



Exploitation of Symmetries and Domain Knowledge in Deep Learning Architectures

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How can we best utilize available information?

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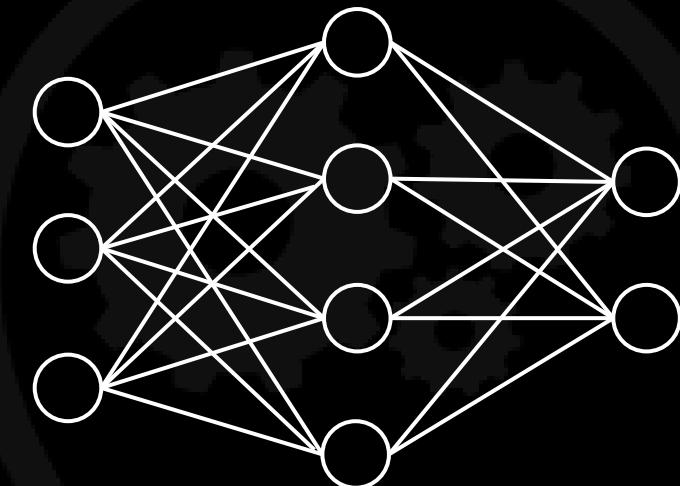
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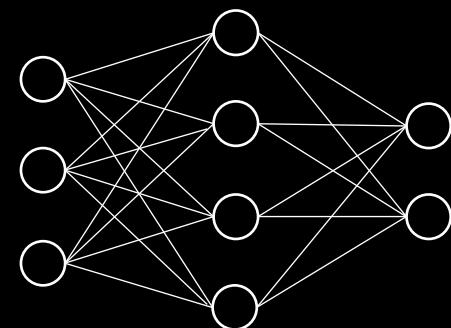
- Not “intelligent”: simply maps input to output space
- NN architectures (CNNs, GNNs, RNNs, ...) are just a way to formulate this mapping while exploiting certain properties of the data
- No need for choice of parameterization
- Scales well to high-dimensional space

} This is what makes Deep Learning so powerful

Importance of symmetries & domain knowledge

- Necessary to reduce free parameters
- Improves model training and performance
- Generalization/extrapolation is only possible along symmetries or by using domain knowledge

$$f: I \rightarrow O$$

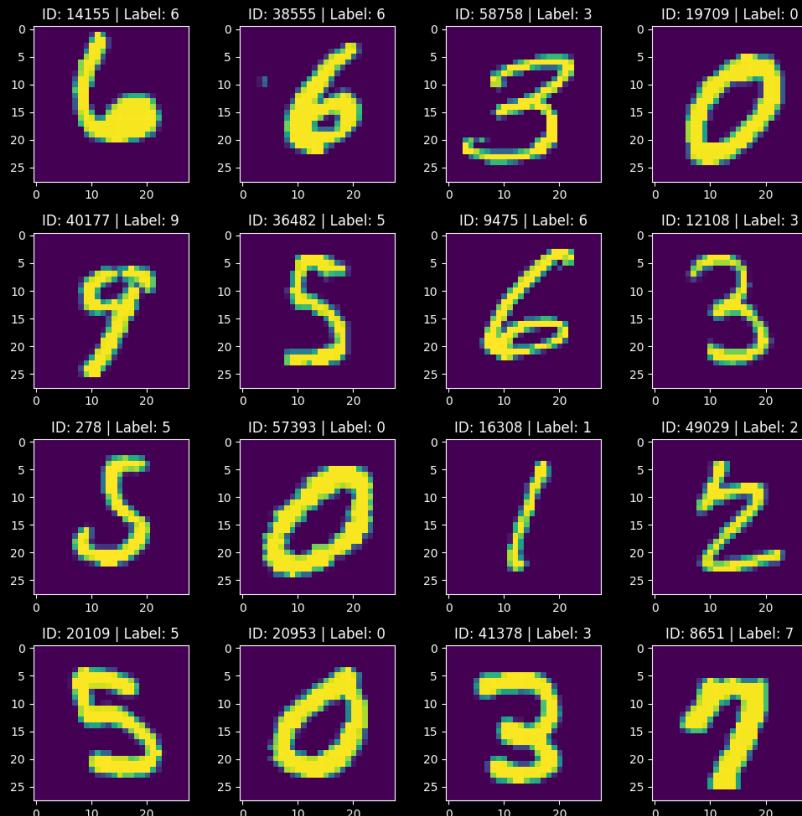


Unique position of Physics in ML:

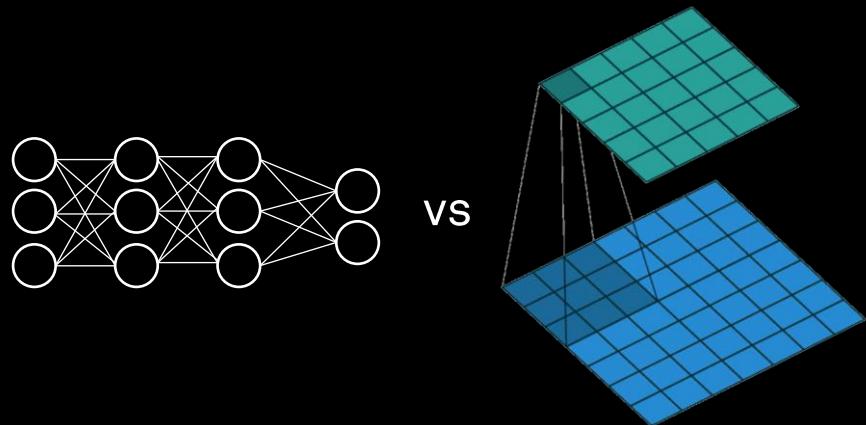
- Data generating process is known extremely well
- Many possible applications: reco/calibration/analysis/...

} Need to think outside constraints of typical applications and architectures

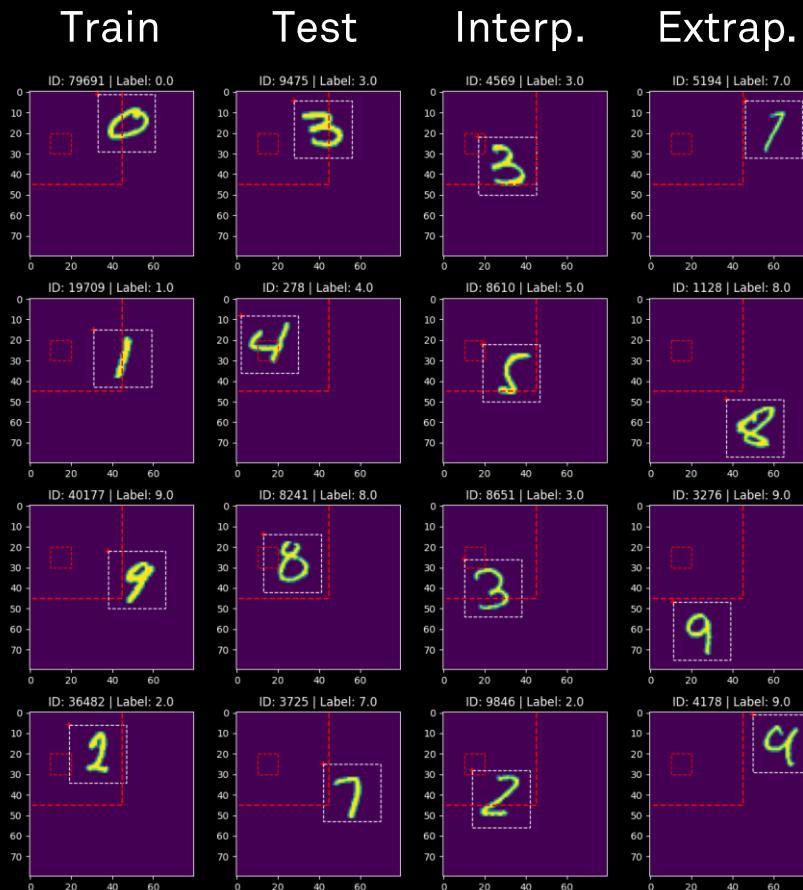
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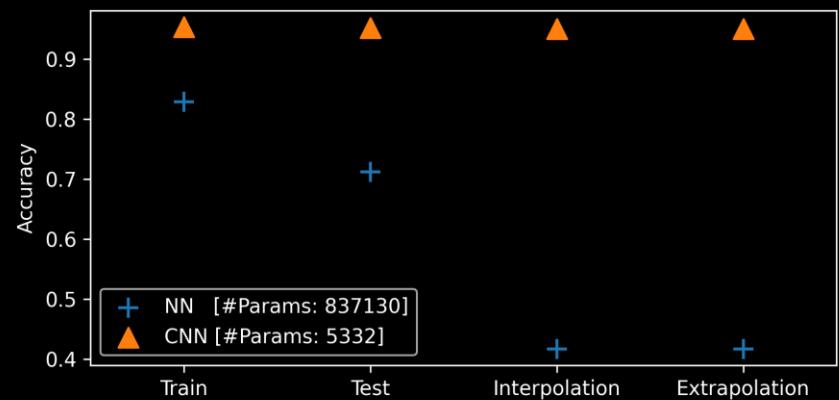
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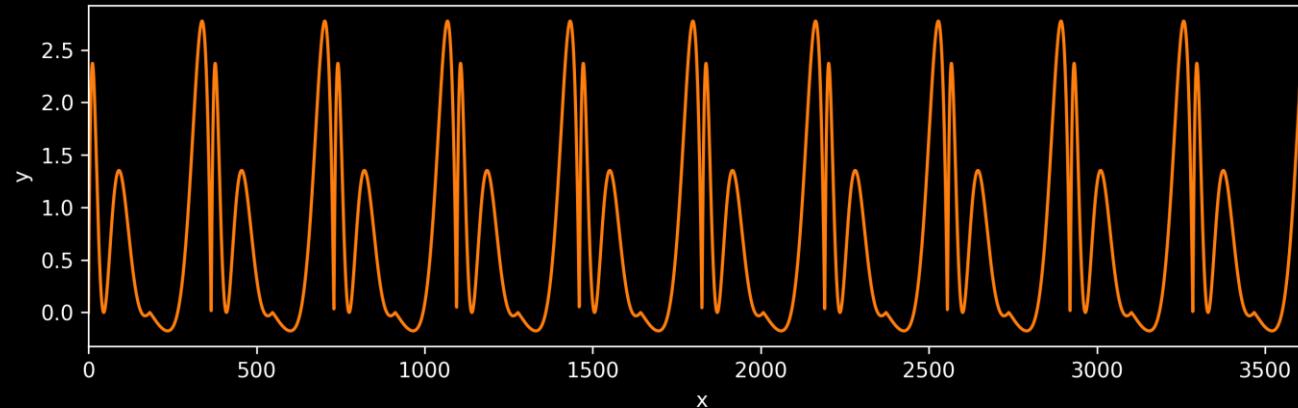


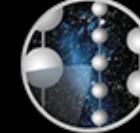
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- Only CNN can generalize: possible via translational invariance



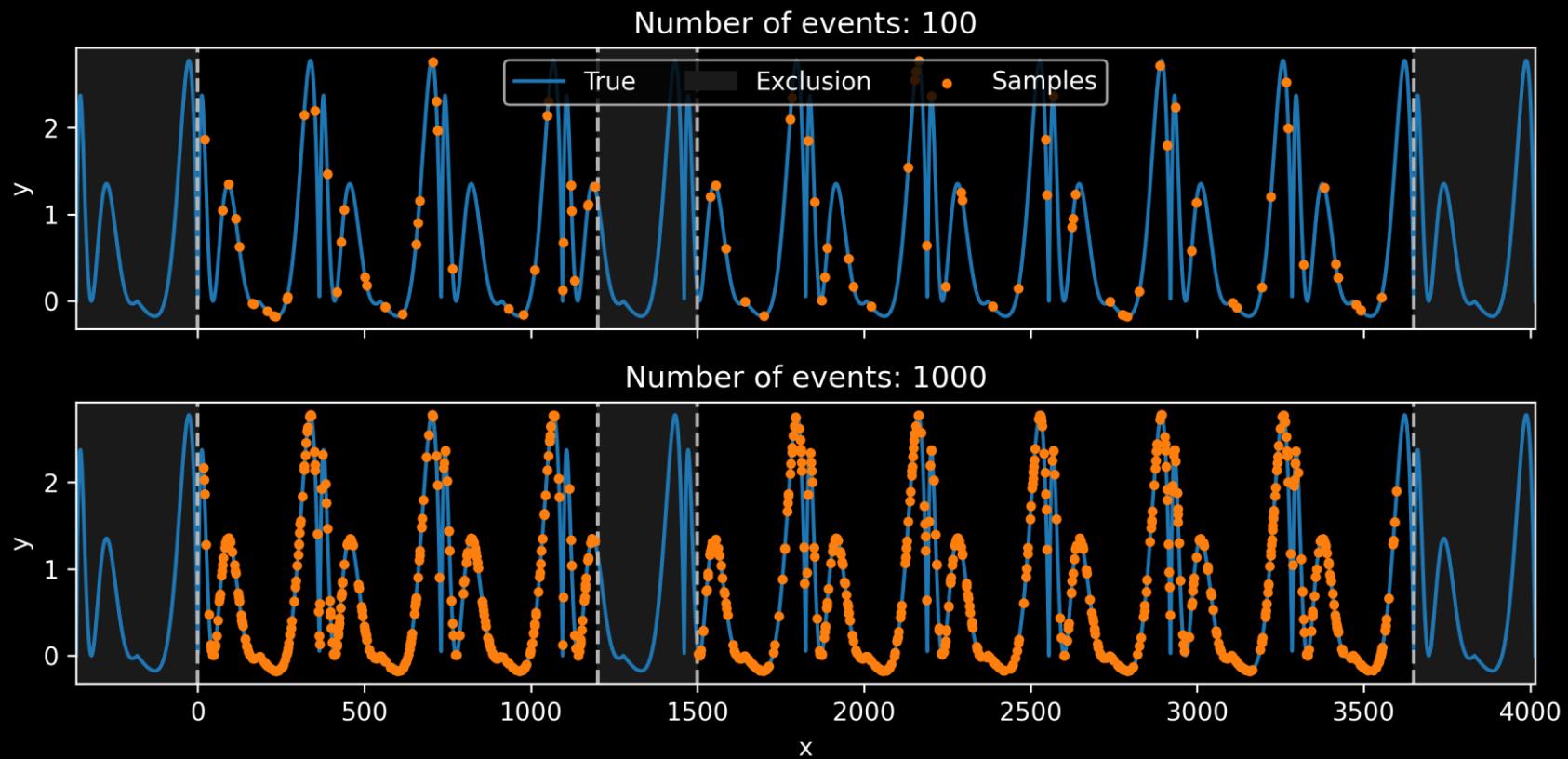
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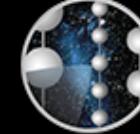
- Assume we want to fit a 1-D function of which we know/are searching for a periodicity with a given period length T
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- Compare standard NN vs “periodic” NN: $f(x) = f(x \bmod T)$
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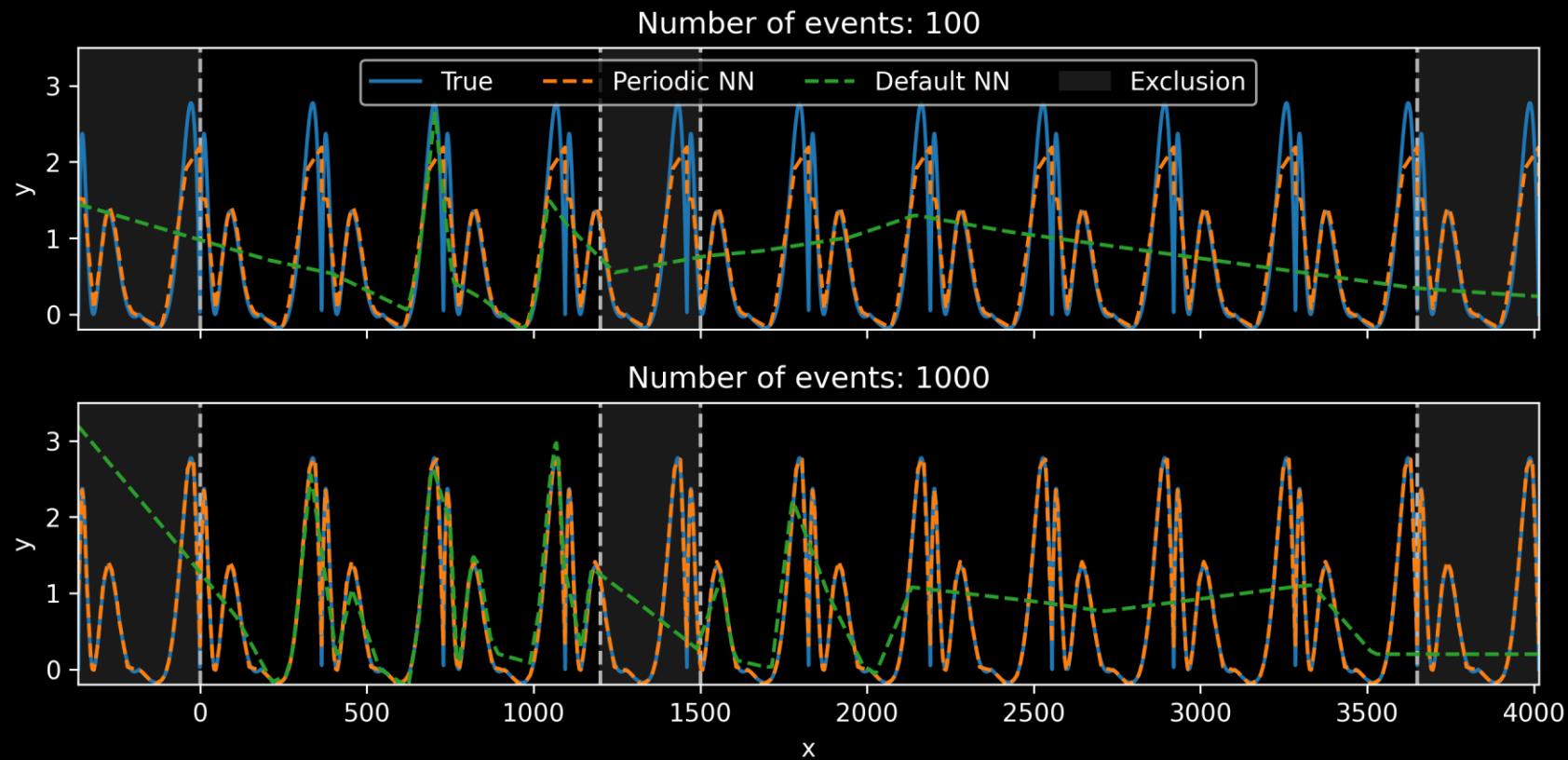


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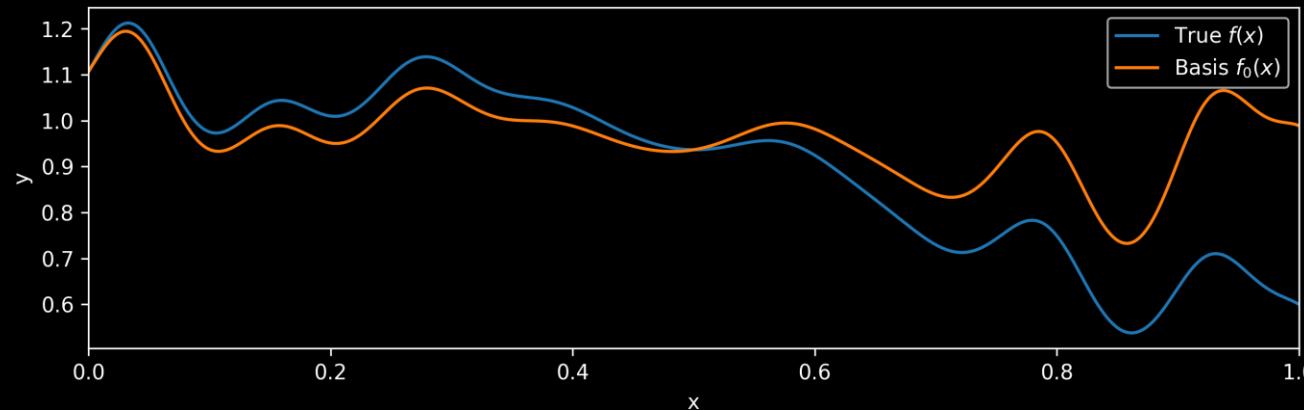


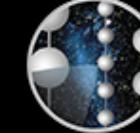
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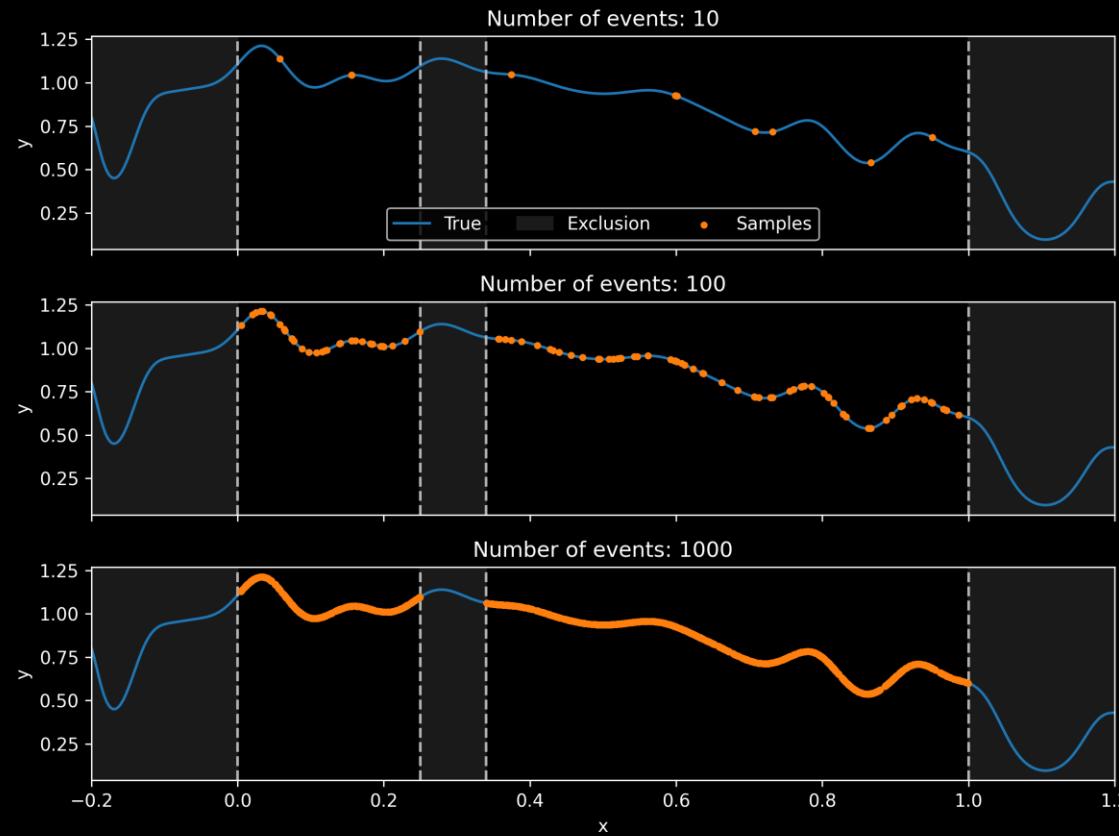
Example 3: known approximate solution

- Assume we want to fit a 1-D function of which we know the approximate shape $f_0(x)$, but true solution deviates slightly
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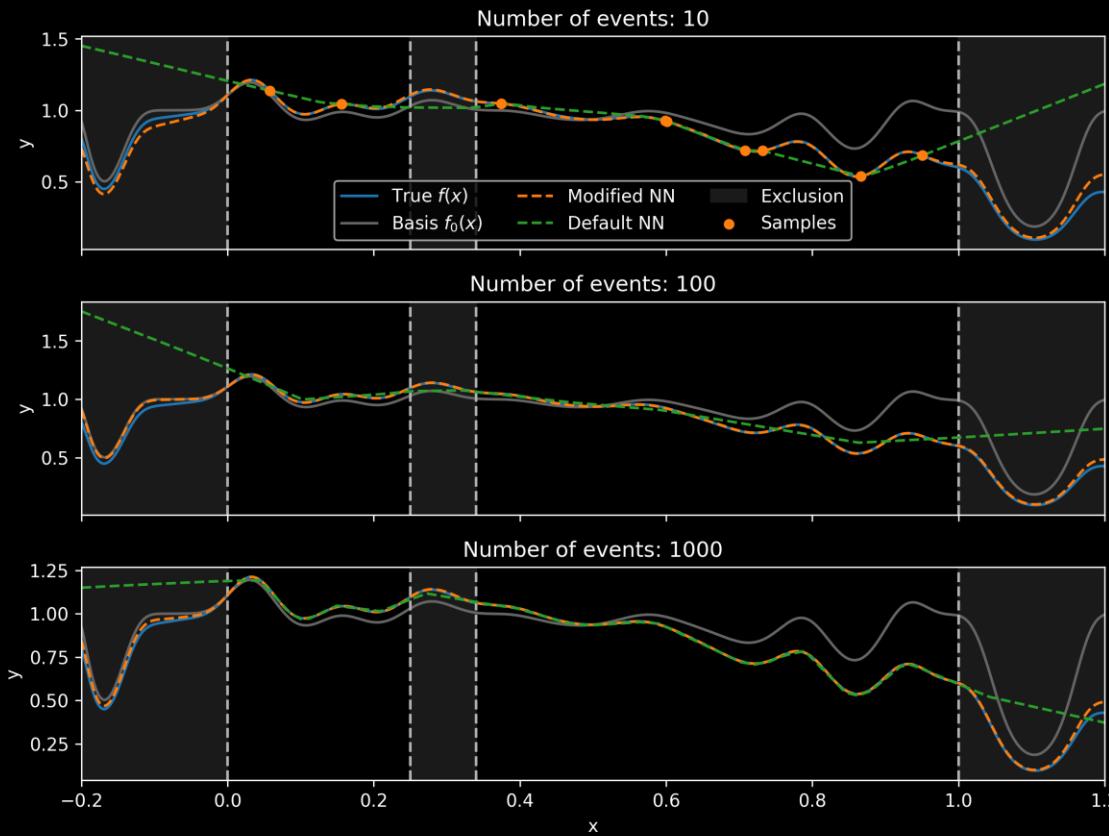




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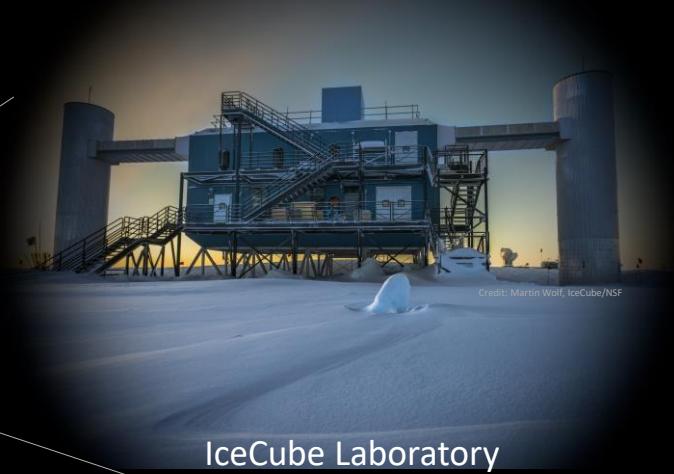
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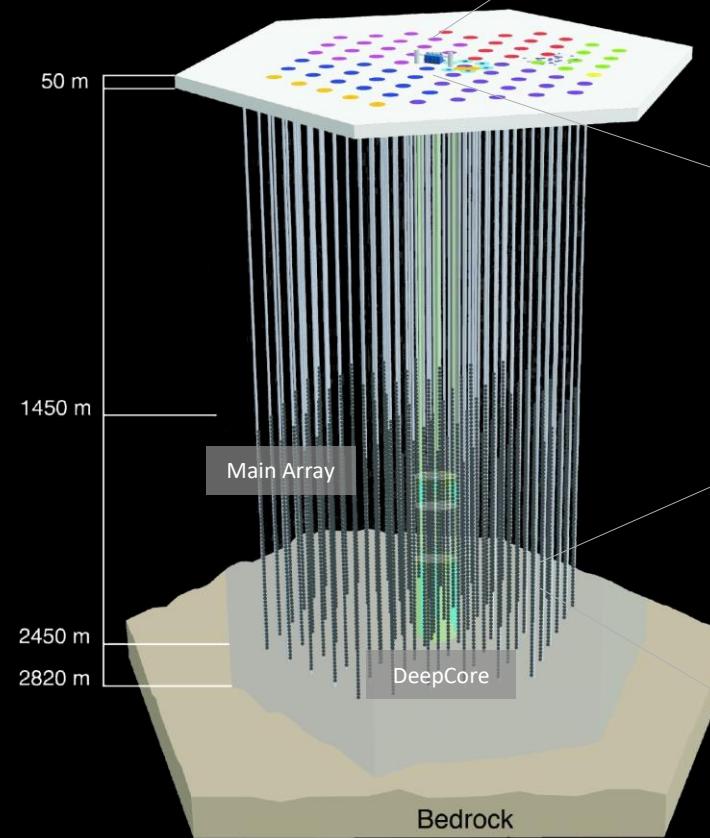
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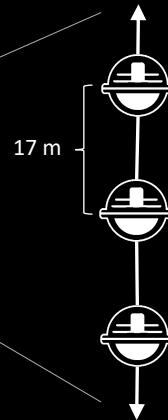


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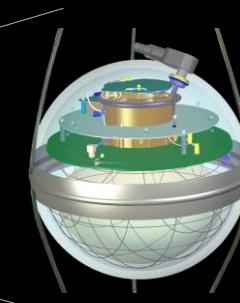


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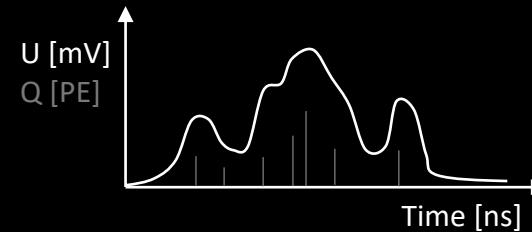
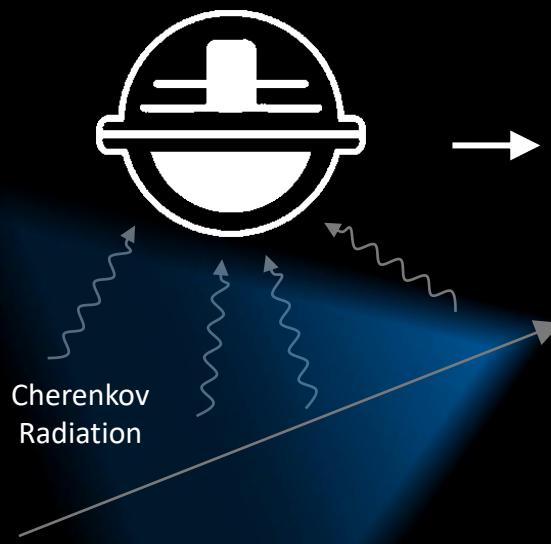


86 Strings:
78 Main Array
8 DeepCore



5160 Digital Optical Modules (DOMs)

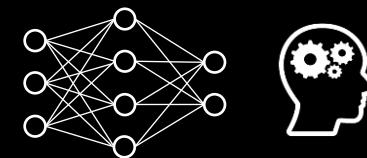
Detection Mechanism



Pulse Series: (t_i, q_i)

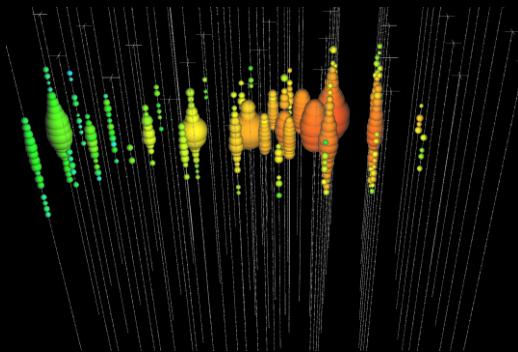


$$\mathcal{L}(\vec{x}|\vec{\theta}) = \prod_i p(x_i|\vec{\theta})$$



Event Topologies

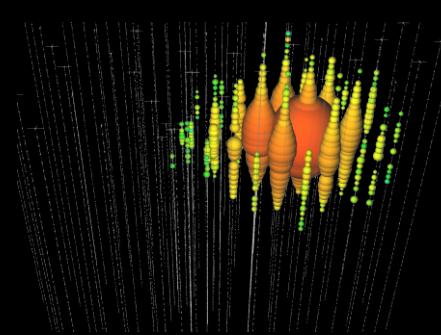
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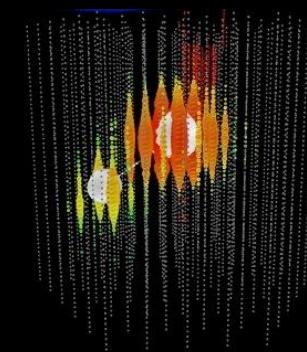
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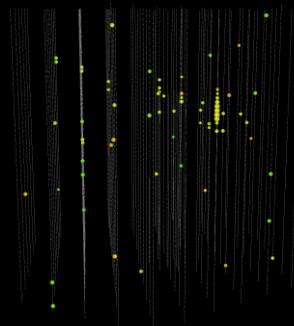


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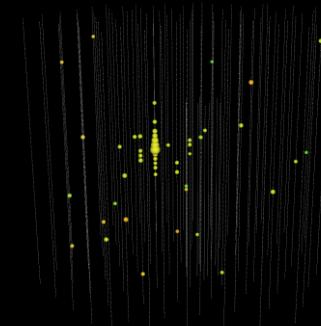
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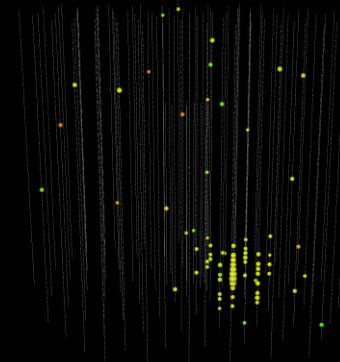
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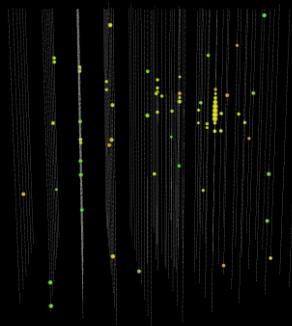
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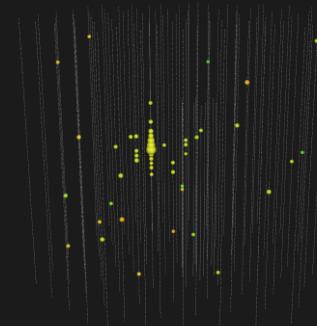
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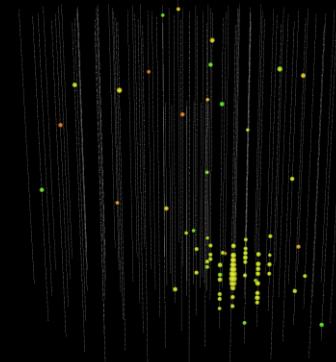
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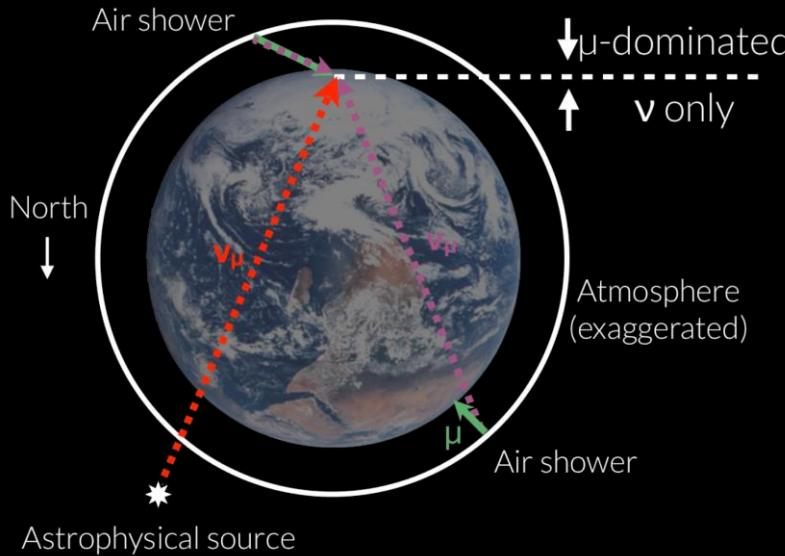
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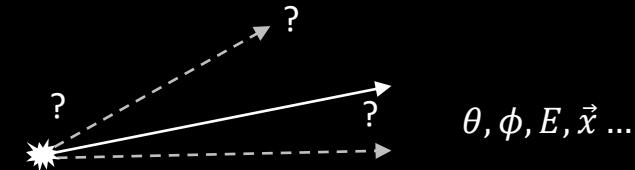
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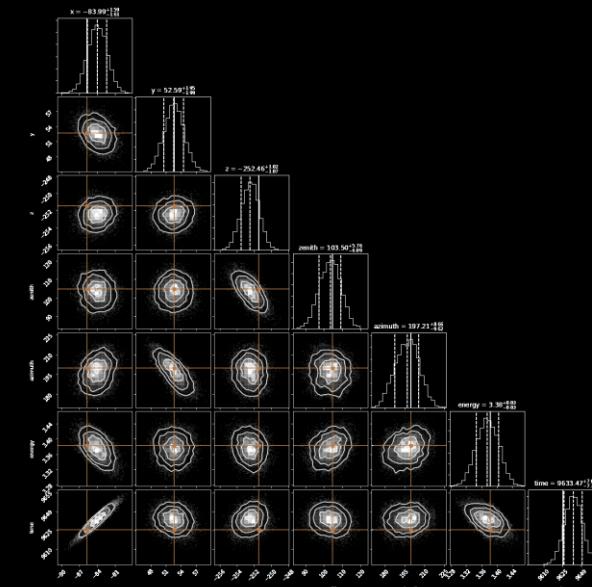


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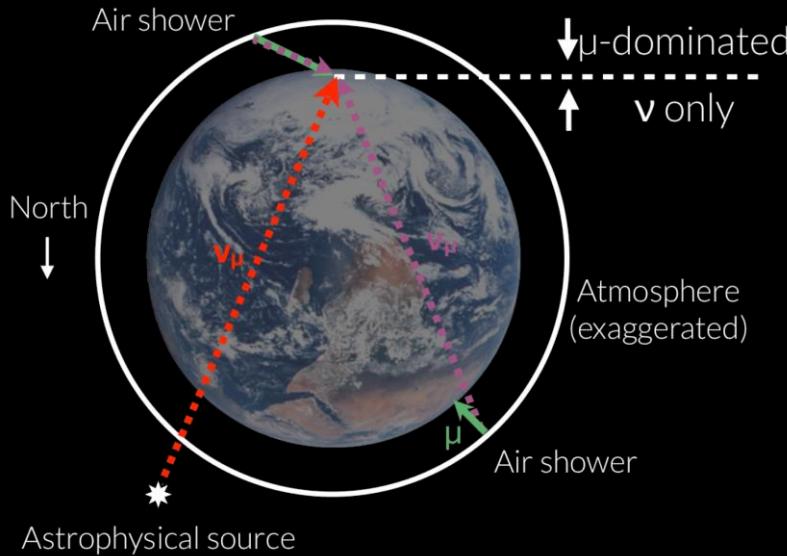


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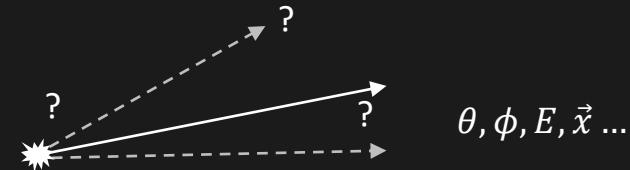
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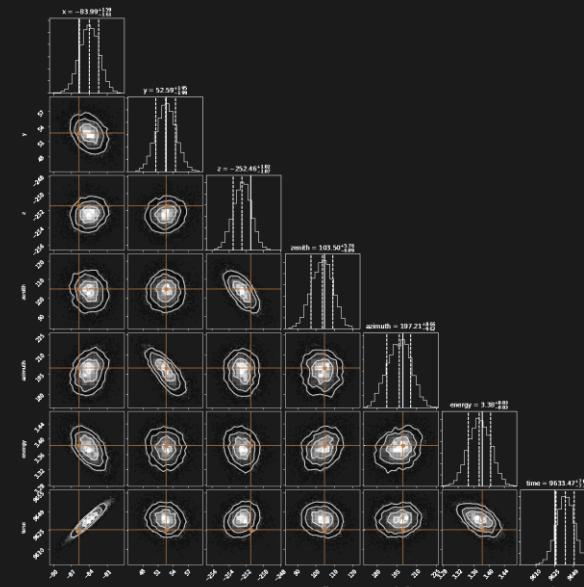
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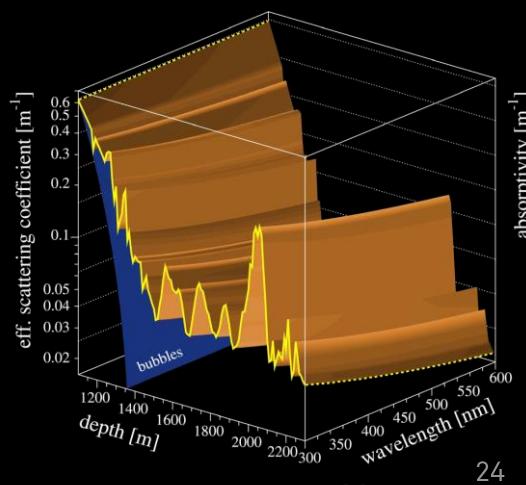
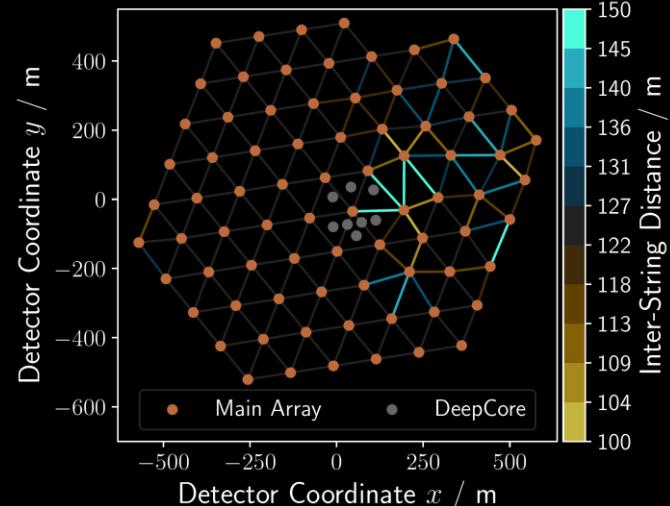
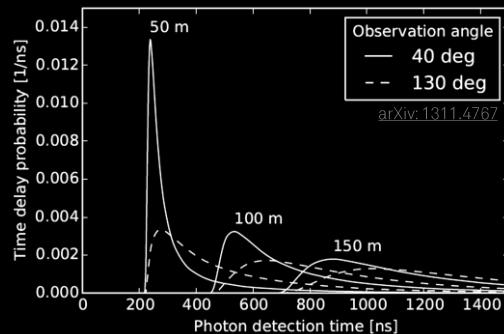
Focus in this talk is on these publications:

* DOI: [10.1088/1748-0221/16/07/P07041](https://doi.org/10.1088/1748-0221/16/07/P07041)

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What do we know about our Data?

- Detector geometry:
 - 3 detector parts: main array, upper & lower DeepCore
 - Deviations from symmetric detector grid
- Underlying physics of neutrino interaction are invariant under translation and rotation
- Inhomogeneous photon propagation due to dust impurities and crystal structure of ice
- Light yield scales linearly with deposited energy
- General shape of photon arrival time PDF
- Photons (and in good approximation: the measured pulses) are independent of each other



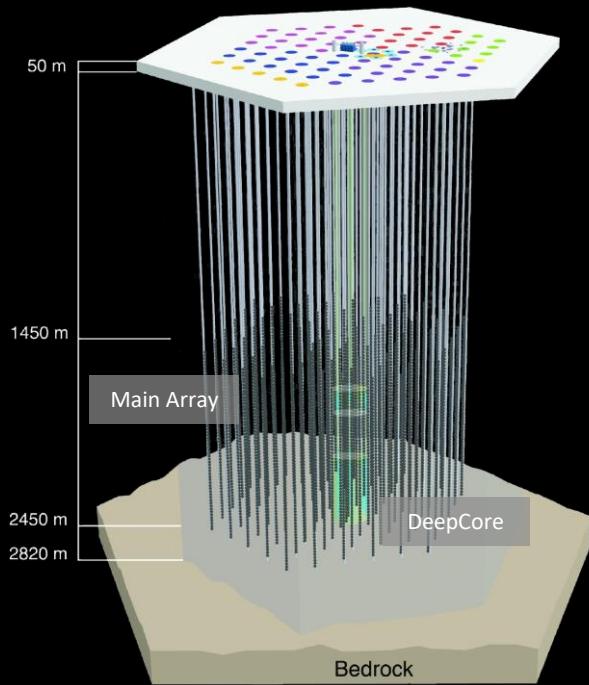
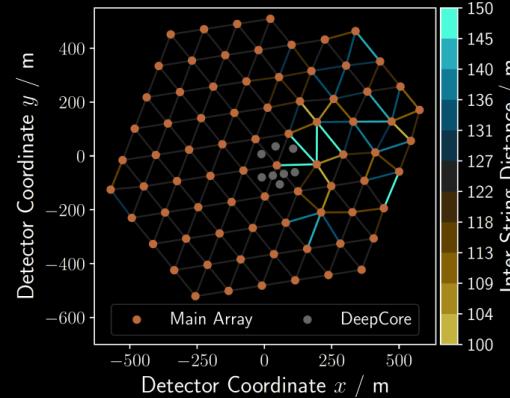
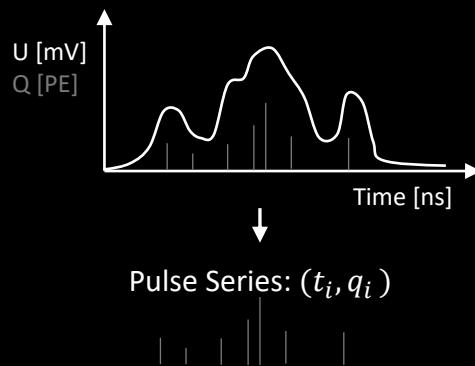
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Idea:

- Use CNNs to exploit translational invariance
- CNNs are easy to train and usually provide a good first benchmark

Challenges:

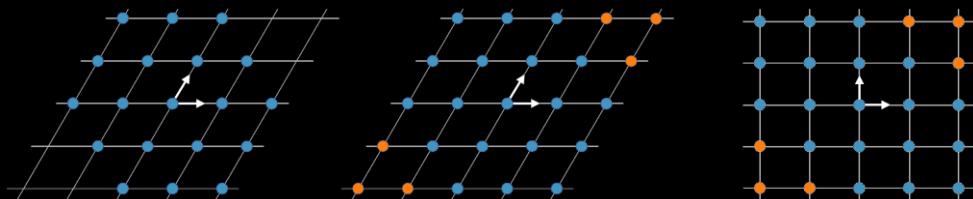
- How to deal with 3 detector parts and triangular grid?
- CNNs require uniform input:
what to do with variable number of pulses?



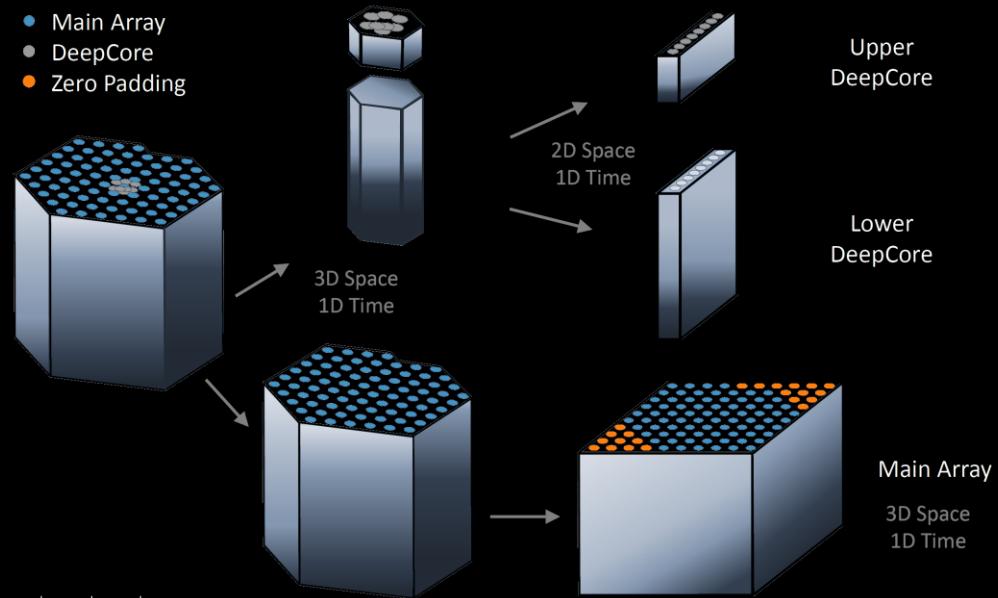
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Detector Geometry

- Separate detector into 3 input tensors
- Transform triangular grid to orthogonal data matrix
- Apply mapping to effectively employ hexagonal convolution kernels



Hexagonal Convolution Kernels



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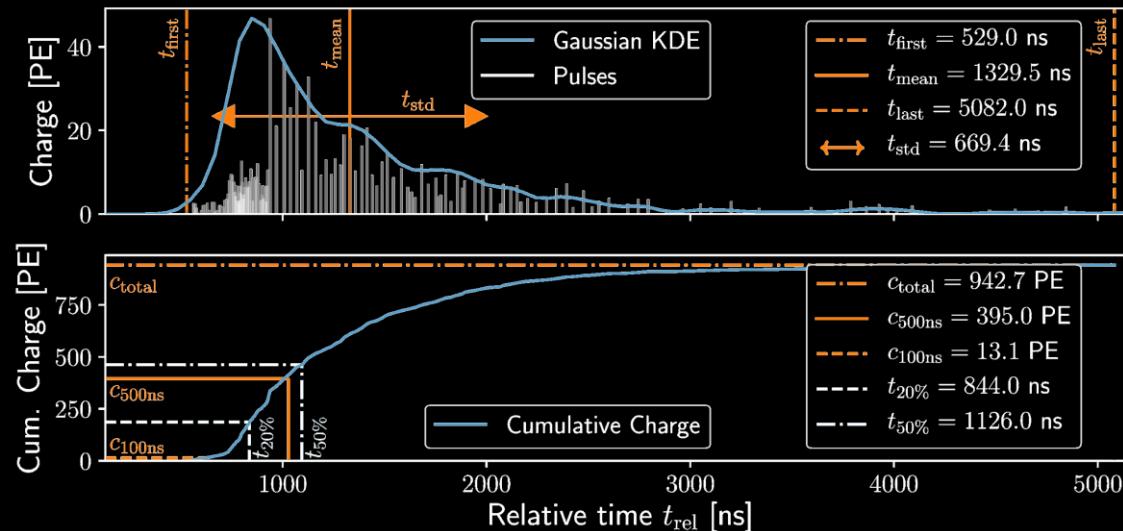
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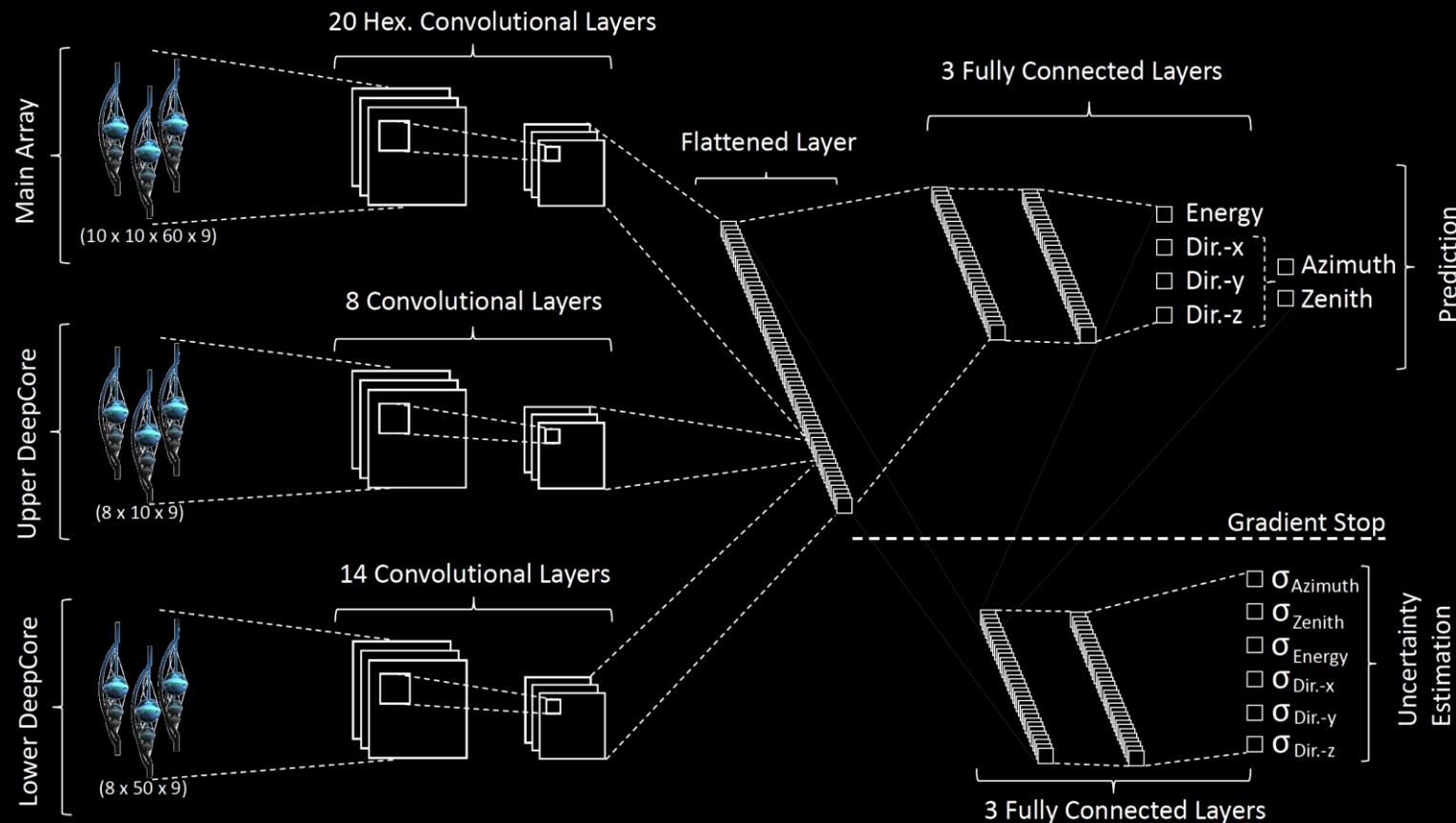
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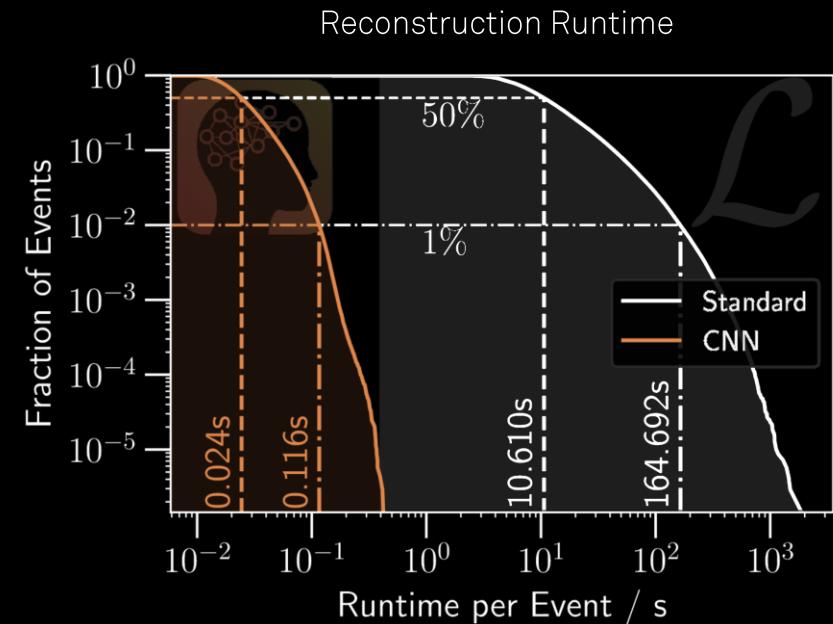
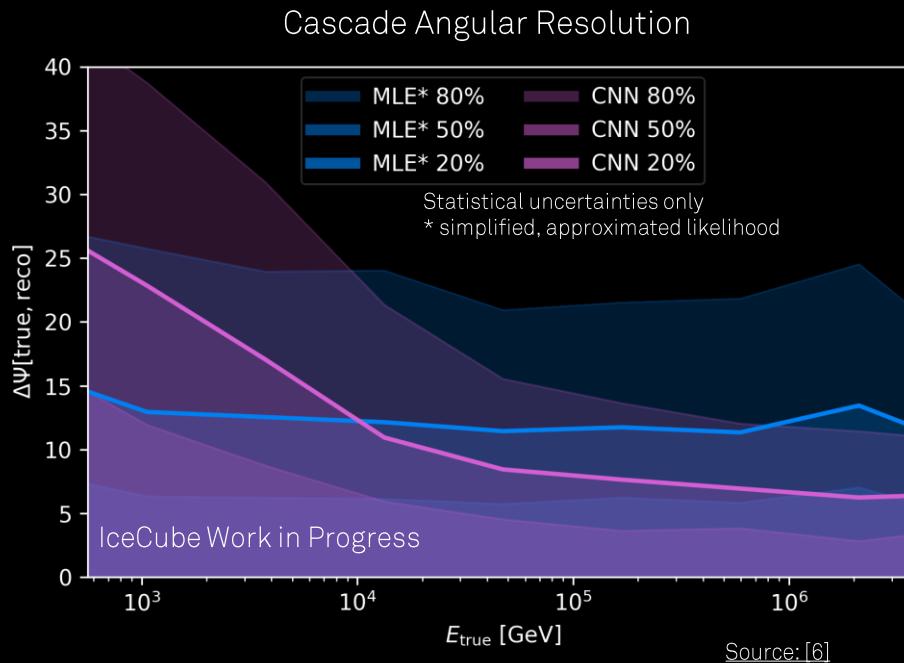


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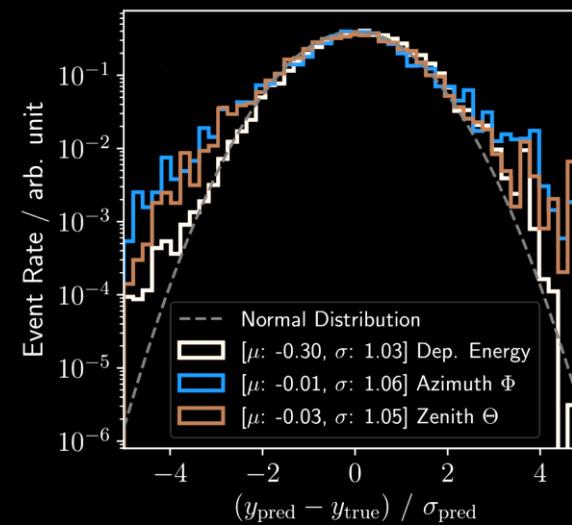
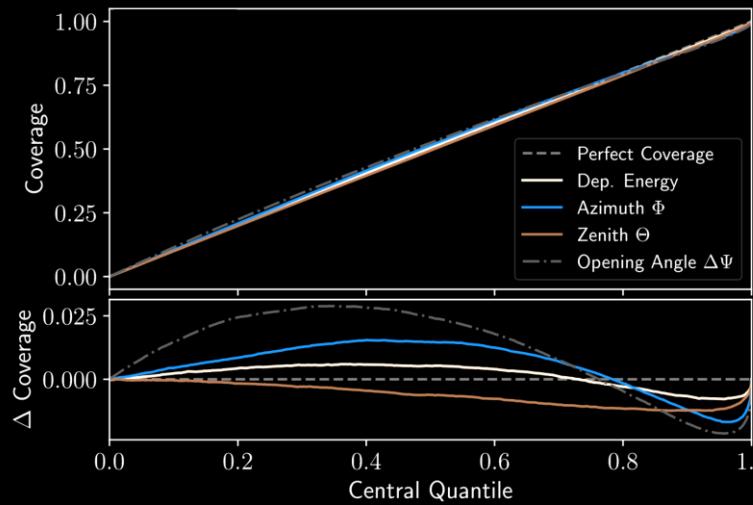


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Uncertainty Estimation

- Point predictions aren't enough for use in analyses: need uncertainties
- Assume Gaussian Likelihood and train NN to estimate y_{pred} and σ_{pred}

$$\text{loss} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\ln \left(\sigma_{\text{pred}_i}^2 \right) + \frac{(y_{\text{pred}_i} - y_{\text{true}_i})^2}{\sigma_{\text{pred}_i}^2} \right)$$



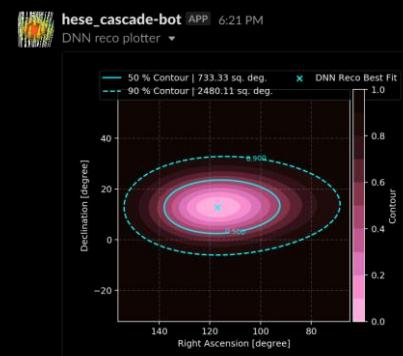
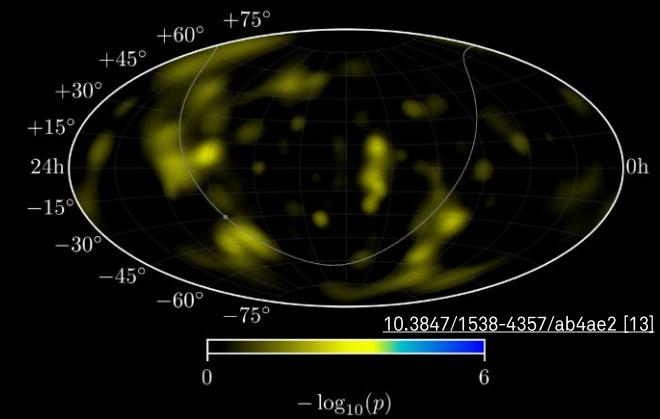
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Summary

- CNNs can improve reconstruction accuracy
- Speed up reconstruction by orders of magnitude
- Results have good data/MC agreement and are robust
- CNNs ([5, 6, 7]) in unblinded analyses:
 - Cascade-based neutrino search
 - Cascade real-time alert stream

Pros/Cons:

- ⊕ Exploit (approximate) translational invariance in data
- ⊖ CNN assumes symmetric grid
- ⊖ Cannot naturally account for inhomogeneities in detector medium
- ⊖ Loss of information due to summary statistics
- ⊖ Inclusion of additional domain knowledge is difficult



heze_cascade-bot APP 6:21 PM
Event DNN Classifier Information:
Cascade => 0.2365
Skimming => 0.2733
Starting Track => 0.1059
Stopping Track => 0.2835
Through Going Track => 0.1009

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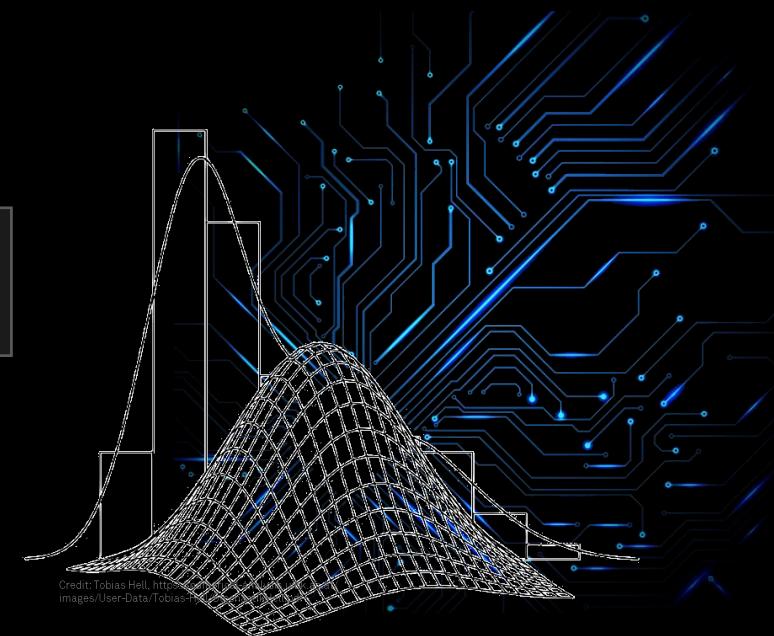
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Maximum Likelihood Estimation (MLE)

Alter event hypothesis until it matches data
Cascade Hypothesis:

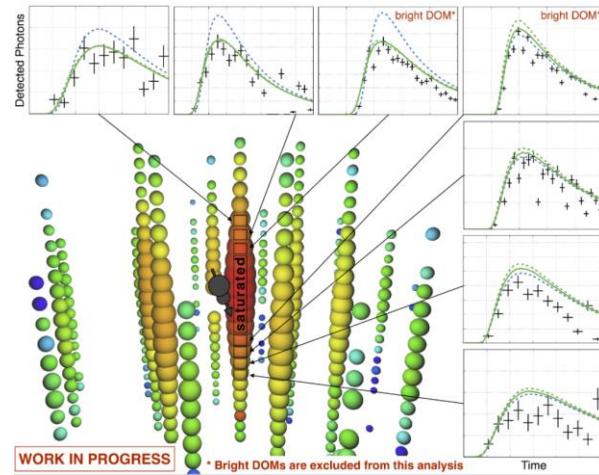
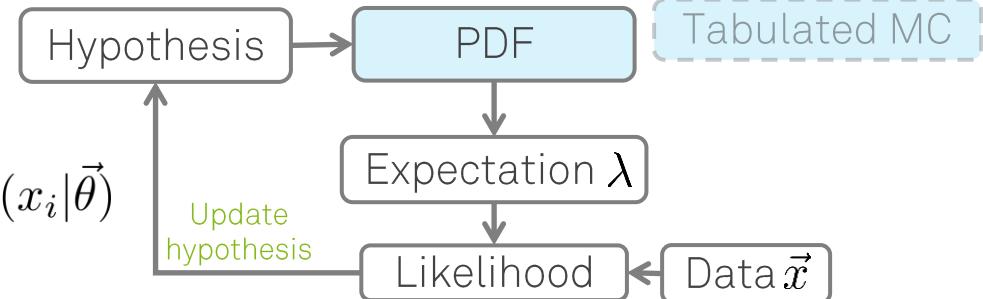
$$\vec{\theta} = (x, y, z, \varphi, \theta, E, t) \text{ 7 free parameters}$$

Properties:

- ⊕ Physics knowledge is incorporated into the Likelihood and PDF
- ⊕ Exact detector geometry can be used
- ⊕ In theory: optimum of what we can do
- ⊖ Often forced to simplify PDF and Likelihood
- ⊖ Difficult to find global minimum

$$\mathcal{L}(\vec{x}|\vec{\theta}) = \prod_i p(x_i|\vec{\theta})$$

Reconstruct Events



Credit: HESE team

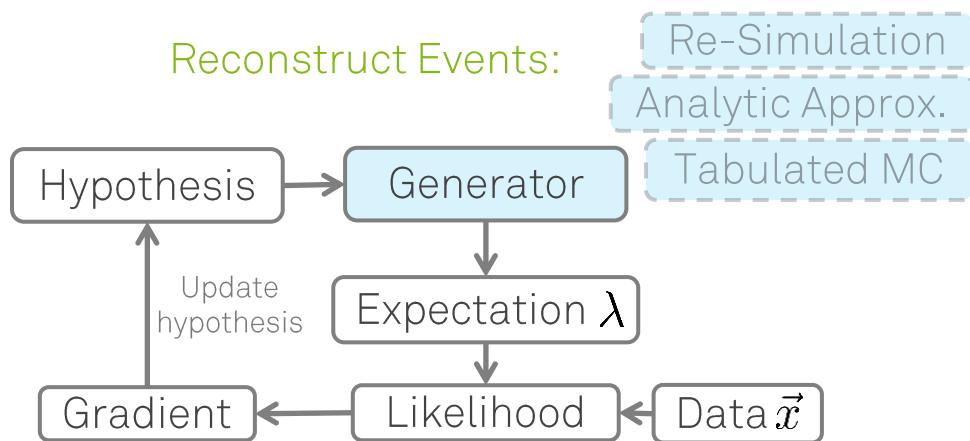
Event-Generator – General Idea

Combine strengths of neural networks and maximum-likelihood methods

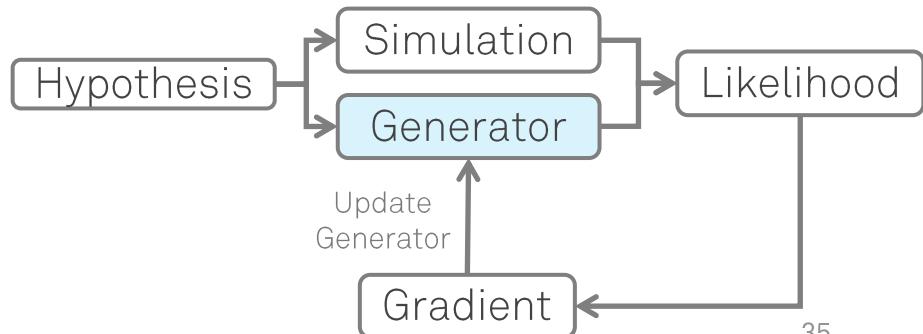
Properties of Generator NN:

- Fast approximation of MC simulation
- Physics knowledge & symmetries can easily be included
- Exact detector geometry can be used
- Use in reverse mode for reconstruction
- Fully differentiable: Gradient Descent

Reconstruct Events:



Train Generator:



Event-Generator – Architecture

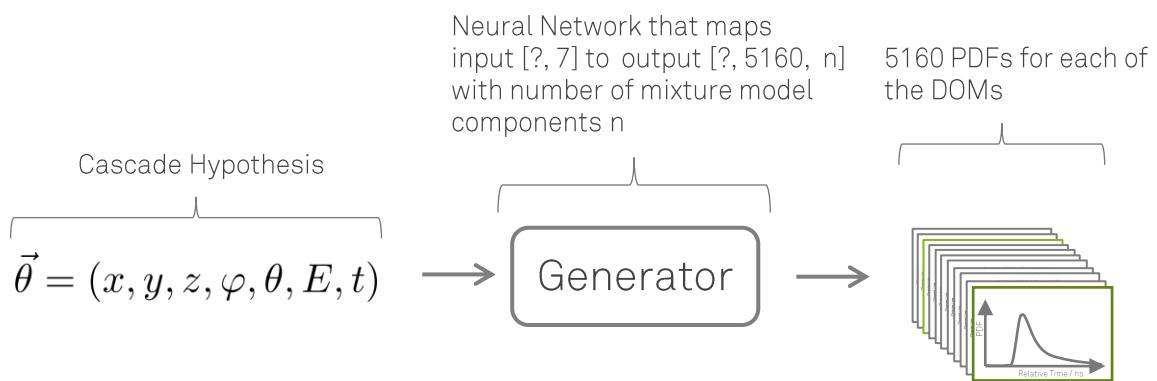
Generator NN learns mapping:

$$f: \vec{\theta} \rightarrow \vec{\lambda}, \vec{p}(t_i | \vec{\theta})$$

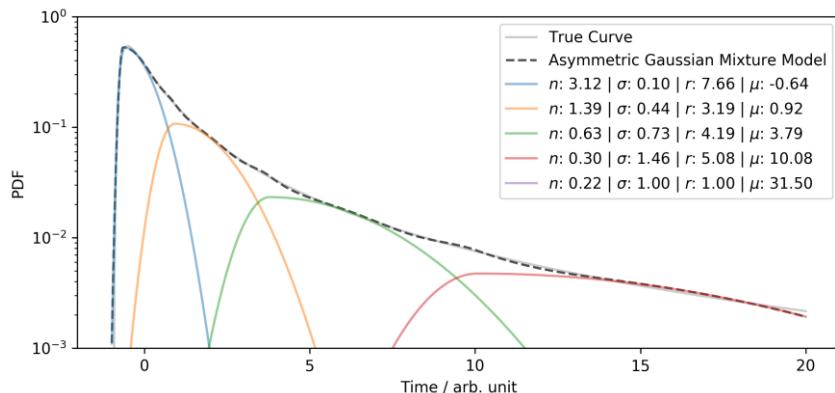
$\vec{\theta}$: source parameters

$\vec{\lambda}$: expected DOM charge

$\vec{p}(t_i | \vec{\theta})$: pulse arrival PDFs



Parameterization of time PDF:

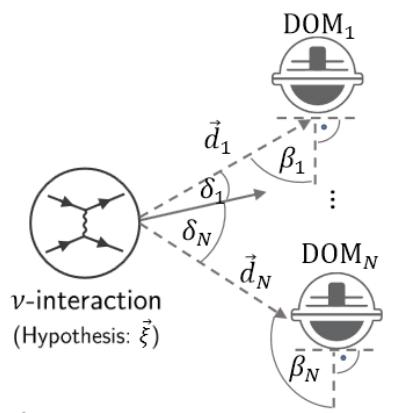


$$g(x|\mu, \sigma, r) = \begin{cases} N \cdot \exp\left(-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right), & x \leq \mu \\ N \cdot \exp\left(-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2(\sigma r)^2}\right), & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$N = \frac{2}{\sqrt{(2\pi)\cdot\sigma(r+1)}}$$

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Event-Generator – Generator Architecture

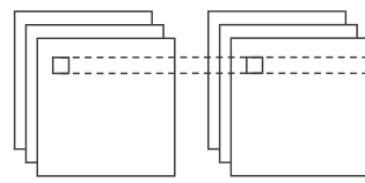


Compute relative displacement vectors \vec{d}_i and angles δ_i, β_i

Translational/rotational invariance, detector geometry

Per DOM inputs:

($x, y, z, \theta, \Phi, E, \vec{d}_i, d_i, \delta_i, \beta_i$)



(86 x 60 x [4K+2])

K: number of components

Locally connected layer without weight sharing

Symmetry breaking ice properties

Convolutional layers with weight sharing

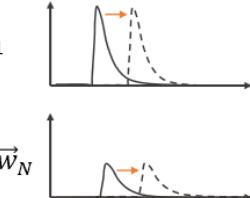
Shared DOM Properties

Mixture model components, charge and over-dispersion per DOM

$\lambda_1, \alpha_1, \vec{\mu}_1, \vec{\sigma}_1, \vec{r}_1, \vec{w}_1$

\vdots

$\lambda_N, \alpha_N, \vec{\mu}_N, \vec{\sigma}_N, \vec{r}_N, \vec{w}_N$



$\lambda_i \rightarrow \lambda'_i$

Apply shift to expected charge

Linear scaling, DOM efficiency

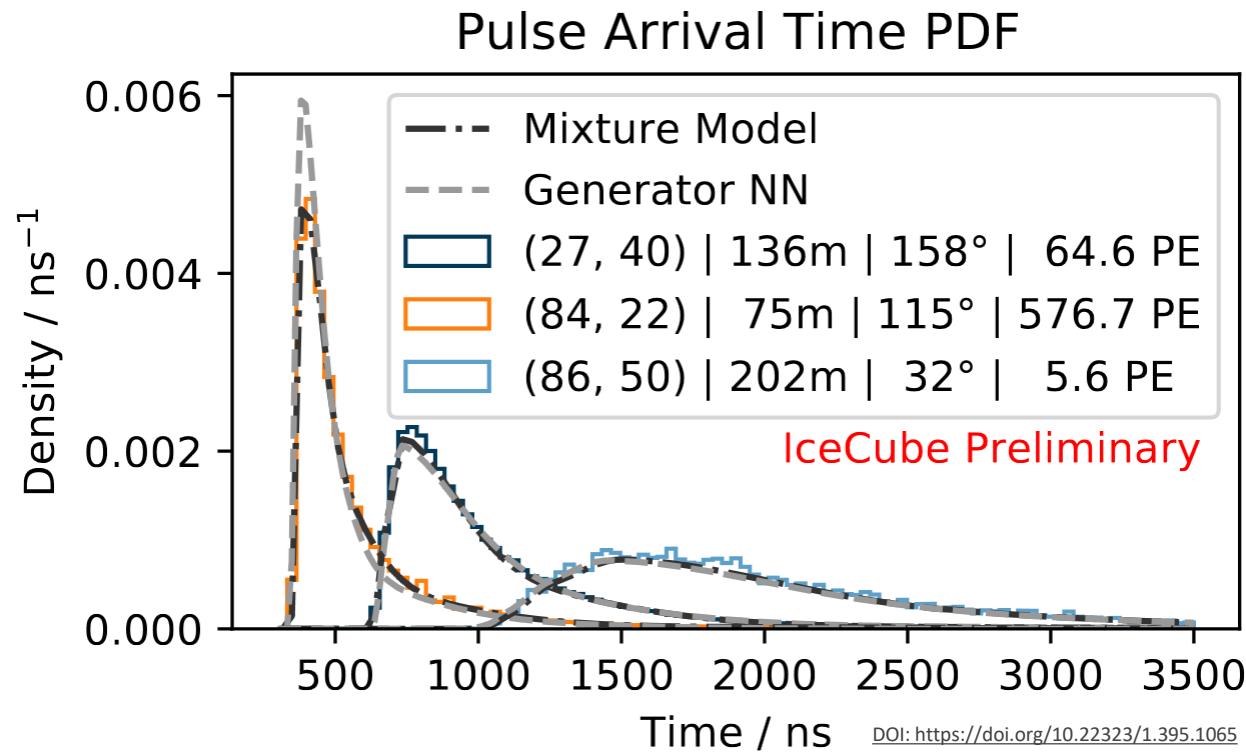
Shift PDF relative to interaction time

Time invariance

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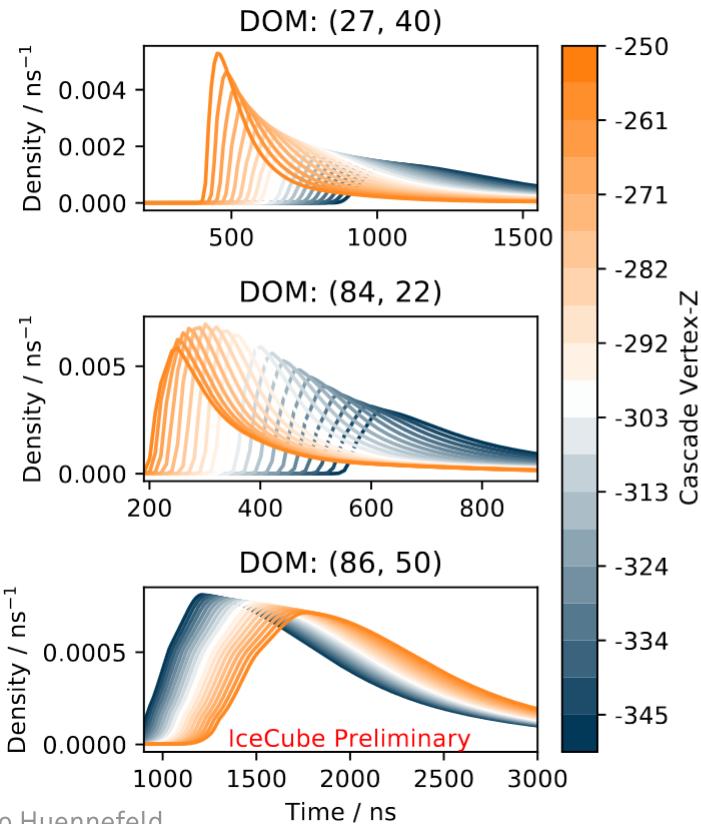
- Can decouple physics and detector effects
- Easier to include information in forward direction when not convolved with detector response yet
- We know how to do this (we simulate the data!)

Event-Generator – Example Outputs

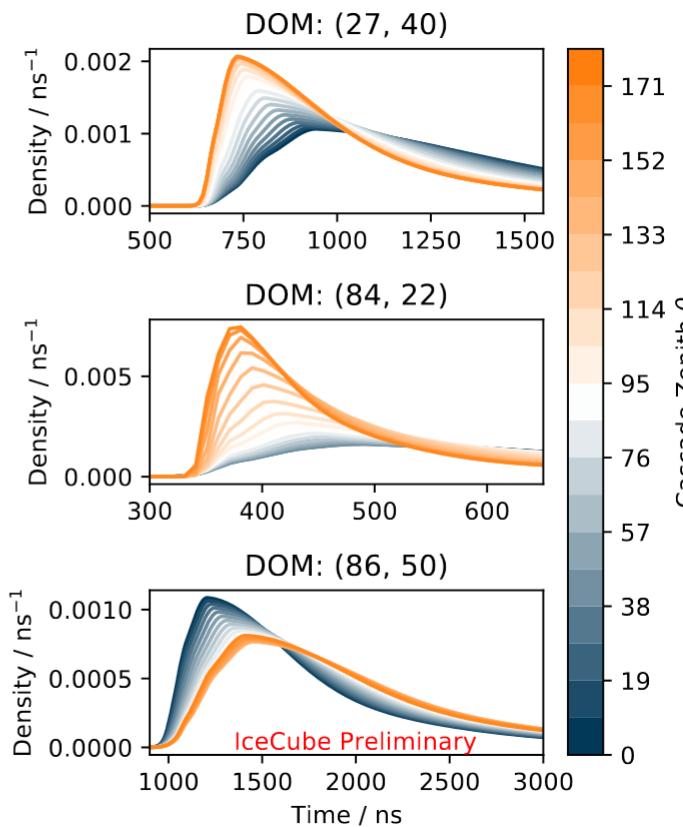


Event-Generator – Example Outputs

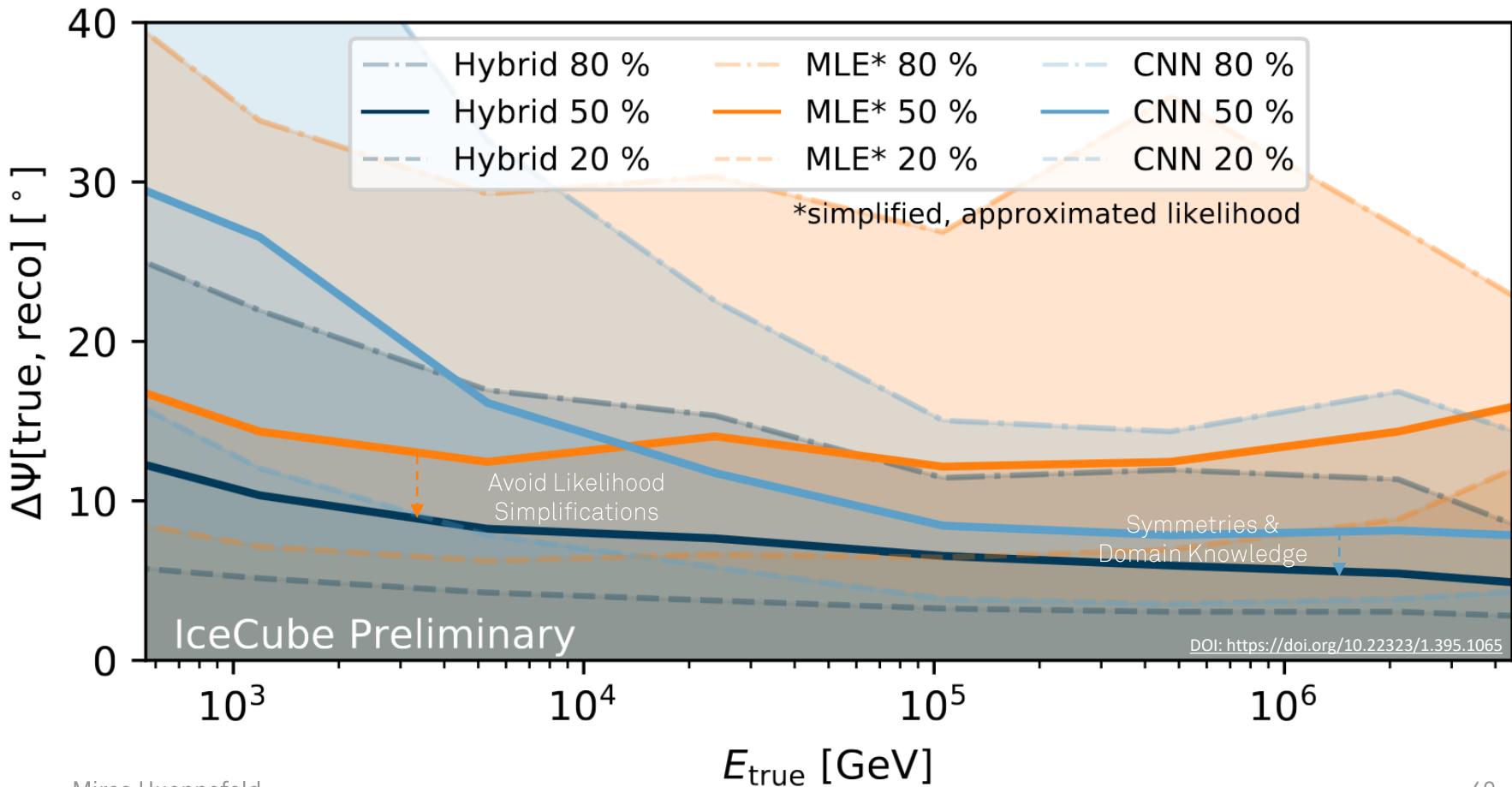
Vertex Z



Zenith

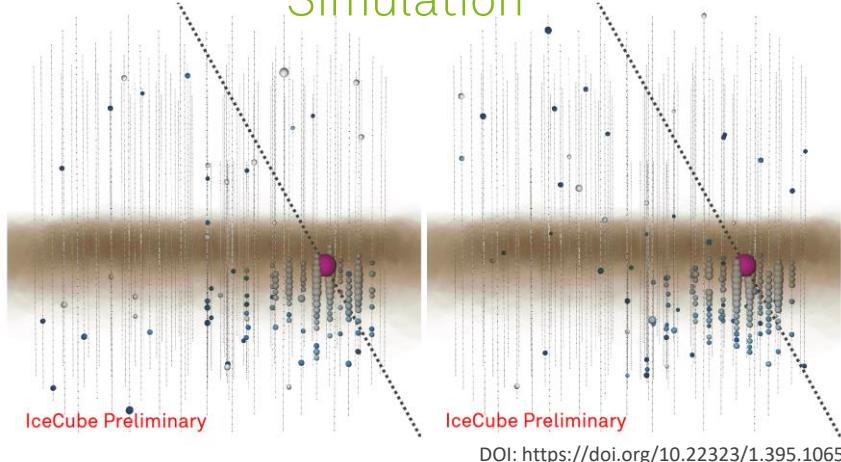


Event-Generator – Cascade Angular Resolution

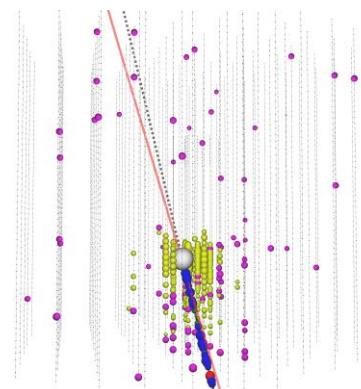


Event-Generator – Additional Applications

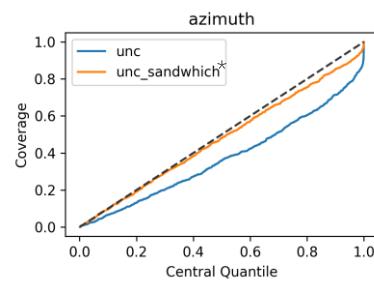
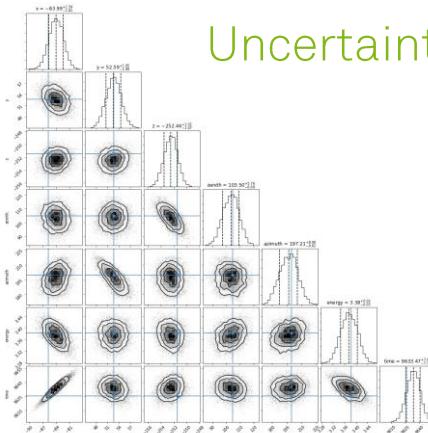
Simulation



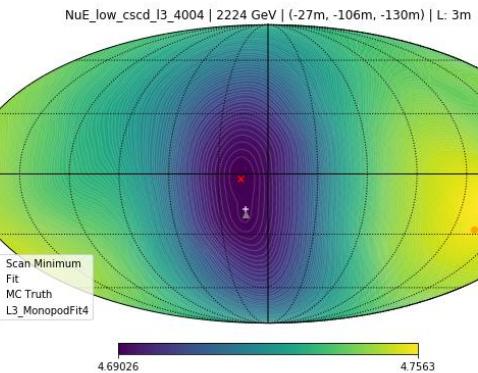
Goodness -of-fit



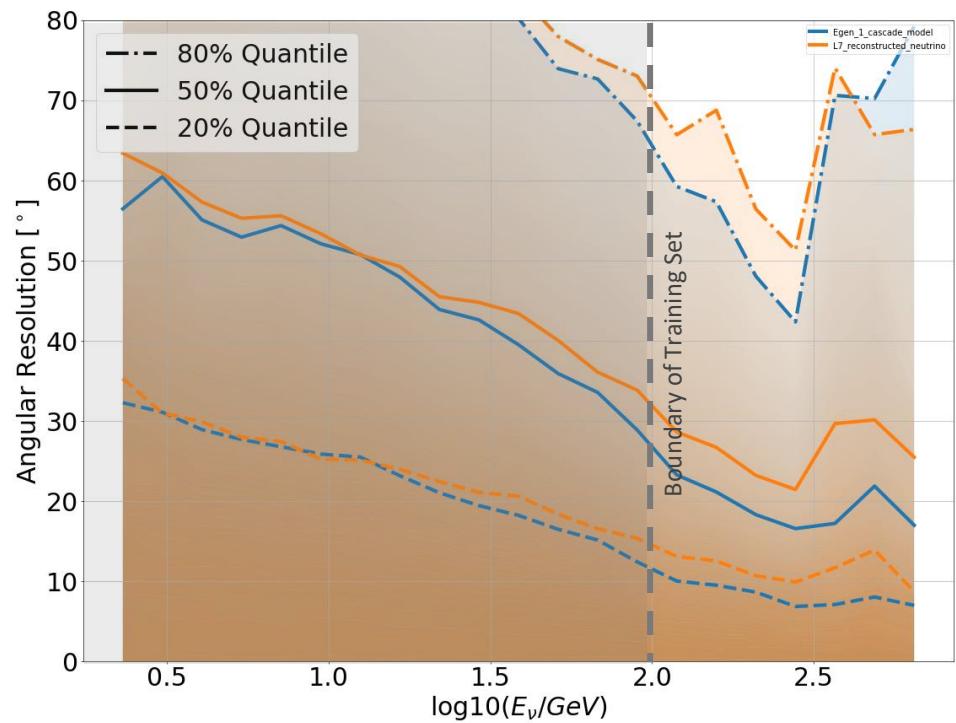
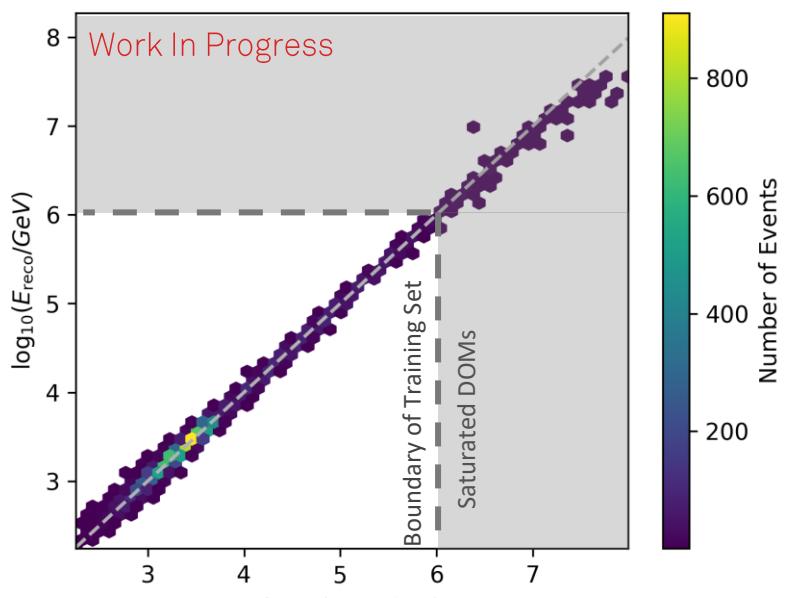
Uncertainty Estimation



Likelihood Scans



Event-Generator – Extrapolation



Model can extrapolate (until DOMs start to saturate) beyond training data due to incorporation of linear light scaling into architecture

Talk Outline

My personal view on Deep Learning

- Deep learning as a tool for function approximation
- Utilization of domain knowledge and symmetries

“Classical” Deep Learning in IceCube

- Choice of data representation and NN architecture
- Convolutional neural networks

Hybrid MLE/DL Method

- Combining maximum-likelihood with Deep Learning

Conclusions and Outlook

Conclusions and Outlook

Deep Learning is an incredibly powerful tool for function approximation

- Various NN architectures are different ways to define this function
- Applicable in many areas outside of classification and reconstruction!

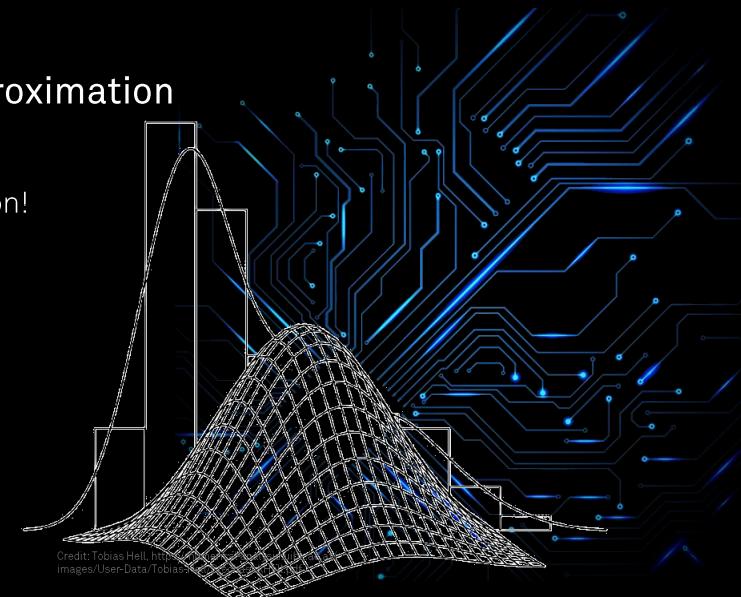
Importance of exploiting symmetries and domain knowledge

- Reduces amount of necessary parameters
- Facilitates training and improves performance
- More robust models
- Allows for generalization

Hybrid & data driven methods

- This is where DL's properties as function approximators are extremely valuable!
- Rich set of opportunities for calibration and data/MC improvements
- Data-driven methods: can build hybrid models trained on exp data or utilize DL to derive physics directly from data

→ Utilize DL as the powerful tool it is and be creative!



This is an exciting area
where Physics experiments
can greatly benefit from!

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