

What Machine Learning Can Do for Focusing Aerogel Detectors

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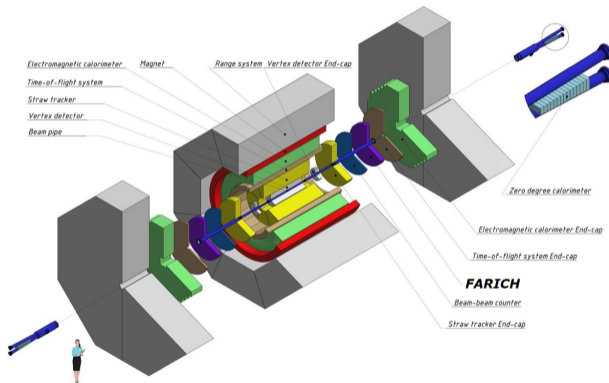
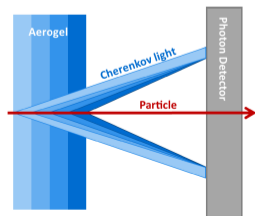
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Compact particle ID detector

- trade off between resolution and number of Cherenkov photons
- improve resolution with discrete focusing capability



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Data: “Simple” FARICH GEANT4 Simulation

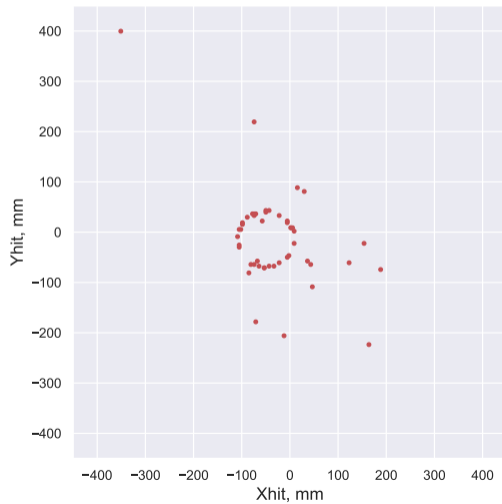
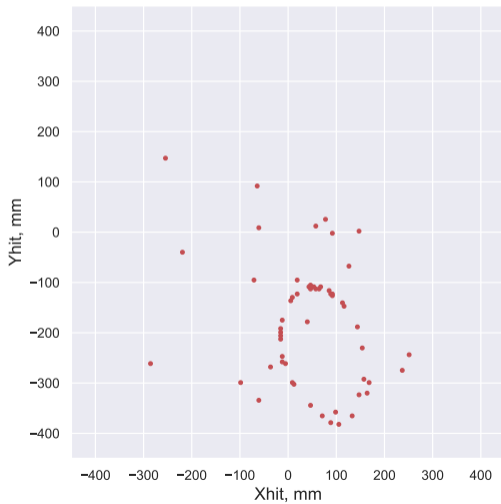
- photodetector
 - 30×30 matrix of SiPM ($57600 = 30 \times 30 \cdot 8 \times 8$ total channels);
 - 3.16×3.16 mm² pixels;
 - 1 mm gap between matrices.
- radiator
 - 4 layers, $n_{\max} = 1.05$;
 - 35 mm total depth;
 - 200 mm in front of the photo detector.
- π^- with varying angles $[0^\circ, \dots, 45^\circ]$ and velocities $[0.957; 0.999]$

1.2M events

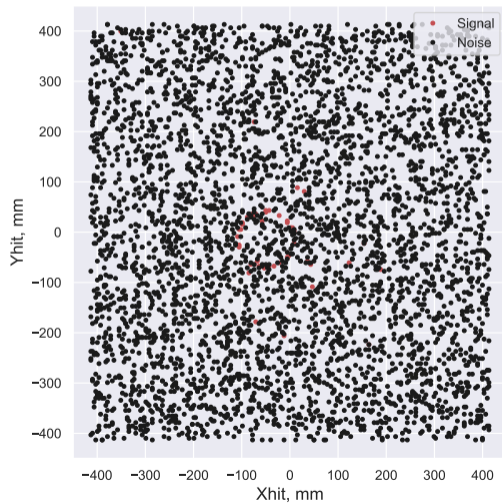
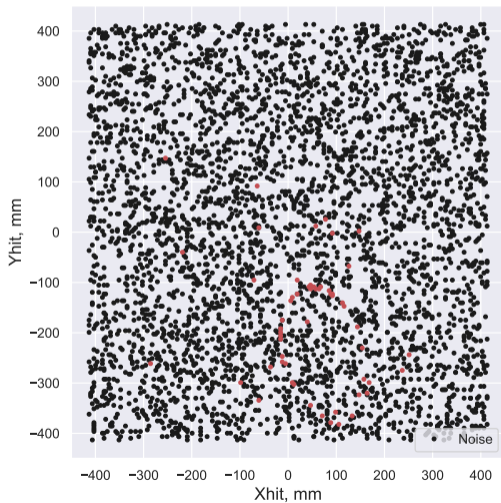
- photon hit coordinates
- hit times
- flat random noise is dynamically applied on top of the events



Data



Data (Noise 1MHz/mm²)



Goals

- no info about particle track
- noise up to 1MHz/mm²
- efficiency $\geq 95\%$
- maximum possible noise suppression
(orders of magnitude)



Approach 1: Classification

- create a dataset of events with / without signal (positive event ≥ 10 signal photons)
- train Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) to perform binary classification

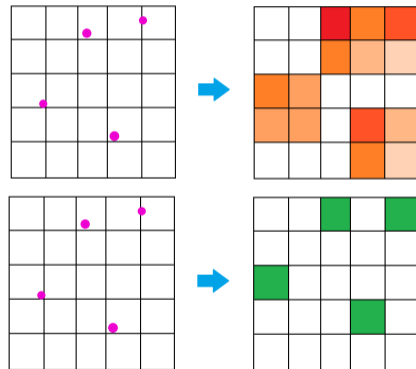
Metrics:

- Efficiency (events) = TPR = $\frac{TP}{TP+FN}$
- Noise Events Reduction = FPR = $\frac{FP}{TN+FP}$



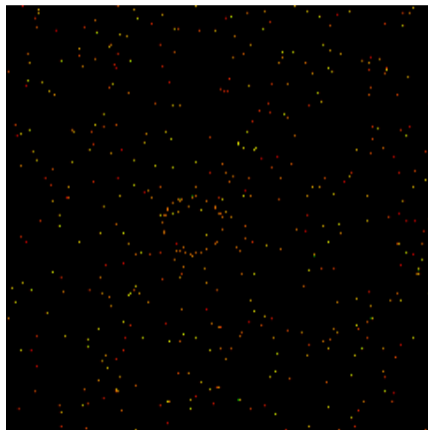
Procedures: Data

- irregular matrix structure due to gaps between SiPM
 - project hits (times) to a regular grid



Red — hits, green — times

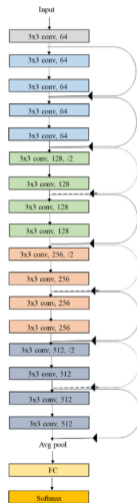
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Input image example

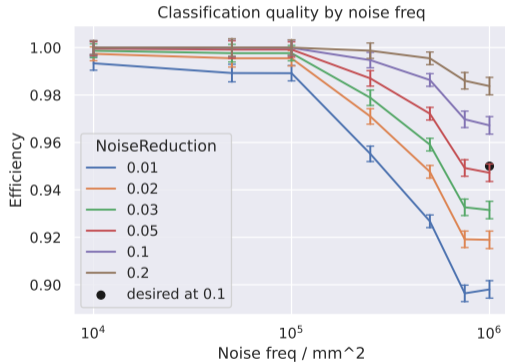
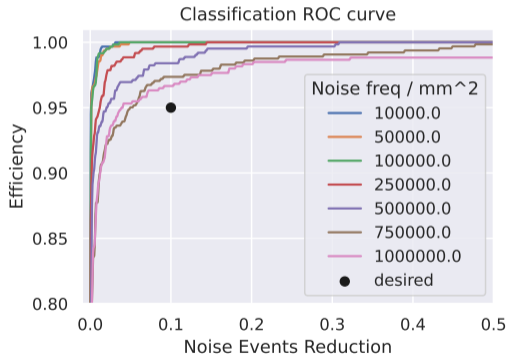
Procedures: Learning

- use ResNet-18¹ CNN architecture
 - tune first and last layers to accommodate input and output data formats

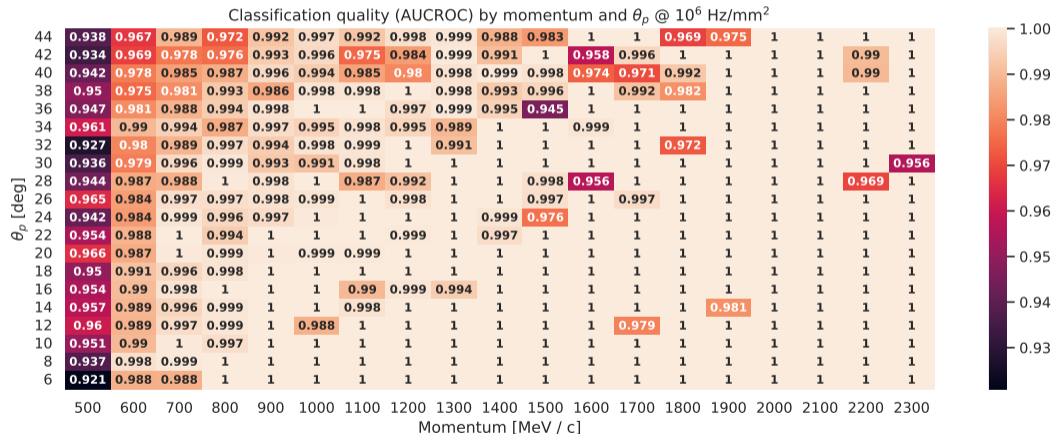


¹He et al. Deep Residual Learning for Image Recognition. In CVPR 2016.

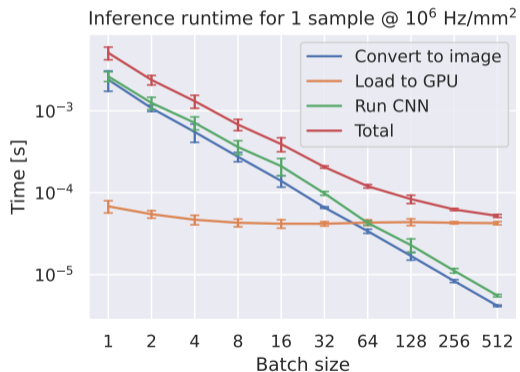
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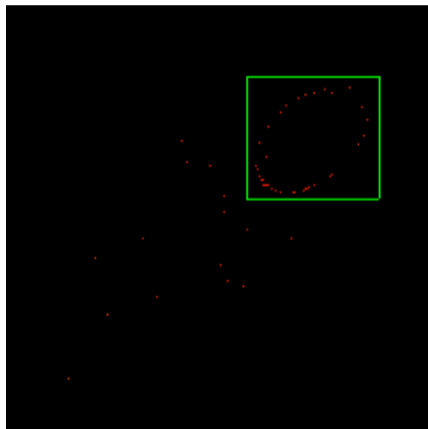


Approach 2: Bounding box (bbox) regression

- 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

Bbox regression objective

- with simple MSE many signal hits are lost
- use asymmetric version: **expectile loss** [2]

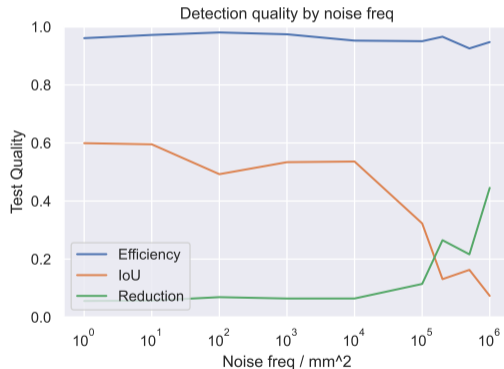
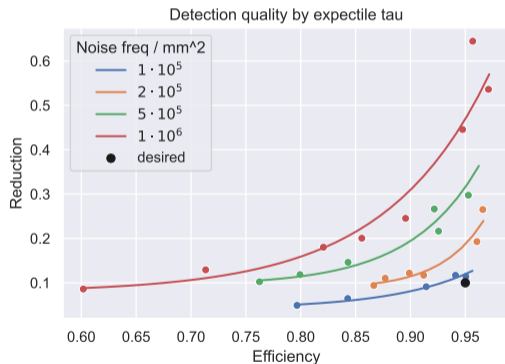
$$\text{quantile: } \operatorname{argmin} \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^n \omega_{\tau}^q(y_i - q_i) |y_i - q_i| \right\},$$

$$\text{expectile: } \operatorname{argmin} \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^n \omega_{\tau}^e(y_i - q_i) (y_i - q_i)^2 \right\},$$

$$\text{where } \omega_{\tau}^q(\varepsilon) = \omega_{\tau}^e(\varepsilon) = \begin{cases} 1 - \tau, & \varepsilon \leq 0 \\ \tau, & \varepsilon > 0 \end{cases}$$



Experiment: Bbox regression



Offline Reconstruction (RECO)

- train CNN regressor to predict $\beta = v/c$
- compare with statistical baseline (maximum likelihood)

Configs:

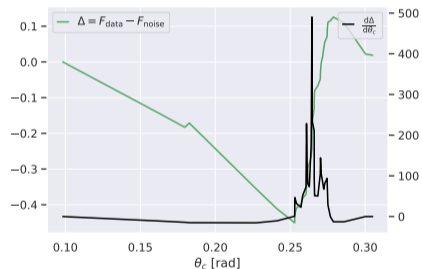
- **ResNet:** no track prior
- **ResNet Centered:** center image using track info
- **ResNet Circular:** project hits to circular conic section, drop unphysical velocities, center
- **ResNet Fourier:** same as previous with added Fourier features



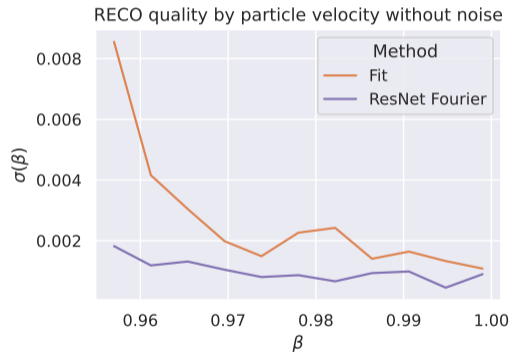
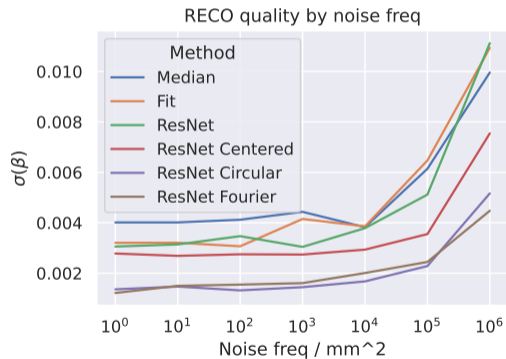
RECO: Statistical Baseline

“Fit” algorithm:

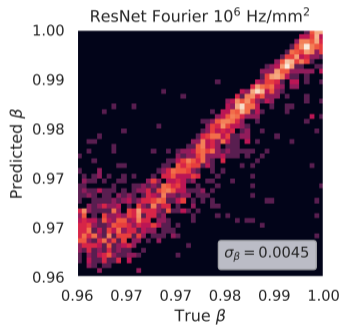
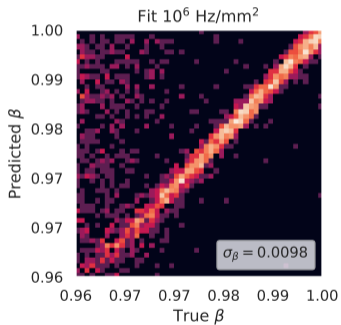
- Compute Cherenkov angles θ_c
- Drop unphysical velocities $\beta = v/c \geq 1$
- Construct eCDF F_{data}
- Subtract pure noise CDF F_{noise}
- Take a numerical derivative and find its peak
 $\hat{\theta}_c = \arccos(1/n\hat{\beta})$



Experiment: RECO



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Online filtering:

- ResNet-18 CNN provides a significant level of denoising with high efficiency
- It is possible to achieve even higher noise reduction by performing bounding box regression on signal ellipses for positive events
- Real time performance is possible with optimizations

RECO:

- ResNet with track prior significantly outperforms stat models by β RMSE
- ResNet is more accurate on hard samples (low β , \mathbf{p}), where statistical models struggle the most because of random peaks in θ_c



References

- [1] He et al. Deep Residual Learning for Image Recognition. In CVPR 2016.
- [2] Arthur Charpentier. Quantile and Expectile Regressions. Erasmus School of Economics, May 2017.

