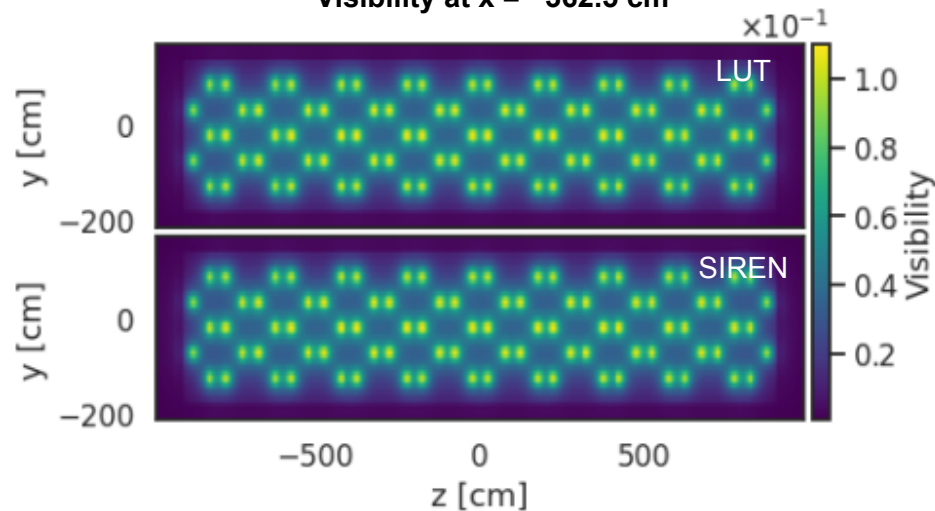


SIREN ([arXiv:2006.09661](https://arxiv.org/abs/2006.09661))

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



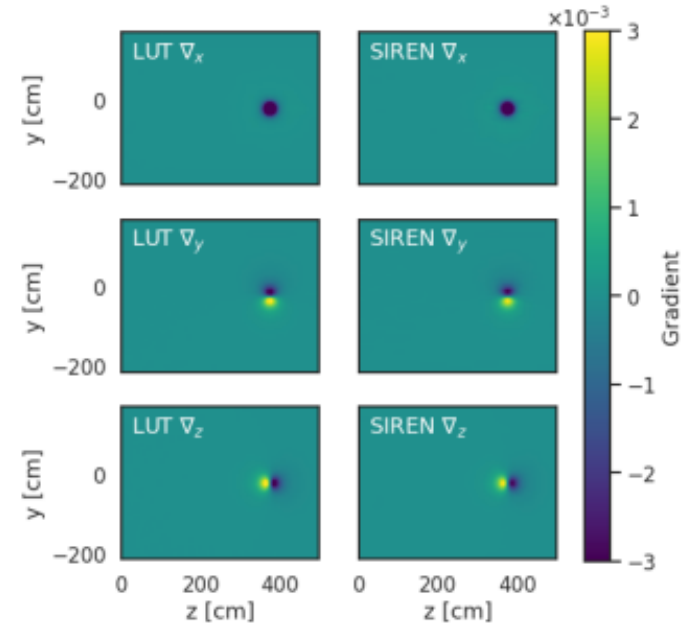
## LUT (top)

- $74 \times 77 \times 394 = 2.2$  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

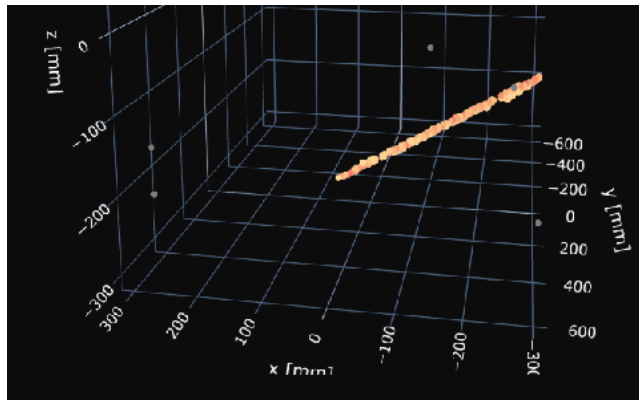
Visibility Gradient  
PMT#63 at  $x = -362.5$  cm



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



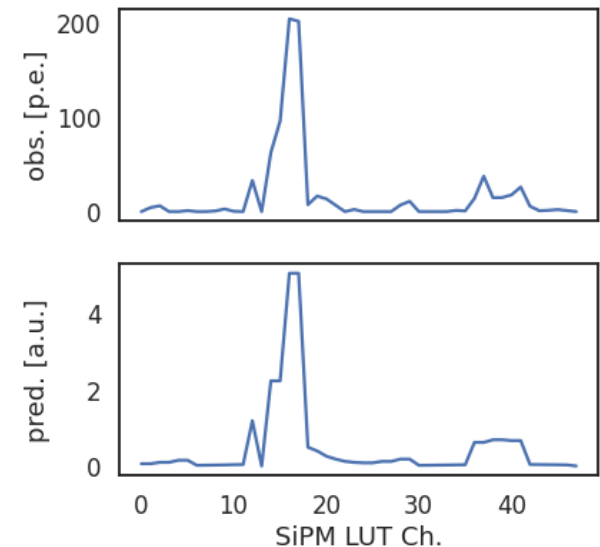
$$\text{Light Signal} \sim \sum Q_i * \text{vis}(r_i)$$

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

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

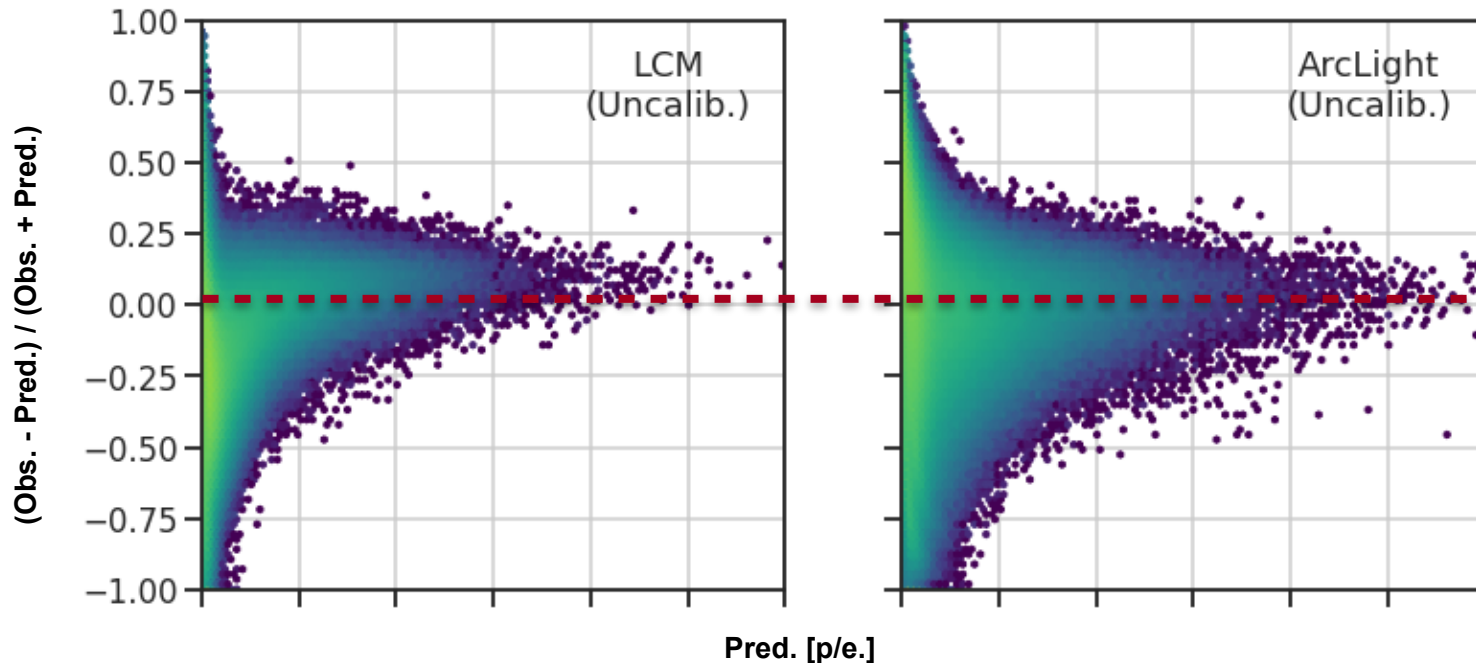
product of  
all PMTs

Observed p.e.  
for j-th PMT

Predicted  
light signal

# Module-0: SIREN from Simulation

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



### Before Calibration

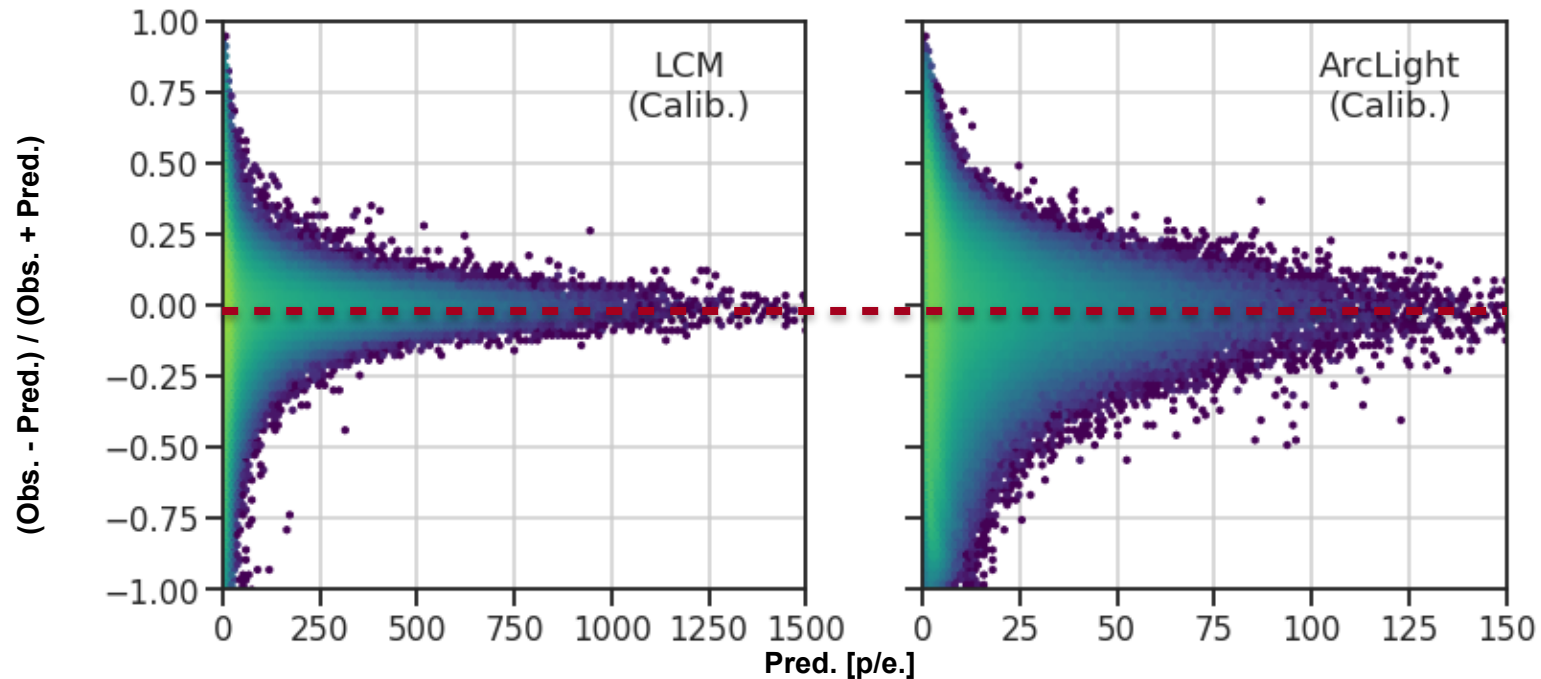
- train SIREN with LUT from simulation (uncalibrated)
- ~10% discrepancy between observed and predicted light signals

Simulation is reasonable, but not perfect. Need calibration.



# Module-0: SIREN after Calibration

## Module-0 Demonstrator SIREN with Data Calibration

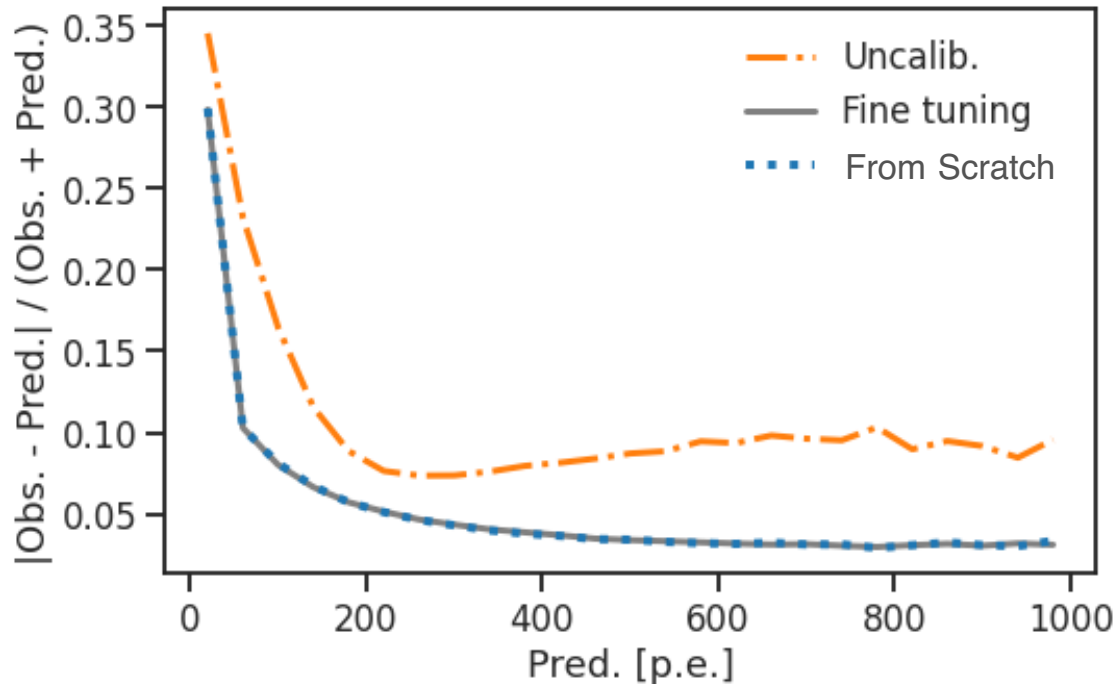


### After Calibration

- 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

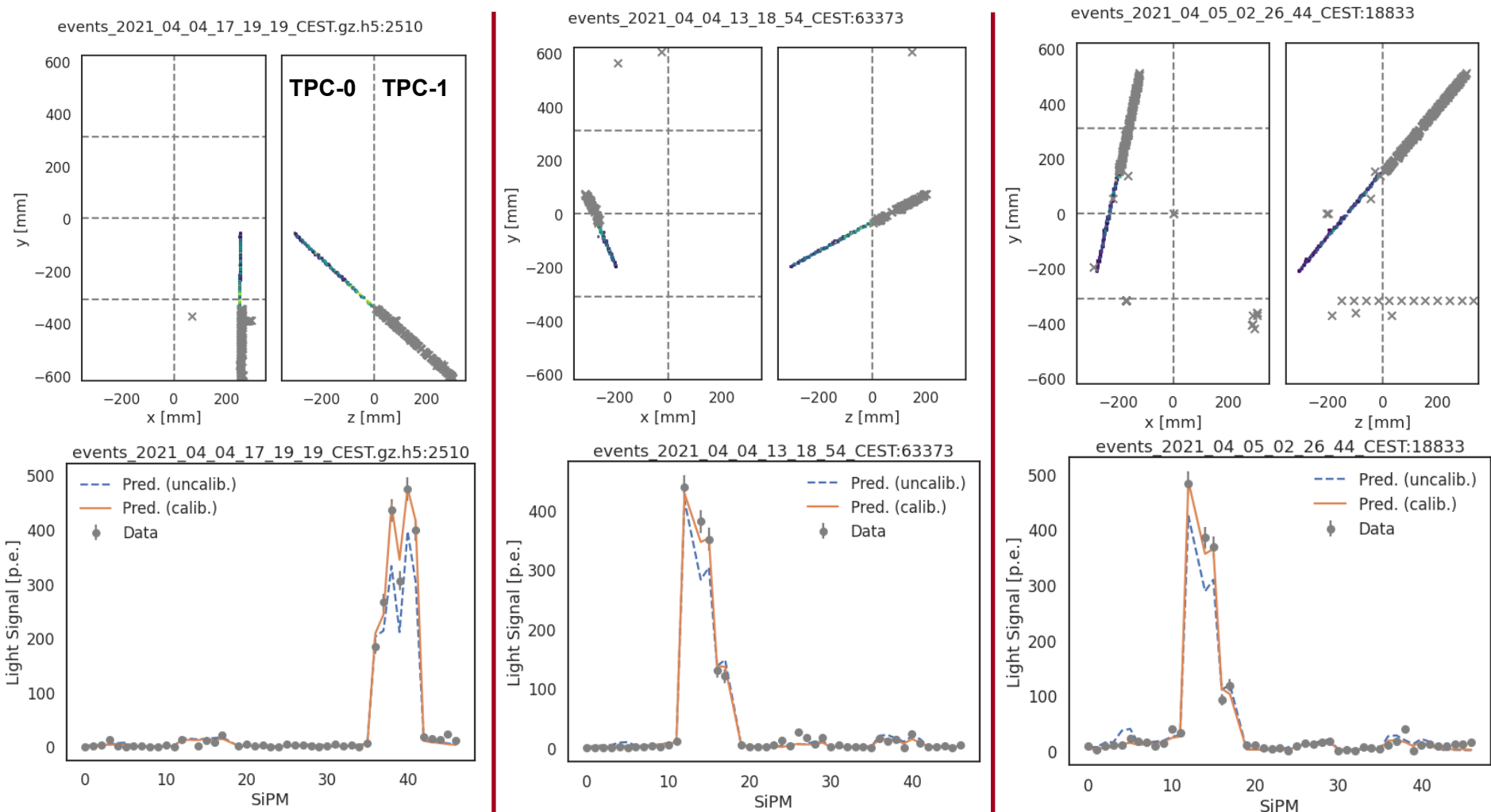
- random initialization of SIREN parameters
- optimize with tracks

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

# Example Events

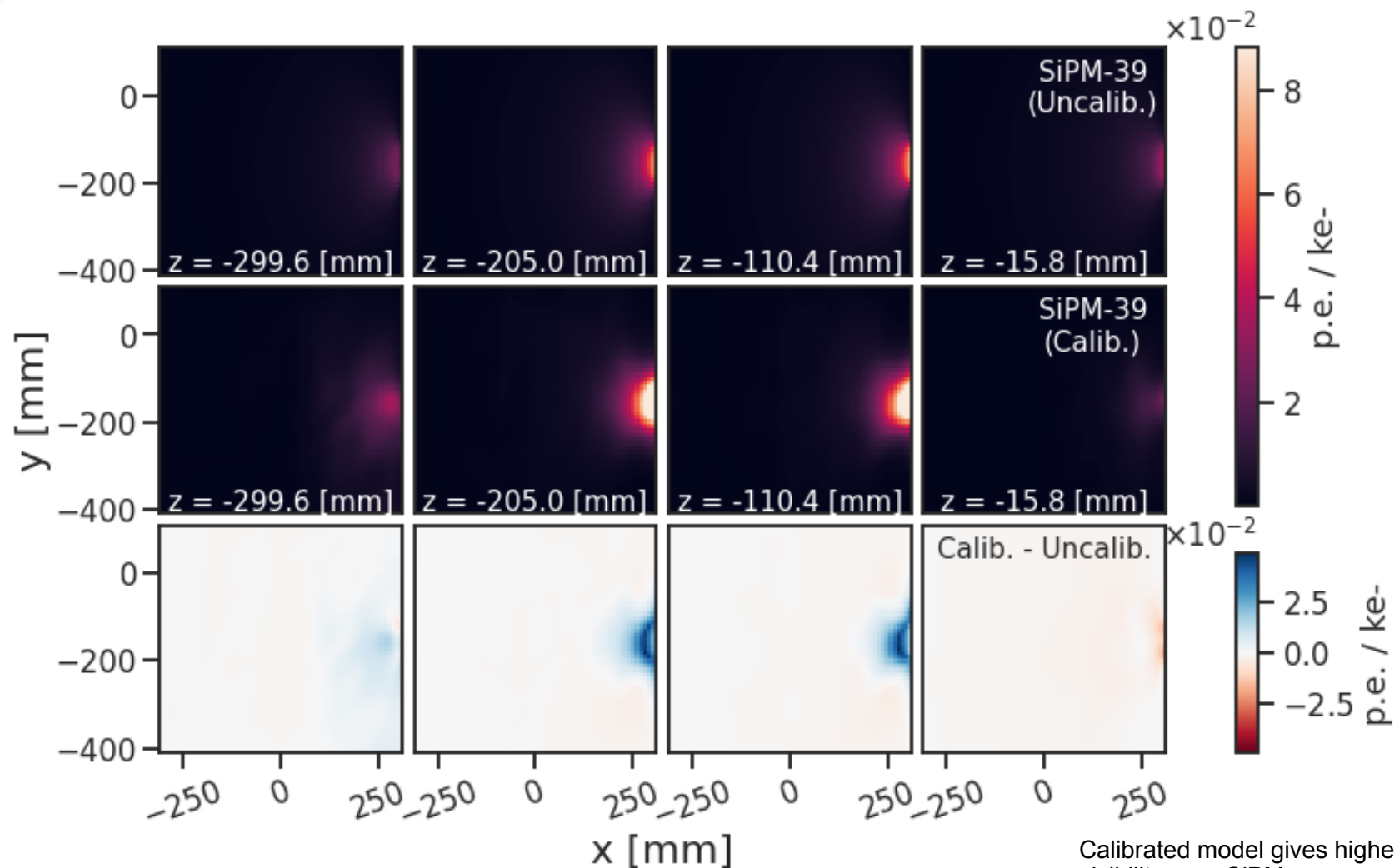
Only one chamber TPC-0 is presented in this study.  
Grayed out points (unclustered or in TPC-1) are excluded.

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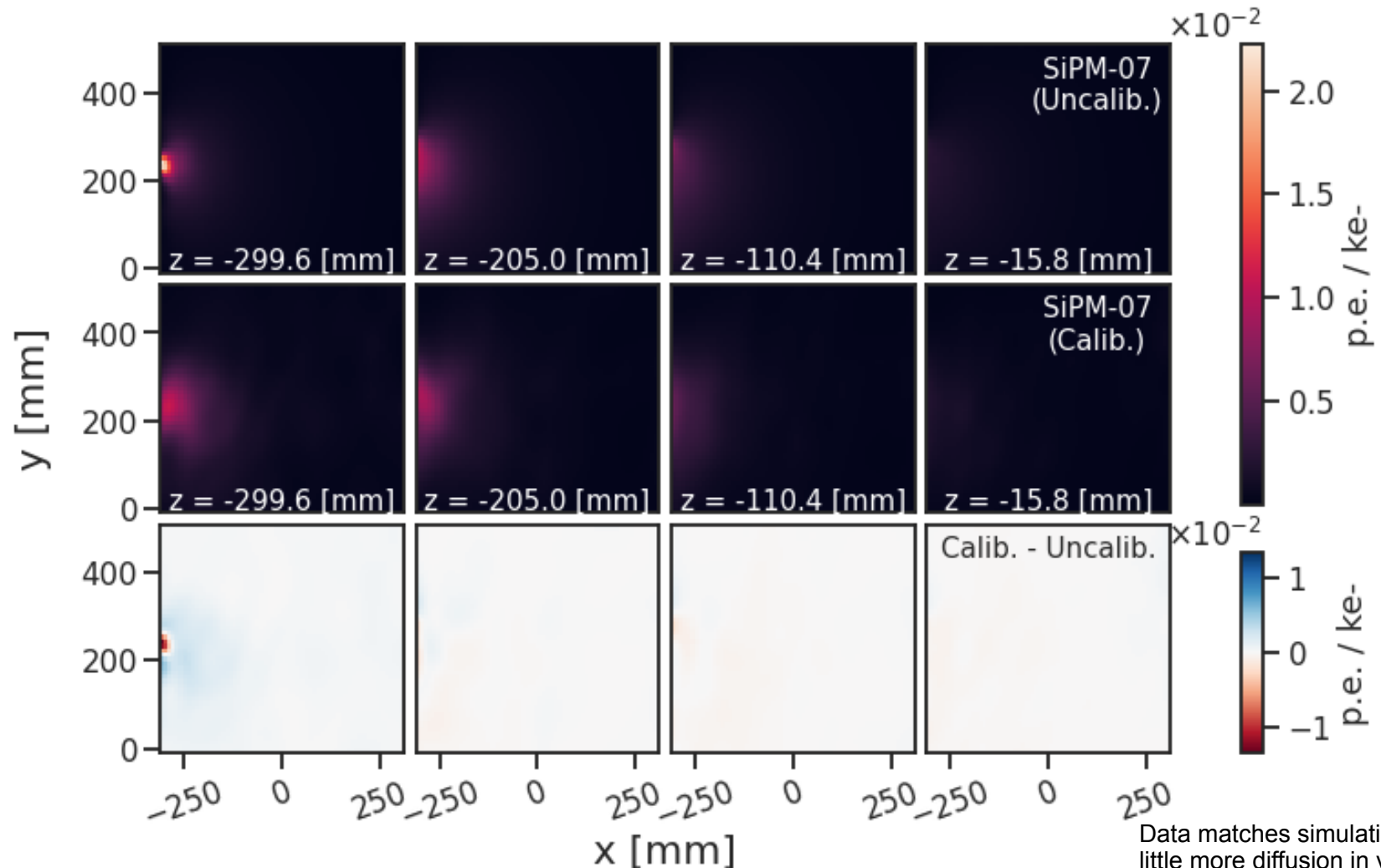
Better agreement after calibration.

# Visibility Map (LCM)



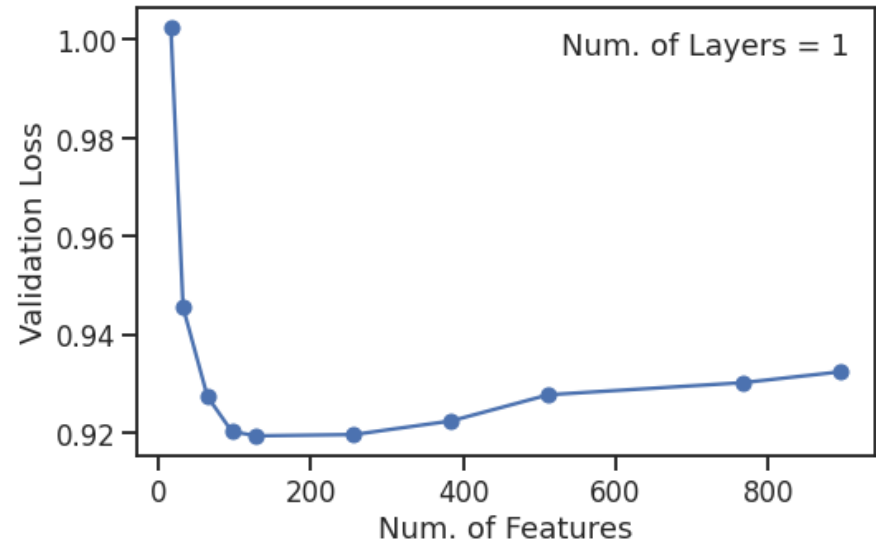
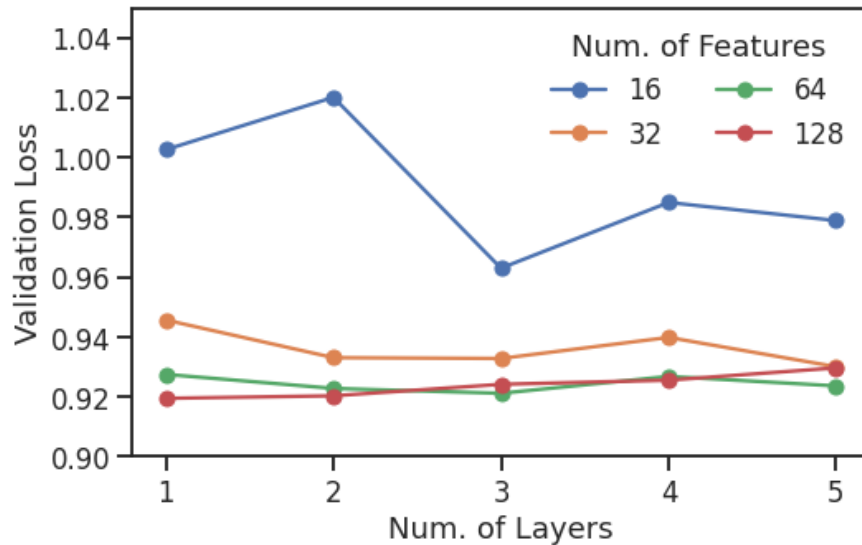
Calibrated model gives higher visibility near SiPM.

# Visibility Map (ArcLight)



May provide useful insights for detector R&D.

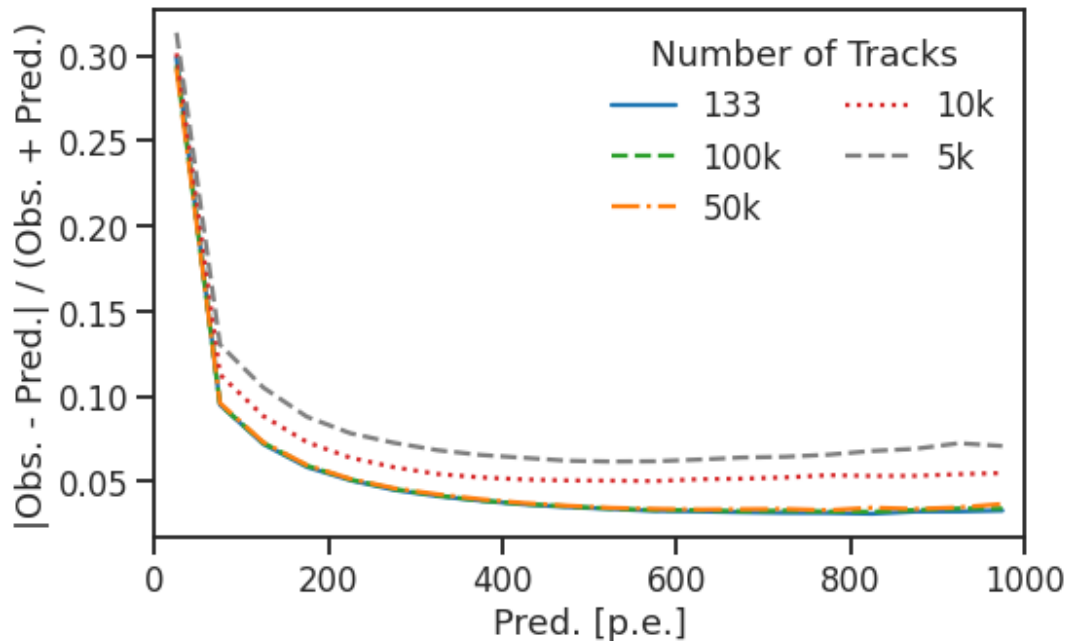
# Hyper-Parameter Optimization w/ Data



## 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 ~0.1% from 50k and beyond
- ~100k tracks are good enough to build a SIREN model for Module-0 demonstrator

# Further Applications

## LArTPC Experiments

- DUNE-ND 2x2 Prototype
  - multi-module design
- Flash matching
  - correlate charge and light detectors
  - determine absolute positions

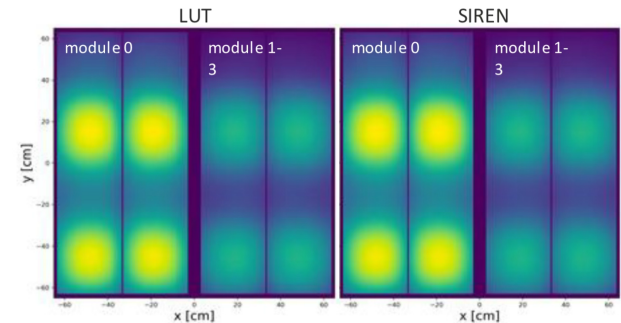
## Beyond LArTPC

### Calibration and Inference of Detector Response (CIDEr)

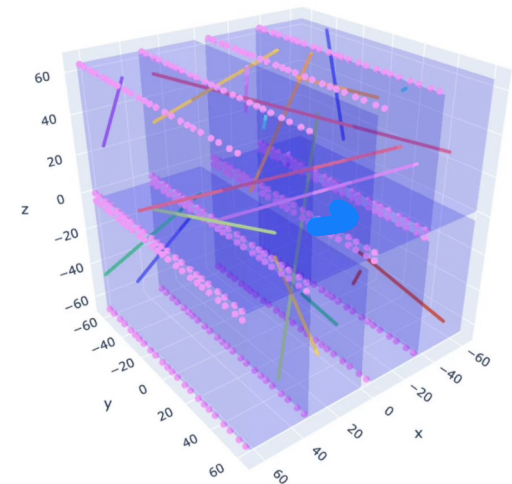
- US-Japan collaboration to apply AI/ML to neutrino detectors (including LArTPC & Water Cherenkov)
- Model Cherenkov photon propagation (position + direction) & Cherenkov light profile w/ SIREN
- Stay tuned for summer conferences

Add your applications **HERE**

DUNE-ND 2x2 Visibility  
Sam Young @APS Apr 2024



DUNE-ND 2x2 Flash Matching  
Carolyn Smith @APS Apr 2024

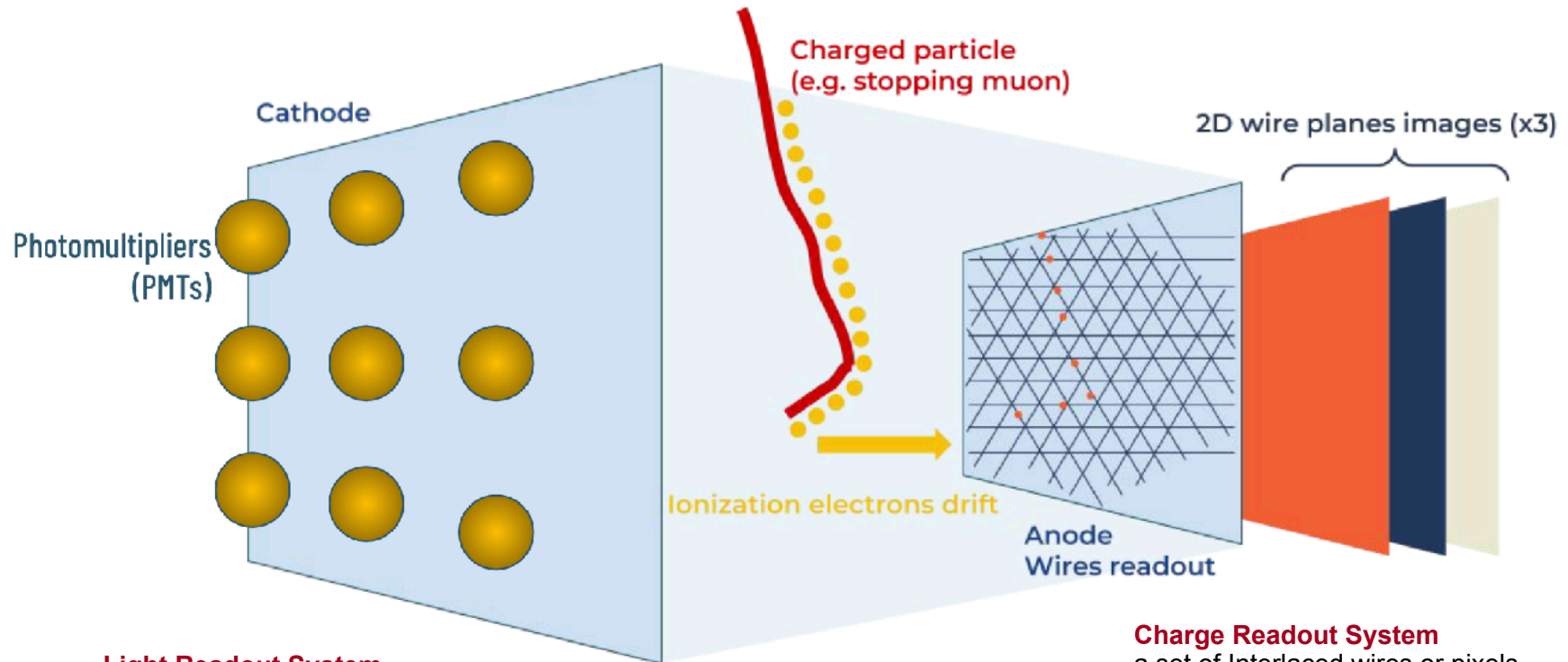




- propose the use of sinusoidal representation network (**SIREN**) to model the light propagation for LArTPCs
  - memory efficient => scalable for large detectors
  - optimizable w/ data => calibration
  - smooth gradient surface => further applications
- optimize a SIREN model using data from Module-0 demonstrator
  - fine-tuning from a simulation-based SIREN model,
  - or construct a SIREN model from data only.
- potential applications to other experiments (not limited to LArTPC)

**Backup Slides**

# Liquid Argon Time Projection Chamber (LArTPC)



## Light Readout System

detection of scintillating photons at O(ns)

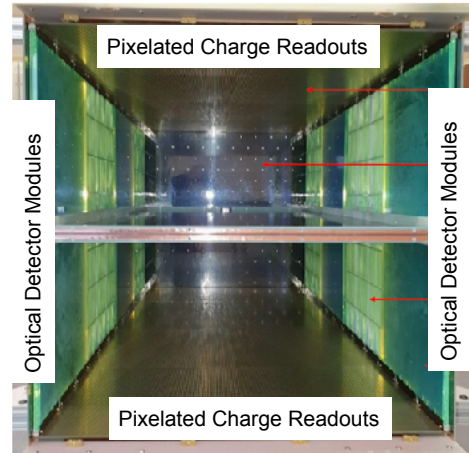
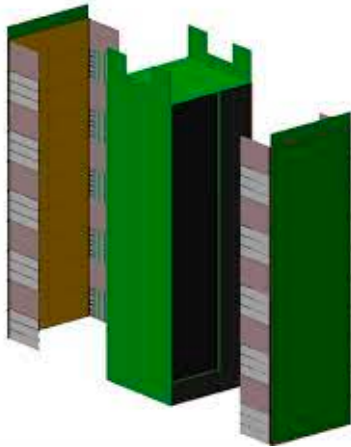


## Charge Readout System

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

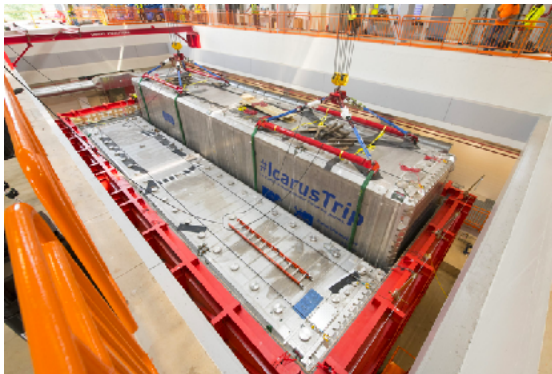
$$\text{Drift distance} = \text{Drift Velocity} * (t - t_0)$$

# Examples of LArTPC Detectors



## Module-0 Demonstrator

- 1st ton-scale prototype of DUNE\* near detector design
- $\sim 0.7 \text{ m} \times 0.7 \text{ m} \times 1.4 \text{ m}$
- divided into 2 TPCs
- pixelated charge readout
- 2 different optical detector prototypes: LCM & ArcLight



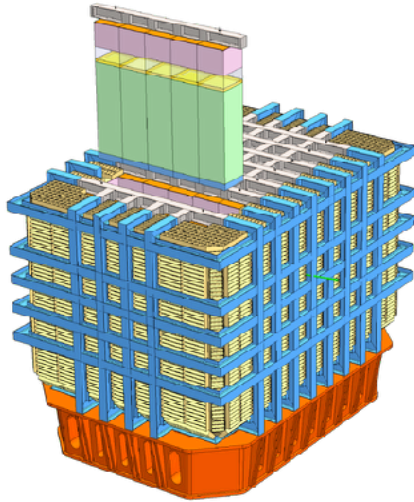
## ICARUS\*\*

- largest LArTPC in operation with wire readout
- 760 ton LAr in 2 TPCs
- each  $\sim 3.6 \text{ m} \times 3.9 \text{ m} \times 19.9 \text{ m}$

\*DUNE: Deep Underground Neutrino Experiment

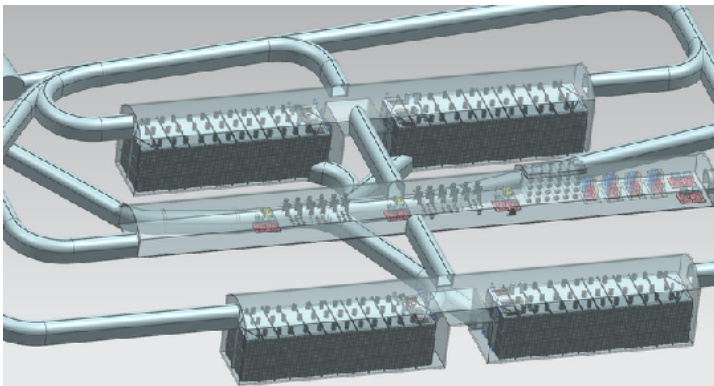
\*\*ICARUS: Imaging Cosmic And Rare Underground Signals

# Proposed LArTPC Detectors



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

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

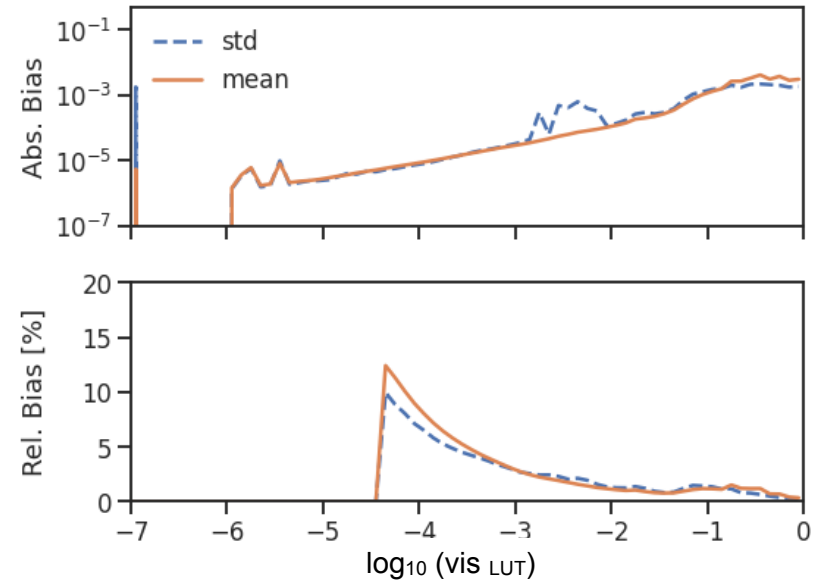
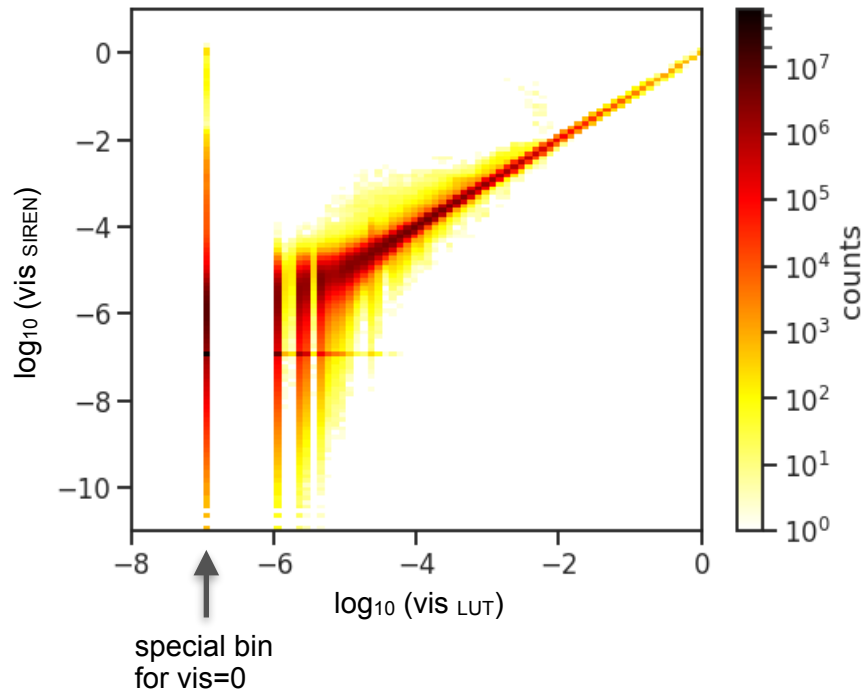


## DUNE Far Detector

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

*Scalability* is the key for the future

# SIREN Performance



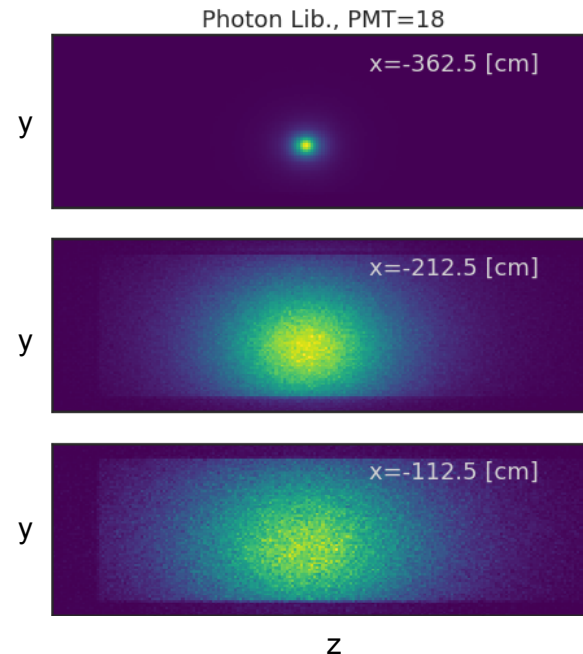
SIREN is able to represent LUT with  $\sim 1\%$  in the high visibility region ( $\text{vis.} > 1\text{e-}2$ ).

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

# Statistical Uncertainty in LUT

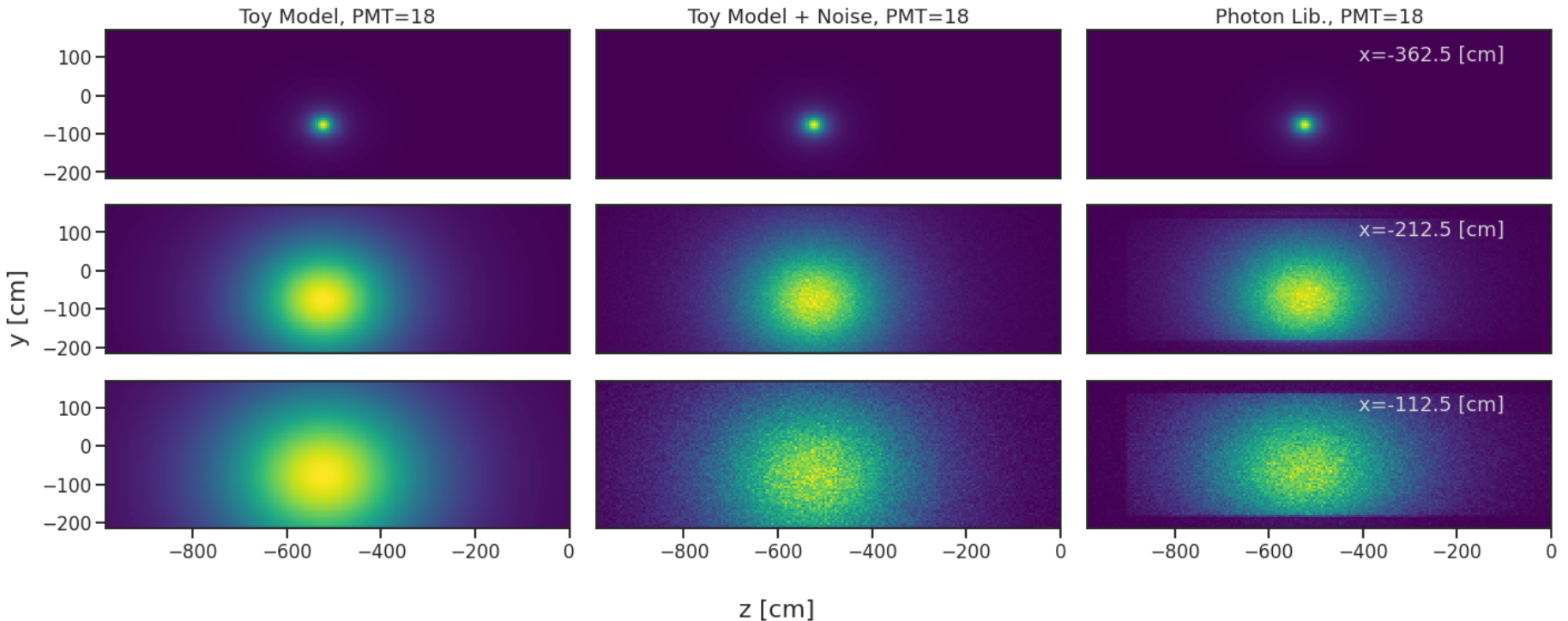
Generation of the photon library is limited by finite statistics.

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.

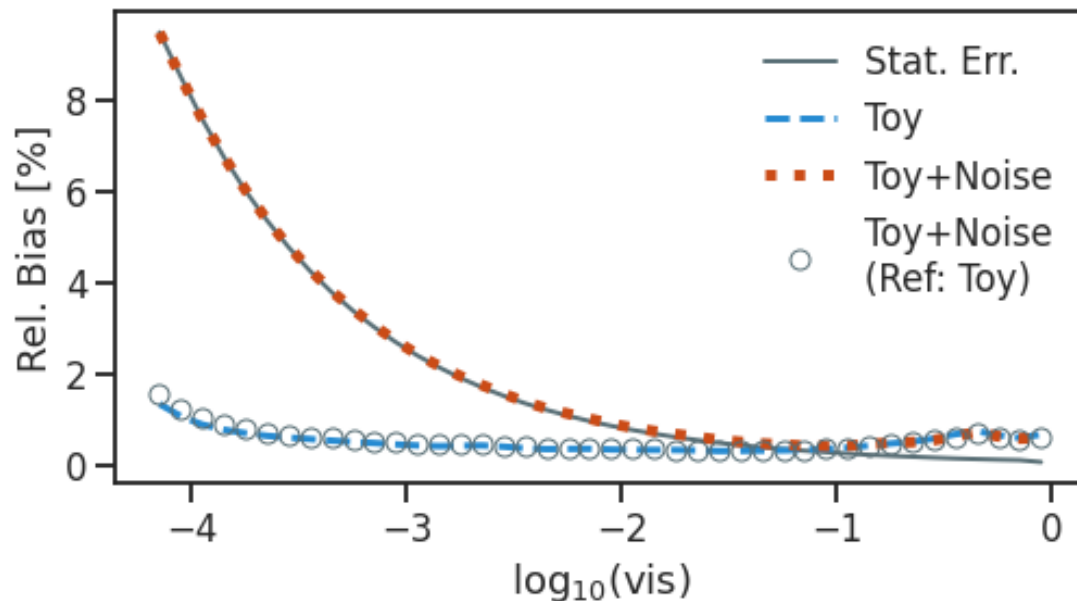


**Toy Model:** analytical (smooth) model that roughly reassemble the features of LUT.  
No statistical fluctuation.

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



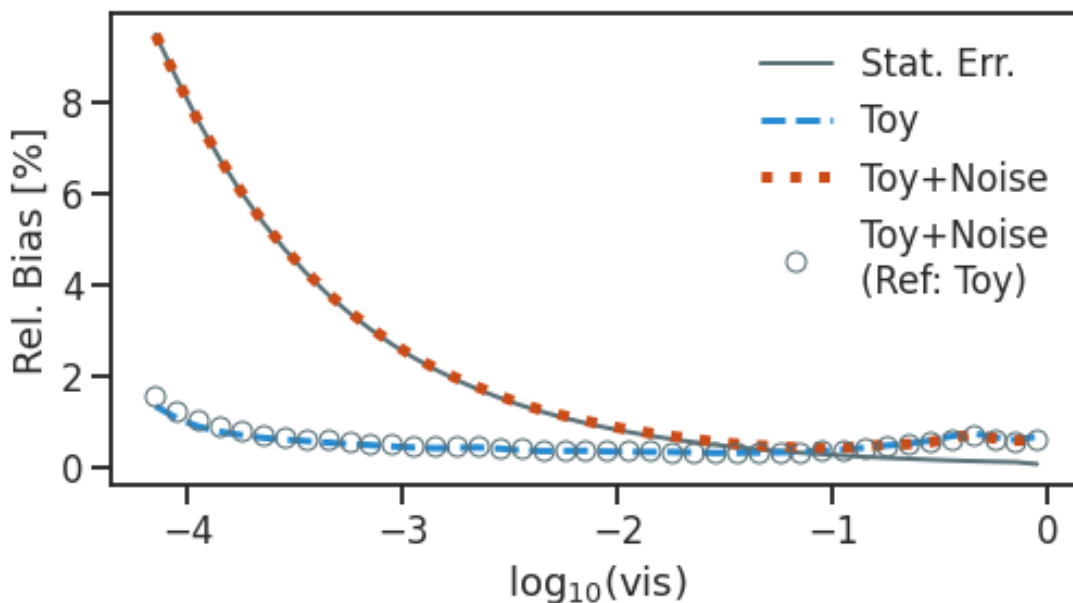
# SIREN Performance w/o Statistical Uncertainty



## 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

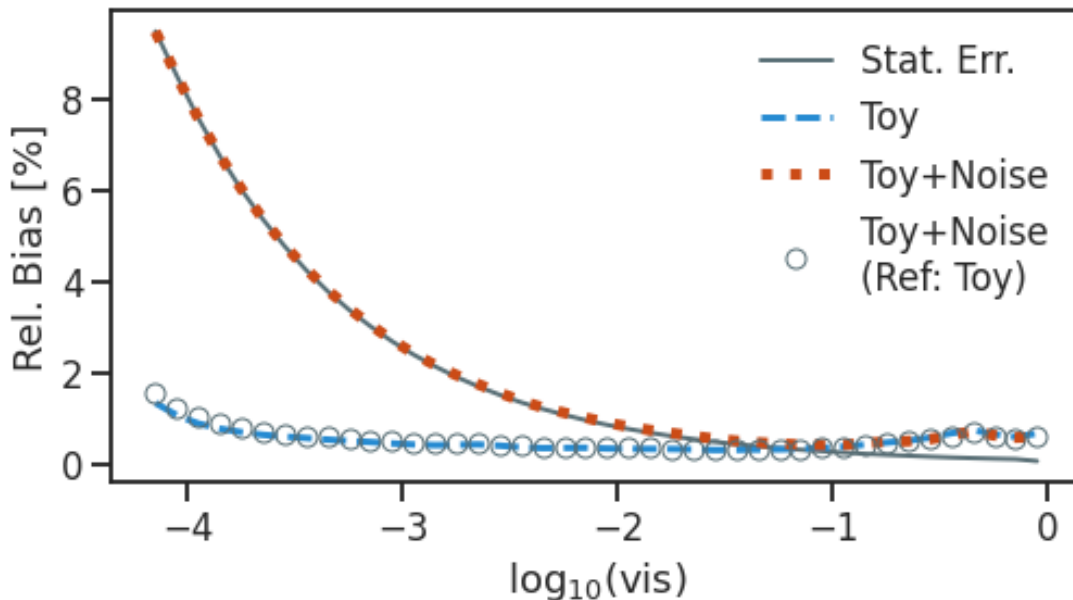


## Toy+Noise Model

- 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

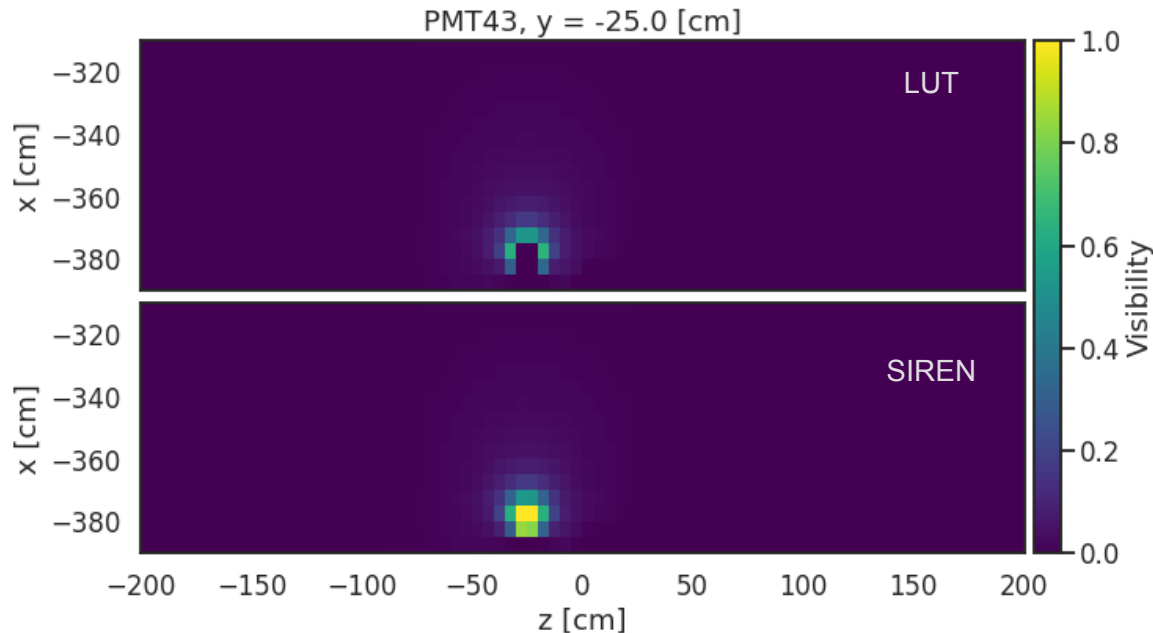


### Toy+Noise Model (Ref: Toy)

- 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.

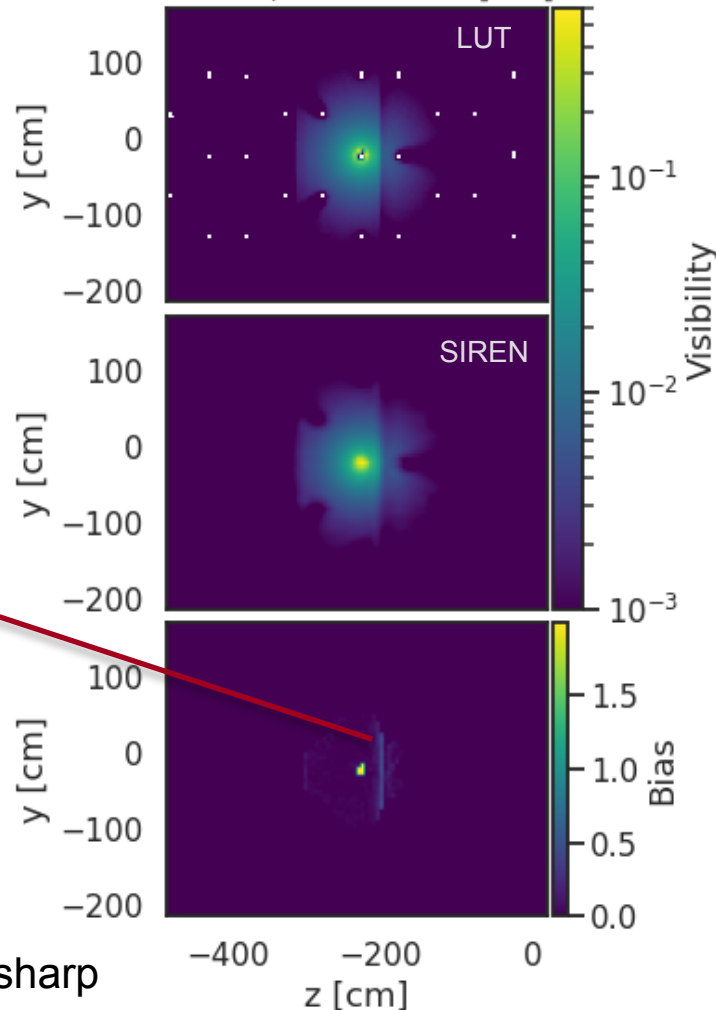
**Negligible impact on physics.** It corresponds track hitting directly to the PMT, leaving *NO* ionization charge. Likely there is a fiducial volume in the high level analysis.

## Case 2: SIREN Overpredicts Visibility



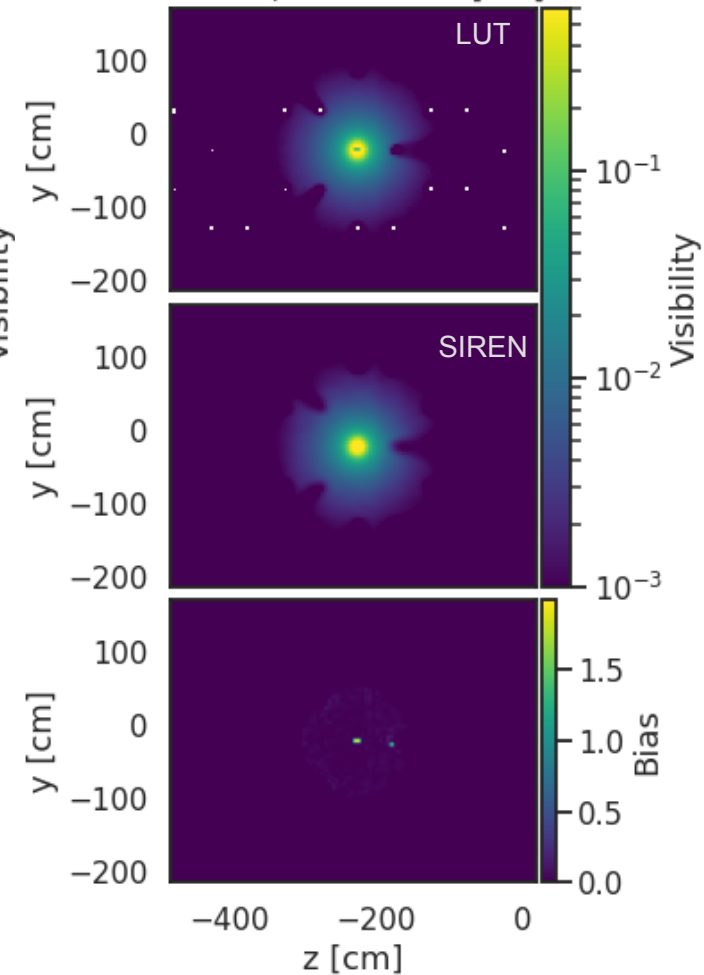
Next to the frame structure

PMT33,  $x = -385.0$  [cm]



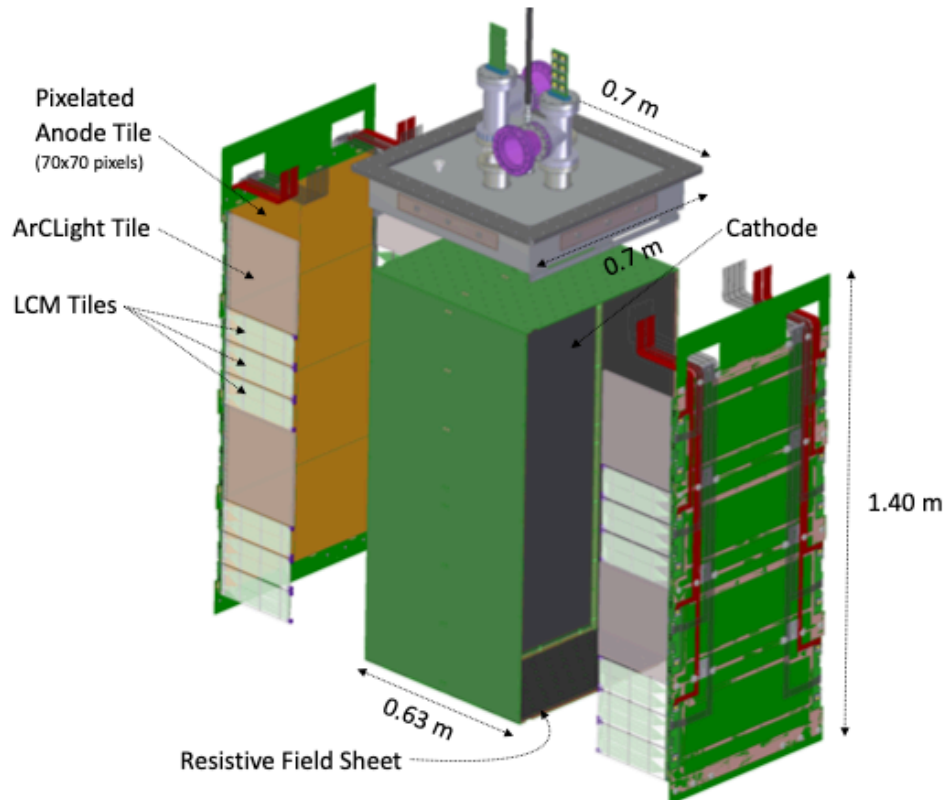
Slightly away from the structure

PMT33,  $x = -380.0$  [cm]



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

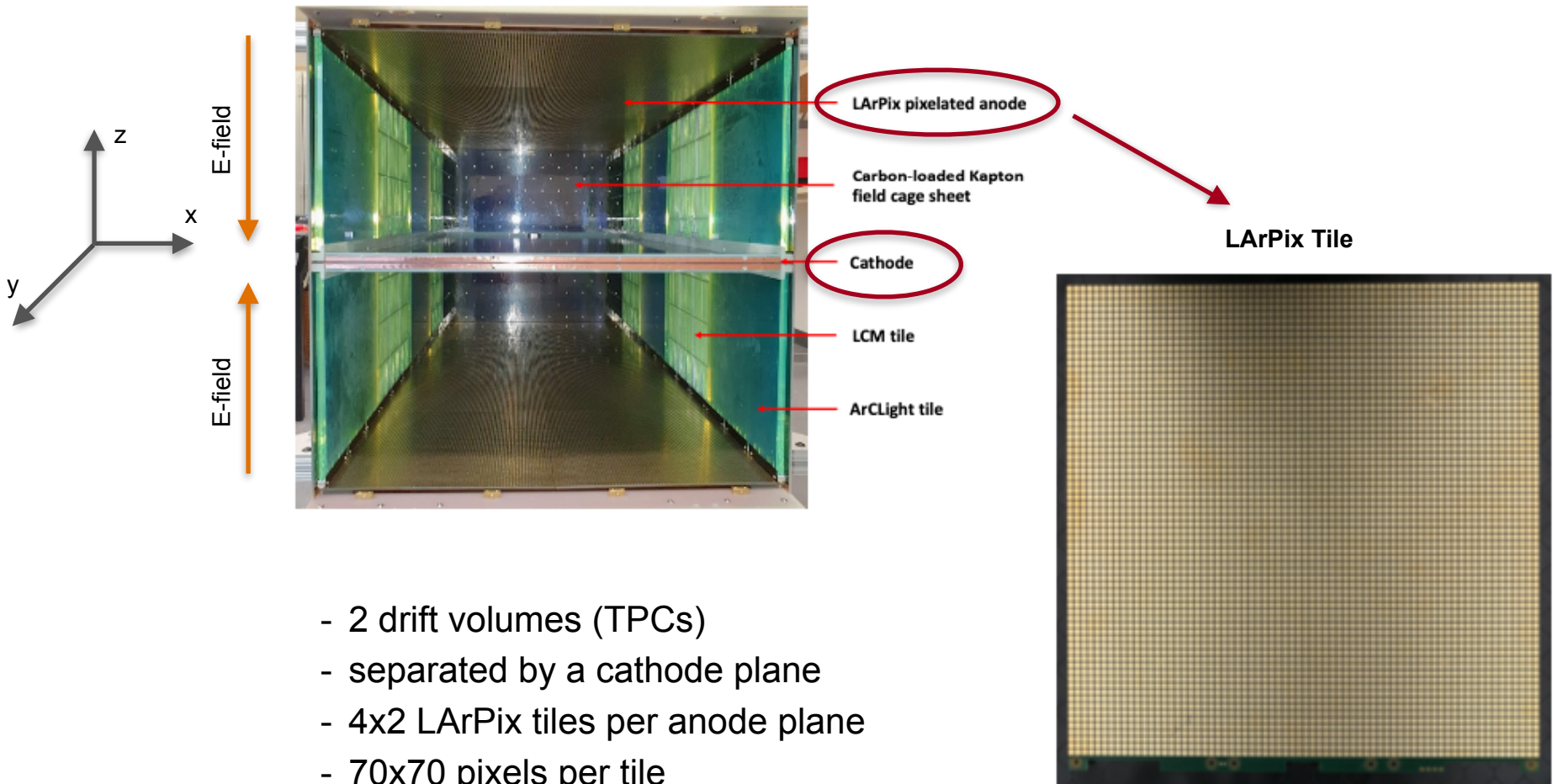
## Long term goal

- 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

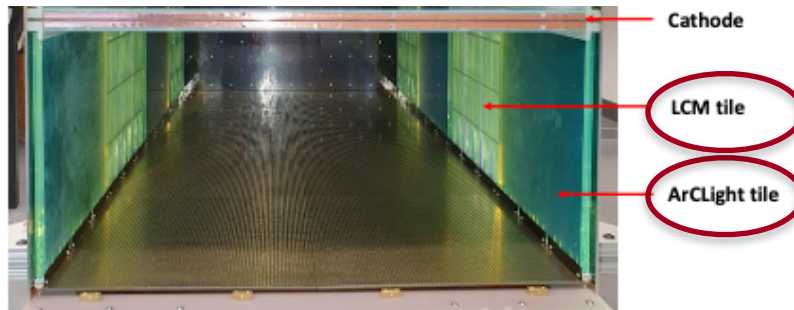
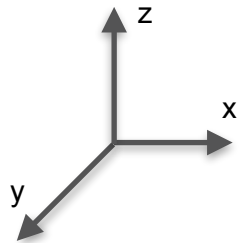


- 2 drift volumes (TPCs)
- separated by a cathode plane
- 4x2 LArPix tiles per anode plane
- 70x70 pixels per tile
- pixel pitch 4.43 mm

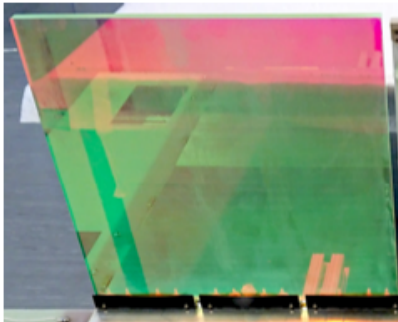


# Module-0 Light Readout System

Light Readout System of Module-0



ArCLight tile



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6 SiPMs

LCM tile



↓ ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓  
2 SiPMs 2 SiPMs 2 SiPMs

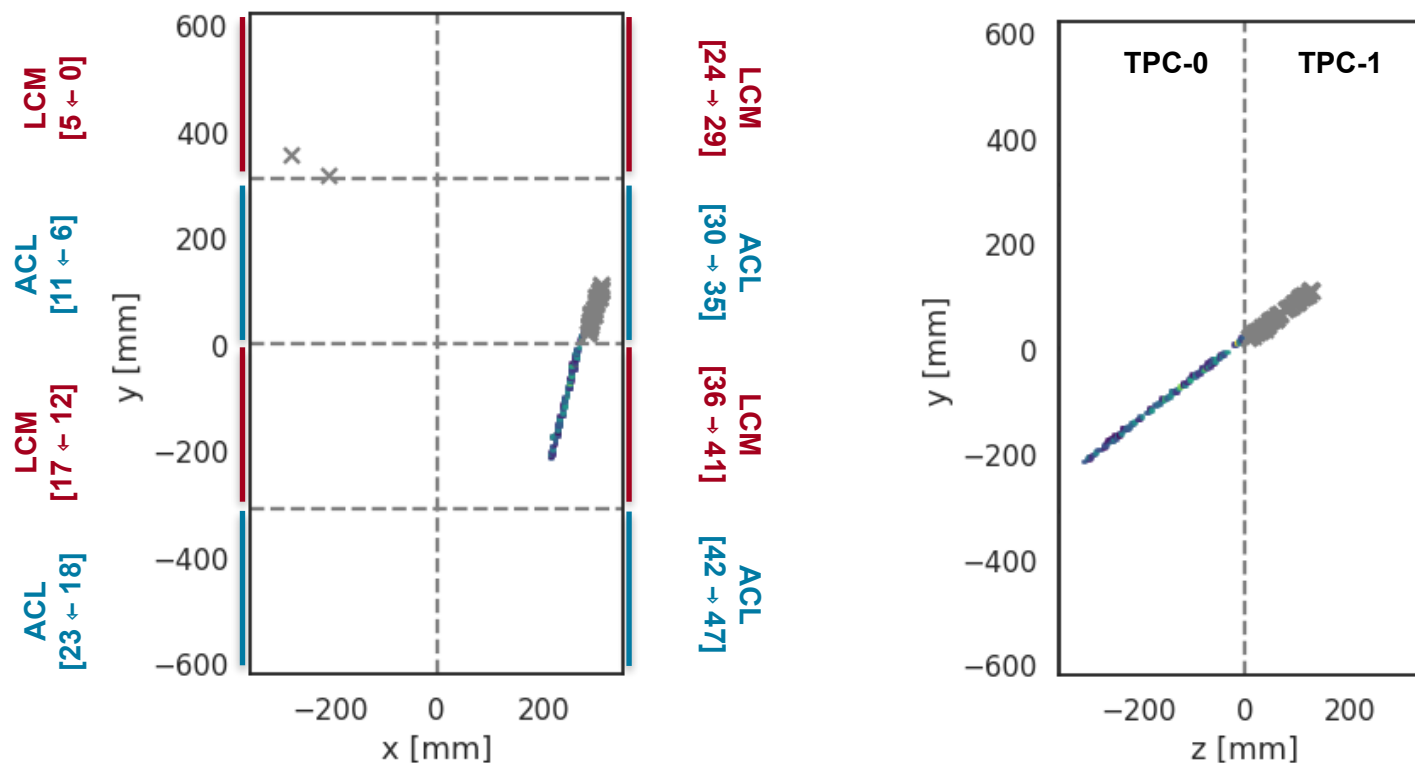
- 4 LCM and 4 ArCLight tiles per TPC
- each tiles ~300 mm x 300 mm x 10 mm
- 6 SiPMs per tile
- total of 48 SiPMs per TPC



## 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

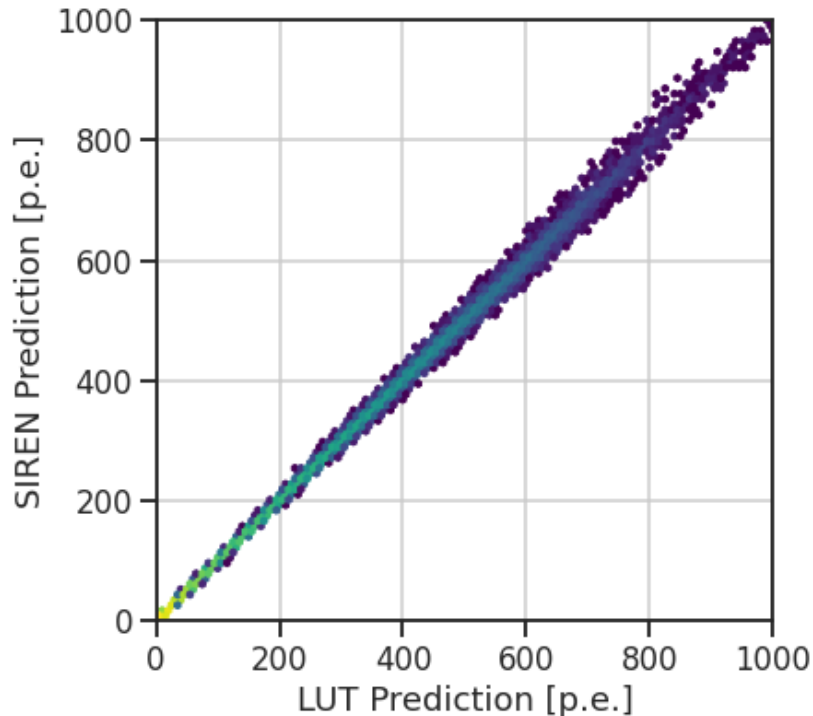
# Note on SiPM Indexing



\*\* 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

**Prediction for SiPM-j**

$$\text{pred}_j = Y_j \times \sum Q_i \text{vis}_j(r_i)$$

Diagram illustrating the prediction formula for SiPM-j:

- “effective light-yield” for 48 SiPMs (floating)** points to  $Y_j$ .
- visibility by SIREN ~7k parameters (floating)** points to  $\text{vis}_j(r_i)$ .
- measured charge of the track (fixed)** points to  $Q_i$ .
- locations of charge deposition (fixed)** points to  $r_i$ .

**Loss function**  $\text{chi}^2 = \sum_j (\text{obs}_j - \text{pred}_j)^2 / (\text{pred}_j + \epsilon^2)$   $\epsilon = 5 \text{ p.e.}$