

FARICH+AI

Experience with RECO/ID/FASTSIM

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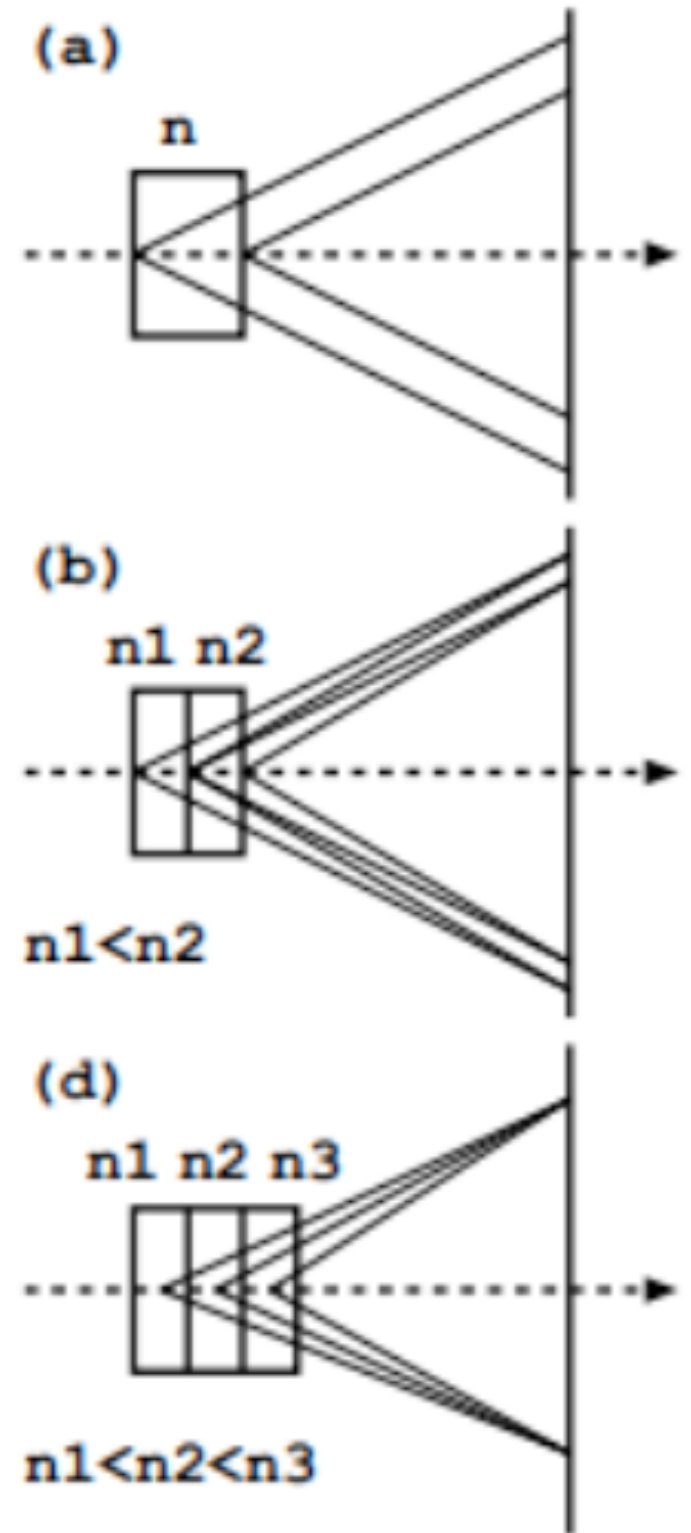
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What is FARICH?

Focusing Aerogel RICH

- combines benefits of
 - compactness of proximity RICH
 - higher photon yield of optical RICH



Nice Stuff Produced in Novosibirsk

Barnyakov et.al.

<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.nima.2019.05.088>

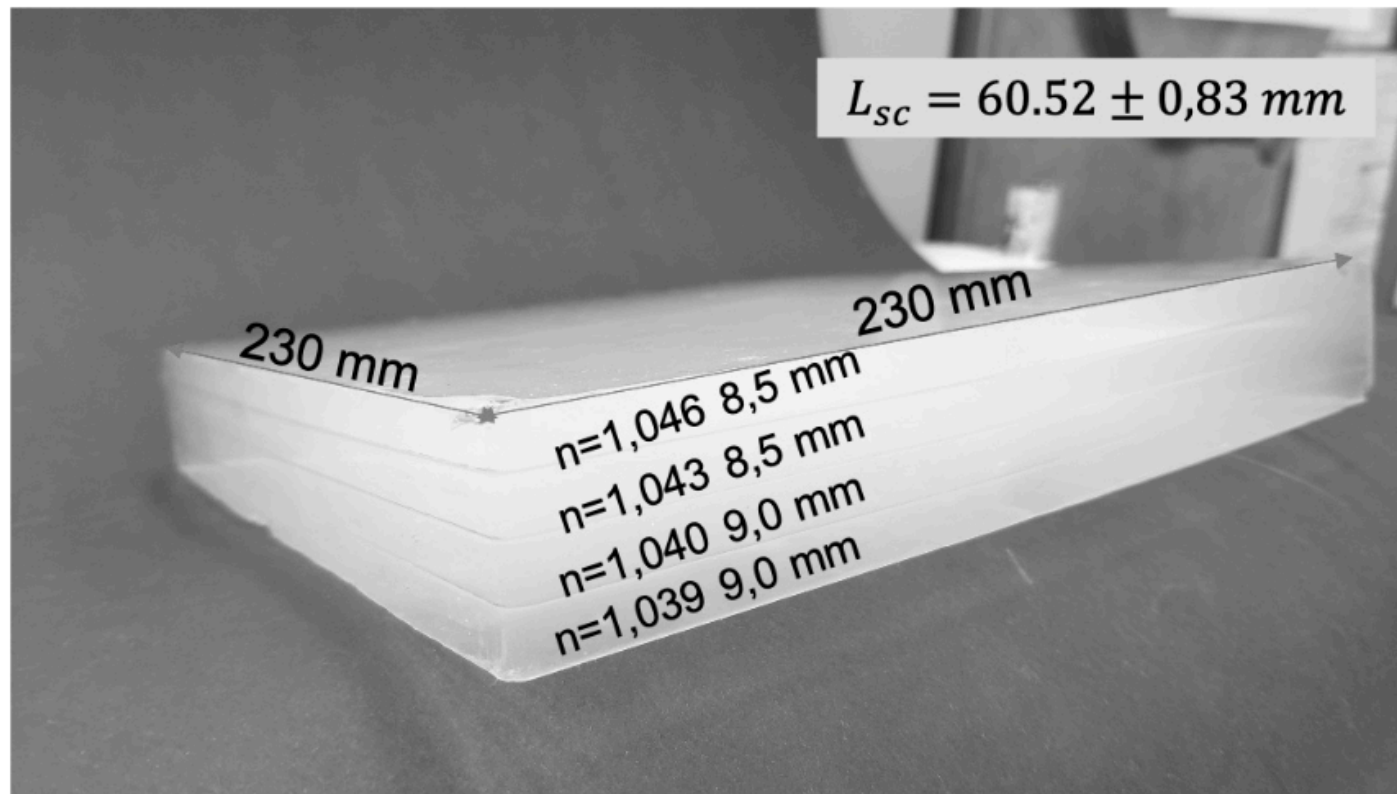


Fig. 2. The largest four-layer focusing aerogel block.

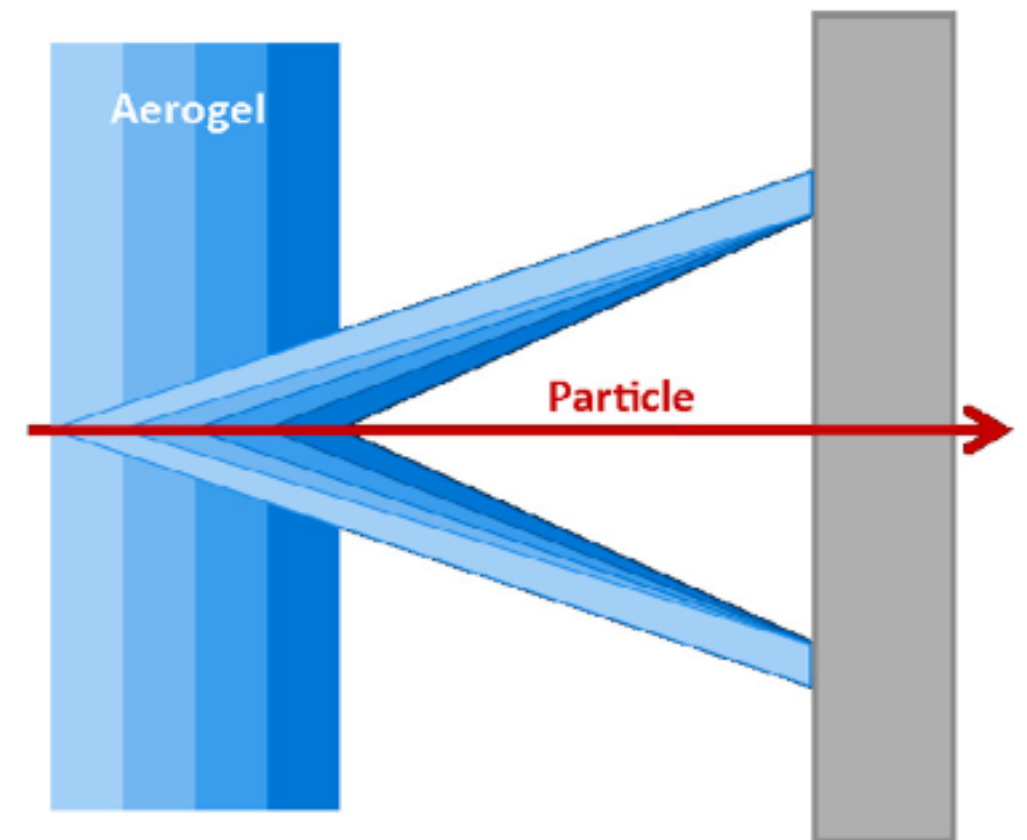
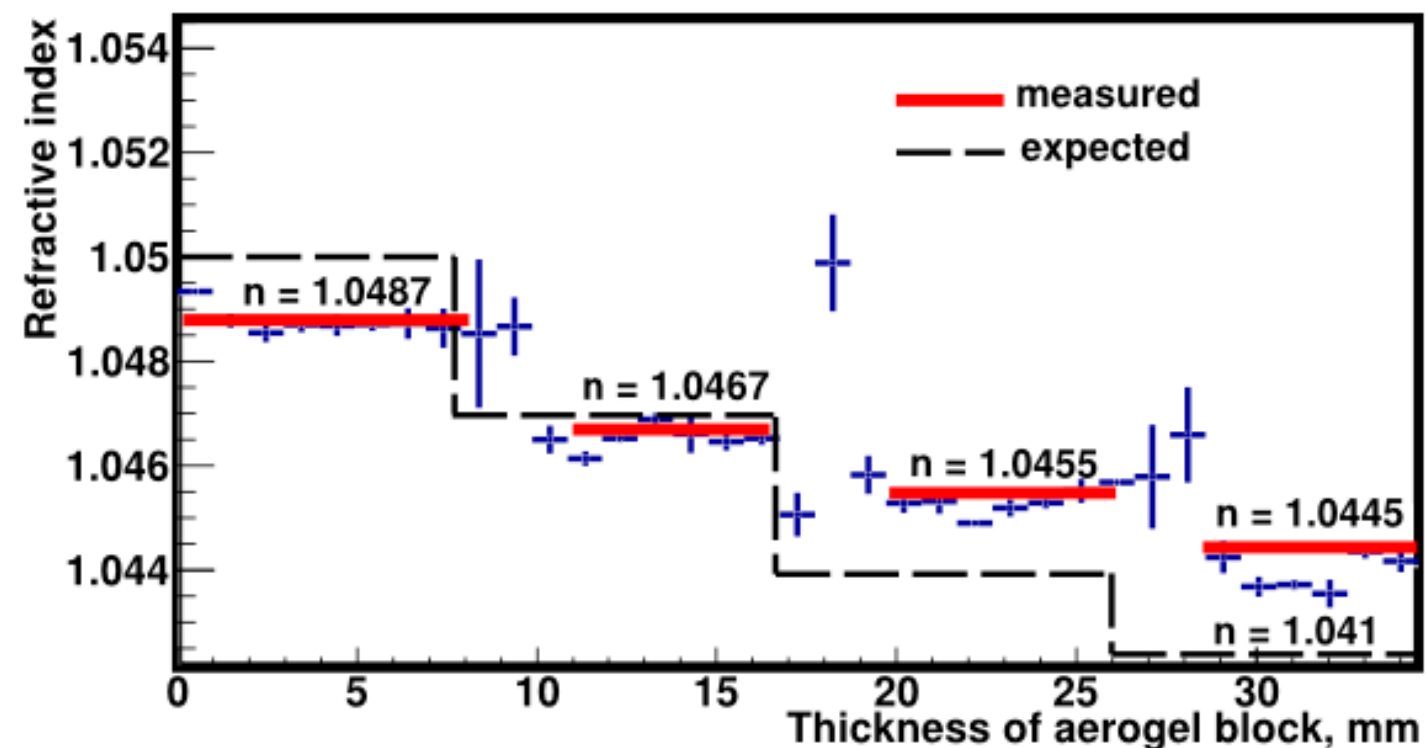


Fig. 1. The Focusing Aerogel RICH (FARICH) concept.



What Can We Do With FARICH

Possible tasks:

- identify signal presence

 - › unseeded, at online

do it faster than tracking

- reconstruct β (regression)

 - › seeded, offline

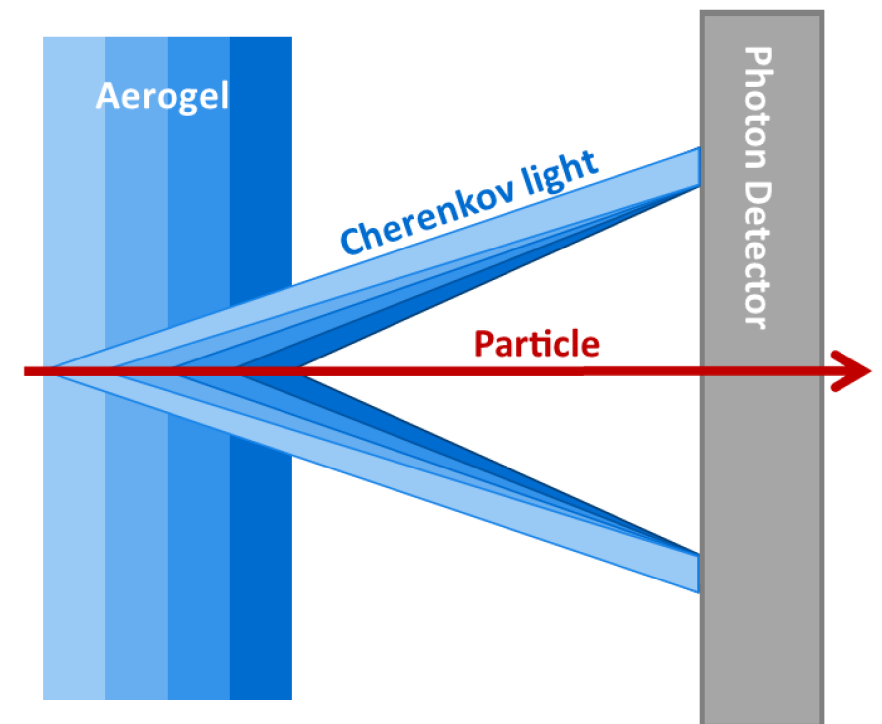
use for particle ID

- particle ID (classification)

 - › $\mu^\pm/\pi^\pm/K^\pm$ separation

- fast simulation

 - › bypass Cherenkov photons generation and propagation



Problem: Sensors Noise

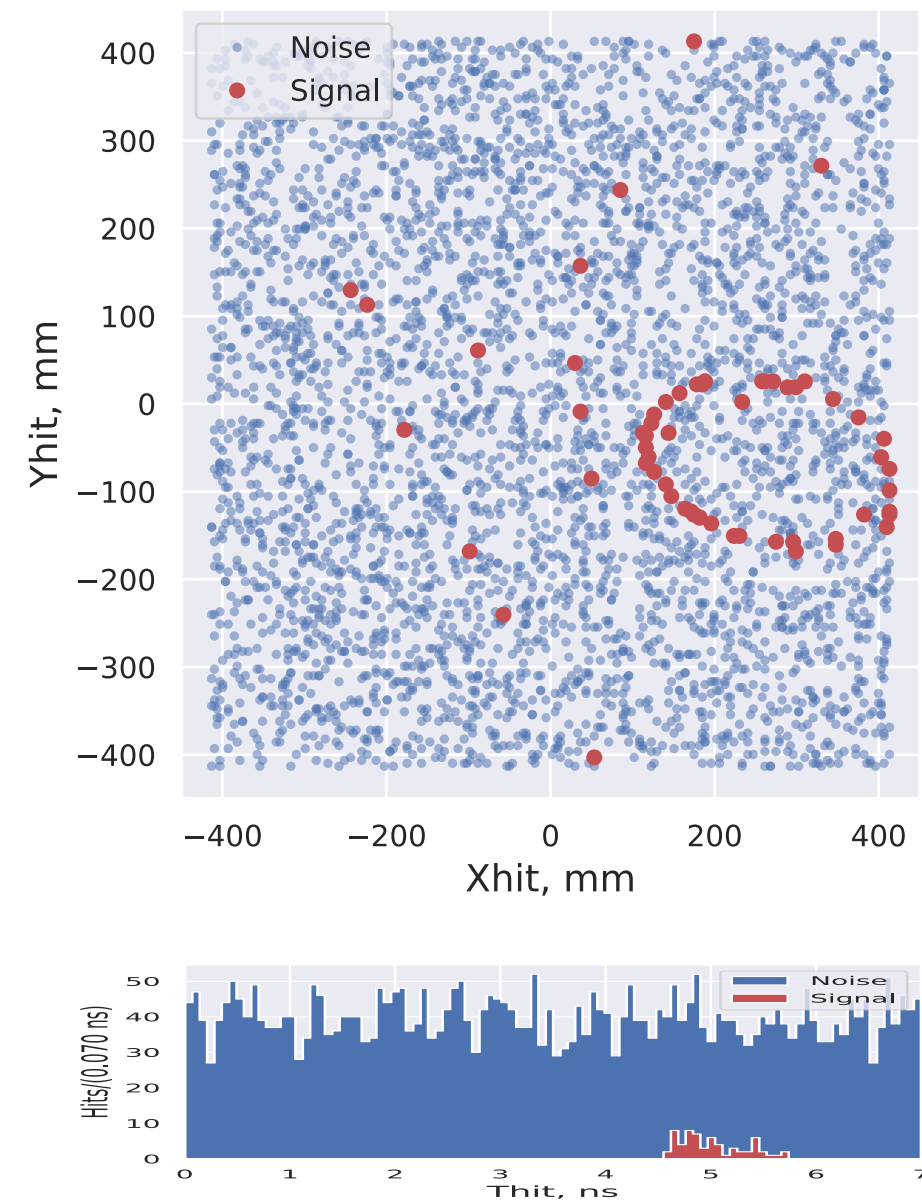
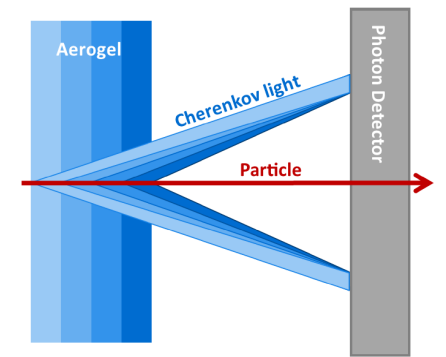
Tight space requires compact sensors

SiPM are noisy

■ 10^6 Hz/mm^2 without cooling

■ 10^5 Hz/mm^2 with moderate cooling

■ 10^4 Hz/mm^2 with aggressive cooling



#1: Identify Signal Presence

Project hits on the regular grid

Apply computer vision to recognize ring pattern

ResNet-18 CNN (*) for binary classification

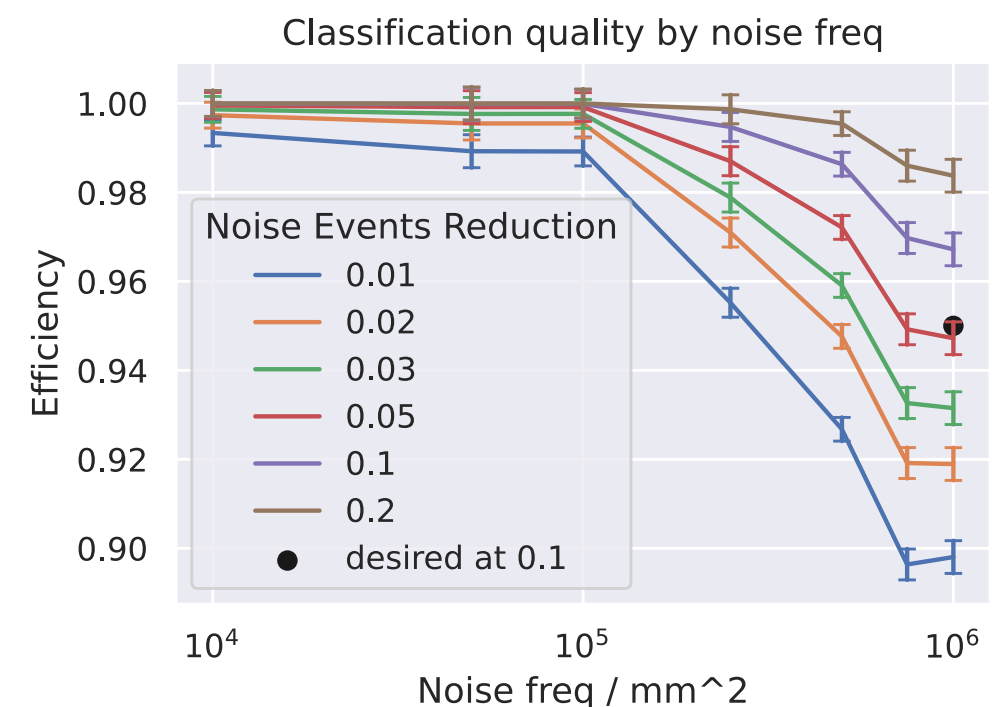
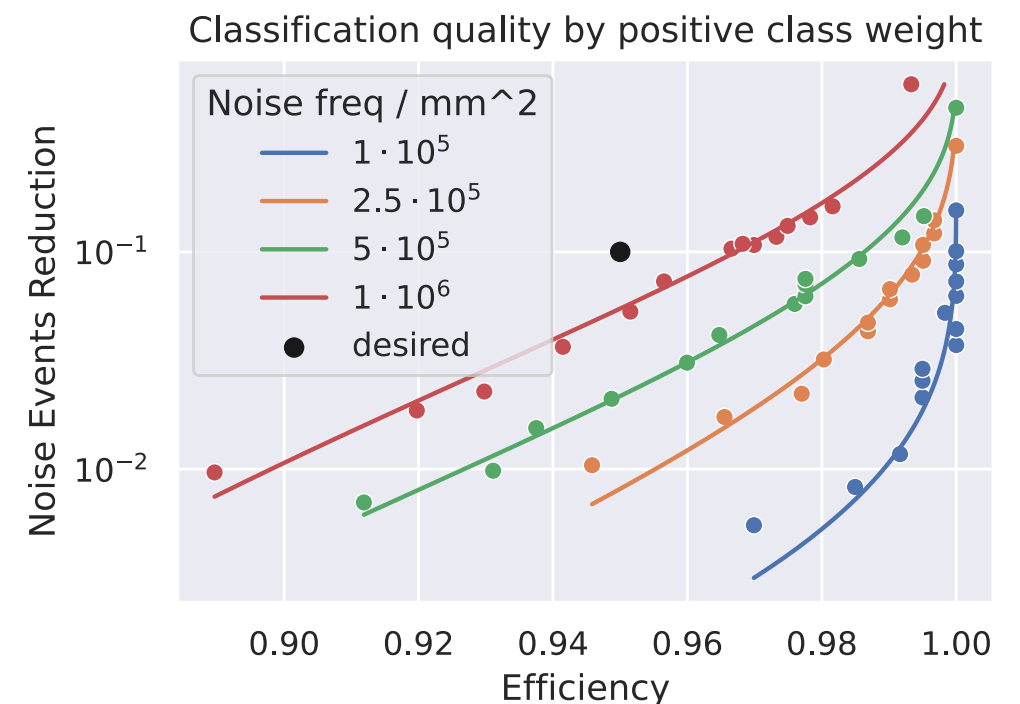
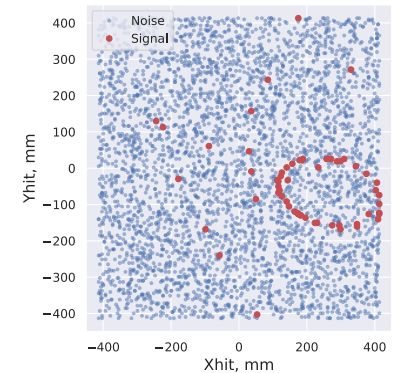
› does or doesn't exist a signal in the given bounding box?

No track seed is used

› assume it is not available at this level

Can achieve target factor of 10 background suppression @ $\varepsilon \sim 95\%$

(*) ResNet-18 is a specific type of neural network that uses "shortcuts" to learn much more effectively, especially for complex tasks like recognizing objects in images.



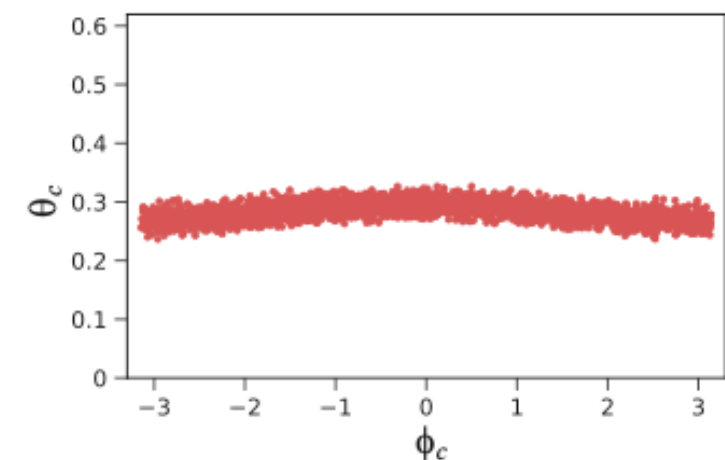
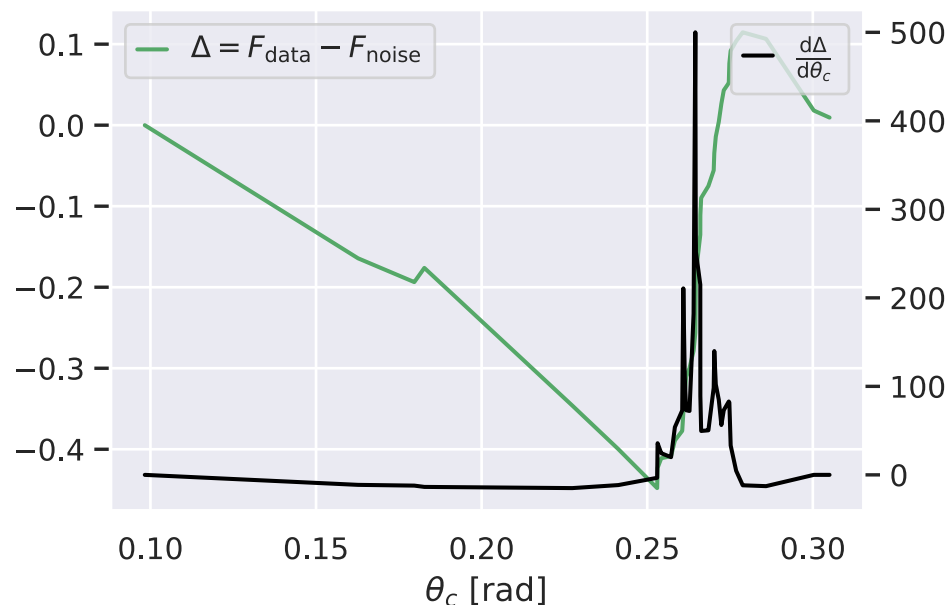
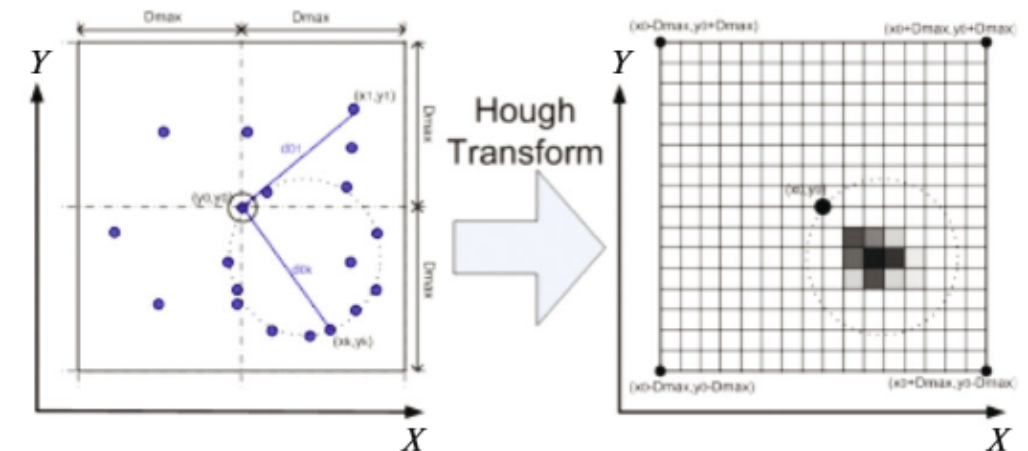
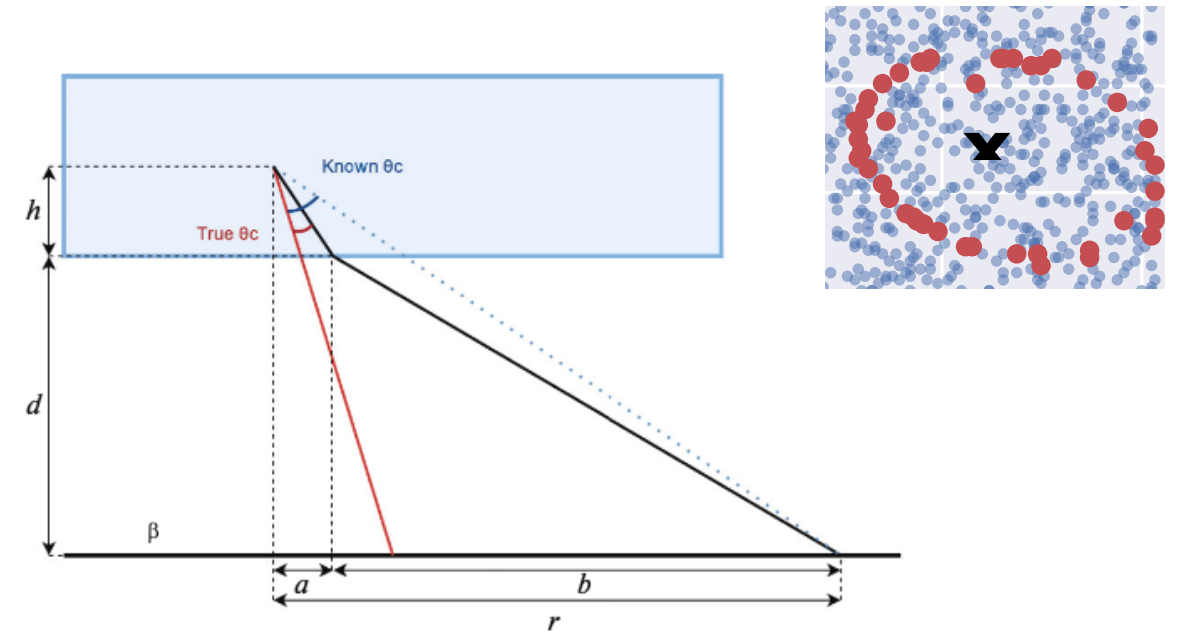
#2: Reconstruct Signal Once Identified

Now have signal seed from track

Still project hits on the grid

Baseline a la Hough transform

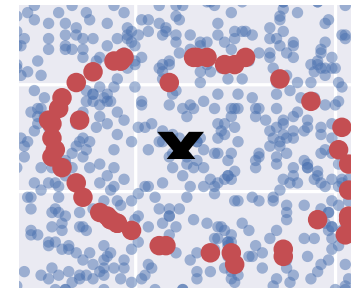
Apply refraction correction



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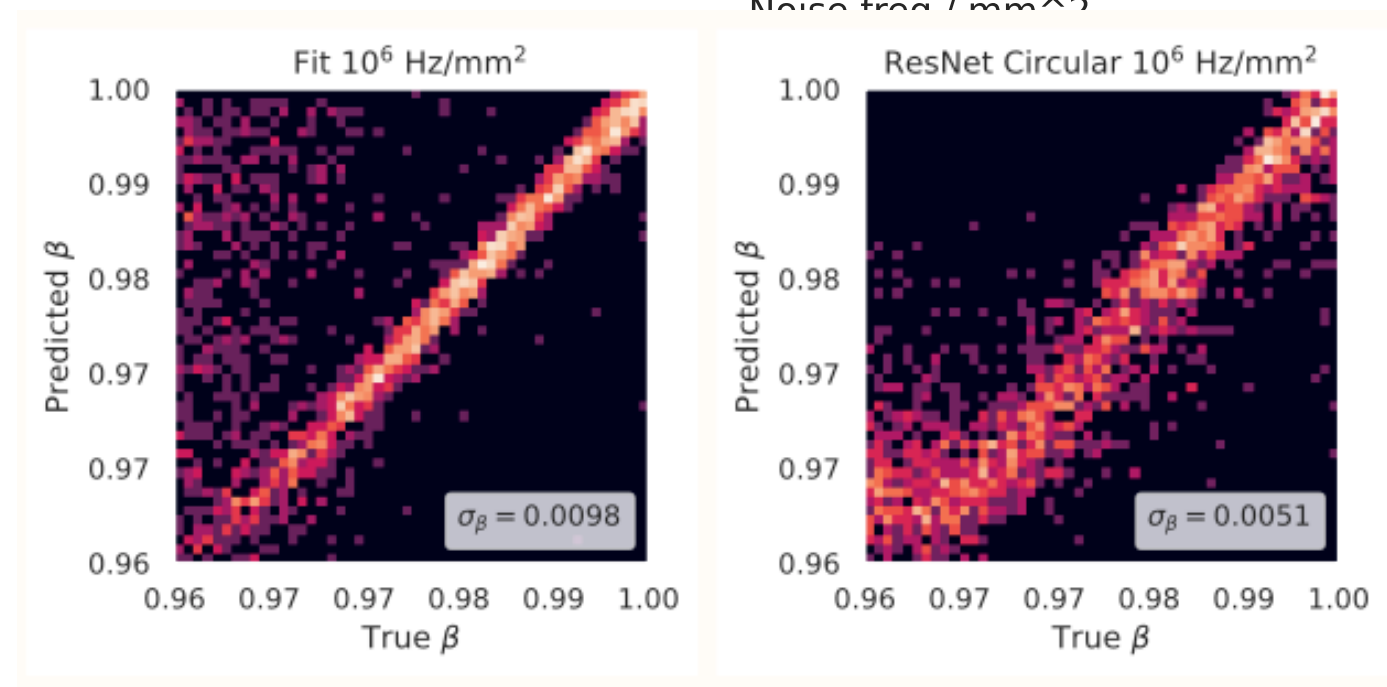
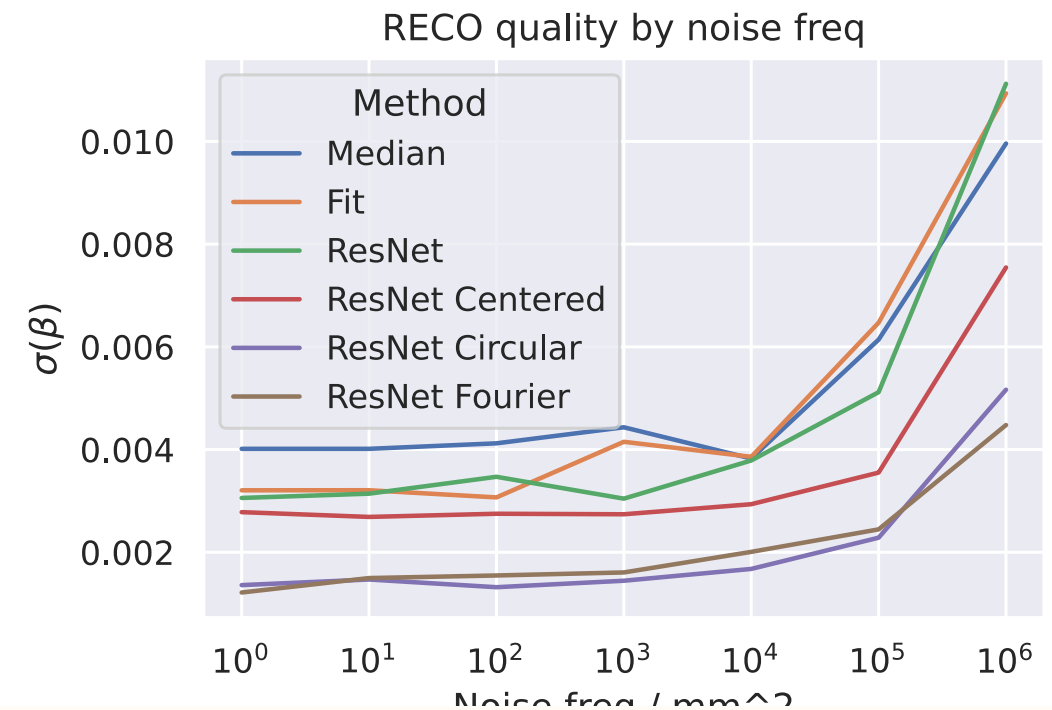
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ResNet-18 CNN for β regression

› pre-process data using track prior

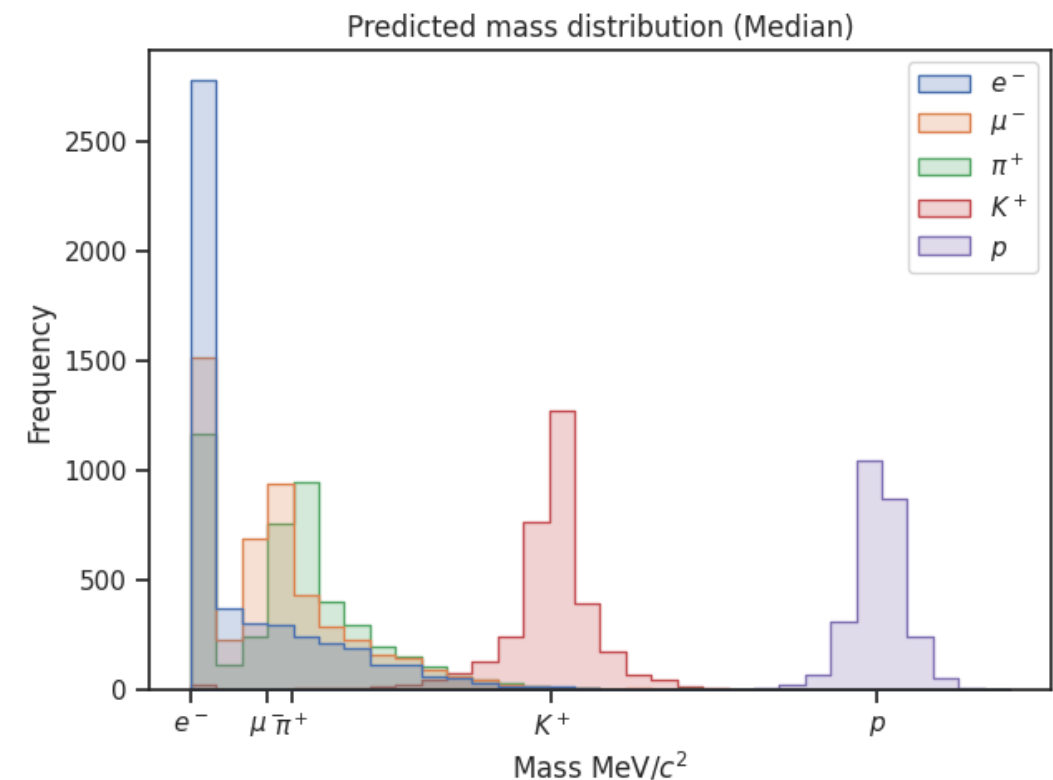
Can achieve reasonable β resolution



#3: Classify Signal - Particle ID

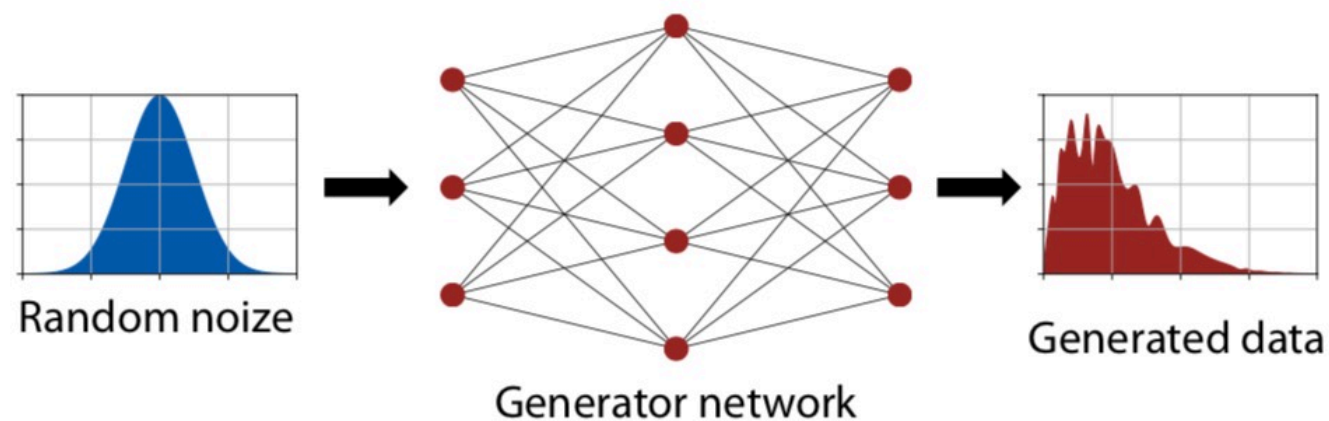
Reconstructed θ_c may be converted to β , which may be converted into m , thus separating particle types

- this chain hard to avoid for classic methods
 - hit map \rightarrow reco(θ_c) \rightarrow reco(β) \rightarrow reco(m) \rightarrow PID
- from ML perspective this is a classification problem
 - hit map \rightarrow PID (multiclass)
 - this allows to cut corners and get better performance



Method	$\mathbb{P}(\text{true } \pi, \text{pred } K)$	$\mathbb{P}(\text{true } K, \text{pred } \pi)$	π, K AUROC	Total accuracy	σ_β
NN	0.016 ± 0.005	0.010 ± 0.005	0.997	0.65	N/A
Median	0.06 ± 0.02	0.02 ± 0.02	0.989	0.64	0.0008
MLE	0.20 ± 0.02	0.12 ± 0.02	0.883	0.52	0.0018
Hough	0.13 ± 0.02	0.26 ± 0.02	0.817	0.49	0.0062

Fast Simulation



GEANT is Generative Model

- converts few initial particle parameters into macroscopic detector response
 - processed on microscopic level - pretty intensive calculations

FARICH simulation includes

- passing particle through radiator
- cherenkov photons emission
- photons transport, reflection, refraction, diffusion, ...
- (sensitive plane readout)
- ...

Let's try to bypass internal intermediate details

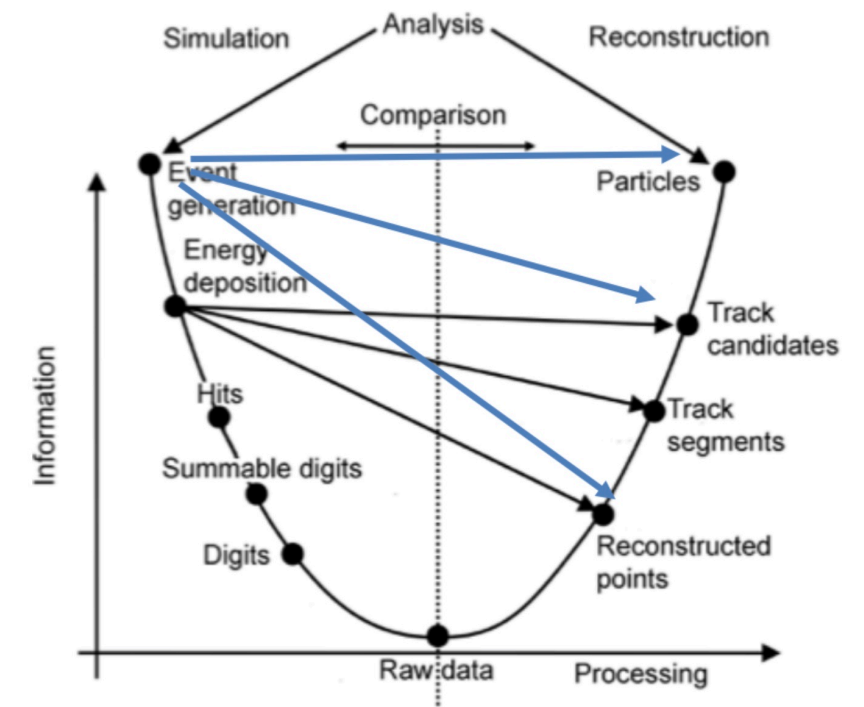
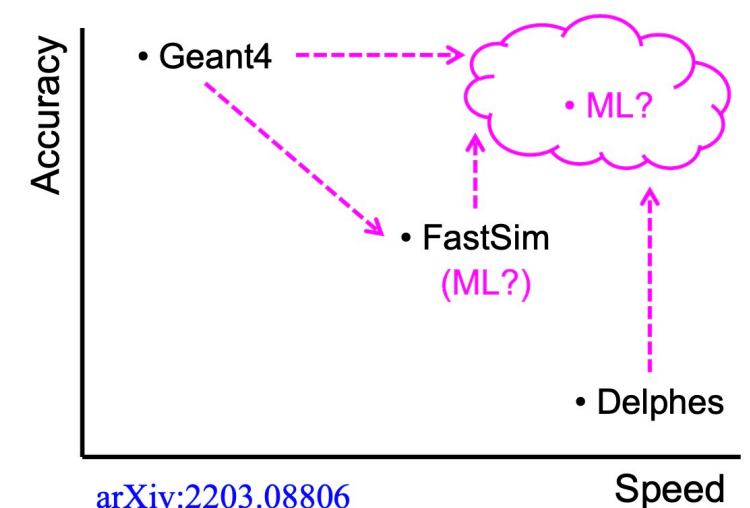


Figure by Federico Carminati, independent parallel inventions by Vincenzo Innocente & K.C.



[arXiv:2203.08806](https://arxiv.org/abs/2203.08806)

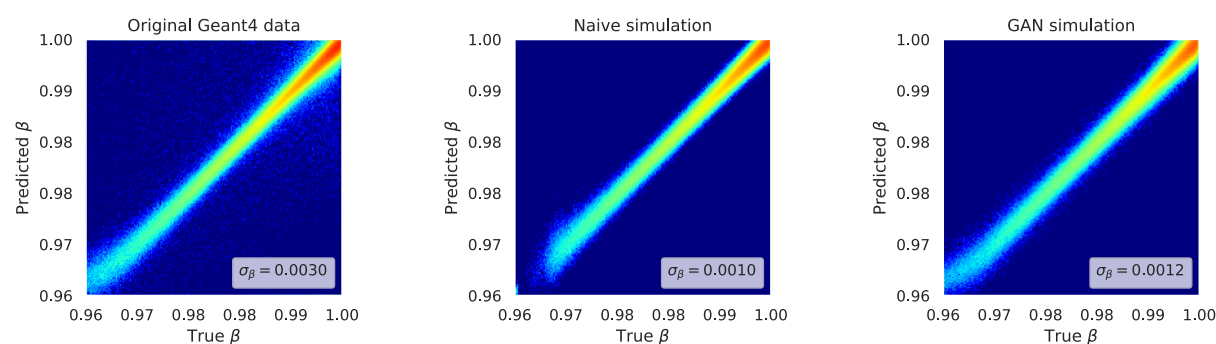
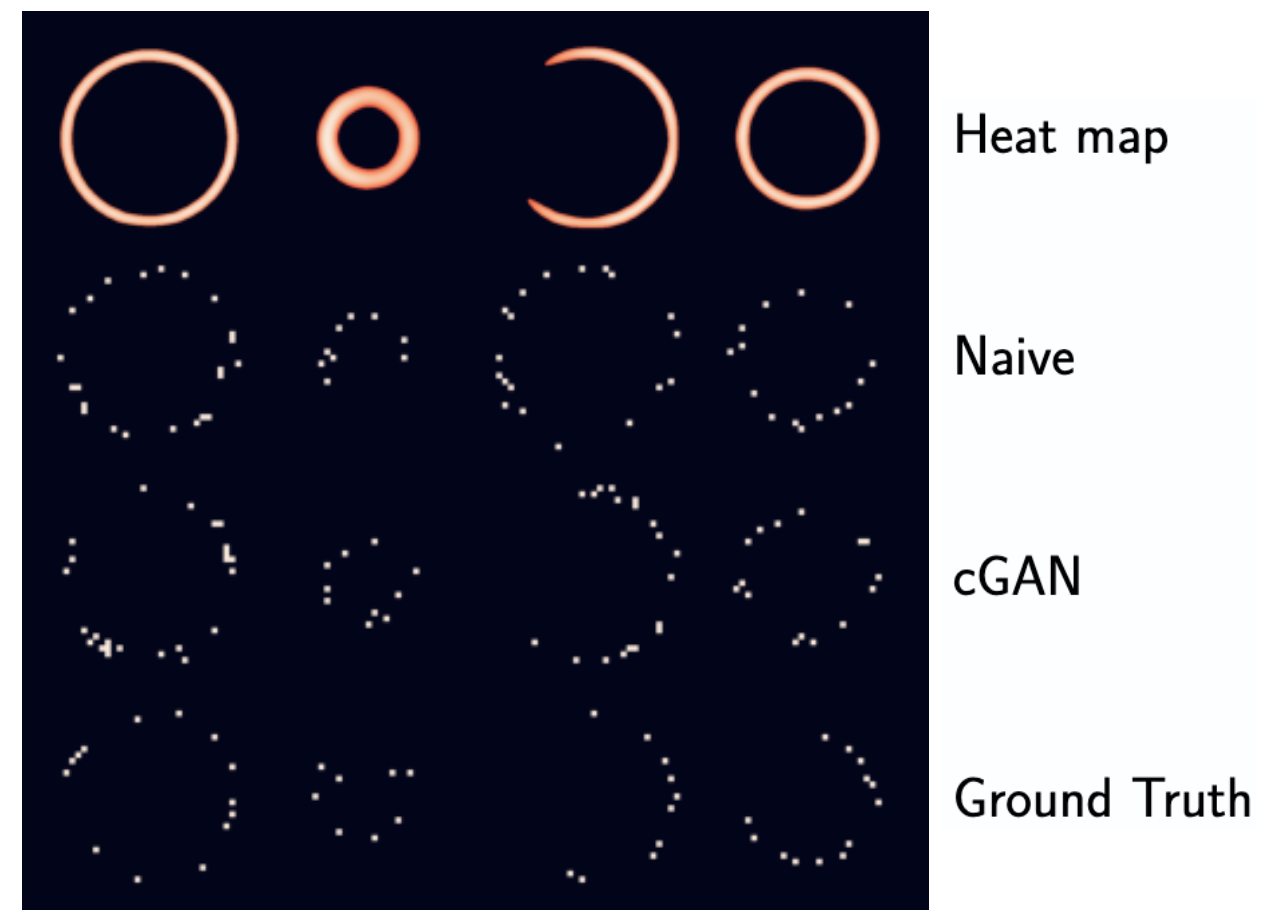
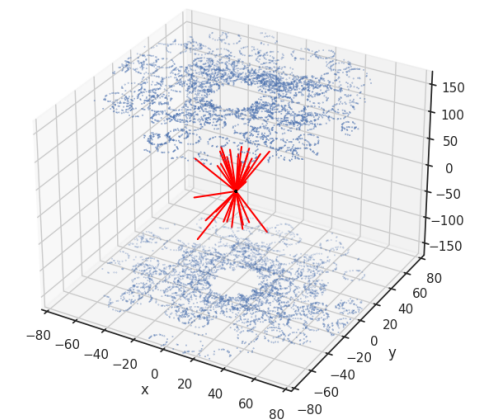
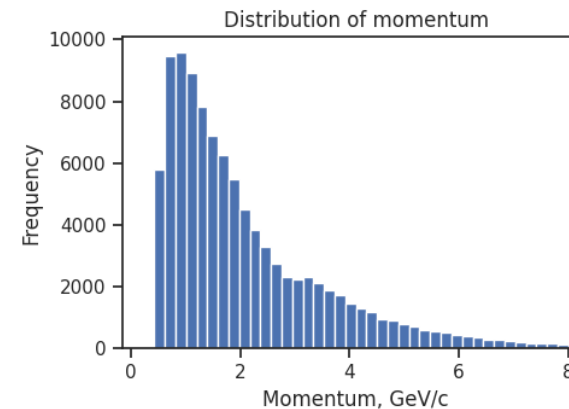
FARICH Fast Simulation

Let's try to bypass internal intermediate details

Problem: hit map has discrete signals

generative models are good for smooth distribution

Solution: generate not photon hits but probability map

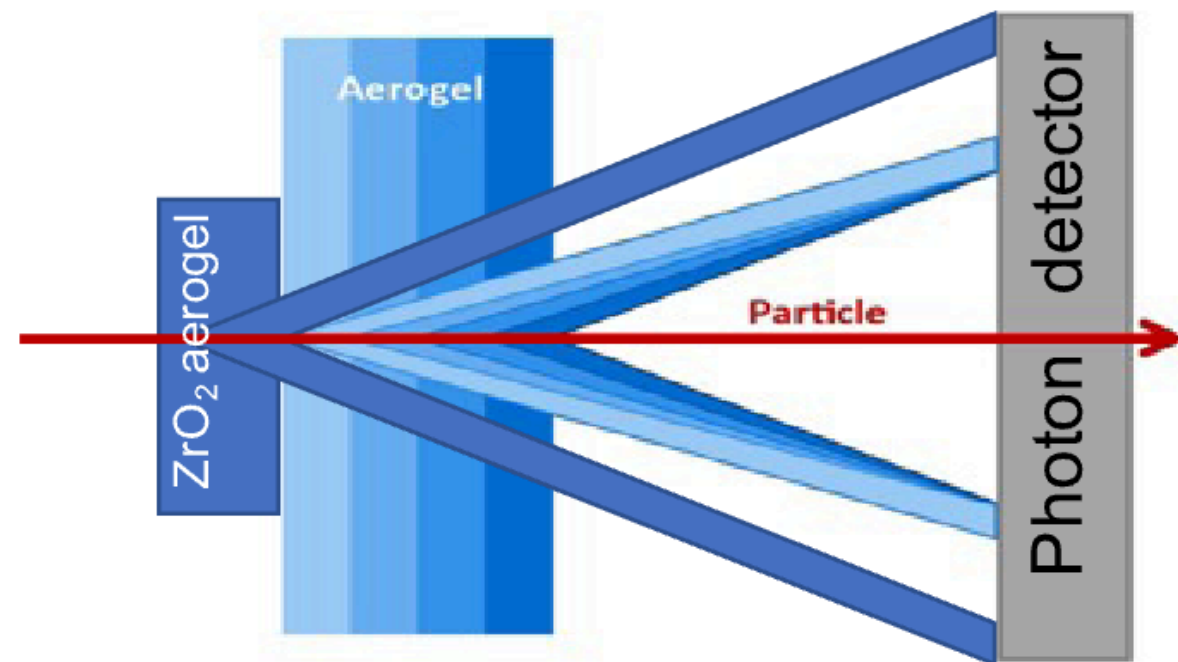
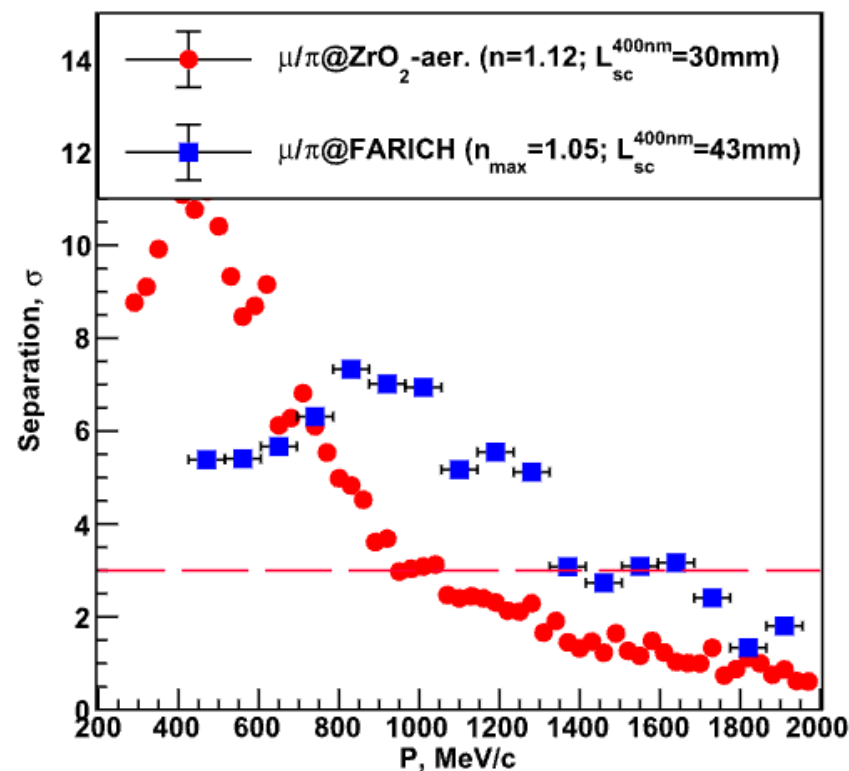


Method	Reco δ (TVD) ↓
Naive	0.30
cGAN	0.19

Further FARICH Ideas

Barnyakov et.al.

<https://doi.org/10.1142/S0217751X24420120>



Excellent problem for ML based PID!

Summary

- | FARICH is an interesting detector tunable for PID in different conditions
- | Computer vision approaches of the AI are well suited to this kind of data
- | We checked different aspects of FARICH related software stack with AI approach and get promising results
- | Real estimations must be done in situ in the actual detector physics, configuration and pipeline

Dataset: “Simple” FARICH GEANT4 Simulation

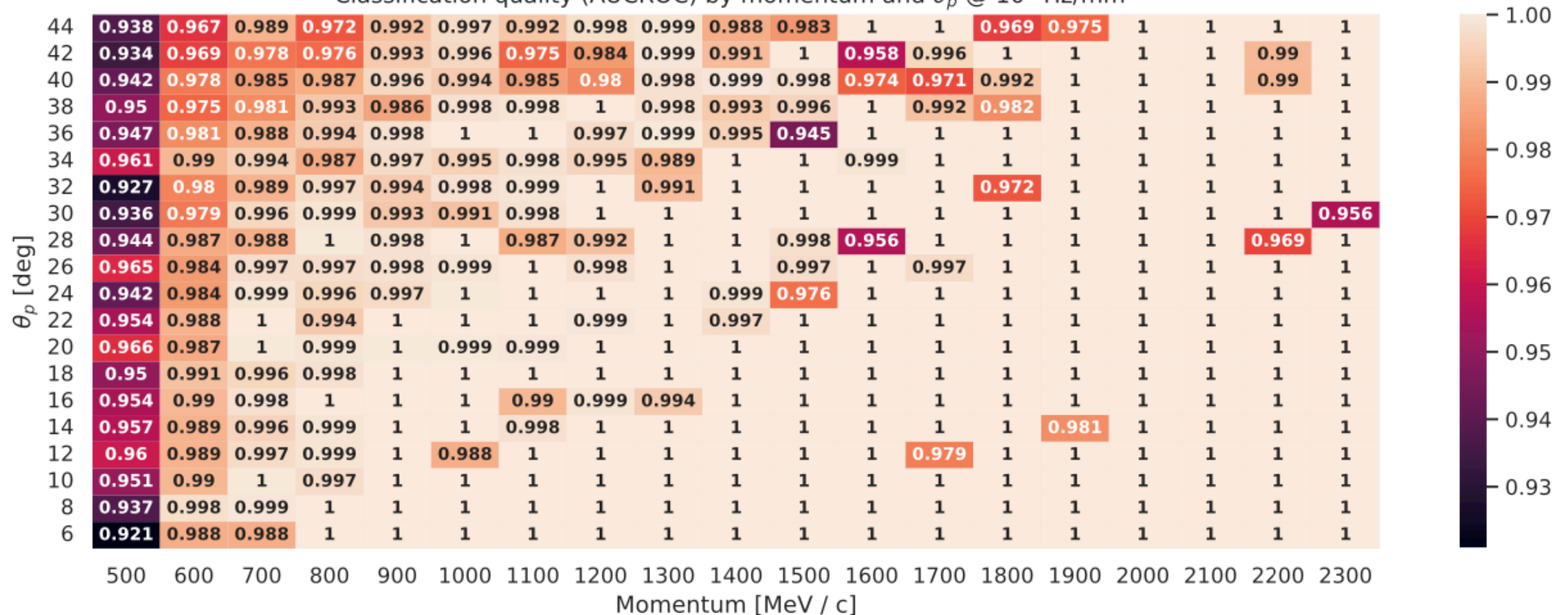
- photodetector
 - 30×30 matrix of SiPM ($57600 = 30 \times 30 \cdot 8 \times 8$ total channels);
 - $3.16 \times 3.16 \text{ mm}^2$ pixels;
 - 1 mm gap between matrices.
- radiator
 - 4 layers, $n_{\text{max}} = 1.05$;
 - 35 mm total depth;
 - 200 mm in front of the photo detector.
- π^- with varying angles $[0^\circ, \dots, 45^\circ]$ and velocities $[0.957; 0.999]$

1.2M events

- photon hit coordinates
- hit times
- flat random noise is dynamically applied on top of the events

Experiment: Classification

Classification quality (AUCROC) by momentum and θ_p @ 10^6 Hz/mm²



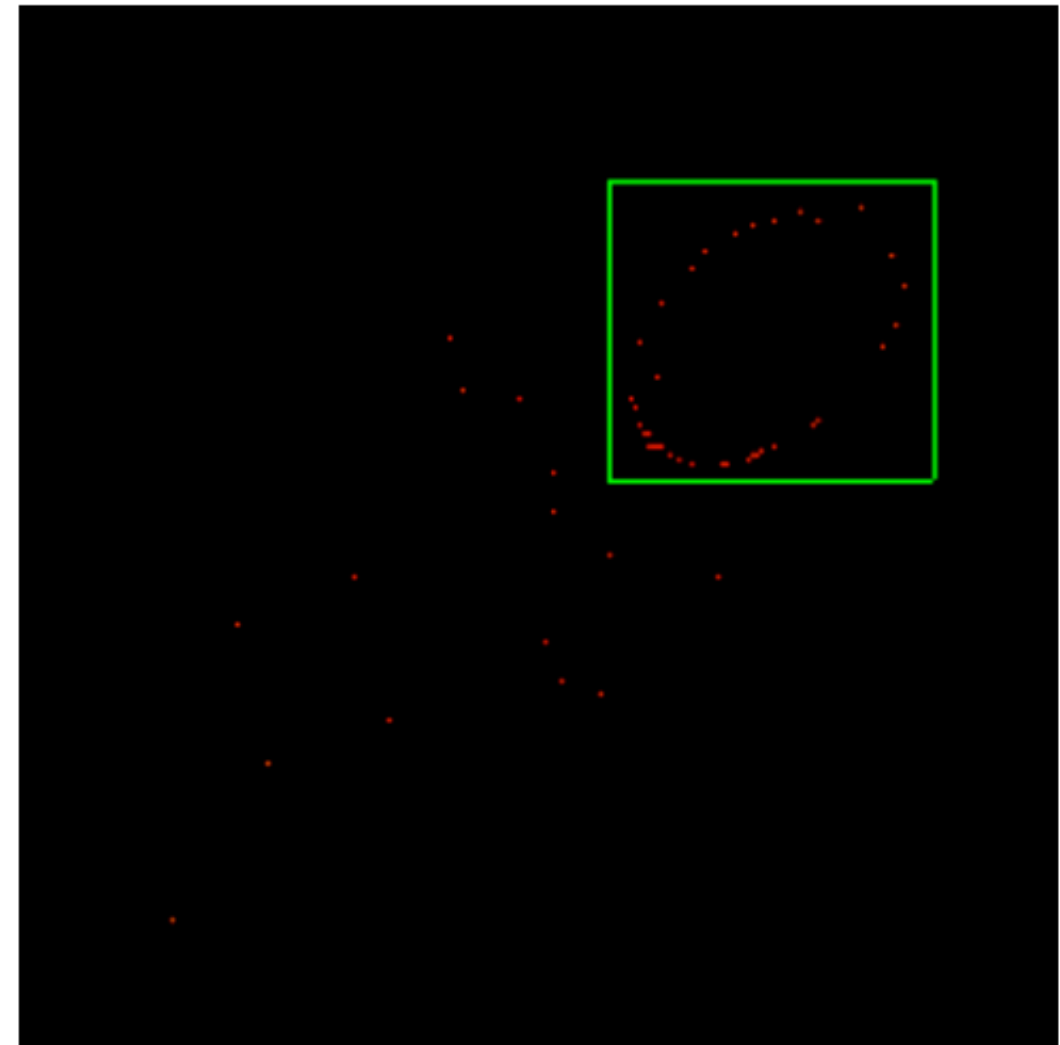
Online Filtering

Approach 2: Bounding box (bbox) regression

- compute ground truth bboxes for signal ellipses
- train CNN to extract bbox coordinates

Metrics:

- Efficiency (area) = $\frac{|B \cap B^{gt}|}{|B^{gt}|}$
- Reduction (area) = $\frac{|B|}{|B_{max}|}$



Ground truth bbox example

Experiment: BBox regression

