#### ML for hKLM

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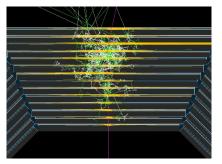
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#### hKLM at Second Detector

- hKLM: Subsystem for 2nd Detector
  - Neutral hadron energy measurement
  - Neutron vs K<sub>L</sub> identification
  - Muon vs Pion identification
- Machine Learning applications for reconstruction and performance measurements







## hKLM Design

- Barrel: eight staves form around beam-pipe
- Alternating iron-scintillator layers within each stave
- SiPMs read out on each end of bar

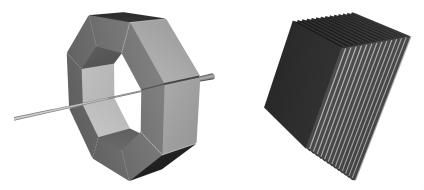
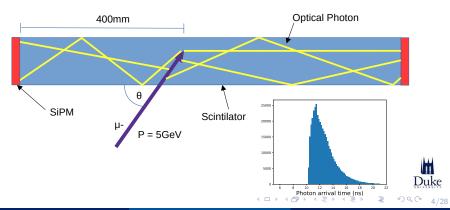


Figure: hKLM Sectors around beam pipe (left) and alternating iron-scintillator structure for one sector (right)



## Optical Photon Parameterization

- $\bullet \sim 10$ k optical photons generated per charged track per layer
- Speed up: parameterize photon yield and timing using charged track information
  - angle, momentum, and position of hit on scintillator bar
- Timing follows unknown PDF: learn with Normalizing Flow



 Normalizing flow (NF): learns transformation from normal distribution to unknown PDF

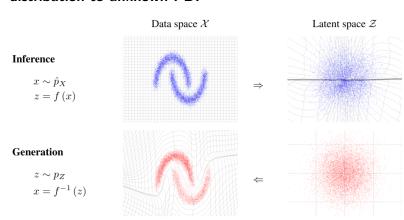


Figure: Normalizing Flow Transformation (image from Dinh et. al.)



### Photon Parameterization Results

- Good agreement between NF and simulation
  - First photon time distributions match
- Current resolution:  $\sigma = 95ps$
- 20x faster than simulation

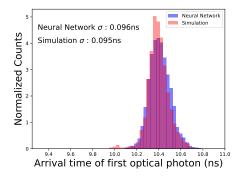


Figure: Histogram of first photon arrival time at SiPM for each event using simulation (red) and ML prediction (blue).



# Graph Neural Networks

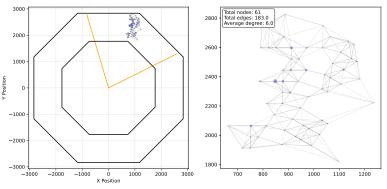
• Event information:

• Event level: # of hits, total charge, max charge

• SiPM level: SiPM charge, SiPM timing

Goal: predict particle energy or particle ID





# Graph Neural Networks (GNNs)

- Input: graph
- Output: class or value
- Useful for irregular input structures:
  - Detector responses with varying numbers of hits
- Message passing in GNNs:
  - Each node considers its neighborhood in the current layer when computing next layer representation

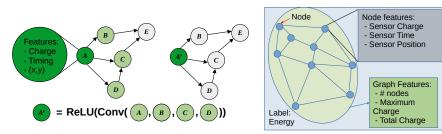


Figure: GNN convolution from one layer to the next (left) and detector response graph representation (right).

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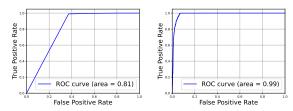


Figure: ROC curves for 5GeV MuID performance using conventional method (left) and GNN (right)

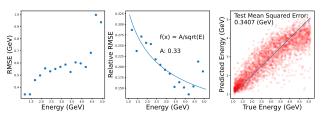


Figure: Neutron error vs Energy (left) relative error vs energy (middle) and predicted vs true energy (right)



## Optimization

- Utilize Bayesian optimization implemented by AID(2)E framework
- Provide set of geometry parameters
  - $\bullet~\#$  layers, Iron, scintillator thicknesses
- Optimize for multiple objectives
  - Maximize particle ID, momentum resolution

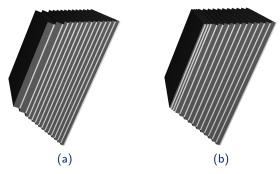
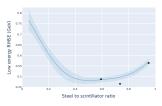
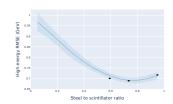


Figure: Geometry variations with large (a) and small (b) pre-shower steel layers Duke

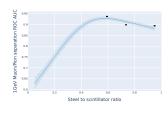
# Optimization Results

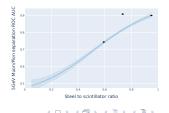
#### • MuID performance:





#### • Neutron energy performance:

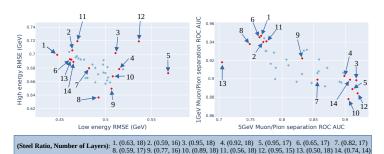






## Optimization Results

- ML aided workflow:
  - Generate geometry with AID(2)E
  - Simulate detector response with DD4HEP
  - Sample optical photon arrival times with NF
  - Predict outcome with GNN
  - Report outcome to optimization framework, repeat
- Example: tradeoff between high and low energy objectives





#### References

• L. Dinh et al. "DENSITY ESTIMATION USING REAL NVP" (2017).

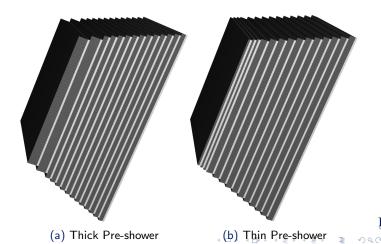


## Backup Slides

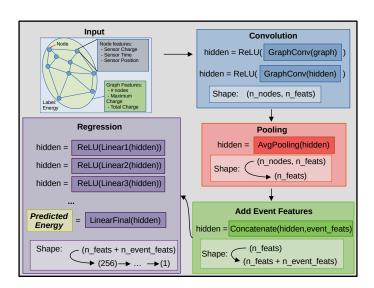


#### Different Geometries

- Going beyond a uniform steel to scintillator ratio:
  - Pre-shower layers
  - Thicker (or thinner) steel in first N layers.



## GNN Diagram







#### **GNN** Convolution

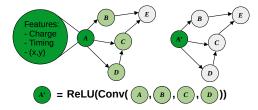


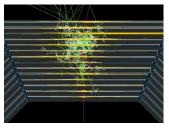
Figure: Depiction of GNN convolution from one layer to the next



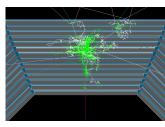


#### Simulation

- DDSIM program runs Geant4 detector simulation with Geometry built with DD4HEP, produces ROOT file
- Output includes:
  - Truth information about simulated particles
  - Optical photon arrival time at SiPM
  - Energy deposited by charged tracks in scintillator



(a) With Optical Photons



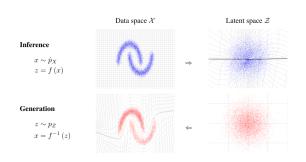
(b) No Optical Photons



Figure: DD4HEP Simulation Visualization

## Normalizing Flows

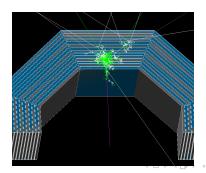
- Normalizing flows (NFs) are generative models that learn the probability density function of a complex distribution.
- NFs transform samples from a complex probability distribution to a simple distribution via a sequence of invertible, differentiable functions.
- Train network by minimizing negative log-likelihood





#### Introduction to EIC KLM

- Proposed sub-detector for the EIC second detector for muon and neutral hadron PID, timing and energy resolution
- Iron/scintillator sampling calorimeter integrated into magnetic flux return, similar to Belle II K-Long muon detector (KLM)
- Simulation based optimization of detector geometry





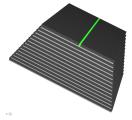
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## **Detector Geometry**

- Staves arranged in polygon barrel around inner detectors
- Super-layers within staves contain one iron and one scintillator layers
- Layers have vertical segmentation allowing for SiPM placement on ends
- Dimensions: up to optimization!
- Implementation: DD4HEP toolkit integrated with Geant4 simulation program









(b) Individual Sector

## Future Applications

- MC Affinity for EIC projections utilizing existing EIC Monte-Carlo Simulation software
- Di-hadron affinity: non-trivial to apply affinity model to di-hadrons
  - Treat di-hadron as  $P_h$  and calculate each  $R_i$  for the single dihadron
  - Require each hadron to fall within TMD region, i.e.  $R_i < 0.3$  for each hadron
  - Multiply affinities of each hadron
- Input learned partonic distributions into method 1
  - Model probabilities with sum of gaussians
  - Utilize Normalizing-Flow neural networks to learn the probabilty density function of each parameter
  - Replace normal distributions with learned distributions



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#### Photon Yield

- Photon yield: calculate analytically
- Total photons produced:  $N_{\gamma} = 10 * EDep_{KeV}$
- Fraction of photons reaching SiPM:  $R = \frac{A}{x+B} + C$  where x is the hit distance from SiPM, A,B,C fit from data

z dependence of % photons reaching sensor

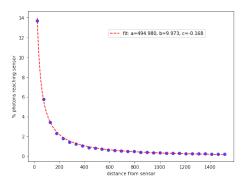




Figure: Position Dependence of Photon Yield

#### **DDSIM**

- MCParticles bank provides direct access to MCParticles in Geant4 simulation
- HcalBarrelHits bank provides information about:
  - Optical Photons hitting sensor connected to SiPM readout
  - Charged particles producing optical photons in scintillator layers





## Change of Variables, architecture

#### 3.1 Change of variable formula

Given an observed data variable  $x\in X$ , a simple prior probability distribution  $p_Z$  on a latent variable  $z\in Z$ , and a bijection  $f:X\to Z$  (with  $g=f^{-1}$ ), the change of variable formula defines a model distribution on X by

$$p_X(x) = p_Z(f(x)) \left| \det \left( \frac{\partial f(x)}{\partial x^T} \right) \right|$$
 (2)

$$\log (p_X(x)) = \log \left(p_Z(f(x))\right) + \log \left(\left|\det \left(\frac{\partial f(x)}{\partial x^T}\right)\right|\right),$$
 (3)

where  $\frac{\partial f(x)}{\partial x^T}$  is the Jacobian of f at x.

Figure: realNVP change of variables (Dinh et. al.)

simple bijections as an affine coupling layer. Given a D dimensional input x and d < D, the output y of an affine coupling layer follows the equations

$$y_{1:d} = x_{1:d}$$
 (4)  
 $y_{d+1:D} = x_{d+1:D} \odot \exp(s(x_{1:d})) + t(x_{1:d}).$  (5)

where s and t stand for scale and translation, and are functions from  $R^d \mapsto R^{D-d}$ , and  $\odot$  is the Hadamard product or element-wise product (see Figure [2(a)]).

Figure: Architecture (Dinh et. al.)



## Clustering in SIDIS Events

- Started looking at response to SIDIS events
- Limit input particles to Kaons and Muons
- Treat each particle produced within solenoid radius as a primary

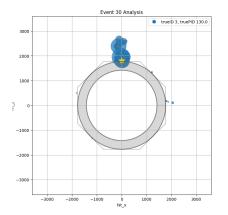




Figure: Hadronic Event: K\_L interacted with solenoid/

## Decay Event

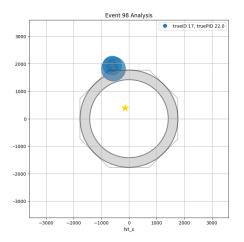


Figure: Decay Event: Kaon (gold star) decayed, and a photon produced hits in the detector



# SiPM Modeling

- Optical Photon arrival times not given by detector
- Actual detector output: electrical signal from SiPM
- Observables:
  - Integrated charge
  - Time of pulse peak

$$V(t) = V_0(1 - e^{-t/\tau_r}) \cdot e^{-t/\tau_f}$$

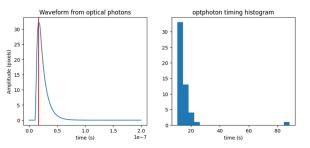


Figure: Optical photon actual arrival times (right) and modeled waveform (left)Duke