# dN/dx reconstruction with supervised learning and transfer learning

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### ML algorithms for dN/dx reconstruction



### Motivation: Particle identification

#### PID is essential for high energy physics experiments

- Suppressing combinatorics
- Distinguishing between same topology final-states
- Adding valuable additional information for flavor tagging of jets



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5.2

M<sub>Kπ</sub> [GeV]

5.4

5.6

5.2

5.4

M<sub>KK</sub> [GeV]

5.6

CEPC Preliminary

# PID in next generation experiments

#### CEPC 4<sup>th</sup> Concept



#### **IDEA for FCC-ee**

- a silicon pixel vertex detector
- a large-volume extremelylight drift chamber
- surrounded by a layer of silicon micro-strip detectors
- a thin low-mass superconducting solenoid coil
- a preshower detector based on μ-WELL technology
- · a dual read-out calorimeter
- muon chambers inside the magnet return yoke, based on μ-WELL technology



- Flavor physics studies in high luminosity Z-pole run require high performance PID up to tens of GeV/c. Traditional technique, i.e., dE/dx, cannot meet such requirement.
- Among the PID techniques, cluster counting (dN/dx) in drift chamber is a breakthrough, which is proposed in both CEPC and FCC-ee

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High bandwidth & sampling rate electronics



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### dN/dx or cluster counting ("ideal" method):

- **Method:** Number of primary ionization cluster measurement (require fast electronics)
- Characteristics:
  - Poisson distributed
  - Small fluctuation (resolution potentially improved by a factor of 2)

### dN/dx vs. dE/dx

- Particle separation power:
  - Definition:  $\frac{\text{separation}}{\text{resolution}} = \frac{|\mu_A \mu_B|}{(\sigma_A + \sigma_B)/2}$
- Typical K/ $\pi$  separation power:
  - dE/dx: >  $2\sigma$  up to 2...20 GeV/c
  - dN/dx: >  $3\sigma$  up to 2...20 GeV/c



dN/dx has much better PID power than dE/dx dN/dx is a breakthrough in PID

### dN/dx reconstruction

Orange lines: Primary electrons (MC truth) Green lines: Secondary electrons (MC truth)



As the name "**cluster counting**" implies, dN/dx reconstruction is to determine the number of **primary electrons** in the waveform

### dN/dx reconstruction



### 2-step algorithm

#### • Peak finding:

• Detect peaks from both primary and secondary electrons

#### • Clusterization:

• Remove secondary electrons from the detected peaks in step 1

## dN/dx reconstruction is challenging



- Highly piled-up → Difficult to efficiently detect pile-ups
- Noisy → Filtering could (significantly) lose efficiency
- Overlapping between clusters
  Difficult to set a simple
  "cut" for clusterization

#### **Solution: Deep learning**

# Software package and data samples

#### Simulation package

Garfield++-based simulation + data-driven digitization

#### Data samples

- Simulated samples
  - 0-20 GeV/c pions and kaons
- Experimental samples
  - 180 GeV/c muons from CERN/H8 beam



#### Test beam at CERN



From INFN group led by Franco Grancagnolo and Nicola De Filippis



#### Tuned MC is comparable to data

### Alg. 1: Supervised model for simulated data



#### LSTM-based peak finding:

- Can efficiently handle time-sequence
- Waveform slices as the LSTM input
- Binary classification of signals and noises



#### **DGCNN-based clusterization:**

- Incorporate local information to learn global properties
- Detected timings from the peakfinding as the DGCNN input
- Binary node classification of primary and secondary electrons

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## Peak finding results



Table 2. The purity and efficiency comparison between LSTM-based algorithm and traditional D2 algorithm for peak-finding.

	Purity	Efficiency
LSTM algorithm	0.8986	0.8820
D2 algorithm	0.8986	0.6827

The LSTM-based model is more powerful than the traditional derivative-based algorithm, especially for the pileup recovery

### **Clusterization results**





The DGCNN-based model is more powerful than the traditional peak-merge algorithm, as it can remove the secondary electrons more accurate

### PID performances with supervised models



#### Reconstructed # of clusters distributions

- Very good Gaussians 
   → Efficient secondary electron removal
- For 1m track length, dN/dx resolution < 3%, typical ~5% for dE/dx

#### 4.2 4.0 3.8 3.6 3.6 3.4 3.2 ML (thr=0.26)

ML (thr=0.10)

ML (thr=0.40)

10.0

Trad

7.5

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5.0

3.0

2.8

K/ $\pi$  separation power vs. momentum

~10% improvement for ML (equivalent to a detector with 20% larger radius for trad. algorithm)

12.5

Momentum (GeV/c)

15.0

17.5

20.0

# Alg. 2: Transfer learning for real data

### Challenges for real data

- Imperfect simulation
- Incomplete labels in real data



### Solution: Domain adaptation

Transfer knowledge between simulation and real data via optimal transport



### Semi-supervised domain adaptation



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## Model validation by pseudo data



Numeric experiment with pseudo data in 2 domains (simulation domain & data domain)

Model	AUC	pAUC (FPR<0.1)	
Ideal	0.926	0.812	
Baseline	0.878	0.749	Improve
Unsupervised DA	0.895	0.769	Timphovo
Semi-supervised DA	0.912	0.793	Tublore

Note:

- Ideal = Supervised model in data domain
- Baseline = Supervised model in sim. domain
- Unsupervised DA = Baseline + OT
- Semi-supervised DA = Baseline + OT + semisupervised setup
- The OT and the semi-supervised loss improve the results, and the performance of the semi-supervised DA model is very close to the ideal model
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### Peak finding for test beam data

Single-waveform results between derivative alg. and DL alg.



DL algorithm is more powerful to discriminate signals and noises



Multi-waveform results for samples in different angles



The algorithm is stable w.r.t. track length



- dN/dx is the breaking through PID technique and its reconstruction is challenging. Two machine learning algorithms are developed for dN/dx reconstruction.
- The supervised model has 10% improvement on K/pi separation w.r.t. traditional algorithm. The situation could be similar for the semi-supervised domain adaptation model.
- When studied with the full-simulation samples using a supervised model, the PID performance achieves < 3% K/pi resolution and ~3σ K/pi separation for 1m track length.</p>
- When studied with the test beam samples, the semi-supervised domain adaptation model successfully transfer information from simulation and achieve stable performances.



# Backup

# Drift chamber with PID capability

#### The CEPC 4<sup>th</sup> concept



#### HTS Solenoid Magnet (3T / 2T ) Between HCAL & ECAL, or inside HCAL

**Advantage:** the HCAL absorbers act as part of the magnet return yoke.

**Challenges**: thin enough not to affect the jet resolution (e.g. BMR); stability.

#### Transverse Crystal bar ECAL

Advantage: better  $\pi^{0/\gamma}$  reconstruction Challenges: minimum number of readout channels; compatible with PFA calorimeter; maintain good jet resolution.

#### A Drift chamber that is optimized for PID

Advantage: Work at high luminosity Z runs Challenges: sufficient PID power; thin enough not to affect the moment resolution. Need a supplementary ToF detector

# A drift chamber with cluster counting (dN/dx) is one of the gaseous detector options

#### Key parameters:

- Full length: 5800 mm
- Barrel coverage:  $|\cos\theta| < 0.85$
- Radius: 600 1800 mm
- Support: 8x8 carbon fiber frame
- Endcap: 20 mm Al plate
- Gas mixture: 90/10 He/iC<sub>4</sub>H<sub>10</sub>

### Challenges of dN/dx measurement

#### **Orange lines: Primary electrons (MC truth)** Green lines: Secondary electrons (MC truth)



- Single pulse risetime ~ns, require fast electronics
  - Bandwidth > 1 GHz
  - Gain > 10
  - Sampling rate > 1.5 GS/s
  - Bit resolution > 12 bit
- Signals are superimposed with noises and are heavily piled-up in some regions, require sophisticated reconstruction algorithm

### Traditional peak finding

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### **Traditional clusterization**





- Timing-based clusterization
  - Merge adjacent peaks
- Challenges
  - Electrons from different clusters can overlap

### Additional plots for domain adaptation



Figure 1: An example of simulated waveform. The blue histogram is the waveform. The red solid circles are the signal peaks selected by the CWT algorithm. The blue solid triangles are the noise peaks selected by requiring the 3 RMS requirement. The orange lines indicate the electron signal times from MC truth information.



Figure 4: Waveform examples from the source sample (a) and the target sample (b). The source waveforms are generated with a noise level of 10% and a pulse risetime of 2 ns, while the target waveforms with a noise level of 20% and a pulse risetime of 4 ns.