

Planned R&D at Columbia-Nevis Labs

- The Columbia group is planning to contribute to R&D related to **data selection and triggering, architecture/hardware design**
- Columbia group on DUNE:
3 faculty (<1 FTE each), ~0.5 postdoc, ~0.5 student
- Resources and expertise available
 - In-house (Nevis Labs) expertise on electronics design, including firmware design
 - Newly renovated lab space available for low-noise electronics testing in cold/warm
 - GPU cluster (2 GPU towers available)
 - Experience with LArTPC readout (MicroBooNE and SBND)
 - LArTPC trigger development efforts commencing this year (SBND)
 - Established collaboration with Computer Science Dept. on CNN implementation on fpga

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- **Additional R&D efforts: DNN-based readout & trigger**
- Have been exploring application of CNNs for APA image classification:
 - $\bar{\nu}_n$ vs. atmospheric neutrino events
 - Single SN interaction + background vs. background only
- Results look promising (high selection efficiency, low mis-ID rate, relatively fast inference ($\sim 20\text{-}30\text{ms}$ on GPUs)), so we plan to:
 1. Expand classification to multiple off-beam event classes: $\bar{\nu}_n$, nucleon decay, atmospheric neutrinos, cosmogenic events, SN interactions, background only
 2. Demonstrate efficiency, mis-classification rate across all classes
 3. Investigate susceptibility to changing detector conditions, noise, etc.
 4. Understand speed of inference & optimization
 5. Understand power consumption & optimization
 6. Demonstrate feasibility/scalability