# IceCube Event Reconstruction with Graph Neural Networks

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Neutral-current / ve

**Isolated energy** deposition (cascade)













arXiv:1902.07771

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Neutrino mass hierarchy

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### Charged-current v<sub>µ</sub>

## Neutral-current / ve



**Up-going track** 



Quantities necessary for analysis:

- Neutrino direction
- Neutrino energy
- Interaction type (track vs data)

How do we get to those?

# Isolated energy deposition (cascade)

## Convolutional neural networks



CNNs often used for image processing

 $\rightarrow$  Adaptation of IceCube detector

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### Caveats:

- Detector geometry gets changed for neural network
- Symmetric convolution kernel assumes symmetry and regularity
- Per-DOM (digital optical module) summary of pulse information omits already sparse information



## Can we do without?

# Convolutional neural networks

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$$H^{(l+1)} = \sigma \left( \tilde{D}^{-\frac{1}{2}} \tilde{A} \tilde{D}^{-\frac{1}{2}} H^{(l)} W^{(l)} \right)$$

Equation for a layer step

Example: GCNConv from arXiv:1609.02907v4



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Connections are described in **adjacency matrix A** 

Diagonal node degree **D** of A for normalization

$$\tilde{D}_{ii} = \sum_j \tilde{A}_{ij}$$



Edges

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Message Passing



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Convolutional kernel in CNNs

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$$H^{(l+1)} = \sigma \left( \tilde{D}^{-\frac{1}{2}} \tilde{A} \tilde{D}^{-\frac{1}{2}} H^{(l)} W^{(l)} \right)$$
 Trainable layer weights

Activation function



Various functions exist for message passing; see also in PyTorch Geometric

Graph neural networks

- Very similar in nature to CNNs
- Can represent information despite irregular configuration of problem
- Accepts variable input lengths
- **PyTorch Geometric** library has many GNN related layers and tools

Fast and flexible compared to traditional methods!



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First intuition: Translate IceCube architecture into graph structure: **DOMs as nodes, spatial distance as edges** 

What do with DOMs with **multiple pulses**? How to encode time differences?

 $\rightarrow$  Pulse-based GNN



Events are graphs in abstract space with

x-, y-, z-positions, time, charge

of each registered pulse

 $\rightarrow$  Uses complete pulse information

Network implicitly correlation between pulses

 $\rightarrow$  Highly flexible, usable for current detector and IceCube Upgrade!

→ Apply on simulations and compare to baseline





**Retro:** Baseline reconstruction algorithm

Outperforming, especially in low-energy region!

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- IceCube Upgrade in construction!
- New strings and modules present challenges
- Graph neural network already compatible





- IceCube neutrino oscillation physics can probe neutrino mass ordering and the unitarity of the PMNS matrix
- Development of **reconstruction and classification algorithm with GNNs** in full speed
- Can compete with traditional methods, but at **speeds magnitudes higher**

Outlook:

- Sensitivity studies, oscillation analysis with existing IceCube data
- Explore event selection possibilities
- IceCube Upgrade



## Thanks for your attention!

# Backup

## nu tau appearance

## Measuring **nu tau appearance** allows for probing the **unitarity of the PMNS matrix**:

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