Fast likelihoods in more dimensions for LXe TPCs

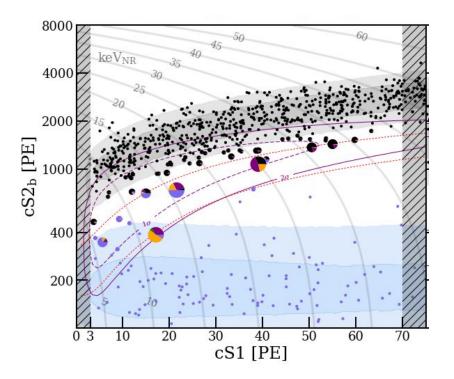
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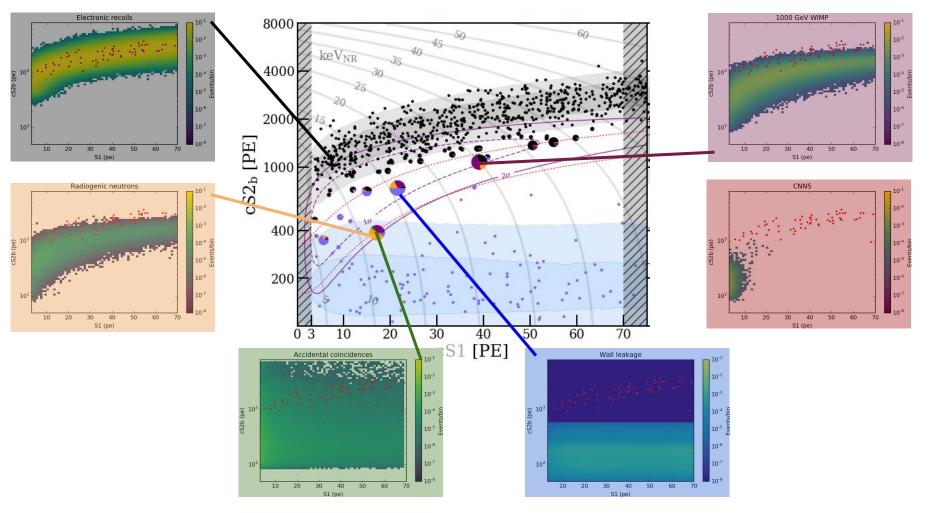
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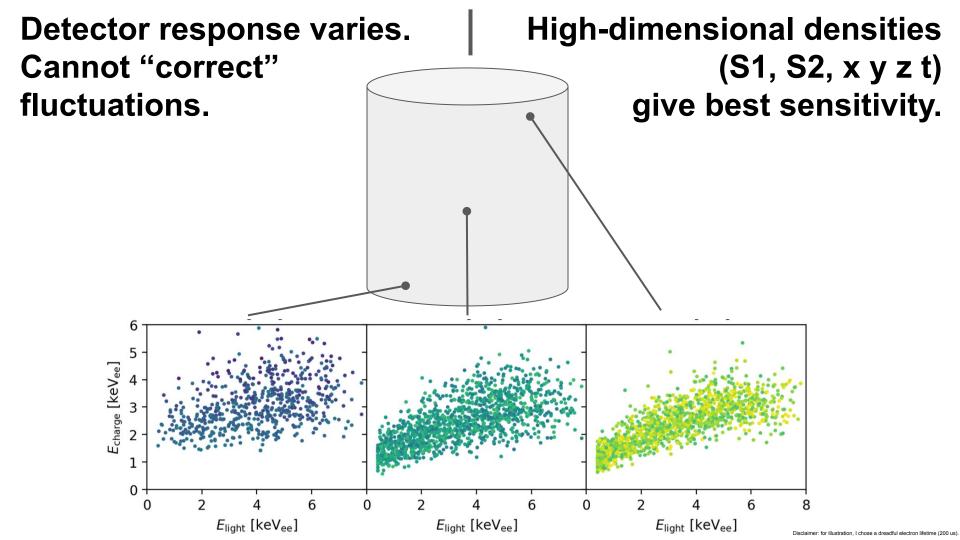






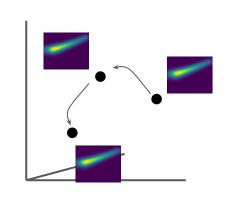
Likelihoods use densities / differential rates. We histogram simulations to estimate these.





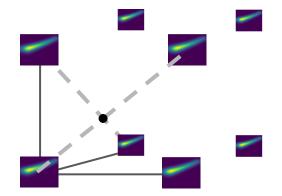
Simulation-based densities allow few nuisance parameters.

On-demand simulation



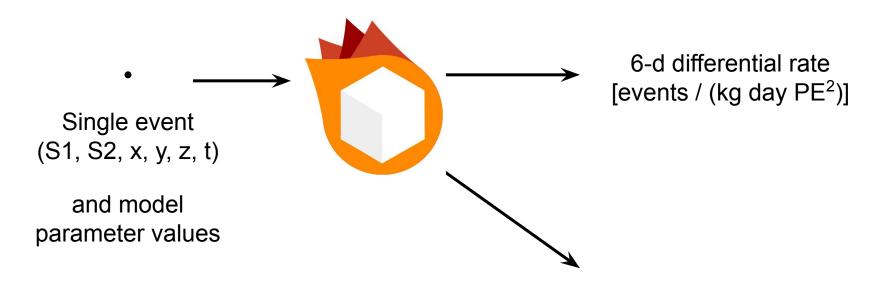
Many simulator calls, no gradient
Difficult and expensive to find minimum

Precompute and interpolate



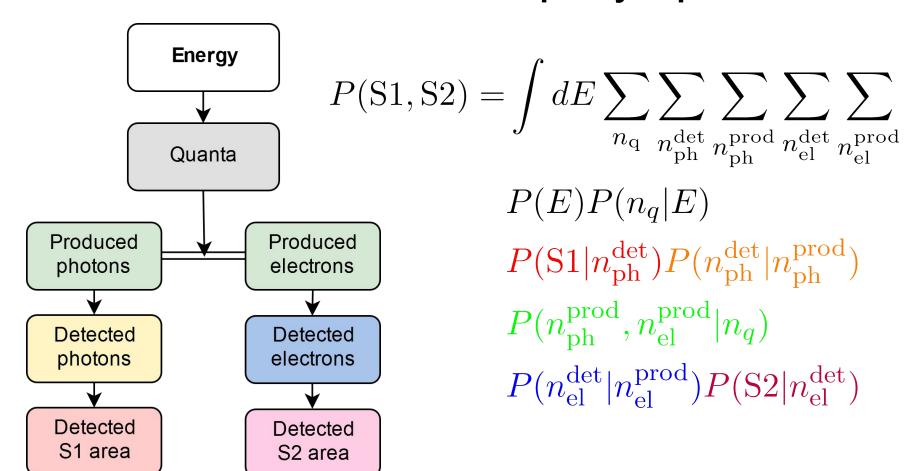
Need ~ (2 - 7)^{#params} templates Interpolation is inaccurate

Flamedisx: replace the simulator with an equivalent integral.

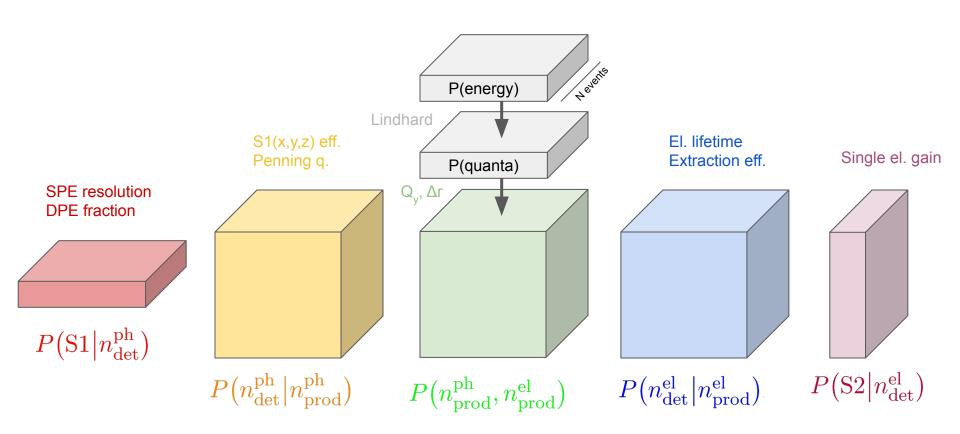


Gradient w.r.t.
Arbitrary model params.

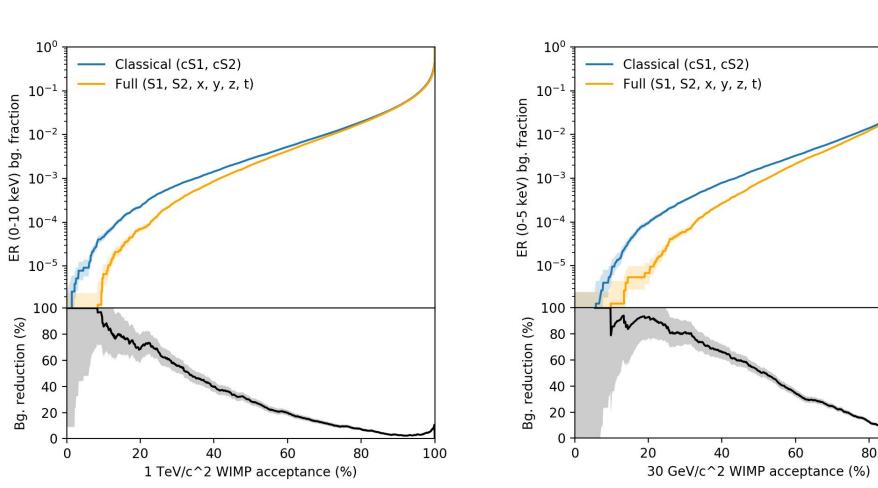
The LXe emission model can be compactly expressed.



TensorFlow implementation for gradients and GPU support.



2x reduction of internal background compared to 2D model.



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Flamedisx

Replace LXe emission simulation with an integral

TensorFlow computes it differentiably on a GPU

More dimensions / less discretization: better sensitivity

More nuisance parameters: more robust result

Open-source, paper in preparation



Challenges

Convincing people high-dimensional likelihoods are OK

High-dimensional goodness-of-fit tests

Much CPU compute allocated, little GPU

Using Google's CoLaboratory for development

TensorFlow 2 only just released

No conda packages or stackoverflow documentation