Deep neural networks for energy and position reconstruction in EXO-200

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Neutrinoless double beta decay

- Two neutrino mode:
 - Rare but allowed process
 - Half-lives of 10¹⁸ 10²¹ yrs
- Only few nuclei (Xe136, Ge76, Cd116)
- 2nd order weak process

Requirements:

- Neutrino has mass
- Neutrino is its own anti-particle
- → Physics beyond the Standard Model
- → Enormous half-life
 - e.g. $T_{1/2}$ (Xe136) > 1.1 x 10²⁶ yrs
- → Hypothetical
- → Good energy resolution crucial







EXO-200 experiment and event detection



- Located at WIPP in Carlsbad, U.S. (1585 m.w.e. overburden)
- Double-sided single phase radiopure time projection chamber (TPC) filled with 200kg LXe enriched to 80.6% in Xe136 (Q = 2.458 MeV)
- Two complementary measurements
 - Scintillation light (178 nm), by APDs
 - Ionization charge, by 2 wire grids
 - → Collection signals carry energy
 - → Induction signals do not carry energy

(a)

 Full 3D position reconstruction with charge and light channel







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Event display



Example multiple-scatter γ event in EXO-200:



Energy reconstruction using charge signals

Charge-only energy reconstruction



- Energy reconstruction from raw signals of charge collection (U) wires
- Single (SS) and multiple (MS) charge deposits in LXe from 500-3500 keV
- Preprocessing: baseline subtraction, channel gains correction, crop waveforms to 1024 time samples
- Training on 750k Monte Carlo events with real noise. Minimizing MSE
- Input waveform image \rightarrow Convolutional part \rightarrow Fully connected part \rightarrow Energy
- Implementation in Keras (with TensorFlow backend) on GPU Cluster (GTX1080)





Importance of uniform training spectrum



- Uniform energy spectrum (blue) proved crucial for training
- Otherwise (e.g. Th228 source, green) overtraining on sharp peaks in training
 - Neural network shuffles independent validation events towards sharp peaks from training spectrum



Validation on ²²⁸Th Monte Carlo data



- Reconstruction works over the energy range under study
 - Residuals w/o energy dependent features
- Resolution (σ) at the ²⁰⁸Tl peak full absorption peak (2.6 MeV):

DNN: 1.22% (SS: 0.94%) (EXO-200 Recon: 1.29% (SS: 1.15%))

 Neural Network outperforms in disentangling mixed induction and collection signals (see valley right before ²⁰⁸Tl peak)





Validation on ²²⁸Th real calibration data



- Works on real calibration events over the energy range under study
 - Residuals w/o energy dependent features
- Resolution (σ) at the ²⁰⁸Tl full absorption peak when combining with scintillation channel from EXO-200 reconstruction:

DNN: 1.65% (SS: 1.50%) (EXO-200 Recon: 1.70% (SS: 1.61%))





Estimating background in the ROI

- Better induction and collection disentangling and slightly better rotated resolution already make a quantifiable improvement to physics goals
- Projected ~29% reduction of ²³²Th background in Phase I compared to standard recon
 - ~19% considering induction effect alone, i.e. fixed ROI
 - Using $1/\sqrt{B}$ scaling, this suggests ~8% sensitivity improvement for Phase I and probably smaller for Phase II due to better energy resolution (work in progress)



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- Event position reconstruction from raw light signals
- Completely data driven training against truth labels provided by reconstructed charge signals
- 3D Event position is encoded in hit pattern







- Waveform image is fed to convolution neural network (CNN)
- Output has three units corresponding to event position in x-, y-, z-coordinate
- Loss function is Euclidean loss with L2 regularization

$$L = C + \lambda \cdot R$$
 where $C = \frac{1}{3m} \sum_{i=1}^{m} \sum_{k=1}^{3} (y_i^k - \hat{y}_i^k)^2$



• Training is done on real calibration data flattened in both space and energy





- Loss function reaches 200mm² after training for 200 epochs
- Corresponding to a position resolution of σ_{3D} = 25 mm
- Theoretical limit is given by resolution of truth labels that is $\sigma_{3D} = 3$ mm



- The model is also applied to a test set manually constructed by applying fiducial cut to truth labels
- The accuracy reached is σ_{3D} = 13mm



Summary

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- EXO-200 has demonstrated the use of Deep Learning methods for the data analysis directly from raw data
- Improved energy resolution compared to classical approach both for MC and for real data
- We have shown the importance of carefully selecting training data in order to avoid bias
- The trained DNN were evaluated on real detector data
- We demonstrated that training on real detector data is possible in certain cases and avoids reliance on MC
- Future experiments (like nEXO) may benefit from such approaches in simplifying the processing of data and extraction of high level features

Currently working on:

- Full event reconstruction including both wire planes
- Signal-background classification
- Reducing Monte Carlo simulation inaccuracies via GAN

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Bonus Slides

Source calibration positions



- Th228
- Ra226
- Co60



Validation – MC – DNN vs EXO Recon





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Validation – comparing to EXO recon



• Residuals of both methods indicate positive correlation



Validation – Position dependency



- Check network performance as function of event position (SS-only events)
 - Upper plots: position distribution of events. Source @ S5 (x=200,y=0,z=0)
 - Right plot: distribution of residuals $(E_{DNN} E_{True})$
 - Center heatmap: position-normalized distribution of residuals
 - Center red:

mean and (+-1, 2) stddev of residuals with uncertainty



Combination with light channel



- Intrinsic fluctuation in LXe into scintillation and ionization channels
- Apply optimal linear combination of both channels to achieve optimal energy estimation (standard EXO analysis procedure)
- Good shape agreement between DNN and EXO recon





Combination with light channel



- Optimize rotation angle of scintillation and charge channel by minimizing energy resolution @ TI208 full absorption peak
- Good shape agreement on other calibration source @S5 as well















- Input are all 74 raw APD waveforms cropped to 350µs
- Waveform image is fed to convolution neural network (CNN) consisting of 4 convolutional layers and 3 fully connected layers



Accuracy: 22.5mm (d_x = 13.6mm, d_y = 11.3mm, d_z = 8.1mm) corresponding to $R^2 = 0.99$



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