Graph Neural Network to label particle hits in Liquid Argon Time Projection Chamber

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# Why Graph Neural Network?

- Sparse-like particle events
  - Large area of background for 2D/3D CNN
  - Convolution kernel hardly covers a whole track
- GNN for manifolds
  - Even detectors in irregular shape, GNN can still identify particles
- Graph (Nodes + Edges)
  - Give the chance to identify each nodes (=hits)
  - Topology properties of interactions and vertices

# Dataset generation

- From particle simulation
- Node = hits in the detector
- Node feature = dE/dx
- Edges = nearest neighbours (tried 4 and 10, chose 4)
- Edges feature = cylindrical coordinates of the neighbour



#### Particle labels in category



# Some of the graphs in the dataset



Track-like (muon)

#### Some of the graphs in the dataset



Cluster-like (neutron, muon, nuclei, proton)

#### GCN model

- Residue to smooth the gradient
- Node feature involved cylindrical coordinates, reasonable?



# GCN model - result

- Stayed around 0.68-0.72.
- Learning rate too low?
  1e-3
- Tried Ir\_scheduler but not much effective.



#### Other models – GMM and GravNet



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# GMM model - Result

- Slightly better than GCN (+0.1)
- Similar training time as GCN model
- Detail on label-wise accuracy



# GravNet model - Result

- Very unstable: smaller batch size (200 comparing to 500).
- Very slightly better than GCN (+0.05)
- Time consumption is much higher than other models (10-15 hours 500 epochs).



# Comparing with 2D CNN



#### GCN/GMM/GravNet label-wise accuracy



- Muon tracks and neutron clusters are OK.
- Pion track was rare in dataset, not identified by any model.
- Nuclei clusters were identified but slightly wrong size.

# GCN/GMM/GravNet confusion matrix

GCN



GMM

GravNet

- Muon hits high false positive rate.
- Pion, proton and kaon tracks mistakenly predicted as muon.
- Nuclei well predicted by GMM

# Event-wise analysis on tracks

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# Event-wise analysis on clusters

- Muon tracks OK.
- Proton tracks embedded inside neutron clusters and were hardly identified in GCN4x or GMM4x. GravNet4x almost got one of the tracks.
- GCN4x underestimated nuclei clusters size.



#### Limitations

- Graph construction (edges)
  - Dynamic graphs/ differential graph generation
  - Minimum spanning tree to force connections
- Neural network layers
  - Try Graph Attention Network
- Dataset
  - Involve more events (currently 880)
  - Realistic data, e.g. uncertainty in measurements
  - Semi-supervised training (no ground truth if from detectors)

# Thank you

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