

Data-driven SIREN optical model for ProtoDUNE-HD: Updates

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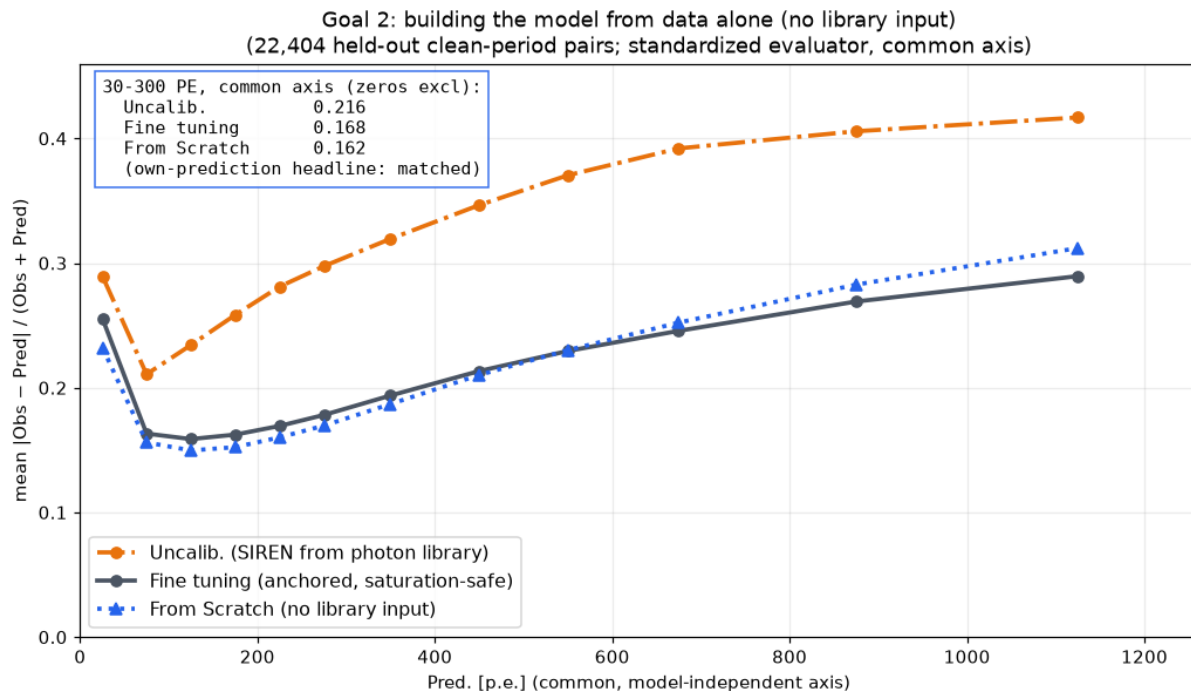
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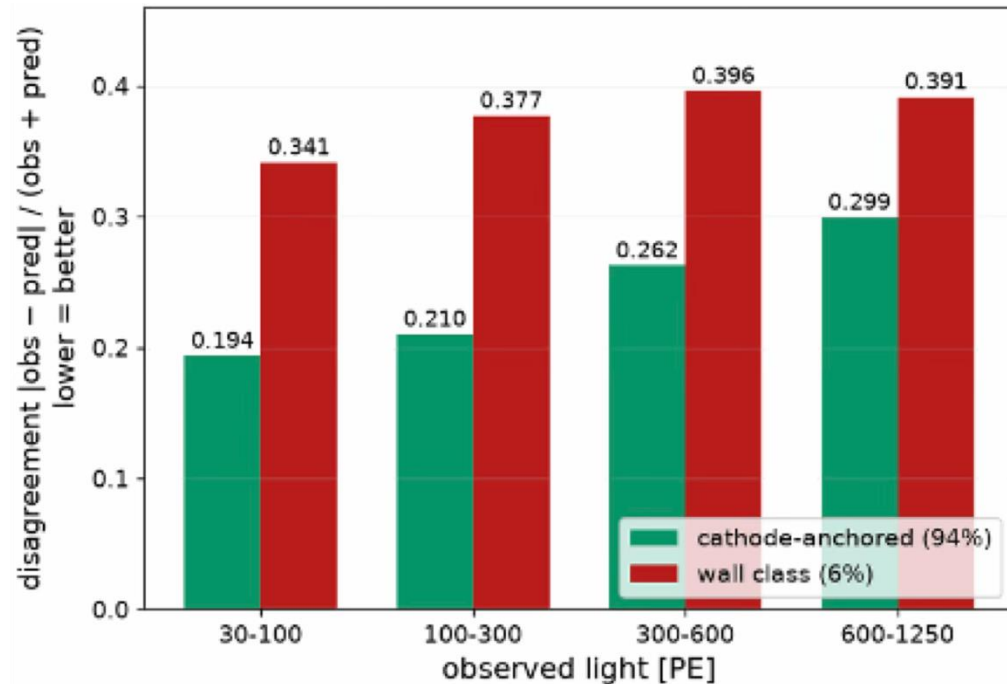
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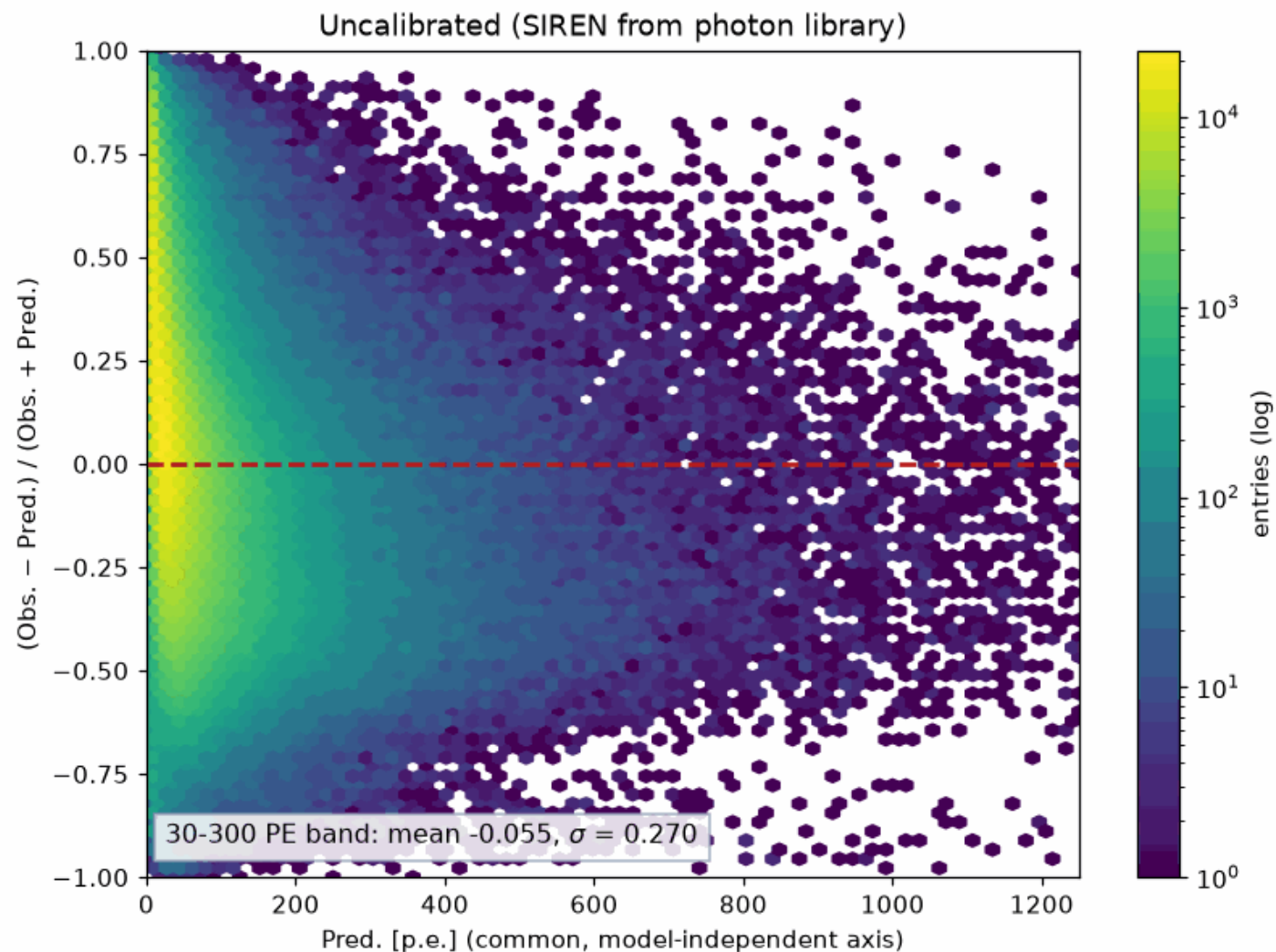
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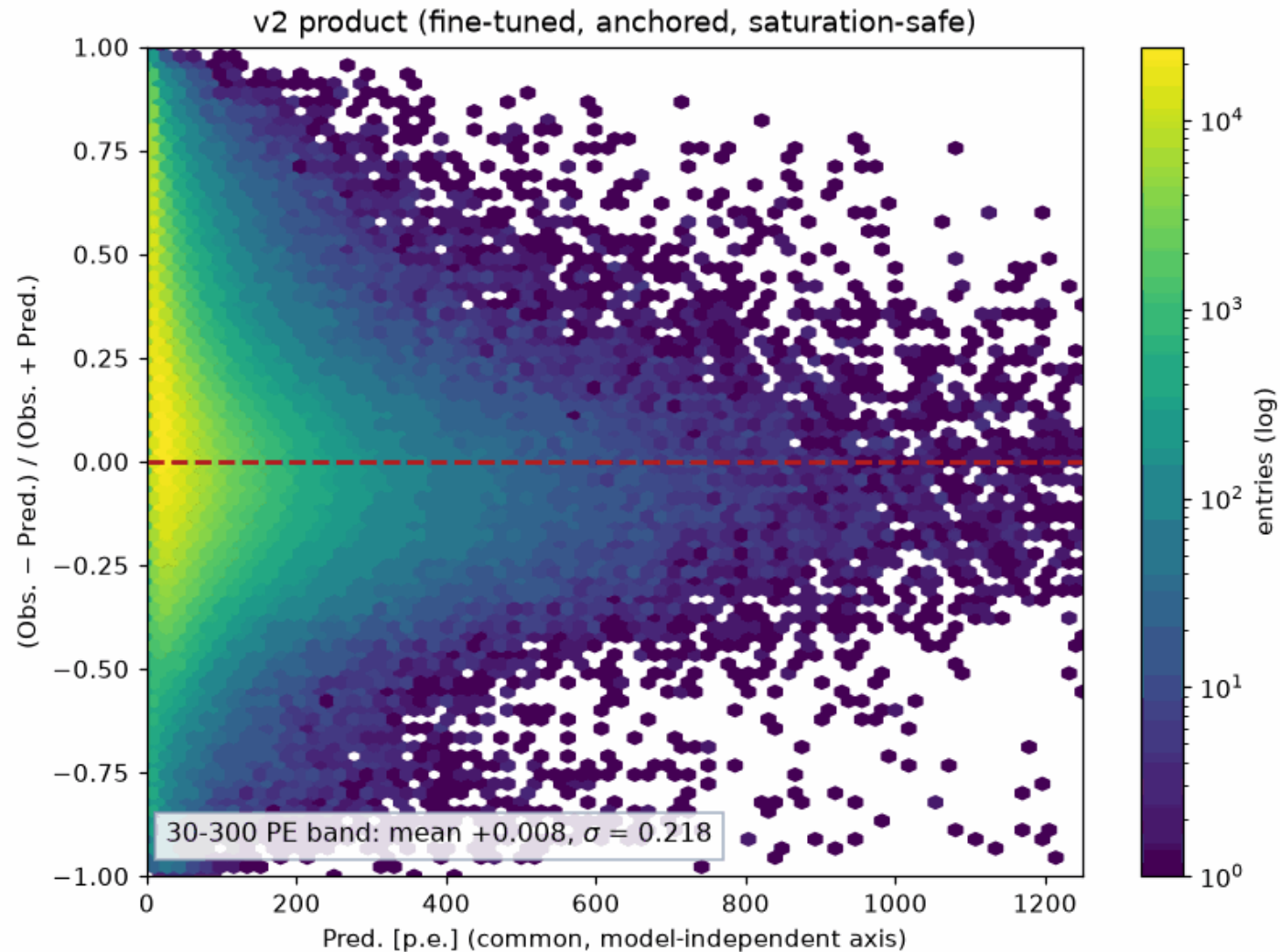
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SIREN from simulation (before calibration)



- Uncalibrated: SIREN trained from the photon library (simulation only), evaluated on the held-out pairs
- Systematic under-prediction: band mean - 0.055
- Wide residual: $\sigma = 0.270$

SIREN after calibration: the v2 product



- Same pairs, the v2 product: the library-initialized SIREN re-optimized on the tracks

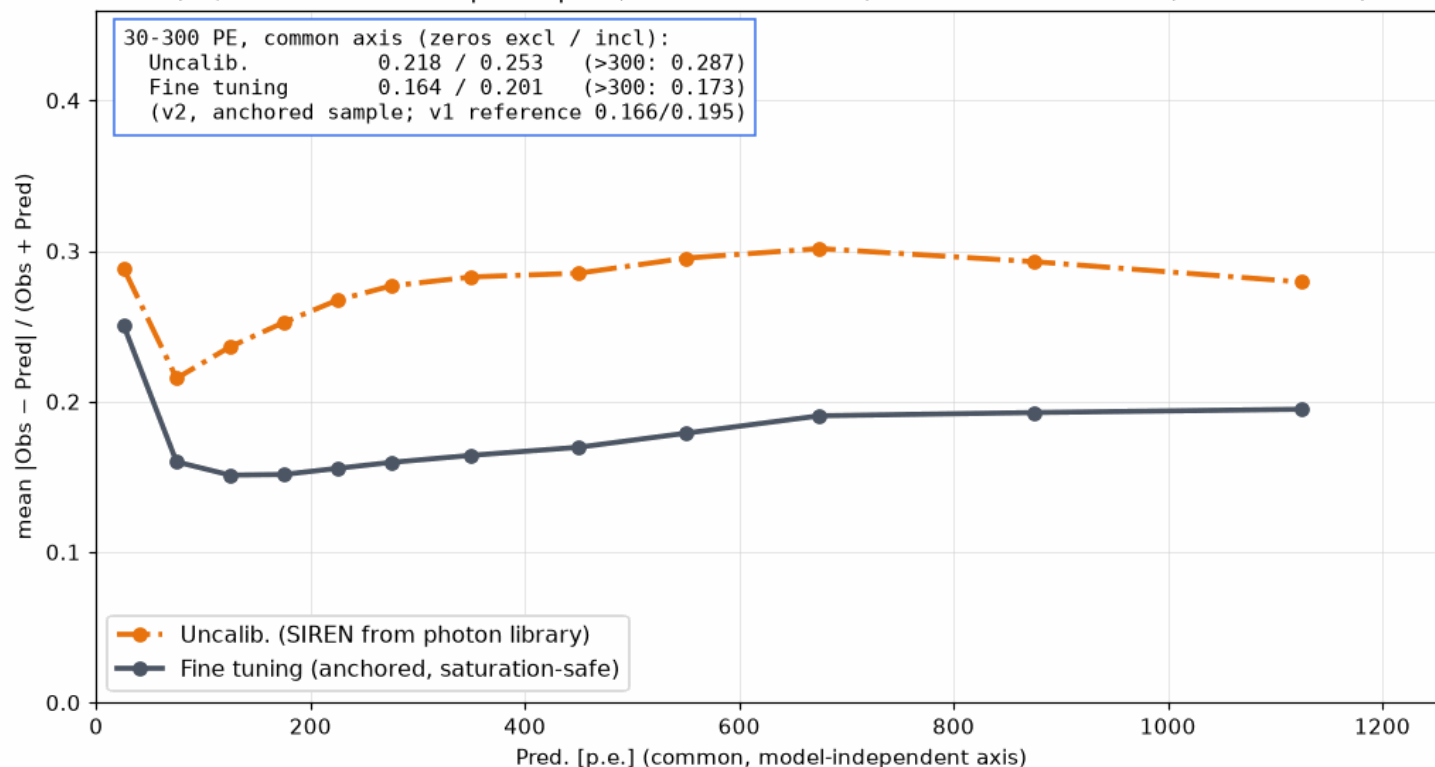
- Bias removed: band mean +0.008; narrower residual: $\sigma = 0.218$

SIREN can be calibrated to remove the data–simulation discrepancy at ProtoDUNE scale.

Goal 1: calibrate the existing photon library with cosmic data

Prediction accuracy: before vs after calibration

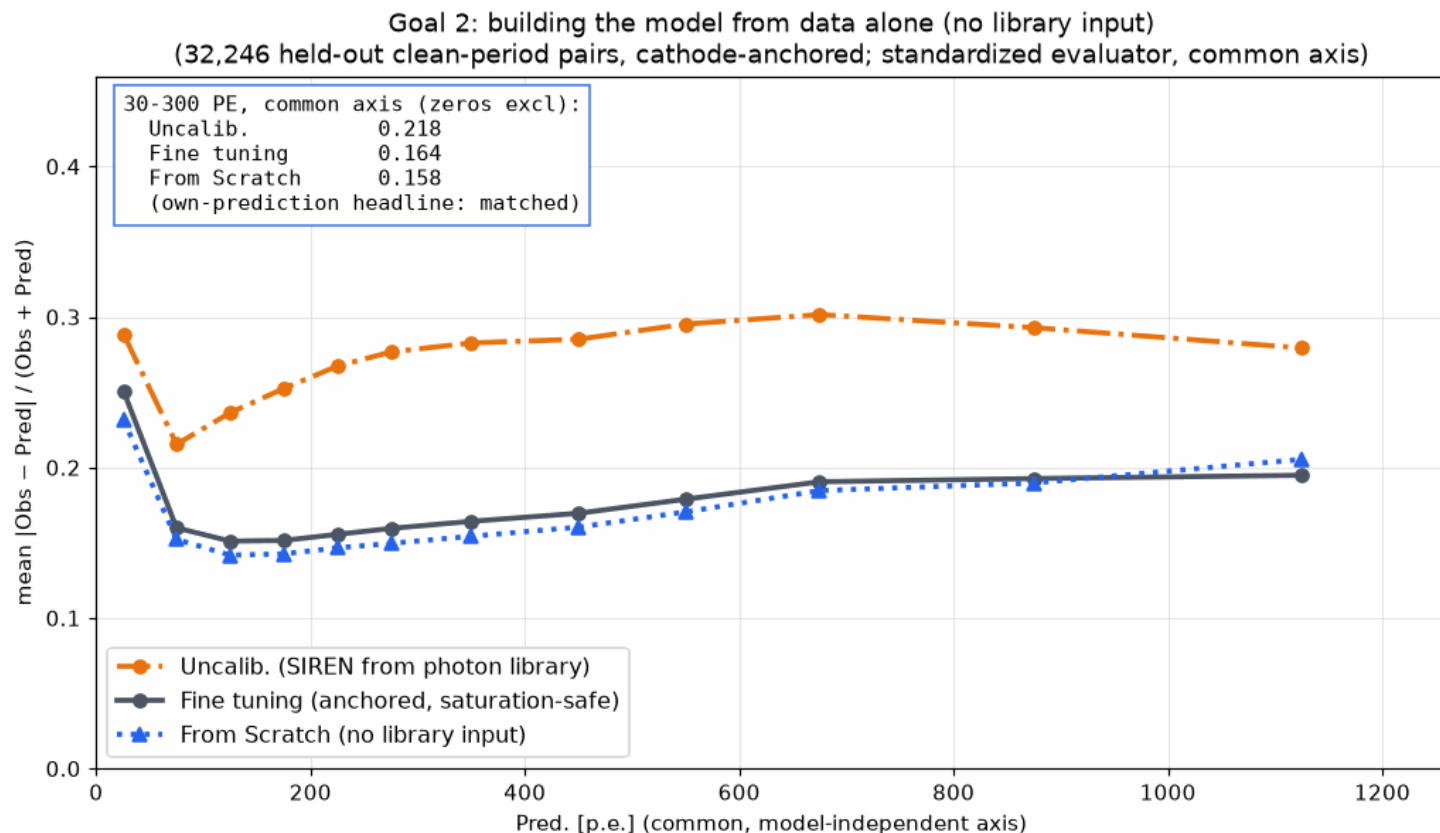
(32,246 held-out clean-period pairs, cathode-anchored; standardized evaluator, common axis)



- Per-entry agreement between observed and predicted light

- 0.218 → 0.164 in the plateau and 0.287 → 0.173 in the bright band

Goal 2: build the map from data alone



Uncalibrated

- SIREN trained from the photon library (simulation); suffers the data–MC discrepancy

Fine tuning

- use the uncalibrated SIREN as initial parameters; re-optimize with tracks; library prior over data-silent regions

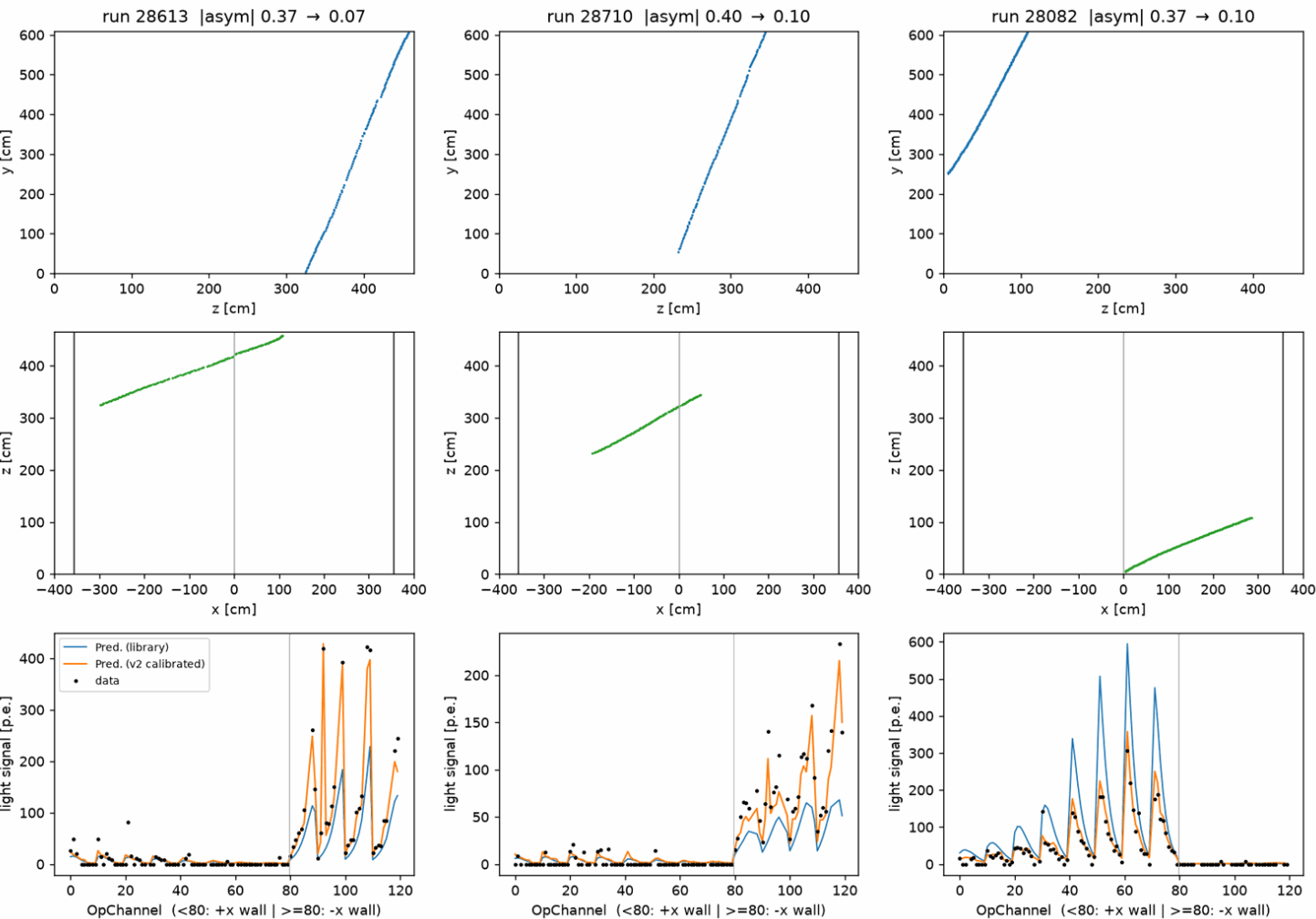
From Scratch

- random initialization; optimize with tracks only, no library anywhere

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

Example validation pairs

Example validation pairs: long cathode-crossers, data vs library (one global scale) vs the v2 product

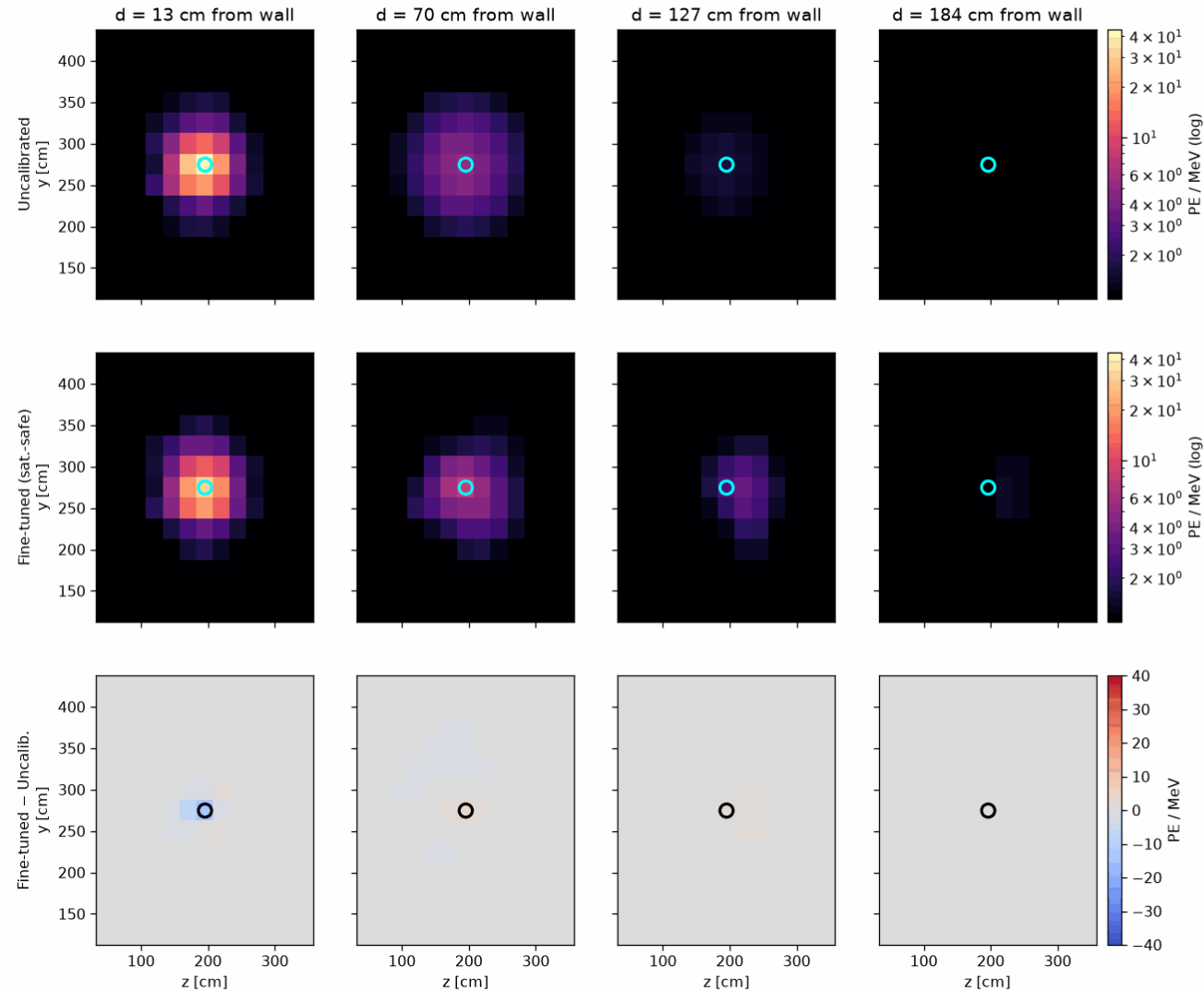


Long cathode-crossers with large calibration improvement AND good final agreement.

Better agreement after calibration

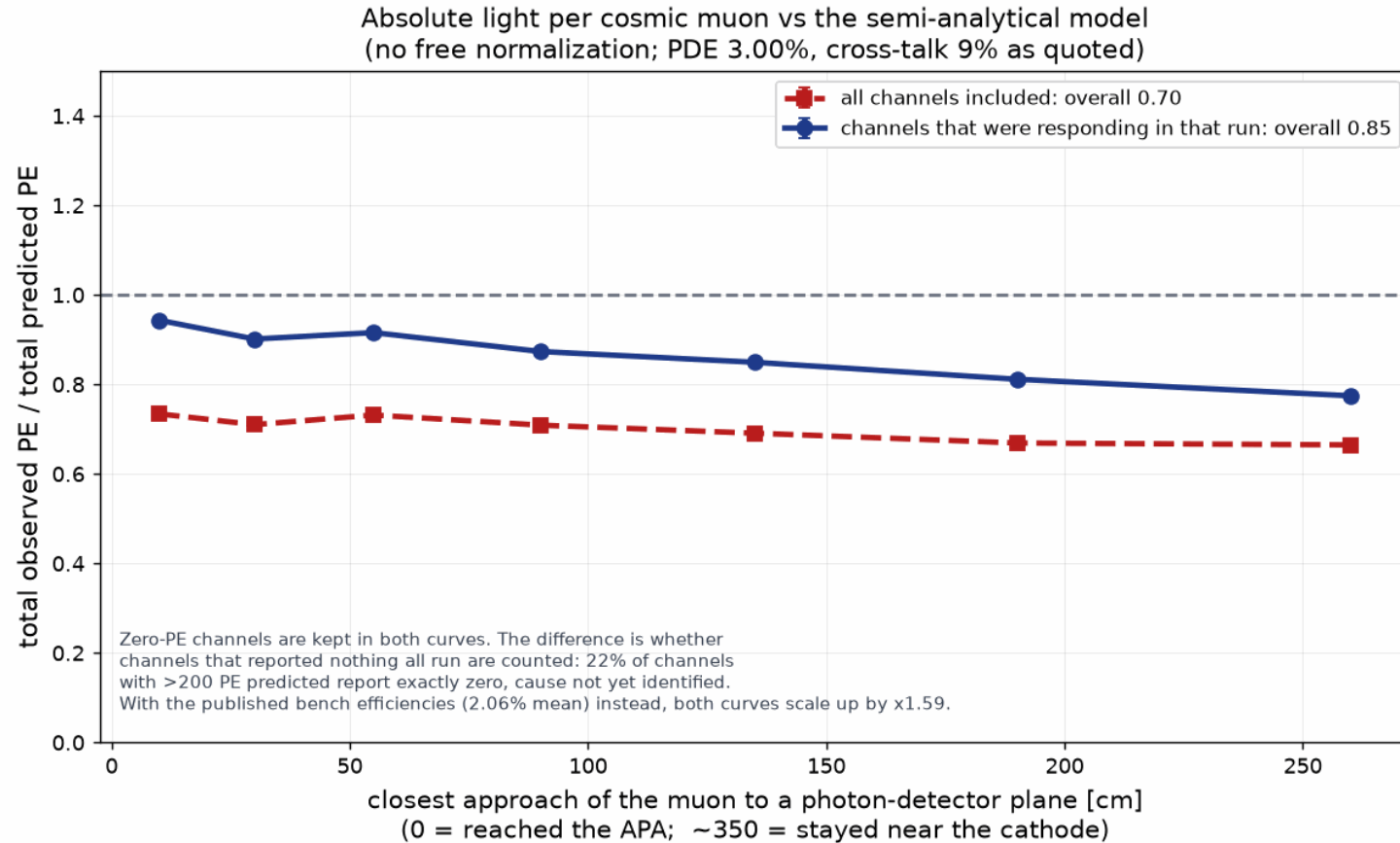
Visibility map: one channel

OpCh 45: response in absolute units (log scale), Fine-tuned = library-initialized, saturation-safe



- One channel, four drift distances; circle = surveyed position
- Model matches the library pretty well

Is there an overestimation from photon library?



Total light seen per muon, divided by the total predicted from the semi-analytical model

- The two curves are the same data counted two ways

- Upper: only channels that were reading out in that run

- Lower: every channel, including ones that reported nothing

(About a fifth of channel measurements are exactly zero even when a large signal is predicted)

(An independent analysis (Gabriel B.) reports 0.5 to 0.65 with the same model and the same stated efficiency.)

Conclusions

- **Goal for ProtoDUNE:** calibrate the existing photon library with data, so that it both agrees better with the data and renders light at the accurate detector positions
- We now have the tools and framework to generate and calibrate a visibility map from data:
Calibrating the existing library improves light prediction; the same recipe with no library input reproduces it.
- What next
 - Understand pred vs. meas PE difference better with experts
 - Expanding the map to cover APA1 optical detectors with full-streaming readout
 - Use Wire-Cell QL matched tracks for training event selection
 - We already have working version for PD-VD; need to finalize
 - Expand to Xe-doped PD-VD data

Backup: v1 → v2, four changes

change	what it bought
1. Removed the wall class 6% of pairs, drift unusable	Map shape returned to the library: drift falloff 0.63 → 0.29 (library 0.34), near-wall amplitude 0.28 → 0.77
2. Saturation mask 400 → 2000 PE the old cut assumed a readout compression we later disproved	The most effective single change: bright band 0.2019 → 0.1957, and the from-scratch map went 35 → 11 cm in peak offset
3. Sample 1.6x 20,000 more files → 280,433 pairs	Plateau ~1.5%. No further bright-end gain: the mask had already taken it
4. Near-wall anchor new soft prior term, bounded by detector geometry	Peak offset 8.1 → 6.4 cm mean, localised channels 61 → 74%, summed-map correlation 0.66 → 0.96

Sample purity 91.8%, measured from off-time windows, the fifth consecutive sample at that value with no retuning.

Backup: the wall class, in the event display

class	share	verdict
cathode crossers	~88%	drift fixed by the crossing, KEEP
cathode touchers	~6%	calo truncated but the trajectory does cross, KEEP
wall class	6%	never reaches the cathode, $ x = 280\text{--}384$ cm, points up to 27 cm outside the volume, EXCLUDE

- Found by scanning selected events, not by a metric
- The class carries ordinary Pandora T0 values; provenance is an open question for the reconstruction experts
- Any T0-based selection inherits it, including external flash-matching work

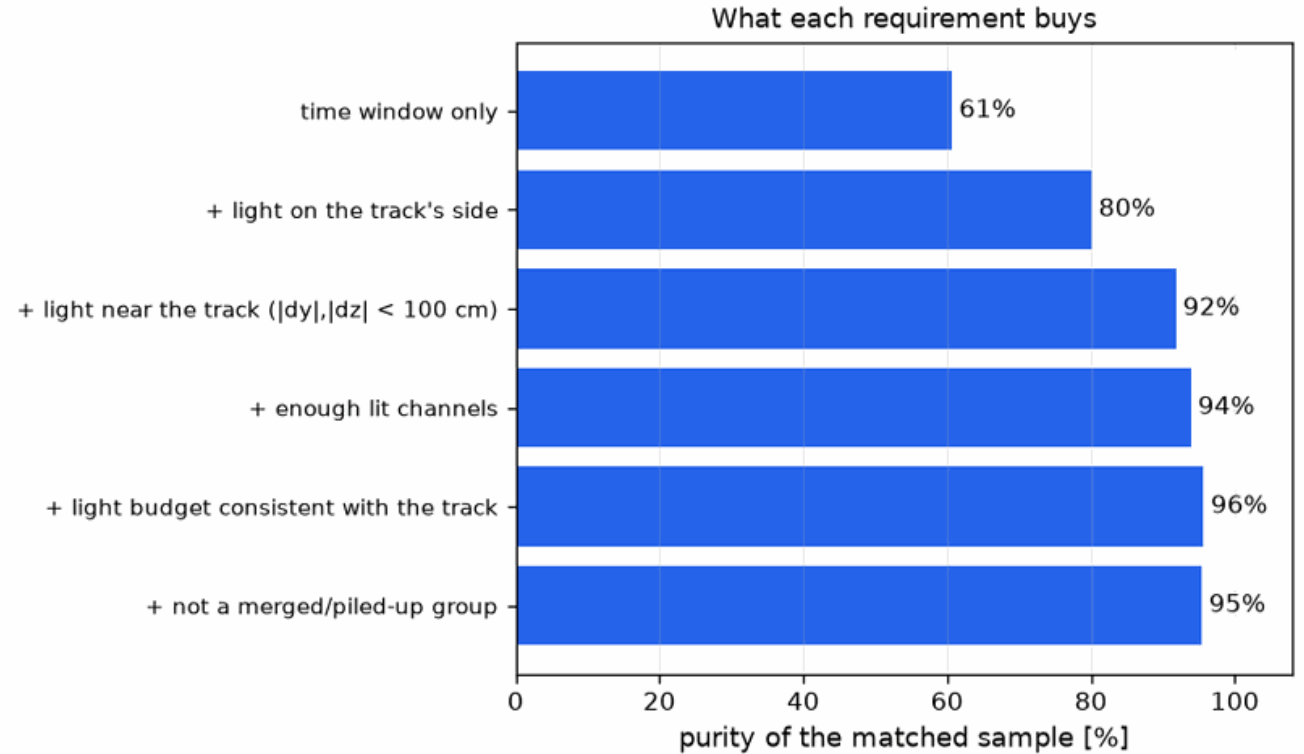
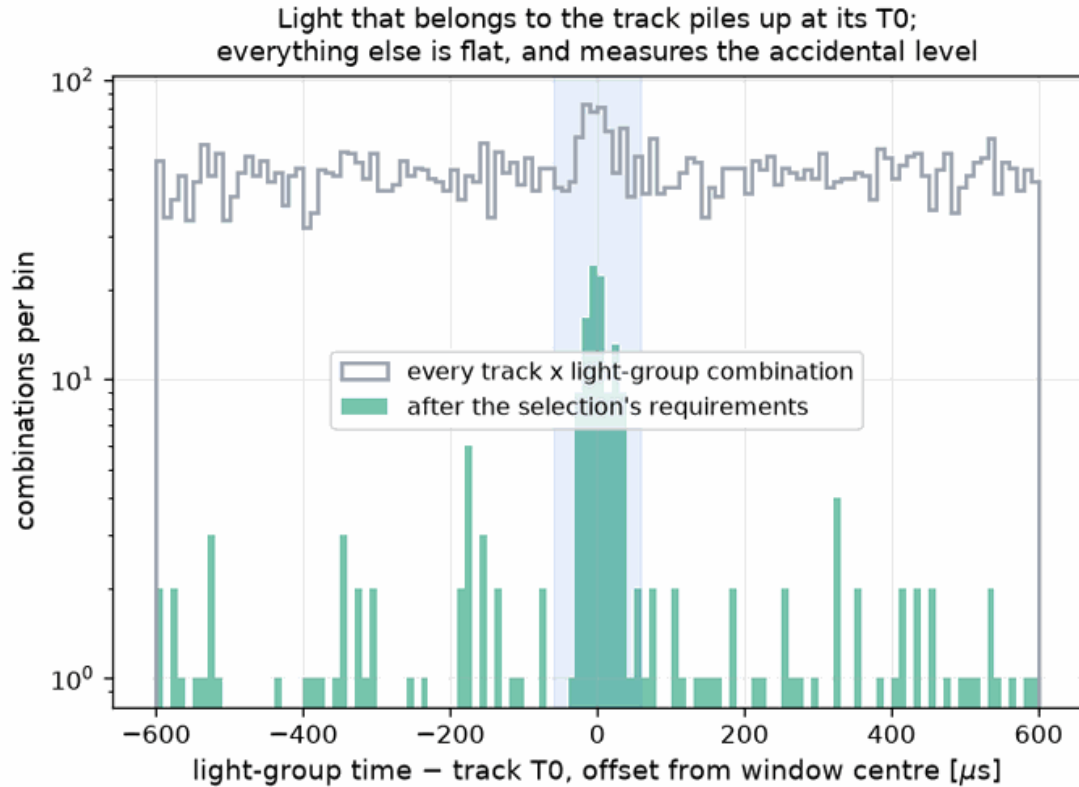
Backup: track-flash matching

How the (simple) pairing works

- Light: merge the fragmented flashes into light groups (a median of 5 flashes per group, so the full scintillation tail is captured)
- Require isolation: no other significant light nearby in time. This alone removes 79% of groups
- Charge: cathode crossers only for t_0 (5.6% of “long tracks” selected)
- Pair on time, in a coincidence window measured from the data itself, then loose consistency cuts: light barycentre within 100 cm of the track, and total light within a factor 16 of a bare $1/(4\pi d^2)$ geometric expectation
- Require a unique 1-to-1 pairing. If a track has two viable groups, or a group two viable tracks, both are discarded

Backup: how good is the charge-light matching?

Charge-light matching: the accidental rate is MEASURED from off-time light, after every cut



- Light belonging to the track piles up at its T0; unrelated light is flat in time, so the accidental rate is measured, not assumed
- Time window alone: 61% correct. With the selection's requirements: ~95%
- Cross-checked independently with off-time windows at $\pm 500 \mu$ s over 20,000 files: 91.8%, the fifth sample at that value

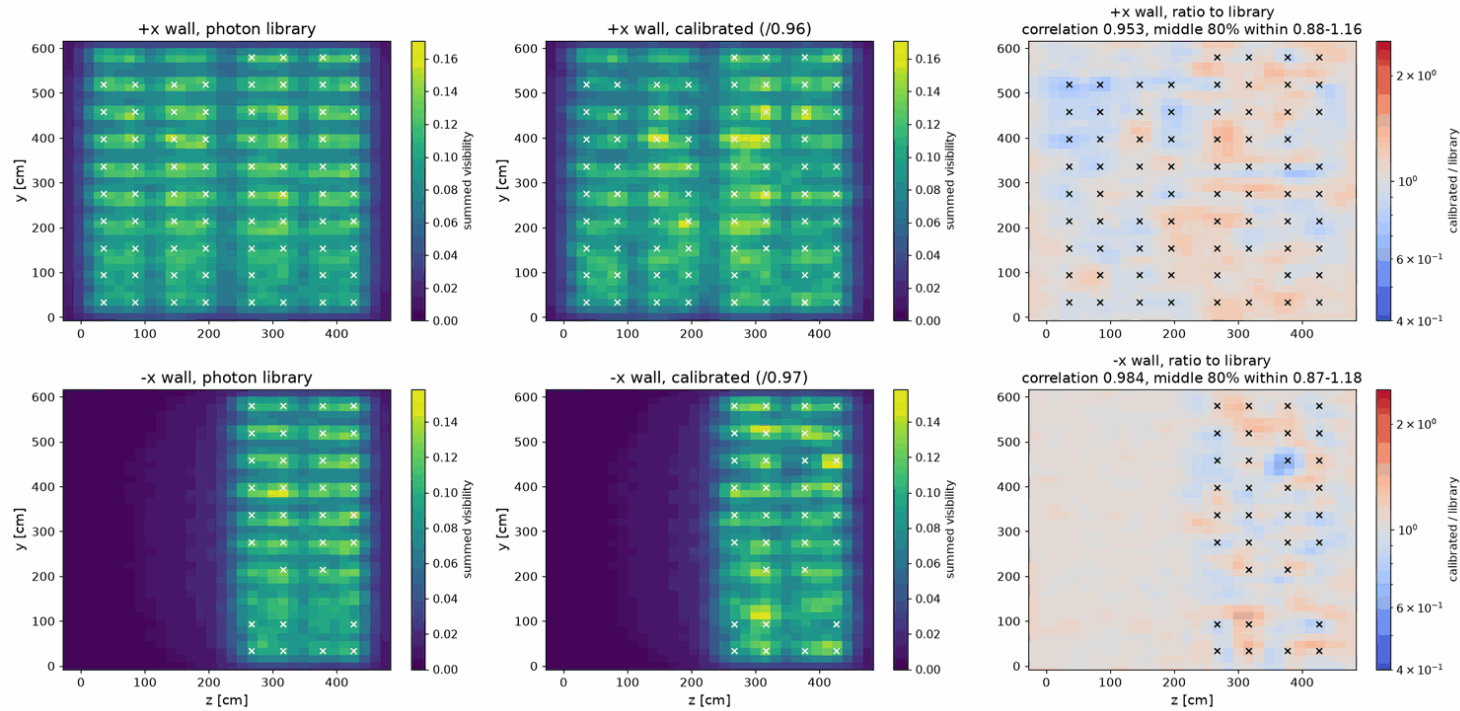
Backup: where the matching-window numbers come from

number	provenance
+35 μ s center	fitted peak position. It maps to ~ 5.5 cm in apparent x; suspected SCE at the cathode (Pandora stitches on uncorrected positions). A calibration of the T0 convention, not physics input
± 60 μ s window	2.4σ of the fitted $\sigma = 25$ μ s. The width is Pandora stitching resolution ($\sigma \times v_{\text{drift}} \approx 3$ cm), not optical: each track's own light has RMS 4–5 μ s. Wide costs purity only; t0 is re-anchored to the flash after pairing
15 μ s merge gap	scanned (8/10/15): DAPHNE self-triggers fragment one burst over ~ 16 μ s; at 10 μ s the track's own light self-vetoes, -26% signal
± 25 μ s isolation	design choice pinned by two measured scales: above the 16 μ s fragmentation span (no self-veto), matching the 25 μ s association resolution (closer light is unattributable anyway)

$\delta t = t_{\text{flash}} - t_{0\text{Pandora}}$ for all track–flash pairs, 620 events: a coincidence peak on a flat accidental floor.

Visibility map: summed view, both walls

The calibrated map on BOTH walls: the two drift volumes carry different channels, so this is an independent check



- All channels summed at a wall slice: library, calibrated, and the ratio. Crosses mark the photon detectors