Neutrino Physics with Deep Learning on NOvA

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NOvA

A long baseline neutrino oscillation experiment utilizing the NuMI beam at Fermilab.

Physics Program:

- Neutrino Oscillations
- Neutrino Cross Sections
- Supernova Neutrinos
- Exotic Phenomena

Measurables are Neutrino Flavor and Energy



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Both detectors are functionally equivalent sampling calorimeters.

Detect scintillation light from charged particles.



Signature Data Events



NOvA Events



Reconstruction



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Event Classification



Classify neutrino events using two tower network, **Convolutional Visual Network**, based on googlenet.

Each view of the event is examined separately for most of feature extraction.

NOvA was the first experiment to apply CNNs to a HEP result in its 2016 analysis.

Yielded an effective **30%** increase in exposure.

Aurisano et al., "A Convolutional Neural Network Neutrino Event Classifier", JINST 11, P09001 (2016).

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t-Distributed Stochastic Neighbor Embedding



Example Event Topologies



Neutrinos and Anti-Neutrinos



Neutrinos and Anti-Neutrinos



Train on **neutrino** beam and **anti-neutrino** beams separately.

Utilize differences in event topology.

$\bar{\nu}$ Efficiency Improvement				
Training Sample (ID > 0.9)				
$\bar{\nu}_e \ \mathrm{CC} \ \mathrm{Signal}$	$\bar{\nu}_{\mu}$ CC Signal	$\bar{\nu}$ NC Signal		
14%	6%	10%		

Example Data Check: MRE





Muon Removed - Electron Added:

Select a muon neutrino interaction.

Remove the muon hits and replace with a simulated electron.

	Pre Selection	Full Selection	Efficiency
Data Events	486083	316009	0.6501
MC Events	511287	341119	0.6672

Particle Classification



Single particles are currently separated using geometric reconstruction methods.

Classify particles using both views of the **particle** and both views of the entire **event**.

This shows the network **contextual information** about single particles.



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Paper in preparation.

Particle Classification





Reconstruction Caveats

Single particle classifier is dependent on the quality of the already existing clusters.





Example Data Check: π⁰ Mass Peak



π⁰ mass reconstructed using invariant mass of pairs of photons identified using the single particle classifier.

Shows a 60% reduction in backgrounds over previous techniques.

Energy Estimation

Each cluster is identified as hadronic or electromagnetic.

This method shows an energy resolution of 11%.

 $E_{reco} = f(E_{EM}, E_{had})$



Cluster and **classify** objects simultaneously using **instance aware semantic segmentation**.

Use machine learning to reconstruct an event **hit by hit**.

Three outputs:

- 1. Bounds
- 2. ID Score
- 3. Clusters



Using an implementation of Mask R-CNN: K. He, G. Gkioxari, P. Dollar, and R. Girshick. Mask R-CNN. arXiv:1703.06870, 2017.



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Bounds - Look for individual particles within the event and construct bounding boxes containing each.



ID Score - Use a softmax function to classify the particle contained within each box.



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Clusters - Group together hits within each box to make clusters for each particle.



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Energy Regression



Use linear output rather than classification for continuous variables.

Shows better resolution and smaller dependence on interaction model.

See Jianming Bian's Poster!



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Summary



NOvA uses deep learning for neutrino flavor and particle ID in our analyses.

Used to improve oscillation measurements since 2016, and now being incorporated into cross sections analyses.

Our deep learning program incorporates data driven cross checks from cosmic, neutrino, and soon test beam data!

NOvA deep learning efforts are broad, including algorithms for identification, clustering, energy reconstruction, and more!

Backup

Utilizing Context

Showing the network the entire event teaches the network **contextual** information.

Particularly useful in the classification of photons.





The change in efficiency for each category from inclusion of context information.

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Regression CNN

Bias against true energy.







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Separate hits by time and space



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Convolutions and Pooling



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Pooling



Dropout









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Training



Traditional Reconstruction

Group all hits with a common origin, the same neutrino interaction or cosmic.

Reconstruct the global interaction vertex.

Cluster hits belonging to the same particle.

Match clusters across views to make 3D prongs









Neural Networks



Identify neutrino flavor using neural networks.

Artificial Neural Network (ANN) consists of multiple layers of neurons.

Each neuron represents a function using the values from the previous layer.

Output layer has scores for each category.

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input layer (784 neurons)

Event Identification



Output is the interaction type.

Output

 $\nu_e CC$

 $u_{\mu}CC$

NOvA Features



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