Machine learning to find ghost particles in big data







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Neutrinos

(weakly interacting slim ghosts)



Fermi, E. Tentativo di una Teoria Dei Raggi β. Nuovo Cim 11. 1 (1934)

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Neutrinos are produced everywhere = natural physics messengers

The **"empty" space** is filled with 100/cm³ relic neutrinos

produced 0.2 second after Big Bang

Neutrinos are the most abandoned matter particles we know in the universe

100 billion

neutrinos from the Sun pass through your thumbnail every second Neutrinos are the most abandoned matter particles we know in the universe

Only 1

in 1,000,000,000 solar neutrinos interact passing through the Earth

Neutrinos are ghostly

Neutrinos the most ghostly and lightest matter particle in the **"Standard Model"**

Image credit: higgstan



Quarks

Leptons





Electron ~ 500,000 eV



Neutrino < 0.2 eV

Image credit: higgstan





Flavor Oscillation measurements might shed light to a question, how the universe has evolved to the present?

Outline

1. Neutrinos oscillation experiments

2. Machine learning for big image data from neutrino detectors

3. Machine learning for physics model optimization

4. Summary





Big Imaging Detectors for the measurement of **Neutrino Oscillation**

Neutrino Oscillation Experiments two detectors to measure oscillated & unoscillated flux





Accelerator well understood neutrino source for precision measurement



Detectors must be **BIG**

50,000 ton

ultra-pure water watched by 11,000 PMTs in Super-Kamiokande (1996)





*v*_e creates electron (e)

 v_{μ} creates muon (μ)

Detectors must be capable of measuring type & energy



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-50

-100

-150

100

200

Vertical Axis [cm] o



300

Beam Axis [cm]

400

500

Present/Future Challenges

Lack of quality physics reconstruction for big image data Slow, manual ("by-hand") workflow for development & tuning Imperfect physics modeling Machine Learning for big image data in neutrino physics





Liquid Argon TPC ~mm/pixel spatial resolution ~100 to 10,000 cubic-meters ~MeV level sensitivity



MicroBooNE ~87 ton (school bus)

high resolution, big image data 100 M to giga-pixels

μ

µBooNE

Run 3493 Event 41075, October 23rd, 2015



Distinct shapes

µBooNE

"track" v.s. "shower" particle trajectories

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µBooNE Kinks and wiggles microscopic kinks tell particle momentum

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Small things matter they inform directions and guide global topology

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µBooNE

Color = Energy Both the absolute and the gradient of colors inform particle energy and type

µBooNE

e- vs. γ using dE/dX

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Stopping

particle

75 cm



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ML-Based LArTPC Data Reconstruction



ML for Analyzing Big Image Data in Neutrino Experiments End-to-end data reconstruction using ML

Machine Learning for Neutrino Image Data Analysis

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Three major stages of reconstruction

ML for Analyzing Big Image Data in Neutrino Experiments Stage 1: Pixel-level Feature Extraction + Scalablility

Distinguish 2 distinct topologies: **showers v.s. tracks** (for the next stage = clustering) Identify trajectory **edge points** (track start/end, shower start)



ML for Analyzing Big Image Data in Neutrino Experiments Stage 1-b: Particle Edge-point Prediction



See Phys. Rev. D 102, 012005 (2019) and Phys. Rev. D 104, 032004 (2020)



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Semantic segmentation (U-Net + residual conn.)

Edge point detection (Faster R-CNN)

Sparse tensor operation (Minkowski Engine)

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ML for Analyzing Big Image Data in Neutrino Experiments Stage 1: input & output SLAC

Stage 1 Input

Stage 1 Output



ML for Analyzing Big Image Data in Neutrino Experiments Stage 2: Particle & Interaction Clustering

Clustering in the embedding space

• Use CNN to learn a transformation function from the 3D voxels to the embedding space where clustering can be performed in a simple manner



Image credit: arXiv 1708.02551

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ML for Analyzing Big Image Data in Neutrino Experiments Stage 2-a: Dense Pixel Clustering



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ML for Analyzing Big Image Data in Neutrino Experiments Stage 2-a: input & output

Stage 2-a Input

Stage 2-a Output



ML for Analyzing Big Image Data in Neutrino Experiments Stage 2-b: Sparse Fragment Clustering

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- Cast the problem to a classification of node (e.g. particle type) and edge (clustering)



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Edge features:

- Displacement vector
- Closest points of approach





ML for Analyzing Big Image Data in Neutrino Experiments Stage 2: input & output

Stage 2 Input

Stage 2 Output

100

200



ML for Analyzing Big Image Data in Neutrino Experiments Stage 3: Interaction Clustering



Identifying Each Interaction?

Grouping task = re-use GrapPA!

- Interaction = a group of particles that shared the same origin (i.e. neutrino interaction)
- Edge classification to identify an interaction
- Node classification for particle type ID

ML for Analyzing Big Image Data in Neutrino Experiments Stage 3: Interaction Clustering



Predicted Interaction



ML for Analyzing Big Image Data in Neutrino Experiments Stage 3: Interaction Clustering

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Promising result to address DUNE-ND reconstruction challenge (~20 neutrino pile-up)



ML for Analyzing Big Image Data in Neutrino Experiments Stage 3: input & output

Stage 3 Input

Stage 3 Output



ML for Analyzing Big Image Data in Neutrino Experiments Deep Neural Network for Data Reconstruction





ML for Tuning Physics Models

The Catch

Used supervised optimization with simulated particle interactions, which may be imperfect (i.e. domain shift)



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Imperfect physics modeling

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Fundamental particle interactions

Interaction with the detector volume

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Most typical: detector mis-modeling



Explaining and harnessing adversarial examples

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Example Application for Modeling Detector Physics

Photo-multiplier tubes (PMTs) detect scintillation photons

Optical Photon Transport



Photo-multiplier tubes (PMTs) detect scintillation photons produced isotropically from an Argon atom 1 meter muon produces > 4M photons

Optical Photon Transport



A marginalized **"Visibility Map**" for 3D voxelized volume used to estimate photon count at each PMT **Issue: static, not scalable** Optical Photon Transport



Example: ICARUS detector, 2D slice of a 3D map



Static map (top) v.s. SIREN



Gradient map (top, sobel filter) v.s. SIREN



Optical Photon Transport using Differentiable Surrogate (SIREN)

Neural scene representation (alternative: NeRF inc. differentiable rendering)







Work credit (from left): Olivia P. (UC Berkeley), Minjie L. (SLAC), Patrick T. (SLAC), , Gordon W. (Stanford CS), Chuan L. (Lambda Labs)

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Drift of Ionization Electrons for Imaging





1. Particle ionize Argon



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2. Ionization electron drift in E-field at a constant velocity, some charge lost due to capture

3. Imaging by charge-sensitive plane (detectors) at the anode

Tuning simulation = extract physics model parameter values from data

Drift of Ionization Electrons for Imaging



Work credit due (from left): SLAC-ML: Youssef N., Sean G., Daniel R. SLAC-neutrino: Yifan C. LBNL-neutrino: Roberto S.



Differentiable Simulator

using explicit gradient calculation using AD-enabled tools (JAX/Pytorch)







Beyond detector physics modeling

- Neutrino-nucleus event generator
 - Diff. simulator for neutrino interaction, hadronization, etc.
 - Modeling many-body particle interactions inside a nucleus
- Modeling of particle passage through medium (e.g. stochastic "shower")
- Fast surrogate to enable testing of new models with *very high* statistics



... wrapping up ...

ML for Analyzing Big Image Data in Neutrino Experiments Wrapping up...

Summary

- Neutrino detector trend: hi-res. particle imaging
- ML, in particular computer vision, + reconstruction
 - $\circ~$ ML-based approach has shown strong promise + tuning automation
 - Extension skipped in this talk: calibrated uncertainty quantification

• Emerging area: differentiable physics modeling

- part of a larger trend, simulation-based inference
- detector physics modeling a primary target to automate tuning
- event generator will be a new frontier of active research (my view) Thank you for your attention!

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Reconstruction Details

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ML-based Neutrino Data Reconstruction Chain Stage 1-a: Pixel Feature Extraction + Scalablility

"Applying CNN" is simple, but is it scalable for us?

CNN applies **dense matrix operations**

In photographs, **all pixels are meaningful**



grey pixels = dolphins, blue pixels = water, etc... ML-based Neutrino Data Reconstruction Chain Stage 1-a: Pixel Feature Extraction + Scalablility

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4cm

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<**1% of pixels** are non-zero in LArTPC data

6mm/voxe

Zero pixels are meaningless!

Figures/Texts: courtesy of Laura Domine @ Stanford
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- Scalability for larger detectors
 - Computation cost increases linearly with the volume
 - But the number of non-zero pixels does not

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ML-based Neutrino Data Reconstruction Chain Stage 1-a: Pixel Feature Extraction + Scalablility

Sparse Submanifold Convolutions

Only acts on an active input pixels + can limit output activations for only the same pixels.

- 1st implementation by <u>FAIR</u>
- 2nd implementation by <u>Stanford VL</u>
 - \circ ... also supported in <u>NVIDIA</u> now







ML-based Neutrino Data Reconstruction Chain Stage 1-a: Pixel Feature Extraction + Scalablility

CNN on sparse tensors (MinkowskiEngine)

• Public LArTPC simulation

• Particle tracking (Geant4) + diffusion, no noise, true energy

Computer Science - Computer Vision and Petters Pesegni Ion

Scalable Deep Convolutional Neural Networks for Sparse, Locally Dense Liquid Argon Time Projection Chamber Data

Laura Dominé, Kazuhiro Terao

(Submitted on 13 Mar 2019 (v1), last revised 15 Mar 2019 (this version, v2))

Deep convolutional neural networks (CNNs) show strong promise for analyzing scientific data in many domains including particle imaging detectors such as a liquid argon time projection chamber (LArTPC). Yet the high sparsity of LArTPC data challenges traditional CNNs which were designed for dense data such as photographs. A naive application of CNNs on LArTPC data results in inefficient computations and a poor scalability to large LArTPC detectors such as the Short Baseline

PhysRevD.102.012005 presented @ ACAT 2019

- Memory reduction ~ 1/360
- Compute time ~ 1/30
- Handles large future detectors

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ML for Analyzing Big Image Data in Neutrino Experiments Stage 1-a: Pixel Feature Extraction + Scalablility

Distinguish 2 distinct particle topologies: **showers v.s. tracks** Critical to deploy different algorithms for clustering pixels in the next stage.



ML for Analyzing Big Image Data in Neutrino Experiments Stage 1-a: Pixel Feature Extraction + Scalablility

Architecture: U-Net + Residual Connections



Image credit: Laura Domine @ Stanford

ML for Analyzing Big Image Data in Neutrino Experiments Stage 1-a: Pixel Feature Extraction + Scalablility

Sparse U-ResNet fits more data in GPU + good scalability



Can handle easily the whole ICARUS detector which is x6 larger than MicroBooNE.

DUNE-FD is piece of cake (larger volume but less non-zero pixels)

ML for Analyzing Big Image Data in Neutrino Experiments Stage 1-a: input & output

Stage 1-a Input

Stage 1-a Output







Point Proposal Network (PPN) ... extension of U-ResNet with 3 CNN blocks



Work credit: Laura Domine (Stanford) and Patrick Tsang (SLAC) 80





PPN1 generates an attention mask at the lowest resolution





PPN2 generates an attention mask at the intermediate resolution



ML-based Neutrino Data Reconstruction Chain Stage 1-b: Particle Endpoint Prediction

- 96.8% of predicted points within 3 voxels of a true point
- 68% of true points found within the radius of 0.12 cm
- Traditional (nominal) reconstruction method finds 90% of predicted points within 17 voxels, and 68% of true points found within the radius of 0.74cm



ML-based Neutrino Data Reconstruction Chain Stage 2-a: Dense Pixel Clustering

Simple approach: path-finding between PPN points

- MST to find the "shortest" path between PPN points to cluster pixels
- Works well! BUT it depends on PPN performance directly + not learnable





ML for Analyzing Big Image Data in Neutrino Experiments Stage 2-a: Dense Pixel Clustering



Scalable Particle Instance Clustering using Embedding (SPICE)

- Embedding decoder learns transformation
- Seediness decoder identifies the centroids
- During training, loss is conditioned so that the points that belong to the same cluster follow a normal distribution

ML-based Neutrino Data Reconstruction Chain Stage 2-a: Dense Pixel Clustering

Pixels clustered into trajectory fragments using SPICE

Total





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ML-based Neutrino Data Reconstruction Chain Stage 2-b: Sparse Fragment Clustering

Graph-NN for Particle Aggregation (GrapPA)

Message passing (MP):

- Meta layer (<u>arxiv:1806.01261</u>)
- Essentially two 3-layer MLPs (BatchNorm + LeakyReLU) for edge feature update and node feature update
- 3 times MP (=Edge+Node feature update)

Target:

- Prediction of adjacency matrix representing valid edges (=true partition)
- Apply cross-entropy loss

For more studies, see <u>our paper</u>



ML-based Neutrino Data Reconstruction Chain Stage 2-b: Sparse Fragment Clustering

Clustering using GrapPA

- Mean purity and efficiency > 99%
- Sufficient for moving to the next stage (particle analysis)





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Edge Prediction

ML-based Neutrino Data Reconstruction Chain Stage 2-b: Sparse Fragment Clustering

Start ID using GrapPA

- Important to identify the "primary fragment" (=shower start)
- >99% classification accuracy



Node prediction



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HPC Application

ML-based Neutrino Data Reconstruction Chain Wrapping up...

Inter-experimental collaborative work

- **Open simulation sample**
 - **Open real data?** Soon! (3D proto-type R&D @ SLAC)
- Open software development
 - Fast, distributed IO, optimized for sparse data





Work credit: Corey Adams (ANL) Marco del Tutto (FNAL)

- Custom HDF5 format for sparse data for fast IO
- Custom API for data distribution using MPI

 Using Horovod, good scaling @ ~100 GPUs test setup (with InfiniBand interconnect)

Custom development among hobby-coders from SLAC/ANL/FNAL, lead by Corey Adams @ ANL

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Collaboration

Neutrino Physics and Machine Learning Workshop Reminder... :)

Nu2020 Satellite (indico link) + Main Workshop (indico link)



Machine Learning for Experimental Neutrino Physics Back-up

Image Analysis in Neutrino Physics

How to write an algorithm to identify a cat?

... very hard task ...

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Development Workflow for non-ML reconstruction 1. Write an algorithm based on physics principles







A cat =

collection of certain shapes

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Images courtesy of Fei Fei Li's TED talk

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- 4. Iterate over 2 & 3 till a satisfactory level is achieved
- 5. Chain multiple algorithms as one algorithm, repeat 2, 3, and 4.



Partial cat (escaping the detector) Images courtesy of Fei Fei Li's TED talk

Stretching cat (Nuclear Physics)



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"Machine learning"

- Model instead of explicit programming
- Automatization of steps 2-4
- Multi-task optimization possible (step 5) Next: what kind of ML algorithms?

Machine Learning & Computer Vision in Neutrino Physics Image Classifications: a lot of applications

Especially great for: **"a rare event in a quiet detector"**

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 - the same "image classification architecture" can be applied for...
 - neutrino flavor (topology) classification
 - energy regression (image to one FP32 value)
 - vertex regression (image to three FP32 value)
 - etc. ...

Machine Learning & Computer Vision in Neutrino Physics Image Classifications: a lot of applications

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... but most of LArTPC detectors are not ...

- MicroBooNE, ICARUS, SBND, ProtoDUNE ... physics in next 5 years
 Busy: typically dozens of cosmic rays in each event
- DUNE-ND

 \circ Not rare (busy): a dozen of neutrino interaction pile-up in each event

Machine Learning & Computer Vision in Neutrino Physics Why Data Reconstruction

Image classification/regression: straight to "flavour & energy"



Machine Learning & Computer Vision in Neutrino Physics Why Data Reconstruction

... but also challenging: a huge single-step of information reduction



... would be nice to know why you thought so ... 10

Machine Learning in Neutrino Physics & HEP Deep Neural Network for Image Analysis

First attempt: CNN image classifier for signal v.s. background classification





Machine Learning in Neutrino Physics & HEP Deep Neural Network for Image Analysis

CNN image classification remains to date as a strong approach



ML for Analyzing Big Image Data in Neutrino Experiments Challenges in particle imaging neutrino detectors

Rare Signals



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Many Backgrounds


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2D=>3D

Machine Learning & Computer Vision in Neutrino Physics Bonus: isochronous ghost point removal



ICARUS Detector Reconstructed 3D points



work credit: Laura Domine Patrick Tsang

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SPICE

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Occlusion issue

The overlap rate of particles is very high especially for our signal (neutrinos) with an event vertex. 115

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Instance+Semantic Segmentation

• Three component loss: pull together points that belong to the same cluster, keep distance between clusters, and regularization



Image credit: arXiv 1708.02551

Equation credit: Dae Hyun K. @ Stanford

Machine Learning & Computer Vision in Neutrino Physics Why Data Reconstruction



Image Context Identification

Machine Learning & Computer Vision in Neutrino Physics Why Data Reconstruction







Image Context Correlation/Hierarchy Analysis

Machine Learning & Computer Vision in Neutrino Physics Why Data Reconstruction





Segmentation Data

Machine Learning & Computer Vision in Neutrino Physics Semantic Segmentation for Pixel-level Particle ID

Separate electron/positron energy depositions from other types at raw waveform level. Helps the downstream clustering algorithms (**data/sim comp.** @ **arxiv:1808.07269**)



Network Input

Network Output ¹⁵

Machine Learning & Computer Vision in Neutrino Physics Semantic Segmentation for Pixel-level Particle ID

Architecture: U-Net + Residual Connections



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Machine Learning & Computer Vision in Neutrino Physics Fun Playing with Semantic Segmentation



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Machine Learning & Computer Vision in Neutrino Physics Fun Playing with Semantic Segmentation



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ML for Analyzing Big Image Data in Neutrino Experiments Physics model tuning

Simulator

output

Research directions:

Input

physics

- ML to transform (map) simulator output to be more data-like (learn to transform between domains)
- automated optimization of detector physics modeling using real data directly

Detector

simulation



Machine Learning & Computer Vision in Neutrino Physics Why neutrinos?



Cd-doped water 0.4 ton, 100 PMTs (1953)



Inverse Beta Decay (IBD) $\overline{v_e} + p \rightarrow e^+ + n$ from a nuclear reactor (Reines & Cowan)

Machine Learning in Neutrino Physics & HEP Next Step: Innovative Simulator

E.g. Differentiable Simulator

- Exploit model derivatives to enable new inference techniques
 - Surrogate (neural network) model to approximate gradients
 - Exact gradient using differentiable programming (ML) frameworks
- Applications: physics inference, design optimization, decision control, etc.

